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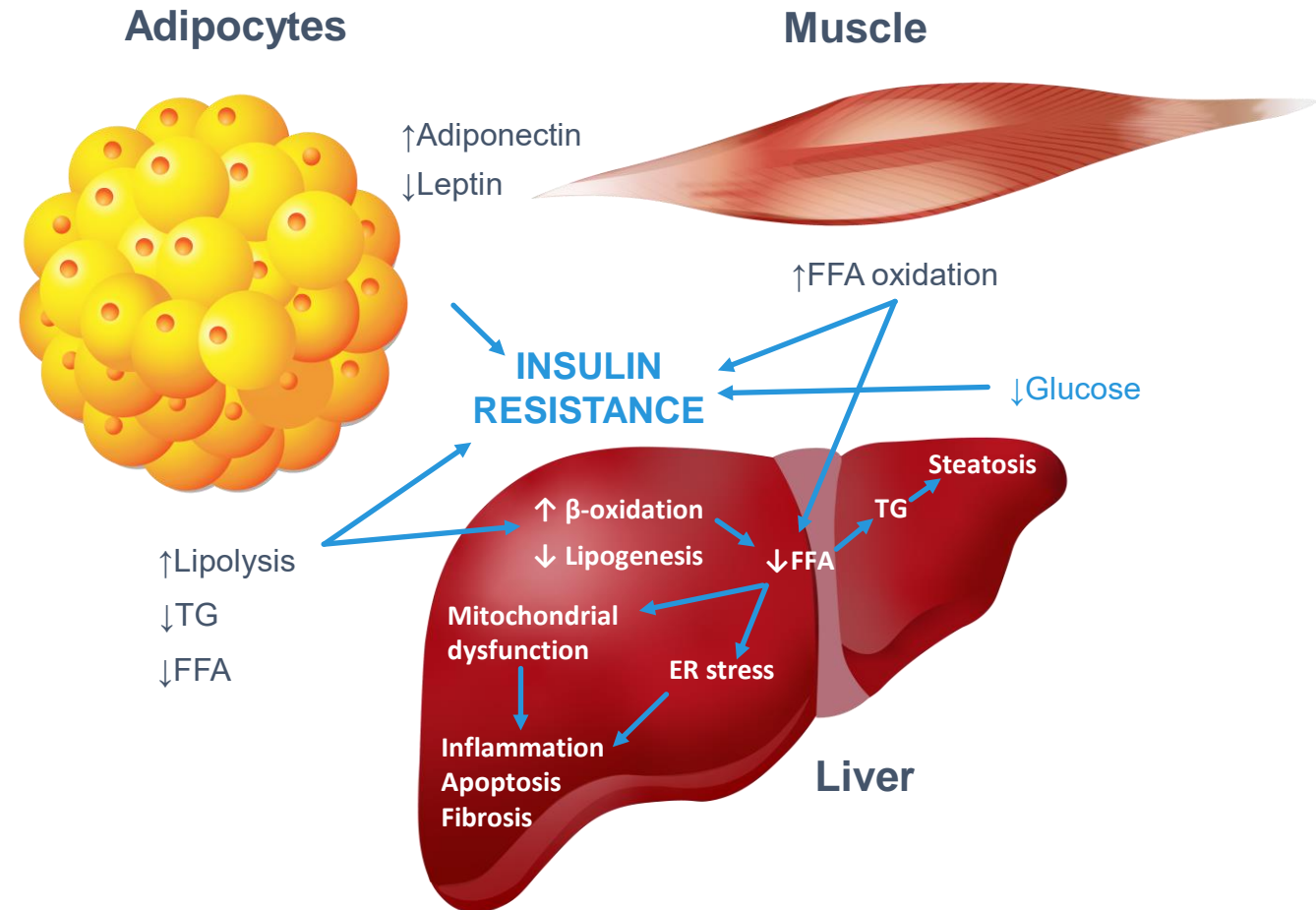
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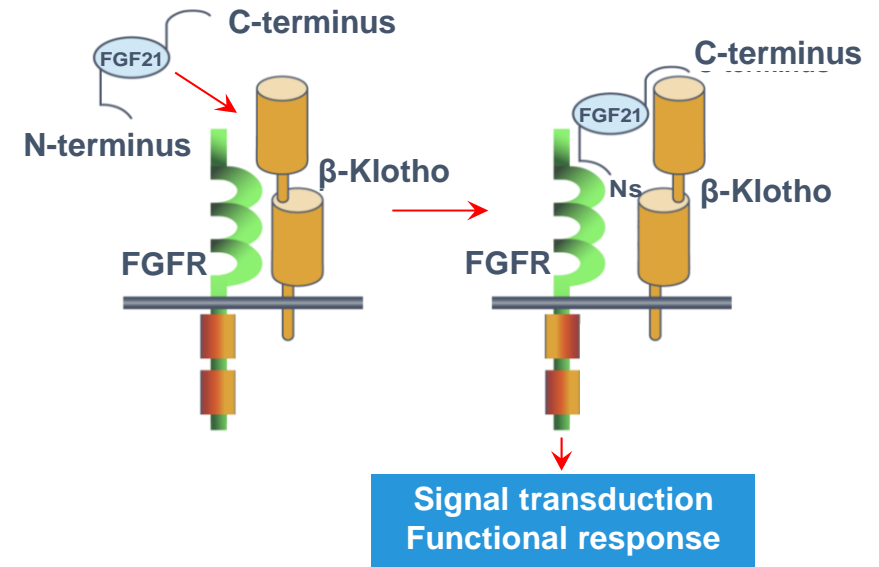
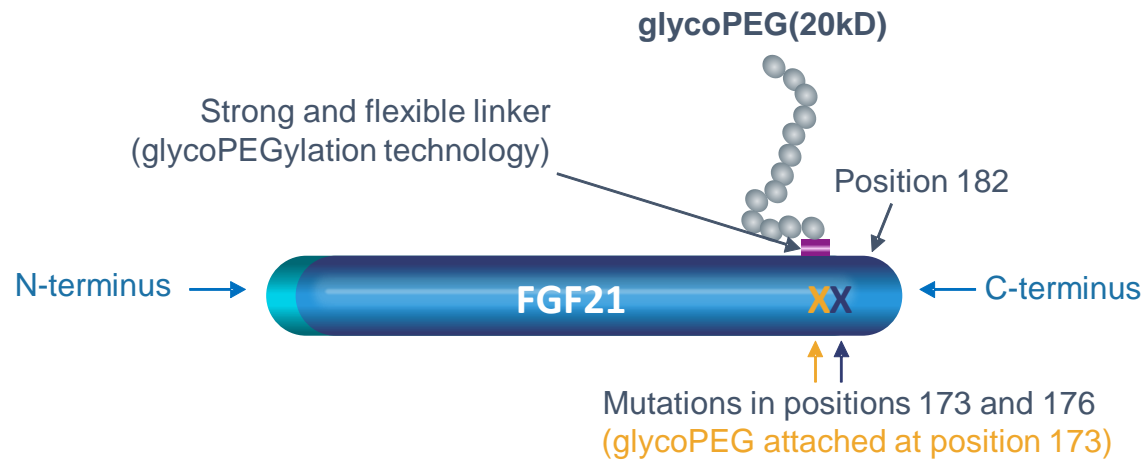
# FGF21, an Endogenous Stress Hormone, Plays a Major Role in Regulating Lipid and Glucose Metabolism and Energy Expenditure

## Proposed Mechanisms of Action for FGF21 in Severe Hypertriglyceridemia

- **Adipose tissue**
  - Decrease lipogenesis and release of FFA
  - Improve insulin resistance
  - Increase TG uptake
  - Increase adiponectin
- **Liver**
  - Increase  $\beta$ -oxidation
  - Decrease de novo lipogenesis
  - Decrease FFA / TG
- **Muscle**
  - Increase FFA oxidation

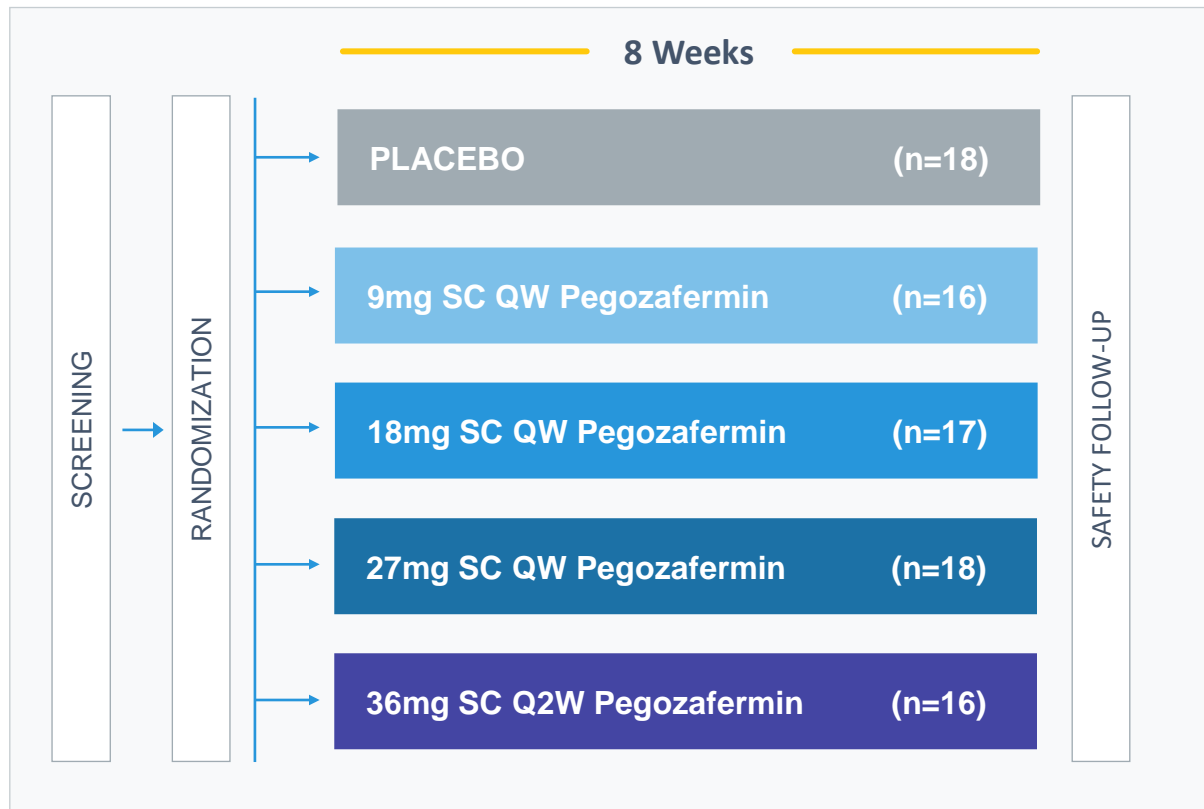


# Pegozafermin is an FGF21 Analog Optimally Engineered for Efficacy with a Long Dosing Interval



- Using glycoPEGylation technology with site-specific mutations
- Increases half-life of native FGF21 (< 2 hours) to 55-100 hours based on single ascending dose study
- Low nanomolar potency against FGF receptors 1c, 2c, 3c, similar to native FGF21

# ENTRIGUE – Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 2 Trial of Patients with Severe Hypertriglyceridemia



Magnetic Resonance Imaging – Proton Density Fat Fraction  
SQ, subcutaneously; QW, once-weekly; Q2W, once every two weeks.

Safety analysis set, n=85 (patients who received at least 1 dose)

Full analysis set, n=82 (patients with at least 1 post-baseline TG assessment)

MRI analysis set n=23 (patients with baseline and end of treatment MRIs)

## KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

- TG  $\geq$ 500 mg/dL and  $\leq$ 2,000 mg/dL
- Background therapy: statins and/or prescription omega-3 fatty acids, and/or fibrates OR none

## PRIMARY ENDPOINT

- Primary endpoint: % Change in TGs from baseline

## KEY SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Lipids: non-HDL-C, HDL-C, Apo-B
- Liver fat (MRI-PDFF)
- Glycemic control

# Baseline Characteristics

Represents a population at high risk for cardiovascular disease

Parameter Mean or %	Placebo (n=18)	PGZ Pooled (n=67)	PGZ 9mg QW (n=16)	PGZ 18mg QW (n=17)	PGZ 27mg QW (n=18)	PGZ 36mg Q2W (n=16)	Total (n=85)
Age (years)	57.5	52.7	54.6	49.2	53.9	53.1	53.7
Male (%)	66.7	77.6	68.8	82.4	72.2	87.5	75.3
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	33.1	33.1	32.9	32.3	34.2	32.9	33.1
Type 2 Diabetes (%)	61.1	47.8	56.3	35.3	55.6	43.8	50.6
TG (mg/dL)	720	736	722	709	680	840	733
non-HDL-C (mg/dL)	220	209	216	203	203	215	211
HDL-C (mg/dL)	28	28	31	27	31	25	28
LDL-C (mg/dL)	88	89	92	88	97	80	89
Apo-B (mg/dL)	116	115	120	115	119	106	115
HbA1c ≥6.5% (%)	38.9	44.8	56.3	35.3	50.0	37.5	43.5
ALT (U/L)	29.1	33.9	36.3	36.9	33.0	29.2	32.8
Liver Fat Content (%) (n=24)	16.5 <sub>[n=6]</sub>	21.3 <sub>[n=18]</sub>	19.8 <sub>[n=3]</sub>	18.0 <sub>[n=5]</sub>	22.4 <sub>[n=7]</sub>	25.5 <sub>[n=3]</sub>	20.1 <sub>[n=24]</sub>

# Baseline Characteristics: ~ 50% on Background Therapy

Consistent with a real-world setting

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<b>Any background therapy</b>	61%	54%	50%	53%	61%	50%	<b>55%</b>
<b>Statin*</b>	50%	43%	38%	53%	39%	44%	<b>45%</b>
<b>Prescription omega-3</b>	11%	15%	6%	12%	22%	19%	<b>14%</b>
<b>Fibrate</b>	17%	5%	0	0	17%	0	<b>7%</b>
<b>Other</b>	6%	13%	13%	18%	11%	13%	<b>12%</b>

Patients may be on >1 lipid-modifying therapy  
 Background therapy defined as concomitant lipid-modifying therapy  
 \*55% of statin use was high-intensity statin

# Pegozafermin Was Well Tolerated Across Doses

Low incidence of treatment-related AEs in  $\geq 7.5\%$  of pooled pegozafermin group.

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<b>Nausea</b>	0	10%	0%	5%	22%	13%
<b>Diarrhea</b>	0	9%	17%	5%	17%	13%
<b>Injection site reaction</b>	0	9%	8%	10%	6%	13%

All AEs were Grade 1 or 2; No Grade 3 or higher TEAEs reported. No transaminase elevation AEs reported.

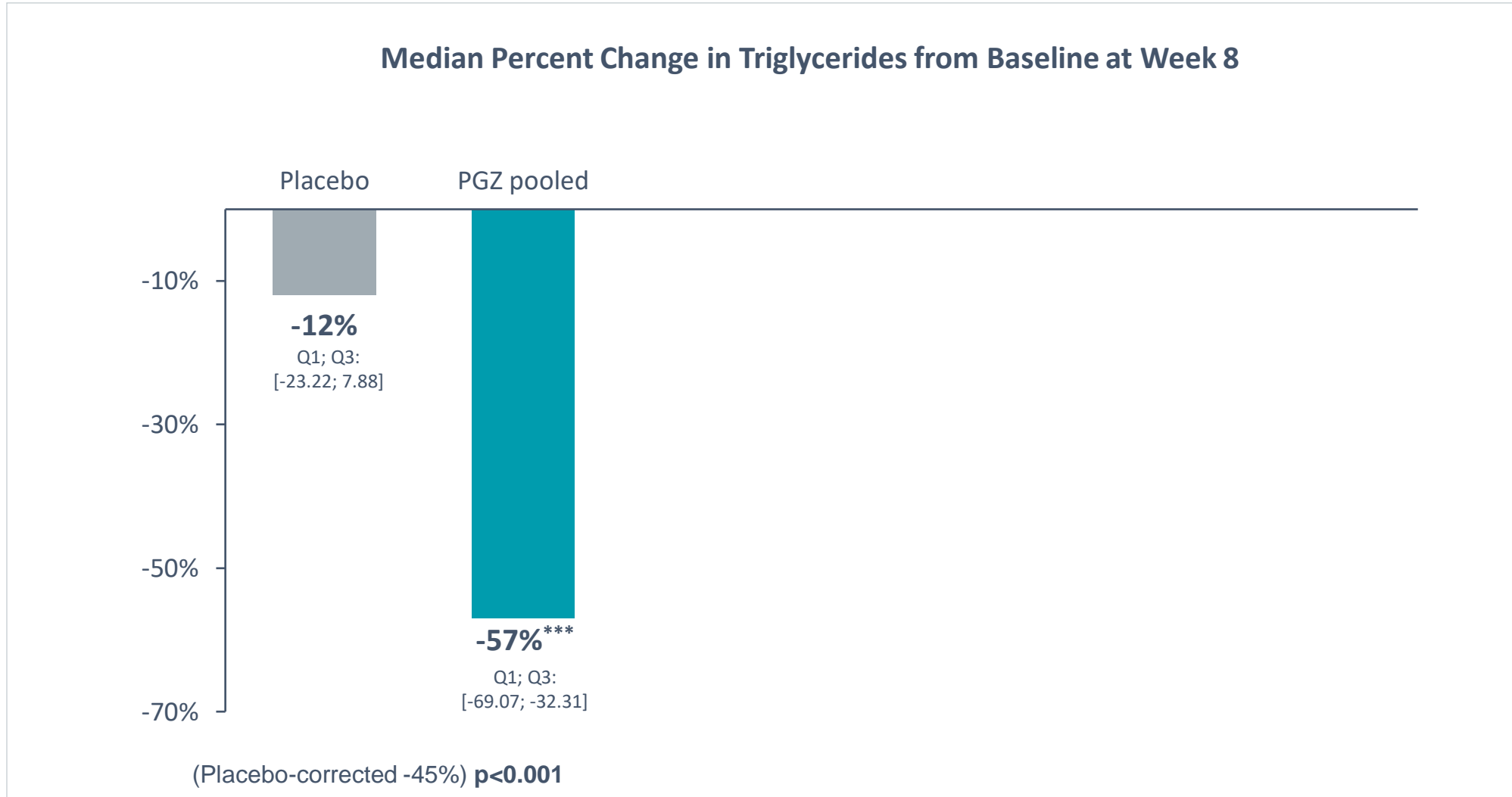
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<b>Serious adverse event (unrelated)</b>	0	1*	0	0	1	0
<b>Treatment emergent discontinuations (related/unrelated)</b>	0	2^/2	0	0	2^/2	0

\*Unrelated SAE of Grade 2 hypertension; patient withdrew  
 ^Grade 2 abdominal cramps (1) and Grade 2 nausea/vomiting (1)



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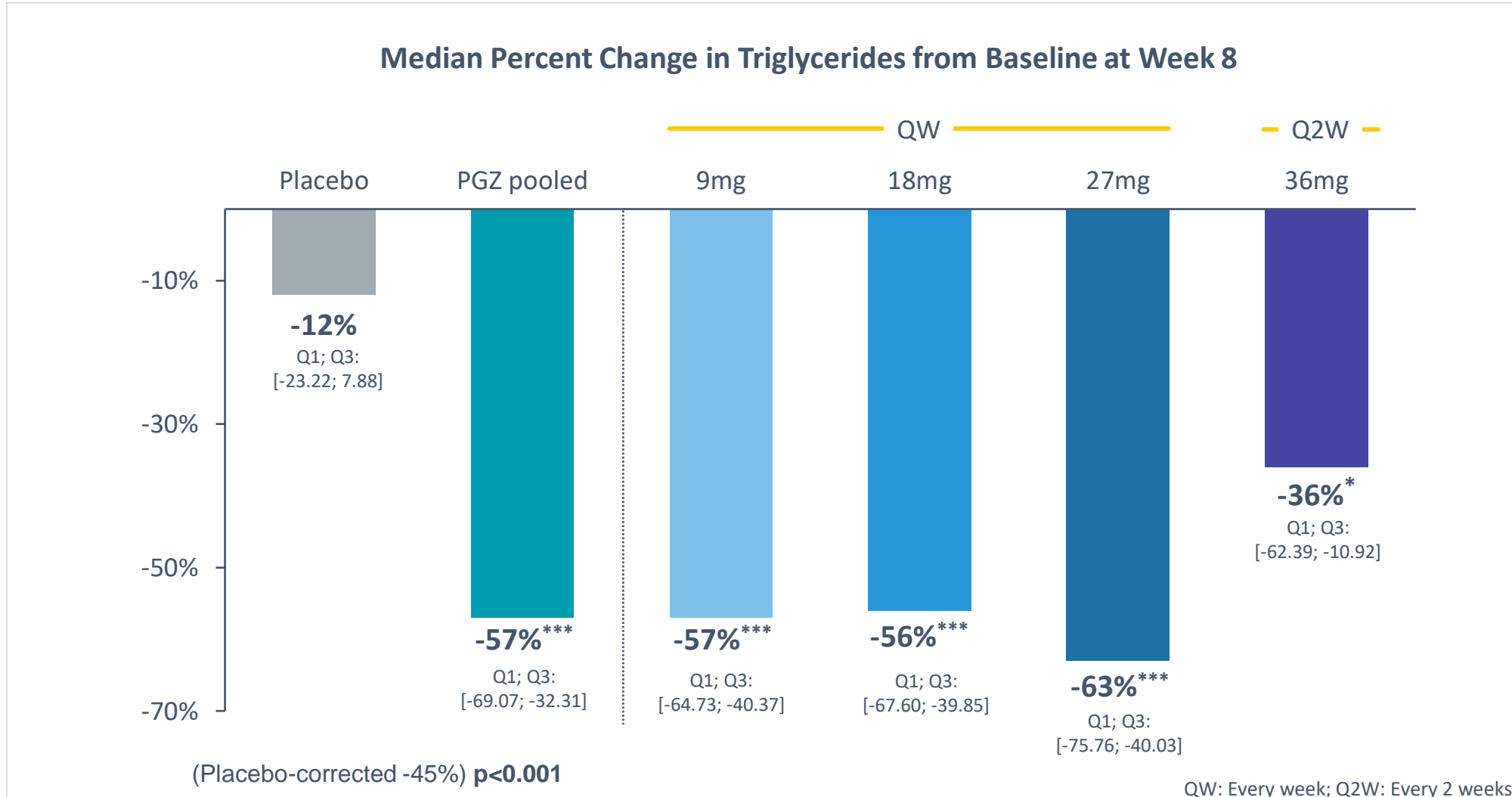
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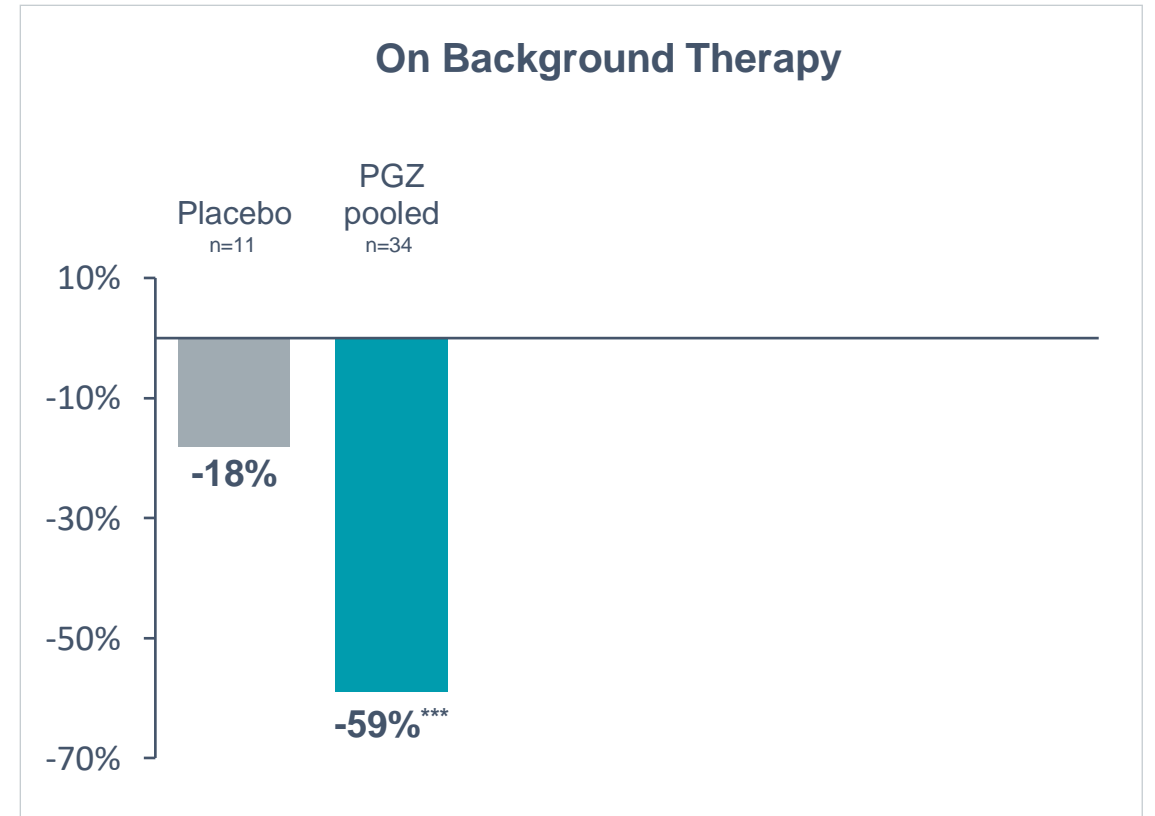
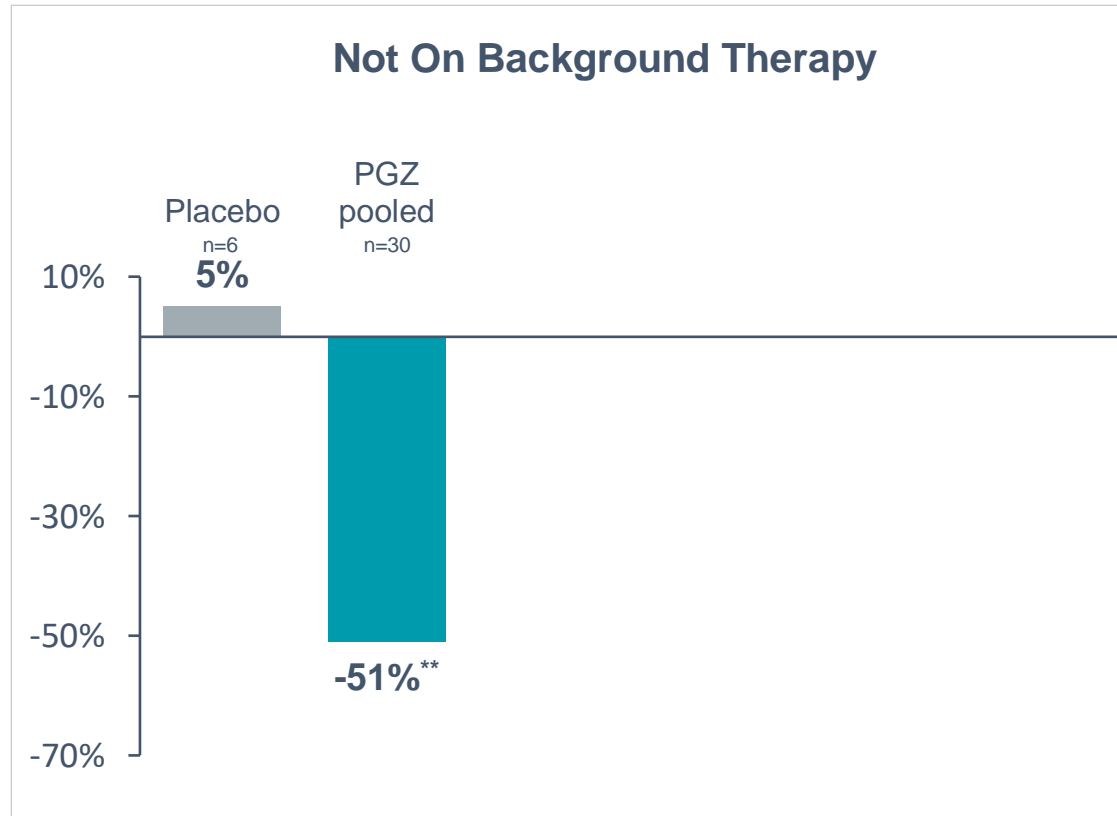
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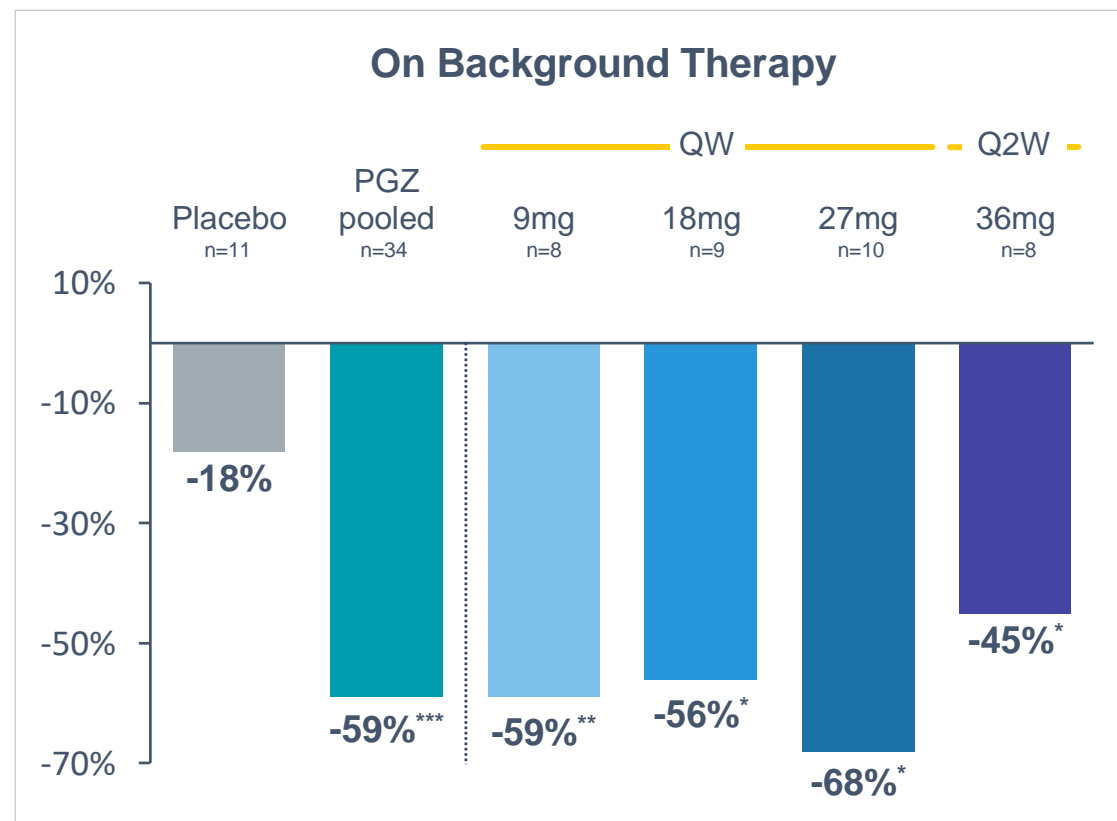
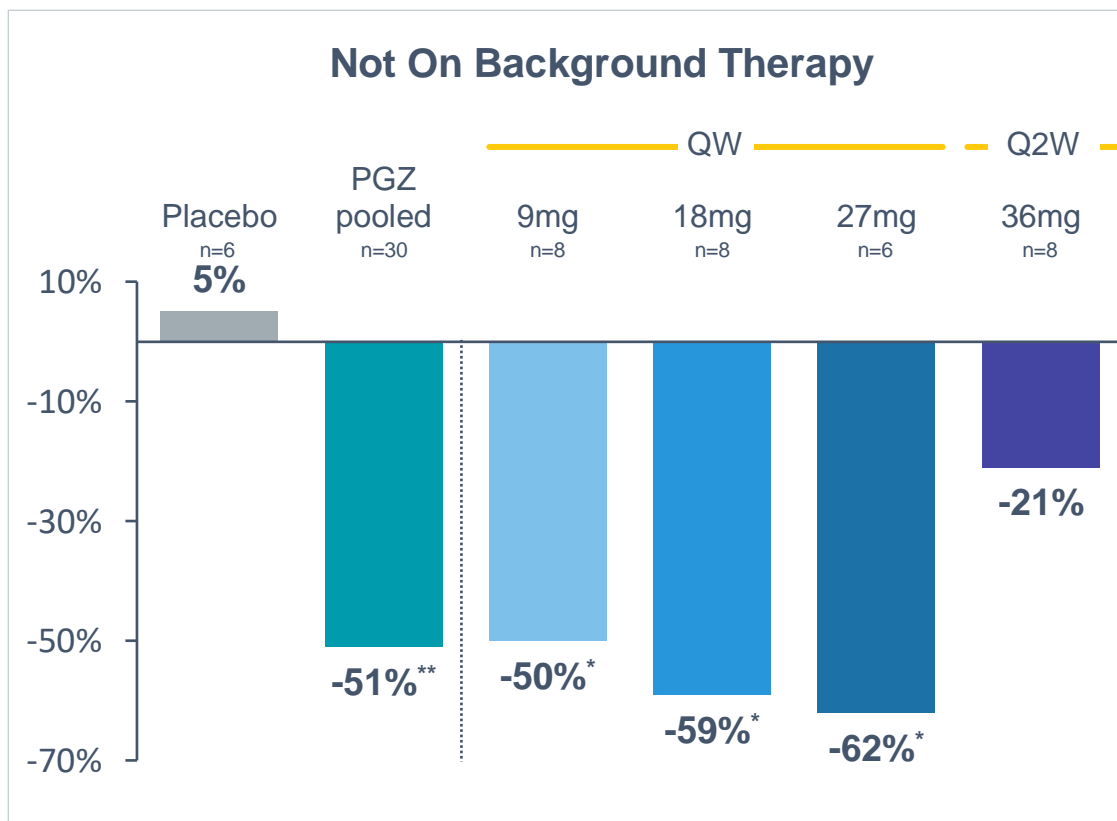
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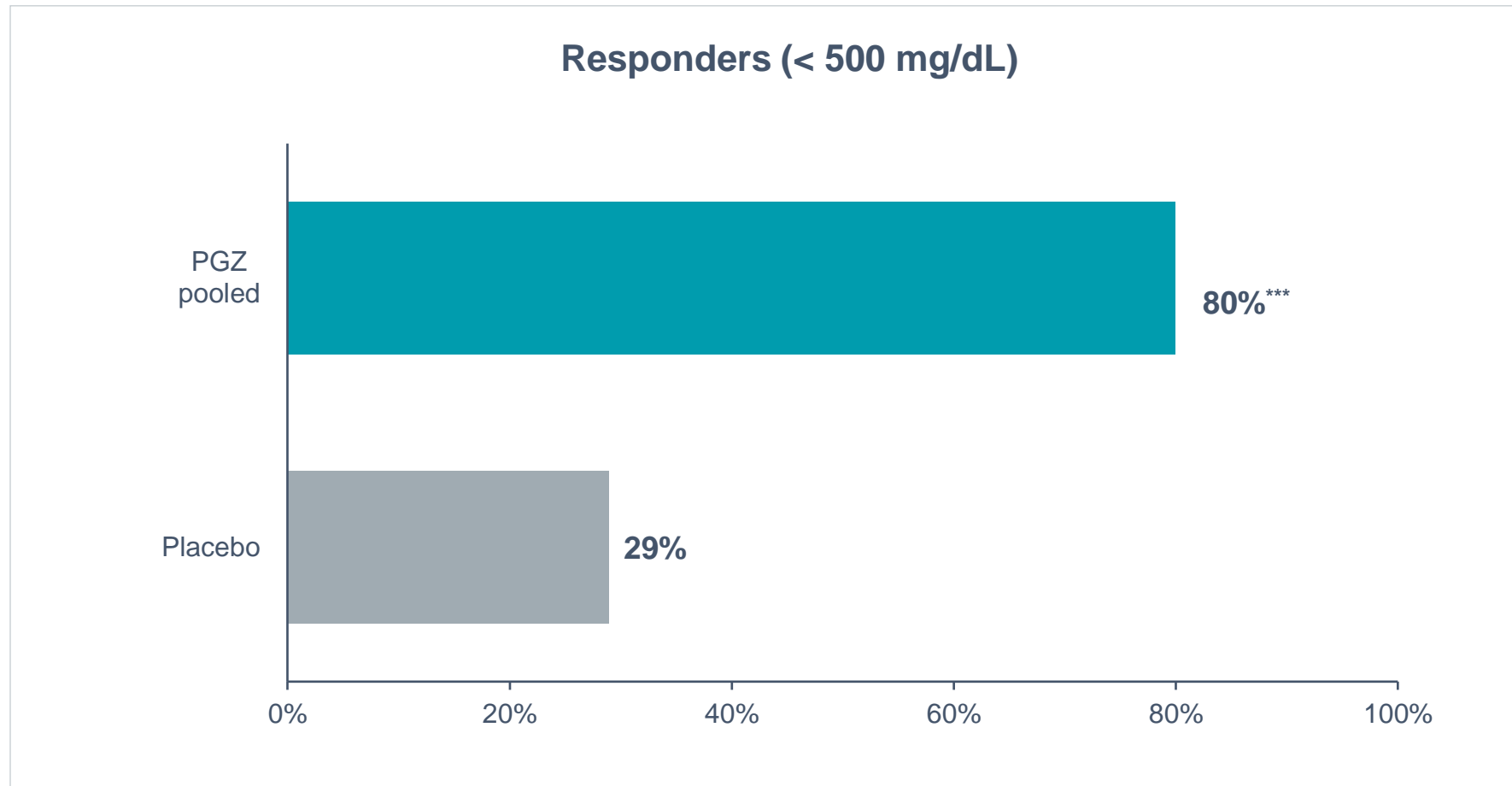
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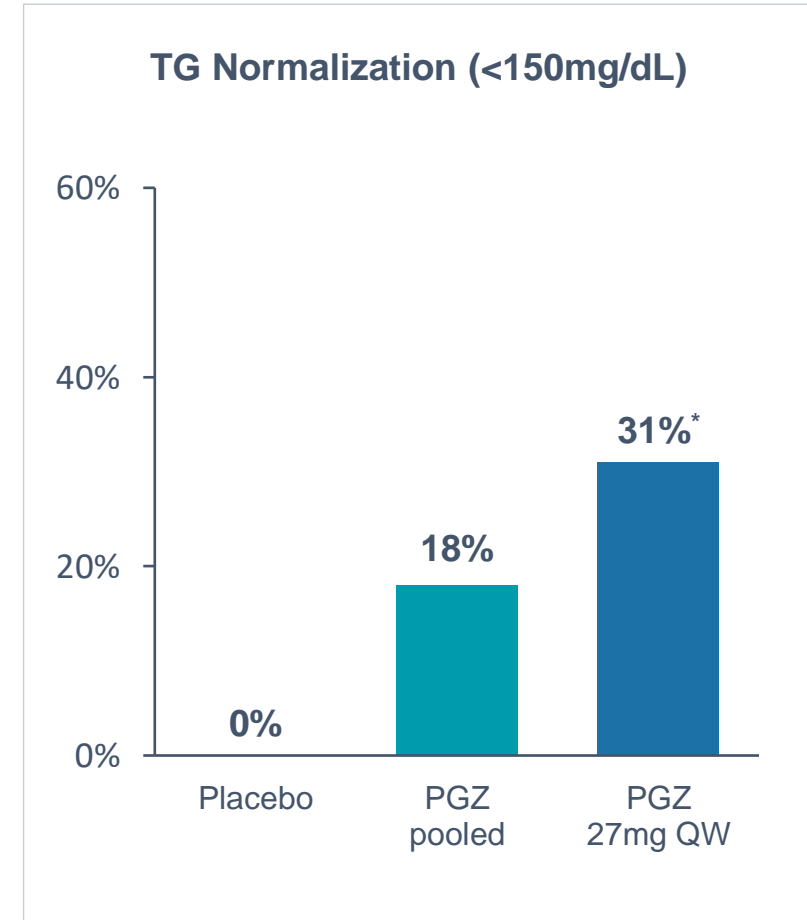
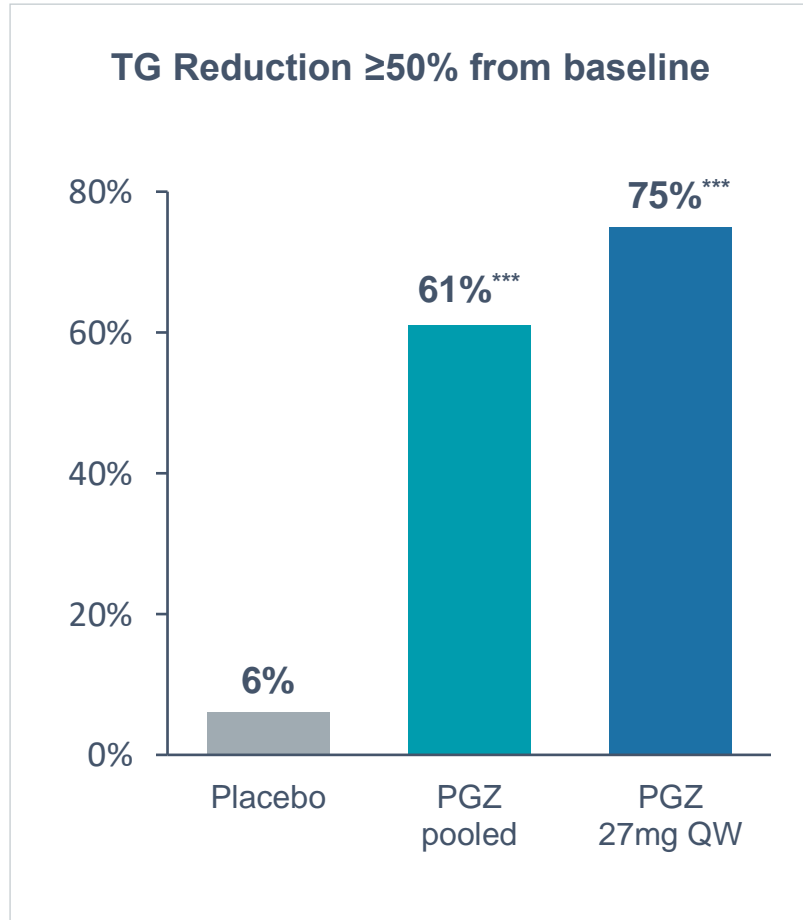
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# Most Pegzofermin Treated Patients Reach Initial Treatment Goal



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# Substantial Proportion of Patients Achieved Key Metrics with Pegozafermin 27 mg QW



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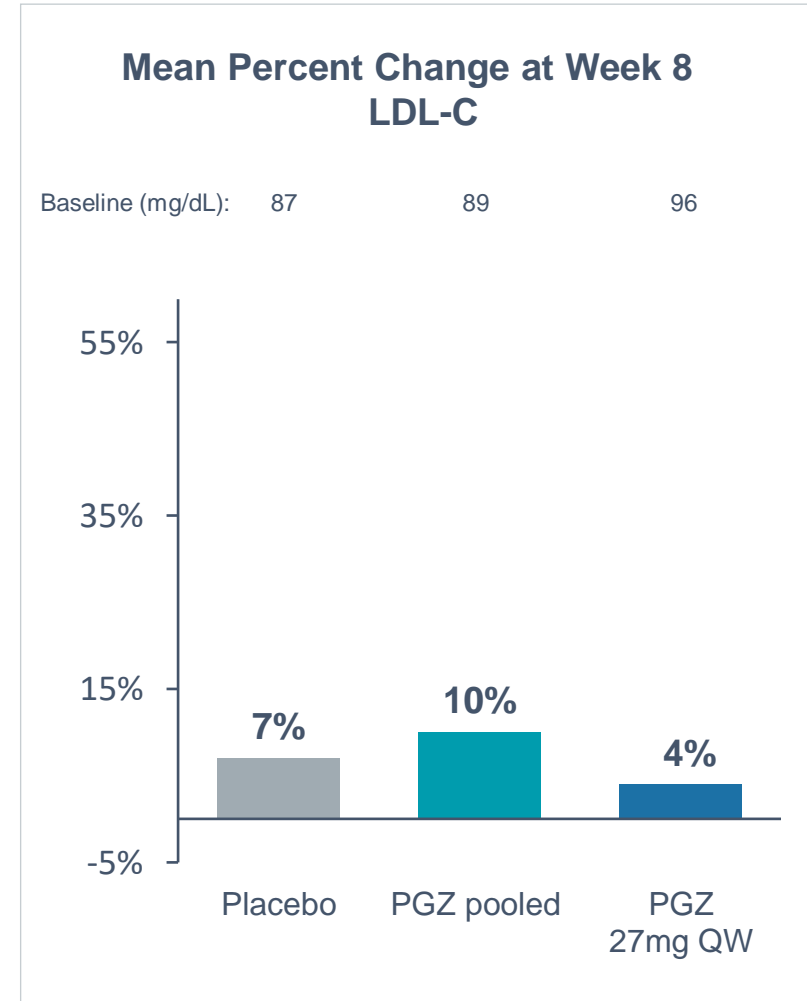
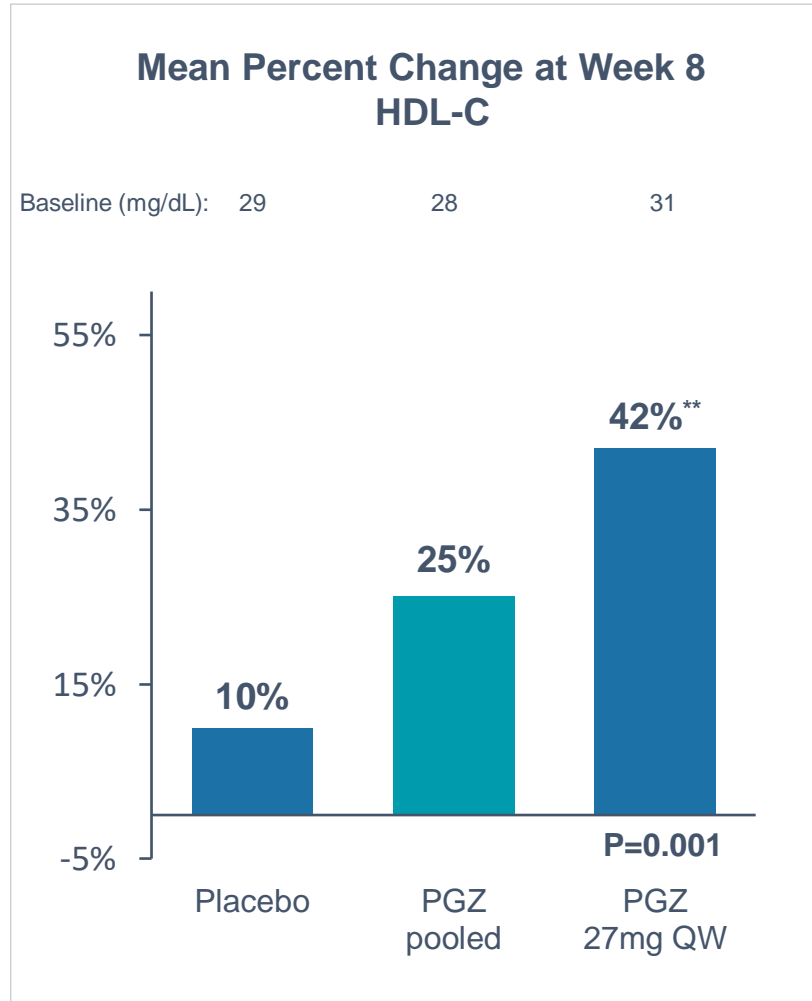


NA – Not analyzed\*

95% confidence interval for median difference

\*If the percentage of subjects within a certain subgroup was less than 33% of the overall cohort, only descriptive analysis is presented

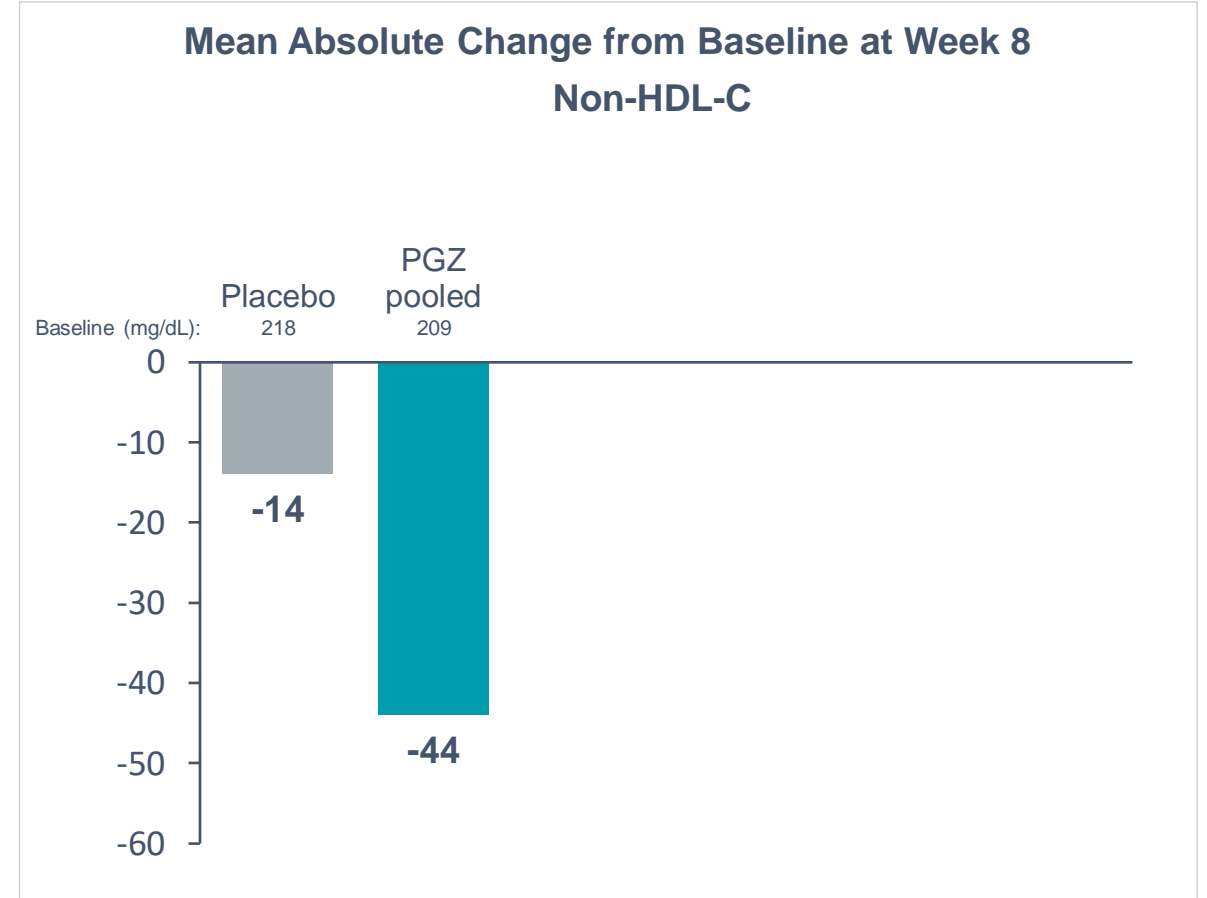
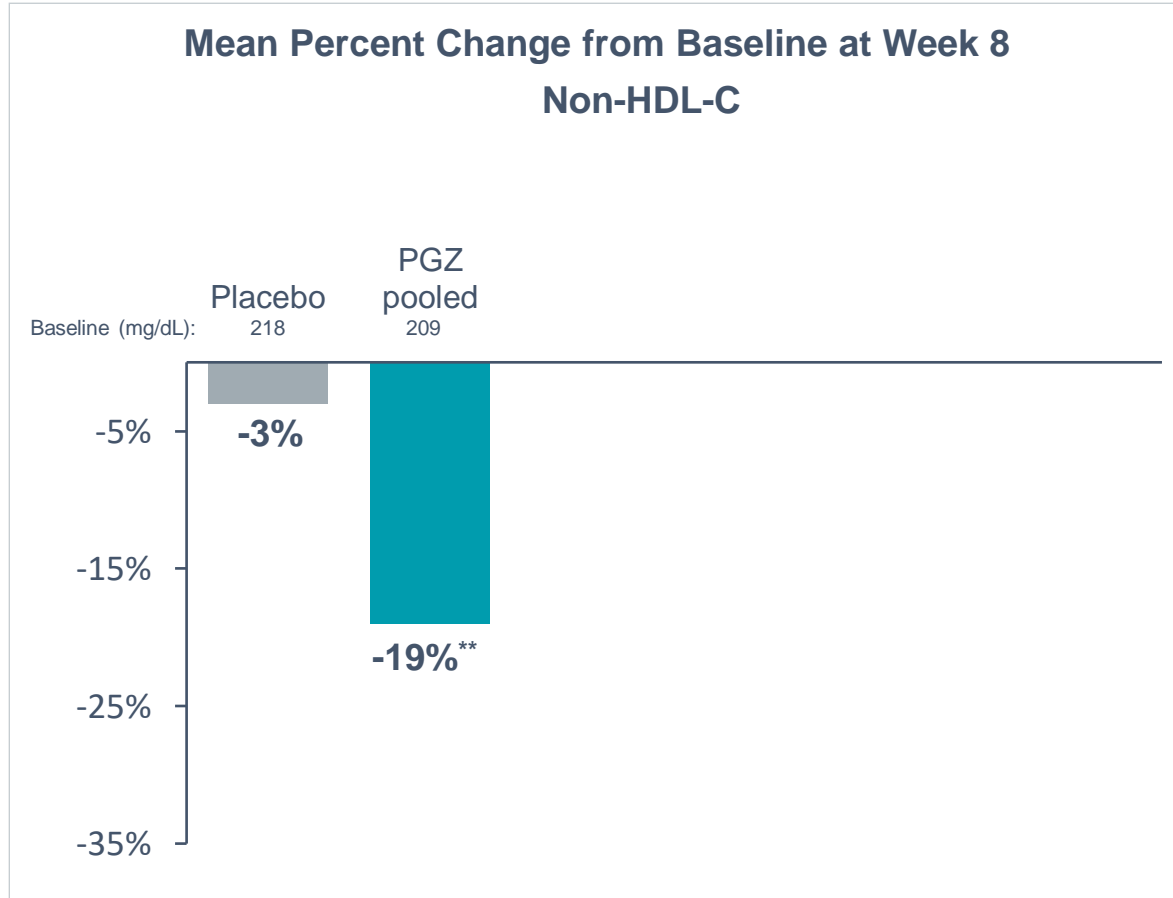
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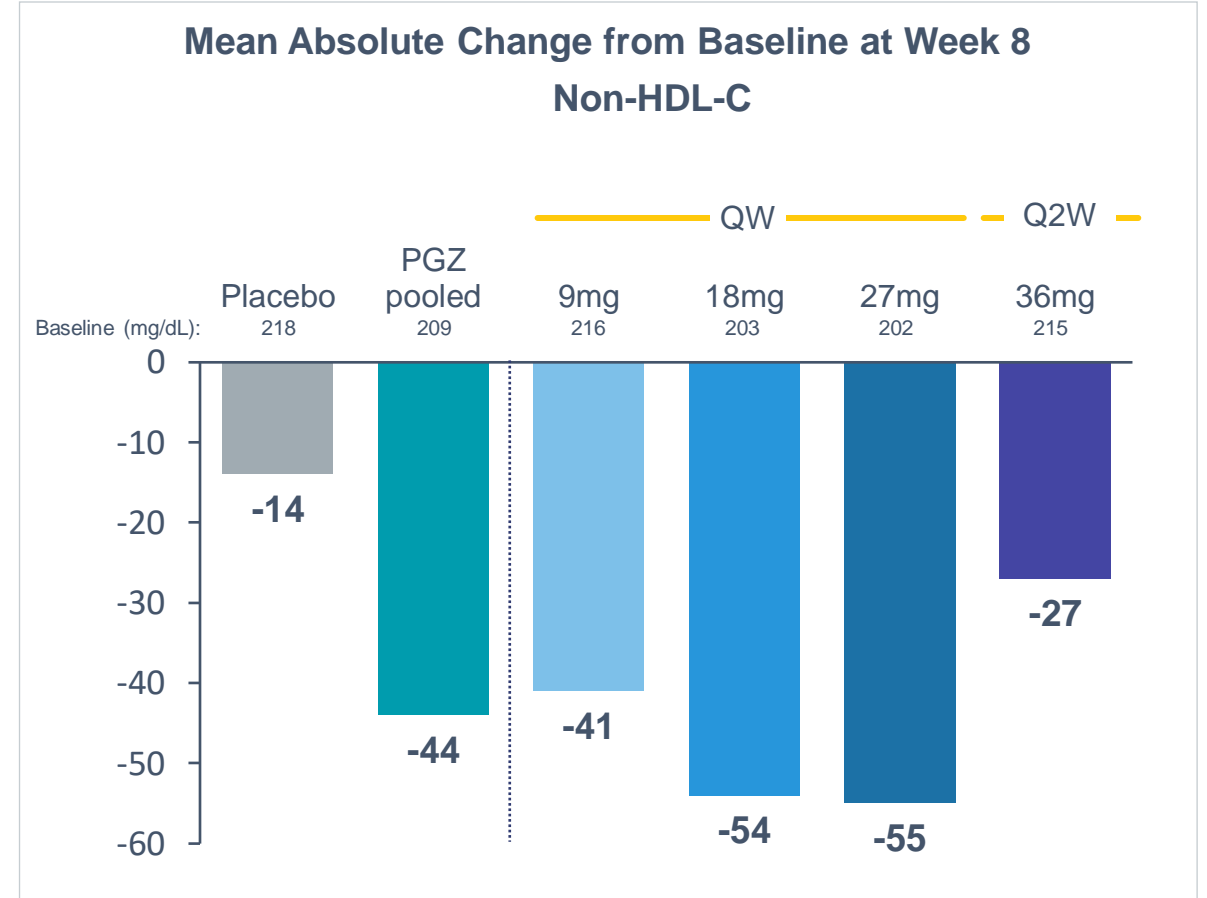
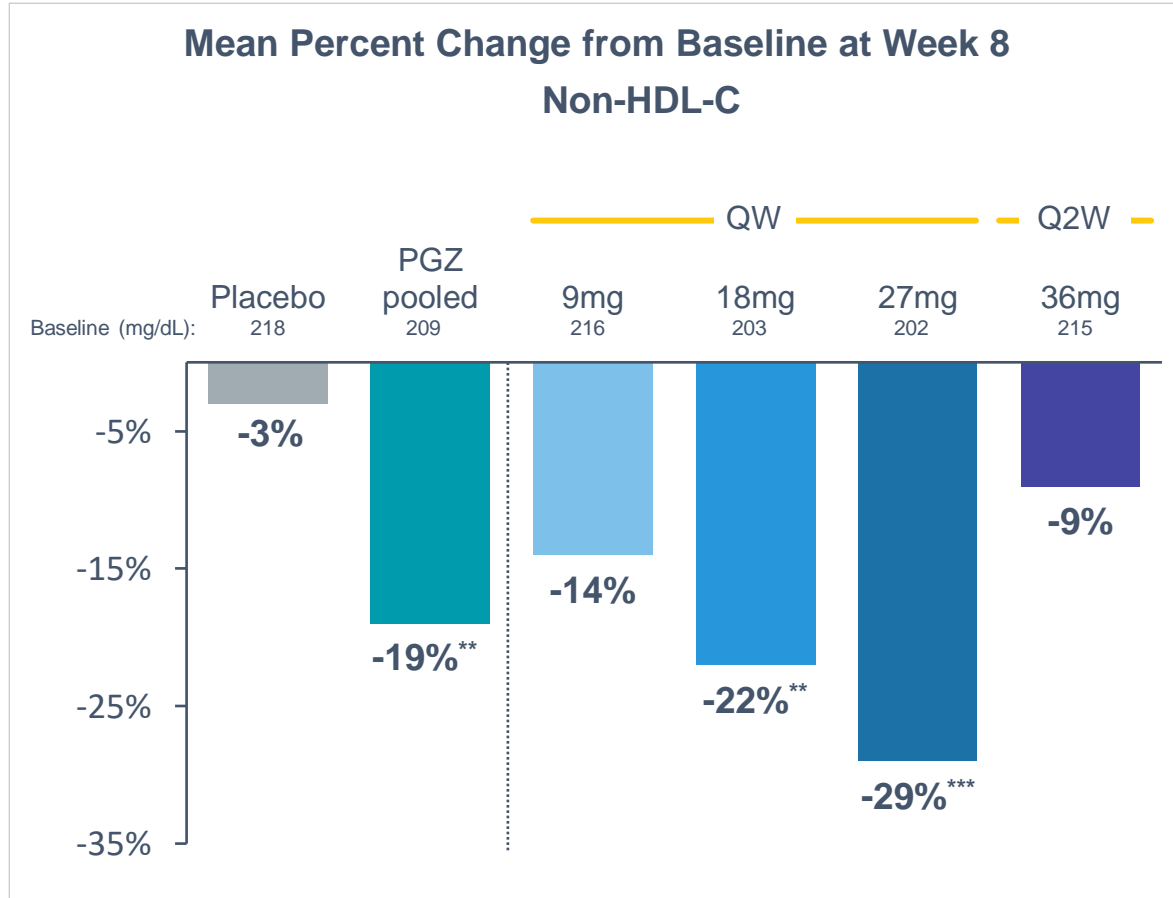
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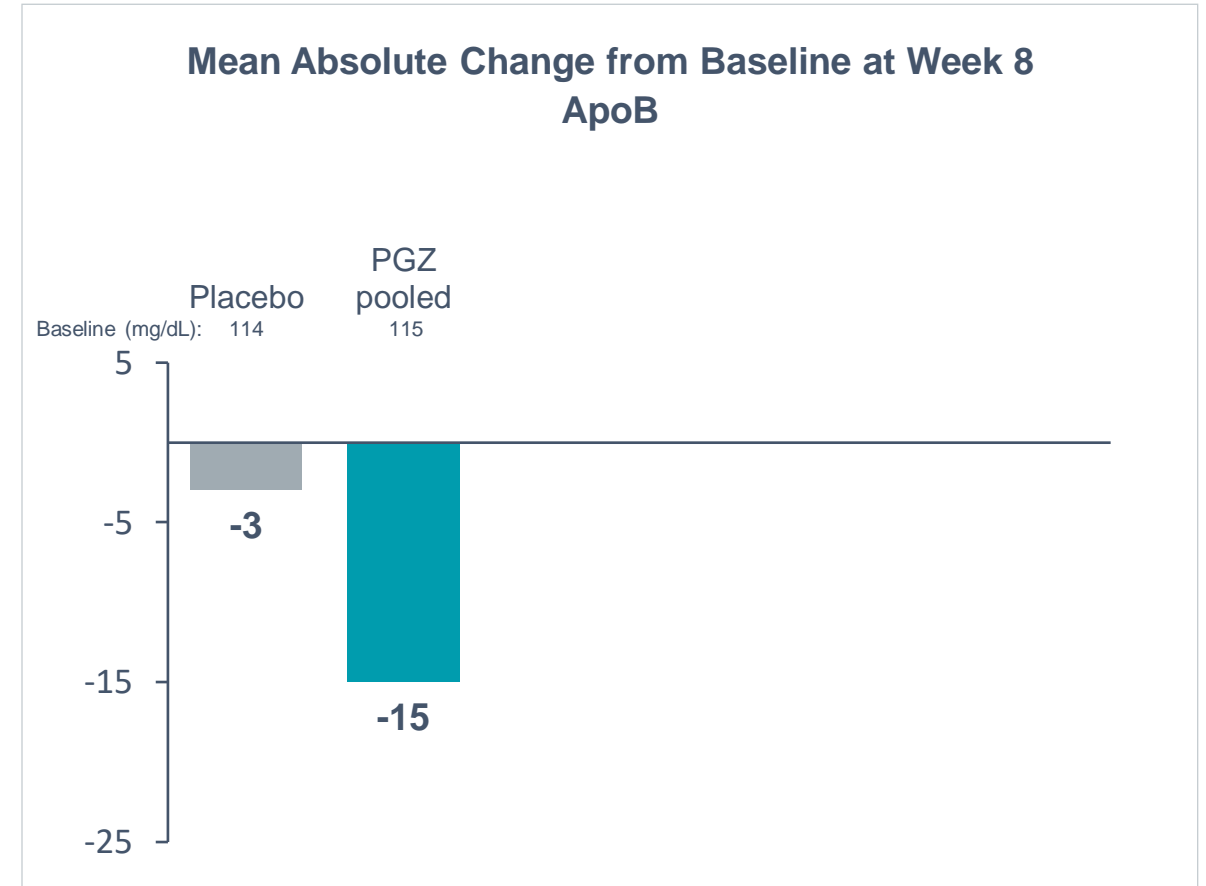
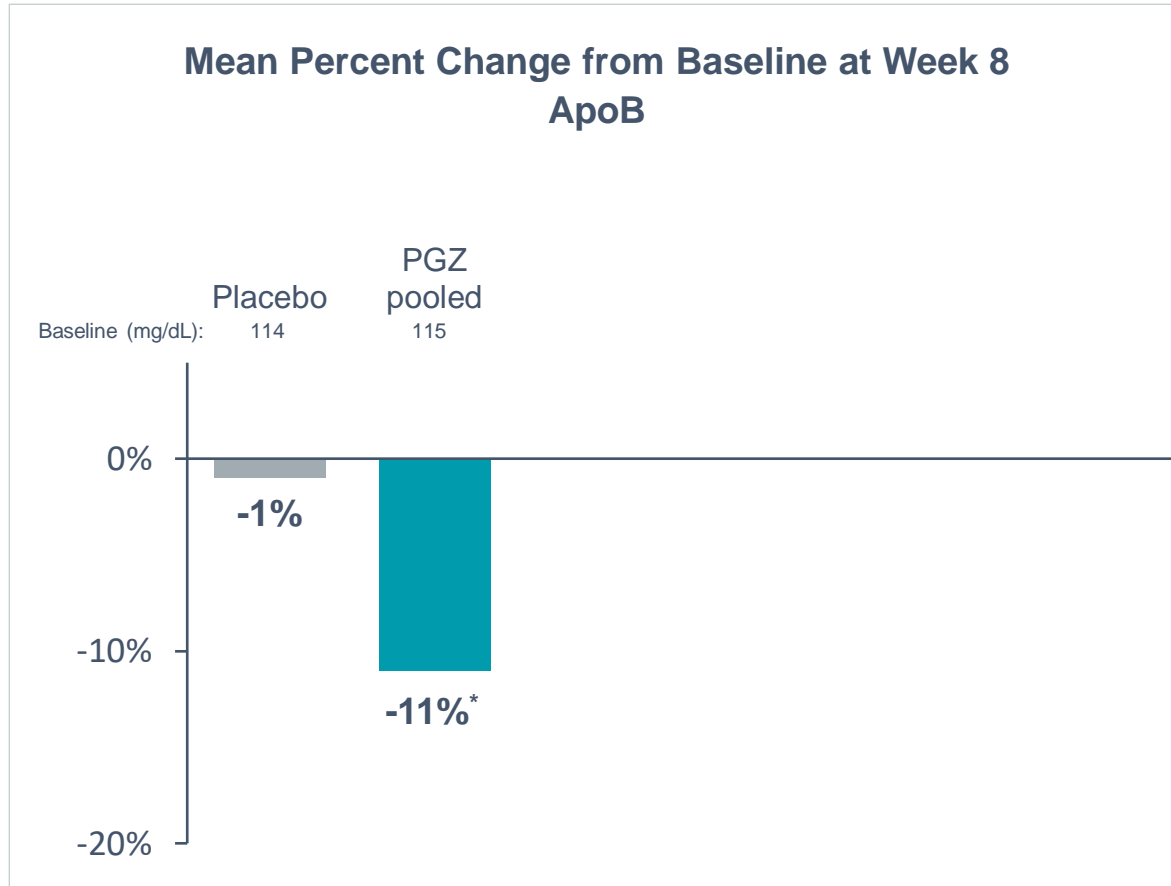


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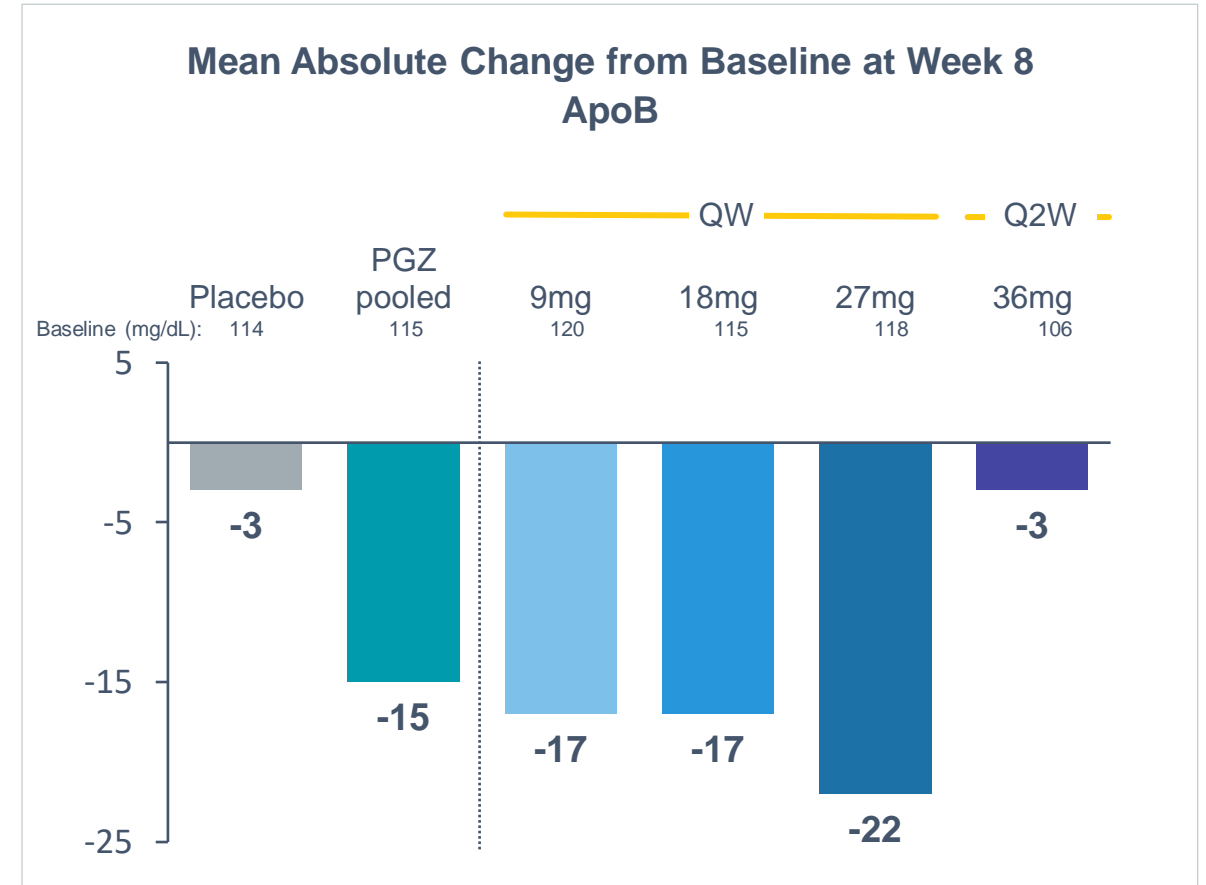
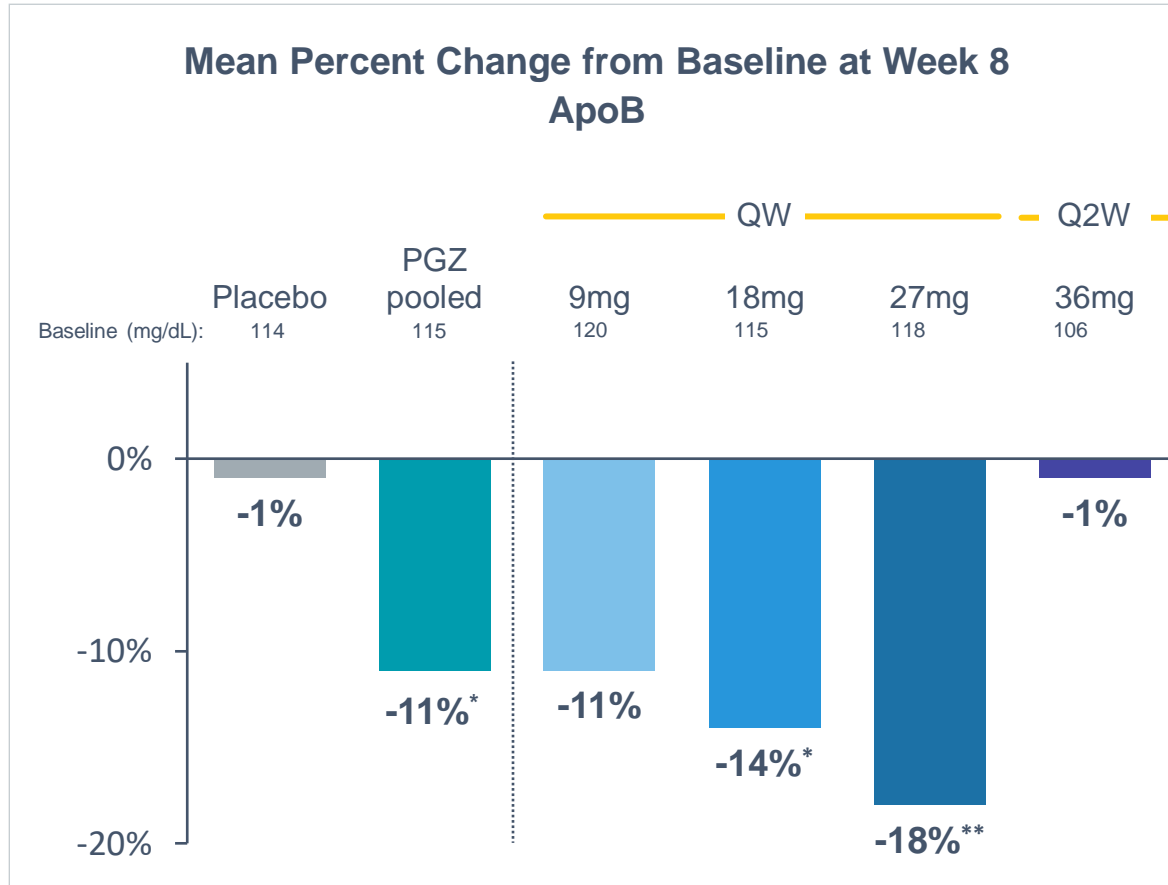
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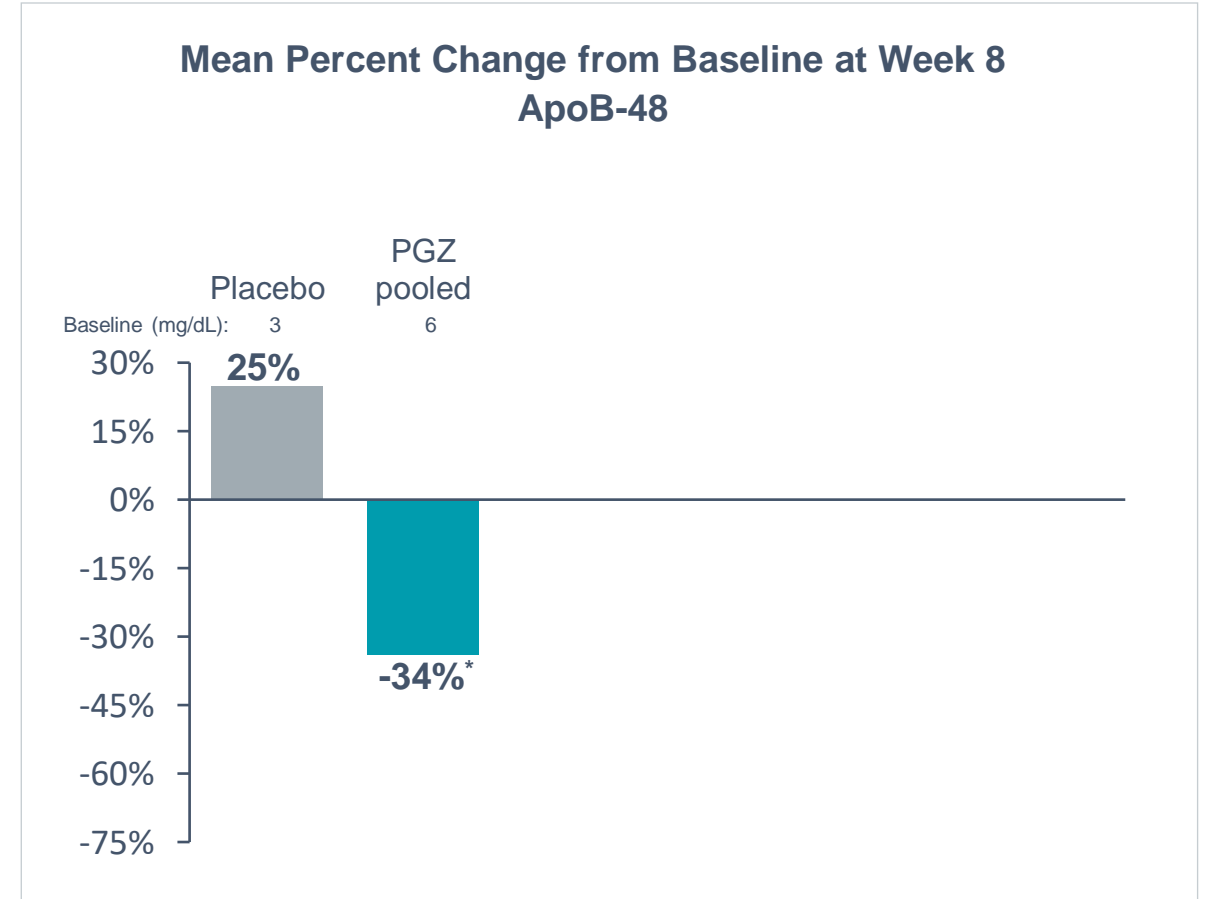
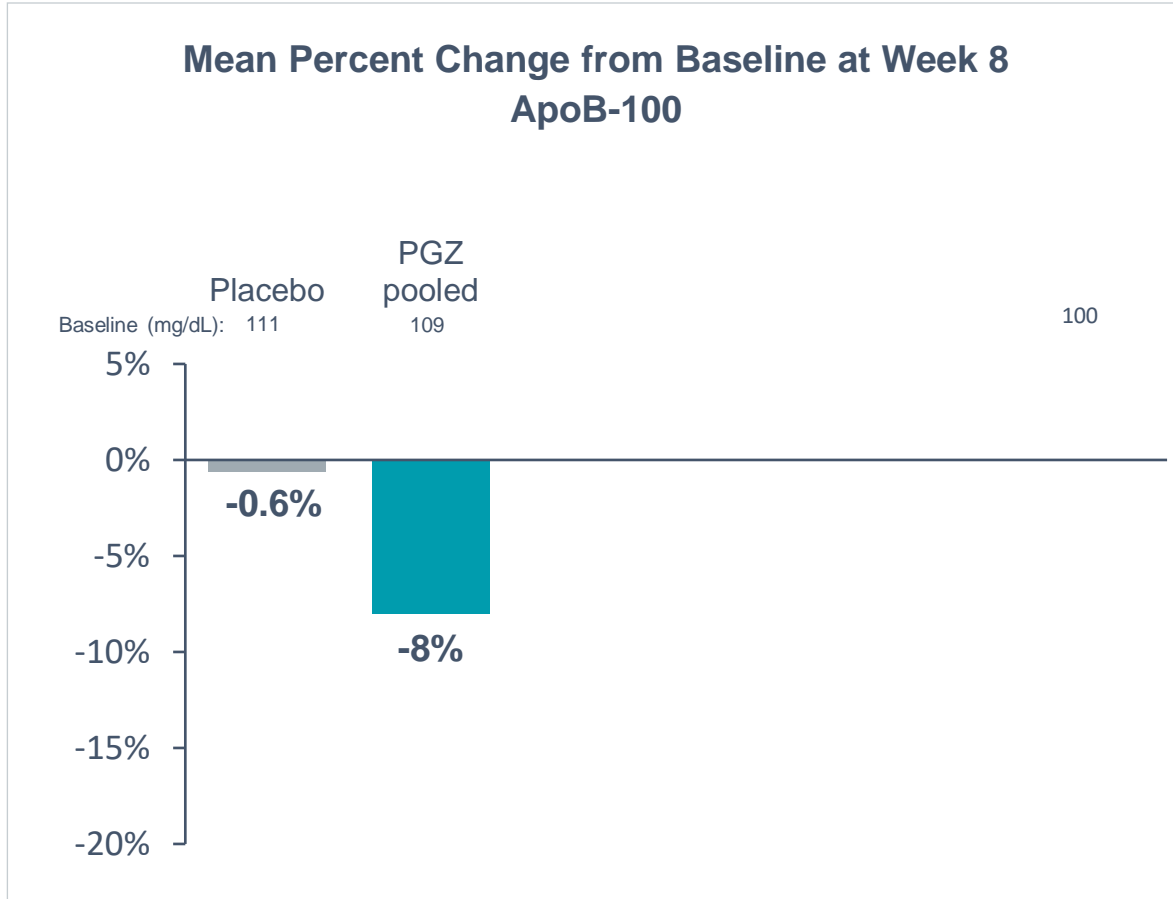
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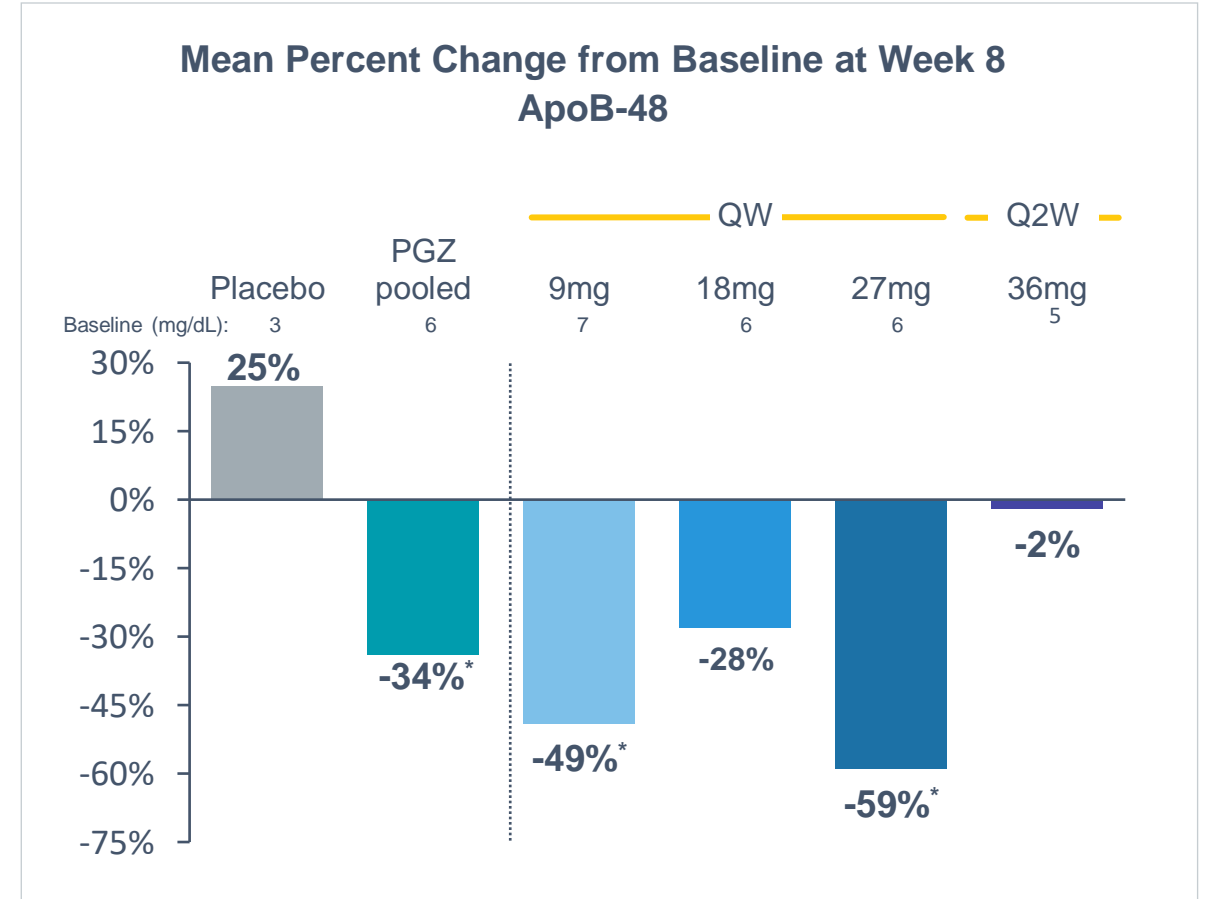
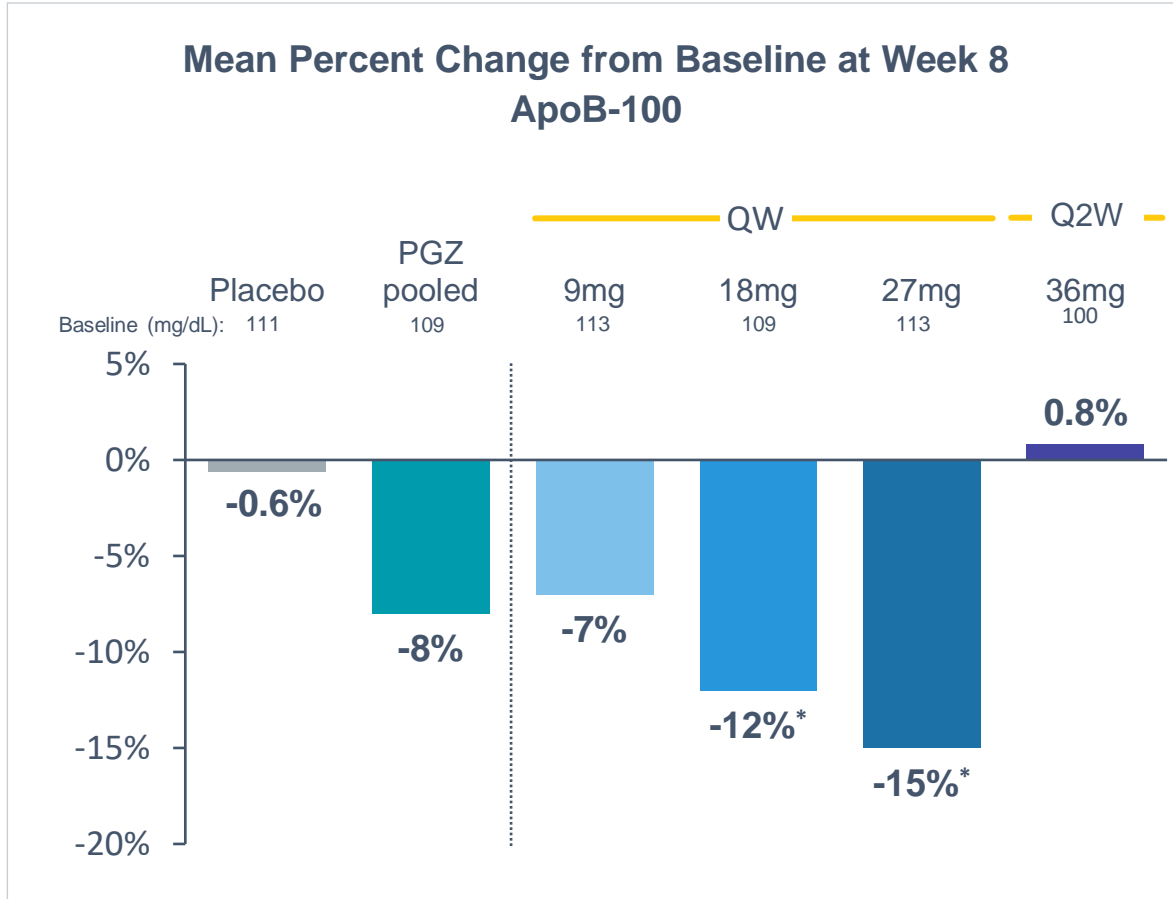
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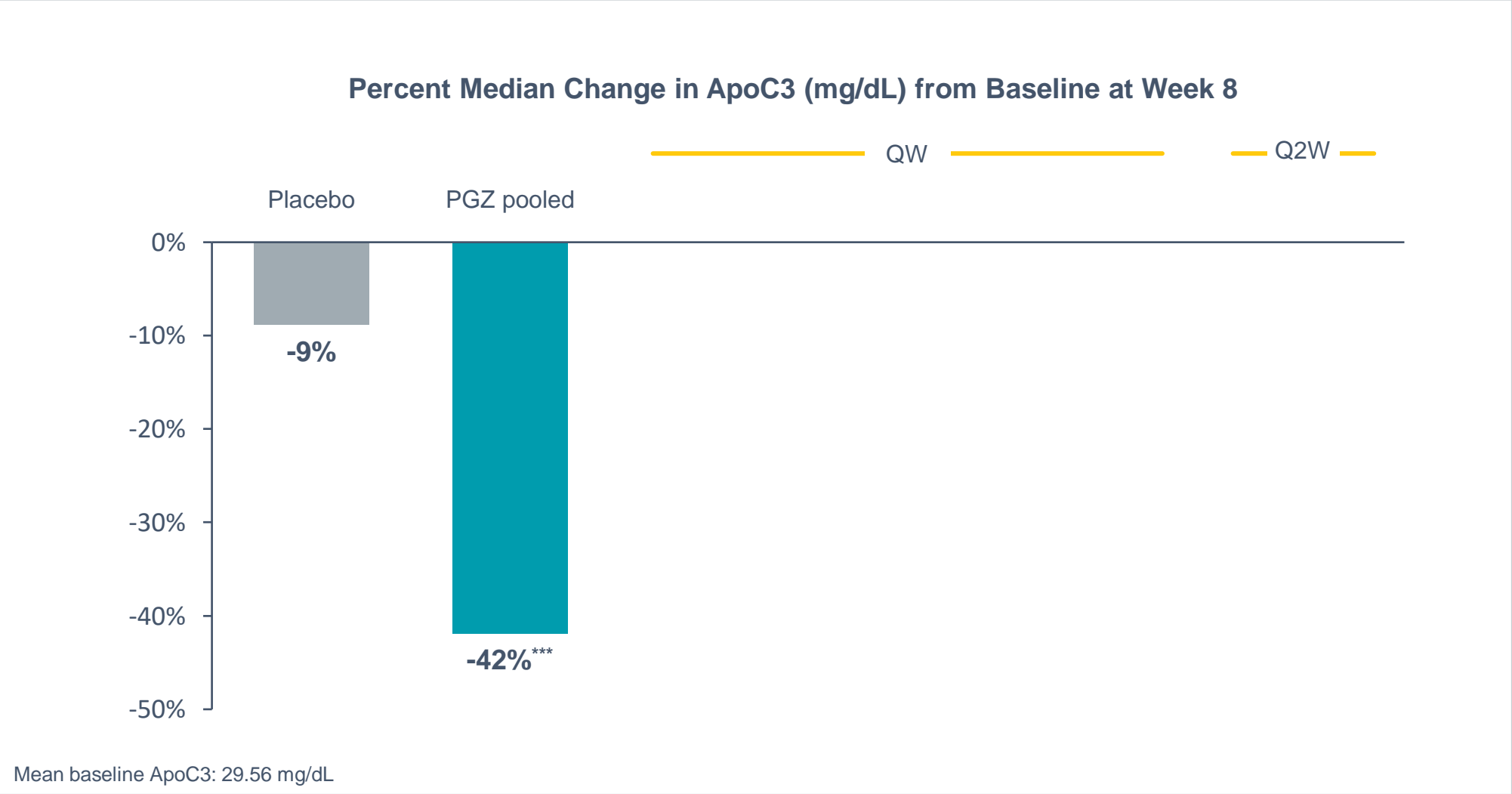
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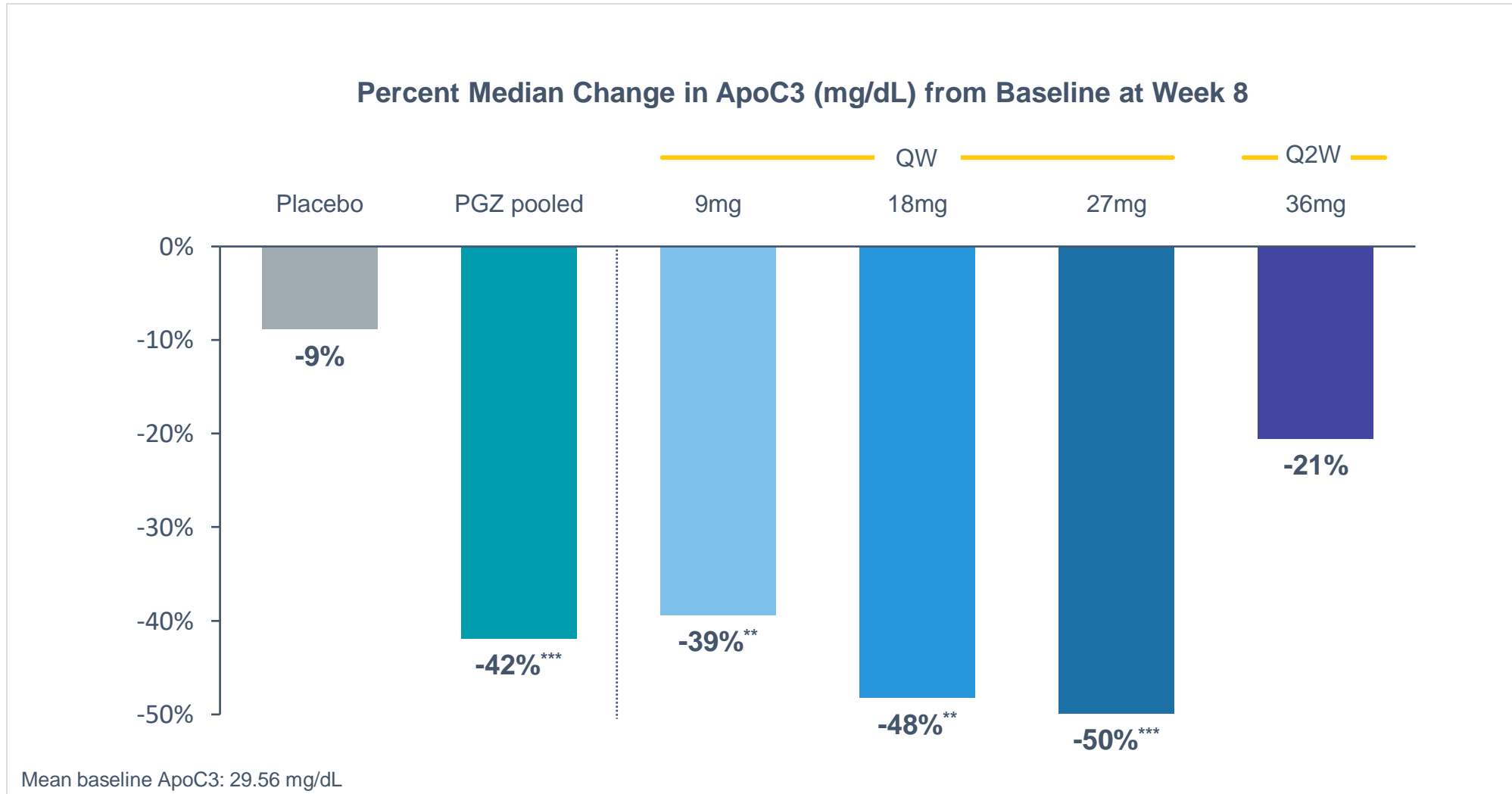


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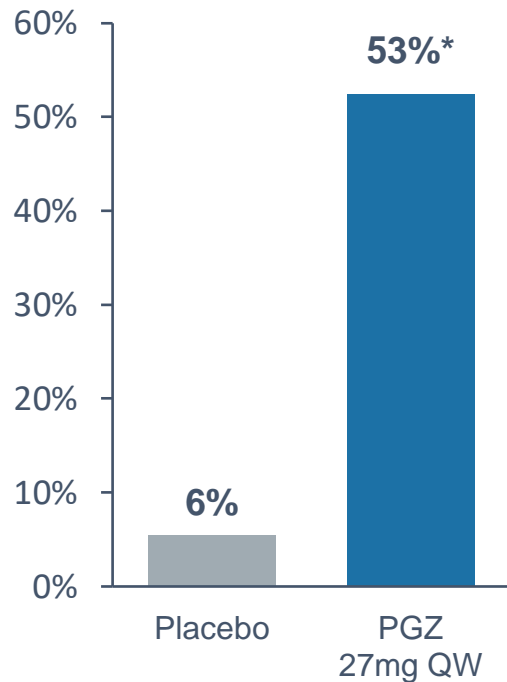


# Pegozafermin 27 mg QW Appeared to Improve Insulin Sensitivity

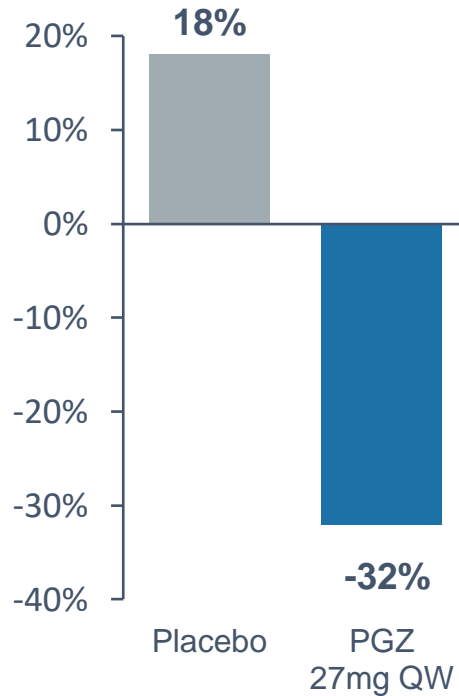
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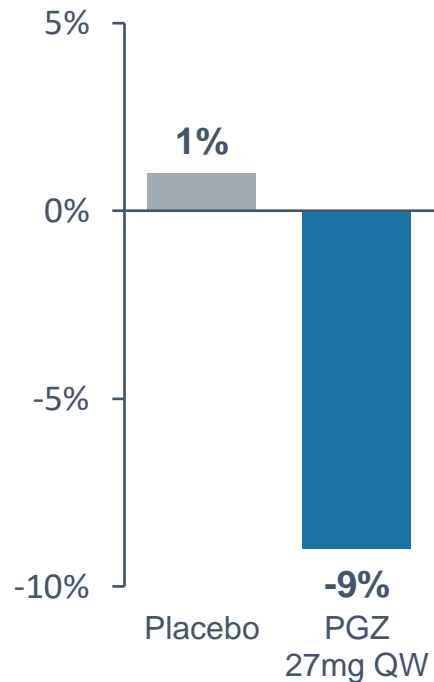
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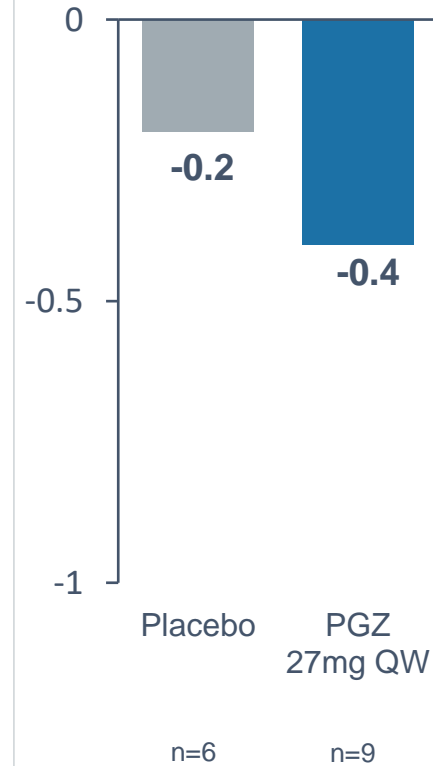
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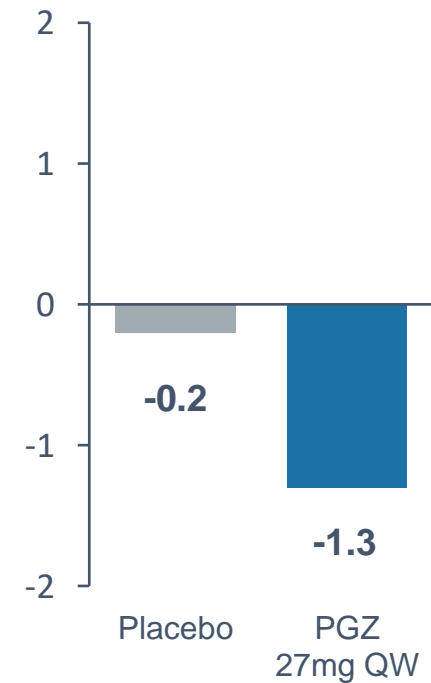
### Fasting Plasma Glucose



### HbA1c (baseline $\geq 6.5\%$ )

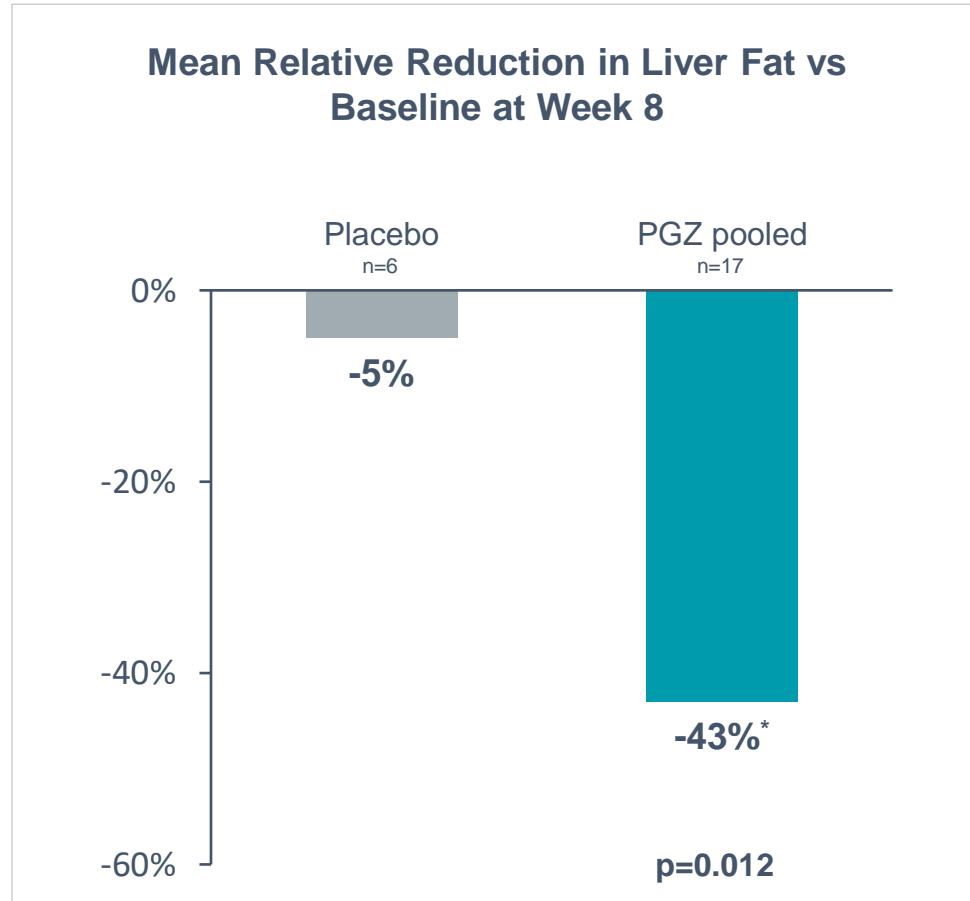


### Weight (kg)



# Pegozafermin Demonstrated Significant Reduction in Liver Fat

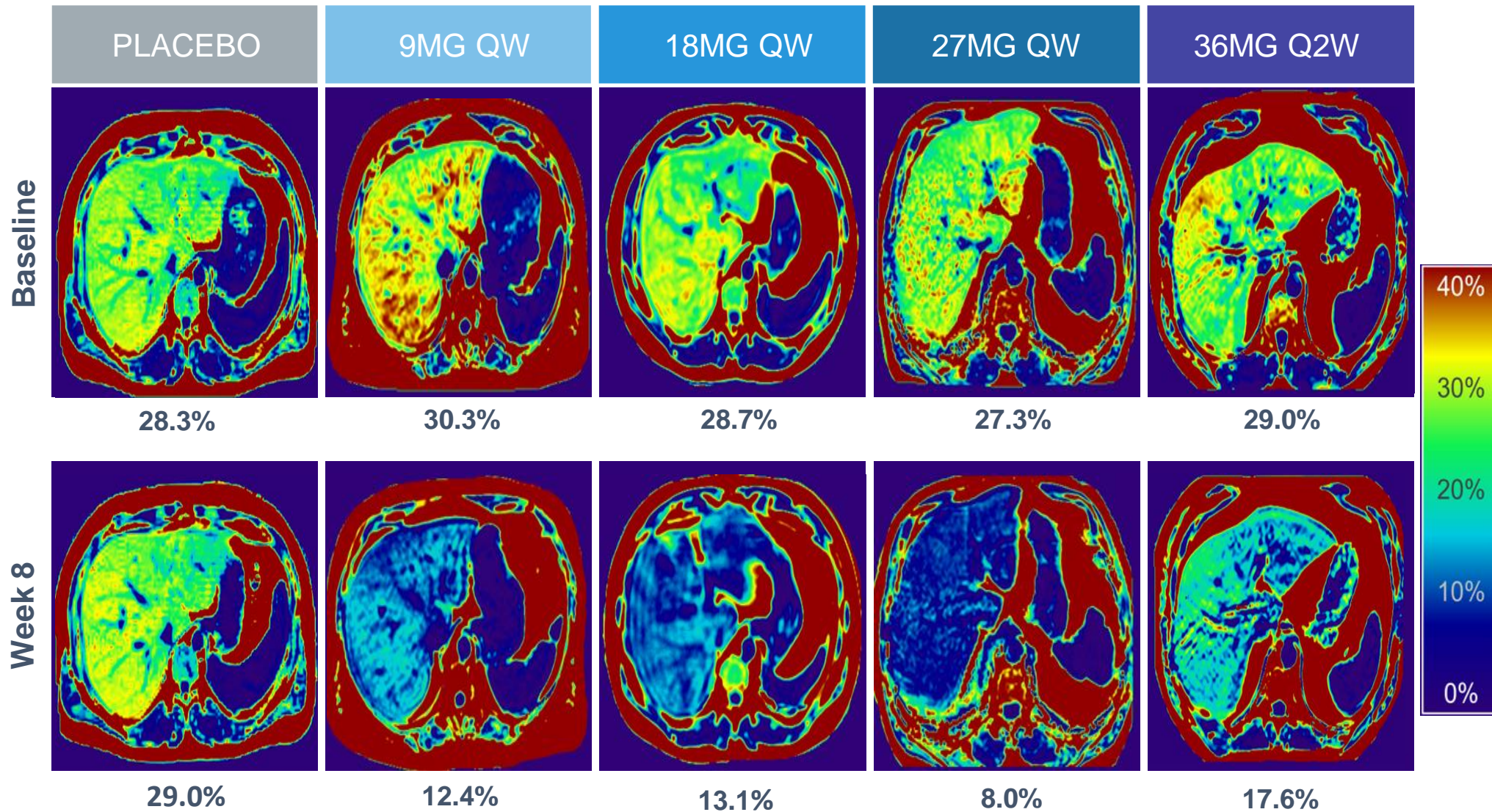
Liver fat is an important potentiator of cardiovascular risk



## HIGH RESPONDER RATES

- **≥ 30% Reduction in liver fat: 88% vs 0% in placebo**
- **≥ 50% Reduction in liver fat: 41% vs 0% in placebo**
- **Normalized liver fat: 24% vs 0% in placebo**

# Representative MRI-PDFF Imaging Demonstrating Reduction in Liver Fat After 8 Weeks of Pegzofermin Treatment



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