

GLP1 Receptor Agonist in Obesity Treatment and Beyond

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Glucagon like peptide-1 Receptor Agonist



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GLP-1RA and CVD



All CVOT with GLP1-RA show 3-point MACE reduction (CV mortality, non-fatal MI, and non-fatal stroke) and decrease in all cause mortality

Reductions in systolic BP, body weight, and LDL-Cholesterol, as well as increase in heart rate were noted in GLP1-RA

Anti-hypertensive effects are evident after 2 weeks of GLP1-RA treatment (before significant weight loss)

CV benefit is a class effect of GLP-1RA

Prelim evidence for dual agonists (GIP-GLP-1)

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GLP-1RA and CVD



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GLP-1RA and Renoprotection

- Increases naturesis and diuresis
- Decreases inflammation and oxidative stress
- Decreases renal fibrosis and glomerulosclerosis
- Decreases risk of diabetic nephropathy
- There is satisfactory evidence demonstrating treatment with GLP-1RA reduces albuminuria

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GLP-1



GLP-1RA and Metabolic Associated Fatty Liver Disease

- The incidence of metabolic associated fatty liver disease (MAFLD) is increasing. First line treatment is lifestyle intervention for weight loss of 5-10%, but most patients do not achieve or maintain.
- No pharmacotherapy for MAFLD has been approved
- Recent animal studies indicate that GLP-1RAs can reduce liver inflammatory lesions and even slow the process of steatosis change into fibrosis.
- A systematic review and meta-analysis looked at eight randomized controlled trials including 396 patients (265 patients had type 2 diabetes).
- GLP-1RA group showed significant reduction in liver fat content, body weight, waist circumference, ALT, GGT, fasting blood glucose, and hemoglobin A1c.
- GLP-1RA may improve liver injury and metabolic disorder in patients with metabolic associated fatty liver disease

GLP-1RA and Taste Perception Changes

- GLP1 receptors are expressed in taste buds
- Recent studies show that GLP-1RA decreases brain responses to anticipation of palatable food while increasing response to actual receipt of palatable food, leading to decreased intake.
- Liraglutide affects appetite regulation through action on GLP1 receptors in the parietal lobe, insula, and putamen, suggesting how activation of GLP1 receptors may counteract cravings and overeating.
- Dulaglutide decreases binge eating behavior in T2DM



Da Porto et al. Dulaglutide reduces binge episodes in type 2 diabetic patients with binge eating disorder: A pilot study. <u>Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research & Reviews Volume 14, Issue 4</u>, July–August 2020, Pages 289-292.

GLP-1RA is More Effective in Treating Post Bariatric Weight Regain

- Weight regain after bariatric surgery is a challenging issue in long-term obesity management
- This study compared real-world outcomes data of pharmacotherapies for weight regain in 207 patients with a history of sleeve gastrectomy
- Percentage body weight loss was examined in intensive lifestyle management (ILM), non-GLP1RA-based weight loss pharmacotherapy (WLP) and GLP1RA-based WLP groups
- Greatest weight loss at 3 months (4.5% ± 3.1%), 6 months (6.7%±5.5%), and 9 months (6.9%± 6.9%) was observed in the GLP1RA-based WLP group
- Notably, despite having more patients with type 2 diabetes in GLP1RA-based WLP group, this group still had the greatest weight loss at each time point.



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GLP-1RA on Tumor Diseases

- Obesity is linked to 16 cancers
- Hyperinsulinemia appears to be the main reason for increased risk of cancer.
- Strategies to lower insulin have the potential to slow cancer growth.
- Meta-analysis of clinical studies indicate that GLP1RA treatment of patients with obesity and type 2 diabetes did not increase risk of breast tumors, nor increase risk of acute pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, and overall tumor neoplasia.
- Longitudinal data from clinical trials have not demonstrated a causal association between GLP-1 analogs and thyroid C-cell pathology over a 2-year period.

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Medical Complications of Obesity

Pulmonary disease abnormal function obstructive sleep apnea hypoventilation syndrome

Nonalcoholic fatty liver

disease steatosis steatohepatitis cirrhosis

Gall bladder disease

Gynecologic abnormalities

abnormal menses infertility polycystic ovarian syndrome

Osteoarthritis



Gout

Idiopathic intracranial hypertension Stroke Cataracts Coronary heart disease Diabetes Dyslipidemia Hypertension

Severe pancreatitis

Cancer

breast, uterus, cervix colon, esophagus, pancreas kidney, prostate

Phlebitis

venous stasis

GLP1-RA Monitoring

Pancreatitis – monitor for abdominal pain, nausea/vomiting. If symptoms arise, stop medication immediately. Check lipase only if symptomatic.

HR elevation /palpitations

GI side effects – nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, gallstones*

Avoid in pregnancy/ breastfeeding

• Document birth control use and counseling

Avoid in PMH or Fhx of Medullary thyroid cancer/MEN2

only observed in rodent studies

* In clinical trials, cholelithiasis was reported by 1.6% of Wegovy[™] patients and 0.7% of placebo patients. Cholecystitis was reported by 0.6% of Wegovy[™] patients and 0.2% of placebo patients.



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