

## Role of Ion Channel Modulator in Diabetes Mellitus

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### Abstract

Ion channel plays an essential role in glucose induced insulin secretion. Insulin secretion by  $\beta$  cells of pancreas that respond to an increase in blood glucose levels in the body. It plays an important role to maintain homeostasis of glucose. Glucose stimulated insulin secretion (GSIS) in  $\beta$  cells of pancreas has been explored. Glucose enters the cell membrane and then later in the metabolic pathway. In this manner, the ratio of ATP/ADP (adenosine triphosphate/adenosine diphosphate) increases, causing the closing of ATP-sensitive potassium channels ( $K_{ATP}$ ) channels, leading to depolarization of the membrane. Depolarization causes the opening of voltage-gated sodium channels (Nav) and later voltage-dependent calcium channels (Cav). Increasing calcium in the intracellular membrane causes the insulin exocytosis from insulin-containing vesicles. Then the electrical activity of  $\beta$  cells of the pancreas plays an important role in the GSIS. Furthermore, incretins, some neurotransmitters, hormones, and growth factors can modulate the GSIS. In this review, we discuss ion channels and types of ion channels, the role of  $K_{ATP}$ , Nav, Cav, and Cl channels in insulin secretion, expression of ion channels, alteration of ion channels in diabetes mellitus disorder, and ion channels as a drug target in diabetes mellitus.

**Keywords:** Ion Channel; Diabetes Mellitus; Insulin Secretion; Pancreatic B Cell

### Abbreviations

GSIS: Glucose Stimulated Insulin Secretion; ATP: Adenosine Triphosphate; ADP: Adenosine Diphosphate; STZ: Streptozotocin;  $K_{ATP}$ : ATP Sensitive Potassium Channel; VGSC: Voltage-Gated Sodium Channel; VGCC: Voltage-Gated Calcium Channel; PKA and PKC: Protein Kinase A, Protein Kinase C; DRG: Dorsal Root Ganglion; MgADP: Magnesium Salt Adenosine Diphosphate.

### Background

Ion channels are essential pore-forming proteins (amino acid) that help movement of ions from one side of a membrane to the other membrane. They change in electric field and ion concentrations after they play vital roles in physiological processes, one cell to another cell communication, cell proliferation and secretion [1]. They are found in a wide number of organisms from bacteria, vi-

rus, plants and mammals. Ion channels are three hundred types present in living cells [2]. They are classified on the basis of opening and closing of ion channels. It is mainly divided into two types. First is voltage-gated (sensitive) ion channels and second is voltage-insensitive. Voltage-gated ion channels mainly sodium, potassium, calcium channels. But some others are not voltage-gated channels; they are ligand-gated ion channels such as TRP channels, potassium, chloride channels, ryanodine receptors and inositol triphosphate receptors. Firstly, determine the structures of potassium (K) channels [3] then chloride (Cl) channels [4] and the recent sodium (Na) channels [5] have enhanced the knowledge of ion channels based on the structures of ion channels. The K, Na, Ca, Cl and TRP channels have various functional and structural affinities. They have the electrical potential of the membranes of excitable cells such as neurons. Generally, the ion channel plays a role in the physiology of the membrane. Voltage-gated and ligand-gated ion channels are mainly targets for drug

binding but currently G protein coupled receptors are the largest target for drugs [6]. Ion channels are related with drug discovery process. The drugs target to ion channel influences the organs and central nervous system (CNS), peripheral nervous system (PNS), and cardiovascular system (CVS) [7].

Ion channels play essential physiological and patho-physiological roles in glucose induced insulin secretion. The production of ATP may be control by mitochondrial ion channels. Calcium store in calcium channels affecting the electrical activity by change in secretory granules; it is regulating the maturation of granule and release of insulin during exocytosis [8].

### Classification of ion channel

They are classified on the following basis

- Character of gating.
- Types of ions passing across gates.
- No. of gates.

### Character of gating

They are two types

- Voltage gated ion channel (VGICs)
- Ligand gated ion channel (LGICs)

### Voltage gated ion channel (VGICs)

Voltage gated ion channels mainly critical in neurons. These are trans-membrane ion channel and activated by the change in the channel of electrical potential difference. They have a role in muscle tissues, membrane depolarization and excitable neuronal [9].

### They are classified

- Voltage gated calcium channels (Cav)
- Voltage gated sodium channels (Nav)
- Voltage gated potassium channels (Kv)
- Chloride channels (Cl)

### Ligand gated ion channel (LGICs)

These are group of trans-membrane channel and opening and closing depend on binding of chemical messenger (1) or neurotransmitter (2). LGICs are present on different site of protein (an allosteric binding site). The LGICs is direct relation between li-

gand binding and openings or closing of ion channel. The indirectly function of metabotropic receptor is used as second messenger: Ion channel control by ligand. It is highly specific to one or more ions  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $Cl^-$ . It is present at synapses and directly convert chemical signal of pre-synaptically released neurotransmitter and quickly into post-synaptic electrical signals [9].

LGICs are classified into three families

- Ionotropic glutamate receptors: Kainate, AMPA, NMDA
- Cys-loop receptors: Glycine,  $GABA_A$ , Serotonin
- ATP-gated channels: P2

### Types of Ions passing through the gates

- Potassium channels
- Calcium activated potassium channel
- Inward rectifier potassium channels
- Two pore domain potassium channels
- Chloride channels
- Calcium channels
- Sodium channels
- Voltage-gated sodium channels
- Epithelial sodium channels
- Proton channels
- Voltage-gated proton channels
- Non-selective cation channels.

### Number of pores

Based on Number of pores in ion channel

- One (1) pore containing channels e.g., all type ion channels.
- Two (2) pores containing channels e.g., TRP channels, catsper channels.

### Ion channel's structure

They are divided in four parts

- Opening in the centre for passing of ions
- Ions contain selectively filter to allow passage of specific ions
- One or more gates that open and close
- Sensor for sense, triggering the signal and transmits to gate.

The Channels are different corresponding to ion. Ion is passing through channel. Ion channel composed number of subunits. Ion Channels belong to largest family. The voltage-gated channels contain 4 subunits with each subunit consist of 6 trans membrane helix. Opening and closing of pore depend on activation of this transmembrane helix [10]. The lining of pore could replace the molecules of water and shielding  $K^+$  ions, but  $Na^+$  ions is tiny to allow such as shielding, therefore couldn't pass through. This mechanism was finally confirmed when structure of ion channel was elucidated. Molecular structure of ion channel was proposed by Roderick MacKinnon with help of X-ray crystallography. He won Nobel Prize 2003 in Chemistry. Because of their size small and difficulty of crystallizing integral proteins membrane for X-ray analysis [11].

### Calcium channel

Calcium channels ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) are in the membrane of neurons and excitable cells. Nomenclature of Calcium channels was given by Ertel., *et al.* [12] and approved by NC-IUPHAR sub-committee on  $Ca^{2+}$  channels [13]. They form heterooligomeric complex. The alpha1 subunit is pore forming and provides the extra-cellular binding site(s) for agonists and antagonists.

### Alpha subunit has three types

- Highly voltage activated di-hydro pyridine sensitive (CaV1.x, L-type) channels.
- Highly voltage activated di-hydro pyridine insensitive (CaV2.x, P/Q-type) channels.
- Low voltage activated (CaV3.x, T-type) channels.

### Drugs acting on ion channels

#### Calcium channel modulator

Calcium channel blockers (CCB) are inhibiting the calcium channels in cardiac muscle and blood vessels. Decreasing of intra-cellular calcium led to a reduction of muscle contraction or also reduction of cardiac contraction. Decrease the calcium in blood vessels leading to decrease the contraction of the vascular smooth muscle. Vasodilatation is relaxation of muscular walls and increases the diameter of arterial. Decreases of total peripheral resistance (TPR) then relaxation in cardiac contraction and cardiac output decreases. Blood pressure is determined by total peripheral resistance (TPR) and cardiac output [14].

- **Calcium channel opener:** Polyphenolic flavonoid, Quercetin.
- **Calcium channel blocker:** Amlodipine, Aranidipine, Azelnidipine, Barnidipine, Benidipine, Cilnidipine, Nifedipine Verapamil, Gallopamil, Fendiline.

### Role of voltage-gated calcium (Cav) channel in insulin secretion

Insulin release and glucose sensing, role on voltage dependent calcium channels (VDCCs) or  $K_{ATP}$  channels, intrinsic relationship with insulin release, due to the close of  $K_{ATP}$  channels and open of VDCCs through membrane influx of calcium ion. Increase the calcium in intracellular membrane cause the release of insulin [15]. Native pancreatic  $\beta$  cells from several species and cell lines have different types of [16], and they are present near insulin granules. The dysfunctions of calcium channels change in insulin secretion, VDCCs play a role in GSIS [17]. The Cav ( $\beta_2$ ) and Cav ( $\beta_3$ ) subunits could modulate GSIS by interactions between protein kinase C (PKC) isozymes and VGCCs. In pancreatic  $\beta$  cells, influx of calcium through interactions of protein-protein, electrical activity and enzymatic responses, playing role in secretion of insulin process. VDCCs also help in survival, development, maturation, death and growth of pancreatic  $\beta$  cells [18]. Other reasons of biphasic secretion of insulin process sequential release granules [19],  $Ca^{+2}$  influx through calcium channel increases the  $Ca^{+2}$  and they help in secretion of insulin. They are main contributing to cell Cav current and exocytosis insulin granule in human, mouse and rats of  $\beta$  cells of pancreas [20]. Glucose dependent  $Ca^{+2}$  entries by L-type calcium channels and caused the downstream of the membrane depolarisation by decreased  $K_{ATP}$  channel activity. Calcium channel are defect then loss of function to coupling of calcium dependent insulin secretion from membrane depolarising.

### Expression of voltage gated calcium channel in pancreas

Many Pharmacological activities have showed the 60 to 80% of release of insulin ratio may be influx of calcium, mainly through L- type  $Ca^{+2}$  channels pathway [21]. The Cav sub family has been expressed in  $\beta$  cells. The Cav1.2 lack in transgenic mice  $\beta$ -cells has been impaired first phase secretion of insulin and glucose intolerance [22]. L- types subunit Cav1.2 and Cav1.3 channels are expression in mouse, rat and human pancreatic  $\beta$  cells.  $Ca_v1.3$  channel is mostly present in human and rat pancreatic  $\beta$  cells [23]. They are playing a important role in insulin secretion and cAMP homeosta-

sis by adenylate cyclase. And Cav1.2 channel is present in pancreatic  $\beta$  cells of mouse [24].

The subunit of P/Q type Cav2.1 and R type Cav2.3 are present in humans and mice of pancreatic  $\beta$  cells. T type subunit Cav3.1 and Cav3.2 channels in pancreatic  $\beta$  cells of rat. [25] these are play a important role in insulin secretion regulation. G protein-coupled receptors,  $Ca^{2+}$ /calmodulin signaling, phosphorylated inositol and protein phosphorylation, regulation of  $Ca^{2+}$  channels activity  $\beta$  cells of pancreas in the cell membrane. The subunit of calcium channel complex with the insulin secretion have shown non-insulin dependent diabetic model (NIDDM) animal model the expression of subunit of calcium channel in Zucker diabetic fatty rats. They found the pancreatic islets has decrease levels of expression of  $Ca^{2+}$  channel (L-type) subunit mRNA, decrease the intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  signalling in high glucose.

#### Alteration in cav channels in $\beta$ cell pathophysiology

In the diabetes mellitus disease increases the blood glucose level. Disorder of Cav channels present in  $\beta$  cell of pancreas in diabetic animal model and patients of diabetes [26]. In streptozocin (STZ) induced diabetic model and isolated the  $\beta$  cell. We observed the pancreatic  $\beta$  cells rats showed drastic upregulation of both subunit Cav1 and Cav3 channel. The effect is most likely on the Cav1 channel due to increase in the activity rather than in the number of Cav channels, because the binding sites are dihydropyridine (DHP) in diabetic  $\beta$  cell decrease [27]. STZ pancreatic islets shown expression of Cav channel subunit genes significantly decrease. The directly depolarization with 20 mM arginine induces a more pronounced calcium ion increase in diabetic  $\beta$  cell comparison with control  $\beta$  cell. Therefore, the pancreatic islets of rats exhibit blunted calcium ion increase and secretion of insulin after stimulation of glucose due to sensitivity of glucose impaired of  $\beta$  cell  $K_{ATP}$  channels. Therefore, *in vivo* activity Cav channels hyper activation in STZ pancreatic  $\beta$  cell can rarely occur. The subunit Cav1 and Cav3 channel activity in the STZ  $\beta$  cell are already significantly enhanced when the cells are depolarized to potentials within the physiological range (20mV) [18]. Similar changes in  $\beta$  cell Cav channel activity have been visualized in the Goto-Kakizaki rats a NIDDM [28].

#### Sodium channel

The main role of sodium channel

- Initiation

- Propagation of action potentials in excitable cells and neurons for e.g., endocrine cells and myocytes.

The cell membrane depolarizing by millivolts (mV) then sodium channels is insensitive and sensitive in milliseconds (ms). Sodium ions ( $Na^+$ ) influx through integral membrane proteins, cell membrane is depolarizing, initiating the action potential. The voltage gated sodium channel (VGSC) is multi-meric complex and wide.

#### Sodium channel modulator

The Sodium channel blockers drugs with sodium channels cause imbalance of sodium ions conduction. Voltage gated sodium channel play important role in action potentials. Opening of sodium channel, change in cells membrane action potential then  $Na^+$  has been move into cell, down their electro-chemical gradient then depolarizing the cell membrane. Numerous sodium channels localized in region of cells membrane later action potential has propagated. The ability of sodium channels to assume a closed in-activated state causes the refractory period and critical for propagation of action potentials down an axon channel. The sodium channels have nine sub-members channels. These channels are named Nav1.1 through Nav1.9 [29].

#### The naturally substances activate (opener) sodium channels are classified

- **Alkaloid based toxins:** Ciguatoxin, Batrachotoxin, Delphinine, Brevetoxin, Veratridine, Grayanotoxin, Aconitine.
- **Gating modifiers:** Scorpion venom toxins, Birtoxin,  $\mu$ -conotoxin,  $\delta$ -atracotoxin.

#### Sodium channel blocker

Ranolazine, Phenytoin, Disopyramide, Lidocaine, Mexiletine, Triamterene, Lamotrigine, Amiloride, Moricizine, Oxcarbazepine.

#### Role of sodium channels in insulin secretion

The negative potentials on  $\beta$  cell of pancreas the voltage gated sodium channels exhibit inactive. Voltage dependent sodium channels (VDSC) play an important role in excitable cell [1], In 1988 VDSC are present in pancreatic islets of mouse was described by Plant. VDSC are effect by membrane potential, it is activated in response to cause depolarization of cell membrane and inactivated as a consequence of sustained depolarization. The  $\beta$  cell of pancreas have a voltage dependent  $Na^+$  current that, being to voltage dependence of inactivation, is unlikely to play a role in glucose

stimulated electrical activity. At the resting potential mostly VDSC are closed or inactivated, and their inactivation can be removed by hyperpolarization of cell membrane [18].

### Expression of sodium channel in pancreas

VGSC modulators can be modifying the ratio of insulin secretion. The sub-types of VGSC Nav1.6 and Nav1.7 subtypes expressed in human  $\beta$  cell of pancreas and subtypes Nav1.3 and Nav1.7 expressed in mice and rats. Sub types Nav1.7 are highly expressed and sub types Nav<sub>v</sub>1.3 significantly contribute current by sodium channel among  $\beta$  cell of pancreas [30]. Ernest and co-workers were reported that sub type Nav1.7 expressed in  $\beta$  cells of pancreas that causes defects in release of insulin. Velasco and co-workers in 2016 were reported that Nav channels cause activation of  $\beta$  cell of pancreas and secretion of insulin then closure of glucose dependent  $K_{ATP}$  channel led to increases depolarization, which activate the influx of  $Ca^{+2}$  and secretion of insulin. Influx  $Na^{+}$  depolarization of membrane. Fast activation of  $Na^{+}$  ( $-10mV$ ), after it begins inactivation of this current in milliseconds, opening of  $Ca^{+2}$  channel [31]. Different types of ion channel is express in  $\beta$  cell of pancreas and leads to generation of electrical signal. It coupled with blood glucose concentration then determines the ratio of insulin release e.g.,  $K^{+}$  and  $Ca^{+2}$  channels.

### Alteration in sodium channel in pancreas

The alterations of sodium channels in nociceptive C-fiber dorsal root ganglion (DRG) neurons have been involved in diabetic neuropathy (DN). The Immunofluorescence study have been showed significant increases in the levels and number of large DRG neurons from diabetic rats expressing Nav<sub>v</sub>1.2, Nav<sub>v</sub>1.3, Nav<sub>v</sub>1.7, and Nav<sub>v</sub>1.9 whereas Nav<sub>v</sub>1.8 decreased and decrease in the number of nodes of ranvier expressing Nav<sub>v</sub>1.8 and in staining intensity of Nav<sub>v</sub>1.6 and Nav<sub>v</sub>1.8 at nodes. The alterations of sodium channels occur in large DRG neurons and A-fibers and play role in diabetic sensory neuropathy (DNS) [32].

### Potassium channels

Potassium ( $K^{+}$ ) channels are largest family of ion channel. It is also provided advances computational biology a pattern for study of membrane proteins included for transport of ion channels. Computational biology is useful to recollect the  $K^{+}$  channel of molecular properties and understood the of X-ray structure. K channels are tetrameric. Various family of  $K^{+}$  channels present in the animals,  $K^{+}$

channel structure is derived from bacterial channel (Streptomyces lividans). Kv channels have very complicated TM topology. Based on opening and closing gating Kv and potassium channel of streptomyces A (KcsA) channels are differentiate. Lowering of pH KcsA is open and cell membrane depolarisations activate the Kv channels.

### Potassium channel modulator

They are prolonging the repolarisation and action potential [33]. The prolongation of refractory period and action potential duration, the maintaing of normal conduction velocity. E.g.: Azimilide, Bretylium, Clofilium, Tedisamil, Sematilide.

### Potassium channel blocker

Sulfonylureas, Aminopyridine, Amiodorane, Sotalol, Dofetilide.

### Potassium channel opener

Adenosine, Diazoxide, Minoxidil, Nicorandil, Cromakalim, Levocromakalim, Bimakalim, Aprikalim, Pinacidil, Retigabine, Flupirtine.

### Role of potassium channels in insulin secretion

Potassium channels are three (3) types they are involved in secretion of insulin in  $\beta$  cells pancreas. Firstly ATP-sensitive potassium channel ( $K_{ATP}$ ) channels, it is mainly regulation of glucose homeostasis and consist of four subunits of sulfonylurea receptor and four pore forming Kir6 subunits.  $K_{ATP}$  channel modulator play role secretion of insulin. Currently sulphonyl urea (SU) drugs used in treatment diabetes mellitus [33]. Sulphonyl urea drugs blocking of  $K_{ATP}$  then cause depolarizes the membrane action potential of  $\beta$  cells and cause secretion of insulin. Second, calcium activated potassium channel (KCa) channels it is in pancreatic. Activation of KCa channel increase calcium conc. in intracellular membrane. KCa channels maintain the inter-connection between intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  influx and cell membrane potential also determine insulin exocytosis. Charybdotoxin at Low conc. inhibit the KCa channels and don't have effect on insulin release from pancreatic islets either on the membrane potential of  $\beta$  cells. The KCa channels suggest that regulate electrical activity and release of insulin in  $\beta$  cells of pancreas, the main role play KCa channels secretion of insulin remains controversy. Third type of Kv channels is divided into four gene family, Kv1 to Kv4 (Shaker, Shab, Shaw, Shal-type subunits) and activation of glucose stimulated insulin secretion in isolated rat islets.

### Expression of potassium channel in pancreas

Voltage gated potassium channel Kv channel have different sub-units Kv1.4, Kv1.6, Kv2.1, and Kv3.2, are present in  $\beta$  cells of pancreas. Kv1.5 is mainly present in human insulinoma. Sub type Kv2.1, Kv3.2, Kv6.2, and Kv9.3 are expressed in  $\beta$  cells, Kv3.1 and Kv6.1 are expressed in  $\alpha$ -cell and that Kv2.2 is expressed in  $\delta$ -cells. Kv2.1, Shab-type is highly expressed in  $\beta$  cells. Kv2.1 may represent a novel target for the treatment of type 2 diabetes [34].

### Alteration in potassium channel in diabetes

Structural and functional defects in  $K_{ATP}$  channels cause impairment of insulin release or secretion later cause of diseases. It was firstly described in 1981 the glucose level increase to promote the secretion of insulin in a concentration dependent manner in isolated tissue. Alterations in the metabolic signal then alteration in  $K_{ATP}$  channel sensitivity and electrical signal in  $\beta$  cell also disrupt alteration in insulin release in pancreas. The  $K_{ATP}$  channel activity decrease and absent in the pancreatic  $\beta$  cell and it cause in humans congenital hyper-insulinism (CHI). CHI is a rarely and recessive disorder. It is characterized by constitutive insulin secretion and low blood glucose. But sometimes it is untreated case of mental retardation and death. In the  $K_{ATP}$  channel mutations the channel expression is reduce and decrease activation of channel by magnesium salt (MgADP), or dismiss the channel activity, excitability of membrane decreases and impair sensing of glucose by  $\beta$  cell of pancreas [35]. In both case animal and human study that mutations of  $K_{ATP}$  channel cause diabetes.

### Chloride channel

Chloride (Cl) channels are regulating the excessive sensitivity of skeletal, neurones cardiac, apoptosis, smooth muscle, cell volume regulation, acidification of internal or extracellular compartments and trans-epithelial transport and cell cycle [36].

### Chloride channel modulator

Chloride channels are activated  $Ca^{2+}$ , extracellular ligands, voltage, and pH activate others. Eg: Selamectin.

Selamectin is replace the glutamate and interaction with receptors then opening of chloride channels at neuron and muscle present in parasites [37].

### Role of Chloride Channels in insulin secretion

Chloride (Cl) selective channel are located in  $\beta$  cell of pancreas

but the physical role are not understood. Chloride conductance increases because depolarising the cells and role in secretion of insulin with help of in-dependent pathways of  $K_{ATP}$  channel. Chloride channel sub-units are in the secretory granules membranes and chloride flux is coupled with the internal acidification of the granules [38].

### Mechanism of ion channels modulator

Mechanism of calcium channels- $\beta$  cells of pancreas are found to be equipped with  $Ca^{2+}$ -channels. It has been reported that the glucose induced insulin secretion follows a biphasic time course consisting of a rapid but transient 1st phase followed by a slower and sustained 2nd phase. In this process (insulin secretion), influx of  $Ca^{2+}$  via L-type  $Ca^{2+}$  channel is responsible for exocytosis of insulin and therefore the pharmacological blockade of L-type  $Ca^{2+}$  channels lead to transient inhibition of glucose-induced electrical activity in the pancreatic  $\beta$  cell responsible for reduction in insulin secretion (1st phase insulin secretion was unaffected, but the 2nd phase secretion was strongly reduced). Further the  $Ca^{2+}$  currents have been shown to be modulated by protein phosphorylation followed by the activation of PKA and PKC leads but the effects of these physiological agonists (like GLP-1 and acetylcholine) acting via these pathway are in general much weaker [39].

### Mechanism of potassium channel

Potassium channel ( $K_{ATP}$ ) is regulating of glucose induced insulin secretion. Increase the ATP/ADP ratio in the  $\beta$ -cells of pancreas. It is generated by metabolism and glucose uptake.  $K_{ATP}$  channels close to cause depolarization of membrane, influx of calcium, insulin secretion and homeostasis of glucose. In the  $K_{ATP}$  channels are consist of Kir6.2 pore with SUR1 subunit and regulate insulin release in the  $\beta$ -cell of pancreas. Influx of calcium through of calcium channel cause of release of Insulin. Hyperglycaemia cause increases the glucose level in the blood and elevated ATP intracellular, depolarization of membrane.  $K_{ATP}$  channel similar mechanism like sulphonylurea drugs (Example glibenclamide) it is inhibition of  $K_{ATP}$  channel in the  $\beta$ -cells of pancreas then depolarization membrane cell. The voltage dependent calcium channels are open increasing of calcium in intracellular cell and  $\beta$ -cell is stimulating release of insulin. In  $K_{ATP}$  channels mutation cause physiological dysfunction of this channel leading to pathological consequences such as congenital hyperinsulinism, permanent neonatal diabetes, developmental delay with epilepsy [40].

Mechanism of voltage-gated sodium channels - VGSC mediate the influx of sodium ions into the cytosol of cells in response to local membrane depolarization, which results in the generation of the rising phase of an action potential. It has been reported that expression of voltage gated sodium channels increases in the streptozotocin (STZ)-induced diabetic rats with persistent mechanical allodynia suggesting that the expression of the voltage sensitive sodium channels is linked with the pathological conditions involving peripheral nerve injuries, inflammation etc [41-44]. The peripheral nociceptive neurons in DRG express a variety of sodium channel each that plays a key role in the physiology of nociception [45,46]. The upregulated expression of sodium channels in diabetic DRG neurons would be expected to increase overall sodium channel density, decrease firing threshold, and causes the hyperexcitability of damaged or injured neurons [47,48]. Carbamazepine, a sodium channel inhibitor, has been shown to exert the protective effects on pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells [49].

ATP sensitive potassium channel (Kir6.2) gene subunit decreased capacity of ATP to close this channel. Depolarisation of cell membrane,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{K}^+$  cation channel to regulate oscillations in membrane potential, rate of calcium influx, fusion of granule. Sometimes poorly regulation of channels because defects in acquired and inherited. The adverse effects by drugs could be effect of suppressing or enhancing glucose induced secretion, downstream of  $\text{K}_{\text{ATP}}$  channel closure. These channels could be drug targets in treatment of dysfunction of  $\beta$  cells. Diabetes mellitus type-2 is a polygenic disease, only by understanding physiology of  $\beta$  cells of pancreas in diabetes. We can hope to have effective treatments in the future.

### Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate

This study approved by the Institutional animal ethics committee (IAEC) Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana (Regn. No. 1767/RE/S/14/CPCSEA).

### Consent for Publication

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**Figure 1:** Mechanism of ion channel modulator.

### Conclusion and Future Directions

In this review, we have discussed about ion channel, types of ion channel, role of ion channel in diabetes, expression of ion channel in pancreas and alteration of ion channel in diabetes mellitus. Ion channels modulation plays a key role in secretion of insulin, pathogenesis of diabetes and related symptoms. Inhibition of  $\text{K}_{\text{ATP}}$  current by cellular ATP, generating coupling-metabolism to electrical potential, glucose metabolism. In type-2 diabetes 2 pathways occur. Firstly, reduction in metabolic rate which is not produce ATP sufficient to close  $\text{K}_{\text{ATP}}$  channels second is inherited mutations in

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