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Abstract

In ENT Sector burden of hearing loss is on the increase, especially in low-income countries such as Bangladesh. The need for urgent action to prevent ear and hearing problems is a priority, especially as in many cases permanent hearing loss is preventable. In Bangladesh, as in other developing countries, there is a limited number of hearing health professionals and audio logical resources. The lack of hearing health services may impact the general public's awareness of hearing and hearing health. Limited information is available on the Bangladesh public's knowledge of audiologists and the services they provide, especially in underserved rural communities. The aim of this study was to describe individuals' awareness of the audiology profession, hearing and hearing loss, and hearing health in a rural area of the Limpopo Province. A cross-sectional survey design was employed for the purpose of this study. Using a random sampling strategy, 297 households in four rural villages were selected and a self-developed questionnaire was administered to one individual (18 years and older) per household. The questionnaire consisted of 23 questions targeting awareness of the audiology profession, as well as knowledge of hearing, hearing loss and hearing health. Only 14% of participants were aware of the audiology profession, indicating that individuals living in rural communities are not aware of the role of audiologists and the services they provide. Doctors and nurses were identified by participants as the individuals who assist them with hearing-related problems. Although most participants (87%) acknowledged that it is very important to undergo a hearing test, only 5% have previously visited an audiologist. Most participants were aware that ear infections and excessive noise exposure can cause hearing loss. The majority also believed that ears must be kept clean at all times and used cotton buds to maintain ear hygiene. There is a general lack of public awareness of audiologists and the services they offer. This study highlighted the need for the National Department of Health in collaboration with professional associations and hearing health professionals to develop and implement effective strategies to increase the Bangladesh public's awareness of the profession and the services they provide. Bangladesh universities can also play a significant role in teaching students to develop context-relevant strategies to increase awareness of the profession.

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Chapter: 01

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

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1.2 Origin of the Report

This thesis paper is the outcome of extensive research conducted on the Marketing of the Audiology Equipment in Bangladesh. The author, having a keen interest in marketing and a passion for the medical sector, identified the need for a comprehensive analysis of the marketing strategies employed by major Hearing aid division. The report draws upon various primary and secondary sources, including interviews with organization experts, marketing, client counselling, and academic literature.

1.3 Background of the Study

The Audiology sectors in Bangladesh has experienced remarkable growth in recent years, driven by factors such as rapid civilization and Urbanization, improved awareness of Ears, and increasing purchasing power of clients. The entry of both domestic and international manufacturers has intensified competition, leading to a diverse range of hearing aid models available in the market. To gain a competitive edge, Organization need to develop effective marketing strategies that align with Client preferences and market demands.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This study focuses on the Market strategies implemented by three prominent audiology Equipment in Bangladesh: ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital. These Organization have established themselves as key players in the Medical Sector and have a substantial market position. By examining their market strategies, including aspects such as (4p) Product, Price, Promotion and Place, activities, this research aims to provide insights into their competitive advantage and market performance.

1.5 Objectives of the Study

Broad Objective:
The broad objective of this study is to Partial Fulfillment of the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration. To match my academic knowledge with the real corporate business set up. To enlarge my experience from a real corporate exposure. To enhance my adaptive quality with the real life situation

Specific Objectives:

- To examine the product positioning strategies of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute in the Bangladeshi market.
- To assess the pricing strategies adopted by these Organization and their impact on market penetration and consumer perception.
- To analyze the branding and promotional activities undertaken by ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute to create brand awareness and enhance client's loyalty.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of product diversification and innovation strategies employed by these Organization in meeting consumer needs and preferences.

1.6 Methodology of the Study:

This study adopts to delve into the Marketing strategies of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute in the context of the Medical Sector in Bangladesh. Primary data will be collected through informal interviews with Medical Sector experts, including marketing managers and executives from the three Organization. Secondary data will be sourced from company reports, Medical Sector publications, academic journals, and relevant books. The collected data will be analyzed using thematic analysis to identify patterns and draw meaningful conclusions.

1.6.1 Sources of Primary data

- Face to face conversation with the organizations officers and staff.
- Informal conversation with the doctors, DD, DDM.
- Exposure on different desk of the organization

1.6.2 Sources of Secondary data

- Annual report of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute.
- Different manuals of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute
- Different circulars of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute.
- Unpublished data.
- Different textbooks.
- Newspapers.
- Different websites.
- Bangladesh Economic Review-200

1.7 Limitations of the Study

- The findings of the case study may be specific to ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute. And may not be applicable to other Organization or the broader Medical Sector in Bangladesh.
- Focusing solely on ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute. Might not provide a comprehensive understanding of the entire Medical Sector's product strategy dynamics in the country.
- The study's time frame may not allow for a complete analysis of the long-term effects of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute's product strategies, potentially overlooking significant trends and developments.
- The study's conclusions could be limited by the availability and accuracy of data provided by ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute.
- The researcher's interactions with the Organization personnel and management might introduce bias in data collection and interpretation, potentially influencing the study's outcomes.
- Economic, political, or technological changes occurring outside the scope of the study might impact ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute's product strategy, potentially confounding the analysis.
- The study might not encompass the viewpoints of all relevant stakeholders, such as Patients, competitors, and government agencies, potentially leading to an incomplete understanding.
- The Medical Sector is subject to rapid changes in client preferences, technology advancements, and market dynamics, which might challenge the study's ability to capture the latest trends.
- Limited access to resources like budget, time, and personnel might restrict the scope of the study, preventing a more in-depth analysis of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute's marketing strategy.

Chapter: 02
Literature Review

2.1 Literature Review

A literature review on marketing strategy encompasses a wide range of topics, theories, and empirical studies that explore various aspects of formulating, implementing, and evaluating marketing strategies. The following is a comprehensive overview that highlights key themes and findings in the literature:

2.2 Definition and Conceptualization of Marketing Strategy:

Scholars such as Porter (1980) and Charles Maclaw (1965) have contributed foundational frameworks for understanding marketing strategy. Porter's generic strategies (cost leadership, differentiation, and focus) and Ansoff's growth matrix remain influential.
Environmental Analysis and SWOT Analysis:

The external environment's impact on marketing strategy is a crucial area. Researchers have examined the role of SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) in strategic planning and decision-making.

2.3 Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning (STP):

The STP model is central to marketing strategy. Scholars have explored the effectiveness of different segmentation approaches, target market selection, and positioning strategies. The works of Kotler and Keller (2016) provide insights into consumer behavior and market segmentation.

2.4 Competitive Advantage and Sustainable Competitive Advantage:

Sundar G. Bharadwaj, P. Rajan Varadarajan and John Fahy (1993), Pages (83-99). Achieving and sustaining a competitive advantage is a core goal of marketing strategy. The resource-based view (RBV) and dynamic capabilities theory have been used to explore how firms can leverage their resources to gain a competitive edge.

2.4.1 Sustainable Competitive Advantage (SCA):

The goal that Resource Based View (RBV) theory wants to explain. Barney in his work “Firm Resource and Sustained Competitive Advantage” describes the business’s resources to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the company’s operations. According to Barney and Clark, the main proposition if a company wants to attain a Sustainable Competitive Advantage (SCA), it necessity obtain and control valuable, infrequent, unique, and non-substitutable (VRIN) assets and competences, and have an organization (O).

2.4.2 SCA Denotes to Market Objectives:

Which allow a company to win more market share or higher profit margins when competing with other businesses in the same customer group. From an external perspective, the business’ practical upper hand is molded by changes in the outside climate, yet top to bottom, the organization’s feasible upper hand is likewise upheld by inside advancement. It relies upon the innovation and information basic item quality and creation costs, which keeps contenders from duplicating them.

2.4.3 Sustainable Competitive Advantage:

Must be run with a dynamic process and using a strategic view. Porter suggests that companies need a strategy known as a generic strategy. This strategy consists of 3 kinds, namely a comprehensive cost advantage strategy, a differentiation strategy, and a focus strategy, which is a fundamental way for companies to achieve profitability above the industry average to have a sustainable competitive advantage.

However, globalization, intangibles, and interconnectivity pose new obstacles for businesses today.

2.4.4 This Requires That Companies Implement:

Additional strategic plans and are well aware of the shifting nature of competition, if they want to establish a long-term competitive advantage for businesses, they must be willing to tolerate a disruptive business environment and create new competitive advantages.

2.5 Innovation and New Product Development:

Atuahene-Gima, Kwaku. "Resolving the capability-Rigidity paradox in new product innovation." Journal of Marketing (2005) Pages (61–83). Marketing strategy is closely linked to innovation and new product development. Research in this area delves into the factors influencing successful product launches, diffusion of innovations, and strategies for managing product life cycles.

2.5.1 Market Research and Consumer Insights:

- Use advanced market research techniques and analytics to gain deep insights into consumer behavior, preferences, and emerging trends.
- Leverage social media listening tools to monitor conversations and gather feedback about existing products and competitors.

2.5.2 Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Collaborate with other businesses, startups, or research institutions to bring new perspectives and expertise into your product development process.
- Seek partnerships with influencers or industry experts who can help promote your product to a wider audience.

2.5.3 User-Centric Design:

- Adopt a user-centric design approach to understand the pain points and needs of your target audience.
- Conduct usability testing and gather feedback throughout the development process to ensure the product meets user expectations.

2.5.4 Technology Integration:

- Integrate cutting-edge technologies, such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, or block chain, to enhance the functionality and appeal of your product.

- Consider how emerging technologies can solve existing problems or create new opportunities for your customers

2.6 Brand Management and Brand Equity:

Wood, L. (2000), "Brands and brand equity: definition and management", Management Decision, Vol. Pages (662-669) have explored the concept of brand equity and the impact of branding on consumer behavior.

2.7 Digital Marketing and Social Media:

Radhika Sharma, Vandana Ahuja, Shirin Alavi - 2019 Pages (67-81) Digital Marketing and Social Media marketing. The rise of digital technologies has transformed marketing strategy. Literature examines the role of social media, online advertising, and e-commerce in shaping contemporary marketing strategies.

2.7.1 Understand Your Audience:

- Identify your target audience, including healthcare professionals, procurement managers, and decision-makers in healthcare institutions.
- Understand their needs, challenges, and preferences.

2.7.2 Define Goals and Objectives:

- Establish clear and measurable goals, such as increasing brand awareness, generating leads, or driving sales.
- Set specific objectives, like gaining a certain number of followers, website visits, or demo requests.

2.7.3 Content Strategy:

- Develop informative and educational content about your medical equipment. Use a mix of formats, including blog posts, infographics, videos, and webinars.
- Highlight the features, benefits, and case studies of your products.

2.7.4 Social Media Platforms:

- Choose platforms frequented by healthcare professionals, such as LinkedIn, Twitter, and possibly Facebook.
- Customize content for each platform based on its strengths and user demographics.

2.8 Global Marketing Strategy:

Bodo B. Schlegelmilch – 2022 Pages 289-318. As businesses expand globally, the literature has addressed the challenges and opportunities in formulating effective global marketing strategies. Cultural considerations, standardization vs. adaptation, and entry mode strategies are explored in this context.

2.8.1 Market Research:

- **Identify Target Markets:** Understand the demand for medical equipment in different regions. Consider factors like population demographics, healthcare infrastructure, and regulatory environments.
- **Competitor Analysis:** Analyze competitors in each target market. Identify their strengths, weaknesses, and market share.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Be aware of and comply with regulatory requirements in each country. This includes certifications, approvals, and quality standards.

2.8.2 Adaptation for Local Markets:

- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Tailor marketing messages to respect cultural differences. Consider language, values, and communication styles.
- **Customization of Products:** Adapt products to meet the specific needs of each market. This may involve product features, sizes, or functionalities.
- **Pricing Strategies:** Adjust pricing based on local economic conditions, competitor pricing, and willingness to pay in each market.

2.8.3 Digital Marketing:

- **Online Presence:** Develop a strong online presence through a localized website. Ensure that it is optimized for search engines and user-friendly.
- **Social Media:** Leverage social media platforms to engage with the audience. Understand which platforms are popular in each region.
- **Content Marketing:** Create relevant and valuable content that addresses the specific challenges and needs of healthcare professionals in each market.

2.8.4 Distribution Channels:

- **Supply Chain Management:** Establish efficient supply chains to ensure timely delivery of products. Consider partnering with local distributors to navigate logistics and regulatory processes.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborate with local healthcare providers, distributors, or government agencies to enhance market penetration.

2.8.5 Education and Training:

- **Training Programs:** Offer training programs for healthcare professionals on the proper use and benefits of your medical equipment.
- **Educational Content:** Develop educational materials to highlight the value of your products in addressing specific healthcare challenges.

2.8.6 Customer Support:

- **Localized Support Teams:** Provide customer support in local languages and time zones to address queries and issues promptly.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Establish a feedback mechanism to continuously improve products and services based on customer input.

2.8.7 Compliance and Ethics:

- **Ethical Marketing Practices:** Ensure that all marketing activities adhere to ethical standards and comply with local regulations.
- **Data Protection:** Safeguard patient data and adhere to data protection regulations in each market.

2.8.8 Monitoring and Analytics:

- **Performance Metrics:** Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of your marketing efforts.
- **Market Trends:** Continuously monitor market trends and adjust your strategy accordingly.

2.9 Customer Relationship Management (CRM):

Customer Relationship Management CRM Concepts and Technologies by Francis Buttle, Stan Maklan (2019, P-468) Establishing and maintaining strong relationships with customers is crucial. CRM literature explores strategies for customer retention, customer loyalty, and the use of technology in managing customer relationships.

2.9.1 Understand Customer Needs:

- Identify the unique needs and challenges of healthcare professionals and institutions.
- Customize your approach based on the specific requirements of different segments within the healthcare industry.

2.9.2 Segmentation and Targeting:

- Segment your customer base to tailor your marketing strategies.
- Target your efforts based on factors such as the type of medical equipment, geographical location, size of the healthcare institution, and budget considerations.

2.9.3 Data Management:

- Centralize and manage customer data effectively. This includes contact information, purchase history, communication preferences, and any other relevant information.
- Use a robust CRM system to organize and analyze data for actionable insights.

2.9.4 Personalized Communication:

- Utilize CRM data to personalize communication with customers. This can include personalized emails, targeted promotions, and customized product recommendations.
- Regularly update customers on new products, promotions, and industry developments.

2.10 Performance Measurement and Evaluation:

Scholars have developed frameworks for assessing the effectiveness of marketing strategies. Key performance indicators (KPIs), metrics, and balanced scorecards are discussed in the literature.

2.10.1 Define Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

- Identify the specific metrics that are most relevant to your marketing goals. This could include metrics such as sales revenue, market share, customer acquisition cost, conversion rates, and customer satisfaction.

2.10.2 Sales Performance:

- Monitor the sales performance of the medical equipment. Track sales figures over time and analyze trends. Identify the most successful channels and regions in terms of sales.

2.10.3 Customer Satisfaction and Feedback:

- Gather feedback from customers about the medical equipment and their overall experience. Use surveys, reviews, and customer testimonials to assess satisfaction levels and identify areas for improvement.

2.11 Ethical and Social Responsibility in Marketing:

The literature on marketing strategy also addresses ethical considerations and corporate social responsibility. This includes discussions on sustainable marketing, cause-related marketing, and ethical decision-making.

This literature review provides a broad overview, but it's important to note that the field of marketing strategy is dynamic, and ongoing research continues to shape our understanding of effective approaches in an ever-evolving business landscape.

In a Conclusion, This literature review underscores the multifaceted nature of marketing strategies for medical equipment. By understanding market trends, consumer behavior, and leveraging digital platforms, healthcare companies can develop effective strategies to navigate this complex landscape.

Remember to cite the specific sources and adapt the literature review based on your research focus and the requirements of your project.

2.11.1 Accuracy and Truthfulness:

- **Avoid Misleading Claims:** Ensure that all marketing materials accurately represent the capabilities and features of the medical equipment. Avoid making exaggerated or false claims.
- **Transparent Information:** Provide clear and transparent information about the product, including its benefits, limitations, and potential risks.

2.11.2 Patient Privacy and Data Security:

- **Compliance with Regulations:** Adhere to all relevant data protection and privacy regulations, such as HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) in the United States.
- **Secure Data Handling:** Implement robust security measures to protect patient data from unauthorized access, breaches, or misuse.

2.11.3 Accessibility and Inclusivity:

- **Consider Diverse User Needs:** Design and market medical equipment that considers the diverse needs of patients, including those with disabilities or special requirements.
- **Affordability:** Strive to make essential medical equipment affordable and accessible to a wide range of healthcare providers and facilities.

2.11.4 Social Impact:

- **Positive Contributions:** Emphasize the positive impact of the medical equipment on patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.
- **Community Engagement:** Contribute to the well-being of the community by supporting healthcare initiatives, education programs, or local healthcare facilities.

Chapter: 03
Organizational Profile

3.1 Organizational Profile

Bangladesh is a developing country facing a multitude of health problems with a large emphasis on the diseases of the ear, nose and throat (ENT). The main ENT related problem causing morbidity is deafness. It is most common in rural villages.

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With the above background, the foundation proposed to establish a modern ENT Hospital and Institute at Plot No. F-12 Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-E Bangla Nagar, Dhaka on land allotted by the Government. The project was undertaken at a cost of Taka 249.35 million jointly funded by the Govt. of Bangladesh and The ENT & Head-Neck Cancer Foundation.

3.1.1 Our Founder

The ENT Foundation of Bangladesh was founded by Late Prof. Dr. Mohammed Alauddin. Dr. Alauddin was the Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). Prior to joining the department he was the Professor and Head of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery at Dhaka Medical College. He obtained his MBBS from Sylhet Medical College, Bangladesh (1968). He did his specialty training in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery at various hospitals in the UK, where he also worked as a Senior Registrar at Royal Gwent Hospital, University hospital on the Cardiff Newport rotation.

Dr. Alauddin received DLO (London, 1978), FRCS (Glasgow, 1978) and FCPS (Bangladesh, 1994) FCPS (Pakistan, 2005) during his career. He specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of Head and Neck cancers.

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3.2 Our Services

Departments	Departments
Head and Neck Surgery	Audiology
Otology Department	Speech and Voice Pathology
Rhinology and Laryngology Department	Hearing Aid
Audio-Vestibular Department	Pathology
Anesthesia	Radiology

3.3 Our Mission

To provide world-class Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) related healthcare, including treatment of cancer to people from all over Bangladesh particularly, the underprivileged sections of society.

3.4 Our Vision

To become the premier ENT hospital of Bangladesh by 2025.

3.5 Strategic Objectives

A strategic objective is a specific and measurable goal that an organization aims to achieve as part of its strategic plan. These objectives are the building blocks that contribute to the overall success of the organization by guiding its actions, decisions, and resource allocations. Strategic objectives are typically aligned with the organization's mission and vision and are designed to support the fulfillment of its long-term goals. Here are key characteristics and considerations related to strategic objectives:

3.5.1 Alignment with Mission and Vision:

Strategic objectives should be closely tied to the organization's mission statement (its purpose) and vision statement (its desired future state). They provide a roadmap for achieving the organization's broader aspirations.

3.5.2 Specific and Measurable:

Each strategic objective should be clearly defined and quantifiable. Measurable objectives allow organizations to track progress and determine whether they have successfully achieved their goals.

3.5.3 Time-Bound:

Strategic objectives are often associated with a specific timeframe or deadline. This time-bound element adds a sense of urgency and helps in monitoring progress over a defined period.

3.5.4 Relevant and Realistic:

Objectives should be relevant to the organization's overall strategy and realistic in terms of feasibility. Unrealistic objectives can demotivate teams and hinder progress.

3.5.5 Challenging and Ambitious:

While objectives should be realistic, they should also be challenging enough to inspire effort and innovation. Ambitious goals can drive organizational growth and improvement.

3.5.6 Aligned with Core Competencies:

Strategic objectives should leverage the organization's core competencies and strengths. They should capitalize on what the organization does well and position it for competitive advantage.

3.5.7 Prioritized:

Not all objectives are equal in importance. Organizations must prioritize their strategic objectives to focus resources on the most critical areas that will have the greatest impact on overall success.

3.5.8 Integrated Across Functions:

Strategic objectives often require collaboration across various functions and departments within an organization. Integration ensures that efforts are coordinated and aligned toward common goals.

3.5.9 Continuous Monitoring and Adjustment:

The business environment is dynamic, and strategic objectives may need to be adjusted in response to changes in the internal or external landscape. Regular monitoring and adaptability are crucial.

3.5.10 Communication and Engagement:

Clearly communicating strategic objectives throughout the organization helps ensure that all employees understand their roles in achieving these goals. Engaging employees fosters a sense of ownership and commitment.

3.6 Core Values

Caring, Dedication and commitment, Integrity

3.7 Location

Plot No.-F- 12, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka- 1207, Bangladesh

3.8 Corporate Information

To obtain the most accurate and up-to-date information about the company, I recommend checking the following sources:

3.8.1 Company Website:

Many companies provide comprehensive information about their history, mission, products or services, and key executives on their official websites.

3.8.2 Business Directories:

Check business directories, industry databases, or financial websites that compile information about companies.

3.8.3 Press Releases and News Articles:

Look for recent press releases or news articles related to the company. Business news websites or financial publications may have relevant information.

3.8.4 Regulatory Filings:

Publicly traded companies are often required to file regular reports with regulatory authorities. In the United States, for example, this would be the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

3.8.5 Professional Networks:

LinkedIn or other professional networks might have company profiles that provide insights into their business activities and key personnel.

3.9 Our Product and Services

ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute offers comprehensive healthcare from a single source, combining the latest laboratory diagnostics with imaging systems and specialized information technology. Currently, ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital enjoys 52% market share in Bangladesh with the following medical products and services:

- OPD Services
- OPD Diagnosis Service
- All ENT Surgery
- Hearing Aid
- Pure Tone Audiometry
- Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) Audiometry
- Auditory Steady-State Response (ASSR)
- Hearing Aid Trial
- Speech Assessment
- Voice Analysis and Therapy

Chapter: 04

Marketing Strategy of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute

4.1 Analysis for Marketing Strategy of Medical Sector in Bangladesh

The study focuses on analyzing the product strategies employed by leading import, namely ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute, in the context of the Bangladeshi market. The analysis encompasses various aspects of product and market strategy, strategy evaluation, sales and marketing strategy, as well as the recognition of present marketing strategy and the role of strategic business units (SBUs).

4.2 Market Strategy

The study proposes a step-by-step procedure for formulating a product/market strategy. Firstly, it suggests starting with an evaluation of the current business performance and predicting its momentum over the planning period without any significant changes in policies or operations. This prediction should be based on historical trends and the business environment. Secondly, the study advises forecasting the changes that may occur in the overall marketing and market environment over the planning period. These forecasts should then be used to modify the initial prediction in light of anticipated shifts. If the initial prediction falls short of meeting objectives, appropriate adjustments should be made. Lastly, the study emphasizes the need to appraise the strengths and weaknesses of the business in comparison to its important competitors.

4.3 Marketing Mix Theory

Enterprise marketing is a systematic discipline, and many experts and scholars are conducting in-depth explorations on marketing. They have proposed a series of marketing theories, and the formation of these marketing theories has gone through stages from 4P to 4C and then to 4R. The core focus of research has shifted from products to needs and further to relationships. This continuous evolution and development of marketing theories highlight the ongoing changes in the field of marketing

4.4 4P

The 4P marketing theory refers to the four elements commonly used in traditional marketing, also known as the "marketing mix" or "four marketing elements." This theory was initially proposed by McCarthy (1960) and has become the foundation of modern marketing management.

The following are the four elements of the 4P marketing theory:

4.4.1 Product:

Product refers to the goods or services offered by a company to the market. In marketing, product includes the design and development of product features, quality, functionality, appearance, etc. Companies need to understand consumer needs and market trends to develop competitive products and prepare for pricing, positioning, and promotion.



Hearing Aid Category



Audio Miter



Tympanomiter



Ear Plug



Noise Filter



Sleep Apnea Machine

4.4.1.1 <u>The History of Hearing Aids in Product</u>

Hearing loss is not a new issue; people have been coping with it and seeking treatments for it for ages.

Although some people believe that hearing aids are still awkward, clunky, and old-fashioned objects, the truth is that we have never had better, smaller, or lighter hearing aids available to us. The ultra-sleek wireless devices that we see today are the result of centuries of innovation and adaptation.

Join us as we examine the history of the innovative hearing aids we use today; you'll be amazed at how far technology has come!

4.4.1.2 Ear Trumpet - 1634

The ear trumpet was a tubular or funnel shaped device which was placed into the ear to collect sound waves and lead them to the cochlear. By the late 18th century ear trumpets had vastly grown in popularity and became incredibly common amongst those with hearing difficulties. In 1800 Fredrick C. Rein's company 'F. C. Rein and Son' became the first commercial producer of the ear trumpet and it wasn't until 1963 that the company ceased production due to the rise in popularity of electrical hearing aids.



4.4.1.3 The first portable hearing aid – 1898

In 1898 Miller Reese Hutchinson invented the first portable hearing aid, thanks to the technology behind the creation of the telephone and the microphone. The device was commercially dubbed the 'Akouphone' and it is believed that Hutchinson invented it for a friend. The Akouphone used a carbon transmitter so that it could be transportable, the use of the carbon transmitter also allowed an electrical current to take a weak signal and turn it into a strong signal. One of the major drawbacks of the Akouphone, and arguably the main reason it never became all that popular, is the clunky infrastructure that came with it, along with its hefty price point. The Akouphone consisted of several separate pieces Including headphones, batteries, amplifiers, and microphones.



4.4.1.4 Vacuum tube technology - 1920

In 1920 Earl Hanson patented the Vactuphone, the first vacuum tube hearing aid. The Vactuphone used telephone transmitters to convert speech into electrical signals which were then amplified through a receiver. The Vactuphone became commercially available in 1923 and soon after its release, competition began to follow as others saw its success. With this new wave of competition one thing became clear: the Vactuphone was too big. This was the catalyst that pushed forward the miniaturization movement. Devices kept on getting smaller and public demand kept on increasing until the introduction of transistor hearing aids.



4.4.1.5 Transistor hearing aids - 1948

Technological advances were spurred on by the Second World War and in 1948 transistor hearing aids were introduced to the public. The new aids quickly gained popularity and soon replaced the vacuum tube hearing aids altogether. Transistor hearing aids proved to be superior in many ways: they produced less distortion; they were smaller than their predecessors and they required less battery power to operate. They seemed like the perfect product – however, it wasn't sunshine and rainbows for long! The hearing aids 'died' after only a few weeks of use – the root cause of this being dampness which stopped the transistor

from working. Despite this, the transistor hearing aids' faults had their benefits; resolving these issues led to the development of protective coating and silicon transistors which could function in damp conditions.



4.4.1.6 Microprocessors and compression hearing aids – 1970

In the 1970s the microprocessor was created which vastly increased the trajectory of hearing aid miniaturization. In 1973 Edgar Villchur came up with a revolutionary hearing aid design. His idea was to use multi-channel compression to make up for the variable loss of sound a patient experienced. Each person would have an audiogram combined with individual testing that would allow for hearing aids to be individually adapted to each person. The multi-channel nature of the device meant that patients with hearing losses in specific frequency ranges could get the amplification where they needed it.



4.4.1.7 High speed processor – 1982

In 1982 an all-digital real-time processing hearing aid was created at the City University of New York; it was designed as a research tool for the exploration of how digital signals are processed. The device was quite bulky as it had to hold a minicomputer, a digital array processor and an FM transmitter and receiver.

The development of digital processing paved the way for faster processing; however, they were too large and consumed too much power to be used in useable hearing aids. Over time, technological improvements have reduced these drawbacks allowing for a more practical level of processing in digital hearing aids.



4.4.1.8 The first fully digital hearing aids - 1987

In 1987 the Nicolet Corporation released the first fully digital hearing aid to the public, the 'Nicolet Phoenix'. The product had very little commercial success, but the market took notice and the race to develop a successful digital hearing aid that was more viable for the public was afoot.

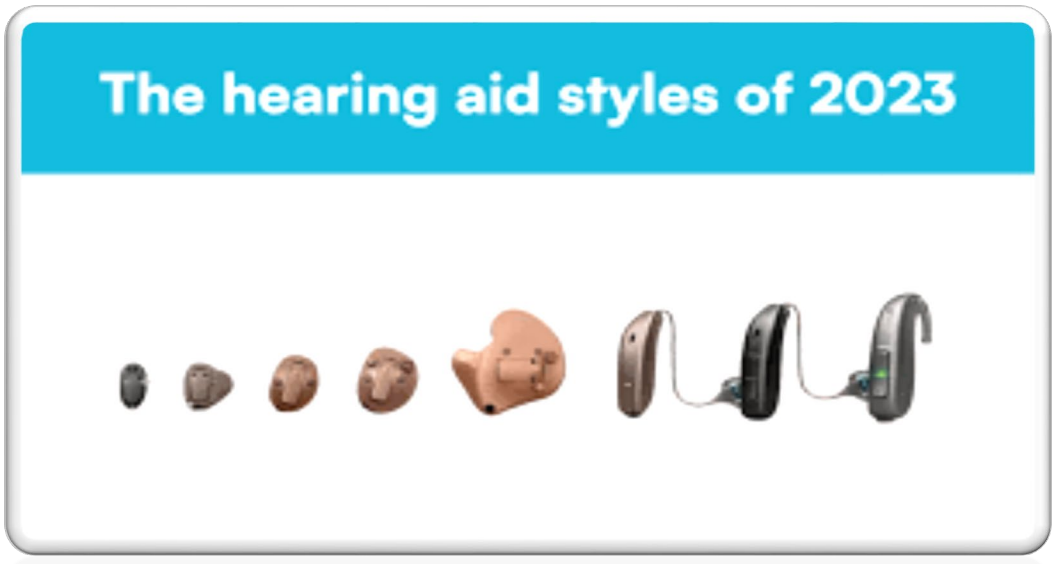
Developments were occurring left, right and center with the introduction of hybrid instruments that used analog amplifiers, filters and limiters that could be controlled digitally. Two years after the Nicolet Corporation released their hearing, aid the first commercial behind-the-ear (BTE) fully digital hearing aid was launched.



4.4.1.9 <u>21st century high tech hearing aids</u>

Hearing aids have become much more widespread and commercially available, now it is much more common to see members of the public with a hearing aid. Technologically, hearing aids have vastly improved from those we listed above.

Modern day hearing aids offer users functional versatility and have excellent efficiency, which allows manufacturers to include features such as effective ambient noise control, suppression, and isolation. On top of this, modern hearing aids often feature Bluetooth connectivity allowing users to stream from the TV or mobile phone directly to their hearing aids.



4.4.2 Price:

Price refers to the monetary or other resource cost required by a company to sell. Its products or services. Companies need to determine pricing strategies, taking into account 8 factors such as costs, market demand, pricing by competitors, and consumer purchasing Power. Pricing strategies can affect the market positioning, sales volume, and profitability of a product.

4.4.3 Promotion:

Promotion refers to the various means by which a company communicates information about its products or services to the target market, in order to stimulate consumer interest and drive sales. Promotion methods include advertising, sales promotion, public relations activities, promotional offers, etc. Companies need to select appropriate promotional methods to effectively convey their products or services to the target audience.

4.4.4 Place:

Place refers to the distribution channels and sales channels through which Products flow from producers to consumers. Companies need to select appropriate sales Channels to ensure that products can reach the target market quickly and efficiently. Channel selection involves considerations such as distribution strategies, retailer relationship Management, logistics, and inventory management.

These four elements of the 4P marketing theory provide a framework for companies to plan and execute their marketing strategies, enabling them to effectively meet customer needs and achieve their business objectives.

4.5 4C

The 4C marketing theory is an extension and evolution of the traditional 4P marketing theory. Unlike the 4P theory, which emphasizes the company's perspective, the 4C theory takes the customer's point of view and emphasizes market orientation and customer value.

The following are the four elements of the 4C marketing theory:

4.5.1 Customer:

Customer needs refer to the desires and expectations that customers have for a product or service. Companies need to gain deep insights into customer needs, including their preferences, tastes, purchasing decision-making processes, and tailor their products or services accordingly to provide value that satisfies customer expectations.

4.5.2 Cost:

Cost refers to the expenses customers have to incur to purchase a product or service, which includes not only monetary costs but also the time, effort, and other resources expended. Companies need to consider how to reduce customer purchase costs, such as providing

convenient purchasing methods, offering favorable prices or value-added services, to increase customers' willingness to make purchases.

4.5.3 Communication:

Communication refers to the interaction and information exchange between the company and customers. Companies need to establish effective communication channels with customers to convey information about the product or service, its features, and advantages, to attract customer attention and build trust. In the digital age, the rise of various marketing channels and social media provides companies with more communication opportunities and ways.

4.5.4 Convenience:

Convenience refers to the ease with which customers can purchase and use a product or service. Companies need to consider how to make the purchasing process more convenient and efficient, as well as provide post-purchase support and convenience in resolving customer issues. Convenience factors have a significant impact on customer purchase decisions and loyalty.

The 4C marketing theory, by focusing on customer needs, cost, communication, and convenience, emphasizes customer-centric marketing thinking. Companies need to actively listen to and understand customers, establish good customer relationships by providing valuable and competitive products or services, and achieve long-term business success.

4.6 4R

The 4R represents Relevance, Relationship, Reaction, and Reward. This theory revolves around relationship marketing and aims to establish customer loyalty, emphasizing the importance of building new partnerships with customers in market development. In a highly competitive market environment, companies can actively meet customer needs and proactively create customer demands through interaction and cooperation with customers. By establishing special relationships with customers through relevance, relationship, reaction, and reward, companies can gain a competitive advantage.

4.6.1 Relationship:

Establishing and maintaining customer relationships is the core of this model. Companies build close, interactive relationships with customers to understand their needs, preferences, and purchasing behavior, and provide personalized solutions to meet those needs.

4.6.2 Reaction:

Companies need to respond actively to customer needs and feedback. This includes timely responses to customer inquiries, problem-solving, and providing support to enhance customer trust and loyalty.

4.6.3 Reward:

To strengthen customer relationships, companies can offer various rewards and incentive mechanisms. This can include coupons, discounts, loyalty programs, or special treatment to incentivize customers to continue purchasing and remain loyal.

4.6.4 Referral:

Through positive word-of-mouth spread by satisfied customers, companies can expand their customer base. Positive word-of-mouth can be achieved through providing high-quality products and services, positive customer experiences, and maintaining good relationships with customers.

The "4R marketing model" emphasizes the establishment of long-term, mutually beneficial customer relationships to enhance customer loyalty and sustainable market competitiveness. By focusing on relationship, reaction, reward, and referral, companies can establish deep connections with customers and succeed in a fiercely competitive market.

4.7 Strategy Evaluation

To evaluate the adequacy of a strategy, the study suggests considering several criteria. Suitability examines whether the strategy offers a sustainable advantage. Validity involves assessing the realism of the assumptions made. Feasibility analyzes whether the business possesses the necessary skills, resources, and commitment to implement the strategy. Internal consistency assesses the overall coherence of the strategy. Vulnerability examines the potential risks and contingencies. Workability explores the extent to which the strategy allows for flexibility. Lastly, the study highlights the importance of determining an appropriate time horizon for strategy implementation.

4.8 Sales & Marketing Strategy

The study defines marketing strategy as the set of objectives allocated to the marketing function of an organization to support the overall corporate strategy. It emphasizes the need for clear and measurable objectives within a specific timeframe. The marketing strategy encompasses various activities, such as market research, goal setting, and planning to achieve those goals. The study also emphasizes the importance of providing accurate, timely, and tailored solutions, concrete strategies, and efficient services to meet customer needs and support their business goals.

4.9 Strategic Business Unit

The study introduces the concept of a Strategic Business Unit (SBU) as a separate unit within the company with its own mission and objectives. An SBU can be a division, a product line, or even individual brands, depending on the organizational structure. The study suggests that understanding the present marketing strategy requires information on market segmentation, market definition, customer profiles, market scope and dimensions, growth rates, success requirements, market share, customer benefits, reasons for buying, customer attitudes, product reputation, purchase habits, product life cycle, quality, and planned improvements. Furthermore, it highlights

the importance of recognizing areas where customers are becoming more self-sufficient and reducing services accordingly.

4.10 Basis for Segmenting the Market

The study examines the basis for segmenting the market in Bangladesh. This segmentation could be based on various factors such as customer demographics, psychographics, behavior, and geographic location. By identifying distinct segments within the market, Organization can tailor their product strategies to meet the specific needs and preferences of each segment.

4.11 Profile of the Customers in Each Segment

The study provides a detailed profile of customers within each segment, including their age, income level, occupation, and geographical location. This information helps in creating targeted marketing strategies and developing products that align with the characteristics of each customer group.

4.12 Scope and Dimensions of Each Market

The study explores the size, profitability, and growth potential of each market segment. Understanding the scope and dimensions of each market enables Organization to allocate resources effectively and identify growth opportunities.

4.13 Expected Rate of Growth of Each Segment

The study analyzes the expected rate of growth for each market segment. This information is vital for Organization to determine where to focus their efforts and allocate resources strategically to capitalize on the growth potential.

4.14 Requirements for Success in Each Market

The study identifies the key success factors for each market segment, which may include factors such as pricing, product features, distribution channels, customer service, and branding. Understanding these requirements helps Organization formulate effective strategies to meet customer needs and gain a competitive advantage.

4.15 Marketing Standing with Established Customers in Each Segment

The study assesses the marketing standing of Organization with established customers in each segment. This includes analyzing market share, patterns of repeat business, and the expansion of customer product usage. Evaluating the relationship between Organization and their existing customers helps identify opportunities for retention and growth.

4.16 Benefits Customers in Different Segments Derive from the Product

The study examines the benefits that customers in different segments derive from products. These benefits may include better performance, fuel efficiency, durability, affordability, or specific

Features that cater to the needs of each segment. Understanding the perceived value of the product helps Organization communicate their unique selling propositions effectively.

4.17 Reasons for Buying the Product in Different Segments

The study investigates the reasons why customers in different segments choose to buy s. These reasons may include product features, brand awareness, pricing, advertising promotions, packaging, and sales assistance. Identifying the factors that influence purchase decisions enables Organization to develop targeted marketing strategies for each segment.

4.18 Customer Attitudes in Different Segments

The study explores customer attitudes in different segments, including brand awareness and brand image. Understanding customer perceptions and attitudes helps Organization gauge their reputation and make informed decisions regarding brand positioning and communication strategies.

4.19 Overall reputation of the product in each segment

The study evaluates the overall reputation of products in each segment. This includes factors such as quality perception, reliability, and customer satisfaction. Assessing the reputation helps Organization identify areas for improvement and build customer loyalty.

4.20 Purchase or use habits that contribute to this attitude

The study analyzes the purchase or use habits of customers that contribute to their attitudes towards products. This may include factors such as frequency of usage, maintenance patterns, and brand loyalty. Understanding these habits enables Organization to refine their product offerings and customer support services.

4.21 Reasons that Force Customers to Turn Elsewhere for Help in Using the Product

The study investigates the reasons why customers may seek assistance from sources outside the company for using the product. This may include factors such as inadequate customer support, lack of accessible service centers, or availability of better alternatives. Understanding these reasons helps Organization address gaps in customer support and improve the overall customer experience.

4.22 Life-Cycle Status of the Product

The study examines the life-cycle status of products in the market. This includes assessing whether the products are in the introductory, growth, maturity, or decline stage. Understanding the life-cycle status helps Organization plan their product strategies accordingly, including product enhancements, updates, and diversification.

4.23 Story of the Product Line Quality Development, Delivery, Service

The study traces the story of the product line's quality development, delivery, and service. This includes analyzing the manufacturing processes, supply chain management, and service standards

employed by Organization. Understanding the product's journey helps identify areas for improvement and ensures consistent quality across the entire value chain.

4.24 Product Reaches and Improvements Planned

The study investigates the current product reach of Organization in different segments and explores the improvements planned. This includes analyzing market penetration strategies, expansion plans, and product development initiatives. Identifying the areas for growth and improvement helps Organization stay competitive in the market.

4.25 Market Share: Overall and in Different Segments

The study assesses the market share of Organization both overall and in different segments. Understanding the market share helps Organization evaluate their position relative to competitors and make informed decisions regarding market targeting and resource allocation.

4.26 Deficiencies in Serving or Assisting Customers in Using the Product

The study identifies any deficiencies in serving or assisting customers in using products. This may include gaps in customer service, limited availability of spare parts, or delays in repairs. Recognizing these deficiencies helps Organization address customer pain points and improve their overall service quality.

This analysis provides a comprehensive understanding of the Marketing strategy of Organization in Bangladesh, considering various factors such as market segmentation, customer profiles, market scope, customer attitudes, and areas for improvement. By leveraging this information, Organization can develop effective strategies to cater to the diverse needs and preferences of customers in the Medical Sector.

Chapter: 05

Findings

5.1 Findings:

- **Product Diversification:** ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute (ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute) in the Bangladeshi Medical Sector follow a diversified product strategy, offering a wide range of models catering to various customer preferences and market segments.
- **Market Segmentation:** ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute effectively segments the market based on factors such as price, engine capacity, and target customer demographics, allowing them to address specific consumer needs and preferences.
- **Technology Adoption:** The case study reveals that ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute place a strong emphasis on adopting modern technologies in their designs, such as fuel efficiency improvements, electric powered options, and enhanced safety features.
- **Brand Positioning:** ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute employ distinct brand positioning strategies to create a unique identity for their products in the Bangladeshi Market, differentiating themselves from competitors and building brand loyalty.
- **Pricing Strategies:** The Organization employ competitive pricing strategies to gain a competitive edge, considering factors such as production costs, market demand, and competitor pricing.
- **After-Sales Services:** The study highlights the significance of after-sales services in the Medical Sector, with ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute offering comprehensive maintenance services to enhance customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- **Marketing and Promotional Activities:** ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute actively engage in marketing and promotional activities, leveraging various media channels and events to create brand awareness and boost sales.
- **R&D and Innovation:** The case study reveals that ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute invest significantly in research and development to introduce innovative features and technologies, ensuring their products stay ahead in the competitive market.
- **Branches Network:** The three Organization maintain an extensive and well-established Branches network in Bangladesh, allowing for widespread availability of their products across the country.
- **Customer Feedback and Product Improvement:** The Organization actively seek customer feedback and use it to make necessary improvements to their existing models, demonstrating their commitment to customer satisfaction.
- **Government Regulations and Policies:** The thesis report highlights the impact of government regulations and policies on the Medical Sector in Bangladesh, influencing product development and market strategies.

- **Market Share Analysis:** The case study analyzes the market share of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute in the Bangladeshi Medical Sector, revealing insights into ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute's performance and competitive standing.
- **Clients Preferences:** The study identifies key factors influencing consumer preferences in the Medical Sector, such as design aesthetics, fuel efficiency, and reliability, guiding product development decisions.
- **Market Trends and Challenges:** ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute proactively respond to emerging market trends and challenges, including environmental concerns, changing consumer preferences, and economic fluctuations.
- **Long-Term Growth Strategies:** The thesis report assesses the long-term growth strategies adopted by ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute, including expansion plans, partnerships, and market penetration strategies, to secure a strong market position for the future.

These findings provide valuable insights into the product strategies of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute in the Bangladeshi Medical Sector, offering a comprehensive understanding of how ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute competes and thrives in this dynamic market.

Chapter: 06

Recommendations and Conclusion

6.1 Recommendations

- **Market Research and Segmentation:** Conduct extensive market research to identify customer preferences, needs, and demographics. Use this data to segment the market effectively and target specific customer groups with tailored product offerings.
- **Affordable Pricing:** Offer competitive and affordable pricing for s to attract a broader customer base, particularly in a price-sensitive market like Bangladesh.
- **Localization of Manufacturing:** Consider setting up manufacturing facilities or assembly plants in Bangladesh to reduce import costs and make the products more accessible to consumers.
- **Quality and Reliability:** Place a strong emphasis on quality and reliability to gain the trust of consumers, as durability and performance are critical factors when choosing.
- **Incorporate Local Design Preferences:** Tailor the design of the s to resonate with the local culture and preferences of Bangladeshi consumers.
- **Offer Diverse Product Range:** Introduce a diverse range of s, including commuter, sport, and off-road models, to cater to the varied needs and preferences of consumers.
- **Invest in Technology:** Incorporate advanced technology features like digital instrument clusters, smartphone connectivity, and safety systems to appeal to tech-savvy consumers.
- **Expand Branches:** Strengthen the Branches network by partnering with local dealerships and expanding to remote areas to ensure wider accessibility of the products.
- **After-Sales Service:** Establish a robust after-sales service network to provide timely maintenance and repairs, enhancing customer satisfaction and brand loyalty.
- **Promotional Campaigns:** Launch targeted marketing and promotional campaigns to increase brand awareness and highlight the unique selling points of each brand.
- **Engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives:** Participate in community development and CSR initiatives to build a positive brand image and gain consumer trust.
- **Offer Financing Options:** Collaborate with local financial institutions to provide attractive financing options, making s more affordable for a larger segment of the population.

6.2 Conclusion

In conclusion, this thesis report delved into the product strategies employed by five prominent Importers in Bangladesh, namely ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute. Through a comprehensive case study, we analyzed their approaches to product development, positioning, branding, and market penetration in the dynamic and competitive landscape of the Bangladeshi Medical Sector.

The study revealed that each company has distinct product strategies tailored to their target market segments, highlighting the significance of market segmentation in the Medical Sector. Medical Equipment, with its focus on delivering value-for-money products and emphasizing technological innovations, has successfully carved a niche for itself among price-conscious consumers.

On the other hand, Medical Equipment product strategy revolves around versatility and performance, catering to a wide range of Client preferences. Their diverse product portfolio, which includes commuter bikes, sporty models, and premium offerings, has enabled them to gain a significant market share and cater to various client segments.

Hero, with its strong brand presence and reputation for reliability, has implemented a strategy centered on providing dependable and fuel-efficient motorcycles. Their well-established distribution network and after-sales service have contributed to their competitive advantage in the Bangladeshi market.

The thesis also shed light on the challenges faced by these Organization, such as government regulations, economic fluctuations, and changing consumer preferences. To thrive in this Medical Sector, it is crucial for manufacturers to adapt their product strategies continually, aligning them with emerging market trends and client demands.

In conclusion, the Medical Sector in Bangladesh remains fiercely competitive, demanding constant innovation and client-focused strategies. The case study of ENT Head Neck Cancer Hospital and Institute has highlighted the importance of understanding consumer needs, segmenting the market effectively, and tailoring products accordingly. As the Medical Sector evolves, further research and adaptation of product strategies will be essential to sustain growth and success in this vibrant marketplace.

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