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## Protezione cardio-renale nel Diabete di Tipo 2:

L'integrazione tra **Medici di Medicina generale**  
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Update su  
**SGLT2-i e GLP1 RA**

Lelio Morviducci

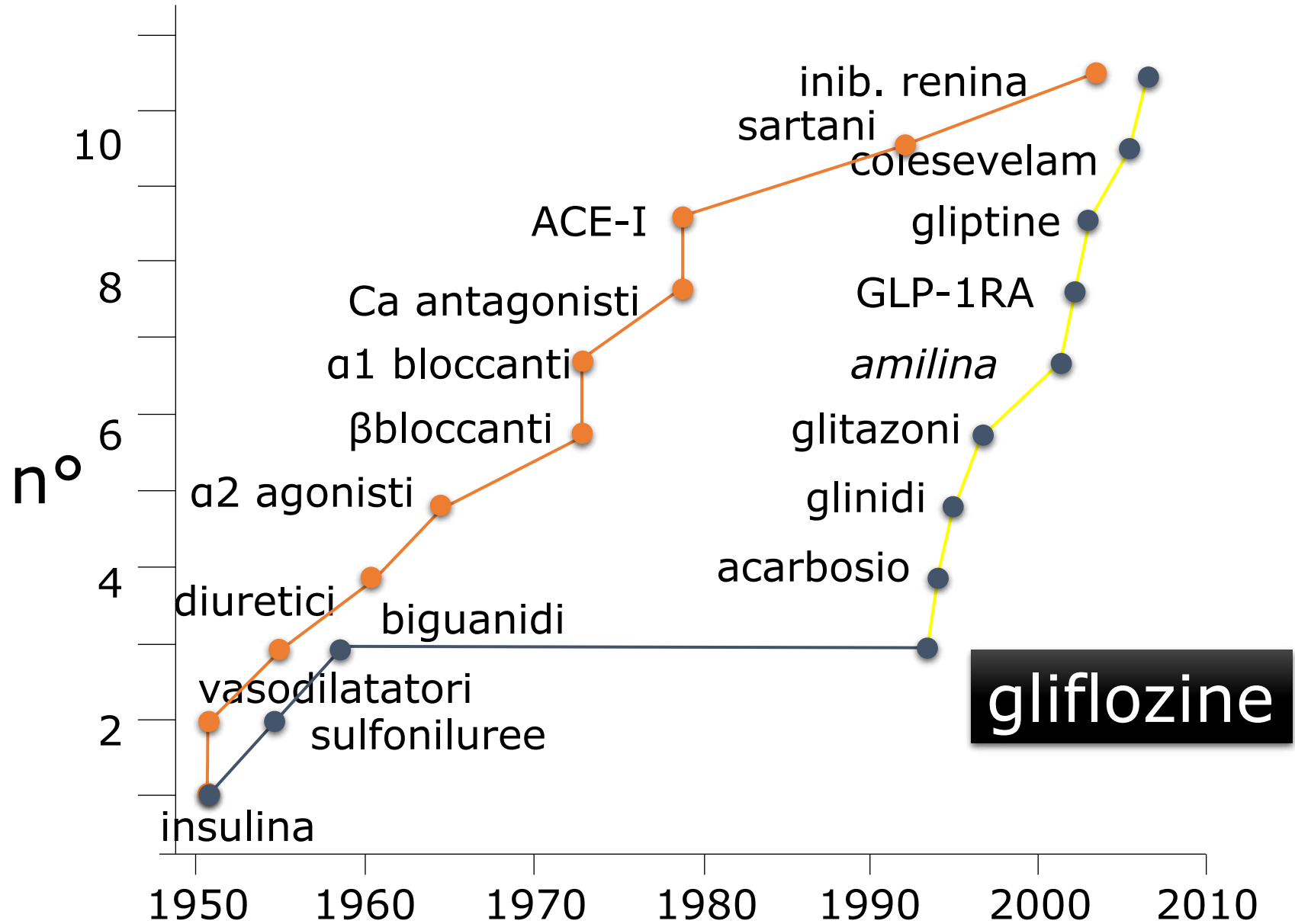
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Lifescan  
Roche Diagnostics  
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# Classi di farmaci disponibili








# DPP4-i CV Outcomes Trials

CLASS	MOLECULE	TRIAL	CV SAFETY	CV BENEFIT <sup>†15</sup>
DPP-4i	Saxagliptin	SAVOR-TIMI-53 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
	Alogliptin	EXAMINE <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No
	Sitagliptin	TECOS <sup>3</sup>	Yes	No
	Linagliptin	CARMELINA <sup>4</sup>	Yes	No

# GLP1-RA CV Outcomes Trials

	 <b>REWIND</b> Dulaglutide CV Outcomes Trial	 <b>ELIXA</b>	 <b>EXSCEL</b> Exenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering	 <b>SUSTAIN™</b> SEMAGLUTIDE UNABATED SUSTAINABILITY IN TREATMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES	 <b>LEADER®</b> Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes: Evaluation of cardiovascular outcome Results	<b>PIONEER</b>
<b>Drug</b>	Dulaglutide	Lixisenatide	Exenatide ER	Semaglutide	Liraglutide	Sema Orale
<b>N</b>	9.901	6.068	14.752	3.297	9.340	
<b>Follow-up (years)</b>	5,4	2,1	3,2	2,1	3,8	1,8
<b>History of CVD (%)</b>	31	100	73	59	72	83
<b>Primary endpoint (MACE) non inferiority</b>						
<b>Primary endpoint (MACE) superiority</b>						

# SGLT2-i CV Outcomes Trials

	 <b>EMPA-REG OUTCOME®</b>	 <b>CANVAS Program</b>	 <b>DECLARE</b> 7xM9-50 Dapagliflozin Effect on Cardiovascular Events	 <b>VERTIS CV</b>	 <b>CREDENCE®</b>
<b>Drug</b>	Empagliflozin	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Ertugliflozin	Canagliflozin
<b>N</b>	7.020	10.142	17.160	8.246	4.401
<b>Follow-up (years)</b>	3,1	2,4	4,2	3,5	2,6
<b>History of CVD (%)</b>	99,2	65,6	40,6	75,9	50,4
<b>Mean Baseline eGFRs</b>	74	76,5	85,2	76,1	56,2
<b>Primary endpoint (MACE) non inferiority</b>					
<b>Primary endpoint (MACE) superiority</b>					

# History of Serendipity

*"...trovare qualcosa di piacevolmente inaspettato,  
cercando qualcos'altro di specifico"*

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Non-fatal myocardial infarction						
Non-fatal stroke						
Death from cardiovascular causes						
Death from any cause						
Renal Composite Outcome						

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Fatal or nonfatal myocardial infarction					
Fatal or nonfatal stroke					
Death from cardiovascular causes					
Death from any cause					
Hospitalization for heart failure					
Death from cardiovascular causes or hospitalization for heart failure					
Renal Composite Outcome					



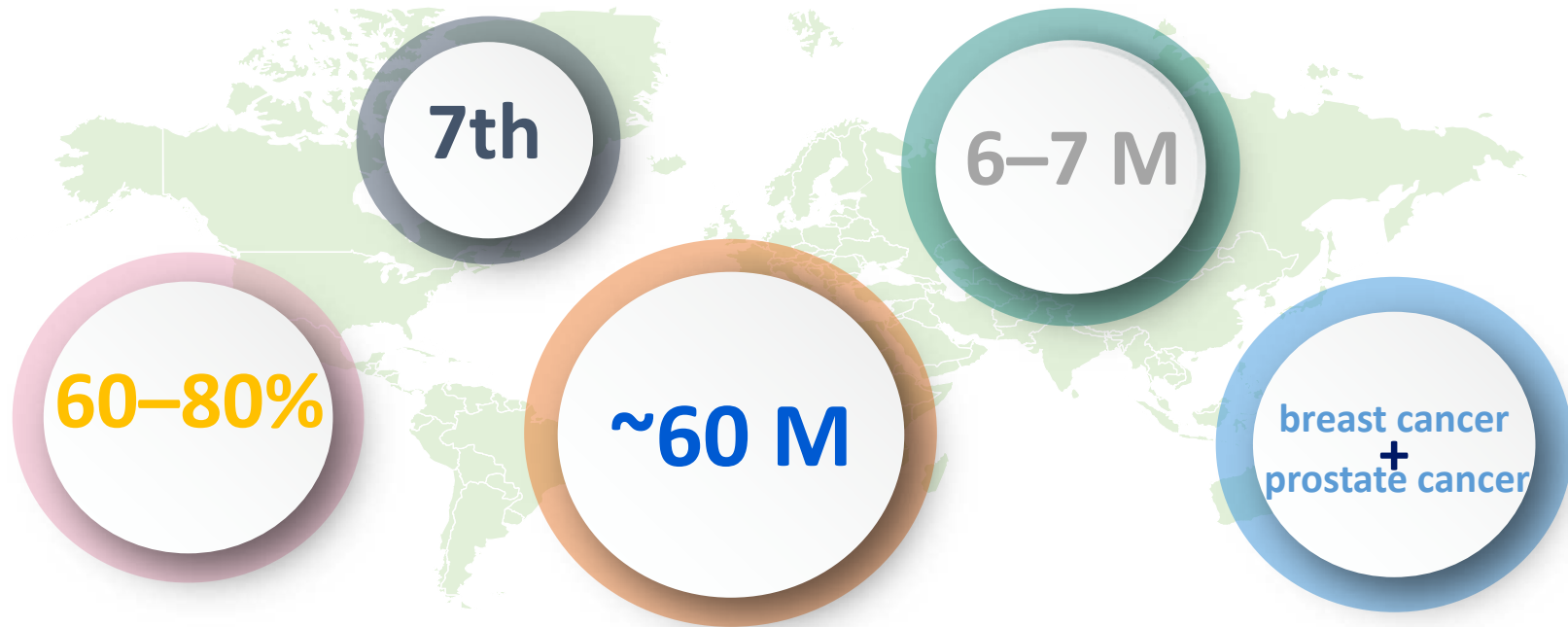
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**DEMENTIA**  
**COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT**







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60-80%

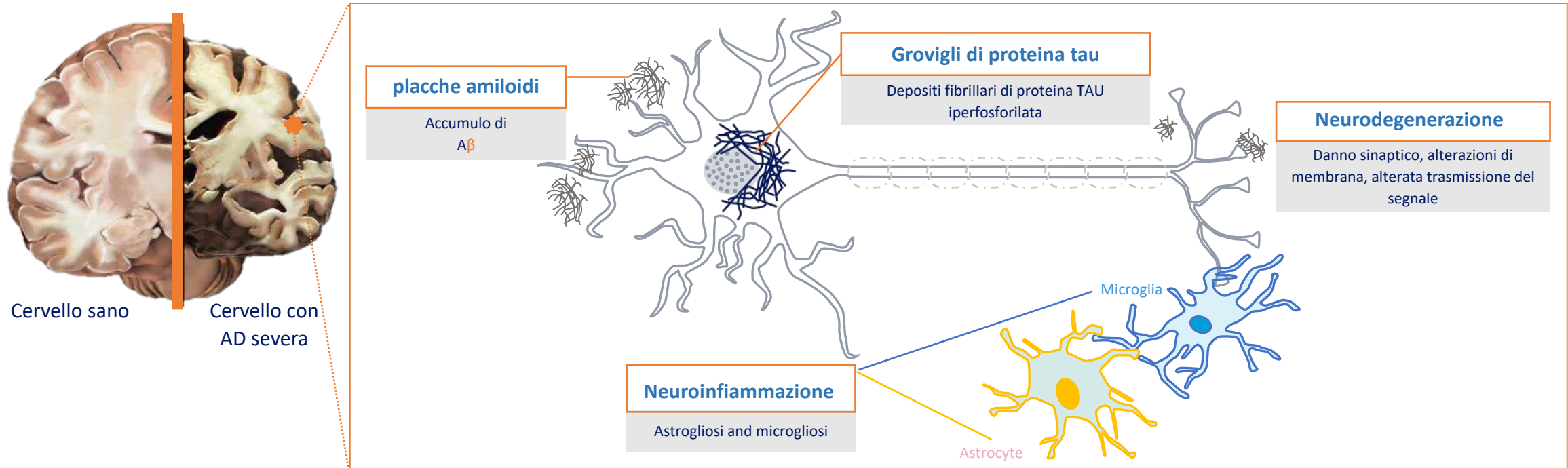
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~60 M

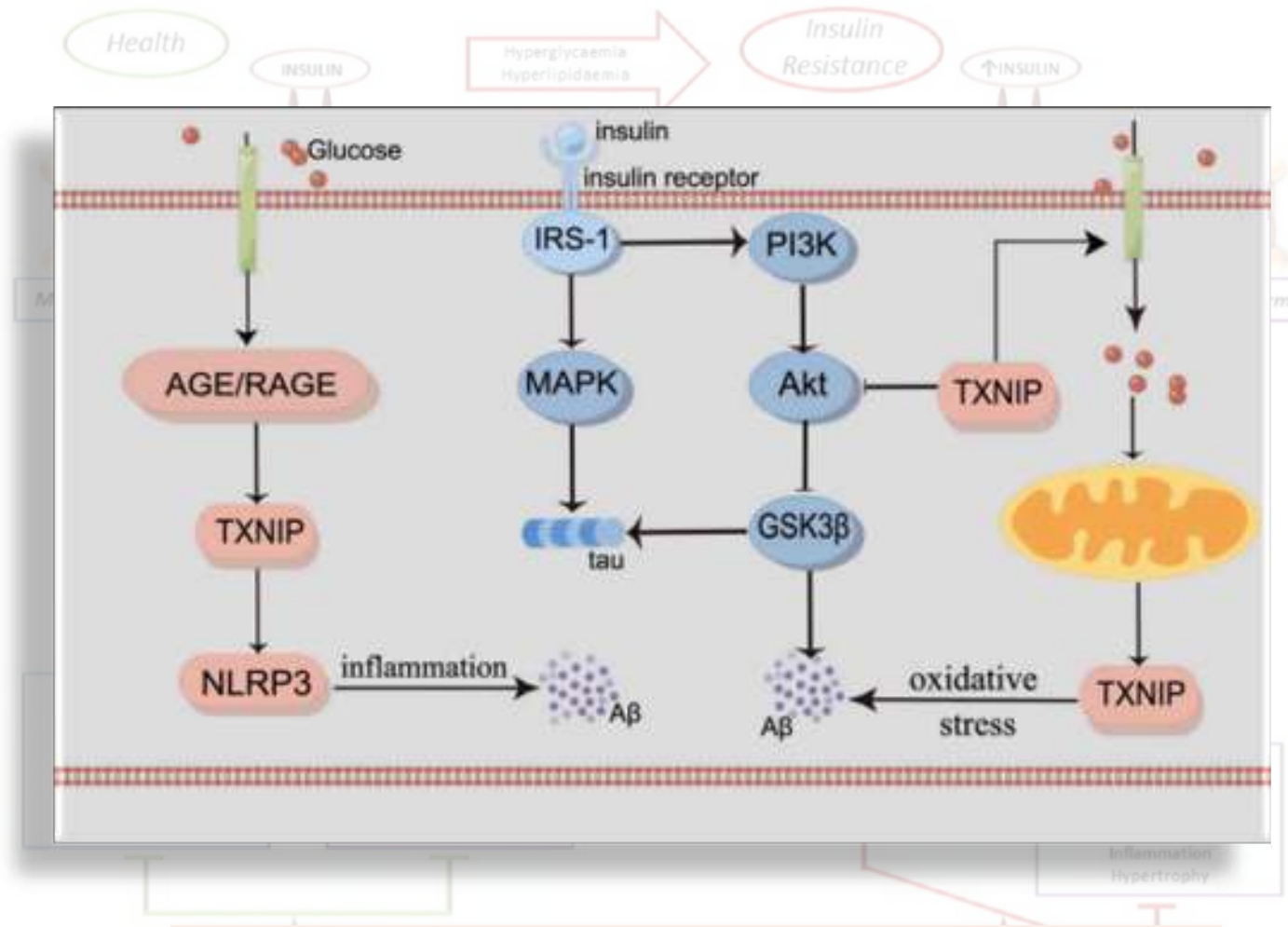
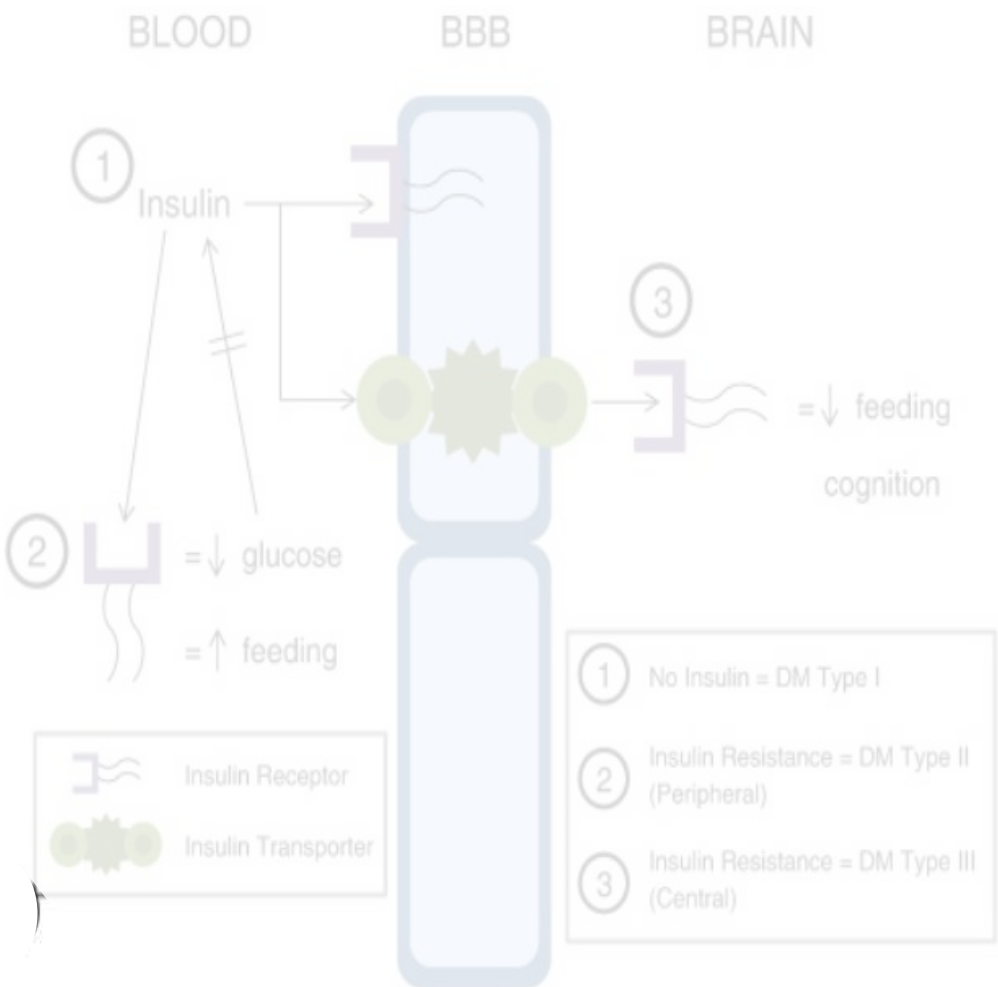
breast cancer  
+  
prostate cancer

# I segni distintivi dell'AD includono: placche amiloidi, depositi neurofibrillari di proteine tau e la neurodegenerazione



Questi cambiamenti iniziano anni prima della comparsa dei sintomi, portando infine alla demenza. L'evidenza suggerisce che la neuroinfiammazione si verifica come risultato dell'accumulo di placca amiloide ed è vista come un meccanismo rilevante nella progressione dei cambiamenti neuropatologici nell'AD.

Il cervello è un organo insulino-sensibile.  
 L'insulina attraversa la BBB con un meccanismo saturabile.  
 L'insulina svolge un importante ruolo fisiologico nel cervello ad eccezione dell'omeostasi del glucosio

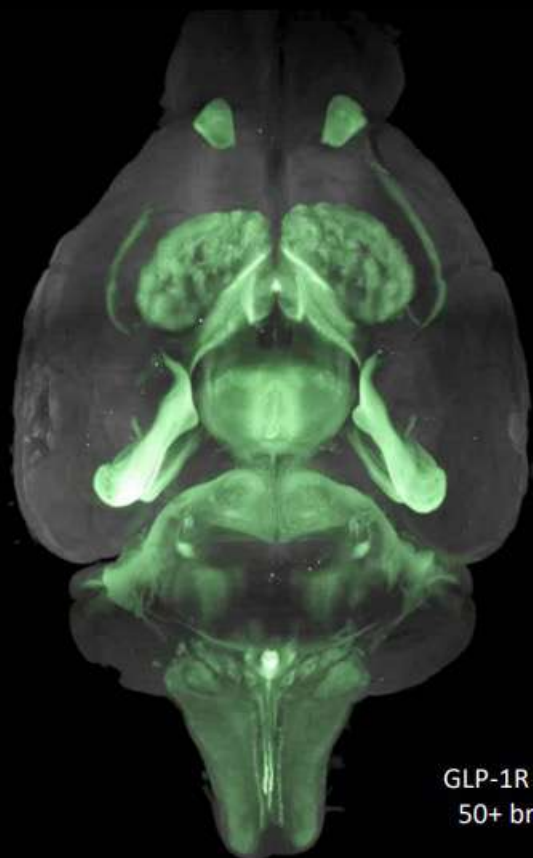


Altera la plasticità sinaptica e la regolazione della neurotrasmissione che partecipano all'apprendimento, alla memoria e alle funzioni emotive del cervello



## GLP-1 RA and Brain

## GLP-1R espresso nel cervello murino



GLP-1R identified in  
50+ brain regions

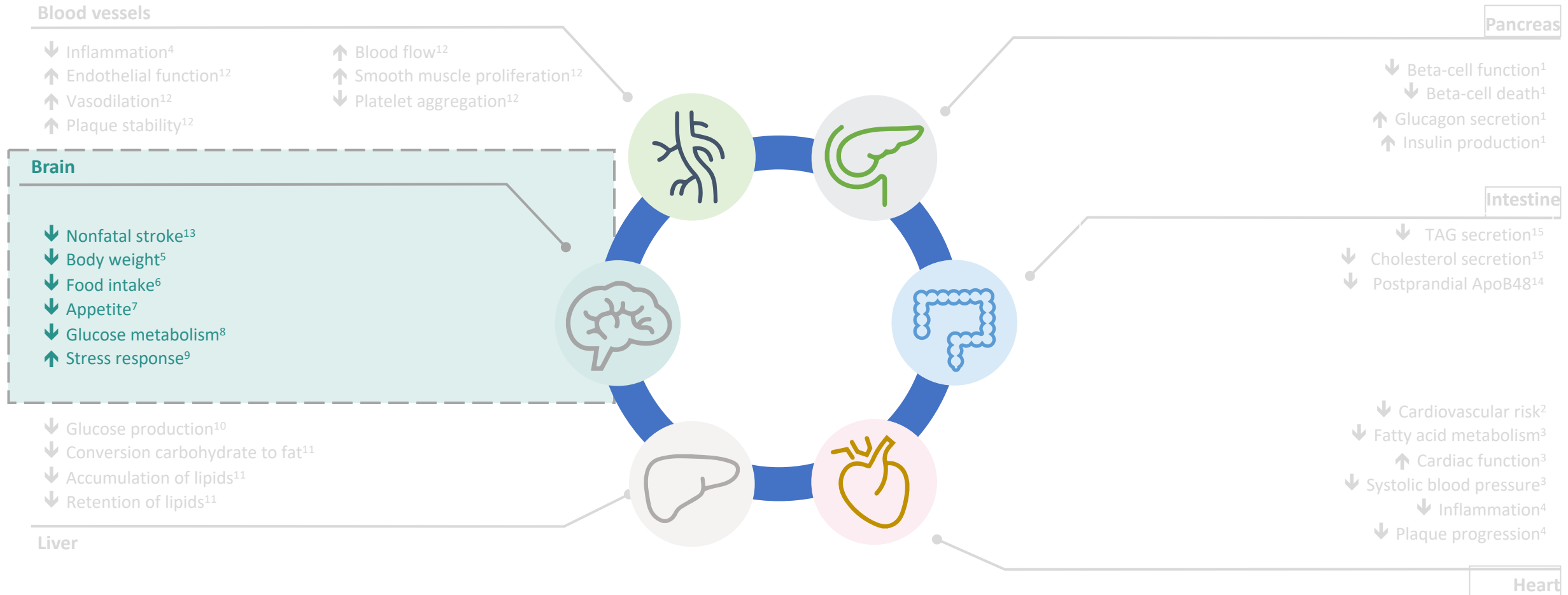
## Il GLP-1R è espresso in aree dell'ippocampo coinvolte nell'apprendimento e nella memoria

- I topi carenti di GLP-1R hanno un fenotipo caratterizzato da un deficit di apprendimento che viene ripristinato dopo il trasferimento del gene GLP-1R ippocampale
- I ratti che sovraesprimono il GLP-1R dell'ippocampo mostrano un miglioramento dell'apprendimento e della memoria

*Areas in neon green reflect GLP-1 receptor expression*

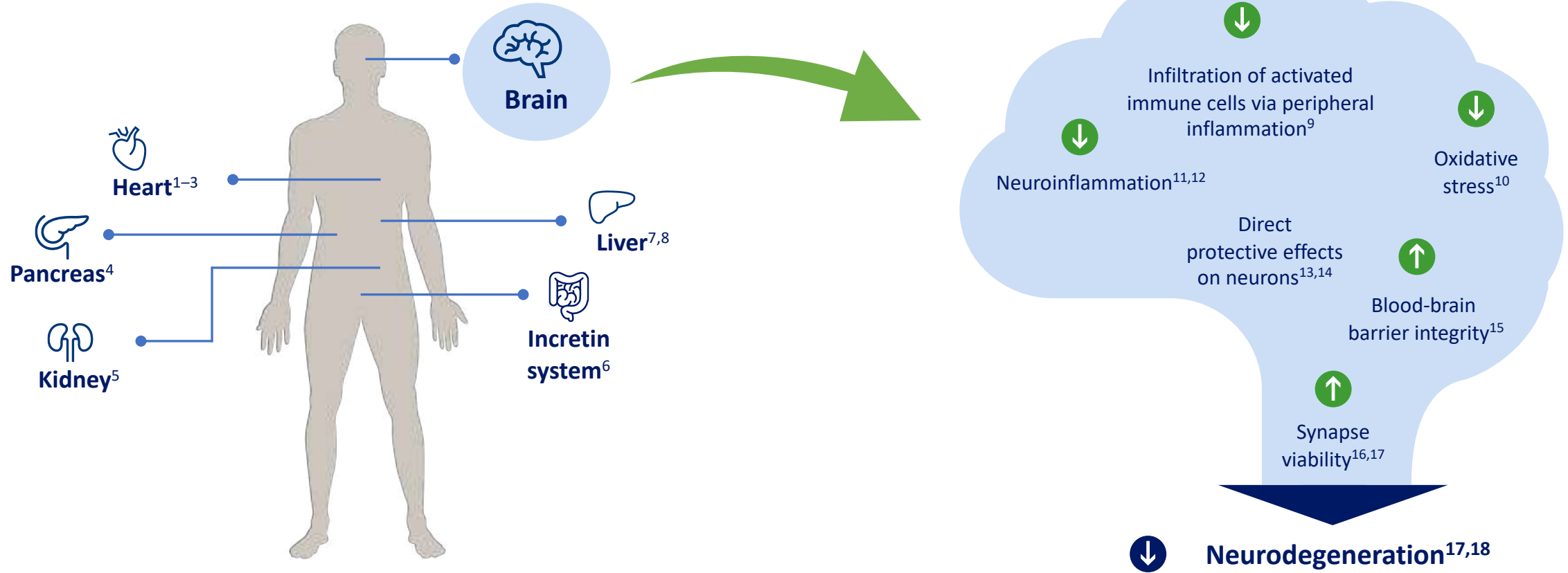
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# I GLP-1 RA hanno effetti multifattoriali su diversi organi, incluso il cervello



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# GLP-1RAs



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# GLP-1 RA e Decadimento Cognitivo: Studi Preclinici

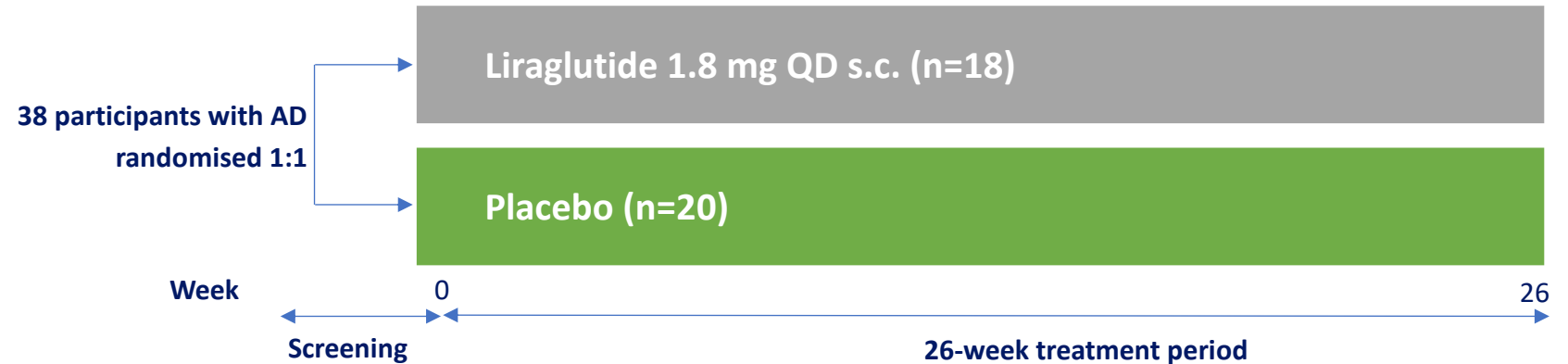
Studies	Experiment	GLP-1RA	Observations
<i>Preclinical studies</i>	<i>Animal model</i>		
<i>AD features</i>			
<i>Plaque load</i>	APP/PS1/tau mice 5xFAD mice APP/PS1 mice 3xTg-AD mice	Liraglutide Liraglutide Lixisenatide Exendin-4	Reduction of plaque load Reduction of plaque load Reduction of plaque load Reduction of plaque load
<i>Tau phosphorylation</i>	APP/PS1/tau mice hTauP301L mice A $\beta$ injection in mice APP/PS1 x db/db mice Streptozotocin injection in mice	Liraglutide Liraglutide Liraglutide Liraglutide Dulaglutide	Reduction of neurofibrillary tangles Reduced Tau phosphorylation Reduced Tau phosphorylation Reduced Tau phosphorylation Reduced Tau phosphorylation
<i>Cognitive and memory performance</i>	A $\beta$ injection in mice A $\beta$ injection in rats Streptozotocin injection in mice	Liraglutide Lixisenatide Dulaglutide	Improved cognitive impairment Improved spatial memory Improved memory ability
<i>Other</i>	A $\beta$ injection in non-human primates	Liraglutide	Reduced synaptic loss
<i>PD features</i>			
<i>Dopaminergic neuronal loss</i>	6-OHDA rat model 6-OHDA rat model 6-OHDA rat model	Liraglutide Exendin-4 Exendin-4'	No influence on dopaminergic neuronal loss Neurogenesis Reduced lesions
<i>Motor performance</i>	MPTP mouse model MPTP mouse model	Liraglutide Lixisenatide	Improved motor control Improved motor control
<i><math>\alpha</math>-synuclein aggregation</i>	Preformed fibrils injection in striatum of human A53T $\alpha$ -synuclein mice Preformed fibrils injection in the olfactory bulb of C57BL/6J mice	Exendin-4 (NLY01) Exendin-4	Reduced loss of dopaminergic neurons and improved motor performance No significant reduction of $\alpha$ -synuclein aggregation



# Liraglutide vs placebo in patients with mild/moderate AD

## Key inclusion criteria

- AD diagnosis
- MMSE score of 18–21
- Aged >50 to <80 years
- Caucasian
- No diabetes mellitus



## Key endpoints

- **Primary outcome:** A $\beta$  deposition ([<sup>11</sup>C]PIB PET)
- **Secondary outcome:** CMR<sub>glc</sub> ([<sup>18</sup>F]FDG PET)
- **Other outcomes:** Cognitive ability

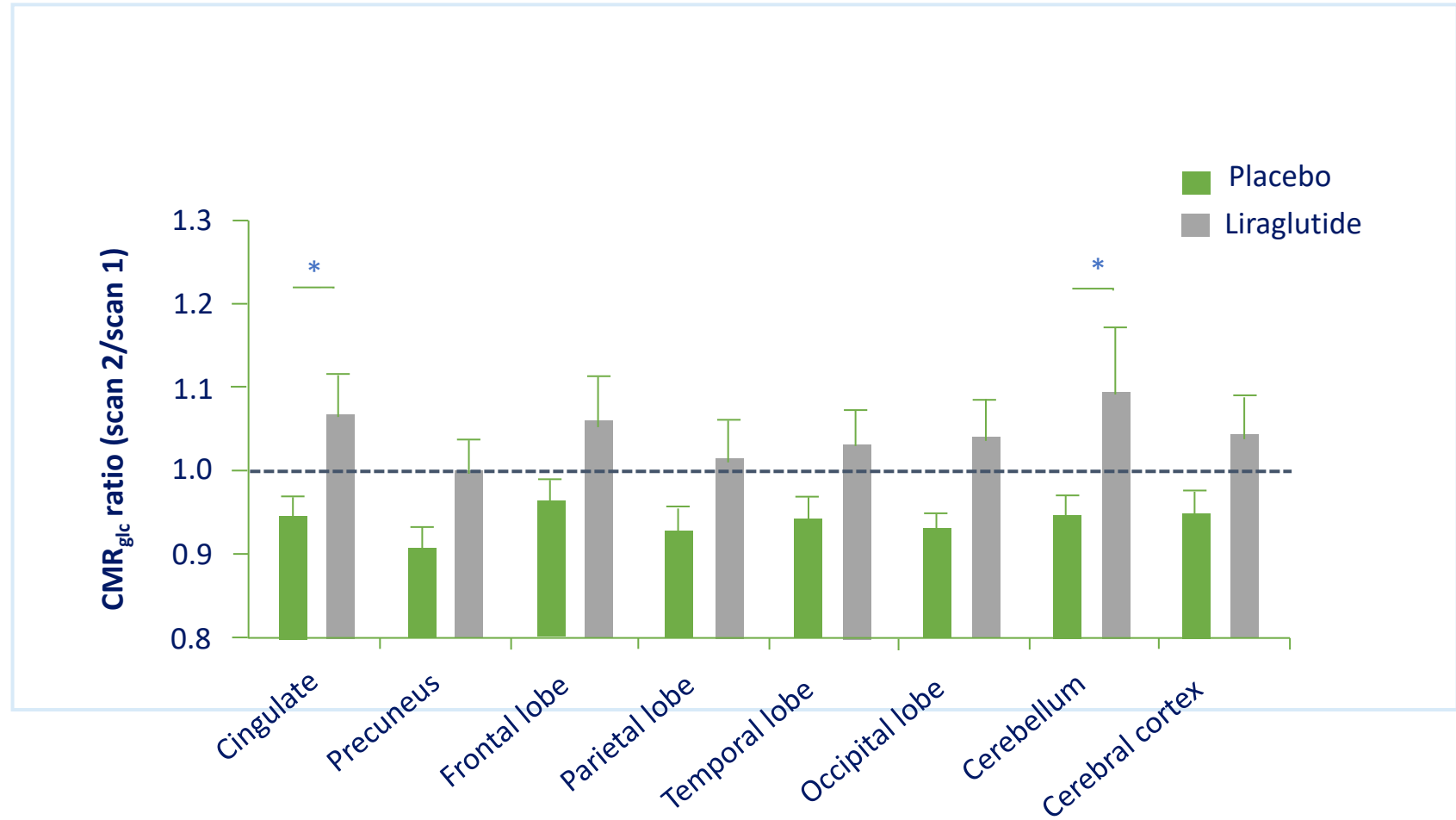
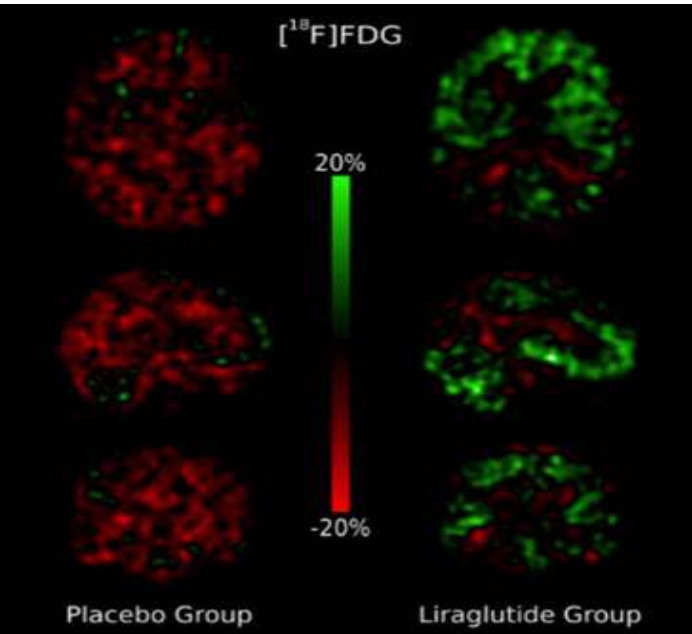


## Key findings

- No effect on A $\beta$  deposition
- **Liraglutide treatment prevented decline of CMR<sub>glc</sub>**

# Il trattamento con liraglutide previene il declino di $CMR_{glc}$ nei pazienti con AD lieve/moderato

Un calo di  $CMR_{glc}$  indica disfunzione sinaptica e neurodegenerazione e potrebbe essere un indicatore della progressione della malattia



Final analysis of  $[^{18}F]FDG$  uptake included 17 patients from the placebo group and 14 patients from the liraglutide group  
 \* $p < 0.05$ .  $CMR_{glc}$  scan 2/scan 1 ratio showed significant decline in cingulate ( $p=0.04$ ) and occipital lobes ( $p=0.04$ ) for placebo compared with liraglutide  
 $[^{18}F]FDG$ ,  $[^{18}F]$ -fluorodeoxyglucose; AD, Alzheimer's disease;  $CMR_{glc}$ , cerebral metabolic rate of glucose  
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# Effect of dulaglutide on cognitive impairment in type 2 diabetes: an exploratory analysis of the REWIND trial

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## Summary

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**Background** Diabetes is an independent risk factor for cognitive impairment. We aimed to investigate the association between the glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist dulaglutide and cognitive impairment as an exploratory analysis within the Researching Cardiovascular Events With a Weekly Incretin in Diabetes (REWIND) trial.

# Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) & Digit Symbol Substitution Test (DSST)

somministrati a t = 0, 2 y, 5 y & fine studio

**MoCA:** 1 pag, 30 items, ~ 10 min

**DSST:** 1 pag, test sulle funzioni cognitive, 2 min

Entrambi i test sono soggettivi e influenzati dalle condizioni in cui sono stati somministrati

- ***Pre-specificato prima della fine dello studio***

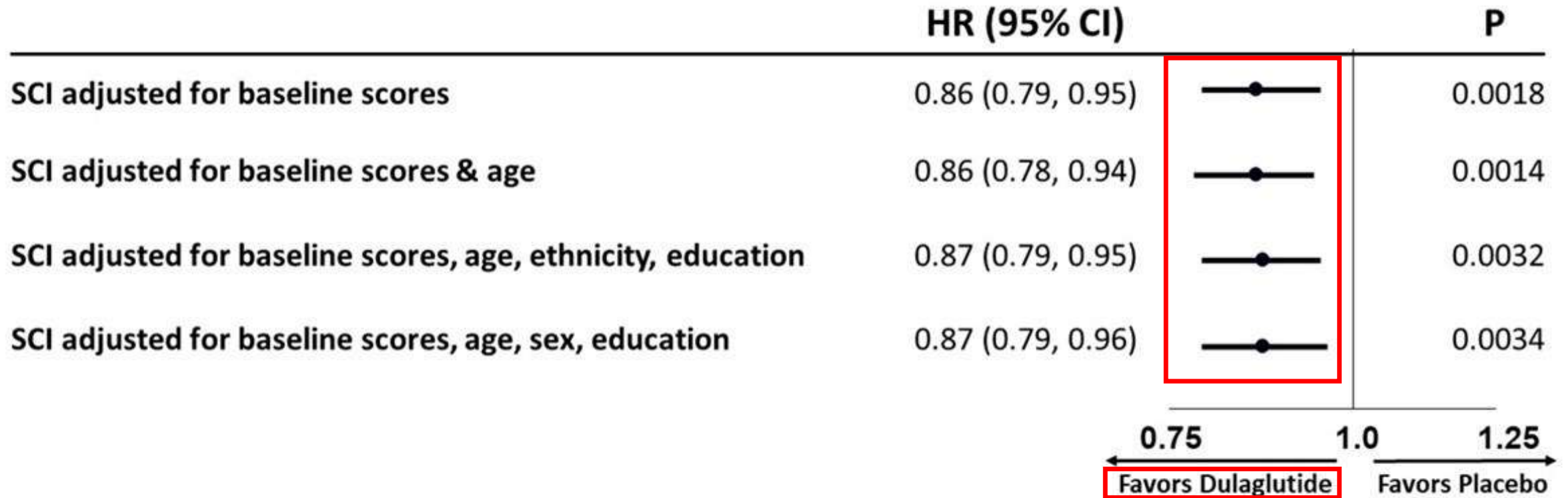
Conversione di tutti i punteggi MoCA e DSST al basale e ad ogni visita di follow-up in punteggi standardizzati basati sul punteggio medio al basale del paese come segue

$$\frac{\text{Pt's score ai vari tempi} - \text{Score della media nazionale al basale}}{\text{Standard deviation (SD) dello Score della media nazionale al basale}}$$

- Pertanto, il punteggio di ogni persona in ogni punto temporale = numero di SD dal punteggio medio di base del paese di quella persona

# Effect on Country-Standardized SCI

## Adjusted for Each Person's Baseline MoCA & DSST Score



# Liraglutide migliora il declino cognitivo nei pazienti con T2D



## Population (n=50)

- T2D diagnosis
- Aged 18–65 years
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> >7.0%
- On oral antidiabetic drugs or insulin for ≥3 months
- BMI ≥25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Key trial information

- 12-week, phase 3, interventional, non-randomised, parallel, open-label
- Patients were assigned to the treatment group (0.6 mg/day liraglutide) or the control group (oral antidiabetic drug with or without insulin)

## Primary objective

- Changes of cognitive function assessed by cognitive function scale after 12 weeks

Mini-Mental State Examination  
Total Learning and Animal Naming Test

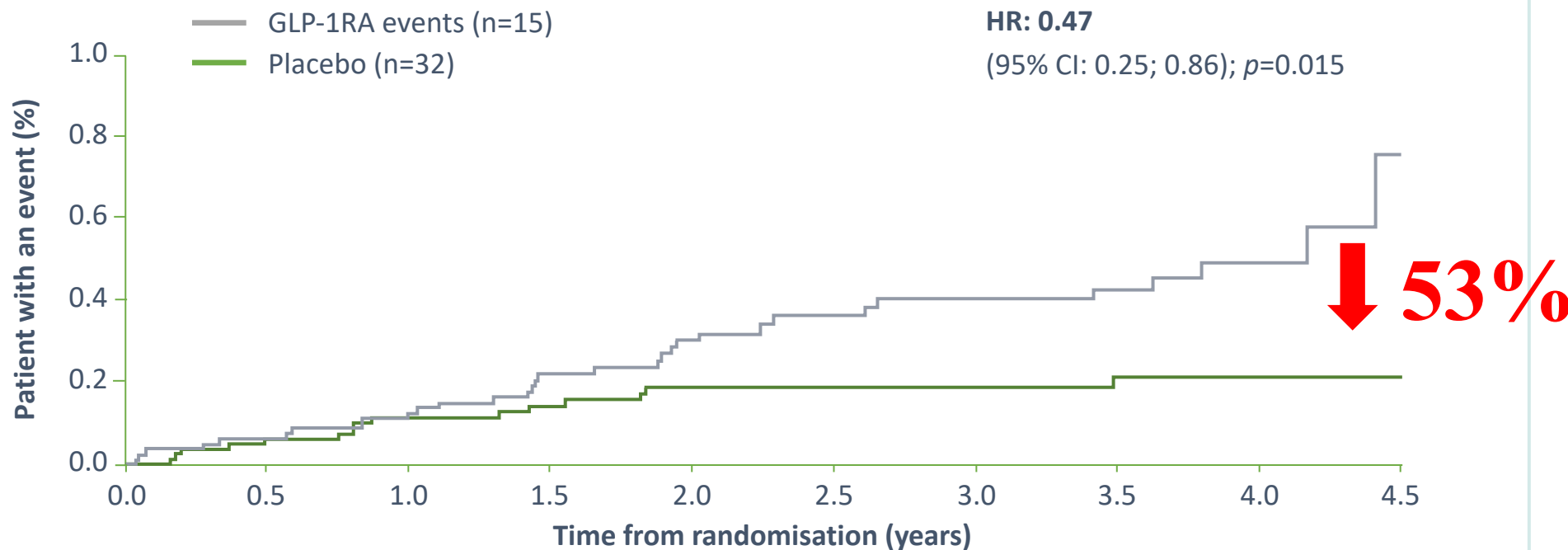


## Key findings

- Treatment with liraglutide **significantly improved cognitive function** in patients with T2D, compared with other oral antidiabetic drugs
- Relative to the control group, liraglutide significantly **activated certain brain regions that are highly associated with improvements in cognitive performance**
- These cognitive improvements **were not found to be related to changes in blood pressure, glycaemia and body weight** in patients with T2D

# I GLP-1RA riducono il tasso di demenza per tutte le cause nei pazienti con T2D

53% lower risk of dementia with GLP-1RA (liraglutide or semaglutide) vs placebo in pooled post hoc analysis



## Pooled data from 3 large CVOTs:

- LEADER (liraglutide)
- SUSTAIN 6 (s.c. semaglutide)
- PIONEER 6 (oral semaglutide)
- 15,820 subjects with T2D and CVD/high risk for CVD
- Median follow-up: 3.6 years

Quattro studi RWE hanno mostrato  
o AD con l'esposizione a GLP-1

o ridotto di demenza



**469,862 people**

Nørgaard CH et al. D

- **11%** lower risk exposure



**178,403 people with T2**

Wium-Andersen et al. Danish registry

- **42%** lower odds of demen

on monotherapy



liraglutide\* exposure

(2012–2018)

exposure



dementia after >2 years of

are

\*Liraglutide has been market leader during the time of inclusion  
AD, Alzheimer's disease; CI, confidence interval; FEARS, FDA Adverse Event Reporting System; FDA, US Food & Drug Administration; RWE, real-world evidence; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus  
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# evoke and evoke+: Two large, global, phase 3a trials evaluating the neuroprotective effects of semaglutide in early Alzheimer’s disease



**1840** patients  
in each trial

**Age:** 55–85 years  
(both inclusive)



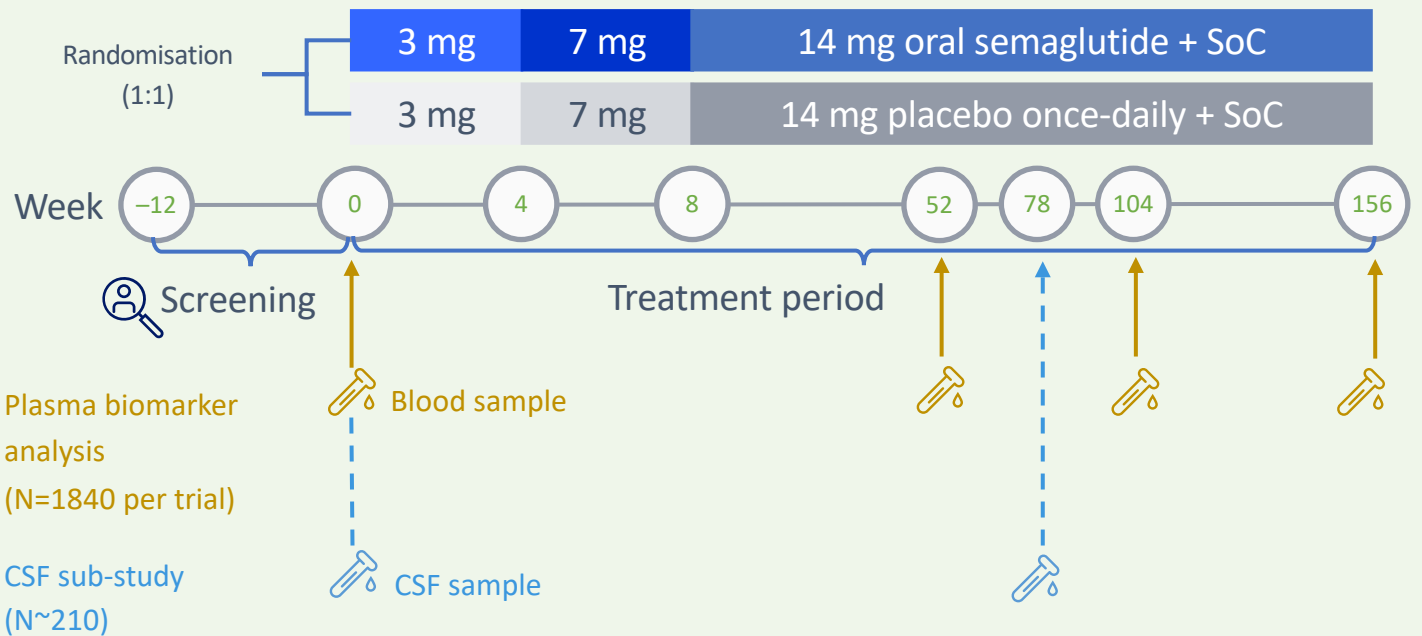
**Mild Cognitive Impairment or mild dementia both of the Alzheimer’s type**

- 80% MCI and 20% mild dementia
- Amyloid-positive (PET or lumbar puncture)



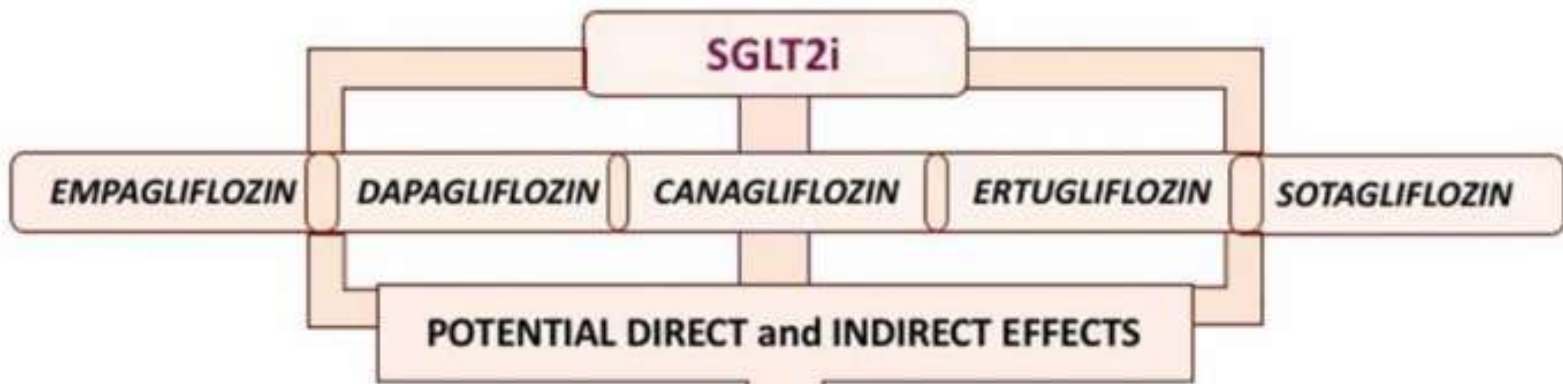
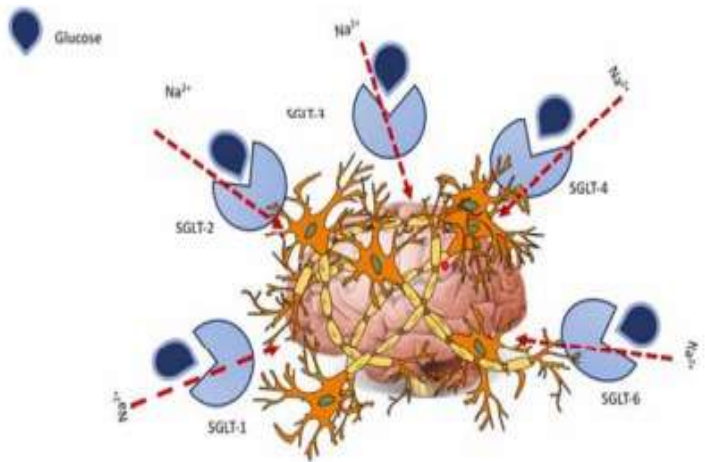
**800+** sites in  
**40** countries

**evoke** **evoke+**  
evaluation of oral semaglutide in early Alzheimer’s disease





## SGLT2-i and Brain



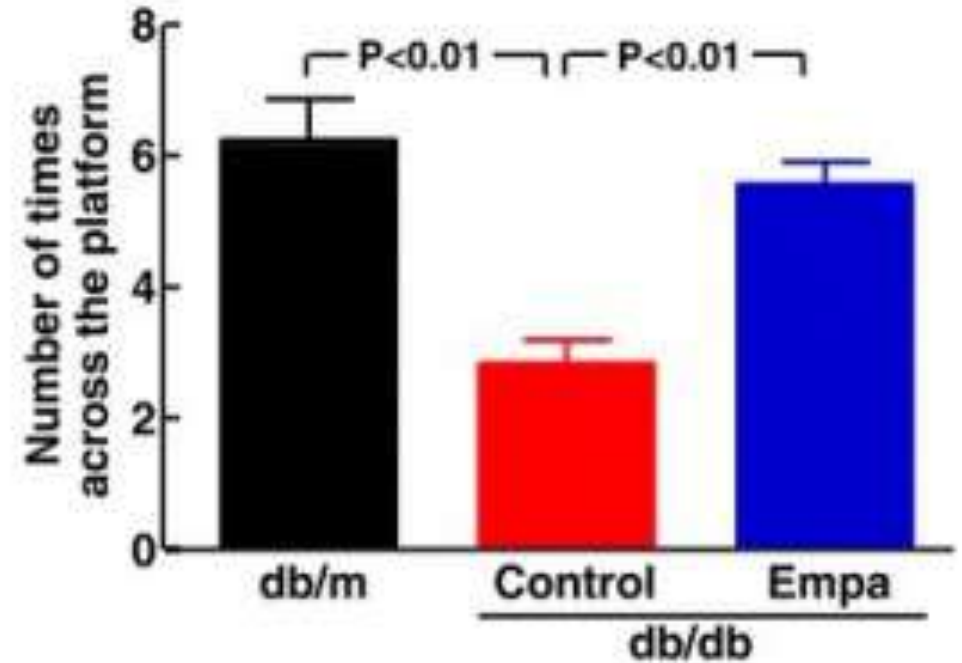
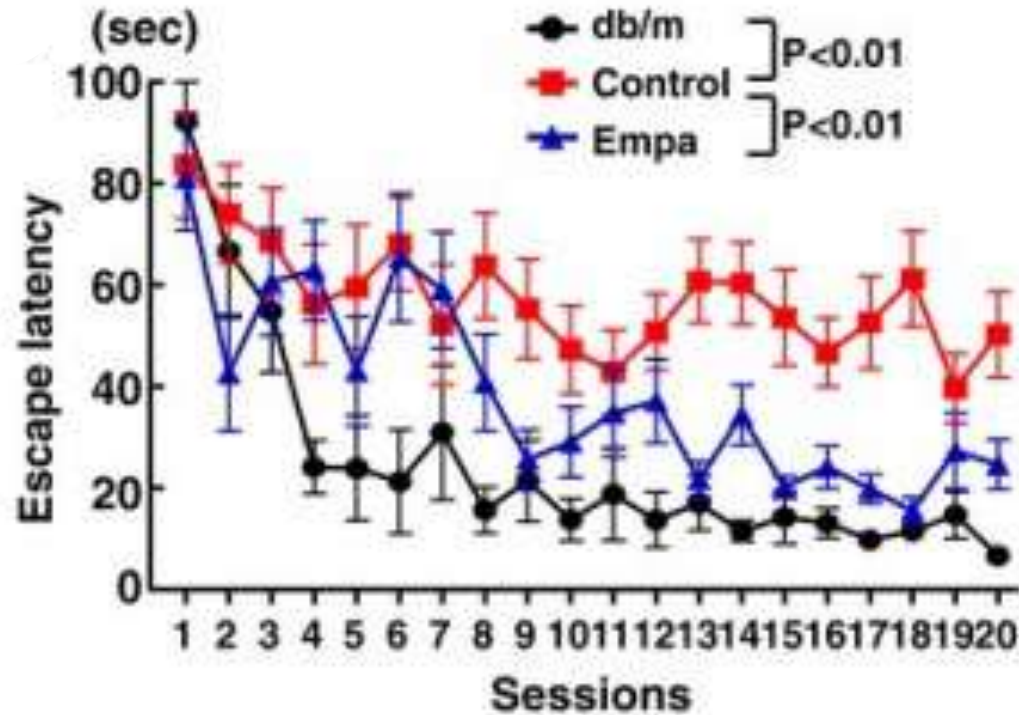
- *OXIDATIVE STRESS*
- *NEUROINFLAMMATION*
- *AMYLOID BRAIN LEVELS*
- *BRAIN DAMAGE*



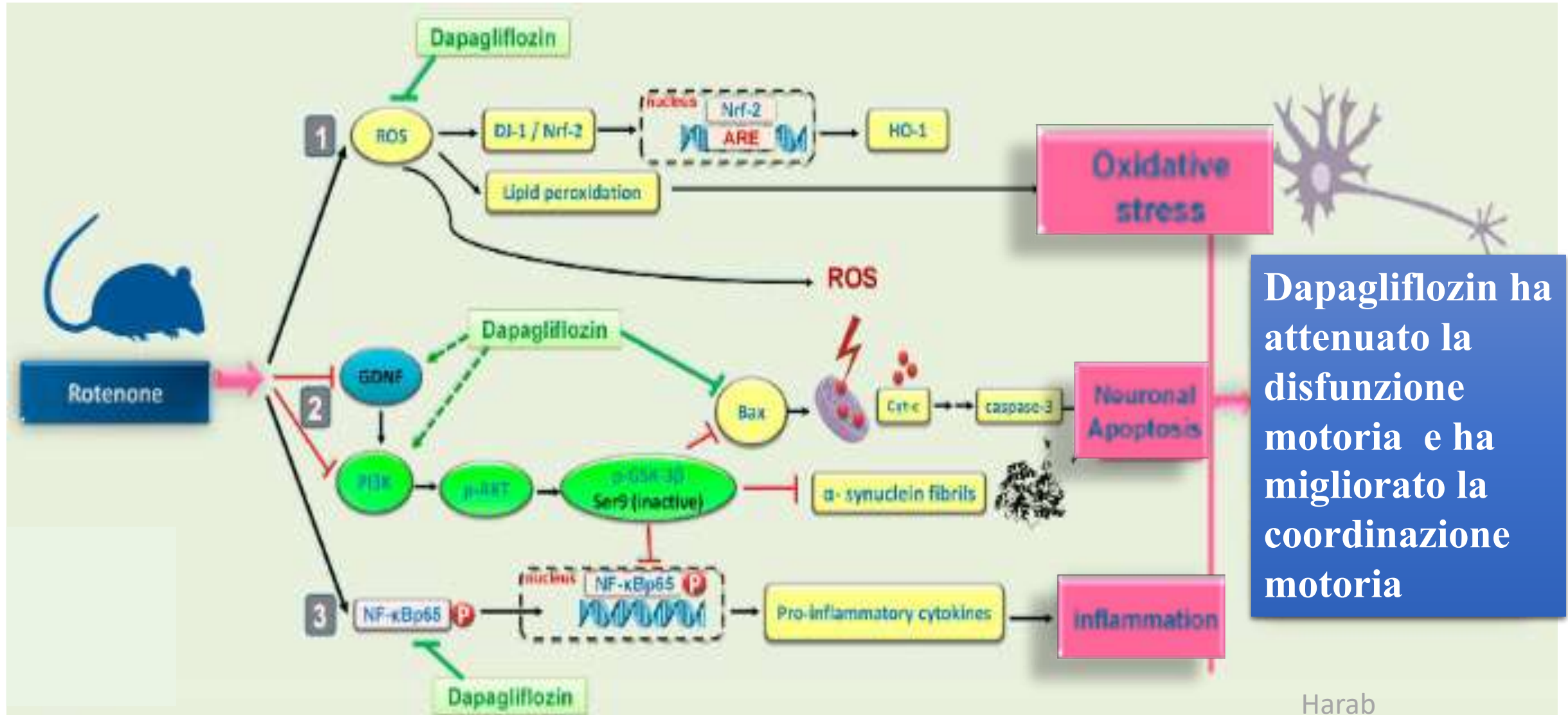
- *VASCULAR ASPECTS*
- *INSULIN SIGNALING*
- *MITOCHONDRIAL FUNCTION*
- *mTOR PATHWAY*

**COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT REDUCTION**

# Empagliflozin migliora la performance cognitiva in modelli murini di diabete



# Targeting ROS-Dependent AKT/GSK-3 $\beta$ /NF- $\kappa$ B and DJ-1/Nrf2 Pathways by Dapagliflozin Attenuates Neuronal Injury and Motor Dysfunction in Rotenone-Induced Parkinson's Disease Rat Model



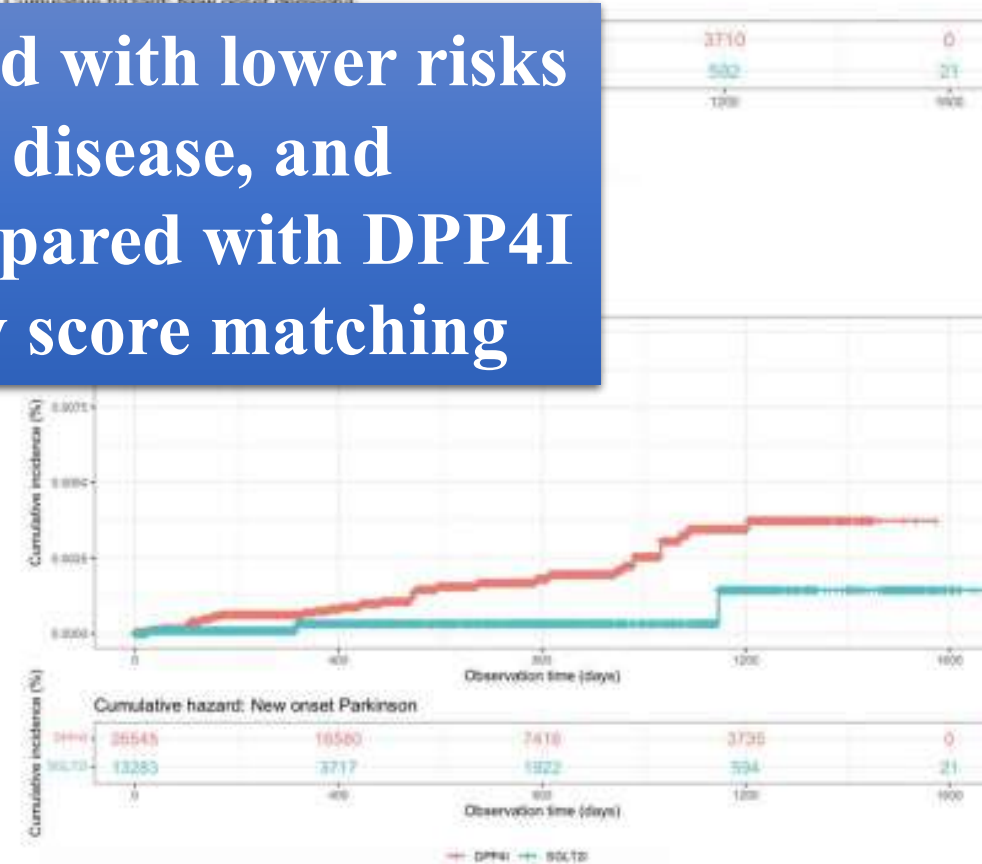
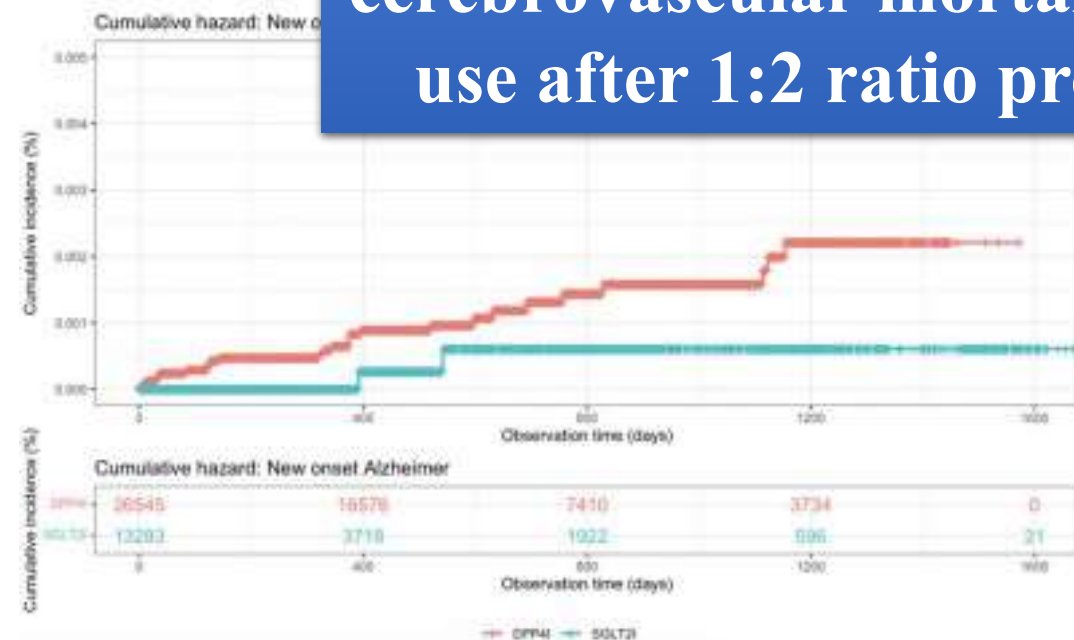
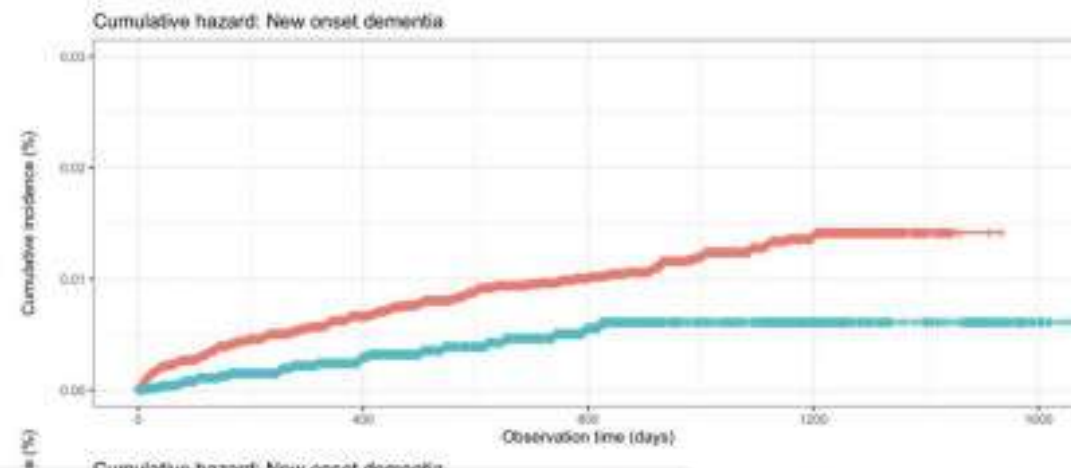
Dapagliflozin ha attenuato la disfunzione motoria e ha migliorato la coordinazione motoria

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# Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors vs. Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP4) Inhibitors for New-Onset Dementia: A Propensity Score-Matched Population-Based Study With Competing Risk Analysis

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The use of SGLT2I is associated with lower risks of dementia, Parkinson's disease, and cerebrovascular mortality compared with DPP4I use after 1:2 ratio propensity score matching

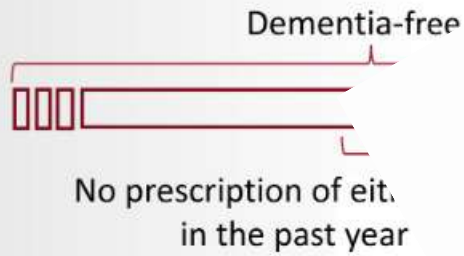


# Association of Sodium–Glucose Cotransporter 2 Inhibitors With Time to Dementia: A Population-Based Cohort Study

# Results

## Design and Method

Residents of Ontario, Canada older than 65 years



Cohort

New users of DPP-4 inhibitors



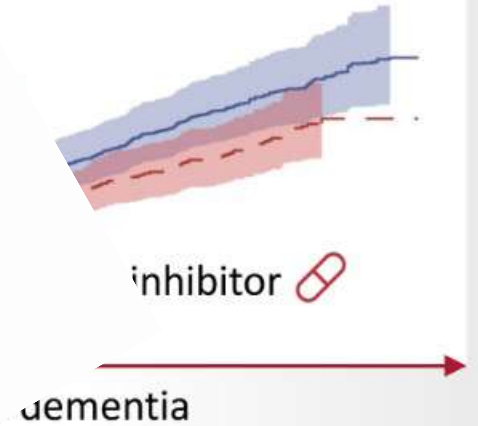
N = 70,390

Compare time to dementia using a propensity score–weighted Cox regression model



## Results

0.80 (95% CI 0.71–0.89)



inhibitor use was associated with a 20% lower dementia risk compared with DPP-4 inhibitor use

## CONCLUSIONI

- GLP-1RA riducono il rischio di demenza per tutte le cause e demenza dovuta ad AD nei pazienti con T2D e riducono la velocità del declino della funzione cognitiva e della neurodegenerazione nei pazienti con AD;
- RWE mostrano un rischio ridotto di demenza o AD nei pazienti con T2D dopo l'esposizione a GLP-1RA;
- GLP-1RA migliorano l'infiammazione sistemica negli esseri umani, nonché l'infiammazione sistemica, la neuroinfiammazione e la salute vascolare nei modelli animali;
- Studi sull'animale con SGLT2-i sembrano mostrare effetti neuroprotettivi;
- L'uso di SGLT2-i nell'uomo, sembra ridurre l'insorgenza della demenza e AD.

**Grazie per l'attenzione**