

Plozasiran (ARO-APOC3), an Investigational RNAi, Demonstrates Robust and Durable Triglyceride Reductions in Patients With Mixed Dyslipidemia, MUIR Final Results

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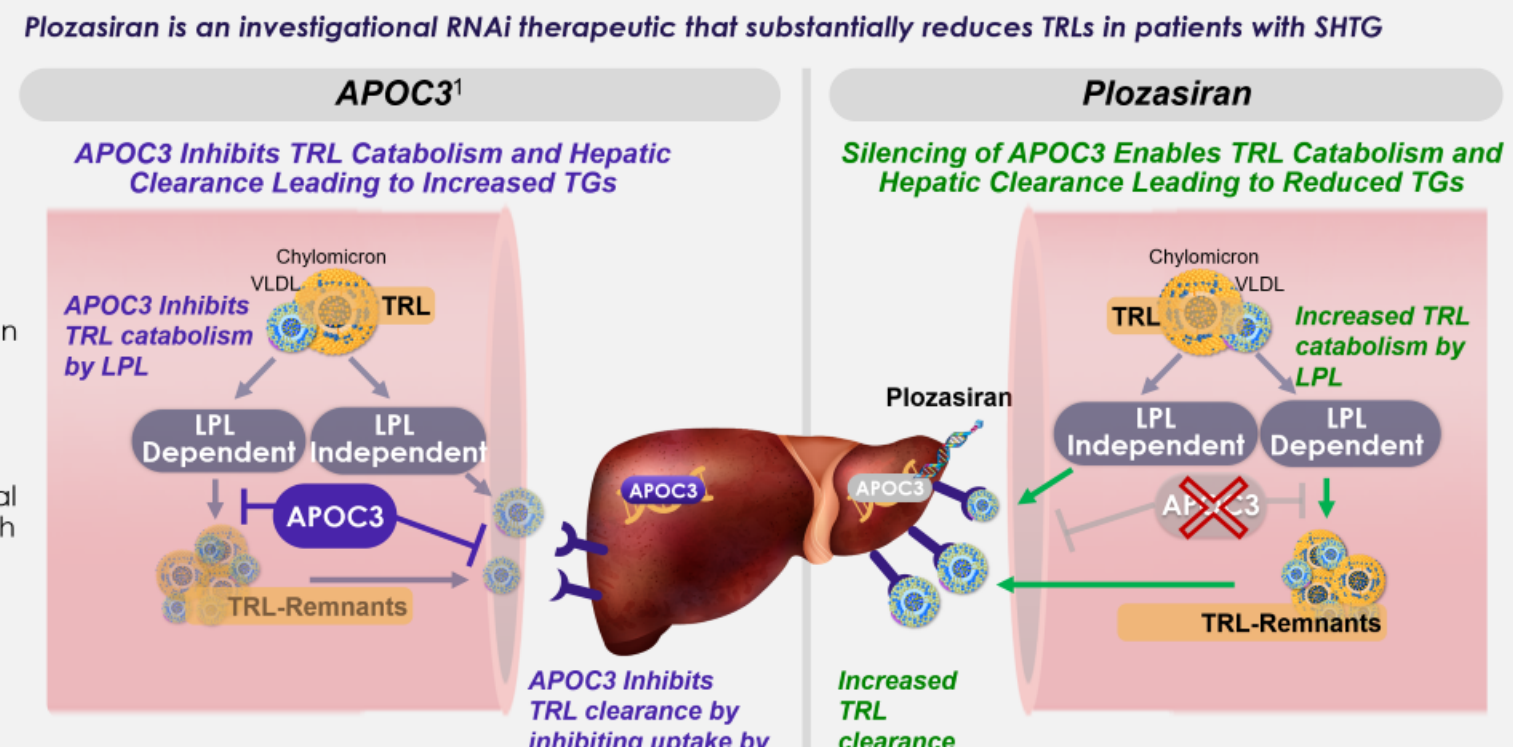
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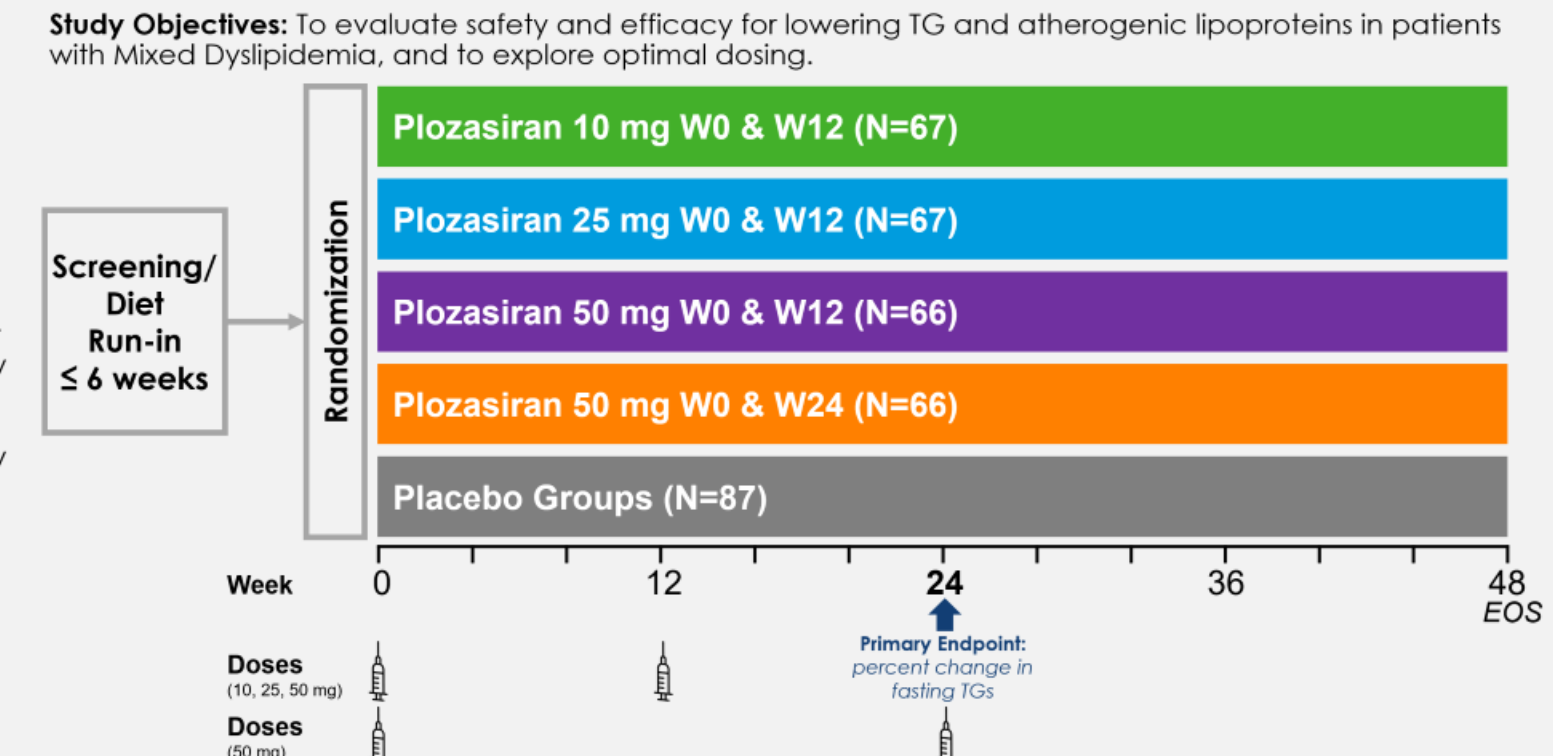


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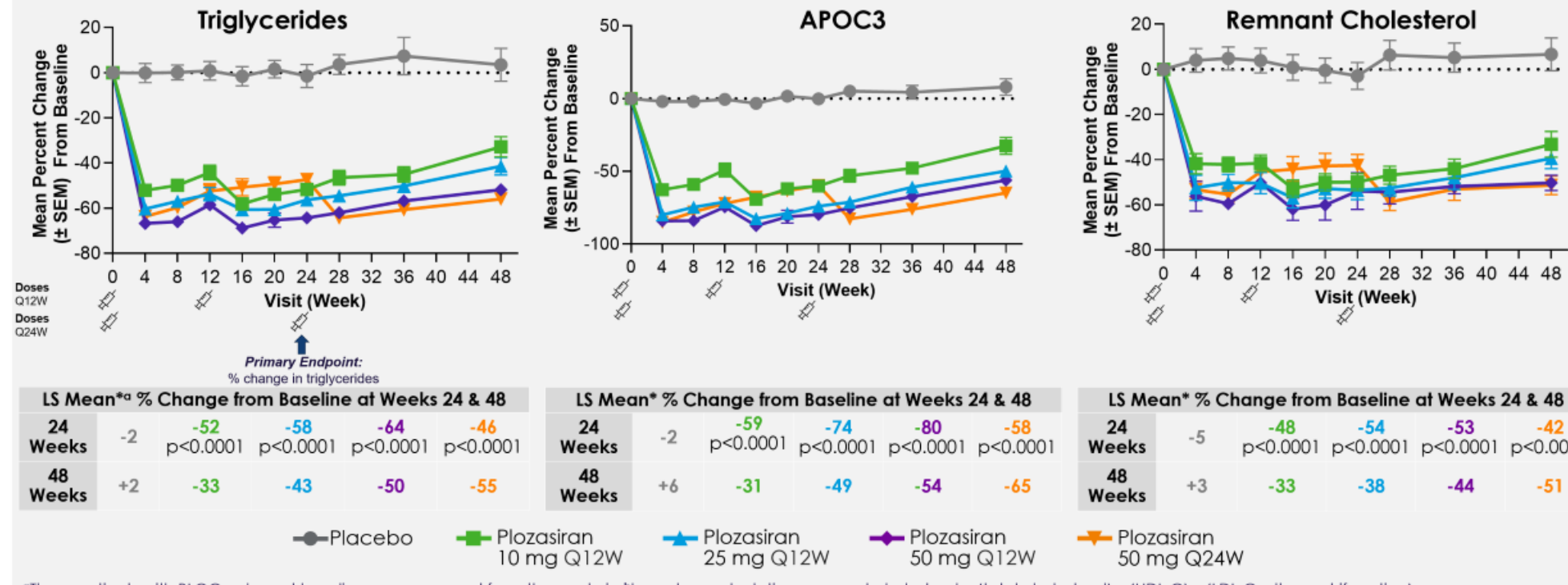
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Female, n (%)	41 (47.1)	31 (46.3)	30 (44.8)	29 (43.9)	23 (34.8)
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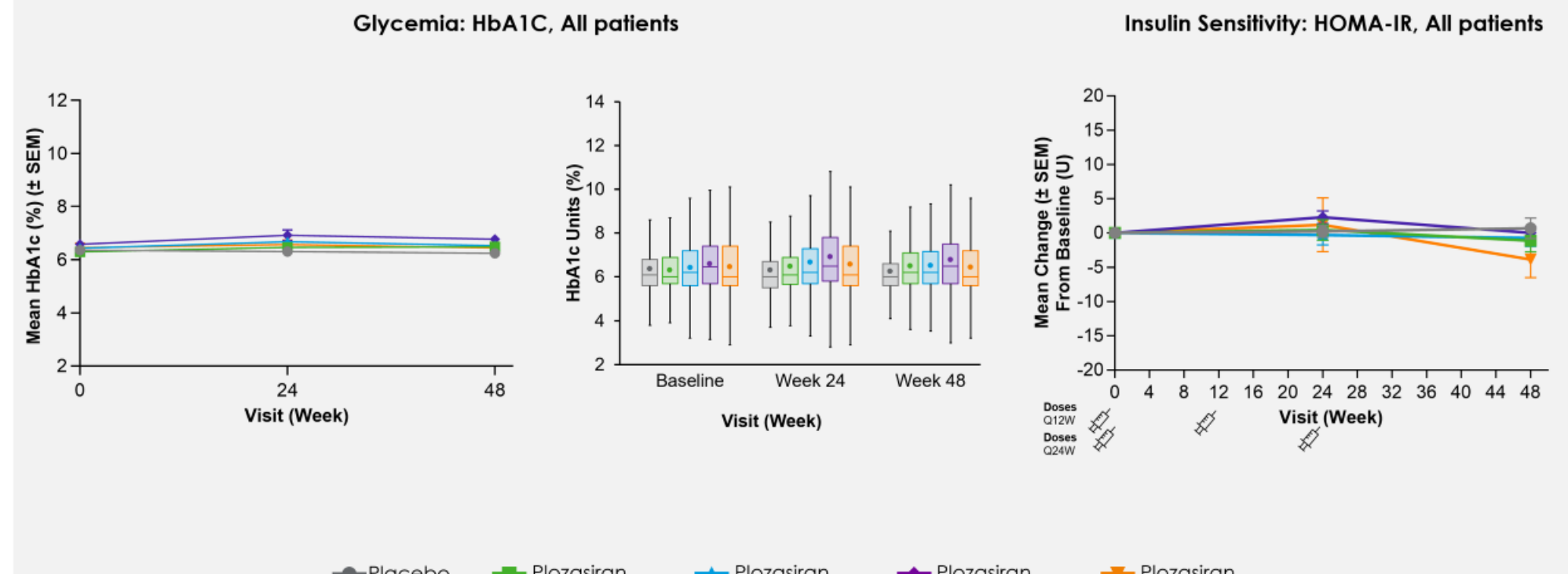
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Measurements of Glycemia and Insulin Sensitivity



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CONCLUSIONS

- By silencing APOC3, plozasiran significantly reduced TGs and atherogenic triglyceride rich lipoproteins, across all dose levels at Week 24 in patients with mixed dyslipidemia
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- We would like to thank the patients and caregivers who participated in this study

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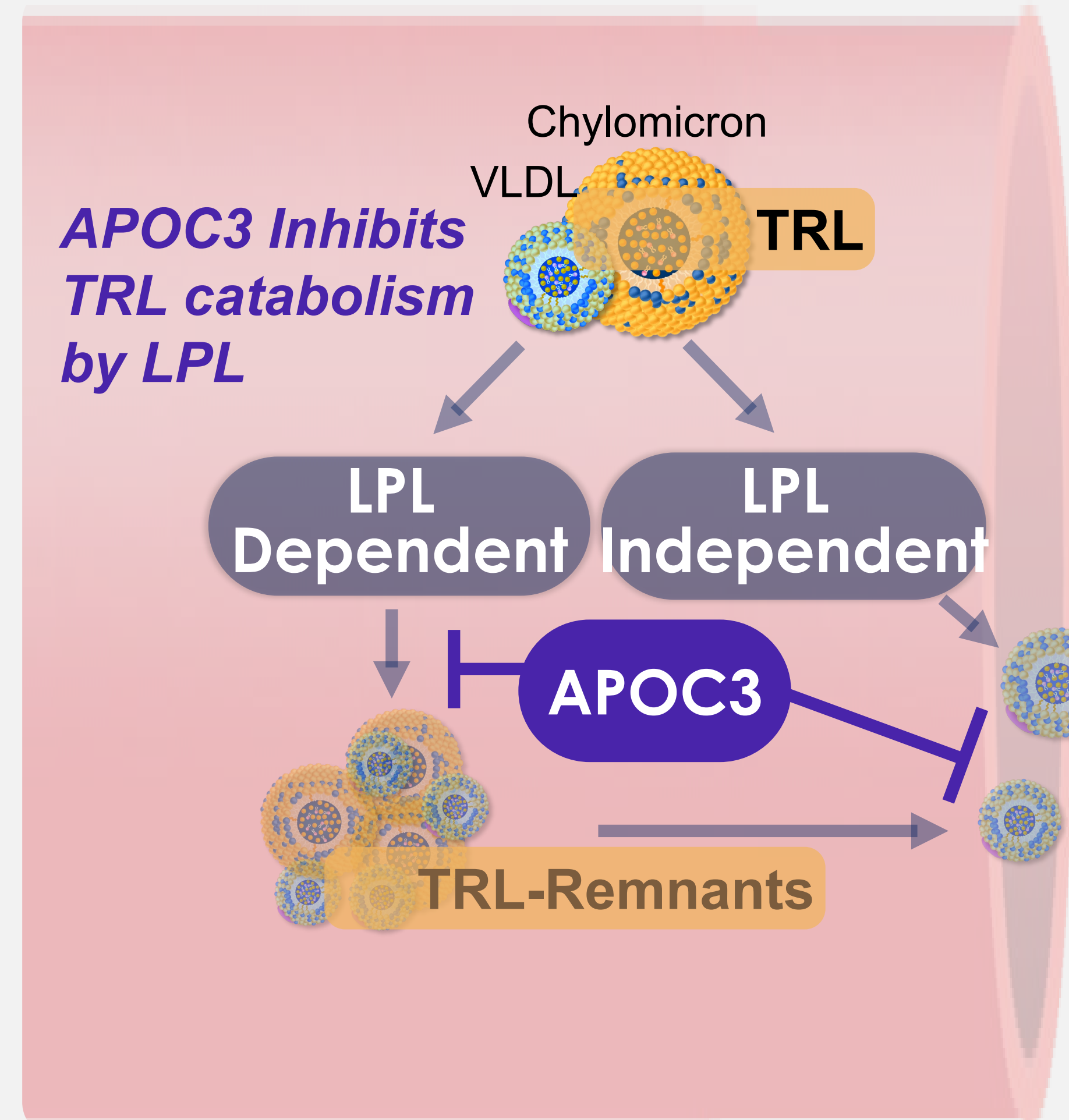
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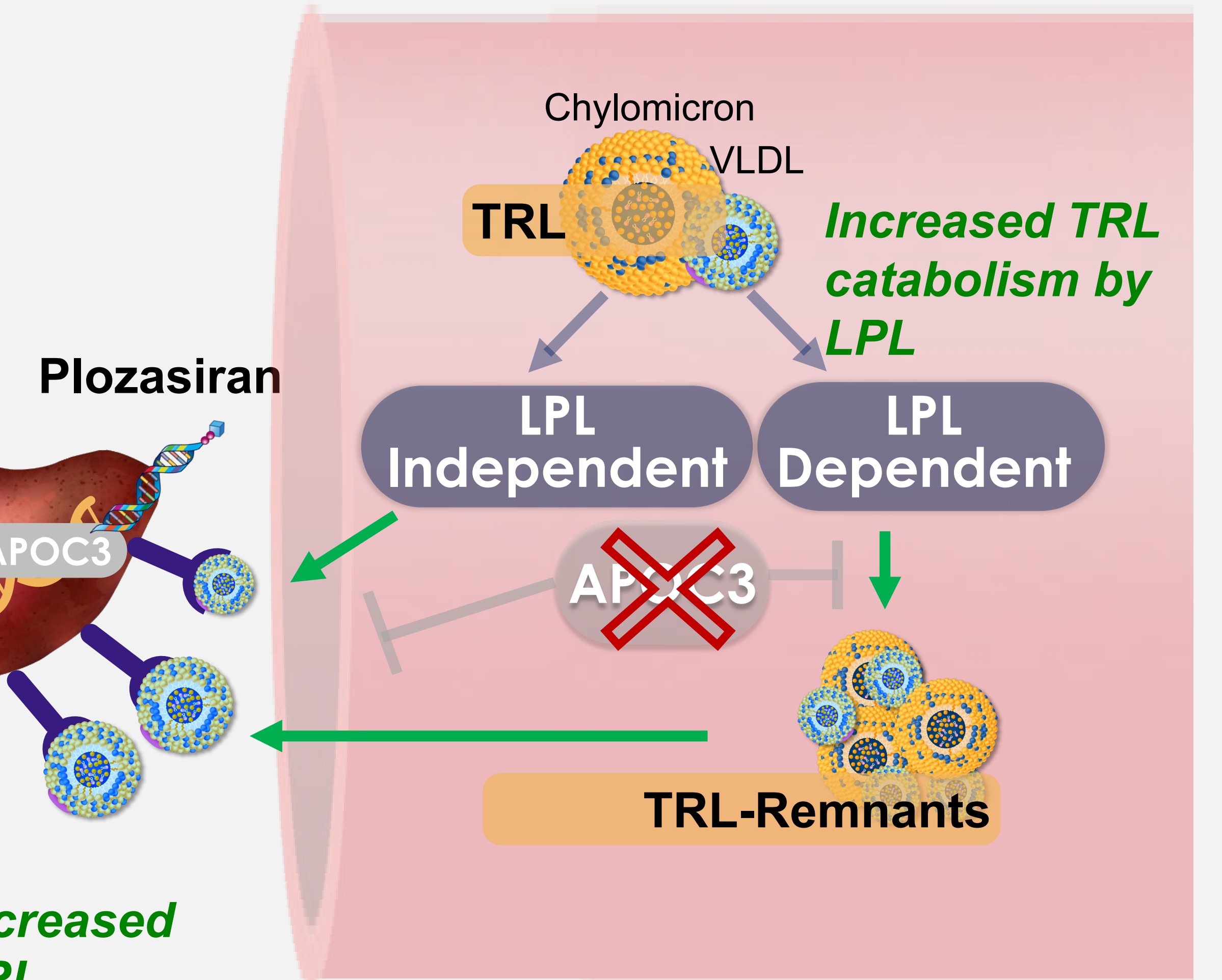
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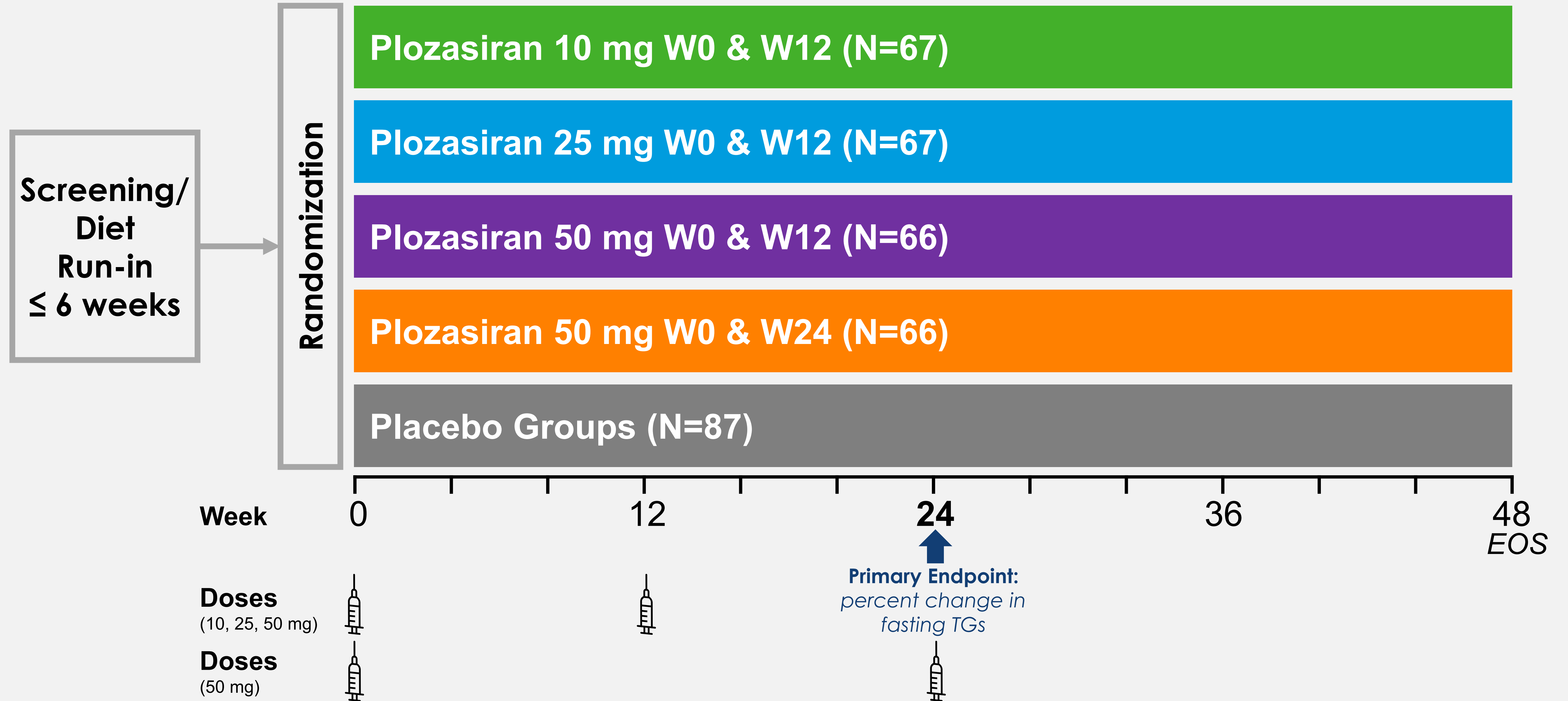
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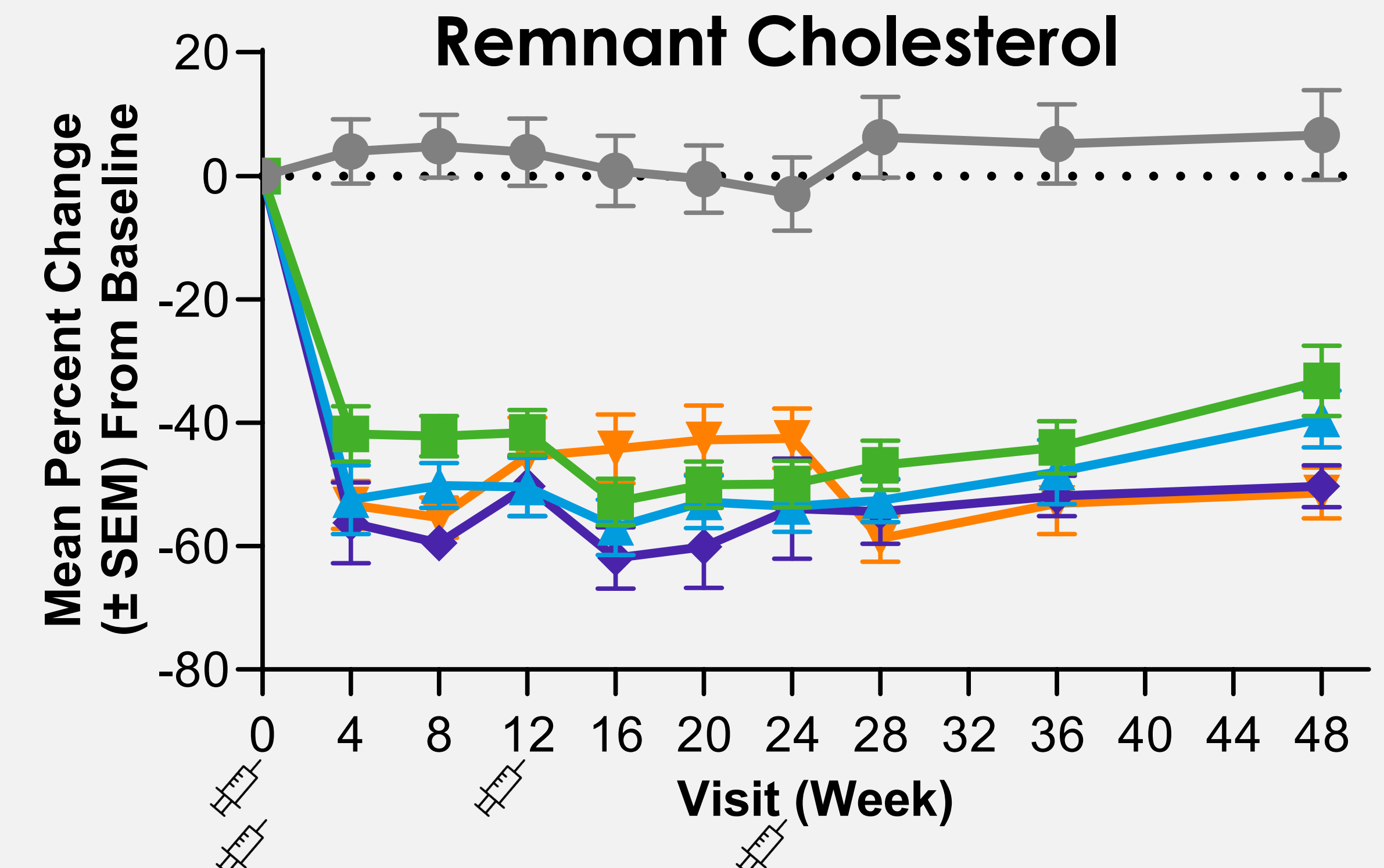
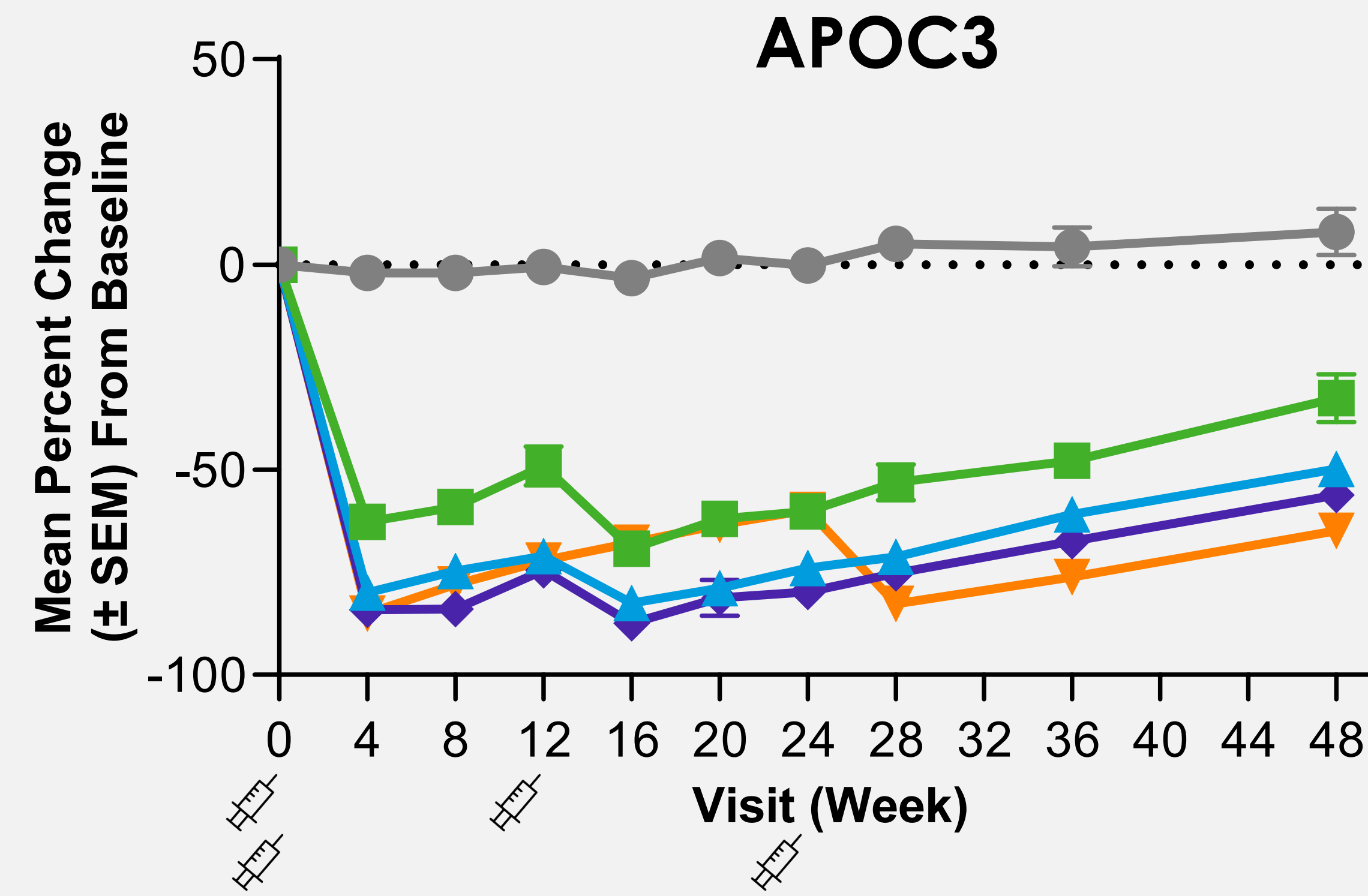
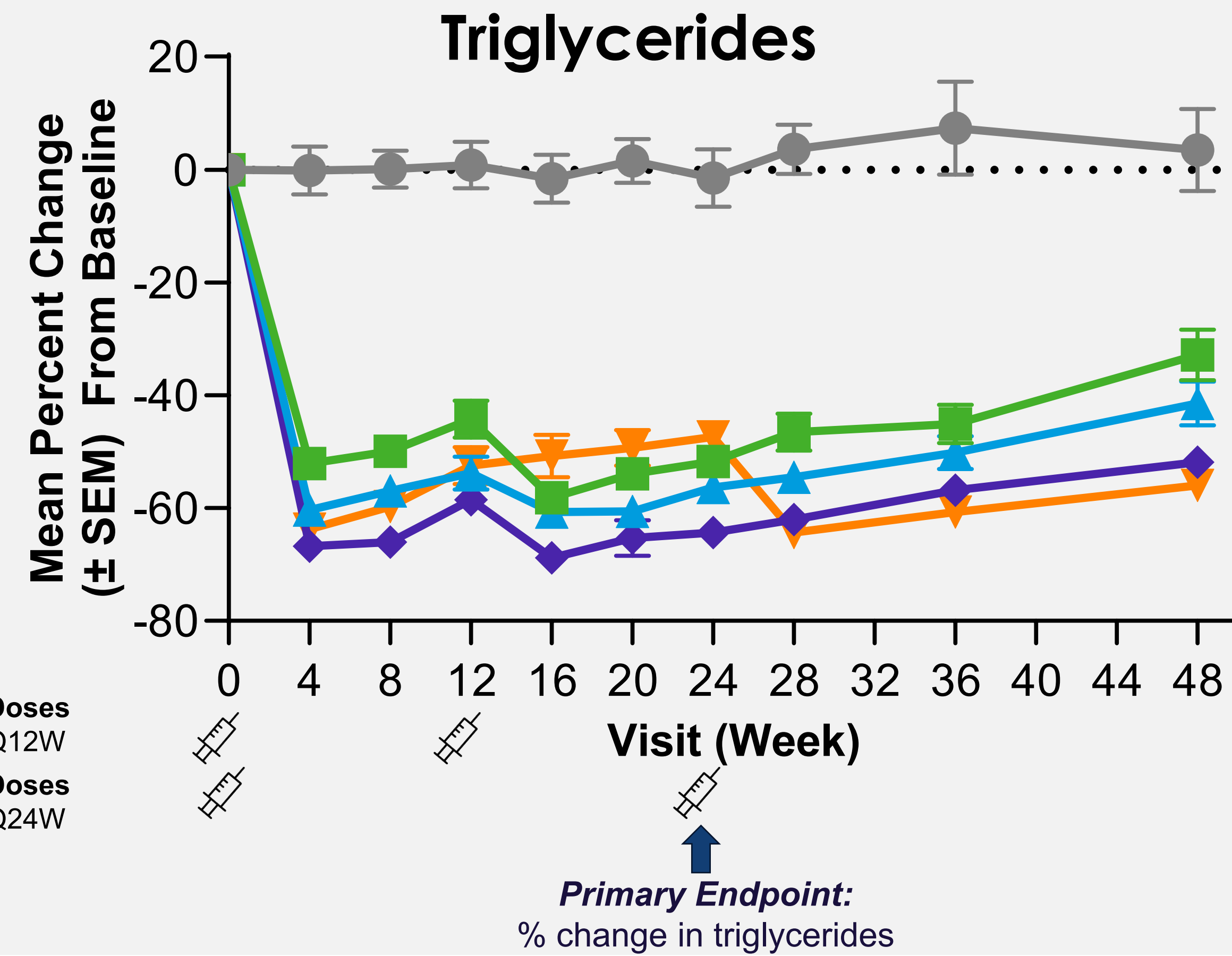
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24 Weeks	-2	-52 p<0.0001	-58 p<0.0001	-64 p<0.0001	-46 p<0.0001
48 Weeks	+2	-33	-43	-50	-55

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LS Mean* % Change from Baseline at Weeks 24 & 48					
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48 Weeks	+3	-33	-38	-44	-51

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Mean (SD) change from baseline at Week 24	9.8 (43.7)	4.1 (51.3)	6.4 (41.1)	10.2 (38.0)	12.0 (53.0)
Mean (SD) change from baseline at Week 48	2.9 (33.2)	-2.6 (38.0)	13.8 (52.2)	9.6 (35.6)	9.7 (37.8)

- TEAEs reported to date reflect comorbidities and underlying conditions of the study population

- Platelets Unchanged

- Worsened glycemc control reported with 50 mg dose

- Data includes exposure out to 48 weeks

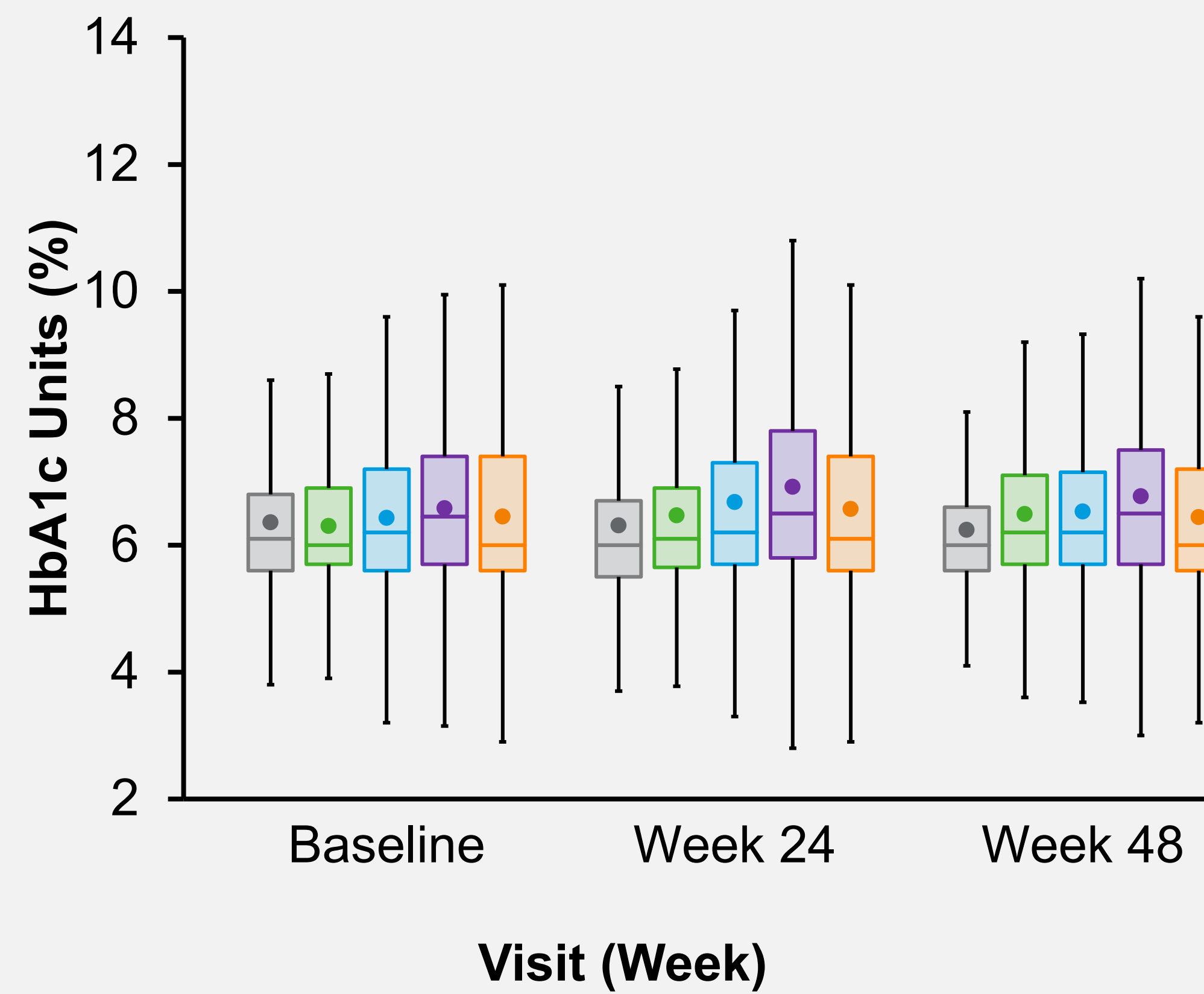
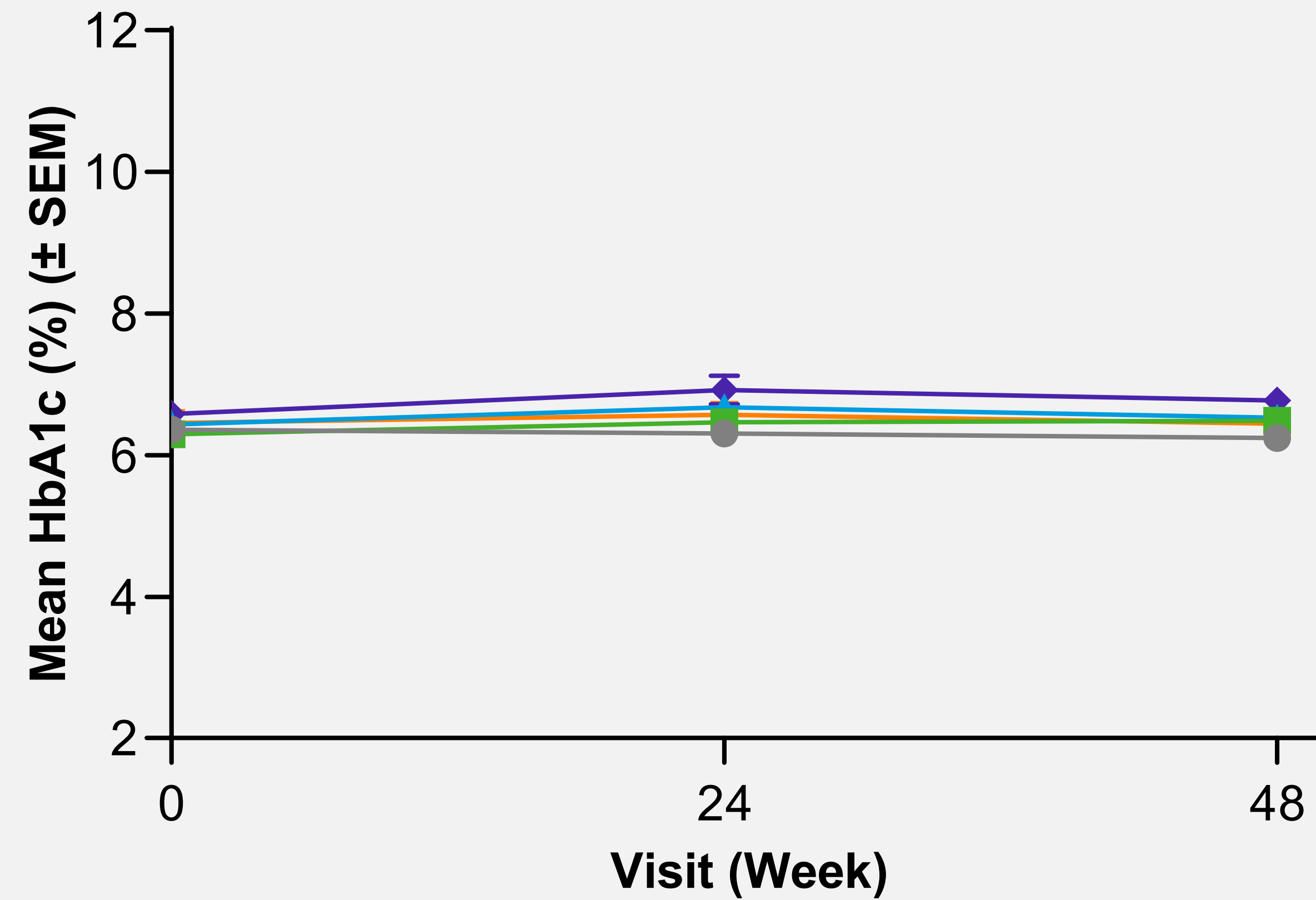
^aWorsening glycemc control defined by multiple glycemc control parameters including but not limited to hemoglobin A1c, new onset diabetes mellitus, type 2 diabetes mellitus, diabetes mellitus, hyperglycemia, insulin resistance; n (%); worsening glycemc control was observed in patients with uncontrolled diabetes. ^bThere were 4 SAEs with the outcome of death reported, one death was due to pneumonia in a participant in the 25-mg quarterly group, one death was due to septic shock in a participants in the 50-mg-quarterly group, one death by suicide was due to a psychiatric disorder in a participant in the 50-mg-quarterly group, and one death from aortic aneurysm rupture was due to a vascular disorder in a participant in the 50-mg-half-yearly group. All deaths were determined to be not related to plozasiran or placebo.



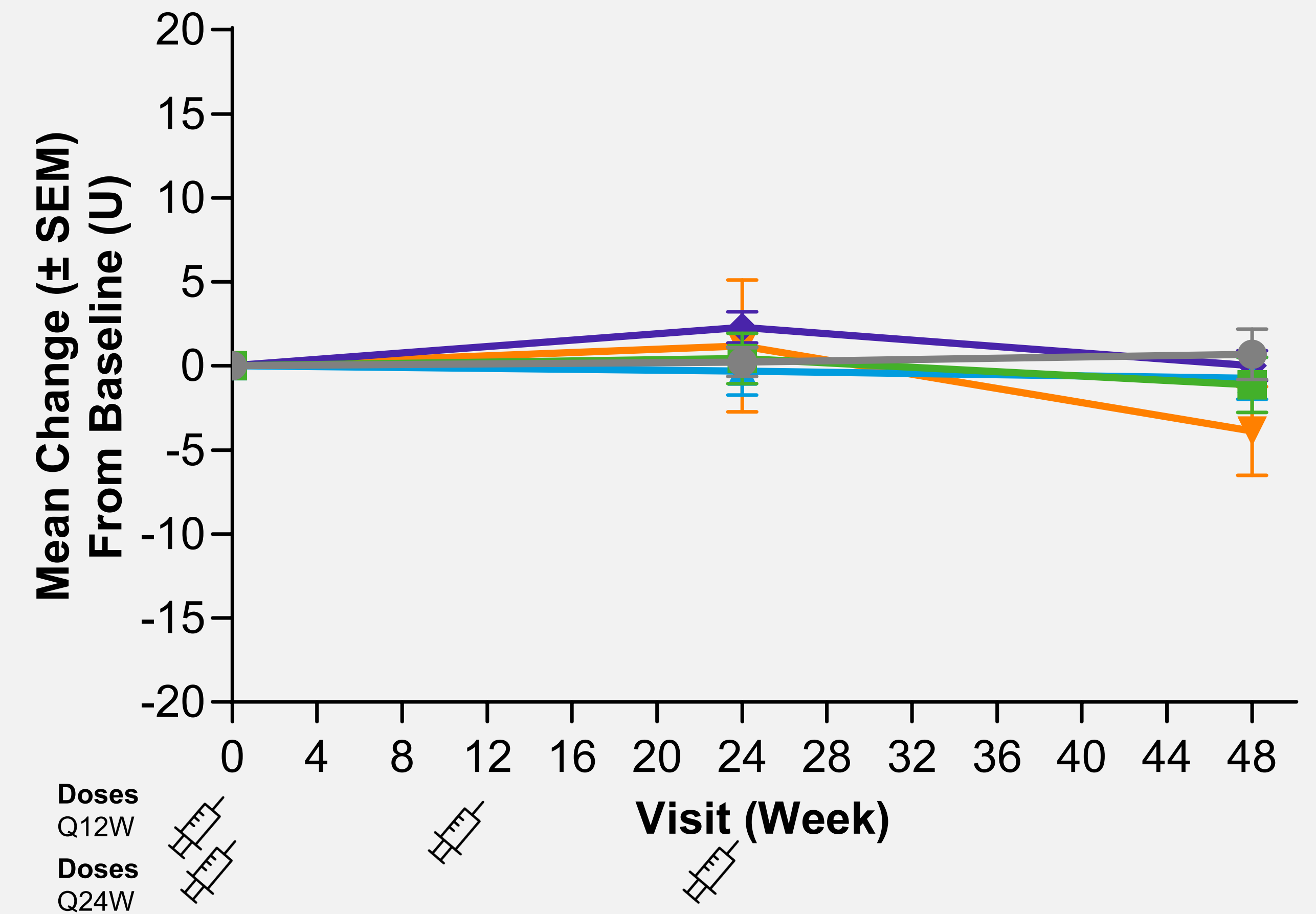
RESULTS

Measurements of Glycemia and Insulin Sensitivity

Glycemia: HbA1C, All patients



Insulin Sensitivity: HOMA-IR, All patients



● Placebo ■ Plozasiran 10 mg Q12W ▲ Plozasiran 25 mg Q12W ◆ Plozasiran 50 mg Q12W ▼ Plozasiran 50 mg Q24W

CONCLUSIONS



- By silencing APOC3, plozasiran significantly reduced TGs and atherogenic triglyceride rich lipoproteins, across all dose levels at Week 24 in patients with mixed dyslipidemia
 - APOC3 ↓ to -80%
 - TG ↓ to -64%
 - Remnant cholesterol ↓ to -54%
 - ApoB ↓ to -18%
 - Non-HDL-C ↓ to -27%
 - HDL-C ↑ up to +51%
- Plozasiran has a favorable safety profile in this study
- Plozasiran is the first RNAi investigational molecule that has demonstrated substantial reductions in triglyceride rich lipoproteins in this mixed dyslipidemia population
- Plozasiran is a promising potential treatment for patients with increased risk for ASCVD due to elevated triglyceride rich lipoproteins and these data support further development of plozasiran in Phase 3 programs including a clinical outcomes trial
- We would like to thank the patients and caregivers who participated in this study

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