# > Meglitinides

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Uses: As an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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#### ➤ Glucosidase inhibitors

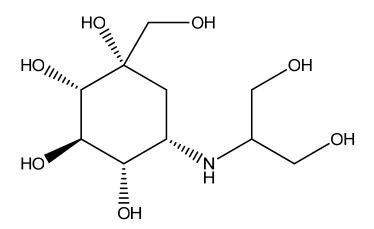
### Acarbose

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Acarbose reversibly bind to pancreatic alpha-amylase and membrane-bound intestinal alpha-glucoside hydrolases. These enzymes inhibit hydrolysis of complex starches to oligosaccharides in the lumen of the small intestine and hydrolysis of oligosaccharides, trisaccharides, and disaccharides to glucose and other monosaccharides in the brush border of the small intestine.

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