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la tempesta?

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FISIOPATOLOGIA DELL'ASSE INCRETINICO: COSA C'È DI NUOVO?

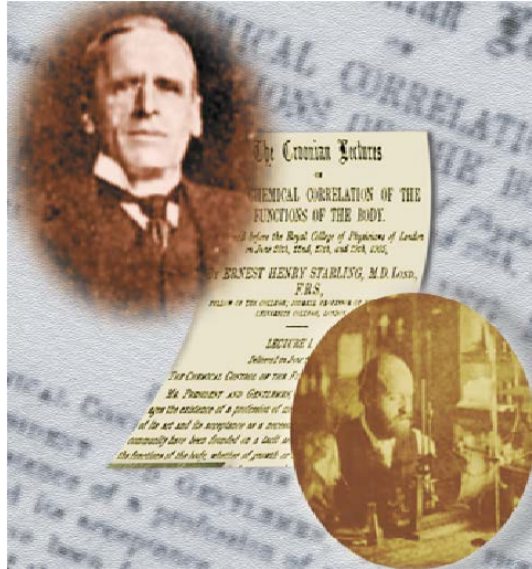
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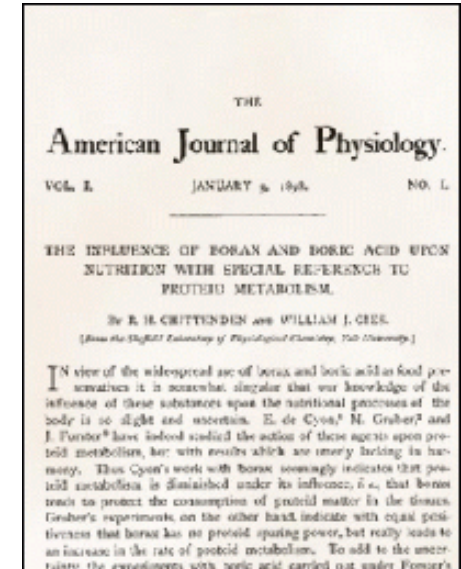
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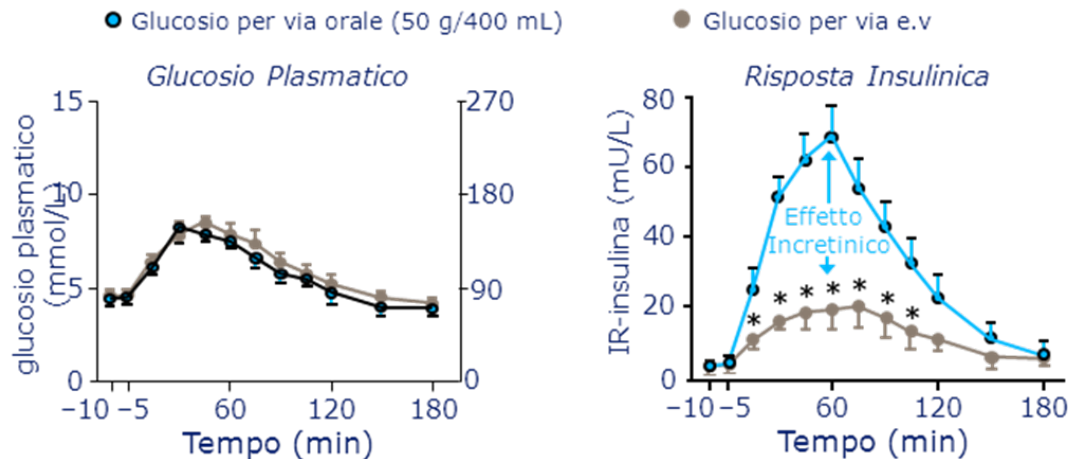
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Glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide

o Gastric Inhibitory Peptide (GIP)

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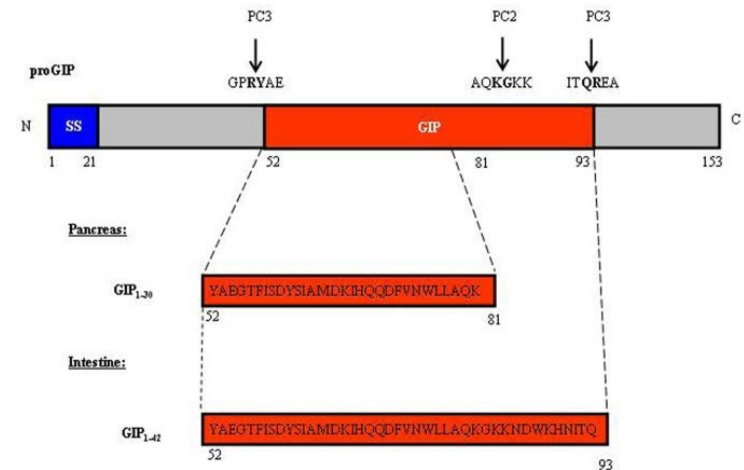
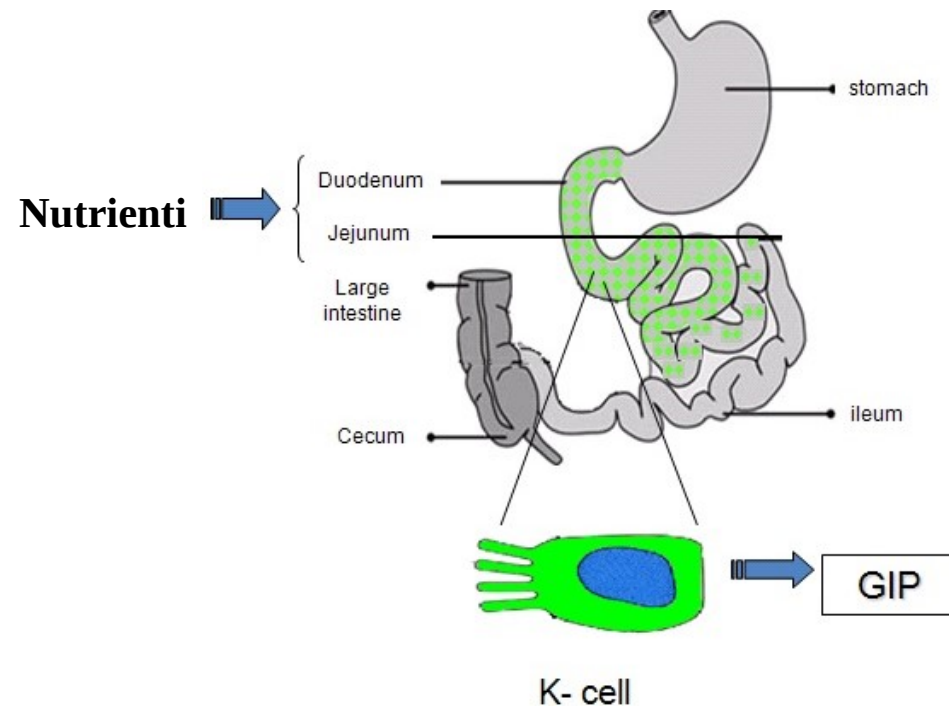
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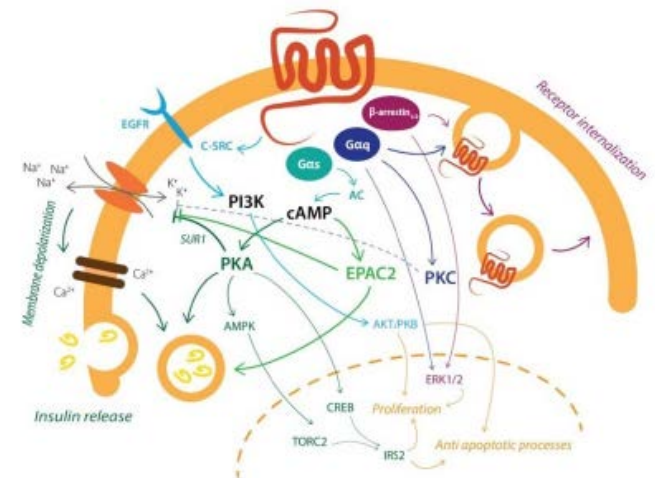
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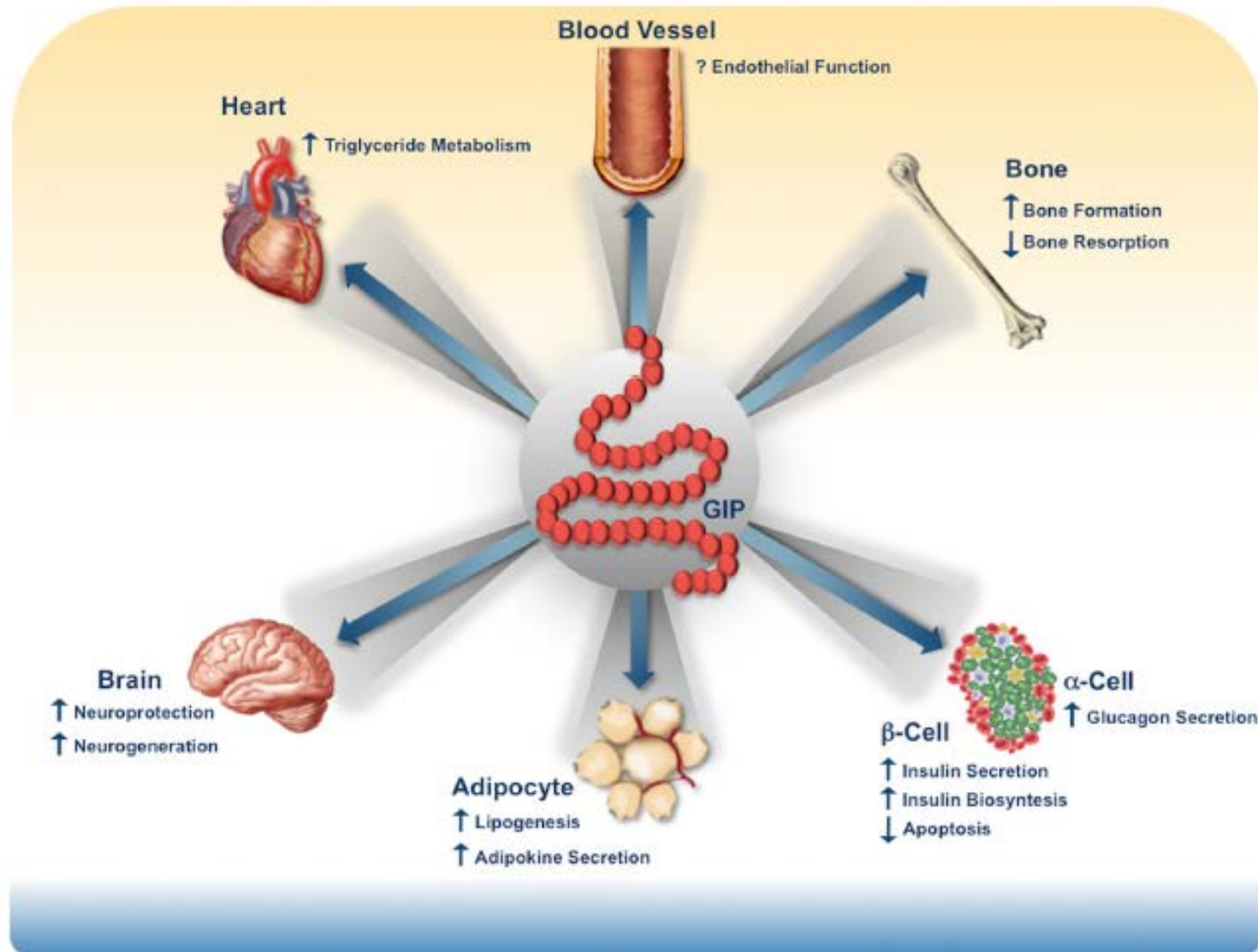
Glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide (GIP)



Emivita plasmatica: 4 min
 Degradazione mediante clivaggio da parte della DPP-4



Effetti fisiologici del Glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP)



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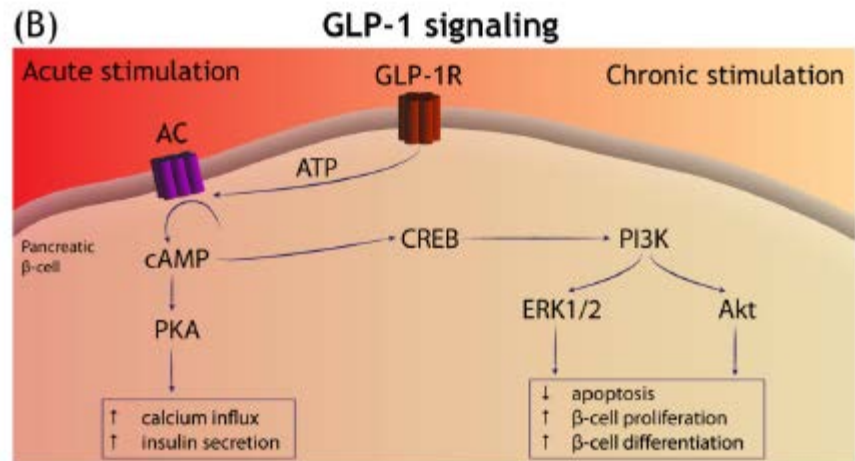
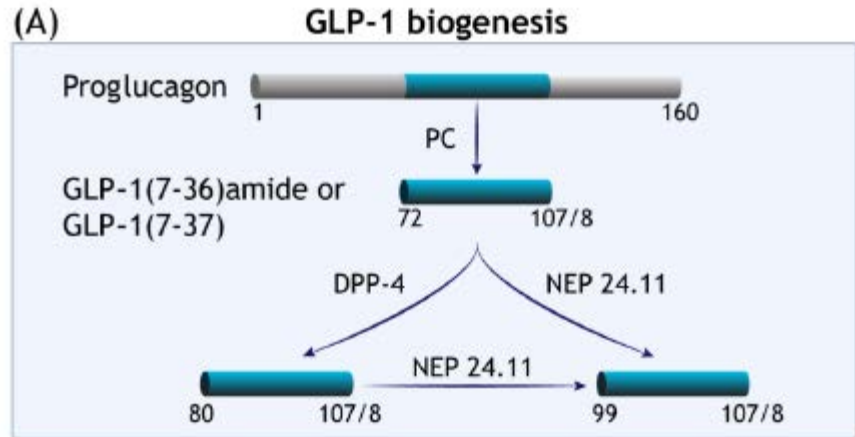
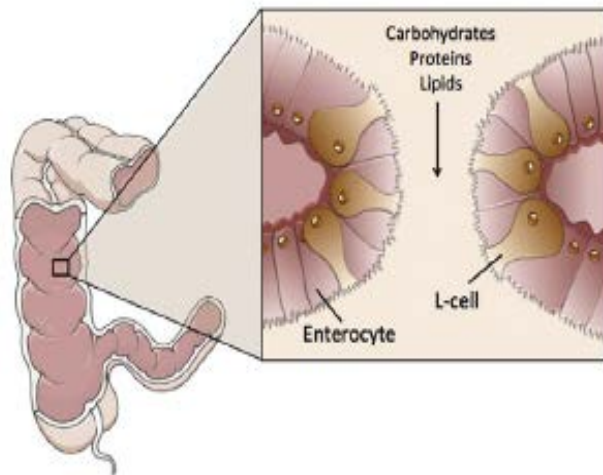
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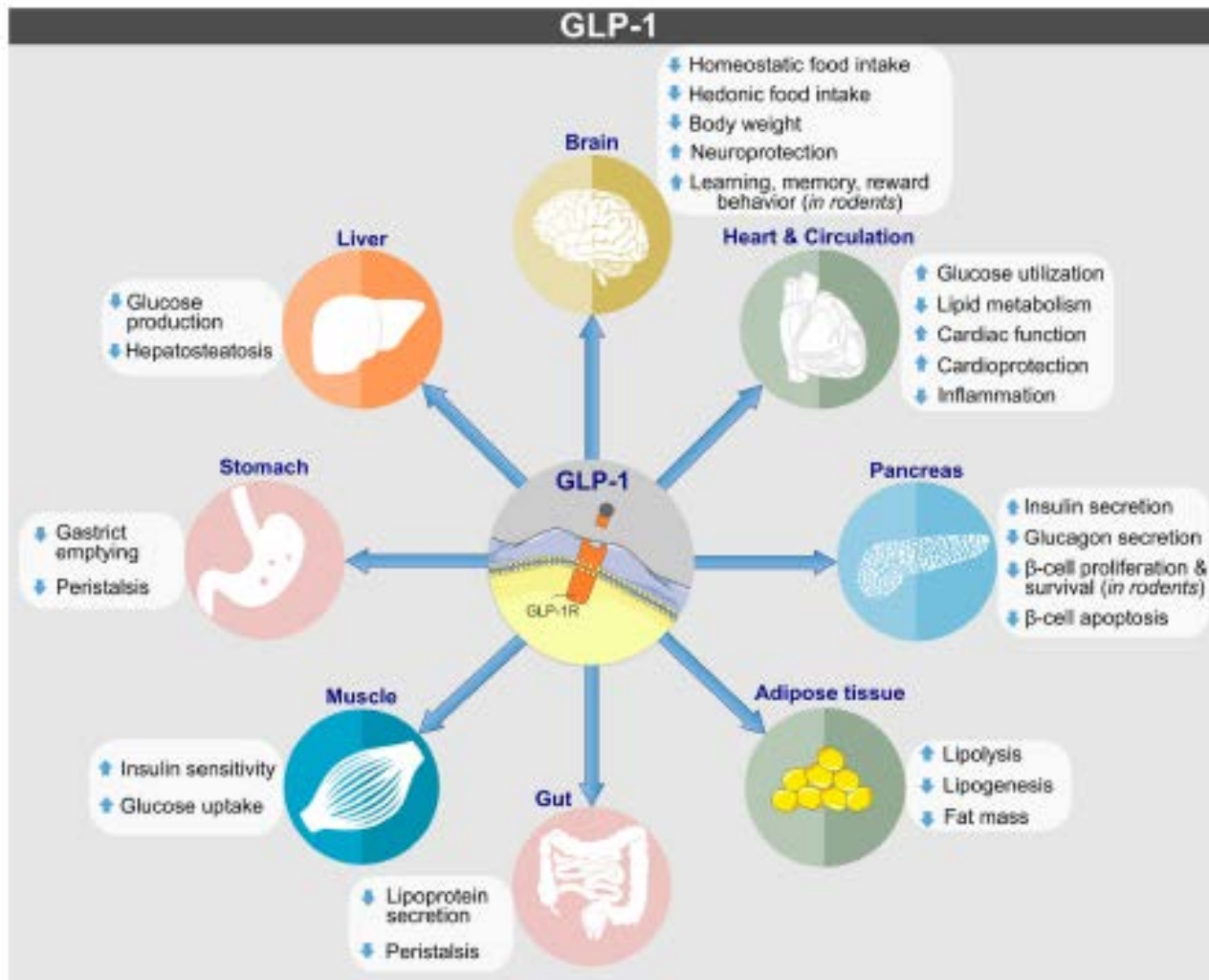
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Glucagone-like peptide 1 (GLP-1)



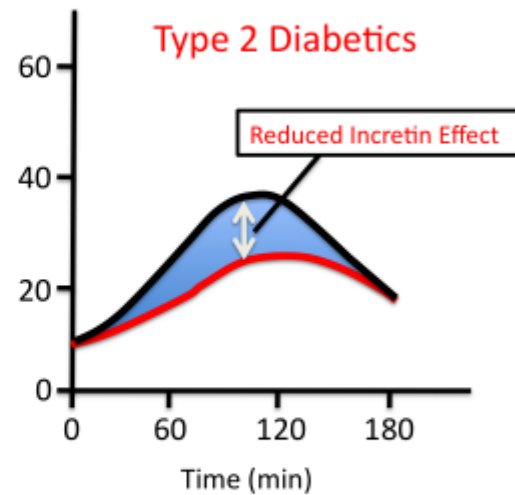
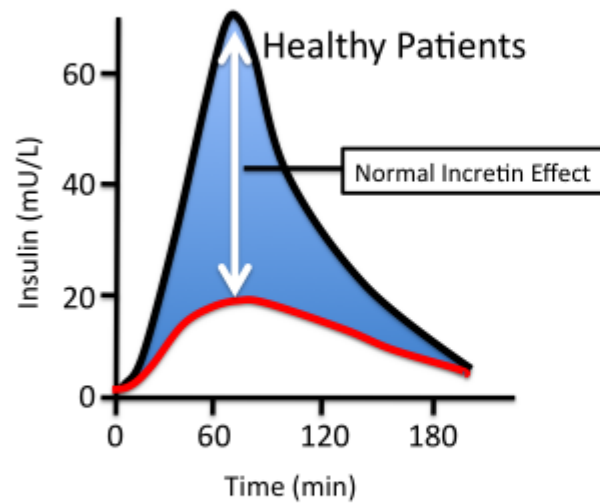


Effetti fisiologici del Glucagone-like peptide 1 (GLP-1)



Effetto incretinico e diabete

Diabetes & The “Incretin Effect”

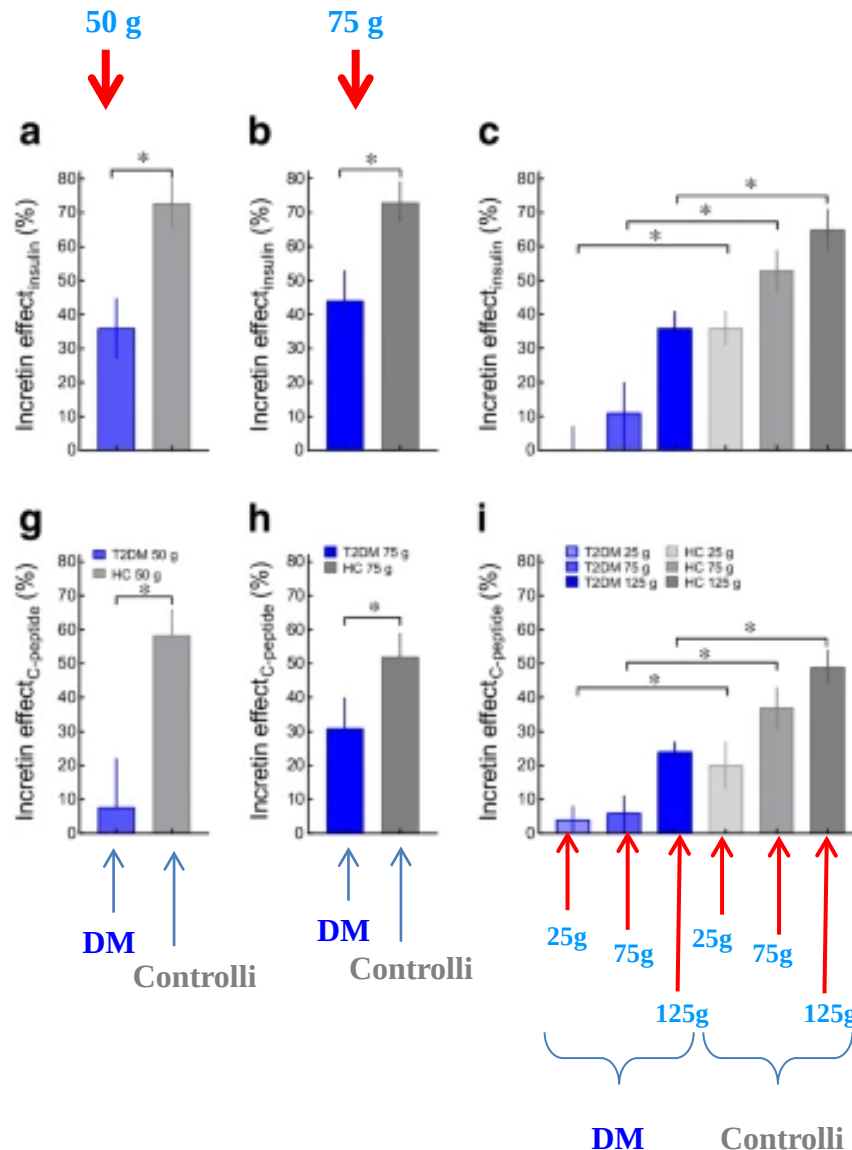


— Oral Glucose (50 g/400 ml)
— Isoglycemic IV Glucose Infusion

Nauck M et al.
Diabetologia (1986) 29:46-52

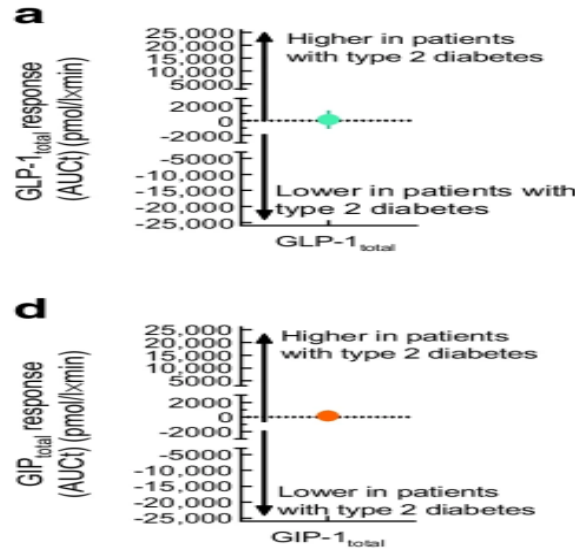
Effetto incretinico e diabete

Quantificazione dell'effetto incretinico in soggetti con DM di tipo 2 e soggetti sani di controllo ottenuta mediante misurazione della secrezione di insulina (a-c) e C-peptide (g-i)



Potenziali spiegazioni della differente riduzione dell'attività insulintropica di GIP e GLP-1 nel diabete di tipo 2

1. Ridotta secrezione



Diabetologia , 2023; 66, 1780–1795

2. Ridotta espressione dei recettori GIP (e in minor misura di GLP-1R) sulle cellule pancreatiche in presenza di iperglicemia

Diabetes 2007; 56:1551–1558.

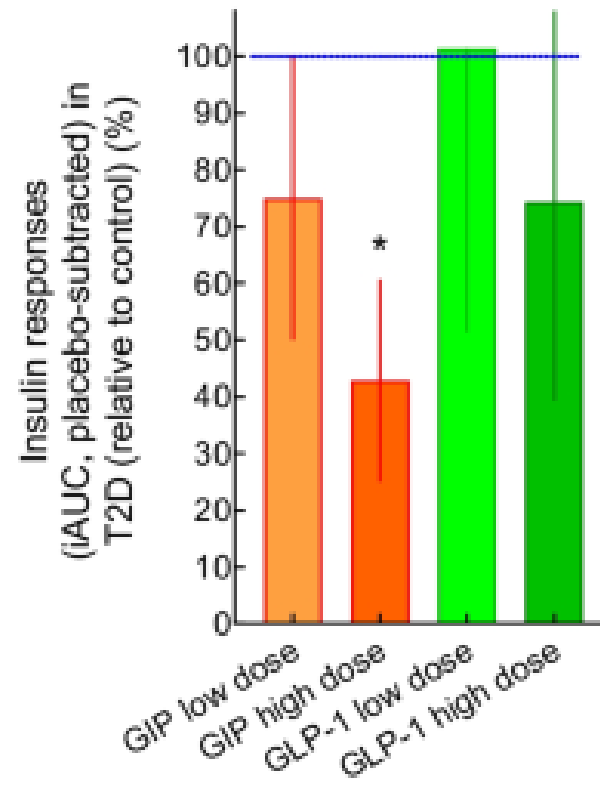
3. Attivazione di differenti pattern proteici intracellulari da parte di GLP-1 e GIP

J Clin Invest, 2020; 130:6639–6655.

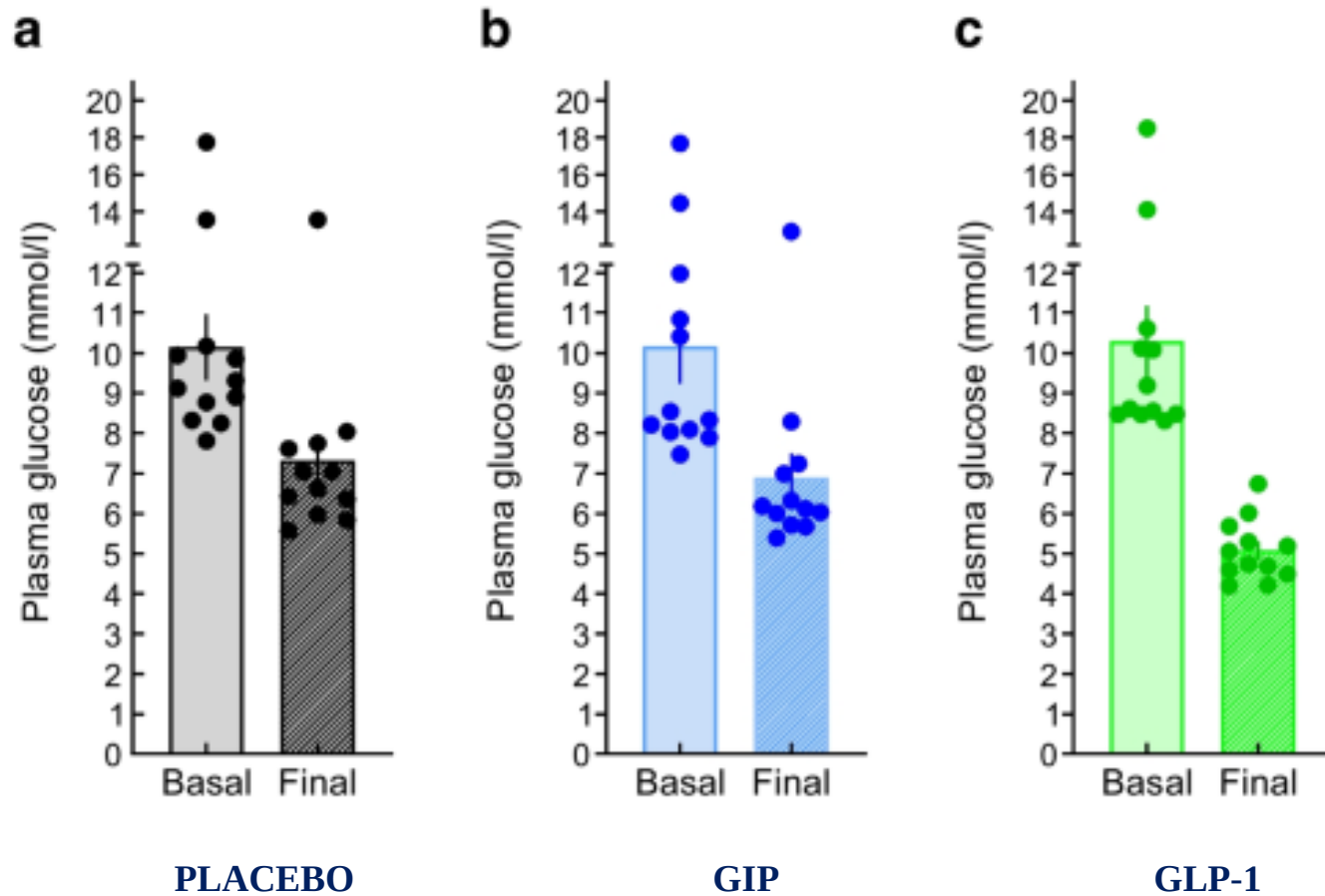


Incretine e diabete

Confronto effetto insulino-tropico di GIP e GLP-1 in soggetti con DM di tipo 2 e soggetti sani di controllo il cui valore medio è stato impostato come 100%

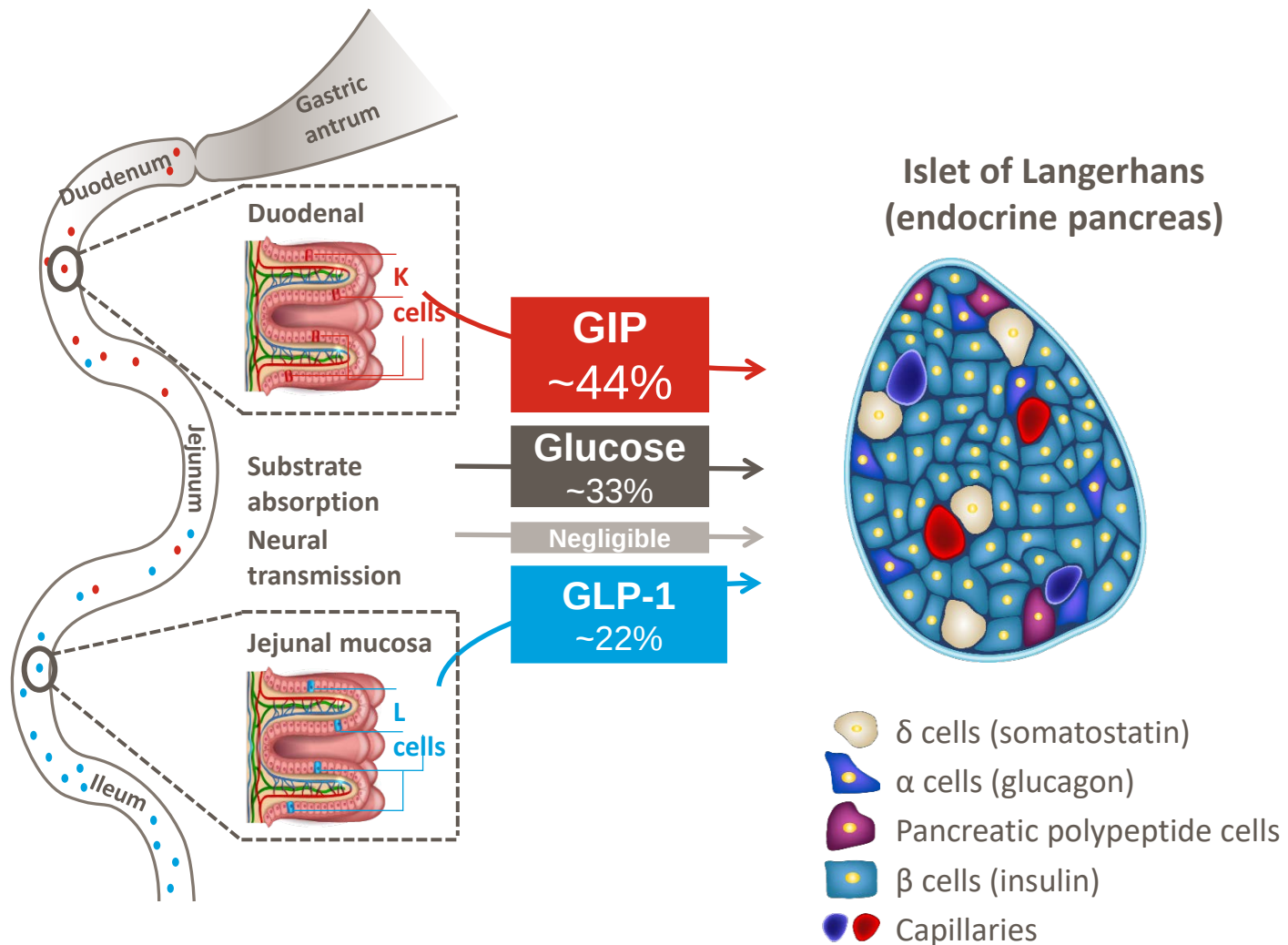


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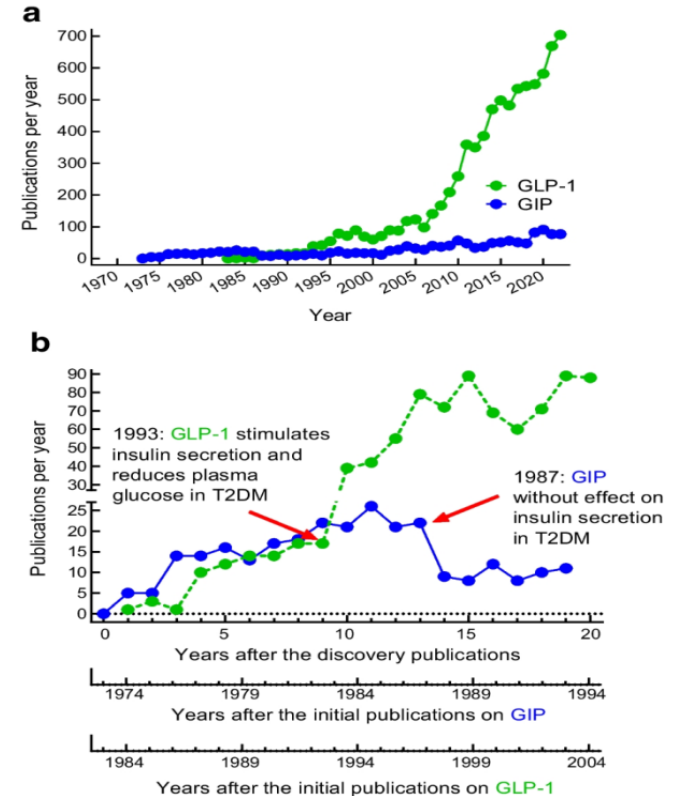
L'enigma di GIP

- Nei soggetti sani GIP è responsabile del 44% della secrezione insulinica



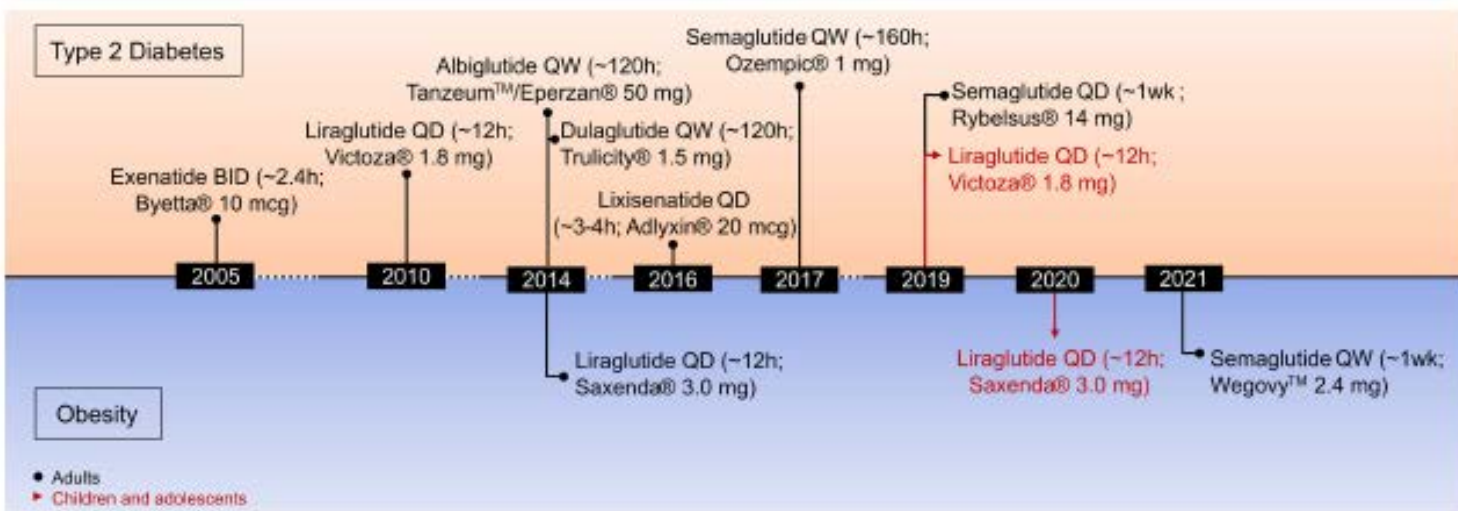
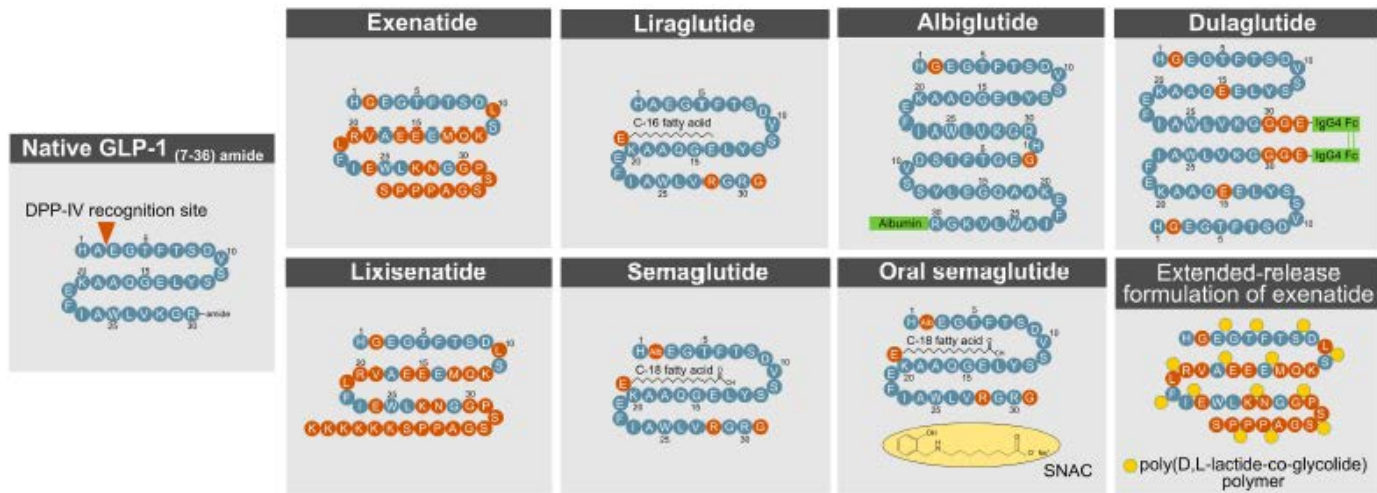
L'enigma di GIP

- In condizioni diabetiche è presente resistenza al GIP
- Gli effetti lipogenici di GIP promuoverebbero l'aumento del peso corporeo
- GIP stimola la secrezione di glucagone in condizioni di iperglicemia in DM tipo 2



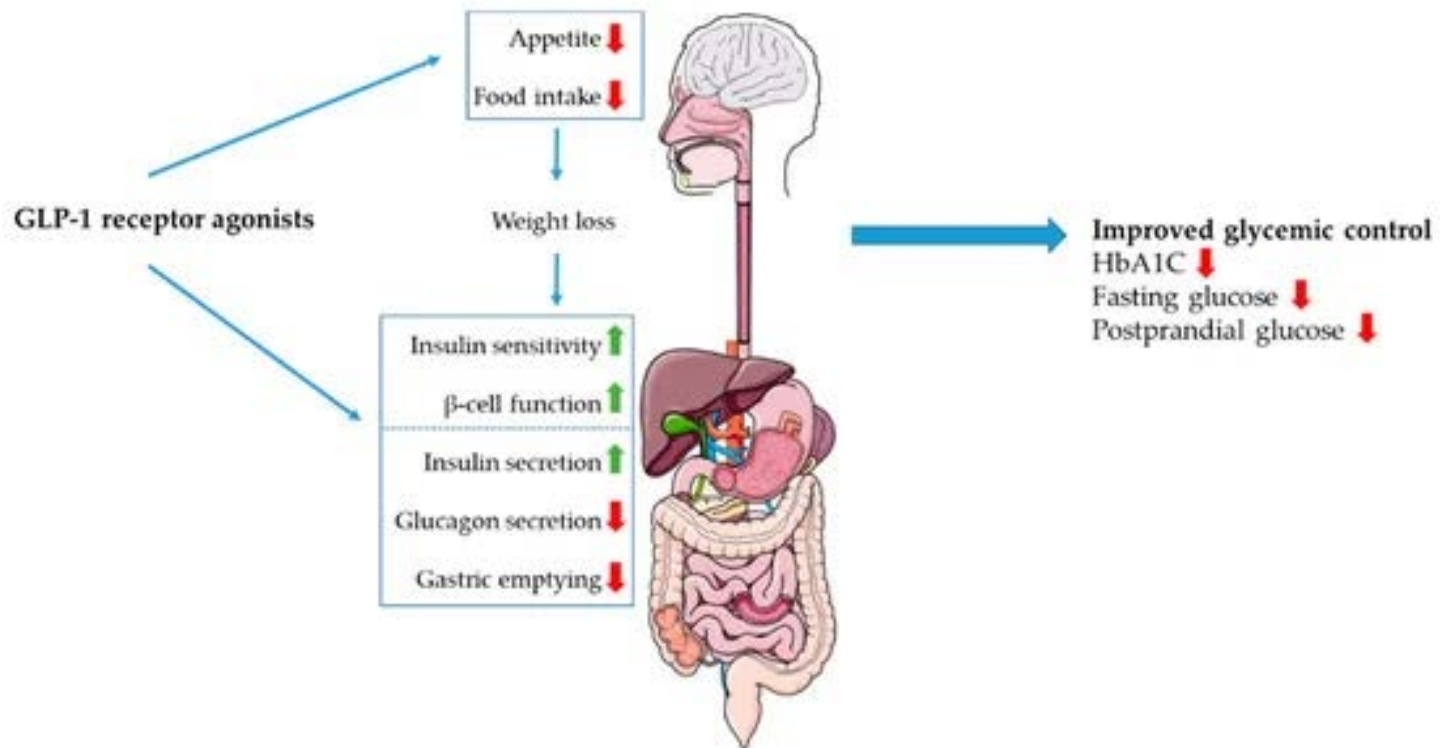
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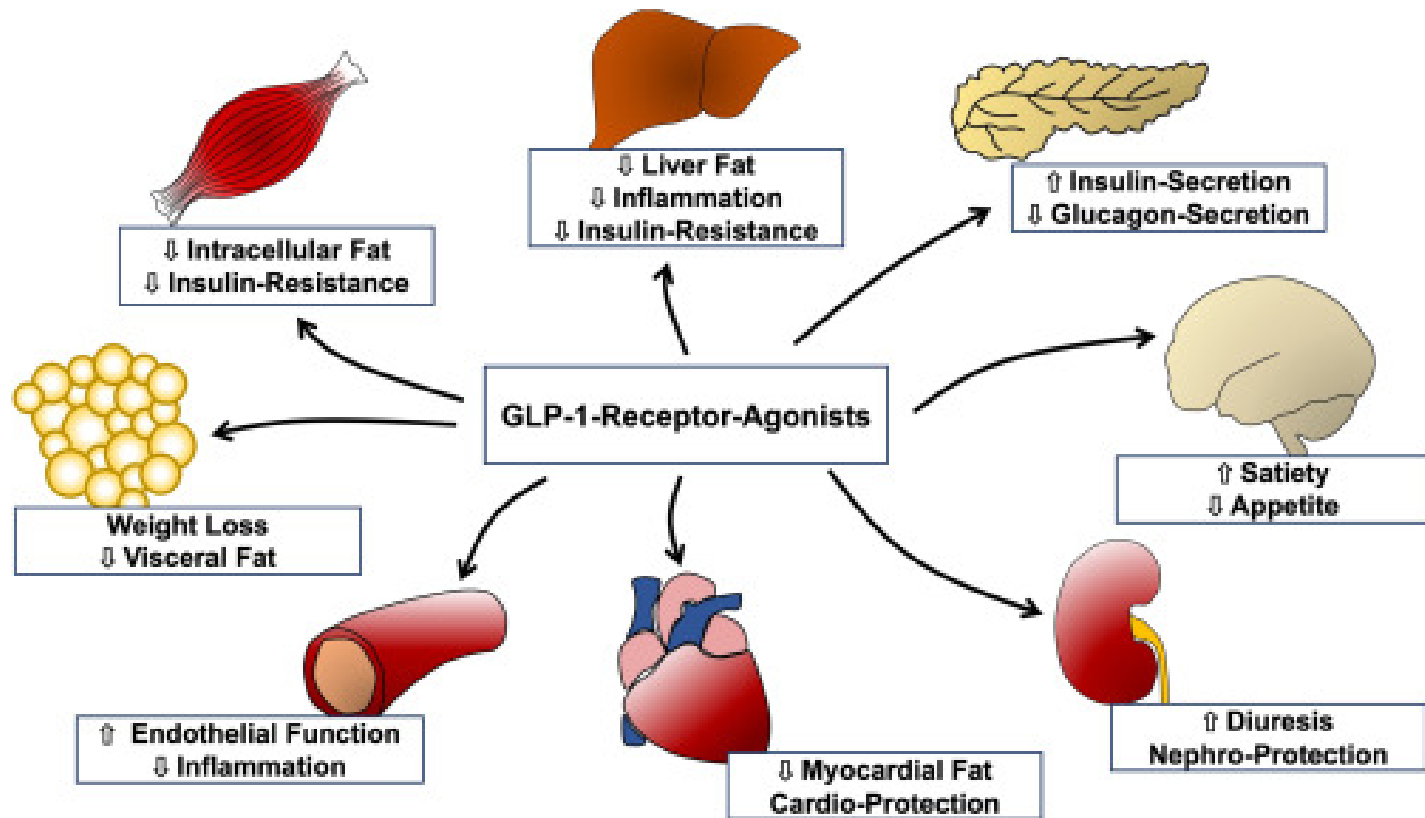
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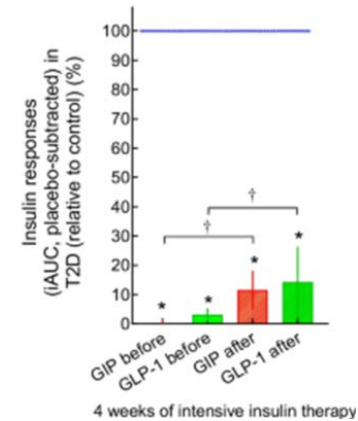
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La rinascita di GIP

- L'effetto insulino-tropico di GIP migliora dopo terapia con insulina



Diabetologia 2023, 66: 1780-1795

- GIP riduce i livelli post-prandiali di glucosio più di GLP-1

Gasbjerg, L.S. et al. (2019) *Diabetes* 68, 906–917

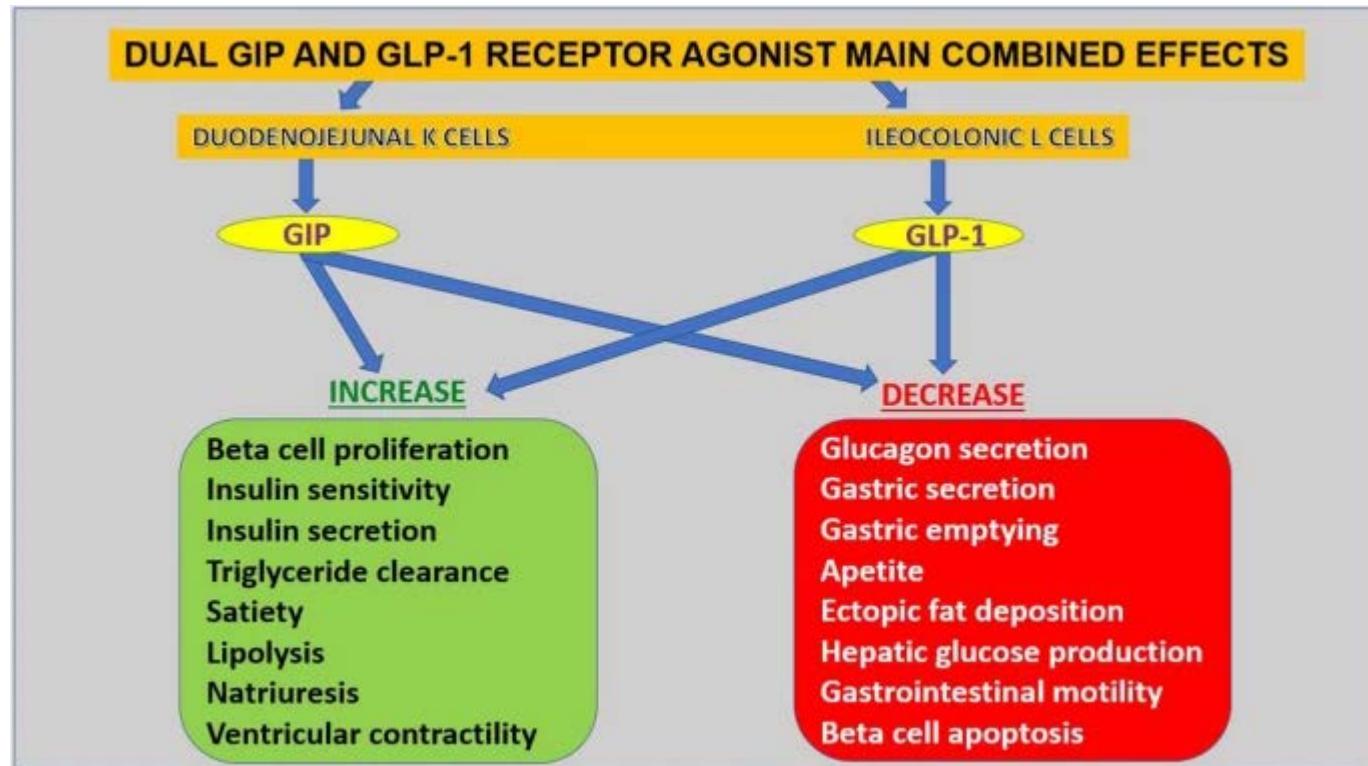
- GIP condiziona la secrezione ormonale e la produzione locale di GLP-1 -> ancor prima che il GLP-1 giunga dall'intestino, il GIP potrebbe preparare l'isola alla sua azione

Gastroenterology 151: 165-179, 2016.

- Gli effetti del GIP sulla secrezione del glucagone e sul tessuto adiposo possono essere contrastati dall'inibizione della secrezione del glucagone e dal ridotto intake di cibo da parte del GLP-1
- La cosomministrazione di agonisti del GIPR e GLP-1R in topi con obesità indotta da dieta determina una maggiore perdita di peso rispetto al solo trattamento con il GLP-1R agonista

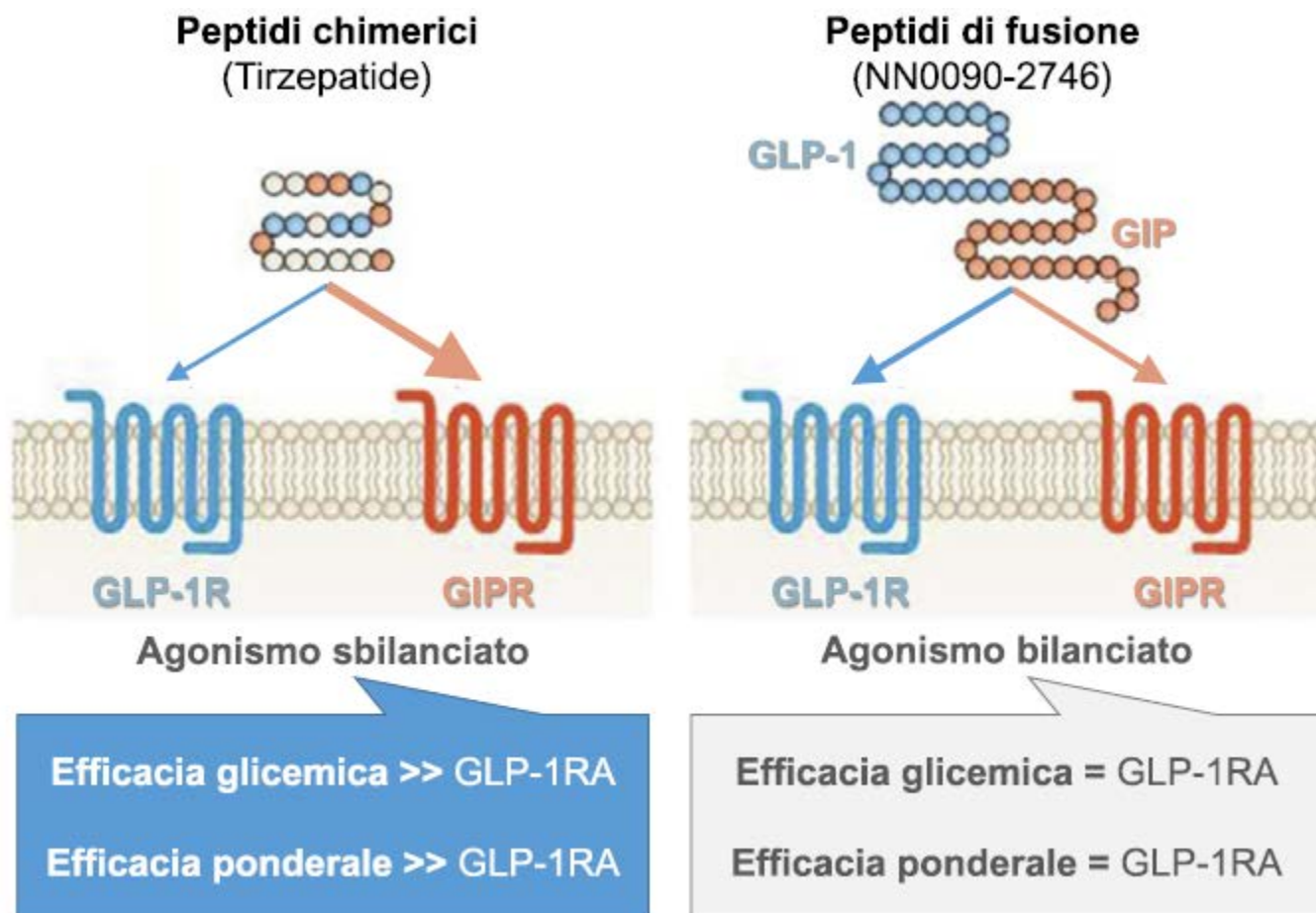
Doppio agonismo del recettore di GIP e GLP-1

“il nuovo: due è meglio di uno?”



Doppio agonismo dei recettori GIP /GLP-1

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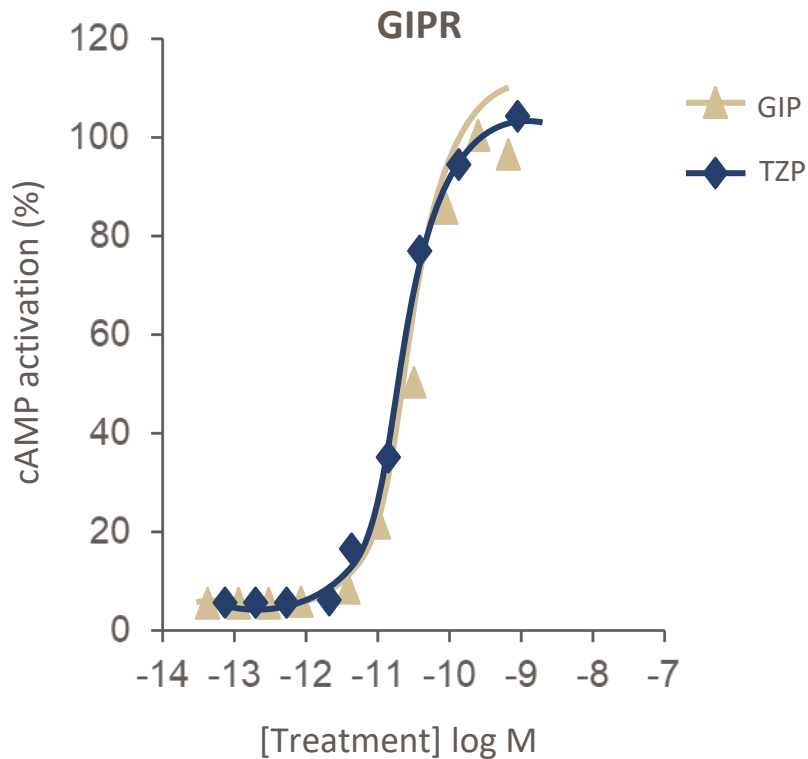
Tirzepatide non è la somma di GIP e GLP-1. E' una singola molecola



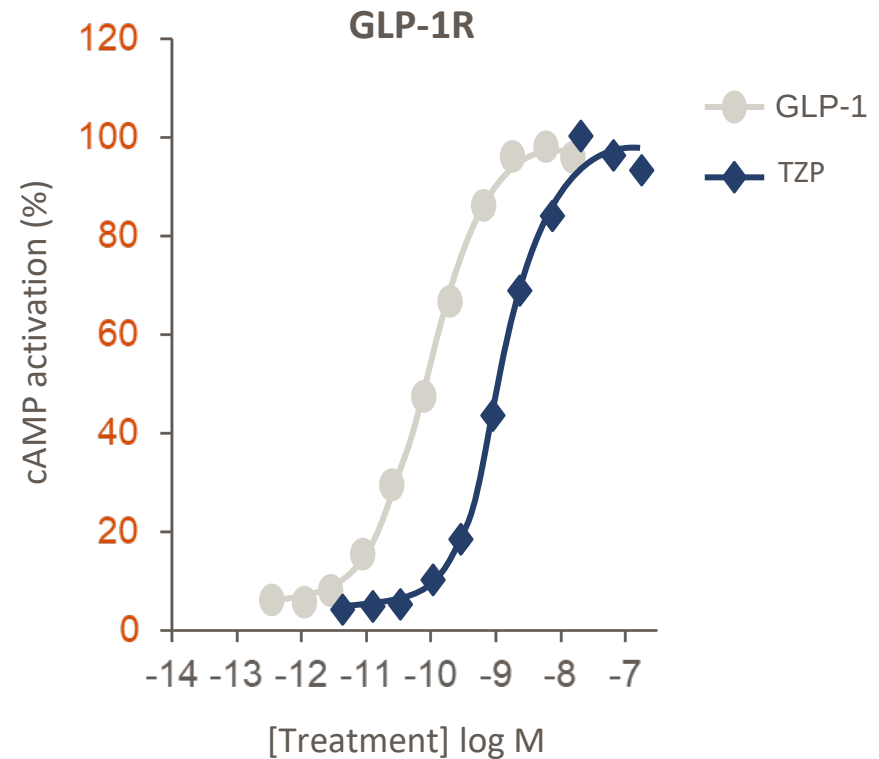
Tirzepatide

Studi in vitro

**Potenza per il recettore di GIP
simile al GIP nativo.***



**Potenza per GLP-1R più debole del
GLP-1 nativo.***



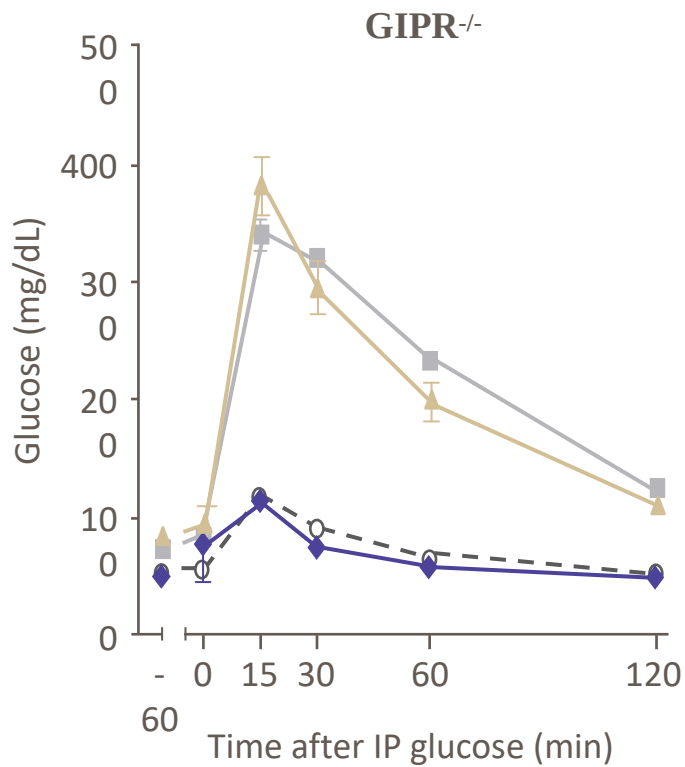
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Tirzepatide

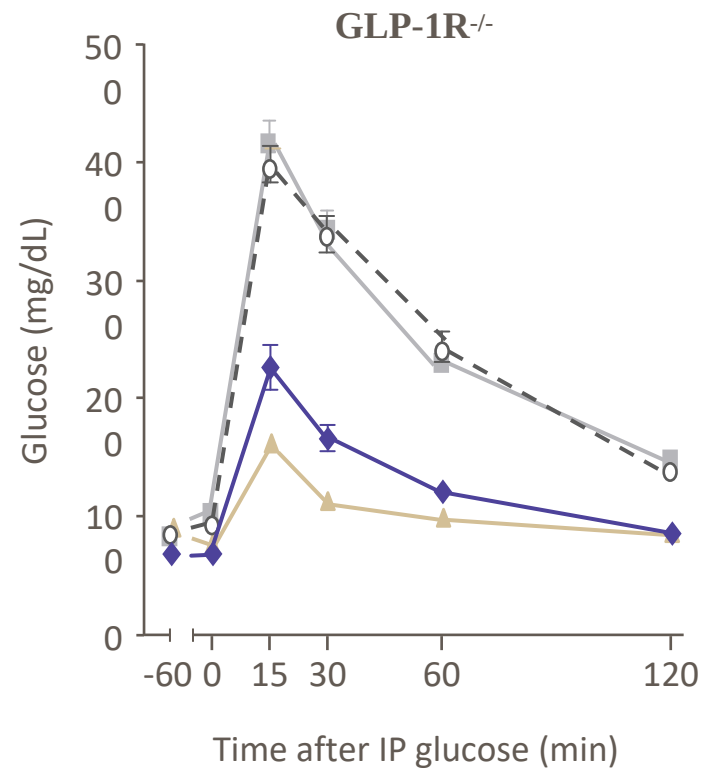
Esercita attività ipoglicemizzante agendo su entrambi i recettori



Controllo glicemico dipendente da GLP-1R dimostrato in topi $GIPR^{-/-}$



Controllo glicemico dipendente da GIPR dimostrato in topi $GLP-1R^{-/-}$



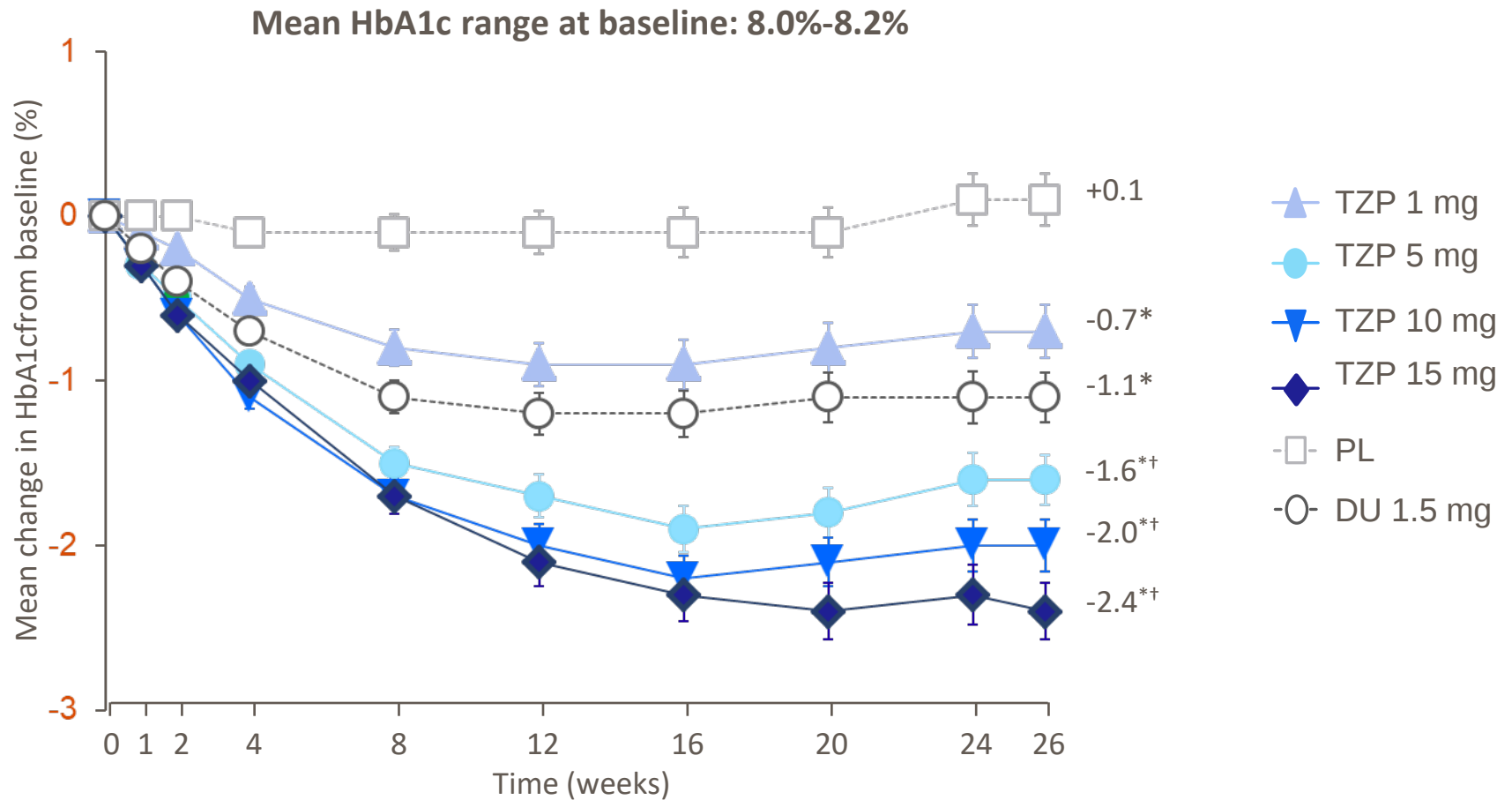
■ Vehicle

○ SEMA 30 nmol/kg

◆ TZP 30 nmol/kg

▲ GIP 30 nmol/kg

Tirzepatide vs GLP-1RA selettivo

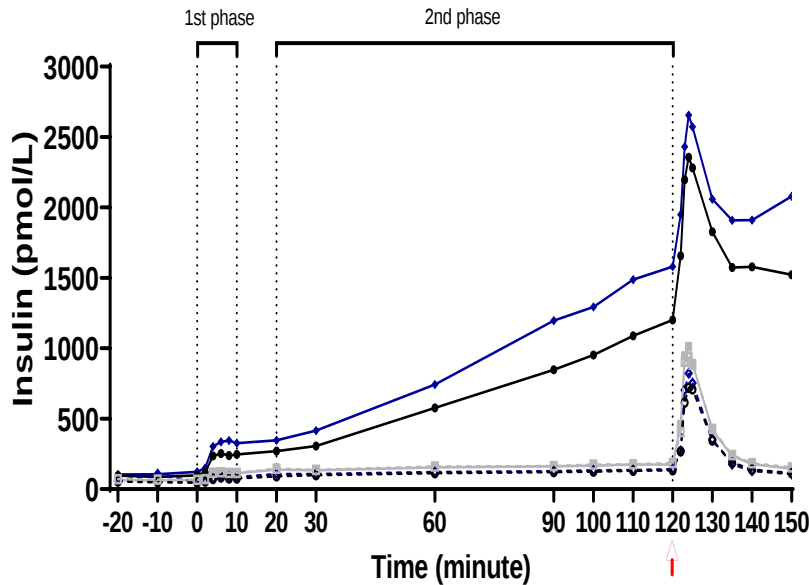


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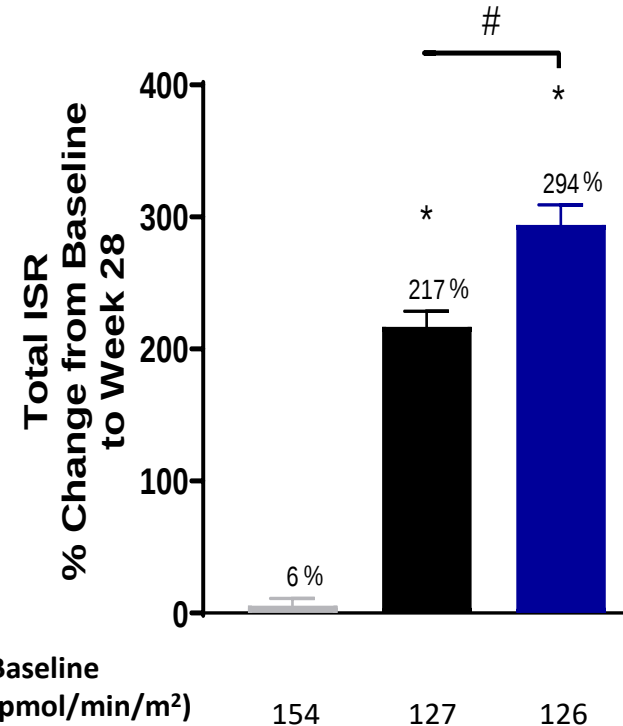
Tirzepatide: controllo glicemico

1. Azione sulla secrezione di insulina



Arginine infusion

■ Placebo ■ Semaglutide 1.0mg ■ Tirzepatide 15mg
Dashed: baseline Solid: Week 28



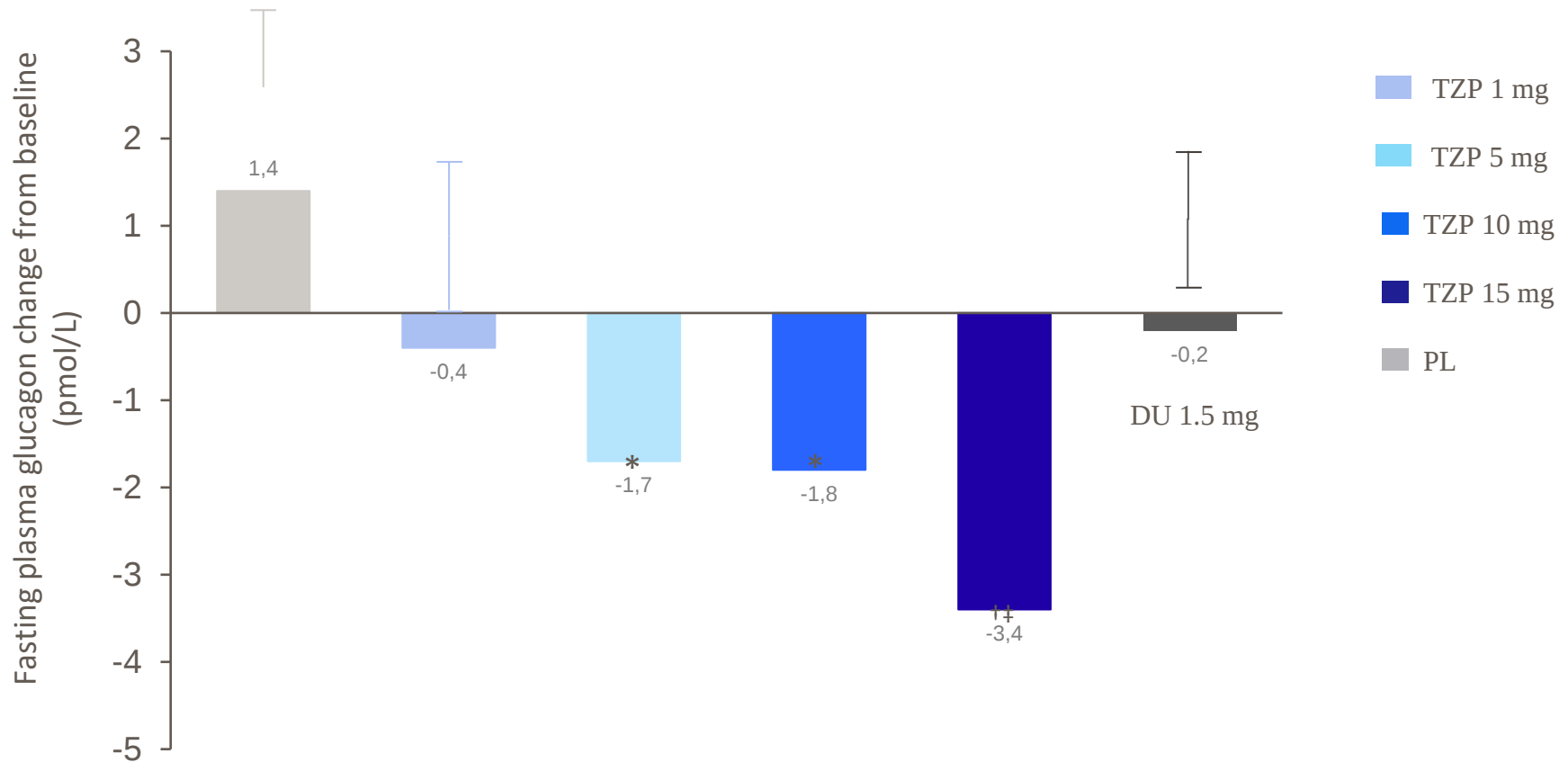
Left: Data are group averages.. Arrow indicates a 5-gram intravenous arginine bolus was administered at 120 minutes.

Right: Data are estimates (with standard errors). *p<0.001 vs placebo, #p=0.003 tirzepatide vs semaglutide

Tirzepatide: controllo glicemico

2. Azione sulla secrezione di glucagone

Change From Baseline at 26 Weeks



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Frias JP, et al. Lancet. 2018;392(10160):2180-2193.

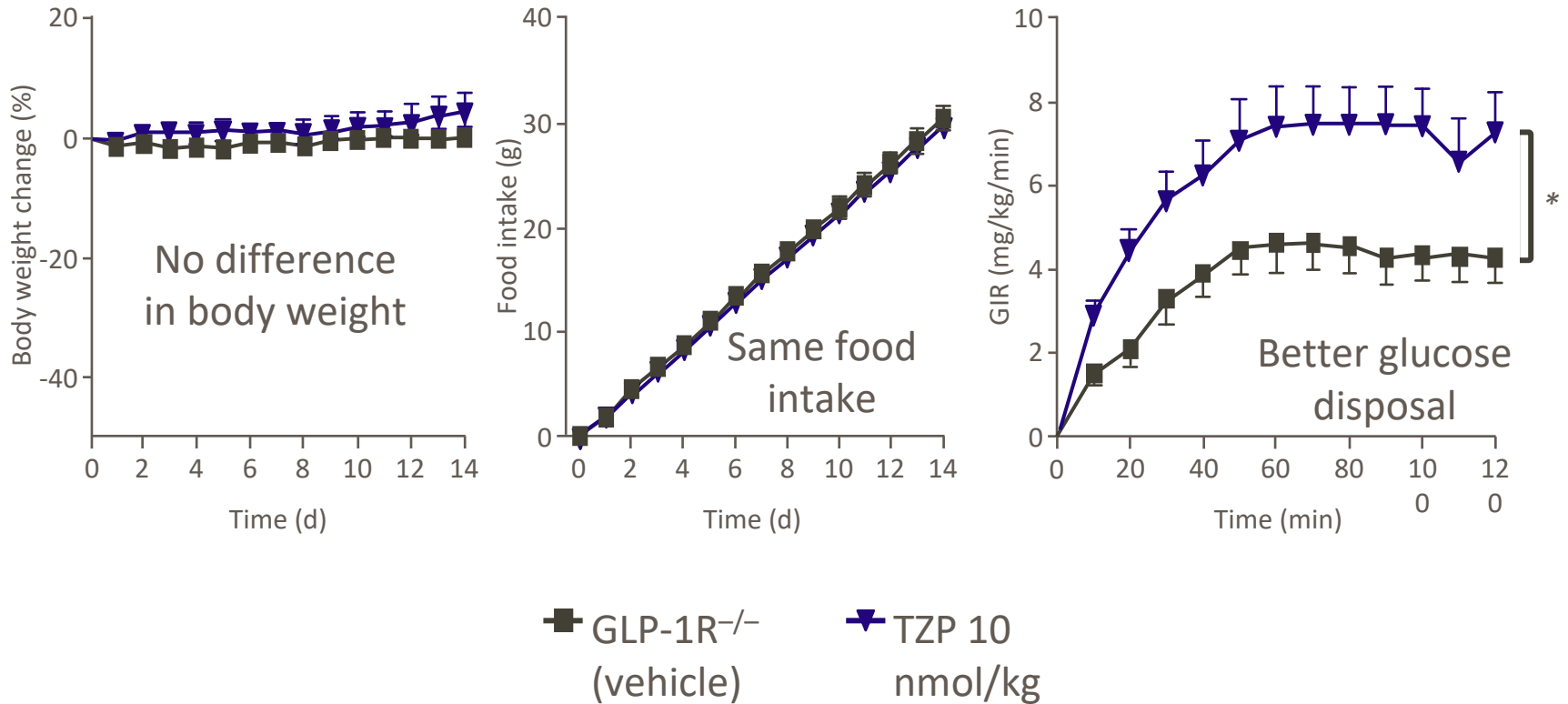
Tirzepatide: controllo glicemico

3. Effetti sulla sensibilità all'insulina

Migliora la sensibilità insulinica attraverso il recettore GIP indipendentemente dal peso corporeo



Topi GLP-1R ko trattati con TZP vs veicolo



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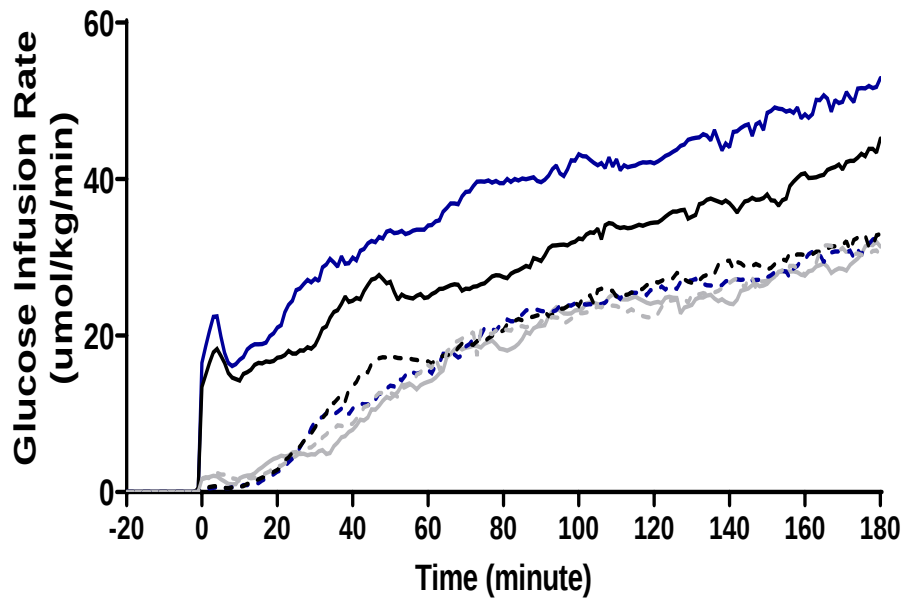
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3. Effetti sulla sensibilità all'insulina

Insulino-sensibilità: migliora in soggetti con DM tipo 2 trattato con TZP vs un GLP-1 agonista selettivo (semaglutide)

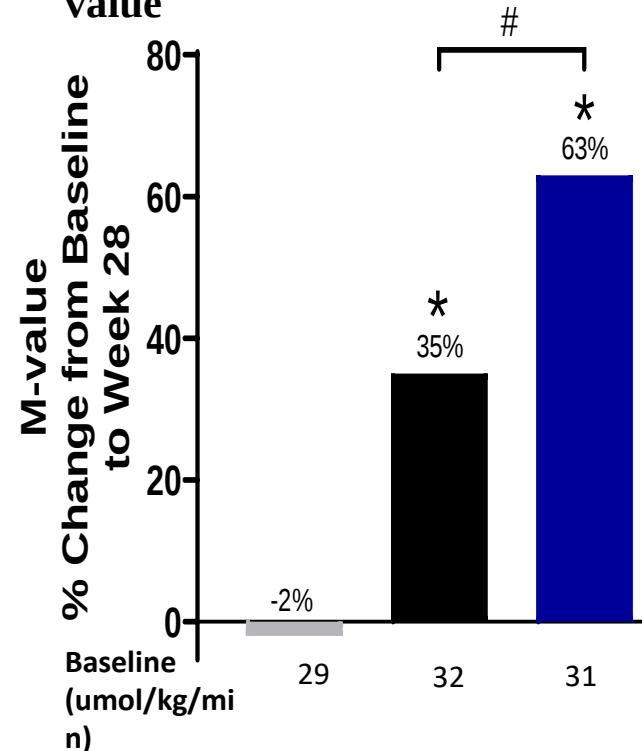


Glucose Infusion Rate



■ Placebo ■ Semaglutide 1.0mg ■ Tirzepatide 15mg
Dashed: baseline Solid: Week 28

Whole-body Insulin Sensitivity, M-value



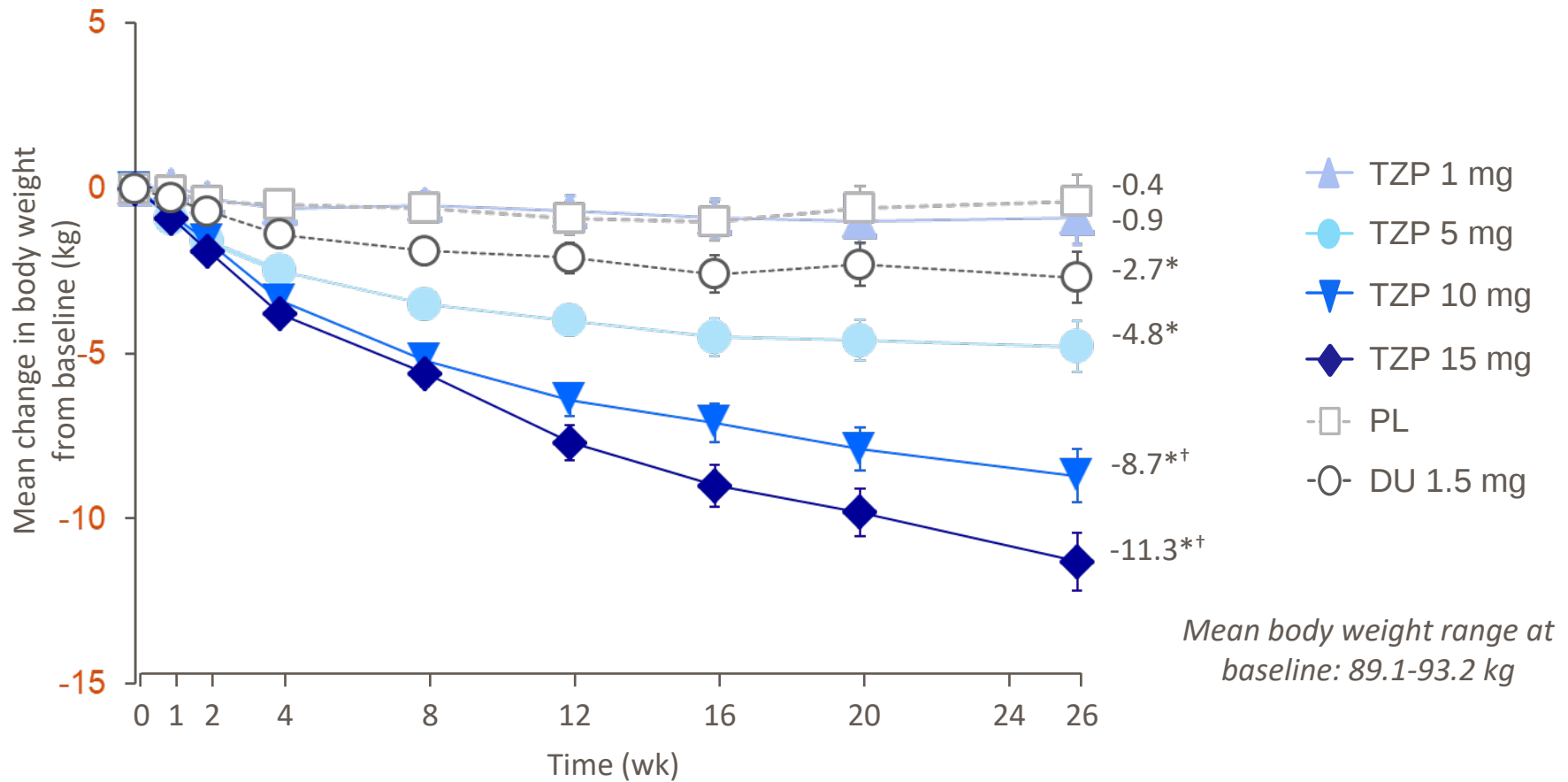
Baseline (umol/kg/mi)
n) 29 32 31

Left: Data are group averages. Dashed lines represent baseline values; solid lines represent Week 28 values. Right: estimates.

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Heise T et al *Lancet Diabetes Endocrine Org*, 2022; 10:418/29

Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo



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Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo

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RESEARCH SUMMARY

Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

Jastreboff AM et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2206038

CLINICAL PROBLEM

Several clinical guidelines recommend pharmacotherapy for obesity. Tirzepatide — a dual glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist recently approved in the United States to treat type 2 diabetes — induced clinically relevant weight reduction in phase 2 studies of people with diabetes. However, its efficacy for weight reduction in those without diabetes is unknown.

CLINICAL TRIAL

Design: An international, phase 3, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial examined the efficacy and safety of tirzepatide in adults with obesity or overweight who did not have diabetes.

Intervention: 2539 adults with a body-mass index of 30 or higher, or 27 or higher with at least one weight-related complication, were assigned to once-weekly subcutaneous tirzepatide at one of three doses (5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg) or placebo, in addition to lifestyle intervention. Treatment included a dose-escalation phase and lasted for 72 weeks. The coprimary end points were the percentage change in weight from baseline to week 72 and weight reduction of at least 5% by week 72.

RESULTS

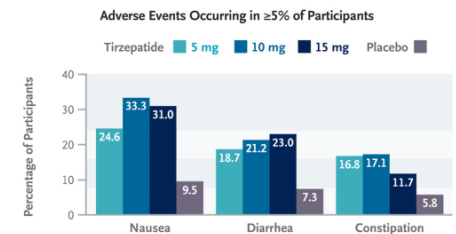
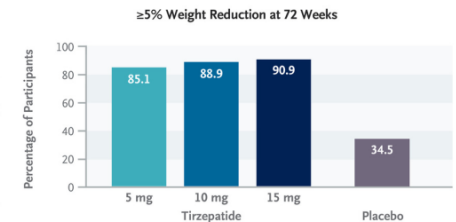
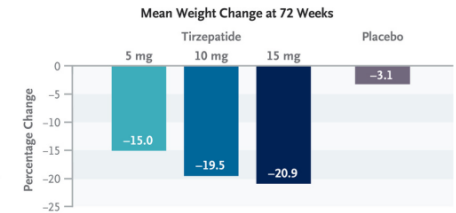
Efficacy: Both the percentage change in weight and the percentage of participants with at least 5% weight reduction were significantly greater with all three doses of tirzepatide than with placebo.

Safety: Gastrointestinal events, including nausea, diarrhea, and constipation, were the most common adverse events seen with tirzepatide; the majority of events were transient and mild to moderate in severity.

LIMITATIONS AND REMAINING QUESTIONS

- Enrolled participants may have been more committed to weight management than many people with obesity.
- Cardiometabolic variables (e.g., blood pressure and lipid levels) were relatively normal at baseline, so the ability to show a potential improvement within the time frame of this study was limited.
- The number of participants with overweight plus at least one weight-related complication was small (140 of the 2539 participants; 5.5%), which prevented definitive conclusions in this subgroup.

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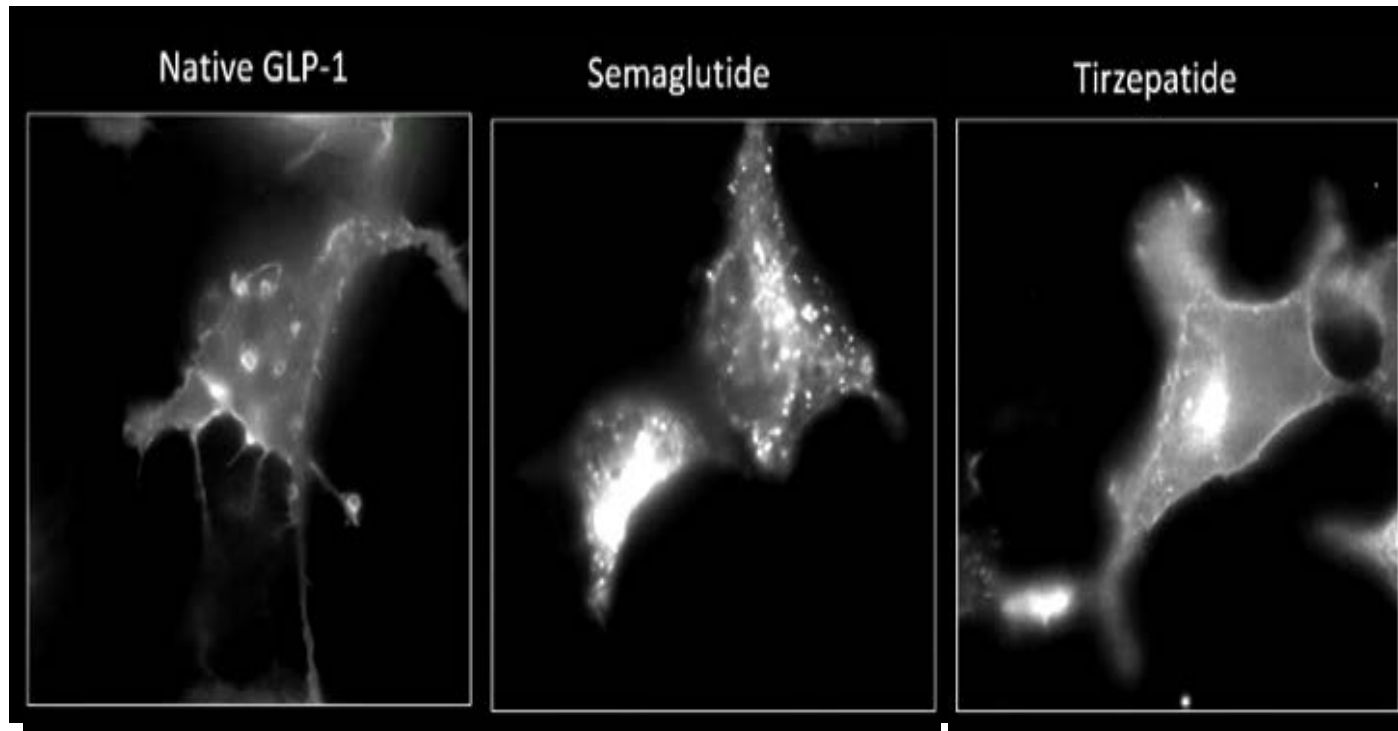
CONCLUSIONS

All three doses of once-weekly subcutaneous tirzepatide led to clinically meaningful and sustained weight reduction in obese adults who did not have diabetes.

In adulti obesi non diabetici a 72 settimane TZP alla dose di 5 g, 10 mg, o 15 mg riduce in maniera sostanziale il peso corporeo. (SURMOUNT-1 Clinical Trials, NCT04184622)

Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo

Potenziali meccanismi



GLP-1 e semaglutide causano internalizzazione del recettore del GLP-1 → limitano l'effetto

Tirzepatide determina un più rapido recycling del GLP-1R internalizzato



TZP aumenta l'esposizione del GLP-1R sulle membrane → potenzia l'effetto

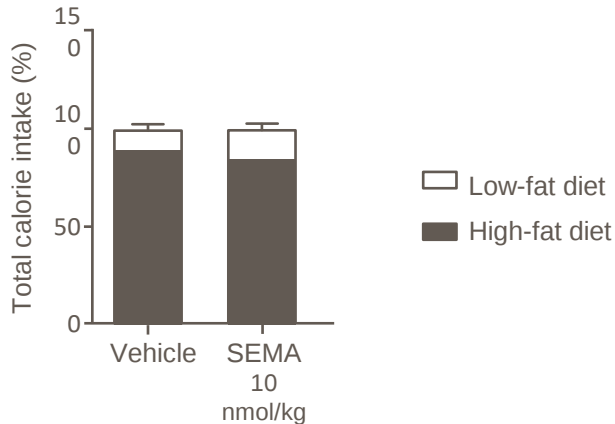
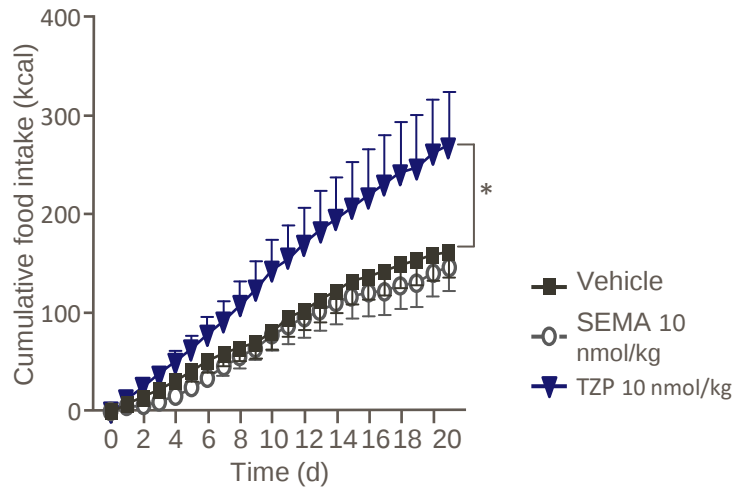
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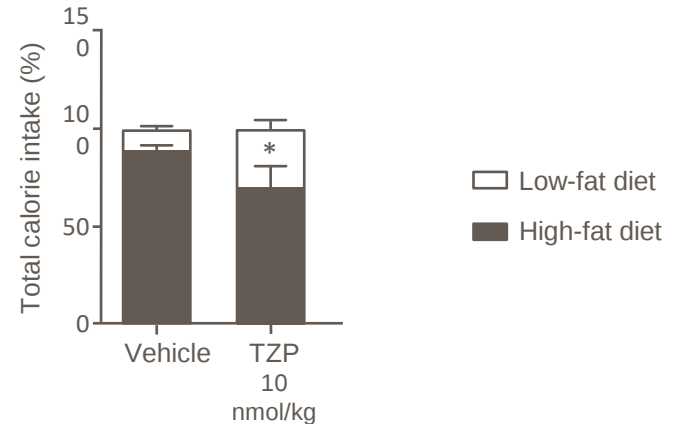
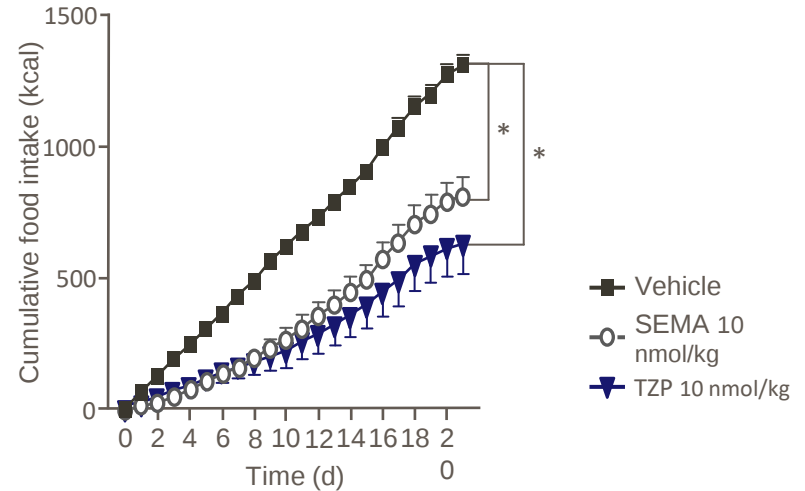
Induce preferenza di cibo a basso contenuto di grassi

Studi in topi obesi

Low-Fat Diet



High-Fat Diet



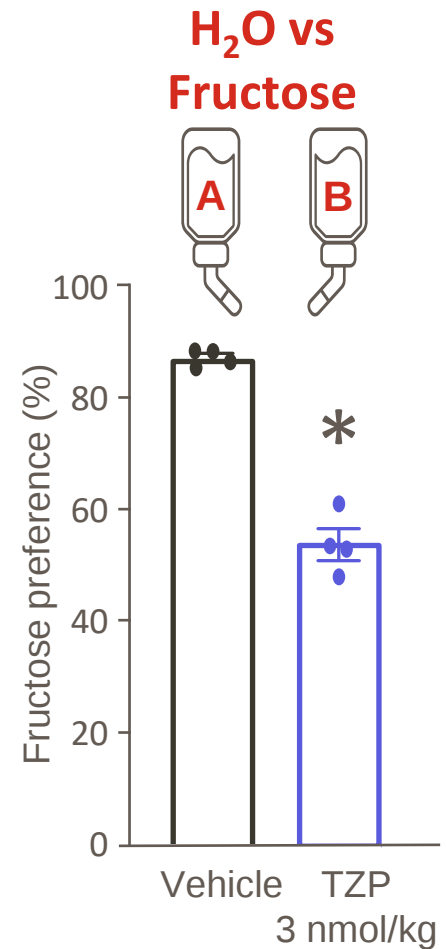
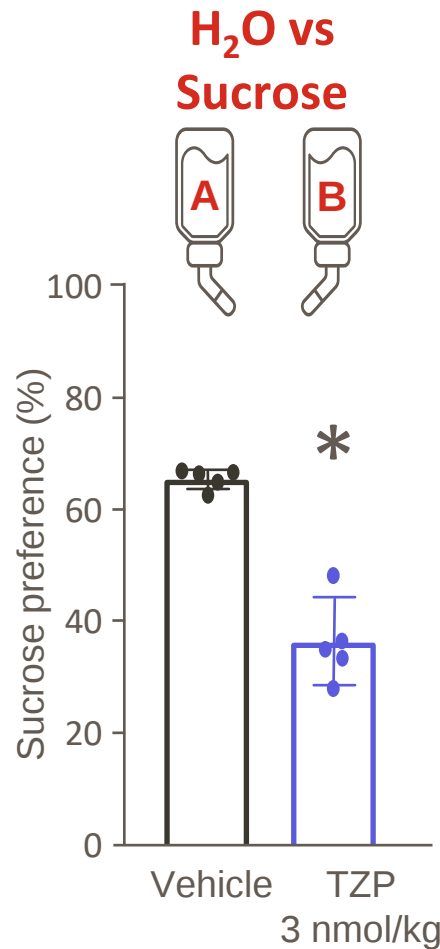
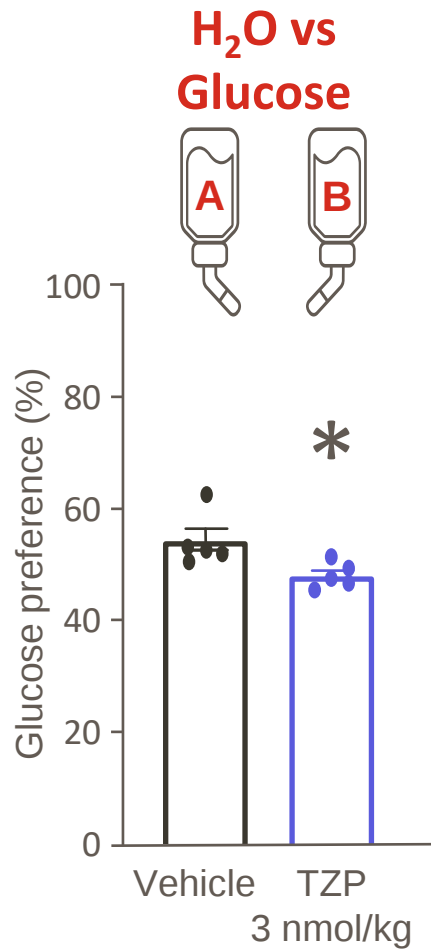
SEMA = semaglutide; TZP = tirzepatide.



Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo

Potenziali meccanismi

Riduce la preferenza di assunzione di zuccheri semplici nei topi



Mice were dosed daily for 5 days.
* $P < .05$.



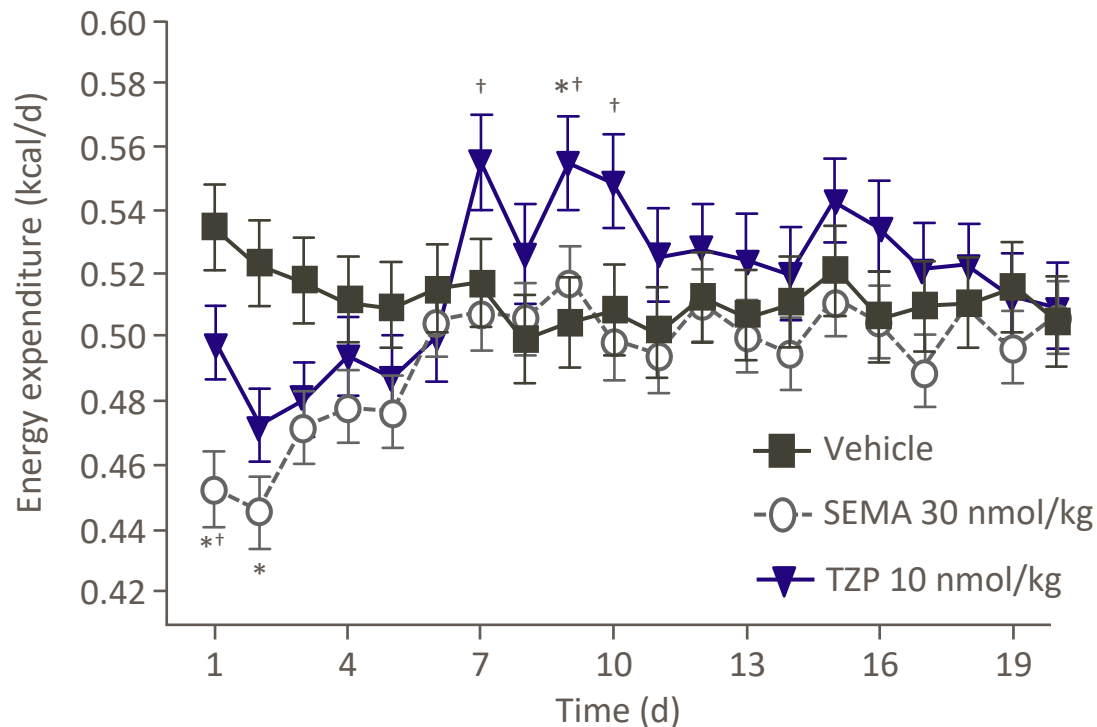
Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo

Potenziali meccanismi

Tirzepatide induces a thermogenic-like amino acid signature in brown adipose tissue



Tirzepatide demonstrated increased energy expenditure in obese mice beginning after day 7 of treatment

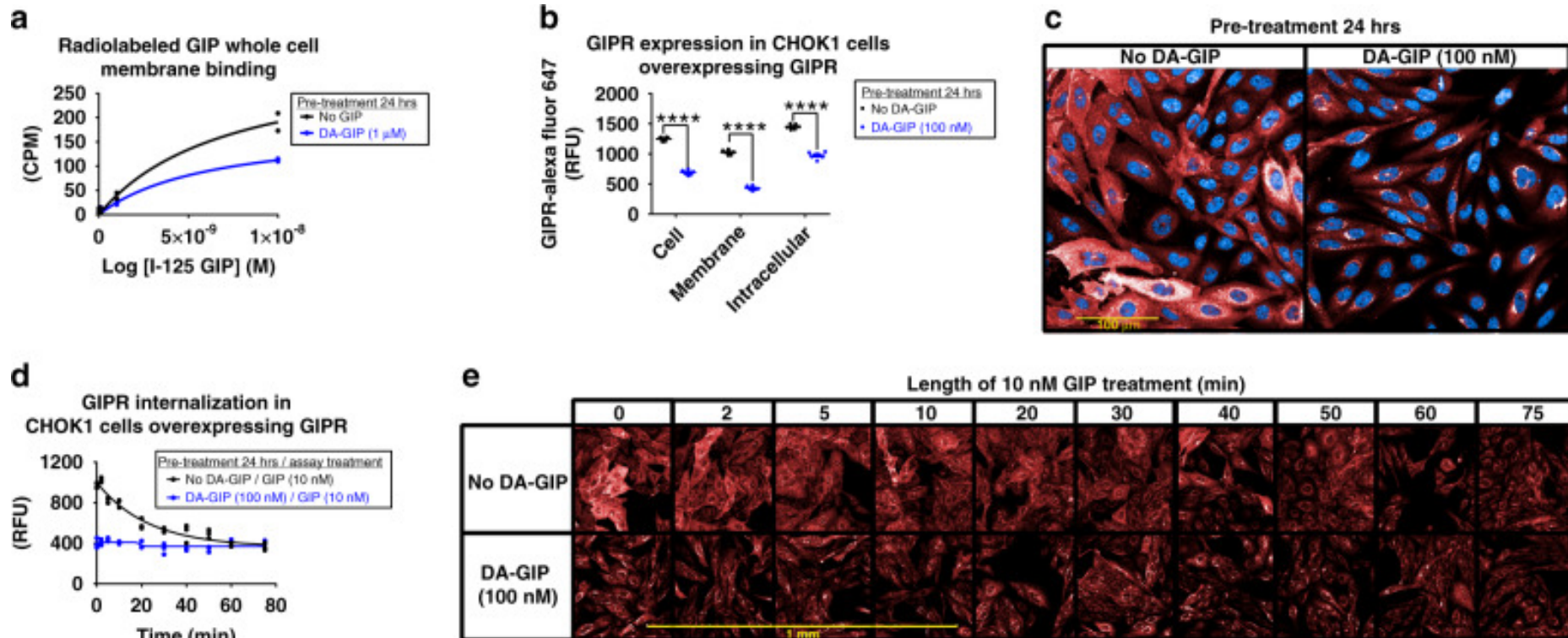


* $P < .05$ vs vehicle; † $P < .05$ vs semaglutide.

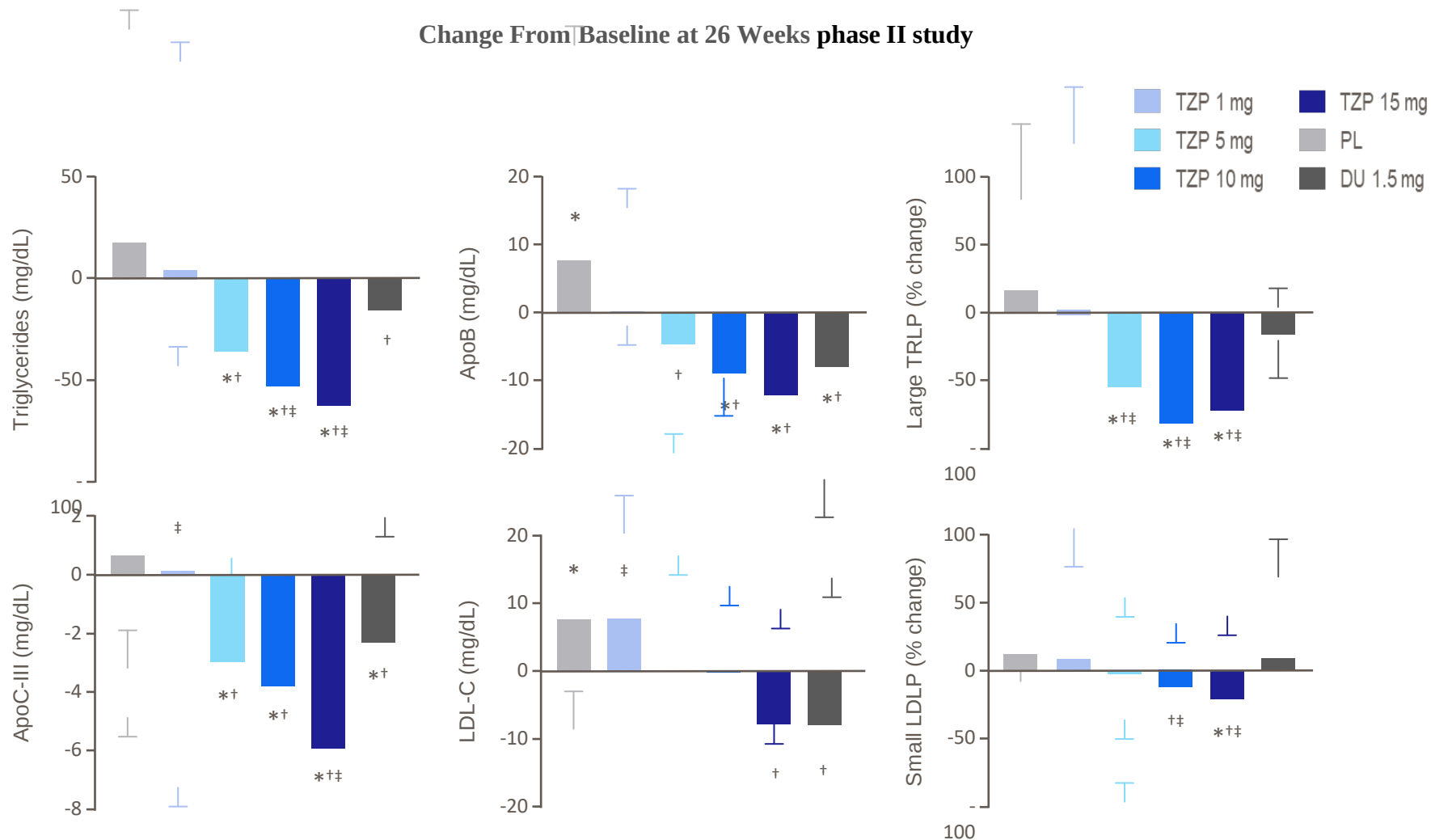
Tirzepatide: riduzione peso corporeo

Potenziali meccanismi

L'agonismo cronico di GIPR determina desensibilizzazione recettoriale con aumento dell'internalizzazione di GIPR



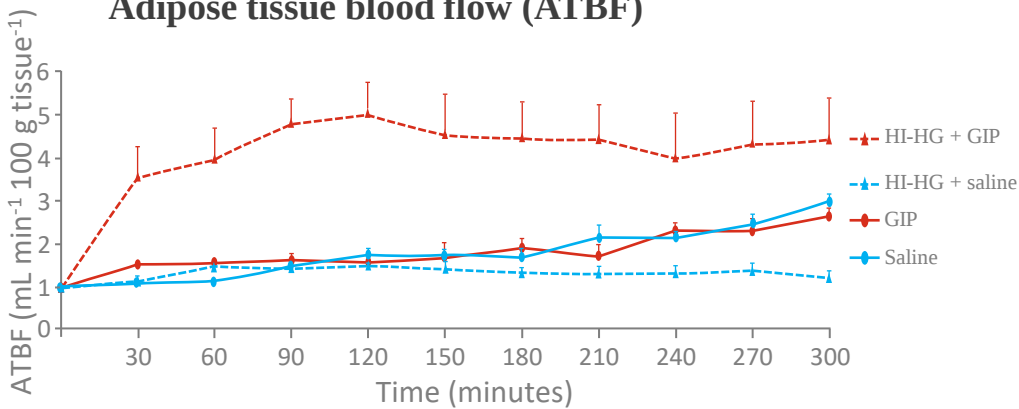
Tirzepatide migliora il profilo lipidico



* $P < .05$ vs baseline; † $P < .05$ vs placebo; ‡ $P < .05$ vs dulaglutide.
 apo = apolipoprotein; DU = dulaglutide; PL = placebo; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDLP = low-density lipoprotein particles; TRLP = triglyceride-rich lipoprotein particles;

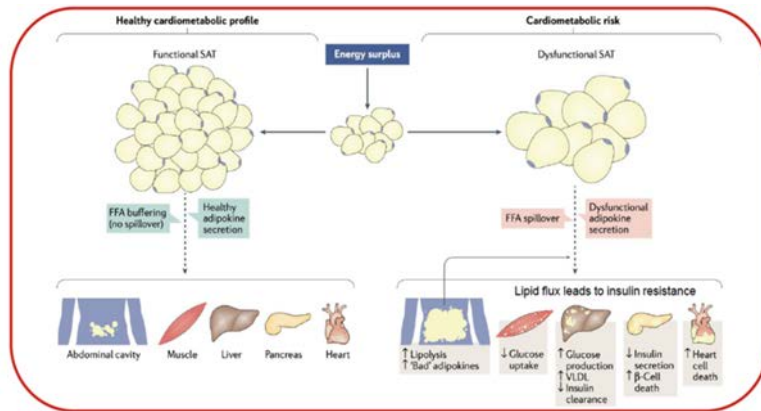
Tirzepatide e profilo lipidico

Adipose tissue blood flow (ATBF)



GIP in presenza di ipoinsulinemia e moderata iperglicemia aumenta la perfusione del tessuto adiposo con conseguente aumento dell'uptake e riesterificazione di FFA

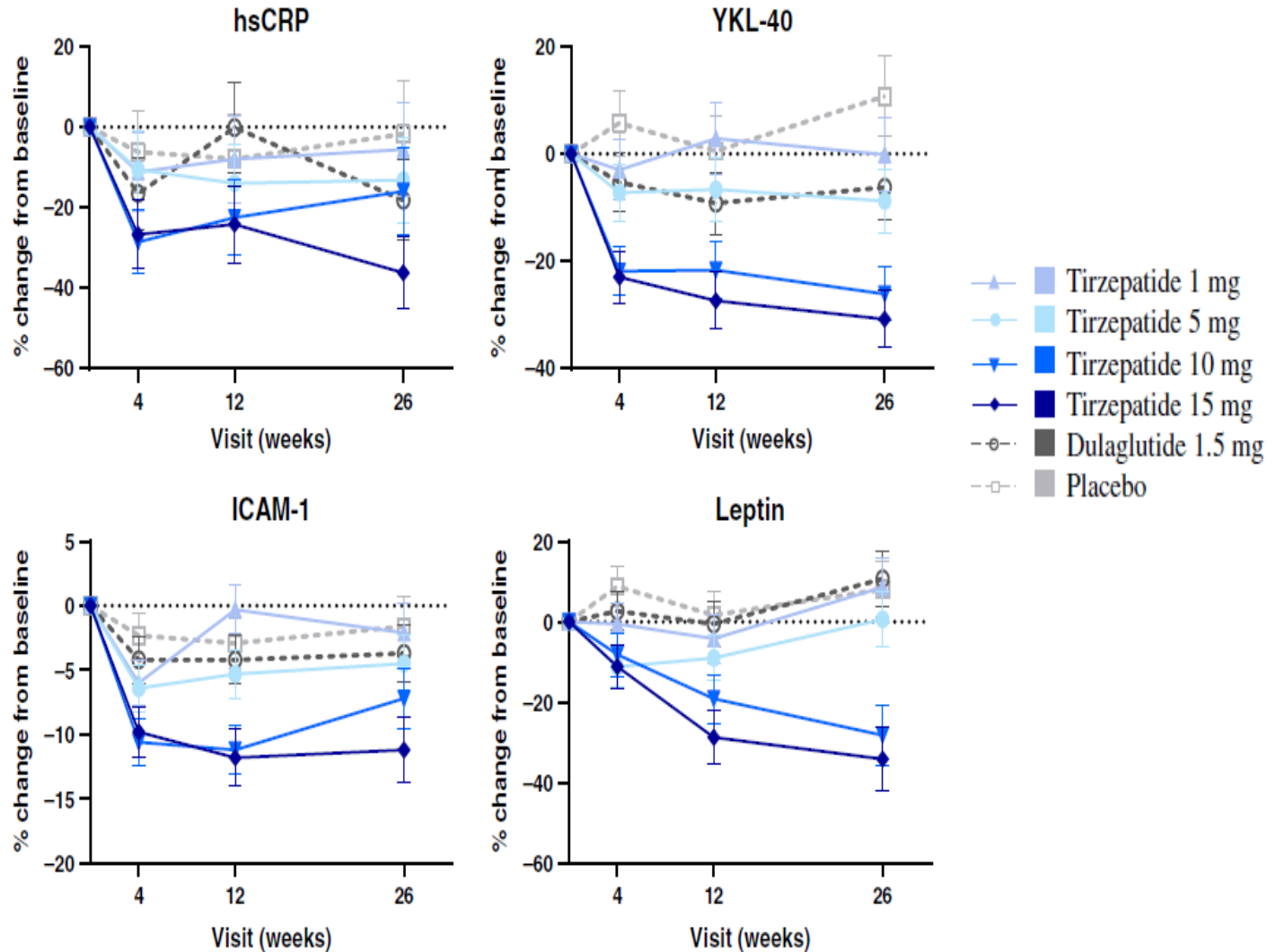
30–300 minutes after commencement of infusions



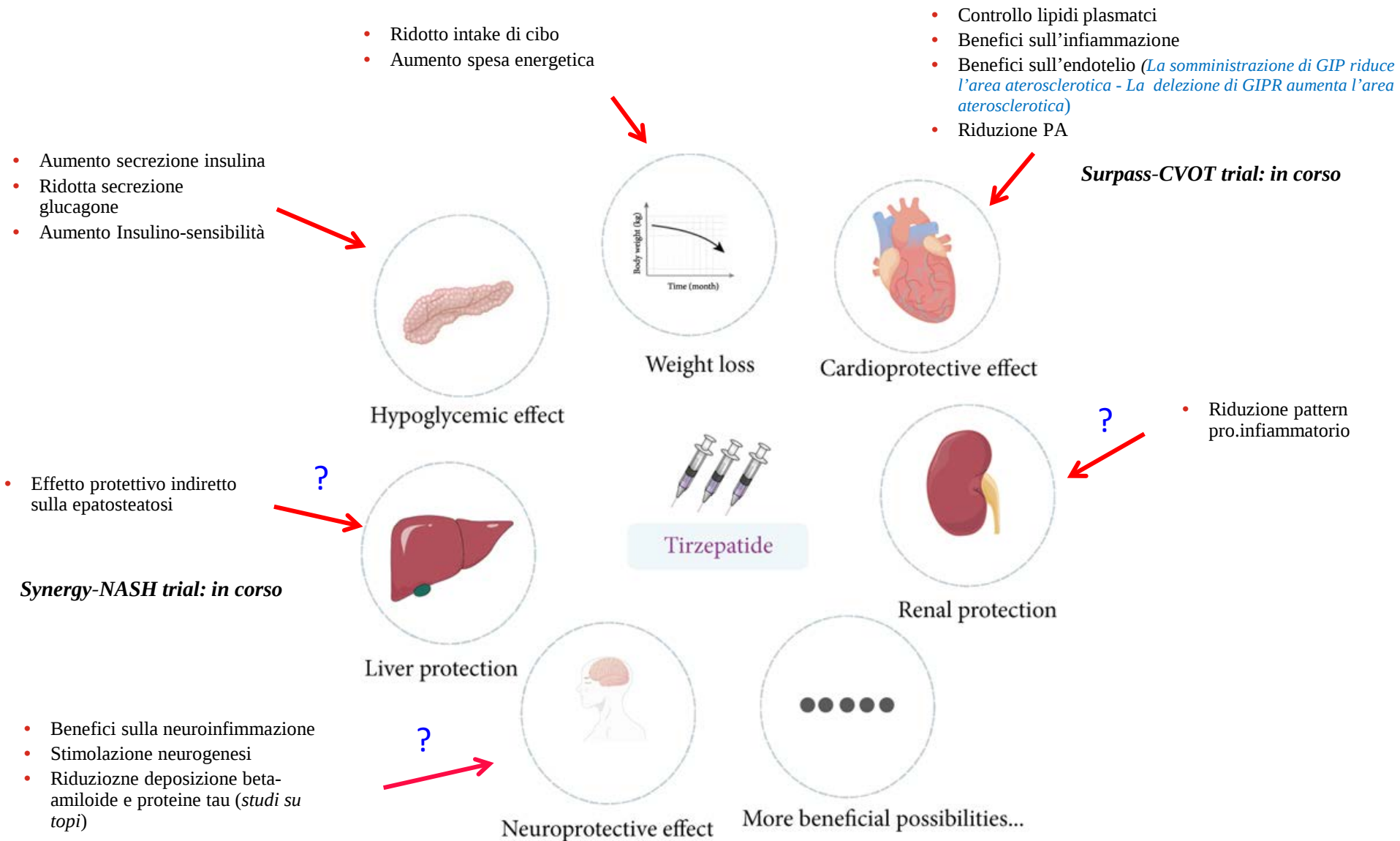
GIP aumenta il reclutamento della lipoprotein lipasi massimizzando l'idrolisi dei TAG e il rilascio di FFA, stimolando di conseguenza l'uptake dei lipidi, facilita l'espansione del WAT

Tirzepatide migliora il profilo infiammatorio

Phase II study



Effetti della Tirzepatide

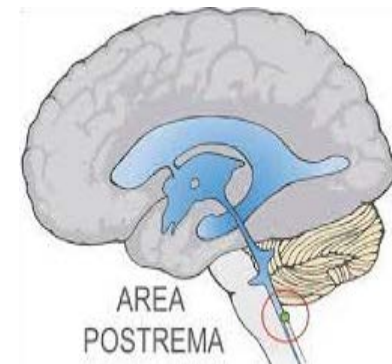
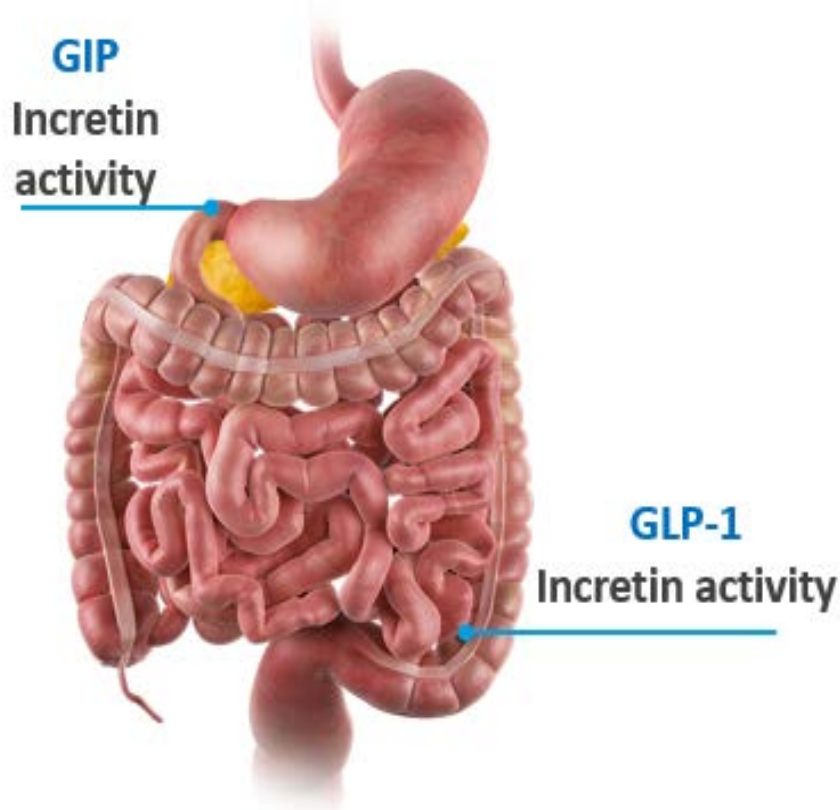


Tollerabilità

- Nella maggioranza dei casi gli effetti avversi gastrointestinali erano di intensità lieve/moderata e transitoria
- Gli eventi avversi gastrointestinali con tirzepatide 15 mg erano sovrapponibili a quelli osservati con dulaglutide 1.5mg

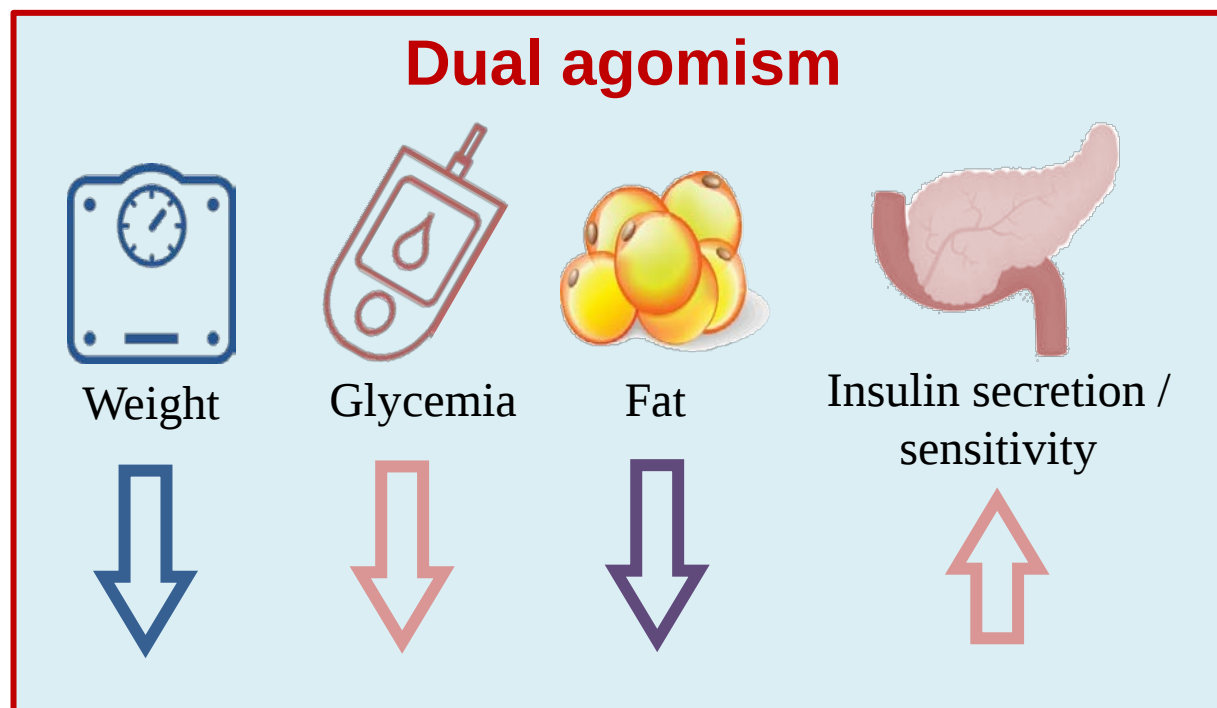
**Il diverso sito di produzione può impattare
differentemente sullo svuotamento gastrico**

**L'effetto agonistico su GIPR attenua la nausea
e il vomito indotti da GLP-1**



The area postrema and nucleus tractus solitaries

E quindi due è meglio di uno?



- ✓ Il doppio agonismo GIPR/GLP-1R
→ **migliora il recupero delle risposte fisiologiche**
- ✓ Riducendo la tossicità lipidica e glucidica
→ **riduce il peso corporeo e il rischio cardiovascolare**



Domande in sospeso

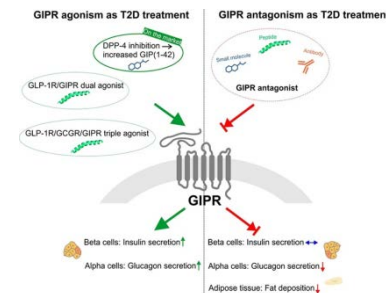
- Può il doppio agonista unimolecolare esercitare effetti benefici attraverso meccanismi ancora sconosciuti?
- Il farmaco bersaglia i recettori GLP-1 e GIP sulla stessa cellula, o su differenti cellule in differenti tessuti, o entrambi?
- L'azione dell'agonismo GIPR sulla cellula beta sembra risentire del meccanismo della tachifilassi riflettendo una desensibilizzazione del recettore: questo meccanismo può essere superato dal co-agonista unimolecolare GLP-1/GIP?
- L'efficacia e i benefici saranno mantenuti con l'uso sostenuto?
- Quali effetti sulla NASH e sulla protezione cardiovascolare rispetto ai benefici noti dei GLP-1R agonisti?
- Quale protezione sulla nefropatia diabetica e sulle malattie neurodegenerative?
- GIP può inibire il riassorbimento osseo; può il co-agonismo GLP-1/GIP avere un effetto benefico nei soggetti anziani a rischio di osteoporosi?

Prospettive future

- **GIPR antagonismo + GLP1-R agonismo: possibile ruolo?**

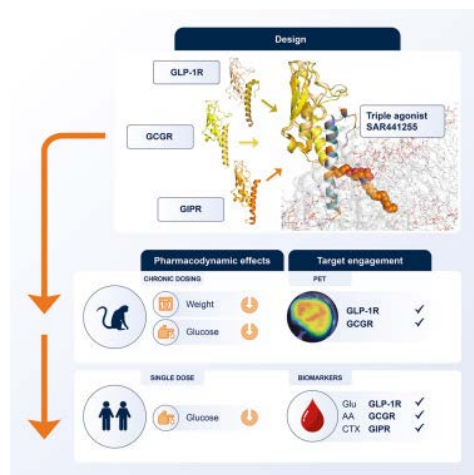


Evidenze suggeriscono un ruolo nel trattamento dell'obesità



LS Gasbjerg et al Peptide, 2018; 100: 173-18

- **Triplo o multiplo agonismo: meglio del doppio agonismo?**



Triplo agonista unimolecolare dei recettori GLP-1/GIP/glucagone: riduzione peso corporeo in scimmie obese e miglioramento controllo glicemico in scimmie con diabete

Bossart et al., 2022, Cell Metabolism 34, 59–74

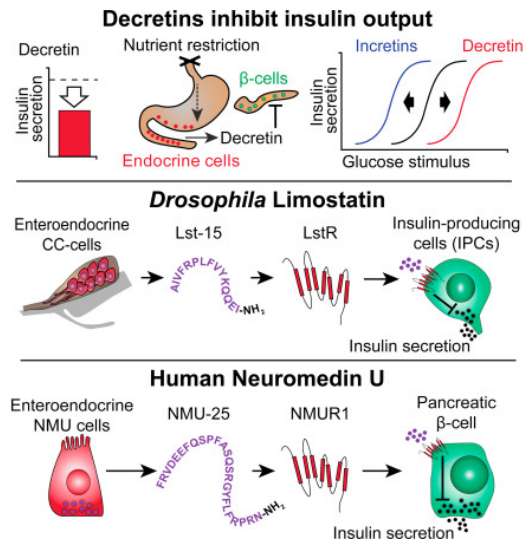
In soggetti con DM di tipo 2, Retatrutide, un agonista del recettore GIP/GLP-1/glucagone, ha dimostrato un miglioramento clinicamente significativo del controllo glicemico e una consistente riduzione del peso corporeo, con un profilo di sicurezza in linea con quello dei GLP-1R agonisti e del doppio agonista GIPR/GLP-1R

Studio di fase 2 condotto in USA

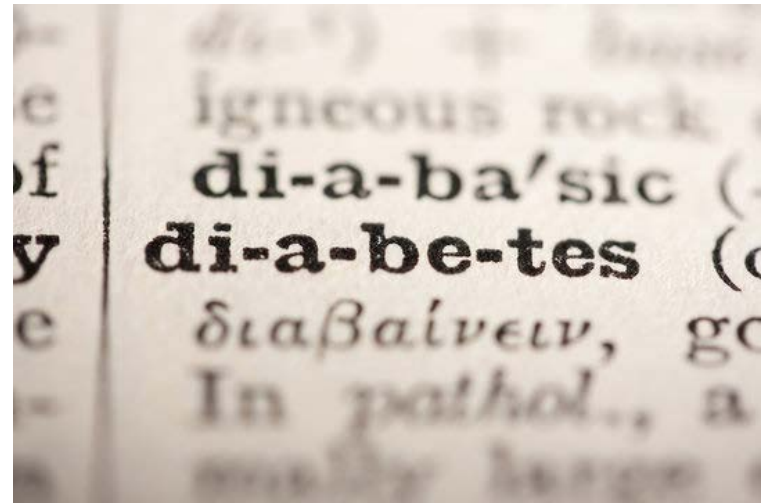
Lancet 2023 Aug 12;402(10401):529-544

Prospettive future

- Non solo Incretine ma anche «Decretine»



GRAZIE PER L'ATTENZIONE



“ No matter how counter-intuitive it may seem, basic research has proven over and over to be the lifeline of practical advances in medicine.”

Arthur Kornberg