

# EFFECTS OF GLP-1 BASED THERAPY ON THE HEART

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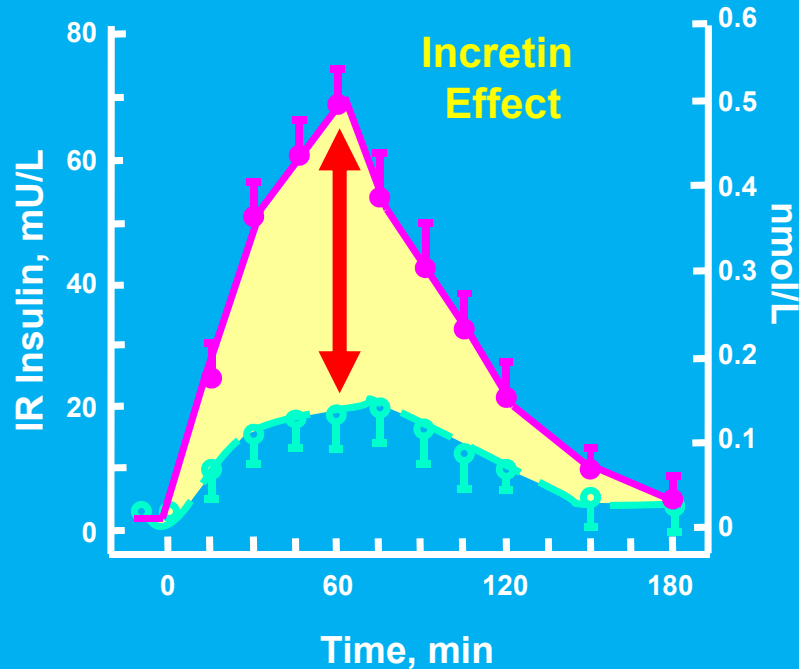
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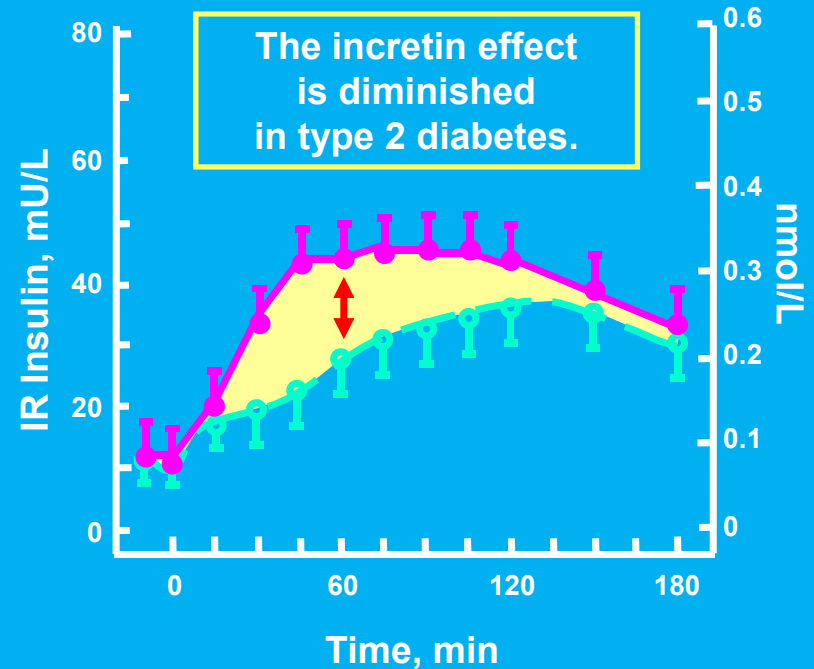
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# אפקט האינקרטינים באנשים בריאים ובחולי סוכרת סוג 2

Control Subjects  
(n=8)



Patients With Type 2 Diabetes  
(n=14)



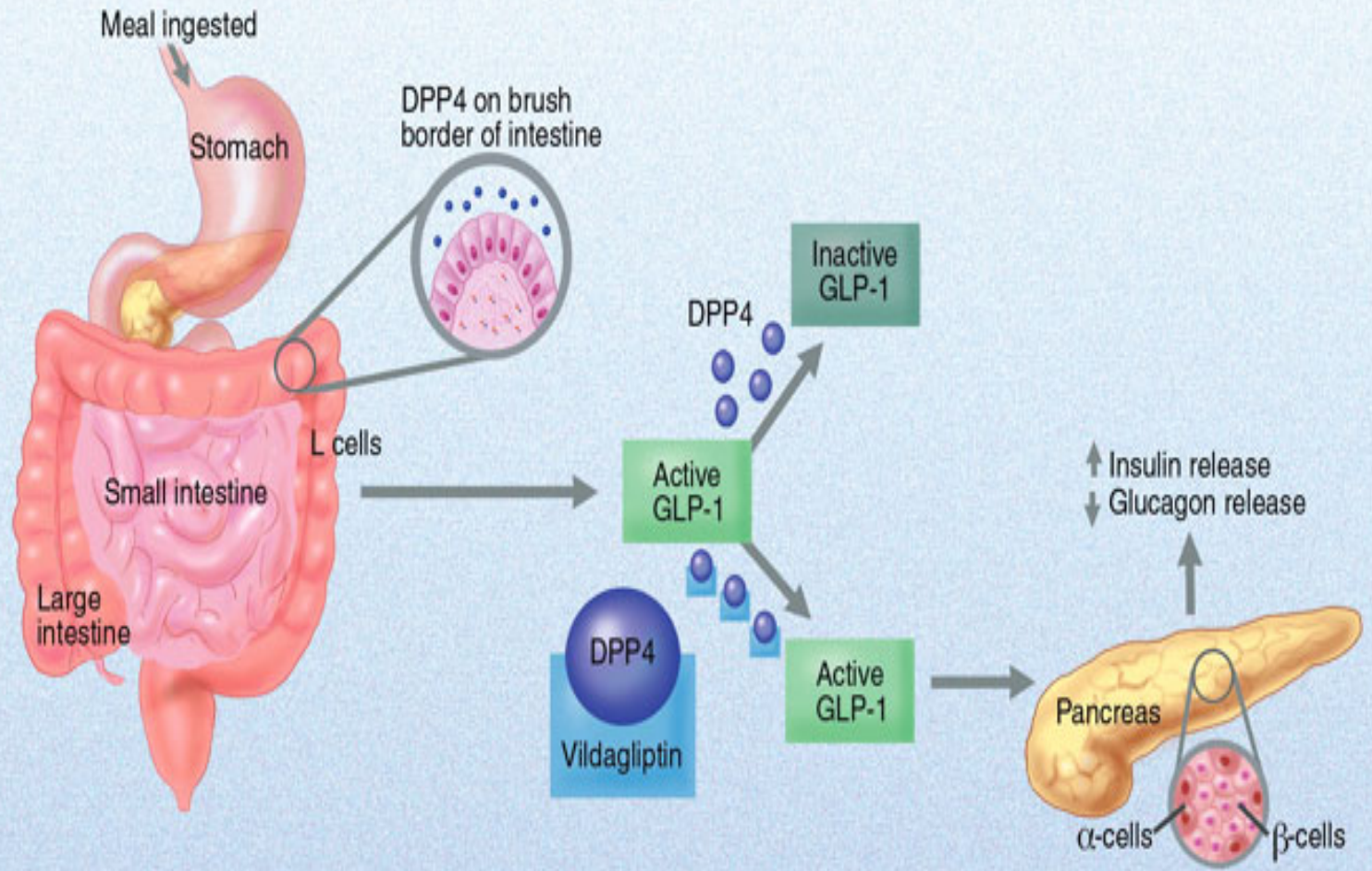
Oral glucose load



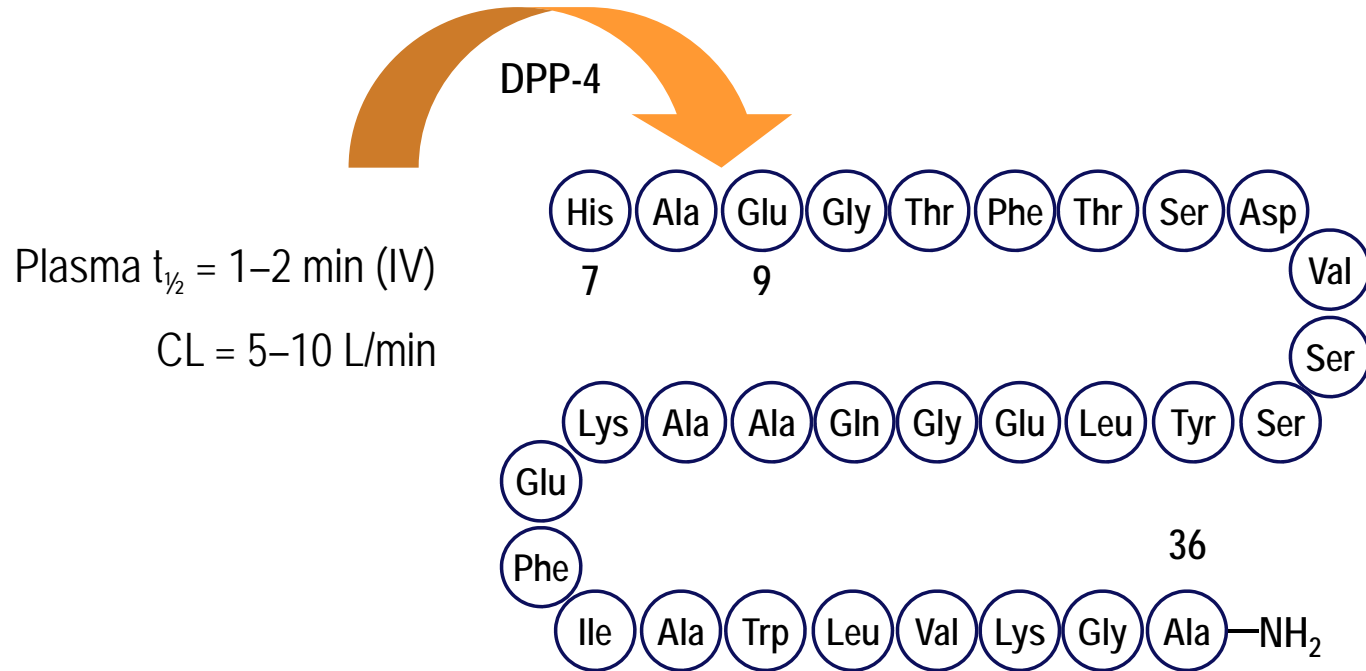
Intravenous (IV) glucose infusion

IR=Immune Reactive.

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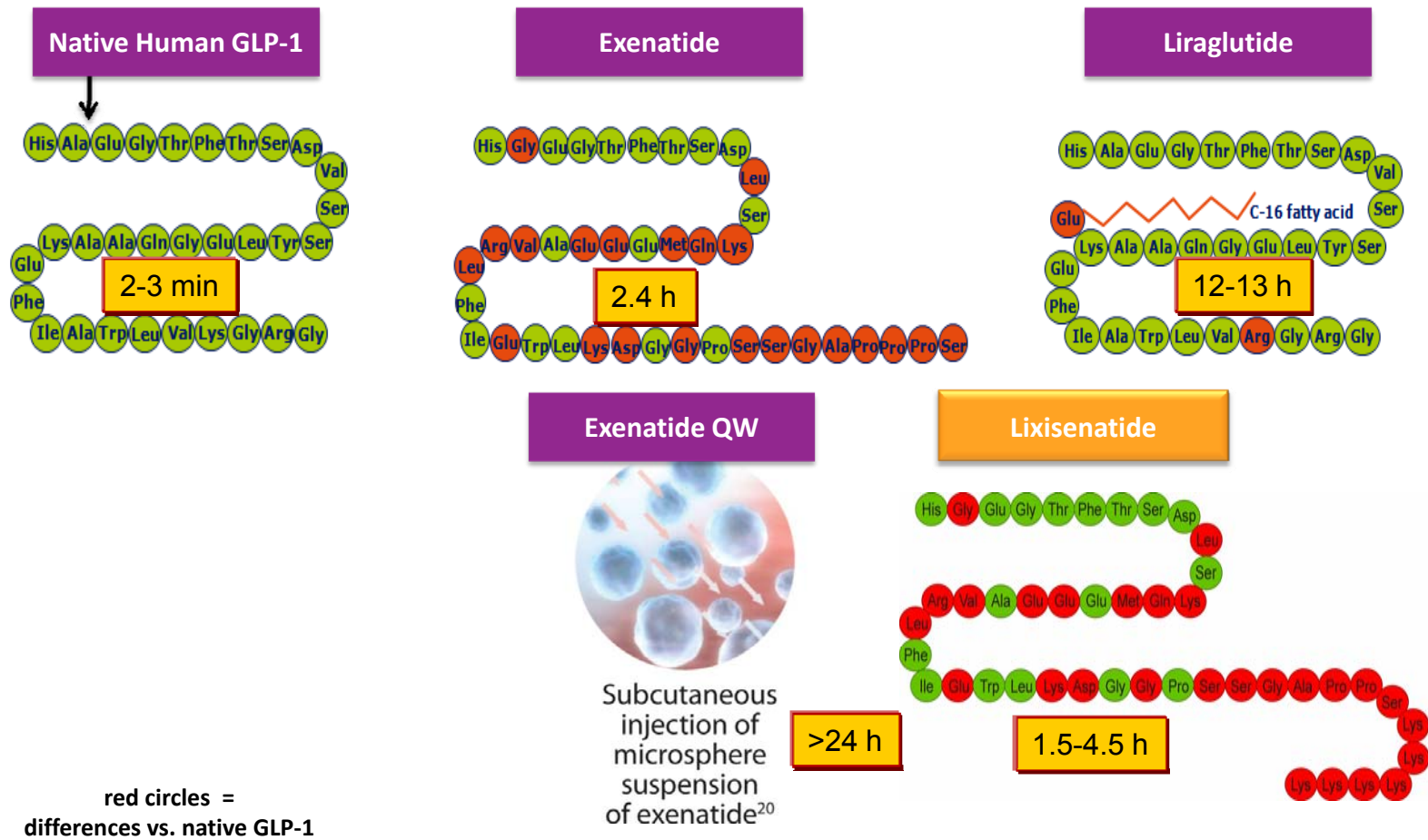
# GLP-1 is Rapidly Degraded by DPP-4



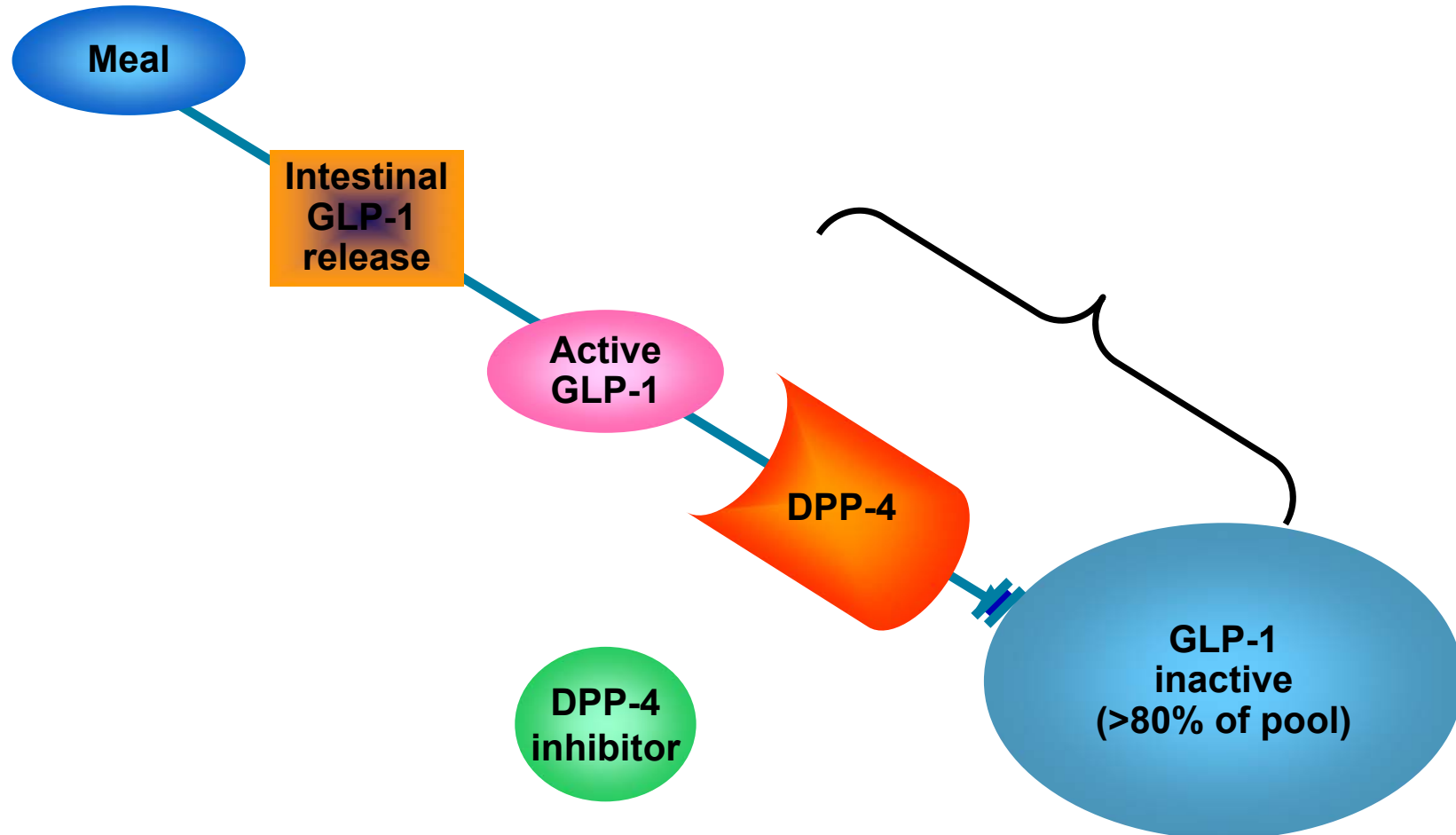
CL=clearance rate;  
DPP-4=dipeptidyl peptidase-4;  
GLP-1=glucagon-like peptide-1;  
IV=intravenously



# GLP-1R Agonists: 'Similar' Structure to Native Human GLP-1

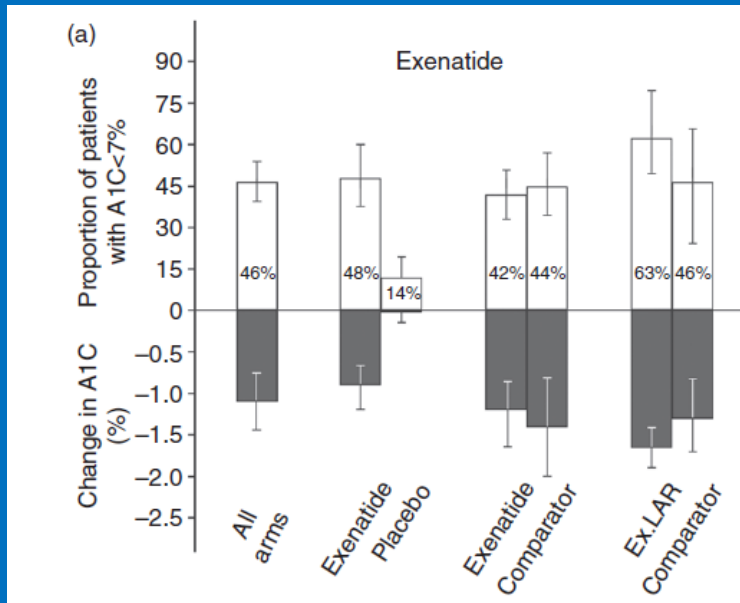


# Inhibition of DPP-4 Increases Active GLP-1

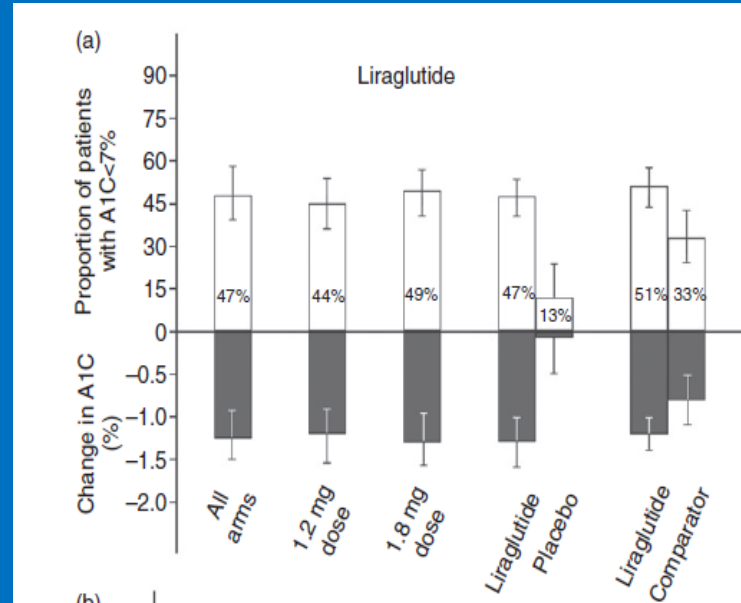


# Improved glucose control

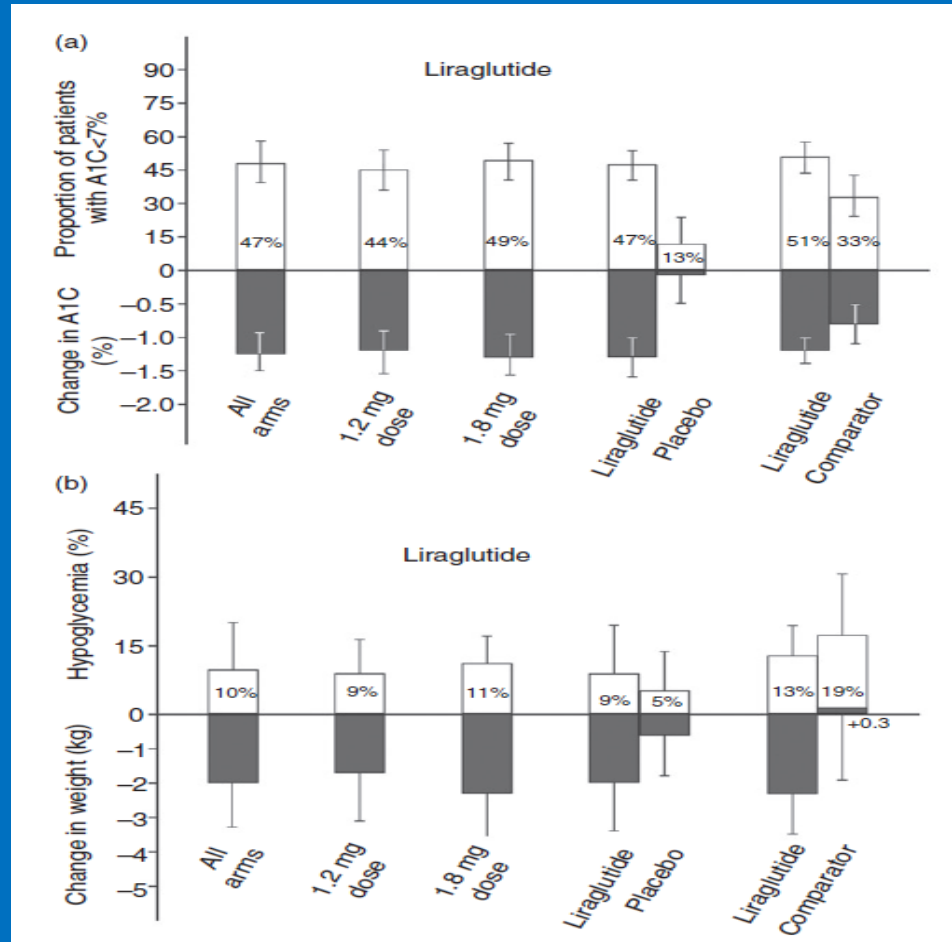
## Exenatide



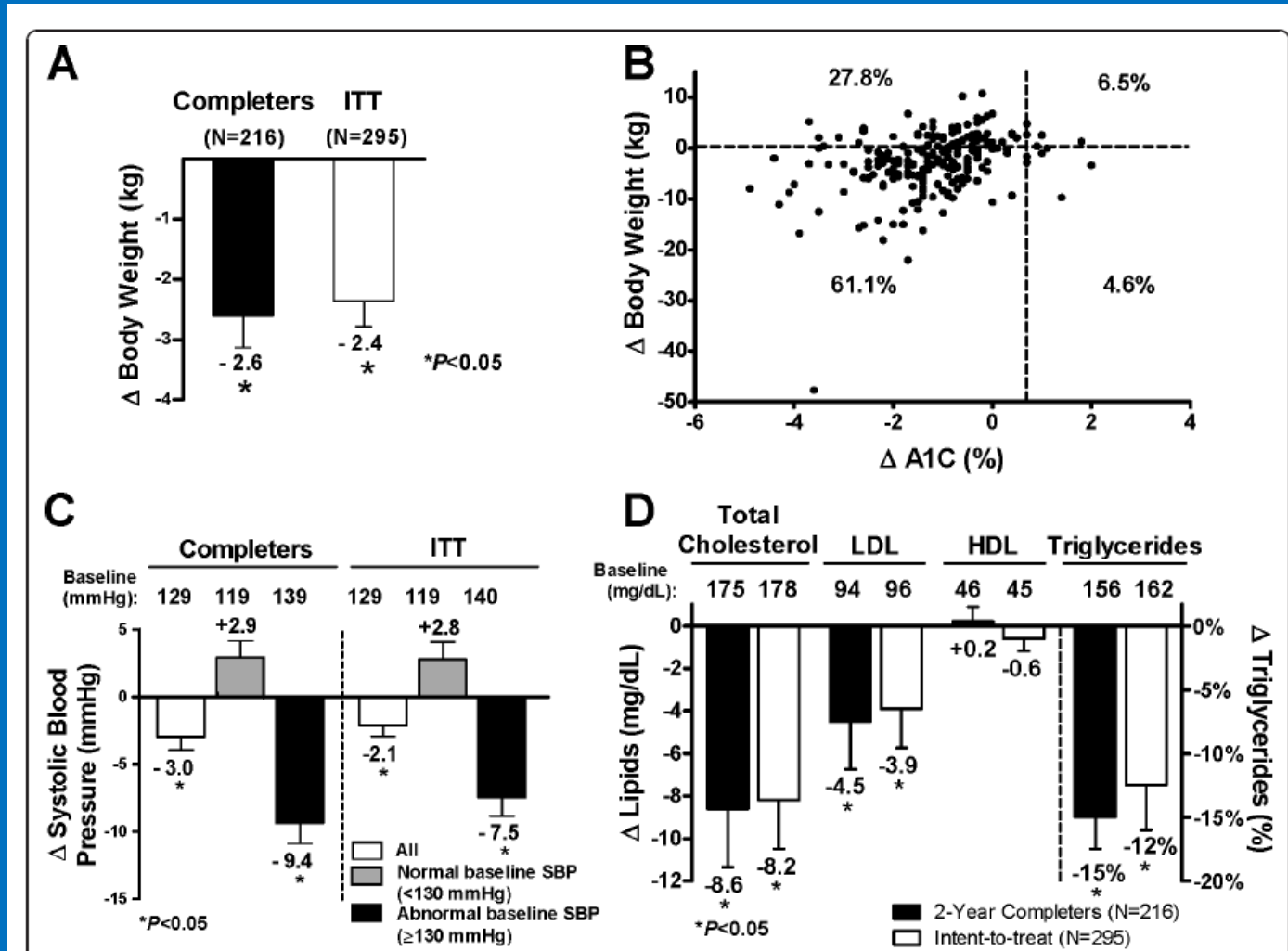
## Liraglutide



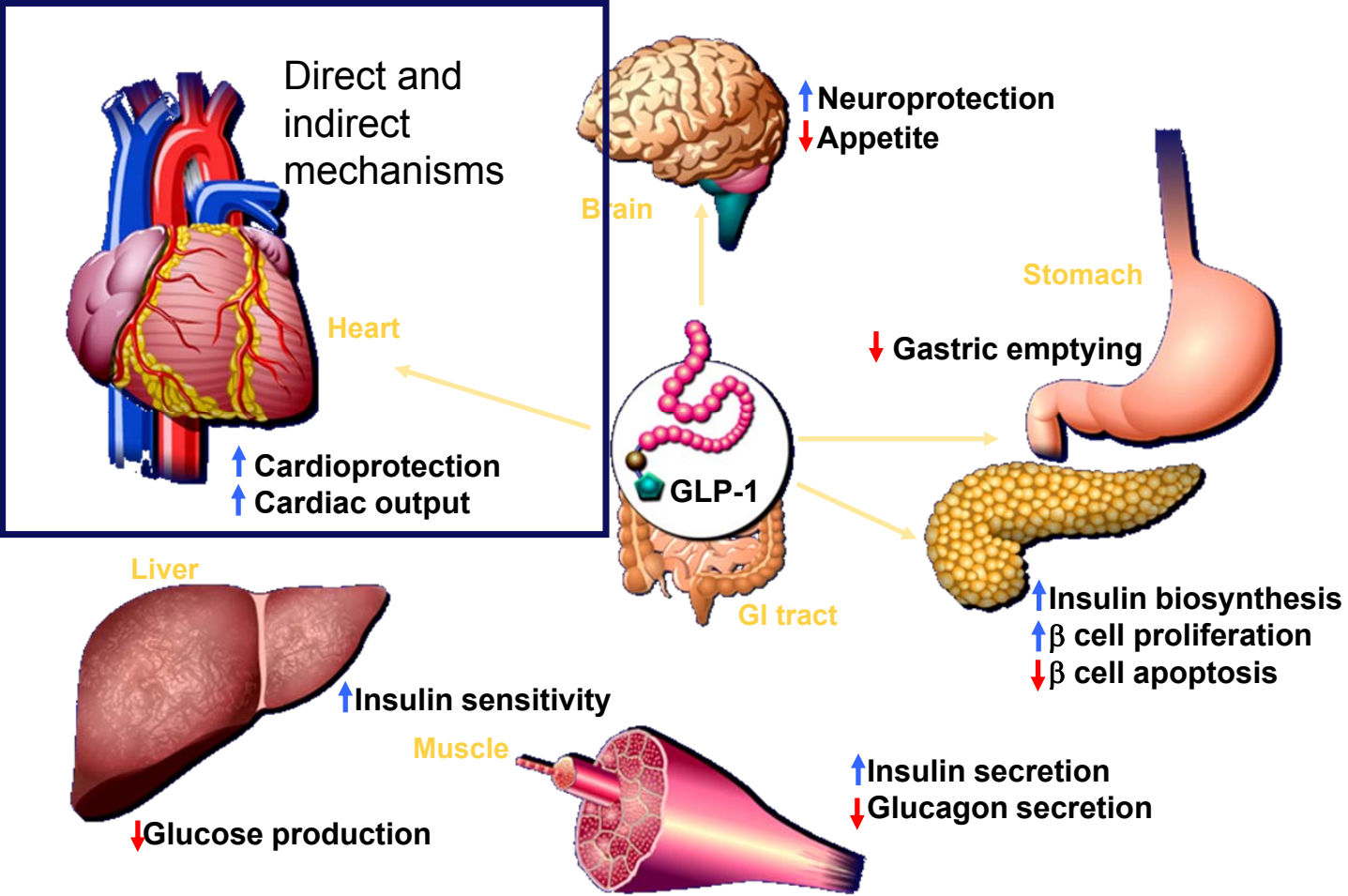
# Improved glucose control + weight loss w/o hypoglycemia



# Change in metabolic parameters after 2 y therapy with Exanatide ER



# Incretin Actions on Different Target Tissues



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**CLINICAL RESEARCH**

*Acute coronary syndromes*

# Exenatide reduces reperfusion injury in patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction

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## Study design

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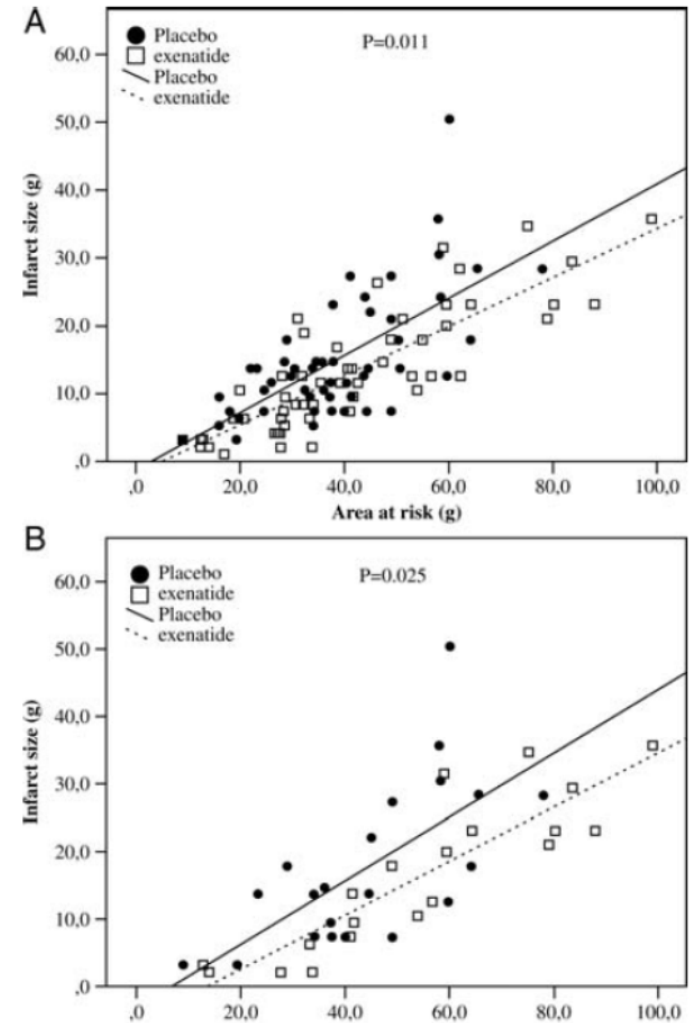
- Patients presenting within 12 h of onset of STEMI
- All underwent pPCI
- Randomised to IV Exenatide for 6 hours or placebo
- Evaluated for Area at risk by cMR in first week
- Evaluated for infarct size by cMR at 3 m
- Evaluated for LVEF by cMR at 3 m

# Exenatide decreases infarct size

Infarct size at 3 m plotted against area at risk (by CMR)

All patients

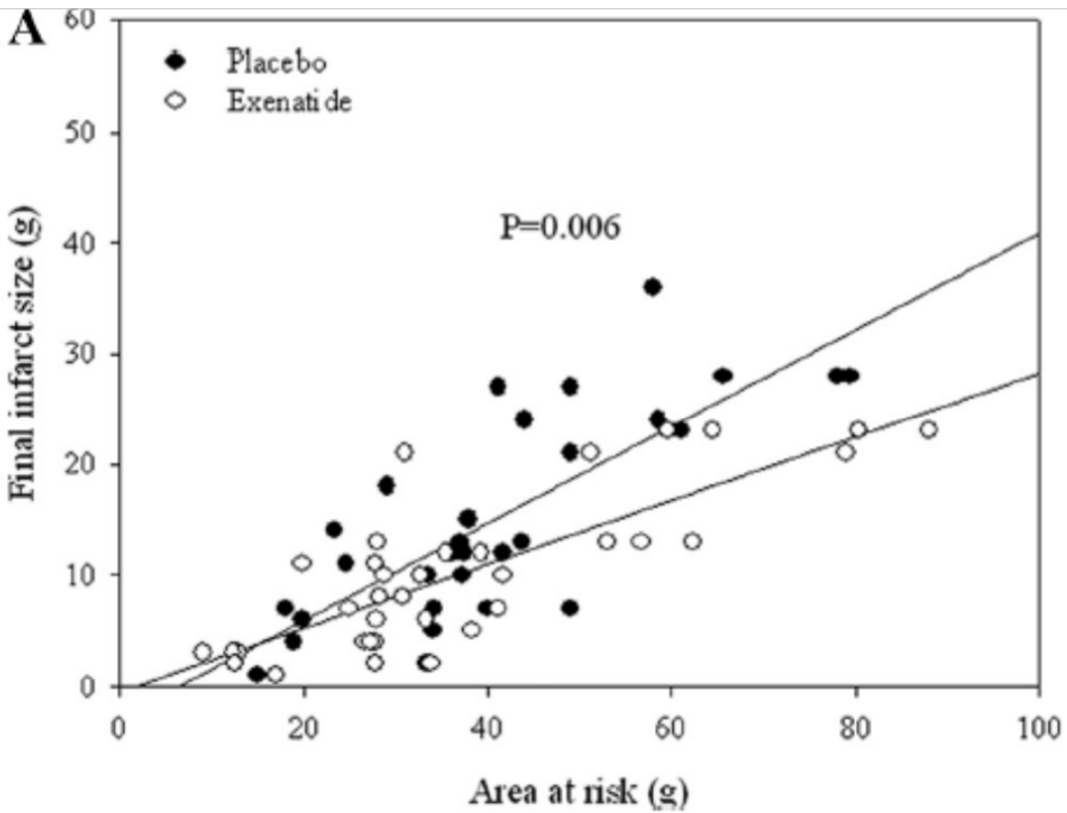
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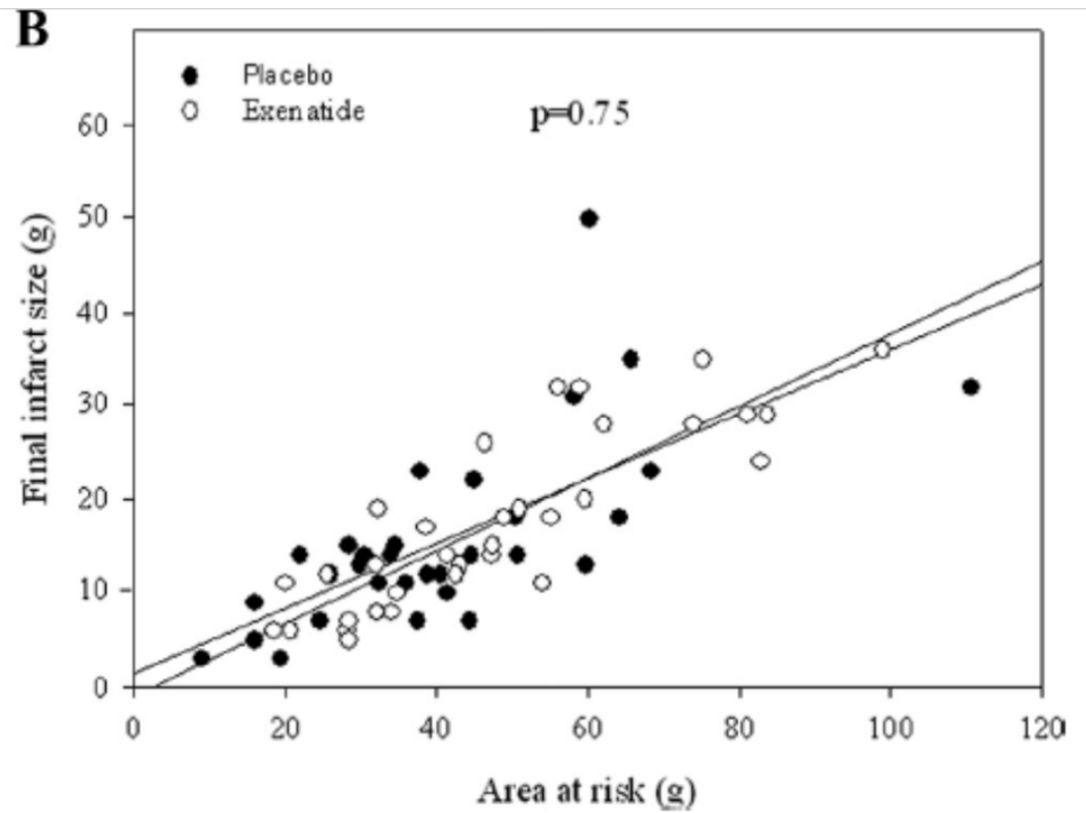
**Table 2** Outcomes evaluated with cardiac magnetic resonance

	<i>n</i>	Exenatide	<i>n</i>	Placebo	<i>P</i> -value
Overall study population					
Salvage index <sup>a</sup>	54	0.71 ± 0.13	51	0.62 ± 0.16	0.003
Infarct size (g)/area at risk (g)	54	0.30 ± 0.15	51	0.39 ± 0.15	0.003
Area at risk (g)	54	42 ± 21	51	39 ± 14	0.43
Final infarct size (g)	60	13 ± 9	57	17 ± 14	0.11
Final infarct size (%LV)	60	11 ± 7	57	12 ± 6	0.33
LVEF 3 months (%)	60	55 ± 9	57	55 ± 11	0.82
Anterior infarct location <sup>b</sup>					
Salvage index <sup>a</sup>	20	0.74 ± 0.11	21	0.62 ± 0.18	0.023
Infarct size (g)/area at risk (g)	20	0.27 ± 0.12	21	0.39 ± 0.19	0.024
Area at risk (g)	20	53 ± 24	21	45 ± 17	0.14
Final infarct size (g)	23	17 ± 11	25	21 ± 19	0.32
Final infarct size (%LV)	23	13 ± 9	25	14 ± 8	0.76
LVEF 3 months (%)	23	55 ± 11	25	51 ± 14	0.27

## Effect of exenatide only after short duration of ischemia



<132 min



>132 min

## Administration of High dose GLP-1 is feasible and safe ( 20ug/24 h for 72 hours)

**Table 2**

Results of side effects and follow-up oral glucose tolerance test of patients included in the safety analysis.

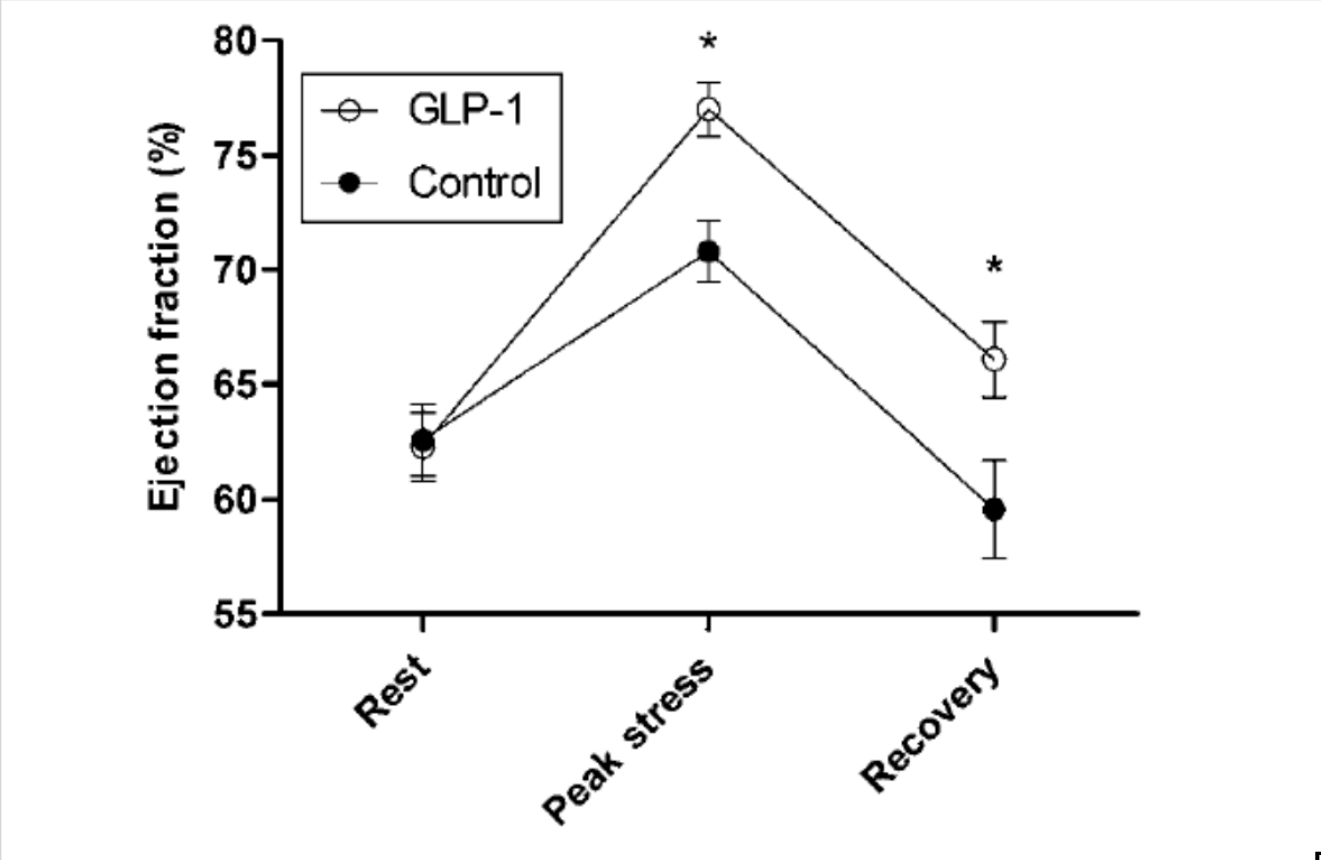
	Exenatide (n = 22)	Placebo (n = 21)	P value
Nausea (%)	11 (50)	4 (19)	0.033
Need for anti-emetics (%)	9 (41)	1 (5)	0.005
Hypoglycaemic episode (%)	6 (27)	3 (14)	0.46
Hyperglycaemic episode (%)	2 (9)	5 (24)	0.24
	(n = 18) <sup>a</sup>	(n = 16) <sup>a</sup>	
<i>OGTT (%)</i>			0.55
Normal glucose regulation	5 (28)	6 (38)	
Abnormal glucose regulation	12 (67)	7 (44)	
Impaired fasting glucose	12 (67)	7 (44)	
Impaired glucose tolerance	5 (28)	3 (19)	
Diabetes	1 (6)	3 (19)	

OGTT = oral glucose tolerance test.

<sup>a</sup> 3 patients in the exenatide group and 2 patients in the placebo group refused OGTT.

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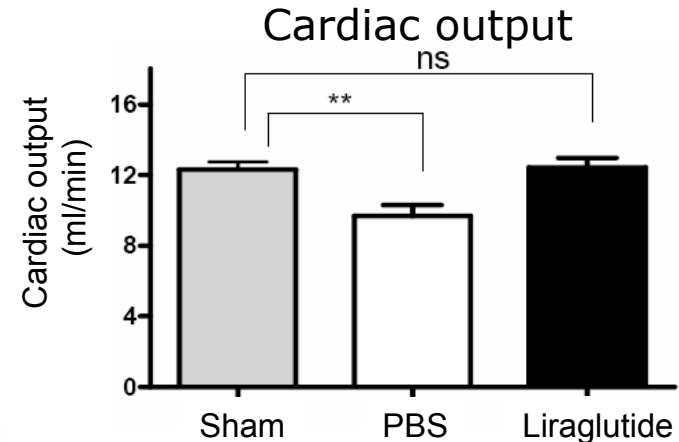
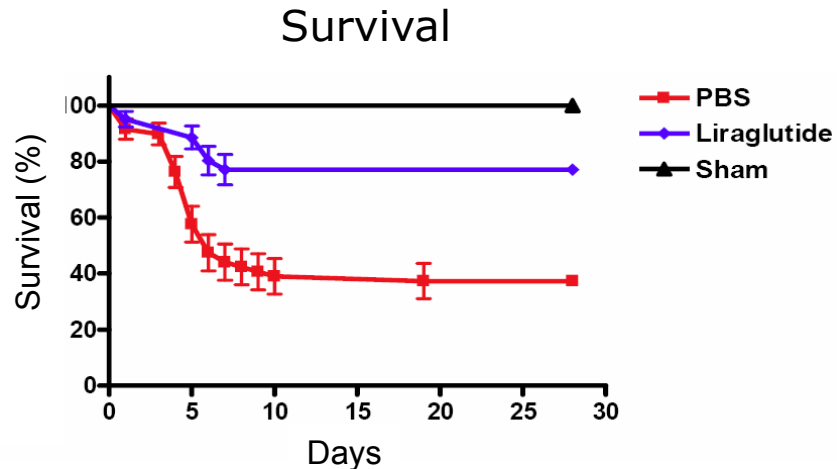
# GLP-1 infusion improves LVEF during dobutamine stress echocardiography



## Liraglutide: beneficial effect in a mouse myocardial infarction model

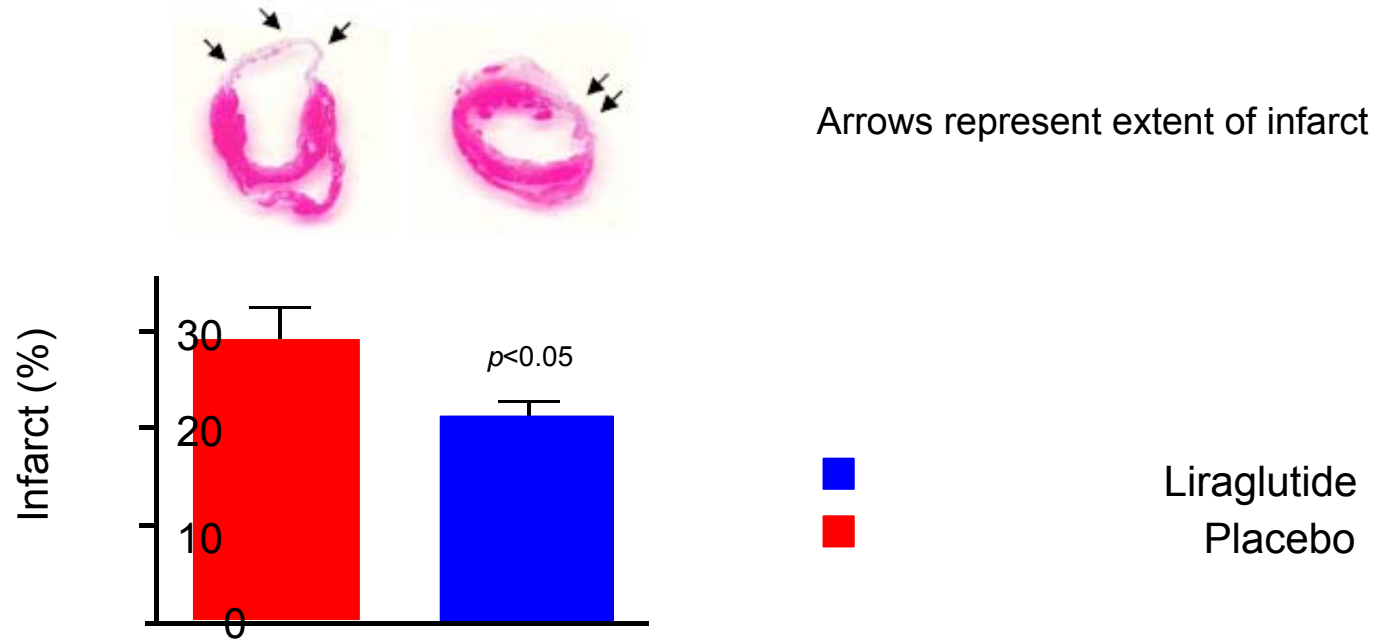
### ■ In a mouse model of myocardial infarction, a 7-day course of liraglutide:

- Induced a cardioprotective gene expression profile
- Reduced infarct size and cardiac rupture
- Improved survival versus placebo (80% versus 40%, respectively;  $p=0.0001$ )

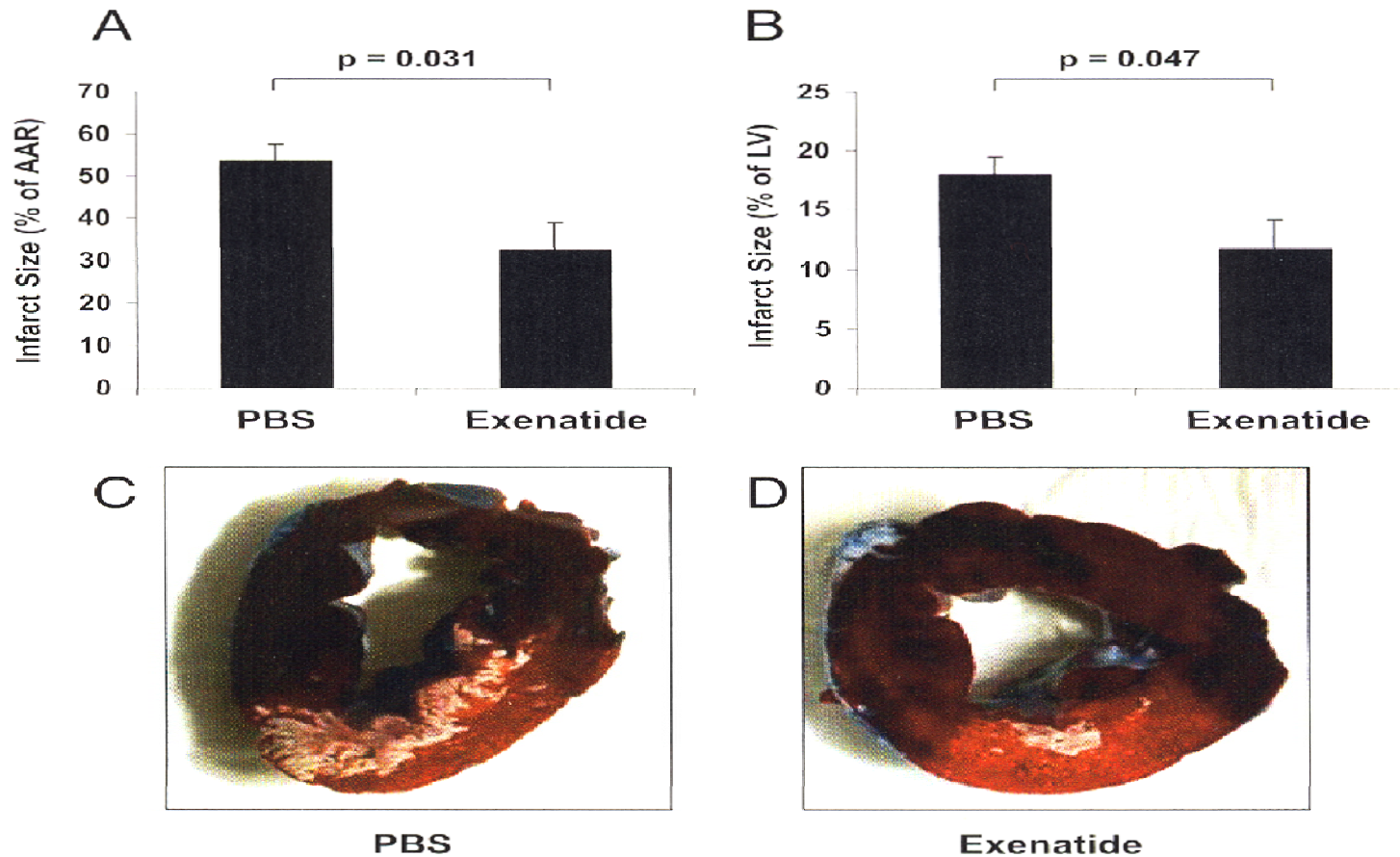




# Pre-treatment with liraglutide reduces infarct size

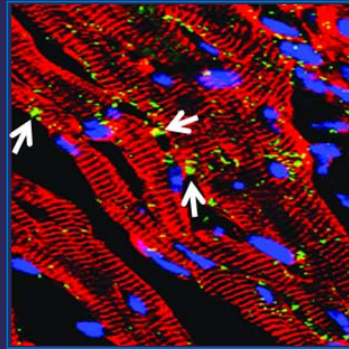


# Myocardial Infarction and Exenatide in Dogs

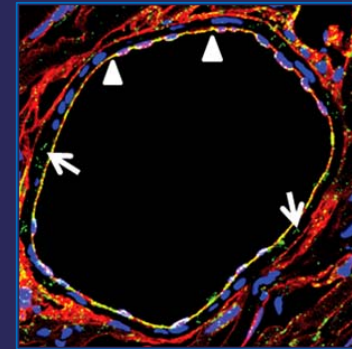


# GLP-1 Receptors are Present in Cardiovascular Tissues

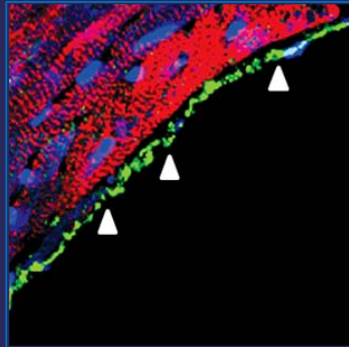
Cardiomyocytes



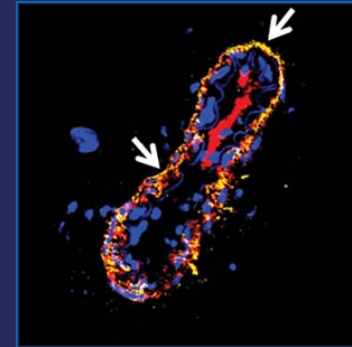
Microvascular endothelium;  
Coronary smooth muscle



Endocardium



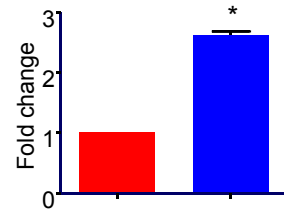
Mesenteric artery  
(medial smooth muscle cells)



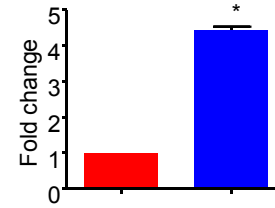
GLP-1-Receptor; **green**  
Vascular/cardiac smooth muscle; **red**  
Nuclei: **blue**

# Treatment with liraglutide activates pro-survival pathways in the heart

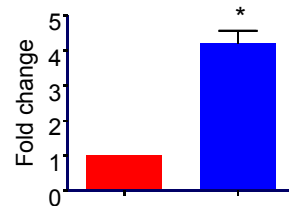
Phosphorylation of prosurvival kinase Akt



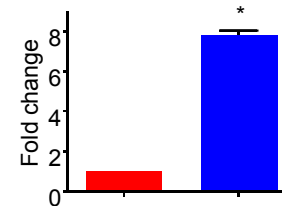
Expression of Nrf2



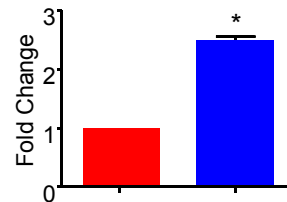
Phosphorylation of GSK3β



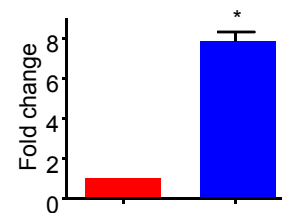
Expression of HO-1



Expression of PPAR-β/δ



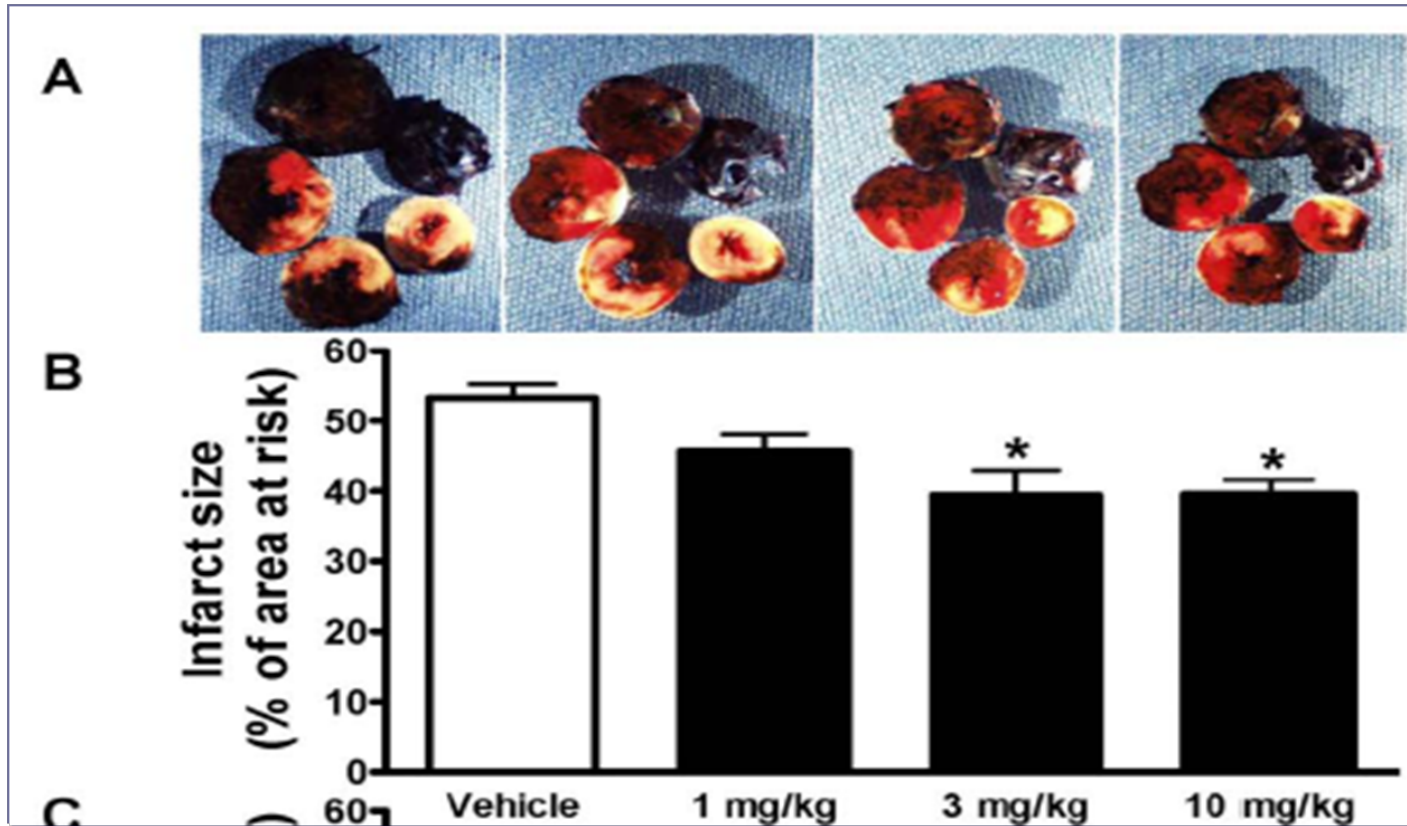
HO-1 specific mRNA levels



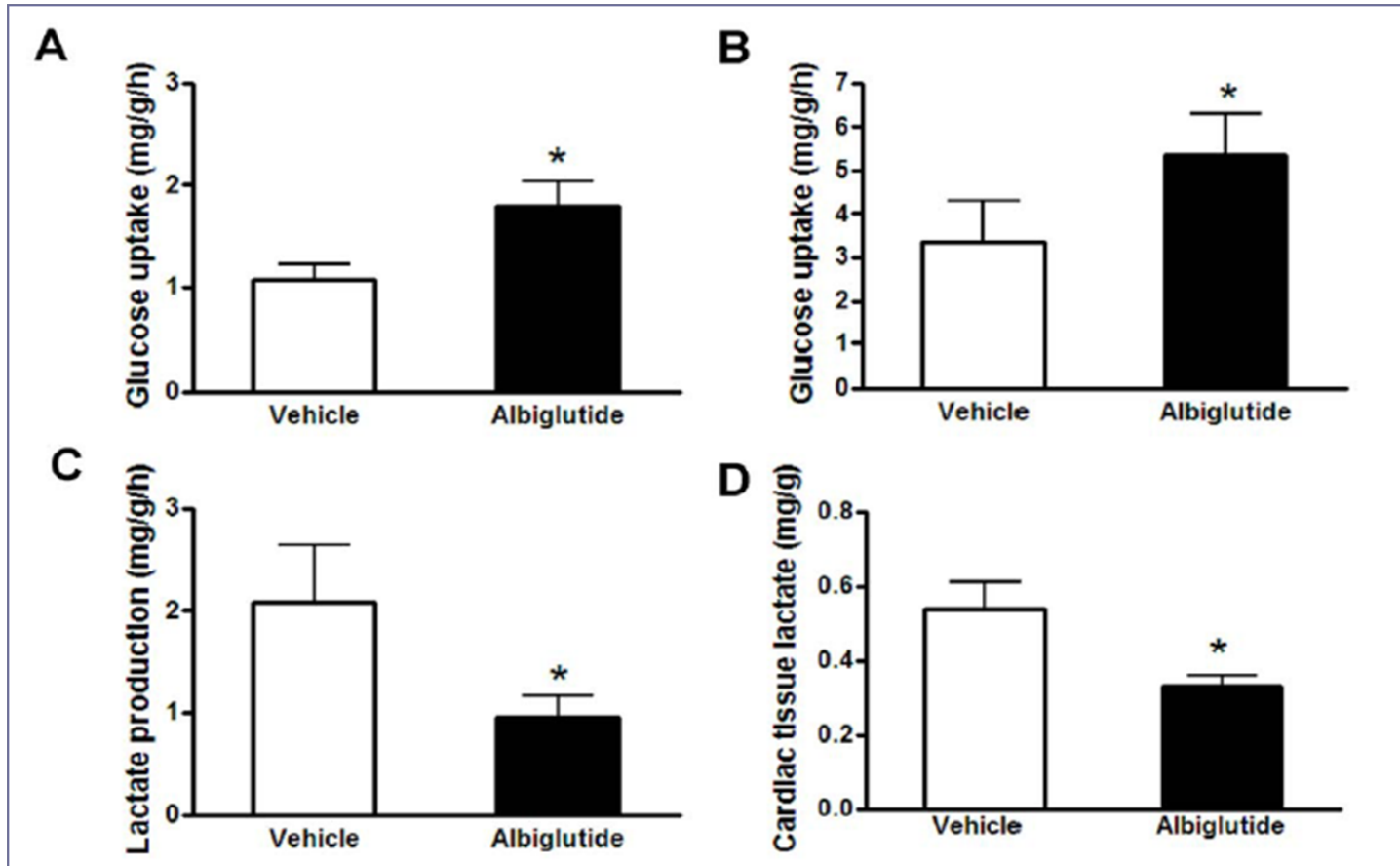
\* $p < 0.05$

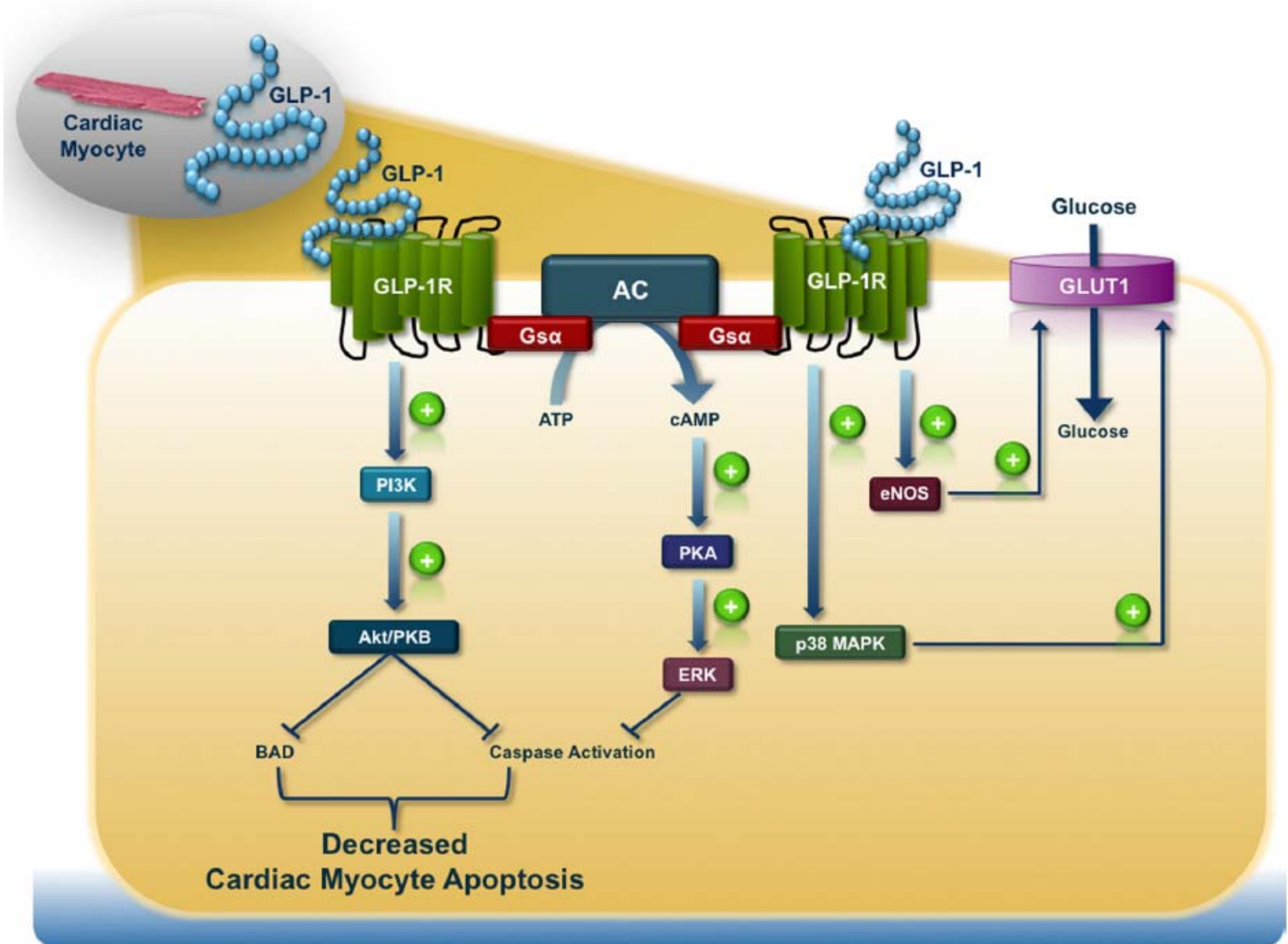
■ Liraglutide ■ Placebo

# Albiglutide, a Long Lasting Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Analog, Protects the Rat Heart against Ischemia/ Reperfusion Injury: Evidence for Improving Cardiac Metabolic Efficiency

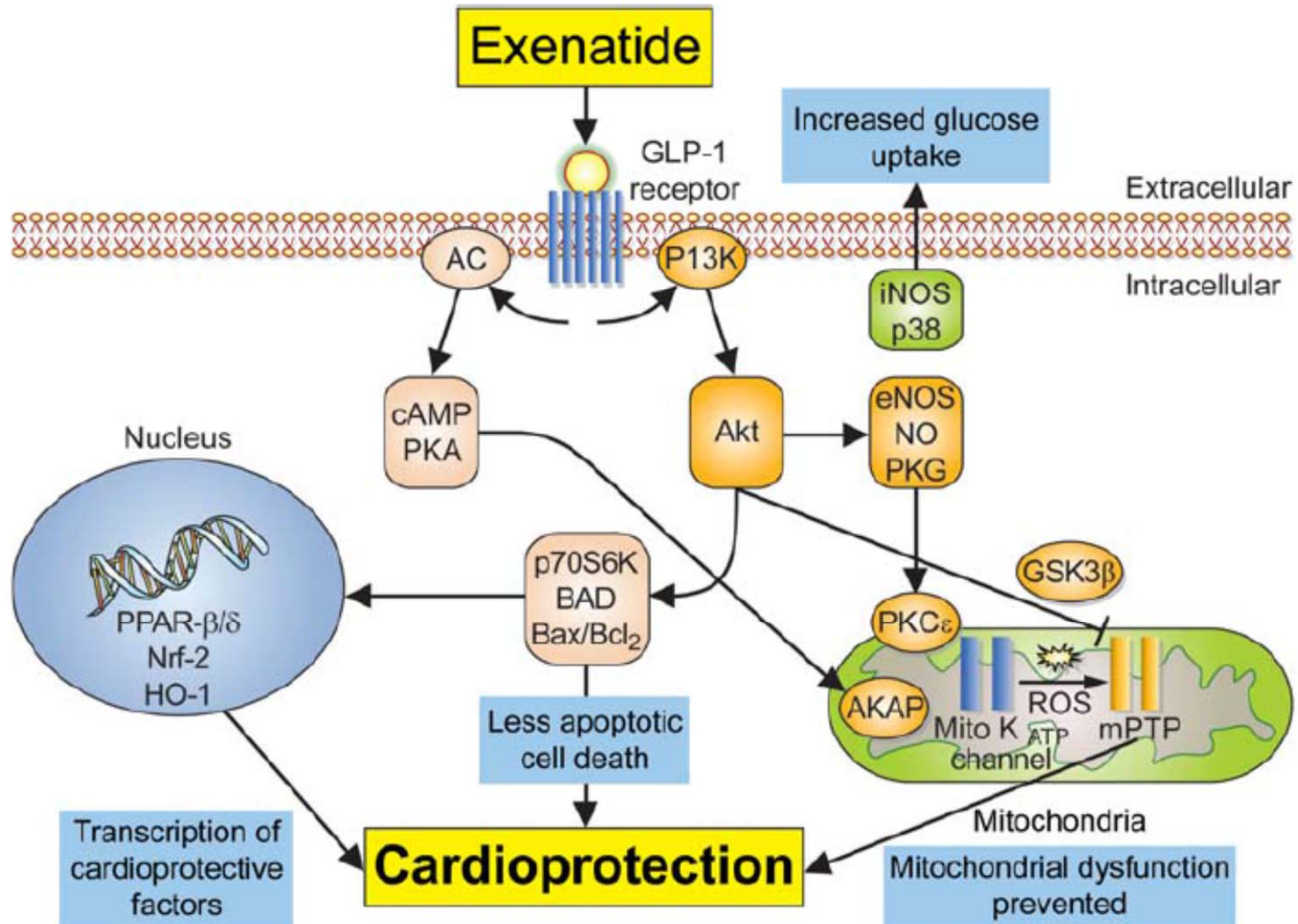


# Cardiac glucose metabolism in vivo and ex vivo

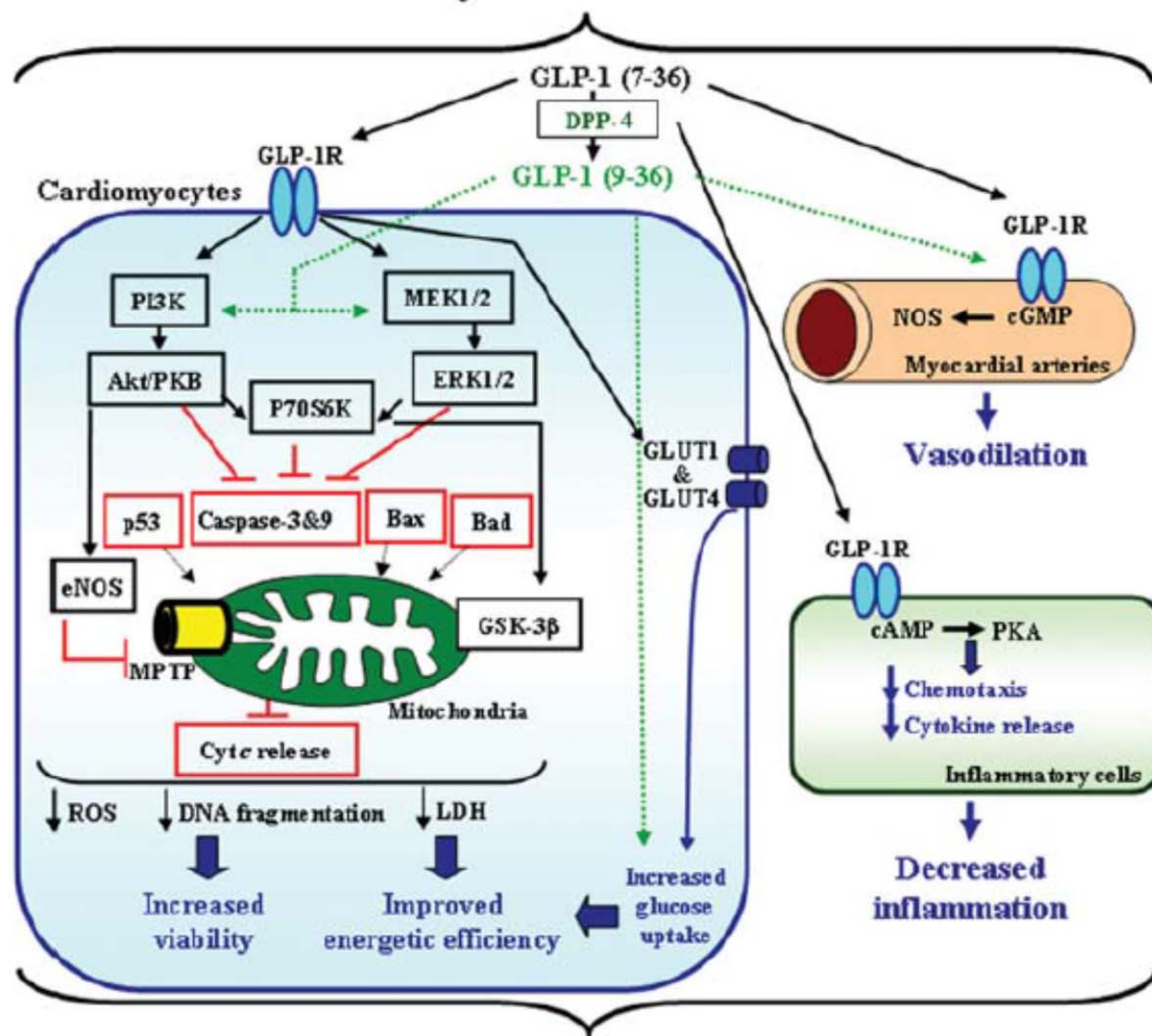




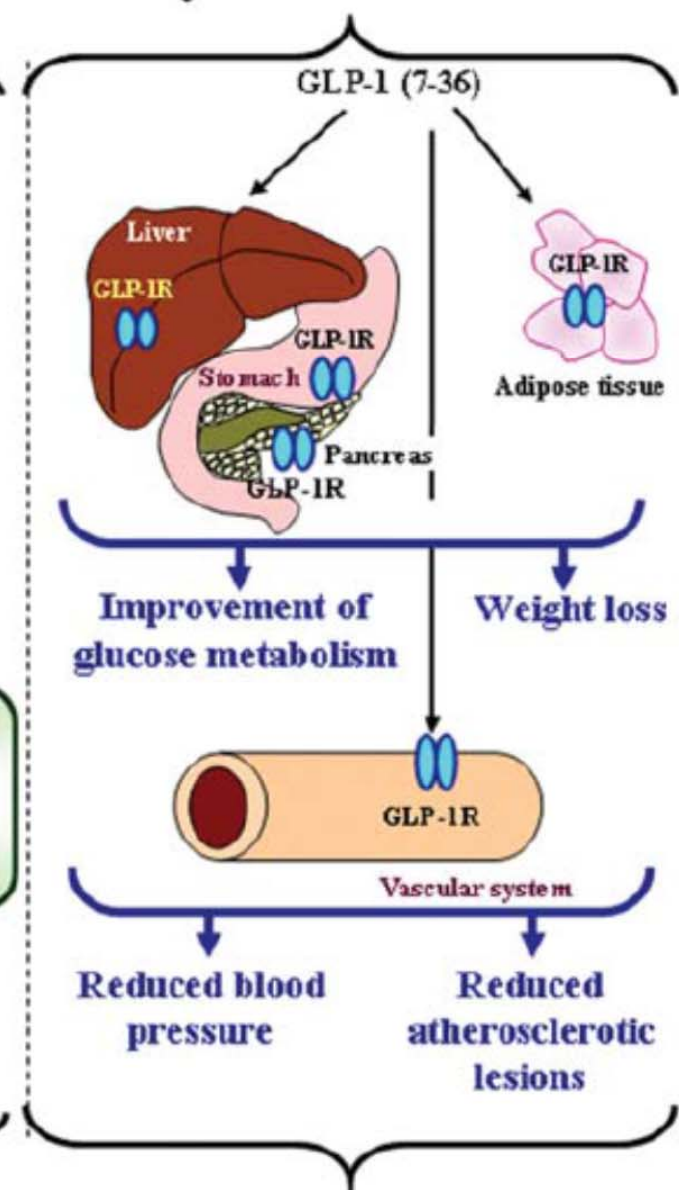




## Myocardial effects



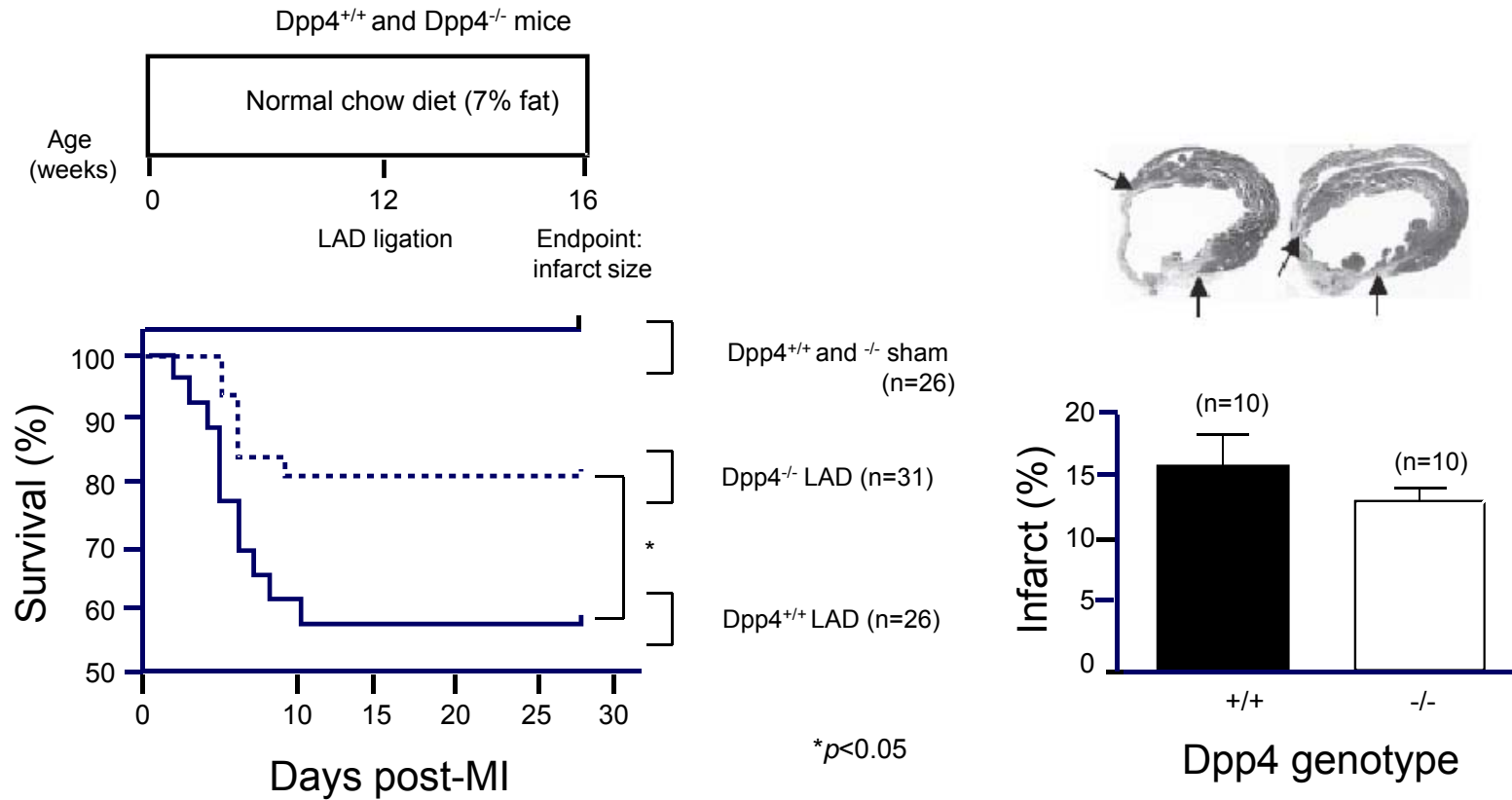
## Systemic effects



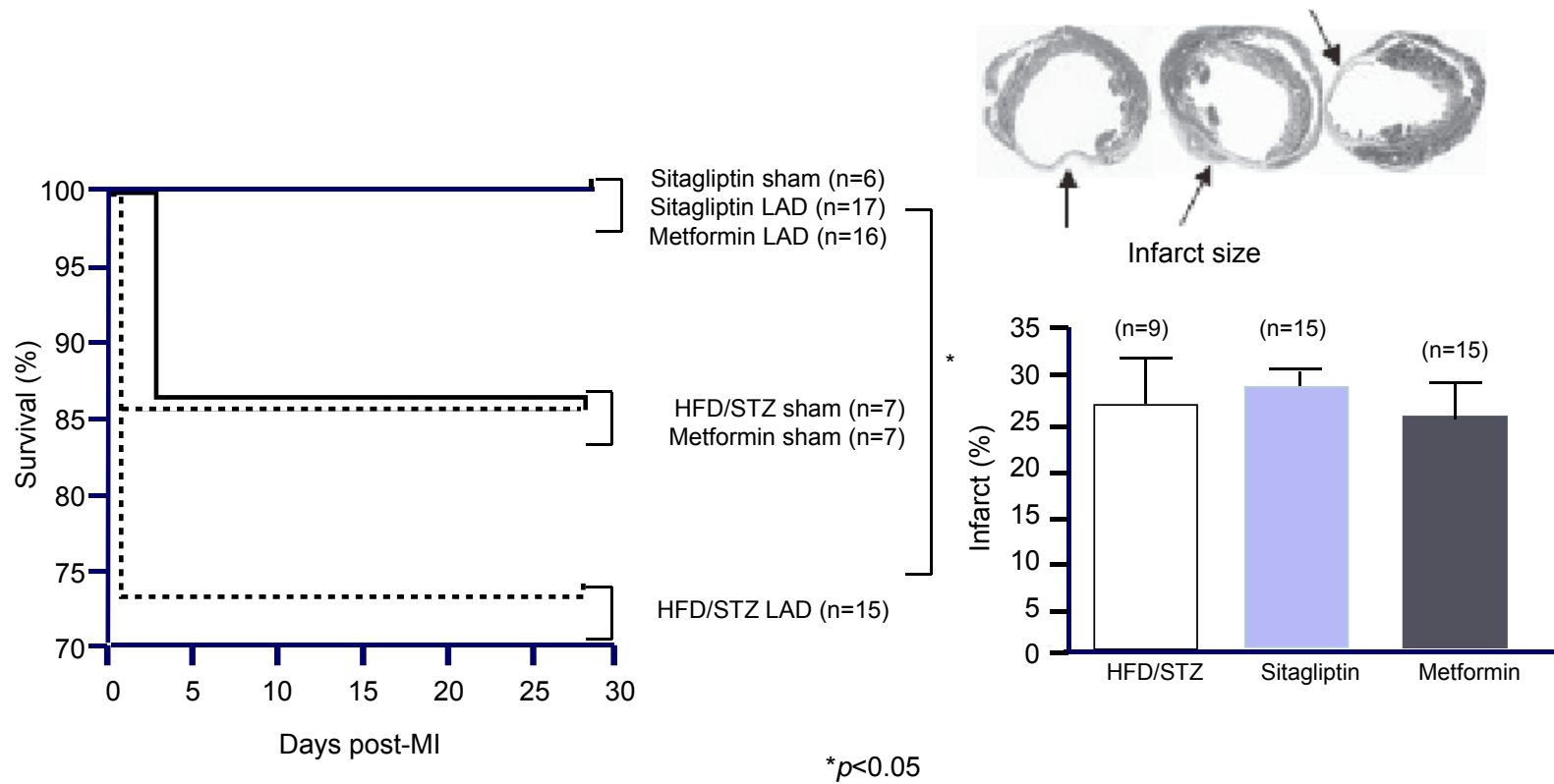
# Genetic and pharmacological inhibition of Dpp4

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# Mice lacking Dpp4 have improved outcomes after experimental MI

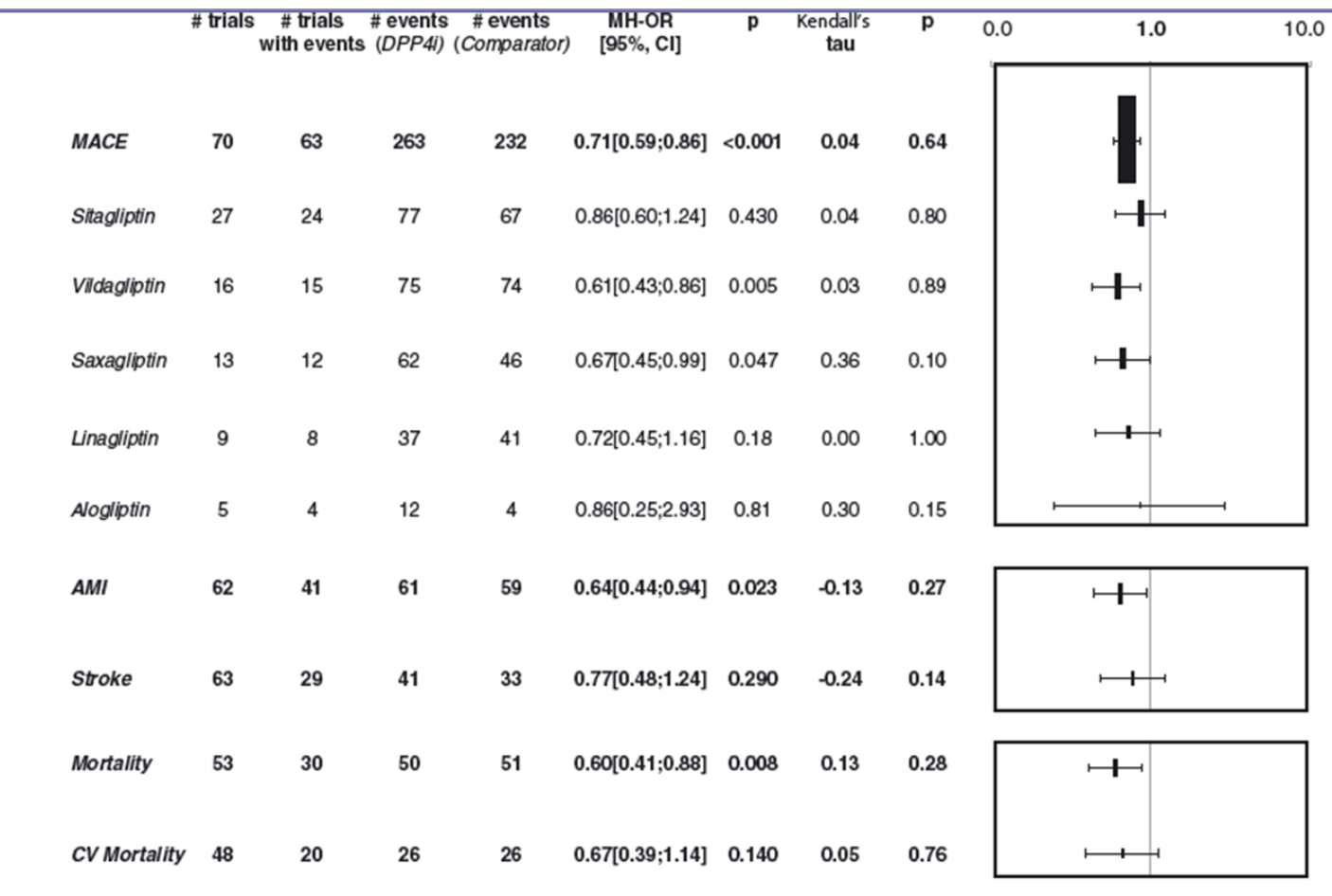


# Diabetic mice treated with a Dpp4 inhibitor have improved outcomes after experimental MI



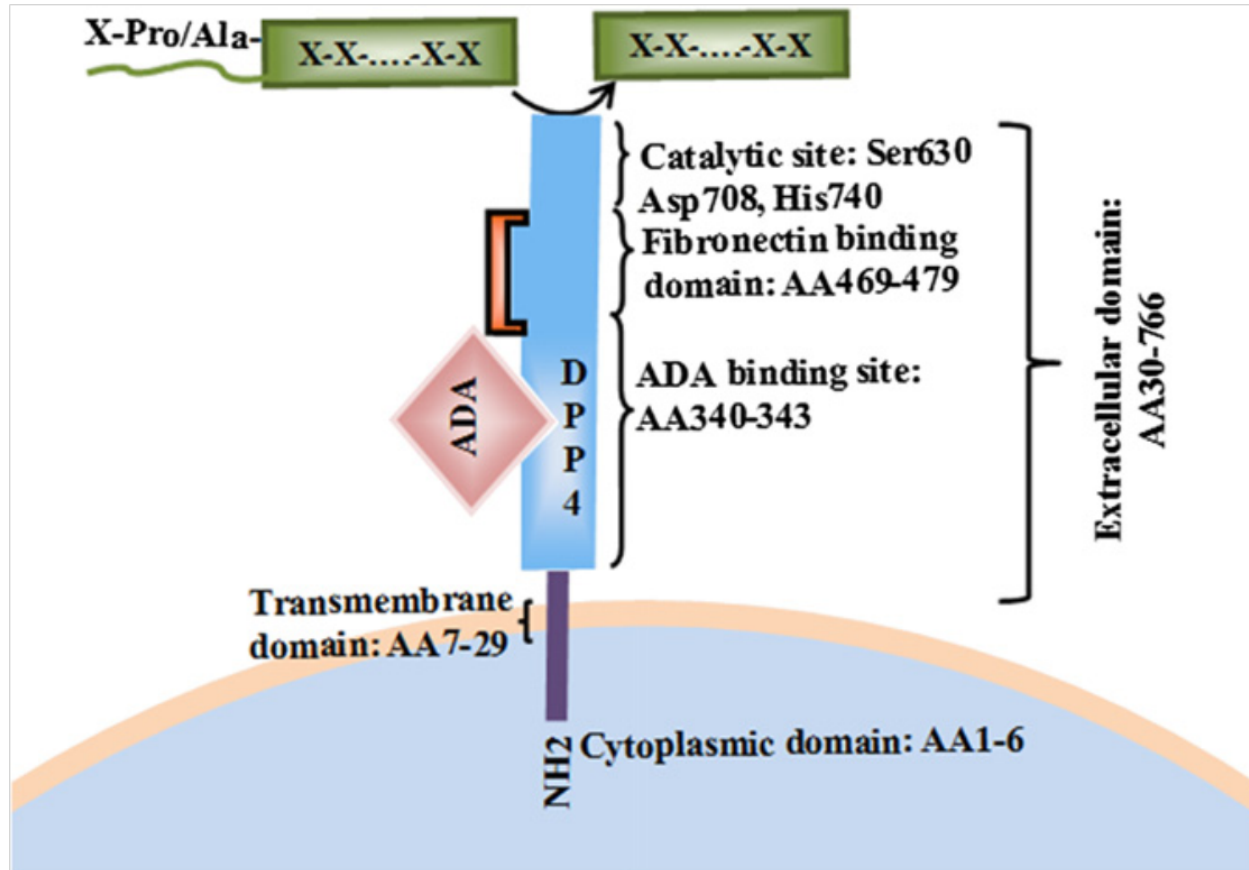
# Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors and cardiovascular risk: a meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials

M. Monami<sup>1</sup>, B. Ahrén<sup>2</sup>, I. Dicembrini<sup>3</sup> & E. Mannucci<sup>4</sup>



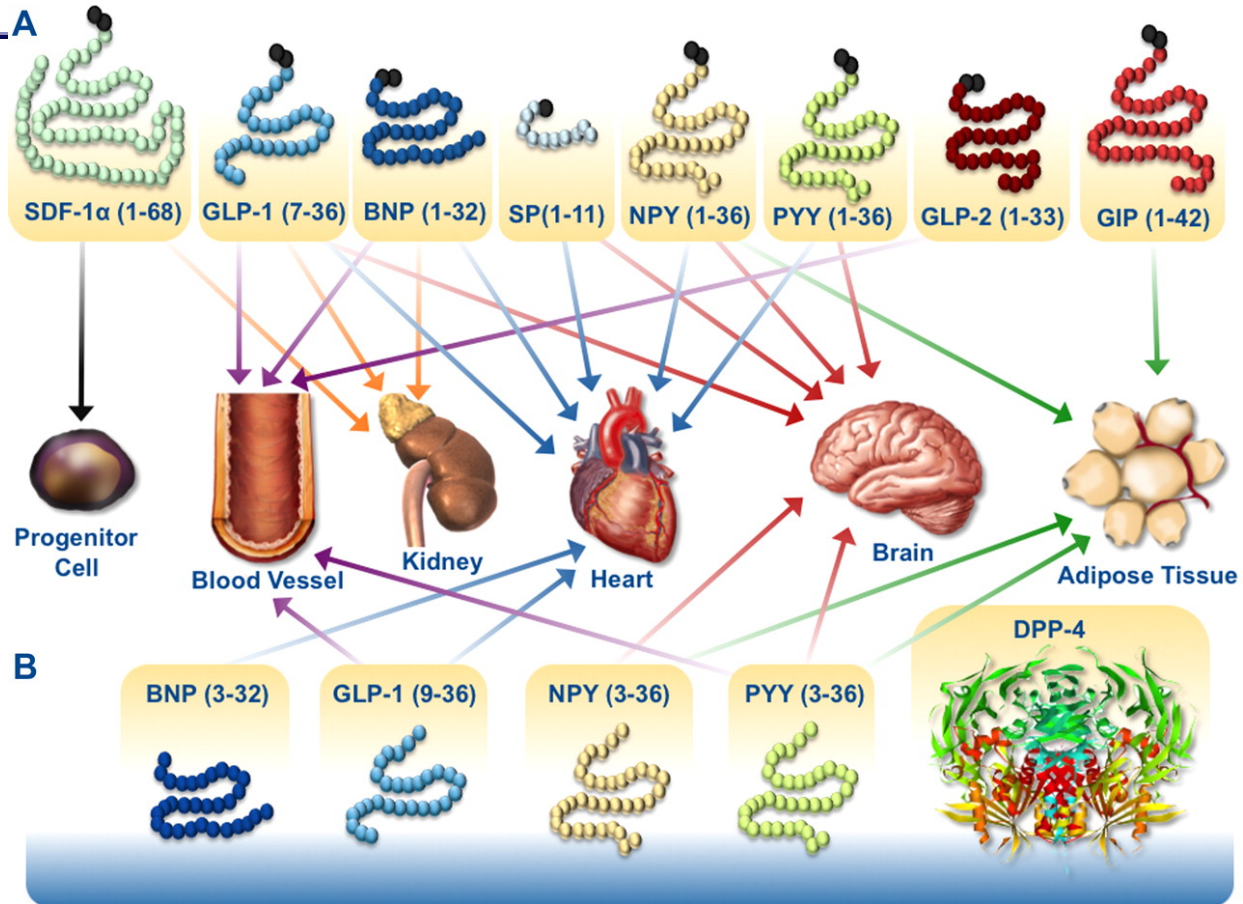


## Structure of DPP-4/ CD 26



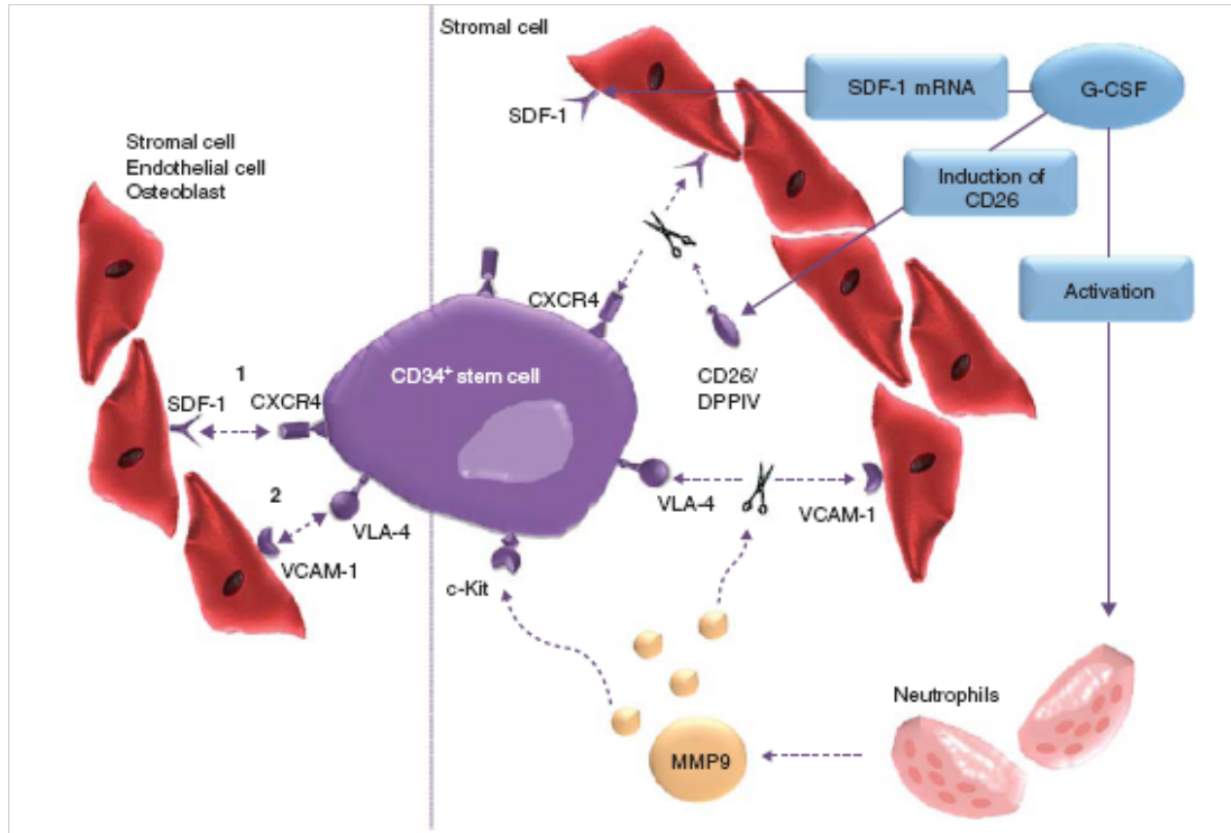


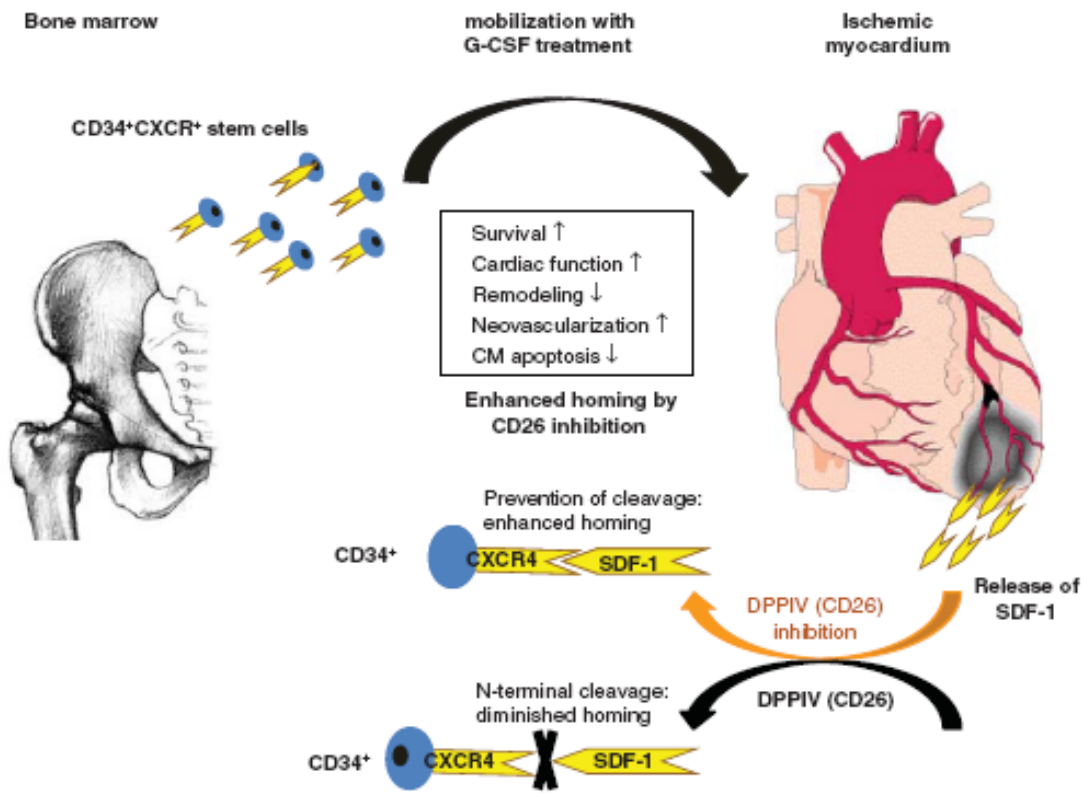
# DPP-4 substrates that directly or indirectly regulate cardiovascular function.



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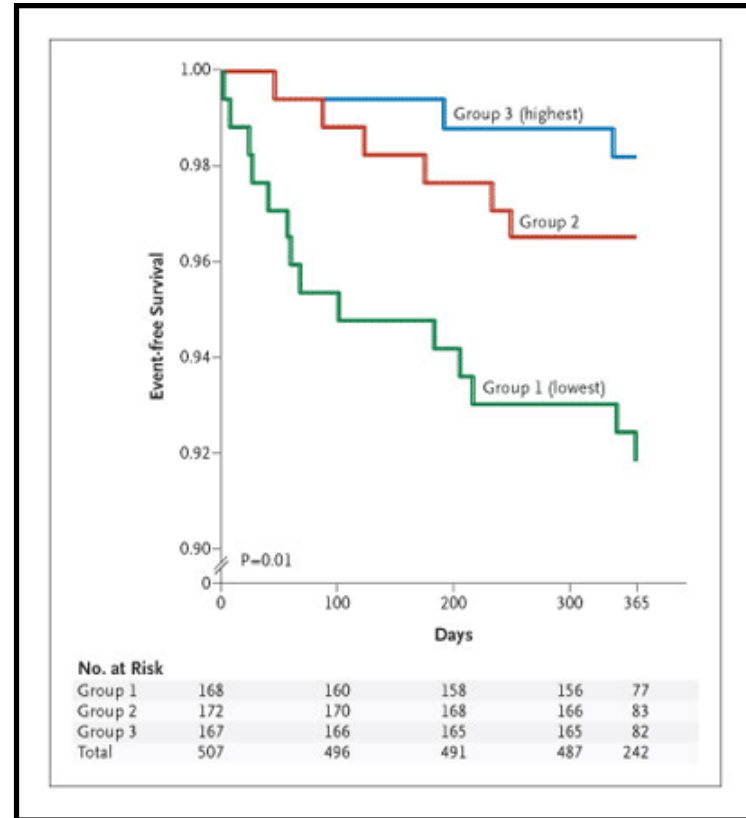




# EPCs predicts the occurrence of cardiovascular events and death

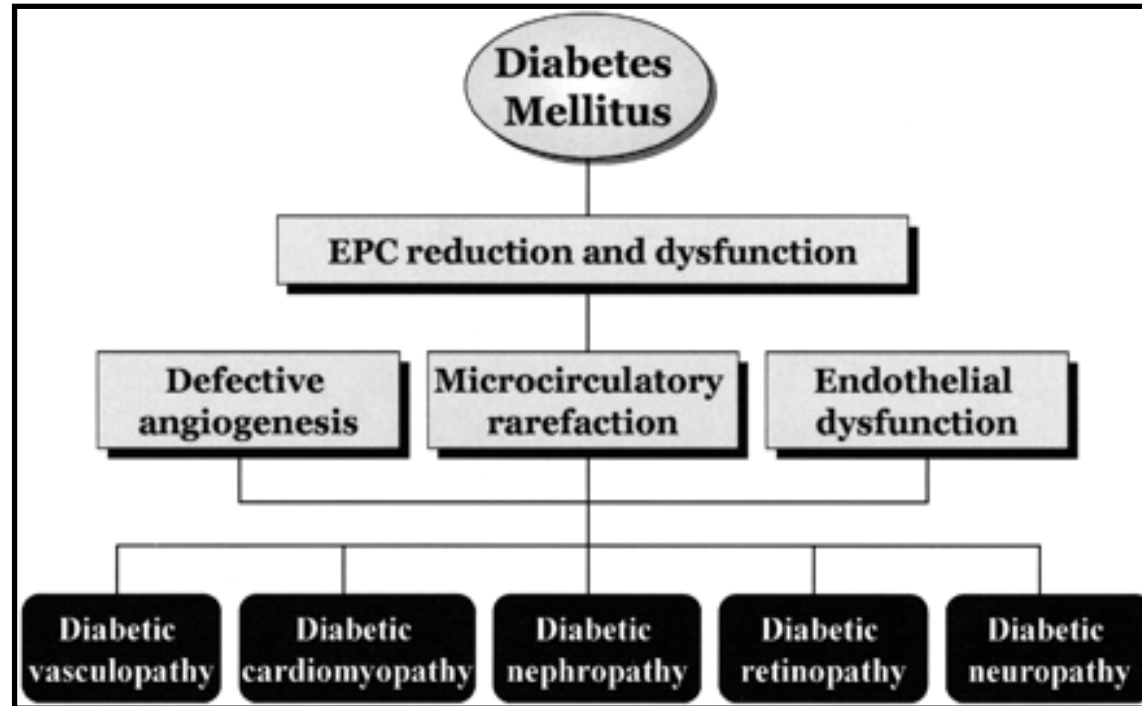
The level of circulating EPCs:

- May help to identify patients at high CV risk (Werner et al *N Engl J Med.* 2005 )
- Reduced EPCs are considered a novel pathogenic mechanism of vascular disease (Fadini *Diabetes care* 2007)



Cumulative Event-free Survival in an Analysis of Death from Cardiovascular Causes at 12 Months, According to Levels of EPC at the Time of Enrollment

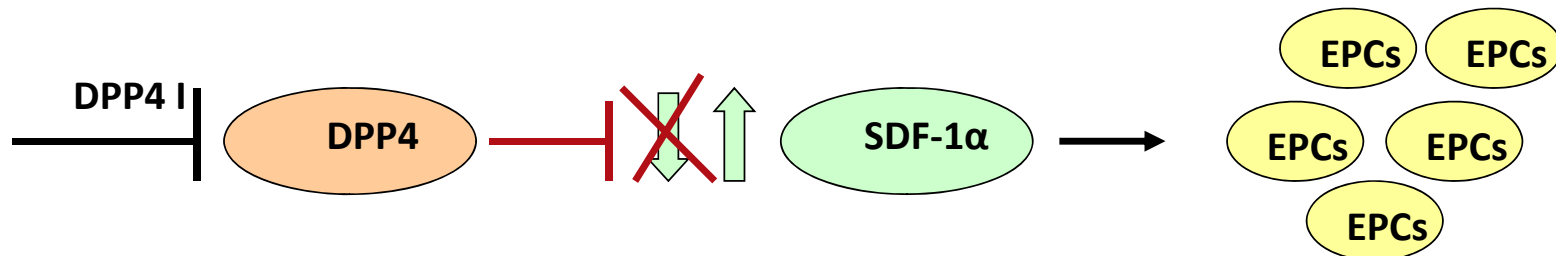
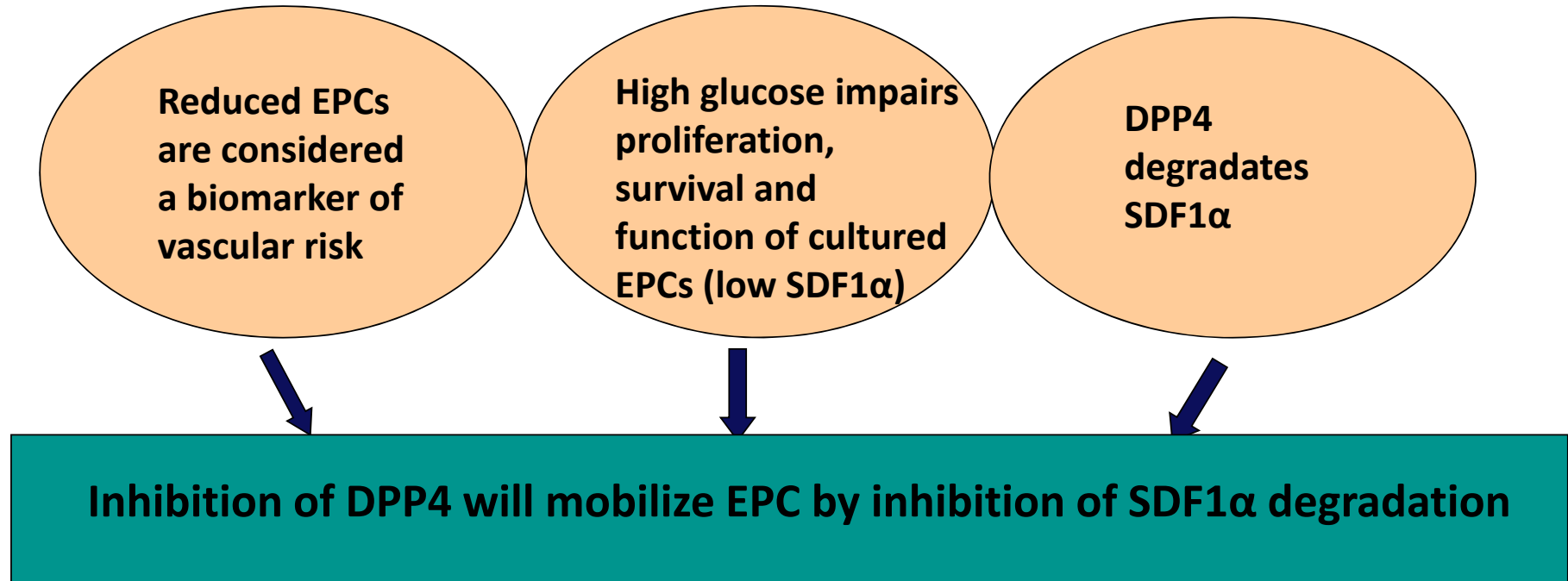
## Significance of EPCs in subjects with diabetes



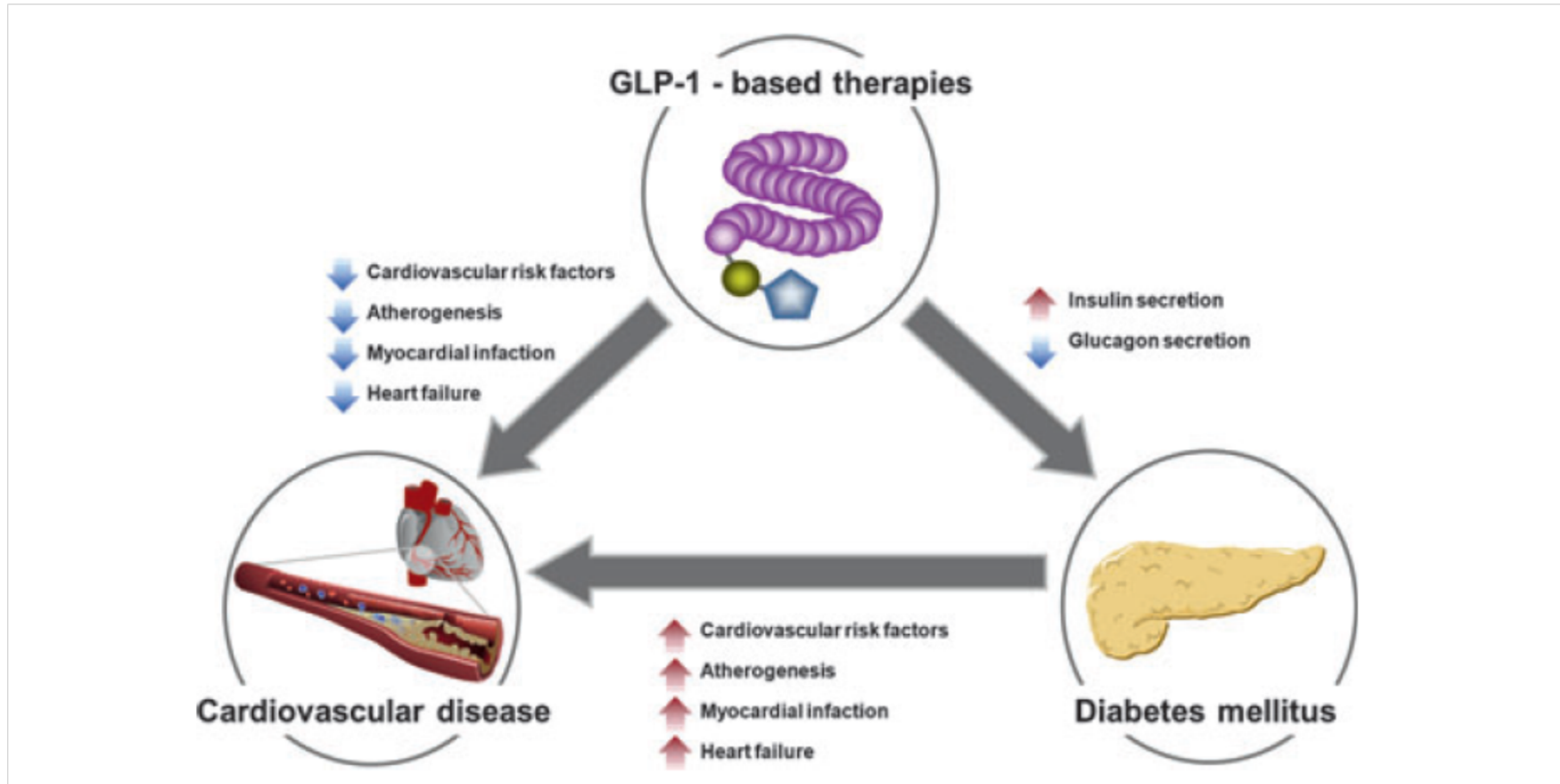
Fadini et al., *Diabetes Care*, 2007

**A major feature of early stage of atherosclerotic process and can predict CVD in human** (Suwaidi et al., *circulation* 2000)

# Hypothesis



# GLP-1 based therapies are interesting options to treat CVD in type II DM Patients



# Future Outcome CV studies with DPP4i and GLP1A

	<b>Sitagliptin</b>	Saxagliptin	Vildagliptin	Linagliptin	Liraglutide	Exenatide
Study Name	<b>TECOS</b>	SAVOR- TIMI 53	NA	CAROLINA	LEADER	EXSCEL
Comparator	<b>Placebo</b>	Placebo	NA	Glimepiride	Placebo	Placebo
Patients	<b>CV risk</b>	CV risk	NA	CV risk	CV risk	CV risk
Size	<b>14000</b>	16500	NA	6000	9341	9500
End point	<b>CV Morbidity &amp; Mortality</b>	CV Morbidity & Mortality	NA	CV Morbidity & Mortality	CV Morbidity & Mortality	CV Morbidity & Mortality
Start Study	<b>2008</b>	2010	NA	2010	2010	2010