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Gestione della Obesità e Prevenzione/Trattamento di MASLD/MASH

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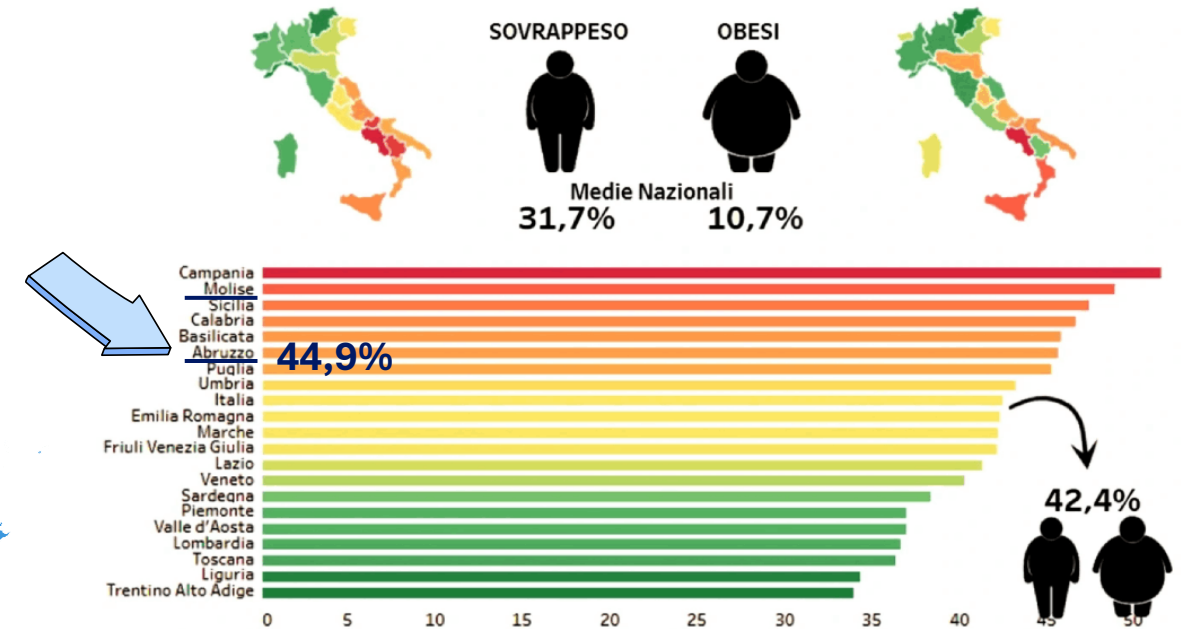
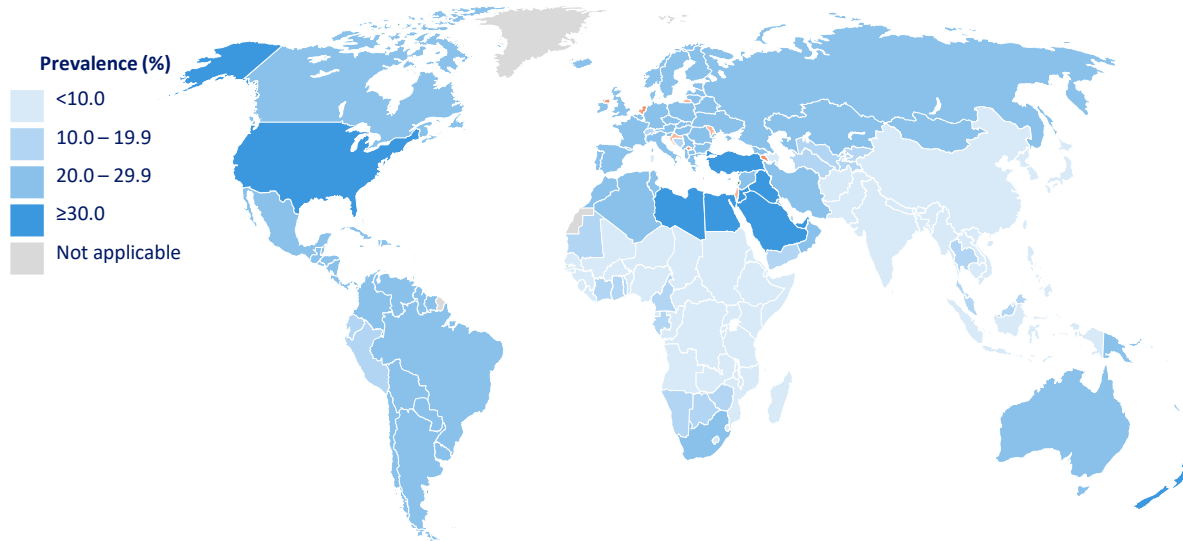
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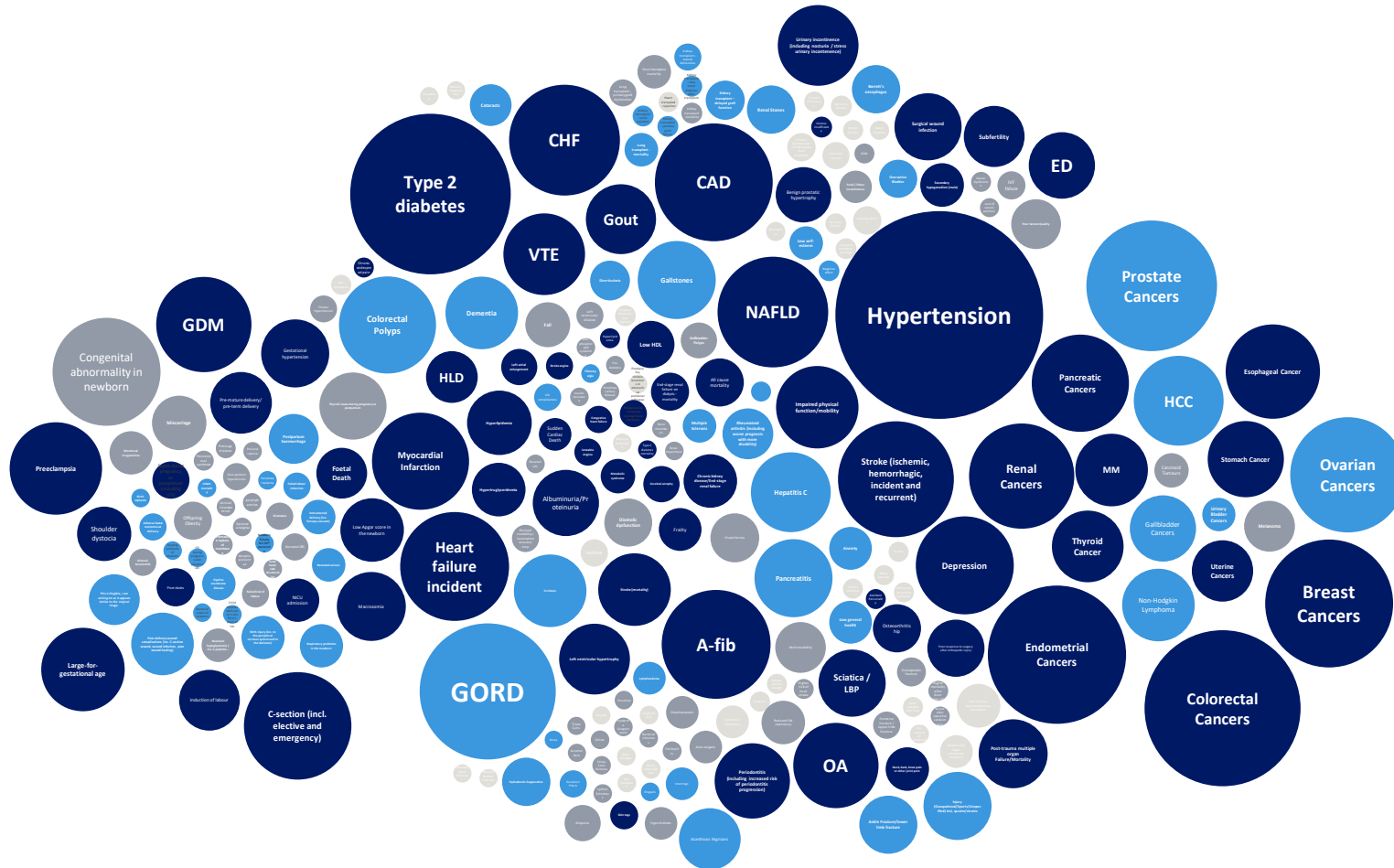
Obesity: a growing global (and local) challenge



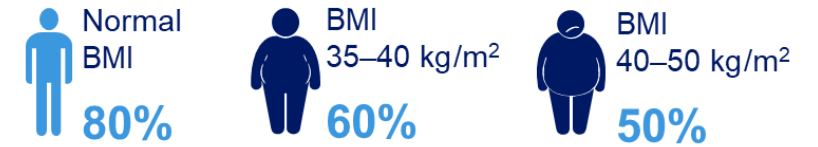
➡ **34,4% Overweight**

➡ **10,5% Obesity**

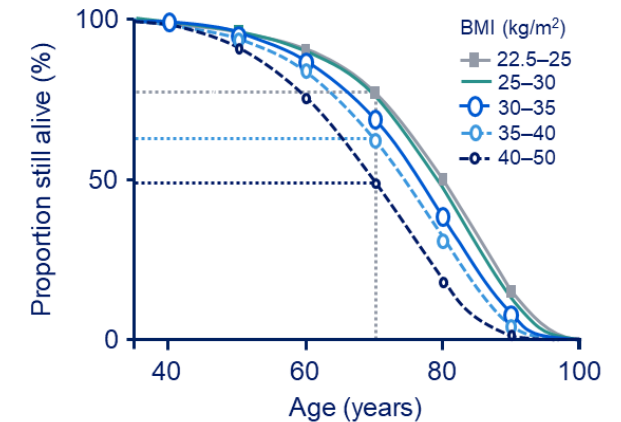
Obesity is associated with multiple complications



Life expectancy decreases as BMI increases



chance of reaching age 70



Prevalence of complications in people with obesity

Body mass index ≥ 30

3% Stroke



3.5% Congestive heart failure



8% Ischaemic heart disease



9% PCOS



19% Major depression



21% Diabetes



21% Myocardial infarction



80% MASLD



35% GERD symptoms*



~40% OSAS



51% Hypertension



60-70% Dyslipidemia



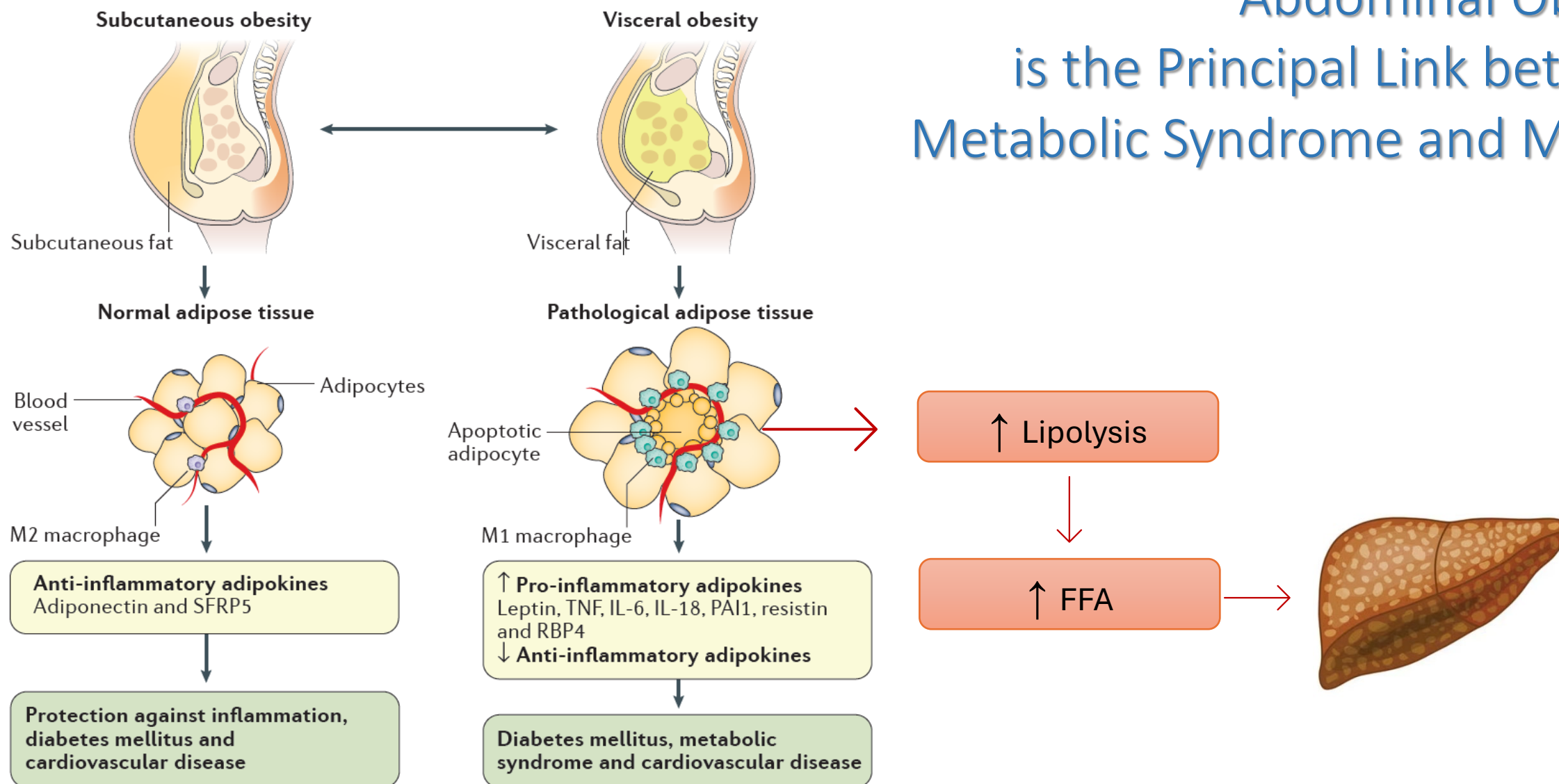
*Weekly heartburn and regurgitation.

GERD, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; OSAS, obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome; PCOS, polycystic ovary syndrome.

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Abdominal Obesity is the Principal Link between Metabolic Syndrome and MASLD



Pathophysiological Mechanisms of Increasing Risk of Cardiovascular Disease in MASLD



Bidirectional relationship between MASLD and T2DM



Type 2 Diabetes



MASH



F3-F4



HCC

hampers **to maintain an optimal glycemic control**
Increase risk of
macrovascular and microvascular complications

Increased risk of progression towards:

- ✓ **MASH**
- ✓ **Advanced fibrosis**
- ✓ **HCC**
- ✓ **Liver –related outcomes**

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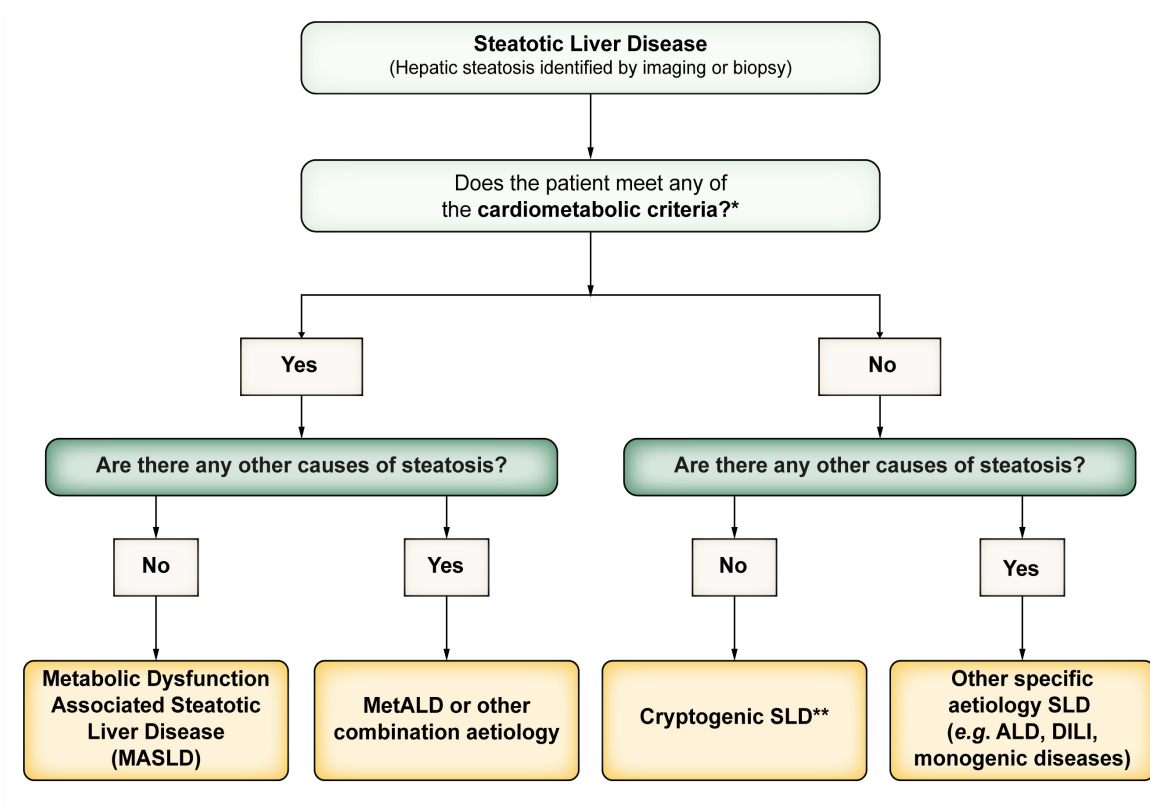
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A young boy in a blue shirt and shorts stands on a small wooden stool on a paved road. He is holding a black megaphone to his mouth and shouting. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The text 'NAFLD is now MASLD (Metabolic dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease)' is overlaid in white, with a white wavy line underneath it.

NAFLD is now MASLD (Metabolic dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease)

MASLD: Diagnostic Criteria

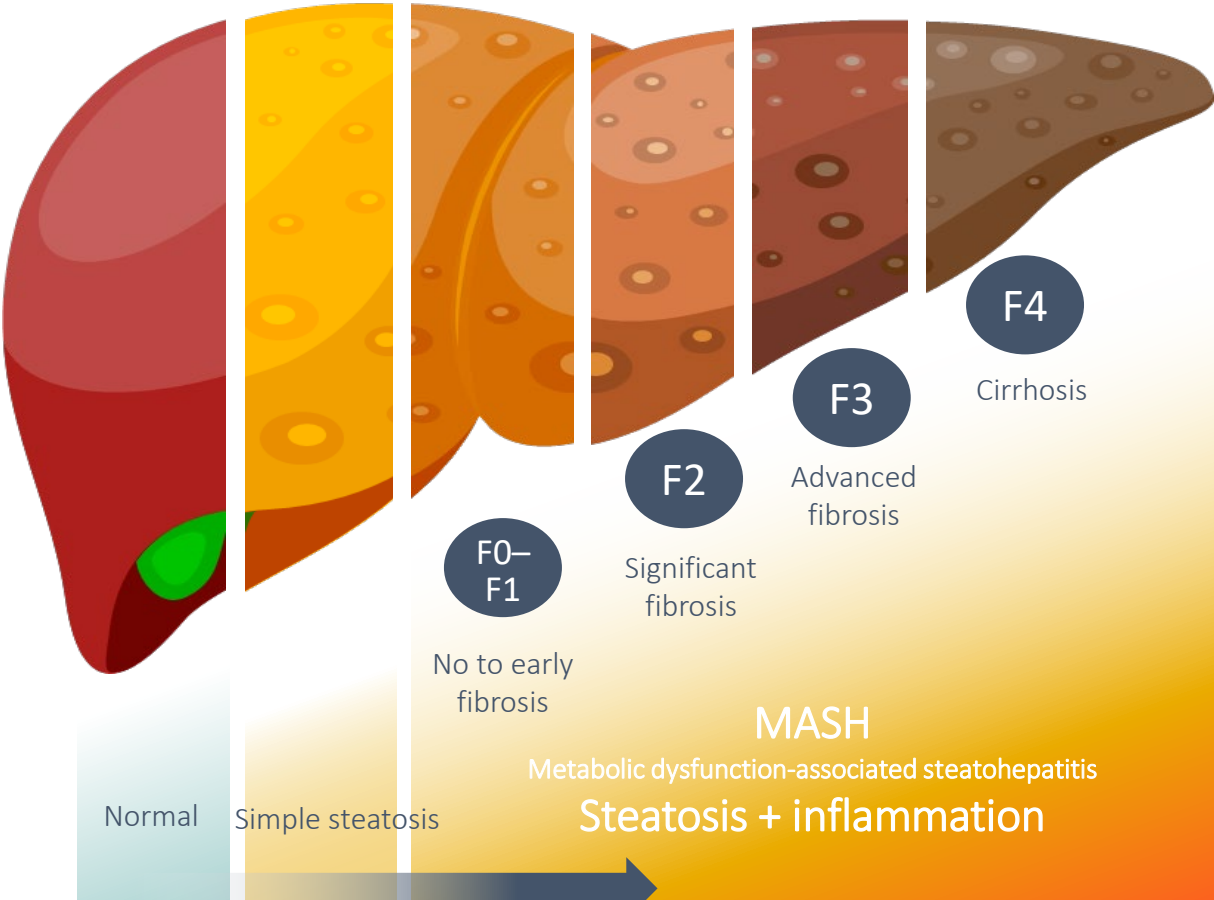


*Cardiometabolic criteria

Adult criteria	Paediatric criteria
At least 1 out of 5: ☐ BMI ≥ 25 kg/m² [23 Asia] OR WC >94 cm (M) 80 cm (F) OR ethnicity adjusted equivalent ☐ Fasting serum glucose ≥ 5.6 mmol/L [100 mg/dl] OR 2-hour post-load glucose levels ≥ 7.8 mmol/L [≥ 140 mg/dl] OR HbA1c $\geq 5.7\%$ [39 mmol/L] OR type 2 diabetes OR treatment for type 2 diabetes ☐ Blood pressure $\geq 130/85$ mmHg OR specific antihypertensive drug treatment ☐ Plasma triglycerides ≥ 1.70 mmol/L [150 mg/dl] OR lipid lowering treatment ☐ Plasma HDL-cholesterol ≤ 1.0 mmol/L [40 mg/dl] (M) and ≤ 1.3 mmol/L [50 mg/dl] (F) OR lipid lowering treatment	At least 1 out of 5: ☐ BMI $\geq 85^{\text{th}}$ percentile for age/sex [BMI z score $\geq +1$] OR WC $>95^{\text{th}}$ percentile OR ethnicity adjusted equivalent ☐ Fasting serum glucose ≥ 5.6 mmol/L [≥ 100 mg/dl] OR serum glucose ≥ 11.1 mmol/L [≥ 200 mg/dl] OR 2-hour post-load glucose levels ≥ 7.8 mmol [140 mg/dl] OR HbA1c $\geq 5.7\%$ [39 mmol/L] OR already diagnosed/treated type 2 diabetes OR treatment for type 2 diabetes ☐ Blood pressure age <13 yr, BP $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ percentile OR $\geq 130/80$ mmHg (whichever is lower); age ≥ 13 yr, 130/85 mmHg OR specific antihypertensive drug treatment ☐ Plasma triglycerides <10 yr, ≥ 1.15 mmol/L [≥ 100 mg/dl]; age ≥ 10 yr, ≥ 1.70 mmol/L [≥ 150 mg/dl] OR lipid lowering treatment ☐ Plasma HDL-cholesterol ≤ 1.0 mmol/L [≤ 40 mg/dl] OR lipid lowering treatment

Aligned with Alberti et al. Circulation 2009

MASLD/MASH: Diagnosis in Clinical Practice



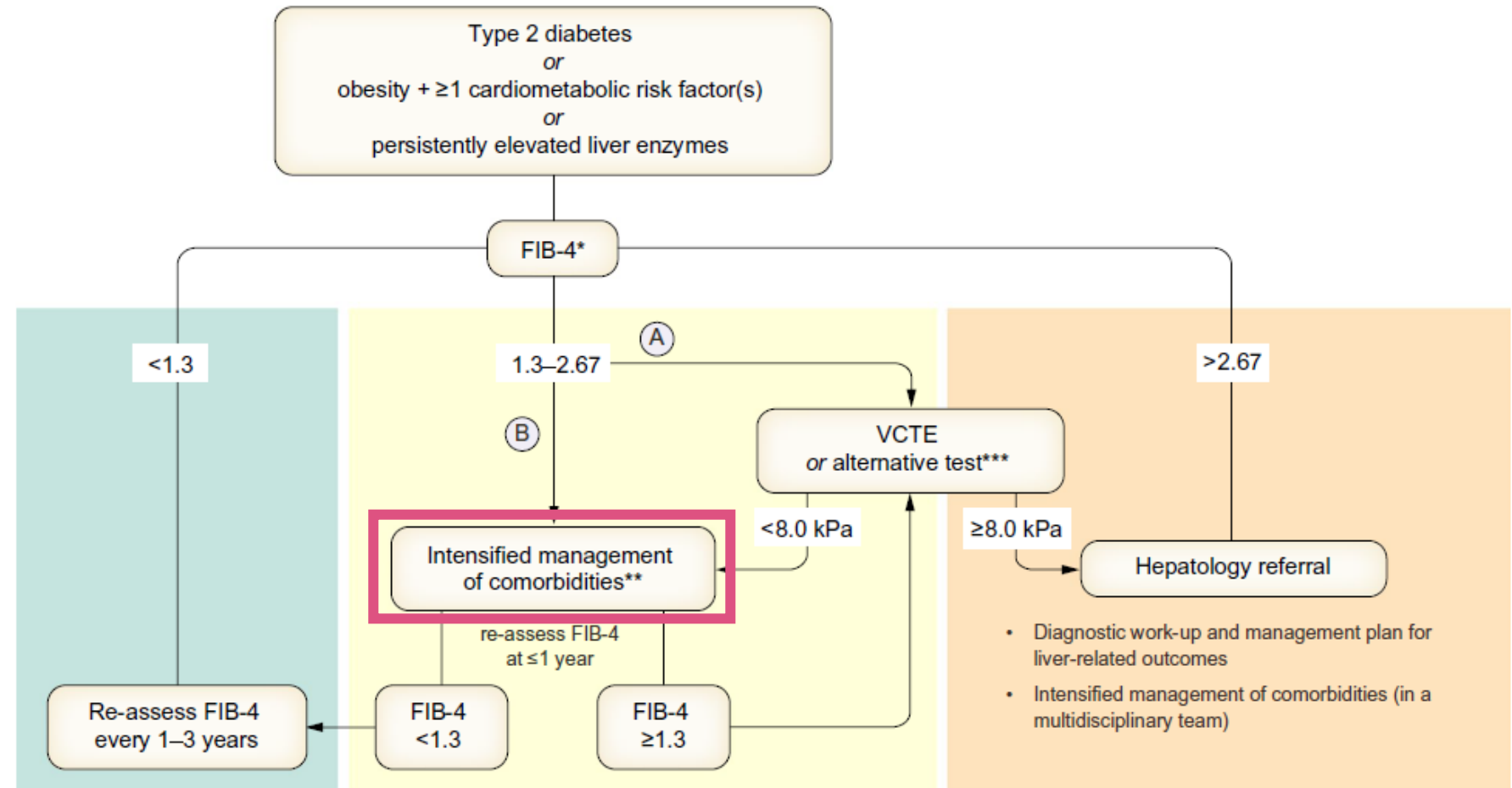
Gold Standard: Biopsia o Spettroscopia RMN
Pratica Clinica: Ecografia, CAP

Gold Standard: Biopsia
Imaging: VCTE, 2D-SWE
Marcatori Sierici: FIB-4, NFS

			Parameter					
			NAFLD fibrosis score			FIB-4 Score		
NAFLD fibrosis score ^[1]	Effect	NPV or PPV, %	Age	AST	ALT	FIB-4 Score ^[2,3]	Effect	NPV or PPV, %
<-1.455	Rules out fibrosis	88 to 93	Platelet count	BMI	Albumin	<1.3	Rules out fibrosis	95
>0.676	Predicts fibrosis	82 to 90	Impaired fasting glucose/diabetes?			>3.25	Predicts fibrosis	75

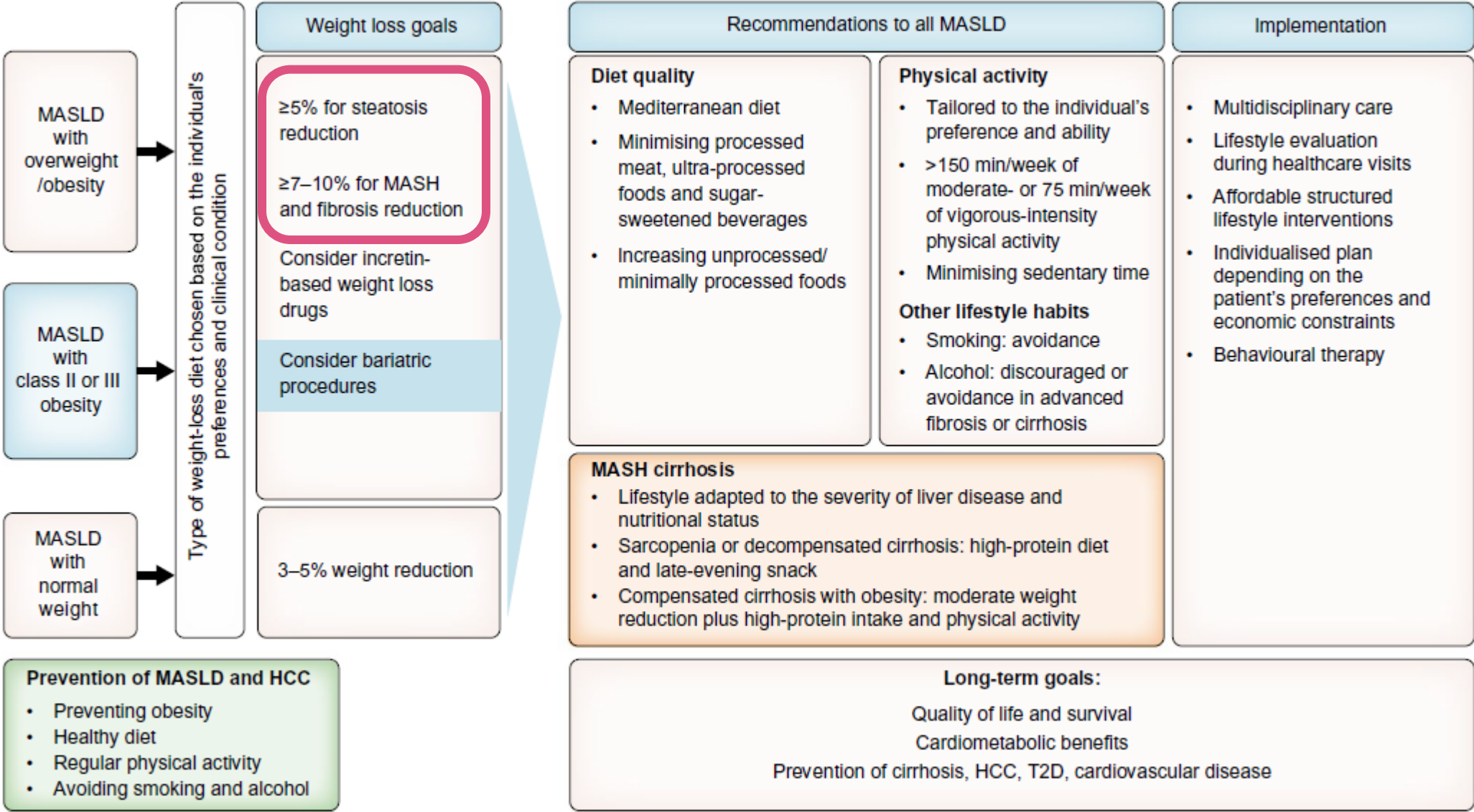
Vit. D (Sie) [ng/ml]	37,0
Fibrosis-4 (FIB-4)	1,03
NAFLD fibrosis score (NFS)	-0,9665
Piastrine [10 ⁹ /L]	238,00
Albumina (Sie) [g/dl]	4,3
Colesterolo non HDL (calc) [mg/dl]	164

Non-invasive assessment of the risk for advanced fibrosis

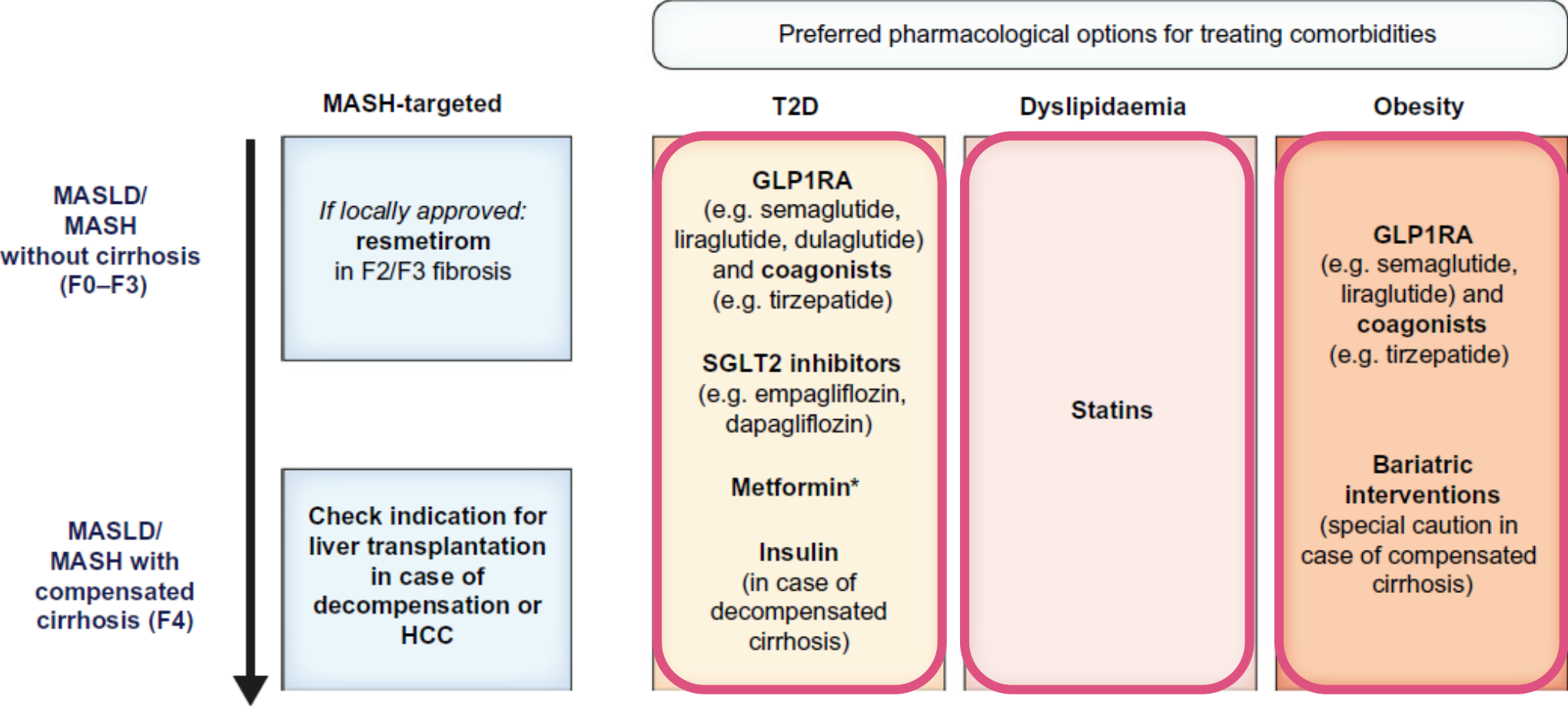


* FIB-4 thresholds valid for age ≤65 years (for age >65 years: lower FIB-4 cut-off is 2.0)
** e.g. lifestyle intervention, treatment of comorbidities (e.g. GLP1RA), bariatric procedures
*** e.g. MRE, SWE, ELF, with adapted thresholds
Ⓐ and Ⓑ are options, depending on medical history, clinical context and local resources

EASL–EASD–EASO Clinical Practice Guidelines on the management of MASLD



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*if glomerular filtration rate >30 ml/min

A Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trial of Resmetirom in NASH with Liver Fibrosis

Harrison SA et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2309000

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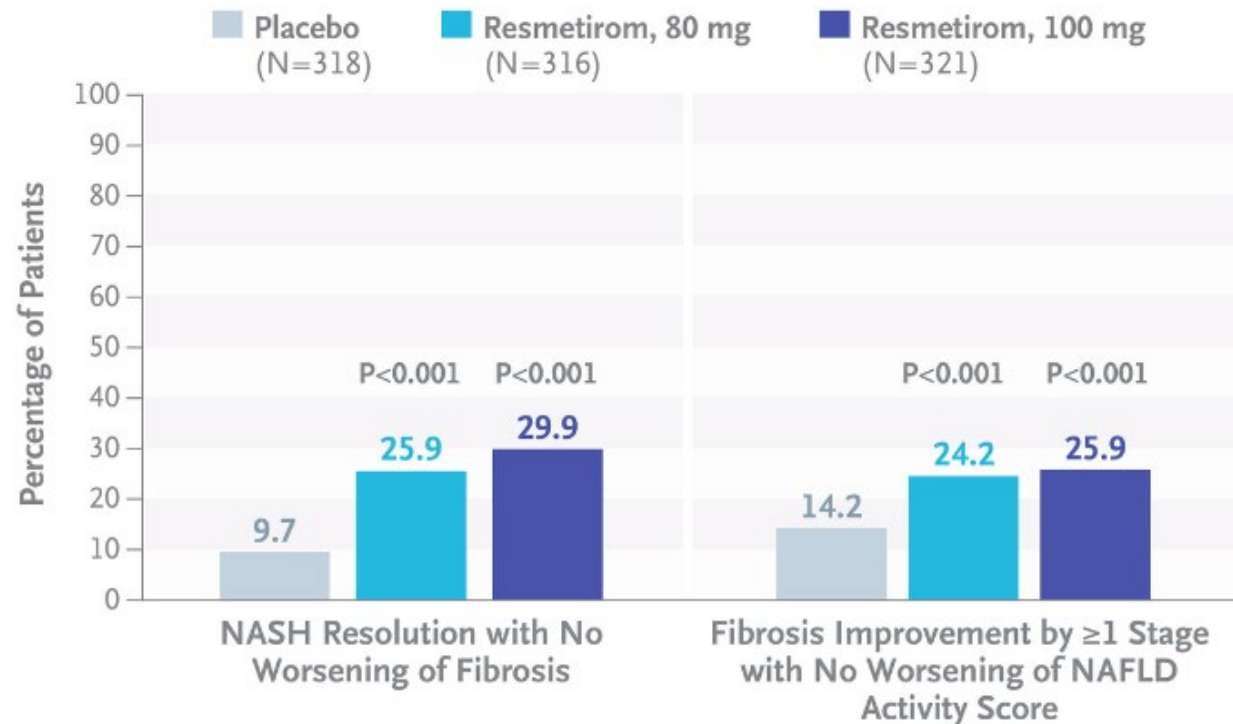
Placebo
(N=321)

Resmetirom
80 mg
(N=322)

Resmetirom
100 mg
(N=323)

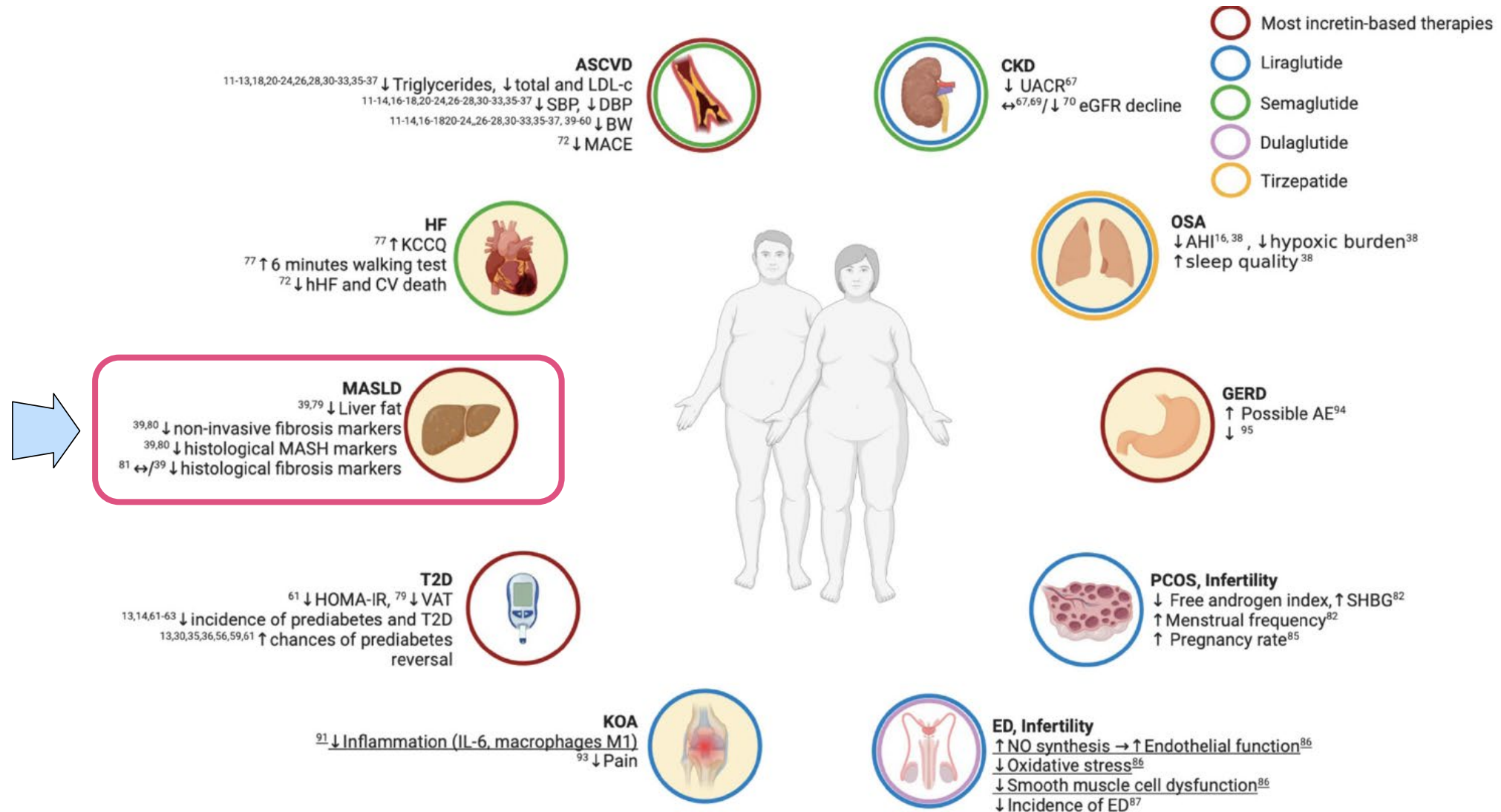


Primary End Points

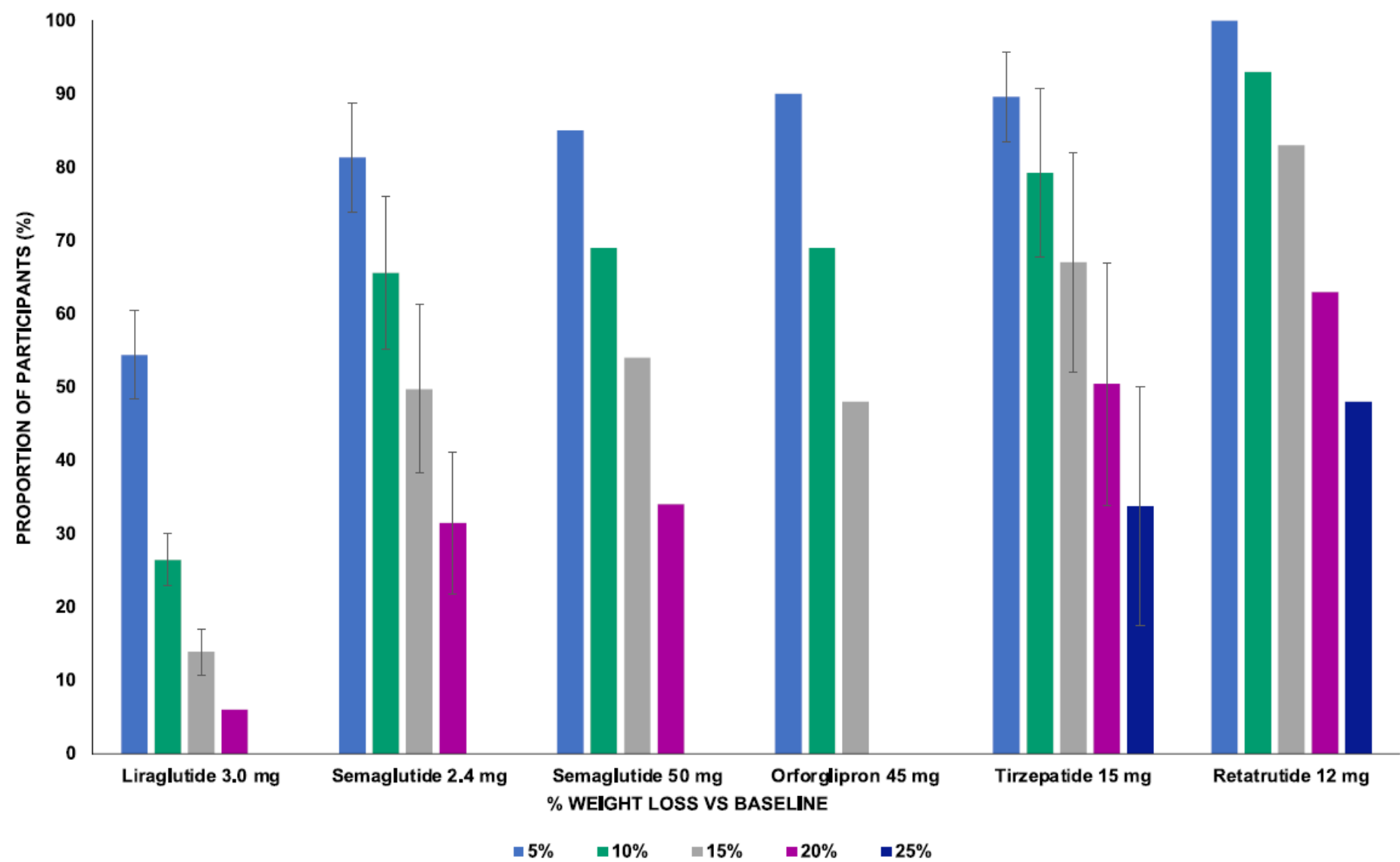


- aumento della SHBG con corrispettivo aumento dei livelli circolanti totali di estradiolo e testosterone
- ↓ funzionalità dell'asse ipofisario-tiroideo, con una riduzione dal 17 al 21% dei livelli di free T4 con parallela riduzione del TSH

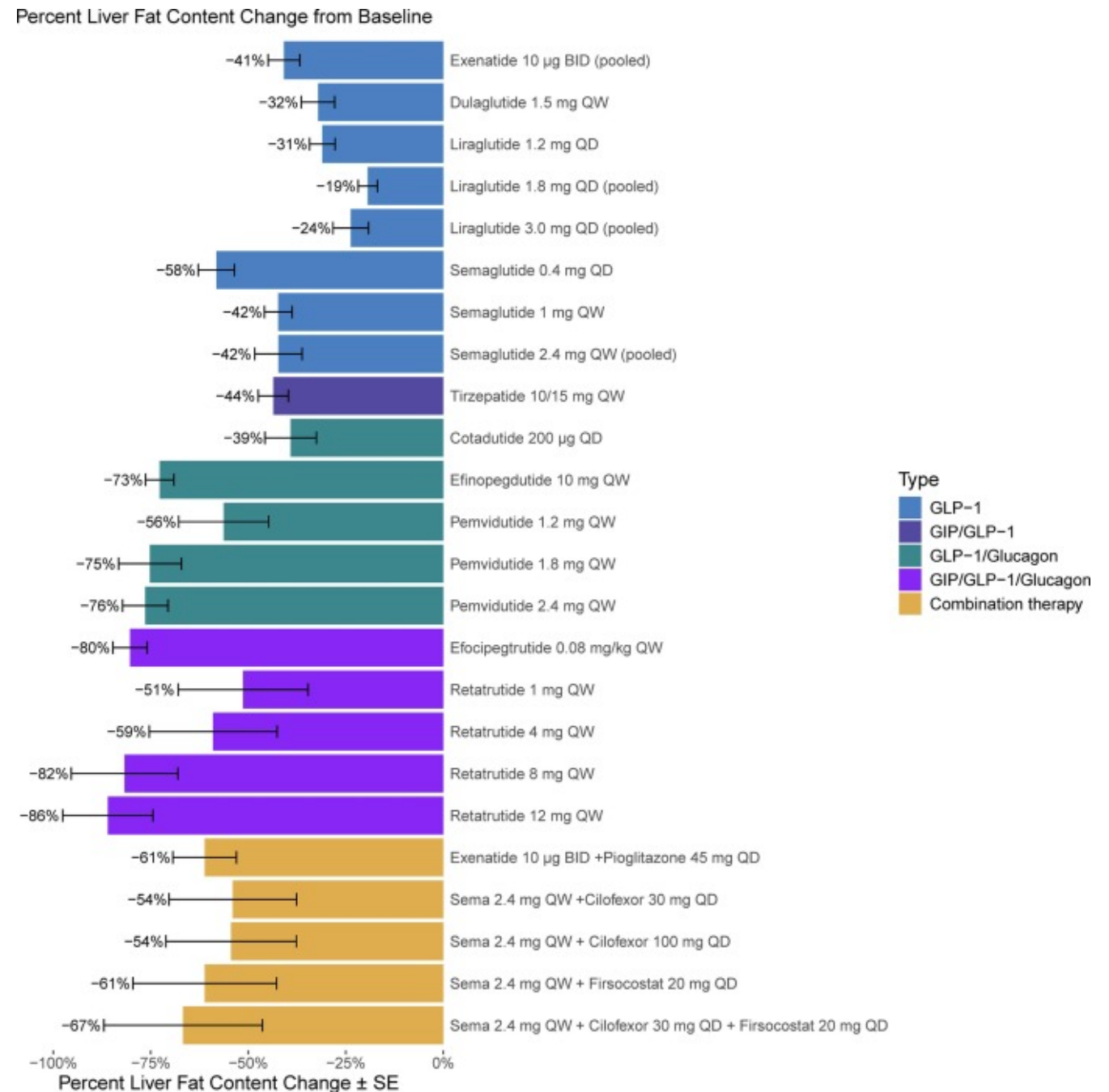
Effect of incretin-based therapies on obesity-related comorbidities



Body weight loss with incretin-based anti-obesity medications



Relative percent liver fat change with Incretin-based Therapies





company announcement

Semaglutide 2.4 mg demonstrates superior improvement in both liver fibrosis and MASH resolution in the ESSENCE trial

In 1,200 adults with metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH) and moderate to advanced liver fibrosis (stage 2 or 3)
At week 72, 37.0% of people treated with semaglutide 2.4 mg achieved improvement in liver fibrosis with no worsening of steatohepatitis compared to 22.5% on placebo. 62.9% of people treated with semaglutide 2.4 mg achieved resolution of steatohepatitis with no worsening of liver fibrosis compared to 34.1% on placebo.

Tirzepatide for Metabolic Dysfunction–Associated Steatohepatitis with Liver Fibrosis

R. Loomba, M.L. Hartman, E.J. Lawitz, R. Vuppalanchi, J. Boursier, E. Bugianesi, M. Yoneda, C. Behling, O.W. Cummings, Y. Tang, B. Brouwers, D.A. Robins, A. Nikooie, M.C. Bunck, A. Haupt, and A.J. Sanyal, for the SYNERGY-NASH Investigators*

«The small sample size did not provide adequate statistical power to evaluate the effect of tirze on fibrosis»

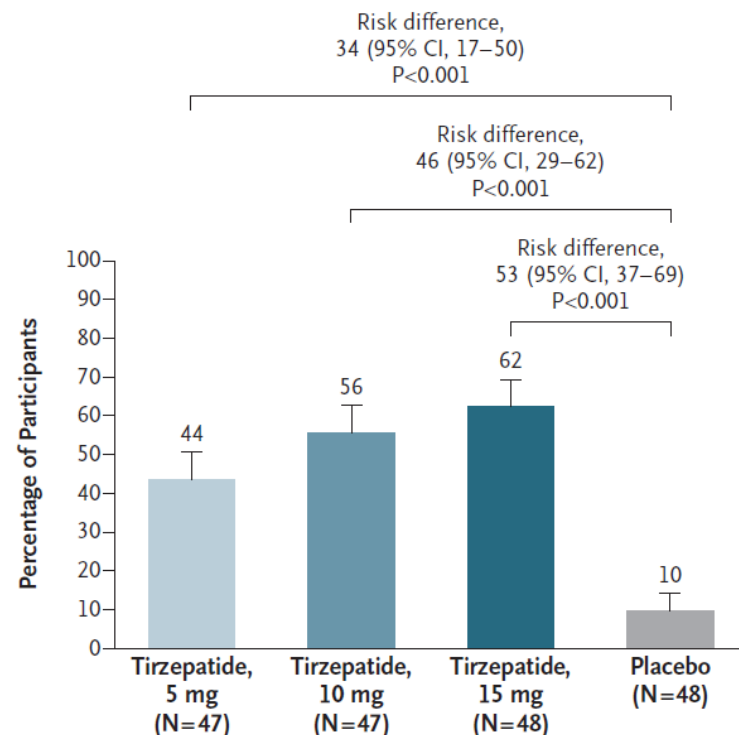
PARTICIPANTS 52 Weeks



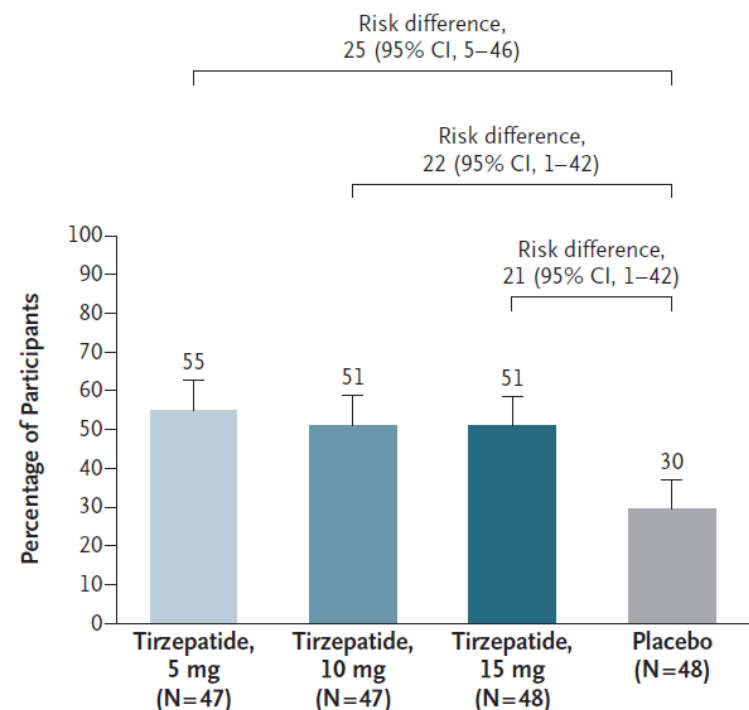
WHO 190 participants
18 to 80 years of age
Women: 57%; Men: 43%

CLINICAL STATUS
Biopsy-confirmed MASH
Stage 2 or 3 fibrosis
BMI, 27 to 50
With or without type 2 diabetes mellitus

A Resolution of MASH and No Worsening of Fibrosis



B Decrease of ≥ 1 Fibrosis Stage and No Worsening of MASH



JAMA Internal Medicine | Original Investigation

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Risk for Cirrhosis and Related Complications in Patients With Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease

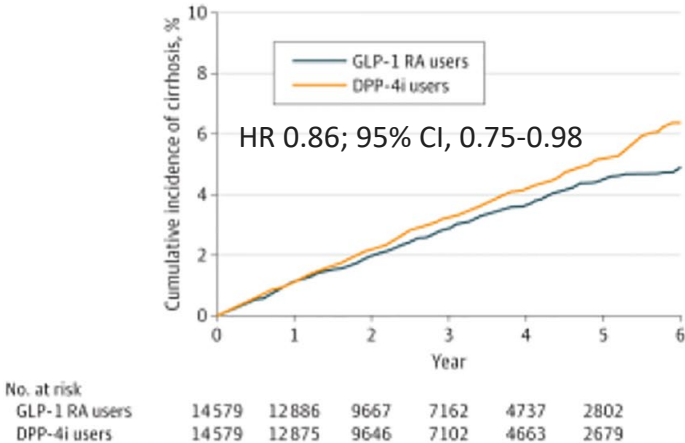
Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MSHS; Jennifer R. Kramer, MPH, PhD; Liang Li, PhD; Yu-Xiao Yang, MD, MSCE; Yumei Cao, MS; Xian Yu, PhD; Ronald Samuel, MD; Basim Ali, MD; Roxanne Desiderio, BS; George Cholankeril, MD, MSc; Mandeep Bajaj, MD; Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH; Steven M. Asch, MD, MPH

16 058 patients
(14 606 without and 1452 with cirrhosis)
Treated with GLP1RA

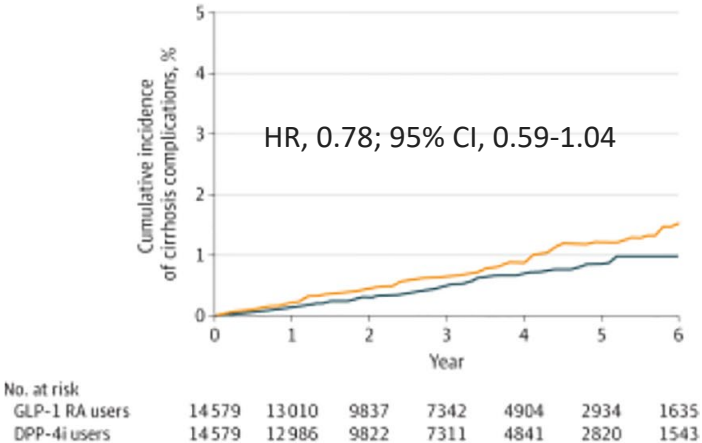
GLP-1 RA use was associated **with a lower risk of progression to cirrhosis** and mortality among patients with MASLD and diabetes.

The protective association **was not seen in patients with existing cirrhosis**, underscoring the importance of treatment earlier in the disease course.

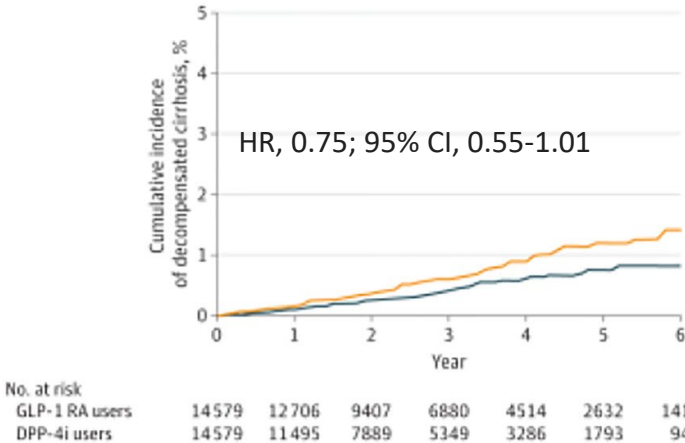
A Cirrhosis



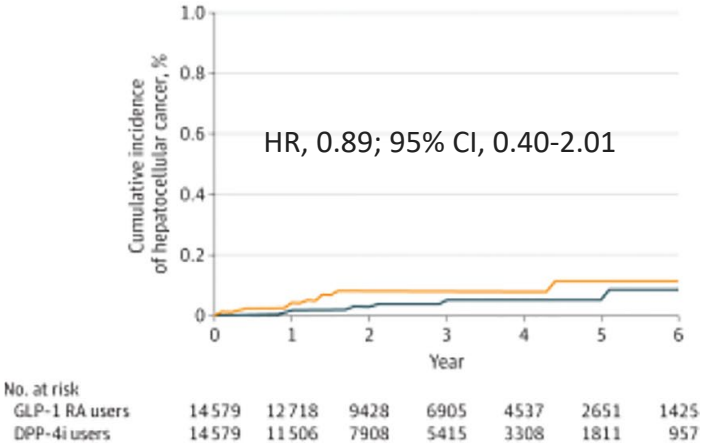
B Cirrhosis complications



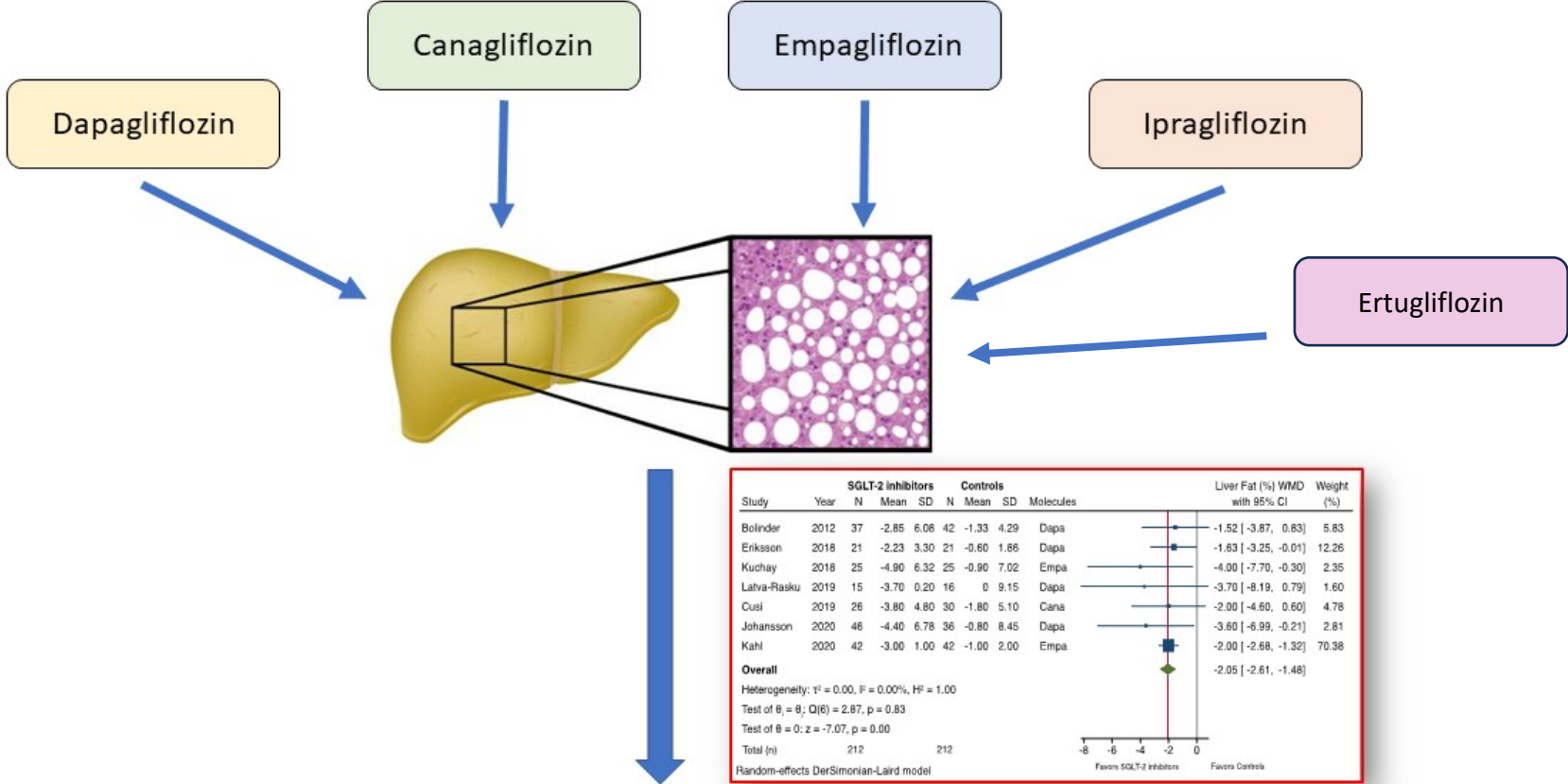
C Decompensated cirrhosis



D Hepatocellular cancer



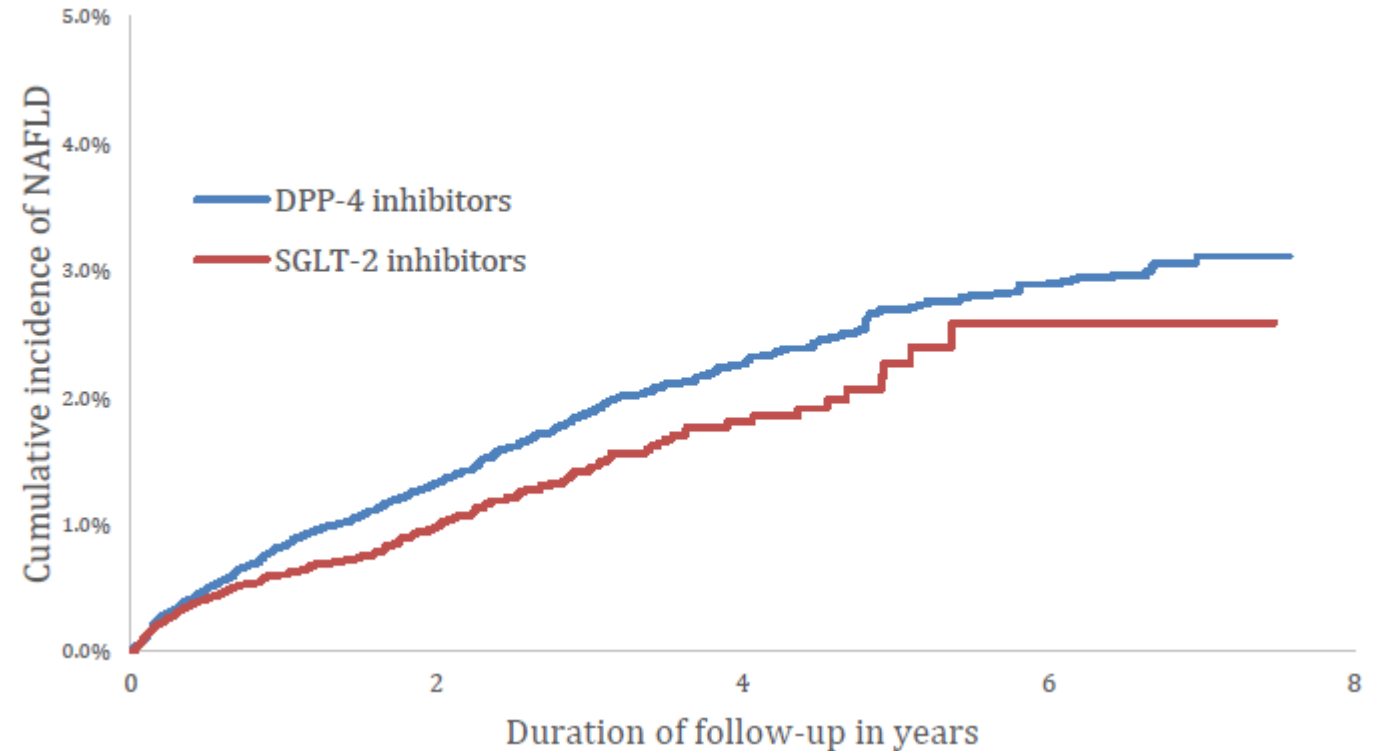
SGLT-2i on MASLD-MASH



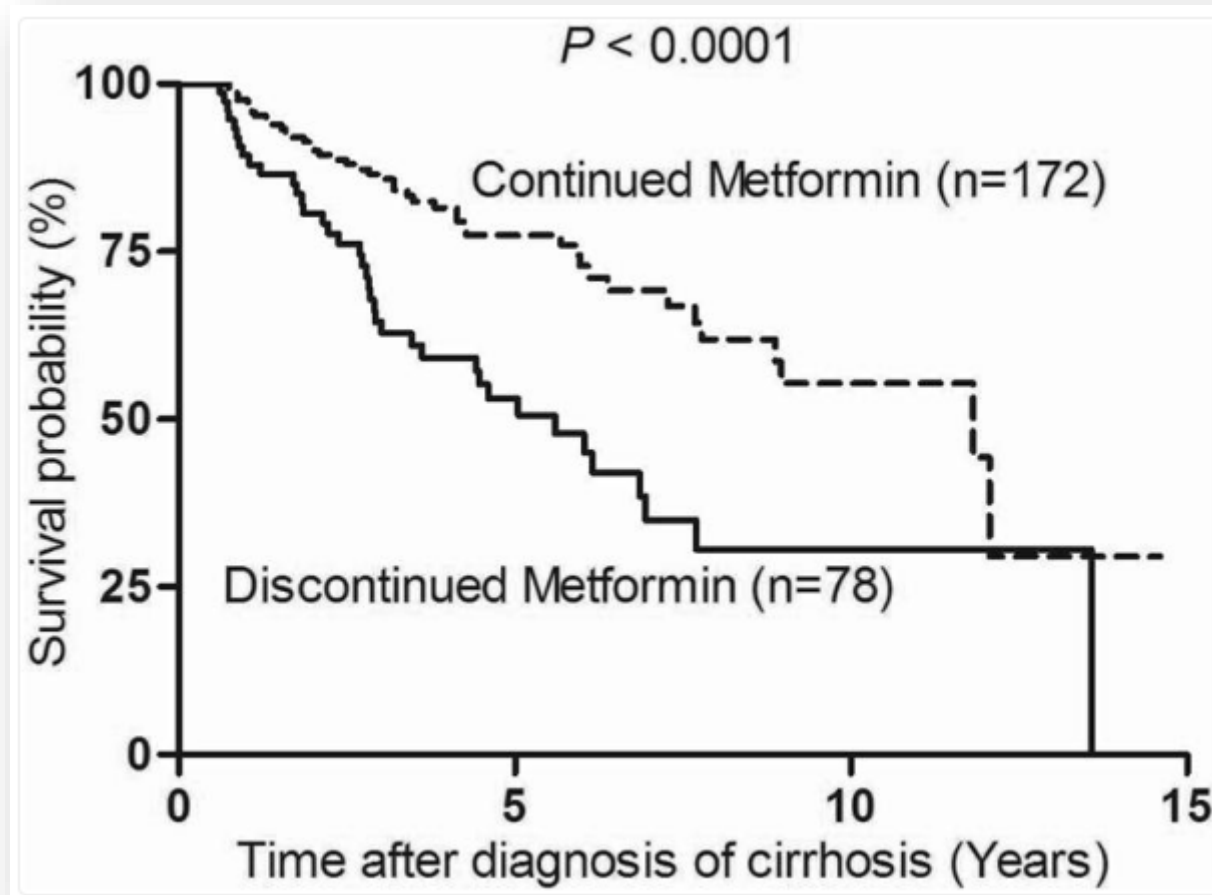
Significant improvements in liver fat content (as assessed by magnetic resonance-based techniques) and serum liver enzyme levels

Treatment with SGLT-2i vs. DPP-4i is Associated with Reduced Incidence of MASLD

- UK Clinical Practice Research Datalink
- 41184 and 148421 new users of SGLT-2i and DPP-4i
- SGLT-2i were associated with a decreased risk of MAFLD (HR 0.78, 95% CI 0.68-0.89)



Metformin and Survival in Cirrhosis



After adjusting for other variables, continuation of metformin remained an independent predictor of better survival with a HR of 0.43 (95%CI: 0.24-0.78, $P = 0.005$). No patients developed metformin-associated lactic acidosis during follow-up.

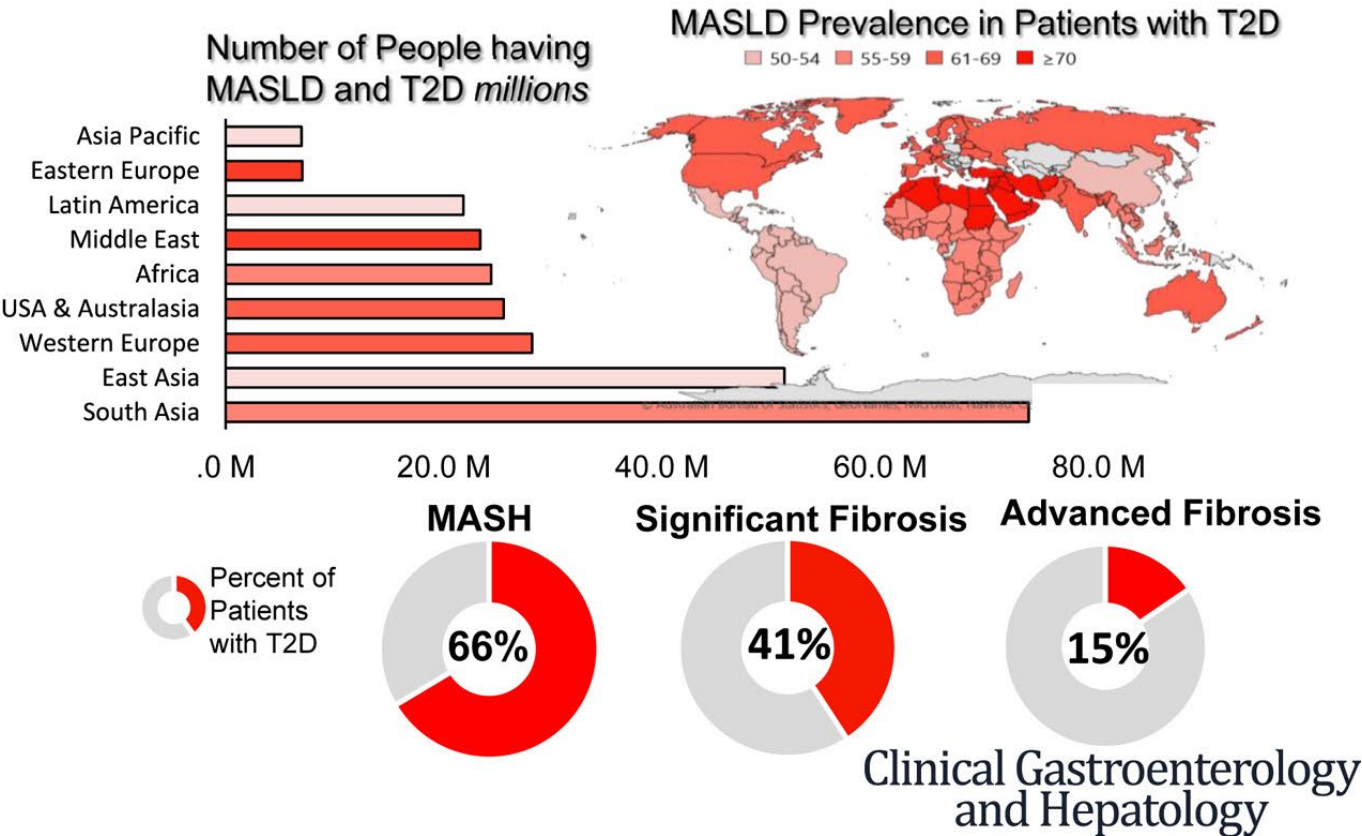
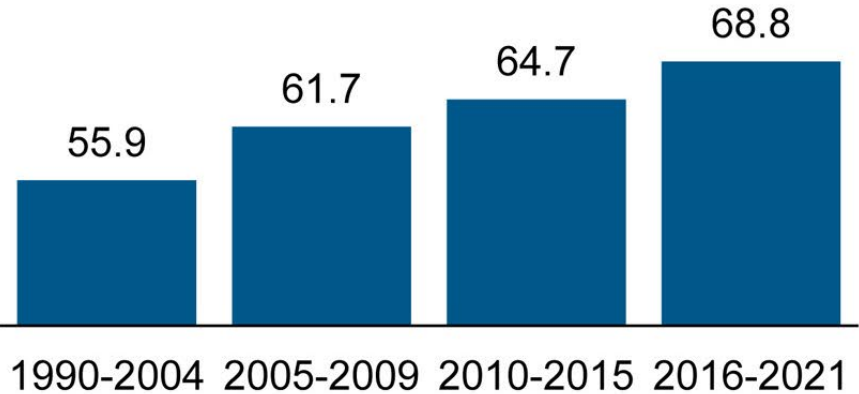
The Global Epidemiology of MASLD/MASH Among Patients With T2D

Globally

436 Million Adults with T2D

65% of T2D with MASLD

MASLD in T2D (%) IS ON THE RISE



The highest MASLD prevalence among T2D patients was observed in Eastern Europe (80.62%, 75.72%–84.73%), followed by the Middle East (71.24%, 62.22%–78.84%)

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«Un'oncia di azione vale quanto
una tonnellata di teoria»
Friedrich Engels

Grazie