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### **Benefit of weight loss in MASH**

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# Benefits of weight loss

#### UK primary care database: 0.5 million people

#### Additional benefit: The

risk after weight loss was significantly lower than the risk for an individual with the corresponding stable lower BMI.

#### Benefit with residual

**risk:** The risk after weight loss was significantly lower than the risk before weight loss; but significantly higher than the risk for an individual with the corresponding stable lower BMI



Haase, Int J of Obesity 2021



# Effect of diet with or without physical activity on intrahepatic fat content



Gepner, Circulation, 2018

#### Bariatric-metabolic surgery versus lifestyle intervention plus best medical care in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (BRAVES): a multicentre, open-label, randomised trial



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Responders

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88% - F1F2 11% - F3



### **MECHANISM OF ACTION OF GLP1 RECEPTORS AGONIST**



GI, gastrointestinal; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist.

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### WEIGHT LOSS WITH GLP1 RA

LIRA - 1

В

Patients (%)



Weight Loss







Percent Weight Loss

STEP - 1

### Weight loss with GLP-1RA, double and triple RA

0-

-4

-8-

-12-

-16

-20-

-24

Percent Change in Body Weight

Placebo

Semaglutide

68

- 14.9%

52

60

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#### **SEMAGLUTIDE**

A Body Weight Change from Baseline by Week, Observed In-Trial Data

-2

-6 Bas

-8

-16

-18

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**Change** -12





#### RETATRUTIDE

8 12 16 20

28

36

Weeks since Randomization





### Cagrilintide - long-acting amylin analogue

**Once-weekly cagrilintide for weight management in people** with overweight and obesity: a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled and active-controlled, dose-finding phase 2 trial

> David CW Lau, Lars Erichsen, Ann Marie Francisco, Altynai Satylganova, Carel W le Roux, Barbara McGowan, Sue D Pedersen, Kirsi H Pietiläinen, Domenica Rubino, Rachel L Batterham

Ø 🖡 🔘 Efficacy and safety of co-administered once-weekly cagrilintide 2.4 mg with once-weekly semaglutide 2.4 mg in type 2 diabetes: a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, active-controlled, phase 2 trial

> Juan P Frias, Srikanth Deenadayalan, Lars Erichsen, Filip K Knop, Ildiko Lingvay, Stanislava Macura, Chantal Mathieu, Sue D Pedersen, Melanie Davies





#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Subcutaneous Semaglutide in Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis

P.N. Newsome, K. Buchholtz, K. Cusi, M. Linder, T. Okanoue, V. Ratziu, A.J. Sanyal, A.-S. Sejling, and S.A. Harrison, for the NN9931-4296 Investigators\*



Semaglutide 2.4 mg once weekly in patients with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis-related cirrhosis: a randomised, placebo-controlled phase 2 trial

Rohit Loomba\*, Manal F Abdelmalek, Matthew J Armstrong, Maximilian Jara, Mette Skalshøi Kjær, Niels Krarup, Eric Lawitz, Vlad Ratziu, Arun J Sanyal, Jörn M Schattenberg, Philip N Newsome\*, on behalf of the NN9931-4492 investigators† oa





# Effect of dual and triple RA on liver fat content

**TIRZEPATIDE – SURPASS-3 MRI** 

#### RETATRUTIDE

Mean relative liver fat reduction was
 >80% with RETA 8 mg and 12 mg



Gastaldelli, Lancet 2022

Sanyal, AASLD 2023

Tirzepatide reduces the predicted risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and improves cardiometabolic risk

# Tirzepatide reduces the predicted risk of developing type 2 diabetes

#### Post hoc analysis of the SURMOUNT-1 trial



## **GLP1 – Receptors Agonists: The Holy Grail to lose weight?**

Weight loss
Liver fat content
CV risk
T2DM risk



Effect on adipose tissue distribution
Sustainability of weight loss
Non or inadequate response
Adherence?
Costs

# Effect of a single GLP1 - RAs and dual RAs on adipose tissue distribution

Once-weekly semaglutide in adults with overweight or obesity

	Semaglutide 2.4 mg once weekly (N=1306)	Placebo once weekly (N=655)	Treatment comparison for semaglutide vs. placebo [95% Cl]
Co-primary endpo	oint assessed in the o	verall population	n
Body weight change from baseline to week 68 – %	-16.86	-2.44	ETD: -14.42 [-15.29; -13.55]
Body weight reduction ≥5% – proportion of participants (%) at week 68	92.4	33.1	OR: 37.0 [28.0; 49.0]

#### Figure 1: Change in body composition from baseline to week 68





Wilding, NEJM 2021

# Weight loss sustainability after stopping GLP1-RAs

#### JAMA | Original Investigation

Research

Effect of Continued Weekly Subcutaneous Semaglutide vs Placebo on Weight Loss Maintenance in Adults With Overweight or Obesity The STEP 4 Randomized Clinical Trial



# Weight loss sustainability after stopping GLP1-RAs



#### D Weight Loss Thresholds from Week -8 to 104



Percentage Weight Loss

Jensen, Lancet 2024

# Weight loss sustainability after stopping GLP1-RAs



Mozaffarian, JAMA, February 2024

# Discontinuation and reinitiation of GLP-1R agonists in patients with type 2 diabetes: a nationwide study from 2013 to 2021



Malik, Lancet 2023

# Conclusion

Weight loss strategies not only provides opportunities to treat obesity itself but also offers a potential treatment for its complications, such as T2D and MASLD

Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP1-RAs):

- promote significant weight loss but also offers promising therapeutic options for MASLD
- backbone of future MASH/combination therapies
- Strategies combining life-style measures / booster periods for GLP1?
- Bariatric surgery:
  - Significant cardiometabolic benefits
  - Significant histological improvement correlated to the amount of weight loss (> 20%)
  - Feasibility of bariatric surgery in patients with cirrhosis (HTP?)