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Perspective Why does obesity cause diabetes?

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Review Transforming obesity: The advancement of multi-receptor drugs

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Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

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Percent Change in Body Weight by Week (efficacy estimand) **Overall Percent Change in Body Weight from Baseline** Overall mean baseline weight=104.8 kg ₫ -3.1 Change in Body Weight -4.0-Percent Change in Body Weight -4 Placebo -8.0--8 -12.0--12-Tirzepatide, -16.0-5 mg -15.0 Percent -16 -16.0 -20.0-Tirzepatide, -19.5 -20-10 mg Tirzepatide, *****-20.9 -21.4 15 mg -24.0--22.5 -24 TRE 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 36 72 Weeks since Randomization



GLP1-R **GIP-R**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effects of Semaglutide on Chronic Kidney Disease in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Semaglutide in Patients with Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction and Obesity

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Commentary A big STEP for treatment of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

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Semaglutide and cardiovascular outcomes in patients with obesity and prevalent heart failure: a prespecified analysis of the SELECT trial



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Tirzepatide for Metabolic Dysfunction– Associated Steatohepatitis with Liver Fibrosis

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In this phase 2 trial involving participants with MASH and moderate or severe fibrosis, treatment with tirzepatide for 52 weeks was more effective than placebo with respect to resolution of MASH without worsening of fibrosis. Larger and longer

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Review

Prevention of cardiorenal complications in people with type 2 diabetes and obesity

Daniel Joshua Drucker^{1,*}



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Are we done?



What EXACTLY is it about the adipocyte that is so bad for the liver?

The fibro-inflammatory milieu is a key contributor to disease and the adipocyte is one of the engines fueling that milieu

"Residual disease" post treatment with single, dual and triagonists

"Residual disease" is a term used in the context of statin exposure, when despite an overall reduction in LDL-cholesterol, there still remains an increased CVD risk

"Residual disease" post GLP1R/GIPR/GcgR agonist treatment refers to the remaining tissue fibrosis post weight loss

Prominently observed in the liver

Steatosis resolution, but remaining fibrosis in the liver



Graph shows figures for \geq 1 stage fibrosis improvement with no worsening of MASH. Source: company communications, NEJM.



Gliniak, Pedersen and Scherer, J Endocrinol. 2023; 259(3):e230180



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Leptin: Less Is More

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The successful use of leptin for the treatment of individuals with lipodystrophy and leptin deficiency is well established. However, pharmacological approaches of leptin therapy for the treatment of diet-induced obesity have been ineffective. There is ample room for a better understanding of the much famed "leptin resistance" phenomenon. Our recent data in this area prompt us to call for a conceptual shift. This shift entails a model in which a reduction of bioactive leptin levels in the context of obesity triggers a high degree of leptin sensitization and improved leptin action, both centrally and peripherally. Put another way, hyperleptinemia per se causes leptin resistance and associated metabolic disorders. In this perspective, we briefly discuss the underlying conceptual steps that led us to explore partial leptin reduction as a viable therapeutic avenue. We hope this discussion will contribute to potential future applications of partial leptin reduction therapy for the treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes.

Any intervention that either directly leads to a downregulation of leptin 01 prevents an obesity-induced upregulation of leptin triggers metabolic improvements

Leptin as a driver, not as a passenger <u>to obesity!</u>

Leptin Reduction as a Required Component for Weight Loss



Diabetes. 2024 Feb 1;73(2):197-210

A novel MASH / MAFLD Model



Zhao et al., Sci. Transl. Med. 15, eade8460 (2023) 22 November 2023



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Is reducing leptin to maintain leptin sensitivity unique?

Insulin uses the same concept!

Improving insulin sensitivity reduces liver steatosis



May Wang, unpublished



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The Adiponectin-PPARy Axis in Hepatic Stellate Cells Regulates Liver Fibrosis

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Zhao and Scherer, under revision Merck MISP

Stellate cell-specific adiponectin overexpression is potently anti-fibrotic MuP-uPA mouse



Zhao and Scherer, under revision Merck MISP

Stellate cell-specific elimination of adiponectin is potently pro-fibrotic





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Endotrophin



Cleavage product of COL VI: "Endotrophin"

Endotrophin is upregulated in fibrotic human breast tissue





Endotrophin Neutralization and Liver Fibrosis

(in the Mup-uPA mouse model)

Neutralizing Endotrophin Antibody: Gene Expression in Liver

















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Serum levels of endotrophin are associated with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

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Article Instrumental variable and colocalization analyses identify endotrophin and HTRA1 as potential therapeutic targets for coronary artery disease

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associated with CAD risk. Further experimental studies are needed to confirm the causal role of

Endotrophin

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Research paper

Endotrophin is associated with chronic multimorbidity and all-cause mortality in a cohort of elderly women

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Endotrophin: Nominated for best supporting actor in the fibro-inflammatory saga

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The fibroblast hormone Endotrophin is a biomarker of mortality in chronic diseases

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All time follow-up

Study	н	R 95	%-CI	Weig
Kidney diseases				
Sparding et al. 2022 Kremer et al. 2022 Fenton et al. 2017	1.72 3.00 - 3.00	2 [1.39; 0 [2.27; 6 [1.95;	2.14] 3.97] 4.78]	7.5% 7.0% 5.4%
Cancer				
Nissen et al. 2022 Nissen et al. 2021 Leeming et al. 2020	1.40 1.40 - 1.77	6 [1.26; 0 [1.08; 7 [1.15;	1.68] 1.80] 2.72]	8.1% 7.2% 5.5%
Diabetes				
Rasmussen et al. 2018 Rasmussen et al. 2022 Pilemann-Lyberg et al. 2019	4.14 1.82 - 2.42	4 [1.84; 2 [1.55; 2 [1.72;	9.32] 2.14] 3.40]	2.9% 8.0% 6.4%
Respiratory diseases				
Sand et al. 2016 Hoyer et al. 2021 Organ et al 2019	- 1.39 - 1.82 1.55	9 [1.02; 2 [1.14; 5 [1.23;	1.89] 2.88] 1.94]	6.7% 5.2% 7.4%
Cardiovascular diseases				
Chirinos et al. 2022- Leizeran Chirinos et al. 2022- Training-HF	2.60	6 [1.76; 5 [2.04;	4.01] 27.91]	5.7% 1.4%
Liver diseases				
Nielsen et al. 2019	1.16	6 [0.93;	1.45]	7.5%
Population-based studies				
Staunstrup et al 2021	1.3	1 [1.14;	1.49]	8.2%
Random effects model Prediction Interval Heterogeneity: $l^2 = 80\%$, $\tau^2 = 0.085$	1.8	4 [1.56 [0.96;	; 2.18] 3.53]	100.0

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Endotrophin, a Key Marker and Driver for Fibroinflammatory Disease

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Summary Endotrophin

 <u>Biomarker</u>: Endotrophin is an excellent fibro-inflammatory marker in plasma

• <u>Cancer:</u> Pro-mitogenic and inducing chemoresistance Breast cancer; HCC, colon cancer, ovarian cancer

 Fibrosis: Endotrophin is a direct driver of fibrosis in the liver, heart, kidney and adipose tissue

 <u>Endotrophin neutralization</u> as a direct intervention in cancer and fibrosis



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Adipocyte-specific FGF21 overexpression in the adult stage



Adipocyte-derived FGF21 reaches the circulation



Adipocyte-derived FGF21 prompts reduced weight gain



Adipocyte-derived FGF21 prompts improved insulin sensitivity



Adipocyte-derived FGF21 improves liver function

Liver

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Adipocyte-derived FGF21 improves immunometabolism



Adipocyte-derived FGF21 lowers ceramides



Serum



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of the GIP receptor

Article

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Normal physiology Long acting GIPR agonism __ GIP - 129 24 hr period 24 hr period FASTED FASTED ++ Stored lipid Stored lipi + Dietary macronutrie dearance .

Regmi et al., 2024, Cell Metabolism 36, 1–16 July 2, 2024

Highlights

Tirzepatide modulates the regulation of adipocyte

nutrient metabolism through long-acting activation

- GIPR is expressed and functionally signals in both human and mouse adipocytes
- Tirzepatide signals to adipocytes via long-acting GIPR agonism
- Tirzepatide regulates adipocyte lipid and glucose storage as well as lipid efflux
- Tirzepatide regulation of adipocyte function likely contributes to overall efficacy

Fat-specific GIPR mice <u>Reverse</u> Diet-induced Obesity: Massive Weight Loss



Normal Adipose Tissue Morphology



Reduced Adipose Tissue Macrophage Infiltration & Inflammation in GIPR-Adip Mice



Fat-specific GIPR mice do Not Display Hepatic Steatosis





A Mechanism of GIPR Action in Adipose Tissue:

The GIPR Activates Calcium Cycling in the Adipocyte to Enhance Thermogenesis, Increase Energy Expenditure and Drive Weight Loss



Leptin Endotrophin **FGF21 Adiponectin Adipocyte GIP-R Action** Want to fix the liver? fix the Adipose tissue first!

Is it always the adipocyte? Liver autonomous effects!

A novel liver dysfunction model: The Hepato-Mitokiller

Elimination of mitochondrial DNA:

The rho⁻ hepatocyte





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