

TABLE 2: ELEMENTS FOR RISK CALCULATION AND SUGGESTED RISK SCORE FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES MELLITUS (DM) THAT SEEK TO FAST DURING RAMADAN

Risk Element	Risk Score
1. Diabetes type and duration	
Type 1 diabetes	1
Type 2 diabetes	0
2. Duration of Diabetes (years)	
A duration of ≥ 10	1
A duration of < 10	0
3. Presence of hypoglycaemia	1
Hypoglycaemia unawareness	6.5
Recent Severe hypoglycaemia	5.5
Multiple weekly Hypoglycaemia	3.5
Hypoglycaemia less than 1 time per week	1
No hypoglycaemia	0
4. Level of glycaemic control	1
HbA1c levels > 9% (11.7 mmol/L)	2
HbA1c levels 7.5–9% (9.4–11.7 mmol/L)	1
HbA1c levels < 7.5% (9.4 mmol/L)	0
5. Type of treatment	1
Multiple daily mixed insulin Injections	3
Basal Bolus/Insulin pump	2.5
Once daily Mixed insulin	2
Basal Insulin	1.5
Glibenclamide	1
Gliclazide/MR or Glimepride or Repeglanide	0.5
Other therapy not including SU or Insulin	0
6. Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose (SMBG)	
Indicated but not conducted	2
Indicated but conducted sub-optimally	1
Conducted as indicated	0
7. Acute complications	
DKA/ HONC in the last 3 months	3
DKA/ HONC in the last 6 months	2
DKA/ HONC in the last 12 months	1
No DKA or HONC	0

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8. MVD Complications/Comorbidities	
Unstable MVD	6.5
Stable MVD	
No MVD	
9. Renal Complications/Comorbidities	
eGFR < 30 mL/min 6.	
eGFR 30–45 mL/min	4
eGFR 45–60 mL/min	
eGFR >60 mL/min	0
10. Pregnancy*	
Pregnant not within targets*	6.5
Pregnant within targets*	3.5
Not pregnant	0
11. Frailty and Cognitive function	
Impaired cognitive function or Frail	6.5
> 70 years old with no home support	3.5
No frailty or loss in cognitive function	0
12. Physical Labour	
Highly Intense physical labour	4
Moderate Intense Physical Labour	2
No physical labour	0
13. Previous Ramadan Experience	
Overall negative experience	1
No negative or positive experience	0
14. Fasting hours (location)	
≥ 16 hours	1
< 16 hours	0

DKA — Diabetic Ketoacidosis HONC — Hyperglycaemic Hyperosmolar Nonketotic Coma eGFR — Estimated glomerular filtration rate MVD — Macrovascular disease

*Pregnant and breastfeeding women have the right to not fast regardless of whether they have diabetes

SCORE 0 TO 3	LOW RISK
SCORE 3.5 TO 6	MODERATE RISK
SCORE > 6	HIGH RISK

FIGURE 1

Risk score and risk categories