

Supplementary Material 2 - Efficacy and standard error of efficacy measurements of tirzepatide and semaglutide second stage

Outcome	Efficacy of Tirzepatide (Standard error)	Efficacy of Semaglutide (Standard error)
Proportion of individuals who achieved a weight reduction of $\geq 10\%$	81.60% (2.01)	60.50% (2.52)
Proportion of individuals who achieved a weight reduction of $\geq 15\%$	64.60% (2.47)	40.10% (2.53)
Proportion of individuals who achieved a weight reduction of $\geq 20\%$	48.40% (2.58)	27.30% (2.30)
Proportion of individuals who achieved a weight reduction of $\geq 25\%$	31.60% (2.40)	16.10% (1.90)

Based on: Aronne et al., 2025

Supplementary Material 3 - Certainty of evidence according to the GRADE system

Tirzepatide compared to Semaglutide of Obesity

Certainty Assessment							Summary of Results				
Participants (studies) Follow-up	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirect evidence	Imprecision	Publication bias	Overall certainty of evidence	Study event rates (%)		Relative effect (95%CI)	Potential absolute effects	
							With Semaglutide	With Tirzepatide		Risk with Semaglutide	Risk difference with Tirzepatide

Least squares mean percentage change in body weight (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	Severe ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	Difference between treatments = -6.5% (95% CI -8.1 to -4.9) Tirzepatide group = -20.2% (95% CI -21.4 to -19.1) Semaglutide group = -13.7% (95% CI -14.9 to -12.6)				
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Least squares mean change in waist circumference - cm (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	Severe ^b	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^b	Difference between treatments = -5.4cm (95% CI -7.1 to -3.6) Tirzepatide group = -18.4cm (95% CI -19.6 to -17.2) Semaglutide group = -13.0cm (95% CI -14.3 to -11.7)				
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Least squares mean change in body weight - kg (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	Severe ^c	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^c	Difference between treatments = -7.9 kg (95% CI -9.7 to -6.0) Tirzepatide group = -22.8 kg (95% CI -24.1 to -21.5) Semaglutide group = -15.0 kg (95% CI -16.3 to -13.7)				
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Mean least squares change in Body Mass Index (BMI) (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	severe ^d	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^d	Between-group difference= -2.7 (95% CI -3.3 to -2.0) Tirzepatide group = -8.0 (95% CI -8.5 to -7.5) Semaglutide group = -5.3 (95% CI -5.8 to -4.8)				
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Weight reduction of ≥10% (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	severe ^{d,c}	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^{d,c}	227/376 (60.4%)	304/374 (81.3%)	RR 1.3 (1.2 to 1.5)	Low	
										0 per 1 000	0 fewer per 1 000 (from 0 fewer to 0 fewer)

Weight reduction of ≥15% (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	severe ^f	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^f	151/376 (40.2%)	241/374 (64.4%)	RR 1.6 (1.4 to 1.9)	151/376 (40.2%)	241 more per 1 000 (from 161 more to 361 more)
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Weight reduction of ≥20% (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	severe ^g	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^g	60/376 (16.0%)	118/374 (31.6%)	RR 2.0 (1.5 to 2.2)	60/376 (16.0%)	219 more per 1 000 (from 137 more to 329 more)
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Weight reduction of ≥25% (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	severe ^h	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^h	60/376 (16.0%)	118/374 (31.6%)	RR 2.0 (1.5 to 2.6)	60/376 (16.0%)	160 more per 1 000 (from 80 more to 255 more)
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Adverse events reported during treatment (%) (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	not severe	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	297/376 (79.0%)	287/374 (76.7%)	Not estimable	297/376 (79.0%)	
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Serious adverse events (%) (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

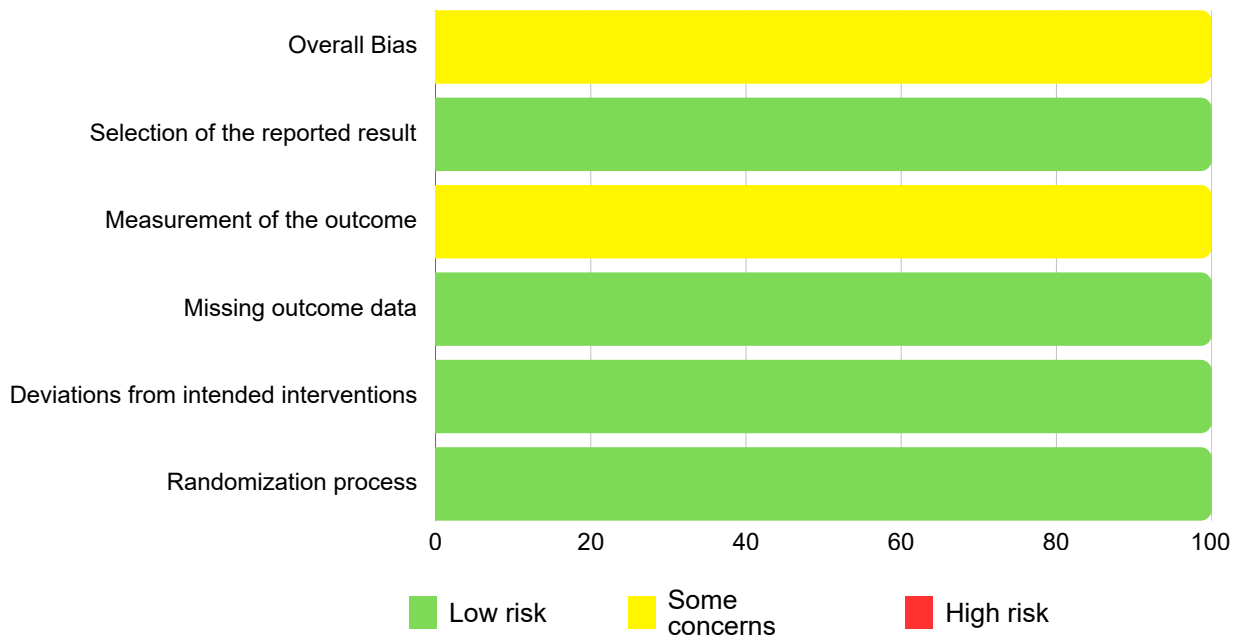
750 (1 RCT)	not severe	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	13/376 (3.5%)	18/374 (4.8%)	Not estimable	13/376 (3.5%)	
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Adverse events leading to study discontinuation (%) (follow-up: mean 72 weeks)

750 (1 RCT)	not severe	not severe	not severe	not severe	none	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	6/376 (1.6%)	6/374 (1.6%)	Not estimable	6/376 (1.6%)	
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Legend: a. The study was not blinded; b. Absence of blinding; c. Open study; d. Unblinded study; e. Absence of blinding; f. Absent blinding; g. Absent blindin; h. No blinding; CI. Confidence Interval; RR. Risk Ratio

Supplementary Material 4 - Assessment of methodological quality according to RoB2.0 for efficacy outcome



Supplementary Material 5 - Assessment of methodological quality according to RoB2.0 for safety outcome

