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Obesità: inquadramento clinico e innovazioni terapeutiche

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Semaglutide ed eventi cardiovascolari

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La rapida progressione della Patologia Coronarica

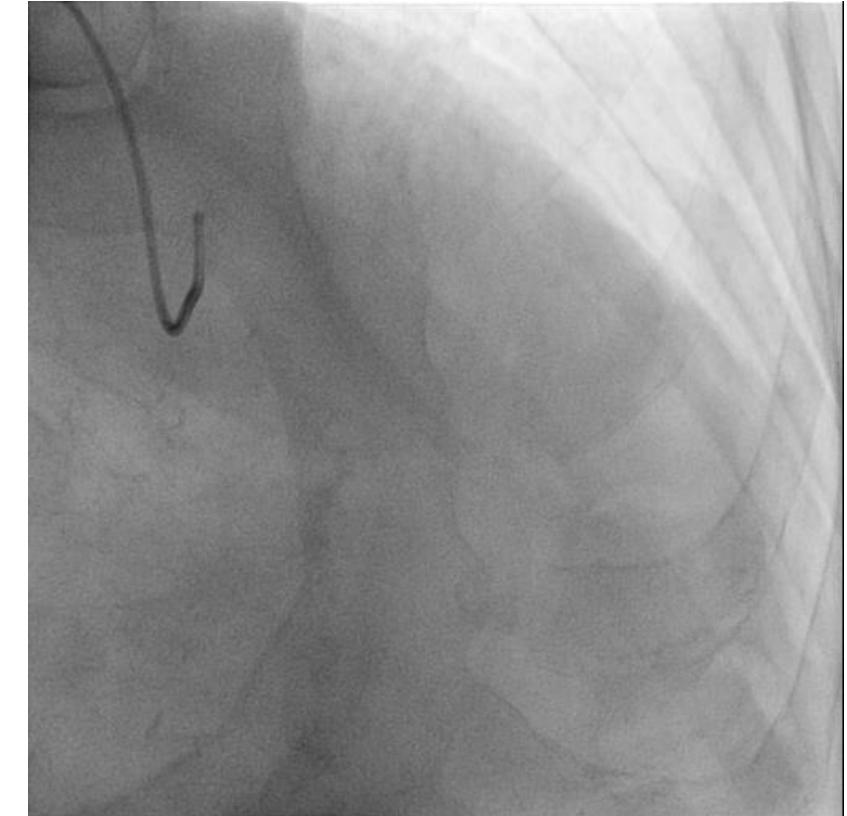
Inferior MI



*Successful
primary PCI*



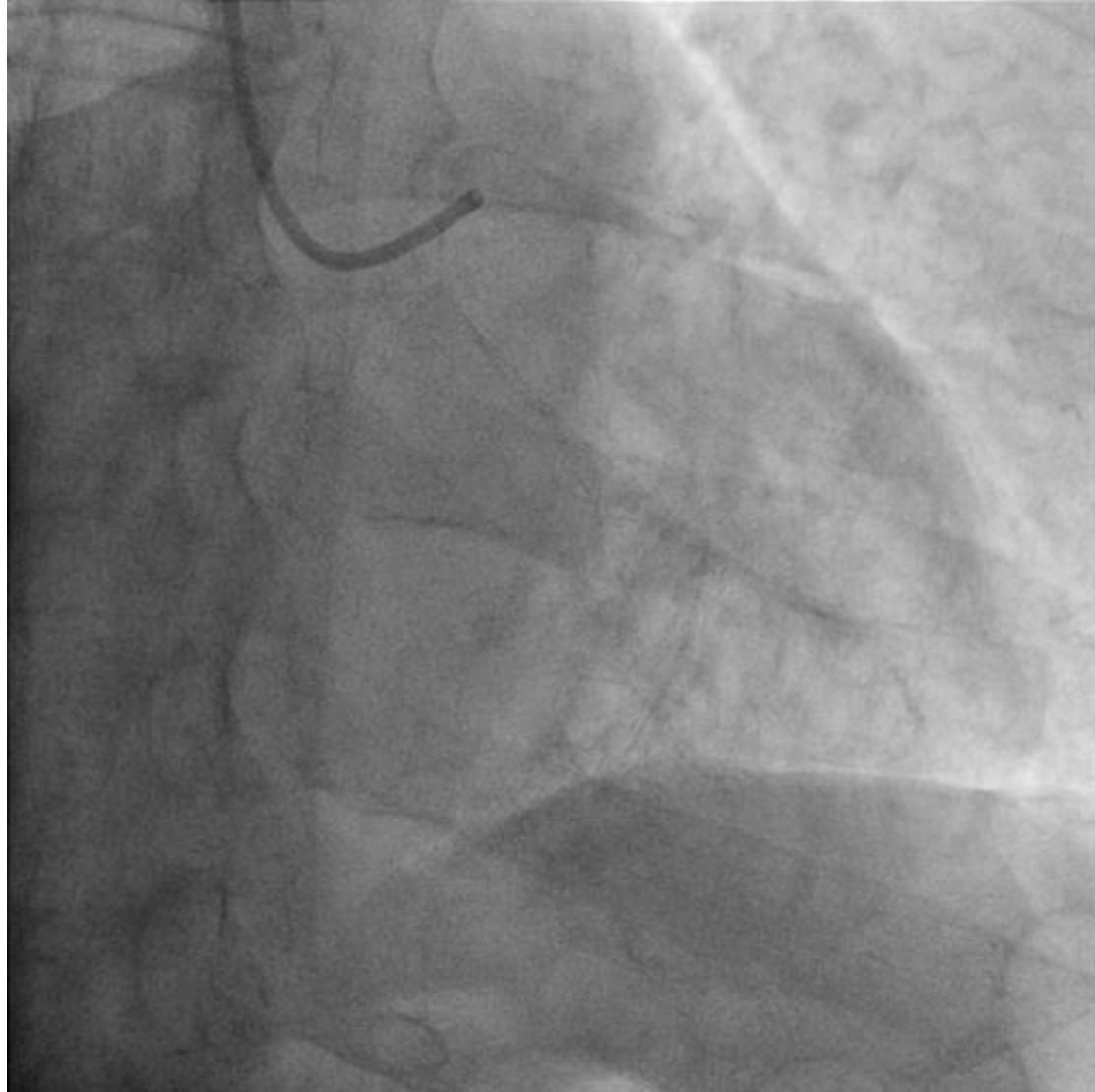
NCL on LAD



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“Dopo 1 anno”

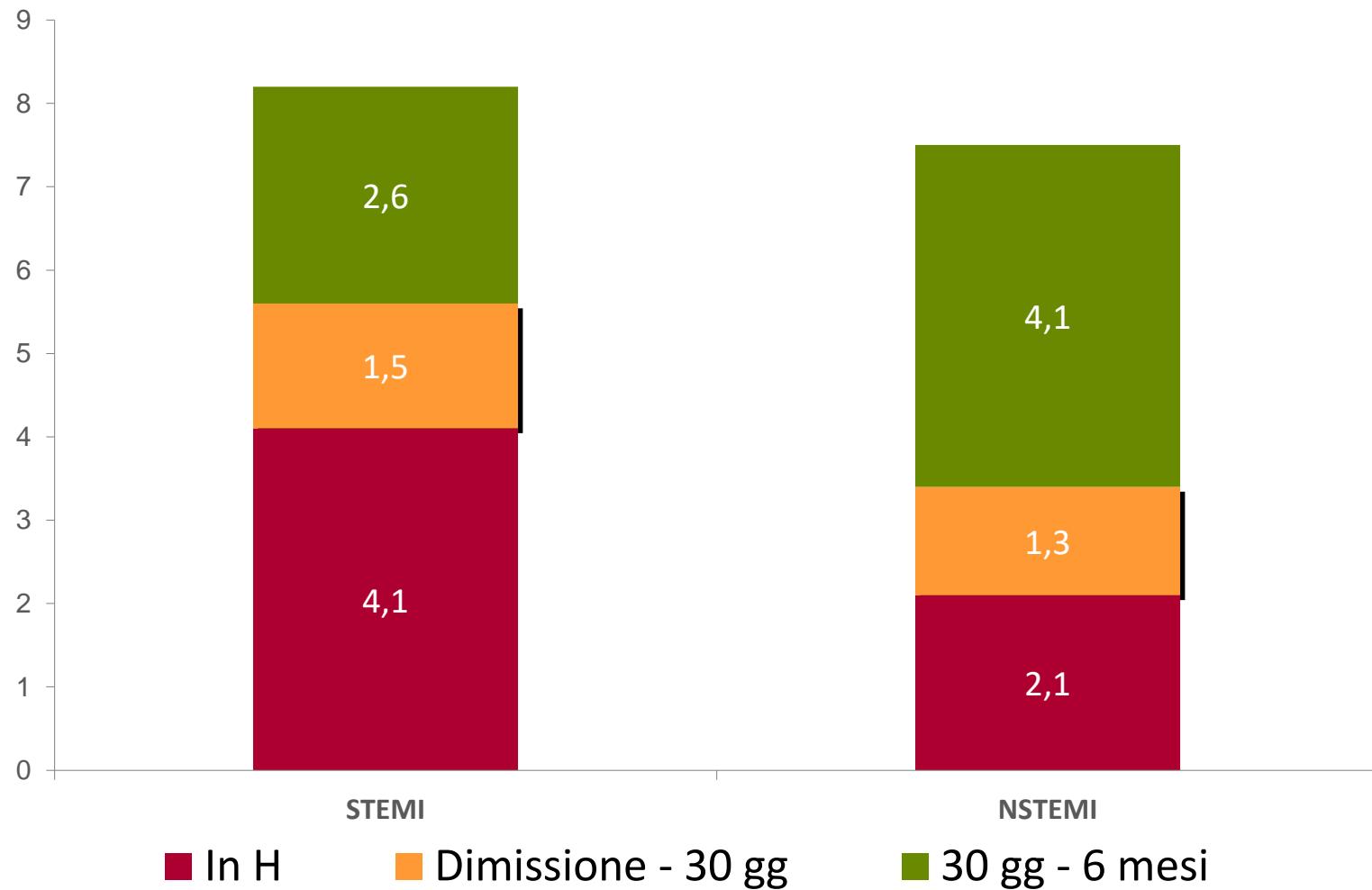
Smoking
LDL over the target
High hsCRP
Sedentary



Rischio Residuo

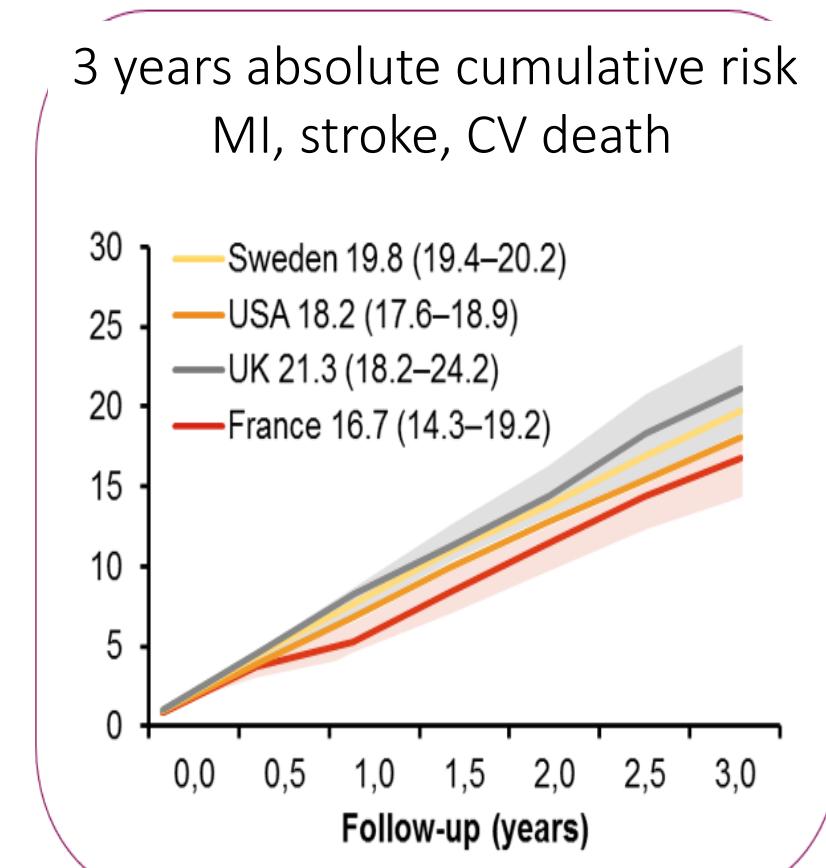
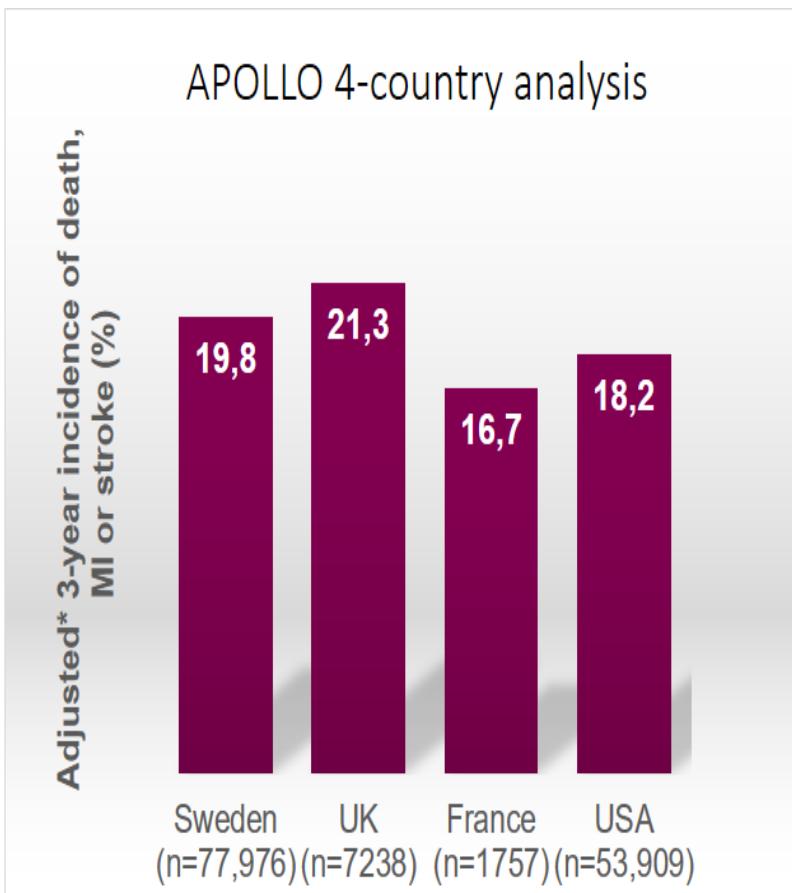
Biological Issue	Residual Cholesterol Risk	Residual Inflammatory Risk	Residual Thrombotic Risk	Residual Triglyceride Risk	Residual Lp(a) Risk	Residual Diabetes Risk
Critical Biomarker	LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL	hsCRP ≥ 2 mg/L	No simple biomarker	TG ≥ 150 mg/dL	Lp(a) ≥ 50 mg/dL	HbA1c Fasting glucose
Potential Intervention	Targeted LDL/Apo B Reduction	Targeted Inflammation Reduction	Targeted Antithrombotic Reduction	Targeted Triglyceride Reduction	Targeted Lp(a) Reduction	SGLT2 Inhibitors GLP-1 Agonists

Mortalità a 6 mesi



Residual risk

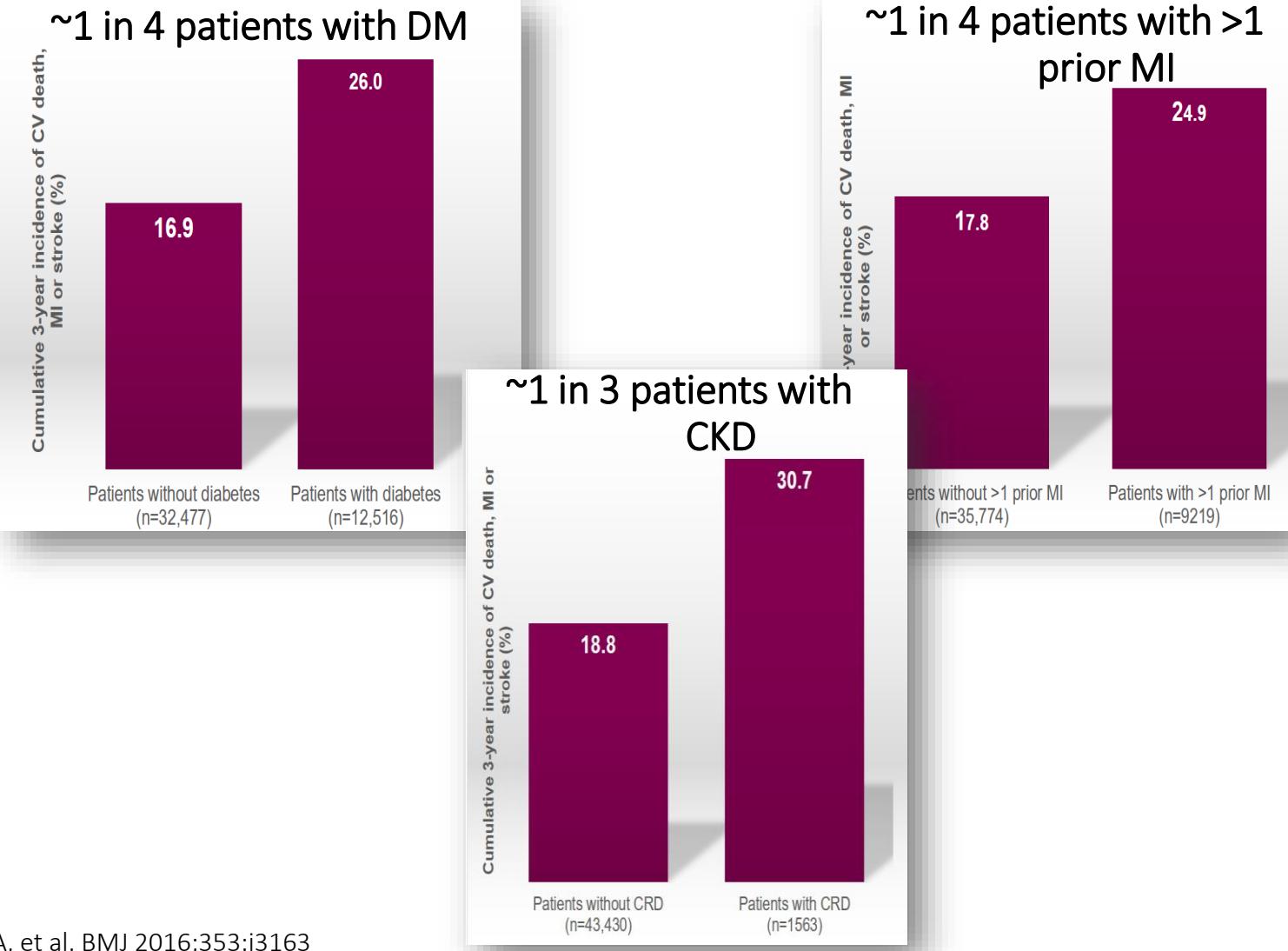
~1 in 5 patients who were event-free for the first year post-MI suffered an MI, stroke or CV death within 3 years



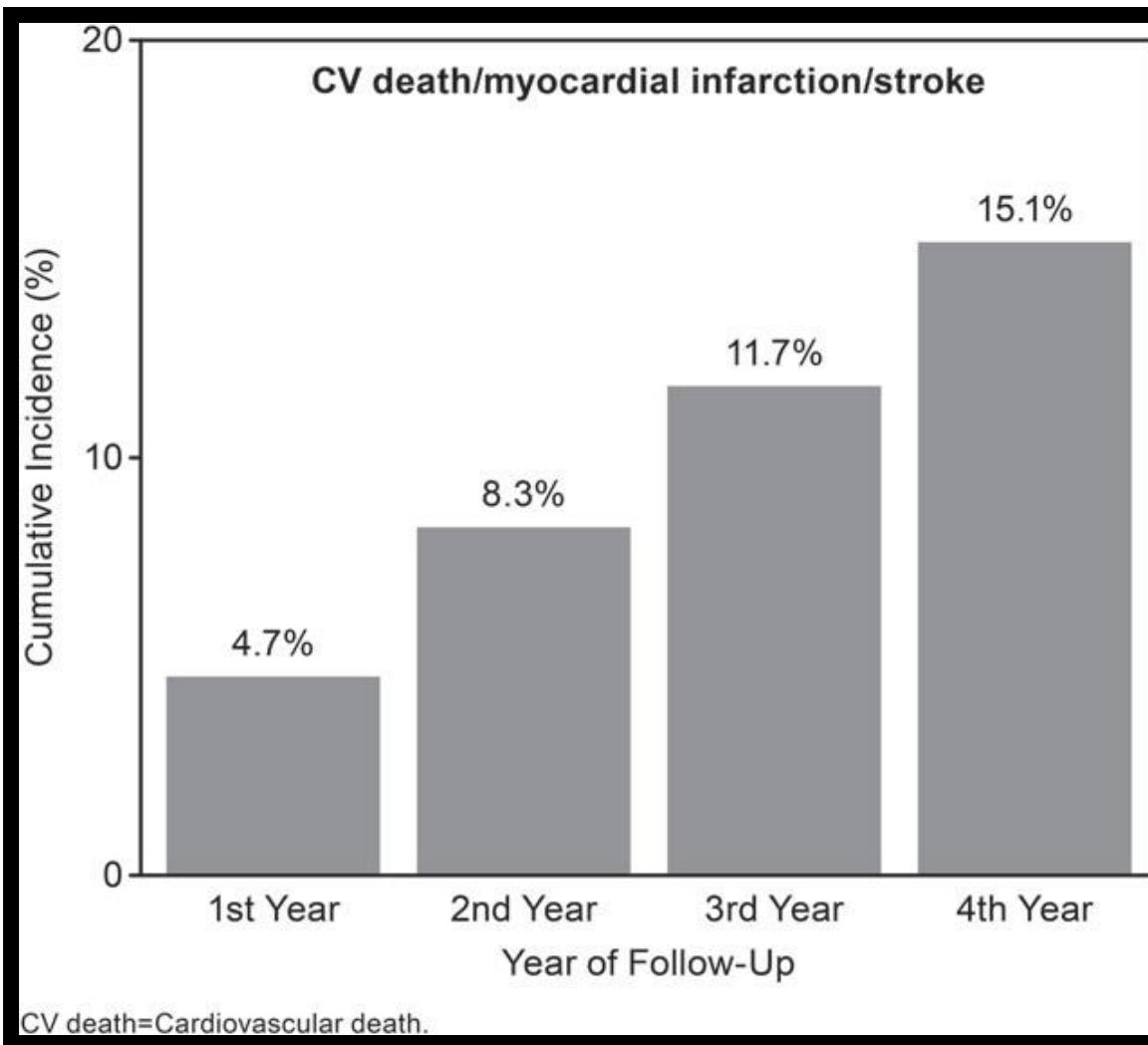
¹Rapsomaniki E, et al. ESC Late Breaking Registry abstract 2014: In press; ² DeVore S, et al. ISPOR poster 2014;
³Jernberg T, et al. Eur Heart J 2015;36:1163–1170; ⁴Blin P, et al. Eur Heart J 2014;35:(Suppl 1)150 (Abstract P790)

Incidence of MI, stroke or CV death within 3 years

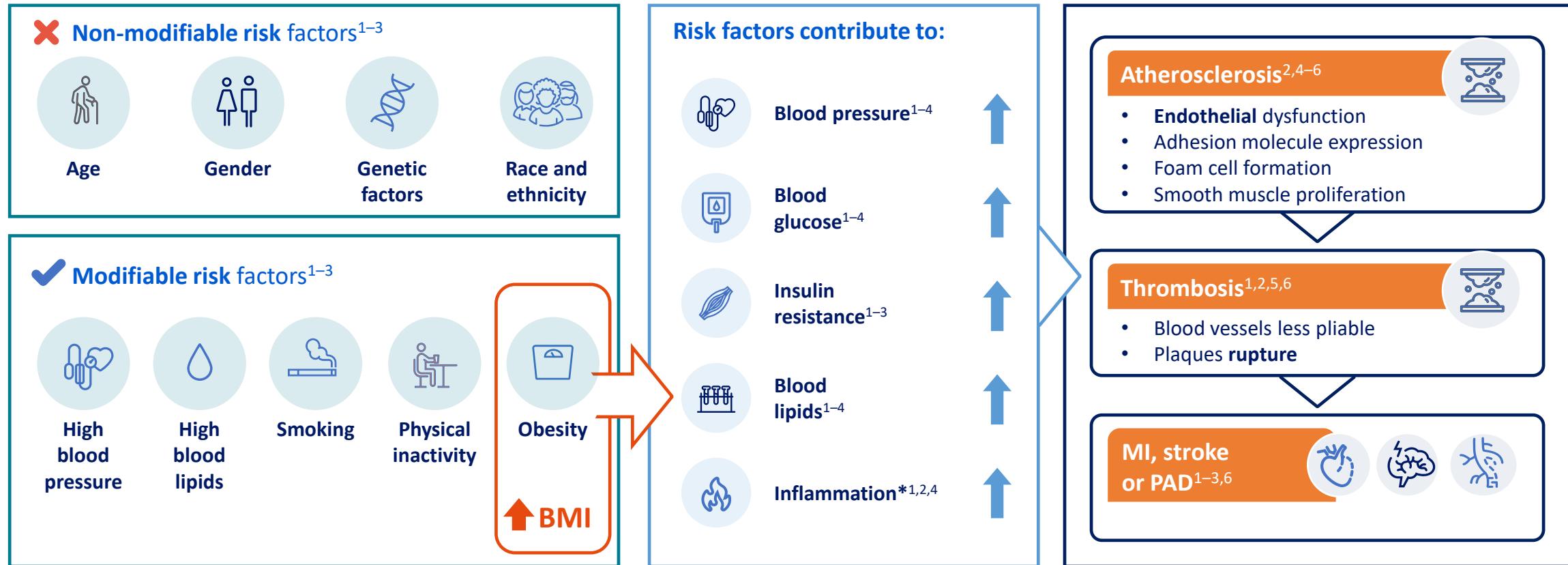
in event-free patients for 1 year post-MI^[1]



Residual Ischemic Risk and Its Determinants in Patients With Previous Myocardial Infarction and Without Prior Stroke or TIA: Insights From the REACH Registry



L'Obesità è un Fattore di Rischio Cardiovascolare Prioritario perchè clasterizza diversi altri Risk Factors



1. Graham I, et al. Eur Heart J 2007;28:2375–414;

2. Piepoli MF, et al. Eur Heart J 2016;37:2315–81; 3.

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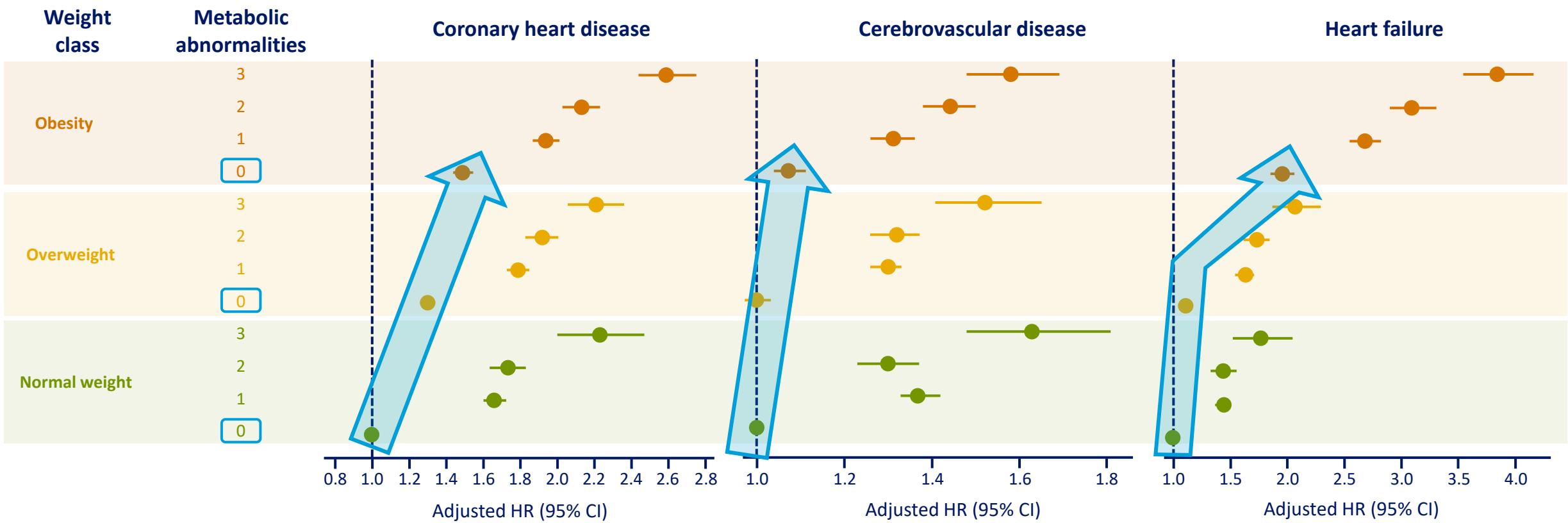
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5. Ayer J, et al. Eur Heart J 2015;36:1371–6;

6. Ross R. Am Heart J 1999;138(5 Pt 2):S419–20.

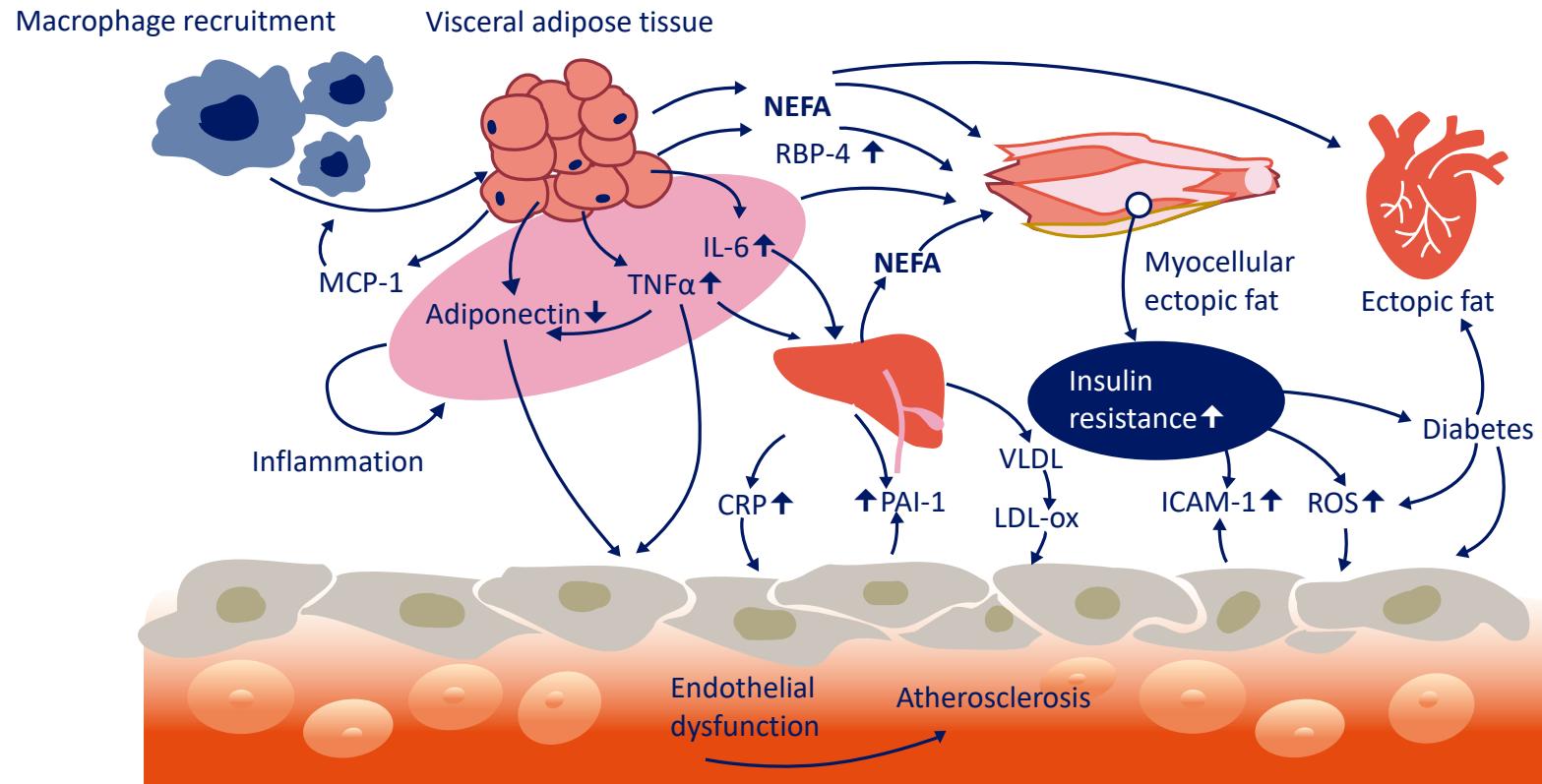
Il Sovrappeso e l'Obesità aumenta il rischio di Eventi CV anche in assenza di altre alterazioni metaboliche

Peso Corporeo, Stato Metabolico ed Eventi CV in 3.5 million di adulti UK



L'Infiammazione come Link tra Obesità e CVD

Both abdominal (visceral fat) and insulin resistance may contribute to CVD in obesity



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Visceral fat contributes to endothelial dysfunction through activation of inflammatory pathways

L'infiammazione svolge un ruolo Fisiopatologico
Importante ?

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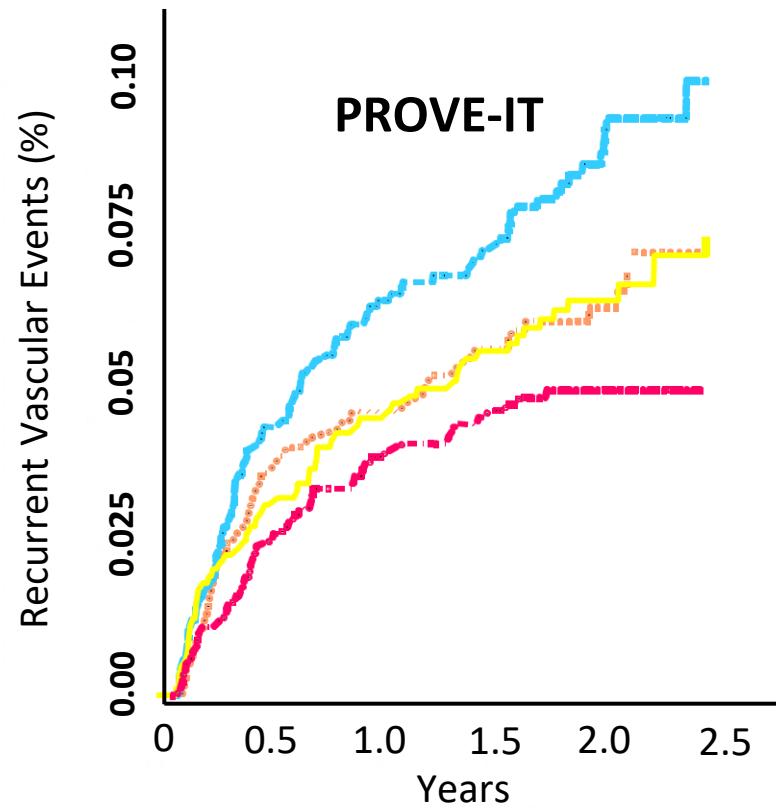
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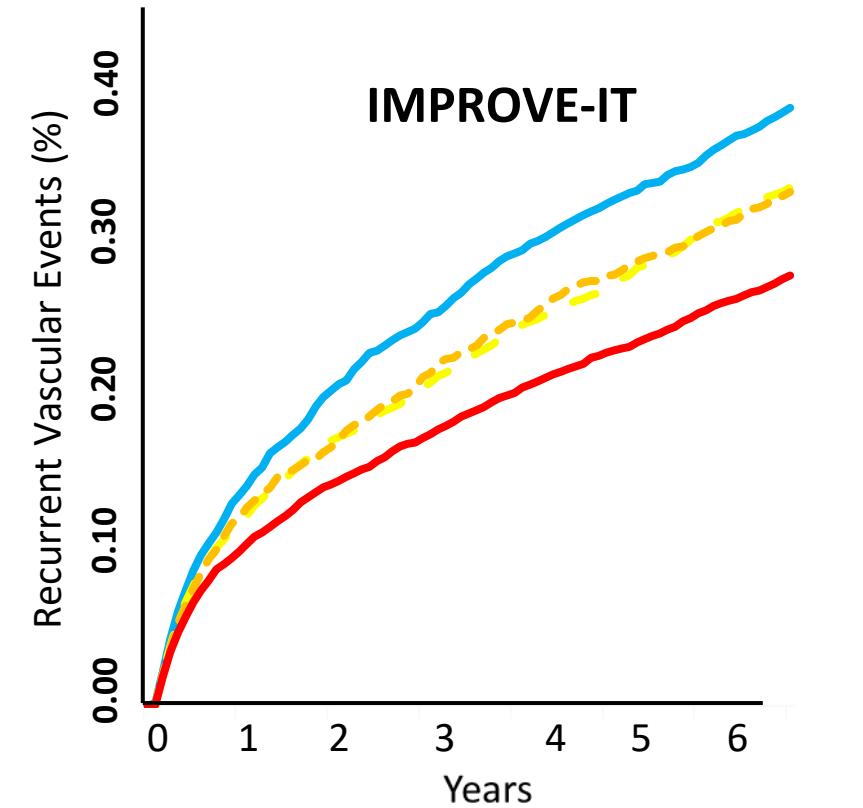
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Un Rischio Infiammatorio Residuo che pondera e completa l'effetto benefico delle Statine



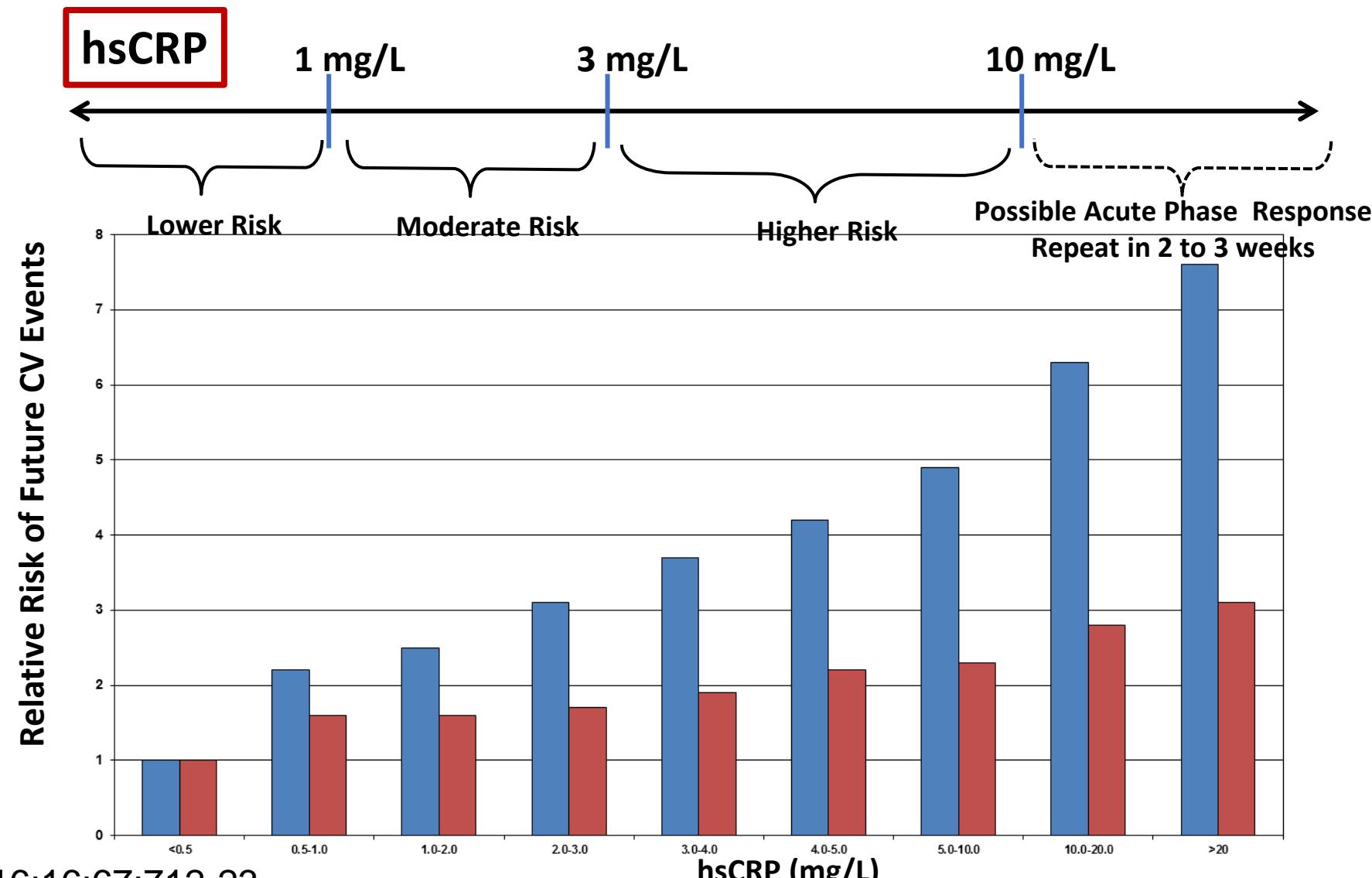
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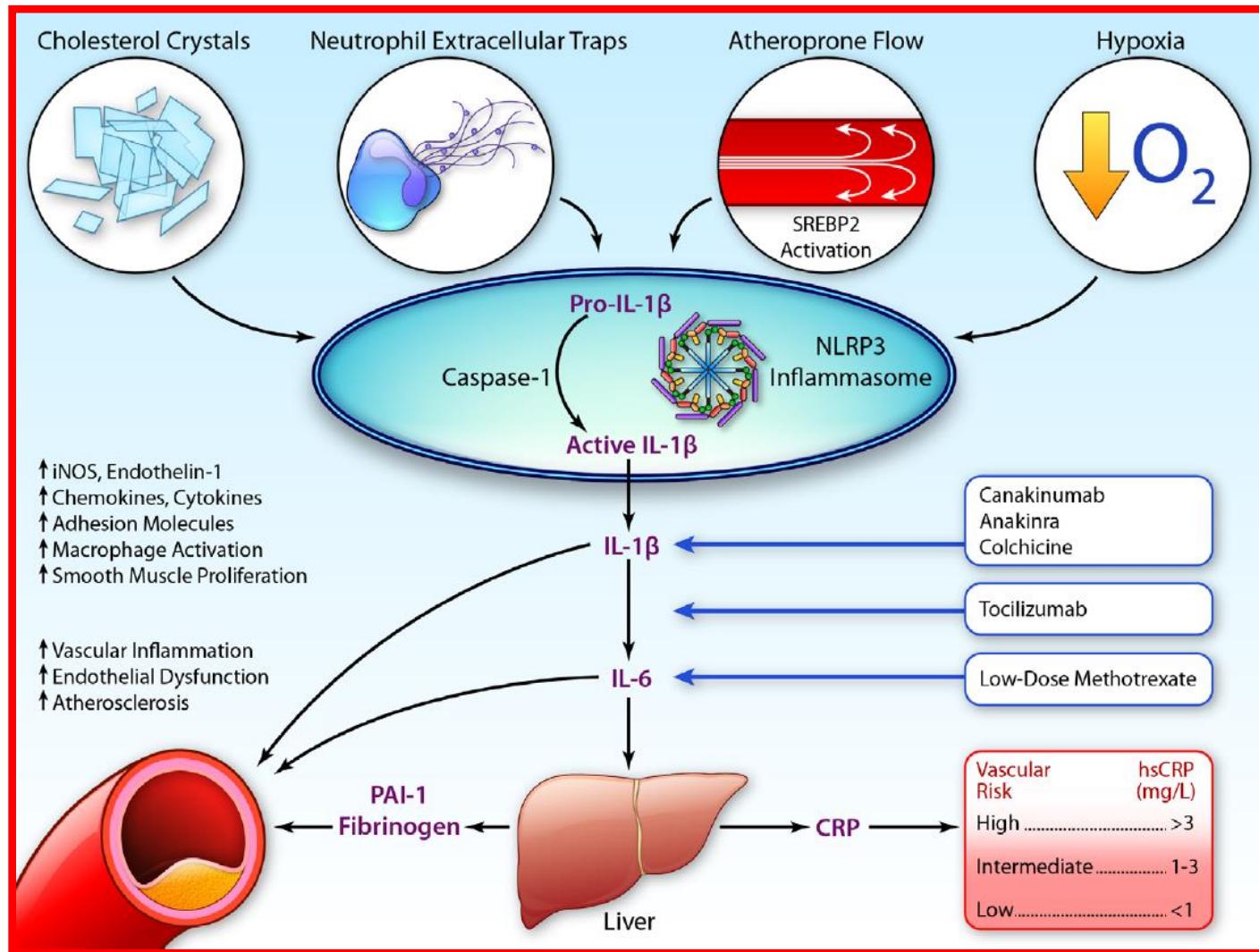
Bohula et al, Circulation 2015;132:1224-33



Un facile Test per identificare i pazienti a rischio: High Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP)



Dalla PCR all' IL-6 e IL-1: Risalendo la cascata infiammatoria identificando i NUOVI target di protezione aterosclerotica

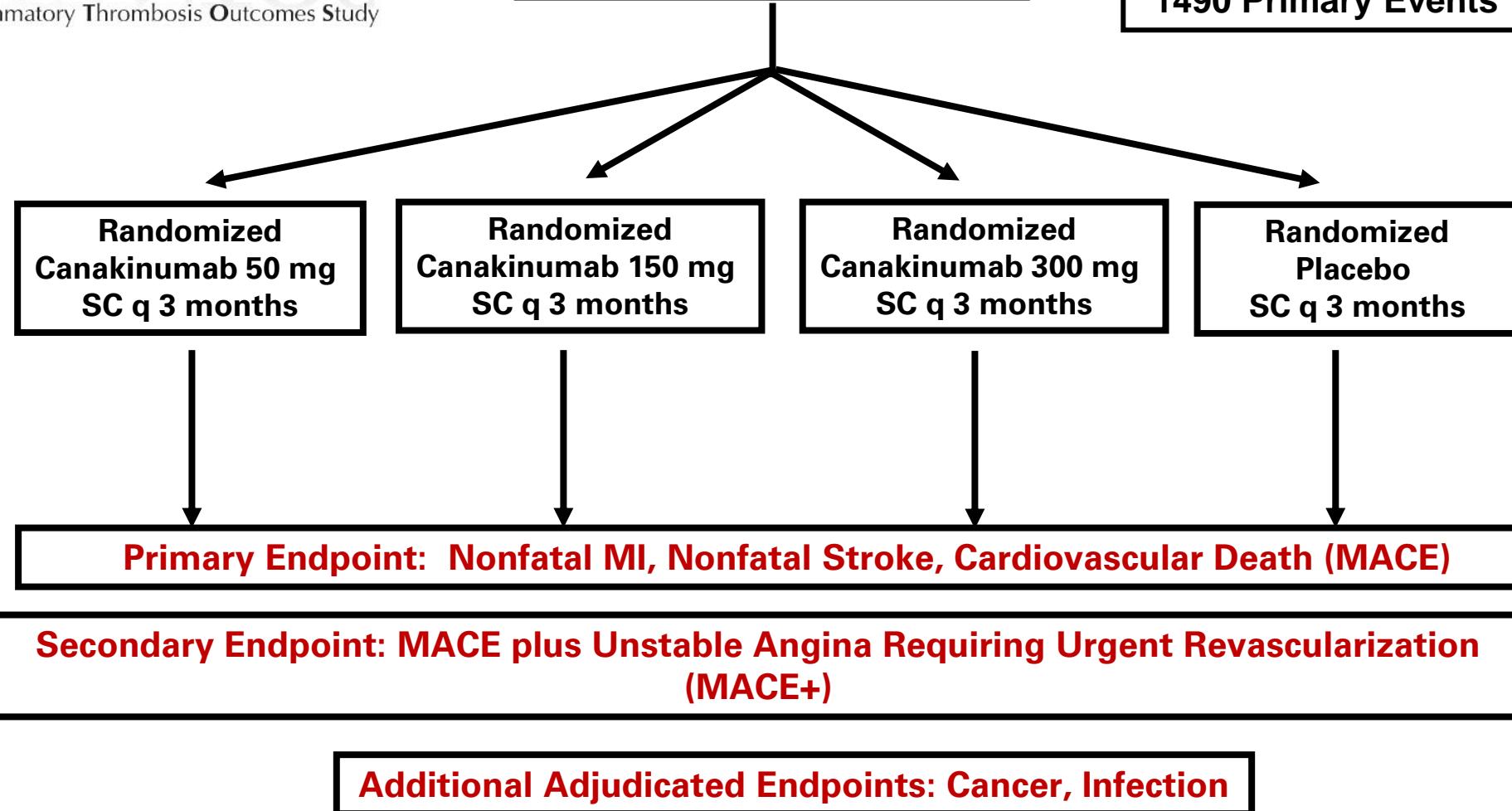


Canakinumab Anti-inflammatory Thrombosis Outcomes Study (CANTOS)

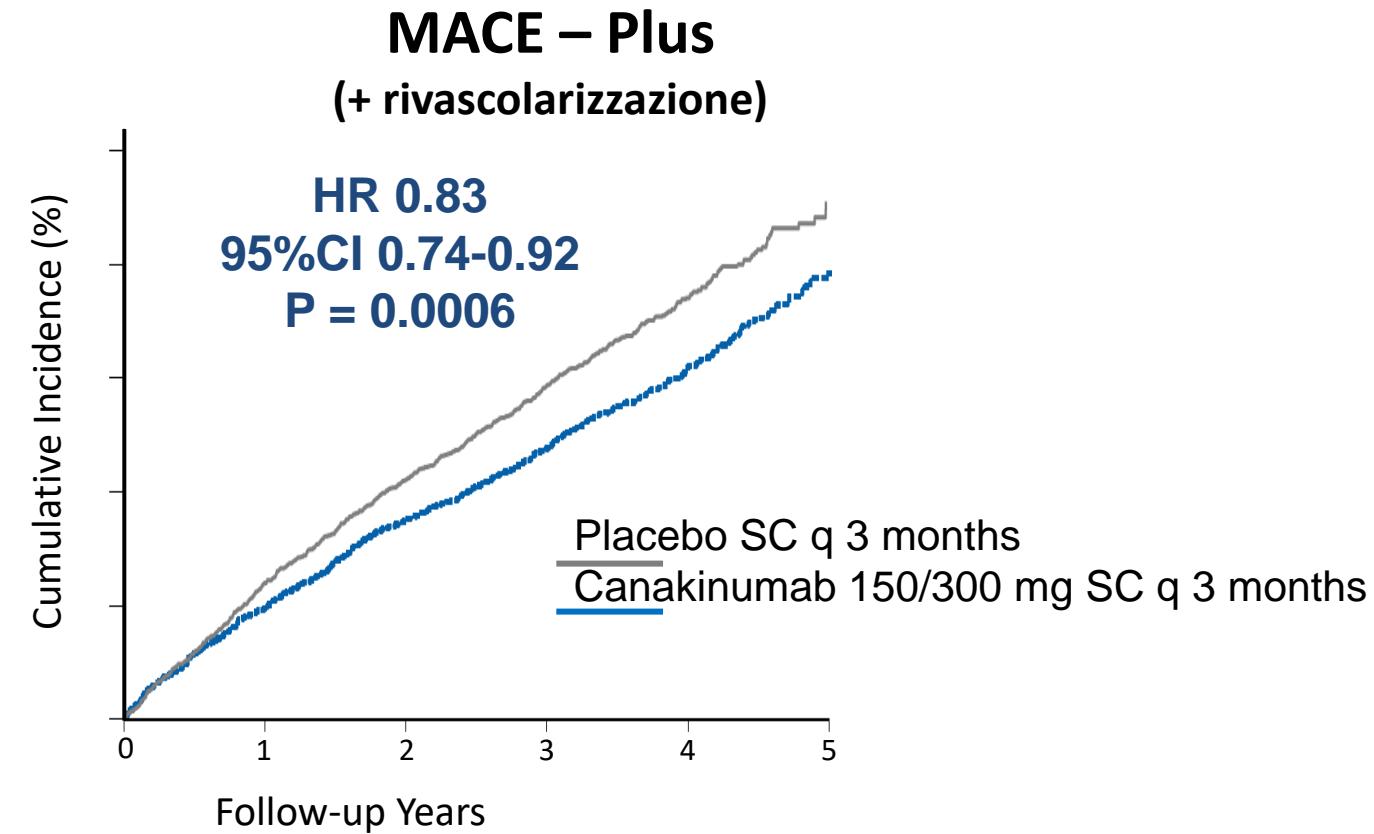
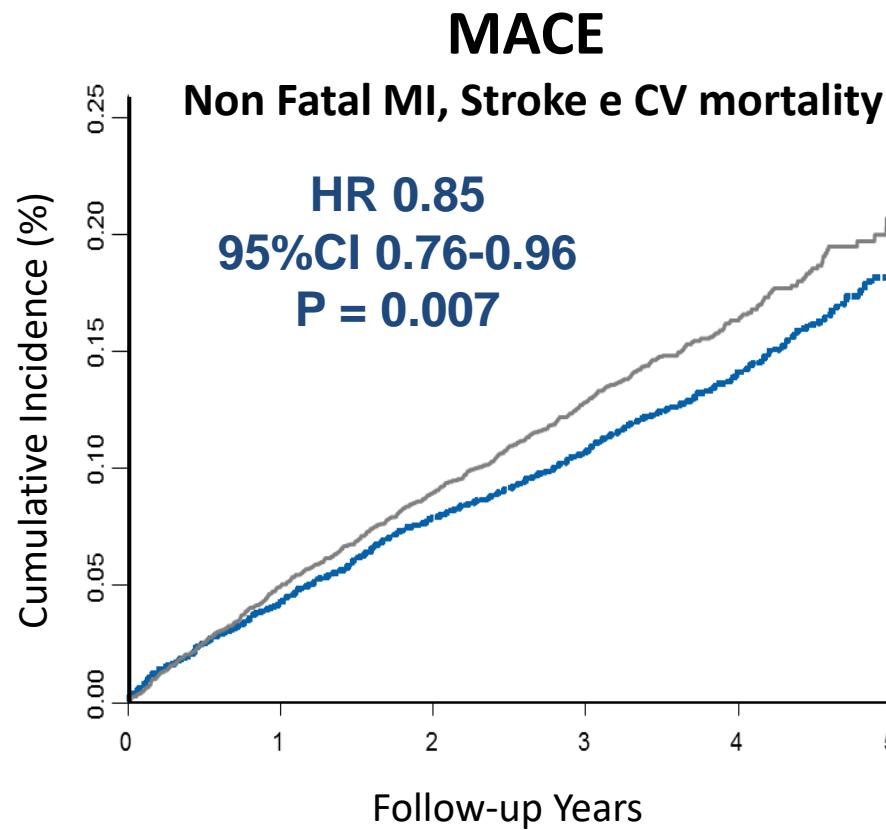


Stable CAD (post MI)
Residual Inflammatory Risk
(hsCRP \geq 2 mg/L)

N = 10,061
39 Countries
April 2011 - June 2017
1490 Primary Events



CANTOS: Primary Cardiovascular Endpoints

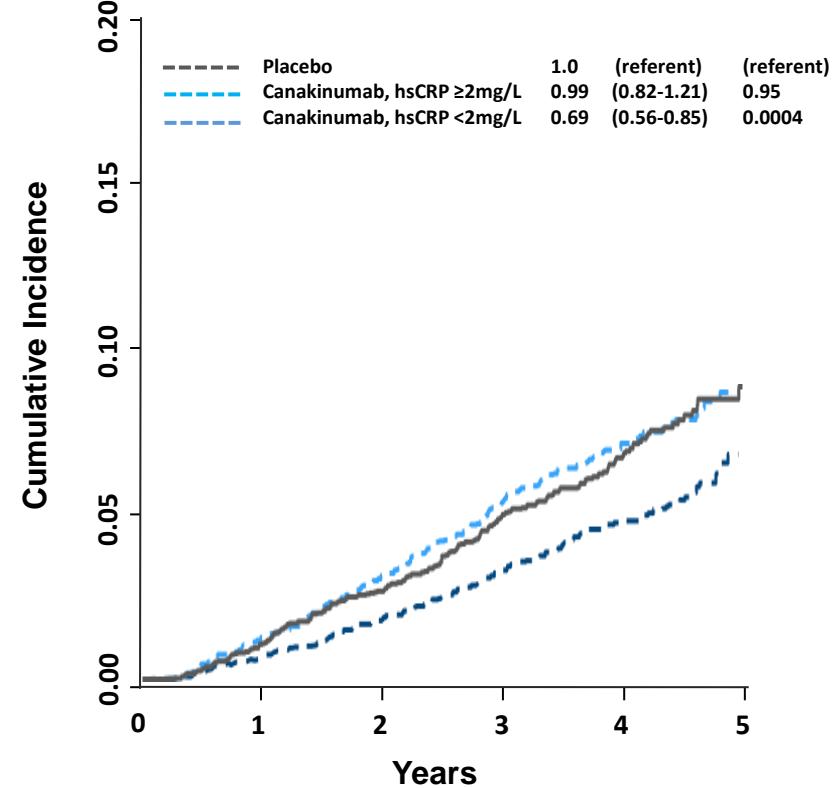


35 - 40% reductions in hsCRP and IL-6
No change in LDLC

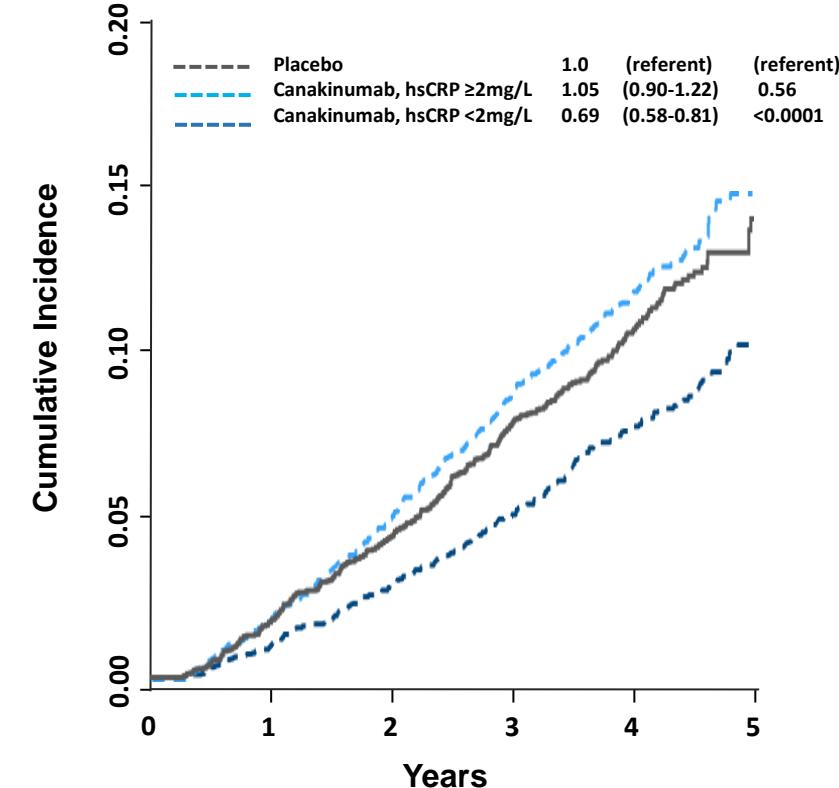
CANTOS : 31% Reduction in Cardiovascular Mortality and All-Cause Mortality

Among Participants with Robust Inhibition of the Inflammatory Response

CANTOS - Cardiovascular Mortality



CANTOS - All Cause Mortality



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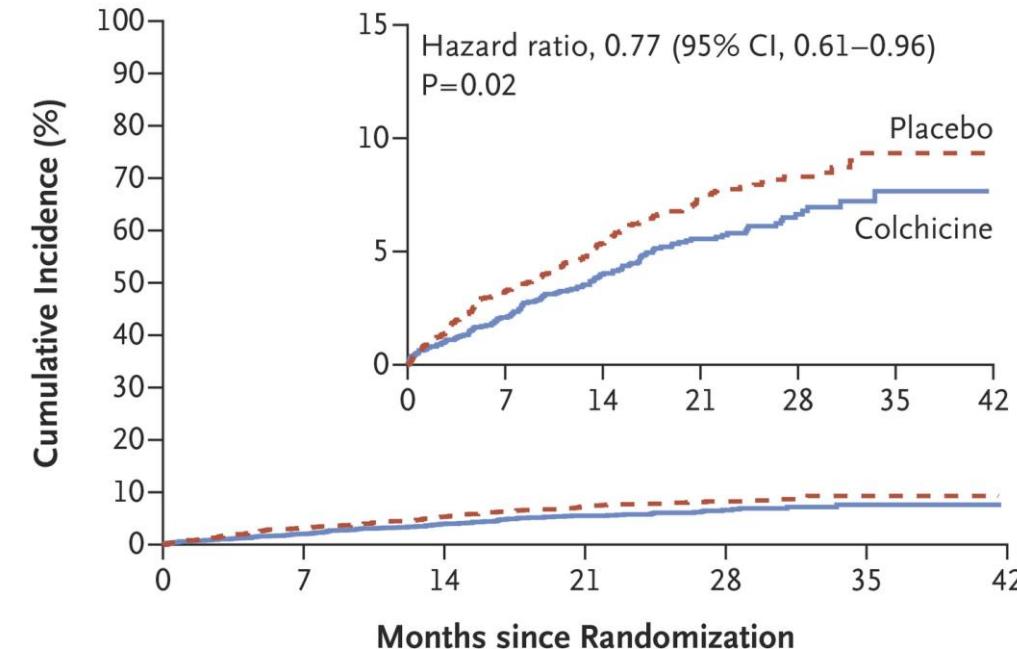
Efficacy and Safety of Low-Dose Colchicine after Myocardial Infarction

Jean-Claude Tardif, M.D., Simon Kouz, M.D., David D. Waters, M.D., Olivier F. Bertrand, M.D., Ph.D., et al.

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients.*

Characteristic	Colchicine (N=2366)	Placebo (N=2379)
Age — yr	60.6±10.7	60.5±10.6
Female sex — no. (%)	472 (19.9)	437 (18.4)
White race — no./total no. (%)†	1350/1850 (73.0)	1329/1844 (72.1)
Body-mass index	28.2±4.8	28.4±4.7
Current smoking — no./total no. (%)	708/2366 (29.9)	708/2377 (29.8)
Hypertension — no. (%)	1185 (50.1)	1236 (52.0)
Diabetes — no. (%)	462 (19.5)	497 (20.9)
History of myocardial infarction — no. (%)	370 (15.6)	397 (16.7)
History of PCI — no. (%)	392 (16.6)	406 (17.1)
History of CABG — no. (%)	69 (2.9)	81 (3.4)
History of heart failure — no. (%)	48 (2.0)	42 (1.8)
History of stroke or TIA — no. (%)	55 (2.3)	67 (2.8)
Time from index myocardial infarction to randomization — days	13.4±10.2	13.5±10.1
PCI for index myocardial infarction — no./total no. (%)	2192/2364 (92.7)	2216/2375 (93.3)
Medication use — no. (%)		
Aspirin	2334 (98.6)	2352 (98.9)
Other antiplatelet agent	2310 (97.6)	2337 (98.2)
Statin	2339 (98.9)	2357 (99.1)
Beta-blocker	2116 (89.4)	2101 (88.3)

* Plus-minus values are means ±SD. Data were missing on the following characteristics: age (assessed according to date of birth; see below) for 435 patients (215 in the colchicine group and 220 in the placebo group), body-mass index (the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters) for 5 (1 and 4 patients, respectively), and information about the index myocardial infarction for 6 (2 and 4 patients, respectively). Date of birth and race were not required fields because both were considered in some countries to be sensitive data that could allow for the identification of patients. For statistical reporting, missing information regarding the day of birth was replaced by 15, and missing information regarding the month and day of birth was replaced by July 1. CABG denotes coronary-artery bypass graft surgery, PCI percutaneous coronary intervention, and TIA transient ischemic attack.
† Race was reported by the patient.



No. at Risk

Placebo	2379	2261	1854	1224	622	144	0
Colchicine	2366	2284	1868	1230	628	153	0

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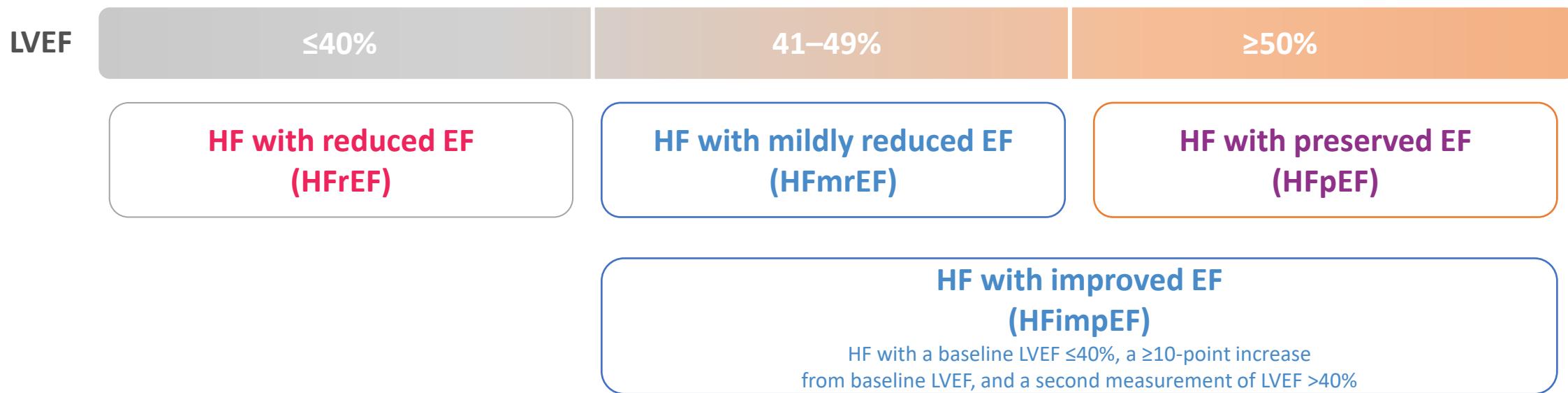
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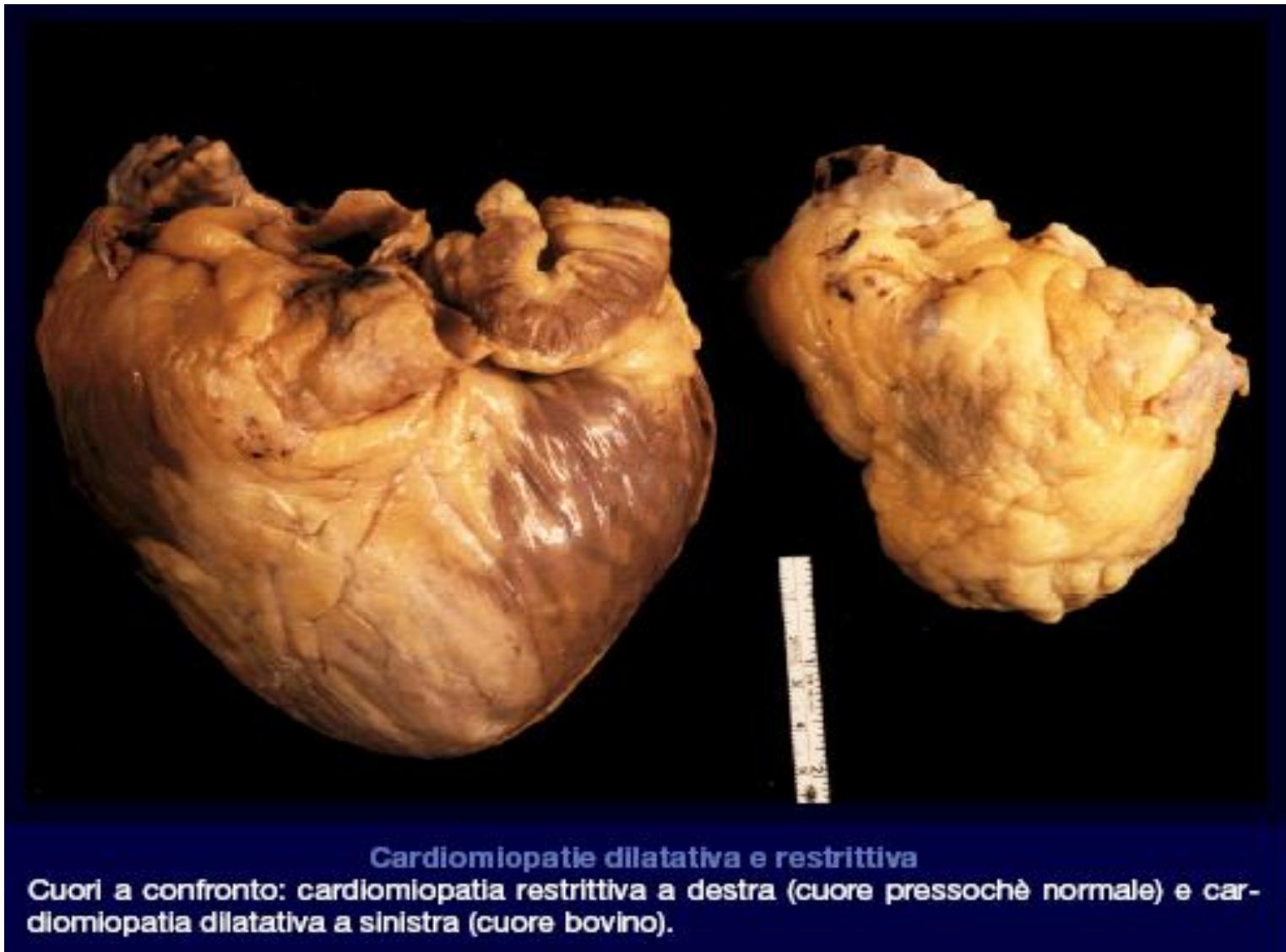
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La nuova Classificazione dello Scompenso Cardiaco

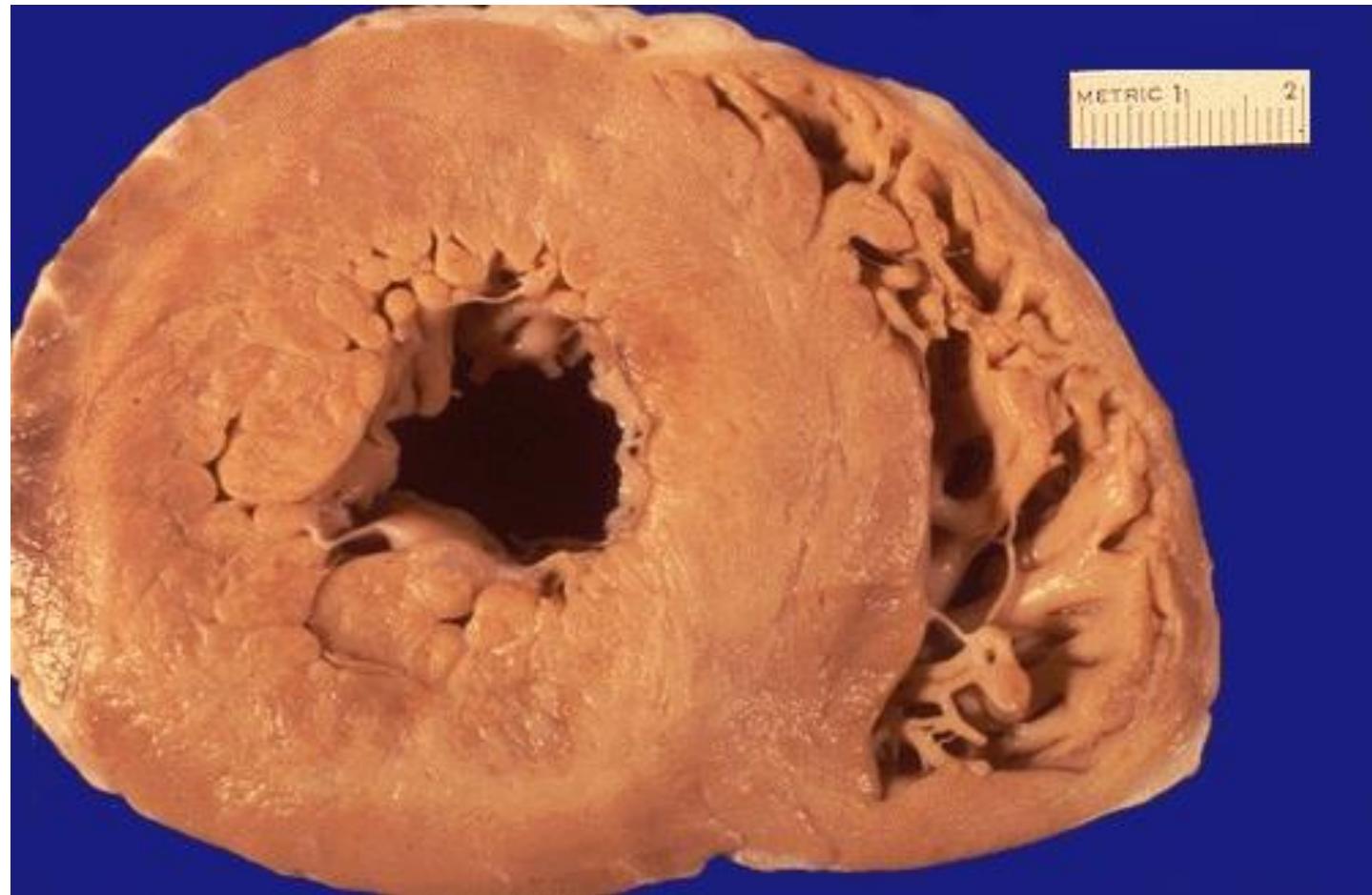


EF, ejection fraction; HF, heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction.
Bozkurt B et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2021;23:352.

HFrEF vs HFpEF



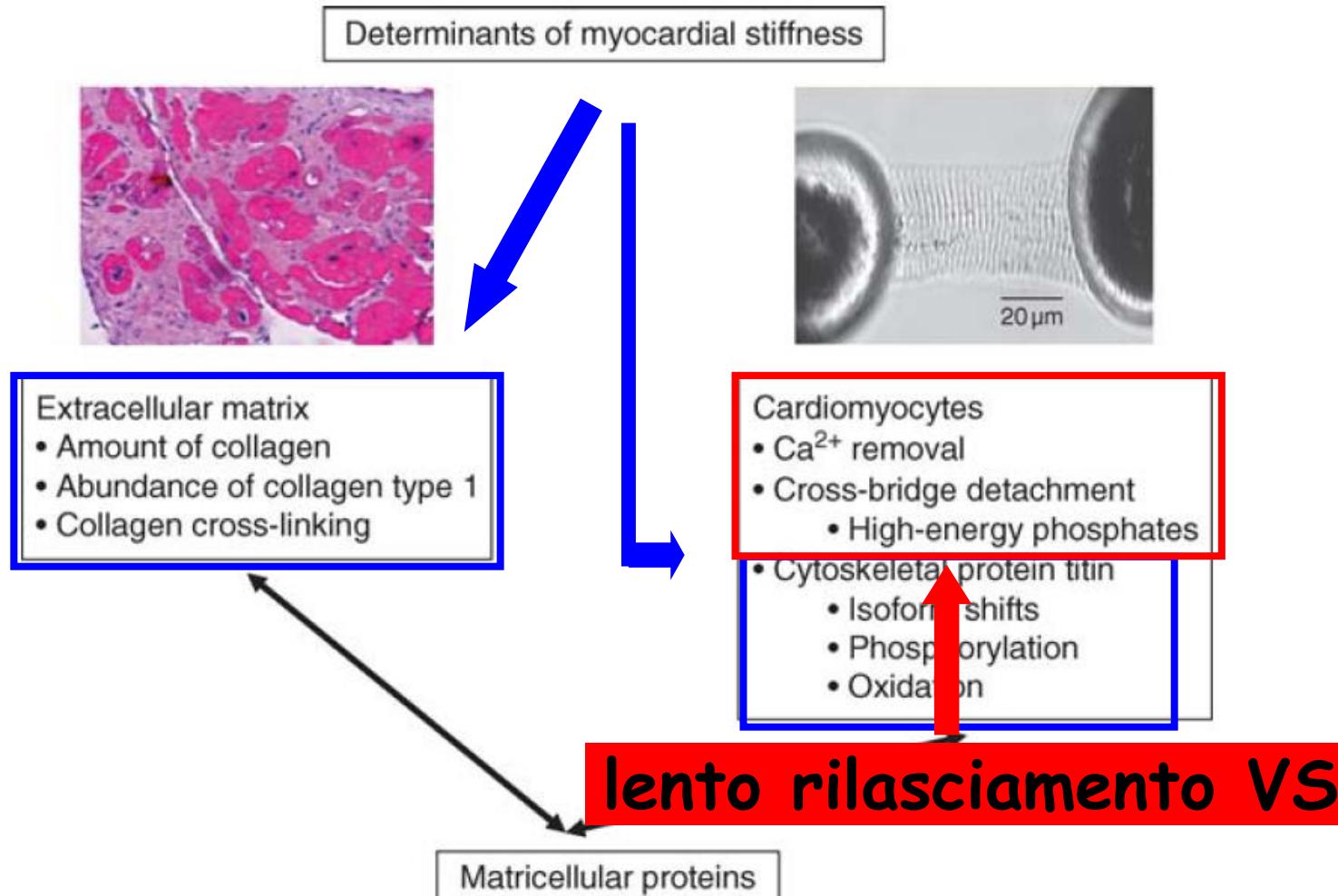
Iperetrofia di grado non severo



The left ventricle is markedly thickened in this patient with severe hypertension that was untreated for many years. The myocardial fibers have undergone hypertrophy

Meccanismi dello Scompenso HFpEF

ridotta compliance diastolica



Numerosi e differenti Fattori di Rischio sono associati all'HFnEF

Overweight/obesity **80%**

Hypertension **60–80%**

Type 2 diabetes **20–40%**

Atrial fibrillation

Chronic kidney disease

Coronary artery disease

Advanced age

COPD

Anaemia

Female sex

Sleep disorders



COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; HFnEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

1. Upadhyay B et al. *Curr Heart Fail Rep* 2015;12:205–214; 2. Shah SJ et al. *Circulation* 2016;134:73–90; 3. Gomberg-Maitland M et al. *JACC Heart Fail* 2016;4:325–328; 4. Ho JE et al. *Circ Heart Fail* 2013;6:279–286;
5. Haykowsky MJ et al. *JACC Heart Fail* 2018;6:640–649

Diagnosi di HFpEF

The H₂FpEF score

	Clinical variable	Values	Points
H ₂	Heavy Hypertensive	BMI >30 kg/m ² Use of ≥2 antihypertensive medications	2 1
F	Atrial fibrillation	Paroxysmal or persistent	3
P	Pulmonary hypertension	Defined as pulmonary artery systolic pressure >35 mmHg	1
E	Elder	Age >60 years	1
F	Filling pressure	Doppler echocardiographic E/e' >9	1
H ₂ FpEF score			Sum (0–9)

Total points

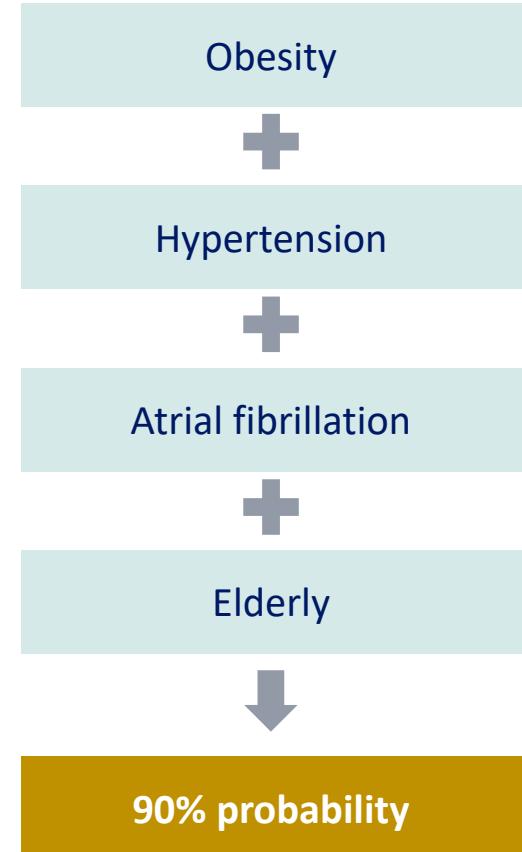


Probability of HFpEF

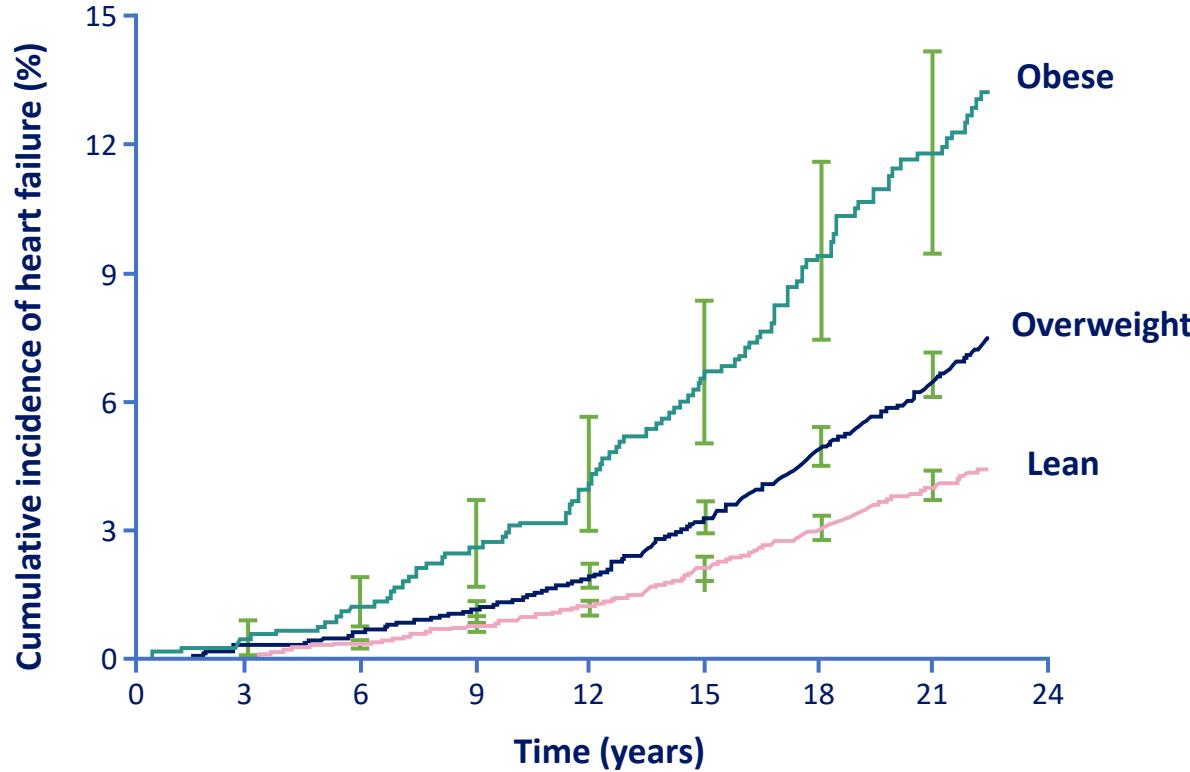


BMI, body mass index; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; E/e', mitral annular early diastolic velocity

Reddy YNV et al. Circulation 2018;138:861–870



L'Obesità comporta un aumento di incidenza di HFrEF



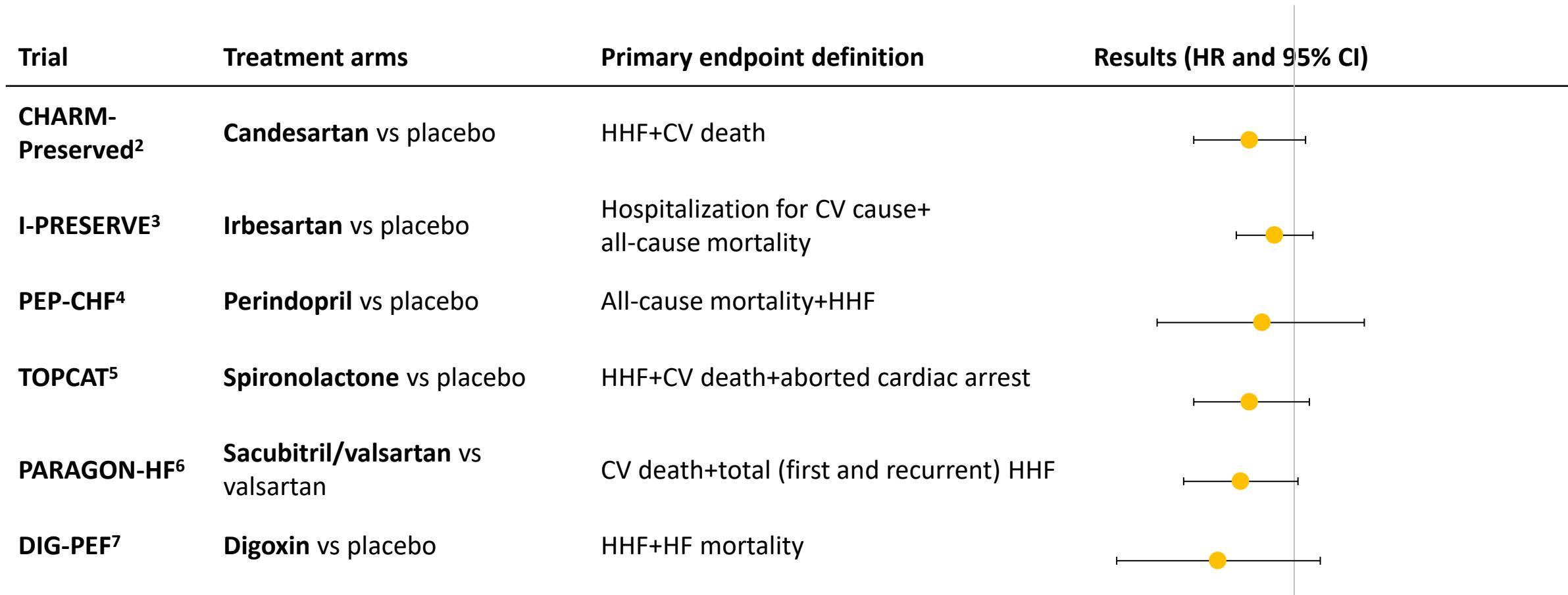
Association of Obesity-Related Traits With HF Subtypes in Sex-Pooled Analyses		
Predictor	Outcome	Multivariable-adjusted
BMI	Incident HFrEF	1.34 (1.24; 1.45)
	Incident HFrEF	1.18 (1.10; 1.27)
Waist circumference	Incident HFrEF	1.32 (1.22; 1.44)
	Incident HFrEF	1.19 (1.10; 1.29)

Kenchaiah S et al. Circulation 2009;119:44–52;

Kenchaiah S et al. N Engl J Med 2002;347:305–313;

Savji N et al. JACC Heart Fail 2018;6:701–709

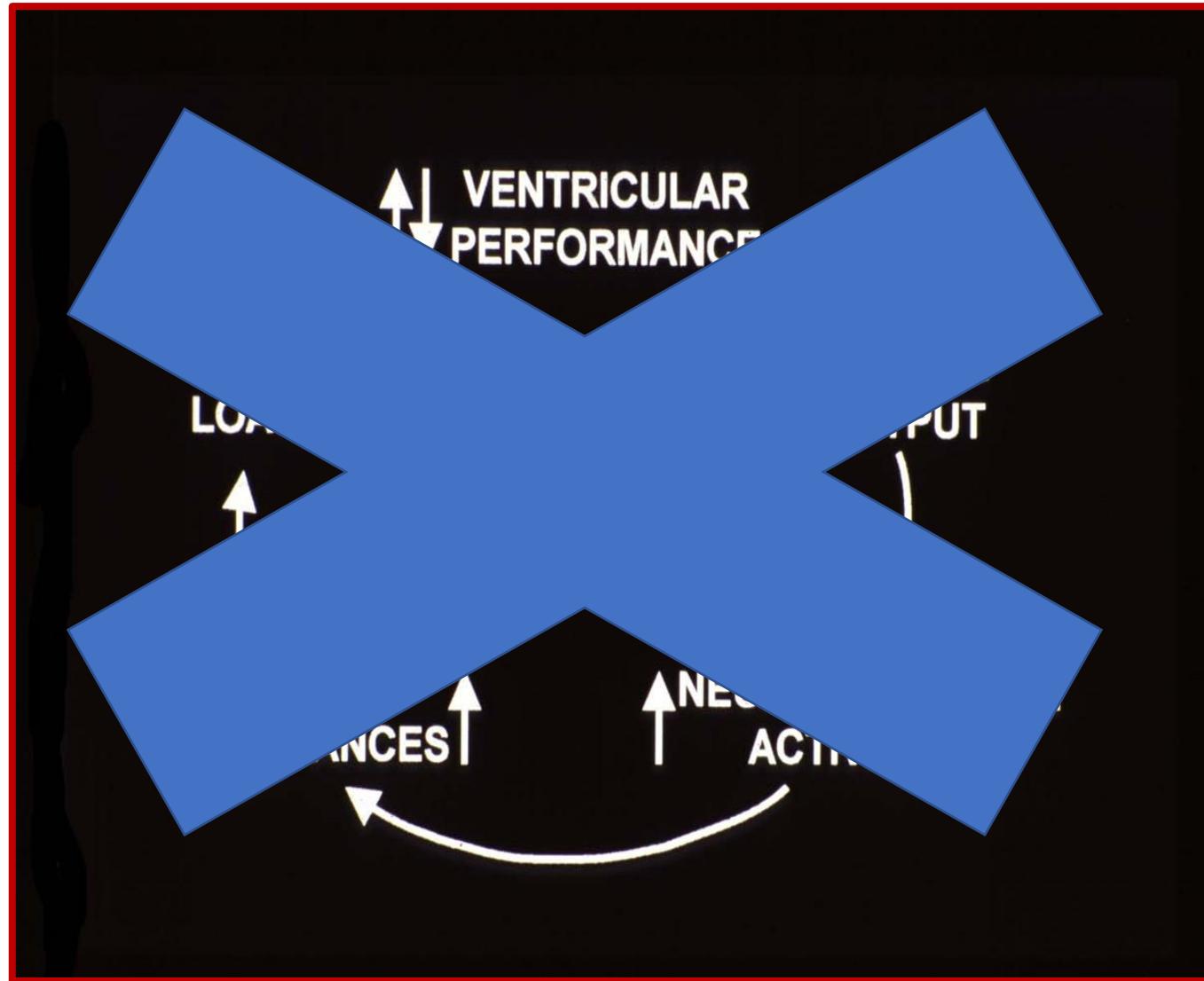
Nessuno studio ha raggiunto la riduzione del Primary Endpoint (Morte CV + Ospedalizzazione per HF)



CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; HFrEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; HR, hazard ratio. See slide notes for references.

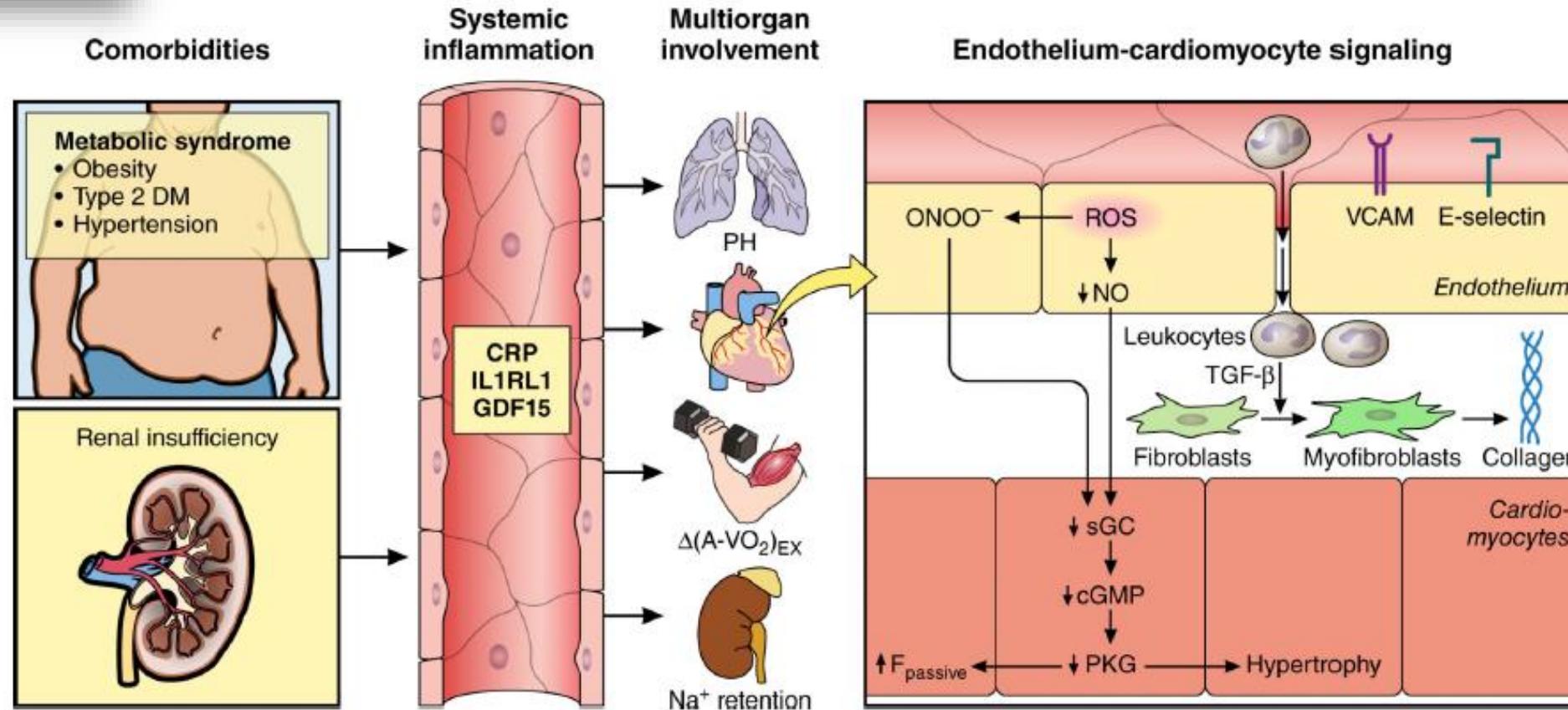
← Favour active arm → Favour placebo or comparator

Meccanismo fisiopatologico prevalente circolo vizioso di attivazione neuroendocrina



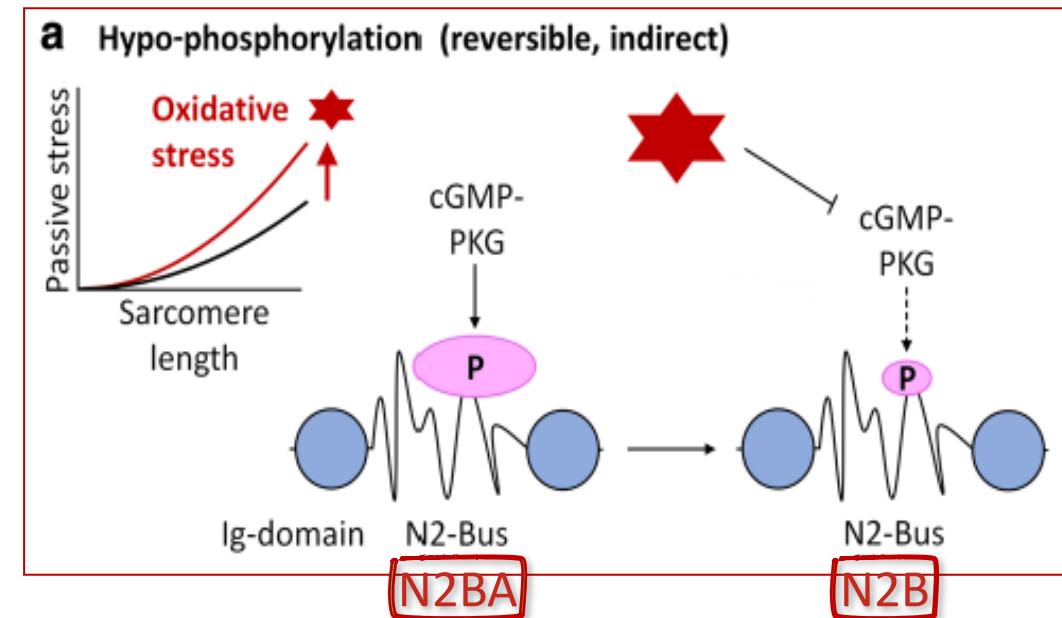
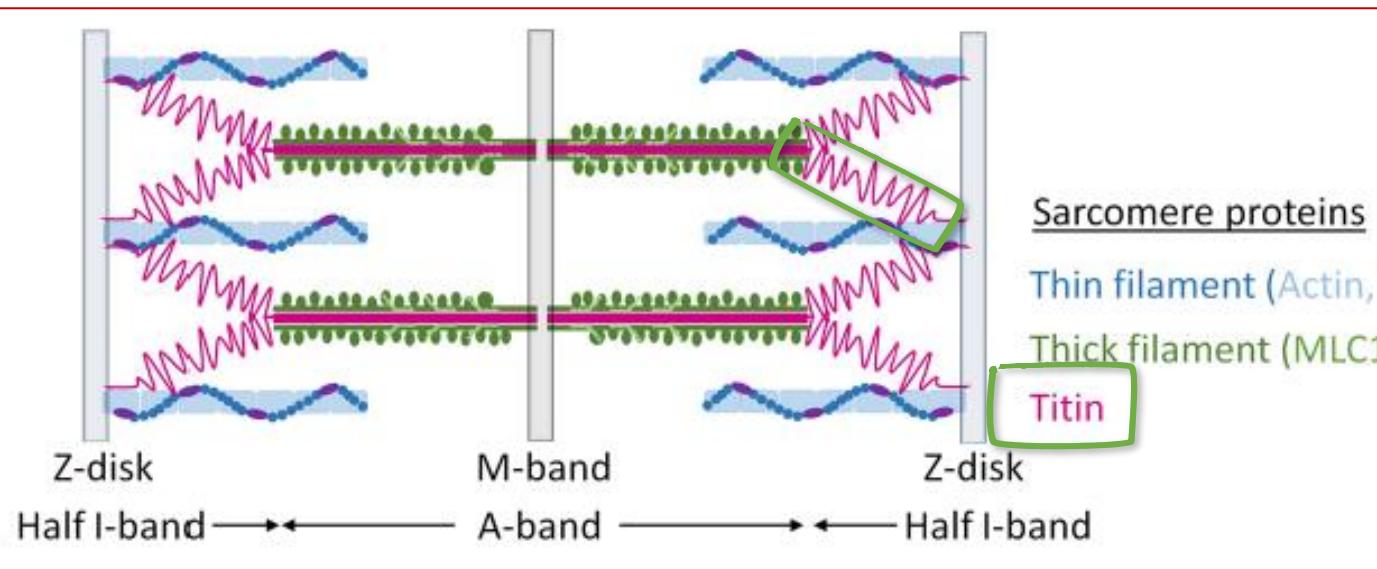


Abbiamo un meccanismo fisiopatologico noto che ha come mandante tutte queste comorbidità; come spietato sicario l'Infiammazione e come danno arrecato il blocco del segnale intracellulare NO dipendente



Aumentata Compliance Ventricolare

Titina: una proteina sarcomerica con profilo di complianza variabile in base allo stato di fosforillazione



The giant protein Titin functions as a molecular spring:

- is extended during diastolic stretch
 - recoils elastically during systole
- Two isoforms: **N2B (>stiff)** and **N2BA (>elastic)**

Titin is responsible for most of the passive tension of myocardium

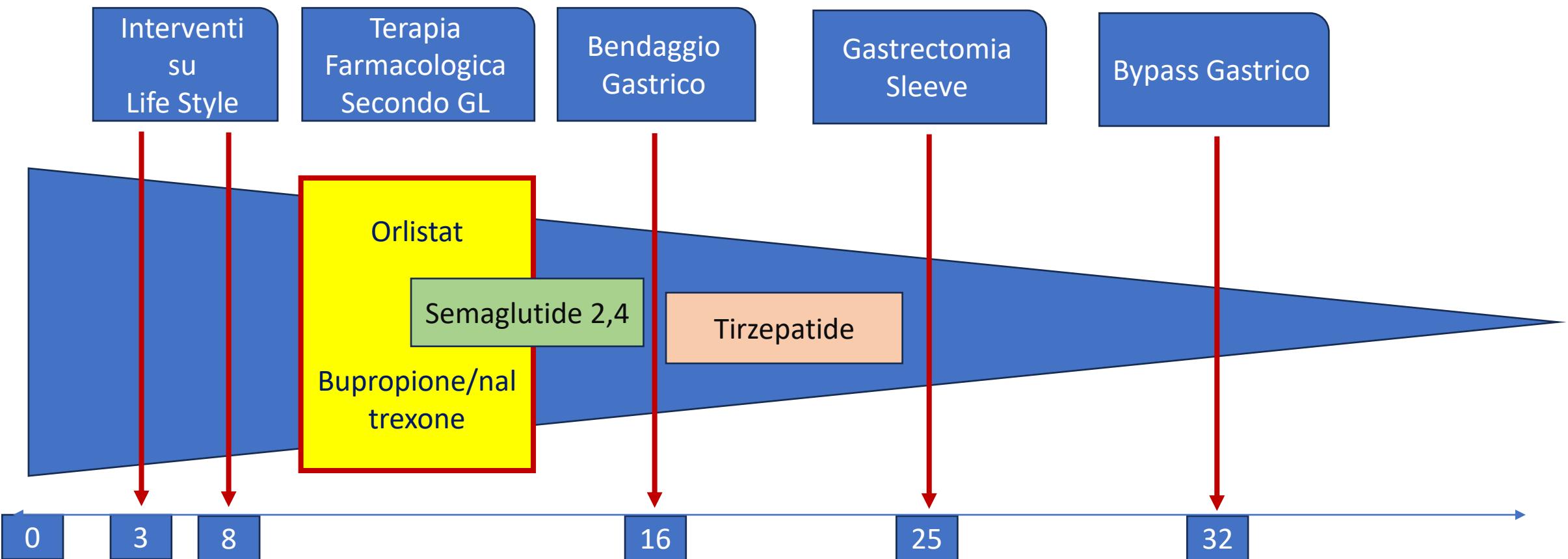
Come trattiamo l’Obesità/Sovrappeso e
quindi l’Infiammazione come sua
conseguenza nei nostri pazienti?

Gestione Cardiologica attuale della problematica Obesità: «mi raccomando mangi di meno e cammini di più»

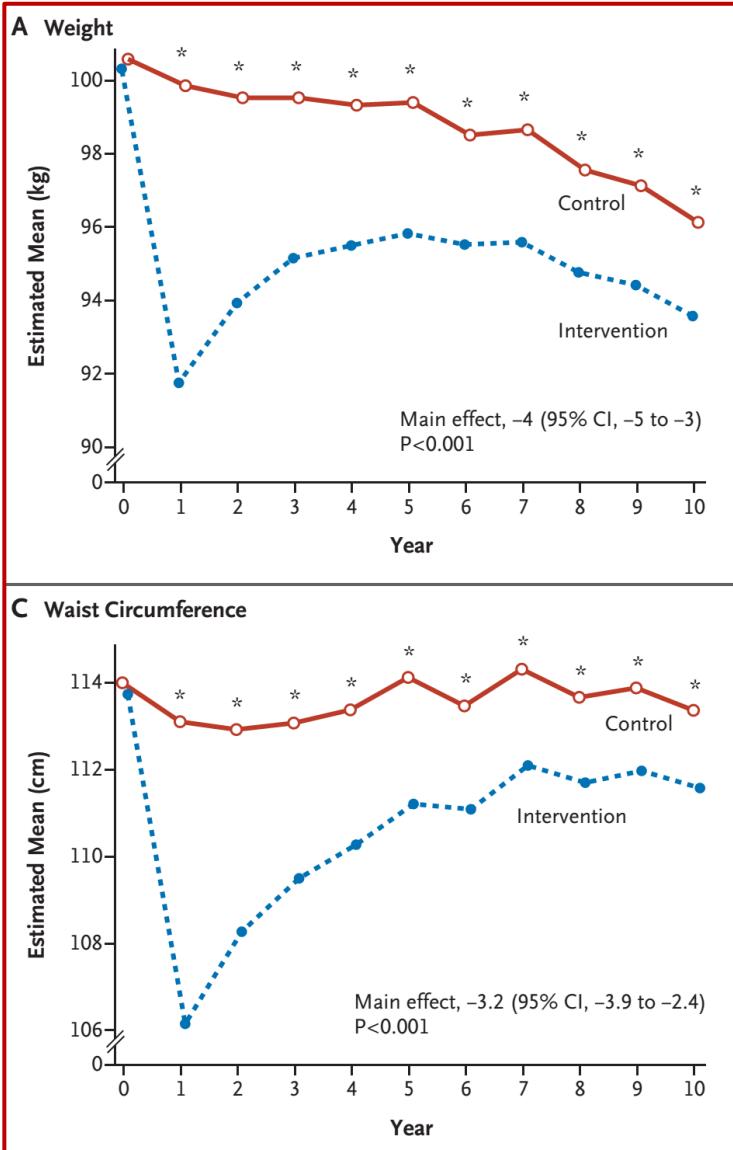
poco prima di aprire la porta dell'ambulatorio



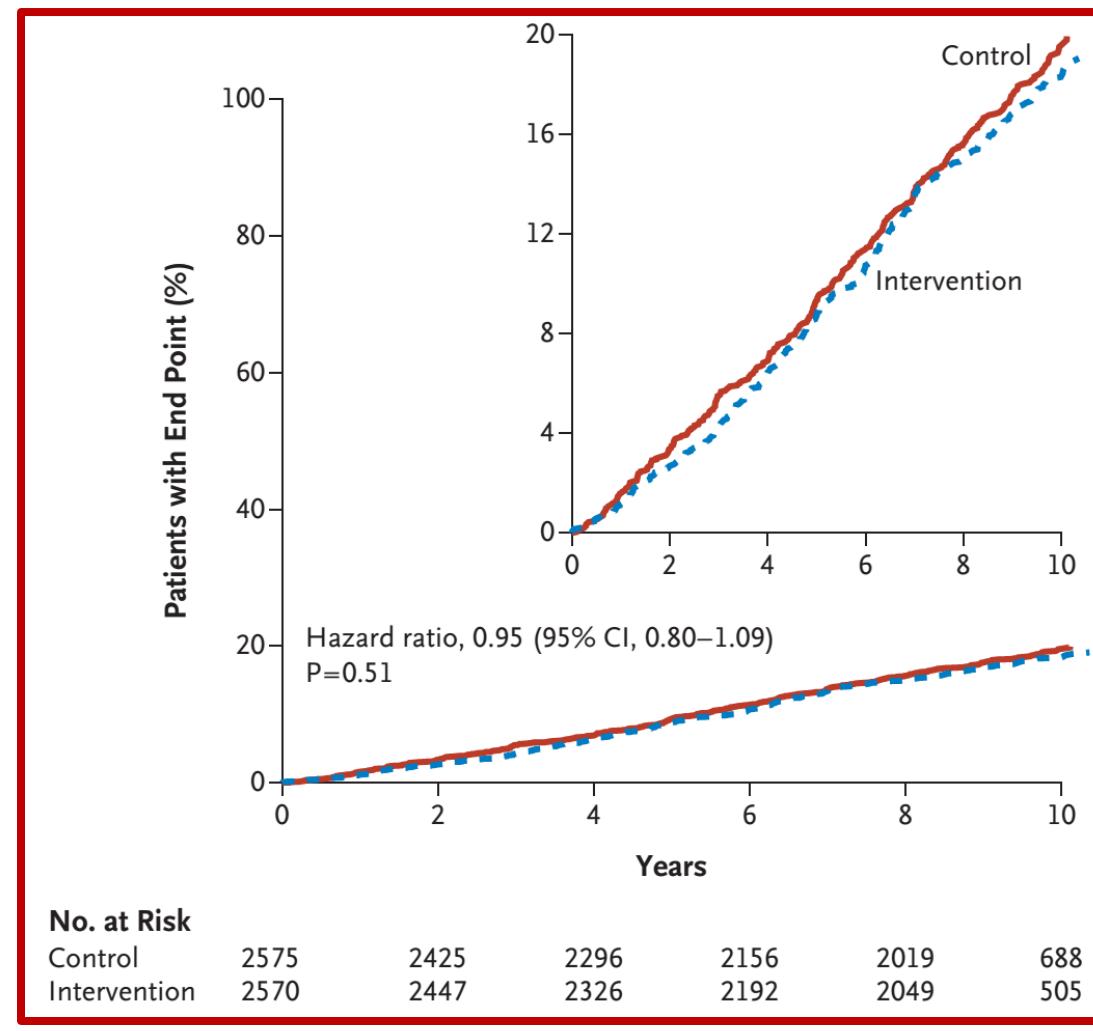
Risultati di riduzione di Peso con diverse Terapie



Cardiovascular Effects of Intensive Lifestyle Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes



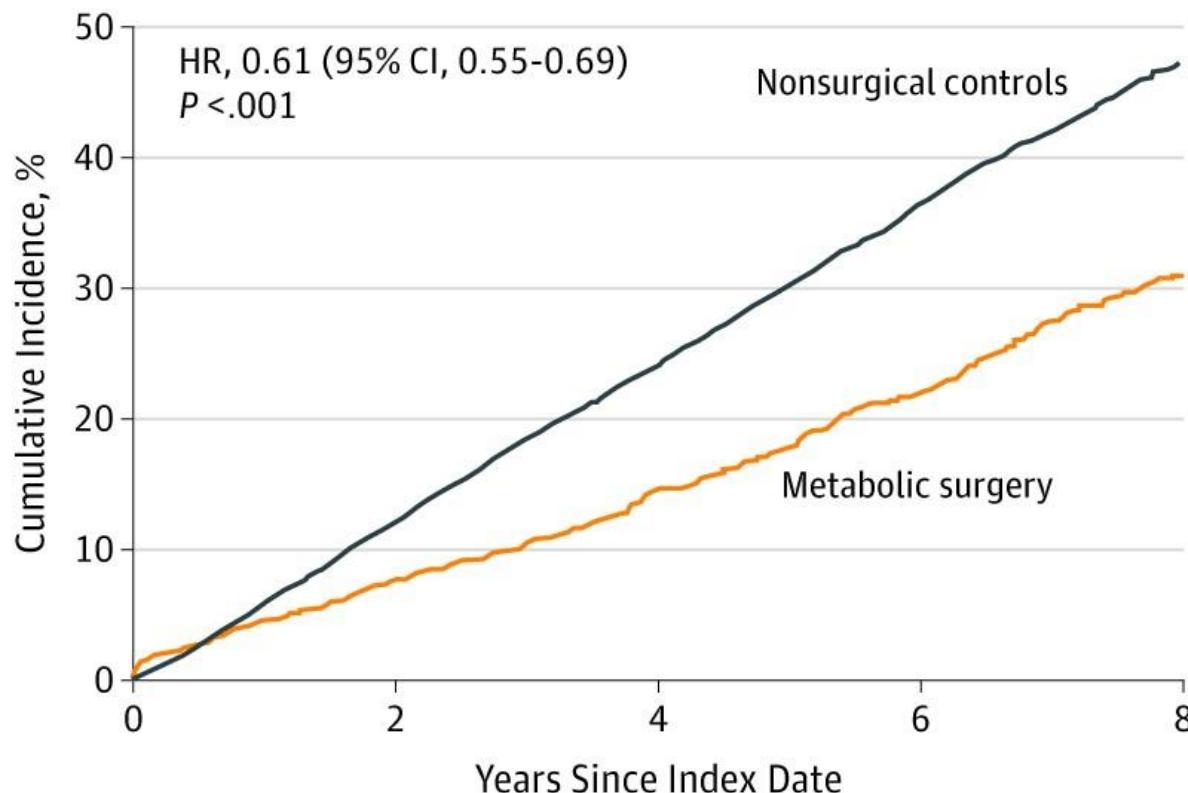
The Look AHEAD Research Group*



Association of Metabolic Surgery With Major Adverse Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes and Obesity

A Primary composite

Ali Aminian, MD; Alexander Zajicek, MS; David E. Arterburn, MD, MPH; Kathy E. Wolski, MPH; Stacy A. Brethauer, MD; Philip R. Schauer, MD; Michael W. Kattan, PhD; Steven E. Nissen, MD



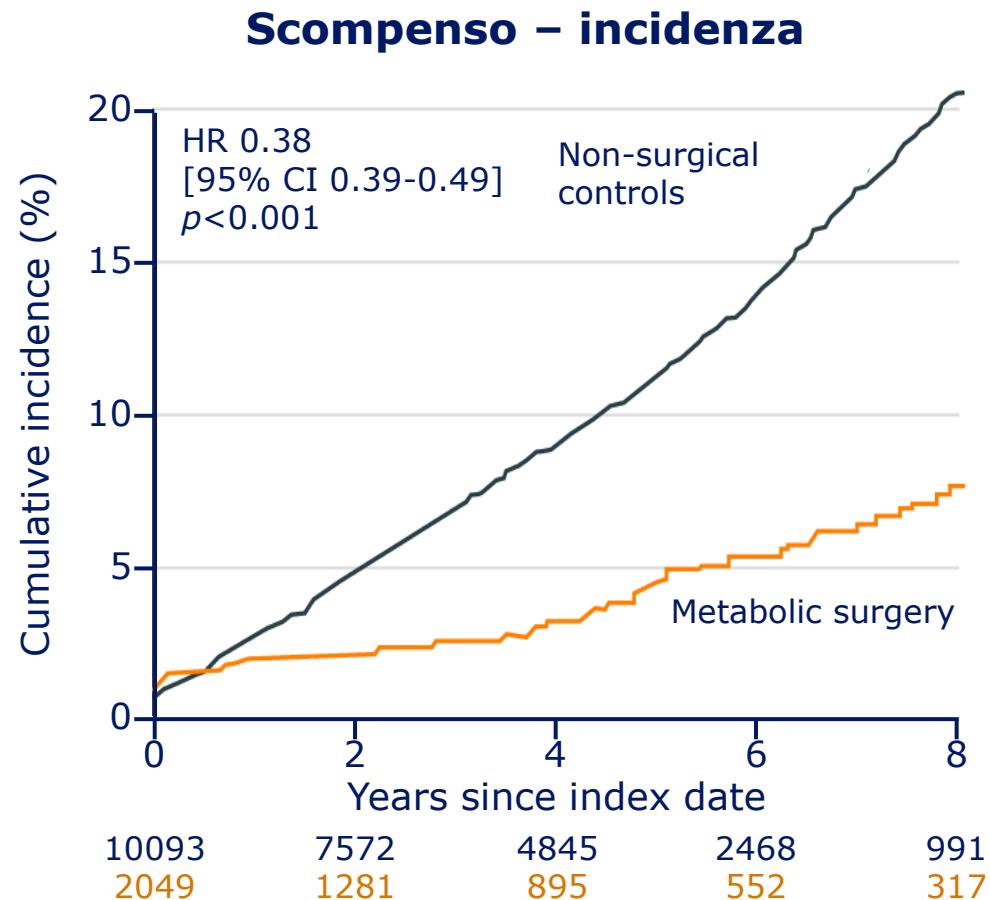
The primary end point, first occurrence of

- 1) coronary artery events,
- 2) cerebrovascular events,
- 3) heart failure,
- 4) atrial fibrillation,
- 5) nephropathy,
- 6) all-cause mortality,

No. at risk

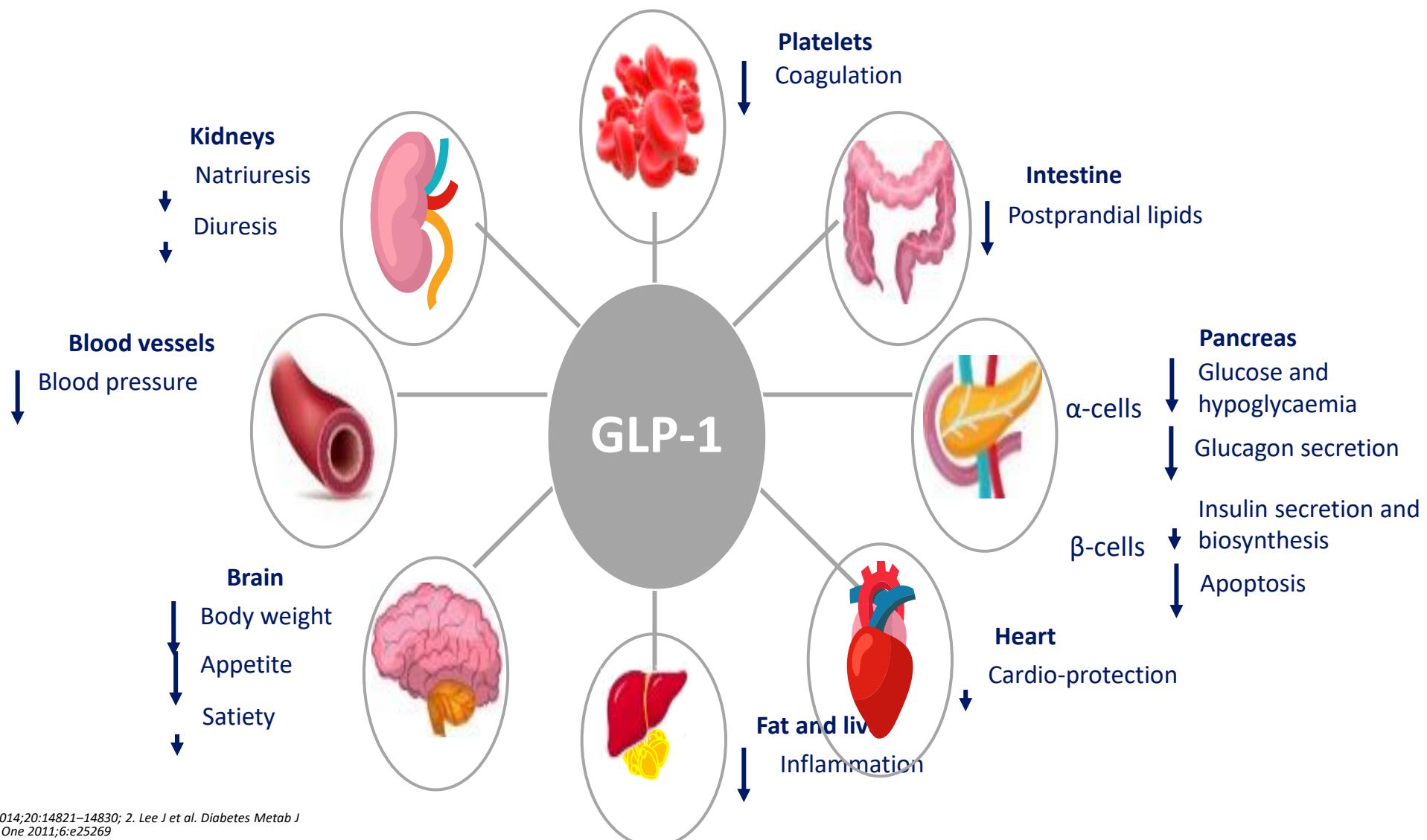
Nonsurgical controls	11 435	8 050	4 791	2 244	838
Metabolic surgery	2 287	1 372	910	535	293

Riduzione Incidenza HF con Chirurgia Metabolica



Agonisti GLP-1

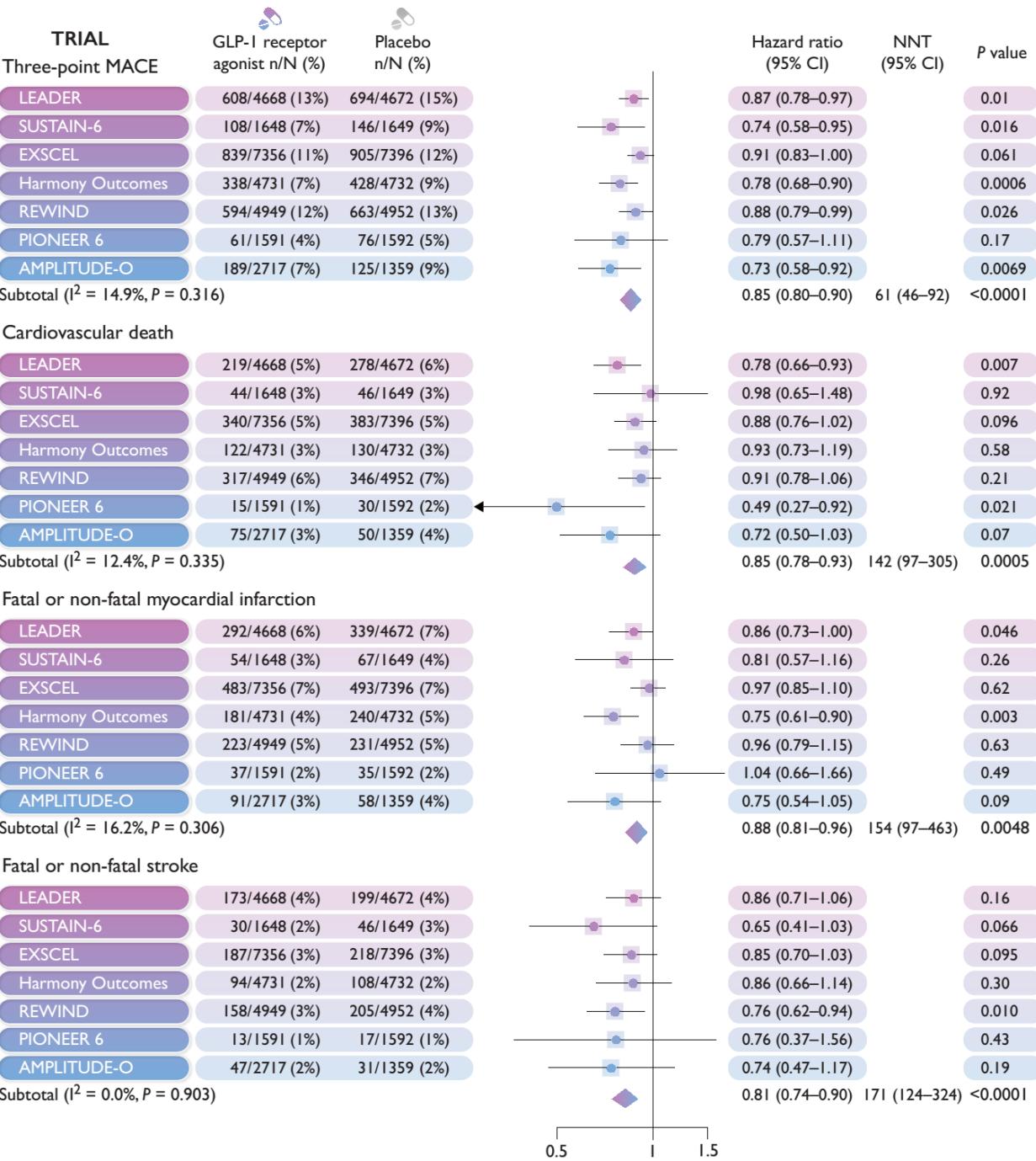
Classe di farmaci ipoglicemizzanti e con effetti documentati di prevenzione cardiovascolare primaria e secondaria nel DM

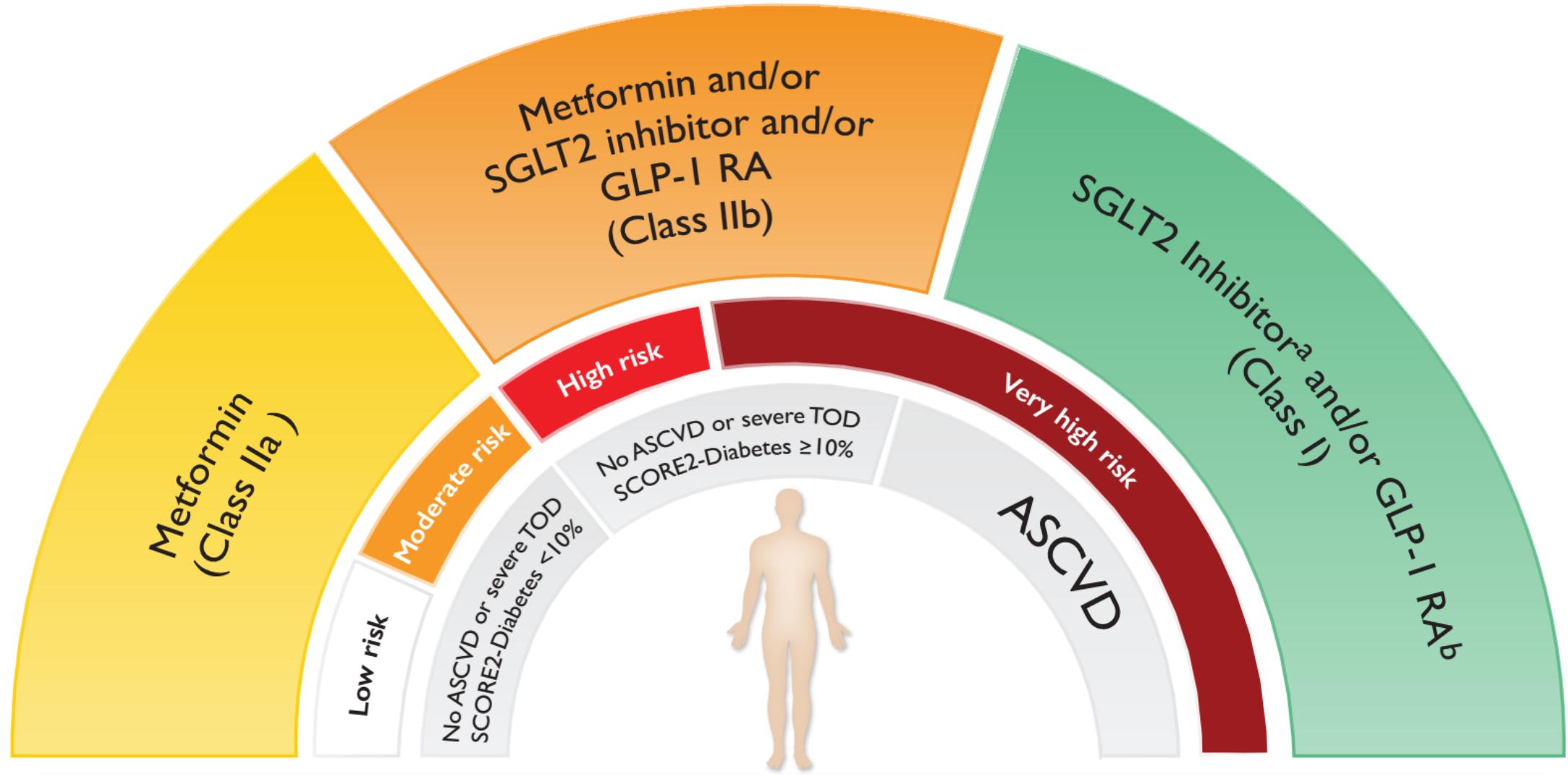


2023 ESC Guidelines for the management of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes



European Society
of Cardiology





Risk assessment for patients with type 2 diabetes based on the presence of ASCVD/severe TOD and 10-year CVD risk estimation via SCORE2-Diabetes

Trial design: SCALE Obesity and Prediabetes

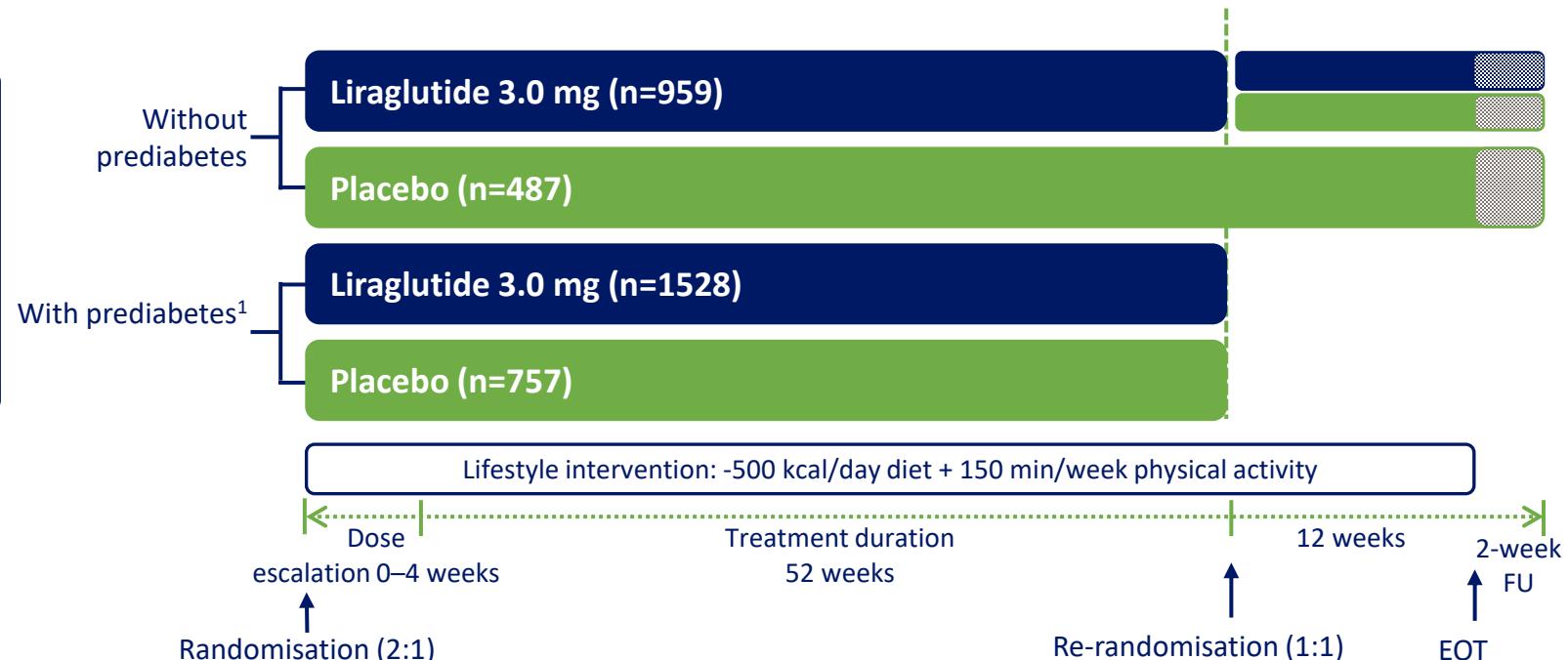
Liraglutide 3.0 mg for weight management (56 weeks)



Trial objective

Efficacy and safety of liraglutide 3.0 mg, as adjunct to D&E, in participants with obesity or overweight plus comorbidities, without diabetes

Inclusion criteria
• ≥18 years
• Stable BW
• BMI ≥30 kg/m ² or ≥27 kg/m ² + comorbidities



Trial information

- June 2011 to March 2013
- Randomised controlled double-blind study
- 191 sites in 27 countries
- Duration: 56 weeks (with prediabetes), 68 weeks (without prediabetes)

Co-primary End-Point

Change in body weight (%)

SCALE Obesity and Prediabetes: 0-56 weeks

The NEW ENGLAND
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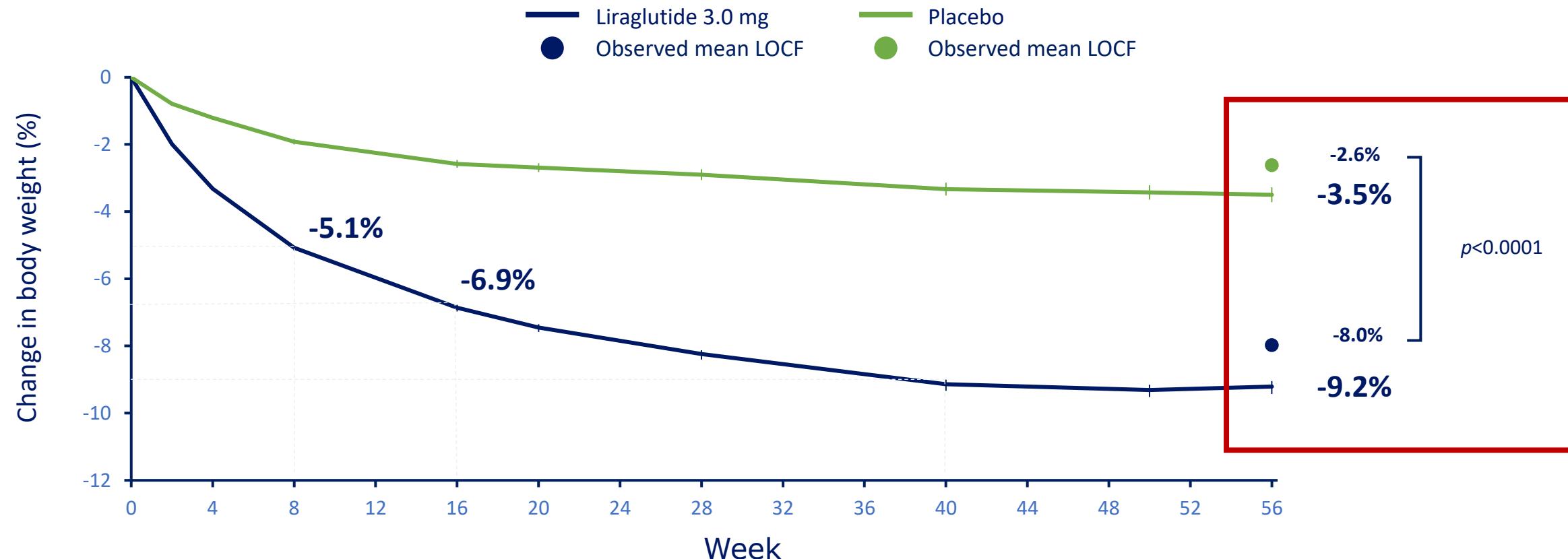
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A Randomized, Controlled Trial of 3.0 mg of Liraglutide in Weight Management

Mean baseline weight: 106 kg



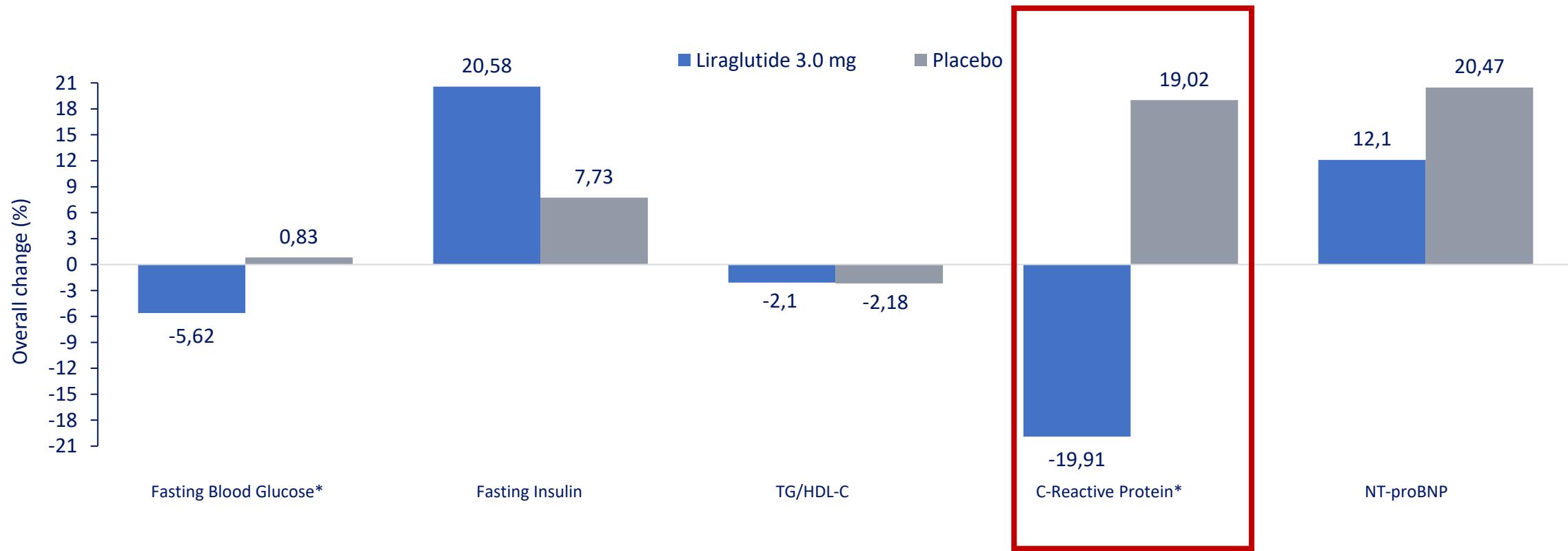
FAS, fasting visit data only. Line graphs are observed means (\pm SE). Statistical analysis is ANCOVA.
FAS, full analysis set; LOCF, last observation carried forward; SE, standard error

Lifestyle intervention: -500 kcal/day diet + 150 min/week physical activity

Effetto su Parametri Metabolici

Effects of liraglutide on visceral and ectopic fat in adults with overweight and obesity at high cardiovascular risk: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, clinical trial

Ian J Neeland, Steven P Marso, Colby R Ayers, Bienka Lewis, Robert Oslica, Wynona Francis, Susan Rodder, Ambarish Pandey, Parag H Joshi



Values are estimated means. Estimated treatment differences are calculated using analysis of covariance from the modified intention-to-treat (mITT) population without imputation.
p-value, Fasting Blood Glucose (%), 0.005; Fasting Insulin (%), 0.41; TG/HDL-C (%), 0.99; C-Reactive Protein (%), 0.03; NT-proBNP (%), 0.38

*Statistically significant, $p < 0.005$

HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; TG, triglycerides; NT-proBNP, N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide

Neeland et al. *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology* 2021; 9(9): 595-605

Marked weight loss on liraglutide 3.0 mg: Real-life experience of a Swiss cohort with obesity

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TABLE 1 Anthropometric data at baseline, after 4 months, and after 10 months of liraglutide treatment

	Baseline	After 4 months	After 10 months
Age (y)	43.6 ± 11.6	—	—
Female	35/54 (65%)	35/54 (68%)	33/49 (67%)
Weight (kg)	115.2 ± 19.6	106.1 ± 18.2*	101.0 ± 18.5§
BMI (kg/m ²)	40.8 ± 5.7	37.5 ± 5.4*	35.8 ± 5.4§
Waist circumference (cm)	116.3 ± 17.5	107.0 ± 15.7*	106.6 ± 22.1§
Weight loss (kg)	—	-10 ± 3.7	-14.1 ± 6.6
Weight loss (%)	—	-8.7 ± 3.1	-12.4 ± 5.5

Note: Data expressed as mean ± SD.

**p* < 0.05 between baseline and 4 months.

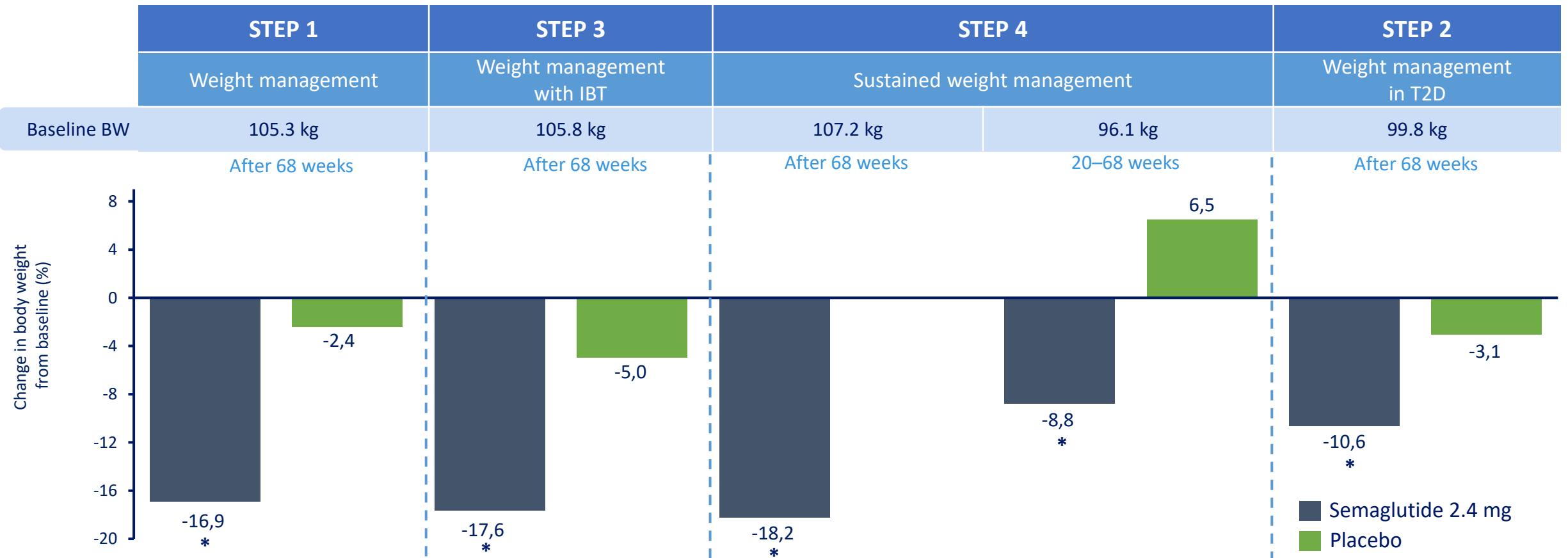
§*p* < 0.05, between baseline and 10 months.

TABLE 2 Clinical outcomes after 10 months of liraglutide treatment

	n	Baseline	After 10 months
<i>Metabolic comorbidities</i>			
Hypertension	48	20/48 (42%)	18/48 (37%)
Dyslipidemia	47	24/47 (51%)	16/47 (34%)
Prediabetes	48	30/48 (62%)	4/48 (8%)*
Hepatic steatosis	20	20/20 (100%)	12/20 (60%)*
<i>Metabolic parameters</i>			
Glucose (mmol/L)	43	5.8 ± 0.8	5.2 ± 0.4*
HbA _{1c} (%)	45	5.5 ± 0.4	5.2 ± 0.3*
Insulin (mU/L)	32	31.1 ± 22.3	19.8 ± 11.8*
HOMA-IR	32	8.5 ± 7.4	4.6 ± 3.0*
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	45	4.6 ± 0.8	4.5 ± 0.7
HDL (mmol/L)	44	1.3 ± 0.4	1.3 ± 0.2
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	45	1.6 ± 1.0	1.3 ± 0.7*
LDL (mmol/L)	44	2.7 ± 0.6	2.6 ± 0.7
hsCRP (mg/dL)	33	7.6 ± 5.3	4.6 ± 4.4*
AST (U/L)	44	23.4 ± 11.1	19.7 ± 7.7*
ALT (U/L)	44	33.2 ± 20.7	26.1 ± 18.4*
γ-GT (U/L)	43	37.2 ± 27.2	26.5 ± 18.5*
NAFLD fibrosis score	26	-1.5 ± 1.0	-2.33 ± 1.1*
<i>Body composition</i>			
Fat mass (%)	36	49.6 ± 6.1	46.3 ± 6.4*
Fat mass (kg)	36	54.4 ± 11.8	44.0 ± 10.6*
VAT (g)	36	2247 ± 1157	1717 ± 1002*
Lean mass (%)	36	49.3 ± 6.0	51.8 ± 7.2*
Lean mass (kg)	36	55.0 ± 10.6	51.7 ± 11.3*
FMI (kg/m ²)	36	19.6 ± 4.5	16.1 ± 3.8*
ALMI (kg/m ²)	36	9.5 ± 1.3	9.0 ± 1.1*

Perdita di Peso ottenuta negli Studi STEP di fase 3

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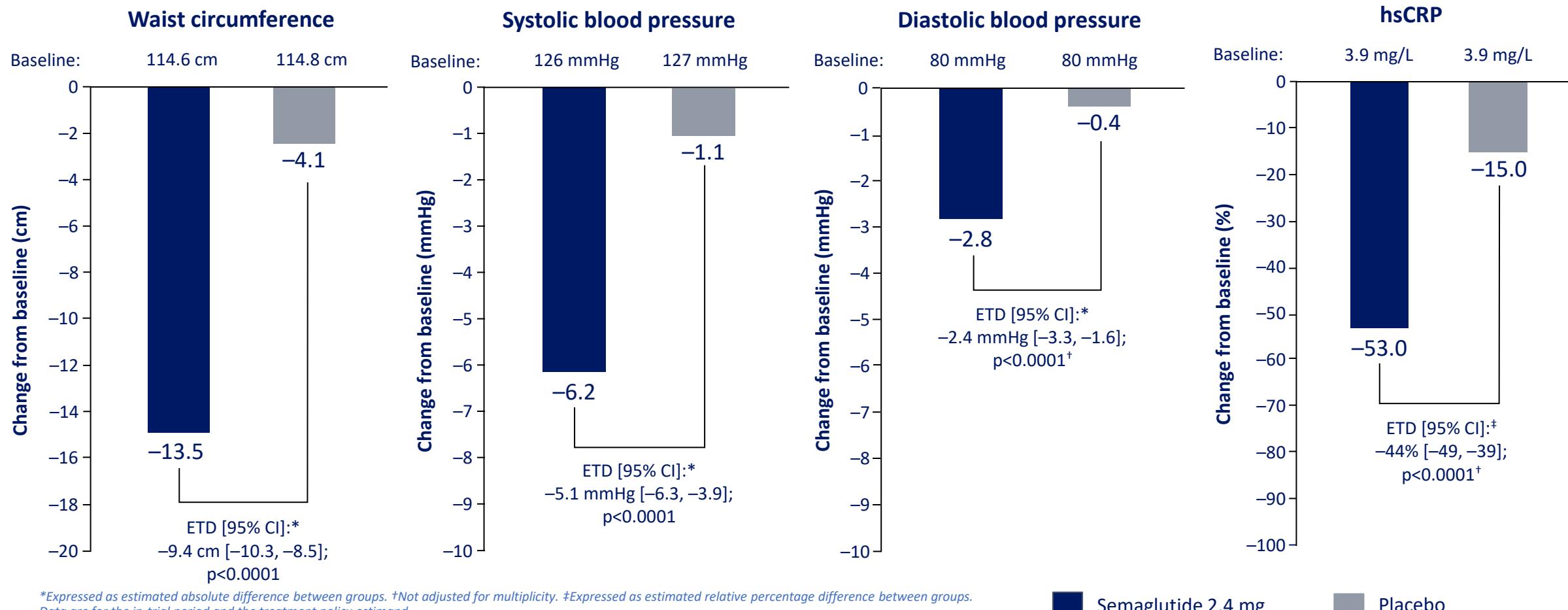
Trial product estimand: Evaluates the treatment effect under the assumption that the trial product is taken as intended

*Statistically significant vs placebo.

BW, body weight; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy.

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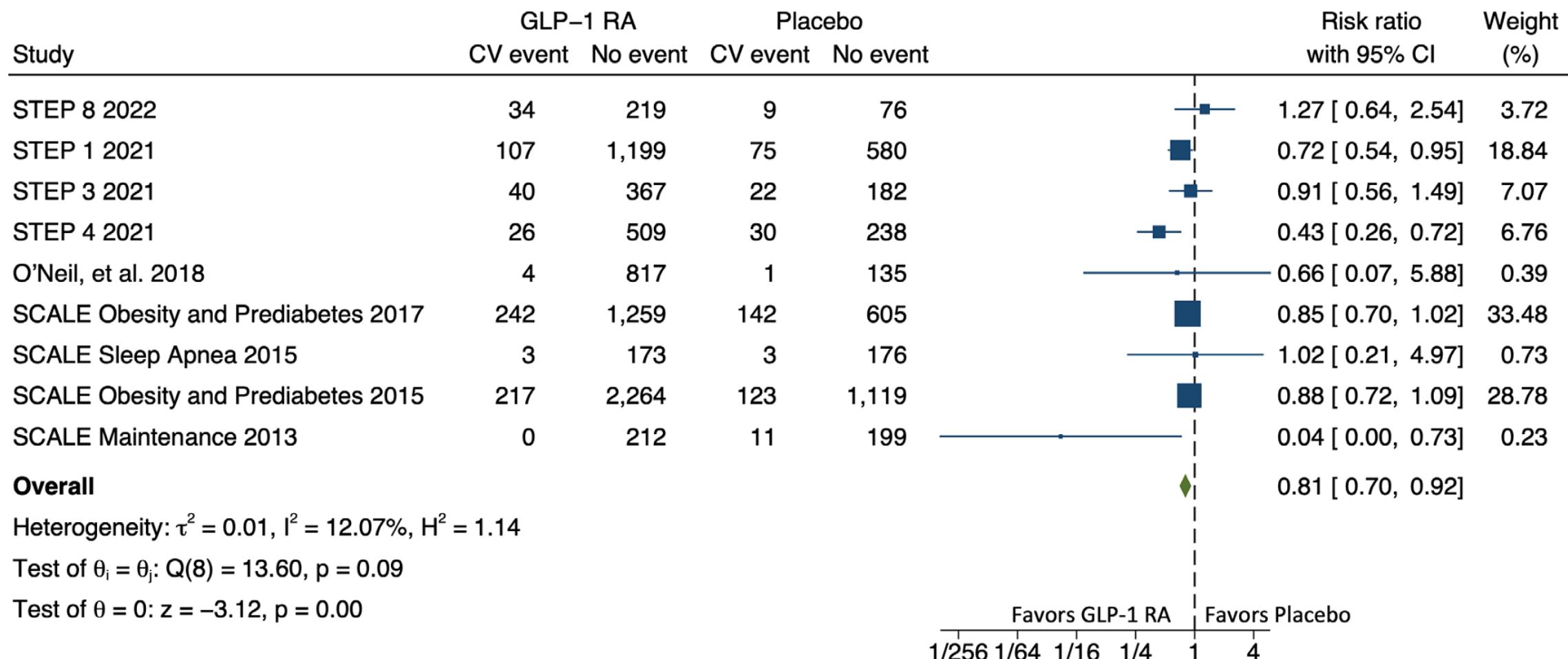


*Expressed as estimated absolute difference between groups. †Not adjusted for multiplicity. #Expressed as estimated relative percentage difference between groups.
Data are for the in-trial period and the treatment policy estimand.

CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; ETD, estimated treatment difference; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein.
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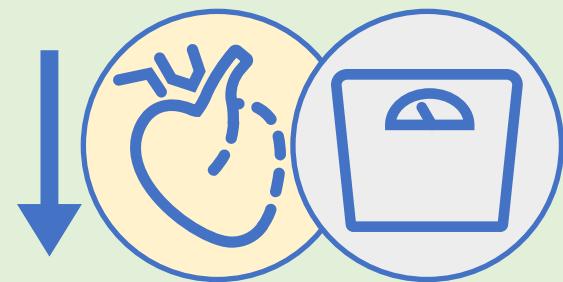
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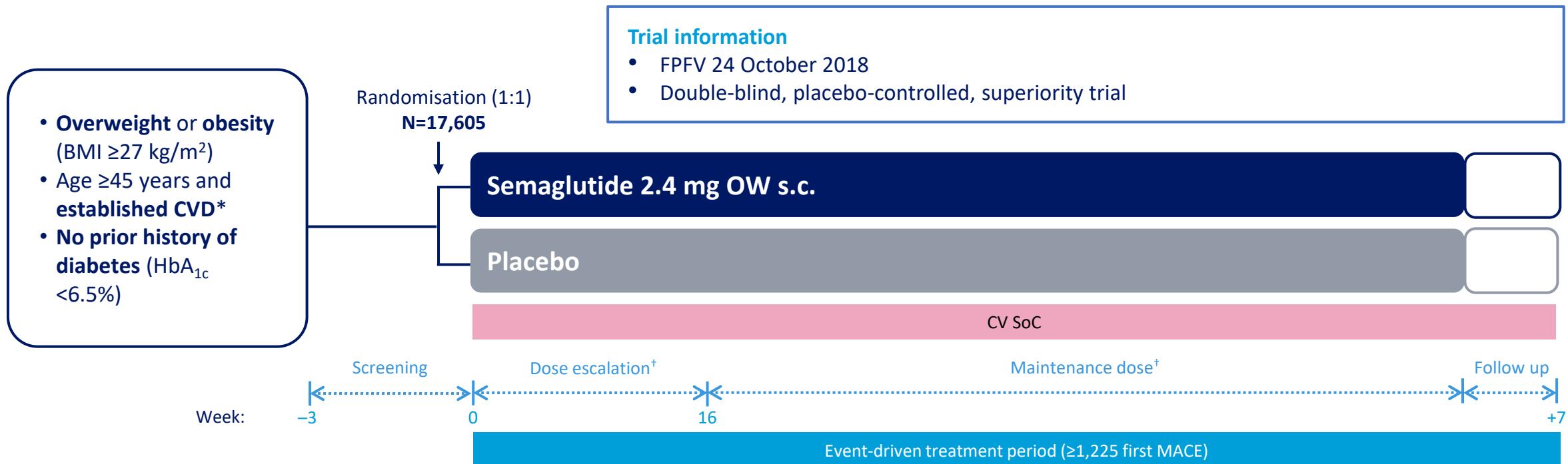


The primary objective of SELECT

To demonstrate that once weekly s.c.
semaglutide 2.4 mg lowers the incidence of
MACE versus semaglutide **placebo**, both added to
standard of care in participants with
established CV disease and overweight or obesity



SELECT Trial



Three-component MACE consisted of non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, CV death.

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

[†]Dose escalation is from week 4 to 16 with intervals of 4 weeks, and maintenance dose is event-driven to end of treatment period.

BMI, body mass index; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; FPFV, first patient first visit; HbA_{1c}, glycated haemoglobin; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; OW, once weekly; PAD, peripheral artery disease; s.c., subcutaneous; SELECT, semaglutide effects on cardiovascular outcomes in people with overweight or obesity; SoC, standard of care.

Ryan DH et al. Am Heart J 2020;229:61–9; Lingvay I et al. Obesity (Silver Spring) 2023;31:111–22.

Baseline characteristics of SELECT trial participants

N=17,605



MI only

n=11,908

67.6%



Stroke only

n=3,135

17.8%



PAD only

n=777

4.4%

≥2 CV inclusion criteria: n=1,433, 8.1%

Primary and confirmatory secondary endpoints SELECT

Primary endpoint^{1,2}

Time from randomisation to first occurrence of composite endpoint consisting of:

- CV death
- Non-fatal MI
- Non-fatal stroke



Confirmatory secondary endpoints^{1,2}

Time from randomisation to occurrence of:

- CV death
- Composite HF endpoint consisting of HF hospitalisation, urgent HF visit or CV death
- All-cause death



Timelines for SELECT



As the SELECT trial is event driven, timelines are dependent on the event rates

Results: Baseline characteristics in the overall population and by baseline HbA_{1c} value (1 of 5)

Characteristic	Overall (N = 17,605)	HbA _{1c} <5.7% (N = 5,904)	HbA _{1c} ≥5.7% to <6.0% (N = 6,087)	HbA _{1c} ≥6.0% to <6.5% (N = 5,609)
CV inclusion criteria, n (%)*				
MI only	11,908 (67.6)	3,861 (65.4)	4,198 (69.0)	3,846 (68.6)
Stroke only	3,135 (17.8)	1,199 (20.3)	1,049 (17.2)	886 (15.8)
PAD only	777 (4.4)	254 (4.3)	254 (4.2)	269 (4.8)
≥2 CV inclusion criteria	1,433 (8.1)	470 (8.0)	469 (7.7)	493 (8.8)
Demographics				
Age (years), mean (SD)	61.6 (8.9)	61.0 (9.1)	61.7 (8.8)	62.1 (8.6)
Age group (years), n (%)				
45 to <55	4,150 (23.6)	1,599 (27.1)	1,400 (23.0)	1,150 (20.5)
55 to <65	6,727 (38.2)	2,149 (36.4)	2,365 (38.9)	2,211 (39.4)
65 to <75	5,362 (30.5)	1,707 (28.9)	1,848 (30.4)	1,806 (32.2)
75 to <85	1,318 (7.5)	435 (7.4)	458 (7.5)	424 (7.6)
≥85	48 (0.3)	14 (0.2)	16 (0.3)	18 (0.3)
Male, n (%)	12,733 (72.3)	4,274 (72.4)	4,409 (72.4)	4,046 (72.1)
Region, n (%)				
North America	4,401 (25.0)	1,717 (29.1)	1,423 (23.4)	1,259 (22.4)
South America	1,152 (6.5)	494 (8.4)	385 (6.3)	273 (4.9)
Europe	6,507 (37.0)	1,834 (31.1)	2,380 (39.1)	2,291 (40.8)
Africa	845 (4.8)	273 (4.6)	280 (4.6)	292 (5.2)
Asia	2,201 (12.5)	722 (12.2)	757 (12.4)	722 (12.9)
Other	2,499 (14.2)	864 (14.6)	862 (14.2)	772 (13.8)

Results: Baseline characteristics in the overall population and by baseline HbA_{1c} value (2 of 5)

Characteristic	Overall (N = 17,605)	HbA _{1c} <5.7% (N = 5,904)	HbA _{1c} ≥5.7% to <6.0% (N = 6,087)	HbA _{1c} ≥6.0% to <6.5% (N = 5,609)
Race, n (%) [†]				
Asian	1,447 (8.2)	446 (7.6)	501 (8.2)	500 (8.9)
Black	671 (3.8)	228 (3.9)	214 (3.5)	228 (4.1)
White	14,791 (84.0)	5,033 (85.2)	5,120 (84.1)	4,634 (82.6)
Other [‡]	527 (3.0)	160 (2.7)	191 (3.1)	176 (3.1)
Ethnicity, n (%) [§]				
Hispanic or Latino	1,822 (10.3)	755 (12.8)	594 (9.8)	473 (8.4)
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,612 (88.7)	5,111 (86.6)	5,431 (89.2)	5,065 (90.3)
Tobacco use, n (%)				
Current smoker	2,950 (16.8)	834 (14.1)	1,069 (17.6)	1,046 (18.6)
Never smoked	6,123 (34.8)	2,275 (38.5)	2,048 (33.6)	1,800 (32.1)
Previous smoker	8,530 (48.5)	2,794 (47.3)	2,970 (48.8)	2,762 (49.2)
Body measurements				
Body mass index (kg/m ²), mean (SD)	33.34 (5.04)	32.84 (4.83)	33.23 (4.94)	33.97 (5.29)
Body mass index (kg/m ²), n (%)				
<30	5,024 (28.5)	1,895 (32.1)	1,747 (28.7)	1,382 (24.6)
30 to <35	7,475 (42.5)	2,521 (42.7)	2,638 (43.3)	2,314 (41.3)
35 to <40	3,346 (19.0)	1,002 (17.0)	1,117 (18.4)	1,225 (21.8)
40 to <45	1,174 (6.7)	330 (5.6)	403 (6.6)	440 (7.8)
≥45	586 (3.3)	156 (2.6)	182 (3.0)	248 (4.4)

Adapted from Table 1

Baseline is defined as the assessment from the randomization visit (or the screening visit if the assessment from the randomization visit was not available). Data for all variables were not obtained for the entire population. Smoking is defined as at least one cigarette or equivalent daily.
[†]Race was not reported for some participants (overall population: n = 169; 1.0%). [‡]The category "Other" for race includes participants whose race was recorded as "American Indian or Alaska Native", "Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander", or "Other". [§]Ethnicity was not reported for some participants (overall population: n = 171; 1.0%).

HbA_{1c}, glycated hemoglobin; SD, standard deviation.

Results: Baseline characteristics in the overall population and by baseline HbA_{1c} value (4 of 5)

Characteristic	Overall (N = 17,605)	HbA _{1c} <5.7% (N = 5,904)	HbA _{1c} ≥5.7% to <6.0% (N = 6,087)	HbA _{1c} ≥6.0% to <6.5% (N = 5,609)
Renal variables				
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²), mean (SD)	82.5 (17.4)	83.2 (17.6)	82.1 (17.5)	82.2 (17.1)
Renal function, eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²), n (%)				
Normal ≥90	6,990 (39.7)	2,459 (41.6)	2,363 (38.8)	2,167 (38.6)
Mild RI 60 to <90	8,577 (48.7)	2,791 (47.3)	2,994 (49.2)	2,790 (49.7)
Moderate RI 30 to <60	1,826 (10.4)	575 (9.7)	655 (10.8)	595 (10.6)
Severe RI 15 to <30	69 (0.4)	29 (0.5)	23 (0.4)	17 (0.3)
End-stage renal disease <15	2 (<0.1)	2 (<0.1)	0	0
Albumin/creatinine ratio (mg/g), median (IQR) ^{II}	7.37 (4.46–15.39)	7.15 (4.32–14.80)	7.26 (4.44–14.67)	7.79 (4.65–16.56)
Albuminuria (mg/g), n (%)				
Normoalbuminuria (<30)	14,846 (84.3)	4,991 (84.5)	5,165 (84.9)	4,687 (83.6)
Microalbuminuria (30 to <300)	1,968 (11.2)	634 (10.7)	668 (11.0)	666 (11.9)
Macroalbuminuria (≥300)	325 (1.8)	117 (2.0)	91 (1.5)	117 (2.1)
eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m ² or UACR ≥30 mg/g, n (%)	3,697 (21.0)	1,197 (20.3)	1,270 (20.9)	1,229 (21.9)
Lipid and C-reactive protein levels				
High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (mg/L), median (IQR)	1.83 (0.87–4.12)	1.66 (0.81–3.72)	1.80 (0.85–4.01)	2.08 (0.96–4.54)
Total cholesterol (mmol/L), median (IQR)	3.97 (3.39–4.73)	4.02 (3.39–4.79)	3.96 (3.39–4.70)	3.93 (3.39–4.67)

Adapted from Table 1

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CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA_{1c}, glycated hemoglobin; IQR, interquartile range; RI, renal impairment; SD, standard deviation; UACR, urinary albumin to creatinine ratio.

Results: Baseline characteristics in the overall population and by baseline HbA_{1c} value (5 of 5)

Characteristic	Overall (N = 17,605)	HbA _{1c} <5.7% (N = 5,904)	HbA _{1c} ≥5.7% to <6.0% (N = 6,087)	HbA _{1c} ≥6.0% to <6.5% (N = 5,609)
LDL-C (mmol/L), median (IQR)	2.02 (1.57–2.64)	2.05 (1.59–2.69)	2.02 (1.58–2.63)	2.00 (1.56–2.60)
HDL-C (mmol/L), median (IQR)	1.13 (0.96–1.34)	1.17 (0.99–1.40)	1.13 (0.97–1.34)	1.09 (0.94–1.29)
Triglycerides (mmol/L), median (IQR)	1.52 (1.11–2.12)	1.43 (1.05–2.02)	1.52 (1.11–2.10)	1.60 (1.19–2.24)
Free fatty acids (mmol/L), median (IQR)	0.30 (0.17–0.48)	0.30 (0.16–0.48)	0.29 (0.16–0.47)	0.31 (0.18–0.48)
VLDL-C (mmol/L), median (IQR)	0.68 (0.50–0.95)	0.64 (0.47–0.91)	0.68 (0.50–0.95)	0.72 (0.54–1.01)
Blood pressure and heart rate				
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg), mean (SD)	131.0 (15.4)	130.4 (15.4)	131.0 (15.5)	131.6 (15.4)
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg), mean (SD)	79.3 (10.0)	79.3 (10.0)	79.4 (10.0)	79.2 (9.9)
Pulse (beats/min), mean (SD)	68.8 (10.7)	68.5 (10.7)	68.5 (10.6)	69.4 (10.7)
Patient-reported outcomes				
EQ-VAS score, mean (SD)	77.15 (15.68)	77.83 (15.68)	77.08 (15.60)	76.49 (15.73)
EQ-5D index score, mean (SD)	0.88 (0.15)	0.88 (0.15)	0.88 (0.15)	0.88 (0.14)
WRSS total score, mean (SD)	1.13 (0.77)	1.08 (0.77)	1.13 (0.77)	1.16 (0.77)

Adapted from Table 1

Baseline is defined as the assessment from the randomization visit (or the screening visit if the assessment from the randomization visit was not available). Data for all variables were not obtained for the entire population.

EQ-5D, EuroQoL 5 Dimensions; EQ-VAS, EuroQoL Visual Analog Scale; HbA_{1c}, glycated hemoglobin; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; IQR, interquartile range; SD, standard deviation; VLDL-C, very-low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; WRSS, weight-related sign and symptom.

Results: CV history at randomization in the overall population and by baseline HbA_{1c} value (1of 2)

Characteristic	Overall (N = 17,605)	HbA _{1c} <5.7% (N = 5,904)	HbA _{1c} ≥5.7% to <6.0% (N = 6,087)	HbA _{1c} ≥6.0% to <6.5% (N = 5,609)
Coronary heart disease, n (%)	14,453 (82.1)	4,730 (80.1)	5,025 (82.6)	4,694 (83.7)
Myocardial infarction, n (%)	13,439 (76.3)	4,376 (74.1)	4,687 (77.0)	4,372 (77.9)
Non-ST-segment elevation	4,443 (25.2)	1,412 (23.9)	1,616 (26.5)	1,414 (25.2)
ST-segment elevation	5,414 (30.8)	1,724 (29.2)	1,875 (30.8)	1,813 (32.3)
Unknown	2,991 (17.0)	1,046 (17.7)	1,002 (16.5)	942 (16.8)
Coronary artery stenosis ≥50%, n (%)*	9,692 (55.1)	3,037 (51.6)	3,436 (56.4)	3,206 (57.2)
Coronary revascularization, n (%)	11,849 (67.3)	3,763 (63.7)	4,162 (68.4)	3,920 (69.9)
Percutaneous coronary intervention	10,337 (58.7)	3,272 (55.4)	3,637 (59.8)	3,424 (61.0)
Coronary artery bypass graft	2,057 (11.7)	652 (11.0)	719 (11.8)	685 (12.2)
Stroke, n (%)	4,108 (23.3)	1,537 (26.0)	1,376 (22.6)	1,193 (21.3)
Ischemic stroke	2,983 (16.9)	1,086 (18.4)	1,032 (17.0)	865 (15.4)
Hemorrhagic stroke	329 (1.9)	153 (2.6)	102 (1.7)	73 (1.3)
Undetermined stroke	517 (2.9)	203 (3.4)	154 (2.5)	159 (2.8)
Transient ischemic attack, n (%)	761 (4.3)	289 (4.9)	261 (4.3)	210 (3.7)
Carotid artery stenosis ≥50%, n (%)*	807 (4.6)	253 (4.3)	285 (4.7)	269 (4.8)
Carotid revascularization, n (%)	421 (2.4)	129 (2.2)	151 (2.5)	141 (2.5)

Adapted from Table 2

CV history was based on the participant's medical records and the investigator's discretion. For CV history, the sub-classifications listed may not total the full number of patients with the relevant CV history, as investigators were not required to provide information about the relevant sub-classification; furthermore, for coronary revascularization, stroke, and myocardial infarction, the electronic case report form was designed to only collect the sub-classifications for the most recent event.

*NoR <90%; % is calculated using N for the relevant (sub-)population. For coronary artery stenosis, carotid artery stenosis, and peripheral artery stenosis, NoR was ≥80% of the total population.

CV, cardiovascular; HbA_{1c}, glycated hemoglobin; NoR, number of responses; SD, standard deviation.



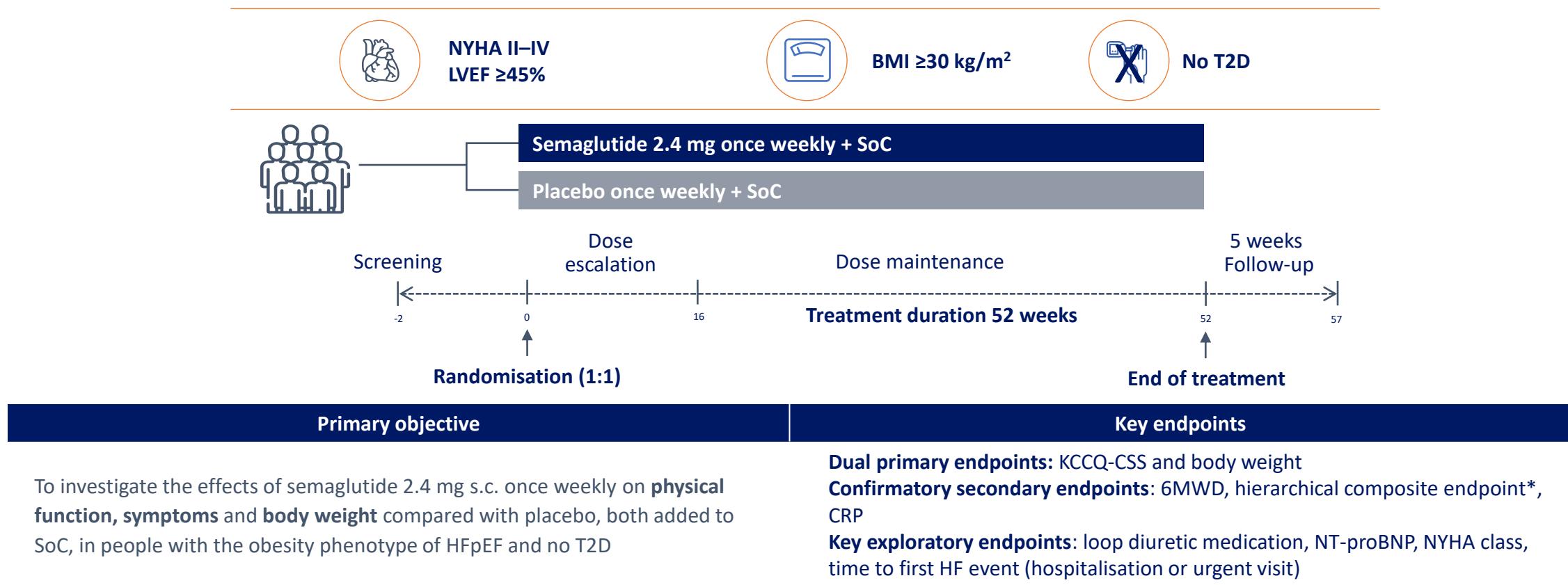
company announcement

Semaglutide 2.4 mg reduces the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events by 20% in adults with overweight or obesity in the SELECT trial

The trial achieved its primary objective by demonstrating a statistically significant and superior reduction in MACE of 20% for people treated with semaglutide 2.4 mg compared to placebo¹. The primary endpoint of the study was defined as the composite outcome of the first occurrence of MACE defined as cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction or non-fatal stroke. All three components of the primary endpoint contributed to the superior MACE reduction demonstrated by semaglutide 2.4 mg. 1,270 first MACEs were accrued.

STEP-HFpEF trial design

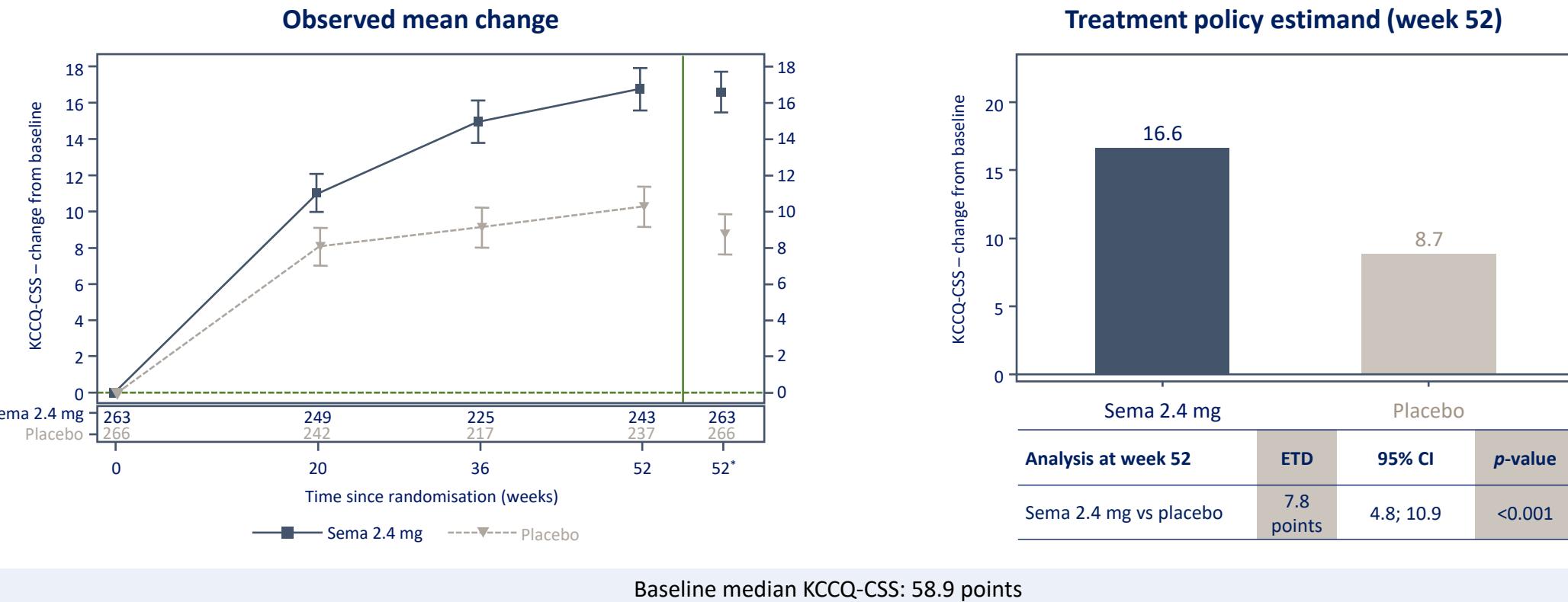
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*Comprising time to all-cause death, time to and number of HF events, changes in KCCQ-CSS and 6MWD
6MWD, 6-minute walk distance; BMI, body mass index; CRP, C-reactive protein; HF, heart failure; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; KCCQ-CSS, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire Clinical Summary Score; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association; s.c., subcutaneous; SoC, standard of care; T2D, type 2 diabetes
Novo Nordisk A/S. NCT04788511. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04788511> (accessed August 2023); Kosiborod MN et al. JACC HF 2023;11(8_Part_1):1000–1010

Significant improvement in mean KCCQ-CSS

Primary endpoint (treatment policy estimand)



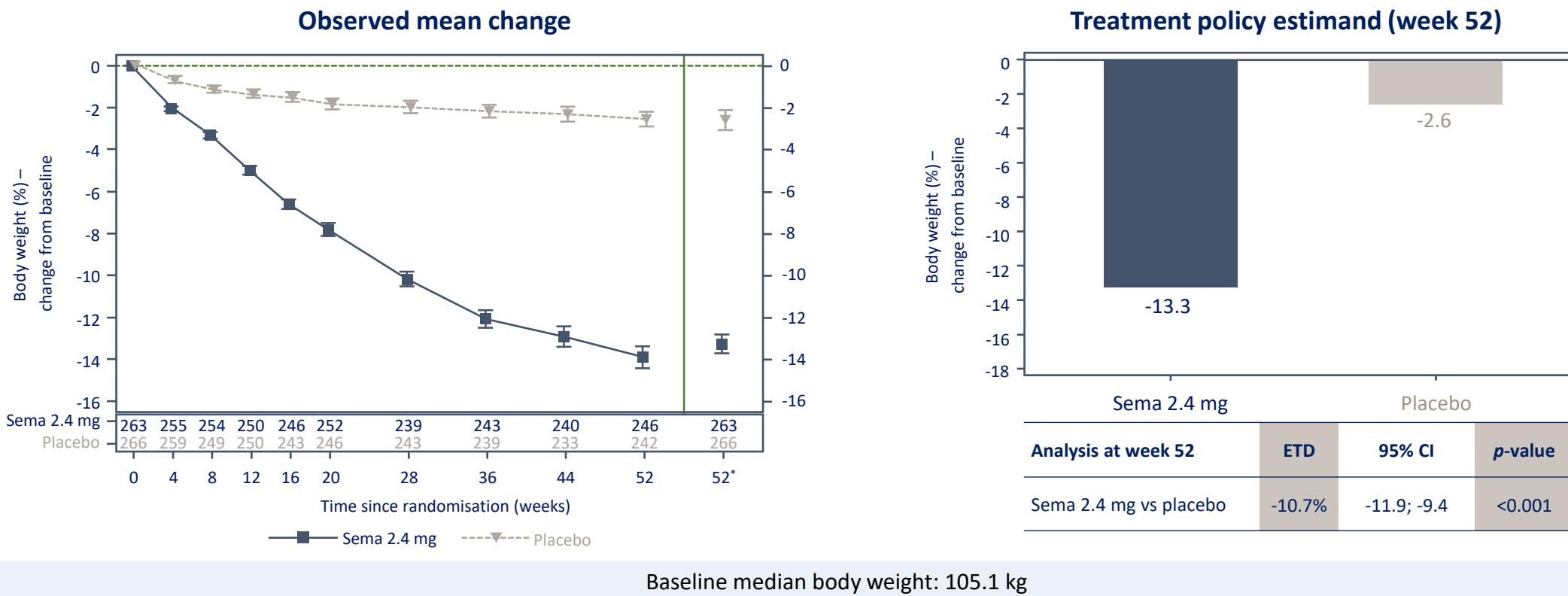
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*Estimated means

CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; KCCQ-CSS, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire Clinical Summary Score; sema, semaglutide
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Significant decrease in mean body weight

Primary endpoint (treatment policy estimand)



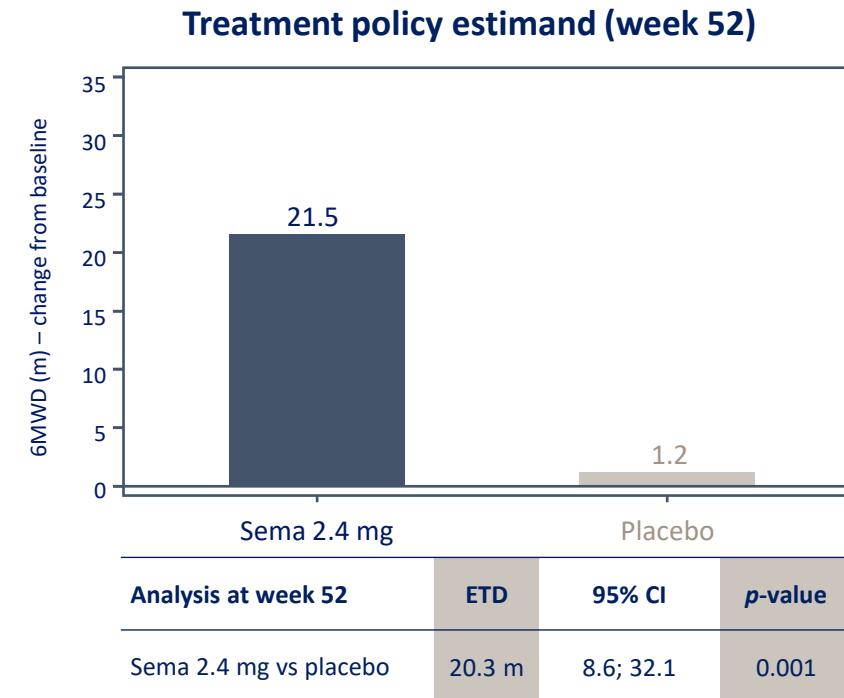
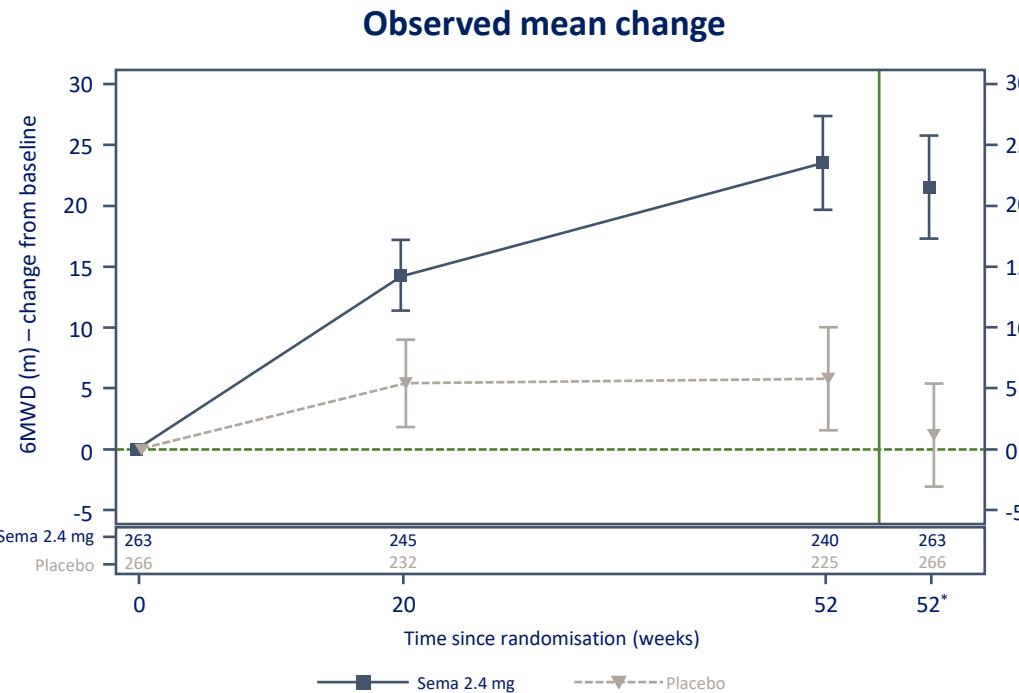
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Significant increase in mean 6MWD

Confirmatory secondary endpoint (treatment policy estimand)



Baseline 6MWD: 320.0 m

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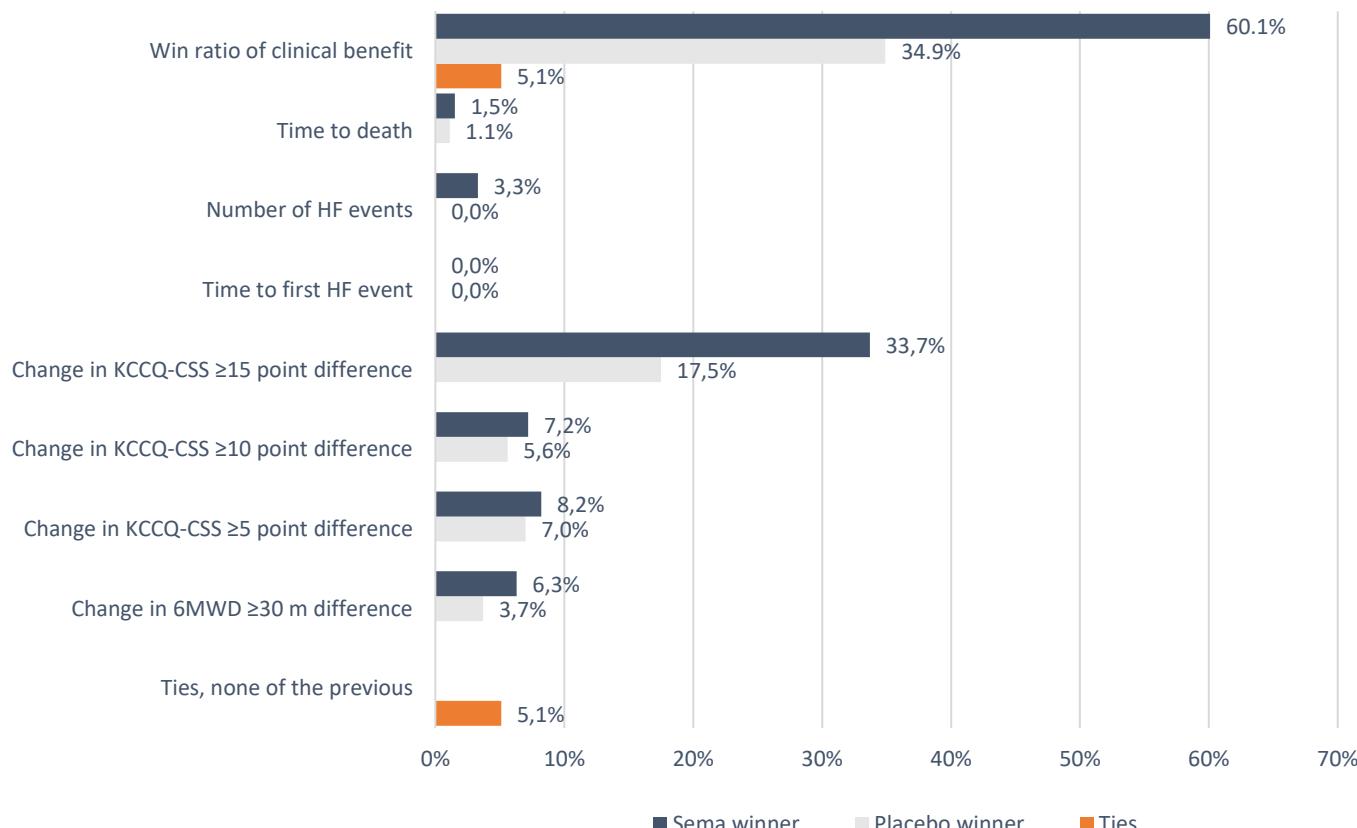
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6MWD, 6-minute walk distance; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; sema, semaglutide

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Win ratio for composite hierarchical endpoint

Confirmatory secondary endpoint (treatment policy estimand)

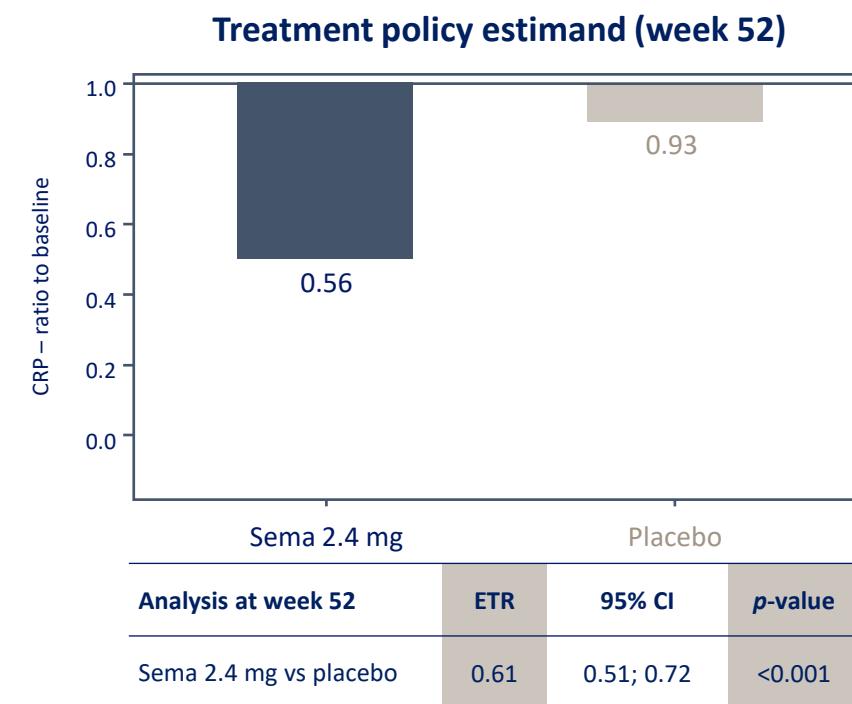
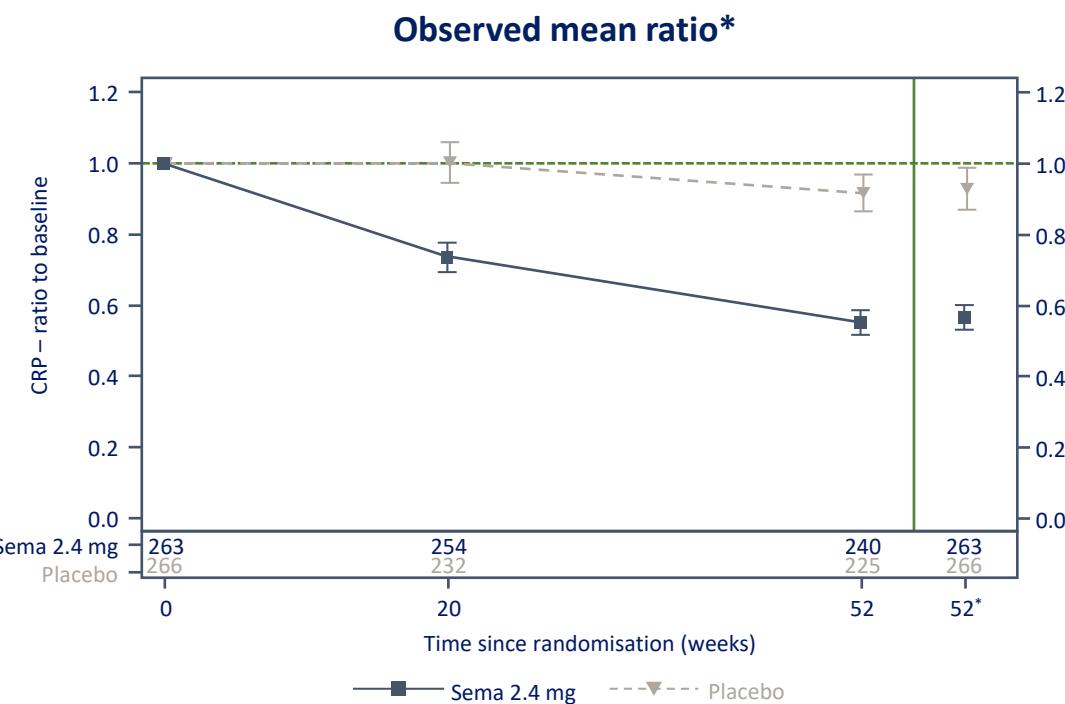


Analysis at week 52	Stratified WR	95% CI	p-value
Sema 2.4 mg / placebo	1.72	1.37; 2.15	<0.001

There are 72% more wins with sema 2.4 mg versus placebo or if considering an untied pair, the odds that a patient receiving sema 2.4 mg is the winner is 1.72 (versus placebo)
 6MWD, 6-minute walk distance; CI, confidence interval; HF, heart failure; KCCQ-CSS, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire Clinical Summary Score; WR, win ratio
 Kosiborod MN et al. N Engl J Med 2023; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2306963 (soon to be published)

Significant decrease in CRP levels

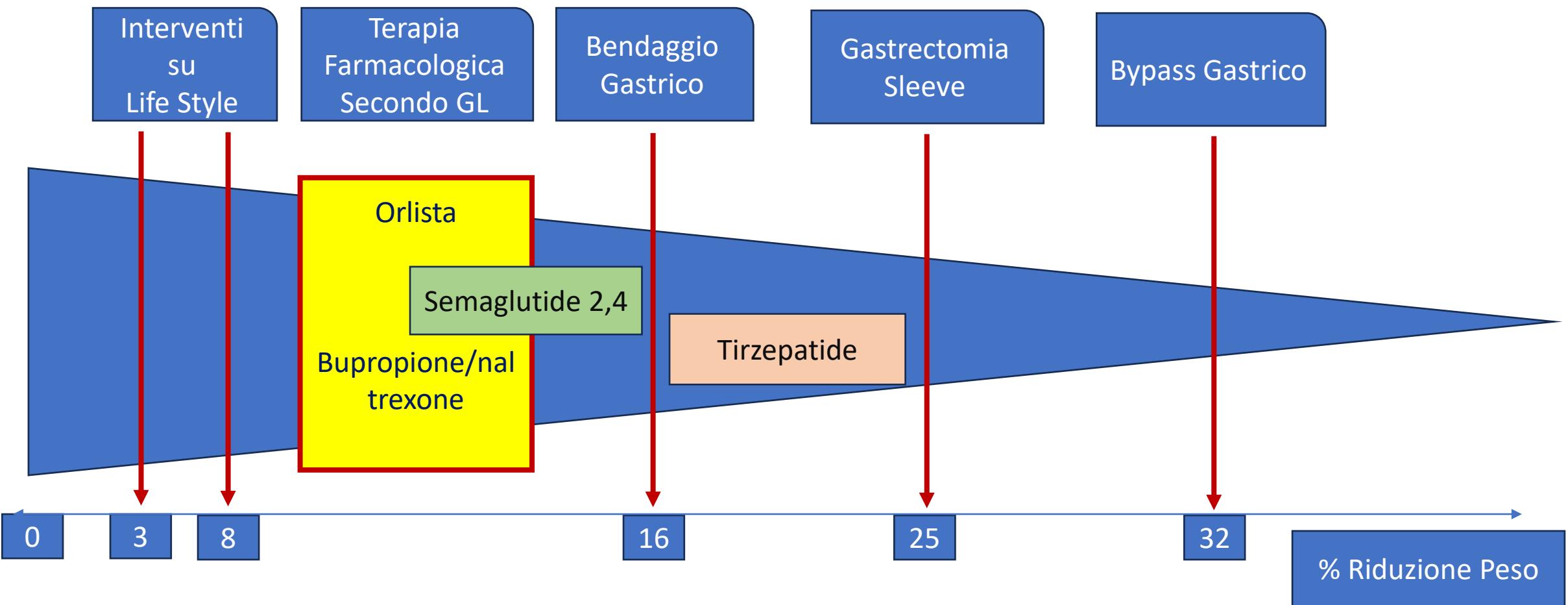
Confirmatory secondary endpoint (treatment policy estimand)



Baseline CRP levels: 3.8 mg/L

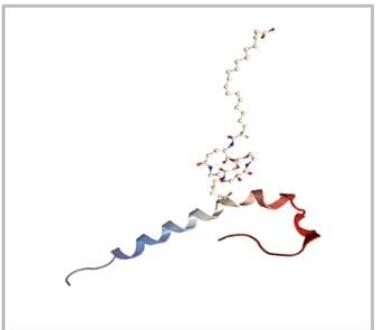
Observed proportions of CRP below 2 mg/L: 50% vs 28.4% for sema 2.4 mg vs placebo, respectively. *Ratios above 1 indicate increased and ratios below 1 express decreased CRP levels with sema 2.4 mg vs placebo. In the left figure, error bars are \pm standard error of the mean calculated on a logarithmic scale and back-transformed to a linear scale
 CI, confidence interval; CRP, C-reactive protein; ETR, estimated treatment ratio; sema, semaglutide
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Risultati di riduzione di Peso con diverse Terapie



Background and Rationale

- Tirzepatide is a multi-functional peptide based on the native GIP peptide sequence, modified to bind to GIP or GLP-1 receptors¹
- Tirzepatide has shown superior glycaemic control and weight loss compared to selective GLP-1 receptor agonists in preclinical and clinical studies, with an acceptable safety and tolerability profile¹⁻³
- Tirzepatide is a 39 amino acid linear peptide and includes a C20 fatty diacid moiety. The fatty acid component can bind to albumin
- Mean half-life of ~5 days, enabling once-weekly dosing
- Albumin concentrations in hepatic impaired subjects can be lower than that in control, and hence there could be, in theory, an impact of hepatic impairment on tirzepatide PK



Abbreviations: GIP = glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide; GLP-1 = glucagon-like peptide-1
 1. Coskun et al. Mol Metab. 2018;18:3-14 3. Frias et al. New Engl J Med. 2021;385(6):503-515.
 2. Frias et al. Lancet. 2018;392:2180-93

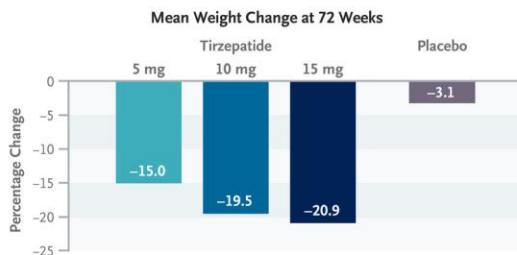
RESEARCH SUMMARY

Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

Jastreboff AM et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2206038

CLINICAL PROBLEM

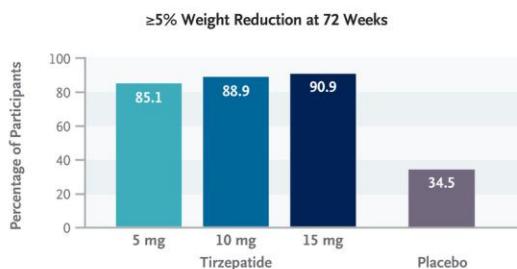
Several clinical guidelines recommend pharmacotherapy for obesity. Tirzepatide — a dual glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist recently approved in the United States to treat type 2 diabetes — induced clinically relevant weight reduction in phase 2 studies of people with diabetes. However, its efficacy for weight reduction in those without diabetes is unknown.



CLINICAL TRIAL

Design: An international, phase 3, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial examined the efficacy and safety of tirzepatide in adults with obesity or overweight who did not have diabetes.

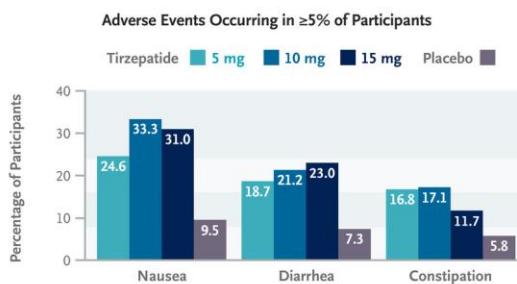
Intervention: 2539 adults with a body-mass index of 30 or higher, or 27 or higher with at least one weight-related complication, were assigned to once-weekly subcutaneous tirzepatide at one of three doses (5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg) or placebo, in addition to lifestyle intervention. Treatment included a dose-escalation phase and lasted for 72 weeks. The coprimary end points were the percentage change in weight from baseline to week 72 and weight reduction of at least 5% by week 72.



RESULTS

Efficacy: Both the percentage change in weight and the percentage of participants with at least 5% weight reduction were significantly greater with all three doses of tirzepatide than with placebo.

Safety: Gastrointestinal events, including nausea, diarrhea, and constipation, were the most common adverse events seen with tirzepatide; the majority of events were transient and mild to moderate in severity.



LIMITATIONS AND REMAINING QUESTIONS

- Enrolled participants may have been more committed to weight management than many people with obesity.
- Cardiometabolic variables (e.g., blood pressure and lipid levels) were relatively normal at baseline, so the ability to show a potential improvement within the time frame of this study was limited.
- The number of participants with overweight plus at least one weight-related complication was small (140 of the 2539 participants; 5.5%), which prevented definitive conclusions in this subgroup.

CONCLUSIONS

All three doses of once-weekly subcutaneous tirzepatide led to clinically meaningful and sustained weight reduction in obese adults who did not have diabetes.

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Effects of Tirzepatide Versus Insulin Glargine on Cystatin C-Based Kidney Function: A SURPASS-4 Post Hoc Analysis

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Tirzepatide slowed the cystatin C-based eGFR decline rate compared with insulin glargine

Context

Tirzepatide reduces body weight and eGFR-creatinine compared with insulin glargine

However, eGFR-creatinine may be influenced by muscle mass changes

Aim

Examine effects of tirzepatide on kidney function assessed by eGFR-cystatin C, which is not affected by muscle mass changes

Population

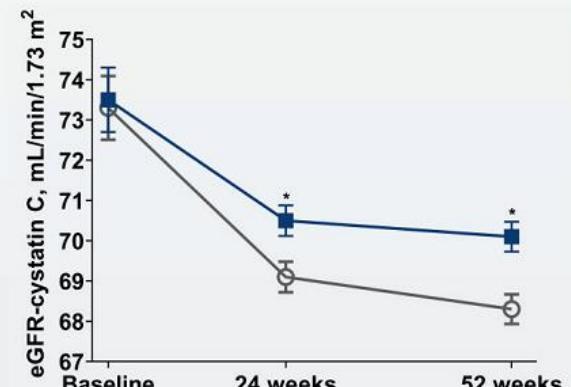
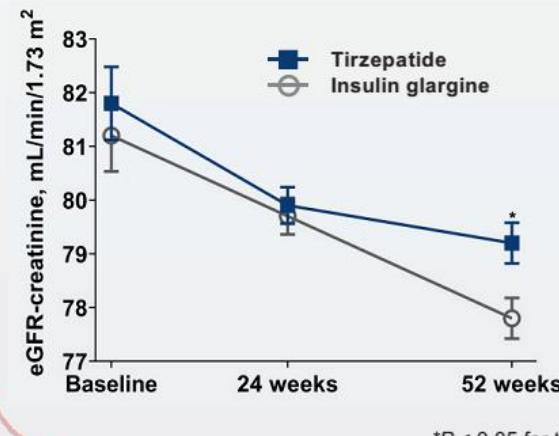
Type 2 diabetes

High cardiovascular risk



Key Result

Tirzepatide slowed the eGFR decline rate when assessed by both creatinine- and cystatin C-based eGFR



Effects on eGFR-cystatin C were consistent across subgroups defined by demographics, and by baseline glycemic control, SGLT2 inhibitor use, body weight, albuminuria status, and eGFR

Correlation Analyses

Baseline, 1-year, and 1-year change from baseline values correlated between eGFR-creatinine and -cystatin C

There were no significant correlations between changes in either eGFR measure and body weight changes

SURMOUNT-MMO: Population

Primary Prevention
Population
(Target: 40% of total)

BMI $\geq 27 \text{ kg/m}^2$

N=~15,000 Follow-up 3.5 years
TZP MTD vs placebo
Key exclusion criteria: T2D/T1D

Secondary Prevention
Population
(Target: 60% of total)

Primary Composite Endpoint

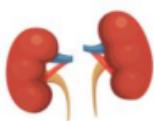
CV Composite:

1. All-cause Death
2. Non-fatal MI
3. Non-fatal Stroke
4. Coronary Revascularization
5. HF events that result in hospitalization or urgent visits

Key Secondary Endpoints



T2D Diagnosis



Improving renal outcomes



MACE-3



Improvement in Physical Functioning

Secondary/Tertiary Endpoints

- Change in body weight
- All-Cause Hospitalization
- Major Adverse Liver Outcomes (MALO)
- PROs
- Obesity-Related Malignancy
- Afib hospitalizations, ablation or cardioversion
- Additional Biomarkers

Confidential

Risultati

- La riduzione del Peso come strategia terapeutica per il controllo del rischio residuo è un obiettivo complesso da raggiungere
- L'intervento sul life style è di lieve entità e difficile da mantenere e comunque non associato ad una riduzione degli eventi CV
- I nuovi trattamenti possono determinare riduzioni significative e persistenti
- L'impiego di tali farmaci ha comportato una riduzione degli eventi CV e pertanto rappresenta una nuova strategia di gestione del Rischio Residuo