

# Obesity Management : The notions behind the Numbers

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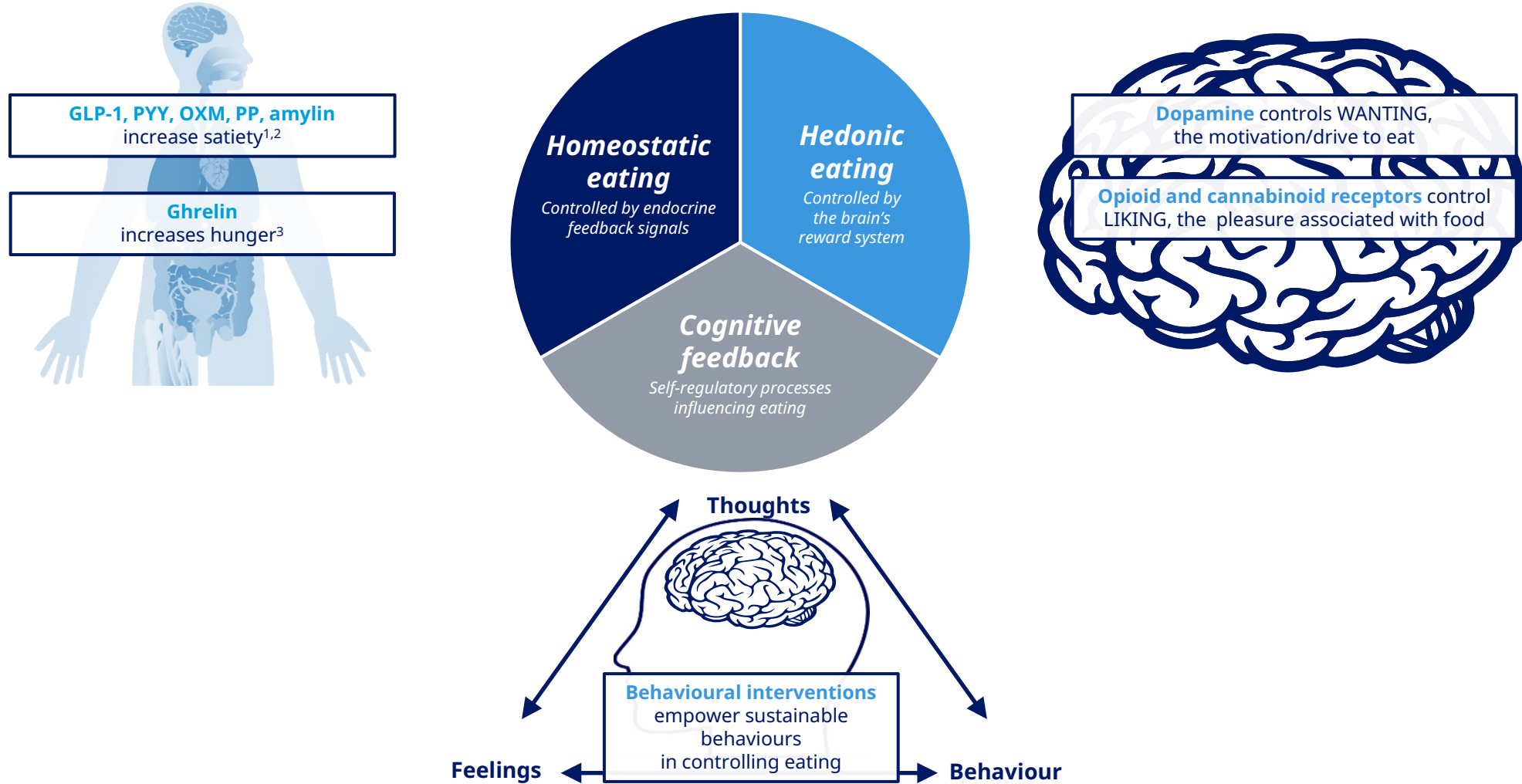
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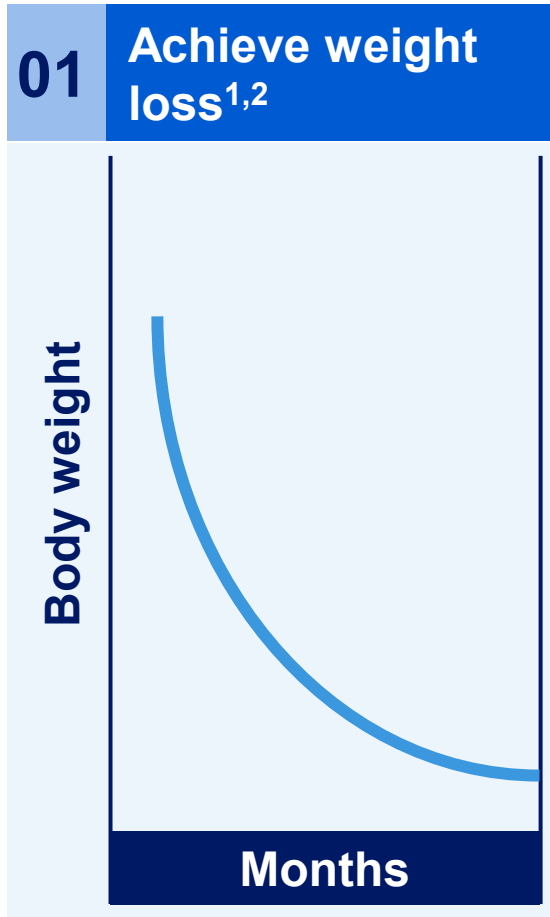
Semaglutide is not yet approved for weight management in Israel



# The role of the brain in controlling appetite

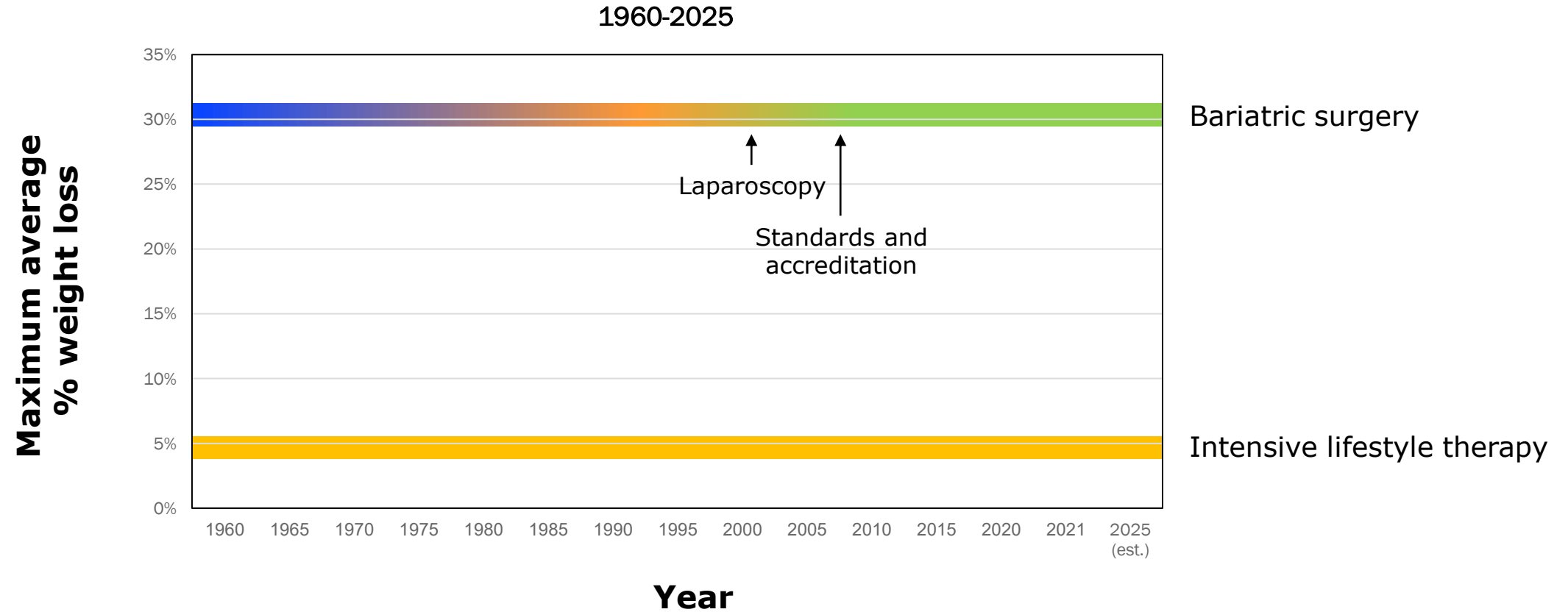


# Goals and benefits of effective weight management

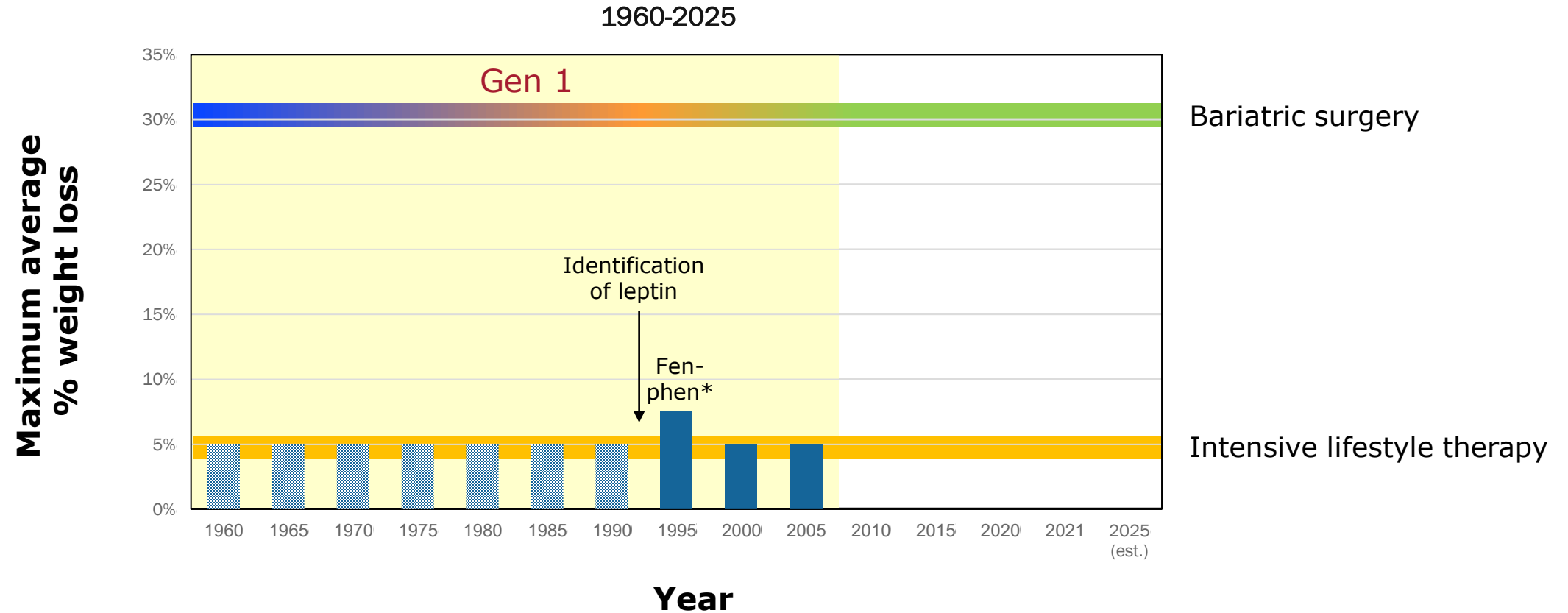


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# Obesity therapy since the 1950s

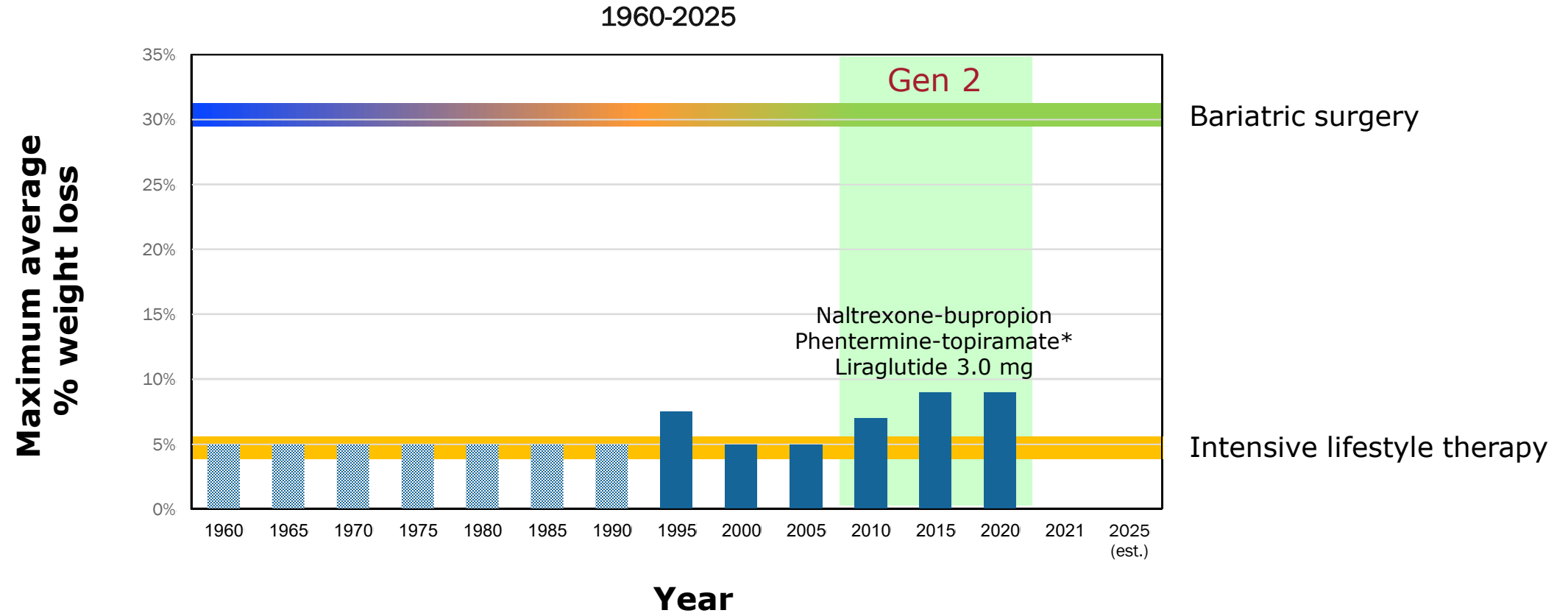


# Little progress in anti-obesity pharmacotherapy



\*This medication combination is not approved for the treatment of obesity

# Incremental improvements in anti-obesity medications

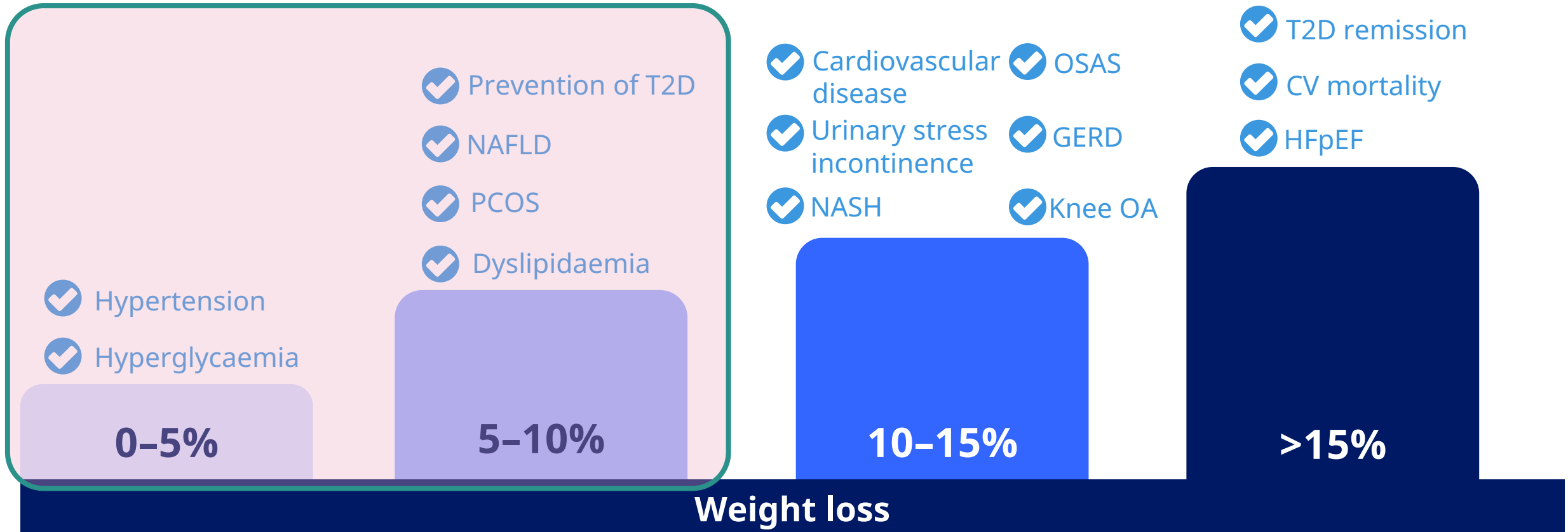


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# Efficacy of previous AOMs with diet and lifestyle therapy

Towards greater weight loss and overall health improvement



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# Physician and patient expectations on weight loss

## Weight-loss goal

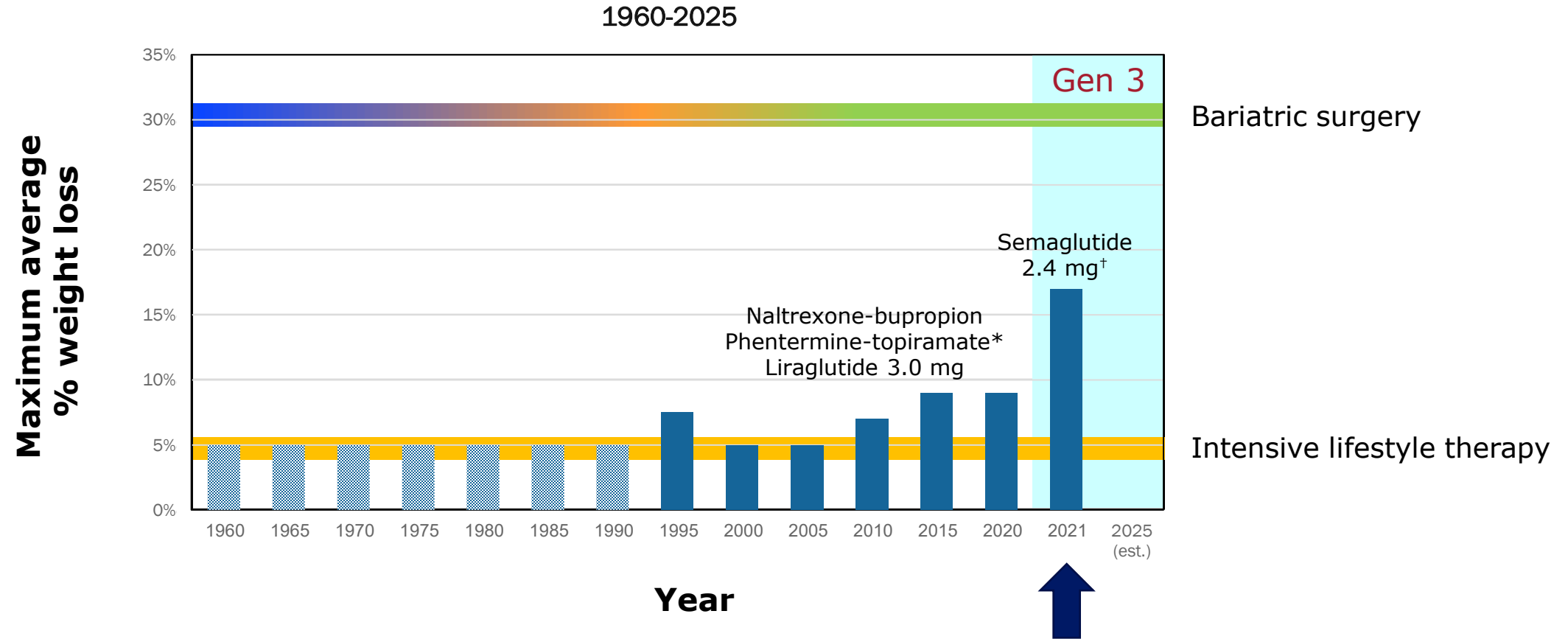
Set by a person with obesity  
for themselves

**16%**

Received from  
healthcare professional

**17%**

# The emergence of truly effective anti-obesity medications

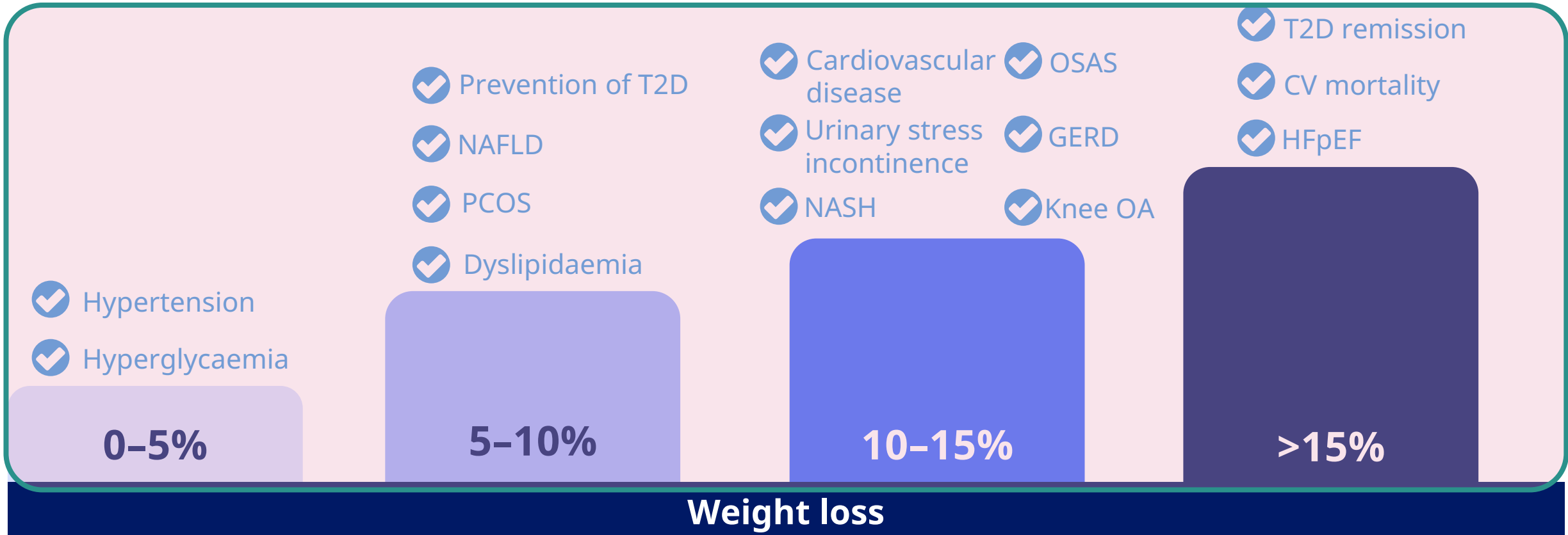


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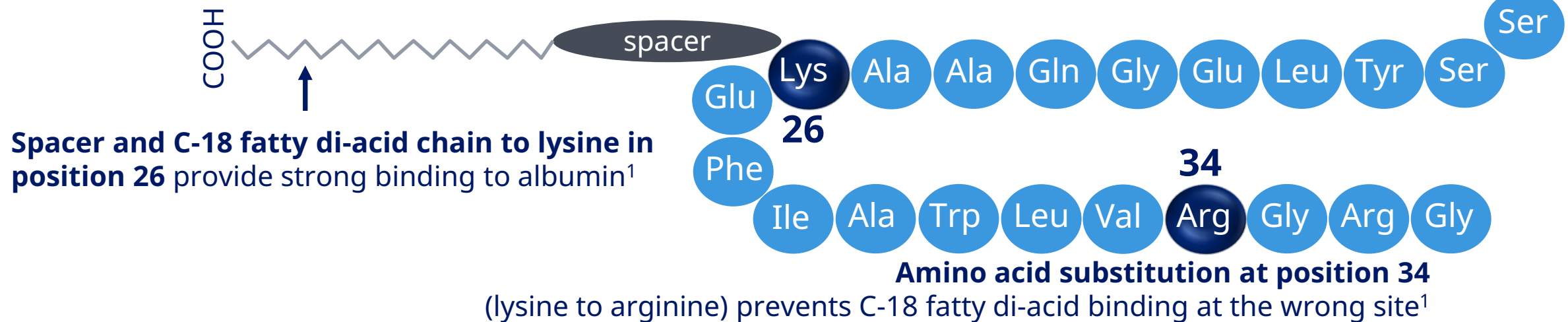
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# Semaglutide is a human GLP-1 analogue

- **94%** homology to human GLP-1<sup>1</sup>
- $t_{1/2}$  of approximately **1 week**<sup>2,3</sup>

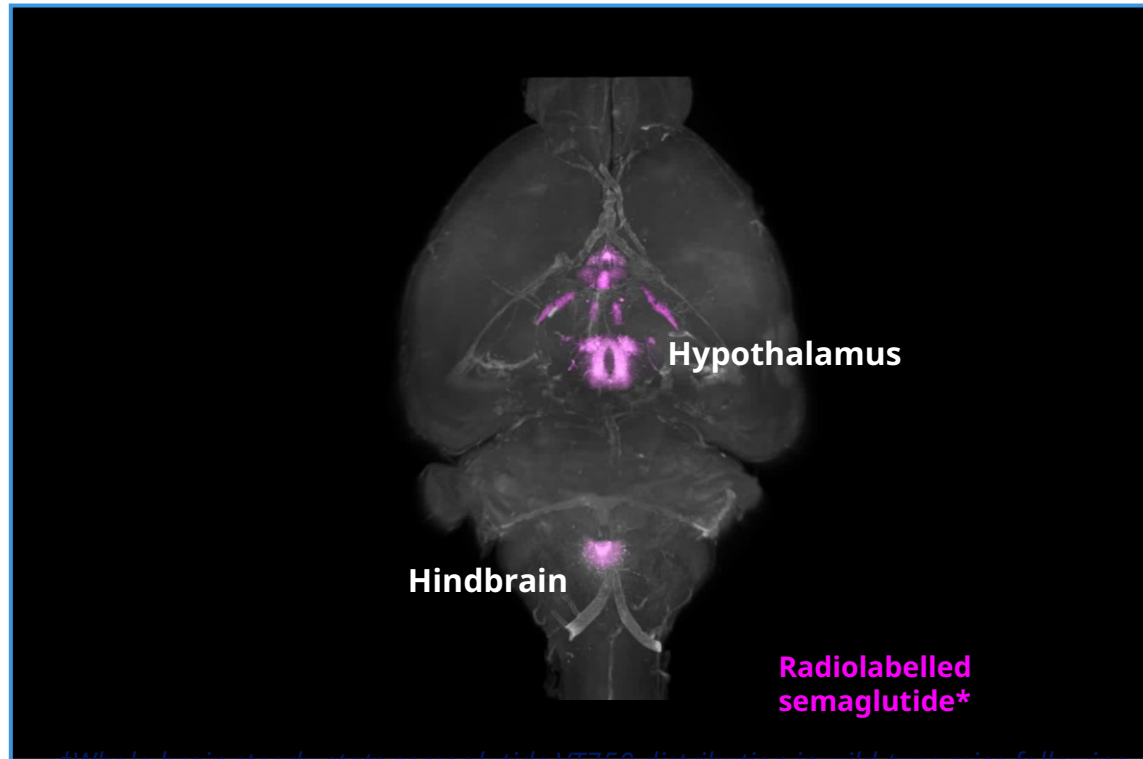


DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1;  $t_{1/2}$ , half-life.

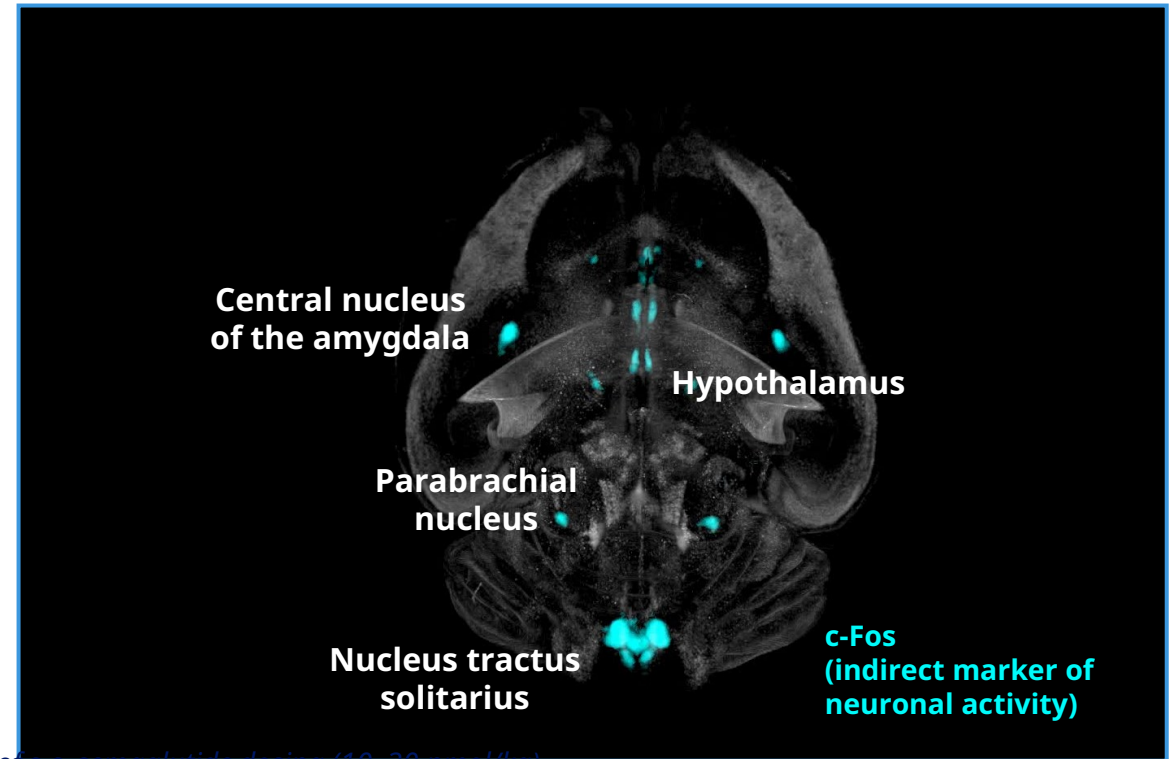
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# Several brain regions are activated by semaglutide In rodents

**Semaglutide distribution in the hypothalamus and hindbrain<sup>†</sup>**



**Secondary activation in regions associated with control of food intake<sup>‡</sup>**



*†Whole-brain steady-state semaglutide VT750 distribution in wild-type mice following 5 days of s.c. semaglutide dosing (10–30 nmol/kg).*

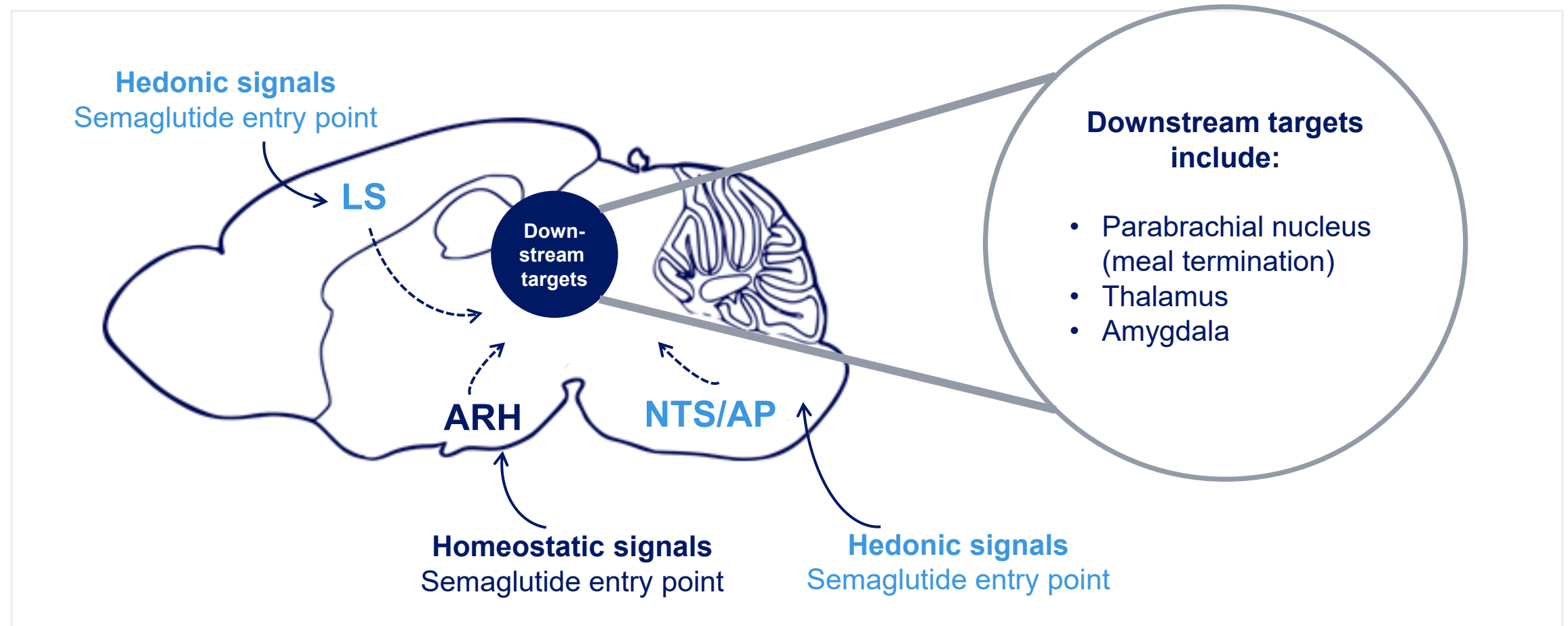
*\*SemaglutidecVT750. ‡Whole-brain c-Fos expression in DIO mice following a single s.c. dose of semaglutide (0.01 mg/kg).*

*GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; semaglutideVT750, VivoTag750-S-labelled semaglutide.*

*Gabery et al. JCI Insight 2020;5:e133429; Novo Nordisk. Data on file.*

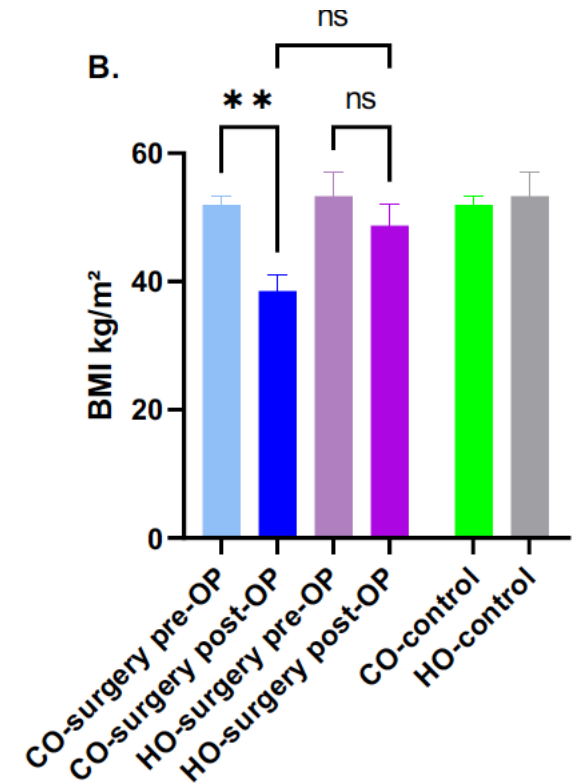
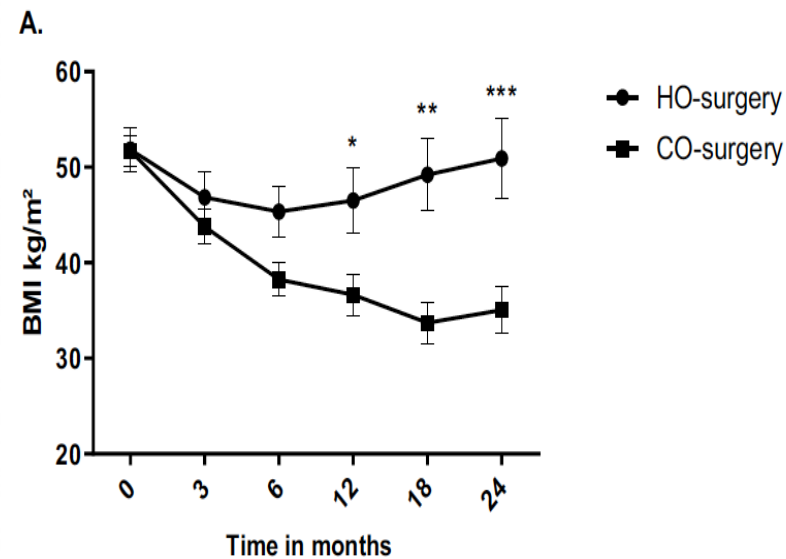
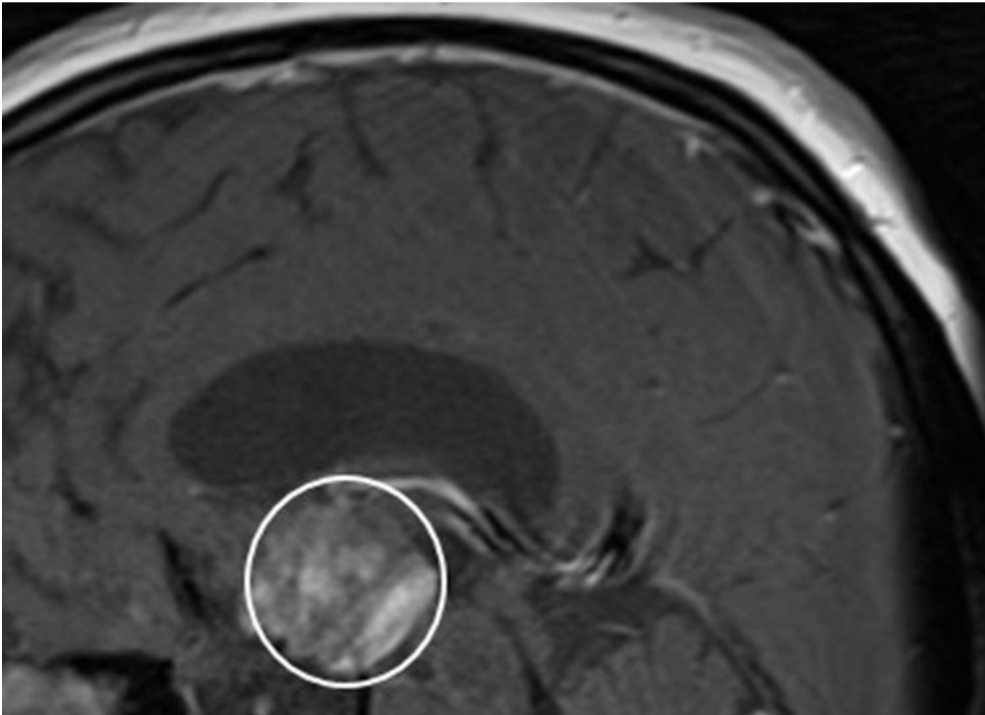
# Semaglutide entry points and activation circuits

Appetite regulation in rodents

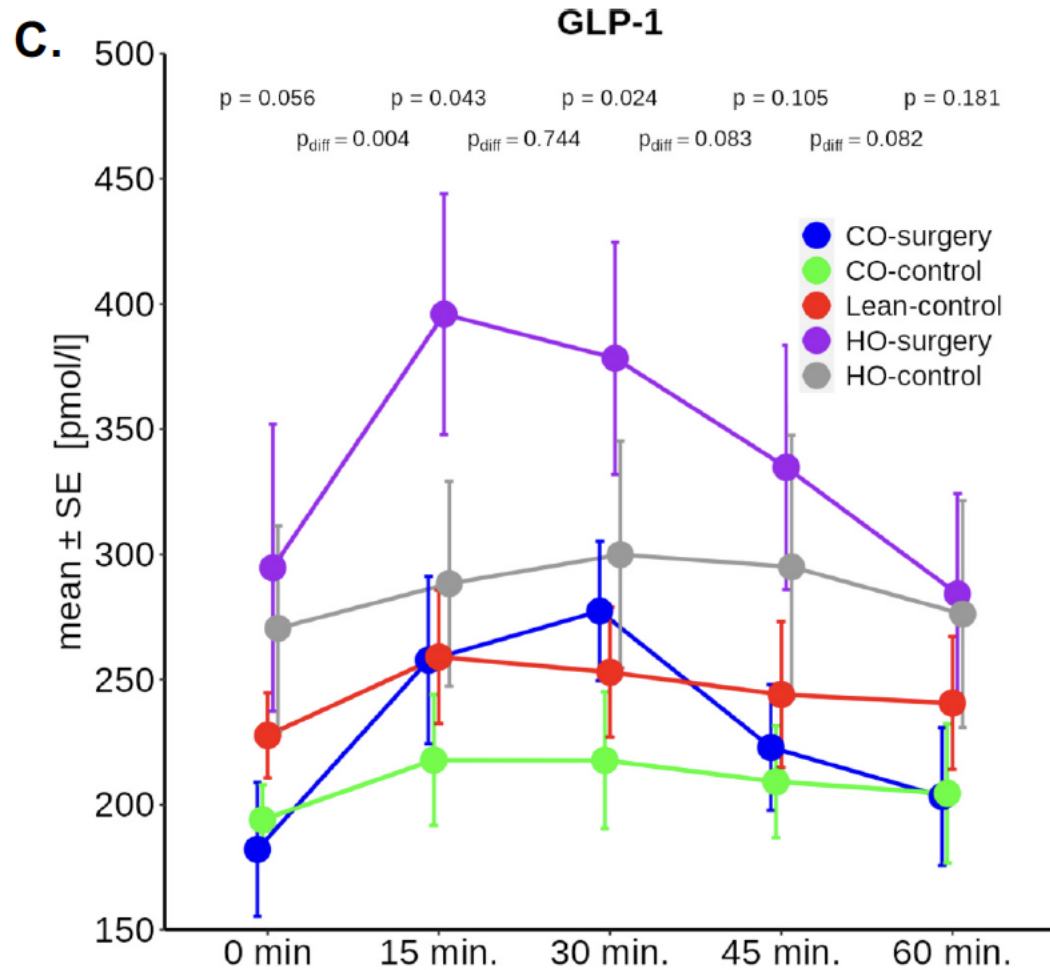


AP, area postrema; ARH, arcuate nucleus; LS, lateral septal nucleus; NTS, nucleus of the solitary tract;  
Modified from Campos et al. Cell metabolism 2016;23(5):811-820

# Mean concentrations of plasma GLP-1 after the test meal in HO-surgery and CO-surgery individuals.

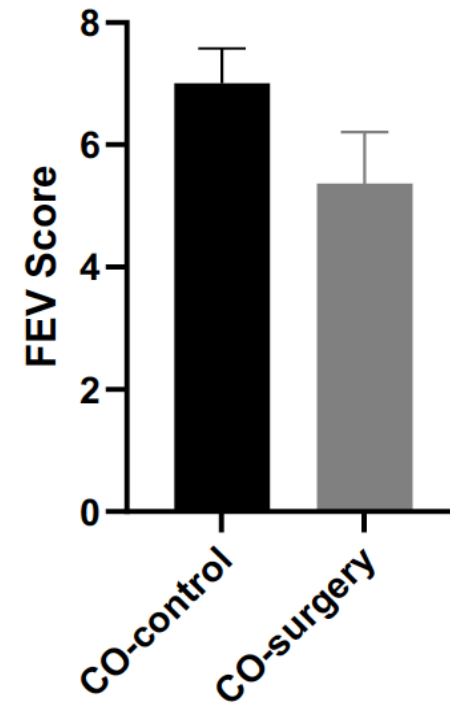


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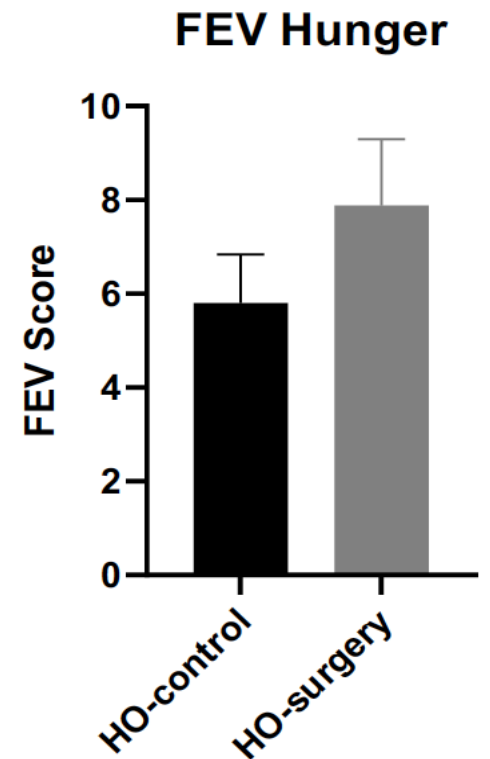


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**FEV Hunger**



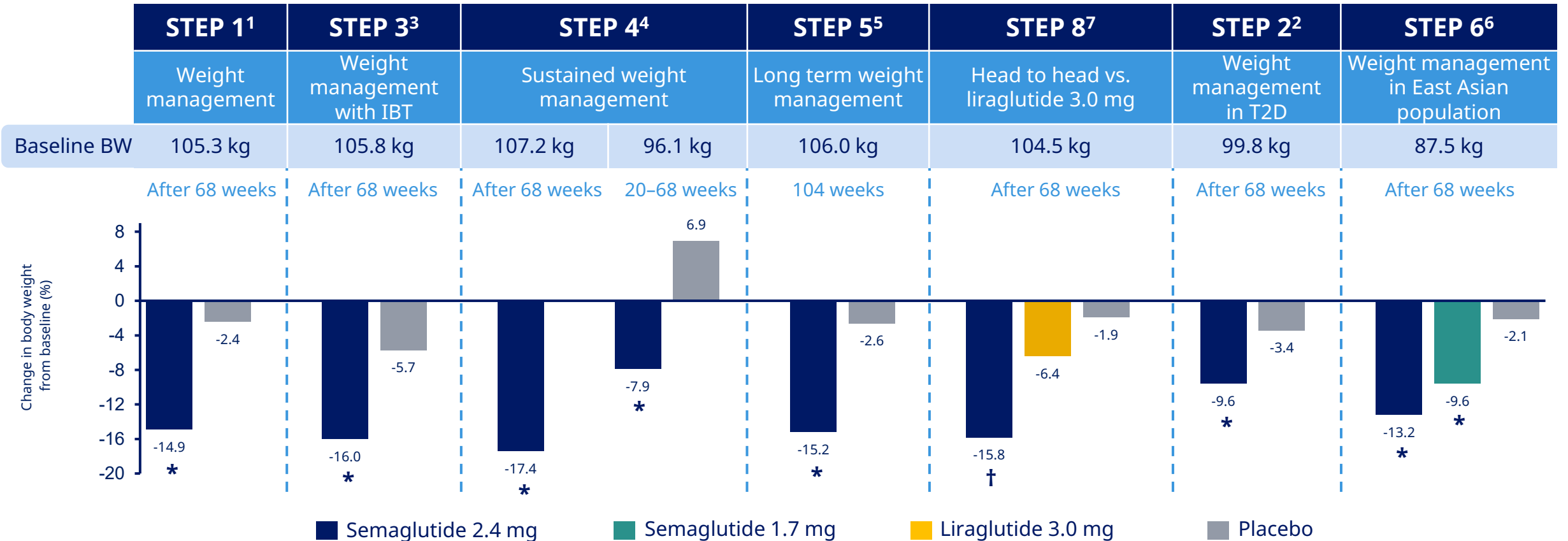
**B.**





# Weight loss across STEP trials

Semaglutide 2.4 mg once-weekly in participants with overweight or obesity



**Treatment policy estimand:** Evaluates the treatment effect regardless of trial product discontinuation and use of rescue medication

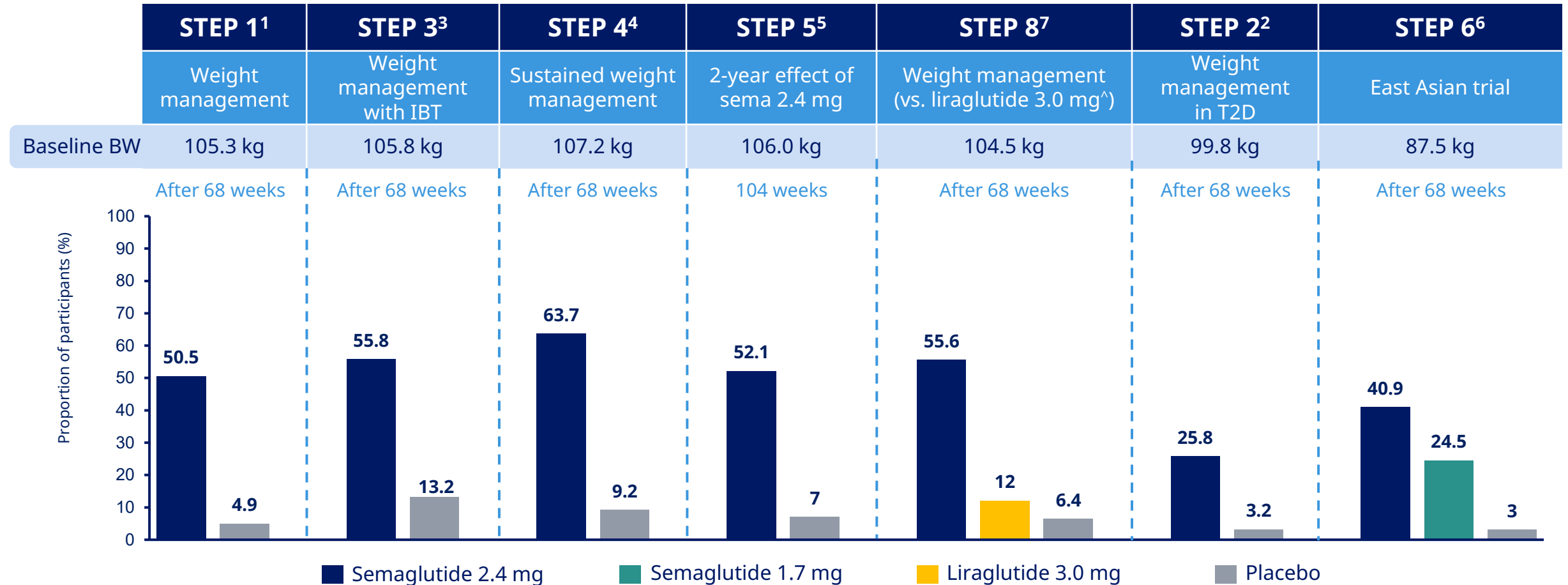
\*Statistically significant vs placebo. † Statistically significant vs. liraglutide 3.0 mg

BW, body weight; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy.

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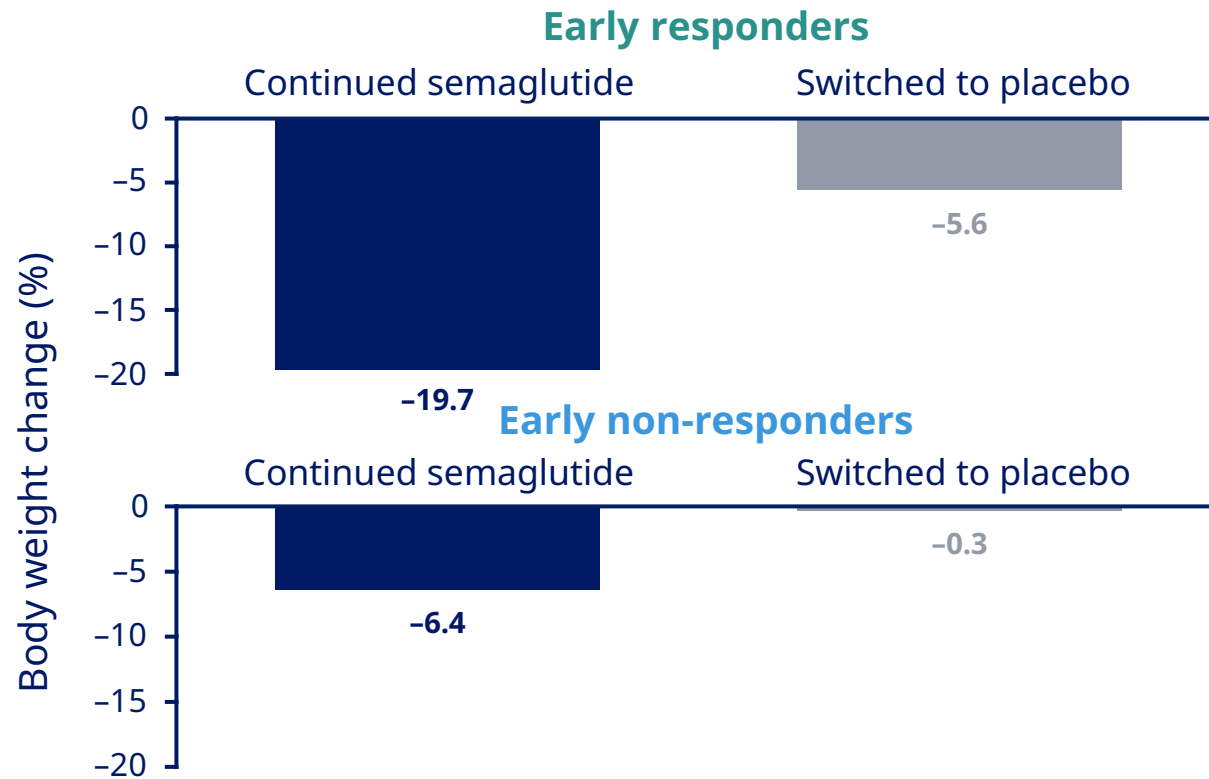


Data are for the in-trial period. BW, body weight; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy.

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# STEP 4: Mean weight loss from week 0 to 68 by week 20 responder status ( $\geq$ or $<5\%$ weight loss)

Mean weight loss at week 68 with continued semaglutide vs switched to placebo



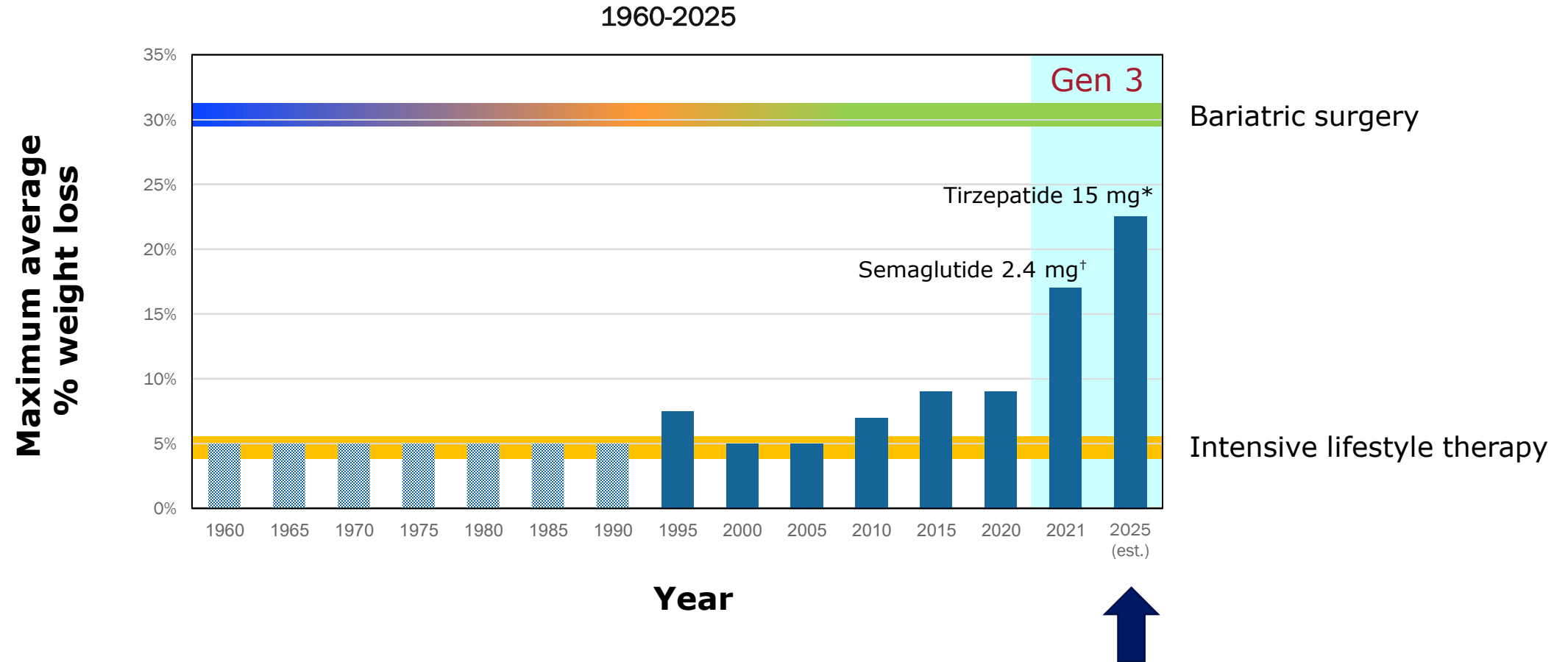
- **Early response** was associated with **greater mean weight loss** by week 68 with continued semaglutide vs early non-response
- **Early non-responders** still achieved **clinically-relevant weight loss** by week 68 with continued semaglutide, compared with the switch to placebo

*Analysed in all participants using a mixed model for repeated measurements analysis with treatment, responder status and the interaction of these as factors, and baseline body weight as a covariate, all nested within visit. The analysis assumed all participants were treatment adherent (the trial product estimand).*

*Mosenzon et al. Presented at the Endocrine Society (ENDO) virtual meeting, March 20–23, 2021.*

# The emergence of truly effective anti-obesity medications

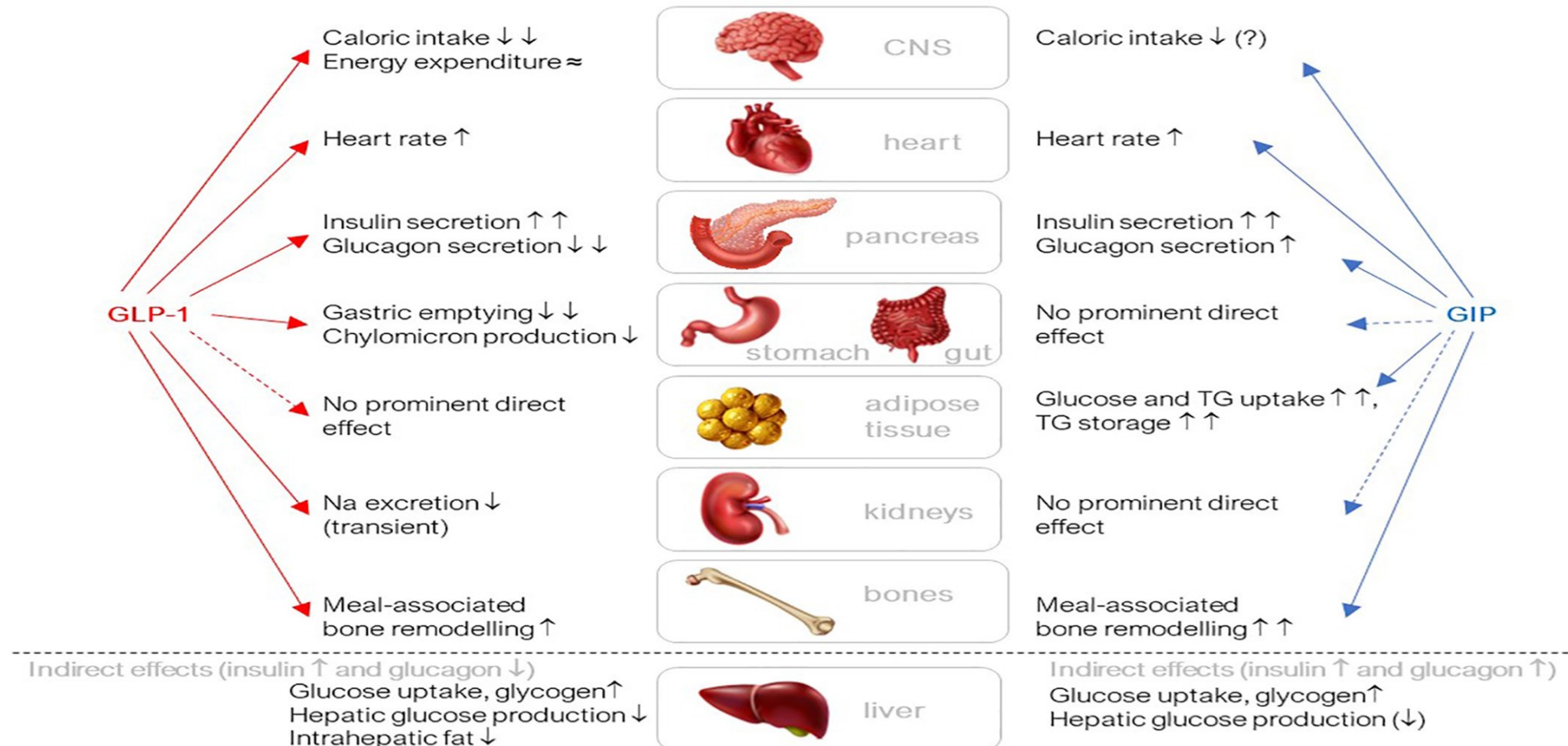
... mimic the action of native GI and CNS peptides



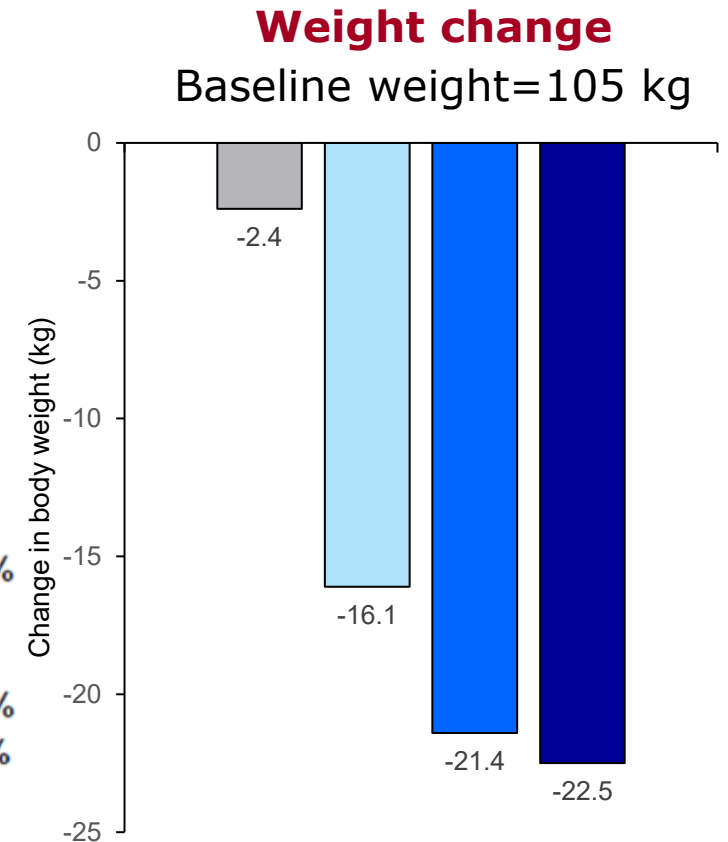
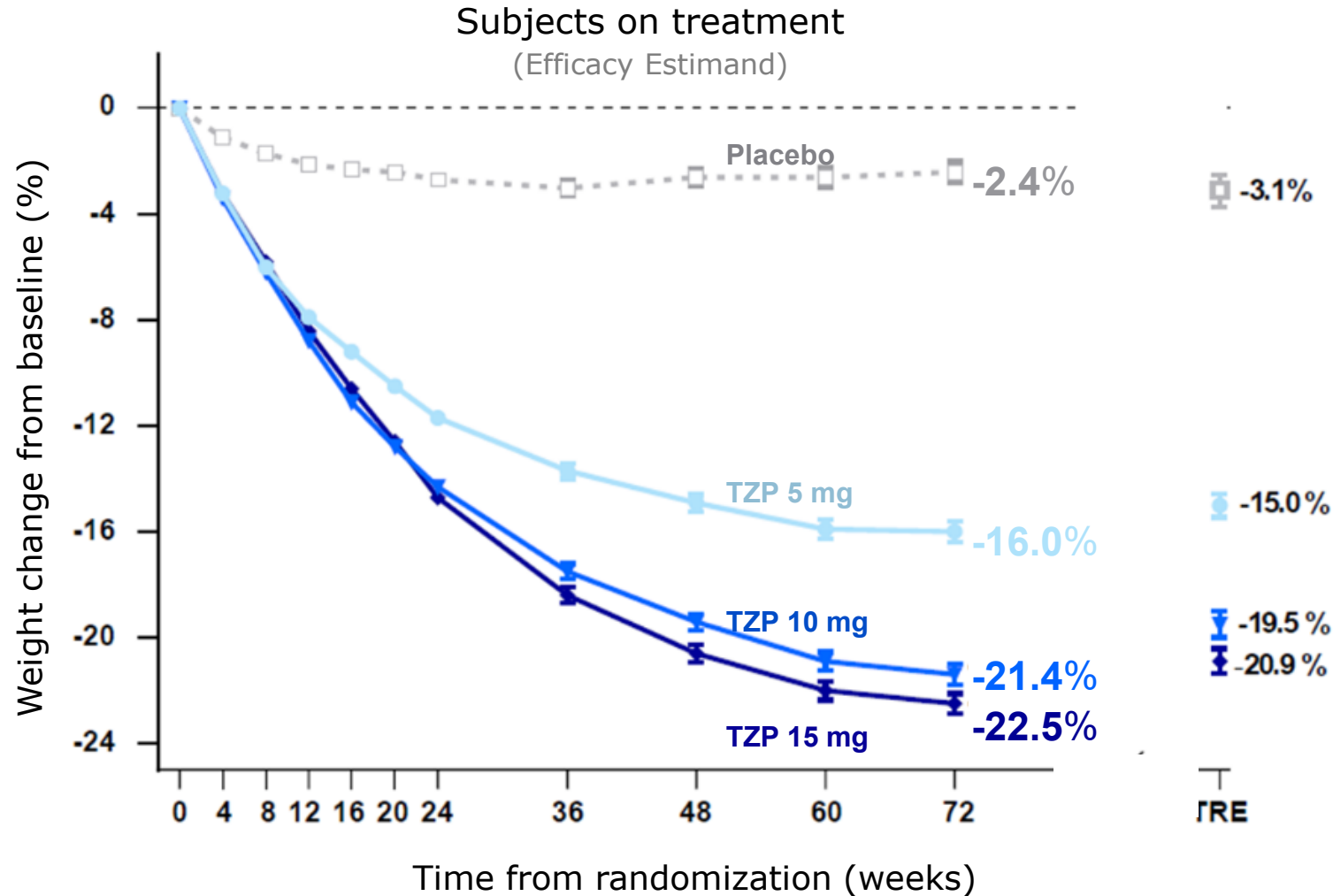
\*Efficacy estimand; tirzepatide is not approved for treatment of obesity

<sup>†</sup>Trial product estimand

# Overview on biological glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) and glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) effects at the organ/tissue level



# Weight reduction on tirzepatide\* – subjects without diabetes



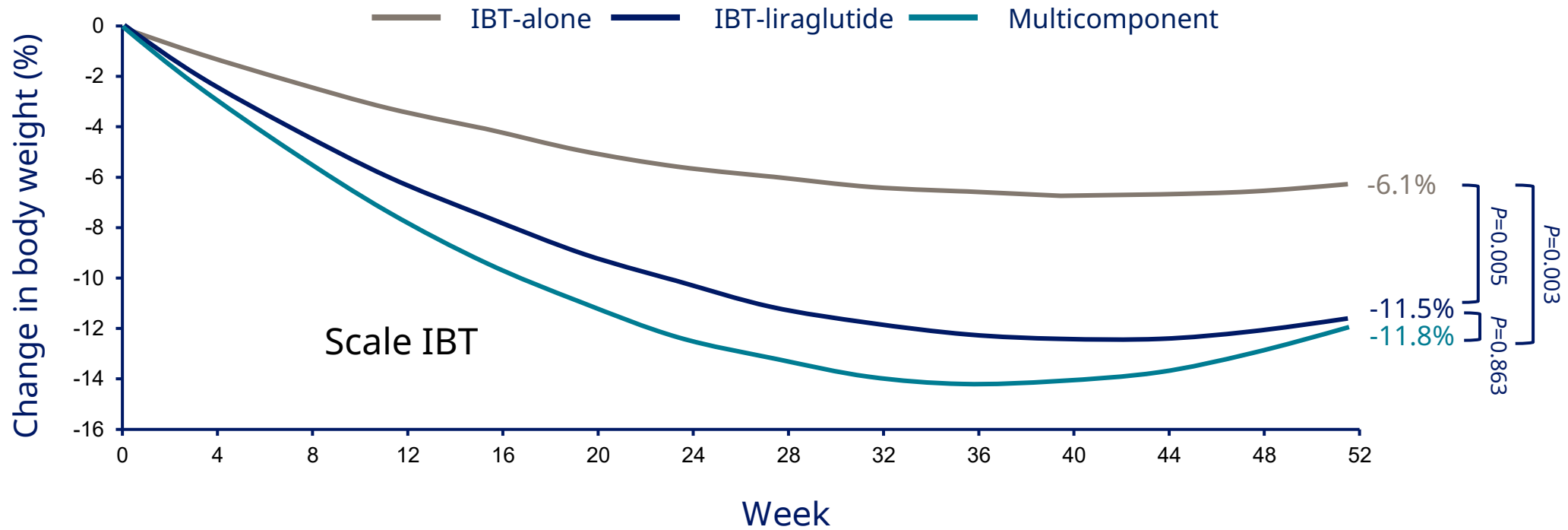
**Average  
weight reduction  
16-23 kg**

**Notion 1 : We should aim for 15-20% weight loss**

Does IBT add much to Pharmacotherapy weight loss?



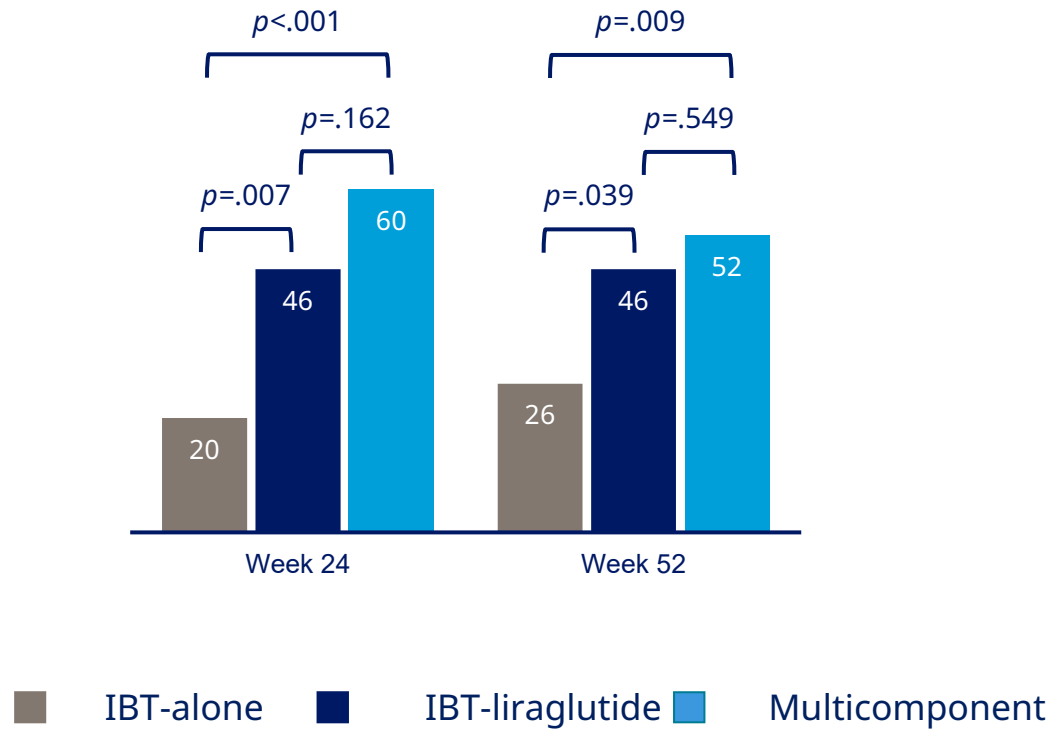
# SCALE IBT



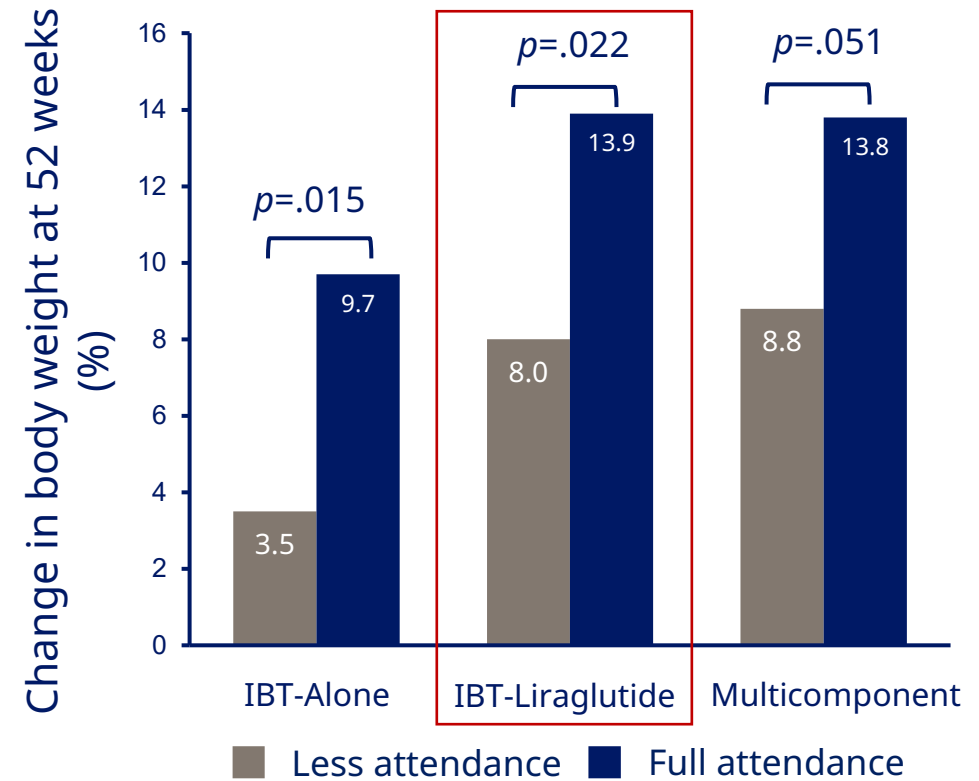
IBT (IBT-alone), providing 21 counselling visits; IBT combined with liraglutide (IBT-liraglutide); or IBT-liraglutide combined for 12 weeks with a 1,000- to 1,200-kcal/d meal-replacement diet (Multicomponent).

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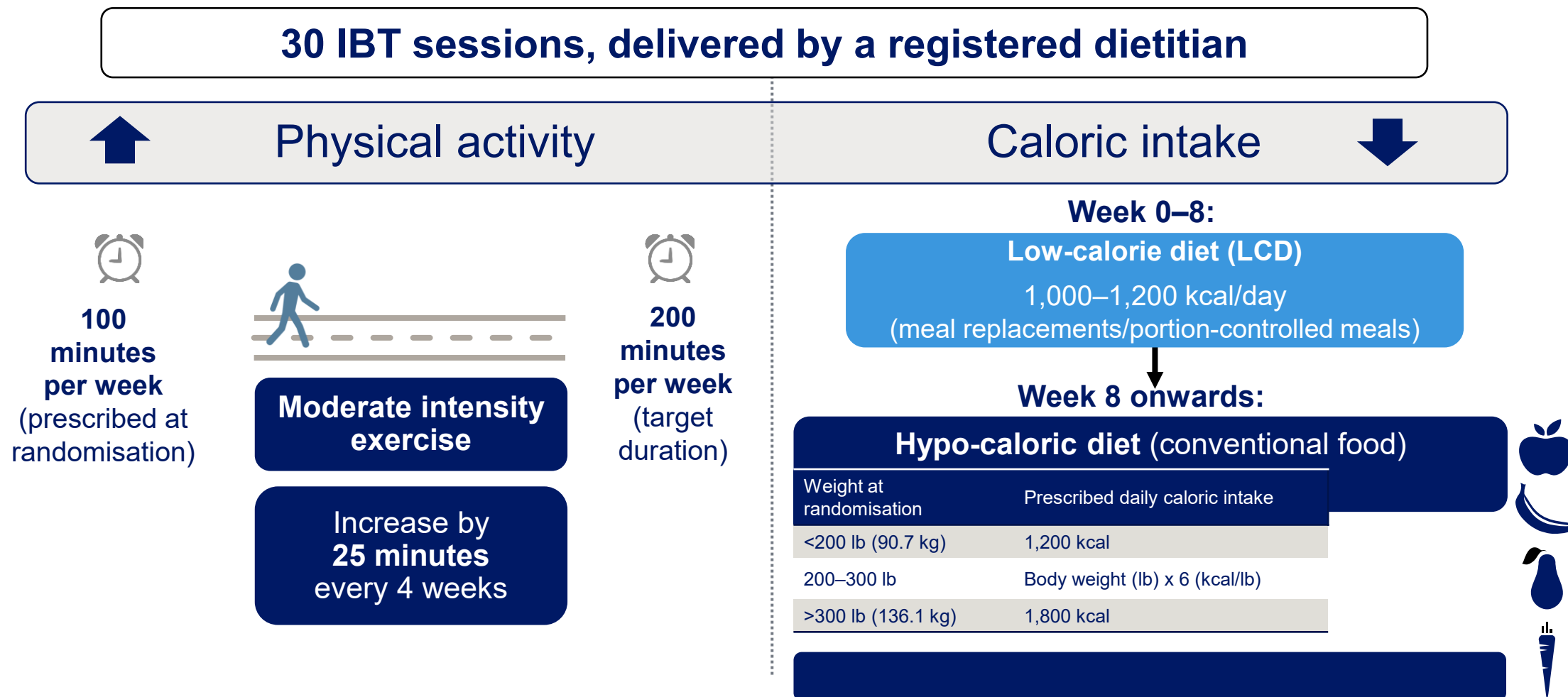
Percentages of participants who lost  $\geq 10\%$



Mean weight losses based on attendance of IBT visits\*



# STEP 3: Principles of intensive behavioural therapy (IBT)



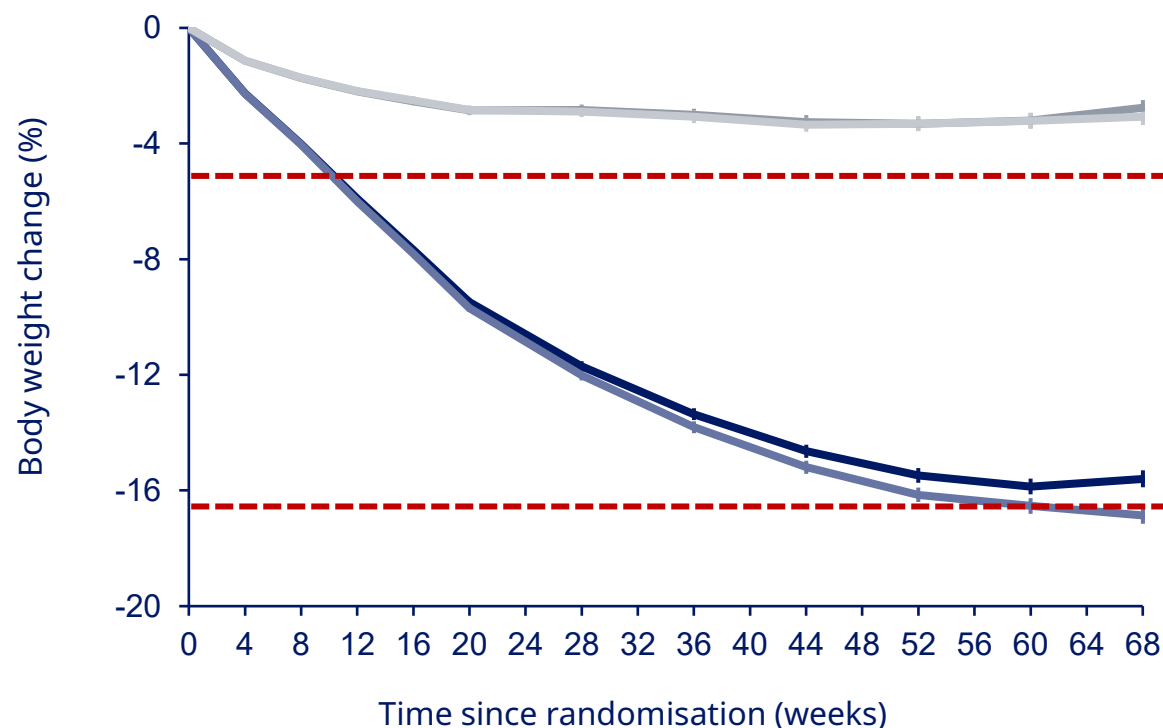
IBT based on an abbreviated version of Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), adapted by Wadden TA, et al. *Obesity* 2019;27:1562-1566. IBT, intensive behavioural therapy.

Wadden TA, et al. Presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Obesity Society (TOS) held at ObesityWeek®, November 2–6, 2020 [Oral 084].

# STEP 1 and 3: Body weight change comparison

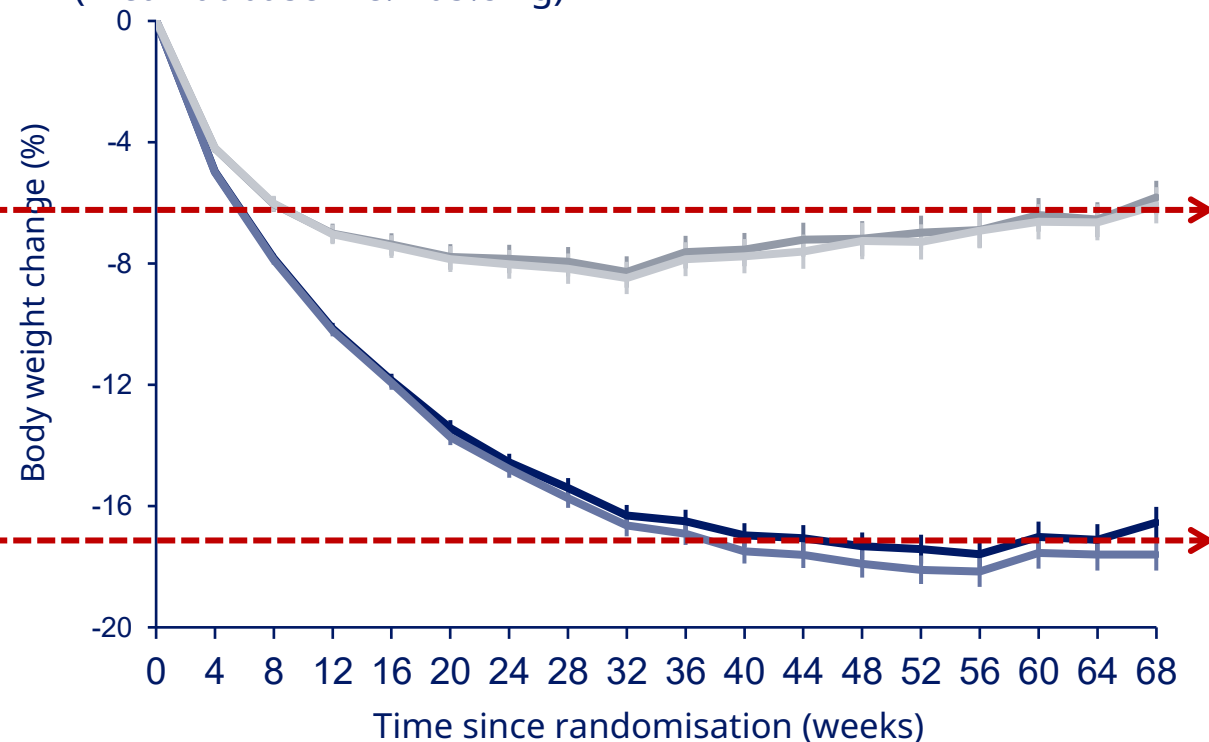
## Observed body weight change over time (STEP 1)

(Mean at baseline: 105.3 kg)



## Observed body weight change over time (STEP 3)

(Mean at baseline: 105.8 kg)



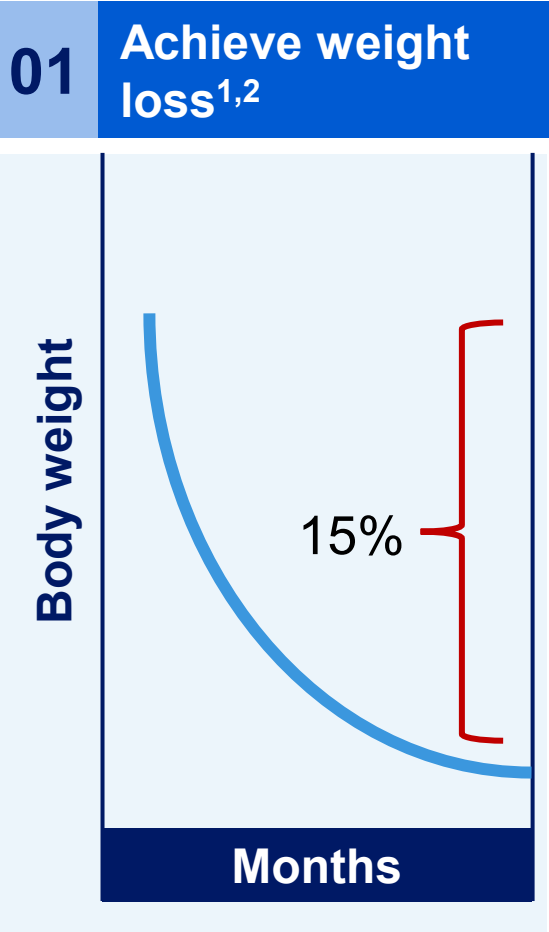
**In-trial:** Semaglutide 2.4 mg (dark blue line), Placebo (grey line)  
**On-treatment:** Semaglutide 2.4 mg (dark blue line), Placebo (grey line)

• Error bars are +/- standard error of the mean.  
CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.  
Wilding JPH et al. NEJM 2021; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2032183. Online ahead of print.

\*This is an indirect trial comparison

**Notion 2 :** In 15-20% weight loss IBT doesn't add much to the Pharmacotherapy weight loss.

# Goals and benefits of effective weight management



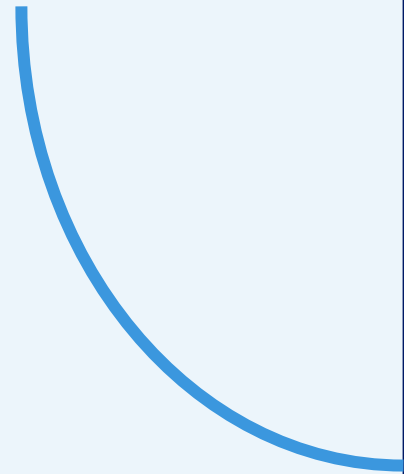
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**Achieve weight loss<sup>1,2</sup>**

Body weight

Months



03

**Provide clinically meaningful benefits<sup>1</sup>**

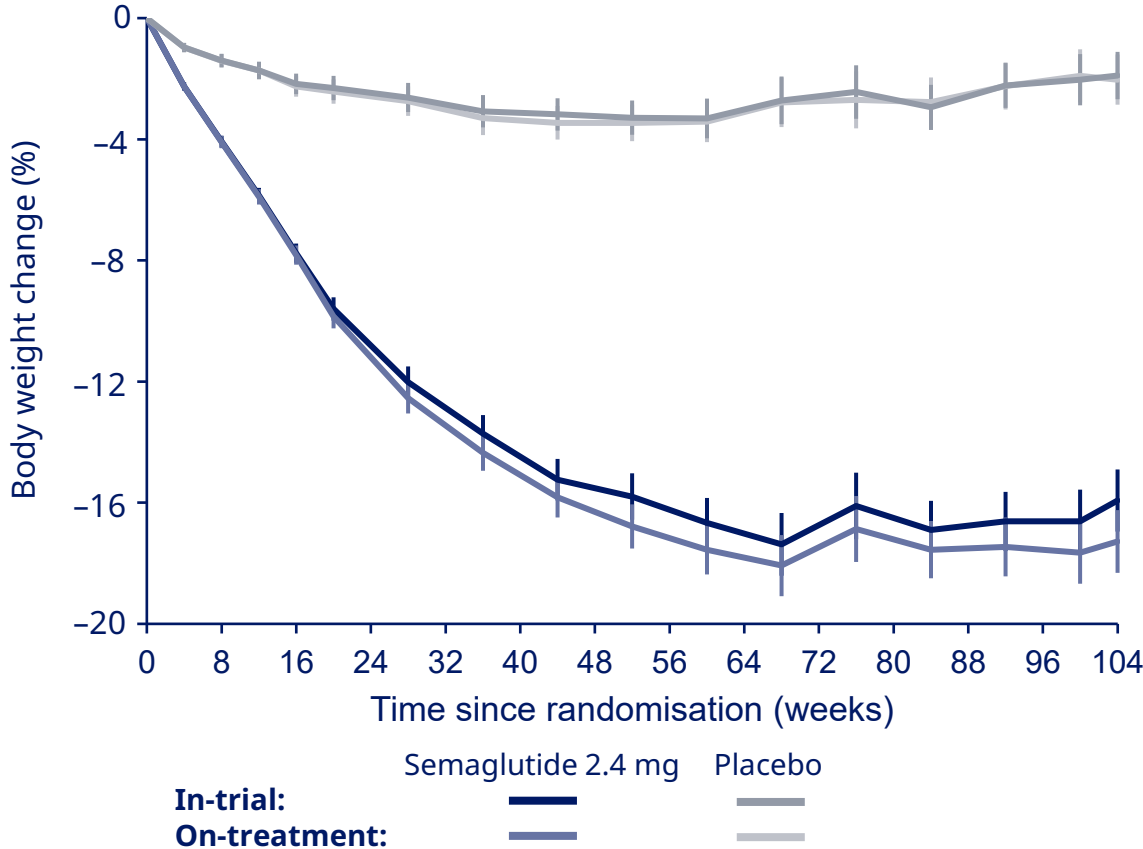
- Reduce diabetes risk<sup>1</sup>

# Body weight change

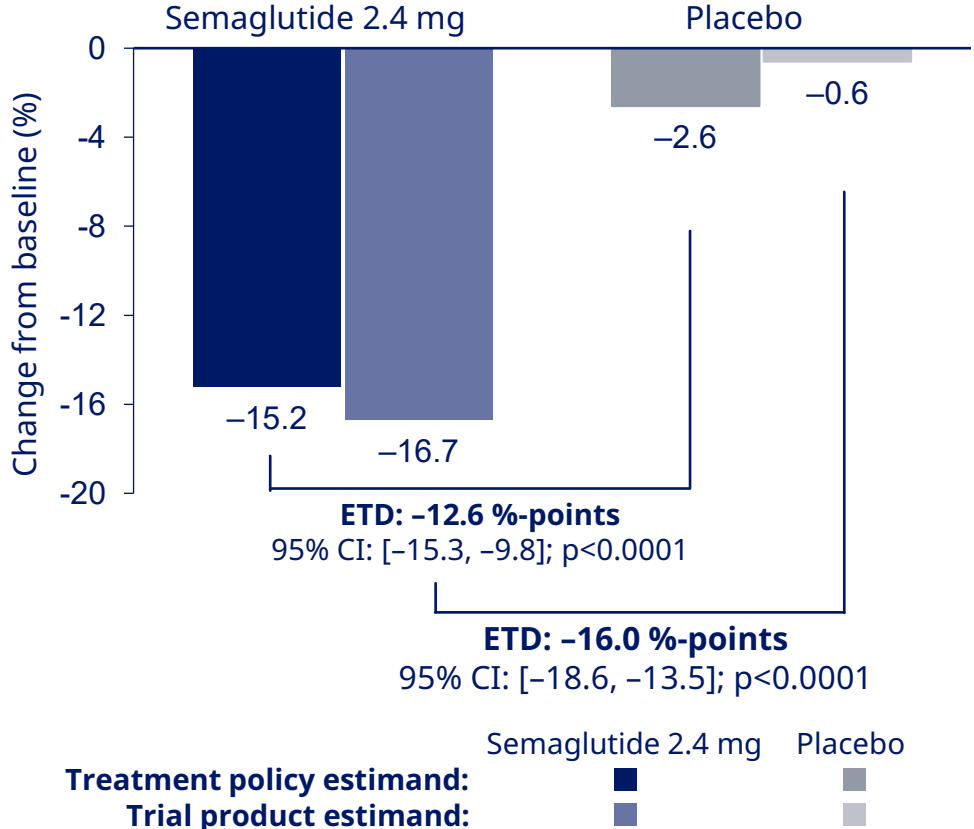
## STEP 5

### Observed mean change over time

(Mean at baseline: 106.0 kg)



### Estimated mean change from baseline to week 104



*Treatment policy estimand assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention); Trial product estimand assesses treatment effect if trial product was taken as intended.*

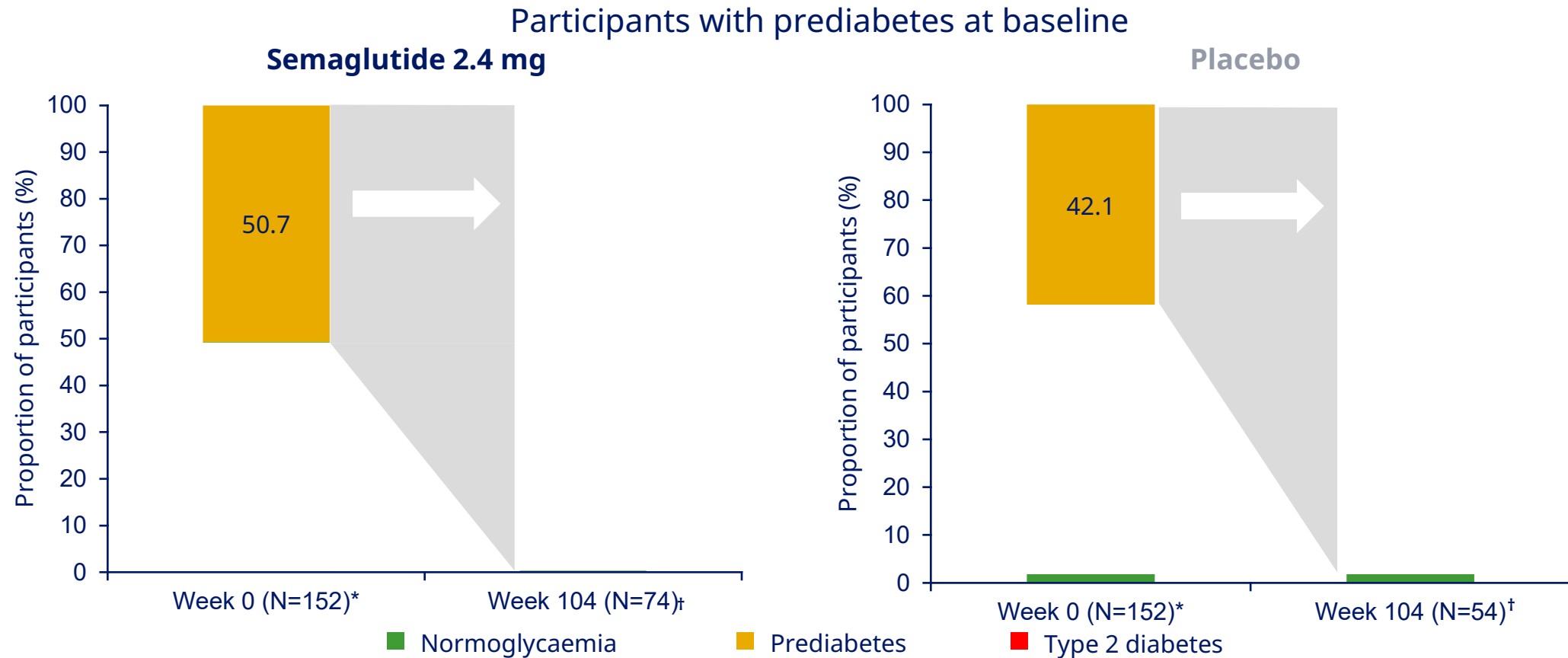
CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.

Garvey et al. Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of The Obesity Society (TOS) held at ObesityWeek®, virtual meeting, November 1–5, 2021.



# Shift from baseline to week 104 in glycaemic status

## STEP 5



Data are observed data during the in-trial period (regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention). glycaemic category was evaluated by the investigator based on all available relevant information (e.g. concomitant medication, medical records, and blood glucose parameters) in accordance with American Diabetes Association definitions.

\*Number of participants in overall population; †Number of participants with prediabetes at baseline and evaluable data at week 104.

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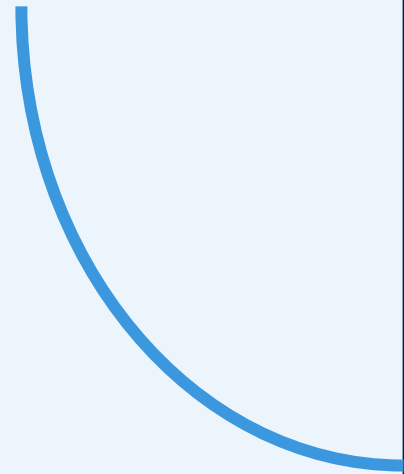
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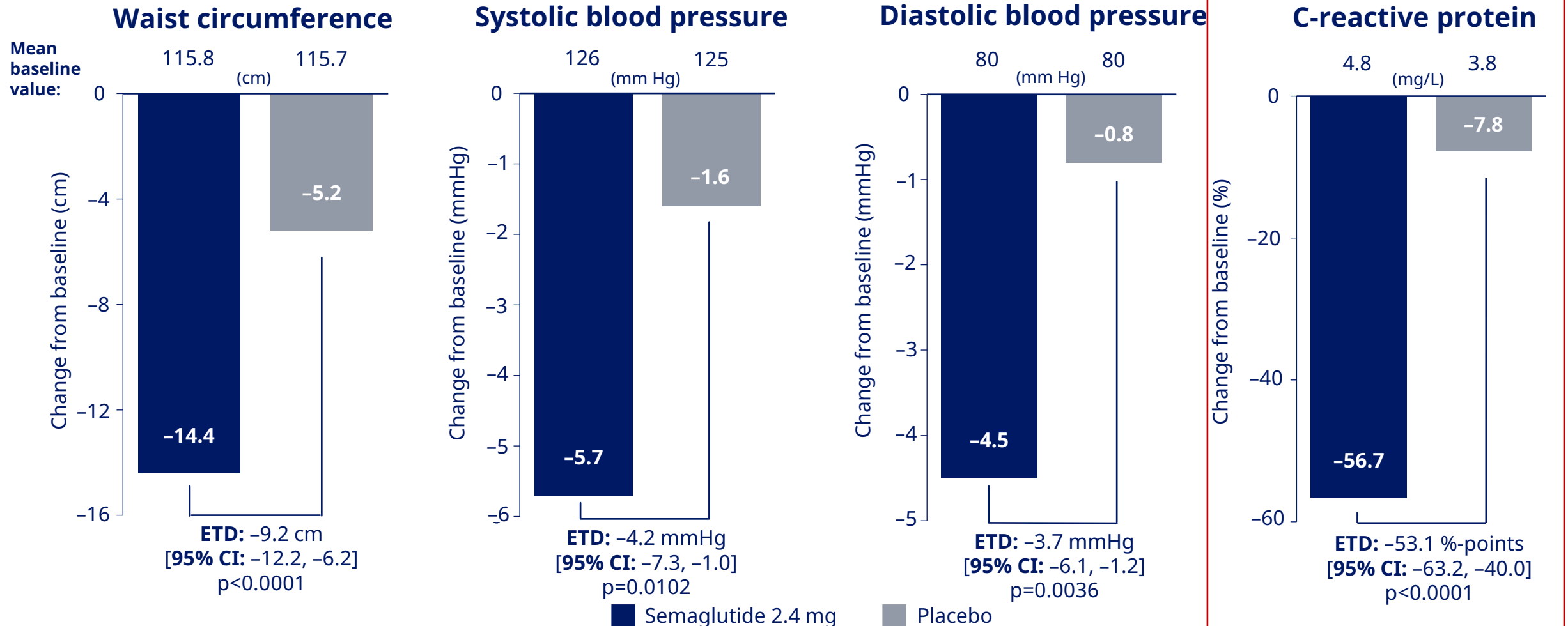
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**Provide clinically meaningful benefits<sup>1</sup>**

- Reduce diabetes risk<sup>1</sup>
- Improve markers of cardiovascular risk<sup>1</sup>

# Cardiovascular risk factors

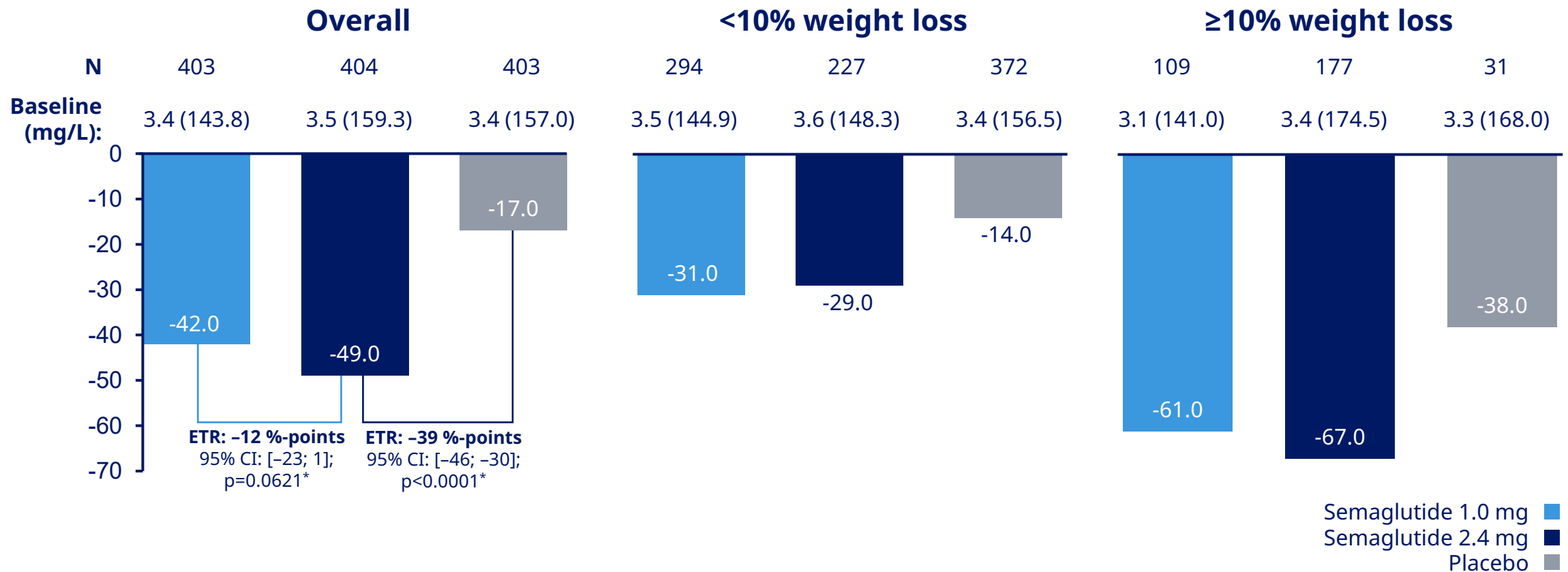
## STEP 5



Change from baseline to week 104 based on the treatment policy estimand (assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention). CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference. Garvey et al. Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of The Obesity Society (TOS) held at ObesityWeek®, virtual meeting, November 1–5, 2021.

# Change in C-reactive protein (%)

STEP 2\*: Baseline to week 68

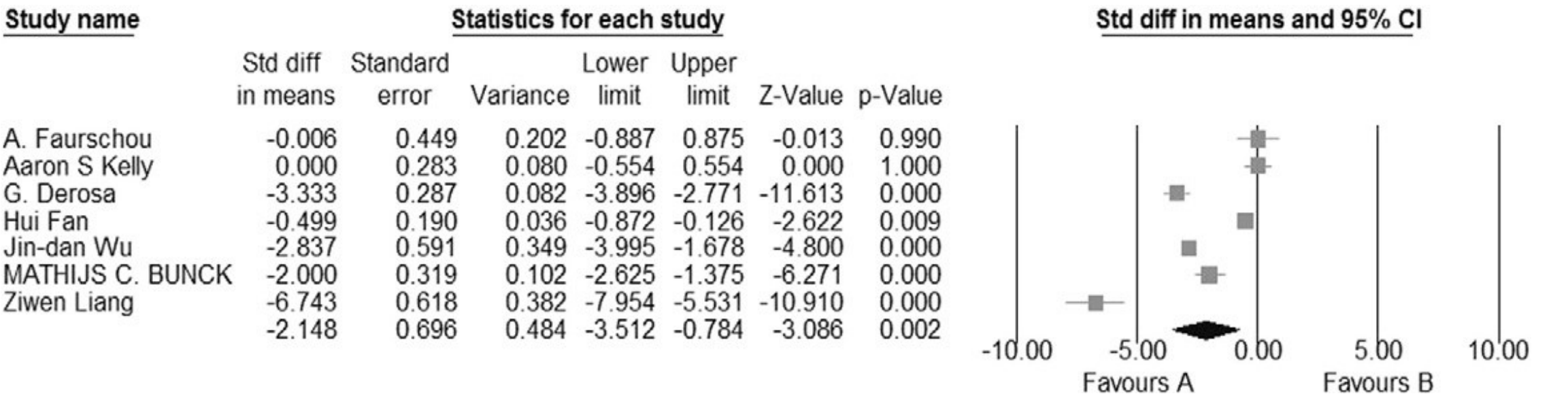


*\*STEP 2 is a Randomised, double-blind, multicentre, double dummy, placebo-controlled trial – the trial enrolled 1210 adult T2D subjects with BMI: ≥27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> treated with Diet and exercise alone or up to 3 OADs with a (1:1:1) randomization to placebo, semaglutide 1.0 mg, semaglutide 2.4 mg for a duration of 68 weeks.*

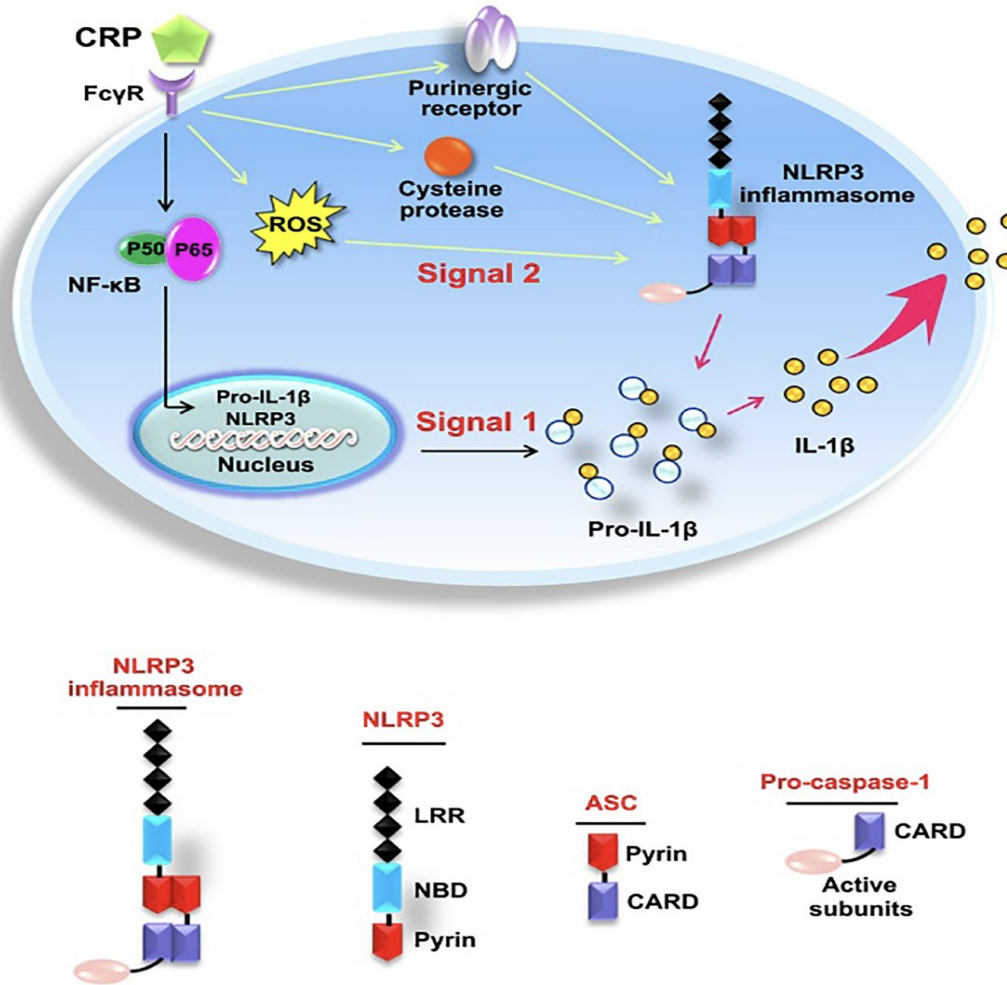
*Results are presented for effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or use of other anti-obesity therapies. Baseline values are mean ± standard deviation. \*Not adjusted for multiplicity. CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.*

*Kushner et al. Presented at the American Diabetes Association (ADA) 81st Scientific Sessions virtual meeting, June 25–29, 2021.*

Plot to display weighted mean difference and 95% confidence intervals for the impact of glucagon-like peptide-1 therapy on C-reactive protein.



# Schematic diagram of CRP-induced NLRP3 inflammasome activation



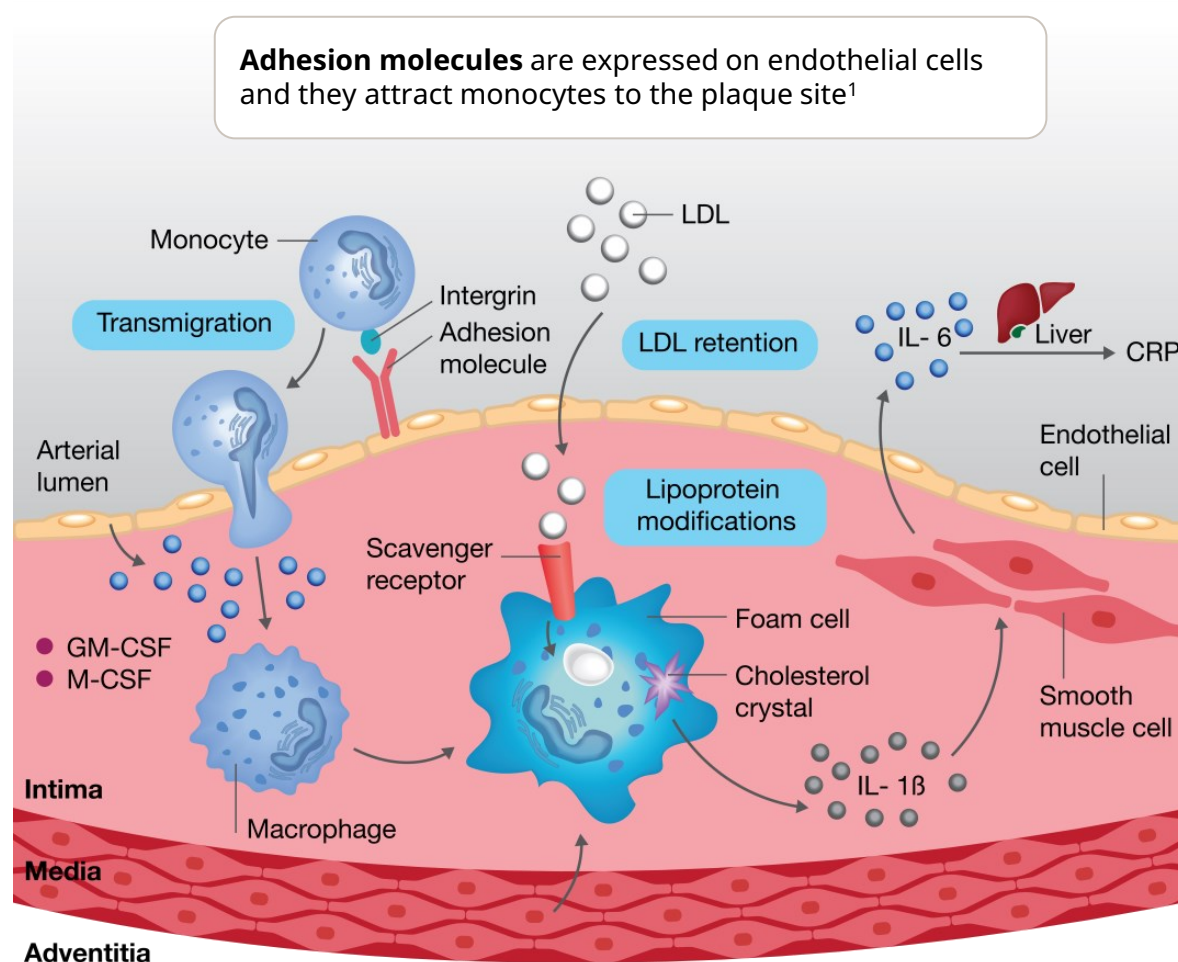
- CRP increased the expression of pro-IL-1b and NLRP3 via the FcγRs/NF-κB pathway.
- CRP Promotes NLRP3 inflammasome activation and IL-1b maturation by upregulation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels, purinergic receptor signaling, and activation of cysteine proteases.
- NLRP3 inflammasome activation was shown to be involved in CRP-mediated LDL transcytosis across ECs.

# Both the innate and adaptive immune system are involved in atherosclerosis

## Innate immune system

**Monocytes** are the most abundant inflammatory cell type in atherosclerotic plaques. They transform into macrophages within the intima<sup>1</sup>

**Macrophages** gather lipoproteins and express pro-inflammatory molecules<sup>1</sup>

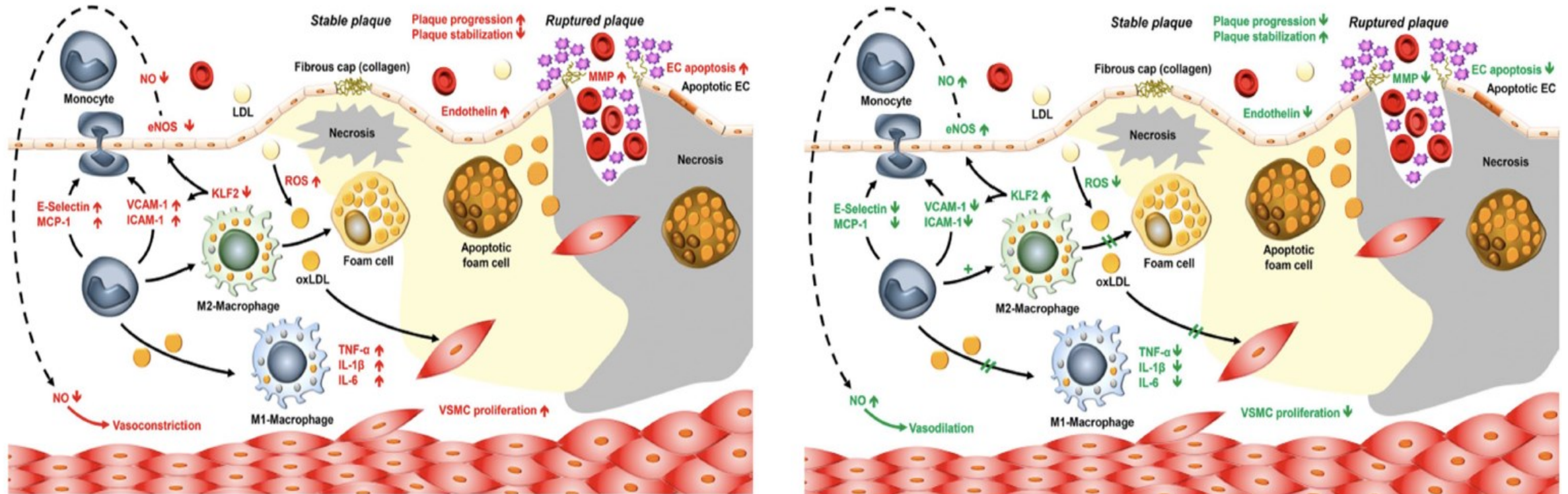


**IL-6** is also a pro-inflammatory cytokine. It may lead to systemic inflammation by causing the liver to produce CRP, which is a biomarker for CV risk prediction<sup>2</sup>

**IL-1 $\beta$**  is a pro-inflammatory cytokine released by foam cells which has a number of different roles including promoting endothelial activation, adhesion molecule expression, LDL metabolism, VSMC proliferation, matrix degradation by MMPs and platelet activation.<sup>3</sup> It is activated as a result of the NLRP3 inflammasome<sup>4</sup>



# The protective effects of GLP-1RA on atherosclerosis





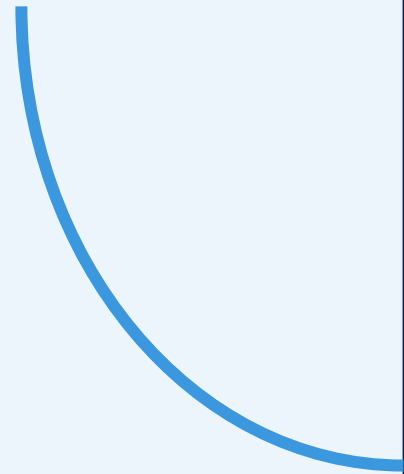
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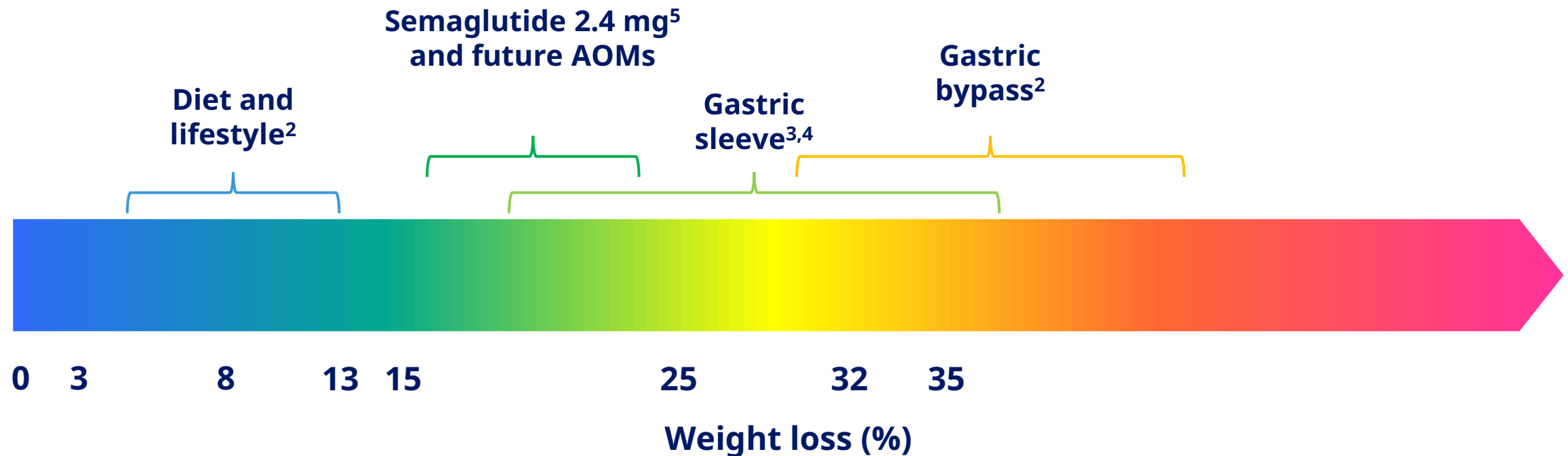
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**Provide clinically meaningful benefits<sup>1</sup>**

- Reduce diabetes risk<sup>1</sup>
- Improve markers of cardiovascular risk<sup>1</sup>
- Reduce functional impairment<sup>4</sup>
- Improve quality of life<sup>4</sup>

# Third generation AOMs are closing the gap between lifestyle modifications and bariatric surgery

Pharmacotherapy combined with lifestyle intervention can provide >15% weight loss<sup>1</sup>



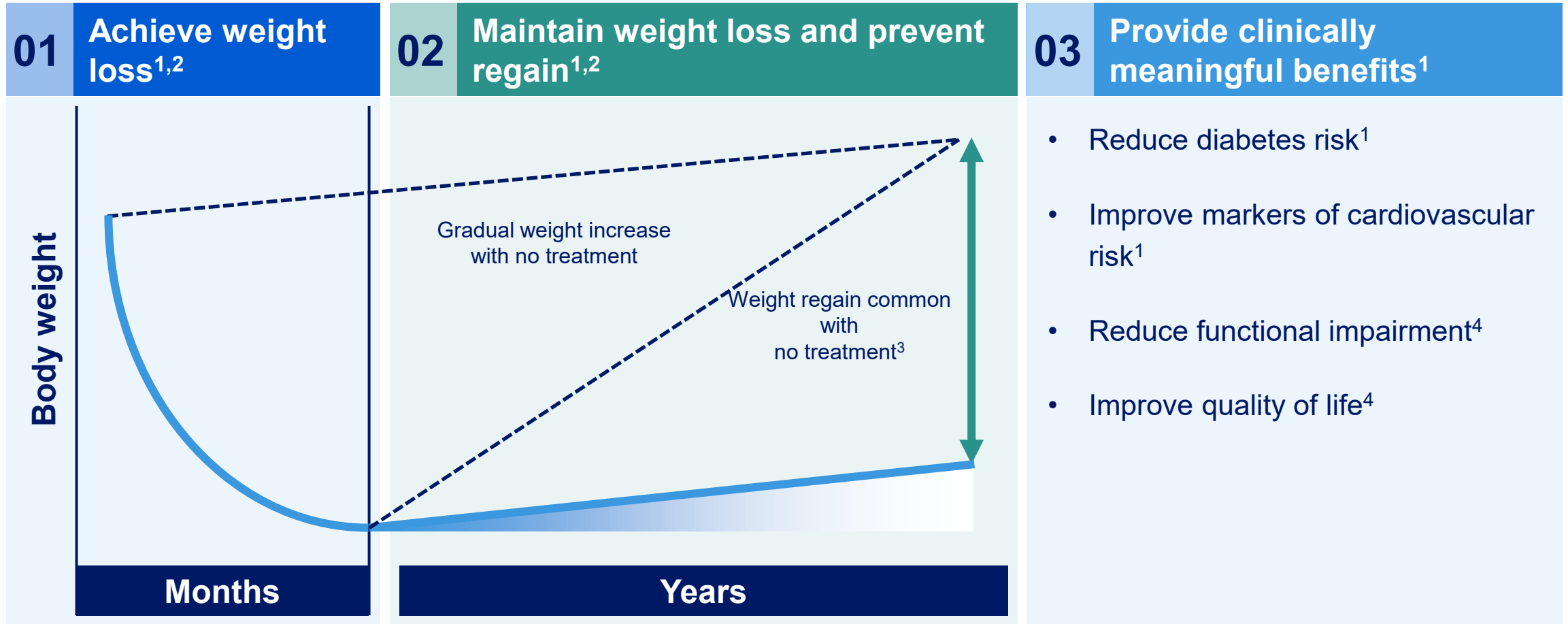
AOMs, Anti-obesity medications;

1. George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Obesity Drug Outcome Measures: A Consensus Report of Considerations Regarding Pharmacologic Intervention. Accessed September 2021;

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Can we maintain Weight Loss effectively ?

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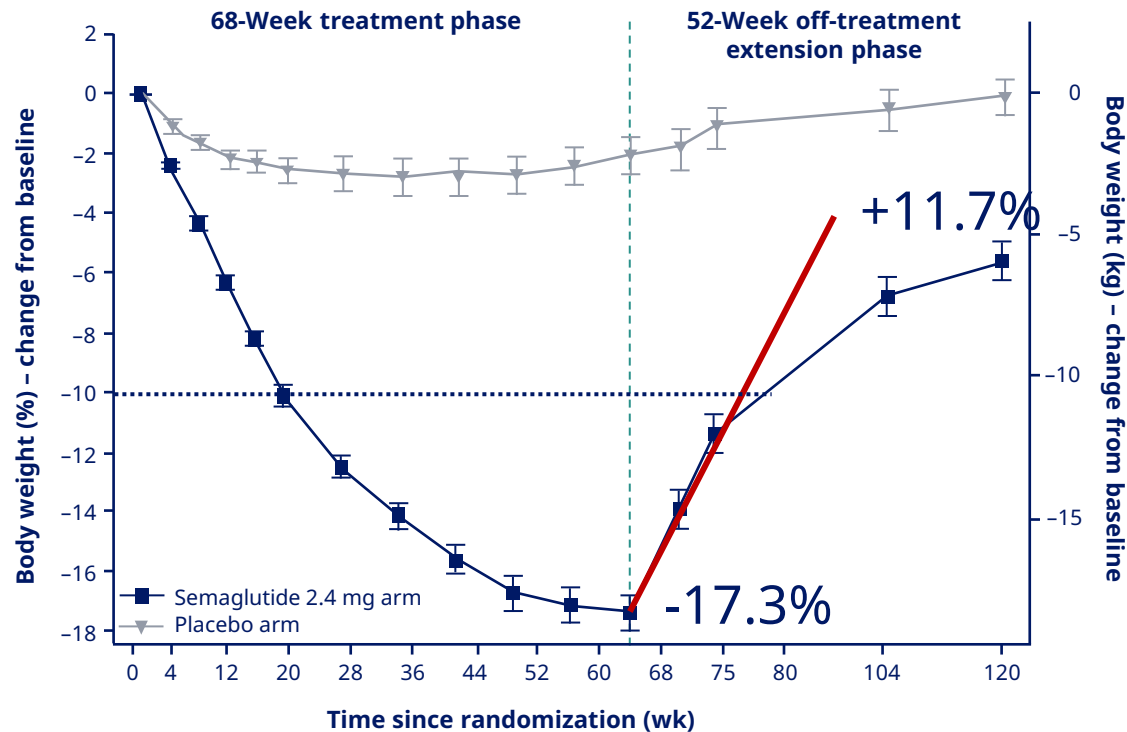


# Change in body weight

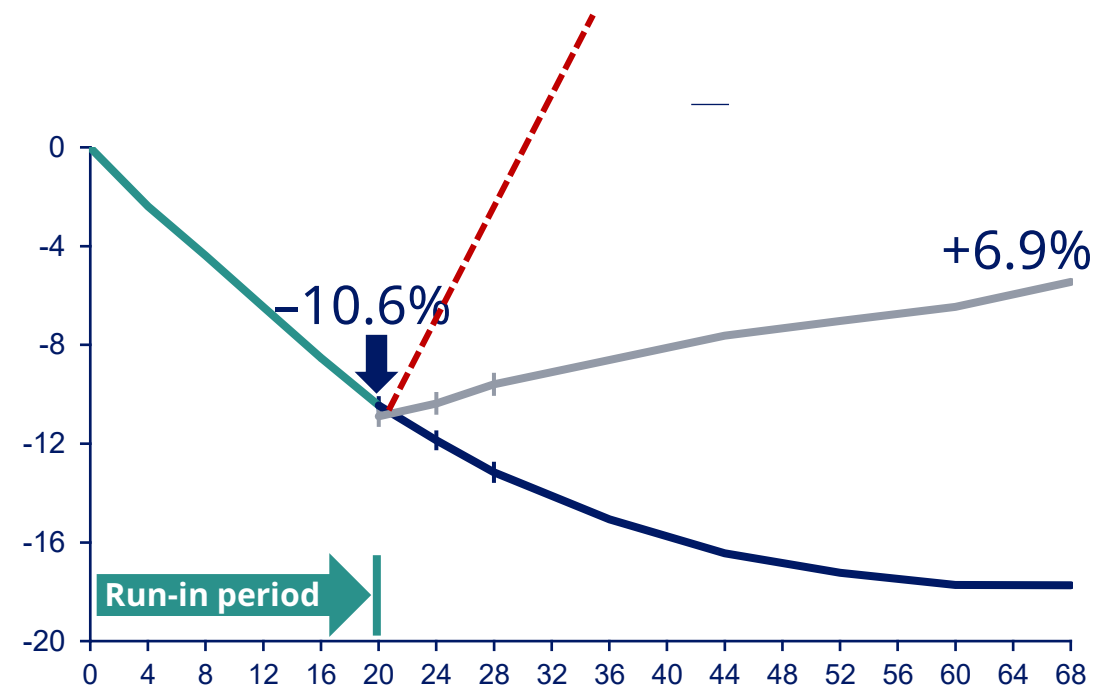
STEP 1 extension Vs. STEP 4

STEP 4

Change in body weight (% and kg)

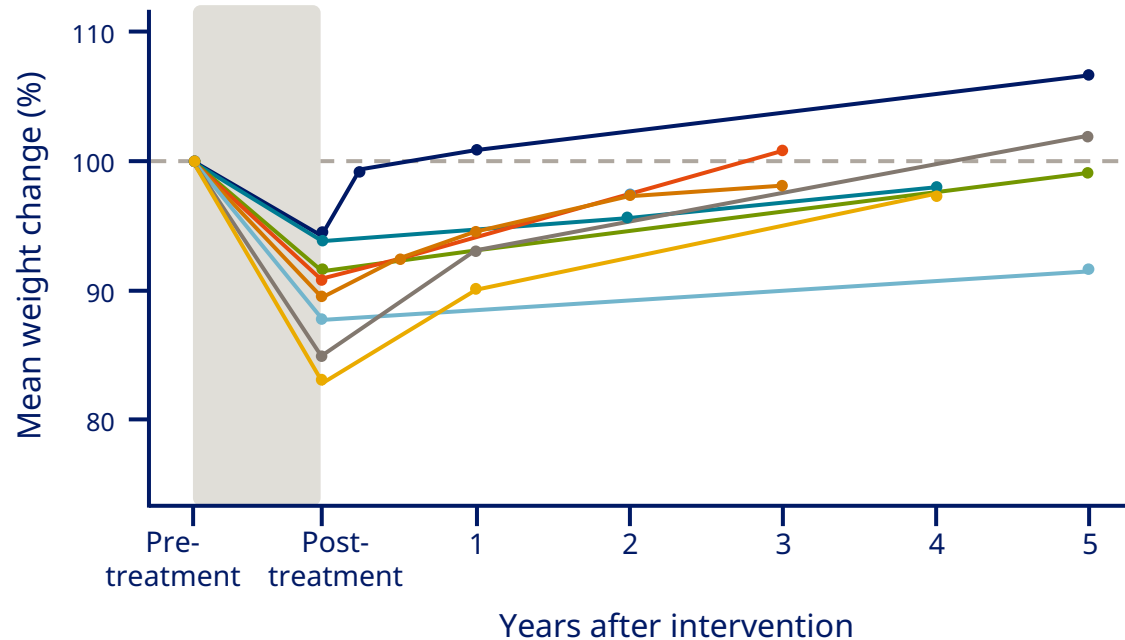


Semaglutide 2.4 mg arm	228	226	228	228	228	228	228	228	227	228	209	174	171	197
Placebo arm	99	99	99	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	93	79	80	93



# Long-term weight loss is challenging

## Maintenance of weight loss



- Stalonas (1984)
- Schwarzfuchs (2012)
- Olszanecka-Glinianowicz (2012)
- Vogels (2005)
- Cooper (2010)
- Pekkarinen (1997)
- Wadden (1989)
- Hensrud (1994)

## Metabolic adaptation following weight loss

**Weight loss**



Adaptations that resist weight loss:

- **Hormone levels**
  - ↓ satiety hormones
  - ↑ hunger hormones

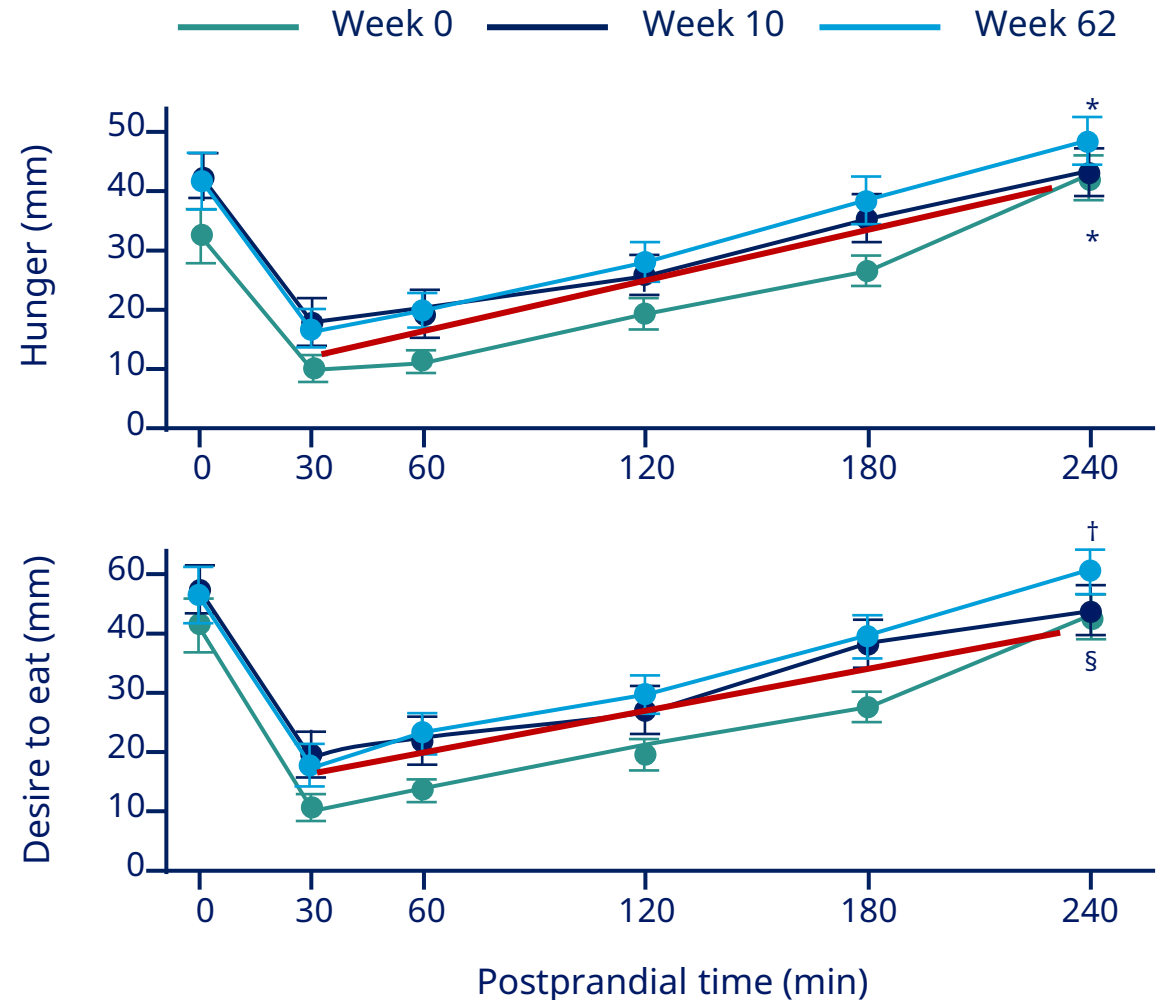
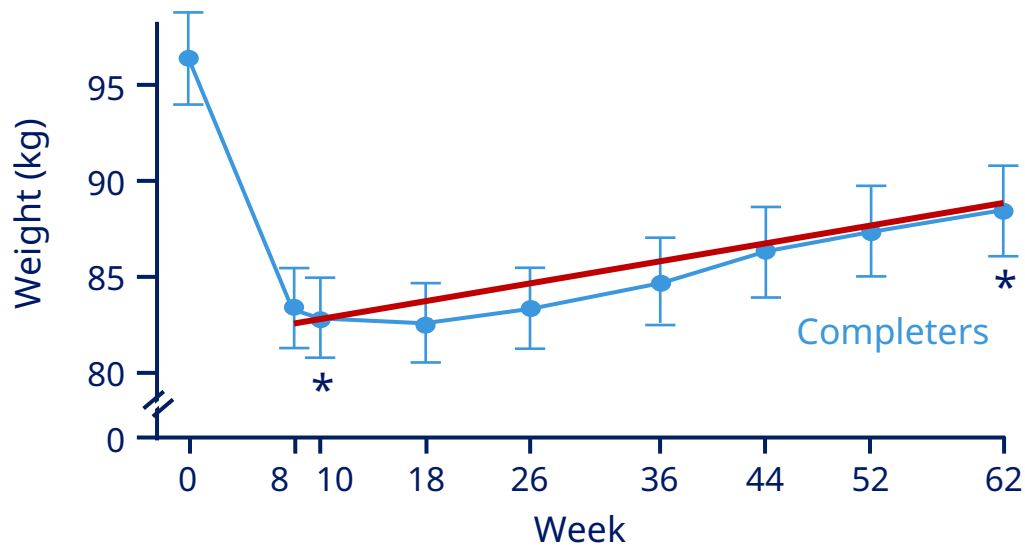
- **Metabolism**
  - ↓ energy expenditure

**Weight regain**



# Hunger increases in response to weight loss

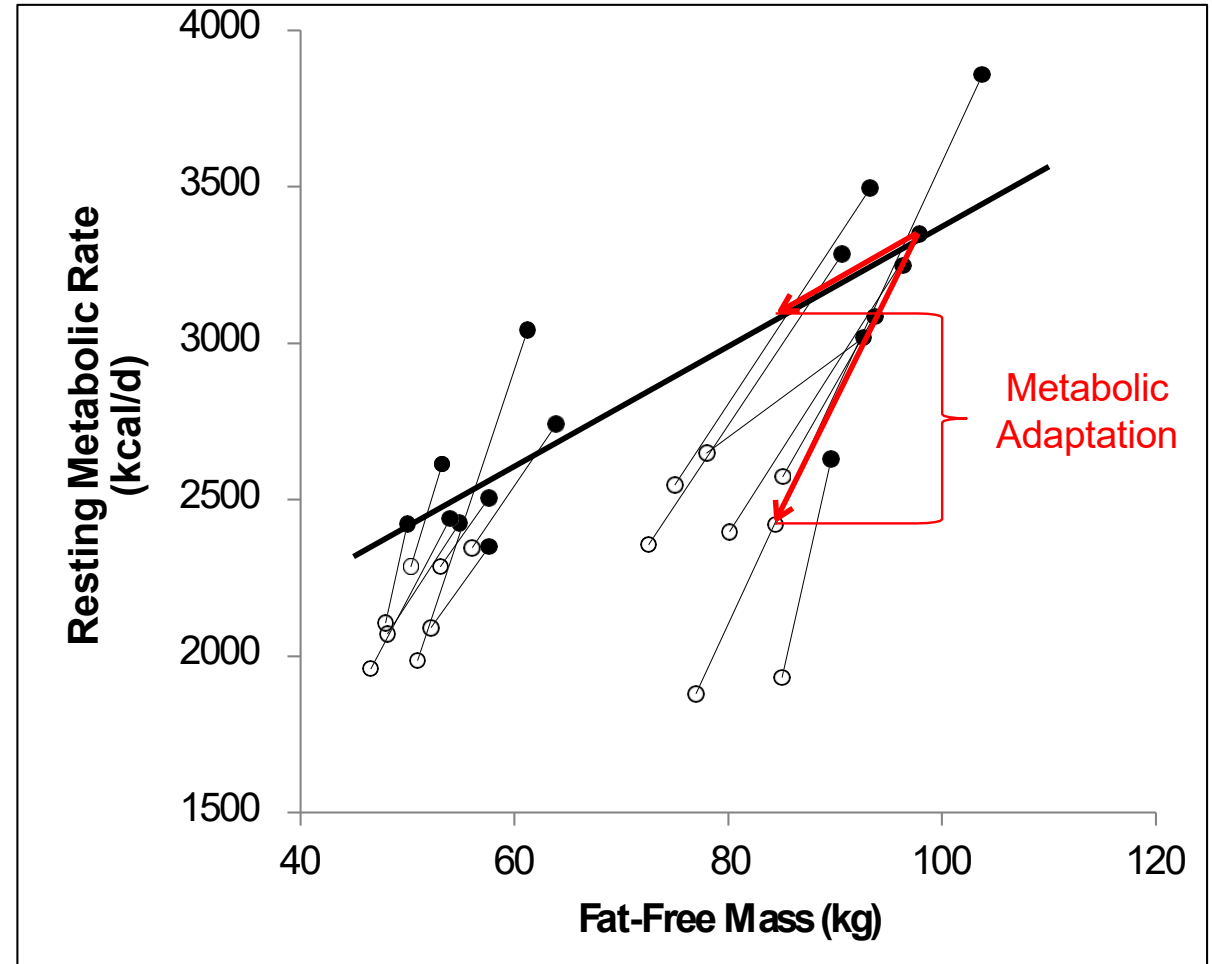
- 50 individuals with overweight/obesity lost weight on a 10-week very low energy diet
- Appetite was measured using VAS scores at 0, 10 and 62 weeks



\* $p < 0.001$ , § $p = 0.008$ , † $p = 0.09$  vs mean at baseline (week 0).  
 ITT, intention to treat; VAS, visual analogue scale.  
 Sumithran P et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:1597–604.

# Energy expenditure is reduced with reduced caloric intake and body weight loss

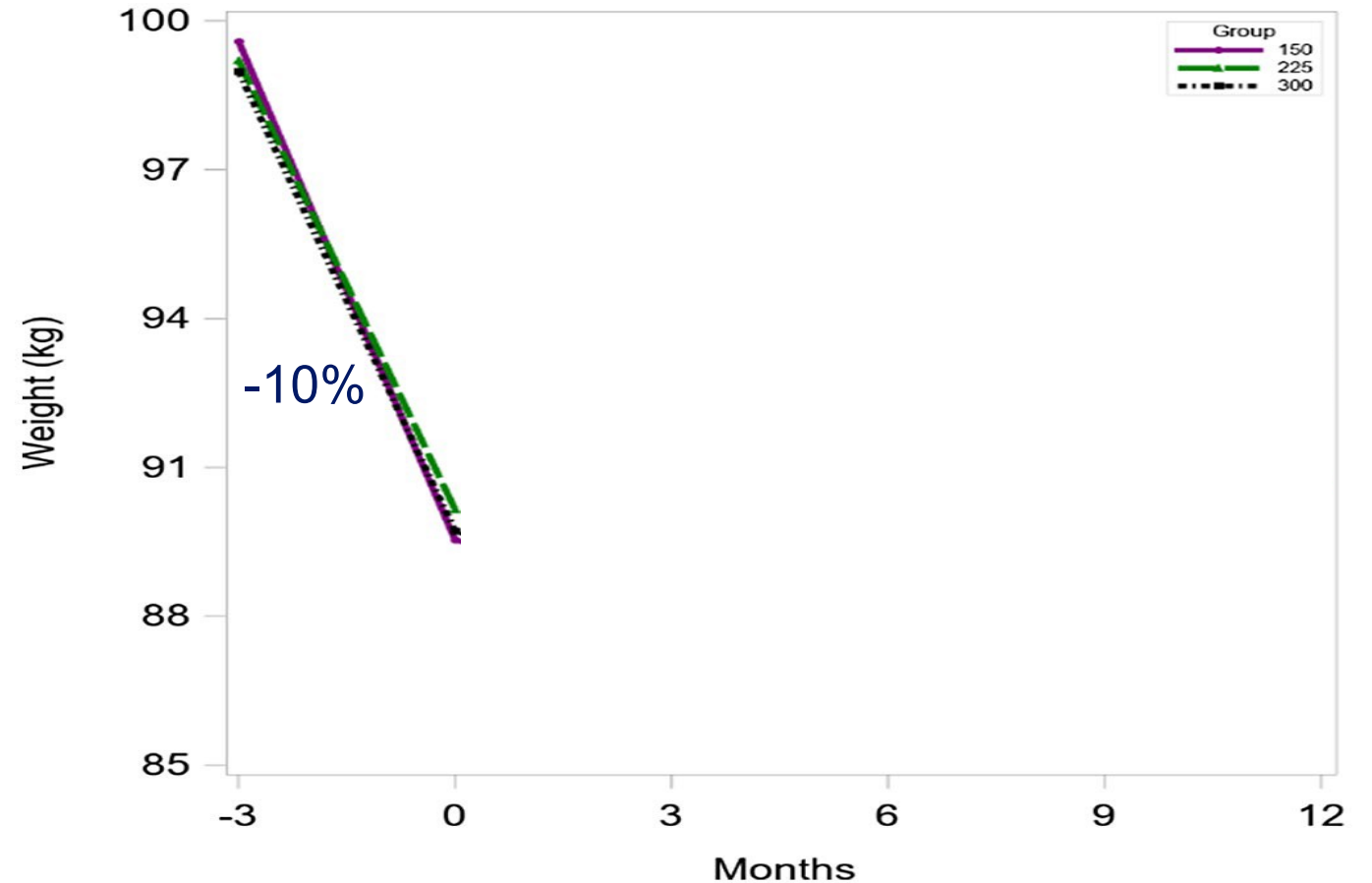
- Reduction in caloric intake and reduced body mass results in reduced energy expenditure
- Metabolic adaptation might counter interventions aimed at reducing body weight and limit efficacy and potentially durability



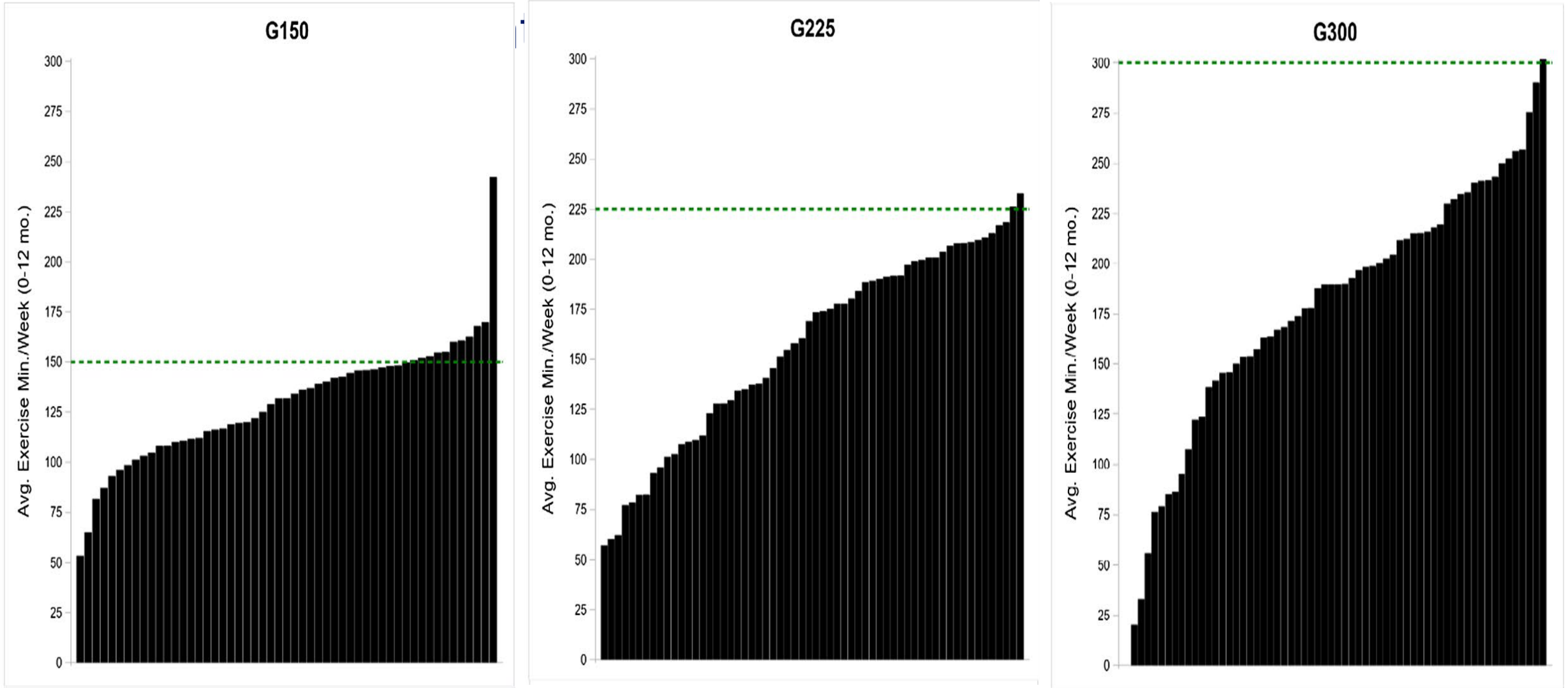


# Body weight at -3 to 12 months by randomized group. 150 min/wk; 225 min/wk; 300 min/wk.

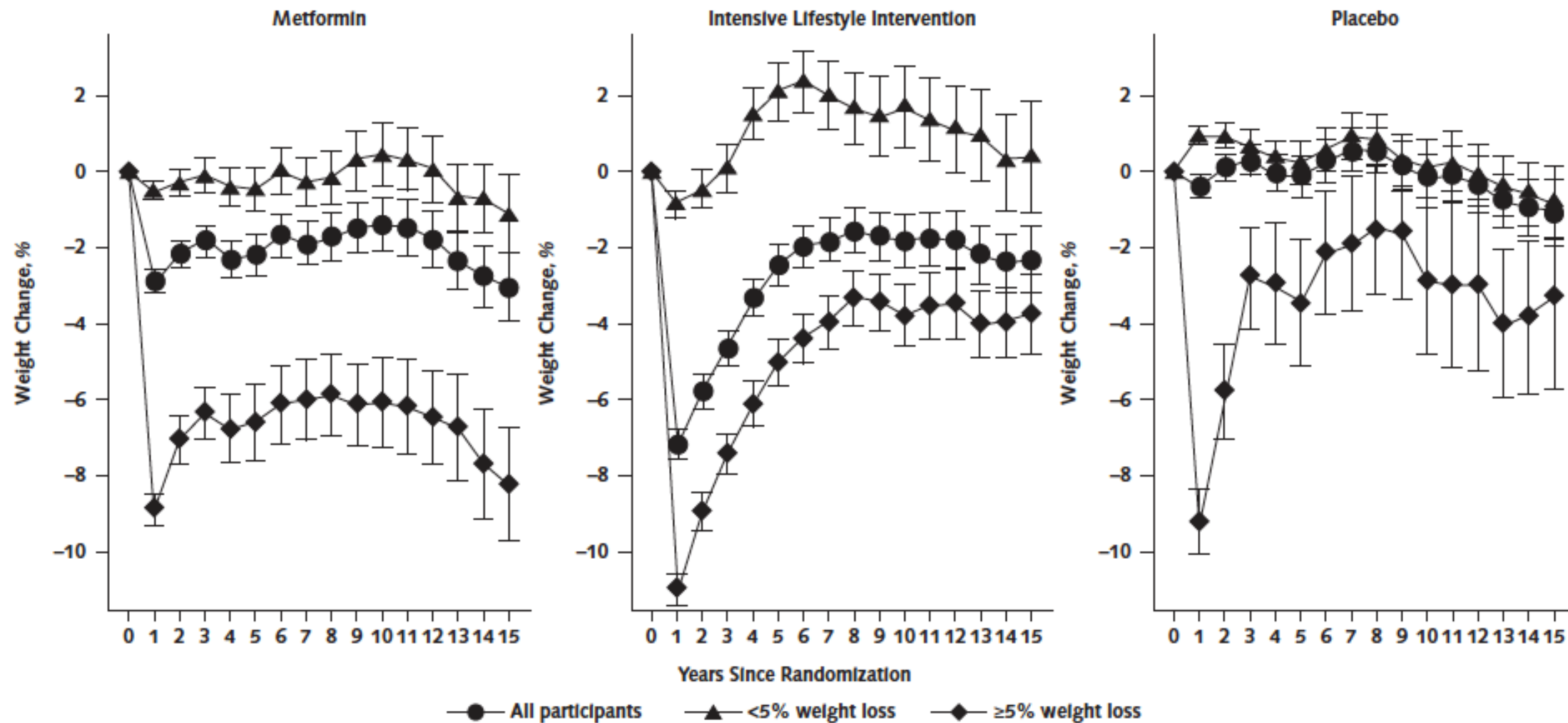
- **Energy intake** was reduced to 1,200 to 1,500 kcal/d for women and 1,500 to 1,800 kcal/d for men.
- Participants attended weekly 60-minute **in-person sessions**.
- **Exercise** progressed from 10 min/d and 5 d/wk at 65% of the age-predicted maximal heart rate ( $HR_{max} = 220 - \text{age in years}$ ) to the goal of 20 min/d and 5 d/wk at 70% of the  $HR_{max}$



# Individual average weekly minutes of exercise across the 12-month

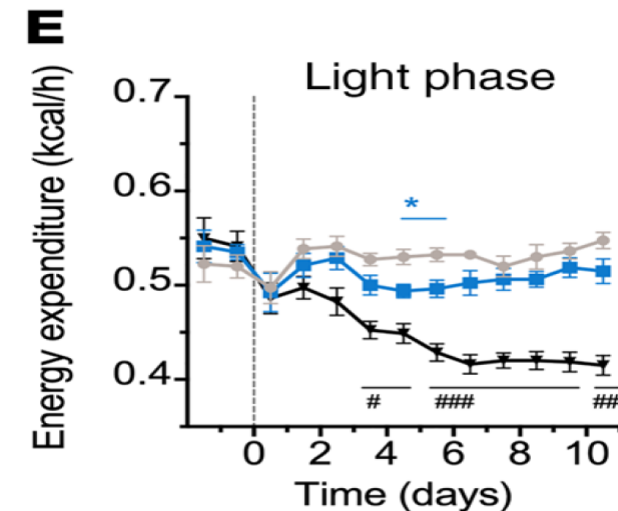
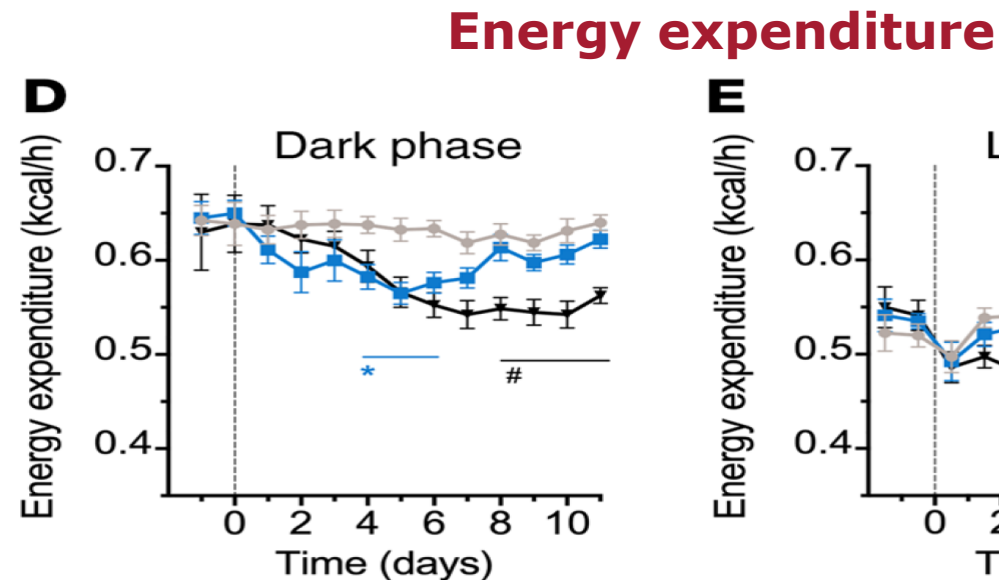
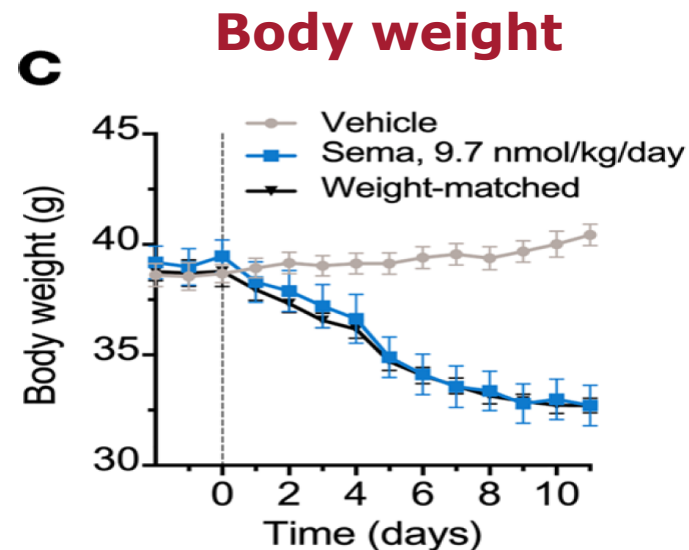


# Wight Loss maintenances



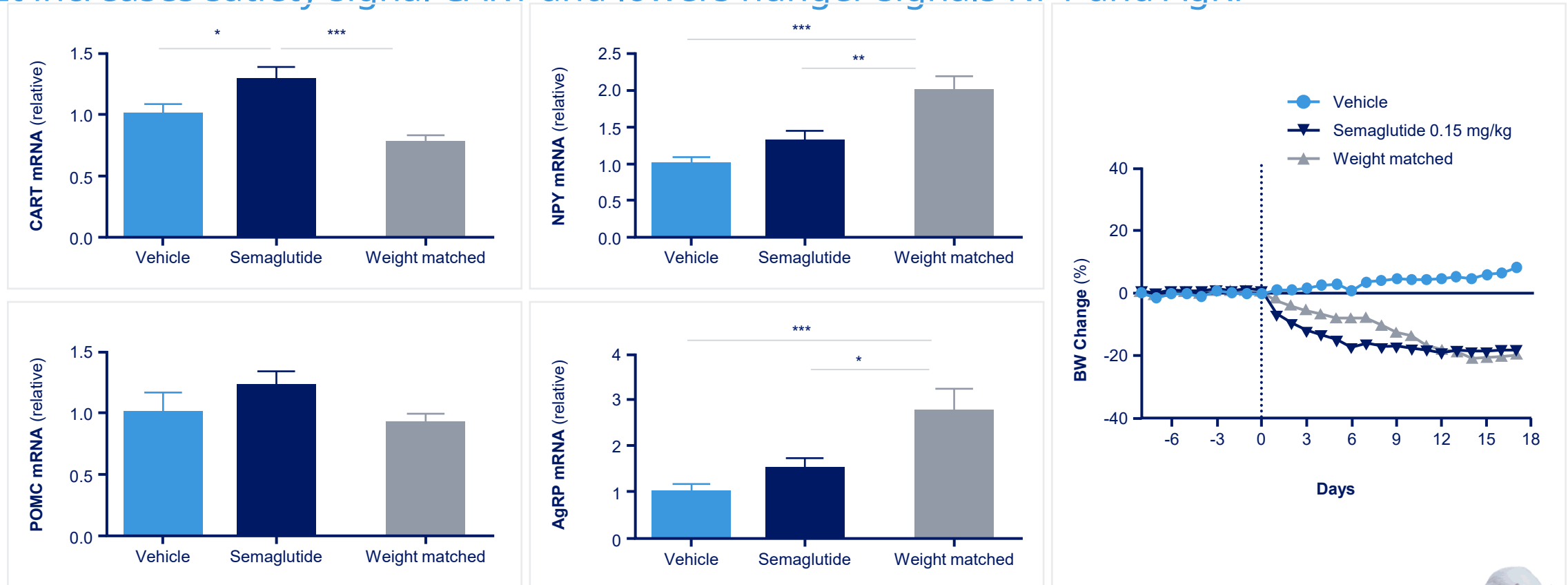
# Semaglutide-induced weight loss is associated with blunting of metabolic adaptation

- Vehicle (placebo)
- Semaglutide, 9.7 nmol/kg/day
- ▲— Calorie restricted, weight-matched to semaglutide group



# Semaglutide acts on hypothalamic arcuate nucleus

It increases satiety signal CART and lowers hunger signals NPY and AgRP



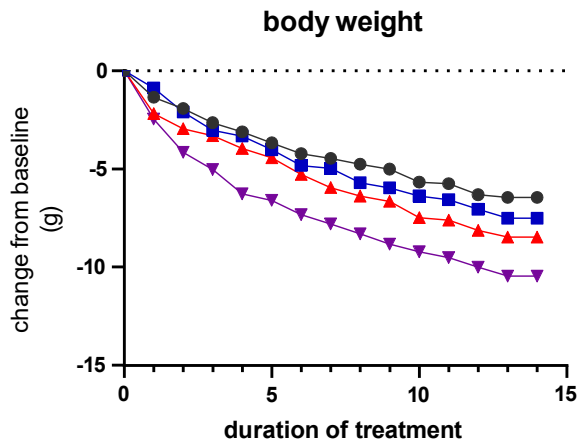
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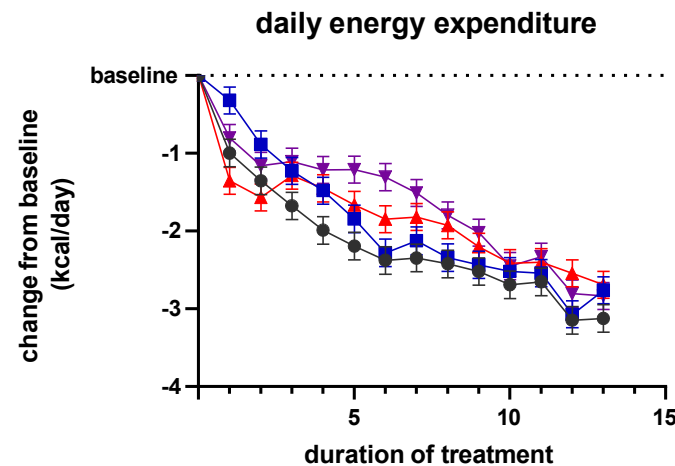
# GIPR agonism synergistically regulates energy expenditure with GLP-1R agonism during caloric restriction



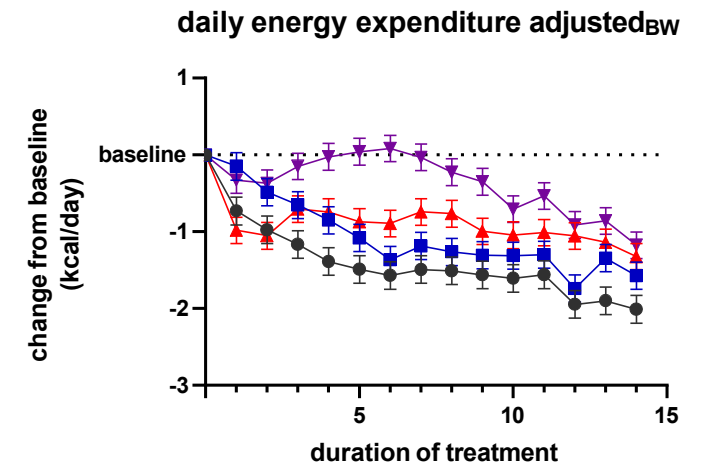
**GIP+GLP-1 reduces body weight beyond GLP-1 alone**



**GIP+GLP-1 maintains energy expenditure despite reduced caloric intake/body weight**



**GIP+GLP-1 attenuates metabolic adaptation**

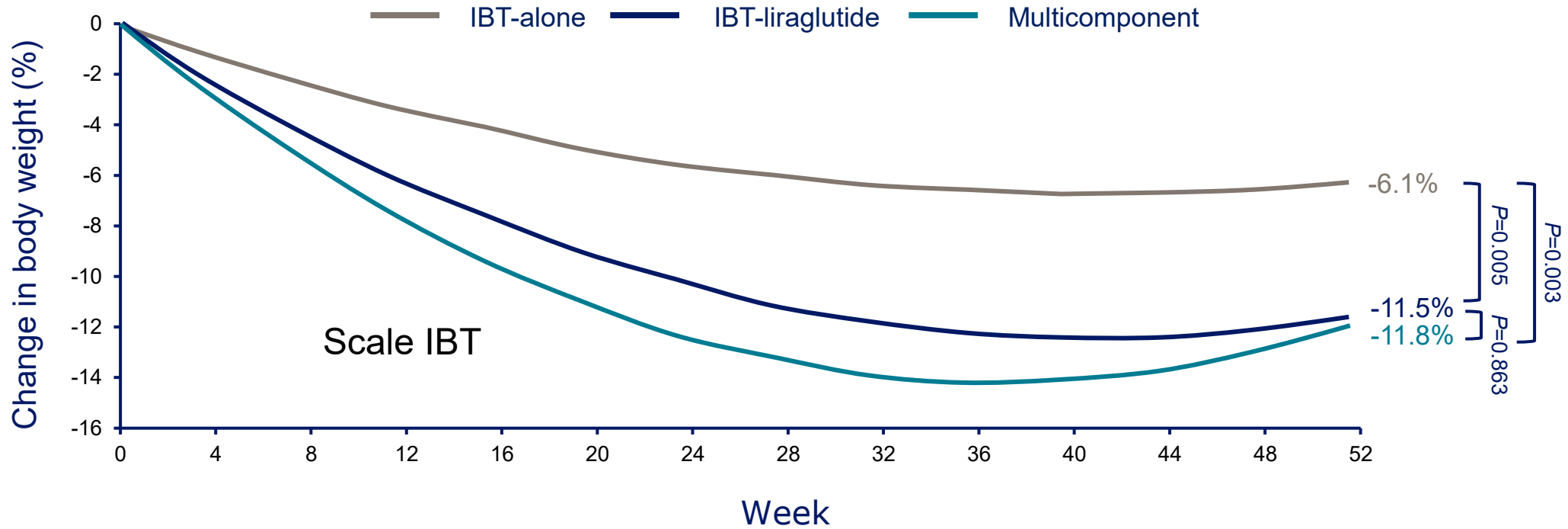


**Notion 3 :** Semaglutide-induced weight loss is associated with blunting of metabolic adaptation and Hunger in Animal Study.

How long Can we maintain Weight Loss effectively ?



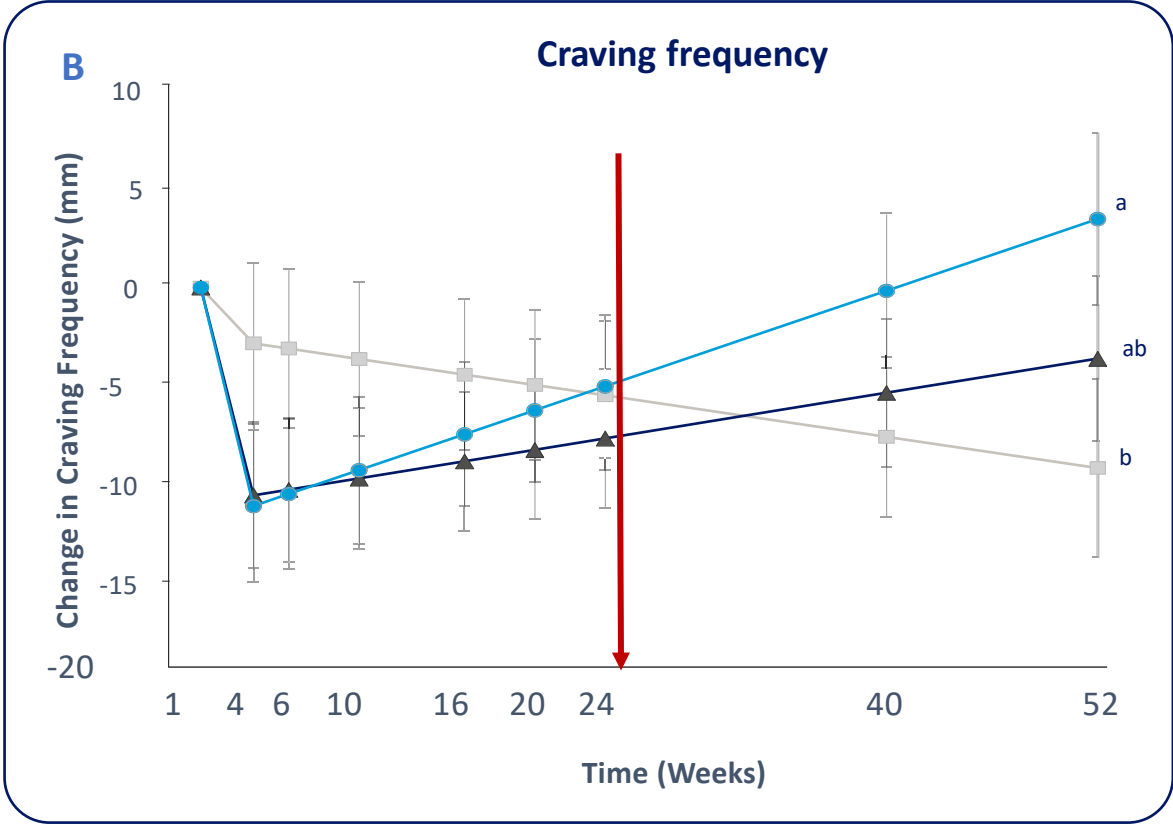
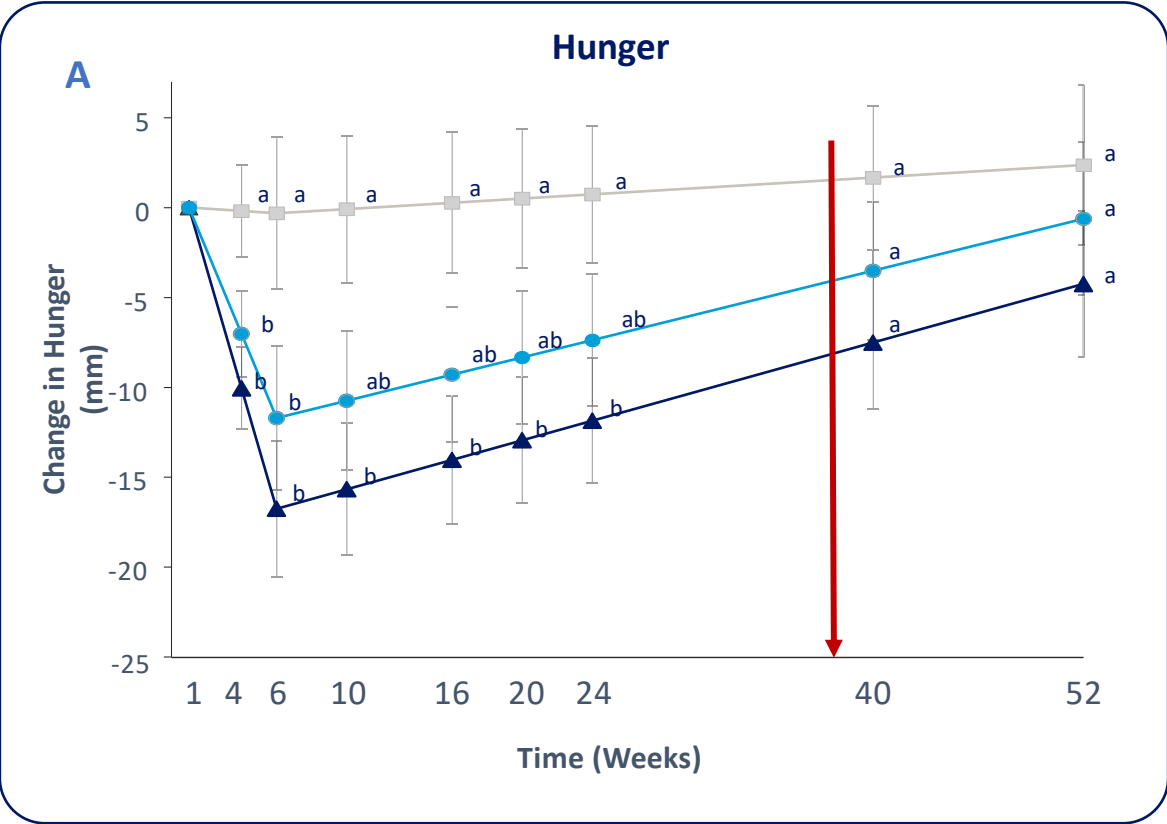
# SCALE IBT



IBT (IBT-alone), providing 21 counselling visits; IBT combined with liraglutide (IBT-liraglutide); or IBT-liraglutide combined for 12 weeks with a 1,000- to 1,200-kcal/d meal-replacement diet (Multicomponent).

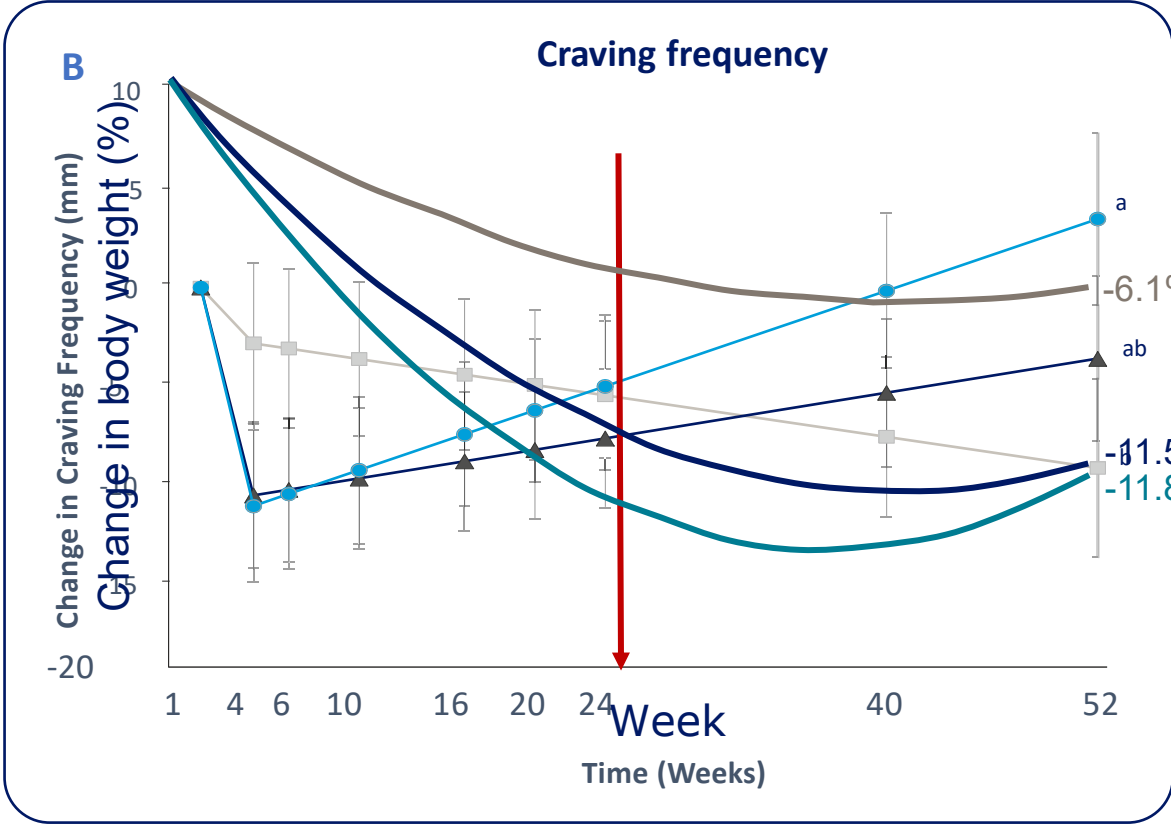
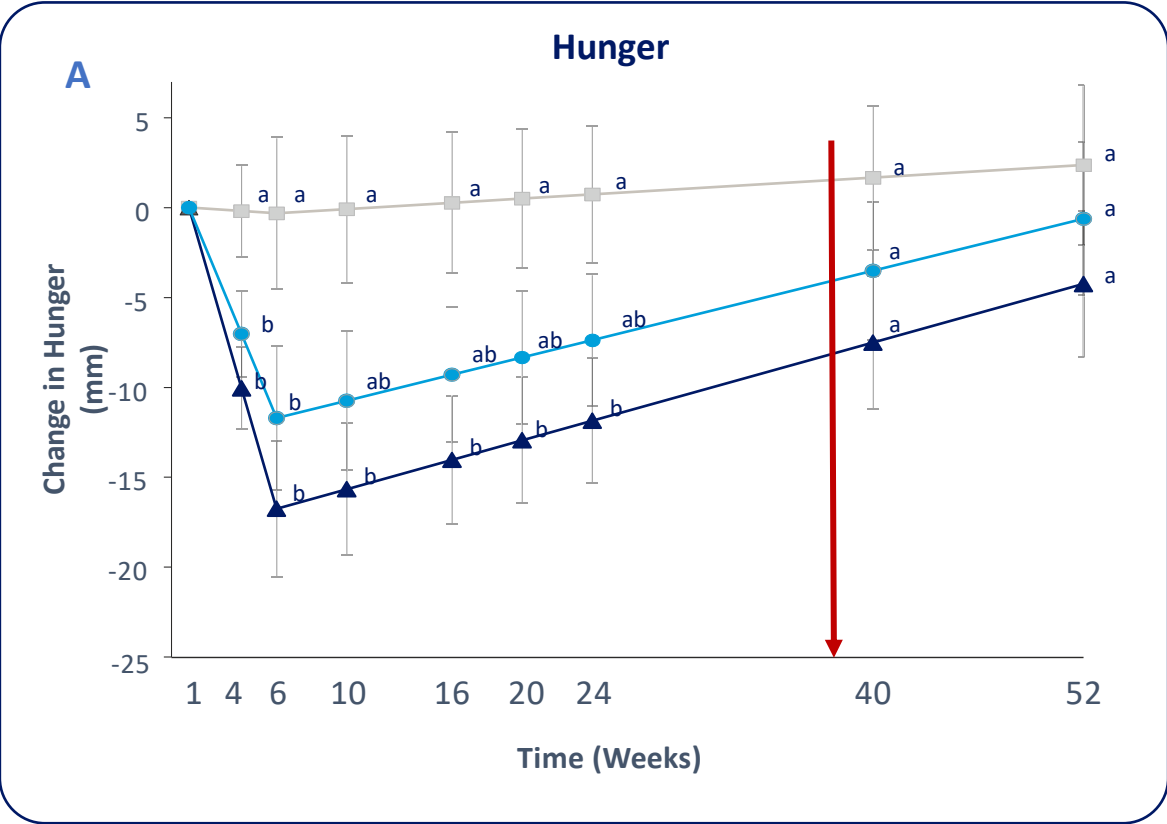
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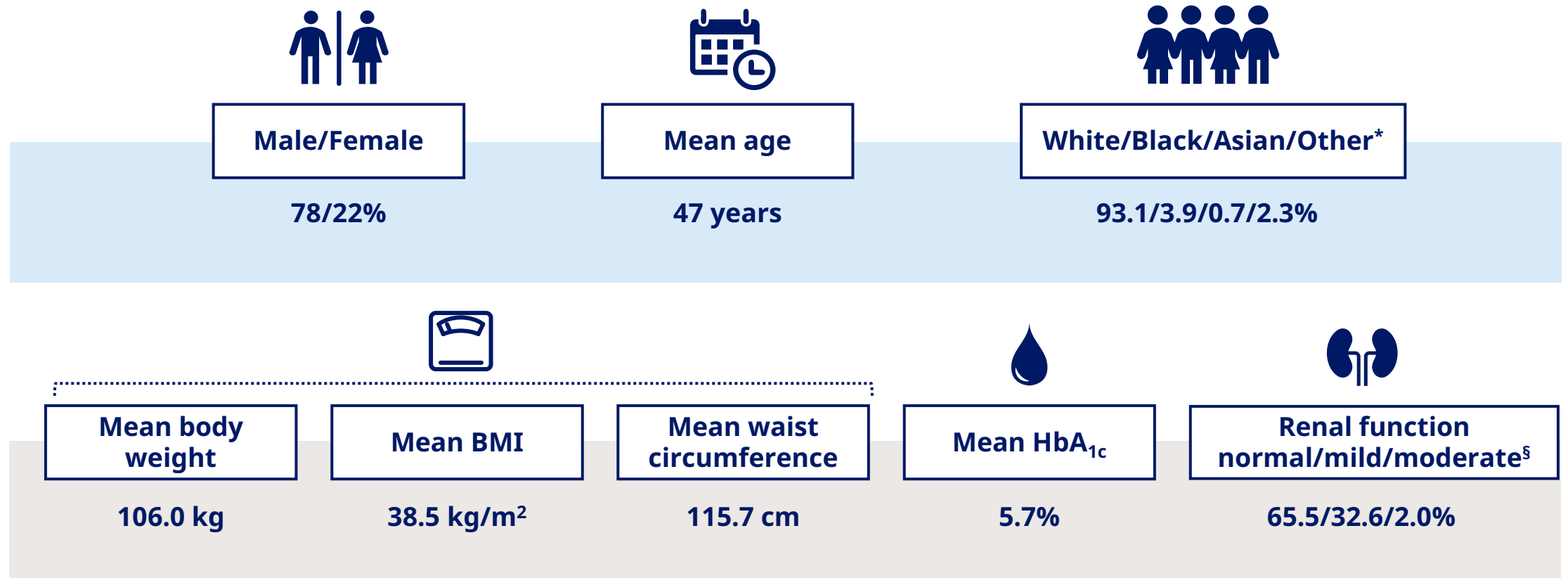
# SCALE IBT

Multi-component IBT-liraglutide IBT- alone



# Demographics and baseline characteristics

## STEP 5



Participant demographics and baseline characteristics were similar between semaglutide and placebo groups

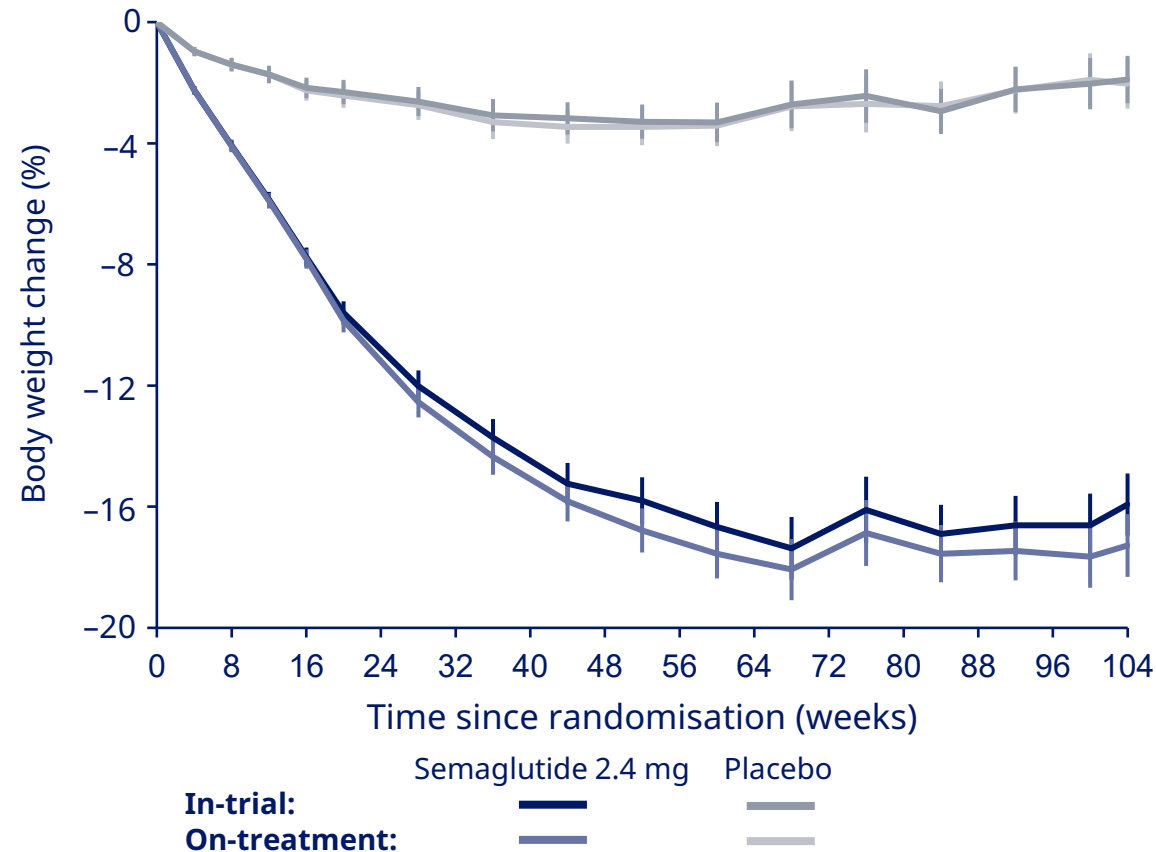
\*Not applicable, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or other; <sup>†</sup>Normal: eGFR≥90, Mild: 60–<90, Moderate: 30–<60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. BMI, body mass index; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate.  
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# Body weight change

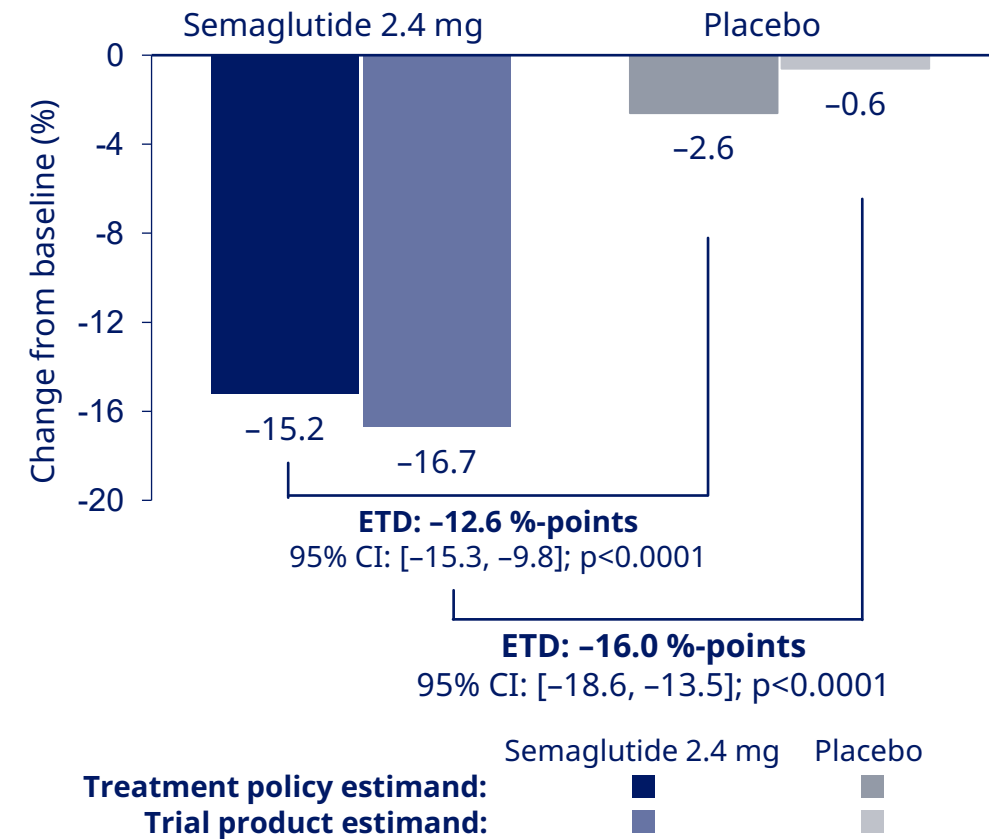
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### Observed mean change over time

(Mean at baseline: 106.0 kg)



### Estimated mean change from baseline to week 104

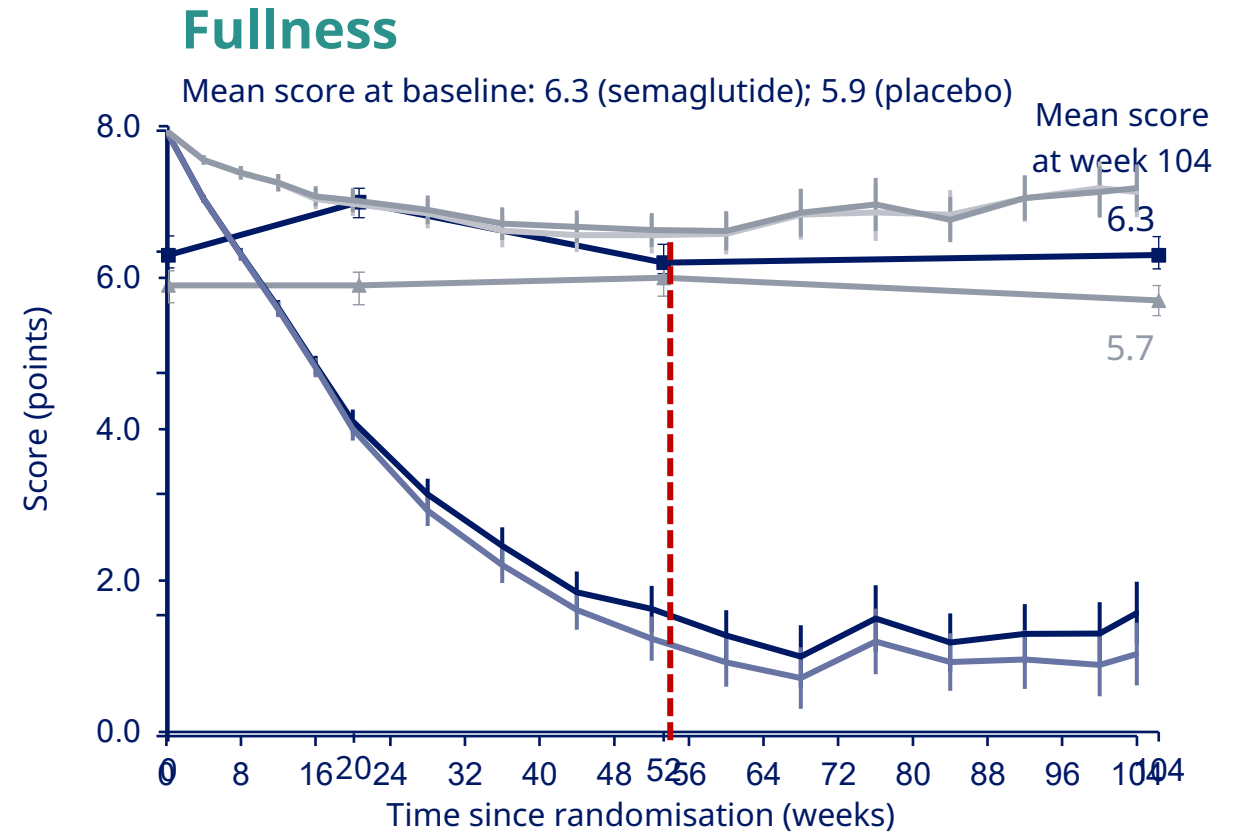
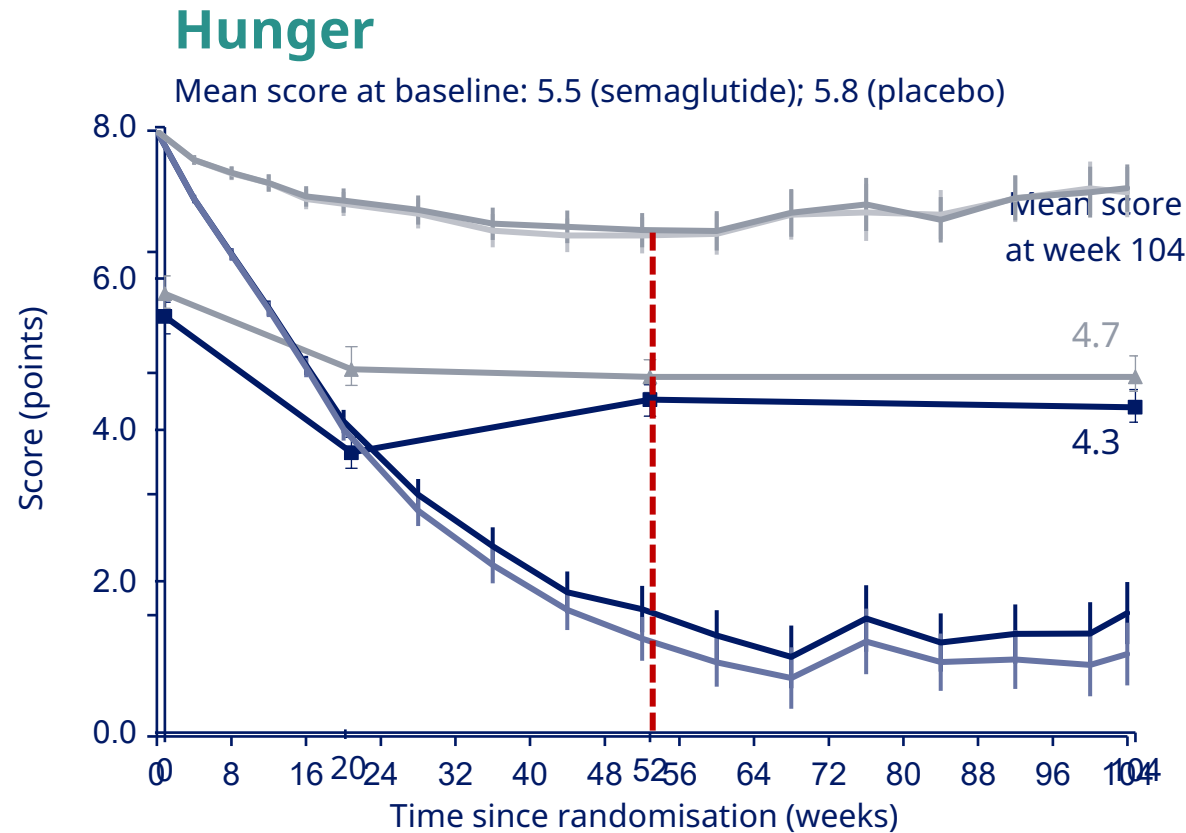


Treatment policy estimand assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention; Trial product estimand assesses treatment effect if trial product was taken as intended.

CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.

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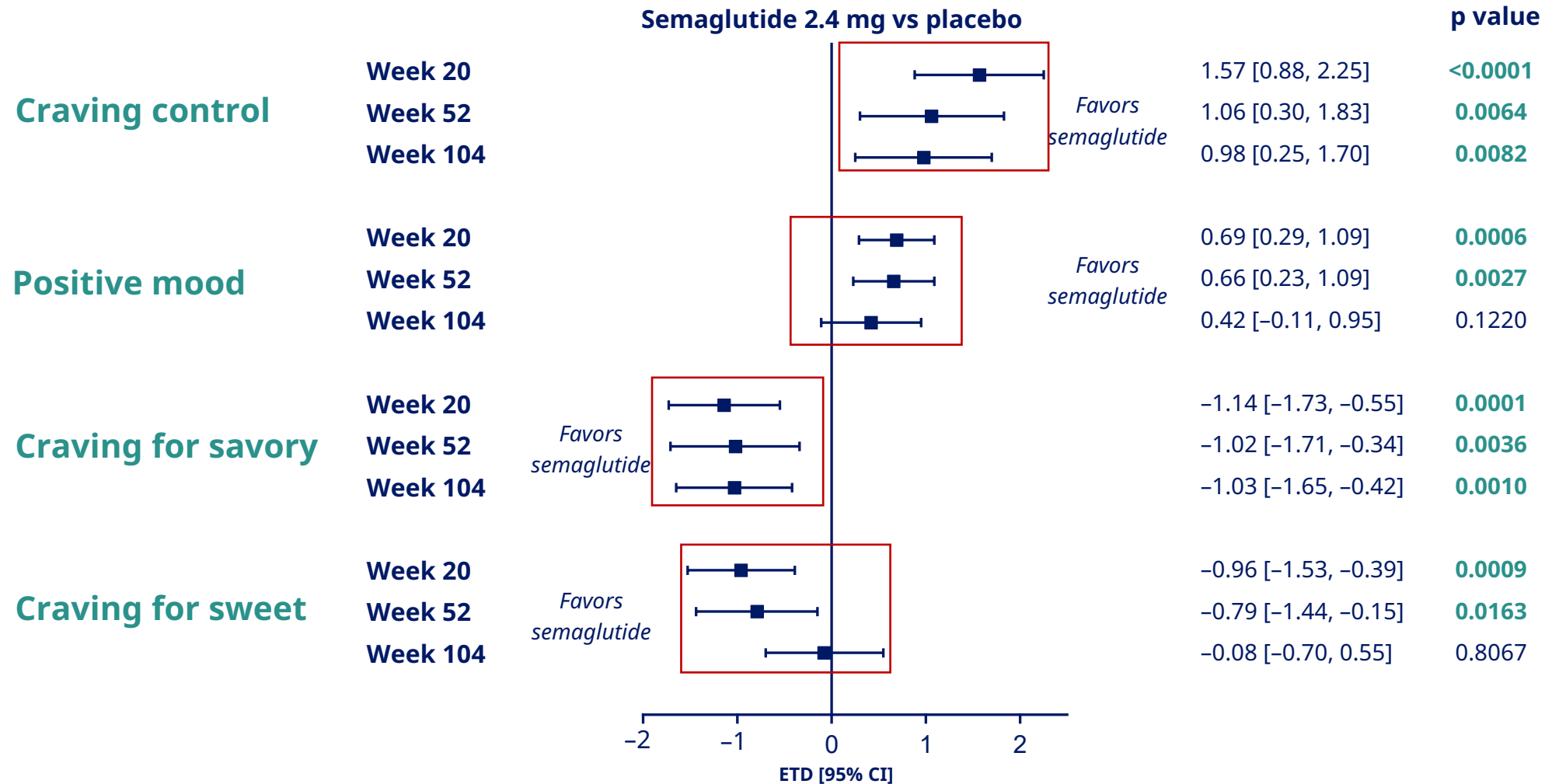
# Change over time in selected individual components



Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N=88) —■—  
Placebo (N=86) —▲—

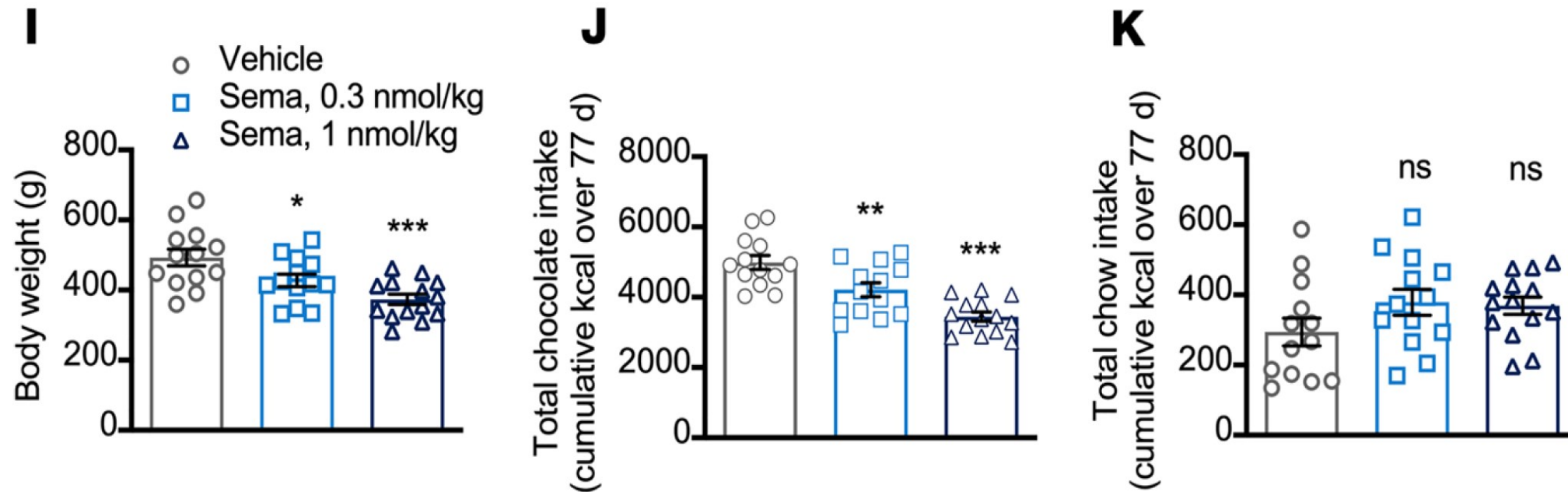
Data are for the in-trial observation period. Item scores represent subject experience from 0 (not at all) to 10 (extremely) over the last 7 days. Scores on the graph are the mean scores at week 104. The CoEQ is only applicable for US and Canada.  
CoEQ, control of eating questionnaire.  
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# Change in CoEQ domain scores



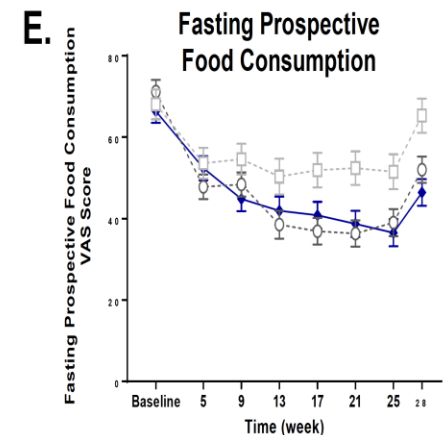
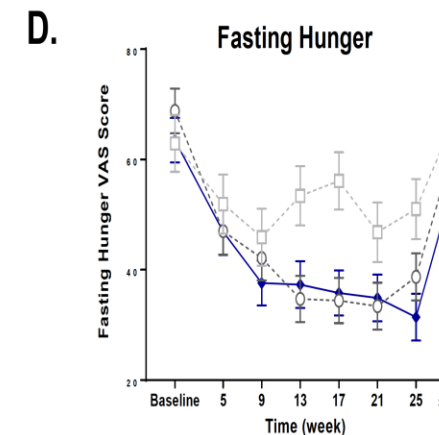
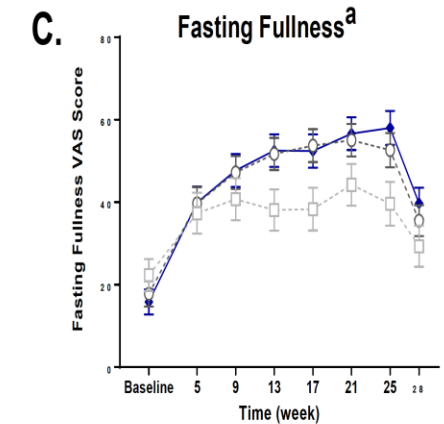
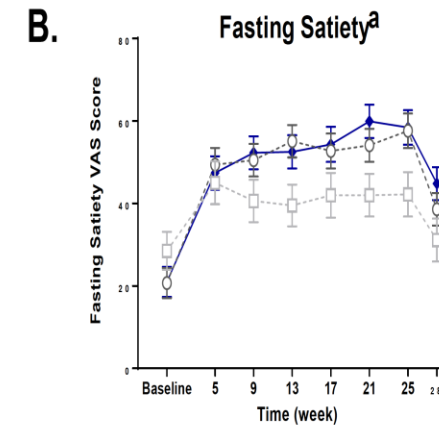
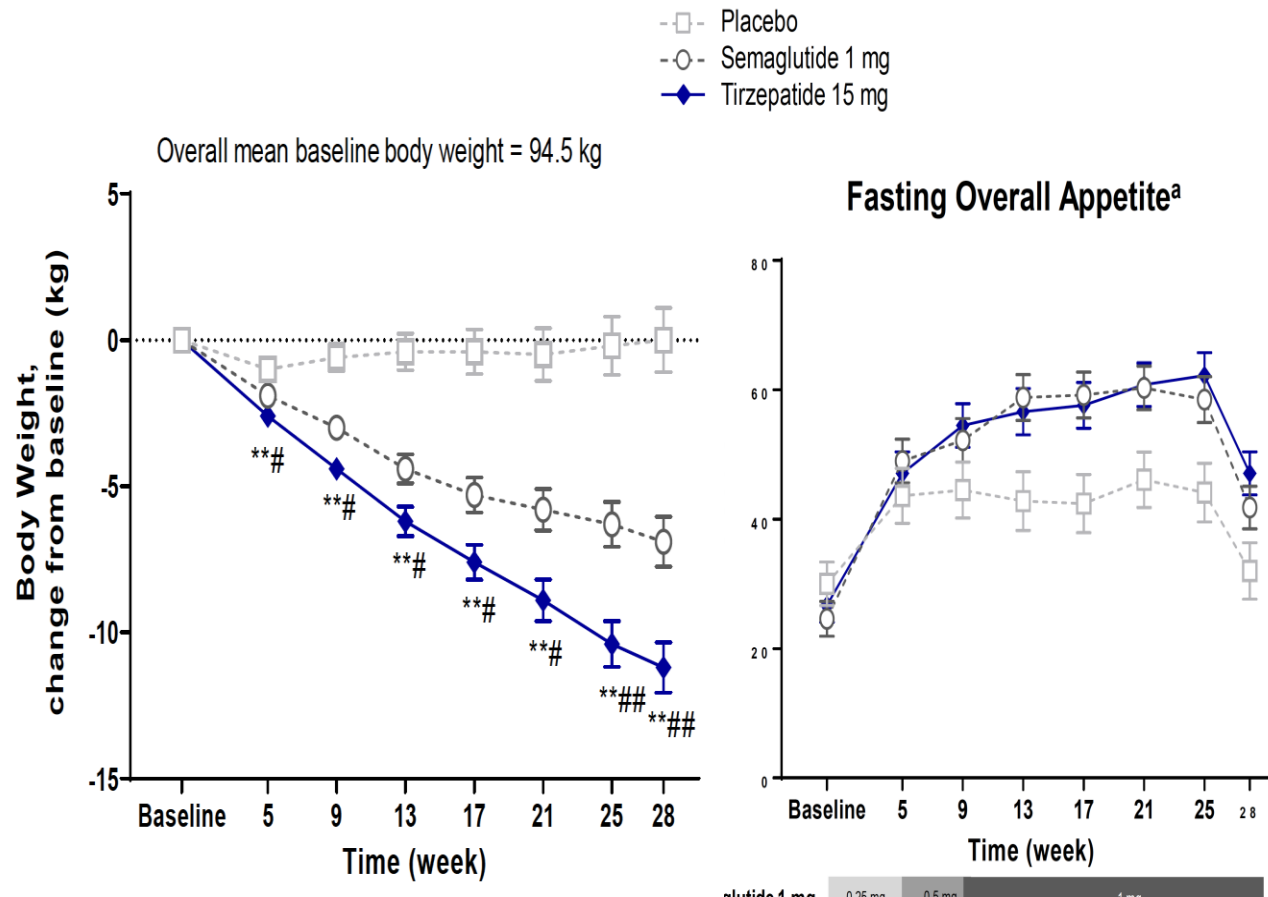
CoEQ was assessed in 88 participants in the semaglutide group and 86 in the placebo group. P values are not adjusted for multiplicity. CI, confidence interval; CoEQ, control of eating questionnaire; ETD, estimated treatment difference. Data are based on the treatment policy estimand (assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention). Wharton et al. Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of The Obesity Society (TOS) held at ObesityWeek®, virtual meeting, November 1–5, 2021.

# Reduction in energy intake was driven by decreased chocolate intake with semaglutide treatment compared with vehicle





# Semaglutide and Tirzepatide Increased Overall Appetite VAS Scores, Indicating Reduced Appetite

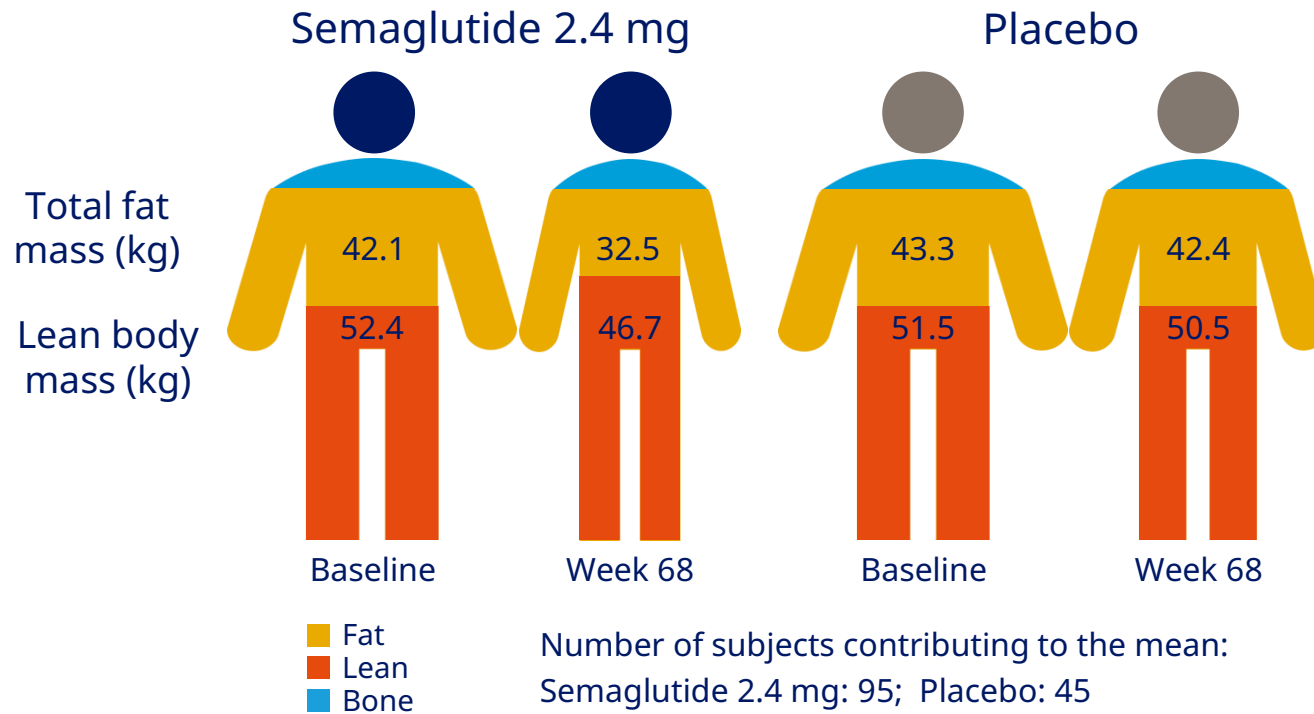


**Notion 3 :** Treatment with Semaglutide 2.4 mg induce weight maintenance for 2 years, while craving control is maintained the effect on craving for sweet is reduced

What about Fat Free Mass Loss ?

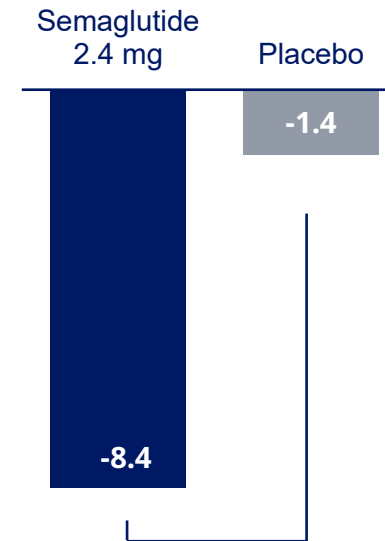
# STEP 1: Change in body composition (DEXA)

In-trial<sup>§</sup>



## Total fat mass (kg)<sup>#</sup>

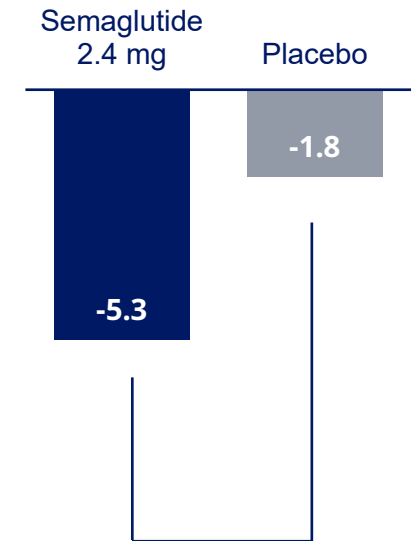
Mean baseline: 42.5 kg



**ETD: -7.0 kg**  
 95% CI: [-9.79; -4.19];  
 p<0.0001

## Lean body mass (kg)<sup>#</sup>

Mean baseline: 52.1 kg

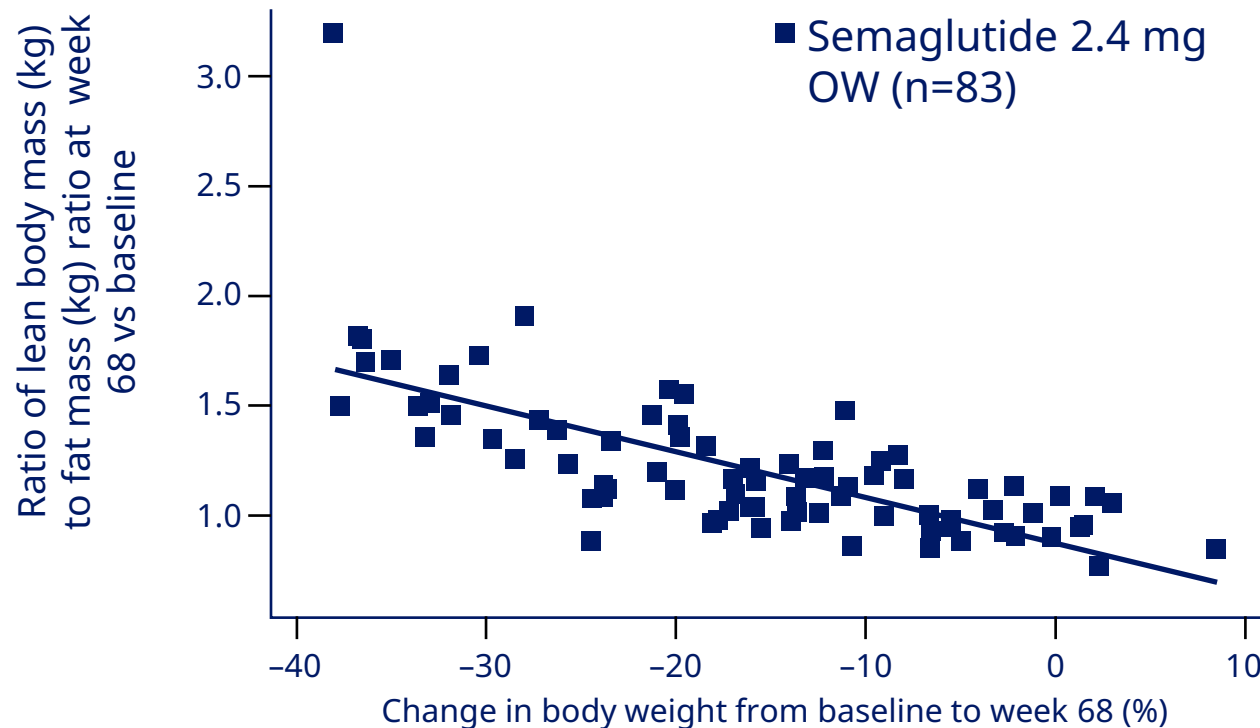


**ETD: -3.4 kg**  
 95% CI: [-4.74; -2.13];  
 p<0.0001

<sup>§</sup> Observed data for the in-trial period; <sup>#</sup> Estimated data for the treatment policy estimand.  
 CI, confidence interval; DEXA, dual energy x-ray absorptiometry; ETD, estimated treatment difference.  
 Wilding JPH, et al. presented at the Endocrine Society (ENDO) virtual meeting, March 20-23, 2021.

# Change from baseline to week 68 in ratio of lean body mass to total body mass: Overall and by weight change

Ratio of week 68 vs baseline lean body mass (kg) to fat mass (kg) ratio plotted by change from baseline to week 68 in body weight



Lean body mass (kg) to total body fat mass (kg) ratio in the semaglutide group

	Mean [95% CI]
Baseline (n=83)	1.34 [1.22, 1.47]
Week 68 (n=83)	1.57 [1.44, 1.71]
Change from baseline to week 68	
Overall treatment group (n=83)	0.23 [0.14, 0.32]
Pts with weight loss $\geq 15\%$ (n=44)	0.41 [0.28, 0.53]
Pts with weight loss $< 15\%$ or not known (n=39)	0.03 [-0.05, 0.12]

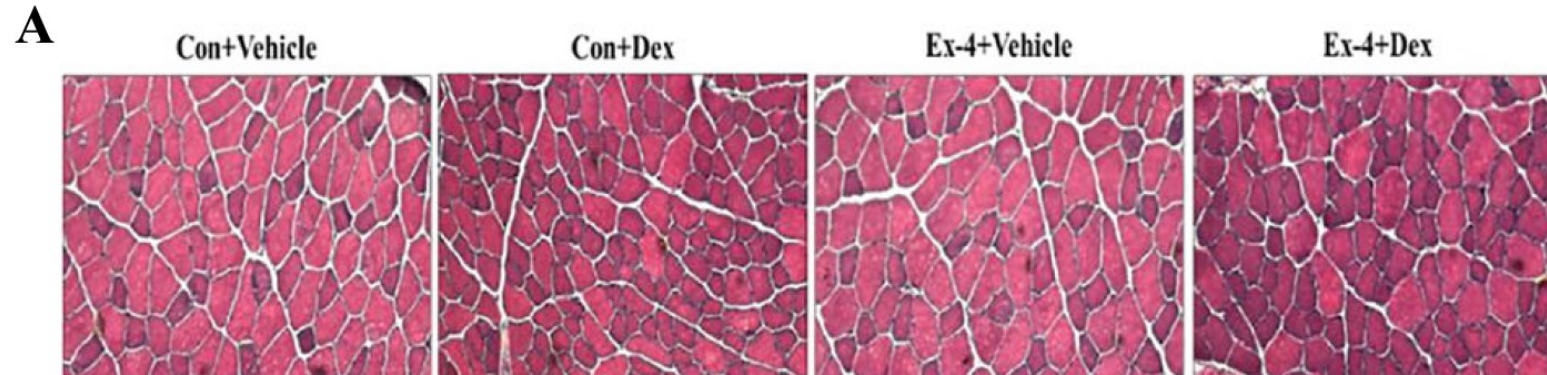
Observed data; no imputation for missing data.

CI, confidence interval; OW, once-weekly; Pt, participants.

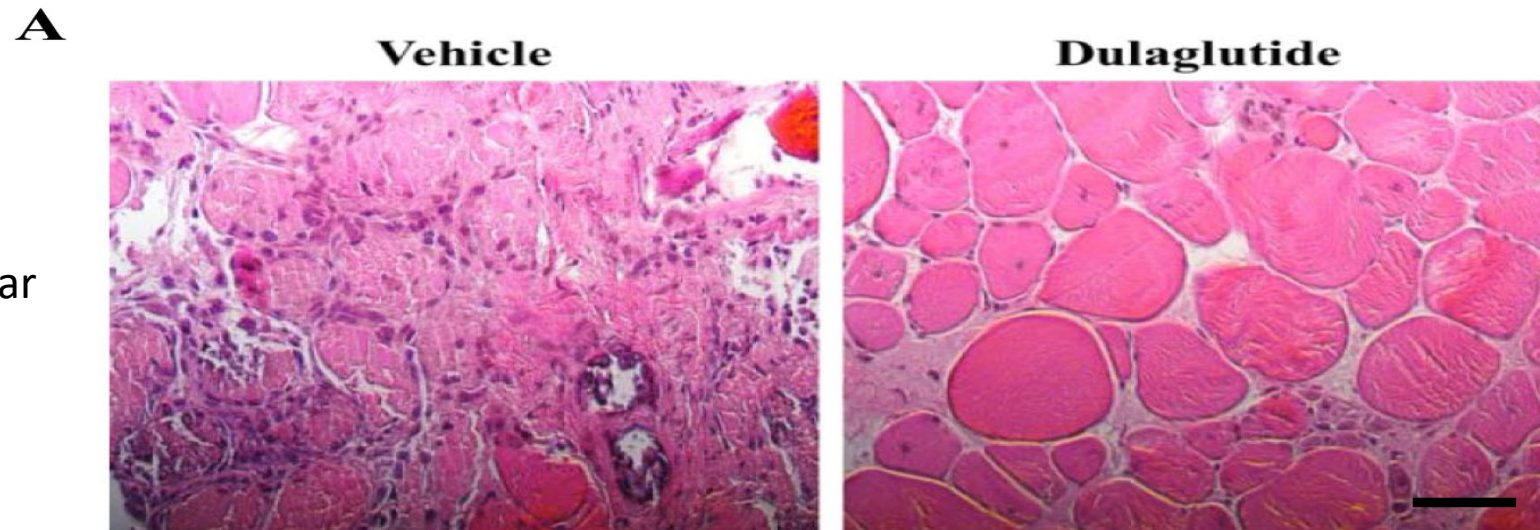
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# GLP-1R agonists ameliorate muscle wasting by suppressing MSTN and muscle atrophic factors and enhancing myogenic factors through GLP-1R-mediated signalling pathways

effects of Ex-4 in the presence or absence of dexamethasone (Dex)



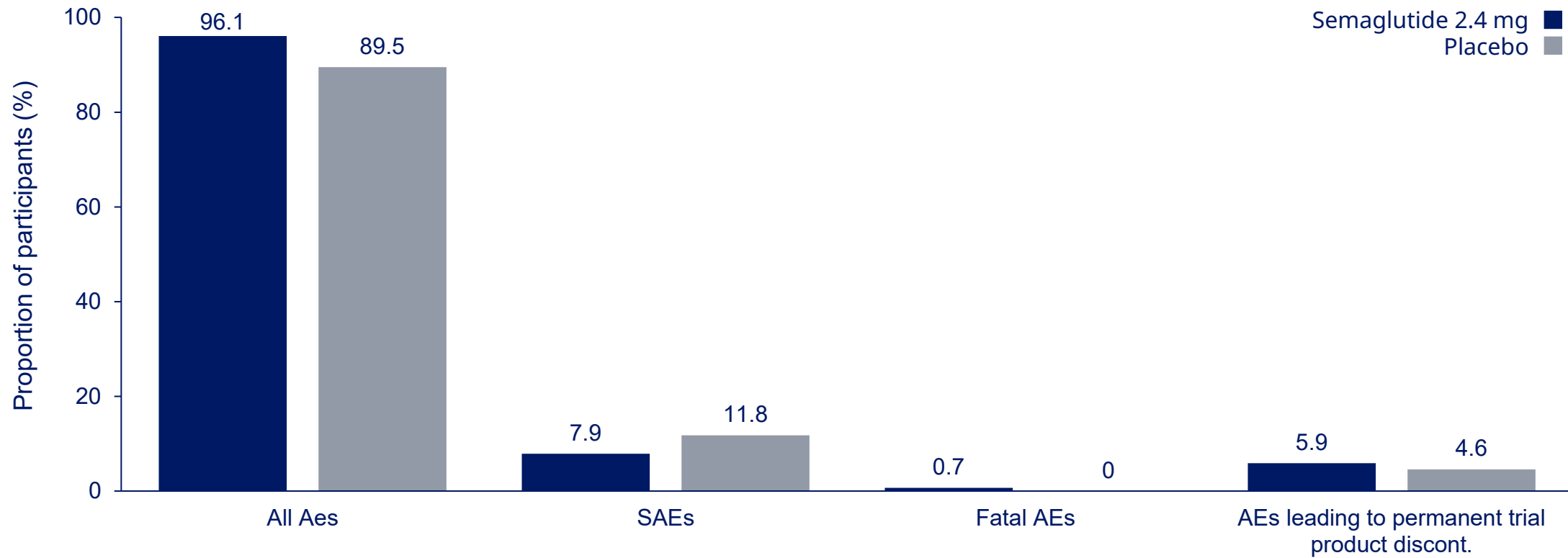
Duchenne muscular dystrophy model



**Notion 4 :** Weight loss with Semaglutide 2.4 mg  
Led to improvement in the Lean/Fat  
mass. GLP-1RA may have protective  
effect on muscle function.

# Adverse events overview

## STEP 5



On-treatment data.

AE, adverse event; discontin., discontinuation; N, number of participants with event(s); SAE, serious adverse event; %, proportion of participants with event(s).

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# Overview of safety focus areas

## STEP 5

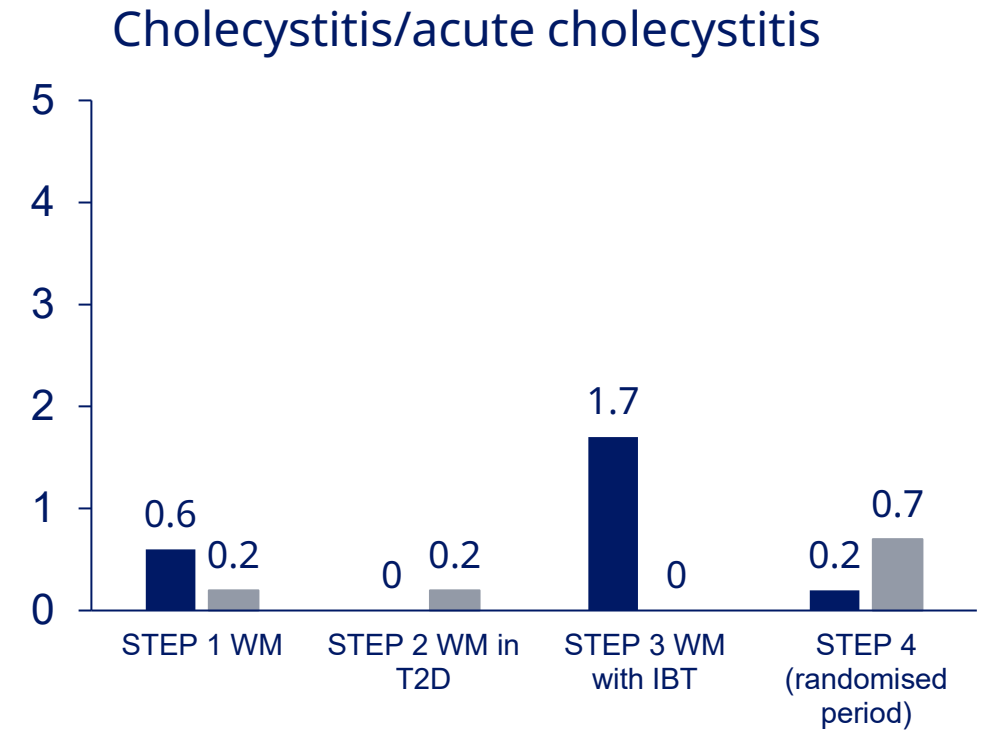
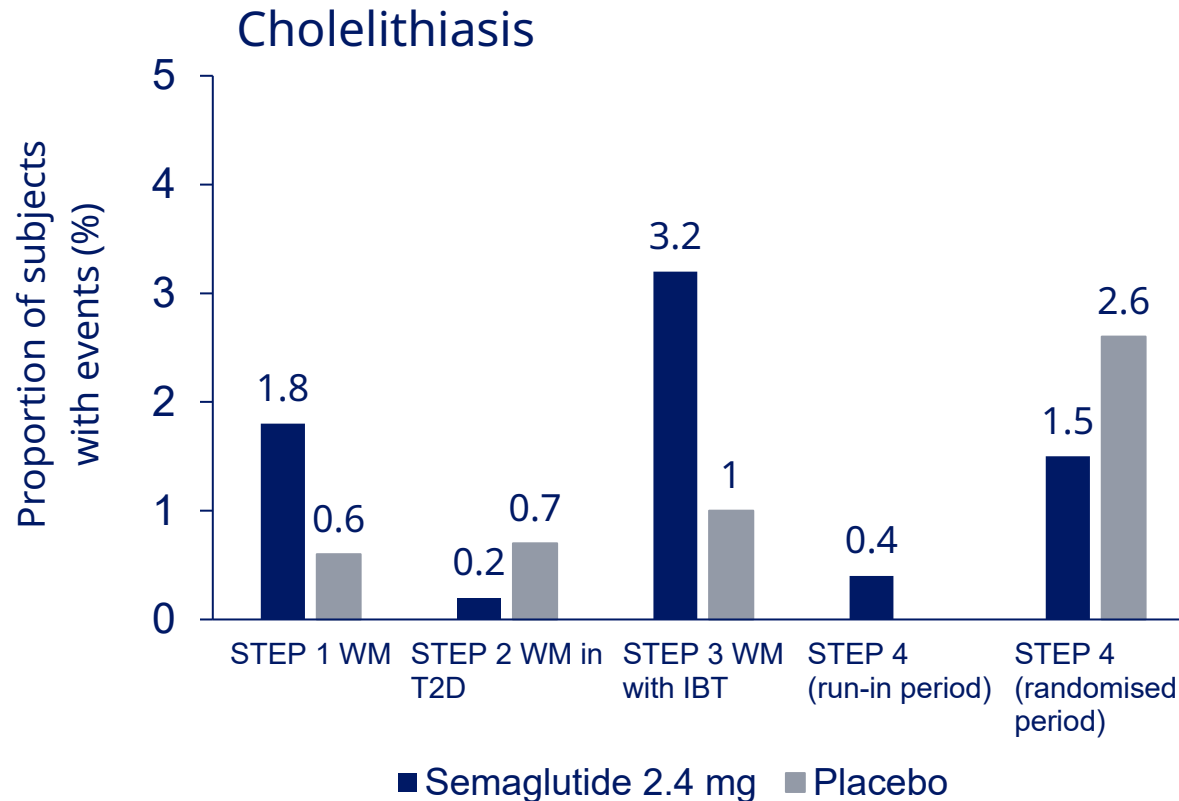
Adverse events within safety focus areas	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N=152)		Placebo (N=152)	
	N	%	N	%
Gastrointestinal disorders	125	82.2	82	53.9
Gallbladder-related disorders	4	2.6	2	1.3
Hepatic disorders	3	2.0	3	2.0
Acute pancreatitis	0		0	
Cardiovascular disorders*	17	11.2	30	19.7
Allergic reactions	23	15.1	8	5.3
Injection site reactions	10	6.6	15	9.9
Malignant neoplasms*	2	1.3	4	2.6
Psychiatric disorders	26	17.1	25	16.4
Acute renal failure	0		0	
Hypoglycaemia	4	2.6	0	
Rare events	0		1	0.7
Overdose	0		1	0.7

\*Events occurred during the in-trial period.

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# Acute gallbladder disorders by trial

Most common gallbladder disorders by PT



In all cases cholecystitis/ acute cholecystitis was a complication to cholelithiasis

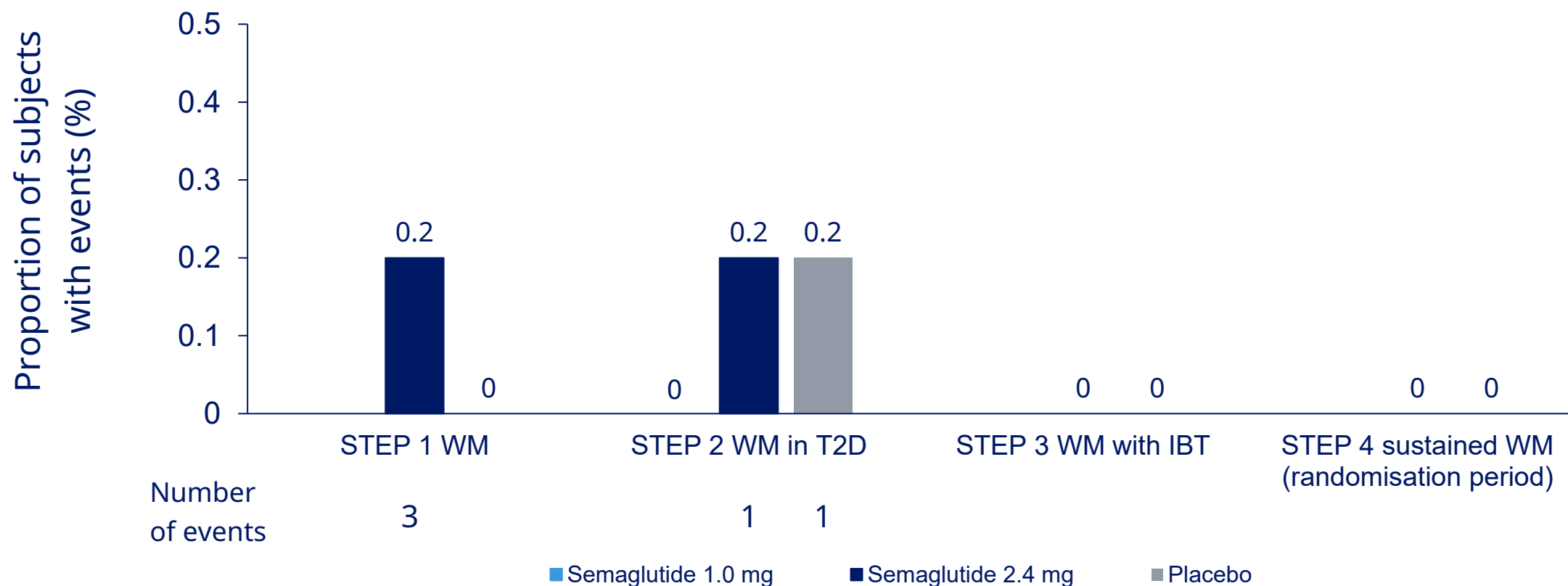
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# Acute pancreatitis events by trial

Acute pancreatitis (EAC confirmed events)

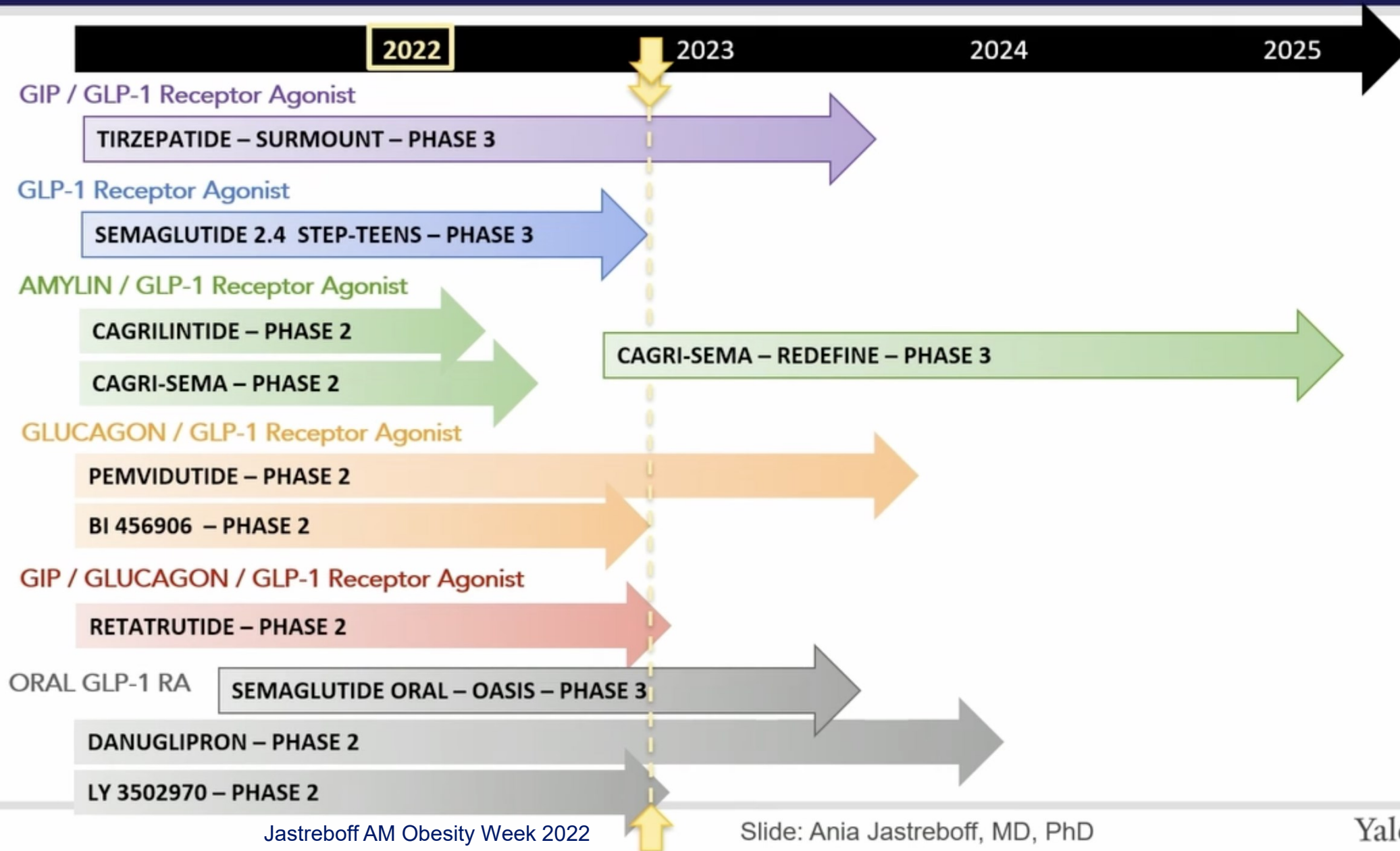


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# Nutrient-stimulated hormone (NuSH)-based therapies in development



# Beyond (just) weight reduction... treating obesity!



- Target the neurometabolic **pathophysiology of obesity**
- Target **different mechanisms**
  - Heterogeneity of response – different types of obesity
- Individualize **combination therapy** – target different mechanisms
  - Combination therapy with various anti-obesity medications
  - Combination therapy with metabolic-bariatric surgery
- Consider the **quality of weight reduction**
  - Reduction in adiposity & preservation of lean mass → gain of lean mass
  - Rate of weight reduction
- Improve **health outcomes** and **lives of people living with obesity**

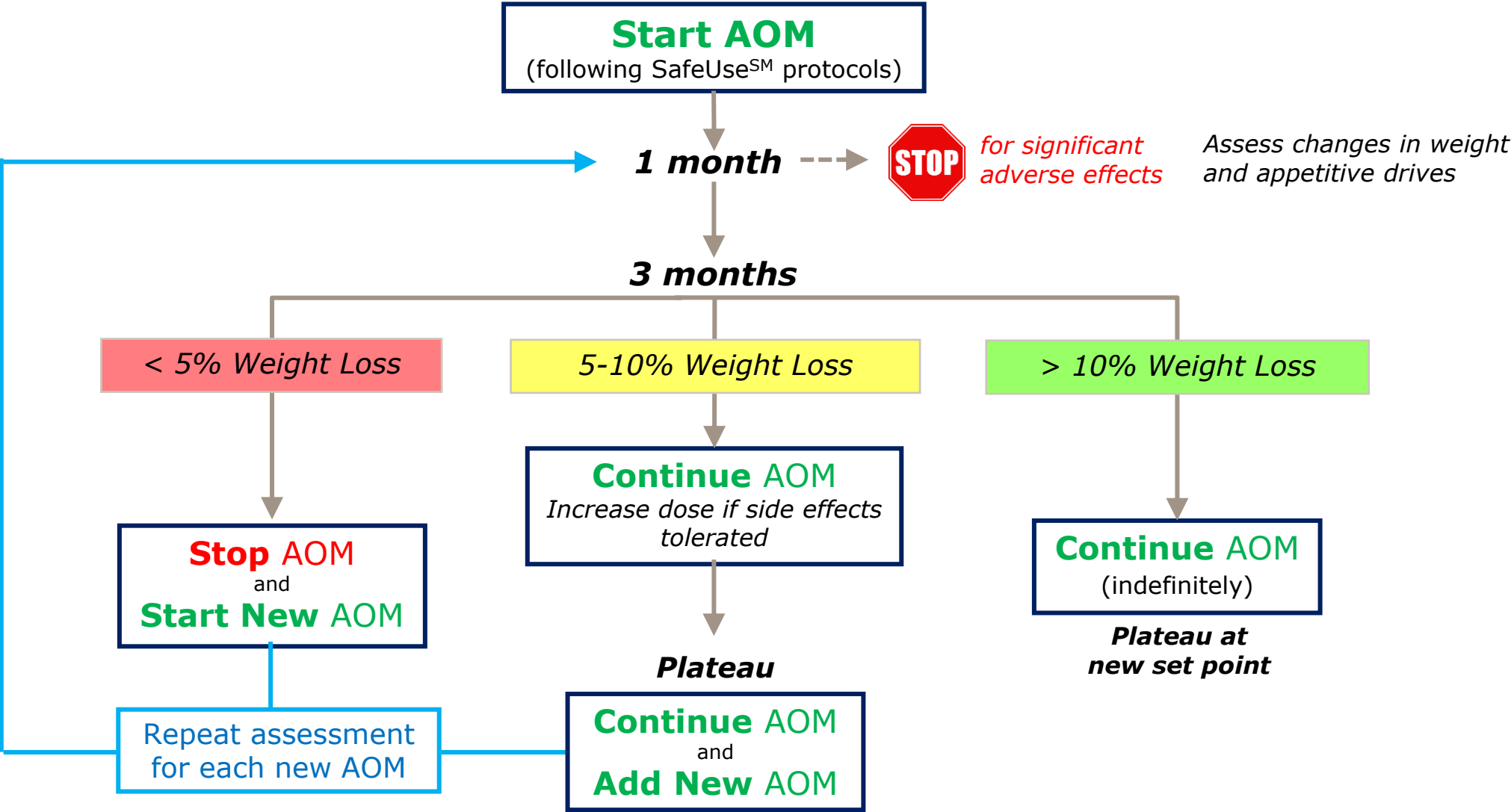
**Access & affordability!**

- We should aim for 15-20% weight loss.
- In 15-20% weight loss IBT doesn't add much to the Pharmacotherapy weight loss.
- Semaglutide & Tirzepatide induced weight loss is associated with blunting of metabolic adaptation and Hunger in animal Study.
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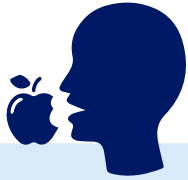
# Pharmacology algorithm





# Semaglutide mechanism of action

## Appetite regulation in adults with obesity



### With semaglutide 2.4 mg vs placebo



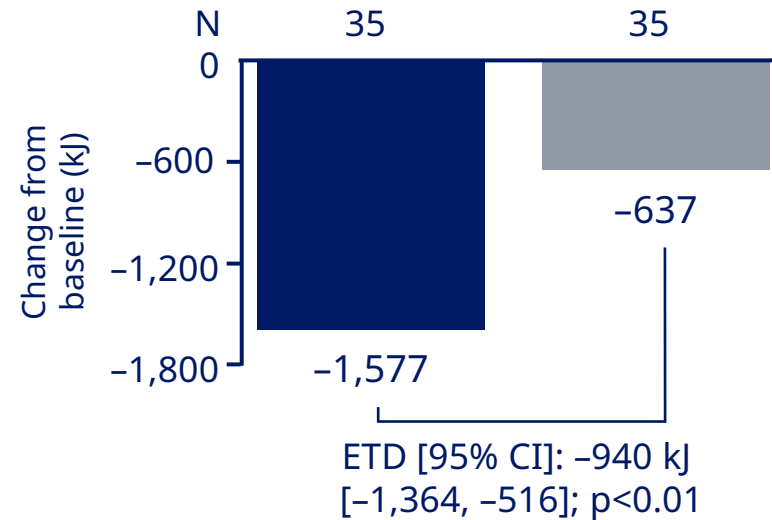
- Hunger
- Prospective food consumption
- Desire and craving for savory foods
- Desire for sweet foods



- Satiety
- Fullness

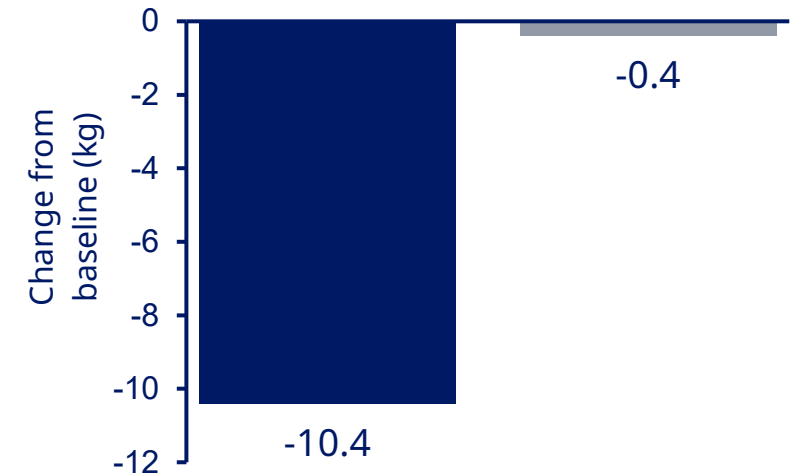
■ Semaglutide 2.4 mg ■ Placebo

### *Ad libitum* energy intake (kJ) at week 20



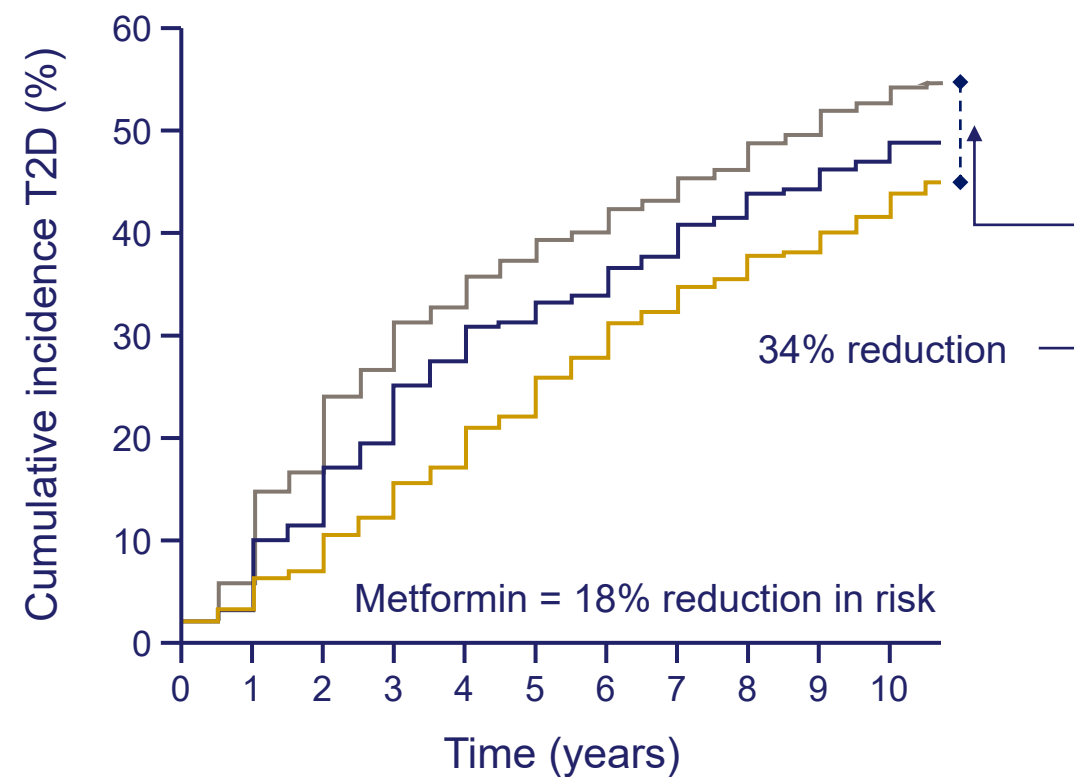
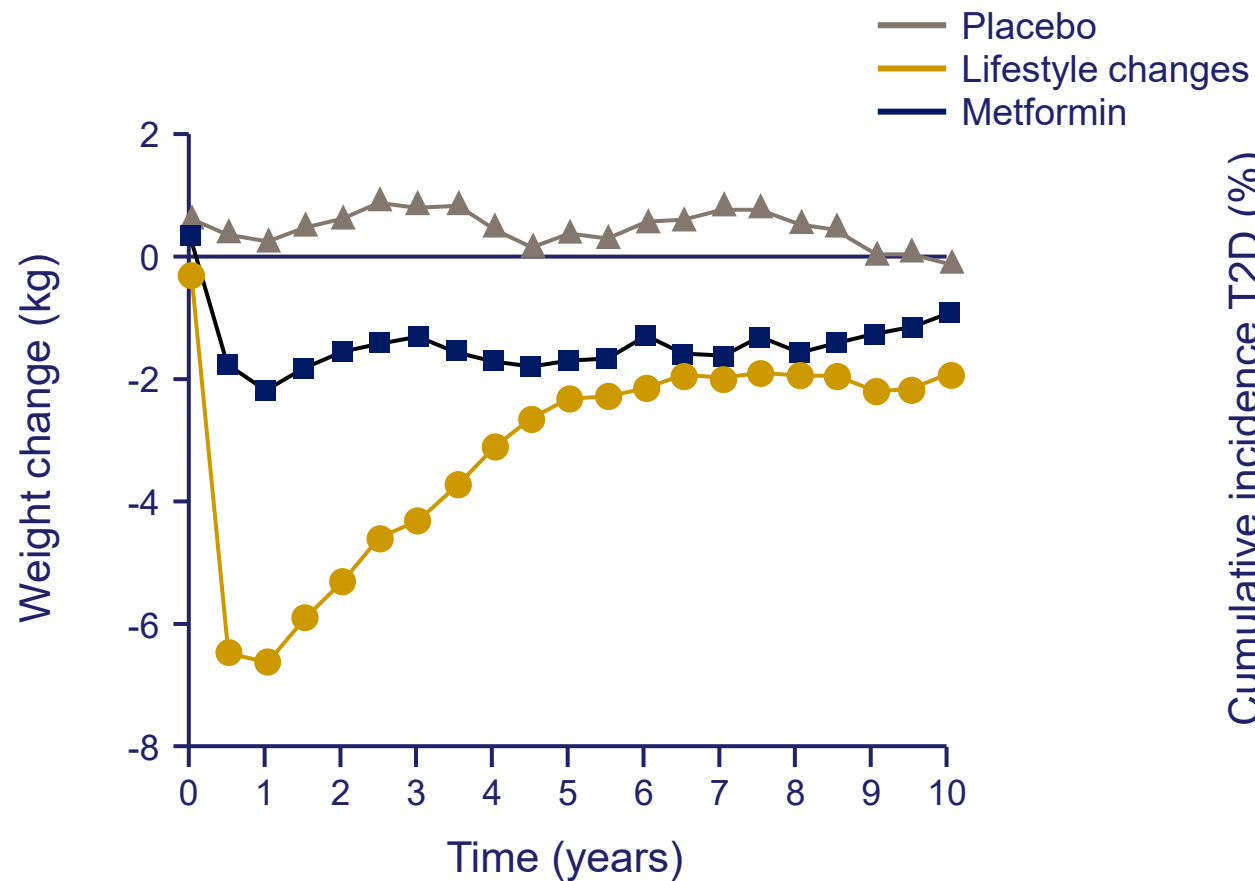
Energy intake was **35% lower** with semaglutide 2.4 mg compared to placebo

### Change in body weight (kg) at week 20

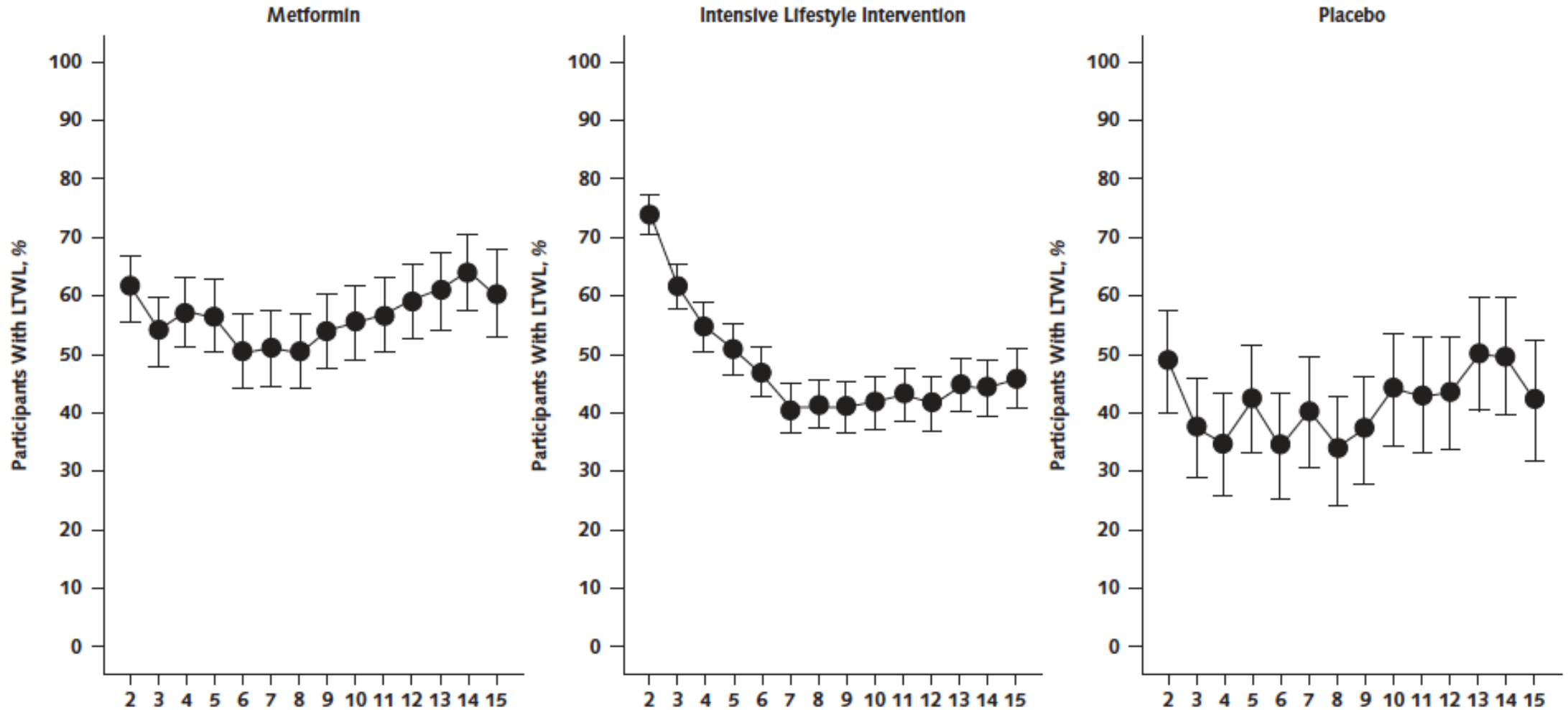


BW decreased by **10.4 kg** with semaglutide 2.4 mg compared to 0.4 kg with placebo

# DPP הפחתת משקל והתפתחות סוכרת במחקר ה



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