

# **Inibitori DPP-IV: meccanismo d'azione, efficacia e tollerabilità**

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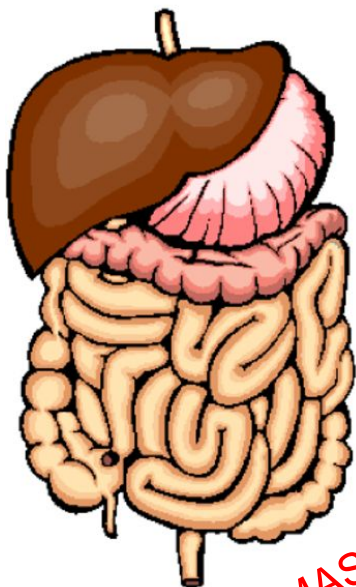
| Drug class                       |           | Commonly used agents                                                       | Mechanism of action                                                                                                                       | Main anti-hyperglycaemic effects                                                                                          | Main side effects (less common/rare side effects)                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Biguanides                       | Oral      | Metformin                                                                  | Activate hepatocyte and enterocyte AMPK; inhibit hepatocyte mitochondrial function, increase GLP-1 secretion, alter intestinal microbiome | Reduce hepatic glucose output, improve insulin sensitivity, increase gut glucose utilization                              | Abdominal discomfort; nausea; diarrhoea; flatulence (lactic acidosis)         |
| Sulphonylureas                   | Oral      | Glibenclamide/Glyburide, Glipizide, Glimepiride, Glipizide                 | Close $\beta$ -cell $K_{ATP}$ channel                                                                                                     | Cause insulin secretion (glucose independent)                                                                             | Hypoglycaemia; weight gain                                                    |
| Meglitinides                     | Oral      | Nateglinide, Repaglinide                                                   | Close $\beta$ -cell $K_{ATP}$ channel                                                                                                     | Cause insulin secretion (glucose independent)                                                                             | Hypoglycaemia; weight gain                                                    |
| Thiazolidinediones               | Oral      | Pioglitazone, (Rosiglitazone)                                              | Activate a family of nuclear receptors (PPARs)                                                                                            | Reduce insulin resistance                                                                                                 | Weight gain, oedema, (increased fracture risk; increased bladder cancer risk) |
| DPP-4 inhibitors                 | Oral      | Alogliptin, Linagliptin, Saxagliptin, Sitagliptin, Vildagliptin            | Reduce DPP-4-mediated degradation of endogenous incretin hormones                                                                         | Enhance insulin synthesis/secretion (glucose dependent), suppress glucagon secretion (glucose dependent)                  | Generally well tolerated                                                      |
| GLP-1 receptor agonists          | Injection | Alogliptin, Dulaglutide, Exenatide, Liraglutide, Lixisenatide, Semaglutide | Activate GLP-1 receptor                                                                                                                   | Enhance insulin synthesis/secretion (glucose dependent), suppress glucagon secretion (glucose dependent), reduce appetite | Nausea (vomiting; diarrhoea)                                                  |
| $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitors | Oral      | Acarbose, Miglitol, Voglibose                                              | Slow digestion of complex carbohydrates                                                                                                   | Reduce intestinal glucose absorption                                                                                      | Diarrhoea; flatulence; abdominal discomfort                                   |
| SGLT-2 inhibitors                | Oral      | Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin                                | Inhibit activity of glucose transporter in proximal tubule                                                                                | Increase renal glucose excretion                                                                                          | Urinary tract/genital infections (ketoacidosis; dehydration)                  |

Abbreviations: AMPK, AMP-activated protein kinase;  $K_{ATP}$  channel, ATP-sensitive potassium channel; PPAR, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors.

# Cosa cerchiamo da un farmaco per la cura del diabete?



## Spectrum of gut hormones produced by enteroendocrine cells.



**Apelin, Amylin**

**Bombesin**

**Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide**

**Cholecystokinin**

**Galanin**

**Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide**

**Gastrin**

**Gastrin-releasing Peptide**

**Ghrelin**

**Glucagon, Glicentin, GLI-1, GLP-1, GLP-2, Oxyntomodulin**

**Motilin**

**Neuropeptide Y**

**Neurotensin, Neuromedins, Neurokinins**

**Peptide YY**

**Pancreatic Polypeptide**

**Pituitary Adenylate Cyclase Activating Peptide**

**Secretin**

**Somatostatin**

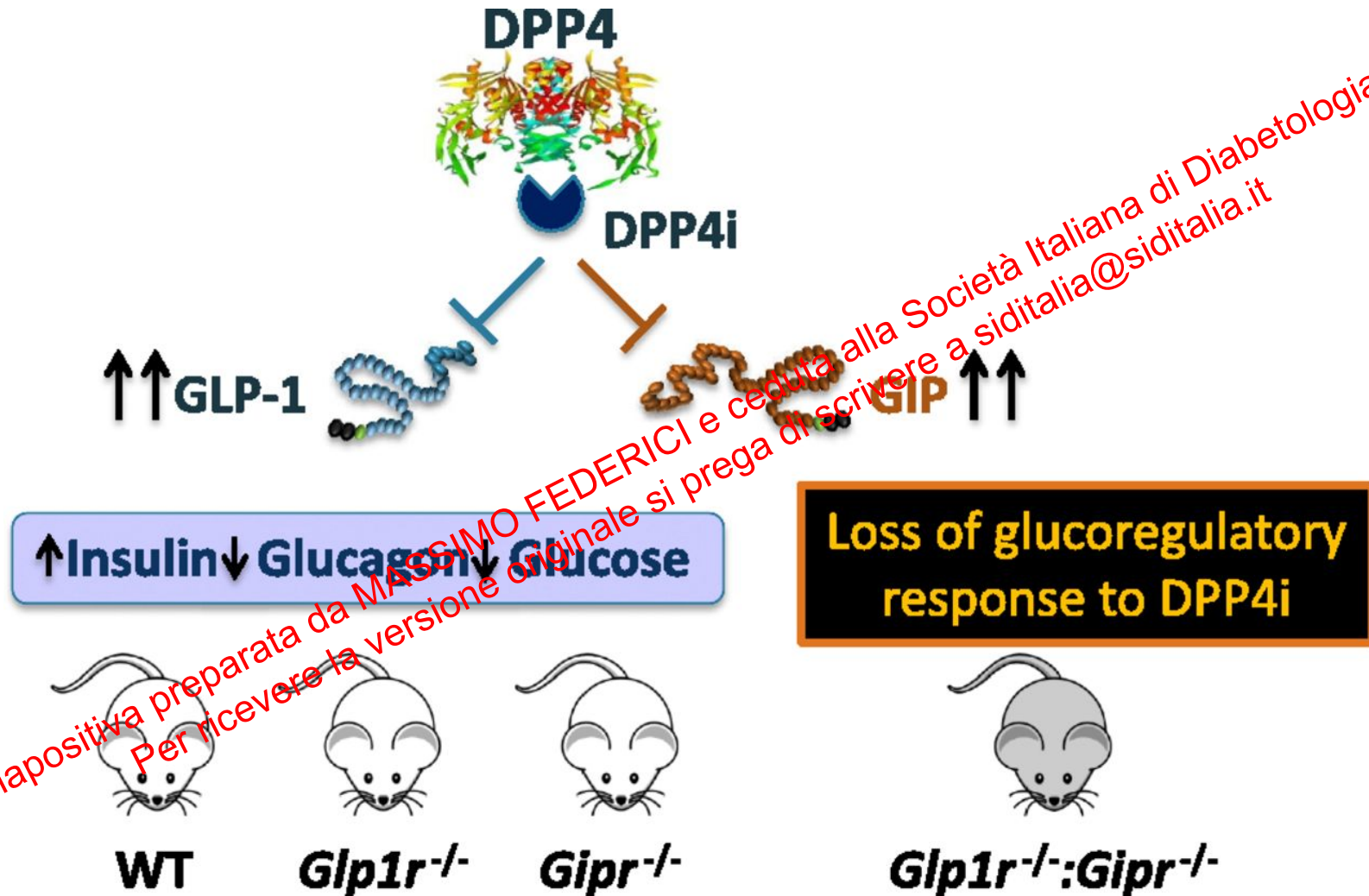
**Tachykinins**

**Thyrotropin Releasing Hormone**

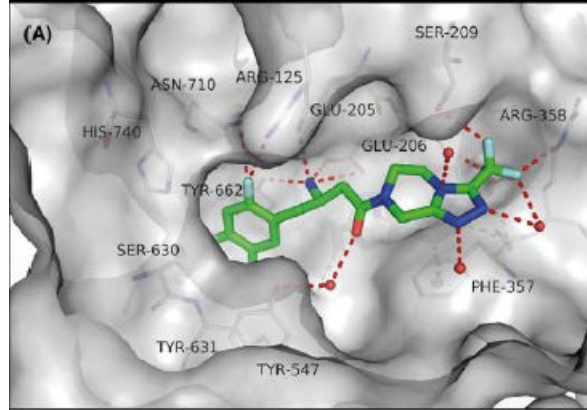
**Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide**

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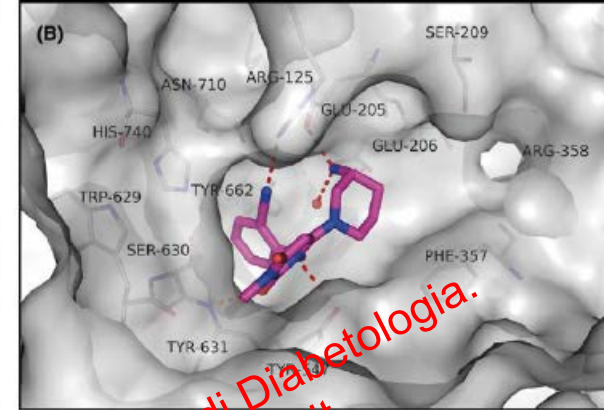
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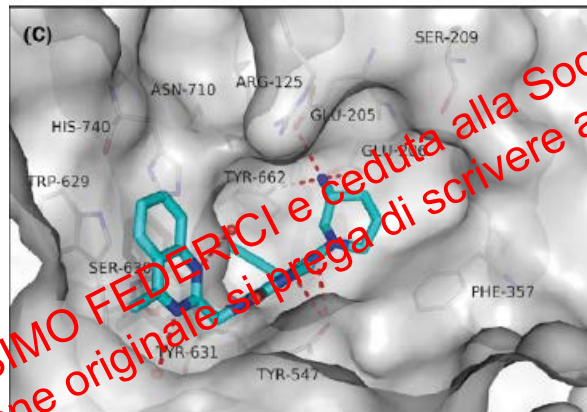
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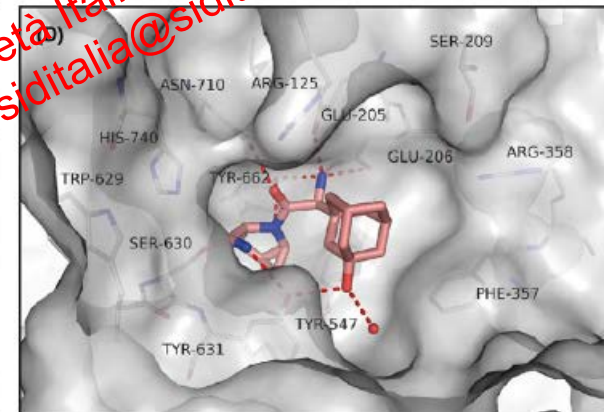
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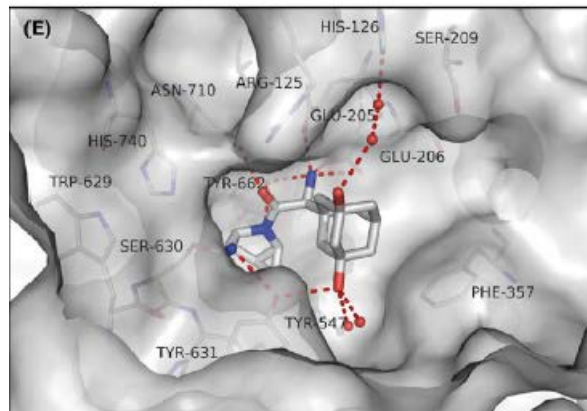
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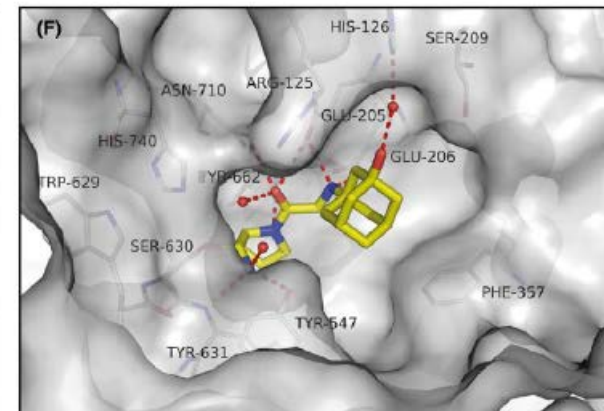
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Saxagliptin (3BJM)

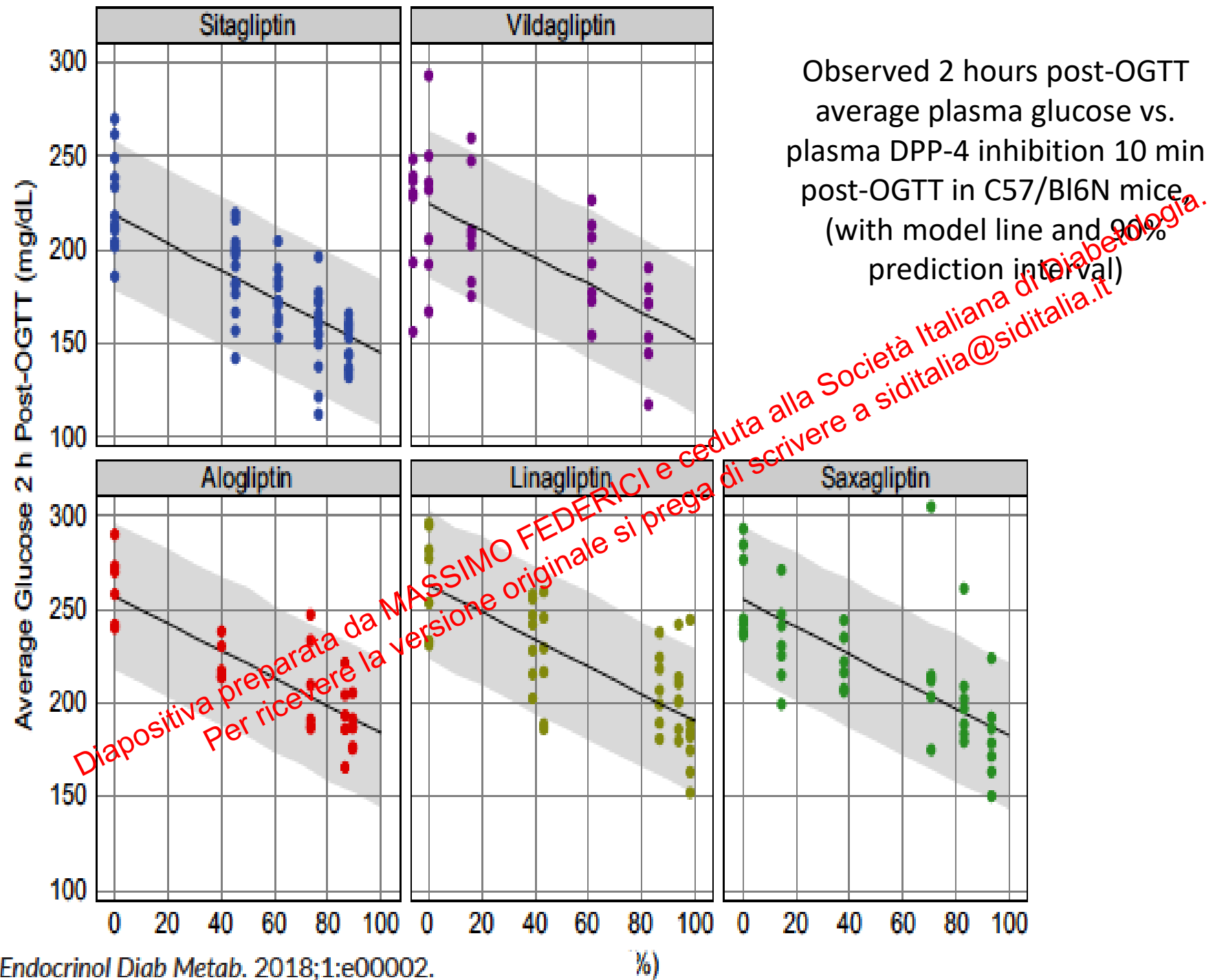


Saxagliptin M2 (6B1O)



Vildagliptin (6B1E)

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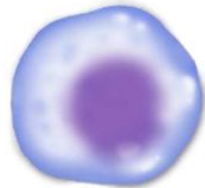


## Nonglycemic actions of GLP-1 on organs that express a functional GLP-1R.

### GLP-1

#### Non-glycemic actions

Motility  
Lipoprotein synthesis  
Mucosal growth



Immunomodulation



$\beta$ -cell & acinar mass  
Protein synthesis



Heart Rate  
Cardioprotection



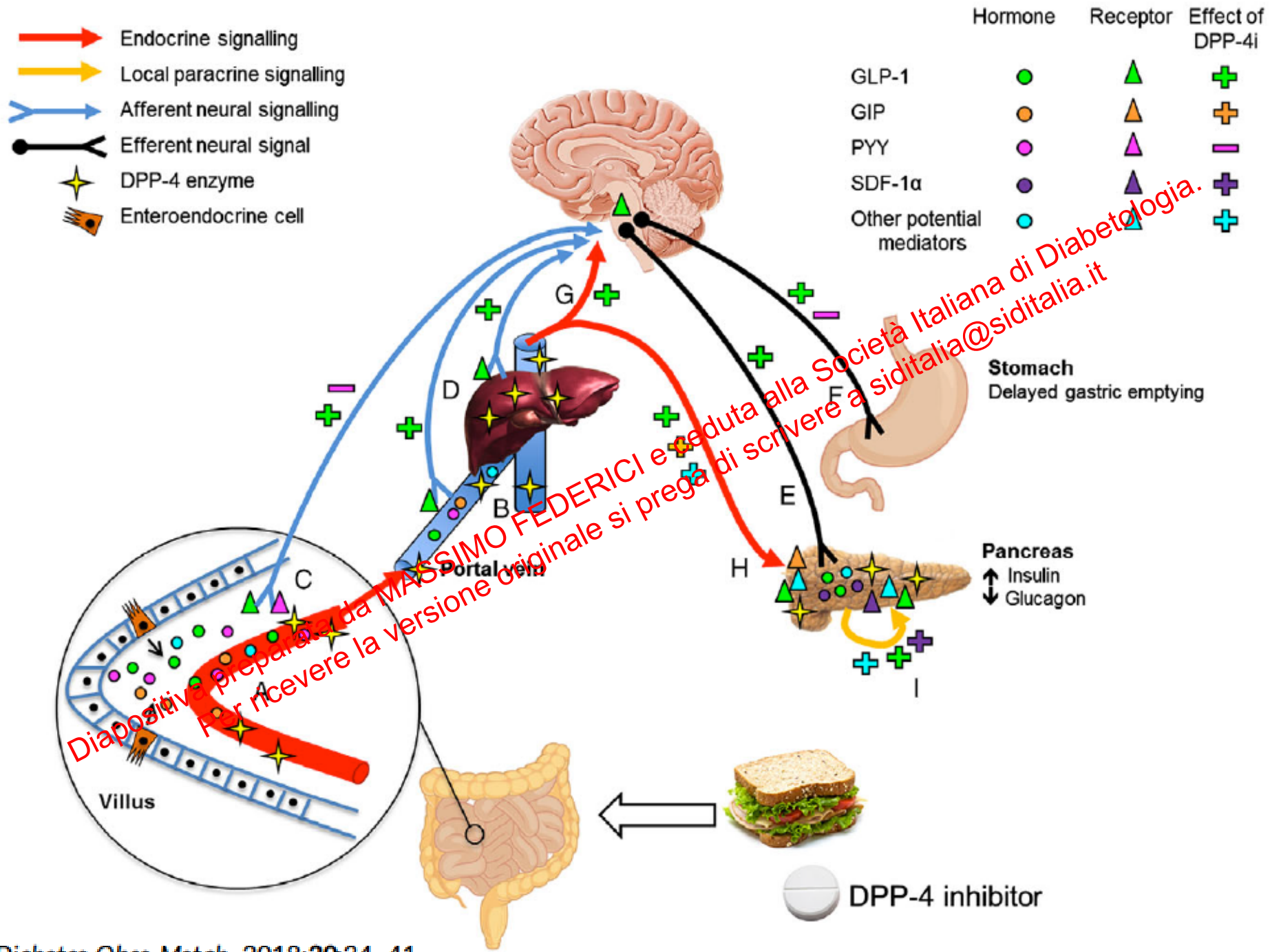
Natriuresis



Appetite  
Aversive responses  
Neuroprotection  
Autonomic nervous system

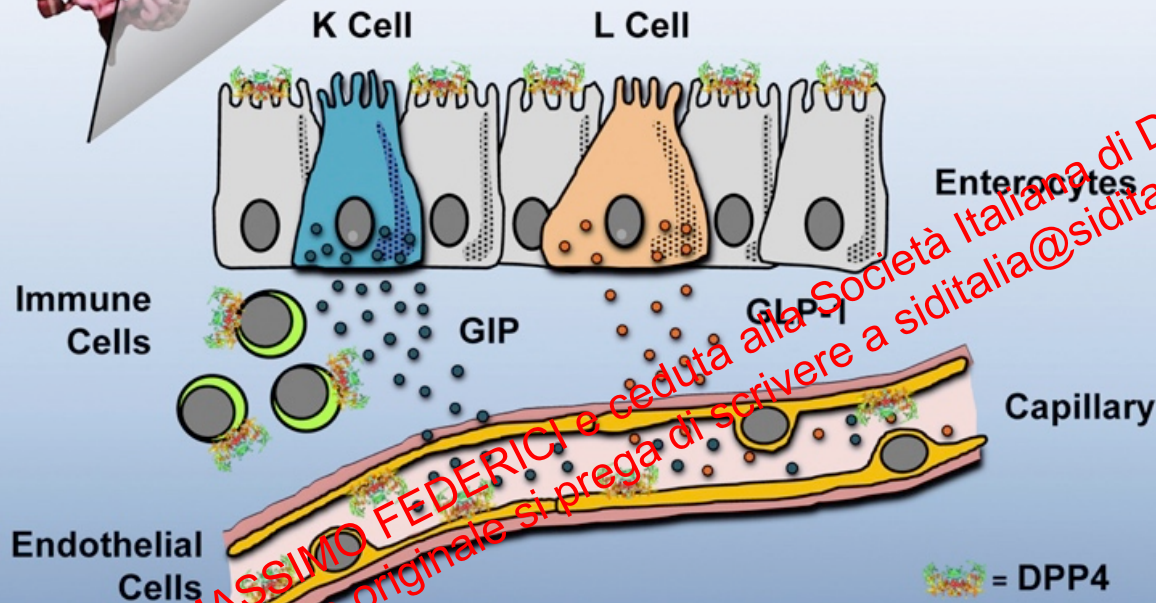
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Mouse gut

Selective pharmacological inhibition of **enteric DPP4** improves **glucose control** under both euglycemic and insulin-resistant conditions



**Enterocyte DPP4**

No role in incretin degradation or glucose control

**Hematopoietic cell DPP4**

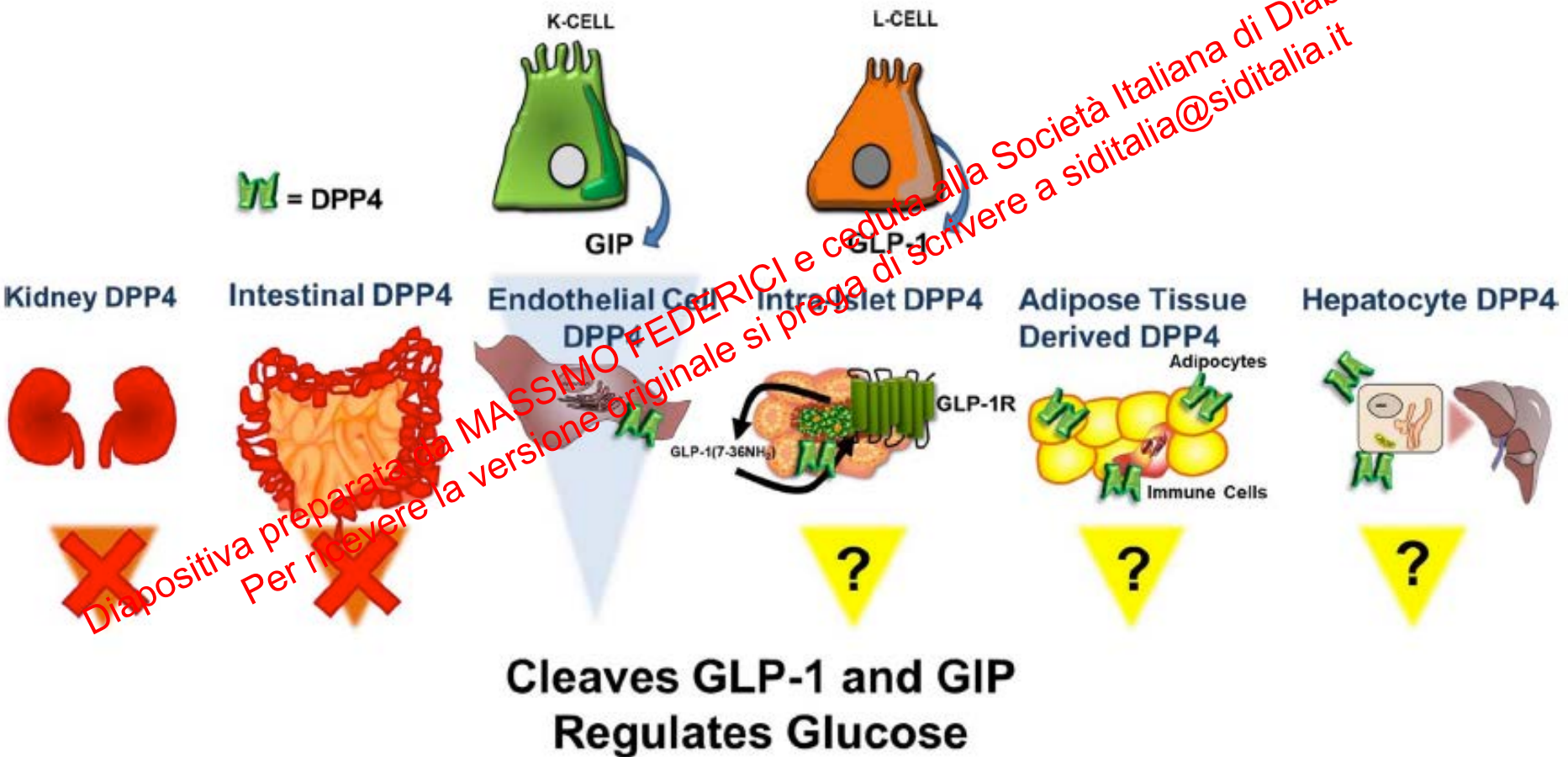
Cleaves GIP

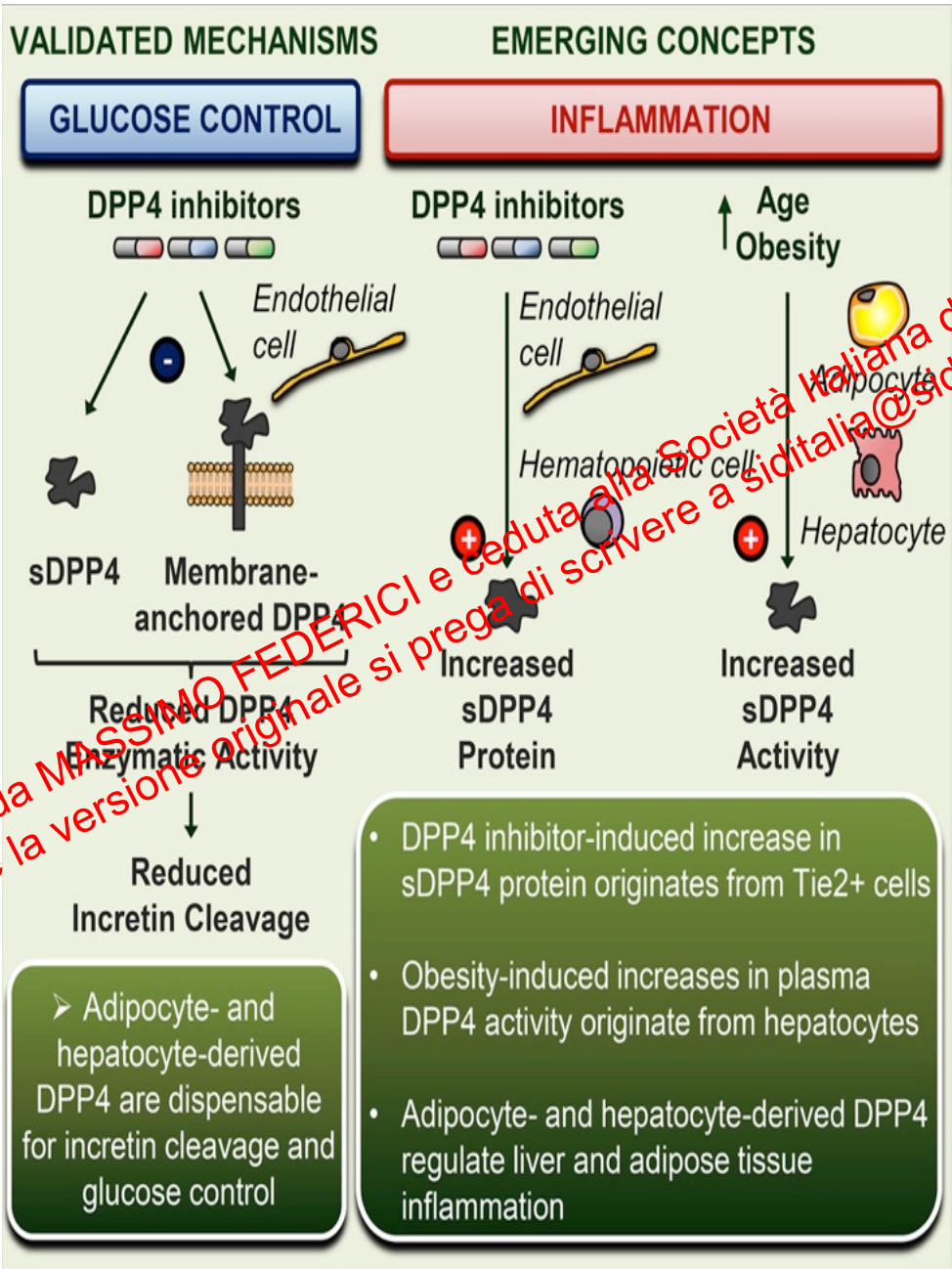
**Endothelial cell DPP4**

Cleaves GIP and GLP-1 and contributes to glucoregulation in insulin-resistant states

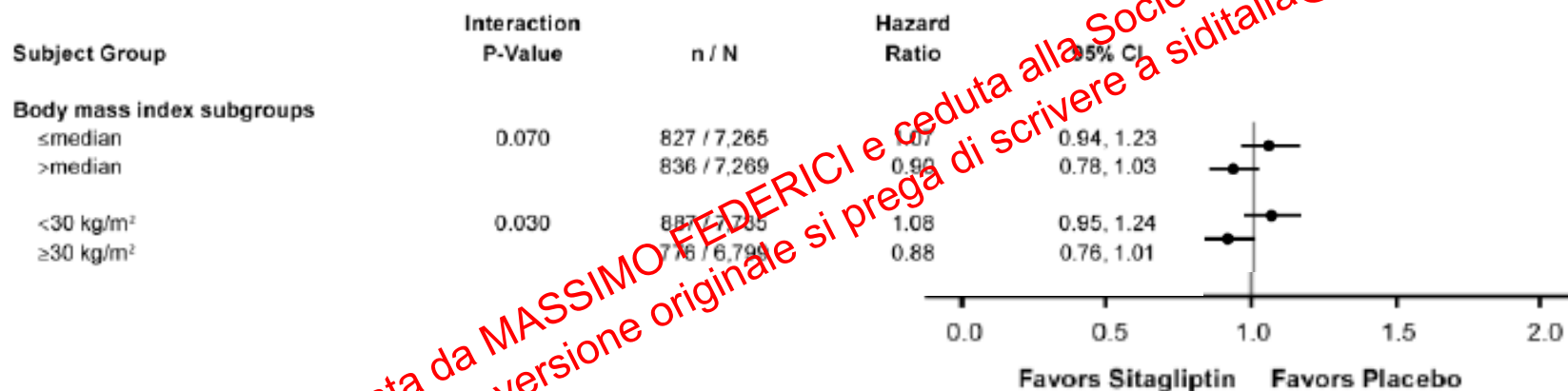
|                                                                                                   | <i>Dpp4</i> <sup>-/-</sup><br>(Whole body KO)                                     | <i>Dpp4</i> <sup>Gut/-</sup><br>(KO in Villin <sup>+</sup> cells)                                | <i>Dpp4</i> <sup>EC/-</sup><br>(KO in Tie2 <sup>+</sup> cells)                                                                  | <i>Dpp4</i> <sup>EC/-</sup> (BMT)<br>(KO in Tie2 <sup>+</sup> cells after<br>WT BM transplant)           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                   |  | <br>Enterocytes | <br>Endothelial cells<br>Hematopoietic cells | <br>Endothelial cells |
| Plasma DPP4 Activity                                                                              | Undetectable                                                                      | No change                                                                                        | Decreased 50%                                                                                                                   | Decreased 25%                                                                                            |
| Intact GLP-1<br> | Increased<br>++++                                                                 | No change                                                                                        | Increased<br>++                                                                                                                 | Increased<br>++                                                                                          |
| Intact GIP<br>   | Increased<br>++++                                                                 | No change                                                                                        | Increased<br>++                                                                                                                 | Increased<br>+                                                                                           |
| Role in regulation of glucose metabolism?                                                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                          |
| Euglycemic conditions                                                                             | YES<br>+++                                                                        | NO                                                                                               | NO                                                                                                                              | NO                                                                                                       |
| Insulin resistant conditions                                                                      | YES<br>+++                                                                        | NO                                                                                               | YES<br>++                                                                                                                       | YES<br>++                                                                                                |

# What Cellular Source of DPP4 is Important for GLP-1 Cleavage and Control of Glycemia?





# Effect of SITAGLIPTIN on obese subjects in TECOS trial



Green JB, Bethel MA, Armstrong PW, et al. Effect of sitagliptin on cardiovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetes. N Engl J Med 2015;373:232-42

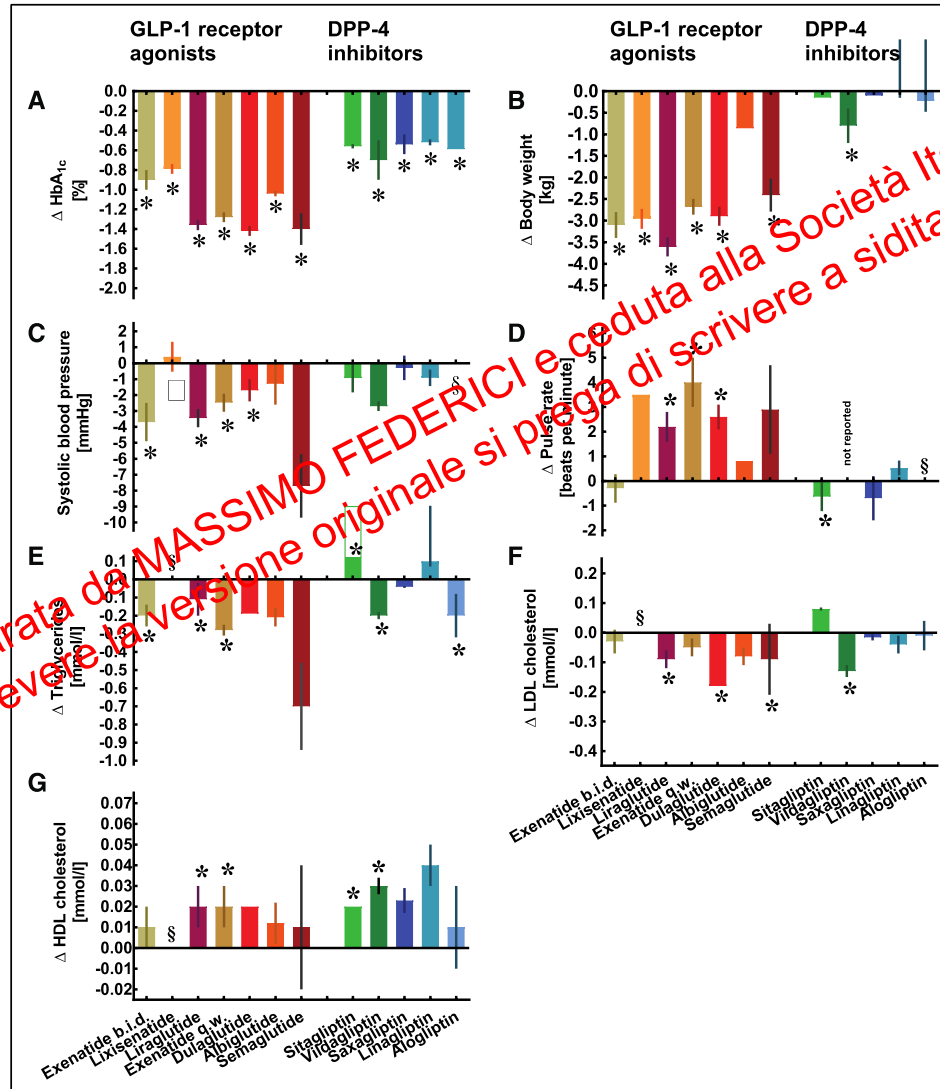
# Efficacy of DPP-4 inhibitors in the clinical phase III programmes with at least 52 weeks duration as add on therapy to metformin compared to sulfonylureas

**TABLE 1** | Efficacy of DPP-4 inhibitors in the clinical phase III programmes with at least 52 weeks duration as add on therapy to metformin compared to sulfonylureas.

| Substance/study<br>[References] | Observation<br>time<br>[weeks] | Intervention           | Change in<br>HbA1c<br>[%] | n [pat.] | HbA1c < 7.0%<br>[% pat.] | Change in body<br>weight<br>[kg] | Hypoglycaemic<br>episodes<br>[% pat.] |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alogliptin<br>Del Prato (23)    | 104                            | Alogliptin 12.5 mg     | -0.68                     | 874      | 45.6*                    | -0.68 ←                          | 1.4                                   |
|                                 |                                | Alogliptin 25 mg       | -0.71                     |          | 48.5**                   | -0.89 ←                          | 1.4                                   |
|                                 |                                | Glipizide >5 mg        | -0.59                     |          | 42.8                     | +0.95                            | 23.2 ←                                |
| Linagliptin<br>Gallwitz (24)    | 104                            | Linagliptin 5 mg       | -0.16                     | 1551     | 30.0*                    | -1.4 ←                           | 7.0                                   |
|                                 |                                | Glimepiride > 1 mg     | -0.36                     |          | 35.0                     | +1.3                             | 36.0 ←                                |
| Saxagliptin<br>Göke (25)        | 104                            | Saxagliptin 5 mg       | -0.41                     | 858      | 23.1                     | -1.5 ←                           | 3.5                                   |
|                                 |                                | Glipizide 5-20 mg      | -0.35                     |          | 22.7                     | +1.3                             | 38.4 ←                                |
| Sitagliptin<br>Seck (26)        | 104                            | Sitagliptin 100 mg     | -0.54                     | 1172     | 63.0                     | -1.6 ←                           | 5.0                                   |
|                                 |                                | Glipizide 5-20 mg      | -0.51                     |          | 59.0                     | +0.7                             | 34.0 ←                                |
| Vildagliptin<br>Filozof (27)    | 52                             | Vildagliptin 2 × 50 mg | -0.81                     | 1007     | 30.0*                    | +0.08                            | n.a.                                  |
|                                 |                                | Gliclazide <320 mg     | -0.85                     |          | 32.0                     | +1.36                            |                                       |
| Vildagliptin<br>Matthews (28)   | 104                            | Vildagliptin 2 × 50 mg | -0.10                     | 3118     | 37.0                     | -0.3                             | 2.0                                   |
|                                 |                                | Glimepiride <6 mg      | -0.10                     |          | 38.0                     | +1.2                             | 18.0                                  |

Alogliptin (23) \* $p < 0.001$  vs. sulfonylurea (SU) (non inferiority shown), \*\* $p < 0.010$  vs. SU (superiority shown). Linagliptin (24) \* $p < 0.05$  vs. SU (completers, two-sided). Vildagliptin (27) \* $p = 0.257$  vs. SU (non inferiority shown).

# Cardiovascular Actions and Clinical Outcomes With GLP-1RAs and DPP-4Is (10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.117.028136)

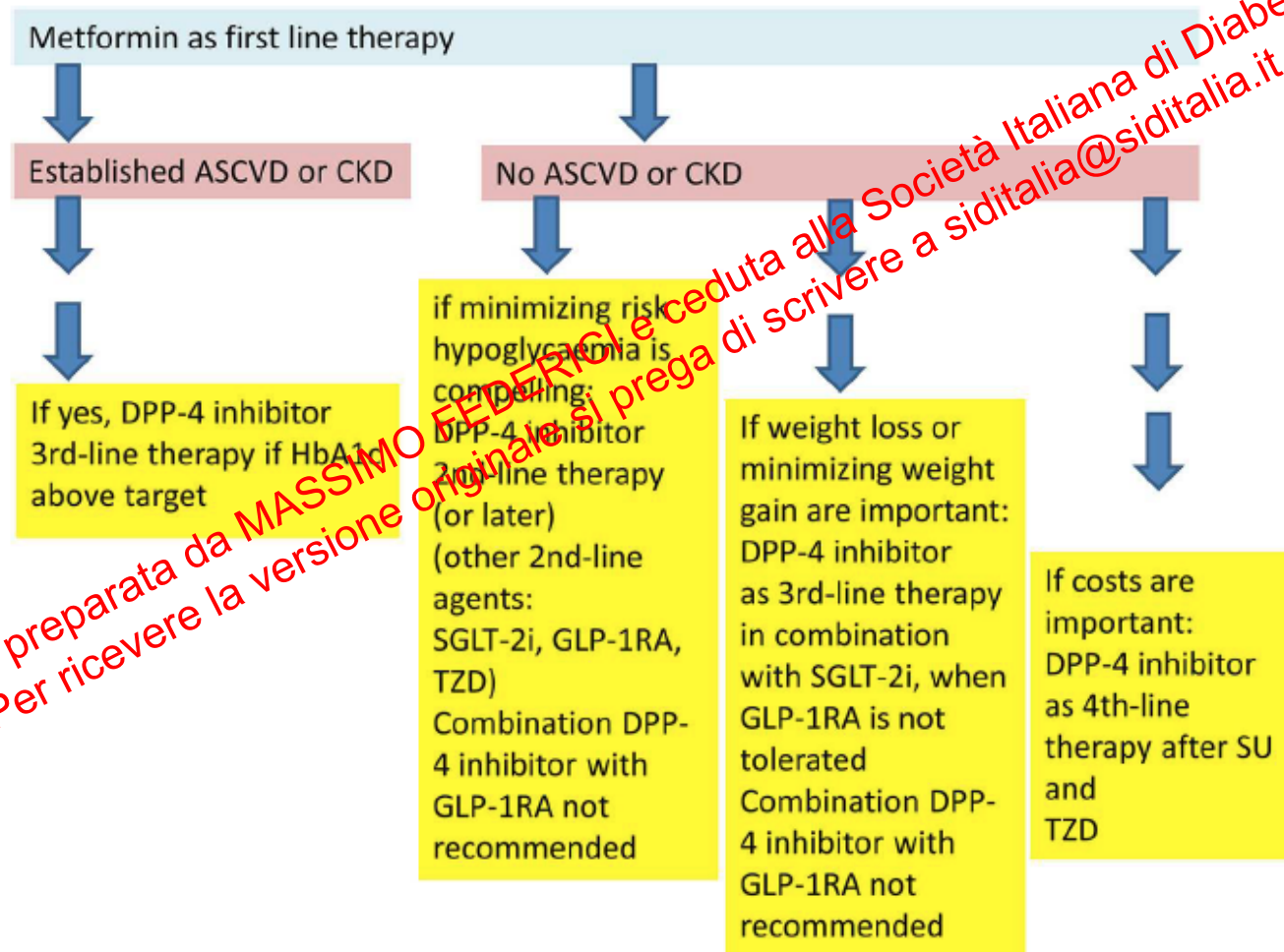


**TABLE 2** Cardiovascular safety outcome trials with dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitors

| Inhibitor                               | CV safety outcome trials |                       |                                     |                        |                         |                          | Meta-analysis of non-CV DPP-4i trials            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                         | Saxagliptin              | Alogliptin            | Sitagliptin                         | Linagliptin            | Linagliptin             | Vildagliptin             |                                                  |
| Trial name/study                        | SAVOR-TIMI <sup>9</sup>  | EXAMINE <sup>10</sup> | TECOS <sup>11</sup>                 | CAROLINA <sup>12</sup> | CARMELINA <sup>13</sup> | No outcome trial planned | Monami et al. <sup>14</sup>                      |
| Comparator                              | Placebo                  | Placebo               | Placebo                             | Glimepiride            | Placebo                 |                          | Placebo/active                                   |
| History of CVD (%)                      | 78                       | 100 (ACS)             | 100                                 | 34                     | 57                      |                          | Low (CVD often an exclusion criterion)           |
| eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (%) | 16                       | 29                    | 9 (<50 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 18                     | 62                      |                          | Low (renal disease often an exclusion criterion) |
| Number                                  | 16 492                   | 5380                  | 14 671                              | 6103                   | 6980                    |                          | 41 959                                           |
| Follow-up (y)                           | 2.1                      | 1.5                   | 3.0                                 | Target ~4              | Target ~4               |                          | 0.85                                             |
| Age (y)                                 | 65                       | 61                    | 66                                  | 64                     | 66                      |                          | 55                                               |
| Diabetes duration (y)                   | 10                       | 7.2                   | 9.4                                 | 6                      | 15                      |                          | 5                                                |
| BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )                | 31                       | 28.7                  | 30.2                                | 30                     | 31.3                    |                          | 31                                               |
| HbA1c (%)                               | 8.0                      | 8.0                   | 7.5                                 | 7.2                    | 7.9                     |                          | 8.2                                              |
| % on insulin                            | 41                       | 30                    | 23                                  | 0                      | 58                      |                          | n/a                                              |
| % on Statin                             | 78                       | 90                    | 80                                  | 64                     | n/a                     |                          | n/a                                              |
| % on Aspirin                            | 75                       | 91                    | 79                                  | 50                     | 68                      |                          | n/a                                              |
| % on ACEI/ARB                           | 82                       | 82                    | 82                                  | 75                     | 81                      |                          | n/a                                              |
| CV events (n)                           | 1222                     | 621                   | 1690                                | Target 631             | Target 611              |                          | 495                                              |
| MACE hazard ratio (95% CI)              | 1.00 (0.89; 1.12)        | 0.96 (upper, 1.16)    | 0.98 (0.88, 1.09)                   | Results expected 2018  | Results expected 2018   |                          | 0.71                                             |

Abbreviations: ACEI, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ACS, acute coronary syndrome; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events.

# Placement of DPP-4 inhibitors into the treatment algorithm according to the recommendations of the American (ADA)- and European (EASD) Diabetes Associations



**TABLE 3** Commonly used classes of anti-hyperglycaemic agents recommended for controlling glycaemia in patients with T2DM and kidney disease (data taken from prescribing information, indications may vary by country)

*Diabetes Obes Metab.* 2018;20(Suppl. 1):34–46.

| Drug class                       | Renal impairment                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                            | Comments                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Mild (eGFR $\geq 60$ mL/min/<br>1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) | Moderate (eGFR $\geq 30$<br>to $< 60$ mL/min/<br>1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )             | Severe (eGFR $< 30$ mL/min/<br>1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )                                                                       | ESRD on dialysis                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                              |
| Biguanides                       | Yes                                                   | Yes, with dose reduction<br>Caution for eGFR $< 45$ mL/min/<br>1.73 m <sup>2</sup> | No                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                         | Increased risk of lactic acidosis with declining GFR                                                                         |
| Sulphonylureas                   | Yes                                                   | Yes                                                                                | No (glibenclamide/glyburide;<br>glimepiride)<br>Yes with caution (gliclazide,<br>glipizide)                                | No (glibenclamide/glyburide;<br>glimepiride)<br>Yes with caution (gliclazide,<br>glipizide)                                | Increased exposure to parent or active metabolite (glibenclamide/glyburide;<br>glimepiride); increased risk of hypoglycaemia |
| Meglitinides                     | Yes                                                   | Yes                                                                                | Yes with caution<br>Dose reduction may be required                                                                         | Yes with caution<br>Dose reduction may be required                                                                         | Increased risk of hypoglycaemia                                                                                              |
| Thiazolidinediones               | Yes                                                   | Yes                                                                                | Yes                                                                                                                        | No                                                                                                                         | Increased risk of fluid retention and chronic heart failure                                                                  |
| DPP-4 inhibitors                 | Yes                                                   | Yes, with dose reduction of 50%<br>Linagliptin: no adjustment                      | Yes, with dose reduction of 50% (saxagliptin, vildagliptin) or 75% (alogliptin, sitagliptin)<br>Linagliptin: no adjustment | Yes, with dose reduction of 50% (saxagliptin, vildagliptin) or 75% (alogliptin, sitagliptin)<br>Linagliptin: no adjustment | Dose reduction for renally eliminated DPP-4 inhibitors based on drug exposure, not safety or tolerability                    |
| GLP-1 receptor agonists          | Yes                                                   | Yes<br>Care with dose escalation for exenatide b.i.d.                              | No, except liraglutide                                                                                                     | No                                                                                                                         | Increased frequency/severity of GI side effects; limited data in patients with eGFR $< 30$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>        |
| $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors | Yes                                                   | Yes                                                                                | No                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                         | Not studied/limited data in patients with GFR $< 30$ mL/min                                                                  |
| SGLT-2 inhibitors                | Yes                                                   | No                                                                                 | No                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                         | Reduced glycaemic efficacy with declining GFR                                                                                |
| Insulin                          | Yes                                                   | Yes                                                                                | Yes                                                                                                                        | Yes                                                                                                                        | Decreased clearance of insulin; increased risk of hypoglycaemia                                                              |

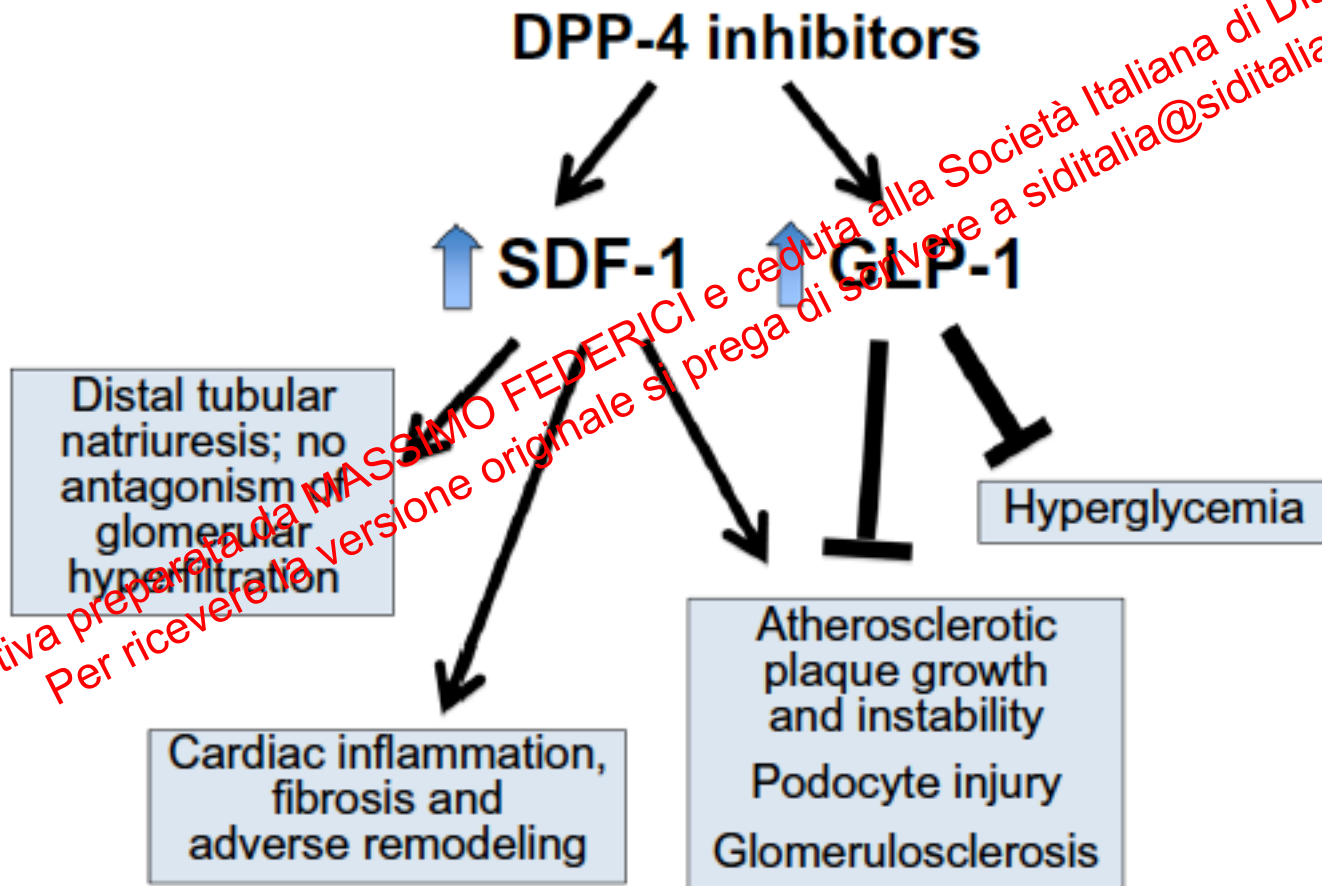
Abbreviations: DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1.

**TABLE 4** Tolerability and efficacy of DPP-4 inhibitors in patients with T2DM and kidney disease. Doses of the renally eliminated individual inhibitors (saxagliptin, sitagliptin, vildagliptin) are used at the recommended doses according to renal function

| References | Drug         | n   | Study duration (wk) | Diabetes duration (y) | Renal status (eGFR)                                                | % on insulin (mono- or combination therapy) | Baseline HbA1c (%) | ΔHbA1c (%) | Hypo-glycaemia (%)        | Confirmed hypoglycaemia <2.8 mmol/L or severe requiring assistance (%) | ΔWeight (kg) | ΔeGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|------------|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 40         | Sitagliptin  | 423 | ~54                 | ~10                   | Moderate (in 70%) or severe (in 30%)                               | 0                                           | 7.8                | ~0.8       | 6.2                       | 1.4                                                                    | -0.6         | -3.9                                |
|            | Glipizide    |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | ~0.6       | 17.0                      | 2.8                                                                    | +1.1         | -3.3                                |
| 41         | Sitagliptin  | 148 | 24                  | 19                    | Severe (20 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )                            | 50                                          | 7.5                | ~0.56      | 15                        | nr                                                                     | nr           | nr                                  |
|            | Vildagliptin |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | ~0.54      | 16                        |                                                                        |              |                                     |
| 42         | Vildagliptin | 711 | 52                  | nr                    | Moderate (~40 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )                         | 71                                          | 7.9                | ~0.6       | 26                        | 1.6                                                                    | nr           | -1.62                               |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.2       | 17                        | 5.4                                                                    |              | -1.80                               |
| 42         | Vildagliptin | 128 | 52                  | nr                    | Severe (~22 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )                           | 81                                          | 7.6                | ~0.8       | 18                        | 1.1                                                                    | nr           | -1.98                               |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.1       | 17                        | 4.7                                                                    |              | -2.44                               |
| 43         | Saxagliptin  | 160 | 52                  | >10 in 70%            | Entire cohort: moderate (in 54%), severe (in 25%) or ESRD (in 21%) | ~75                                         | 8.3                | -1.08      | 38.2                      | 9.4                                                                    | 0.7          | No meaningful changes               |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.36      | 29.4                      | 4.7                                                                    | -0.1         |                                     |
| 43         | Saxagliptin  | 86  | 52                  |                       | Sub-group: moderate                                                |                                             | 8.2                | -0.94      | 29.2                      | 10.4                                                                   |              |                                     |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | +0.19      | 38.1                      | 7.1                                                                    |              |                                     |
| 43         | Saxagliptin  | 40  | 52                  |                       | Sub-group: severe                                                  |                                             | 7.9                | -0.81      | 33.3                      | 5.6                                                                    |              |                                     |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.49      | 17.4                      | 0                                                                      |              |                                     |
| 43         | Saxagliptin  | 34  | 52                  |                       | Sub-group: ESRD                                                    |                                             | 8.4                | -1.13      | 21.1                      | 10.5                                                                   |              |                                     |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.99      | 25.0                      | 5.0                                                                    |              |                                     |
| 44         | Linagliptin  | 133 | 52                  | >5 in 21%             | Severe (~21 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )                           | 82                                          | 8.2                | -0.71      | 63.2 (55.9% asymptomatic) | 4.4                                                                    | -1.83        | -0.8                                |
|            | Placebo      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | +0.01      | 49.2 (35.4% asymptomatic) | 4.6                                                                    | -0.29        | -2.2                                |
| 45         | Sitagliptin  | 125 | 54                  | 17                    | ESRD on haemo- (in 68%) or peritoneal (in 32%) dialysis            | 0                                           | 7.9                | -0.7       | 6.3                       | 0                                                                      | -0.2         | -                                   |
|            | Glipizide    |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.9       | 10.8                      | 7.7                                                                    | +0.8         | -                                   |
| 46         | Vildagliptin | 60  | 24                  | nr                    | ESRD on haemodialysis                                              | 0                                           | 6.7                | -0.6       | 0                         | 0                                                                      | 0            | -                                   |
|            | Control      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | 0          | 0                         | 0                                                                      | 0            | -                                   |
| 47         | Saxagliptin  | 82  | 24                  | nr                    | ESRD on haemodialysis                                              | 22                                          | 6.5                | -0.6       | 0                         | 0                                                                      | 0            | -                                   |
|            | Control      |     |                     |                       |                                                                    |                                             |                    | -0.1       | 0                         | 0                                                                      | 0            | -                                   |

Abbreviations: DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; nr, not reported; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

# DUAL EFFECT OF DPP-4 INHIBITION?



# Potential mechanisms for DPP-4 inhibitor-mediated effects on the kidney.

**Tubular effects**  
Increased diuresis  
Increased natriuresis

**Renal haemodynamic effects**  
Modestly increased GFR  
Reduced glomerular hyperfiltration

**Inhibitor-enhanced  
levels of endogenous  
DPP-4 substrates**  
(GLP-1, SDF-1 $\alpha$ , others?)

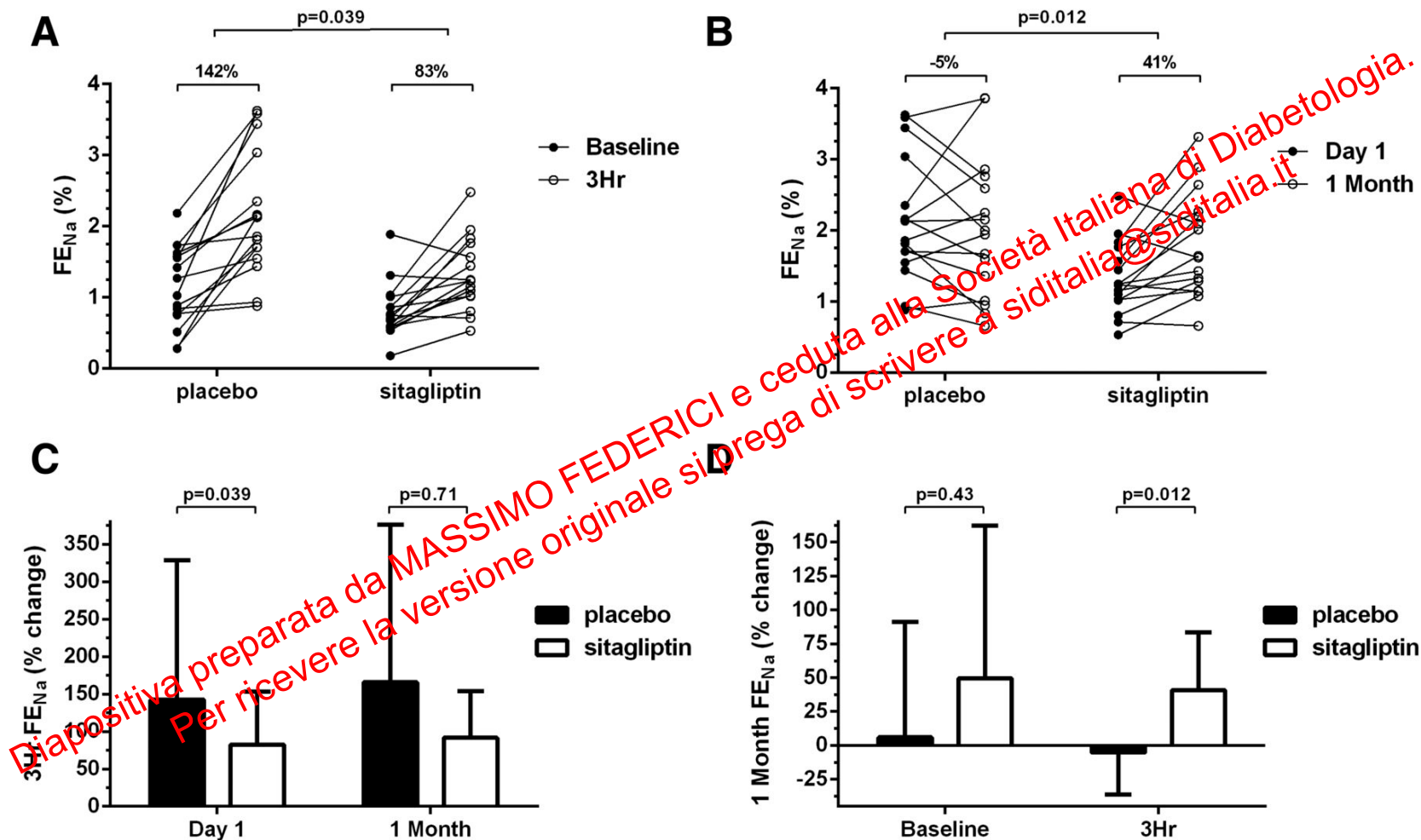
**Renal risk factors**

Modestly reduced blood pressure  
Reduced inflammation  
Modestly improved dyslipidaemia  
Reduced oxidative stress

**Morphological effects**

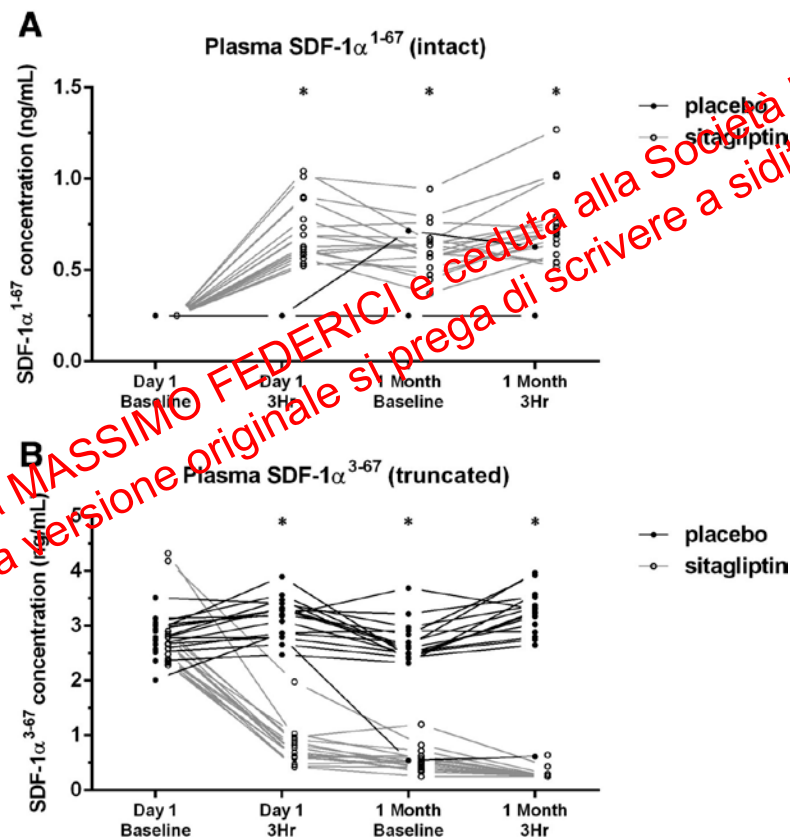
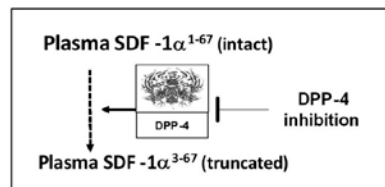
Reduced glomerular sclerosis  
Reduced tubulo-interstitial fibrosis  
Reduced podocyte loss

# Acute and chronic changes in FENa in response to sitagliptin compared with placebo in patients with type 2 diabetes.



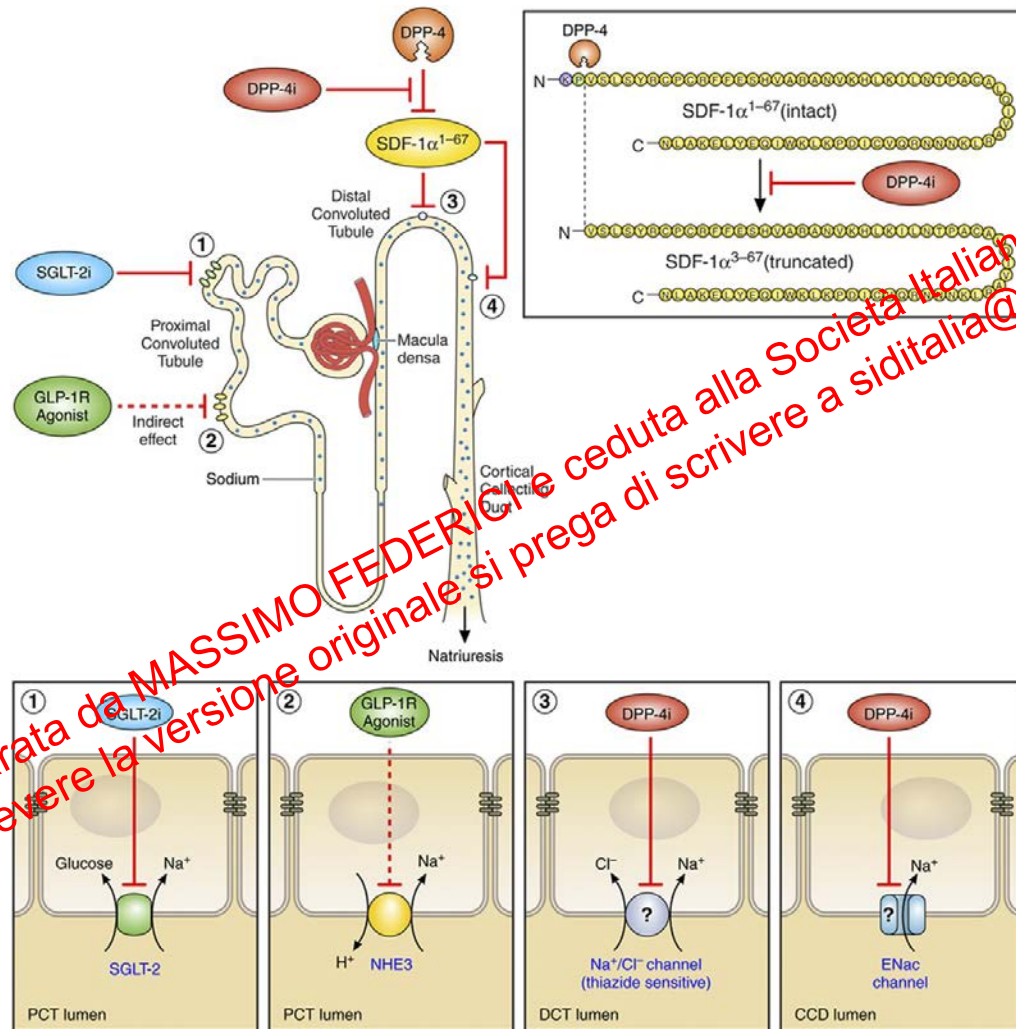
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# Immunoquantification of plasma SDF-1 $\alpha$ in response to 1 month of sitagliptin administration compared with placebo in patients with type 2 diabetes.



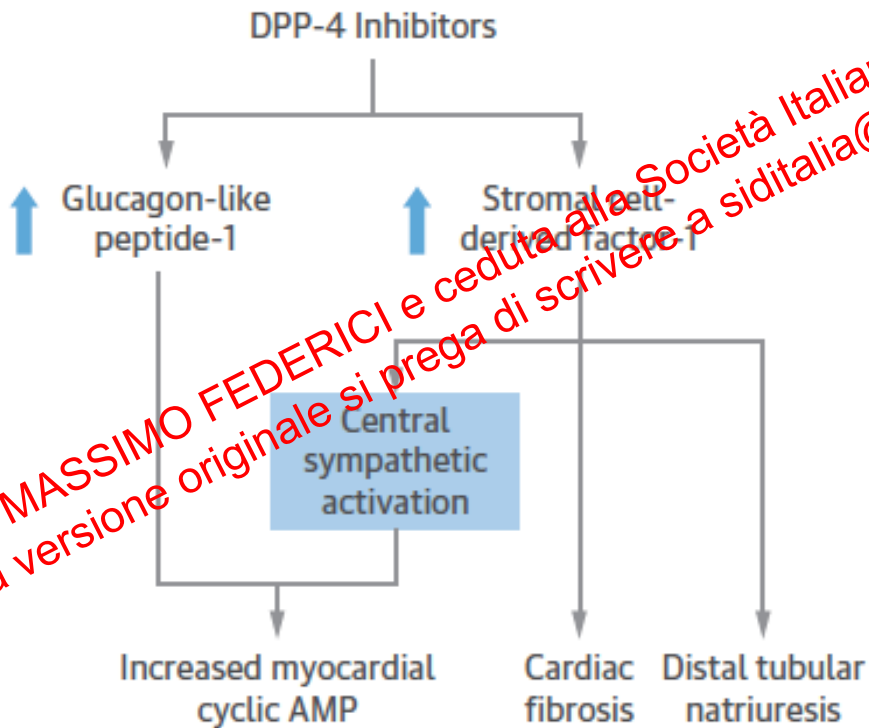
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## Putative natriuretic mechanisms for DPP-4 inhibitors (DPP-4i).



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**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION** Actions of Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors That Are Relevant to Their Effects in Patients With Chronic Heart Failure

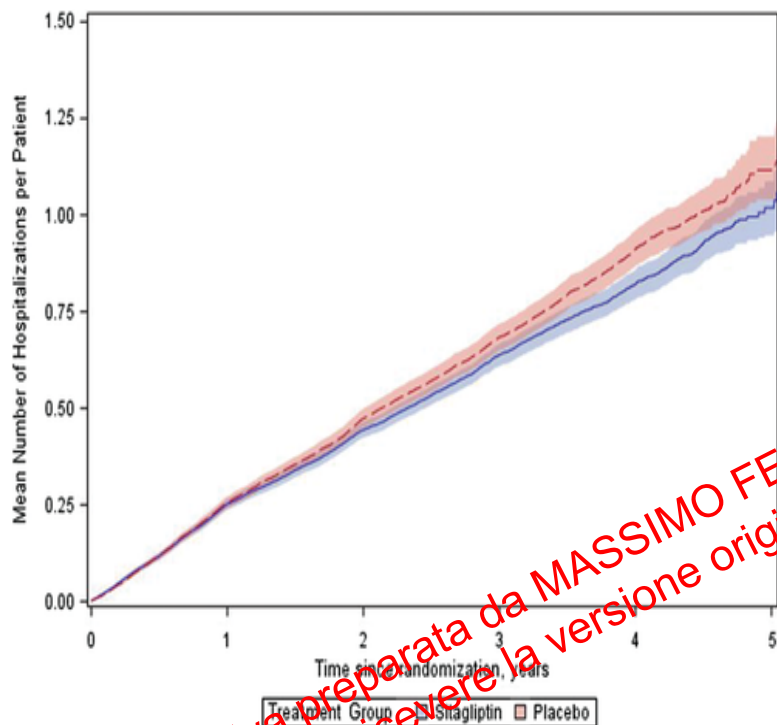


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AMP = adenosine monophosphate; DPP = dipeptidyl peptidase.

# Longitudinal medical resources and costs among type 2 diabetes patients participating in the Trial Evaluating Cardiovascular Outcomes with Sitagliptin (TECOS).

*Mean cumulative number of hospitalizations per patient by treatment group*



*Hospitalization rates and relative impact of sitagliptin on all-cause hospitalizations*

| Duration of follow-up (y) | N      | Unadjusted <sup>a</sup> |         | Relative rate | Adjusted <sup>b</sup> | P value <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                           |        | Sitagliptin             | Placebo |               | Relative rate         |                      |
| ≥ 2                       | 13 700 | 0.203                   | 0.223   | 0.91          | 0.94 (0.88-1.01)      | .07                  |
| ≥ 2.5                     | 9674   | 0.200                   | 0.227   | 0.88          | 0.90 (0.83-0.97)      | .01                  |
| ≥ 3                       | 7189   | 0.199                   | 0.225   | 0.88          | 0.90 (0.83-0.98)      | .02                  |
| ≥ 3.5                     | 4440   | 0.183                   | 0.213   | 0.86          | 0.89 (0.79-0.99)      | .03                  |
| ≥ 4                       | 2641   | 0.186                   | 0.215   | 0.86          | 0.89 (0.77-1.02)      | .10                  |

**Lower hospitalization rates across time with sitagliptin slightly offset sitagliptin treatment costs over 3 years in type 2 diabetes patients at high risk for cardiovascular events**

# CONCLUSIONI

Nuove ipotesi sul meccanismo d'azione dei DPP-4i

- L'inibizione della DPP-4 endoteliale spiega gli effetti metabolici dei DPP-4i, mediati da GLP-1
- L'aumento della DPP-4 correlato all'obesità origina dal tessuto epatico
- La DPP-4 epatica e adipocitaria è coinvolta nella regolazione dell'infiammazione d'organo
- Altri bersagli della DPP-4 come SDF-1 potrebbero contribuire agli effetti dei DPP-4i

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...the DPP4 inhibitors remain the best tolerated of any glucose-lowering medications and, therefore, they should retain their position in the stepped  
approached to diabetes therapy...

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