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«Obesità e rischio cardiovascolare: nuove opzioni terapeutiche»

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Agenda

1. Evidences of obesity as CV risk
2. Semaglutide
3. Tirzepatide
4. New frontiers
5. Conclusions

EVIDENCES OF OBESITY AS CV RISK



There is an unmet need for therapies that reduce CV events and support weight management

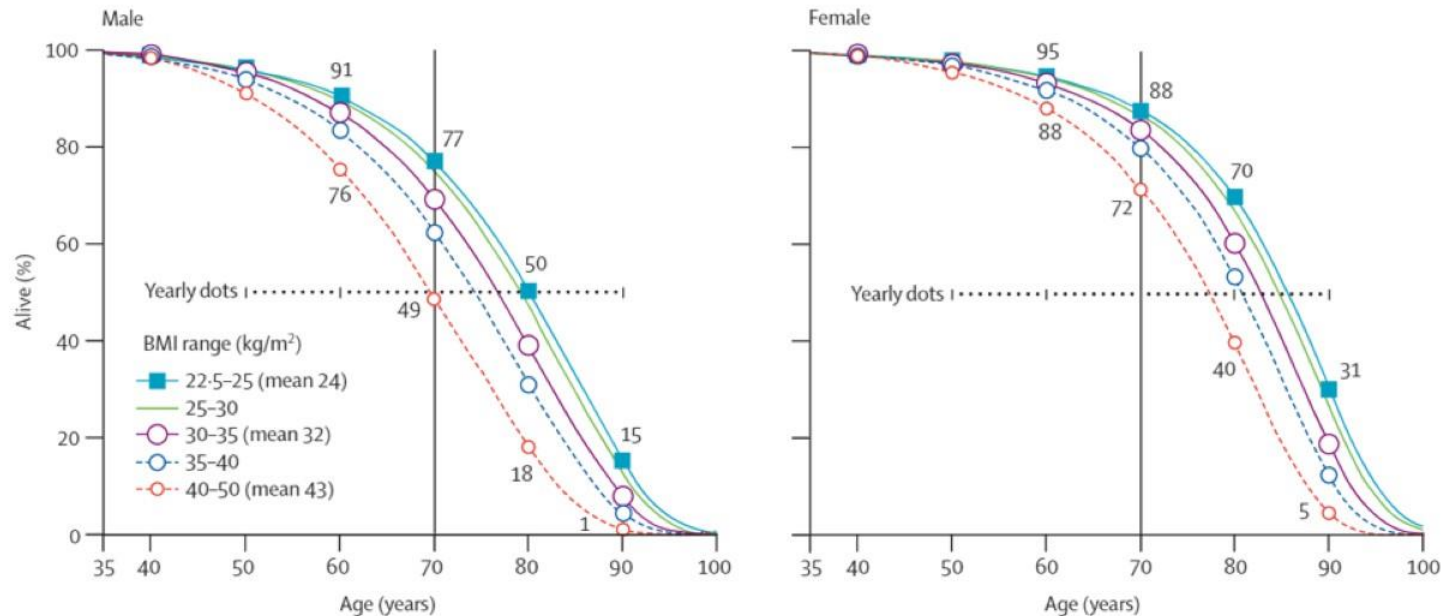


Effective interventions that lower CV events & death in this population are greatly needed!⁴

Conditions included in CVD definition may vary. CHD, coronary heart disease; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease.

1. Roth GA et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2020;76:2982–3021; 2. WHO. Fact sheet – CVDs. Available at: [https://www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cardiovascular-diseases-\(cvds\)](https://www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cardiovascular-diseases-(cvds)). Accessed January 2023; 3. World Obesity Federation. World obesity atlas 2023. Available at: <https://www.worldobesity.org/resources/resource-library/world-obesity-atlas-2023>. Accessed August 2023; 4. GBD 2015 Obesity Collaborators. N Engl J Med 2017;377:13–27.

Life Expectancy Decreases as BMI Increases



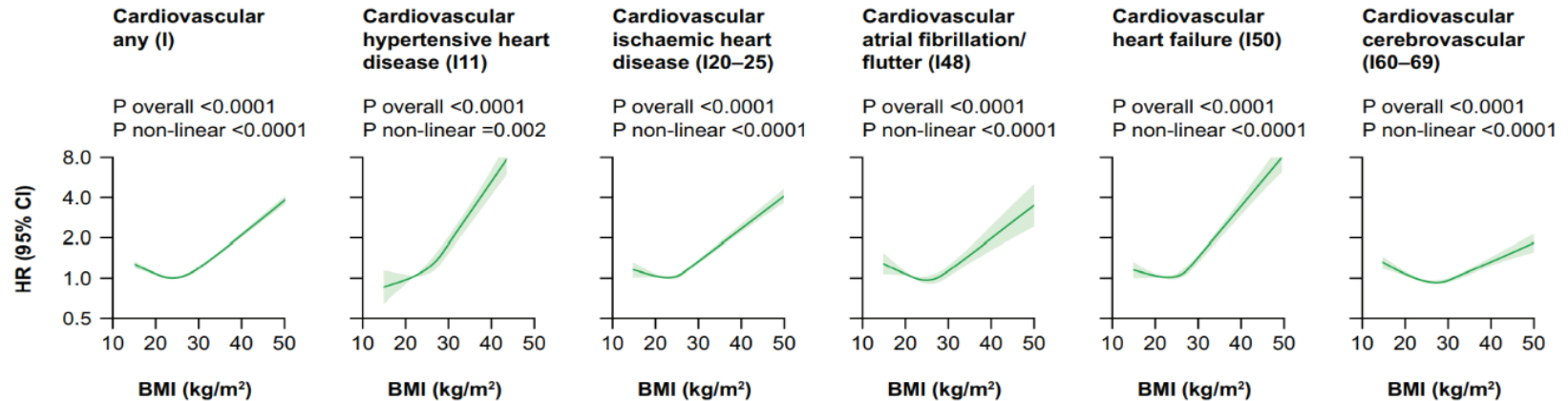
At BMI 30 to 35 kg/m², median survival is reduced by 2 to 4 y
At 40 to 45 kg/m², median survival is reduced by 8 to 10 y*

*Comparable with the effects of smoking.

Prospective Studies Collaboration, Whitlock G, et al. Lancet. 2009;373:1083-1096.

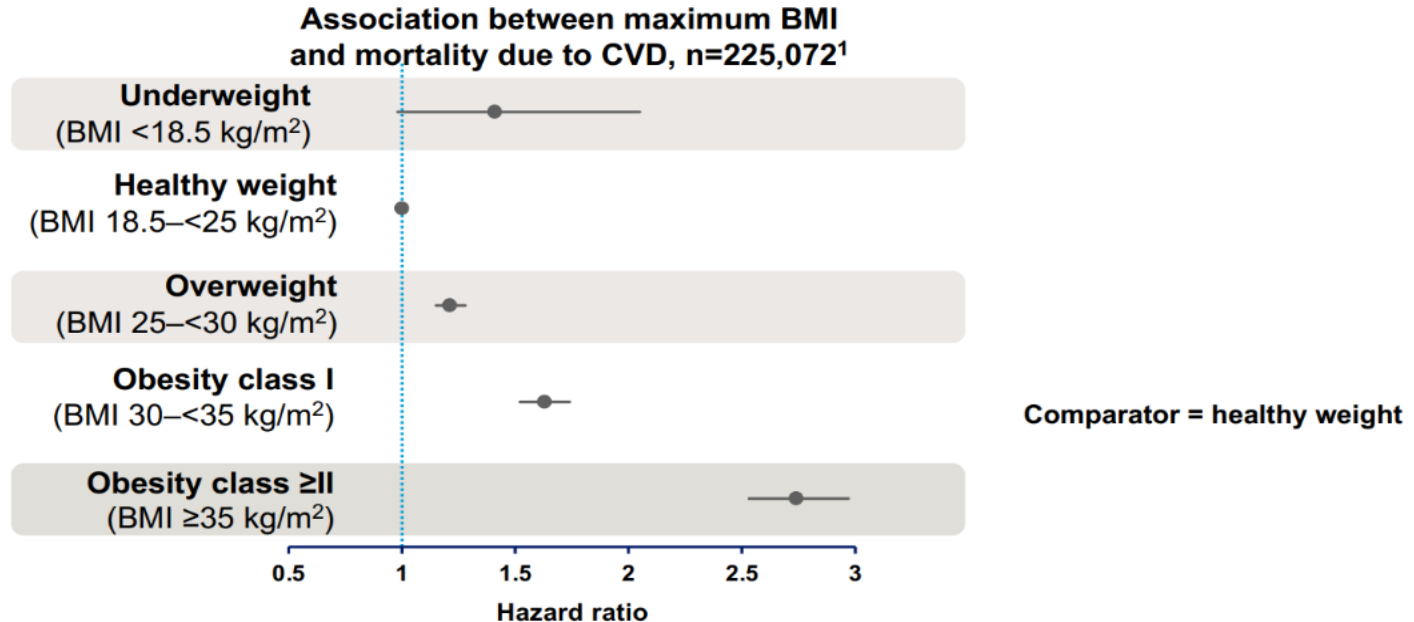
Risk of CVD increases as BMI increases

29% increased CVD risk for every 5 unit above BMI of 25 kg/m²



Population-based cohort study of 3.6 million adults in the UK

CVD is the main cause of death in people with obesity



Main risk factors for CVD

✗ Non-modifiable risk factors^{1,2}



Age



Gender



Genetic
factors



Race and
ethnicity

✓ Modifiable risk factors^{1,2}



High blood
pressure



High blood
lipids



Obesity

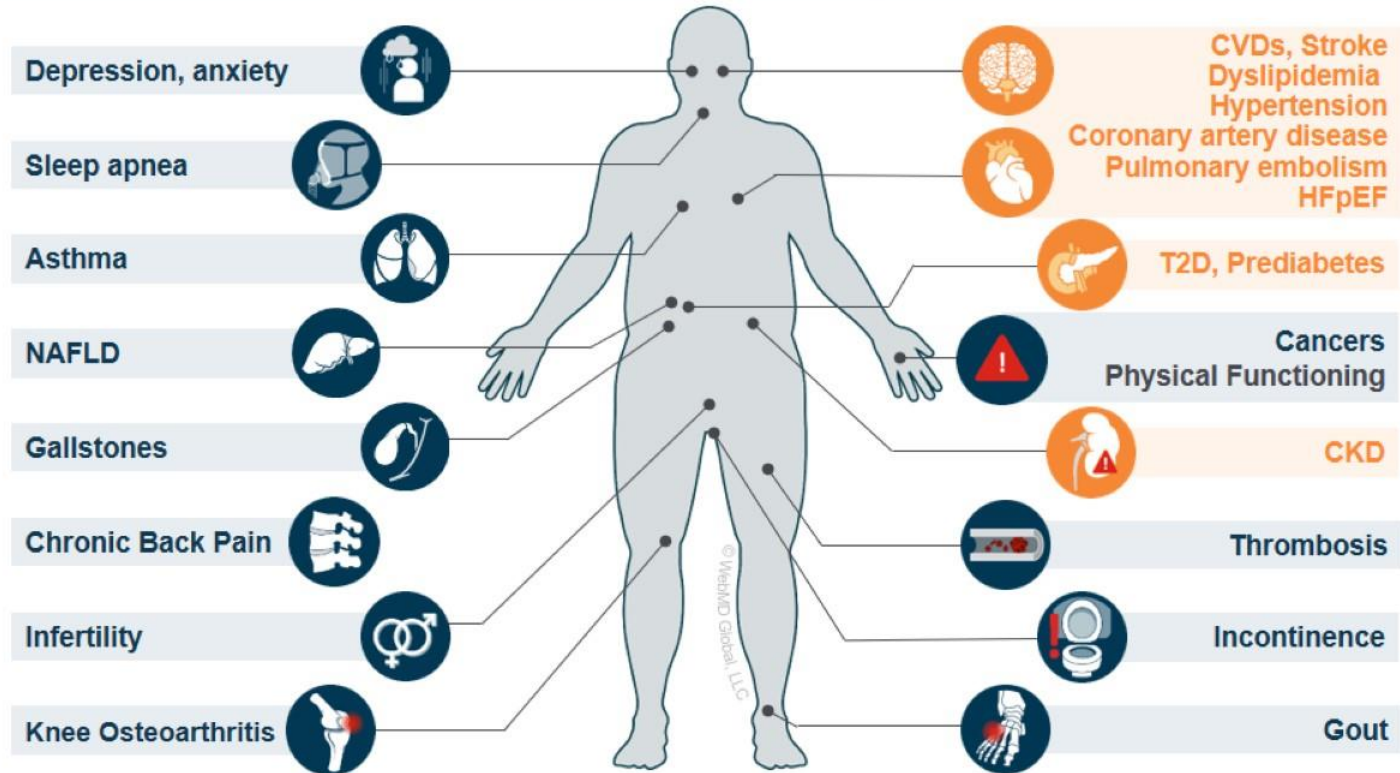


Smoking



Physical
inactivity

Obesity Is Associated With Multiple Complications



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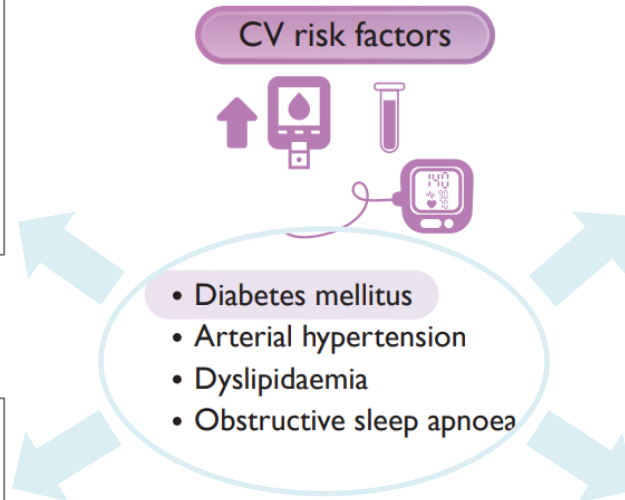
Main cardiovascular consequences of obesity.

Diabetes

Insulin resistance, a key factor in T2DM development manifesting long before the onset of diabetes, is also a major feature of obesity. Insulin resistance predicts the risk of developing CVD, even in the absence of diabetes, and promotes atheroma plaque formation.

Hypertension

Increased BMI, from overweight to all classes of obesity is linearly related to the prevalence of hypertension.



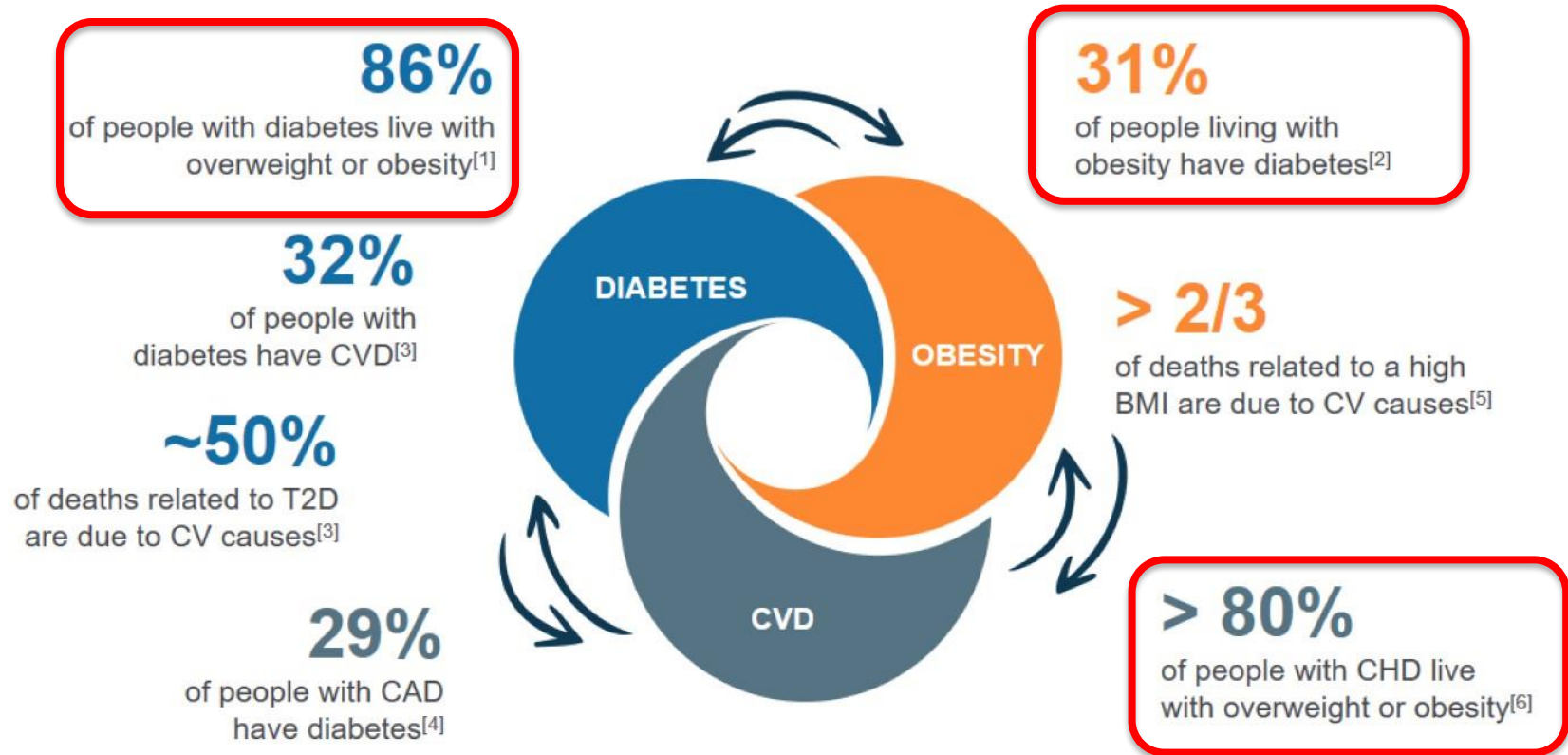
Dyslipidaemia

Obesity is associated with an atherogenic lipoprotein phenotype including elevation of both fasting and post-prandial **triglycerides**, Apolipoprotein B (ApoB), and small dense LDL particles, and **low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C)** and apolipoprotein A1 (ApoA1) levels. High levels of **very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDL)** that vehicle plasma triglycerides were found to explain 40% of the excess risk of myocardial infarction associated with higher BMI

Obstructive sleep apnoea

OSA per se is a risk factor implicated in the development of hypertension and the progression of HF, pulmonary hypertension, and AF overall reflecting how obesity exerts multiple direct and indirect deleterious CV effects.

The Epidemiological Link Between Diabetes, Obesity, and CVD

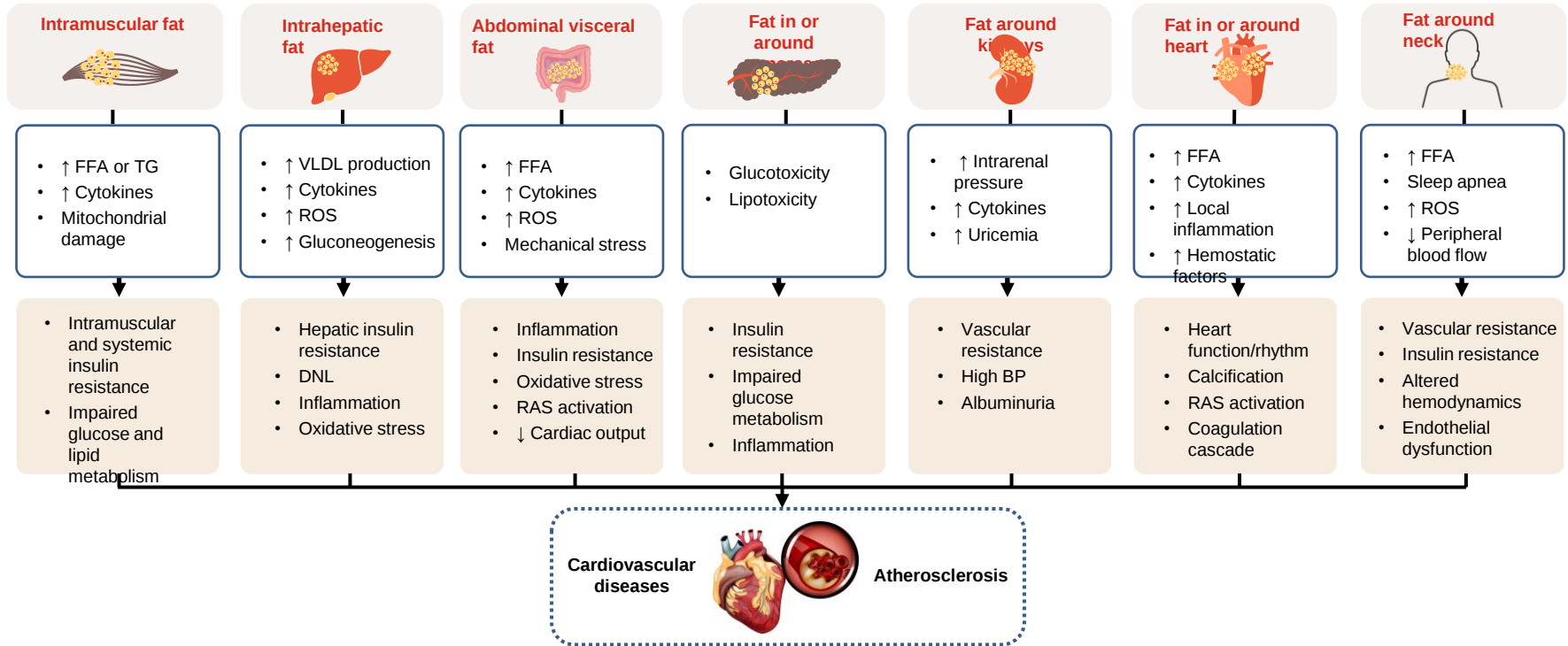


BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; CHD, coronary heart disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

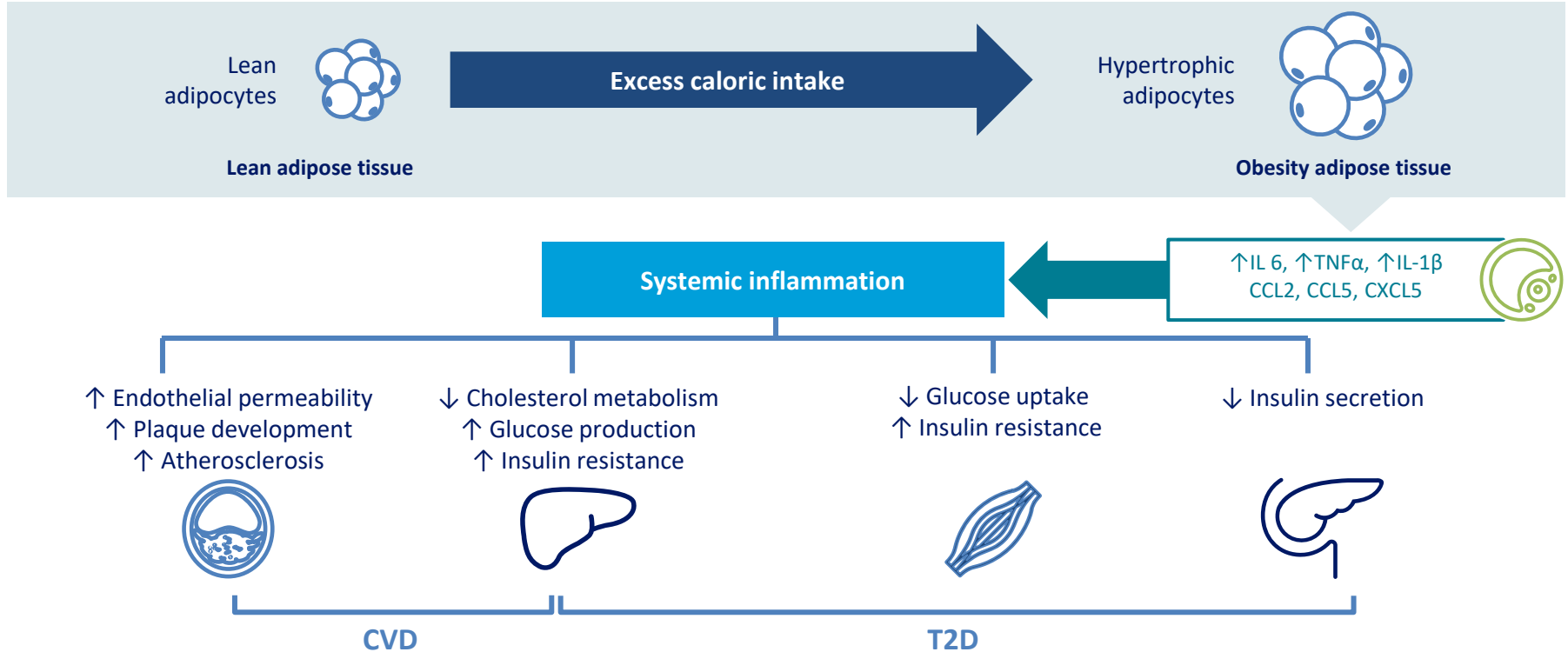
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Linking Ectopic Fat Deposition and Cardiovascular Disease

Mechanisms of different ectopic fats related with atherosclerosis and cardiovascular diseases

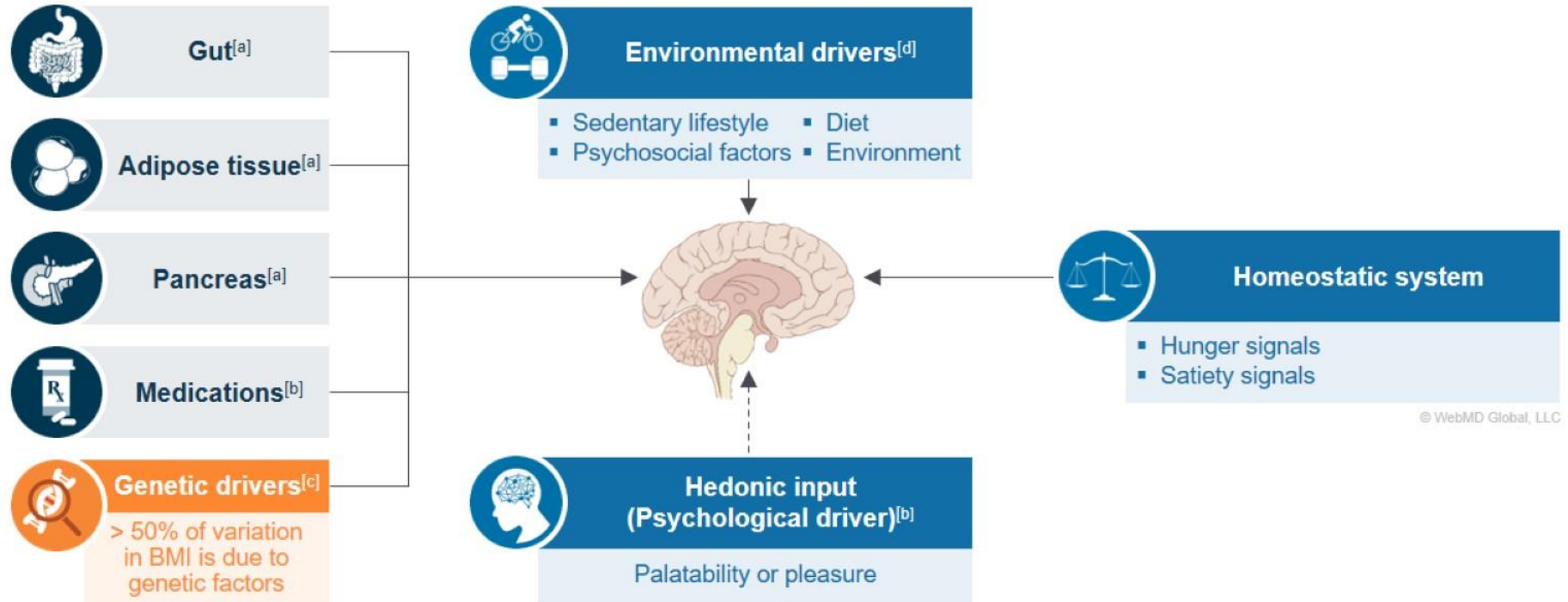


Systemic inflammation increases risk of CVD and T2D



Obesity Is a Complex and Multifactorial Disease

Energy balance is regulated by the brain through various sources of input

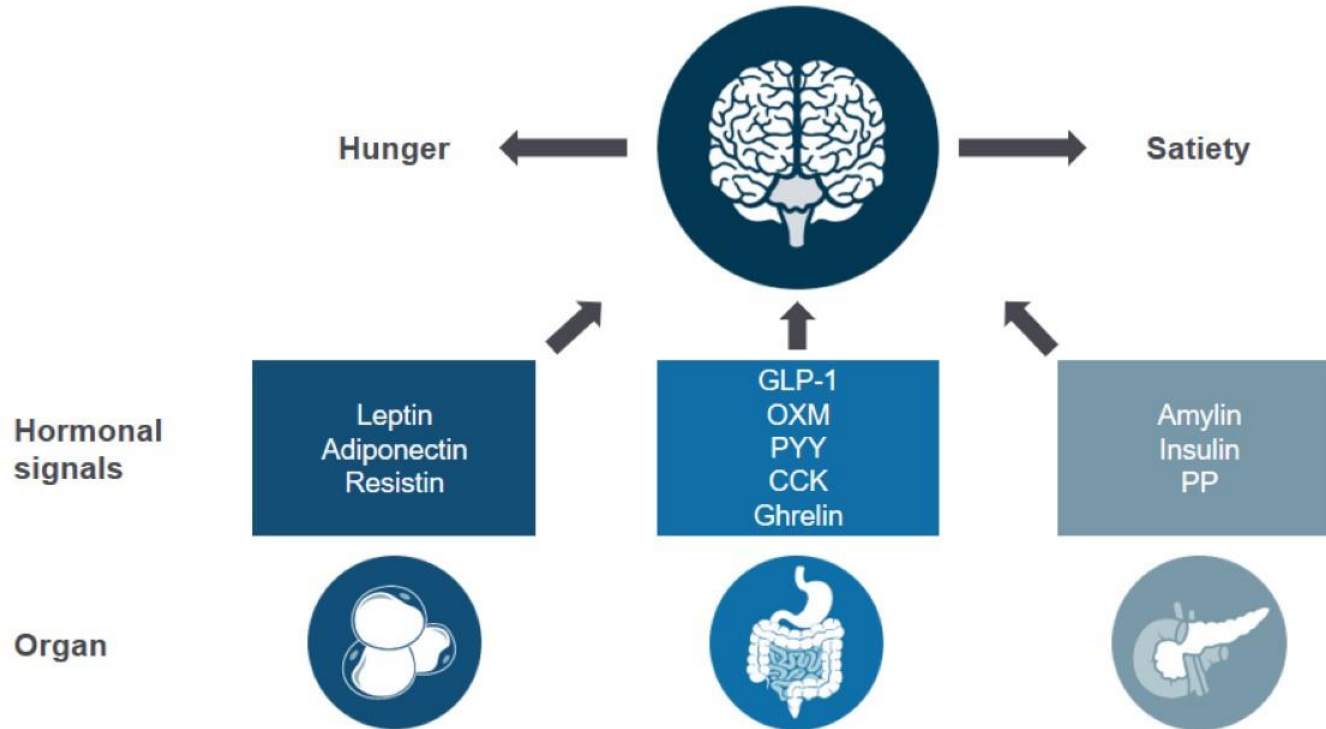


a. Klok MD, et al. *Obes Rev* 2007;8:21-34. b. Berridge KC, et al. *Brain Res.* 2010;1350:43-64. c. Albuquerque D, et al. *Br Med Bull.* 2017;123:159-173. d. Flores-Dorantes MT, et al. *Front Neurosci.* 2020;14:863.

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Multiple Hormonal Signals Influence Appetite

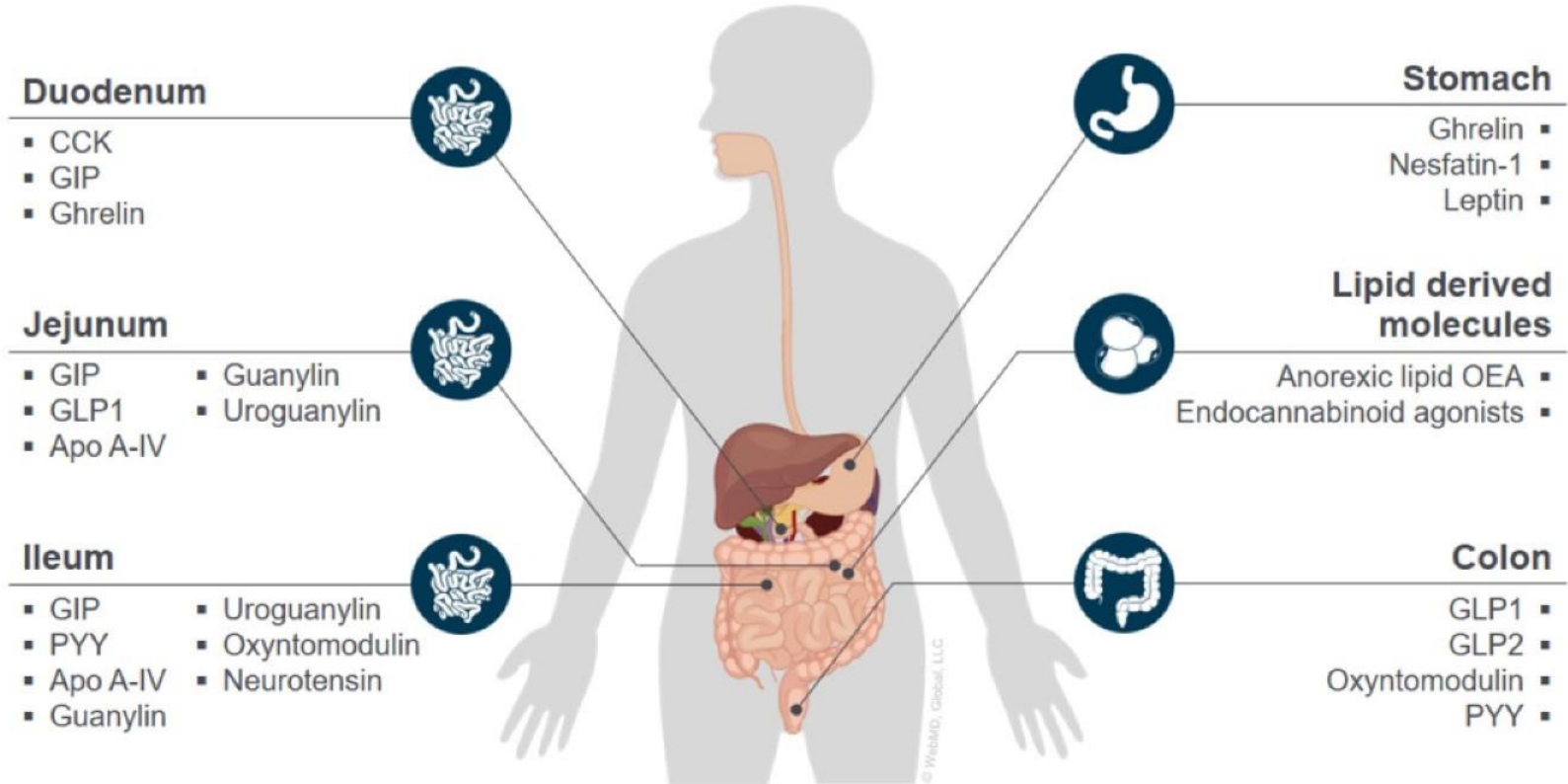
These signals are processed by the brain into feelings of satiety or hunger



CCK, cholecystokinin; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; OXM, oxyntomodulin; PP, pancreatic polypeptide; PYY, peptide-YY.
Woods SC, et al. Int J Obes Relat Metab Disord. 2002;26:S8-10; Badman MK, et al. Science. 2005;307:1909-1914.

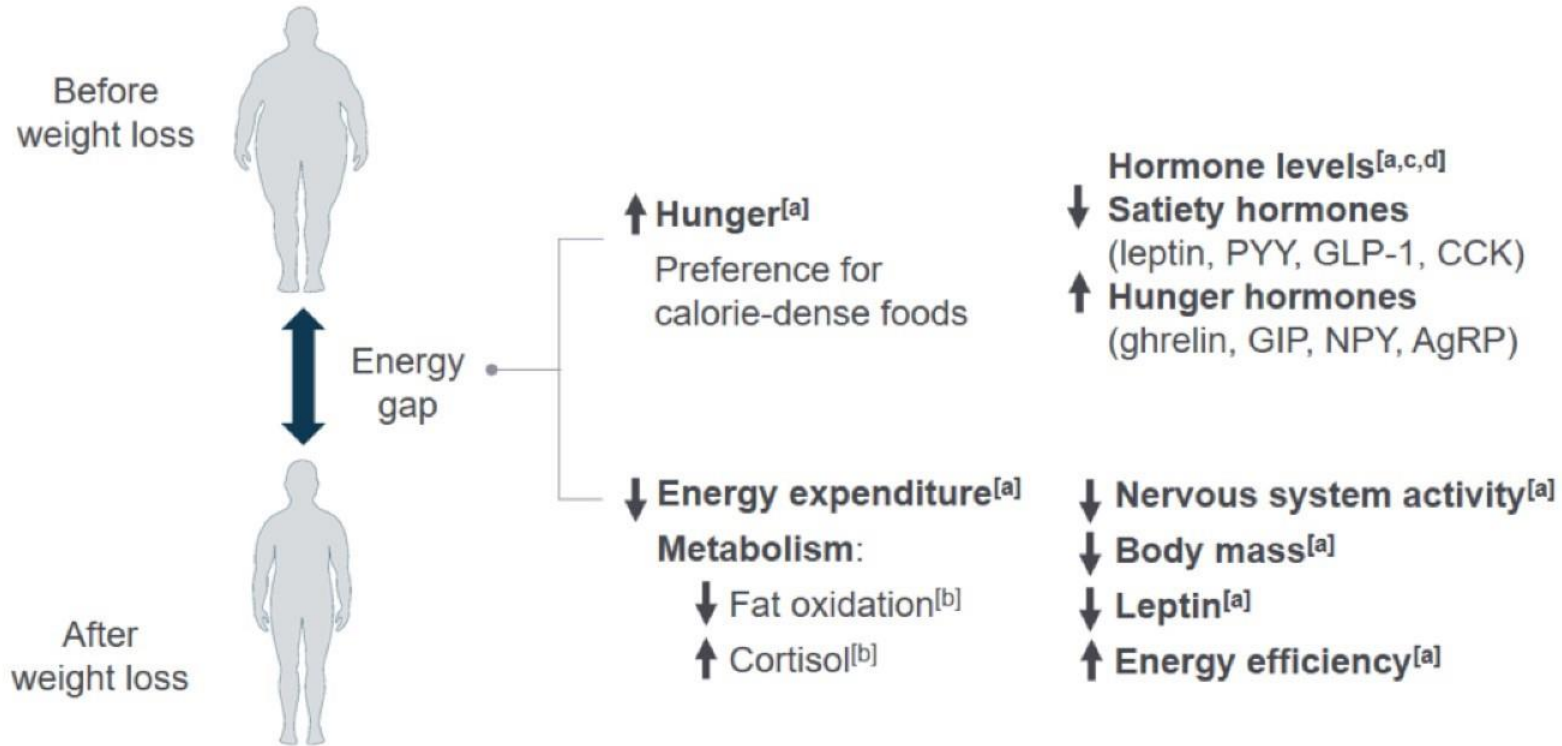
Energy Regulation and Glucose Homeostasis

Central Role of the Gut



Apo A-IV, apolipoprotein A-IV; ENS, enteric nervous system; OEA, oleoylethanolamide.
Monteiro MP, et al. Gastroenterology. 2017;152:1707-1717.e2.

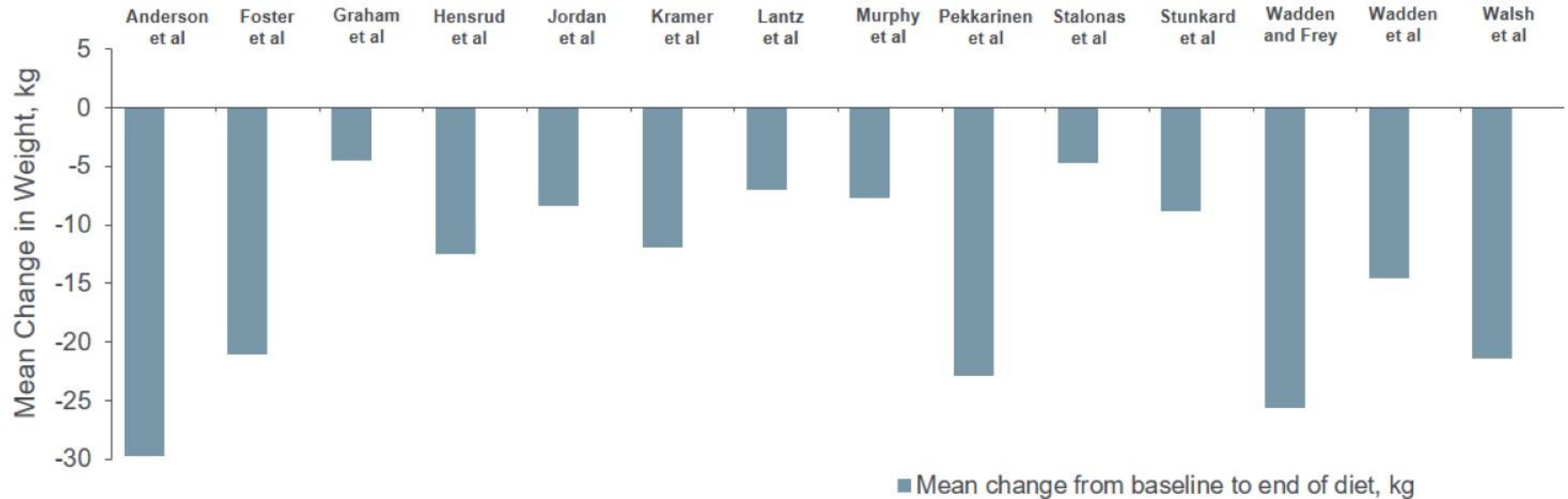
Weight Loss Alters the Body's Homoeostatic System *Favoring Weight Regain*



AgRP, agouti-related peptide; CCK, cholecystokinin; GIP, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide 1; NPY, neuropeptide Y; PYY, peptide YY.

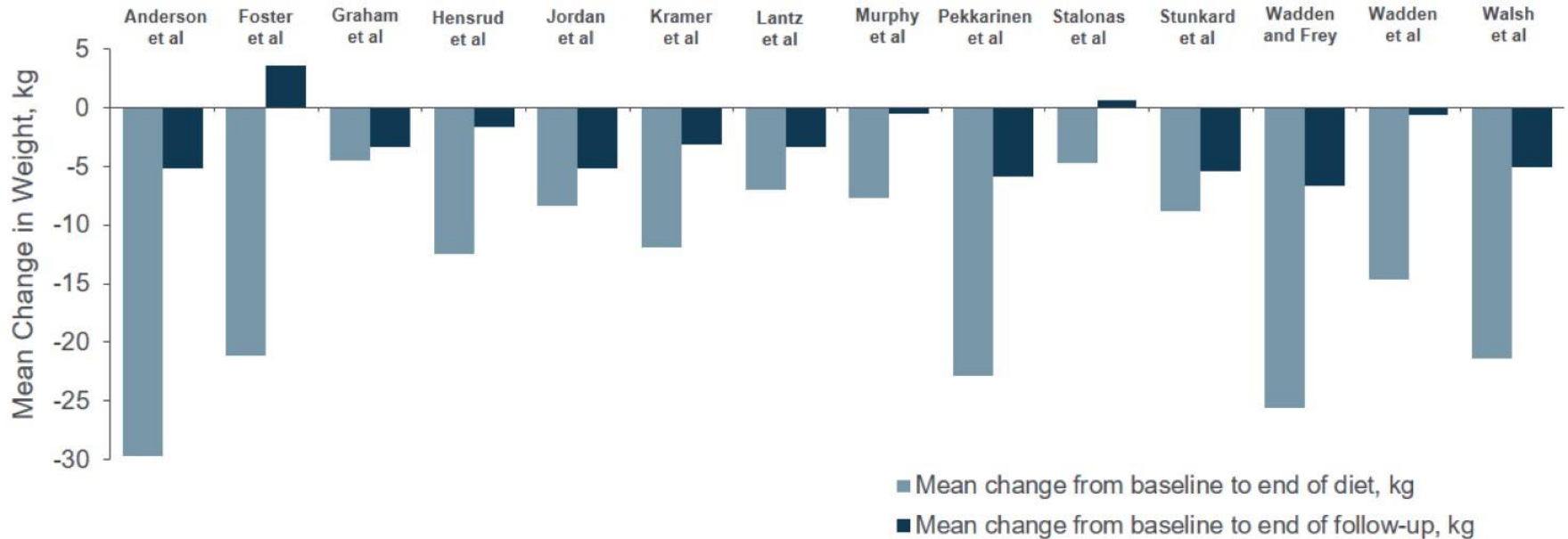
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Maintaining Weight Loss Is Challenging



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Weight loss and improved health

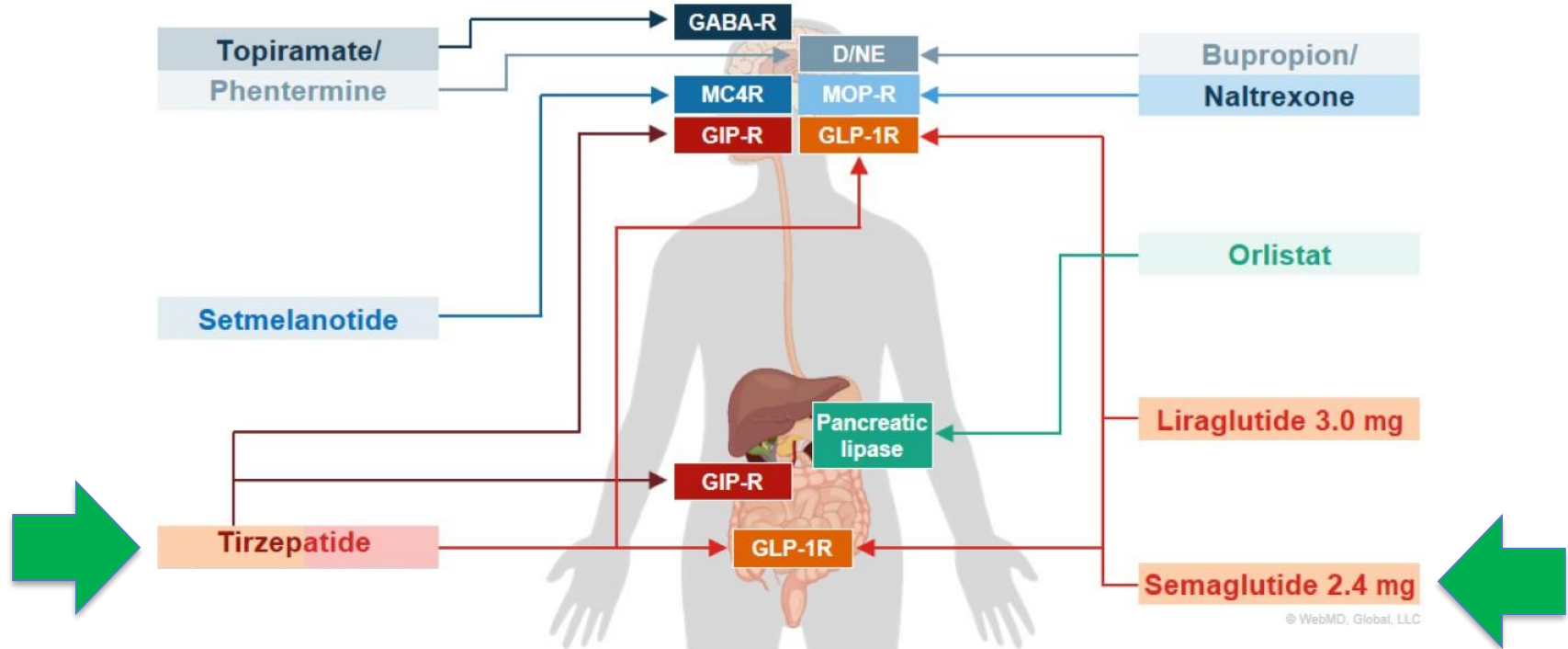
Towards greater weight loss and overall health improvement¹⁻⁵

	✓ Urinary stress incontinence ¹		✓ Cardiovascular ¹ disease
	✓ Prevention of T2D ¹		
	✓ PCOS ¹	✓ MASH ¹	✓ MASH ¹
	✓ Dyslipidaemia ¹	✓ OSA ¹	✓ T2D remission ^{1,3,5}
✓ Hypertension ¹	✓ Asthma/Airway disease ¹	✓ GERD ¹	✓ CV mortality ^{1,4}
✓ Hyperglycaemia ¹	✓ NAFLD ¹	✓ Knee OA ¹	✓ HFpEF ^{1,4,5}
0–5%	5–10%	10–15%	≥15%

Weight loss

Anti-Obesity Medications

Adjunct to lifestyle changes



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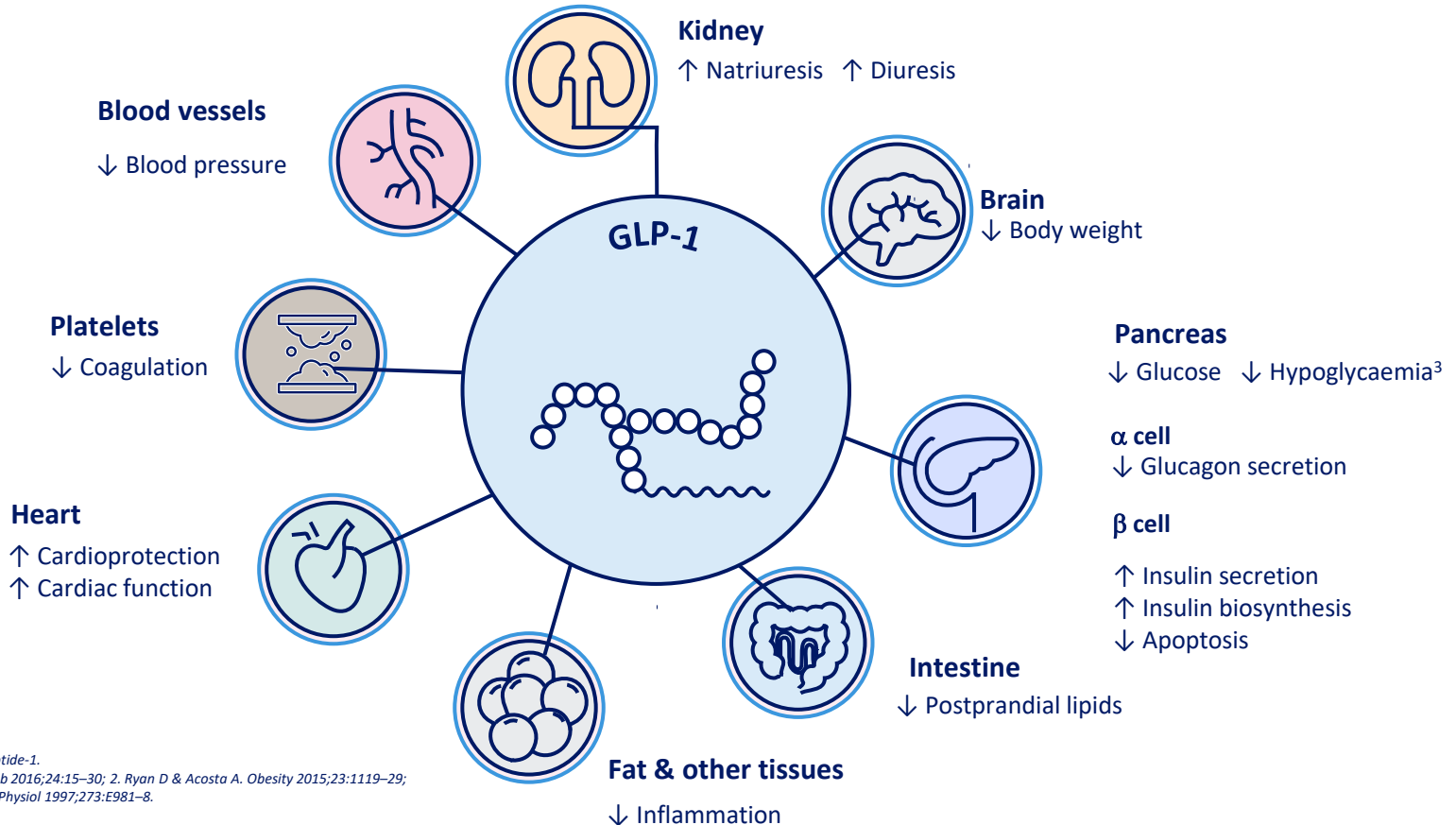
D/NE, dopamine/norepinephrine; GABA-R, γ -aminobutyric acid receptor; GIP-1R, GIP-1 receptor; GLP-1R, GLP-1 receptor; MC4R, melanocortin 4 receptor; MOP-R, mu opioid receptor. Image courtesy of Rachel L. Batterham, OBE, MBBS, PhD. Accessed January 25, 2023. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/weight-loss/in-depth/weight-loss-drugs/art-20044832>; Müller TD, et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2022;21:201-223.

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SEMAGLUTIDE



Pleiotropic local and systemic actions of GLP-1^{1,2}

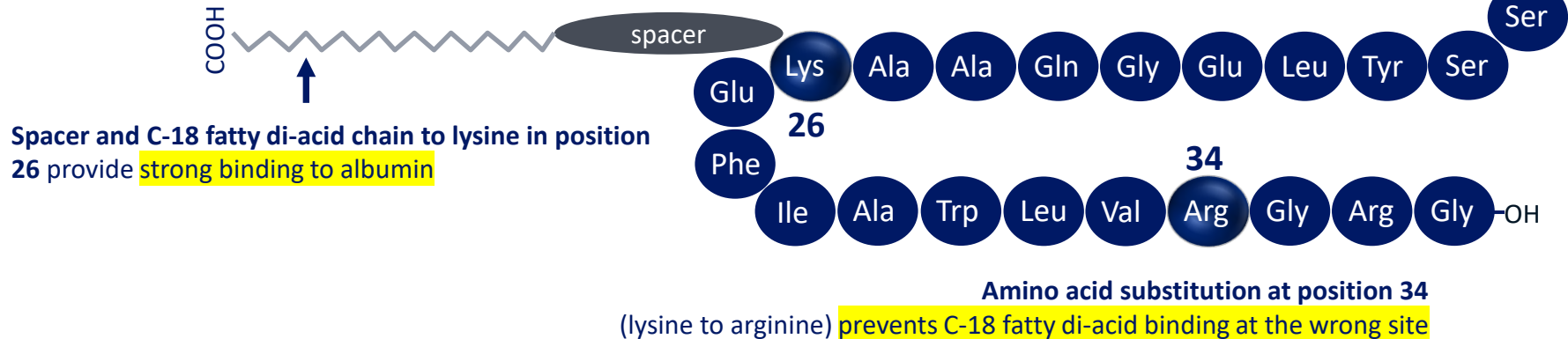


GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1.

1. Drucker DD. *Cell Metab* 2016;24:15–30; 2. Ryan D & Acosta A. *Obesity* 2015;23:1119–29;
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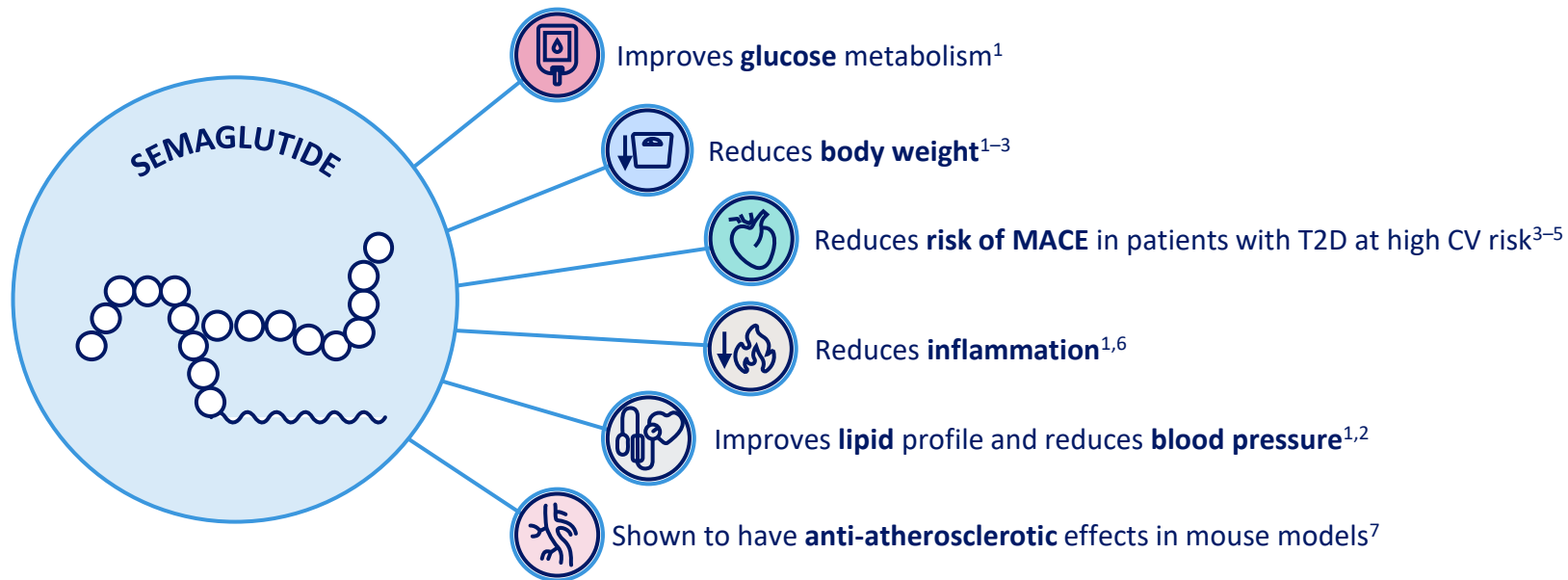
Semaglutide is a human GLP-1 analogue^{1,2}

- **94%** homology to human GLP-1
- $t_{1/2}$ of approximately **1 week**



Semaglutide modifies risk factors for CV complications

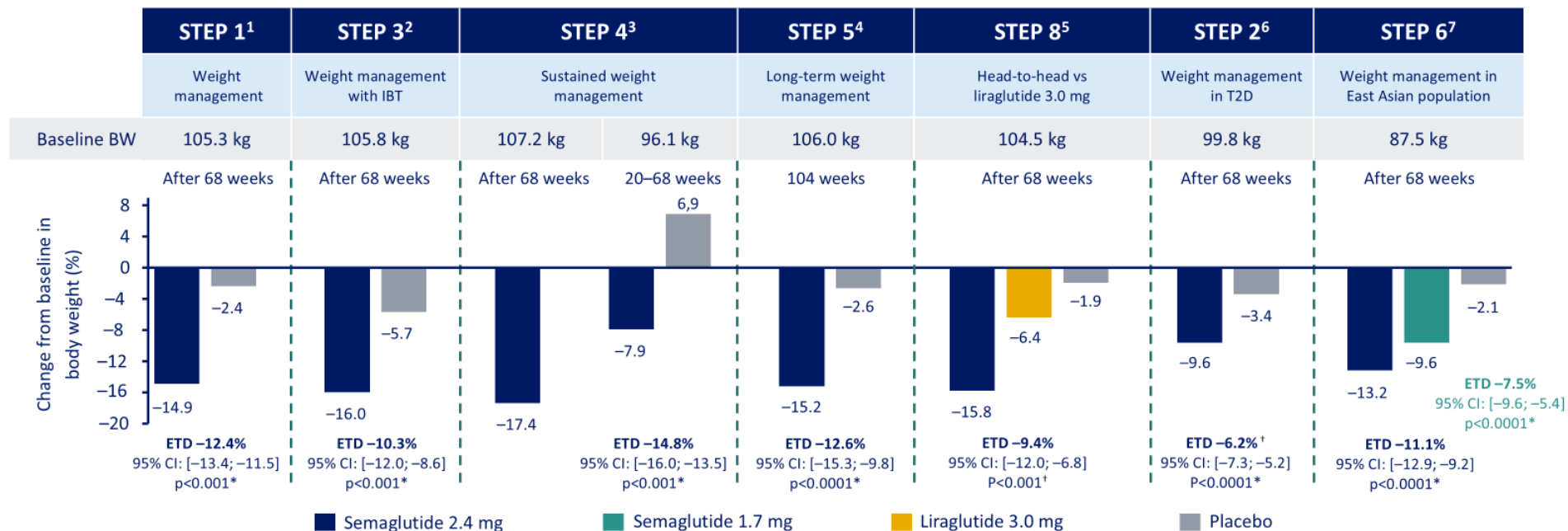
Semaglutide has pleiotropic effects on CV risk factors & reduces MACE risk in T2D¹⁻⁷



CV, cardiovascular; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

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Weight loss was observed with semaglutide across the STEP trials



Data shown for the treatment policy estimand (treatment effect regardless of trial product discontinuation and use of rescue medication).

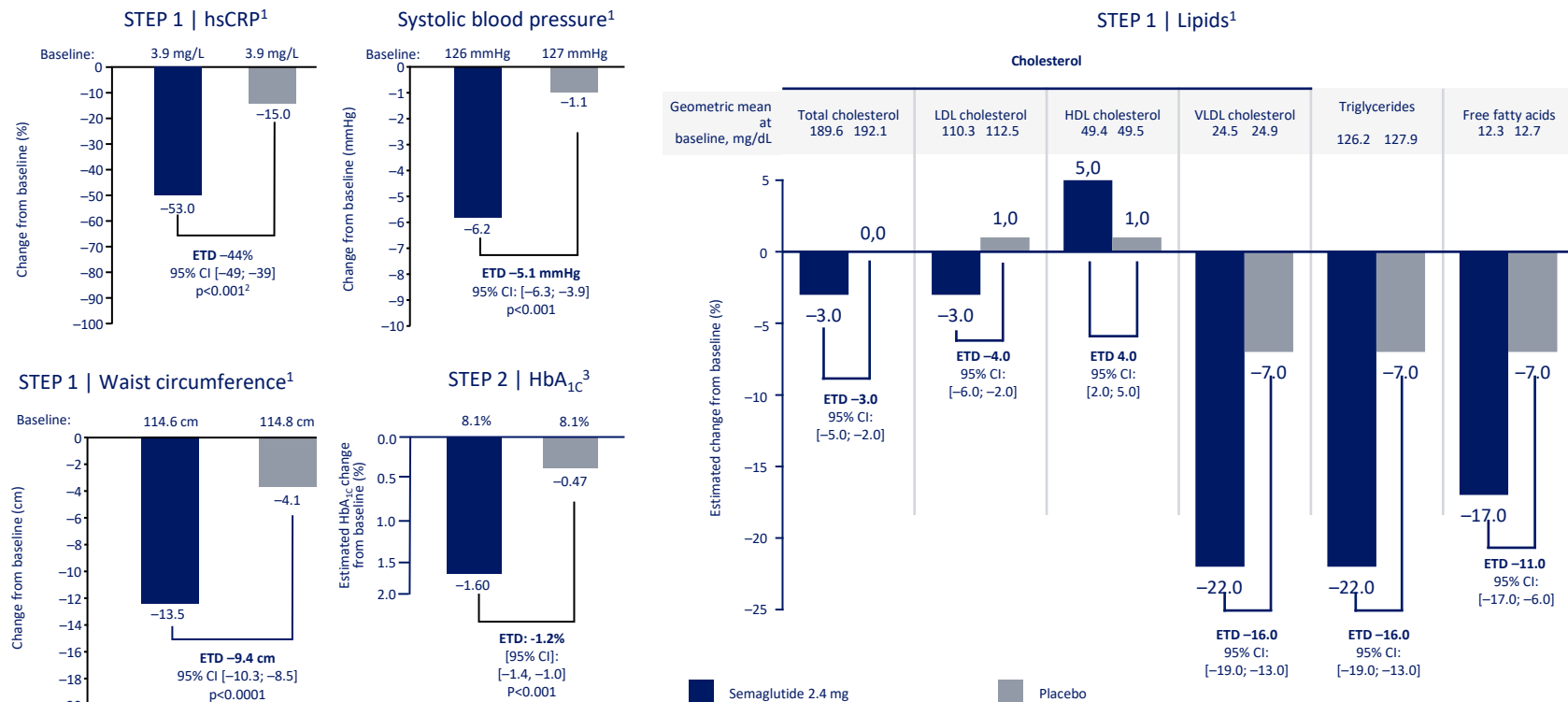
*Statistically significant vs placebo. †Statistically significant vs liraglutide 3.0 mg.

BW, body weight; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

1. Wilding JPH et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;384:989–1002; 2. Wadden TA et al. *JAMA* 2021;325:1403–13; 3. Rubino D et al. *JAMA* 2021;325:1414–25; 4. Garvey WT et al. *Nat Med* 2022;28:2083–91; 5. Rubino DM et al. *JAMA* 2022;327:138–50;

6. Davies M et al. *Lancet* 2021;397:971–84; 7. Kadowaki T et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2022;10:193–206.

Semaglutide 2.4 mg has benefits on CV risk factors



CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; ETD, estimated treatment difference; ETR, estimated treatment ratio; HbA_{1c}, glycated haemoglobin; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; VLDL, very low-density lipoprotein.

1. Wilding et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;384:989-1002; 2. Kosoribod M et al. Poster presented at the American College of Cardiology (ACC) conference, May 15-17 2021, virtual meeting; 3. Davies M et al. *Lancet* 2021;397:971-84.

SELECT TRIAL

Semaglutide | effects on cardiovascular
outcomes in people with overweight or obesity



SELECT: trial overview

Primary objective¹

To demonstrate that s.c. semaglutide 2.4 mg/once week lowers the incidence of **MACE (major adverse cardiovascular event)**

versus placebo, both added to Standard of Care, in people with **established CVD and overweight or obesity**



Three-component MACE:

1. non-fatal myocardial infarction
2. non-fatal stroke
3. CV death

Trial design^{1,2}

- Overweight or obesity (BMI ≥ 27)
- Established CVD*
- No prior history of diabetes (HbA1c $< 6.5\%$)

Semaglutide 2.4 mg OW

Placebo

Event-driven ($\geq 1,225$ first MACE)
~5 years

Key trial numbers¹

1. Prior MI
2. Prior stroke
3. Symptomatic PAD

41

countries

>800

sites

17,605

patients

SELECT-LIFE³

10-year post-trial observational follow up to assess potential long-term effects of anti-obesity medication



*Established CVD: MI ≥ 60 days ago, stroke ≥ 60 days ago, or symptomatic PAD, NYHA class IV excluded.

CV, cardiovascular; CVD, CV disease; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; OW, once weekly; PAD, peripheral artery disease;

s.c. subcutaneous; SoC, standard of care.

1. Lingvay I et al. Obesity (Silver Spring) 2023;31:111–22; 2. Ryan DH et al. Am Heart J 2020;229:61–9; 3. ClinicalTrials.gov. SELECT-LIFE. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04972721>. Accessed January 2023.

Baseline characteristics of trial participants (1/3)

SELECT: N=17,604

Demographics



Male | Female

72.3 | 27.7



Mean age

61.6 years



Asian | Black | White | Other

8.2 | 3.8 | 84.0 | 3.0%

Participants by CV inclusion criteria



MI only

67.6%



Stroke only

17.8%



PAD only

4.4%



≥2 CV inclusion criteria

8.2%

Number of enrolled participants differs from number reported in baseline publication (17,605) as one participant was randomised twice in error and subsequently removed for the primary analysis.

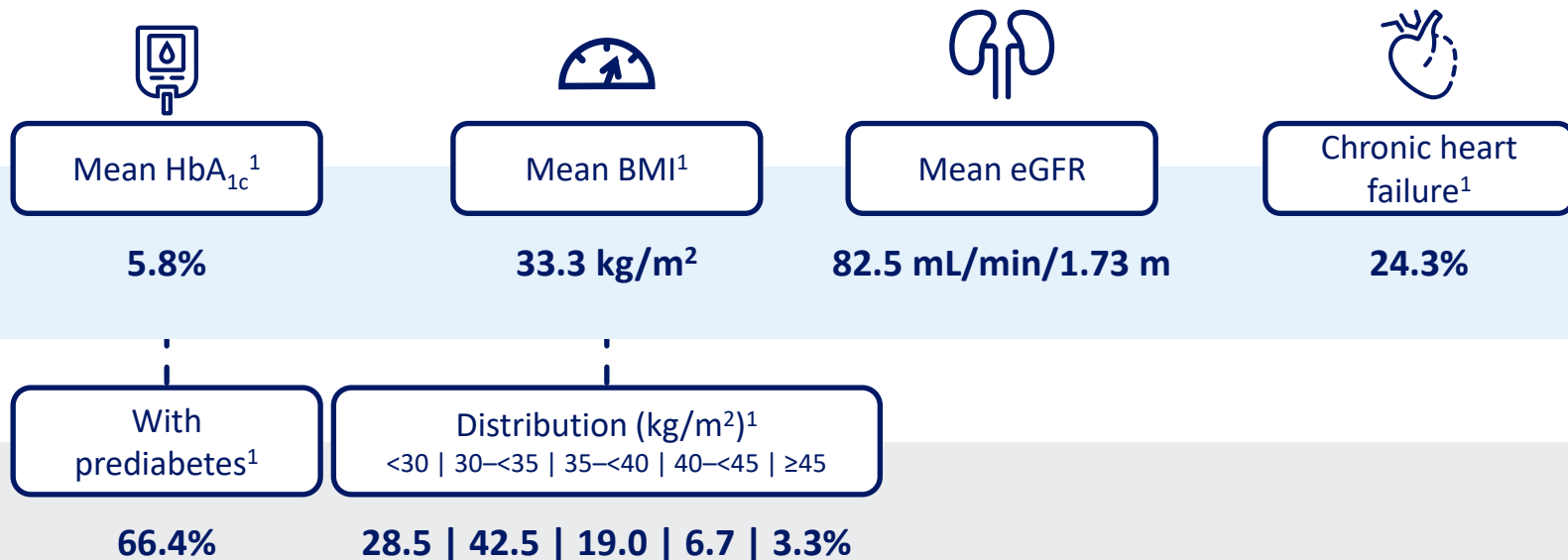
CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; PAD, peripheral arterial disease.

Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Baseline characteristics of trial participants (2/3)

SELECT: N=17,604

Clinical characteristics

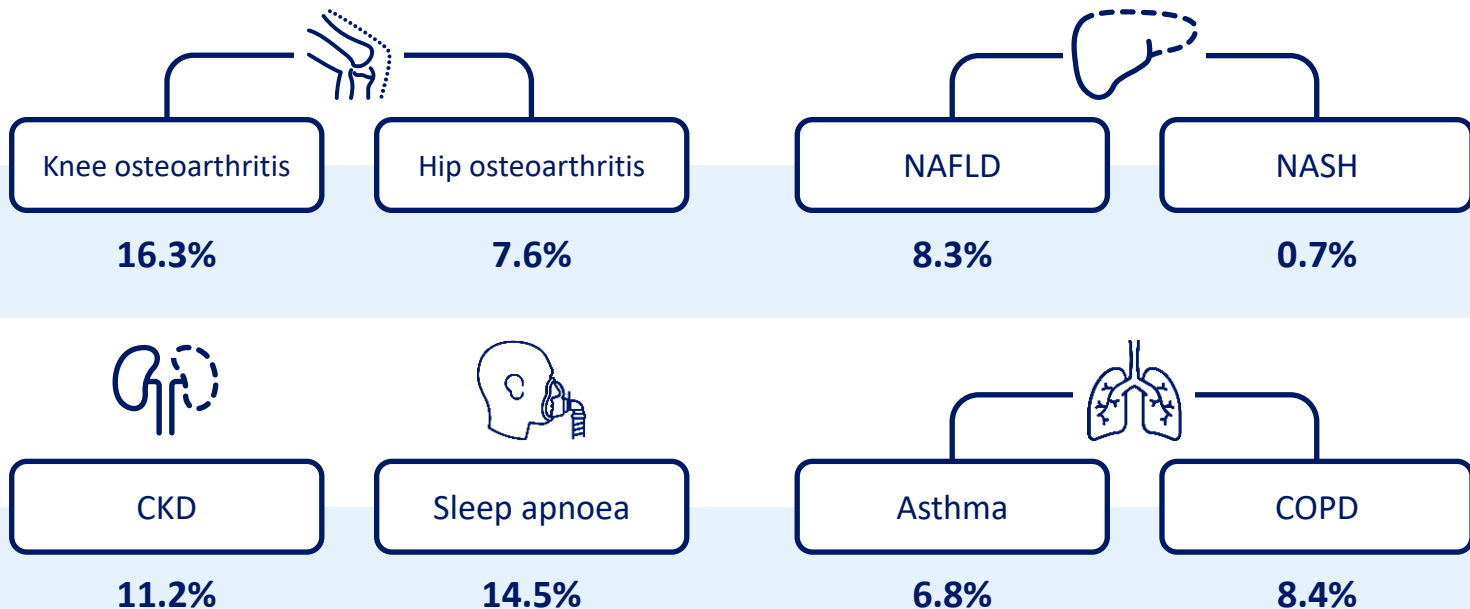


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- 1. supplementary of Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563

Baseline characteristics of trial participants (3/3)

SELECT: N=17,604

Obesity-related comorbidities



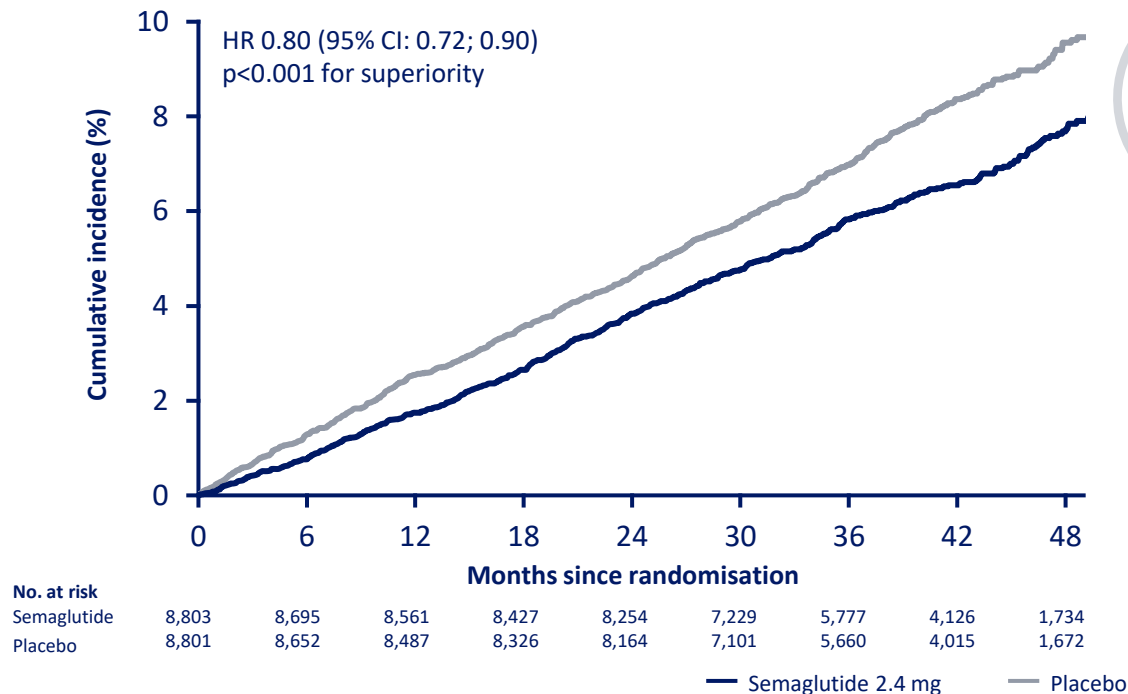
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Cumulative incidence of MACE

SELECT: Primary cardiovascular composite endpoint



20%

reduction in
risk of MACE*

Semaglutide 2.4 mg significantly reduced the risk of MACE by 20% compared with placebo in people with obesity and established CVD, without T2D^{1,2}



All three components (death from CV causes, non-fatal MI and non-fatal stroke) contributed to MACE risk reduction



Mean follow-up time was 39.8 months

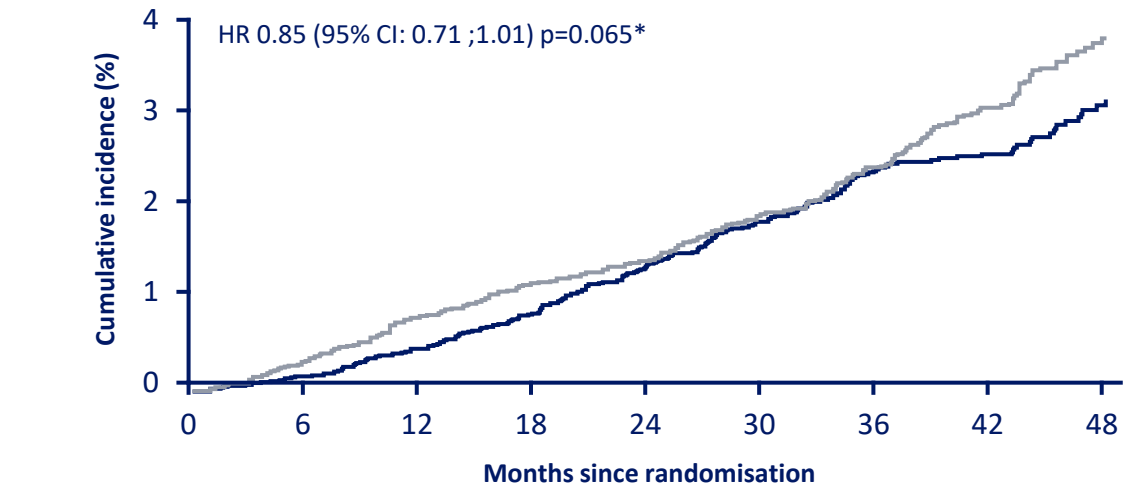
Cumulative incidence (using the Aalen-Johansen method) of the composite MACE primary endpoint. The HR was estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. The proportion of participants with MACE was 6.5% with semaglutide 2.4 mg and 8.0% with placebo. MACE was defined as death from CV causes, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

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Cumulative incidence of death from CV causes

SELECT: First confirmatory secondary endpoint



Semaglutide 2.4 mg reduced the risk of death from CV causes by **15%** compared with placebo

This result was not statistically significant, but suggests a benefit from semaglutide 2.4 mg

No. at risk

Semaglutide	8,803	8,748	8,673	8,584	8,465	7,452	5,988	4,315	1,832
Placebo	8,801	8,733	8,634	8,528	8,430	7,395	5,938	4,250	1,793

— Semaglutide 2.4 mg — Placebo

Cumulative incidence (using the Aalen-Johansen method) of the confirmatory secondary endpoints. The HR was estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. The proportion of participants with death from CV causes was 2.5% with semaglutide 2.4 mg and 3.0% with placebo.

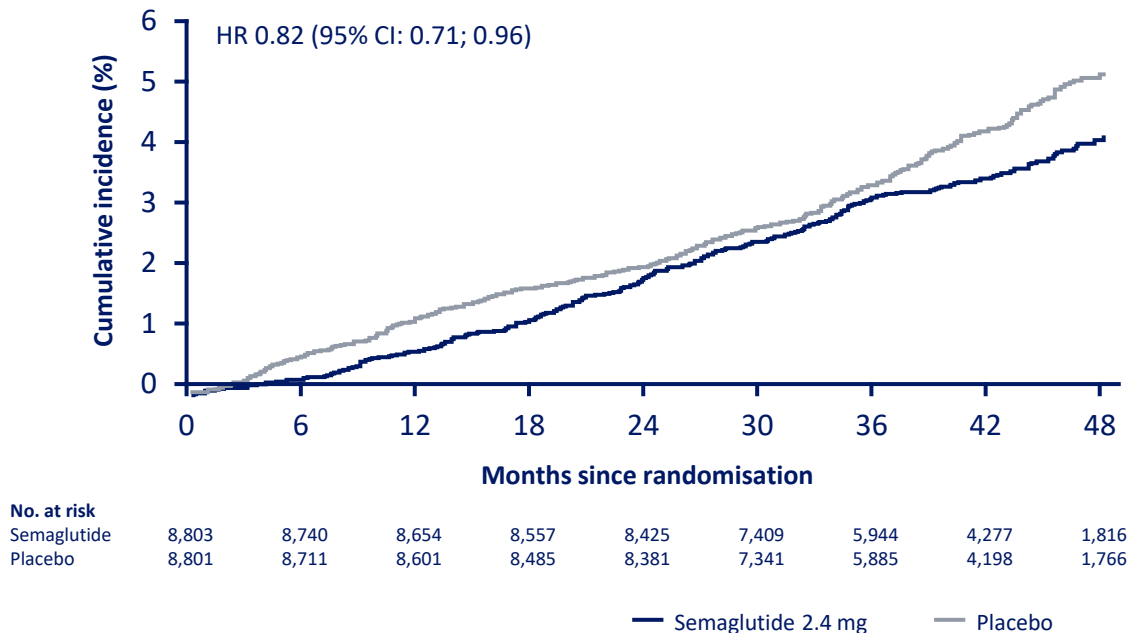
*Nominal significance level was 0.046.

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Cumulative incidence of composite heart failure events

SELECT: Second confirmatory secondary endpoint



Semaglutide 2.4 mg reduced the risk of composite HF events by 18%

compared with placebo

Although the 95% CI was <1, superiority testing was not performed per the hierarchical testing procedure*

Cumulative incidence (using the Aalen-Johansen method) of the confirmatory secondary endpoints. The HR was estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. The proportion of participants with composite heart failure events was 3.4% with semaglutide 2.4 mg and 4.1% with placebo. Composite heart failure events included HF hospitalisation, urgent HF visit or CV-related death.

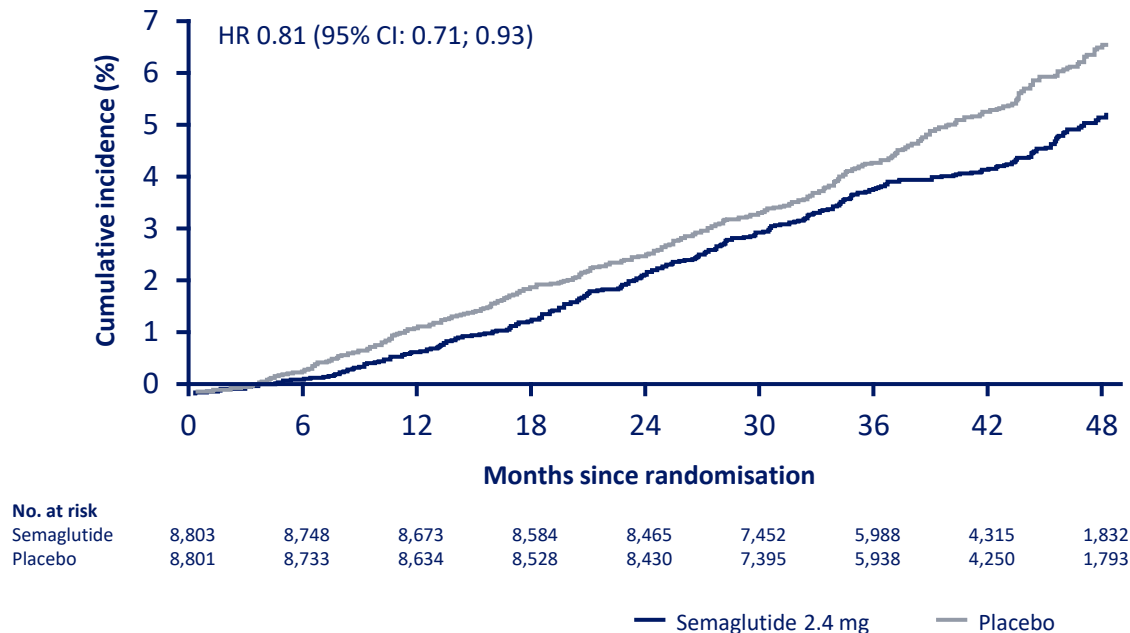
*The difference in the risk of death from CV causes did not meet the required p value for hierarchical testing, so superiority testing for the remaining confirmatory secondary endpoints was not performed.

CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; HR, hazard ratio.

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Cumulative incidence of death from any cause

SELECT: Third confirmatory secondary endpoint



Semaglutide 2.4 mg reduced the risk of death from any cause by **19%** compared with placebo

Although the 95% CI was <1, superiority testing was not performed per the hierarchical testing procedure*

Cumulative incidence (using the Aalen-Johansen method) of the confirmatory secondary endpoints. The HR was estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. The proportion of participants with death from any cause was 4.3% with semaglutide 2.4 mg and 5.2% with placebo. *The difference in the risk of death from CV causes did not meet the required p value for hierarchical testing, so superiority testing for the remaining confirmatory secondary endpoints was not performed.

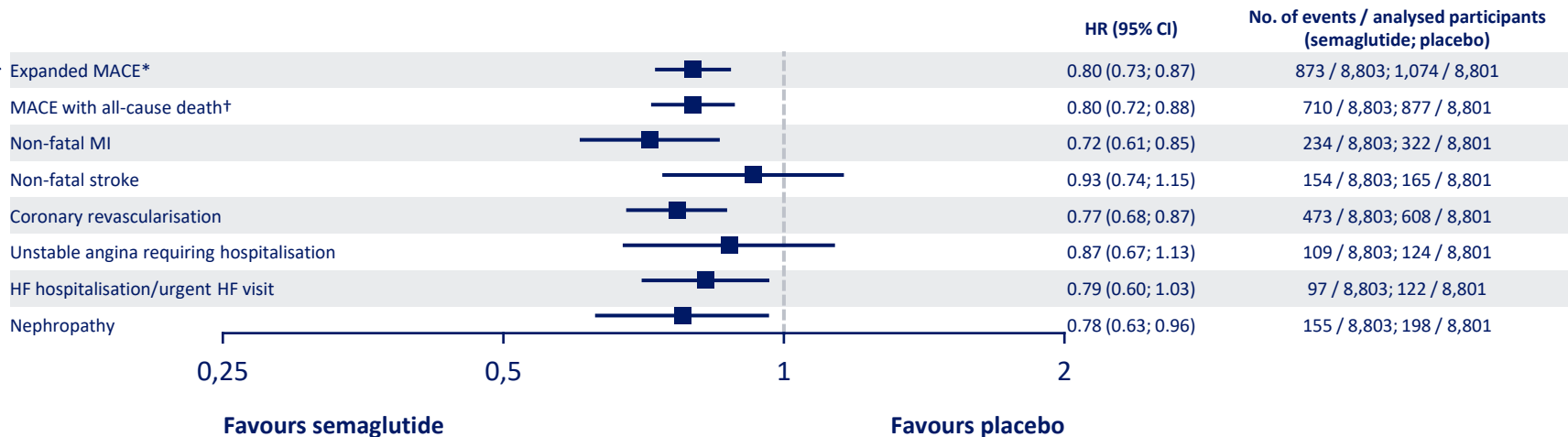
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Secondary CV endpoints

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Semaglutide 2.4 mg had **consistent beneficial effects** across measured CV endpoints



HRs were estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. Widths of the CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity.

*Death from CV causes, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, coronary revascularisation or unstable angina requiring hospitalisation. †All-cause death, non-fatal MI or non-fatal stroke.

CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction.

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Change in body weight (%)

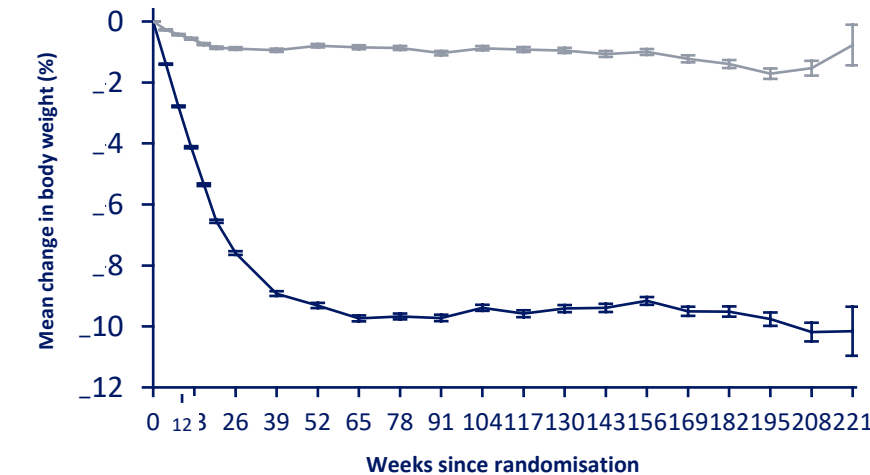
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Observed change from baseline over time

Mean baseline body weight, kg:

Semaglutide 2.4 mg: 96.5

Placebo: 96.8



No. of participants

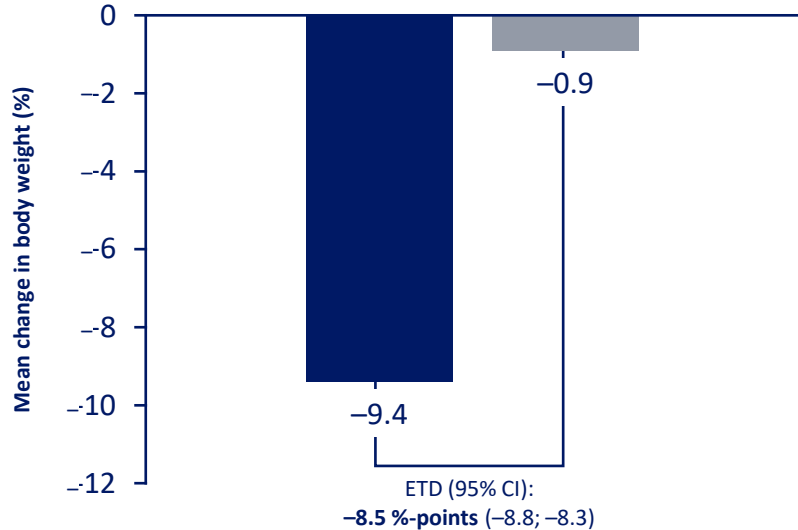
Semaglutide	8,803	7,647	7,493	6,690	7,290	6,447	7,282	6,460	7,474	5,991	5,898	4,686	5,085	3,650	2,954	1,737	921	157
Placebo	8,801	7,715	7,516	6,704	7,269	6,340	7,272	6,392	7,378	5,871	5,879	4,583	5,014	3,560	2,890	1,698	898	152

— Semaglutide 2.4 mg

— Placebo

Error bars in the left-hand figure are 95% CI as calculated by 1.96 times the standard error. *Estimated using an ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate, using multiple imputation for missing values under a missing-at-random assumption. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity. ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; SD, standard deviation. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Estimated change from baseline to week 104*



Change in waist circumference

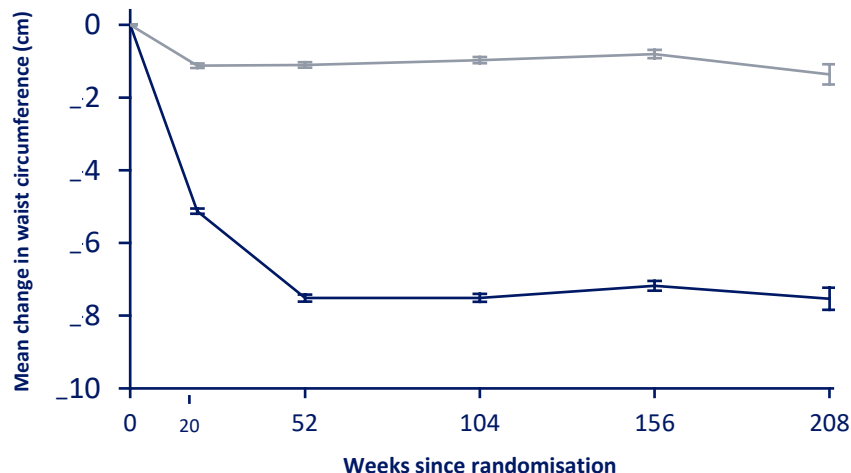
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Observed change from baseline over time

Mean (SD) baseline waist circumference, cm:

Semaglutide 2.4 mg: 111.3 (13.1)

Placebo: 111.4 (13.1)

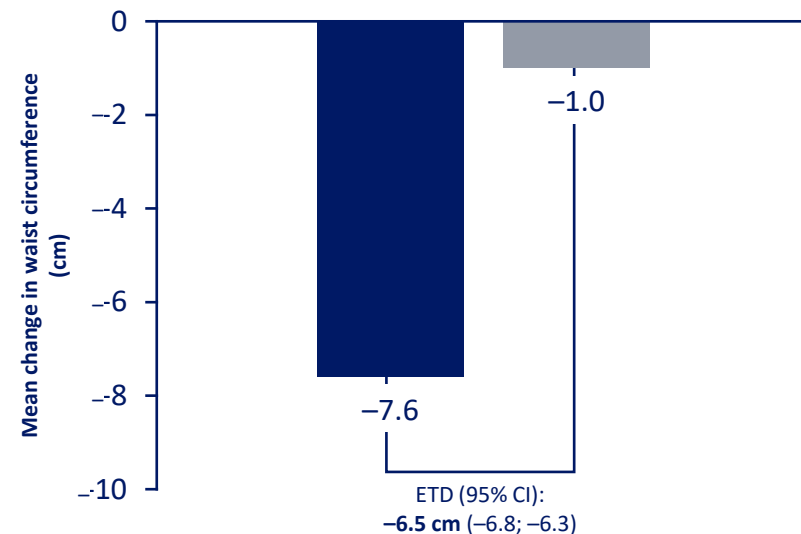


No. of participants

Semaglutide	8,759	7,507	7,193	7,373	5,013	912
Placebo	8,756	7,533	7,182	7,273	4,950	887

— Semaglutide 2.4 mg — Placebo

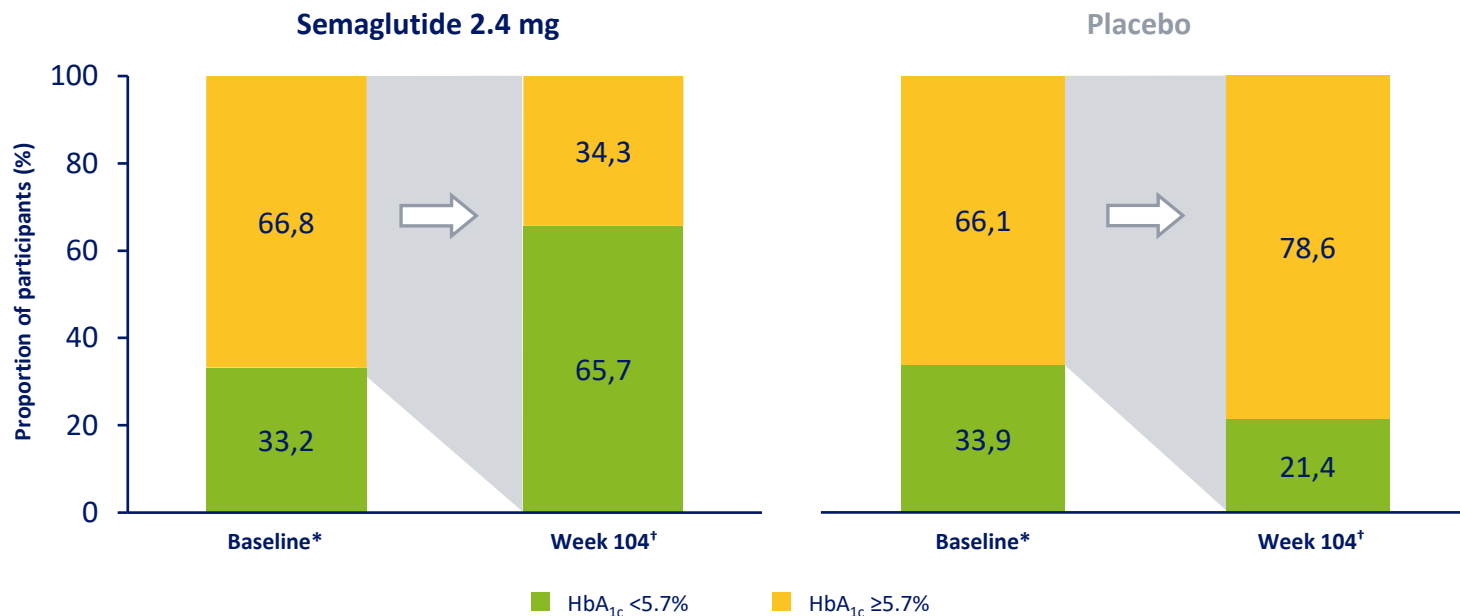
Estimated change from baseline to week 104*



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Change in HbA_{1c}

SELECT: Participants with baseline HbA_{1c} ≥5.7%



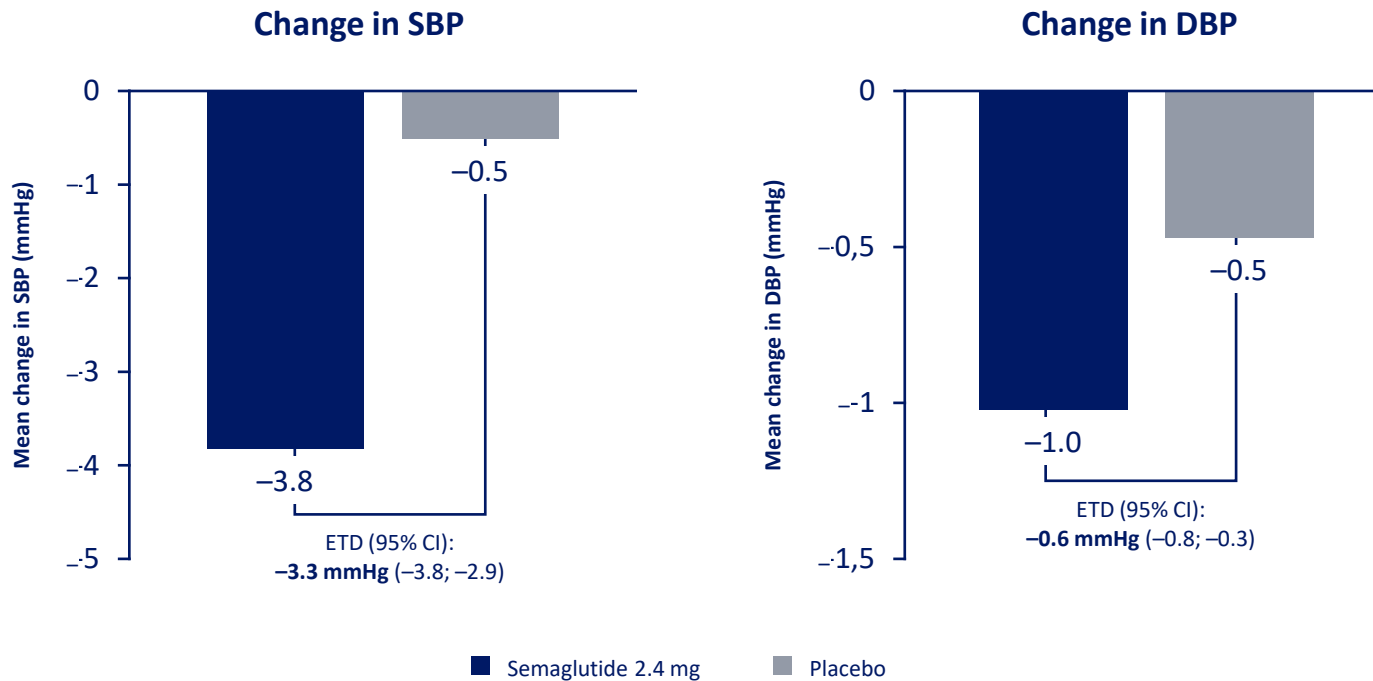
Proportions estimated using logistic regression with treatment as factor and baseline HbA_{1c} as a covariate. *Number of participants with HbA_{1c} ≥5.7% at baseline was 5,877 for semaglutide and 5,819 for placebo. †Number of participants with HbA_{1c} ≥5.7% at baseline and evaluable data (assessment or imputation) at week 104 was 5,750 for semaglutide and 5,663 for placebo.

CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; HbA_{1c}, glycated haemoglobin.

Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Change in blood pressure (mmHg)

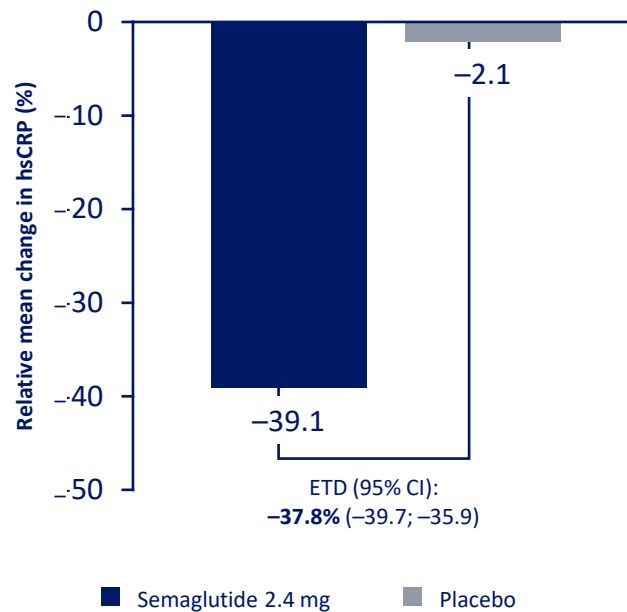
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*Change from baseline to week 104, estimated using ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity.
ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; CI, confidence interval; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; ETD, estimated treatment difference; SBP, systolic blood pressure.
Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.*

Change in hsCRP (%)

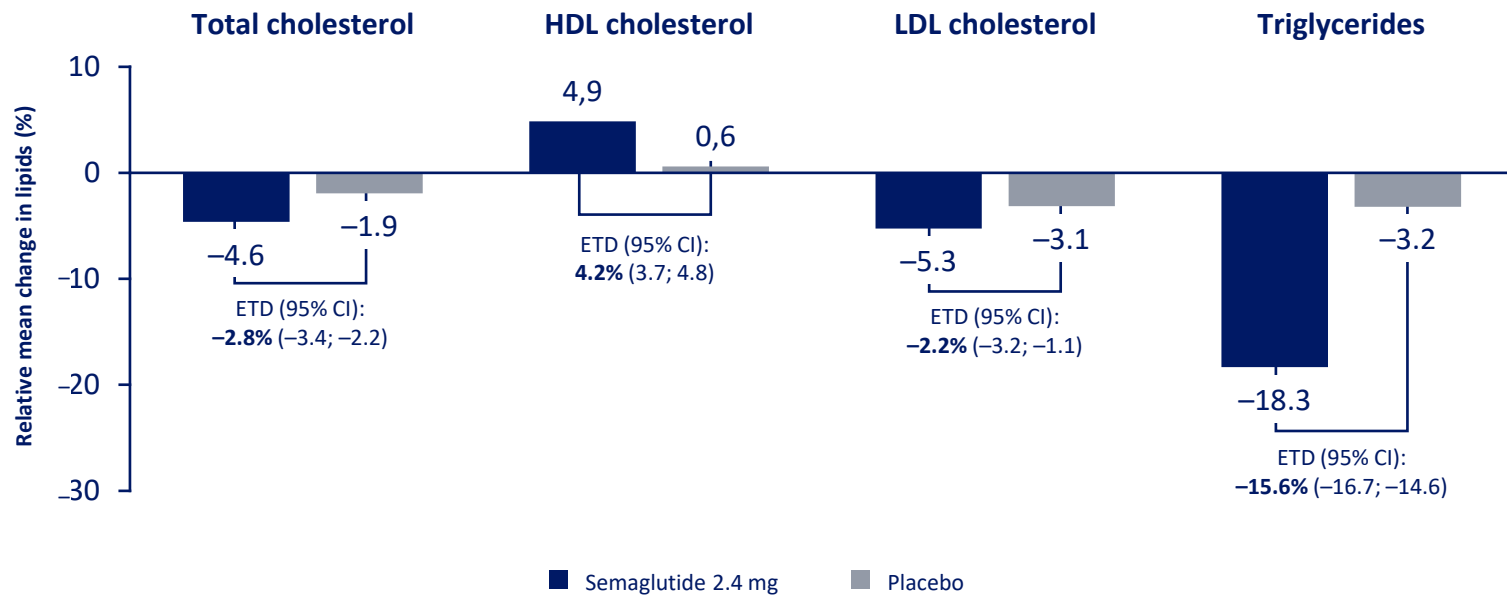
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Relative changes from baseline (log-transformed before analysis) to week 104, estimated using ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity. ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Change in lipids (%)

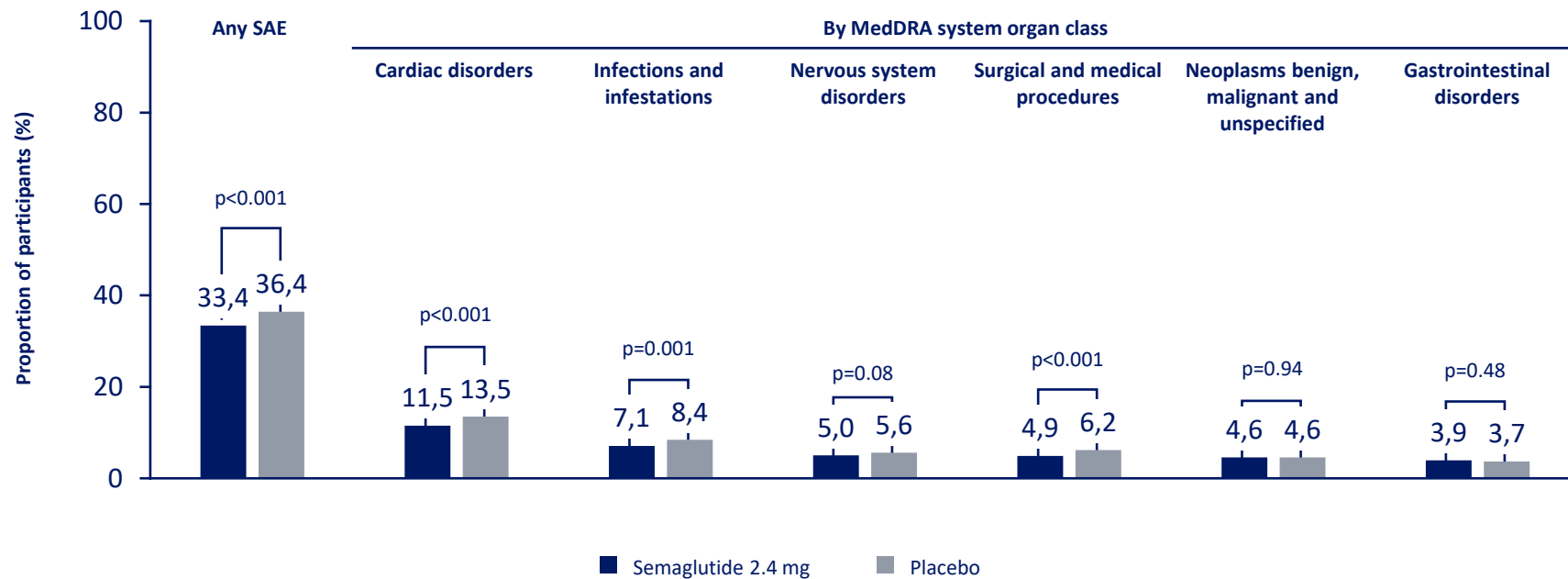
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Relative changes from baseline (log-transformed before analysis) to week 104, estimated using ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity. ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein. Lincoff AM et al. *N Engl J Med* 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Serious adverse events

SELECT



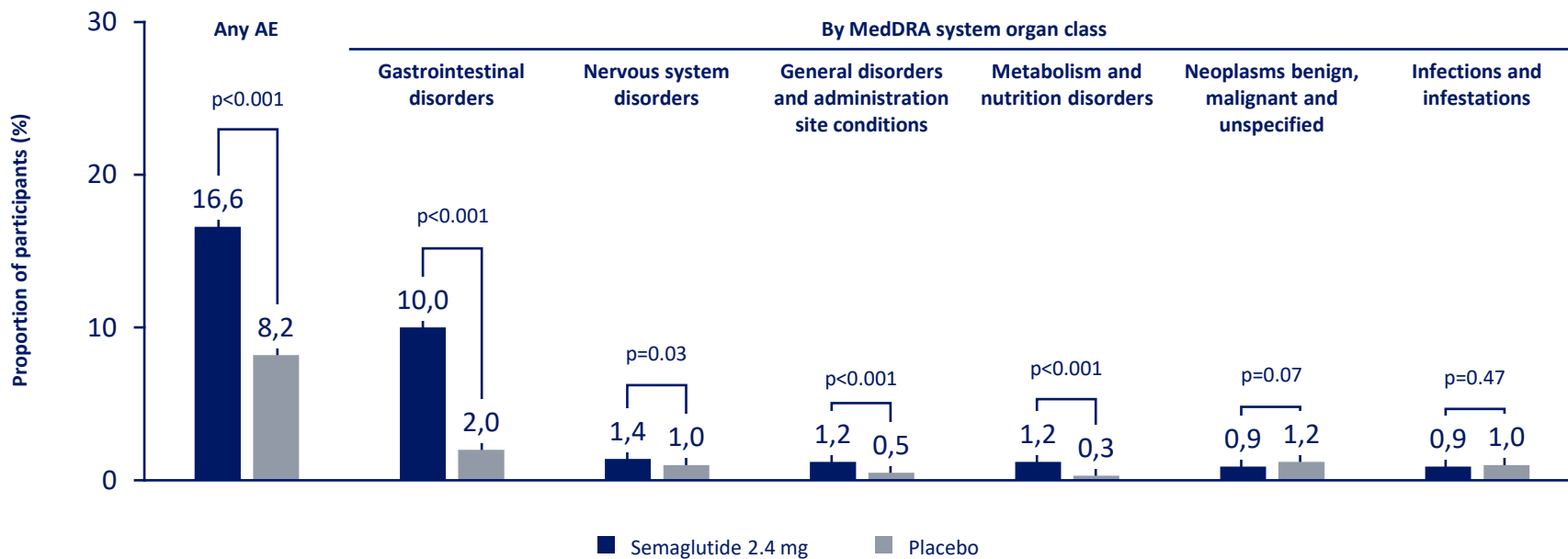
Two-sided p-values from Fisher's exact test for test of no difference.

MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; SAE, serious adverse event.

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Permanent discontinuations due to adverse events

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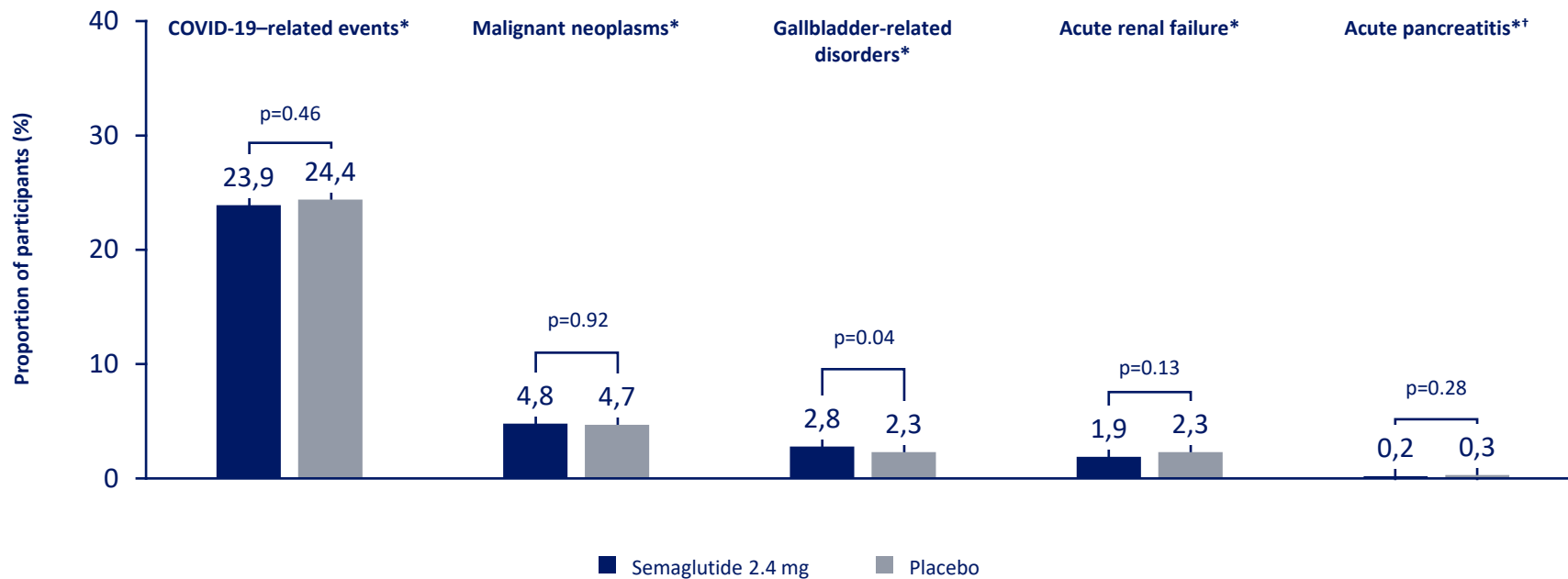
Two-sided p-values from Fisher's exact test for test of no difference.

AE, adverse event; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities.

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Prespecified adverse events of special interest

SELECT



*Based on prespecified MedDRA queries. †Confirmed by the EAC. Investigators reported pancreatitis (acute or other type) events in 29 participants (0.3%) in the semaglutide group and 30 participants (0.3%) in the placebo group.
AE, adverse event; EAC, Events Adjudication Committee; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities.
Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Conclusions from SELECT



Semaglutide 2.4 mg significantly reduced risk of MACE by 20% vs placebo in people with established CVD and overweight or obesity without T2D, with consistent effects across participant subgroups^{1,2}



Semaglutide 2.4 mg had consistent beneficial effects across measured CV endpoints¹

Results suggest a benefit with semaglutide on the risk of CV death, HF composite endpoints and all-cause death (risk reduction for CV-related death did not reach statistical significance and other endpoints were not tested)¹



Semaglutide 2.4 mg improved multiple modifiable risk factors known to drive CV events, such as body weight, waist circumference, blood pressure, lipids and hsCRP¹



SELECT safety findings were consistent with previous trials with semaglutide¹⁻³



This is the first time a weight management medication has shown a reduction in CV events in people with established CVD and overweight or obesity, without T2D¹

CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

1. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563; 2. American College of Cardiology, SELECT: Semaglutide Reduces Risk of MACE in Adults With Overweight or Obesity, Accessed October 2023, <https://www.acc.org/Latest-in-Cardiology/Articles/2023/08/10/14/29/SELECT-Semaglutide-Reduces-Risk-of-MACE-in-Adults-With-Overweight-or-Obesity>; 3. Bergman NC et al. Diabetes Obes Metab 2023;25:18–35.

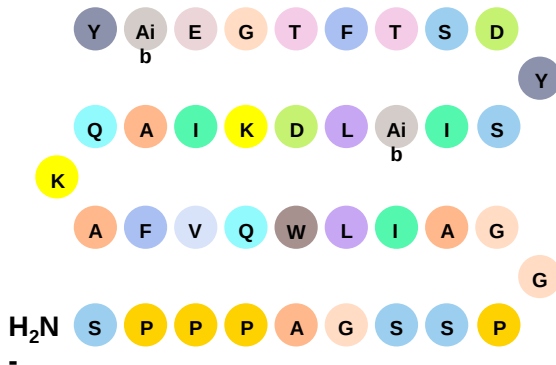
TIRZEPATIDE



Tirzepatide: A Brief Description

- Tirzepatide is a long-acting GIP receptor and GLP-1 receptor agonist¹
- It is an amino acid sequence including a C20 fatty diacid moiety that enables albumin binding and prolongs the half-life¹
- Mean half-life of approximately 5 days (116.7 h), enabling once-weekly dosing¹
- Its plasma concentrations in patients with renal and hepatic impairment do not differ from those in healthy people²

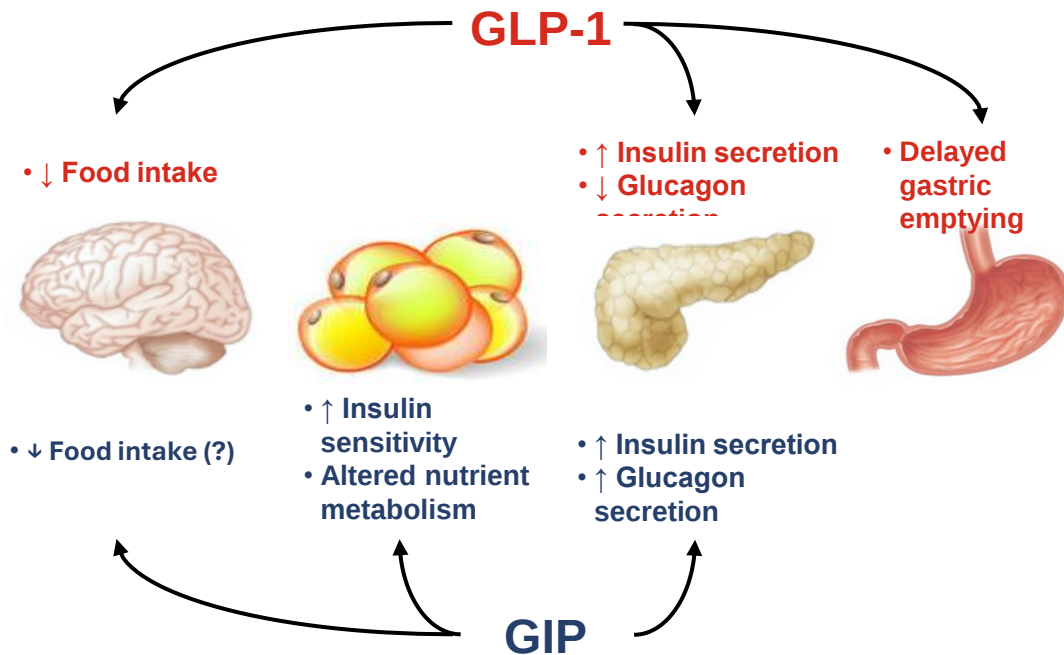
C20 diacid- γ -Glu-
(AEEA)₂-



Schematic Structure of Tirzepatide

GIP and GLP-1 Receptor Agonist: Potential Mechanism of Action

- GLP-1 has suggested direct actions in the CNS, islets, and stomach^{1,2}
- GIP has shown potential actions in research in the CNS (preclinical), adipose tissue (clinical and preclinical), and islets (clinical and preclinical)²⁻⁴
- A single-molecule GIP/GLP-1 receptor agonist may enable therapeutic actions that are improved over the sum of GIP and GLP-1 single-receptor agonism^{5,6}



CNS=central nervous system; GIP=glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide; GLP-1=glucagon-like peptide-1.

1. Müller TD, et al. *Mol Metab.* 2019;30:72-130. 2. Seino Y, et al. *J Diabetes Investig.* 2010;1(1-2):8-23. 3. Fukuda M. *Diabetes.* 2021;70(8):dbi210001. 4. Nauck MA, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab.* 2021;23(3):5-29. 5. Samms RJ, et al. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2020;31(6):410-421. 6. Bastin M, et al. *Diabetes Metab Syndr Obes.* 2019;12:1973-1985.

Focus Areas for Tirzepatide Clinical MoA Research

Tirzepatide



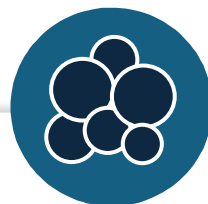
Glycemic control

- Beta-cell function
- Insulin sensitivity
- Glucagon secretion



Weight reduction

- Body Composition
- Food intake
- Appetite Regulation
- Modified lipid oxidation



Lipid metabolism

- Plasma lipid control



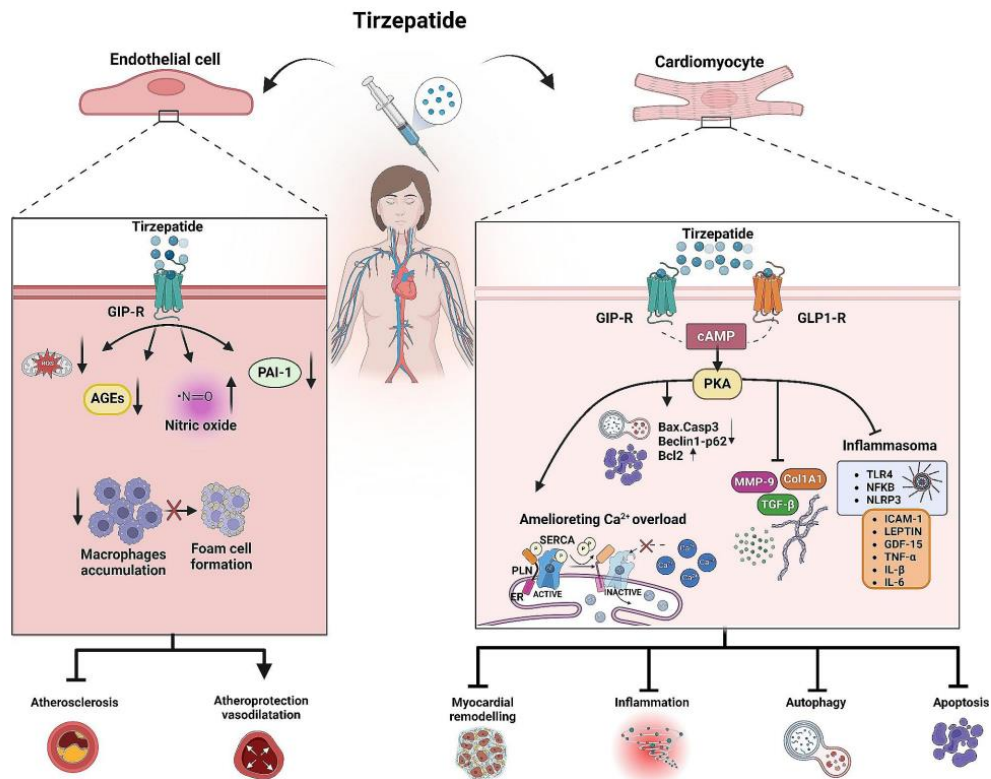
Cardiorenal Effects

- Heart Rate
- Blood Pressure
- Renal Function

MoA=mechanism of action.

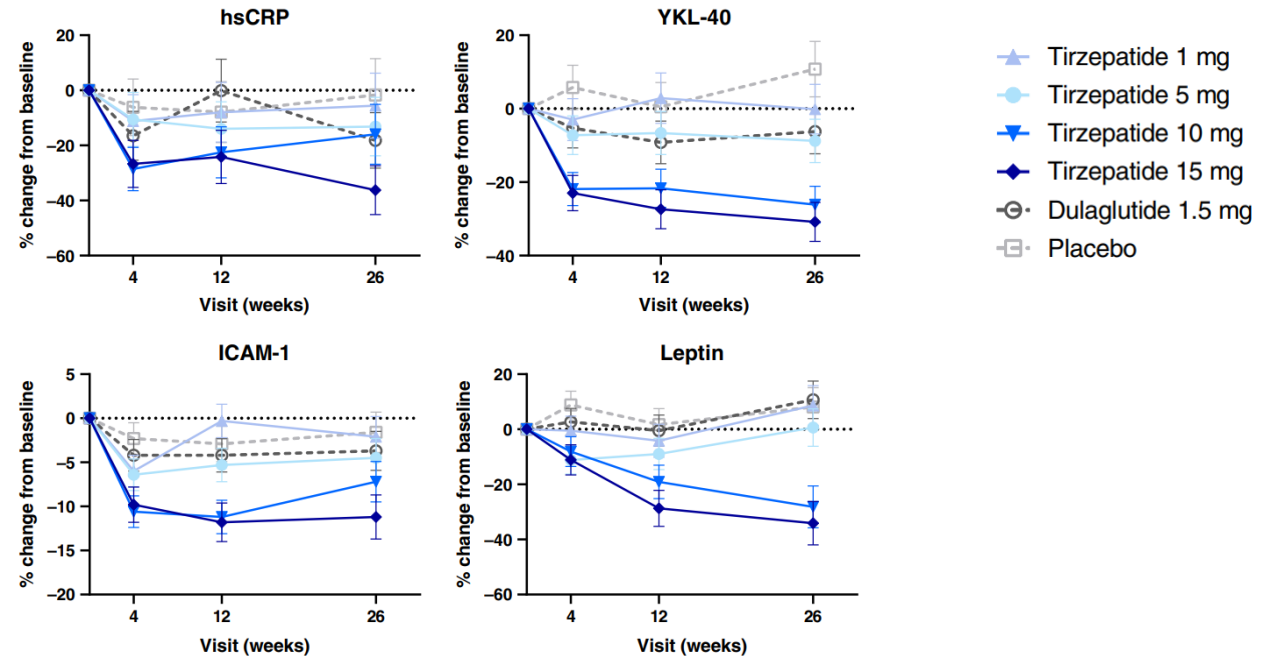
1. Heise T, et al. Oral presentation at: ADA 2022. Abstract 338-OR. 2. Heise T, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2022;10(6):418-429. 3. Gastaldelli A, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2022;10(6):393-406. 4. Samms RJ, et al. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2020;31(6):410-421.

Comprehensive picture of molecular and cellular interaction relevant to beneficial effect of tirzepatide in metabolic and cardiovascular disorders



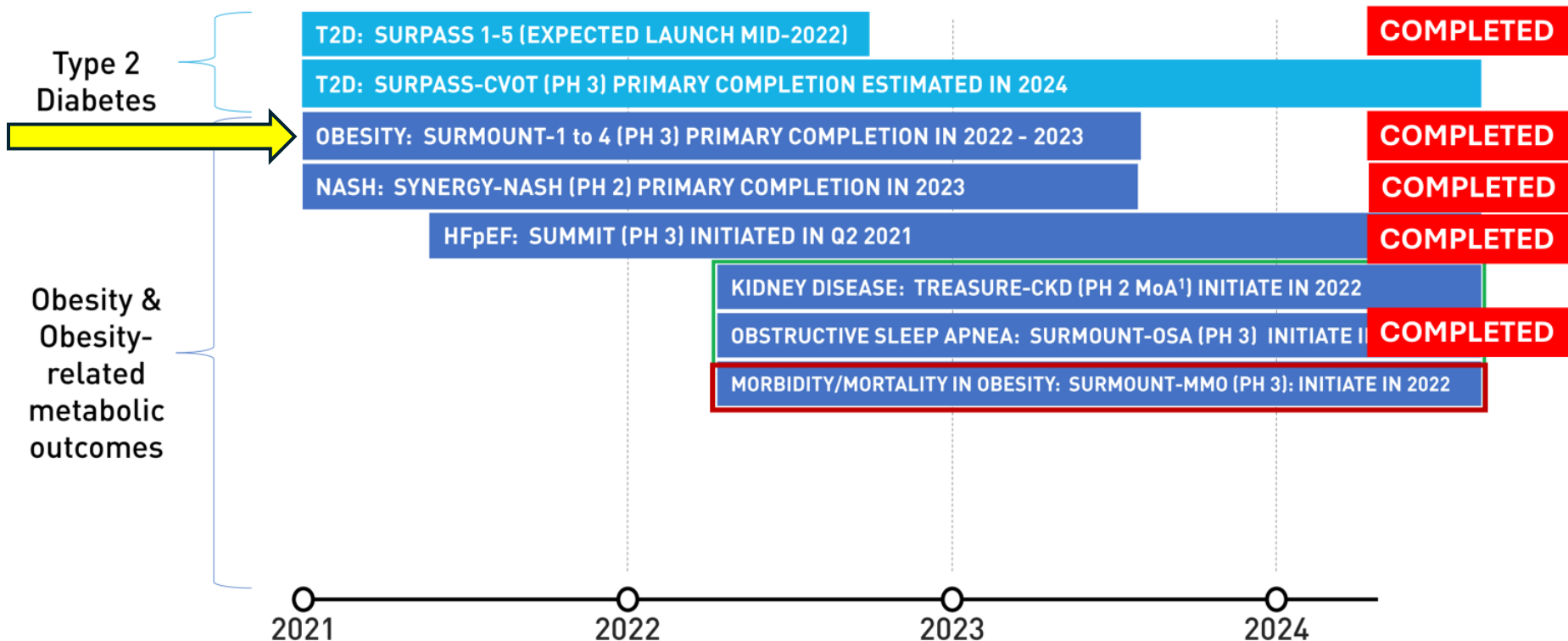
Tirzepatide decreased several biomarkers that have been associated with cardiovascular risk.

Percentage change from baseline over time in hsCRP, YKL-40, ICAM-1, and leptin



Jonathan M. Wilson. The dual glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist tirzepatide improves cardiovascular risk biomarkers in patients with type 2 diabetes: A post hoc analysis. *Diabetes Obes Metab.* 2022;24:148–153

Tirzepatide Clinical Development Program



¹Not an outcomes study;

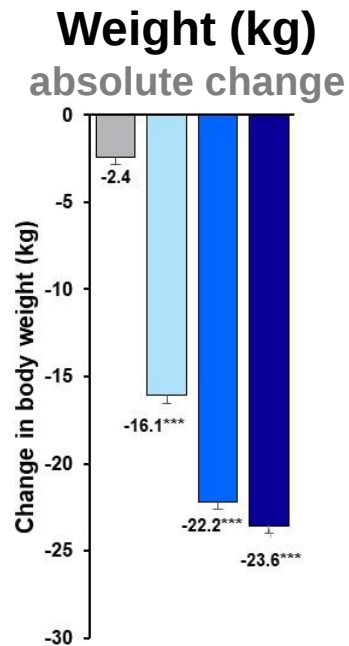
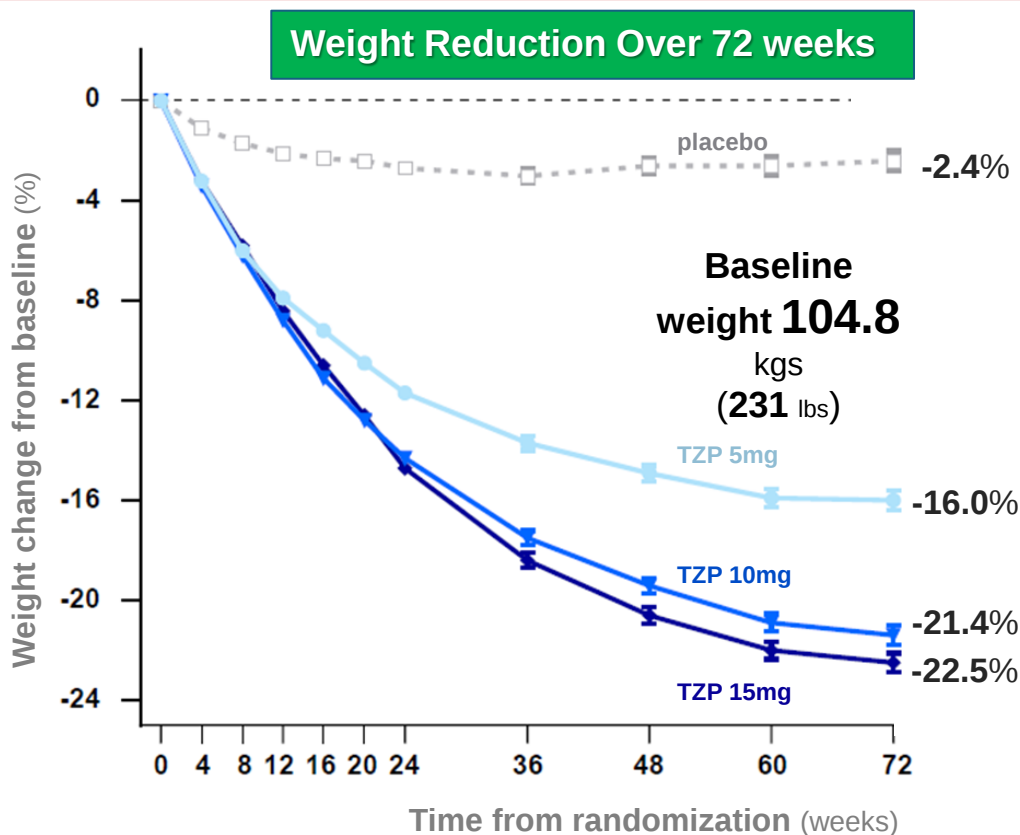
CKD/DKD = Chronic Kidney Disease/Diabetic Kidney Disease; CVOT = Cardiovascular Outcomes; HFpEF = Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction; MoA = Mechanism of Action; NASH = Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis; OSA = Obstructive Sleep Apnea; T2D = Type 2 Diabetes.

LeRoux, Jastreboff, Nissen SURMOUNT Symposium presented at the 2022 EASD annual meeting

SURMOUNT 1: Study in people with Obesity without Diabetes



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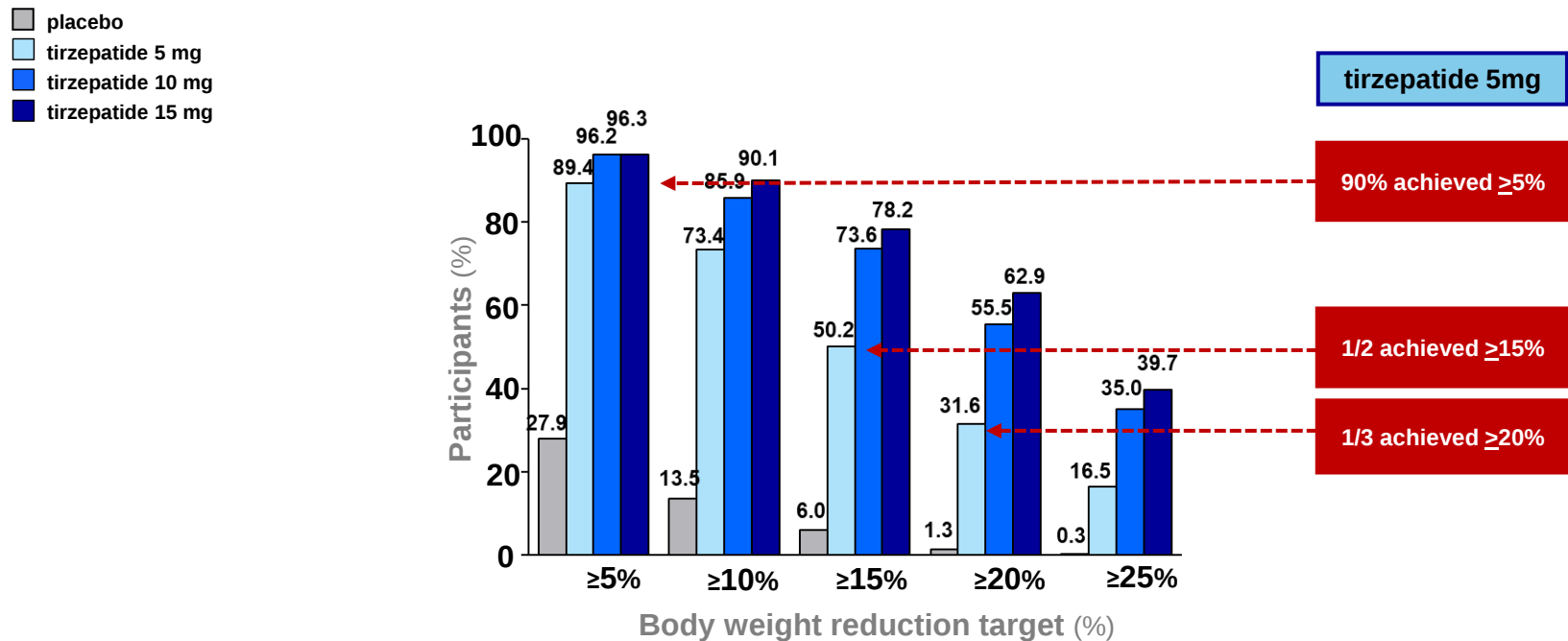


**Average
Weight Reduction
16-24 kg (35-52 lbs)**

TZP = Tirzepatide.

Jastreboff AM et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2022 Jul 21;387(3):205-216.

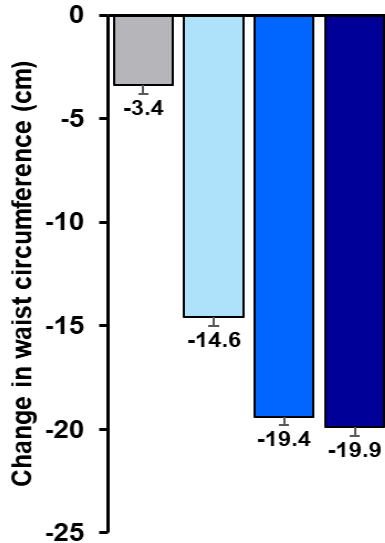
Percent of Participant Reaching Weight-Reduction Targets



Change in Waist Circumference

**Baseline
waist circumference
114.1 cm**

Waist Circumference absolute change (cm)

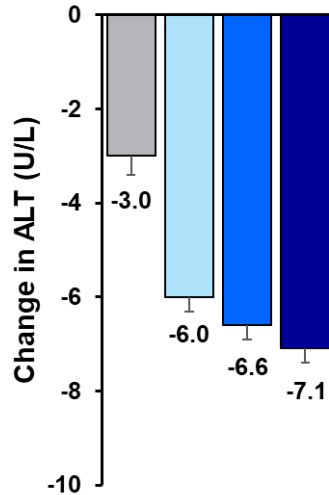


- placebo
- tirzepatide 5 mg
- tirzepatide 10 mg
- tirzepatide 15 mg

**Decrease in waist
circumference was
5 times greater
with tirzepatide
than with placebo**

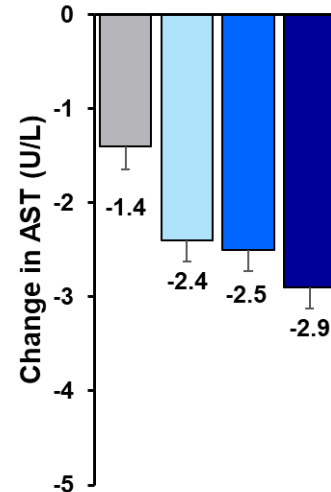
Change in Liver Enzymes

ALT (Alanine aminotransferase)
absolute change



Baseline ALT
23.4 U/L

AST (Aspartate aminotransferase)
absolute change



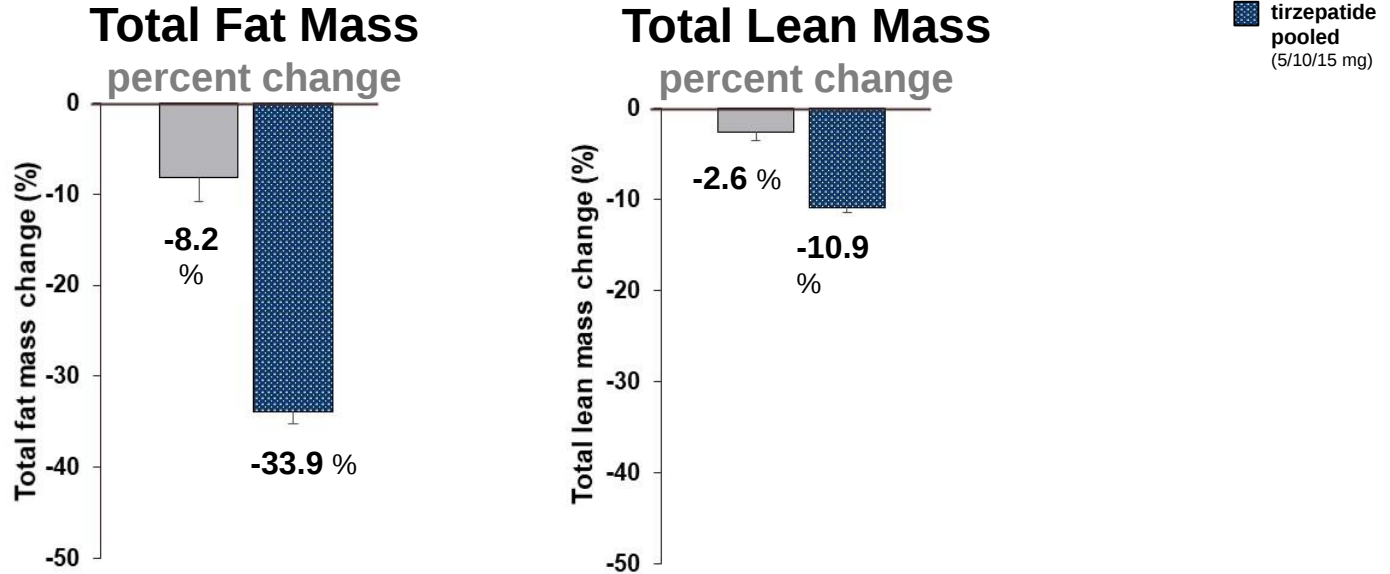
Baseline AST
20.6 U/L

placebo
tirzepatide 5 mg
tirzepatide 10 mg
tirzepatide 15 mg

The decrease in liver enzymes activity with tirzepatide needs to be explored further in studies to assess the potential benefit on liver health

Change in Body Composition (DXA)

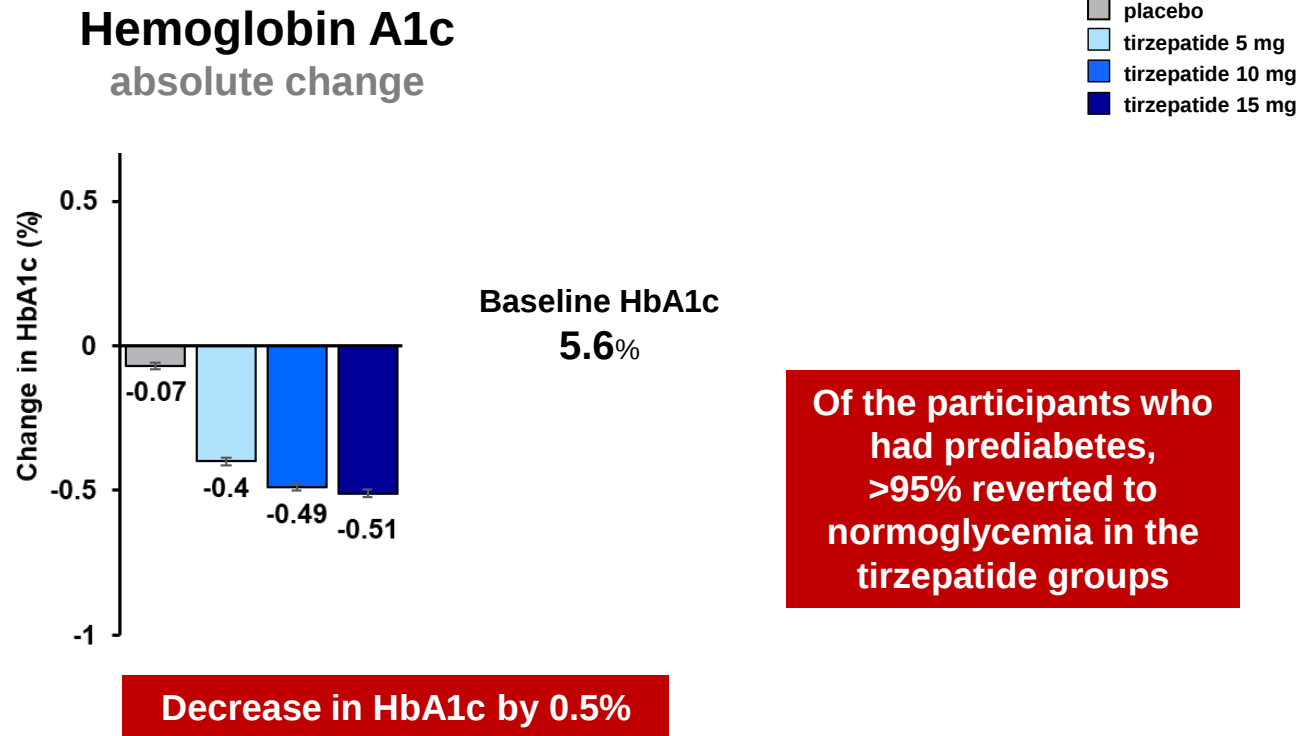
n = 160



As with lifestyle and surgical treatments, participants on tirzepatide had a ~3 times greater percent reduction in fat mass than lean mass, resulting in an overall improvement in body composition.

Additionally, participants on tirzepatide had significant improvements in visceral fat mass.

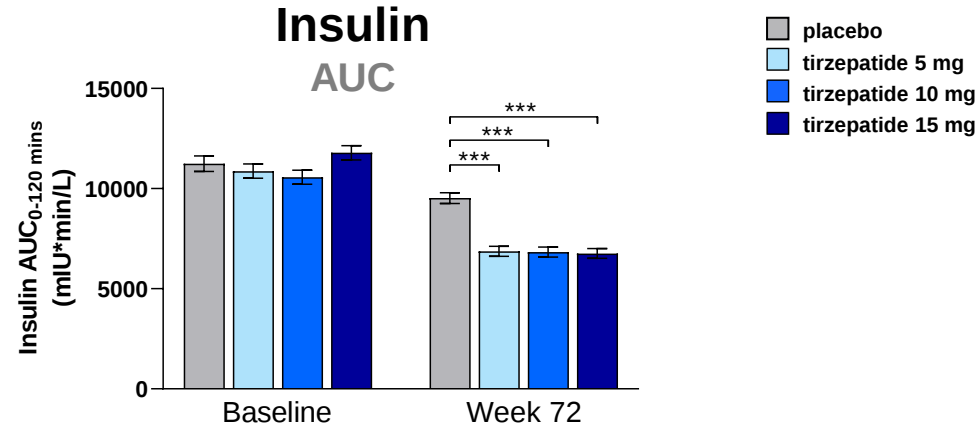
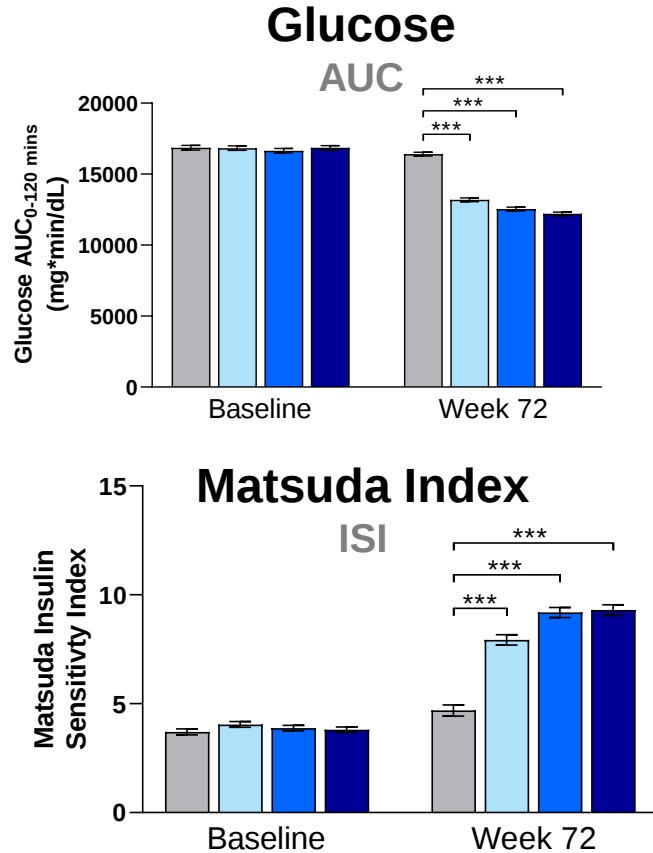
Change in HbA1c



HbA1c = Glycated Hemoglobin.

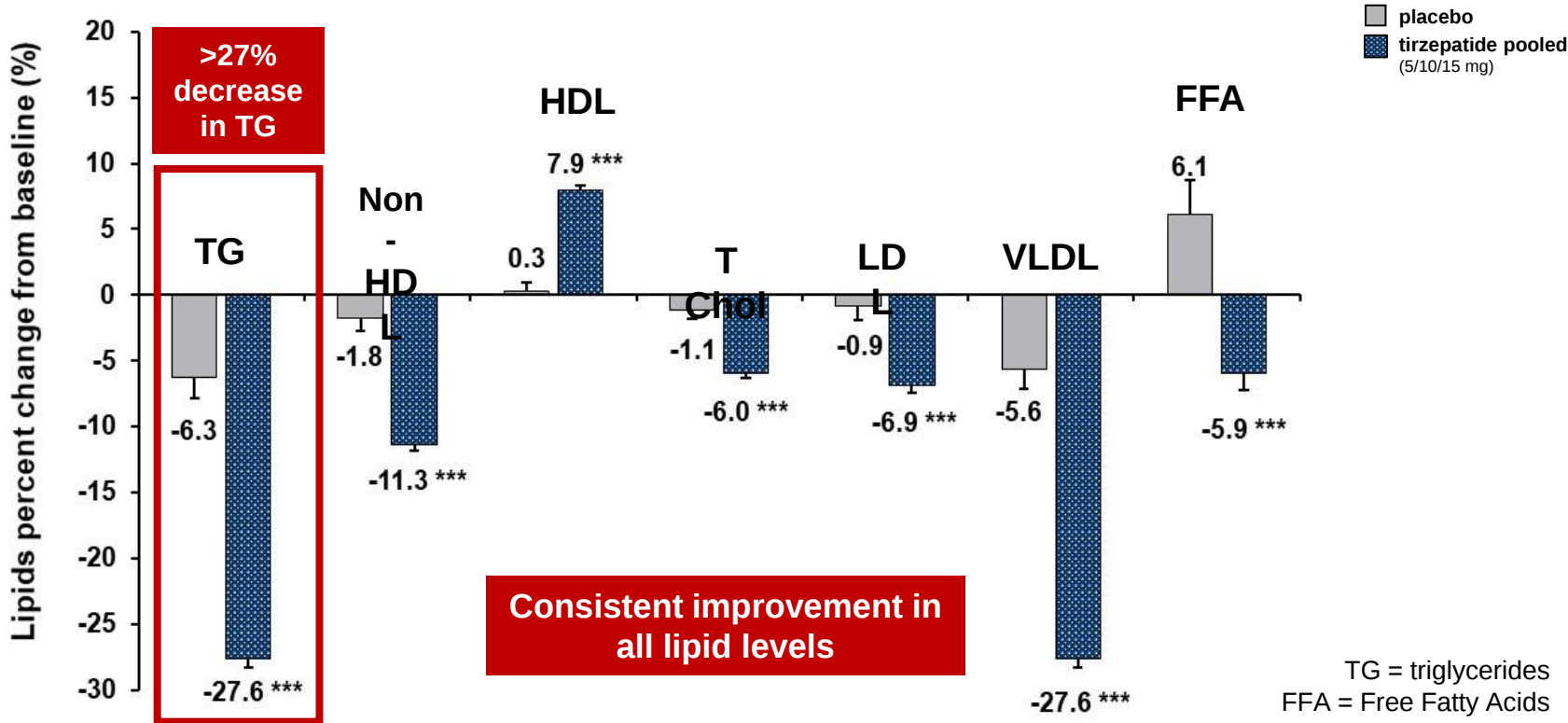
Jastreboff AM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2022. Jul 21;387(3):205-216

Insulin Sensitivity



Improvement in insulin sensitivity with all doses of tirzepatide at 72 weeks

Change in Lipids

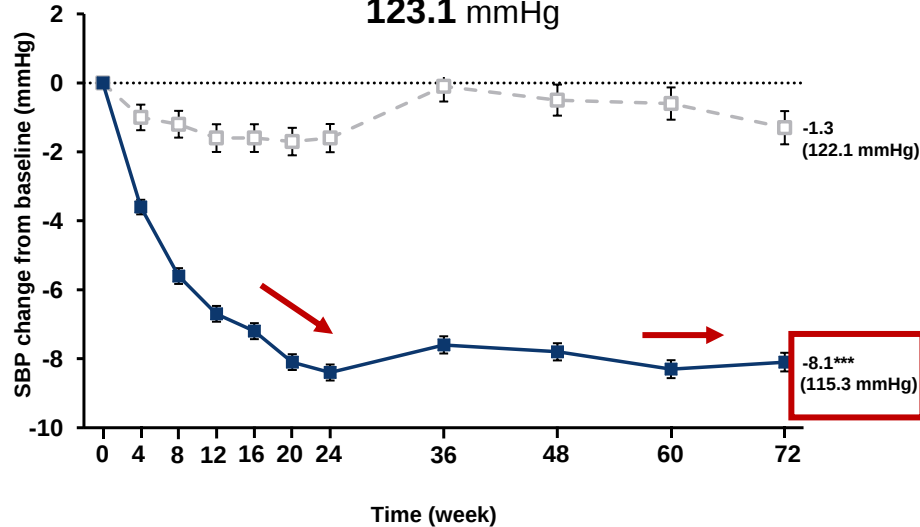


FFA = Free fatty acids; HDL = High-density lipoprotein; LDL = Low-density lipoprotein; T = Total; TG = Triglycerides; VLDL = Very low-density lipoprotein.

Change in Blood Pressure Over 72 weeks

Systolic Blood Pressure

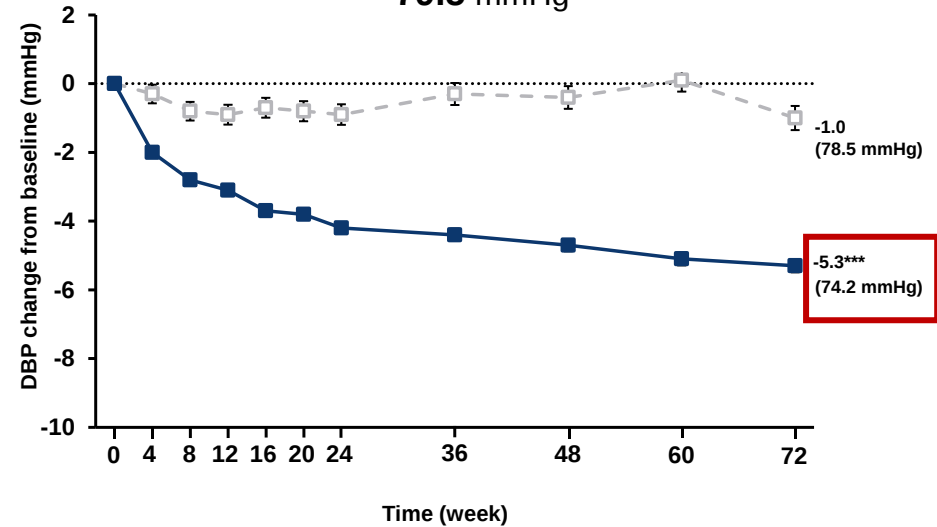
baseline SBP
123.1 mmHg



Improvement in blood pressure does not appear to be dependent on the high magnitude of weight reduction

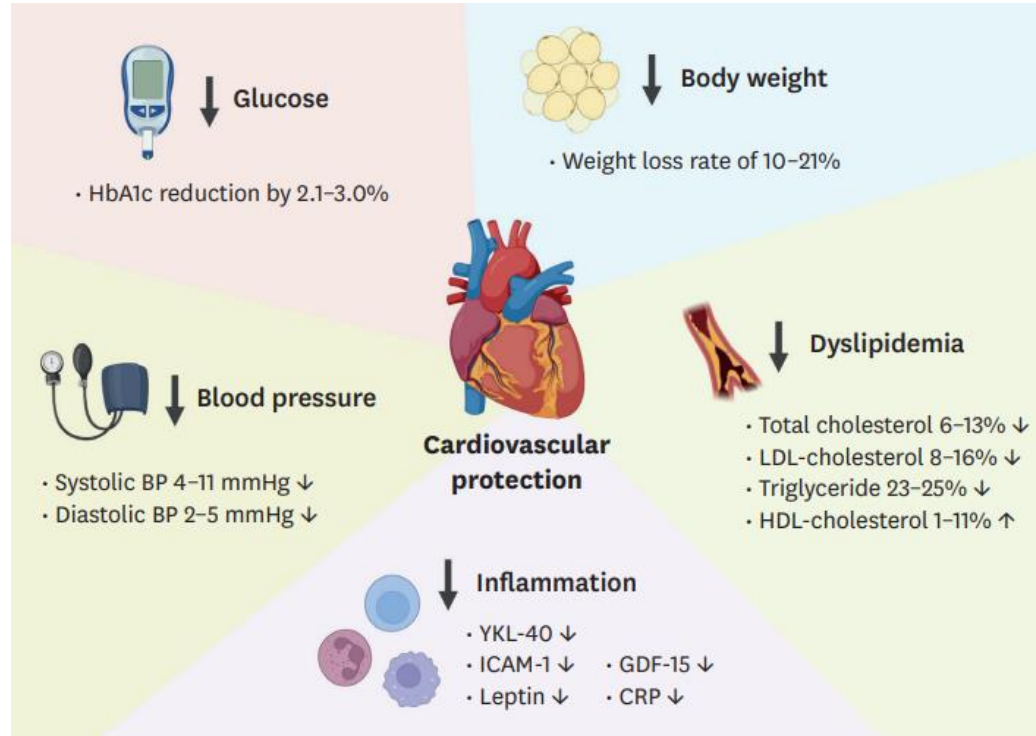
Diastolic Blood Pressure

baseline DBP
79.5 mmHg



placebo
tirzepatide pooled
(5/10/15 mg)

Potential mechanisms by which tirzepatide imparts cardiovascular benefits.





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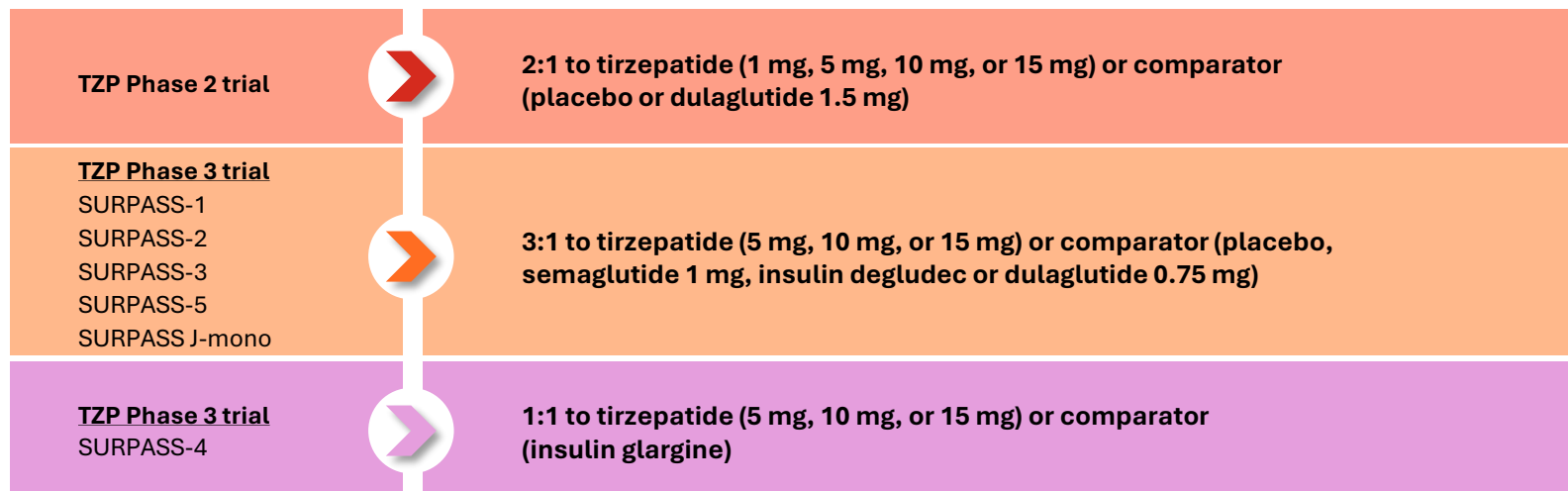
Tirzepatide cardiovascular event risk assessment: a pre-specified meta-analysis

Naveed Sattar ^{1,6} , Darren K. McGuire², Imre Pavo³, Govinda J. Weerakkody⁴, Hiroshi Nishiyama⁴, Russell J. Wiese⁴ and Sophia Zoungas ^{5,6} 

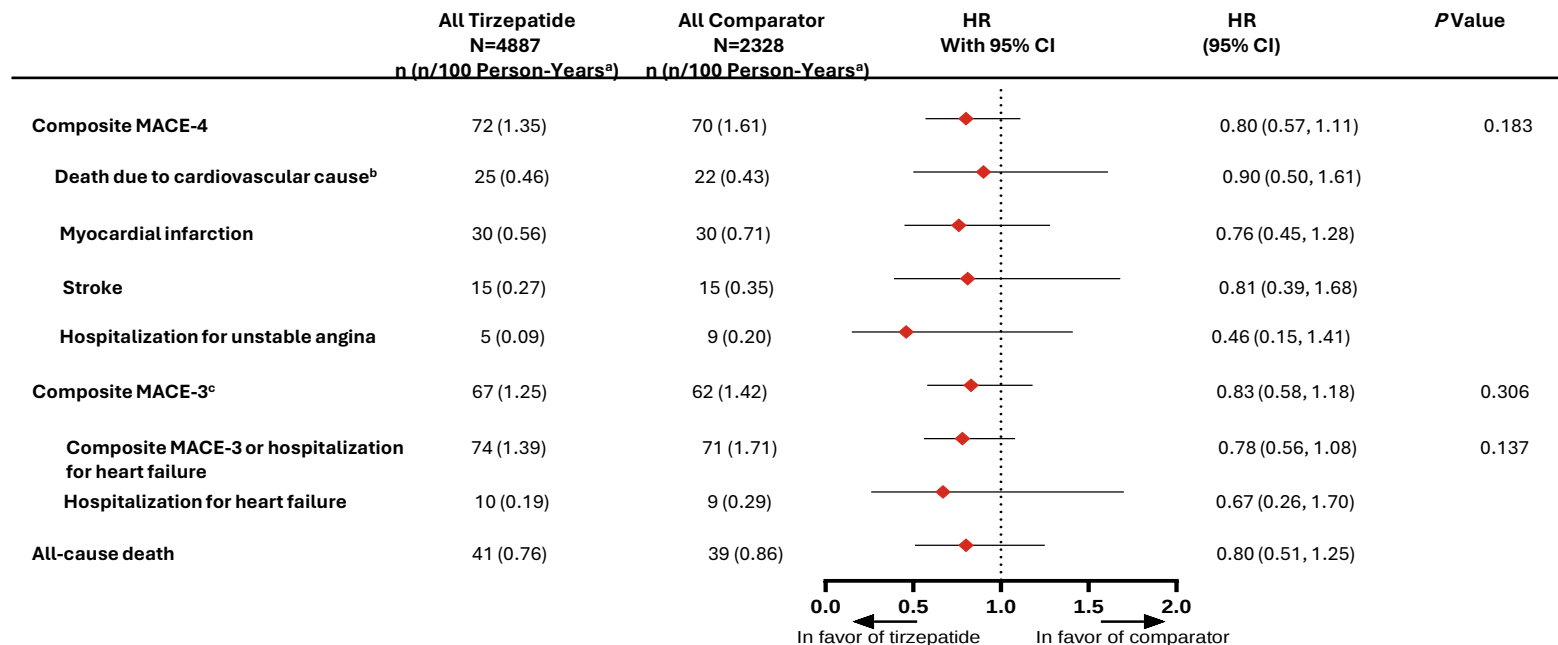
Study Design

Randomization

- The meta-analysis included centrally adjudicated MACEs from:
 - One Phase 2 study (26 weeks in duration)
 - Five international Phase 3 studies (40-52 weeks in duration)
 - One regional Phase 3 study (52 weeks in duration)



Primary and Secondary Cardiovascular Outcomes Confirmed by Centrally Blinded Adjudication



^aStrata size adjusted estimate. Strata are defined as trial-level cardiovascular risk (SURPASS-4 forms one stratum, and all other trials form one stratum). ^bDeath due to cardiovascular cause includes adjudication-confirmed deaths due to a cardiovascular or undetermined cause. ^cMACE-3 includes death due to cardiovascular or undetermined cause, myocardial infarction, or stroke.

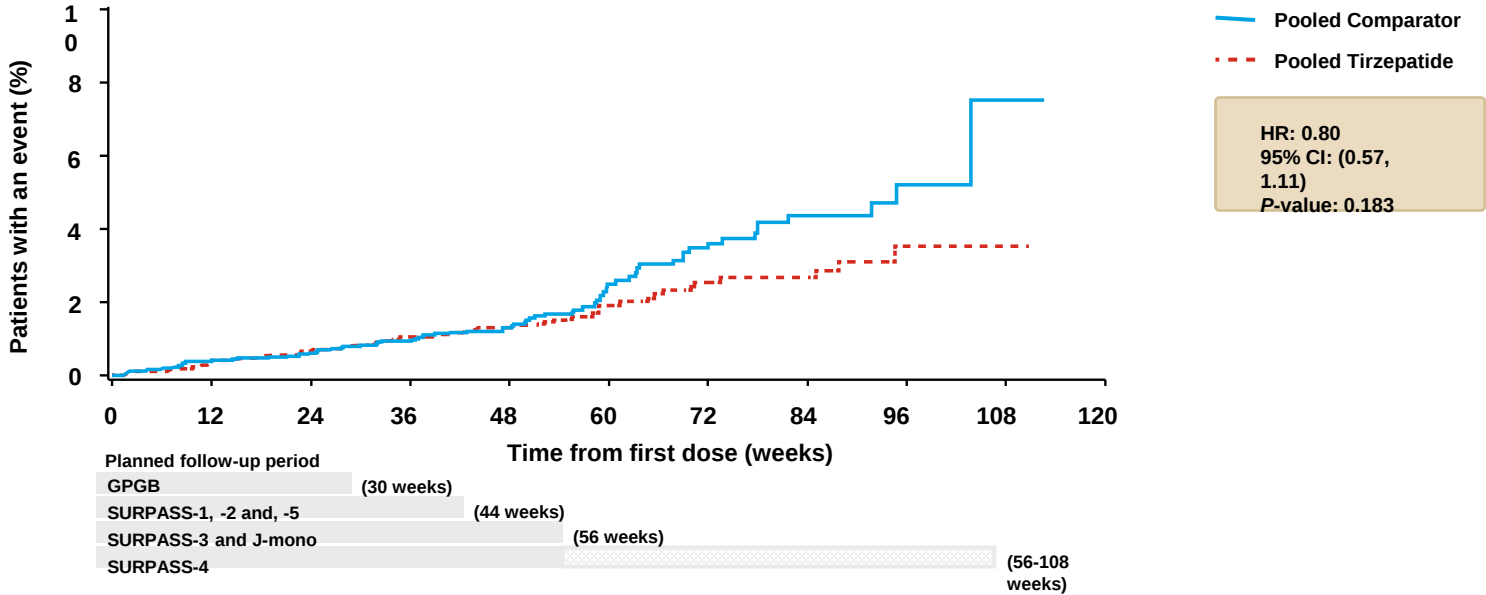
Note: P values were based on the Wald Chi-square test. Data are point estimate of HR (illustrated by the diamond symbol) and range of 2-sided 95% CI of the HR.

HR=Hazard Ratio; CI=Confidence Interval; MACE=Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event.

Sattar N, et al. *Nat Med.* 2022; (Ahead of Print).

Effect of Pooled Tirzepatide versus Pooled Comparator on Time to First Occurrence of Adjudication-Confirmed MACE-4 (Primary Outcome)

Adjusted Kaplan-Meier Plot



Cumulative number of events: Number of patients at risk

Pooled Tirzepatide: 0:4887 15:4813 28:4726 43:4477 53:2477 62:960 68:832 69:515 72:188 72:19 72:0

Pooled Comparator: 0:2328 13:2292 19:2250 28:2118 36:1438 52:914 62:794 67:496 69:172 70:14 70:0

Note: *P* values are based on the Wald Chi-square test. Gray bars represent the planned follow-up period for trials GPGB (30 weeks), SURPASS-1, SURPASS-2 and SURPASS-5 (44 weeks), SURPASS-3 and SURPASS J-mono (56 weeks), and SURPASS-4 (56-108 weeks).

HR=Hazard Ratio; CI=Confidence Interval; MACE=Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event.

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2024 ESC Guidelines for the management of chronic coronary syndromes

Developed by the task force for the management of chronic coronary syndromes of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

ESC Guidelines recommendations on GLP-1RAs

- Glucose-lowering medications with effects on weight loss (e.g. GLP-1RAs) should be considered in patients with T2DM with overweight or obesity to reduce weight (Class IIa, level of evidence B).⁶¹
- GLP-1RAs with proven CV benefit (liraglutide, semaglutide s.c., dulaglutide, efpeglenatide) are recommended in patients with T2DM and atherosclerotic CVD to reduce CV events, independent of baseline or target HbA1c and independent of concomitant glucose-lowering medication (Class I, level of evidence A).⁶¹
- The GLP-1 RA semaglutide should be considered in overweight (BMI >27 kg/m²) or obese chronic coronary syndrome patients without diabetes to reduce CV mortality, MI, or stroke. (Class IIa, level of evidence B).¹⁵⁵

NEW FRONTIERS



Gut Hormone Monotherapies in Development

FGF-21

FGF-21 analogs (phase 1, 2)^[a-c]

Ghrelin/GOAT

GOAT inhibitor (phase 2)^[d]

GDF-15

LA-GDF-15 (phase 1)^[e]
GDF-15 agonist (phase 1)^[e]

GIP

Long-acting GIPR agonist (phase 1)^[e]
GIPR agonist (preclinical)^[e]

GLP-1RA

Receptor agonists (phase 1, 2, 3)^[e]

GLP-1R and GcgR

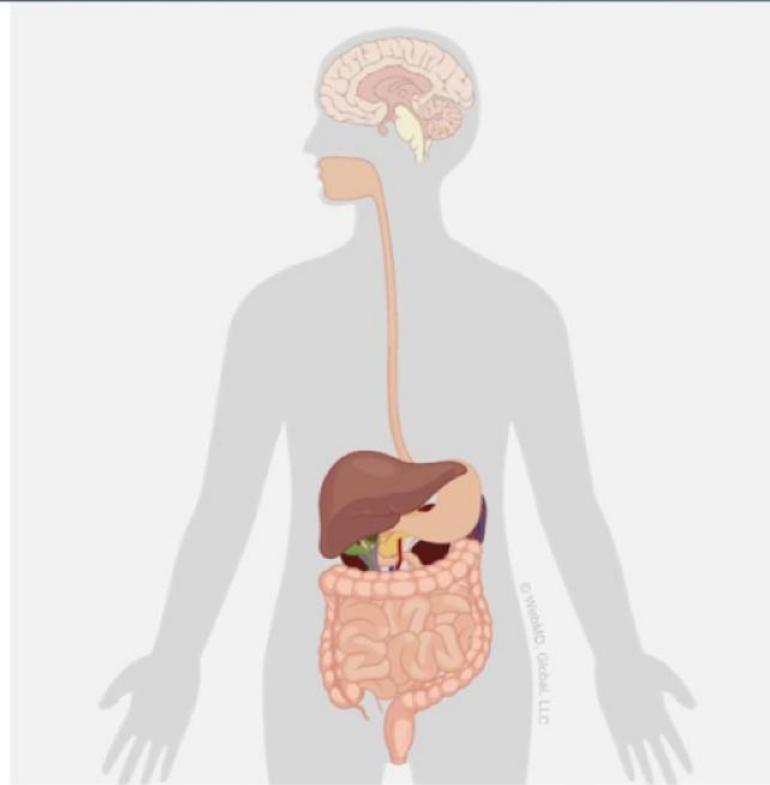
Dual agonists (phase 1, 2)^[e]

Amylin

Amalyn analogs (preclinical,
phase 1, 2)^[e,f]

Y2R

PYY analogues (phase 1, 2)^[e]



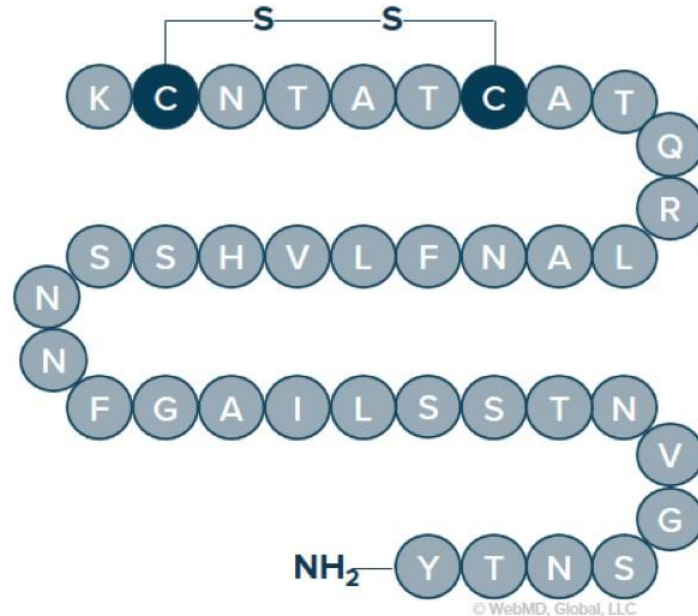
FGF, fibroblast growth factor; GDF-15, growth differentiation factor 15; GcgR, glucagon receptor; GOAT, ghrelin O-acyltransferase; RA, receptor agonist; Y2R, neuropeptide Y receptor type 2. a. Verzijl CRC et al. Expert Opin Investig Drugs. 2020;29:125-133. b. Gaich G, et al. Cell Metab. 2013;18:333-40. c. Yan J, et al. Front Cardiovasc Med. 2021;8:655575. d. Miller JL, et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2022;107:e2373-e2380. e. Müller TD, et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2022 Mar;21:201-223. f. Mathiesen DS, et al. Curr Opin Endocrinol Diabetes Obes. 2022;29:183-190.

Cagrilintide (AM833): Human Amylin Analogue

Amylin: A Neuroendocrine Peptide

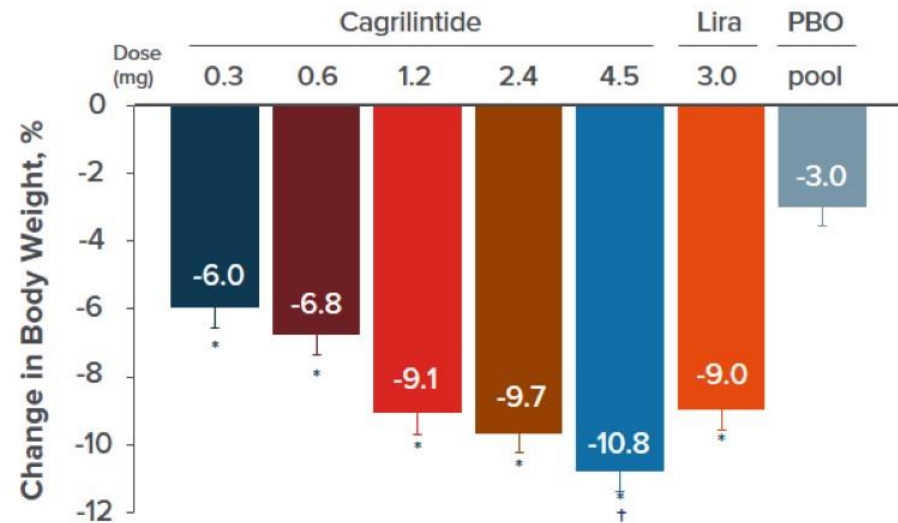
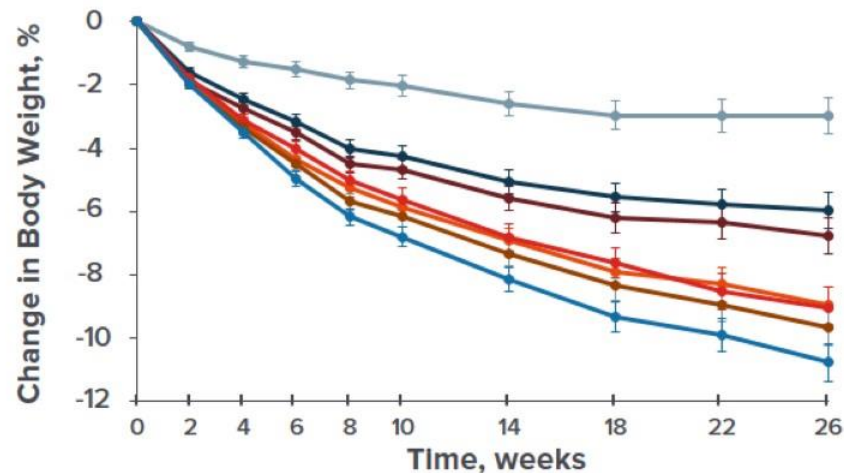
- Co-secreted with insulin from pancreatic β -cells in response to food intake
- Acts as a satiety signal, slows gastric emptying, suppresses the postprandial glucagon response

Native human amylin



Cagrilintide (AM833) vs Liraglutide and Placebo

Change in Body Weight to Week 26



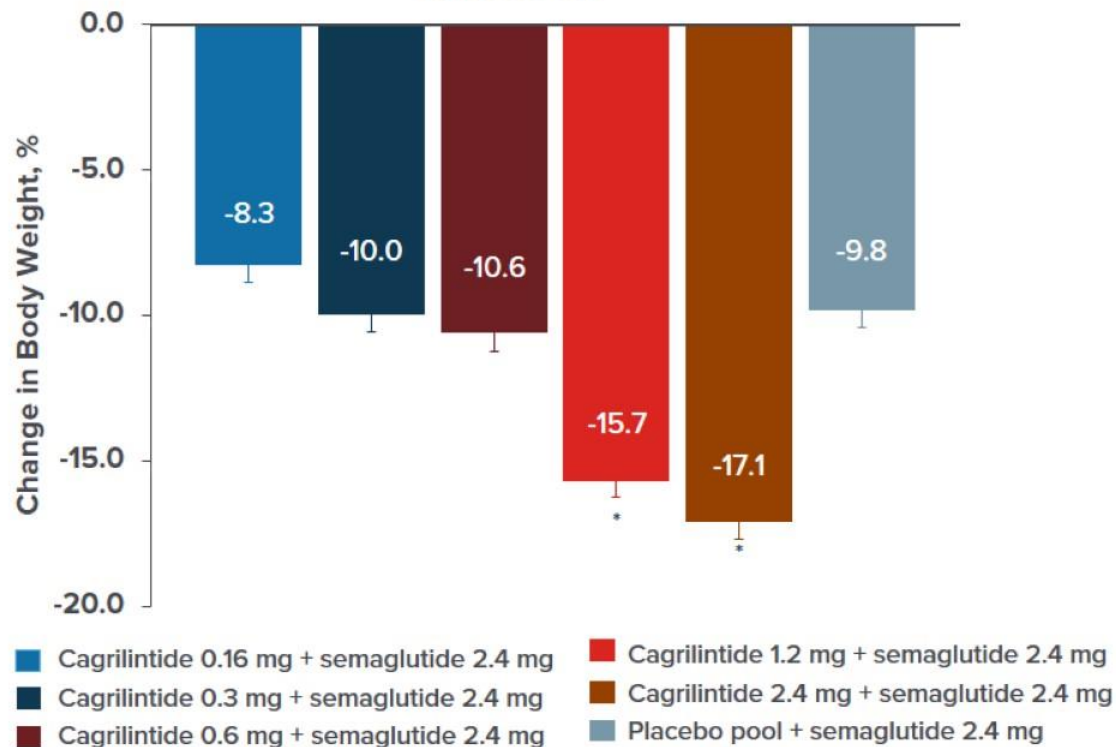
vs placebo
* $P < .001$

vs liraglutide
† $P < .05$

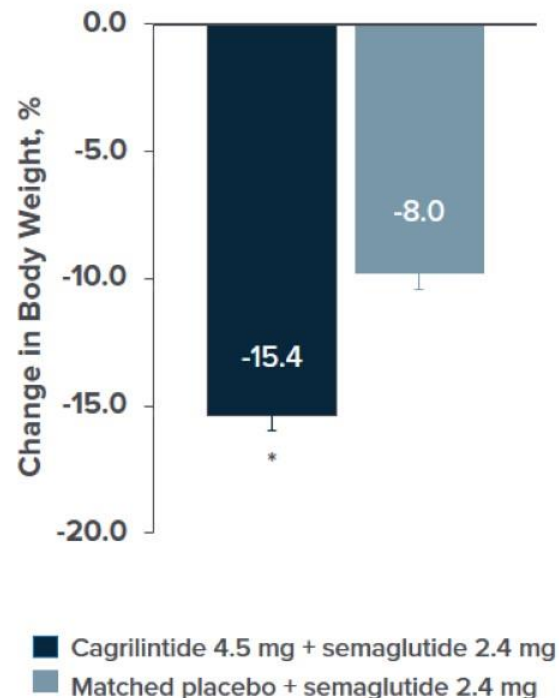
Cagrilintide (AM833) and Semaglutide

Estimated Change in Body Weight to Week 20

Cohorts 1-5



Cohort 6



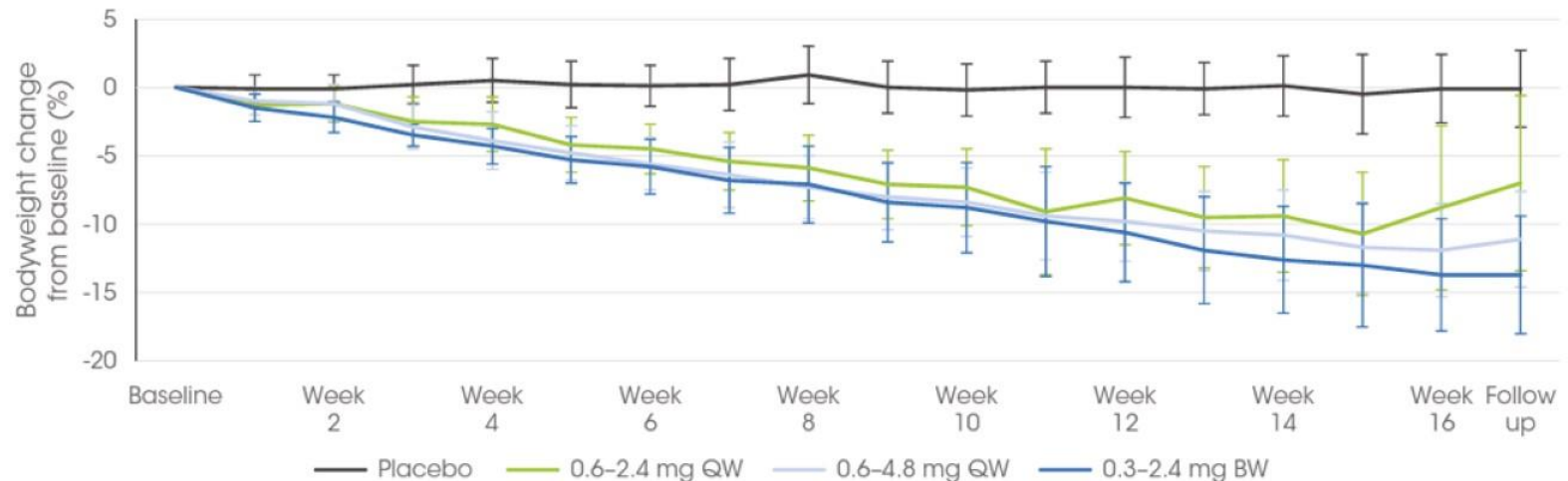
* $P < .01$ vs pooled or matched placebo.

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Dual GLP-1R and GCGR Agonism in Obesity

- BI 456906 is a novel, subcutaneous dual GLP-1R/GCGR agonist
- Phase 1 study, multiple rising doses were generally well tolerated, with no unexpected safety signals
- AEs led to withdrawal from dose escalation in 36.3% of patients in Part A and 17.8% of patients in Part B, where dose escalation was more gradual

BI 456906 resulted in bodyweight reductions of up to 13.7% at Week 16 in part B



BW, biweekly; GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; GCGR, glucagon receptor; QW, once weekly.

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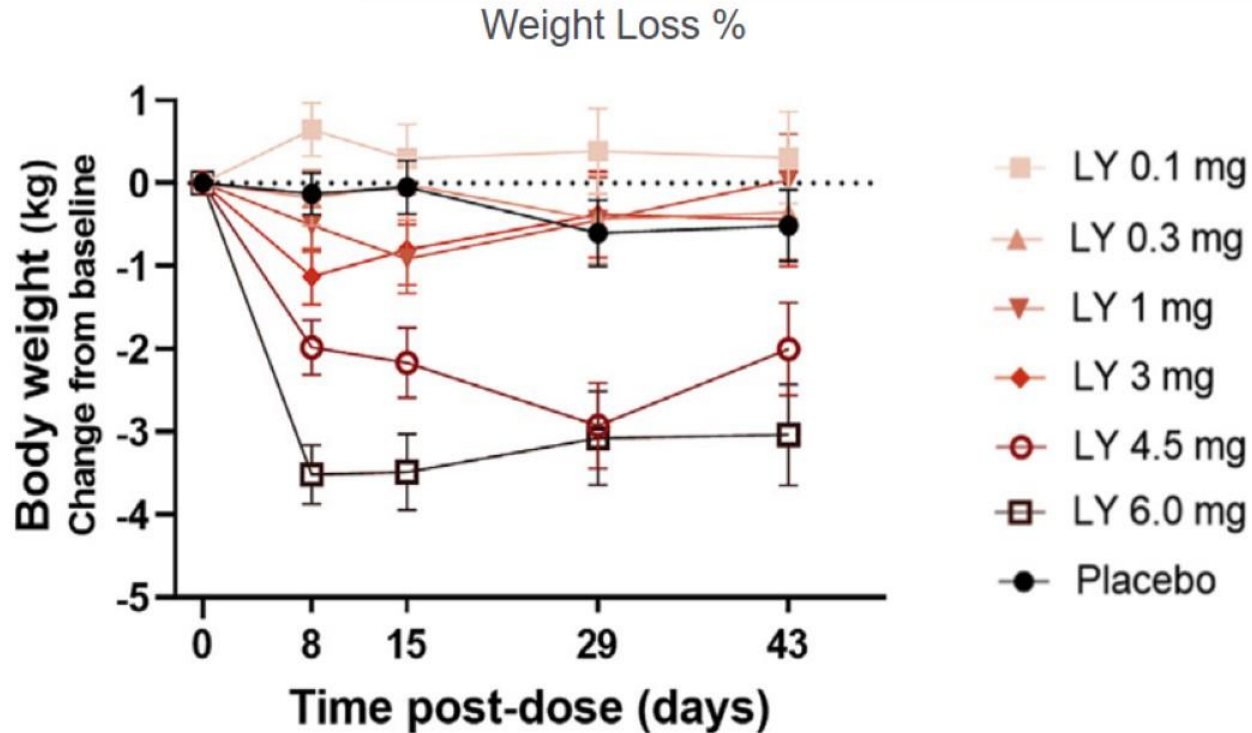
Triple Agonist: LY3437943

Phase 1 Single Ascending Dose Study

GLP-1R

GIP-R

Glucagon-R



Conclusions



- **Obesity** is a chronic, complex, progressive, and relapsing disease
- Obesity is strongly associated with the **risk of developing CVD**
- There is an unmet need for **therapies** that can reduce CV risk and support successful weight management
- **Semaglutide** has proven to be safe and effective in significantly reducing risk of MACE by 20% vs placebo
- **Semaglutide** had consistent beneficial effects across CV outcomes and participant subgroups
- **Tirzepatide** has proven to be safe and effective in reducing body weight and the main cardiovascular consequences of obesity. Data about risk of MACE reduction in patients without diabetes, are not yet disposable
- According to the **2024 ESC Guidelines** the use of semaglutide should be considered in overweight or obese chronic coronary syndrome patients to reduce CV mortality, MI or stroke (IIa, B)
- **High costs** of the therapies could surely be a limitation, especially if not reimbursed by National Health System



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