



TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA DELL'ECCESSO PONDERALE CON GLP-1 AGONISTI

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OBESITY MEETS ITS MATCH

Blockbuster weight loss drugs show promise for a wider range of health benefits

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GLP-1 THERAPIES

Science

Semaglutide

Semaglutide 2.4 mg



es. h: 1.70 m, w: 78 kg

Overweight

BMI ≥ 27 kg/m²

+ ≥ 1 comorbidities

[such as dysglycaemia (prediabetes or T2D), hypertension, dyslipidaemia, OSAS or CV disease]



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Obesity

BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²

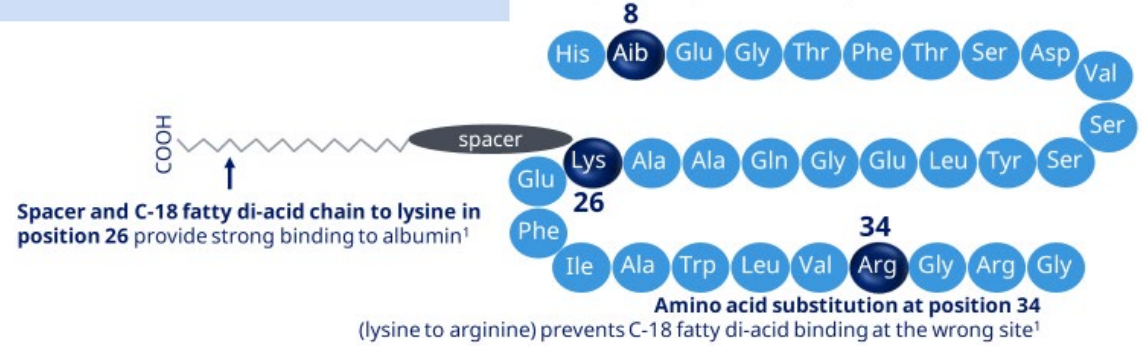
T2D, type 2 diabetes; OSAS, obstructive sleep apnoea; CV, cardiovascular

SmPC, available from <https://www.aifa.gov.it/rova-farmaco>

Semaglutide is a once-weekly, human GLP-1 analogue

- 94% homology to human GLP-1¹
- t_{1/2} of approximately 1 week^{2,3}

Amino acid substitution at position 8 (alanine to alpha-aminoisobutyric acid) protects against DPP-4 degradation¹

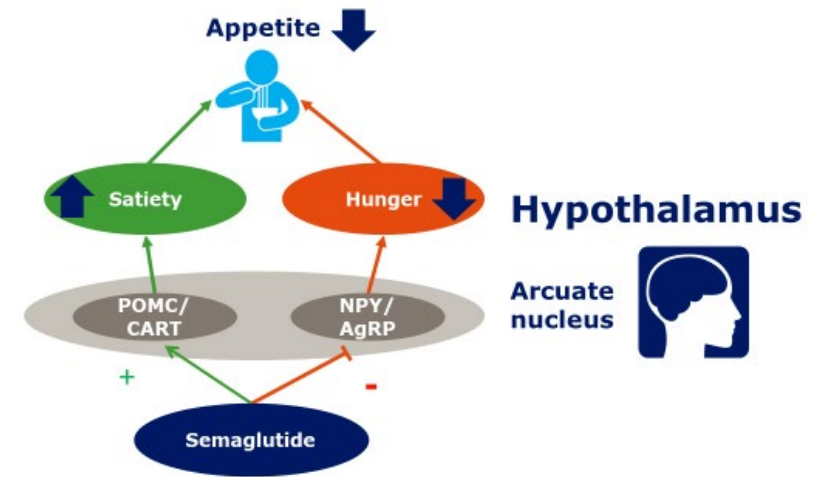


DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; t_{1/2}, half-life.

Lou et al. *J Med Chem* 2015;58:7370-80; Kapiza et al. *J Clin Pharmacol* 2015;55:497-504; Marbury et al. *Clin Pharmacokinet* 2017;56:1381-90.

Semaglutide increases satiety and reduces hunger

Via neurons in the arcuate nucleus









GABA, gamma-aminobutyric acid; GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; NPY, neuropeptide Y; POMC, pro-opiomelanocortin



Secher et al. *J Clin Invest* 2014;124:4473-88; Jensen CB et al. *Diabetes* 2017;66 (Suppl 1):P-1145; Lu TT et al. *Diabetes* 2017;66 (Suppl 1):P-1072.

The STEP programme investigated semaglutide for weight management in people with overweight or obesity

GLOBAL PHASE 3A





STEP 1¹	STEP 2²
 WM (N=1,961)	 WM in T2D (N=1,210)
STEP 3³	STEP 4⁴
 WM with IBT (N=611)	 Sustained WM (N=803)
STEP-HFpEF⁵	STEP TEENS⁶
 Semaglutide in obesity (N=529)	 WM in adolescents (N=201)

REGIONAL PHASE 3A

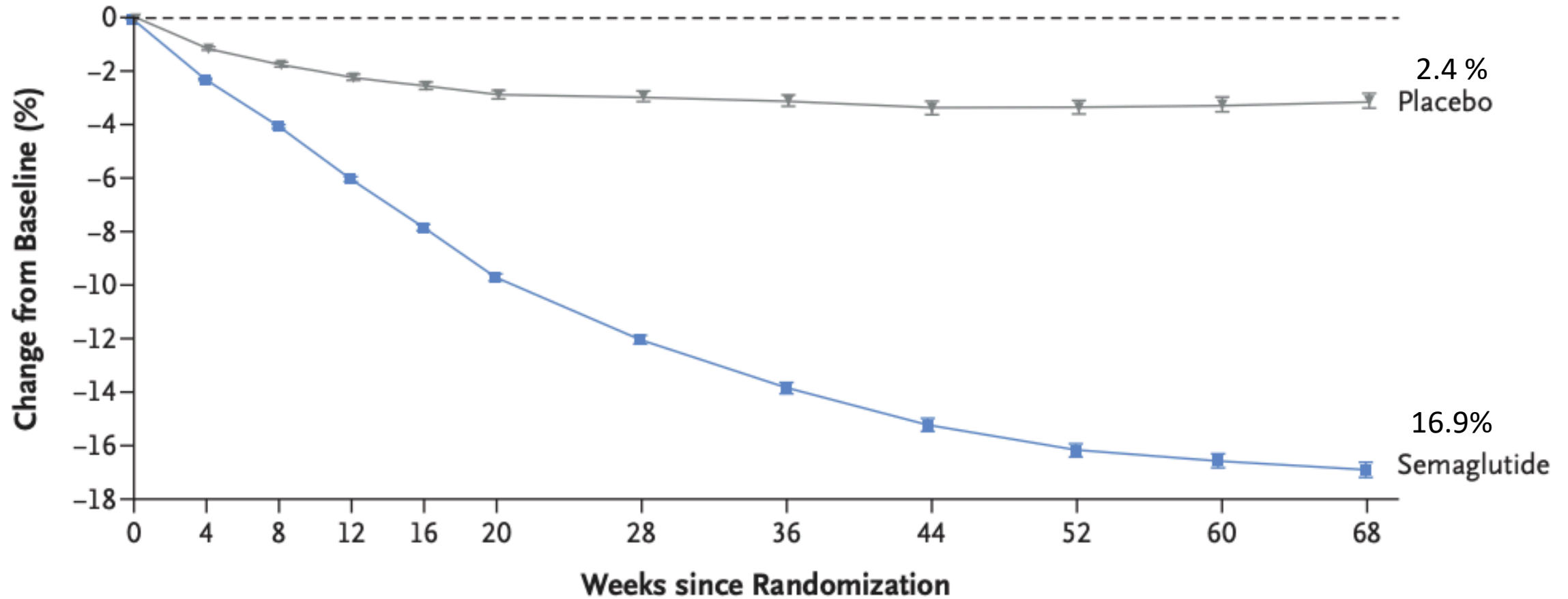
STEP 6⁷
 East Asian trial (N=401)
STEP 7⁸
 China, Brazil, Korea, Hong Kong MRCT (N=375)

 Completed trials

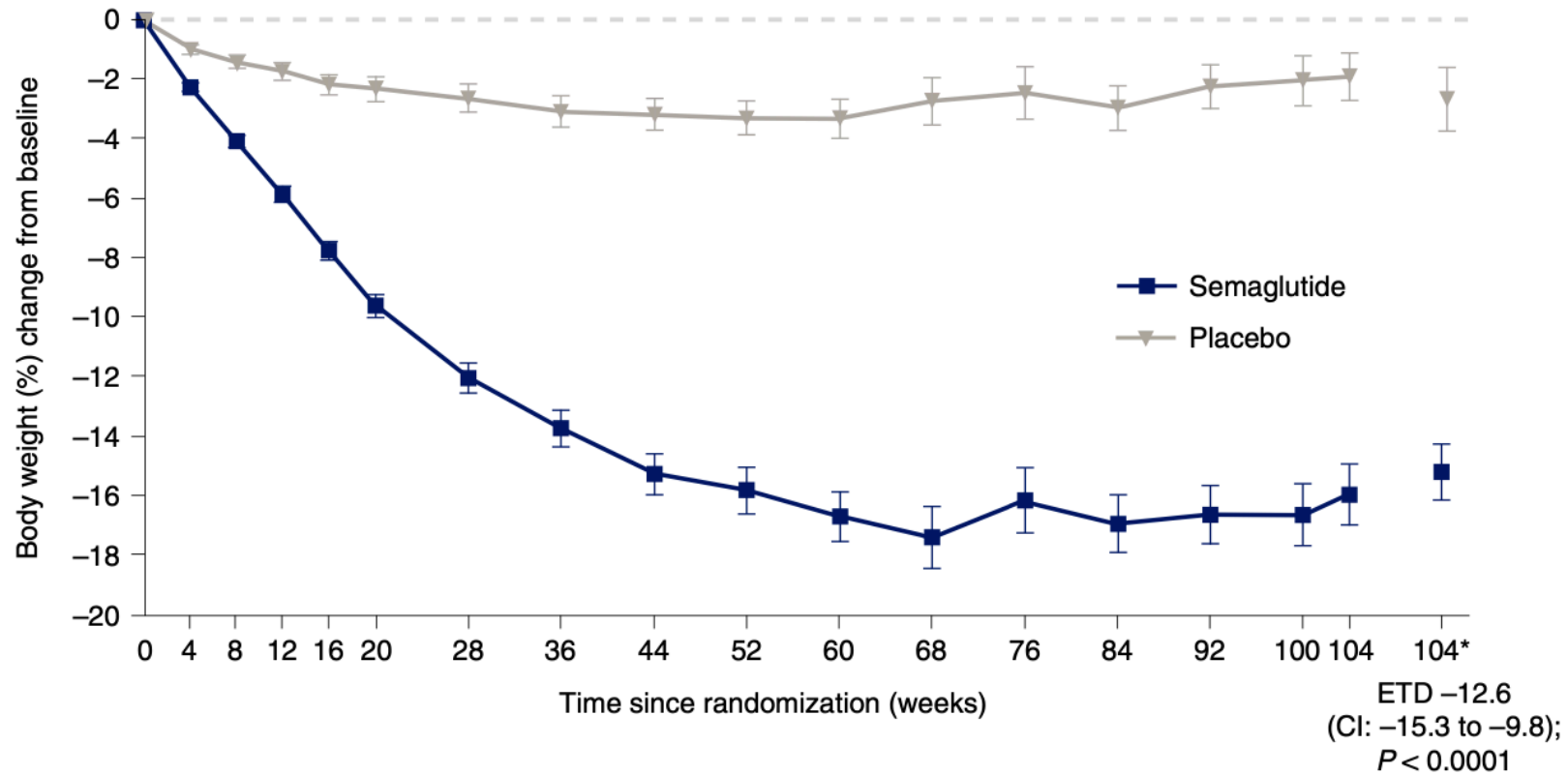
PHASE 3B

STEP 5⁹	STEP 8¹⁰
 Long-term WM (N=304)	 H2H vs liraglutide (N=338)
STEP 10¹¹	
 Reversal of pre-diabetes (N=201)	
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 CVOT (N=17,604)	

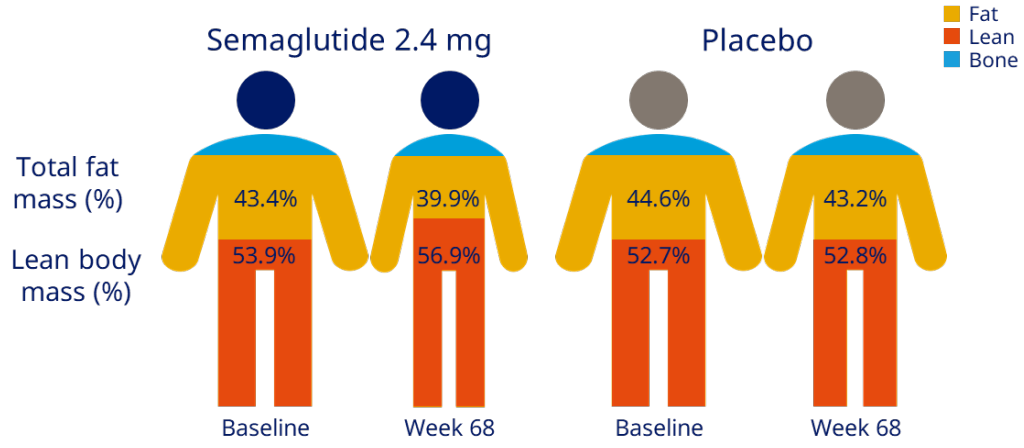
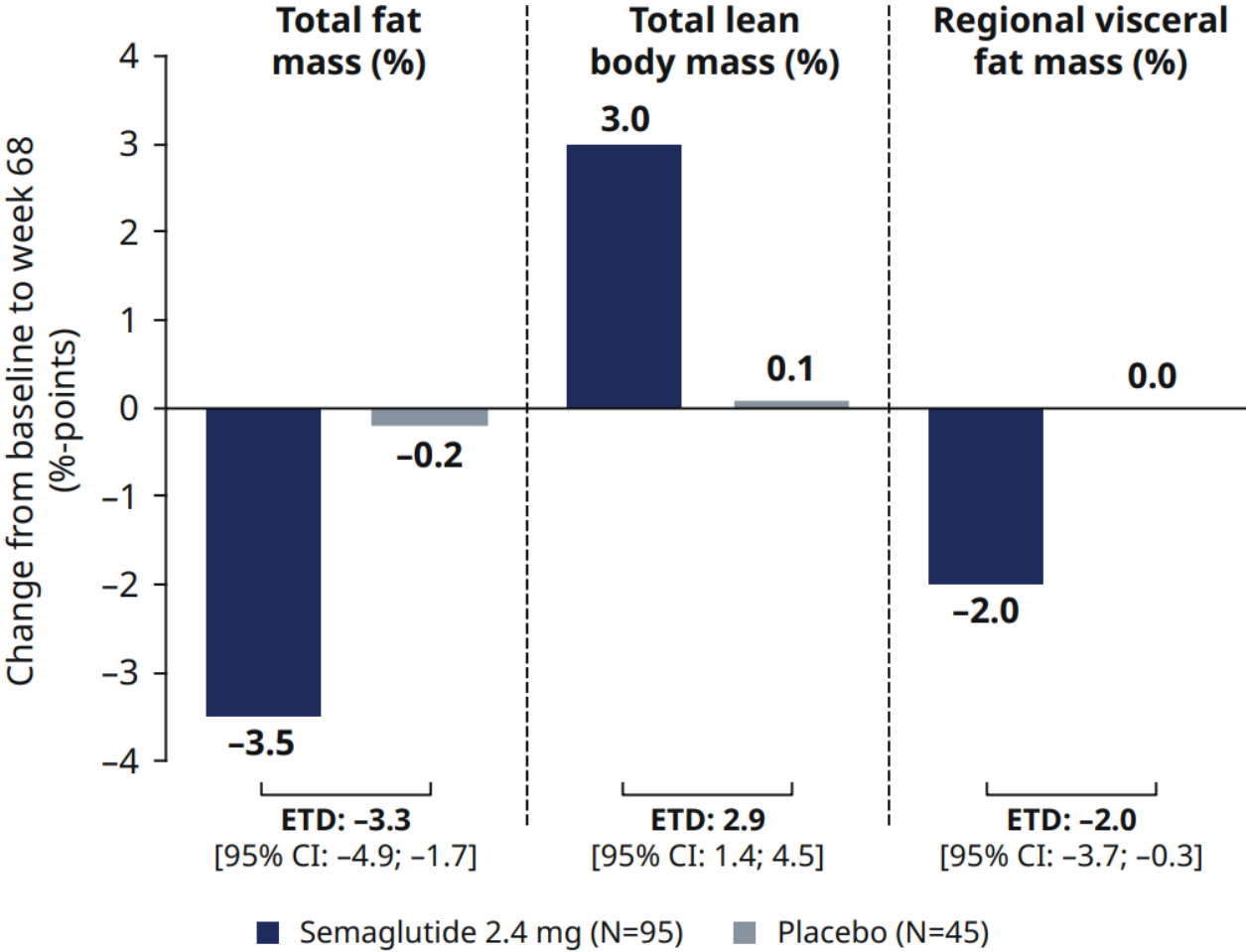
Semaglutide- STEP 1



Two-year effects of semaglutide : the STEP 5 trial

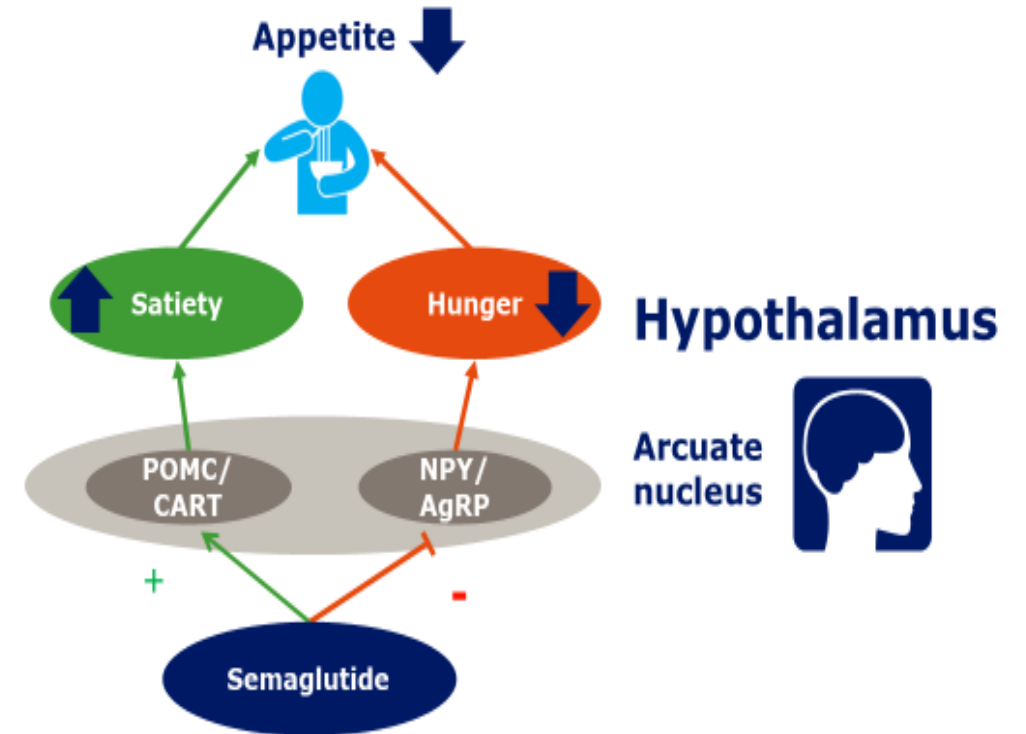
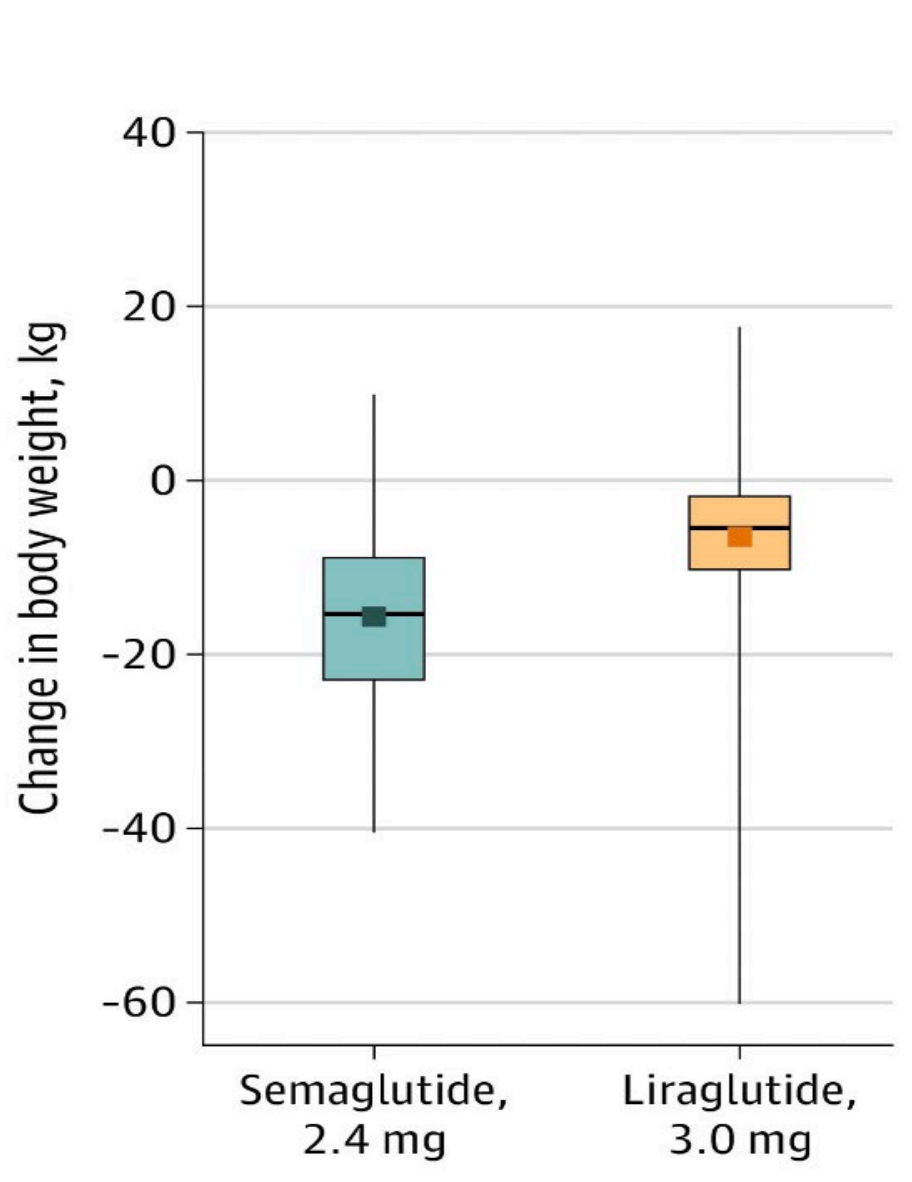


Semaglutide 2.4 mg: body composition changes by DEXA



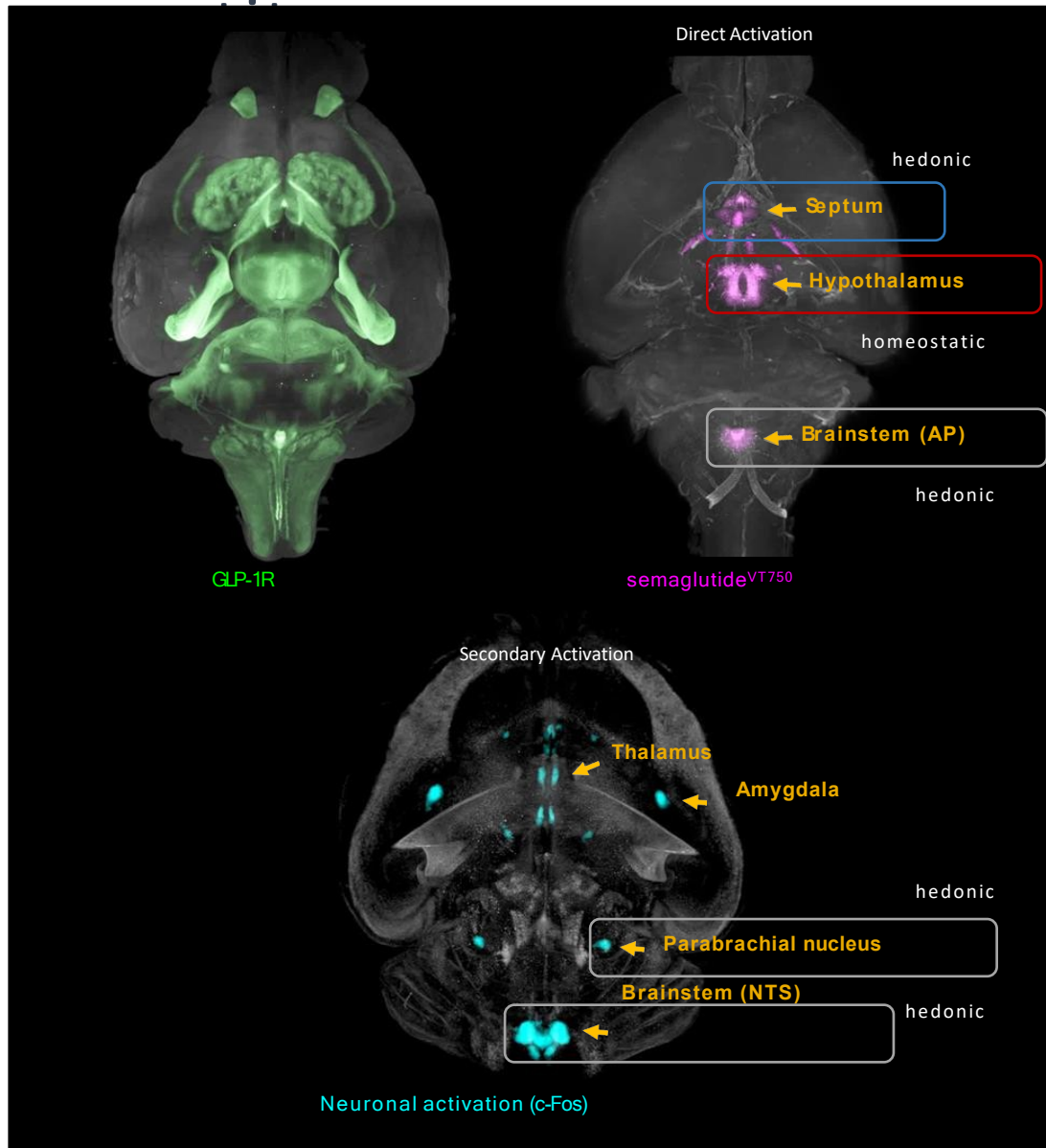
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Effect of Semaglutide vs Liraglutide: The STEP 8

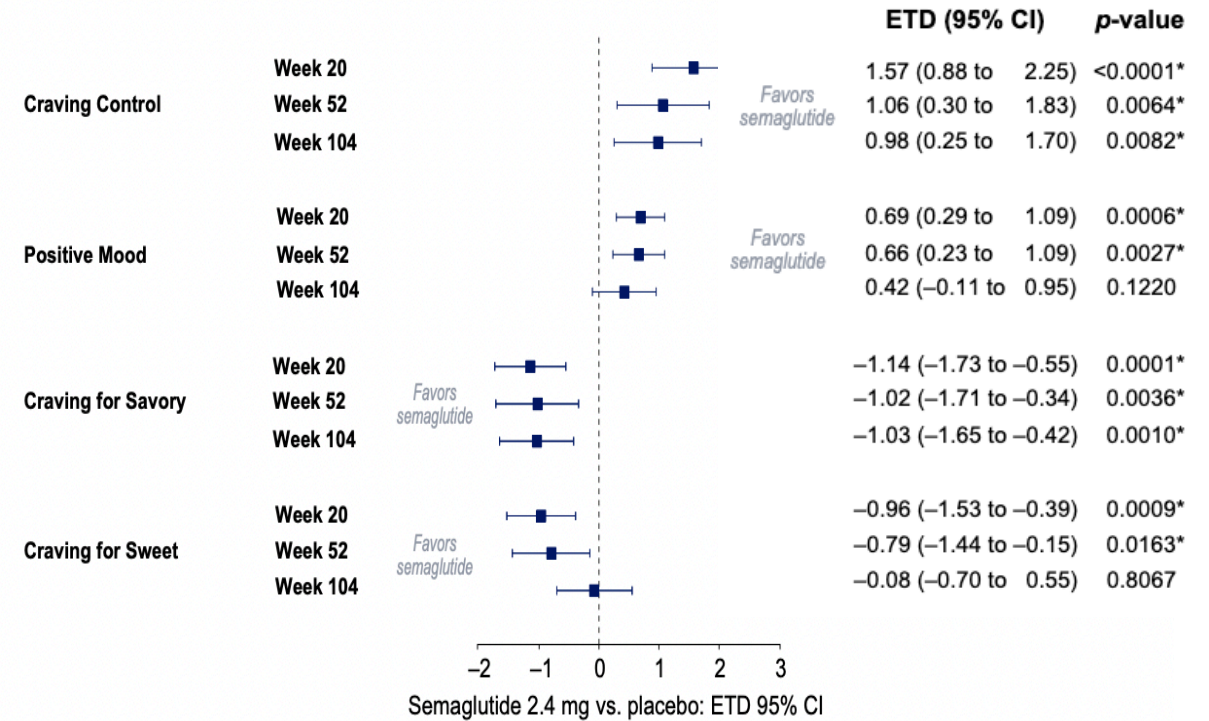


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Semaglutide integrates the homeostatic and hedonic control of

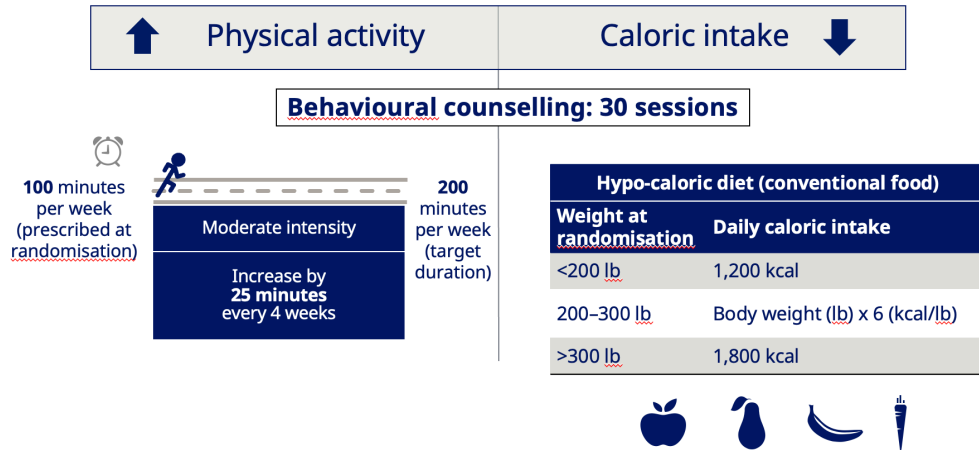


Control of eating- STEP 5



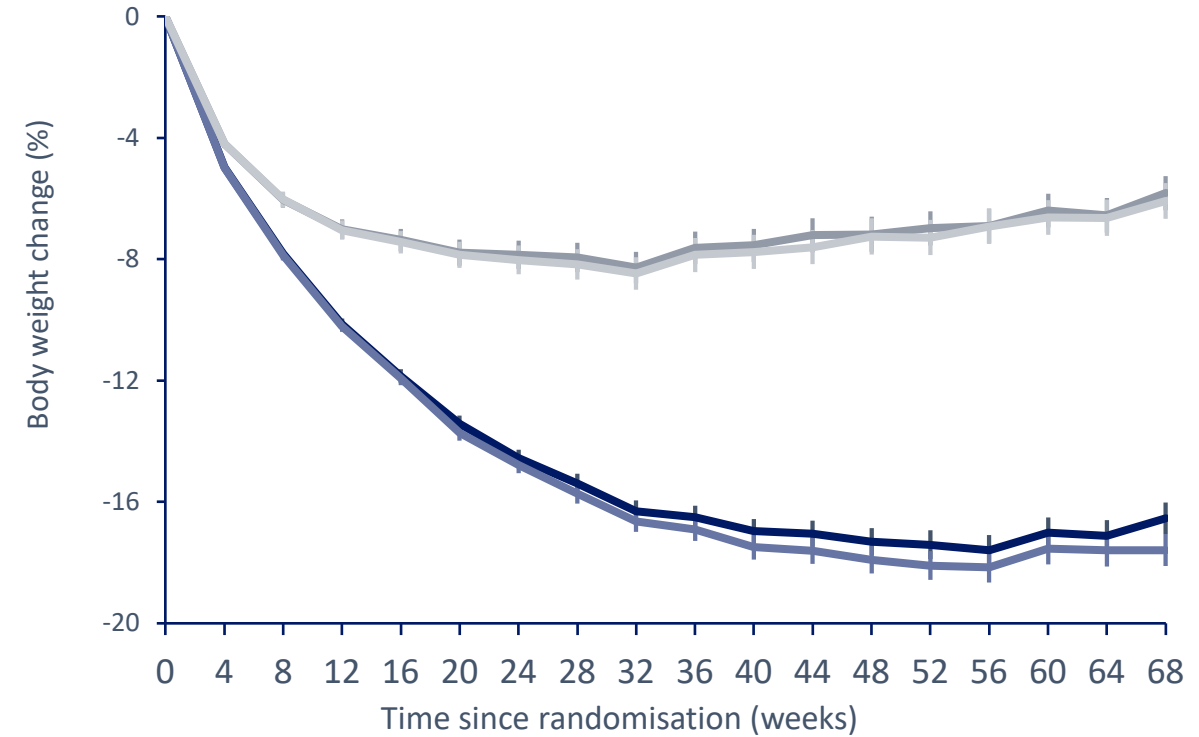
Obesity (Silver Spring). 2023;31:703-715.

the STEP 3 trial: the weight management with intensive behavioral therapy



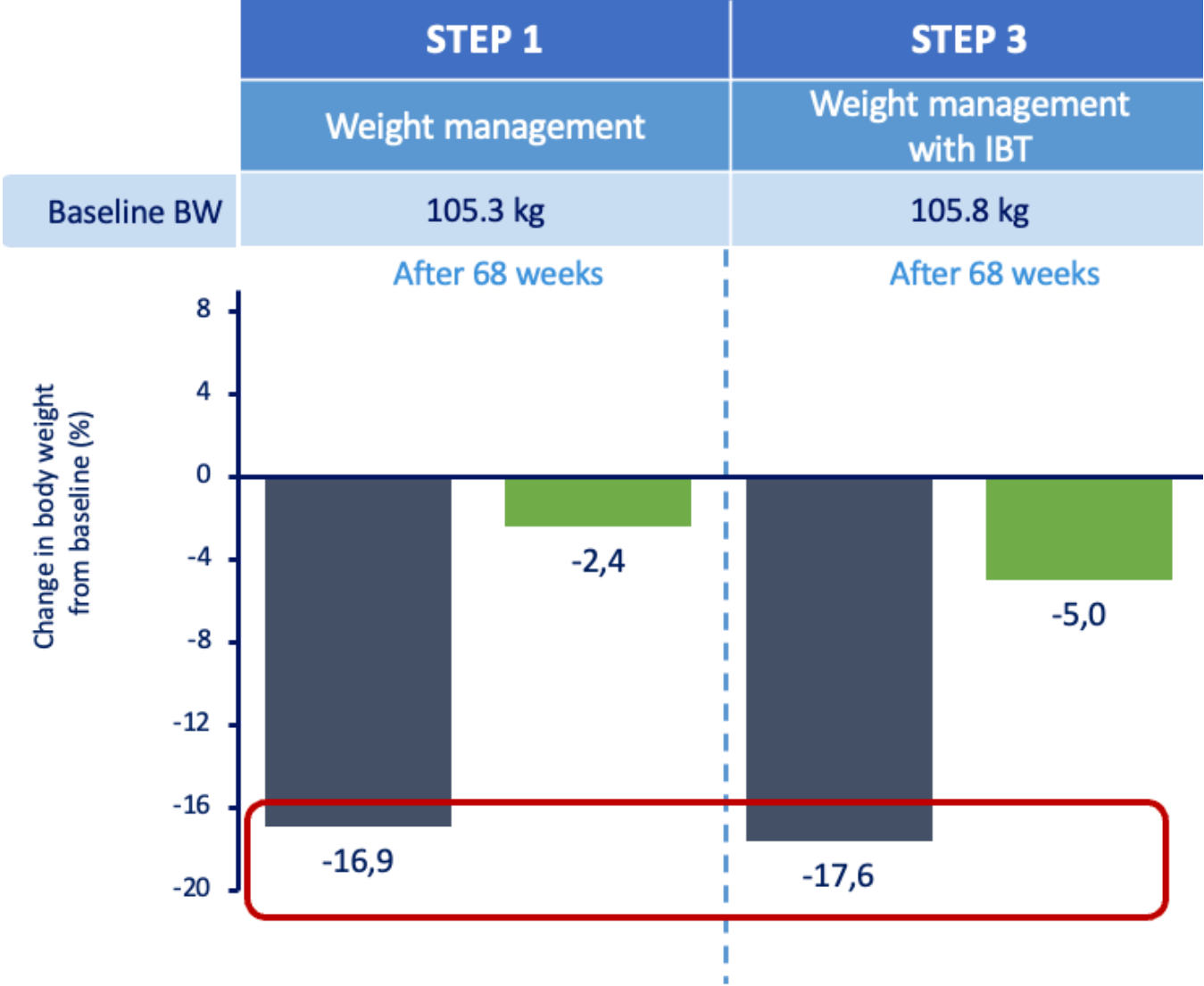
Observed body weight change over time

(Mean at baseline: 105.8 kg)



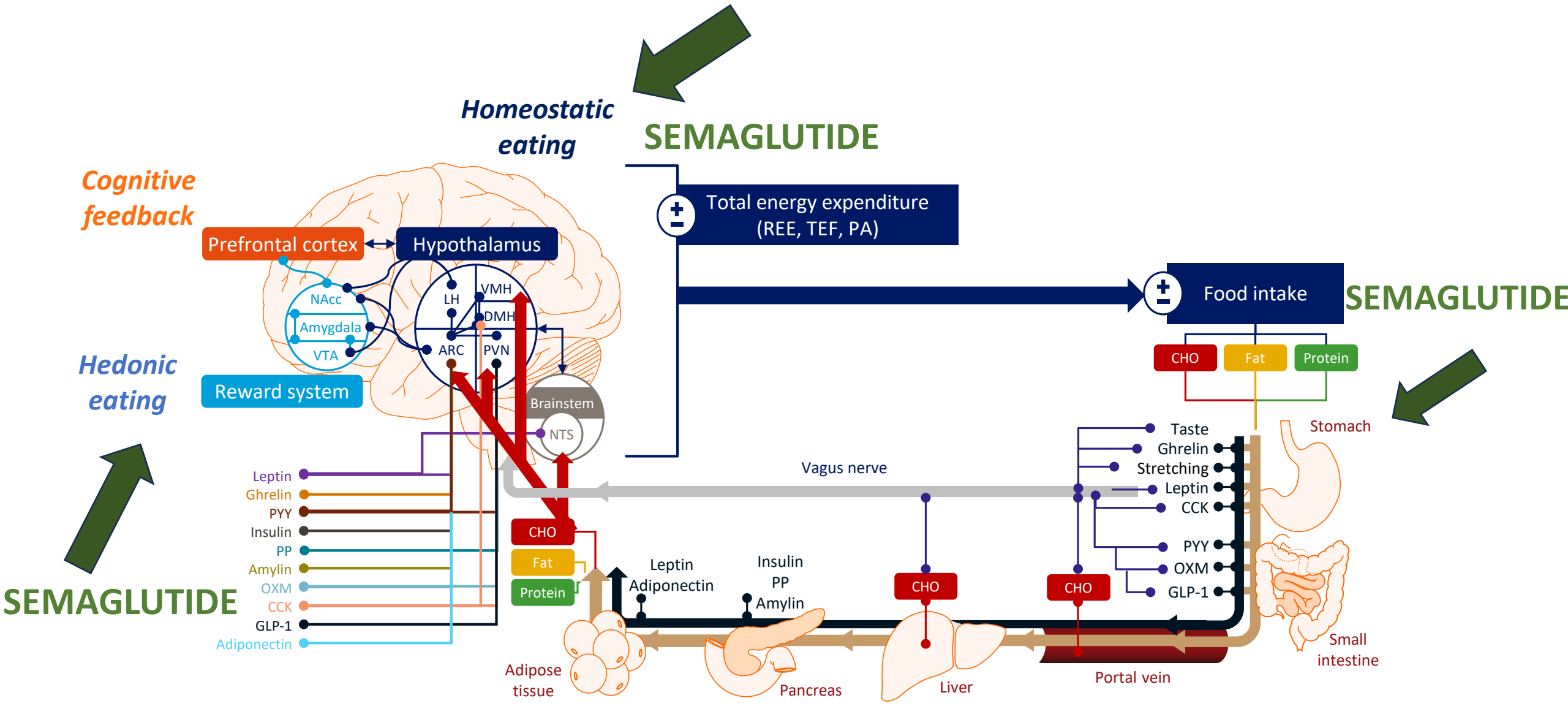
In-trial: █ Semaglutide 2.4 mg █ Placebo
 On-treatment: █ █

STEP 3 vs STEP 1



Wilding et al. N Engl J Med 2021;384:989-1002; Davies et al. Lancet 2021;397:971-84..

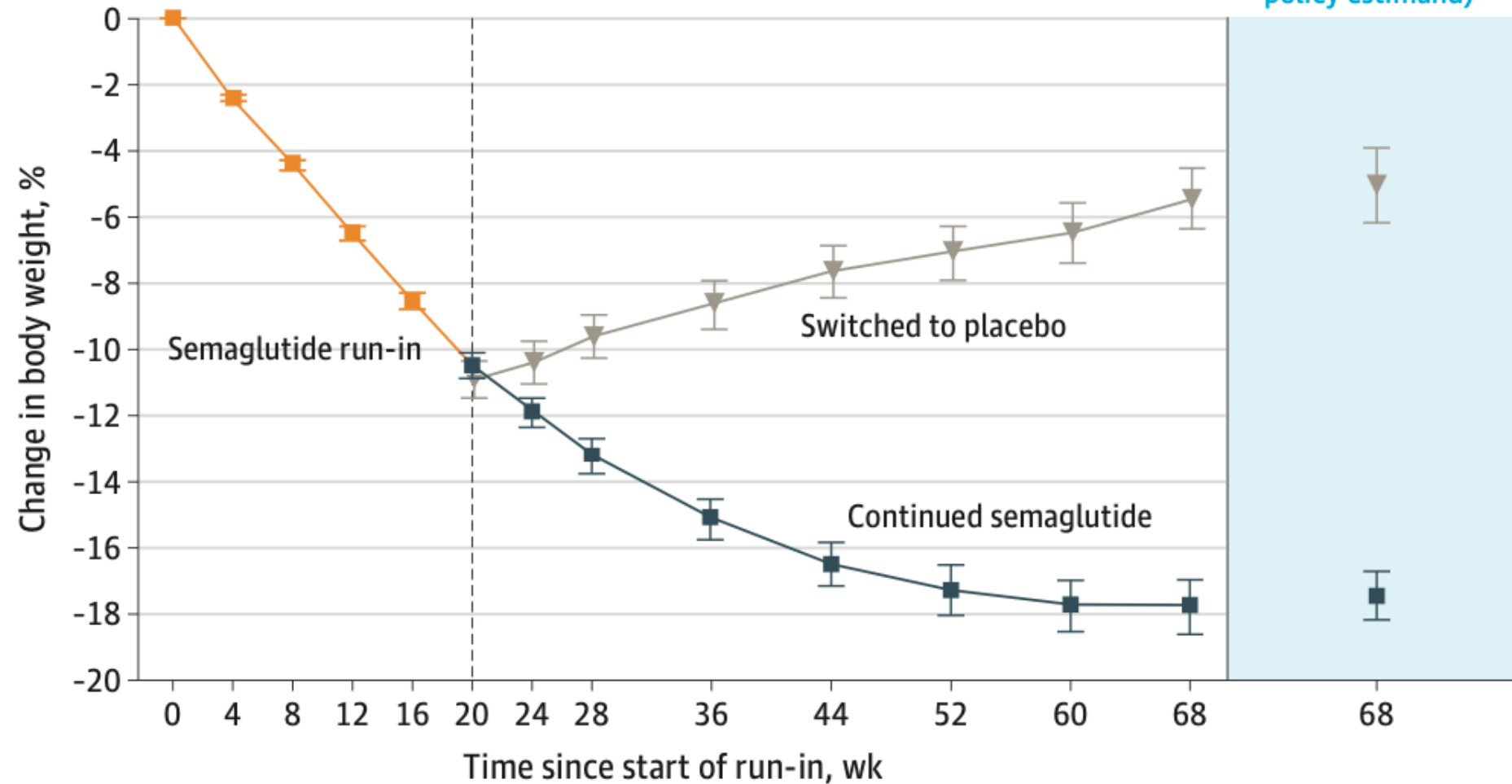
Current pharmacological therapy targets



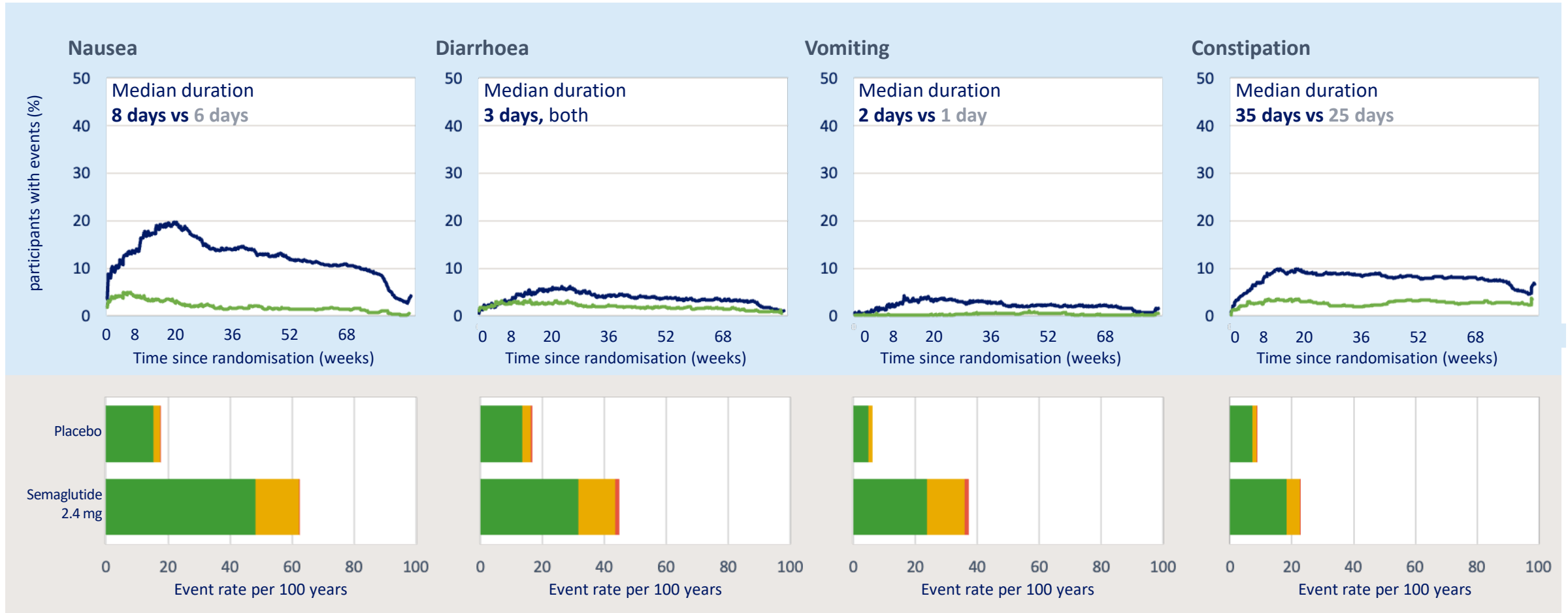
Effect of Continued Semaglutide vs Placebo - STEP 4

Mean percent change in body weight during the entire trial (weeks 0-68; observed in-trial data)

Estimated mean change from week 0 to week 68 (treatment policy estimand)



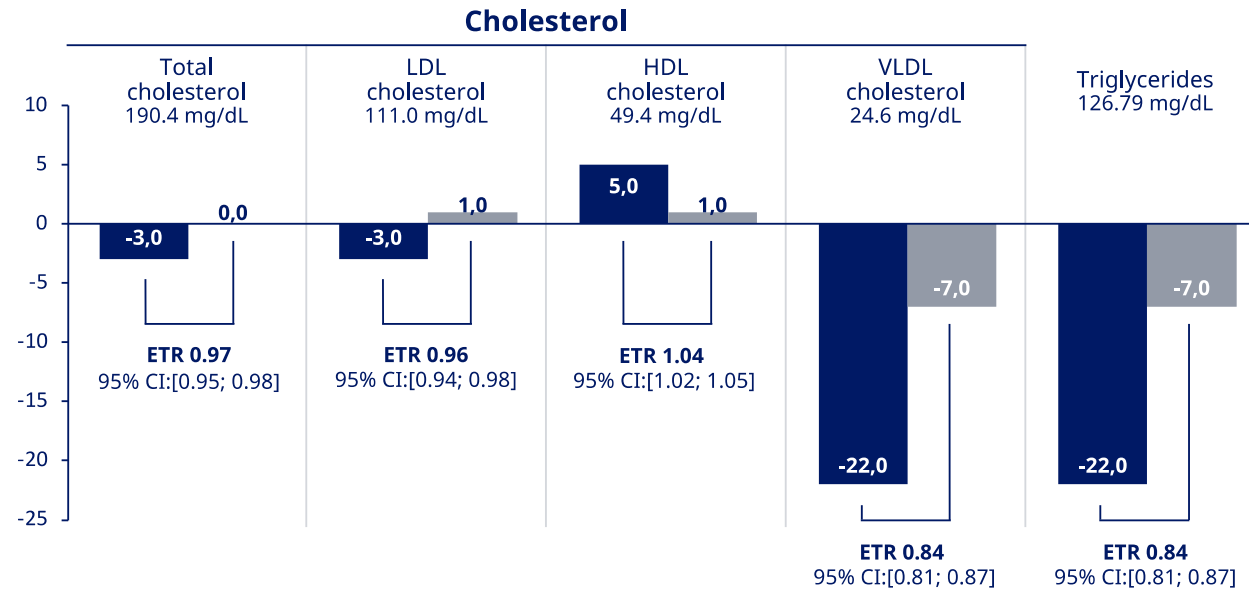
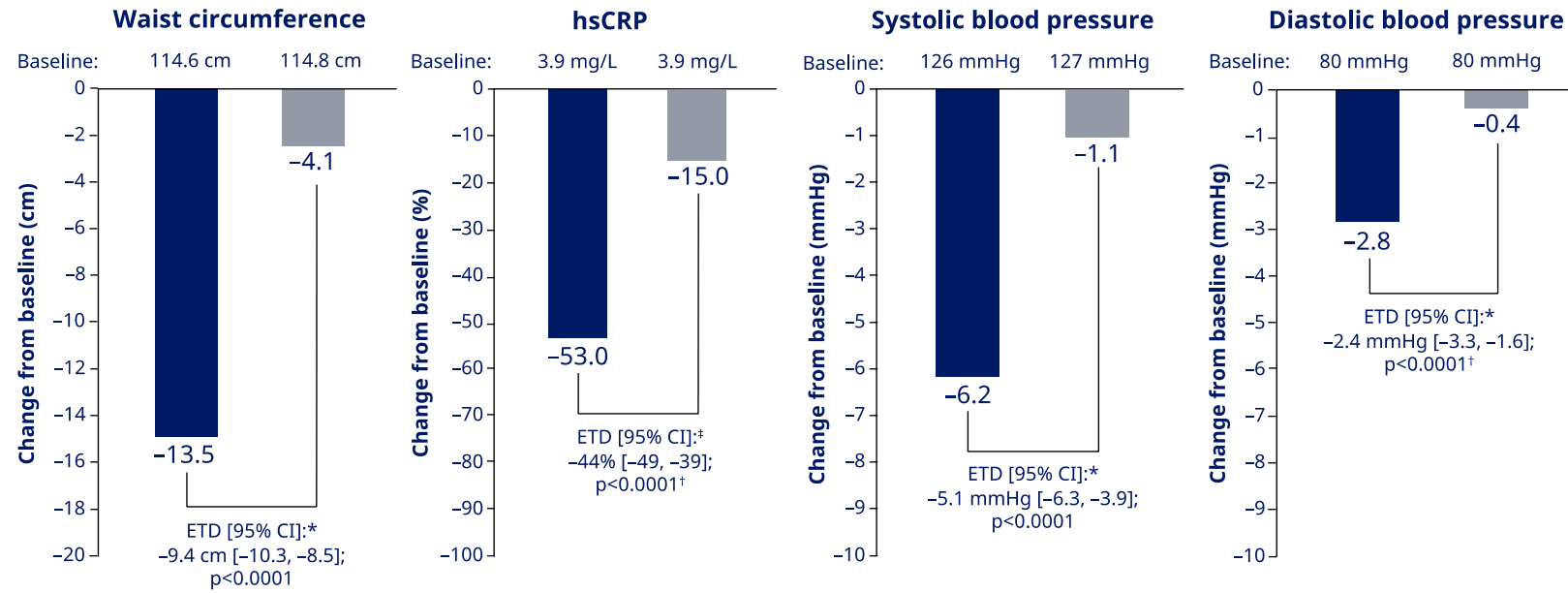
Semaglutide 2.4 mg- AE



Severity: Severe (Red), Moderate (Yellow), Mild (Green)

Semaglutide 2.4 mg (Dark Blue line), Placebo (Grey line)

Semaglutide- CV risk factors



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Obesity without Diabetes



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semaglutide effects on
cardiovascular outcomes in
people with overweight or
obesity

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N=17,604



Male | Female

72.3 | 27.7%



Mean age

61.6 years



Mean BMI¹

33.3 kg/m²



Mean HbA_{1c}¹

5.8%

With prediabetes¹

66.4%



MI only

67.6%



Stroke only

17.8%



PAD only

4.4%



≥2 CV inclusion criteria

8.2%



Chronic heart failure¹

24.3%

Subclass²

HFpEF | HFrEF | Unknown

12.9 | 7.7 | 3.8

Therapeutic impact on top of optimized evidence-based therapy

Baseline characteristic	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N = 8,803)	Placebo (N = 8,801)
Systolic blood pressure – mmHg	131.0 ± 15.6	130.9 ± 15.3
Diastolic blood pressure – mmHg	79.4 ± 10.0	79.2 ± 9.9
Pulse – bpm	68.9 ± 10.6	68.6 ± 10.7
Total cholesterol – mg/dL	153 (131–182)	153 (131–183)
HDL cholesterol – mg/dL	44 (37–52)	44 (37–52)
LDL cholesterol – mg/dL	78 (61–102)	78 (61–102)
Triglycerides – mg/dL	134 (99–188)	135 (100–190)
hsCRP – mg/L	1.87 (0.89–4.18)	1.80 (0.86–4.06)

Baseline CV medications (% , n)	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N = 8,803)	Placebo (N = 8,801)
Platelet aggregation inhibitors	86.5 (7,612)	86.0 (7,569)
- Acetylsalicylic acid	78.5 (6,909)	77.9 (6860)
- P2Y12 receptor inhibitors	33.2 (2,925)	34.1 (2,998)
Anti-thrombotic medications	12.3 (1,086)	13.1 (1,150)
- Vitamin K antagonists	3.8 (336)	3.9 (340)
- Direct oral anticoagulants	8.4 (738)	8.9 (784)
Lipid-lowering drugs	90.1 (7,928)	90.1 (7,929)
- Statins	87.7 (7,716)	87.6 (7,709)
- Ezetimibe	13.5 (1,188)	13.0 (1,144)
- Fibrates	2.4 (213)	3.0 (266)
- PCSK-9 inhibitors	2.0 (177)	1.8 (162)
Beta blockers	70.2 (6,182)	70.2 (6,175)
ACE inhibitors	45.0 (3,963)	45.1 (3,966)
ARBs	29.7 (2,618)	29.2 (2,569)
CCBs	27.3 (2,407)	26.5 (2,331)

ACE, angiotensin-converting-enzyme; ARB, angiotensin-receptor blockers; CCB, calcium channel blockers. LDL, low-density lipoprotein; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein

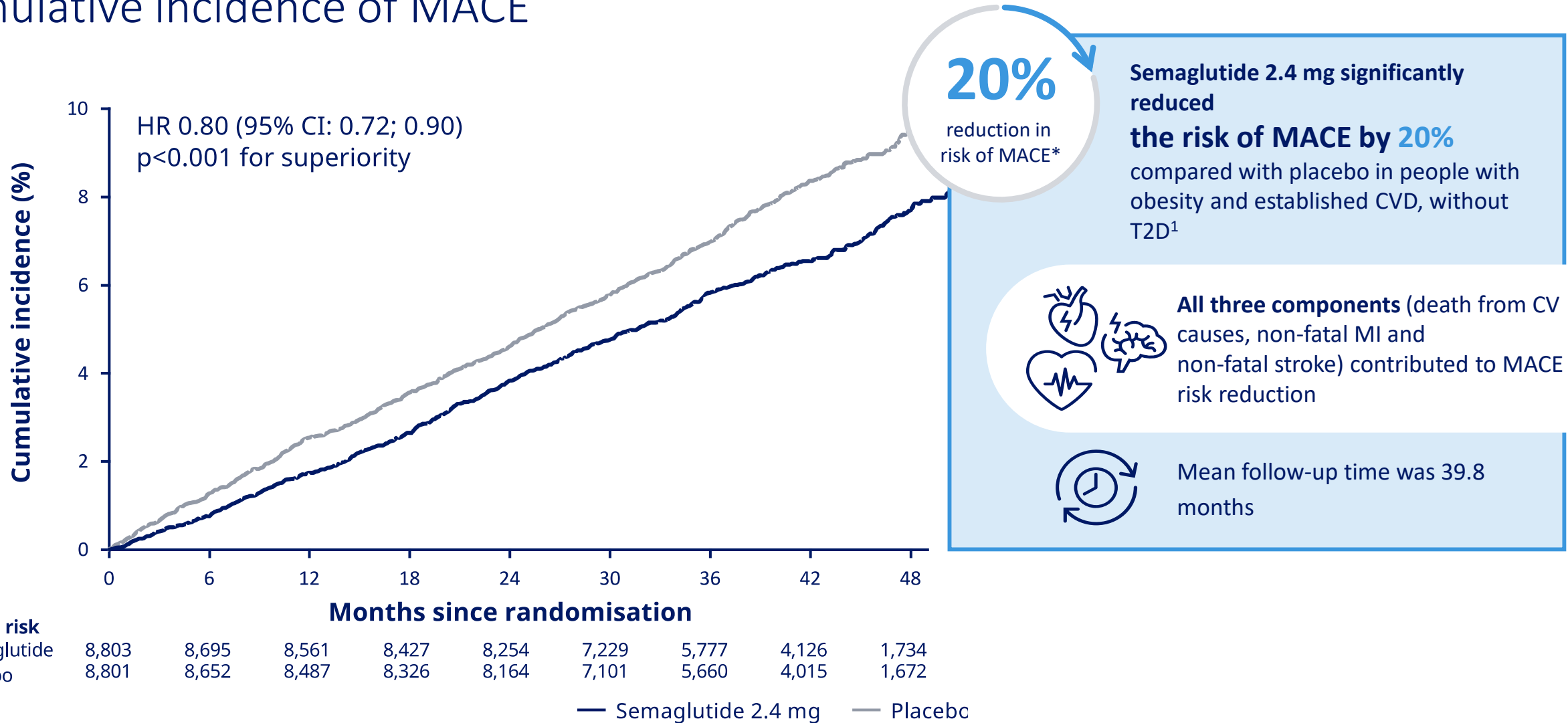
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Primary cardiovascular composite endpoint

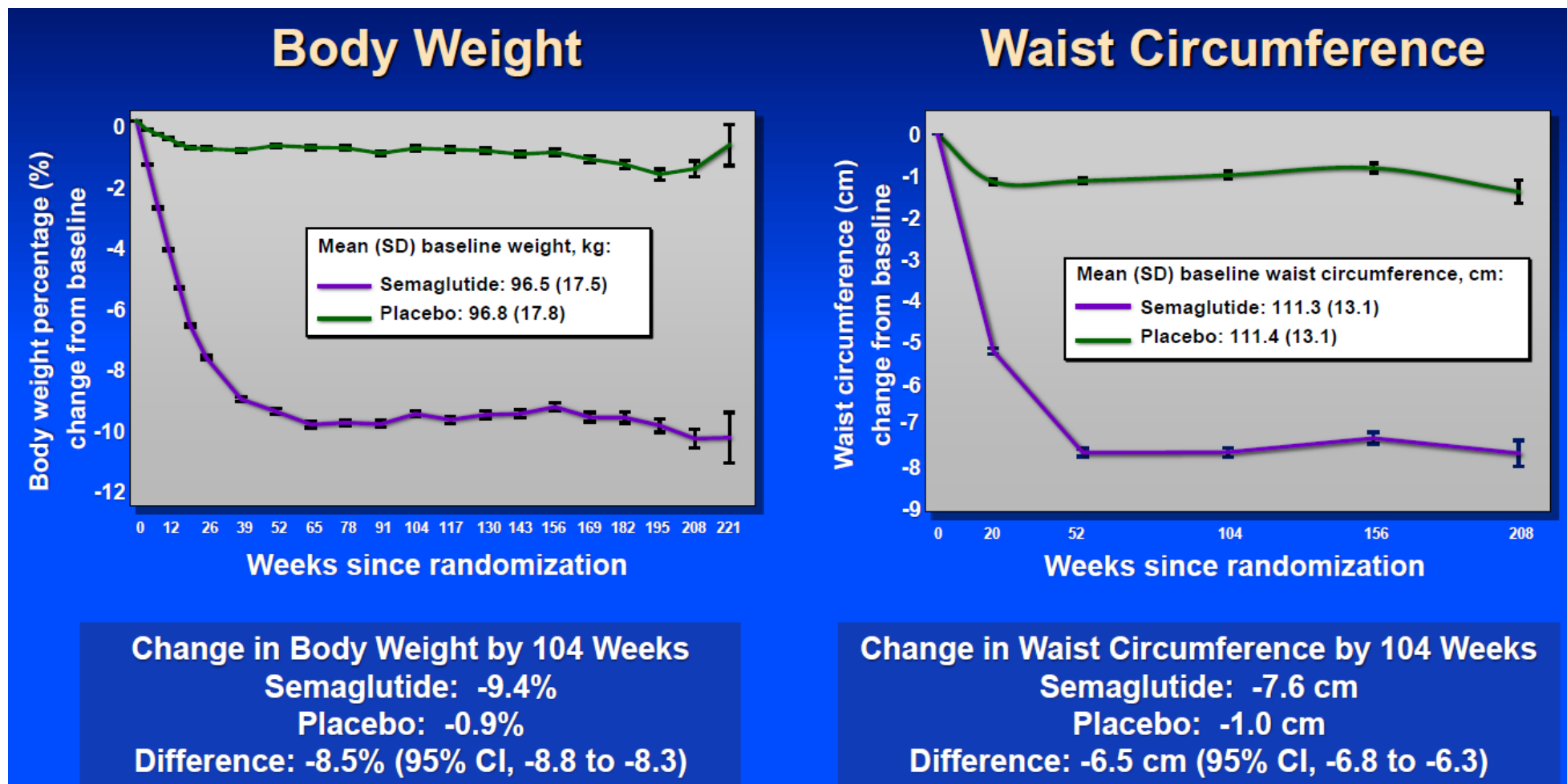
Cumulative incidence of MACE



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

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Change in body weight and waist circumference (%)

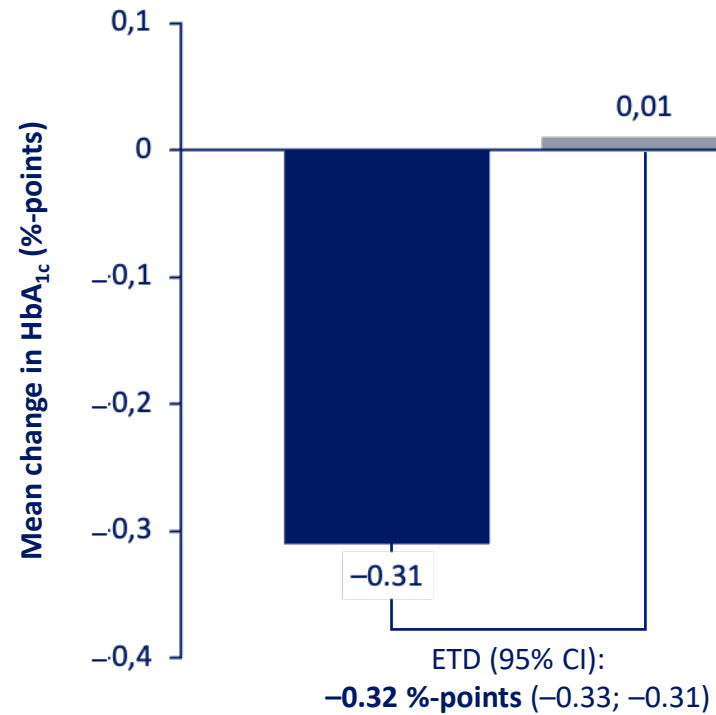


Error bars in the left-hand figure are 95% CI as calculated by 1.96 times the standard error. *Estimated using an ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate, using multiple imputation for missing values under a missing-at-random assumption. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity.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

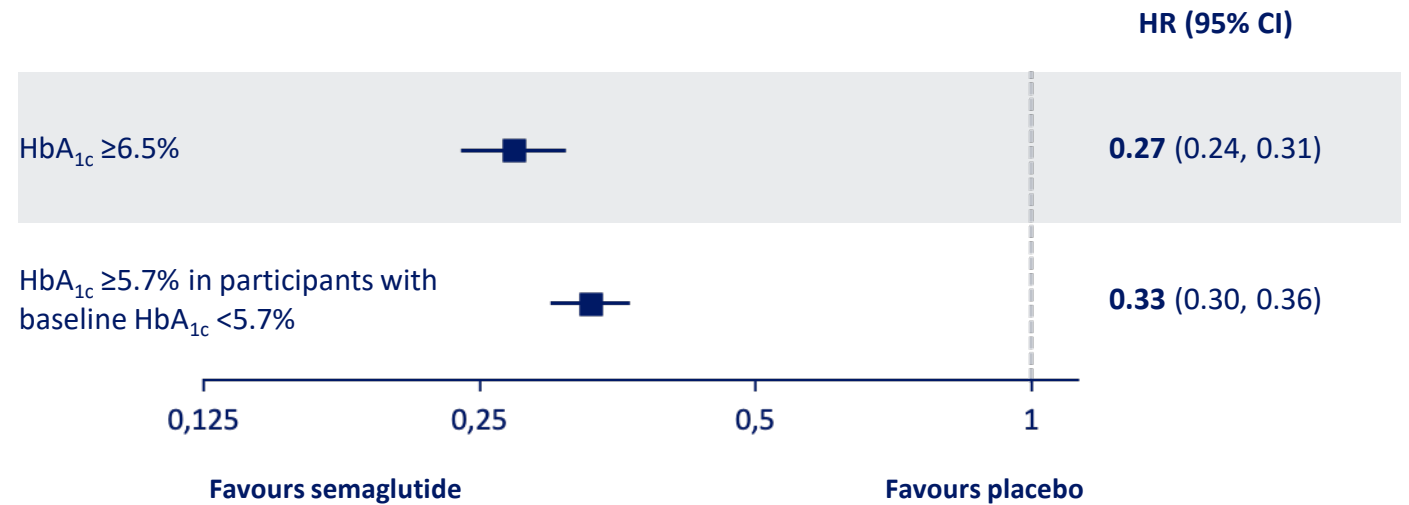
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Change in glycaemic status

Change in HbA_{1c}*



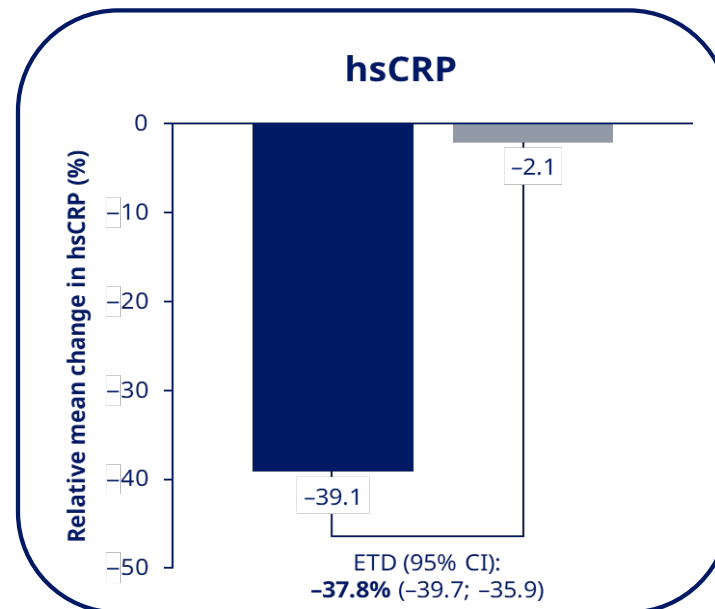
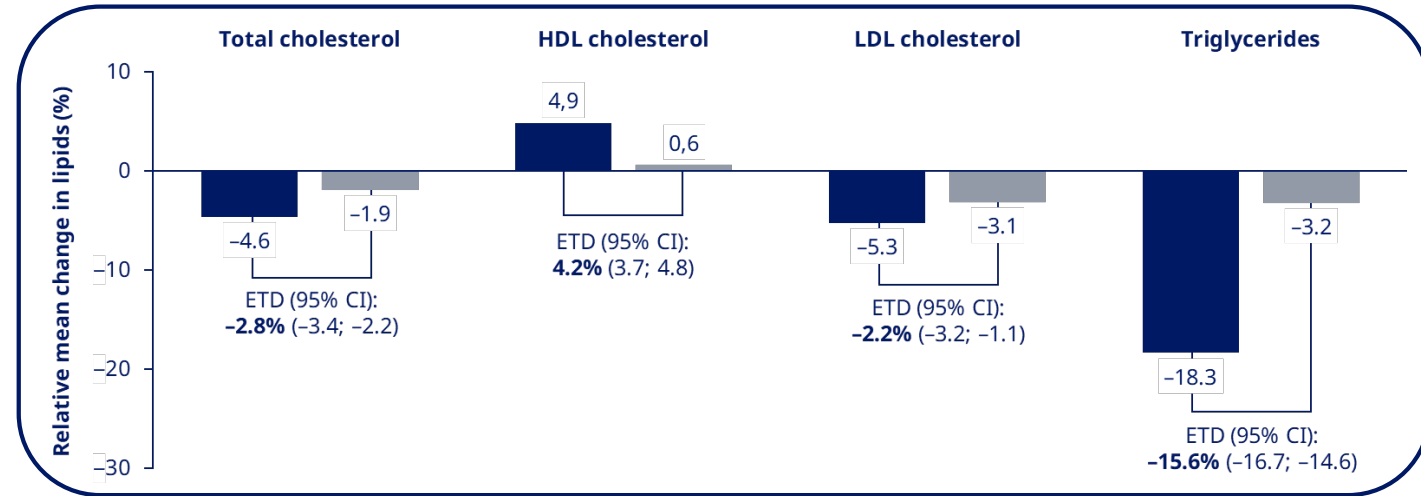
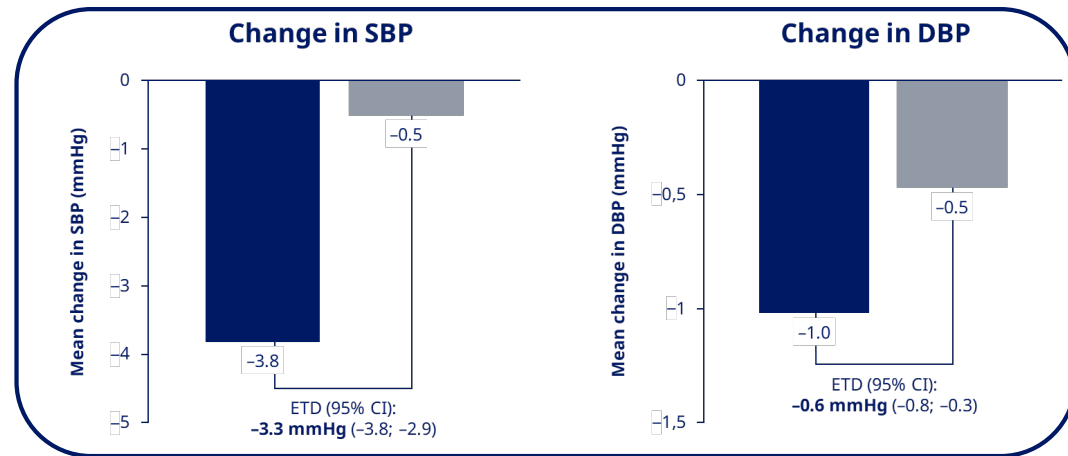
Time to glycaemic events[†]



■ Semaglutide 2.4 mg ■ Placebo

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Change in traditional CV risk factors



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Semaglutide in Patients with Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction and Obesity

n=529



NYHA II–IV
LVEF $\geq 45\%$



BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²

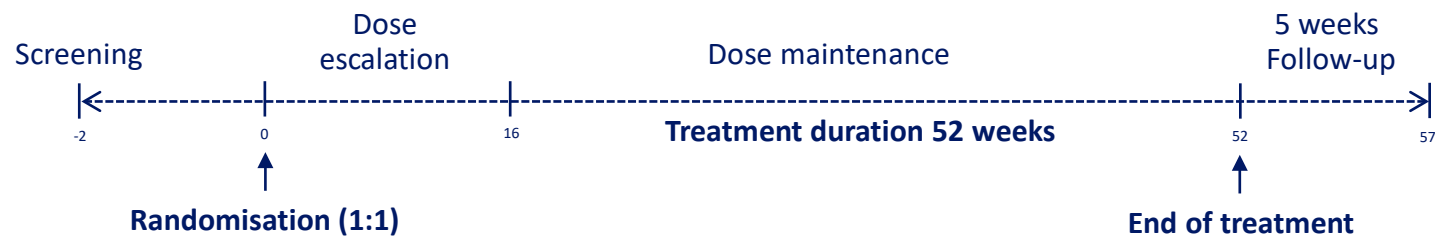


No T2D



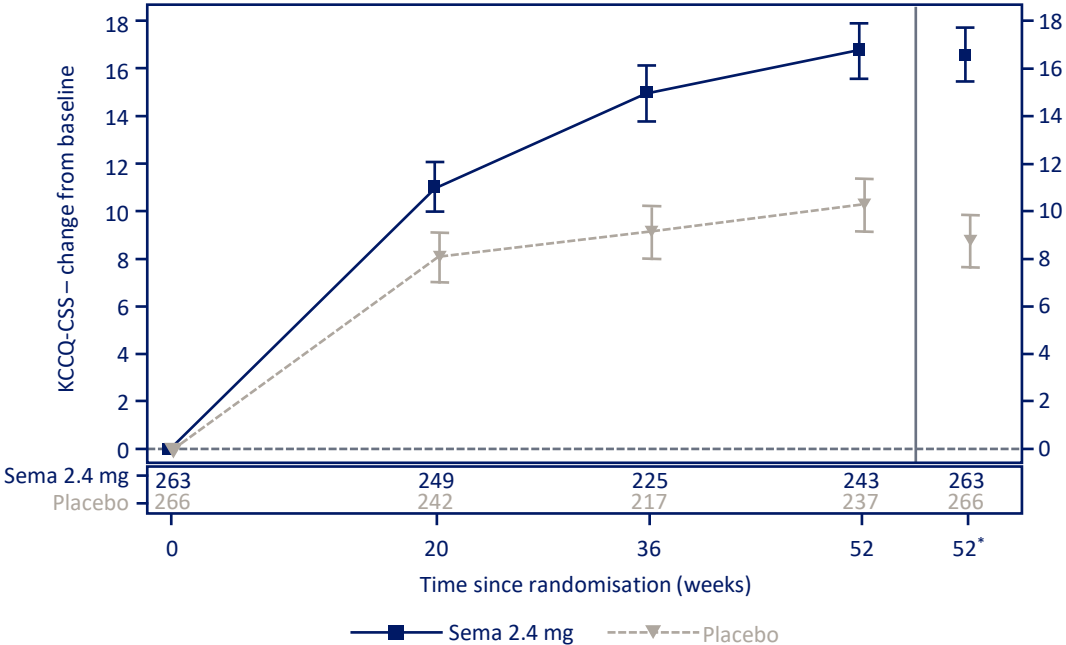
Semaglutide 2.4 mg once weekly + SoC

Placebo once weekly + SoC

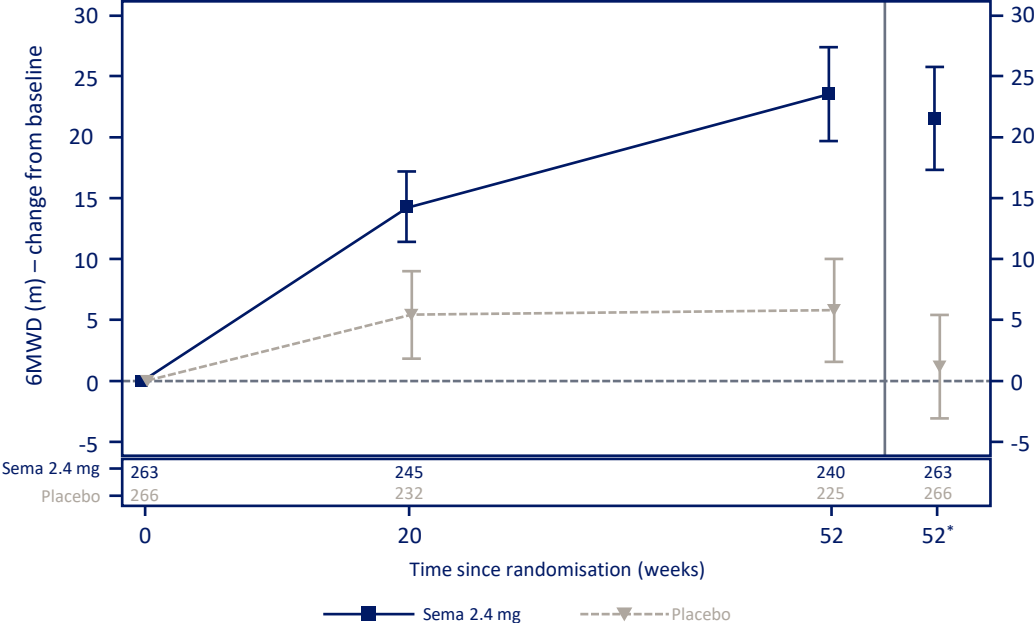


STEP HFpEF

Primary endpoint



Confirmatory secondary endpoint



Significant improvement in mean KCCQ-CSS at week 52

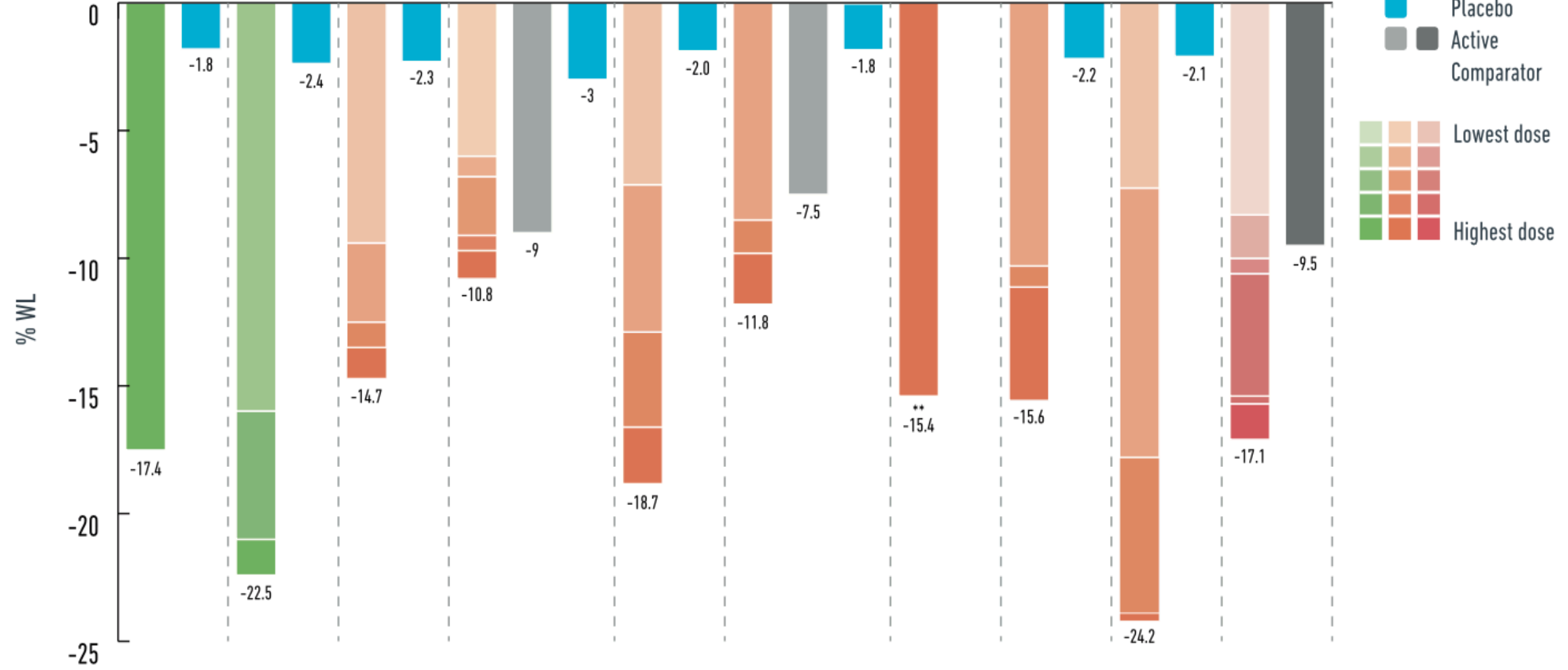
Significant increase in mean 6MWD

	Sema 2.4 mg	Placebo	OR (95% CI)
Change from baseline to week 52 in NT-proBNP (% reduction)	-20.9	-5.3	0.84 (0.71; 0.98)
Participants with KCCQ-CSS improvement ≥15 points at week 52 (%)	50.6	35.9	2.2 (1.5; 3.2)

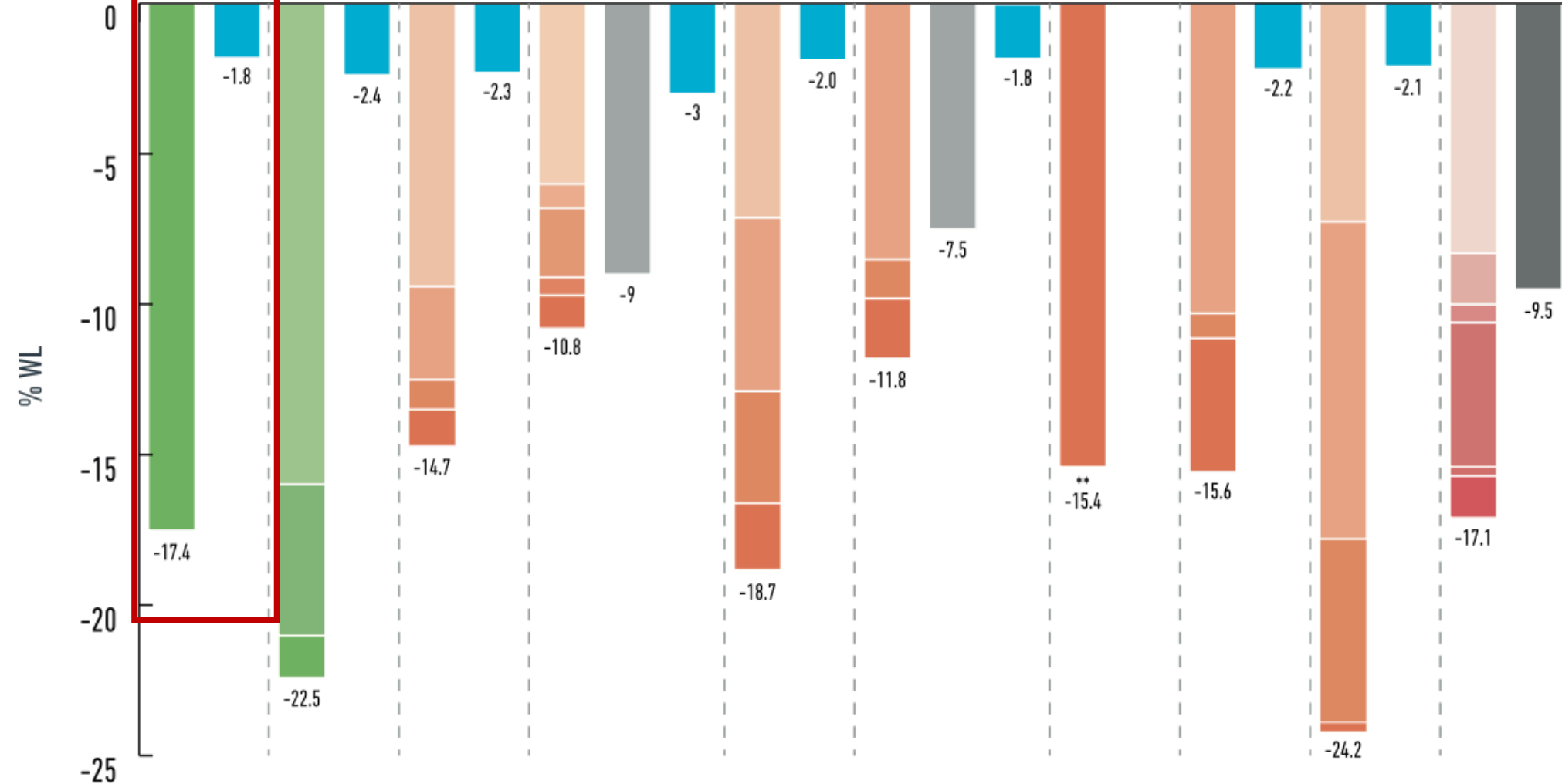
Future perspectives



	Oral Semaglutide ^A	Tirzepatide ^A	Orfoglipron ^A	Cagrilintide ^A	Survodutide ^A	Efinopegdutide ^B	Mazdutide ^C	Pemvidutide ^A	Retatrutide ^A	CagriSema ^B
Dose and frequency	50mg OD	5/10/15mg OW	12/24/36/45mg OD	0.3/0.6/1.2/2.4/4.5mg OW	0.6/2.4/3.6 4.8mg OW	5/7.4/10mg OW	9mg OW	1.2/1.8/2.4mg OW	1/4/8/12mg OW	0.16/0.3/0.6/ 1.2/2.4/4.5 +SEMA 2.4mg OW
Route	PO	SC	PO	SC	SC	SC	SC	SC	SC	SC
Mechanism of action	GLP-1	GLP-1 + GIP	GLP-1	Amylin	GLP-1 + GCG	GLP-1 + GCG	GLP-1 + GCG	GLP-1 + GCG	GLP-1 + GIP + GCG	GLP-1 + Amylin
Comparator	PBO	PBO	PBO	LIRA 3.0mg / PBO	PBO	LIRA 3.0mg / PBO	PBO	PBO	PBO	PBO+SEMA 2.4mg



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Comparator	PBO	PBO	PBO	LIRA 3.0mg / PBO	PBO	LIRA 3.0mg / PBO	PBO	PBO	PBO	PBO+SEMA 2.4mg



KEY:


- Phase 3
- Phase 2
- Phase 1
- Placebo
- Active Comparator

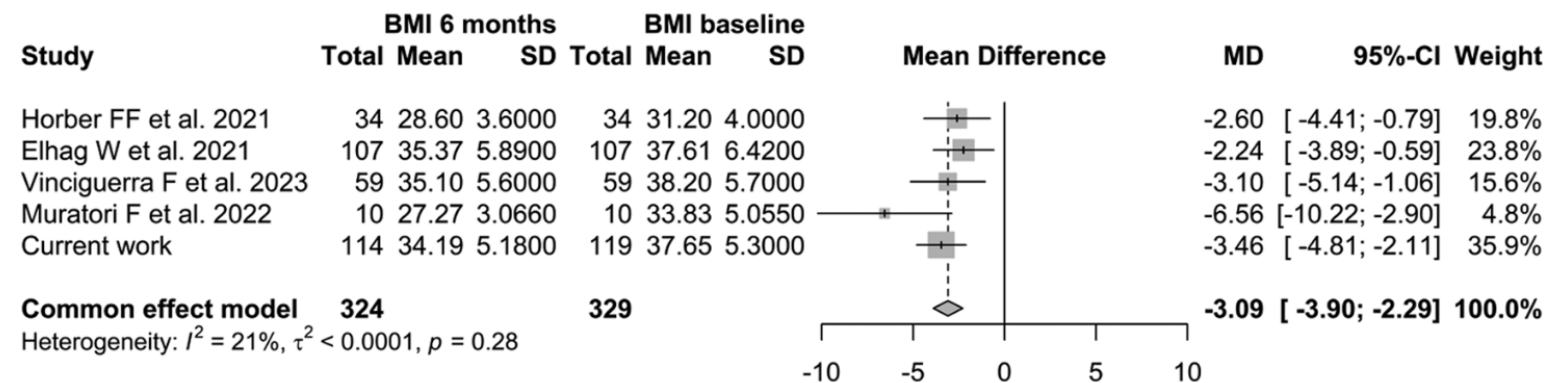
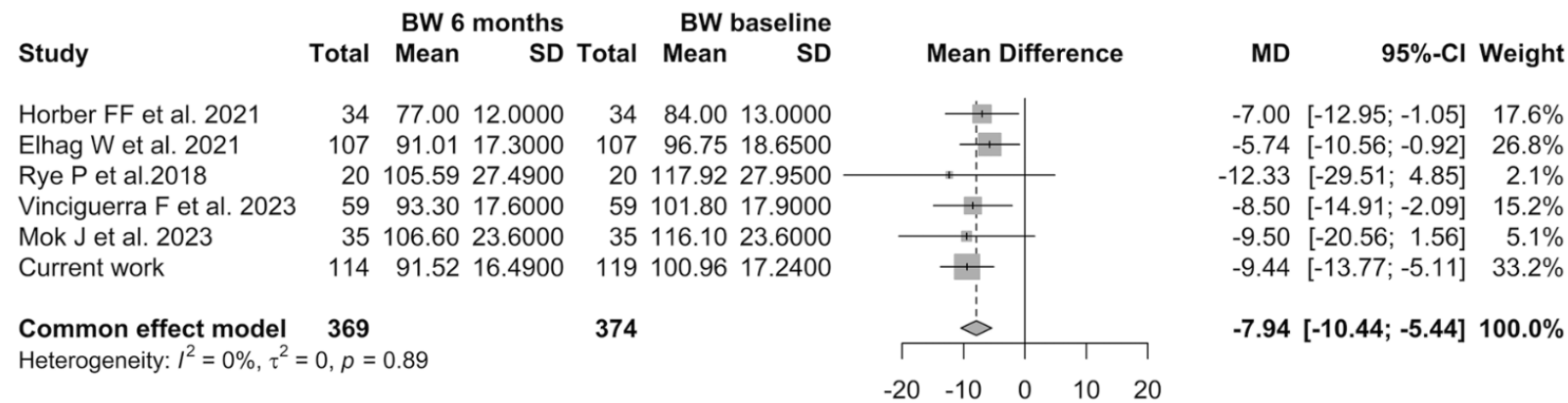
- ■ ■ Lowest dose
- ■ ■ Highest dose





Efficacy of High-dose Liraglutide 3.0 mg in Patients with Poor Response to Bariatric Surgery: Real-world Experience and Updated Meta-analysis

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International Obesity Collaborative **CONSENSUS STATEMENT**

Obesity Care vs. Weight Loss



Obesity care and weight loss are not the same.

Obesity care delivered by qualified clinicians consists of evidence-based options that address comorbidities of obesity (diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, etc.) and improve well-being. Obesity care is about health, not weight. Weight loss is just one outcome of obesity care.

People with obesity deserve care, free from stigma and shame.

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