



*NEWER  
GENERATION ANTI-  
OBESITY  
MEDICATIONS AND  
THEIR IMPACT ON  
METABOLIC  
HEALTH*

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# *AGENDA*

Newer Generation Medications  
Weight loss outcomes  
Impact on metabolic Health



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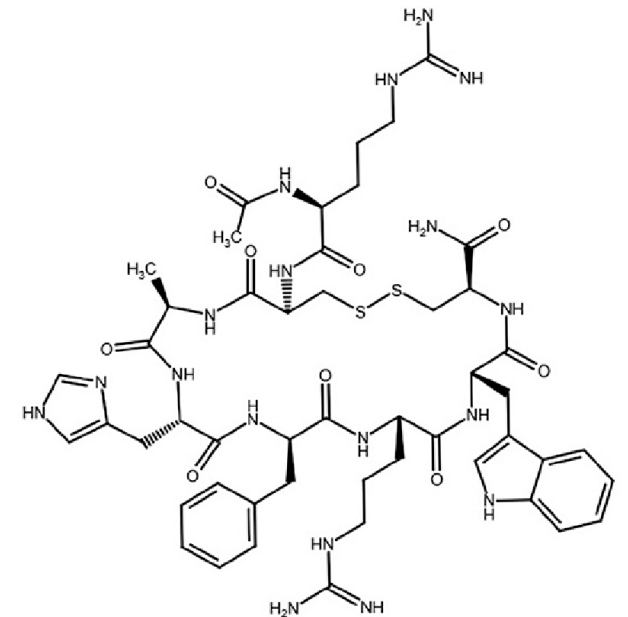


# NEW GENERATION ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATIONS

- Setmelanotide
- Semaglutide 2.4mg
- Tirzepatide

# SETMELANOTIDE

- Melanocortin-4 (MC4) Receptor Agonist
- Developed for treatment of rare genetic obesity disorders of POMC, PCSK-1 and Leptin Receptor Deficiency
- 8-amino acid cyclic peptide analogue of  $\alpha$ -MSH



# Efficacy and safety of setmelanotide, an MC4R agonist, in individuals with severe obesity due to LEPR or POMC deficiency: single-arm, open-label, multicentre, phase 3 trials

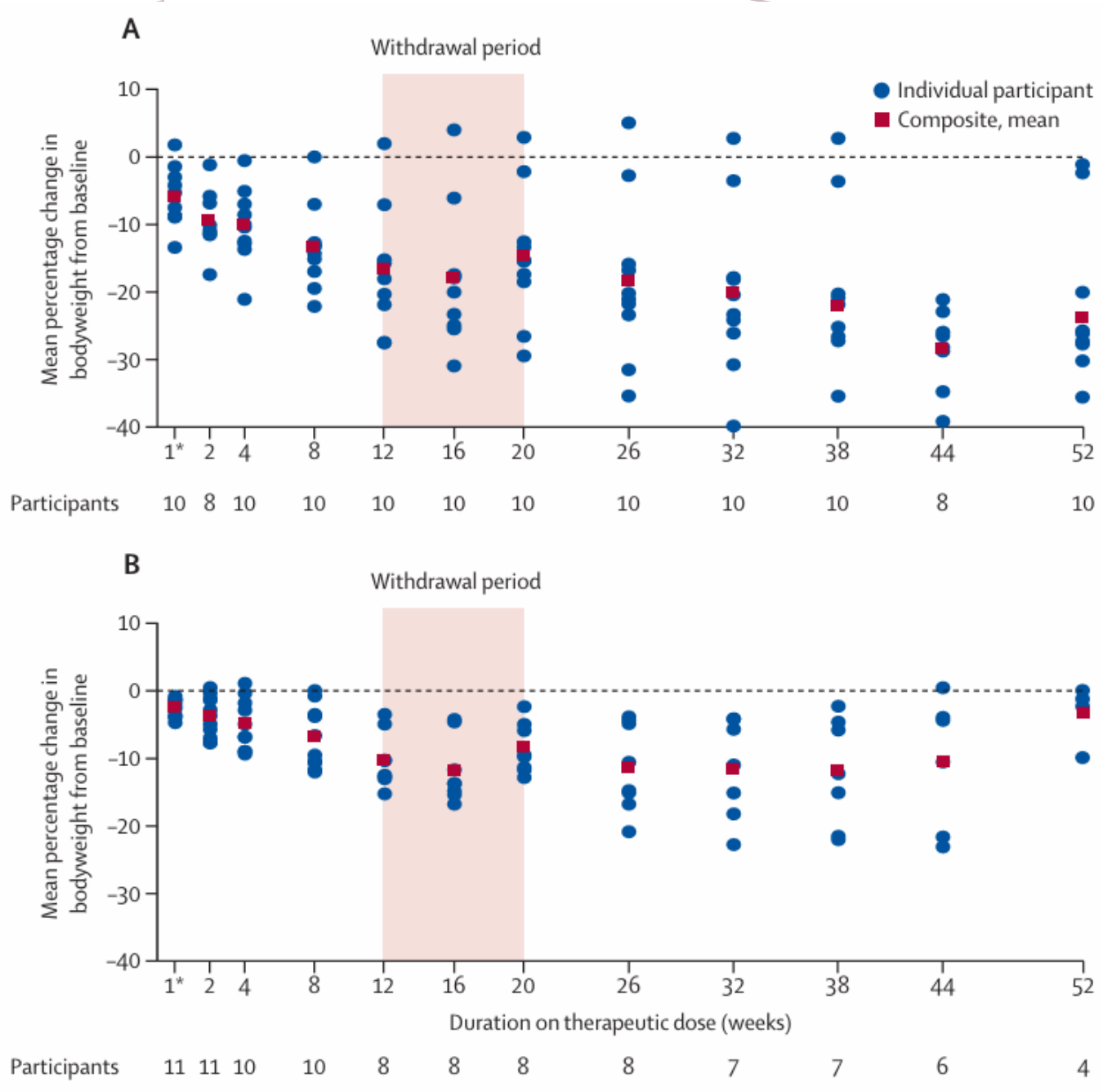
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Setmelanotide POMC and LEPR Phase 3 Trial Investigators

- **Single Arm, Multicentre, Open-label**
- **10 Hospitals (US, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands and UK)**
- **12 weeks of Setmelanotide (POMC and LEPR)**

	Participants with POMC deficiency obesity (n=10†)	Participants with LEPR deficiency obesity (n=11)
Age, years	18.4 (6.2; 11.0–30.0)	23.7 (8.4; 13.0–37.0)
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	5 (50%)	3 (27%)
Female	5 (50%)	8 (73%)
<b>Genotype</b>		
Compound heterozygous	2 (20%)	6 (55%)
Homozygous	8 (80%)	5 (45%)
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	1 (10%)	0
Not Hispanic or Latino	8 (80%)	11 (100%)
Unknown	1 (10%)	0
<b>Race</b>		
White	7 (70%)	10 (91%)
Other	3 (30%)	1 (9%)
Bodyweight, kg	118.7 (37.5; 55.9–186.7)	133.3 (26.0; 89.4–170.4)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	40.4 (9.0; 26.6–53.3)	48.2 (10.4; 35.8–64.6)

Clément K, et al. Efficacy and safety of Setmelanotide, an MC4R agonist, in individuals with severe obesity due to LEPR or POMC deficiency: single-arm, open-label, multicentre, phase 3 trials. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2020 Dec;8(12):960-970. Doi: 10.1016/S2213-8587(20)30364-8. Epub 2020 Oct 30. PMID: 33137293.





# OUTCOME

	Participants with POMC deficiency obesity			Participants with LEPR deficiency obesity		
	Baseline (n=10)	Approximately 1 year at therapeutic dose (n=10)	Percentage change from baseline (n=10)	Baseline (n=11)	Approximately 1 year at therapeutic dose (n=9)	Percentage change from baseline (n=9)
Bodyweight*, kg	115.0 (37.8)†	83.1 (21.4)†	-25.6% (9.9); 90% CI -28.8 to -22.0; p<0.0001	131.7 (32.6)‡	115.0 (29.6)‡	-12.5% (8.9); 90% CI -16.1 to -8.8; p<0.0001
Waist circumference*, cm	118.9 (17.6)†	100.5 (12.4)†	-14.9% (7.6); 90% CI -18.4 to -11.4; p<0.0001	127.3 (22.5)‡	114.4 (20.0)§	-7.2% (5.0); 90% CI -9.9 to -4.0; p=0.0002
Body composition*, kg						
Non-bone lean mass	57.8 (19.3)†	46.6 (10.3)¶	-10.7% (8.2); 90% CI -14.4 to -4.7; p=0.0028	58.5 (9.5)§	52.2 (8.5)§	-7.4% (5.1); 90% CI -9.2 to -4.6; p=0.0004
Total fat mass	55.3 (21.1)†	30.3 (11.3)¶	-38.6% (15.4); 90% CI -50.2 to -31.9; p<0.0001	69.3 (24.6)§	53.6 (25.1)§	-15.0% (14.6); 90% CI -24.8 to -6.3; p=0.0086

Cardiovascular parameters						
Heart rate, beats per min	81.0 (12.1)	75.4 (7.2)	-5.8% (11.4); 90% CI -12.5 to 0.8; p=0.14	79.5 (12.6)	77.9 (16.5)	-1.3% (15.5); 90% CI -10.9 to 8.3; p=0.80
Diastolic blood pressure, mm Hg	73.1 (10.8)	71.5 (9.2)	-1.8% (6.3); 90% CI -5.4 to 1.8; p=0.38	67.7 (5.8)	66.5 (8.6)	-1.6% (13.0); 90% CI -9.7 to 6.5; p=0.73
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	111.6 (7.8)	109.8 (6.1)	-1.4% (5.1); 90% CI -4.3 to 1.6; p=0.42	121.7 (8.8)	115.1 (14.6)	-3.8% (9.9); 90% CI -9.9 to 2.4; p=0.29
Glucose metabolism						
Fasting glucose, mg/dL	135.8 (107.7)	107.0 (85.5)	-17.2% (18.8); 90% CI -28.1 to -6.3; p=0.018	106.1 (49.2)	108.9 (55.4)	-0.7% (7.0); 90% CI -5.0 to 3.7; p=0.78
HbA <sub>1c</sub> , %	6.1% (1.8)	5.8% (1.9)	-4.0% (10.5); 90% CI -10.1 to 2.1; p=0.26	5.7% (0.8)‡	5.5% (0.7)	-4.9% (7.8); 90% CI -12.3 to 2.6; p=0.24
HbA <sub>1c</sub> , mmol/mol	43.5 (20.5)‡	39.1 (23.6)‡	..	54.8 (40.9)**	53.8 (38.8)**	..
Insulin during oral glucose load††, nmol/L	136.0 (104.6)¶	78.8 (104.1)‡	..	134.9 (104.3)†	129.5 (40.9)‡‡	..
Lipids, mg/dL						
HDL cholesterol	40.4 (17.7)	52.9 (14.1)	45.0% (43.8); 90% CI 19.6 to 70.3; p=0.010	41.9 (14.4)	49.2 (16.2)	19.6% (24.0); 90% CI 4.8 to 34.5; p=0.040
LDL cholesterol	88.7 (25.9)	80.6 (28.2)	-7.6% (23.1); 90% CI -21.1 to 5.8; p=0.32	105.8 (24.8)	93.3 (22.1)	-10.0% (12.1); 90% CI -17.5 to -2.5; p=0.038
Triglycerides	178.4 (158.3)	78.9 (24.8)	-36.6% (30.4); 90% CI -54.2 to -19.0; p=0.0041	112.3 (46.0)	96.5 (30.2)	-7.0% (26.6); 90% CI -23.4 to 9.5; p=0.46
Alanine aminotransferase, IU/L	35.6 (22.3)	17.2 (6.5)	..	22.2 (8.8)	16.8 (7.6)**	..
Aspartate aminotransferase, IU/L	33.1 (16.1)	22.2 (5.4)	..	23.4 (5.4)	19.5 (4.04)**	..
Bilirubin, µmol/L	7.6 (2.6)	8.2 (3.9)	..	6.8 (3.7)	8.0 (7.4)	..
Creatinine, µmol/L	49.7 (12.5)	55.2 (16.2)	..	58.1 (14.8)	56.6 (17.5)	..

	Participants with POMC deficiency obesity (n=10)	Participants with LEPR deficiency obesity (n=11)
Treatment-related adverse events	10 (100%)	11 (100%)
Injection site reaction	10 (100%)	11 (100%)
Skin and subcutaneous disorders related to hyperpigmentation	10 (100%)	5 (45%)
Skin hyperpigmentation	10 (100%)	4 (36%)
Pigmentation disorder	0	4 (36%)
Skin discolouration	0	2 (18%)
Nausea	5 (50%)	4 (36%)
Vomiting	3 (30%)	..
Serious adverse events	4* (40%)	3† (27%)
Serious treatment-related adverse events	0	0
Treatment-emergent adverse events leading to discontinuation	0	1 (9%)
Treatment-emergent adverse events leading to death	0	1 (9%)‡

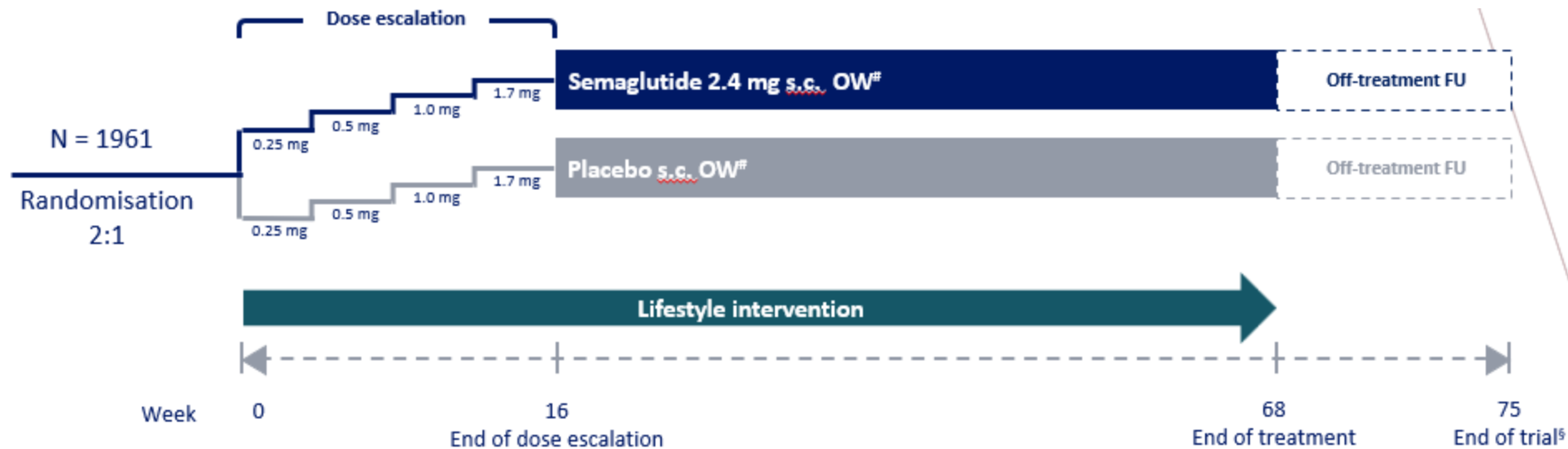
- **First approved in 2021**
- **Chronic weight management in patients older than 6 years**
- **Obesity caused by POMC, PCSK-1 and LEPR**
- **Evaluated in phase III trial for the treatment of other genetic disorders such as Bardiet-Biedel Syndrome, Alstrom Syndrome and other MC4 pathway disorders**

# *SEMAGLUTIDE*

- 94% homology to human GLP-1
- It has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 1 week approximately
- Approved for the treatment of obesity at dose of 2.4mg weekly in 2021

# STEP 1 TRIAL

- Randomized, Double blind, Placebo-controlled (129 sites in 16 countries)



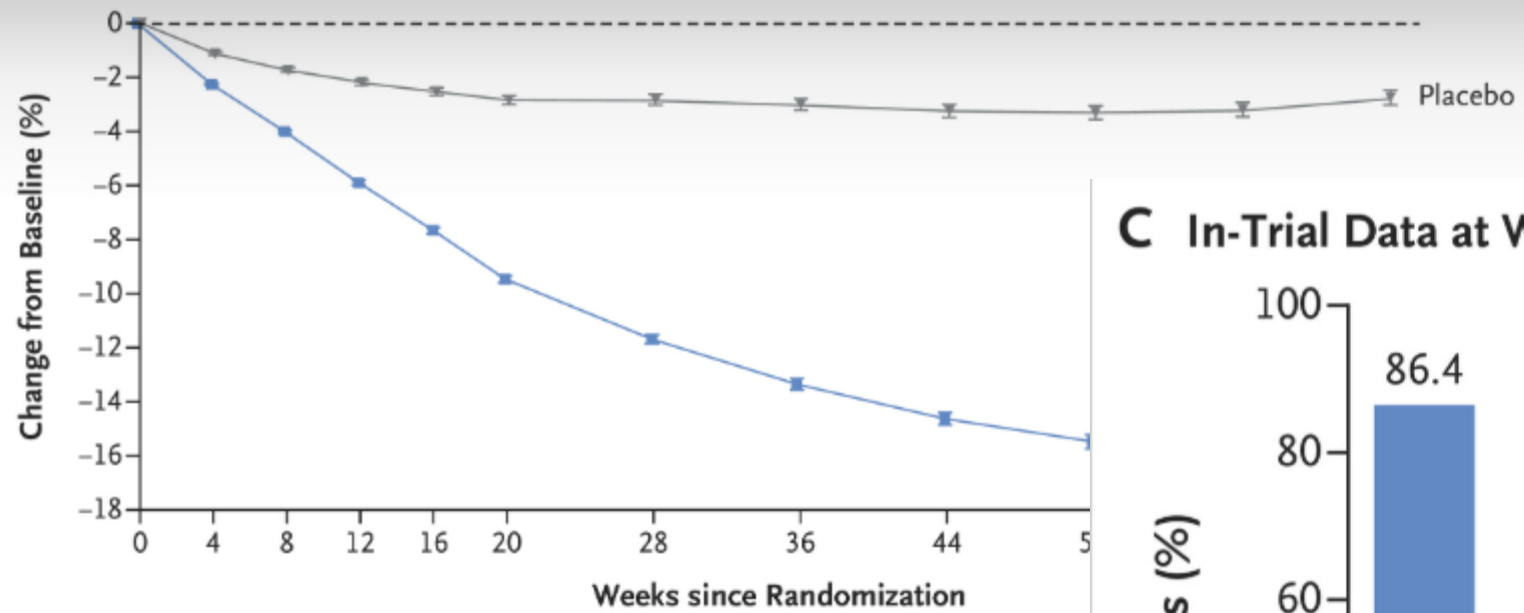
- Participants > 18 yrs, BMI:  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\geq 1$  comorbidity
- Primary end-point %-weight loss and 5%-responders

Characteristic	Semaglutide (N=1306)	Placebo (N=655)
Age — yr	46±13	47±12
Female sex — no. (%)	955 (73.1)	498 (76.0)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†		
White	973 (74.5)	499 (76.2)
Asian	181 (13.9)	80 (12.2)
Black or African American	72 (5.5)	39 (6.0)
Other	80 (6.1)	37 (5.6)
Hispanic or Latino ethnic group — no. (%)†	150 (11.5)	86 (13.1)
Body weight — kg	105.4±22.1	105.2±21.5
Body-mass index‡		
Mean	37.8±6.7	38.0±6.5

Characteristic	Semaglutide (N=1306)	Placebo (N=655)
Waist circumference — cm	114.6±14.8	114.8±14.4
Glycated hemoglobin — %	5.7±0.3	5.7±0.3
Prediabetes — no. (%)§	593 (45.4)	263 (40.2)
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic	126±14	127±14
Diastolic	80±10	80±10
Pulse — beats/min	72±10	72±10
Lipid levels — geometric mean mg/dl (coefficient of variation)¶		
Total cholesterol	189.6 (20.5)	192.1 (19.4)
HDL cholesterol	49.4 (25.6)	49.5 (25.0)
LDL cholesterol	110.3 (31.6)	112.5 (29.8)
VLDL cholesterol	24.5 (45.8)	24.9 (46.5)
Free fatty acids	12.3 (57.9)	12.7 (53.8)
Triglycerides	126.2 (47.4)	127.9 (49.0)



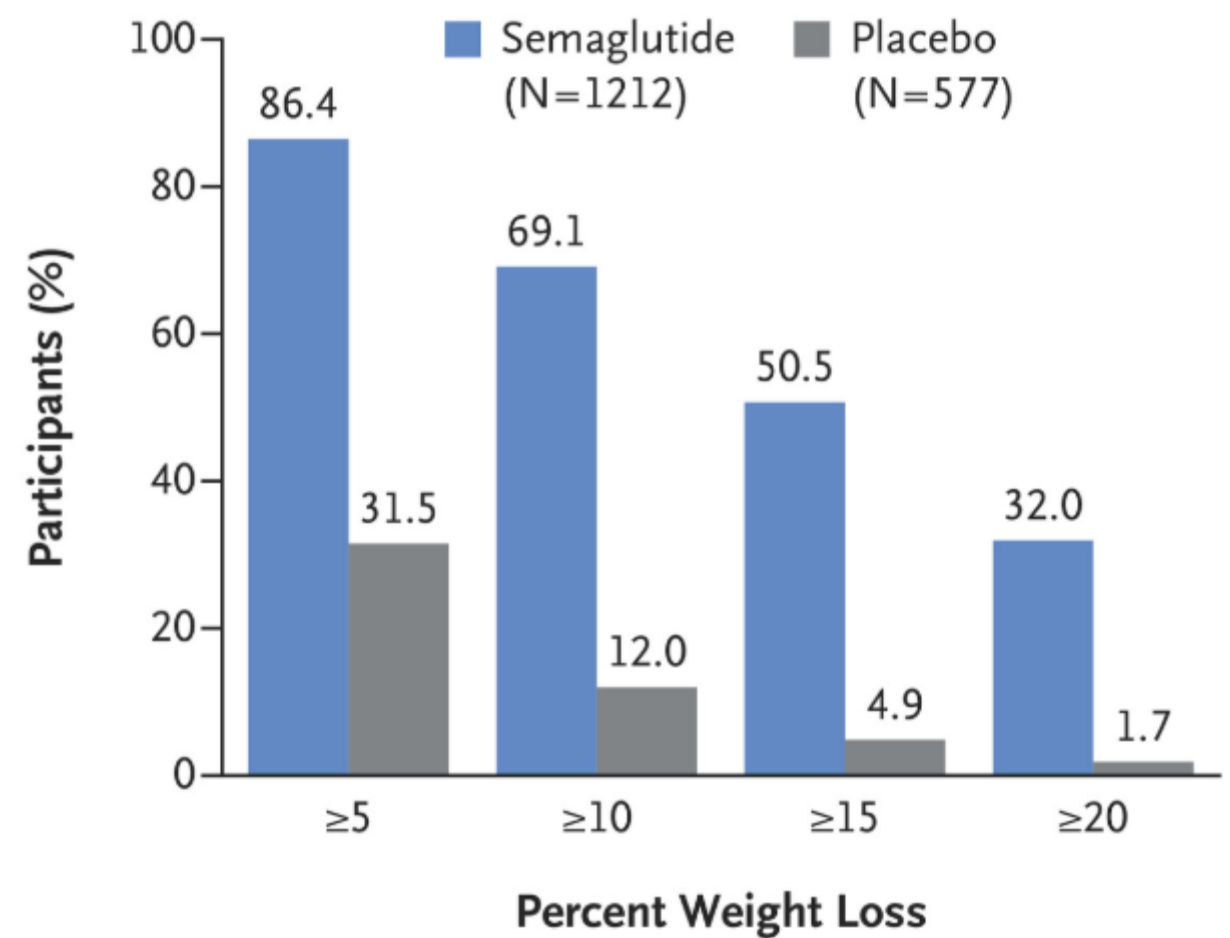
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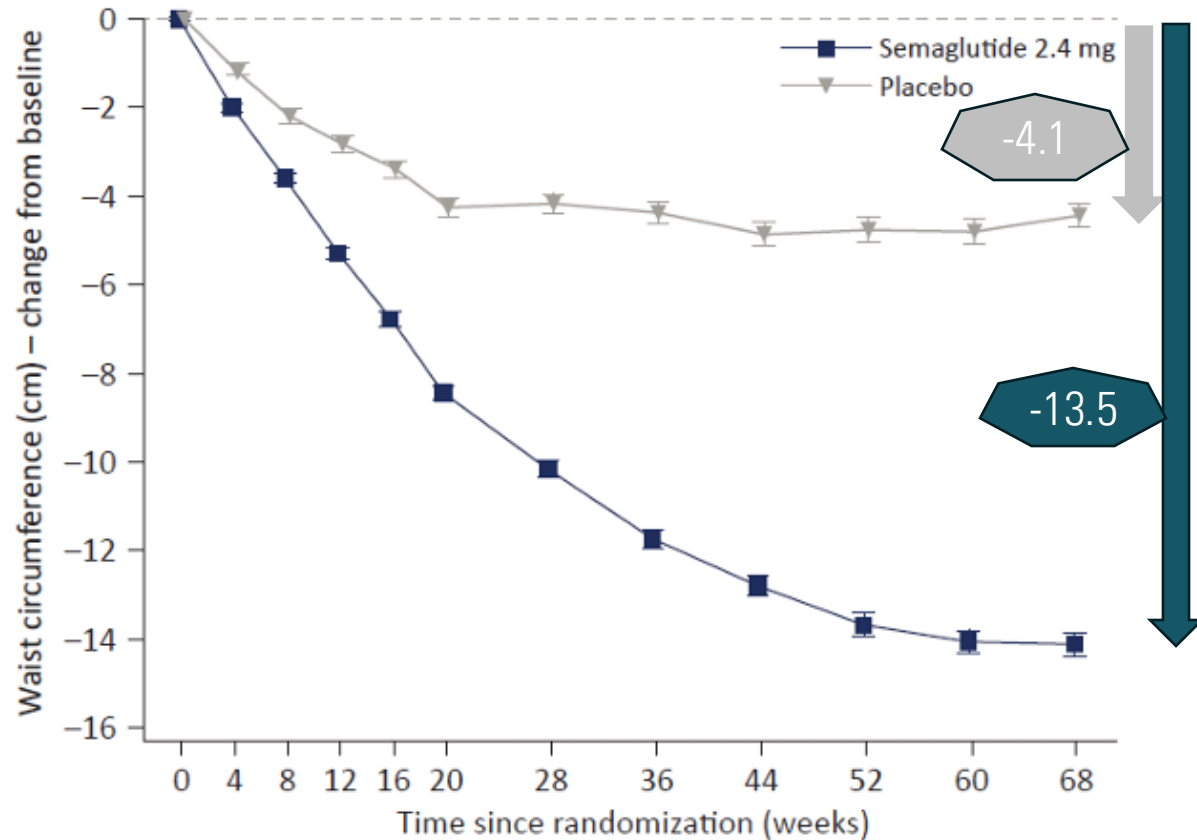
**No. at Risk**

	0	4	8	12	16	20	28	36	44	52
Placebo	655	649	641	619	615	603	592	571	554	541
Semaglutide	1306	1290	1281	1262	1252	1248	1232	1228	1207	1191

**C In-Trial Data at Wk 68**

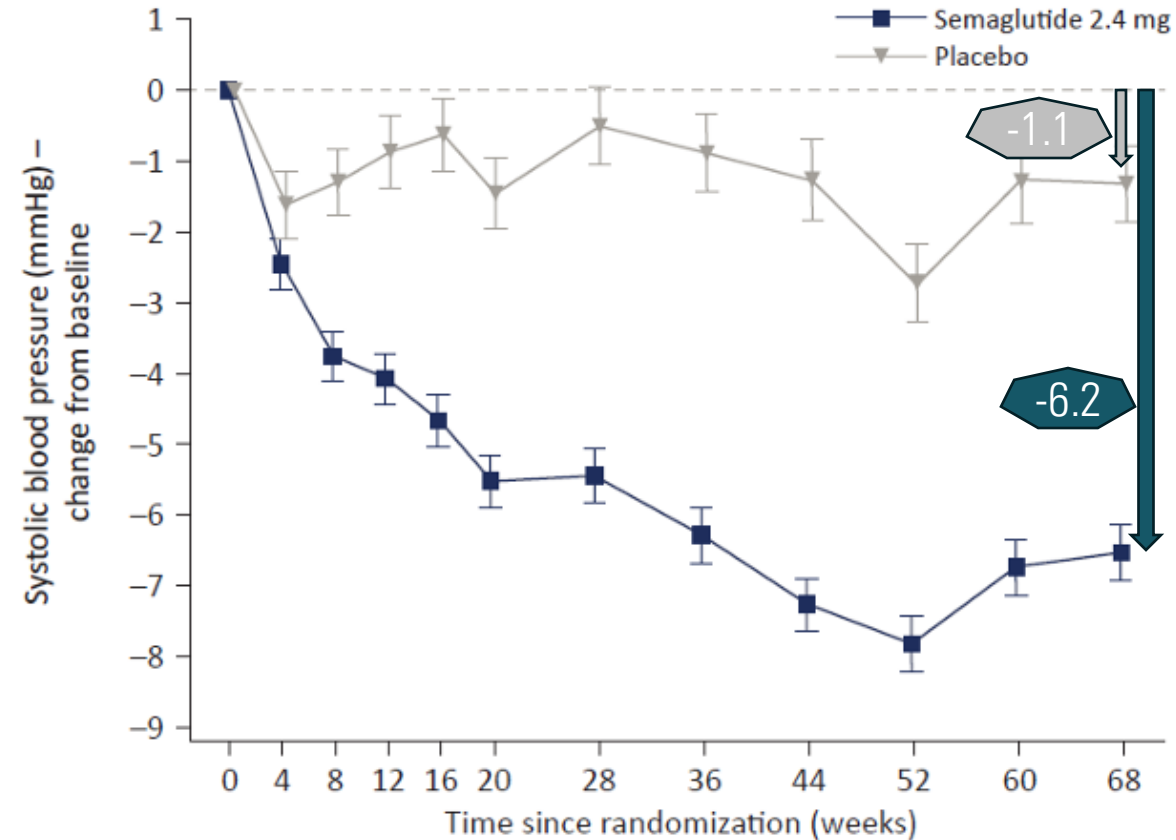


**A** Change from baseline by week – observed in-trial data



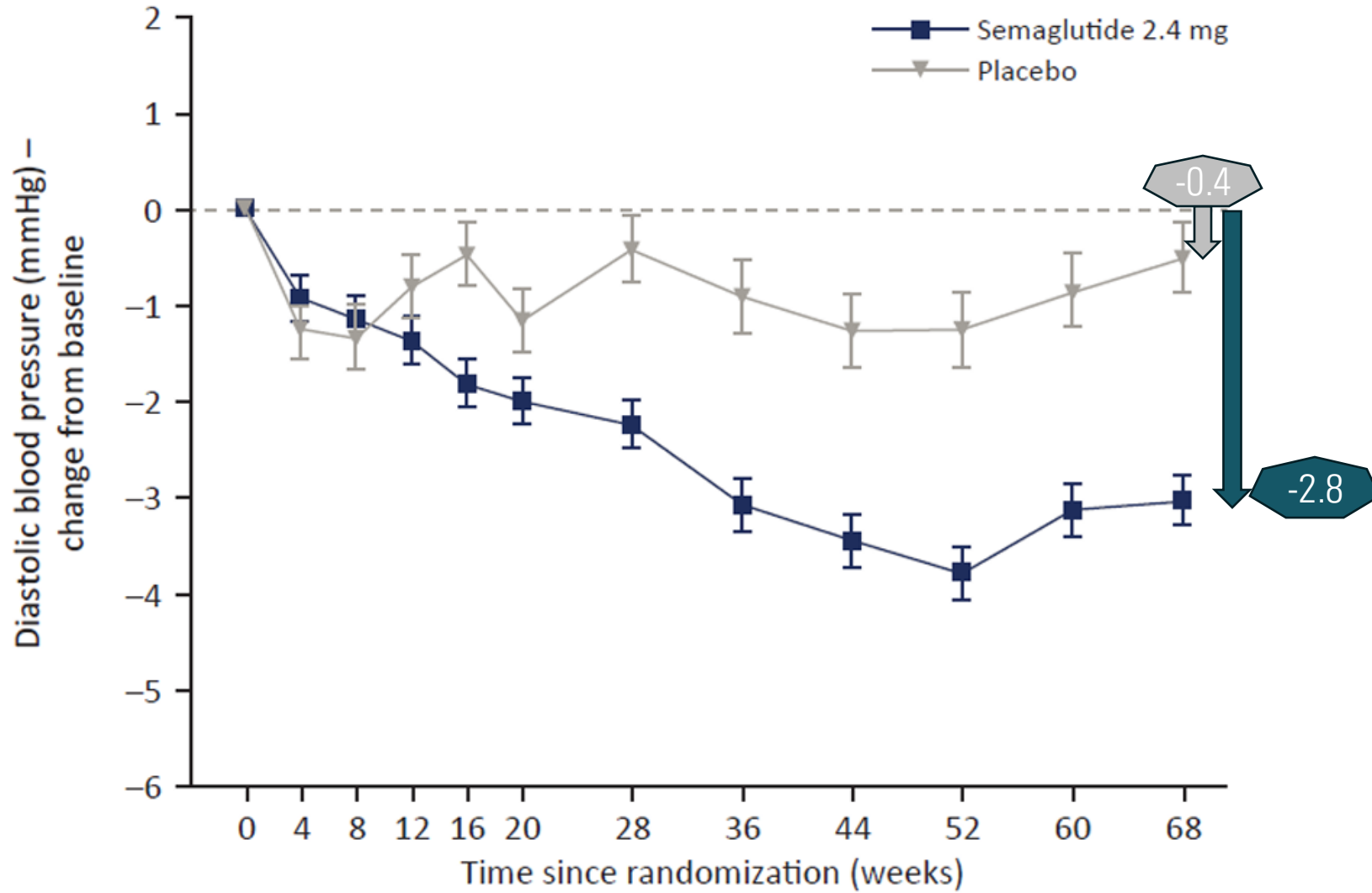
Semaglutide 2.4 mg	1306	1290	1280	1259	1251	1248	1231	1228	1206	1203	1188	1210
Placebo	655	649	641	617	614	602	592	570	554	548	539	575

**B** Change from baseline by week – observed in-trial data



Semaglutide 2.4 mg	1306	1292	1281	1261	1251	1247	1231	1228	1207	1202	1188	1210
Placebo	655	648	641	619	614	603	592	570	554	550	538	574

## Change from baseline by week – observed in-trial data



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End Point	Semaglutide (N=1306)	Placebo (N=655)	Difference between Semaglutide and Placebo (95% CI)†	Odds Ratio
Glycated hemoglobin — percentage points	-0.45	-0.15	-0.29 (-0.32 to -0.26)	
Fasting plasma glucose — mg/dl	-8.35	-0.48	-7.87 (-9.04 to -6.70)	
Diastolic blood pressure — mm Hg	-2.83	-0.42	-2.41 (-3.25 to -1.57)	
Lipid levels, ratio of wk 68 value to baseline¶				
Total cholesterol	0.97	1.00	0.97 (0.95 to 0.98)	
HDL cholesterol	1.05	1.01	1.04 (1.02 to 1.05)	
LDL cholesterol	0.97	1.01	0.96 (0.94 to 0.98)	
VLDL cholesterol	0.78	0.93	0.84 (0.81 to 0.87)	
Free fatty acids	0.83	0.93	0.89 (0.83 to 0.94)	
Triglycerides	0.78	0.93	0.84 (0.81 to 0.87)	
C-reactive protein, ratio of wk-68 value to baseline¶	0.47	0.85	0.56 (0.51 to 0.61)	

Adverse Event	Semaglutide (N=1306)			
	No. of participants (%)	No. of events	Events/100 person-yr	No. of participants (%)
Adverse events reported in ≥10% of participants§				
Nausea	577 (44.2)	1068	62.6	114 (17.4)
Diarrhea	412 (31.5)	766	44.9	104 (15.9)
Vomiting	324 (24.8)	636	37.3	43 (6.6)
Constipation	306 (23.4)	390	22.9	62 (9.5)
Nasopharyngitis	281 (21.5)	480	28.1	133 (20.3)
Headache	198 (15.2)	387	22.7	80 (12.2)
Dyspepsia	135 (10.3)	179	10.5	23 (3.5)
Abdominal pain	130 (10.0)	175	10.3	36 (5.5)
Upper respiratory tract infection	114 (8.7)	158	9.3	80 (12.2)

# *CONCLUSIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS*

## *STEP 1*

- Among adults with overweight or obesity (without diabetes), semaglutide 2.4 mg plus lifestyle intervention was associated with substantial, sustained, clinically relevant mean weight loss of 14.9%, with 86% of participants attaining at least 5% weight loss
- Approximately 70% and 50% of participants achieved a weight loss of at least 10%, and like respectively. Furthermore, one third of participants treated with semaglutide lost at least 20% of baseline weight
- Weight loss with Semaglutide was accompanied by greater improvements than placebo with respect to cardiometabolic risk factors and physical functioning
- The safety profile of Semaglutide 2.4 mg like other GLP-1RAs:
  - Gastrointestinal disorders (nausea being the most common) were the most frequently reported adverse events, and were mostly transient and mild-to-moderate in severity



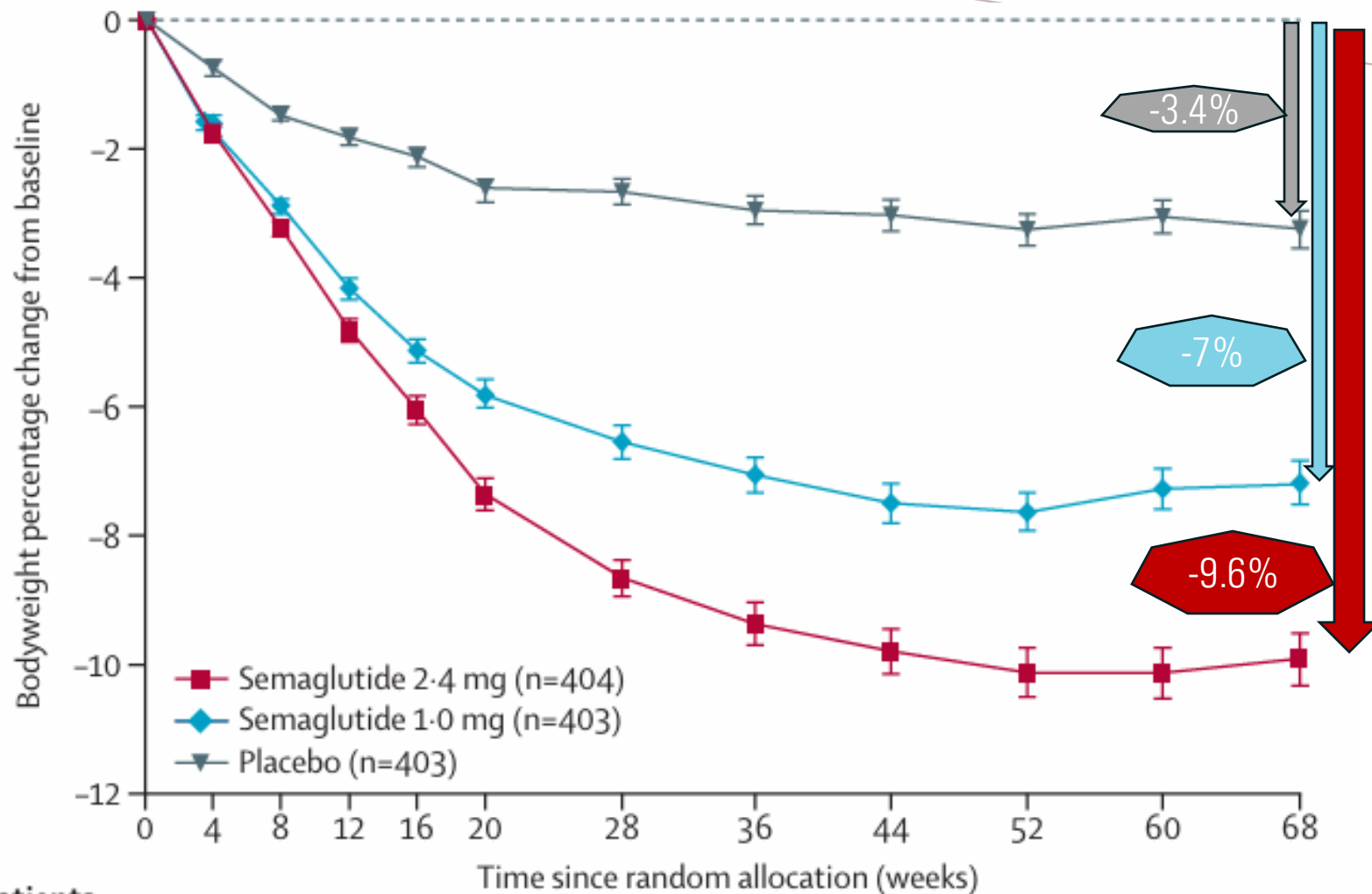
## *STEP-2 TRIAL*

# *TRIAL DESIGN*

- Randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, multicentre superiority study
- 149 outpatient clinics, 12 countries
- 1210 enrolled in the study
- Participants > 18 yrs, BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> · HbA1c of 7–10%, diagnosed with type 2 diabetes at least 180 days before screening



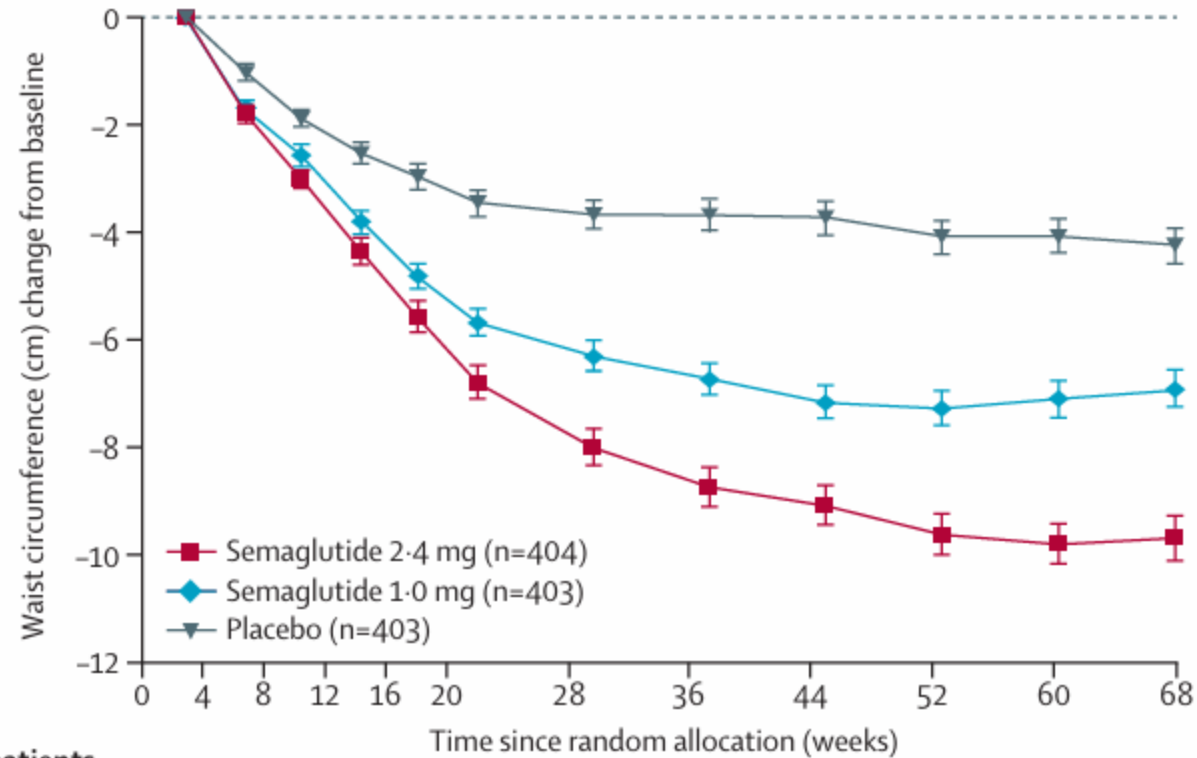
	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (n=404)	Semaglutide 1.0 mg (n=403)	Placebo (n=403)	Total (n=1210)
<b>Glucose-lowering drug class</b>				
Biguanides	370 (91.6%)	379 (94.0%)	362 (89.8%)	1111 (91.8%)
Sulfonylureas	110 (27.2%)	99 (24.6%)	99 (24.6%)	308 (25.5%)
SGLT2 inhibitors	99 (24.5%)	96 (23.8%)	105 (26.1%)	300 (24.8%)
Thiazolidinediones	19 (4.7%)	16 (4.0%)	19 (4.7%)	54 (4.5%)
DPP-4 inhibitor†	2 (0.5%)	3 (0.7%)	1 (0.2%)	6 (0.5%)
α-Glucosidase inhibitors	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	0	2 (0.2%)
GLP-1 receptor agonists†	0	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (<0.1%)
Fast-acting insulins and insulin analogues for injection†	0	0	1 (0.2%)	1 (<0.1%)
Other blood glucose-lowering drugs	1 (0.2%)	0	0	1 (<0.1%)
<b>Number of oral glucose-lowering drugs</b>				
Diet and physical activity only	18 (4.5%)	17 (4.2%)	21 (5.2%)	56 (4.6%)
One	221 (54.7%)	229 (56.8%)	216 (53.6%)	666 (55.0%)
Two	133 (32.9%)	127 (31.5%)	138 (34.2%)	398 (32.9%)
Three	32 (7.9%)	29 (7.2%)	27 (6.7%)	88 (7.3%)
Four†	0	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)
<b>Blood pressure, mm Hg</b>				
Systolic	130 (13)	130 (14)	130 (13)	130 (14)
Diastolic	80 (9)	80 (9)	80 (9)	80 (9)
<b>Lipids geometric mean (CV), mmol/L</b>				
Total cholesterol	4.4 (23.0); n=402	4.5 (25.0); n=399	4.4 (23.3); n=402	4.4 (23.8); n=1203
LDL cholesterol	2.3 (37.3); n=402	2.3 (46.7); n=399	2.3 (37.8); n=402	2.3 (40.7); n=1203



**Number of patients**

Semaglutide 2.4 mg	404	395	397	390	388	392	386	383	381	381	378	388
Semaglutide 1.0 mg	403	394	392	385	383	383	378	377	373	370	374	380
Placebo	403	398	394	389	387	383	381	377	371	367	366	376

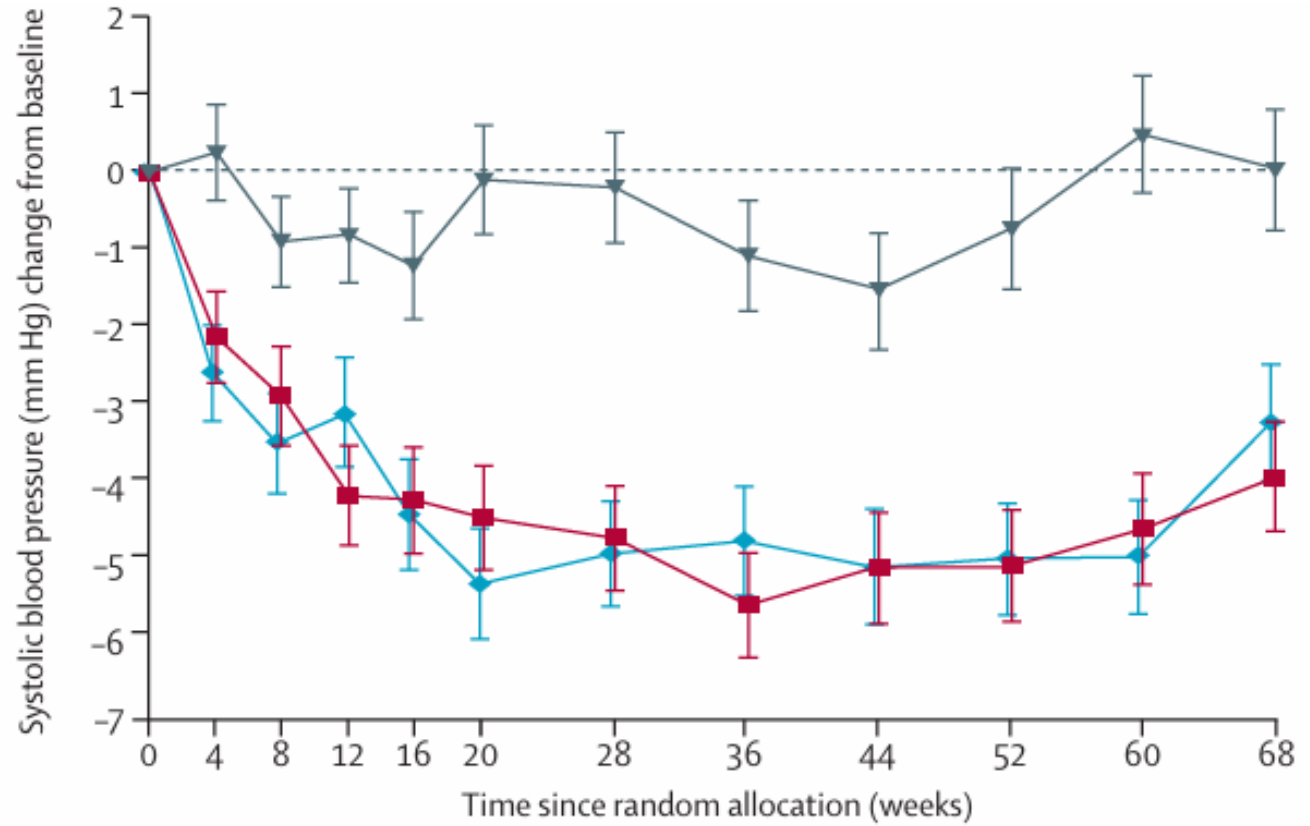
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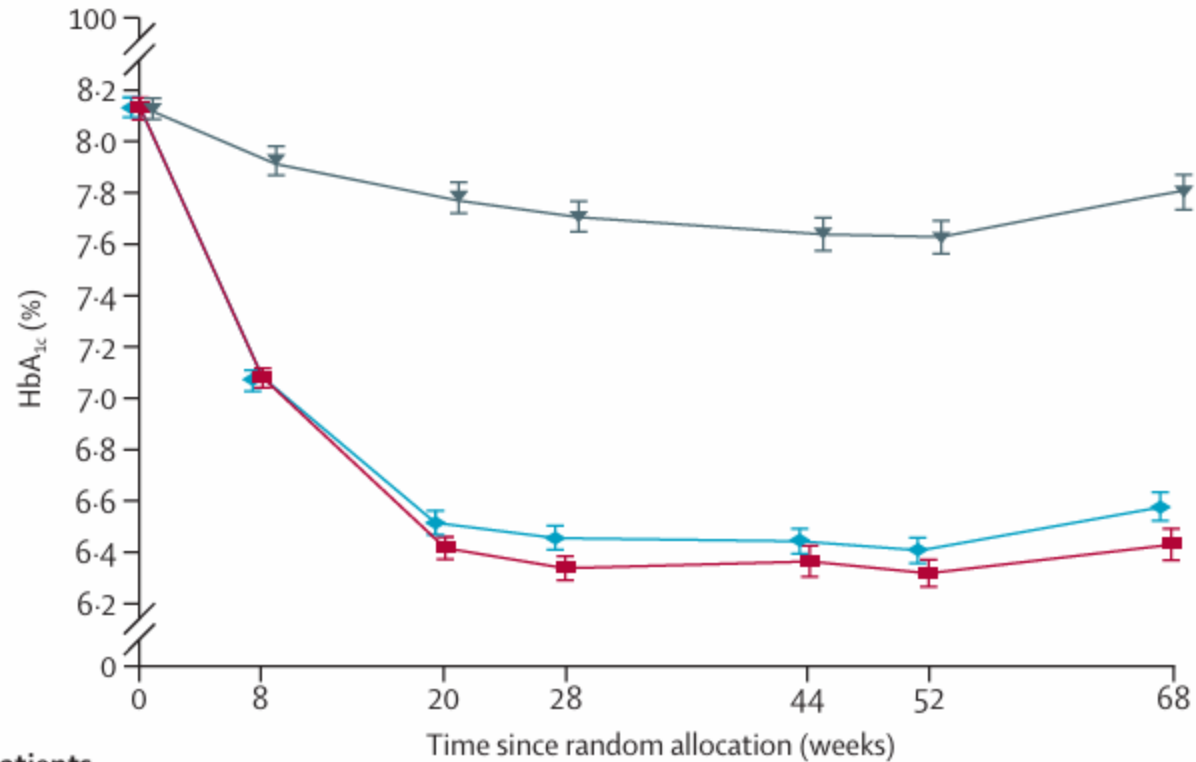
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Placebo	403	398	393	389	387	383	381	377	371	367	365	375

# SYSTOLIC BP



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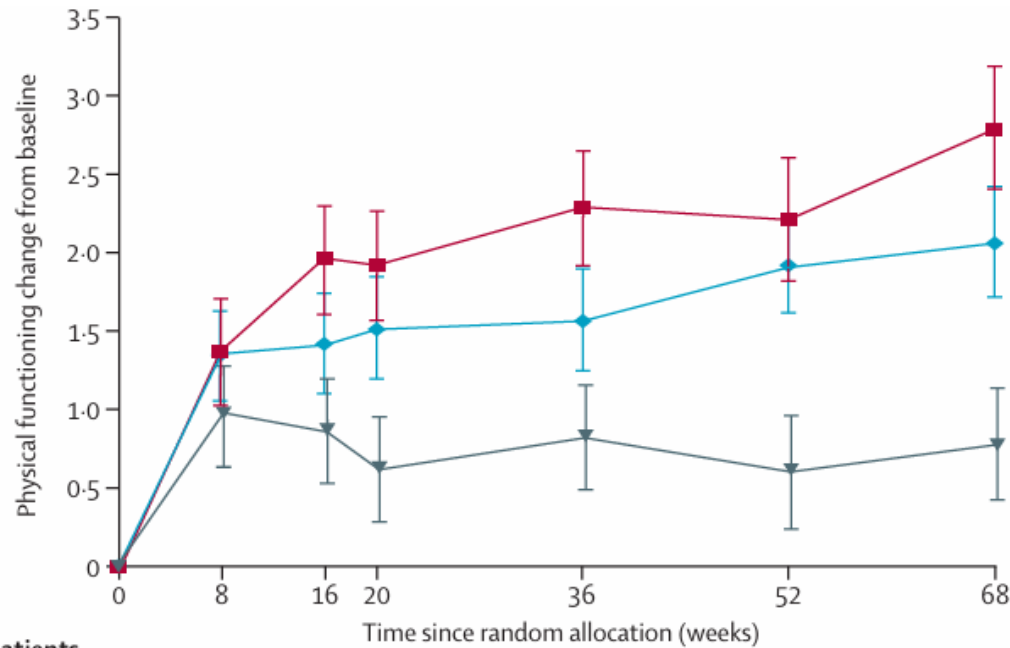
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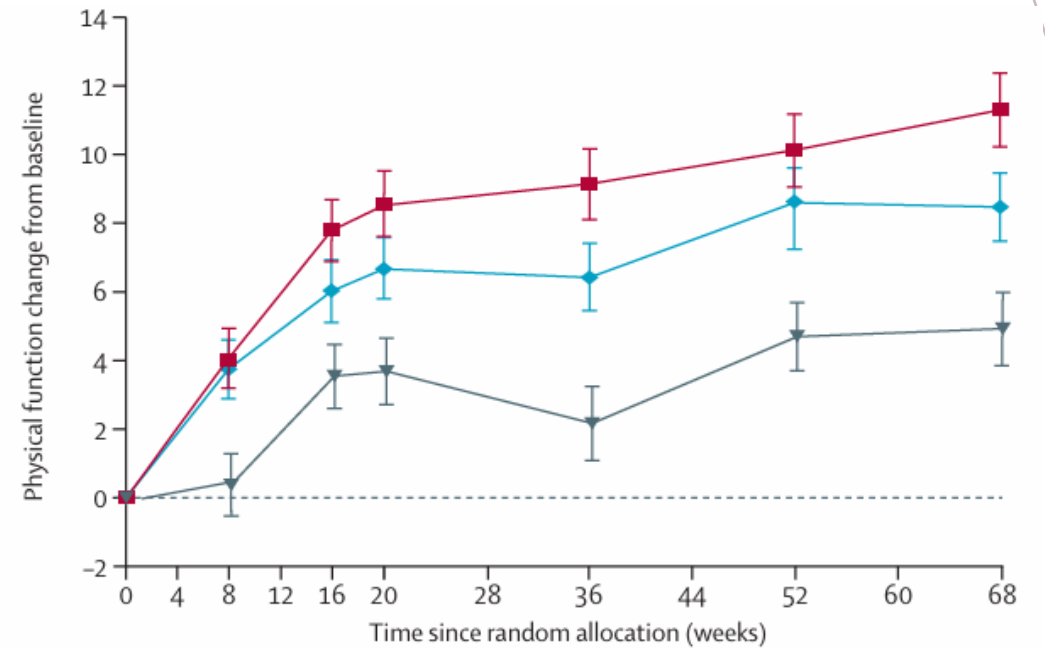
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Semaglutide 1.0 mg	403	386	382	377	369	370	376
Placebo	403	391	381	379	371	366	374

# PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING



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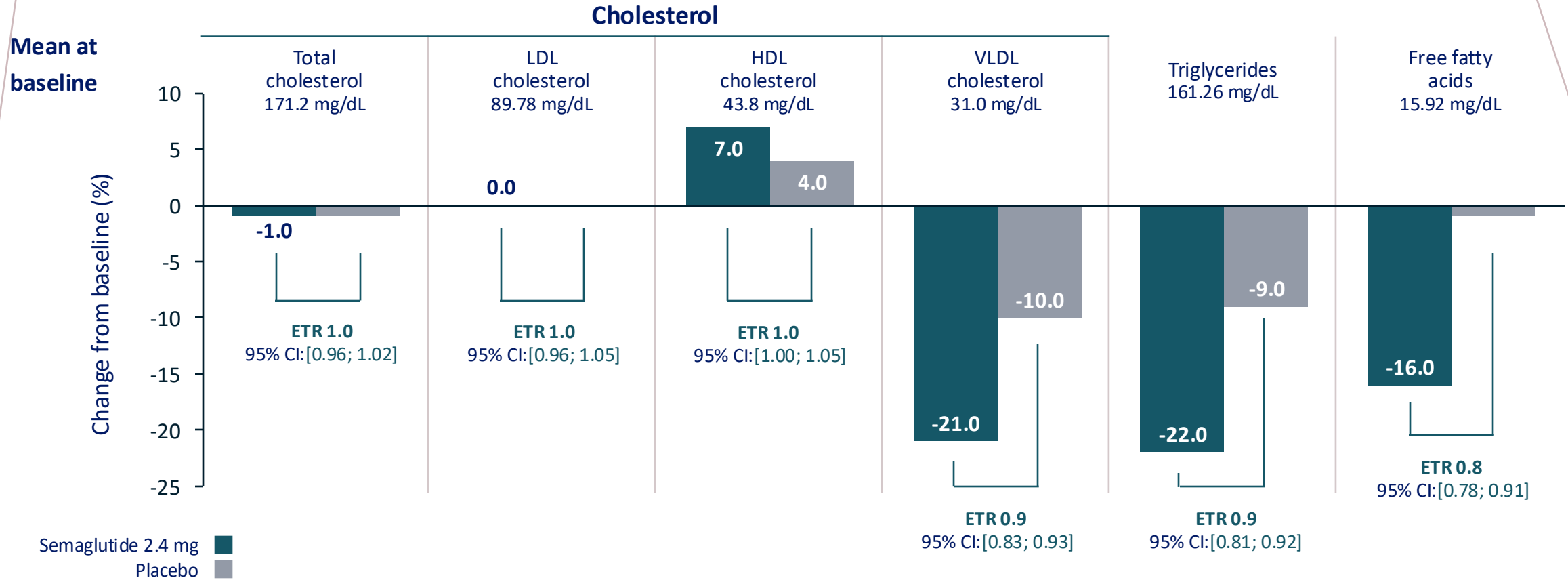
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Placebo	394	382	378	374	369	354	365

# CHANGE IN FASTING LIPIDS

## STEP 2: SEMAGLUTIDE 2.4 VS PLACEBO



	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (n=403)			Semaglutide 1.0 mg (n=402)			Placebo (n=402)		
	Patients	Events	Events per 100 patient- years	Patients	Events	Events per 100 patient- years	Patients	Events	Events per 100 patient- years
Any adverse events	353 (87.6%)	2197	412.2	329 (81.8%)	1859	350.9	309 (76.9%)	1388	262.7
Serious adverse events	40 (9.9%)	71	13.3	31 (7.7%)	53	10.0	37 (9.2%)	53	10.0
Adverse events leading to trial product discontinuation	25 (6.2%)	34	6.4	20 (5.0%)	23	4.3	14 (3.5%)	18	3.4
Gastrointestinal disorders leading to trial product discontinuation	17 (4.2%)	24	4.5	14 (3.5%)	16	3.0	4 (1.0%)	6	1.1
Fatal events*†	1 (0.2%)	1	0.2	1 (0.2%)	1	0.2	1 (0.2%)	3	0.5
Adverse events reported in at least 10% of patients‡									
Nausea	136 (33.7%)	249	46.7	129 (32.1%)	198	37.4	37 (9.2%)	45	8.5
Vomiting	88 (21.8%)	188	35.3	54 (13.4%)	93	17.6	11 (2.7%)	12	2.3
Diarrhoea	86 (21.3%)	141	26.5	89 (22.1%)	158	29.8	48 (11.9%)	66	12.5
Constipation	70 (17.4%)	82	15.4	51 (12.7%)	70	13.2	22 (5.5%)	26	4.9
Nasopharyngitis	68 (16.9%)	115	21.6	47 (11.7%)	69	13.0	59 (14.7%)	92	17.4
Upper respiratory tract infection	42 (10.4%)	48	9.0	37 (9.2%)	54	10.2	38 (9.5%)	50	9.5
Safety areas of interest§									
Gastrointestinal disorders	256 (63.5%)	924	173.3	231 (57.5%)	724	136.7	138 (34.3%)	262	49.6
Gallbladder-related disorders	1 (0.2%)	2	0.4	4 (1.0%)	4	0.8	3 (0.7%)	4	0.8
Hepatobiliary	1 (0.2%)	2	0.4	3 (0.7%)	3	0.6	3 (0.7%)	4	0.8
Cholelithiasis	1 (0.2%)	1	0.2	3 (0.7%)	3	0.6	3 (0.7%)	3	0.6
Hepatic disorders	10 (2.5%)	12	2.3	10 (2.5%)	11	2.1	14 (3.5%)	21	4.0
Acute pancreatitis*¶	1 (0.2%)	2	0.3	0	0	0	1 (0.2%)	1	0.2
Cardiovascular events*¶	6 (1.5%)	6	1.0	6 (1.5%)	7	1.2	5 (1.2%)	7	1.2
Allergic reactions	26 (6.5%)	29	5.4	22 (5.5%)	24	4.5	18 (4.5%)	21	4.0
Injection site reactions	12 (3.0%)	18	3.4	6 (1.5%)	7	1.3	10 (2.5%)	18	3.4
Malignant neoplasms*	5 (1.2%)	6	1.0	7 (1.7%)	8	1.4	8 (2.0%)	9	1.6
Psychiatric disorders	24 (6.0%)	29	5.4	23 (5.7%)	28	5.3	15 (3.7%)	16	3.0
Acute renal failure	4 (1.0%)	5	0.9	2 (0.5%)	2	0.4	2 (0.5%)	2	0.4
Hypoglycaemia	23 (5.7%)	51	9.6	22 (5.5%)	29	5.5	12 (3.0%)	18	3.4



# *CONCLUSIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS*

## *STEP 2*

- In adults with overweight or obesity and type 2 diabetes, semaglutide 2.4 mg as adjunct to lifestyle intervention was significantly more effective at reducing body weight than either semaglutide 1.0 mg or placebo
- 5% of baseline weight was lost by 69% of participants on semaglutide 2.4 mg versus 57% on semaglutide 1.0 mg and 28% on placebo
- More than two-thirds (67.5%) of participants treated with semaglutide 2.4 mg achieved a target HbA<sub>1c</sub> of 6.5% or less
- Greater improvements in cardiometabolic risk factors and physical functioning were seen in participants treated with semaglutide 2.4 mg compared with placebo
- The safety profile of semaglutide 2.4 mg was similar to other GLP-1RAs:
  - Gastrointestinal disorders were the most frequently reported adverse events, which were mostly transient and mild-to-moderate in severity

*STEP 3 TRIAL*



# Effect of Subcutaneous Semaglutide vs Placebo as an Adjunct to Intensive Behavioral Therapy on Body Weight in Adults With Overweight or Obesity: The STEP 3 Randomized Clinical Trial

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**Conclusions and relevance:** Among adults with overweight or obesity, once-weekly subcutaneous semaglutide compared with placebo, used as an adjunct to intensive behavioral therapy and initial low-calorie diet, resulted in significantly greater weight loss during 68 weeks. Further research is needed to assess the durability of these findings.

## STEP 4 TRIAL

# Effect of Continued Weekly Subcutaneous Semaglutide vs Placebo on Weight Loss Maintenance in Adults With Overweight or Obesity: The STEP 4 Randomized Clinical Trial

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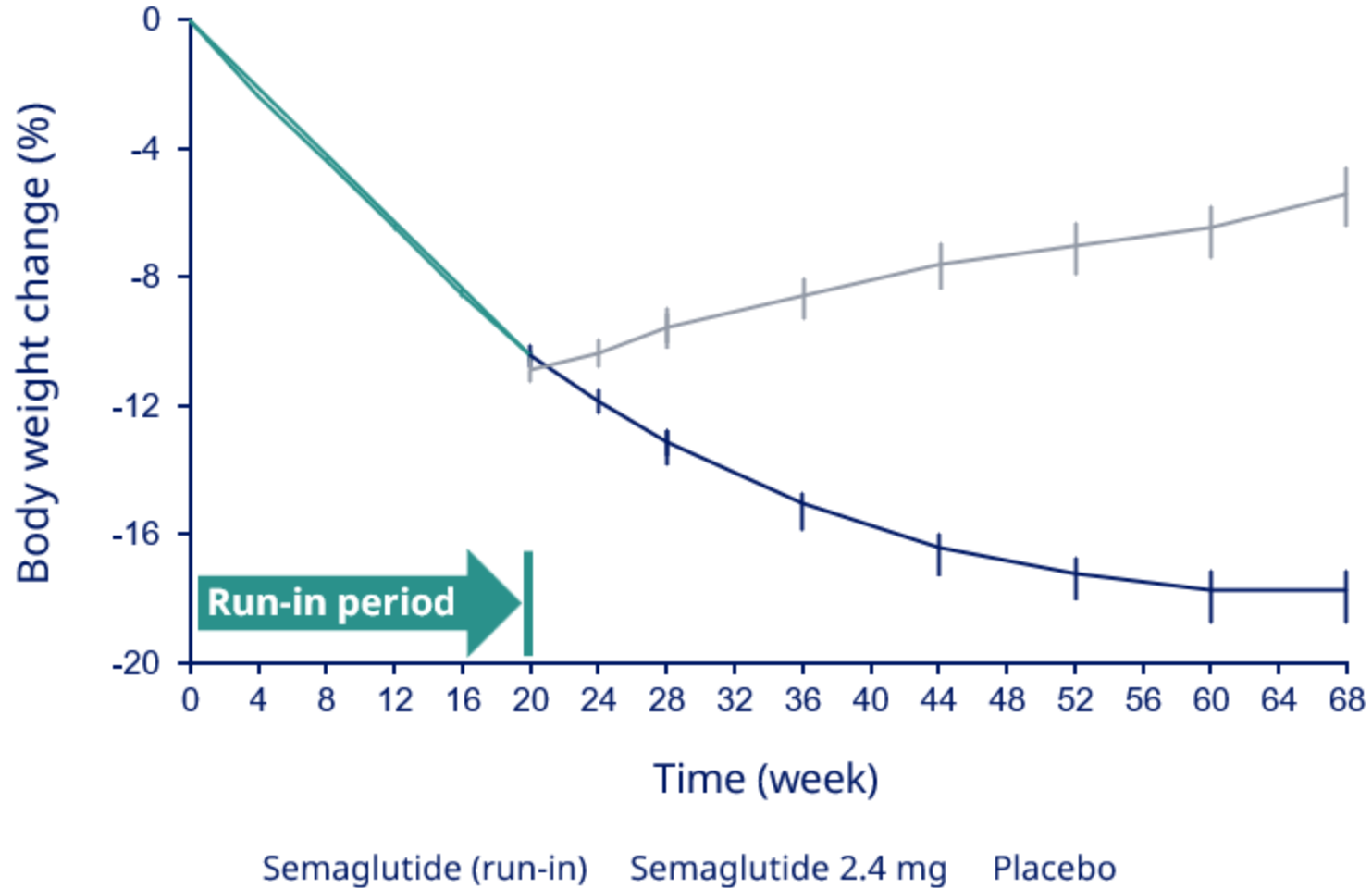
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**Conclusions and relevance:** Among adults with overweight or obesity who completed a 20-week run-in period with subcutaneous semaglutide, 2.4 mg once weekly, maintaining treatment with semaglutide compared with switching to placebo resulted in continued weight loss over the following 48 weeks.

## Observed body weight change over time

(Mean at week 0: 107.2 kg)



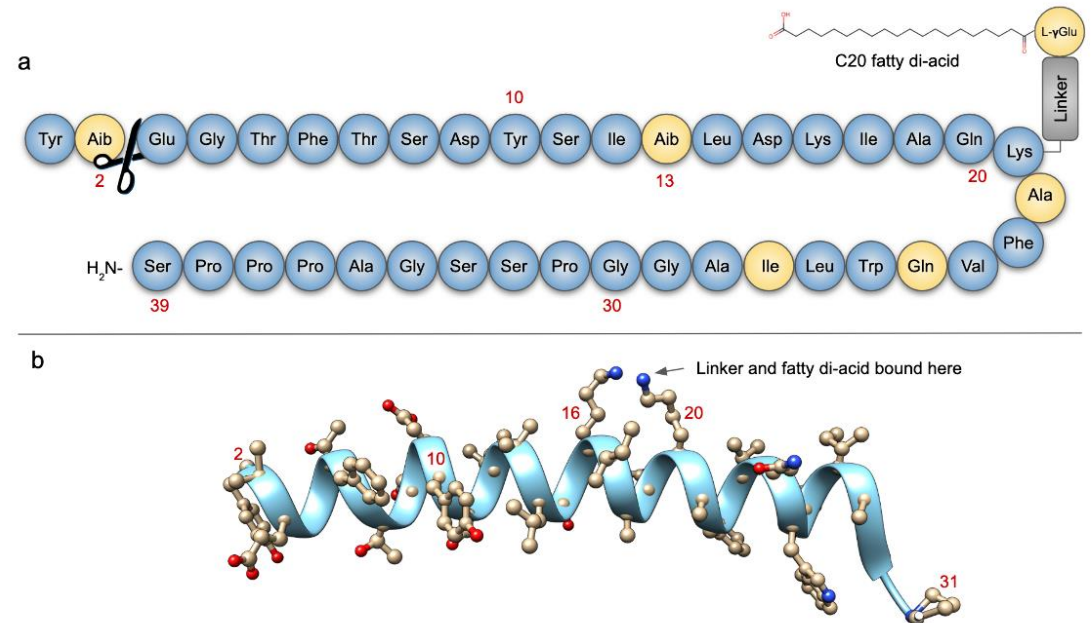
# STEP PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Completed					Ongoing		
<b>STEP 1</b>  Weight management	<b>STEP 2</b>  WM in T2D	<b>STEP 3</b>  WM with IBT	<b>STEP 4</b>  Sustained WM	<b>STEP 5</b>  Long-term WM	<b>STEP Young</b>  WM in children and adolescents	<b>STEP UP</b>  WM with 7.2 mg	<b>STEP UP T2D</b>  WM with 7.2 mg in T2D
<b>STEP 6</b>  East Asian trial	<b>STEP 7</b>  WM in China MRCT	<b>STEP 8</b>  H2H vs liraglutide	<b>STEP 9</b>  Semaglutide in knee OA	<b>STEP 10</b>  Reversal of pre-diabetes	<b>STEP 12</b>  WM in Mainland China and Taiwan	<b>POSEY</b>  US employer trial	
<b>STEP 11</b>  WM in Korea/ Thailand	<b>STEP TEENS</b>  WM in adolescents	<b>SELECT</b>  CVOT	<b>STEP HFpEF</b>  Obesity and HFpEF	<b>STEP HFpEF DM</b>  Obesity and HFpEF with T2D			

STEP 7: China, Brazil, Korea, Hong Kong (left to right) multi-regional clinical trial. CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; H2H, head-to-head; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy; MRCT, multi-regional clinical trial (including China and ≥1 additional East Asian country); OA, osteoarthritis; WM, weight management. Novo Nordisk A/S. Data on file; Clinicaltrials.gov. [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://ClinicalTrials.gov) (Accessed May 2024)

# TIRZEPATIDE

- A 39 amino acid , dual hormonal (GLP-1 and GIP)
- FDA approved in 2022 for chronic weight management
- Once weekly injection



# Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

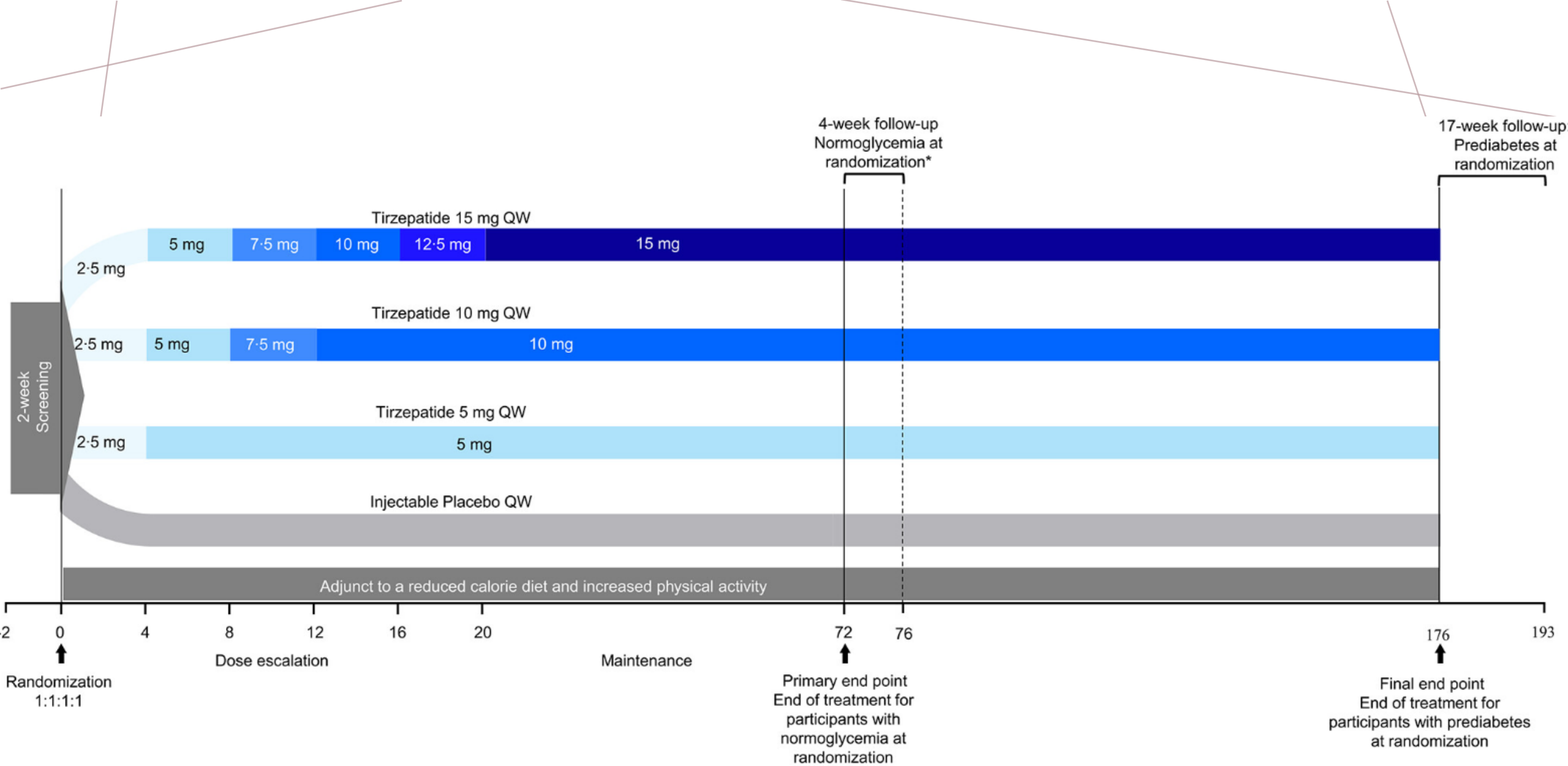
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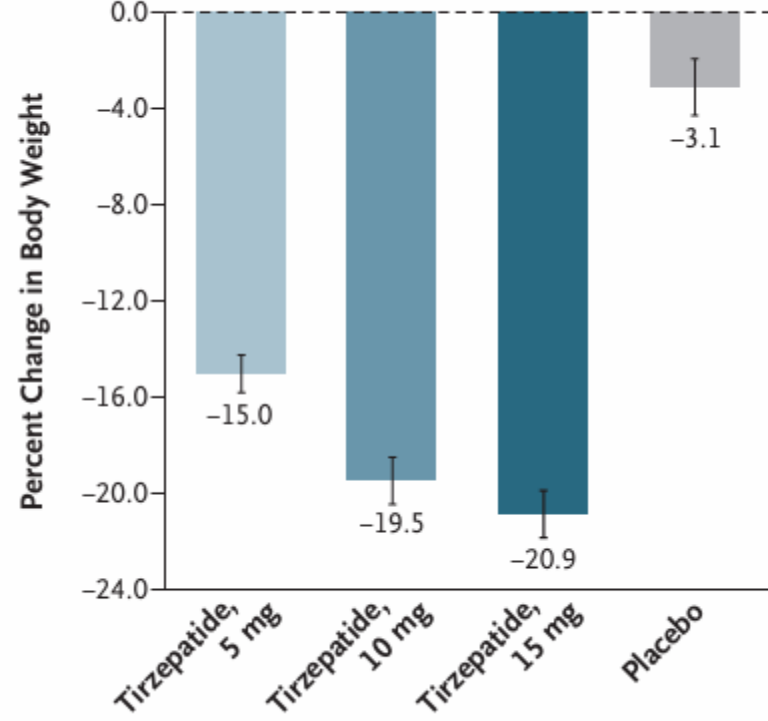
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- Multicentre, 9 countries, randomized, double-blind, parallel, placebo-controlled trial
- Aimed to determine the efficacy and safety of Tirzepatide in participants without T2DM
- Primary endpoint – pooled Tirzepatide vs. placebo, in achieving >5% weight loss
- Participants > 18 yrs, BMI:  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\geq 1$  comorbidity without T2DM

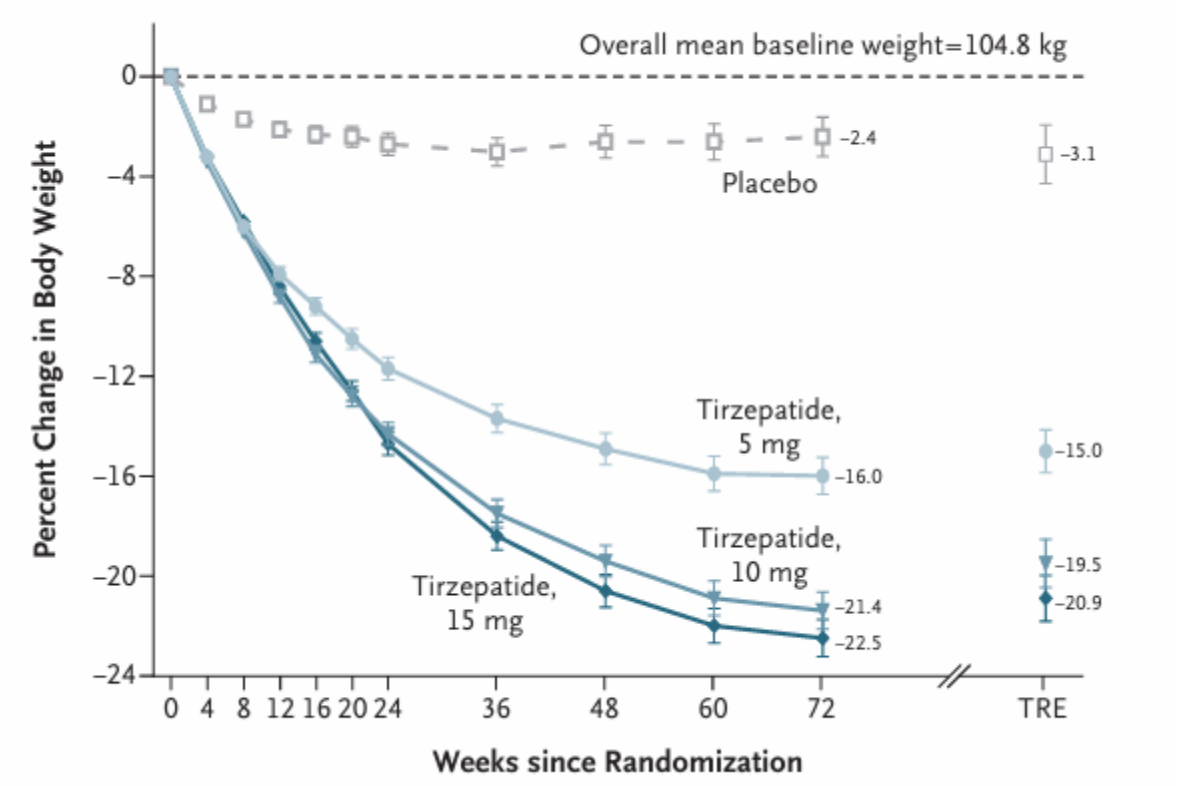




**A Overall Percent Change in Body Weight from Baseline (treatment-regimen estimand)**



**B Percent Change in Body Weight by Week (efficacy estimand)**



End Points	Pooled Tirzepatide Groups <sup>†</sup>	Placebo (N = 643)	Estimated Treatment Difference from Placebo (95% CI)
	<i>least-squares mean (95% CI)</i>		
<b>Key secondary end points<sup>‡</sup></b>			
Change from baseline to week 20 in body weight — kg <sup>§</sup>	-12.8 (-13.1 to -12.5)	-2.7 (-3.2 to -2.2)	-10.1 (-10.7 to -9.6)
Change in measure			
SF-36 physical function score <sup>¶</sup>	3.6 (3.2 to 4.0)	1.7 (0.8 to 2.6)	1.9 (1.0 to 2.9)
Systolic blood pressure — mm Hg	-7.2 (-7.8 to -6.7)	-1.0 (-2.3 to -0.3)	-6.2 (-7.7 to -4.8)
Percentage change in level <sup>  </sup>			
Triglycerides — mg/dl	-24.8 (-26.3 to -23.1)	-5.6 (-10.0 to -1.2)	-20.3 (-24.3 to -16.1)
Non-HDL cholesterol — mg/dl	-9.7 (-10.7 to -8.6)	-2.3 (-4.9 to -0.2)	-7.5 (-10.1 to -4.9)
HDL cholesterol — mg/dl	8.0 (6.9 to 9.1)	-0.7 (-2.9 to 1.5)	8.8 (6.1 to 11.5)
Fasting insulin — mIU/liter <sup>**</sup>	-42.9 (-44.9 to -40.9)	-6.6 (-15.3 to 2.2)	-38.9 (-44.8 to -32.4)
<b>Additional secondary end points<sup>††</sup></b>			
Change in diastolic blood pressure — mm Hg	-4.8 (-5.2 to -4.4)	-0.8 (-1.6 to 0.0)	-4.0 (-4.9 to -3.1)
Percentage change in level <sup>  </sup>			
Total cholesterol — mg/dl	-4.8 (-5.6 to -4.0)	-1.8 (-3.7 to 0.1)	-3.1 (-5.2 to -1.0)
LDL cholesterol — mg/dl	-5.8 (-6.9 to -4.6)	-1.7 (-4.6 to 1.3)	-4.2 (-7.2 to -1.0)
VLDL cholesterol — mg/dl	-24.4 (-25.9 to -22.9)	-4.8 (-9.2 to -0.4)	-20.6 (-24.6 to -16.4)
Free fatty acids — mmol/liter	-7.5 (-10.7 to -4.3)	9.5 (3.8 to 15.3)	-15.6 (-20.8 to -9.9)

Variable	Tirzepatide, 5 mg (N = 630)	Tirzepatide, 10 mg (N = 636)	Tirzepatide, 15 mg (N = 630)	Placebo (N = 643)
	<i>number (percent)</i>			
<b>Adverse events of special interest</b>				
Hepatic events§	2 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	0	0
Cancer	9 (1.4)	3 (0.5)	5 (0.8)	7 (1.1)
Pancreatitis (adjudication-confirmed)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)
Major adverse cardiovascular events (adjudication-confirmed)	4 (0.6)	5 (0.8)	0	5 (0.8)
Cardiac disorders¶	0	1 (0.2)	2 (0.3)	1 (0.2)
Severe or serious gastrointestinal events	11 (1.7)	20 (3.1)	21 (3.3)	7 (1.1)
Gallbladder disease§	5 (0.8)	11 (1.7)	6 (1.0)	5 (0.8)
Renal events§	2 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	1 (0.2)
Major depressive disorder or suicidal ideation§	1 (0.2)	2 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	0
Hypersensitivity	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0
Hypoglycemia (blood glucose <54 mg/dl)	9 (1.4)	10 (1.6)	10 (1.6)	1 (0.2)
<b>Other adverse events of interest that emerged during treatment period†</b>				
Cholelithiasis	7 (1.1)	9 (1.4)	4 (0.6)	6 (0.9)
Abdominal pain	31 (4.9)	34 (5.3)	31 (4.9)	21 (3.3)
Alopecia	32 (5.1)	31 (4.9)	36 (5.7)	6 (0.9)
Dizziness	26 (4.1)	35 (5.5)	26 (4.1)	15 (2.3)
Eructation	24 (3.8)	33 (5.2)	35 (5.6)	4 (0.6)
Injection-site reaction‡	18 (2.9)	36 (5.7)	29 (4.6)	2 (0.3)

# *SUMMARY*

New generation anti-obesity medications are powerful tools that changed the plane field of fighting obesity and for the first time achieved two-digit weight loss that are comparable to bariatric surgery

Needs comprehensive multidisciplinary care when prescribing these medications



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