Prevention of Diabetes & Obesity in South Asians – PODOSA Trial
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Screened with OGTT to check eligibility (n=1319)

Enrolment

Ineligible: n=1123
- normoglycaemic (n=972)
- diabetes (n=102)
- other (n=49)

Eligible for trial (n=196)

Excluded (n=25)
- not meeting inclusion criteria¹ (n=16)
- declined to participate (n=9)

Eligible recruits with IGT/IFG & consented to trial (n=171 representing 156 families / clusters)
- plus 124 consented family volunteers

Randomised (n=156 families)

Allocation (participants)

Allocated to 15 visit group (n=78 families, representing 85 recruits with IGT/IFG)
Families median size = 1, range 1-2

Allocated to 4 visit group (n=78 families, representing 86 recruits with IGT/IFG)
Families median size = 1, range 1-4

Notes:
¹ Main reasons were, unavailable for baseline visit within timeframe, or close family members already in study.
Intensive intervention (15 visit group)

- Dietitian contact
- Culturally adapted tools
- Calorie deficit diet and physical activity
- Verbal and written advice
- Group sessions
- Tool kit
- Self-monitoring tool e.g. pedometers / food diaries
Light intervention (4 visit group)

- Baseline and annual contact with dietitian
- Written and verbal advice
- Family involvement
Intervention manual

- Graphical Depiction of intervention sessions
- Balance of Good Health
- Physical Activity
- Resources
- Behaviour Change
- Group Education Session
- Feedback on Intervention from dietitians
- Details of PODOSA Research Team and Investigators Group
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*Measurements and data collected similarly for participants in intervention and control groups—or prior to randomisation.
†Indicates time points and data collection for Family Volunteers.
OGTT, Oral Glucose Tolerance Test.
# TABLE OF PODOSA INTERVENTION VISITS

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| 1     | Visit 1 is the Baseline visit. This visit occurs prior to randomisation into the control or intervention group. All measurements and interaction are exactly the same for all trial recruits at this visit. Carry out the Chester Step Test (CST) to determine the recruit's aerobic fitness. This is then done annually and results are discussed and compared to previous years. | • Explanation of impaired glycaemia (IGT/IFG) and diabetes risk and associated long term complications.  
• Discussion of weight - overweight, obesity, central fat deposition and health consequences.  
• Lifestyle changes – diet and PA contribute to weight loss and benefits of weight loss. Discussion around recruit's weight, BMI and waist, and need for reduction as appropriate.  
• Target weight discussed and realistic interim target set as appropriate.  
• Discussion of healthy balanced diet by using the BOGH, food groups, proportions of food groups to be consumed and portion sizes. Advised low fat, low sugar, high fibre options. Refer to Appendix B for further details on BOGH.  
• Recommendations for PA, explanation and discussion around different intensities (light, moderate, vigorous) of PA using the WOF. Advice given appropriate to individual e.g. aim to increase PA slowly to meet recommendations if no previous PA carried out (Appendix C).  
• Explain and discuss results of the CST and motivate to improve results over the next year as appropriate. | • IFG/IGT info leaflet  
• SA BOGH  
• WOF  

Folder provided for recruit to store all resources in. |
| 2     | The intervention visits start here. Visit 2 is conducted 4 weeks after the 1st visit. | • Recap of what was discussed at first visit and if any changes made; answer any questions.  
• Review BOGH and WOF and go into more detail as appropriate for recruit.  
• Give praise if changes attempted and encouragement to continue.  
• Assign appropriate stage of change according to Trans-theoretical Model (TTM).  
• Discussion of healthy weight loss of 1-2lbs per week. | • DLD  
• Yamax Digi-walker SW-200 pedometer  
• Pedometer recording sheet  
• Healthy Eating quiz |
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<td>• Target weight – discussion around achievable and realistic target and period over which weight is to be lost.</td>
<td>*Other resources were given as appropriate in the relevant language (All counterweight leaflets are available in English, Punjabi and Urdu). (see Appendix D)</td>
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<td>• Discussion of waist, and BMI (use BMI chart to show recruit).</td>
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<td>• Discussion around pedometer and recording sheet – how to use and wear and number of steps to aim for. Recommendation of 10,000 steps mentioned and aim to gradually increase to this as appropriate</td>
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<td>• Aim to achieve at least 30 minutes moderate intensity physical activity per day.</td>
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<td>• Provide information on various physical activity classes, yoga classes, exercise referral scheme or any other NHS or local authority services and how to go about accessing these services.</td>
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<td>• 2-3 realistic and appropriate targets agreed jointly with recruit (and FV) for diet and PA, aim to try and achieve these targets in the time between visits e.g. eat less fat, try semi-skimmed milk instead of whole milk, use spray oil in cooking, walk up and downstairs 10 times per day etc.</td>
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<td>The behavioural change approach is used at each visit using the TTM (Refer to Appendix E).</td>
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### Visit 3

**Planned Action:** Visit 3 occurs 2 months after the Baseline visit

**Verbal Advice Given:**
- Review the targets as agreed at the last visit. Congratulate and motivate if achieved. Discuss how they feel and what helped in achieving the target. What is the main change they made? Reinforce the importance of this change. Agree new targets for diet and physical activity.
- Collect the DLD and discuss it in detail i.e. description of food consumed, quantity, type of food, home-made, carry out or eating out. Also focus on and discuss meal patterns, portion size, cooking methods, hidden fats, fibre containing foods, snacks and drinks.
- Use the DLD as an educational tool, engaging the recruit to identify where their eating pattern may be improved. Provide guidance to self-monitor the food diaries to make preferred changes to achieve an energy deficit of 500-600kcal/day.
- Collect the pedometer log sheet. Discuss the number of steps taken and a staged approach to achieve recommended 10,000 steps/day.

**NB -** When the food diary or pedometer log sheet are not completed, record why this has not been possible.

**Resources Given:** Provision of appropriate resources
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<td>Visit 5 is 6 months after Baseline and visit 6 is 9 months after Baseline</td>
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| 7     | Visit 7 is 12 months after the Baseline visit. Carry out CST. Any change in health status over the past 12 months is recorded. If a diagnosis of diabetes has been made since the participant was last reviewed, then details will be collected by the dietitians (consisting of approximate date of diagnosis, where they were treated, any medications prescribed). | • As above  
• Discussion of progress over past year – achievements and difficulties, motivation provided and encouragement of behaviour change as appropriate.  
• Discuss results of the CST and motivate to improve results over the next year as appropriate.                                                                                       | BHF Recipe booklet  
DLD  
Other resources as appropriate                                                                                           |
|       | **Annual group session – Refer to Appendix F for more details**                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                               |
| 8, 9, 10 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | • As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Appropriate resources provided                                                                                     |
|       | **Annual group session**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                               |
| 11    | Visit 11 is 24 months after the Baseline visit. Carry out CST. Any change in health status over the past 12 months is recorded. Details of a diagnosis of diabetes are recorded.                                           | • As above  
• Discussion of progress over past year – achievements and difficulties/challenges of making changes. Provide motivation and encouragement of behaviour change as appropriate.  
• Discuss results of Chester Step Test (CST) and motivate to improve results over the next year as appropriate.                                                        | DVD ‘Meethi Baatein’  
DLD  
Other resources as appropriate                                                                                           |
<p>| 12, 13, 14 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Appropriate resources provided                                                                                     |
|       | <strong>Annual group session</strong>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                               |</p>
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| 15 FINAL VISIT | Visit 15 is 36 months after the Baseline visit. OGGT carried out. Carry out CST. | • Discussion on how progressed over past year and over the 3 years.  
• Weight change from Baseline visit.  
• Dietary and PA modification advice, if appropriate.  
• Discussion of CST results and comparison to previous years. | Laminated BOGH   |
Resources

• Physical activity, Pedometer
• IGT
• Ways to burn calories
• Alcohol information
• Weight loss
• BMI
• Food labels
• DVD’s
• Exercise group classes

• Food groups- practical advice
• Portion control
• Recipes
• Fibre facts
• Healthy eating on a plate
• Glycemic Index
Other resources

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Snack Attack

Eating Behaviour

Maintaining Change

Managing Difficult Times
TTM of behaviour change
Group Sessions

The following are covered in the session:

- Balance of Good health
- Energy balance
- Types of fat and ways to cut down on fat
- Healthy cooking methods
- Menu planning
- Ways to increase fibre
- Portion control
- Weight management
- Physical activity – types, duration, recommendations, speakers e.g. ‘Live Active’ staff.
- Recipe ideas and ways to adapt existing recipes to enc
- Prevention of diabetes
• Practical information on recipes
• Visual aids
• Walking sessions
• Supermarket tours
• Evaluation feedback
Qualitative study

▸ Obtain a rich and multifaceted understanding of the main motivations for participation in an intervention study of adults who are at high risk of developing diabetes.

▸ Investigate participants’ perceptions of fidelity and faithfulness to the interventions offered both during and after participation.

▸ Understand the factors that may help promote retention of participants once enrolled.
Laboratory assessments

- Plasma glucose
  - overnight fast
  - 2 hours after OGTT

Samples were obtained at:
  - Baseline
  - At 3 years
Results

- 1319 participants
- OGTT
- 27-month period
- n = 102 (8%) – diabetes
- n = 196 (15.4%) – impaired glycaemic control
- 95% agreed to 3-year trial
- 156 family clusters – 171 eligible volunteers
- 15-visit or 4-visit intervention group
Baseline characteristics

- Gender - 45.6% Males
- Mean age – 52.3 years (35-80)
- Ethnic group – Pakistanis (66.7% ; Indian 33.3%)
- Education – 32.7% - no educational qualifications
- Smoking 6.4%
- Alcohol 11.1%
- Physical activity n= 51 - moderate vigorous activity (60mins/day)
- Mean BMI 30.5
  - < 25 – 11.7%
  - 25-30 – 39.2%
  - > 30 -49.1%
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Key achievements of the trial

- PODOSA – first culturally adapted, community-based randomised intervention trials on lifestyle and health issues in south Asians in the UK
- Contribute to the evidence for weight control and diabetes, long term emphasis on lessons learnt and evaluation of a complex intervention in ethnic minorities set in the multi-ethnic society in the UK
- Establishing an infrastructure – recruiting, training and forging a multi-ethnic team to implement the trial
- Encouraging family involvement as a means of motivating behaviour change and setting complex intervention in a home setting
Healthy Plate model

- Vegetables
- Starchy Food
- Protein food
Cultural beliefs

- Food is a family's way of meeting - Late Dinners
- 3 meal patterns and beverage consumption
- Seasonal inactivity
- Healthy cooking NOT a traditional concept
- Fasting days
- Lack of awareness of right nutrients E.g. calcium
- High salt savouries
- Myth foods – pregnancy
Why things change!!

- Migration
- Western world
- Accessibility to food, cost?
- Nuclear family, single
- Change in lifestyle
- Less traditional cooking
- Easy Eats /processed-cheap and quick
Eating Patterns

Food Issues

◇ Junk food – availability and cost
◇ Convenience foods
◇ Supermarket choices – specials, low cost, freebies
◇ Lack of awareness of healthy foods
◇ Illiteracy – unable to read or interpret label
◇ No time to cooking
Ideas for programmes

Programmes in settings:

- Indian grocery stores
  - promotion of healthy choices e.g. signage
- Restaurants
  - modification of food prep – “target foods”
- Places of worship – Temples, Mosques
  - availability of healthy food at events

‘Train the trainer’

- Many community organisations
- Nominate members to receive training to bring back information to their communities
- Model used for tuberculosis awareness
Raise awareness of the link

Key food habits:
- low vegetable and fruit intake
- high fat intake through use of ghee, cream, coconut cream
- large portions of 2-3 types of carbohydrate at one meal e.g. rice and potato and chapatti
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Implications

- **South Asians are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.**
- **Culturally tailored healthcare interventions**
  - prevention care
  - inform healthcare services
  - policy making
- **PODOSA Trial results**
  - Cost-effectiveness and qualitative findings
  - Focus on family rather than individual
  - Traditional setting to home setting
- **PODOSA will also contribute to the evidence base**
  - randomised lifestyle intervention trials in the future.
  - future meta-analyses with ongoing diabetes prevention
  - trials in other South Asian populations