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# NASH and Alzheimer's disease



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Purpose and sustainability (ESG)	<ul> <li>Progress towards zero environmental impact</li> <li>Being respected for adding value to society</li> <li>Being recognised as a sustainable employer</li> </ul>	Innovation and therapeutic focus b	<ul> <li>Further raise the innovation-bar for diabetes treatment</li> <li>Develop a leading portfolio of superior treatment solutions for obesity</li> <li>Strengthen and progress the Rare disease pipeline</li> <li>Establish presence in Other serious chronic diseases focusing on CVD, NASH and CKD</li> </ul>
Commercial           Execution	<ul> <li>Strengthen Diabetes leadership - aim at global value market share of more than 1/3</li> <li>More than 25 billion DKK in Obesity sales by 2025</li> <li>Secure a sustained growth outlook for Rare disease</li> </ul>	Financials	<ul> <li>Deliver solid sales and operating profit growth <ul> <li>Deliver 6-10% sales growth in IO</li> <li>Transform 70% of sales in the US<sup>1</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>Drive operational efficiencies across the value chain to enable investments in future growth assets</li> <li>Deliver free cash flow to enable attractive capital allocation to shareholders</li> </ul>



### NASH and Alzheimer's disease pipeline overview

#### Establishing a presence in NASH and AD

#### NASH:

- Address an unmet need with no currently available treatment options
- Aim for effect on resolution of NASH and no worsening of fibrosis, improvement in fibrosis and no worsening in steatohepatitis

#### Alzheimer's disease:

 Opportunistic opportunity to slow clinical progression in people with early Alzheimer's disease

		2022	2023	2024	2025
	<b>FGF-21 NASH</b> Segment scope: F3-F4c		Phase 2		
(مسلم) NASH	<b>NASH – Combination with Gilead</b> (semaglutide 2.4 mg, FXR, ACC inhibitor) Segment scope: F4c patients	F	Phase 2b		
	<b>Semaglutide 2.4 mg NASH</b> Segment scope: F2-F3		Phase 3 (Part 1)		Phase 3 (Part 2)
کریج Alzheimer's disease	Oral semaglutide 14 mg in Alzheimer's disease		Phase 3	3	

#### **Pipeline overview**

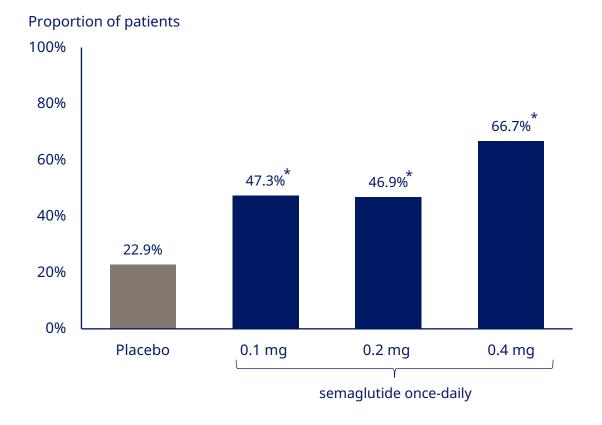


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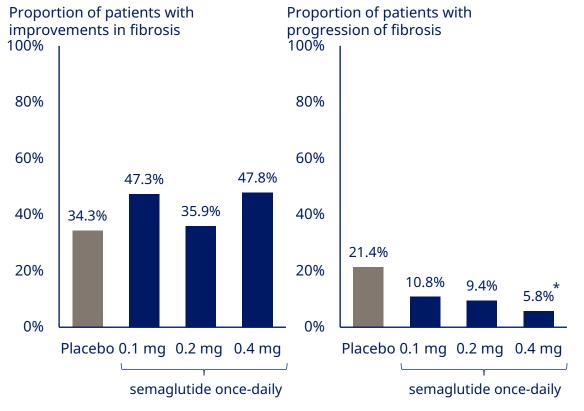
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## In phase 2, semaglutide showed significant improvements in NASH resolution

Semaglutide showed resolution of NASH with no worsening of fibrosis versus placebo in the phase 2 trial<sup>1</sup>

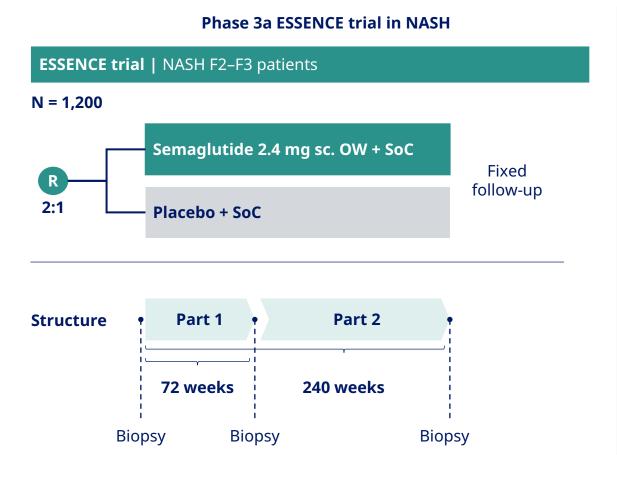


#### Semaglutide showed numerical improvements in fibrosis and fewer patients had progression of fibrosis vs placebo in phase 2 trial<sup>1</sup>



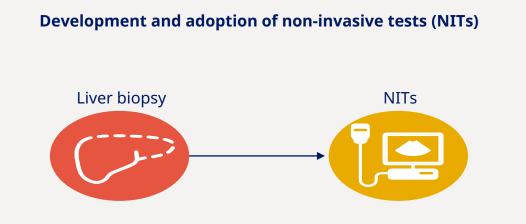
Note: \*statistically significant at 72 weeks (p<0.05 vs placebo).<sup>1</sup>Based on a complete case analysis, using people with an evaluable biopsy at end of trial. Analysis included patients with fibrosis stage 1, 2, or 3 at baseline. Data is from the semaglutide in NASH phase 2 trial. NASH: non-alcoholic steatohepatitis

## Following phase 2 data and breakthrough therapy designation, one phase 3 trial is expectedly needed for regulatory submission



Part 1	Improves liver histology vs placebo
Two	o binary histology endpoints at week 72:
	Resolution of NASH and no worsening of liver fibrosis
	• Improvement in liver fibrosis and no worsening of NASH
Part 2	Lowers the risk of liver-related clinical events vs placebo
Tim	e to first outcome (composite endpoints) at week 240:
	<ul> <li>Histological progression to cirrhosis</li> </ul>
	• Death (all cause)
	<ul> <li>Liver-induced MELD score ≥ 15</li> </ul>
	• Liver transplant
	Hepatic decompensation events
Desule	tory submission expected to be based on part 1 of the tr

## Novo Nordisk is supporting use of non-invasive tests for diagnosis



Guidelines: NITs represented in guidelines

**Practitioners:** ~80% of HCPs perform NASH diagnostics with use of various NITs, while biopsies are seldomly used

**NIT development:** Several available NITs in clinical practice. ELF test is first prognostic tool to be granted FDA *De Novo* marketing authorisation

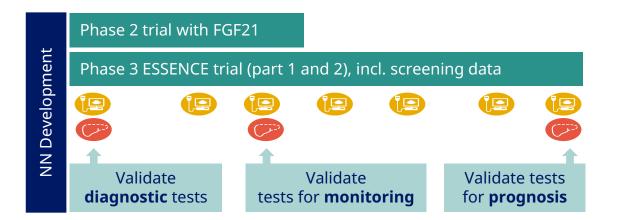
**Pharma companies:** Embedding validation of NITs in clinical trials

#### Novo Nordisk activities supporting non-invasive tests in NASH diagnosis

- Linking biomarkers and liver histology to outcomes
- Disease understanding
- Consortia
  Collabora

Real world

Collaborations with academia and other healthcare companies



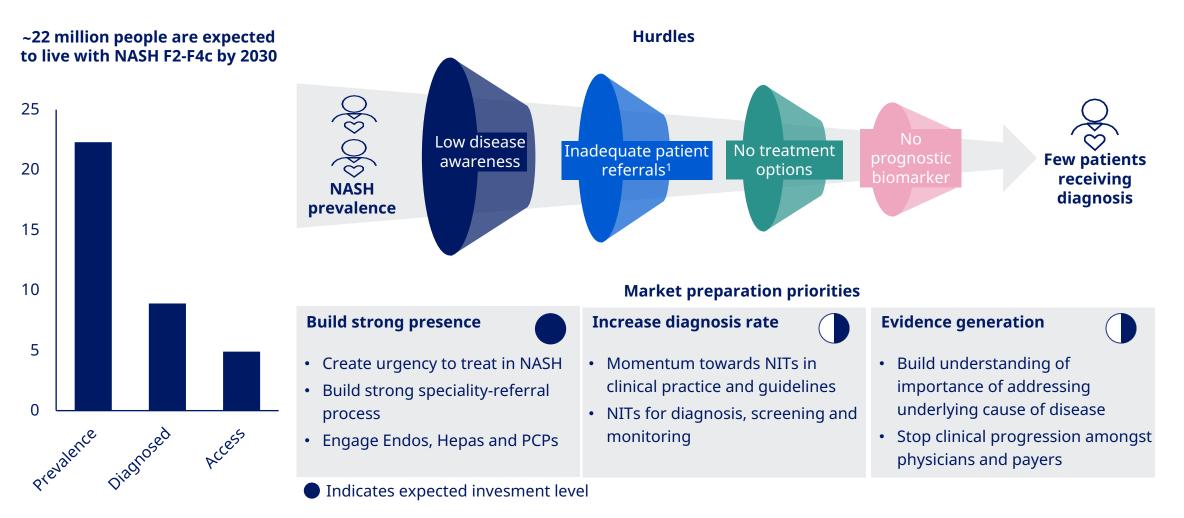
Note: FDA De Novo provides a marketing pathway to classify novel medical devices for which general controls alone, or general and special controls, provide reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness for the intended use, but for which there is no legally marketed predicate device.

NITs: Non-invasive tests; NASH: Non-alcoholic hepatitis; HCPs: Healthcare professionals; FDA: the US Food and Drug Agency; NN: Novo Nordisk; ELF: Enhanced liver fibrosis

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### NASH patient journey underscores key barriers to overcome for Novo Nordisk to be successful





## Entering phase 3 development of semaglutide in Alzheimer's disease was based on a number of data points

### J Real world evidence trials

Four RWE studies show reduced risk of dementia or AD with GLP-1

#### Danish registry<sup>1</sup>

• **11%** lower risk of dementia per year of GLP-1 exposure

#### TRUVEN claims database<sup>1</sup>

 31% lower risk of dementia after >2 years of GLP-1 exposure

#### Danish registry<sup>2</sup>

 42% lower odds of dementia after GLP-1 exposure

#### FAERS (FDA database)<sup>3</sup>

• **64%** lower odds of AD after liraglutide exposure

#### O+ ជាសិ Randomised controlled trials

**53%** lower risk of dementia diagnosis with liraglutide/semaglutide in NN's CVOTs in T2D<sup>4</sup>

**Less decline** in cerebral glucose metabolism (FDG-PET) with liraglutide in AD<sup>5</sup>

Reduced incidence of **major adverse CV** events in T2D with semaglutide incl. stroke<sup>6</sup>

Systemic anti-inflammatory effects with semaglutide  $^{7,8}\,$ 

Short-term **memory improvement** with liraglutide in people with obesity<sup>9</sup>

**Reduced cognitive decline** with dulaglutide in patients with  $T2D^{10}$ 



**Improved memory function** with GLP-1<sup>11</sup> incl. semaglutide<sup>12</sup>

Reduced phospho-tau accumulation<sup>13</sup>

**Reduced neuroinflammation** with GLP-1<sup>14,15</sup> incl. semaglutide<sup>16</sup>

**Reduced atherosclerosis** with liraglutide and semaglutide<sup>17</sup>

Systemic **anti-inflammatory** effects with semaglutide<sup>17</sup>

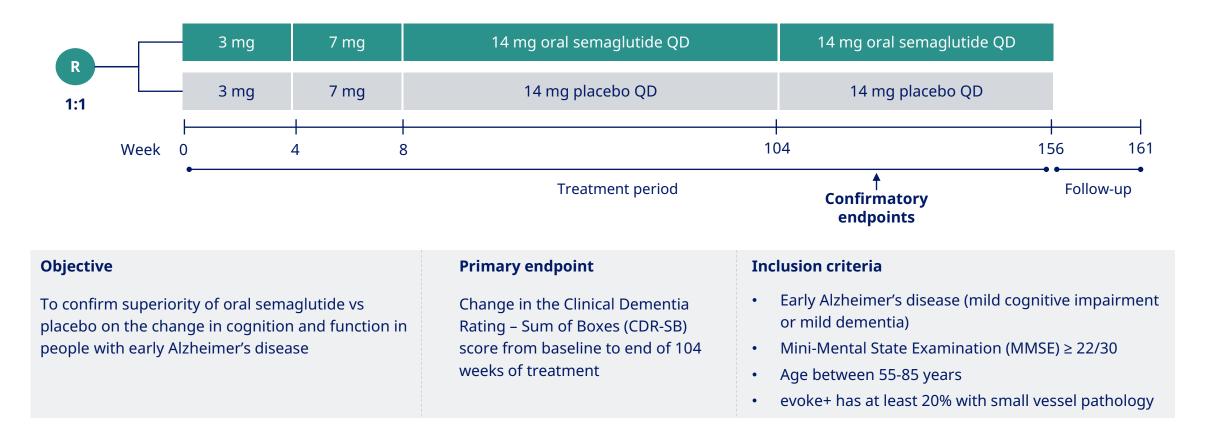
AD: Alzheimer's disease; CI: confidence interval; RWE: Real world evidence

<sup>1</sup>NN data on file, Danish register: Dementia cases based on diagnosis (ICD10) or treatment (anticholinesterases, memantine); <sup>2</sup>Wium-Andersen IK et al. Eur J Endocrinol. 2019;181(5):499-507; <sup>3</sup>Akimoto H et al. Am J Alzheimers Dis Other Demen. 2020;35:1-11; <sup>4</sup>Ballard et al. Presented online at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC), 27–31 July 2020; <sup>5</sup>Gejl M et al. Front Aging Neurosci 2016;8:108; <sup>6</sup>Husain M et al. Diabetes Obes Metab 2020;22:442–451; <sup>7</sup>Aroda VR et al. Diabetes Care 2019;42:1724–1732; <sup>8</sup>Rodbard HW et al. Diabetes Care 2019;42:2272–2281; <sup>9</sup>Valini F et al. Int J Obes (Lond) 2020;44:1254–1263; <sup>10</sup>Cukierman-Yaffe T et al. Lancet Neurol 2020;19:582–590 <sup>11</sup>Hansen HH et al. J Alzheimers Dis 2015;46:877–888; <sup>12</sup>Preliminary data in NN ongoing pre-clinical studies; <sup>13</sup>Hansen HH et al. Brain Res 2016;1634:158–170; <sup>14</sup>Brundin L et al. Nature Med 2018;24:900–902; <sup>15</sup>Yun SP et al. Nature Med 2018;24:931–938; <sup>16</sup>Secher A et al. Oral presentation at Virtual Alzheimer's Disease/Parkinson's Disease International Conference, 9–14 March 2021; <sup>17</sup>Rakipovski G et al. JACC Basic Transl Sci 2018;3:844–857



## Evoke and evoke+ trials are ongoing with expected completion in 2025

evoke and evoke+ trials have been initiated with 1,840 patients in each trial with a total of 3,680 patients

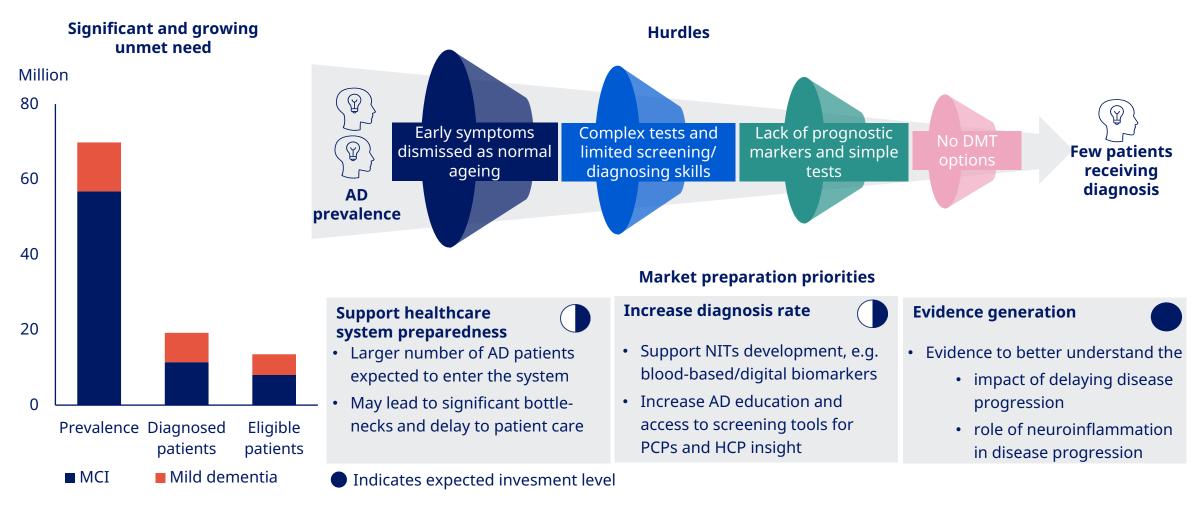


AD: Alzheimer's disease; QD: Once-daily; MCI: mild cognitive impairment; QD: once-daily.

Note: CDR-SB ratings are utilising in six domains are summed to provide a clinical measure = Sum of Boxes. These are: memory, orientation, judgment and problem solving, community affairs, home and hobbies, personal care. CDR-SB Scores range from 0 to 18 with higher scores representing greater impairment



## AD patient journey is complex and underscores key barriers to overcome for Novo Nordisk to be successful



Note: MCI and Mild dementia in the graph are both *due to AD*.

AD: Alzheimer's disease; QD: Once-daily; MCI: mild cognitive impairment; DMT: Disease-modifying treatment; PCP: primary care physicians; NITs: Non-invasive diagnostics; HCP: Healthcare professional Source: Alzheimer's Association report: 2020 Alzheimer's disease facts and figures, 2020 (16:391-460)

## **Closing remarks**

NASH and Alzheimer's disease impact millions of people globally

Too often the diseases go undiagnosed and have no or limited treatment options

Semaglutide is investigated in specific patient populations for treatment of NASH F2-F3 and MCI and mild dementia due to Alzheimer's disease



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