## GLP1-RAs in Severe Mental Illness – Opportunities and Challenges

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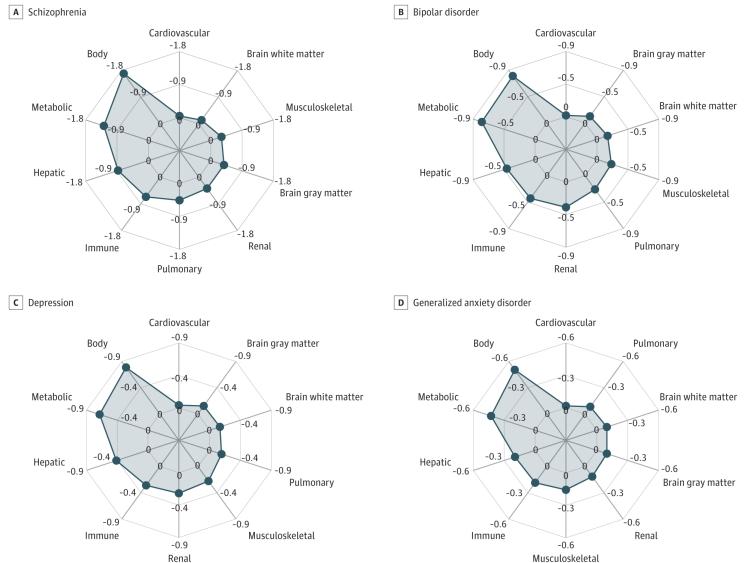
#### **Disclosures**

- HLS therapeutics
- Boehringer Ingelheim, Canada

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- 1. To review unmet needs in severe mental illness: metabolic and cognitive dysfunction
- 2. To review the opportunities and challenges presented by GLP-1RAs

#### Brain and body health scores in mental illness



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#### Implications beyond cardiovascular morbidity & mortality



#### Metabolic abnormalities and cognition in schizophrenia

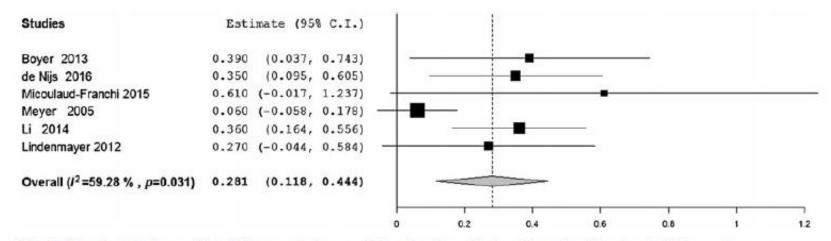


Fig. 2. Forest plot of cognitive differences between schizophrenia patients with and without metabolic syndrome.

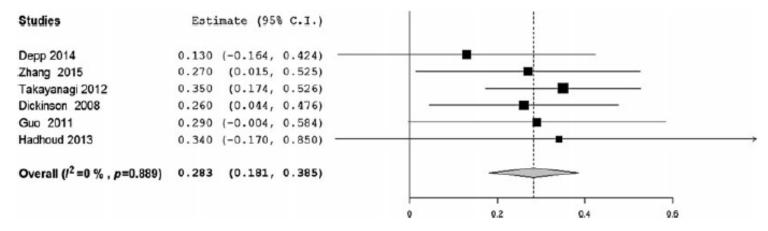


Fig. 3. Forest plot of cognitive differences between schizophrenia patients with and without diabetes mellitus.

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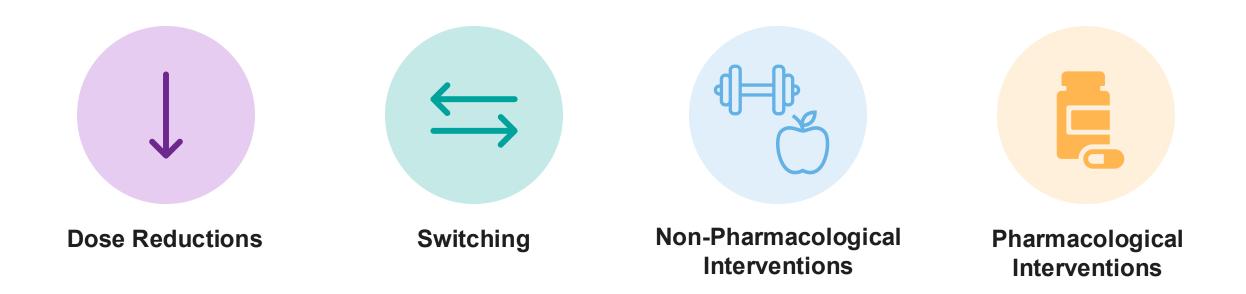
#### Metabolic abnormalities and cognition in mood disorders

Study or Subgroup	Std. Mean Difference	SE		Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% Cl
1.1.1 Bipolar Disorder					
Bai 2016	-0.6	0.1888	2.7%	-0.60 [-0.97, -0.23]	
Chang 2022	-0.09	0.2398	2.2%	-0.09 [-0.56, 0.38]	<del></del>
Dalkner 2021 (MetS)		0.0816	4.0%	-0.09 [-0.25, 0.07]	-
Depp 2014 (BMI 25-29.9)		0.1327	3.4%	-0.16 [-0.42, 0.10]	
Depp 2014 (BMI 30+)		0.1327	3.4%	-0.44 [-0.70, -0.18]	-
Hubenak 2015 (MetS)		0.3418	1.4%	-0.87 [-1.54, -0.20]	
Mora 2017		0.0714	4.1%	-0.58 [-0.72, -0.44]	<b>-</b>
Ringin 2022		0.0816	4.0%	-0.17 [-0.33, -0.01]	-
Salvi 2020		0.1071	3.7%	-0.45 [-0.66, -0.24]	-
Silveira 2014		0.102	3.8%	-0.05 [-0.25, 0.15]	+
Tsai 2007		0.2143	2.4%	-0.54 [-0.96, -0.12]	
Yim 2012		0.0867	3.9%	-0.22 [-0.39, -0.05]	-
Subtotal (95% CI)	0.22	0.0007		-0.32 [-0.45, -0.18]	
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.04; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 42.91, df = 11 (P < Test for overall effect: Z = 4.64 (P < 0.00001)	0.0001); I <sup>2</sup> = 74%				
1.1.2 Major Depressive Disorder					
Fourrier 2020 (BMI 25–29.9)	-0.65	0.0918	3.9%	-0.65 [-0.83, -0.47]	-
Fourrier 2020 (BMI 30–34.9)	-0.42	0.1173	3.6%	-0.42 [-0.65, -0.19]	-
Fourrier 2020 (BMI≥35)	-0.47	0.1173	3.6%	-0.47 [-0.70, -0.24]	-
Geraets 2022	-0.49	0.0714	4.1%	-0.49 [-0.63, -0.35]	-
Guan 2021 (Females)	-0.8	0.2041	2.5%	-0.80 [-1.20, -0.40]	
Guan 2021 (Males)	0.03	0.2245	2.3%	0.03 [-0.41, 0.47]	
Hidese 2018 (25≤BMI<30)	-0.08	0.0969	3.8%	-0.08 [-0.27, 0.11]	
Hidese 2018 (BMI≥30)		0.199	2.6%	-0.51 [-0.90, -0.12]	
Kloiber 2006		0.1071	3.7%	-0.03 [-0.24, 0.18]	+
Lan 2022		0.1888	2.7%	-0.29 [-0.66, 0.08]	
Marijnissen 2017		0.1173	3.6%	0.04 [-0.19, 0.27]	+
Zhang 2021		0.1173	3.6%	-0.60 [-0.83, -0.37]	-
Subtotal (95% CI)				-0.36 [-0.51, -0.20]	◆
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.06; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 56.41, df = 11 (P < Test for overall effect: Z = 4.45 (P < 0.00001)	0.00001); I <sup>2</sup> = 81%				
1.1.3 Depressive Symptoms/ Self-Reported Depression			rs		
Borhaninejad 2022	-0.32		2.1%	-0.32 [-0.81, 0.17]	
Downer 2016		0.0867	3.9%	-0.12 [-0.29, 0.05]	-
Ferri 2021		0.0561	4.2%	-0.05 [-0.16, 0.06]	*
Janocha 2010 (Moderate Depressive Episodes)		0.2908	1.8%	-1.26 [-1.83, -0.69]	
Janocha 2010 (Recurrrent Depressive Episodes; MDD)		0.6837	0.5%	-3.46 [-4.80, -2.12]	
Kontari 2019	-0.23	0.0816	4.0%	-0.23 [-0.39, -0.07]	-
Ng 2009 (Females)	-0.21	0.2041	2.5%	-0.21 [-0.61, 0.19]	-+
Ng 2009 (Males) Subtotal (95% CI)	-0.67	0.2704	1.9% <b>20.9%</b>	-0.67 [-1.20, -0.14] - <b>0.42 [-0.68, -0.17]</b>	•
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.09; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 46.42, df = 7 (P < 0 Test for overall effect: Z = $3.32$ (P = $0.0009$ )	.00001); I <sup>2</sup> = 85%				
Total (95% CI)			100.0%	-0.35 [-0.44, -0.25]	•
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.05; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 162.17, df = 31 (P Test for overall effect: Z = 7.03 (P < 0.00001) Test for subgroup differences: Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.59, df = 2 (P =					-4 -2 0 2 4 + Cognitive Impairment - Cognitive Impairment

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#### **Treating metabolic problems in psychiatric disorders**



#### Pharmacological interventions for metabolic problems

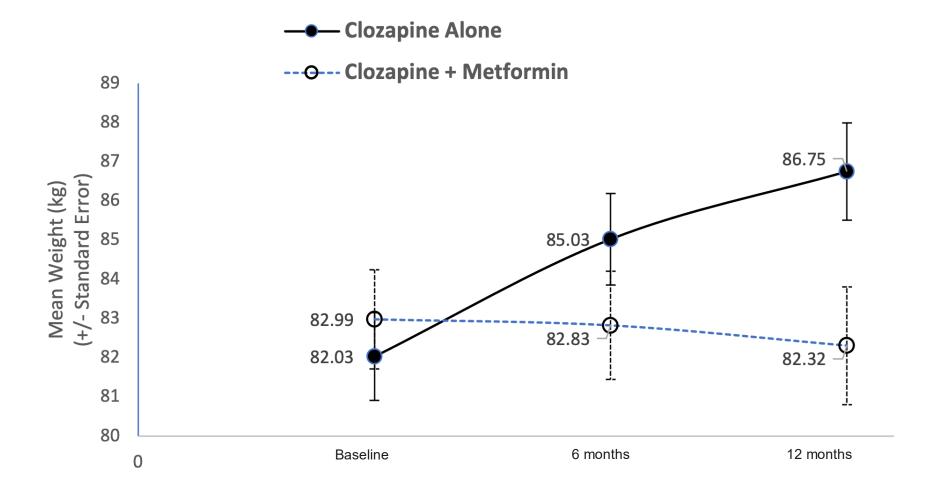
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Study or Subgroup	Mean [kg]	SD [kg]	Total	Mean [kg]	SD [kg]	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI [kg]	IV, R	andom, 9	5% CI [kg]	
Arman 2008a	36.03	12.81	16	32.03	22.45	16	1.9%	4.00 [-8.67, 16.67]				
Baptista 2006	63.8	10.2	19	65.6	8.5	18	8.4%	-1.80 [-7.84, 4.24]	32	•		
Rado 2016a	2.54	2.35	12	5.88	5.23	13	31.0%	-3.34 [-6.48, -0.20]	-	-		
Wu 2008a	1.9	2.72	18	6.87	4.23	19	58.7%	-4.97 [-7.25, -2.69]	-	-		
Total (95% CI)			65			66	100.0%	-4.03 [-5.78, -2.28]	•			
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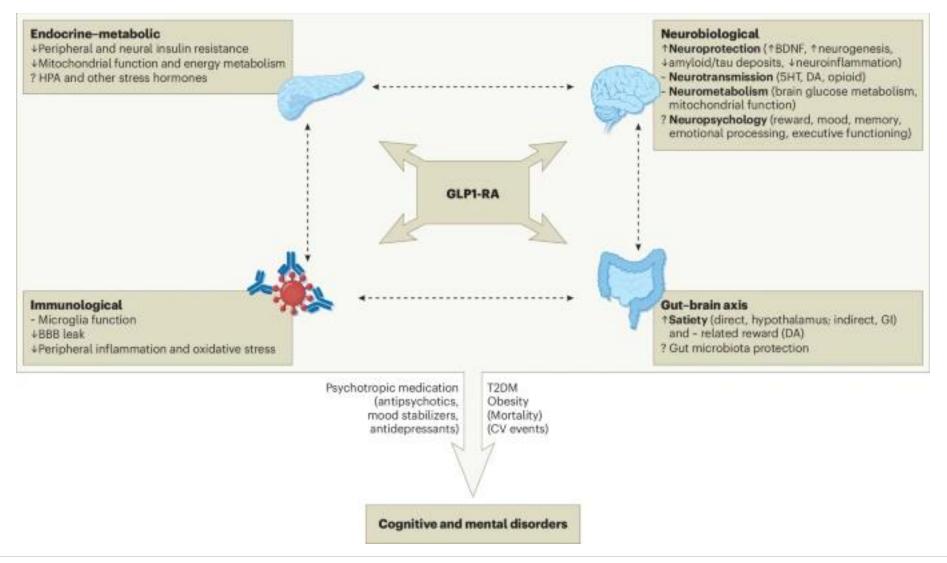
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#### **GLP-1 RAs: The hot new thing**



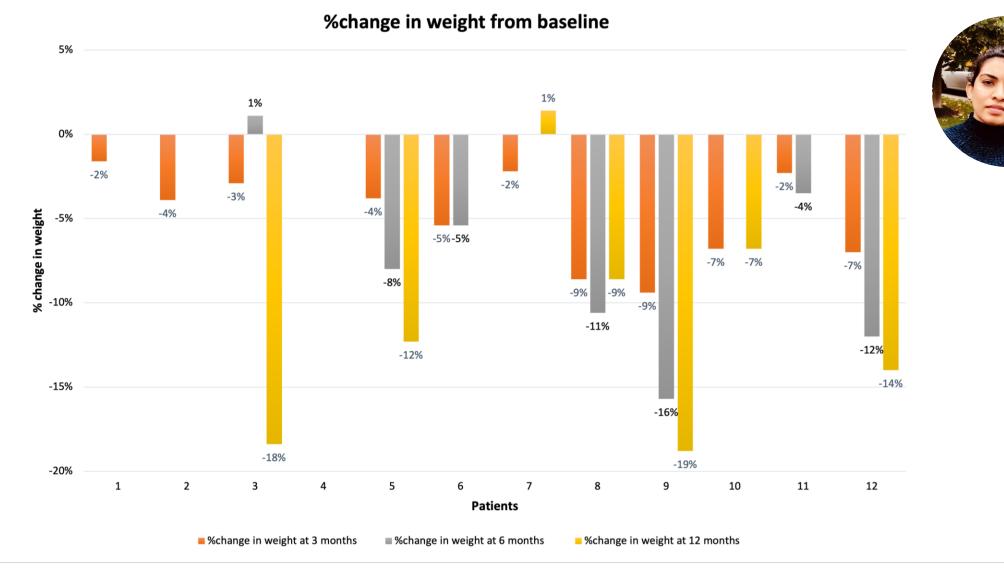
#### De Giorgi et al., Nature Mental Health 2025

#### **GLP-1 RAs for Treatment of Weight Gain in SMI**

		LP-1RA			lacebo			Mean Difference	Mean Diff	
Study or Subgroup	Mean [kg]	SD [kg]	Total	Mean [kg]	SD [kg]	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI [kg]	IV, Random, 9	5% CI [kg]
3.1.1 Liraglutide										
Larsen 2017	-4.7	3.4278	47	0.5	4.9497	50	46.2%	-5.20 [-6.89 , -3.51]		
Subtotal (95% CI)			47			50	46.2%	-5.20 [-6.89 , -3.51]	▲	
Heterogeneity: Not ap	plicable								•	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 6.04 (P <	0.00001)								
3.1.2 Exenatide										
Delbello 2018	-1.1	6.2	22	5.9	10.3	29	19.4%	-7.00 [-11.56 , -2.44]		
Ishoy 2017	116	16.9	20	109.1	19	20	4.4%	6.90 [-4.24 , 18.04]	4	
Siskind 2017	-5.29	4.92	14	-1.12	3.41	14	30.0%	-4.17 [-7.31 , -1.03]		
Subtotal (95% CI)			56			63	<b>53.8%</b>	-3.65 [-8.56 , 1.25]	•	
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =	10.83; Chi <sup>2</sup> =	5.22, df =	2 (P = 0.	07); l² = 62%					•	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 1.46 (P =	0.14)								
Total (95% CI)			103			113	100.0%	-4.70 [-7.15 , -2.26]		
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =	2.63; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 5	5.44, df = 3	8 (P = 0.1	4); I² = 45%					•	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 3.77 (P =	0.0002)							-20 -10 0	10 20
Test for subgroup diffe	erences: Chi2	= 0.34, df	= 1 (P = 0	0.56), l² = 0%				Fa	avours GLP-1RA	Favours Place

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### Semaglutide: Early evidence of efficacy in metformin non responders



Prasad et al., Therapeutic Advances in Psychopharmacology 2023

### Semaglutide for metformin-non responders study



**16-week run-in phase** Lifestyle changes and open-label metformin (Metabolic clinic ICP)

24-week continuation phase for responders (~20%) Lifestyle changes and open-label metformin (Metabolic clinic ICP)

#### 24-week DB-RCT for non responders (~80%)

Randomized 1:1 to add-on semaglutide or placebo

Baseline Assessments
(only RCT participants)
Anthropometry
Clinical scales
Fasting blood work
OGTT
MRI
MCCB

End point Assessments (only RCT participants) Anthropometry Clinical scales Fasting blood work OGTT MRI MCCB



ICP: Integrated Clinical Pathway; BCATS: Brief Cognitive Assessment Tool for Schizophrenia, DB-RCT: Double blind randomized control trial; OGTT: Oral Glucose Tolerance Test, MCCB: MATRICS Consensus Cognitive Battery

PI: Hahn and Agarwal

#### Preliminary Data from the Metabolic Clinic at CAMH



Intervention	NNT ≥5% Weight Loss	NNT ≥7% Weight Loss	
Lifestyle Only	3	4	
Add-on Metformin	m	4	
Add-on Topiramate	3	5	
Add-on Semaglutide	2	2	
Switch to add-on Metformin	4	7	
Switch to add-on Topiramate	3	3	
Switch to add-on Semaglutide	4	7	
Metformin + Topiramate	5	5	
Metformin + Semaglutide	2	3	
Other	3	3	
All Interventions (Overall Clinic Effect)	3	4	







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## GLP-1 RAs: Early evidence of improving cognition/brain morphology

> Eur Neuropsychopharmacol. 2017 Nov;27(11):1153-1162. doi: 10.1016/j.euroneuro.2017.08.433. Epub 2017 Sep 1.

#### Treatment with a GLP-1R agonist over four weeks promotes weight loss-moderated changes in frontalstriatal brain structures in individuals with mood disorders

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Randomized Controlled Trial > Acta Psychiatr Scand. 2017 Jul;136(1):52-62.

doi: 10.1111/acps.12711. Epub 2017 Mar 5.

#### No cognitive-enhancing effect of GLP-1 receptor agonism in antipsychotic-treated, obese patients with schizophrenia

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## GLP-1 RAs: Risk of worsening mental health

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The association between glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) and suicidality: reports to the Food and Drug Administration Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)

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> Sci Rep. 2024 Oct 18;14(1):24433. doi: 10.1038/s41598-024-75965-2.

#### The risk of depression, anxiety, and suicidal behavior in patients with obesity on glucagon like peptide-1 receptor agonist therapy

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### **GLP-1 RAs: Risk of worsening mental health**

Population	Semaglutide group	Non-GLP1R agonist anti-obesity medication group		HR (95% CI)
Overall ( <i>n</i> = 52,783 per group)	0.11% (60)	0.43% (226)		0.27 (0.20–0.36)
Females ( <i>n</i> = 39,004 per group)	0.11% (43)	0.35% (136)		0.32 (0.23–0.45)
Males ( <i>n</i> = 13,191 per group)	0.13% (17)	0.64% (85)		0.20 (0.12–0.34)
Age ≤45 years ( <i>n</i> = 19,650 per group)	0.17% (33)	0.51% (100)		0.34 (0.23–0.50)
Age 46–64 years ( <i>n</i> = 24,508 per group)	0.09% (22)	0.34% (84)	-■	0.26 (0.16–0.42)
Age ≥65 years ( <i>n</i> = 8,106 per group)	0.12% (10)	0.31% (25)		0.28 (0.12–0.64)
Black ( <i>n</i> = 8,288 per group)	0.12% (10)	0.42% (35)		0.20 (0.09–0.45)
White ( <i>n</i> = 37,133 per group)	0.14% (50)	0.39% (145)	-■-	0.35 (0.25–0.48)
Hispanic ethnicity ( <i>n</i> = 3,666 per group)	0.27% (10)	0.49% (18)	<b></b>	0.40 (0.17–0.95)
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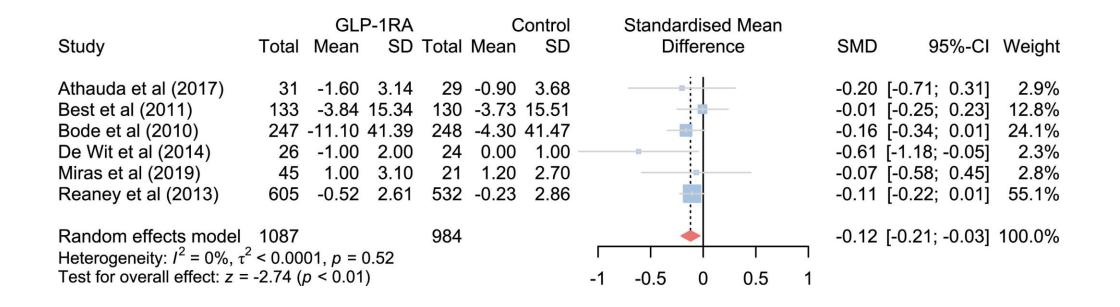
#### **GLP-1 RAs: Improvement in mental health-related QoL**

#### Figure 4. Forest Plot of the Effect of Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists (GLP1-RAs) vs Placebo on Mental Health-Related Quality of Life (QOL)

clinically relevant dose of GLP1-RA vs placebo)	SMD (95% CI)	Favors placebo	Favors GLP1-RA
iabetes studies (8 studies, total No. = 4979)			
Miras et al, <sup>51</sup> 2019 (liraglutide, 1.8 mg/d; SF-36 social role functioning)	-0.21 (-1.27 to 0.85) –	· · · ·	
Miras et al, <sup>51</sup> 2019 (liraglutide, 1.8 mg/d; SF-36 emotional well-being)	0.03 (-1.03 to 1.09) -		
Miras et al, <sup>51</sup> 2019 (liraglutide, 1.8 mg/d; SF-36 vitality)	0.01 (-1.05 to 1.07) -		
Miras et al, <sup>51</sup> 2019 (liraglutide, 1.8 mg/d; SF-36 emotional role functioning)	0.16 (-0.82 to 1.14)		
Davies et al, <sup>52</sup> 2017 (semaglutide, 40 mg/d, oral [2-wk escalation]; SF-36 overall mental score)	-0.17 (-0.65 to 0.30)		
Davies et al, <sup>52</sup> 2017 (semaglutide, 40 mg/d, oral [8-wk escalation]; SF-36 overall mental score)	0.00 (-0.46 to 0.46)		
Davies et al, <sup>52</sup> 2017 (semaglutide, 40 mg/d, oral [standard 4-wk escalation]; SF-36 overall mental score)	-0.08 (-0.54 to 0.39)		
Aroda et al, <sup>53</sup> 2019 (semaglutide, 14 mg/d, oral; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.18 (-0.04 to 0.40)	-	
Mosenzon et al, <sup>29</sup> 2019 (semaglutide, 14 mg/d, oral; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.06 (-0.16 to 0.28)		•
Zinman et al, <sup>31</sup> 2019 (PIONEER 8) (semaglutide, 14 mg/d, oral; SF-36 mental component summary)	0.33 ( 0.12 to 0.54)		<b>_</b>
Yamada et al, <sup>54</sup> 2020 (liraglutide, 0.9 mg/d; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.37 (-0.20 to 0.94)		
Yamada et al, <sup>54</sup> 2020 (semaglutide, 14 mg/d, oral; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.14 (-0.43 to 0.70)		-
Jódar et al, <sup>55</sup> 2019 (semaglutide, 0.5 mg and 1.0 mg/wk [pooled]; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.06 (-0.01 to 0.13)		-
Zinman et al, <sup>56</sup> 2019 (SUSTAIN 9) (semaglutide, 1.0 mg/wk; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.17 (-0.09 to 0.42)	-	
RE model for diabetes studies: $I^2 = 13\%$ ; $P = .01$	0.11 ( 0.03 to 0.19)		$\diamond$
besity studies (9 studies, total No. = 5051)			
Armstrong et al, <sup>57</sup> 2016 (liraglutide, 1.8 mg/d; SF-36 version 2 mental component)	0.05 (-0.54 to 0.63)		
Lau et al, <sup>49</sup> 2021 (liraglutide, 3.0 mg/d; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.00 (-0.28 to 0.28)		
Newsome et al, <sup>58</sup> 2021 (semaglutide, 0.4 mg/d; SF-36 mental component summary)	0.17 (-0.15 to 0.49)		
Wadden et al, <sup>43</sup> 2021 (semaglutide, 2.4 mg/wk; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.31 ( 0.14 to 0.48)		<b>_</b>
Rubino et al, <sup>59</sup> 2021 (semaglutide, 2.4 mg/wk; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.47 ( 0.33 to 0.62)		
O'Neil et al, <sup>60</sup> 2018 (liraglutide, 3.0 mg/d; SF-36 mental component summary)	-0.03 (-0.70 to 0.63)		
O'Neil et al, <sup>60</sup> 2018 (semaglutide, 0.4 mg/d [fast escalation]; SF-36 mental component summary)	0.03 (-0.66 to 0.73)		
O'Neil et al, <sup>60</sup> 2018 (semaglutide, 0.4 mg/d; SF-36 mental component summary)	0.25 (-0.39 to 0.90)		
Wadden et al, <sup>61</sup> 2020 (liraglutide + IBT, 3.0 mg/d; SF-36 overall mental)	0.03 (-0.20 to 0.26)		
Kolotkin et al, <sup>62</sup> 2016 (liraglutide, 3.0 mg/d; SF-36 version 2 mental component summary)	0.13 ( 0.04 to 0.21)		
Blackman et al, <sup>46</sup> 2016 (liraglutide, 3.0 mg/d; SF-36 overall mental)	0.06 (-0.15 to 0.27)		
RE model for obesity studies: $l^2 = 61\%$ ; $P = .005$	0.17 ( 0.05 to 0.29)		$\diamond$
RE model for all studies: <i>I</i> <sup>2</sup> = 49%; <i>P</i> < .001	0.15 ( 0.07 to 0.22)		

A total of 17 studies were included (GLP1-RA, n = 5818, vs placebo, n = 4212). The summary effect size indicates that GLP1-RAs are associated with improved mental health-related QOL relative to placebo, with Hedges g of 0.15 (*P* < .001). RE indicates random effects; SMD, standardized mean difference.

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### **GLP-1 RAs: Opportunities and challenges**

- Weight effects
- May improve CV health
- May not worsen mental health
- May have cognitive benefits
- May improve quality of life

- Very little data in SMI
- Gastric effects
- Interaction with ECTs
- Accessibility
- Length of use, weight regain

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