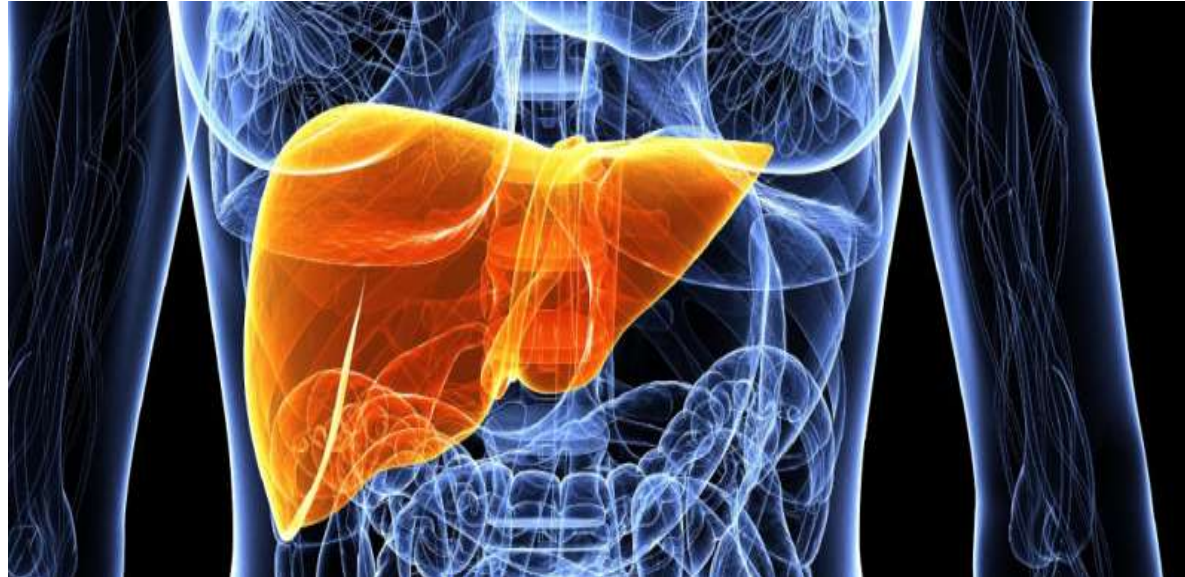


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# **LIK066, an SGLT1/2 inhibitor for the treatment of NASH**

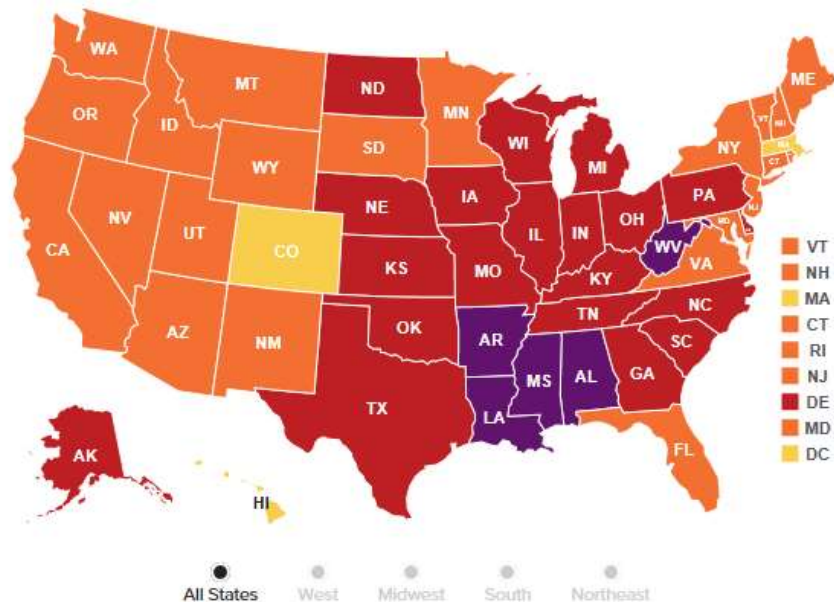
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# NASH: A global health crisis in the making

## Adult Obesity Rate by State, 2016

Percent of obese adults (Body Mass Index of 30+)

0 - 9.9% 10 - 14.9% 15 - 19.9% 20 - 24.9% 25 - 29.9% 30 - 34.9% 35%+

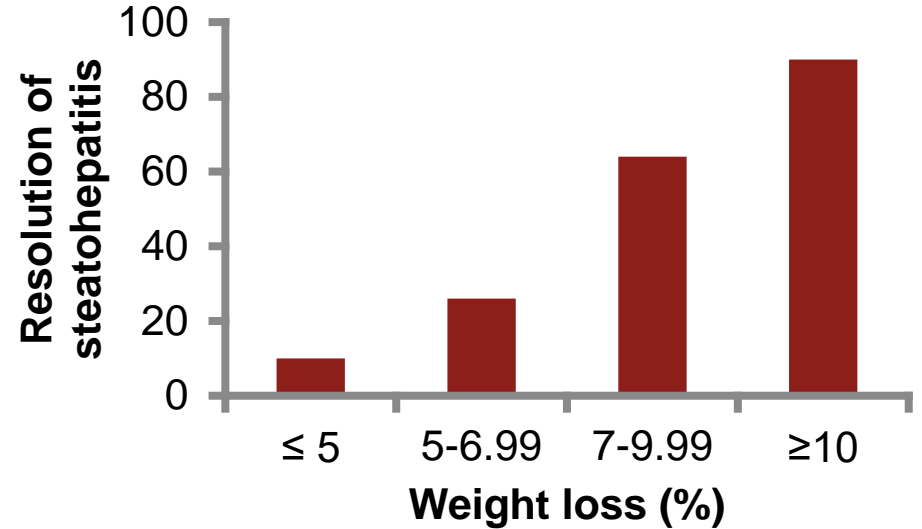
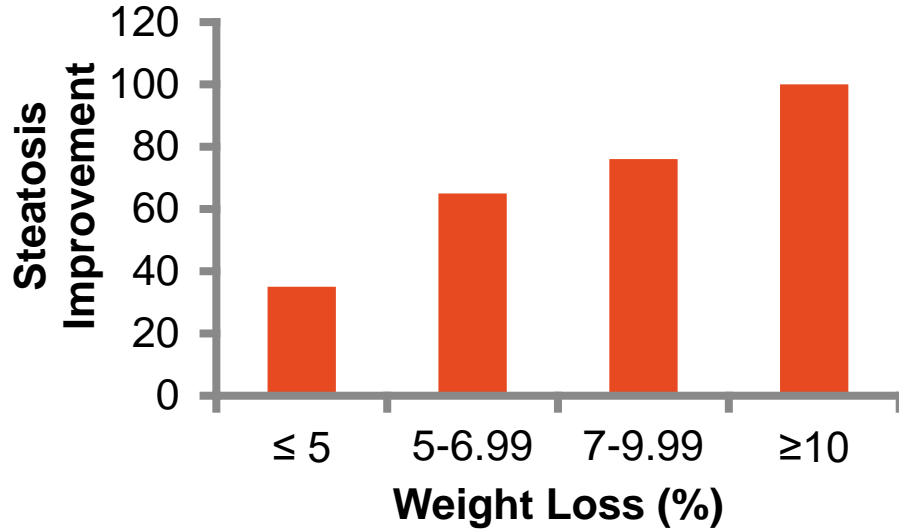


- Prevalence of NASH is increasing with rising prevalence of obesity
- NASH is expected to be the leading cause of liver transplantation by 2020
- ~65 million with NAFLD now, 100 million by 2030
- 16.5 million now with NASH, 27 million by 2030

Wree et al, *Nat. Rev. Gastroenterol. Hepatol.* 2013  
Estes et al, *Hepatology* 2017

<http://healthyamericans.org/reports/stateofobesity2017/>

# Weight loss improves NASH histology after 52 weeks of lifestyle modification



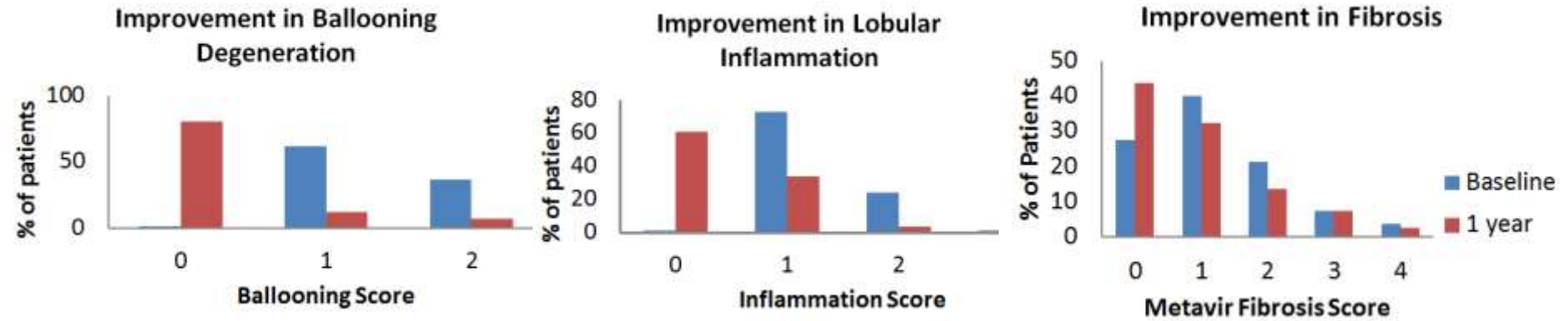
- 5% weight loss improved steatosis
- 7% weight loss improved hepatocellular ballooning
- 10% weight loss needed for fibrosis improvement

Vilar-Gomez E, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2015



# Bariatric surgery improves histologic NASH

*Bariatric surgery improves histology after 1 year*



- All aspects of histologic NASH improved
- ALT and insulin resistance improved
- Patients without improvement of NASH had lower weight loss

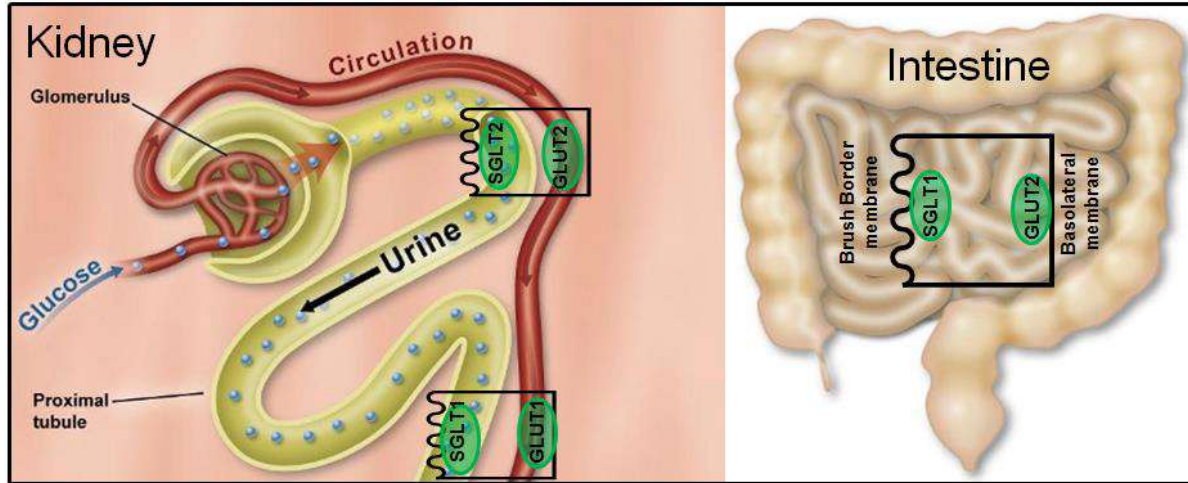
Lassailly, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2015

# Therapies that impact co-morbidities associated with NASH will be essential

- Obesity, T2D and metabolic syndrome are associated with NASH
- Liver related death is not the leading cause of death in NASH\*
  - Cardiovascular
  - Non-liver cancer
  - Cirrhosis complication
  - HCC
- Therapies that decrease body weight, improve insulin resistance and potentially decrease lipotoxicity should have favorable impact on NASH
  - An SGLT1/2 inhibitor is expected to affect multiple aspects of NASH

\*Angulo et al, *Gastroenterology* 2015

# Effects of SGLT1/2 in kidney and gut

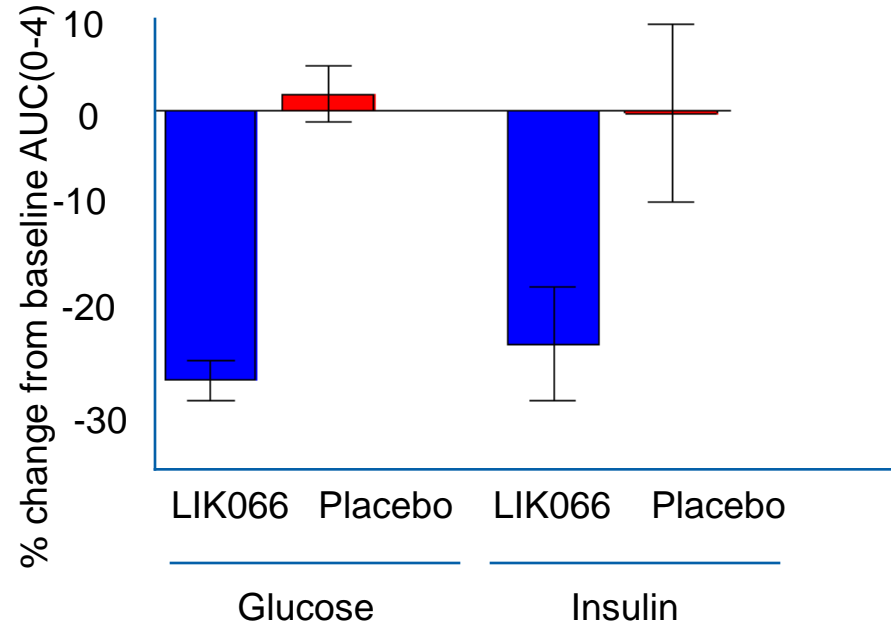
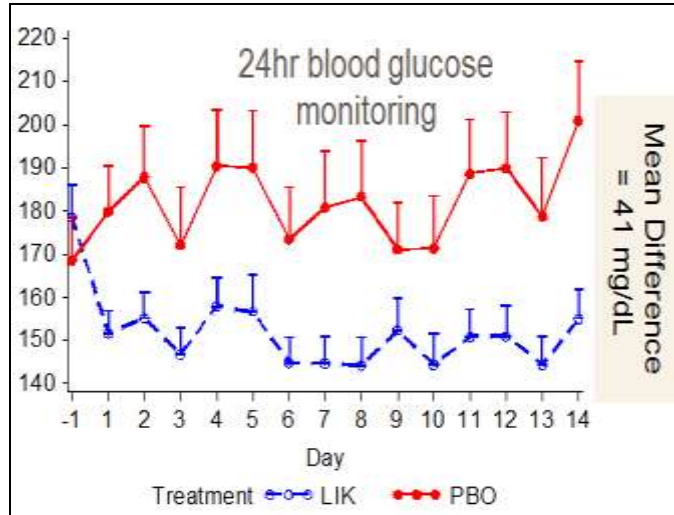


LIK066 blocks absorption of filtered glucose by **SGLT1 and SGLT2 in the kidney**, resulting in increased loss of glucose through the urine over SGLT2i

LIK066 also inhibits **intestinal SGLT1** which delays intestinal glucose absorption and stimulates distal L and K cells to release incretin hormones which modulate insulin action.

LIK066 should produce superior glycemic control compared to selective SGLT2 inhibition through combined renal and gut effects

# LIK066 improves blood glucose in diabetic patients



- LIK066 also increases post meal levels of GLP-1 in T2D patients



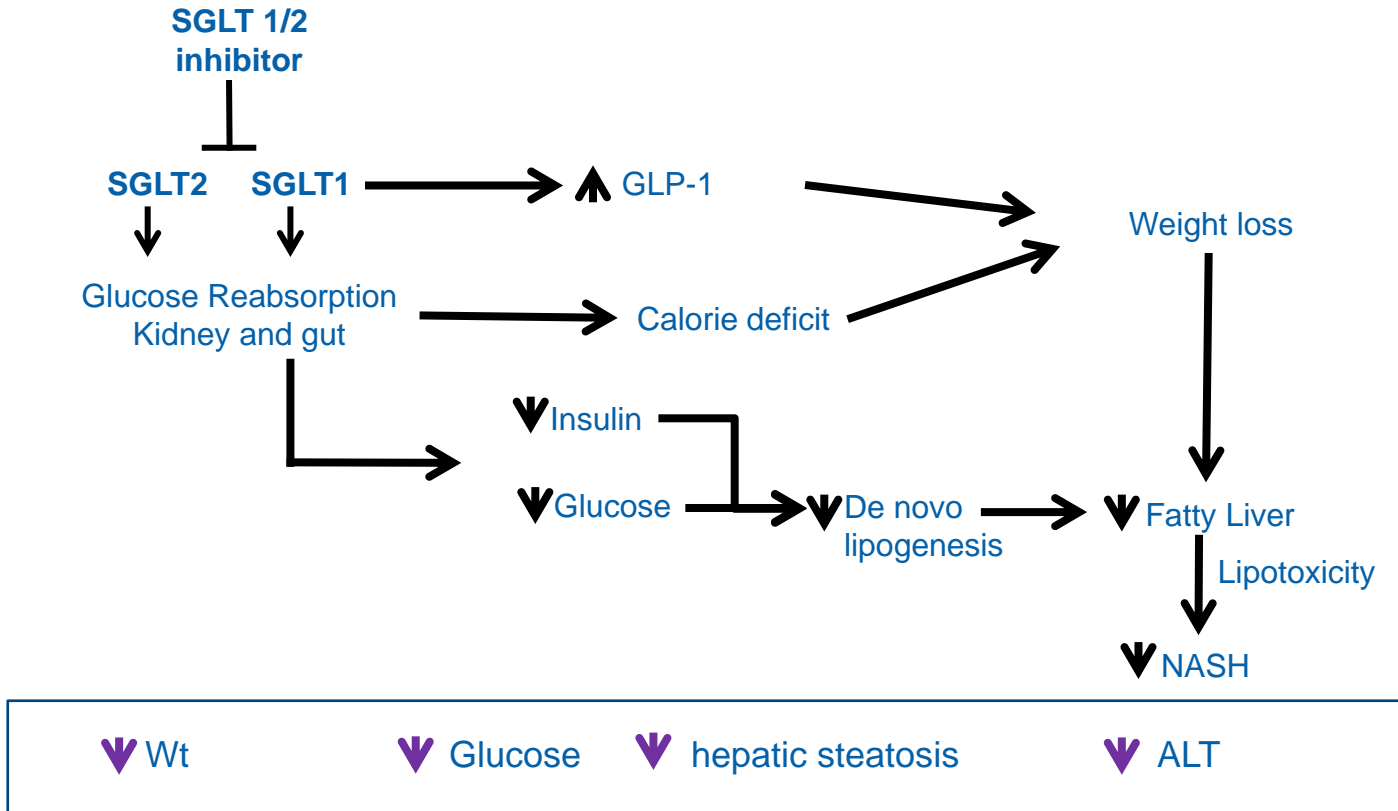
# LIK066 improves multiple metabolic parameters in dysglycemic patients over 12 weeks

Variable	Change
Body Weight	-6.83 %
Waist Circumference	-6.95 cm
HbA1c	-0.43 %
Fasting Glucose	-14.5 mg/dL

- Placebo-subtracted change from baseline at 12 weeks.



# Hypothesis: LIK066 could improve multiple aspects of NASH



# LIK066X2204 PoC Study Design

## Study population

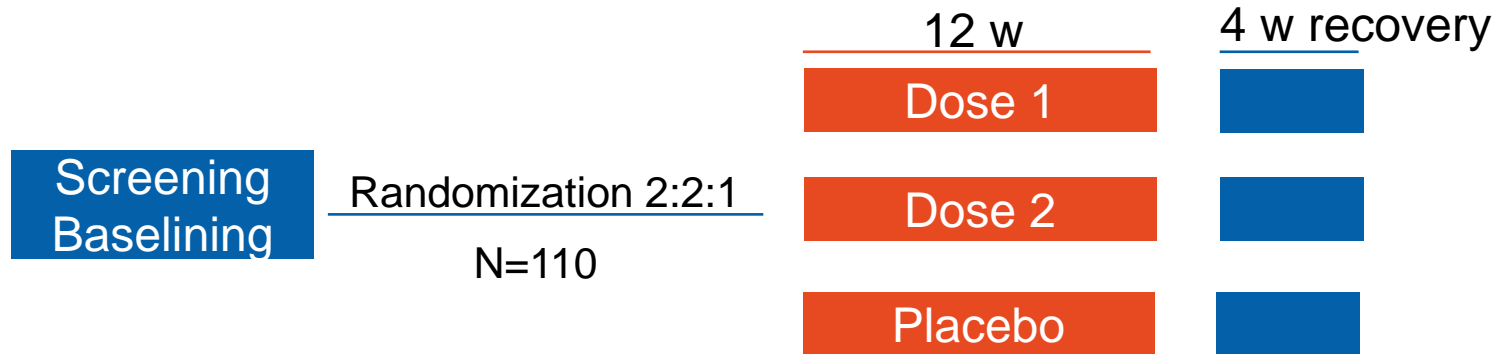
- Men, women age: >18 y with either of the following
- BMI:  $\geq 27$  (non-Asian) or  $\geq 23$  (Asian)
- ALT  $\geq 50$  (men),  $\geq 35$  (women)
- T2D with HbA1c  $\geq 6.5$

OR

- Prior liver bx c/w NASH with ALT  $\geq 50$  (men);  $\geq 35$  (women)

## Key Endpoints

- 1° ALT
- 2° Safety/tolerability, liver fat by PDFF, body weight, ELF and components, AST



**NCT03205150: Results expected 2019**

# Summary

- Therapies that impact co-morbidities associated with NASH are likely to be beneficial in management of NASH patients
- LIK066, a potent SGLT1/2 inhibitor lowers blood glucose and insulin and increases post prandial incretin levels
- LIK066 leads to a marked decrease in body weight
- The beneficial metabolic effects may translate to significant impact on NASH
- A proof of concept study (NCT03205150) on patients with a phenotype suggestive of NASH is currently in progress

**Thank you**