

# Clinical Impact of Shortages: Role of GLP-1 RAs in the Management of Diabetes

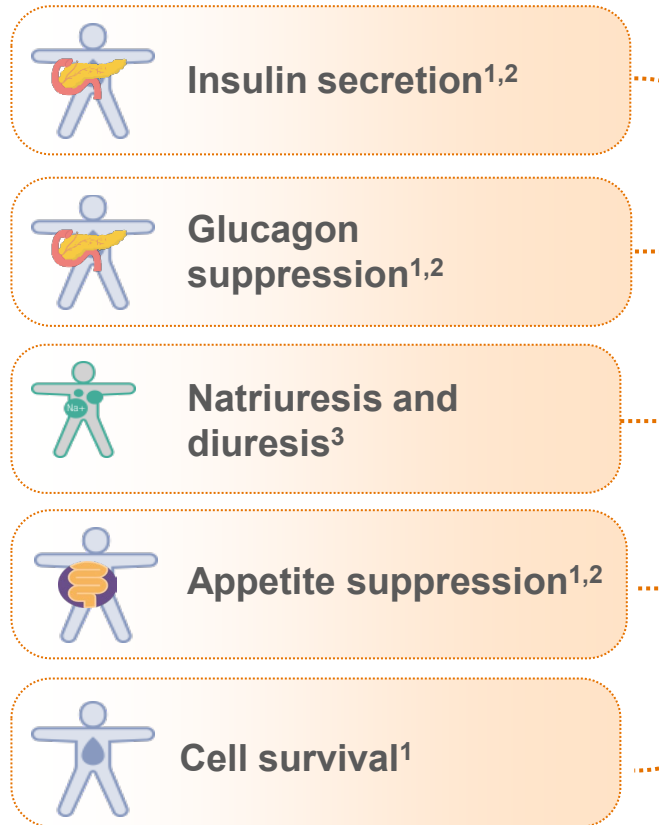
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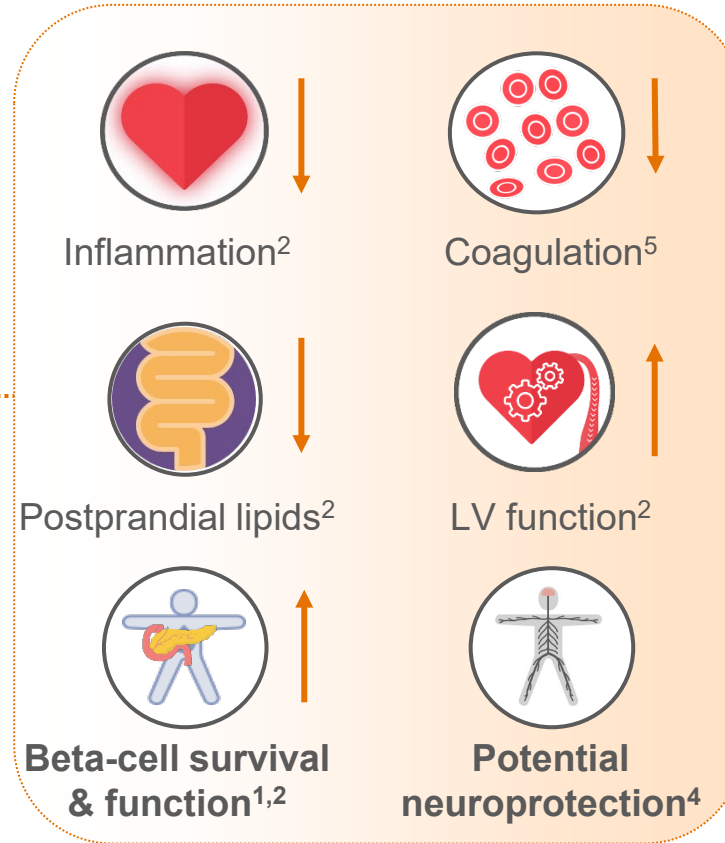


# GLP-1 RAs Have Shown Multiple Favorable Effects in T2D

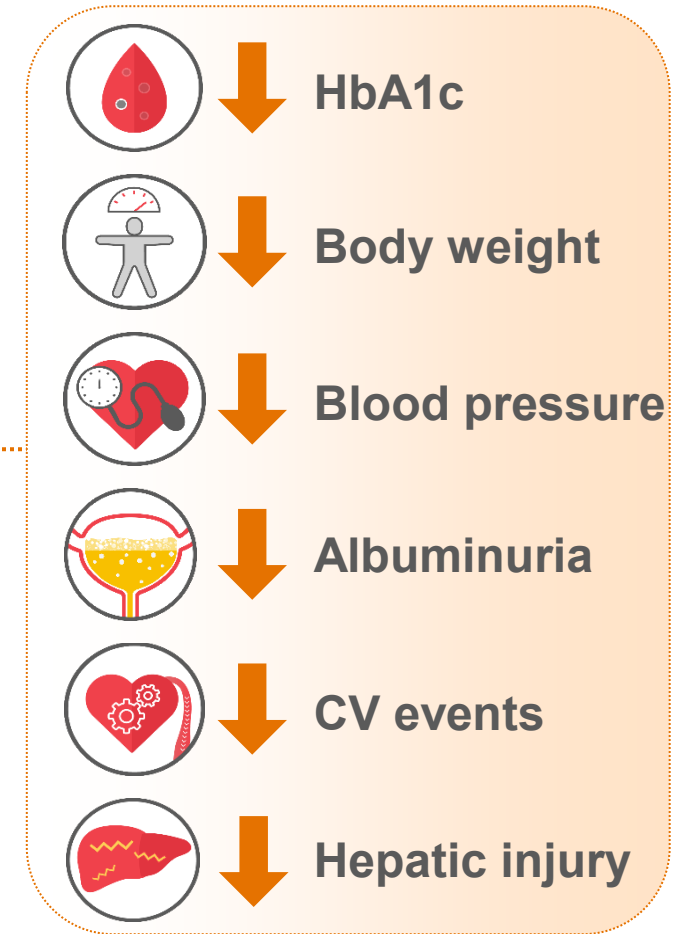
## Targets<sup>1-4</sup>



## Intermediate effects<sup>1,2,5</sup>



## Final effects<sup>1,2,6</sup>



CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin; LV, left ventricular; T2D, type 2 diabetes. Adapted from Drucker<sup>1</sup> and Rizzo.<sup>2</sup>  
1. Drucker DJ. *Cell Metab.* 2018;27(4):740–756; 2. Rizzo M, et al. *Biochim Biophys Acta Mol Basis Dis.* 2018;1864(9 Pt B):2814–2821; 3. Greco EV, et al. *Medicina (Kaunas).* 2019;55(6):233; 4. Athauda D, et al. *JAMA Neurol.* 2019;76(4):420–429; 5. Cameron-Vendrig A, et al. *Diabetes.* 2016;65(6):1714–1723; 6. Zelniker TA, et al. *Circulation.* 2019;139(17):2022–2231.

# Management of Hyperglycaemia in Type 2 Diabetes

## The logic behind ADA-EASD Consensus 2022

### Predominant clinical phenotype

### Preferred anti-diabetes drug

### Expected benefit

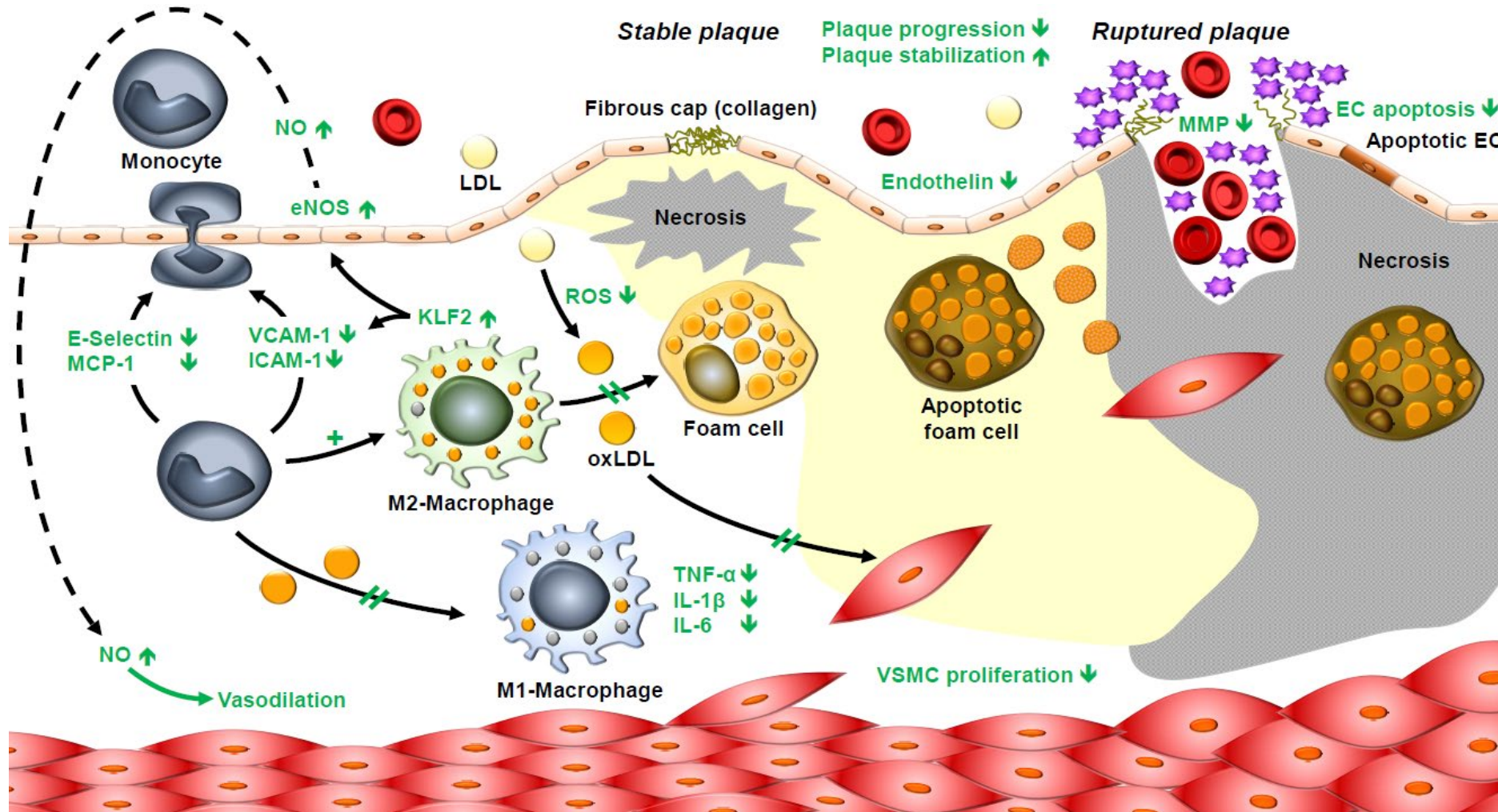


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CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; HF, heart failure; hHF, hospitalization for HF; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose transporter 2 inhibitors.

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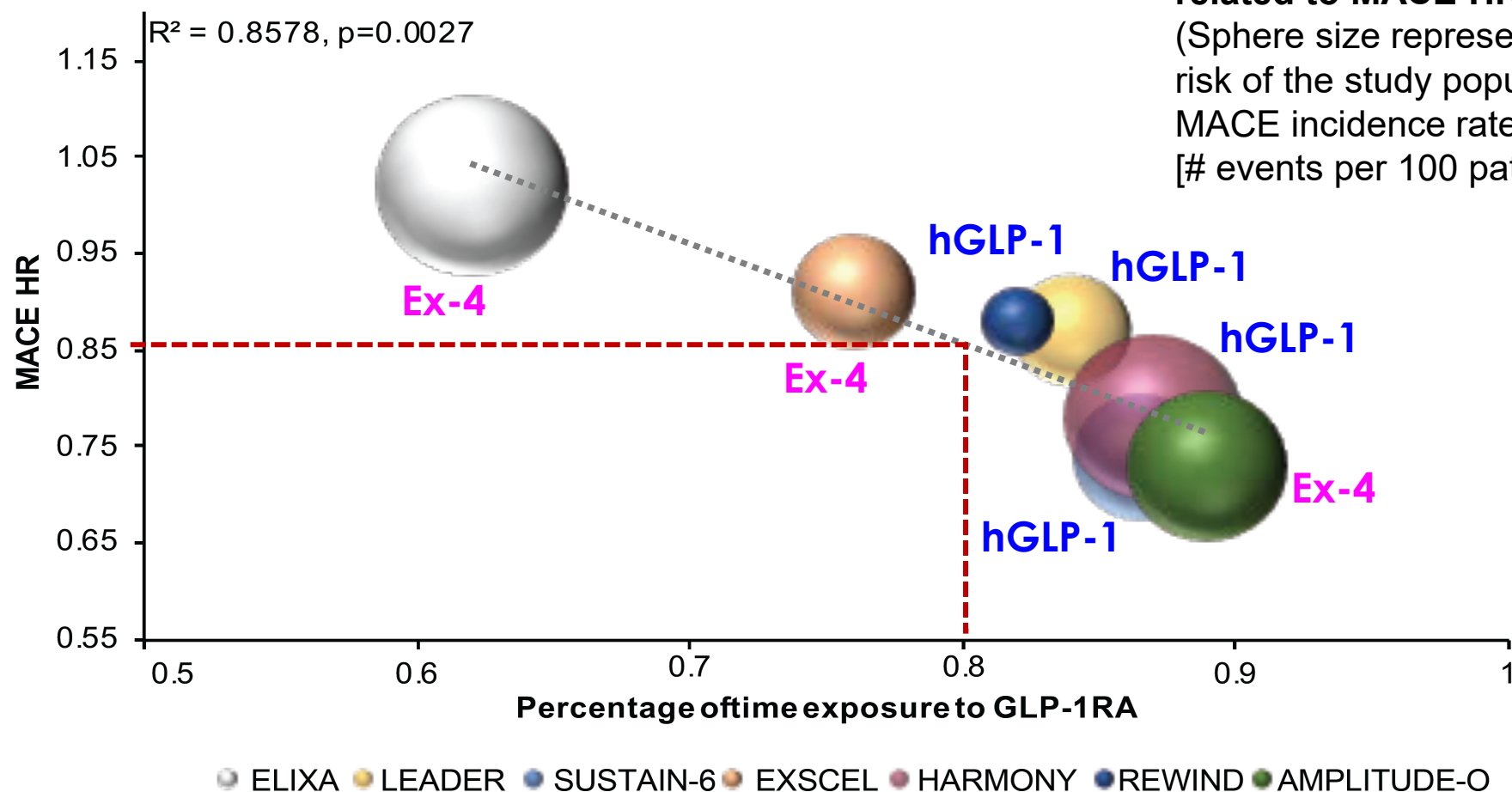
# Effects of GLP-1 RAs on the Progression of Atherogenesis and the Development of Its Complications



EC, endothelial cell; eNOS, endothelial nitrous oxide synthase; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonists; ICAM-1, intercellular adhesion molecule-1; IL, interleukin; KLF-2, Krüppel-like factor-2; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; MCP-1, monocyte chemoattractant protein-1; NO, nitrous oxide; oxLDL, oxidized low-density lipoprotein; ROS, reactive oxygen species; TNF-α, tumor necrosis factor; VCAM-1, vascular cell adhesion protein 1; VSMC, vascular smooth muscle cell.

Nauck MA, et al. *Mol Metab.* 2021;46:101102.

# Correlation between Percentage of Time Exposure to GLP-1 RA and MACE HR in GLP-1RA CVOT



- Baseline CV risk level not apparently related to MACE HR.  
(Sphere size represents the baseline CV risk of the study population, expressed as MACE incidence rate in the control arm [# events per 100 patient-year])

The percentage of time exposure to study drug is expressed as median in ELIXA, HARMONY Outcomes, REWIND and AMPLITUDE-O, and as mean in LEADER, SUSTAIN-6 and EXSCEL. Actual exposure to lixisenatide in ELIXA is estimated to be approximately 55%.

CVOT, cardiovascular outcome trials; Ex-4, exendin-4; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists; hGLP-1, human GLP-1; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event. **Adapted from Caruso I, et al. Diabetes Care. 2022;45(2):e30–e31.**



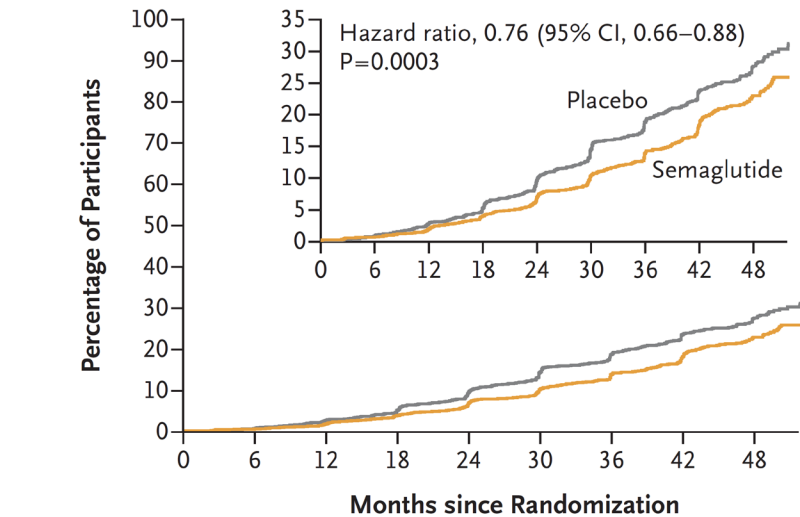
# Effects of Semaglutide 1.0 mg on CKD in Patients with T2D

eGFR 50-75 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> and UACR >300 -<5000  
eGFR 25-50 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> and UACR >100 -<5000

Major kidney disease events, a composite of the onset of kidney failure (dialysis, transplantation, or an eGFR of <15 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>), at least a 50% reduction in the eGFR from baseline, or death from kidney-related or cardiovascular causes

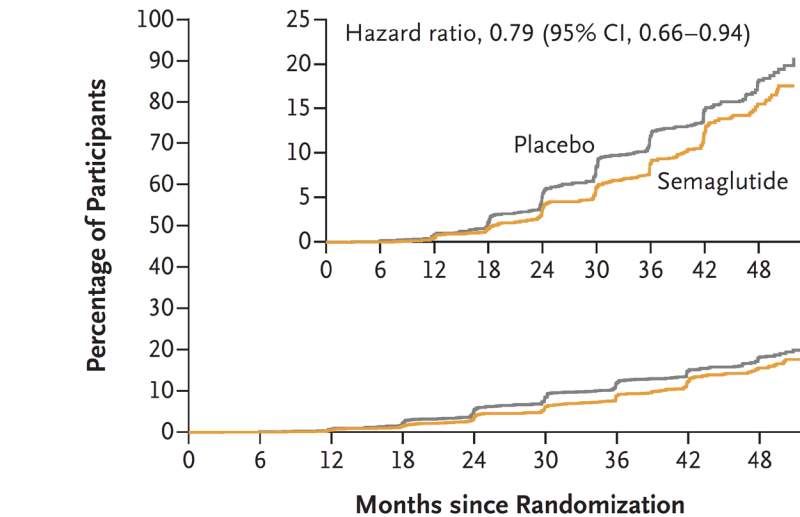
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## First Major Kidney Disease Event



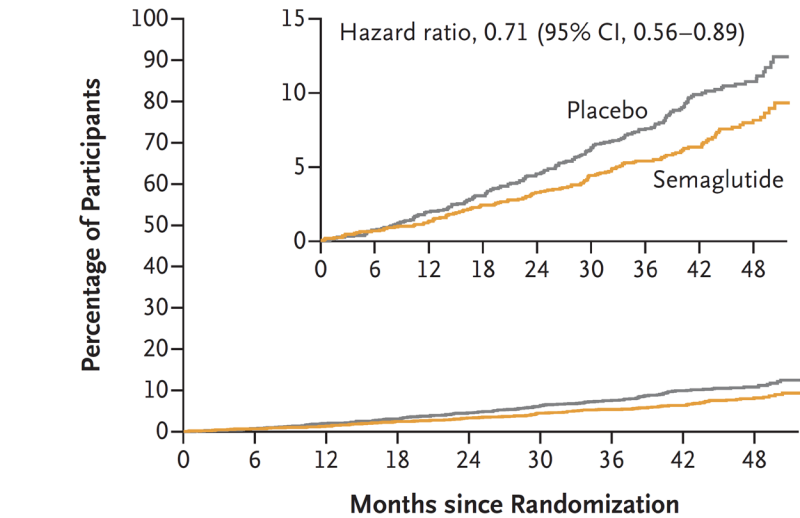
No. at Risk									
Placebo	1766	1736	1682	1605	1516	1408	1048	660	354
Semaglutide	1767	1738	1693	1640	1572	1489	1131	742	392

## First Kidney-specific Component Event



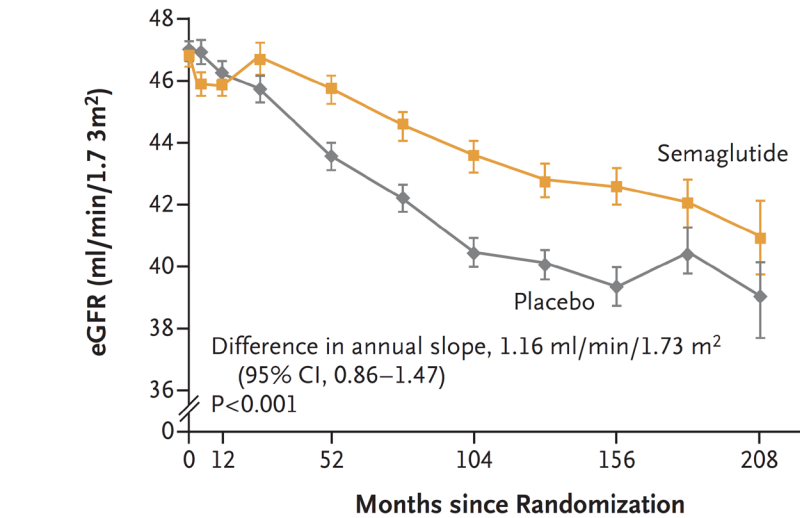
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## Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk									
Placebo	1766	1737	1697	1641	1601	1544	1185	772	437
Semaglutide	1767	1739	1703	1665	1627	1583	1234	838	460

## Total eGFR Slope



No. at Risk										
Placebo	1766	1663	1573	1609	1490	1441	1284	876	609	199
Semaglutide	1766	1665	1590	1606	1521	1468	1345	952	651	218

# Insulin versus GLP-1RA in Achieving Diabetes Goals

## Goals

- Control hyperglycemia
- Reduce excess body weight
- Avoid hypoglycemia
- Reduce CV outcomes
- Reduce mortality (CV and non-CV)
- Prevent heart failure outcomes
- Prevent CKD progression
- Ameliorate NAFLD/NASH
- Ameliorate cognitive impairment
- Prevent diabetes progression
- Improve patient's adherence/persistence

## GLP-1RA

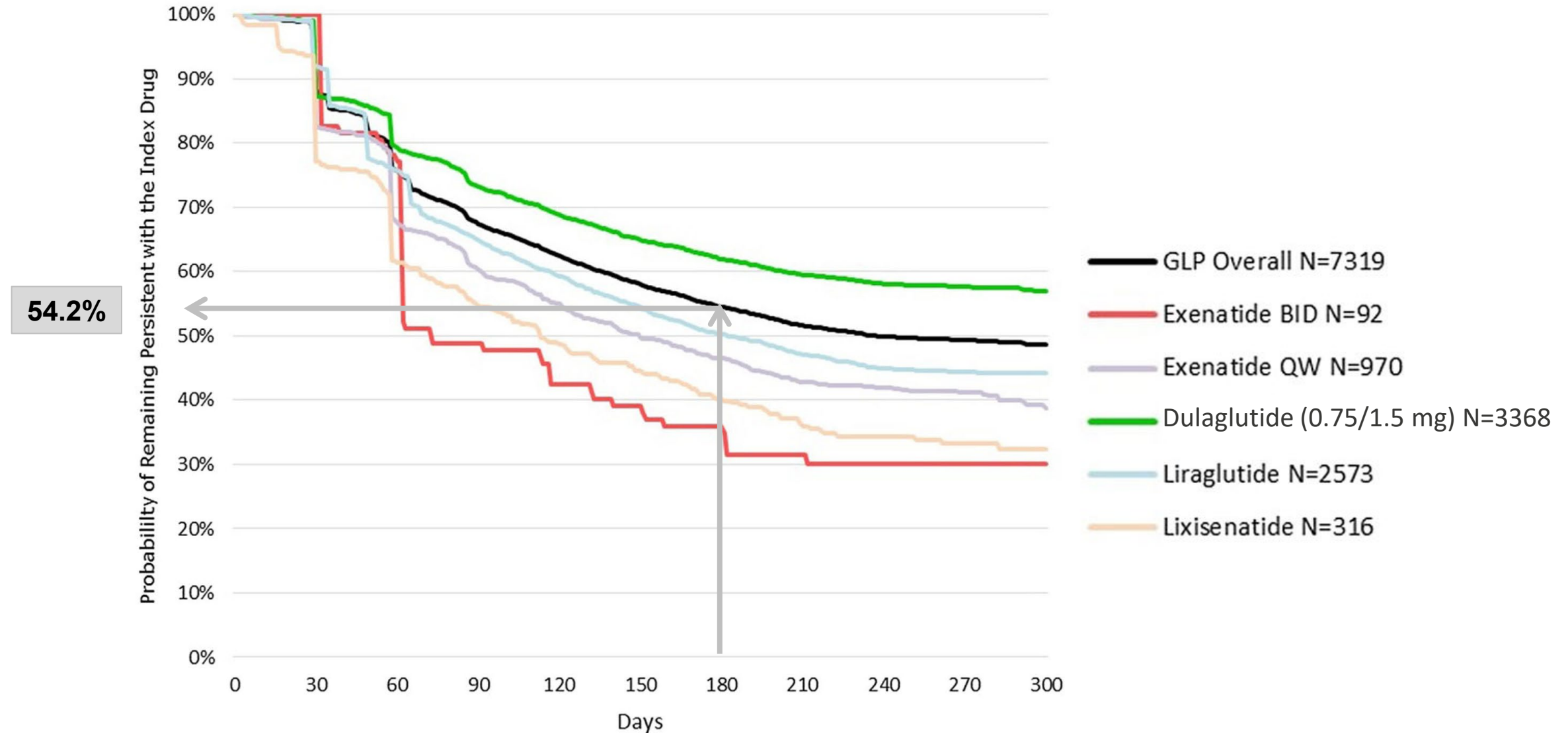
Yes (++)  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
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Yes (±)  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes (?)  
Yes (?)

## Insulin

Yes (+)  
No  
No  
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# Kaplan-Meier Analyses over the Available Follow-up Durations: Probability of Remaining Persistent with the Index Therapy





# Potential Consequences of Shortage of GLP-1RA Resulting in Therapy Interruption in T2D Patients

- Loss of glucose and weight control with rise in HbA1c and weight regain
- Reduction of protective effects on heart, vessels and kidney with loss of protection against adverse cardiovascular and renal events
- Switch to other therapies without cardiorenal protective effects and with high risk of hypoglycemia (e.g., insulin, sulphonylureas)
- Reduction of adherence to (and confidence in) GLP-1RA-based therapeutic regimens