

# Unlocking Glucagon Biology to Overcome Fibrosis in MASH

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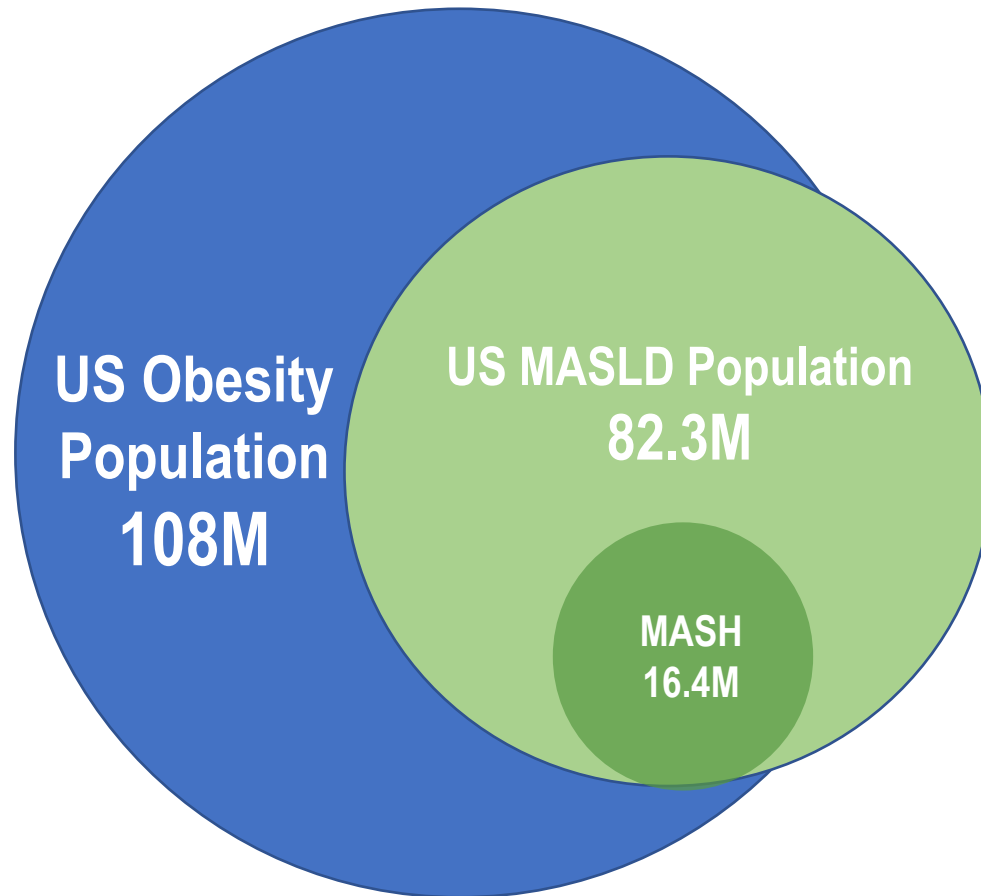
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# OBESITY AND FATTY LIVER DISEASE

DISEASES WITH UNMET NEED APPROACHING EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS



The recent successes of semaglutide (Wegovy<sup>®</sup>) and tirzepatide (Zepbound<sup>®</sup>) have created optimism for other incretin-based therapies

- ▶ GLP-1/GCG dual receptor agonists
- ▶ GLP-1/ amylin combination agents
- ▶ GLP-1/GIP mAb
- ▶ Oral GLP-1 monotherapies

GLP-1: glucagon-like peptide-1  
GCG: glucagon  
mAB: monoclonal Ab

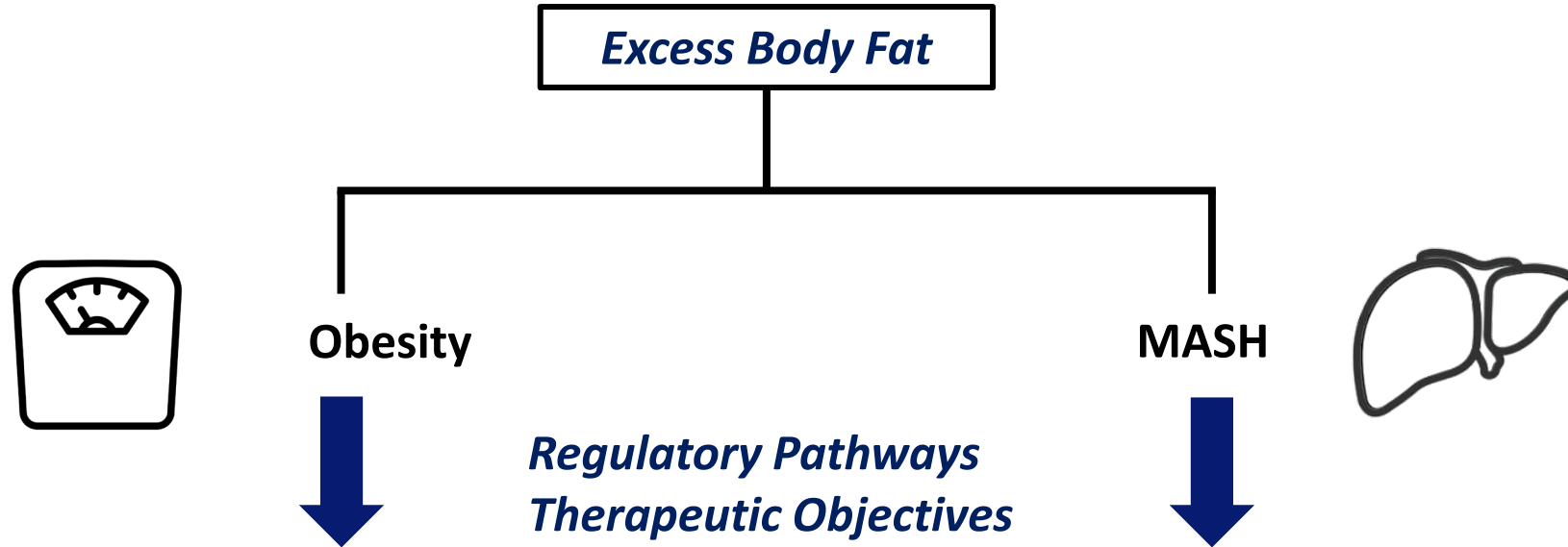
# OBESITY-RELATED CO-MORBIDITIES ARE THE MOST FREQUENT CAUSE OF DEATH IN PATIENTS WITH MASH

Outcome	n (%)
Death or liver transplantation	193 (100.0)
Cardiovascular disease	74 (38.3)
Non-liver cancer	36 (18.7)
Cirrhosis complications	15 (7.8)
Infections	15 (7.8)
HCC	2 (1.0)
Liver transplantation	1 (0.5)
Other	35 (18.1)
Unknown	15 (7.8)

619 patients with biopsy confirmed MASH

# OBESITY AND MASH SYNERGIES

DISTINCT REGULATORY PATHWAYS BUT SIMILAR THERAPEUTIC OBJECTIVES



- **Reduce body weight**
- Improve serum lipid profile
- Reduce cardiovascular risk factors

- **Reduce liver fat**
- Reduce liver inflammation
- Reduce body weight

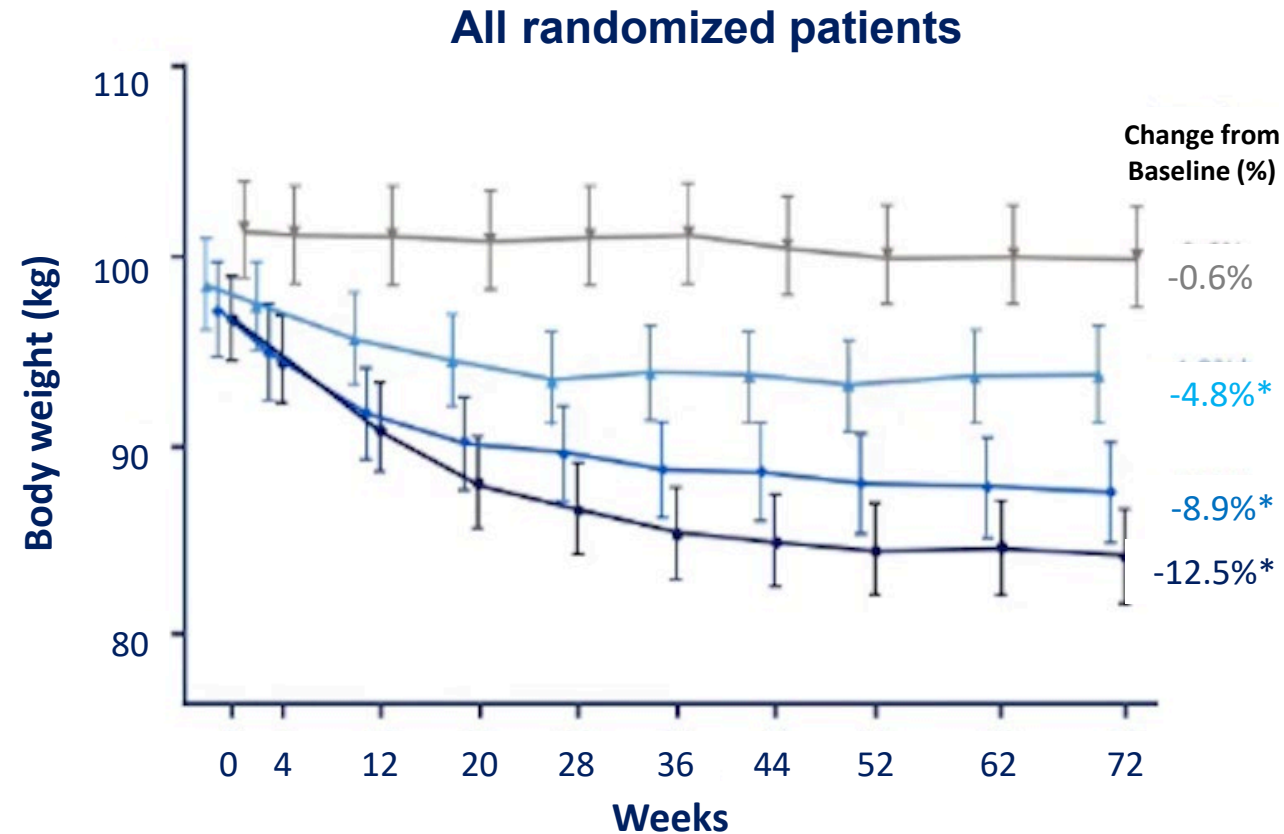
# NON-INCRETIN AGENTS FAIL TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL WEIGHT LOSS

SNAPSHOT OF COMPOUNDS IN ADVANCED MASH DEVELOPMENT

Agent	Mechanism	Change in Body Weight	MASH Resolution	Fibrosis Improvement
Obeticholic acid	FXR agonist	-2%	No	Yes
Resmetirom	THR $\beta$ agonist	no change	Yes	Yes
Lanifibranor (1200 mg)	PanPPAR	+3.1%	Yes	Yes
Pegozafermin	FGF21 agonist	-0.6%	Yes	Yes
Efruxifermin (70 mg)	FGF21 agonist	-2.6%	Yes	Yes

# SEMAGLUTIDE—WEIGHT LOSS IN PHASE 2 MASH CLINICAL TRIAL

SUBJECTS WITH AND WITHOUT DIABETES

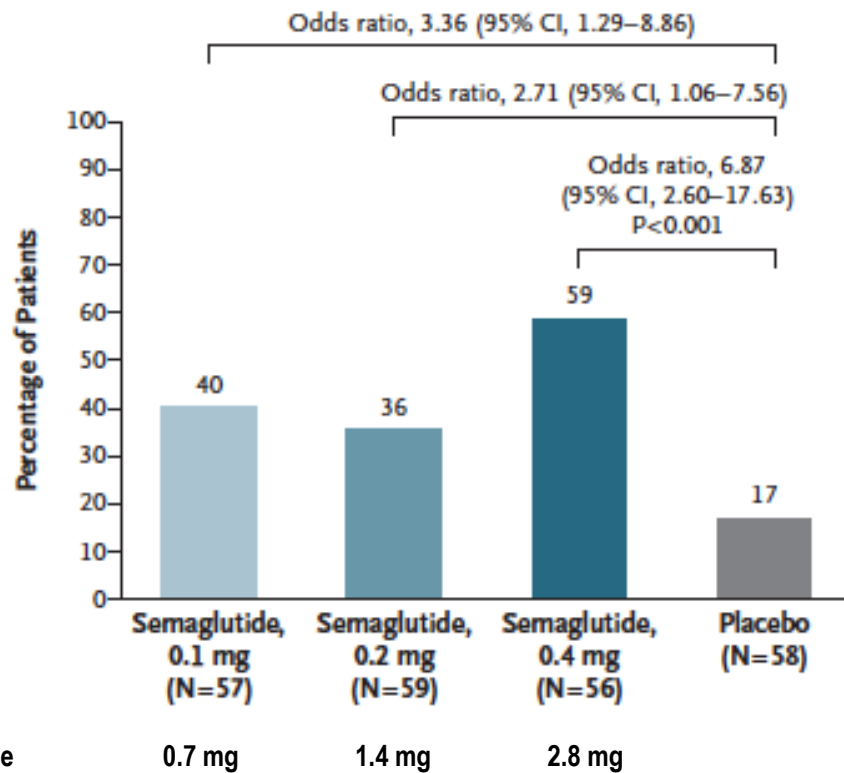


▲ Semaglutide 0.1 mg/day    ● Semaglutide 0.2 mg/day    ● Semaglutide 0.4 mg/day    ▼ Placebo

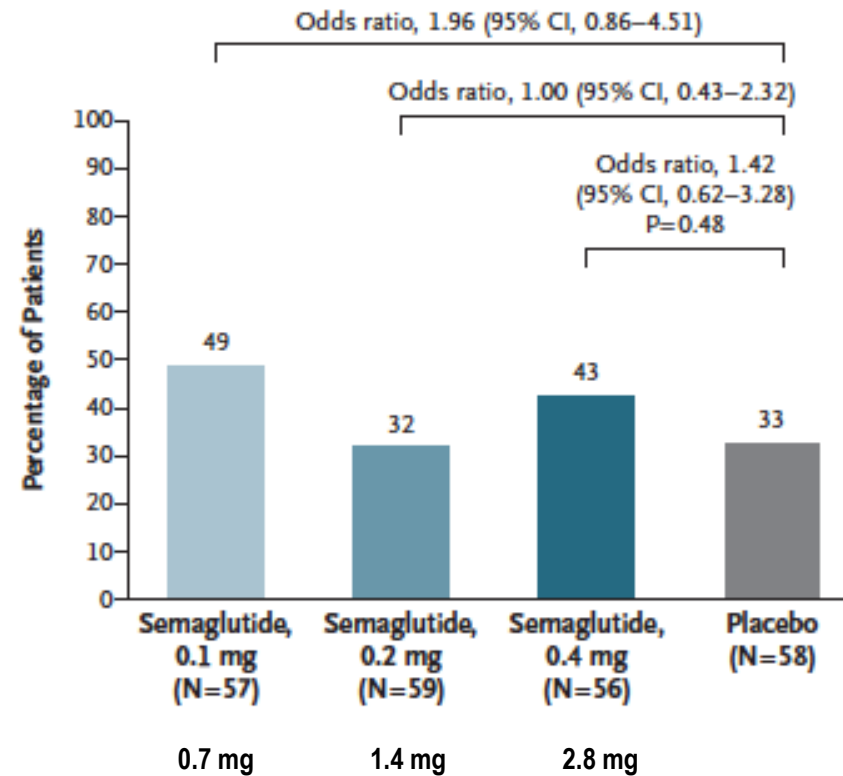
# SEMAGLUTIDE—MASH RESOLUTION WITHOUT FIBROSIS IMPROVEMENT

RESULTS OF A 68-WEEK, PHASE 2, MULTICENTER TRIAL

### MASH Resolution



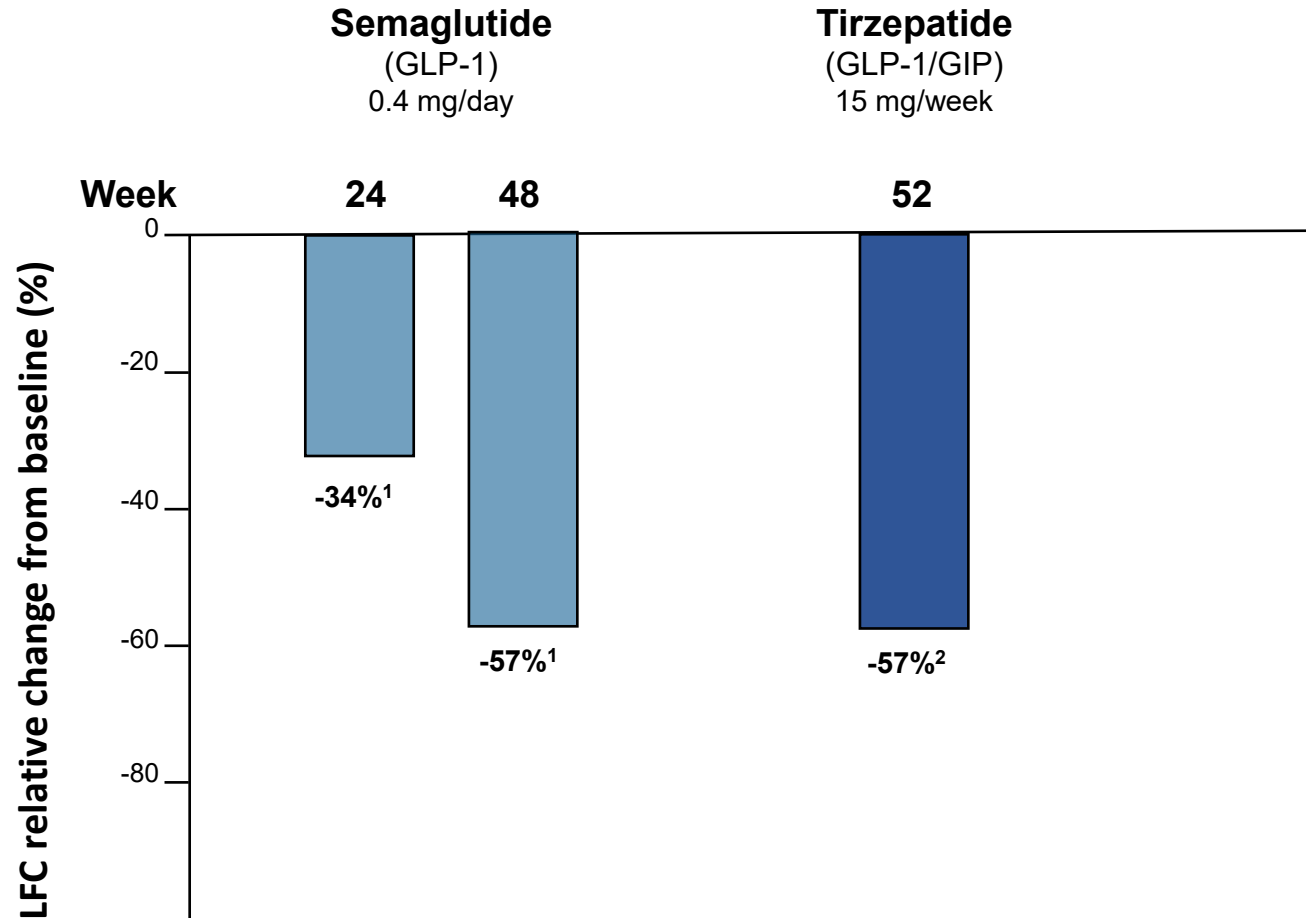
### Fibrosis Improvement





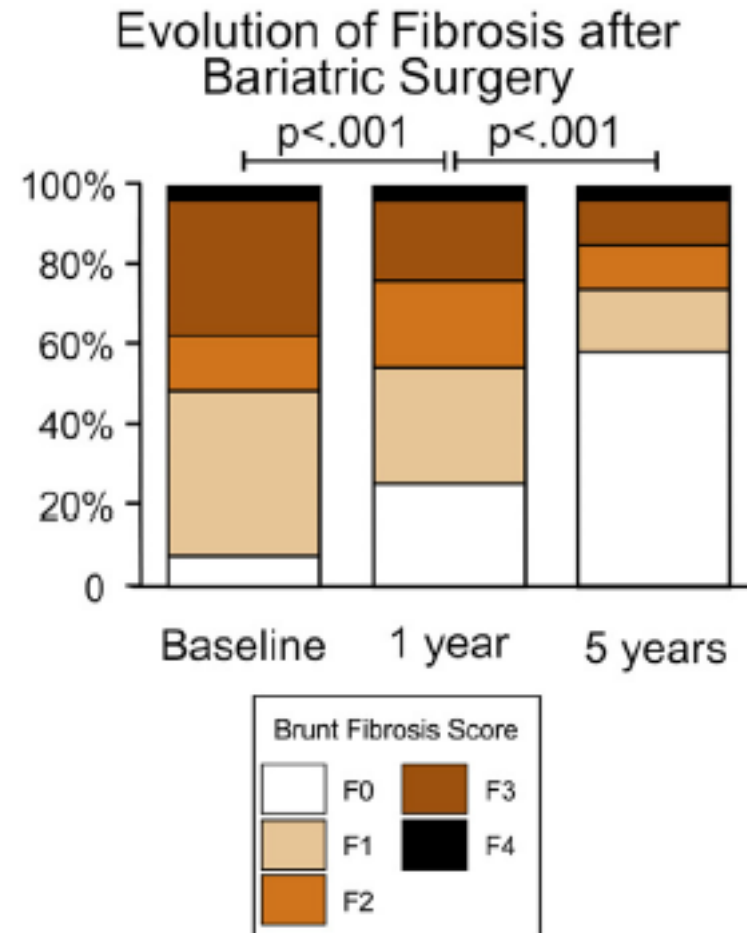
# GLP-1 AND GIP AGENTS HAVE ONLY MODEST EFFECTS ON LIVER FAT CONTENT

EFFECTS DRIVEN BY SOLELY BY WEIGHT LOSS DUE TO ABSENCE OF GLP-1 AND GIP RECEPTORS IN LIVER



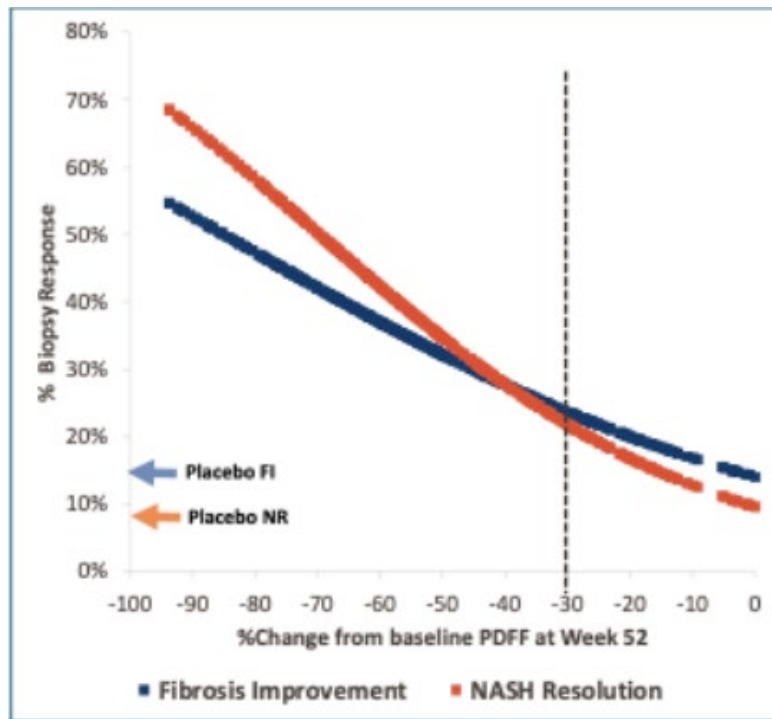
# THE IMPACT OF WEIGHT LOSS ON LIVER FIBROSIS MAY BE SLOW

IMPROVEMENT ON FIBROSIS MAY TAKE AS LONG 5 YEARS IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECT LIVER EFFECTS

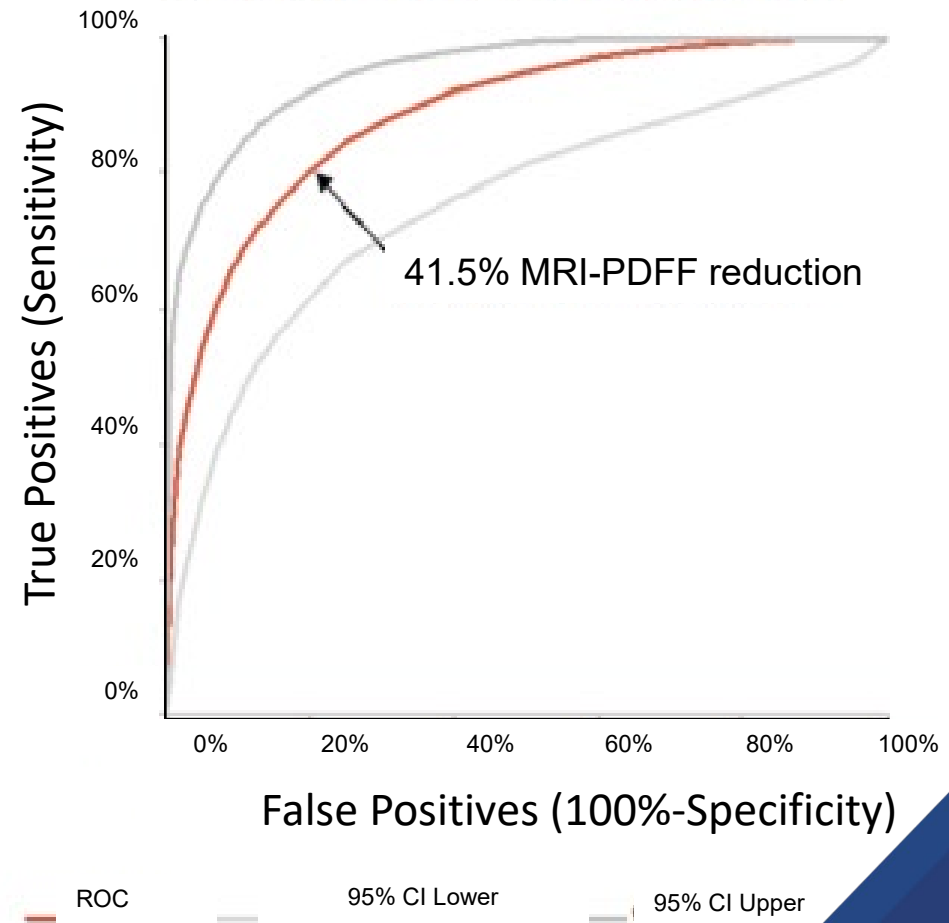


# MRI-PDFF REDUCTION STRONGLY PREDICTED OF BIOPSY RESPONSES ON NASH RESOLUTION AND FIBROSIS IMPROVEMENT

## Relationship of $\Delta$ MRI-PDFF and Biopsy Response



## Receiver Operating Curve (ROC)



# FIBROSIS IMPROVEMENT DRIVEN BY LIVER FAT REDUCTION

## Fibrosis Improvement Achieved

Compound	Dose	Mechanism	Liver Fat Reduction	Duration of Treatment	Fibrosis Improvement		
					Treatment	Placebo	Δ
Resmetirom	100 mg QD	THR-β	48%	52 weeks	26%	14%	12%
Pegozafermin	44 mg Q2W	FGF21	54%	24 weeks	27%	7%	20%
Tirzepatide	15 mg QW	GLP-1/GIP	57%	52 weeks	51%	30%	21%
Survodutide	6.0 mg QW	GLP-1/GCG	64%	48 weeks <sup>2</sup>	42%	18%	24%
Efruxifermin	50 mg QW	FGF21	64%	24 weeks	41%	20%	21%
Pemvidutide	1.8 mg QW	GLP-1/GCG	75%	24 weeks	TBD	TBD	TBD

## Fibrosis Improvement Not Achieved

Compound	Dose	Mechanism	Liver Fat Reduction	Duration of Treatment	Fibrosis Improvement		
					Treatment	Placebo	Δ
Semaglutide	0.4 mg QD	GLP-1	30-35% <sup>1</sup>	72 weeks	43%	33%	10%

<sup>1</sup> Estimated at Week 24; <sup>2</sup> ITT analysis

# GLP-1/GLUCAGON DUAL RECEPTOR AGONISTS

Optimized for weight loss and MASH

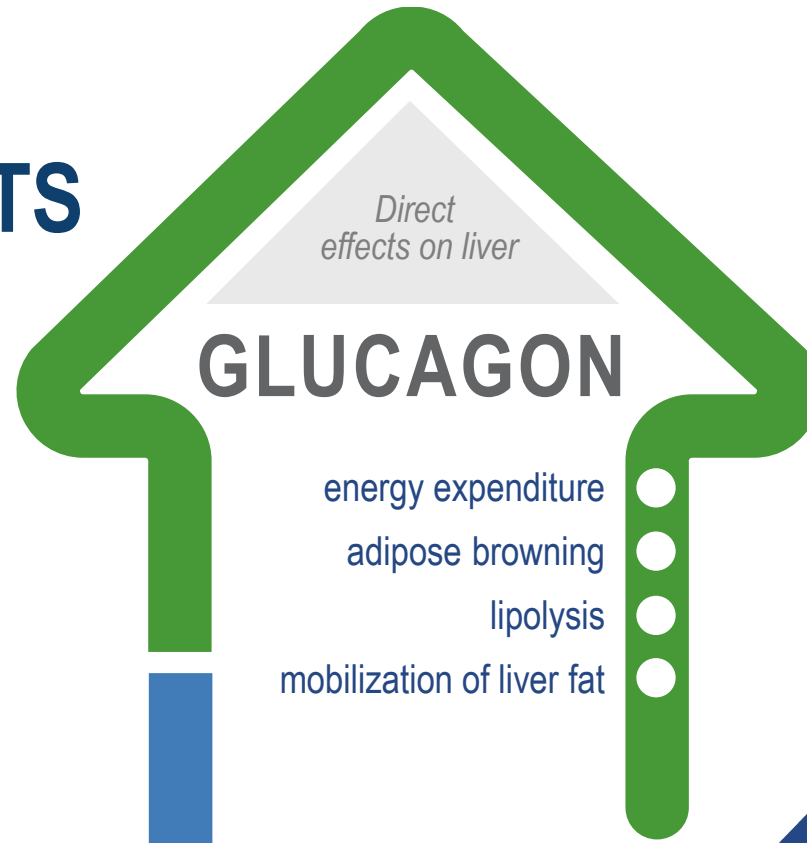
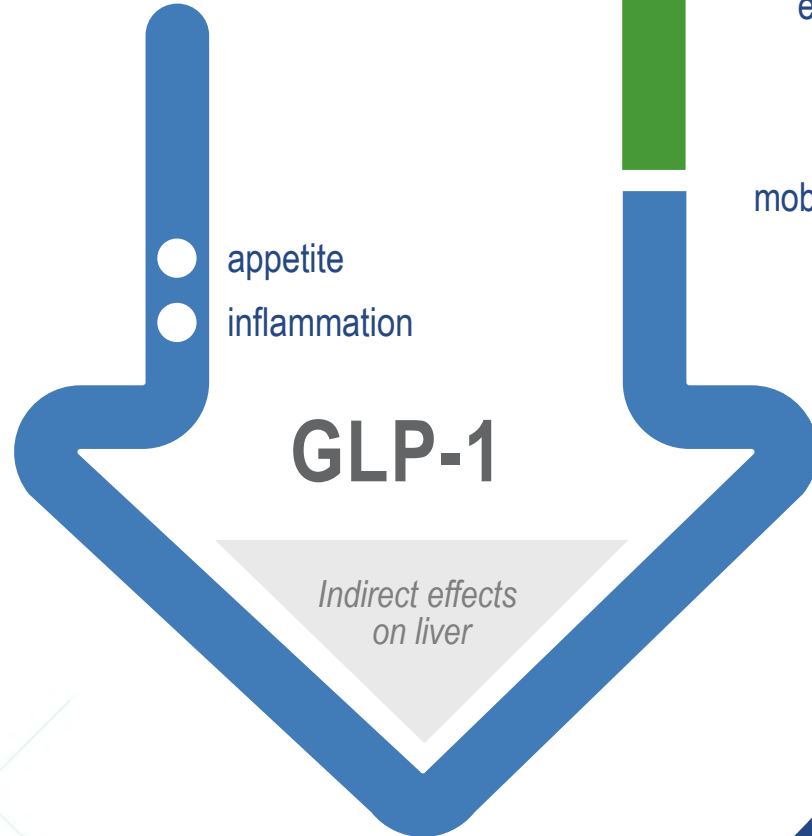
Designed for significant reductions in:



**BODY  
WEIGHT**



**LIVER FAT,  
INFLAMMATION,  
& RESULTING  
FIBROSIS**



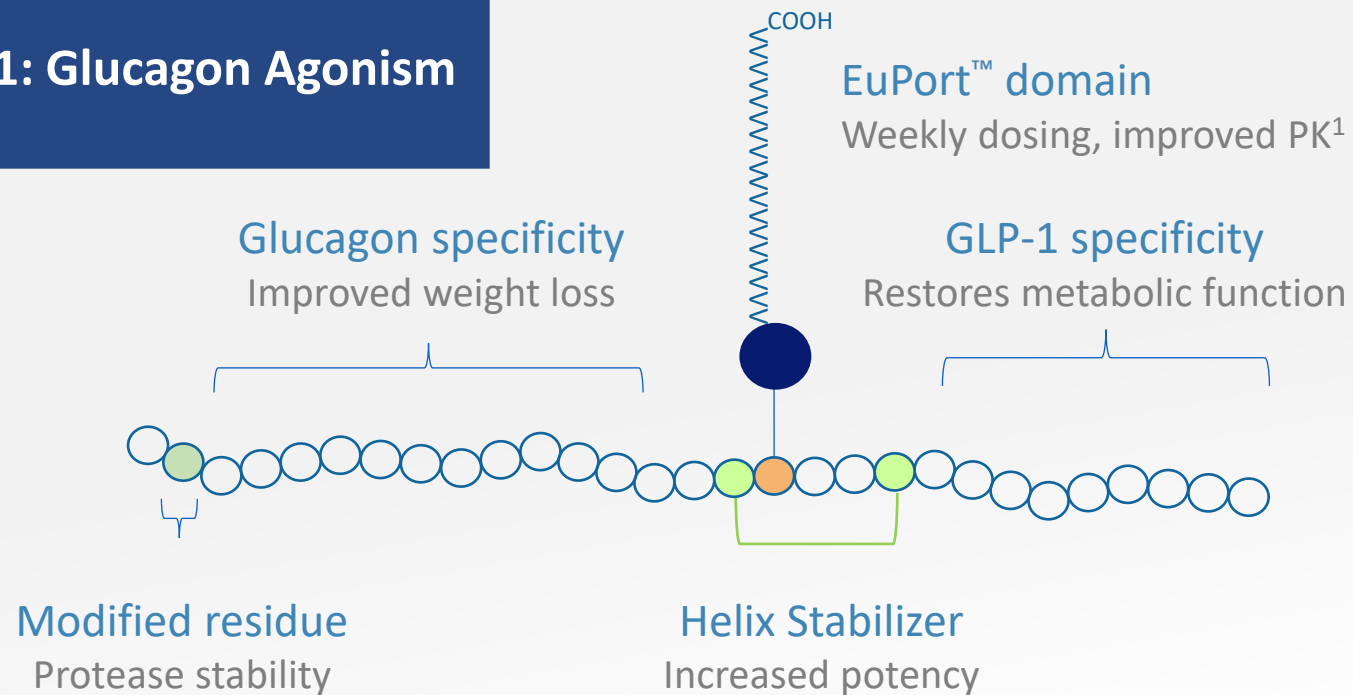
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# PEMVIDUTIDE

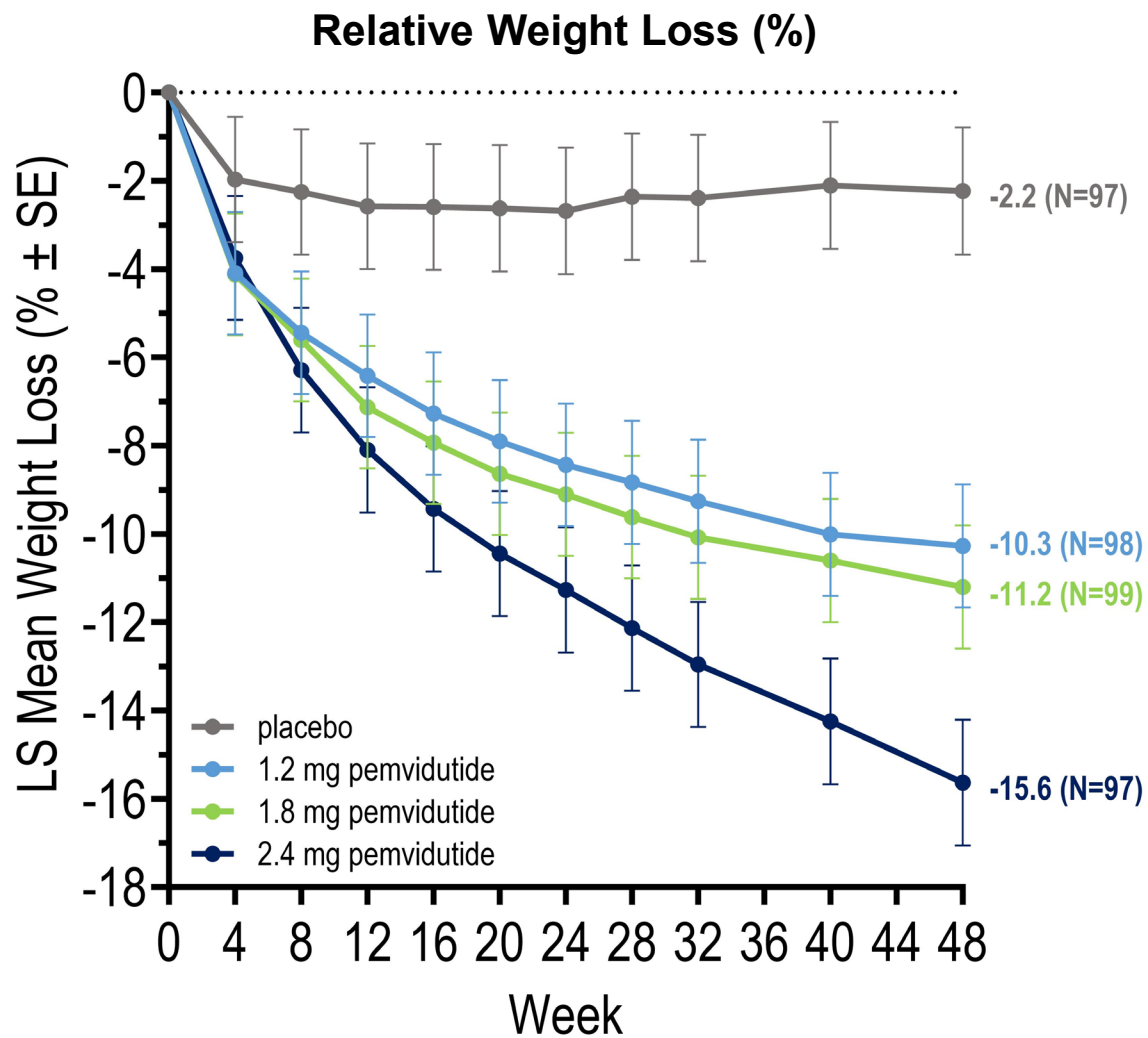
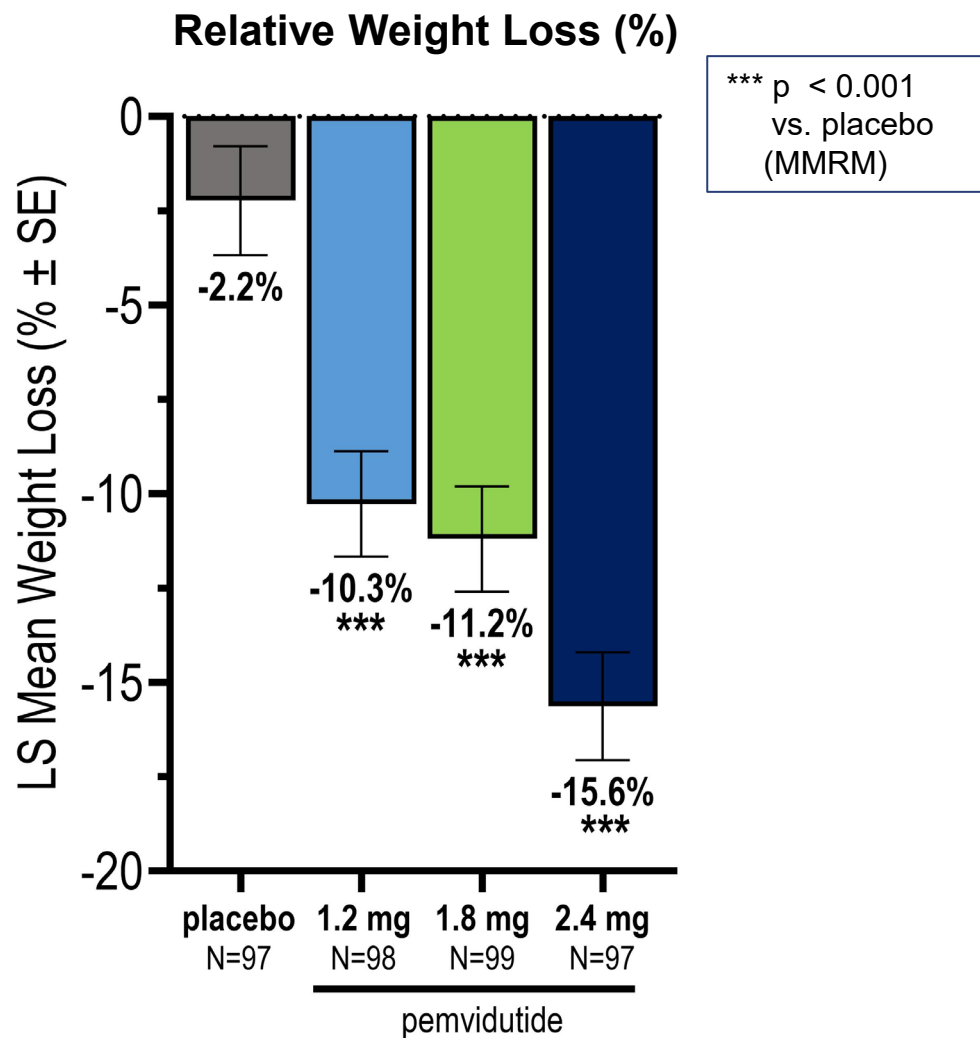
BALANCED AGONIST WITH PROLONGED SERUM HALF-LIFE AND DELAYED TIME TO PEAK CONCENTRATION

## Pemvidutide: Balanced GLP-1: Glucagon Agonism



# Weight Loss of 15.6% Achieved at Week 48 on 2.4 mg

MEAN WEIGHT LOSS OF 32.2 LBS AND MAXIMAL WEIGHT LOSS OF 87.1 LBS



# PEMVIDUTIDE—CLASS-LEADING EFFECTS ON LEAN MASS PRESERVATION

POTENTIALLY SUPERIOR TO THE 25% LEAN LOSS HISTORICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH DIET AND EXERCISE<sup>1</sup>

## LEAN LOSS INDEX

Drug	Study	Study duration	LBM loss index
Pemvidutide	MOMENTUM Phase 2	48 weeks	21.9% <sup>2</sup>
Tirzepatide	SURMOUNT 1 Phase 3	72 weeks	26.0% <sup>3,4</sup>
Retatrutide	Phase 2 obesity study	36 weeks	37.7% <sup>4</sup>
Semaglutide	STEP-1 Phase 3	68 weeks	39.9% <sup>5</sup>

Lean loss index = loss of lean mass/total mass loss

***Excessive loss of lean mass has been associated an increased risk of frailty fractures, cardiovascular disease, dementia, cancer and increased all-cause mortality*** <sup>5,6</sup>

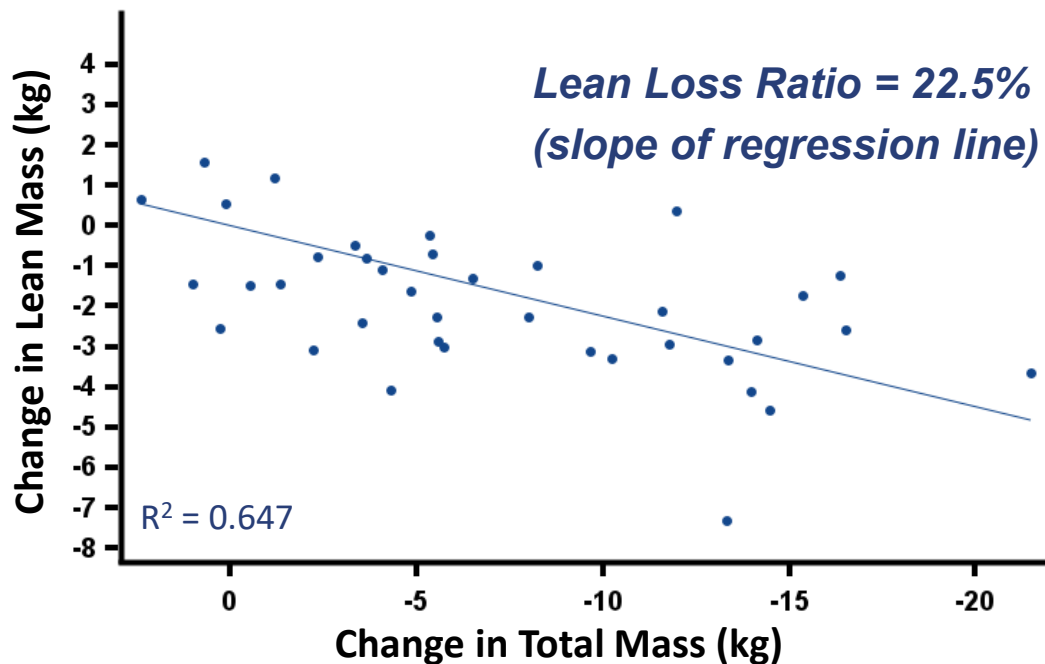
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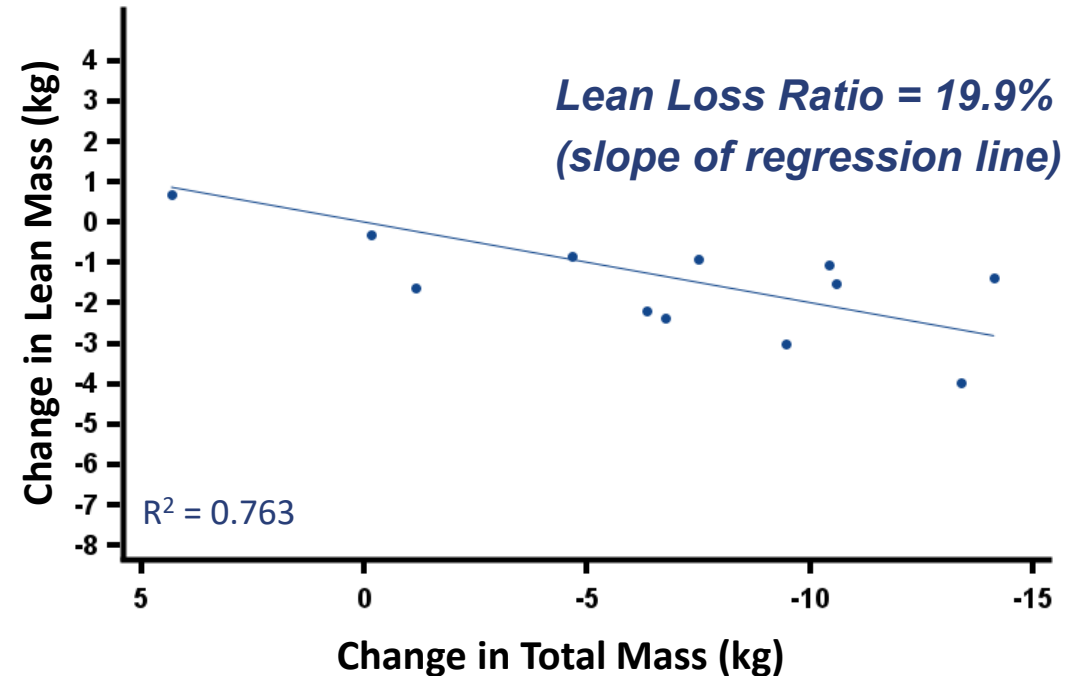
# LEAN MASS PRESERVATION MAINTAINED IN OLDER SUBJECTS

PREVENTING LEAN MASS LOSS IN THE ELDERLY MAY REDUCE RISK OF FALLS AND FRACTURES

## SUBJECTS < 60 YEARS OLD (N=38)



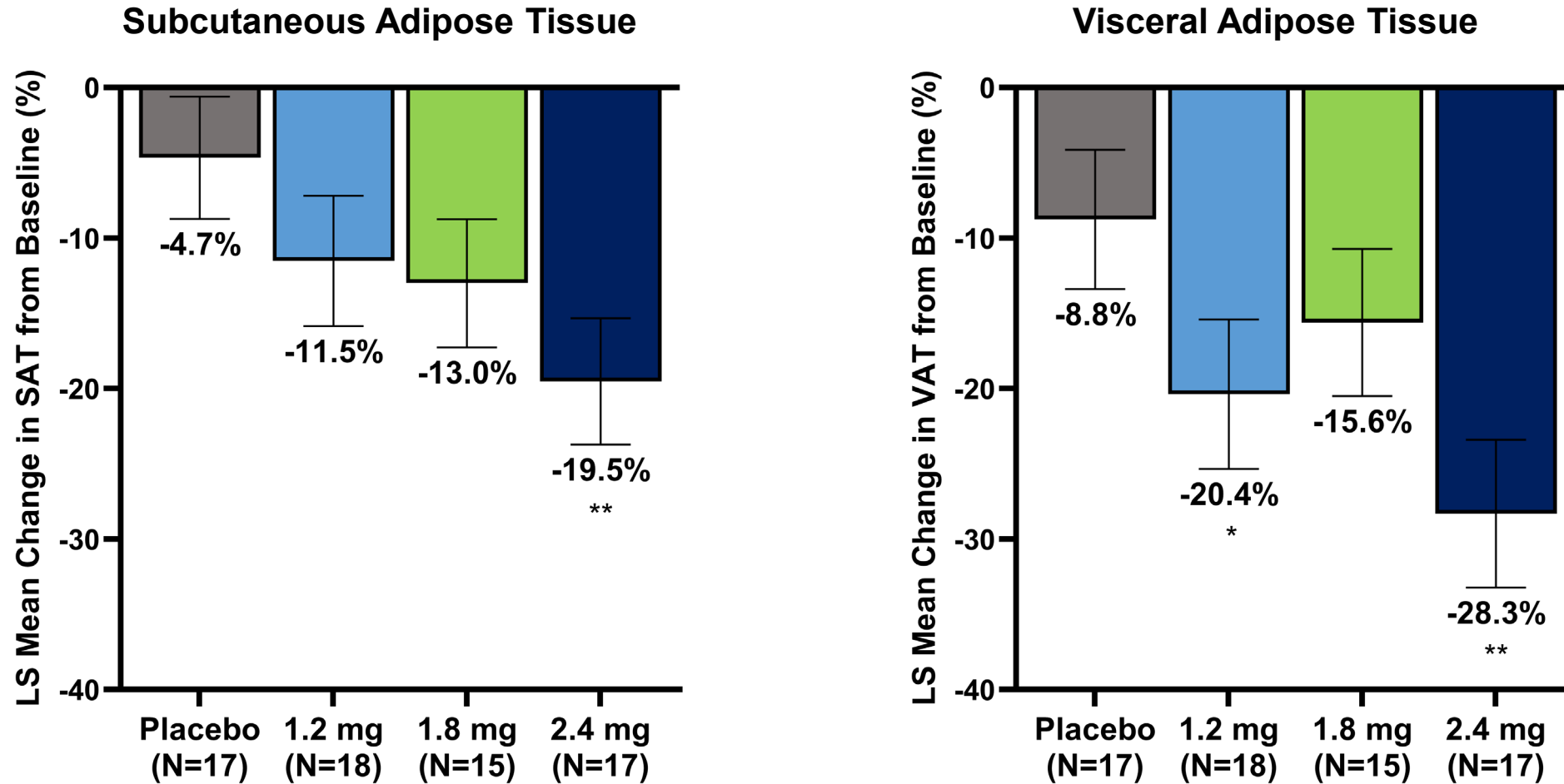
## SUBJECTS ≥ 60 YEARS OLD (N=12)



\*Change in Total Mass = Lean Mass Loss + Adipose Mass Loss

# VISCERAL ADIPOSE TISSUE REDUCED BY 28.3% AT WEEK 48 ON 2.4 MG

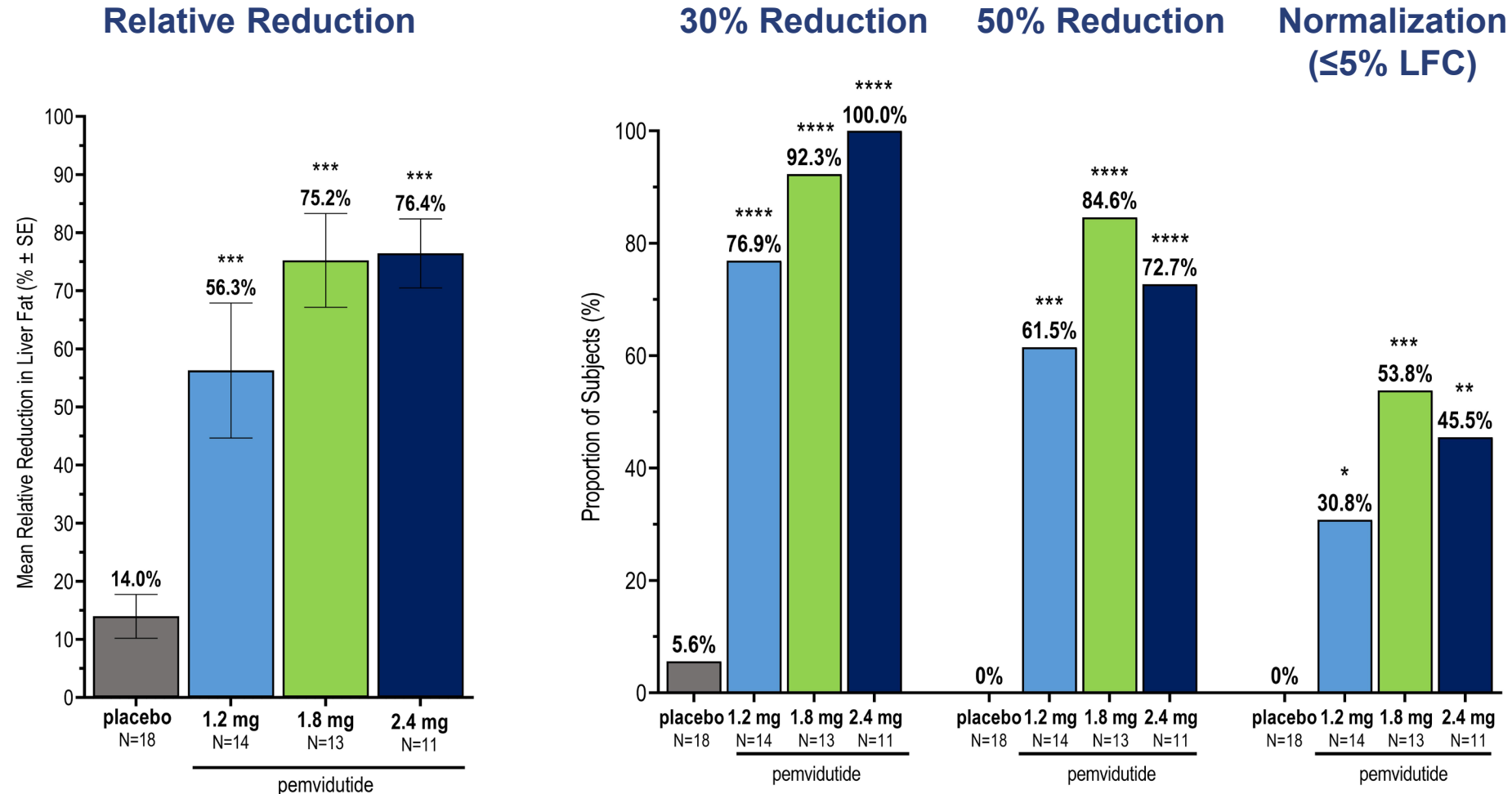
PREFERENTIAL REDUCTION OF VAT, THE ADIPOSE TISSUE DEPOT ASSOCIATED WITH CV RISK



Data are means  $\pm$  SE. \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$  vs placebo (ANCOVA)

# PEMVIDUTIDE— ROBUST REDUCTIONS IN LIVER FAT CONTENT AT 24 WEEKS

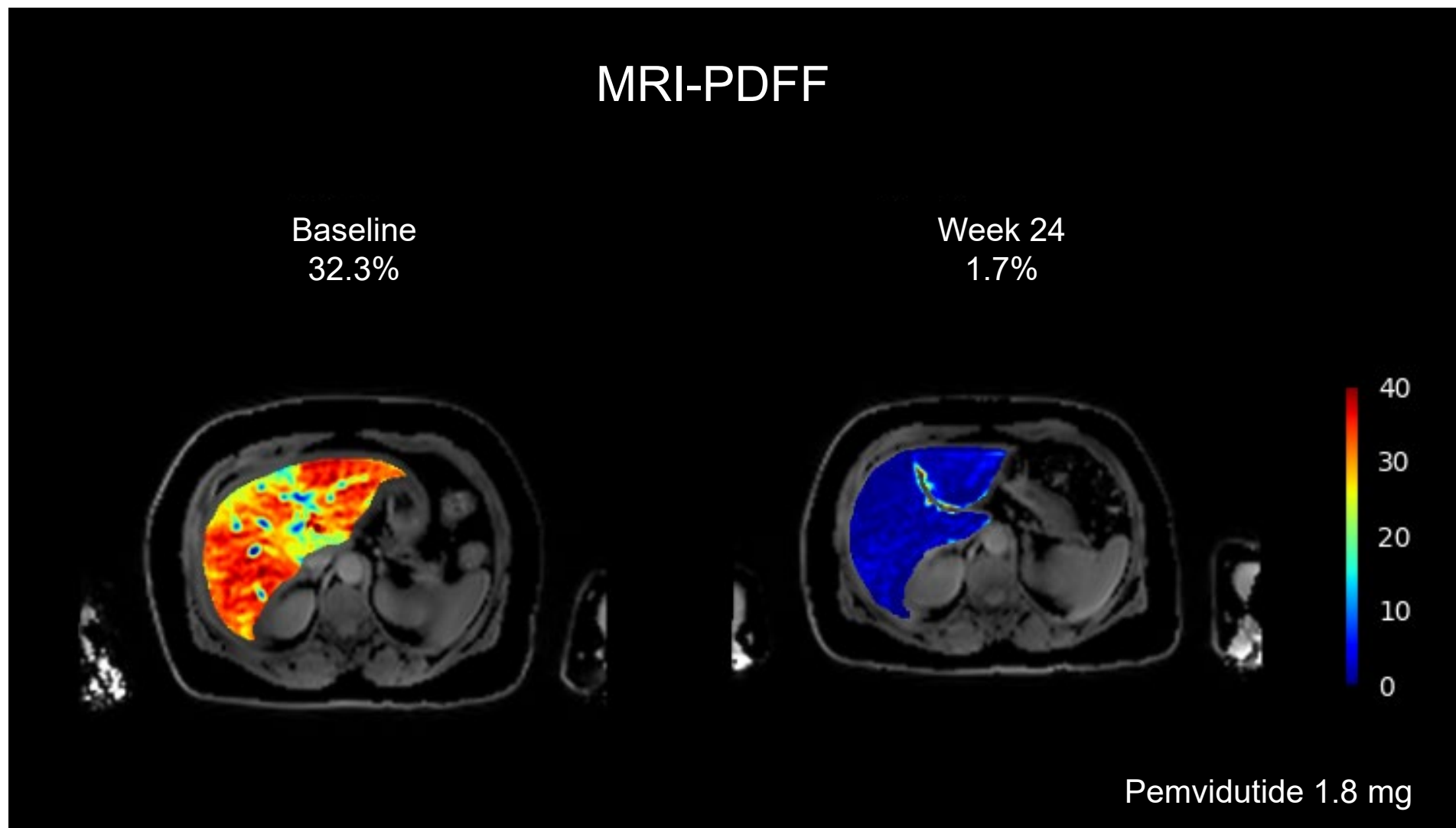
CORRELATES WITH MASH RESOLUTION AND FIBROSIS IMPROVEMENT



\*\*\* p < 0.001 vs placebo ANCOVA, LS mean ± SE

\* p < 0.05, \*\*\* p < 0.001, \*\*\*\*, p < 0.0001 vs placebo, Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel

# PEMVIDUTIDE— MARKED REDUCTION OF LIVER FAT CONTENT BY MRI-PDFF AT WEEK 24



This reduction was accompanied by a 38.1% decrease in liver volume

# GLP-1 BASED AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT<sup>1</sup> FOR MASH AND OBESITY

HIGH GLUCAGON CONTENT DRIVES POTENT EFFECTS ON LIVER FAT AND BODY WEIGHT

Agent	Class	Agonist Ratios <sup>2</sup>	Dose Titration	LFC Reduction	Weight Reduction
Semaglutide	GLP-1	—	yes	+	++++
Tirzepatide	GLP-1/GIP	1:15	yes	+	++++
Cotadutide	GLP-1/GCG	5:1	yes	++	+
Retatrutide	GLP-1/GIP/GCG	1:6:0.1	yes	++++	++++
Survodutide	GLP-1/GCG	8:1	yes	+++	++++
Efinopegdutide	GLP-1/GCG	2:1	yes	++++	++++
Pemvidutide	GLP-1/GCG	1:1	no	++++	++++

<sup>1</sup> Phase 2 and later; <sup>2</sup> based on cell-based potency assays

GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GIP, gastric inhibitory polypeptide; GCG, glucagon

# IMPACT TRIAL

## PHASE 2 TRIAL ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF PEMVIDUTIDE IN THE TREATMENT OF MASH

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- Multicenter, randomized, placebo-control trial of pemvidutide in the treatment of MASH
- Enrollment of 190 subjects was rapid, completed in only 12 months
- Primary endpoint of MASH resolution and fibrosis improvement will be assessed at only 24 weeks
  - Rapid effects at 24-week will be evidence of the potency of pemvidutide, differentiating it from other incretin agents, which have read out at 48-68 weeks of treatment
- Trial readout Q1 2025

**THANK YOU**

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