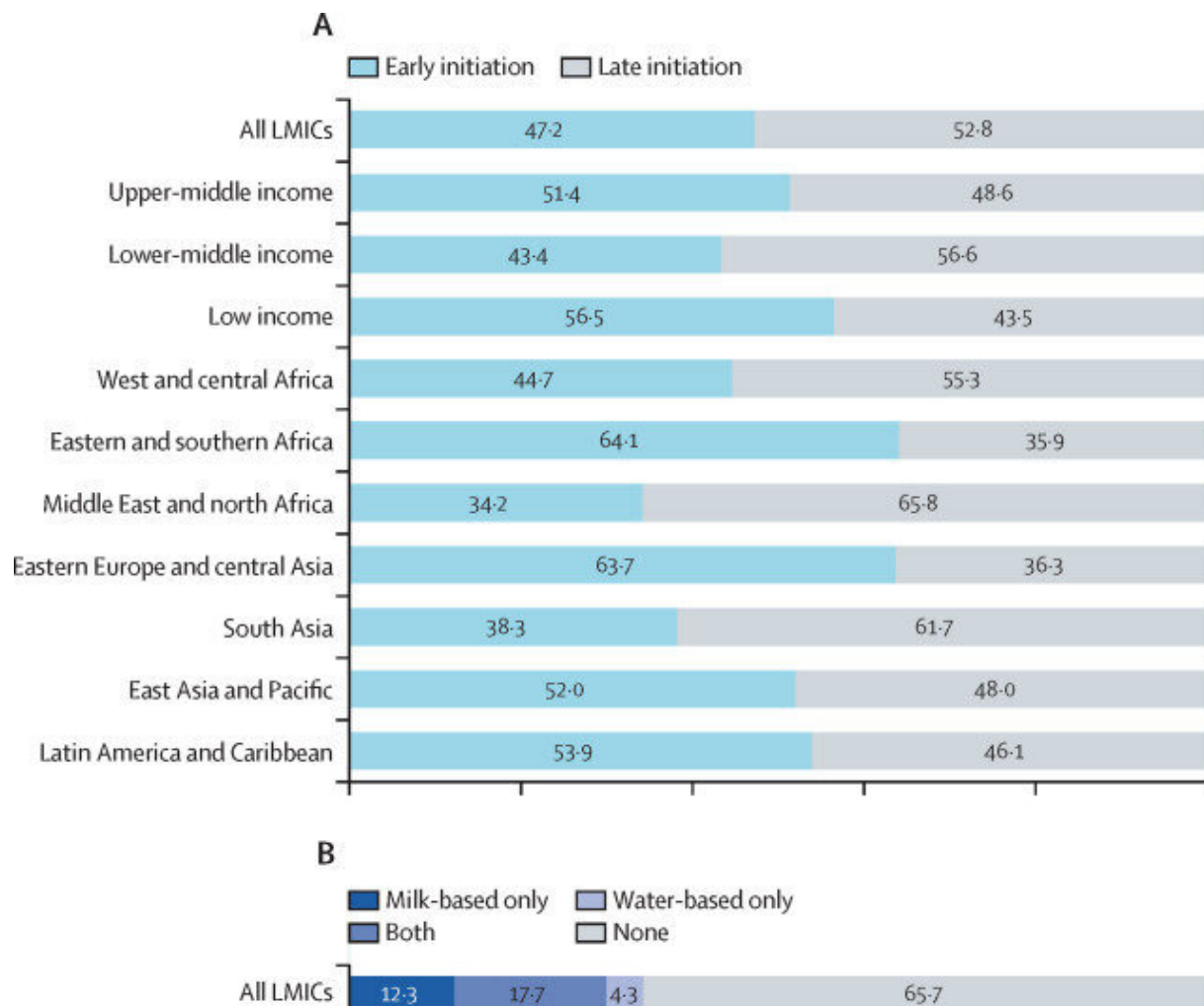


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Prelacteal feeding and early initiation of breastfeeding in LMICs. Weighted by the number of children younger than 2 years in each country. (A) Early initiation of breastfeeding among children younger than 2 years by region. Early initiation of breastfeeding is defined as the proportion of children who were put to the

breast within the first hour after birth. (B) Use of prelacteal feeds in 94 LMICs by income group and world region. Estimates were weighted by the population size of children in each country, obtained from the World Bank population estimates. (C) Correlation between prelacteal feeding and early initiation of breastfeeding, by country income groups. Pearson's $r = -0.63$ (p

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