

Beneficial effects of a novel long-acting glucagon analog, HM15136, on obesity and obesity related metabolic disorders in animal models

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Since obesity is major risk factor for various metabolic disorders (hyperlipidemia, fatty liver, diabetes, and insulin resistance), potent BWL effect of HM15136 could provide a therapeutic potential on various metabolic disorders via improvement of obesity related metabolic risk factors

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Liver insulin sensitivity ↑



Skeletal muscle insulin sensitivity ↑



Adipose tissue insulin sensitivity ↑



Benefits of HM15136 on various metabolic disorders

Beta cell function ↑



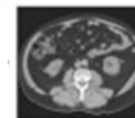
Blood cholesterol level ↓



Intrahepatic triglyceride content ↓



Intra-abdominal adipose tissue volume ↓



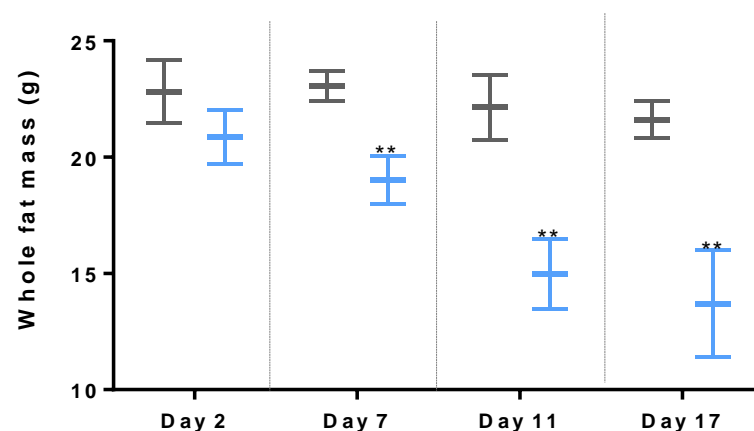
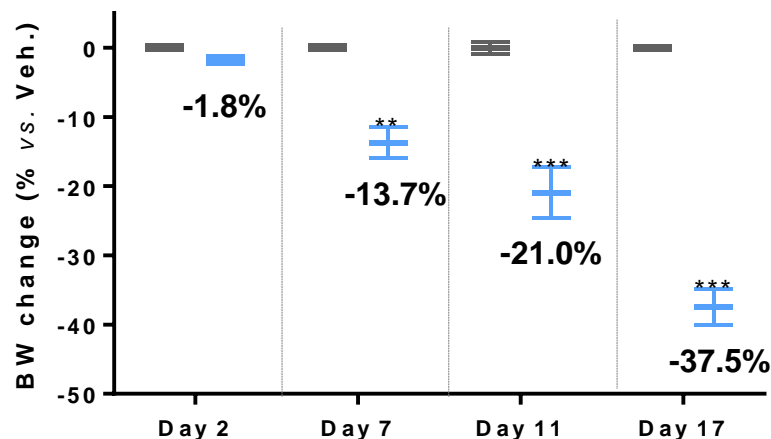
- To confirm the beneficial effects of HM15136 on obesity and obesity related metabolic disorders, HM15136 was subcutaneously administered into diet-induced obesity (DIO) mice for 17 days. The tested doses of HM15136 were 2.0 nmol/kg, 4.0 nmol/kg, once every 2 days (Q2D, 3 mg/week in human, 6 mg/week in human)
- To investigate the time-course pharmacologic action of HM15136 in the liver, blood, liver fat contents, blood lipid were determined at D2, D7, D11, and D17
- To assess the potential impact of HM15136 in insulin sensitivity, 4hr FBG and blood INS level were measured during necropsy
- To investigate the glycemic control efficacy of HM15136, oGTT was performed and FBG, INS level was measured at D2, D8, D14 in DIO mice

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(a) BW change

(b) Fat mass change



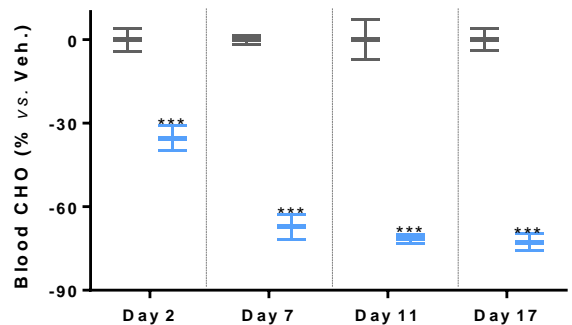
— DIO, Vehicle
— HM15136 2 nmol/kg, Q2D (3.0 mg/wk HED)

** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ vs. DIO, vehicle by t-test

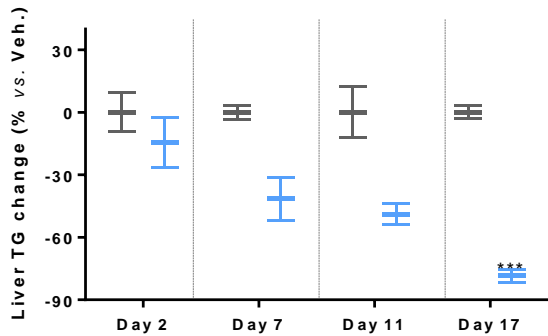
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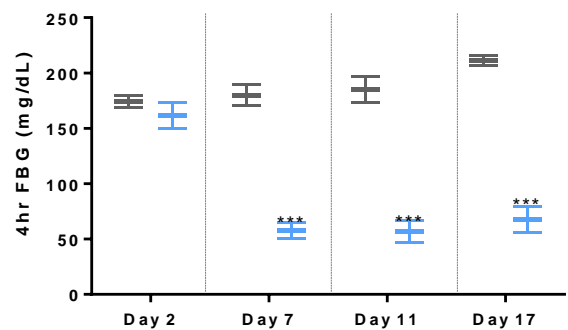
(c) Blood cholesterol



(d) Liver triacylglycerol



(e) Fasting blood glucose



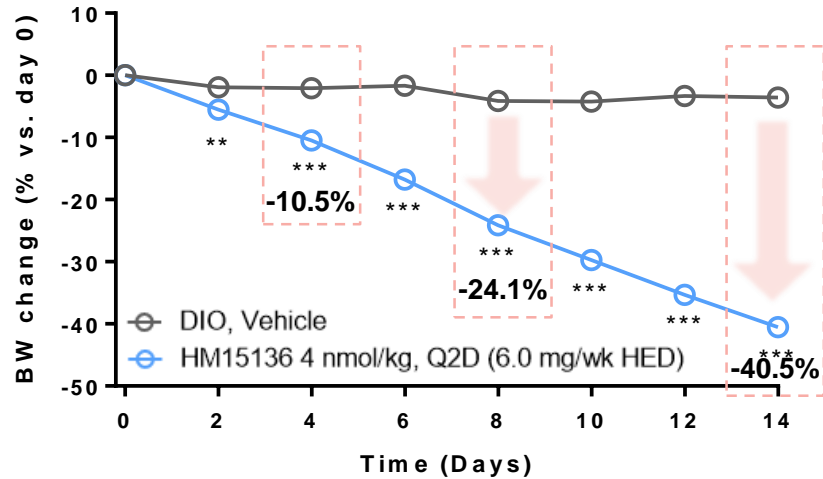
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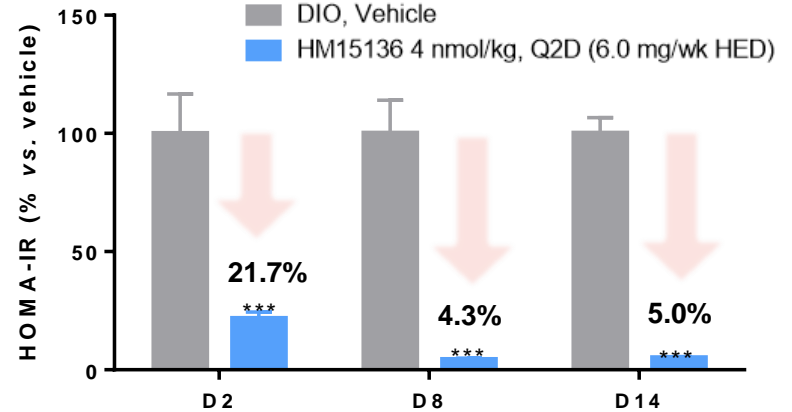
Figure 2. Time-dependent effect of BWL on glycemic control in DIO mice

➤ HM15136 significantly lowered fasting serum insulin levels (data not shown), and HOMA-IR at D2, suggesting the direct effects of HM15136 on improvement in fasting insulin sensitivity in DIO mice

(a) BW change



(b) HOMA IR

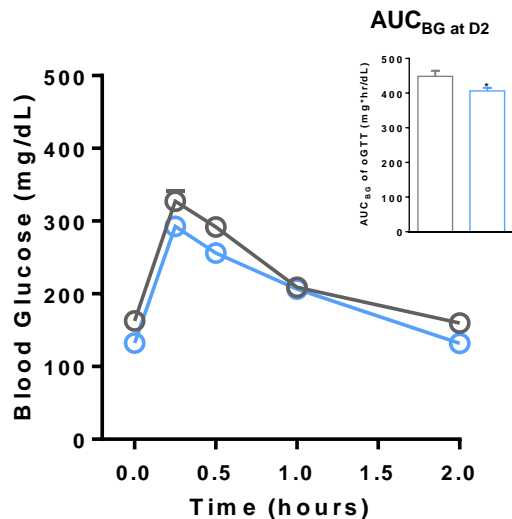


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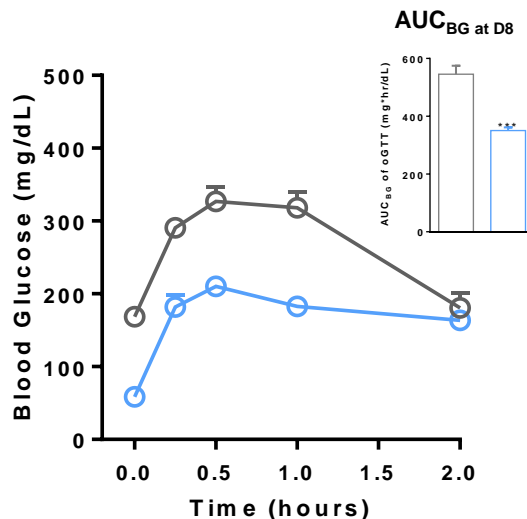
Figure 3. Oral glucose tolerance test in DIO mice

➤ In DIO mice, HM15136 showed restoration of glucose intolerance at day 8, suggesting continued treatment of HM15136 might improve glycemic control via improved insulin sensitivity and glucose source depletion

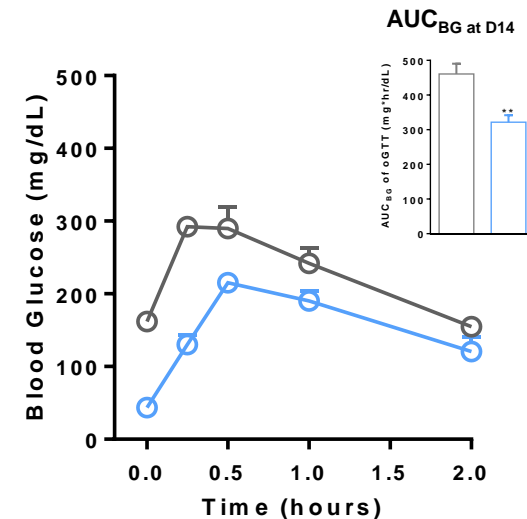
(a) Day 2



(b) Day 8



(c) Day 14



⊖ DIO, Vehicle ⊕ HM15136 4 nmol/kg, Q2D (6.0 mg/wk HED)

* $p < 0.05$ ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ vs. DIO, vehicle by t-test

- HM15136 is a novel long-acting glucagon analog developed for the treatment of obesity
- Chronic treatment of HM15136 showed time dependently increased BWL
- Interestingly, BWL effect of HM15136 was correlated with improvement of obesity related metabolic risk factors
- At D7, D11 and D17, HM15136 6 mg treatment continuously decreased BW and whole body mass despite plateau of blood CHO and liver TG, suggesting lipid profile improvement of liver and blood precedes and then BWL and fat mass is continuously improved, suggesting WL-independent action for lipid lowering and steatosis improvement
- In addition, HM15136 improved insulin sensitivity and glucose tolerance
- Therefore, HM15136 might be a novel therapeutic option for obesity and obesity related disorders