

**2024 RACHMIEL LEVINE-ARTHUR RIGGS**

# Diabetes Research Symposium

## Select Trial – New Insights into Obesity Treatment

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# Cultural Linguistic Competency (CLC) & Implicit Bias (IB)

## STATE LAW:

The California legislature has passed [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1195](#), which states that as of July 1, 2006, all Category 1 CME activities that relate to patient care must include a cultural diversity/linguistics component. It has also passed [AB 241](#), which states that as of January 1, 2022, all continuing education courses for a physician and surgeon **must** contain curriculum that includes specified instruction in the understanding of implicit bias in medical treatment.

*The cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and implicit bias (IB) definitions reiterate how patients' diverse backgrounds may impact their access to care.*

## EXEMPTION:

Business and Professions Code 2190.1 exempts activities which are dedicated solely to research or other issues that do not contain a direct patient care component.

## ***The following CLC & IB components will be addressed in this presentation:***

- *Demographic and outcome commonalities and differences among individuals in this study.*
- *Disparities in health care coverage will affect the availability of treatments to all groups.*

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# The Link Between Obesity, CVD, and Death



In 2022, there were

**813**

**million people** aged  
≥20 years living with obesity  
(BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2,3</sup>

**523**

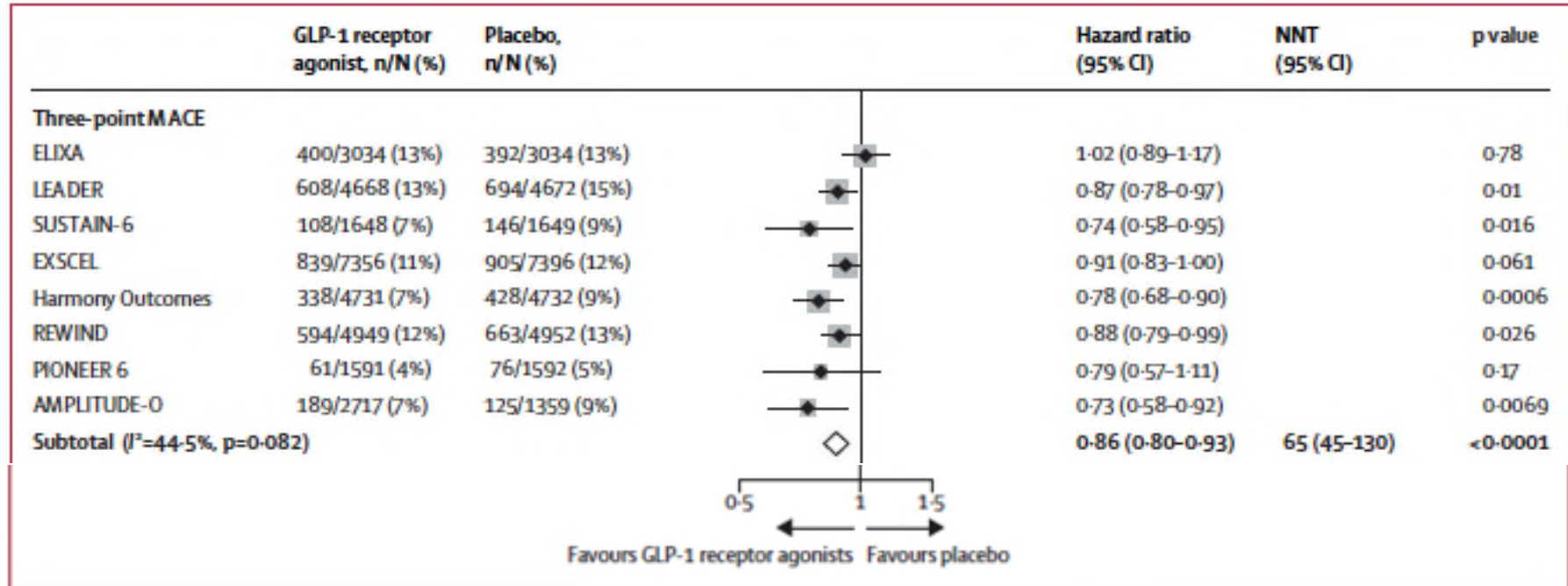
million people  
had **CVD**  
in 2019<sup>4</sup>

**32%**

of all global  
**deaths**  
are from **CVD**<sup>5</sup>

1. Yoo HJ Choi KM: World J Diabetes 5:357-363; 2014; 2. World Obesity Federation: World Obesity Atlas, 2023. Available at: [https://www.worldobesityday.org/assets/downloads/World\\_Obesity\\_Atlas\\_2023\\_Report.pdf](https://www.worldobesityday.org/assets/downloads/World_Obesity_Atlas_2023_Report.pdf). Accessed June 2024; 3. World Obesity Federation: World Obesity Atlas, 2024. Available at: <https://data.worldobesity.org/publications/WOF-Obesity-Atlas-v7.pdf>. Accessed June 2024; 4. Roth GA et al: J Am Coll Cardiol 76:2982;3021; 2020  
5. WHO. Fact sheet – CVDs. Available at: [https://www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cardiovascular-diseases-\(cvds\)](https://www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cardiovascular-diseases-(cvds)). Accessed June 2024.

# Meta-analysis of GLP-1 Receptor Agonist CVOTs: Three-Point MACE



# Rationale for SELECT

Individuals with overweight or obesity and high cardiovascular risk, but without established diabetes, are candidates for heart disease secondary prevention.



**Mediation by  
Weight Loss**

+



**Mediation by  
semaglutide**

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**CV Event  
Reduction**

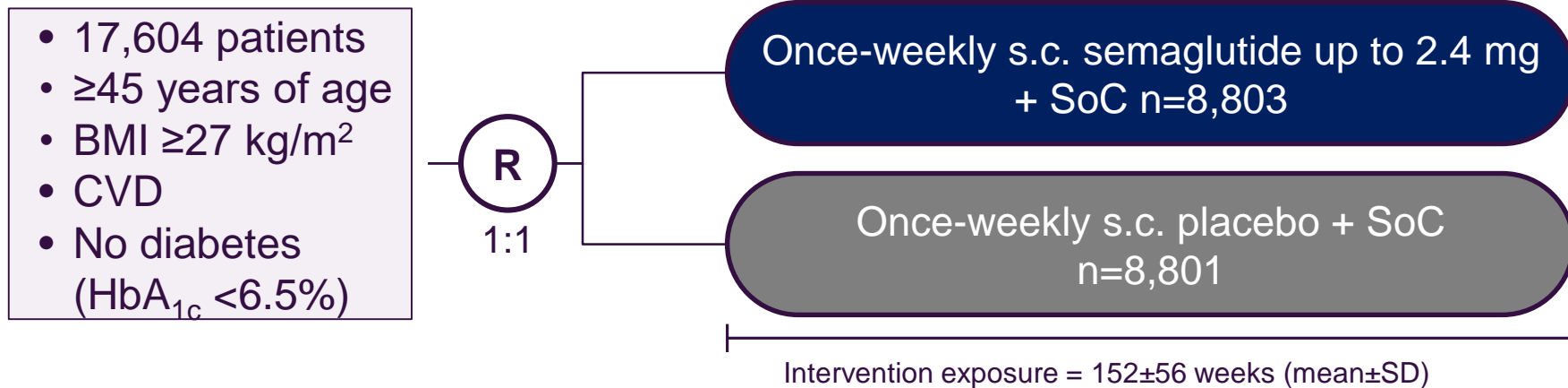
SELECT was not a weight loss study,  
it was a heart disease prevention study.



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# SELECT: Study Design



# SELECT: Primary and Secondary Outcomes

## Primary

Time from randomization to first occurrence of composite endpoint consisting of:

- CV death
- Non-fatal MI
- Non-fatal stroke



## Confirmatory secondary

Time from randomization to first occurrence of:

- CV death
- Composite HF endpoint consisting of CV death or hospitalization or urgent medical visit for HF
- All-cause death



## Supportive secondary

Change from randomization to Year 2 in:

- Body weight (%) and waist circumference (cm)
- Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)
- Lipids (mg/dL): total, HDL and LDL cholesterol, TG
- High-sensitivity C-reactive protein
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> (% , mmol/mol)



# Baseline Characteristics of SELECT Trial Participants

## Demographics



Male | Female

72.3 | 27.7%



Mean age

61.6 years



Asian | Black | White | Other

8.2 | 3.8 | 84.0 | 3.0%

## Participants by CV inclusion criteria



MI only

67.6%



Stroke only

17.8%



PAD only

4.4%



≥2 CV inclusion criteria

8.2%

n=17,604

# Baseline Characteristics of SELECT Trial Participants

## Clinical characteristics



Mean BMI

33.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup>



Mean HbA<sub>1c</sub>

5.8%



Mean eGFR

82.5 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>



Chronic HF

24.3%



Distribution (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

<30 | 30–<35 | 35–<40 | 40–<45 | ≥45

28.5 | 42.5 | 19.0 | 6.7 | 3.3%



With prediabetes

(HbA<sub>1c</sub> 5.7–6.4%)

66.4%



Subclass<sup>2</sup>

HFpEF | HFrEF | Unknown

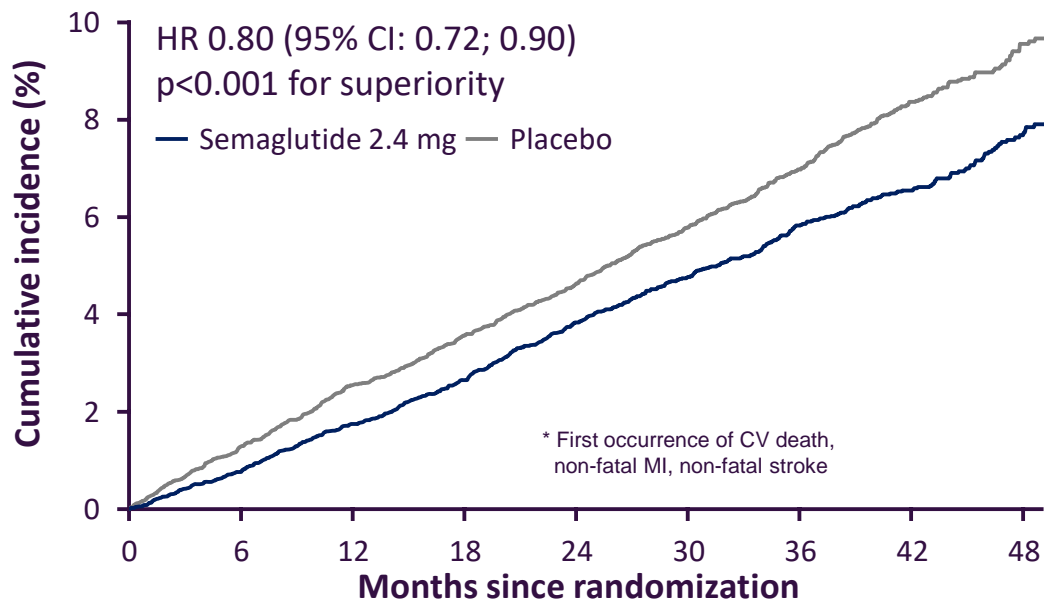
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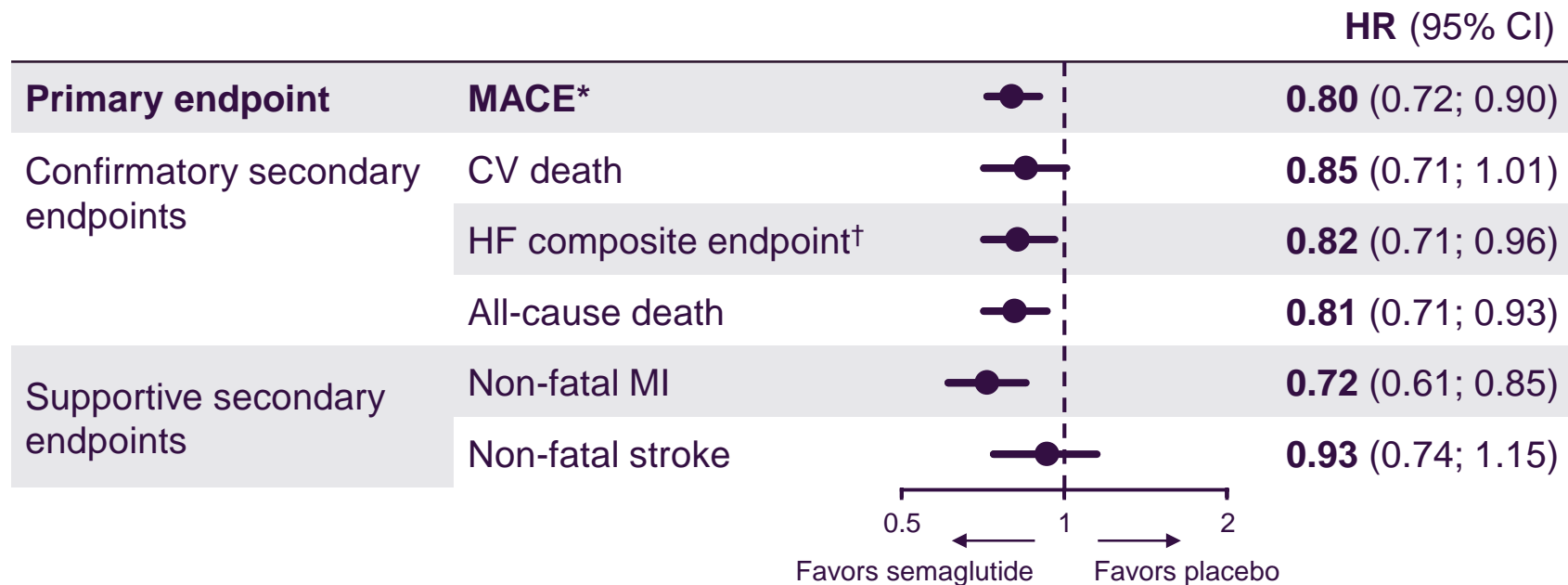
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# SELECT: Major Adverse CV Outcomes (CV Death, Non-fatal MI, Non-fatal Stroke)



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Semaglutide	8803	8695	8561	8427	8254	7229	5777	4126	1734
Placebo	8801	8652	8487	8326	8164	7101	5660	4015	1672

# SELECT: Major Adverse Cardiovascular Outcomes



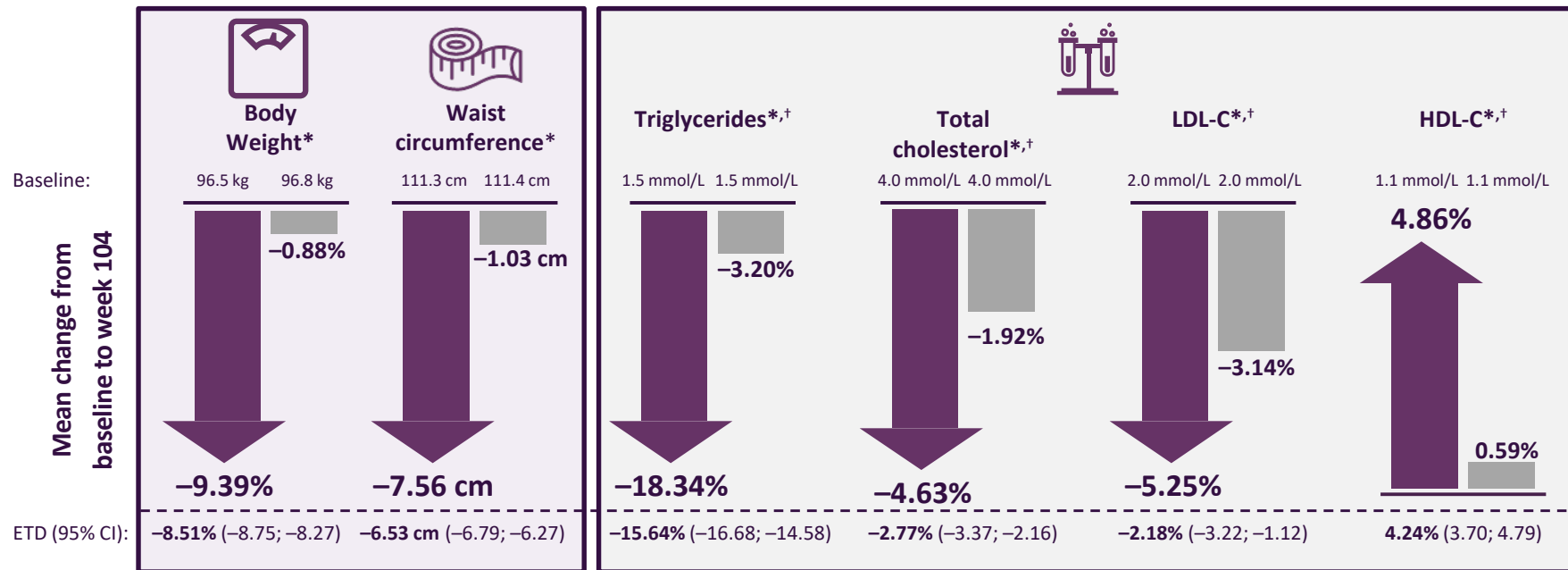
\*First occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke. †Composite of HF hospitalization, urgent HF visit, or CV-related death



# Modifiable Risk Factors Underlying Cardiovascular Disease in SELECT

## SELECT: Supportive secondary endpoints

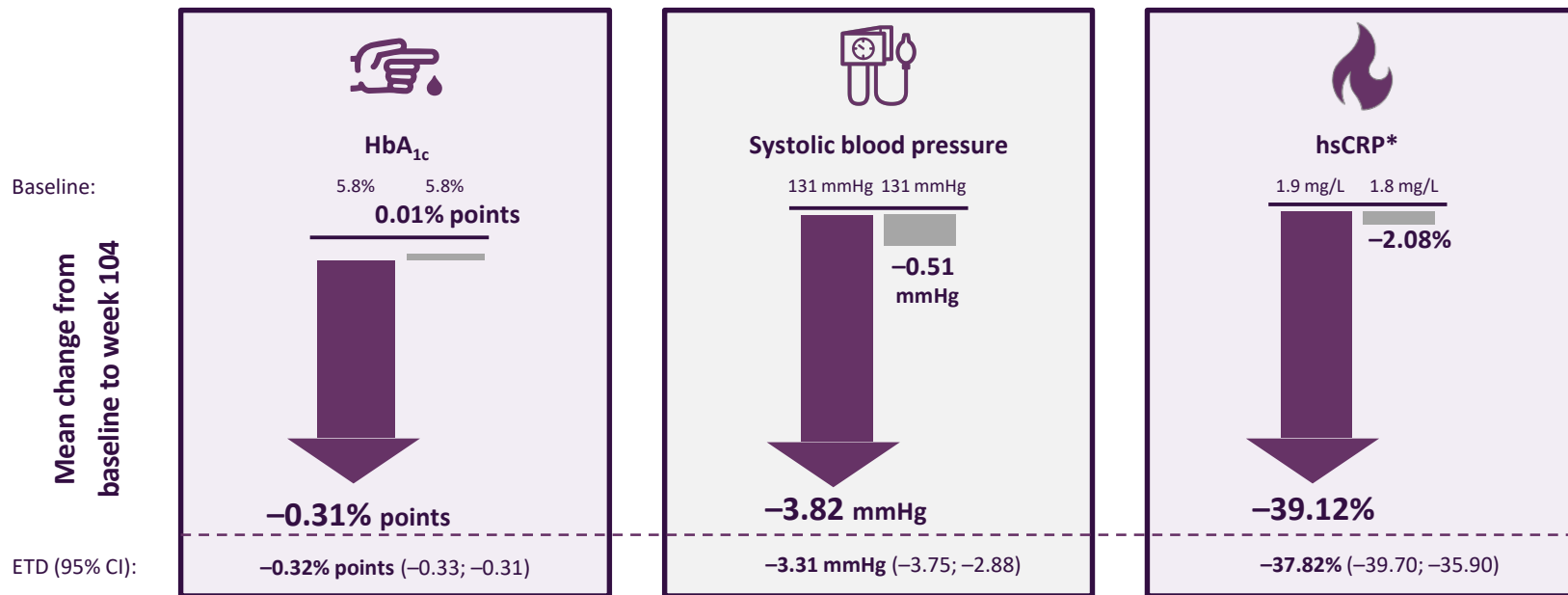
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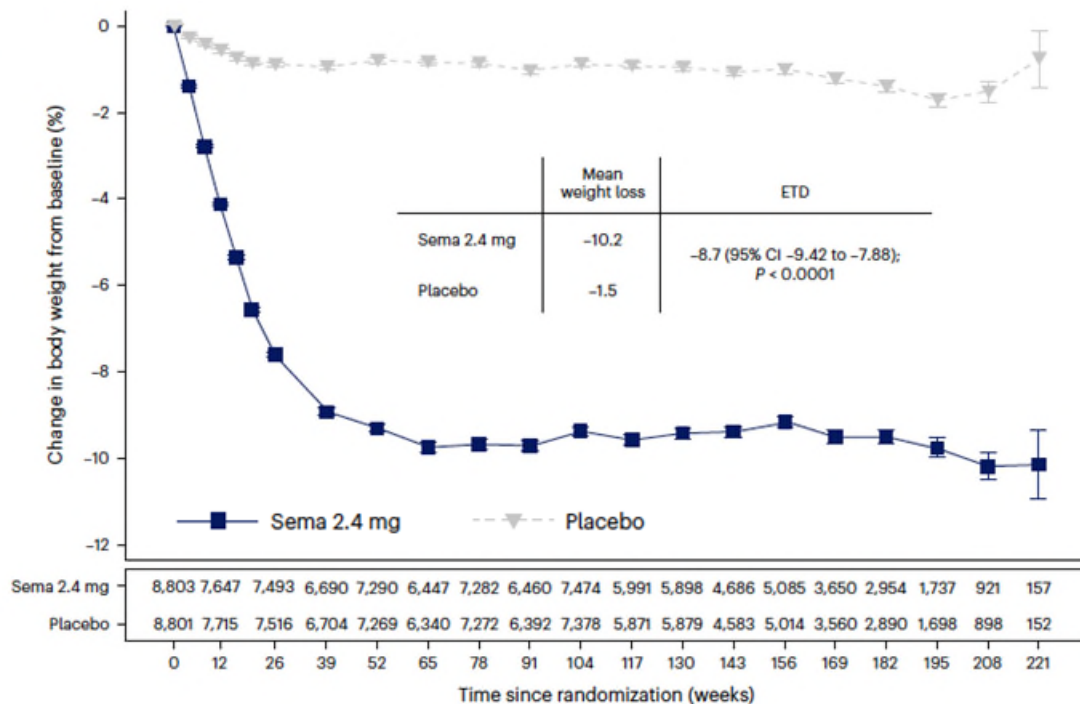
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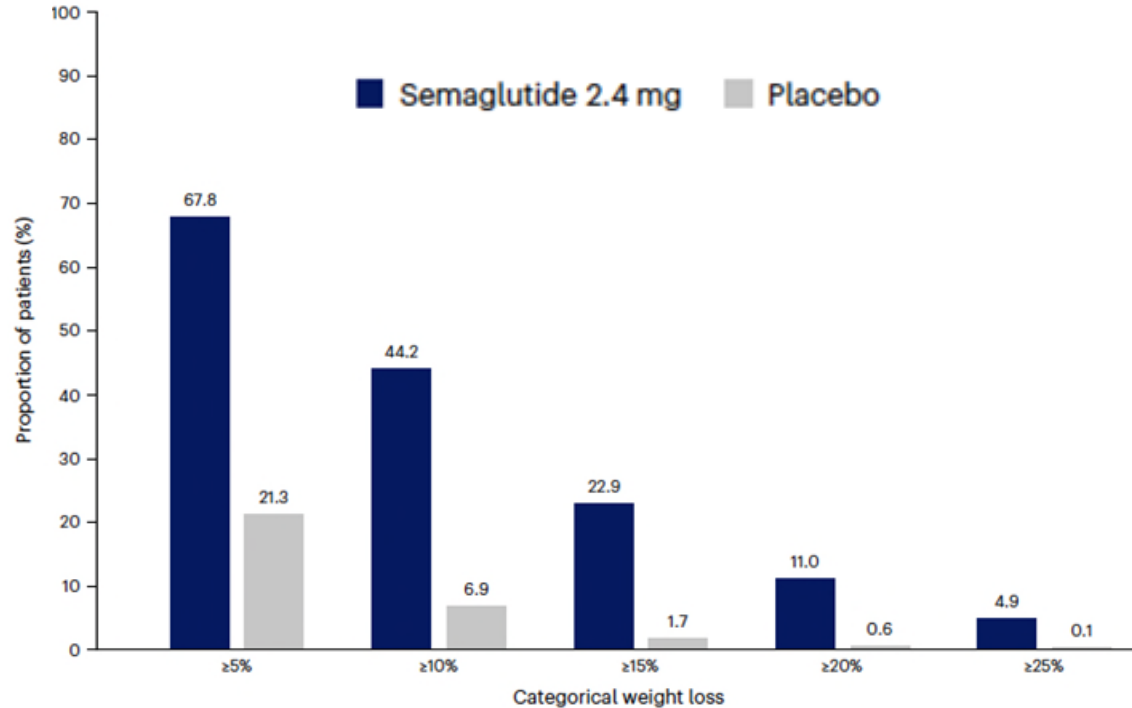
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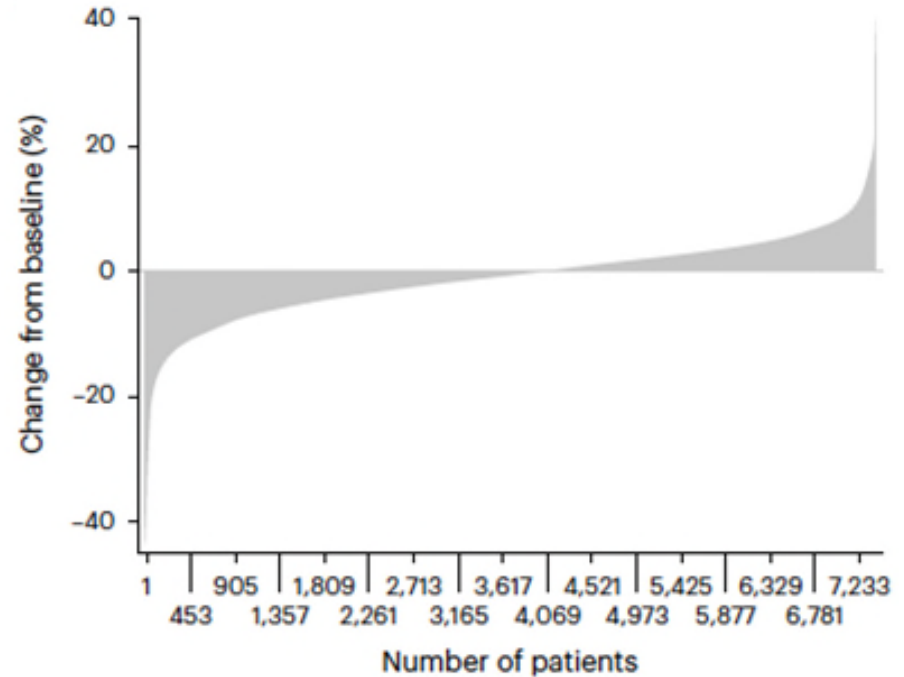
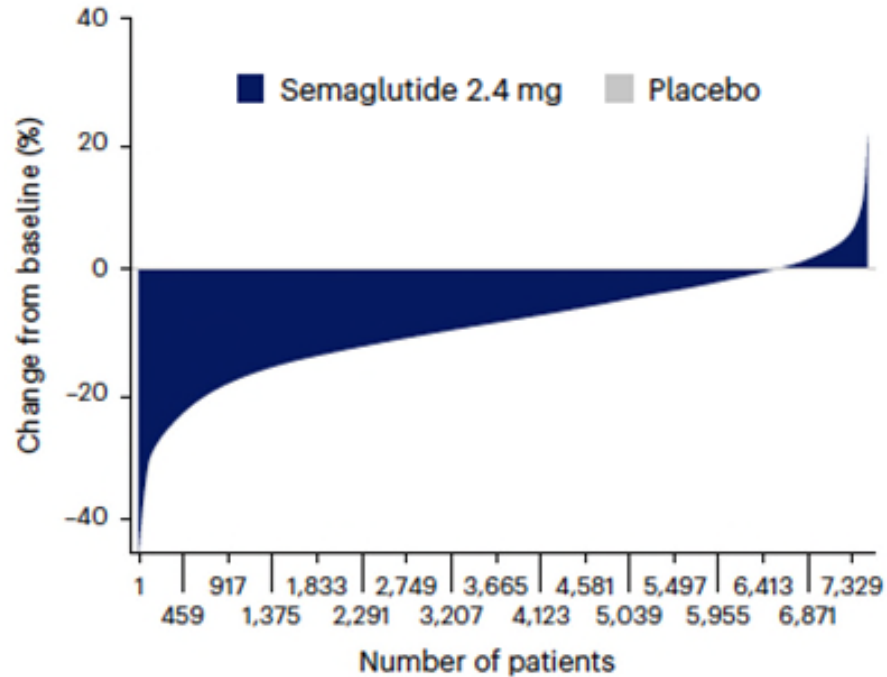
# Change in Body Weight Over Time: All Participants



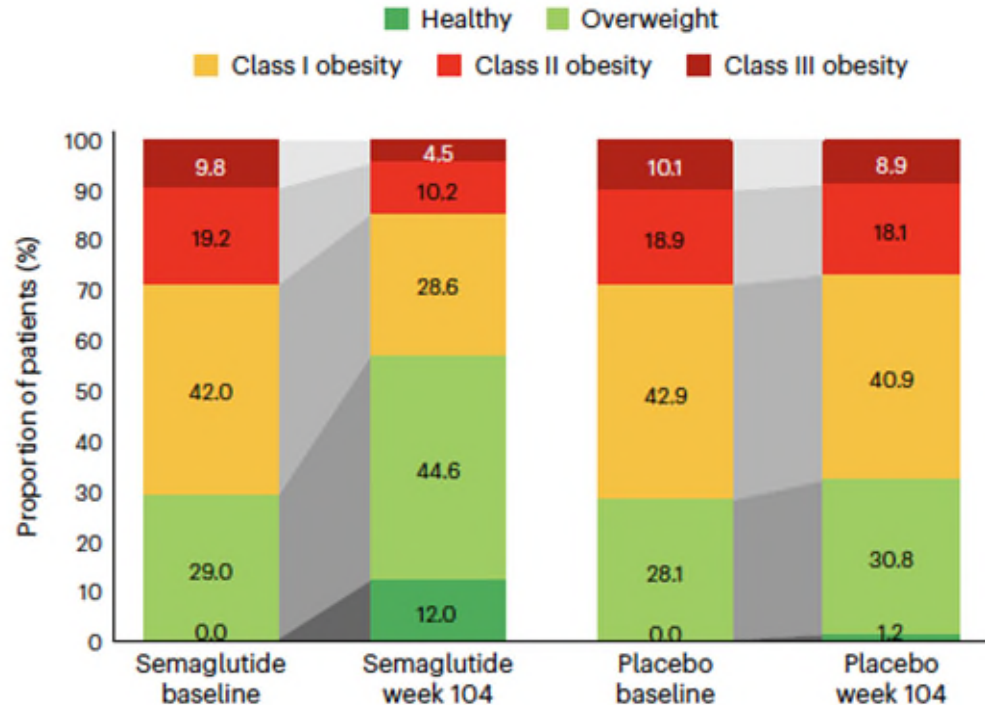
# Variation in the Weight Loss Response: Categorical Weight Loss



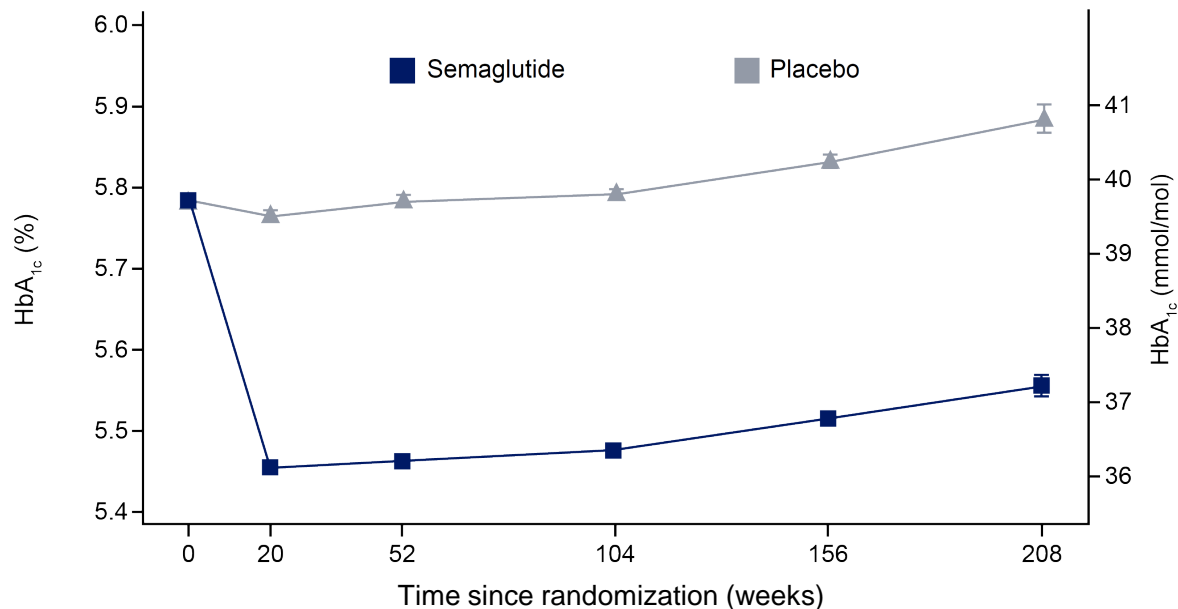
# Variation in the Weight Loss Response: Percentage Change for Each Individual



# Change in BMI Category from Baseline to Week 104



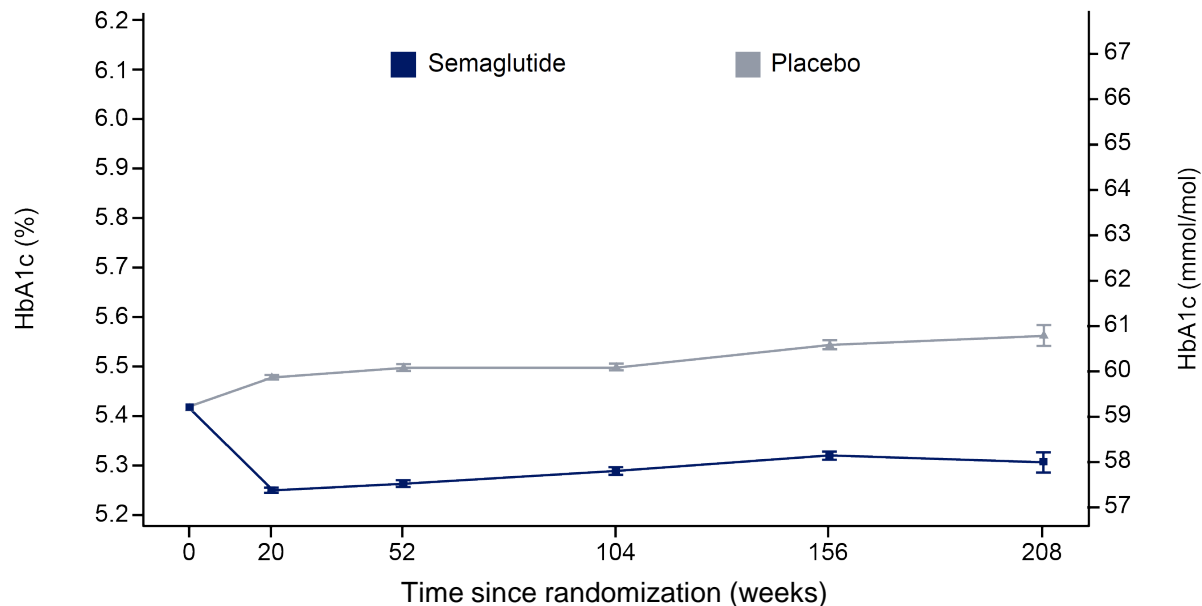
# Change in Glycemia Over Time: All Participants



Semaglutide	8802	7993	7641	7439	4977	875
Placebo	8799	7998	7649	7351	4912	852

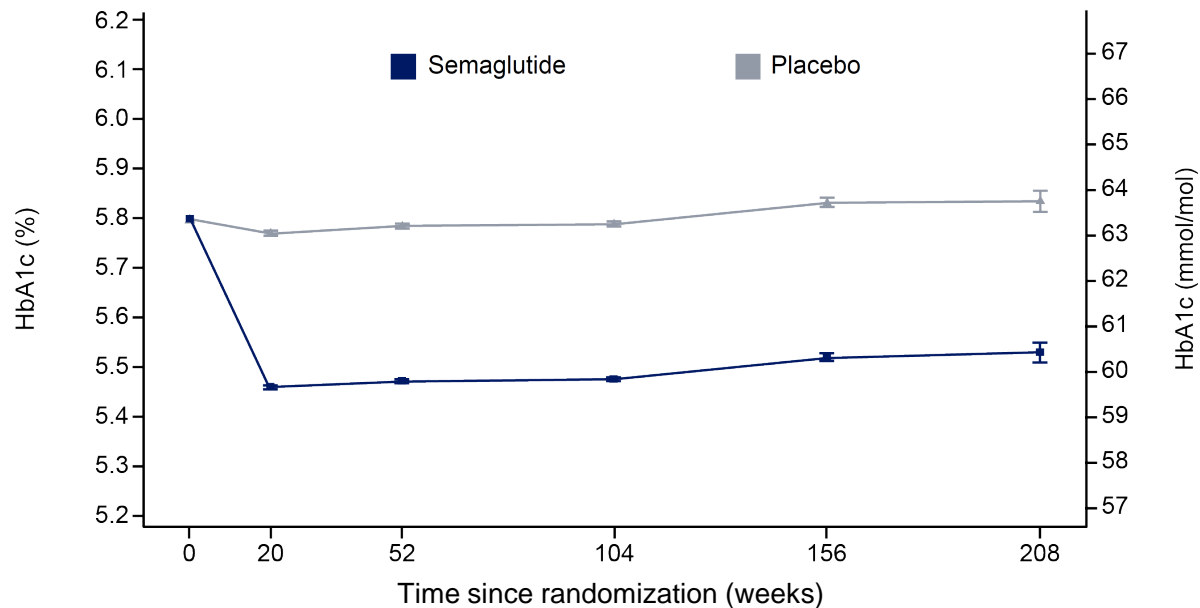


# Change in Glycemia Over Time: Baseline HbA1c <5.7%



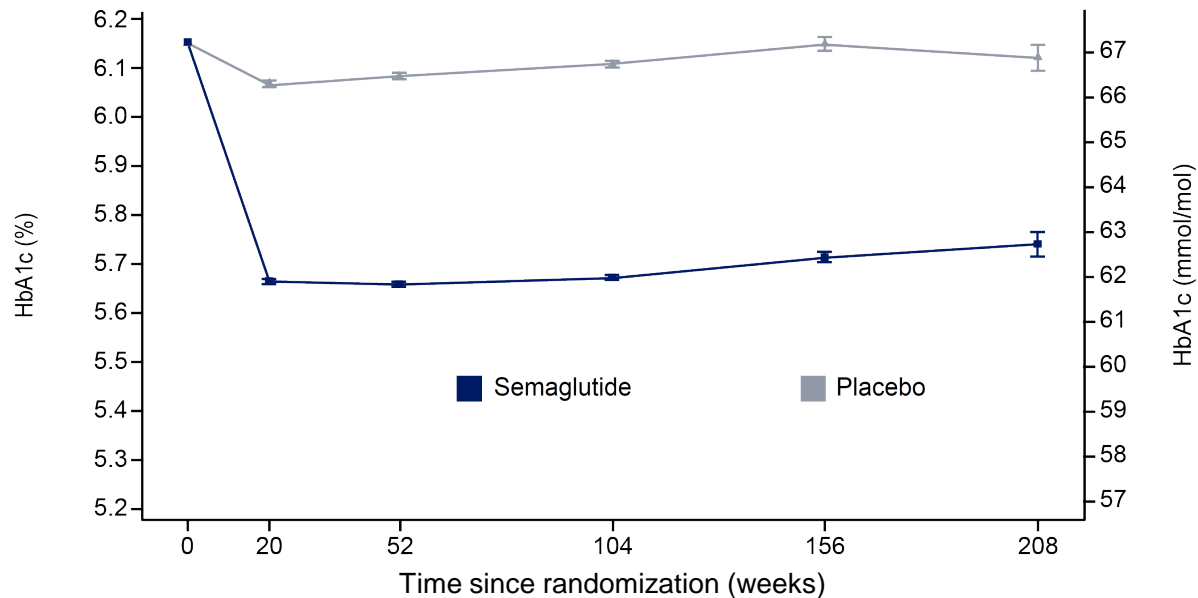
Semaglutide	2925	2666	2528	2468	1676	211
Placebo	2980	2715	2571	2487	1690	217

# Change in Glycemia Over Time: Baseline HbA1c 5.7% to <6.0%



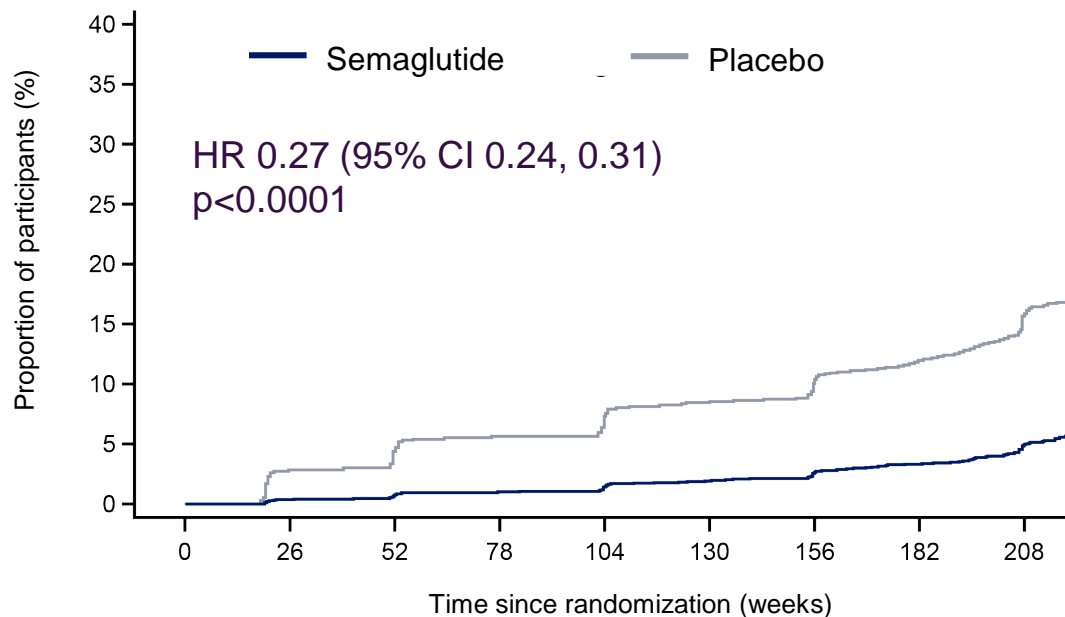
Semaglutide	3065	2779	2672	2605	1708	327
Placebo	3021	2738	2632	2524	1678	280

# Change in Glycemia Over Time: Baseline HbA1c 6.0% to $\leq 6.5\%$



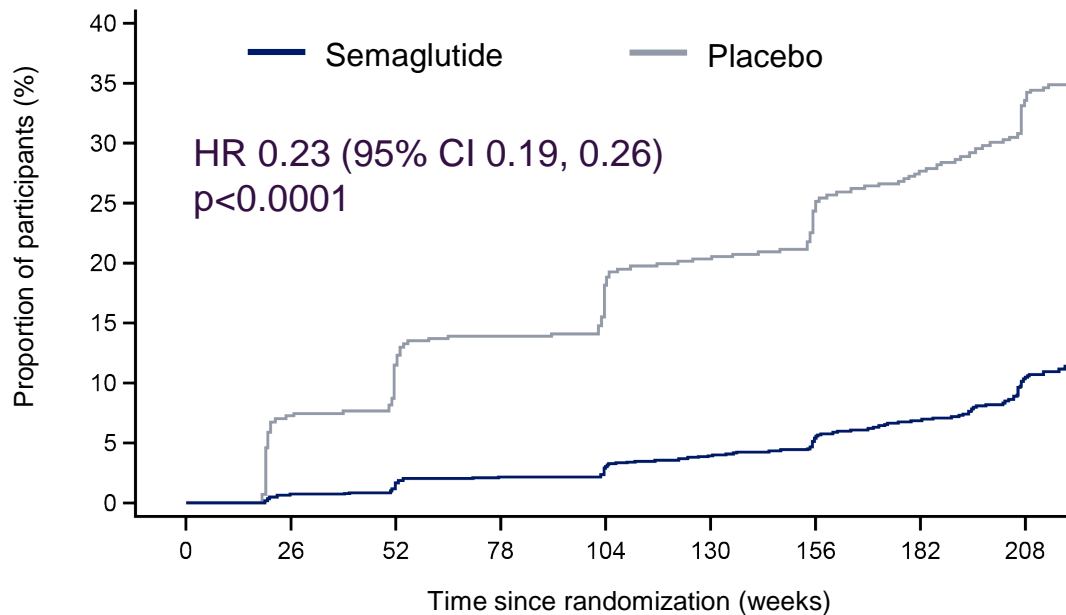
Semaglutide	2812	2547	2440	2366	1593	337
Placebo	2798	2544	2446	2340	1544	355

# Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes: Baseline HbA1c <6.5%



Semaglutide	8800	8713	8609	8494	8340	7312	5853	4210	1767
Placebo	8797	8487	8248	8050	7805	6792	5353	3789	1577

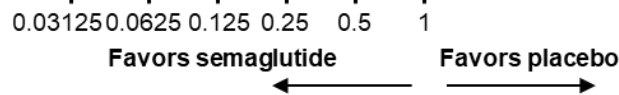
# Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes: Baseline HbA1c 6.0% to <6.5%



Semaglutide	2809	2776	2728	2686	2629	2300	1799	1296	574
Placebo	2794	2568	2416	2311	2171	1857	1379	933	442

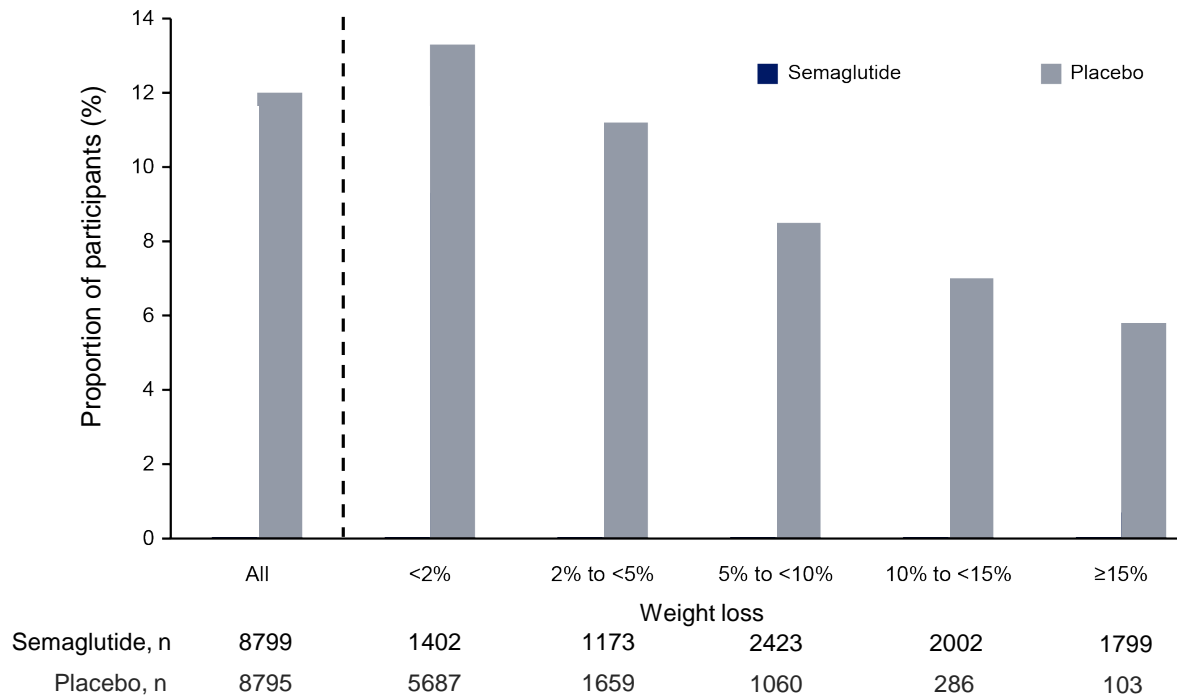
# Progression to Diabetes at Week 156: Baseline Body Weight and Glycemia

	Semaglutide	Placebo			
	Events / analyzed participants	Events / analyzed participants		Hazard ratio	HR (95% CI) p-value
<b>Primary analysis</b>	306/8799	1059/8795			0.27 (0.24, 0.31)
<b>Body weight group, kg</b>					
<90	122/3428	376/3454			0.31 (0.25, 0.38)
≥90 to <100	55/2157	227/2048			0.22 (0.16, 0.29)
≥100 to <115	77/2011	266/2041			0.28 (0.21, 0.35)
≥115	52/1203	190/1252			0.27 (0.19, 0.36)
<b>BMI group, kg/m<sup>2</sup></b>					
<30	80/2555	251/2468			0.29 (0.23, 0.37)
≥30 to <35	124/3691	422/3780			0.28 (0.23, 0.35)
≥35 to <40	66/1686	248/1655			0.25 (0.19, 0.32)
≥40 to <45	25/579	92/595			0.26 (0.16, 0.40)
≥45	11/288	46/297			0.22 (0.11, 0.41)
<b>HbA<sub>1c</sub> group (%)</b>					
<5.7	50/2925	85/2980			0.59 (0.42, 0.84)
≥5.7 to <6.0	49/3065	196/3021			0.24 (0.17, 0.33)
≥6.0	207/2809	778/2794			0.23 (0.19, 0.26)

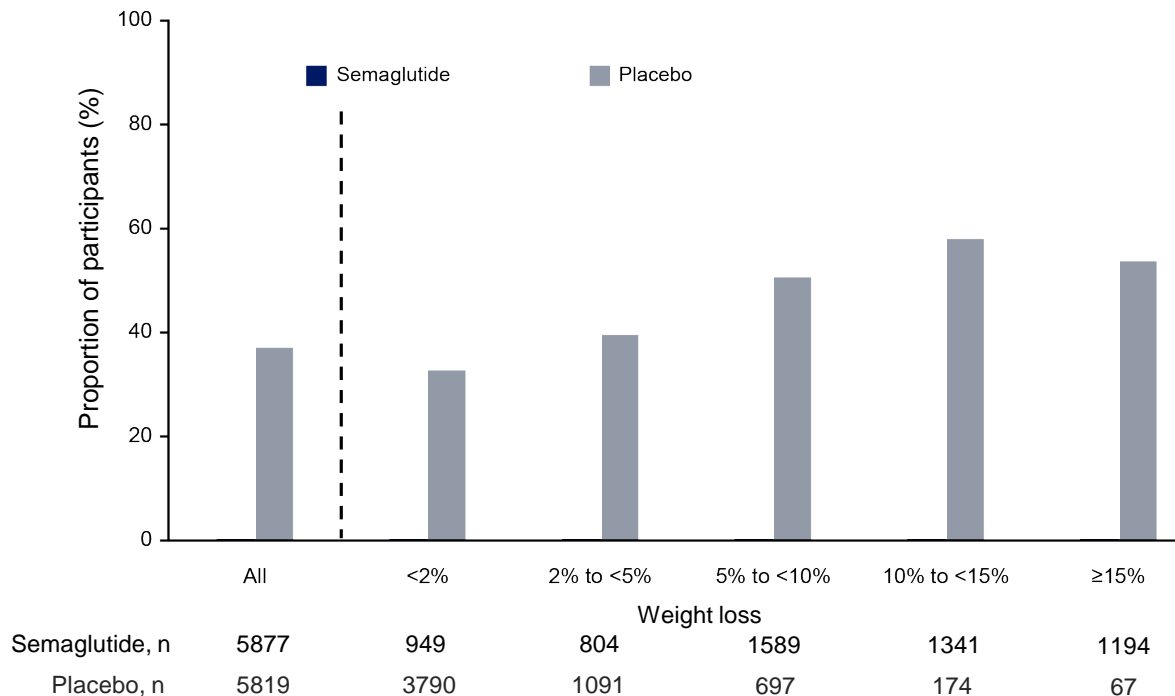


All randomized patients (intention-to-treat) analyzed using a Cox proportional hazards model with treatment, subgroup, and interaction between treatment and subgroup as fixed factors.

# Progression to Diabetes at 156 Weeks by Degree of Weight Loss



# Regression to Normoglycemia at 156 Weeks by Degree of Weight Loss



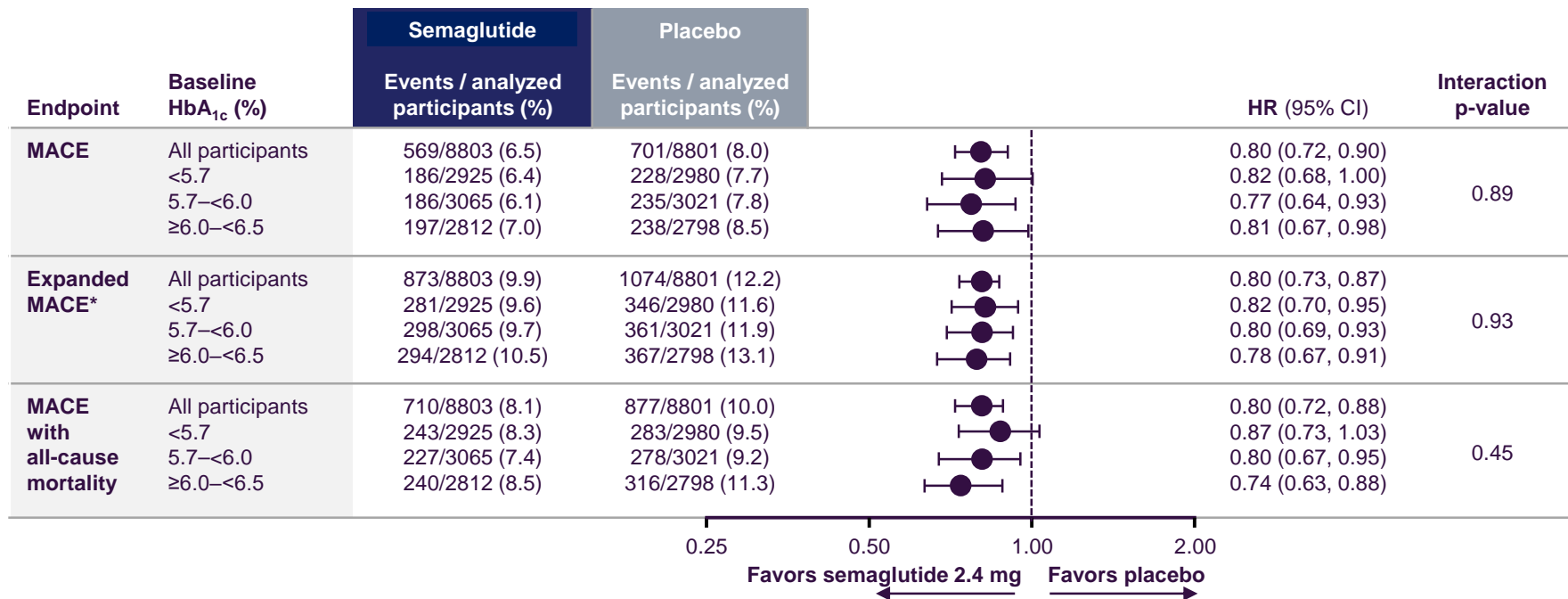


# Mediation by Body Weight of Time to Regression and Progression at Week 156

	Probability of no event at 156 weeks			Total effect (95% CI)	Direct effect (95% CI)	Percentage mediation (95% CI)
	Semaglutide	Semaglutide (adjusted)	Placebo			
<b>Time to progression to diabetes (HbA1c <math>\geq</math>6.5%)</b>						
Body weight (kg)	0.972	0.946	0.895	0.077 (0.069, 0.085)	0.051 (0.038, 0.061)	34.5 (25.2, 45.7)
<b>Time to regression to normoglycemia (HbA1c <math>&lt;</math>5.7%)</b>						
Body weight (kg)	0.205	0.323	0.638	-0.433 (-0.449, -0.415)	-0.316 (-0.338, -0.291)	27.1 (23.3, 31.1)

Modeling approach – Vansteelandt S et al: Stat Med 38:4828-4840; 2019

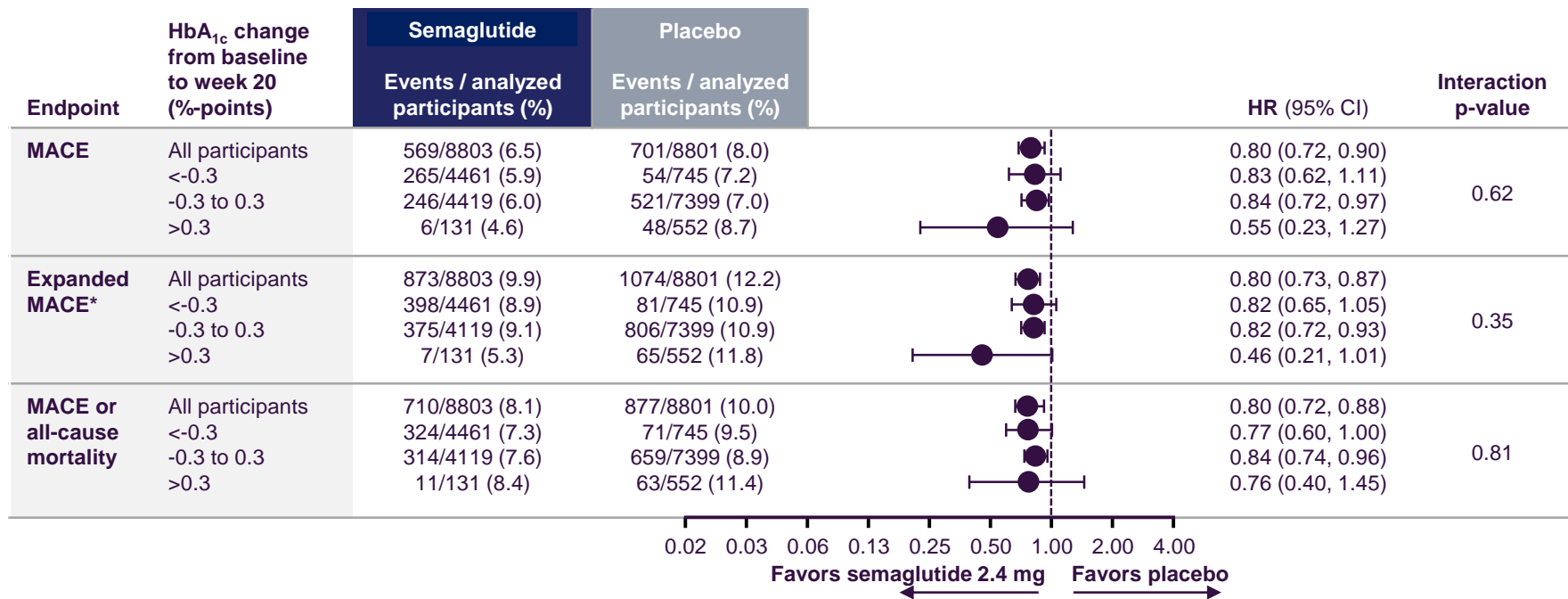
# Risk of Cardiovascular Events by Baseline HbA1c Category



\*MACE plus revascularization or hospitalization for unstable angina.

The full analysis set from the in-trial period analyzed using a Cox proportional hazards model with interaction between treatment groups and the relevant HbA<sub>1c</sub> subgroup as fixed factors.

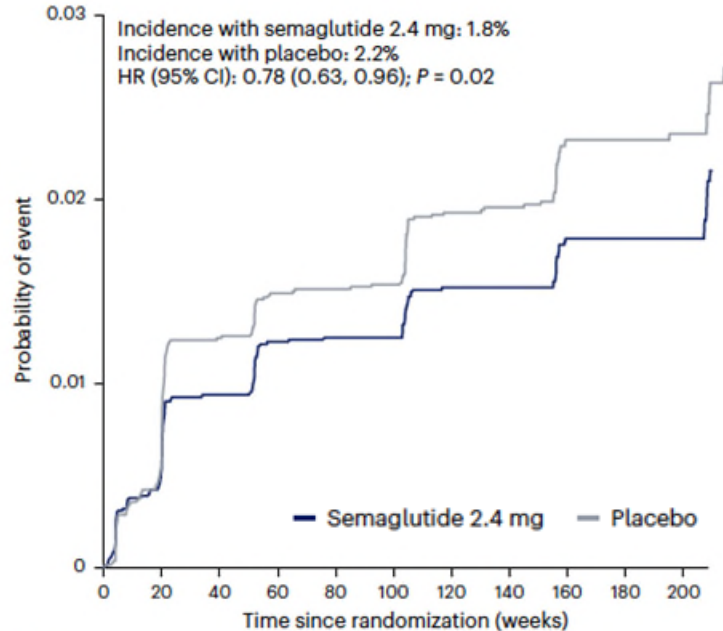
# Risk of Cardiovascular Events by Change in HbA1c at Week 20



\*MACE plus revascularization or hospitalization for unstable angina.

The full analysis set from the in-trial period. Subgroups were defined by changes in HbA<sub>1c</sub> from baseline to 20 weeks of treatment. Only individuals who reached the week 20 visit are included in this analysis. HRs and 95% CIs were calculated using a Cox proportional hazards model with interaction between treatment groups and the relevant HbA<sub>1c</sub> subgroup as fixed factors..

# SELECT: Cumulative Incidence of Main 5-Component Kidney Composite Endpoints



## Patients at risk

Semaglutide 2.4 mg	8,803	8,716	8,623	8,536	8,464	8,390	7,904	6,747	5,813	4,540	2,643
Placebo	8,801	8,699	8,573	8,483	8,392	8,321	7,842	6,665	5,734	4,456	2,576

- Death from kidney causes
- Initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy (dialysis or transplantation)
- Onset of persistent eGFR  $<15 \text{ ml min}^{-1} 1.73 \text{ m}^{-2}$
- Persistent  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in eGFR compared to baseline
- Onset of persistent macroalbuminuria



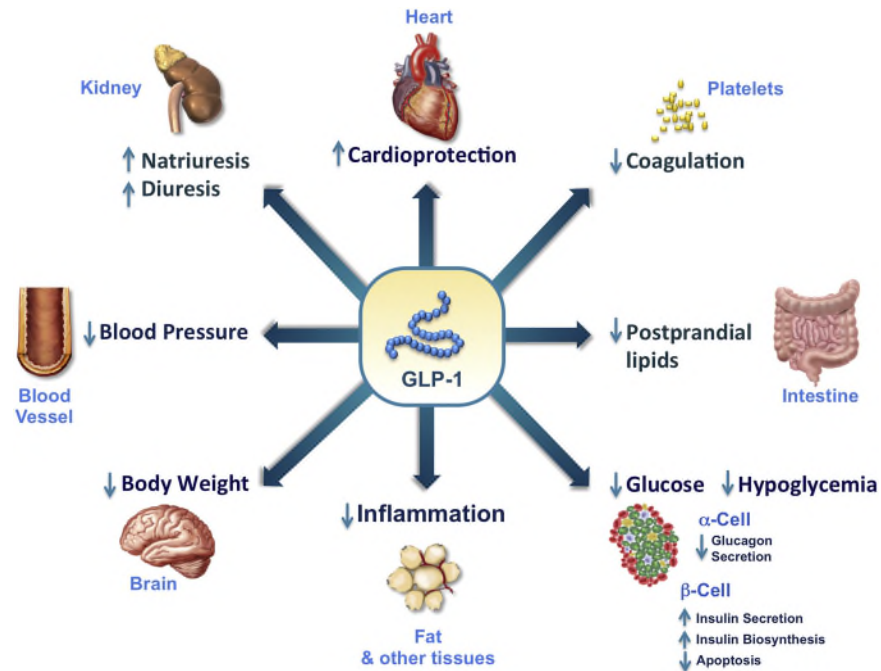
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# Conclusions

- Semaglutide positively impacts the progression of diabetes and regression of normoglycemia in people with prediabetes as well as reducing adverse renal outcomes.
- Thus, in people with overweight or obesity and CVD, treatment with semaglutide would be expected to positively impact glycemia and renal function in addition to CV outcomes.

# Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Has Pleiotropic Effects





# Projected Impact of Overweight and Obesity in the United States

What are we going to do to stem the obesity epidemic?  
And if GLP-1 receptor agonists provide an approach to reduce body weight and the risks associated with obesity, how are we going to ensure that all those needing them getting access?