

IMPACT OF DIABETES DRUGS ON CARDIOVASCULAR AND RENAL DISEASE IN TYPE 2 DIABETES  
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# Effetto dei nuovi farmaci sul cuore: GLP1-RA

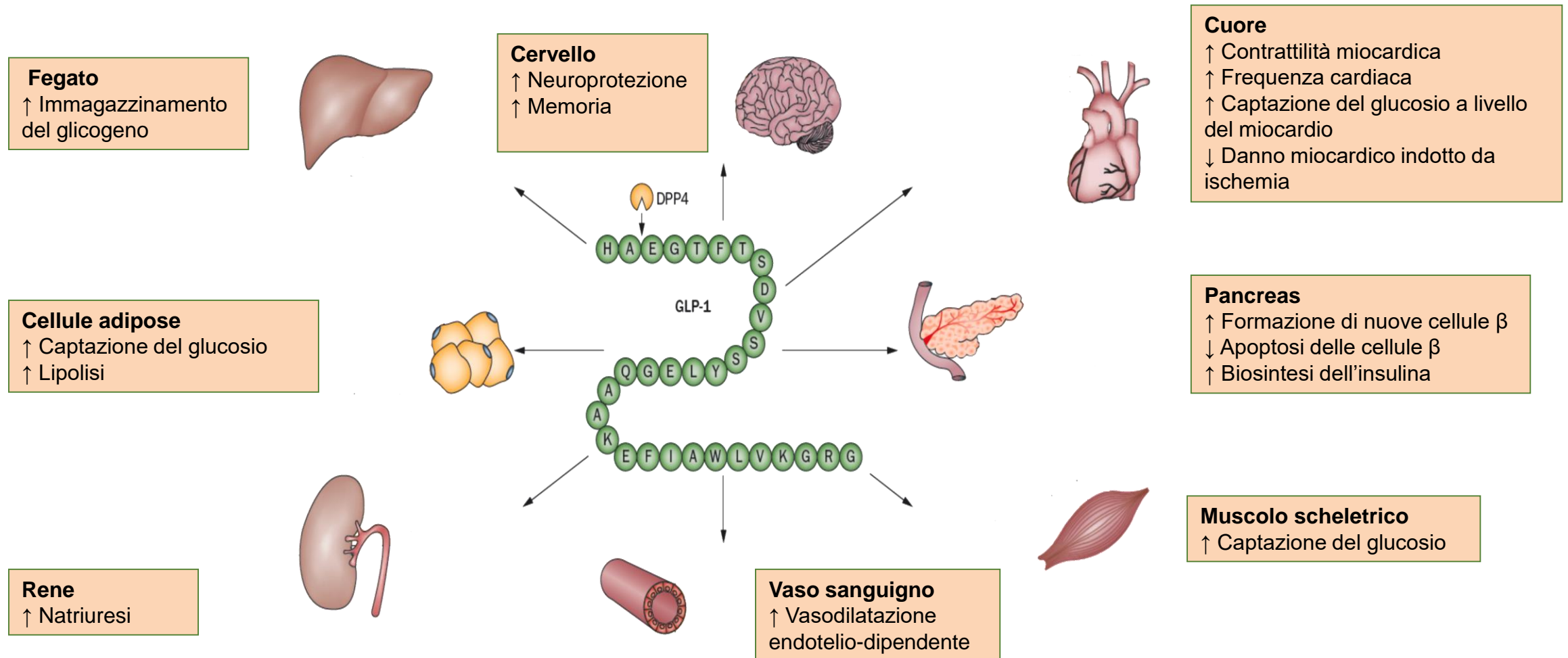
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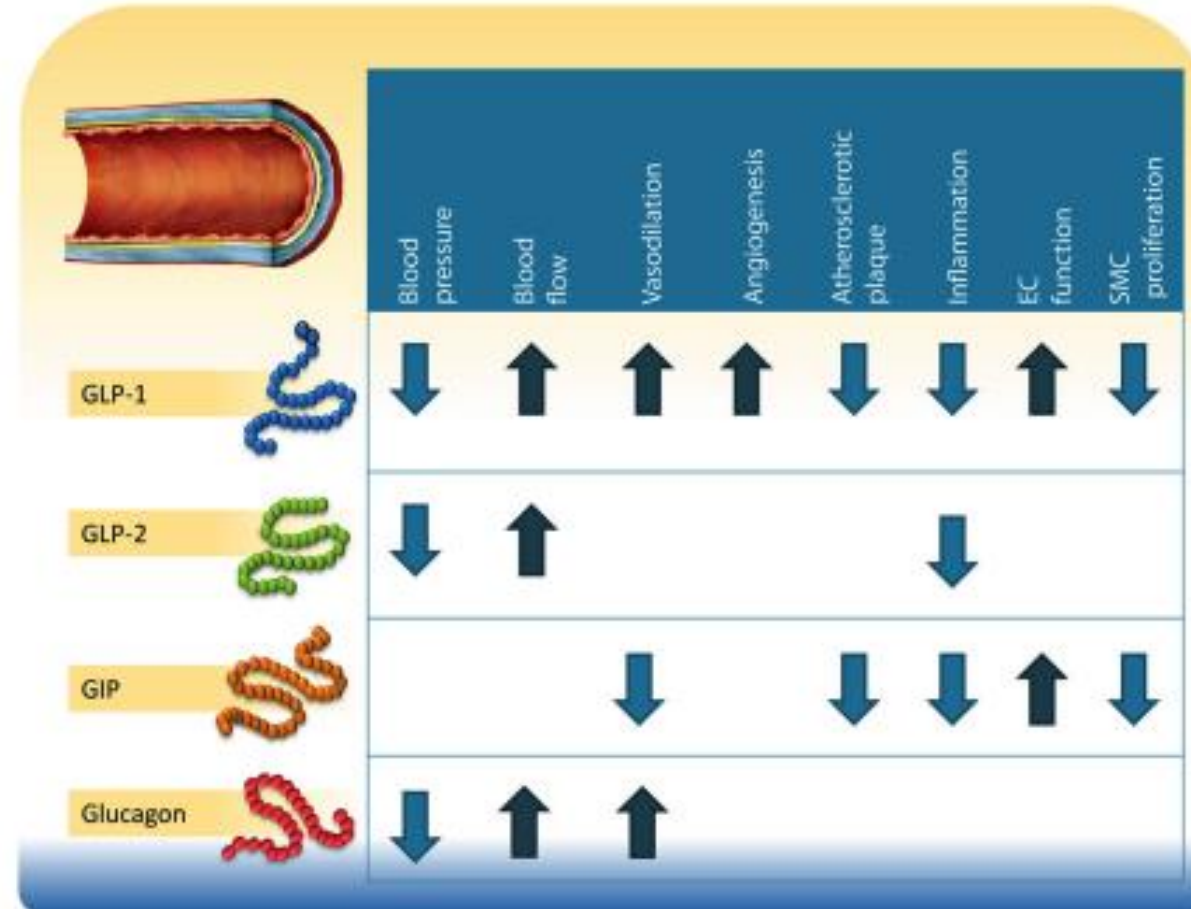
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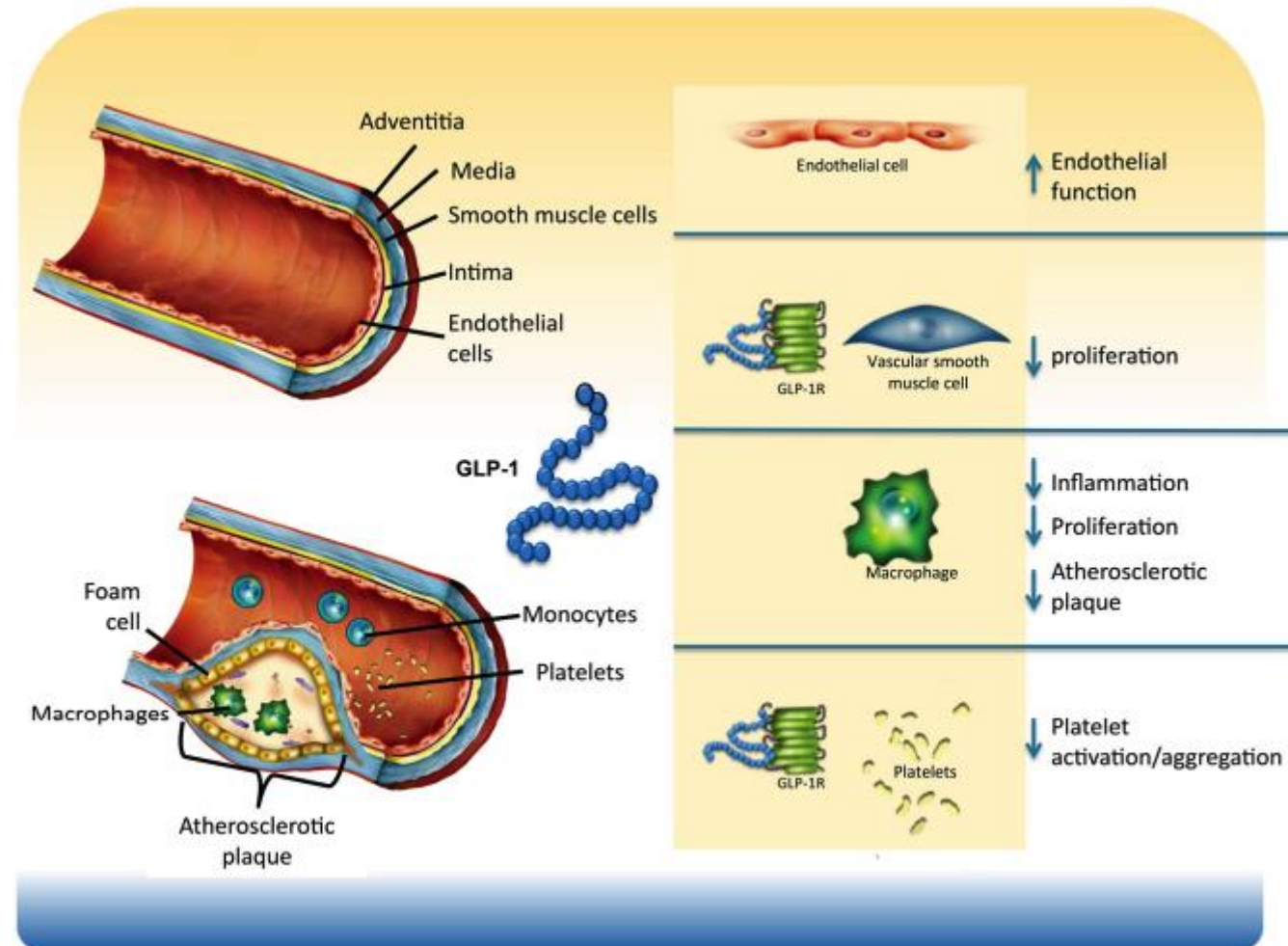
# GLP-1: un ampio spettro di azioni biologiche



# CV effects of incretins

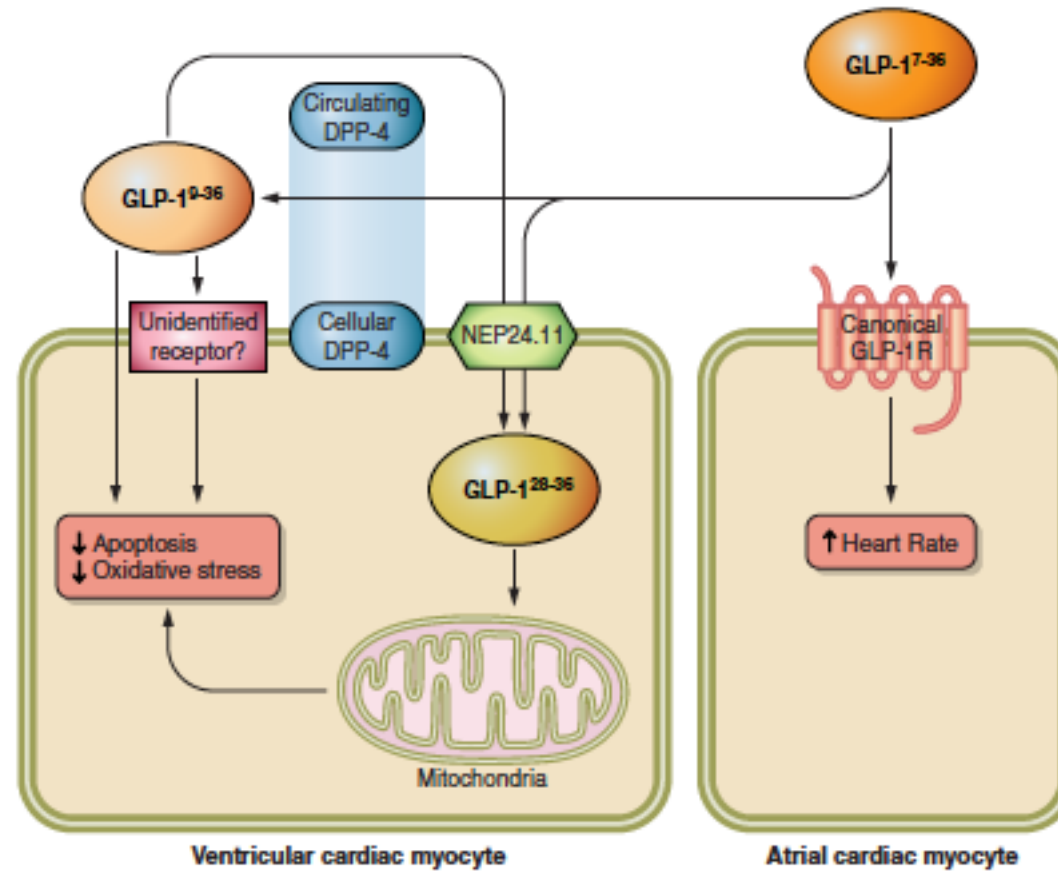


# Effects of GLP-1 on atherosclerosis

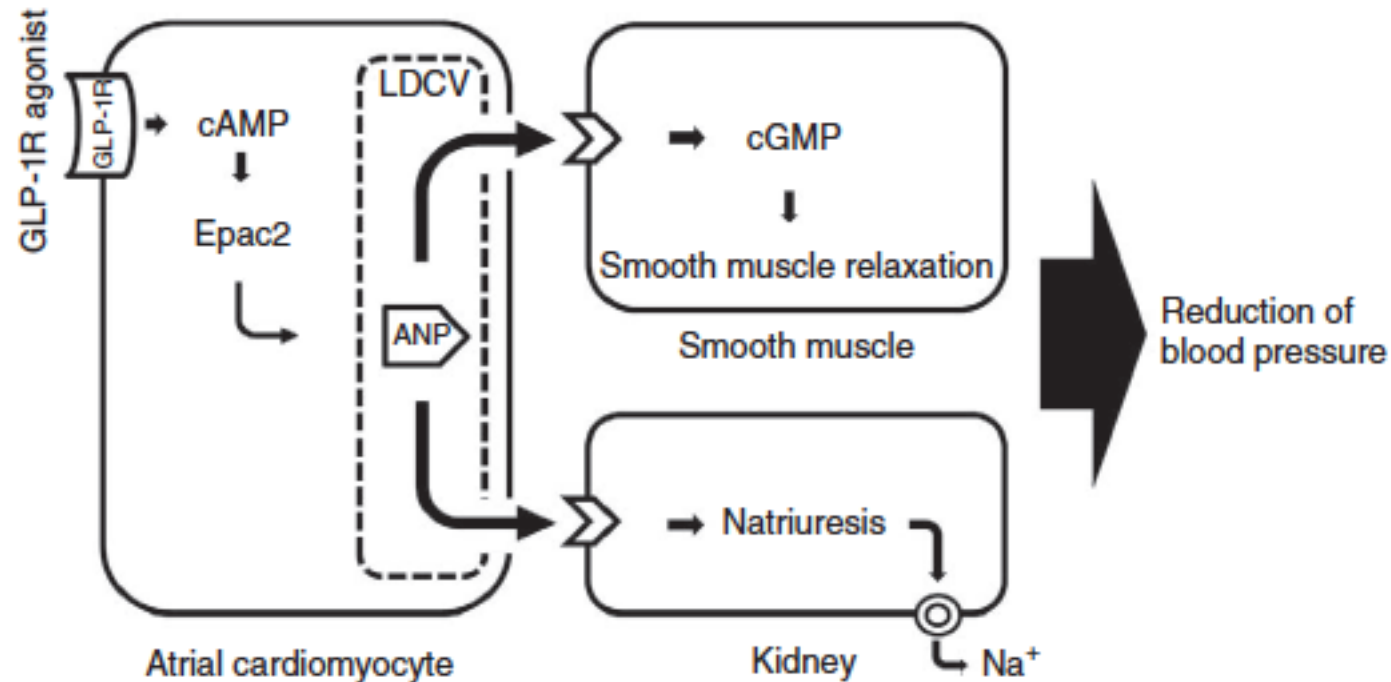


# Myocardial effect of GLP 1

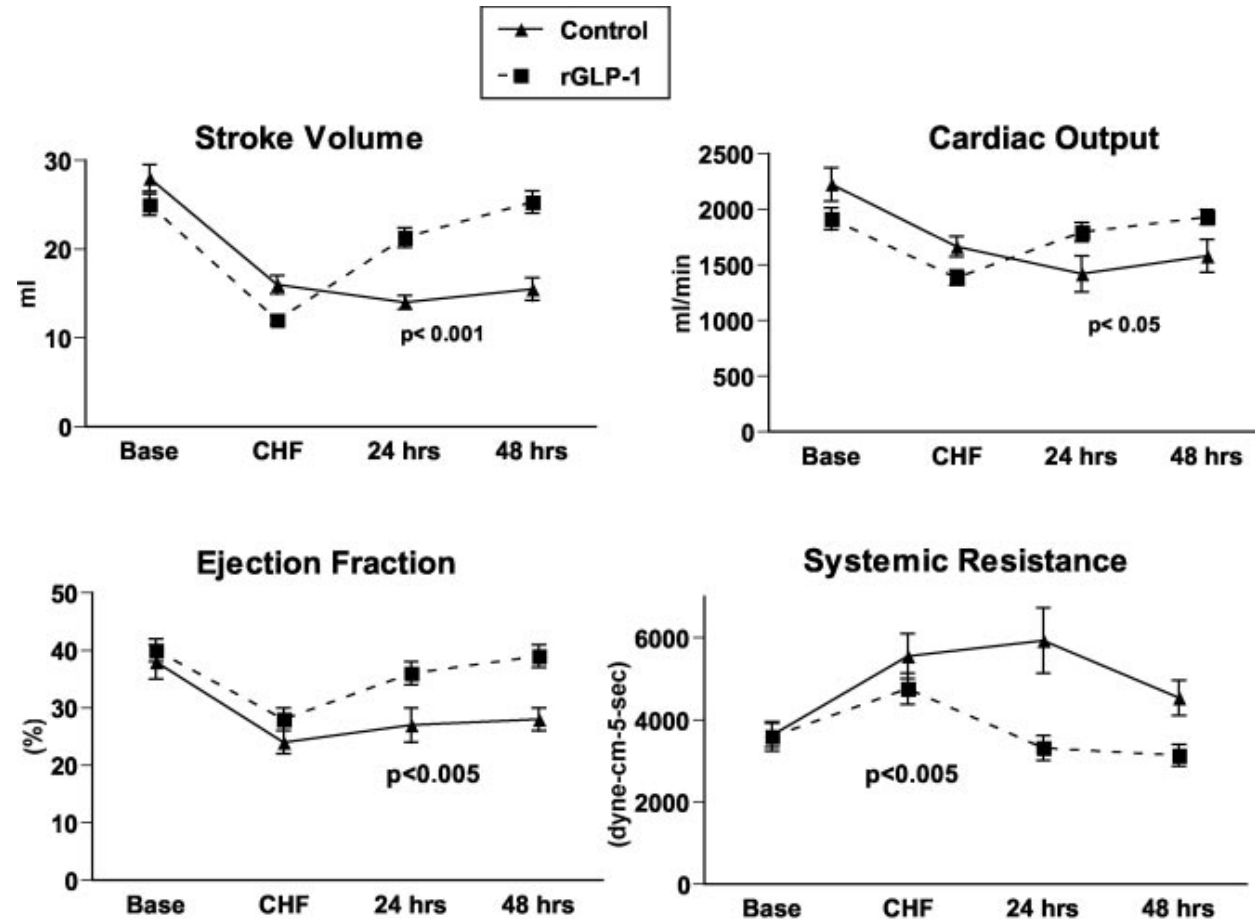
Potential GLP-1-mediated actions in atrial and ventricular cardiac myocytes



# GLP-1 receptor activation and Epac2 link atrial natriuretic peptide secretion to control of blood pressure

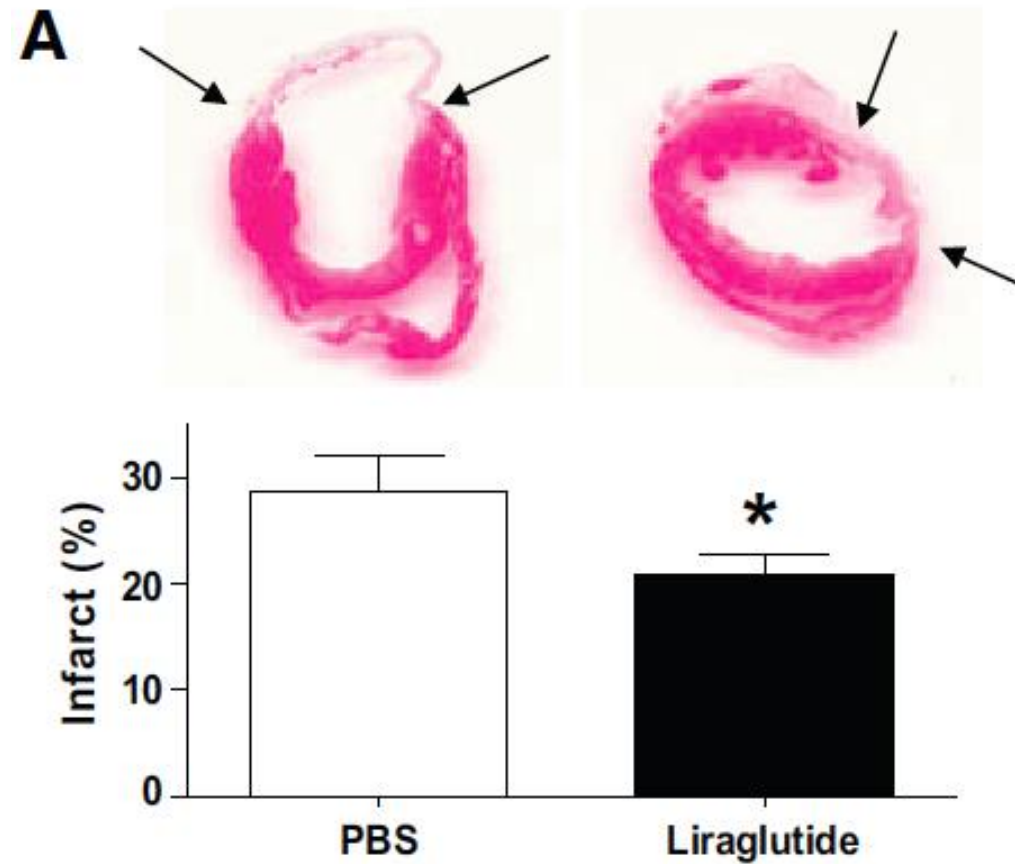


# Effects of rGLP-1 on cardiac function in dogs with pacing-induced dilated cardiomyopathy

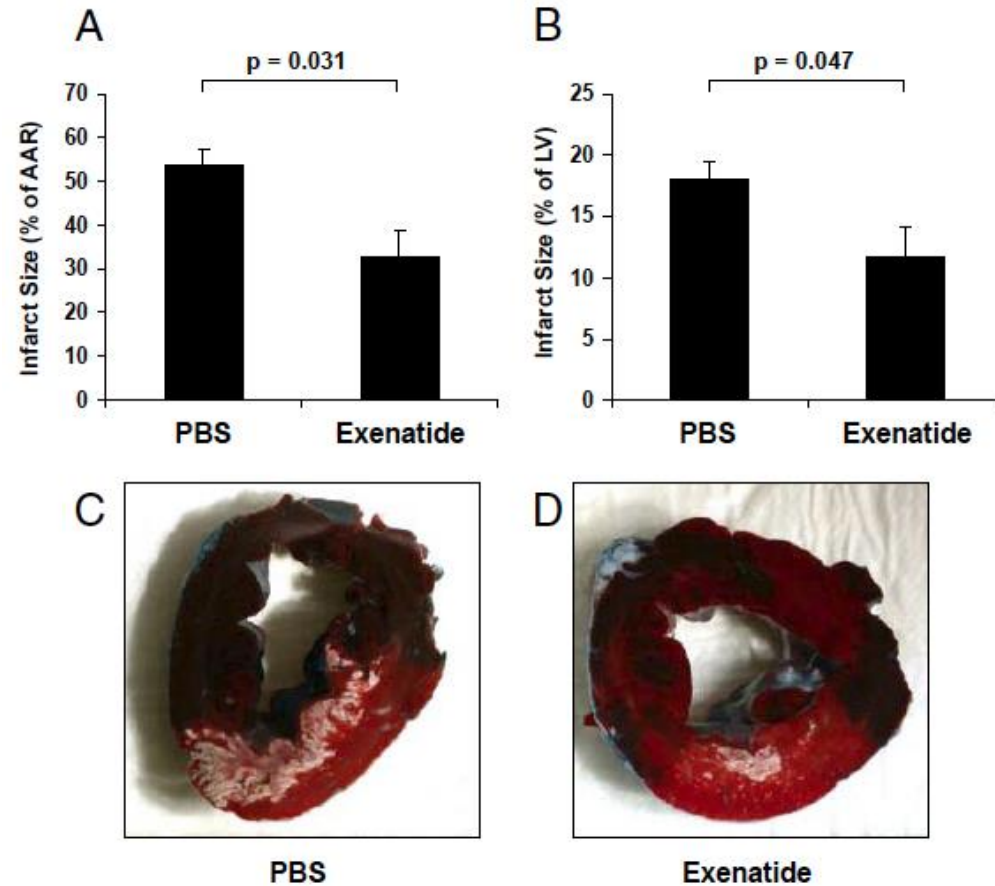




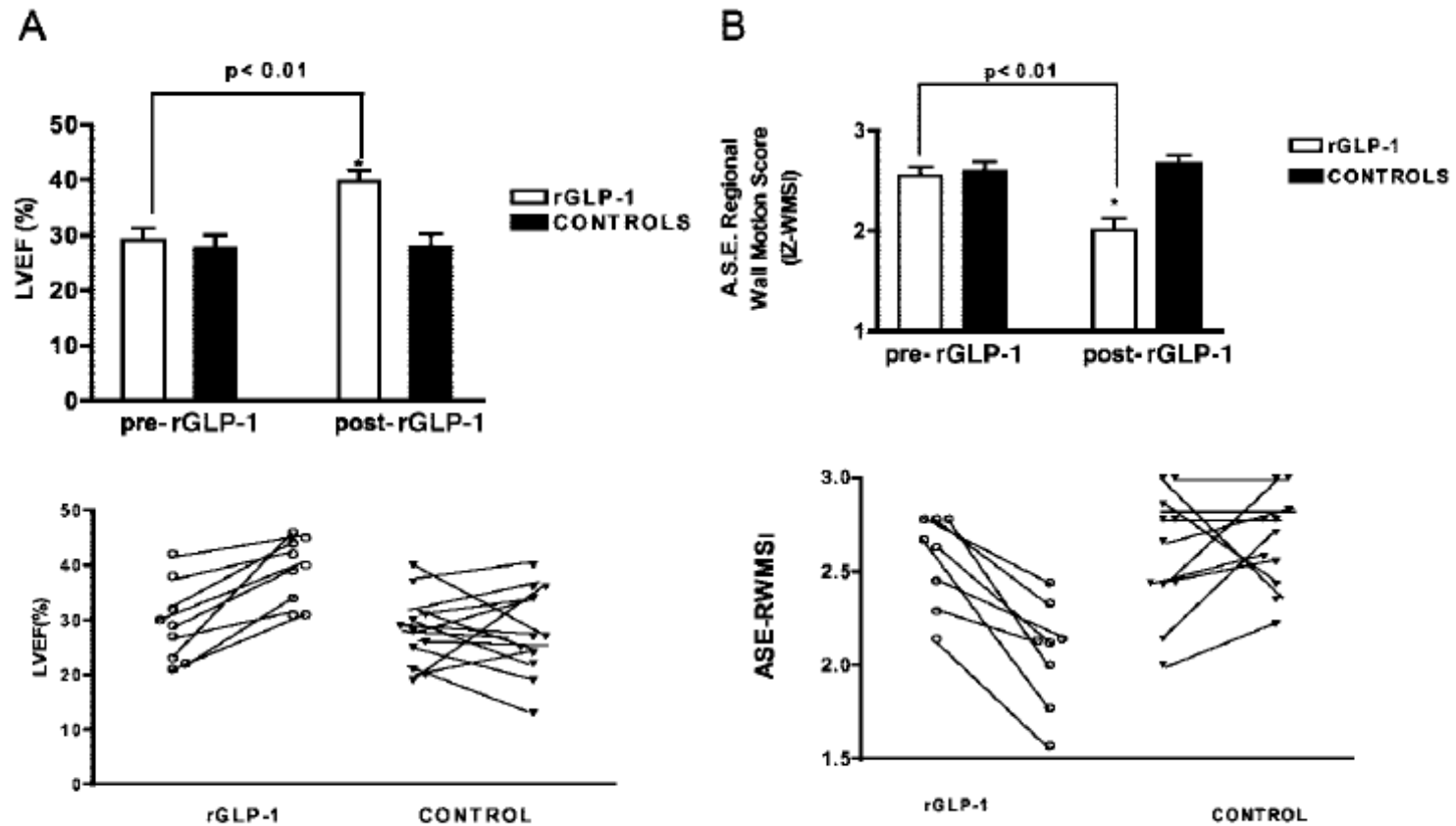
# Effects of liraglutide pretreatment on infarct size in mice with experimental MI



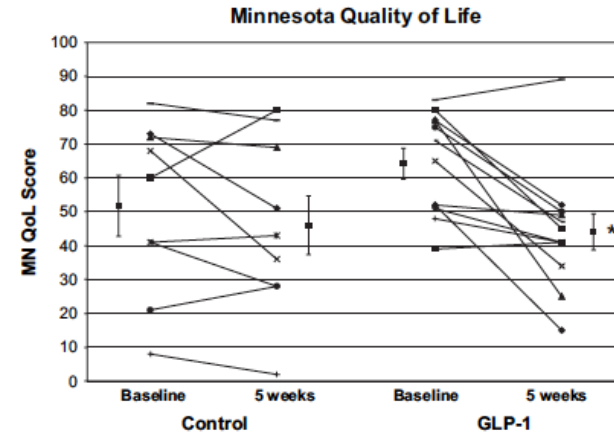
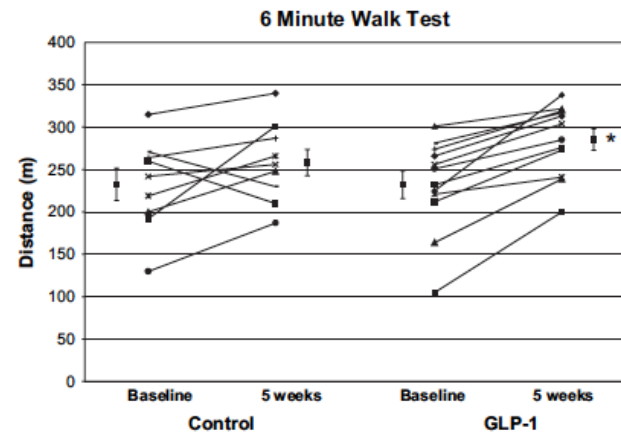
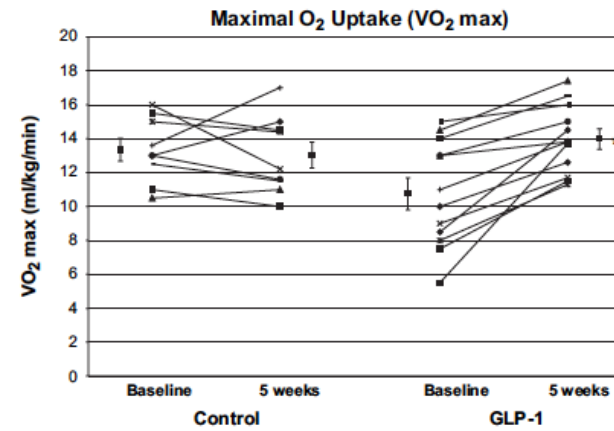
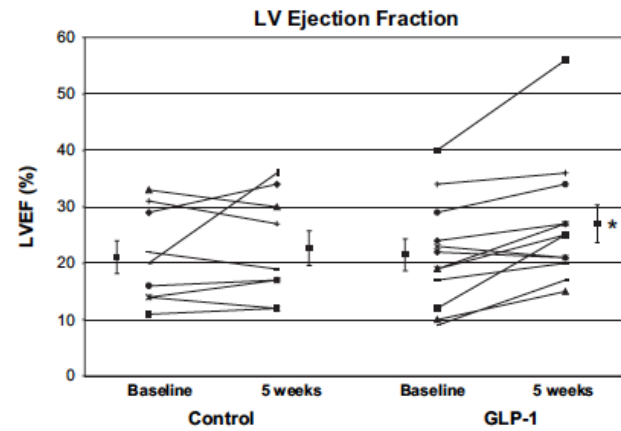
# Exenatide reduces infarct size and improves cardiac function in a porcine model of ischemia and reperfusion injury



# Effects of GLP-1 in patients with AMI and LV dysfunction after successful reperfusion

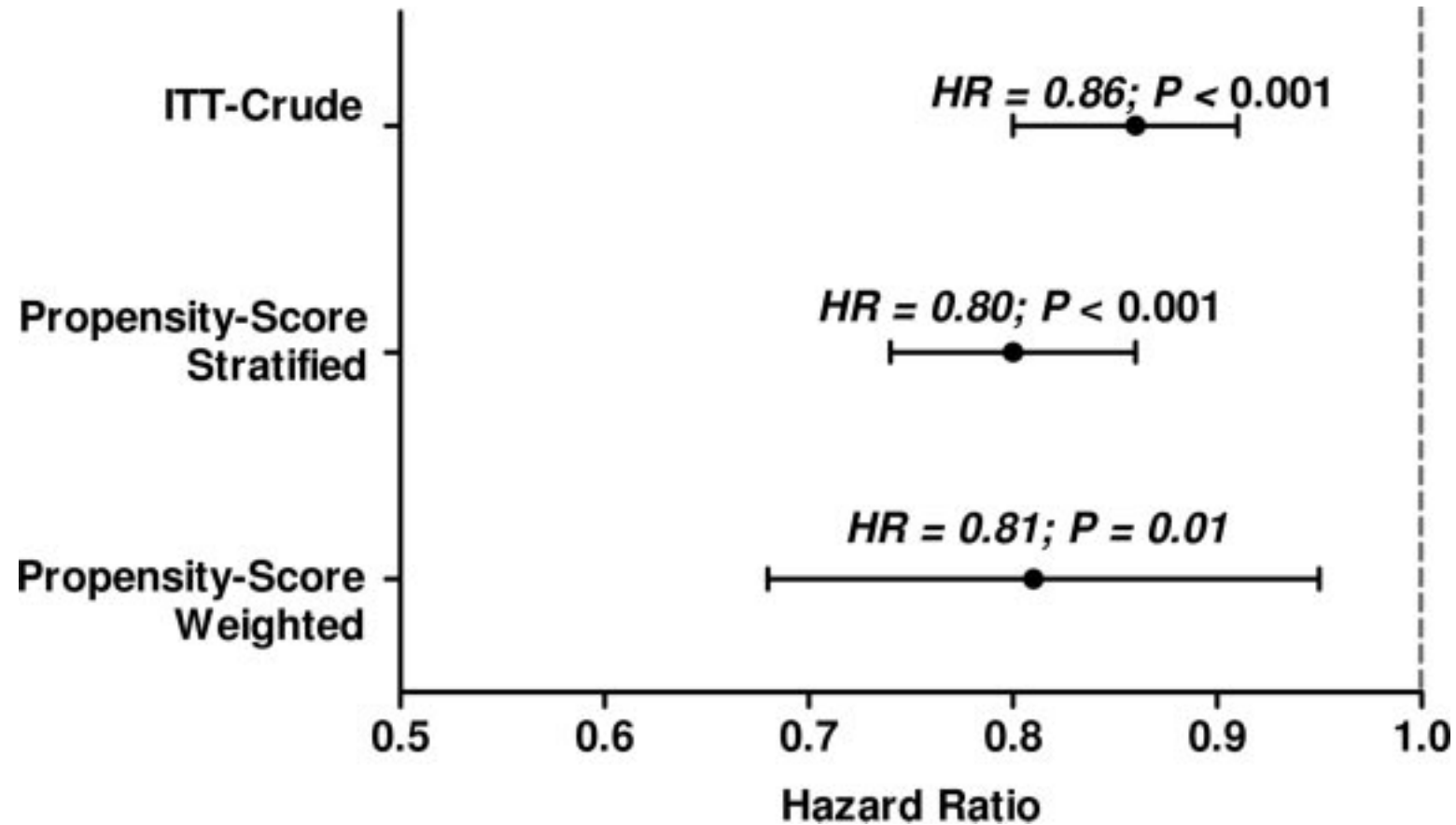


# GLP-1 infusion improves LV ejection fraction and functional status in non diabetic patients with CHF

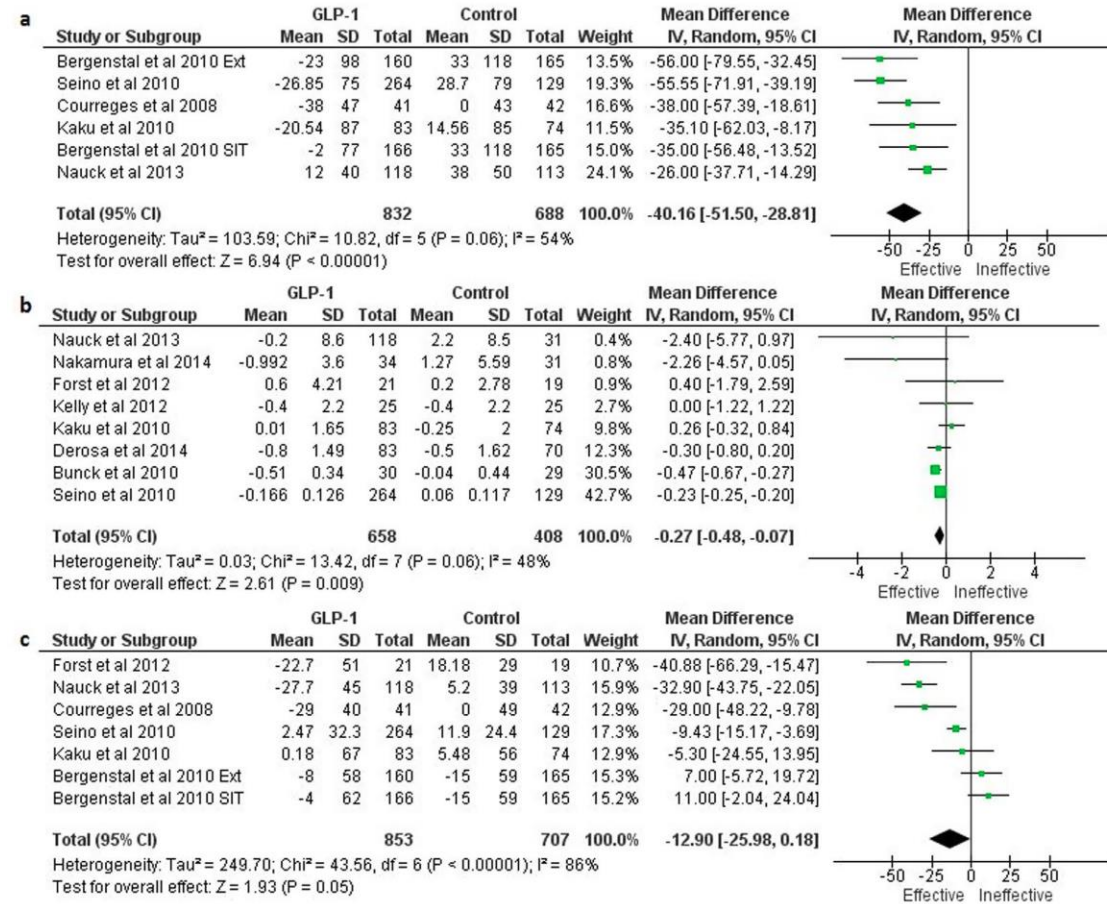


# Risk of CVD events in T2DM patients treated with exenatide: a retrospective analysis of the LifeLink database

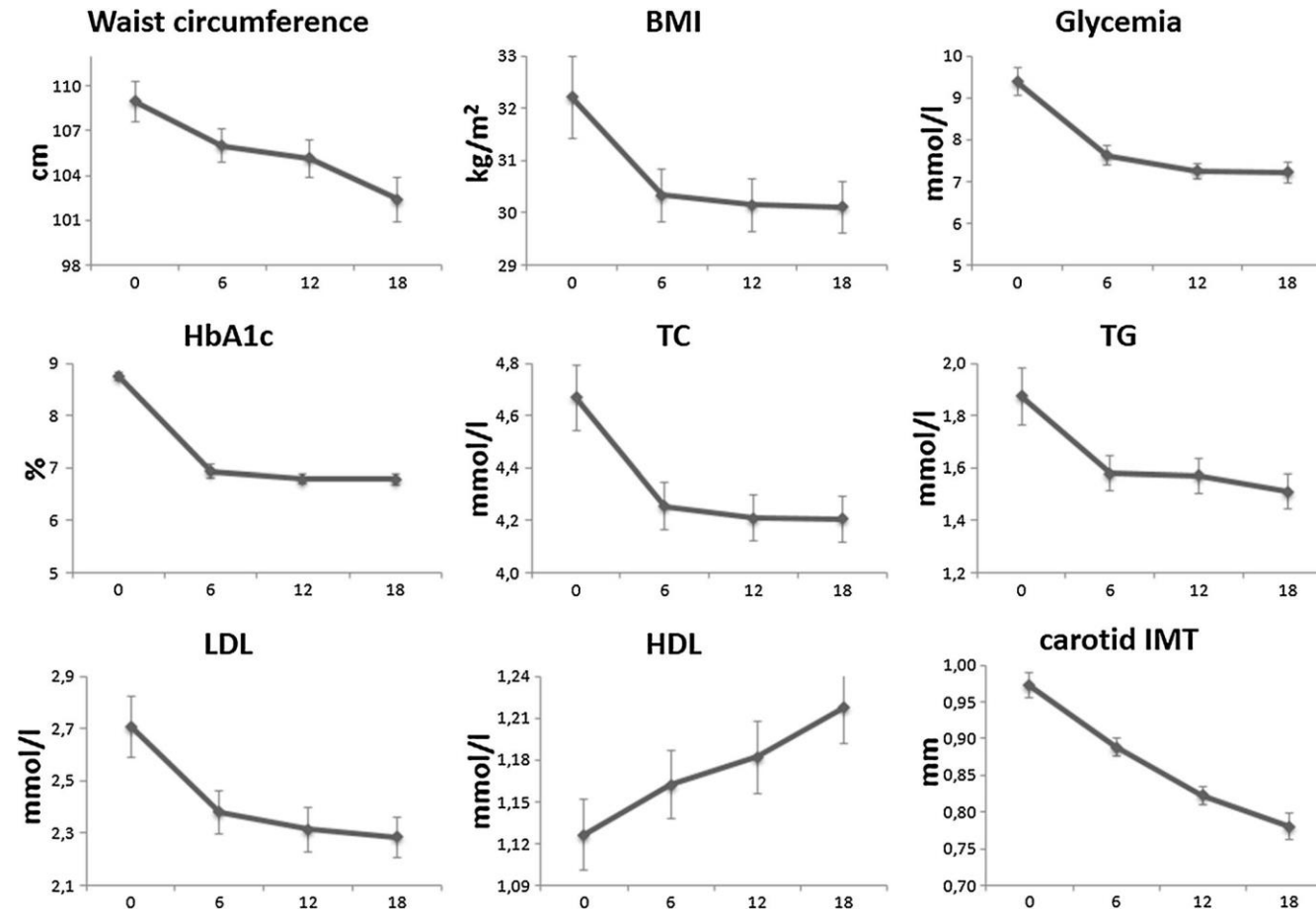
exenatide (n=21,754)  
other drugs (n=361,771)



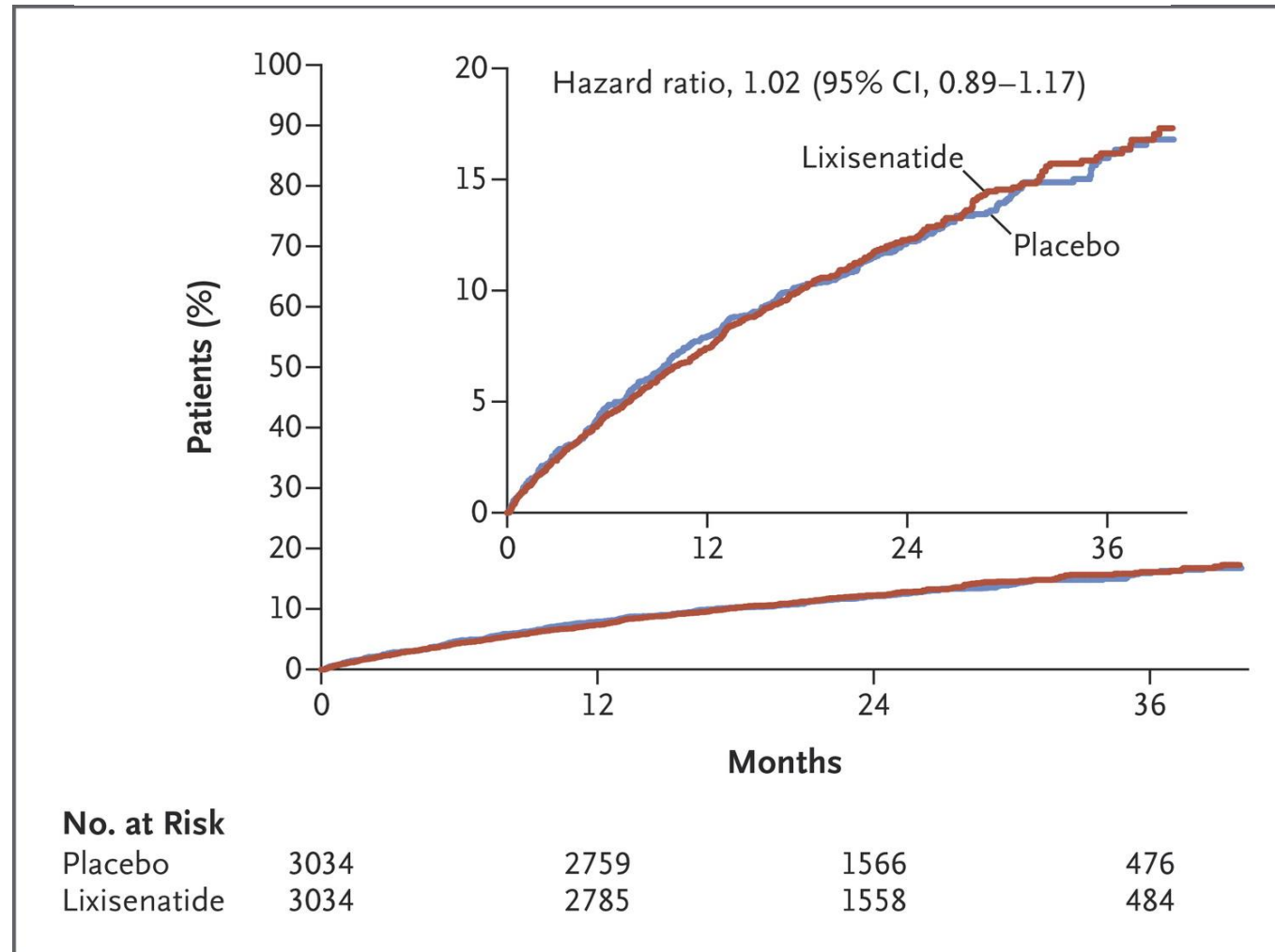
# The effects of GLP-1 based therapies on: BNP, hsCRP and PAI-1



# Changes in cardio-metabolic parameters with liraglutide: 18-month prospective, real-world study

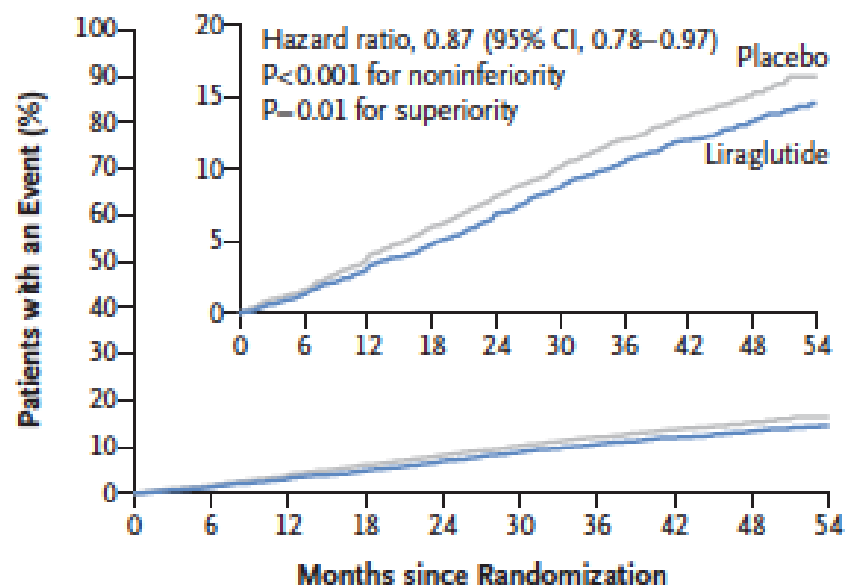


## Lixisenatide in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Acute Coronary Syndrome

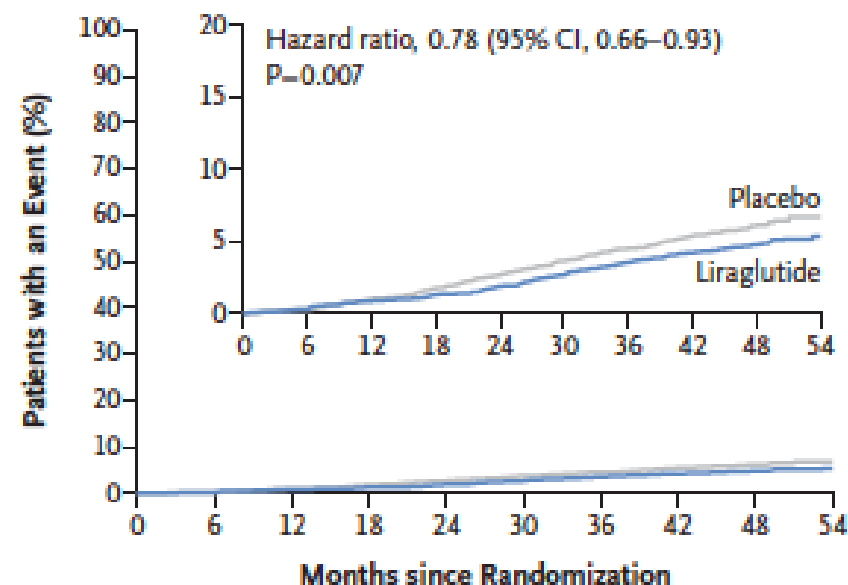




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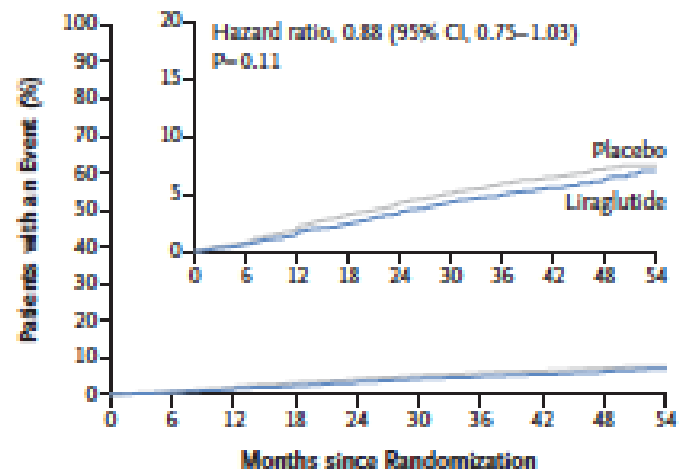
Liraglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes  
in Type 2 Diabetes**A Primary Outcome****No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

**B Death from Cardiovascular Causes****No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4267	1709	465

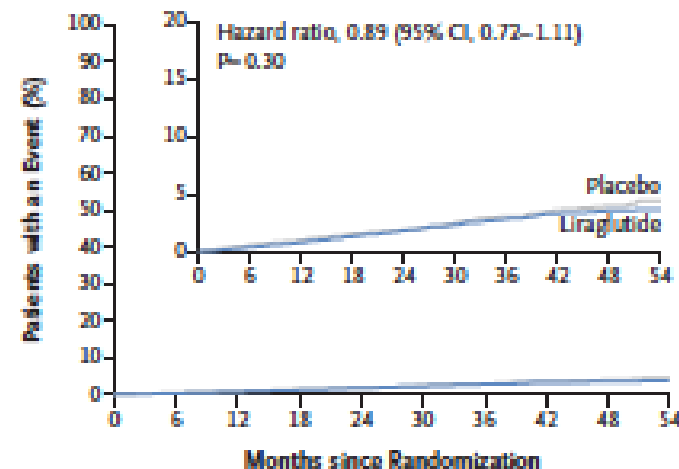
**C Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction**



**No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4609	4531	4454	4359	4263	4181	4102	1619	440
Placebo	4672	4613	4513	4407	4301	4202	4103	4020	1394	424

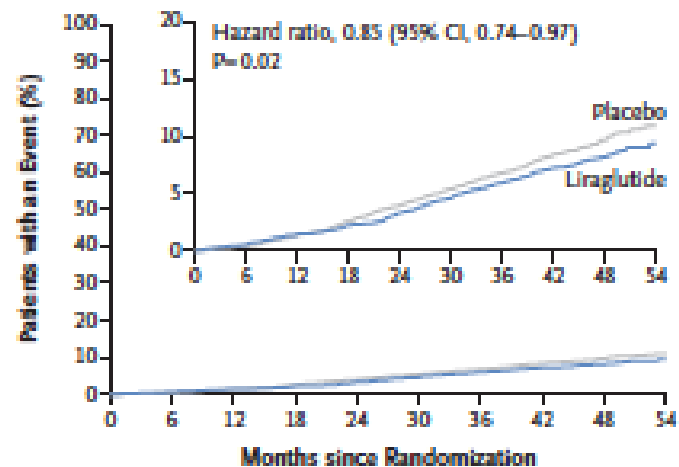
**D Nonfatal Stroke**



**No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4624	4564	4504	4426	4351	4269	4194	1662	463
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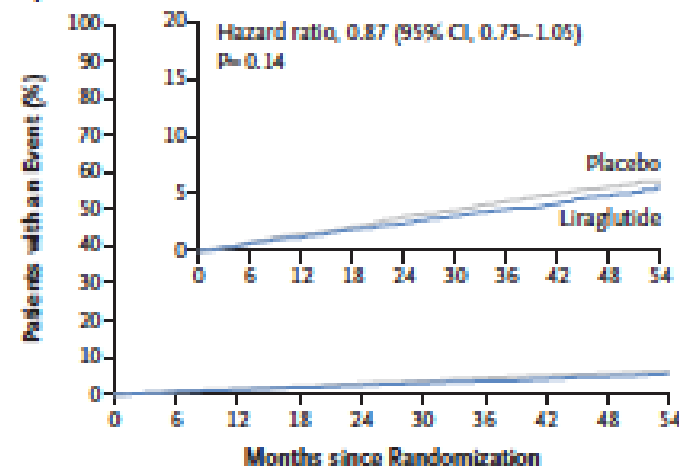
**E Death from Any Cause**



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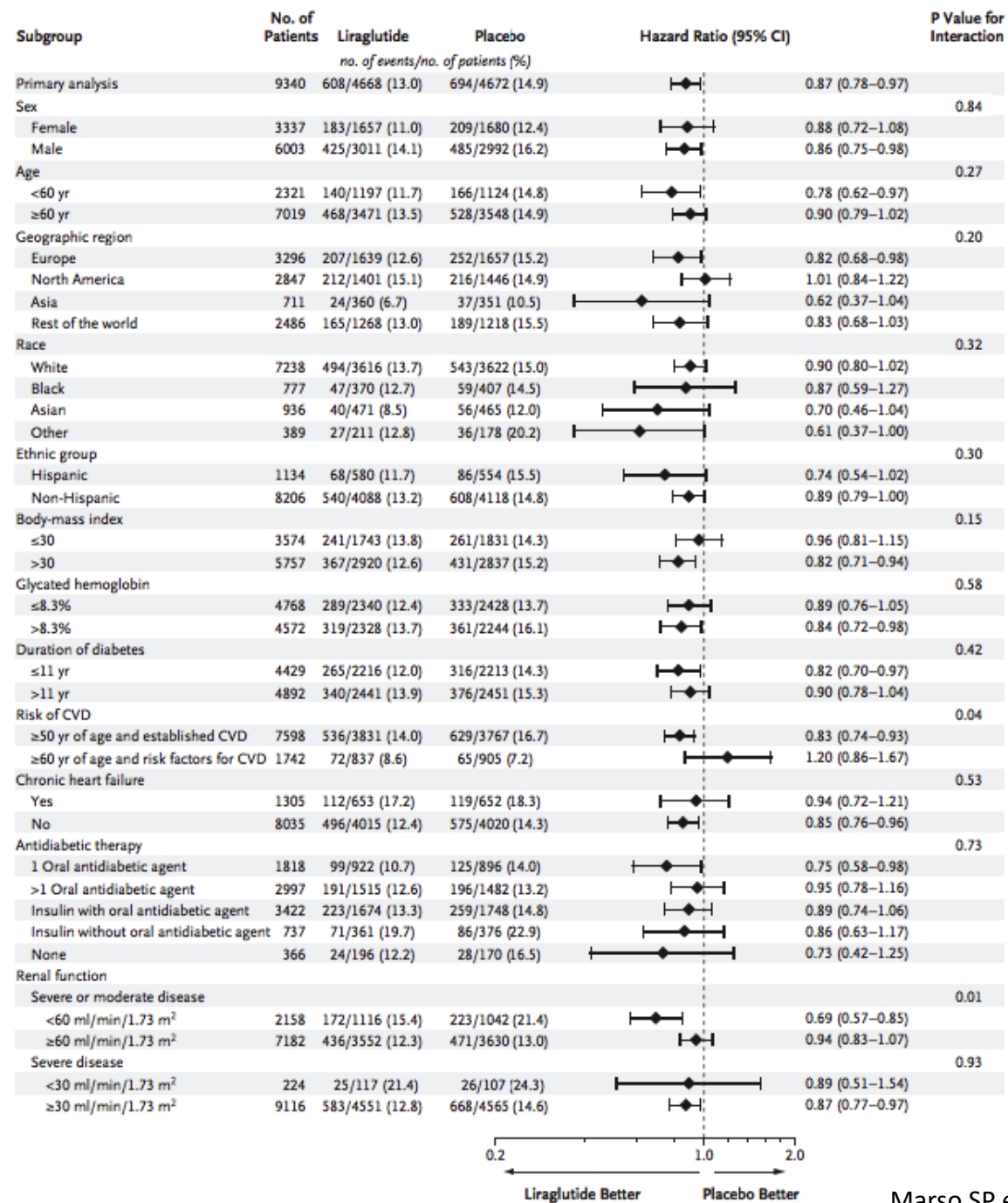
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**F Hospitalization for Heart Failure**



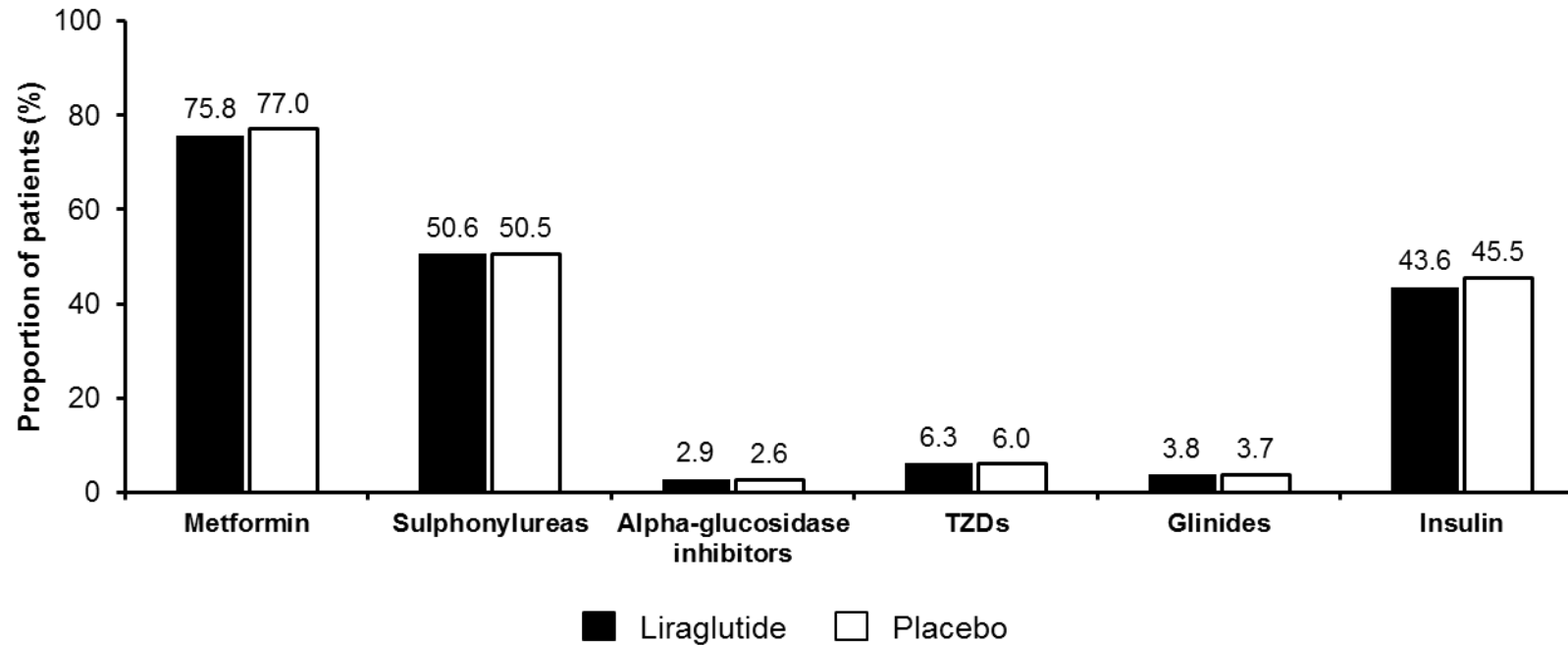
**No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4612	4550	4483	4414	4337	4258	4185	1662	467
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# LEADER Study

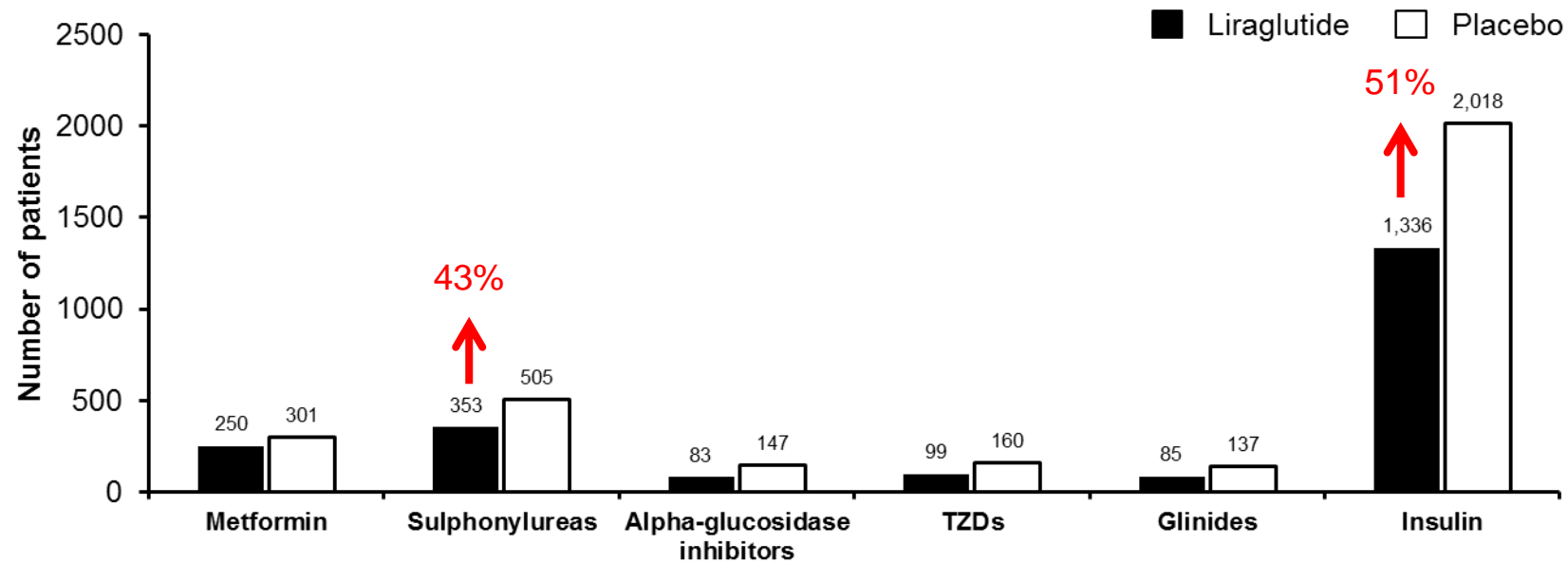
## Anti-hyperglycemic medication at baseline



TZD: thiazolidinediones.

# LEADER Study

Anti-hyperglycemic medications introduced during trial

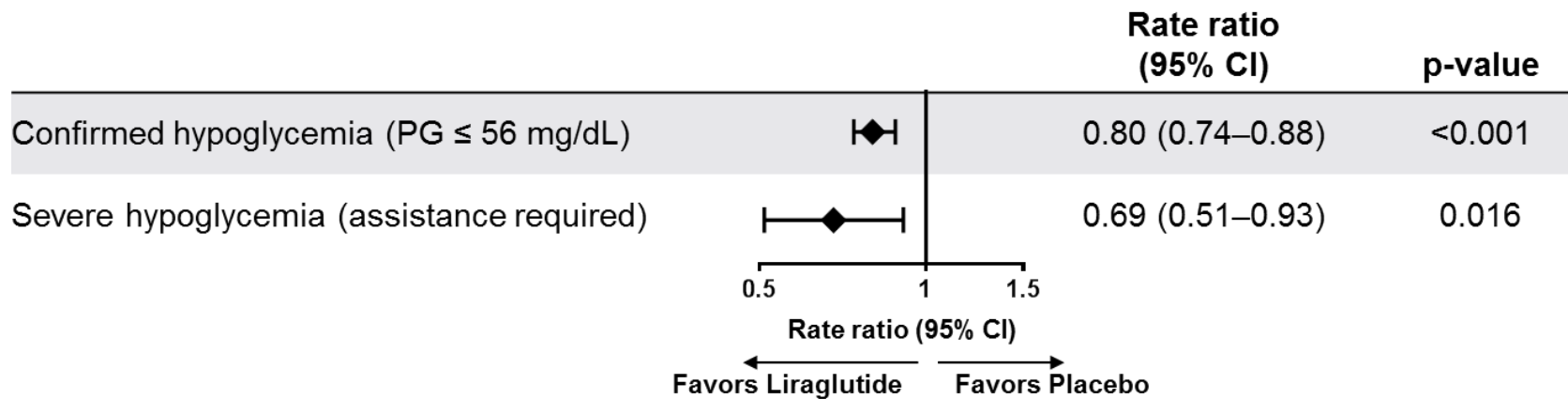


Additional classes added	Liraglutide	Placebo
DPP-4 inhibitors	149	170
GLP-1RAs	87	139
SGLT-2 inhibitors	100	130

DPP-4: dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1RA: glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; SGLT-2: sodium-glucose co-transporter-2; TZD: thiazolidinedione.

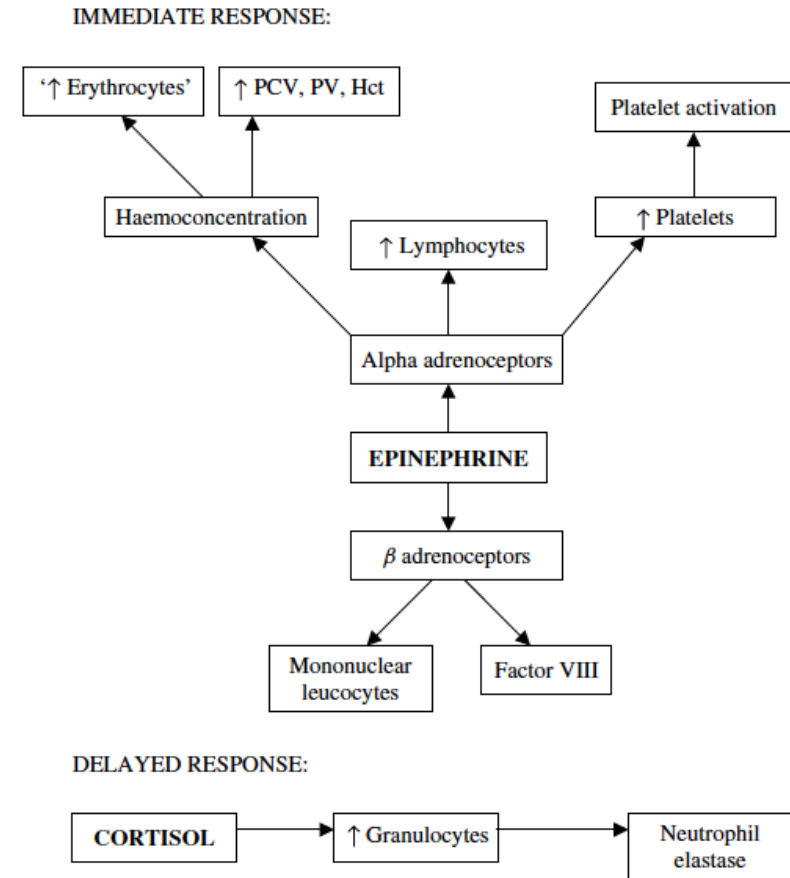
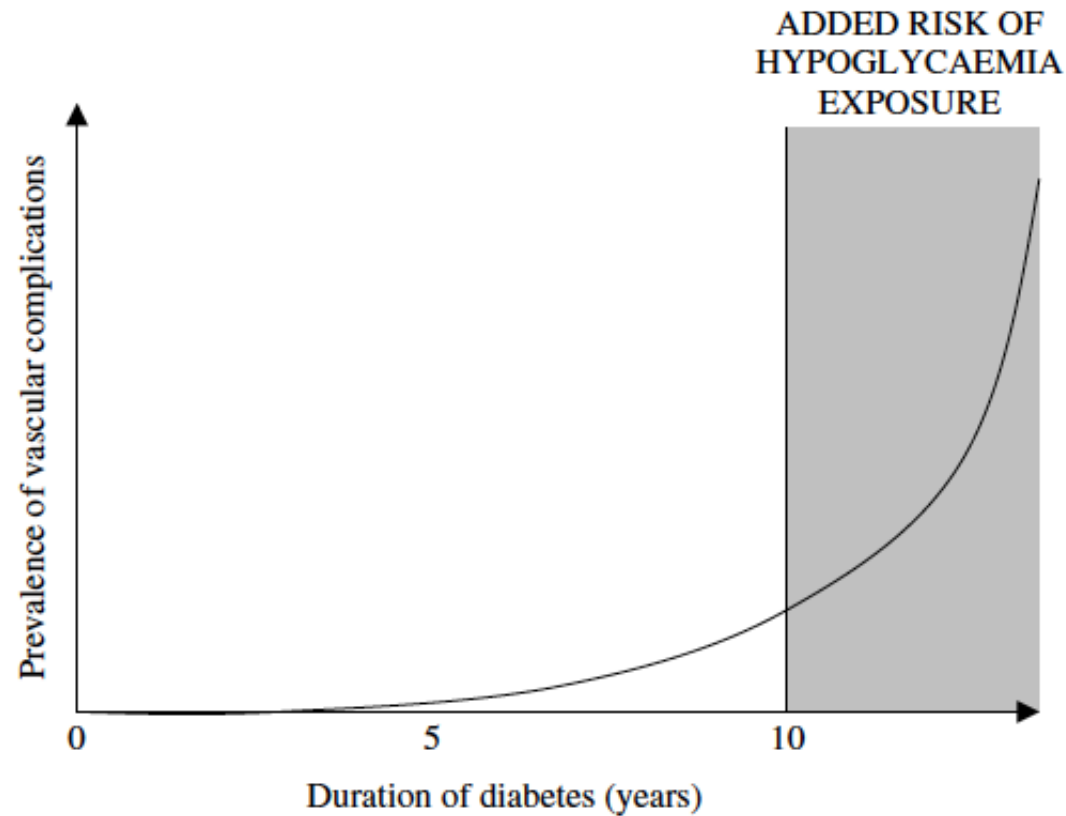
# LEADER Study

## Hypoglycemia

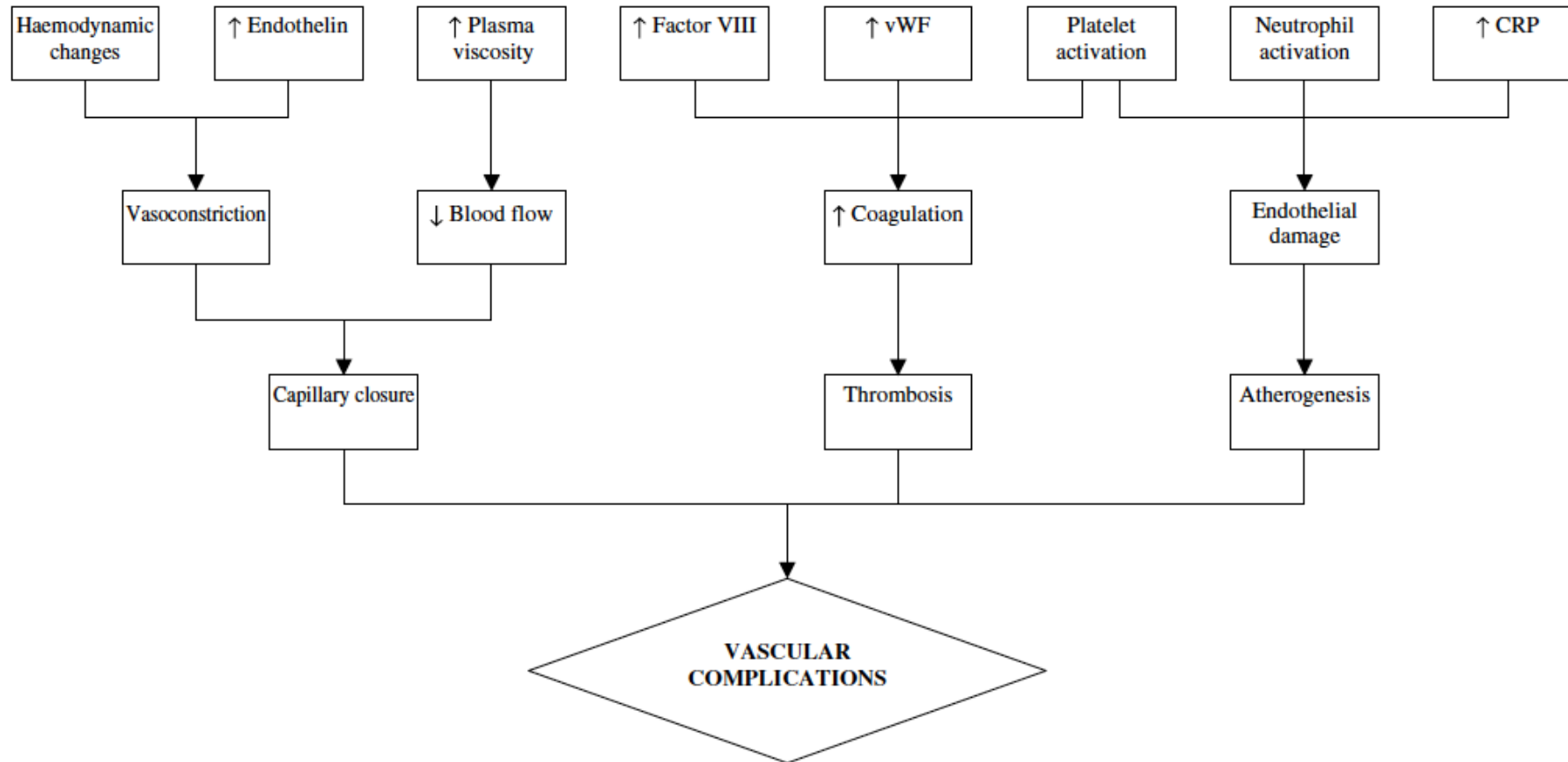


Confirmed hypoglycemia was defined as plasma glucose level of less than 56 mg per deciliter (3.1 mmol per liter) or a severe event. Severe hypoglycemia was defined as hypoglycemia for which the patient required assistance from a third party. Analyzed using a negative binomial regression model.  
CI: confidence interval; PG: plasma glucose.

# Hypoglycaemia and CV morbidity

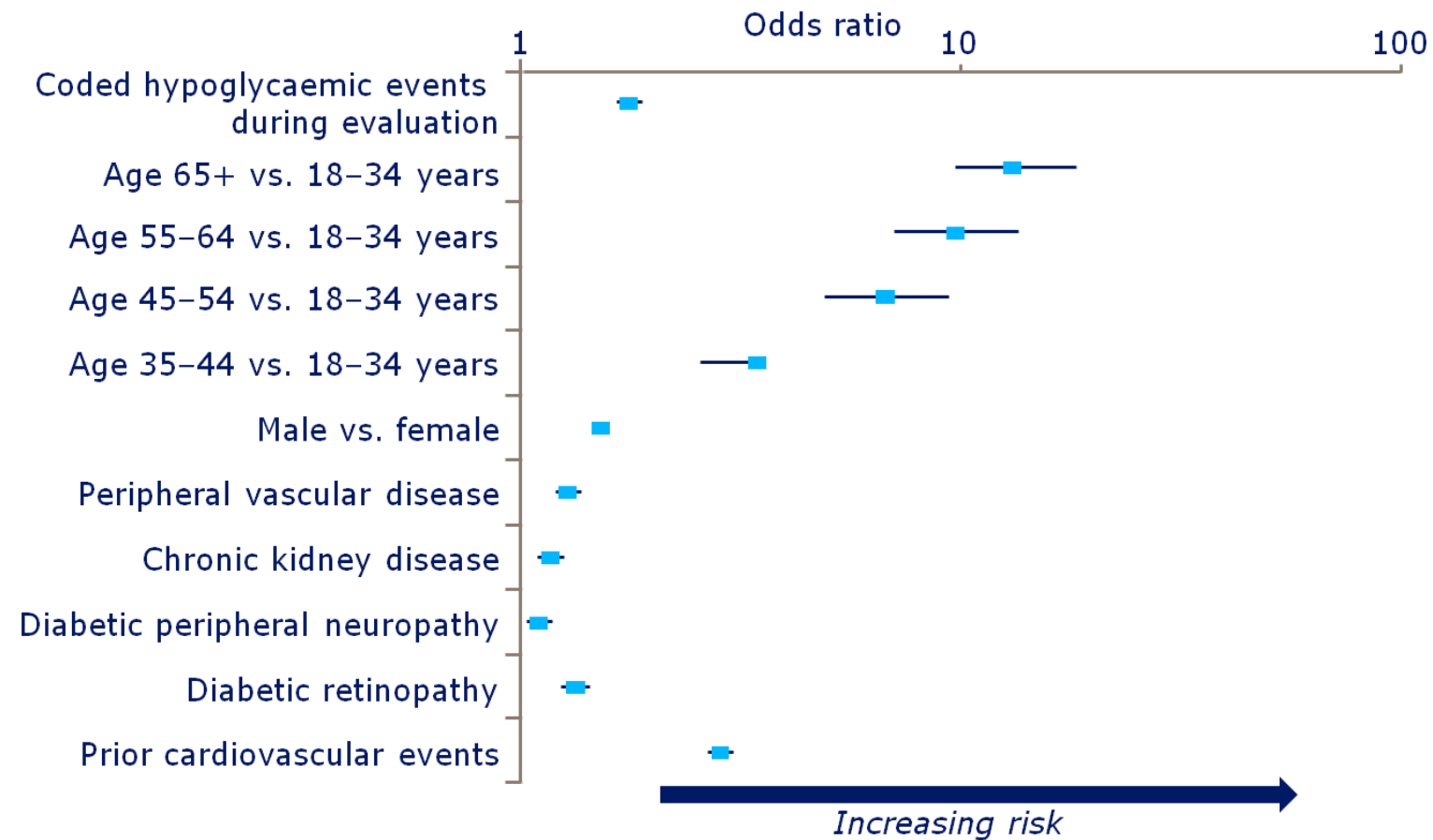


# Hypoglycaemia and CV morbidity





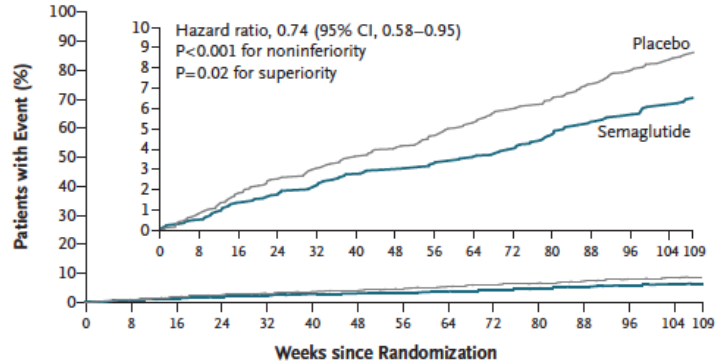
# Hypoglycemic events and increased risk of acute cardiovascular events in T2DM patients



# Semaglutide and CV risk

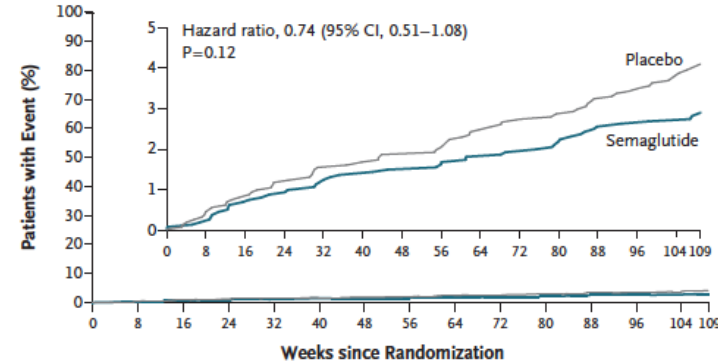
## SUSTAIN-6 trial

**A Primary Outcome**



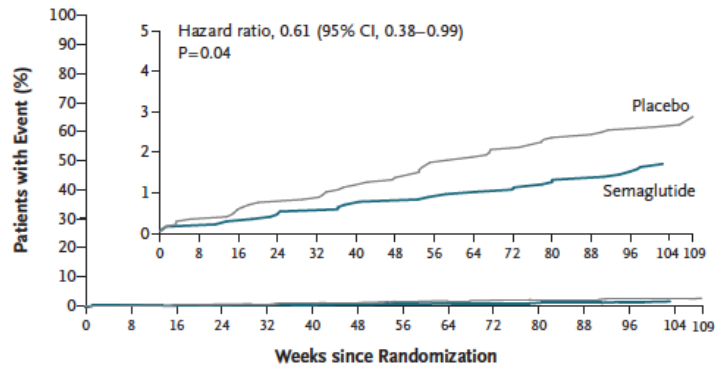
No. at Risk		0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1616	1586	1567	1534	1508	1479									
Semaglutide	1648	1619	1601	1584	1568	1543	1524									

**B Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction**



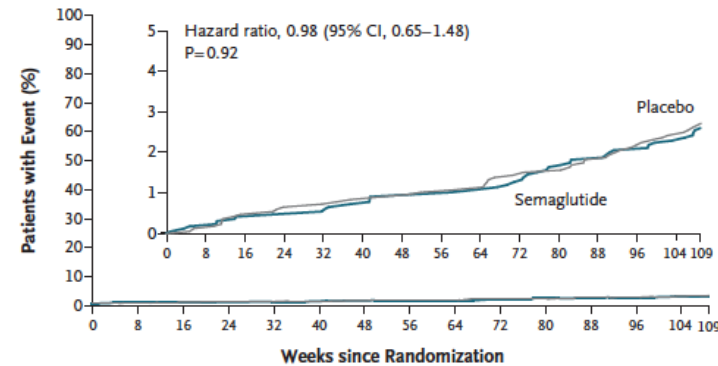
No. at Risk		0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1624	1598	1587	1562	1542	1516									
Semaglutide	1648	1623	1609	1595	1582	1560	1543									

**C Nonfatal Stroke**



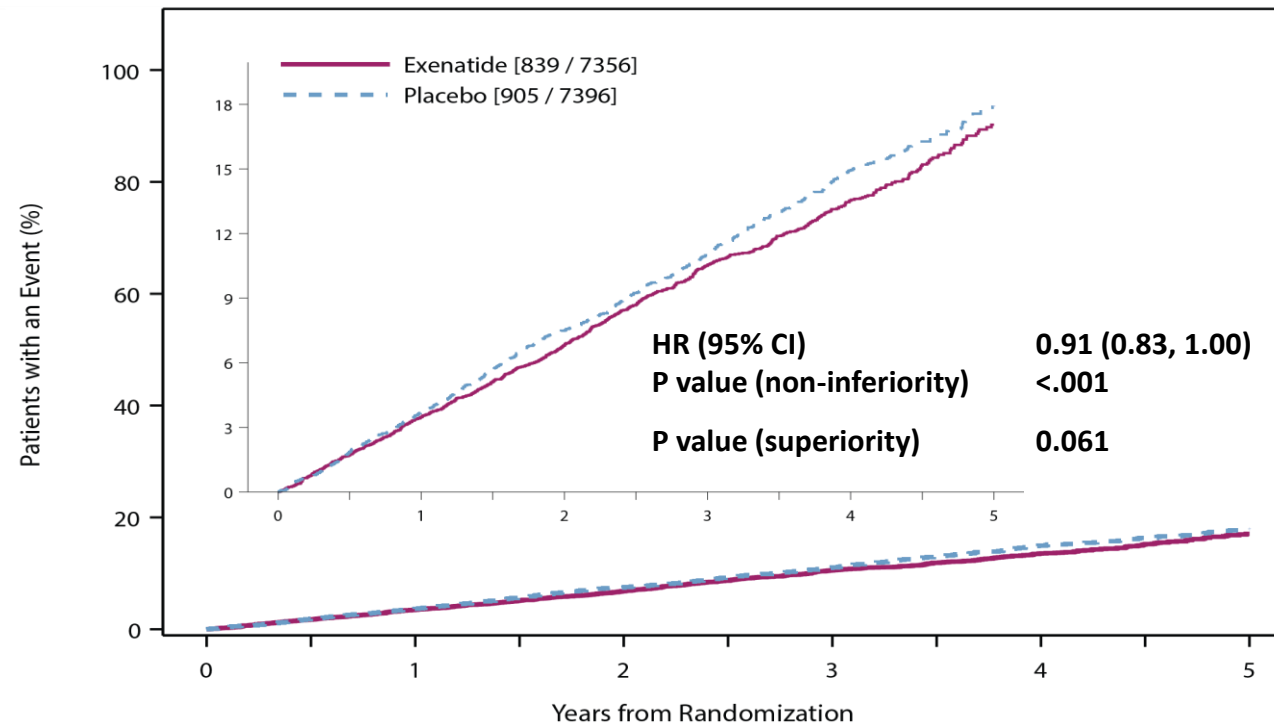
No. at Risk		0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1629	1611	1597	1571	1548	1528									
Semaglutide	1648	1630	1619	1606	1593	1572	1558									

**D Death from Cardiovascular Causes**



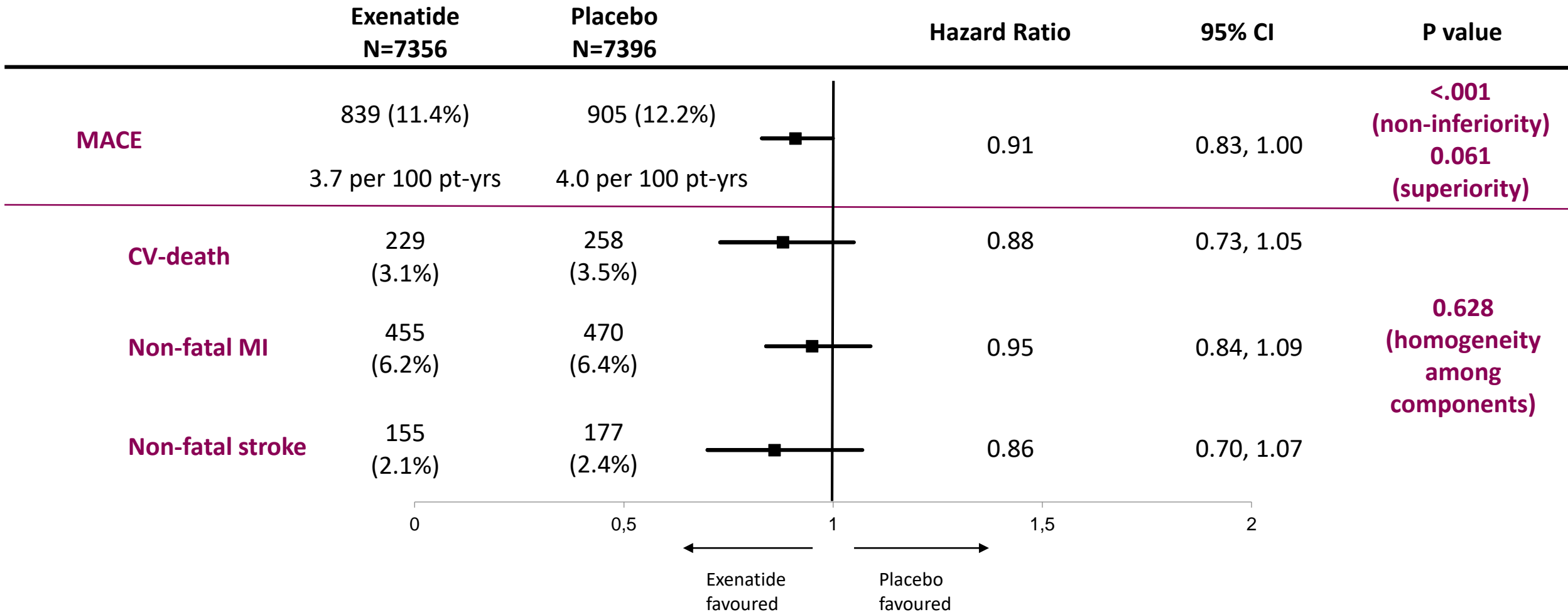
No. at Risk		0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1637	1623	1617	1600	1584	1566									
Semaglutide	1648	1634	1627	1617	1607	1589	1579									

# EXSCEL Study: Primary Composite Cardiovascular Outcome *Intention-to-Treat Analysis for Non-inferiority and Superiority*



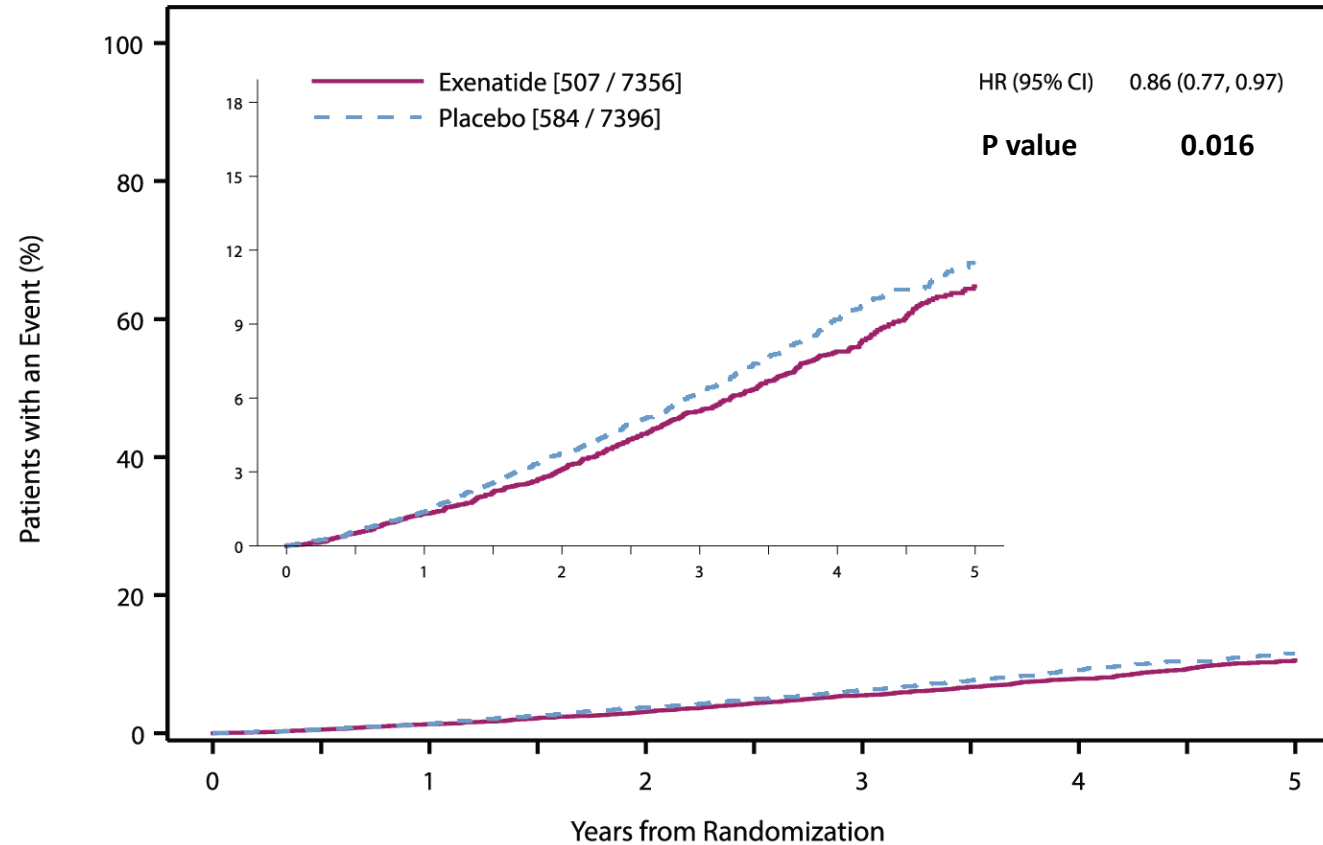
	No at Risk										
Exenatide	7356	7101	6893	6580	5912	4475	3595	3053	2281	1417	727
Placebo	7396	7120	6897	6565	5908	4468	3565	2961	2209	1366	687

# Primary Composite Cardiovascular Outcome Intention-to-Treat Analysis



# All-Cause Mortality

## *Intention-to-Treat Analysis*



	No at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5				
Exenatide	7356	7304	7234	7028	6433	4991	4095	3518	2698	1726	907
Placebo	7396	7344	7278	7058	6470	5019	4091	3478	2666	1695	892

# Two Broad Categories of Clinical Trial Designs

- In 1967, Schwartz and Lellouch differentiated clinical trials into pragmatic versus explanatory approaches.<sup>1</sup>
- There is a continuum rather than a dichotomy between the two approaches.<sup>2</sup>

## Key Differences Between Trials With Explanatory and Pragmatic Designs<sup>2-4</sup>

	Explanatory	Pragmatic
<b>Objective</b>	Evaluates if a treatment will work under optimal conditions	Evaluates if a treatment will work under routine practice conditions
<b>Validity</b>	High internal validity <sup>a</sup>	High external validity <sup>b</sup>
<b>Sample size</b>	Smaller	Larger
<b>Patient population</b>	Homogenous, highly selected	Heterogeneous, little or no selection
<b>Design/setting</b>	Sophisticated design with well-defined controlled environment	Simple design with broad diverse setting
<b>Intervention</b>	Comparison to placebo	Comparison to usual care/standard of care
<b>Phase of trial</b>	Mostly Phase II to III	Mostly Phase IV
<b>Relevance to practice</b>	Indirect—little effort to match trial design to the usual setting in which intervention will be used	Direct—trial designed to match the setting in which intervention will be used

<sup>a</sup>Ability to determine cause-effect relationships; <sup>b</sup>Ability to generalize the results in extended populations and clinical settings.

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2. Zwarenstein M et al. BMJ. 2008;337: a2390;
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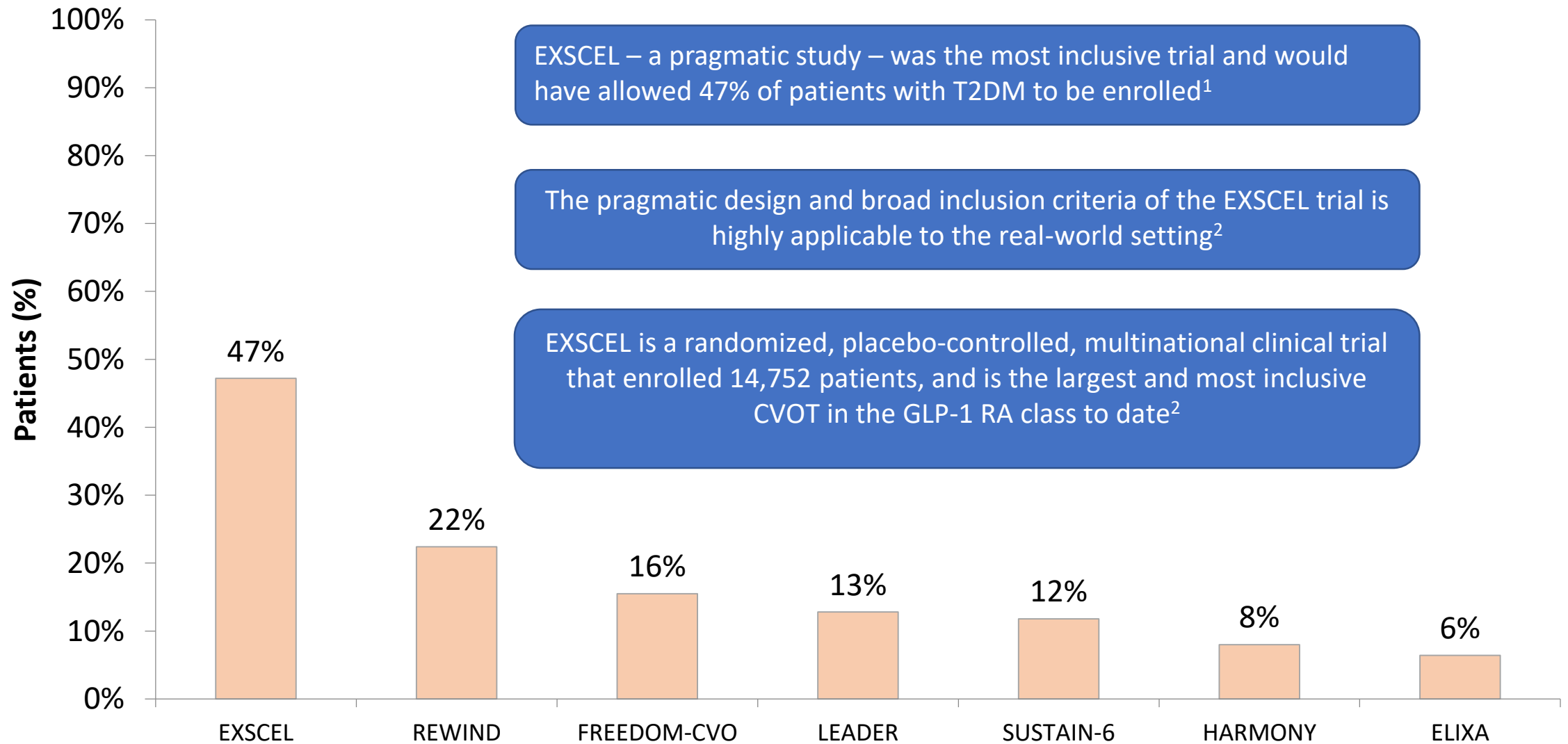
# EXSCEL (Pragmatic Trial) Versus LEADER (Exploratory Trial)

	EXSCEL <sup>1,2</sup> (exenatide once weekly)	LEADER <sup>3,4</sup> (liraglutide)
Study design	Pragmatic, randomized, parallel-group, placebo-controlled, international trial	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, international trial
Population	T2DM patients ≥18 years, HbA1c 6.5% to 10%, with or without CV risk factors or prior CV events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key exclusion: T1DM; history of ketoacidosis, gastroparesis, pancreatitis; prior/current GLP-1 RA use; planned/anticipated revascularization procedure; pregnancy; ESRD or eGFR &lt;30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>; familial/personal history of medullary thyroid cancer or MEN2 or baseline calcitonin level &gt;40 ng/L</li> </ul>	T2DM patients, HbA1c ≥7.0%, ≥50 years with CVD or ≥60 years with 1 or more CV risk factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key exclusion: T1DM; use of GLP-1 RA DPP-4i, pramlintide, rapid-acting insulin; familial/personal history of MEN2 or medullary thyroid cancer, acute coronary or cerebrovascular event (≤14 days); calcitonin ≥50 ng/L; end-stage liver disease; current continuous renal replacement therapy</li> </ul>
Study treatments	EQW 2 mg + usual care <sup>a</sup> OR Placebo QW + usual care <sup>a</sup>	2-week run-in period with daily placebo injections followed by: Liraglutide 0.6 to 1.8 mg QD + standard of care <sup>b</sup> OR Placebo QD + standard of care <sup>b</sup>
Add-on glycemic therapy	Any glucose-lowering agent such as insulin, TZD, SU, α-GI, DPP-4i, or SGLT-2i	Insulin, TZD, SU, or α-GI
Patients, N	14,752	9340
Study duration	1360 confirmed primary composite CV endpoint events	60 months (max) + ≥611 primary composite CV endpoint events
Primary CV endpoint	Composite of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CV death</li> <li>Nonfatal MI</li> <li>Nonfatal stroke</li> </ul>	Composite of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CV death</li> <li>Nonfatal MI</li> <li>Nonfatal stroke</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>Patients were managed by their usual care provider and treated according to local standards of care for diabetes and cardiovascular risk factor management; <sup>b</sup>Standard of care guidelines were developed by the LEADER global expert panel and national study leaders in participating countries and included a protocol for the treatment of risk factors and concomitant use of medications.

α-GI = α-glucosidase inhibitor; CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; DPP-4i = dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitor; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; EQW = exenatide once weekly; ESRD = end-stage renal disease; GLP-1 RA = glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA1c = glycated hemoglobin; MEN2 = multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2; MI = myocardial infarction; QW = once weekly; SGLT-2i = sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor; SU = sulfonylurea; T1DM = type 1 diabetes mellitus; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus; TZD = thiazolidinedione.

# US Patients With T2DM Who Meet the Eligibility Criteria for GLP-1 RA CVOTs<sup>1</sup>



CVOT = cardiovascular outcomes trial; GLP-1 RA = glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus.

1. Wittbrodt ET et al. Poster presented at: 77<sup>th</sup> American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions; June 9-13, 2017; San Diego, CA. Poster 1515-P; 2. Mentz RJ et al. *Am Heart J.* 2017;187:1-9.



# Conclusioni

- La malattia cardiovascolare è la causa più frequente di morbidità e mortalità nel paziente affetto da diabete mellito di tipo 2
- Il GLP-1 svolge importanti effetti cardiovascolari dimostrati sia in modelli sperimentali sia nell'uomo
- Nei CVOT i GLP-1 RA si sono dimostrati superiori al placebo nella protezione cardiovascolare e nella riduzione della mortalità



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