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# CHIRURGIA DELL'OBESITA: DAL TRATTAMENTO INTEGRATO AL WELLNESS



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## L'endocrinologo: i nuovi farmaci soppianteranno la chirurgia?

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*UOC DI ENDOCRINOLOGIA E PREVENZIONE E CURA DEL DIABETE  
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**SOMEONE SAYS «YES, OF COURSE!»**

# SEMAGLUTIDE ORFORGLIPRON

**GLP-1 agonists**

**GLP-1 Injectable**

- 3 Semaglutide 7.2mg - NN

**GLP-1 Oral**

- 3 Semaglutide 50mg\* - NN
- 3 Orforglipron - Eli Lilly
- 2 Danulipron - Pfizer
- 1 CT996 - Carmot Therapeutics

**Key:**  
 3 Phase 3  
 2 Phase 2  
 1 Phase 1  
 1 Pre clinical

# TIRZEPATIDE

**GLP-1 + GIP agonists**

- 3 Tirzepatide\* - Eli Lilly
- 1 SCO-094 - Scobia Pharma
- 1 VK2735 oral/subcut - Viking Therapeutics
- 1 CT388 - Carmot Therapeutics

**GLP-1 + GIP antagonist**

- 2 AMG 133 - Amgen

**GIP agonist**

- 1 ZP6590 - Zealand Pharma

# CAGRISEMA

**amylin agonists**

- 2 Cagrilintide - NN
- 1 Long acting amylin agonist - Eli Lilly
- 1 ZP8396 - Zealand Pharma
- 1 AZD6234 - AstraZeneca

**GLP-1 + amylin agonists**

- 3 CagriSema - NN
- 1 Oral amycretin - NN

# RETATRUTIDE

**GLP-1 + GIP + Glucagon agonist**

- 3 Retatrutide - Eli Lilly
- 1 HM15211 - Hanmi Pharmaceutical

**PYY agonists**

- 2 NNC0145-1875 - NN
- 1 NNC0145-1562 - NN
- 1 Y-14 - Zhipp

**GLP-1 + PYY agonists**

- 2 NNC0165-1875 + Semaglutide - NN
- 1 NNC0165-1562 + Semaglutide - NN

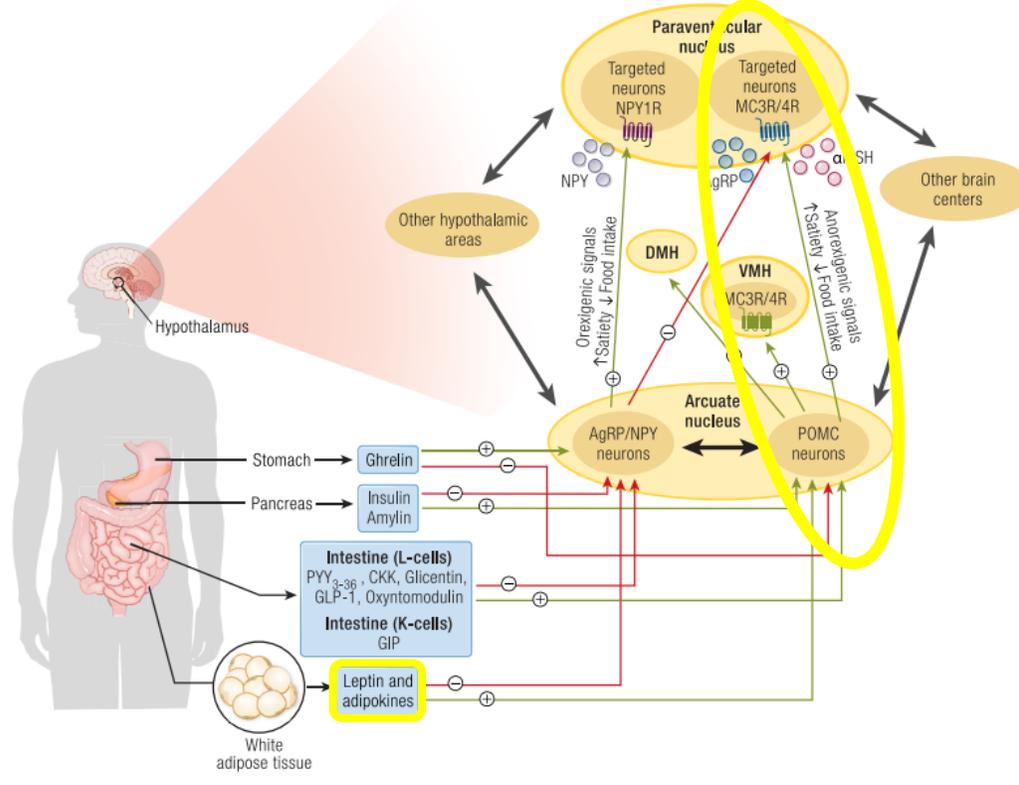
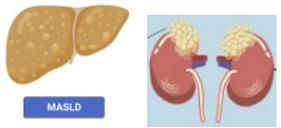
# SORVODUTIDE COTADUTIDE

**GLP-1 + glucagon agonists**

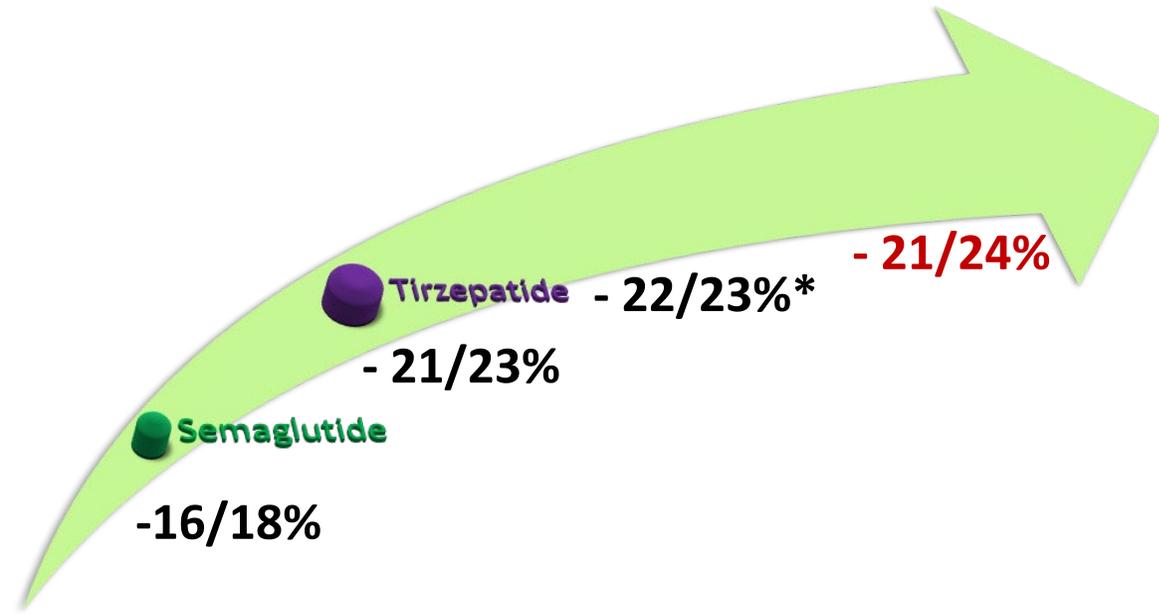
- 3 Survodutide - Boehringer Ingelheim
- 2 Efinopegdutide - Hanmi Pharmaceutical
- 2 Mazdutide - Eli Lilly
- 2 Pemvidutide ALT-801 - Altimune

**Glucagon agonist**

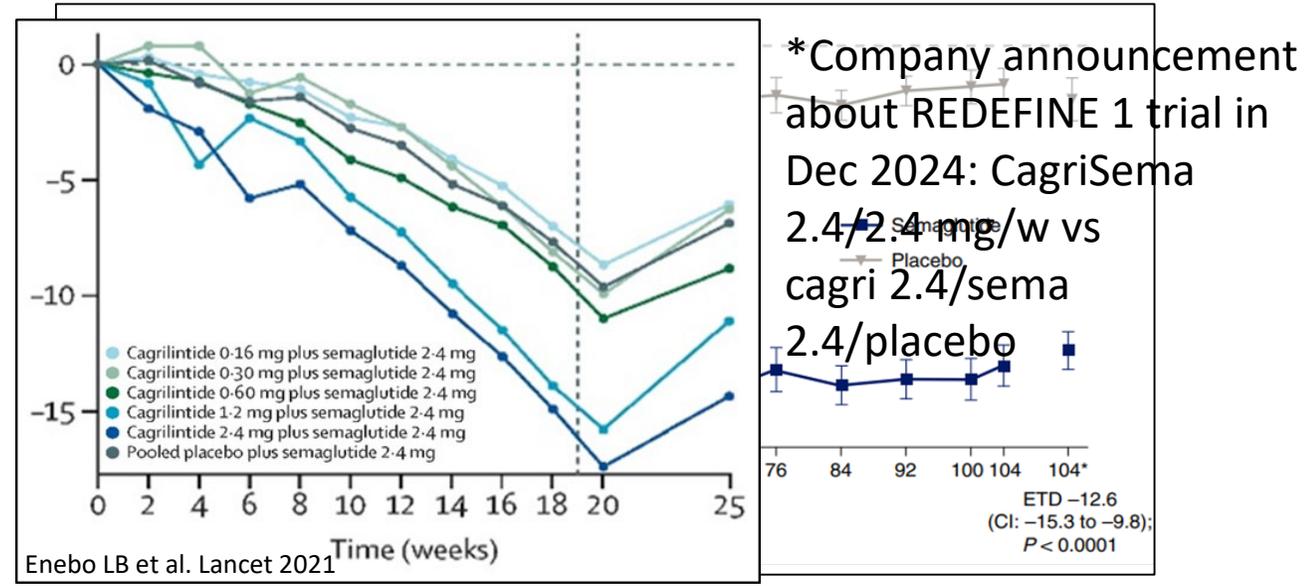
- 1 HM15136 - Hanmi Pharmaceutical



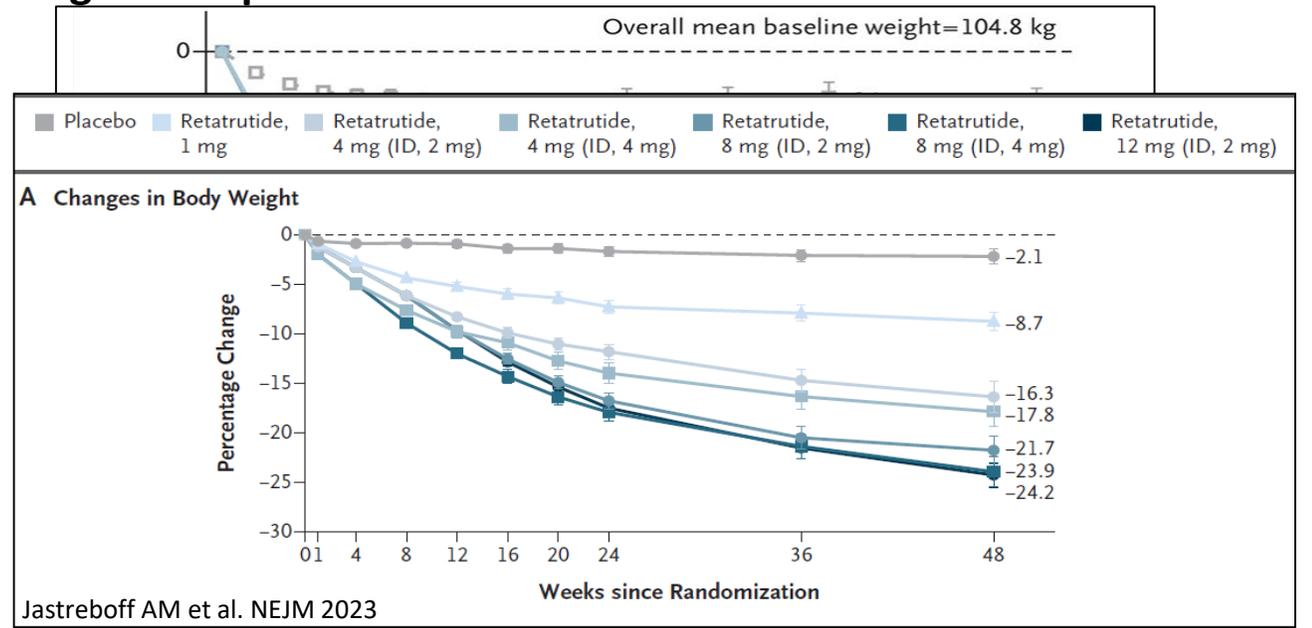
For genetic obesity disorders	Approved age categories
Biallelic POMC, LEPR, PCSK1 deficiency Bardet Biedl syndrome	FDA and EMA: adults, children ≥6 years



~ 75% of sbj lost ≥ 10% of bw  
 >50% of sbj lost ≥ 15% of bw  
 >30% of sbj lost ≥ 20% of bw



**STEP 5 trial**  
**CagriSema phase 1b trial**

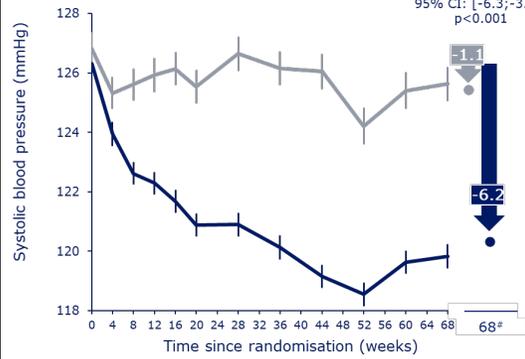


**RETA phase 2 trial**  
**SURMOUNT-1 trial**

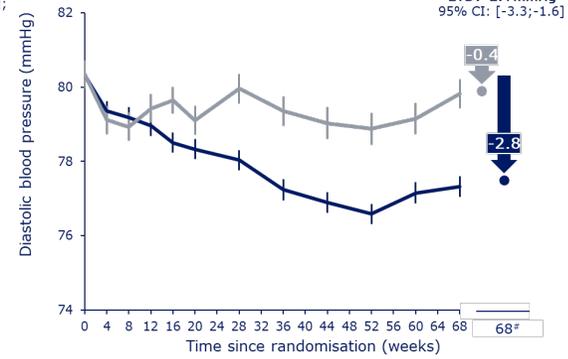
## Change in blood pressure

STEP 1

Systolic blood pressure<sup>§</sup>



Diastolic blood pressure<sup>§</sup>



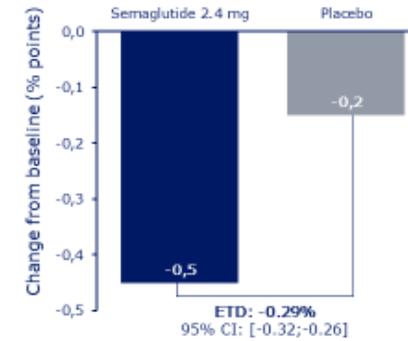
<sup>§</sup> Means are based on observed data from the in-trial period and the ETD is for the treatment policy estimand. # Estimated values at week 68. Error bars are +/- standard error of the mean. CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference. *Wilding et al. N Engl J Med 2021;384:989-1002.*

## Change in glycaemic parameters

STEP 1

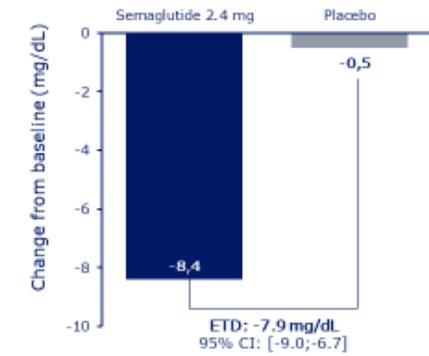
HbA<sub>1c</sub><sup>#</sup>

Mean at baseline: 5.7%



Fasting plasma glucose<sup>#</sup>

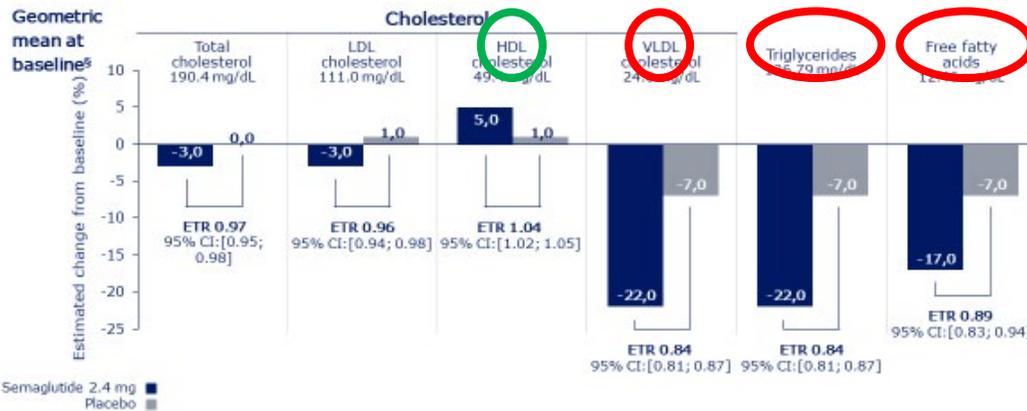
Mean at baseline (95.2 mg/dL)



<sup>#</sup> Estimated change from baseline for treatment policy estimand. Error bars are +/- standard error of the mean. ETD, estimated treatment difference. *Wilding et al. N Engl J Med 2021;384:989-1002.*

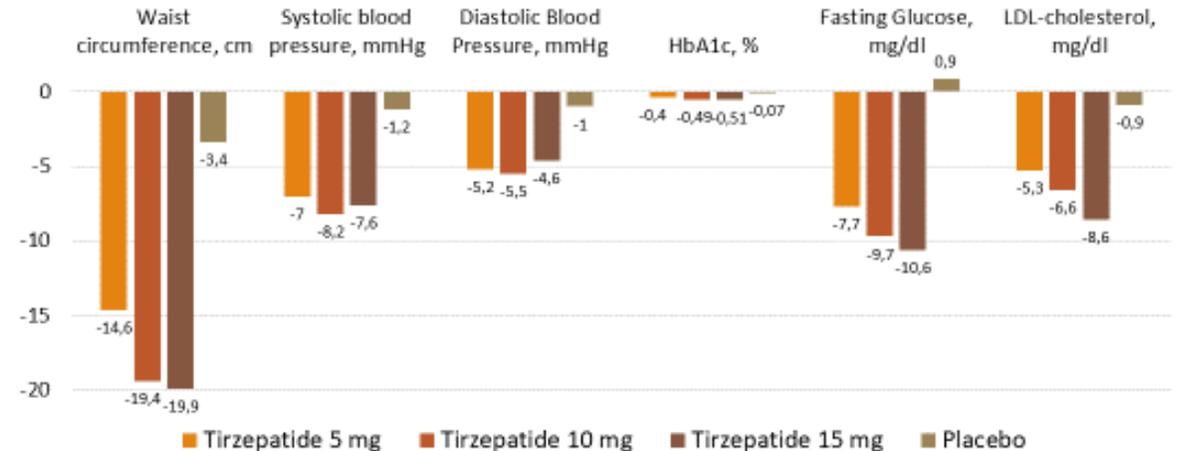
## Change in fasting lipids

STEP 1



Estimated change from baseline for treatment policy estimand. # Geometric mean at baseline for both treatment groups. CI, confidence interval; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; ETR, estimated treatment ratio; VLDL, very low-density lipoprotein. *Wilding et al. N Engl J Med 2021;384:989-1002.*

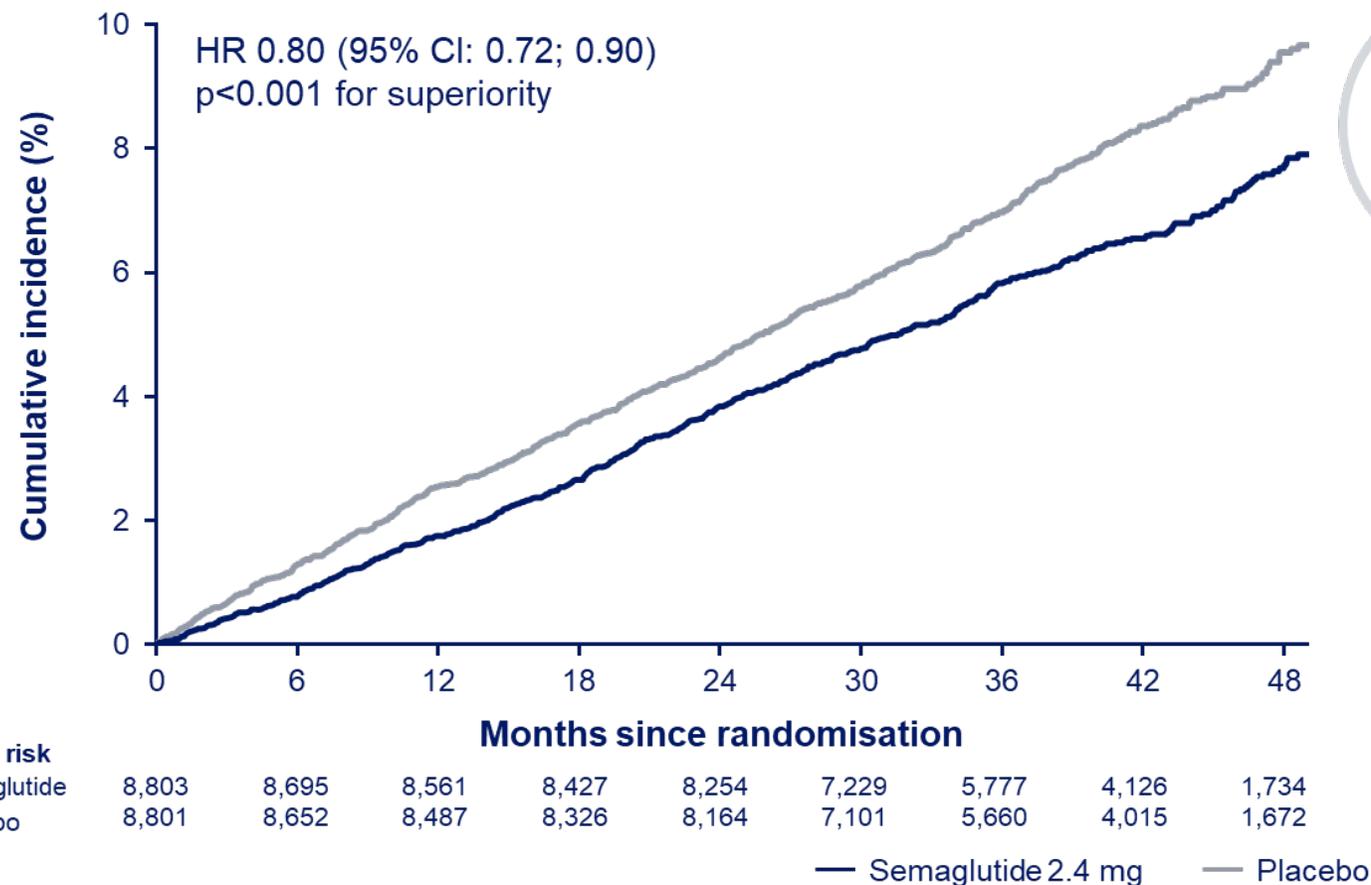
## Surmount-1 trial: change in anthropometric and metabolic parameters



# Cumulative incidence of MACE

SELECT: Primary cardiovascular composite endpoint

N=17,604



**20%**  
reduction in  
risk of MACE\*

**Semaglutide 2.4 mg significantly reduced the risk of MACE by 20%** compared with placebo in people with obesity and established CVD, without T2D<sup>1,2</sup>



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



Mean follow-up time was 39.8 months

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

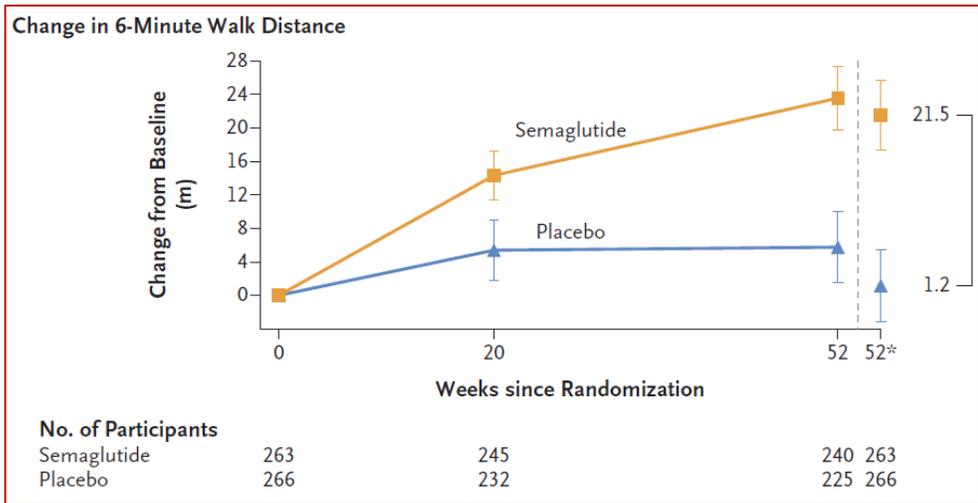
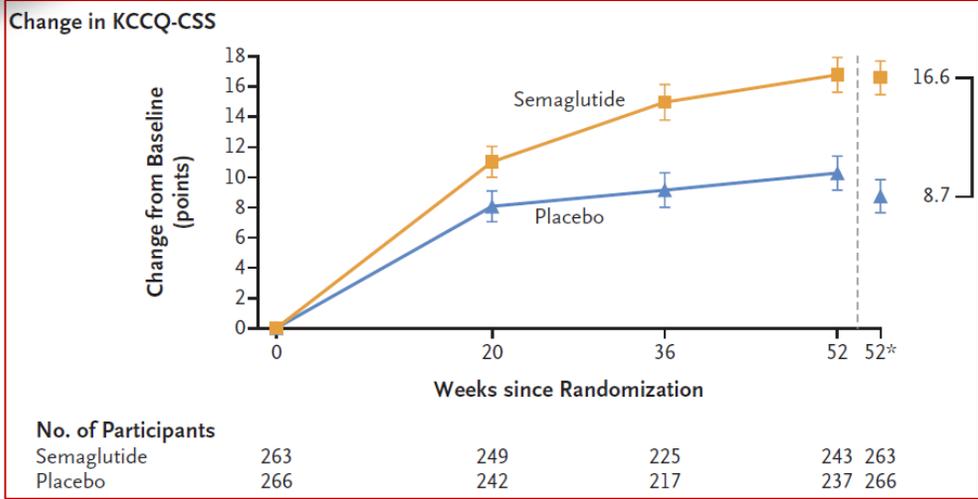
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

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

**Sema in HFpEF: the STEP HFpEF TRIAL**

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

M.N. Kosiborod, S.Z. Abildstrom, B.A. Borlaug, J. Butler, S. Rasmussen, M. Davies, G.K. Hovingh, D.W. Kitzman, M.L. Lindegaard, D.V. Møller, S.J. Shah, M.B. Treppendahl, S. Verma, W. Abhayaratna, F.Z. Ahmed, V. Chopra, J. Ezekowitz, M. Fu, H. Ito, M. Lelonek, V. Melenovsky, B. Merkely, J. Núñez, E. Perna, M. Schou, M. Senni, K. Sharma, P. Van der Meer, D. von Lewinski, D. Wolf, and M.C. Petrie, for the STEP-HFpEF Trial Committees and Investigators\*

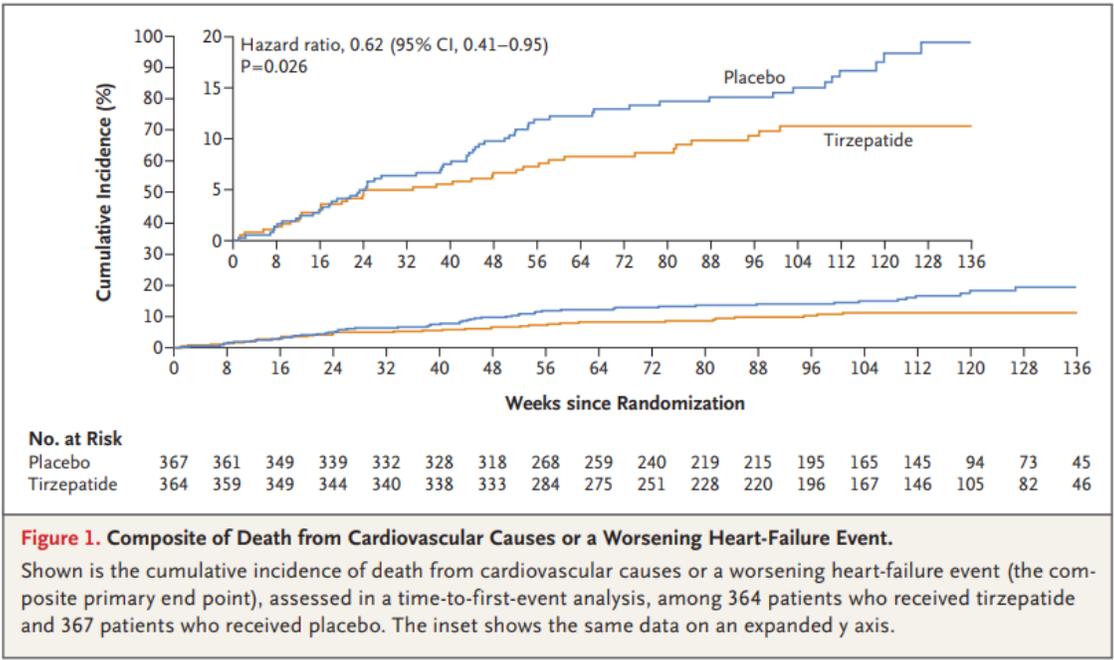


**Tirze in HFpEF: the SUMMIT TRIAL**

**Tirzepatide for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction and Obesity**

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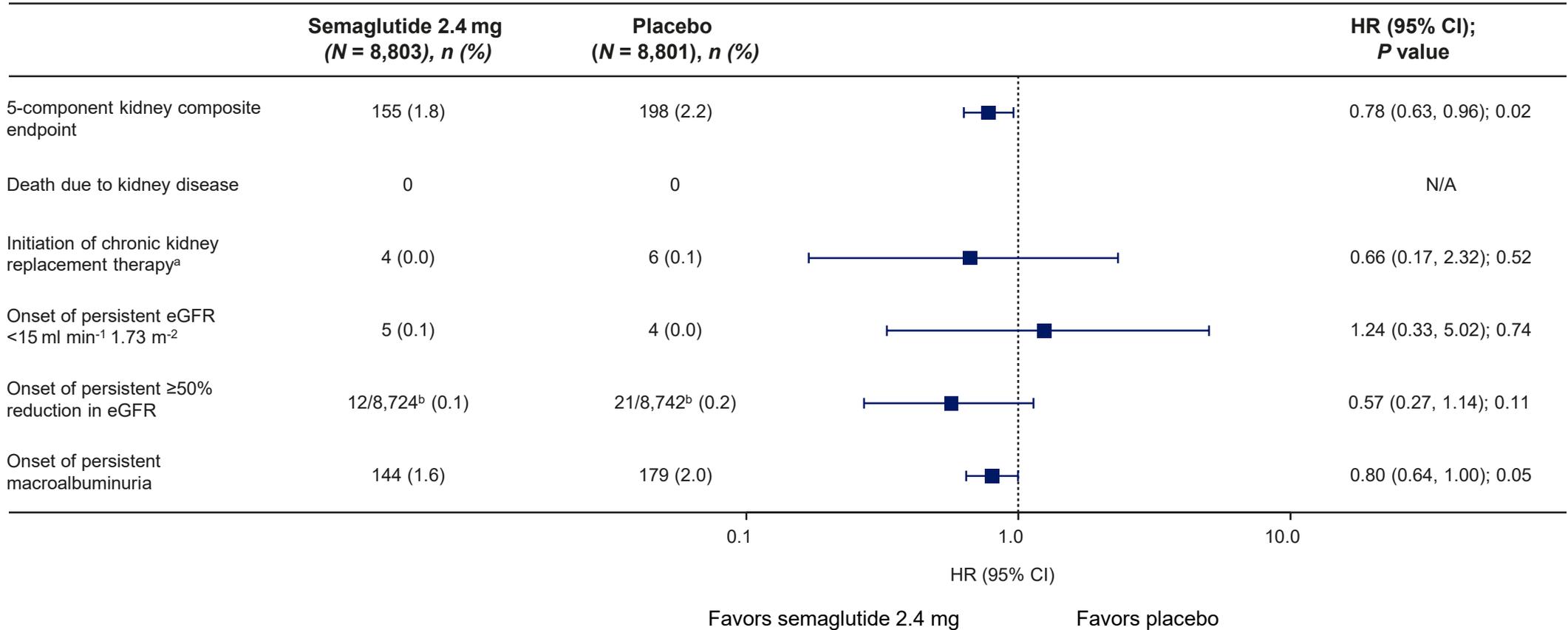
ABSTRACT



**Figure 1. Composite of Death from Cardiovascular Causes or a Worsening Heart-Failure Event.** Shown is the cumulative incidence of death from cardiovascular causes or a worsening heart-failure event (the composite primary end point), assessed in a time-to-first-event analysis, among 364 patients who received tirzepatide and 367 patients who received placebo. The inset shows the same data on an expanded y axis.

# Effect of semaglutide on the main kidney endpoint

## Effect of semaglutide 2.4 mg on the main 5-component kidney composite endpoint



Data are the observed (that is, or measured) n (%) of patients experiencing the first event that contributed to the main 5-component kidney composite endpoint from the in-trial observation period and the HR, and 95% CI was estimated using a Cox regression model. The symbols are the HRs and error bars are 95% CIs. P values are two-sided and were not adjusted for multiplicity.  
<sup>a</sup>Dialysis or kidney transplantation.  
<sup>b</sup>Percent reduction is defined from baseline; the denominator is therefore reduced because of patients missing baseline score.  
 CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR, hazard ratio; N/A, not applicable.  
 Adapted from Figure 2. Effect of semaglutide 2.4 mg on the main 5-component kidney composite endpoint.

# INCRETIN-BASED AOM SIDE EFFECTS



Nausea and Vomiting



Diarrhea



Constipation



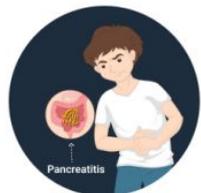
Stomach Pain



Gas and Bloating



Hair Loss



Pancreatitis



Gallbladder disease



Allergic reactions



Headaches

Adverse events relative to placebo in STEP-1 & SURMOUNT-1 (ITT analyses)

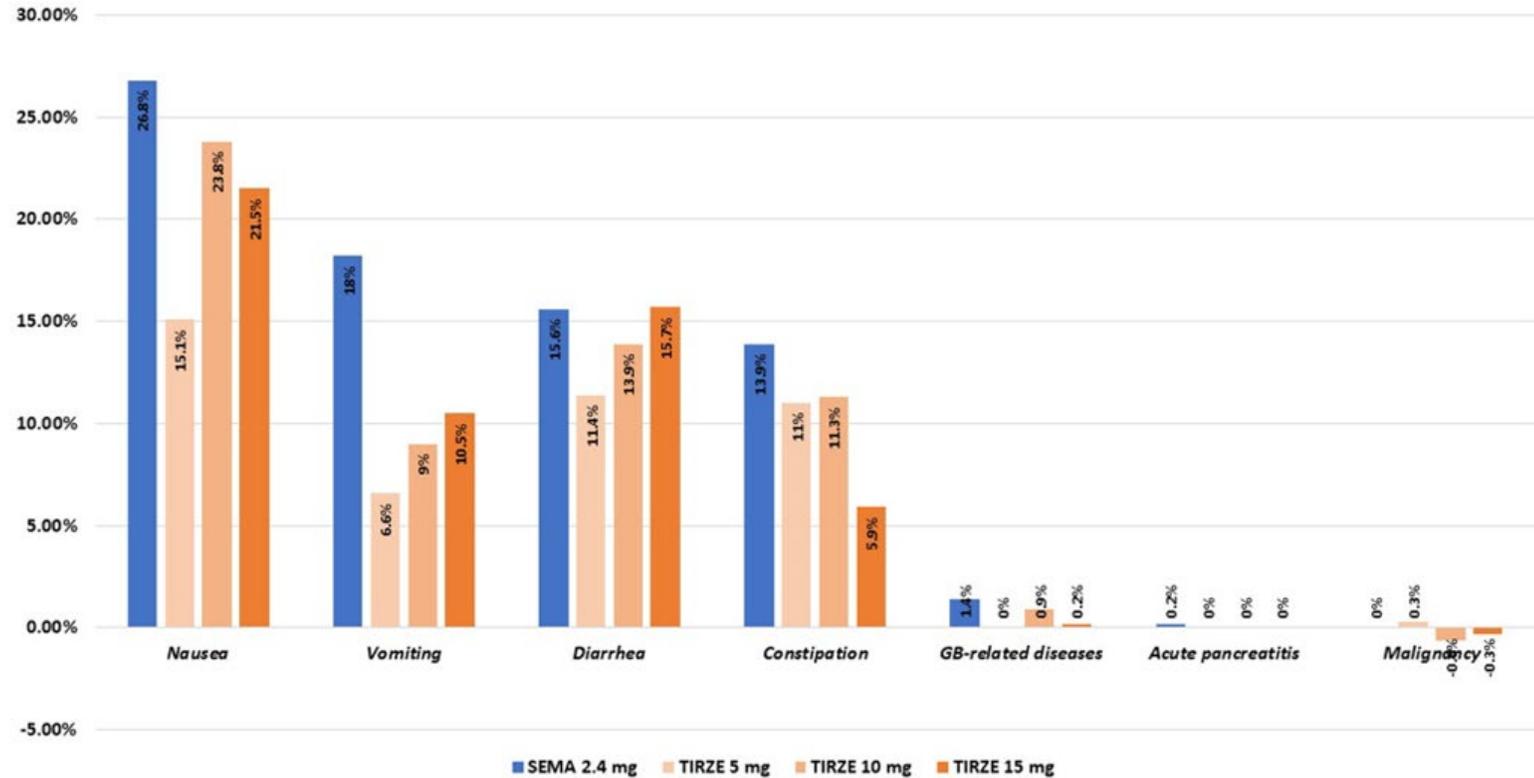


Fig. 4. Key side effects of semaglutide 2.4 mg and tirzepatide 5, 10, and 15 mg in people with obesity or overweight without type 2 diabetes (SEMA: Semaglutide, TIRZE: Tirzepatide, GB: Gall bladder).

Singh A et al. Diabetes Metab Syndr. 2025 Mar

**MILD** >> **MODERATE** >>> **SEVERE**

**SI... PUÒ...**

**FARE!!!!**



# TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA E CHIRURGICA PER L'OBESITA' SONO VERAMENTE PARAGONABILI?

	CHIRURGIA	FARMACI
<b>EFFICACIA SU PESO E FATTORI DI RISCHIO CARDIOMETABOLICI</b>	POCHI RCT, PERLOPIU' REAL LIFE DATA, STUDI OSSERVAZIONALI RETROSPETTIVI/PROSPETTICI	RIGOROSI RCT, CON PROTOCOLLI E RACCOLTA DATI STANDARDIZZATI + REAL LIFE DATA con breve osservazione
<b>CARATTERISTICHE DELLA POPOLAZIONE STUDIATA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAZIENTI CON BMI &gt; 30 KG/M2 + DM,</li> <li>• PAZIENTI CON BMI &gt;35 MG/M2 + COMORBIDITA',</li> <li>• BMI &gt;40 KG/M2</li> </ul> <p>Coorti di pazienti con insufficienza d'organo in attesa di trapianto</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMI &gt; 27 KG/M2 +COMORBIDITA' BMI &gt; 30 KG/M2 ANCHE IN ASSENZA DI COMORBIDITA', SPESSO NON DIABETICI</li> </ul> <p><b>NEI TRIAL FARMACOLOGICI CON INCLUSIONE DI PAZIENTI CON DM IL CALO PONDERALE E' LIMITATO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAZIENTI AD ELEVATA COMPLESSITÀ: CON PREGRESSO MACE +/- DANNO RENALE +/- DM, DI ETA' SUPERIORE AI 45-50 ANNI, IN PREVENZIONE SECONDARIA</li> </ul> <p><b>QUESTI PAZIENTI TIPICAMENTE ACCEDONO CON DIFFICOLTA' ALLA SALA OPERATORIA</b></p>
<b>ACCESSIBILITA'</b>	ACCESSIBILE A TUTTI	ACCESSIBILI SOLO AD UNA FETTA DELLA POPOLAZIONE (BIAS DI SELEZIONE)

# A Real-World Study of the Effectiveness and Safety of Semaglutide for Weight Loss

Ploutarchos Tzoulis<sup>1</sup>, Michael Batavanis<sup>2</sup>, Stephanie Baldeweg<sup>3</sup>



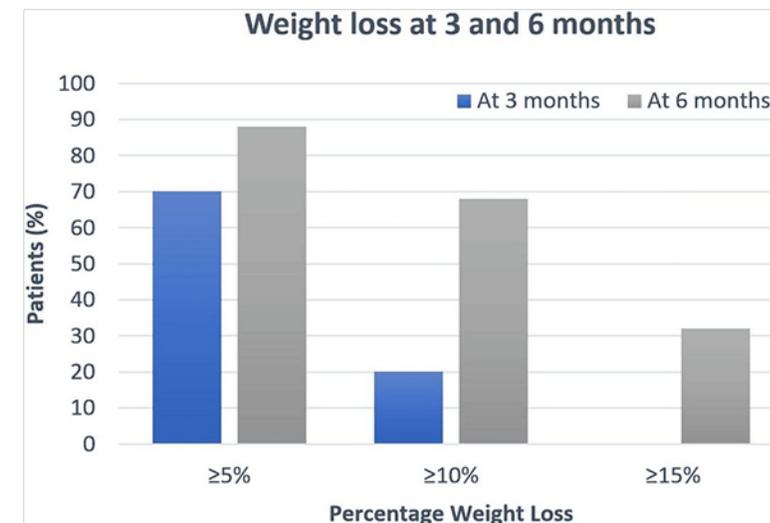
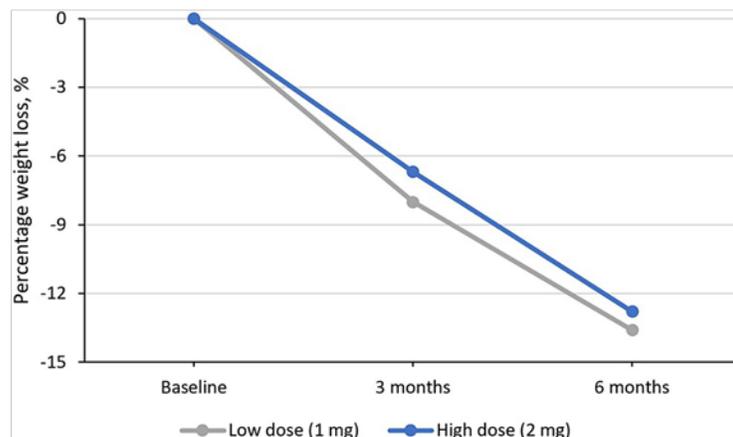
43 soggetti inclusi nello studio:  
OW/OB non DM trattati con  
semaglutide fino al 1 mg per 12  
settimane, poi a dosaggi variabili



40 soggetti arruolati nello studio (3  
non hanno raggiunto 12 settimane  
di trattamento)



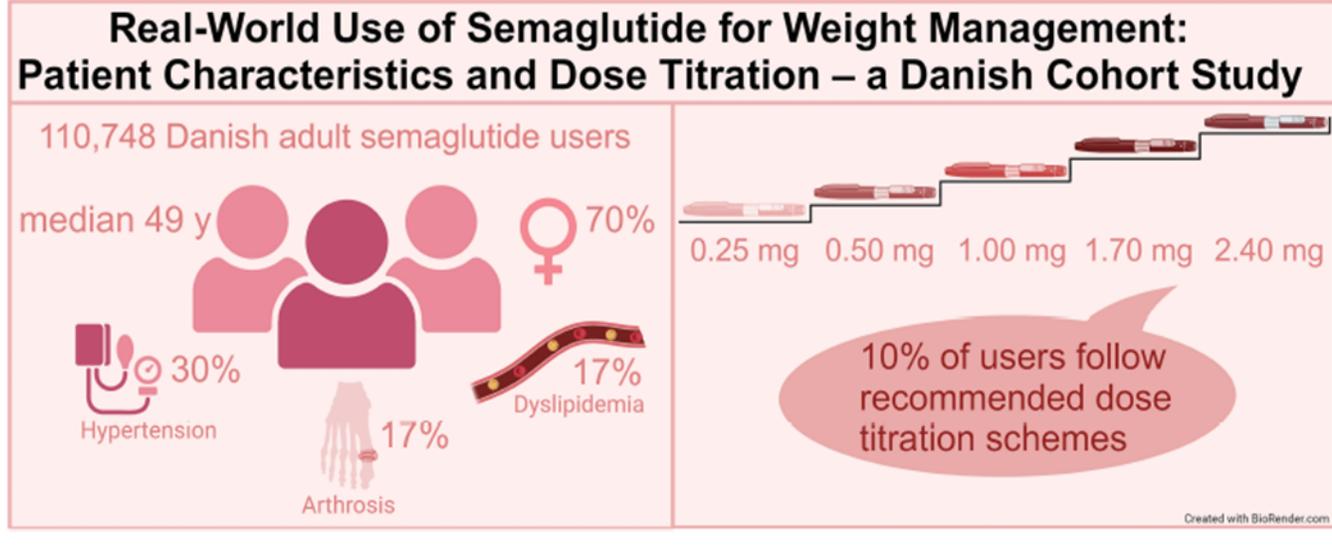
25 soggetti (62,5%) hanno  
completato 6 mesi di FUP



**DOPO LE PRIME 12 SETTIMANE, OLTRE IL 50% DEI SOGGETTI HA  
MANTENUTO UN DOSAGGIO DI 1 MG A SETTIMANA**

## Real-World Use of Semaglutide for Weight Management: Patient Characteristics and Dose Titration—A Danish Cohort Study

Louise Ladebo, Martin T. Ernst, Aurélie Mailhac, Carsten Dirksen, Kirstine N. Bojsen-Møller, and Anton Pottegård



Only 13% reached the maximum dose of 2.4 mg by their fifth prescription, while 5.7% stopped after the first prescription. Few users (10%) followed recommended dose increases every 4 weeks.

**Overall, 25% filled at least one prescription of 2.4 mg**, while 33–48% continued with the 1.0-mg dosage from the fourth prescription onward.



Original article

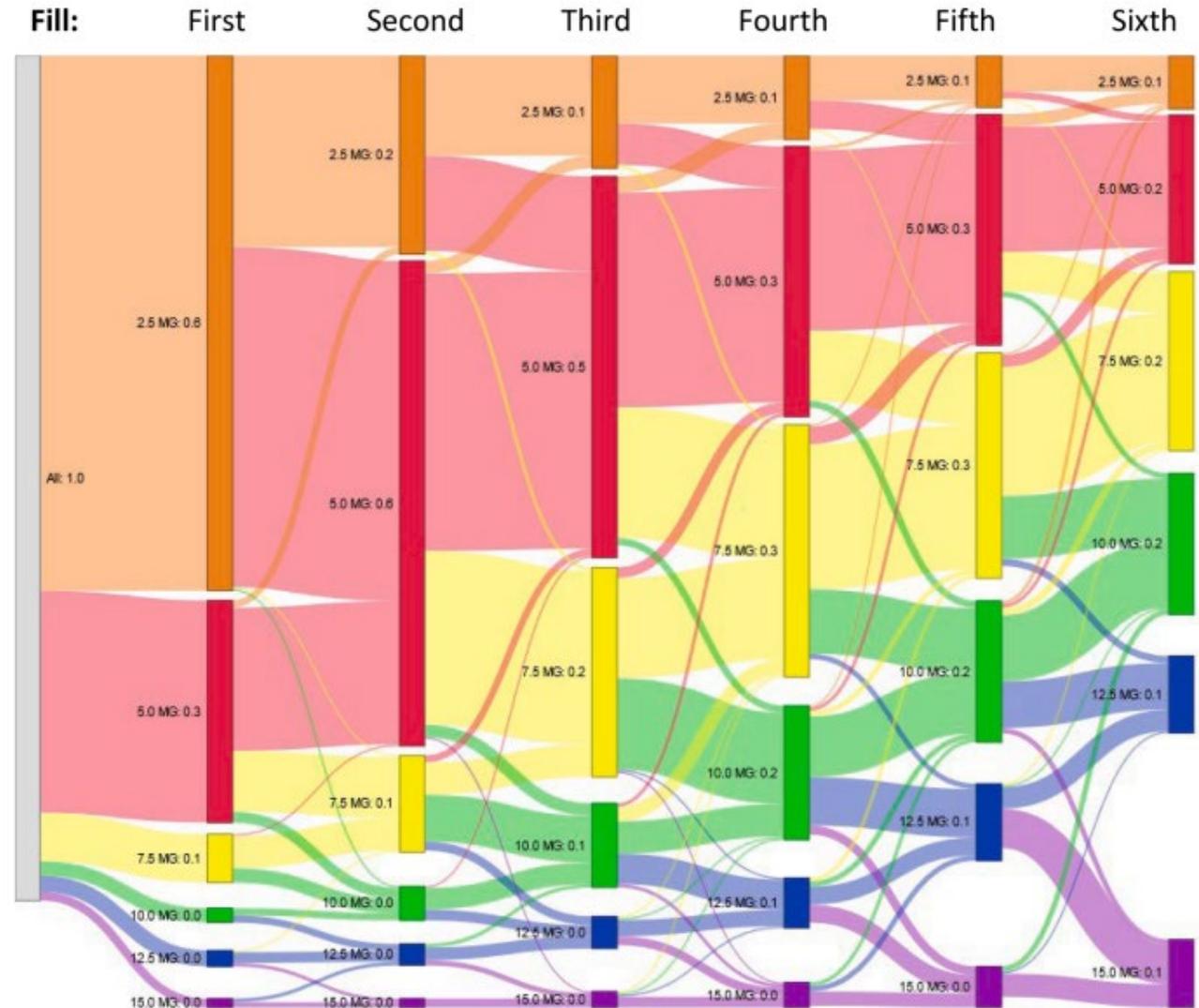
## Real-world use and effectiveness of tirzepatide among people without evidence of type 2 diabetes in the United States

Emily R. Hankosky<sup>a,\*</sup>, Karishma Desai<sup>b</sup>, Chanadda Chinthammit<sup>a</sup>, Michael Grabner<sup>b</sup>, Grace Stockbower<sup>b</sup>, Xuanyao He<sup>a</sup>, Donna Mojdami<sup>a</sup>, Cachet Wenziger<sup>b</sup>, Theresa Hunter Gibble<sup>a</sup>



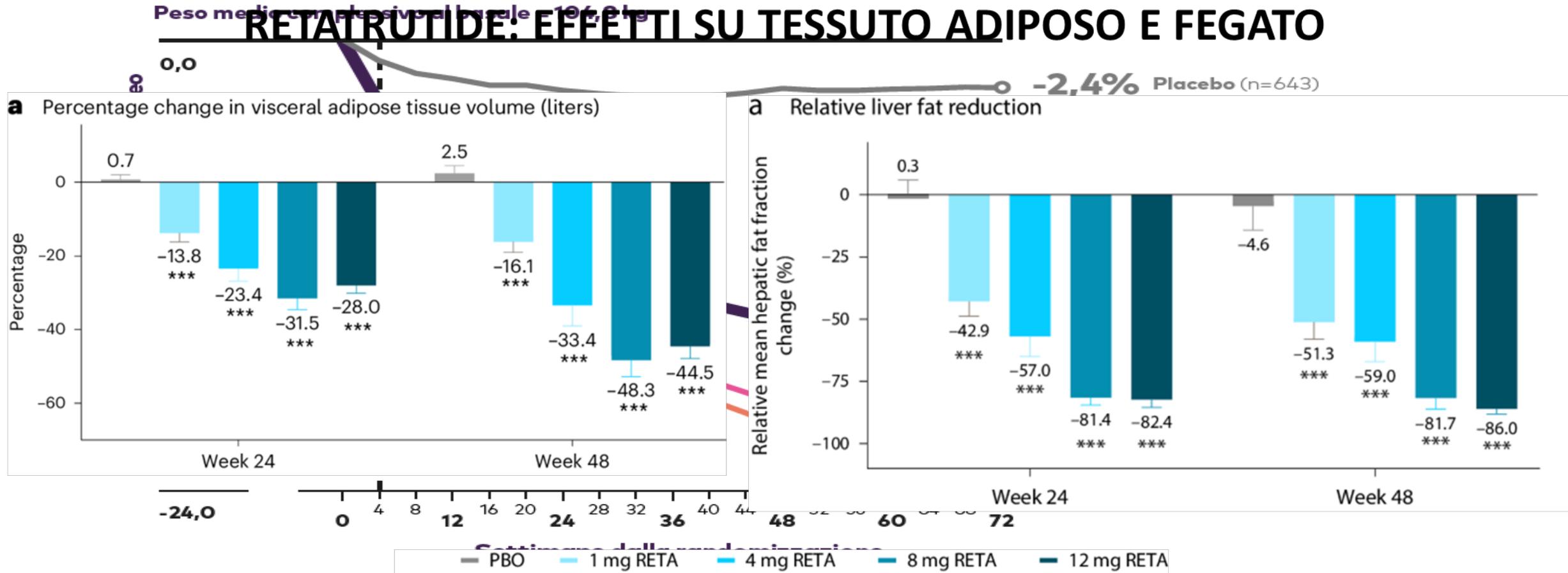
Almost three-quarters (73.8 %) of the OMM-eligible cohort was persistent on tirzepatide for  $\geq 6$  months

Among those with a sixth prescription fill, more than half of the OMM-eligible cohort was still receiving lower doses of tirzepatide (< 10 mg), indicating some inertia amongst providers, or preference for prescribing lower doses, supply constraints with the higher doses, or adverse effects



# UTILIZZO DEI FARMACI PER OBESITA' COME TRATTAMENTO NEOADIUVANTE ALLA CB o IN ADDOME DIFFICILE

## RETATRUTIDE: EFFETTI SU TESSUTO ADIPOSO E FEGATO



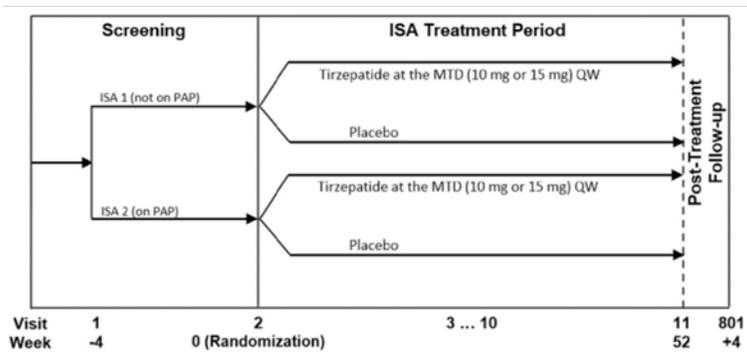
# Trattamento dell'OSAS grave in preparazione ad intervento chirurgico

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

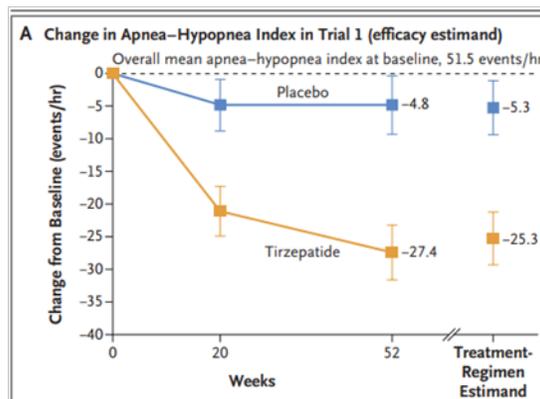
## Tirzepatide for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Obesity

Atul Malhotra, M.D., Ronald R. Grunstein, M.D., Ph.D., Ingo Fietze, M.D., Terri E. Weaver, Ph.D., Susan Redline, M.D., M.P.H., Ali Azarbarzin, Ph.D., Scott A. Sands, Ph.D., Richard J. Schwab, M.D., Julia P. Dunn, M.D., Sujatro Chakladar, Ph.D., Mathijs C. Bunck, M.D., Ph.D., and Josef Bednarik, M.D., for the SURMOUNT-OSA Investigators\*

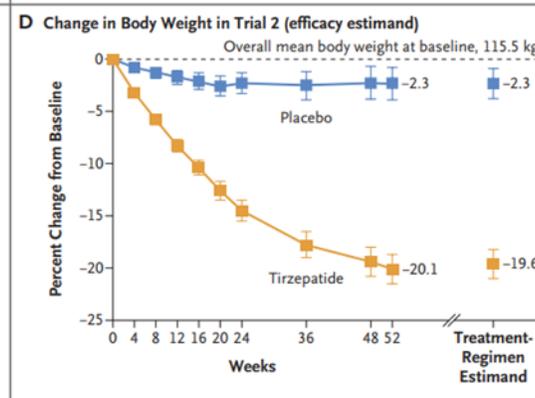
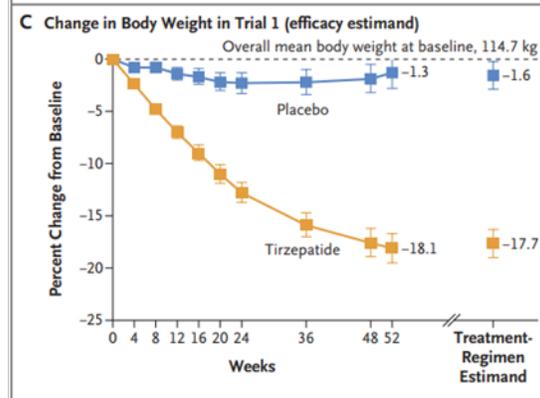
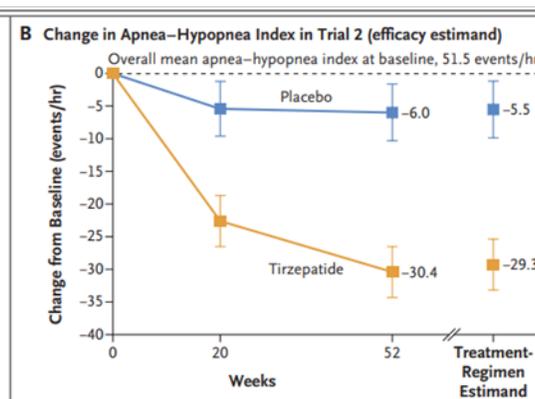
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### TIRZEPATIDE/pl



### TIRZEPATIDE/pl + PAP



Up to 50.2% of patients in both SURMOUNT-OSA trials met the combined key secondary end-point criteria of fewer than 5 AHI events per hour or 5 to 14 AHI events per hour and an ESS of 10 or less

# INSUFFICIENT WEIGHT LOSS E WEIGHT REGAIN

Tackling suboptimal clinical response after metabolic bariatric surgery:  
Impact of tirzepatide on weight loss and body composition



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**Table 2**

Anthropometric and biochemical characteristics at baseline and follow-up.

	Baseline (N = 21)	1M-FU (N = 21)	p-value	3M-FU (N = 21)	p-value	6M-FU (N = 17)	p-value
Body weight [kg]	122.1 ± 24.8	119.1 ± 23.6	< 0.001	113.5 ± 23.5	< 0.001	110.8 ± 24.3	< 0.001
Total weight loss [%]		- 2.4 ± 1.9	< 0.001	- 7.1 ± 3.3	< 0.001	- 12.0 ± 3.4	< 0.001
BMI [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]	40.2 ± 6.4	39.2 ± 6.1	< 0.001	37.4 ± 6.1	< 0.001	36.0 ± 6.7	< 0.001
Total BMI change [%]		- 1.0 ± 0.8	< 0.001	- 2.8 ± 1.3	< 0.001	- 4.8 ± 1.4	< 0.001
Waist circumference [cm]	121.4 ± 17.4	118.6 ± 18.5	0.060	112.9 ± 16.0	< 0.001	111.3 ± 16.12	< 0.001
Body fat [%]	42.6 ± 7.7	41.3 ± 6.9	0.123	41.0 ± 8.2	0.266	39.2 ± 7.5	< 0.001
Fat mass change [kg]		- 1.8 ± 2.2	0.006	- 4.8 ± 4.0	< 0.001	- 9.5 ± 4.3	< 0.001
Fat-free mass [%]	57.4 ± 7.7	58.7 ± 6.9	0.123	59.0 ± 8.2	0.266	60.8 ± 7.5	< 0.001
Fat-free mass change [kg]		- 1.0 ± 1.9	0.103	- 4.4 ± 3.9	< 0.001	- 5.5 ± 4.3	< 0.001
Total body water [%]	42.8 ± 5.5	43.0 ± 5.0	0.638	43.5 ± 5.6	0.620	44.53 ± 5.5	0.010
Basal metabolism [kcal]	2211.4 ± 489.8	2161.9 ± 473.3	0.005	2065.4 ± 463.4	< 0.001	2045.8 ± 446.9	< 0.001
Hb [g/dl]	13.4 ± 1.4	13.7 ± 1.5	0.094	13.9 ± 1.6	0.106	14.0 ± 1.4	0.334
Platelets [10 <sup>3</sup> /μl]	254.1 ± 88.9	249.8 ± 81.5	0.918	273.7 ± 74.3	0.715	255.3 ± 69.4	0.870
HbA1c [%]	5.4 ± 0.3	5.2 ± 0.3	< 0.001	5.1 ± 0.3	< 0.001	5.1 ± 0.3	< 0.001

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## What Does the Rise of GLP-1 Drugs Mean for Bariatric Surgery?

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In US there was a 25% to 30% decrease in case volume that started in 2023, with the advent of new AOM **BUT** The ASMBS reports that in 2022 nearly **280,000** metabolic and bariatric procedures were performed in the U.S., which represents only about **1%** of those who meet eligibility requirements based on BMI.

If weight-loss treatments, not just lifestyle modifications, gain traction, pervasive stigmas could be lessened and surgeons could begin to serve more than just the 1%. If this is an opportunity to bring more people in so they can learn about the benefits of bariatric surgery and not be afraid of it, that can increase those numbers.

### “There’s enough room for all of us.”

Quando si considera la migliore opzione terapeutica è necessario considerare alcuni fattori:

- gravità dell'obesità e delle comorbidità
- rapporto rischio/beneficio
- età del paziente e aspettativa di vita (mantenimento del peso)
- preferenza del paziente

# Choices (BMS/AOM) are being framed as «either-or» or «one-size-fits-all», but combination therapies are common in medicine, so why not consider them here?

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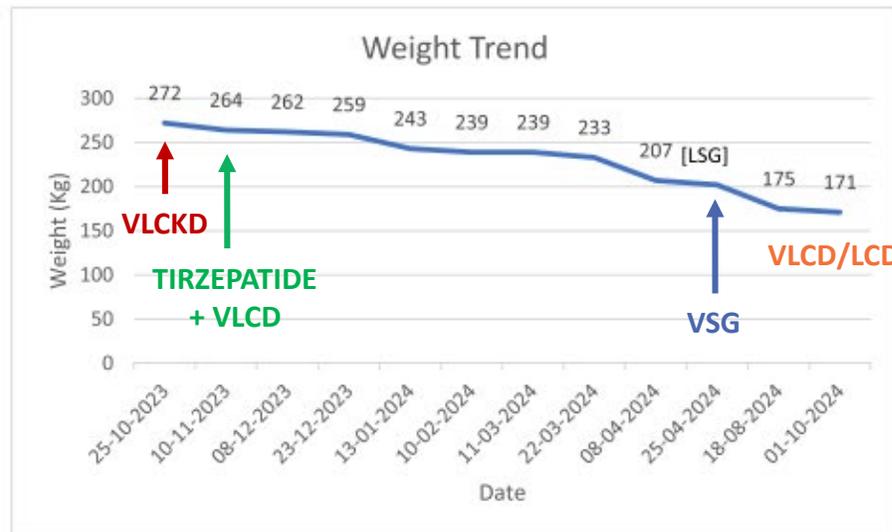


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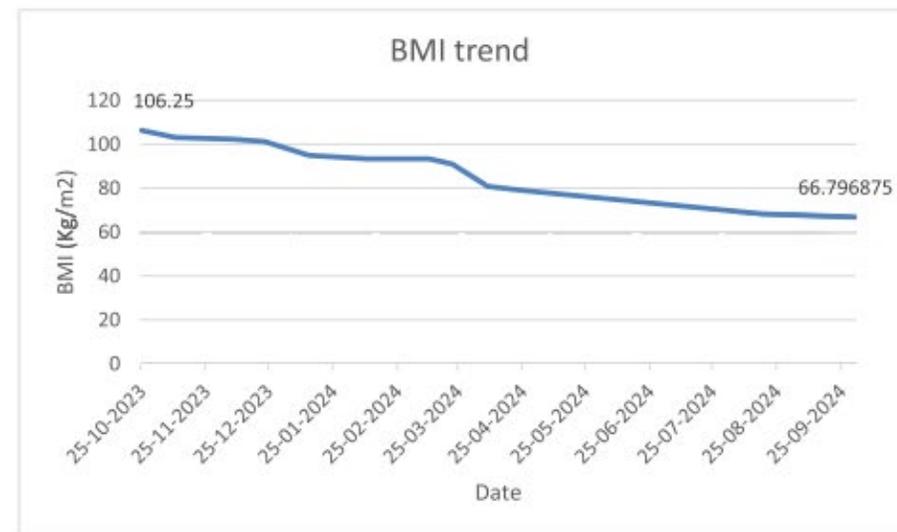
a 49-year-old male presented to the bariatric clinic seeking bariatric surgery.

The patient had an initial weight of 272 kg (BMI 106.25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and a history of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) requiring nocturnal BiPAP, bilateral lipedema, and had been bedbound for 2 years

The MDT collectively determined that the patient required preoperative optimization before considering laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LSG)



**Figure 1.** Weight trend since admission until October 2024, pre and post-op.



**Figure 2.** BMI trend since admission until October 2024, pre and post-op.

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