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# NASH & NAFLD e farmaci per il diabete

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DELLE PATOLOGIE  
ALLA SFIDA DELLE  
COMPLESSITÀ:

**evoluzione e prospettive  
nella gestione della  
malattia diabetica**

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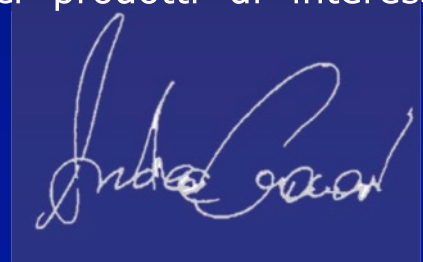
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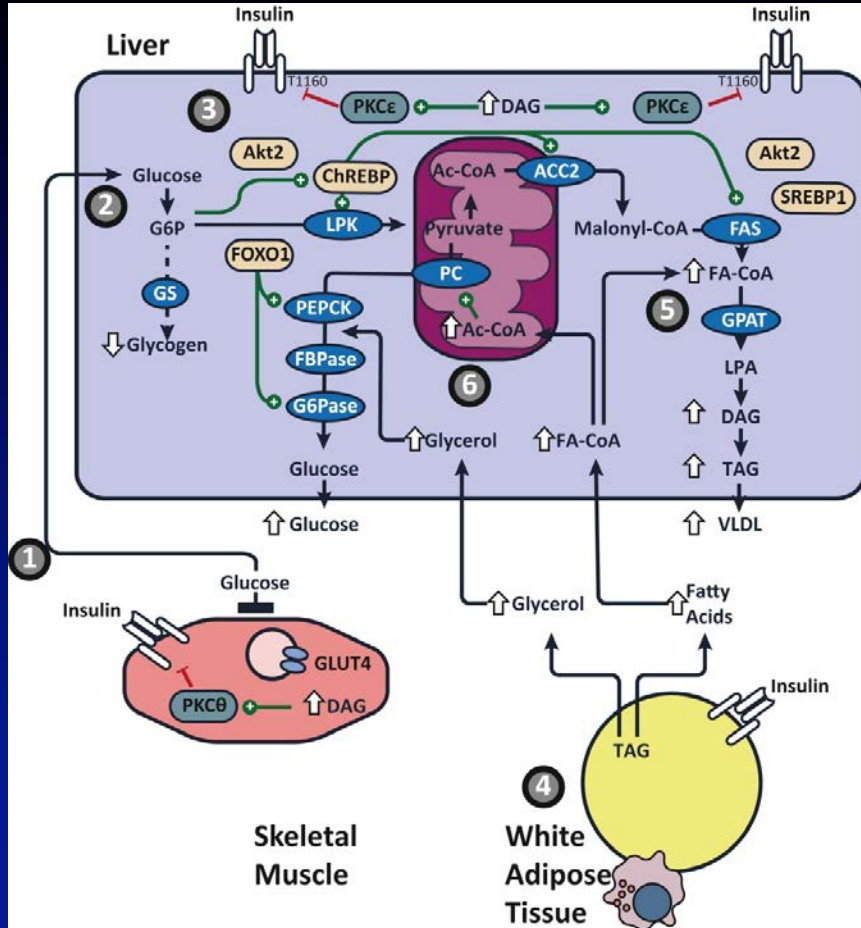
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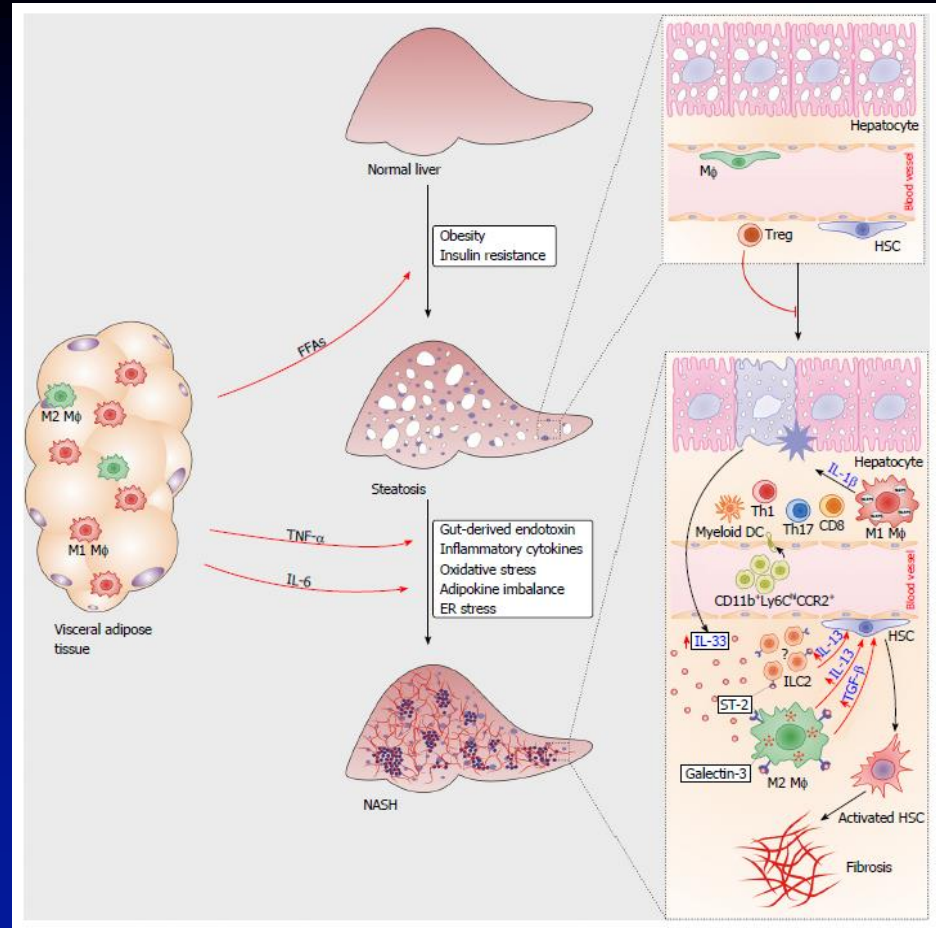
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# molecular mechanisms of NASH

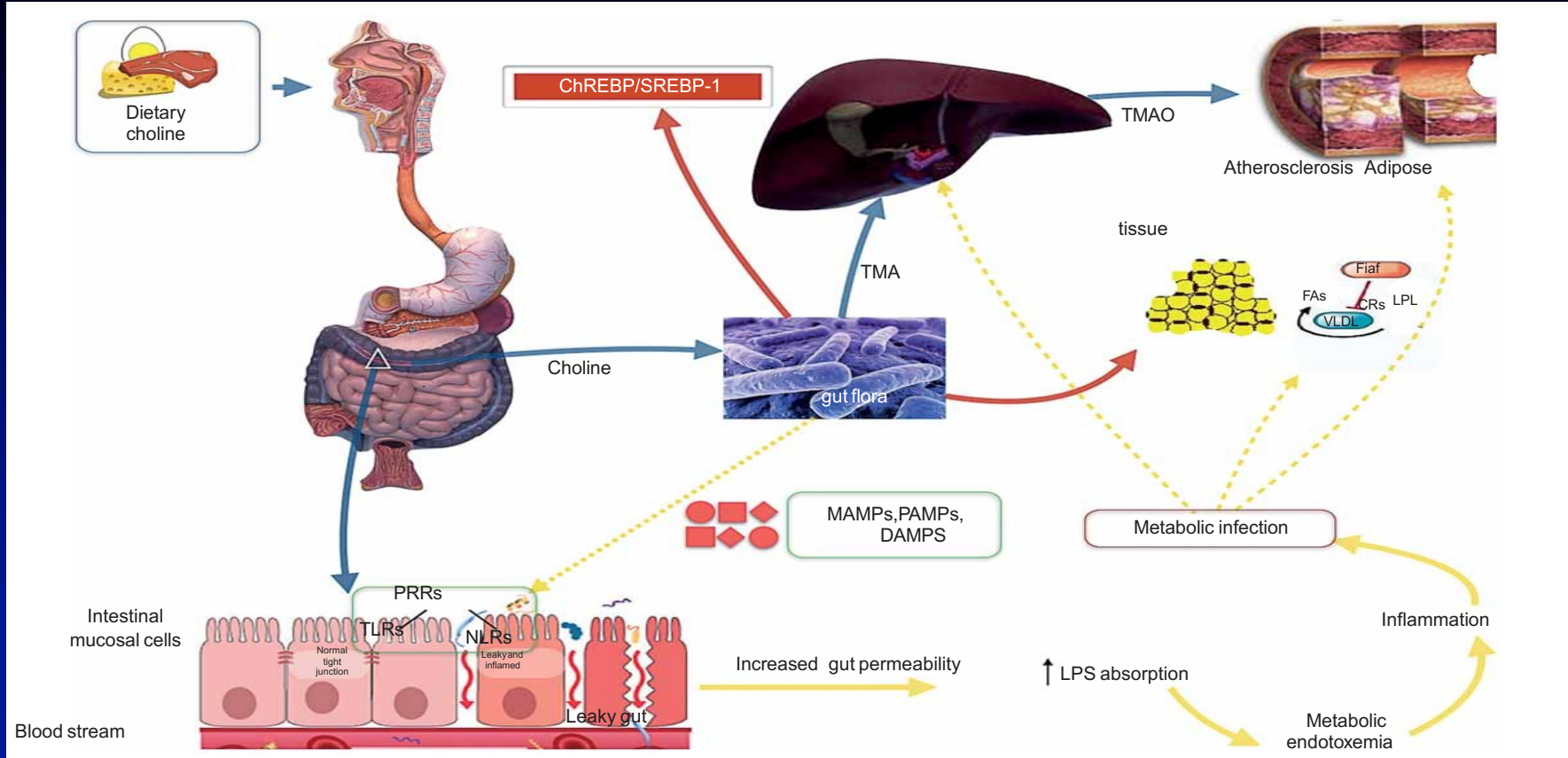


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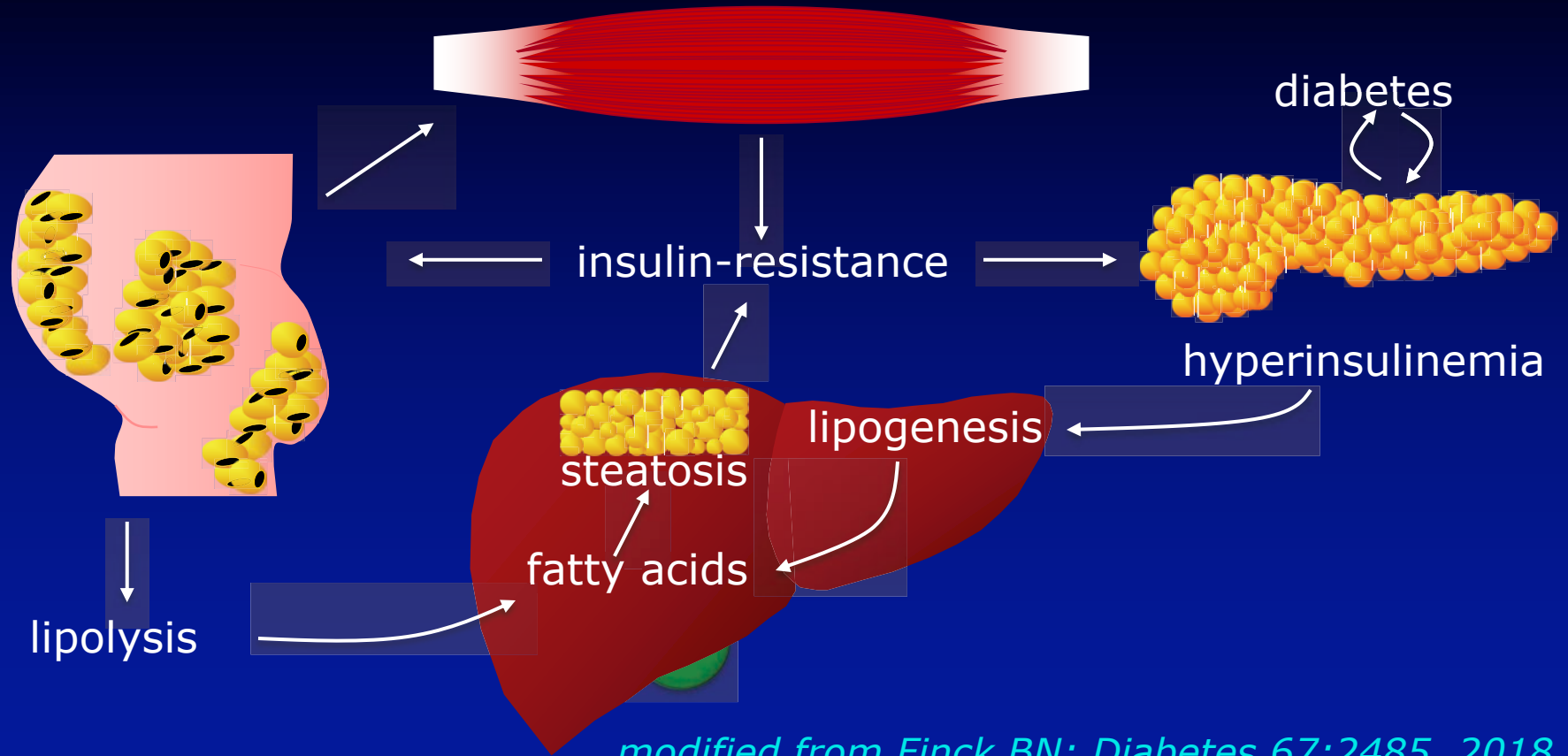


Pejnovic N et al.: *W.J.Gastroenterol* 22:9796, 2016

# microbiota and NASH



# from insulin-resistance to liver steatosis

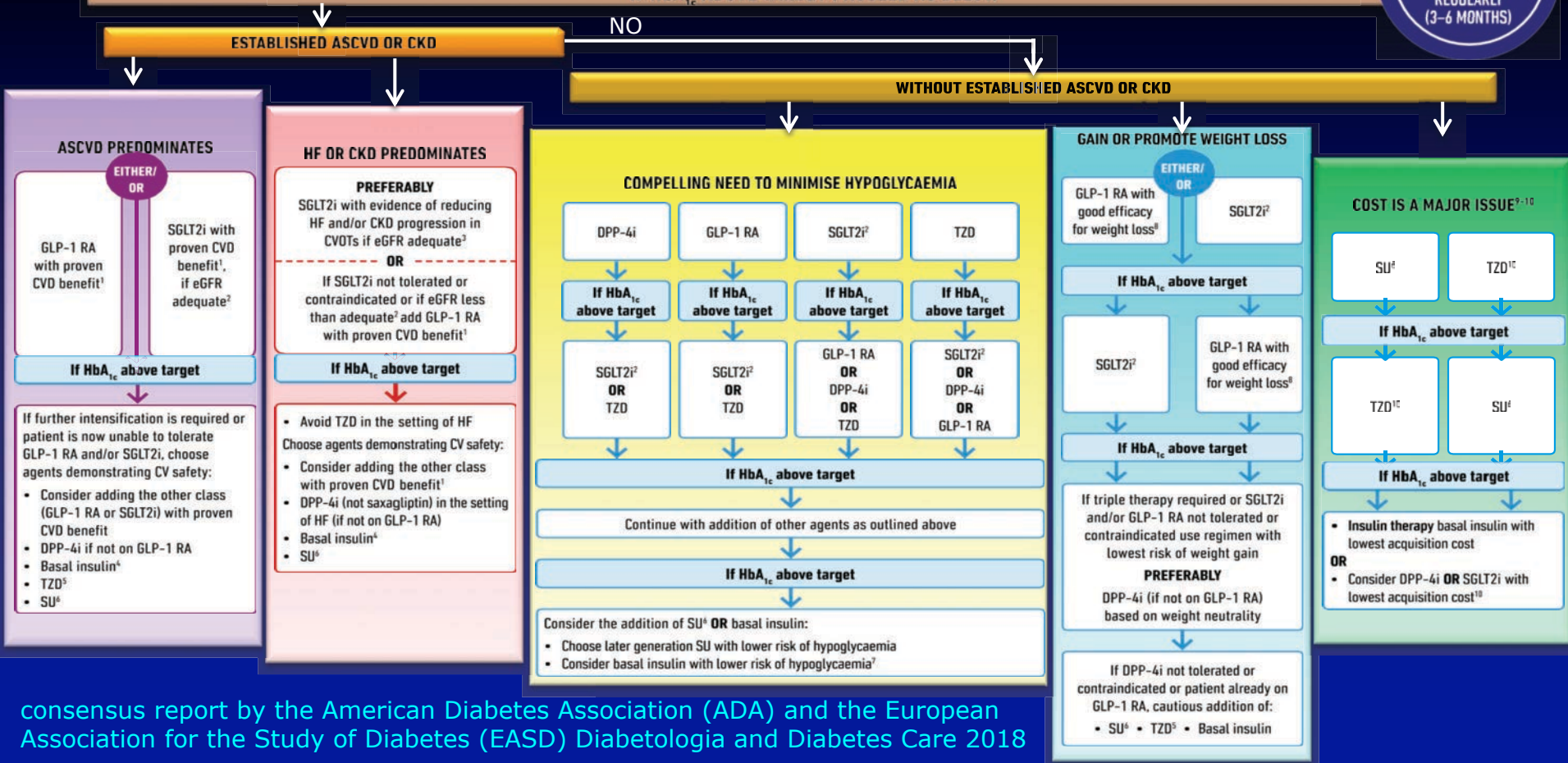


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# ADA/EASD 2018

TO AVOID CLINICAL INERTIA REASSESS AND MODIFY TREATMENT REGULARLY (3-6 MONTHS)

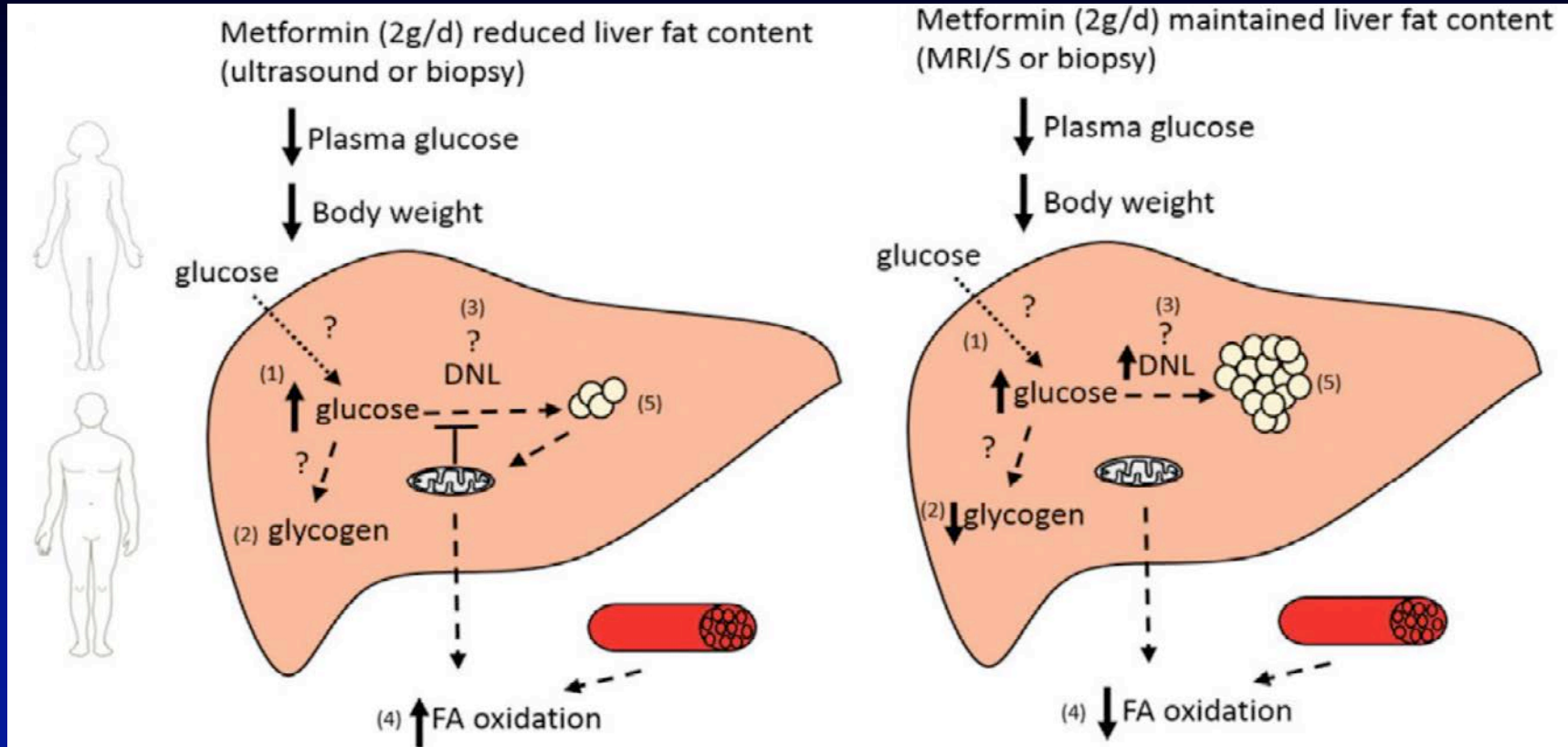
FIRST-LINE THERAPY IS METFORMIN AND COMPREHENSIVE LIFESTYLE (INCLUDING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY) IF HbA<sub>1c</sub> ABOVE TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW



# insulin sensitizers

- metformin
- GLP-1 RA
- pioglitazone
- SGLT inhibitors

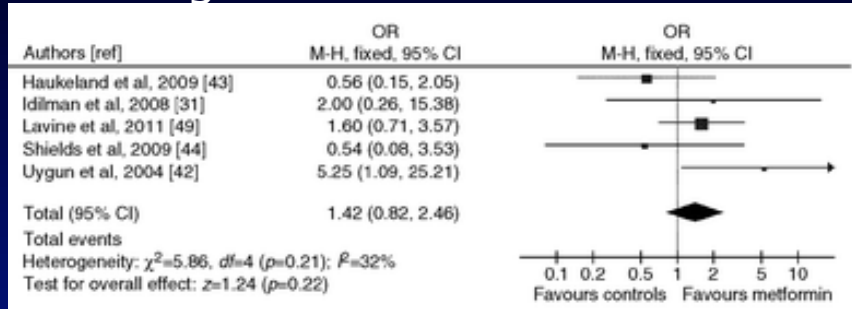
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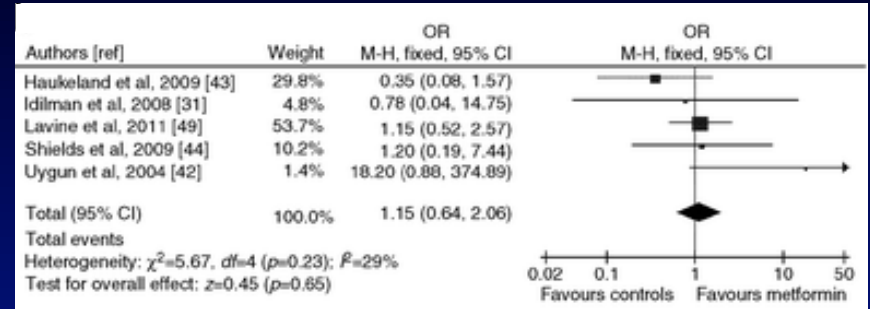


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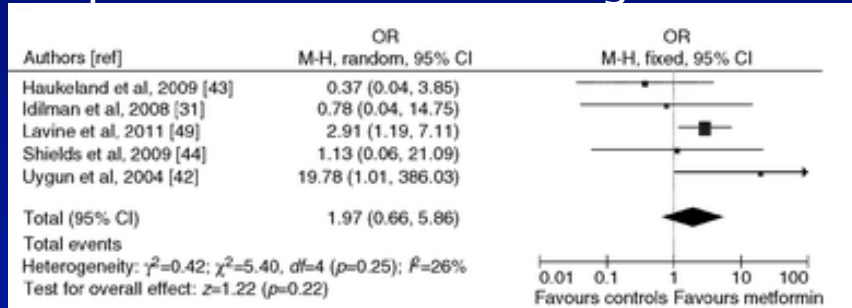
## histological steatosis



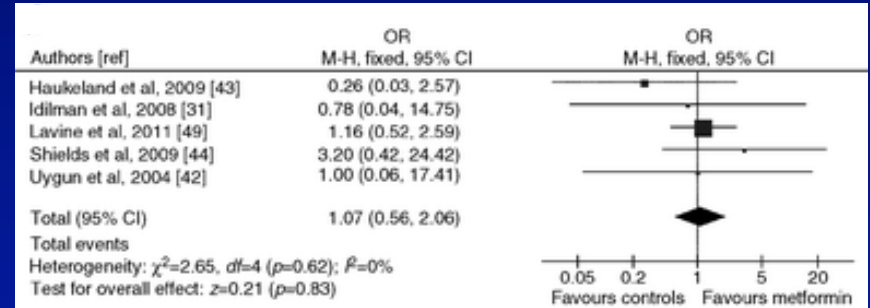
## lobular inflammation



## hepatocellular ballooning



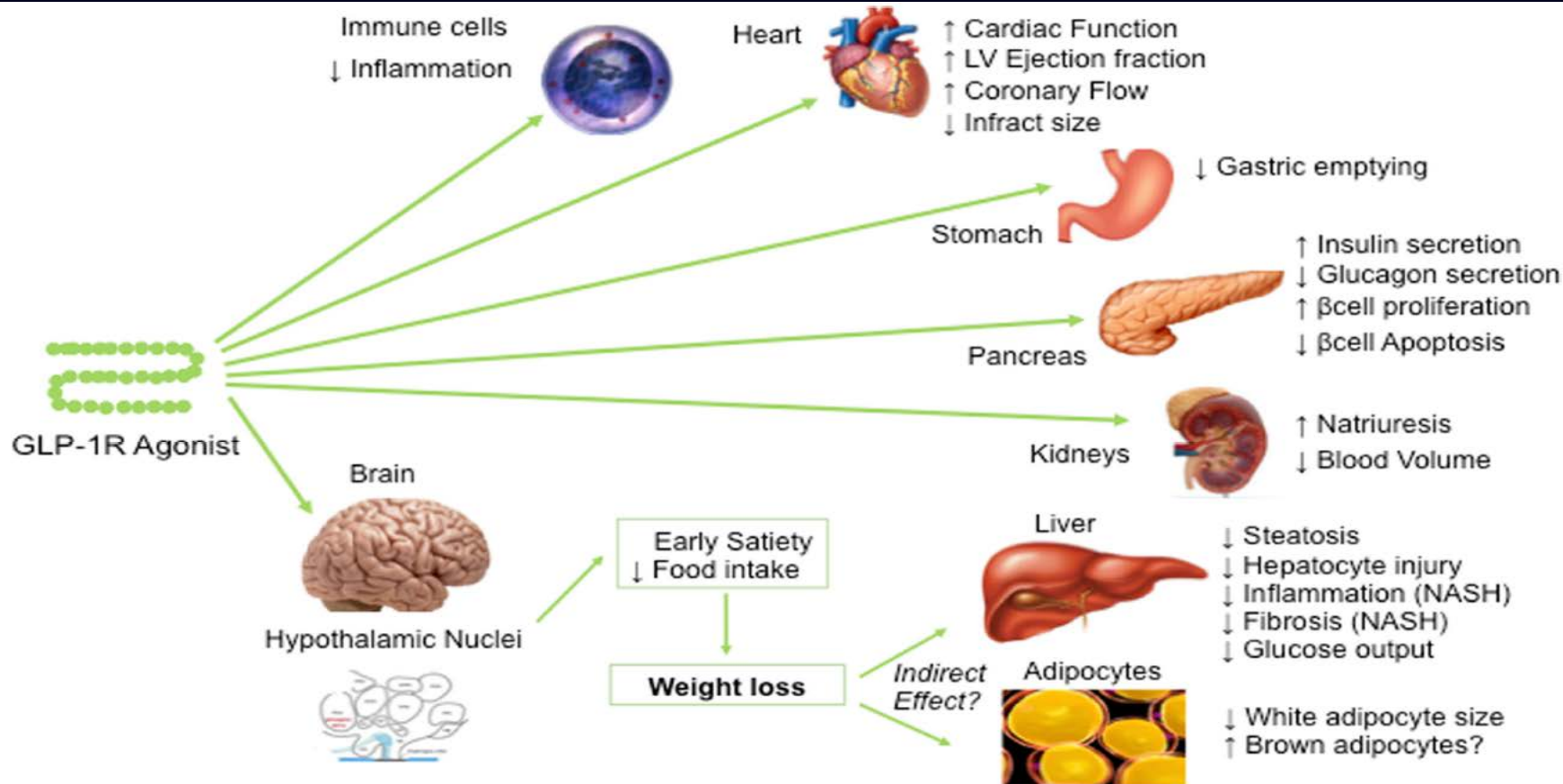
## fibrosis



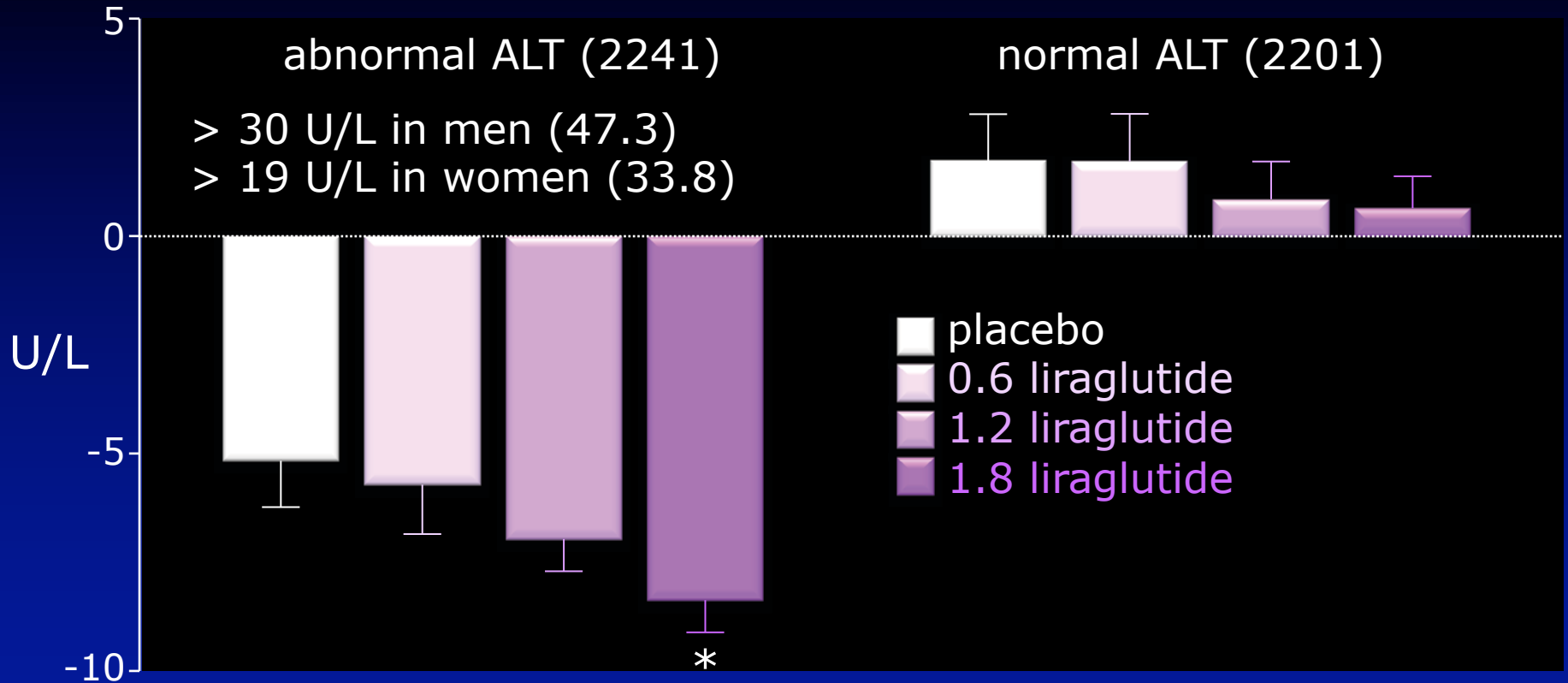
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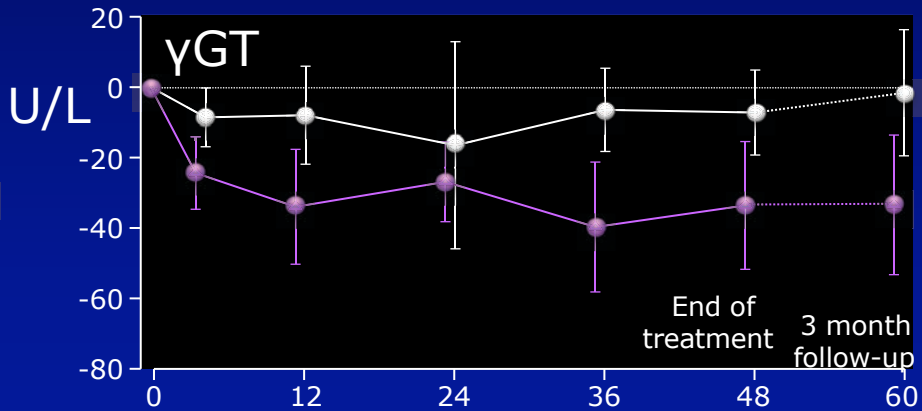
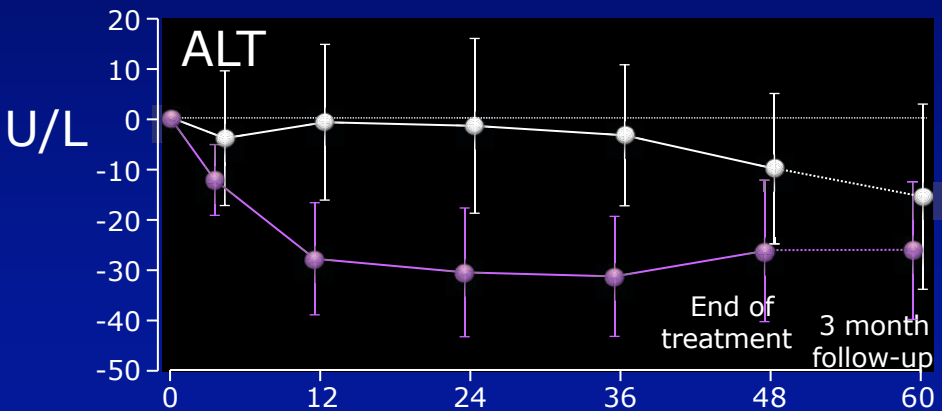
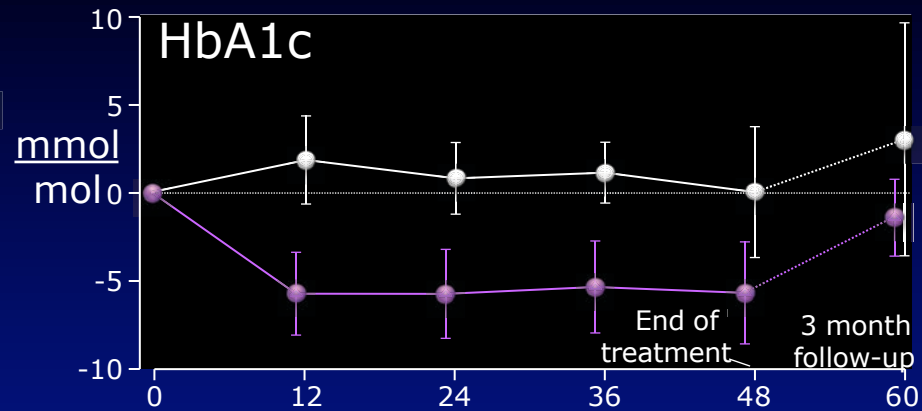
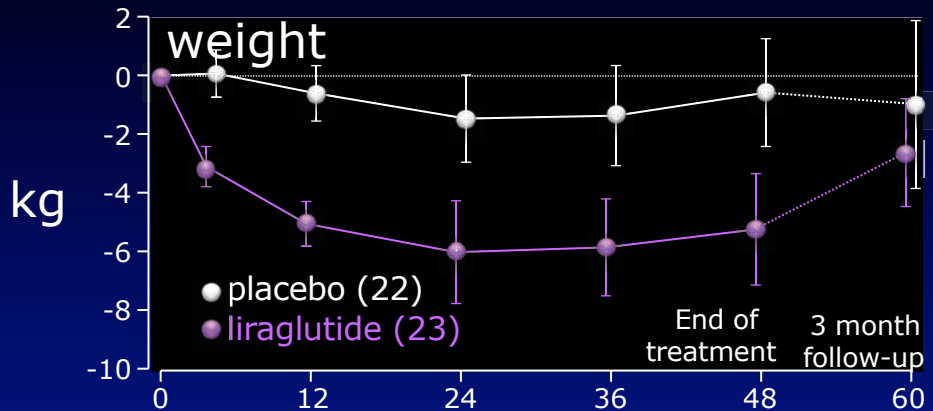
# GLP-1 RA and NASH



# ALT in LEAD program



# LEAN: liraglutide in NASH

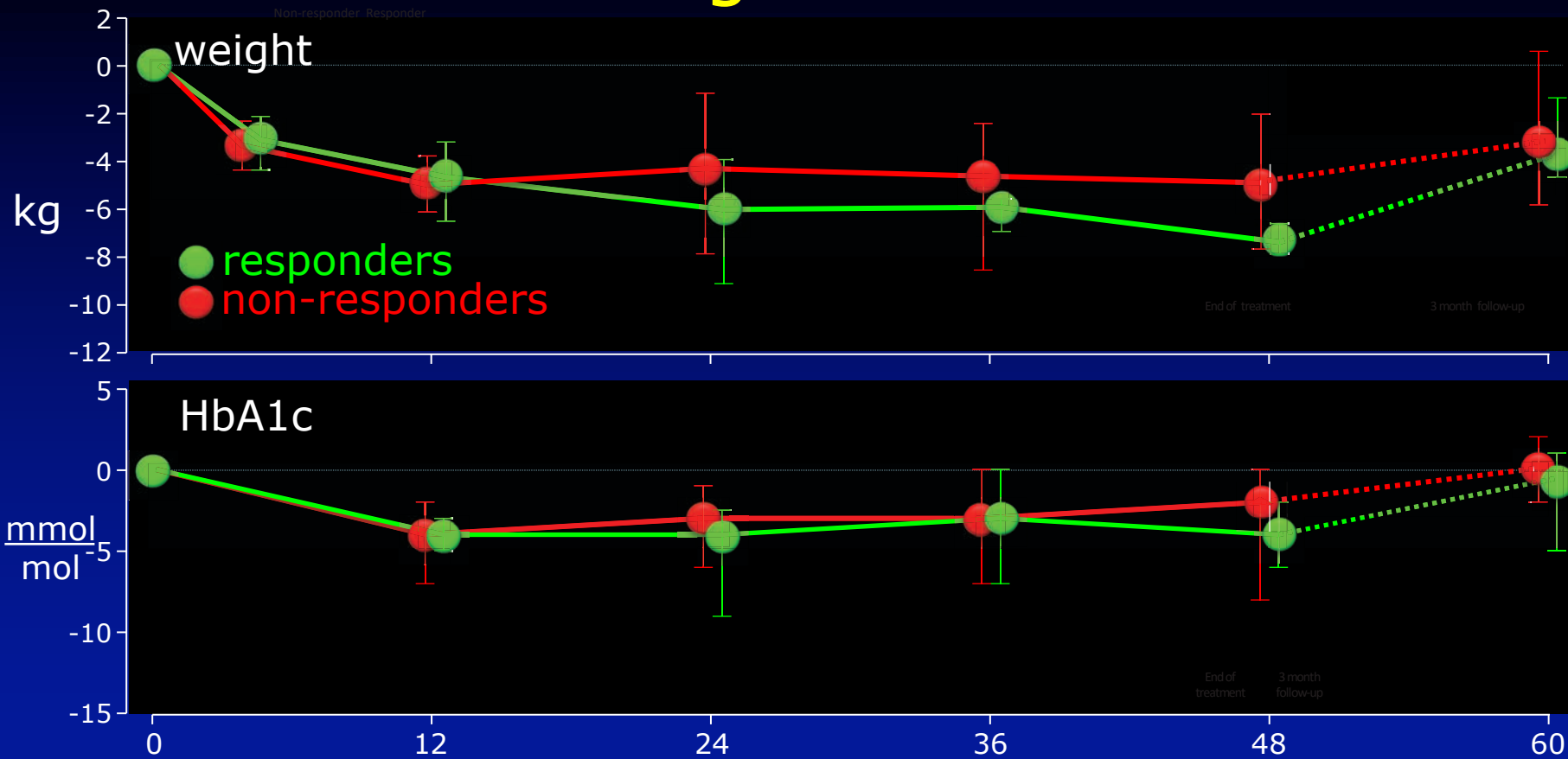


# LEAN: liraglutide in NASH

endpoint	liraglutide	placebo	Relative Risk	p value
Number of patients with paired liver biopsies	23	22		
Patients with resolution of NASH	9 (39%)	2 (9%)	4.3 (1.0 to 17.7)	<b>0.019</b>
<b>Total NAFLD activity score</b>				
Change in score	-1.3 (1.6)	-0.8 (1.2)	-0.5 (-1.3 to 0.3)	0.24
Patients with improvement	17 (74%)	14 (64%)	1.2 (0.8 to 1.7)	0.46
<b>Hepatocyte ballooning score</b>				
Mean change	-0.5 (0.7)	-0.2 (0.6)	-0.3 (-0.7 to 0.1)	0.15
Patients with improvement	14 (61%)	7 (32%)	1.9 (1.0 to 3.8)	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Steatosis</b>				
Change in score	-0.7 (0.8)	-0.4 (0.8)	-0.2 (-0.6 to 0.2)	0.32
Patients with improvement	19 (83%)	10 (45%)	1.8 (1.1 to 3.0)	<b>0.009</b>
<b>Lobular inflammation</b>				
Change in score	-0.2 (0.6)	-0.2 (0.5)	-0.01 (-0.3 to 0.3)	0.97
Patients with improvement	11 (48%)	12 (55%)	0.9 (0.5 to 1.6)	0.65

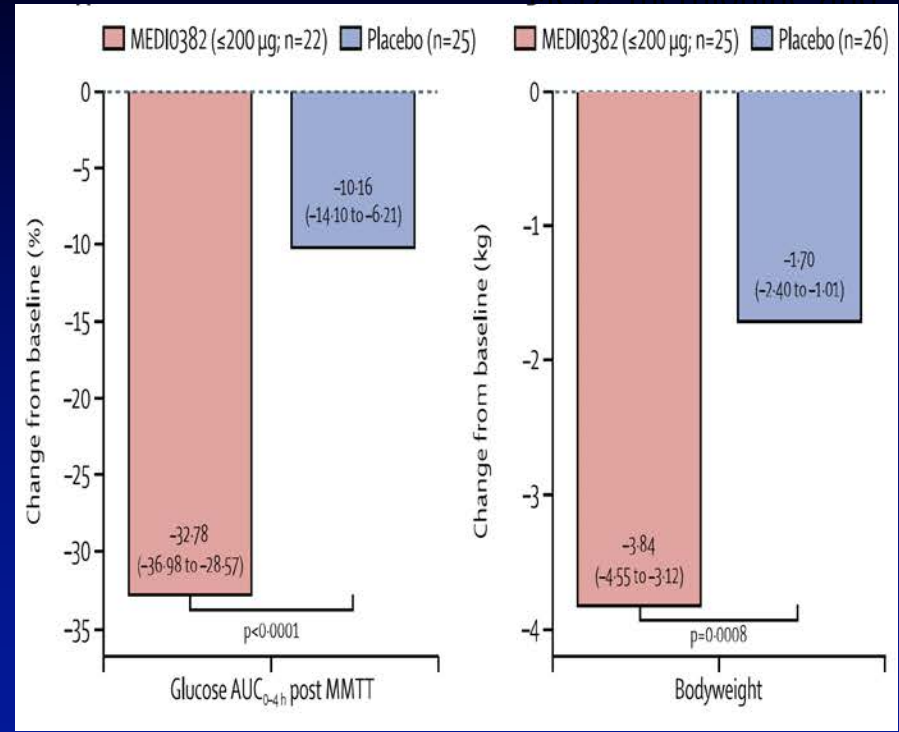
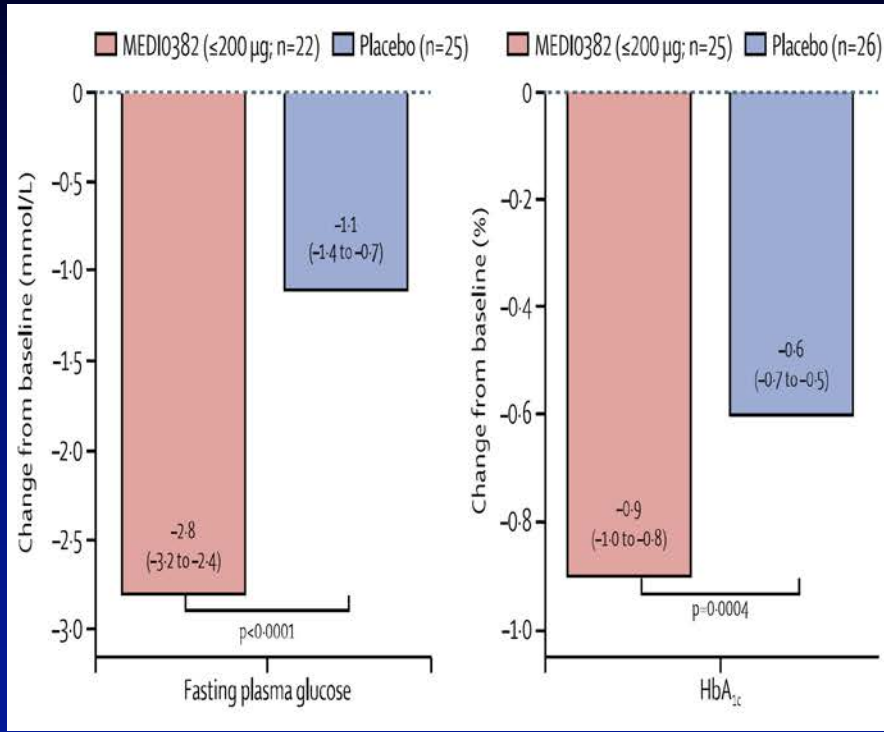
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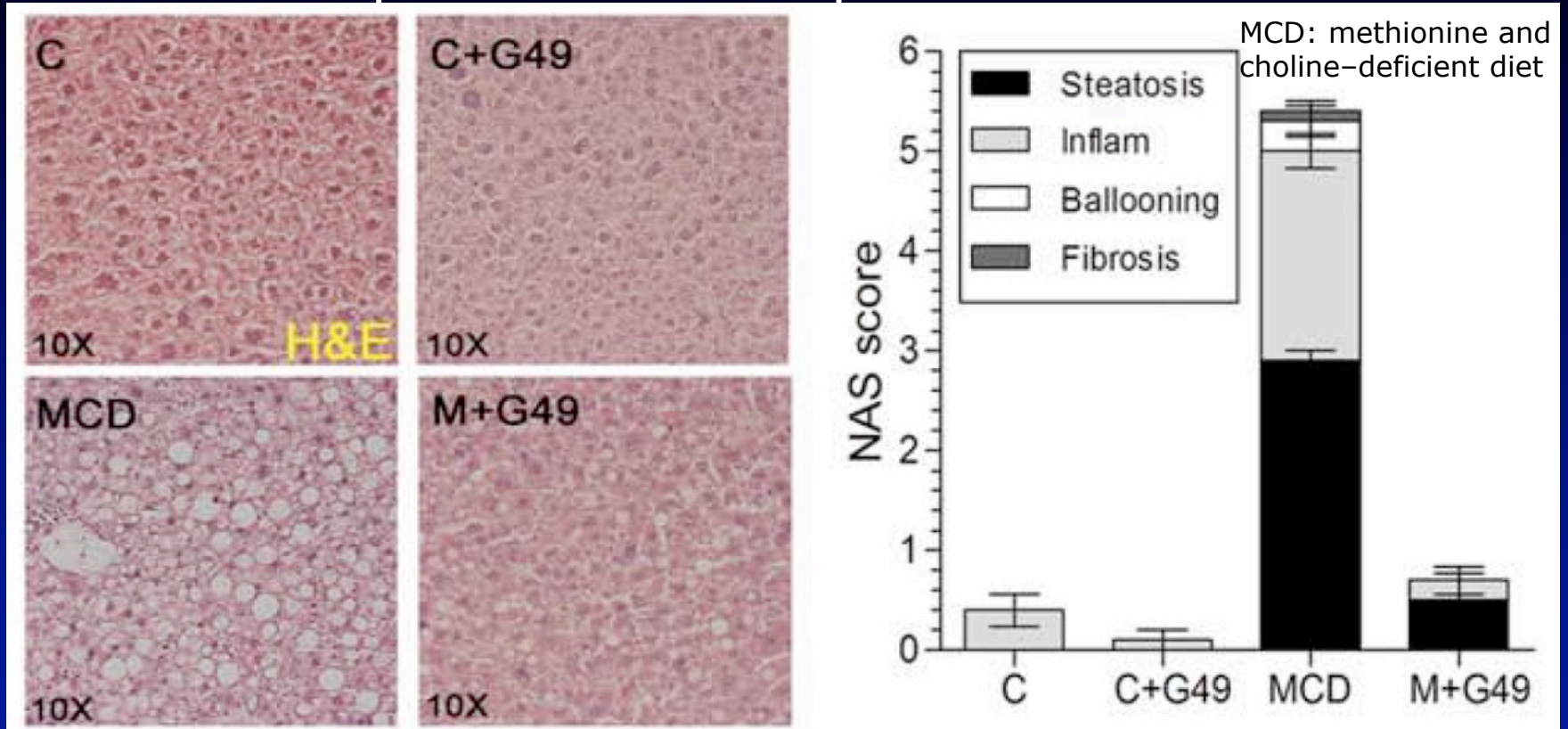
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# GLP-1/Glucagon dual agonist a phase 2 study





# GLP-1/Glucagon dual agonist improves steatohepatitis in mice

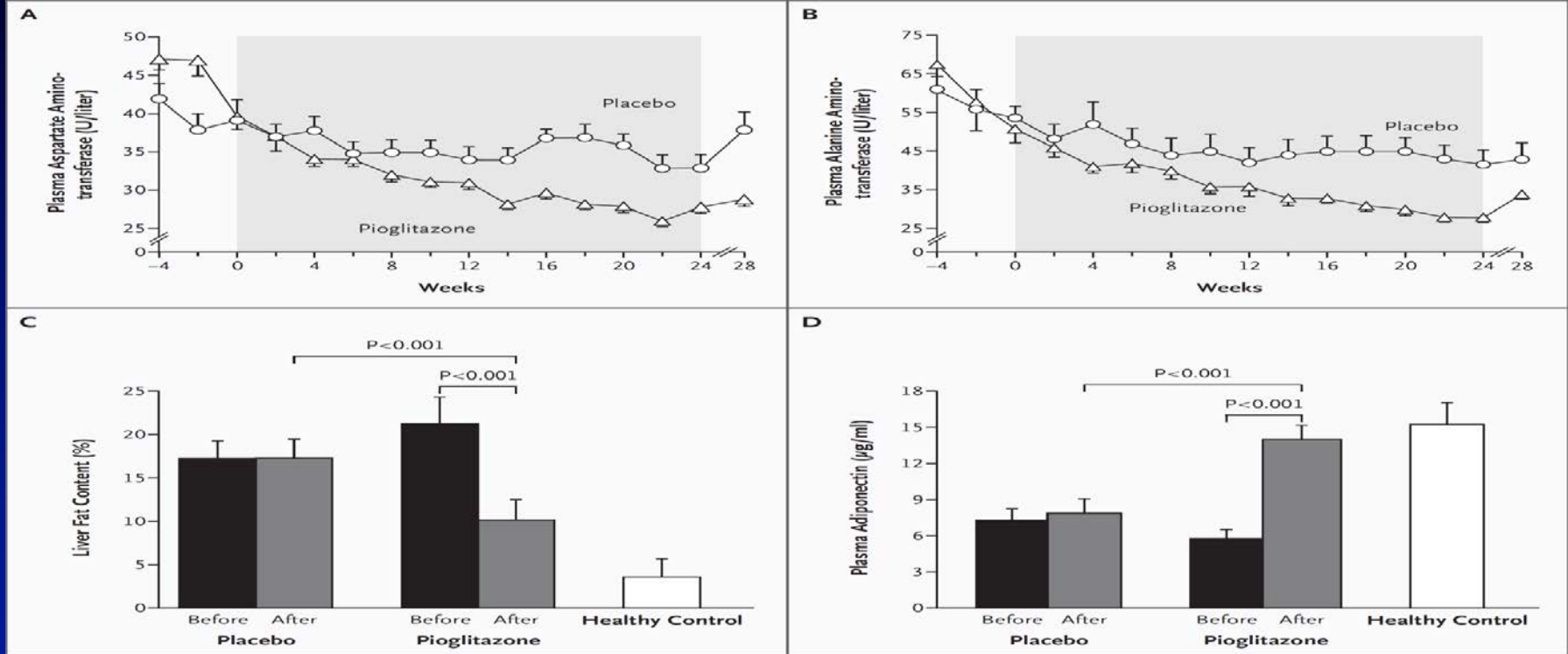


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# pioglitazone in NASH

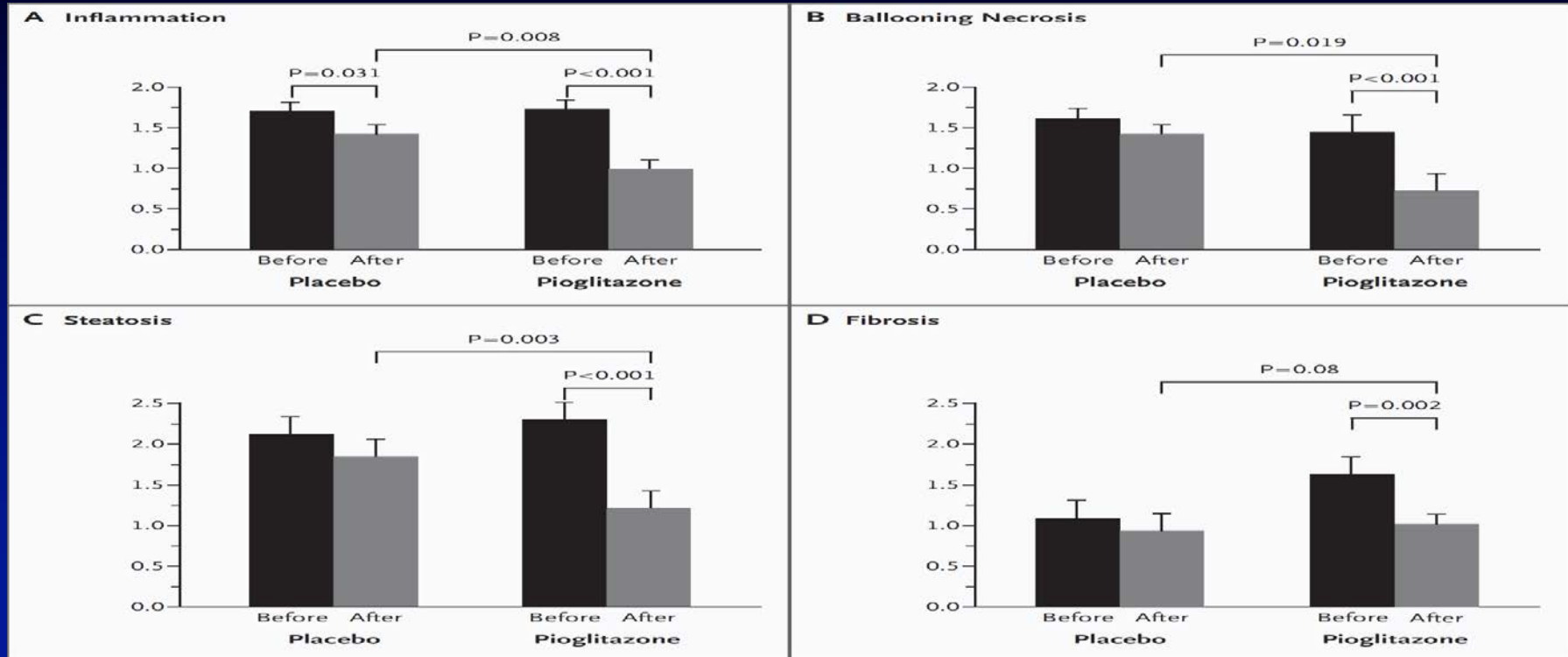
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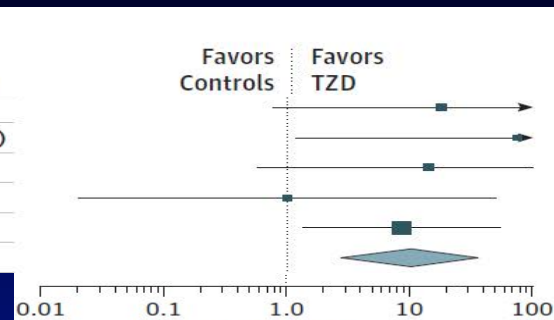
18 months follow-up in IGT and T2DM

body weight	before	after	Treatment Diff.	p value
pioglitazone	98.2 (16)	99.4 (17)		
placebo	99.2 (17)	99.5 (17)	2.5 (0.4 to 4.5)	0.02
BMI				
pioglitazone	34.3 (4.8)	34.6 (4.8)		
placebo	34.5 (4.8)	34.6 (5.0)	0.9 (0.1 to 1.6)	0.019
fat mass (DEXA)				
pioglitazone	33 (7)	36 (7)		
placebo	34 (8)	36 (8)	2 (1 to 3)	<0.001
HbA1c (% , only T2DM)				
pioglitazone	7.1 (0.9)	6.2 (0.7)		
placebo	6.8 (1.0)	6.5 (0.7)	-0.6 (-1.1 to -0.2)	0.009
fasting insulin ( $\mu$ /U/ml)				
pioglitazone	15 (11)	8 (15)		
placebo	16 (12)	17 (16)	-6 (-12 to 0)	0.041

# meta-analysis of pioglitazone in NASH

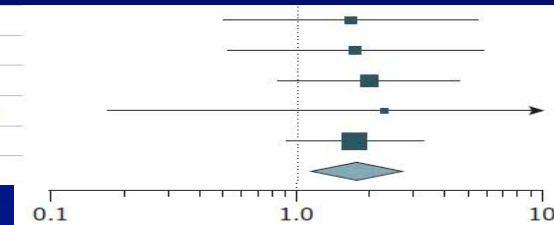
Patients with NASH with advanced fibrosis at baseline

Source	TZD		Control		Odds Ratio (95% CI)
	No. of Events	No. of Patients	No. of Events	No. of Patients	
Aithal et al, <sup>17</sup> 2008	3	7	0	11	17.89 (0.76-420.49)
Belfort et al, <sup>16</sup> 2006	7	7	0	2	75.00 (1.16-4868.64)
Cusi et al, <sup>12</sup> 2016	4	7	0	5	14.14 (0.57-352.00)
Sanyal et al, <sup>15</sup> 2004	1	2	1	2	1.00 (0.02-50.40)
Sanyal et al, <sup>20</sup> 2010	6	12	2	19	8.50 (1.33-54.13)
Total (95% CI)	21	35	3	39	10.17 (2.83-36.54)



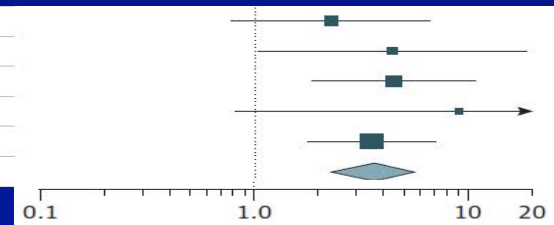
Improvement in fibrosis of any stage

Aithal et al, <sup>17</sup> 2008	9	31	6	30	1.64 (0.50--5.35)
Belfort et al, <sup>16</sup> 2006	12	26	7	21	1.71 (0.52-5.64)
Cusi et al, <sup>12</sup> 2016	20	50	13	51	1.95 (0.84-4.54)
Sanyal et al, <sup>15</sup> 2004	2	10	1	10	2.25 (0.17-29.77)
Sanyal et al, <sup>20</sup> 2010	35	80	26	83	1.71 (0.90-3.24)
Total (95% CI)	78	197	53	195	1.77 (1.15-2.72)

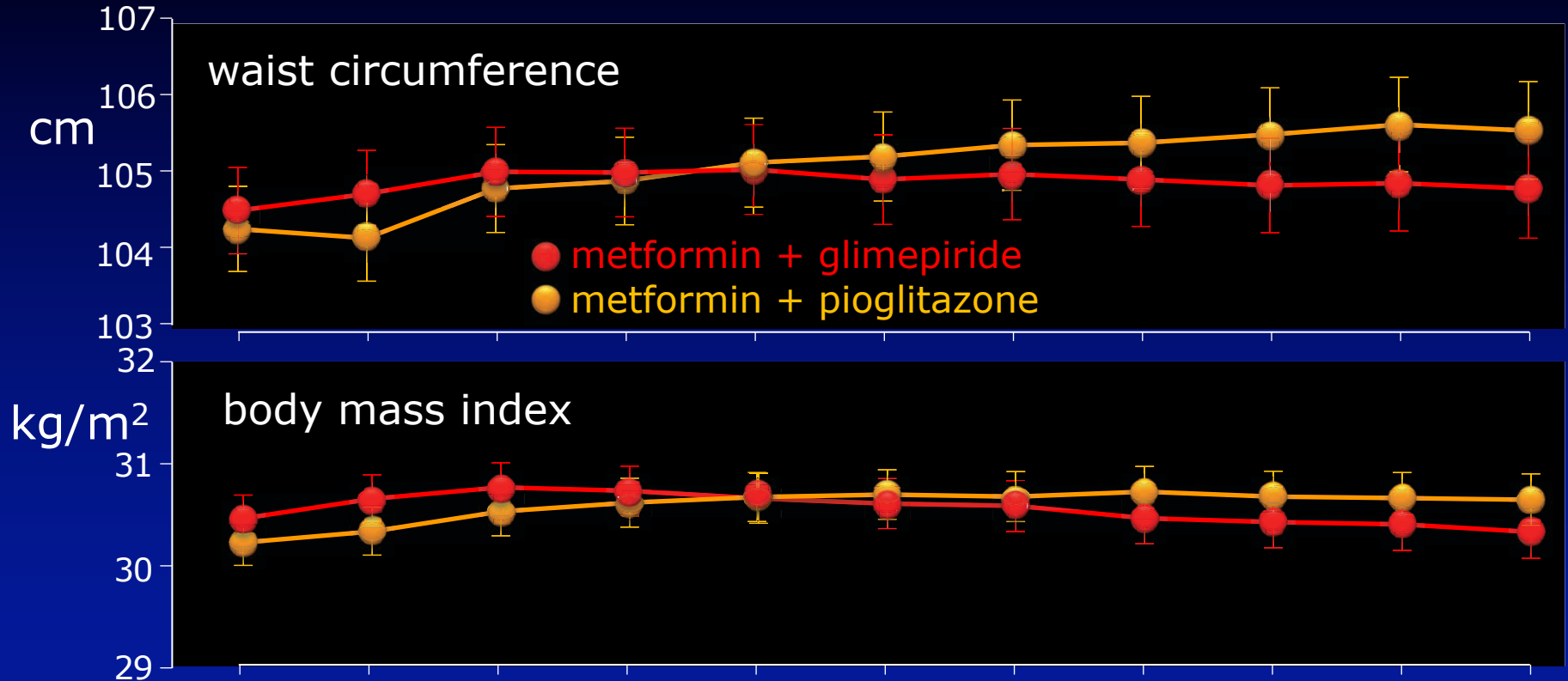


Induction of NASH resolution

Aithal et al, <sup>17</sup> 2008	14	31	8	30	2.26 (0.77-6.63)
Belfort et al, <sup>16</sup> 2006	11	26	3	21	4.40 (1.03-18.74)
Cusi et al, <sup>12</sup> 2016	26	50	10	51	4.44 (1.83-10.78)
Sanyal et al, <sup>15</sup> 2004	5	10	1	10	9.00 (0.81-100.14)
Sanyal et al, <sup>20</sup> 2010	38	80	17	83	3.51 (1.76-7.01)
Total (95% CI)	94	197	39	195	3.65 (2.32-5.74)



# TOSCA.IT pioglitazone increases body weight



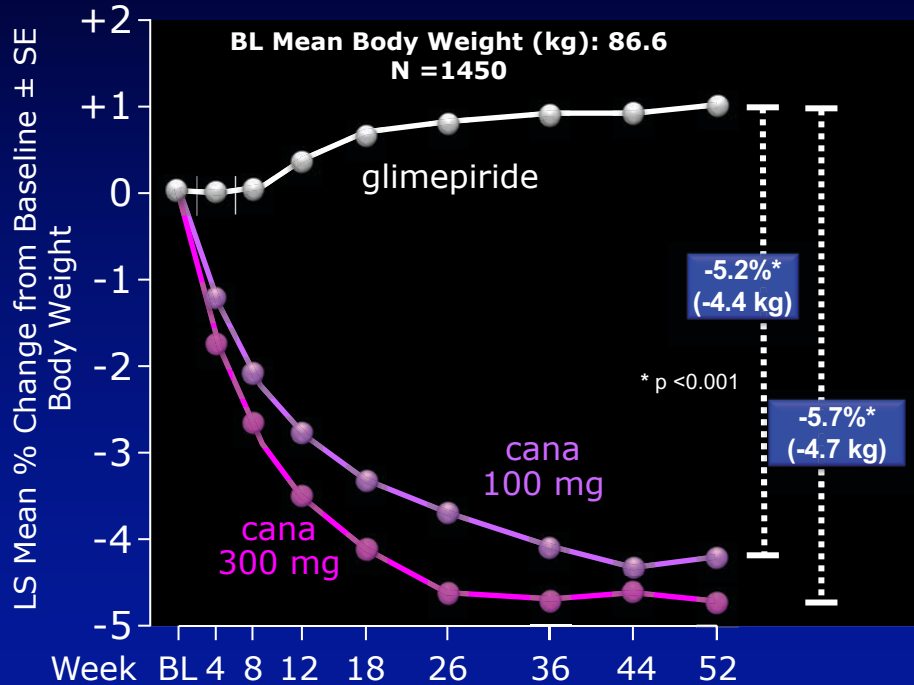
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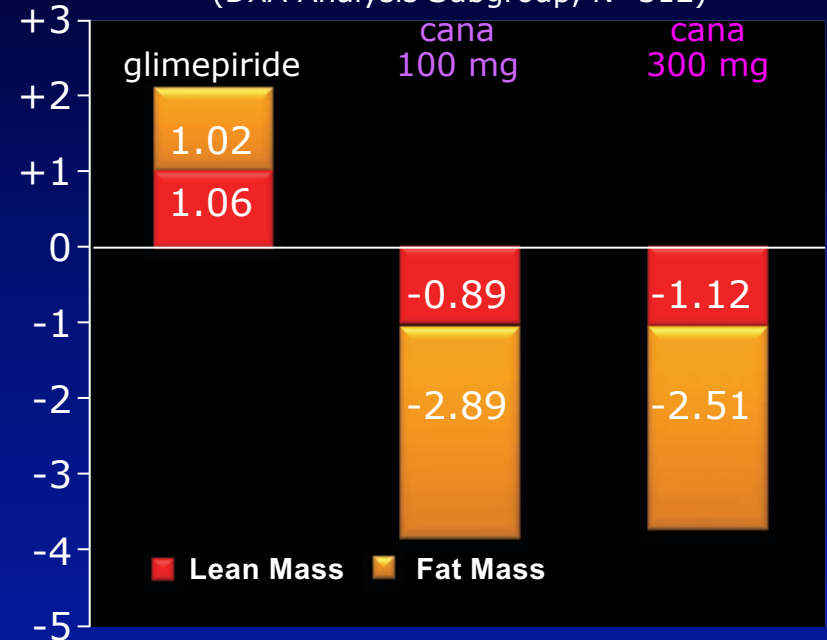
# gliflozins mostly reduce fat mass

## Weight Loss Over Time



Based on ANCOVA model, data prior to rescue (LOCF)

## Change in Body Composition (DXA Analysis Subgroup, N=312)



Weight changes relative to glimepiride in DXA analysis subgroup (-5.3 kg and -5.0 kg for CANA 100 mg and 300 mg, respectively) were similar to overall cohort.

# intracellular metabolism

lower glucose with same insulin reduces glucose oxidation

glycolysis

fasting-mimicking state

glucose

GLUT-4

HK-II

4 ATP

pyruvate

PDH/PC

Ac-CoA

oxalacetate

$\beta$ -ox

FFA

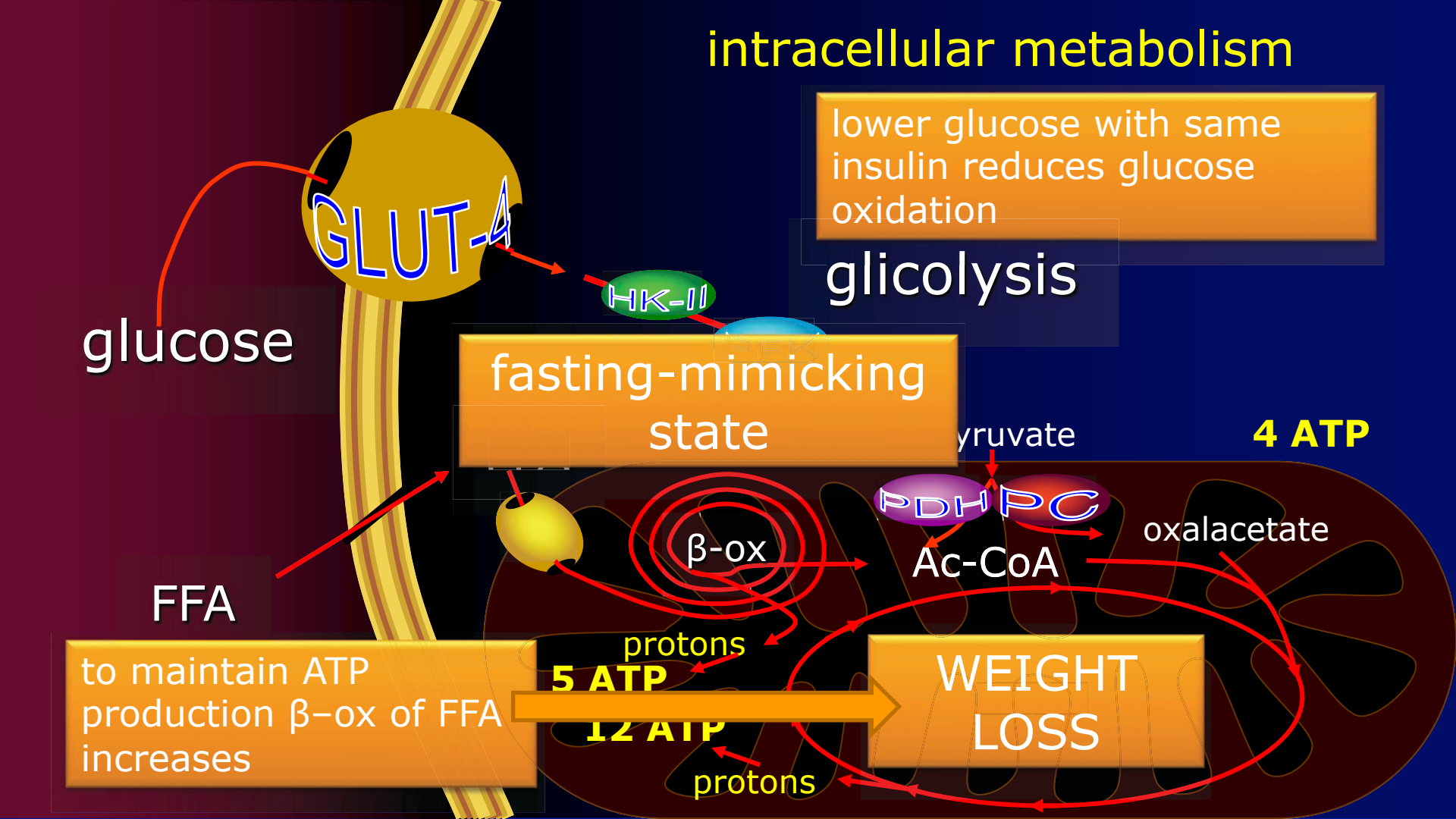
to maintain ATP production  $\beta$ -ox of FFA increases

protons 5 ATP

12 ATP

WEIGHT LOSS

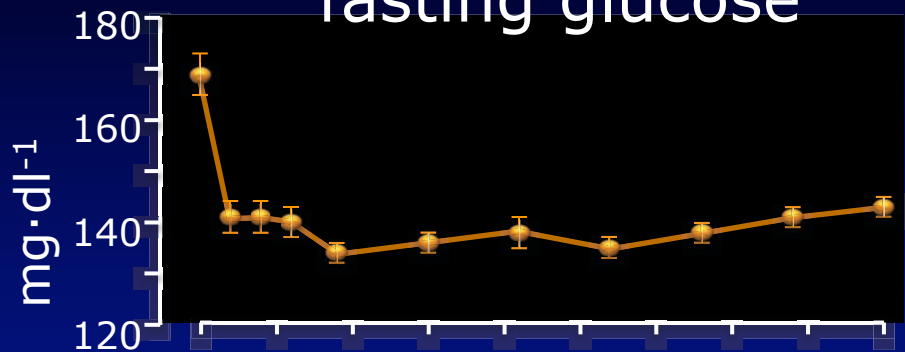
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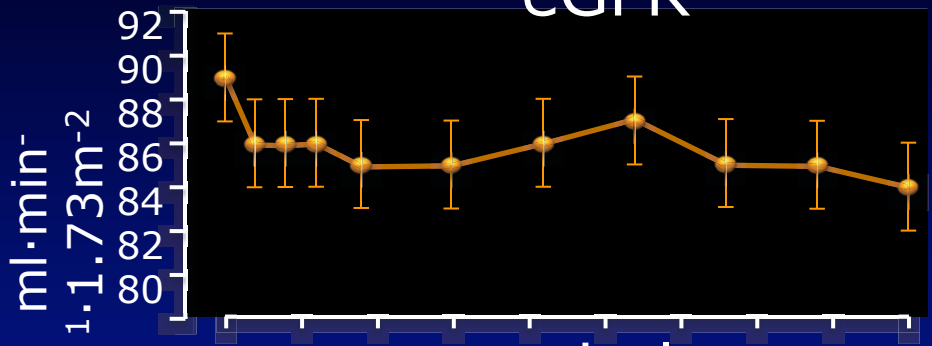
# estimated glucose loss with SGLT2i

empa 25, ext. of 2 12-w trials; HbA1c: 7.8 BMI: 29.8

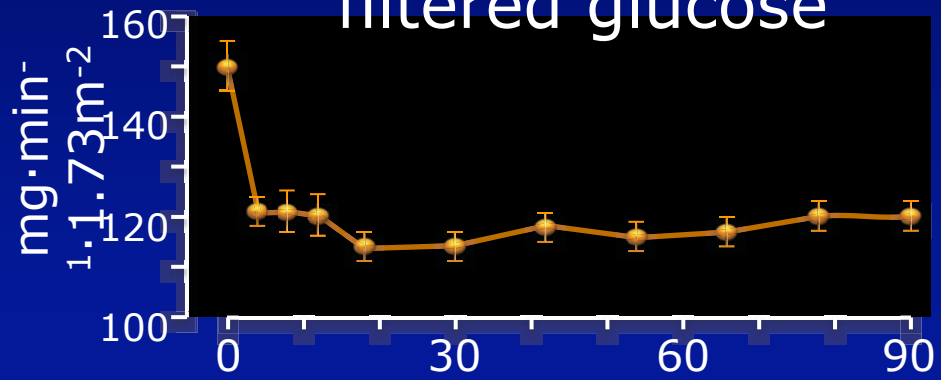
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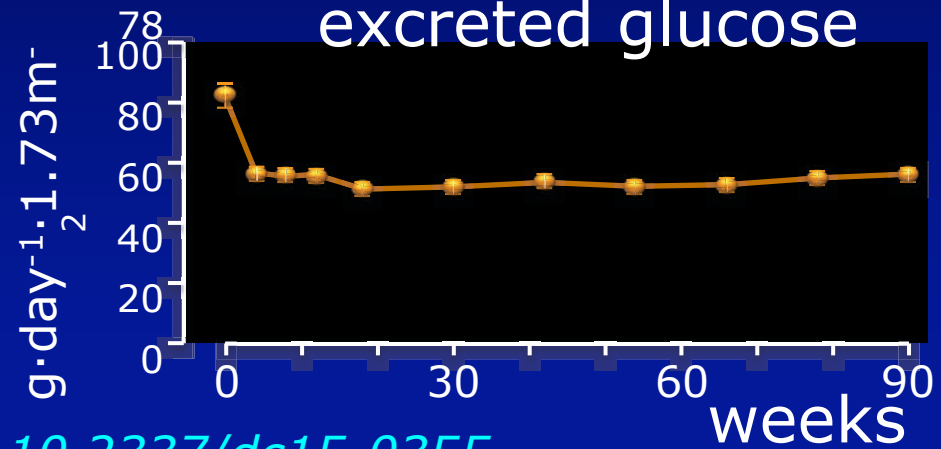
## eGFR



## filtered glucose

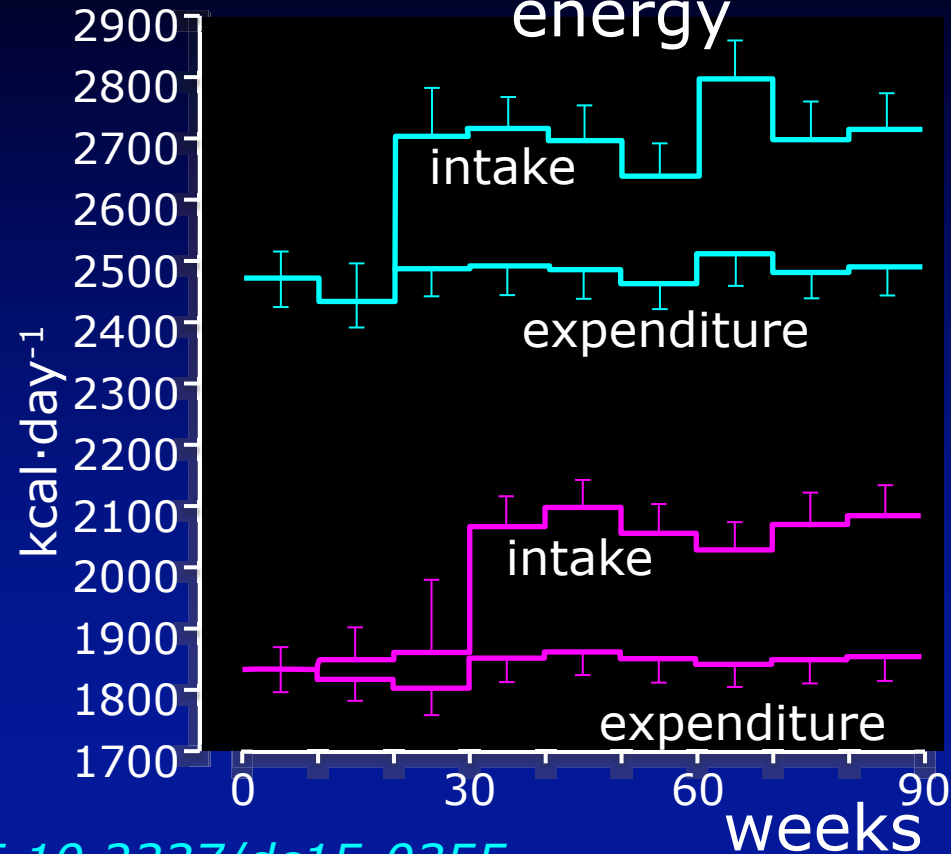
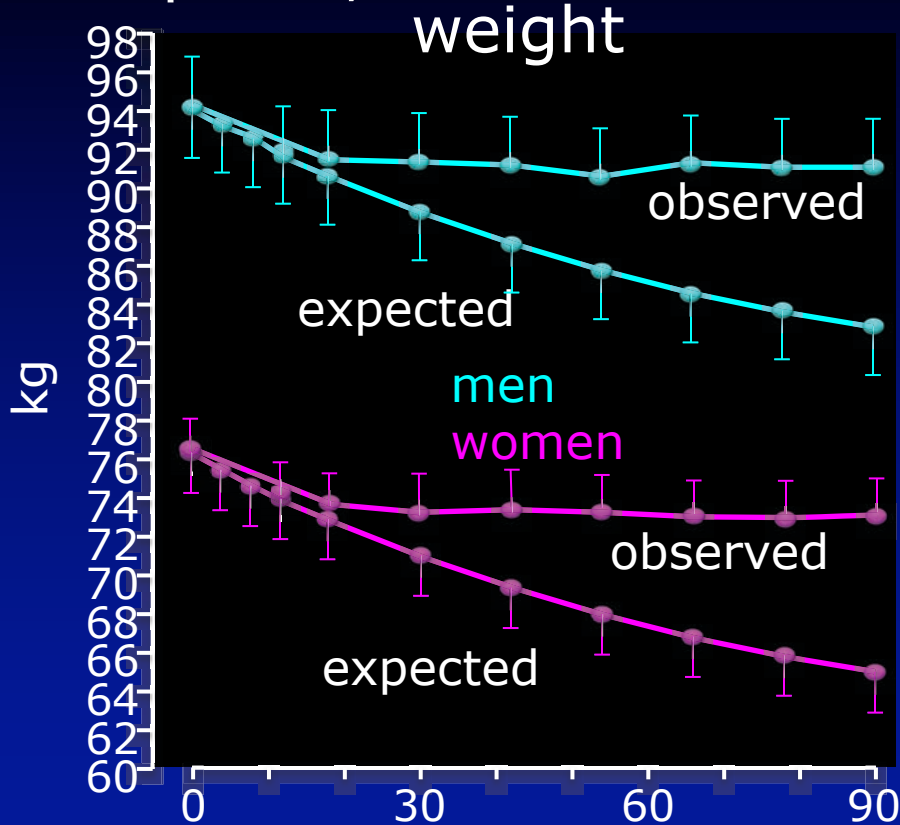


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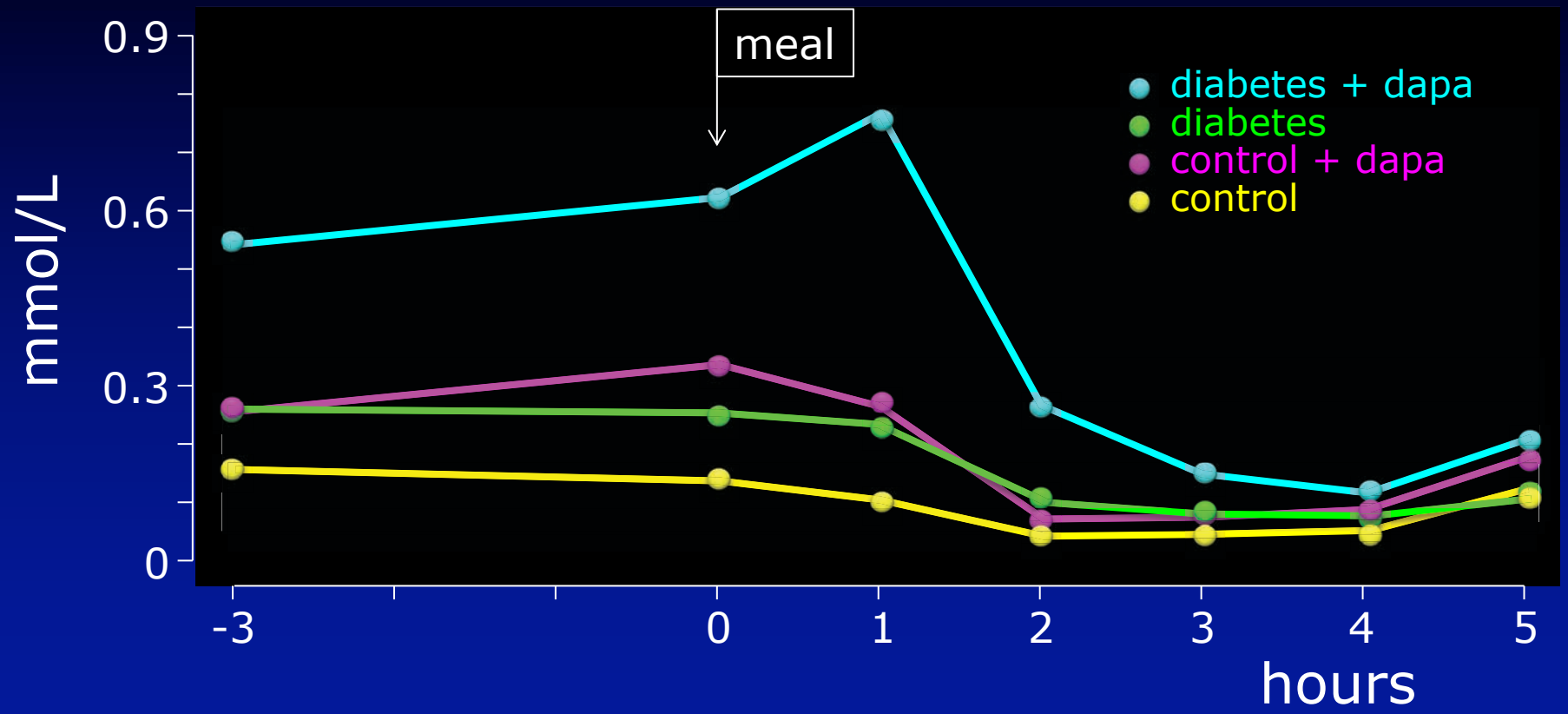


# energy balance with SGLT2i

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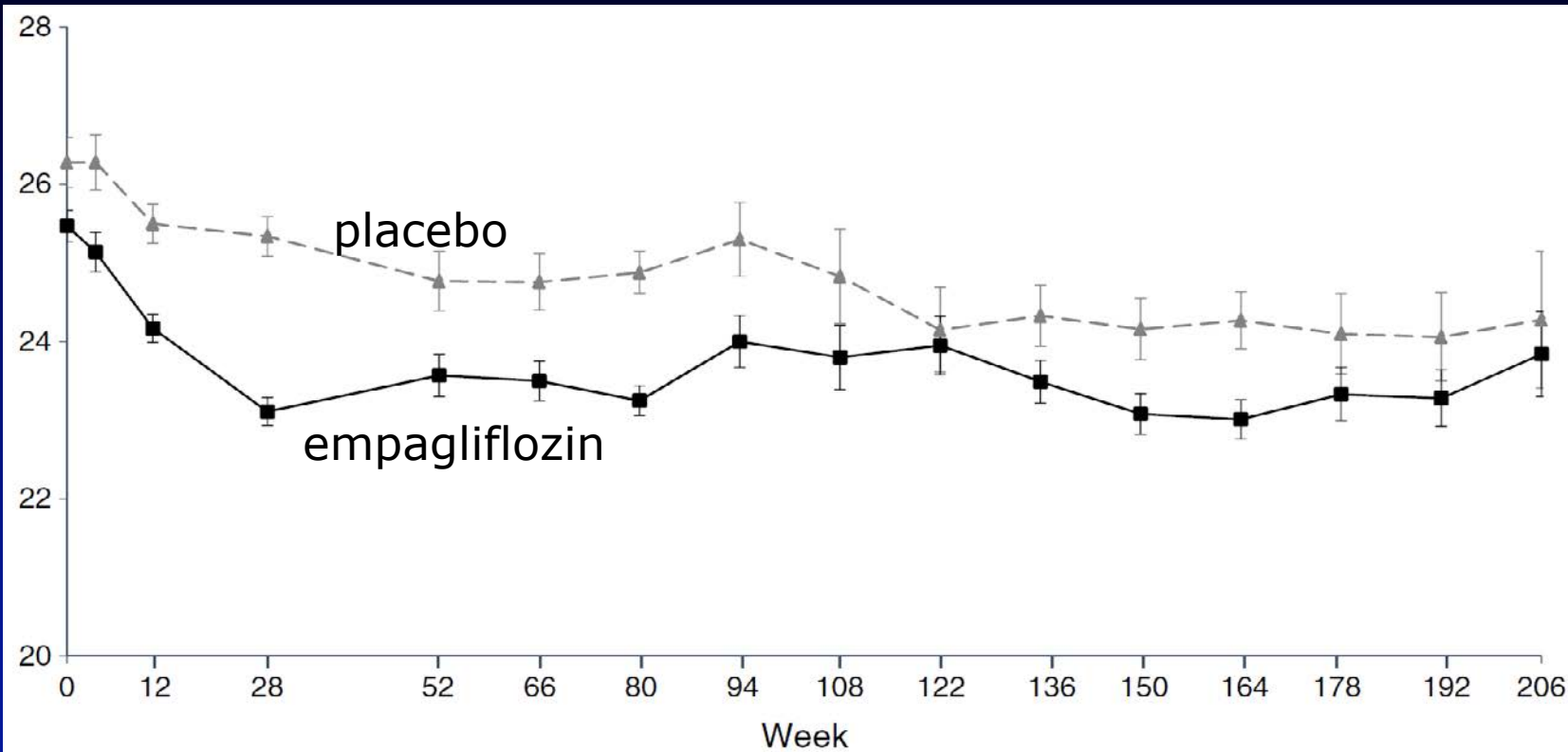


# SGLT-2is increase $\beta$ -OH-butyrate



# EMPAREG: ALT with empagliflozin

U/L



# SGLT2-is reduce NASH

## liver-to-spleen attenuation ratio

	Luseogliflozin			Metformin		
	Baseline	At 6 months	P value	Baseline	At 6 months	P value
L/S	0.907 (0.637, 1.036)	1.033 (0.798, 1.199)	.0008	0.991 (0.813, 1.118)	0.851 (0.675, 1.0001)	.017
ALT	49.5 (31, 70)	31 (26, 55)	.057	39 (23,56)	39 (27, 51)	.518
Glu (mg/dL)	127 (116, 136)	125 (113, 138)	.87	147 (126-161)	134 (122, 145)	.32
HbA1c	7.8 (7.2, 7.9)	6.5 (6.4, 7.0)	.002	7.4 (6.9, 7.7)	7.3 (6.7, 7.6)	.362
CPR	2.05 (1.8, 3.3)	2.3 (1.9, 3.5)	.397	2.9 (1.8, 3.3)	2.7 (1.9, 3.5)	.756
CPR index	1.30 (1.25-1.65)	1.57 (1.48-1.84)	.041	1.86 (1.13, 2.14)	2.08 (1.10, 2.31)	.247
VFA	158.3 (104.1, 177.2)	137.6 (99.6, 156.8)	.009	142.3 (116.1, 189.3)	153 (103.5, 196.5)	.426
BMI	27.9 (26.2, 28.7)	27.0 (25.6, 28.3)	.002	27.2 (24.8, 32.1)	27.3 (24.3, 31.6)	.646
	Luseogliflozin			Metformin		P value
ΔL/S	0.176 (0.088, 0.191)			-0.116 (-0.217, 0.013)		.00002
ΔALT	9 (-20, 1)			4.5 (-5, 9)		.064
ΔGlu	-6.5 (-15, 11)			-4.5 (-25, 5)		.583
ΔHbA1c	-0.8 (- 1.3, -0.1)			-0.1 (0.5, 0.2)		.023
ΔCPR	0.1 (-0.325-0.64)			-0.1 (-0.2-0.35)		.642
ΔCPR index	0.155 (-0.005, 0.279)			0.079 (-0.007, 0.407)		.666
ΔVFA	-11.9 (-31.3, -4.4)			6.7 (-7, 12.8)		.015
ΔBMI	-0.61 (-0.86, -0.24)			0.038 (-0.41, 0.23)		.031

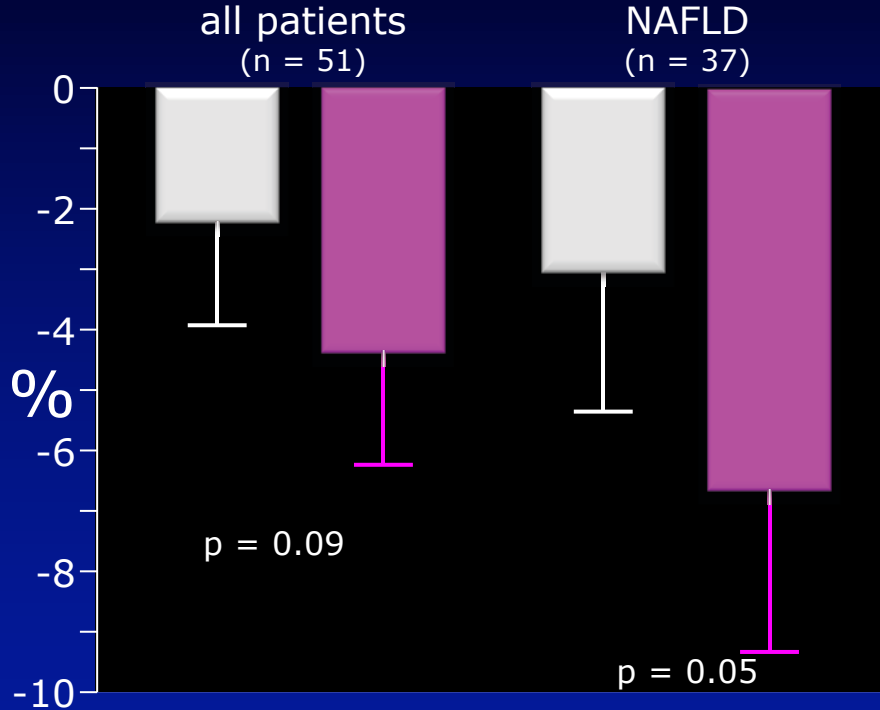
L/S, liver-to-spleen attenuation ratio; Alt, alanine aminotransferase; Glu, fasting glucose; CPR, C-peptide immunoreactivity; VFA, visceral fat mass area

*Shibuja T et al.: DOM 20:438, 2018 doi: 10.1111/dom.13061*

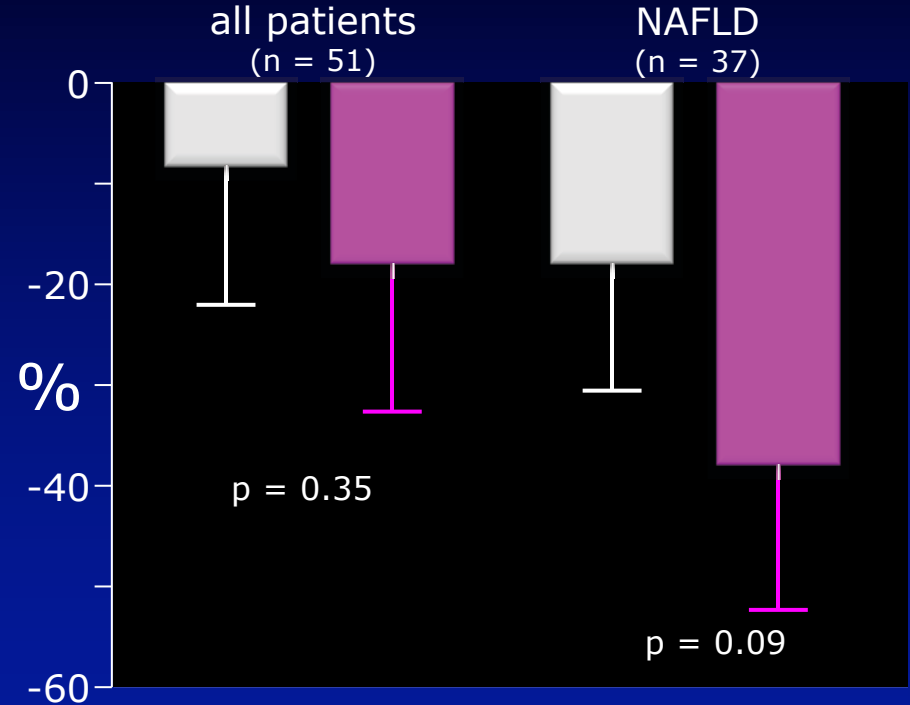
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change in intrahepatic TG

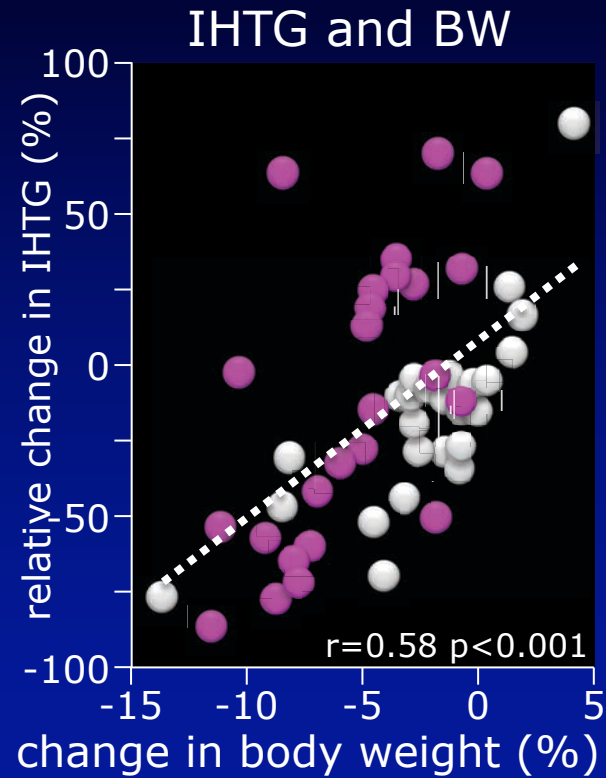
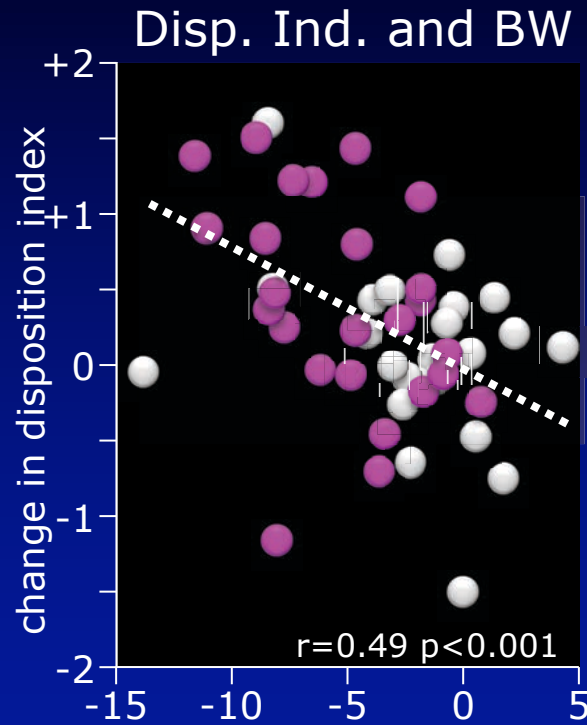
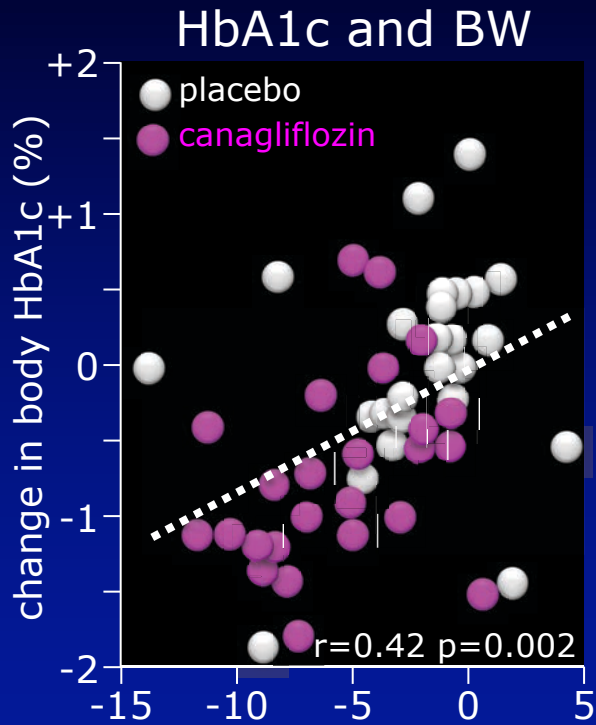


relative changes





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# SGLT<sub>i</sub> in NASH: ongoing studies

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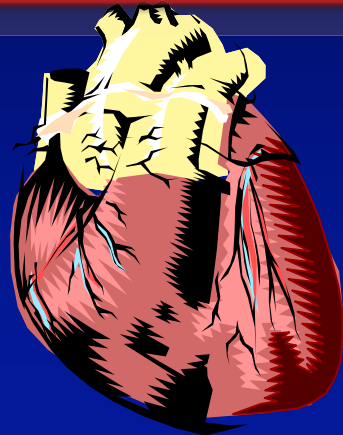
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# Shift in Fuel Energetics

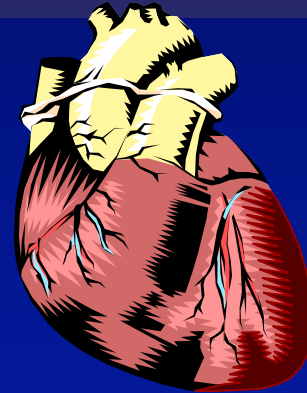
## diabetic heart

- ↑ fat oxidation
- ↓ glucose uptake/oxidation
- ↓ P/O ratio
- ↓ cardiac work efficiency












## SGLT-2i effect

- ↓ fat oxidation
- ↑ glucose uptake/oxidation
- ↑ P/O ratio
- ↑ cardiac work efficiency



# the $\beta$ OHB hypotheses compared

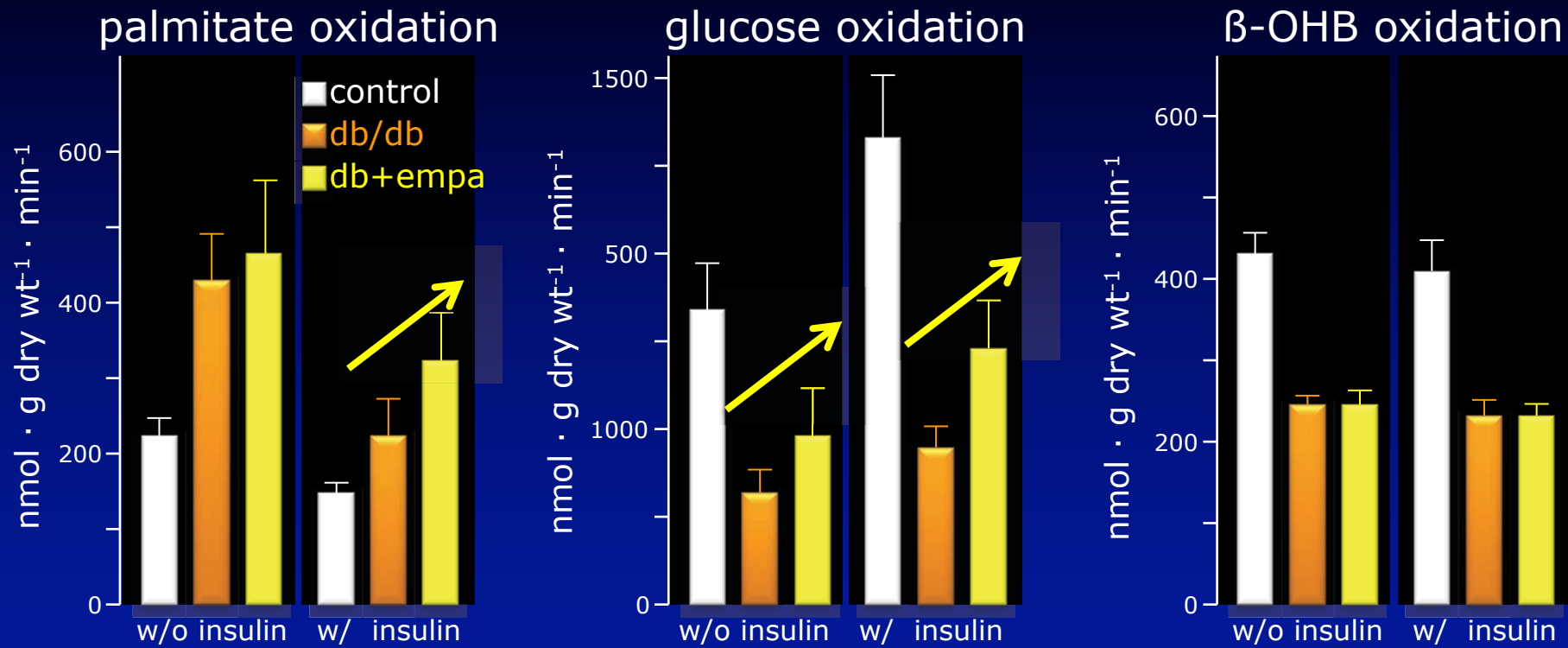
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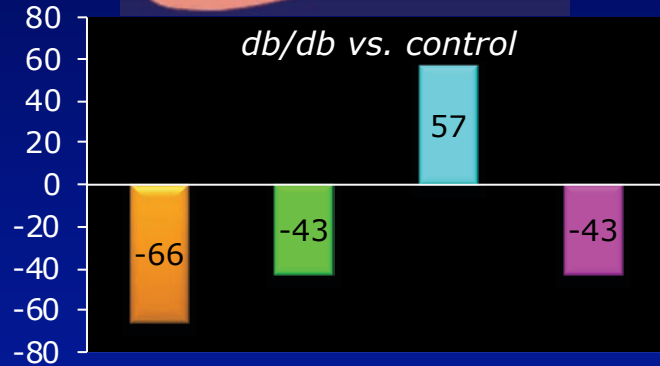
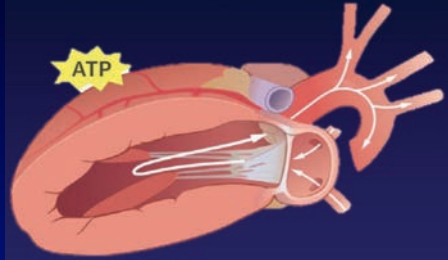
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# empagliflozin increases glucose oxidation (in isolated hearts)



# empagliflozin improves metabolic efficacy (in isolated hearts)

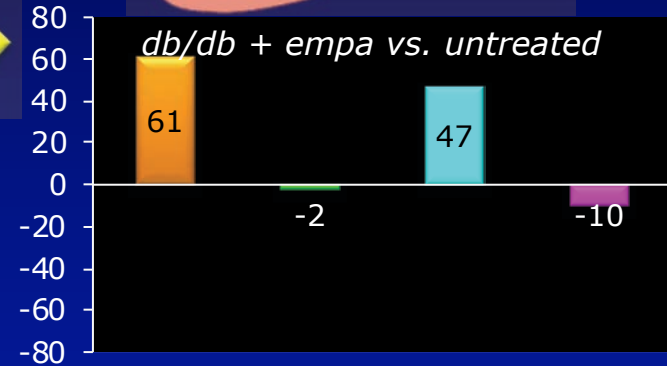
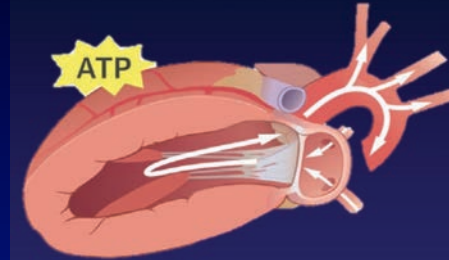
reduced ATP production



energy deprived heart



improved ATP production



improved cardiac function

# DapaHeart

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## Effects of SGLT2 Inhibition on Myocardial Insulin Sensitivity (DapaHeart)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03313752

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Recruiting  
First Posted ⓘ : October 18, 2017  
Last Update Posted ⓘ : January 24, 2018  
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### Sponsor:

Andrea Giaccari

### Information provided by (Responsible Party):

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**Study Details**

**Tabular View**

**No Results Posted**

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## Study Description

### Brief Summary:

A Phase III, single-centre, randomized, 2-arm, parallel-group, double blind, placebo-controlled study, consisting of a screening phase (Days -14 to -1), a 4-week double-blind, placebo-controlled treatment phase.

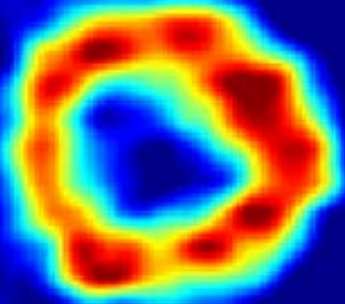
Subjects: Type 2 diabetic patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) not requiring revascularization, with sub-optimal glycaemic control (HbA1c 7.5-8.5%) on their current anti-hyperglycaemic regimen

Subjects will be randomized in a 1:1 ratio to dapagliflozin or placebo.

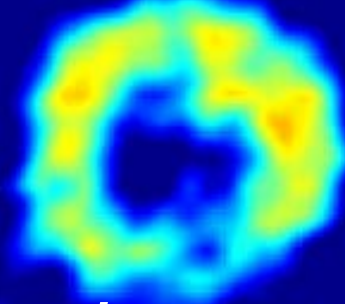
Subjects will undergo screening assessment in the 14-day period preceding administration of the first dose of study drug on Day 1.

# organ specific insulin-resistance

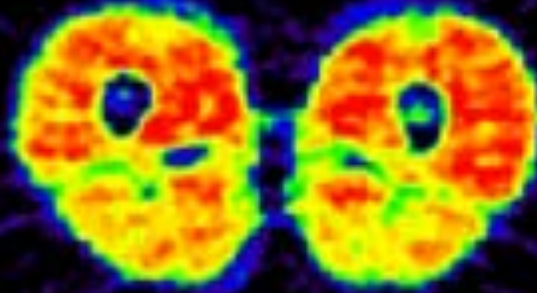
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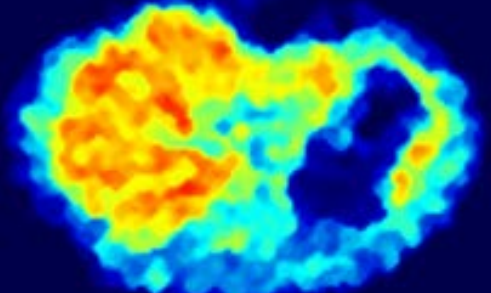
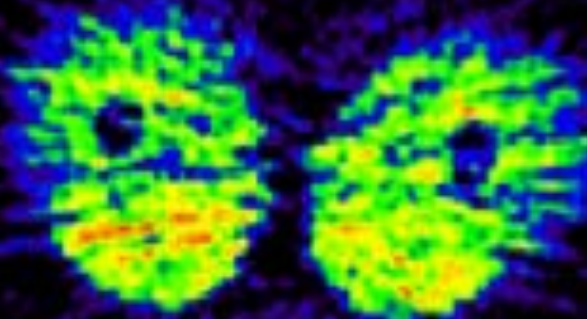
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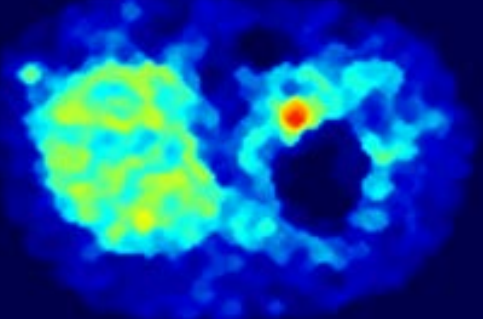
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skeletal muscle

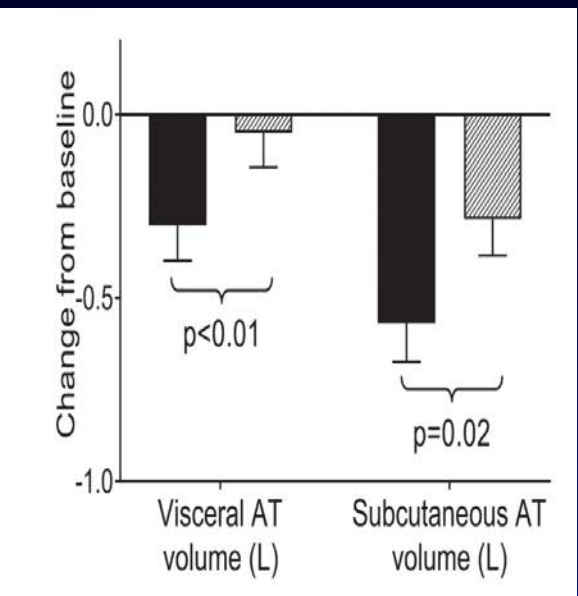
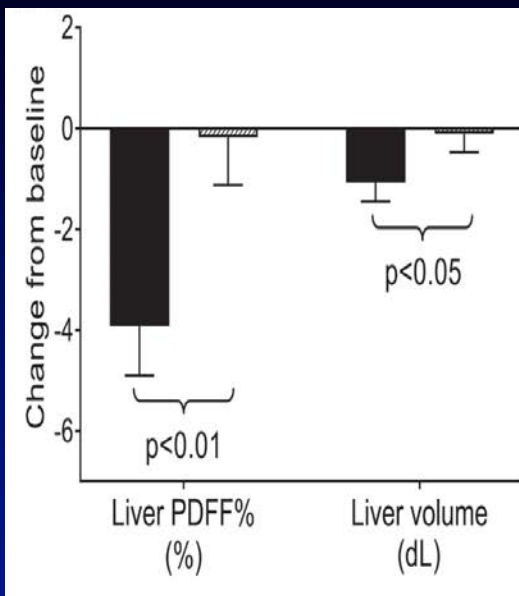
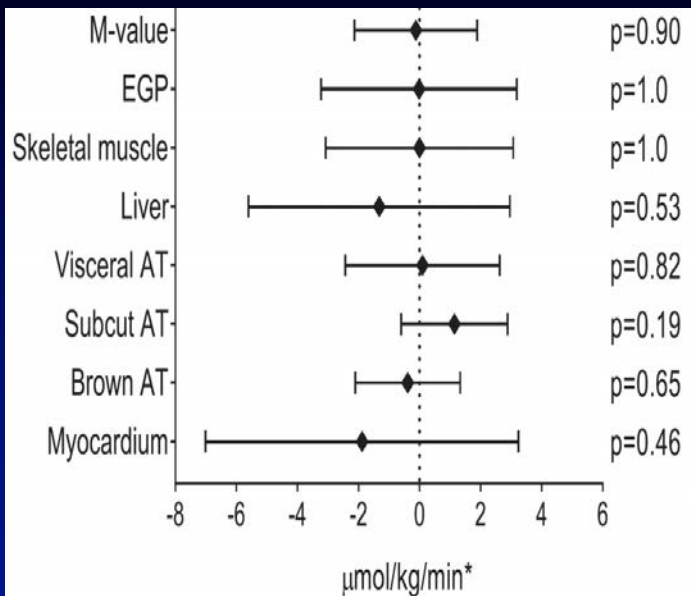


liver-abdom





# SGLT-2i: no effects on glucose uptake?

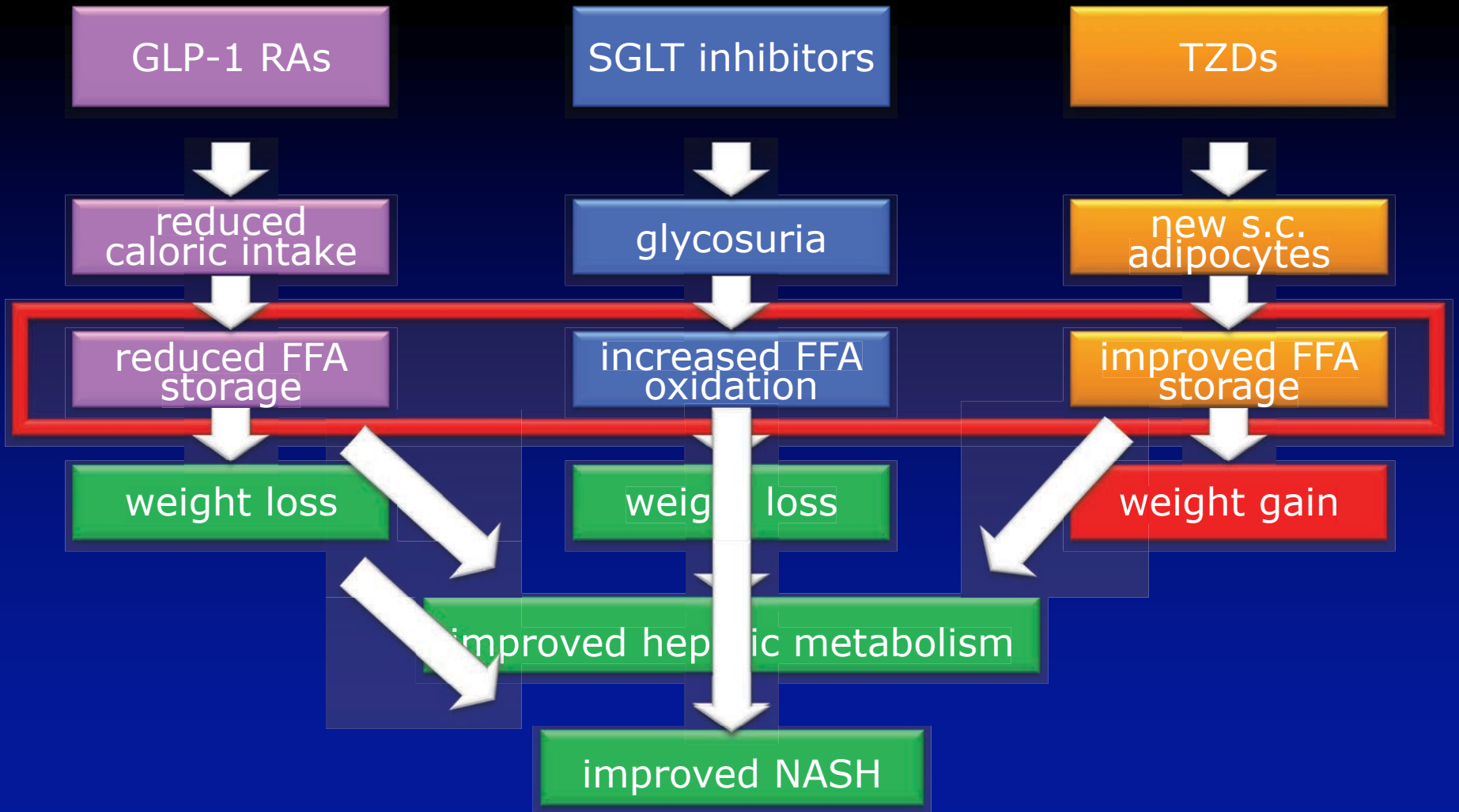


**Table 1—Characteristics of the treatment arms at baseline and after 8 weeks**

Variable	Placebo		Dapagliflozin 10 mg		P value
	Baseline (n = 16)	At 8 weeks (n = 16)	Baseline (n = 15)	At 8 weeks (n = 15)	
HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%)	6.8 ± 0.5	6.8 ± 0.4	7.0 ± 0.6	6.6 ± 0.6	<0.01

# insulin sensitizers

- metformin: no evidence
- GLP-1 RA: works; weight loss?
- pioglitazone: works; weight gain!
- SGLT inhibitors: works?  
increased FFA oxidation?



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