

New Aims in Obesity Pharmacotherapy

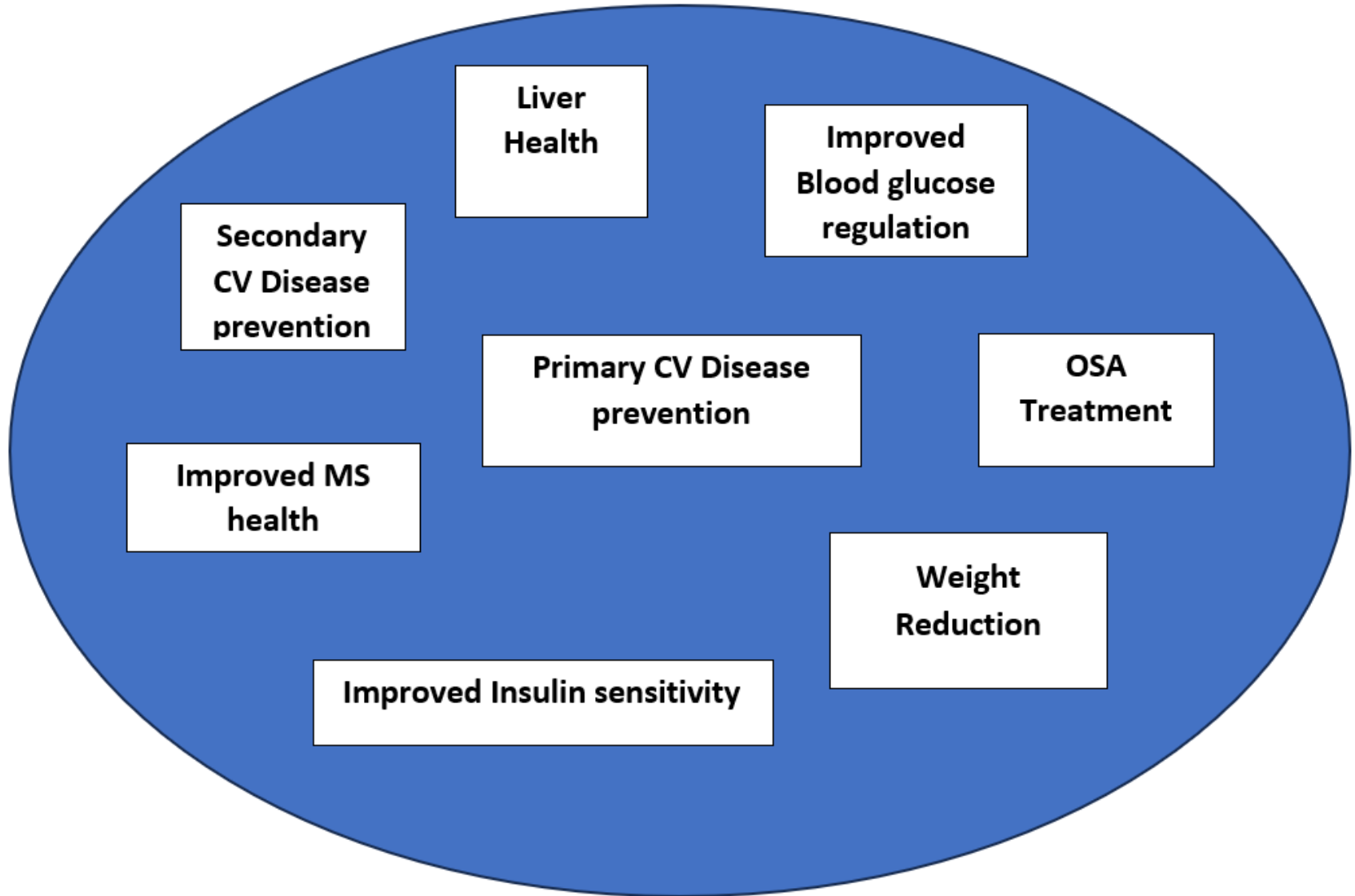
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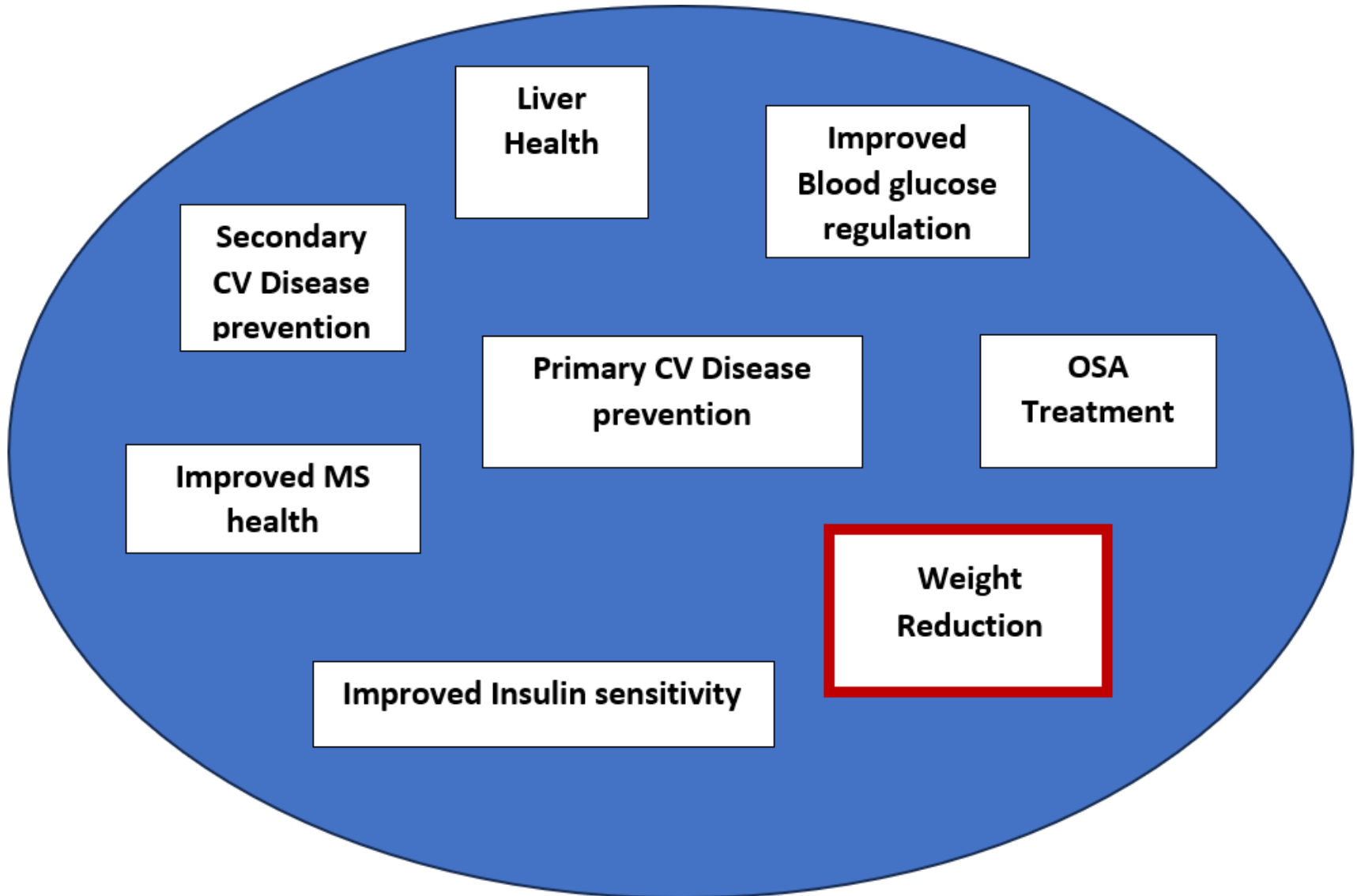
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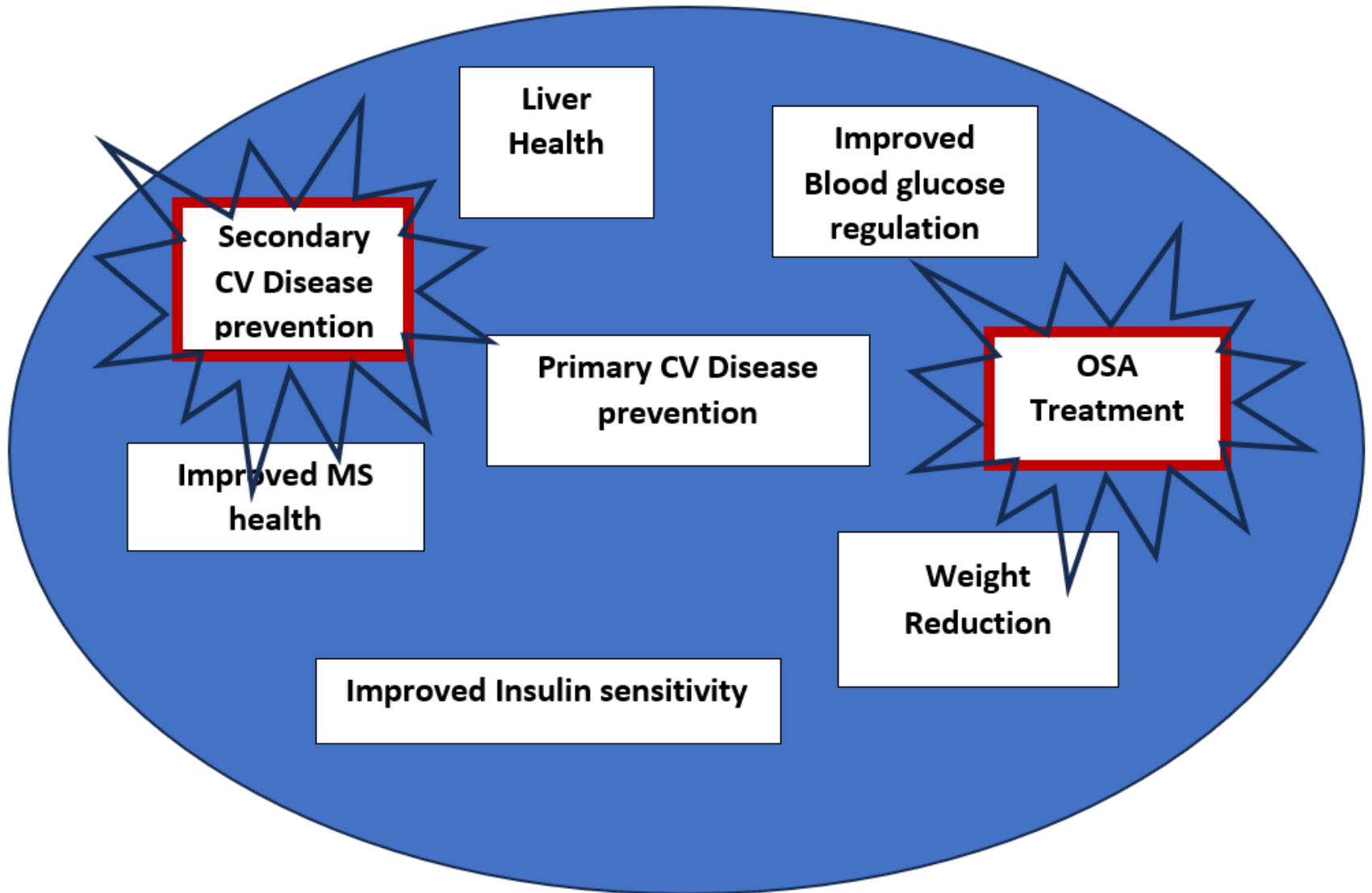
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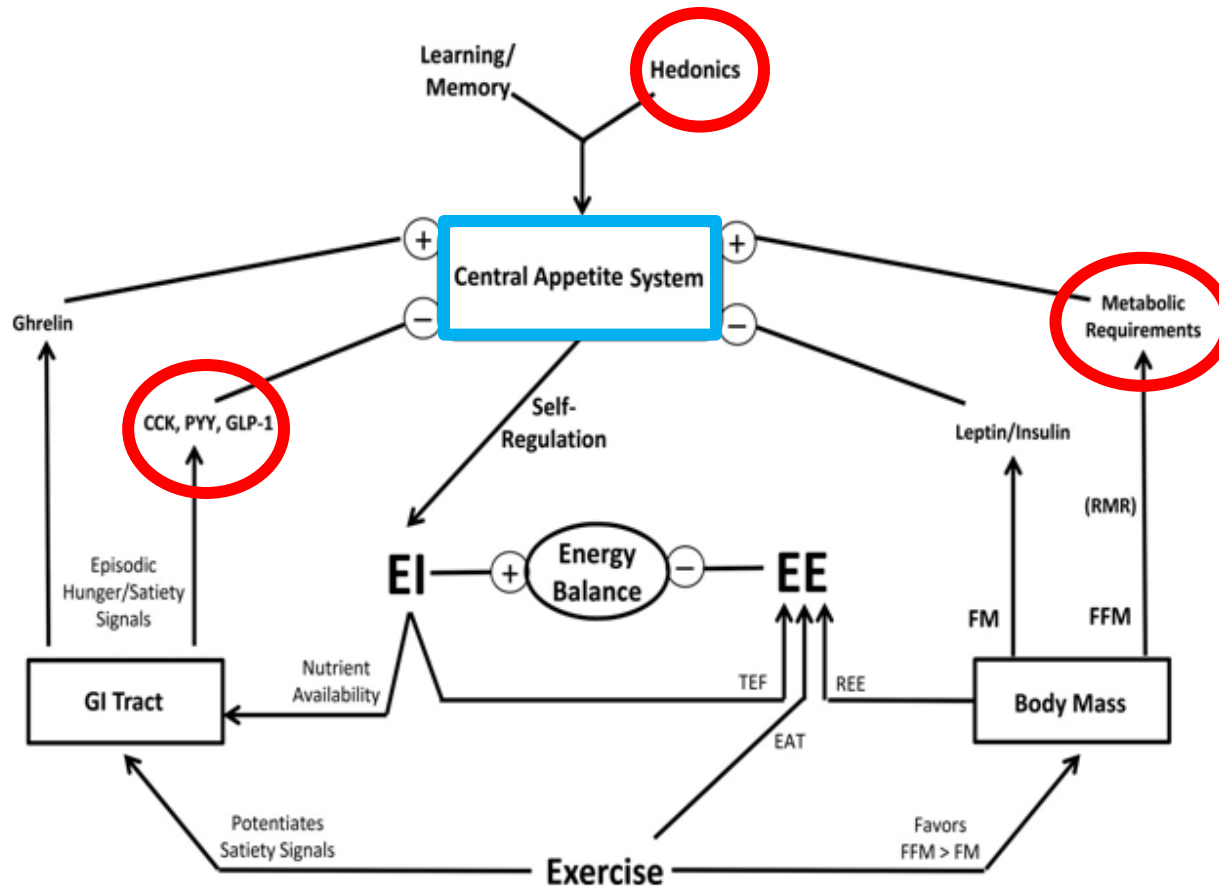
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Overview of Obesity Targets/ Tools

- Overview of Appetite Regulation
- Current FDA Approved Anti-obesity Medications

Appetite Regulation/ Targets



FDA Approved Pharmacotherapy for obesity management

FDA Approved Medications for Obesity

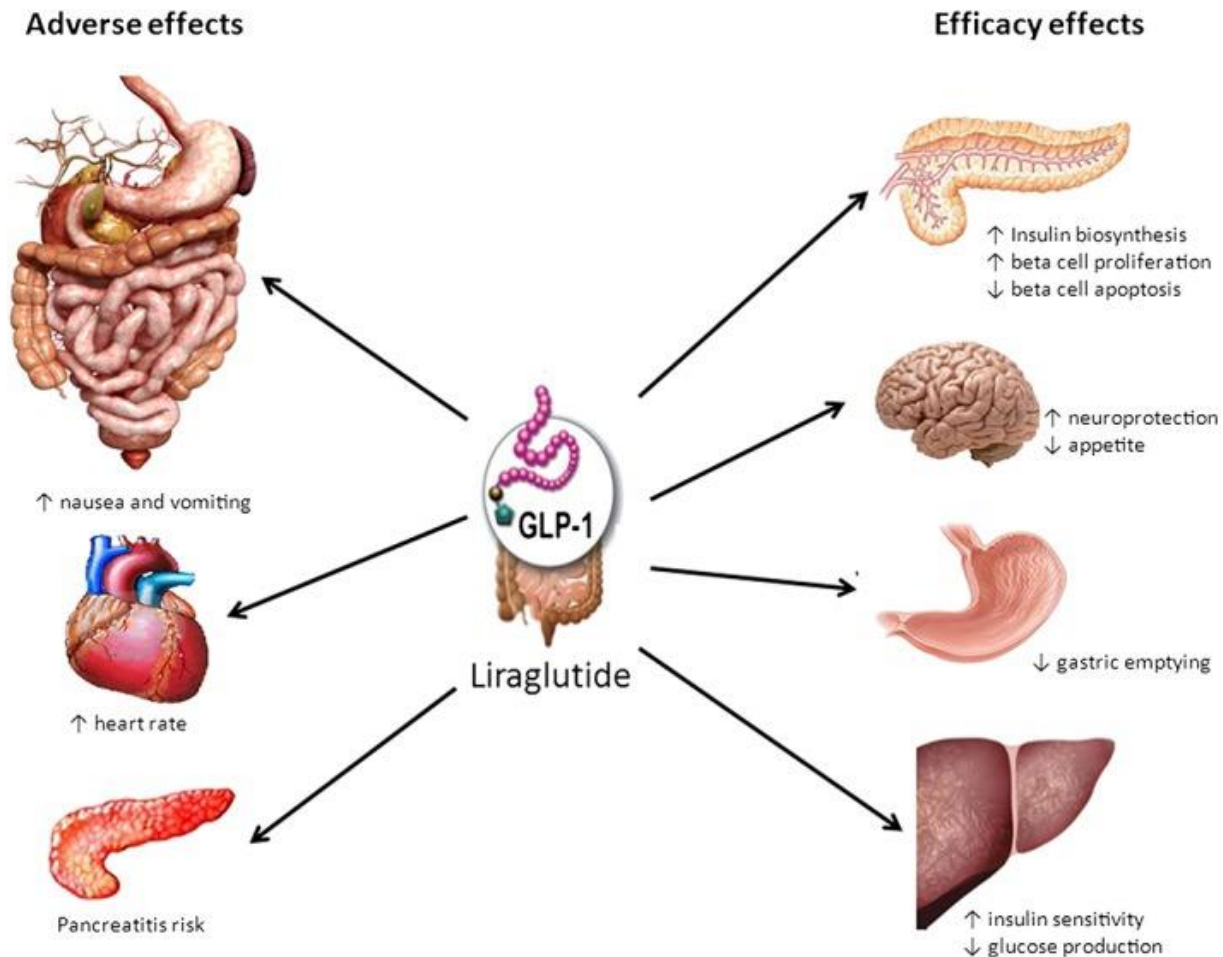
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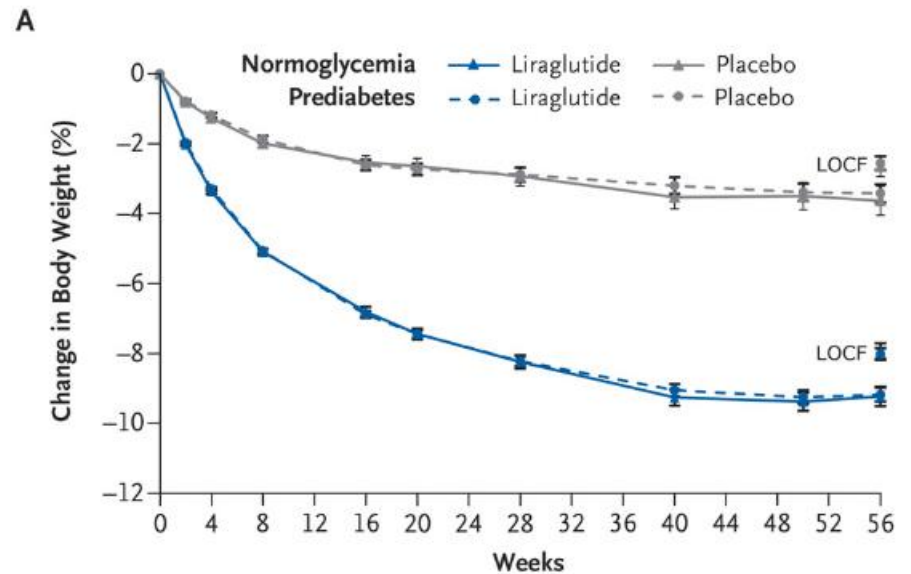
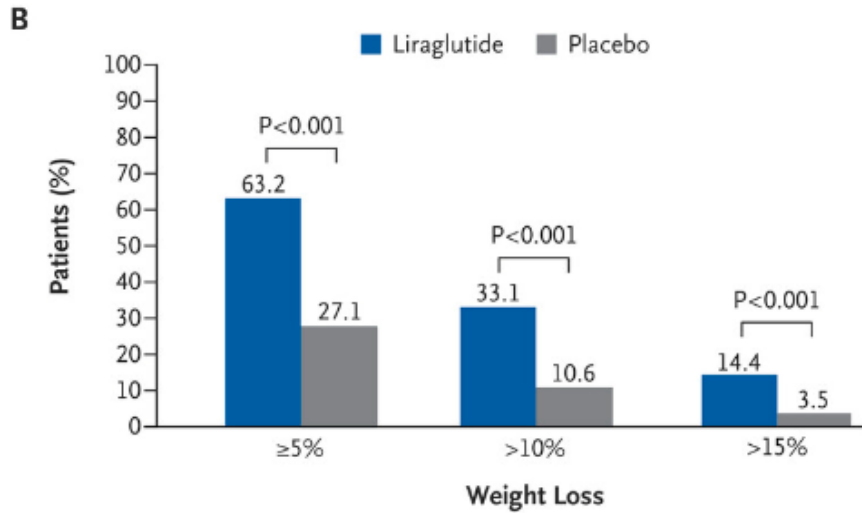
Specific Effects of Incretin Based therapy



Liraglutide

- FDA approved in 2014
- MOA – GLP-1. Improved insulin sensitivity, slows gastric emptying, reduces central hunger at hypothalamic level
- Side Effects – nausea/ vomiting, constipation, c-cell tumors, pancreatitis
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Liraglutide



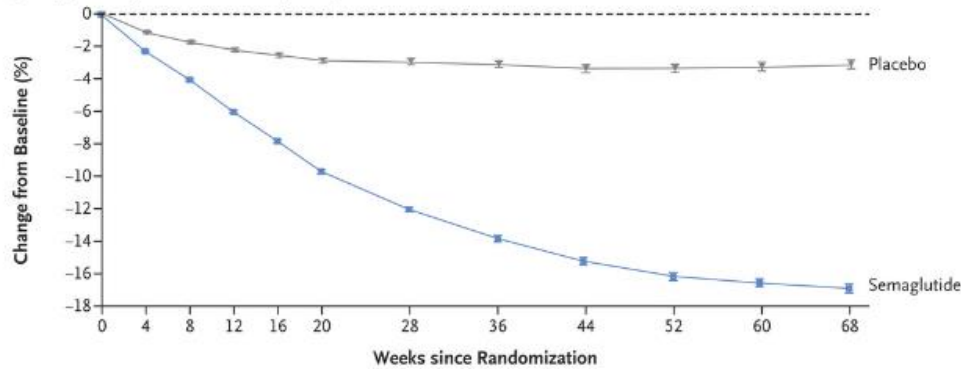
Xavier et al, NEJM. Vol 373, July 2, 2015

Semaglutide

- FDA approved in June 2021
- MOA – GLP-1. Improved insulin sensitivity, slows gastric emptying, reduces central hunger at hypothalamic level
- Side Effects – nausea/ vomiting, constipation, c-cell tumors, pancreatitis
- Special considerations – MEN, disordered eating patterns, injectable (weekly)

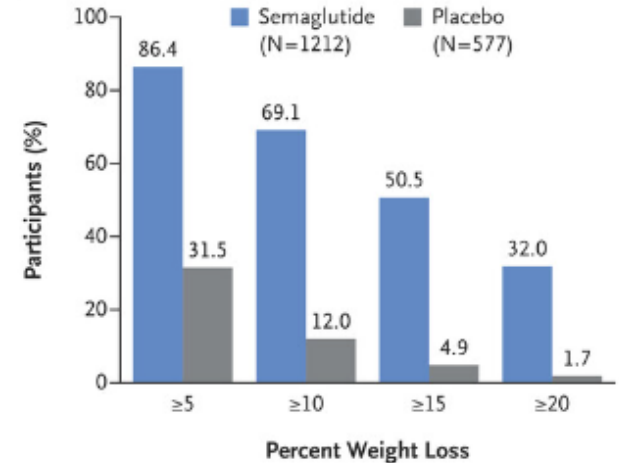
Semaglutide

B Body Weight Change from Baseline by Week, Observed On-Treatment Data



No. at Risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	28	36	44	52	60	68
Placebo	655	647	637	613	607	593	576	555	529	520	514	499
Semaglutide	1306	1283	1259	1225	1206	1193	1176	1166	1135	1115	1100	1059

C In-Trial Data at Wk 68



Semaglutide 2-4 mg once a week in adults with overweight or obesity, and type 2 diabetes (STEP 2): a randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

1. Davies, Melanie et al.

2. The Lancet, Volume 397, Issue 10278, 971 - 984

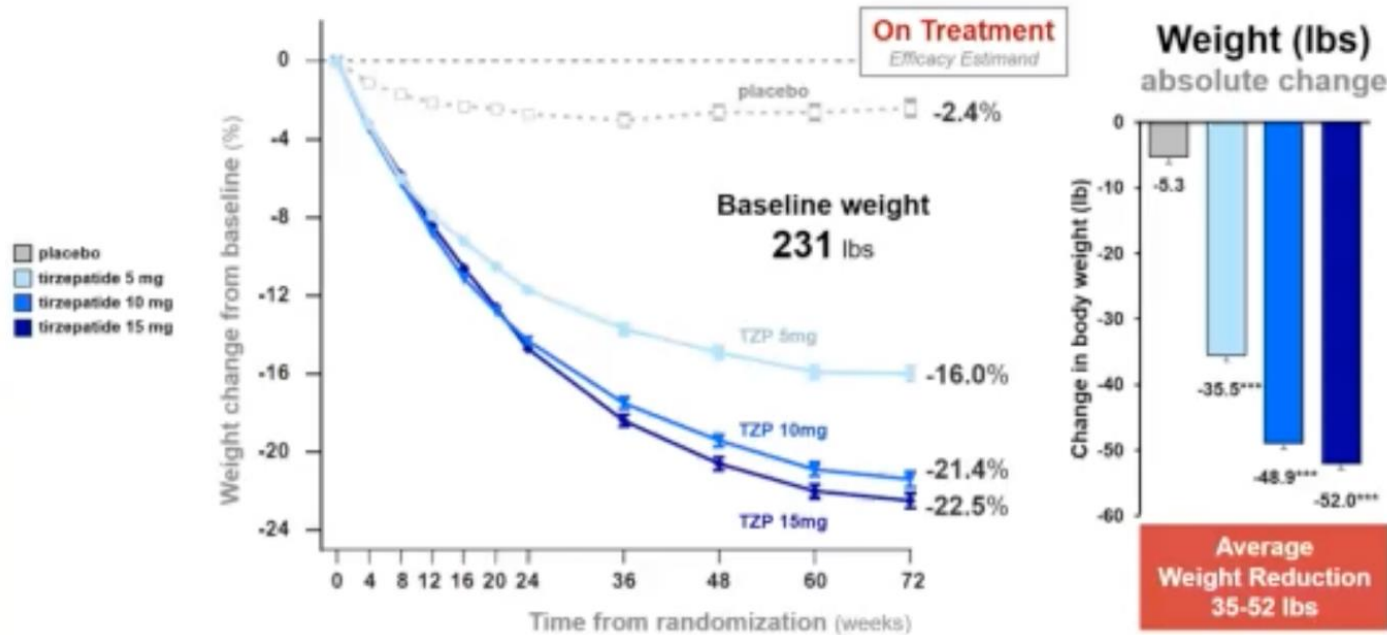
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Tirzepatide

- FDA approved for Obesity Management Nov 2023
- MOA: GLP-1 and GIP agonist
- Side effects: nausea/ vomiting, constipation, c-cell tumors, pancreatitis
- Special considerations – MEN, disordered eating patterns, injectable (weekly), **OCP alteration**

SURMOUNT study

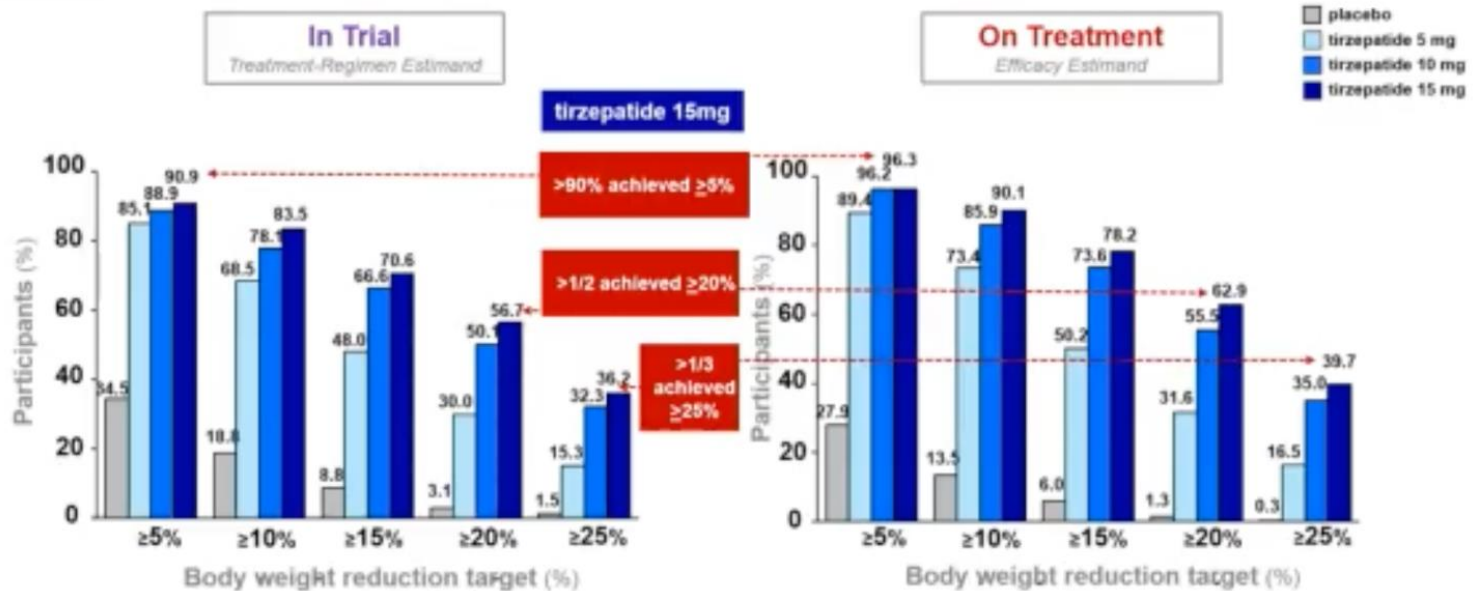
Weight Reduction Over 72 weeks: absolute change



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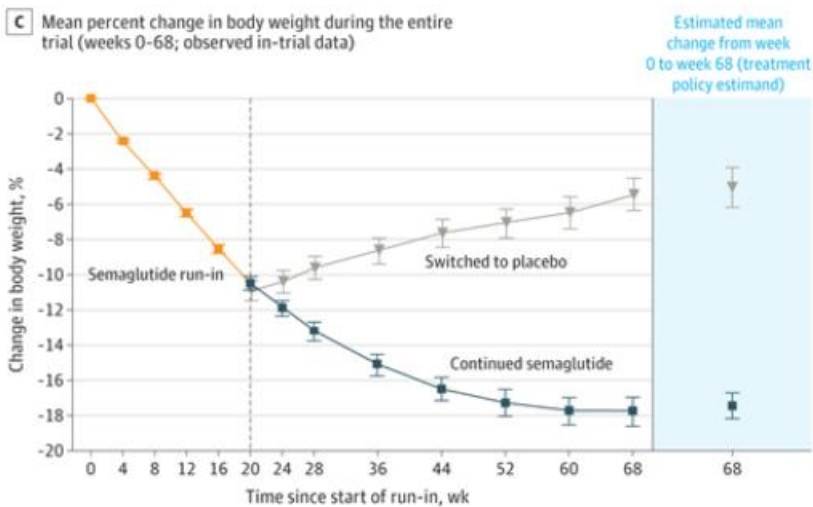
SURMOUNT cont.

Percent of Participant Reaching Weight-Reduction Targets



Duration of therapy

STEP 4 - Semaglutide

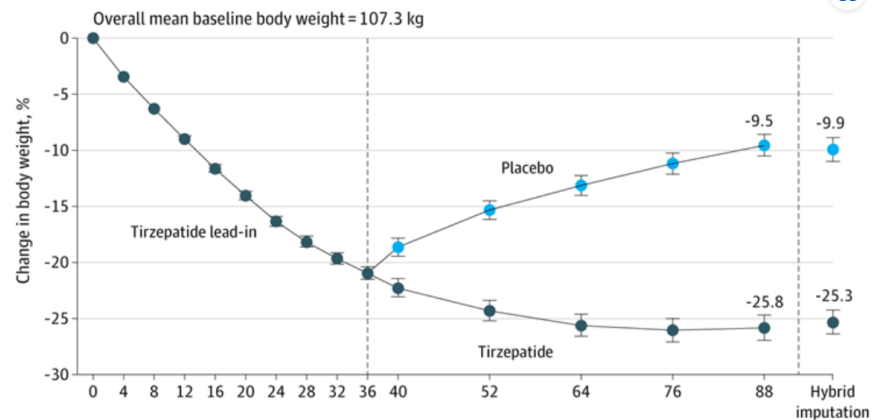


No. of participants

	803	803	803	802	801				
Semaglutide run-in	803	803	803	802	801				
Continued semaglutide	535	527	531	525	523	521	516	520	535
Switched to placebo	268	267	265	258	260	254	246	250	268

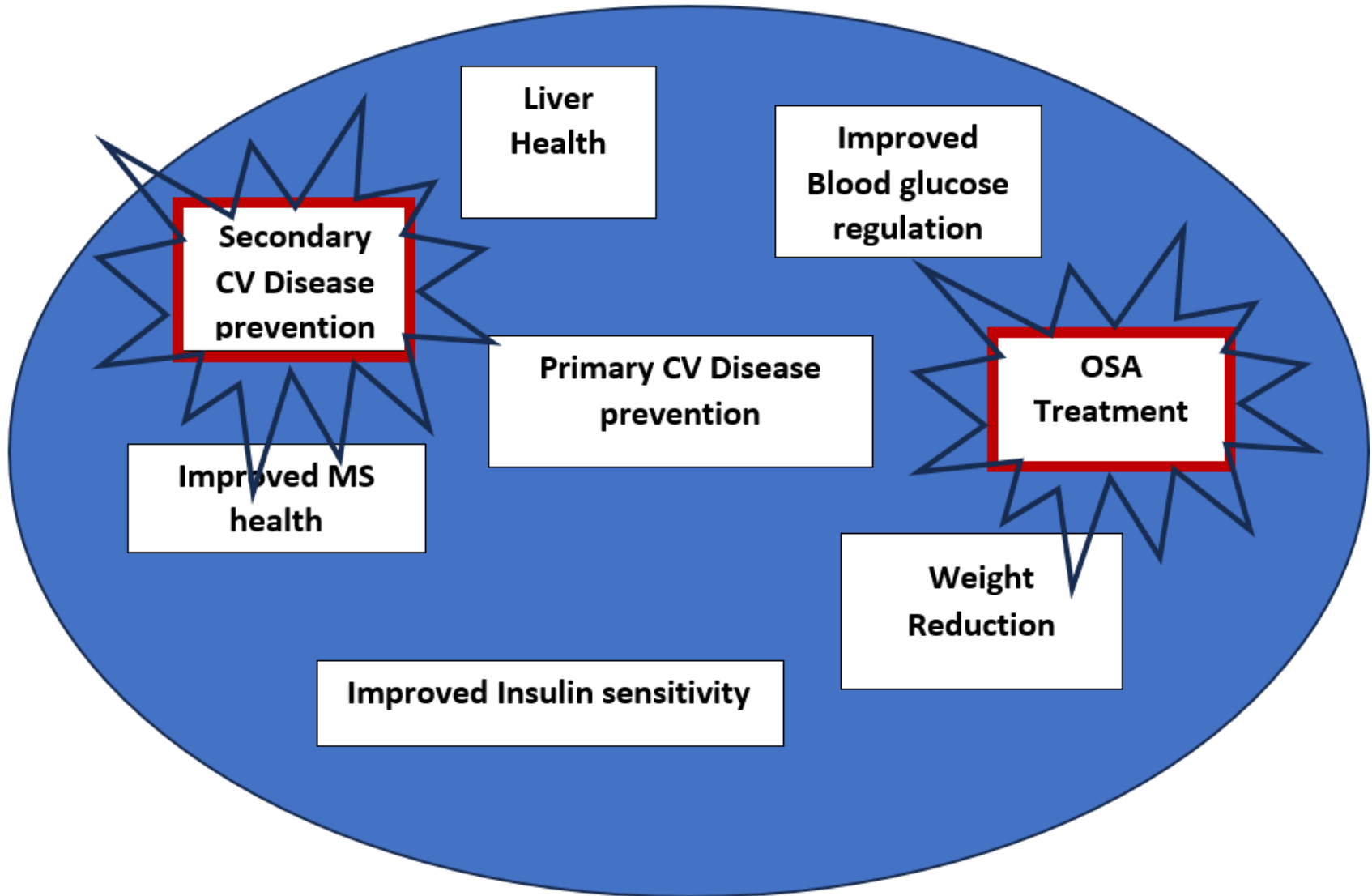
Rubino D, Abrahamsson N, Davies M, et al. Effect of Continued Weekly Subcutaneous Semaglutide vs Placebo on Weight Loss Maintenance in Adults With Overweight or Obesity: The STEP 4 Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA*. 2021;325(14):1414–1425. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.3224

SURMOUNT 4 - Tirzepatitde



Aronne LJ, Sattar N, Horn DB, et al. Continued Treatment With Tirzepatide for Maintenance of Weight Reduction in Adults With Obesity: The SURMOUNT-4 Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA*. 2024;331(1):38–48. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.24945

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Obesity without Diabetes

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Overview

- 17,604 patients, multicenter (>800 in 41 countries)
- Double blinded, randomized (1:1)
- Age >45
- BMI >27
- No DM
- 72% male
- Avg BMI 33
- Avg A1c 5.8

Population

- All participants had history of:
 - MI (~75%)
 - CVA
 - Symptomatic PVD
 - ~25% carried clinical diagnosis of heart failure
- All patient were continued on current therapy that was standard of care for their CV condition:
 - 90%** on lipid lowering agent
 - 86.2%** on platelet aggregation agent
 - 70.2%** on BB therapy
 - 45%** on ACEi
 - 29%** on ARB
 - No pt on SGLT2 at time of randomization, 500 patients treated by end of study

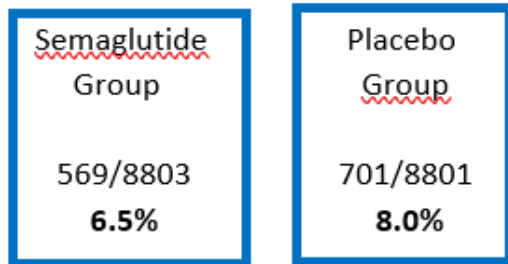


Endpoints

- Primary Endpoints
 - Death from CV disease
 - Nonfatal MI
 - Nonfatal CVA
- Secondary Endpoints
 - A1c change
 - Change in body weight
 - Change in waist circumference
 - Change in BP
 - Heart rate change
 - Change in lipids
 - Change in CRP

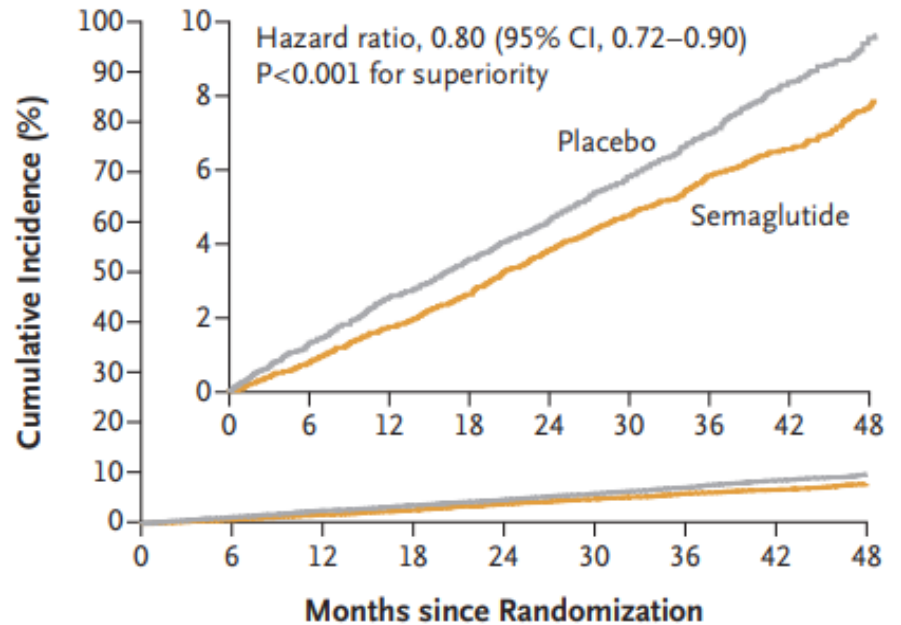
Results – Primary Endpoint

CV Events



HR 0.8 (95% CI, 0.72 to 0.9, p<0.001)

A Primary Cardiovascular Composite End Point

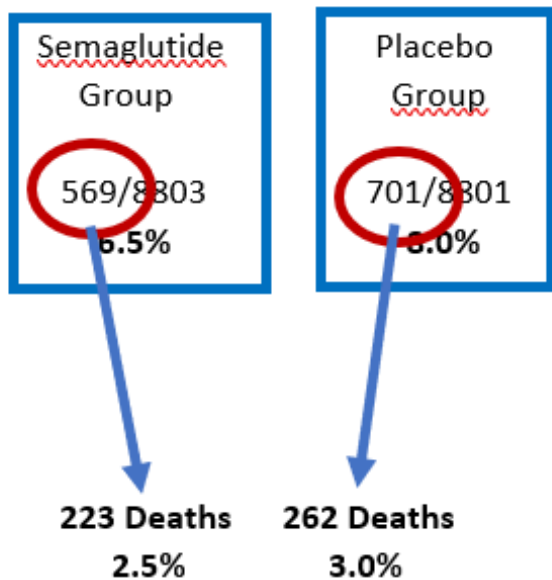


No. at Risk

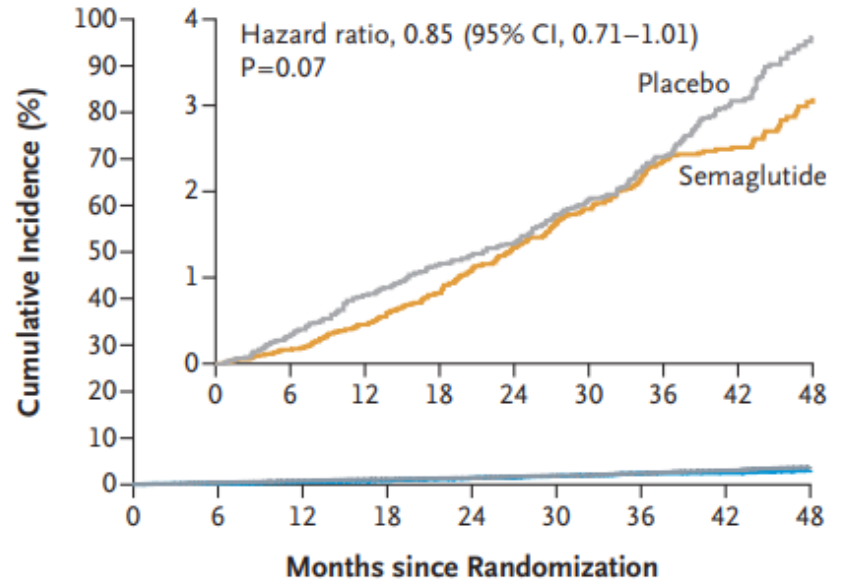
Placebo	8801	8652	8487	8326	8164	7101	5660	4015	1672
Semaglutide	8803	8695	8561	8427	8254	7229	5777	4126	1734

Results – CV Deaths

CV Events



B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk

Placebo	8801	8733	8634	8528	8430	7395	5938	4250	1793
Semaglutide	8803	8748	8673	8584	8465	7452	5988	4315	1832

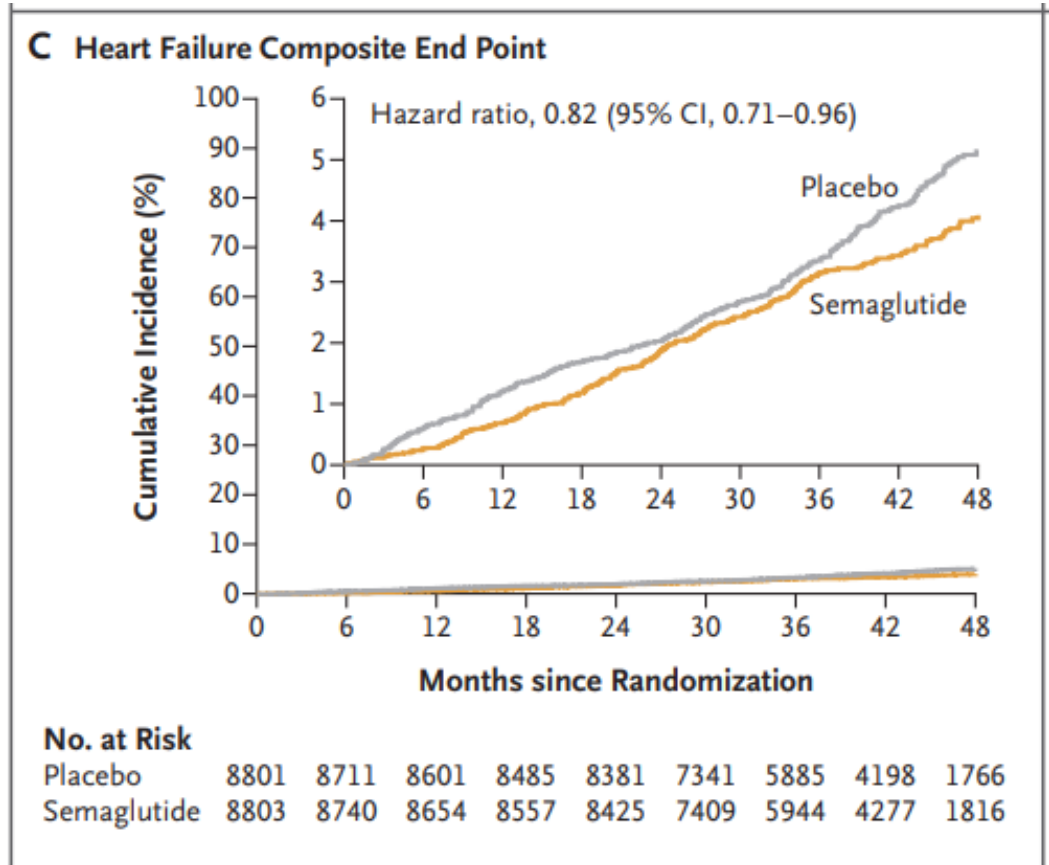
Results – Composite HF

Death from CV cause
 +
 Hospitalization from HF
 +
 Urgent Medical visit for HF

HF Endpoint

Semaglutide Group	Placebo Group
300/8803	261/8801
3.4%	4.1%

HR 0.82 (CI 95%, 0.71 to 0.93)

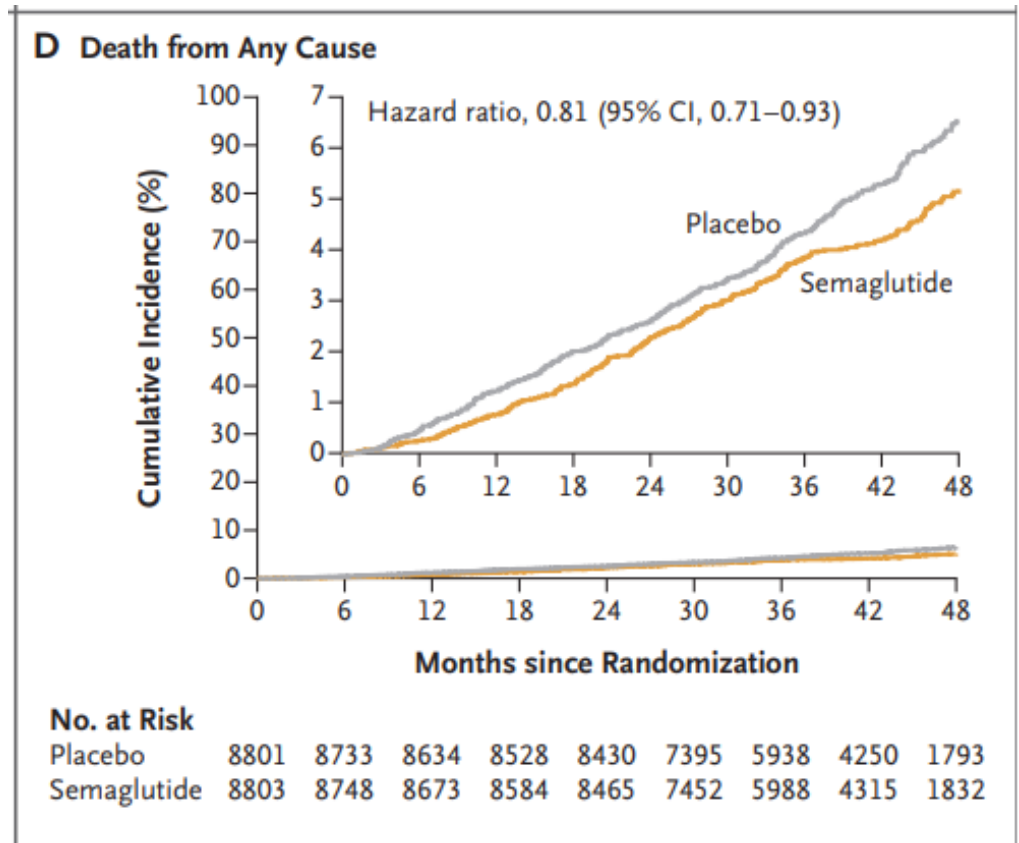


Results – Death Any Cause

All Cause Mortality

<p><u>Semaglutide</u> Group</p> <p>375/8803 4.3%</p>	<p><u>Placebo</u> Group</p> <p>458/8801 5.2%</p>
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HR 0.81 (CI 95%, 0.71 to 0.93)



Secondary Endpoints

Table 3. Supportive Binary and Continuous Secondary End Points.*

End Point	Semaglutide (N=8803)	Placebo (N=8801)	Difference (95% CI)†
Glycated hemoglobin level of <5.7% among patients with baseline glycated hemoglobin level of ≥5.7% — no./total no. (%)‡			
At week 52	3848/5831 (66.0)	1136/5748 (19.8)	10.15 (9.18 to 11.23)
At week 104	3775/5750 (65.7)	1211/5663 (21.4)	8.74 (7.91 to 9.65)
Mean change from randomization to week 104			
Body weight — %	-9.39±0.09	-0.88±0.08	-8.51 (-8.75 to -8.27)
Waist circumference — cm	-7.56±0.09	-1.03±0.09	-6.53 (-6.79 to -6.27)
Glycated hemoglobin level — percentage points	-0.31±0.00	0.01±0.00	-0.32 (-0.33 to -0.31)
Systolic blood pressure — mm Hg	-3.82±0.16	-0.51±0.16	-3.31 (-3.75 to -2.88)
Diastolic blood pressure — mm Hg	-1.02±0.10	-0.47±0.10	-0.55 (-0.83 to -0.27)
Heart rate — beats/min	3.79±0.11	0.69±0.11	3.10 (2.80 to 3.39)
EQ-5D-5L index score§	0.01±0.00	-0.01±0.00	0.01 (0.01 to 0.02)
EQ-5D-VAS score§	2.52±0.16	0.92±0.16	1.60 (1.16 to 2.04)
High-sensitivity CRP level — %	-39.12	-2.08	-37.82 (-39.70 to -35.90)
Total cholesterol level — %	-4.63	-1.92	-2.77 (-3.37 to -2.16)
HDL cholesterol level — %	4.86	0.59	4.24 (3.70 to 4.79)
LDL cholesterol level — %	-5.25	-3.14	-2.18 (-3.22 to -1.12)
Triglyceride level — %	-18.34	-3.20	-15.64 (-16.68 to -14.58)

Adverse events

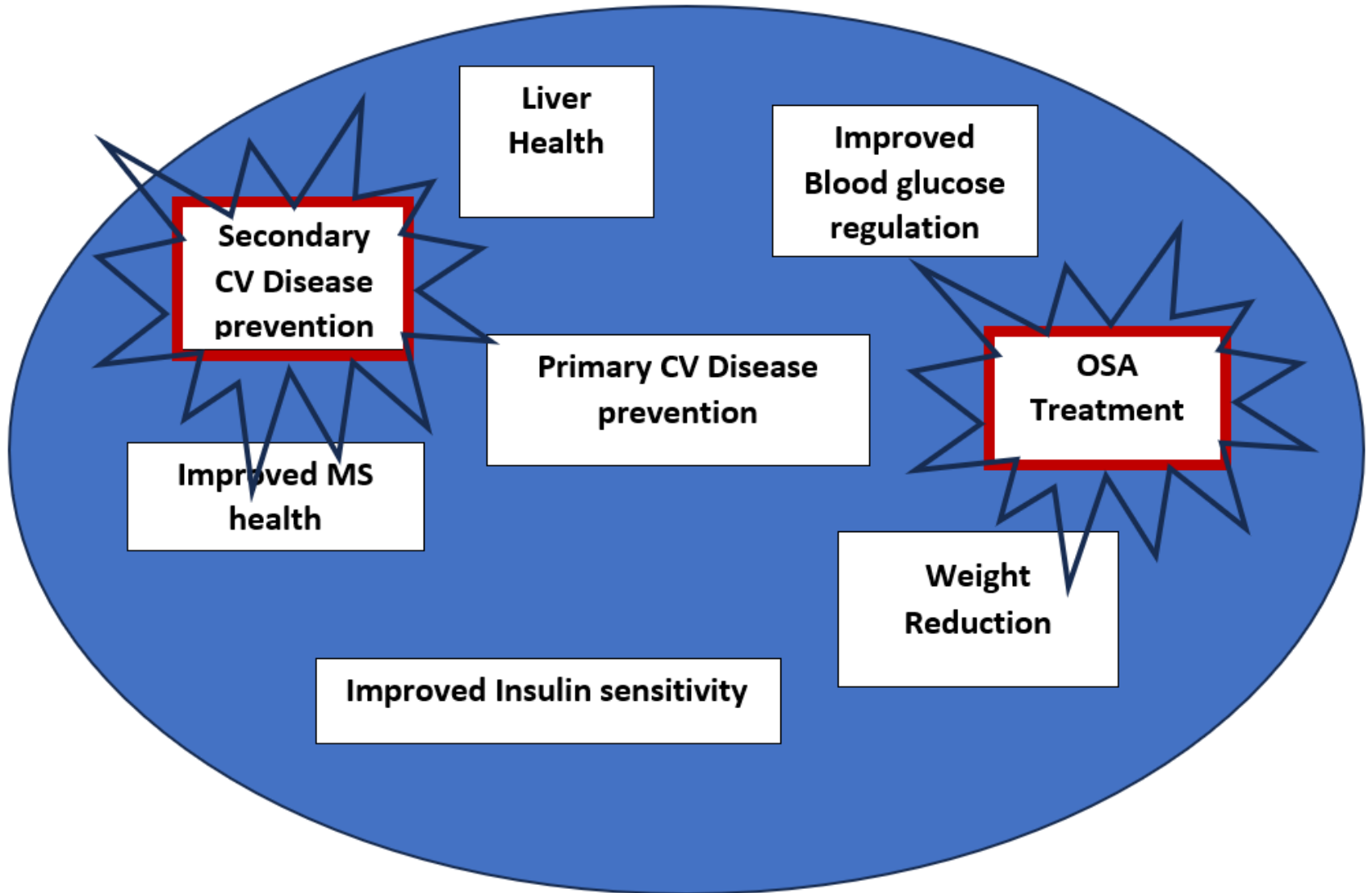
Event	Semaglutide (N = 8803)	Placebo (N = 8801)	P Value [†]
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		
Serious adverse events [‡]	2941 (33.4)	3204 (36.4)	<0.001
Cardiac disorders	1008 (11.5)	1184 (13.5)	<0.001
Infections and infestations	624 (7.1)	738 (8.4)	0.001
Nervous system disorders	444 (5.0)	496 (5.6)	0.08
Surgical and medical procedures	433 (4.9)	548 (6.2)	<0.001
Neoplasms benign, malignant, and unspecified	405 (4.6)	402 (4.6)	0.94
Gastrointestinal disorders	342 (3.9)	323 (3.7)	0.48
Adverse events leading to permanent discontinuation of trial product, irrespective of seriousness [‡]	1461 (16.6)	718 (8.2)	<0.001
Gastrointestinal disorders	880 (10.0)	172 (2.0)	<0.001
Nervous system disorders	124 (1.4)	92 (1.0)	0.03
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	108 (1.2)	27 (0.3)	<0.001
General disorders and administration-site conditions	105 (1.2)	47 (0.5)	<0.001
Neoplasms benign, malignant, and unspecified	80 (0.9)	105 (1.2)	0.07
Infections and infestations	75 (0.9)	84 (1.0)	0.47

FDA Response – March 8, 2024

FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Approves First Treatment to Reduce Risk of Serious Heart Problems Specifically in Adults with Obesity or Overweight

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Tirzepatide and OSA (SURMOUNT- OSA)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Tirzepatide for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Obesity

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Background

- At present, no pharmacologic intervention for OSA
- PAP therapy is insufficient to lower risk of CV disease to baseline
- Many individuals with OSA are not compliant with PAP usage (30-60%)
 - NIH 2016 data



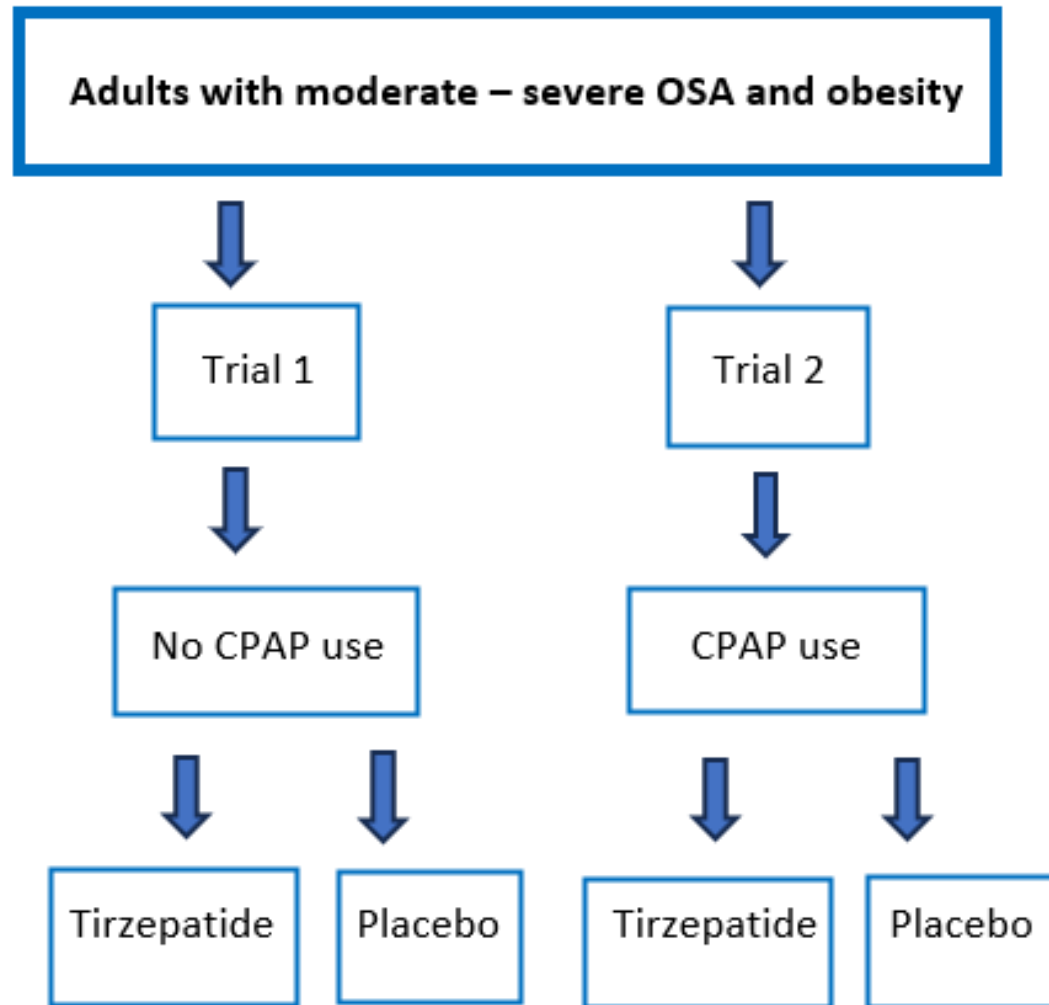
Study Overview

- 52 week, phase 3
- Double blinded
- Multi center (60 sites, 9 countries)
- Inclusion Criteria:
 - Adults with AHI >15 (moderate) and BMI >30
- Exclusion Criteria
 - Diabetes, mixed or central sleep apnea, craniofacial abnormality
- All participants received lifestyle counseling on healthy nutrition with 500kcal per day deficit and >150 min per week of physical activity

Patient Demographics

- 470 patients total
- 1:1:1:1
- ~30% female
- 60-70% white, 30-40% Latino/ Hispanic, ~20% Asian
- ~60% with prediabetes
- ~80% dyslipidemia

Methods



Tirzepatide Titration

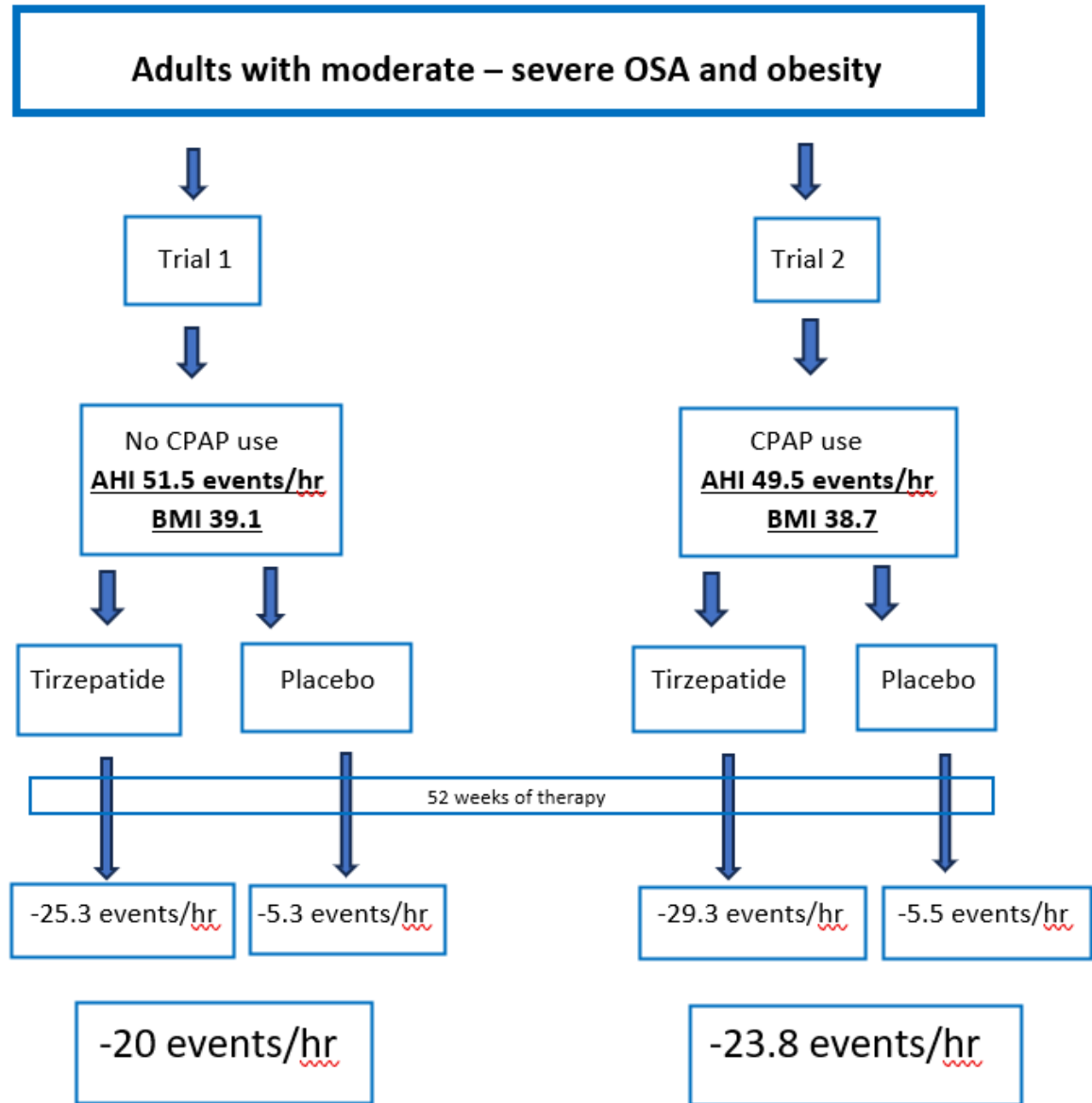
- All individuals randomized to tirzepatide group were started on 2.5mg weekly and increased q4 weeks toward a max tolerated treatment dose of **10mg or 15mg weekly** by week 20
- If unable to reach at least 10mg weekly discontinued medication or placebo but remained in the trial
- Data analysis was done with all patients receiving at least 1 dose of medication/placebo
 - Treatment regimen estimand vs. Efficacy estimand

Endpoints

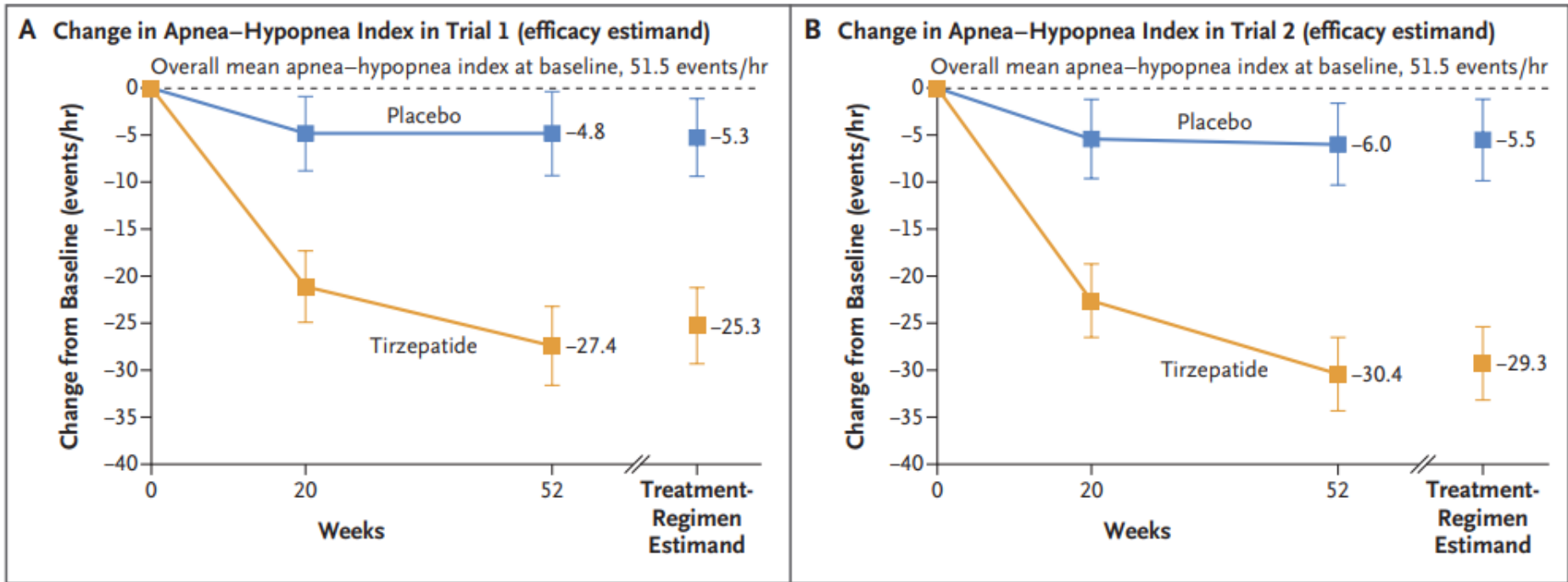
- Change in Apnea-Hypopnea Index (AHI) from baseline
- Percent change in AHI
- AHI reduction of at least 50%
- Percentage of participants with AHI of less than 5 events per hour and score of <11 on Epworth sleepiness scale
- Percentage change in body weight
- Change in hrCRP
- Change in sleep apnea specific hypoxic burden
- Change in scores on the Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System, Short form sleep-related Impairment and PROMIS short form sleep disturbance scale
- Change in systolic BP

Results

Treatment regimen
Estimand



Change in AHI



Primary Endpoint – Change in AHI from baseline

- Trial 1: -47.7% (95% CI -65.8 to -29.6), $p < 0.001$
- Trial 2: -56.2% (95% CI -73.7 to -38.7), $p < 0.001$

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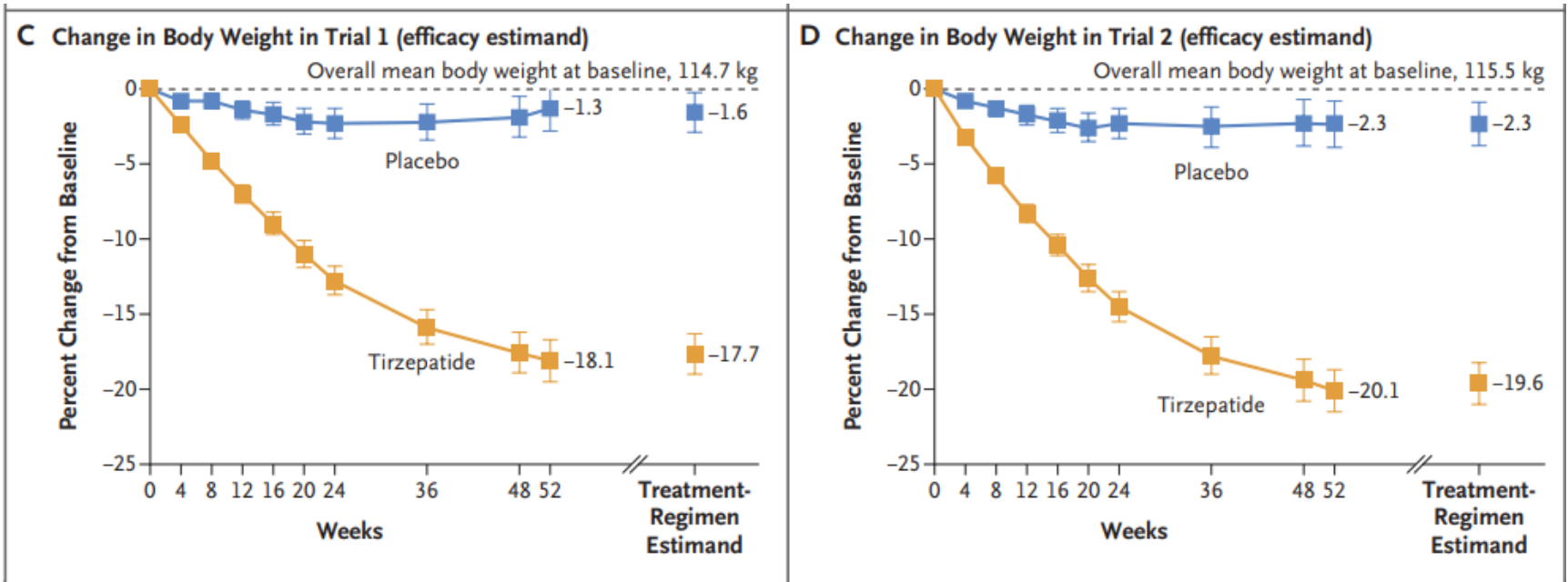
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- Percentage of participants who had a reduction in the AHI of at least 50%
 - Trial 1 – 61%
 - Trial 2 - 72%
- Percentage of participants who had AHI <5 events per hour
 - Trial 1 – 42%
 - Trial 2 – 50%

Results

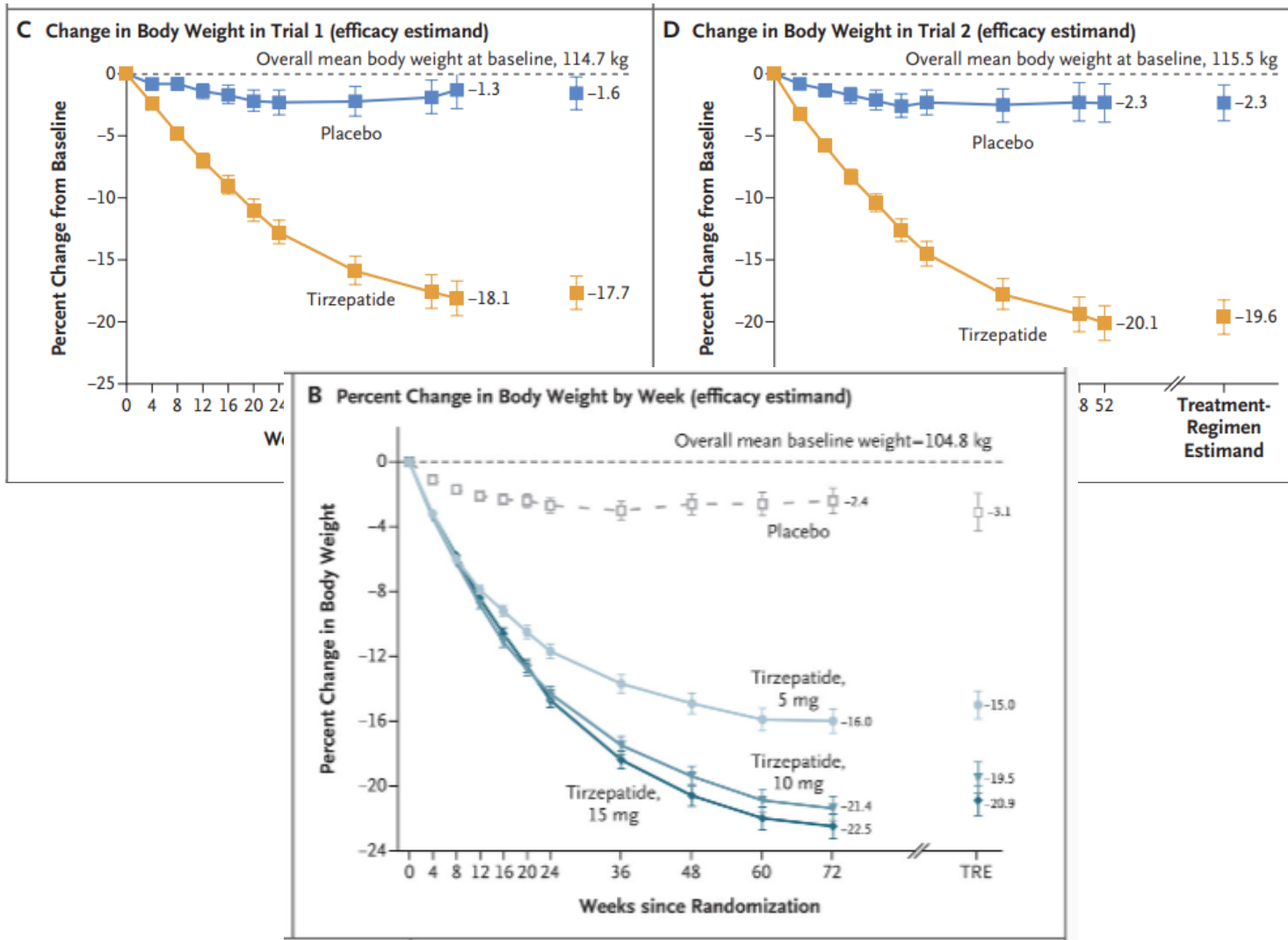
- PROMIS-SRI (Sleep Related Impairment)
 - Trial ½ Pooled - -3.9 (95% CI - -5.7 to -2.2, $p < 0.001$)
- PROMIS-SD T (Sleep Disturbance)
 - Trial ½ Pooled - -3.1 (95% CI - -4.5 to -1.5, $p < 0.001$)
- Change in Systolic BP
 - Trial 1: -7.6 mm Hg (95% CI -10.5 to -4.8), $p < 0.001$
 - Trial 2: -3.7 mm Hg (95% CI -6.8 to -0.7), $p = 0.02$



Change in Body Weight



Change in Body Weight



Adverse Events

Trial 1

78% of tirzepatide group

76.7% placebo group

Trial 2

83.2% tirzepatide group

72.8% placebo group

Serious Adverse events in 35 participants, 7.5%

Pancreatitis x2 (tirzepatide)

No medullary cancer

5 cases severe depression disorder (2 tirzepatide, 3 placebo)

No Deaths

FDA Response

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