

# **Glycemic and non-glycemic effects of GLP-1 receptor agonist**

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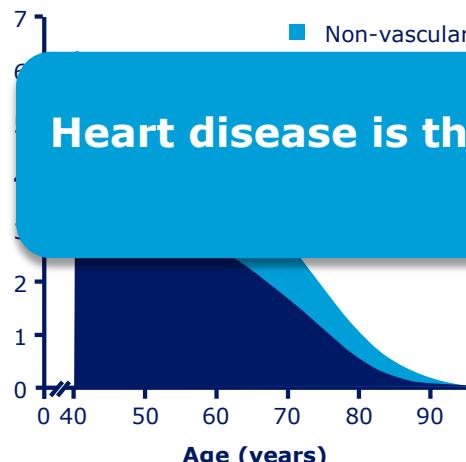
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# **Burden of CVD in diabetes**

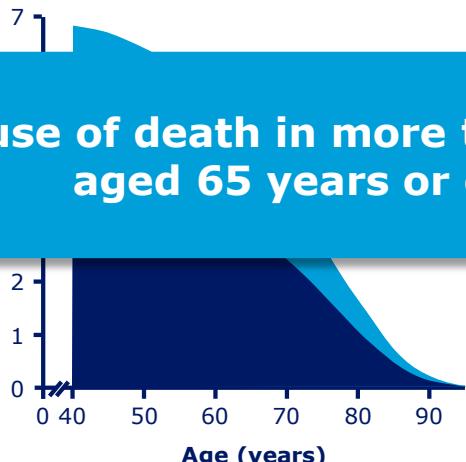
# CVD is the leading cause of death among people with diabetes

Years of life lost in people with diabetes\* compared with non-diabetes peers<sup>1</sup>

Men



Women



Heart disease is the cause of death in more than 2/3 of people with diabetes aged 65 years or older<sup>2</sup>

Mortality risk associated with diabetes (n=820,900)<sup>1</sup>

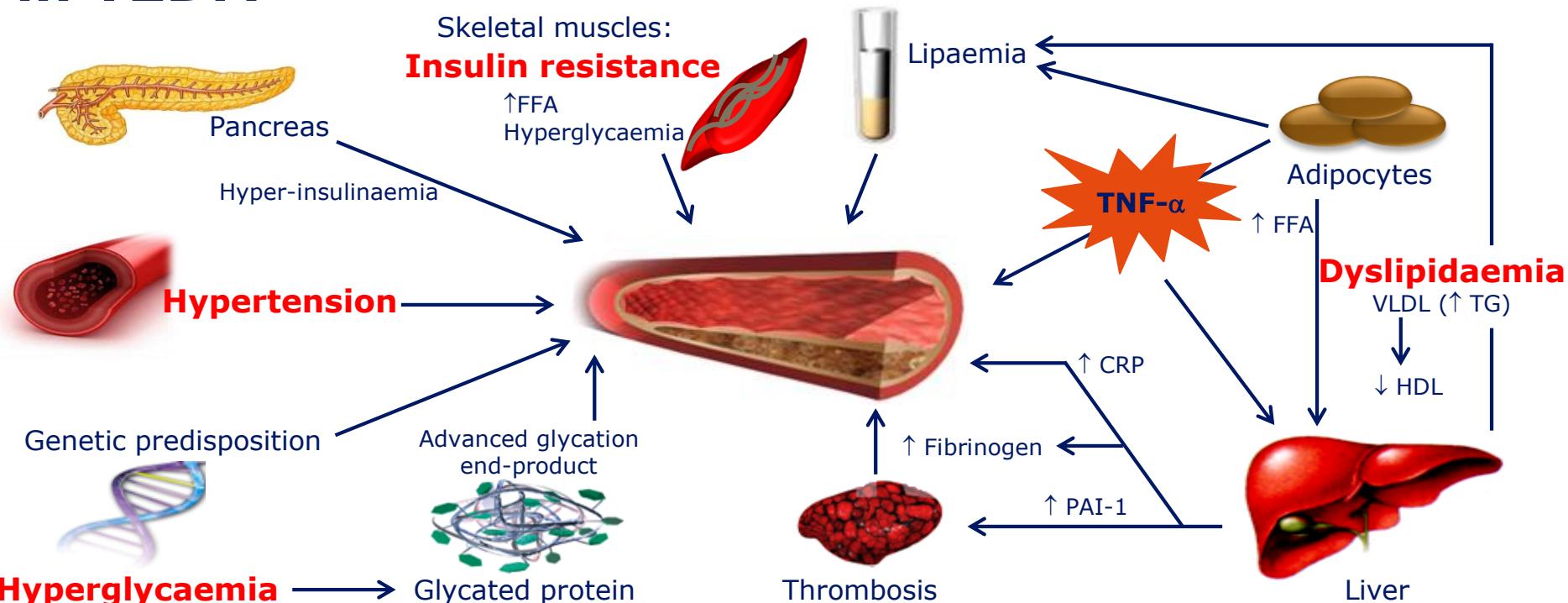


In high-income countries, up to 91% of adults with diabetes have type 2 diabetes<sup>3</sup>

\*Information on diabetes type (i.e. type 1 or 2) was generally not available; however, the age of the participants suggests that the large majority with diabetes would have type 2  
CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, CV disease

1. Seshasai SR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;364:829–841; 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Diabetes Fact Sheet 2011. Available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/pdf/ndfs\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/pdf/ndfs_2011.pdf); 3. International Diabetes Federation. *IDF Diabetes Atlas*, 7th edn. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation, 2015. Available at: <http://www.diabetesatlas.org>

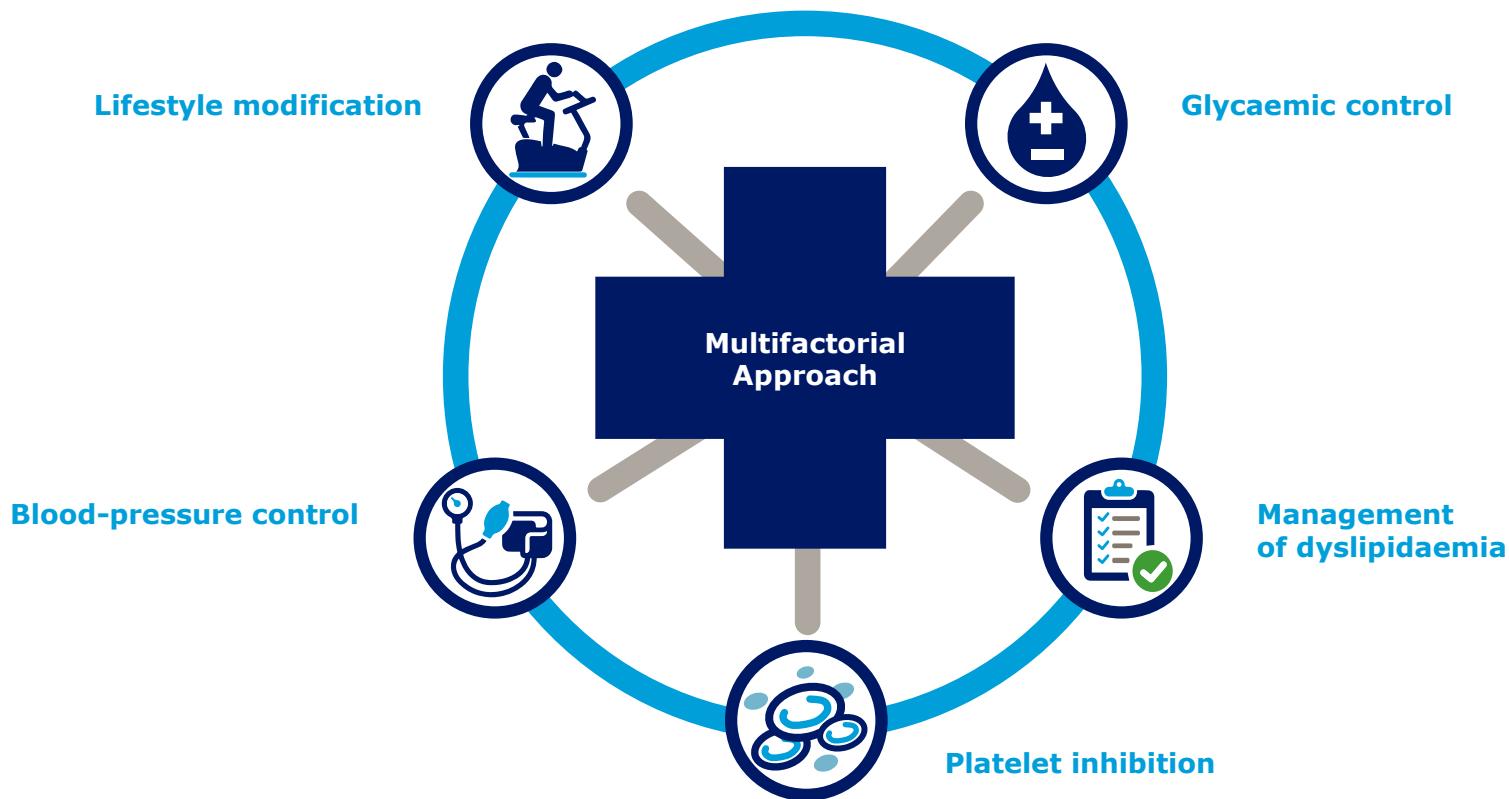
# Many factors contribute to increased CV risk in T2DM



CRP, C-reactive protein; CV, cardiovascular; FFA, free fatty acid; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; PAI-1, plasminogen activator inhibitor-1; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; TG, triglyceride; TNF- $\alpha$ , tumour necrosis factor-alpha; VLDL, very low-density lipoprotein.  
Libby P, Plutzky J. Circulation 2002;106:2760–2763

# **How to manage CV risk in T2DM**

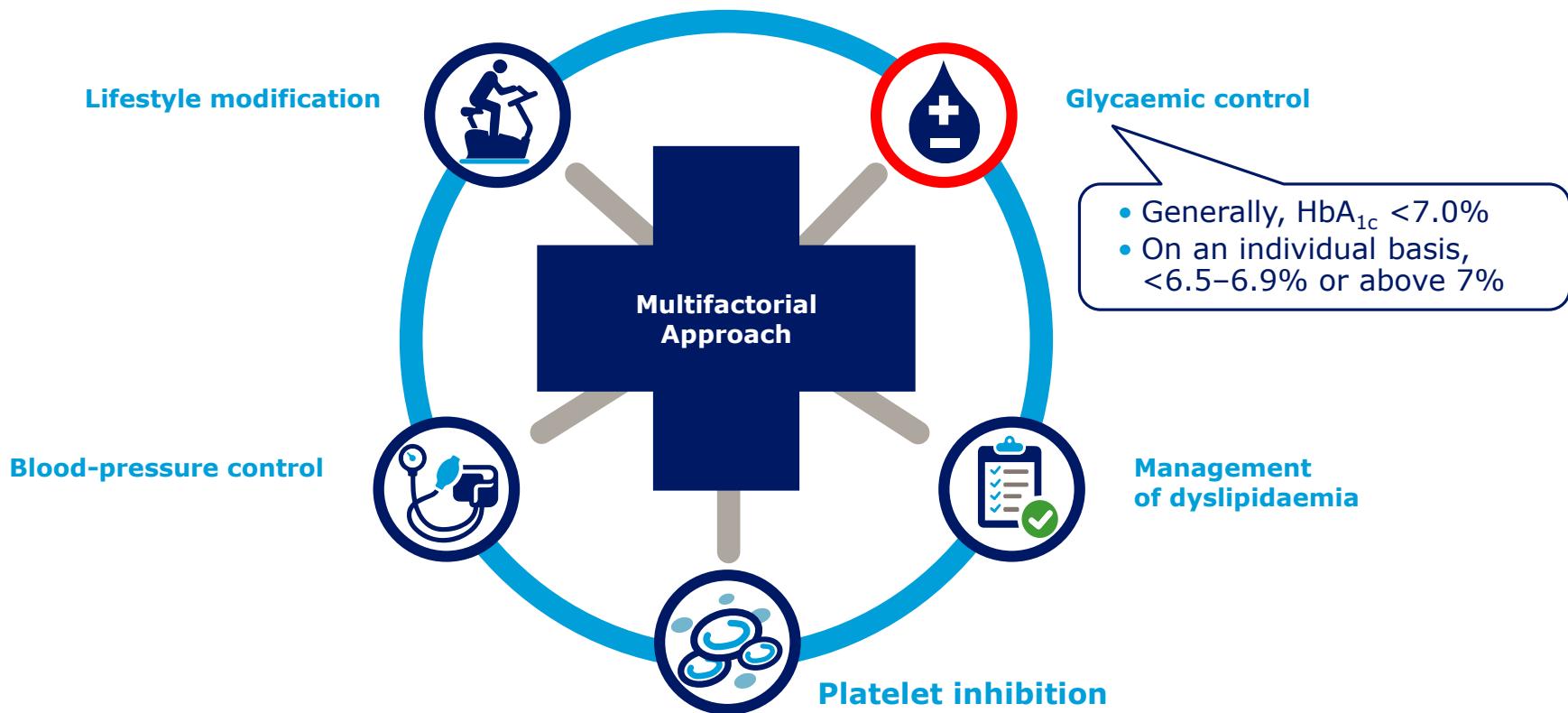
# How do we modify CV risk in T2DM?



CV, cardiovascular; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

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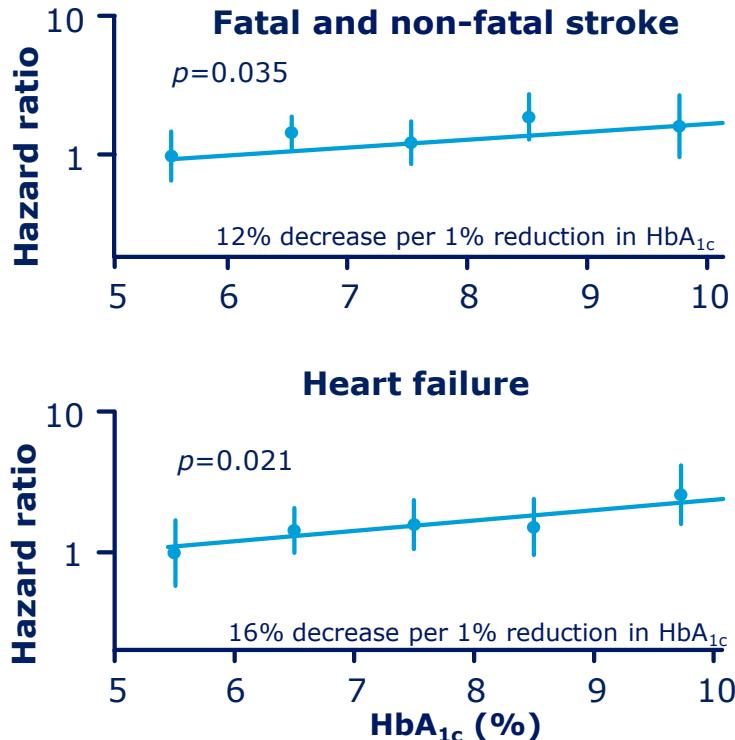
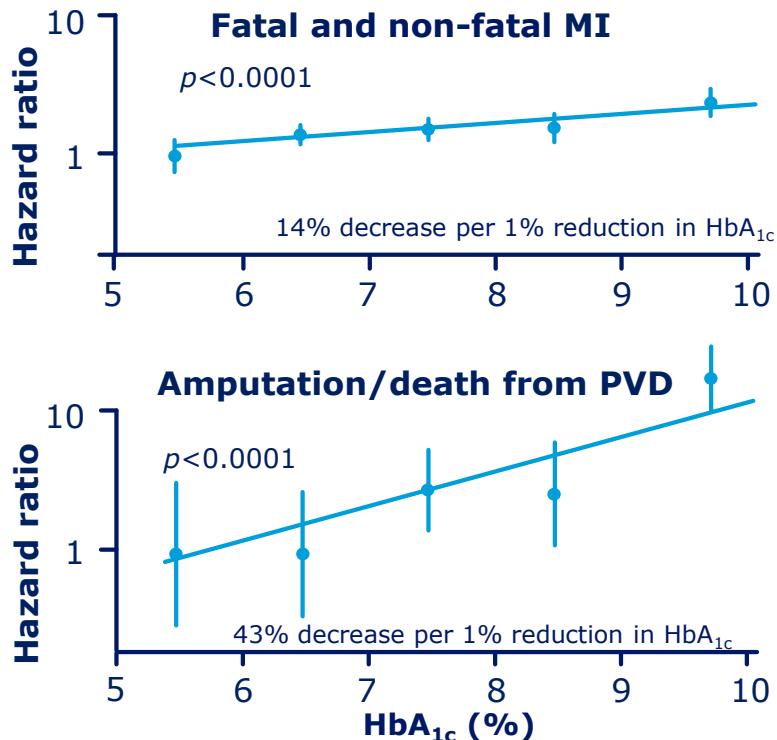
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CV, cardiovascular;  $\text{HbA}_{1c}$ , glycosylated haemoglobin; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

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# Higher HbA<sub>1c</sub> predicts higher CV risk



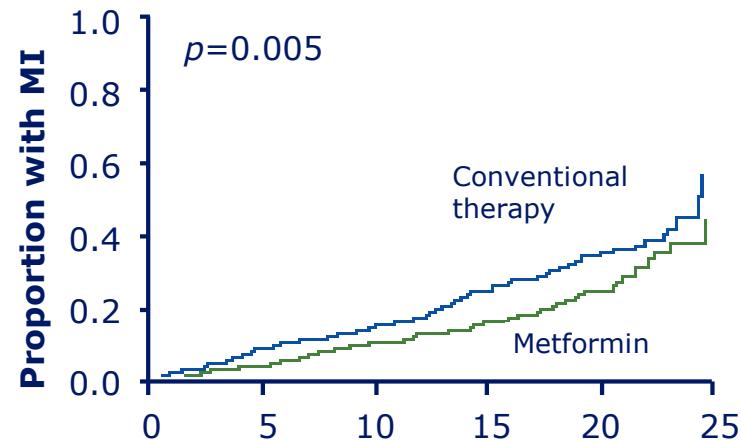
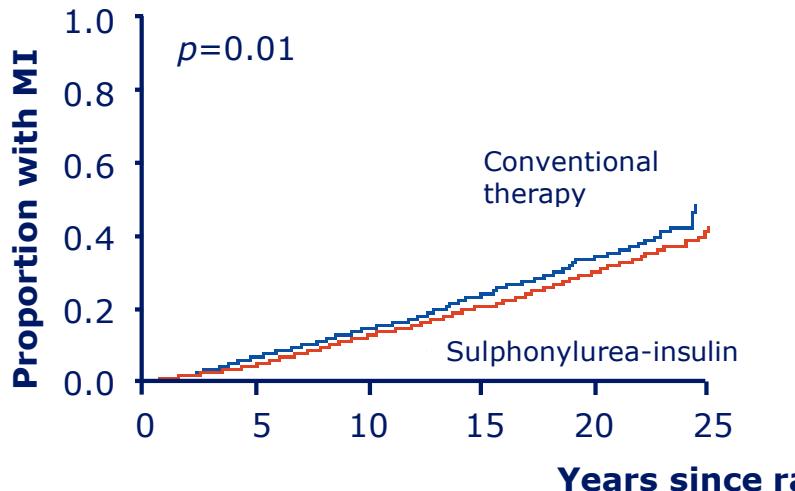
Reference category (hazard ratio 1.0) is HbA<sub>1c</sub> <6% with log linear scales

CV, cardiovascular; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; MI, myocardial infarction; PVD, peripheral vascular disease

Stratton IM et al. BMJ 2000;321:405-412

# CV benefits of tight glycaemic control – 10 years

UKPDS



## No. at risk

Conventional:	1138	1013	857	578	221	20
SU/insulin:	2729	2488	2097	1459	577	66

## No. at risk

Conventional:	411	360	311	213	95	4
Metformin:	342	317	274	214	106	16

Patients were randomised to conventional glucose control (diet) or intensive glucose control (SU or insulin, or metformin if >120% of ideal body weight)  
CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; SU, sulphonylurea; UKPDS, UK Prospective Diabetes Study

Holman RR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;359:1577–1589

# Impact of intensive vs. conventional glucose-lowering therapy

Study (HbA <sub>1c</sub> intensive vs. conventional)	Microvascular complications	CV complications	CV mortality
UKPDS 33 <sup>1,2</sup> (7.0% vs. 7.9%)	↓	↓	↔
ACCORD <sup>3,4</sup> (6.4% vs. 7.5%)	↓	↓	↔ ↑
ADVANCE <sup>5,6</sup> (6.3% vs. 7.0%)	↓	↔ *	↔ ↔
VADT <sup>7,8</sup> (6.9% vs. 8.4%)	↓	N/R	↔ ↓

Initial trial     
  Long-term follow-up

\*Significant improvement in end-stage renal disease was observed but no other difference in other microvascular end points. †Diabetes-related mortality

ACCORD, Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes; ADVANCE, Action in Diabetes and Vascular Disease: Pretezax and Diamicron Modified Release Controlled Evaluation; CV, cardiovascular; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; N/R, not reported; UKPDS, UK Prospective Diabetes Study; VADT, Veteran's Affairs Diabetes Trial

1. UKPDS Group. *Lancet* 1998;352:837–853; 2. Holman et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;359:1565–1576; 3. Gerstein et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;358:2545–2559;

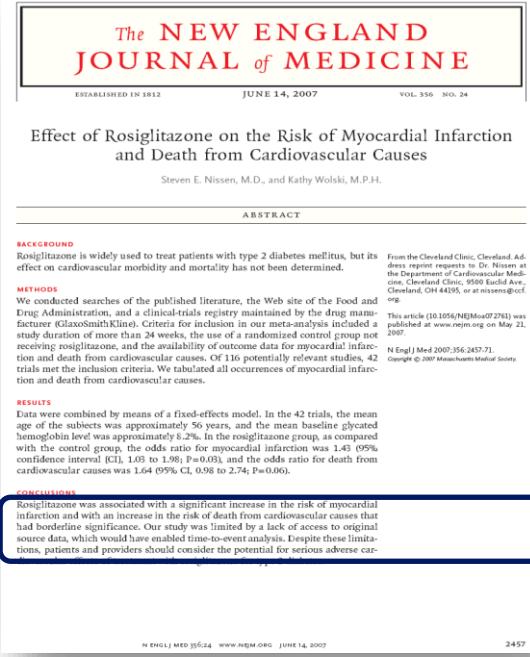
4. ACCORD study group *Diabetes Care* 2016;39:701–708; 5. Patel et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;358:2560–2572; 6. Zoungas et al. *N Engl J Med* 2014;371:1392–1406; 7. Duckworth et al. *N Engl J Med* 2009;360:129–139; 8. Hayward et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:2197–2206

# **Cardiovascular outcomes trials in type 2 diabetes**

TBD

# CVOT background

# Experience with rosiglitazone: Are diabetes medications associated with increased CV risk?



*"Rosiglitazone was associated with a significant increase in the risk of MI and with an increase in the risk of CV death that had borderline significance"*

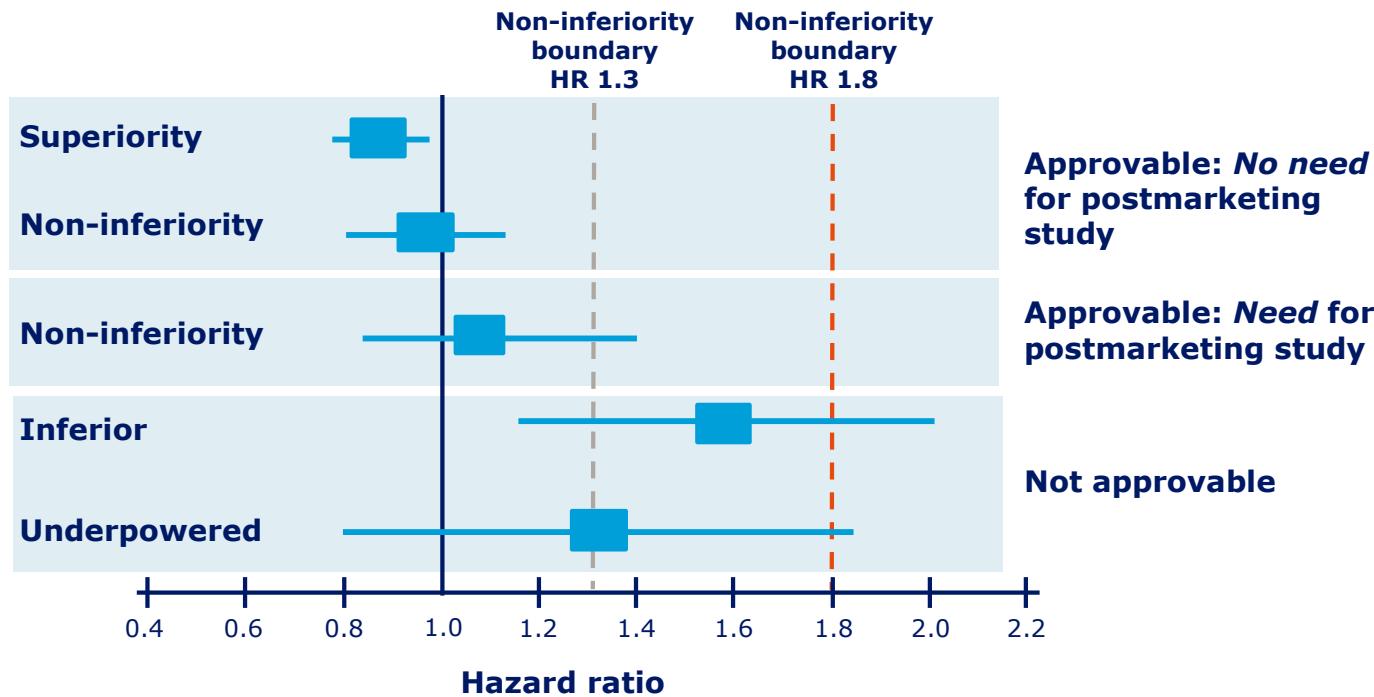
# Addressing the need for CVOTs in T2DM

- Meta-analyses have raised the question of increased CV risk
- To date, clinical trial designs have not included CV outcomes assessments
- Need to assess non-inferiority versus placebo and versus standard of care

“Demonstrate that a new anti-diabetic therapy is not associated with **unacceptable increase** in cardiovascular risk”



# FDA criteria for requirement of a postmarketing CV outcomes trial

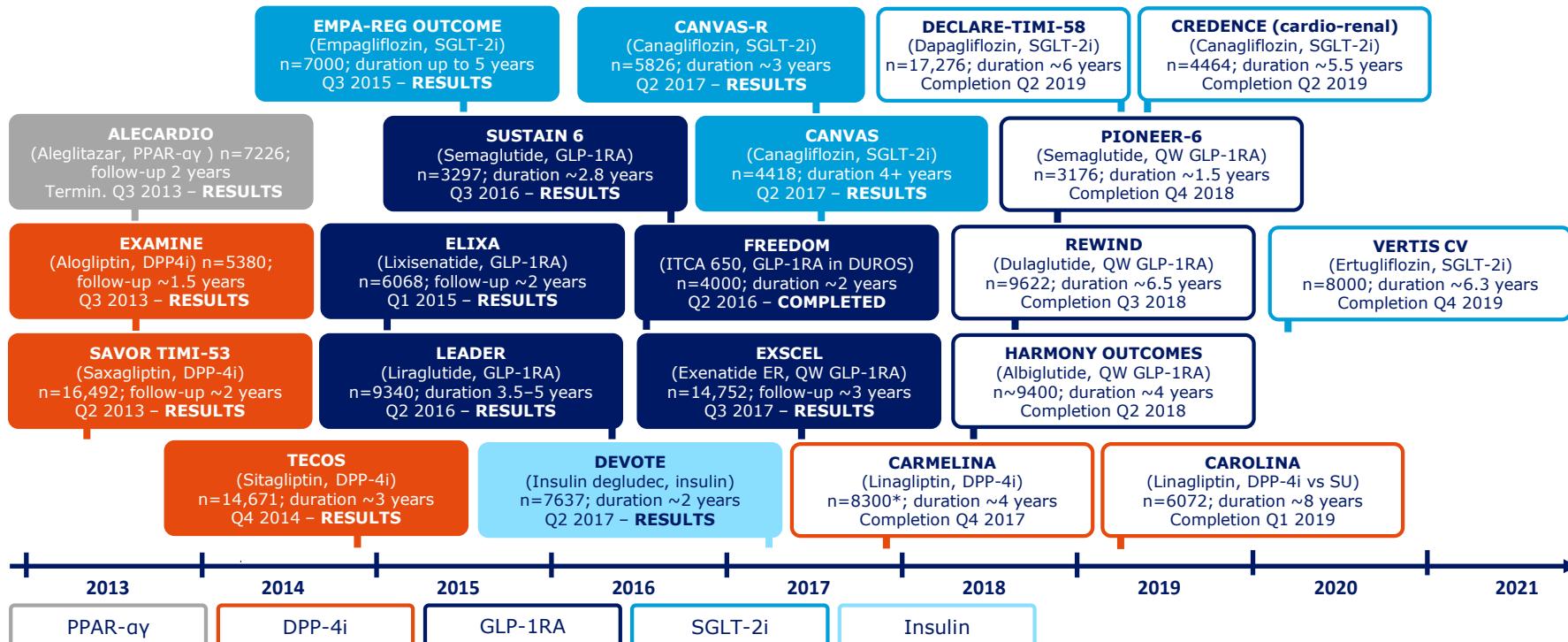


All phase 2 and 3 studies should include a prospective independent adjudication of CV events

A minimum of 2 years' CV safety data must be provided

# **Overview of CVOT results in T2DM**

# CVOTs in T2DM



\*Estimated enrolment

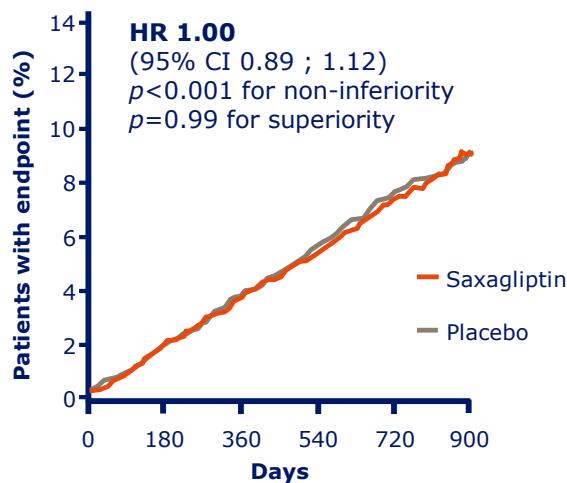
CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor; ER, extended release; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; ITCA 650, continuous subcutaneous delivery of exenatide; PPAR- $\alpha$ y, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors- $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ ; QW, once weekly; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; SU, sulphonylurea; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 20 September 2017

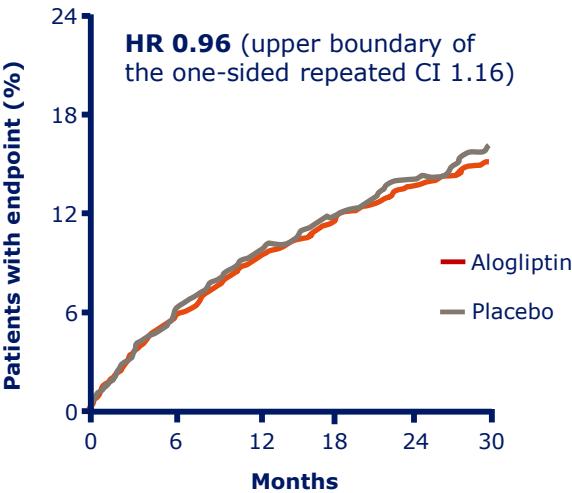
# DPP-4i CVOTs

Time to first occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI, or non-fatal stroke\*

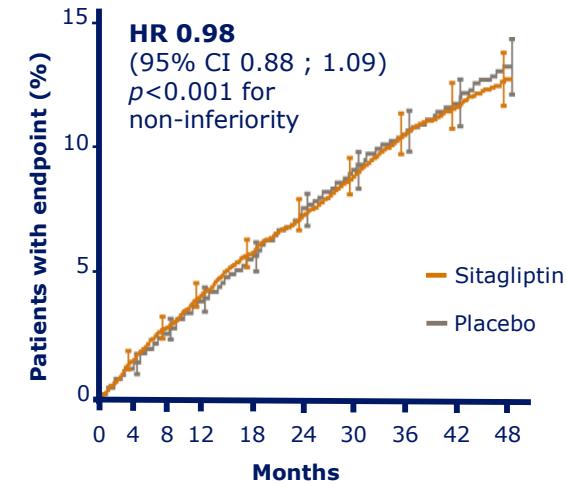
## SAVOR-TIMI 53<sup>1</sup>



## EXAMINE<sup>2</sup>



## TECOS<sup>3 †</sup>

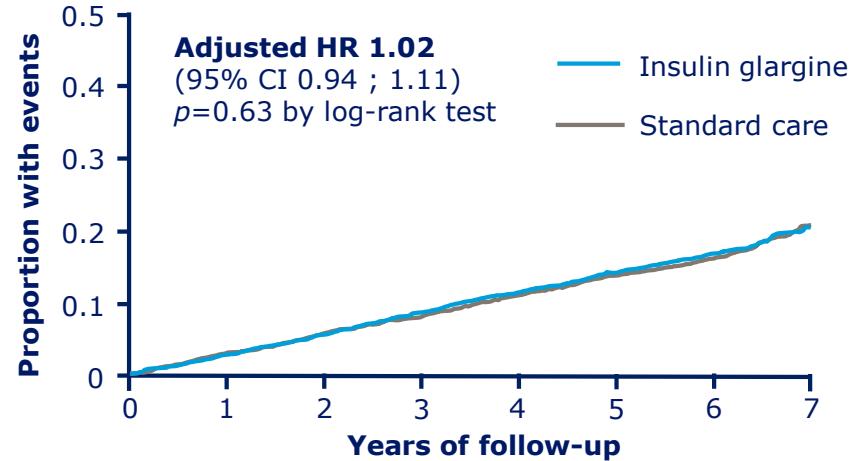


\*Ischaemic stroke for SAVOR-TIMI 53 and EXAMINE. †Primary outcome includes unstable angina requiring hospitalisation  
CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction  
1. Scirica BM et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013;369:1317-1326; 2. White WB et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013;369:1327-1335; 3. Green JB et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:232-242

# Insulin CVOTs

Time to first occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI, or non-fatal stroke

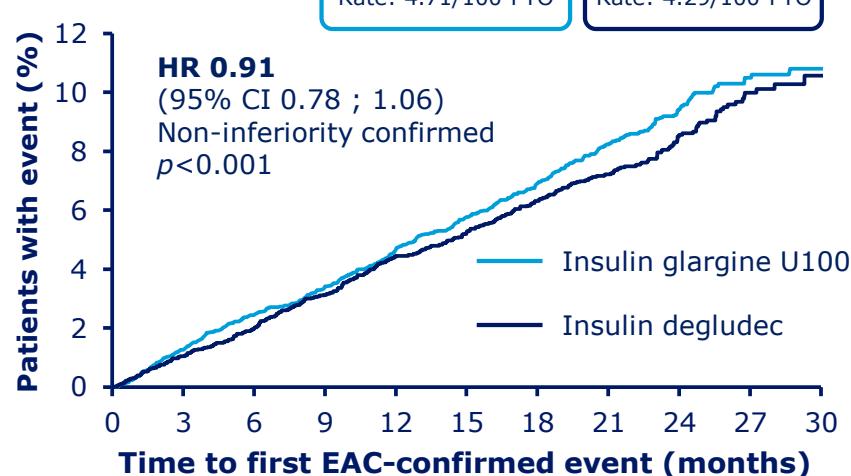
## ORIGIN<sup>1\*</sup>



No. at risk

<b>IGlar</b>	6264	6057	5850	5619	5379	5151	3611	766
<b>SoC</b>	6273	6043	5847	5632	5415	5156	3639	800

## DEVOTE<sup>2</sup>



**IDeg** 3818 3765 3721 3699 3611 3563 3504 2851 1767 811 217

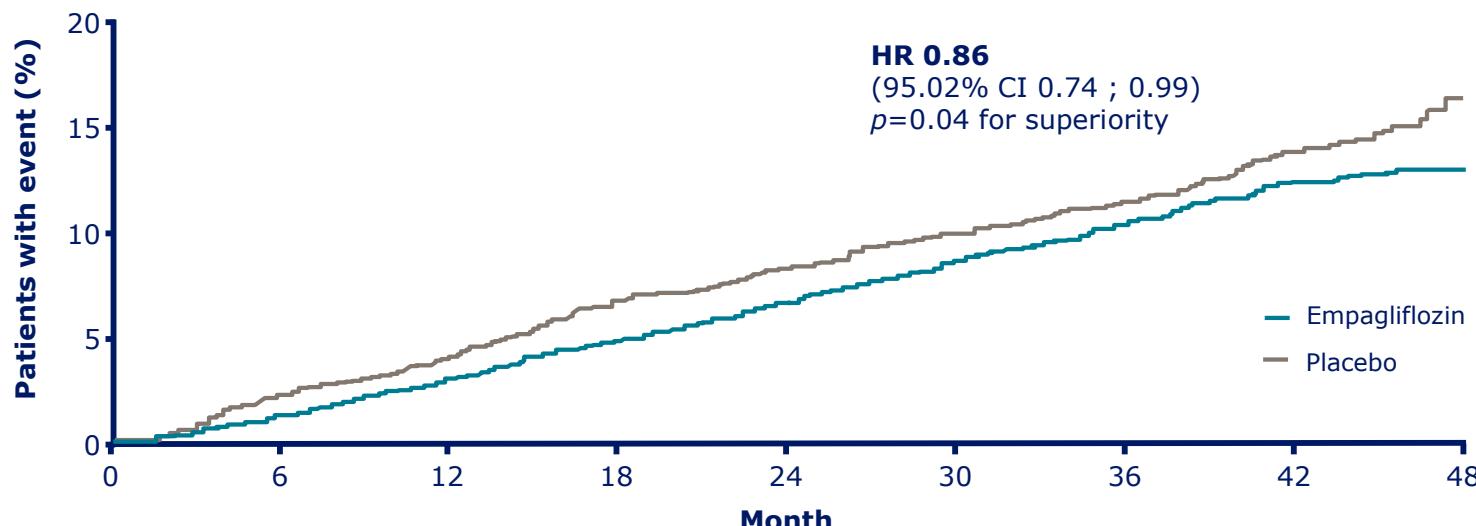
**IGlar** 3819 3758 3703 3655 3595 3530 3472 2832 1742 811 205

\*Initiated before FDA requirements for mandatory CVOTs. CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; EAC, Event Adjudication Committee; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; HR, hazard ratio; IDeg, insulin degludec; IGlar, insulin glargine; MACE, major adverse cardiac event; MI, myocardial infarction; SoC, standard of care; 100 PYO, per 100 patient-years of observation

1. The ORIGIN trial investigators *N Engl J Med* 2012;367:319–328; 2. Marso et al *N Engl J Med* 2017; Jun 12. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1615692 [Epub ahead of print]

# SGLT-2i CVOT: EMPA-REG OUTCOME

Time to first occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI\*, or non-fatal stroke



## No. at risk

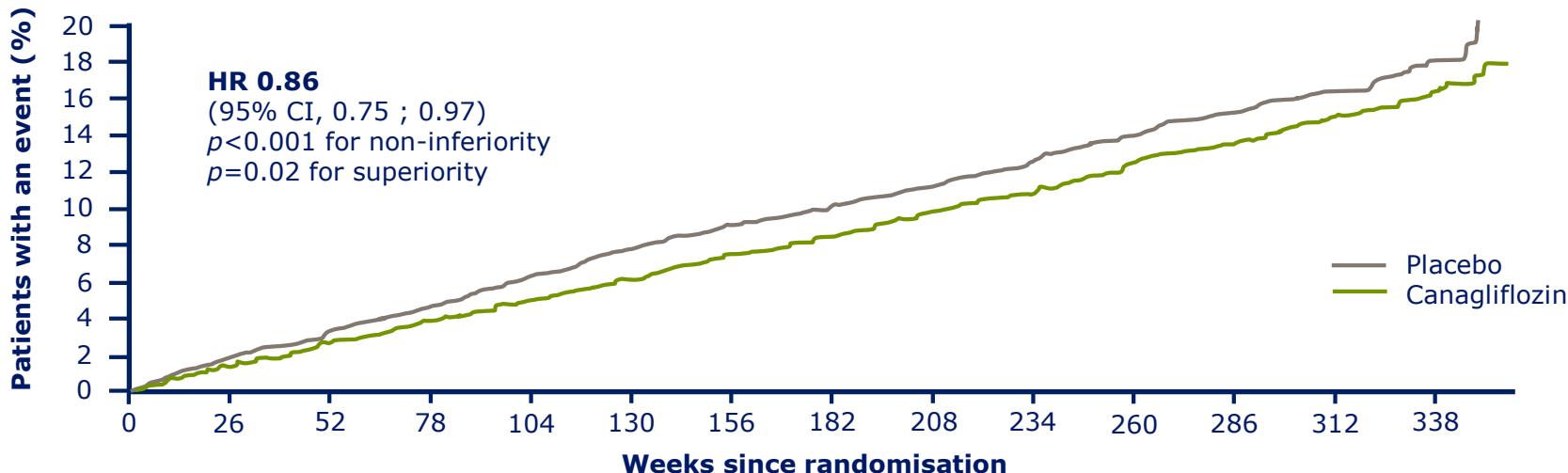
	Empa	4687	4580	4455	4328	3851	2821	2359	1534	370
	Placebo	2333	2256	2194	2112	1875	1380	1161	741	166

\*Excluding silent MI. Background glucose-lowering therapy unchanged in first 12 weeks, then adjusted at the investigator's discretion to achieve desired glycaemic control  
CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; Empa, empagliflozin; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor

Zinman B et al. *Cardiovasc Diabetol* 2014;13:102; Zinman B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2117-2128

# SGLT-2i CVOT: CANVAS/CANVAS-R

Death from CV causes, non-fatal MI or non-fatal stroke



## No. at risk

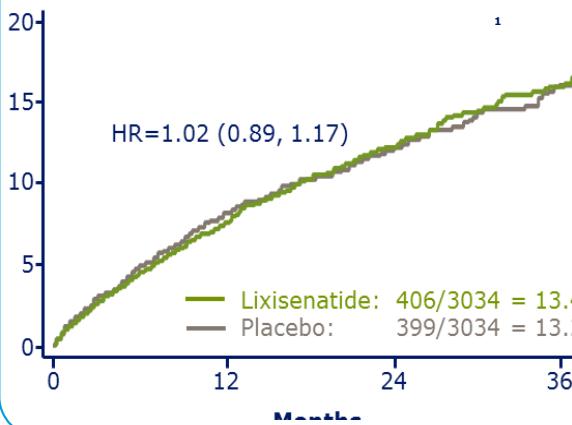
	Canagliflozin	5795	5672	5566	5447	4343	2984	2555	2513	2460	2419	2363	2311	1661	448
	Placebo	4347	4239	4153	4061	2942	1626	1240	1217	1187	1156	1120	1095	789	216

HR and 95% CI for the primary outcome were estimated using Cox regression models with stratification according to trial and history of CVD for all canagliflozin groups combined versus placebo. Analyses are based upon the full integrated data set comprising all participants who underwent randomisation  
CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor  
Neal B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1611925

# CVOTs for exendin-based GLP-1RA



**Lixisenatide in acute coronary syndrome, a long-term cardiovascular end point trial of lixisenatide vs placebo<sup>1</sup>**



**FREEDOM-CVO: Placebo-controlled cardiovascular outcomes study examining the safety of ITCA 650 vs placebo<sup>2</sup>**

#### PRESS RELEASES

Intarcia Announces Successful Cardiovascular Safety Results in Phase 3 FREEDOM-CVO Trial for ITCA 650, an Investigational Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes Company also Reports New \$75 Million Financing for Manufacturing Scale-up and Inventory Build for Anticipated Global Launch of ITCA 650

- FREEDOM-CVO Phase 3 study in more than 4,000 patients meets its primary and secondary endpoints by demonstrating FDA required non-inferiority for pre-approval cardiovascular (CV) safety. Final data to be published and presented at major future medical meeting. - Comprehensive Phase 3 data and manufacturing data packages will be in hand during 3Q Regulatory filing targeted for the end of 3Q 2016 in the U.S. -

Boston, MA – May 1, 2016 – Intarcia Therapeutics, Inc. today announced top-line results from its more than 4,000 patient Cardiovascular Safety Study (PFS) of the global FREEDOM Phase 3 Clinical Trial, which is targeted for end of 3Q 2016. The Company will facilitate ongoing scale-up of ITCA 650 in type 2 diabetes.

The completion of our FREEDOM clinical program is a significant milestone for the company and demonstrates for ITCA 650, and our partners at Intarcia Therapeutics. "The FREEDOM-CVO trial results are pleasing that it has achieved all of its working closely with global health authorities."

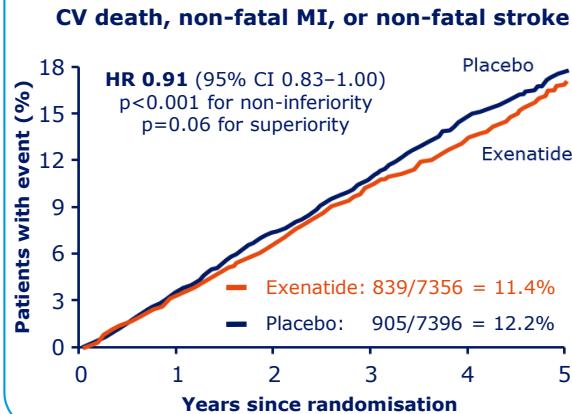
Kurt Graves, Chairman, President and CEO of Intarcia Therapeutics, "The FREEDOM-CVO trial results are pleasing that it has achieved all of its working closely with global health authorities."

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Exenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering

**A trial to evaluate cardiovascular outcomes after treatment with exenatide OW\* vs placebo<sup>3</sup>**

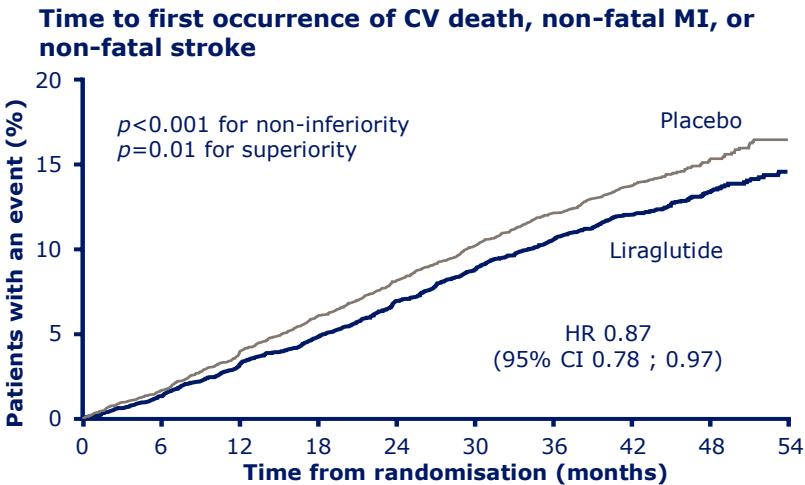


\*Exenatide extended release. CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio; ITCA 650, continuous subcutaneous delivery of exenatide; MACE, major adverse cardiac event; MI, myocardial infarction; OW, once weekly

1. Pfeffer M et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2247-2257; 2. Intarcia company announcement. Available at: <http://www.intarcia.com/media/press-releases/2016-may-6-cardiovascular-safety.html> accessed June 2017; 3. Holman RR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1612917 [Epub ahead of print]

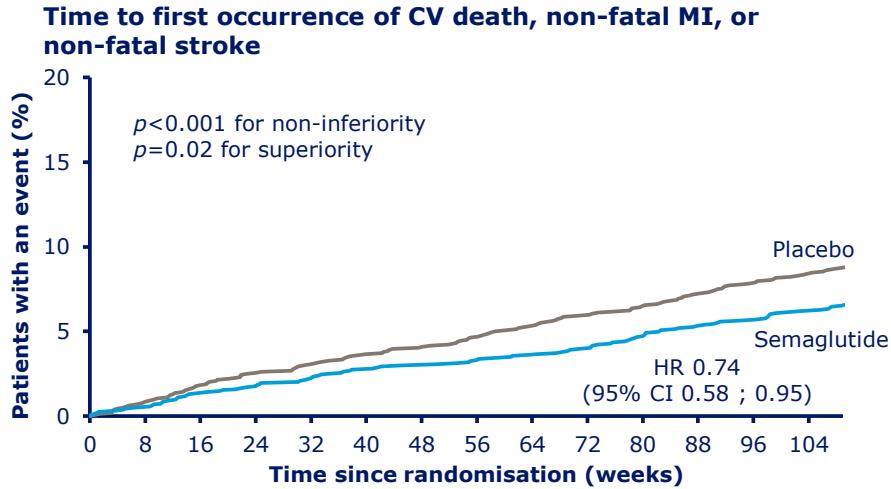
# CVOTs for human GLP-1 analogues

## LEADER<sup>1</sup>



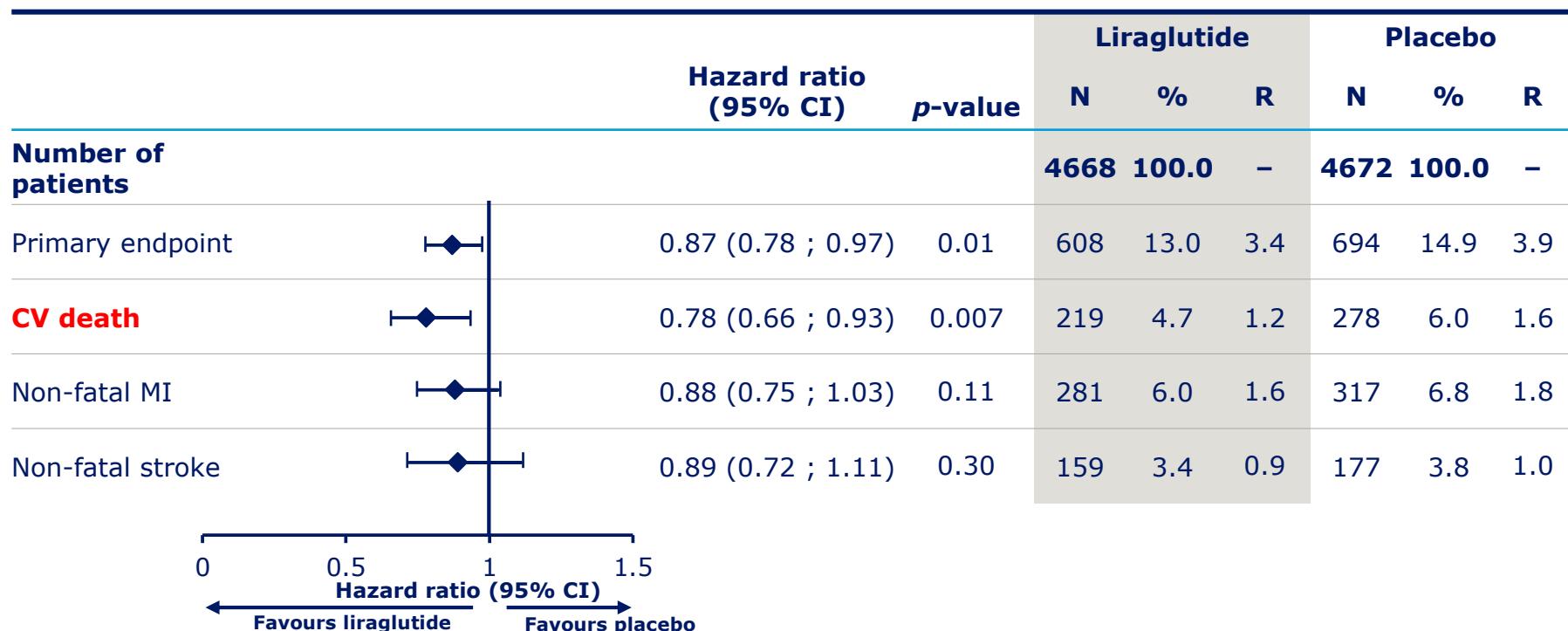
**LEADER is a post-approval CVOT with 1302 primary events**

## SUSTAIN 6<sup>2</sup>



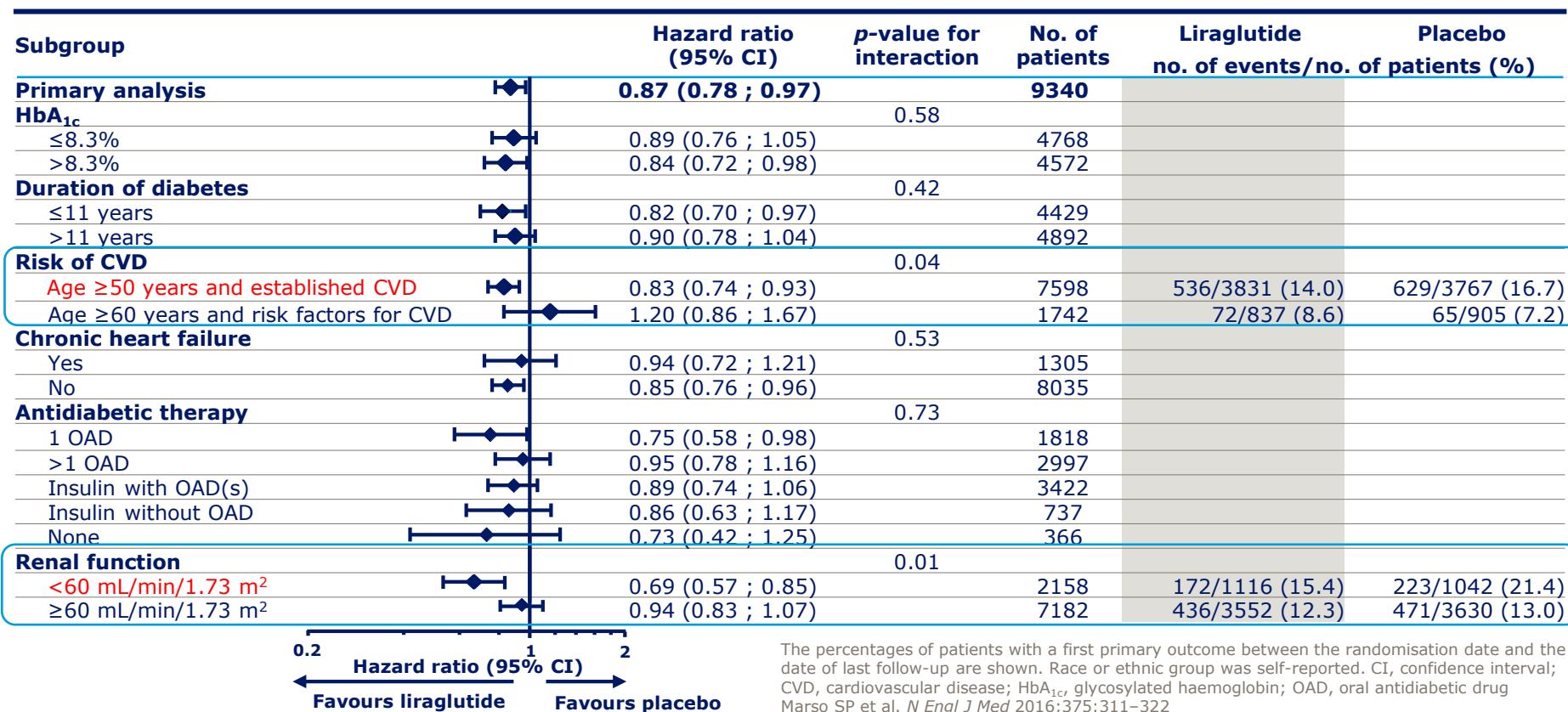
**SUSTAIN 6 is a pre-approval CVOT with 254 primary events**

# Individual components of the primary endpoint

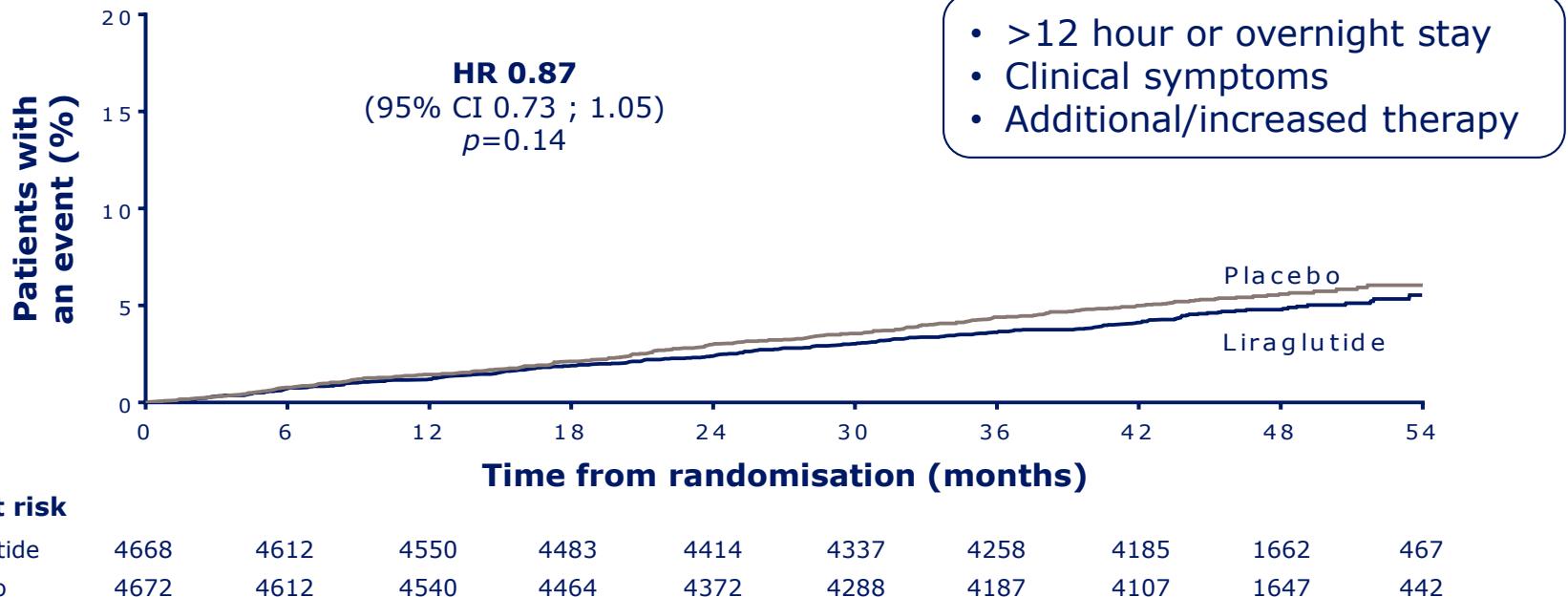


Hazard ratios and *p*-values were estimated using a Cox proportional-hazards model with treatment as a covariate  
 %, percentage of group; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; N, number of patients; R, incidence rate per 100 patient-years of observation  
 Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311-322

# Primary outcome: Subgroup analyses (2/2)



# Hospitalisation for heart failure

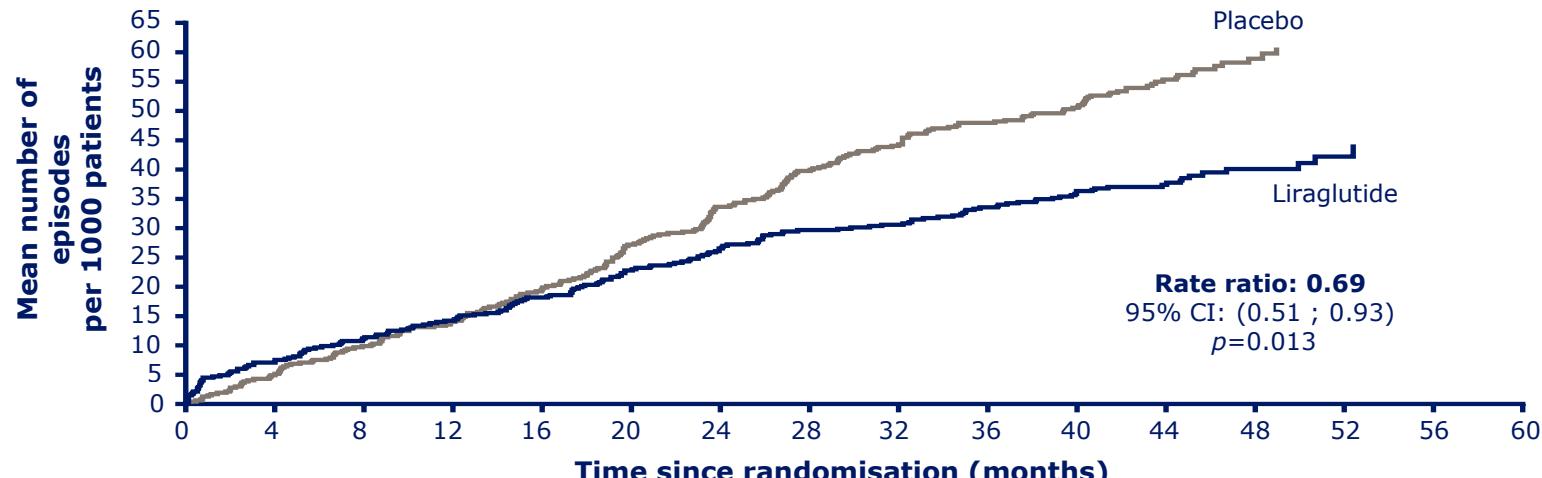


The cumulative incidences were estimated using the Kaplan–Meier method, and the hazard ratios using the Cox proportional-hazard regression model. The data analyses are truncated at 54 months, because less than 10% of the patients had an observation time beyond 54 months

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio

Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311–322

# Severe hypoglycaemia over time

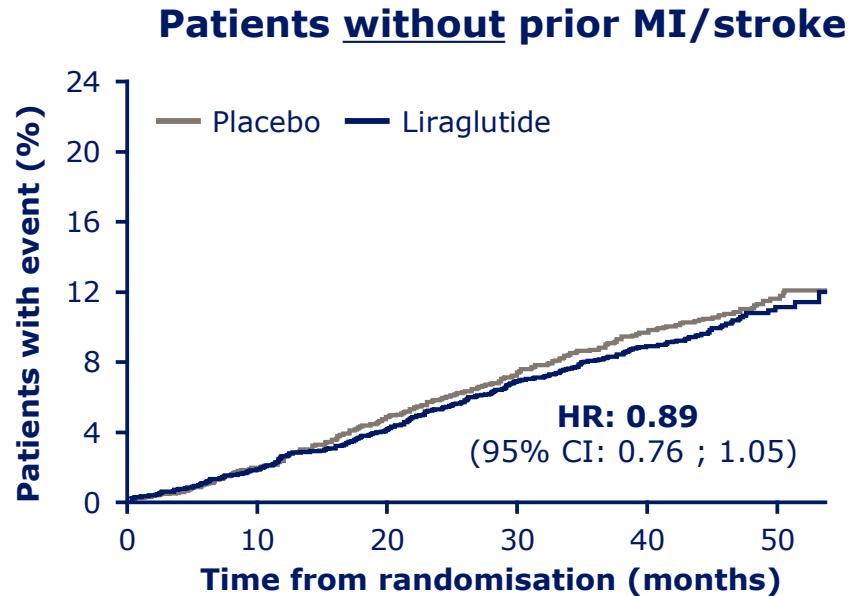
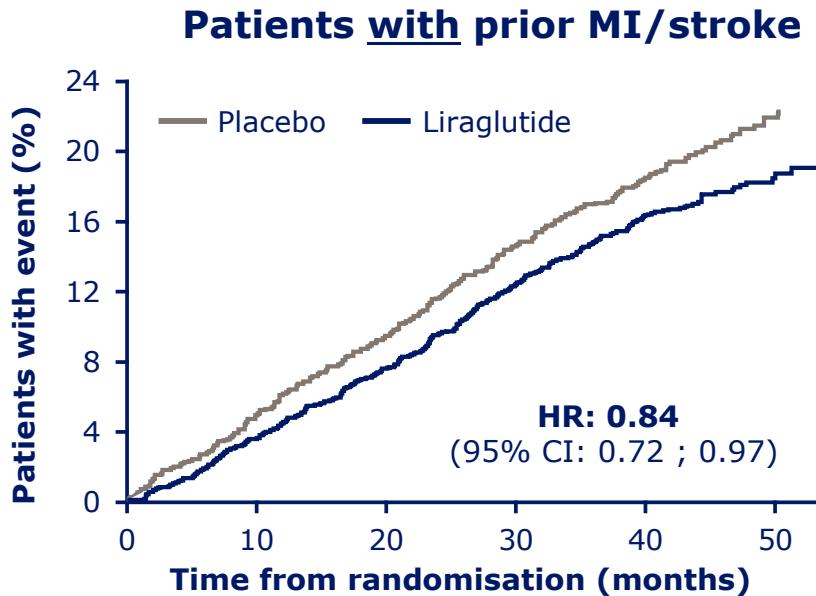


	Liraglutide	Placebo
Number of patients with severe hypoglycaemia (%)	114 (2.4)	153 (3.4)

Full analysis set. Mean number of severe hypoglycaemic episodes. Number of events analysed using a negative binomial regression model using a log link and the logarithm of the observation time (100 years) as offset. Treatment, sex, region and antidiabetic therapy at baseline included as fixed effects and age at baseline included as covariates  
CI, confidence interval

Pratley R, presented at the American Diabetes Association 77th Scientific Sessions, Session 1-AC-SY13. 11 June 2017, San Diego, CA, USA

# Primary outcome stratified by prior MI or stroke



Patients at risk						
Liraglutide	1865	1791	1709	1603	1519	363
Placebo	1827	1733	1645	1545	1459	359

Patients at risk						
Liraglutide	2803	2740	2662	2569	2487	588
Placebo	2845	2781	2674	2578	2486	551

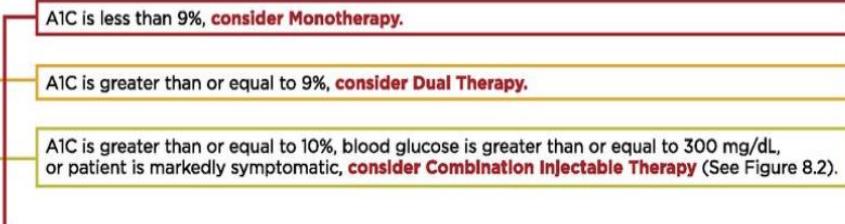
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction

Poulter N et al. Abstract 86477, presented at the European Society of Cardiology Congress, Barcelona, 28 August 2017

# Guideline: GLP-1RA as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> line option for glycemic control



## 2018 ADA Guideline<sup>1</sup>



### Monotherapy

### Lifestyle Management + Metformin

Initiate metformin therapy if no contraindications\* (See Table 8.1)

A1C at target after 3 months of monotherapy?

- Yes:** - Monitor A1C every 3–6 months  
**No:** - Assess medication-taking behavior  
- Consider Dual Therapy

### Dual Therapy

### Lifestyle Management + Metformin + Additional Agent

ASCVD?

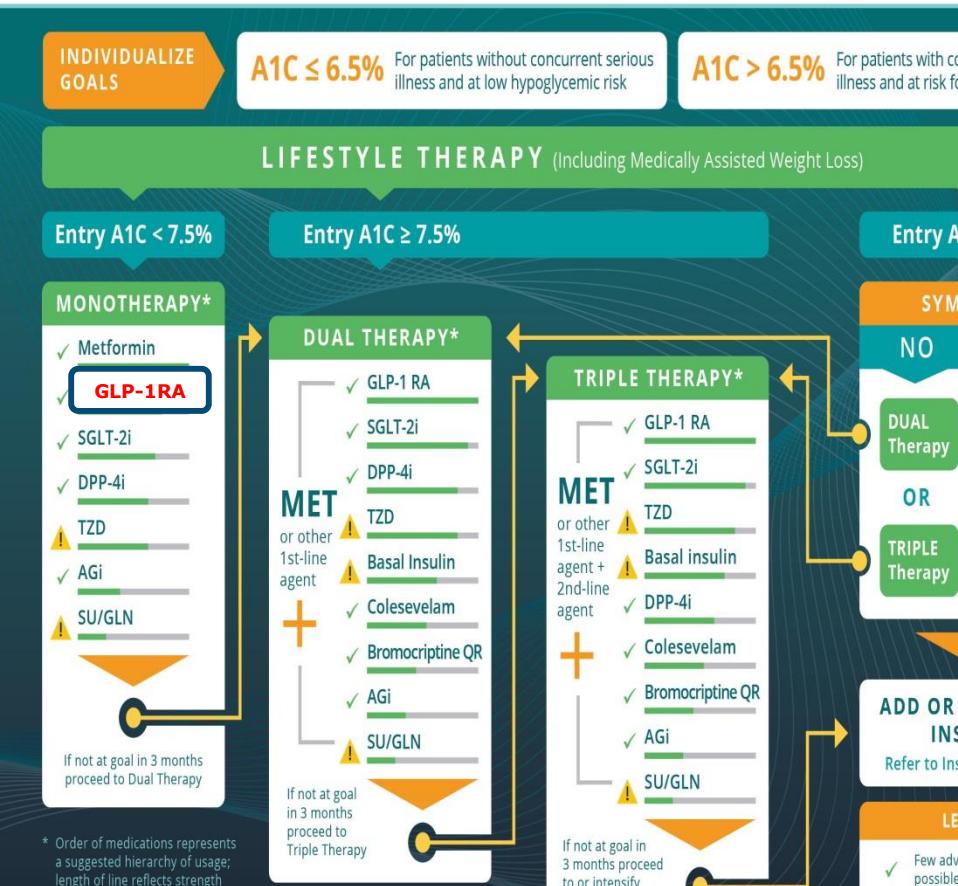
- Yes:** - Add agent proven to reduce major adverse cardiovascular events and/or cardiovascular mortality (see recommendations with \* on p. S75 and Table 8.1)

GLP-1RA,  
SGLT2i

- No:** - Add second agent after consideration of drug-specific effects and patient factors (See Table 8.1)

## AACE/ACE

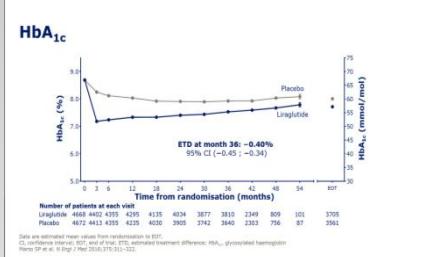
## Glycemic Control Algorithm



# **Clinical and metabolic outcomes**

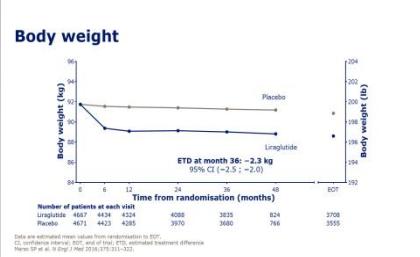
# Summary of efficacy results at 3 years

## HbA<sub>1c</sub>



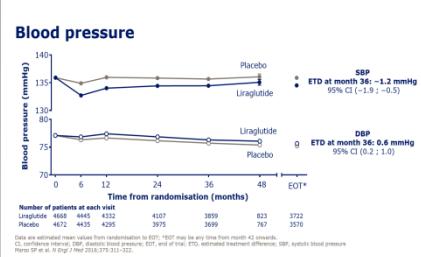
Treatment Difference  
**-0.4%**  
95% CI (-0.45 ; -0.34)  
*p<0.001*

## Body Weight



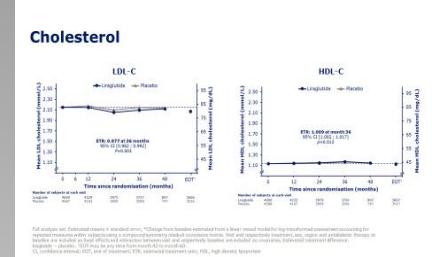
Treatment Difference  
**-2.3 kg**  
95% CI (-2.54 ; -1.99)  
*p<0.001*

## SBP



Treatment Difference  
**-1.2 mmHg**  
95% CI (-1.9 ; -0.5)  
*p<0.001*

## Lipids



**Small decreases in TC, LDL-C and TGs**  
**Small increase in HDL-C**

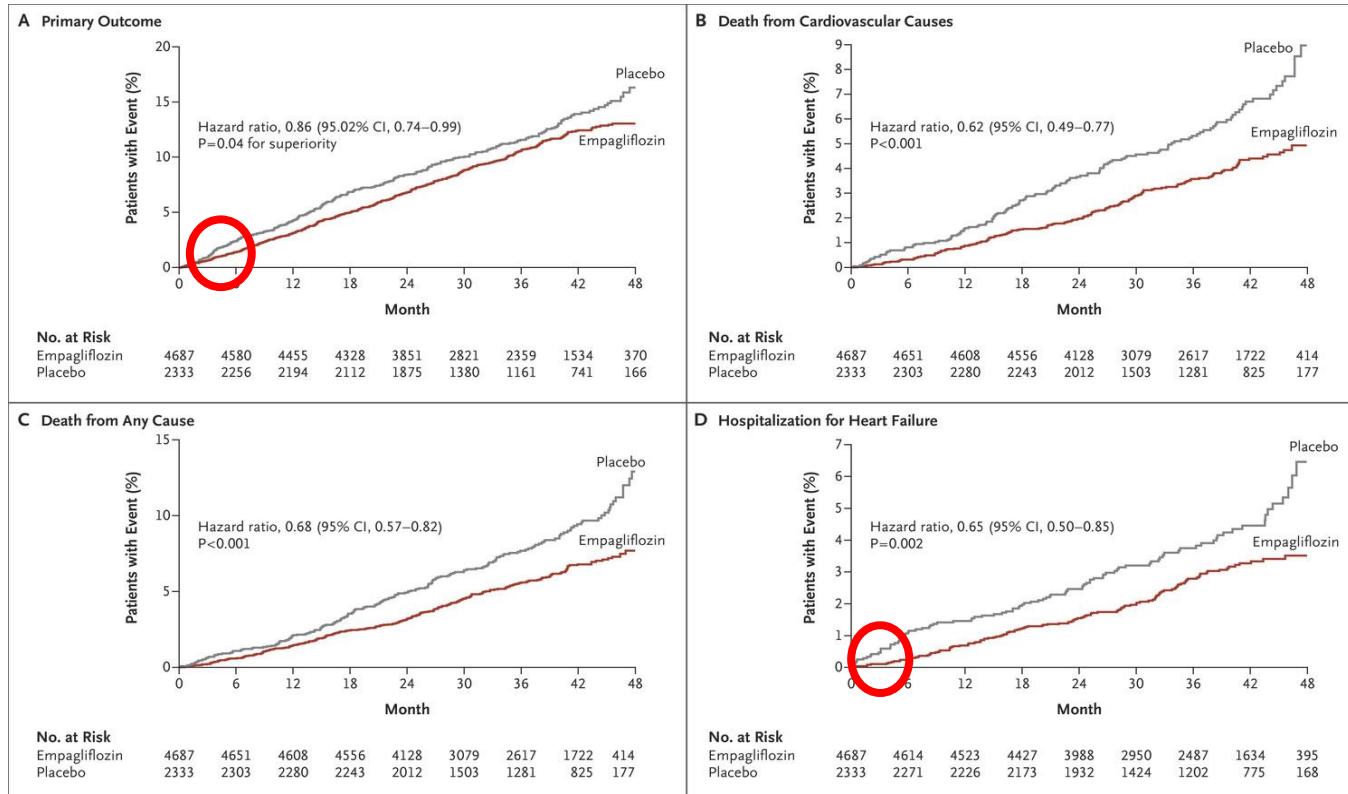
Mean change from baseline is to Month 36

DBP, diastolic blood pressure; ETD, estimated treatment difference; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; HDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; SBP, systolic blood pressure; TG, triglycerides; TC, total cholesterol

Marso SP et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:311-322; Presented at American Diabetes Association 76th Scientific Sessions, Session 3-CT-SY24. 13 June 2016, New Orleans, LA, USA

# Clinical Outcomes with Empagliflozin

## EMPA-REG OUTCOME Pooled Analysis (N=7020)



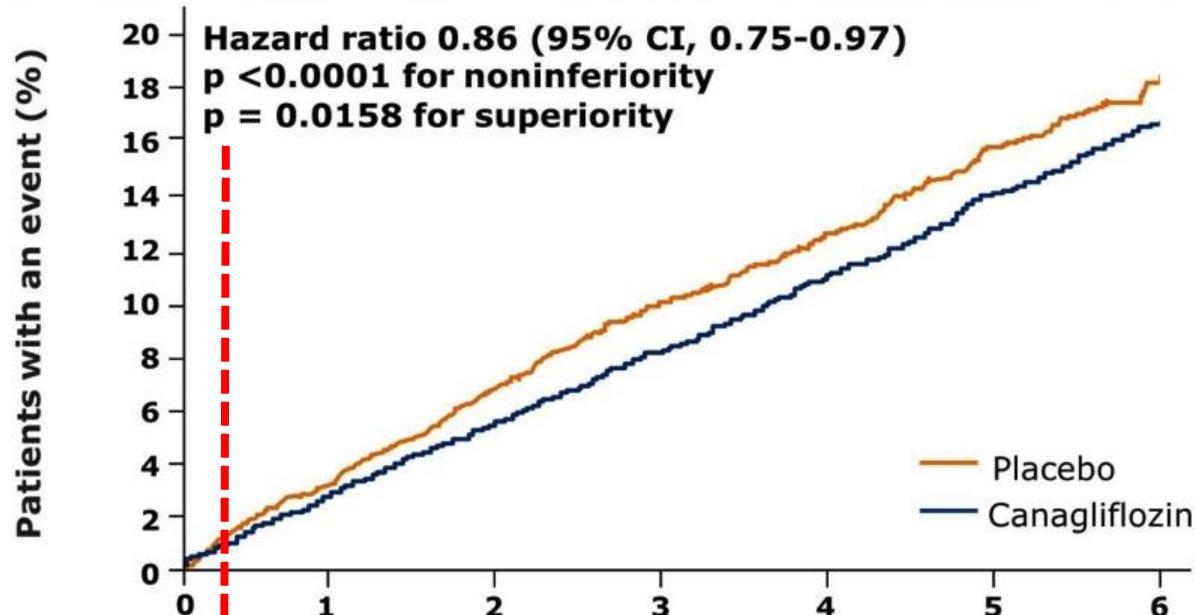
\*CV death, nonfatal MI (excluding silent MI), or nonfatal stroke; †CV death, nonfatal MI (excluding silent MI), nonfatal stroke, and hospitalization for unstable angina.

CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction.

Zinman B, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:2117-2128.

# Primary MACE Outcome

CV Death, Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction or Nonfatal Stroke



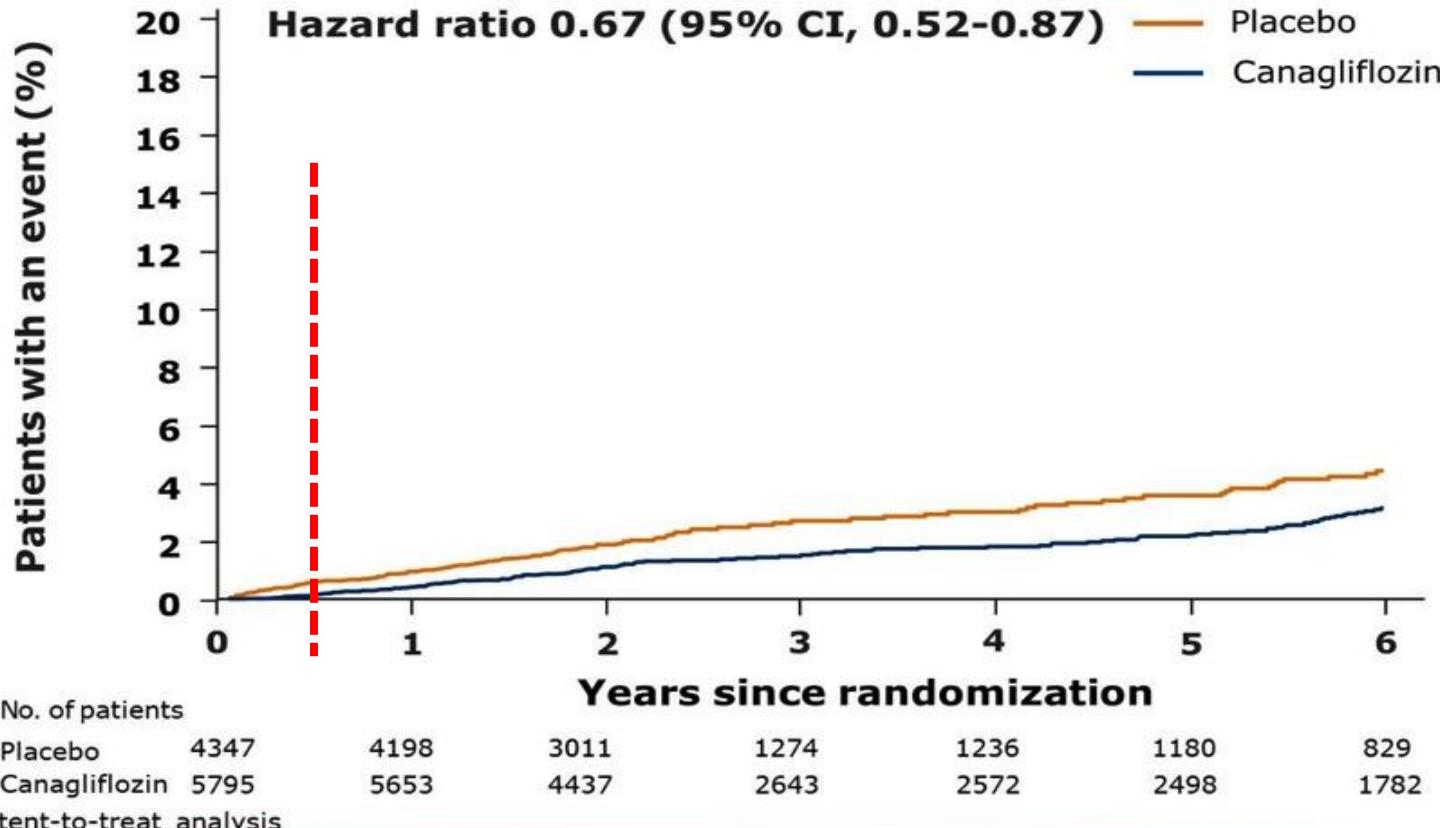
No. of patients

Placebo	4347	4153	2942	1240	1187	1120	789
Canagliflozin	5795	5566	4343	2555	2460	2363	1661

Intent-to-treat analysis

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# Hospitalization for Heart Failure



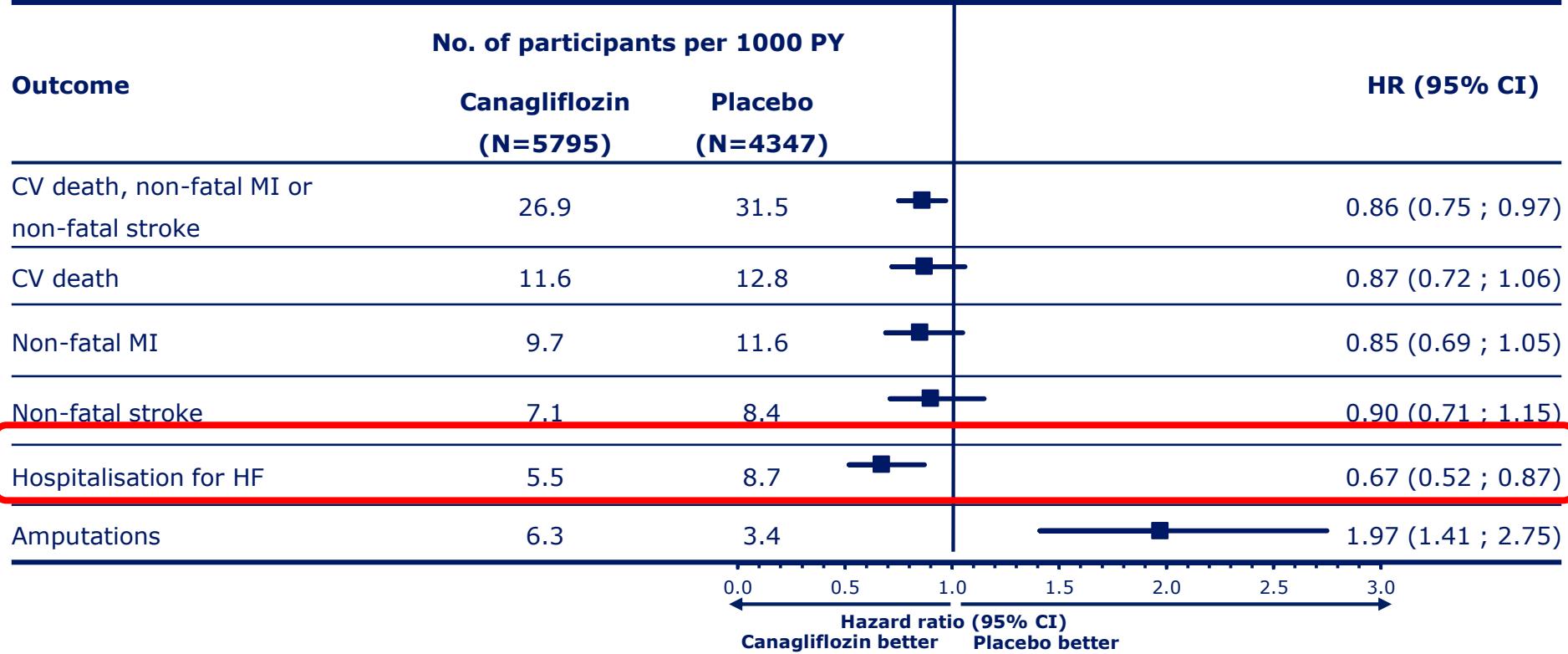
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CANVAS Program

# SGLT-2i CVOT: CANVAS/CANVAS-R

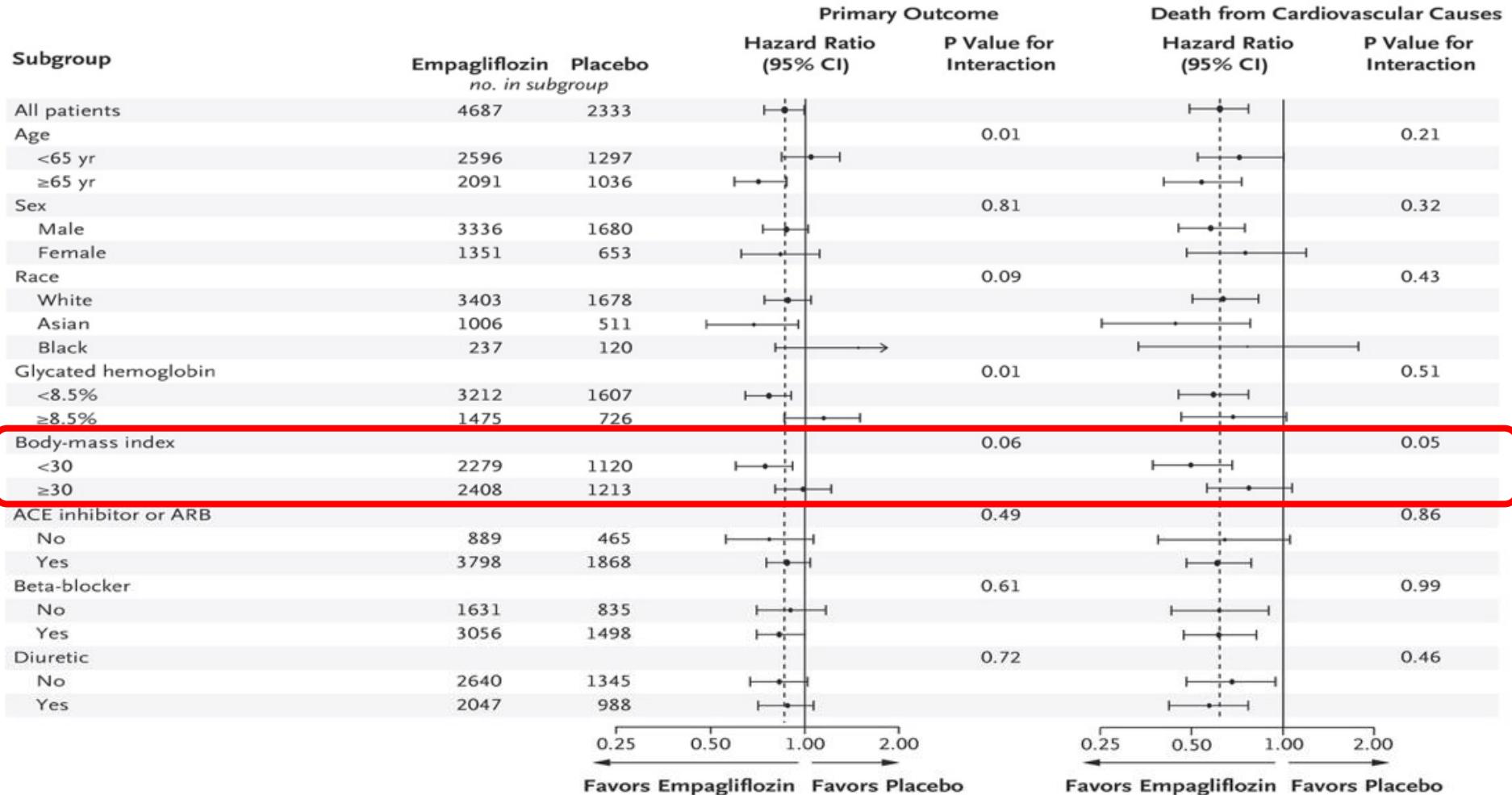
Effects of canagliflozin on CV, hospitalisation and death events



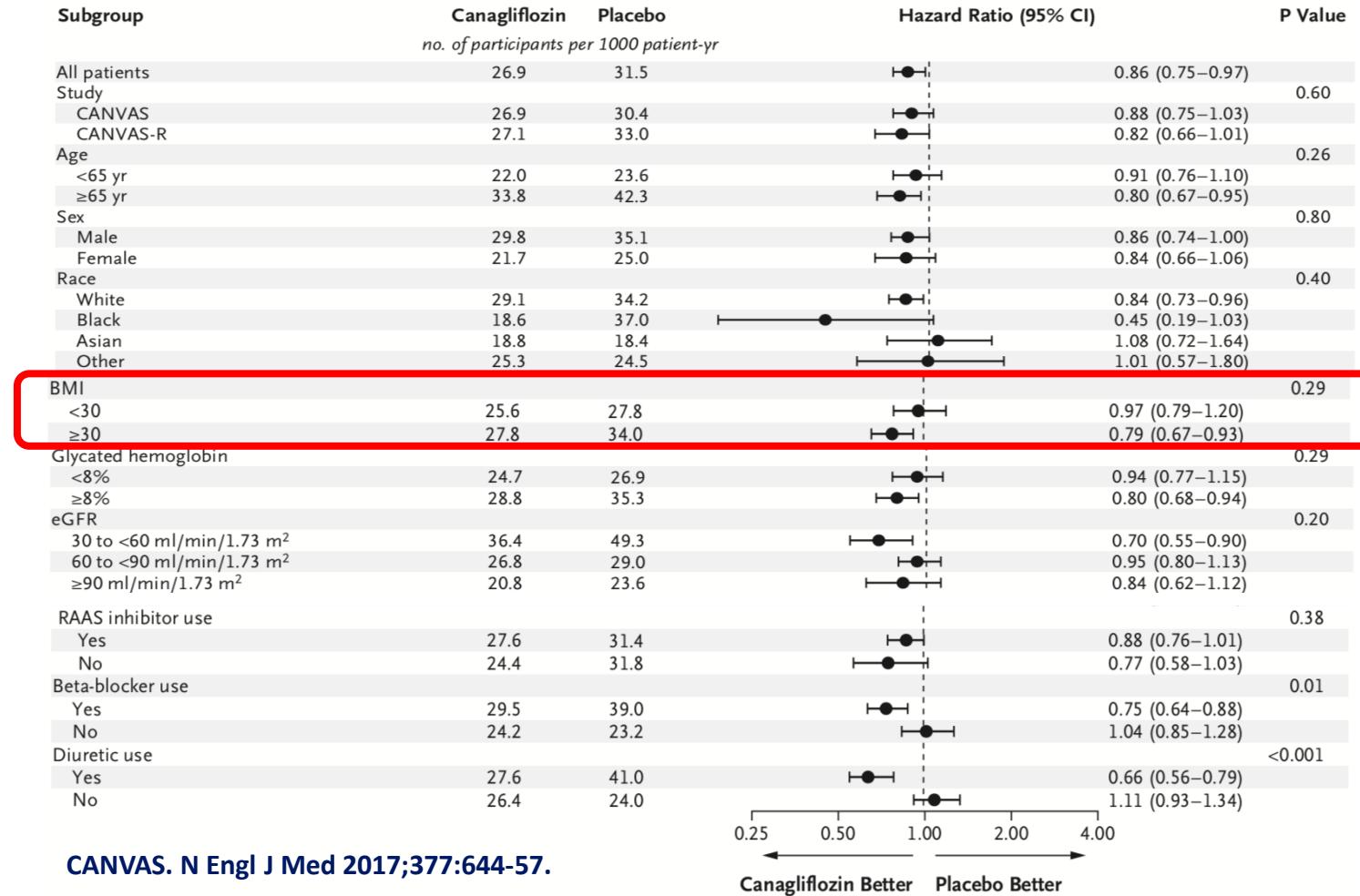
- HR and 95% CI were estimated using Cox regression models with stratification according to trial and history of CVD for all canagliflozin groups combined versus placebo. CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HF, heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction; PY, person-years; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor
- Neal B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1611925

# EMPA-REG OUTCOME Pooled Analysis (N=7020)

Zinman B, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;373:2117-2128.



# Effects of Canagliflozin on Primary CV Outcome in Subgroups



# **Microvascular outcomes**

# Microvascular event definitions

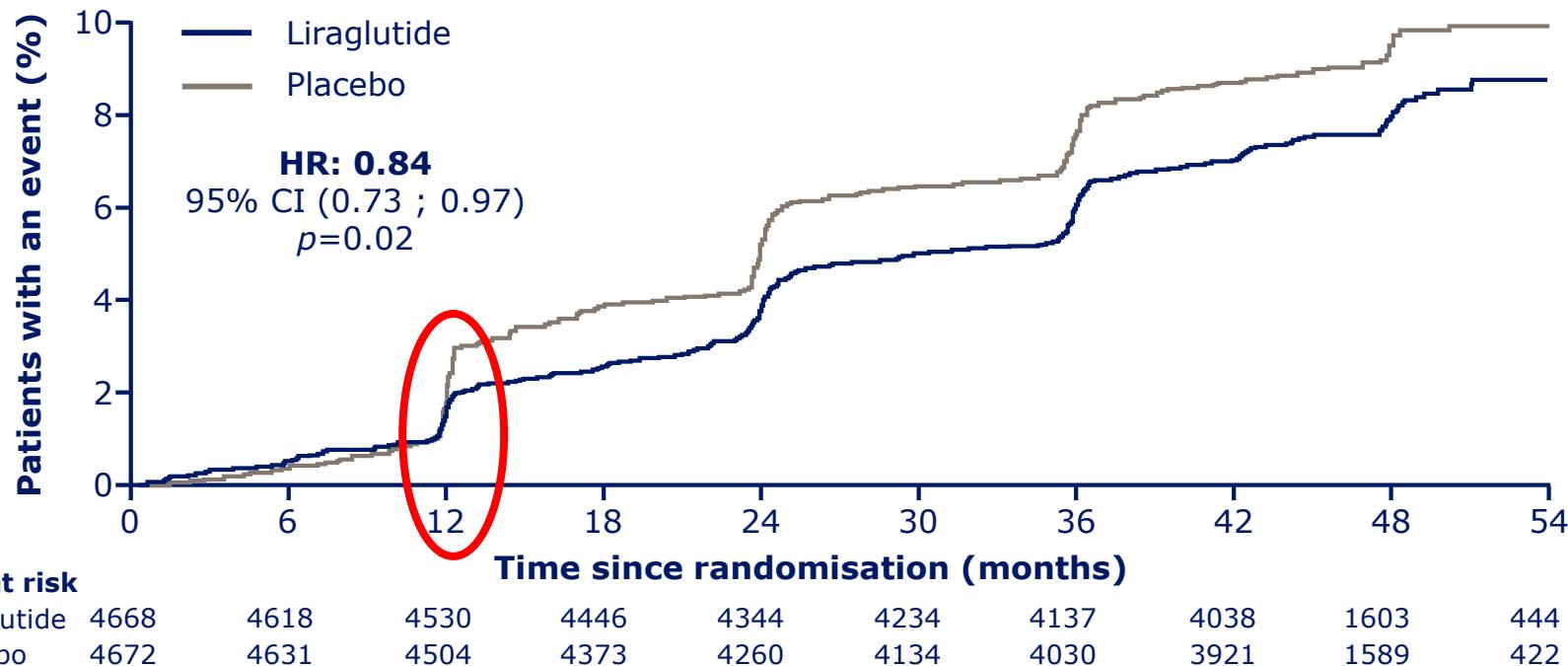
Event type		Event definition – one or more of the below
<b>Microvascular events</b>	<b>Renal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New onset of persistent macroalbuminuria</li><li>• Persistent doubling of serum creatinine*</li><li>• Need for continuous renal replacement therapy</li><li>• Death due to renal disease</li></ul>
	<b>Eye</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need for retinal photocoagulation or treatment with intravitreal agents</li><li>• Vitreous haemorrhage</li><li>• Diabetes-related blindness</li></ul>

\*and eGFR  $\leq 45$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> per MDRD

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MDRD, modification of diet in renal disease

Marsø SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311–322

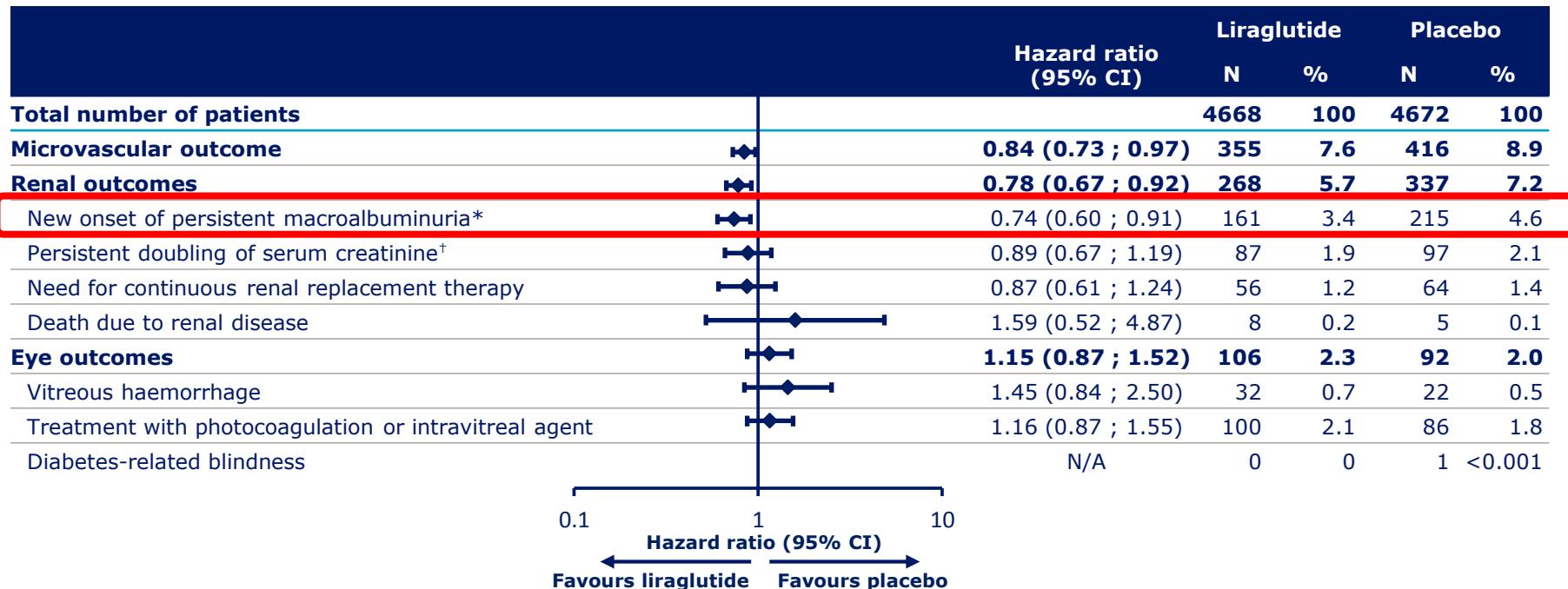
# Time to first microvascular outcome



Cumulative incidences estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method, and hazard ratios using the Cox proportional-hazard regression model. Data analyses are truncated at 54 months, as <10% of the patients had an observation time >54 months. CI, confidence interval, HR: hazard ratio

Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311–322; Presented at the American Diabetes Association 76th Scientific Sessions, Session 3-CT-SY24. June 13 2016, New Orleans, LA, USA

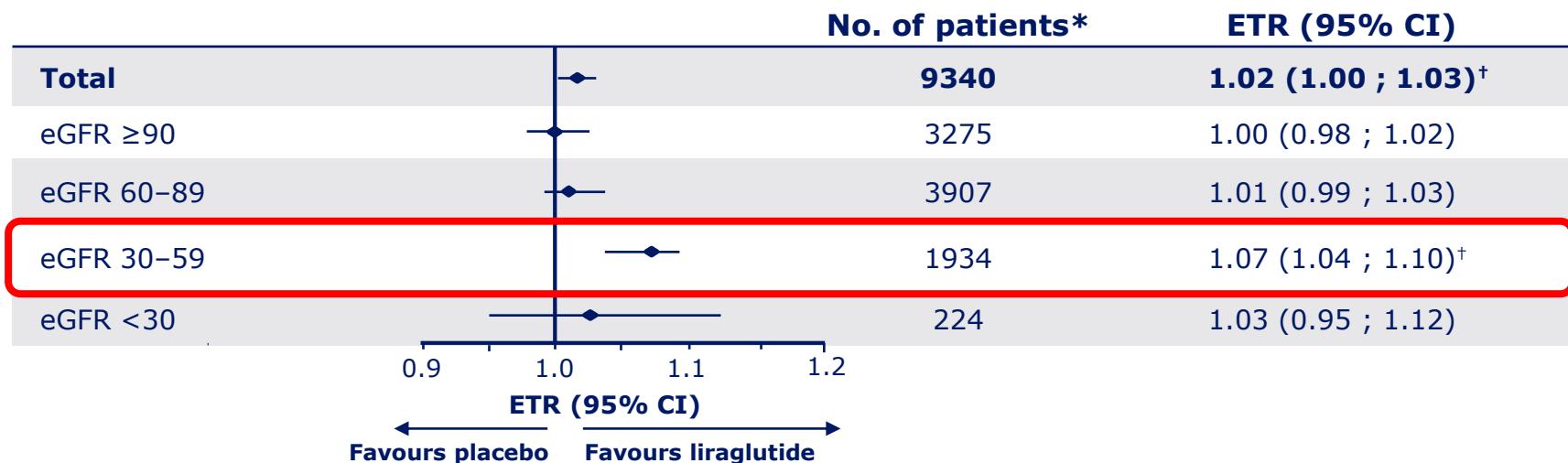
# Time to first microvascular outcomes



Full analysis set. Cox proportional-hazards regression model adjusted for treatment. Development of diabetes-related blindness was not analysed as an individual component as only one event was observed. \*New onset of persistent macroalbuminuria: urine albumin  $\geq 300$  mg/g creatinine. <sup>†</sup>Persistent doubling of serum creatinine level and eGFR  $\leq 45$  mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> per MDRD. %: proportion of patients; CI: confidence interval; EAC: event adjudication committee; MDRD: modification of diet in renal disease; N: number of patients; N/A: not applicable

Presented at the American Diabetes Association 76th Scientific Sessions, Session 3-CT-SY24. 13 June 2016, New Orleans, LA, USA

# eGFR: Ratio to baseline at 3 years, stratified according to baseline eGFR

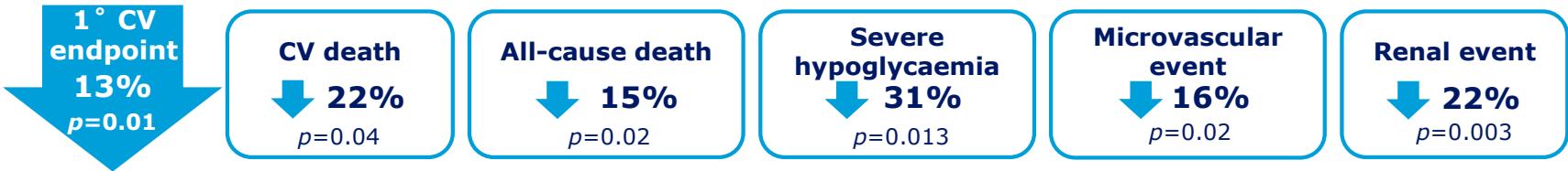


\*Full analysis set; †Statistically significant,  $p<0.001$

CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ETR, estimated trial-group ratio; MDRD, modification of diet in renal disease  
Mann JFE et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:839–848.

# Overall LEADER summary

Liraglutide significantly reduced the risk of:



## CV events

- All 3 components of MACE contributed to the risk reduction of the primary outcome
- No increased risk of HHF
- Risk reduction was independent of:
  - Baseline insulin or CV medication use
  - Insulin or SU/TZD introduced during the trial
  - Experiencing a severe hypoglycaemic episode

## Clinical and metabolic outcomes

- Significant reductions in HbA<sub>1c</sub>, body weight, SBP and lipids
- CV risk reduction could be partially explained by these variables

## Microvascular outcomes

- Reduction in composite microvascular endpoint\*
- Driven by reduced new-onset persistent macroalbuminuria

## Safety outcomes

- Generally well tolerated
- Associated with GI side effects, increases in pancreatic enzymes and heart rate, in line with previous trials
- No increased risk of pancreatitis
- Increased risk of acute gallstone disease

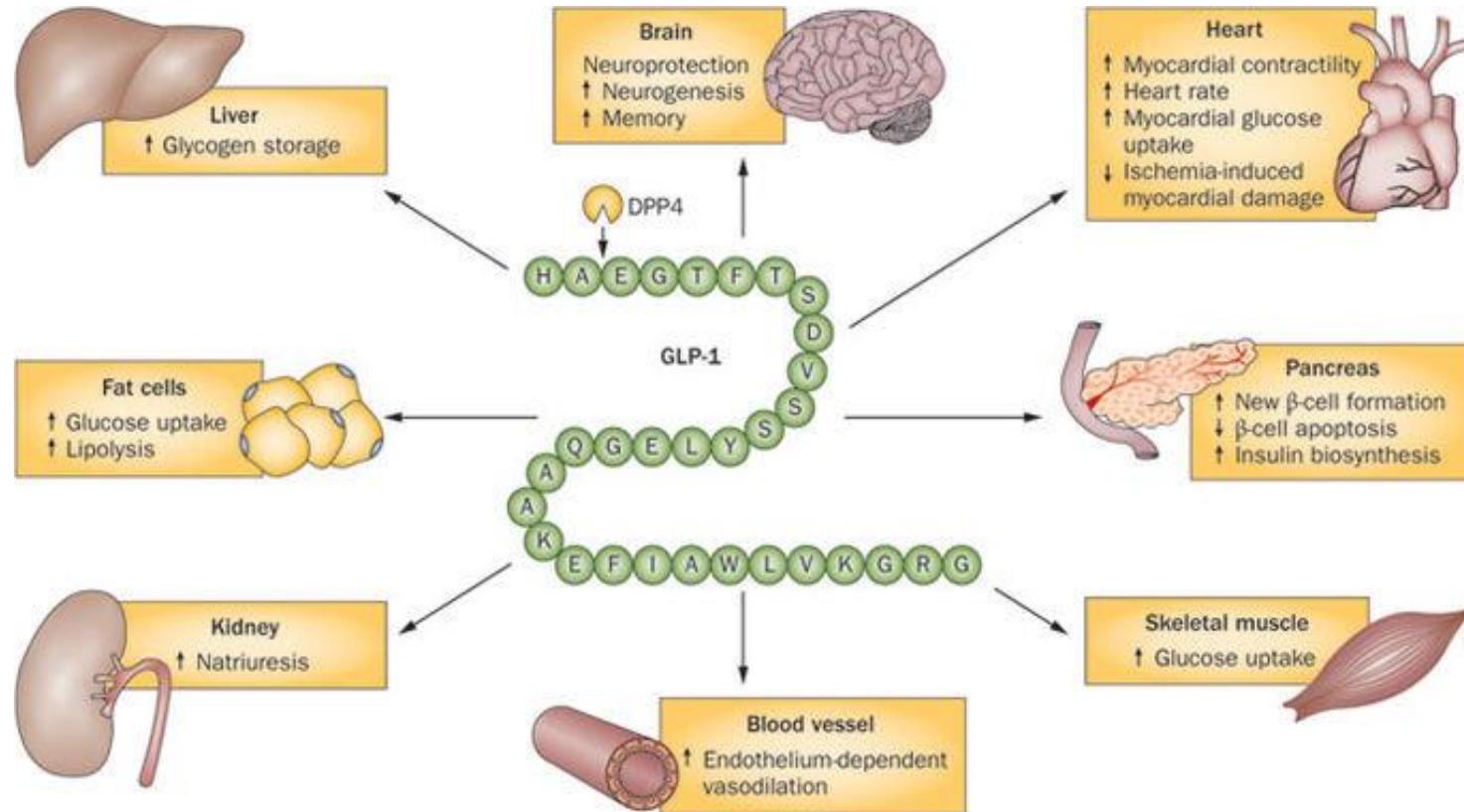
\*Composite of renal and eye events

1°, primary; CV, cardiovascular; GI, gastrointestinal; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SU, sulphonylurea; TZD, thiazolidinedione

Marso SP et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:311–322

# **Effects on cardiovascular risk factors**

# Reported pleiotropic effects of GLP-1



# Liraglutide is an analog with 97% homology to human GLP-1<sup>1,2</sup>

## Molecular Structure

Human GLP-1<sup>1</sup>



## Molecular Structure

Liraglutide <sup>2</sup>

C-16 fatty acid  
(Palmitic acid)



1. Knudsen LB ,et al. J Med Chem. 2000;43:1664–1669; 2. Nauck M, et al. Diabetes care.2009;32(1): 84-90.

# 2017ADA Guideline recognized the CV benefit of GLP-1 RA



## GLP-1RA

### Drugs

- Exenatide
- Liraglutide
- Semaglutide
- Albiglutide
- Lixisenatide
- Dulaglutide

### Cellular mechanism

Activate  
GLP-1R

### Pharmacological Effects

- ↑ Insulin secretion(glucose-dependent)
- ↓ glucagon secretion(glucose-dependent)
- ↓ gastric emptying
- ↑ Satiety

### Benefit

- Less hypoglycemia
- ↓ Body weight
- ↓ Postprandial glucose fluctuation
- ↓ CV risk
- ↓ MACE and mortality in CVD patients  
**(LEADER & SUSTAIN 6)**

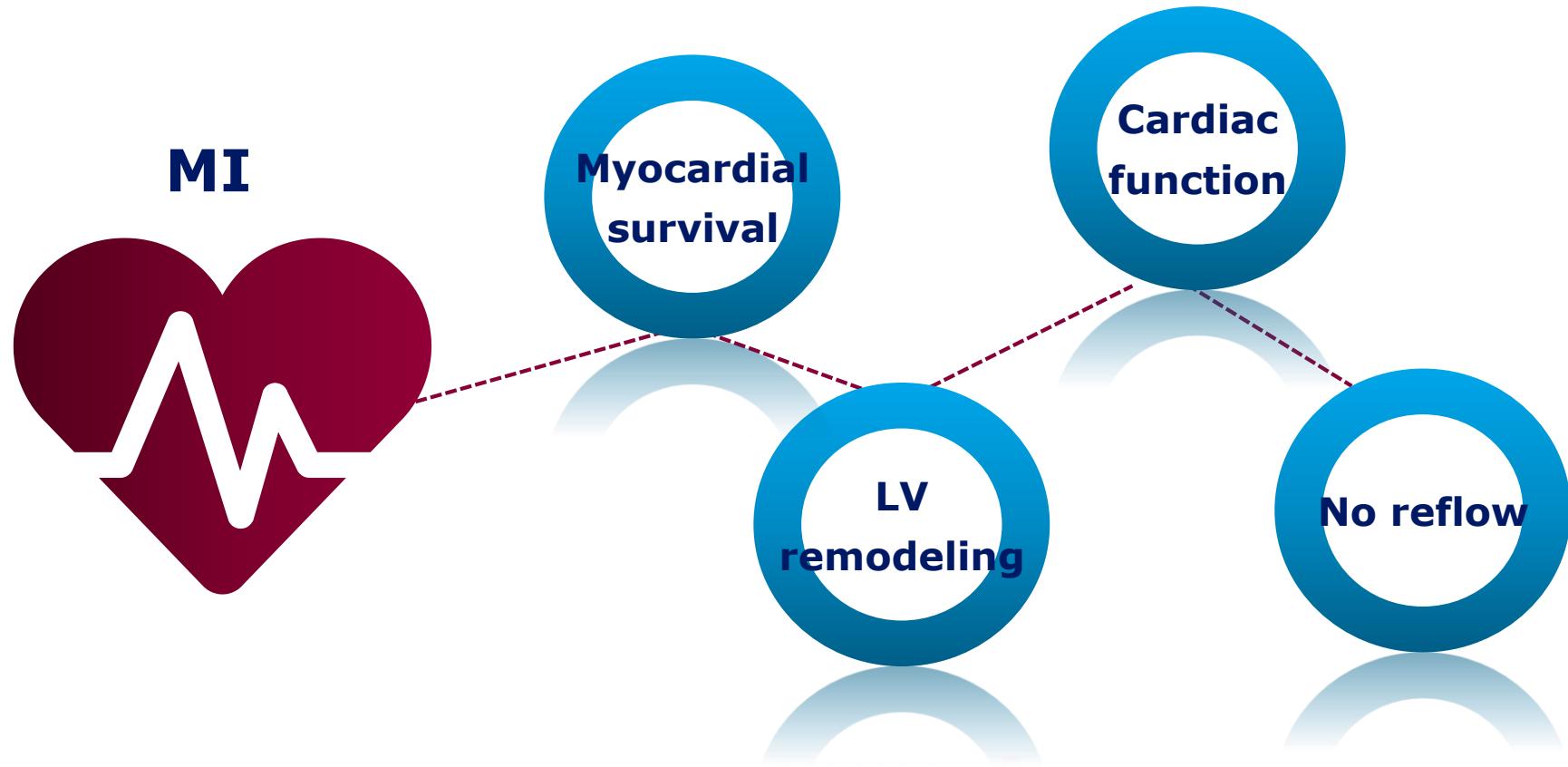
# Liraglutide has the latest evidence of cardiovascular benefits

	<b>Researcher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Study design</b>	<b>Observation object</b>	<b>Measurement indicator</b>
<b>MI</b>	Chen W R, et al.	2016	China	Single-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study Clinical trial	Patient with STEMI T2DM with AMI	Myocardial survival index Left ventricular remodeling
	Nozue T,et al.	2016	Japan	Basic animal research	Myocardial infarction in a obese Pig Model	Cardiac function
	Sassoon D J, et al.	2017	US	Single-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study	Patient with STEMI	Left ventricular function
	Chen W R, et al.	2015	China	Single-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Patient with NSTEMI	Left ventricular function
	Chen W R, et al.	2016	China	Single-center, prospective, interventional study	Patient with HF	Cardiac function
<b>HF</b>	Zhang J Y,et al.	2017	China	Single-center, open, randomized, active drug control, parallel intervention study	T2DM patient with chronic HF	Cardiac function
	Arturi F,et al.	2017	Italy	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study	T2DM patient with albuminuria	Heart failure risk markers
<b>High CV risk</b>	Rizzo M, et al.	2016	Italy	Prospective, real-world study	T2DM patient with metabolic syndrome	CV risk markers
	Marso SP,et al.	2016	US	Multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study	T2DM patient with high CV risk	CVOT

STEMI: ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction;

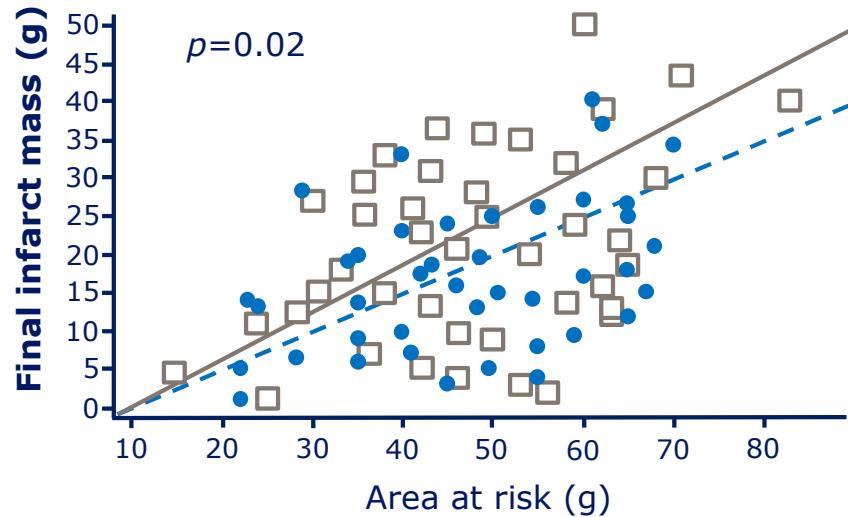
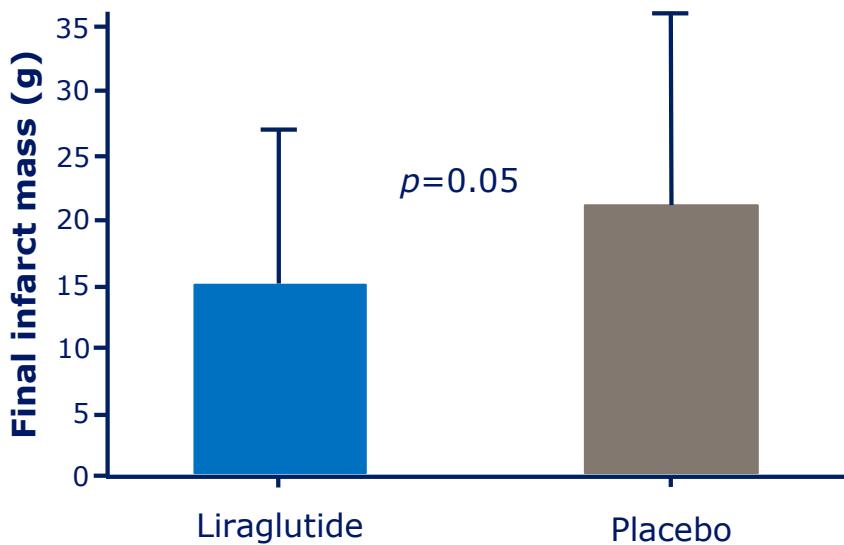
NSTEMI:non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction

# GLP-1 RA can improve myocardial infarction (MI)



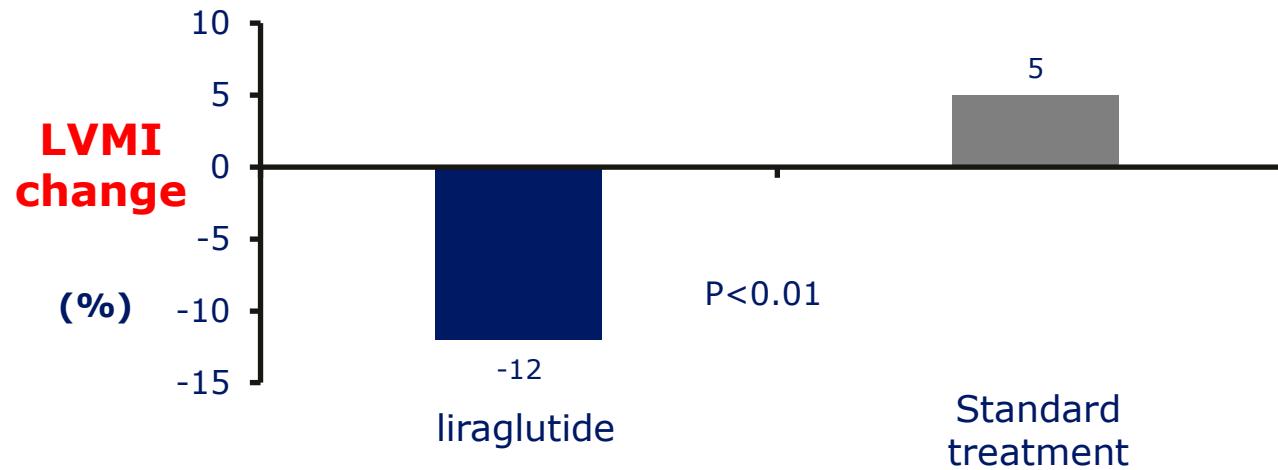
# Liraglutide improves infarct size (by MRI) after ST-segment-elevation MI

- China single center, randomized double blind, placebo control study, 96 STEMI pts, 30' before PCI, Randomly divided into 2 groups, receiving LG (1.8mg) or Placebo, respectively for 7 days (0.6mg, 2days; 1.2mg, 2days; 1.8mg, 3days), followed up at 6 M's



# Liraglutide (LG) decrease LVM<sub>I</sub> after PCI in T2DM pts

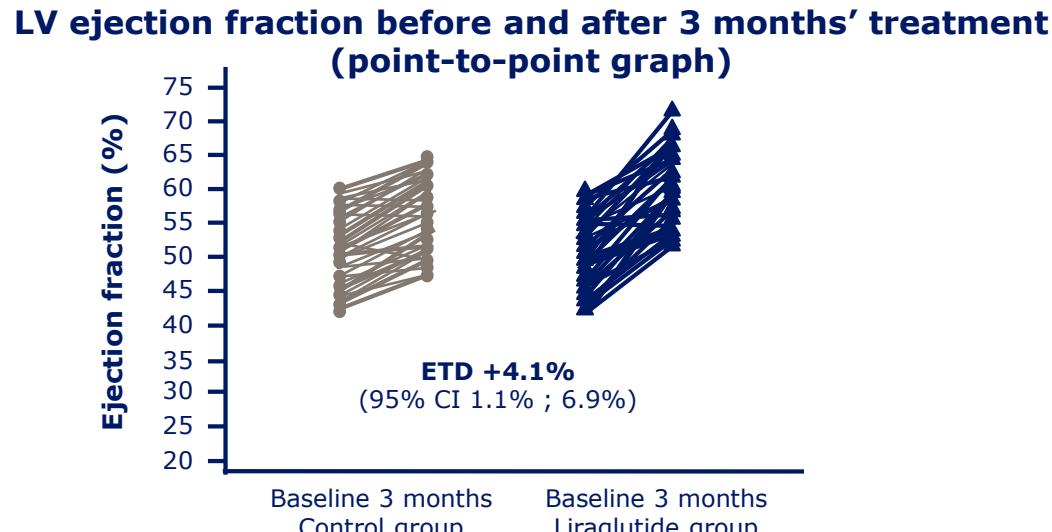
- Japan, 15 T2DM with AMI patients with successful PCI, divided into LG (n=6) and STD (n=9), LVM<sub>I</sub> after 6 months



Nozue T, et al. Heart and vessels, 2016, 31(8): 1239-1246.

# Greater increase in LV ejection fraction with liraglutide vs placebo in patients with STEMI undergoing primary PCI<sup>1</sup>

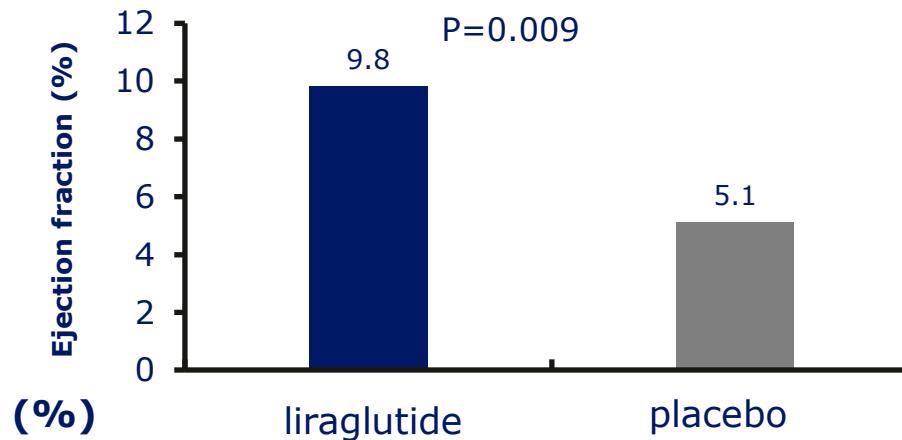
- China, A single-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study, 92 **STEMI pts**, after PCI, receiving placebo and LG for **7 days**, respectively



Similar results were seen in non-STEMI patients<sup>2</sup>  
ETD 4.7% (95% CI 0.7% ; 9.2%)

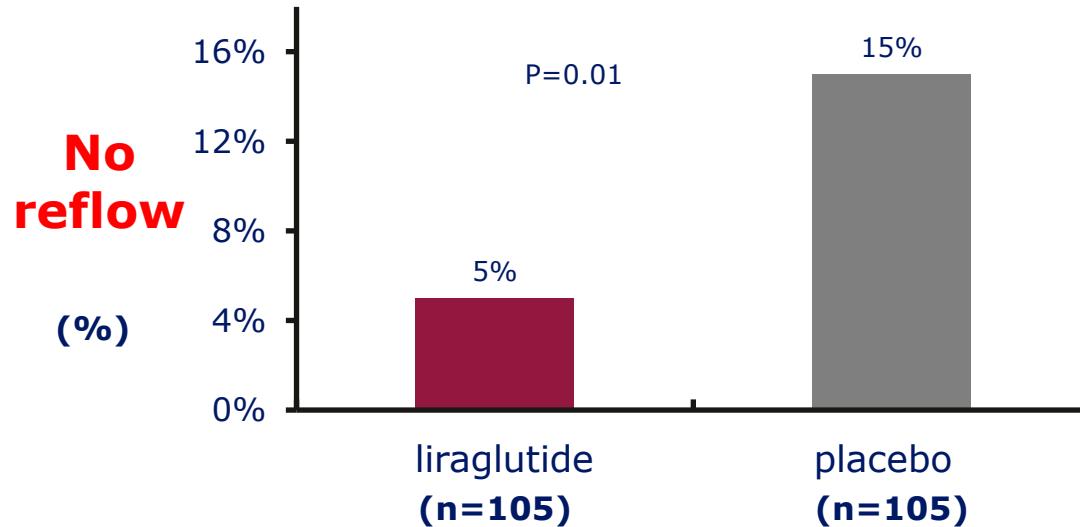
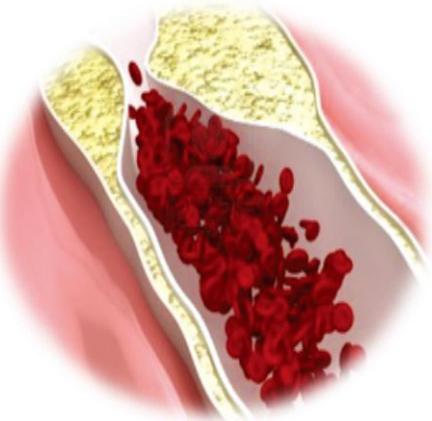
# Liraglutide (LG) increase LV ejection fraction in NSTEMI pts

- China, A single-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study. 90 **NSTEMI** pts, Randomly receiving LG (0.6mg,2d; 1.2mg, 2d; 1.8mg, 3d) or placebo for **7 days**, followed up for 3 months

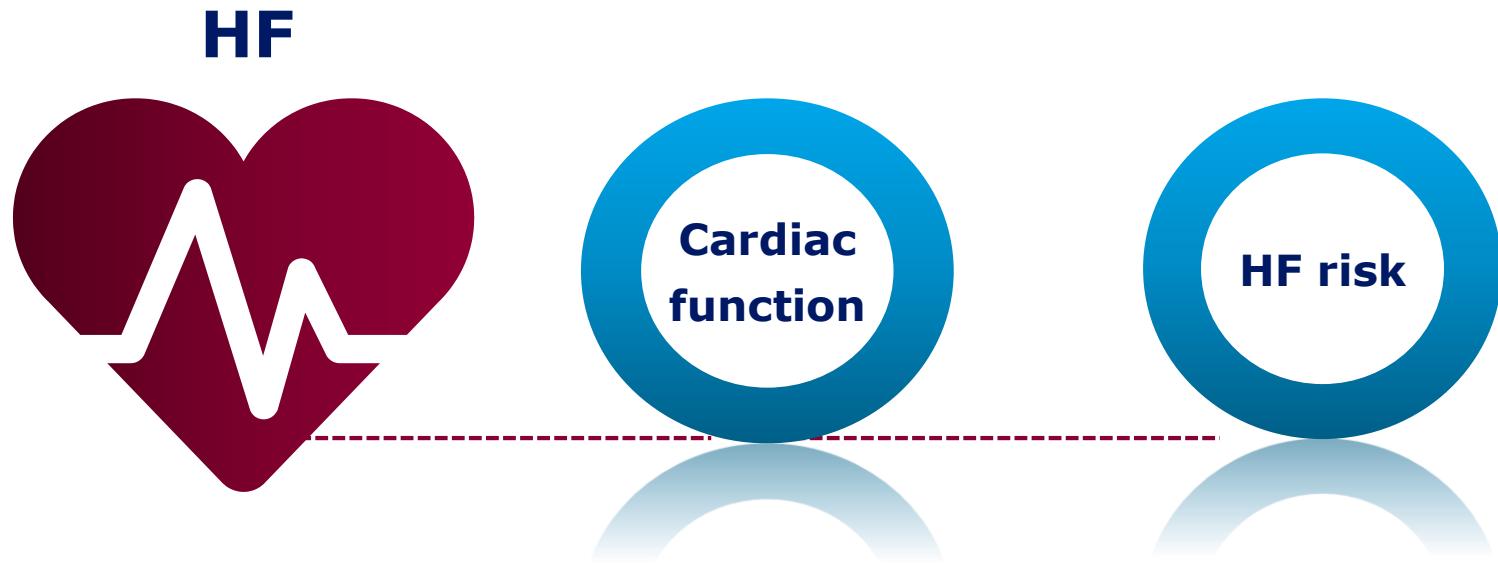


# Liraglutide (LG) decreases the No-reflow after PCI in STEMI Pts

- **China** A single-center, prospective, interventional study, 284 **STEMI pts**, randomized divided into placebo and LG 2 groups, **30 mins before PCI**, receiving placebo and 1.8mg LG, follow-up at 3 M's

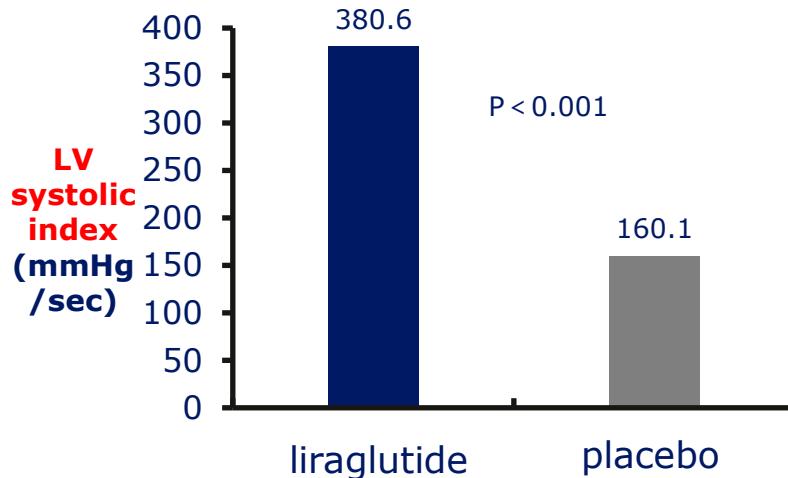
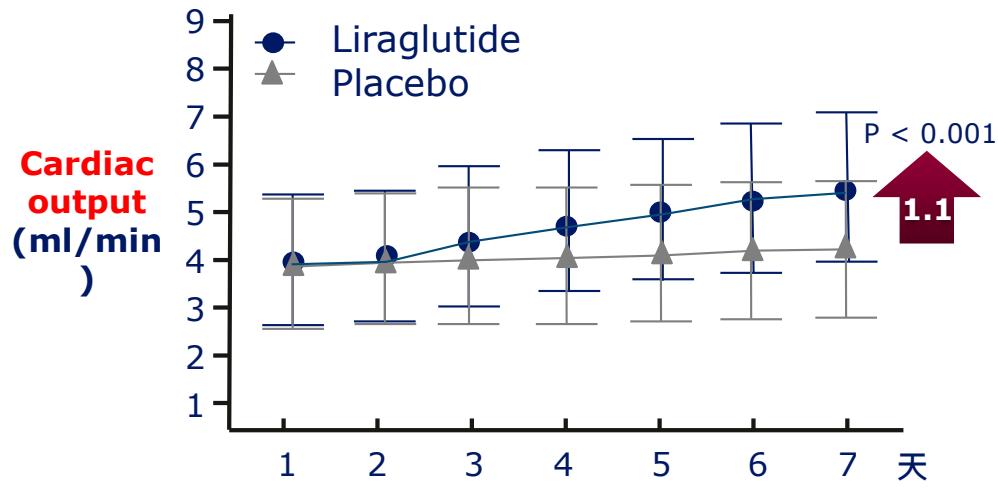


# GLP-1 RA can improve the cardiac function and decrease CV risk in Heart Failure patients



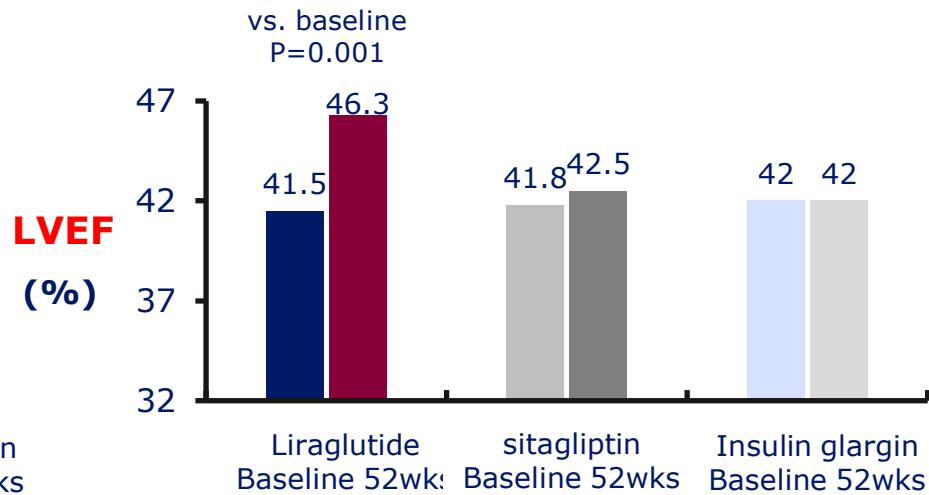
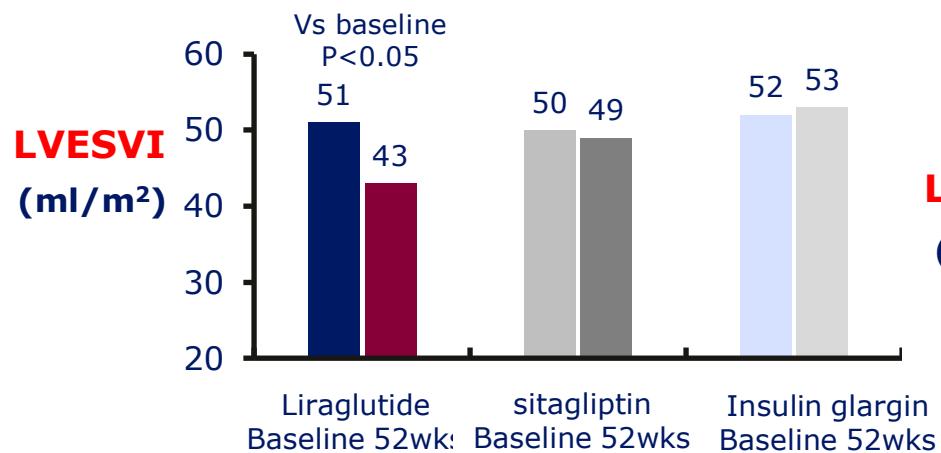
# GLP-1 RA increases CO and LVSI in Pts with HF

- China, A single-center, prospective, interventional study, 52 pts with **HF**, randomized to give LG or placebo for **7 days**



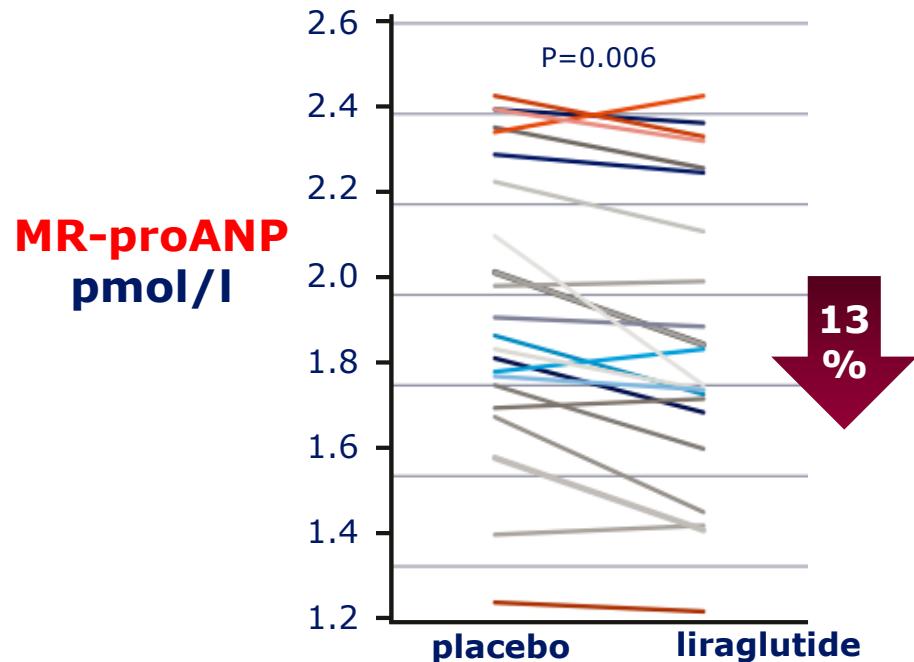
# GLP-1 RA can improve LV function in T2DM with chronic HF

- Italy, single center, open, random, 52 weeks, active drug control, parallel preliminary study
- 32 **Ischemic chronic HF (FCC II or III) or LVEF≤45%, T2DM**, randomized divided into 3 groups with LG (0.6-1.8mg), Sitagliptin and Glargin Insulin for 52 weeks

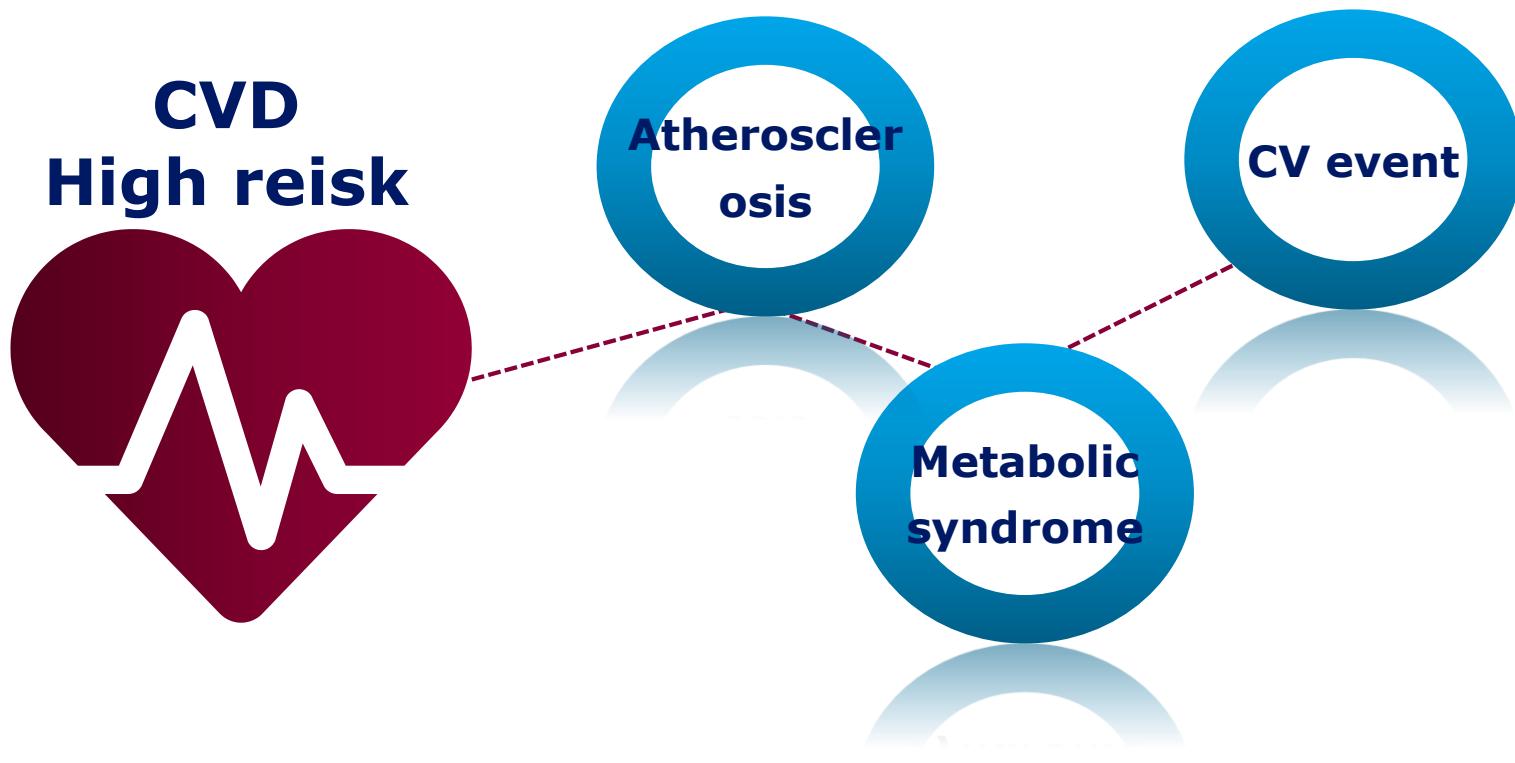


# GLP-1 RA decreases HF risk in T2DM with albuminuria

- Denmark, A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study, 32 **T2DM patient with albuminuria** ( $\text{UACR} > 30\text{mg/g}$ ;  $\text{eGFR} \geq 30\text{ml/min/1.73m}^2$ ), randomly receiving LG (1.8 mg/day) or placebo **12 weeks**



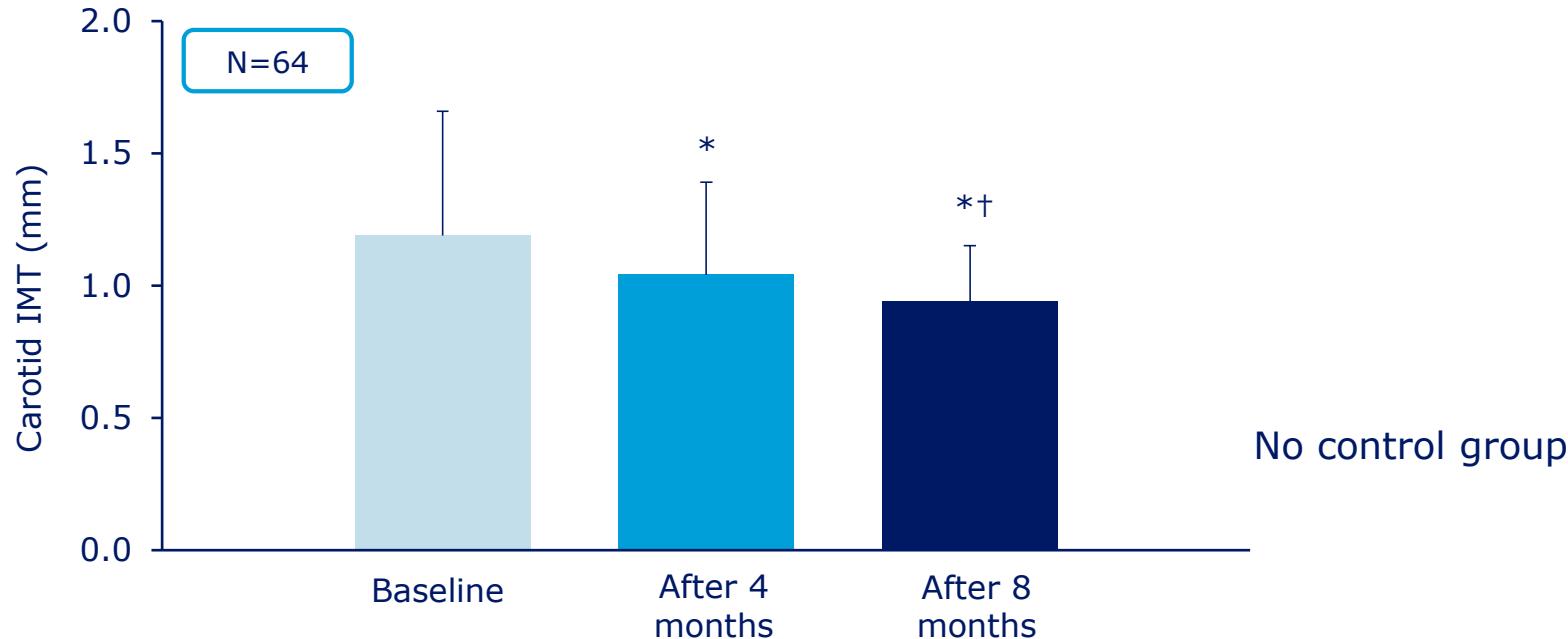
# GLP-1 RA could reduce the CV event rate in the patients with high risk CVD



# Liraglutide reduced carotid IMT

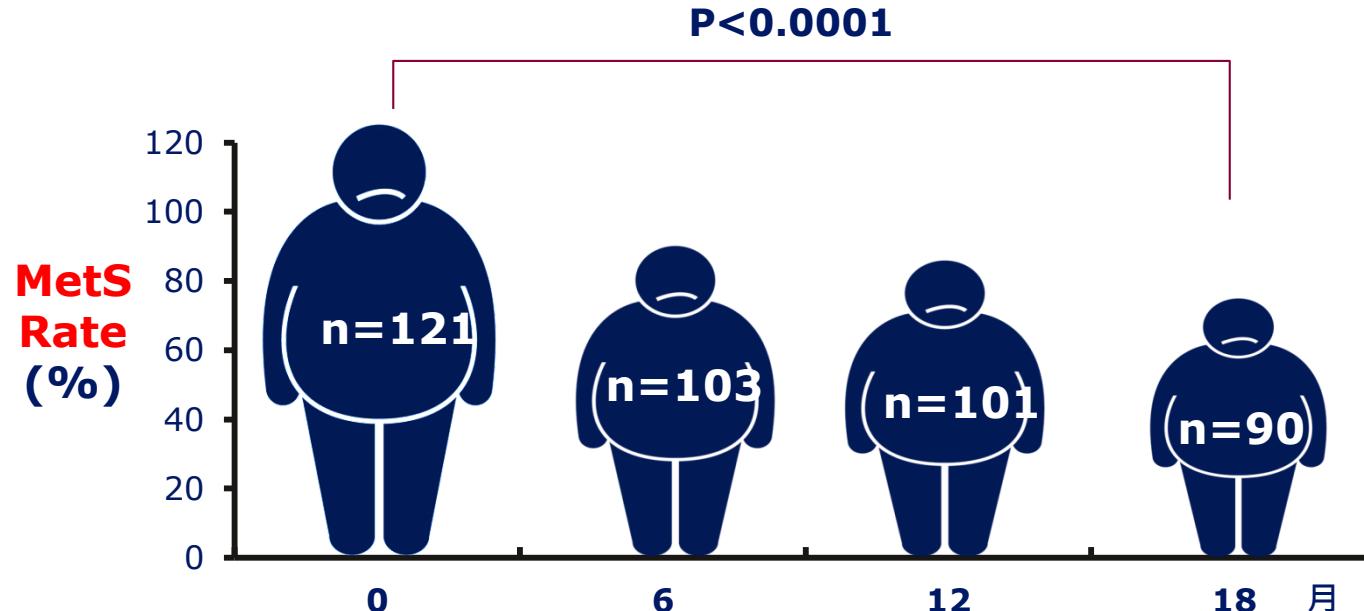
Effects of 8 months of liraglutide therapy in subjects with T2DM

- A prospective, real-world study in Italy. 121 T2DM with MetS (71 M and 50 F;  $62 \pm 9$  y/o; poor controlled with metformin), treated with LG + Metformin for 8 M's



# Liraglutide reduced 26% of metabolic syndrome

- Italy a prospective, real-world study, 121 T2DM with MetS (71 M and 50 F;  $62 \pm 9$  y/o; poor controlled with metformin), receiving LG + Metformin for 18 M's

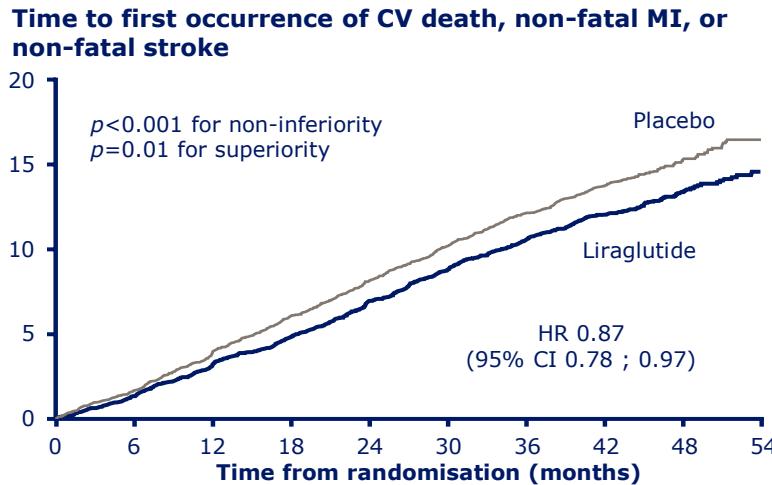


MetS: Metabolic syndrome

Rizzo M, et al. Cardiovascular diabetology.2016;15(1): 162.

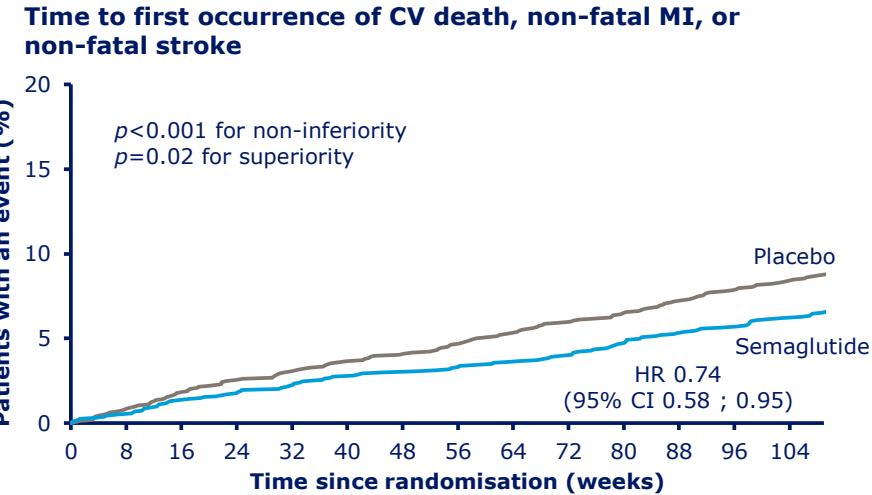
# CVOTs for human GLP-1 analogues

## LEADER<sup>1</sup>



LEADER is a post-approval CVOT with 1302 primary events

## SUSTAIN 6<sup>2</sup>

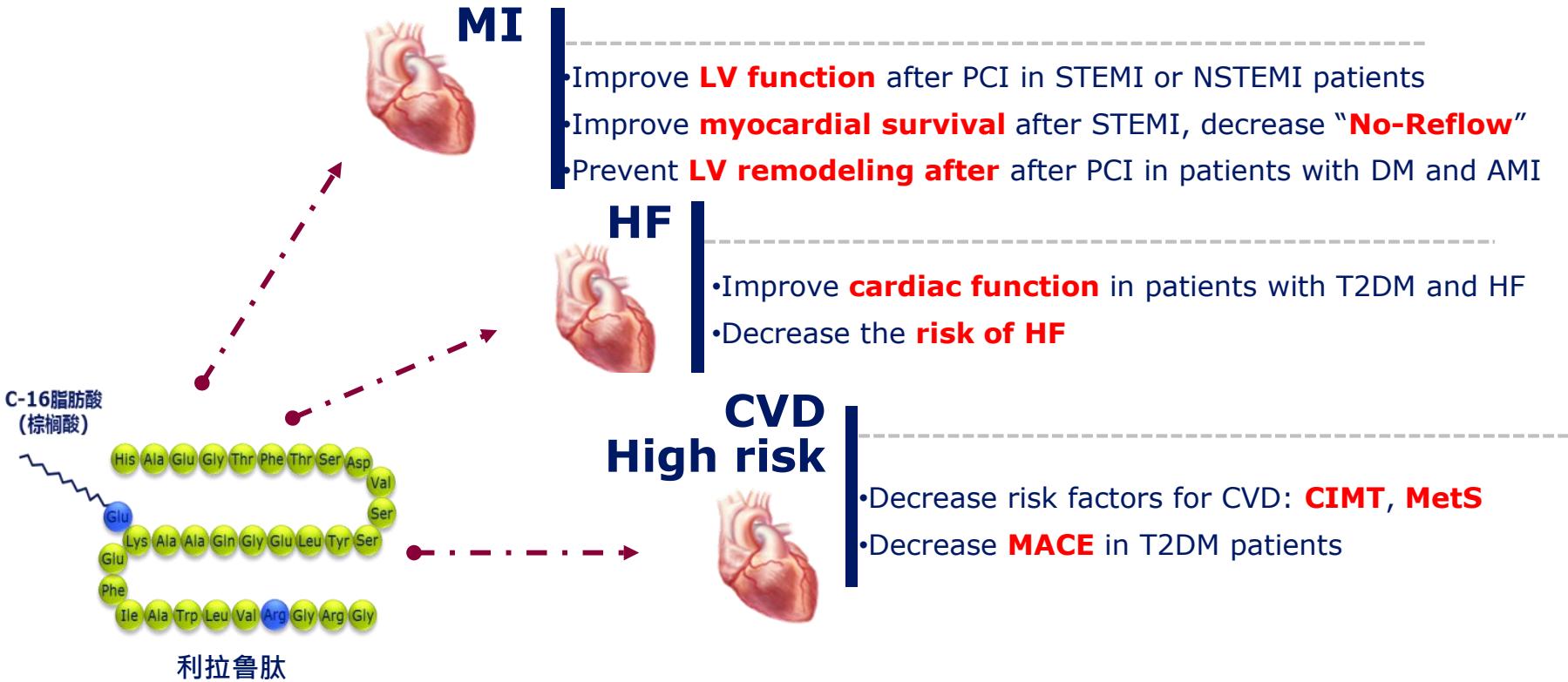


SUSTAIN 6 is a pre-approval CVOT with 254 primary events

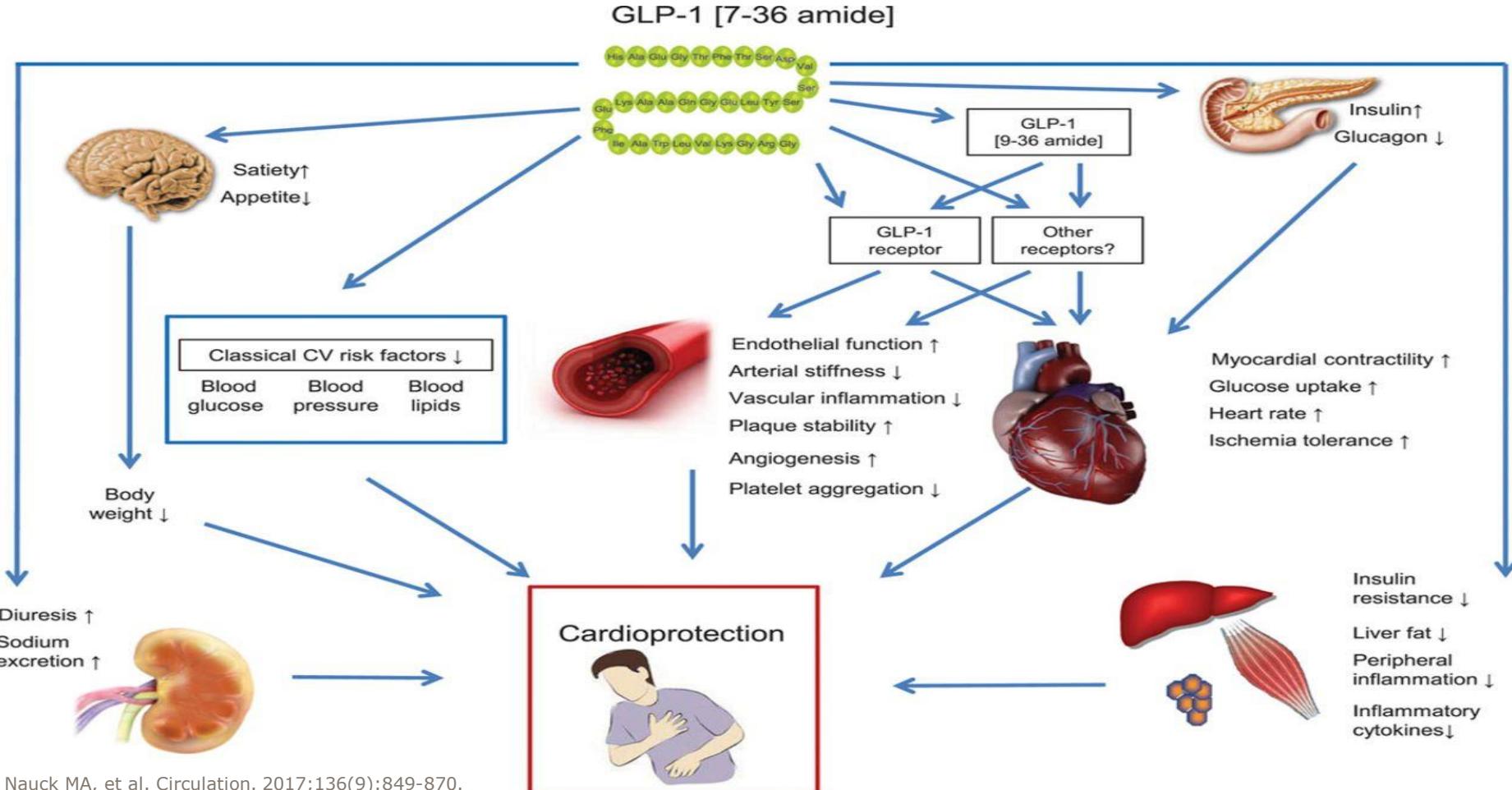
CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction

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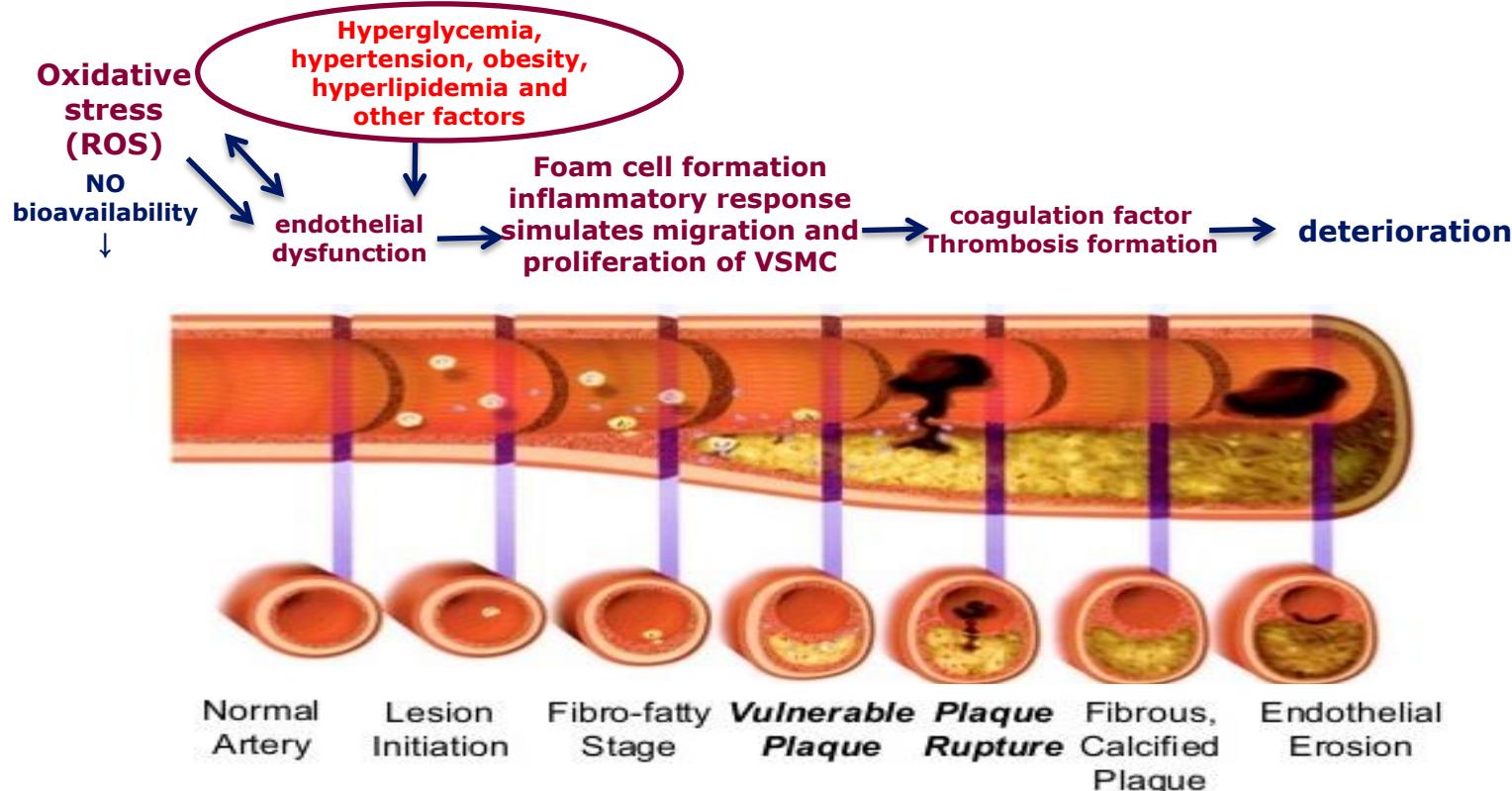
# Application of GLP-1RA in CVD



# GLP-1RA can achieve myocardial protection by regulating multiple targets



# The pathological mechanism of the development of CVD before myocardial injury

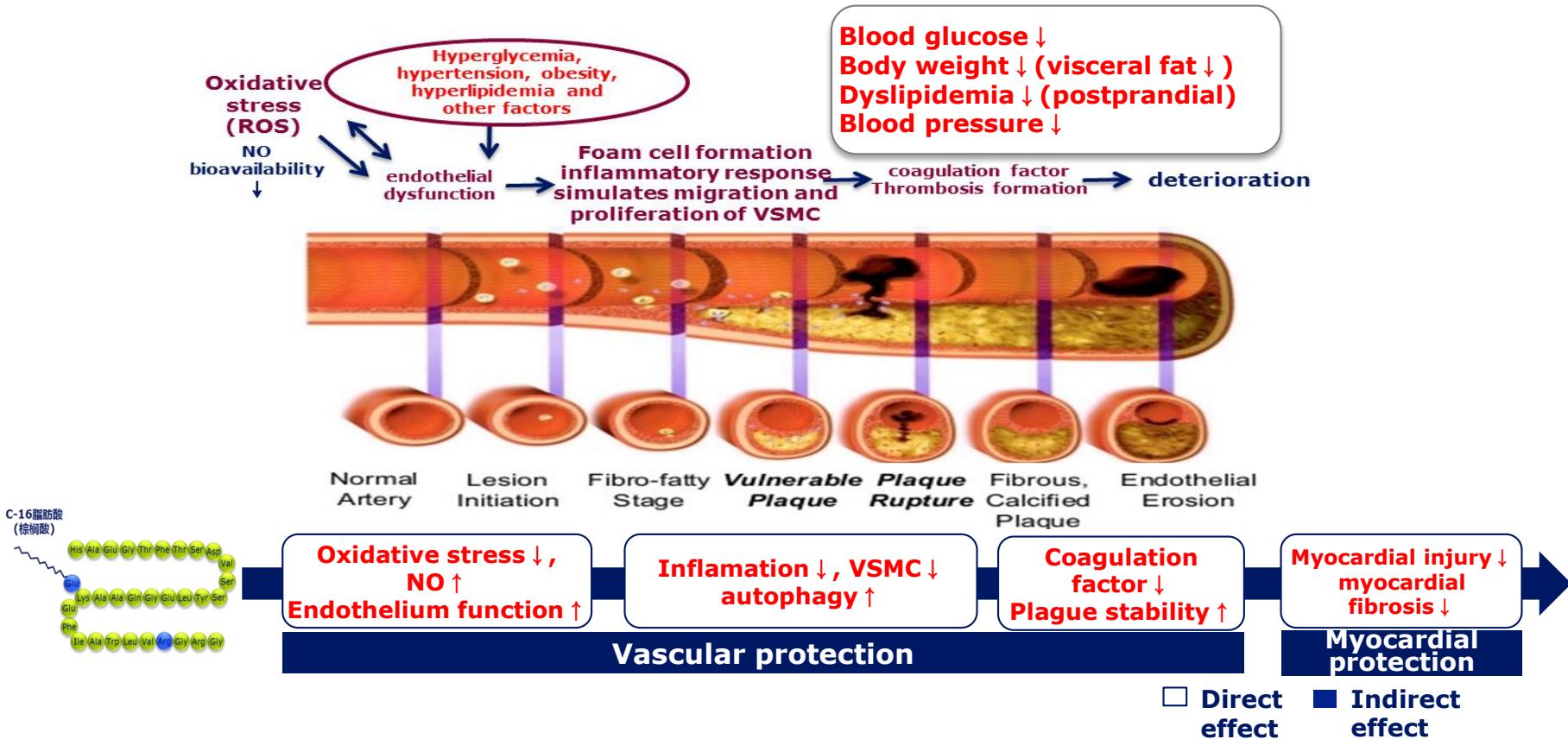


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**Myocardial injury / myocardial fibrosis**

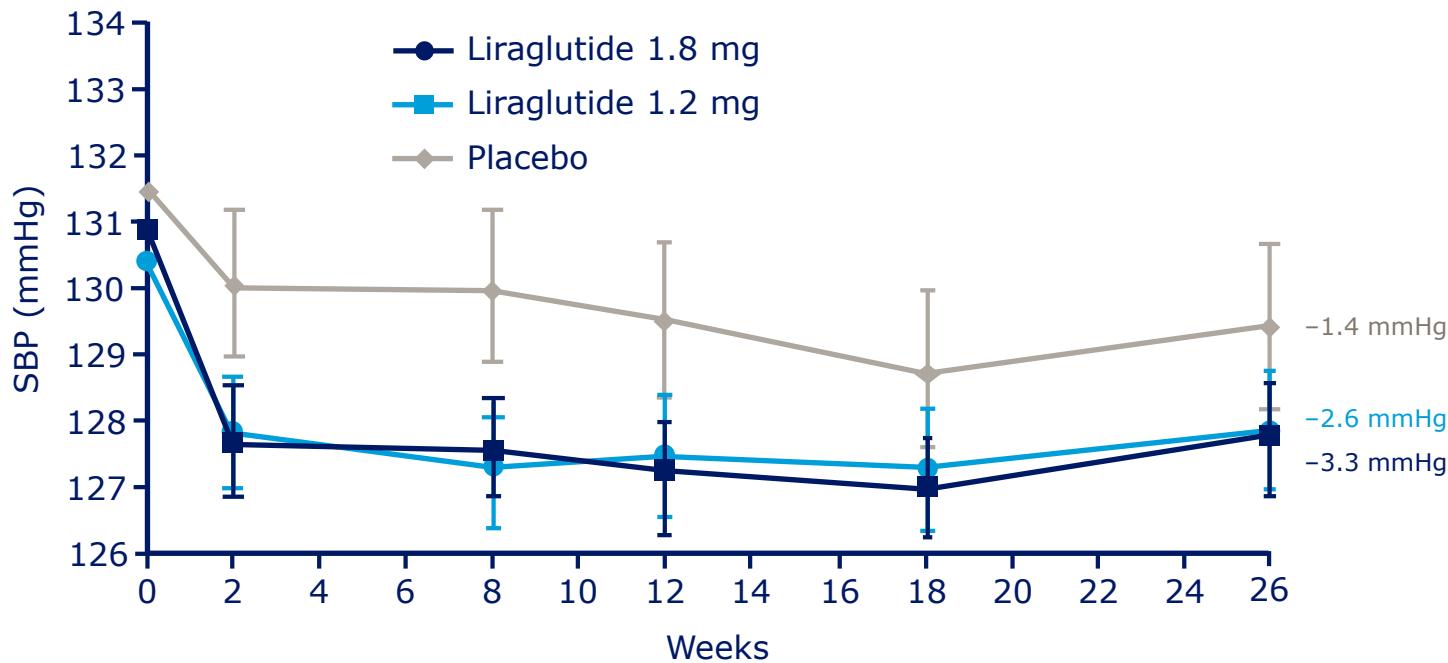
# GLP-1RA effects on the progression of CVD



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3. Hirano T, at al. Journal of diabetes investigation.2016;7(S1): 80-86. 4.Okerson T,et al.Cardiovascular therapeutics.2012;30(3):e146-e155.

# Liraglutide reduced SBP in LEAD 1–6

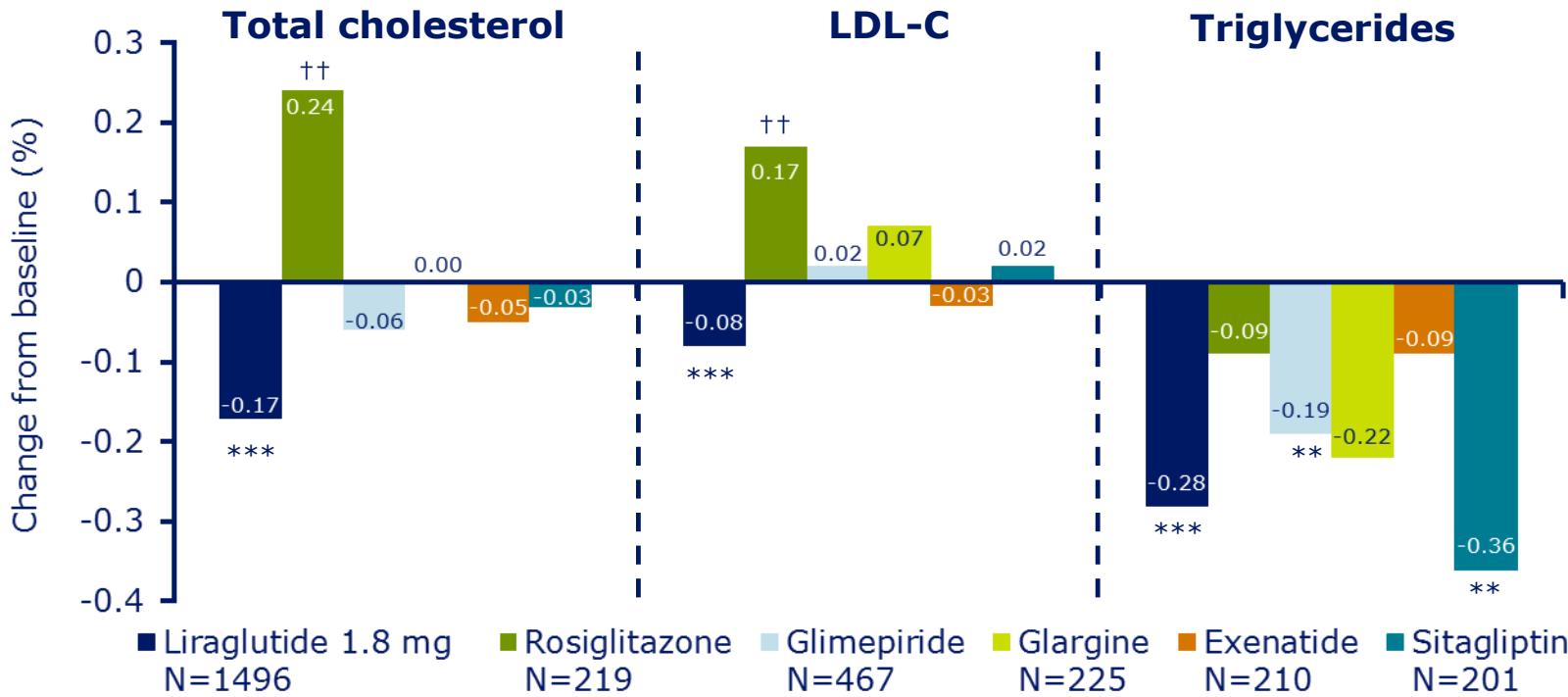


Data are last observation carried forward for the ITT population and expressed as least squares  $\pm$  confidence intervals. Patient-level pooled analysis of six randomised clinical trials (LEAD 1–6)

ITT, intention-to-treat; SBP, systolic blood pressure

Adapted from: Fonseca VA et al. *J Diabetes Complications* 2014;28:399–405

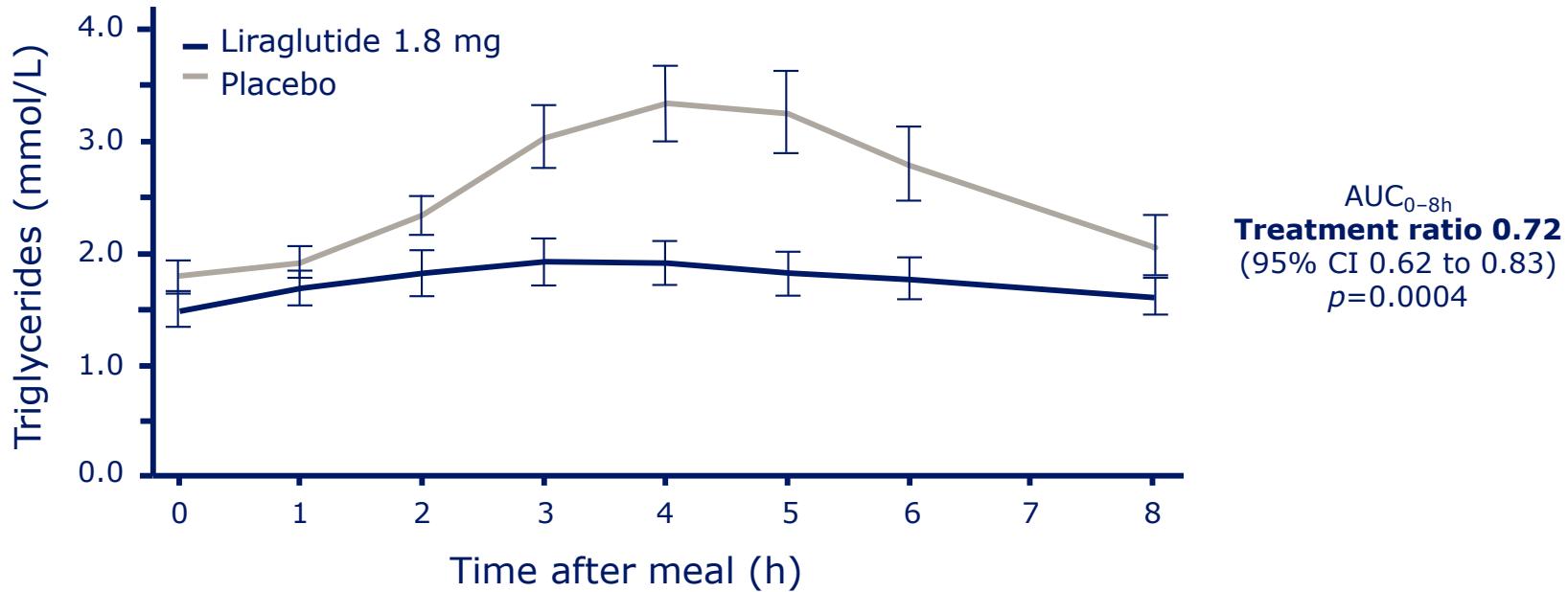
# Liraglutide effect on fasting lipid levels



LEAD 1-6: Meta-analysis. \*\* $p<0.01$ ; \*\*\* $p<0.0001$ ; all indicate a significant decrease vs baseline; † is used instead of \* to indicate a significant increase from baseline  
LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

Fonseca VA et al. International Diabetes Federation 21st World Diabetes Congress, 4-8 December 2011, Dubai, UAE

# Effect of liraglutide on postprandial TG

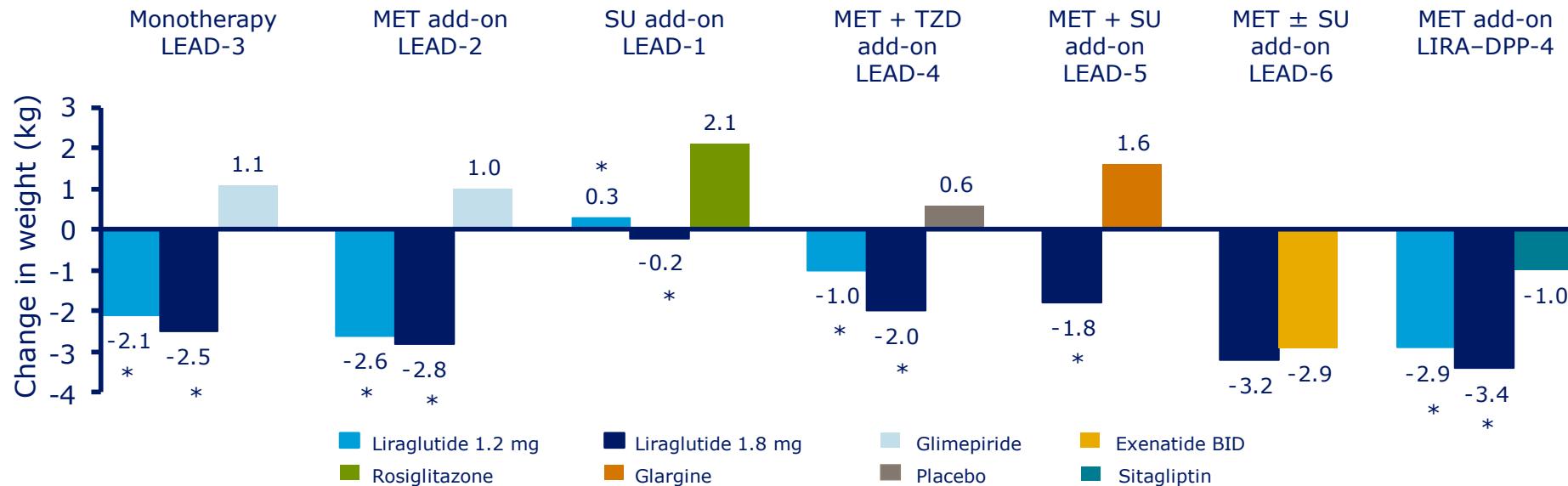


Data are mean  $\pm$  SEM

AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval; SEM, standard error of the mean

Hermansen K et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2013;15:1040–1048

# Liraglutide reduced body weight in people with T2DM



\*Significant vs comparator

BID, twice daily; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; MET, metformin; SU, sulphonylurea; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; TZD, thiazolidinedione  
Marre M et al. *Diabet Med* 2009;26:268-278 (LEAD-1); Nauck M et al. *Diabetes Care* 2009;32:84-90 (LEAD-2); Garber A et al. *Lancet* 2009;373:473-481 (LEAD-3); Zinman B et al. *Diabetes Care* 2009;32:1224-1230 (LEAD-4); Russell-Jones D et al. *Diabetologia* 2009;52:2046-2055 (LEAD-5); Buse JB et al. *Lancet* 2009;374:39-47 (LEAD-6); Pratley RE et al. *Lancet* 2010;375:1447-1456 (LIRA-DPP-4)

# GLP-1RAs cause a small increase in heart rate

- Small but statistically significant increases in heart rate have been observed with liraglutide and exenatide OW<sup>1-5</sup>

	Exenatide 10 µg BID <sup>4,6</sup>	Exenatide 2 mg OW <sup>5</sup>	Liraglutide 1.2 mg OD <sup>1-4,9</sup>	Liraglutide 1.8 mg OD <sup>1-4,9</sup>	Albiglutide 50 mg <sup>7</sup>	Dulaglutide 1.5 mg <sup>8</sup>	Lixisenatide 20 µg <sup>9</sup>
Increase in heart rate (bpm)	1–2	4	2–4	2–4	1–2	2–4	3

BID, twice daily; bpm, beats per minute; GLP-1RA; glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; OD, once daily; OW, once weekly

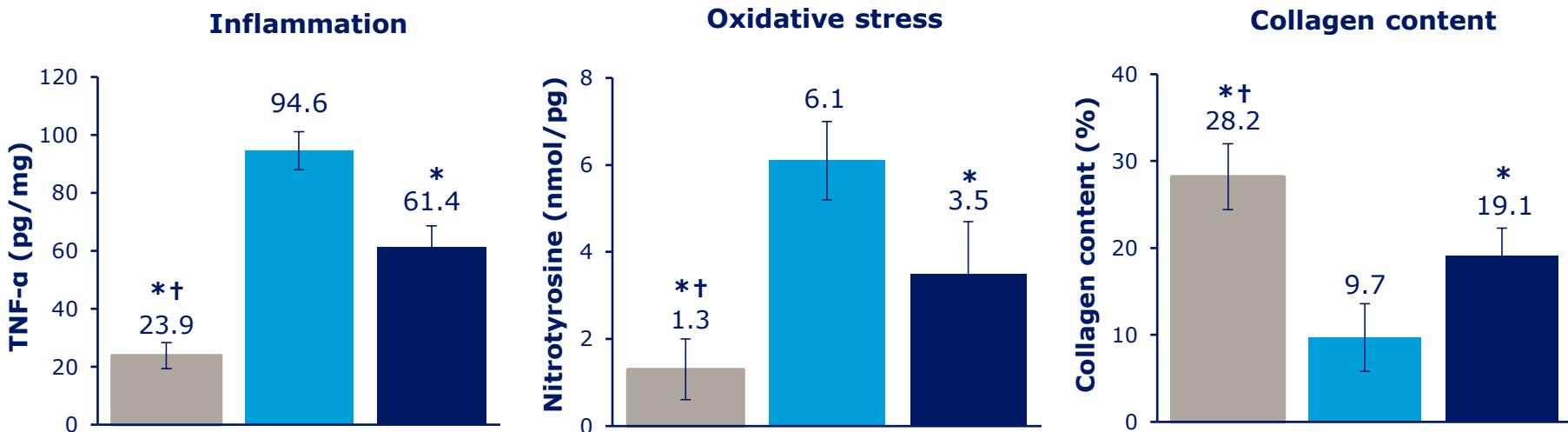
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# Studies show the cardioprotective mechanism of liraglutide

	Researcher	Year	Country	Observation objects	Study indicator
Vascular protection	Nana Li,et al.	2016	China	Endothelial cells	Endothelial function
	Jing Ke,et al.	2017	China	Endothelial cells High fat diet (HFD)-fed ApoE-/- mice	Endothelial function
	Xianwei Wang,et al.	2016	China	myocardial ischemia/reperfusion mice	Oxidative stress Inflammation
	Teruo Jojima,et al.	2017	Japan	ApoE-/-mice	Smooth muscle proliferation
	Gleizes C,et al.	2014	France	B-Cells were submitted to oxidative stress conditions	procoagulant tissue factor
	Gaspari T,et al.	2013	Australia	ApoE-/-mice	Plaque Stability
Cardiac protection	Ya Zhang,et al.	2017	China	Zucker diabetic fatty rat	Autophagy
	Noha A. T. Abbas,et al.	2017	Egypt	Doxorubicin-induced cardiotoxicity in rat	Myocardial injury
	Shun-Ying HU,et al.	2017	China	Cardiomyocytes	Myocardial injury
	Tracey Gaspari, et al.	2015	Australia	obesity- and age-induced cardiac fibrosis model in mice	Cardiac fibrosis

# Incretin therapy improves indicators of plaque stability in patients with T2DM

■ Non-diabetes control N=30      ■ Never incretin users N=28      ■ Current incretin users N=24



\* $p<0.05$  vs never users group; † $p<0.05$  vs current users group

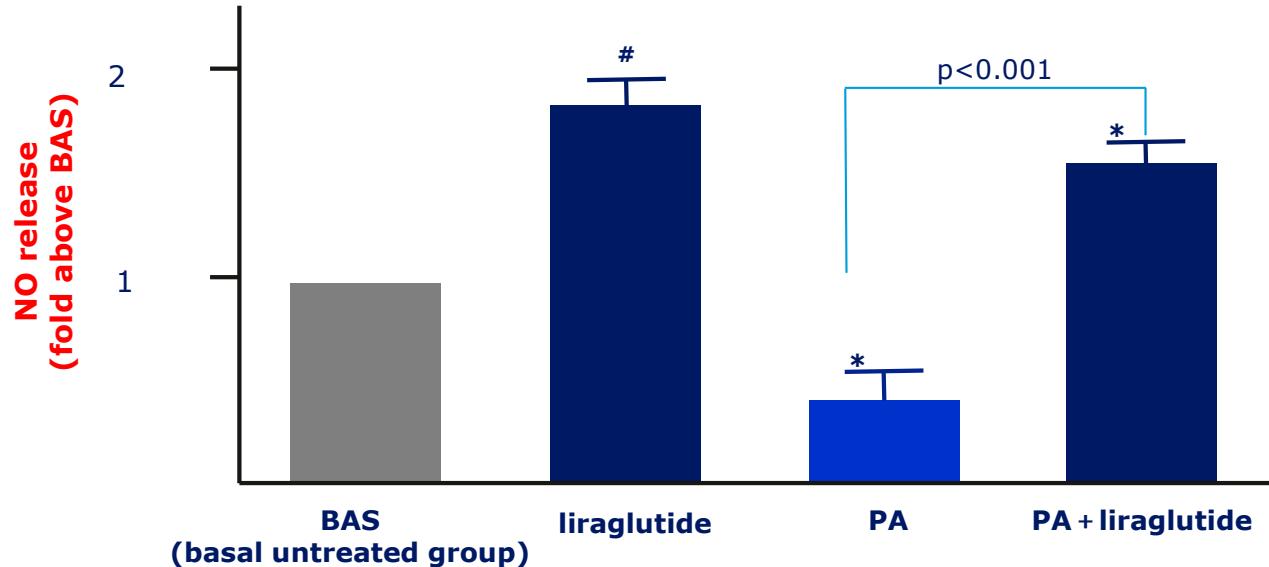
Atherosclerotic plaques from **patients undergoing carotid endarterectomy**; patients included patients without diabetes and patients with T2DM  $\pm$  incretin therapy

TNF- $\alpha$ , tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$ ; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

Balestrieri ML et al. *Diabetes* 2015;64:1395-1406

# Liraglutide can improve NO release and endothelial function

- Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) were incubated with PA for 16 h and then were treated with liraglutide for 30 min.

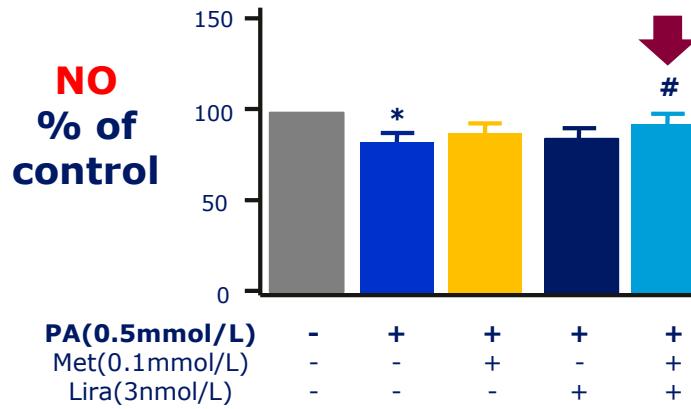
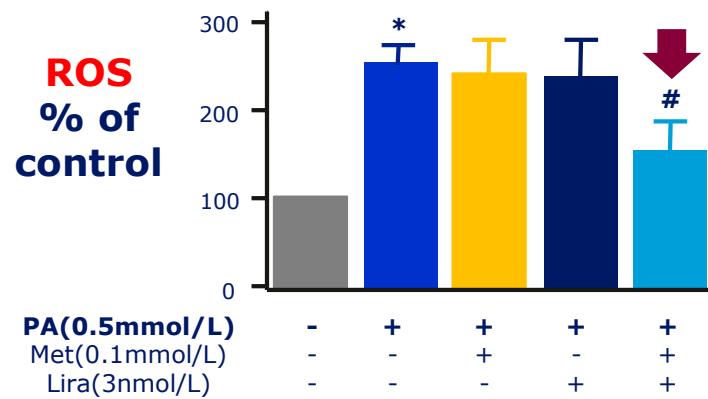


Compared to BAS, \* $p < 0.05$ , # $p < 0.001$

NO: Nitric oxide NO, known as endothelium-derived relaxing factor before. It participates in several biological processes such as vasodilatation and platelet aggregation inhibition

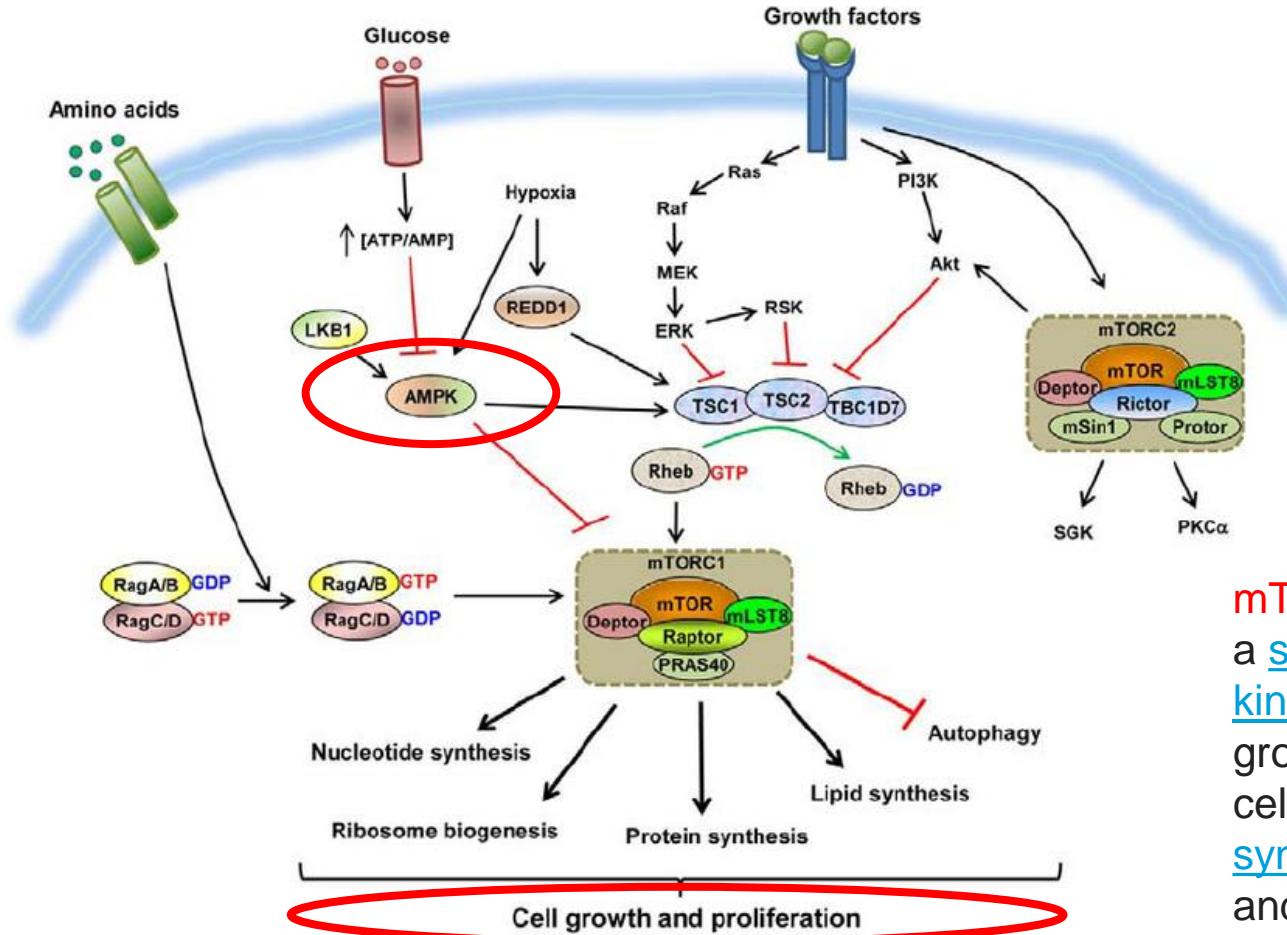
# Liraglutide+Metformin decrease ROX and increase NO

- Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs), exposed to palmitic acid (PA) to induce endothelial dysfunction, were incubated with metformin, liraglutide or their combination



\*P<0.05 (vs. control);  
#P<0.05 (vs. PA)

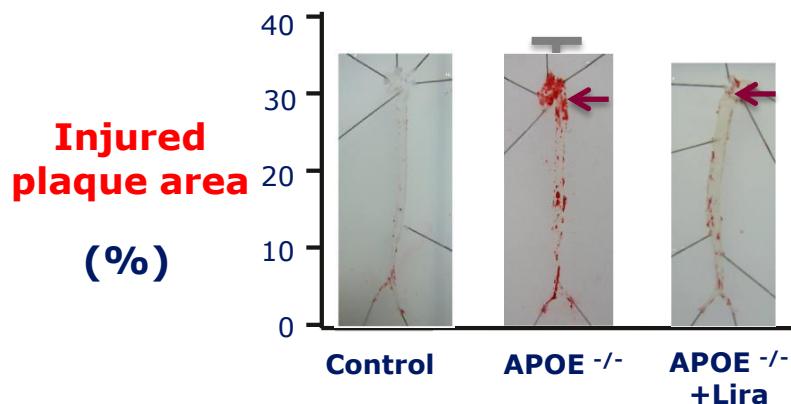
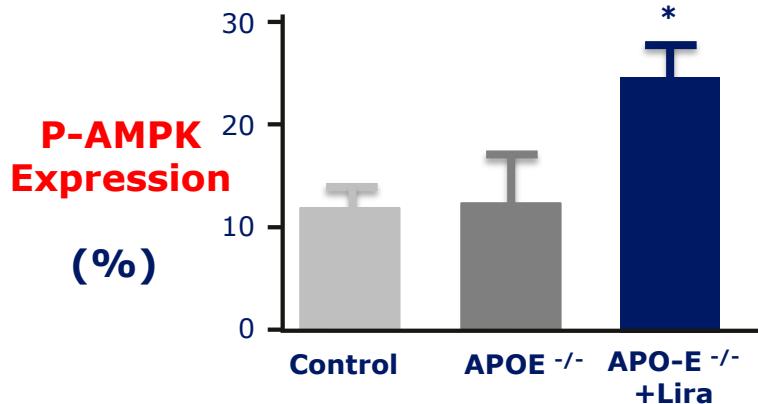
# The AMPK/mTOR signaling pathway



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# Liraglutide activates AMPK, inhibits VSMCs proliferation

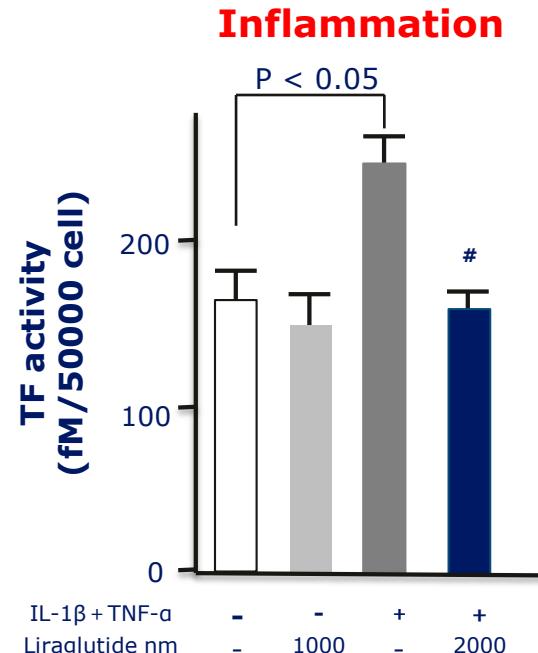
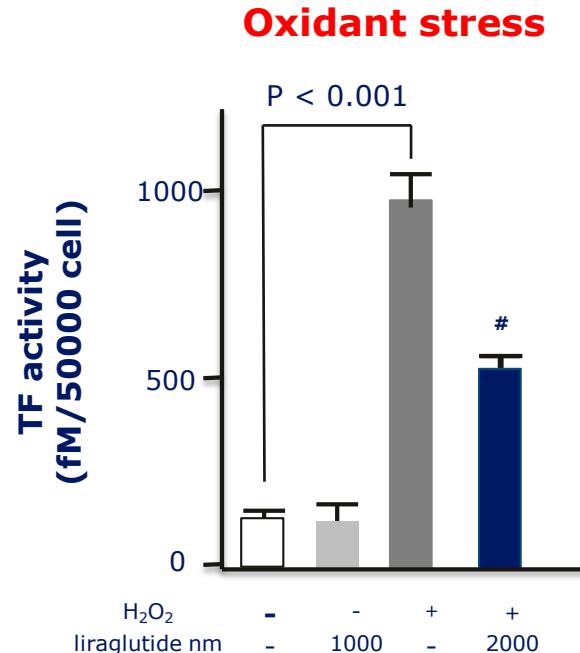
- We investigated whether liraglutide could:
  - prevent the development of atherosclerosis in apolipoprotein E knockout mice (ApoE<sup>-/-</sup>) on a high-fat diet.
  - have the influence on angiotensin II-induced proliferation of rat vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) via enhancement of AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) signaling and regulation of cell cycle progression



\* compared with the vehicle-treated ApoE KO mice  $P < 0.05$

## Liraglutide can inhibit the tissue thromboplastin activity under oxidant stress and inflammation

- Rin-m5f rat  $\beta$  cells were stimulated by  $H_2O_2$  or a combination of IL-1 $\beta$  and TNF- $\alpha$ . To mimic the oxidative and inflammatory conditions. The cells were pretreated by 1  $\mu$ M liraglutide for 4 h to access the modulation effect of liraglutide



TF: tissue factor

Gleizes C, et al. Transplant International. 2014;27(7):733-740.

# Liraglutide inhibits progression of early, low-burden atherosclerotic lesion development in *ApoE*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

Lesion development



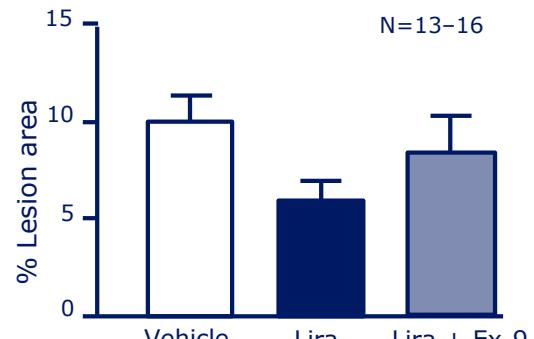
Vehicle

Lira

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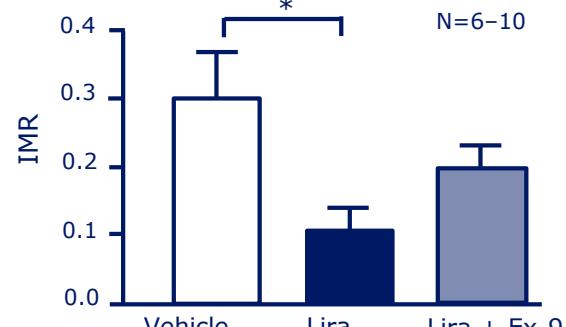
Haematoxylin and eosin staining in the aortic arch

Lipid deposition



Oil red O staining performed in the aorta

Intima/media ratio (IMR)

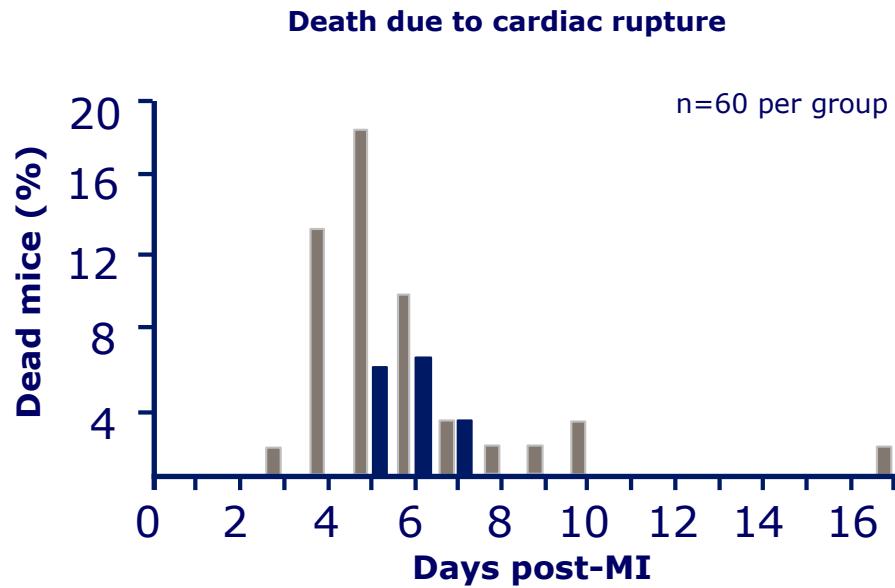
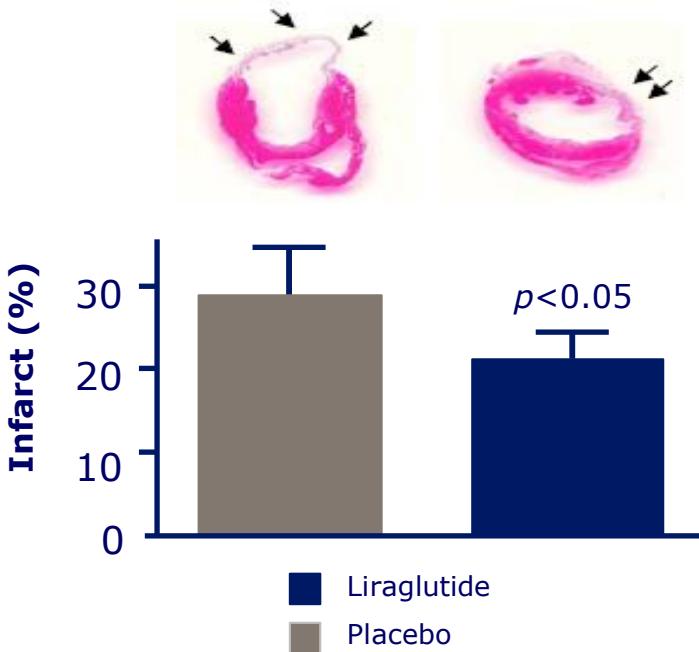


IMR analysis performed in the aortic arch

\* $p<0.05$  vs vehicle by one-way ANOVA; data are mean  $\pm$  SEM; performed in *ApoE*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with early, low-burden atherosclerotic lesions  
*ApoE*<sup>-/-</sup>, apolipoprotein E knockout; ANOVA, analysis of variance; Ex-9, exendin-9; IMR, intima-media ratio; Lira, liraglutide; SEM, standard error of the mean

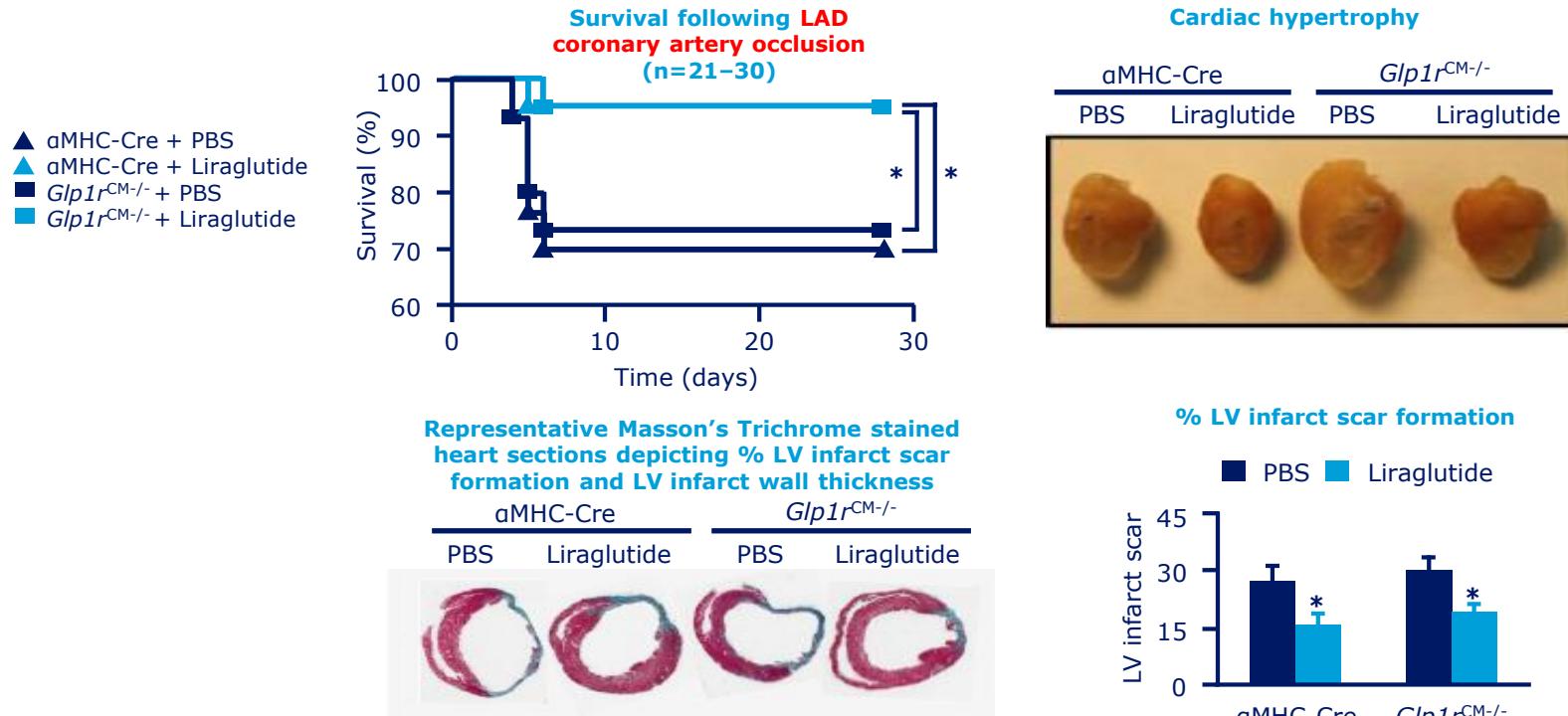
Gaspari T et al. *Diab Vasc Dis Res* 2013;10:353–360

# Liraglutide reduced infarct size and improved survival in mice following LAD artery ligation



LAD, left anterior descending; MI, myocardial infarction  
Noyan-Ashraf M et al. *Diabetes* 2009;58:975–983

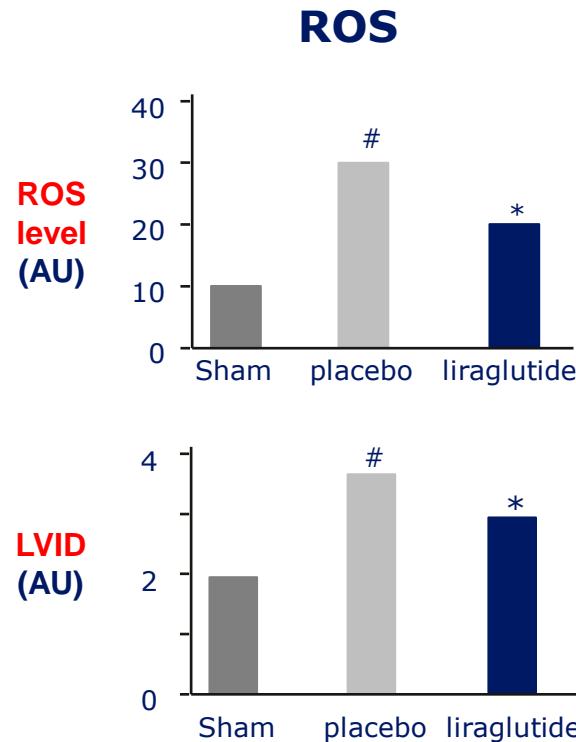
# Cardiac GLP-1R is not required for post-MI benefits of liraglutide *in vivo*



\*30 mg/kg BW i.p. twice daily for 1 week. aMHC-Cre, α-myosin heavy chain-Cre mice; GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; *Glp1r*<sup>CM-/-</sup>, *Glp1r* deficient mice; i.p., intraperitoneal; LAD, left anterior descending; LV, left ventricular; MI, myocardial infarction; PBS, phosphate-buffered saline  
Ussher JR et al. Mol Metab 2014;3:507-517

# Liraglutide can improve ROS, inflammation and LV remodeling

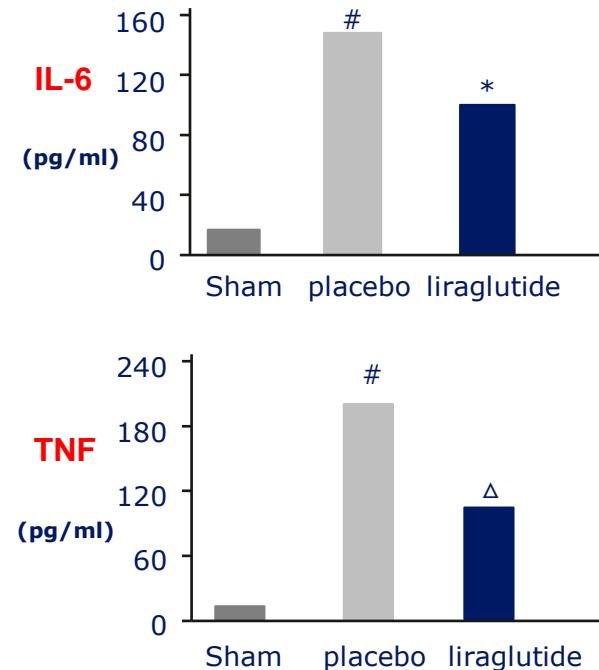
- C57BL/6 mice were treated with liraglutide for 5 days, and then subjected to LCA occlusion (1 h) and reperfusion (3 h)



Compared to Sham, #P<0.01

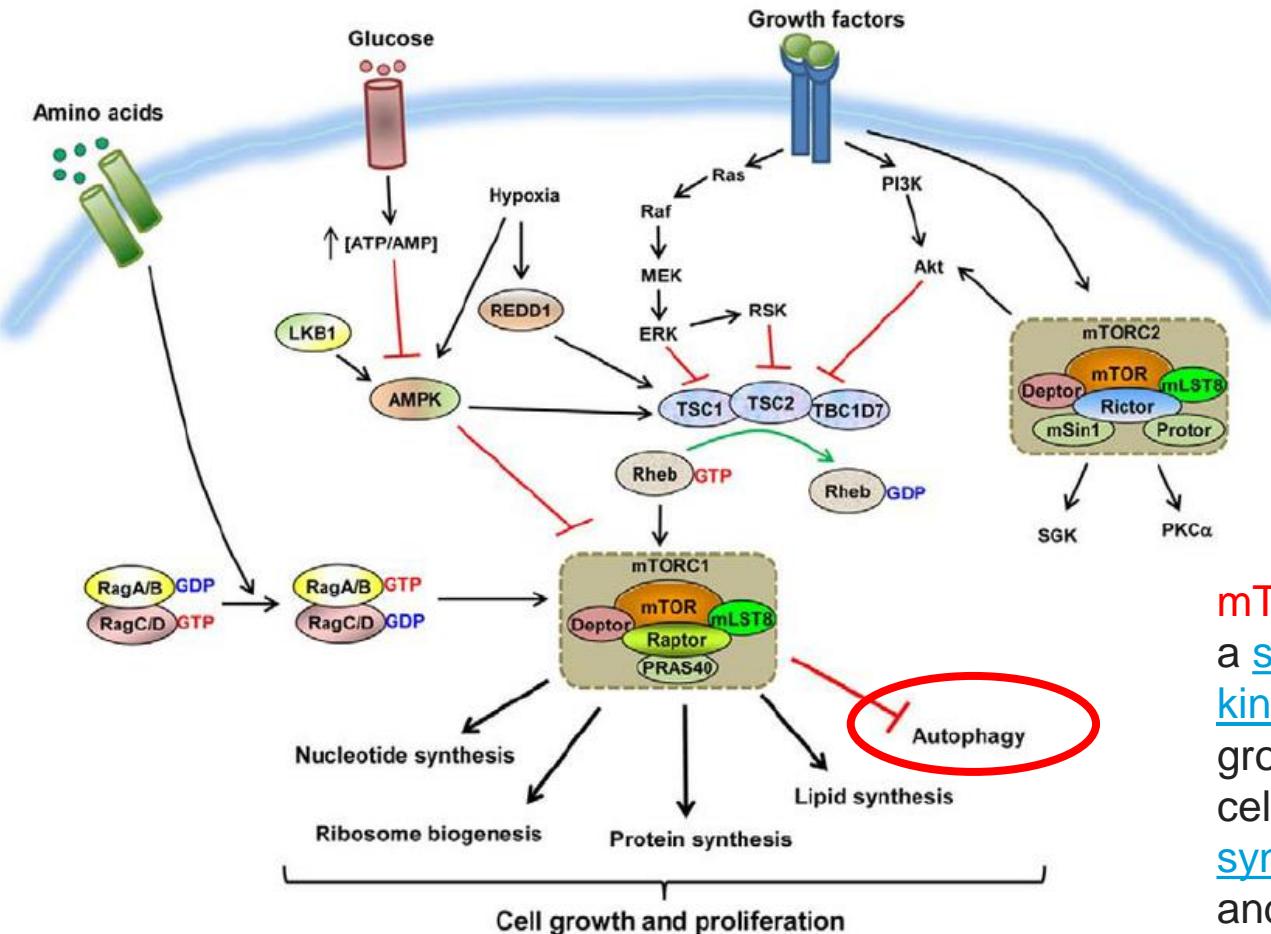
Compared to placebo,\*P<0.05,△P<0.01

## Inflammatory markers



Wang X, et al. Clinical Science.2016;130(15): 1353-62.

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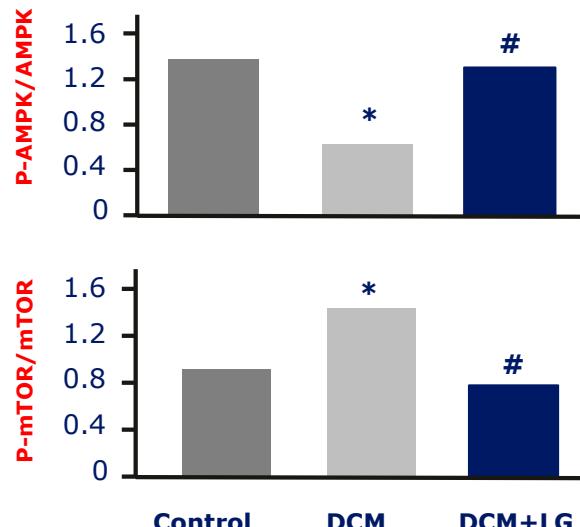


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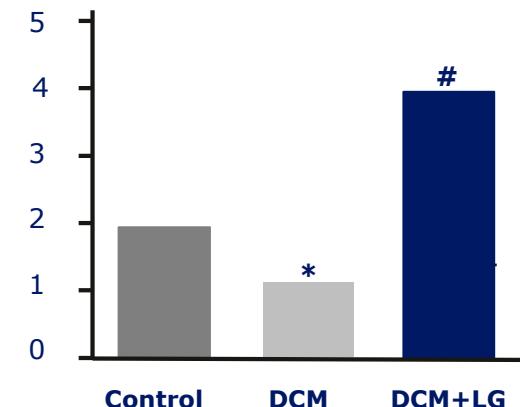
# Liraglutide can increase autophagy and decrease myocardial injury

- The effect of liraglutide for myocardial fibrosis in the Zucker diabetic fatty (ZDF) rat model

The ZDF rats were randomly divided into five groups: (1) normal group (Control); (2) DCM group; (3) DCM + LG group (200 µg/kg of LG, subcutaneous injection) group. LG was injected once a day for 8 weeks.



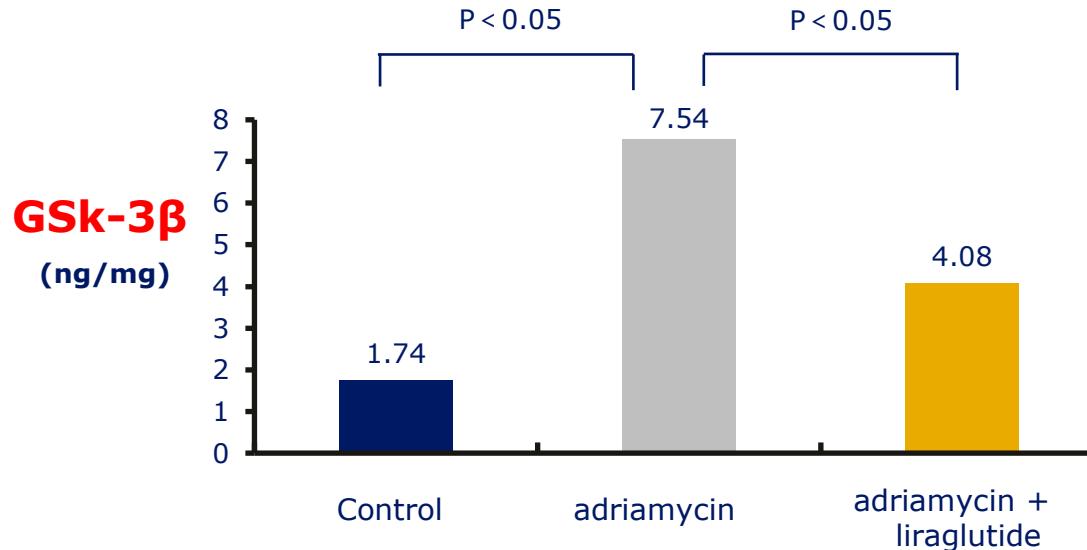
Autophagy  
vacuole  
number



Vs control, \*P<0.01; vs DCM, #P<0.05

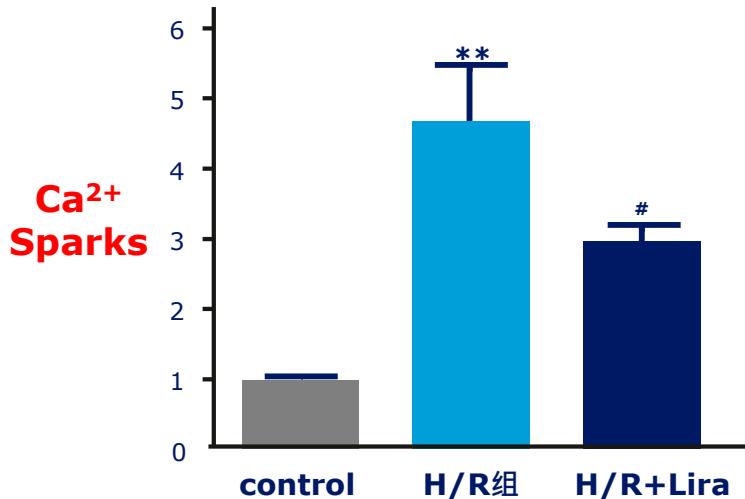
DCM: Diabetic  
LG: liraglutide

# Liraglutide can inhibit gsk-3 $\beta$ to improve the cardiotoxicity induced by adriamycin

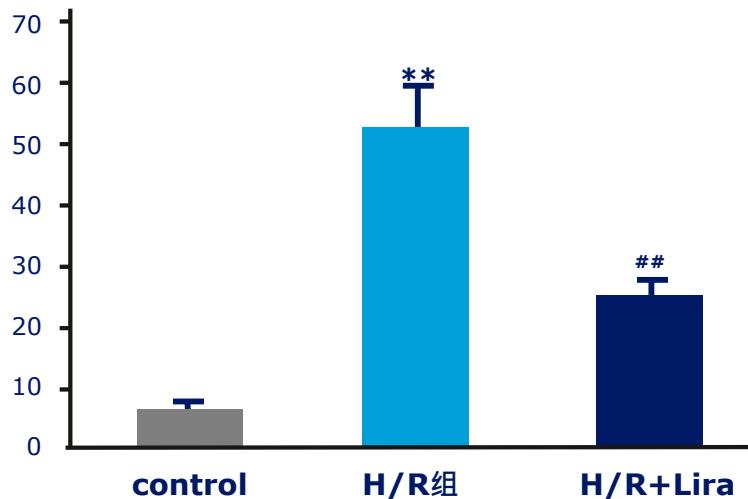


**GSK-3 $\beta$ :** Glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) is a proline-directed serine-threonine kinase that was initially identified as a phosphorylating and an inactivating agent of glycogen synthase. Two isoforms, alpha (GSK3A) and beta, show a high degree of amino acid homology.<sup>[5]</sup> GSK3B is involved in energy metabolism, neuronal cell development, and body pattern formation.<sup>[9][10]</sup> It might be a new therapeutic target for ischemic stroke.

# Liraglutide can decrease $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ overload and prevent myocardial apoptosis in ischemia-reperfusion injury

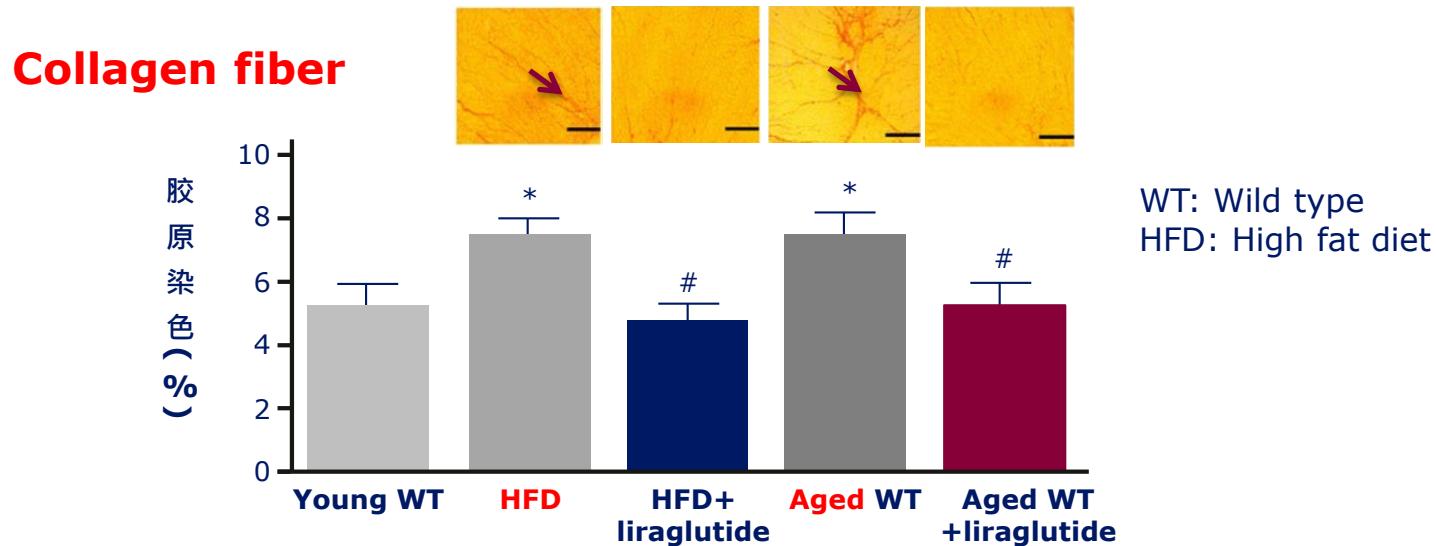


Percentage  
of apoptotic  
cells  
(%)



H/R:hypoxia/reoxygenatio; lira,liraglutide; Fura-2/AM:was used to measure intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentration and calcium transient.

# Liraglutide can improve myocardial fibrosis in aged rats or fed with high fat

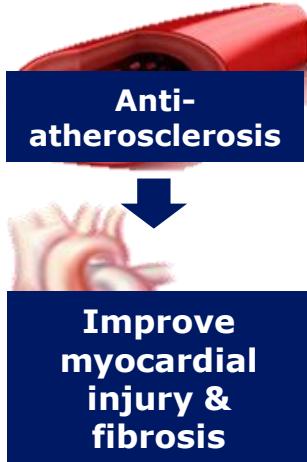


Vs young WT,\* $P<0.01$ ; vs HFD and aged WT,# $P<0.01$

Gaspari T, et al. Diabetes and Vascular Disease Research.2016;13(1): 56-68.

# Possible Mechanisms of Beneficial Effects on CVS

Improve endoth. dysfunction  
Anti-inflammation  
Anti-oxidation  
Inh. VSMC proliferation  
Anti-coagulation  
Stabilize unstable plaque  
Augment autophagy



Blood glucose ↓  
BW ↓ (Body fat decrease)  
Dyslipidemia ↓  
Hypertension ↓

GLP-1 RA



Decrease CV risk  
or mortality

# Summary

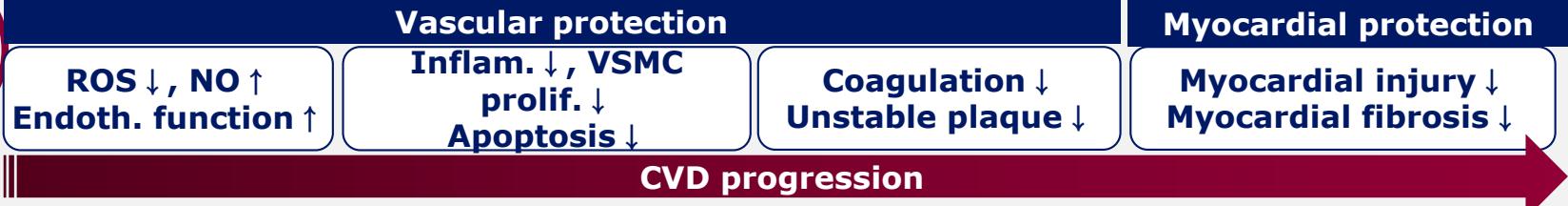
Strong evidence for the important role of GLP-1 in T2DM treatment  
All guidelines recognize the **beneficial CV effects** of GLP-1 RA



More and more researches to focus on the CV effect of GLP-1 RA

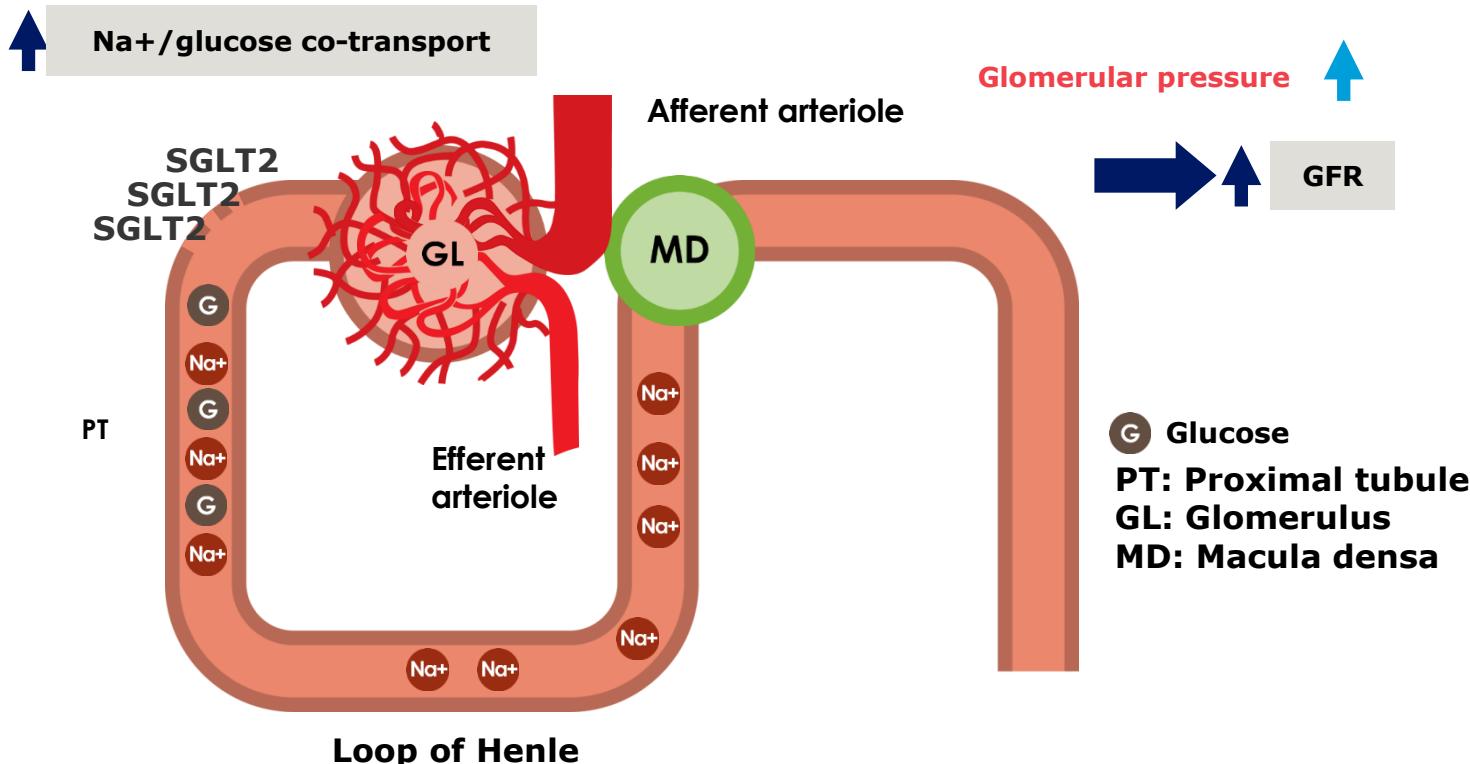
In addition to treat T2DM, GLP-1 RA may be used for the patients with **MI**, **HF**, or other **high CVD risks** to get beneficial effects

Liraglutide can effect in different stages of CVD to reduce CVD risk or mortality



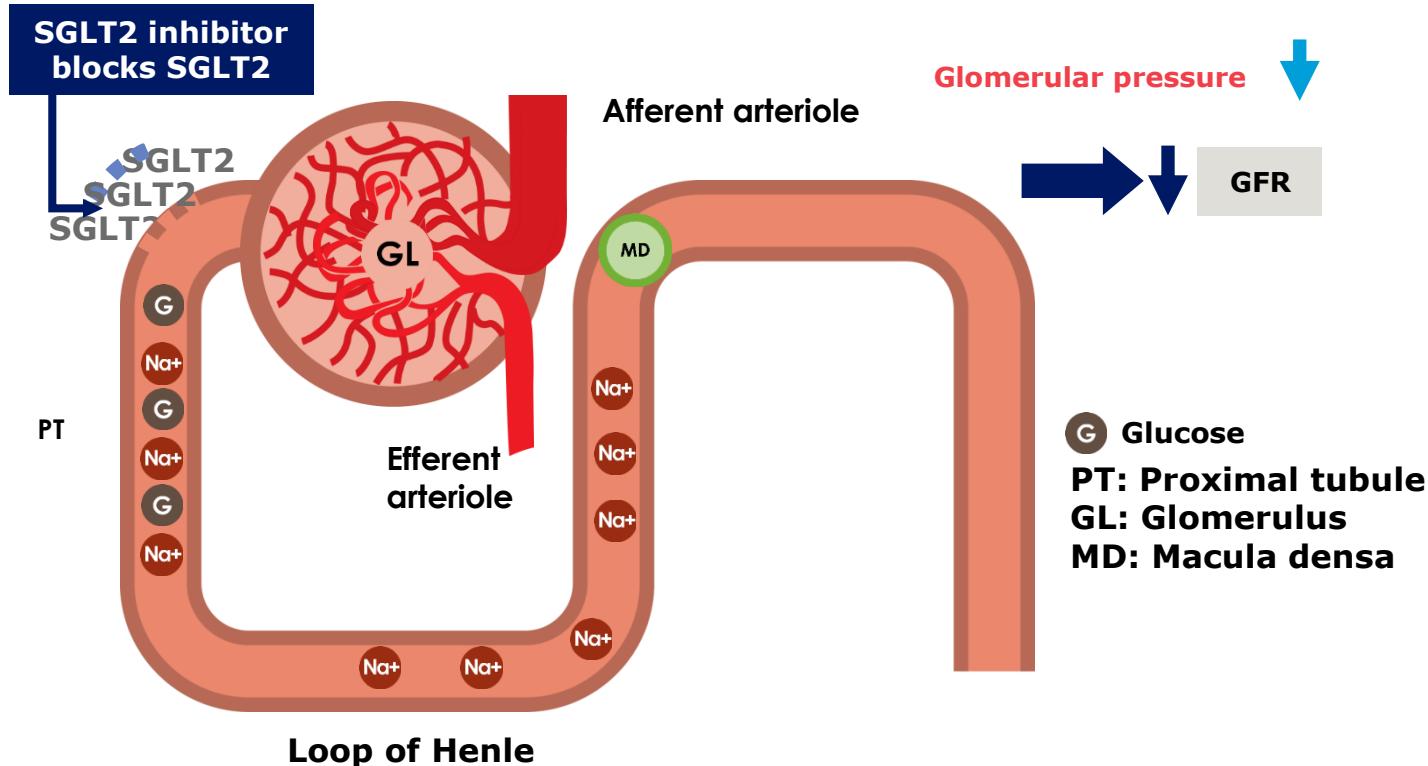
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# Diabetes causes glomerular hypertension



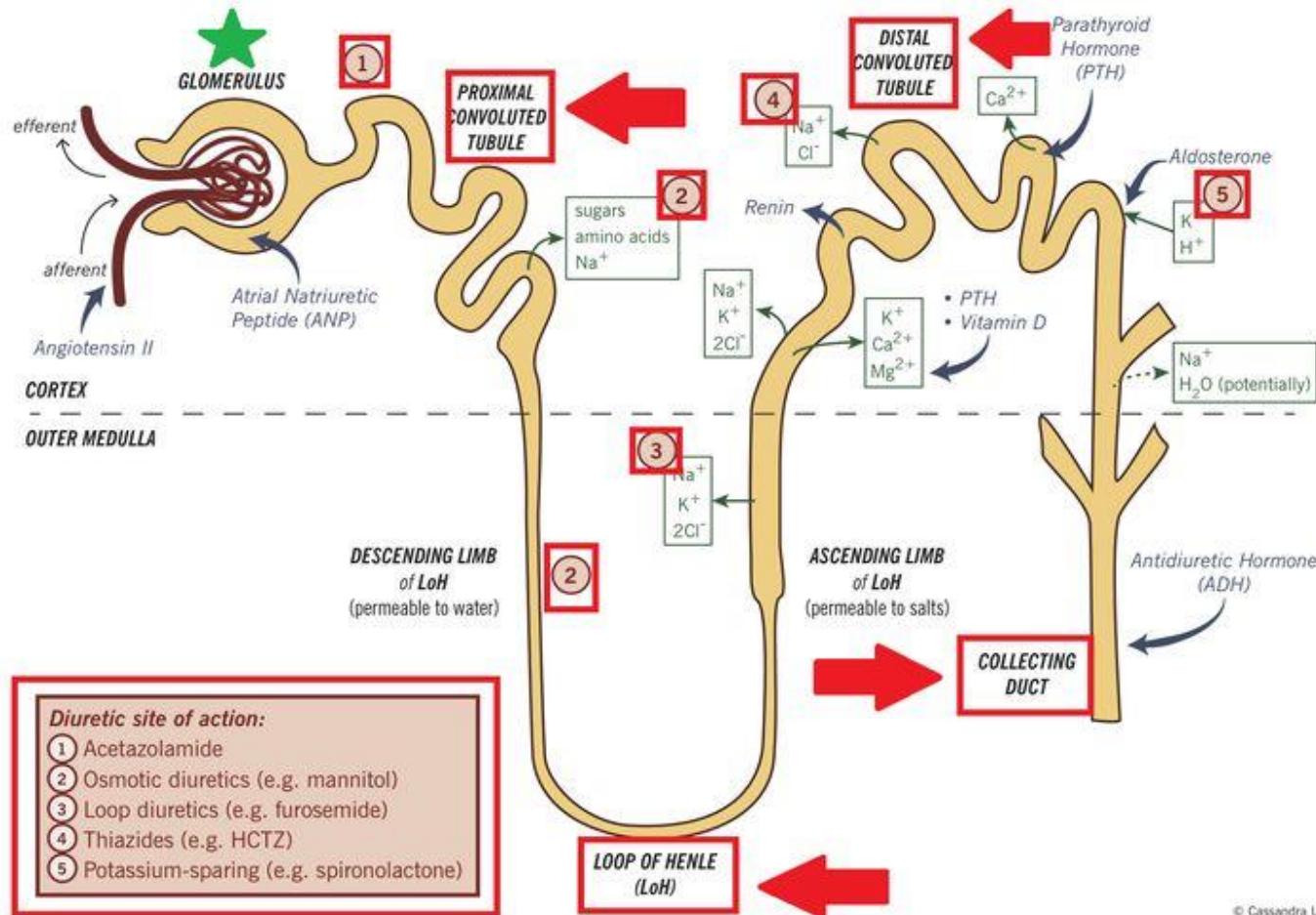
Renal hemodynamics under hyperglycemia

# SGLT2 inhibitors lowers intra-glomerular pressure

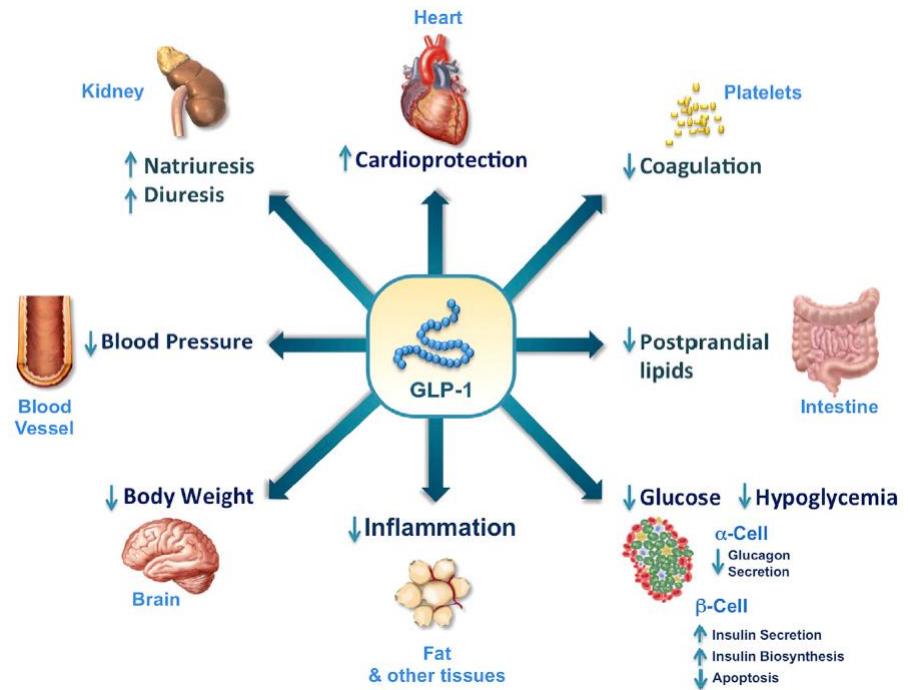
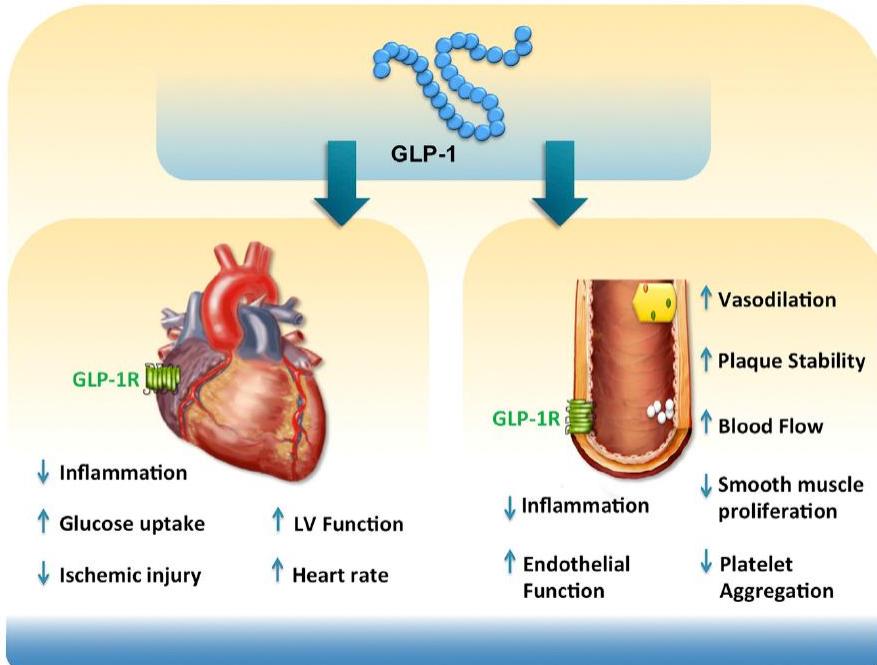


Renal hemodynamics with SGLT2 inhibitor

## Hormones Acting on the Nephron / Diuretics and Their Site of Action



# Potential mode of action for GLP-1 to impact cardiovascular disease



GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor; LV, left ventricular  
Drucker DJ. Cell Metab 2016;24:15-30

# Summary: CV effects of GLP-1RAs

- GLP-1RAs, including liraglutide, have been shown to reduce SBP and lipid levels<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Improvement in these risk factors is associated with a reduced risk of adverse CV outcomes<sup>4-7</sup>
- Weight loss with GLP-1RAs may improve CV endpoints<sup>8-11</sup>
- GLP-1RAs have been reported to increase heart rate<sup>1,12</sup>
- Exploratory data in small cohorts suggest that GLP-1RAs potentially modify the progression of atherosclerotic vascular disease

CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist

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