Semaglutide and Tirzepatide in Type 2 Diabetes: Patient Characteristics and Weight-Related Outcomes in the Real-World Setting



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BACKGROUND

- Semaglutide and tirzepatide are two treatments used to manage blood glucose levels in patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and have also been approved for weight loss.¹
- While efficacy and safety profiles of these treatments have been established in clinical trials, patient characteristics and effectiveness in treatment of T2D in the real-world setting are not well understood.

OBJECTIVES

• The objective of this research was to characterize type 2 diabetes (T2D) patients initiating semaglutide and tirzepatide and to describe subsequent weight loss and change in body mass index (BMI) in the real-world setting.

METHODS

- Electronic health records from 6 integrated delivery networks within the OMNY Health real-world data platform from 2017 to 2024 were accessed.
- Patients were included if they ever had a diagnosis code for T2D, initiated semaglutide or tirzepatide, had an assessment of weight or BMI at treatment initiation, and had at least 1 follow-up assessment.
- Weight status at treatment initiation was categorized using BMI per international guidelines as follows²:
 - < 18.5: Underweight</p>
 - 18.5 to < 25: Healthy weight
 - 25 to < 30: Overweight
 - 30 or above: Obese
- The following weight-related outcomes were evaluated at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months after treatment initiation:
 - Change in absolute weight
 - Change to a healthier BMI category (e.g., obese to overweight, overweight to healthy weight, etc.)

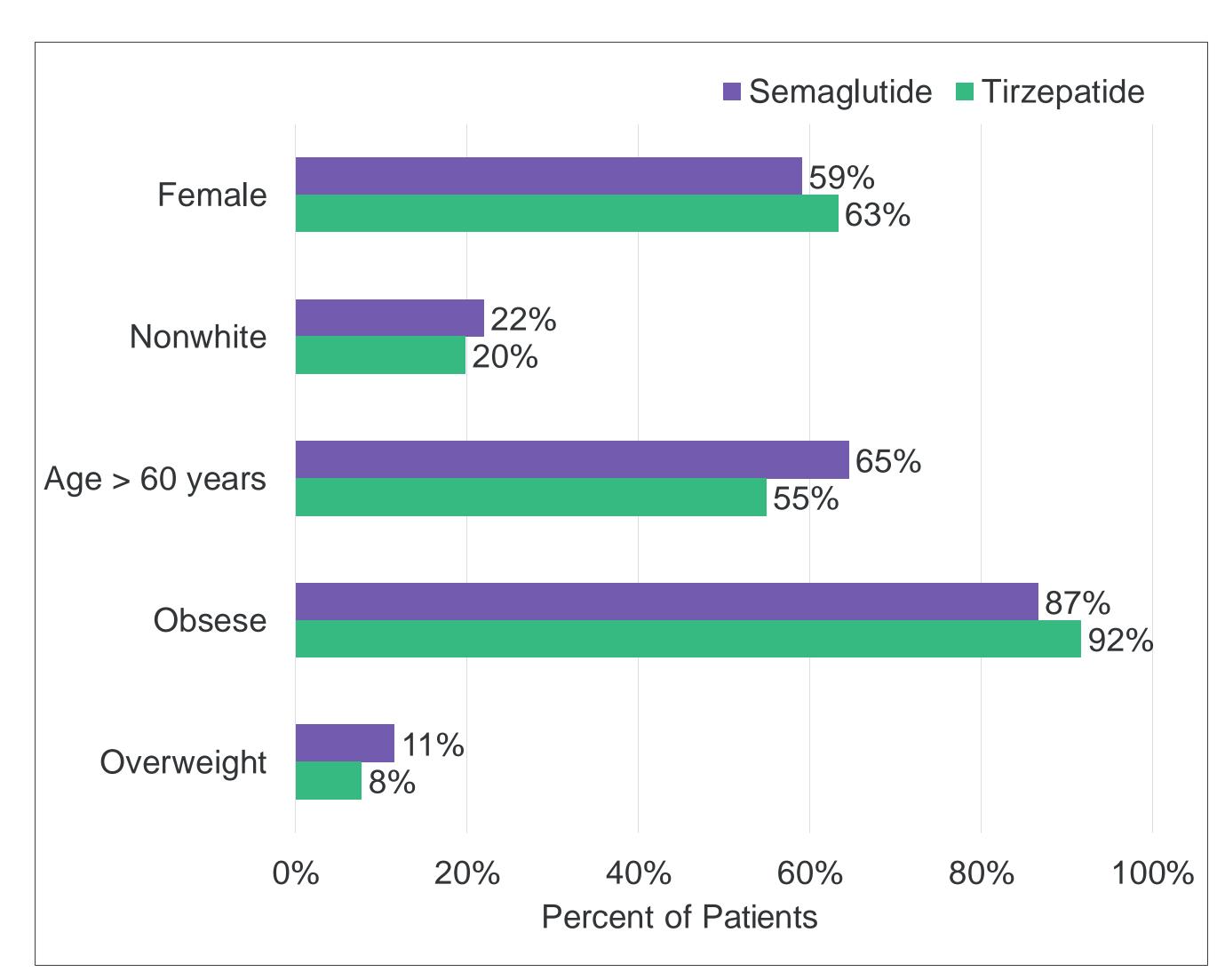
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RESULTS

- Of over 1.5 million T2D patients:
 - 148,687 had a prescription for either semaglutide or tirzepatide
 - 99,026 had a weight or BMI assessment at treatment initiation
 - 13,053 (10,530 semaglutide, 2,523 tirzepatide) had at least 1 follow-up assessment that occurred at the 3-, 6-, 9-, and/or 12-month mark (+/- 1 month)
- Patient characteristics at baseline are summarized in Figure 1:
 - Distributions of gender (60% female) and race (22% nonwhite)
 were similar between semaglutide and tirzepatide patients.
 - A higher proportion of semaglutide patients were ages > 60 years (65% vs. 55%)
 - At treatment initiation, 88% of patients were obese, and 11% were overweight.

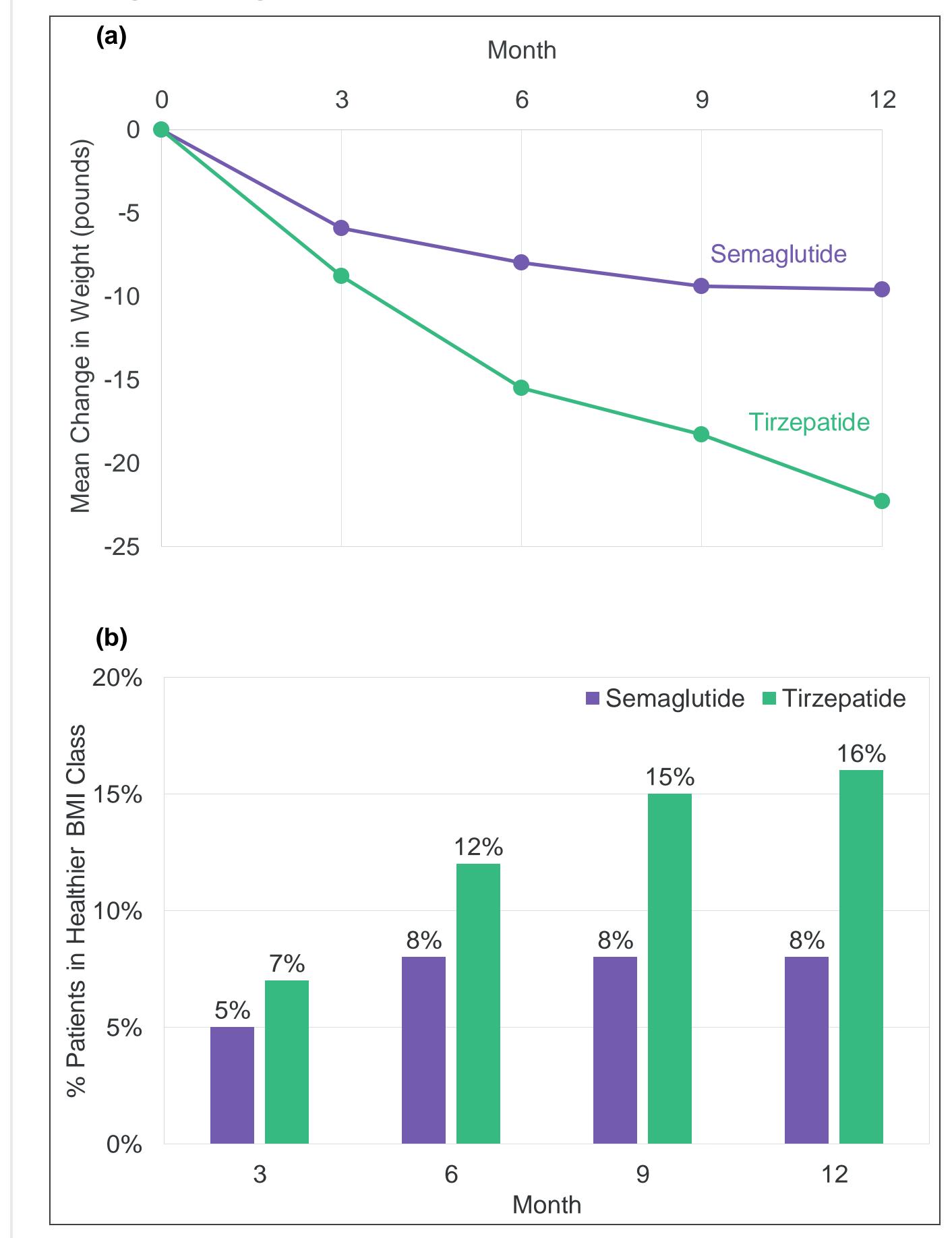
Figure 1: Patient Characteristics at Treatment Initiations



Note: Percentages were based on non-missing data.

- Weight-related outcomes are summarized in Figure 2:
- Mean weight loss (semaglutide/tirzepatide) from treatment initiation was 6.6 (5.9/8.8), 9.5 (8.0/15.5), 10.7 (9.4/18.3), and 11.2 (9.6/22.3) pounds at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months, respectively.
- Proportions of patients classified into a healthier weight class (semaglutide/tirzepatide) were 6% (5%/7%), 8% (8%/12%), 9% (8%/15%), and 9% (8%/16%) at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months, respectively.

Figure 2: Weight-Related Outcomes in Patient Population (a) Change in Weight, (b) Classification into Healthier BMI Class



DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

- Results provide a descriptive insight into the T2D patient experience in the real-world setting.
- Future analyses may include multivariable and/or propensity score analyses for formal treatment comparison.

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