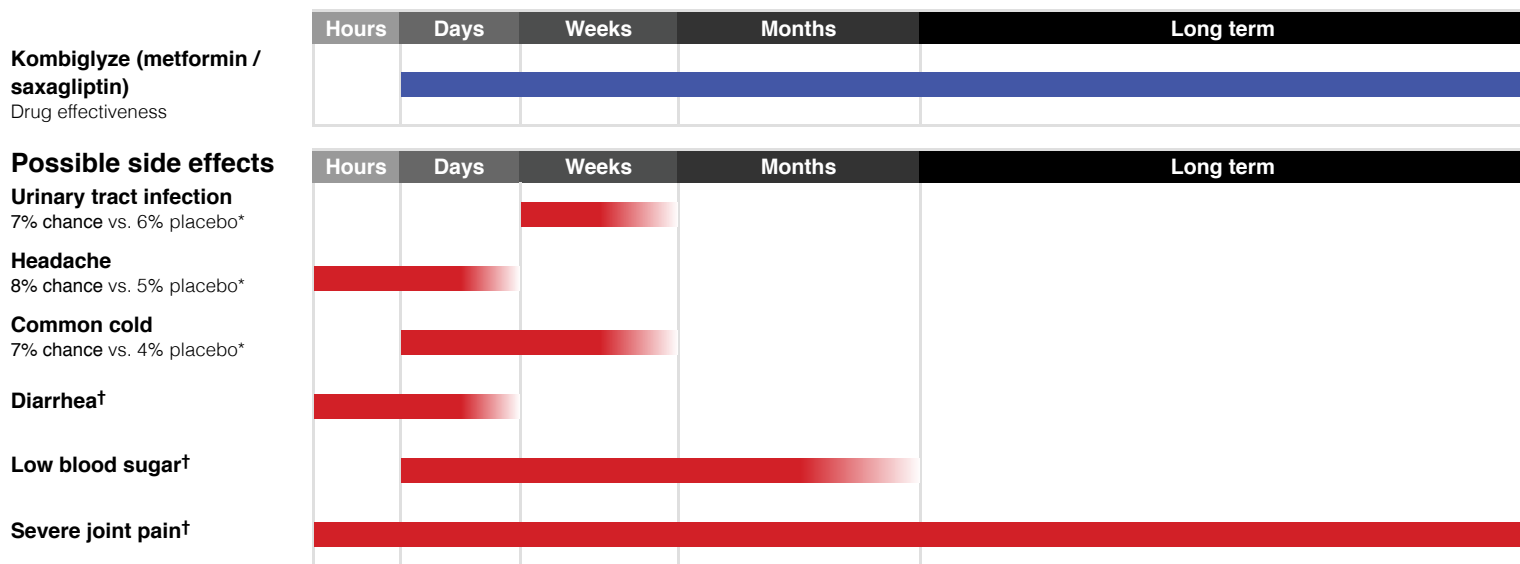


Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) basics

Lowers blood sugar. Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) works well to lower blood sugar, but may not be a good option if you have heart or kidney problems.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Talk to your doctor if you drink alcohol.
- You can take Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) with food to prevent upset stomach.
- Follow your recommended exercise and diet plan.
- It's important to stay hydrated by drinking enough fluids while on Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin), especially in hot weather or during strenuous activity.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Excess lactic acid in the blood

Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) can cause build up of lactic acid in the blood. Your doctor will check your kidneys and liver before you start. You're more likely to develop this condition if you have poor kidney function. Get medical help right away if you experience deep and rapid breathing, nausea, vomiting, or stomach pain. Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) should be stopped 48 hours before and after surgery or any imaging procedure needing contrast dye.

Heart failure

Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) may raise your risk of fluid buildup and lead to heart failure. Let your doctor know about any other medicines that you may be taking. Speak to your doctor if you notice the following symptoms: unexpected weight gain, swelling of extremities, feeling more tired than normal, or trouble breathing.

Inflammation of pancreas (pancreatitis)

People taking Kombiglyze (metformin / saxagliptin) have had rare and life-threatening inflammation in the pancreas. Let your doctor know right away if you have severe stomach, back pain, or stomach troubles causing you to throw up.