

# Muscle-Preserving Weight Loss With RV-8451, a Novel, Oral Non-Peptide GLP-1 Receptor Agonist, in Diet-Induced Obese Non-Human Primates

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# Current GLP-1RAs Have Persistent Limitations

## Body Weight Trajectory on Current GLP-1RAs



## Poor GI Tolerability

Limits dose escalation and real-world adherence



## Loss of Lean Mass

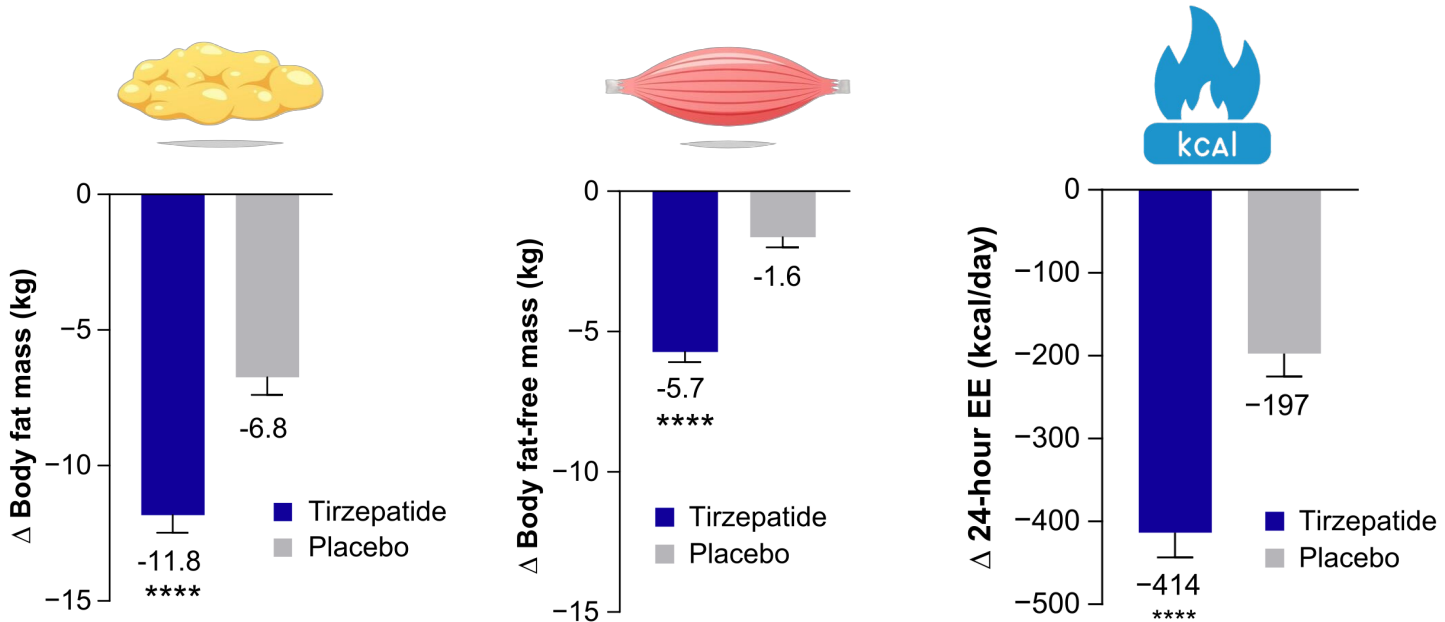
Up to ~40% of weight lost is muscle



## Metabolic Adaptation

Leads to weight plateau and rebound

# GLP-1RA-Driven Fat-Free-Mass Loss Drives Down Energy Expenditure in Obese Subjects



Ravussin et al., 2025, Cell Metabolism 37

# RV-8451: Muscle Preserving, Oral Non-Peptide GLP-1RA

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*Designed to address the key limitations of current GLP-1RA therapies*

**Muscle-  
Preserving**



Selective fat loss  
with preservation  
of lean mass

**Counters  
Metabolic  
Adaptation**



For durable  
weight loss

**Oral,  
Non-Peptide**



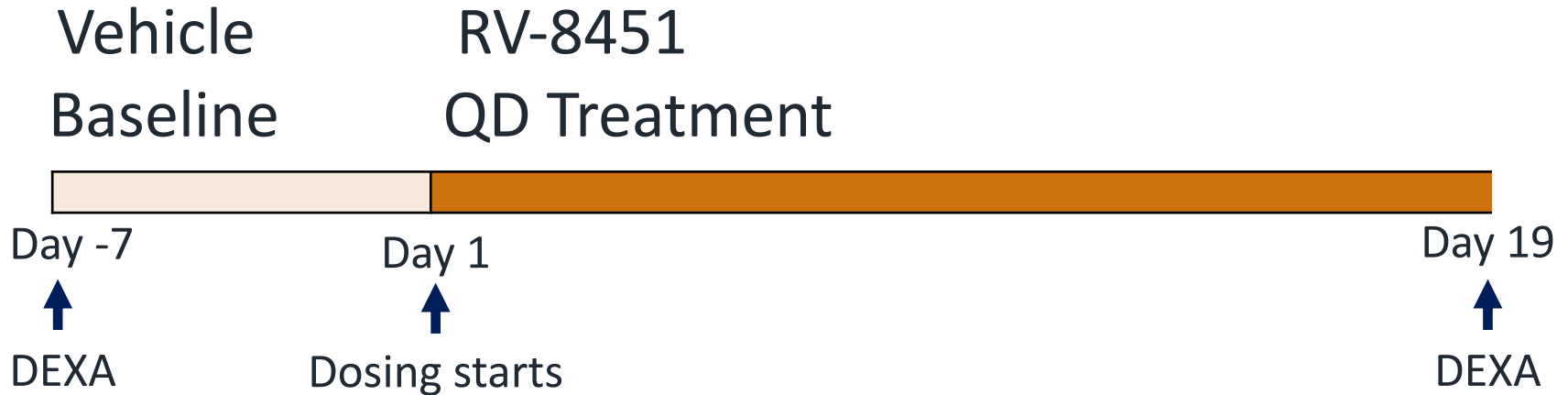
Chronic, convenient  
administration

# RV-8451 Is a Novel GLP-1R Non-Peptide Agonist

	RV-8451	Orforglipron	Danuglipron
<i>In vitro</i> potency			
hGLP-1R cAMP, EC <sub>50</sub> , nM	< 50	2	0.2
MkGLP-1R cAMP, EC <sub>50</sub> , nM	< 2	< 1	< 1
hGLP-1R binding, K <sub>i</sub> , nM	< 500	20	200
Cross species activity			
Human, NHP, rat, mouse, dog	+, +, -, -, -	+, +, -, -, -	+, +, -, -, -

# Efficacy and Quality of Weight Loss of RV-8451 in DIO NHPs

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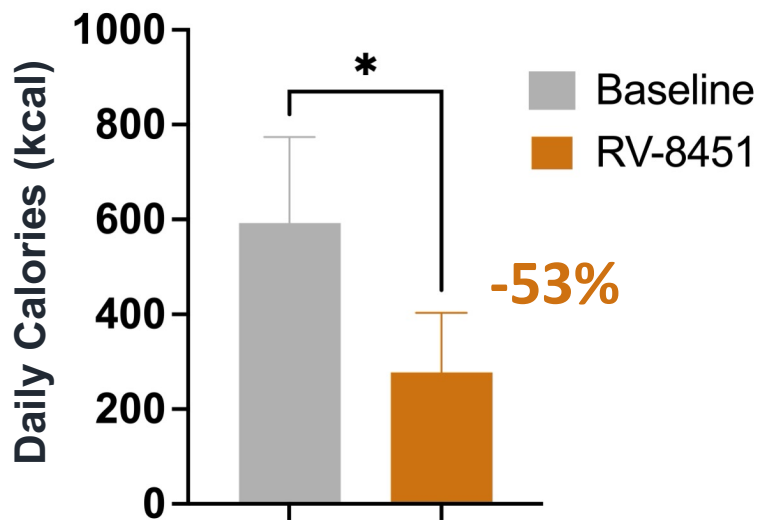
## Endpoints:

- Daily bodyweight, caloric intake
- Body composition (Baseline vs End of Treatment, DEXA)

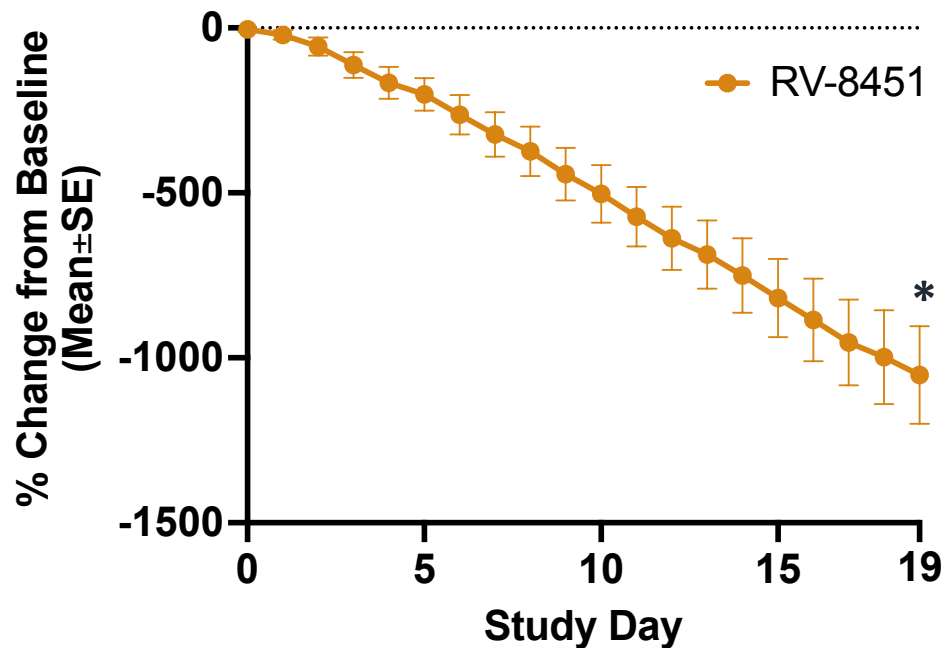
# RV-8451 Significantly Reduces Daily Caloric Intake

DIO NHPs

Average Daily Caloric Intake



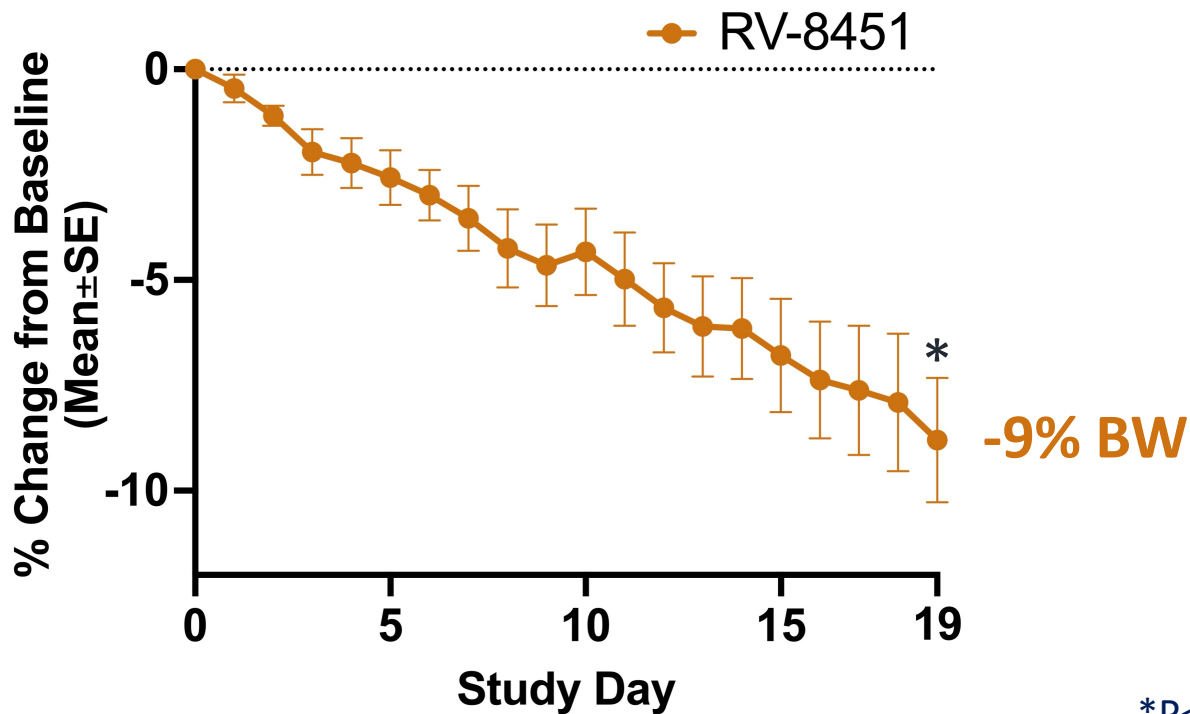
% Change in Cumulative Caloric Intake



\*P<0.05 from baseline

# RV-8451 Results in Significant Weight Loss at 19 Days

DIO NHPs

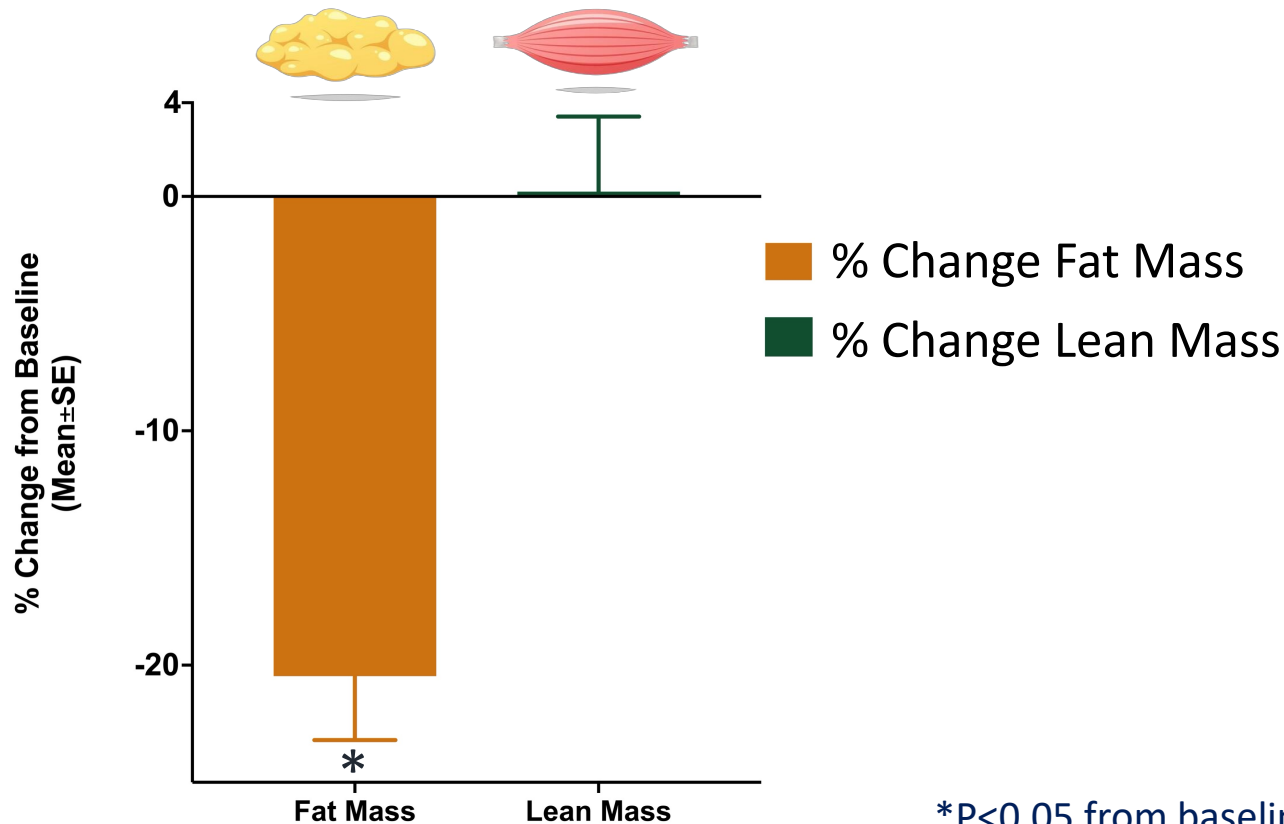


\*P<0.05 from baseline

# RV-8451 Induces Fat Loss While Preserving Muscle

*DIO NHPs Day 19,  
Assessed by DEXA*

Percent Change  
from Baseline in  
Body Composition:  
Fat Mass & Lean  
Mass with RV-8451

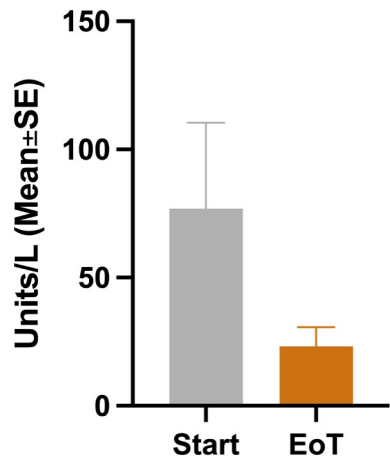


# RV-8451 Improves Metabolic Parameters

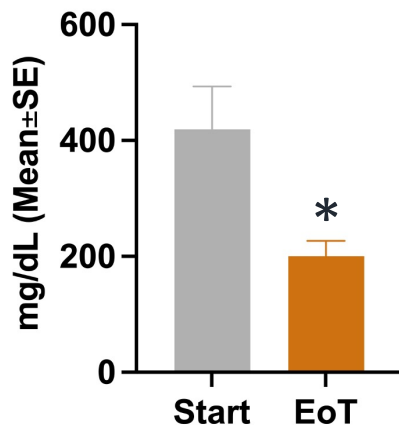
DIO NHPs, Day 19



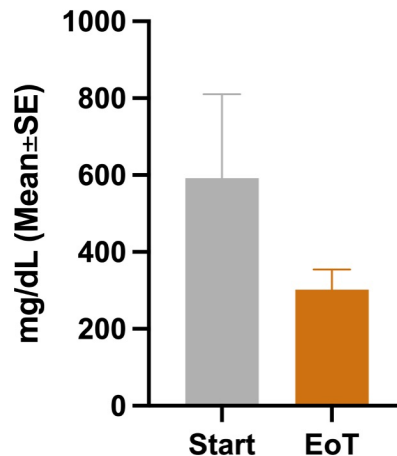
Alanine Aminotransferase



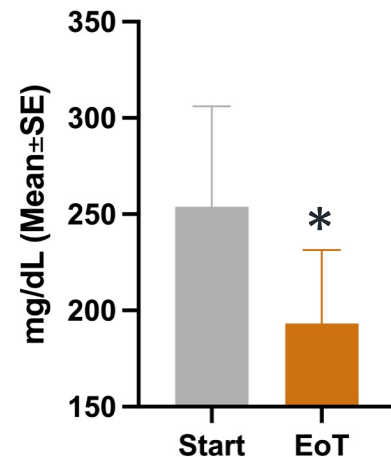
Total Cholesterol



Triglycerides



Blood Glucose



\*P<0.05 from baseline

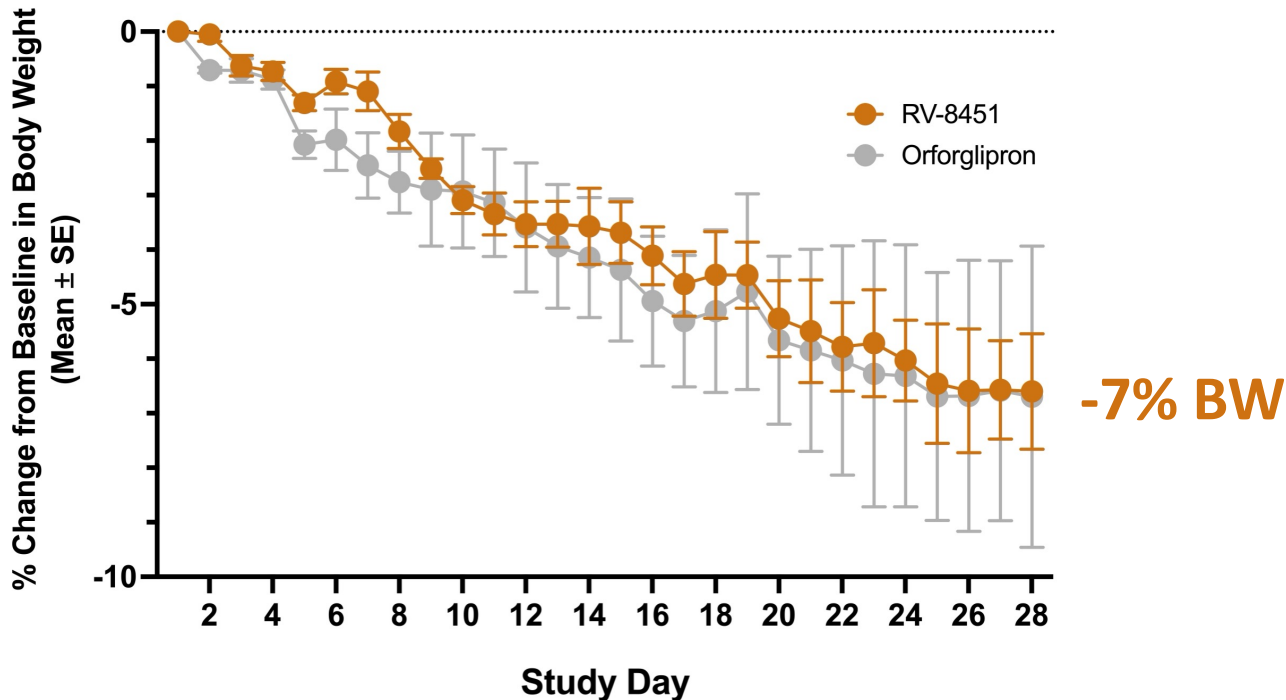
# Head-to-Head Study Comparing Quality of Weight Loss Between RV-8451 and Orforglipron in DIO NHPs



- Selected doses to get the same pharmacological effect on caloric intake
- Endpoints: Daily bodyweight, and daily caloric intake, body composition (Baseline vs End of Treatment, DEXA)

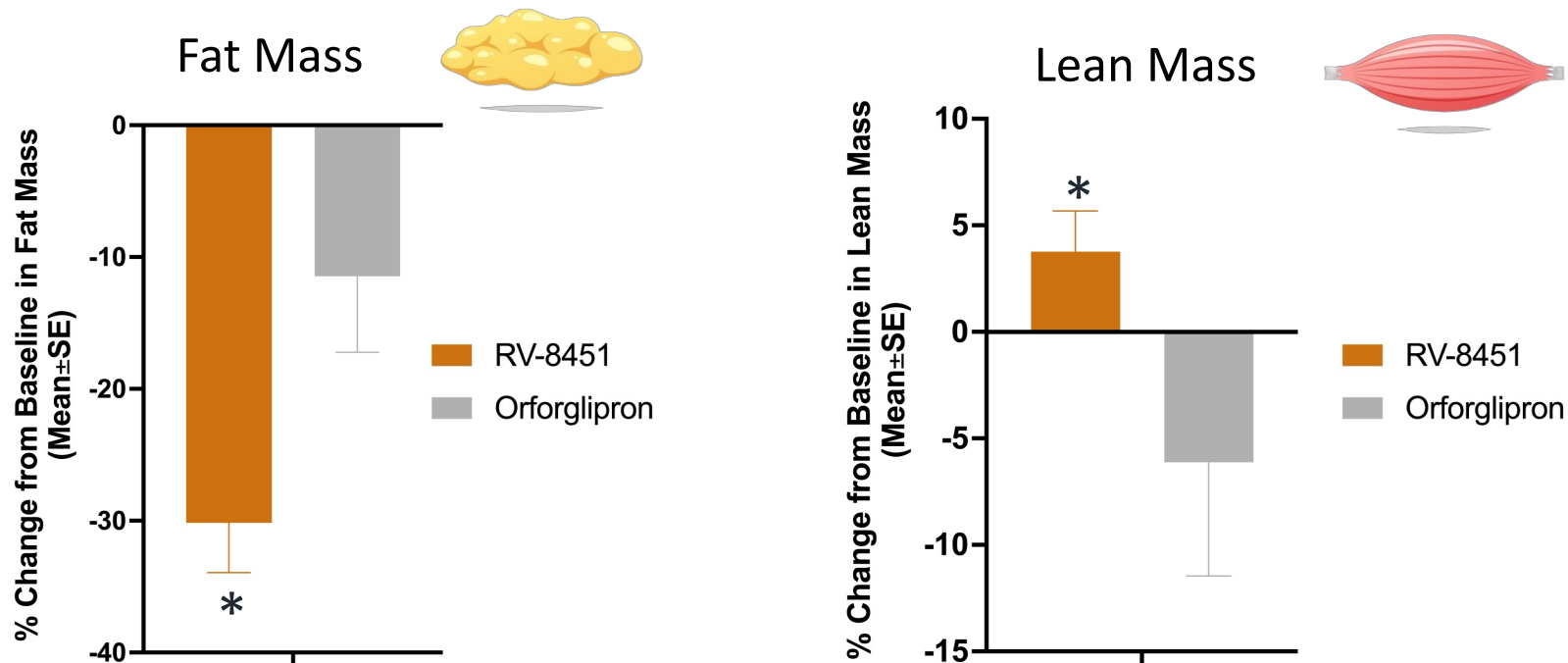
# RV-8451 Drives Similar Weight Loss to Orforglipron, Dose-Matched for Similar Reductions in Caloric Intake

*DIO NHPs,  
Assessed over  
28 Days of  
Dosing*



# RV-8451 Delivered Higher Quality of Weight Loss Versus Orforglipron in DIO NHPs

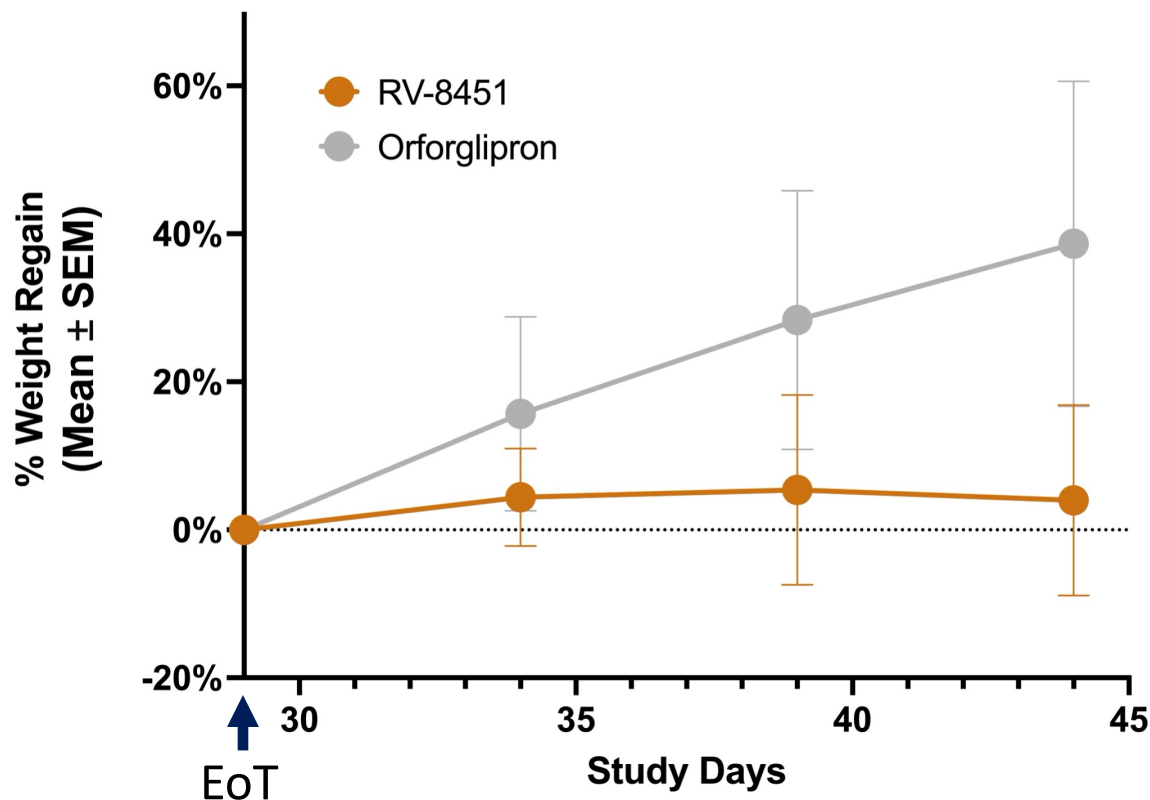
*Superior Reduction in Fat Mass with Lean Mass Preservation (DEXA, 28 days)*



\*P<0.05 from Orforglipron

# RV-8451 Resulted in Sustained Weight Loss

*DIO NHPs,  
Assessed for 15  
Days following  
End of  
Treatment*



# RV-8451: Summary of Results in H2H NHP Study

**-7%**

**Body weight change**

28-day DIO NHP Study

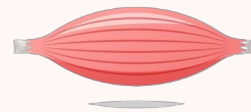
**-30%**



**Fat mass change (DEXA)**

28-day DIO NHP Study

**+4%**



**Lean mass change (DEXA)**

28-day DIO NHP Study

**=**

**Caloric intake reduction  
comparable to  
orforglipron**



**Outperforms orforglipron  
in quality of weight loss  
and prevention of weight  
rebound**

**0**

**Drug-related  
GI adverse events**

Across two independent NHP  
studies

# Conclusions

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- RV-8451 GLP-1RA oral monotherapy results in selective fat loss with full preservation of lean mass in DIO NHPs
- Reduction in caloric intake comparable to current GLP-1RAs
- Superior quality of weight loss compared to orforglipron with similar quantity of weight loss
- No drug-related GI adverse events observed; well-tolerated profile
- Results replicated in DIO hGLP-1R mice (Poster 2574-P)
- IND-enabling studies underway for planned Phase 1 trial

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## Poster 2574-P

“Discovery of RV-8451, a Novel, Oral,  
Muscle-Preserving Small Molecule  
GLP1 Receptor Agonist”

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# Thank You

Questions & Discussion

