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“Understanding The Clinical Trials of Drugs Aimed at Diabetes and Obesity”

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 - Bristol Myers Squibb
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 - Eli Lilly
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Effect of Sibutramine on Cardiovascular Outcomes in Overweight and Obese Subjects

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	RCT Components:
P	Population
I	Intervention
C	Control
O	Outcome(s)
T	Timeframe



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	RCT Components:
P	>55, DM, CVD or Both
I	Sibutramine (after run-in)
C	Lifestyle advice
O	MACE
T	6 years **

58% M
n 10,744
63 years
96% white
96 kg
34 kg/m²
3.4 years
HbA1c 7.5%



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4906 Were assigned to receive sibutramine
4898 Received sibutramine
8 Did not receive sibutramine

1973 Discontinued sibutramine
633 Had an adverse event or outcome event
47 Were lost to follow-up
64 Had protocol violation
110 Required treatment with contraindicated medication
225 Had lack of efficacy
663 Withdrew consent
231 Had other reasons

2933 (59.8%) Completed treatment period

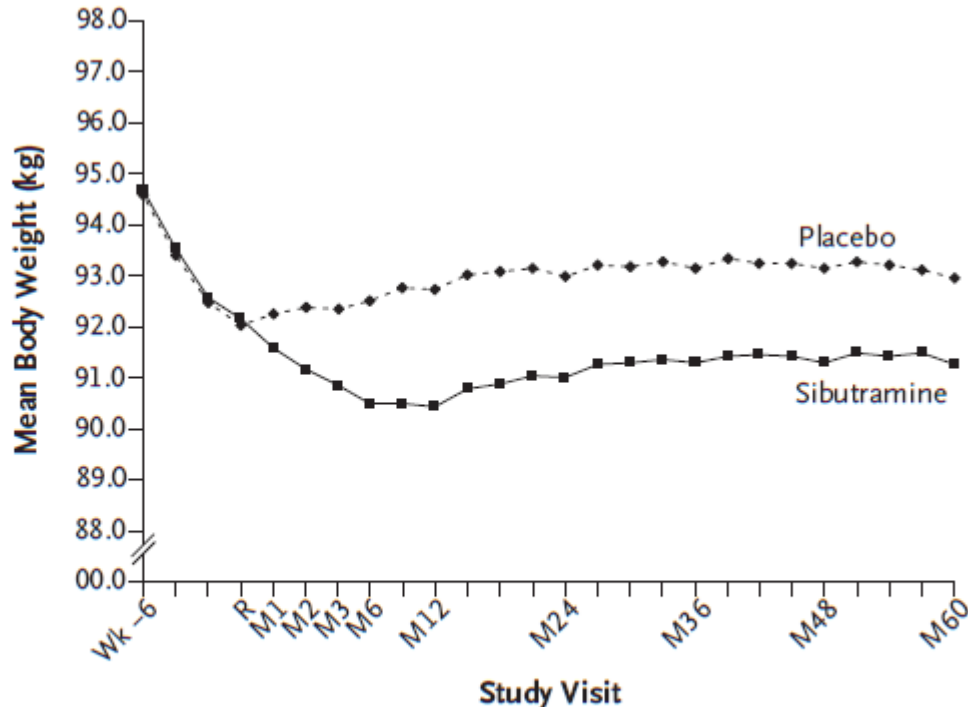
ΔWeight:

-2.6kg, then
-1.7 v. +0.7kg

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A Weight



No. at Risk

Placebo	4897	4105	3570	3191	2252	961
Sibutramine	4905	4214	3713	3345	2315	1023

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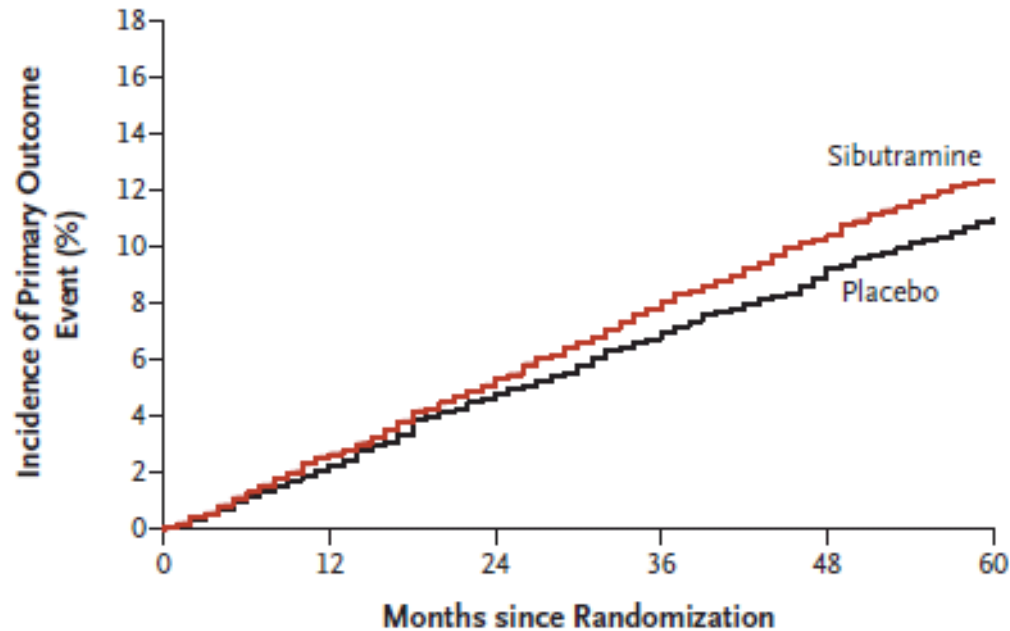
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A Primary Outcome Event



MACE:

11.4 v 10%
HR 1.16

No. at Risk

Placebo	4898	4776	4623	4482	3467	1730
Sibutramine	4906	4749	4601	4427	3403	1720



EDITORIALS



Sibutramine — Another Flawed Diet Pill

Gregory D. Curfman, M.D., Stephen Morrissey, Ph.D., and Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D.

health. But given that sibutramine has minimal efficacy for weight loss, no apparent benefit for clinical outcomes, a worrisome cardiovascular risk profile, and a plausible mechanism to explain the cardiovascular risk, it is difficult to discern a credible rationale for keeping this medication on the market.



➔ @ Efficacy and tolerability of rimonabant in overweight or obese patients with type 2 diabetes: a randomised controlled study

*André J Scheen, Nick Finan, Priscilla Hollander, Michael D Jensen, Luc F Van Gaal, for the RIO-Diabetes Study Group**

Summary

Lancet 2006; 368: 1660-72

Published Online

October 27, 2006

DOI:10.1016/S0140-

6736(06)69571-8

Background Rimonabant, a selective cannabinoid type 1 receptor blocker, reduces bodyweight and improves cardiovascular and metabolic risk factors in non-diabetic overweight or obese patients. The aim of the RIO-Diabetes trial was to assess the efficacy and safety of rimonabant in overweight or obese patients with type 2 diabetes that was inadequately controlled by metformin or sulphonylureas.



➔ @ Efficacy and tolerability of rimonabant in overweight or obese patients with type 2 diabetes: a randomised controlled study

Rimonabant: obituary for a wonder drug

Lai

October
DOI:10.101
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The story of rimonabant might be tarnished by low public and regulatory acceptance for a drug designed to counteract the consequences of our abundant lifestyle. Focus should now return to motivating patients to control their caloric intake and increase physical activity. Although cumbersome, this approach is causal and safe.⁹ New strategies to more effectively achieve these lifestyle changes are needed.

**S Matthijs Boekholdt, Ron J G Peters*



PAFTT!

Push away from the table

JELEM!

Just eat less and exercise more



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cardiovascular Effects of Intensive Lifestyle Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes

The Look AHEAD Research Group*

N=5145
BMI 36
63% White
60% female
A1c 7.3%

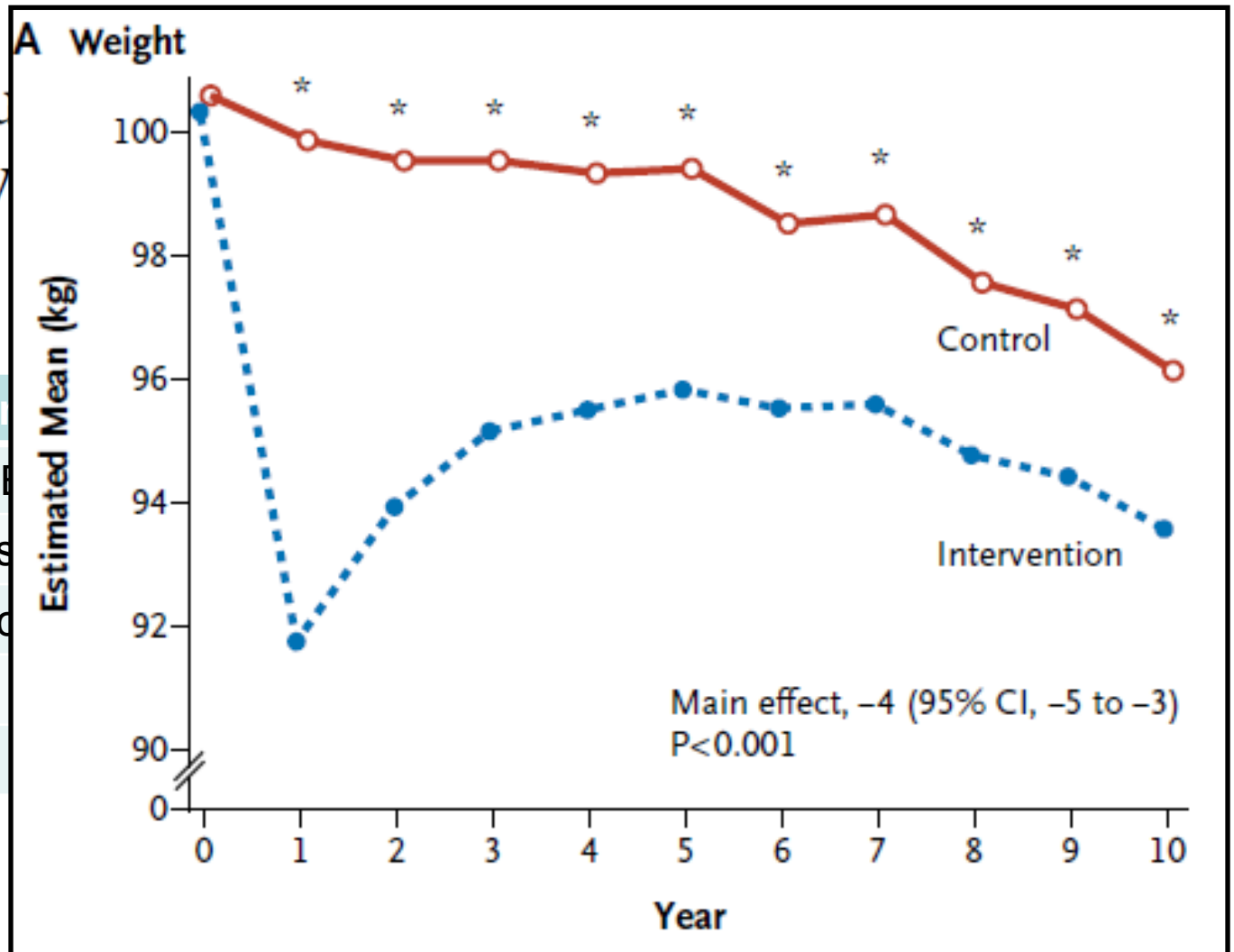
	RCT Components:
P	Adult T2DM, BMI >25
I	Weekly counselling. “7%”
C	Support/ education “ELEM”
O	MACE
T	9.6 years



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	RCT Component
P	Adult T2DM, 1
I	Weekly couns
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O	MACE
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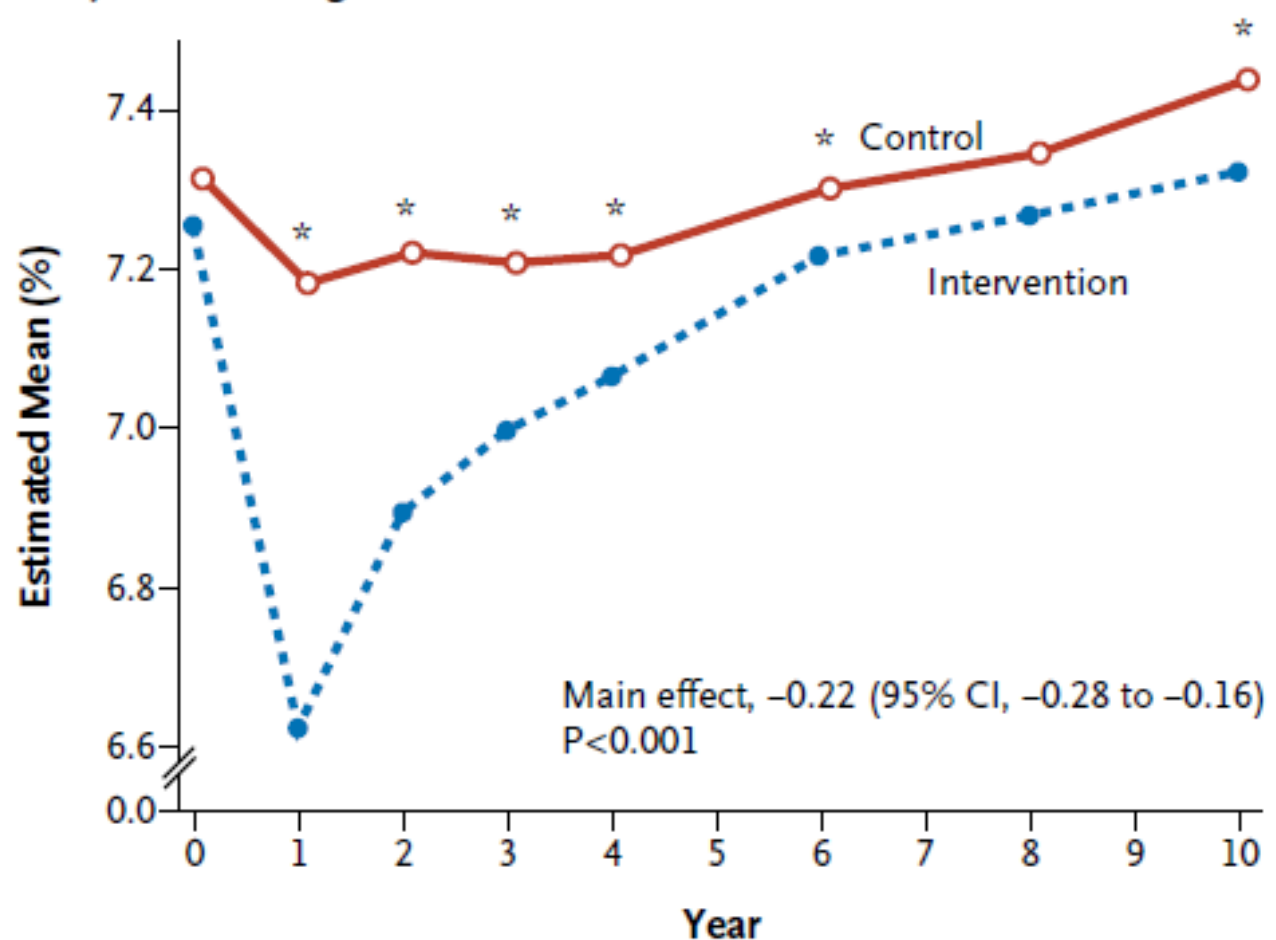
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Cardiovascular Intervention

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P	Adult T2DM, BM
I	Weekly counsel
C	Support/ educat
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D Glycated Hemoglobin

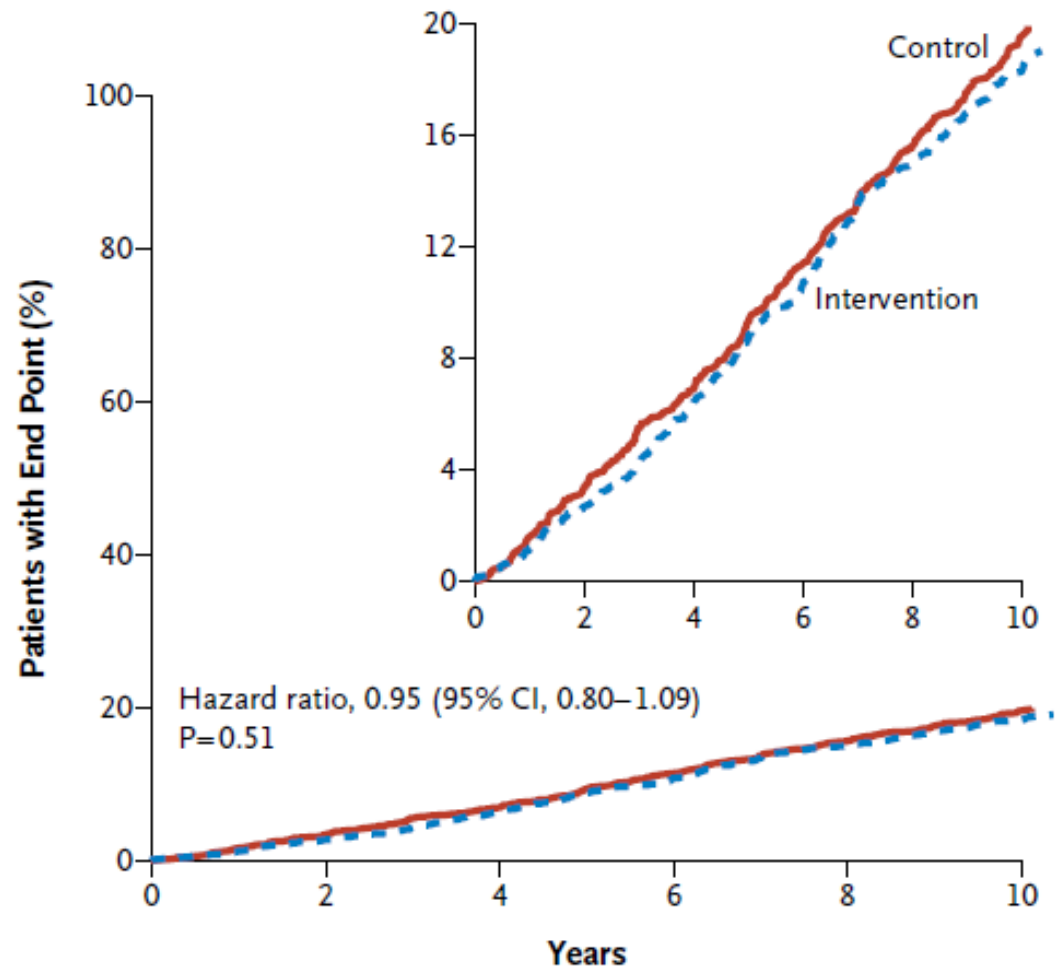


Cardiovascular Intervention

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RCT Components

P	Adult T2DM, BMI >
I	Weekly counselling
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No. at Risk

Control	2575	2425	2296	2156	2019	688
Intervention	2570	2447	2326	2192	2049	505

Figure 2. Cumulative Hazard Curves for the Primary Composite End Point.

Long term maintenance of weight loss with non-surgical interventions in obese adults: systematic review and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials



OPEN ACCESS

S U Dombrowski *lecturer in health psychology*¹², K Knittle *health psychology research associate*¹³,

45 studies:

- 10** had robust allocation concealment
- 17** described some form of blinding
- 25** handled incomplete data well



Very-low-carbohydrate ketogenic diet v. low-fat diet for long-term weight loss: a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

Nassib Bezerra Bueno*, Ingrid Sofia Vieira de Melo, Suzana Lima de Oliveira and Terezinha da Rocha Ataíde

Table 2. Risk of bias of the included studies

Source	Sequence generation	Allocation concealment	Blinding	Missing data	Selective report	Overall
Brinkworth <i>et al.</i> ⁽²⁸⁾	Low	High	Unclear	Low	Low	High
Dansinger <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵⁰⁾	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Davis <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵¹⁾	Low	High	Unclear	Low	Low	High
Dyson <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵²⁾	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Foster <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵³⁾	Low	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low
Foster <i>et al.</i> ⁽²⁷⁾	Low	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low
Gardner <i>et al.</i> ⁽³⁰⁾	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Iqbal <i>et al.</i> ⁽²⁹⁾	Low	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low
Lim <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵⁴⁾	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	High	Low	High
McAuley <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵⁵⁾	Low	Low	Unclear	High	Low	Low
Shai <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁴⁹⁾	Low	Unclear	Low	Low	Low	Low
Stern <i>et al.</i> ⁽²⁶⁾	Low	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Low	Low
Truby <i>et al.</i> ⁽⁵⁶⁾	Low	Unclear	High	High	Low	High





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MyAction: an innovative approach to the prevention of cardiovascular disease in the community

Crowe et al. *BMC Endocrine Disorders* (2015) 15:37
DOI 10.1186/s12902-015-0038-x



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access



Effects of an eight-week supervised, structured lifestyle modification programme on anthropometric, metabolic and cardiovascular risk factors in severely obese adults

Catherine Crowe¹, Irene Gibson², Katie Cunningham^{1,2}, Claire Kerins², Caroline Costello², Jane Windle², Paula M. O'Shea³, Mary Hynes^{1,4}, Brian McGuire⁴, Katriona Kil Kelly¹, Helena Griffin¹, Tim O'Brien^{1,5}, Jenni Jones^{5,6} and Francis M Finucane^{1,5*}



Mechanisms of Diabetes Improvement Following Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery

Rachel L. Batterham^{1,2,3}
David E. Cummings⁴

Diabetes Care 2016;39:893–901 | DOI: 10.2337/dc16-0145



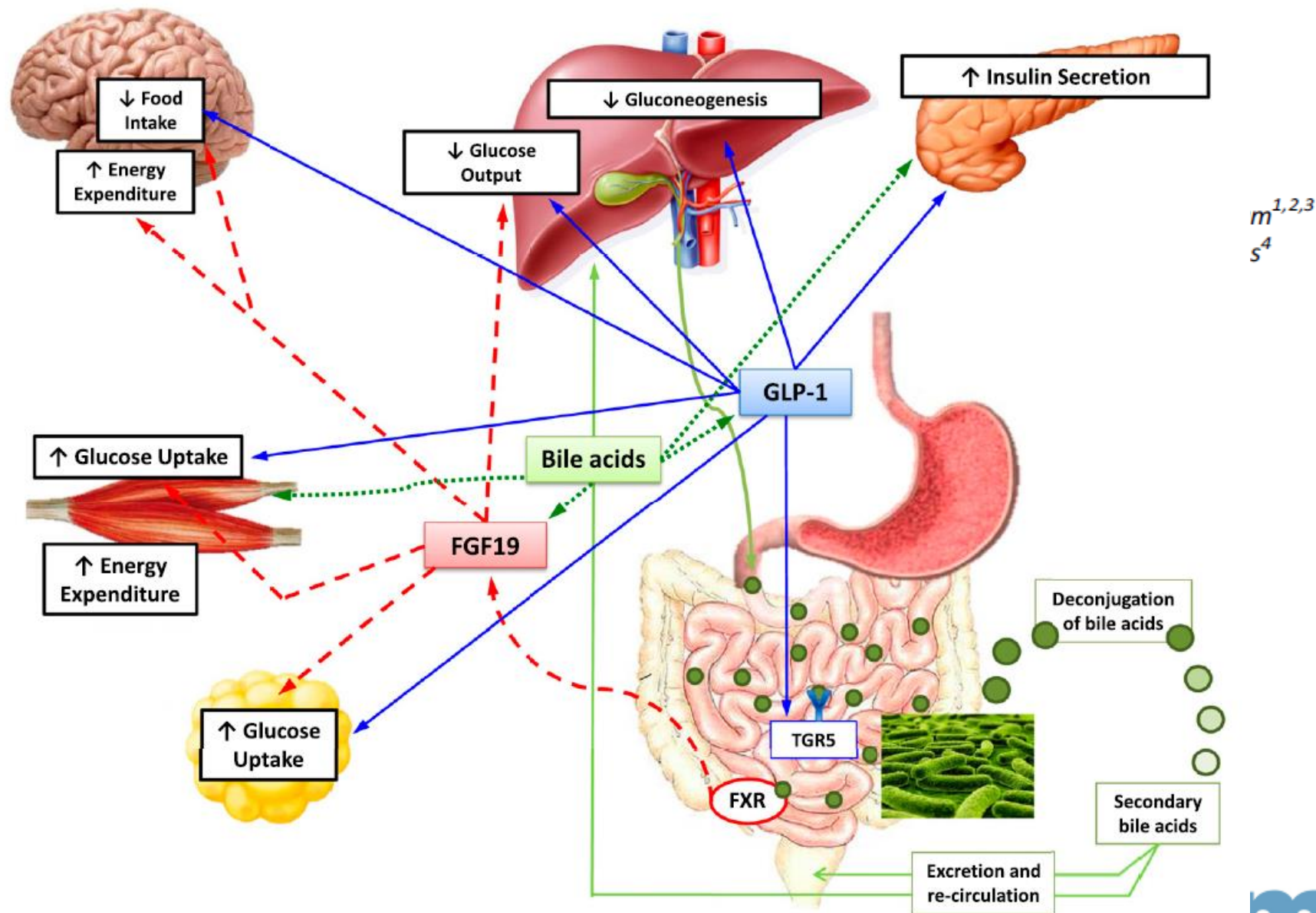


Figure 2—Diagram of some of the metabolic effects and cross talk among BAs, GLP-1, and FGF-19.

5% weight loss at 1 year:

- ***Khera et al, 2016***
- 28 trials
- N=29,018
- 46 y
- 74% female
- Wt=100.5kg
- BMI=36.1kg/m²
- Drop out 30-45%



5% weight loss at 1 year:

Drug	%>5%	OR	Δ Weight	OR D/C
Placebo	23	-	-	-
Phentermine Topiramate	75	9.22	8.8	-
Liraglutide	63	5.54	5.3	2.95
Naltrexone Bupropion	55	3.96	5.0	2.63
Lorcaserin	49	3.1	3.2	-
Orlistat	44	2.7	2.6	-



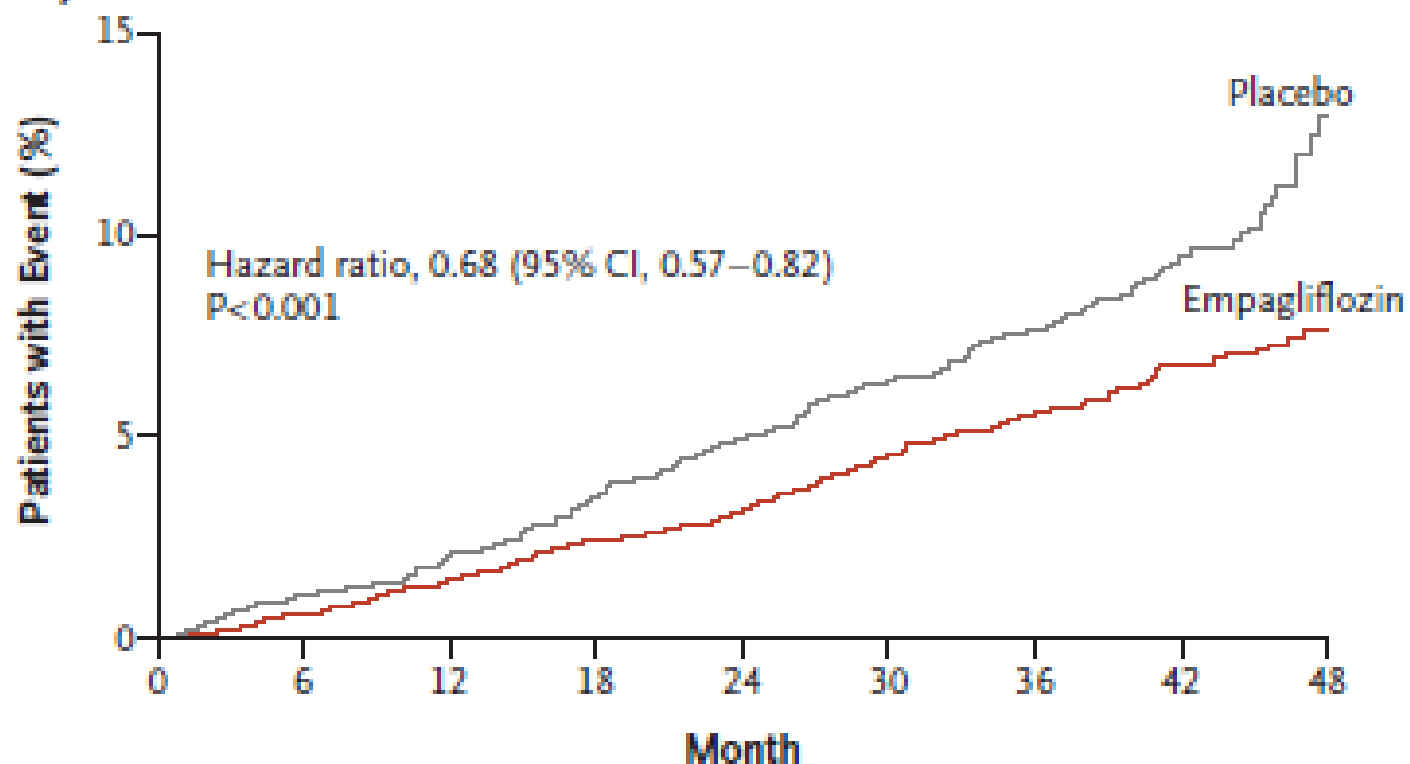
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Empagliflozin, Cardiovascular Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes

Bernard Zinman, M.D., Christoph Wanner, M.D., John M. Lachin, Sc.D.,
David Fitchett, M.D., Erich Bluhmki, Ph.D., Stefan Hantel, Ph.D.,
Michaela Mattheus, Dipl. Biomath., Theresa Devins, Dr.P.H.,
Odd Erik Johansen, M.D., Ph.D., Hans J. Woerle, M.D., Uli C. Broedl, M.D.,
and Silvio E. Inzucchi, M.D., for the EMPA-REG OUTCOME Investigators



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C Death from Any Cause**No. at Risk**

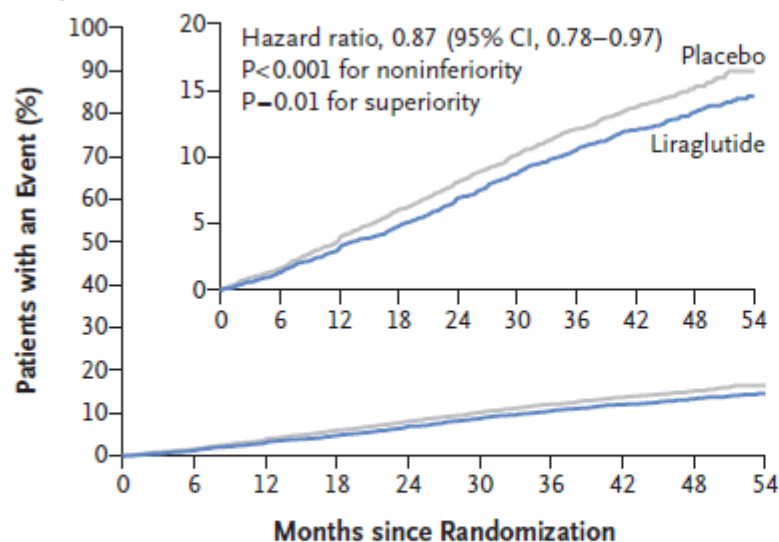
Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2243	2012	1503	1281	825	177

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Liraglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

Steven P. Marso, M.D., Gilbert H. Daniels, M.D., Kirstine Brown-Frandsen, M.D.,

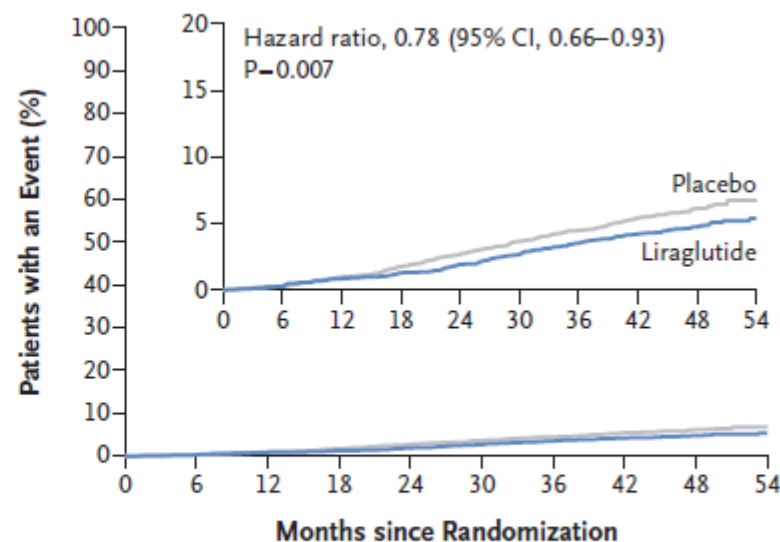
A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

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

B Death from Cardiovascular Causes

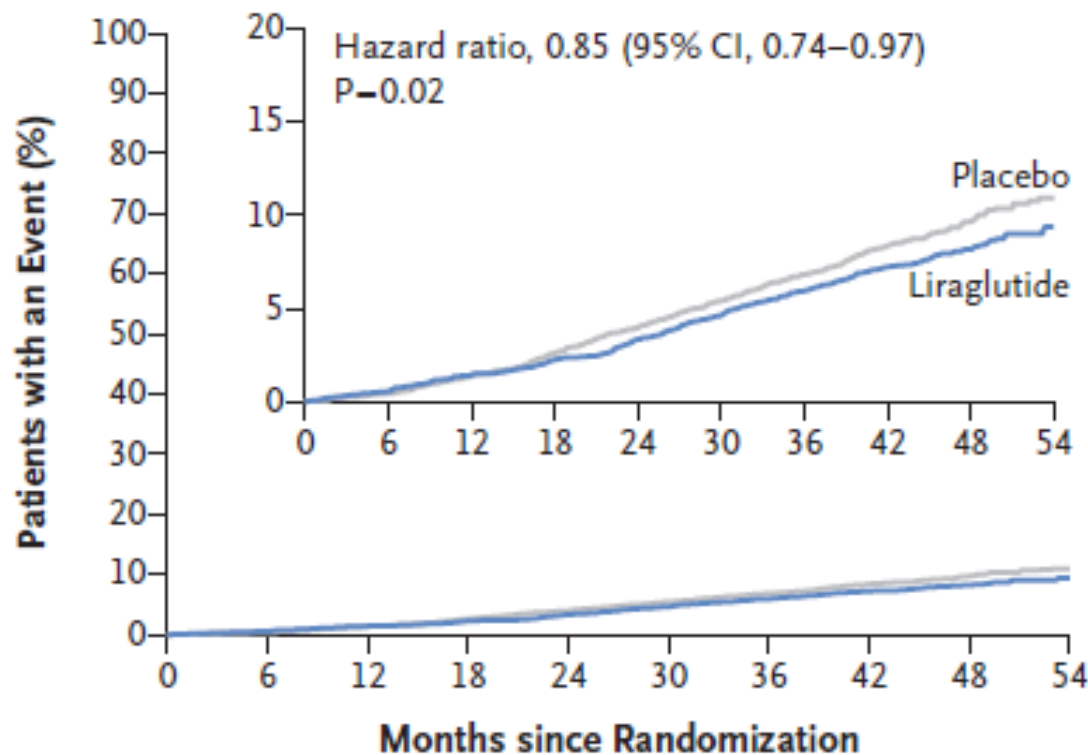


No. at Risk

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

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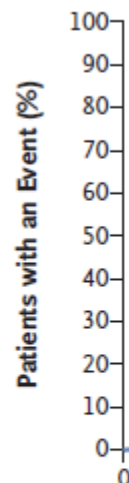
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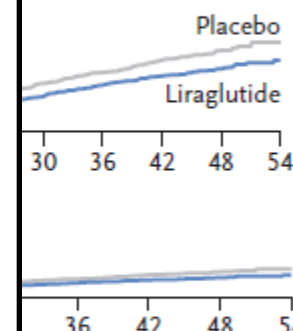
A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

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Placebo	4672

95% CI, 0.66–0.93)



Randomization

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Efficacy of Liraglutide for Weight Loss Among Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

The SCALE Diabetes Randomized Clinical Trial

Melanie J. Davies, MD; Richard Bergenstal, MD; Bruce Bode, MD; Robert F. Kushner, MD; Andrew Lewin, MD; Trine Vang Skjøth, MD; Arne Haahr Andreassen, MSc; Christine Bjørn Jensen, MD; Ralph A. DeFronzo, MD; for the NN8022-1922 Study Group

	RCT Components:
P	T2DM, BMI >27, HbA1c 7-10%
I	Liraglutide 1.8 or 3.0 mg
C	Placebo (all got lifestyle advice)
O	%Δ Weight, how many at -5%, -10%?
T	56 weeks

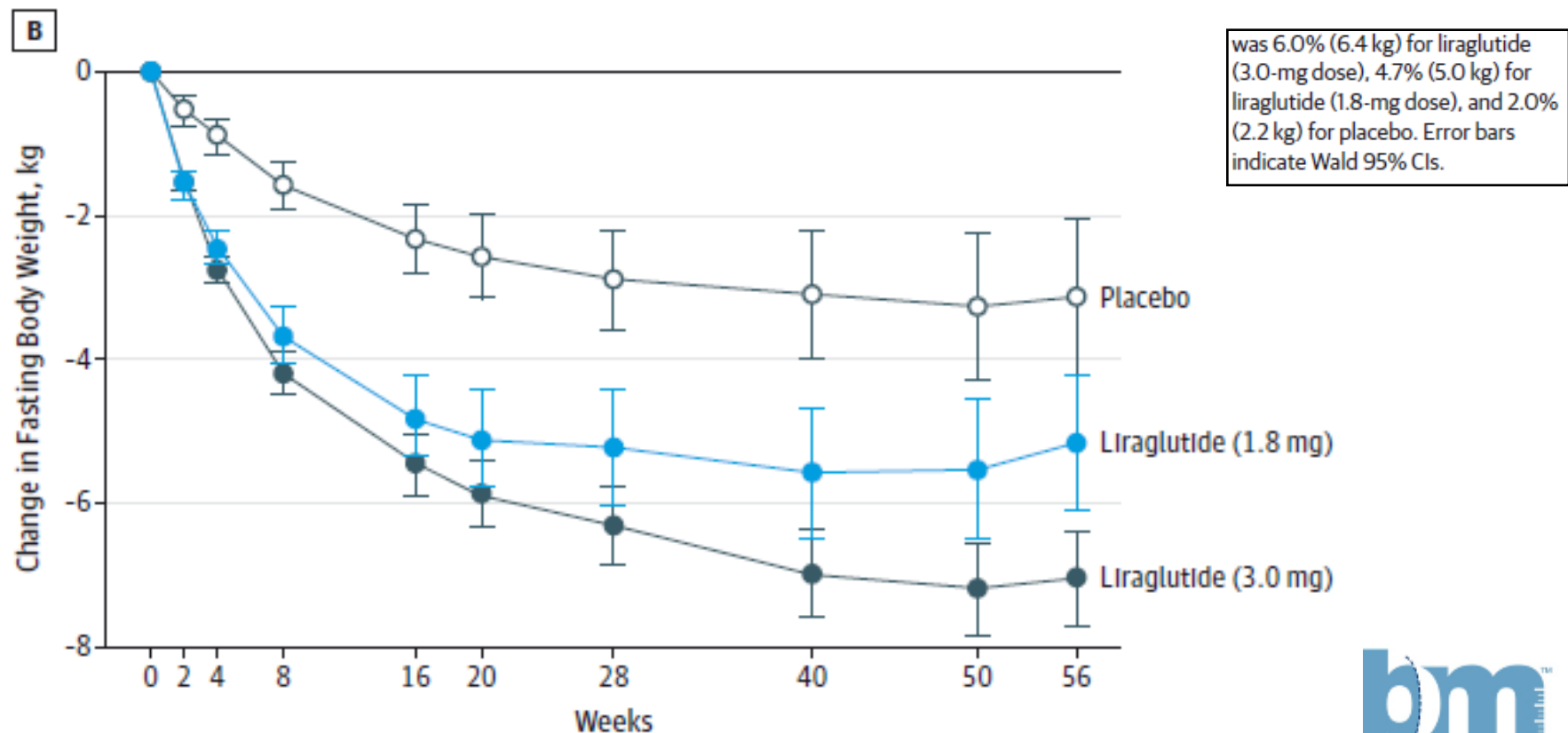
M:F 1:1, n 846
55 years
84% white
106 kg
37 kg/m²
85% obese
55% 'bariatric'
HbA1c 8%
T2DM x 7 yr
70% ↑BP
70% ↑Lipids



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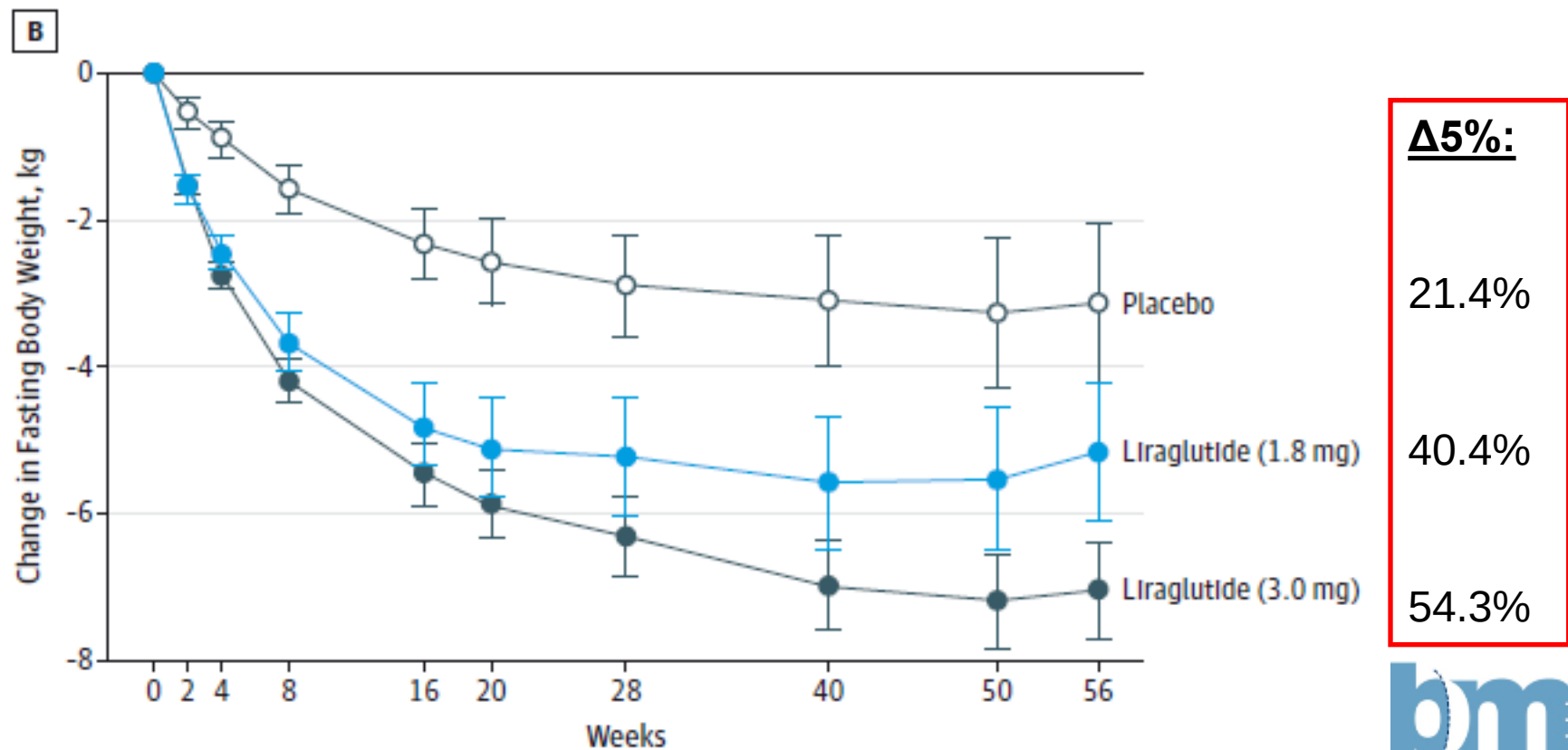
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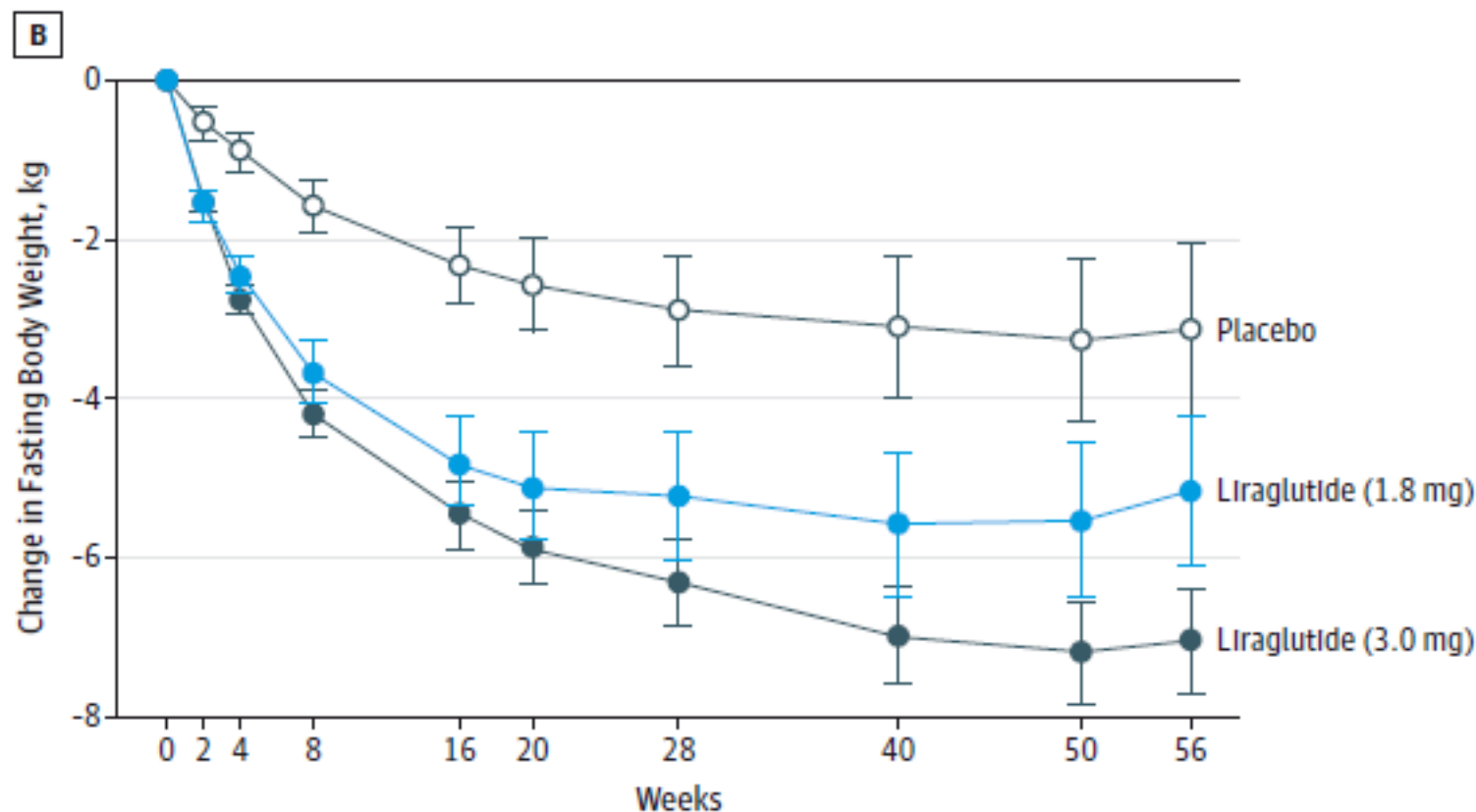
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Δ10%:

6.7%

15.9%

25.2%

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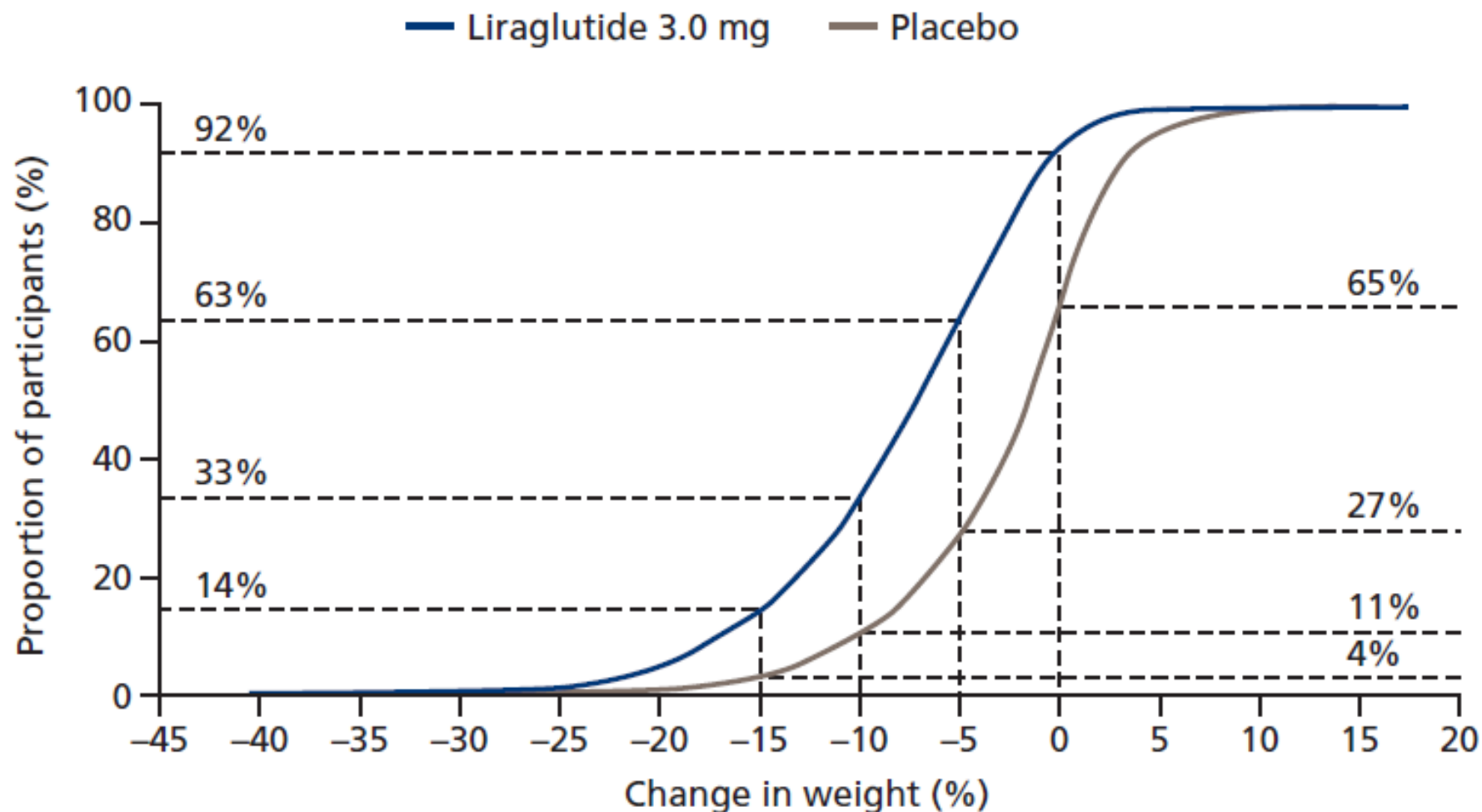
A Randomized, Controlled Trial of 3.0 mg of Liraglutide in Weight Management

Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., Arne Astrup, M.D., D.M.Sc., Ken Fujioka, M.D., Frank Greenway, M.D.,
Alfredo Halpern, M.D., Michel Krempf, M.D., Ph.D., David C.W. Lau, M.D., Ph.D., Carel W. le Roux, F.R.C.P., Ph.D.,
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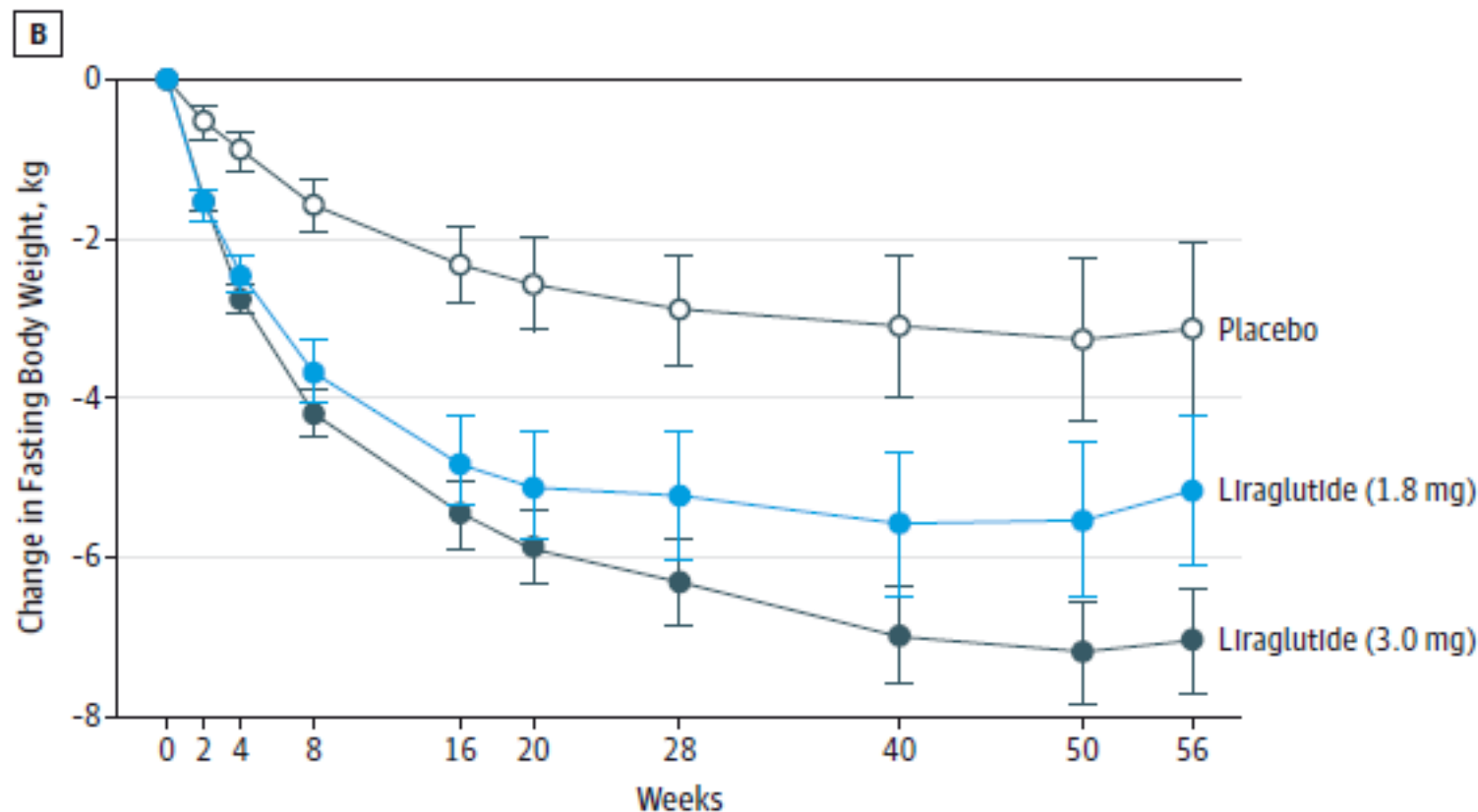
Figure 1 Distribution of weight loss for all participants at Week 56.



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A1c<6.5%

15%

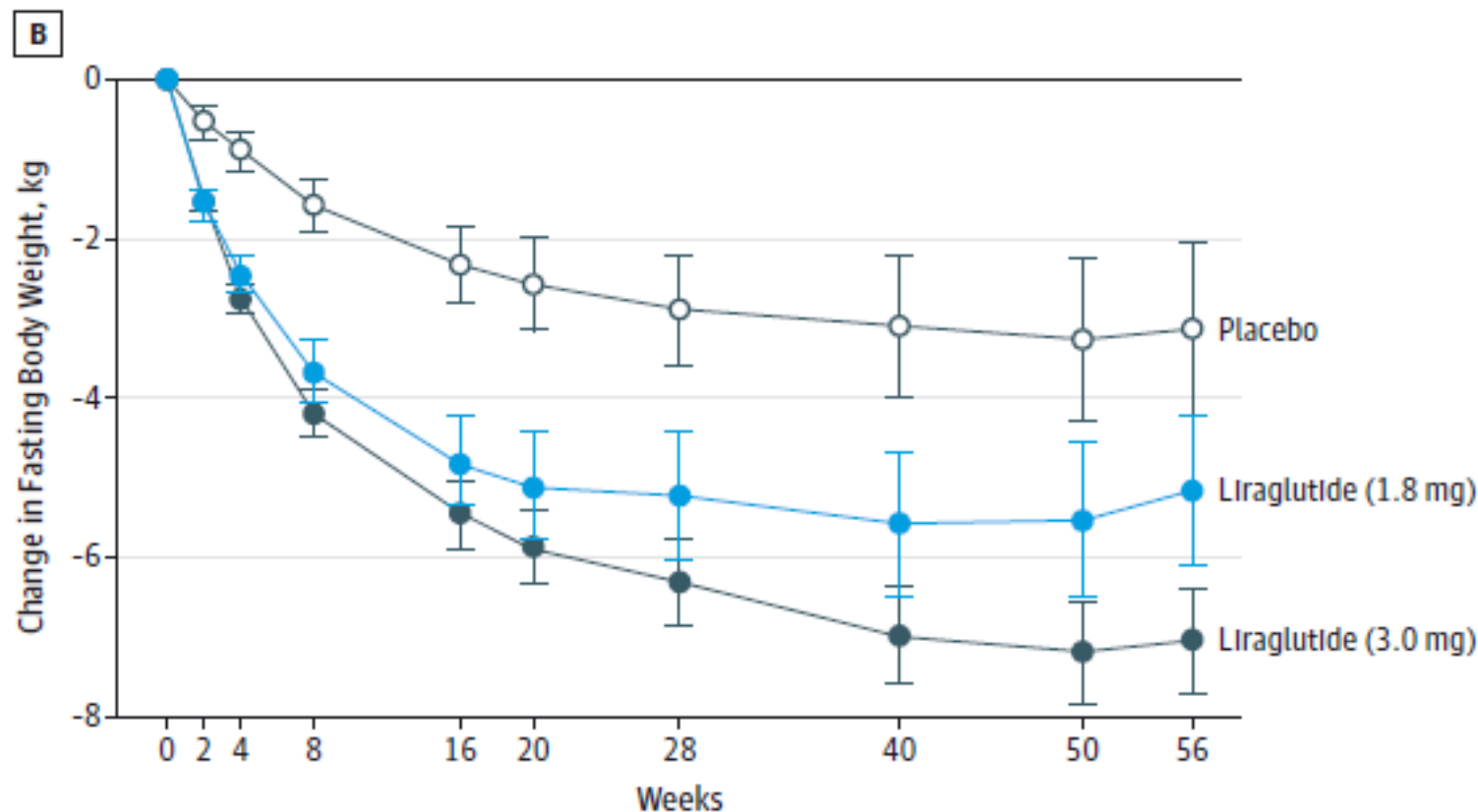
46%

57%

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New OHA

27%

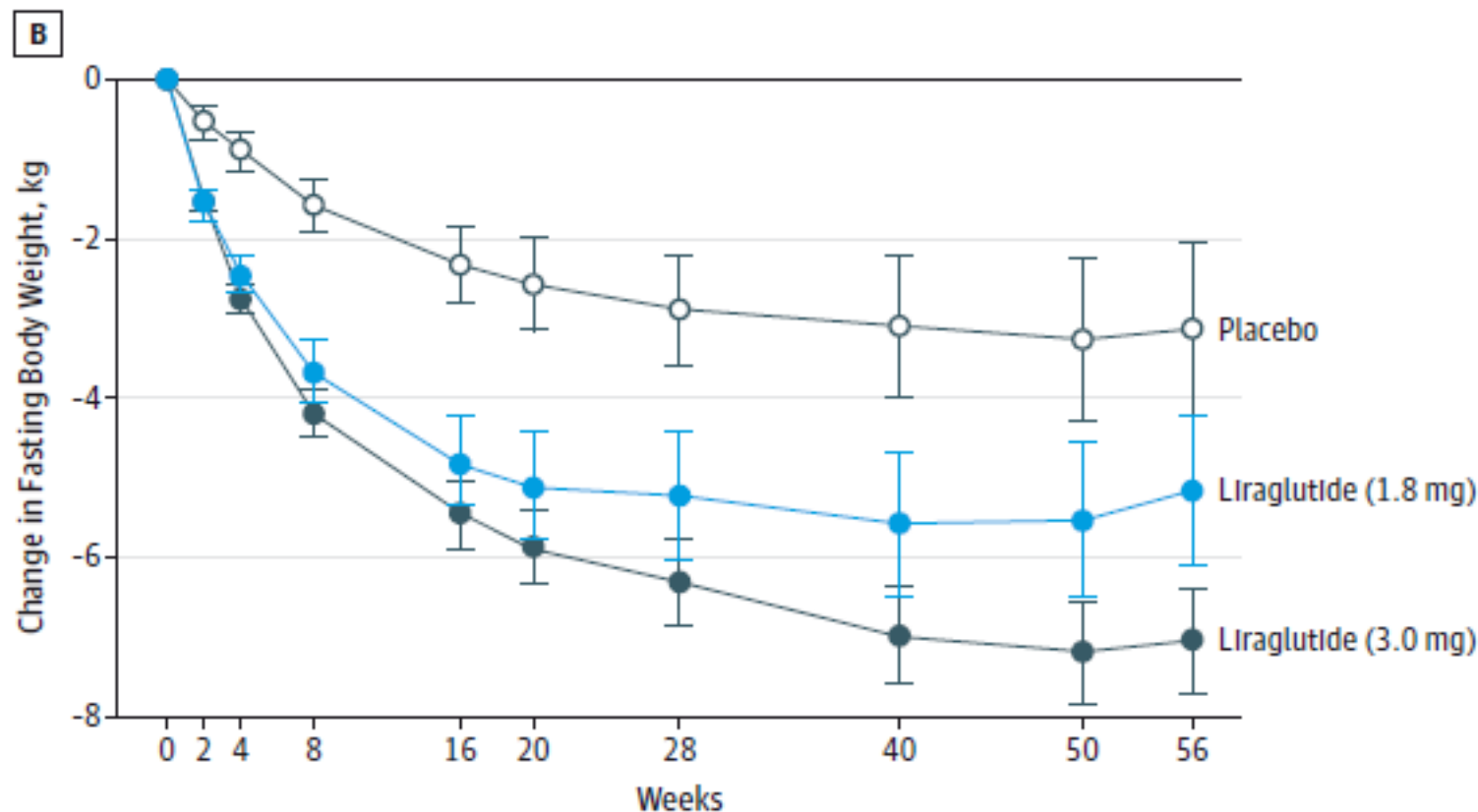
9.3%

5.1%

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Nausea
(/100 py)

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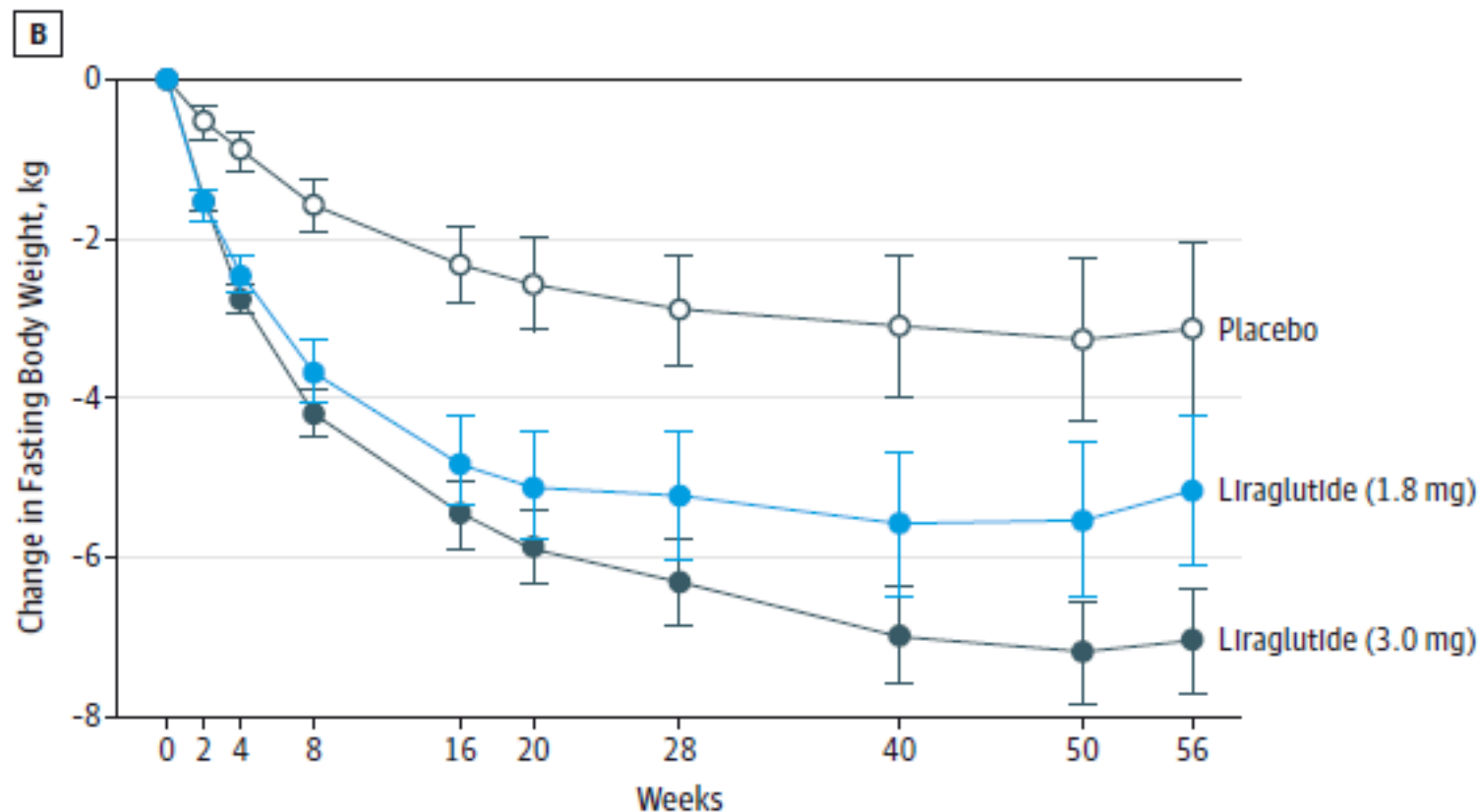
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Vomiting
(/100 py)

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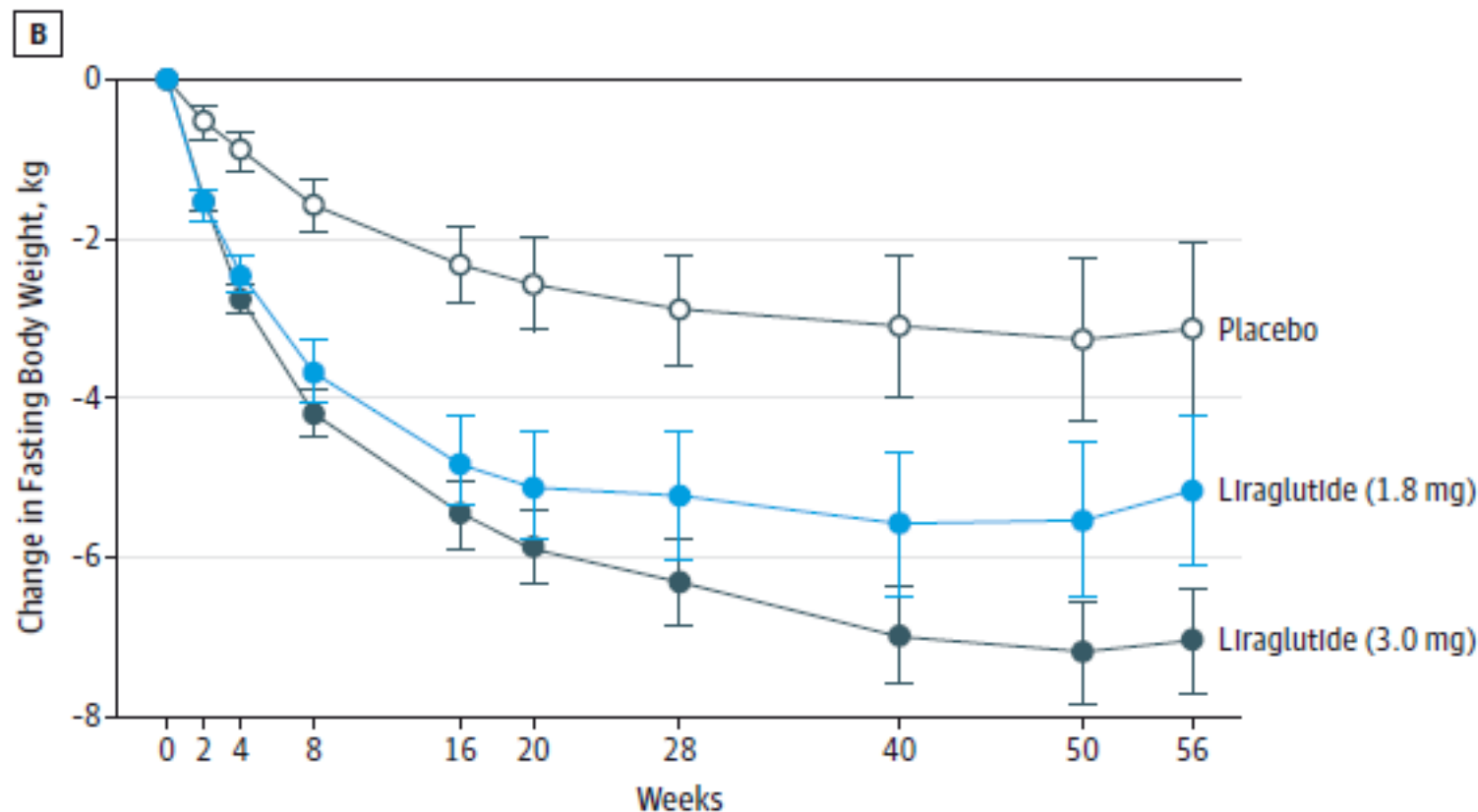
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Diarrhoea
(/100 py)

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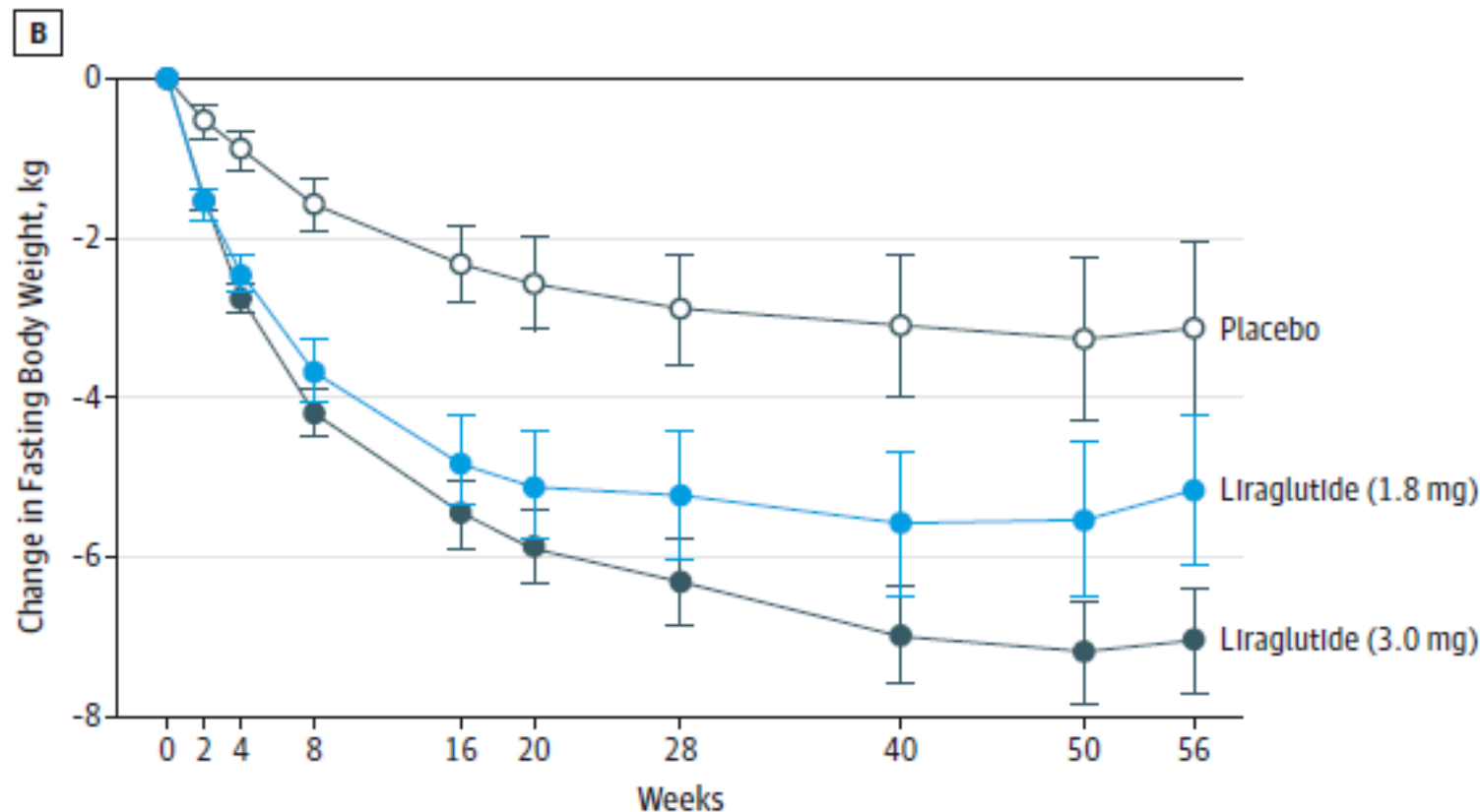
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Constipation
(/100 py)

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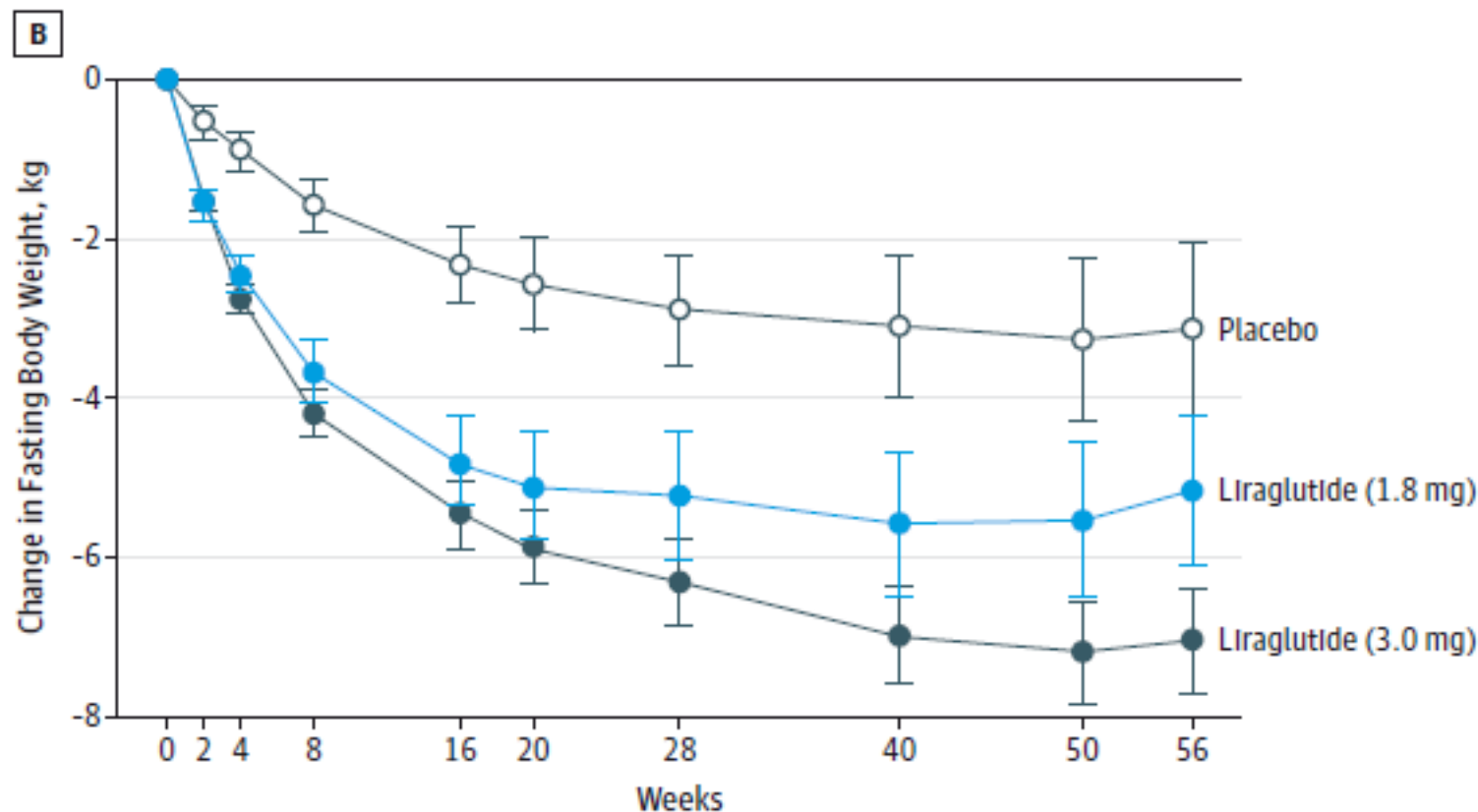
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Hypos
(/100 py)

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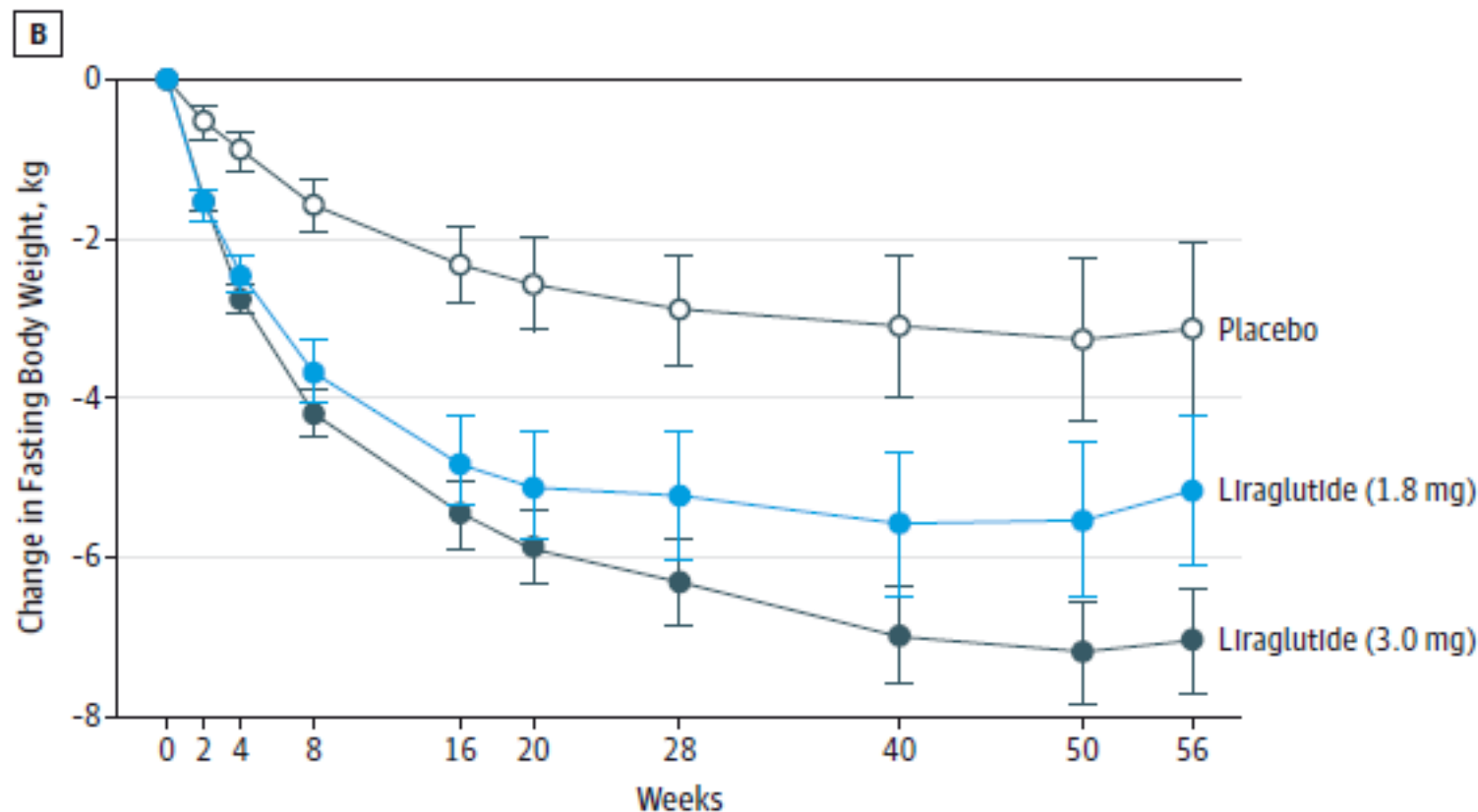
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SAEs

6.1%

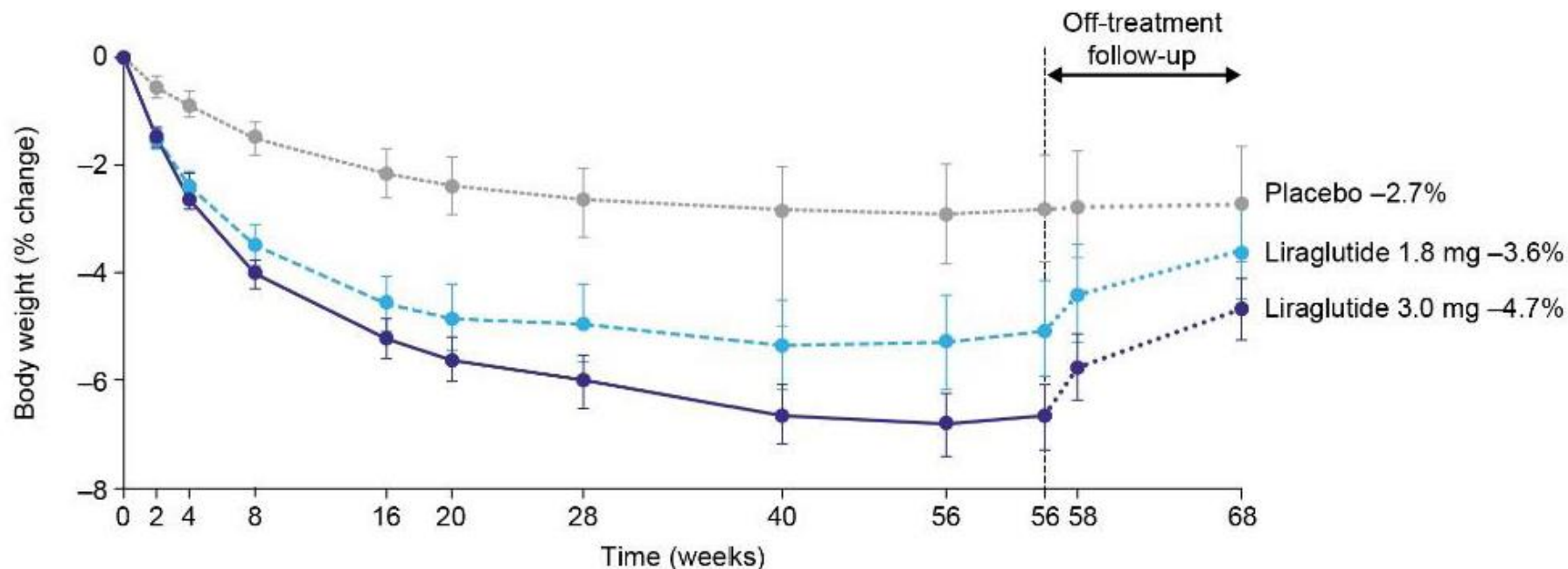
8.6%

8.8%

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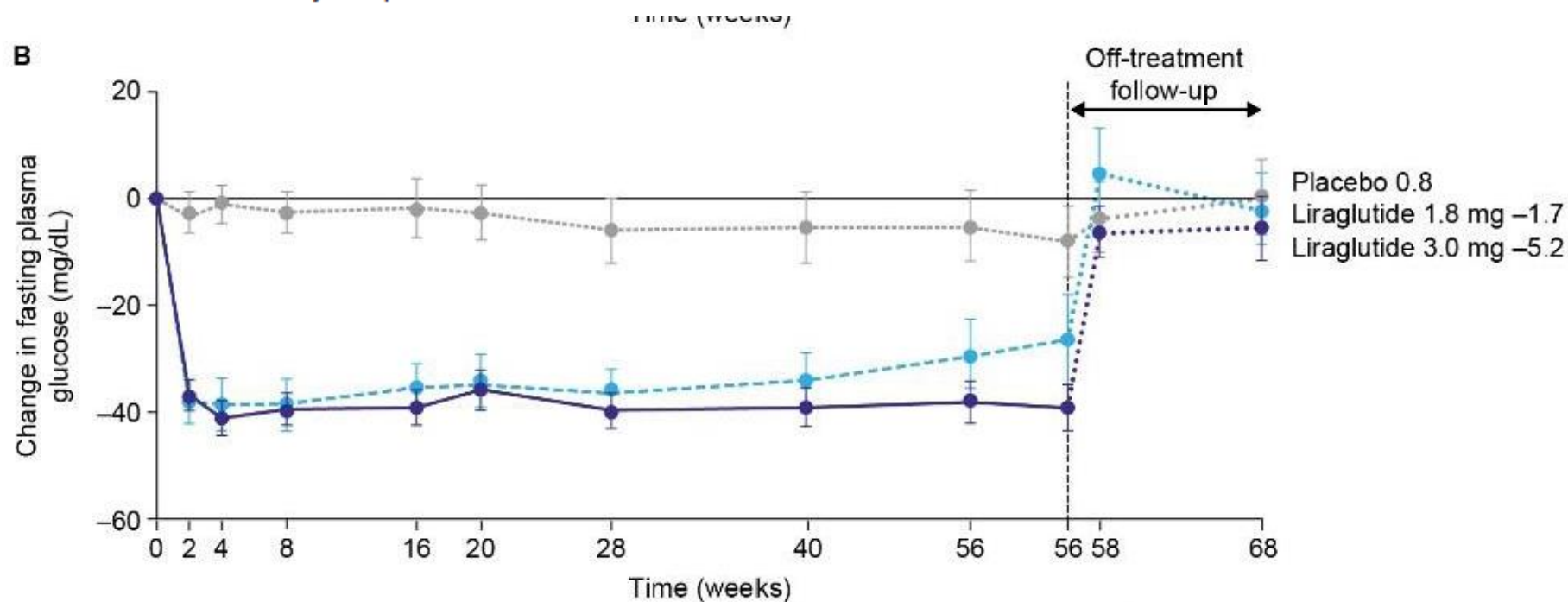
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Exenatide once weekly versus liraglutide once daily in patients with type 2 diabetes (DURATION-6): a randomised, open-label study

John B Buse, Michael Nauck, Thomas Forst, Wayne H-H Sheu, Sylvia K Shenouda, Cory R Heilmann, Byron J Hoogwerf, Aijun Gao, Marilyn K Boardman, Mark Fineman, Lisa Porter, Guntram Schernthaner

	RCT Components:
P	912 adults, T2DM
I	Exenatide 2mg weekly
C	Liraglutide 1.8mg daily
O	Change in A1c
T	26 weeks

Δ HbA1c:

1.48 v 1.28%
(But more AEs)



Once-weekly albiglutide versus once-daily liraglutide in patients with type 2 diabetes inadequately controlled on oral drugs (HARMONY 7): a randomised, open-label, multicentre, non-inferiority phase 3 study

Richard E Pratley, Michael A Nauck, Anthony H Barnett, Mark N Feinglos, Fernando Ovalle, Illana Harman-Boehm, June Ye, Rhona Scott, Susan Johnson, Murray Stewart, Julio Rosenstock, for the HARMONY 7 study group

	RCT Components:
P	841 adults with T2DM
I	Albiglutide 50mg weekly
C	Liraglutide 1.8mg daily
O	Change in HbA1c
T	32 weeks

Δ HbA1c:

0.99 v 0.78%
(But more AEs)





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