



Anti Obesity Medication

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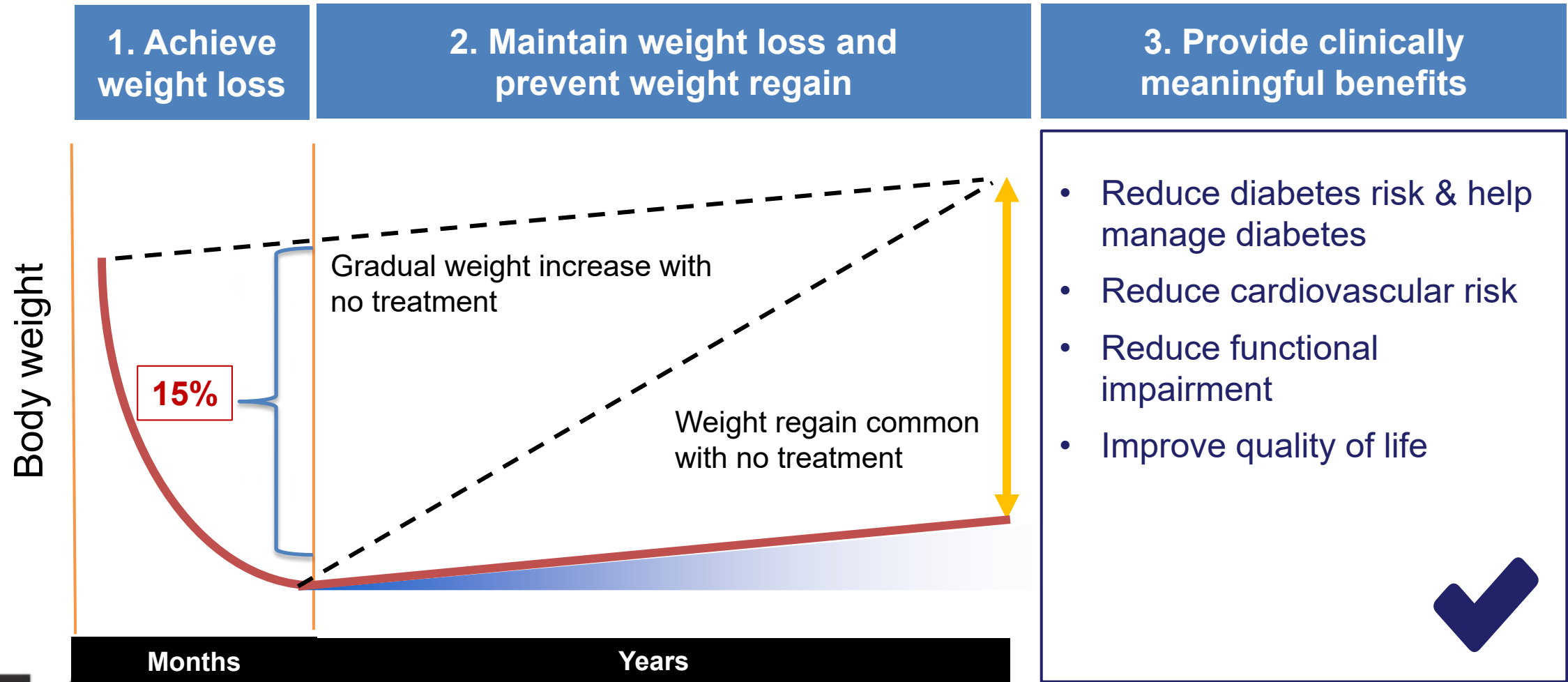
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Conflict of Interest

- **Consulting**
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- **Lecture**
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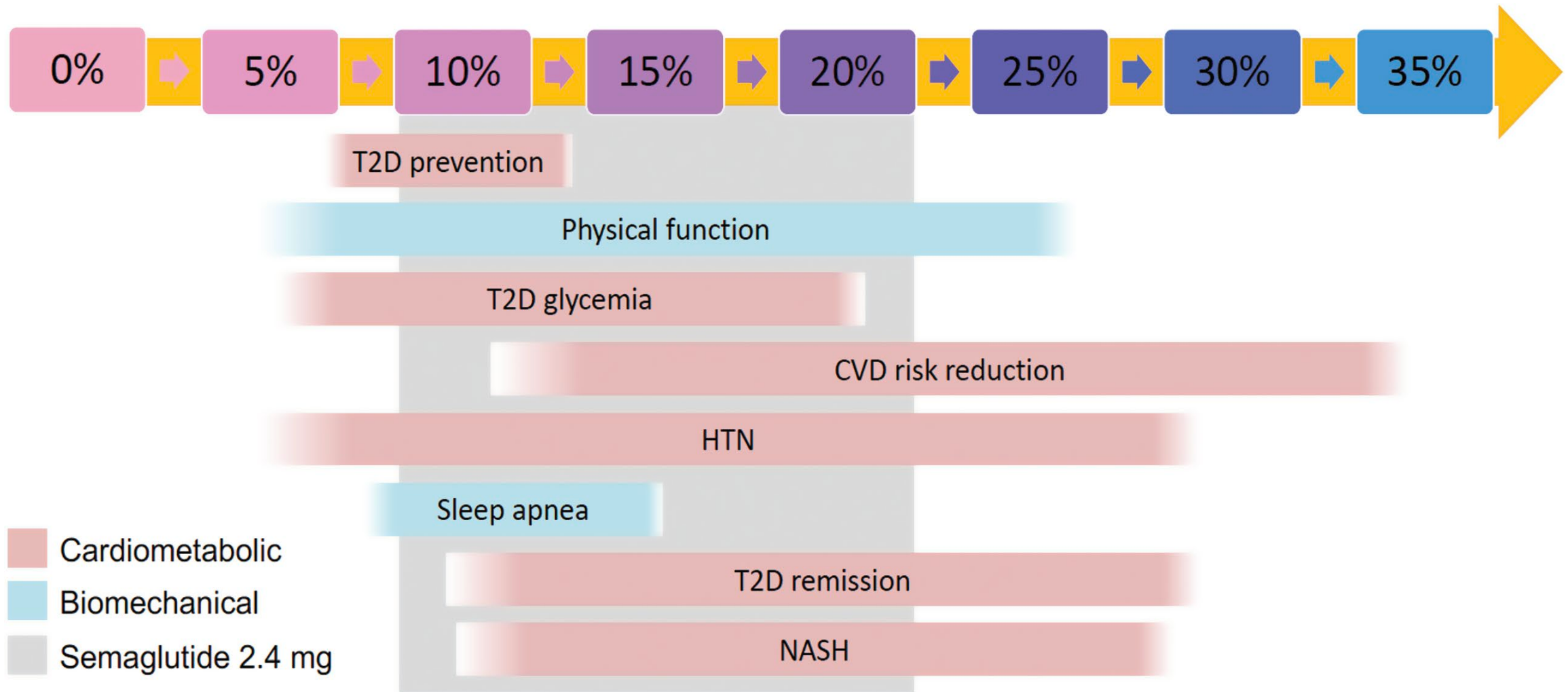
Goals and benefits of effective obesity management



Treating chronic diseases to target

	T2D	Hypertension	CVD	ABCD/obesity
Biomarker target	HbA _{1c}	Blood pressure	LDL cholesterol	% weight loss
Reason for target	————— Prevent complications —————			
Complications	CKD, retinopathy, neuropathy, CVD	CHF, stroke, CKD	MI, stroke, amputation	T2D, HTN, NAFLD/NASH, CVD risk, CKD, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis

Treating ABCD/obesity to target for prevention and treatment of complications



Physician and patient expectations on weight loss

Weight-loss goal

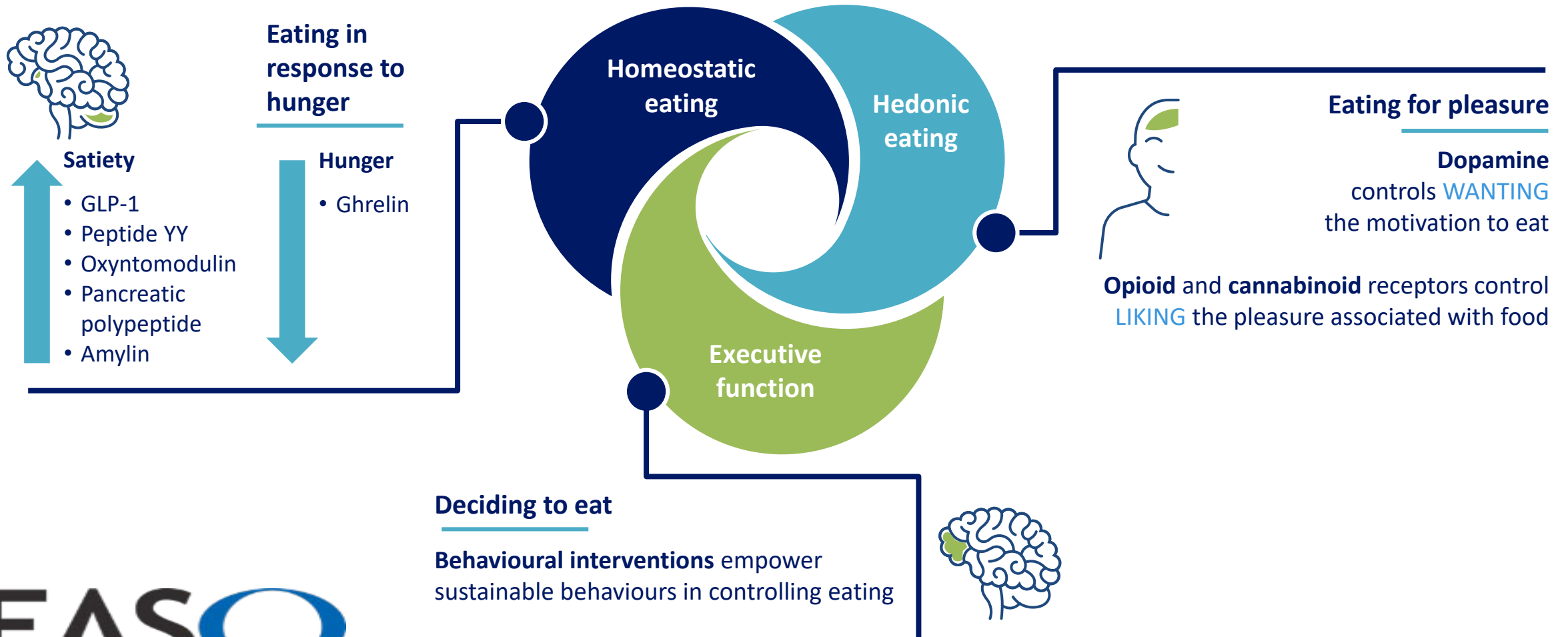
Set by a person with obesity
for themselves

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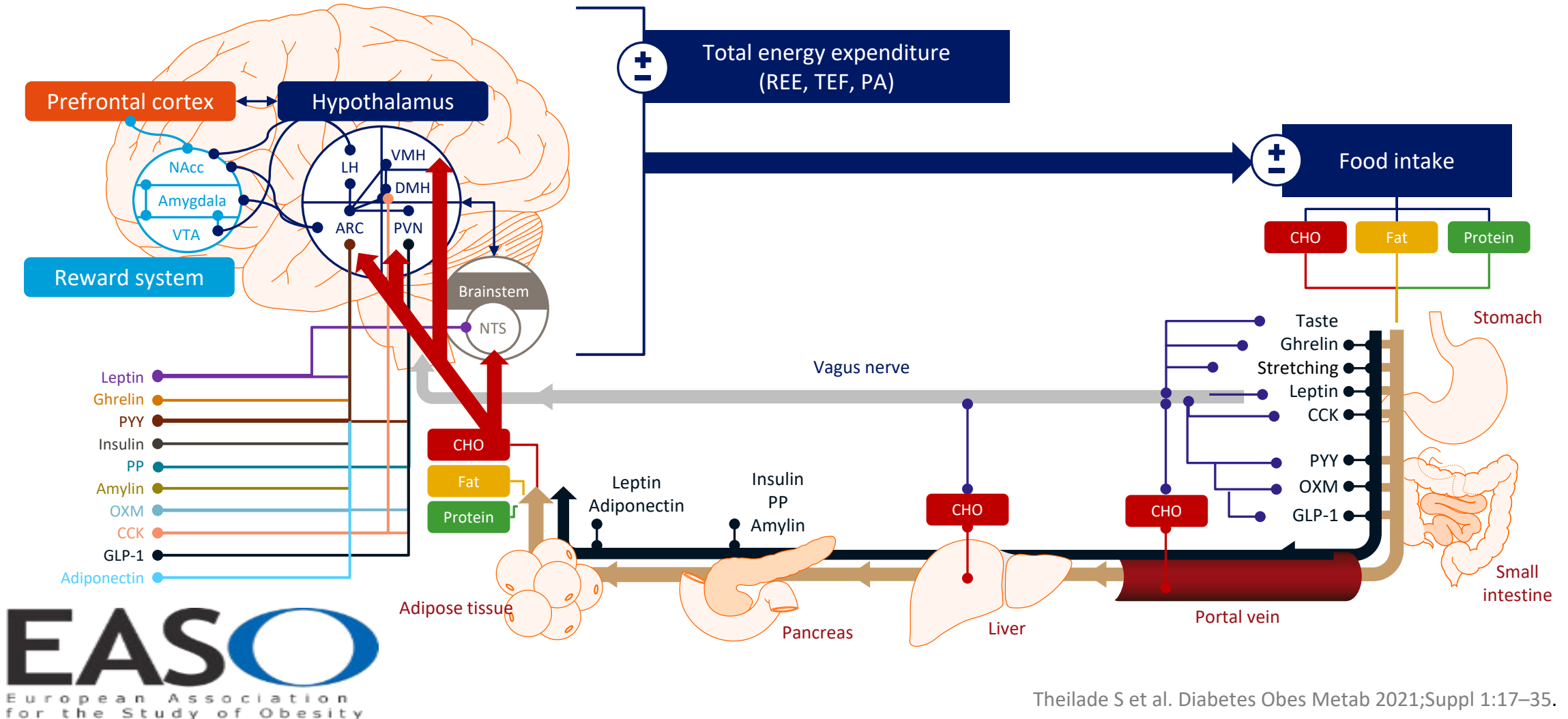
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The role of the brain in regulating appetite



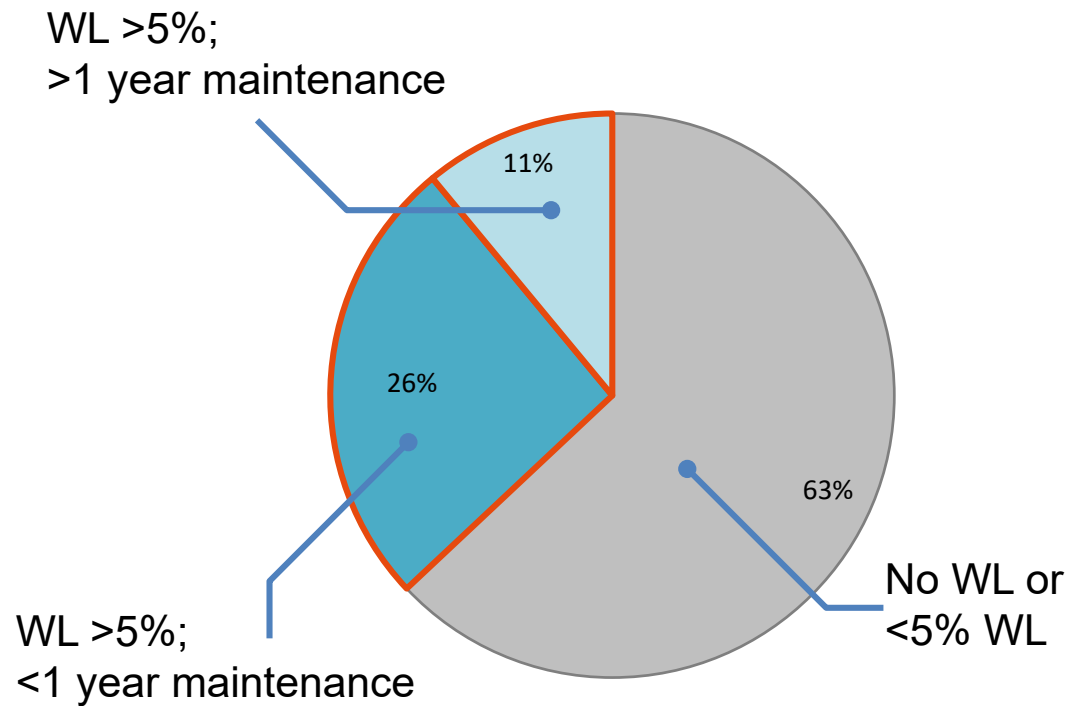
The neuro-hormonal actors involved in energy homeostasis



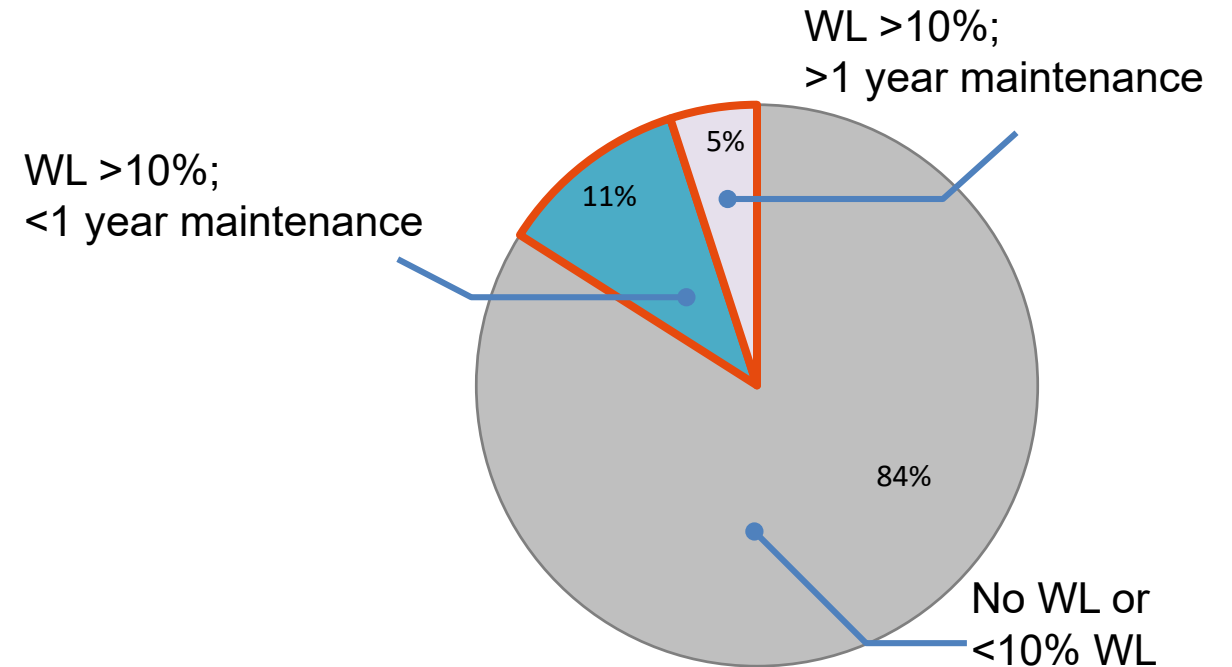
Why Pharmacotherapy ?

Weight loss outcomes

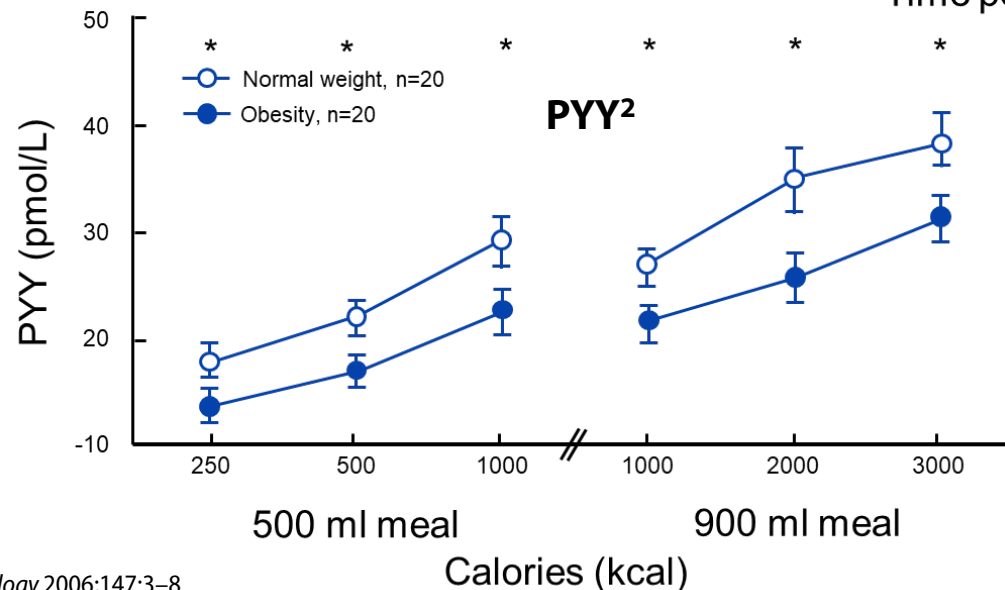
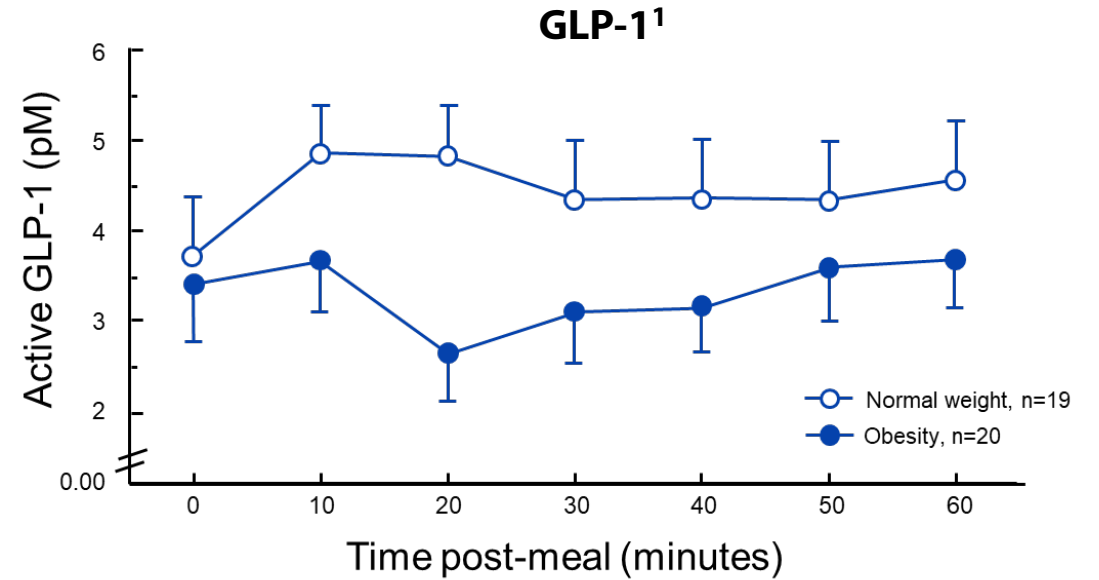
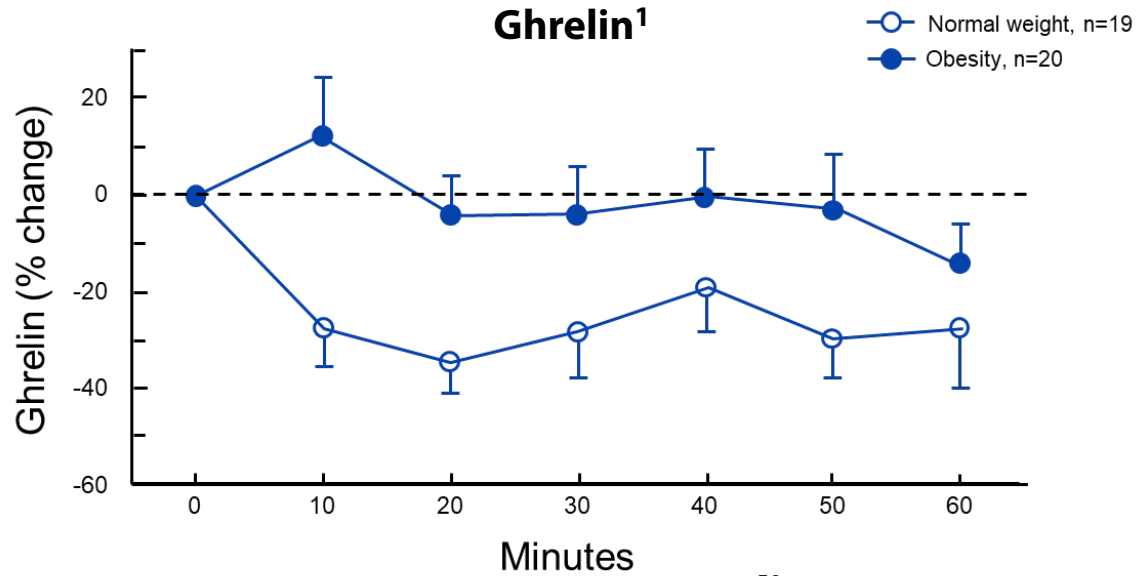
Extent and maintenance of weight loss in last 3 years
at threshold of 5%



Extent and maintenance of weight loss in last 3 years
at threshold of 10%



Ghrelin, GLP-1 and PYY in Patients with Obesity Following a Meal

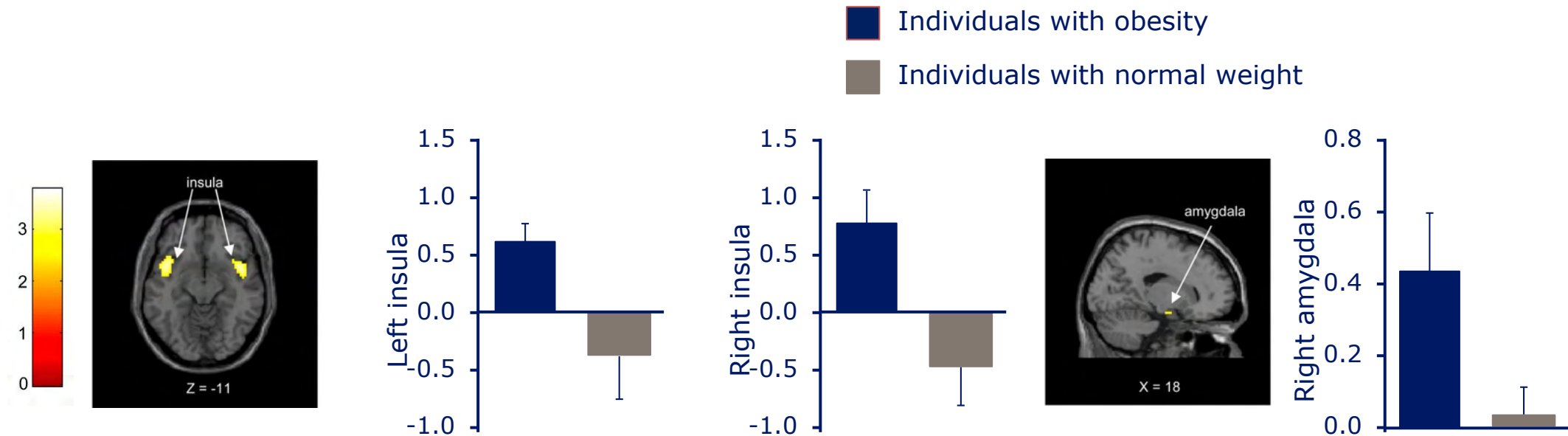


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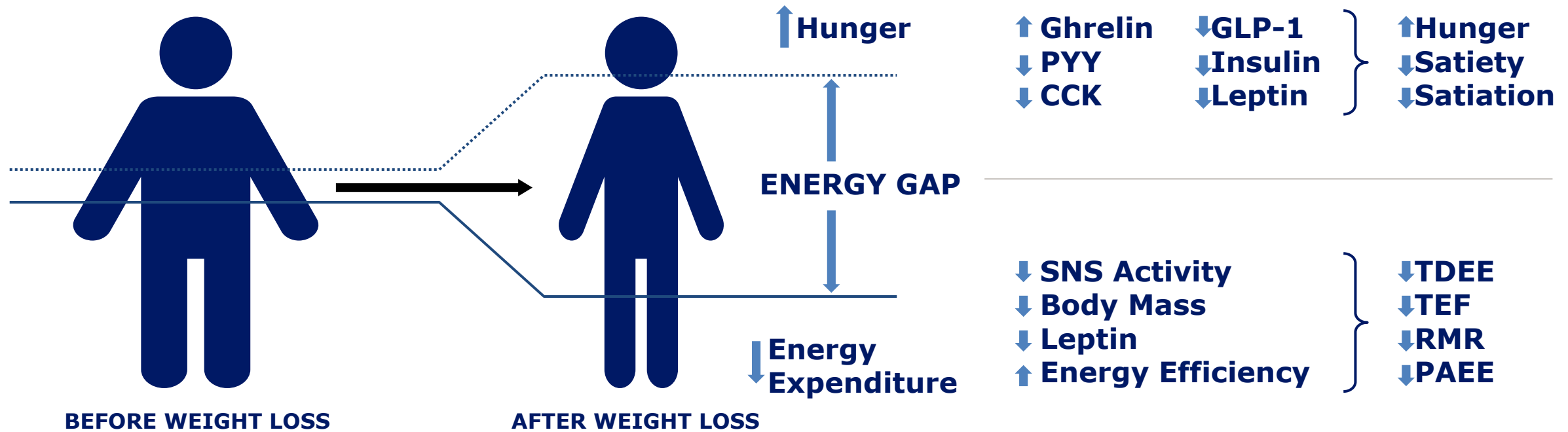
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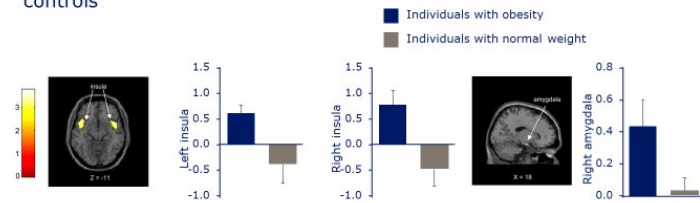
Metabolic adaptation to a reduced body weight in obesity



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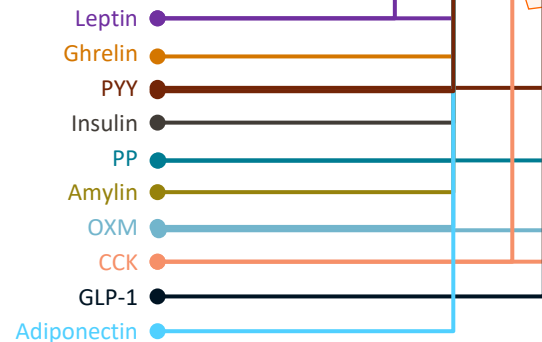
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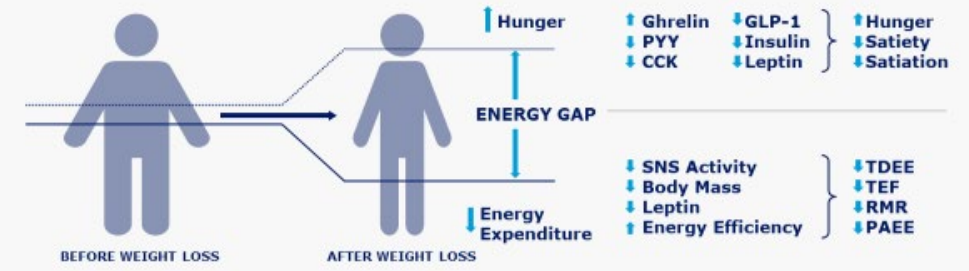
Reward system



Total energy expenditure (REE, TEF, PA)

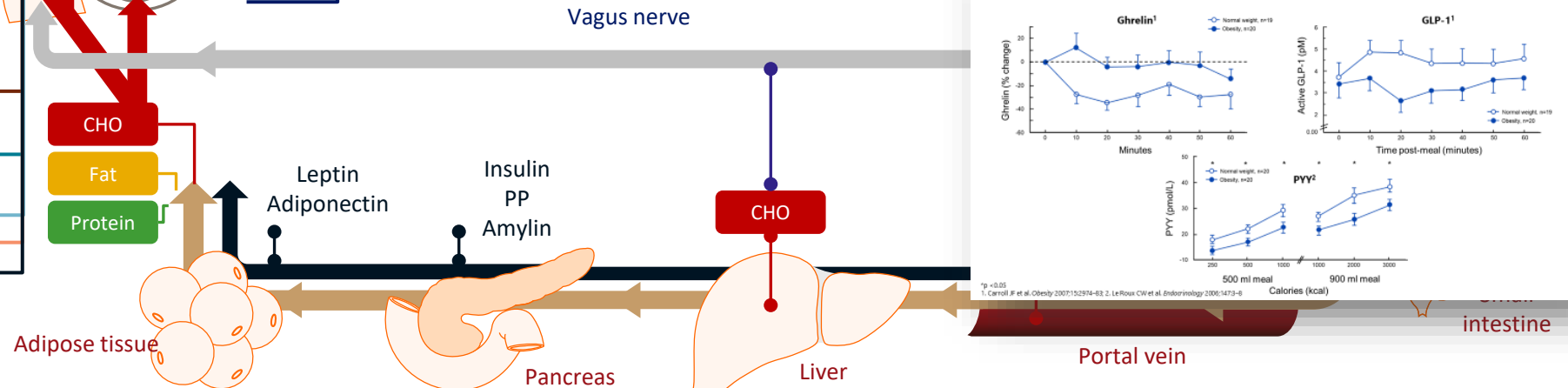
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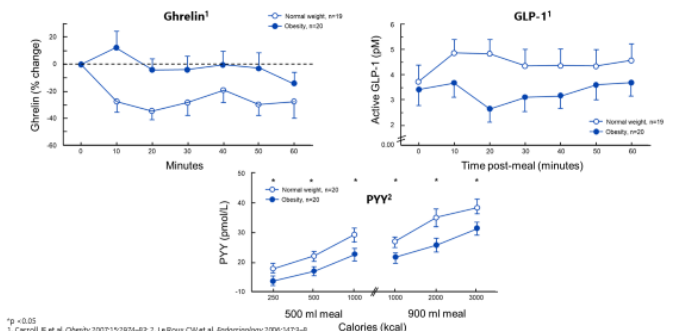


CCK, cholecystokinin; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide -1; PYY, YY peptide; PAEE, physical activity energy expenditure; RMR, resting metabolic rate; SNS, systemic nervous system; TDEE, total daily energy expenditure; TEF, thermic effect of food

Melby et al. Nutrients 2017; 9(5)

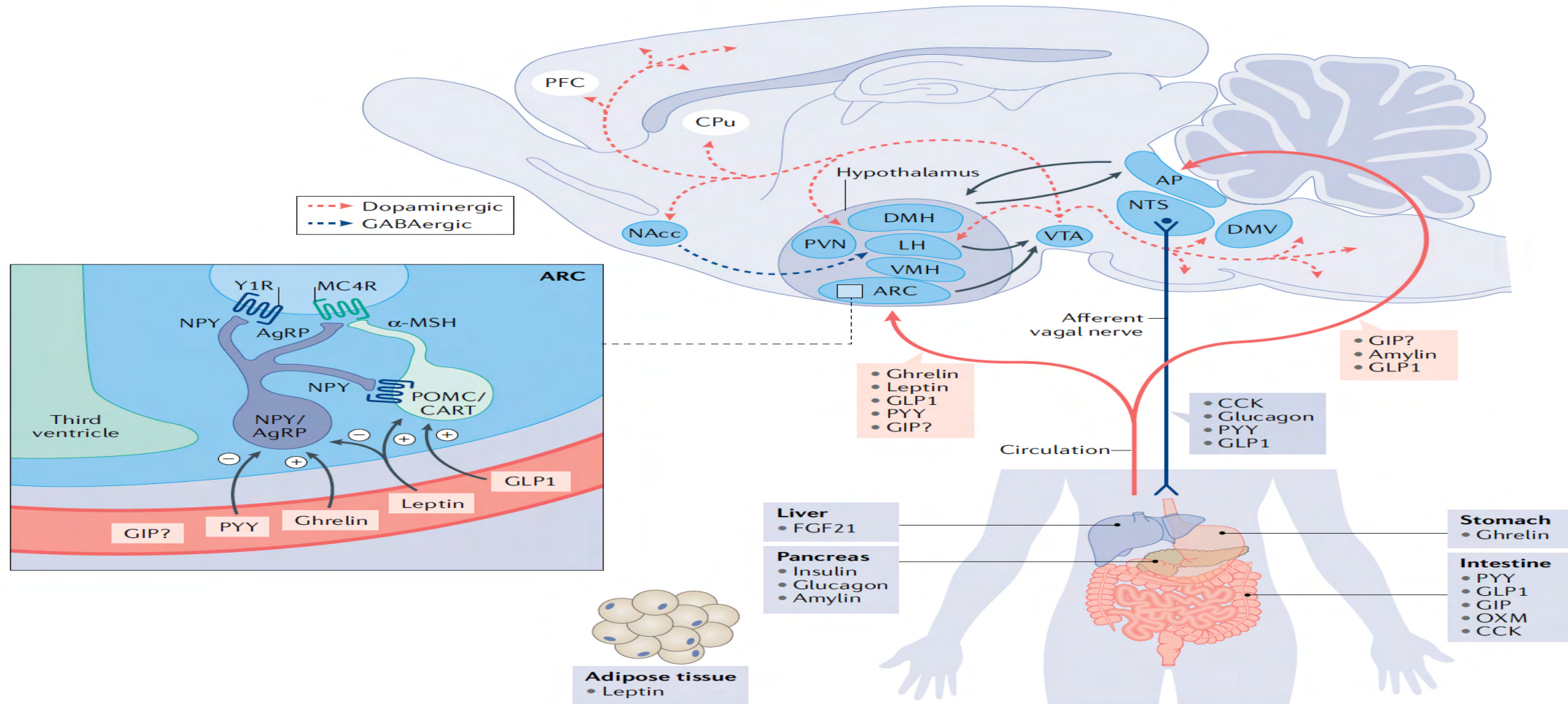


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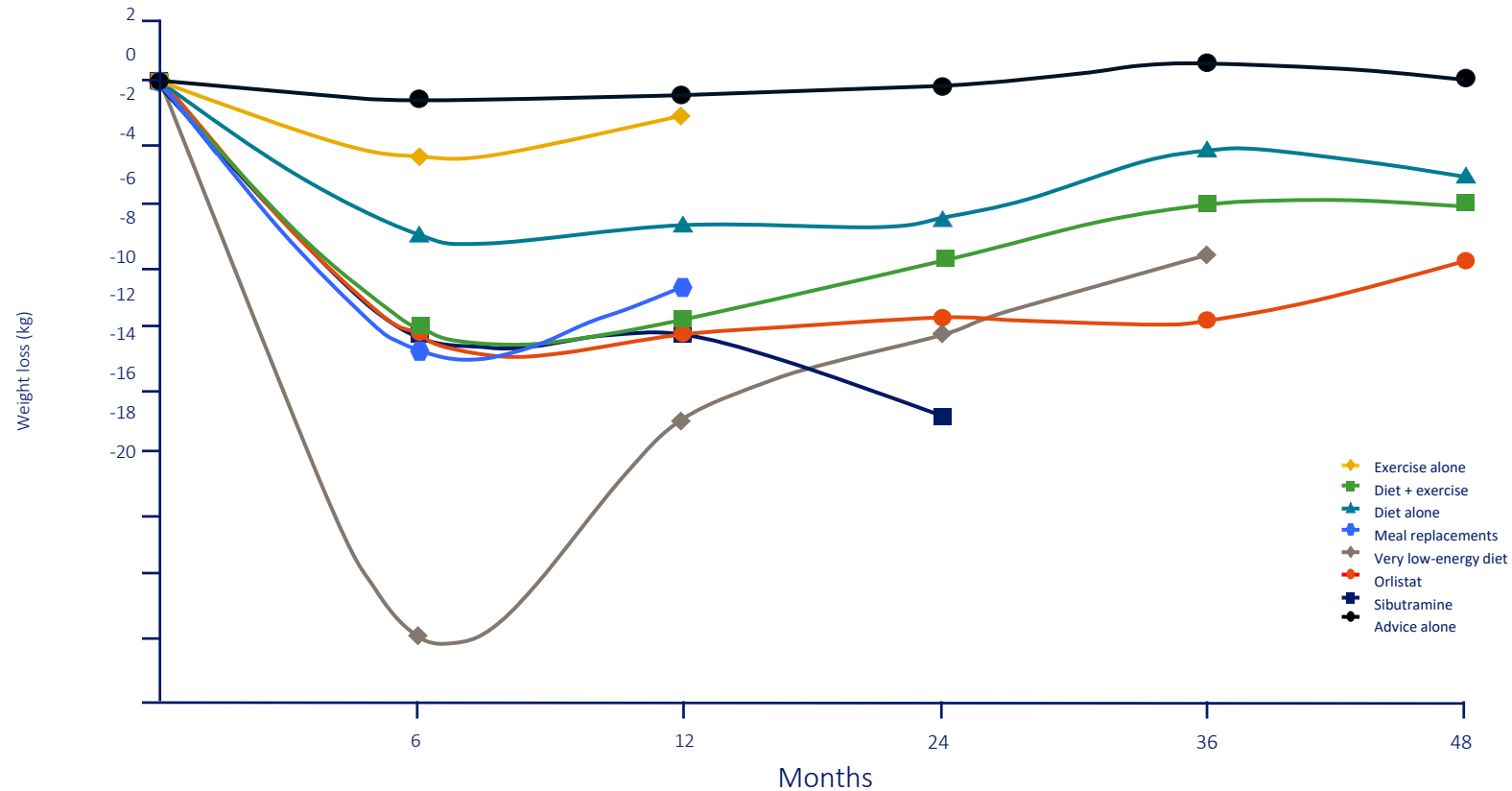


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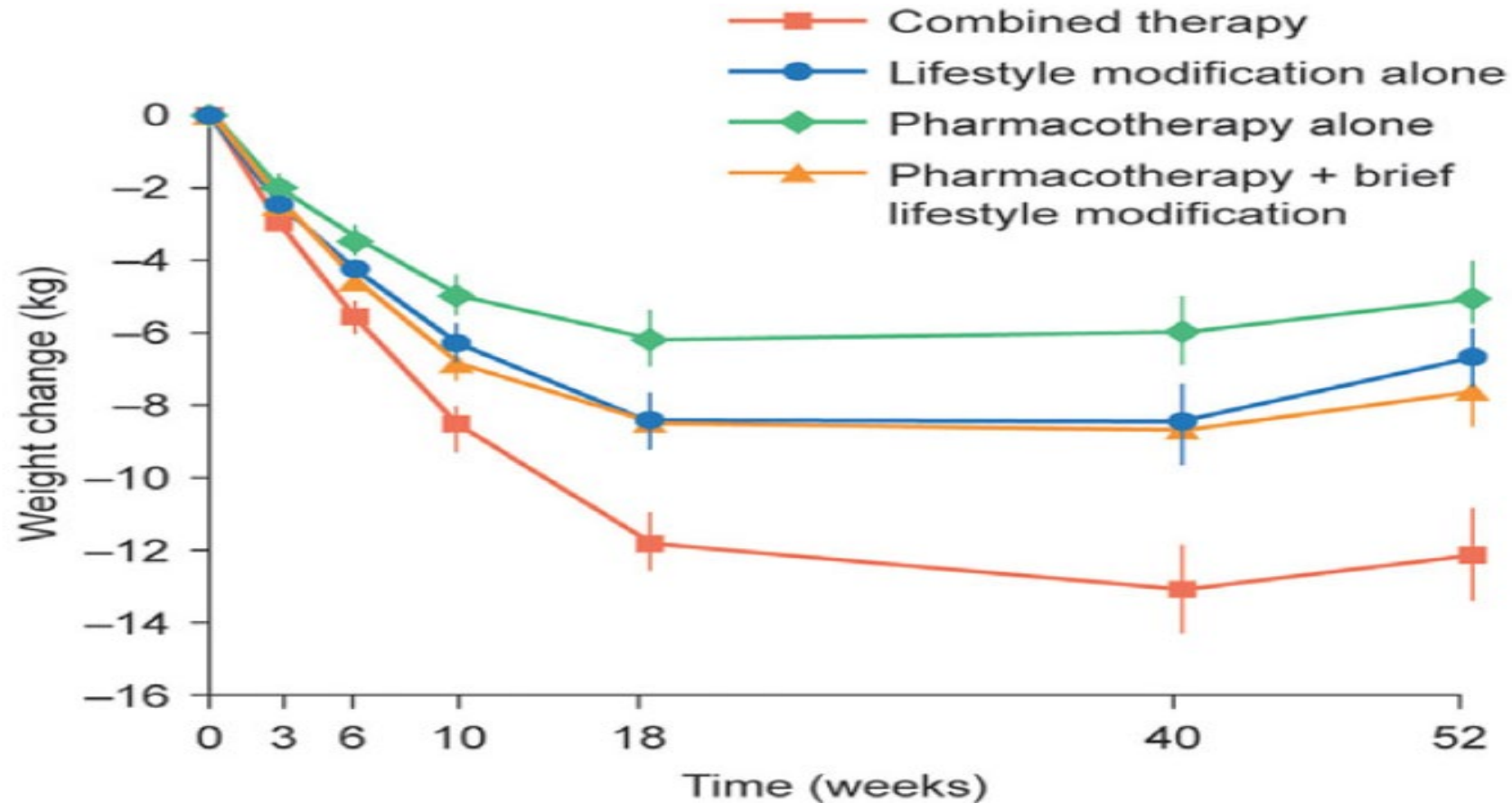
Gut-brain regulation of food intake



Meta-analysis of non-surgical trials with 1-year follow-up



Weight change in response to lifestyle and pharmacotherapy modifications



Pharmacotherapy in Europe ?

Pharmacological options for weight management

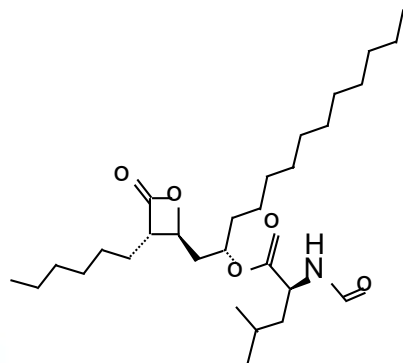
	 Orlistat¹	 Naltrexone/ bupropion^{2,3}	 Liraglutide 3.0 mg⁴	 Phentermine/ topiramate⁵ 3.75 mg/23 mg & 15 mg/92 mg	 Semaglutide 2.4 mg⁶
MoA	Energy wastage	Appetite suppressant	Appetite suppressant	Appetite suppressant	Appetite regulation
Weight loss	Baseline to 1 year: Intervention 10.6 kg Placebo: 6.2 kg	Baseline to week 56: Intervention 5.4%/8.1%* Placebo: 1.3%/4.9%*	Baseline to week 56: Intervention 8.0% Placebo 2.6%	Baseline to week 56: Intervention 5.1%/10.9% [†] Placebo 1.6%	Baseline to week 68: Intervention 14.9% Placebo 2.4%
Effect on CV morbidity/mortality	Improvements in CV risk factors: blood pressure and serum lipid levels	Not established	Safety data from Victoza [®] CVOT LEADER has been added to label	Not established	Not established
Dosing	Thrice daily	Twice daily, oral	Daily injection	Once daily, oral	Once weekly injection
Most common AEs (>5%)	Oily spotting, flatus with discharge, fecal urgency fatty/oily stool, oily evacuation, increased defecation and fecal incontinence	Nausea, constipation, headache, vomiting, dizziness, insomnia, dry mouth, diarrhoea	Nausea, hypoglycaemia, diarrhoea, constipation, vomiting, headache, dyspepsia, fatigue, dizziness, abdominal pain	Paraesthesia, dizziness, dysgeusia, insomnia, constipation, dry mouth	Nausea, diarrhoea, constipation, vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, fatigue, dyspepsia, dizziness, abdominal distension, eructation, hypoglycaemia, flatulence, gastroenteritis

Regulatory requirements

FDA (weight management)¹ Draft 2007	EMA-CHMP (weight control)² 2016
Population: • Significant risk for weight-related morbidity and mortality • BMI ≥ 30 kg/m², or • BMI ≥ 27 kg/m² + comorbidities • T2D, HTN, DL, OSA, CVD	Population: • Significant health risk/risk of increased mortality • BMI ≥ 30 kg/m², or • BMI ≥ 27 kg/m² + weight-related risk factors • Ensure relevant proportions of Class II/III obesity and coexisting cardiovascular risk factors
Size/duration (safety): • $n \geq 3000$ (active), $n \geq 1500$ (placebo) • 1 year	Size/duration: • Not defined • 1 year
Efficacy benchmarks: • Placebo-adjusted mean WL $\geq 5\%$, or • $\geq 35\%$ achieving $\geq 5\%$ WL + twice that of placebo	Efficacy benchmarks: • Mean WL 5–10%, and $\geq 5\%$ higher than placebo • Percentage of subjects with $> 10\%$ WL

EASO

European Association
for the Study of Obesity



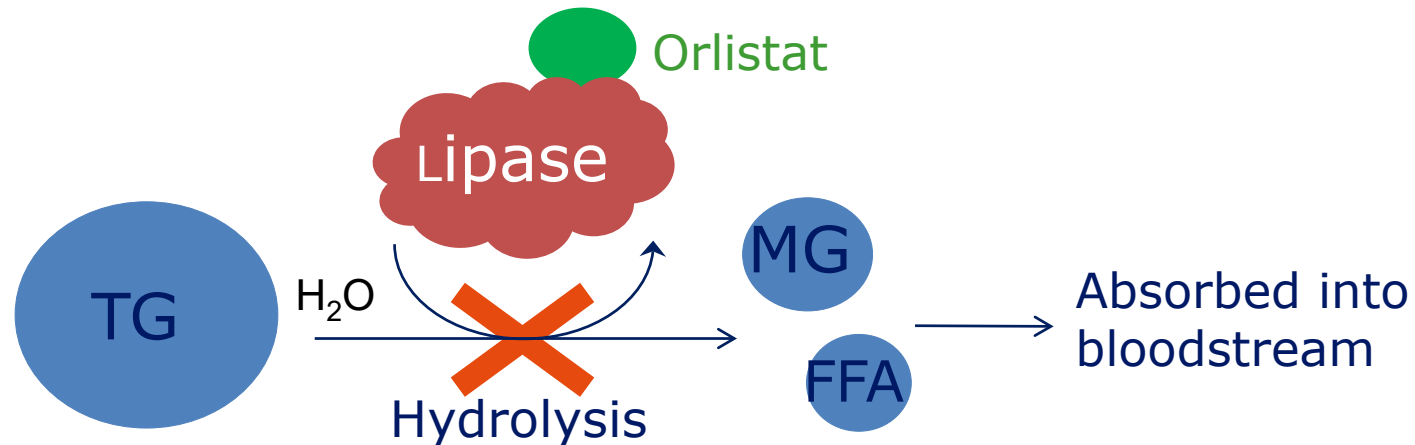
Orlistat

Xenical®/Alli™

Orlistat: mechanism of action

○ Lipase enzyme inhibition

- Covalently binds the serine residue of the active site of gastric and pancreatic lipases, irreversibly inactivating up to 91.4% of these enzymes
- Partially inhibits hydrolysis of triglycerides, reducing subsequent absorption of monoglycerides and FFAs



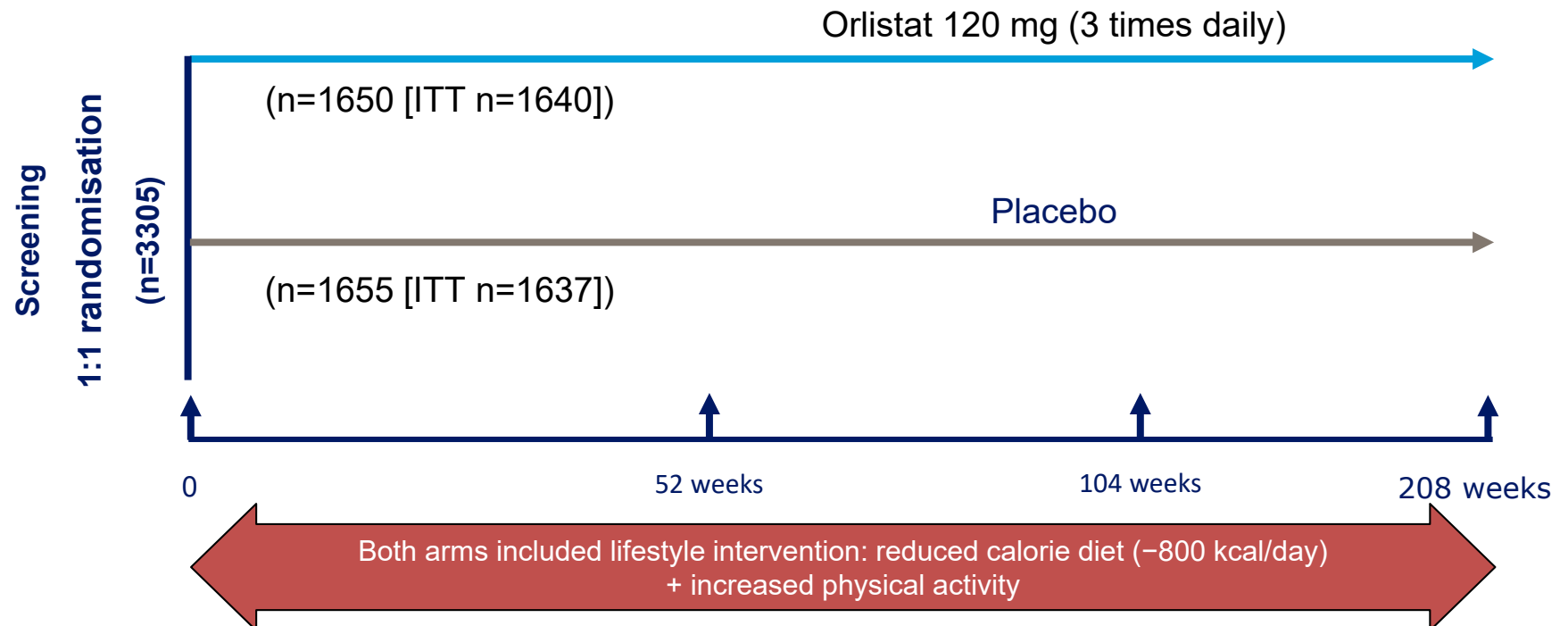
XENDOS: trial design

- **Study objective:**

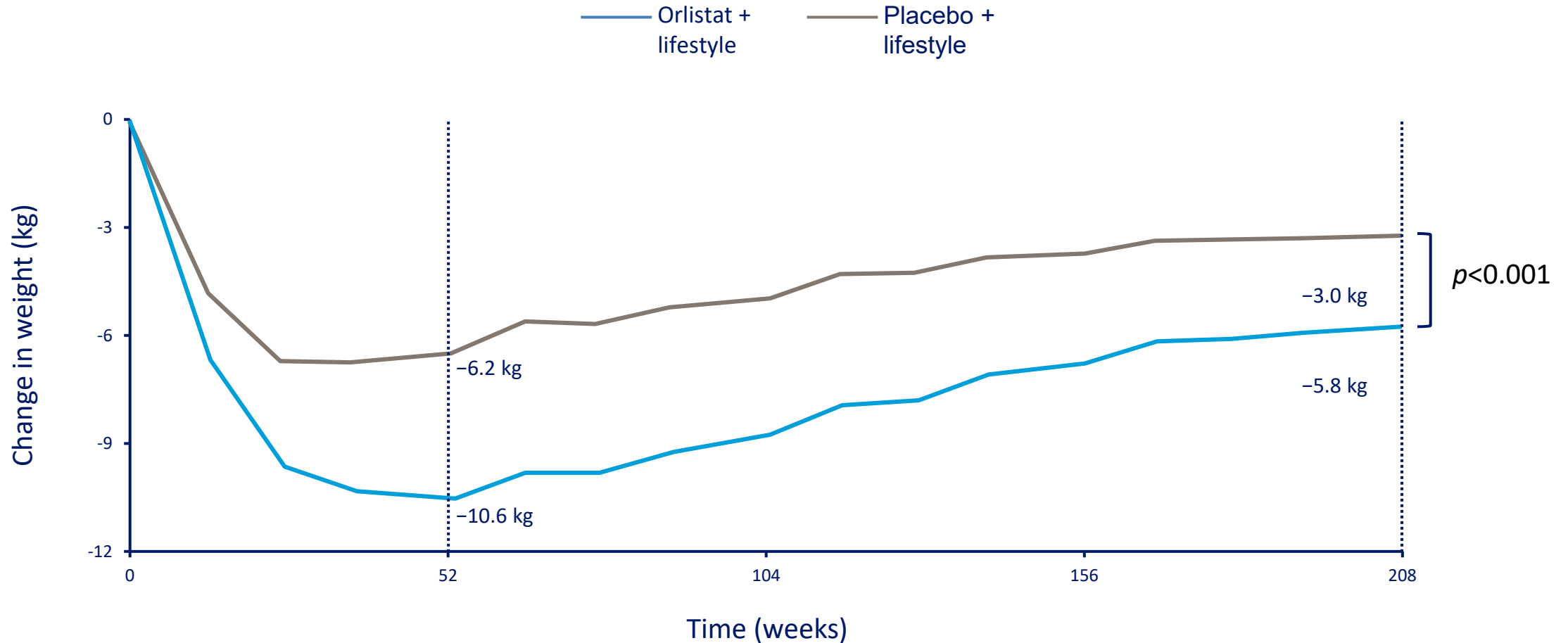
- To assess the effects of orlistat on time to onset of type 2 diabetes and change in body weight after 4 years of treatment

Key inclusion criteria

- 30–60 years old
- BMI ≥ 30.0 kg/m²
- Patients without diabetes (based on 75-g OGTT at baseline)

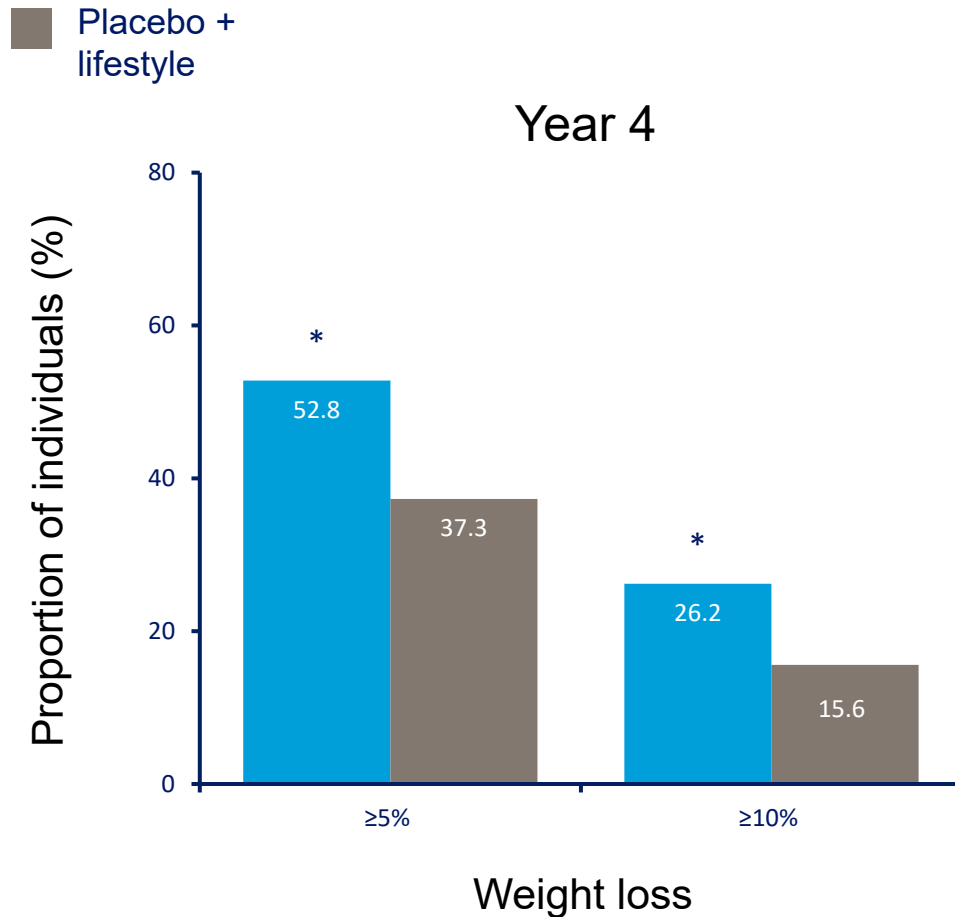
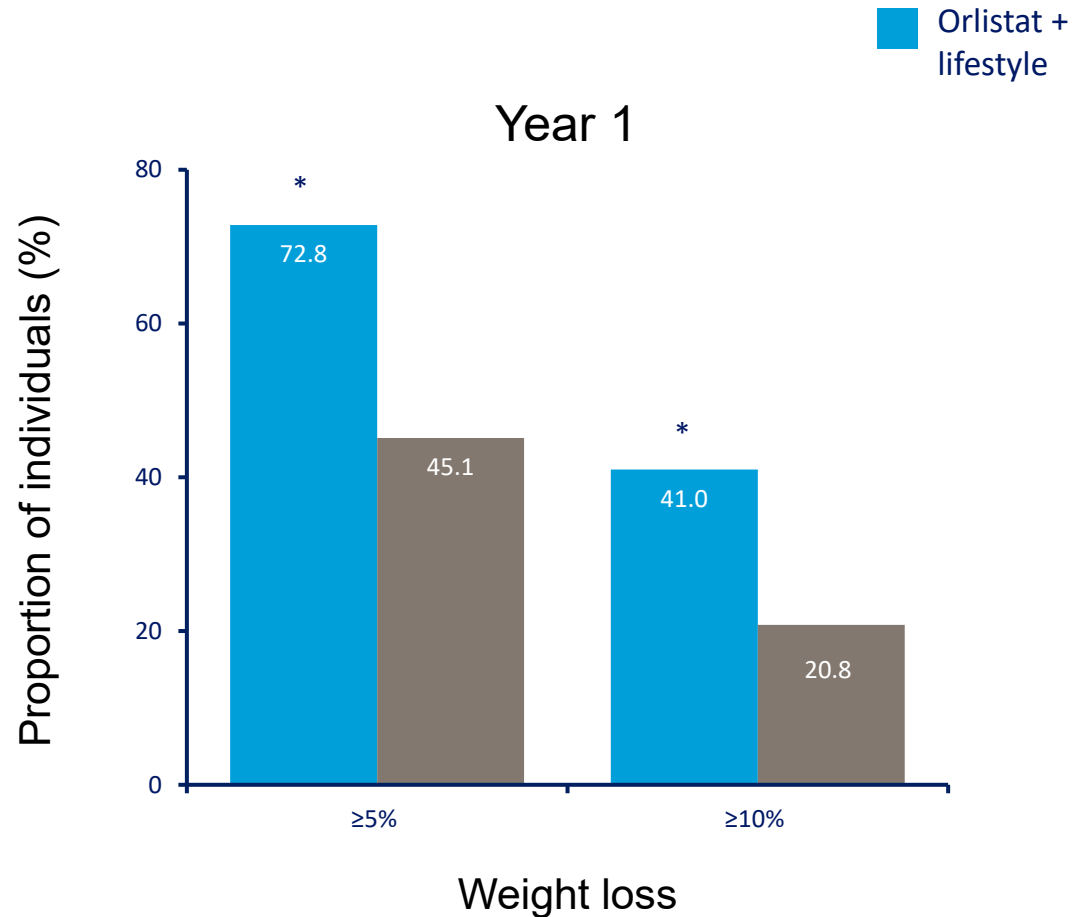


XENDOS: change in weight over time



XENDOS: categorical weight loss

Year 1 and Year 4



Orlistat: contraindications and warnings

○ Contraindications to use:

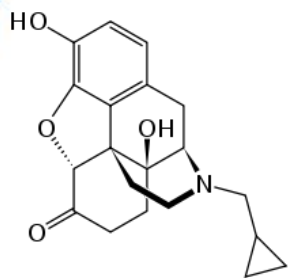
- Pregnancy/Breast-feeding
- Cholestasis
- Chronic malabsorption syndrome
- Known hypersensitivity
- Safety/efficacy in children under 12 years and geriatric populations not established

Stopping rule

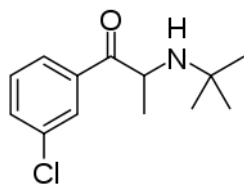
Not specified in the US prescribing information and EU summary of product information

○ Warnings and precautions:

- Patients should be encouraged to take a multi-vitamin supplement of fat-soluble vitamins
- Orlistat and cyclosporine should not be simultaneously co-administered



Naltrexone



Bupropion

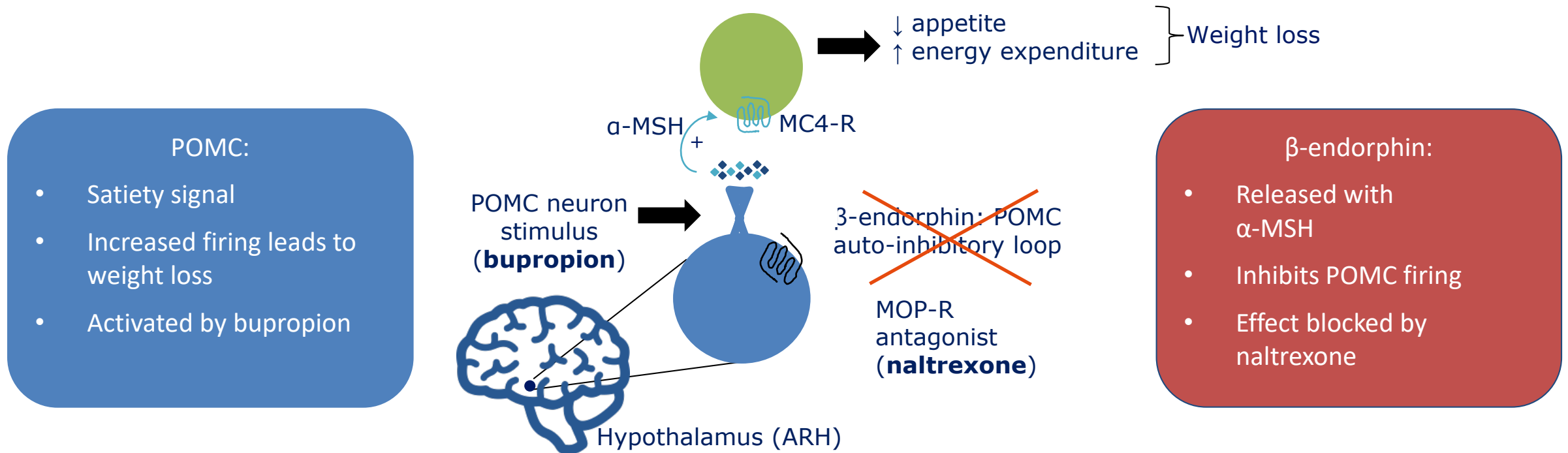
Naltrexone–bupropion

Contrave[®]

Mysimba[®]

Naltrexone–bupropion: mechanism of action

- The NB combination synergistically impacts on two different pathways associated with increased energy expenditure and reduced energy intake:



Orlistat: in clinical use

○ Dosage and administration

- 1 x 120 mg oral capsule taken three times daily with each main meal containing fat

Prescription drug
(120 mg)

OTC drug
(60 mg)

○ Therapeutic indication

- Indicated for adults and adolescents in conjunction with a reduced-calorie diet for the treatment of individuals with BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² or ≥ 27 (US) or ≥ 28 kg/m² (EU) with one or more comorbidities (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidaemia)

○ Regulatory status

- Approved in the US (for individuals >12 years old only) and the EU

COR-I: study aims and design

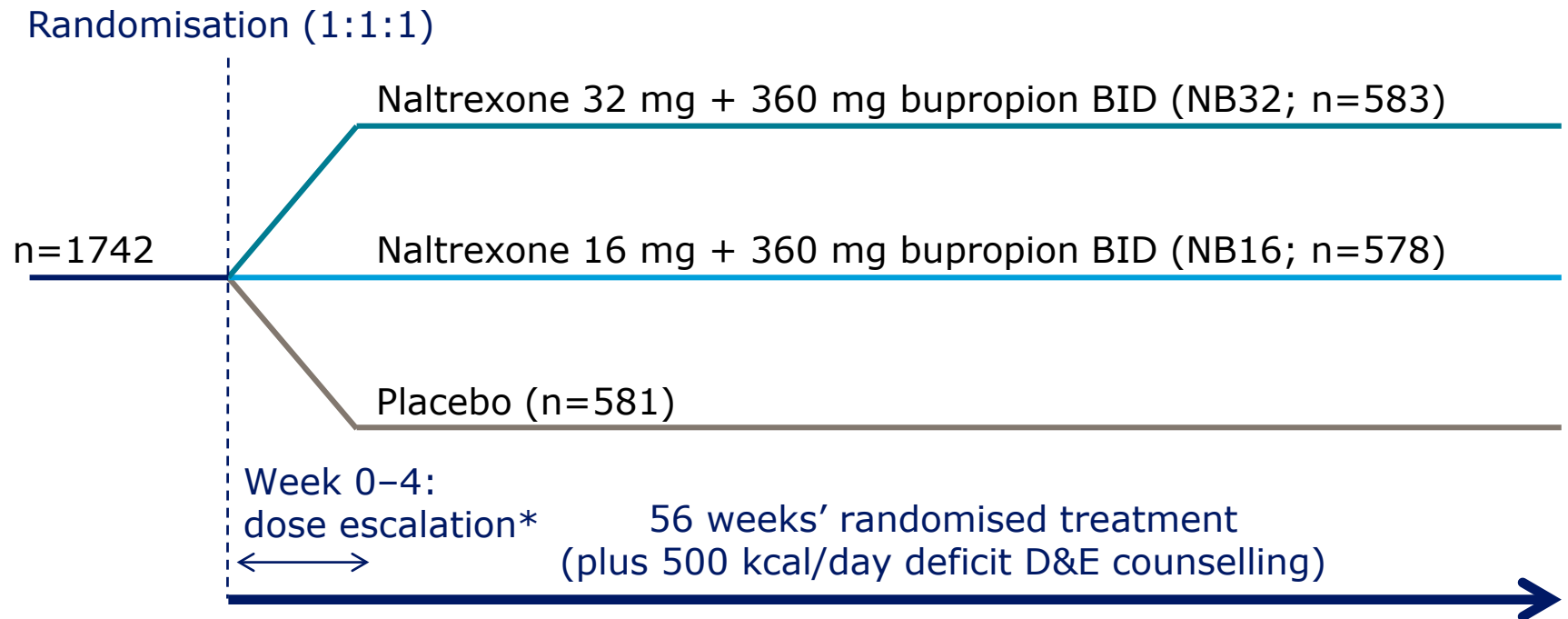
Aim: to evaluate the efficacy and safety of sustained-release naltrexone plus bupropion (NB) on weight loss in individuals with overweight or obesity

Inclusion criteria

- Aged 18–65 years
- BMI 30–45 kg/m² or 27–45 kg/m² with hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia

Exclusion criteria

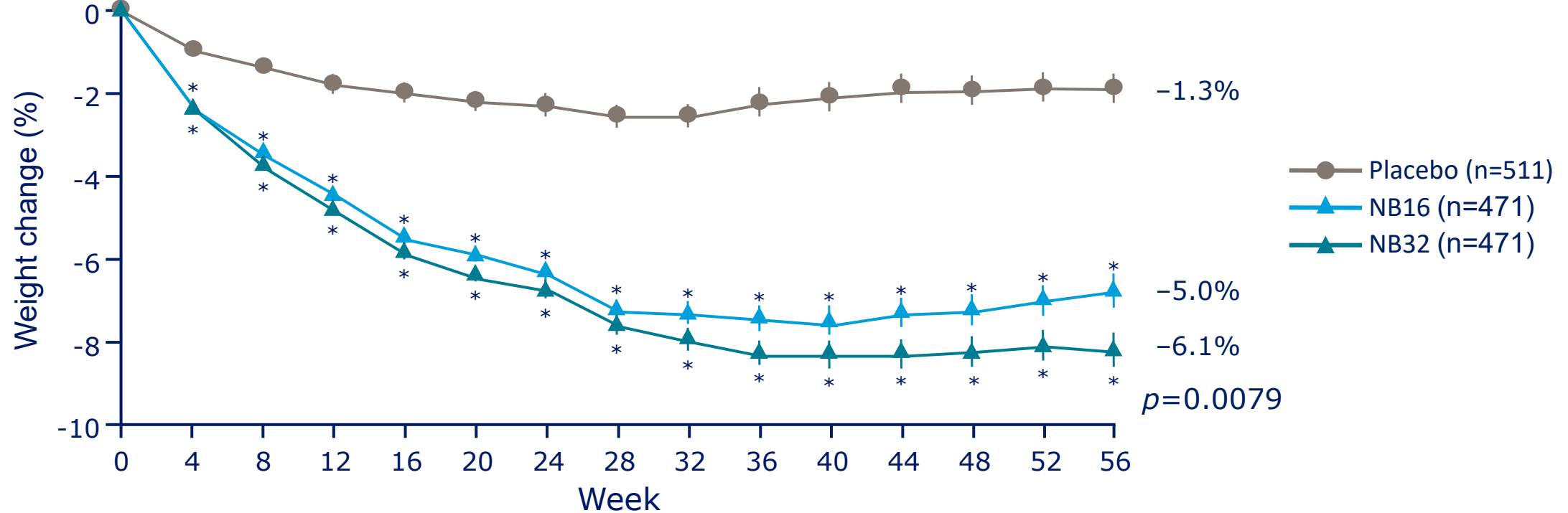
- Diabetes
- Obesity of endocrine origin
- CV/hepatic/renal disease
- Previous bariatric surgery
- Seizures/psychiatric illness
- Recent weight change ± 4 kg
- Previous use of bupropion or naltrexone
- Recent drug/alcohol misuse



*3-week dose escalation, starting with a quarter of full dose, increasing weekly until full dose reached at week 4 BID, twice daily; COR, Contrave® Obesity Research; CV, cardiovascular; D&E, diet and exercise

COR-I: weight loss from baseline over 56 weeks

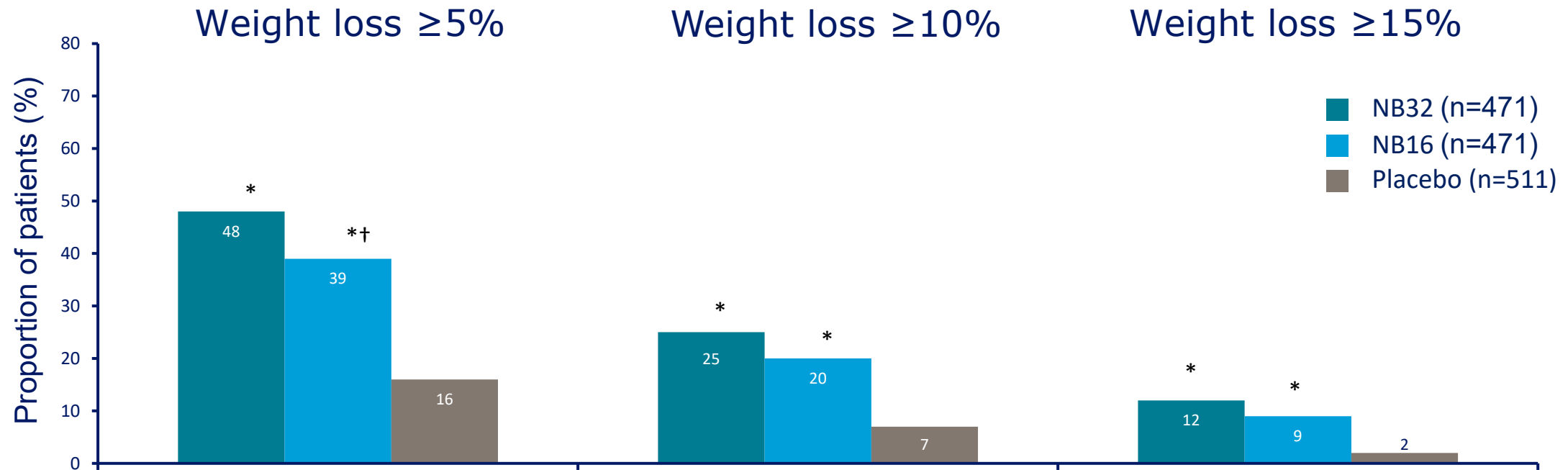
○ Significant weight loss with NB32 and NB16 vs. placebo occurred within 4 weeks ($p < 0.0001$)



COR-I: categorical weight loss achievers

At 56 weeks (ITT)

- A significantly greater proportion of subjects lost $\geq 5\%$ body weight with NB32 compared with NB16 (48% vs. 39%; $p=0.0099$)



Naltrexone–bupropion: safety summary

- Common ($\geq 5\%$) and severe ($\geq 0.4\%$) AEs, such as nausea, constipation and vomiting, were more frequent with NB32 than with placebo
 - Small placebo-adjusted increases in SBP (+1.5 mmHg), DBP (+1.2 mmHg) and heart rate (+1–3 bpm) were observed
 - NB32 appears to attenuate blood pressure and heart-rate reductions normally seen with weight loss
- Increased overall psychiatric (18% vs. 13%) and nervous system (34% vs. 19%) AEs were observed with NB32 when compared with placebo, respectively
 - Anxiety (6.6% vs. 4.4%), sleep disorders (11.4% vs. 7.1%), insomnia (9.2% vs. 5.9%), dizziness (9.9% vs. 3.4%) and headache (17.6% vs. 10.4%) were all more common with NB32 than with placebo, respectively
- Small mean increases in serum creatinine were reported with NB32 treatment

Naltrexone–bupropion: contraindications and warnings

○ Contraindications to use:

- Uncontrolled hypertension
- Current seizure disorder or a history of seizures
- Pregnancy
- During abrupt cessation of alcohol, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or antiepileptic drugs
- Chronic opioid use
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors use

Stopping rule

Contrave®: evaluate response after 12 weeks at maintenance dosage and discontinue if patient has not lost $\geq 5\%$ of their initial body weight

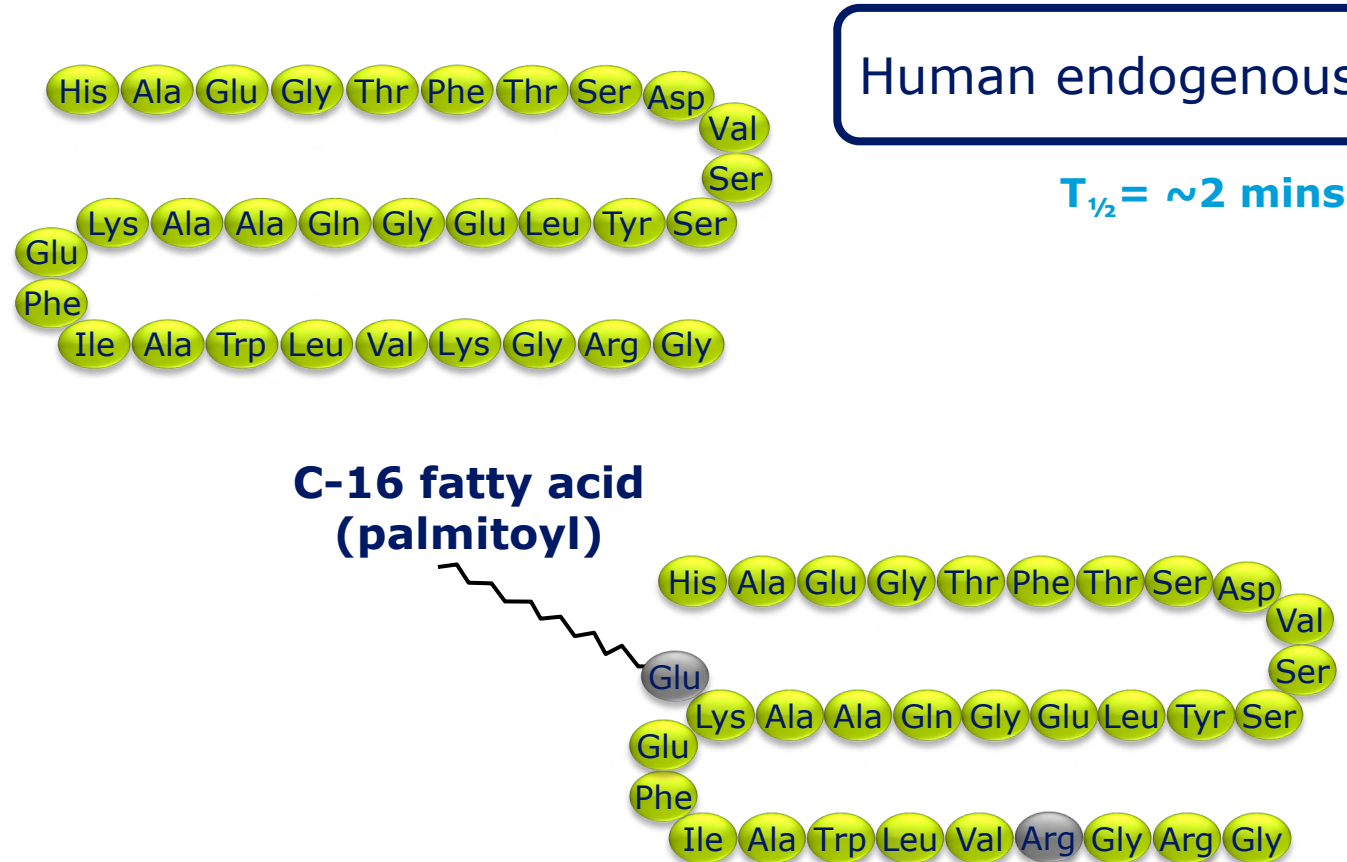
Mysimba®: discontinue after 16 weeks if patient has not lost $\geq 5\%$ of their initial body weight



Liraglutide 3.0 mg

Saxenda®

Liraglutide is a once-daily, human GLP-1 analogue



Liraglutide

97% amino acid homology to human GLP-1;
improved PK: albumin binding through
acylation; heptamer formation



Slow absorption from subcutis
Resistant to DPP-4
Long plasma half-life
($T_{1/2} = 13 \text{ h}$)

Metabolic and gastric effects of GLP-1

Appetite¹

- ↑ Satiety
- ↑ Fullness
- ↓ Hunger
- ↓ Prospective food consumption
- ↓ Energy intake



Glucose regulation² (Glucose-dependent)

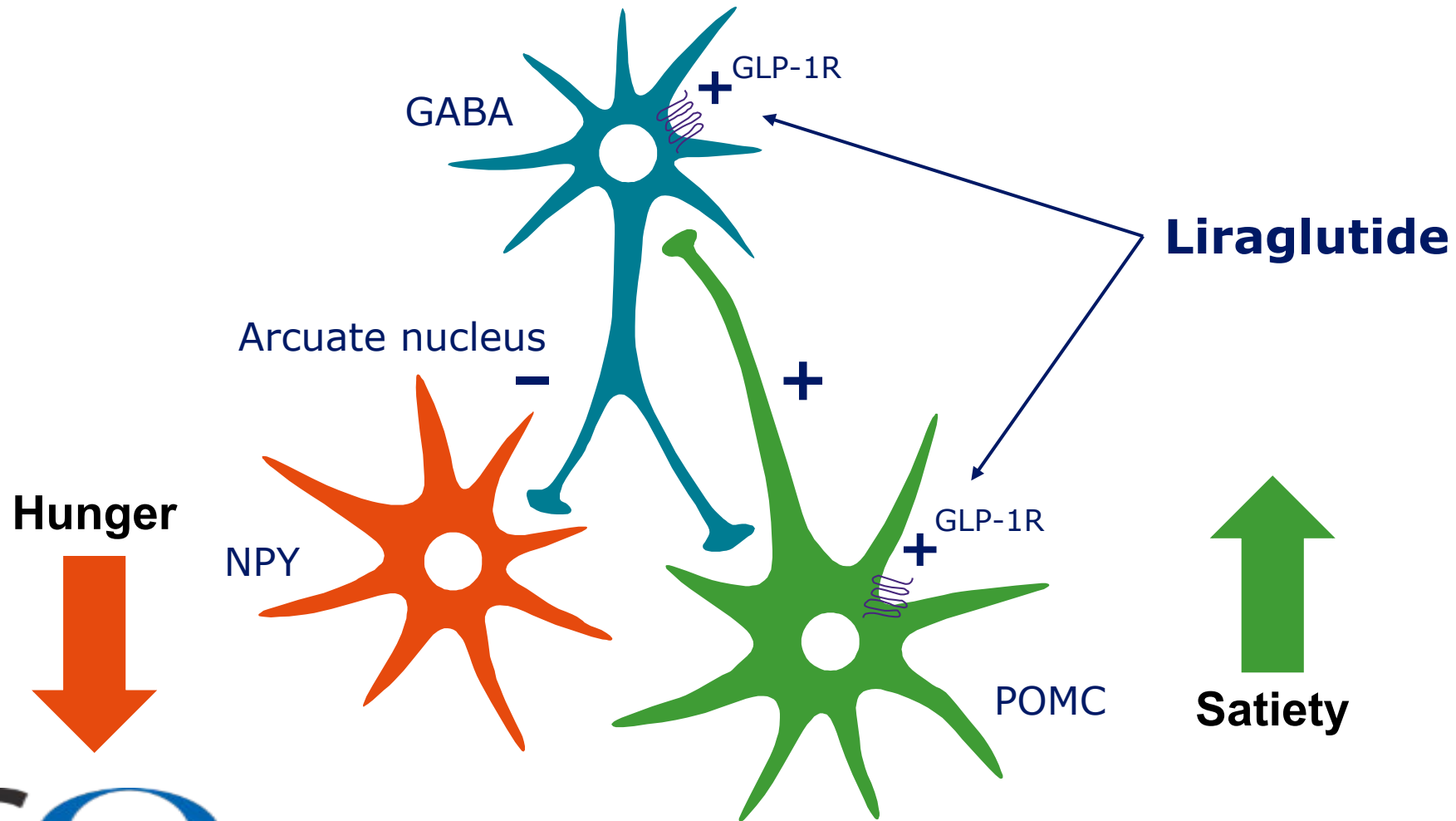
- ↑ Insulin secretion
- ↓ Glucagon secretion

Gastric effects^{3,4}

- ↓ Gastric acid
- ↓ Gastric emptying

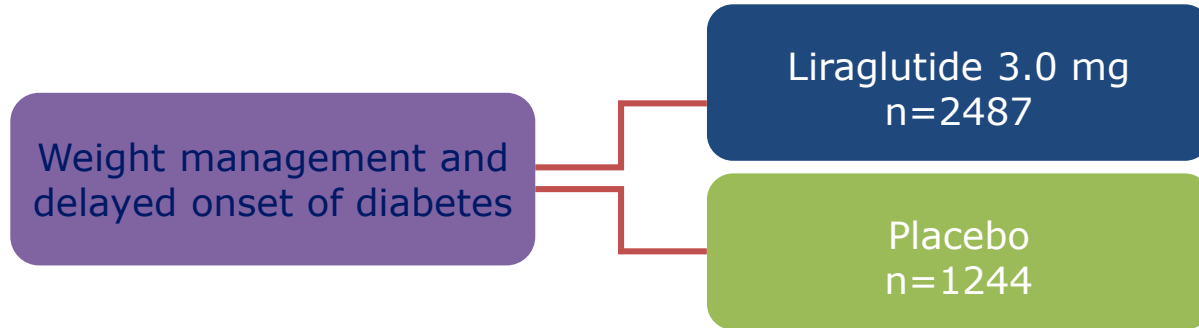
POMC/CART and NPY/AgRP neurons may mediate liraglutide-induced weight loss

Proposed mechanism

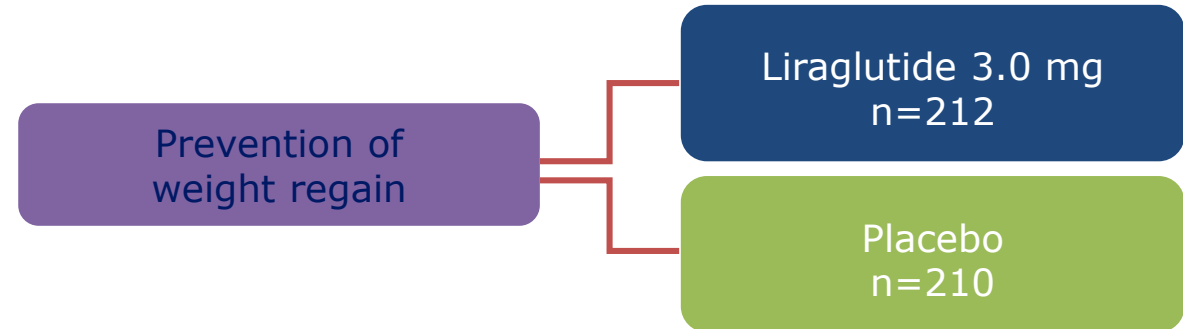


SCALE Phase 3a clinical trial programme

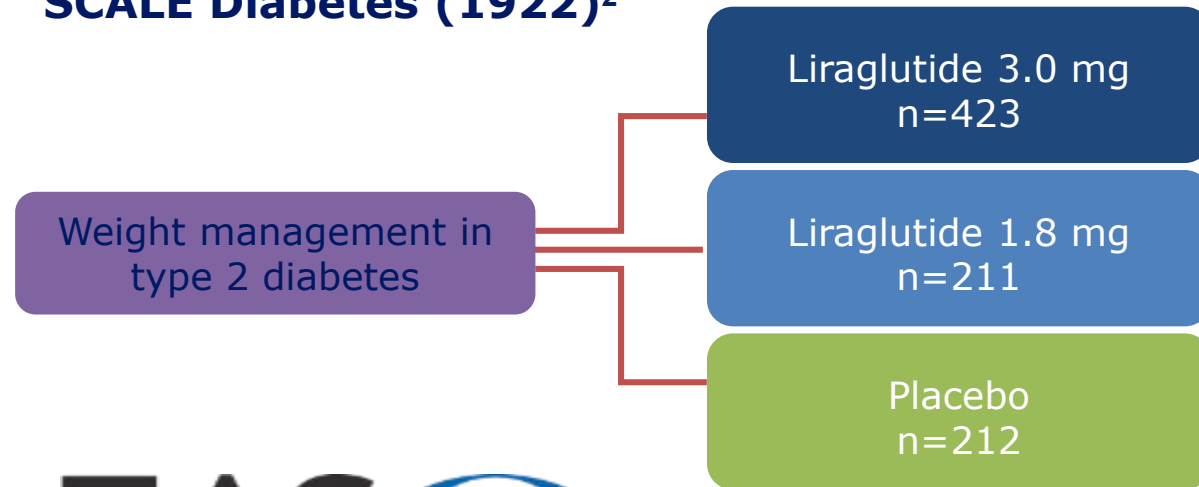
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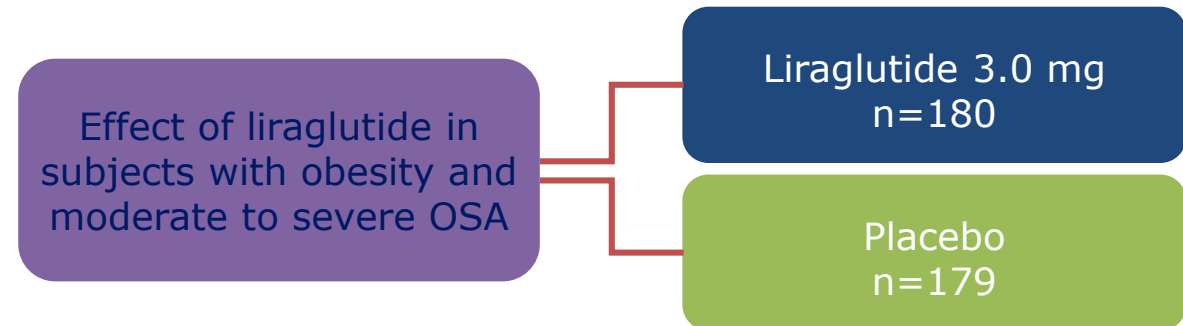
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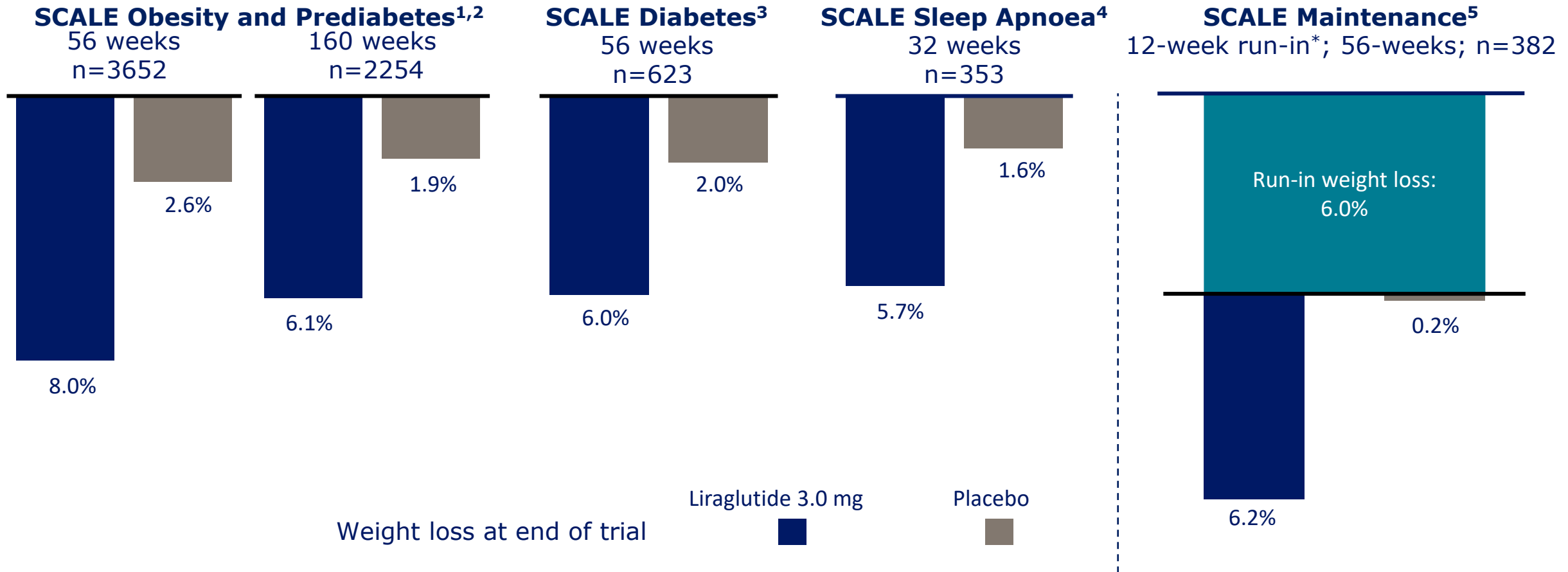
SCALE Diabetes (1922)²



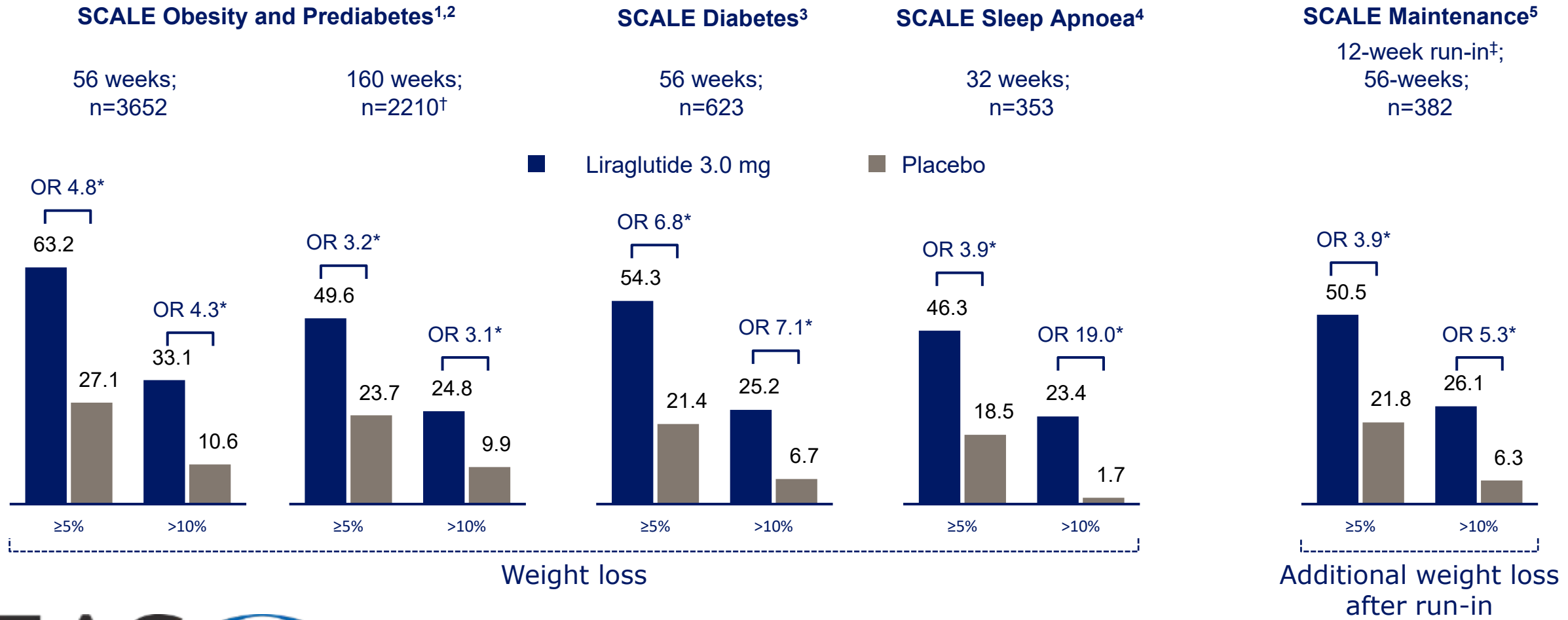
SCALE Sleep Apnoea (3970)⁴



Weight loss across SCALE trials



Categorical weight loss across SCALE trials



SCALE Efficacy Summary

Key efficacy outcomes with liraglutide 3.0 mg



SCALE Obesity and
Prediabetes^{1,2}

-9.2%

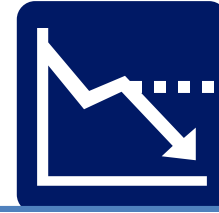
change in body weight
after 1 year



SCALE
Diabetes³

-6.0%

change in body weight
after 56 weeks



SCALE Maintenance⁴

81%

maintained $\geq 5\%$ weight loss
after 1 year



SCALE Sleep Apnoea⁵

-12.2

events p/h
vs. 6.1 with placebo

80%

reduction in the risk of
T2D over 3 years

-1.3%

change in HbA_{1c}
from baseline

6.2%

additional weight loss
with liraglutide 3.0 mg*

-5.7%

change in body weight
after 32 weeks

*Following lifestyle intervention induced weight loss of $\geq 5\%$ over a 12 week run in period

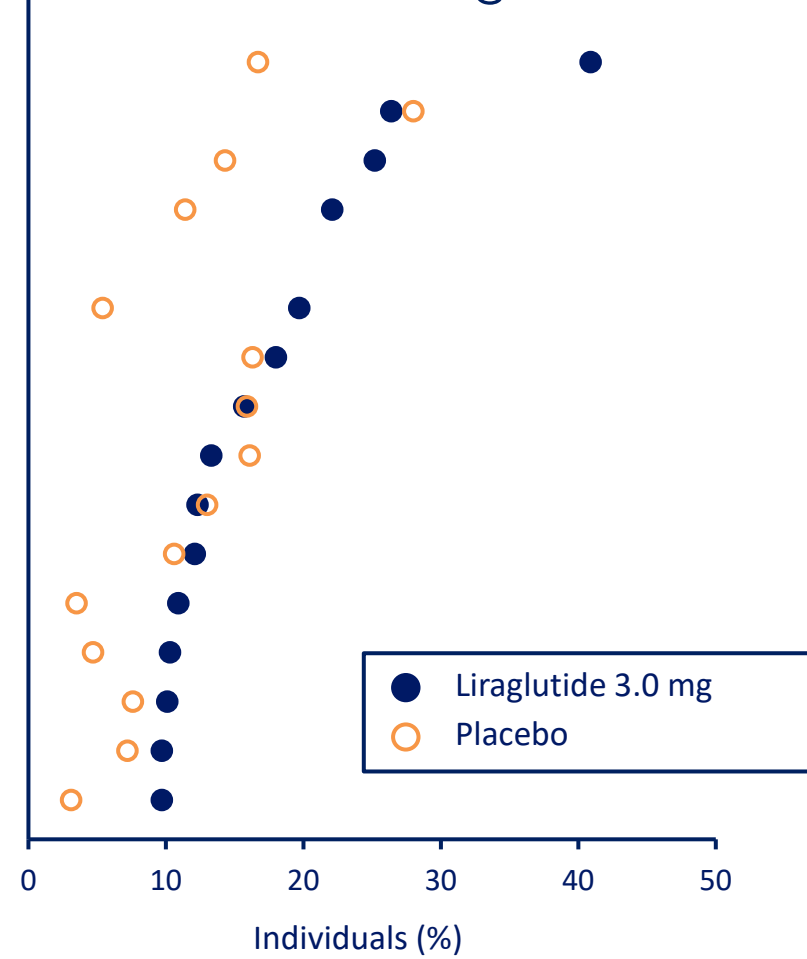
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4. Wadden *et al.* *Int J Obes (Lond)* 2013;37:1443–51; 5. Blackman *et al.* *Int J Obes (Lond)* 2016;40:1310–19

Adverse events in ≥5% of participants (1/2)

SCALE Obesity and Prediabetes: 0-162 weeks

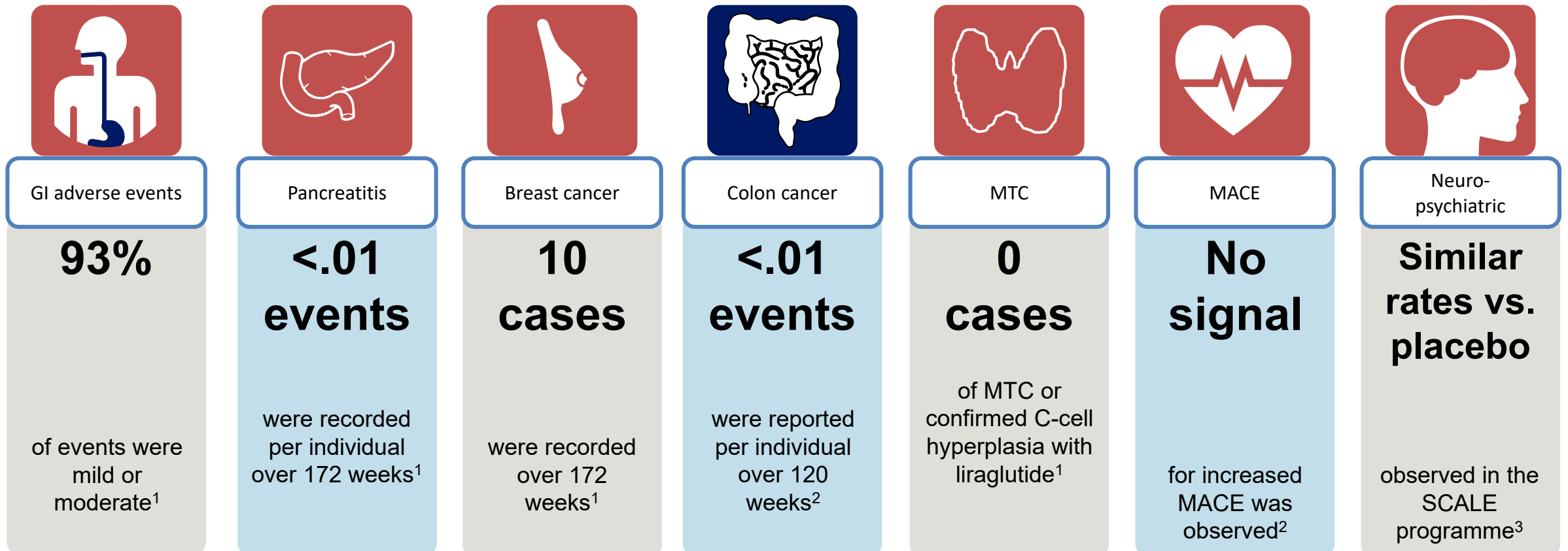
R, event rate per 100 years of observation time; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event
le Roux et al. Lancet 2017;389:1399–409

	Liraglutide 3.0 mg		Placebo	
	%	R	%	R
Nausea	40.9	29.5	16.7	11.3
Nasopharyngitis	26.4	23.5	28.0	27.5
Diarrhoea	25.2	19.0	14.3	9.9
Constipation	22.1	13.0	11.4	6.8
Vomiting	19.7	14.7	5.4	3.6
Headache	18.0	13.3	16.3	14.9
Upper respiratory tract infection	15.7	12.1	15.9	14.4
Back pain	13.3	8.9	16.1	11.0
Arthralgia	12.3	7.1	13.0	9.2
Influenza	12.1	7.8	10.6	8.3
Decreased appetite	10.9	5.5	3.5	1.8
Dyspepsia	10.3	6.0	4.7	2.7
Fatigue	10.1	5.8	7.6	4.5
Dizziness	9.7	6.1	7.2	4.9
Lipase increased	9.7	6.5	3.1	1.7



SCALE Safety Summary

Key safety outcomes with liraglutide 3.0 mg





Future Anti-Obesity Medications

Definition of a Second-generation Obesity Medication

- Ability to safely produce an average of $>10\%$ placebo-subtracted weight loss in randomized clinical trials (ie, over that attributable to lifestyle interventions) in the majority of patients or
- Ability to safely produce a $\geq 15\%$ weight loss in over half the patients as an adjunct to lifestyle.

Efficacy of obesity medications in randomized clinical trials

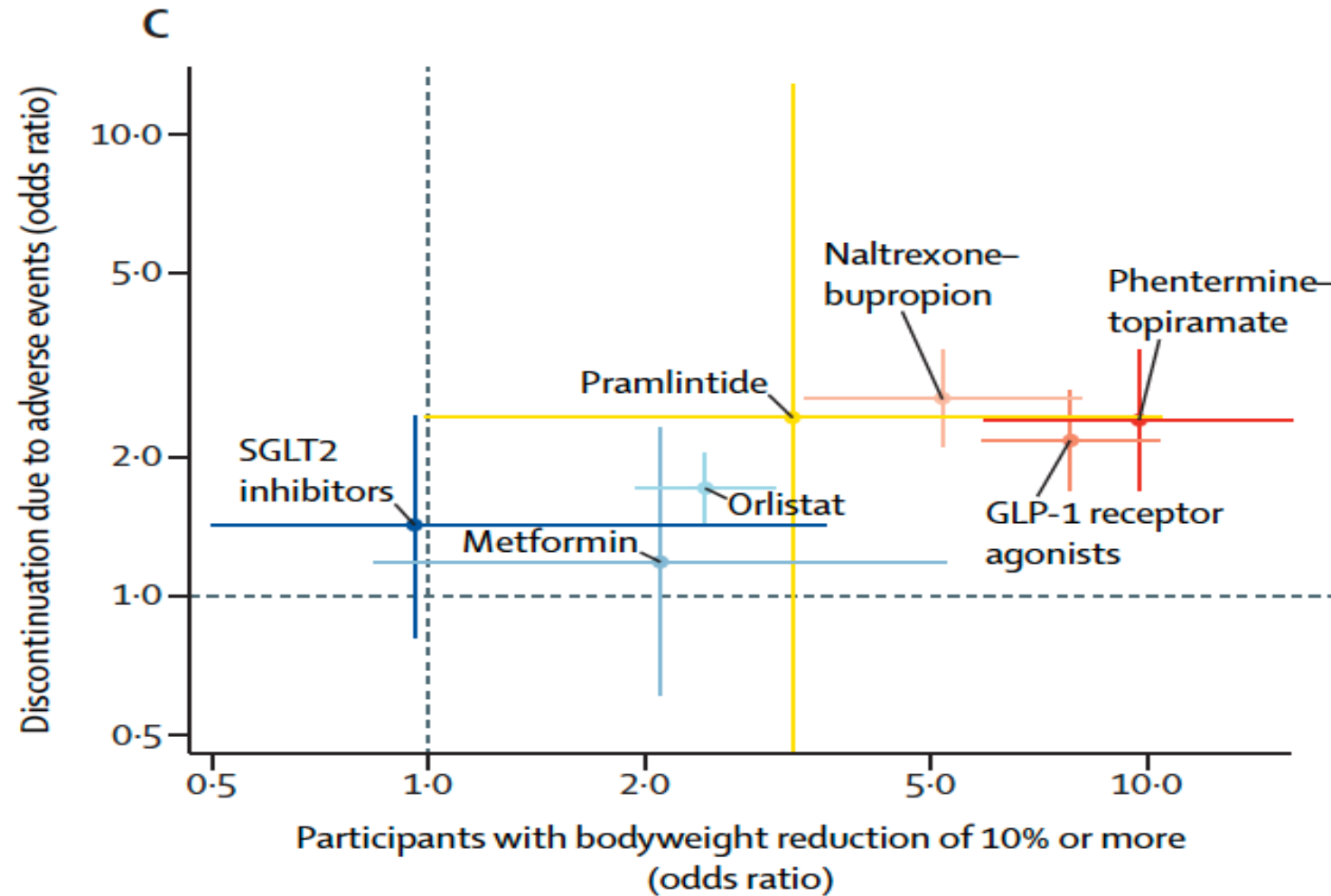
Drug	% Weight loss		% with $\geq 10\%$		% with $\geq 15\%$		% with $\geq 20\%$	
	Drug	Placebo	Drug	Placebo	Drug	Placebo	Drug	Placebo
Orlistat (ref 25)								
XENDOS 1 year	10.6	6.2	41	20.8				
XENDOS 4 year	5.8	3.0	26.2	15.6				
Phentermine/topiramate ER ^a (26-28)								
EQUIP	10.9	1.6	47.2	7.4	32.3	3.4		
CONQUER	9.8	1.2	37.0	7.0				
SEQUEL 2 yr	9.3	1.8	50.3	11.5	24.2	6.6	9.2	2.2
Naltrexone ER/bupropion ER (29-31)								
COR-I	6.1	1.3	25.0	7.0	12	2		
COR-II	6.4	1.2	28.3	5.7	13.5	2.4		
COR-BMOD	9.3	5.1	41.5	20.2	29.1	10.9		
Liraglutide 3 mg (32-34)								
SCALE Maintenance	6.7	0.1	26.1	6.3	11.0	3.1		
SCALE Ob & PreDM 1 year	9.2	3.5	33.1	10.6	14.4	3.5		
SCALE Ob & PreDM 3 year	7.1	2.7	24.8	9.9	11.0	3.1		
Semaglutide 2.4 mg (22-24,35,36)								
STEP 1	14.8	2.4	69.1	12.0	50.5	4.9	32.0	1.7
STEP 3	16.0	5.7	75.3	27.0	55.8	13.2	35.7	3.7
STEP 4	17.4	5.0	79.0	20.4	63.7	9.2	39.6	4.8
STEP 5 2 year	15.2	2.6	61.6	13.3	52.1	7.0	36.1	2.8
STEP 8	15.8	1.9	70.9	15.4	55.6	6.4	38.5	2.6

Summary of relative effects of weight-lowering drugs on benefit and harm outcomes

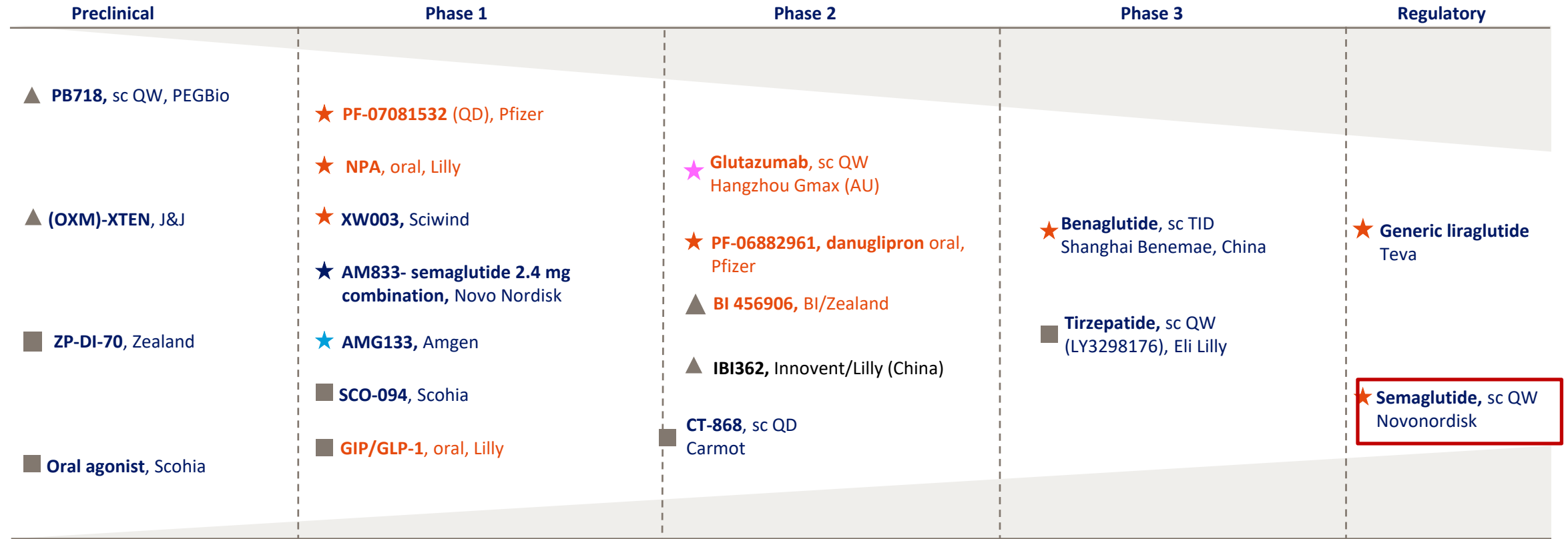
	Benefit outcomes				Harm outcomes		
	High or moderate certainty evidence	Low or very low certainty evidence	High or moderate certainty evidence	Low or very low certainty evidence	High or moderate certainty evidence	Low or very low certainty evidence	High or moderate certainty evidence
Among the best	Definitely better than lifestyle modification alone	May be better than lifestyle modification alone	No more harmful than lifestyle modification alone	No more harmful than lifestyle modification alone	No more harmful than lifestyle modification alone	No more harmful than lifestyle modification alone	No more harmful than lifestyle modification alone
Intermediate—possibly better	Possibly better than lifestyle modification alone	Might be better than lifestyle modification alone	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone, but no worse than other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone, but no worse than other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone, but no worse than other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone, but no worse than other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone, but no worse than other interventions
Intermediate—possibly worse	Possibly no better than lifestyle modification alone	Might be no better than lifestyle modification alone	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions
Among the worst	Definitely no better than lifestyle modification alone	May be no better than lifestyle modification alone	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions	More harmful than lifestyle modification alone and some other interventions

	Benefit outcomes				Harm outcomes		
	Percentage bodyweight change from baseline, MD (95% CI)	Participants with bodyweight reduction $\geq 5\%$, OR (95% CI)	Participants with bodyweight reduction $\geq 10\%$, OR (95% CI)	Quality-of-life score, SMD (95% CI)	Depression symptom score, SMD (95% CI)	Discontinuation due to any adverse event, OR (95% CI)	Total gastrointestinal adverse events, IRR (95% CI)
Phentermine-topiramate	-7.97 (-9.28 to -6.66)	8.02 (5.24 to 12.27)	9.74 (5.95 to 15.94)	0.42 (0.19 to 0.65)	-0.17 (-0.59 to 0.26)	2.40 (1.69 to 3.42)	1.62 (1.13 to 2.31)
GLP-1 receptor agonists	-5.76 (-6.30 to -5.21)	6.33 (5.00 to 8.00)	7.83 (5.89 to 10.40)	0.29 (0.15 to 0.43)	-0.08 (-0.36 to 0.20)	2.17 (1.71 to 2.77)	2.79 (2.42 to 3.23)
Naltrexone-bupropion	-4.11 (-5.19 to -3.02)	5.04 (3.50 to 7.27)	5.19 (3.33 to 8.08)	0.36 (0.18 to 0.54)	0.19 (-0.06 to 0.45)	2.69 (2.11 to 3.43)	3.86 (2.93 to 5.08)
Orlistat	-3.16 (-3.53 to -2.78)	2.73 (2.32 to 3.22)	2.43 (1.94 to 3.04)	0.15 (-0.24 to 0.53)	-0.04 (-0.75 to 0.66)	1.72 (1.44 to 2.05)	2.03 (1.80 to 2.29)
Metformin	-2.50 (-3.25 to -1.74)	2.10 (1.13 to 3.91)	2.11 (0.85 to 5.24)	..	..	1.19 (0.62 to 2.28)	2.05 (1.53 to 2.74)
SGLT2 inhibitors	-2.07 (-3.01 to -1.13)	2.88 (1.69 to 4.90)	0.96 (0.26 to 3.58)	..	..	1.42 (0.82 to 2.46)	0.95 (0.58 to 1.54)
Pramlintide	-2.19 (-4.36 to -0.03)	2.24 (0.97 to 5.14)	3.21 (0.99 to 10.45)	..	..	2.43 (0.46 to 12.79)	1.92 (0.51 to 7.14)
Levocarnitine	-1.88 (-3.80 to 0.04)	..	..	..	..	1.11 (0.60 to 2.08)	1.45 (0.66 to 3.19)
Drug effect for GLP-1 receptor agonists							
Semaglutide	-11.41 (-12.54 to -10.27)	9.82 (7.09 to 13.61)	13.32 (9.94 to 17.83)	0.27 (0.08 to 0.46)	..	1.99 (1.35 to 2.92)	2.79 (2.14 to 3.64)
Liraglutide	-4.68 (-5.30 to -4.06)	4.91 (3.78 to 6.38)	4.80 (3.60 to 6.41)	0.32 (0.08 to 0.56)	-0.08 (-0.36 to 0.20)	2.45 (1.80 to 3.33)	3.10 (2.59 to 3.71)
Exenatide	-3.72 (-4.82 to -2.62)	2.86 (1.27 to 6.47)	3.12 (1.17 to 8.32)	..	..	1.50 (0.66 to 3.44)	1.72 (1.19 to 2.50)

Body weight reduction of 10% or more versus discontinuation due to adverse events



GLP-1-based compounds in development for weight management



★ GIP antag. mabt&GLP-1 agonist

▲ GLP-1/glucagon dual agon.

★ GLP-1R agonist

■ GIP/GLP-1 dual agonist

★ Anti-GLP1 R mab fused to GLP-1

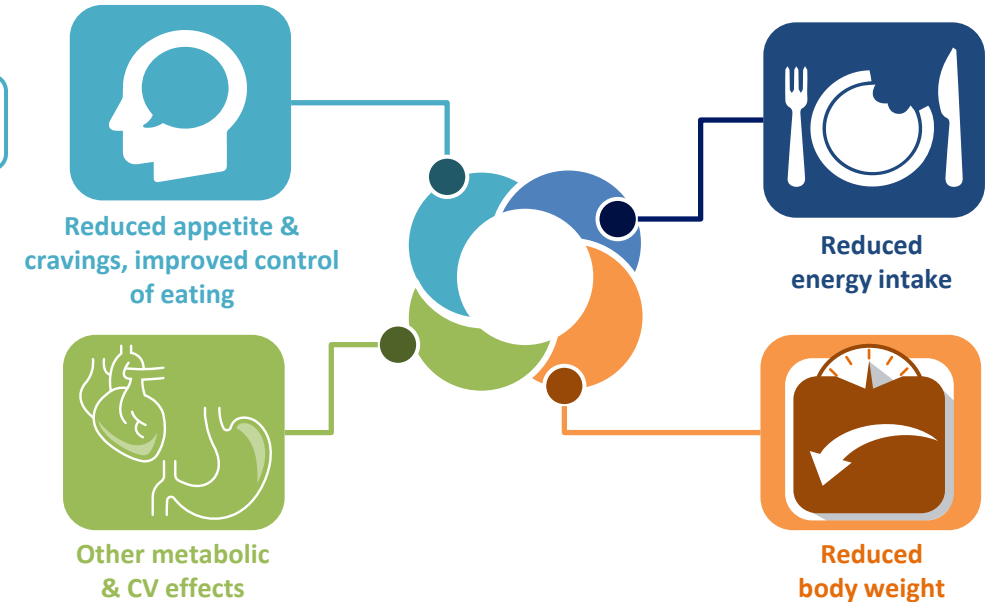
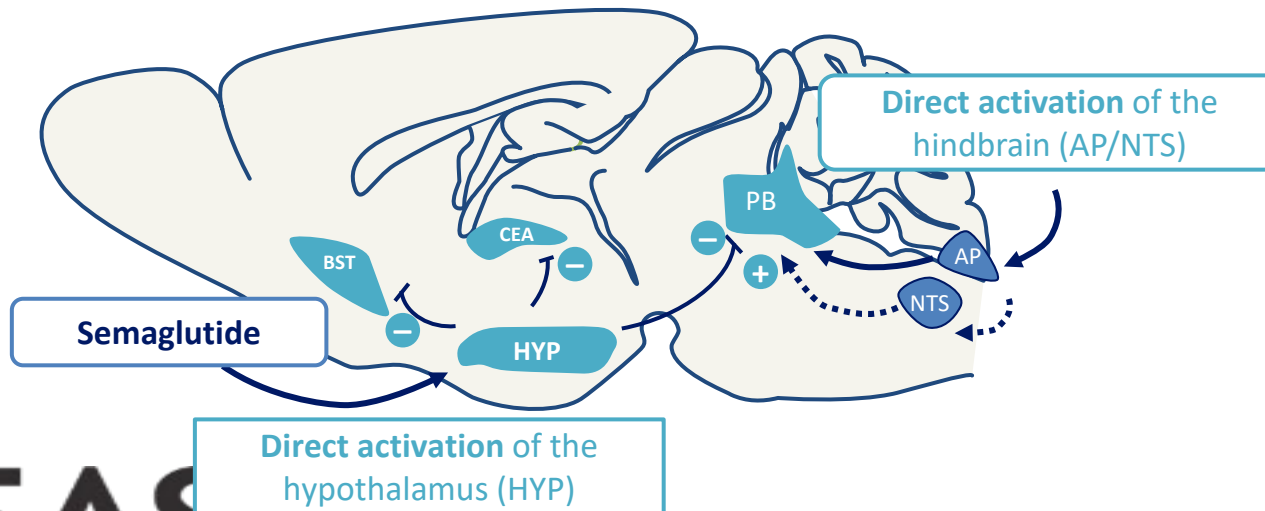
★ GLP-1 – amylin analogue combination



- 94% homology to human GLP-1
- $t_{1/2}$ of approximately 1 week

The diagram illustrates the 34-residue protein structure. The residues are arranged in a sequence: His, Aib, Glu, Gly, Thr, Phe, Thr, Ser, Asp, Val, Ser, Lys, Ala, Ala, Gln, Gly, Glu, Leu, Tyr, Ser, Phe, Ile, Ala, Trp, Leu, Val, Arg, Gly, Arg, Gly. The residues are numbered 1 through 34. The residues Aib, Lys, and Arg are highlighted in teal. The label 'radiation¹' is positioned above the first residue (His). The label 'cer' is positioned below the 11th residue (Lys). The number '8' is positioned above the 8th residue (Ser). The number '26' is positioned below the 26th residue (Val). The number '34' is positioned below the 34th residue (Gly).

Amino acid substitution at position 34 (lysine to arginine) prevents C-18 fatty di-acid binding at the wrong site



Phase 3 programme

Effects of semaglutide 2.4 mg once-weekly in patients with obesity

Semaglutide is not approved in the Europe for weight management



The primary endpoint for all STEP trials is **weight loss**



STEP is the phase 3a/3b clinical development programme for subcutaneous semaglutide 2.4 mg weekly for weight management

STEP 1–4
Phase 3a

Semaglutide 2.4 mg

68 weeks + 7 week follow-up

The treatment period in all STEP trials is followed by a 7-week period off treatment to account for the long half-life of semaglutide

STEP 5
Phase 3b

Semaglutide 2.4 mg

104 weeks + 7 week follow-up

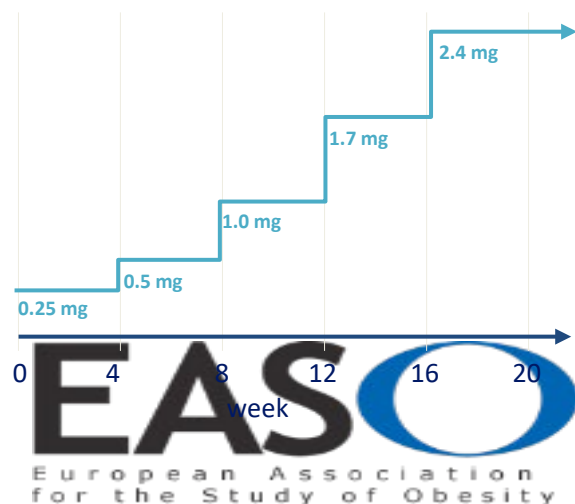
STEP 6
East Asian
Phase 3a

Semaglutide 2.4 mg

68 weeks + 7 week follow-up

Dose escalation

Semaglutide 2.4 mg OW treatment is initiated at 0.25 mg, followed by increments every 4 weeks to 0.5, 1.0, 1.7, and 2.4 mg OW

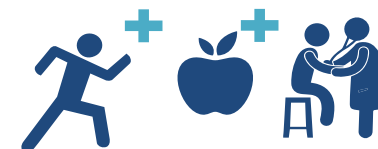


Across the STEP programme



Treatment with semaglutide 2.4 mg OW will be compared to placebo, as an adjunct to lifestyle intervention

STEP 3



In STEP 3 only, lifestyle intervention comprises IBT, an initial 8-week low-energy diet and higher target for physical activity

STEP 7 (China MRCT) Weight management in a mostly Chinese population (44 weeks)

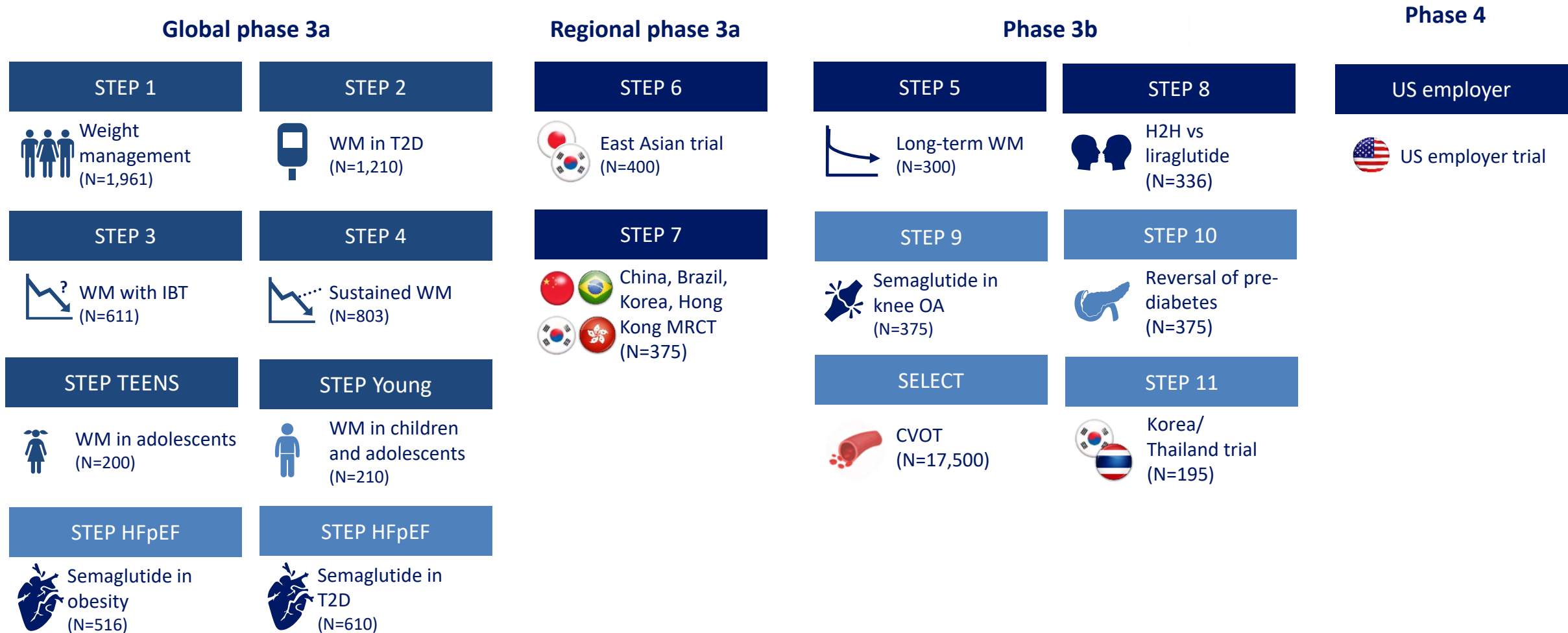
STEP 8 Head-to-head vs liraglutide

SELECT CV outcomes trial

HFpEF in patients with obesity and heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

Knee OA in patients with obesity and knee osteoarthritis

STEP programme at a glance

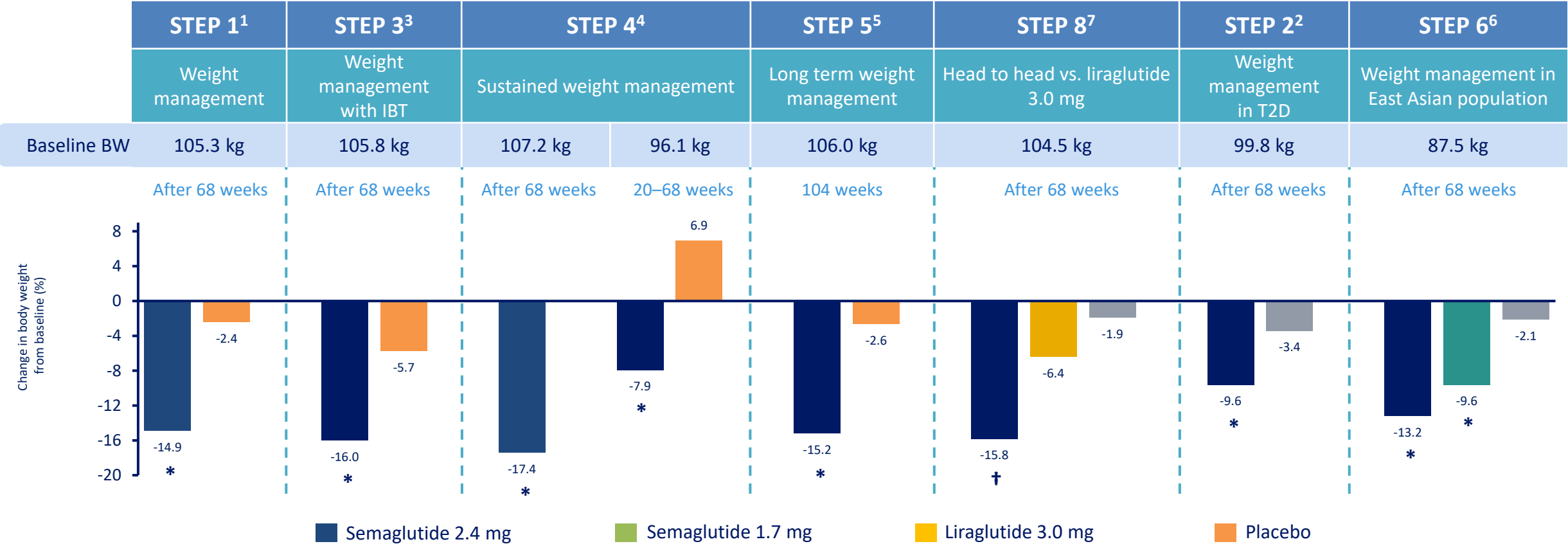


STEP 7: China, Brazil, Korea, Hong Kong (left to right) multi-regional clinical trial; Novo Nordisk. Data on file.

CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; H2H, head-to-head; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy; MRCT, multi-regional clinical trial (including China and ≥ 1 additional East Asian country); OA, osteoarthritis; WM, weight management.

Weight loss across STEP trials

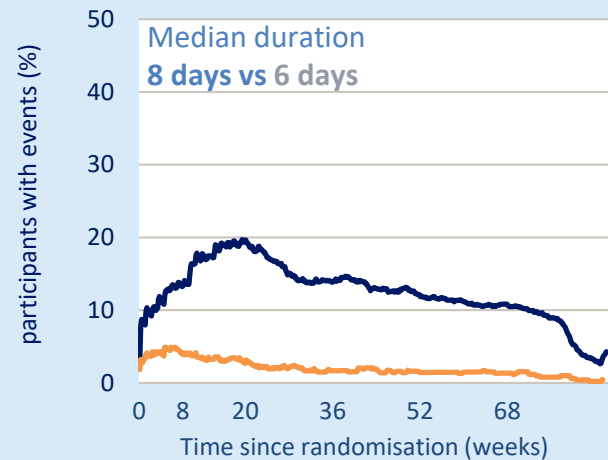
Semaglutide 2.4 mg once-weekly in participants with overweight or obesity



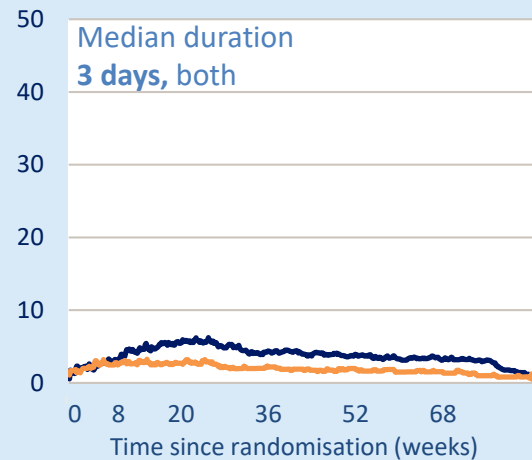
Prevalence and severity of selected GI events

STEP 1

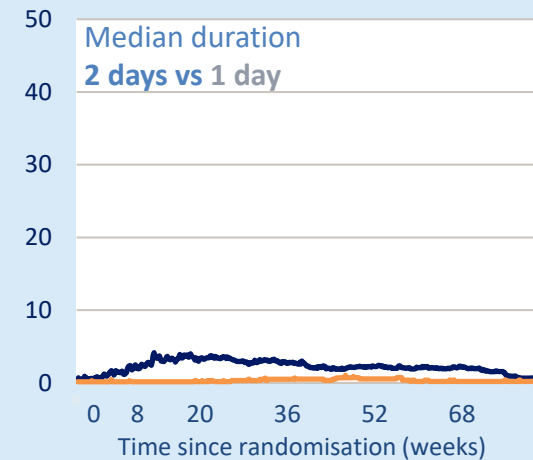
Nausea



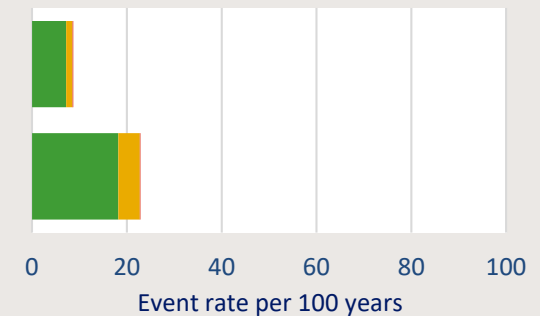
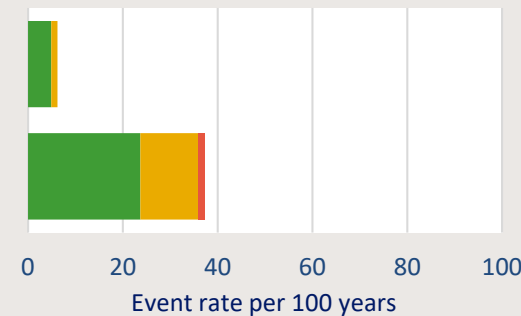
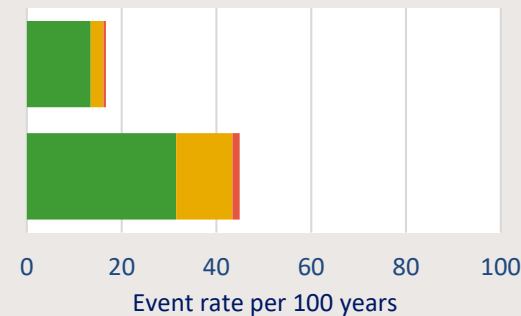
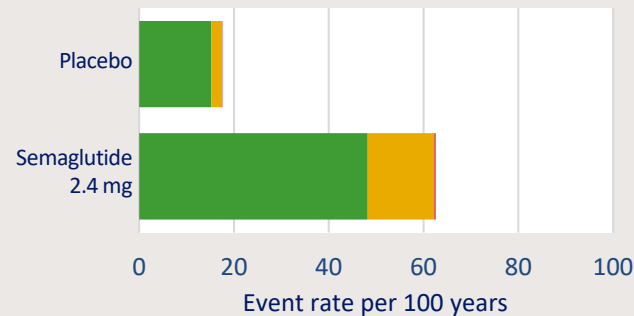
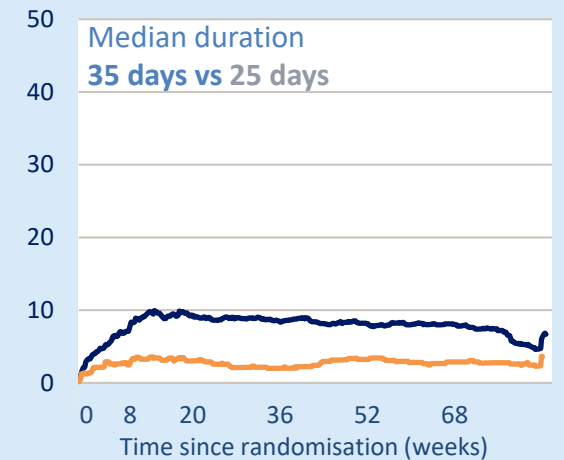
Diarrhoea



Vomiting

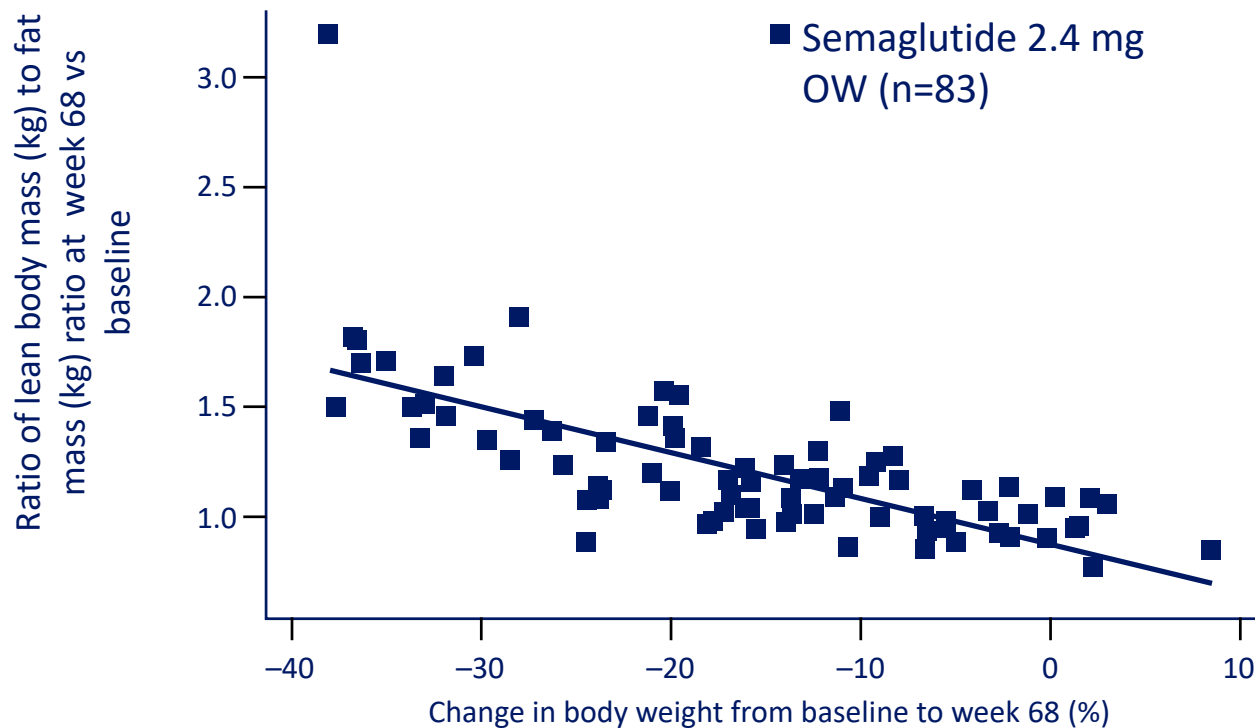


Constipation



Change from baseline to week 68 in ratio of lean body mass to total body mass: Overall and by weight change

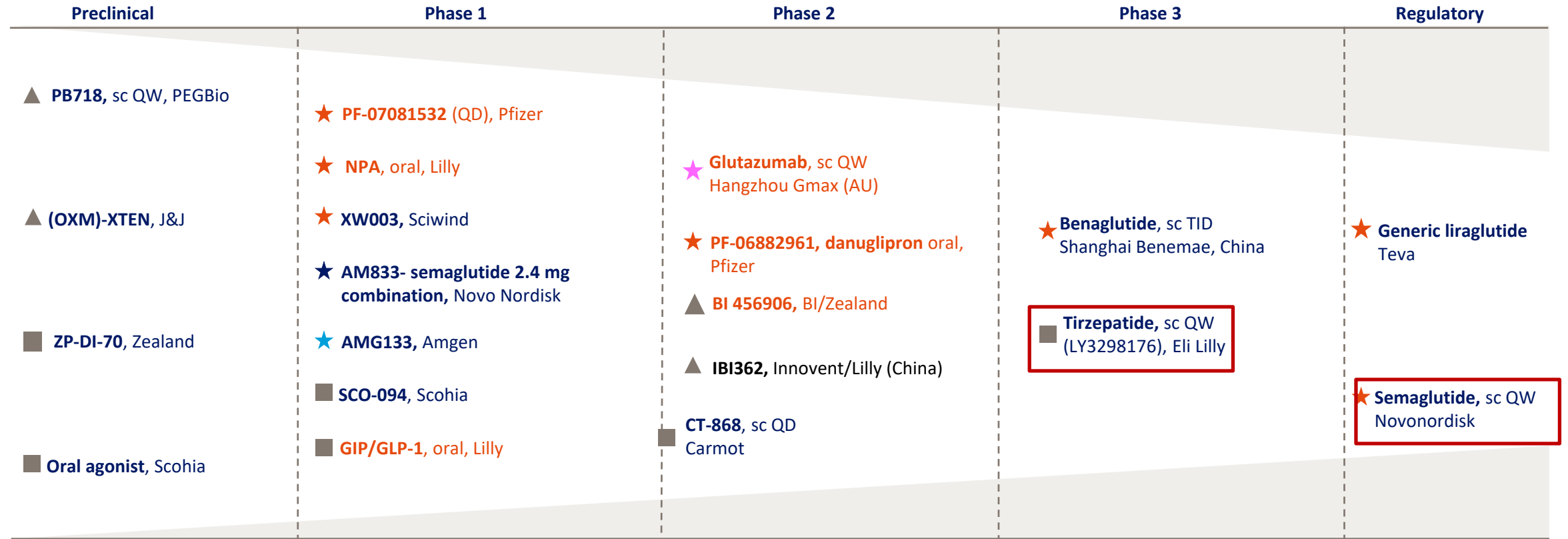
Ratio of week 68 vs baseline lean body mass (kg) to fat mass (kg) ratio plotted by change from baseline to week 68 in body weight



Lean body mass (kg) to total body fat mass (kg) ratio in the semaglutide group

	Mean [95% CI]
Baseline (n=83)	1.34 [1.22, 1.47]
Week 68 (n=83)	1.57 [1.44, 1.71]
Change from baseline to week 68	
Overall treatment group (n=83)	0.23 [0.14, 0.32]
Pts with weight loss $\geq 15\%$ (n=44)	0.41 [0.28, 0.53]
Pts with weight loss $< 15\%$ or not known (n=39)	0.03 [-0.05, 0.12]

GLP-1-based compounds in development for weight management



★ GIP antag. mabt&GLP-1 agonist

▲ GLP-1/glucagon dual agon.

★ GLP-1R agonist

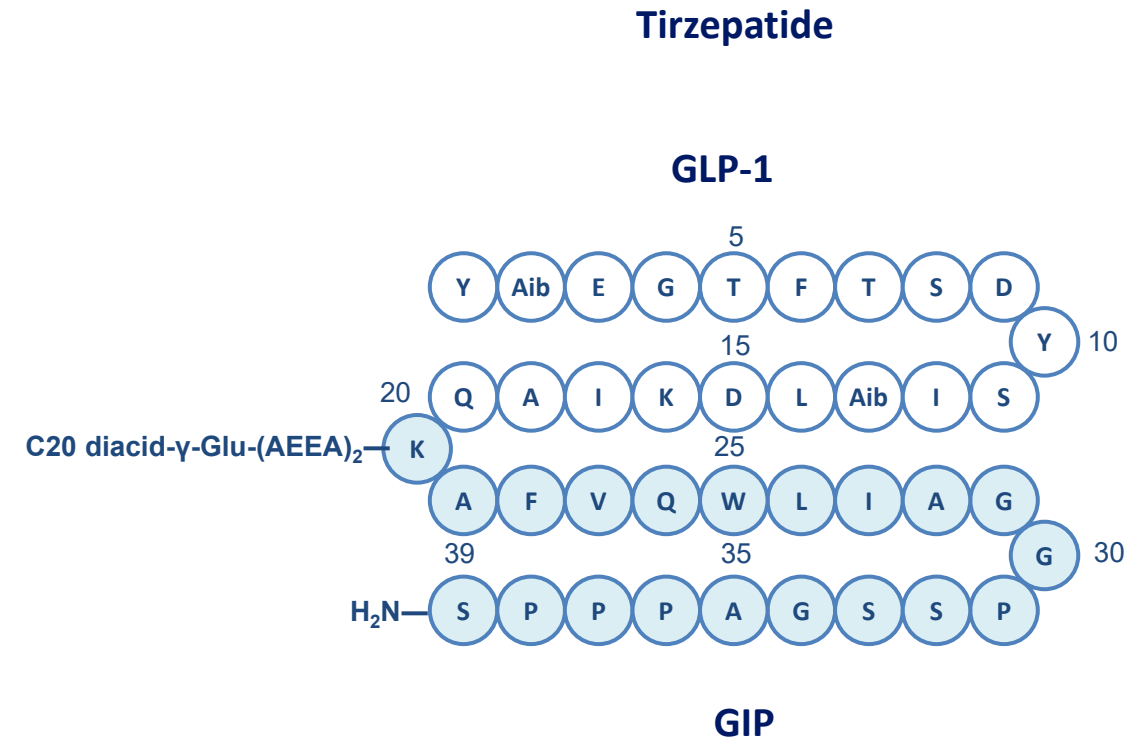
■ GIP/GLP-1 dual agonist

★ Anti-GLP1 R mab fused to GLP-1

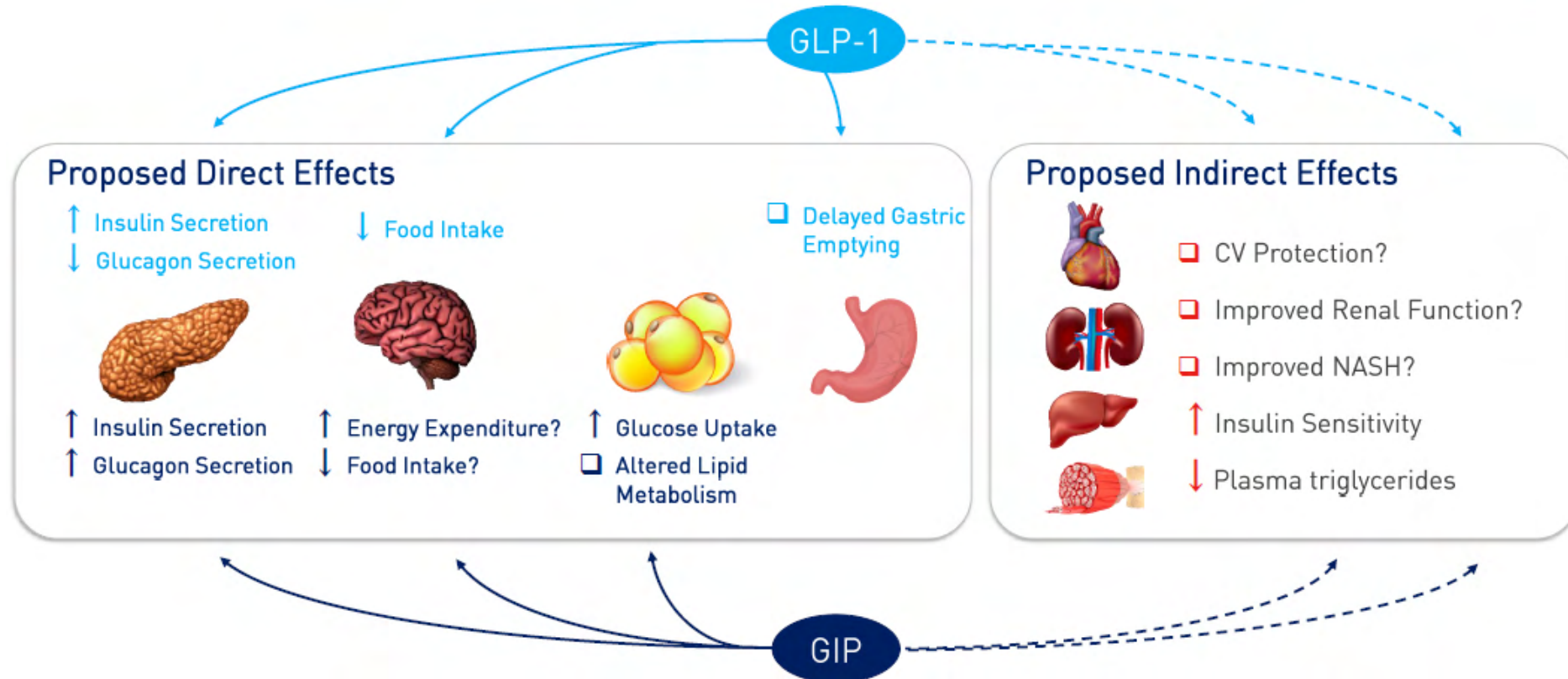
★ GLP-1 – amylin analogue combination

Tirzepatide

- Tirzepatide once-weekly (LY3298176) is a novel dual GIP and GLP-1 receptor agonist^{1,2}
 - It has greater affinity for the GIP receptor than for the GLP-1 receptor²
- Tirzepatide is currently in phase 3 development for the treatment of:³
 - T2D (SURPASS)
 - Obesity (SURMOUNT)
 - HFpEF (SUMMIT HFpEF)
- It is also in phase 2 development for the treatment of NASH (SYNERGY-NASH)⁴



Proposed mode of action of GLP-1/GIP dual agonists



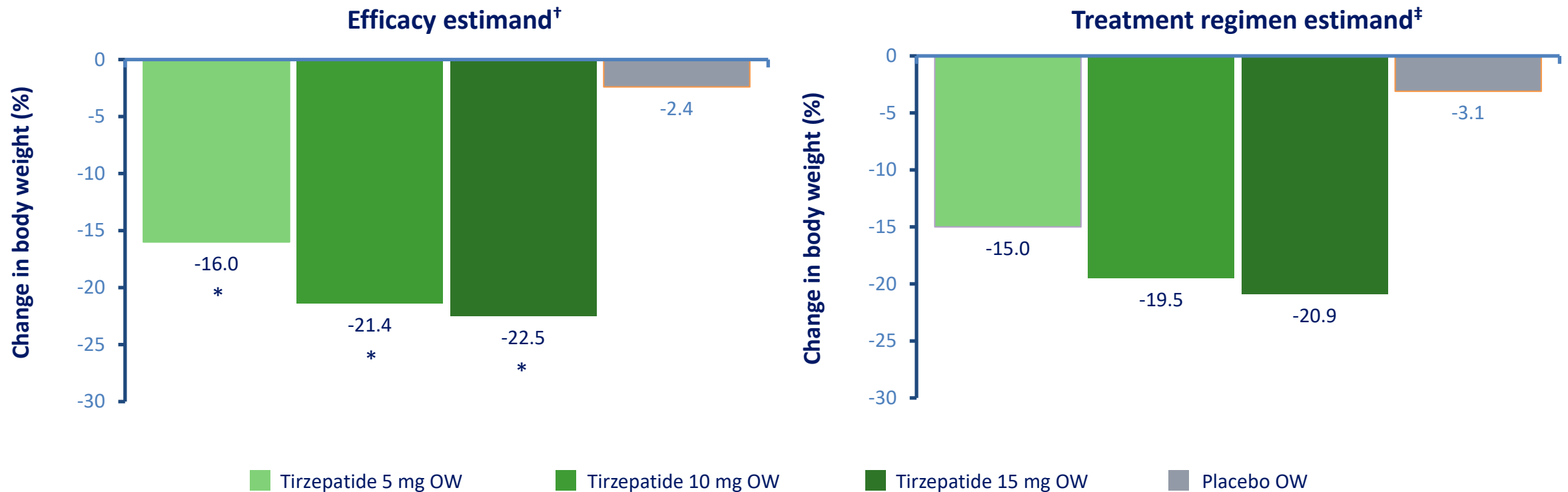
SURMOUNT-1

Efficacy and safety of tirzepatide once weekly in participants without type 2 diabetes who have obesity or are overweight with weight-related comorbidities: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (SURMOUNT-1)

Percent change in body weight from baseline to week 72 (co-primary endpoint)

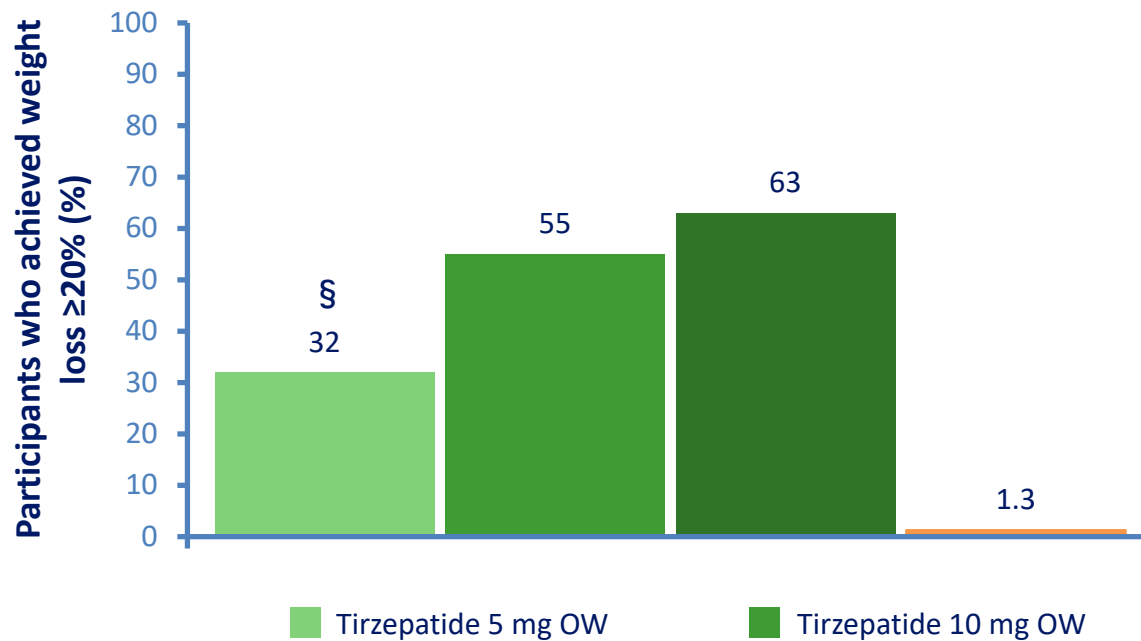
SURMOUNT 1 (vs placebo)

Baseline body weight: 105 kg

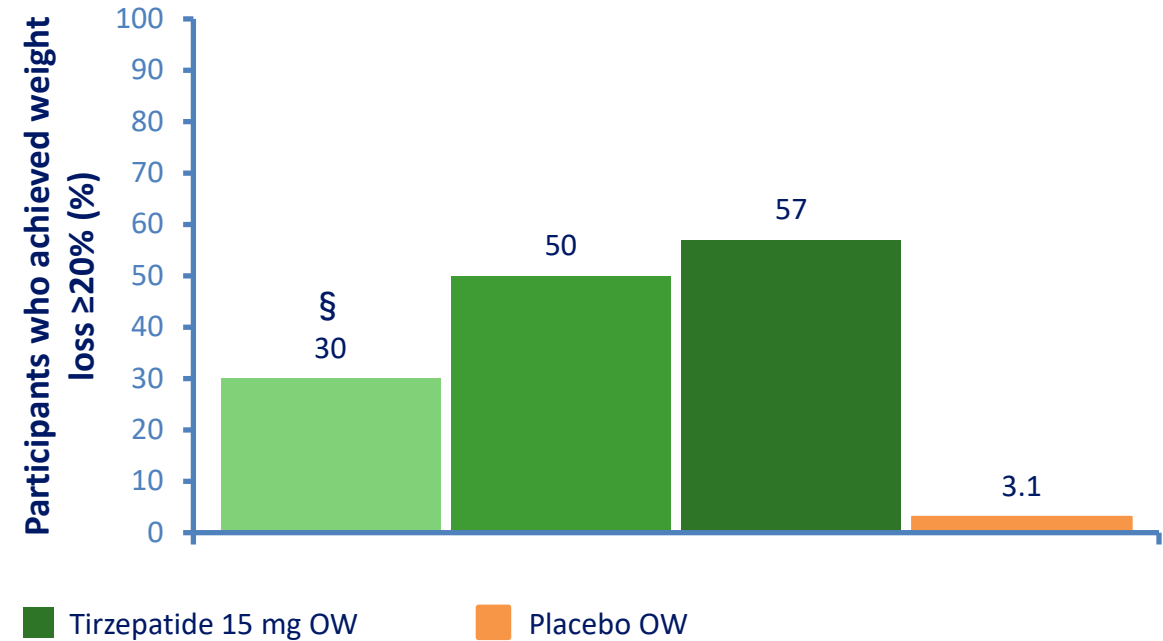


Percentage of participants who achieved weight loss $\geq 20\%$ at week 72

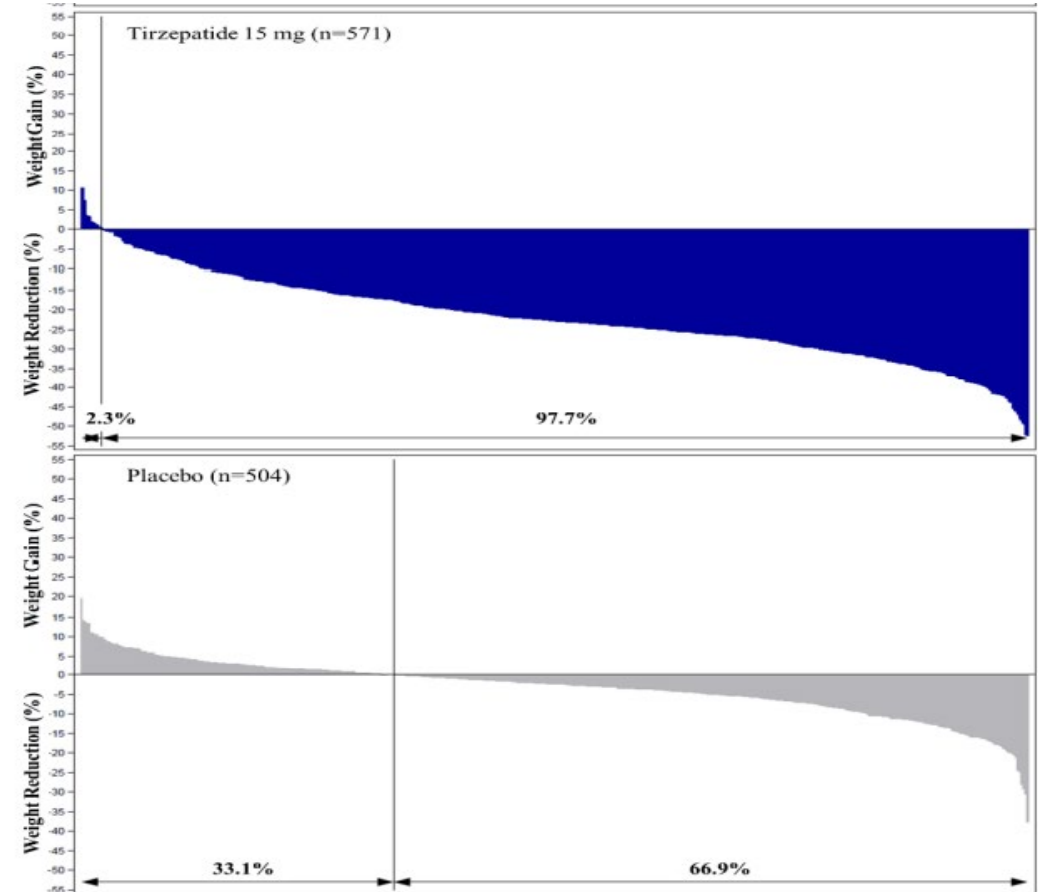
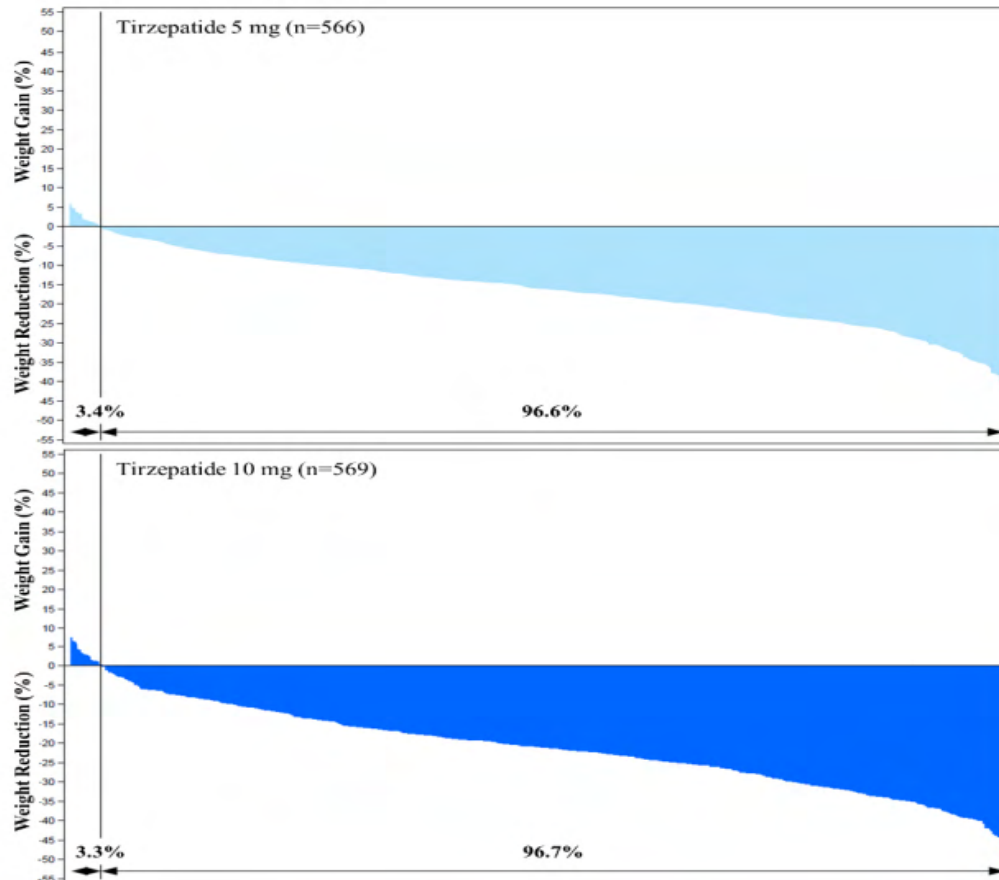
Efficacy estimand[†]



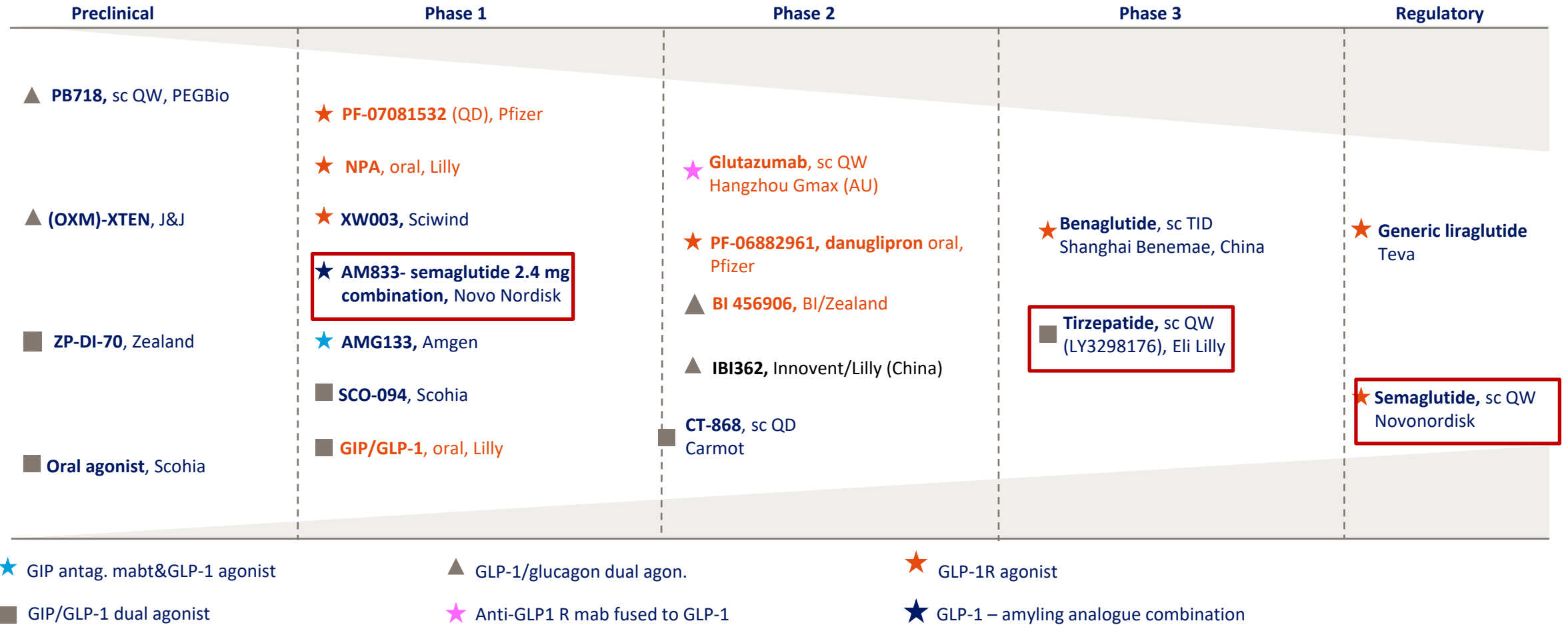
Treatment regimen estimand[‡]



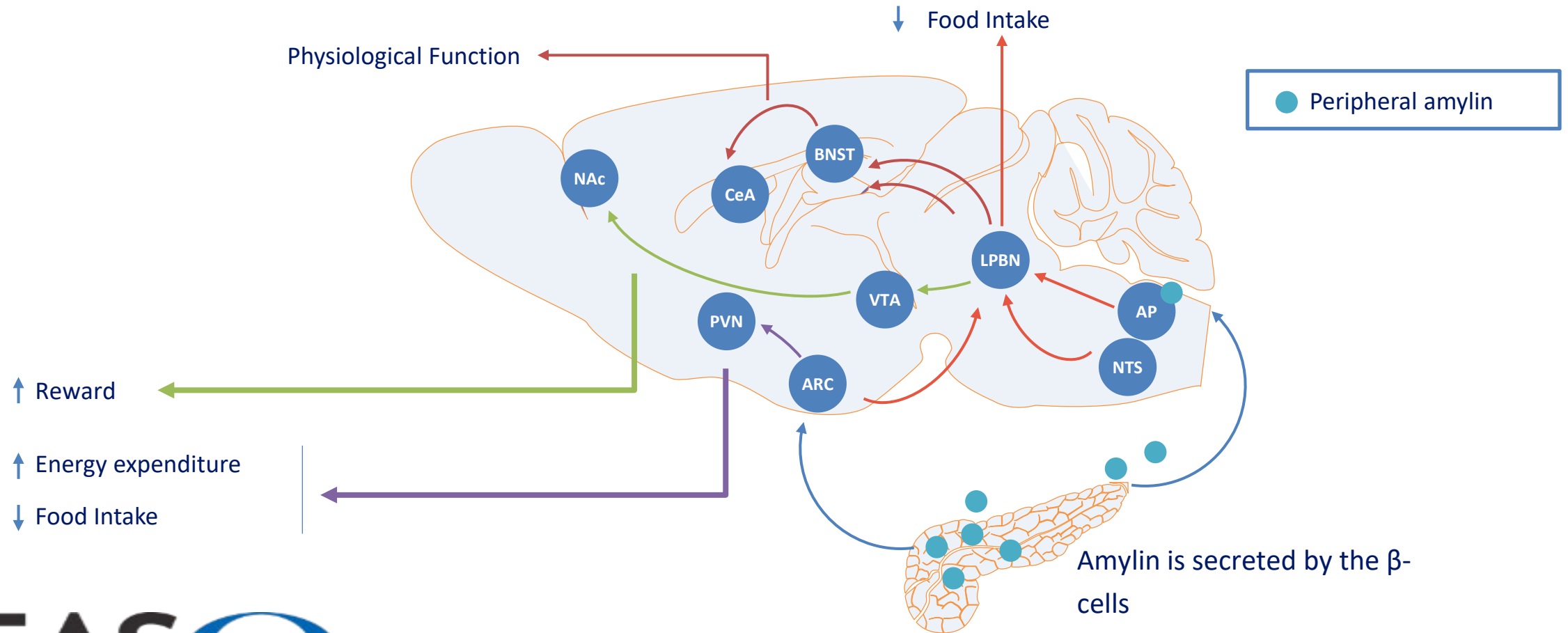
Waterfall plots of individual responses to tirzepatide



GLP-1-based compounds in development for weight management



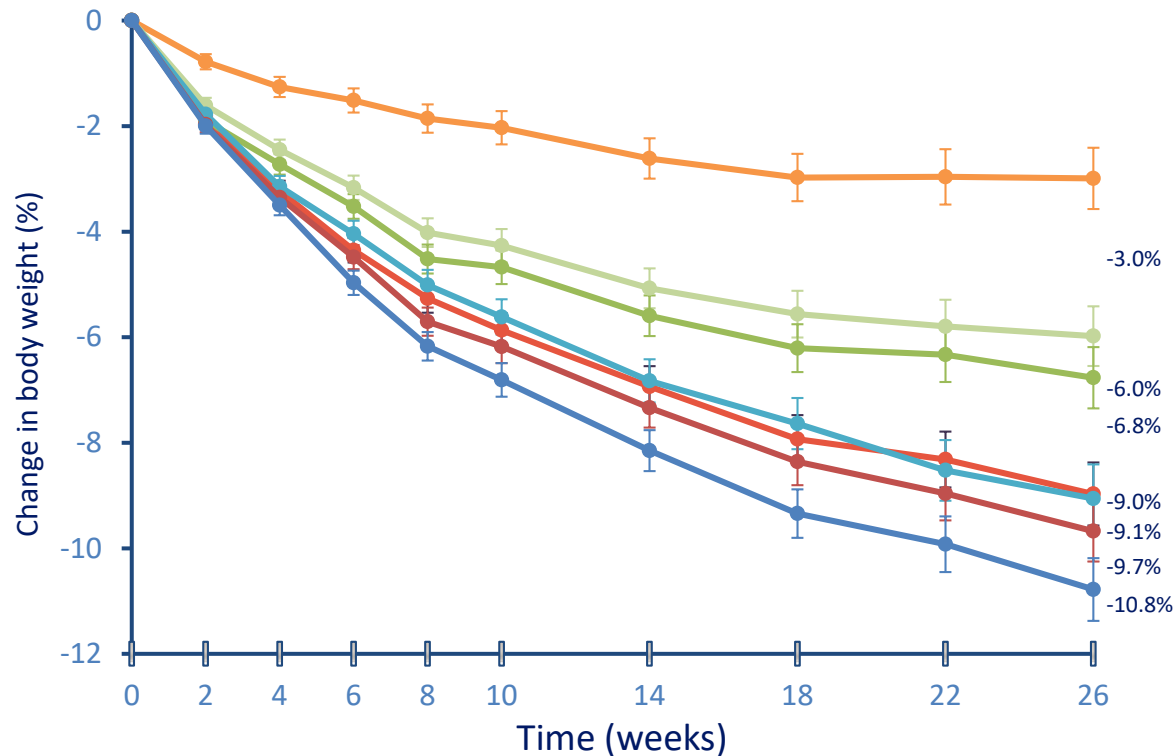
Proposed primary and secondary brain activation pathways by amylin



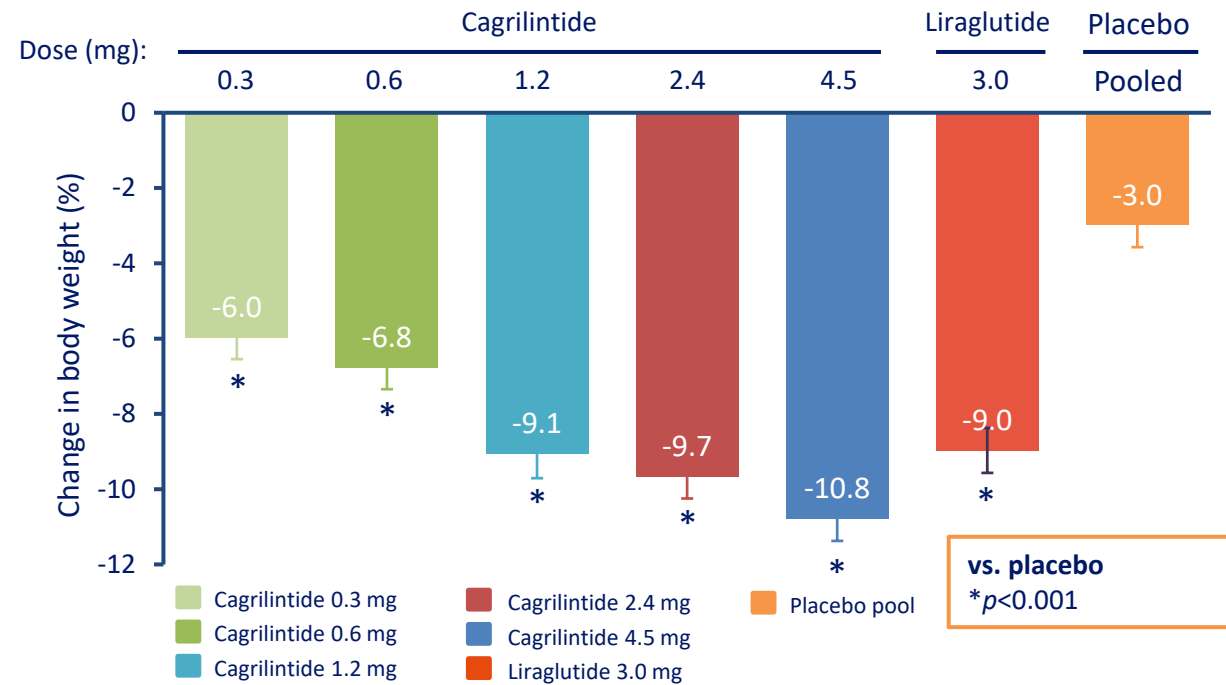
Cagrilintide – Phase 2 trial

Change in body weight (%) Primary estimand

Observed change in body weight
by treatment week



Estimated mean change in body weight from baseline to week 26



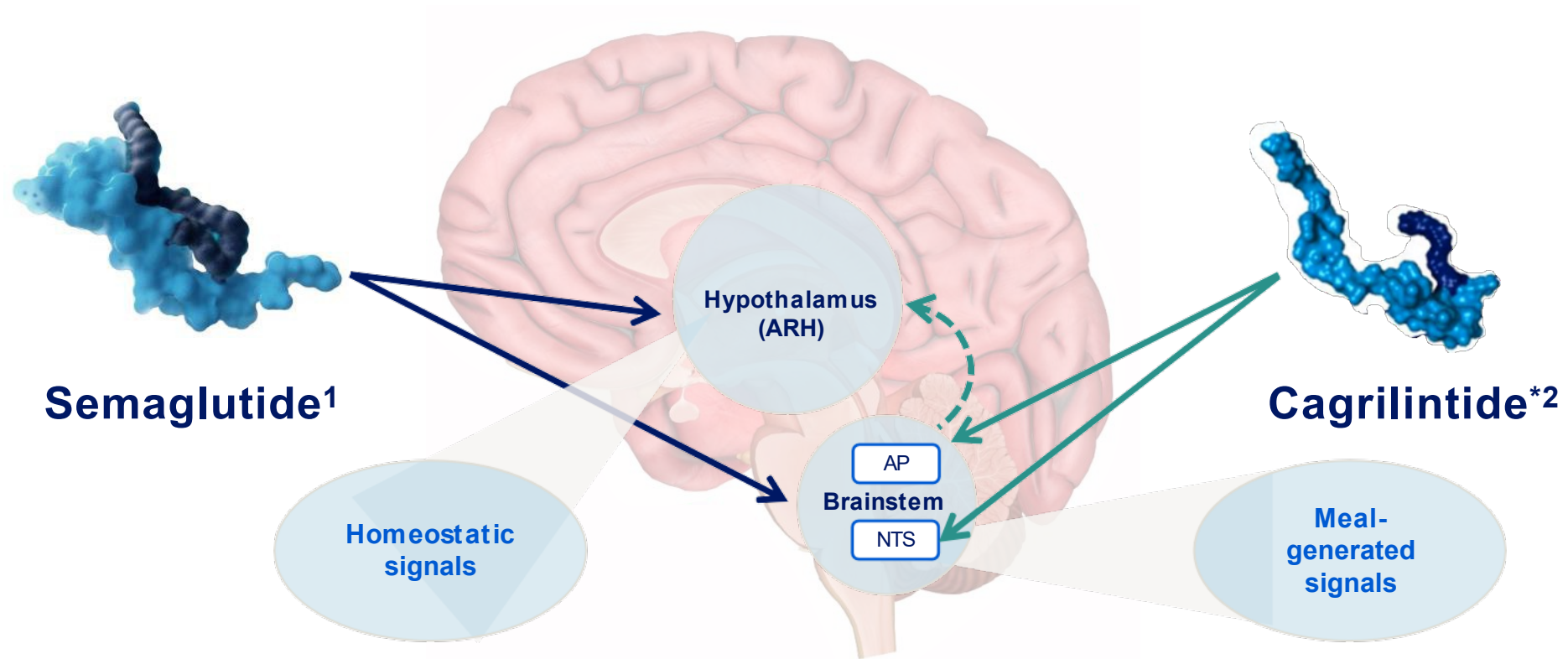
LASO
European Association
for the Study of Obesity

Bodyweight decreased progressively in all active treatment groups and did not appear to plateau by week 26

*Estimated change in bodyweight using ANCOVA with imputation of missing data and data during treatment non-adherence ; Mean (SE) observed change from baseline in bodyweight (%); Error bars indicate SEs. ETD=estimated treatment difference

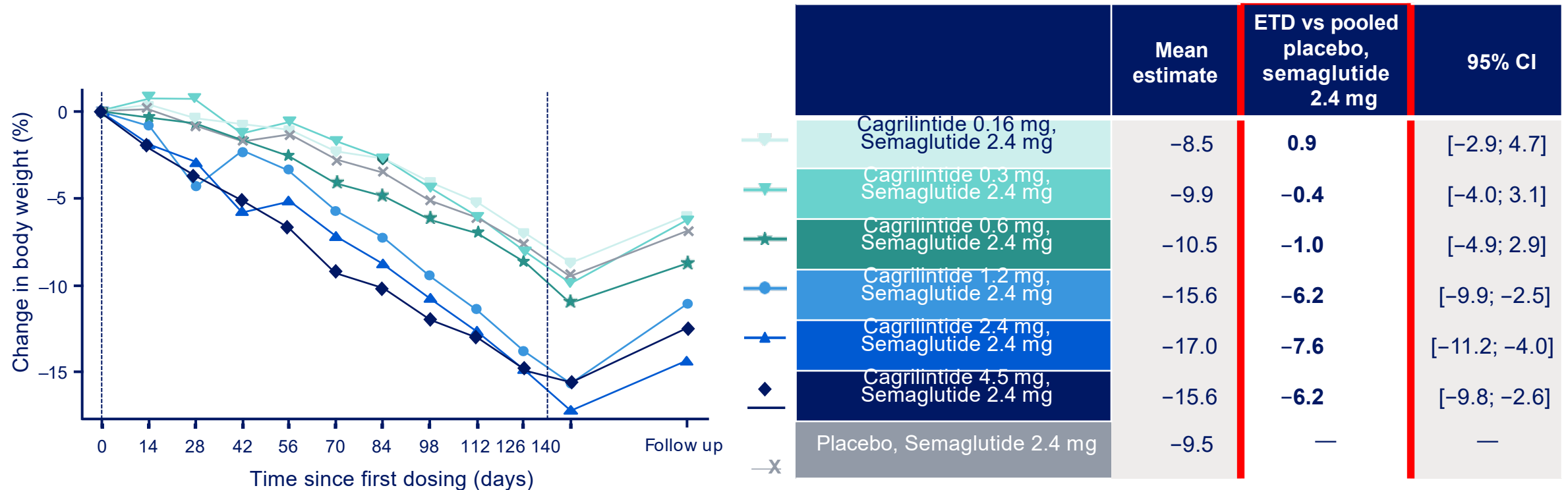
Lau, et al. Lancet. 2021 Nov 16 ; doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01751-7

The potential of cagrilintide and semaglutide combination therapy for weight management



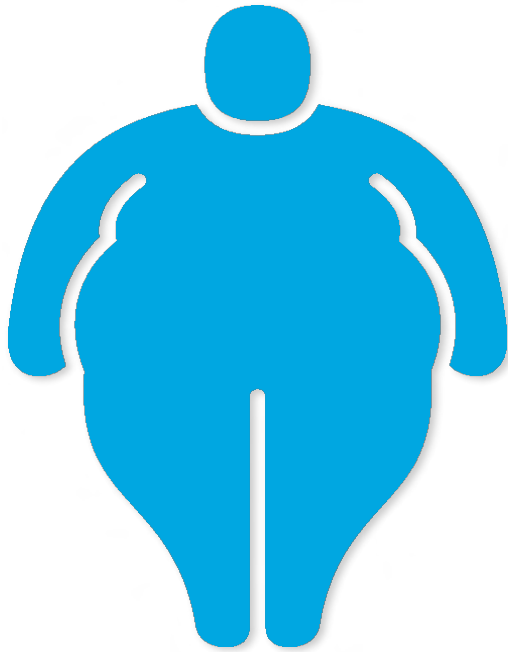
Change in body weight (%)

EXPLORATORY ENDPOINT – COHORTS 1–6, BASELINE TO WEEK 20



Severe Obesity due to MC4R Pathway Deficiencies

This ultra-rare disease is a genetic disorder, linked to the presence of variants in the POMC, LEPR or PCSK1 genes, leading to an alteration in the function of the MC4R pathway



BMI > 40 Kg/ M²

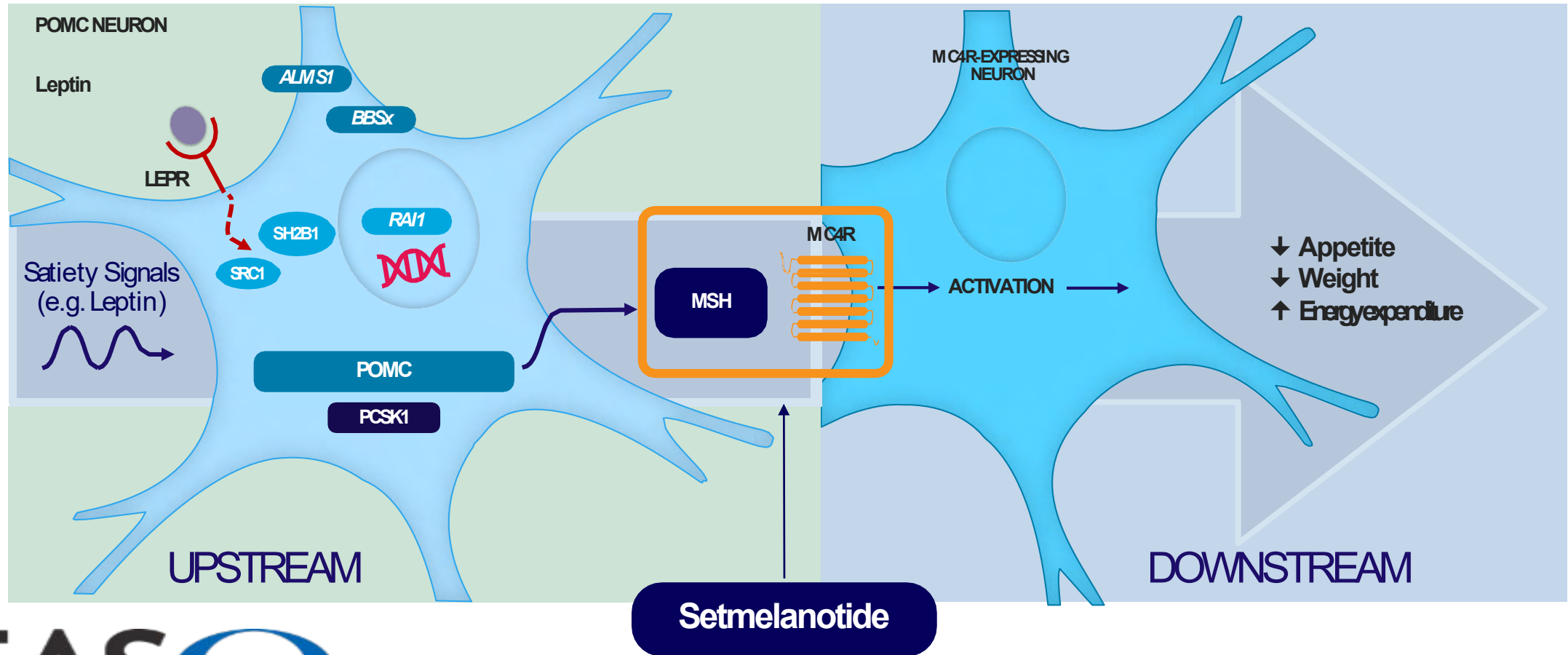
Early-onset, severe obesity

Hyperphagia: a pathological hunger associated with persistent and potentially extreme food- seeking behavior

Resistant or refractory to therapies and interventions for general obese

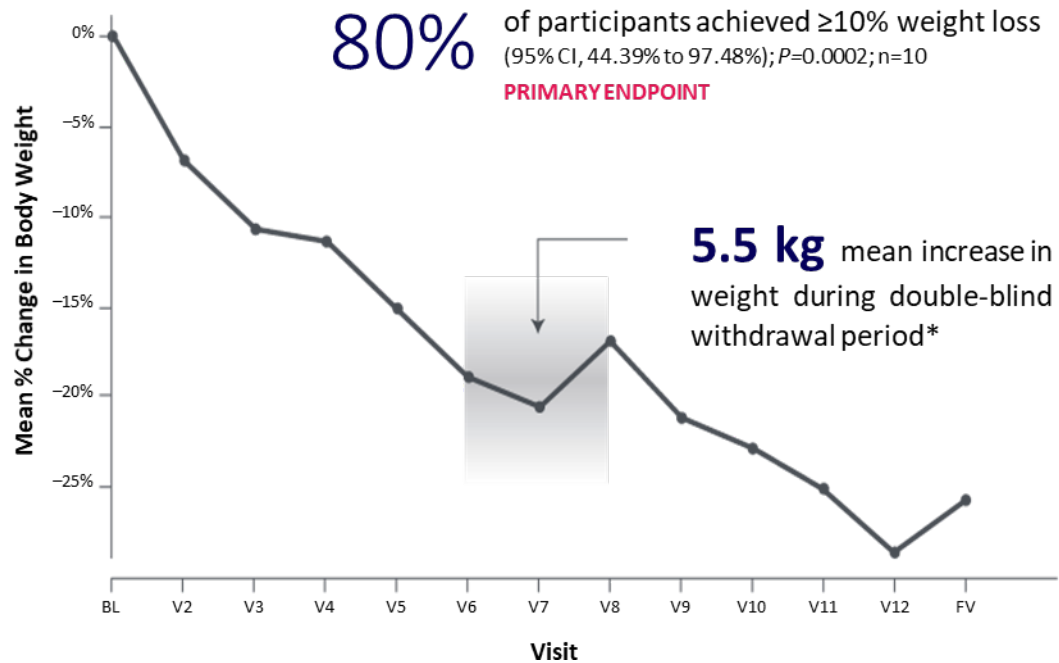
Multiple complications and co-morbidities associated with obesity

melanocortin 4 (MC4) receptor agonist



Largest Studies Conducted in Obesity due to POMC, PCSK1 or LEPR Deficiency Showed Statistically Significant Weight Loss of At Least 10%

POMC/PCSK1

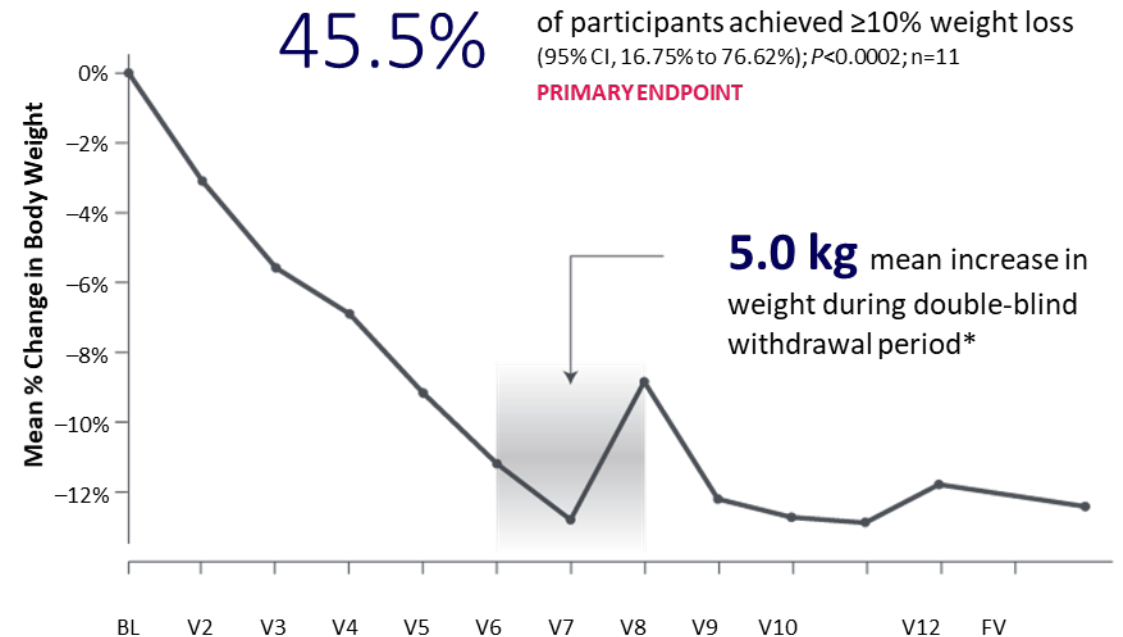


BL, baseline; PCSK1, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 1; POMC, proopiomelanocortin; FV, final visit; V, visit. The withdrawal period lasted 8 weeks, which included 4 weeks of setmelanotide followed by 4 weeks of placebo.

* $N=9$ participants who achieved weight loss threshold (5 kg or 5% if <100 kg) after the first open-label active treatment phase.

Reference: IMCIVREE Prescribing Information

LEPR

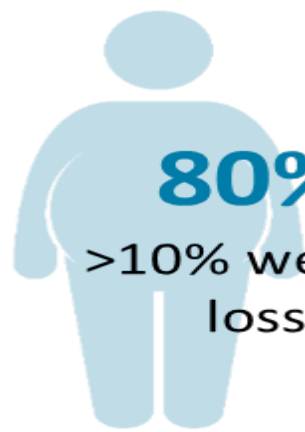


BL, baseline; FV, final visit; LEPR, leptin receptor; V, visit.

The withdrawal period lasted 8 weeks, which included 4 weeks of setmelanotide followed by 4 weeks of placebo;

* $N=7$ participants who achieved weight loss threshold (5 kg or 5% if <100 kg) after the first open-label active treatment phase. Reference: IMCIVREE Prescribing Information.

Setmelanotide Demonstrated Statistically Significant, Clinically Meaningful Reductions in Weight and Hunger



POMC Phase 3 Topline Data* (n=10)

80%
>10% weight
loss

-25.4%
mean weight
reduction

-27.8%
mean hunger
score reduction

**31.9kg /
70.2lbs**
mean weight loss
in 1 year



LEPR Phase 3 Topline Data* (n=11)

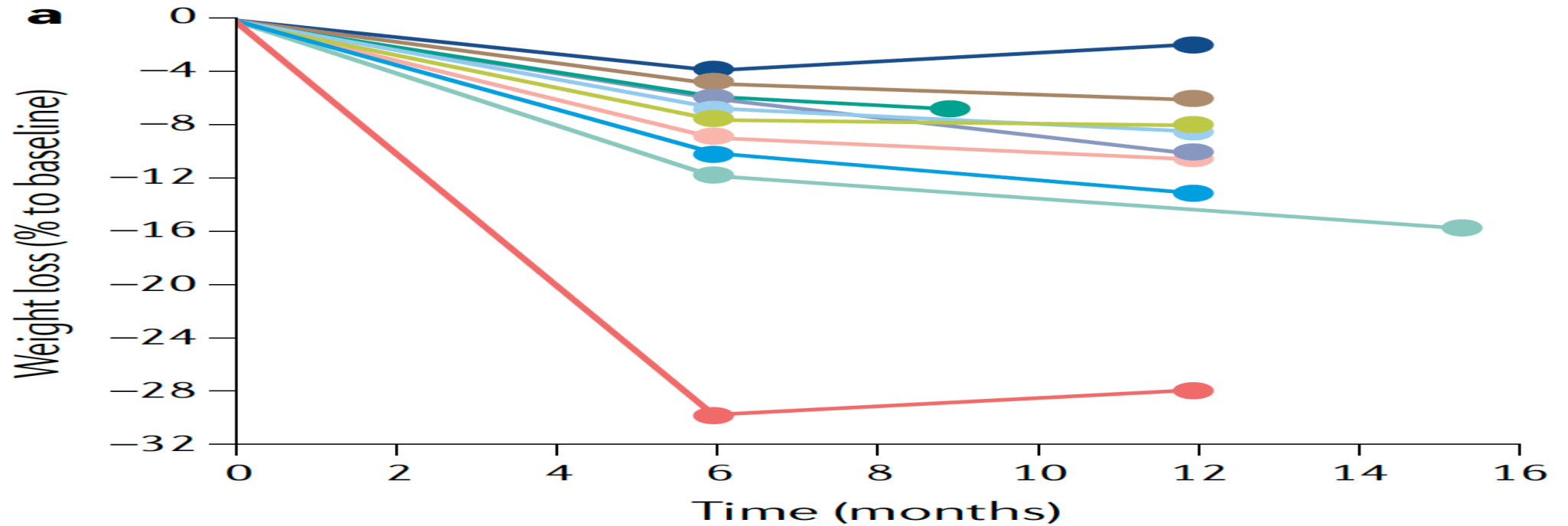
45.5%
>10% weight
loss

-12.5%
mean weight
reduction

-41.9%
mean hunger
score reduction

**16.7kg /
36.8lbs**
mean weight loss
in 1 year

Body weight loss by AOMs in humans and rodents



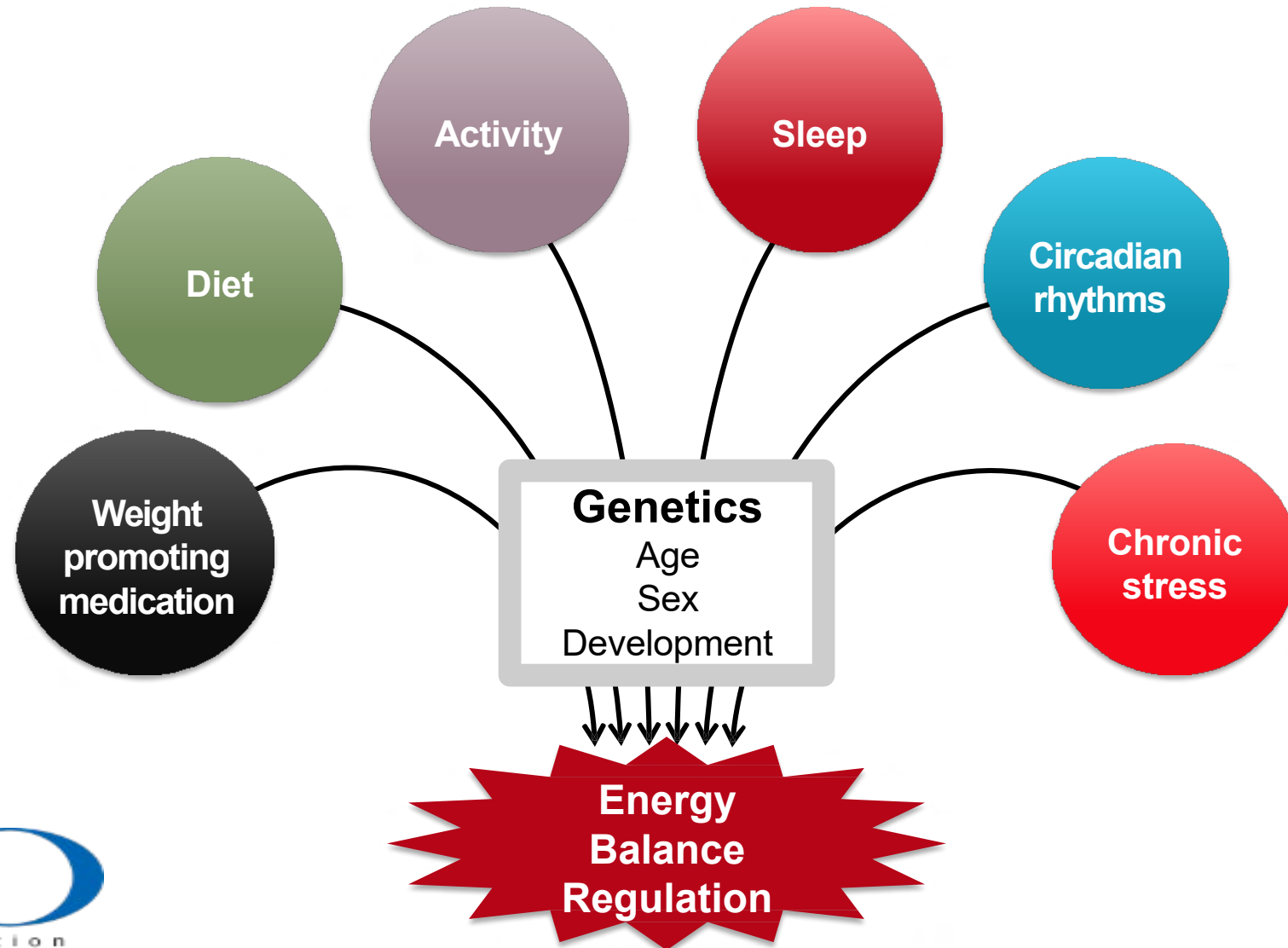


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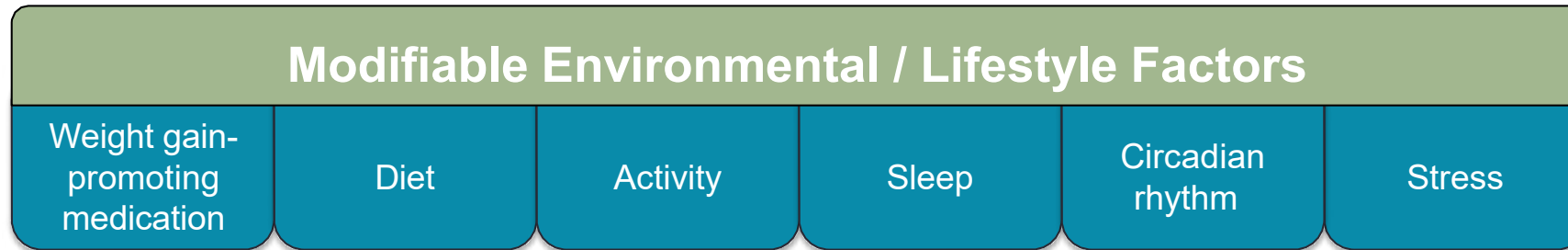
Case study: Sara

- 27 years old, 87 kg, BMI is 35 kg/m²
- Abdominal gunshot wound 5 years ago
- Highly selective vagotomy
- Since then, no satiety and gaining weight
- Her obesity risk factors are:
 - Craving for carbohydrate
 - Severe sleep deprivation
 - Stressful life: anxiety
 - Medication: metoprolol 1.25 mg

The multidisciplinary/multilevel approach



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Modifiable Environmental / Lifestyle Factors					
Weight gain-promoting medication	Diet	Activity	Sleep	Circadian rhythm	Stress
Metoprolol					

The multidisciplinary/multilevel approach

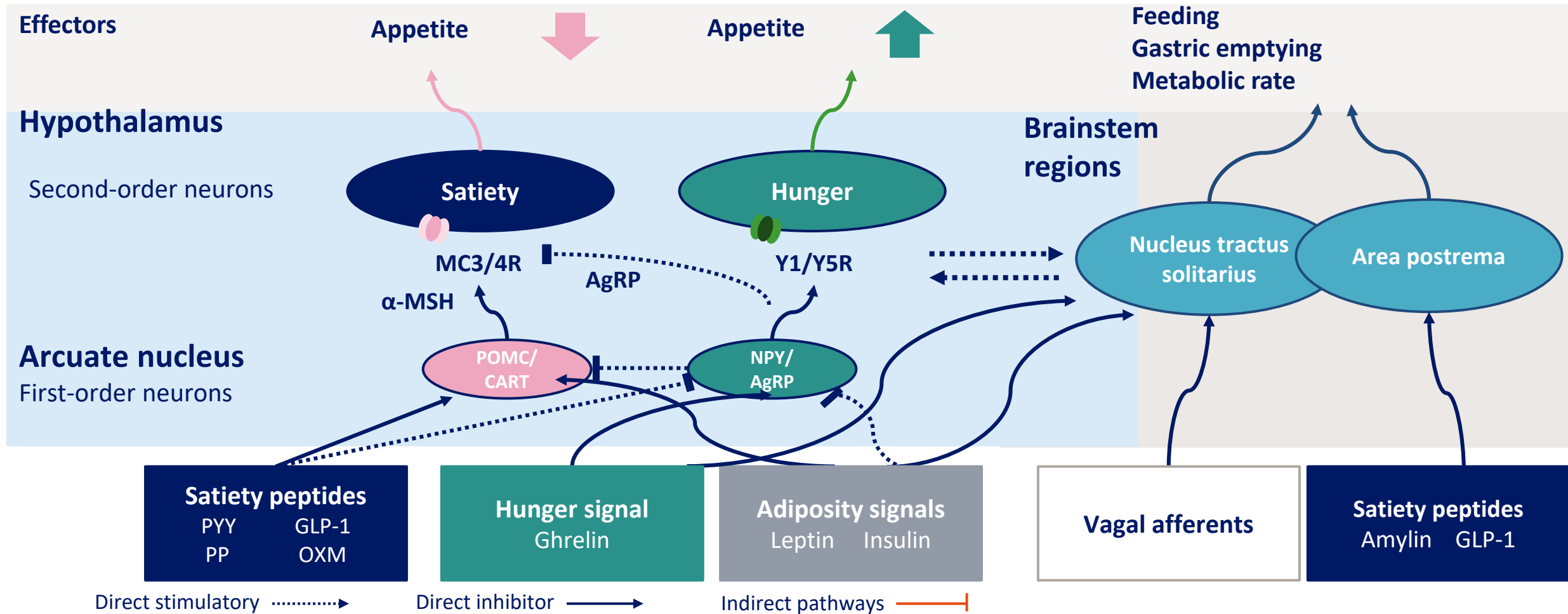
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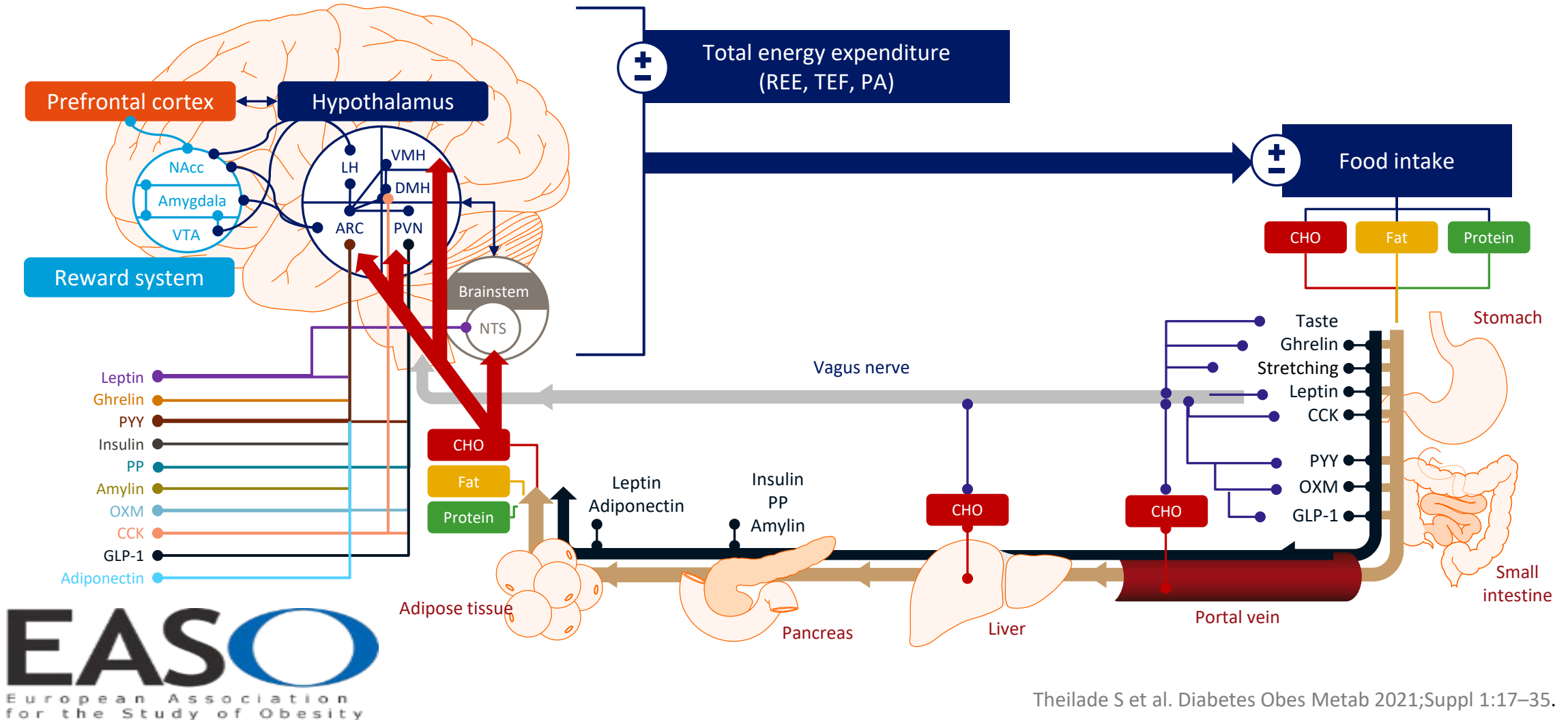
Modifiable Environmental / Lifestyle Factors					
Weight gain-promoting medication	Diet	Activity	Sleep	Circadian rhythm	Stress
Metoprolol	Med/low carb	3 hours/week 10000steps	Biofeedback		Psychological treatment



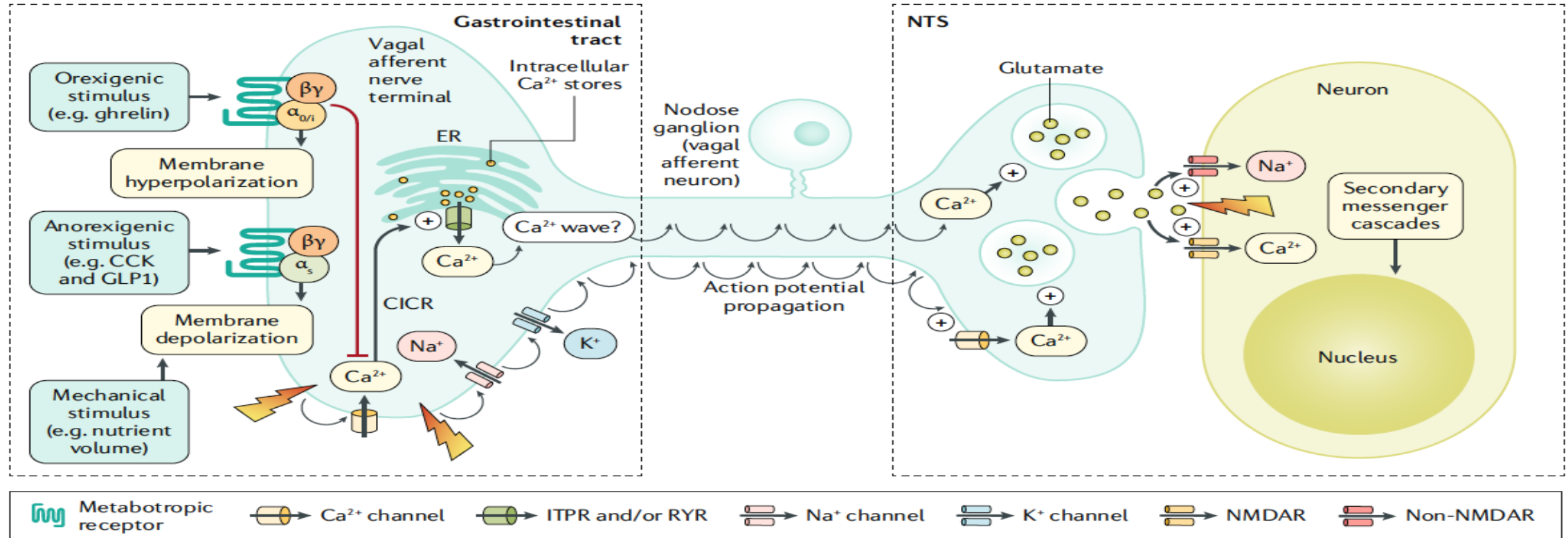
Homeostatic regulation of appetite



The neuro-hormonal actors involved in energy homeostasis



Schematic diagram for the proposed signal transmission pathways for the vagal afferent system

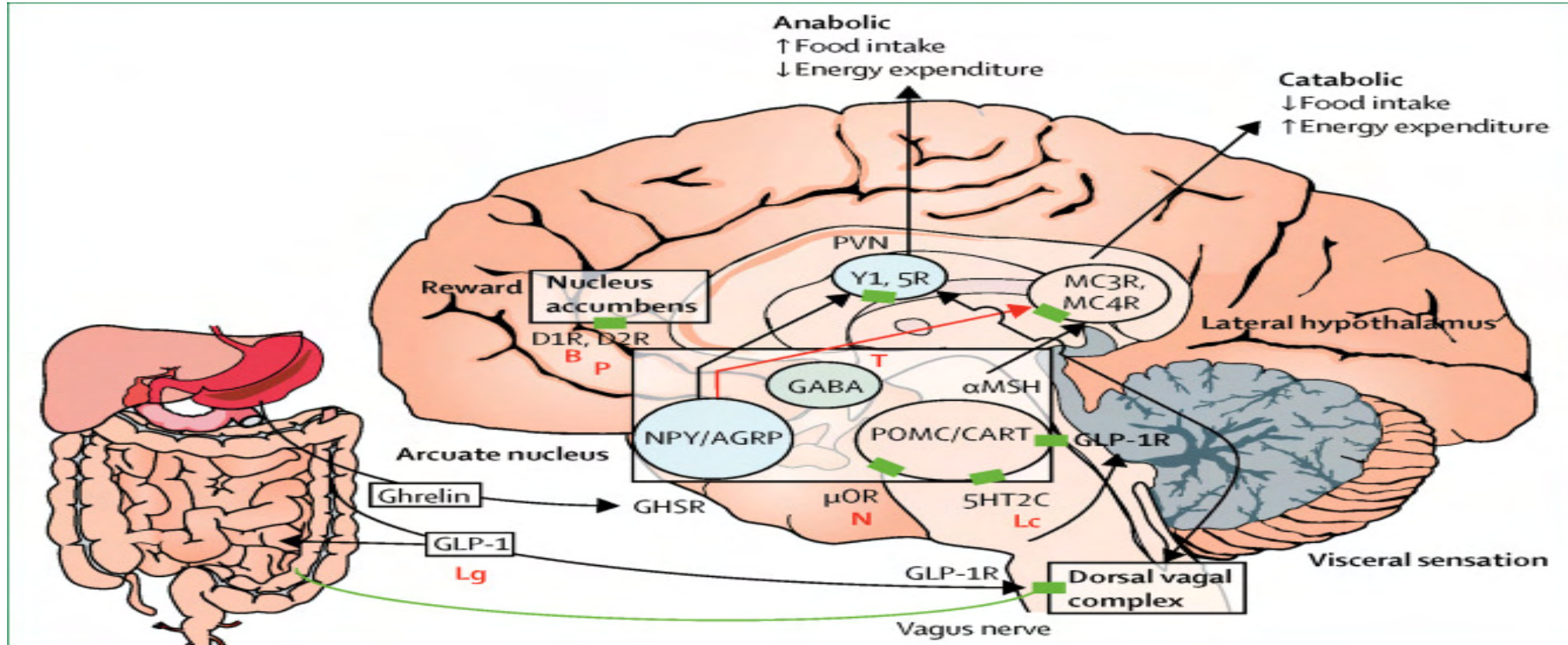


WORKING HYPOTHESIS: Phenotype-guided Interventions

** Validated in randomized clinical trials

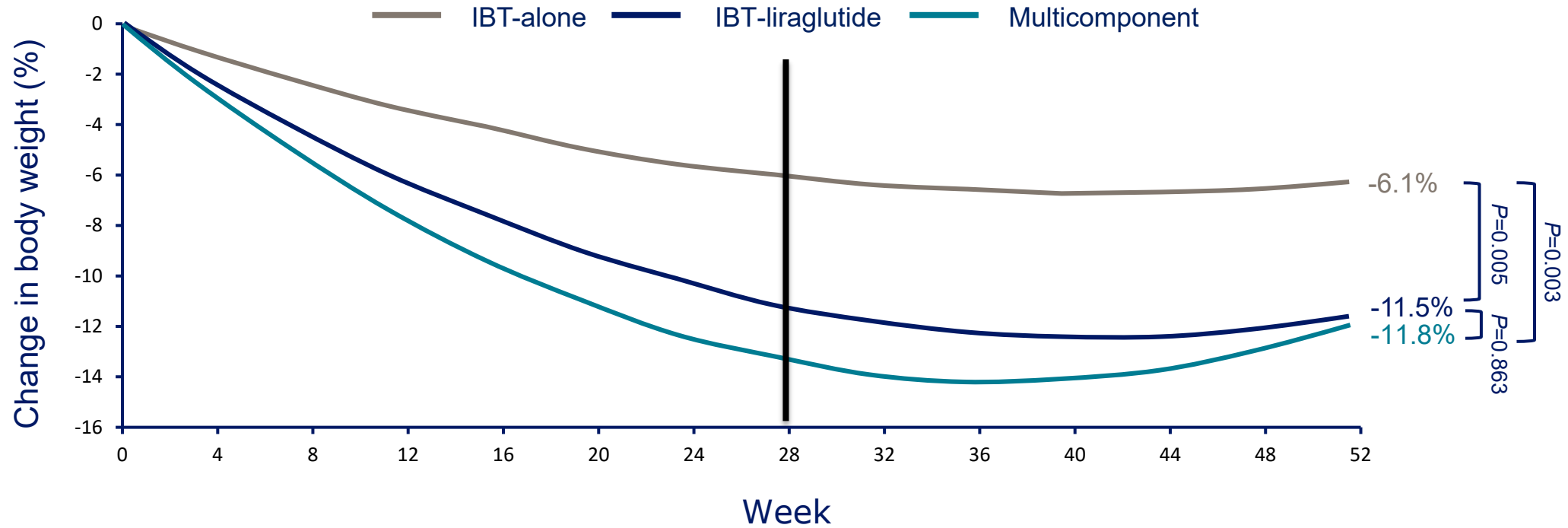
	 <u>Hungry brain</u>	 <u>Hungry gut</u>	 <u>Emotional hunger</u>	 <u>Slow Burn</u>
LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION	• Hungry brain diet	• Hungry gut diet	• Behavioral therapy • Hungry feelings diet	• Intense exercise plan • Slow burn diet
MEDICATION**	• Phentermine-Topiramate ER • Lorcaserin	• Liraglutide	• Bupropion-Naltrexone SR	• Phentermine
DEVICE**	• Vagal nerve block • Endoscopy sleeve gastropasty	• Intra gastric balloons • Intra gastric gels		
SURGERY	• Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy	• Roux-en-Y gastric bypass		

Schematic depiction of the regions of the brain involved in regulation of appetite and energy expenditure





Estimated mean percentage reduction in baseline weight over 52 weeks in the intention to-treat-population

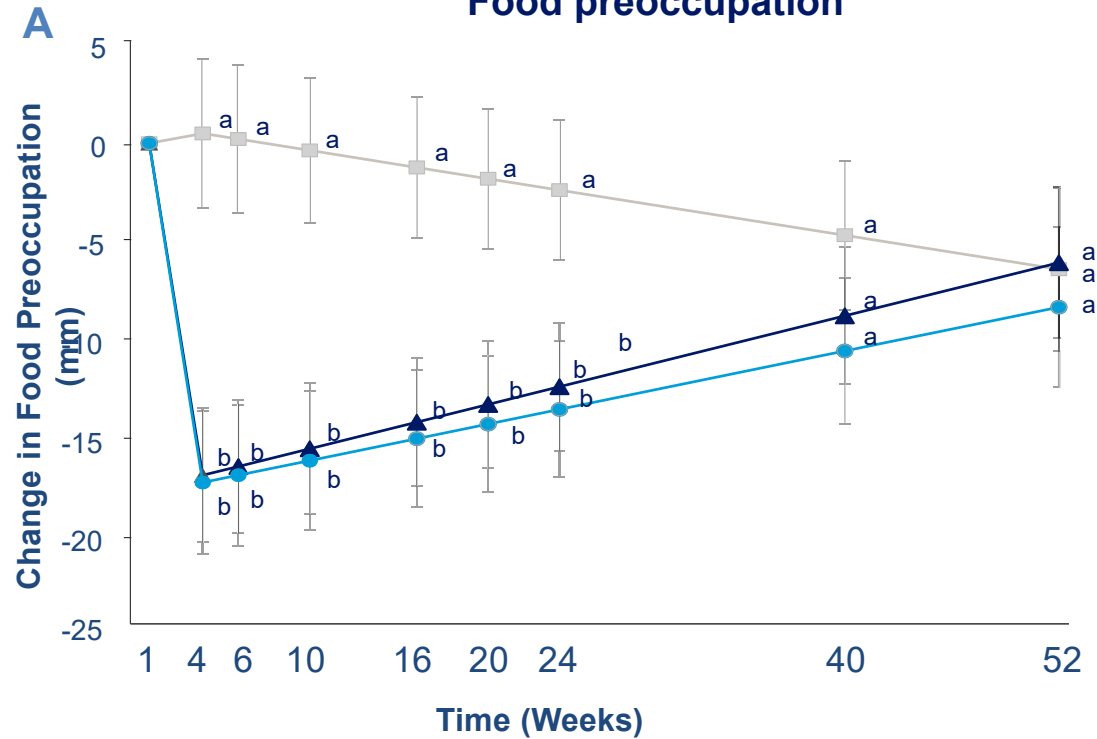


IBT (IBT-alone), providing 21 counselling visits; IBT combined with liraglutide (IBT-liraglutide); or IBT-liraglutide combined for 12 weeks with a 1,000- to 1,200-kcal/d meal-replacement diet (Multicomponent).

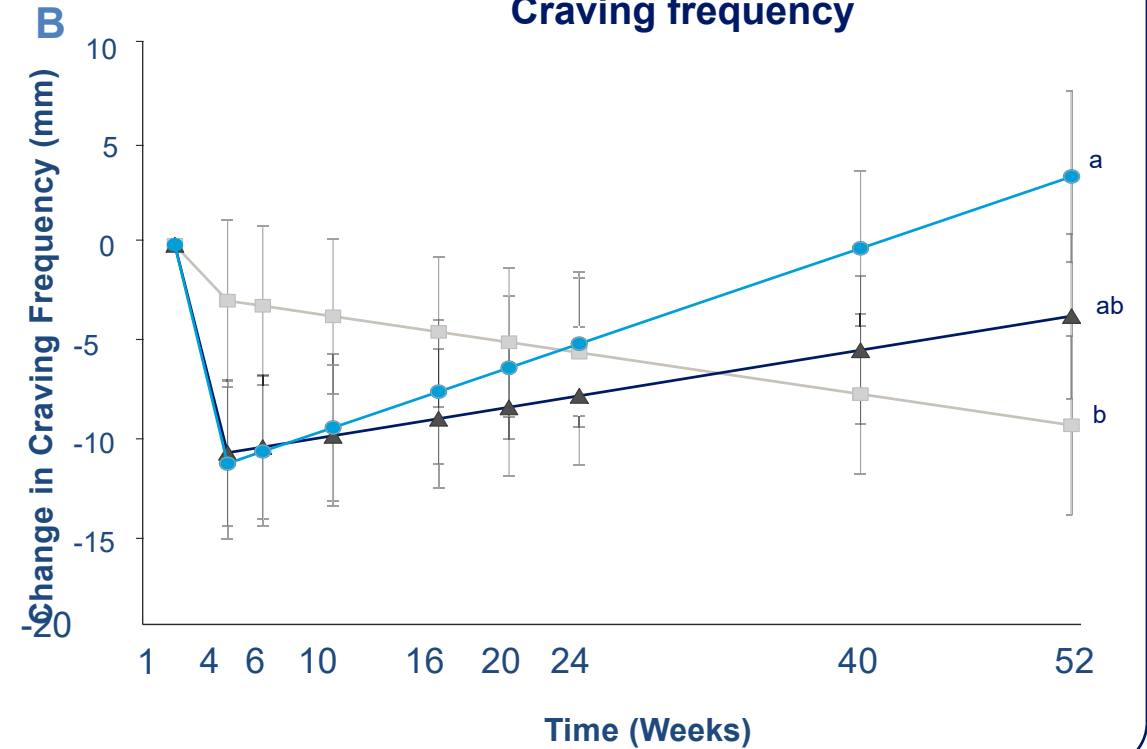
Effects of liraglutide on appetite, food preoccupation, and food liking: results of a randomized controlled trial

— Multi-component — IBT-liraglutide — IBT- alone

A Food preoccupation

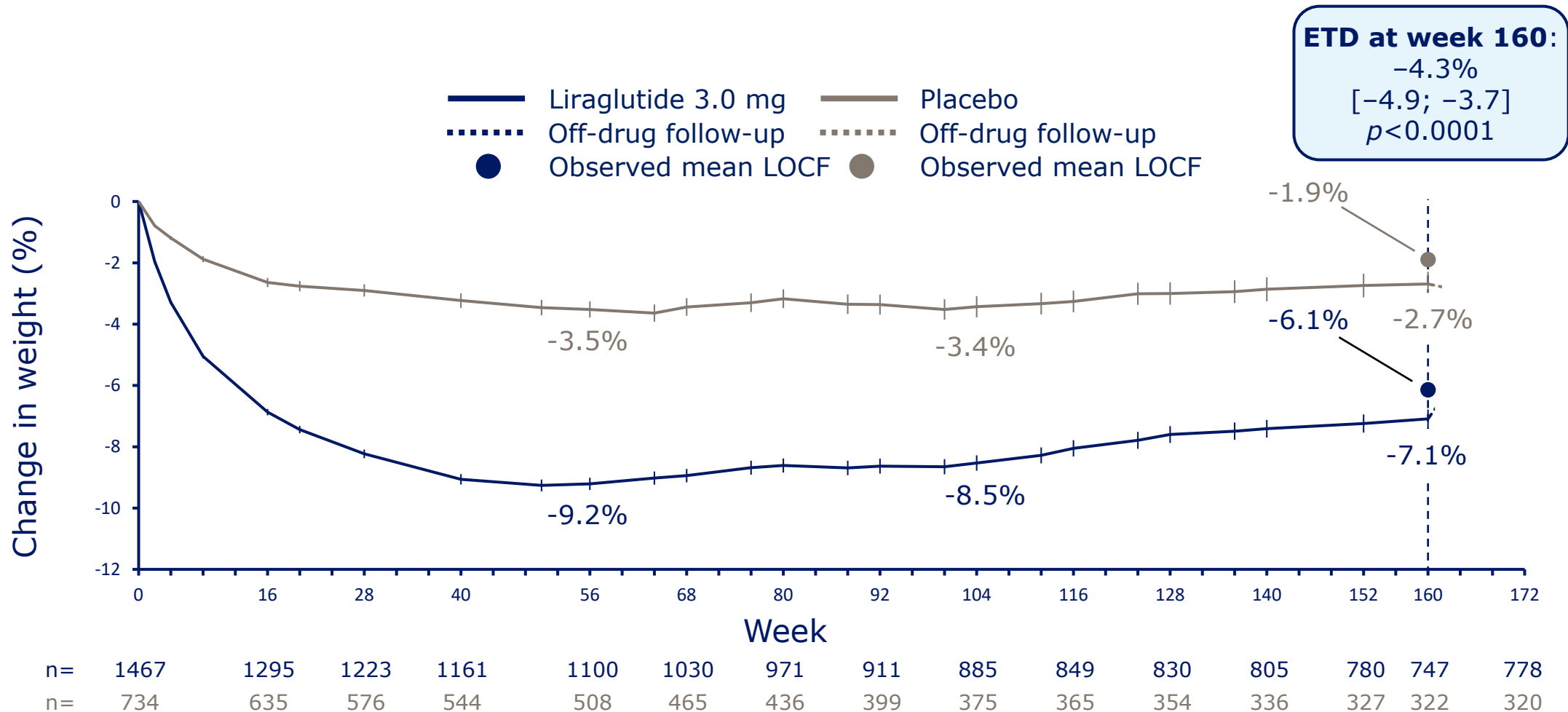


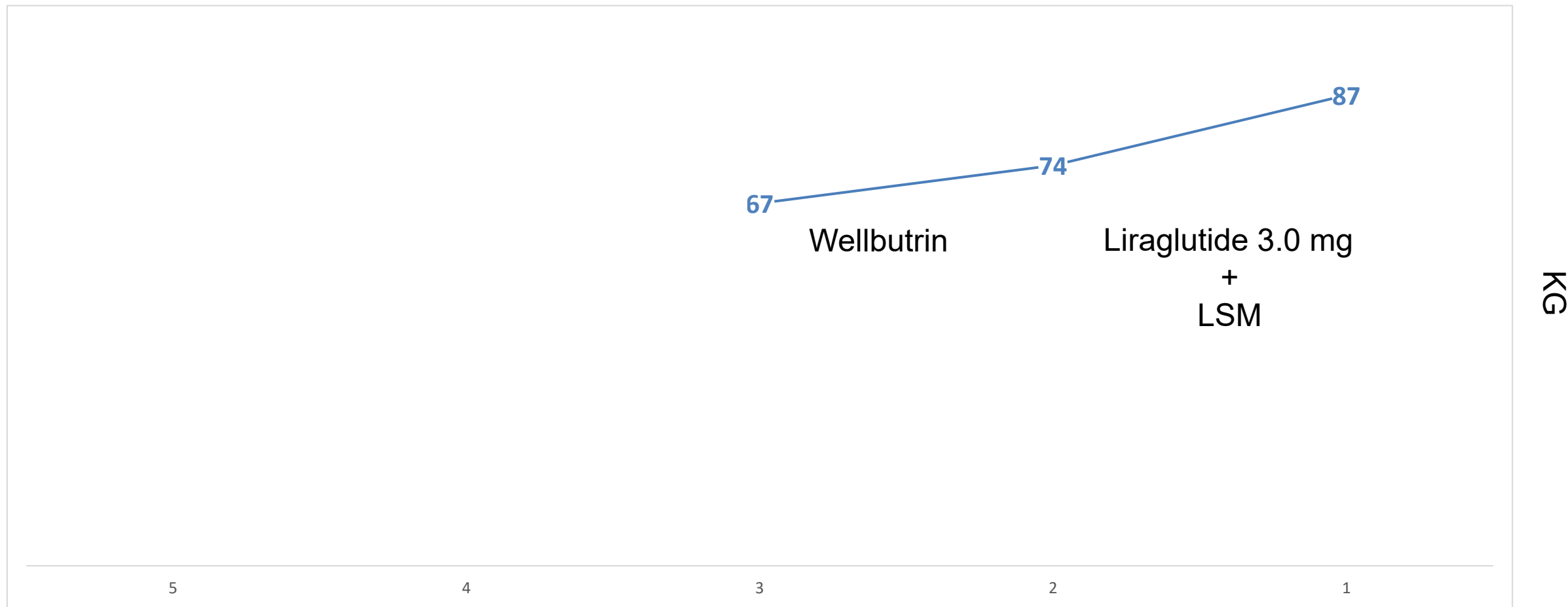
B Craving frequency



Change in body weight (%)

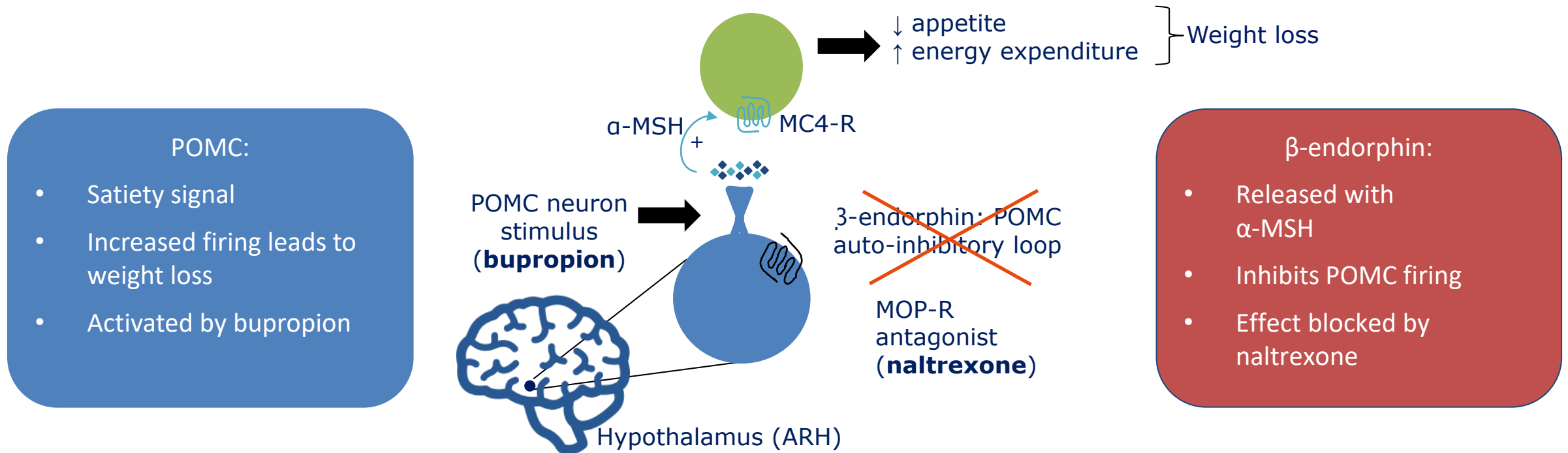
0–172 weeks



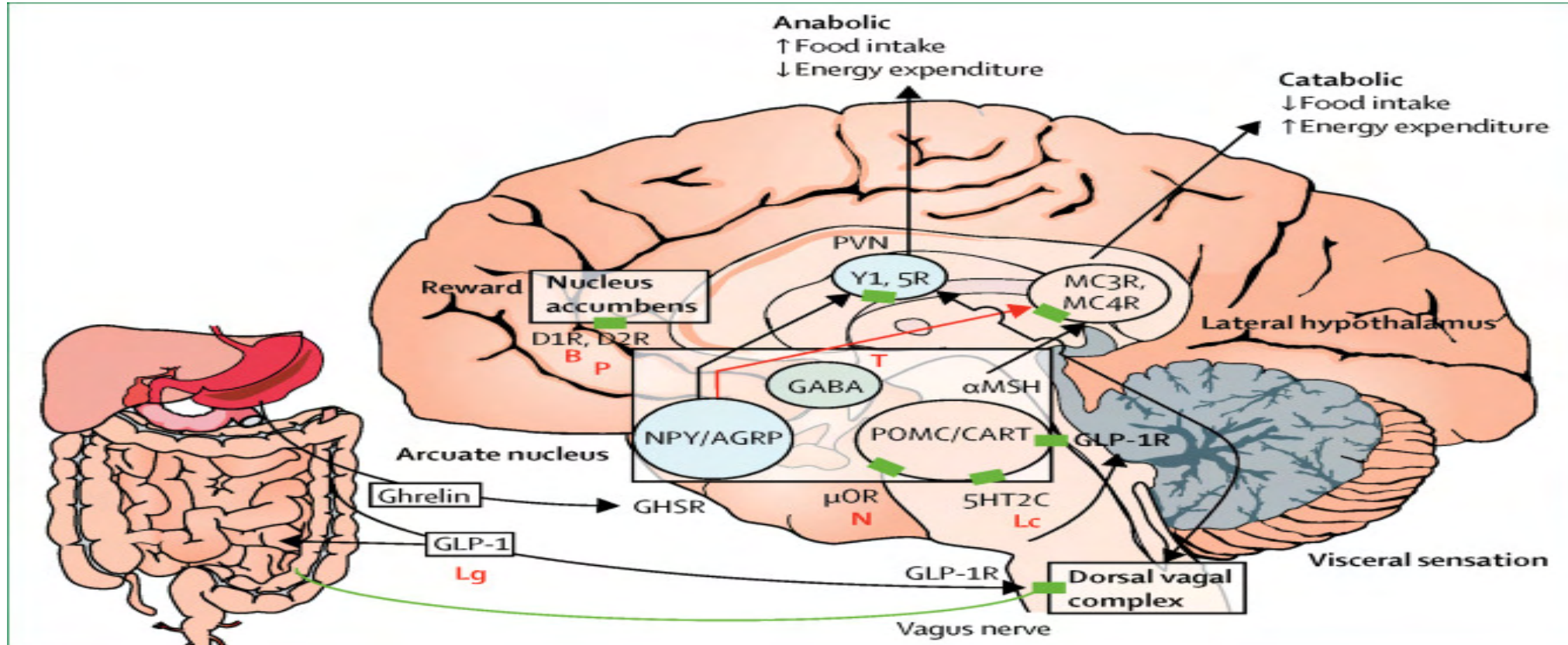


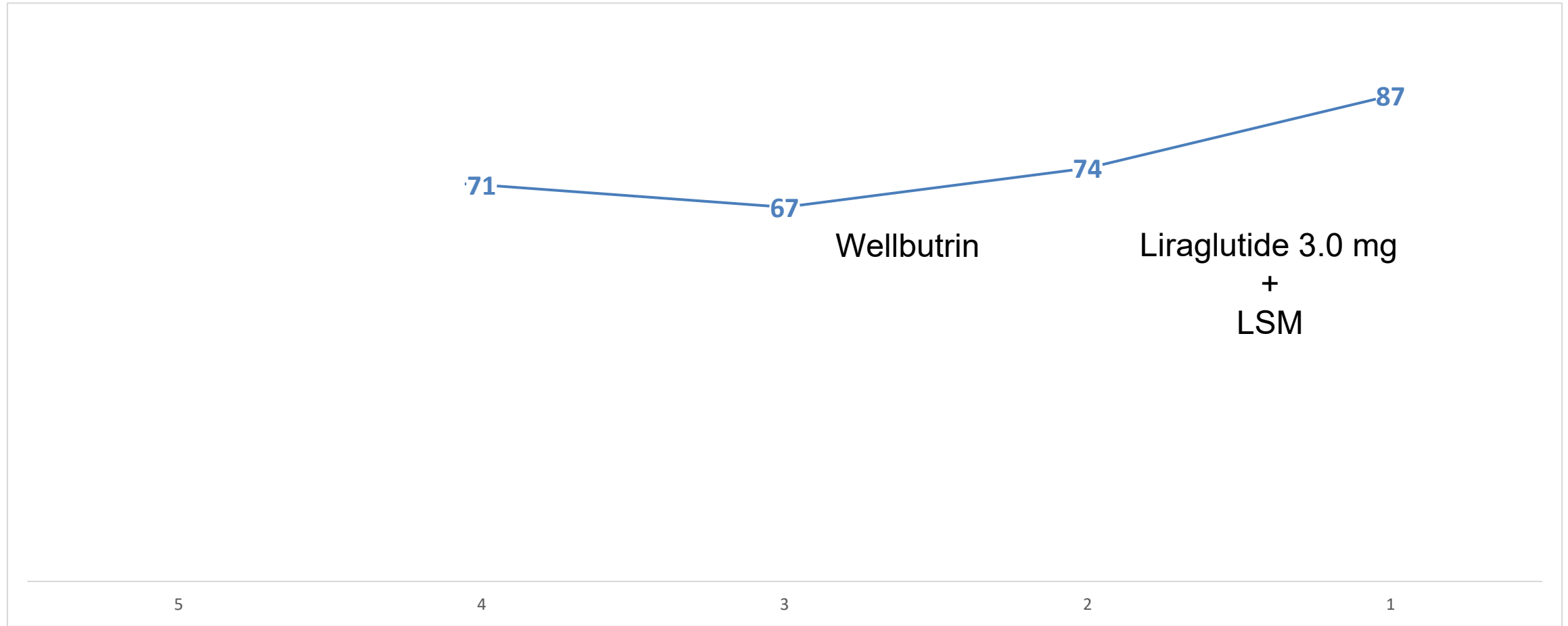
Naltrexone–bupropion: mechanism of action

- The NB combination synergistically impacts on two different pathways associated with increased energy expenditure and reduced energy intake:



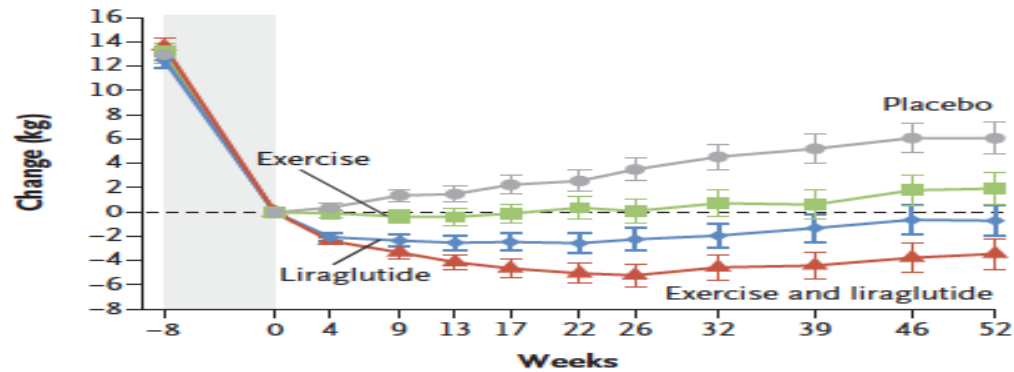
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Multimodality Weight loss Maintenance

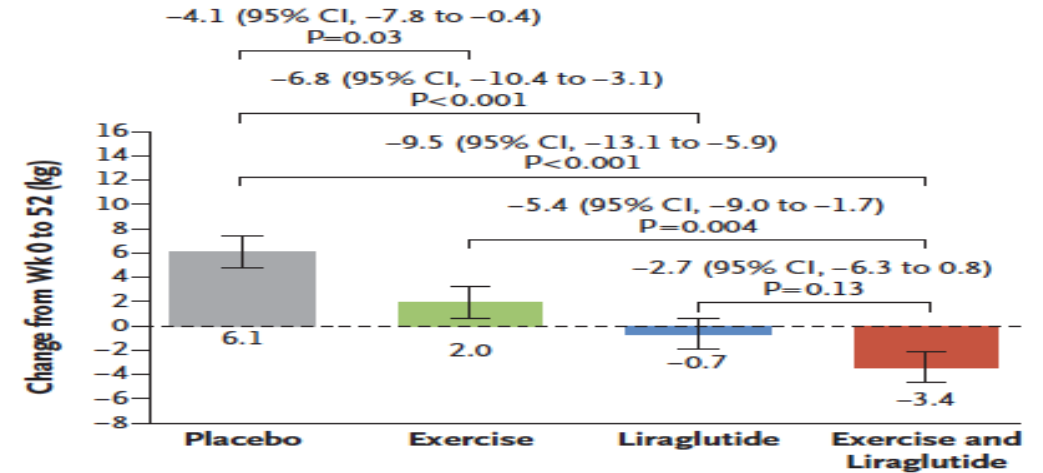
A Change in Body Weight



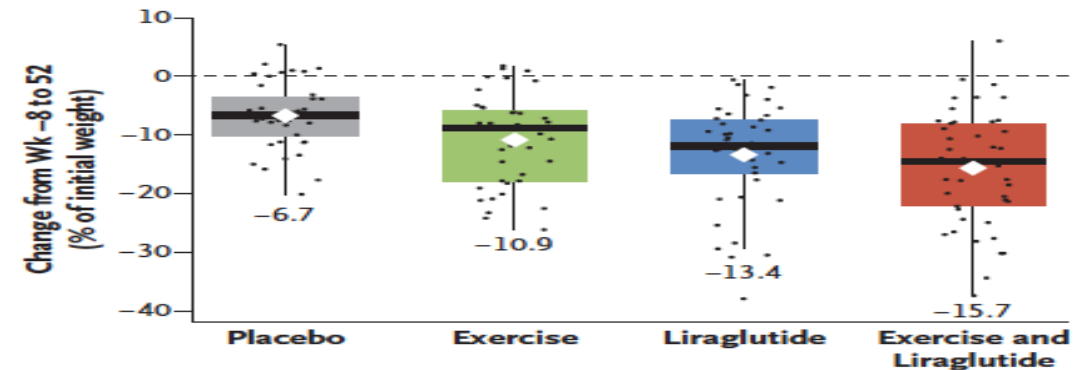
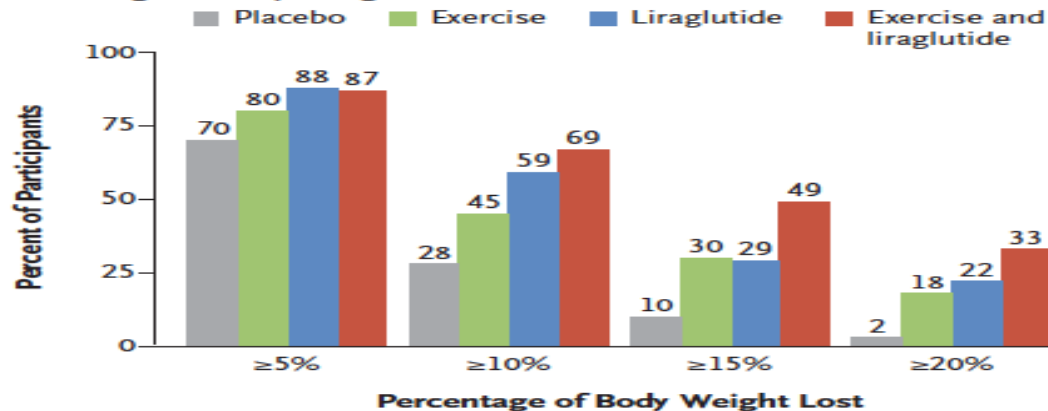
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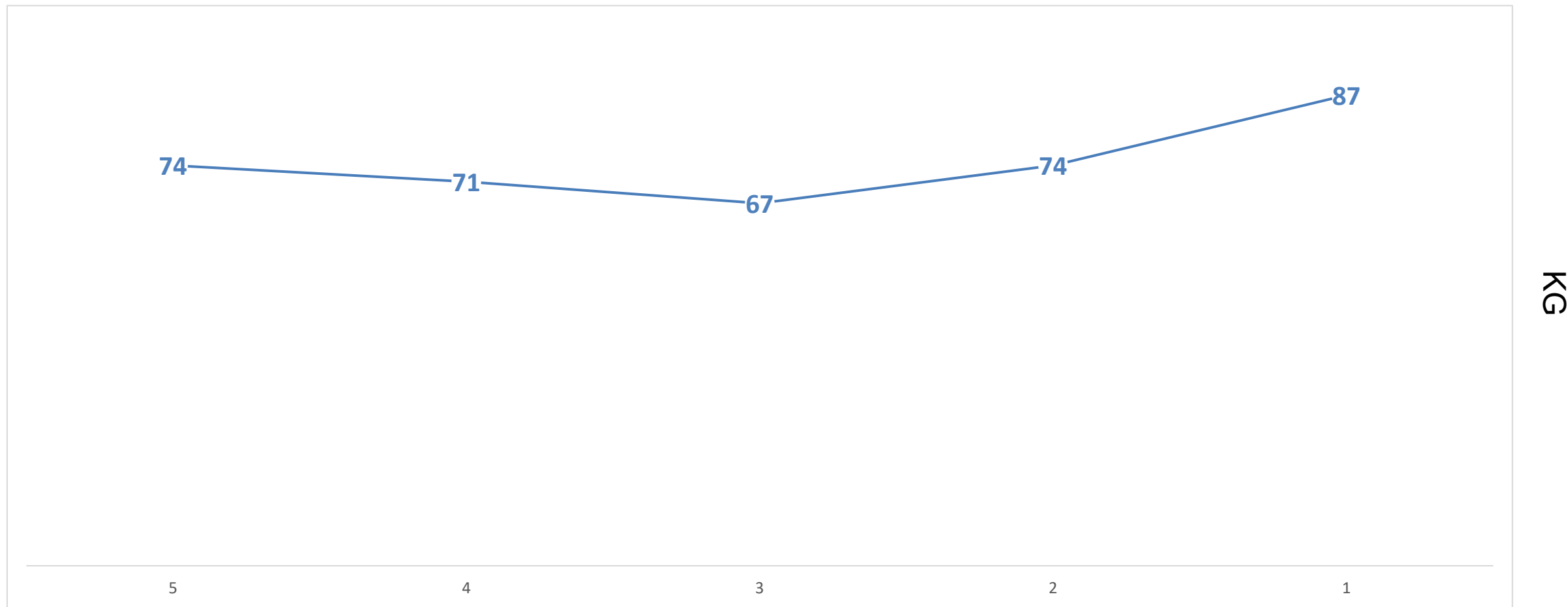
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No. Who Underwent
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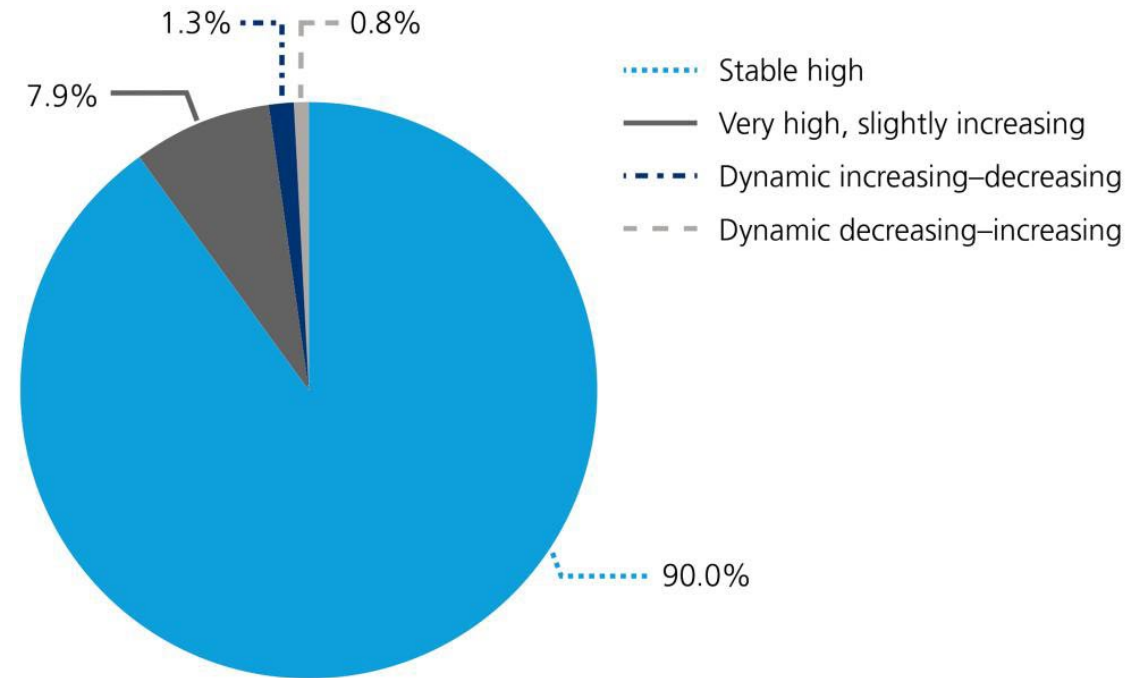
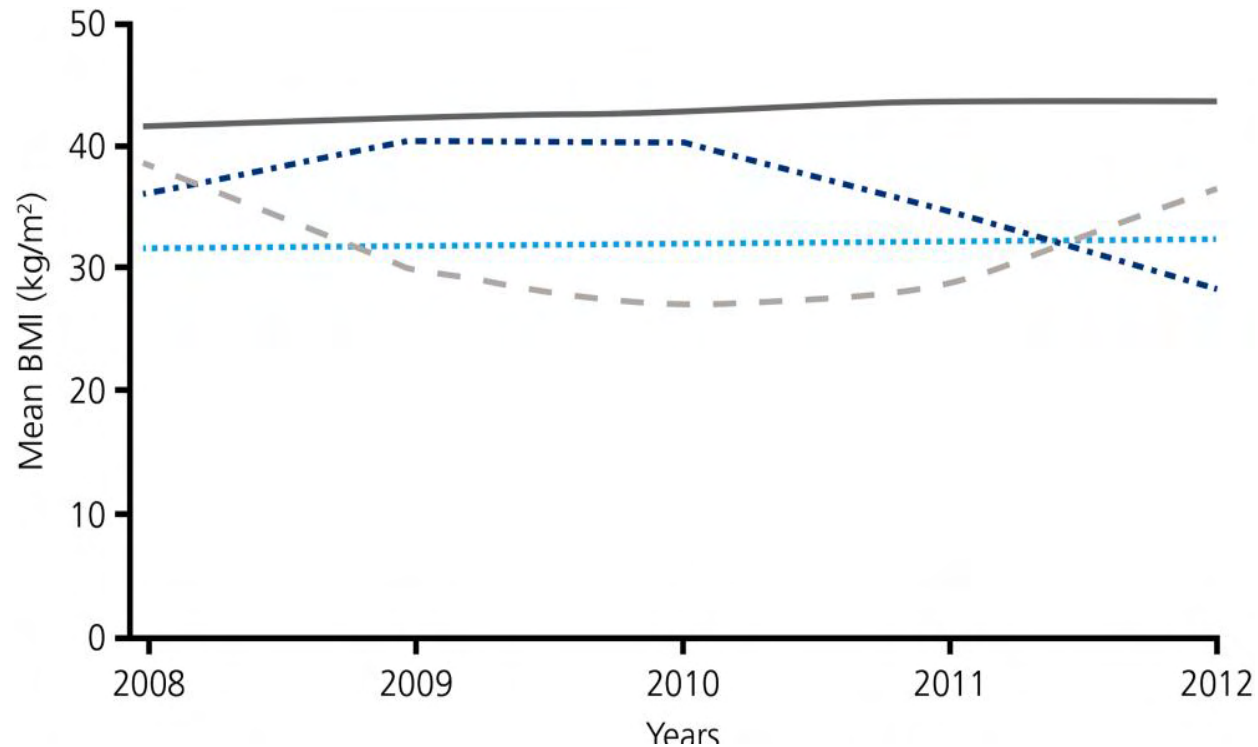


C Change in Body Weight from Wk -8 to Wk 52

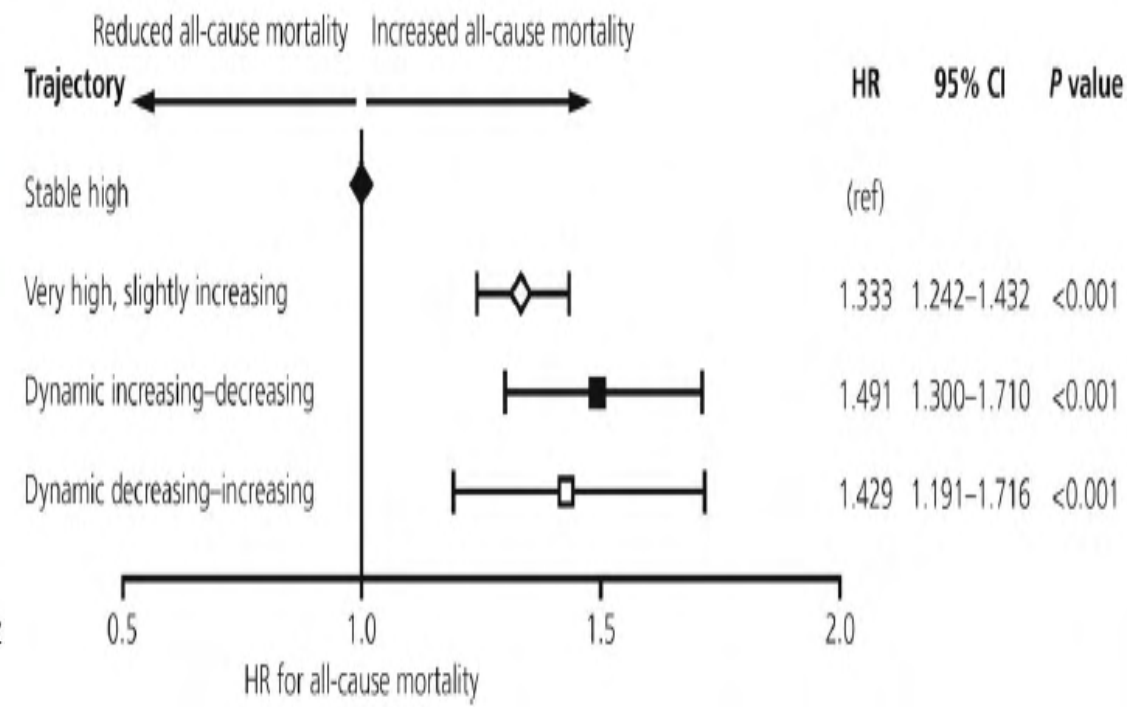
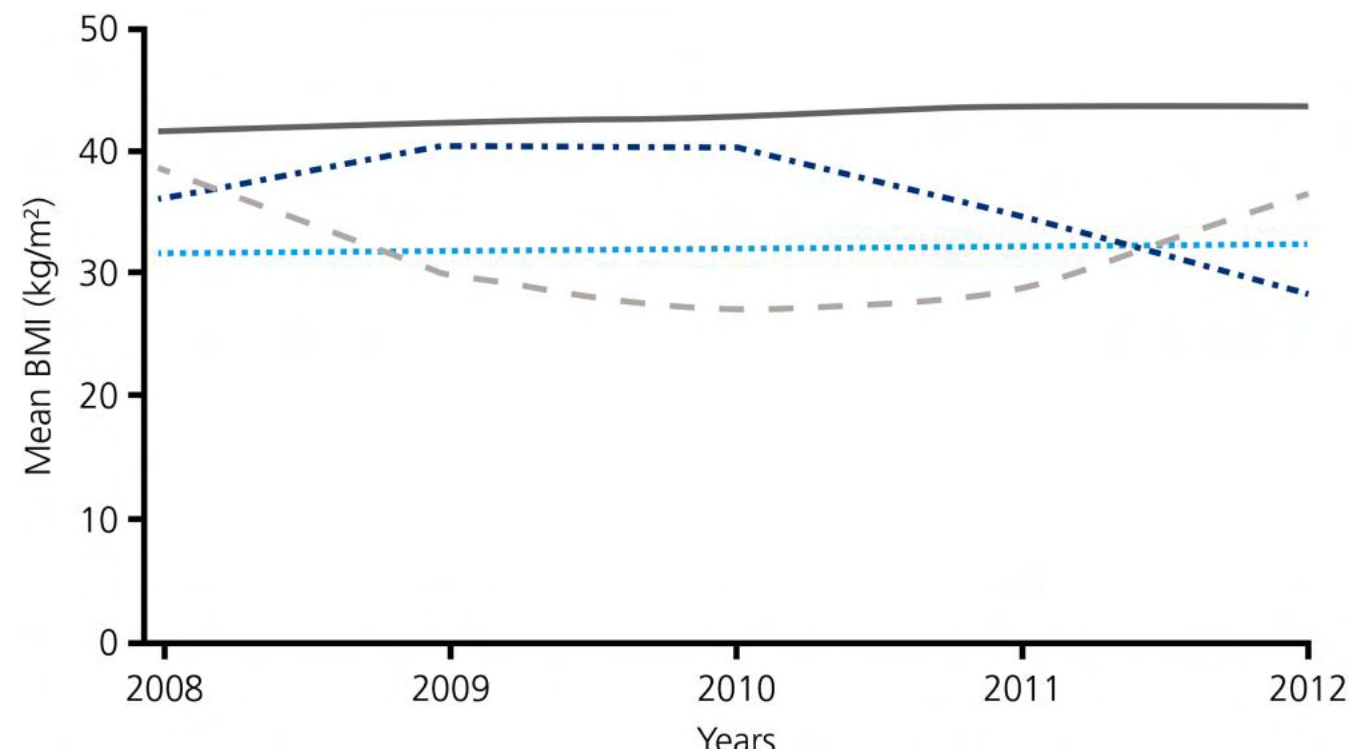




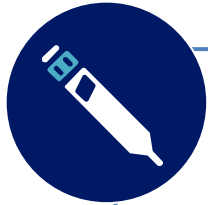
Longitudinal BMI trajectory clusters over the 5-years study period and proportions of individuals in each cluster. (360,000 PwO)



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Mechanism of action of semaglutide



Semaglutide is a human GLP-1 analogue

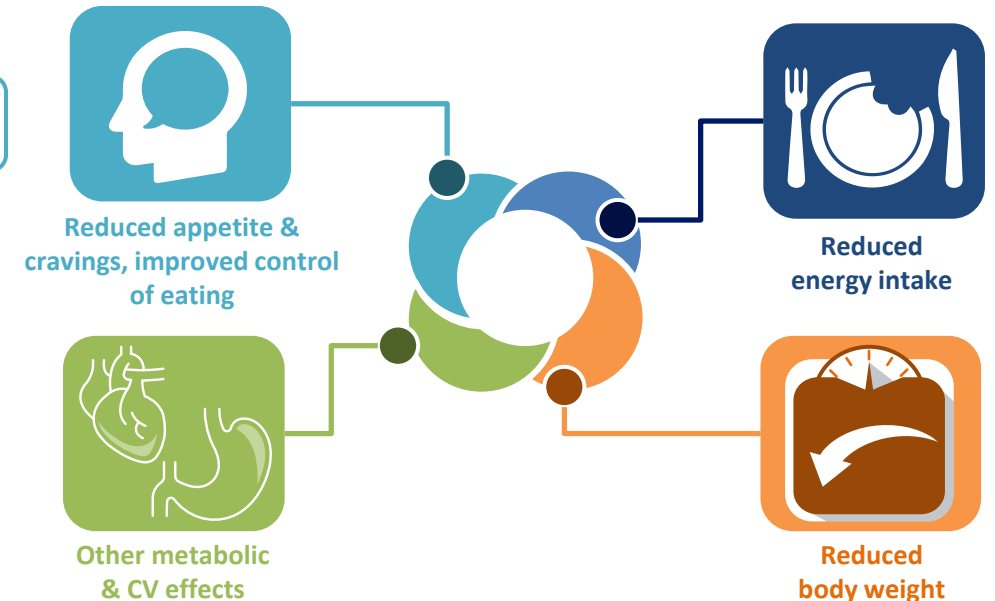
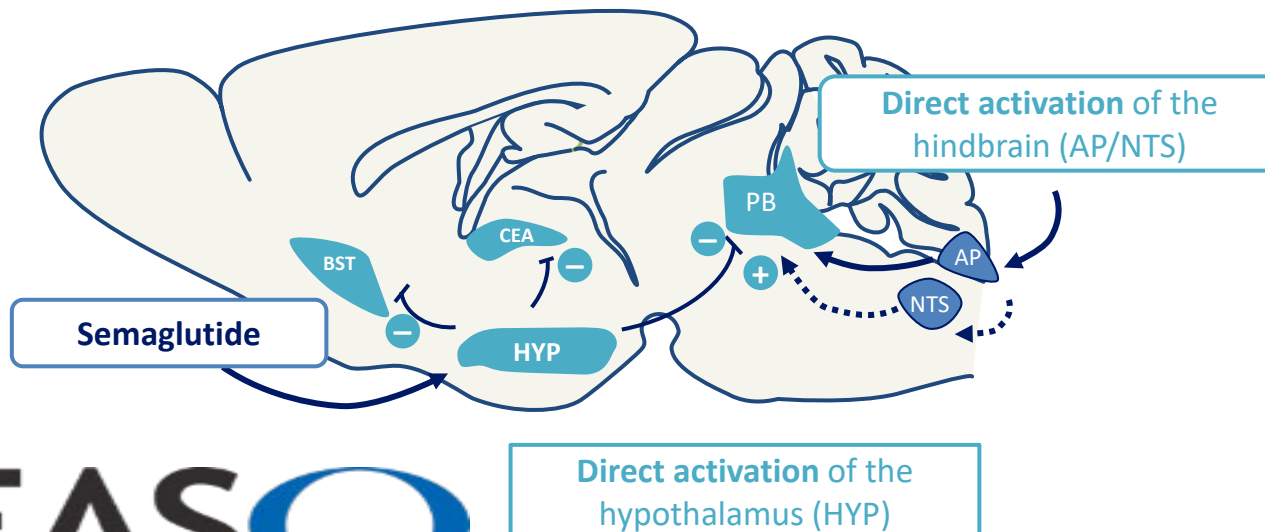
- 94% homology to human GLP-1
- $t_{1/2}$ of approximately 1 week

Amino acid substitution at position 8 (alanine to alpha-aminoisobutyric acid) protects against DPP-4 degradation¹

Spacer and C-18 fatty di-acid chain to lysine in position 26 provide strong binding to albumin

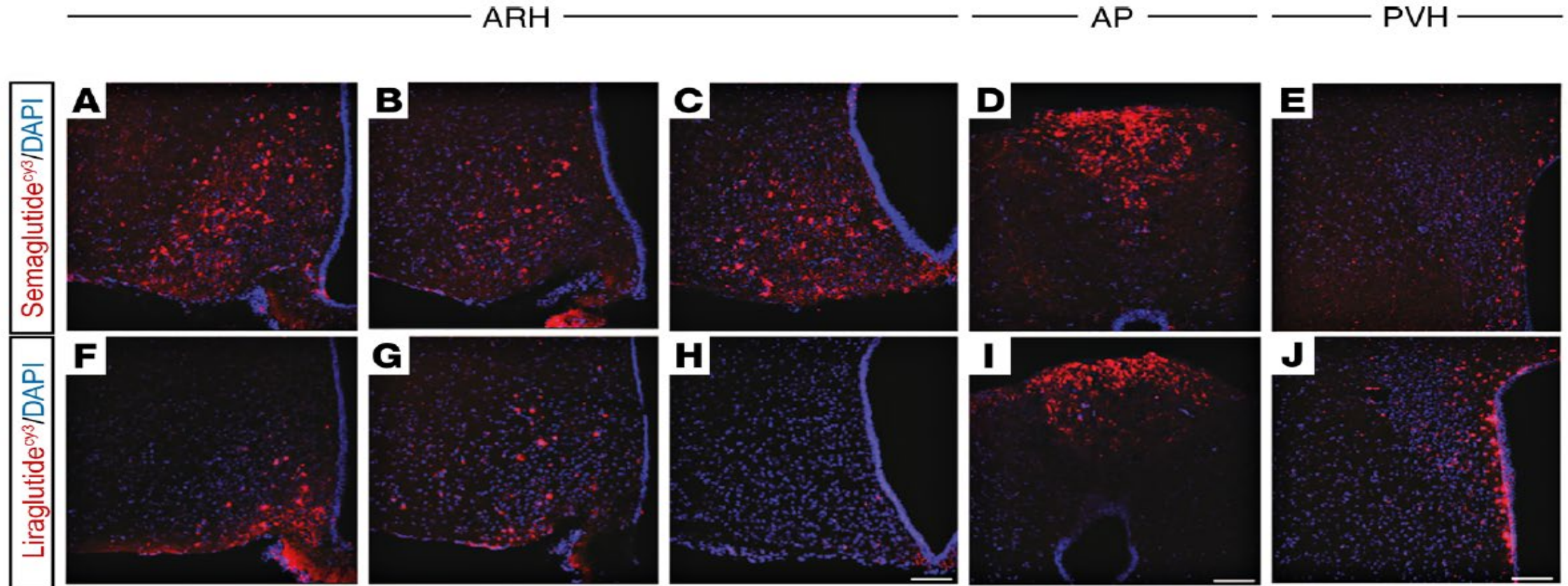


Amino acid substitution at position 34 (lysine to arginine) prevents C-18 fatty di-acid binding at the wrong site



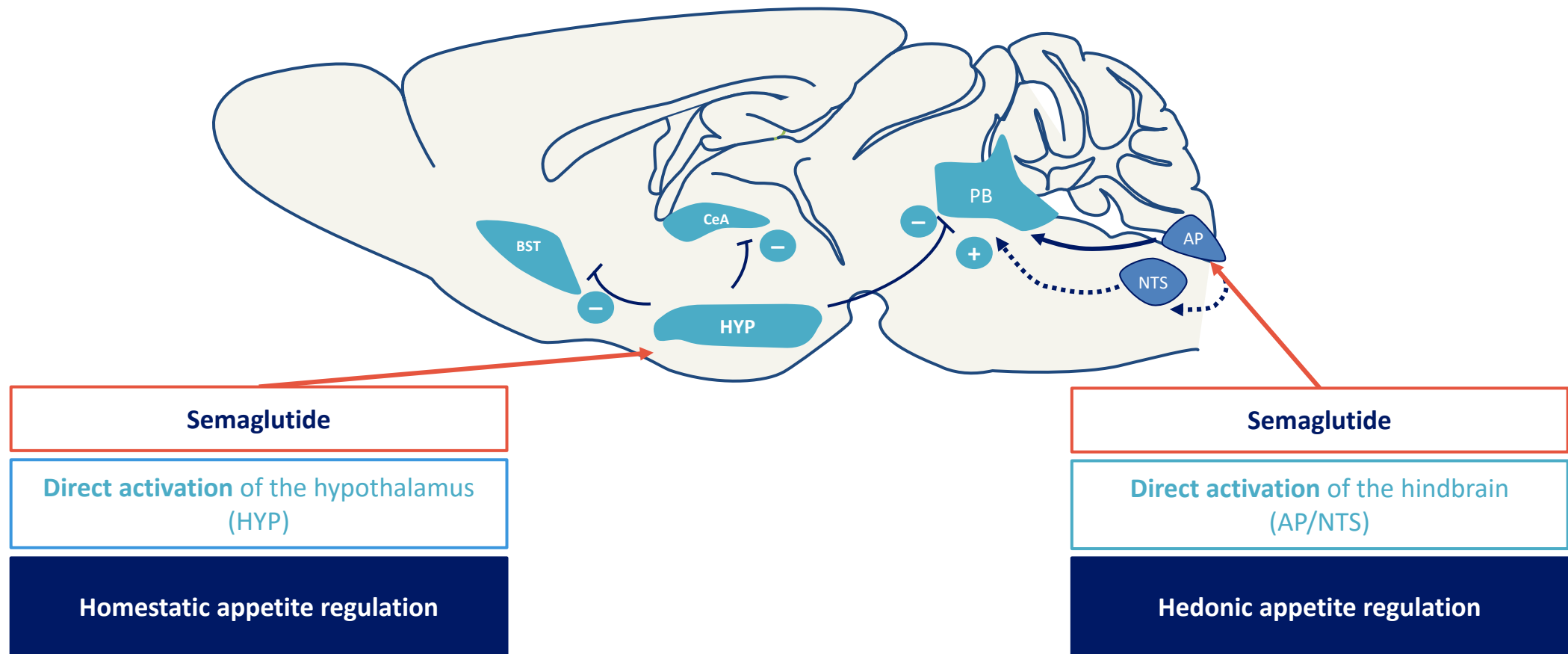
Differential distribution of semaglutide^{Cy3} and liraglutide^{Cy3} in the hypothalamus and AP.

Semaglutide is not approved in the Europe for weight management



Semaglutide mechanism of action

Appetite regulation in rodents

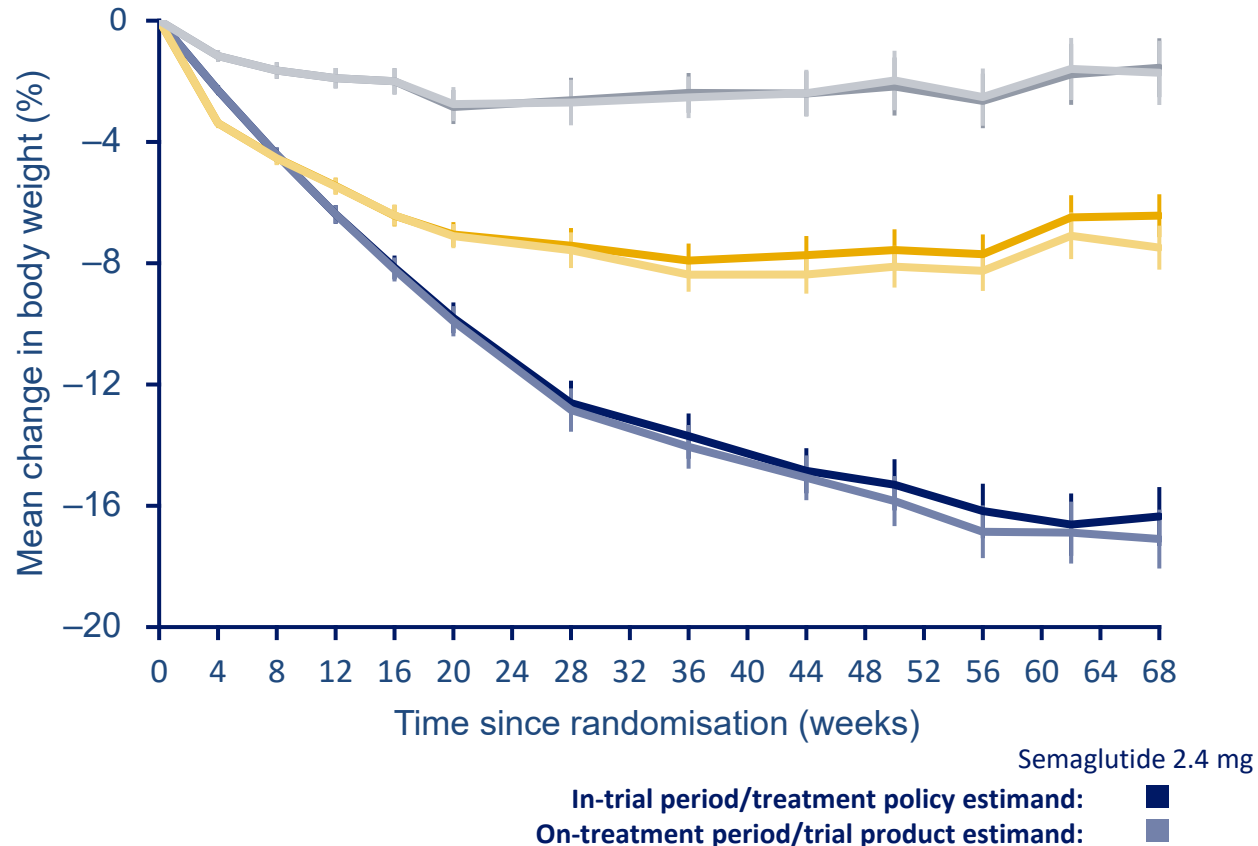


Body weight change

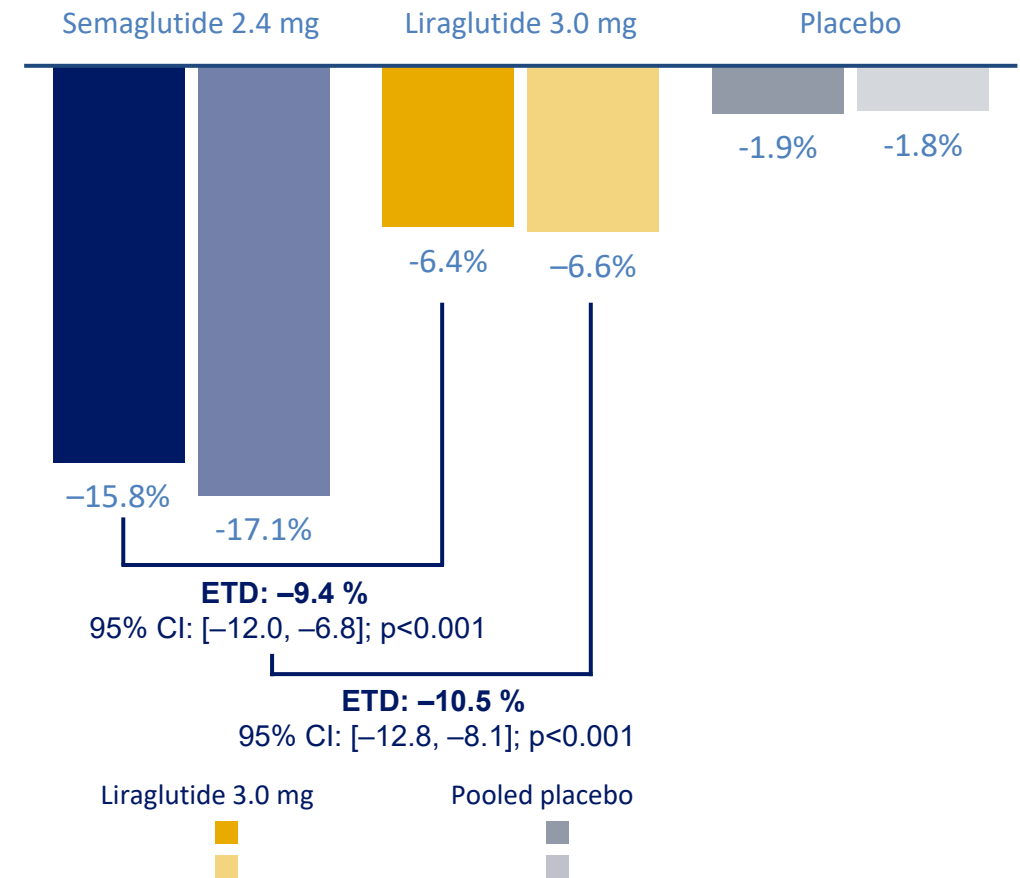
STEP 8

Observed mean change over time*

(Mean at baseline: 104.5 kg)



Estimated mean change from baseline to week 68[†]

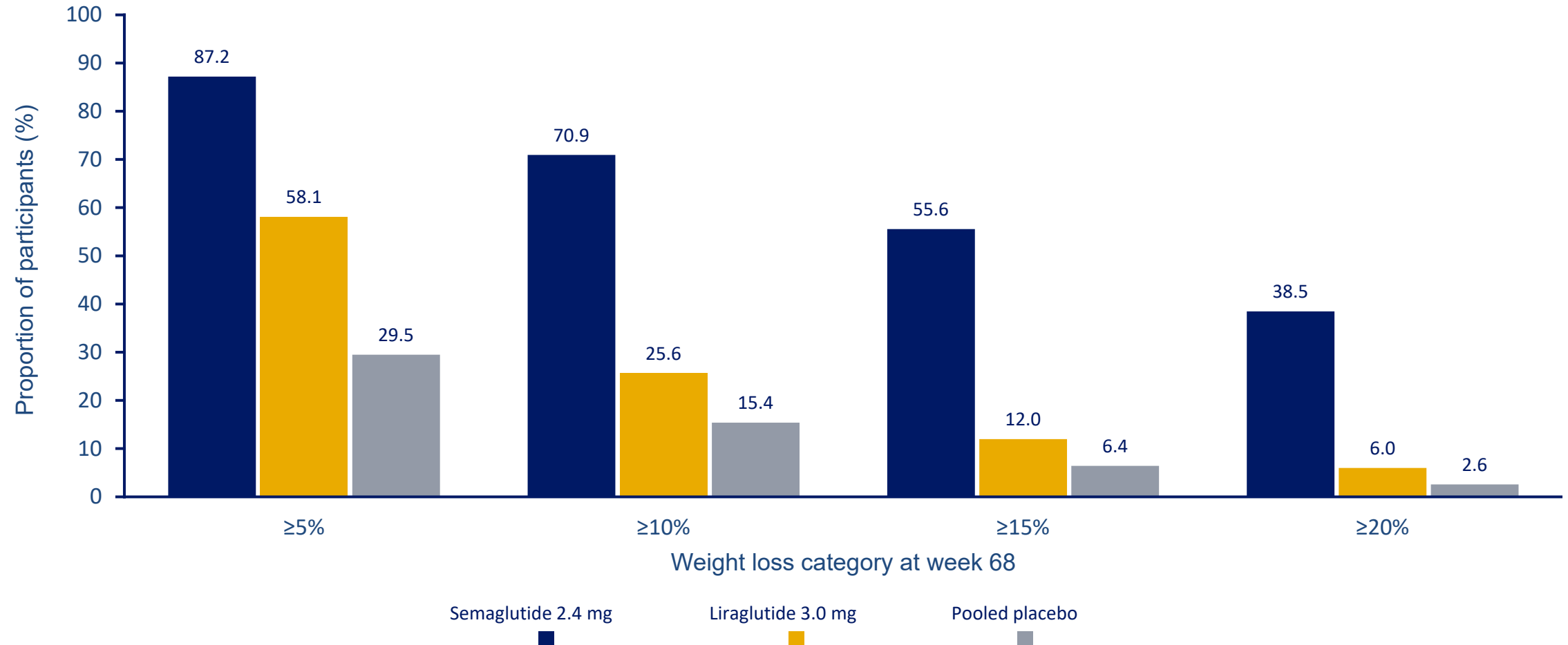


*Observed data for the in-trial and on-treatment periods.[†]Estimated data for the treatment policy estimand (regardless of treatment adherence or rescue intervention use) and the trial product estimand (until first discontinuation or initiation of rescue intervention). CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.

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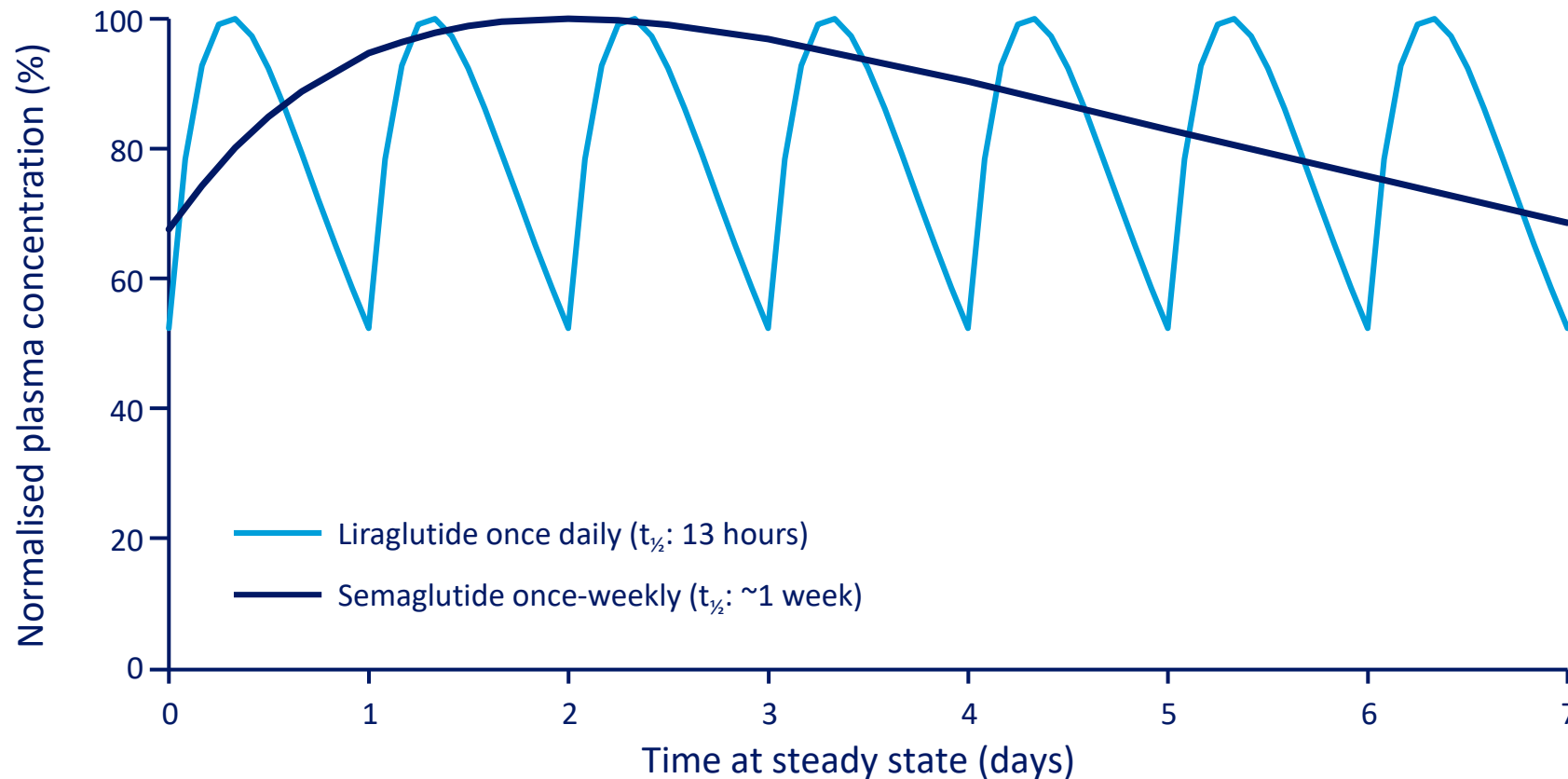
Categorical body weight loss

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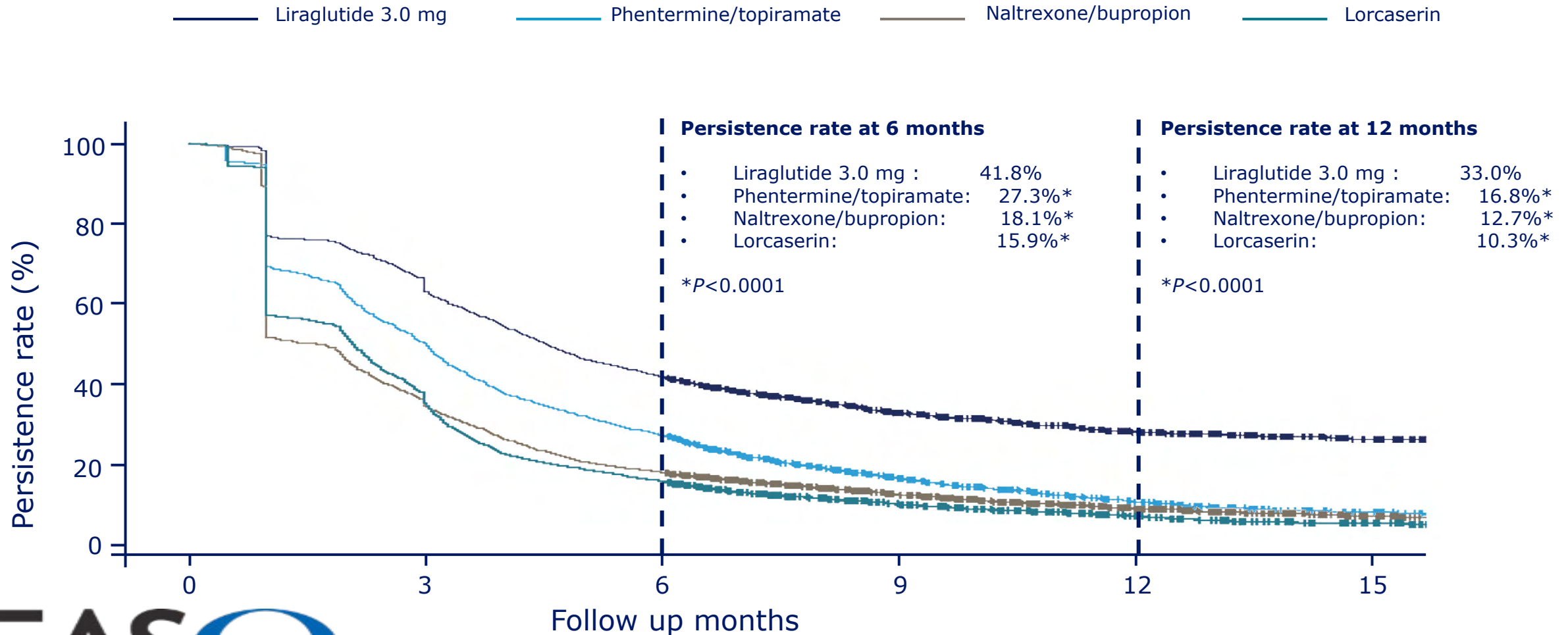
Observed proportions for the in-trial period. P values are for estimated odds ratios, assessed for the treatment policy estimand (regardless of treatment adherence or rescue intervention use).
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Semaglutide provides more constant plasma levels compared with liraglutide

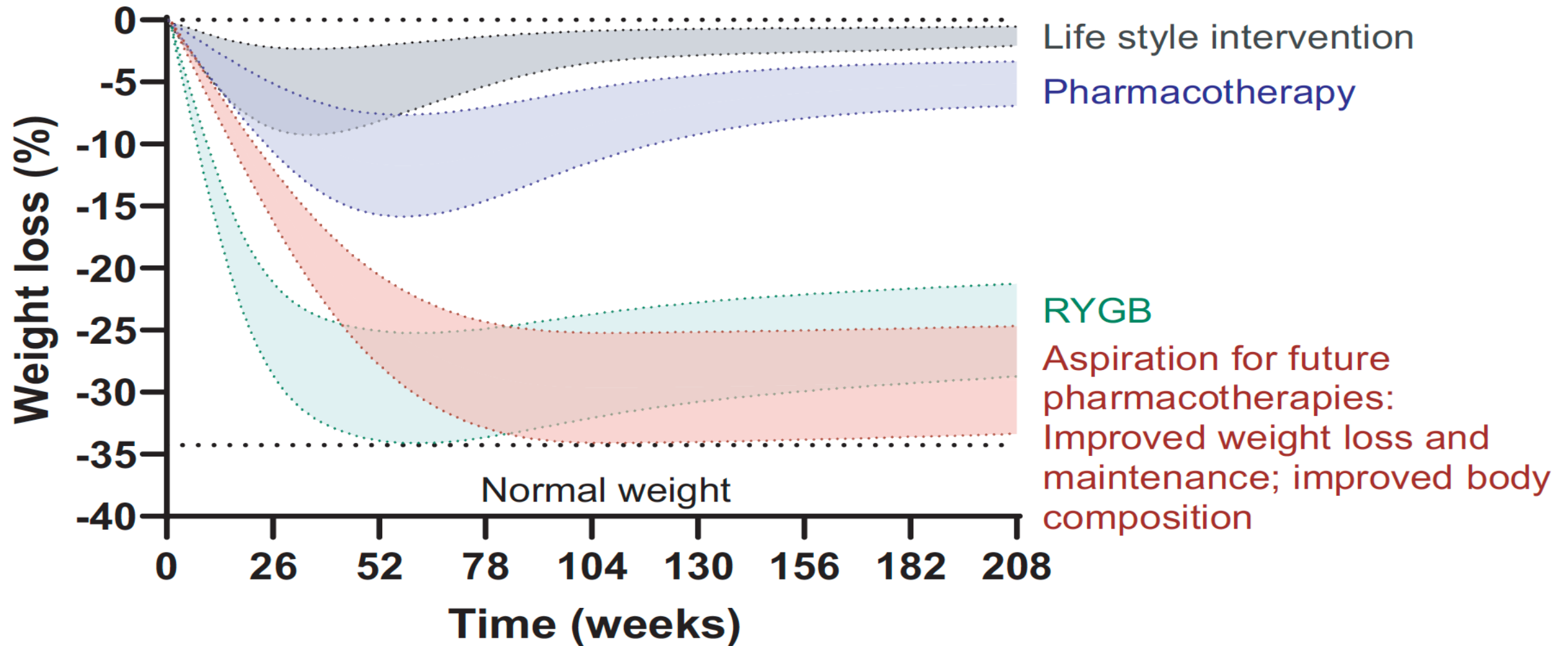


Perseistence with obesity pharmacotherapy is low

Kaplan–Meier plot



Weight loss and maintenance Trajectories





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