

Terapia con analoghi del

GLP-1:

quando e perché



Analoghi GLP-1: a che punto siamo?

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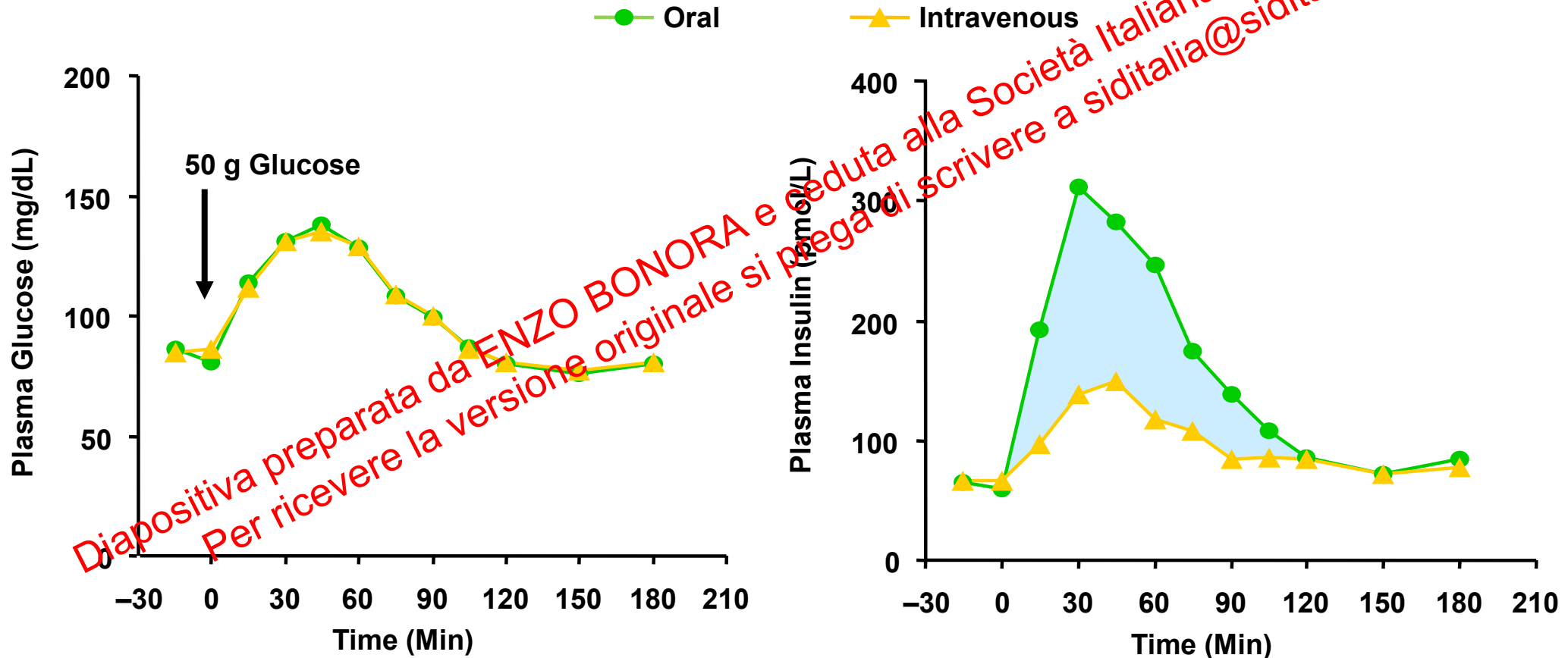
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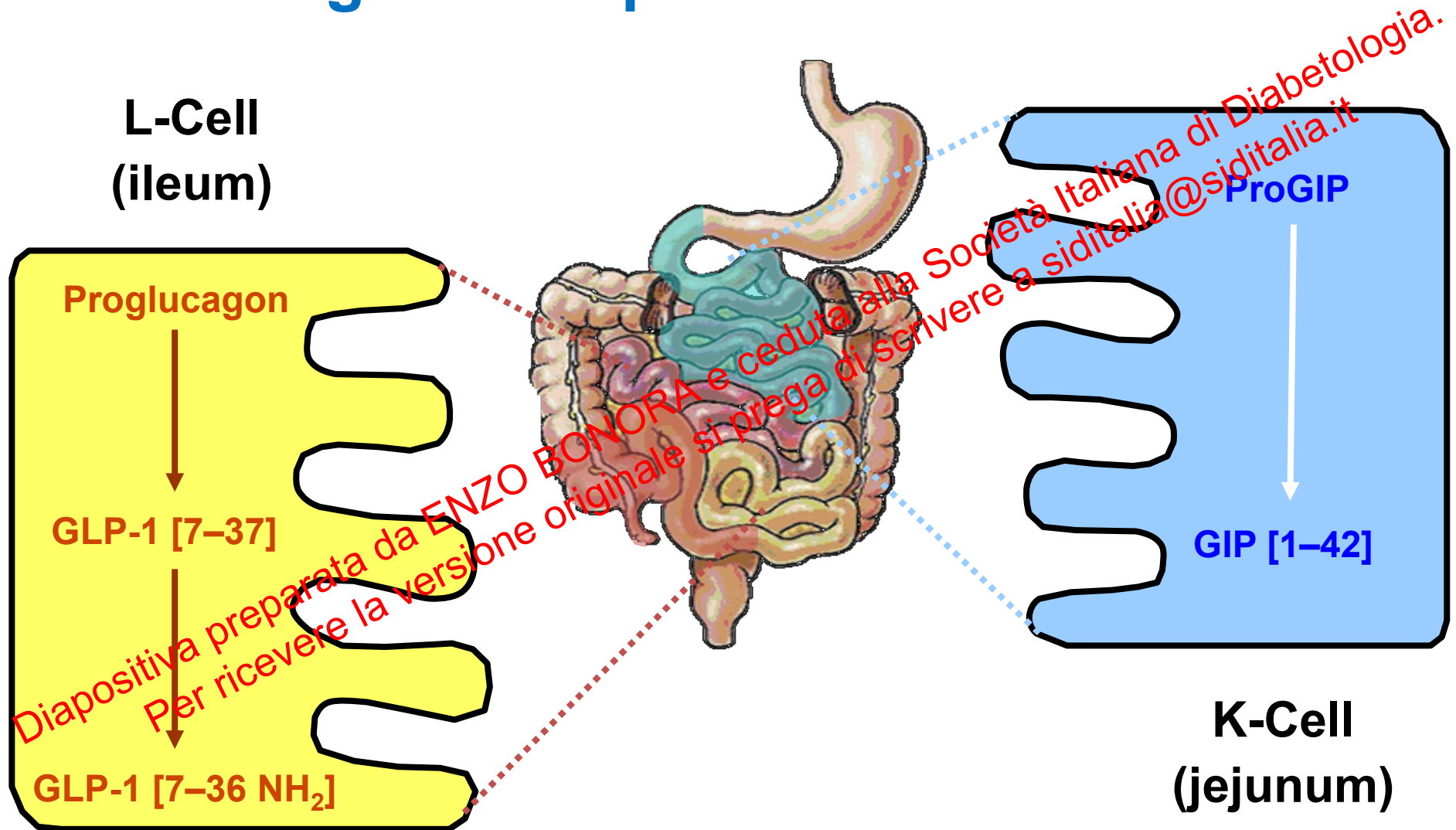
The gastrointestinal 'Incretin Effect': different responses to oral vs. intravenous glucose

Nauck MA et al - J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1986; 63: 492–498

Oral Glucose Tolerance Test and Matched IV Infusion

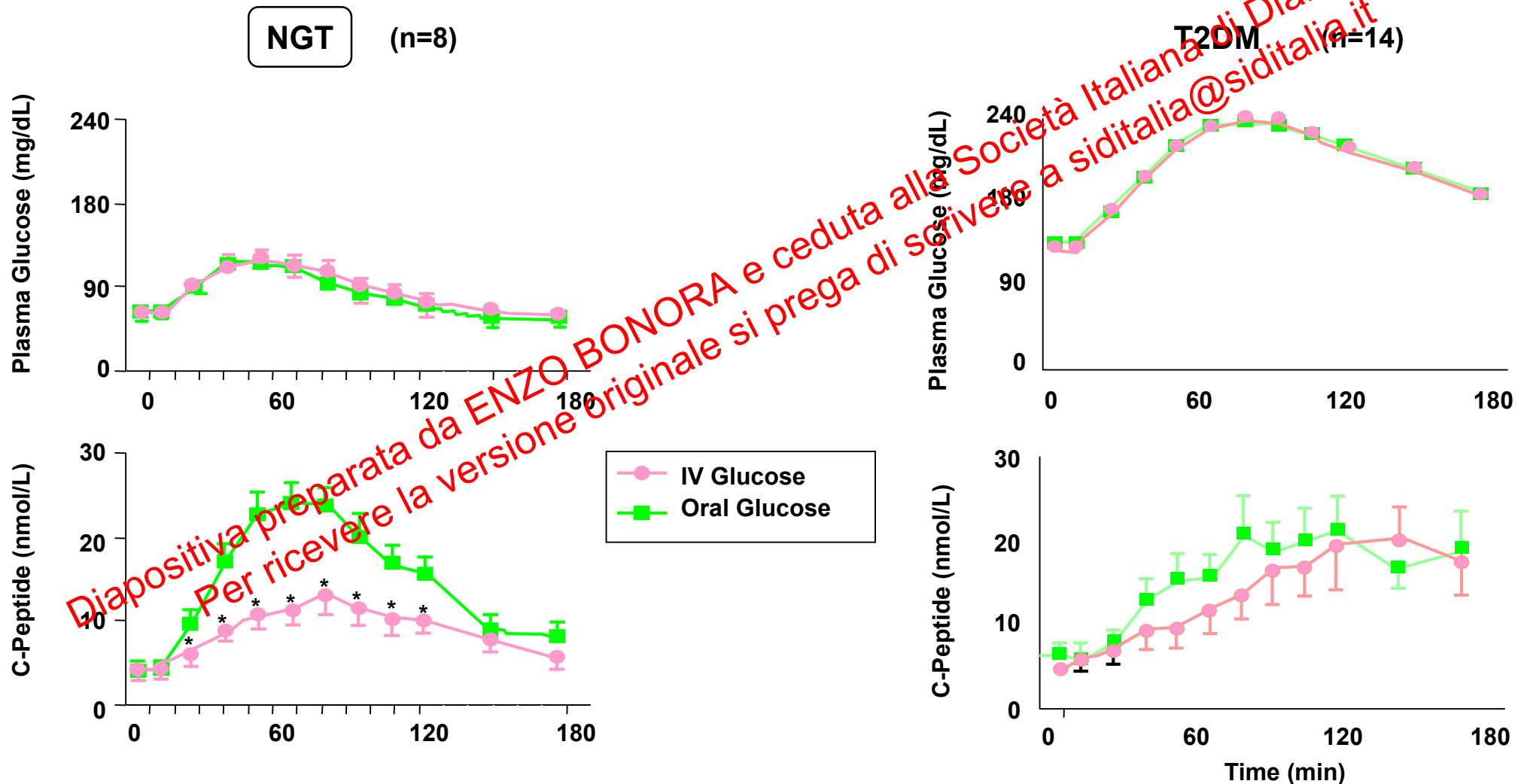


GLP-1 and GIP are synthesized and secreted from the gut in response to food intake



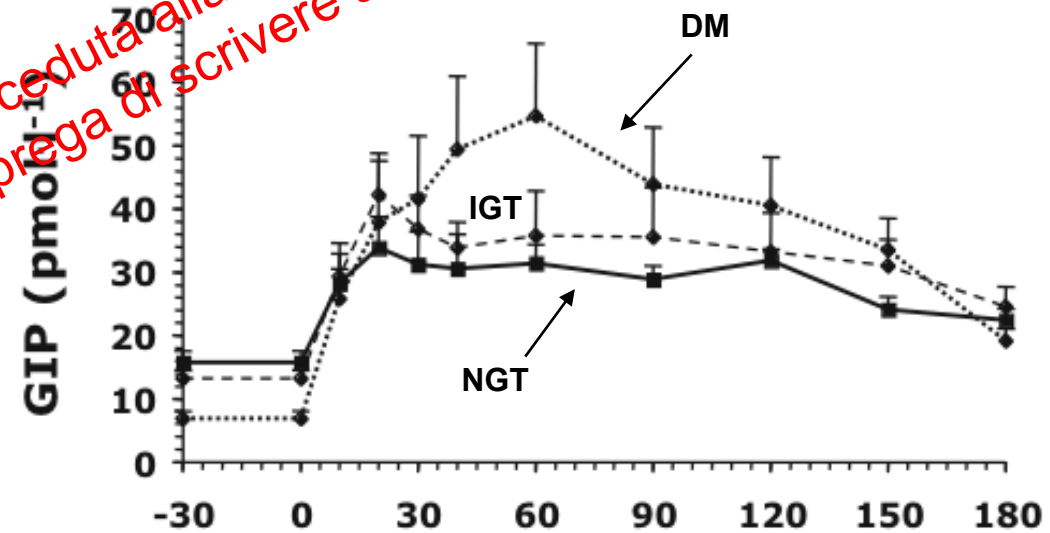
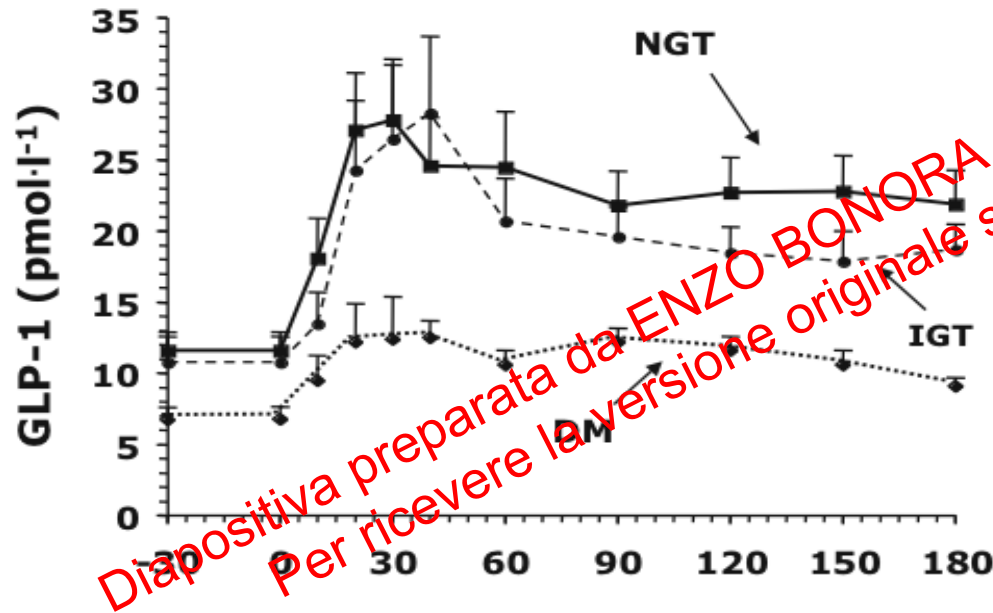
The Incretin Effect is Impaired in T2DM Leading to Reduced Beta-Cell Secretion

Nauck M et al - Diabetologia 1986; 29:46-52



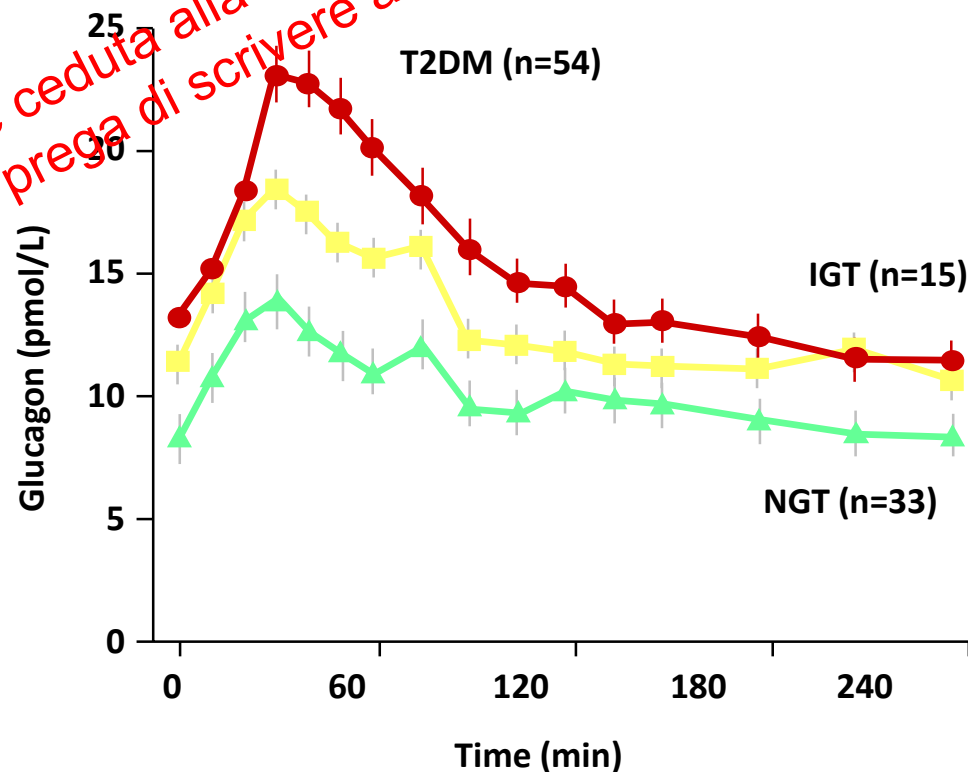
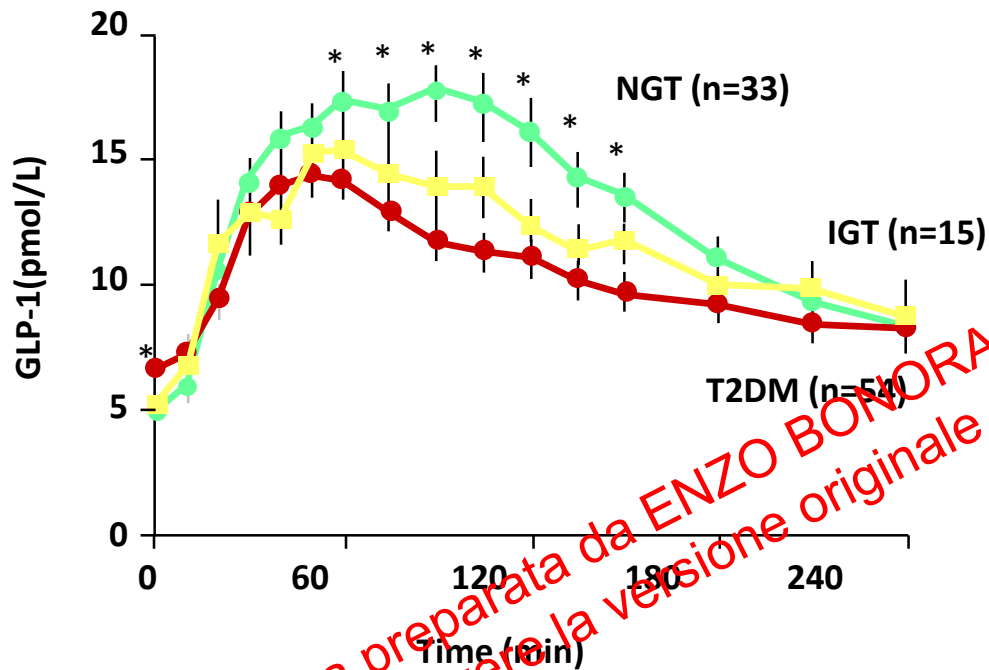
Discordant Behaviour of GLP-1 and GIP levels during OGTT in Type 2 Diabetes

Muscelli E et al - Diabetes 2008



Decreased GLP-1 Response is Associated with Diminished Glucagon Suppression After Meal in T2DM

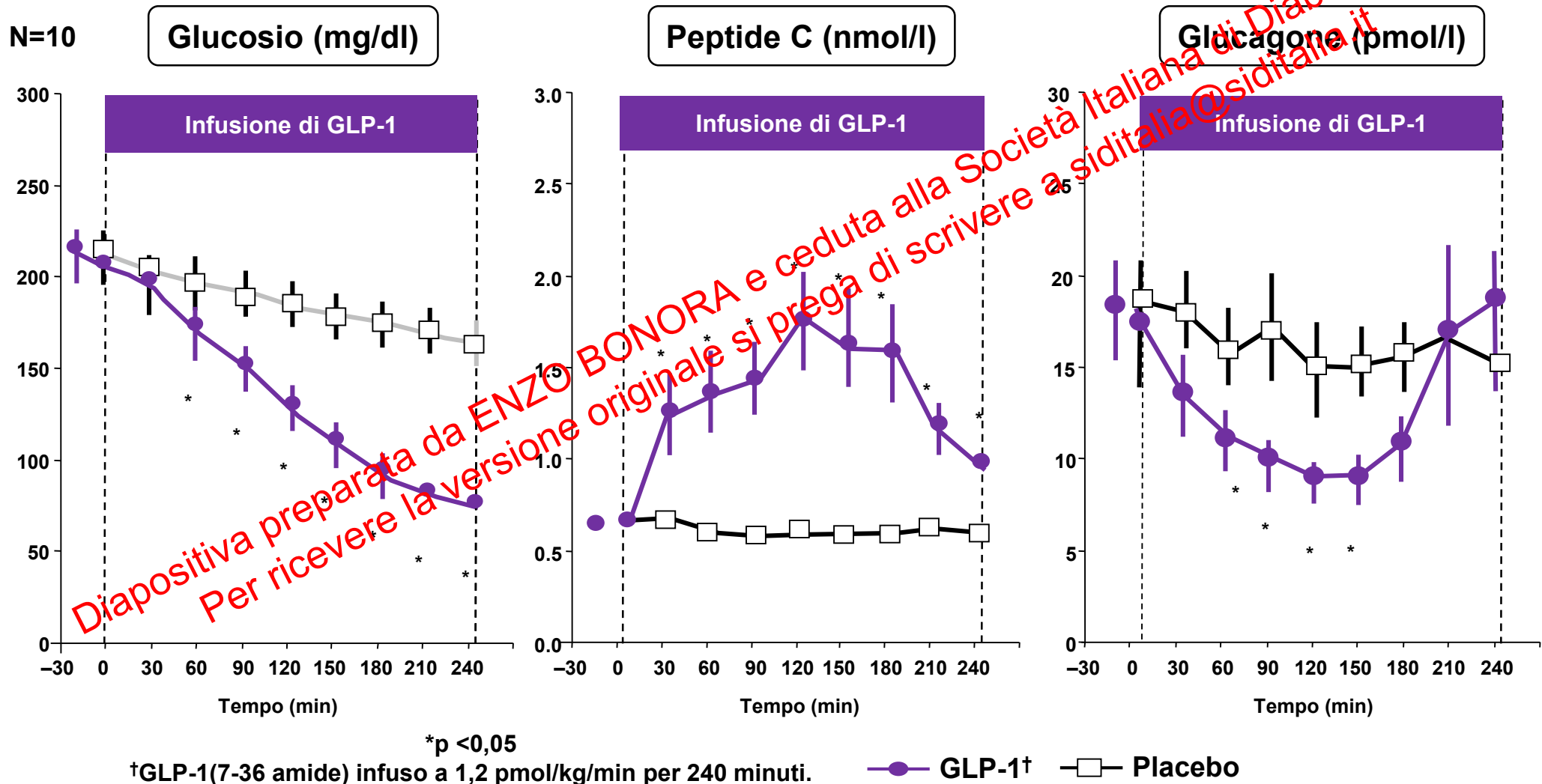
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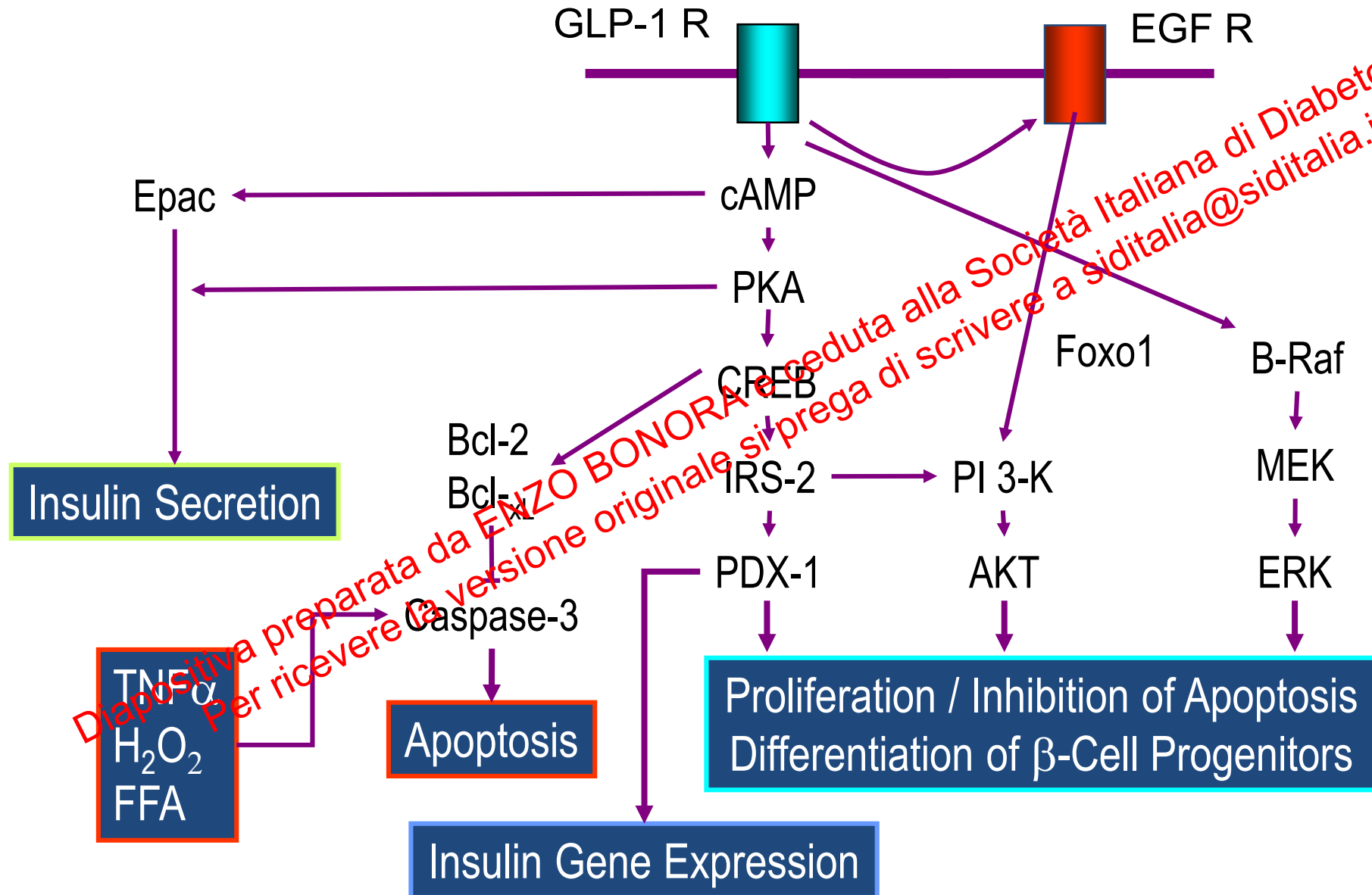
P < .001 at all time points, T2DM vs. NGT

Il GLP-1 migliora la risposta dell'insulina e del glucagone nel T2DM

Nauck MA et al. Diabetologia 1993;36:741



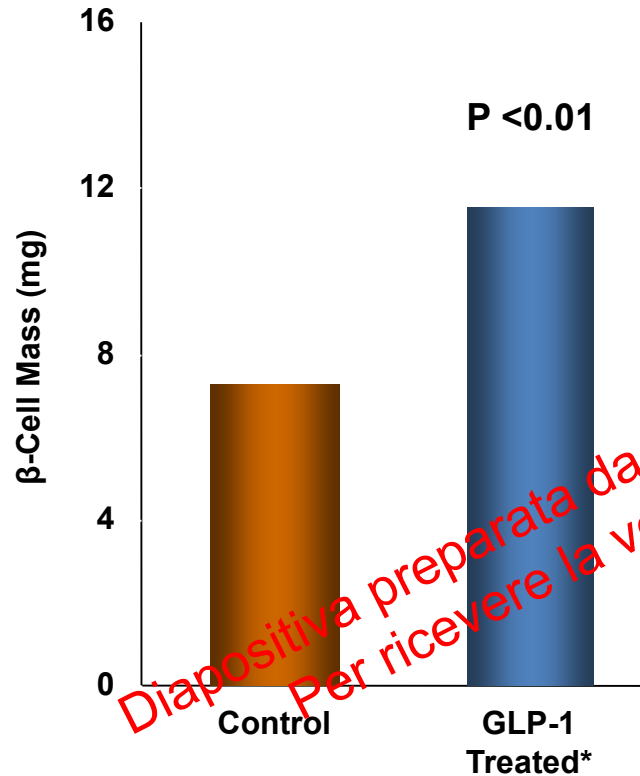
Mechanism of action of GLP-1 in beta-cells



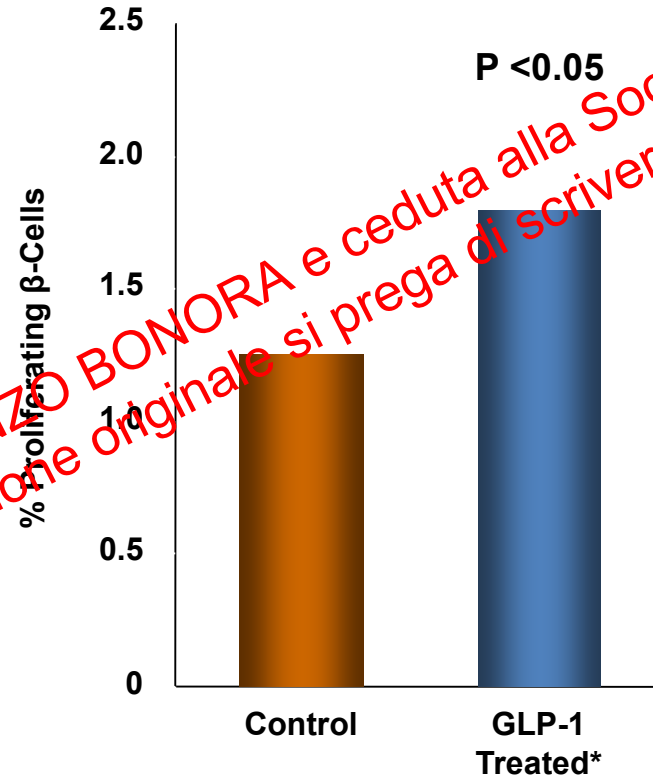
Effect of GLP-1 on the beta-cells of ZDF rats

Farilla et al - Endocrinology 143: 4397, 2002

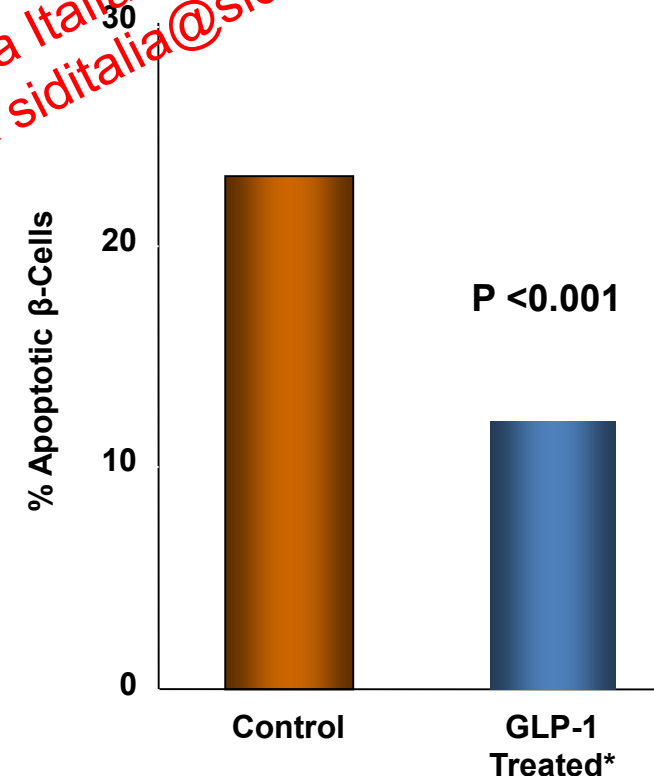
β -Cell Mass



β -Cell Proliferation



β -Cell Apoptosis



GLP-1 infused at 30 pmol/kg/min over 2 days

GLP-1 receptors in various tissues

Korner M et al - Nucl Med 2007

TABLE 2
GLP-1 Receptor Density in Receptor-Positive Human Normal Tissues

Organ	Tissue compartment	GLP-1 receptor density*	
Central nervous system	Neurohypophysis	5,207 ± 472	(n = 6)
	Leptomeninges	1,453 ± 276	(n = 6)
Normal pancreas	Islets	1,322 ± 143	(n = 24)
	Acini	693 ± 49	(n = 9)
Chronic pancreatitis	Islets	960 ± 251	(n = 6)
	Acini	567 ± 112	(n = 6)
Duodenum	Brunner's glands	2,752 ± 522	(n = 5)
Ileum	Myenteric plexus	887 ± 285	(n = 6)
Colon	Myenteric plexus	788 ± 84	(n = 9)
Breast	Ducts and lobuli	519 ± 136	(n = 3)
Lung	Small blood vessels	636 ± 164	(n = 11)
Kidney	Large- and medium-sized arteries	674 ± 127	(n = 2)

*Mean ± SEM of receptor-positive cases (dpm/mg tissue).

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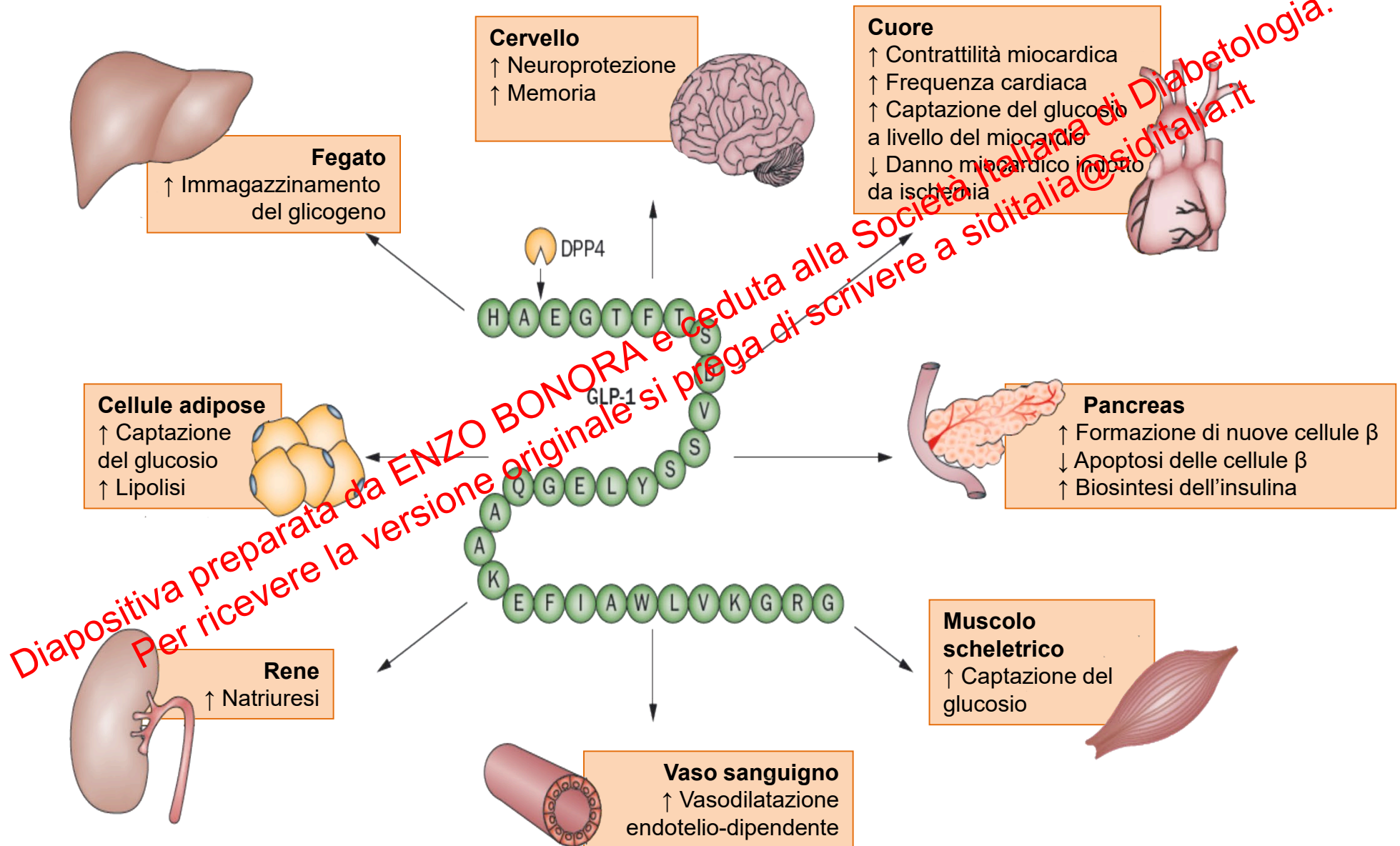
Su quale di questi organi/tessuti non sembra esercitarsi un'azione significativa di GLP-1 e dei suoi analoghi:

- a) Fegato
- b) Tessuto adiposo
- c) Polmone
- d) Muscolo scheletrico

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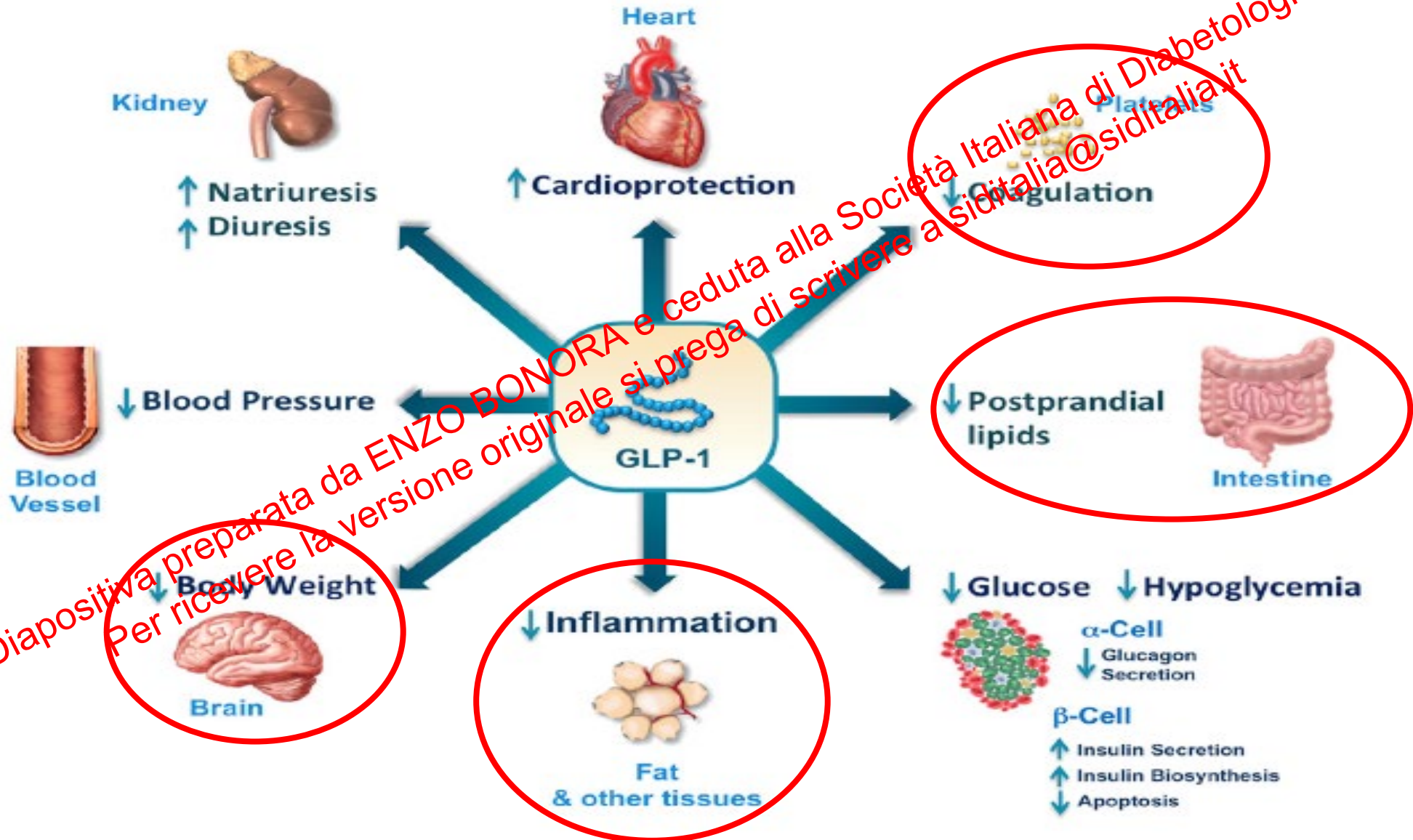
GLP-1: un ampio spettro di azioni biologiche

Meier JJ - Nat Rev Endocrinol 2012; 8:728-42



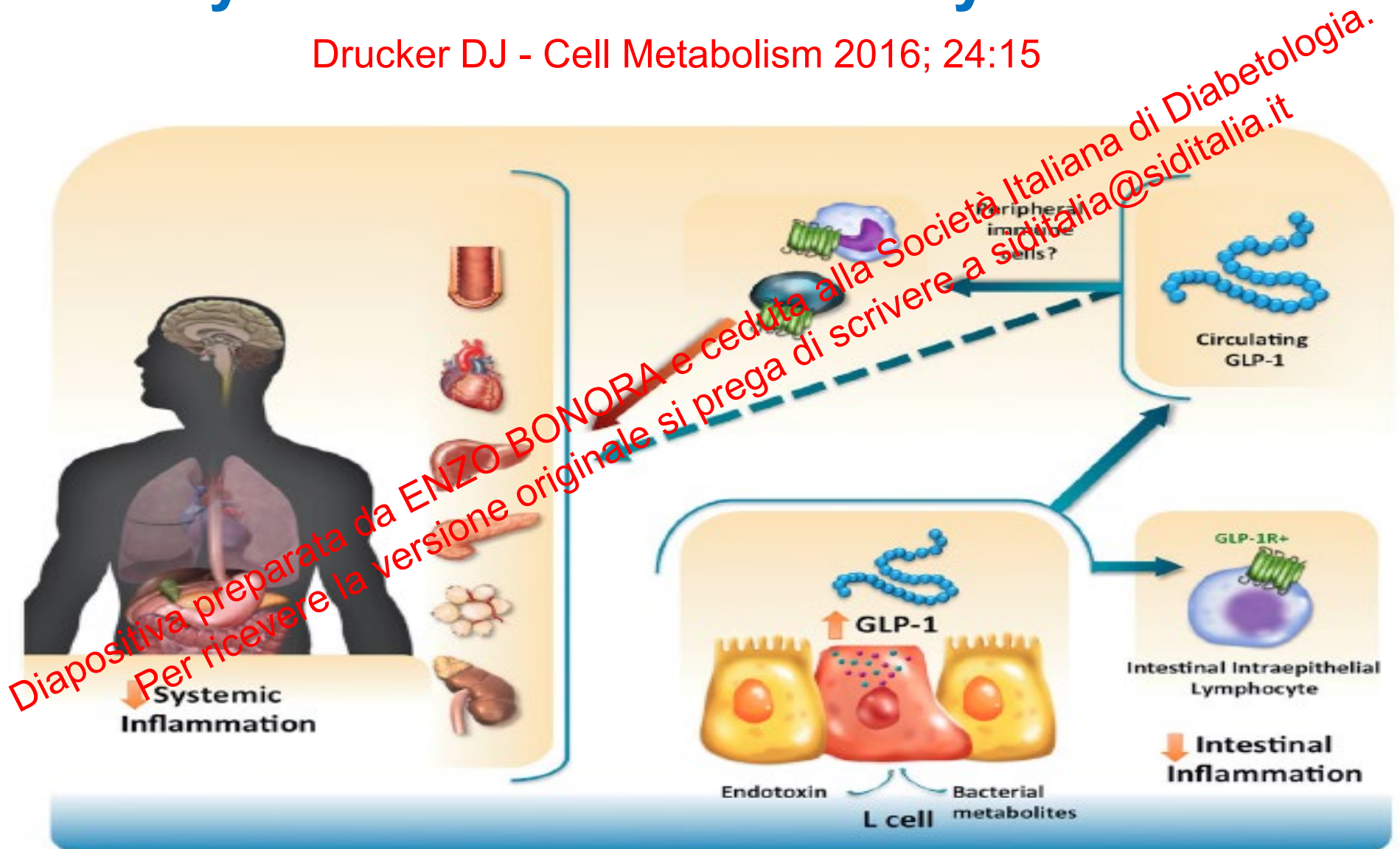
Pleiotropic effects of GLP-1

Drucker DJ - Cell Metabolism 2016; 24:15



Direct and indirect actions of GLP-1 as a local and systemic anti-inflammatory molecule

Drucker DJ - Cell Metabolism 2016; 24:15



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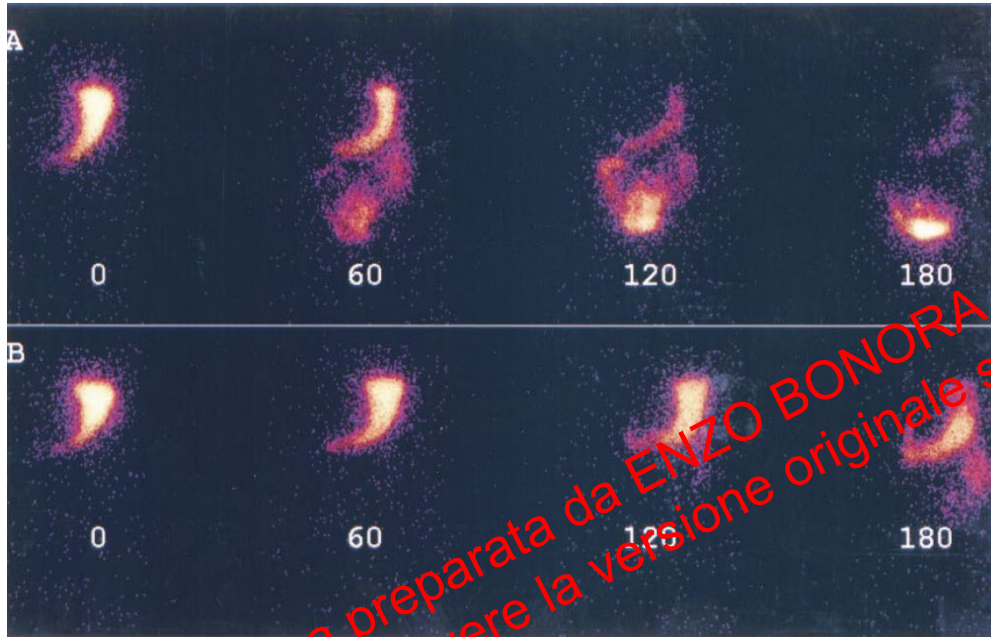
La perdita di peso conseguente all'uso di analoghi di GLP-1 è verosimilmente legata a:

- a) Riduzione dell'introito di cibo per ritardato svuotamento gastrico
- b) Azione diretta sui centri della fame e della sazietà
- c) Cambiamento del microbiota con possibile effetto anti-obesità
- d) Tutte le precedenti

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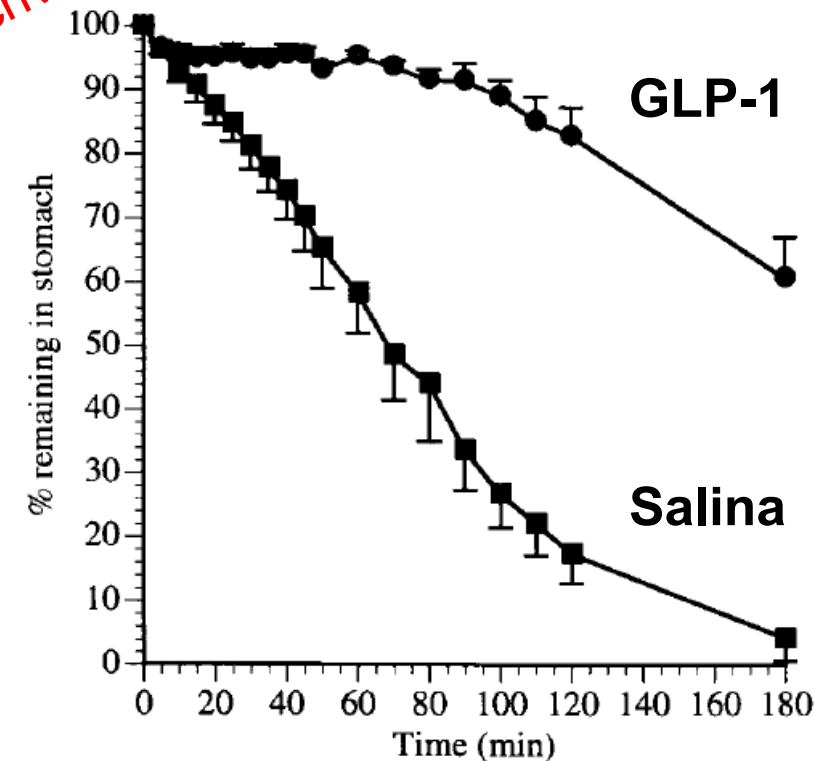
GLP-1 Decreases Gastric Emptying after Meal

Näslund et al. - Am J Physiol 1999; 277: R910-R916



Salina

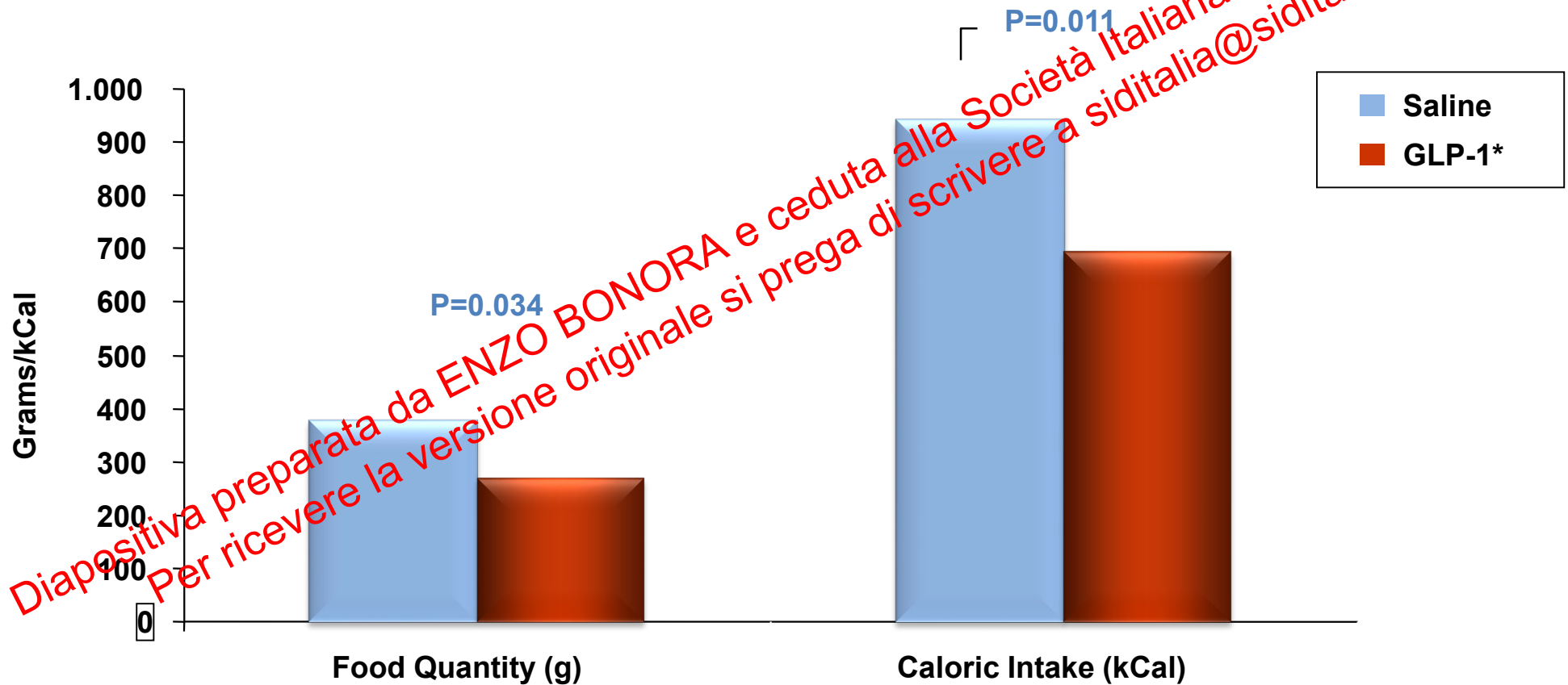
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GLP-1 Infusion Leads to Significant Decreases in Eating Behaviors

Gutzwiller JP et al - Am J Physiol 1999; 276: R1541-R1544

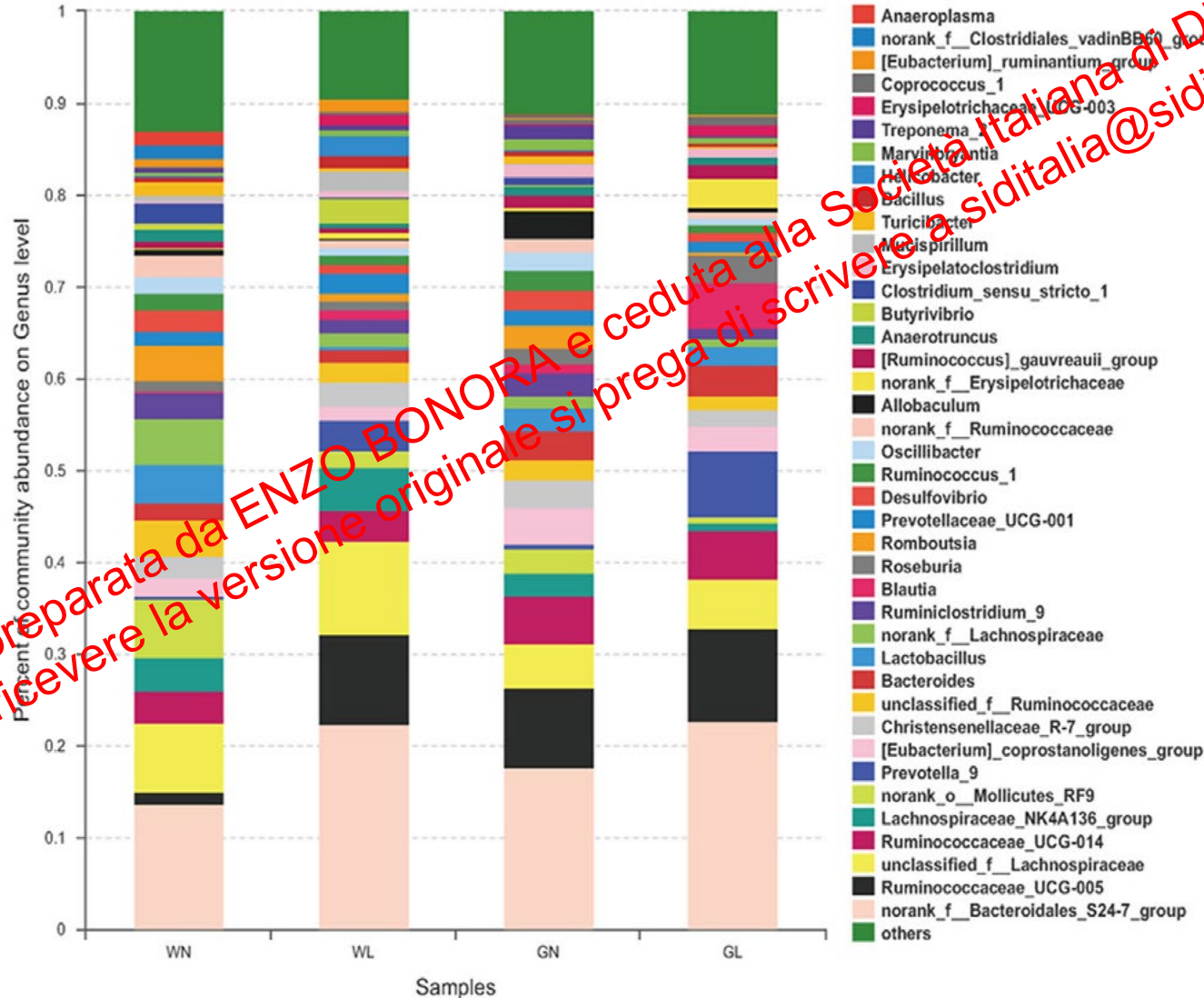


Liraglutide alters the gut microbiota of Wistar and Goto-Kakizaki rats

Zhao L et al - Front Endocrinol 2018; 9:233

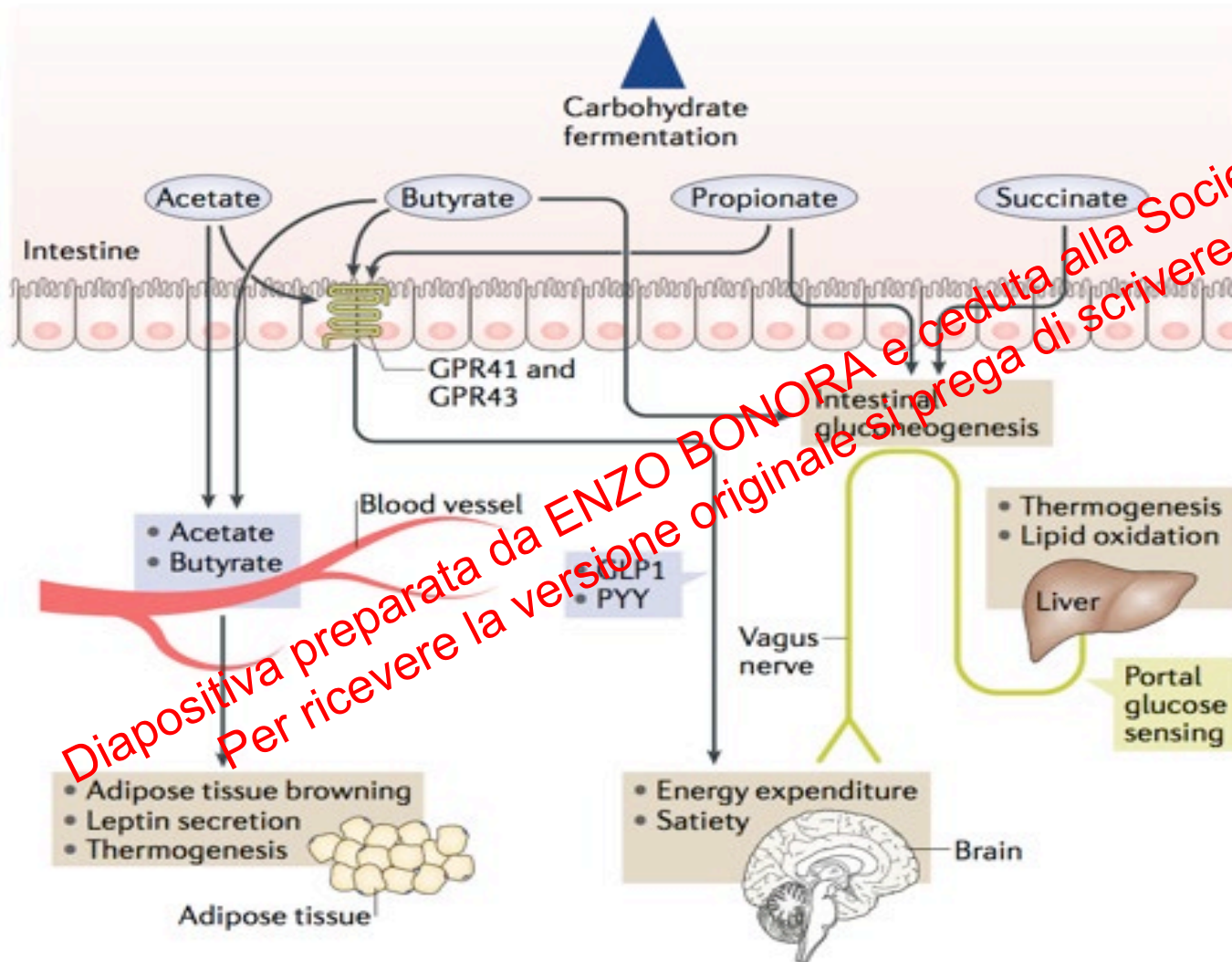
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Community barplot analysis



Metabolites derived from carbohydrate fermentation by microbiota influences body weight

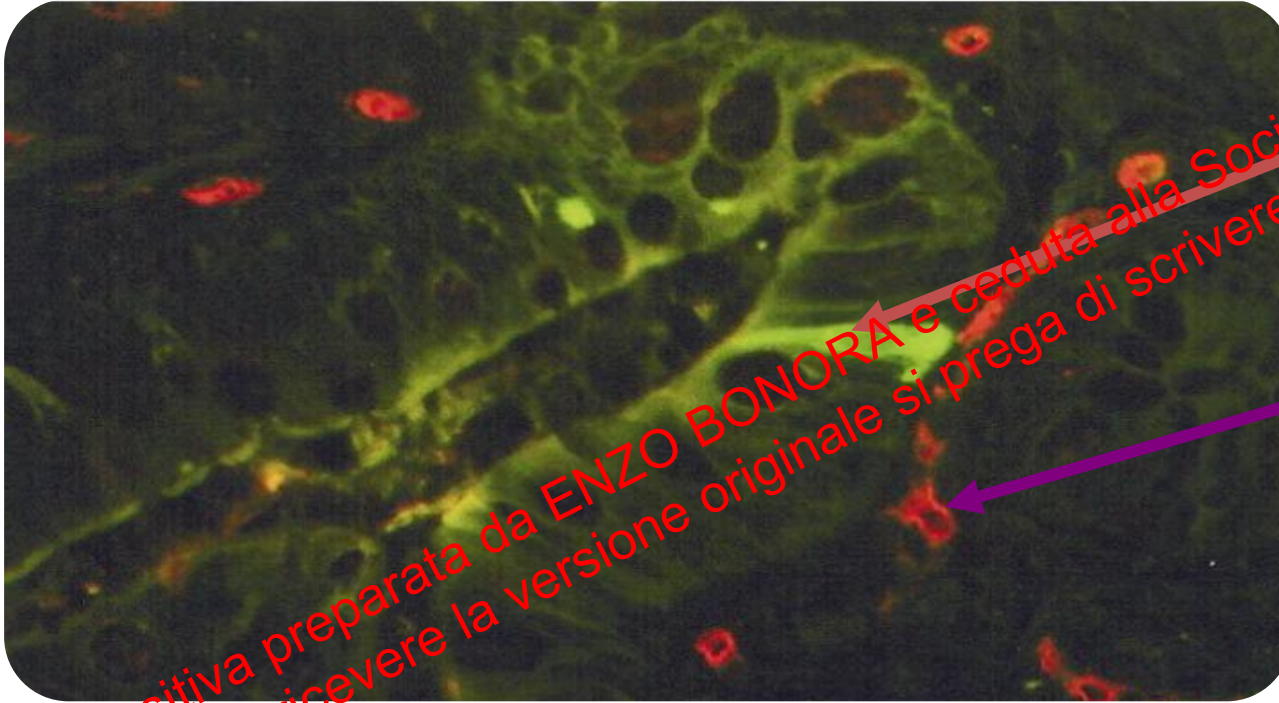
Canfora E et al - Nat Rev Endocrinol 2019



- Propionate, butyrate and succinate induce intestinal gluconeogenesis, thereby beneficially regulating energy homeostasis

- Acetate and butyrate have also been demonstrated to induce satiety via a central mechanism and to increase thermogenesis in adipose tissue and liver as well as to induce adipose tissue browning and leptin secretion
- In addition, acetate, propionate and butyrate stimulate the secretion of the satiety hormones glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP1) and peptide YY (PYY) in a G protein-coupled receptor (GPR) dependent manner.

Native GLP-1 is Rapidly Degraded by DPP-4



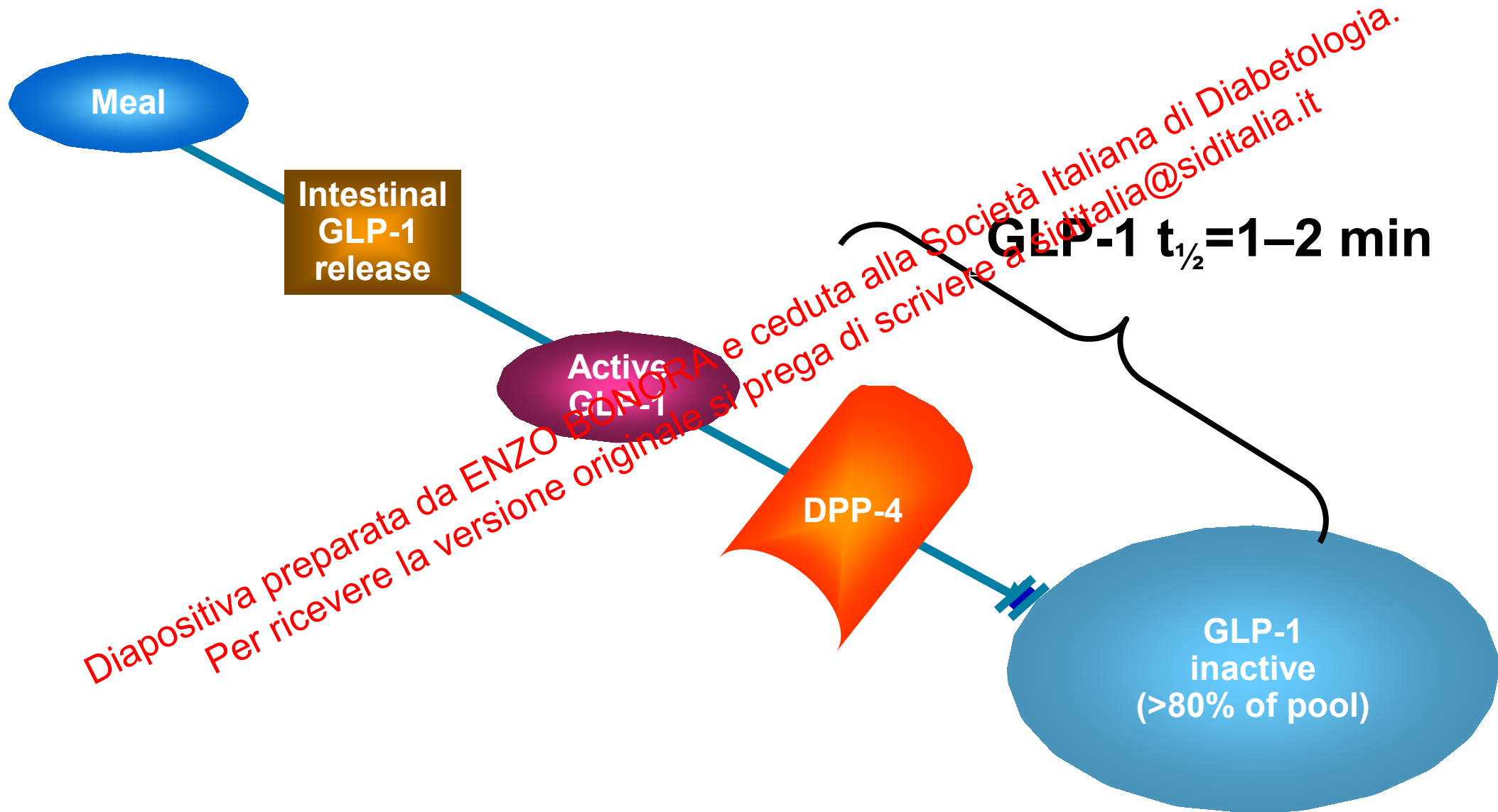
Human ileum,
GLP-1 producing
L-cells

Capillaries, DPP-4
(Di-Peptidyl
Peptidase-4)

Double immunohistochemical staining for DPP-IV (red) and
GLP-1 (green) in the human ileum

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Rapid degradation of active GLP-1 by DPP-4



Development of exenatide: an incretin mimetic

Exenatide (Exendin-4)

- Synthetic version of salivary protein found in the Gila Monster.
- Approximately 50% identity with human GLP-1.

Binds to known human GLP-1 receptors on β cells *in vitro*. Resistant to DPP-IV inactivation



Exenatide	H G E G T F T S D L S K M E E A V R L F I E W L K N G G P S S G A P P P S - N H ₂
GLP-1 Human	H A E G T F T S D V S S Y L E G Q A A K E F I A W L V K G R - N H ₂

Site of DPP-IV Inactivation

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

Prandial (short and prolonged acting)

- Exenatide (BID)
- Lixisenatide (daily)

Non prandial (long and very long acting)

- Liraglutide (daily)
- Exenatide LAR (weekly)
- Dulaglutide (weekly)
- Albiglutide (weekly)
- Semaglutide (weekly)

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Comparison of Prandial (Short-acting) vs. Non-prandial (Long-acting) GLP-1 RAs

Meier JJ - Nat Rev Endocrinol 2012; 8:728-742

Parameters	Prandial GLP-1 receptor agonists	Non-prandial GLP-1 receptor agonists
Compounds	Exenatide BID Lixisenatide	Liraglutide, Exenatide LAR Dulaglutide, Albiglutide Semaglutide
Half-life	2–5 hours	12h–several days
Effects		
Fasting blood glucose levels	Modest reduction	Strong reduction
Postprandial hyperglycaemia	Strong reduction	Modest Reduction
Fasting insulin secretion	Modest stimulation	Strong stimulation
Postprandial insulin secretion	Reduction	Modest stimulation
Glucagon secretion	Reduction	Reduction
Gastric emptying rate	Deceleration	No effect
Blood pressure	Reduction	Reduction
Heart rate	No effect or small increase (0–2 bpm)	Moderate increase (2–5 bpm)
Body weight reduction	1–5kg	2–5kg
Induction of nausea	20–50% attenuates slowly (weeks to many months)	20–40% attenuates quickly (~4–8weeks)

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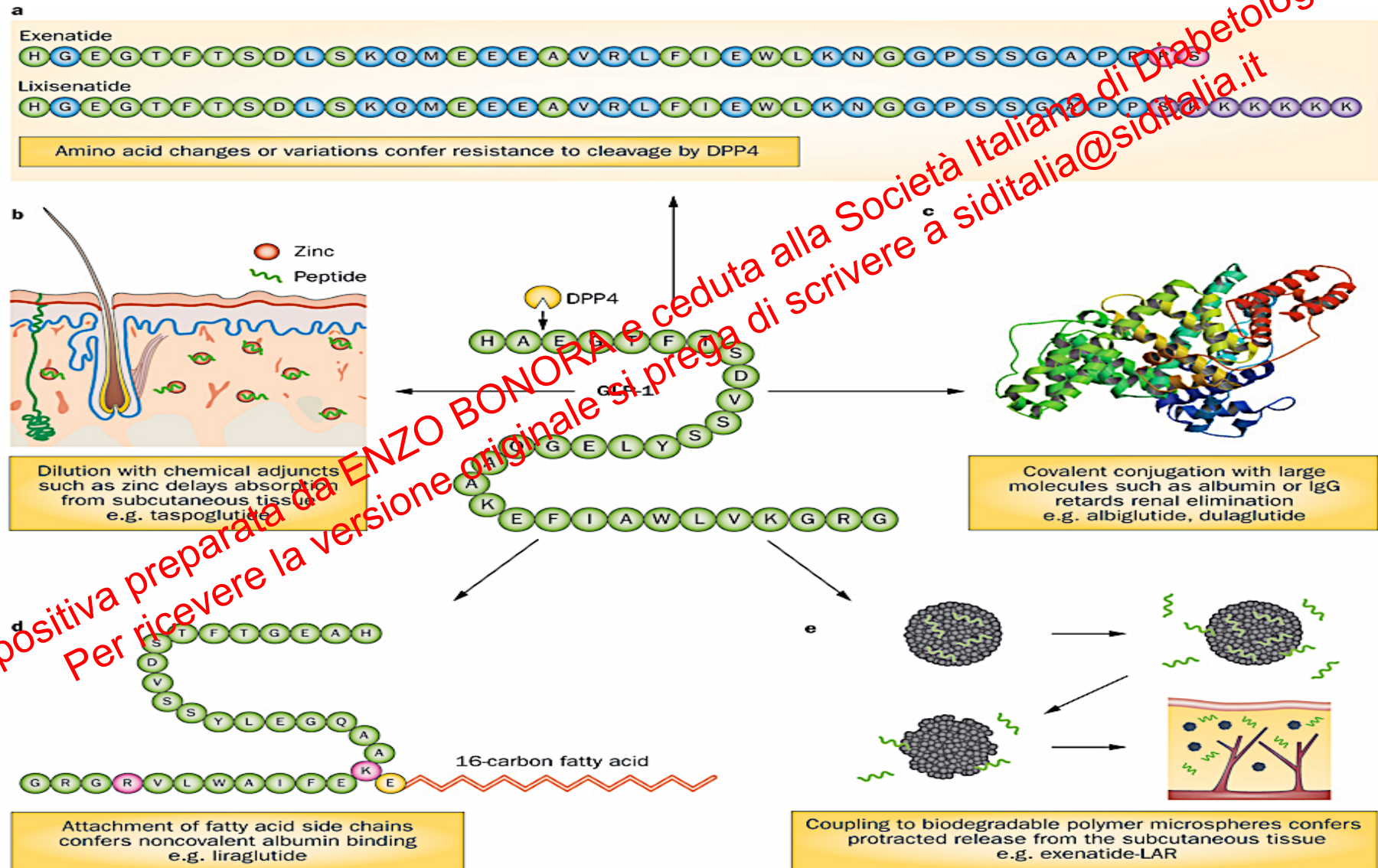
Fra i vari agonisti del recettore GLP-1 la maggiore analogia molecolare con il GLP-1 nativo è posseduta da:

- a) Exenatide
- b) Lixisenatide
- c) Liraglutide
- d) Sono tutti molto simili

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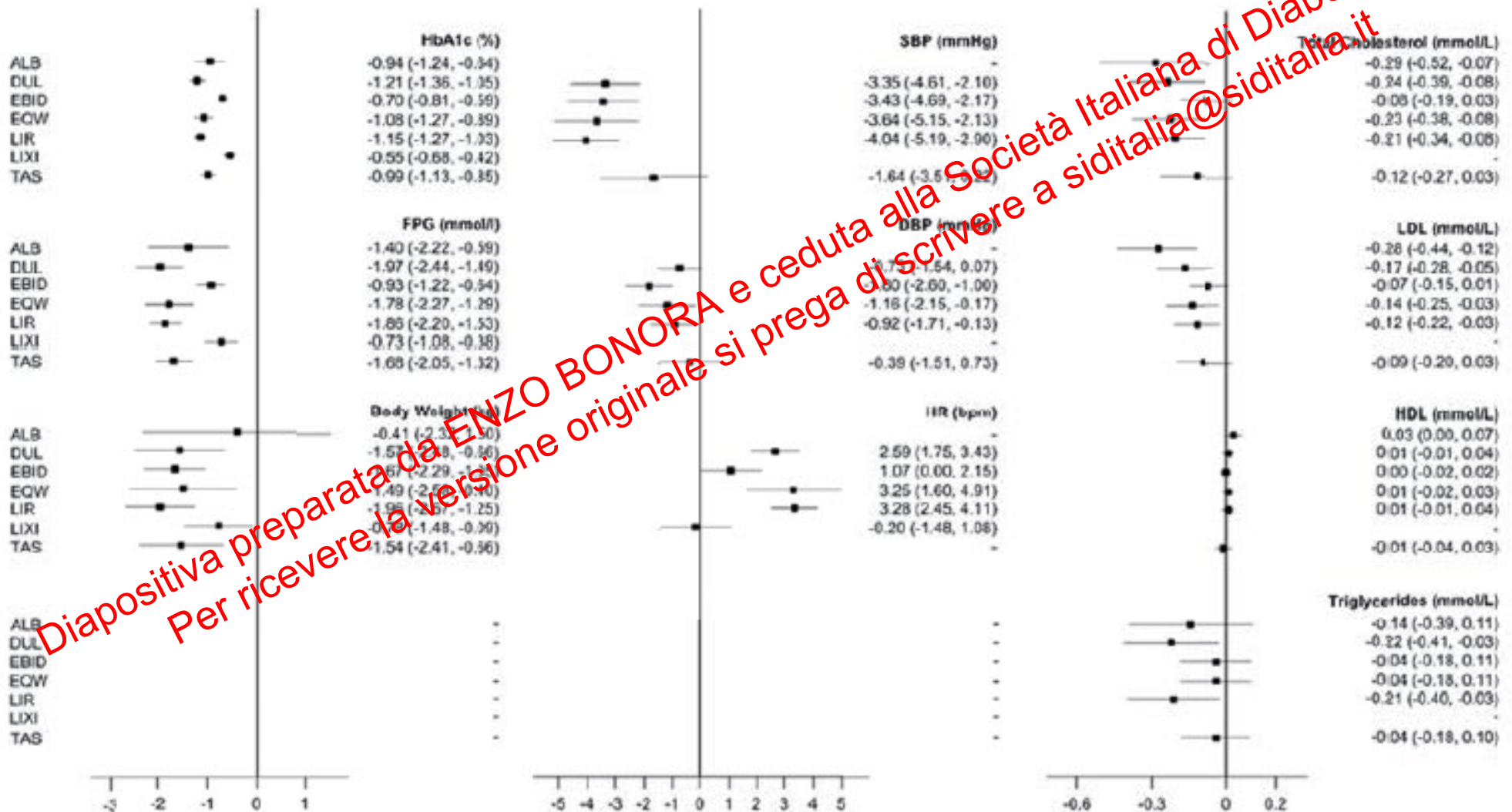
Strategies to develop GLP-1 receptor agonists

Meier JJ – Nat Rev Endocrinol 2012; 8: 728-742



Efficacy of GLP-1RAs - A systematic review and mixed treatment comparison analysis

Hitke ZZ et al – Diab Obes Metab 2017; 19: 524

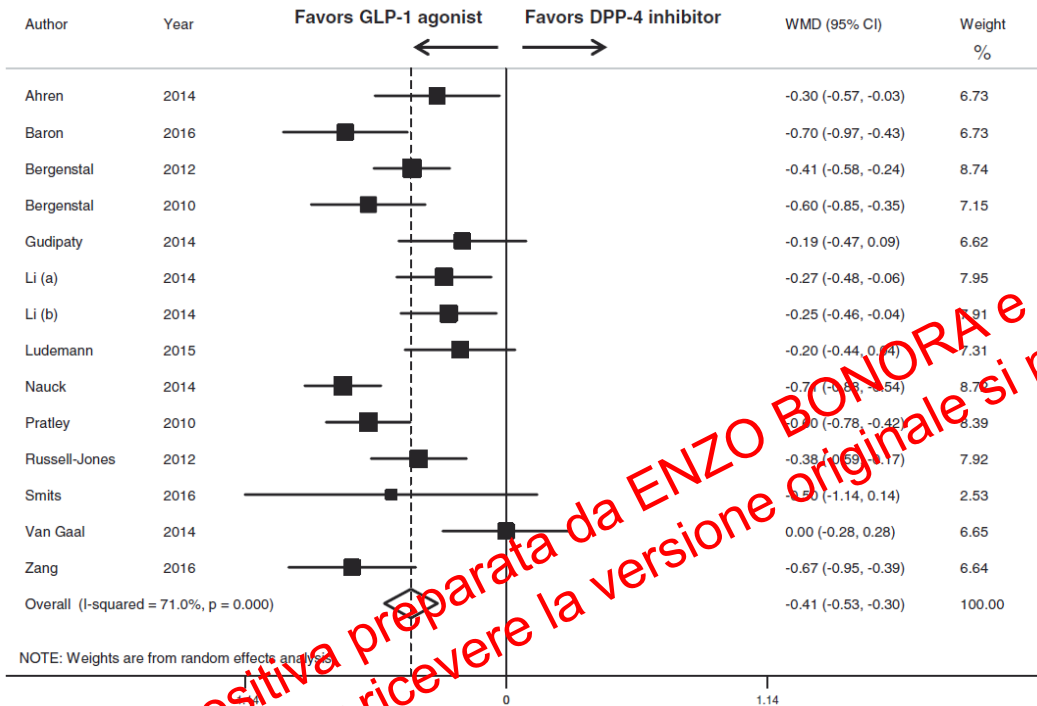


GLP-1RAs vs. DPP-4 added to metformin

Meta-analysis on the effect on HbA1c and BW

Tran S et al – Diab Obes Metab 2018; 20 (suppl 1): 68-76

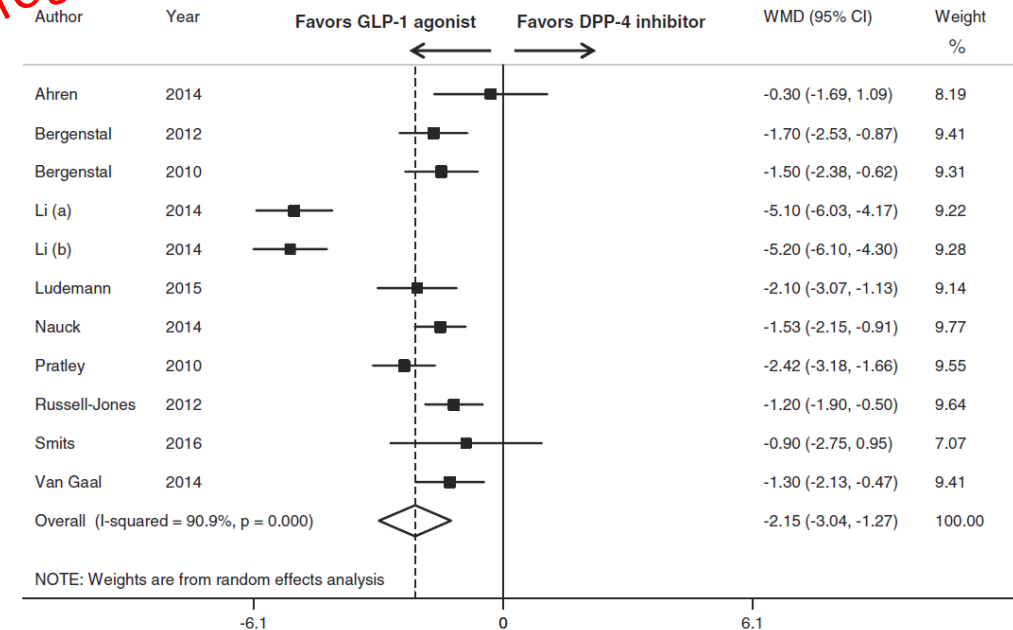
Panel A



HbA1c

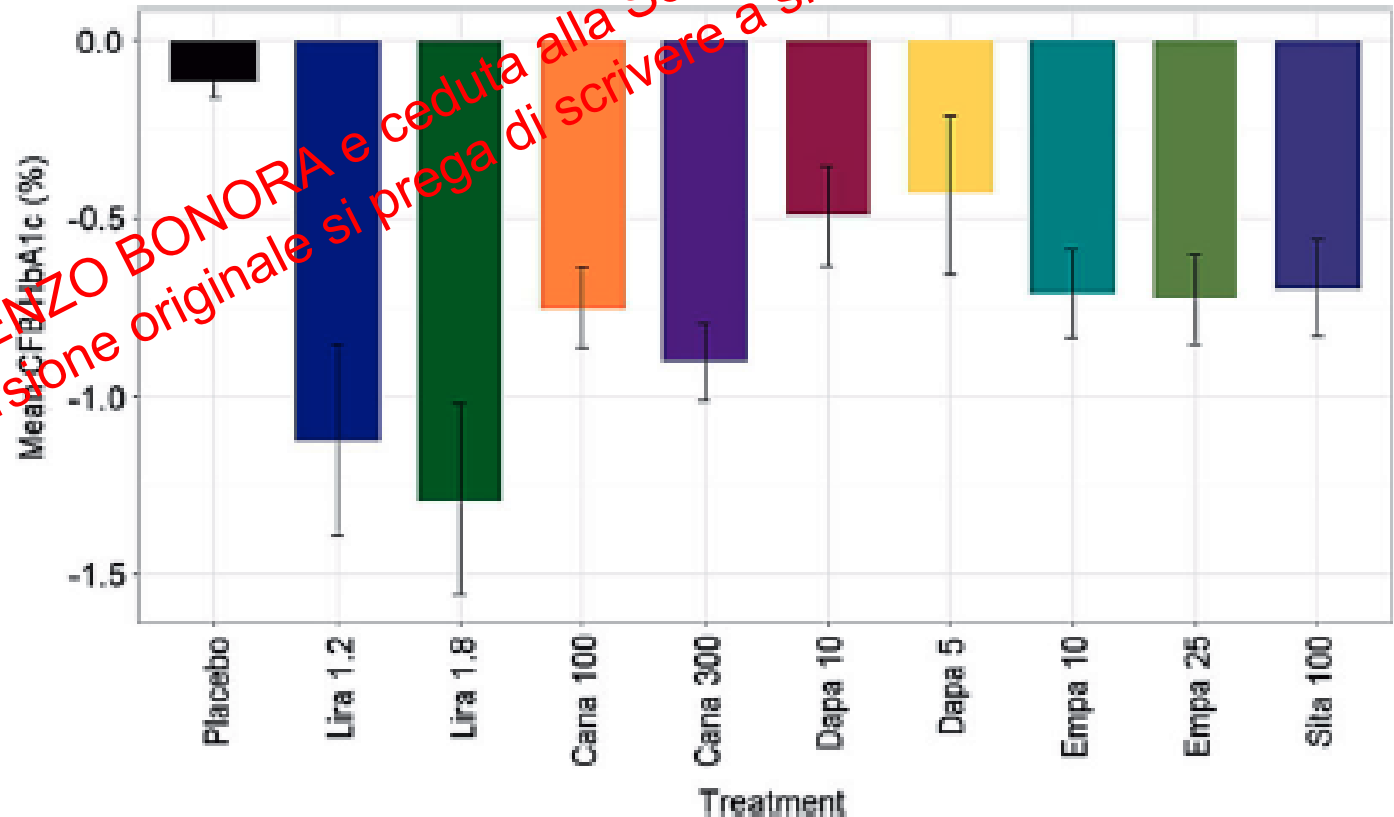
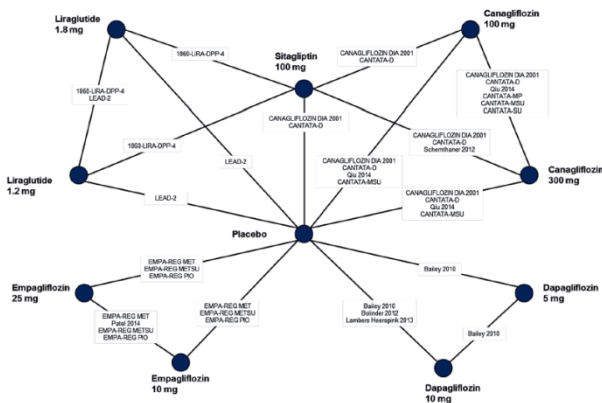
Body Weight

Panel B



Effect on HbA1c of Liraglutide vs. SGLT-2 Network meta-analysis

Lorenzi M et al – Diabetes Ther 2017; 8:85



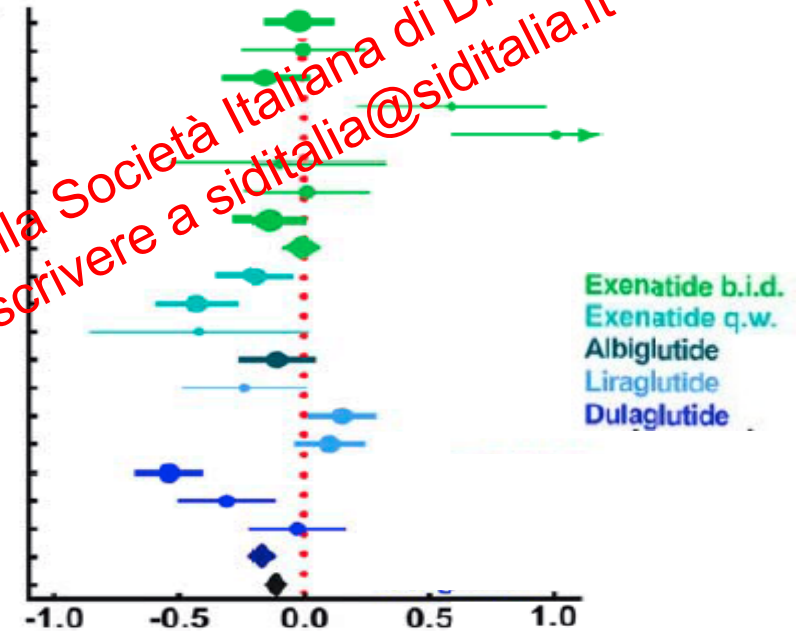
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GLP-1RAs vs. insulin - Meta-analysis

Abd El Aziz MS et al – Diabet Obes Metab 2017; 19: 216

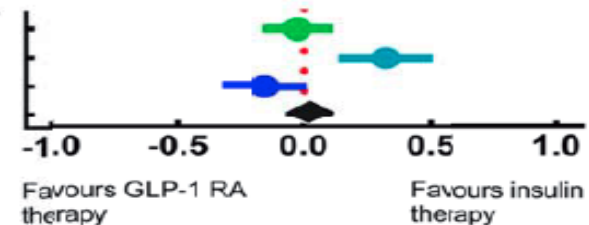
A GLP-1 RA versus insulin treatment (OGLM background)

Study	Duration of action	Difference in means	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Z-value	p-value
Heine et al. 2005 [44]	short	-0.02	-0.16	0.12	-0.24	0.81
Barnett et al. 2007 [33]	short	0.00	-0.25	0.25	0.00	1.00
Nauck et al. 2007 [47]	short	-0.15	-0.33	0.03	-1.63	0.10
Bergental et al. 2009 a [34]	short	0.59	0.21	0.97	3.02	0.0026
Bergental et al. 2009 b [34]	short	1.01	0.59	1.43	4.72	< 0.0001
Bunck et al. 2009 [35]	short	-0.10	-0.53	0.33	-0.46	0.65
Davies et al. 2009 [38]	short	0.01	-0.24	0.26	0.08	0.94
Gallwitz et al. 2011 [41]	short	-0.14	-0.29	0.01	-1.87	0.061
All short-acting GLP-1 RAs		-0.02	-0.09	0.06	-0.39	0.70
Diamant et al. 2010 [40]	long	-0.20	-0.35	-0.05	-2.57	0.011
Inagaki et al. 2012 [45]	long	-0.43	-0.60	-0.26	-5.08	< 0.0001
Davies et al. 2013 [37]	long	-0.42	-0.86	0.02	-2.27	0.026
Weissman et al. 2014 [50]	long	-0.11	-0.27	0.04	-1.39	0.16
Russell-Jones et al. 2009 [49]	long	-0.24	-0.49	0.01	-1.65	0.059
D'Alessio et al. 2015 [36]	long	0.15	0.04	0.29	1.12	0.034
Gough et al. 2015 [43]	long	0.10	-0.04	0.24	1.37	0.17
Araki et al. 2015 [32]	long	-0.54	-0.68	-0.40	-7.66	< 0.0001
Giorgino et al. 2015 a [42]	long	-0.31	-0.56	-0.12	-3.13	0.0018
Giorgino et al. 2015 b [42]	long	-0.03	-0.22	0.16	-0.30	0.76
All long-acting GLP-1 RAs		-0.17	-0.22	-0.12	-6.24	< 0.0001
All GLP-1 RAs		-0.12	-0.16	-0.07	-5.30	< 0.0001



B GLP-1 RA versus rapid-acting insulin (basal insulin + OGLM background)

Study	Duration of action	Difference in means	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Z-value	p-value
Diamant et al. 2014 [39]	short	-0.03	-0.17	0.11	-0.42	0.67
Mathieu et al. 2014 [46]	long	0.32	0.13	0.51	3.37	0.0008
Rosenstock et al. 2014 [48]	long	-0.16	-0.33	0.01	-1.89	0.059
All GLP-1 RAs		0.02	-0.08	0.11	0.34	0.73



Δ Change in HbA_{1c} vs. baseline [%]
(± 95 % confidence interval)

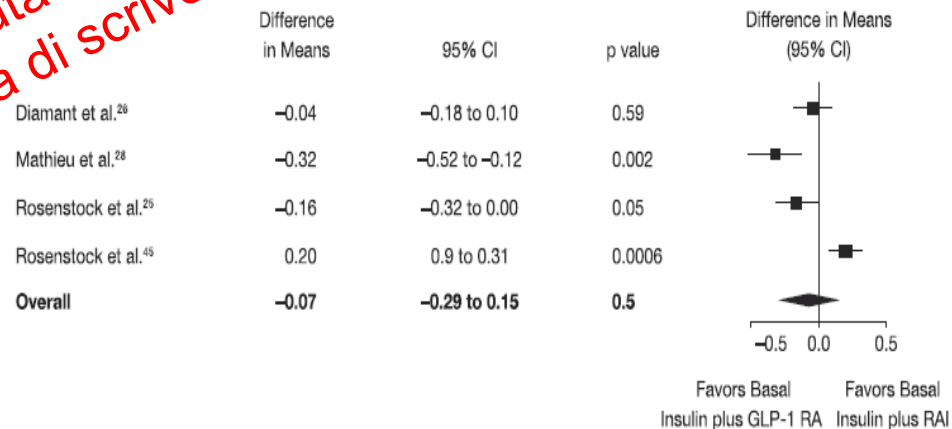
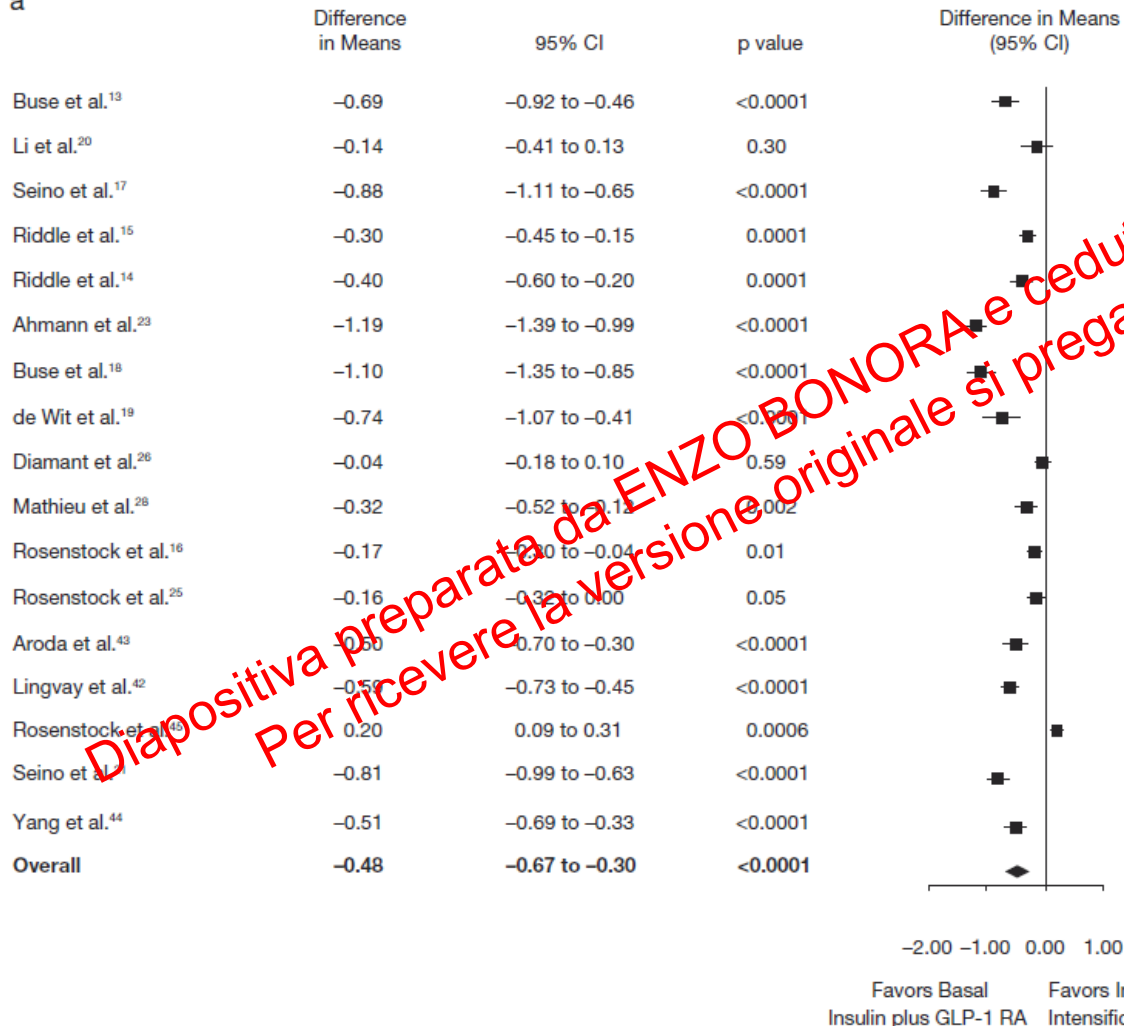
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GLP-1RA added to basal insulin provides a better or not inferior glucose control vs. insulin intensification

Meta-analysis

Wysham CH et al – Postgraduate Med 2017; 129: 436

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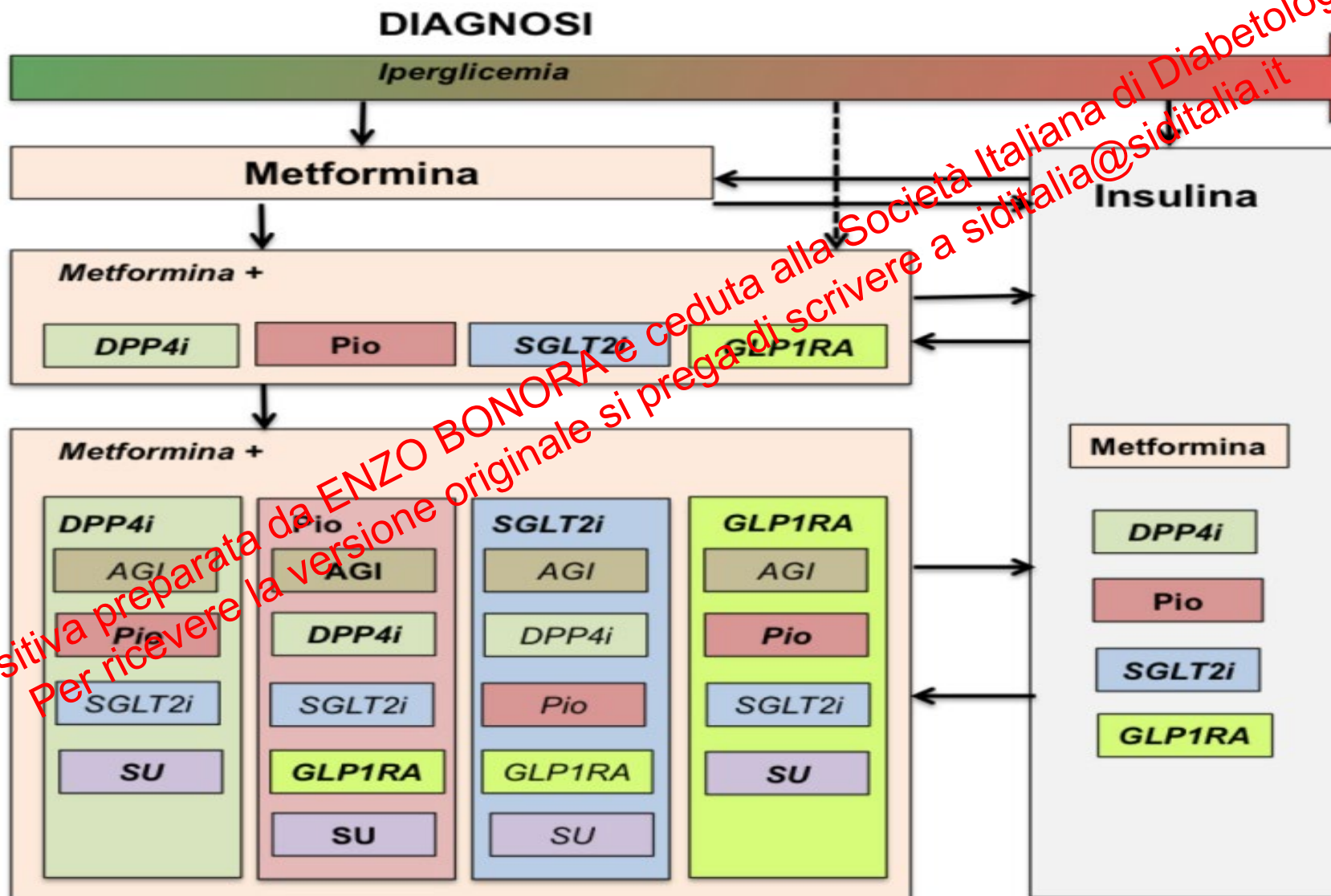
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Target terapeutici nel diabete ed effetti dei GLP-1 RA

Target terapeutico	Effetti favorevoli dei GLP-1 RA
Elevata HbA1c	Sì
Iperglicemia a digiuno	Sì
Iperglicemia post-prandiale	Sì
Prevenzione dell'ipoglicemia	Sì
Eccesso ponderale	Sì
Ipertensione	Sì
Dislipidemia aterogena	Sì
Trombosi	Sì
Cronica media infiammazione	Sì
Stress ossidativo	Sì

Sono indicati nella gran parte dei pazienti con diabete tipo 2

Standard Italiani per la Cura del Diabete Mellito - 2018



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Consensus ADA-EASD 2018

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graph TD
    Start([If HbA1c above target despite dual/triple therapy]) --> ConsiderGLP1[Consider GLP-1 RA in most prior to insulin']
    Start --> ConsiderComb[Consider initial injectable combination i.e. GLP-1 RA + basal insulin or prandial/basal insulin if HbA1c >86 mmol/mol 10% and/or >23 mmol/mol 2% above target]
    ConsiderGLP1 --> ConsiderInitTit[Consider: INITIATION + TITRATION]
    ConsiderInitTit --> IfAboveTarget1[If above HbA1c target]
    IfAboveTarget1 --> AddBasal[Add basal insulin]
    AddBasal --> ConsiderInitTitBasal[Consider: INITIATION + TITRATION]
    ConsiderInitTitBasal --> IfAboveTarget2[If above HbA1c target]
    IfAboveTarget2 --> AddPrandial[Add prandial insulin]
    AddPrandial --> ConsiderInitTitPrandial[Consider: INITIATION + TITRATION]
    ConsiderInitTitPrandial --> End([End])
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INITIATION FOR GLP-1 RA

- Initiate starting dose (varies across class)

TITRATION FOR GLP-1 RA

- Gradual titration to maintenance dose (varies across class)

INITIATION FOR BASAL

- Start 10 IU a day **OR** 0.1–0.2 IU/kg a day

TITRATION FOR BASAL

- Patient self titration is more effective
- Set FBG target that correlates to HbA_{1c} target
- Choose evidence-based titration algorithm, i.e., increase 2 units every 3 days to reach FPG target without hypoglycemia
- For hypoglycemia determine cause, if no clear reason lower dose by 10–20%

INITIATION FOR PRANDIAL

- 4 IU a day or 10% of basal dose
- If HbA_{1c} <64 mmol/mol (8%) consider lowering the total dose by 4 IU a day or 10% of basal dose

TITRATION FOR PRANDIAL

- Increase dose by 1–2 IU or 10–15% twice weekly
- For hypoglycemia determine cause, if no clear reason lower corresponding dose by 10–20%

Consider initial injectable combination (i.e., GLP-1 RA + basal insulin or prandial/basal insulin) if HbA_{1c} >86 mmol/mol (10%) and/or >23 mmol/mol (2%) above target

Consider insulin as first injectable if

- HbA_{1c} very high >97 mmol/mol (11%)
- Symptoms or evidence of catabolism: weight loss, polyuria, polydipsia which suggest insulin deficiency
- If type 1 diabetes is a possibility

If already on GLP-1 RA or if GLP-1 RA at appropriate dose, insulin preferred

For patient on GLP-1 RA and basal insulin

Consider FRC of GLP-1 RA and insulin (iGlarLixi or iGlarLixi)

But note max dose of insulin in the FRCs

INITIATION

- If on GLP-1 RA use 10–16 dose steps (iDegLira) or 10–15 units (iGlarLixi)

TITRATION

- Titrate to FPG target and tolerability

Additional basal insulin or additional prandial insulin

INITIATION

- In insulin-naïve patients 10–12 IU or 0.3 IU/kg
- If on existing insulin regimen usually unit to unit at the same total insulin dose but may require adjustment to individual needs

Consider twice or three times daily premix

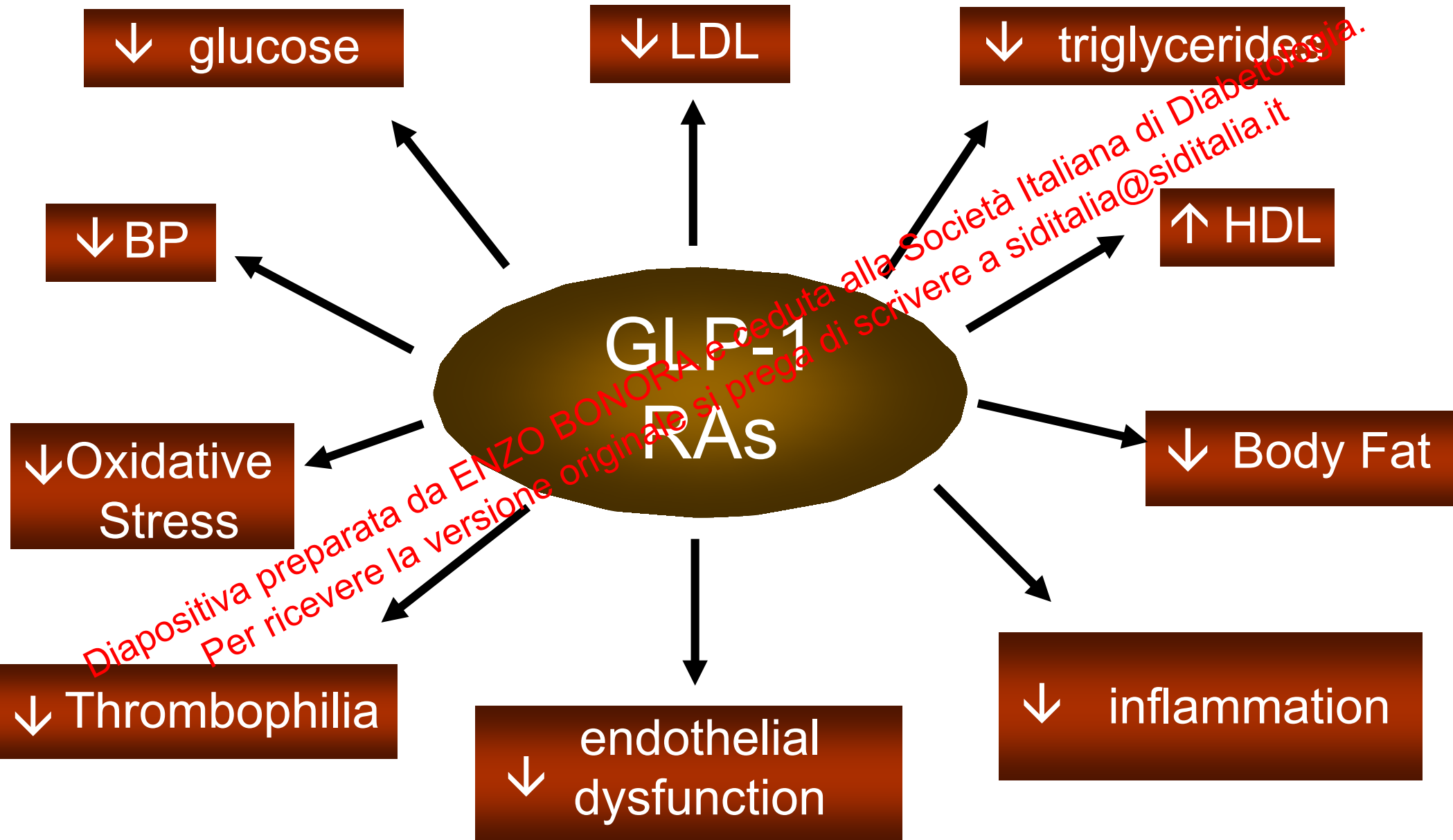
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- Individual dose adjustment depends on type of biphasic insulin
- More complex if on three times daily regimen

Iniezione: GLP-1 RA contro terapia insulinica

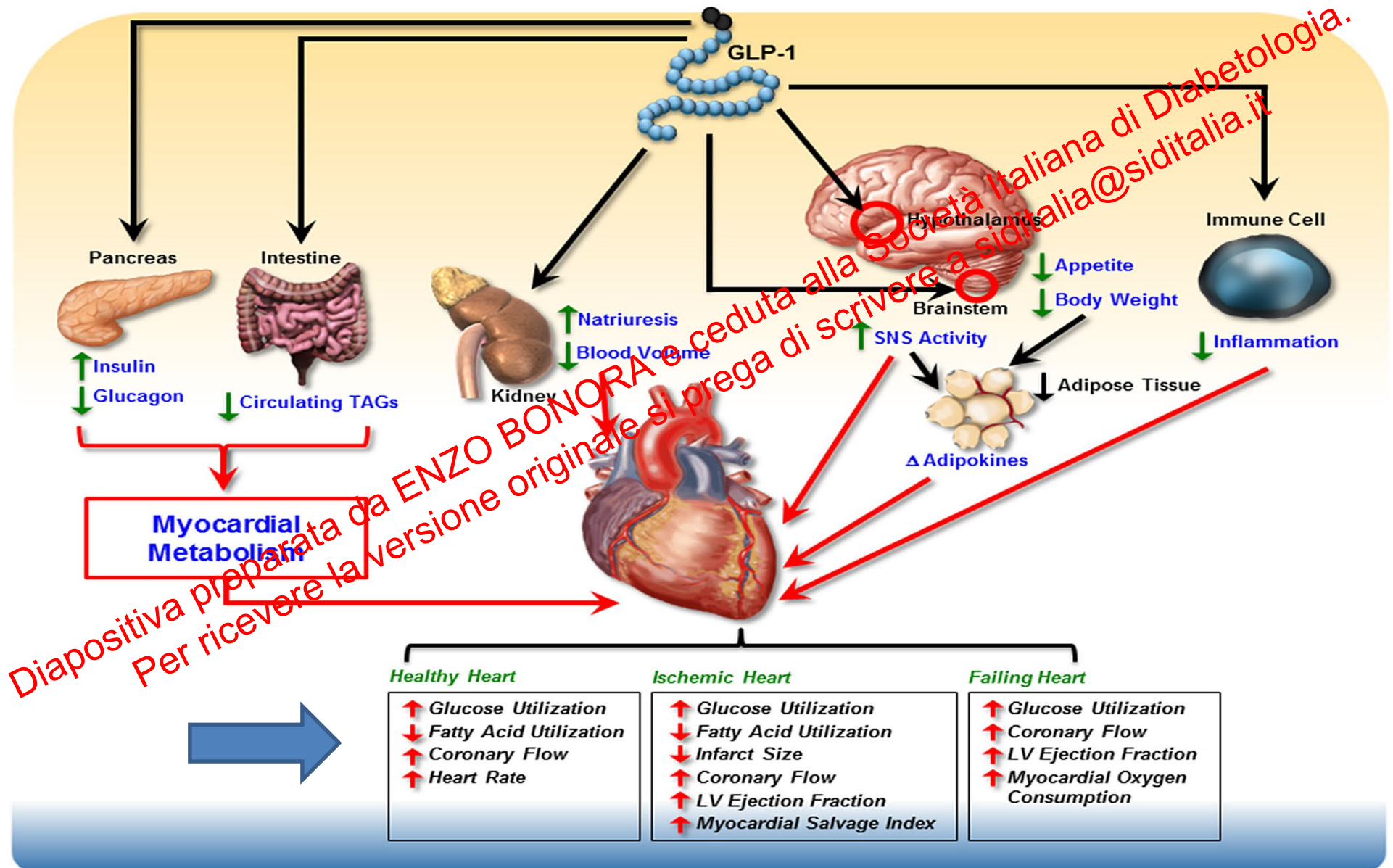
	GLP-1 RA	Insulina
Iniezioni settimanali	1 (formulazione settimanale) 7 (formulazione giornaliera)	7 (solo basale) 28 (MDI)
Iniezioni per anno	52 o 365	Possono essere fino a 1460
Titolazione dose	No o limitata a 2-3 step	Sì
Flessibilità nel momento della iniezione	Sì (soprattutto nelle long acting)	No (solo con le basali lunghe)
Relazione iniezione/pasto	No (nelle long acting)	Sì con MDI
Automonitoraggio glicemico	Sporadico	Quotidiano (più volte)
Possibili lipodistrofie	No	Sì
Rischio ipoglicemia	No (tranne che quando associati a SU o insulina)	Elevato

The several beneficial effects of GLP-1 RAs



Several favorable cardiovascular effects of GLP-1RAs

Ussher JR and Drucker DJ - Circulation Research 2014; 114:1788



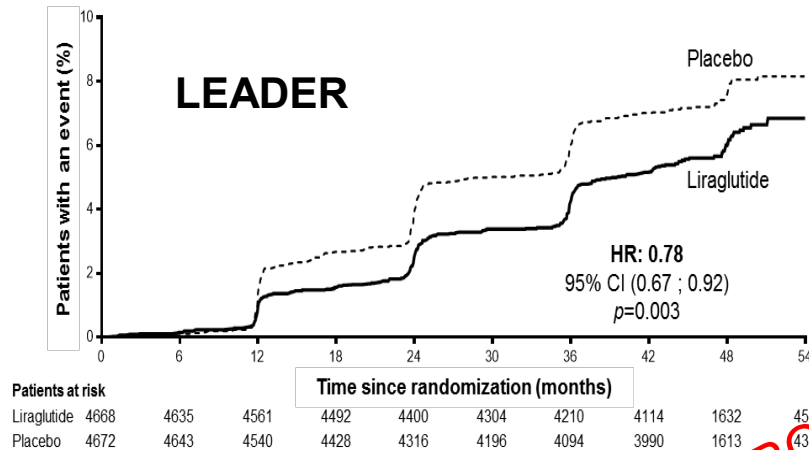
CVD (MACE) reduction in RCTs exploring GLP-1 RA safety or benefit in T2DM

ELIXA, NEJM 2015 - LEADER, NEJM 2016 - SUSTAIN-6, NEJM 2016 - EXSCEL, NEJM 2017 - HARMONY, Lancet 2018 – REWIND, Lancet 2019

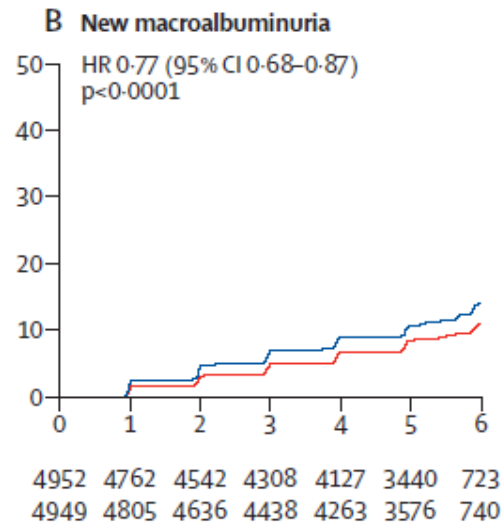
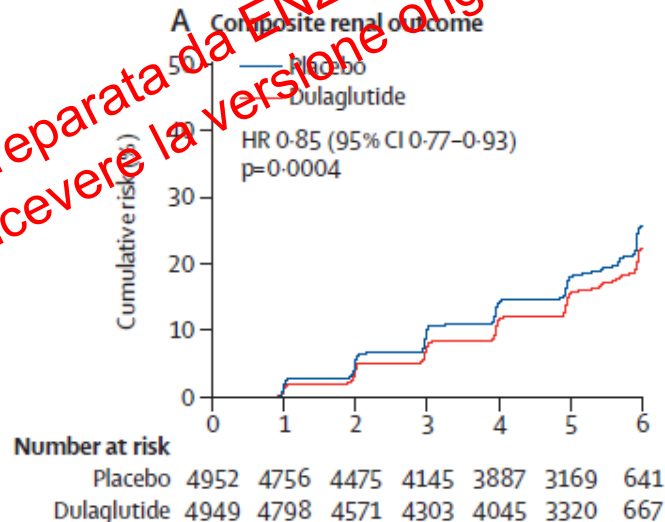
	Mean HbA1c difference (%)	HR	95% CI	P values
ELIXA (Lixisenatide vs. Placebo)	0.2	1.02	0.89-1.17	NS
LEADER (Liraglutide vs. Placebo)	0.3	0.87	0.78-0.97	0.01
SUSTAIN 6 (Semaglutide vs. Placebo)	0.8	0.74	0.58-0.95	0.001
EXSCEL (Exenatide LAR vs. Placebo)	0.4	0.91	0.83-1.00	0.06
HARMONY (Albiglutide vs. Placebo)	0.5	0.78	0.68-0.90	0.006
REWIND (Dulaglutide vs. Placebo)	0.6	0.88	0.79-0.99	0.026

Not only benefits for the heart but also for the kidney with GLP-1 RA

Incidence of macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine*, ESRD, renal death



B. New or worsening nephropathy

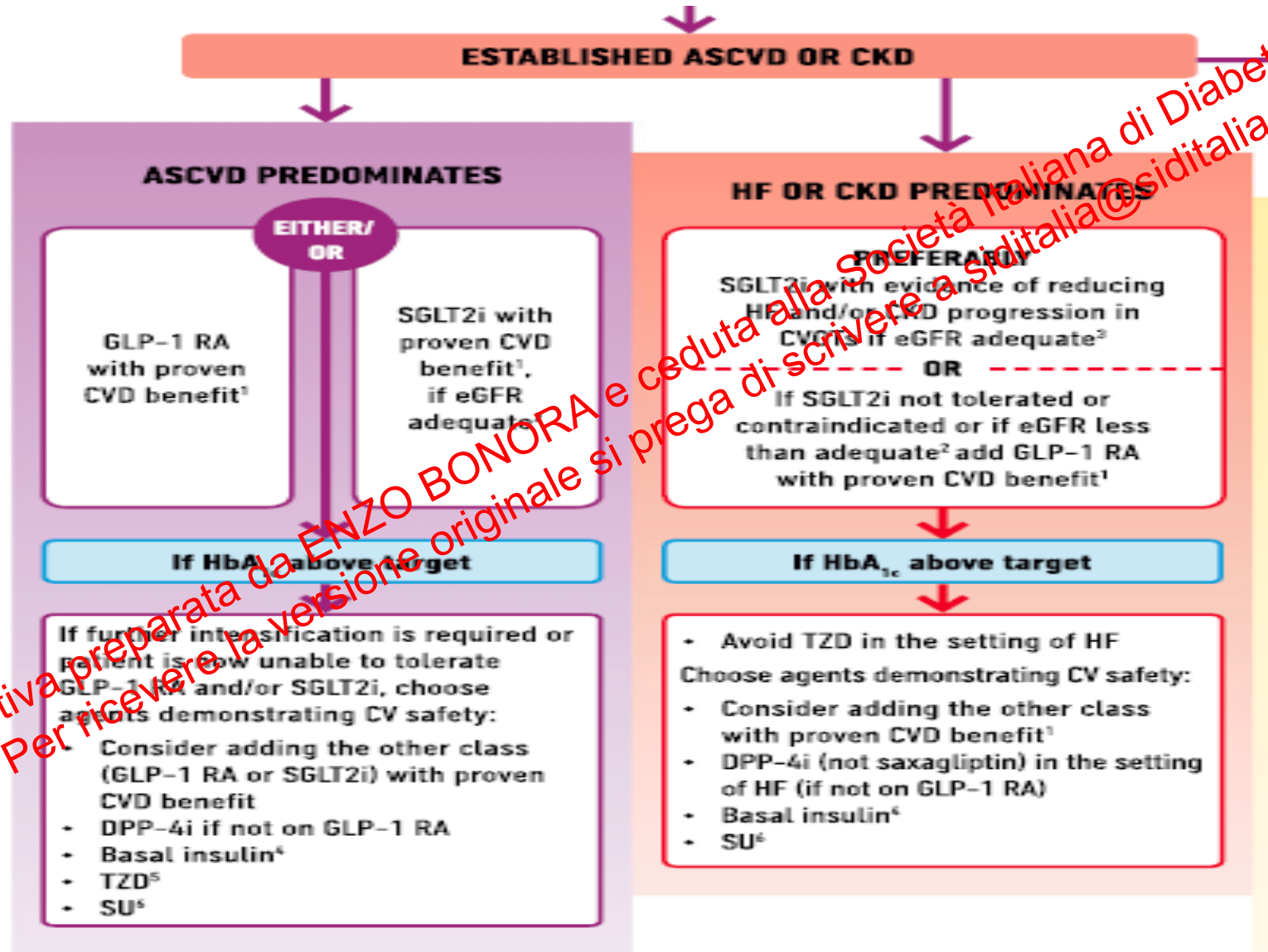


REWIND

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Algoritmo terapeutico nel diabete tipo 2: CVD/CKD

Consensus ADA-EASD 2018



Dogma

Principio che si accoglie per vero e per giusto, senza discussione

In caso di malattia cardiovascolare, salvo controindicazioni, mancanza di indicazioni, intolleranza o effetti avversi accertati si devono usare anche SGLT-2i e/o GLP-1RA

E probabilmente il concetto va esteso anche al paziente senza CVD accertata

Non prescindere dal fatto che il paziente sia in terapia insulinica
(cambio terapia!)

Virtù degli analoghi GLP-1 in diabetologia

- Efficaci nel ridurre la glicemia superiore a tutti i farmaci orali
- Efficacia confermata più a lungo rispetto ad altri farmaci antidiabetici
- Efficaci nel ridurre la glicemia almeno pari, se non superiore all'insulina (alternativa alla basale, alternativa alla prandiale)
- Indicati in combinazione con MET, SU, PIO, SGLT-2, INS
- Disponibili anche in combinazioni fisse con insulina
- Esenti da un rischio diretto di ipoglicemia
- Efficaci nel ridurre il peso corporeo
- Benefici extra-glicemici (pressione, lipidi, infiammazione, ecc.)
- Prevengono gli eventi cardiovascolari maggiori
- Migliorano numerosi outcome renali (prevenzione della nefropatia)
- Possibilità di utilizzo anche con GFR nettamente ridotto (fino a 15 ml/min)
- Buona tollerabilità (soprattutto con i preparati a più lunga durata)
- Convenienti per il paziente (ancora di più con i settimanali o gli orali)

Tutto bellissimo ma sono poco utilizzati in Italia

Questa però è un'altra storia

che racconterò nel secondo incontro del corso

(ottobre 2019)

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