

## Micro Labs launches cheaper version of diabetes combo drug

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Micro Labs, based in Bengaluru, has announced the launch of anti-diabetic drug combo Dapagliflozin plus Metformin tablets under the brand name ZUCAPRIDE- M. ZUCAPRIDE -M comes in two strengths ZUCAPRIDE -M 500 priced at Rs 12.80 per tablet and ZUCAPRIDE -M 1000 at Rs 14.80 against Rs 57.70 and 59.80 of existing brands in the market. In terms of monthly savings, a patient can save up to Rs 1347 when prescribed Zucapride M 500 & Rs 1350 when prescribed Zucapride M 1000.

"Diabetes is a key area of focus for Micro Labs and with this launch, the company aims to access the 1000 Crs SGLT2 inhibitors market, by providing an effective, high quality and world-class treatment option to patients in India. Besides, strong R&D efforts have helped us develop our own API which is at par with the innovator brand," says Ashok Jain, Executive Director, Micro Labs Ltd.

ZUCAPRIDE- M, a once-daily oral treatment indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise, aims to improve glycaemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes. ZUCAPRIDE -M contains two active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) Dapagliflozin, a novel anti-diabetic class called sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor & Metformin, a widely prescribed oral anti-diabetic drug.

"This combination is set to gain acceptance as second line therapy for the management of diabetes owing to the large amount of published dapagliflozin data on cardio-renal safety and weight loss in diabetes individuals besides reduction of blood glucose levels" as per Dr S Manjula, Sr VP, Medical Services, Micro Labs Ltd.