



**EVENTO TERRITORIALE SID/AMD LAZIO**  
**Protezione cardio-renale nel Diabete di Tipo II (2):**

**L'integrazione tra Medici di Medicina generale e Specialisti nella cura  
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# Flash terapie innovative: TIRZEPATIDE

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# AGENDA

## Glycometabolic control

- Insulin secretion
- Glucagon
- Insulin sensitivity
- Lipids



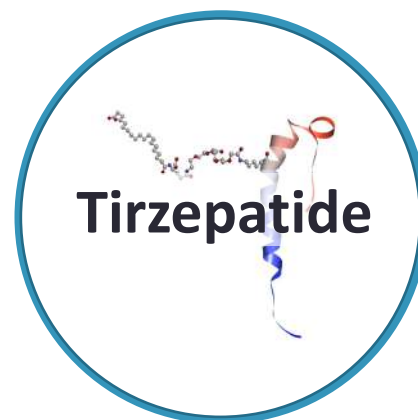
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- Weight loss
- Lipid partitioning and adipose function

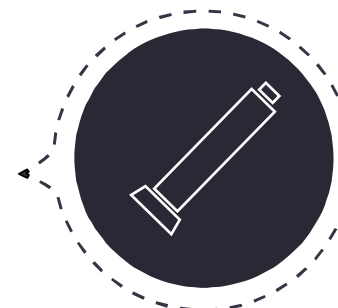


## Receptor pharmacology

Dual agonism

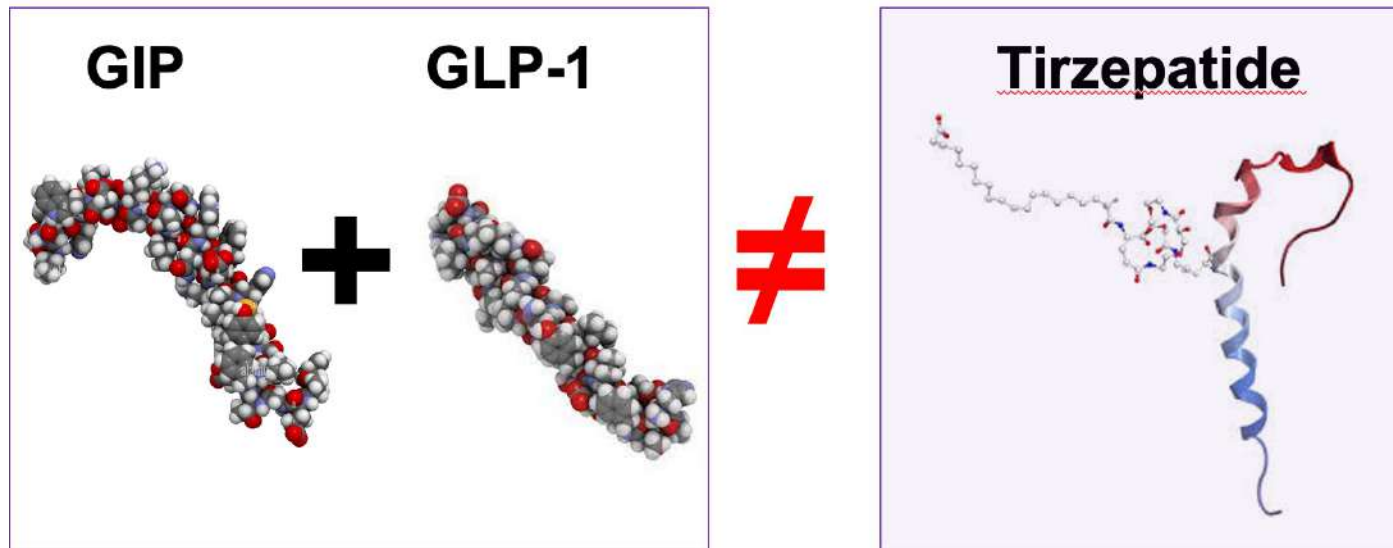


## Dose escalation



# Tirzepatide: a Dual GIP/GLP-1 Receptor agonist

- **Tirzepatide** is a multi-functional peptide based on the native GIP peptide sequence, modified to bind to both GIPR and GLP-1R



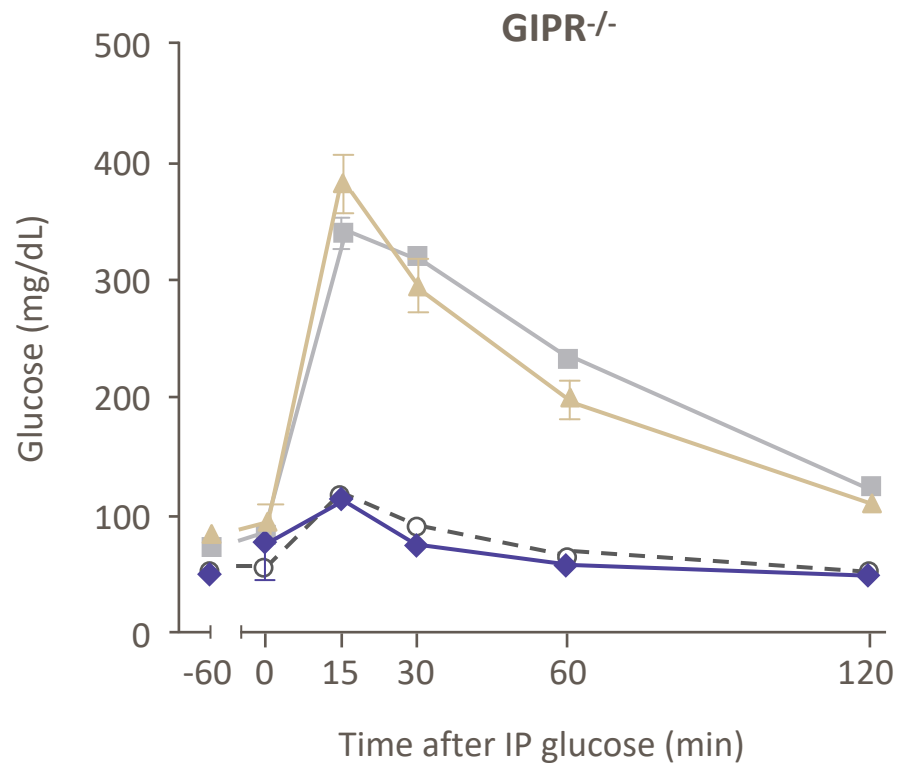
Tirzepatide is not the sum of GIP and GLP-1. It is a single molecule

GIP, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide; GLP-1, glucagon like peptide-1

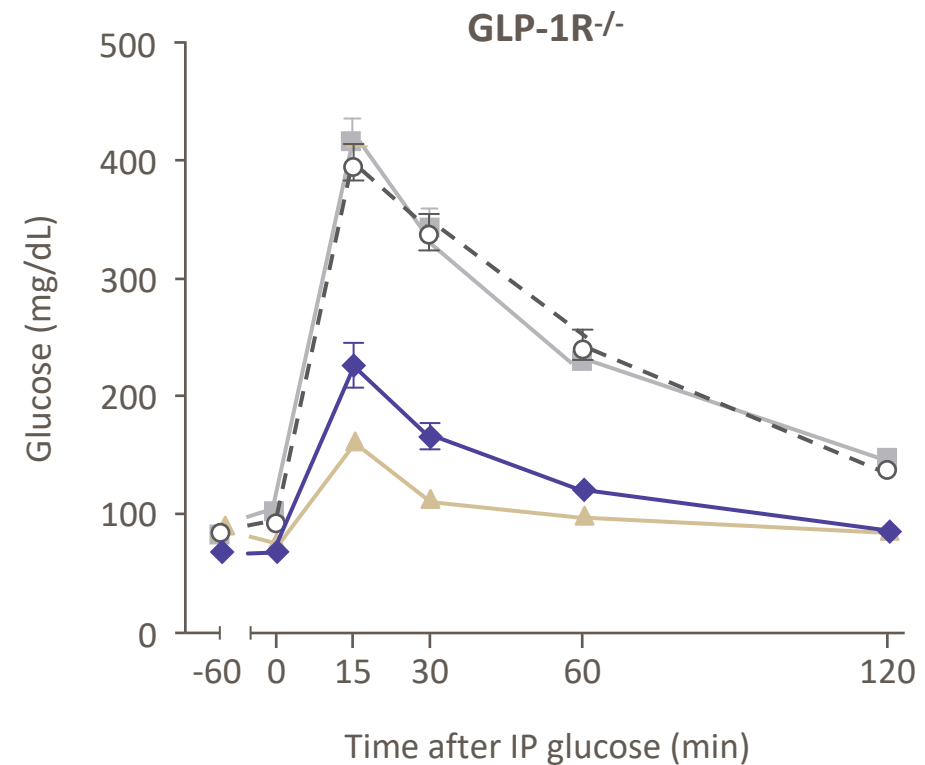
# Tirzepatide regulates glycemia acting on both receptors differently from a selective GLP1



**GLP-1R–dependent glycemic control demonstrated in GIPR<sup>-/-</sup> mice IPGTT**



**GIPR-dependent glycemic control demonstrated in GLP-1R<sup>-/-</sup> mice IPGTT**



Vehicle   
  SEMA 30 nmol/kg   
  TZP 30 nmol/kg   
  GIP 30 nmol/kg

\*P<.05 using 1-way ANOVA vs vehicle treatment in high glucose.  
 ANOVA = analysis of variance; AUC = area under curve; GIP = glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide; GIPR = glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide receptor; GLP-1R = glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; IP = intraperitoneal glucose; IPGTT = intraperitoneal glucose tolerance test; SEMA = semaglutide; TZP = tirzepatide.  
 Coskun T, et al. *Mol Metab.* 2018;18:3-14.

# Tirzepatide: Glycometabolic control

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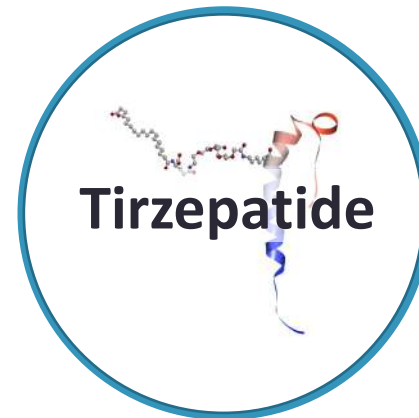
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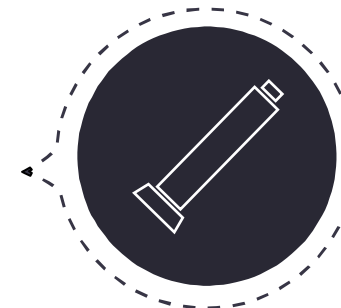


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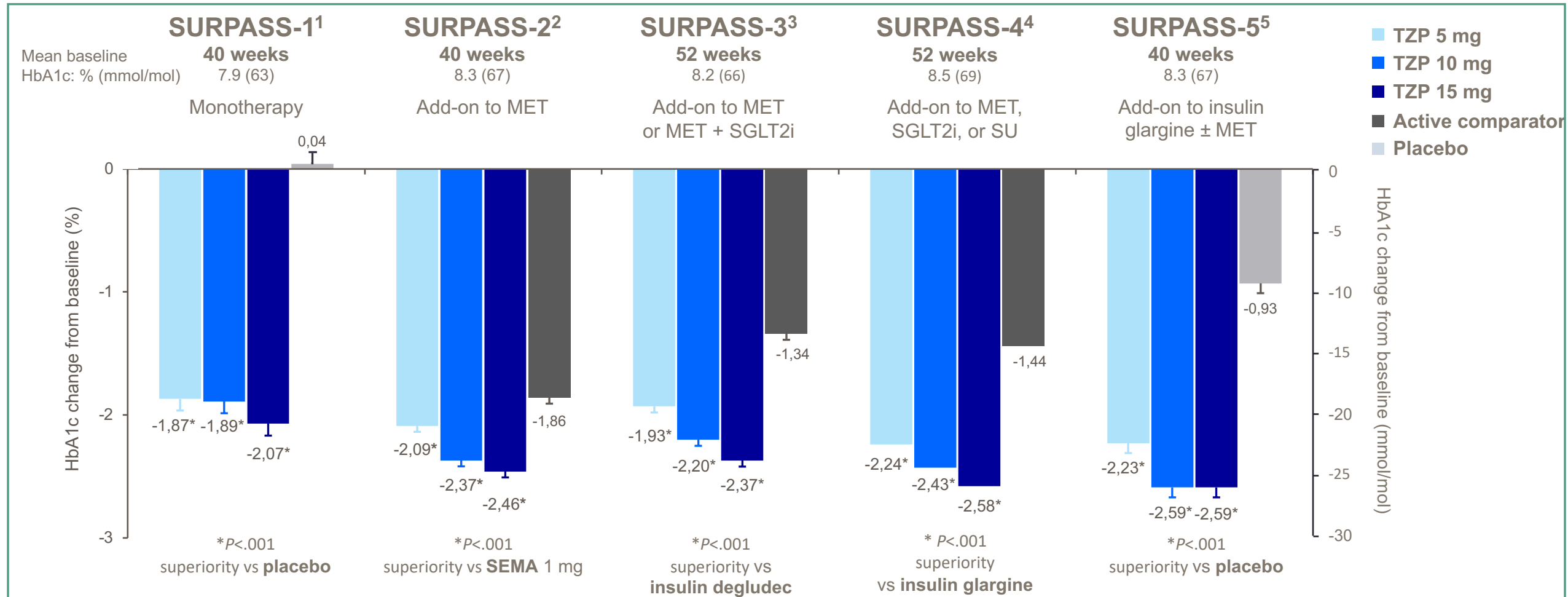
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## Dose escalation



# Unprecedented HbA1c reduction from baseline to primary endpoint



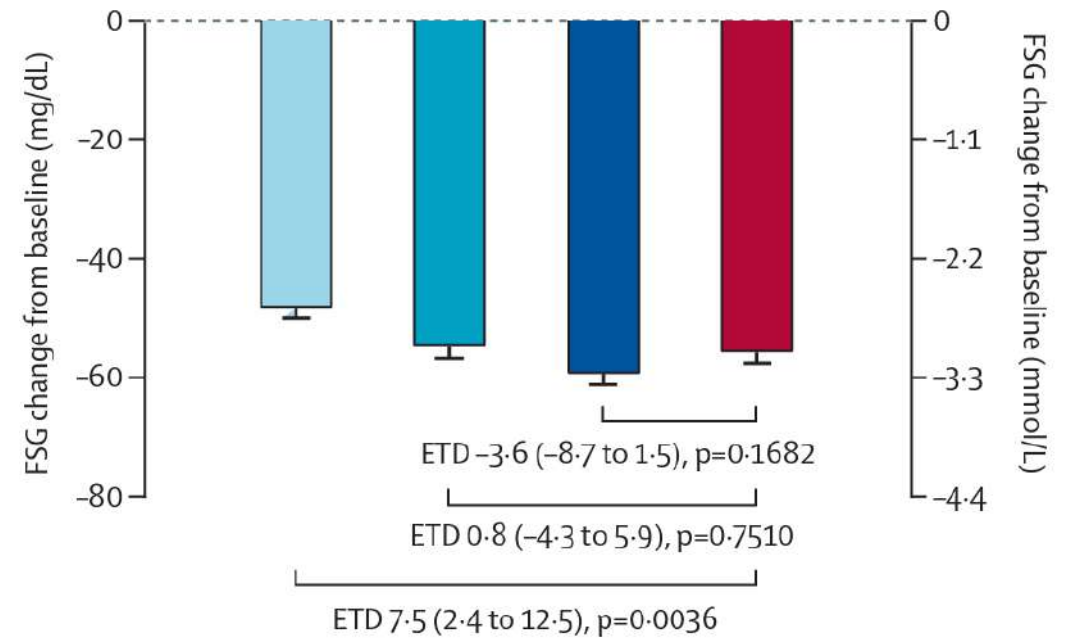
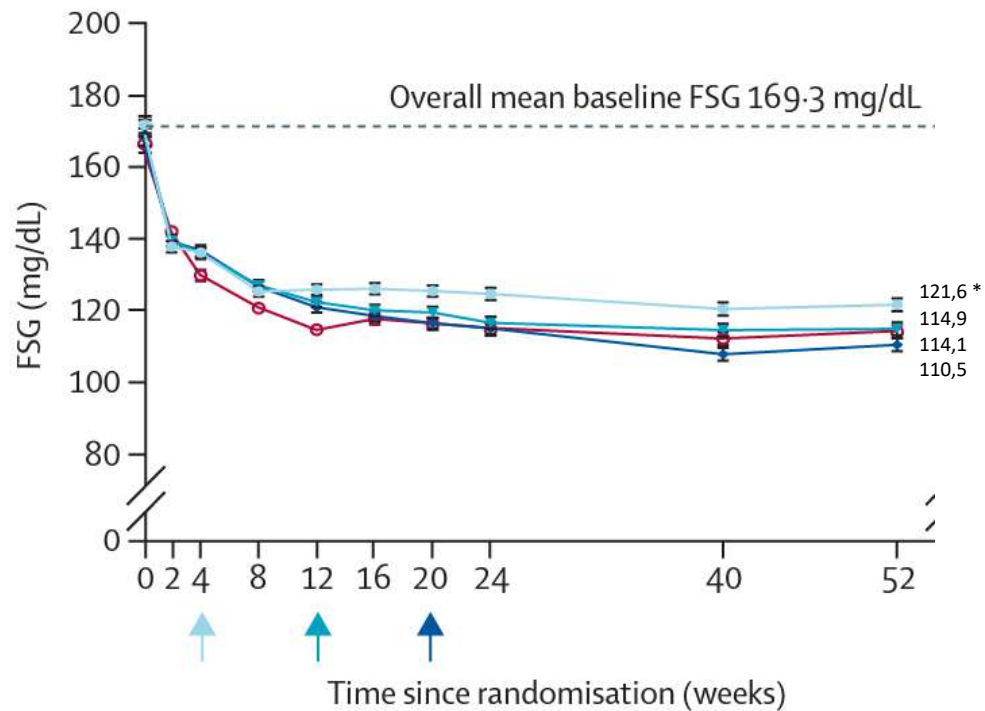
Data are LSM (SE). mITT population (efficacy analysis set). MMRM analysis. Data labels are % HbA1c.

HbA1c = glycated haemoglobin; LSM = least squares mean; MET = metformin; mITT = modified intent-to-treat; MMRM = mixed model repeated measures; SGLT2i = sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor; SEMA = semaglutide; SU = sulphonylurea; TZP = tirzepatide.

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# SURPASS-3: Fasting Serum Glucose Over Time and Change from Baseline at 52 Weeks

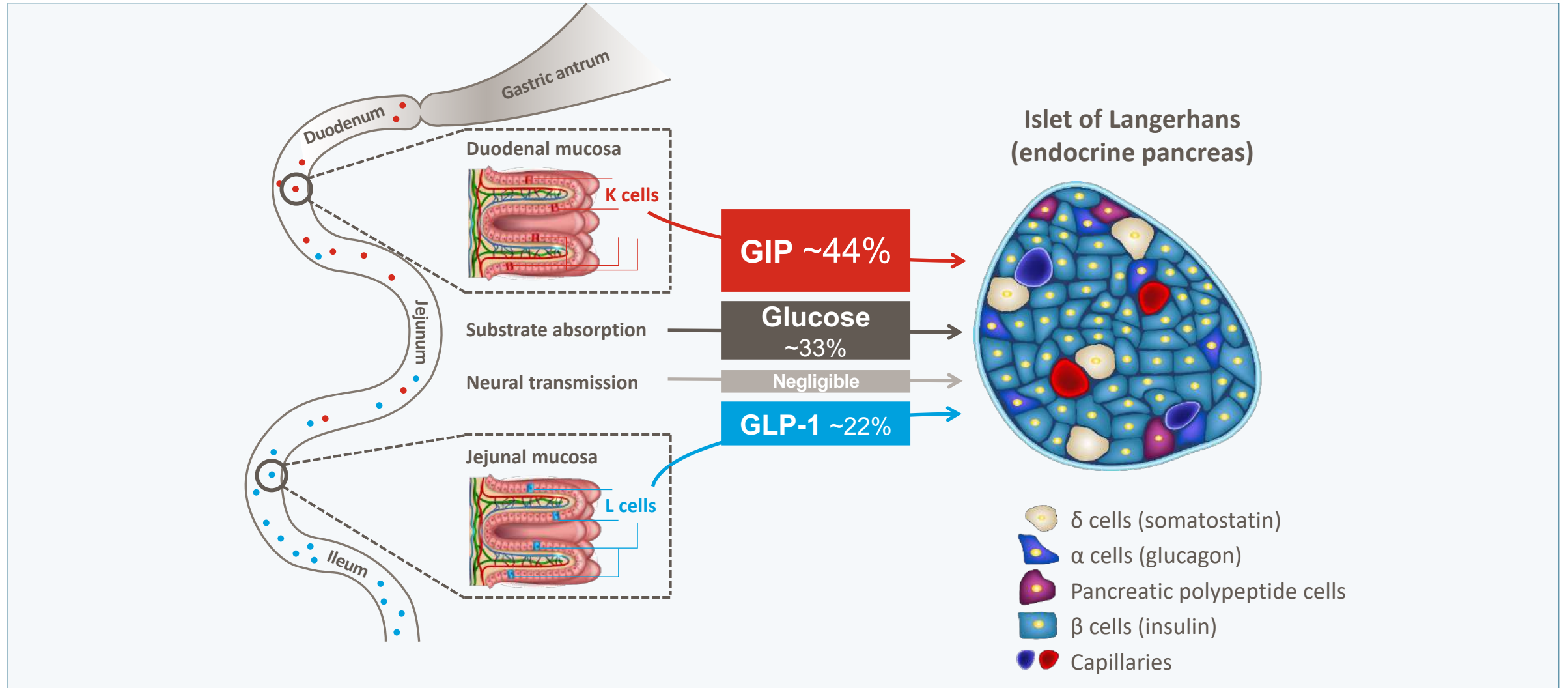
■ Tirzepatide 5 mg   
 ■ Tirzepatide 10 mg   
 ■ Tirzepatide 15 mg   
 ■ Insulin degludec



Data are LSM (SE) over time and 52 weeks. Estimated treatment differences at 52 weeks are LSM (95% CI); mITT (efficacy analysis set); MMRM analysis. Arrows indicate when the maintenance dose of tirzepatide 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg was initiated. \*p=0,004 vs. insulin degludec

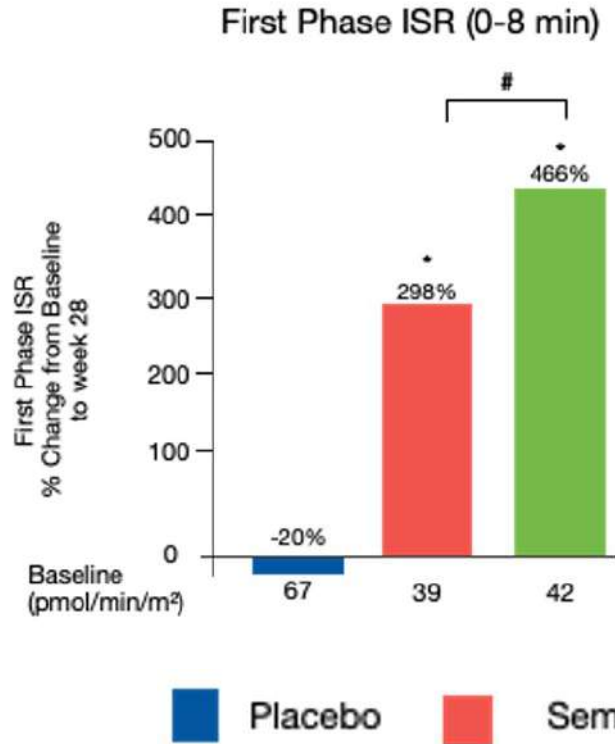


# In healthy subjects, GIP accounts for the majority of insulin secretion

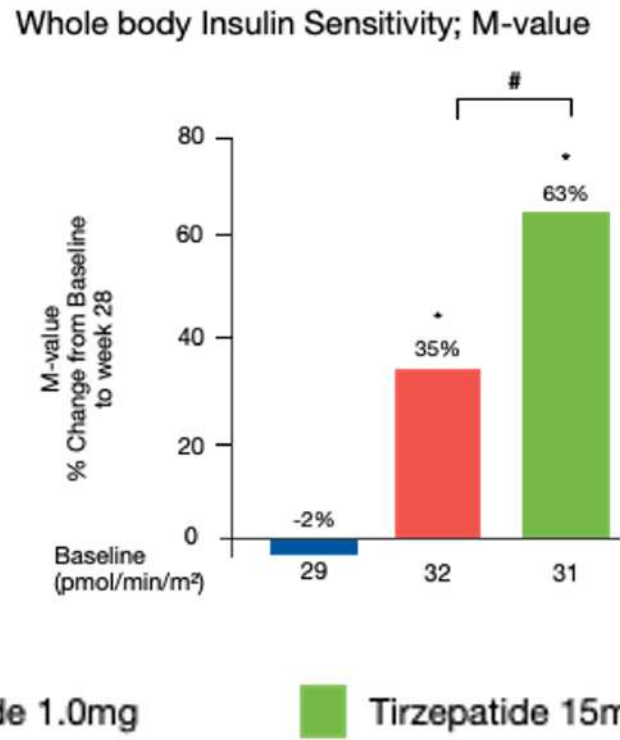


# Mechanism of glycemic control

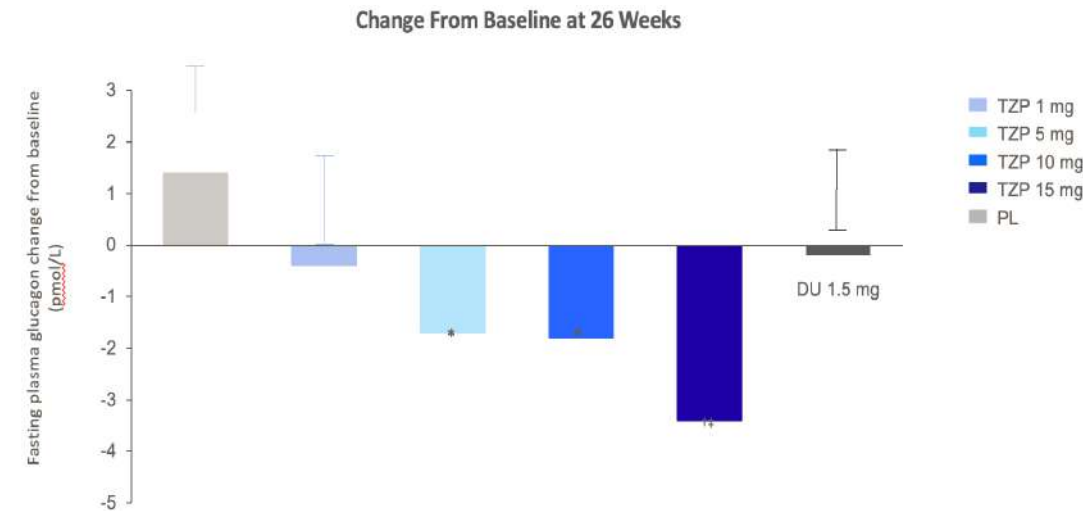
## Enhanced insulin secretion



## Improved insulin sensitivity



## Reduced glucagon levels



# Tirzepatide: Adiposity

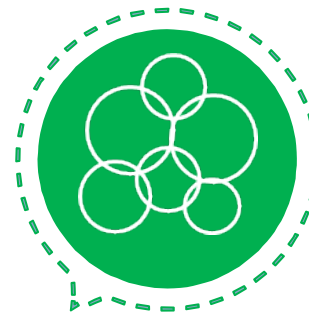
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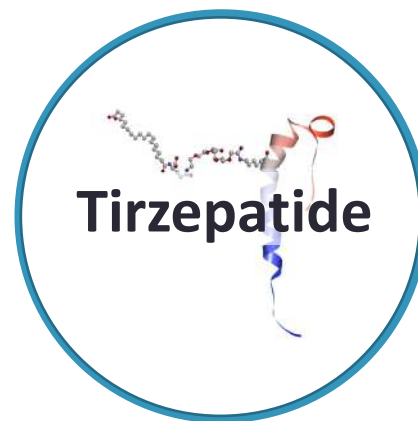
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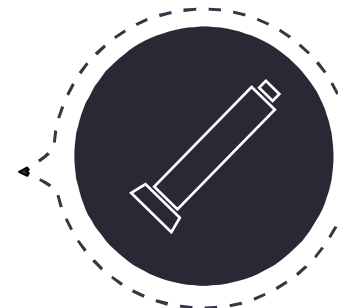


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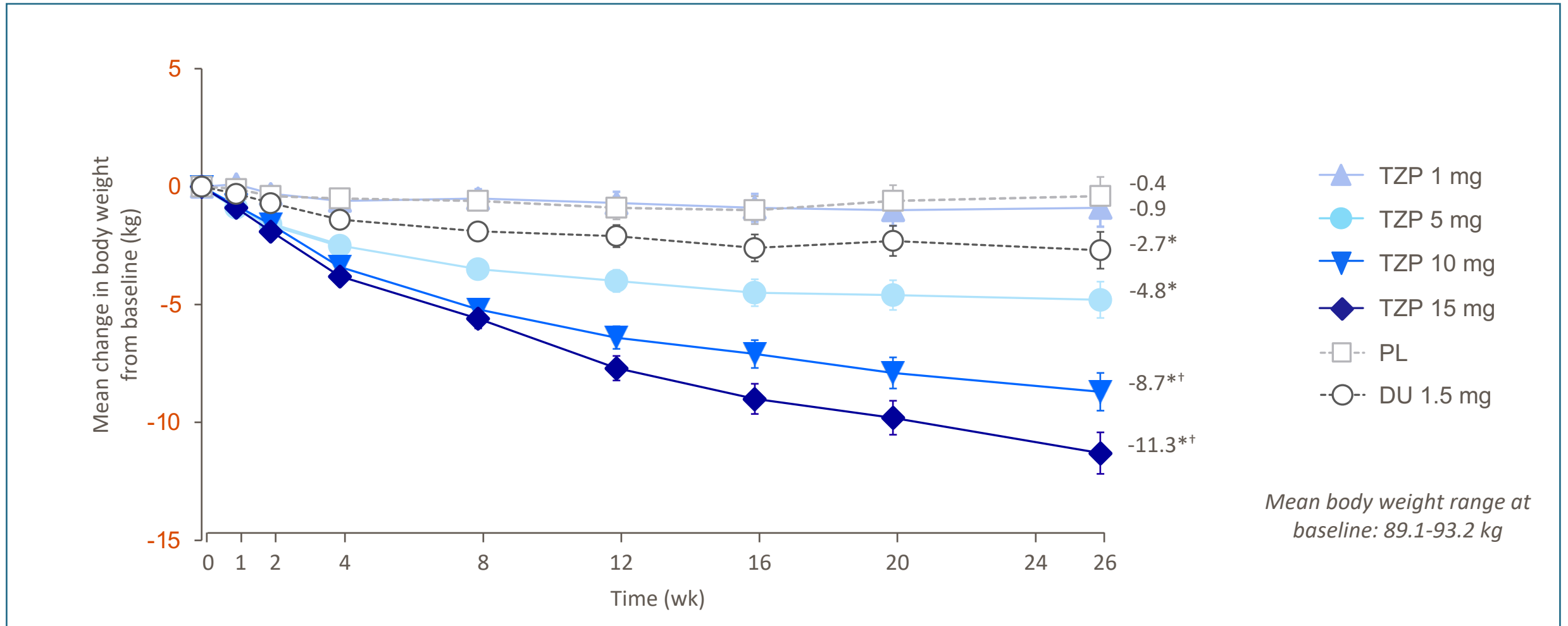
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## Dose escalation



# Tirzepatide reduces body weight vs selective GLP1-RA



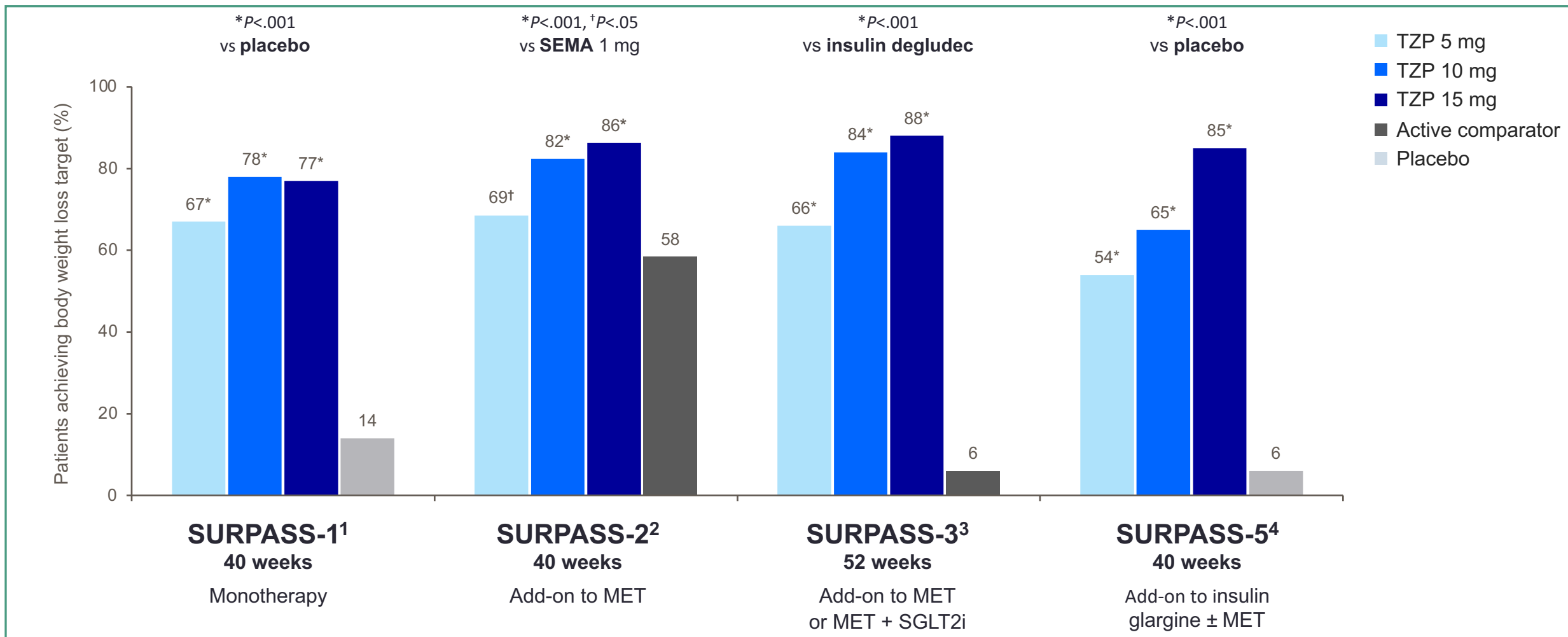
MMRM analysis, mITT on-treatment population. Values reported are LSM (SE).

\* $P < .05$  vs PL; † $P < .05$  vs DU 1.5 mg.

DU = dulaglutide; HbA1c = glycated hemoglobin; LSM = least-squares mean; mITT = modified intention-to-treat; MMRM = mixed model repeated measures; PL = placebo; TZP = tirzepatide.

# Up to 88% of Patients Achieving $\geq 5\%$ Weight Loss

Efficacy Estimand



Data are estimated mean; mITT population (efficacy analysis set). Logistic regression.

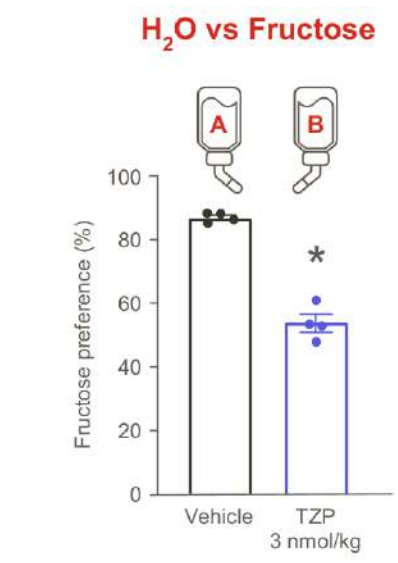
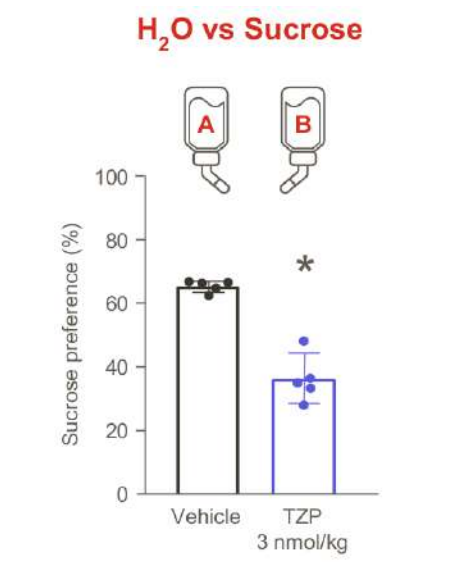
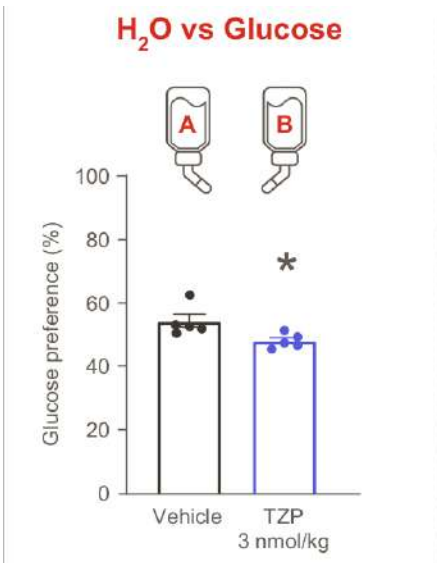
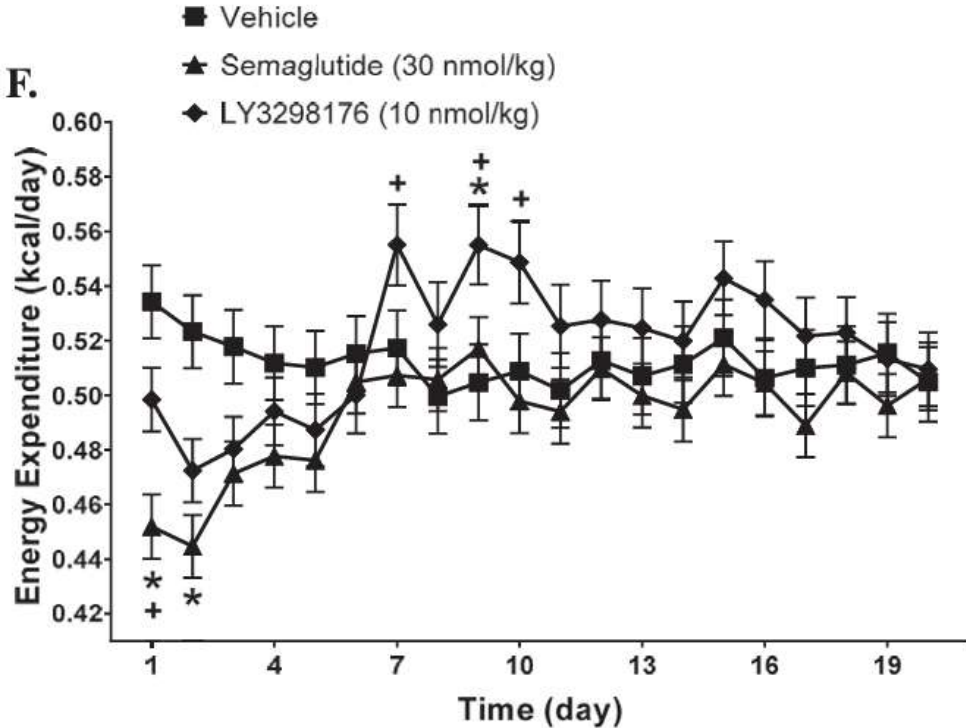
MET = metformin; mITT = modified intent-to-treat; SGLT2i = sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor; SEMA = semaglutide; TZP = tirzepatide.

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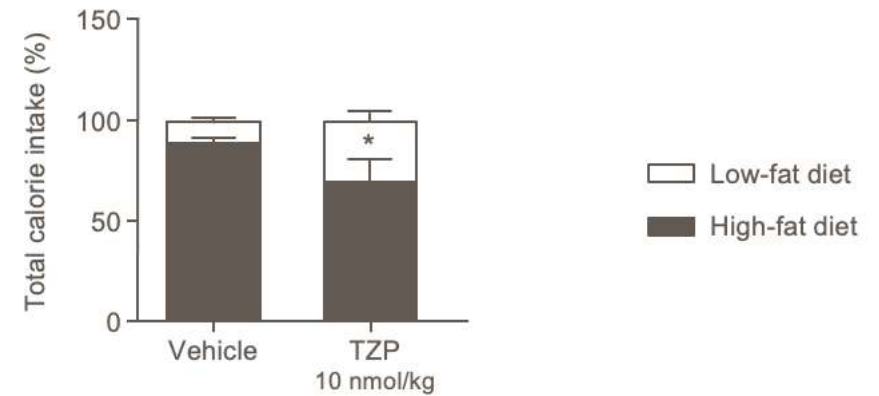
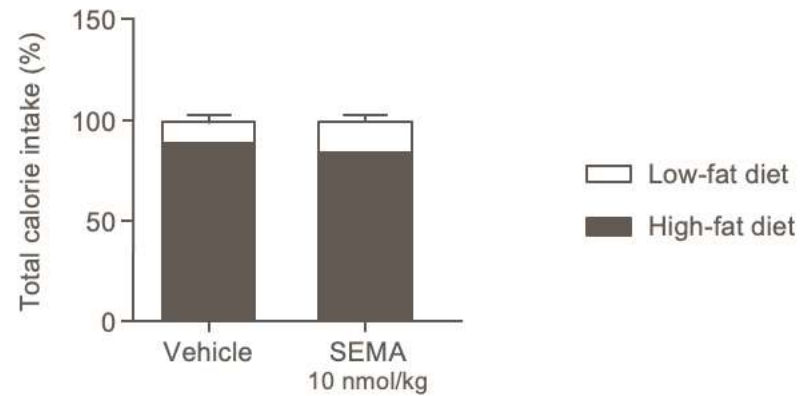
# Mechanisms of weight loss

Tirzepatide demonstrated increased energy expenditure in obese mice.

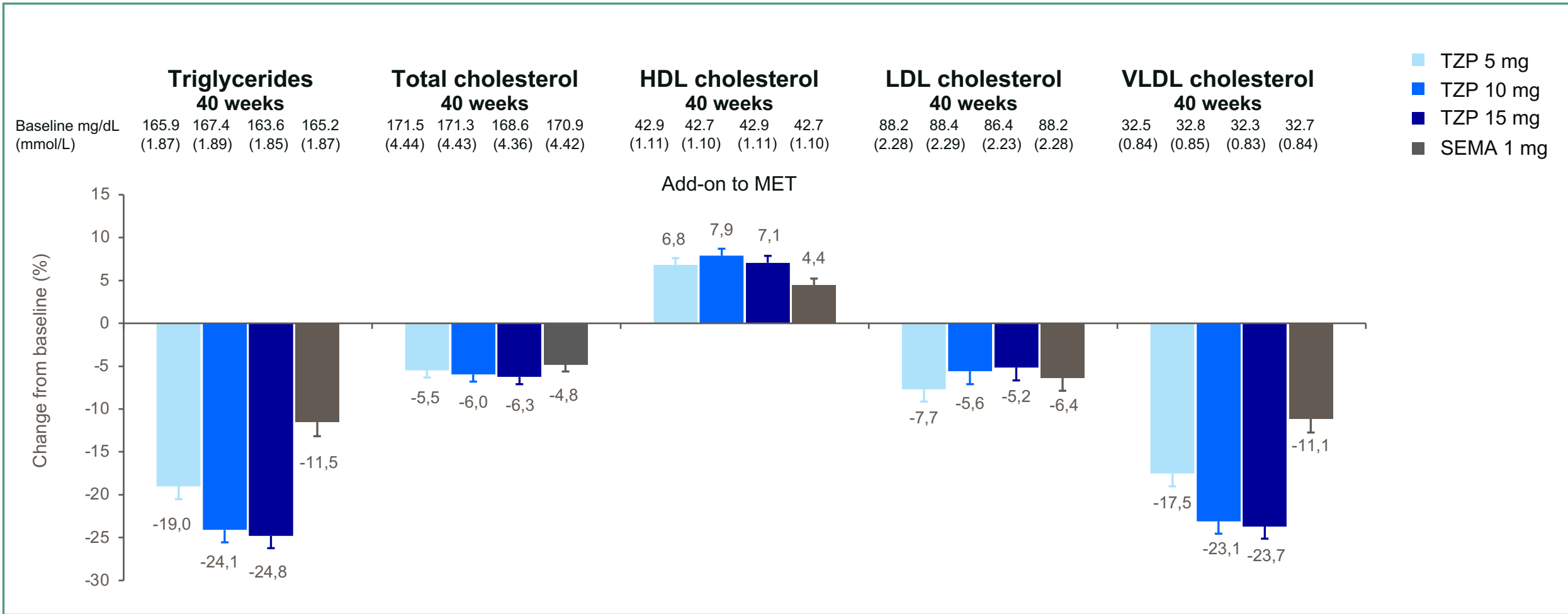
Tirzepatide reduced sweet-taste preference in mice



# Tirzepatide induced low-fat diet preference in obese rats



# SURPASS-2: tirzepatide improves serum lipid profile at 40 Weeks vs semaglutide 1.0 mg

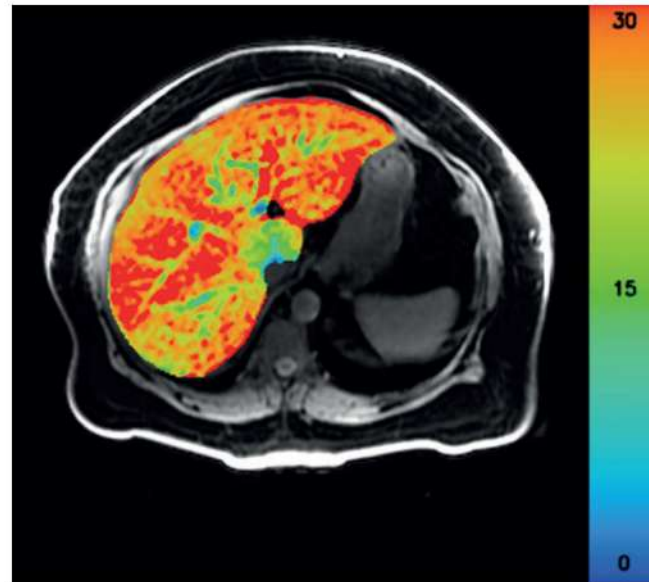
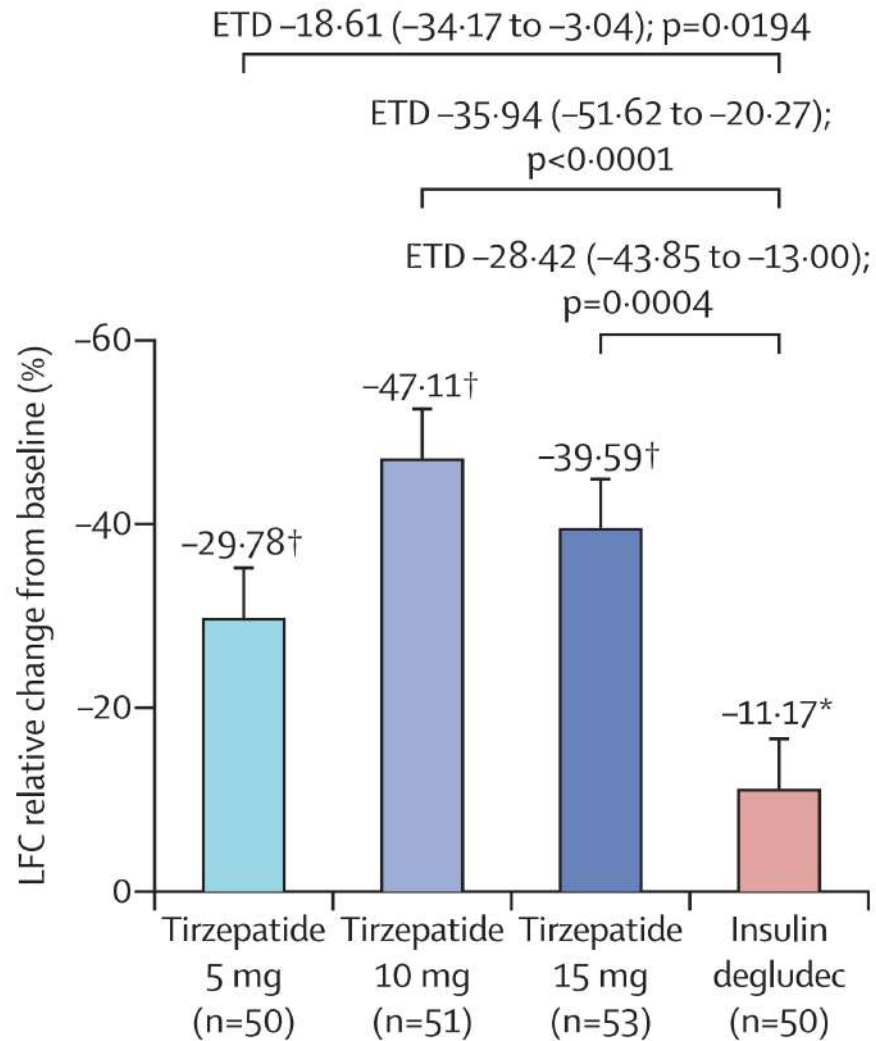


Data are estimated percentage means (SE) from MMRM analysis using log transformation; mITT population (efficacy analysis set).

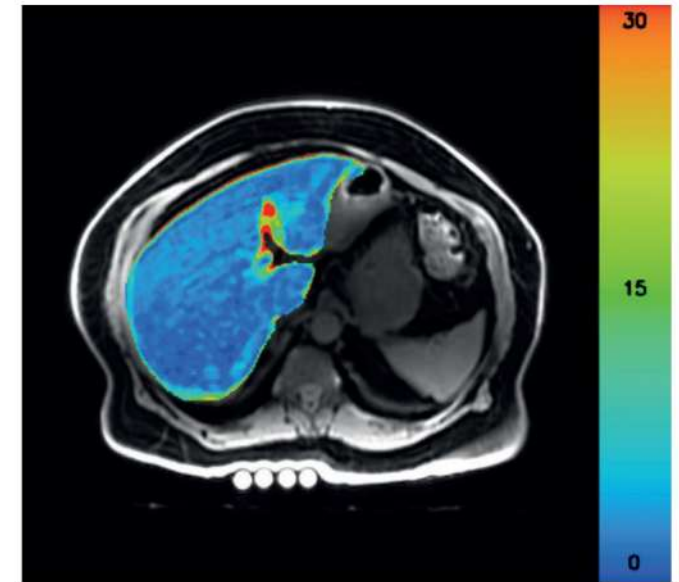
HDL = high-density lipoprotein; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; MET = metformin; mITT = modified intent-to-treat; MMRM = mixed model repeated measures; SEMA = semaglutide; TZP = tirzepatide; VLDL = very-low-density lipoprotein.



# SURPASS-3 MRI: Tirzepatide Reduces Fat Liver Content



LFC at baseline: 27.3%



LFC at week 52: 2.6%

# Systemic effects of GLP1 and GIP receptor Agonism

## GLP-1 Receptor Agonism

### Central Nervous System

- ↑ Satiety
- ↓ Food Intake
- ↑ Nausea
- ↓ Body Weight

### Pancreas

- ↑ Insulin
- ↓ Glucagon

### Stomach

- ↓ Gastric Emptying

### Systemic

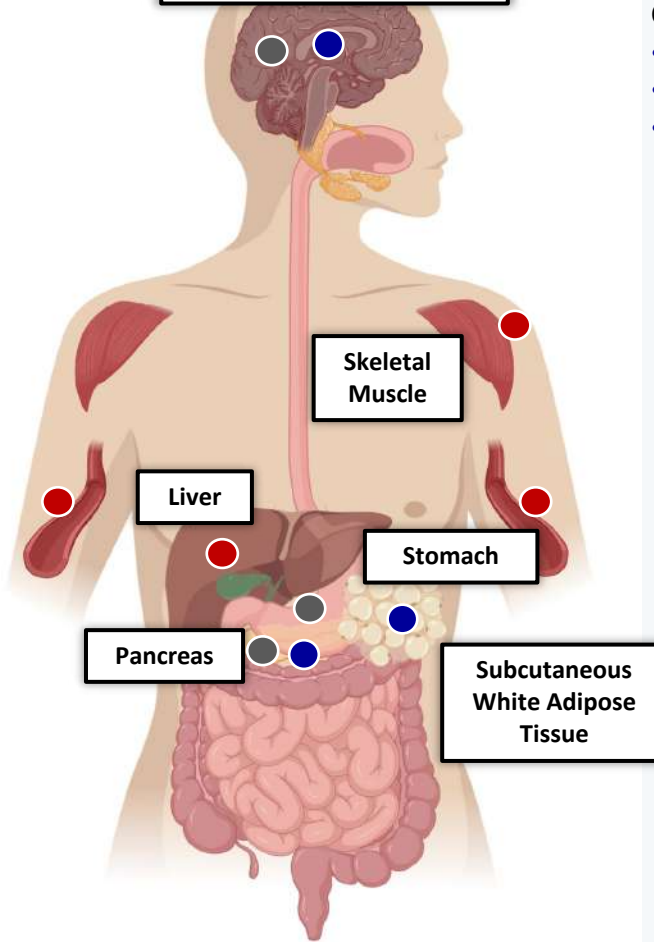
- ↓ **Hyperglycemia**

### Liver

- ↑ **Insulin Sensitivity**
- ↓ **Hepatic Glucose Production**
- ↓ **Ectopic Lipid Accumulation**

- GLP-1 Receptor Agonism
- GIP Receptor Agonism
- Indirect Action

## Central Nervous System



## GIP Receptor Agonism

### Central Nervous System

- ↓ Food intake
- ↓ Nausea
- ↓ Body weight

### Pancreas

- ↑ Insulin
- ↑ Glucagon

### Subcutaneous White Adipose Tissue

- ↑ Insulin Sensitivity
- ↑ Lipid Buffering Capacity
- ↑ Blood Flow
- ↑ Storage Capacity
- ↓ Proinflammatory Immune Cell Infiltration

### Systemic

- ↓ **Hyperglycemia, Dietary Triglyceride**

### Skeletal Muscle

- ↑ **Insulin Sensitivity**
- ↑ **Metabolic Flexibility**
- ↓ **Ectopic Lipid Accumulation**

# Tirzepatide: Dose escalation

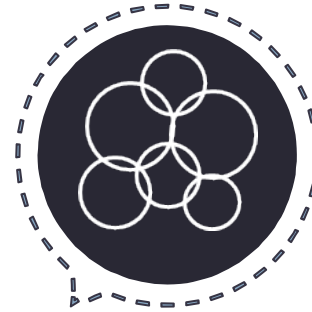
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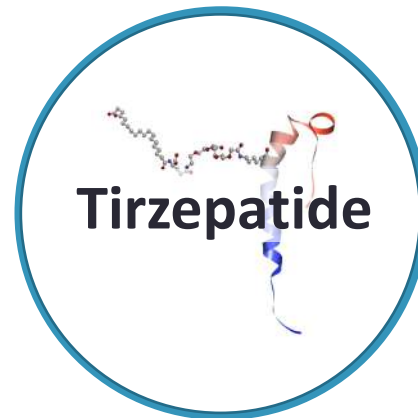
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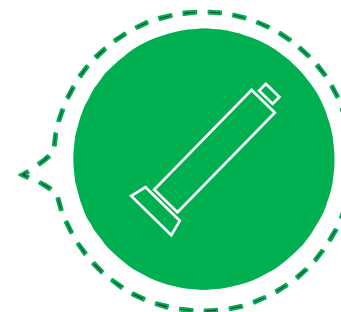


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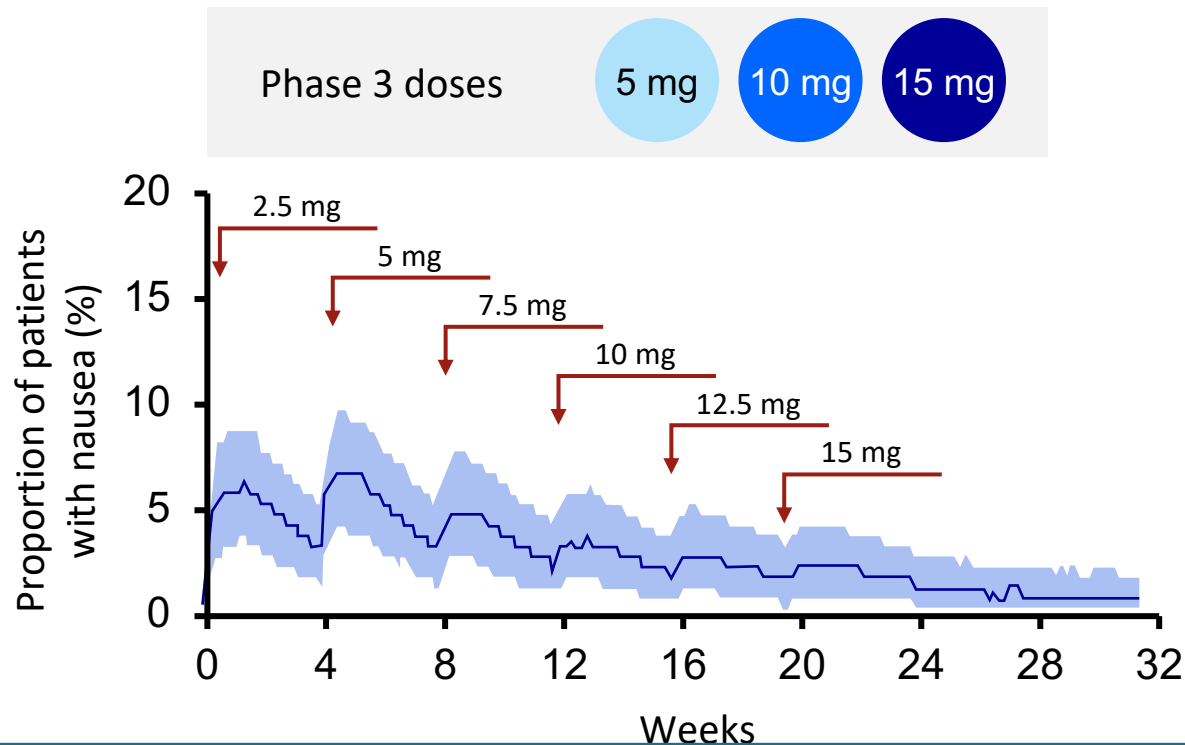


# Tirzepatide: choosing the dose

*The availability of different dosages allows the clinician to personalize the therapy*

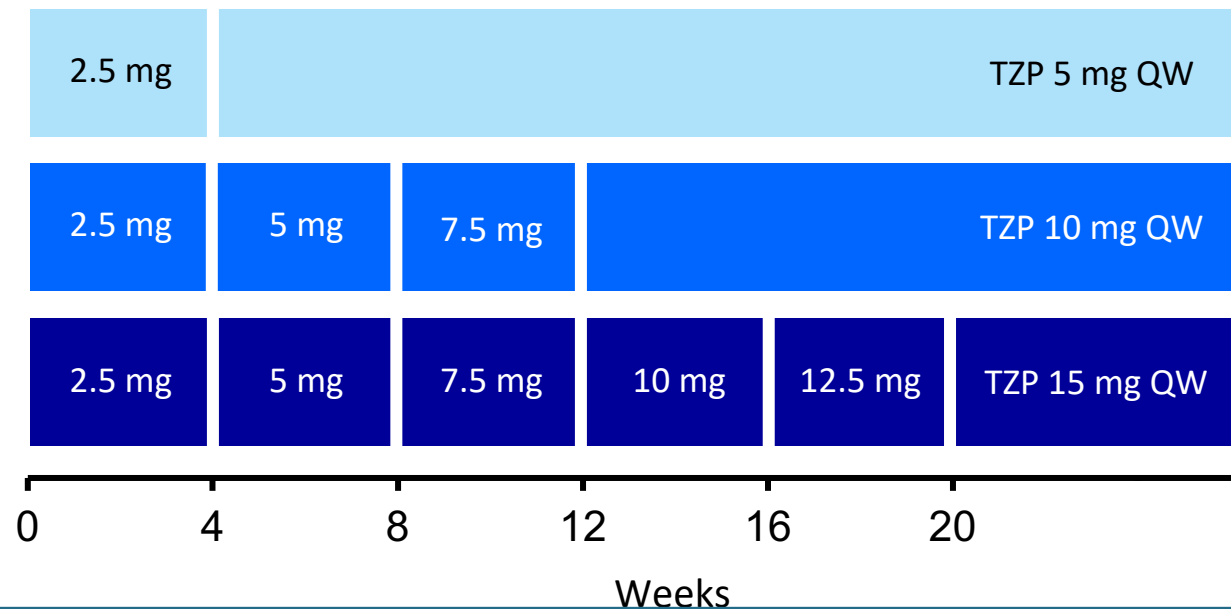
## Simulation of Dose Escalation

- Model predicts incidence of nausea with slow, step-wise titration and supports improved tolerability profile from Phase 2 to Phase 3



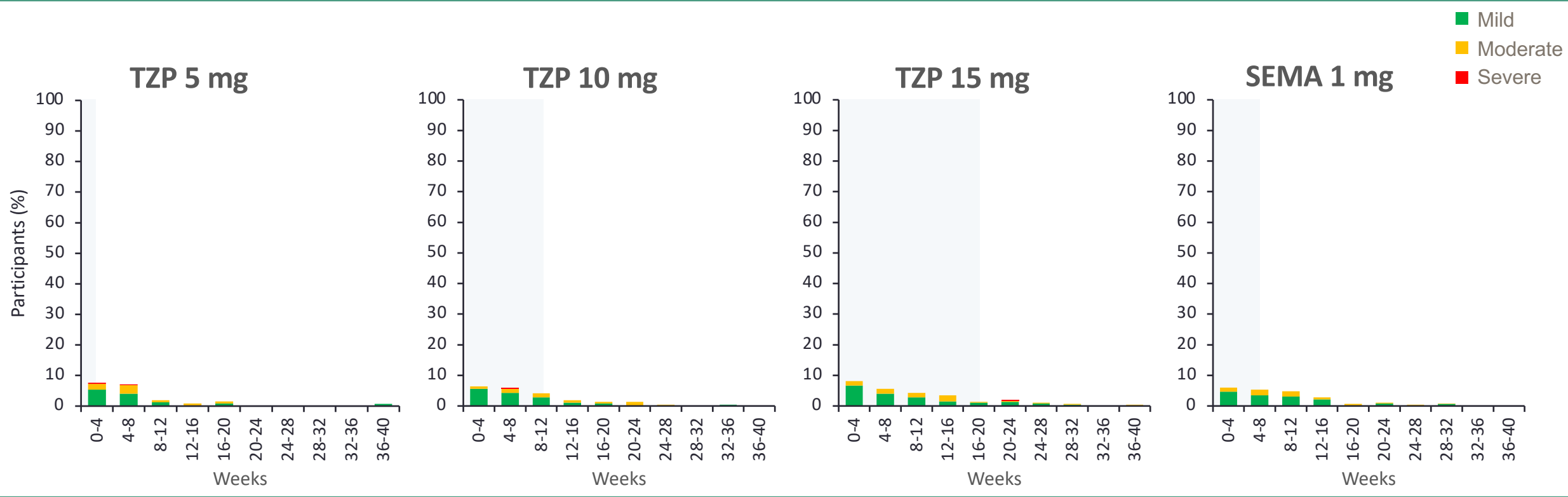
## Dosing in phase 3 clinical program

- Step through doses (2.5 mg increments) allow gradual introduction and improved tolerability profile
- Informed by Phase 2 studies and exposure modeling



# Incidence of Nausea Over Time Through 40 Weeks

SURPASS-2 (Tirzepatide versus Semaglutide)



Most cases of nausea were mild to moderate, transient, and occurred during the dose-escalation period in all groups

Data are percentage of participants who reported a new event relative to participants at risk during a time interval; mITT population (safety analysis set). Shaded areas indicate the period of time before reaching the maintenance dose of the study treatments. Incidence refers to the proportion of participants who have a new event during a time interval.  
mITT = modified intent-to-treat; SEMA = semaglutide; TZP = tirzepatide.  
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# The incidence of hypoglycaemia was low in tirzepatide (TZP) arms, and there was no increased risk of hypoglycaemia associated with TZP treatment

<b>SURPASS-1<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>TZP 5 mg N=121</b>	<b>TZP 10 mg N=121</b>	<b>TZP 15 mg N=121</b>	<b>Placebo N=115</b>
Hypoglycaemia (blood glucose <54 mg/dL [3.0 mmol/L])	0	0	0	1 (1)
Severe hypoglycaemia <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	0
<b>SURPASS-2<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>TZP 5 mg N=470</b>	<b>TZP 10 mg N=469</b>	<b>TZP 15 mg N=470</b>	<b>SEMA 1 mg N=469</b>
Hypoglycaemia (blood glucose <54 mg/dL [3.0 mmol/L])	3 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	8 (1.7)	2 (0.4)
Severe hypoglycaemia <sup>a</sup>	1 (0.2)	0	1 (0.2) <sup>b</sup>	0
<b>SURPASS-3<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>TZP 5 mg N=358</b>	<b>TZP 10 mg N=360</b>	<b>TZP 15 mg N=359</b>	<b>Insulin degludec N=360</b>
Hypoglycaemia (blood glucose <54 mg/dL [3.0 mmol/L])	5 (1.4)	4 (1.1)	7 (1.9)	26 (7.3)
Severe hypoglycaemia <sup>a</sup>	0	0	1 (0.3) <sup>c</sup>	0
<b>SURPASS-5<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>TZP 5 mg N=116</b>	<b>TZP 10 mg N=119</b>	<b>TZP 15 mg N=120</b>	<b>Placebo N=120</b>
Hypoglycaemia (blood glucose <54 mg/dL [3.0 mmol/L])	18 (15.5)	23 (19.3)	17 (14.2)	15 (12.5)
Severe hypoglycaemia <sup>a</sup>	0	2 (1.6)	1 (0.8)	0

Data are n (%); mITT population (safety analysis set). Note: Patients may be counted in more than 1 level. Data after initiation of new glucose lowering therapy are not included.

<sup>a</sup>Severe event characterised by altered mental and/or physical status requiring assistance for treatment of hypoglycaemia; <sup>b</sup>1 patient randomised to TZP 15 mg had an event of hypoglycaemia that was not considered severe by the investigator but was reported as an SAE;

<sup>c</sup>1 episode of severe hypoglycaemia was reported during the study for a patient assigned to the TZP 15-mg group during the escalation period (day 28).

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# Tirzepatide: take home messages



Improvement of insulin sensitivity (more than GLP1-RA)

Improvement of insulin secretion (more than GLP1-RA)

Reduction of epatic fat

Reduction of HbA1c, weight, and specific lipoproteins (more than GLP-1RA)

Well-tollerated

- Grazie per l'attenzione