# **GLP1 AGONIST**

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## INTRODUCTION

- Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP), both incretin hormones inactivated by dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4), stimulate insulin secretion after an oral glucose load via the incretin effect.
- ADA 2022 approved GLP-1 A as first line therapy for treating DM in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and obesity.
- 1980s, Jean-Pierre Raufman of the National Institute of Health investigated the Gila monster and later John Engg isolated Exendin -4 from it.

## **PHARMACOKINETICS**

- **Absorption**: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists (RAs) like Exenatide, Liraglutide, and Semaglutide are administered subcutaneously, ensuring rapid absorption and achieving peak concentrations within hours.
- **Distribution**: Post-absorption, GLP-1 RAs (eg, Exenatide, Liraglutide, and Semaglutide) exhibit a low volume of distribution, predominantly remaining in the bloodstream.
- **Metabolism**: Exenatide undergoes primary metabolism in the kidneys and liver through hydrolysis, yielding smaller, inactive peptides. Liraglutide follows a similar pathway involving proteolytic cleavage.
- **Excretion**: Renal elimination primarily governs the clearance of GLP-1 RAs, including Exenatide, Liraglutide, and Semaglutide.

## EFFECTS OF GLP1A

#### Brain

- ↑ Satiety ↓ Appetite
- ↑ Energy expenditure
- ↓ Neuroinflammation

**Kidneys** 

1 Haemodynamics

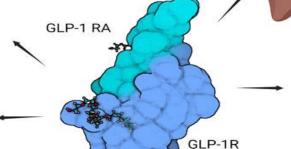
(↑ natriuresis)

### Liver

- ↓ Glucose production
  - ↓ Hepatic fat

### Heart and vasculature

- ↓ Blood pressure 1 Heart rate
- - 1 Glucose uptake



### **Pancreas**

- 1 Insulin secretion ↓ Glucagon secretion
- ↑ Somatostatin secretion

# 1 Myocardial contractility

† Endothelial function

### Systemically

- ↓ Body weight ↑ Glycaemic control
  - ↓ Inflammation

### Adipose tissue

- 1 Lipogenesis
- 1 Adipogenesis ↑ Glucose uptake
- ↓ Inflammation

### Skeletal muscle

↑ Glygogen synthesis ↑ Glucose oxidation

Direct effects on HF \*

Indirect effects on

# DOSE AND SIDE EFFECTS

## **GLP-1 & GIP Receptor Agonists**

Class/Main Action	Name	Dose Range	Considerations
GLP-1 RA - Glucagon Like Peptide Receptor Agonist  "Incretin Mimetic"  Increases insulin release with food Slows gastric emptying Promotes satiety Suppresses glucagon	exenatide (Byetta) exenatide XR† (Bydureon)	5 and 10 mcg BID 2 mg 1x a week Pen injector - Bydureon BCise	Side effects for all: Nausea, vomiting, weight loss, injection site reaction. Report signs of acute pancreatitis (severe abdominal pain, vomiting), stop med. Increase dose monthly to acheive targets.  Black box warning: Thyroid C-cell tumor warning (avoid if family history of medullary thyroid tumor).  *Significantly reduces risk of CV death, heart attack, and stroke.  †Approved for pediatrics 10-17 yrs  Lowers A1c 0.5 – 1.6%  Weight loss of 1.6 to 6.0 kgs
	liraglutide (Victoza)*†	0.6, 1.2 and 1.8 mg daily	
	dulaglutide* (Trulicity)	0.75, 1.5, 3.0 and 4.5 mg 1x a week pen injector	
	lixisenatide (Adlyxin)	10 mcg 1x a day for 14 days 20 mcg 1x day starting day 15	
	semaglutide* (Ozempic) (Rybelsus) Oral tablet	0.25, 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0 mg 1x a week pen injector 3, 7, and 14 mg daily in a.m. Take on empty stomach w/H2O sip	
GLP-1 & GIP Receptor Agonist Activates receptors for GLP-1 (see above) & Glucose- dependent Insulinotropic Polypeptide (GIP).	Tirzepatide (Mounjaro)	2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10, 12.5 and 15 mg 1x a week prefilled single dose pen Increase dose by 2.5 mg once monthly to reach targets.	Side effects include: Nausea, diarrhea, injection site reactions. Avoid if family history medullary thyroid tumor. Report pancreatitis or acute gallbladder problems.  Lowers A1C ~ 1.8 - 2.4%  Weight loss of ~ 5.4 – 10 kgs

# GLP-1 Inflammation. Oxidative Stress NF-KB NADPH oxidase Natriuresis 1 Podocyte Loss Mesangial Dysfunction NHE3 **Endothelial Dysfunction** ANP EMT. **Tubular Injury** Renal Fibrosis 1 Glomerulosclerosis ↓ Renoprotection

- GLP-1RAs have been shown to activate PKA and increase the production of cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP).
- NADPH oxidase and NF-kB activity are inhibited, resulting in the attenuation of oxidative stress and inflammation.
- Prevent podocyte loss as well as mesangial and endothelial dysfunction.
- GLP-1RAs inactivate NHE3 and promote atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) secretion, thereby inducing natriuresis.
- GLP-1RAs inhibit tubular injury and subsequent tubulointerstitial fibrosis.

## FLOW: the first dedicated kidney outcomes trial with a GLP-1RA

## CKD is a common complication of T1D and T2D



536 million affected in 2021. predicted to rise to 783 million by 2045

46%

1 in 10 in the general population

## A global kidney outcomes trial

Randomized controlled clinical trial

QW SC semaglutide 1 mg + SOC (n=1767)

baseline eGFR: 46.9

baseline eGFR: 47.1



3.4-year follow-up



28 countries



\$39 million in the US alone

85.000 deaths every year

**387** sites



3,533 participants



### **Primary outcome:**

time to first occurrence of major kidney outcomes



Key findings

for semaglutide

24%

lower risk of composite primary outcome

Consistent reductions for kidney disease components

mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> per year Slower reduction in mean eGFR

