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Gender differences and hydration status in obese subjects treated with liraglutide (Preliminary data)

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BACKGROUND



Among the drugs approved for the treatment of obesity, **liraglutide** (a GLP-1 analogue) is one that is showing the best efficacy in terms of weight loss.

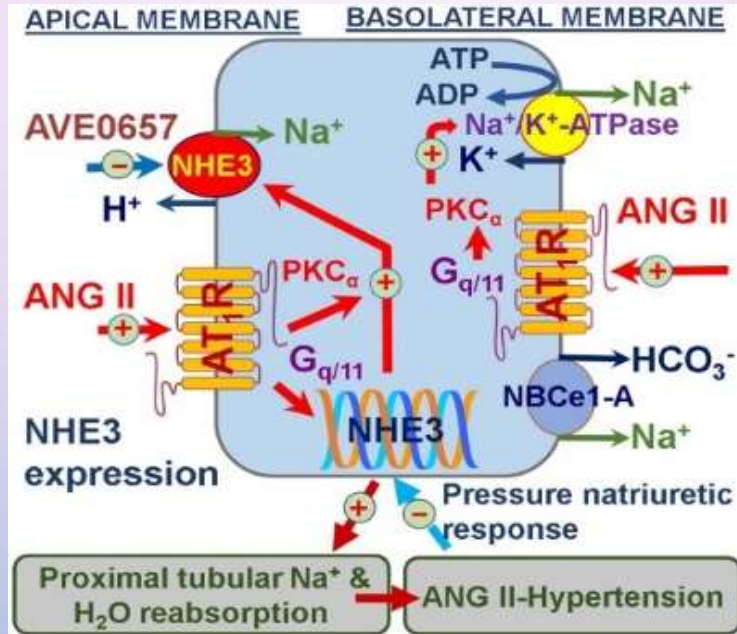
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Mechanisms mediating the diuretic and natriuretic actions of the incretin hormone glucagon-like peptide-1

Renato O. Crajoinas et al., 2011

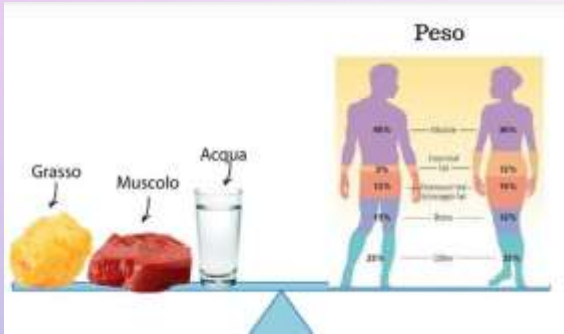
Studies in animal models have shown an inhibitory effect of GLP-1 on tubular Na^+/H^+ (NH3) exchanger isoform 3 resulting in increased **natriuresis** and **diuresis**.

BACKGROUND



Inhibition of NH₃ seems to be due to **increased intracellular cAMP accumulation, PKA activation, and phosphorylation of the exchanger's COOH-terminal region** at the PKA consensus sites, serines 552 and 605.

AIM OF THE STUDY



Currently, there are still insufficient data in humans about the effects of GLP-1 analogs on **body composition** (BC) changes during weight loss and possible **gender differences**.



The aim of our study is to evaluate any gender differences in the **hydration status** of subjects with obesity treated with liraglutide



STUDY DESIGN

27 Ob subjects (Table 1)

Attending at Outpatients Clinic of the I.P. "Diet Therapy in transplantation, renal failure and chronic pathology", University of Naples Federico II

Group A

(Treated for 3 months with daily s.c. liraglutide 3mg/dl + Mediterranean hypocaloric diet)

Males

Females

Group B

(Treated for 3 months with Mediterranean hypocaloric diet)

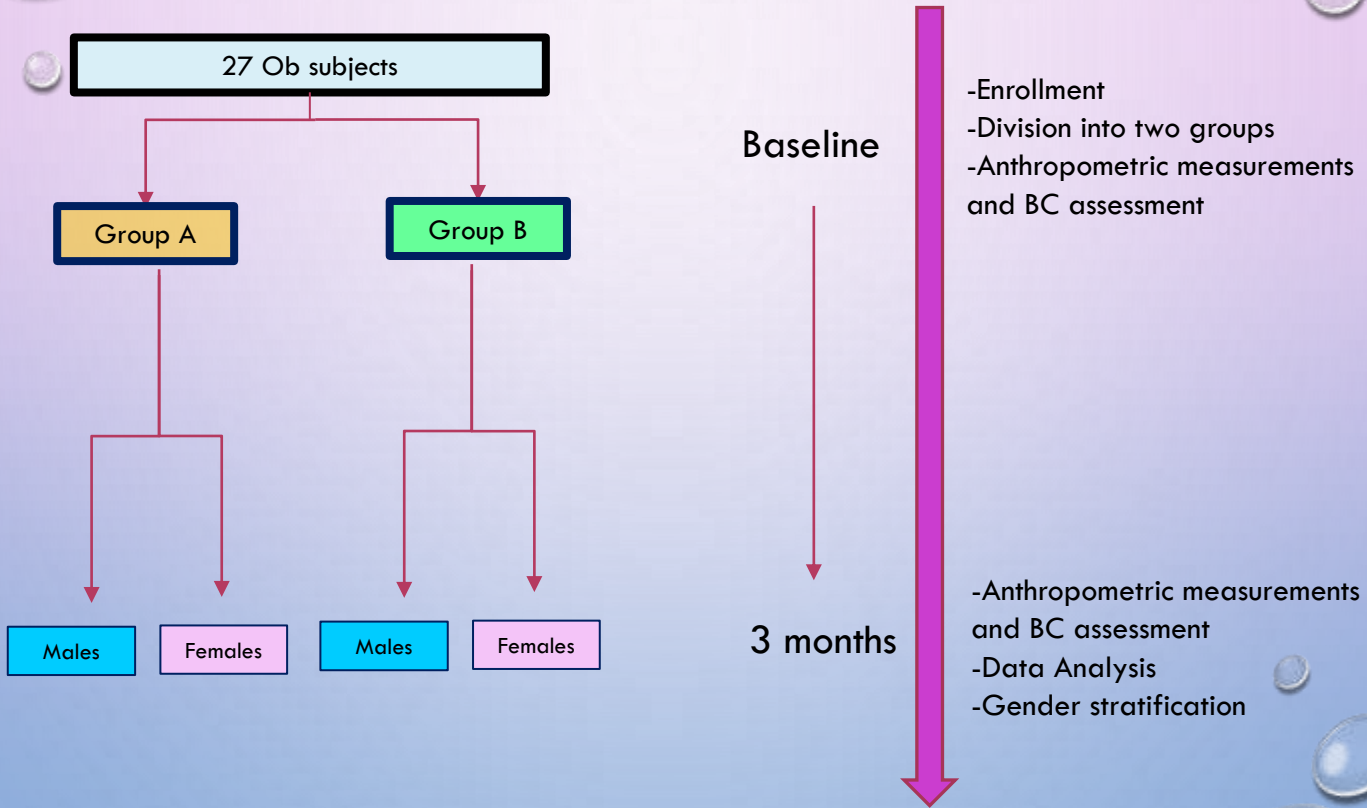
Males

Females

27 Ob	Group A (n° 13)	Group B (n° 14)
Age (ys)	42,8 ± 8,9	43,4 ± 8,9
Gender (n° M)	6	5
Weight (Kg)	127,7 ± 35,0	128,2 ± 34,3
BMI (Kg/m ²)	45,8 ± 10,0	46,0 ± 10,3
WC (cm)	130,7 ± 16,9	126,6 ± 14,8

Table 1. Study population

TIMELINE



MATERIALS AND METHODS

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Discriminating between body fat and fluid changes in the obese adult using bioimpedance vector analysis

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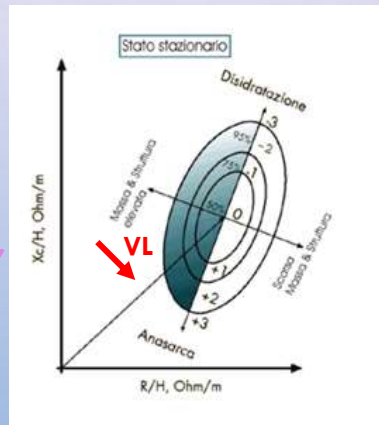
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REVIEW

Bioelectrical impedance vector analysis (BIVA) for the assessment of two-compartment body composition

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Conventional bioimpedance analysis (BIA) applied to any condition in which there is a violation of the assumption of constant tissue hydration (73%), such as **Obesity**, propagates prediction errors. So, the direct use of raw electrical data obtained from BIA analysis through bioelectrical impedance vector analysis (**BIVA**) was proposed and employed in the study



Hydration status was assessed by measuring the **length of the vector (VL)** along the longitudinal axis of the BIVA graph ($p < 0,05$, i.e. significant Hotelling's T2 test)

RESULTS

After 3 months, the mean Δ BMI% in Group A and Group B was 5.72% and 5.61%, respectively, with **no statistical significance** when compared with each other (Group A vs Group B $p > 0.05$).

In Group A, there was a **significant increase in Vector Length (VL)** after *3 months* of treatment compared to the *Baseline* ($p < 0.05$) (**Figure 1**), assessed from BIVA.

Unconfirmed finding in Group B

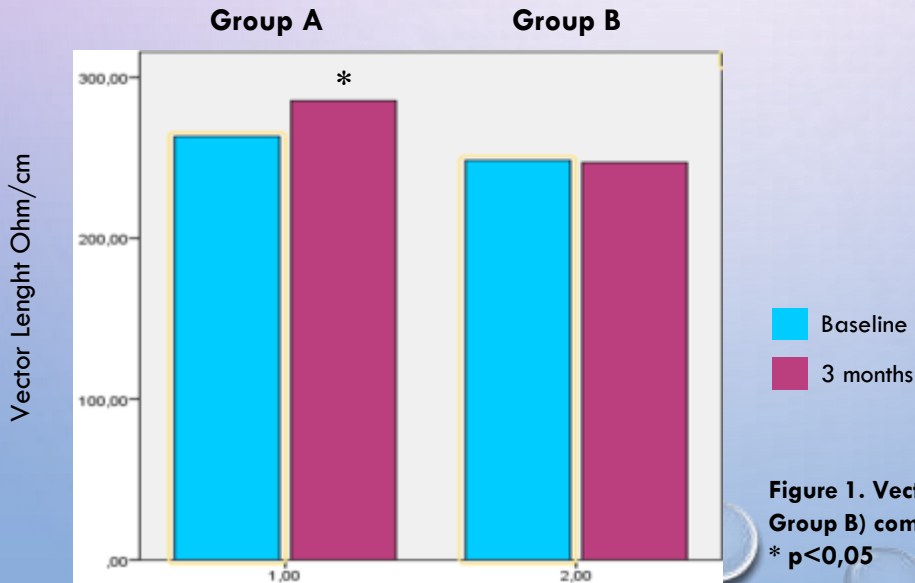


Figure 1. Vector length in the two groups (Group A and Group B) comparing after 3 months vs Baseline
* $p < 0,05$

RESULTS

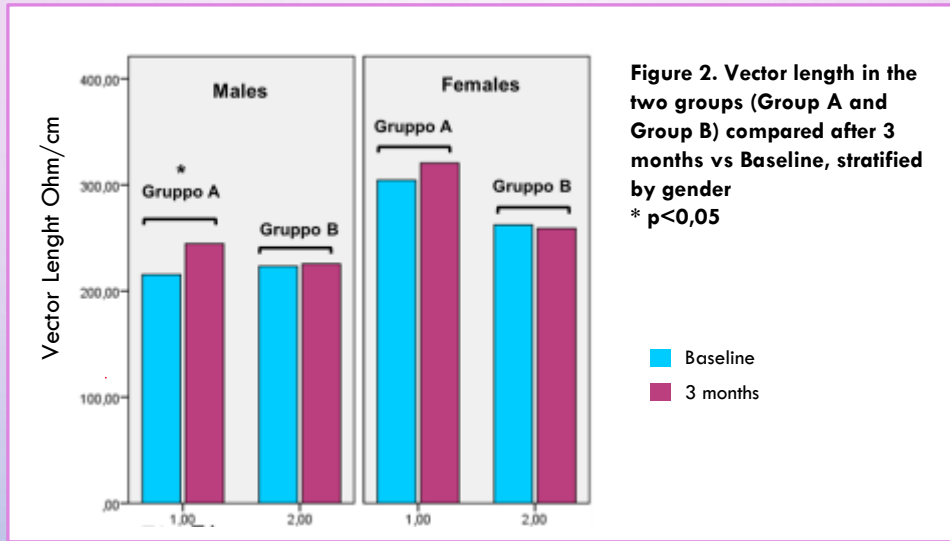
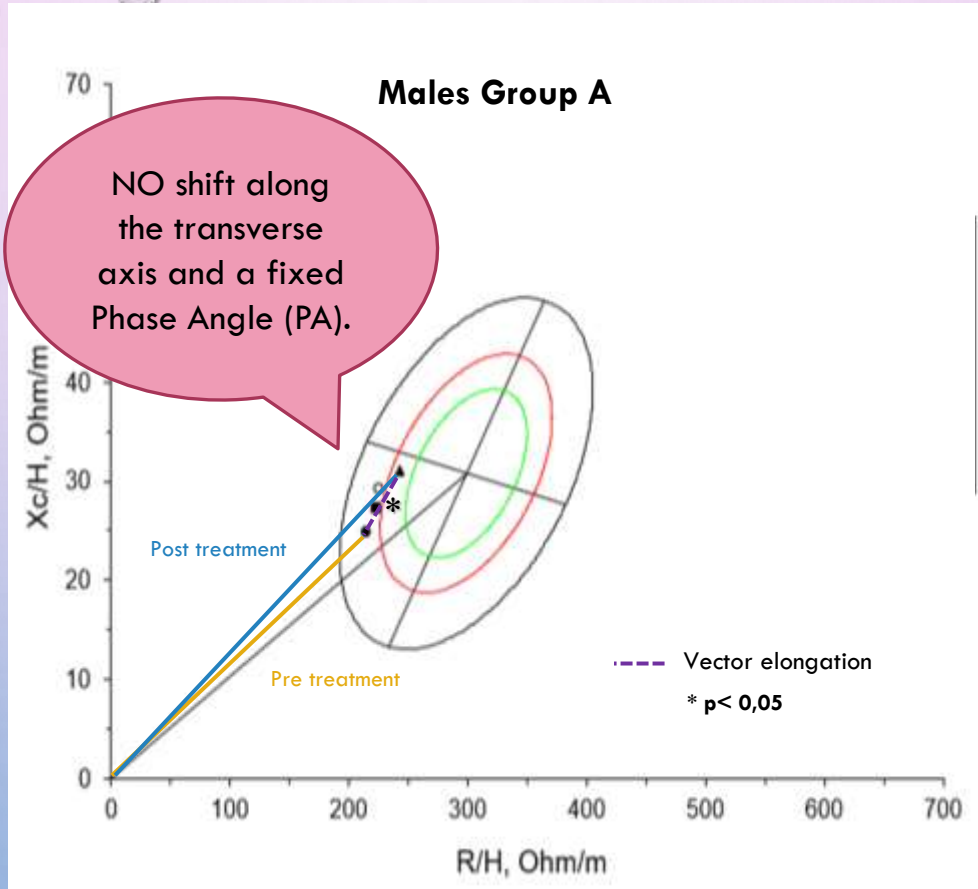


Figure 2. Vector length in the two groups (Group A and Group B) compared after 3 months vs Baseline, stratified by gender
* $p < 0,05$

The two groups stratified by gender showed a **significant increase in VL** after **3 months** of treatment compared to the *Baseline* only in *men* (244.6 vs 215.3, $p < 0.05$) **belonging to Group A.**

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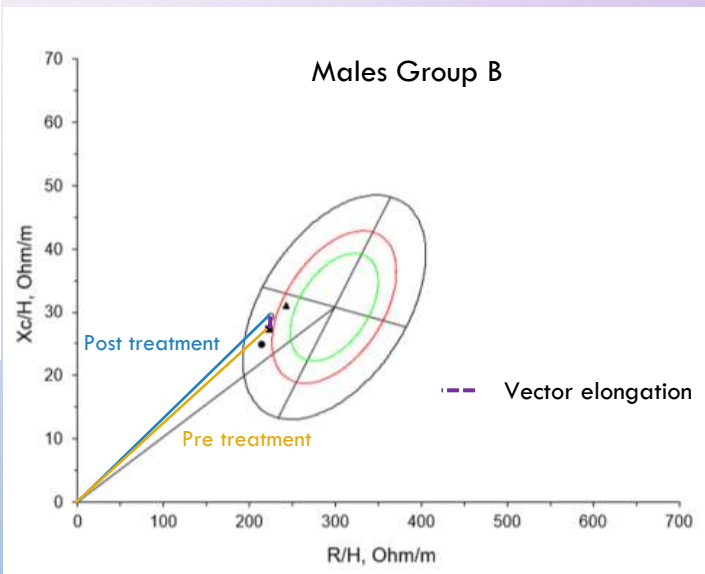
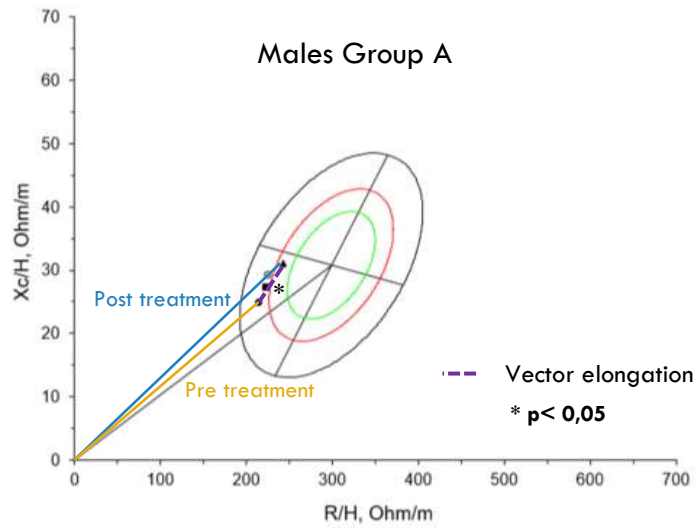


Figure 3A. BIVA after gender stratification, in Males.

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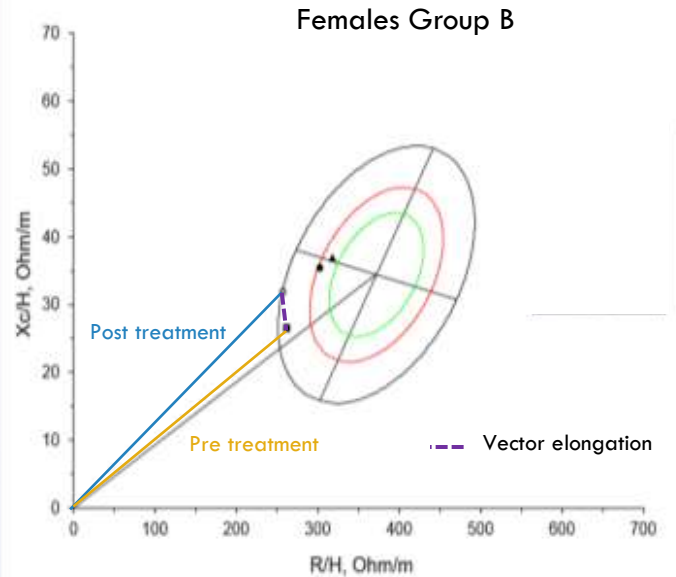
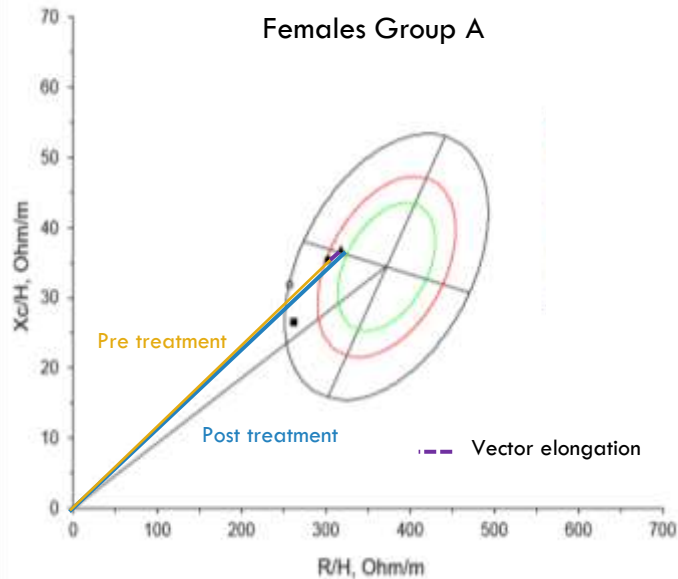
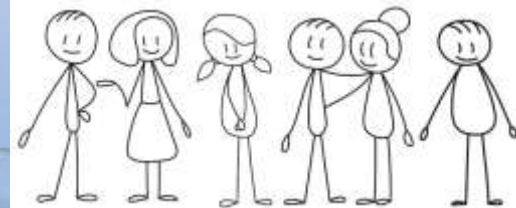


Figure 3B. BIVA after gender stratification, in Females

CONCLUSIONS

While taking into account the small sample size, our results confirm data in the literature and suggest a **gender-specific diuretic effect of liraglutide**, used for the treatment of obesity.

The ***diuretic effect*** could be inferred from a change in ECW (Vector elongation) without worsening BCM (Phase Angle fixity)



CONCLUSIONS

Comments

Assuming that most of the animal model studies on this topic have been performed on male animals...(Possible Bias?)

Hormonal factors could be involved in the observed gender differences

We expect to confirm these preliminary results in a larger sample.
Our intention is to expand the sample size to go deeper in this research





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