



Detecting Metabolic Associated Multi-Morbidities at Scale

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Outline

SomaSignal® Tests

MASH SomaSignal® Tests – Consistent Performance

Residual Cardiovascular Risk Test

Kidney Prognosis Test

Glucose Tolerance Test

Measuring Multi-Morbidities at Scale

Conclusions



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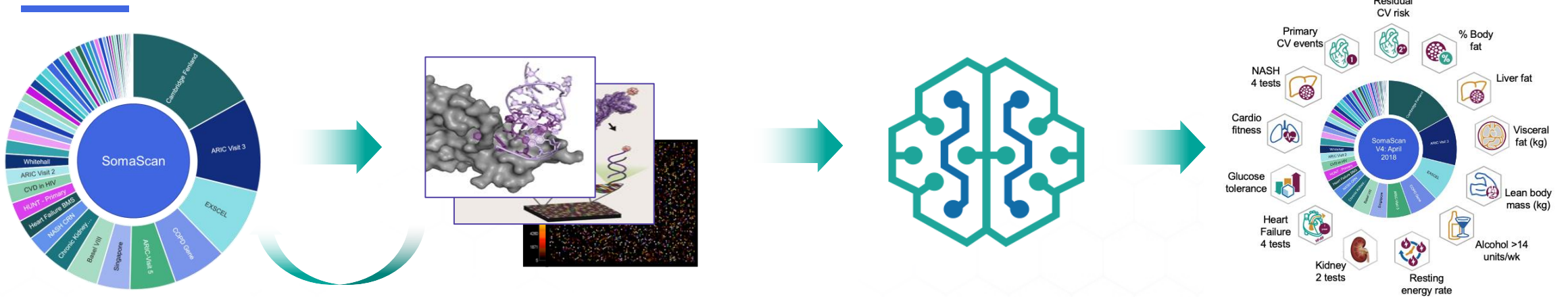


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SomaSignal® Tests translate protein measurement data into clinical tests

Machine learning relates proteomic measurements to clinical endpoints



Samples + Clinical Data

Clinical truth standards for:

- Future outcomes
- Current State
- Impact of behaviors

Representation of intended use populations

Protein Measurement

SomaScan Assay technology

Currently up to 11,000 measurements

Interpretation & Analysis

Application of machine learning to identify patterns of proteins relating to truth standards

Unique tools and datasets to account for impact of model stability, robustness, interference

SomaSignal Tests (SSTs)

SSTs are predictive models that incorporate data from the SomaScan assay to assess current health and disease risk

SST models are typically in the tens of proteins in size

Adding a new SST can be done in-silico

Research Article
NAFLD and Alcohol-Related Liver Diseases

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OF HEPATOLOGY

Defining the serum proteomic signature of hepatic steatosis, inflammation, ballooning and fibrosis in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

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Plasma protein patterns as comprehensive indicators of health

Stephen A. Williams¹, Mika Kivimaki², Claudia Langenberg³, Aroon D. Hingorani⁴, J. P. Casas⁵, Claude Bouchard⁶, Christian Jonasson⁷, Mark A. Sarzynski⁸, Martin J. Shipley⁹, Leigh Alexander¹⁰, Jessica Ash¹¹, Tim Bauer¹², Jessica Chadwick¹³, Gargi Datta¹⁴, Robert Kirk DeLisle¹⁵, Yolanda Hagar¹⁶, Michael Hinterberg¹⁷, Rachel Ostroff¹⁸, Sophie Weiss¹⁹, Peter Ganz²⁰ & Nicholas J. Wareham²¹

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CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

A proteomic surrogate for cardiovascular outcomes that is sensitive to multiple mechanisms of change in risk

Williams et al., *Sci. Transl. Med.* 14, eabj9625 (2022) 6 April 2022

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SomaSignal® Tests: Current Validated Portfolio

PROGNOSTIC FOR MAJOR ADVERSE HEALTH OUTCOMES



Primary Cardiovascular Risk – 4 year

What is this patient's risk of having a heart attack, stroke, or heart failure within the next 4 years?



Midlife Dementia Risk

What is this patient's chance of developing dementia in the next 20 years?



Cardiovascular Residual Risk – 4 year

What is this patient's risk of having a *second* heart attack, stroke, or heart failure in the next 4 years?



5-year Dementia Risk For age 65 or older

What is this patient's chance of developing dementia in the next 5 years?



Heart Failure Prognosis HFrEF –12 months

What is this HFrEF patient's heart failure prognosis in the next 12 months?



Heart Failure Prognosis HFpEF –12 months

What is this HFpEF patient's heart failure prognosis in the next 12 months?



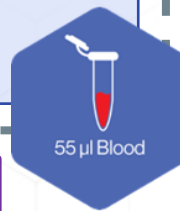
Kidney Prognosis

What is the prognosis of this patient's kidney function?



Lung Cancer

What is this patient's risk of developing lung cancer?



CURRENT METABOLIC STATE



Glucose Intolerance

In response to simple sugars, does blood glucose spike to unhealthy levels?



Visceral Fat

How much fat is around this patient's organs?



Liver Fat

Does this patient have excess fat in the liver?



Cardiorespiratory Fitness – VO₂ Max

What is this patient's aerobic fitness level?



Body Fat Percentage

What is this patient's body fat percentage?



Lean Body Mass

What is this patient's lean body mass?



Resting Energy Rate

How many calories does this patient burn at rest or when not doing physical activity?

NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE



NASH Steatosis

Predicting the histological components of liver steatosis



NASH Inflammation

Predicting the histological components of lobular inflammation



NASH Ballooning

Predicting the histological components of hepatocellular ballooning



NASH Fibrosis

Predicting the histological components of liver fibrosis



At-risk NASH

Predicting the presence of NASH and significant fibrosis that is likely to progress

SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL



Alcohol Impact

Are the effects of weekly alcohol consumption evident?



Tobacco Exposure

Has this patient been exposed to tobacco smoke?

Unique tests

Tests which predict existing measures; compete on cost, risk, convenience

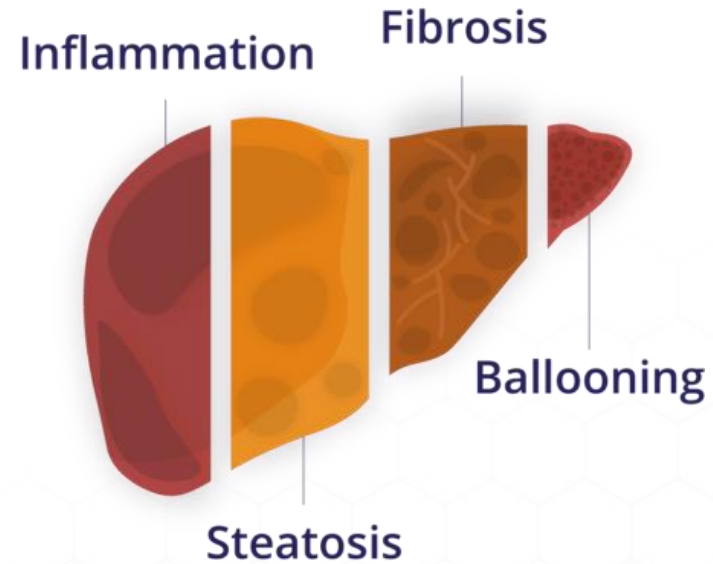


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MAFLD & MASH Proteomic Model Development

Develop protein-based current state models in serum with biopsy as the truth standard

1. Utilize machine learning to develop binary classification models for each NAS component and fibrosis across the NAFLD/NASH spectrum
2. Assess utility for monitoring longitudinal change during therapy
3. Validate models on external data
4. Relationship with cardiometabolic tests



Binary Decision Thresholds by NAS Score		
Component	Negative	Positive
Steatosis	0	1, 2, 3
Lobular Inflammation	0, 1	2, 3
Hepatocyte Ballooning	0	1, 2
Fibrosis Stage	0, 1a, 1b, 1c	2, 3, 4



MASH Component Models

- Protein analytes for each model (in rank order of degree of contribution to the models)
- 35 unique proteins, 2 proteins shared by 2 models
 - adamts-like protein 2
 - prostaglandin reductase 1
- Enrichment for metabolic proteins associated with fatty acid degradation, glucose metabolism, oxidative stress, inflammation and extracellular matrix degradation

Fibrosis	Ballooning	Inflammation	Steatosis
adamts-like protein 2	aldo-keto reductase family 1 member b10	aminoacylase-1	insulin-like peptide insl5
complement component c7	prostaglandin reductase 1	dolichyl-diphospho-oligosaccharide protein glycosyltransferase subunit 1	fatty acid-binding protein 12
neurofascin	adamts-like protein 2	uncharacterized protein c1orf198	atp-dependent dna helicase q1
collectin-11	cytotoxic t-lymphocyte protein 4	transcriptional repressor ctcf	beta-glucuronidase
vascular endothelial growth factor receptor	calponin-2	serum amyloid a-2 protein	inhibin beta c chain
protein wnt-5		low affinity immunoglobulin gamma fc region receptor iii-b	beta-hexosaminidase subunit beta
procollagen-lysine; 2-oxoglutarate 5-dioxygenase 3		adiponectin	beta-ala-his dipeptidase
fc receptor-like protein 3		thioredoxin reductase 1	growth hormone variant
		maleylacetoacetate isomerase	prostaglandin reductase 1
		tumor-associated calcium signal transducer 2	bpi fold-containing family b member 1
		peptide yy	glutamate receptor ionotropic; delta-2
		c-c motif chemokine 23	serine/threonine-protein kinase/endoribonuclease ire1
		procollagen c-endopeptidase enhancer 2	
		low molecular weight phosphotyrosine protein phosphatase	

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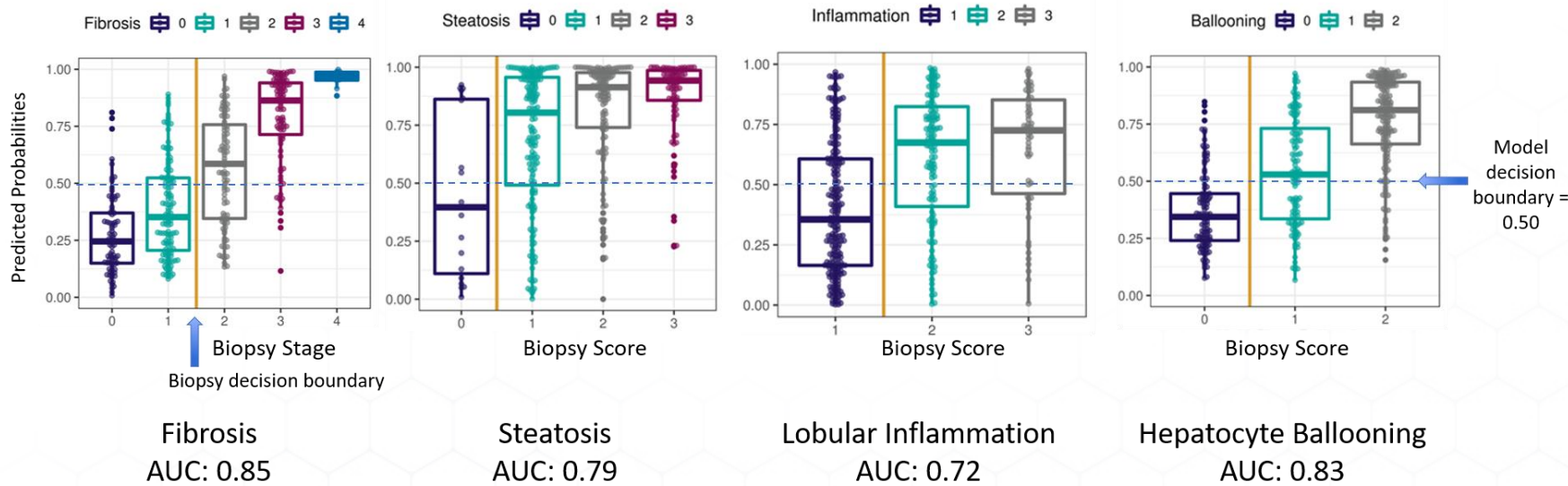
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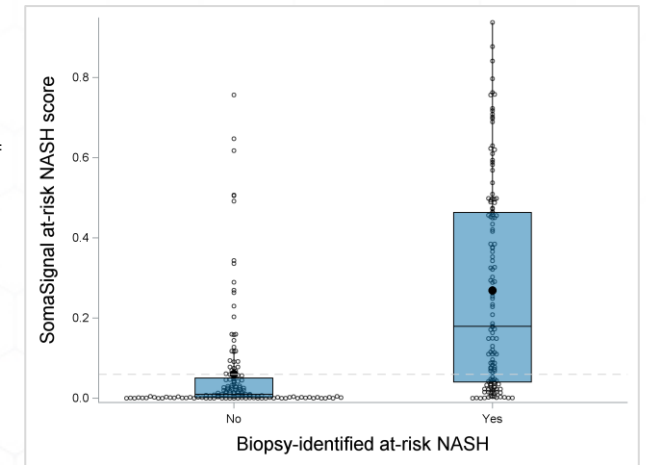
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MASH component model predictions vs. Observed biopsy results

Paired Validation Results from NASH CRN Studies



At-risk MASH in LITMUS Metacohort



AUC = 0.85

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SomaSignal	264	122 (46%)	0.81 (0.75-0.86)	0.66 (0.60-0.73)	95 (36%)	0.90 (0.86-0.94)	0.72 (0.66-0.79)
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Litmus Metacohort: 35% at-risk MASH

MASH SomaSignal Test
NNT = 4

Litmus Study Cohort: 38% at-risk MASH

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	Threshold	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Number of marker-positive participants with biopsy per 100 (95% CI)	Number of true positives* per 100 (95% CI)	Number needed to test (95% CI)
SomaSignal	0.06	0.67 (0.59-0.75)	0.82 (0.59-0.75)	35 (30-40)	24 (20-26)	4 (4-5)
ADAPT	6.91	0.47 (0.39-0.55)	0.88 (0.83-0.91)	24 (21-28)	16 (14-19)	6 (5-7)
MACK-3	0.53	0.41 (0.34-0.48)	0.89 (0.85-0.92)	21 (19-25)	14 (12-17)	7 (6-8)
PRO-C3	24.05 ng/mL	0.33 (0.25-0.40)	0.92 (0.88-0.94)	17 (14-20)	11 (9-14)	9 (7-11)
FIBC-3	0.84	0.28 (0.21-0.35)	0.93 (0.89-0.96)	14 (11-18)	10 (7-12)	10 (8-14)
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CK-18 M30	573.80 IU/L	0.25 (0.20-0.30)	0.93 (0.91-0.95)	13 (11-15)	9 (7-11)	11 (9-14)
Cao 2013	1.74	0.22 (0.17-0.28)	0.94 (0.92-0.96)	12 (9-14)	8 (6-10)	13 (10-16)
PRO-C6	14.25 ng/mL	0.18 (0.11-0.26)	0.96 (0.91-0.98)	9 (6-13)	6 (4-9)	16 (11-26)
PRO-C4	433.35 ng/mL	0.12 (0.08-0.18)	0.97 (0.94-0.99)	6 (4-9)	4 (3-6)	23 (16-37)
CK-18 M65	1283.55 IU/L	0.12 (0.09-0.16)	0.97 (0.95-0.98)	6 (5-8)	4 (3-6)	24 (17-33)
No marker	--	--	--	100	35	--

95% CIs are based on bootstrapping. Thresholds correspond to a liver-biopsy screen failure rate of 33%, assuming a prevalence of 35% for NASH and clinically significant fibrosis. Markers are ranked according to the number of participants with biopsy-confirmed NASH and clinically significant fibrosis per 100 participants tested with the marker, if liver biopsy is restricted to marker-positive participants only. No acceptable threshold was found for ABC3D, APRI, ELF, NFS, FIB-4, or CAP-VCTE. NASH=non-alcoholic steatohepatitis. *Confirmed by liver biopsy.

Table 3: Thresholds for diagnostic screening used to identify NASH and clinically significant fibrosis

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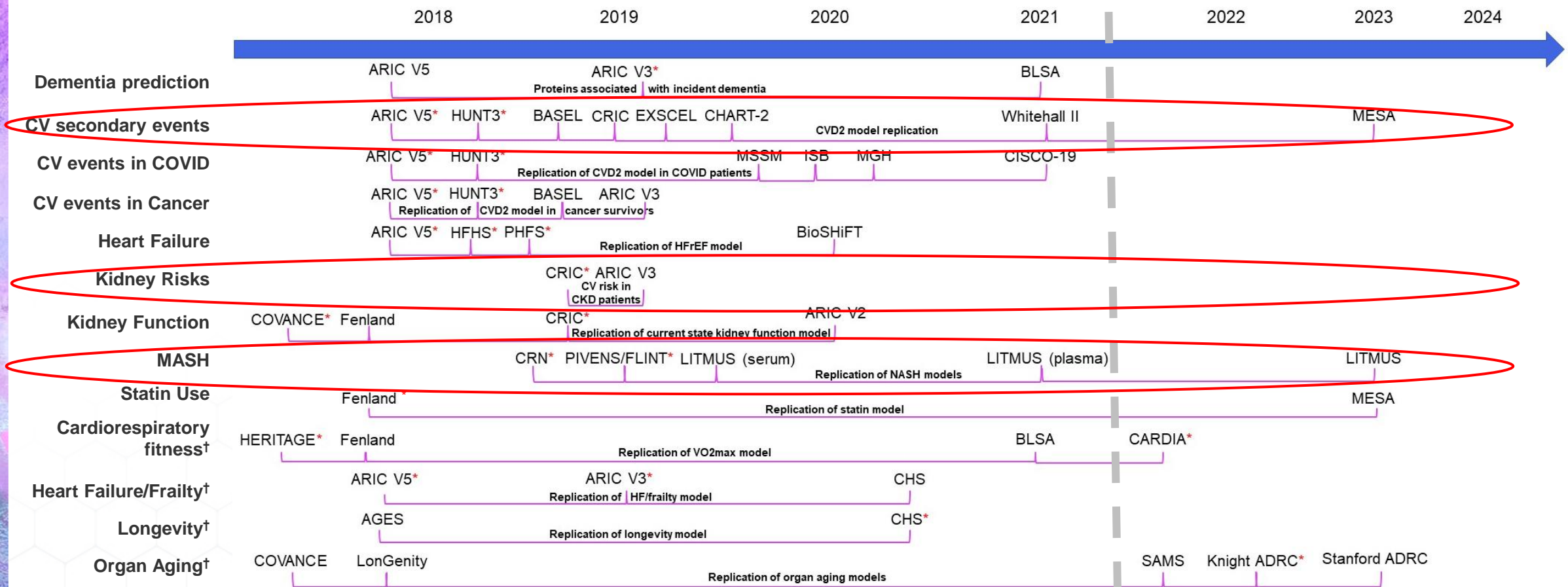
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SST consistency, across multiple cohorts and assay versions

Successful replication and clinical concordance of fully quantitative models in >100k samples without bridging



†Externally Developed Model
*Initial Discovery Cohort

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Proteomic surrogate endpoints for early, effective decisions



Secondary (Residual) Cardiovascular (CV) Risk Test

27-protein model predicts likelihood of CV event (MI, stroke, HF hospitalization, all-cause death) **within 4 years**

Intended use populations:

- stable CVD
- > age 65 with no prior CVD history
- > age 40 presenting with non-acute symptoms for suspected o-CAD diabetes
- CKD +/- prior CVD history

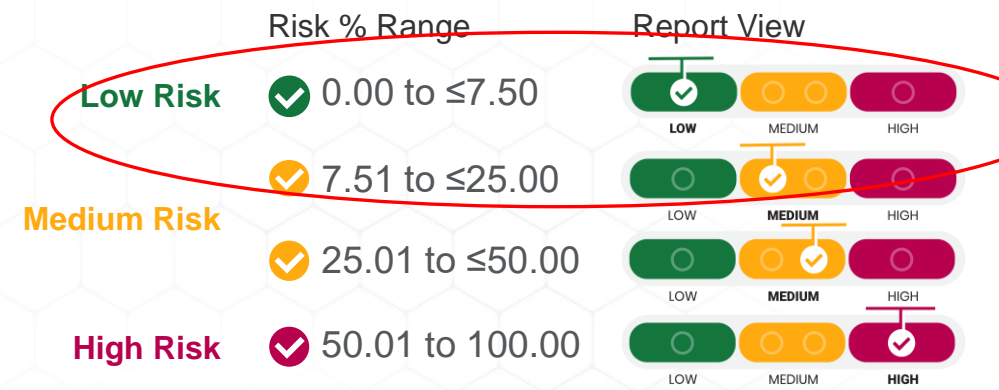
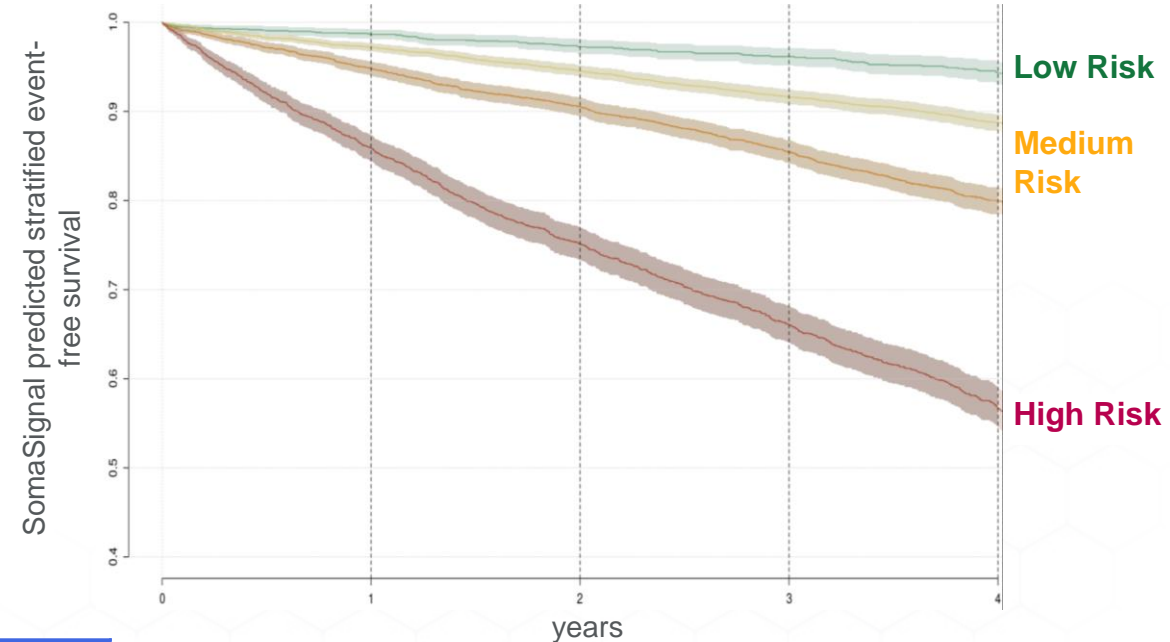
Training and testing:

Norwegian cohort **N=744**

C-Index: 0.70 vs 0.56 for modified ASCVD; positive Net Reclassification Index

Test performance with independent replication cohorts

Independent Replication Cohorts			
Cohort	Cohort size	C-Index	AUC
US cohort	992	0.70	0.74
US over age 65	4207	0.70	0.73
Black US population over age 65	800	0.71	0.75
Suspected o-CAD primary	1688	0.79	0.81
Suspected o-CAD secondary	2418	0.71	0.75
Diabetes	2523	0.69	0.71
Chronic kidney disease	3305	0.72	0.78



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Kidney Prognosis

Predicts the **relative risk** of developing at least one of the following conditions of Progressive Chronic Renal Insufficiency (PCRI) within 4 years.



PCRI here is defined as:

- 50% decline in estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR),
- Initiation of kidney dialysis
- Development of eGFR < 15 ml/min/1.73m²
- Becoming a candidate for kidney transplantation



US cohort:

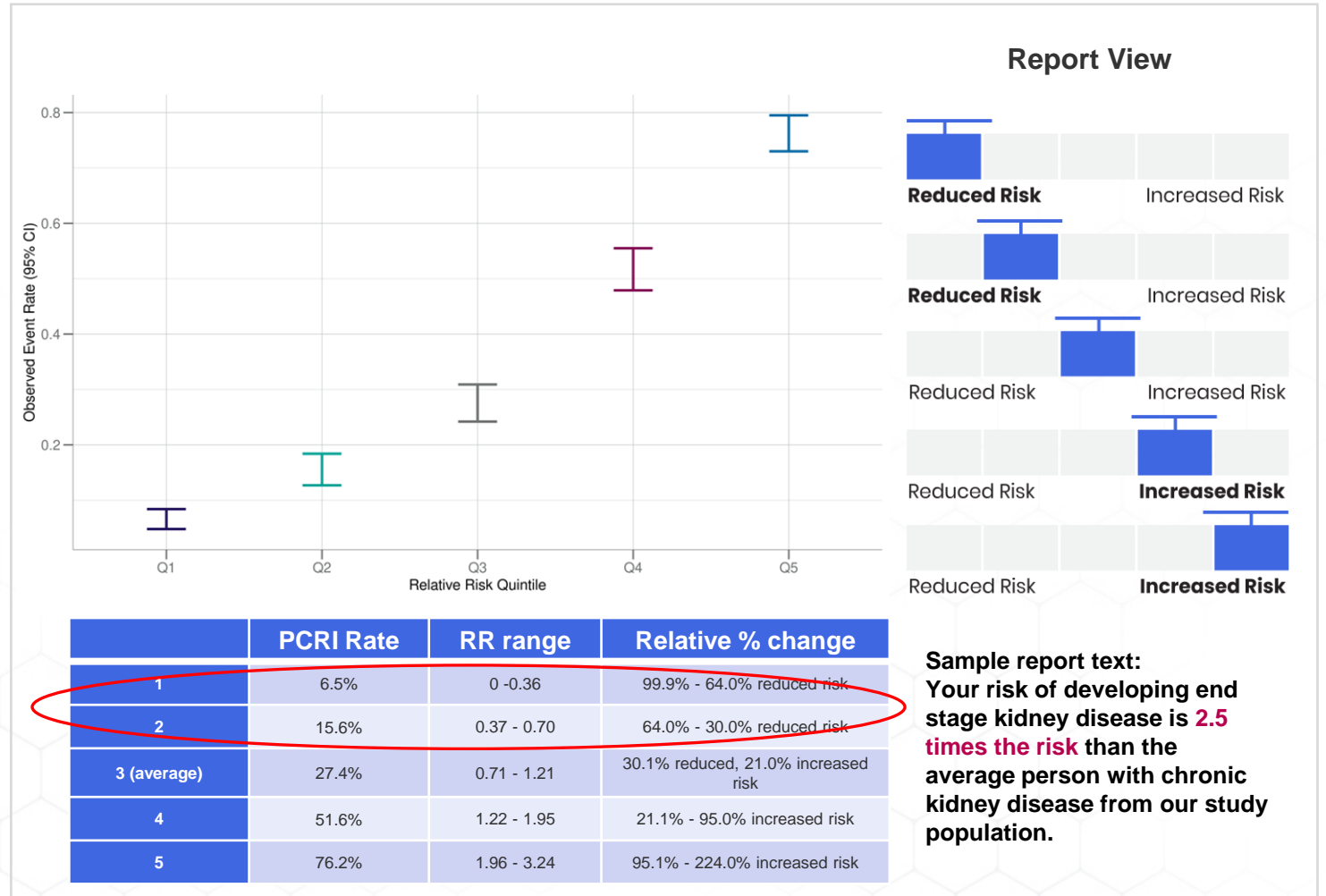
N = 3305 participants with CKD (chronic kidney disease) stages I-V; Reference study population: average age 59.7, PCRI of 27% in 4 years, and eGFR of 43 ml/min/1.73m²

Test performance with independent replication

Area Under the Curve (AUC) of **0.79**

Compared with Kidney Failure Risk Equation¹
AUC of 0.77

Note: The average group in the study had chronic kidney disease, were aged 59.7 and had an EGFR of 41.4 (Stage 3b). In this group, 27% had a 50% reduction in EGFR or had developed end stage renal disease.



Sample report text:
Your risk of developing end stage kidney disease is 2.5 times the risk than the average person with chronic kidney disease from our study population.



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Glucose Tolerance

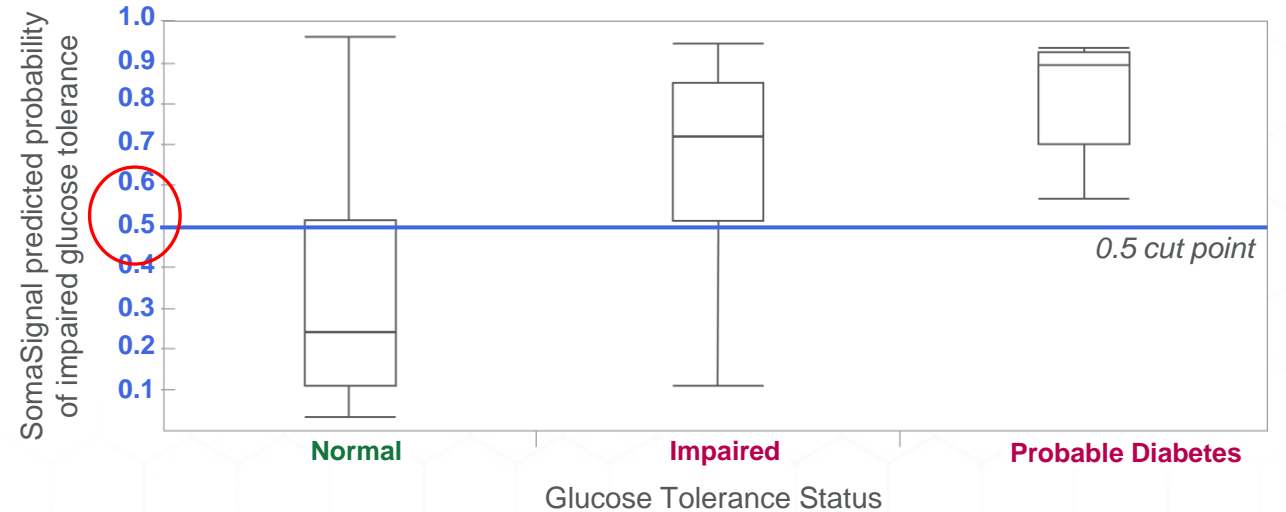
Predicts likelihood of having impaired glucose tolerance evaluated with 2-hour oral glucose tolerance test



UK cohort:
N = 11,747 participants with Oral Glucose Tolerance Test results at 2-hour post glucose challenge

Test performance with independent replication

Area Under the Curve (AUC) of **0.76**
Sensitivity of 0.79
Specificity of 0.73
Accuracy of 0.74



Report View

NORMAL TOLERANCE

IMPAIRED TOLERANCE

NORMAL TOLERANCE

IMPAIRED TOLERANCE

Glucose Tolerance Status

Normal 2-hr glucose < 7.8 mmol/L

Impaired 2-hr glucose ≥ 7.8 - 11.1 mmol/L

Probable diabetes 2-hr glucose ≥ 11.1 mmol/L

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Internal R&D



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FDA Biomarker Qualification Program: RCVR DDT submission

- Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted June 6, 2022
- “Reviewable” memo received March 17, 2023
- “Accepted” memo received October 20, 2023
- Qualification Plan submitting Summer 2024
- **Proposed COU:** Prognostic biomarker to predict the four-year risk of cardiovascular outcomes (myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, hospitalization for heart failure (HF), or death). Used for **enrichment and stratification** in clinical trials, and to **monitor** the presence of adverse or beneficial change (or lack of change) due to treatment.
- **Intended Use Population:** Participants in clinical trials aged over 40 who have evidence of cardiovascular disease (prior cardiac events or heart failure, peripheral vascular disease, abnormal coronary imaging) or drivers of cardiovascular risk (diabetes, kidney disease).”



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FDA Biomarker Qualification Program: MASH DDT submissions

LOI submitted: August 23, 2023

Reviewable: April 5, 2024

- **Pharmacodynamic/response biomarker** to aid in the monitoring of biological responses related to pharmacological intervention for the treatment of Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis. Used to non-invasively inform on changes in each of the histological components of liver biopsy including steatosis, lobular inflammation, hepatocyte ballooning, and fibrosis, and to infer the time course and/or exposure-response of drug benefits in-between pairs of biopsies.

LOI submitted: September 26, 2023

Reviewable: April 5, 2024

- **Diagnostic enrichment composite biomarker** intended for use to identify patients with at-risk NASH and likely to have liver biopsy histopathologic findings of nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) and with a nonalcoholic fatty liver disease activity score (NAS) ≥ 4 and liver fibrosis stages ≥ 2 (by Brunt/Kleiner scale); and thus appropriate for inclusion in liver biopsy-based NASH drug development clinical trials focused on advanced fibrotic stages of NASH.



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Measuring Multi-Morbidities at Scale

MASH, CVD, CKD and T2D: Multi-morbidities

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Marianna Papademetriou ¹, Vasilios G Athyros ², Eleni Geladari ³, Michael Doumas ^{2 4}, Costas Tsioufis ⁵, Vasilios Papademetriou ³

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Christopher D Byrne ¹, Giovanni Targher ²

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Chronic kidney disease in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease: What the Hepatologist should know?

Stefania Kiapidou ¹, Christina Liava ¹, Maria Kalogirou ¹, Evangelos Akriviadis ¹, Emmanouil Sinakos ²

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Epidemiology and risk of cardiovascular disease in populations with chronic kidney disease

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Hypertension, diabetes, atherosclerosis and NASH: Cause or consequence?

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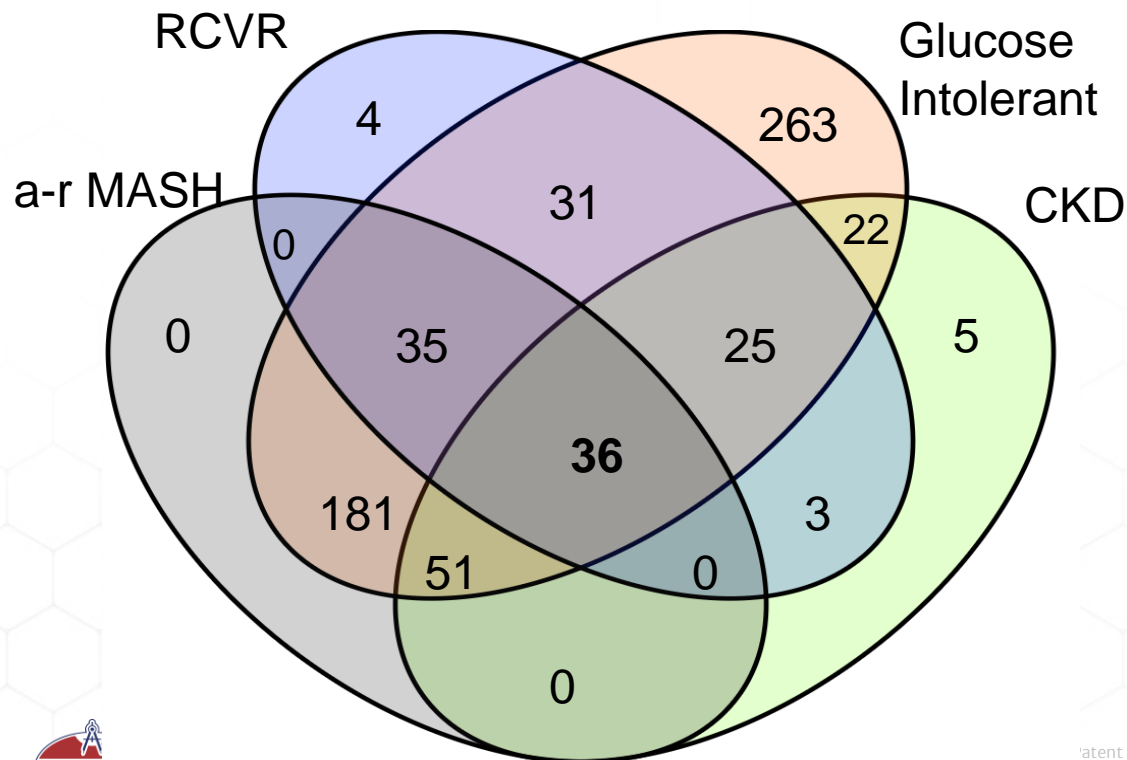
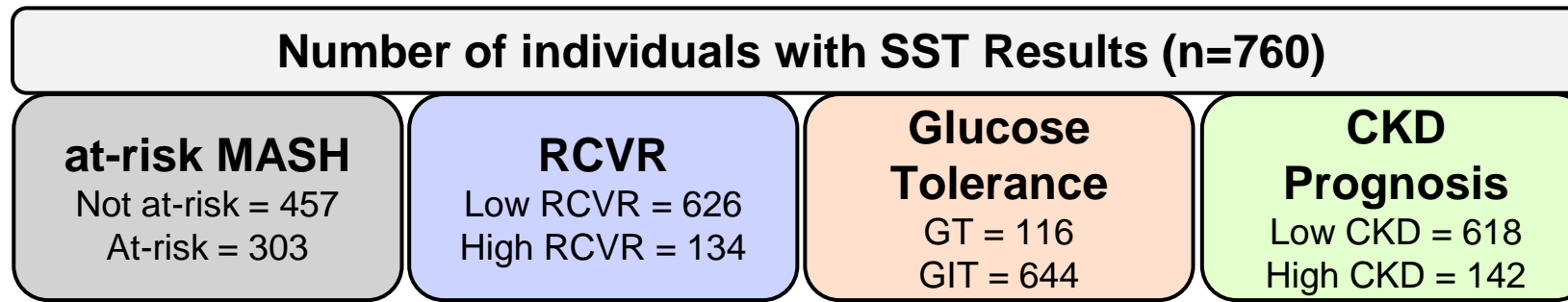
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Assessing multi-morbidity in metabolic associated diseases

- SSTs can be used to assess at-risk MASH, cardiovascular disease risk, progressive chronic renal insufficiency risk and glucose tolerance (T2D) in observational cohorts and therapeutic trial populations
 - Results from a blood sample can provide a comprehensive understanding of metabolic associated disease risk, in addition to current metabolic parameters
 - Results from proteomic risk and current state evaluations are responsive to change and can be used to provide a more holistic evaluation of therapeutic response
- Overlap is assessed for these 4 categories
 - At-risk MASH
 - Cardiovascular risk
 - Kidney prognosis
 - Glucose Tolerance (T2D)
- Broad cardiometabolic health assessments enabled by suite of SSTs



Multi-morbidity in a MAFLD/MASH Population Litmus Study

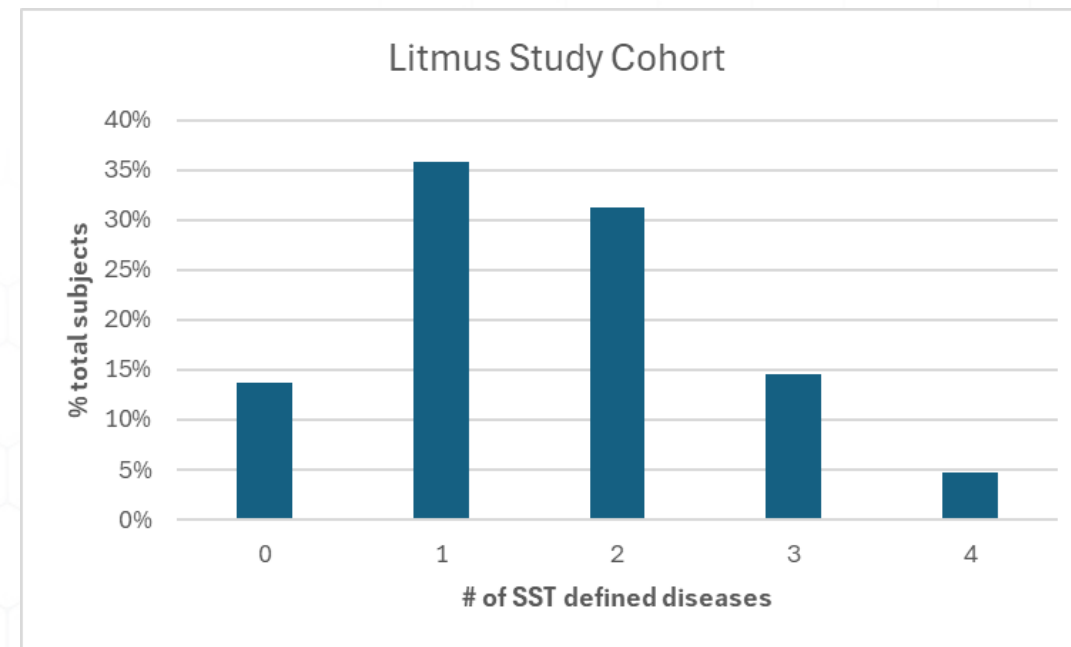
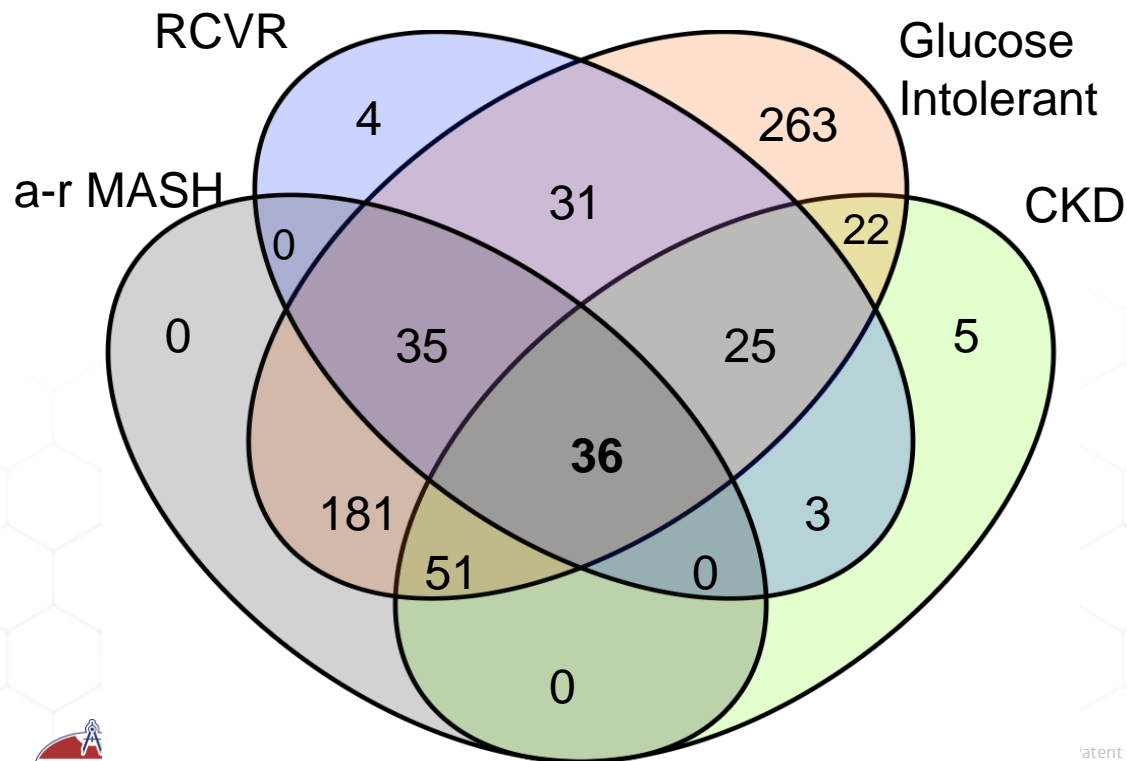
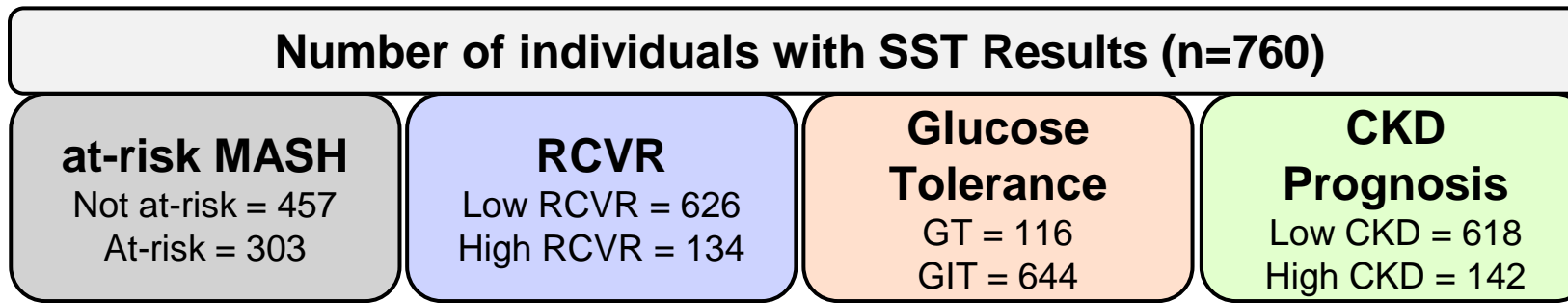


- Litmus Study cohort:** Diagnostic accuracy study in patients with suspected MASLD

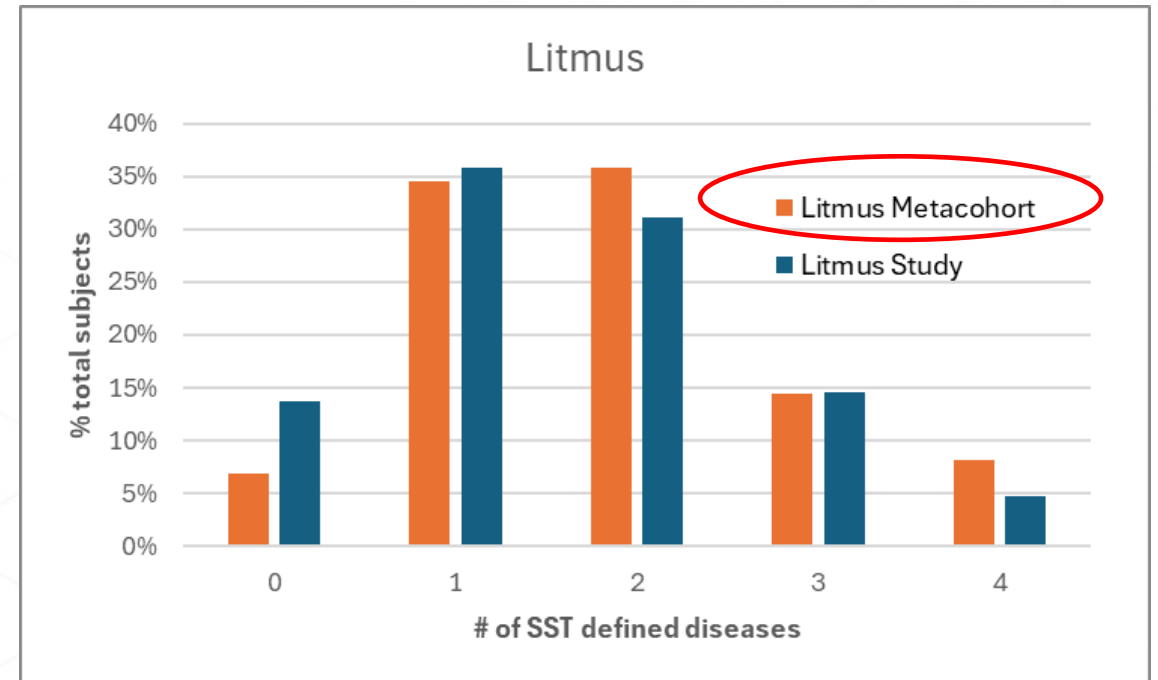
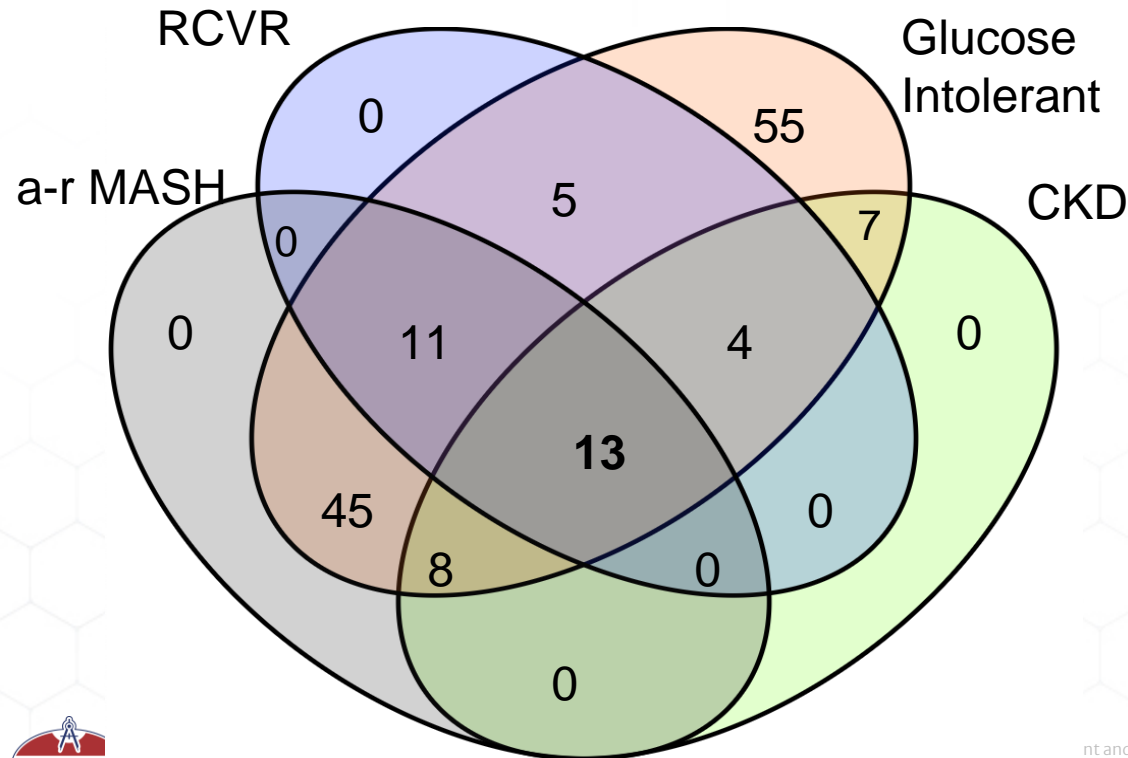
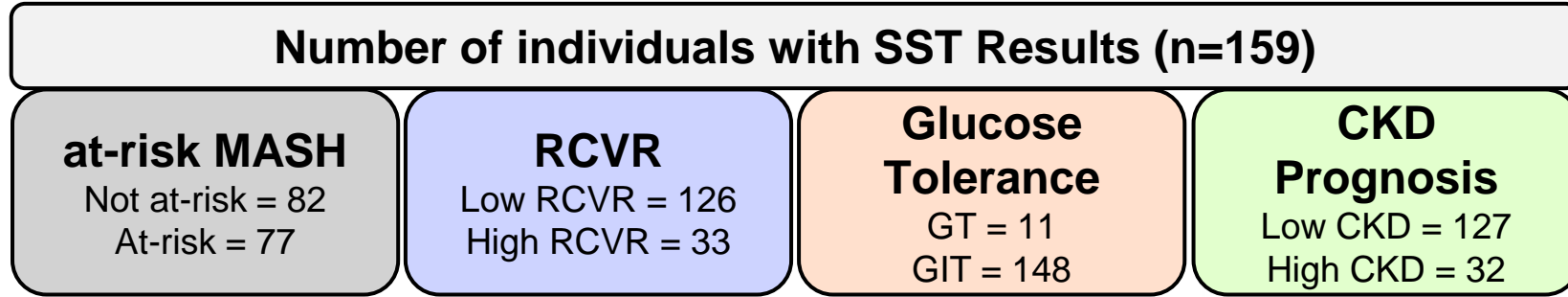
- Inclusion:**
 - > 18 years with a liver biopsy and paired serum sample and/or imaging markers
 - Suspected MASLD
- Exclusion:**
 - Excessive alcohol consumption
 - Chronic liver disease, viral Hep B or C



Multi-morbidity in a MAFLD/MASH Population Litmus Study



Multi-morbidity in a MAFLD/MASH Population Litmus Metacohort



Multi-morbidity in an Observational Cohort

Fenland Study

Number of individuals with SST Results (n=11,994 Phase 1)

at-risk MASH

Not at-risk = 11,940
At-risk = 54

RCVR

Low RCVR = 11,899
High RCVR = 95

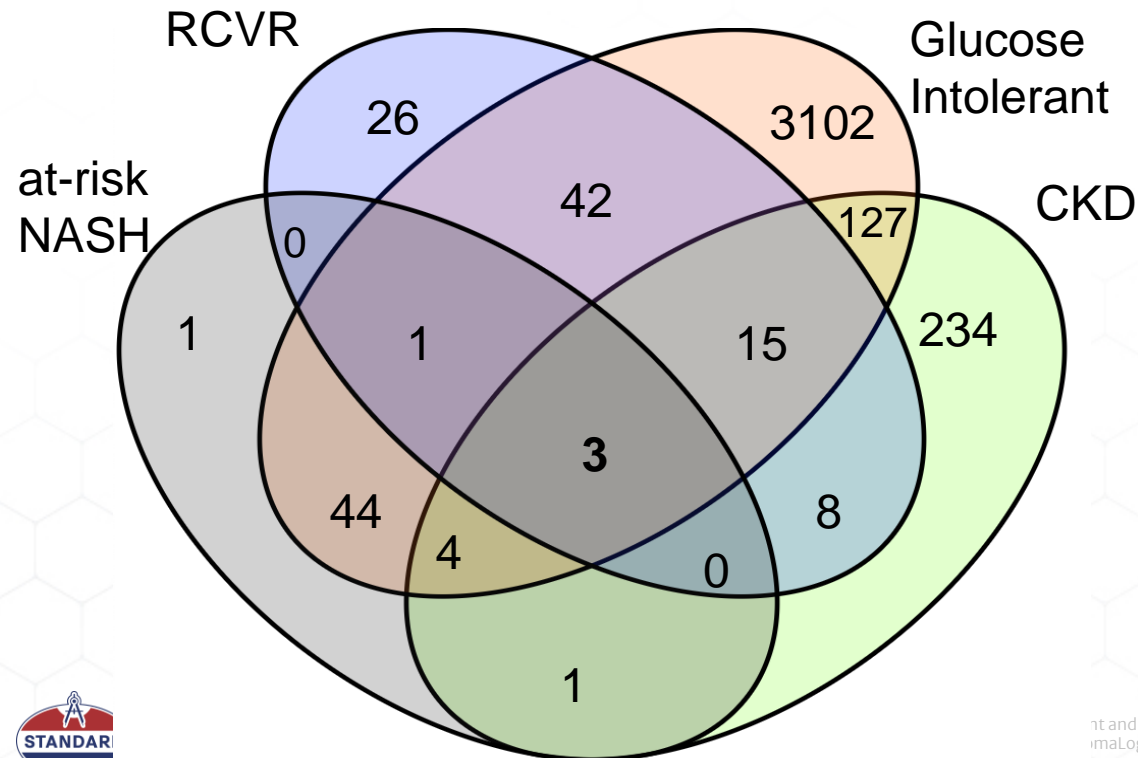
Glucose Tolerance

GT = 8,656
GIT = 3,338

CKD

Prognosis

Low CKD = 11,602
High CKD = 392



- **Fenland Study:** Investigate the interaction between environmental and genetic factors in determining obesity, type 2 diabetes and related metabolic disorders.
 - Enrollment Phase 1: 2005-2015, Phase 2:2014-2020
 - Inclusion:
 - M/F born between 1950-1975 (29-64 y, ave = 48 Phase 1), (39-67 y, ave = 55 Phase 2)
 - Registered at participating GP practices in Cambridge, Ely, Wisbech UK
 - Exclusion:
 - **Diabetes**
 - Psychotic illness, terminal illness, pregnancy, inability to walk unaided

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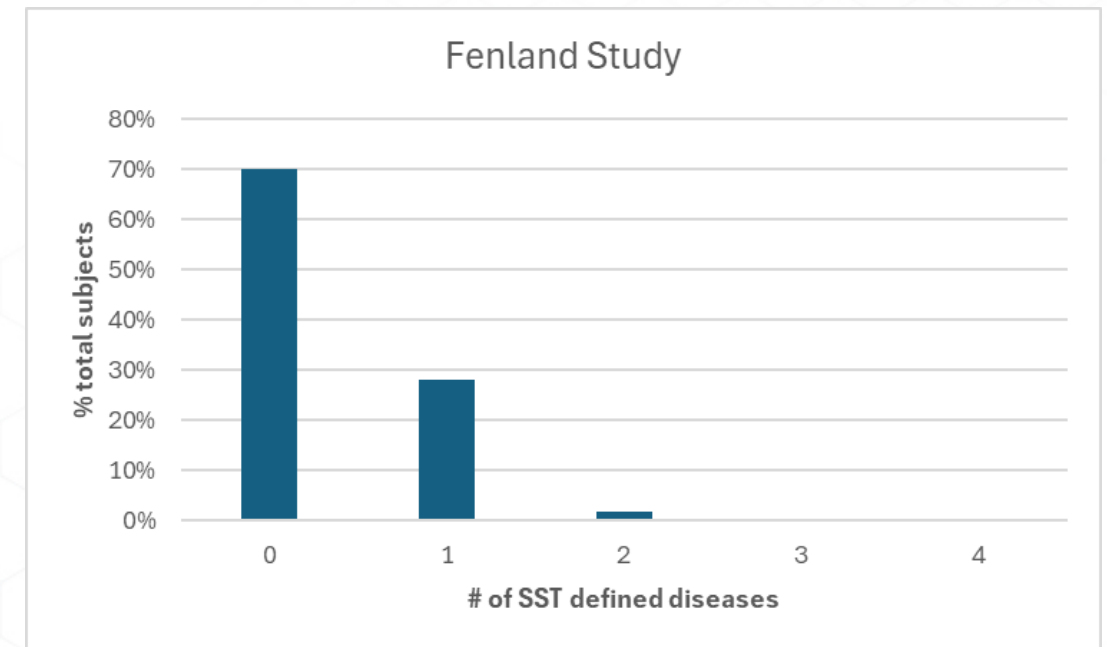
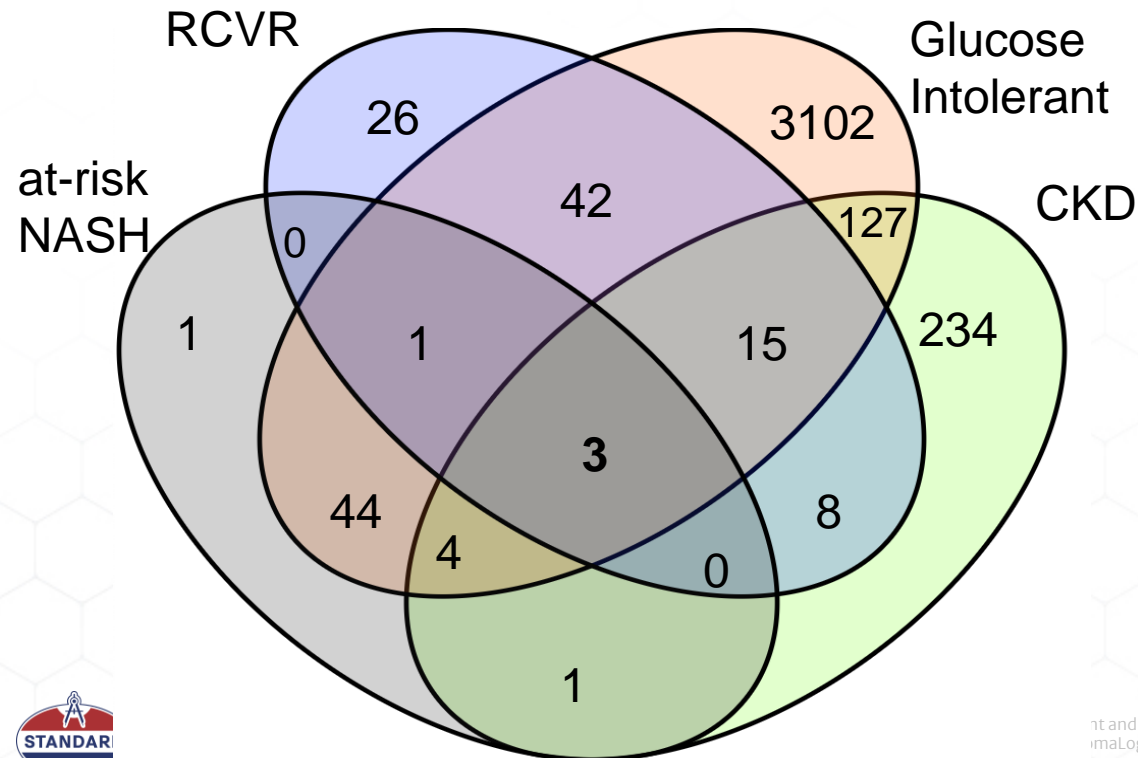
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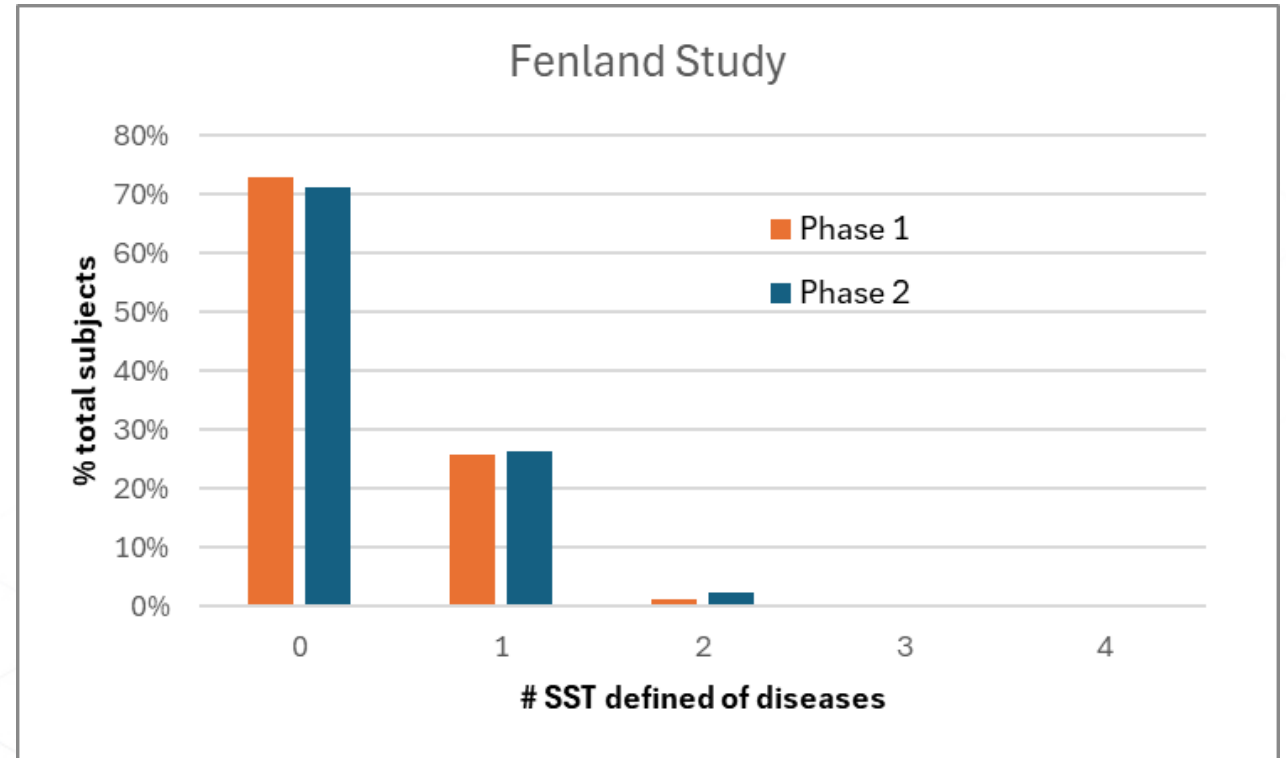
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Multi-morbidity in an Observational Cohort

Fenland Study

- **Fenland Study:** subjects with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 samples
- Phase 1: 29-64 years, ave = 48
- Phase 2 39-67 years, ave = 55
- Increase in multi-morbidity with age



Multi-morbidity in a Type 2 Diabetes Treatment Study

EXSCEL Study

Number of individuals with SST Results (n=5,241 Baseline)

at-risk MASH

Not at-risk = 4,523
At-risk = 718

RCVR

Low RCVR = 1,904
High RCVR = 3,337

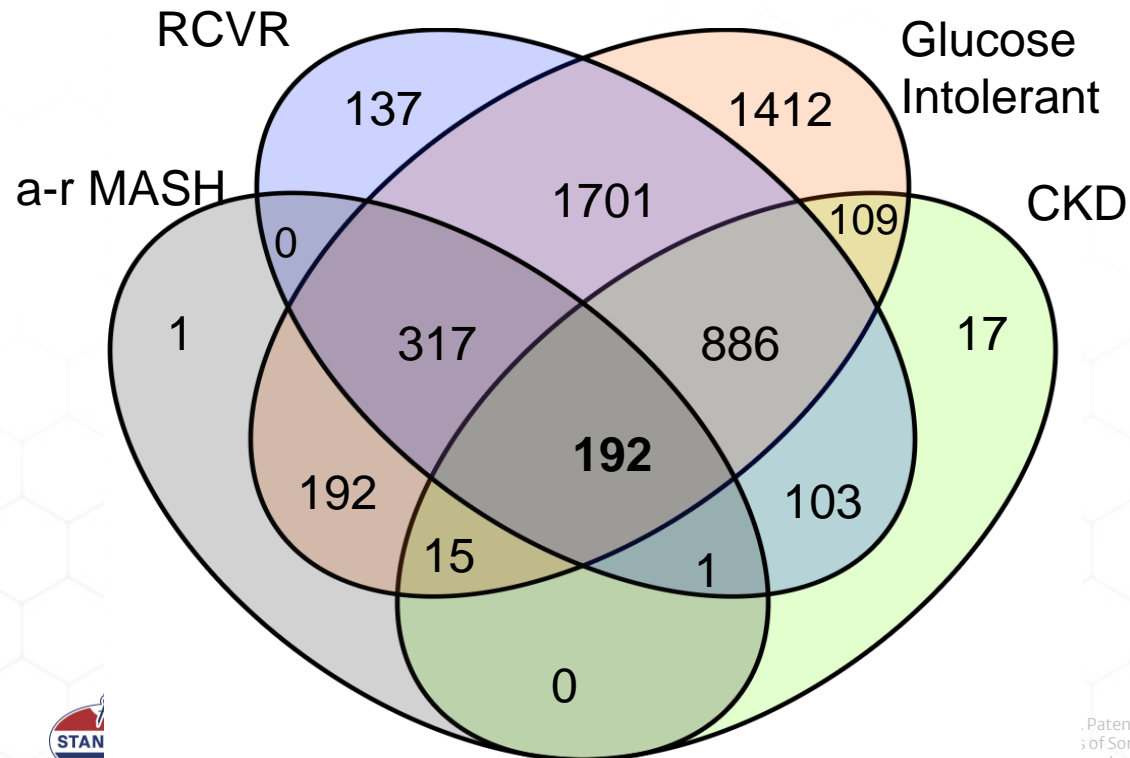
Glucose Tolerance

GT = 417
GIT = 4,824

CKD

Prognosis

Low CKD = 3,918
High CKD = 1,323



- **EXSCEL:** Exenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering Trial: A Trial To Evaluate Cardiovascular Outcomes After Treatment With Exenatide Once Weekly In Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

- Inclusion:

- Patient has type 2 diabetes mellitus

- Exclusion Criteria:

- Type 1 diabetes mellitus, or a history of ketoacidosis.

- Treatment: 12 months

- Placebo: subcutaneous injection, matching volume, once weekly
- Exenatide: subcutaneous injection, 2 mg, once weekly

- Outcome

- Major adverse cardiovascular events did not differ significantly between patients who received exenatide and those who received placebo.

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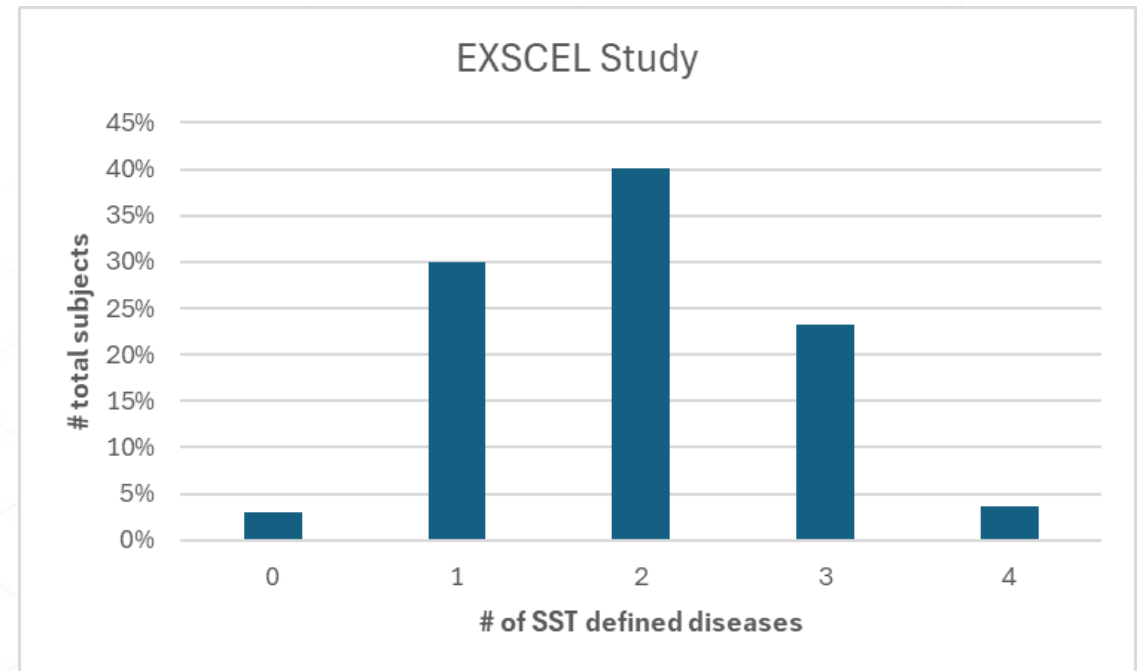
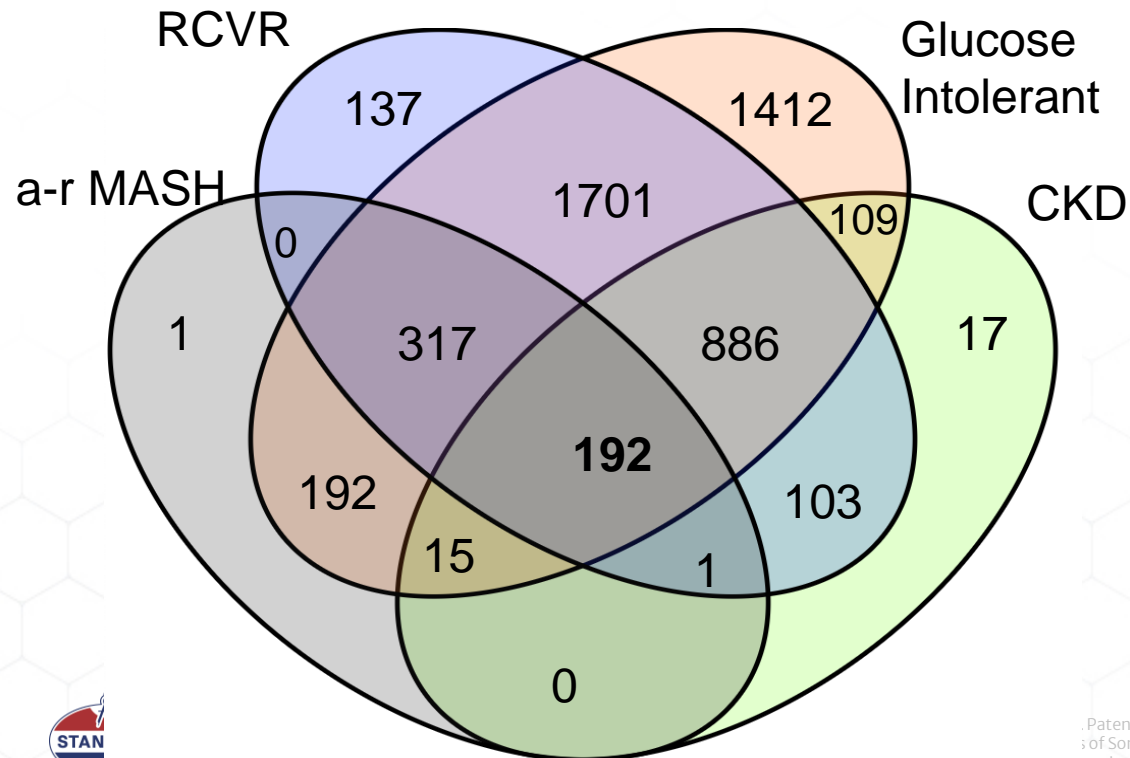
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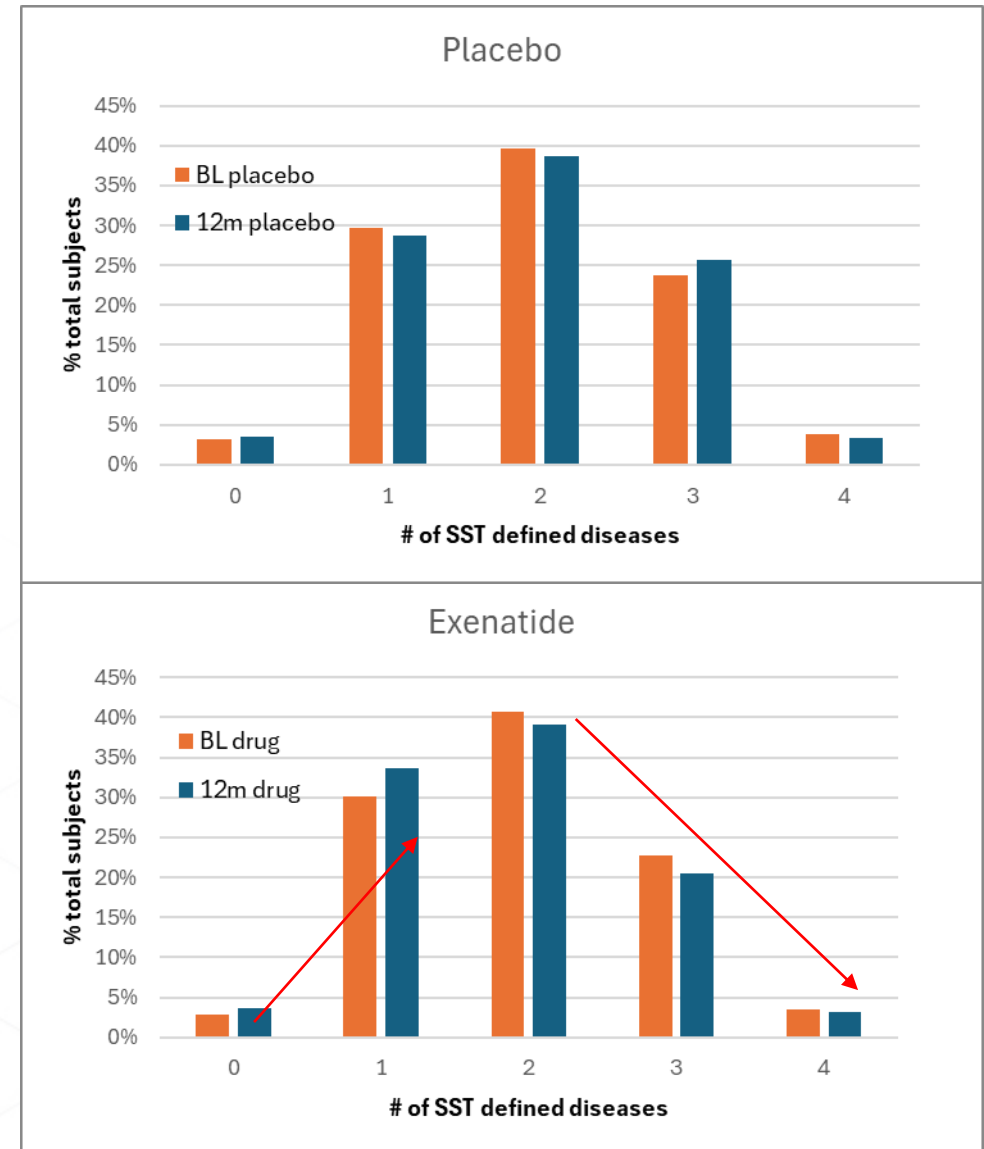
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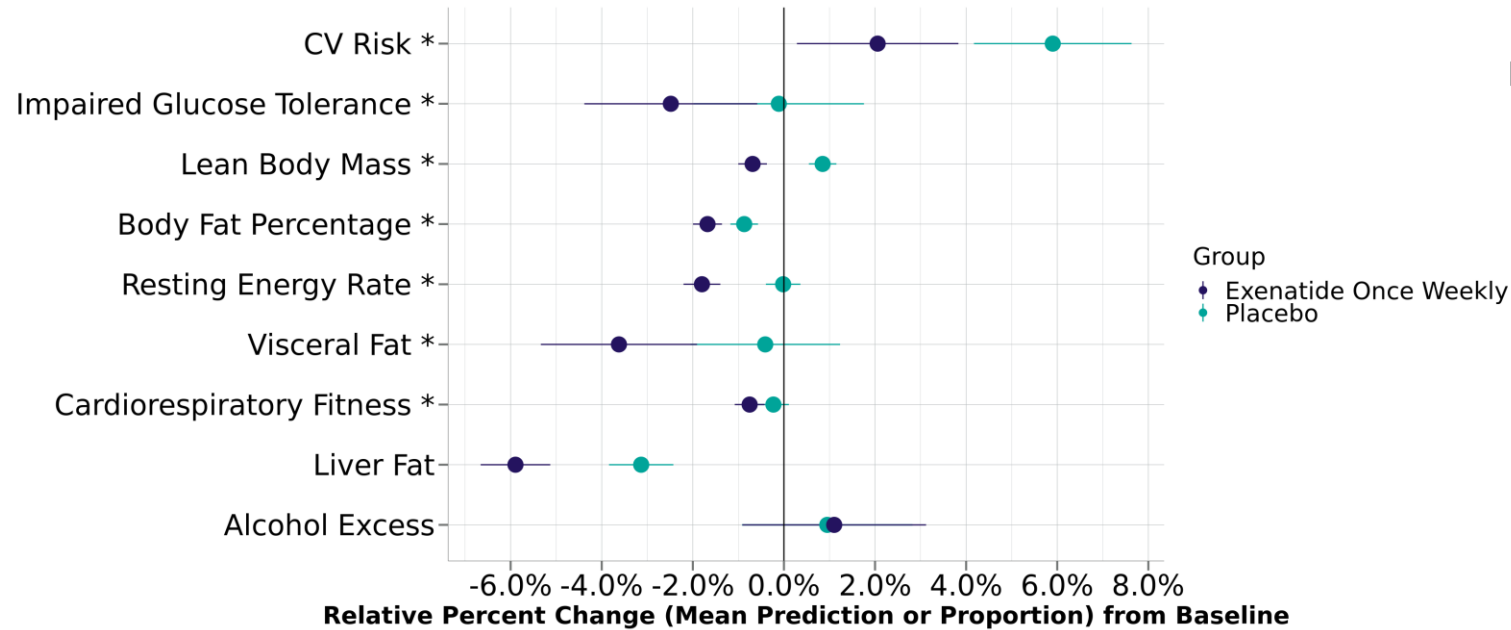
EXSCEL Study

- **EXSCEL Study:** BL and 12m paired samples
- Placebo: No trend in multi-morbidity
- Exenatide: Decreases in multi-morbidity
 - Greater percentages in 0, 1 disease categories
 - Lower percentages in 2, 3 and 4 disease categories
- **Broad cardiometabolic health improvement with GLP1-ra Intervention**
- **With significant cardiovascular risk improvement, potential to reduce trial size, duration**



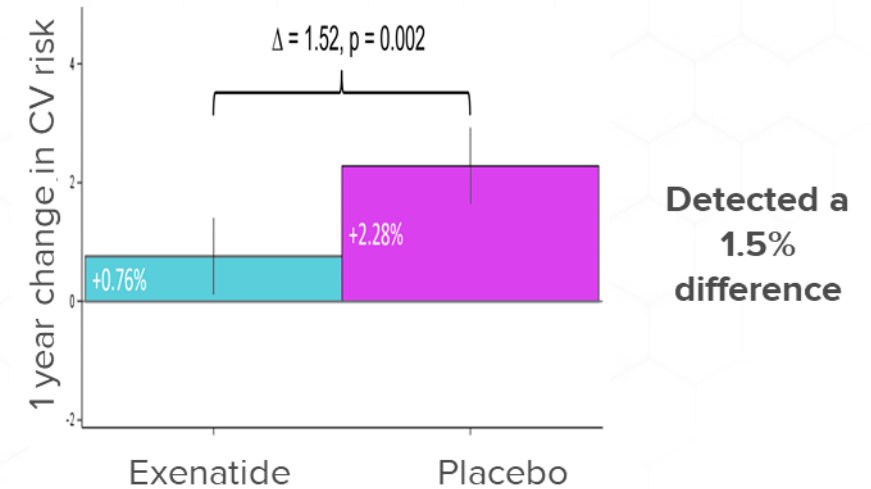
Cardiometabolic Health Improvement with GLP-1RA Intervention

Potential for smaller, shorter trials?



* Indicates significant change

Proteomic detection of benefits of exenatide in 8% participant years vs. outcomes study



Multi-morbidity in a Type 2 Diabetes Treatment Study

DIADEM-I Study

Number of individuals with SST Results (n=143 Baseline)

at-risk MASH

Not at-risk = 124
At-risk = 19

RCVR

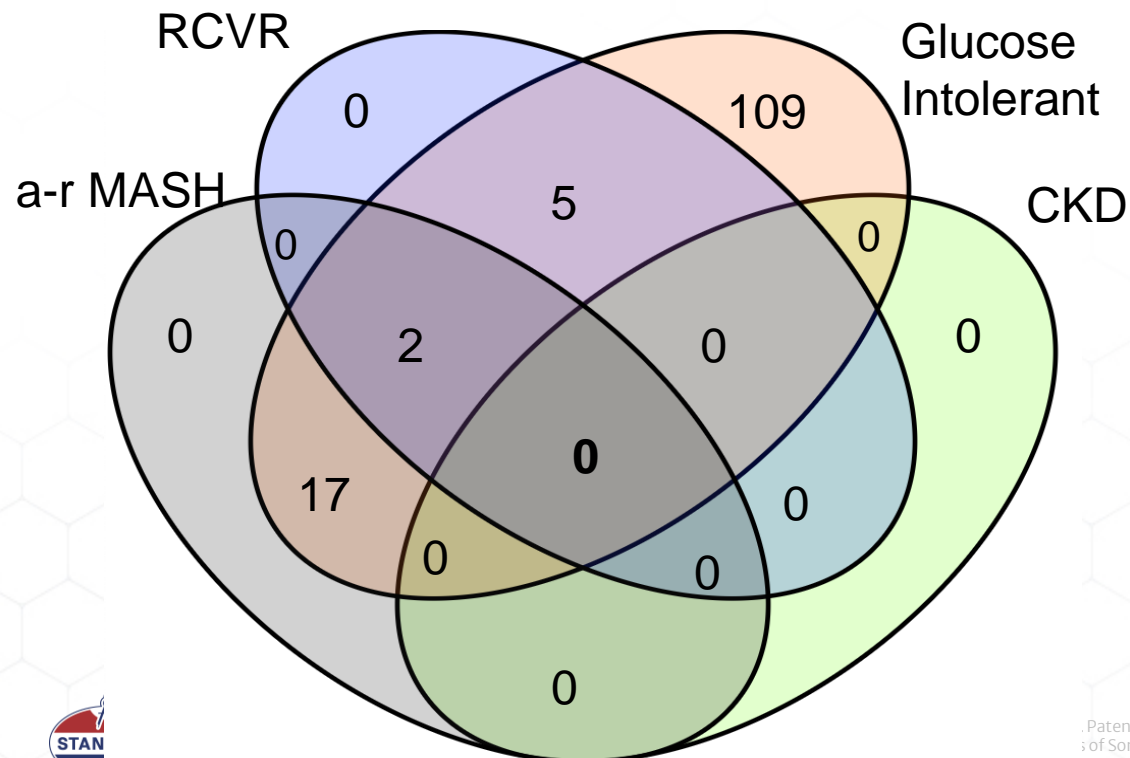
Low RCVR = 136
High RCVR = 7

Glucose Tolerance

GT = 10
GIT = 133

CKD

Prognosis
Low CKD = 143
High CKD = 0



- **DIADEM-I:** Compared the effects of an intensive lifestyle intervention (ILI) with usual medical care (UMC)
 - Inclusion:
 - Aged 18-50
 - Type 2 diagnosis within the previous 3 years
 - Exclusion Criteria:
 - Type 1 diabetes, CV event past 6m, Stage 3 CKD
 - Treatment: 48 weeks
 - Intensive Lifestyle Intervention: Low-energy diet meal replacement, physical activity support
 - Usual Medical Care: Usual diabetes care based on clinical guidelines
 - Outcome
 - **ILI led to significant weight loss at 12 months and diabetes remission in 60% of participants**

Multi-morbidity in a Type 2 Diabetes Treatment Study

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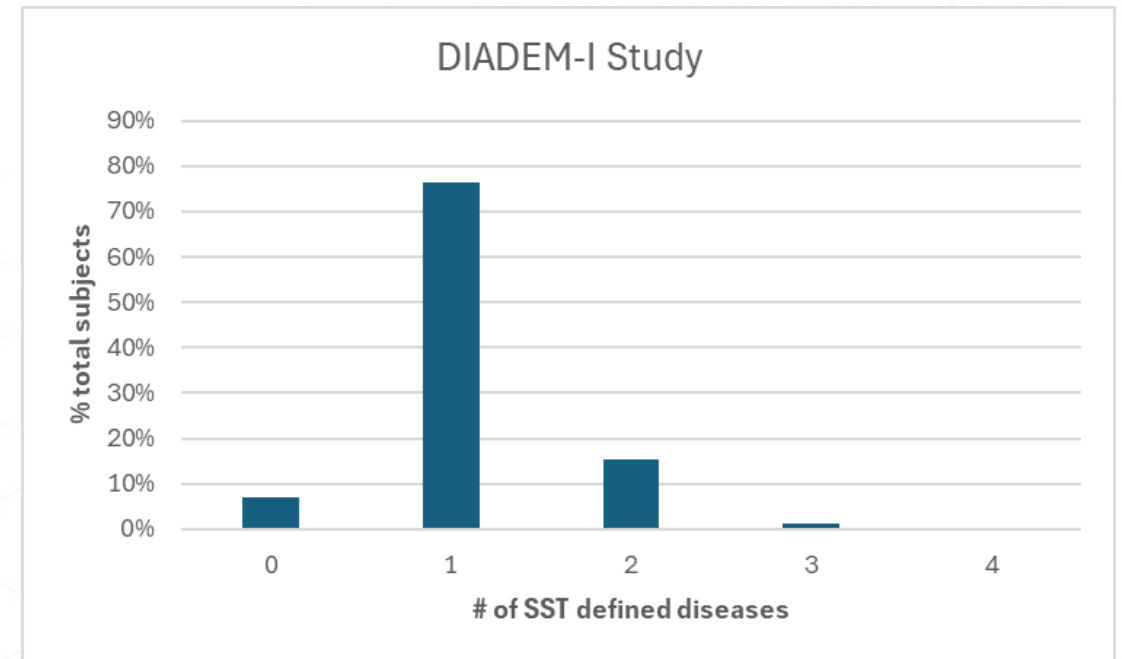
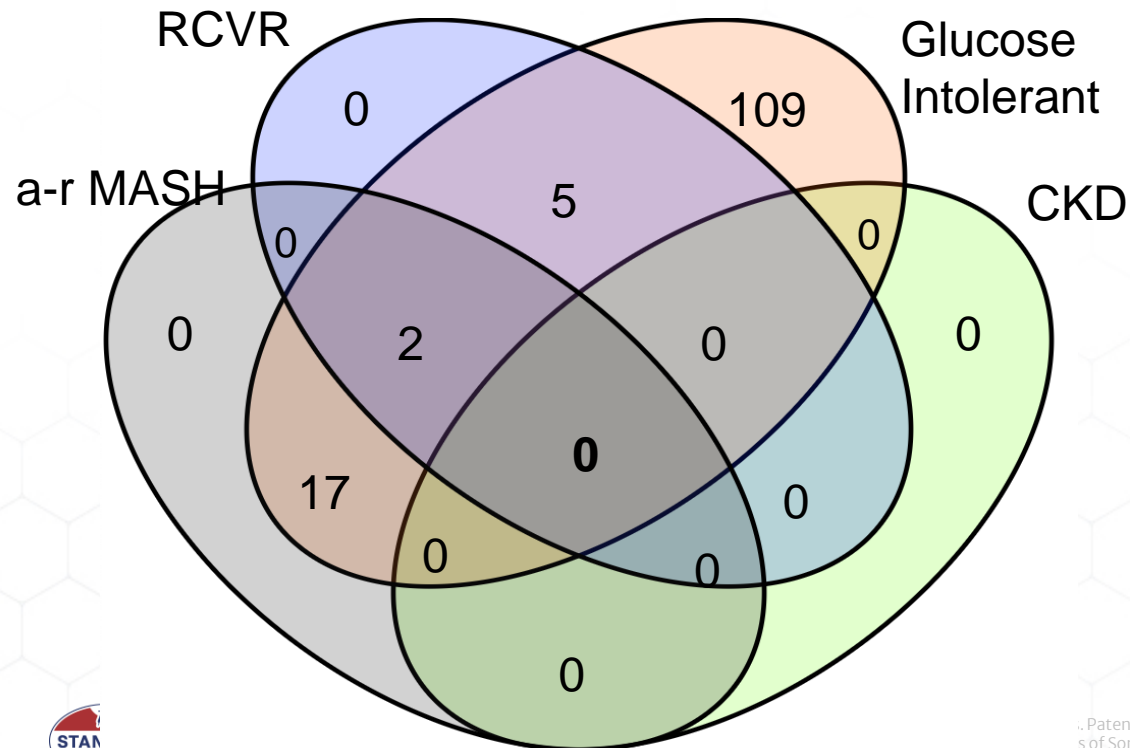
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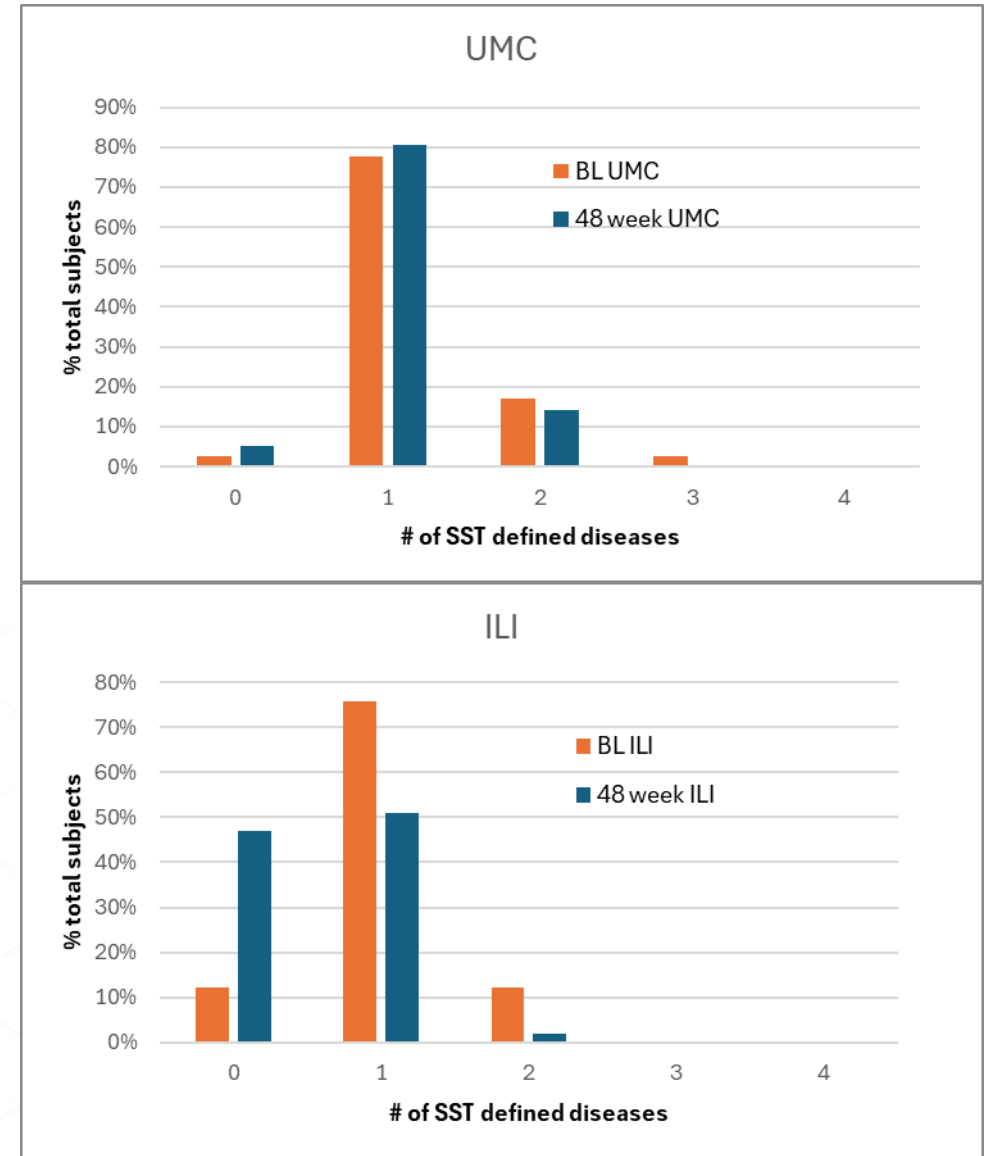
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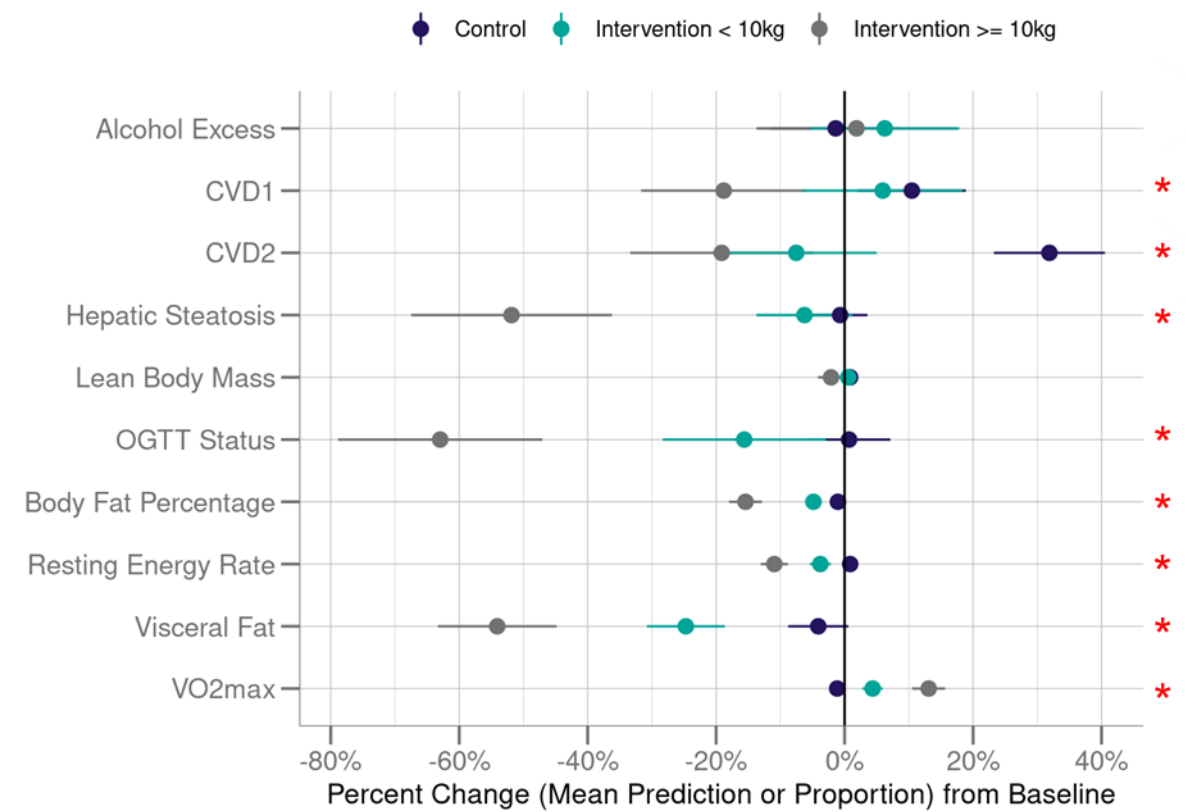
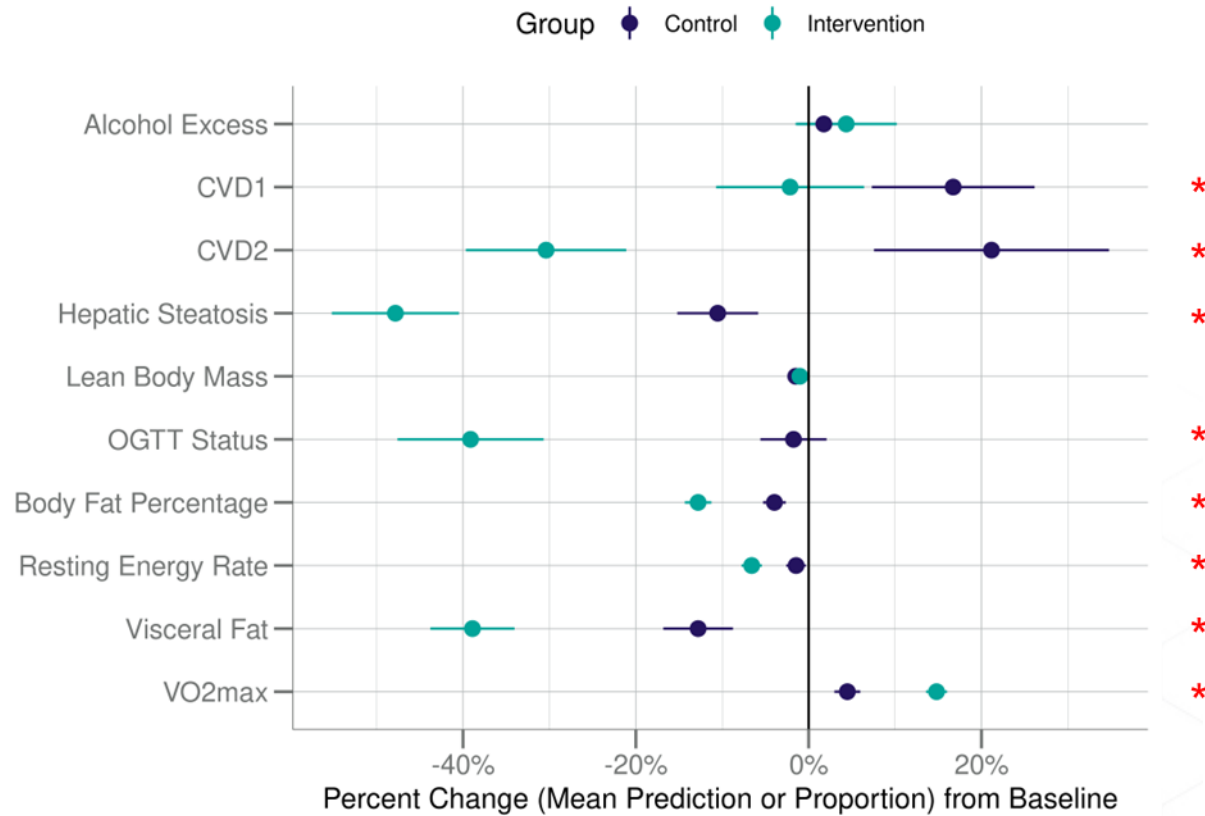
- **DIADEM-I:** BL and 48w paired samples
- **UMC:** Slight reduction in multi-morbidity
 - Lower percentages in 2 and 3 disease categories
 - Greater percentages in 0 and 1 disease categories
- **ILI:** Significant reduction in multi-morbidity
 - Lower percentages in 1, 2, and 3 disease categories
 - **Significantly greater percentage in 0 disease category**
- **Broad cardiometabolic health improvement with ILI**



Cardiometabolic Health Improvement with ILI

DIADEM (Singapore)

DiRECT (UK)



Diabetes Care 2023;46(11):1949-1957



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PIVENS Study

Number of individuals with SST Results (n=206 Baseline)

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Not at-risk = 101
At-risk = 105

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High RCVR = 16

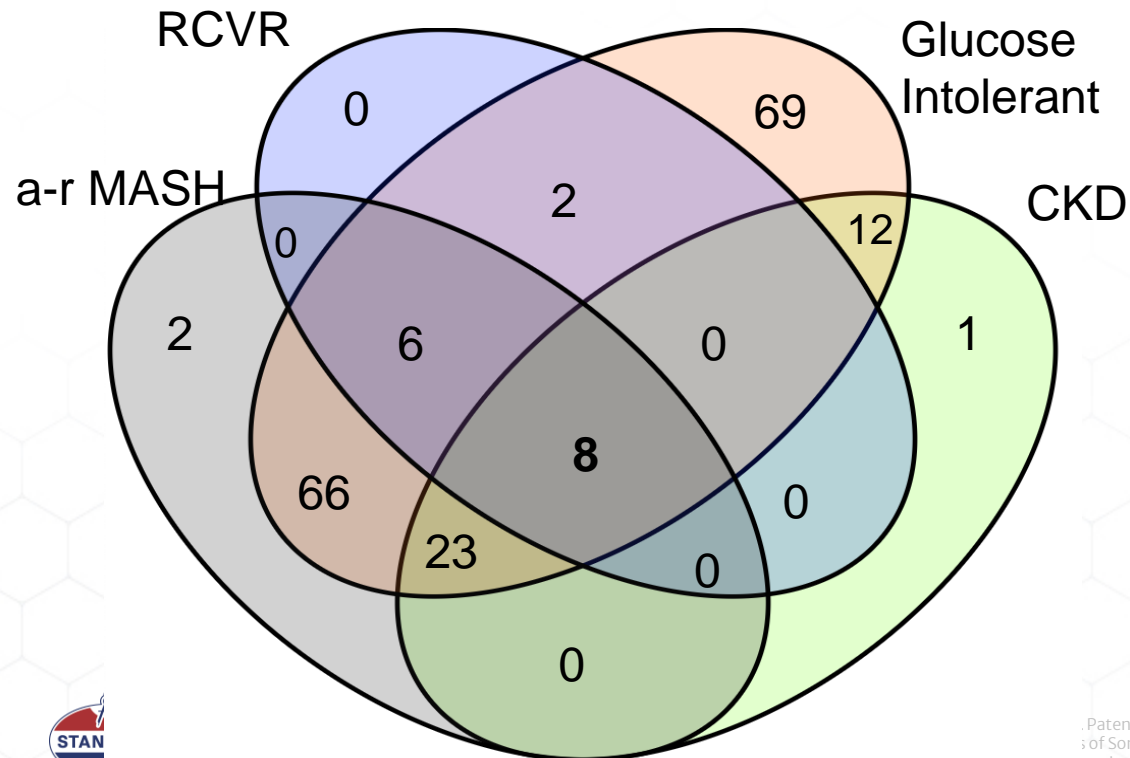
Glucose Tolerance

GT = 20
GIT = 186

CKD

Prognosis

Low CKD = 162
High CKD = 44



- **PIVENS:** RCT, Pioglitazone and Vitamin E in NASH subjects
 - Inclusion:
 - Aged 18+
 - NASH by biopsy
 - Exclusion Criteria:
 - Diabetes
 - Treatment: 96 weeks
 - Pioglitazone: 30 mg daily
 - Vitamin E: 800 IU daily
 - Placebo
- Outcome
 - **Vitamin E significant, Pioglitazone not significant NASH improvement.**

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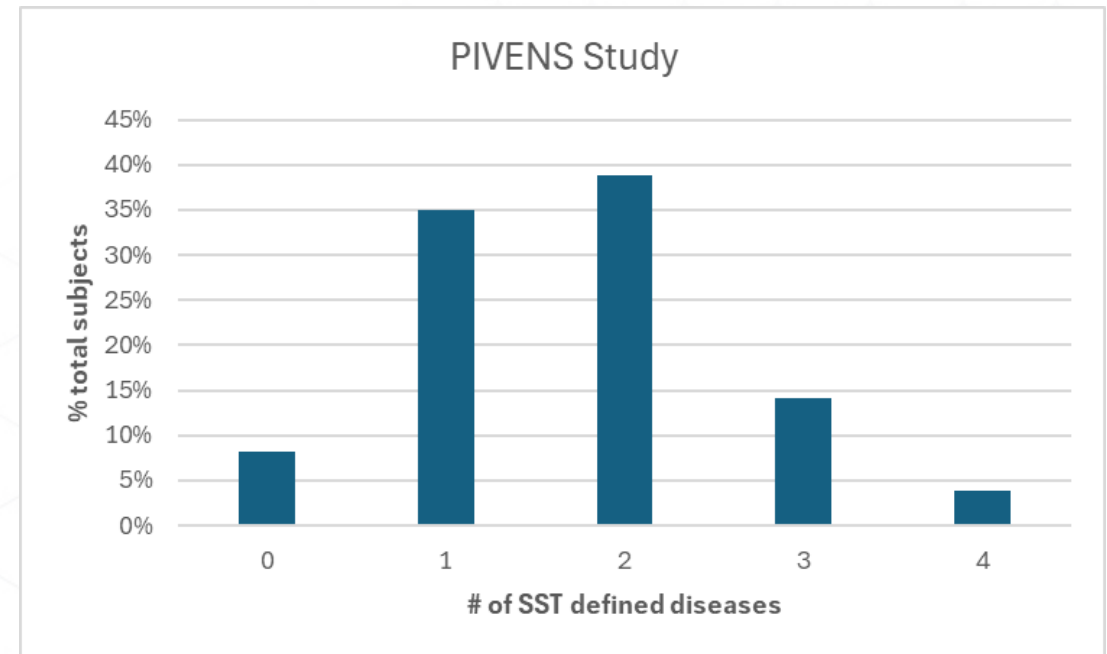
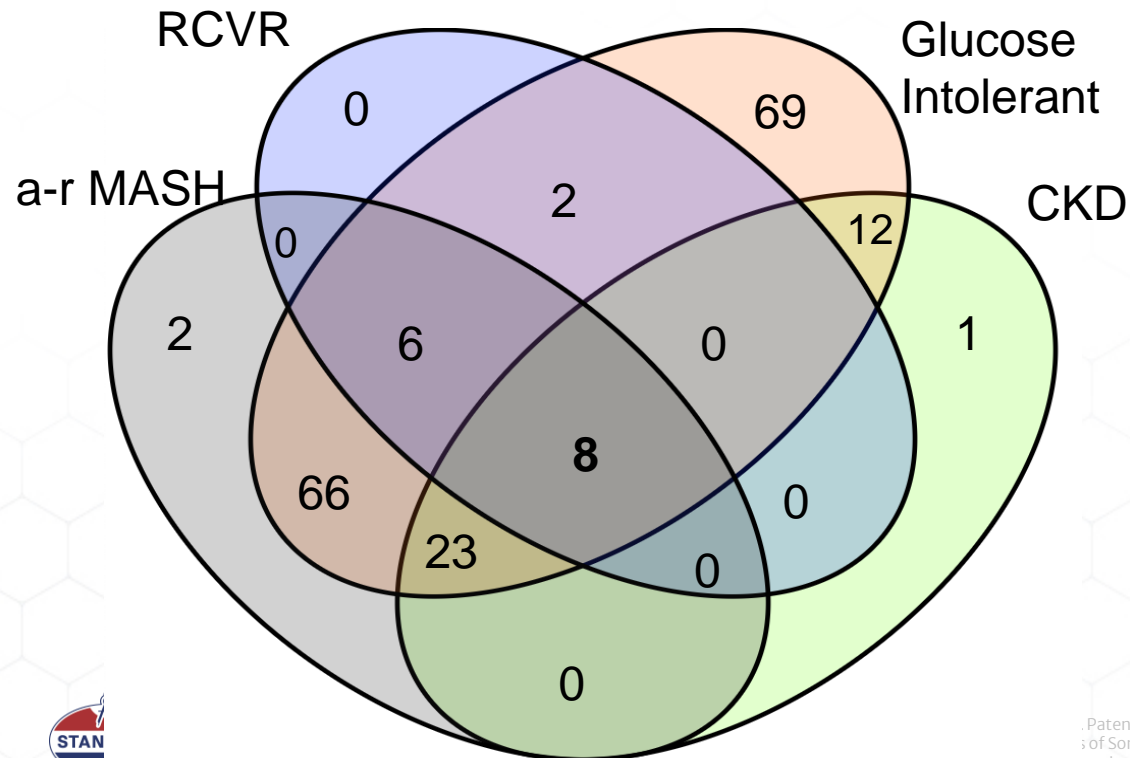
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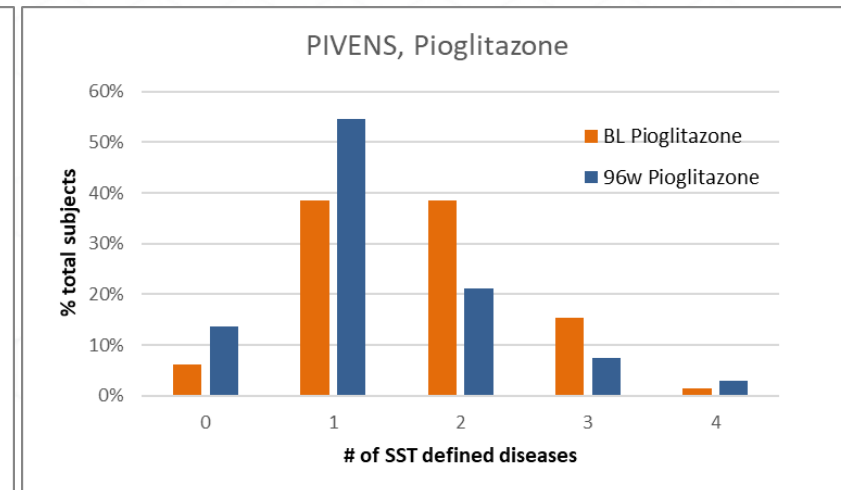
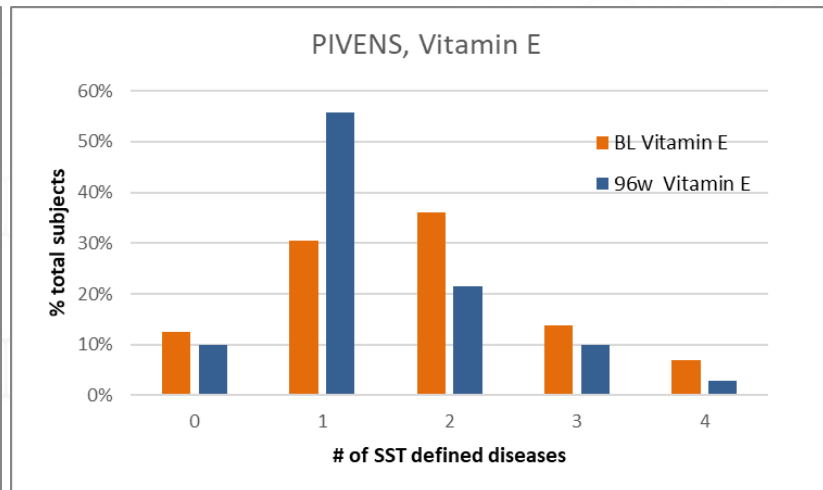
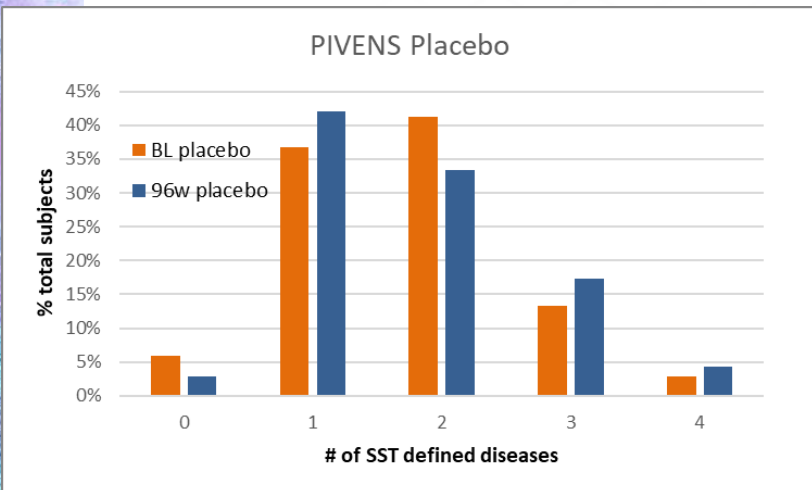
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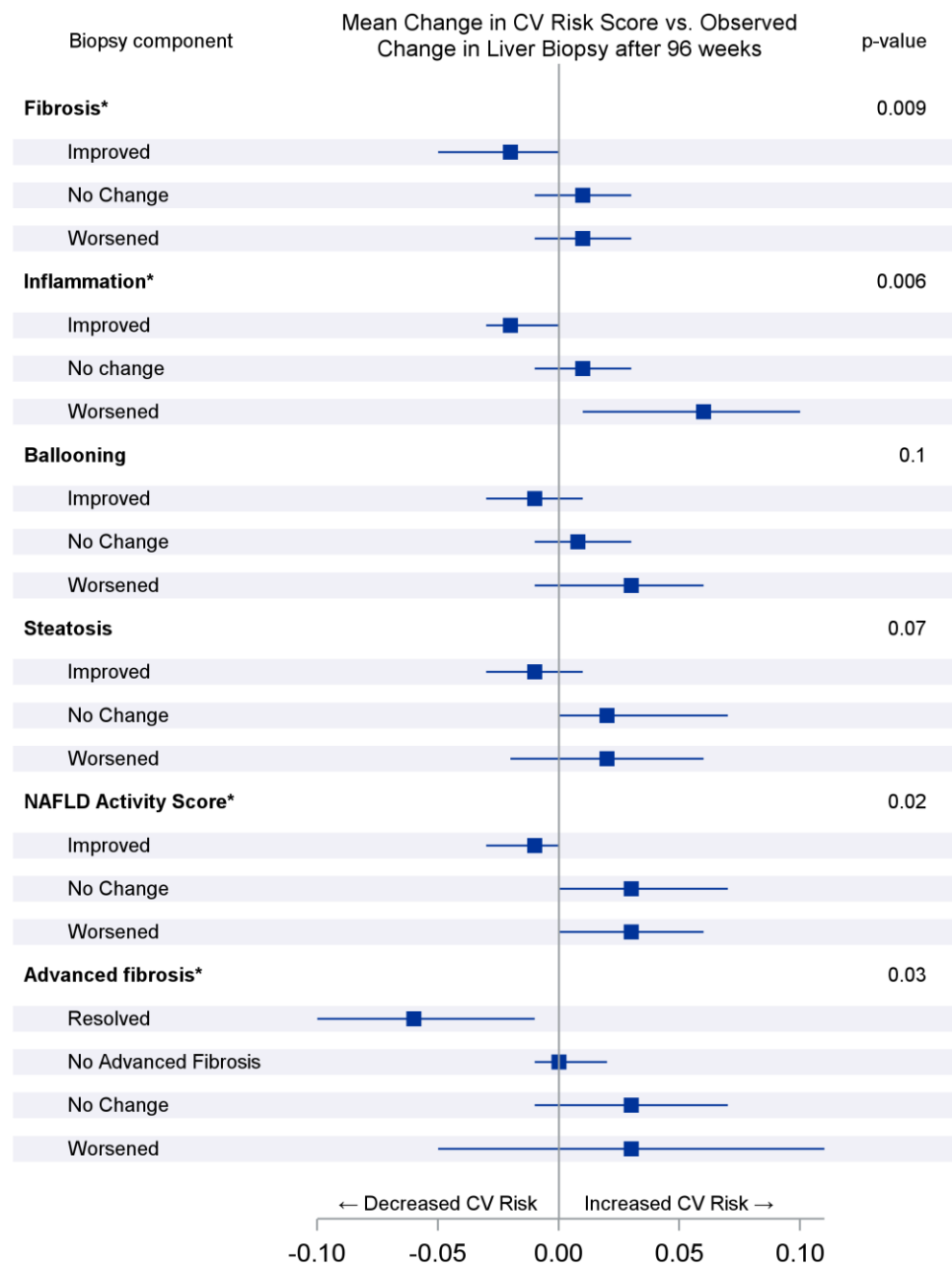
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- **PIVENS Study:** BL and 96w paired samples
- **Placebo:** Trending toward Increased multi-morbidity
- **Vitamin E:** Decreases in multi-morbidity
 - Lower percentages of individuals with 2, 3 and 4 disease
- **Pioglitazone:** Decreases in multi-morbidity
 - Greater percentages of individuals with 0 and 1 disease
 - Lower percentages of individuals with 2 and 3 diseases



Improved Cardiovascular Risk in the PIVENS trial

- Improvement in fibrosis, hepatic inflammation, NAFLD activity score and Advanced fibrosis were associated with improved proteomic CV risk scores regardless of treatment arm.
- Because this was a post-hoc analysis, additional prospective validation of these findings is warranted.
- This study provides evidence that proteomic profiling can be used to track changes in surrogate endpoints such as CV risk profiles in response to therapy in NASH/MASH trials.



Hinterberg et. al., AHA poster, 2023



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Conclusions

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- The SomaScan[®] assay can currently provide ~11,000 measurements
 - High levels of coverage across every major biological pathway
- SomaSignal[®] Tests developed for RUO and LDT use
 - Prognostic for Major Health Outcomes
 - Current Metabolic State
 - MASH
 - Impact of Social Behaviors
 - [DDT submissions for RCRV and MASH SSTs](#)
- MASH SSTs
 - Outperform >17 common screening/diagnostic single/multi-biomarkers (Metacohort and Litmus Study Cohort)
 - Associate with longitudinal changes upon therapeutic interventions
- Assessing metabolically associated multi-morbidities at scale possible with the SomaScan Assay
 - A simple blood draw can provide a deeper understanding of clinical trial populations (“know your patient”)
 - Significant overlap across at-risk MASH, CVD, CKD and T2D
 - Disease specific treatments, provide broad improvement to metabolic associated diseases



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