**LIRAGLUTIDE: UN AGONISTA DEL
RECETTORE DI GLP-1 PER IL
TRATTAMENTO FARMACOLOGICO DI
SOVRAPPESO E OBESITA'**

ASSE INTESTINO-CERVELLO

EFFETTO INCRETINICO

● Glucosio per via orale (50 g/400 mL)

● Glucosio per via e.v.

- La risposta insulinica è maggiore in seguito a carico orale di glucosio rispetto ad una somministrazione di glucosio e.v, nonostante concentrazioni identiche di glucosio plasmatico

EFFETTO INCRETINICO – PAZIENTI DIABETICI

- Oral Glucose (50 g/400 ml)
- Isoglycemic IV Glucose Infusion

Nauck M et al.
Diabetologia (1986) 29:46-52

INCRETINE

Sono peptidi di origine intestinale secreti in risposta all'ingestione di un pasto che, a concentrazioni fisiologiche, stimolano la liberazione di insulina

- Glucagon-like peptide1 (GLP-1)
- Glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide (GIP)

GLP-1

GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide) è un peptide secreto dalle cellule L dell'intestino in seguito all'assunzione di cibo (glucosio, acidi grassi e alcuni aminoacidi)

Picco della concentrazione di GLP-1 nel sangue circa 90 min dopo l'assunzione di cibo

GLP-1 viene sintetizzato a partire dal precursore preproglucagone (179 aa)

Una volta secreto GLP-1 viene velocemente metabolizzato dagli enzimi DPP-4 – emivita di circa 2 minuti

RECETTORE GLP-1

LIRAGLUTIDE

Liraglutide si differenzia da GLP-1 soltanto in due amminoacidi e per la presenza di una catena di acido grasso di 16 atomi di carbonio (acido palmitico)

Questa modifica chimica rende liraglutide resistente alla degradazione enzimatica e in grado di legare le proteine plasmatiche. Liraglutide ha un'emivita di circa 13 ore in seguito a somministrazione s.c.

Liraglutide viene somministrata s.c., una volta al giorno, dose 3 mg

STUDI PRECLINICI

Table 1. Comparison of rodent obesity models

Animal model	Example	Strengths	Limitations
Diet-induced obesity (DIO)	High-fat diet	Similar physiology to human obesity. Responsive to clinically effective drugs.	Variation induced by different rodent strains and diets. Expensive to generate.
Monogenetic obesity	<i>ob/ob</i> , lacking leptin	Well characterized, produces robust obese phenotype.	Deficient in leptin signaling: a pivotal regulator of energy homeostasis. Does not reflect the majority of human obesity.
Polygenic obesity	New Zealand obese (NZO) mouse	Use in examining the contribution of genetic factors in obesity: natural genetic variation. Majority of human obesity polygenic.	Difficult to identify the genetic basis for the phenotype. Major differences between different polygenic models.
Knock-out (KO) models	Melanocortin 4 receptor-KO	Can provide insight into specific energy homeostasis-regulating genes.	Developmental compensations and nonspecific effects.

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RATTI NORMALI – DIETA NORMALE – SOMMINISTRAZIONE ACUTA

RATTI DIO

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RATTI RESI OBESI CON LA DIETA (DIO) – DIETA RICCA IN ZUCCHERI E GRASSI –
SOMMINISTRAZIONE CRONICA

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Systemic Administration of the Long-Acting GLP-1 Derivative NN2211 Induces Lasting and Reversible Weight Loss in Both Normal and Obese Rats

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RATTI OBESI MSG (iniezioni di glutammato i primi giorni dopo la nascita)

Liraglutide, a Long-Acting Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Analog, Reduces Body Weight and Food Intake in Obese Candy-Fed Rats, Whereas a Dipeptidyl Peptidase-IV Inhibitor, Vildagliptin, Does Not

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RATTI SOTTOPOSTI A «DIETA DA BAR»

Combination of the insulin sensitizer, pioglitazone, and the long-acting GLP-1 human analog, liraglutide, exerts potent synergistic glucose-lowering efficacy in severely diabetic ZDF rats

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ZUCKER DIABETIC FATTY RATS – linea di ratti obesi che in tarda età sviluppano il diabete

LIRAGLUTIDE – STUDI PRECLINICI

L'antagonista GLP-1R exendin(9-36) dato nel cervello blocca l'effetto di liraglutide ip sull'assunzione di cibo

L'effetto di liraglutide sull'assunzione di cibo è ridotto in ratti con lesione subdiaframmatica del nervo vago

Gli studi preclinici dimostrano che liraglutide, in seguito a somministrazione periferica, passa la barriera emato-encefalica e raggiunge i recettori di GLP-1 nel cervello
 Sia i recettori presenti nel sistema nervoso centrale che i recettori periferici sul nervo vago sono importanti per l'azione anoressizzante di liraglutide

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in Weight Management

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Effects of liraglutide in the treatment of obesity: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study

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Summary

Background The frequency of obesity has risen dramatically in recent years but only few safe and effective drugs are currently available. We assessed the effect of liraglutide on bodyweight and tolerability in obese individuals without type 2 diabetes.

Methods We did a double-blind, placebo-controlled 20-week trial, with open-label orlistat comparator in 19 sites in Europe. 564 individuals (18–65 years of age, body-mass index 30–40 kg/m²) were randomly assigned, with a telephone or web-based system, to one of four liraglutide doses (1.2 mg, 1.8 mg, 2.4 mg, or 3.0 mg, n=90–95) or to placebo (n=98) administered once a day subcutaneously, or orlistat (120 mg, n=95) three times a day orally. All individuals had a 500 kcal per day energy-deficit diet and increased their physical activity throughout the trial, including the 2-week run-in. Weight change analysed by intention to treat was the primary endpoint. An 84-week open-label extension followed. This study is registered with [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT00422058), number NCT00422058.

Findings Participants on liraglutide lost significantly more weight than did those on placebo (p=0.003 for liraglutide 1.2 mg and p<0.0001 for liraglutide 1.8–3.0 mg) and orlistat (p=0.003 for liraglutide 2.4 mg and p<0.0001 for liraglutide 3.0 mg). Mean weight loss with liraglutide 1.2–3.0 mg was 4.8 kg, 5.5 kg, 6.3 kg, and 7.2 kg compared with 2.8 kg with placebo and 4.1 kg with orlistat, and was 2.1 kg (95% CI 0.6–3.6) to 4.4 kg (2.9–6.0) greater than that with placebo. More individuals (76%, n=70) lost more than 5% weight with liraglutide 3.0 mg that with placebo (30%, n=29) or orlistat (44%, n=42). Liraglutide reduced blood pressure at all doses, and reduced the prevalence of prediabetes (84–96% reduction) with 1.8–3.0 mg per day. Nausea and vomiting occurred more often in individuals on liraglutide than in those on placebo, but adverse events were mainly transient and rarely led to discontinuation of treatment.

Interpretation Liraglutide treatment over 20 weeks is well tolerated, induces weight loss, improves certain obesity-related risk factors, and reduces prediabetes.

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Table 3 Phase 2 and 3 trials of GLP-1RAs with weight-loss endpoints

Study	Phase, duration of trial	Treatment	Concomitant treatment	Mean diabetes duration, years (SD)	Baseline body weight, kg (SD)	Weight change, kg	Weight loss $\geq 5\%$, %	Weight loss $\geq 10\%$	Adverse events, %
GLP-1 RA drug approved for an obesity indication									
Liraglutide 3.0 mg									
Astrup <i>et al.</i> , 2012 (49)	Phase 2, 2 years (1-year data shown)	Liraglutide 3.0 mg OD (<i>n</i> = 93)	Diet and exercise	N/A	97.6 (13.7)	-7.8***	73**	37**	≥ 1 AE 95.7
		Placebo (<i>n</i> = 98)							97.3 (12.3)
Pi-Sunyer <i>et al.</i> , 2015 (SCALE Obesity and prediabetes) (50)	Phase 3, 56 weeks	Liraglutide 3.0 mg OD (<i>n</i> = 2487)	Diet and exercise	N/A	106.2 (21.2)	-8.4**	63.2**	33.1**	≥ 1 AE 80.3
		Placebo (<i>n</i> = 1244)							106.2 (21.7)
Davies <i>et al.</i> , 2015 (SCALE Diabetes) (51)	Phase 3, 56 weeks	Liraglutide 3.0 mg OD (<i>n</i> = 423)	Diet and exercise alone or with MET, and/or TDZ, and/or SU	7.5 (5.6)	105.7 (21.9)	-6.4**	54.3**	25.2**	≥ 1 AE 92.9
		6.7 (5.1)		106.5 (21.3)					-2.2
Wadden <i>et al.</i> , 2013 (SCALE Maintenance) (52) [†]	Phase 3, 56 weeks	Liraglutide 3.0 mg OD (<i>n</i> = 212)	Low-calorie diet run in and diet and exercise	N/A	100.4 (20.8)	-6.0***	50.5***	26.1***	≥ 1 AE 91.5
		Placebo (<i>n</i> = 210)							98.7 (21.2)

LIRAGLUTIDE – STUDI CLINICI – EVENTI AVVERSI

Frequenti:

Nausea, vomito e diarrea nella fase iniziale del trattamento

Leggera tachicardia

Rari:

Pancreatite (< 0.001%)

Farmaco complessivamente ben tollerato

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GLP-1 Receptor Activation Modulates Appetite- and Reward-Related Brain Areas in Humans

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L'insula e l'amigdala sono aree del cervello importanti per la gratificazione indotta dal cibo e per il desiderio di cibo buono. Uno studio fatto con la **risonanza magnetica funzionale** ha dimostrato che queste aree si attivano quando si guardano immagini di cibi appetibili e questa attivazione è maggiore nei soggetti obesi. L'assunzione di un agonista GLP-1 prima di guardare le immagini riduce l'attivazione di queste aree. L'azione degli agonisti GLP-1 sui meccanismi di gratificazione da cibo potrebbe essere uno dei meccanismi attraverso cui questa classe di farmaci induce diminuzione dell'assunzione di cibo

Table 2. GLP-1R agonists.

GLP-1R agonists	Originator	Approved indication (unless otherwise indicated)
Liraglutide	Novo Nordisk	T2D, obesity
Exenatide	AstraZeneca	T2D
Lixisenatide	Sanofi	T2D
Albiglutide	GSK	T2D
Dulaglutide	Eli Lilly	T2D
Subcutaneous semaglutide, once weekly	Novo Nordisk	T2D – Phase III
Subcutaneous semaglutide	Novo Nordisk	T2D – Phase II

T2D: Type 2 diabetes.

Un agonista non peptidico (somministrazione orale) è entrato in sperimentazione clinica (OWL833, Eli Lilly)

PROSPETTIVE FUTURE- agonisti multi-target

Improves

Body weight
Energy Expenditure
Glycemic control
Cholesterol

Improves

Glycemic control
Body weight
Lipolysis
Cholesterol

Improves

Body weight
Glycemic control
Hepatosteatosi
Cholesterol
Energy Expenditure
Lipolysis

PROFILES OF ANTIDIABETIC MEDICATIONS

	MET	DPP-4i	GLP-1 RA	TZD	AGI	COLSVL	BCR-QR	SU GLN	INSULIN	SGLT-2	PRAML
HYPO	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate/ Severe Mild	Moderate to Severe	Neutral	Neutral
WEIGHT	Slight Loss	Neutral	Loss	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Gain	Loss	Loss
RENAL/ GU	Contra- indicated Stage 3B,4,5	Dose Adjustment May be Necessary (Except Linagliptin)	Exenatide Contra- indicated CrCl < 30	May Worsen Fluid Retention	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	More Hypo Risk & Fluid Retention	Infections	Neutral
GI Sx	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate	Mild	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate
CHF	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
CVD	Benefit			Neutral			Safe	?			
BONE	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate Bone Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	? Bone Loss	Neutral

Few adverse events or possible benefits
 Use with caution
 Likelihood of adverse effects