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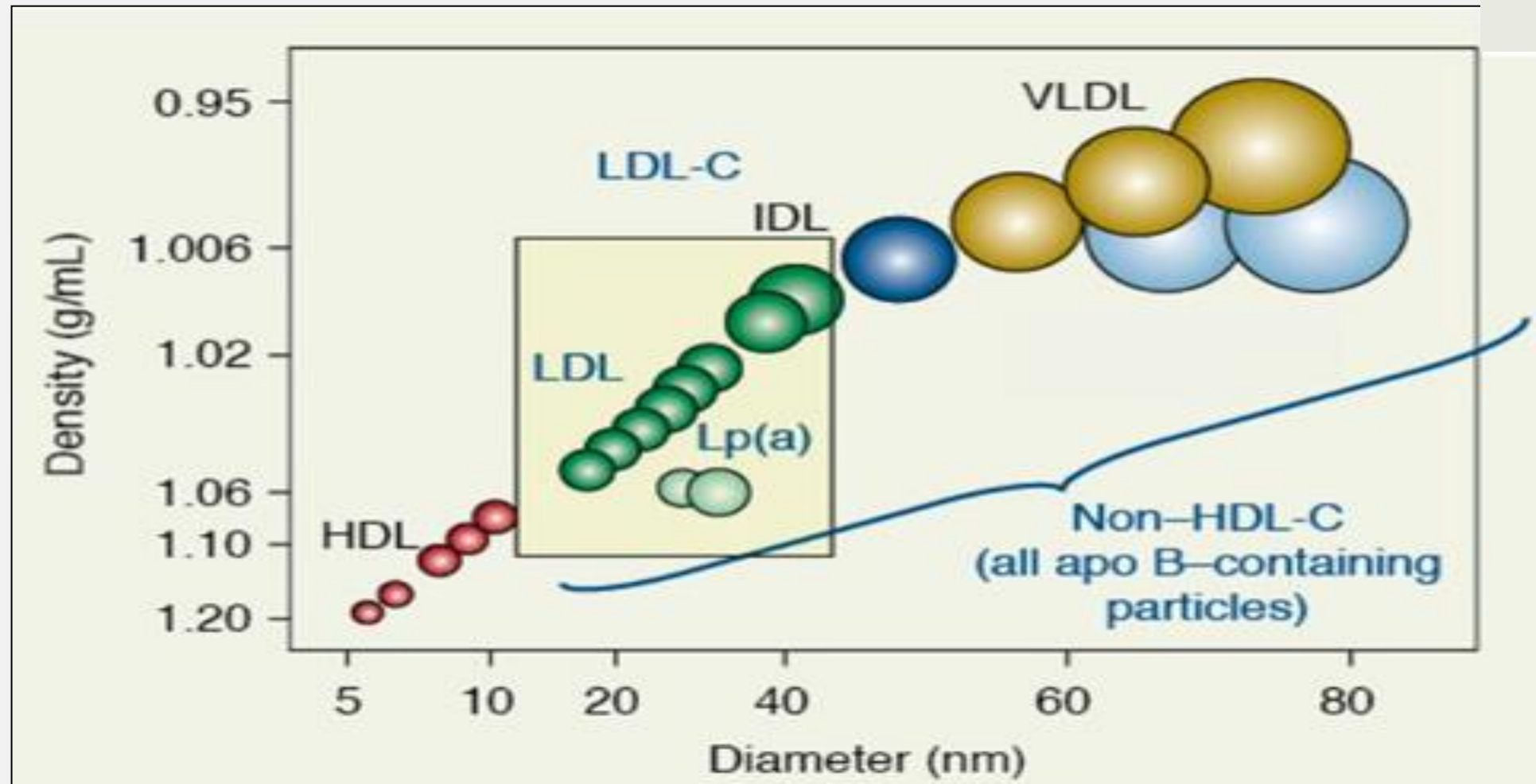
# Athérosclérose #5

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# Caractéristiques des lipoprotéines



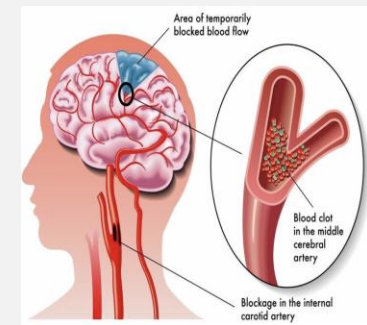
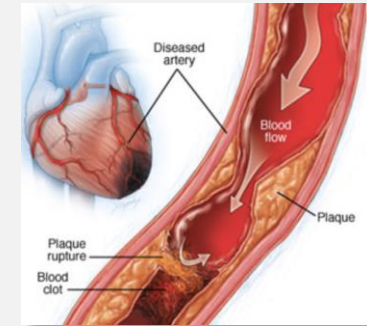
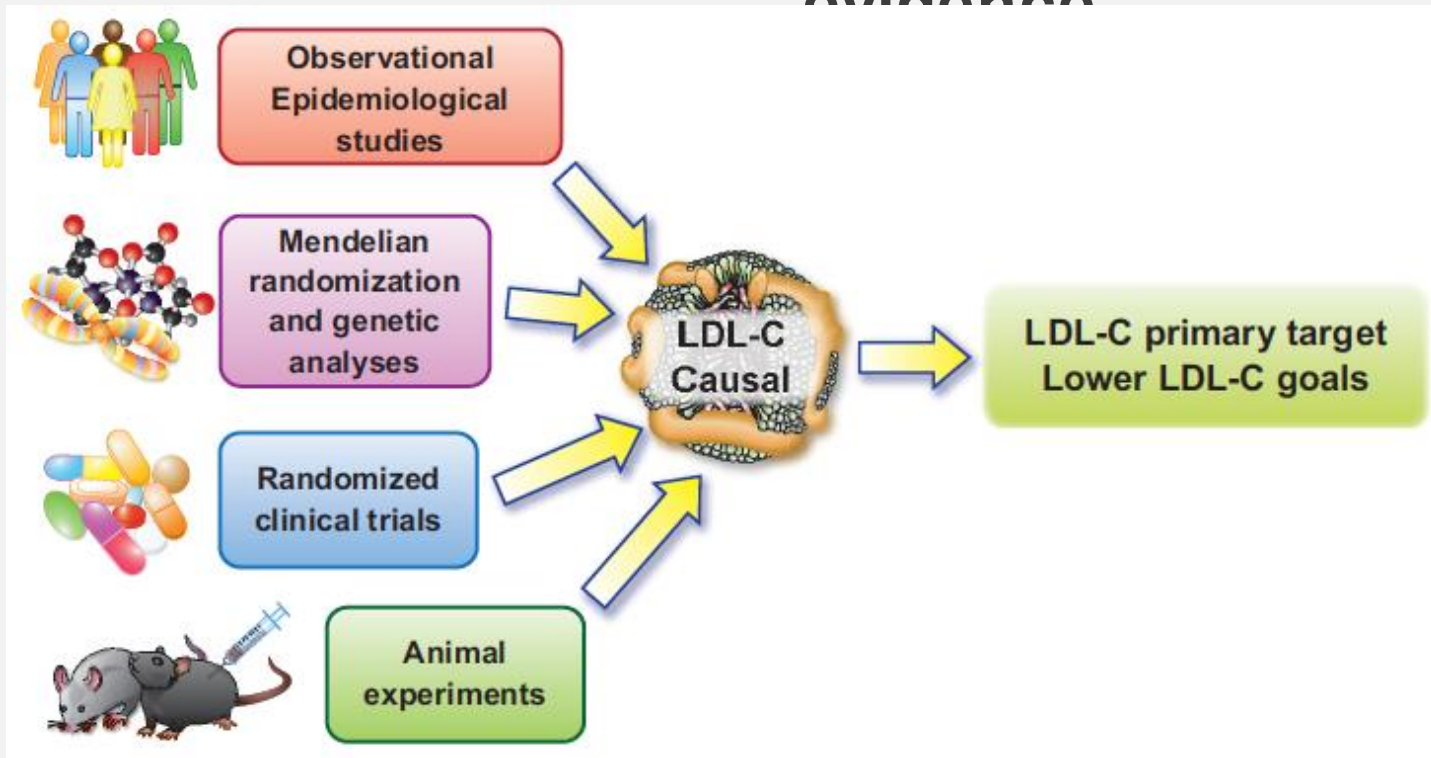
# LDL-Cholesterol

Clear relationship between LDL-C and risk of CV events

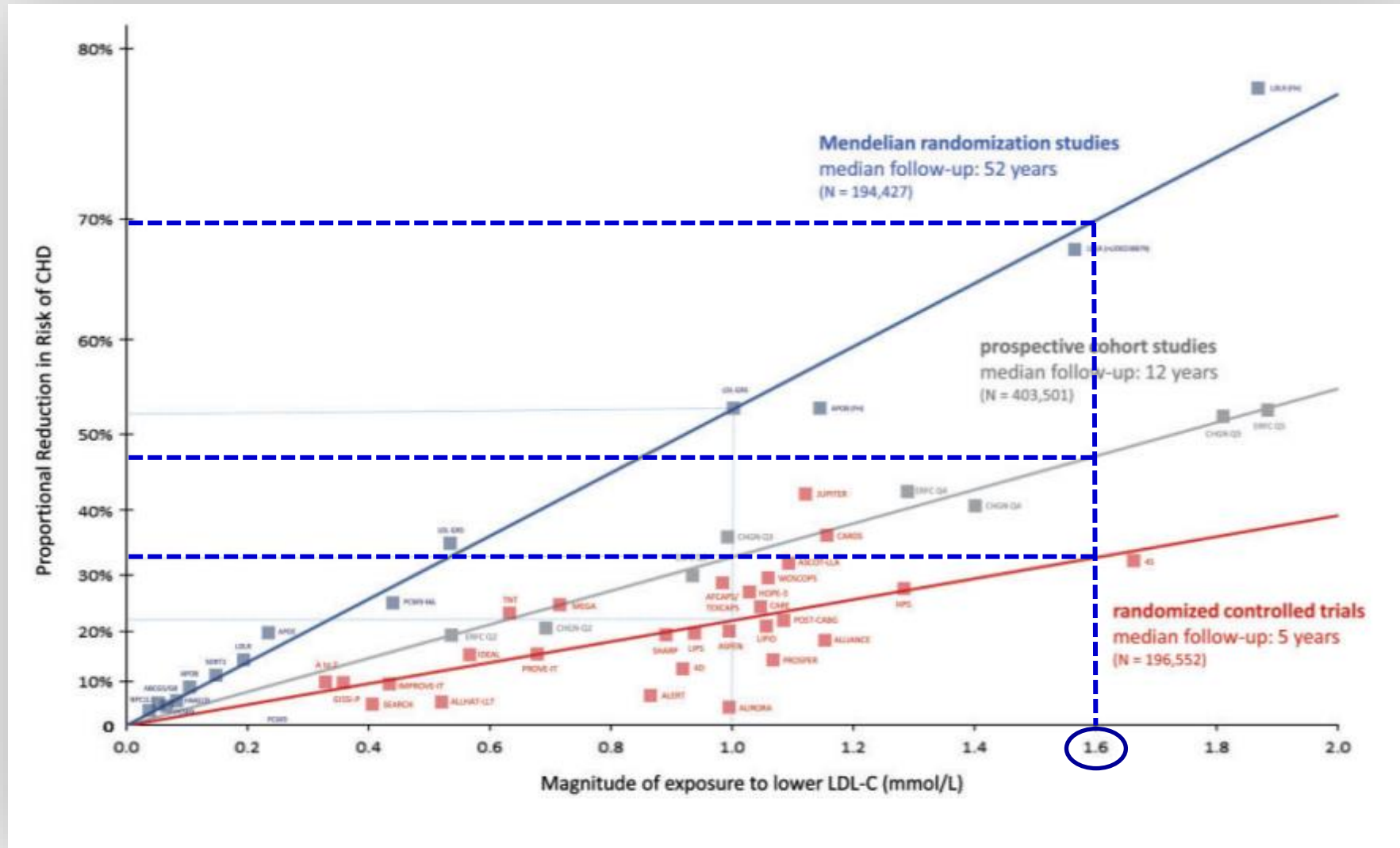
## The dawn of a new era of targeted lipid-lowering therapies

Lale Tokgözoğlu<sup>1</sup> and Peter Libby<sup>2\*</sup>

### LDL-C is the main driver for atherosclerosis: 4 compelling lines of evidence



# Time-Exposure to low LDL-C

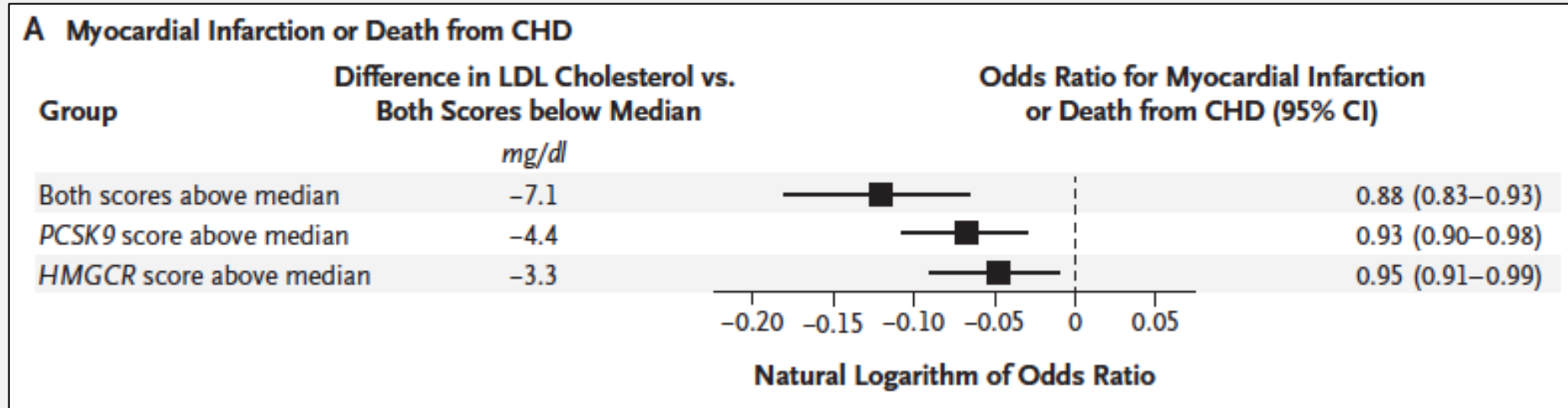


# Reduced LDL-C via mutations is associated with low CVD in humans

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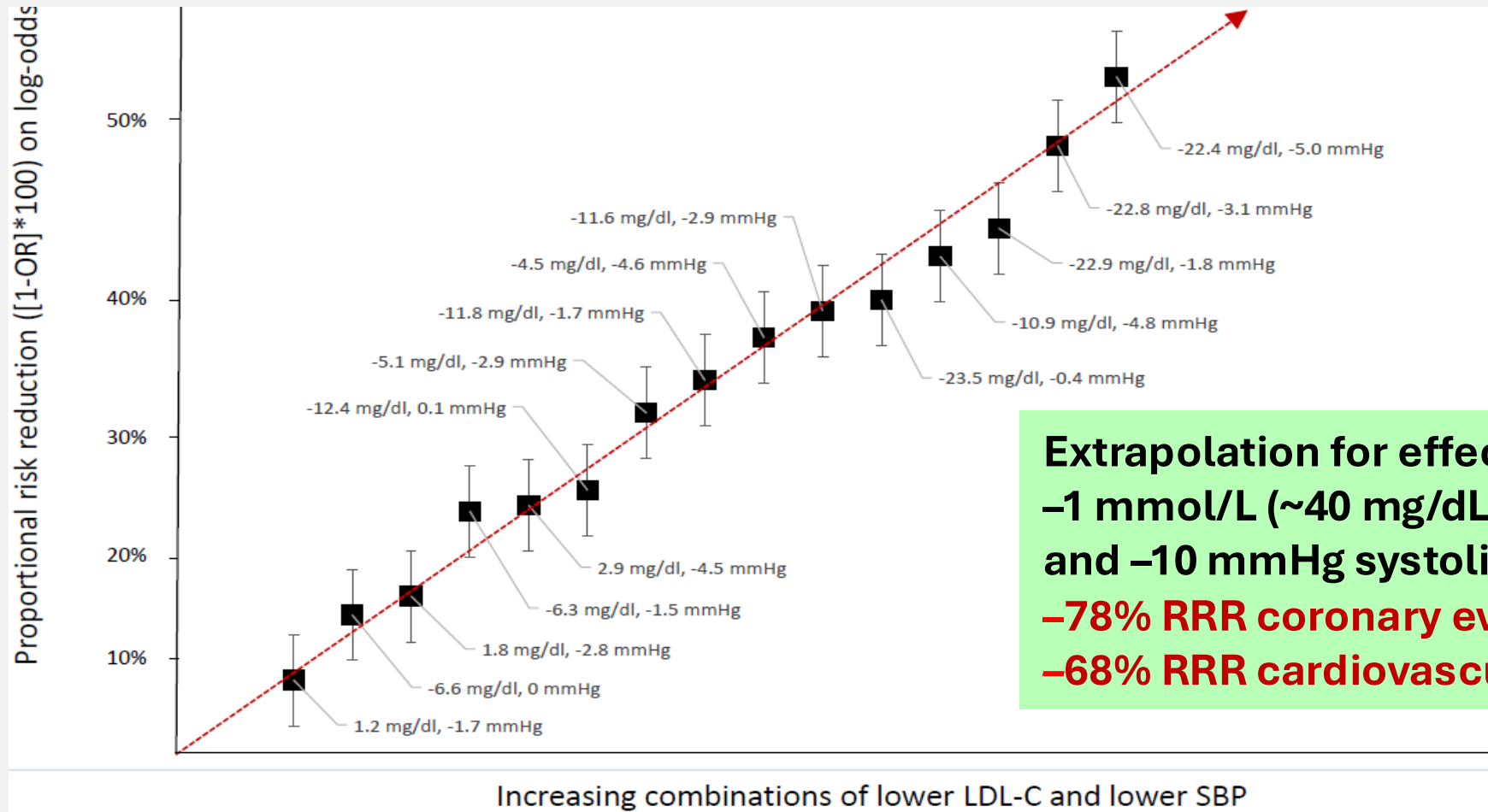
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# Mendelian randomization: effects of lower LDL-C, lower SBP or both on risk of major cardiovascular events

N=438,952 (54.1% female, mean age 65.2 years); 24,980 CV events; quartile values of genetic scores



**Extrapolation for effect of  
-1 mmol/L (~40 mg/dL) LDL-C  
and -10 mmHg systolic BP:  
-78% RRR coronary events  
-68% RRR cardiovascular deaths**

# Lipid levels during the first days of life

## NEONATAL LIPID LEVELS – CAN THEY BE A BENCHMARK FOR LIPID LOWERING IN ADULTS?

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**Table 3: Cord blood lipid parameters in present study and earlier evidence**

Mean(mg/dl)	Pardo <i>et al</i> <sup>16</sup>	SV Esfarjani <i>et al</i> <sup>17</sup>	Schaefer Graf U M <i>et al</i> <sup>18</sup>	Rakhi Jain <i>et al</i> <sup>19</sup>	KARB s <i>et al</i> <sup>20</sup>	Present study
<b>Total Cholesterol</b>	70.42 ± 1.63	81.02 ± 19.75	63.5 ± 17.7	98.2 ± 34.9	73.64 ± 21.64	73.83 ± 15.83
<b>HDL Cholesterol</b>	26.75 ± 0.65	25.09 ± 7.34	-	29 ± 10.7	23.25 ± 7.66	21.13 ± 6.00
<b>LDL Cholesterol</b>	34.38 ± 1.29	48.92 ± 16.34	-	36.4 ± 20	41.81 ± 17.88	36.63 ± 12.82
<b>Triglycerides</b>	-	42 ± 29.10	41.6 ± 21.8	118.5 ± 9	33.75 ± 16.39	49.38 ± 23.81
<b>VLDL Cholesterol</b>	-	-	-	28.6 ± 17.5	12.8 ± 11.08	13.58 ± 16.83
<b>TC/HDL</b>	2.71 ± 0.06	2.33	-	3.52 ± 1.4	-	3.74 ± 1.25
<b>LDL/HDL</b>	-	-	-	1.41 ± 0.8	-	1.84 ± 0.82
<b>RBS</b>	-	-	85 ± 21.4	-	-	38.78 ± 14.31
<b>HbA1c</b>	-	-	-	-	-	2%

En moyenne 1.2 -1.4 mmol/L

# What is the ideal level of LDL-cholesterol ?



0% heart attack

An ideal level of LDL-cholesterol should be between 40-80 mg/dL

1.2 – 1.8 mmol/L

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# Et si le cholestérol n'était pas dangereux?

Le cholestérol a longtemps été considéré comme nocif. Aujourd'hui, ces craintes se dissipent, car cette substance lipidique assume des fonctions essentielles dans l'organisme.

Texte: Vera Sohmer

On parle souvent de «bon» cholestérol pour le premier et de «mauvais» pour le second. Le docteur Imoberdorf ne partage pas cette classification. Il est en effet d'avis que les deux formes de cholestérol accomplissent une mission importante. D'après lui, les personnes en bonne santé n'ont pas à re-

Michel de Lorgeril, M.D.

## CHOLESTEROL AND STATINS SHAM SCIENCE AND BAD MEDICINE



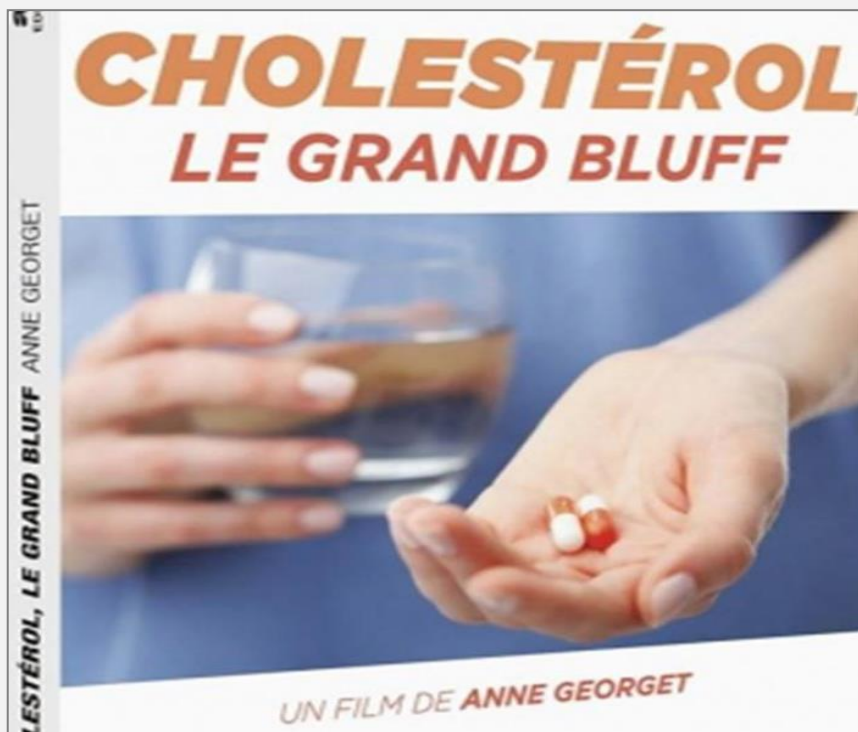
- How pharma-funded research was deliberately biased
- Why statins save no lives but can make you ill

BY THE RESEARCH SCIENTIST  
BEHIND THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET AND THE FRENCH PARADOX

## Heart Disease and Cholesterol MYTHS & LIES



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ON DIET AND HEALTH



## Les DANGERS des STATINES




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# Intensity of pharmacological LDL-C lowering

## Intensity of lipid lowering treatment

Treatment	Average LDL-C reduction
Moderate intensity statin	≈ 30%
High intensity statin	≈ 50%
High intensity statin plus ezetimibe	≈ 65%
PCSK9 inhibitor	≈ 60%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin	≈ 75%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin plus ezetimibe	≈ 85%

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European Heart Journal (2019) 40, 1–78  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz155

ESC/EAS GUIDELINES

**2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk**


The Task Force for the management of dyslipidaemias of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS)


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**DYSLIPIDAEMIAS**  
Guidelines for the Management  
of Dyslipidaemias:  
Lipid Modification to Reduce  
Cardiovascular Risk

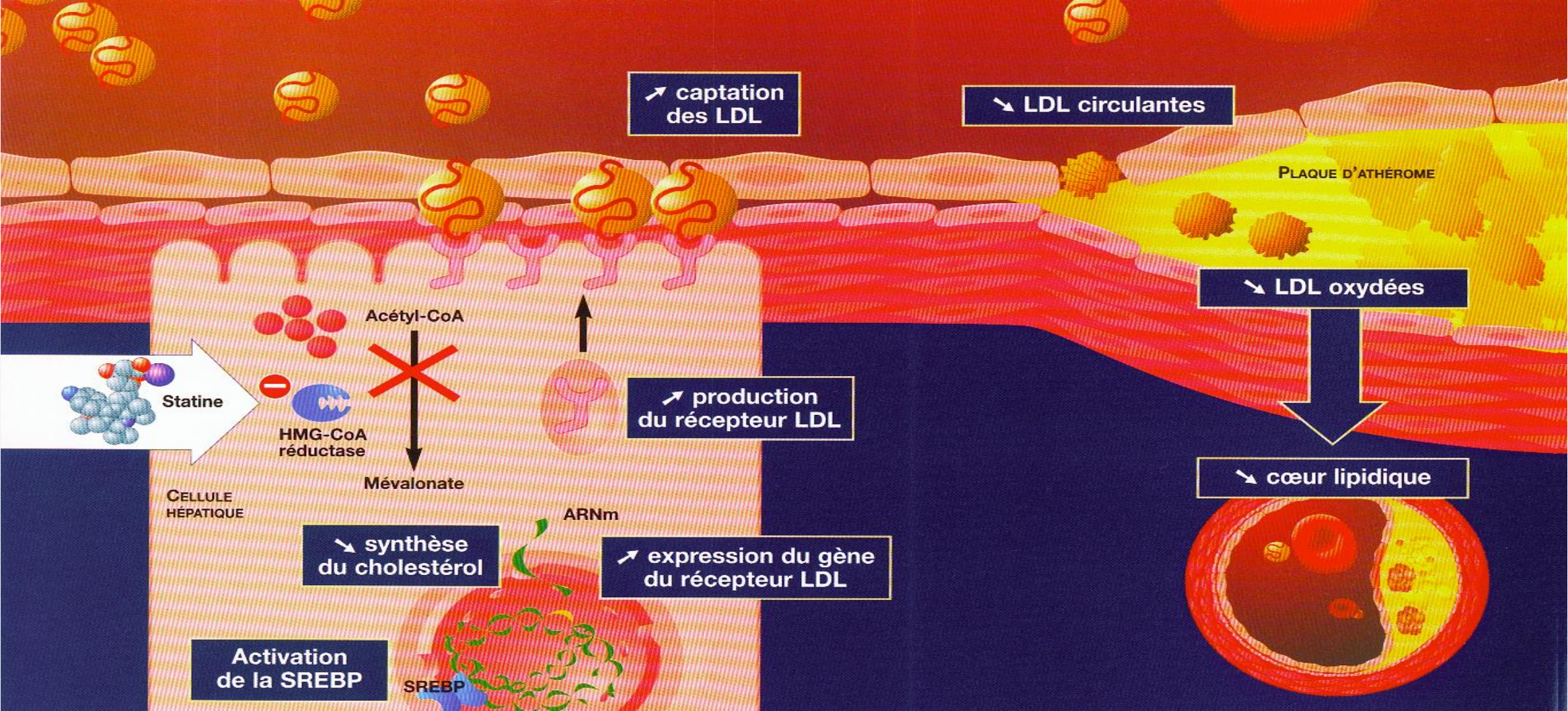
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# Statines & Cholestérol

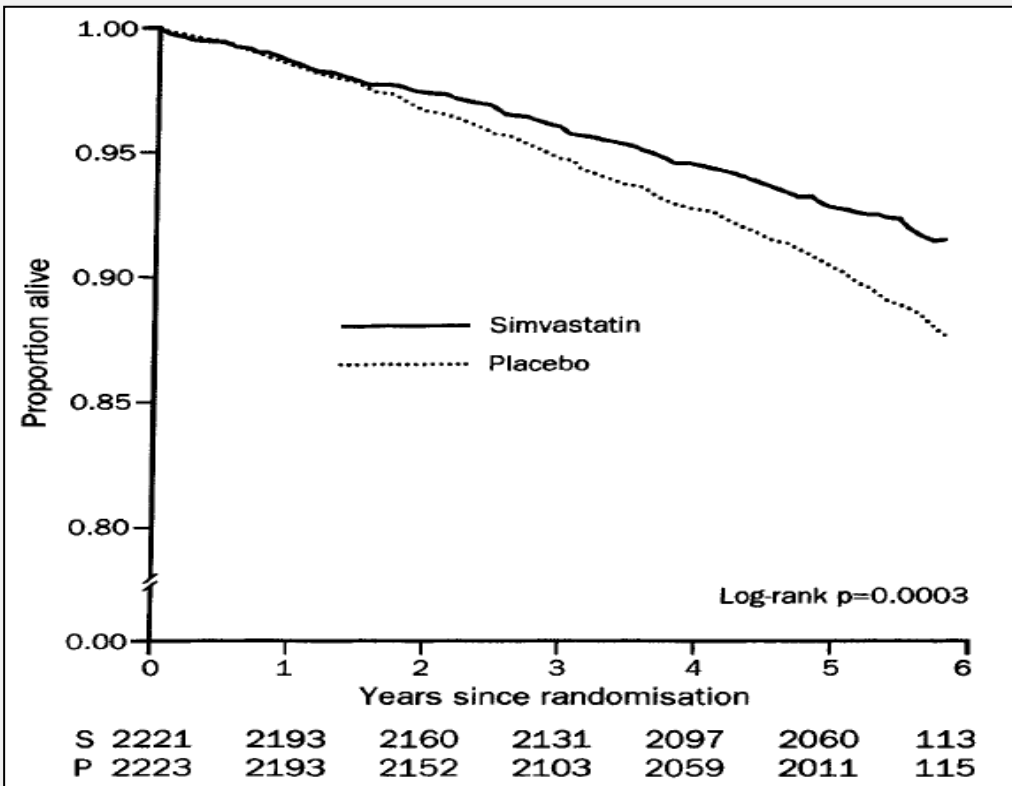


# Statins – The evidences

**Randomised trial of cholesterol lowering in 4444 patients with coronary heart disease: the Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study (4S)**

Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study Group\*

*Lancet* 1994;344:1383



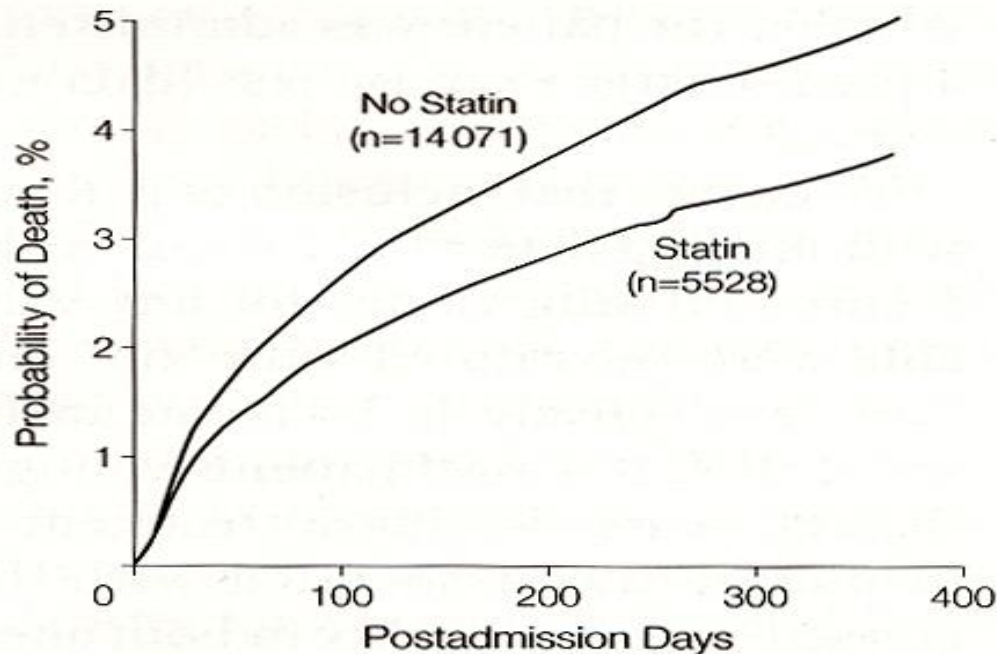
RRR was 0.70 (95% CI 0.58-0.85, p=0.0003)

LDL-C went from 4.87 mmol/L to 3.17 mmol/L with simvastatin 20mg/d

# Statins – The evidences

## Early Statin Treatment Following Acute Myocardial Infarction and 1-Year Survival

**Figure.** Adjusted Probability of Mortality by Statin Treatment



Data were calculated using multiple Cox regression analysis (relative risk, 0.75; 95% confidence interval, 0.63-0.89;  $P = .001$ ).

**Context** Randomized trials have established statin treatment as secondary prevention in coronary artery disease, but it is unclear whether early treatment with statins following acute myocardial infarction (AMI) influences survival.

**Objective** To evaluate the association between statin treatment initiated before or at the time of hospital discharge and 1-year mortality after AMI.

**Design and Setting** Prospective cohort study using data from the Swedish Register of Cardiac Intensive Care on patients admitted to the coronary care units of 58 Swedish hospitals in 1995-1998. One-year mortality data were obtained from the Swedish National Cause of Death Register.

**Patients** Patients with first registry-recorded AMI who were younger than 80 years and who were discharged alive from the hospital, including 5528 who received statins at or before discharge and 14071 who did not.

*JAMA* 2001;285:430

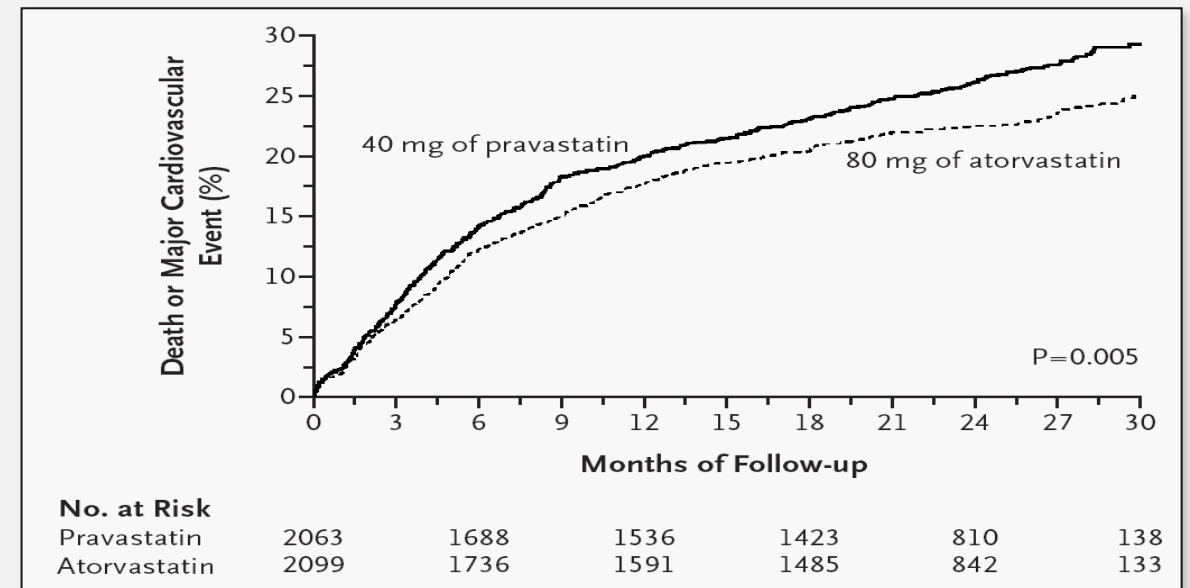
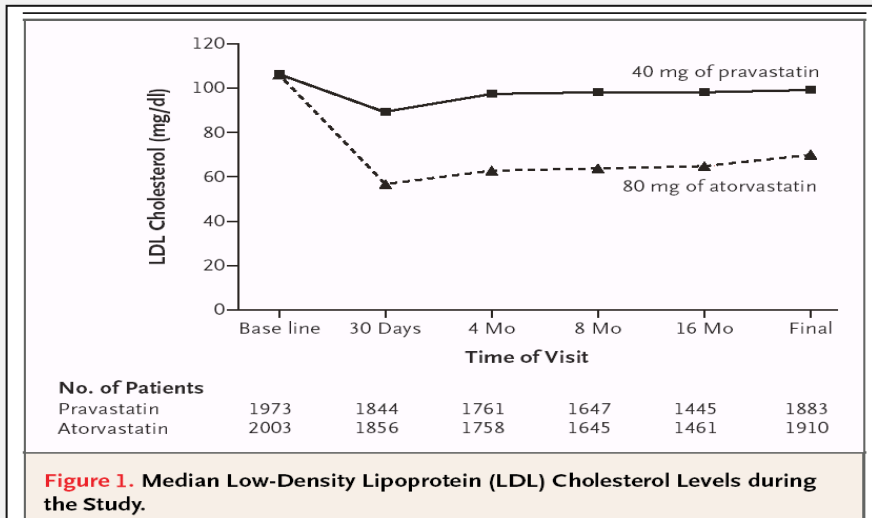
**Statins save lives after acute MI**

# Statins – The evidences

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**Intensive versus Moderate Lipid Lowering with Statins  
after Acute Coronary Syndromes**



# Statin – lipid-lowering & CV events

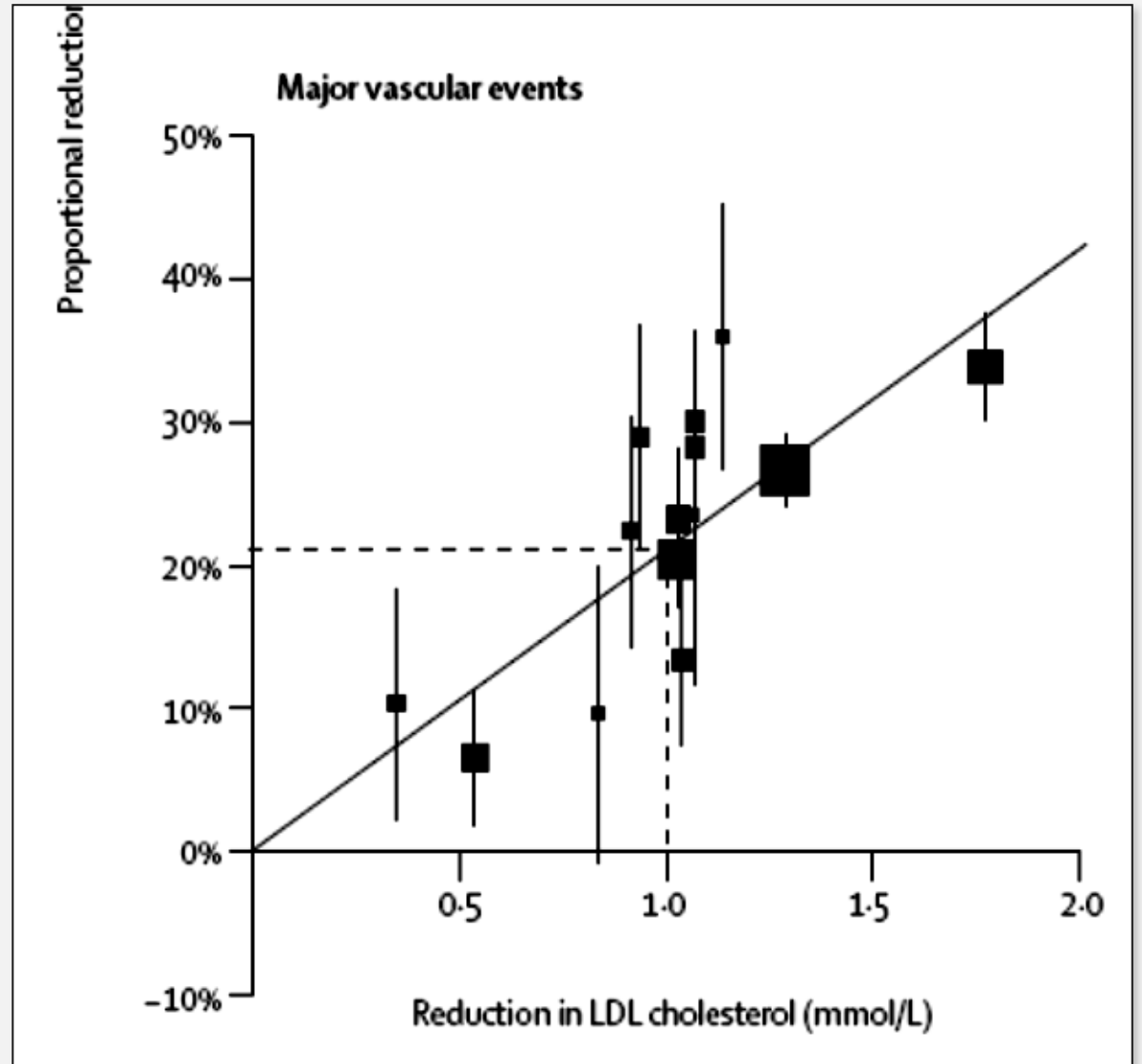
## “The Lower is better”

- CTT-Analyse Lancet 2005, 90'000 Patients, 14 Trials, Statin vs. Placebo:

-> 1mmol/l LDL-C↓ ⇒ 21% RR↓

- CTT-Analyse Lancet 2010, 170'000 Patients, 26 Trials; Statin vs Placebo + intensive vs. standard statin

-> 1mmol/l LDL-C↓ ⇒ 28 RR↓

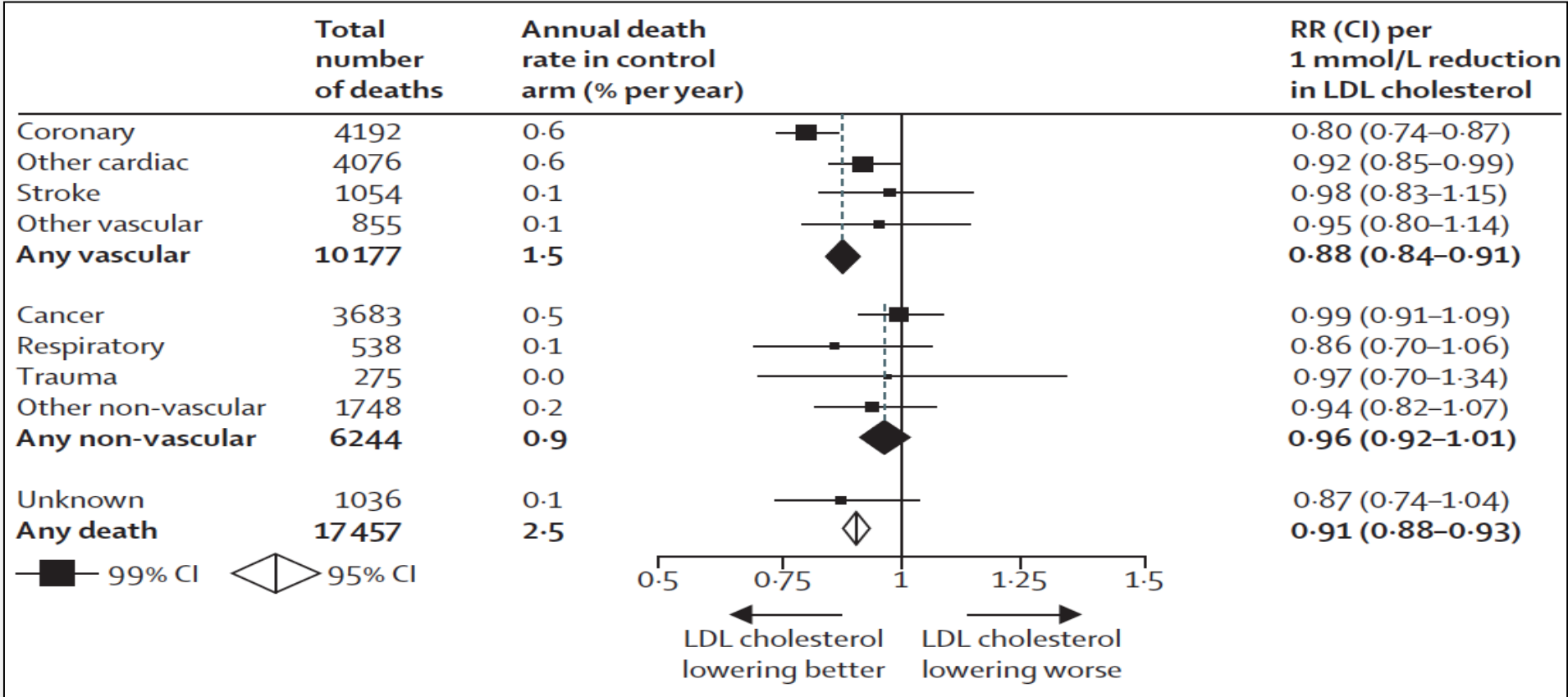


# Statins - The evidences

## Interpretation of the evidence for the efficacy and safety of statin therapy



Rory Collins, Christina Reith, Jonathan Emberson, Jane Armitage, Colin Baigent, Lisa Blackwell, Roger Blumenthal, John Danesh, George Davey Smith, David DeMets, Stephen Evans, Malcolm Law, Stephen MacMahon, Seth Martin, Bruce Neal, Neil Poulter, David Preiss, Paul Ridker, Ian Roberts, Anthony Rodgers, Peter Sandercock, Kenneth Schulz, Peter Sever, John Simes, Liam Smeeth, Nicholas Wald, Salim Yusuf, Richard Peto



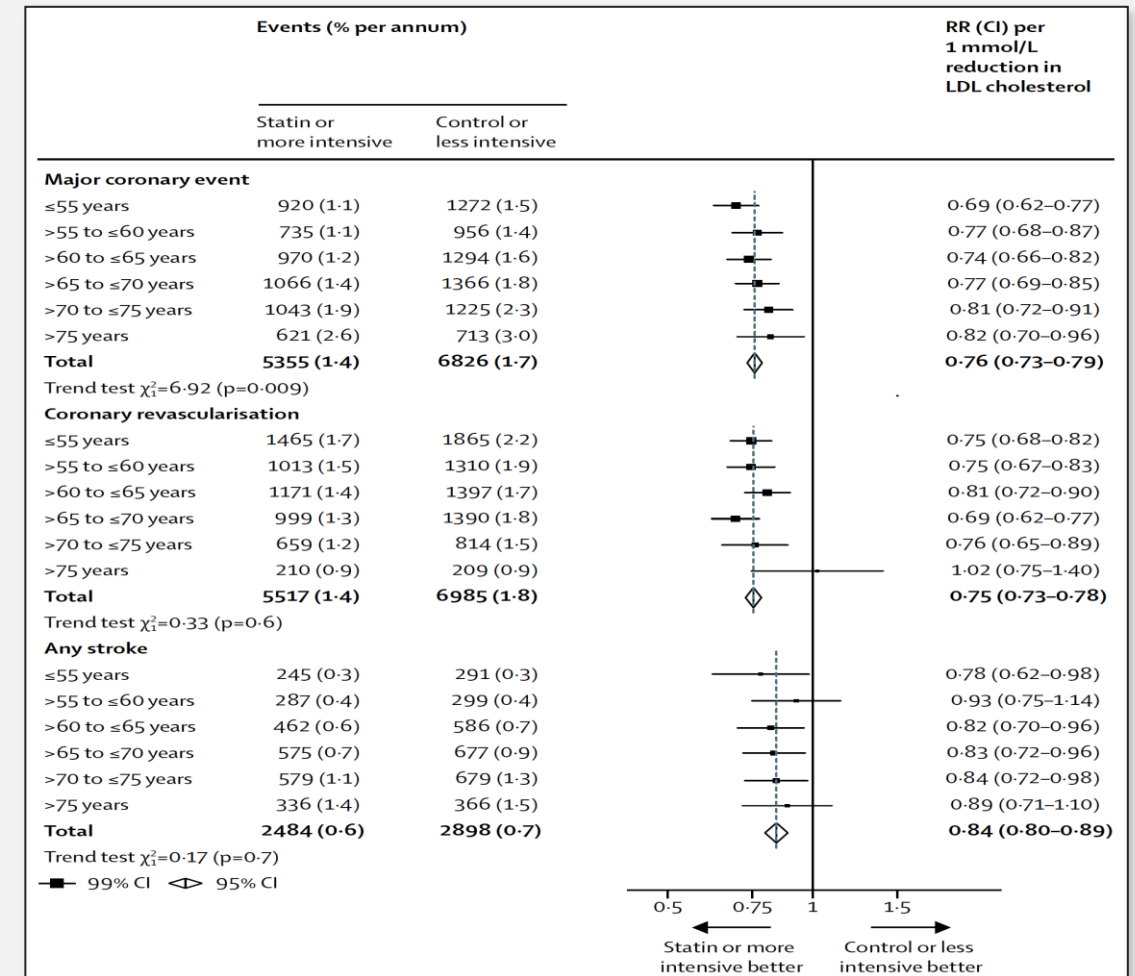
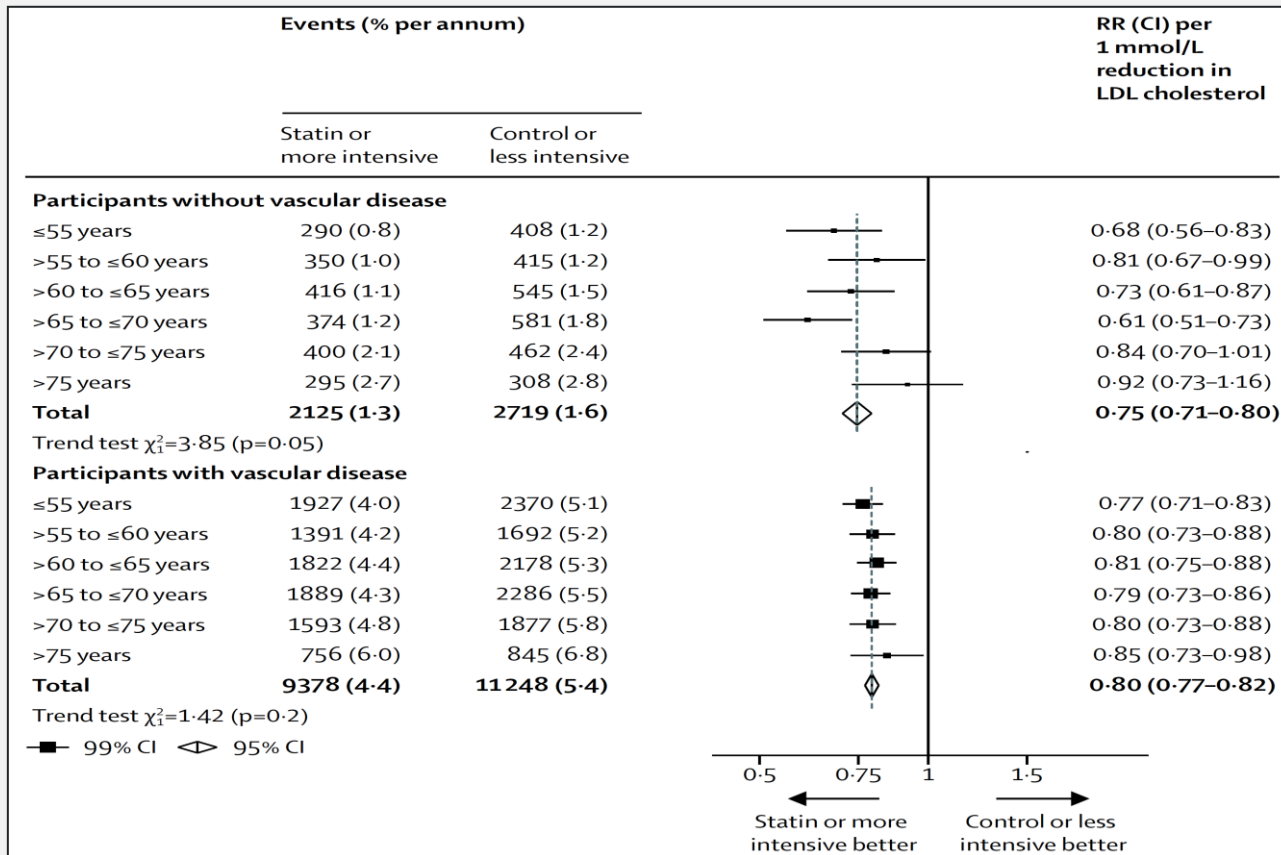
# Statins - The evidence

## Efficacy and safety of statin therapy in older people: a meta-analysis of individual participant data from 28 randomised controlled trials

Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' Collaboration\*



Lancet February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

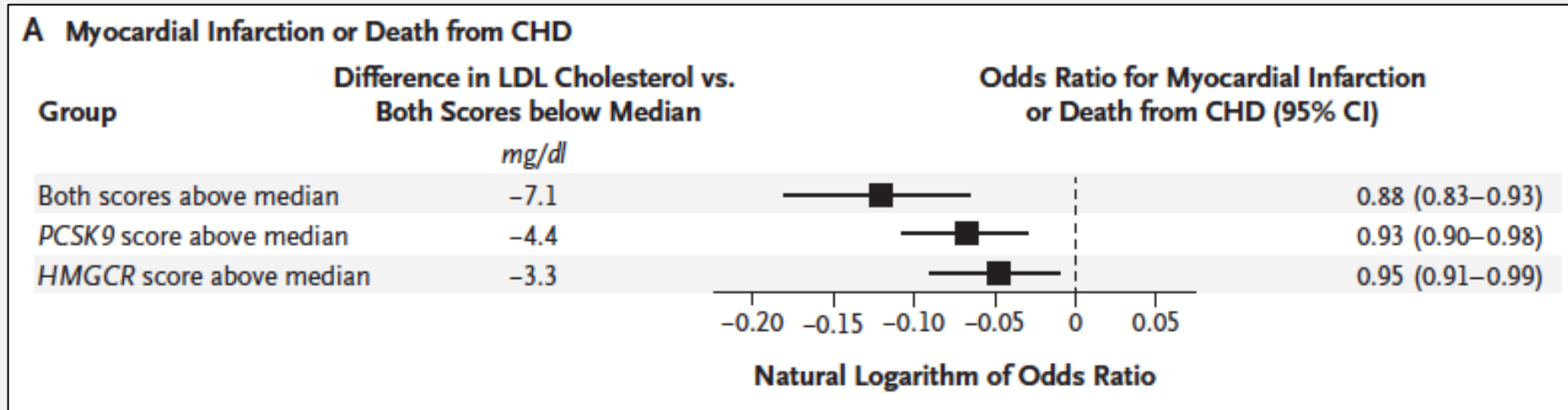


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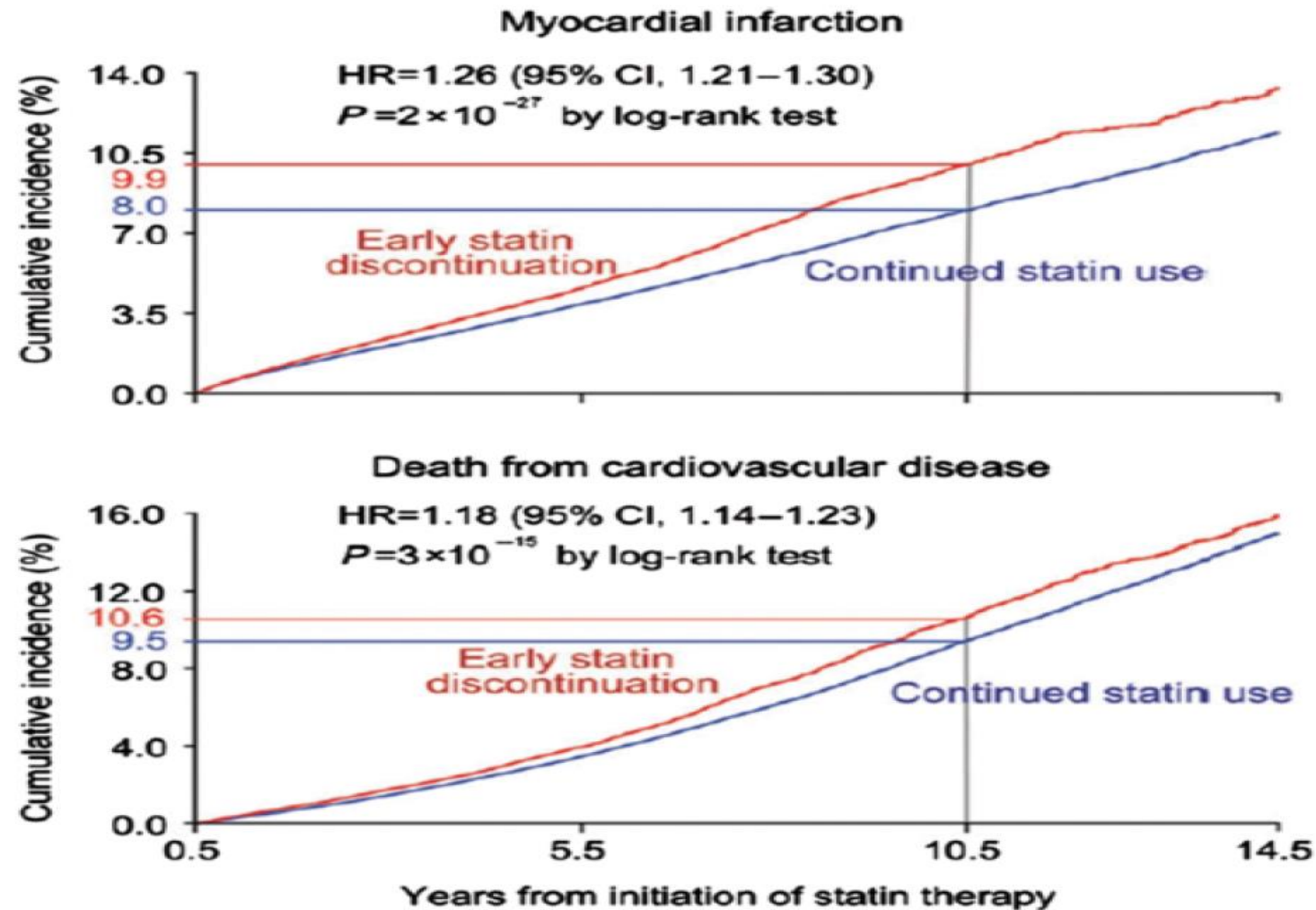
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# The anti-statin lobby strikes again: time to set the record straight: Consequences of stopping statins



	Individuals	No. of statin users at risk		
Early statin discontinuation	84 800	26 865	4534	828
Continued statin use	424 000	147 083	31 735	6465



Clinical update

# Adverse effects of statin therapy: perception vs. the evidence – focus on glucose homeostasis, cognitive, renal and hepatic function, haemorrhagic stroke and cataract

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## Highly favourable Benefit / Risk Ratio for statin therapy

### POTENTIAL RISKS

- Modest risk of new-onset diabetes (~0.1% annually), higher in those with the metabolic syndrome cluster
- Muscle symptoms, but be aware of the nocebo effect
- Very rarely, clinically relevant liver injury
- Possible increase in risk of haemorrhagic stroke in patients with a prior stroke suggested by SPARCL; not confirmed in the substantive evidence base of RCTs, cohort and case-control studies

### BENEFITS

- Reduction in LDL-C levels
- Regression of coronary atheroma
- Reduction in ASCVD events

No evidence to support adverse effects of statins on cognitive function, clinically significant renal deterioration, or risk for cataract, or haemorrhagic stroke in patients without prior stroke

**Take home figure** The cardiovascular benefit of long-term statin therapy far outweighs potential risks. ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; RCT, randomized controlled trial; SPARCL, Stroke Prevention by Aggressive Reduction in Cholesterol Levels.

# Perception vs evidence – The nocebo effect

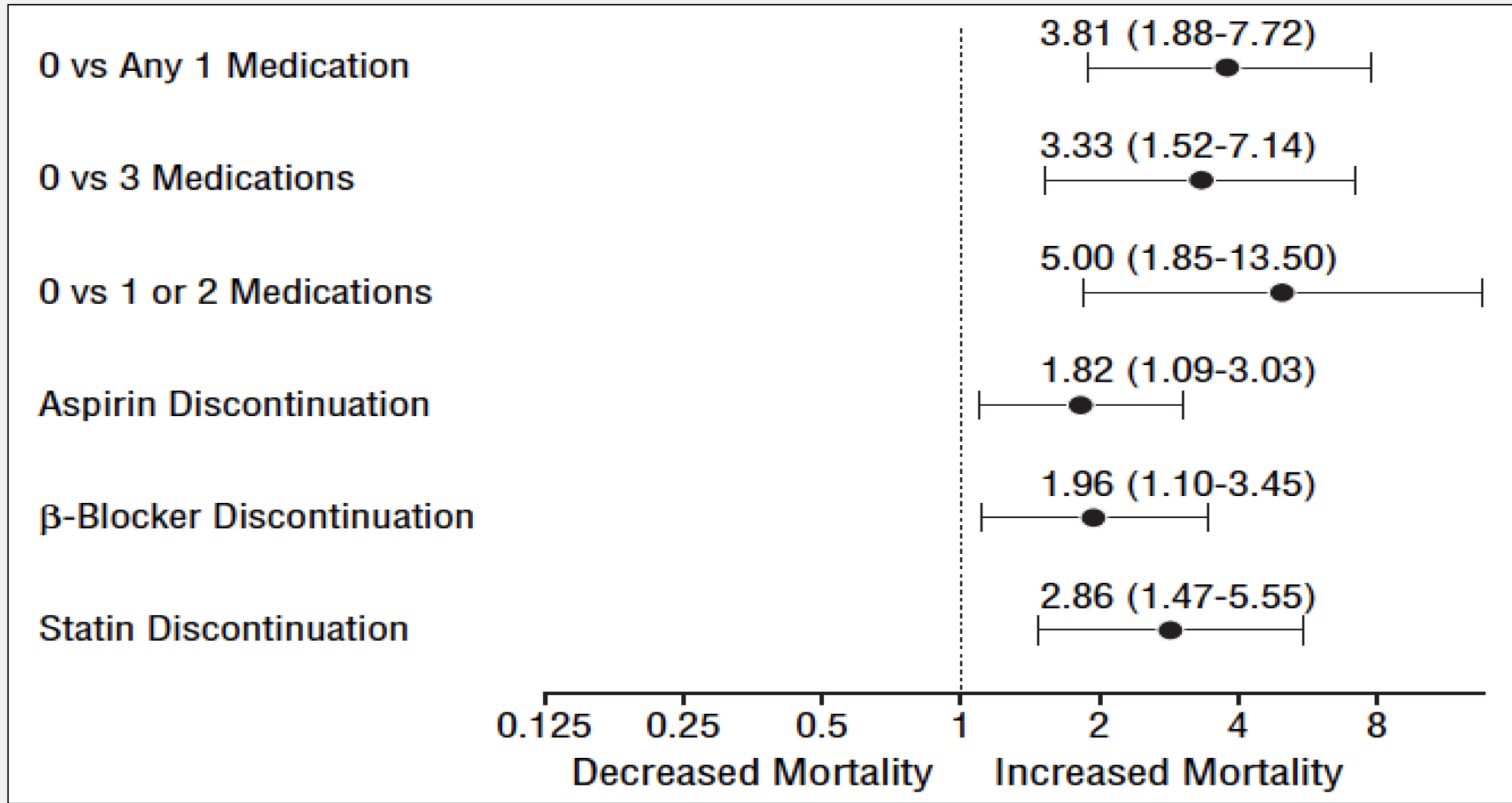
**Adverse events associated with unblinded, but not with blinded, statin therapy in the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial—Lipid-Lowering Arm (ASCOT-LLA): a randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial and its non-randomised non-blind extension phase**



*Ajay Gupta, David Thompson, Andrew Whitehouse, Tim Collier, Bjorn Dahlof, Neil Poulter, Rory Collins, Peter Sever, on behalf of the ASCOT Investigators*

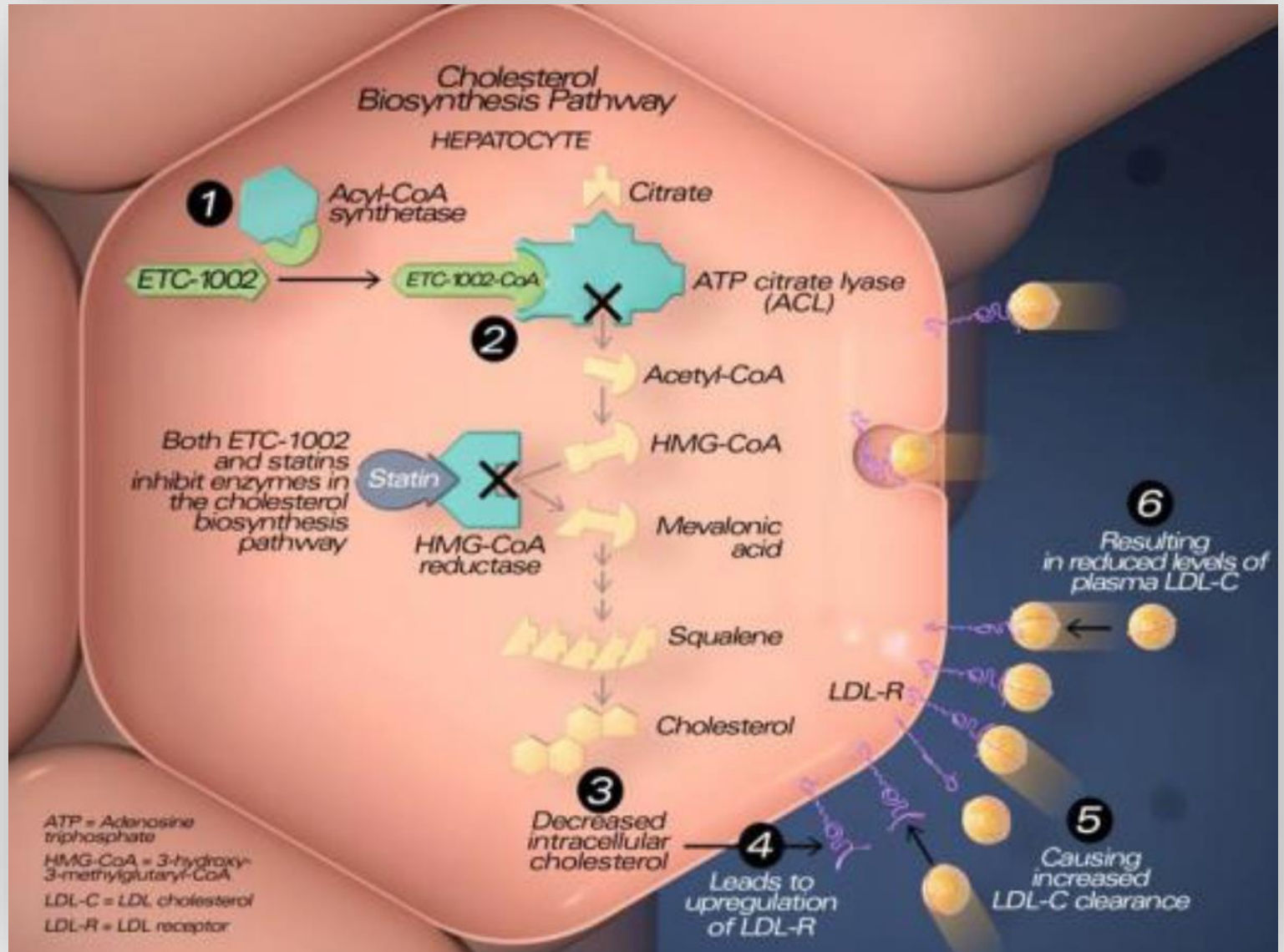
	Blinded randomised phase (ASCOT-LLA)		Non-blinded non-randomised phase	
	Placebo (n=5079)	Atorvastatin (n=5101)	Atorvastatin non-user (n=3490)	Atorvastatin user (n=6409)
<b>Muscle related</b>				
Patients (n)	283	298	124	161
AE rate (% per annum)	2.00%	2.03%	1.00%	1.26%
HR (95% CI)	1	1.03 (0.88–1.21)	1	1.41 (1.10–1.79)
p value	..	0.72	..	0.006

# Statin discontinuation and CV morbidity and mortality



# Metabolism of Cholesterol Synthesis

Bempedoic acid



# Bempedoic acid and CV outcomes in statin-intolerant patients: CLEAR Outcomes trial

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## Bempedoic Acid and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Statin-Intolerant Patients

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EDITORIAL



SCIENCE BEHIND THE STUDY


### Bempedoic Acid and the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

John F. Keane, Jr., M.D.

In an article now published in the *Journal*, Nissen and colleagues report the results of the CLEAR (Cholesterol Lowering via Bempedoic Acid, an ACL-Inhibiting Regimen) Outcomes trial, which tested the effect of bempedoic acid in patients with or at increased risk for cardiovascular disease.<sup>1</sup> Patients who were unable or unwilling to take high-intensity statins because of unaccept-

**Key Concepts**

**Prodrug**  
A therapeutic agent that is delivered in an inactive form and is metabolized to its active form in vivo.



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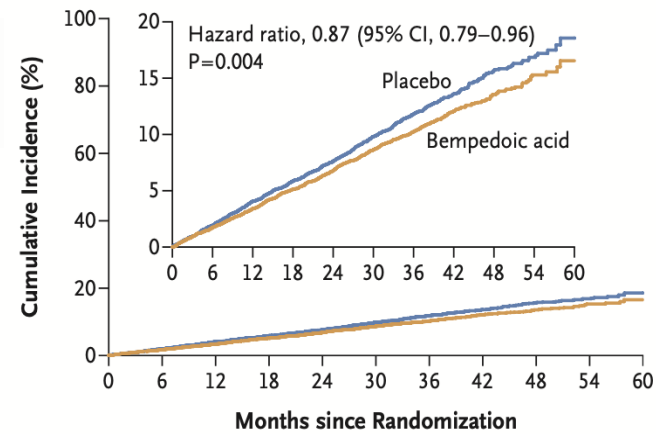
# Bempedoic acid to help statin !

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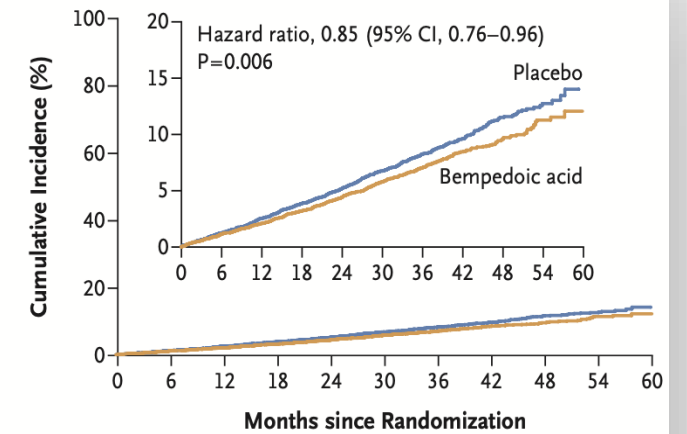
**A Four-Component MACE (Primary End Point)**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6779	6579	6401	6206	5995	5105	2524	1207	513	55
Bempedoic acid	6992	6816	6654	6472	6293	6106	5257	2601	1240	556	74

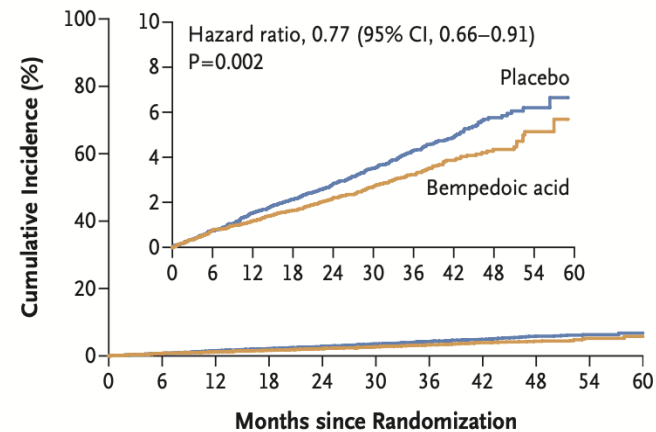
**B Three-Component MACE**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6828	6883	6536	6368	6193	5321	2649	1279	554	62
Bempedoic acid	6992	6859	6745	6604	6457	6298	5453	2724	1317	591	80

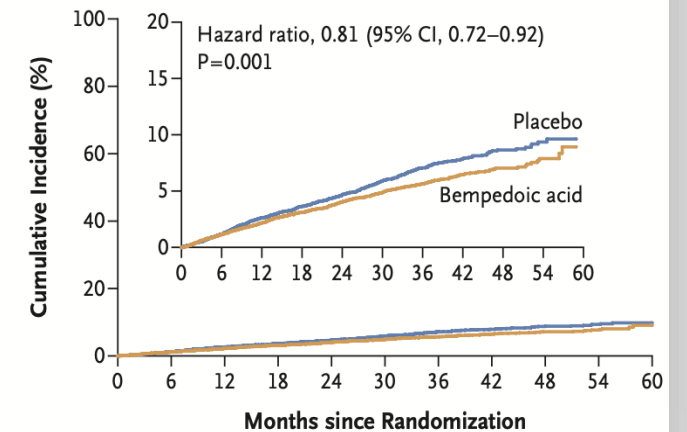
**C Fatal or Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6839	6704	6578	6420	6266	5388	2684	1304	562	64
Bempedoic acid	6992	6865	6767	6636	6498	6354	5516	2767	1337	603	81

**D Coronary Revascularization**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6803	6623	6469	6289	6104	5200	2582	1247	527	57
Bempedoic acid	6992	6832	6689	6520	6355	6190	5346	2661	1273	573	74

# Combination therapy to better control blood lipid levels



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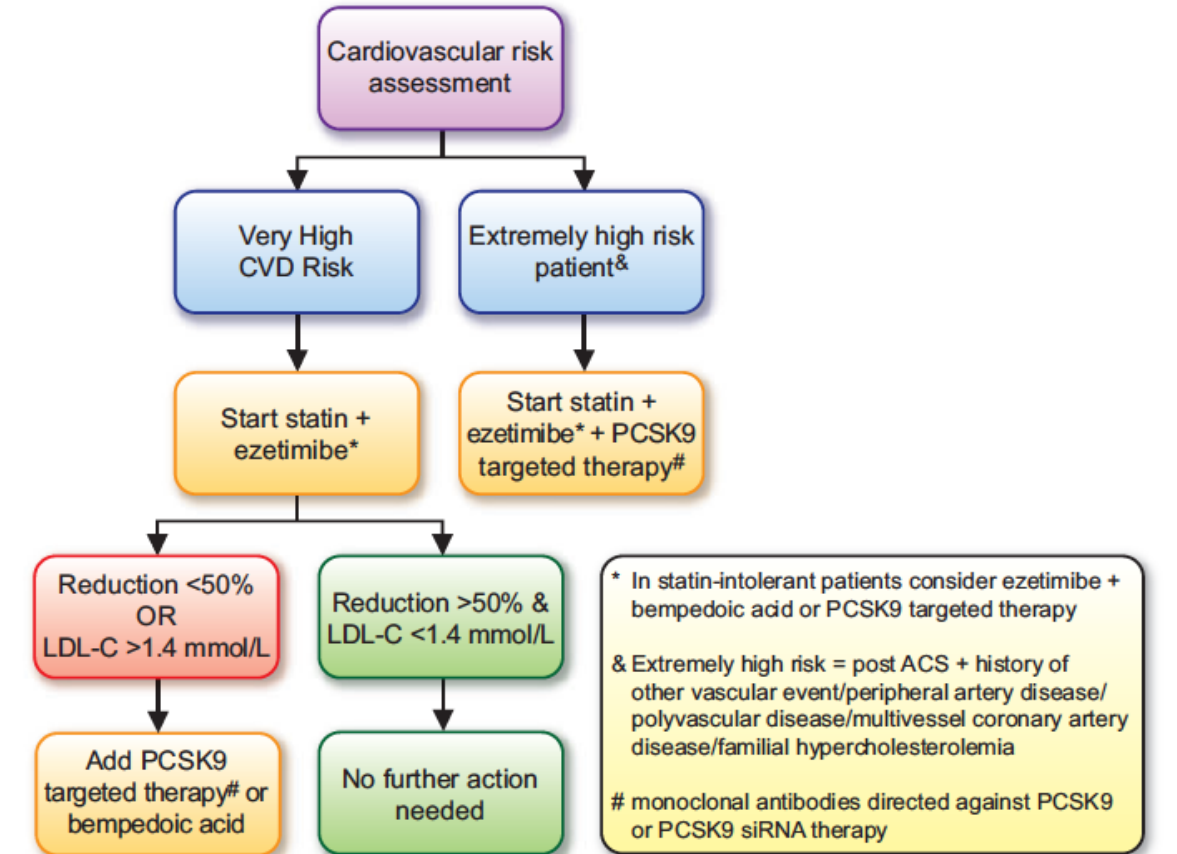
VIEWPOINT

Epidemiology and prevention

## Combination lipid-lowering therapy as first-line strategy in very high-risk patients

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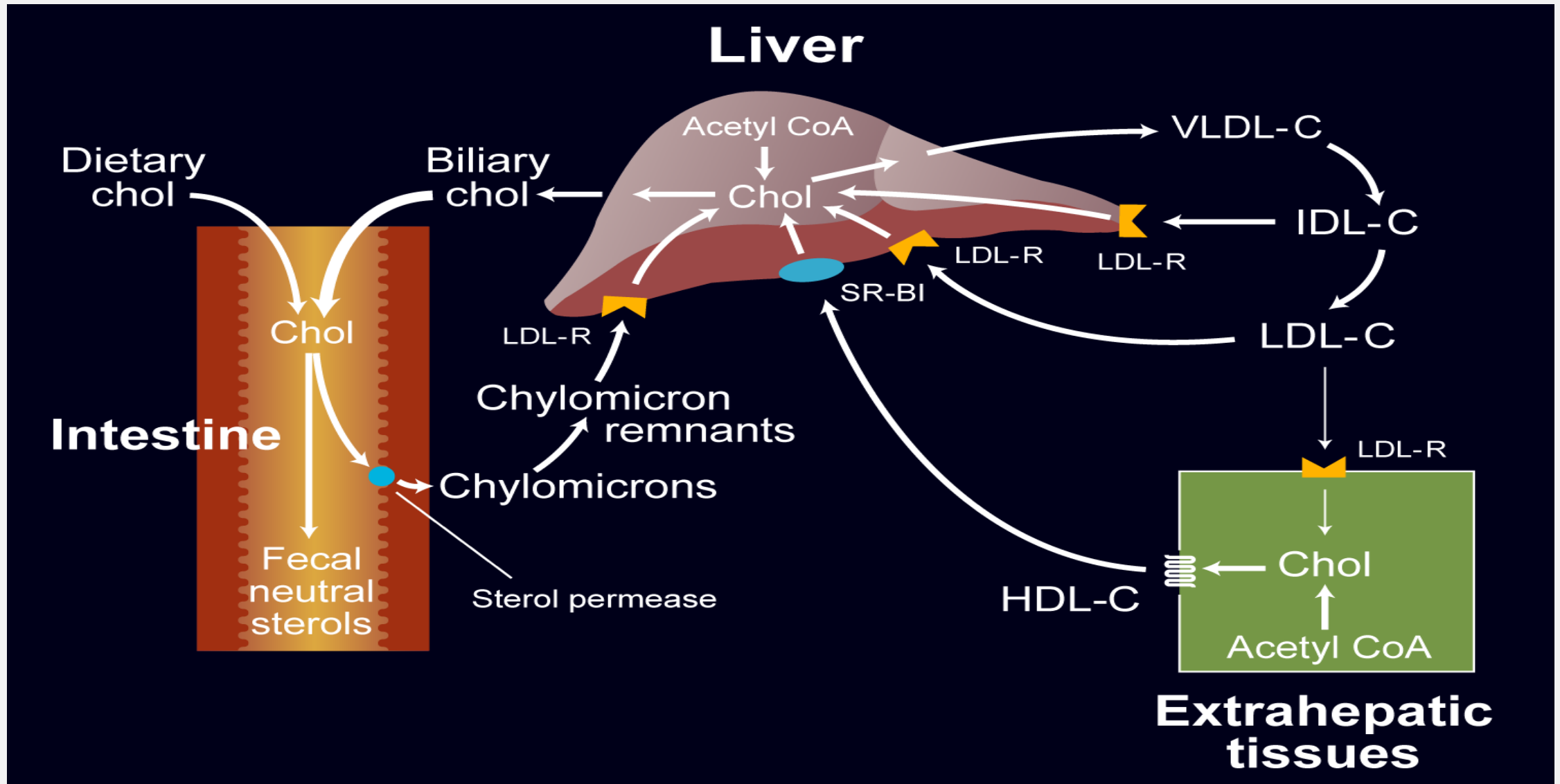
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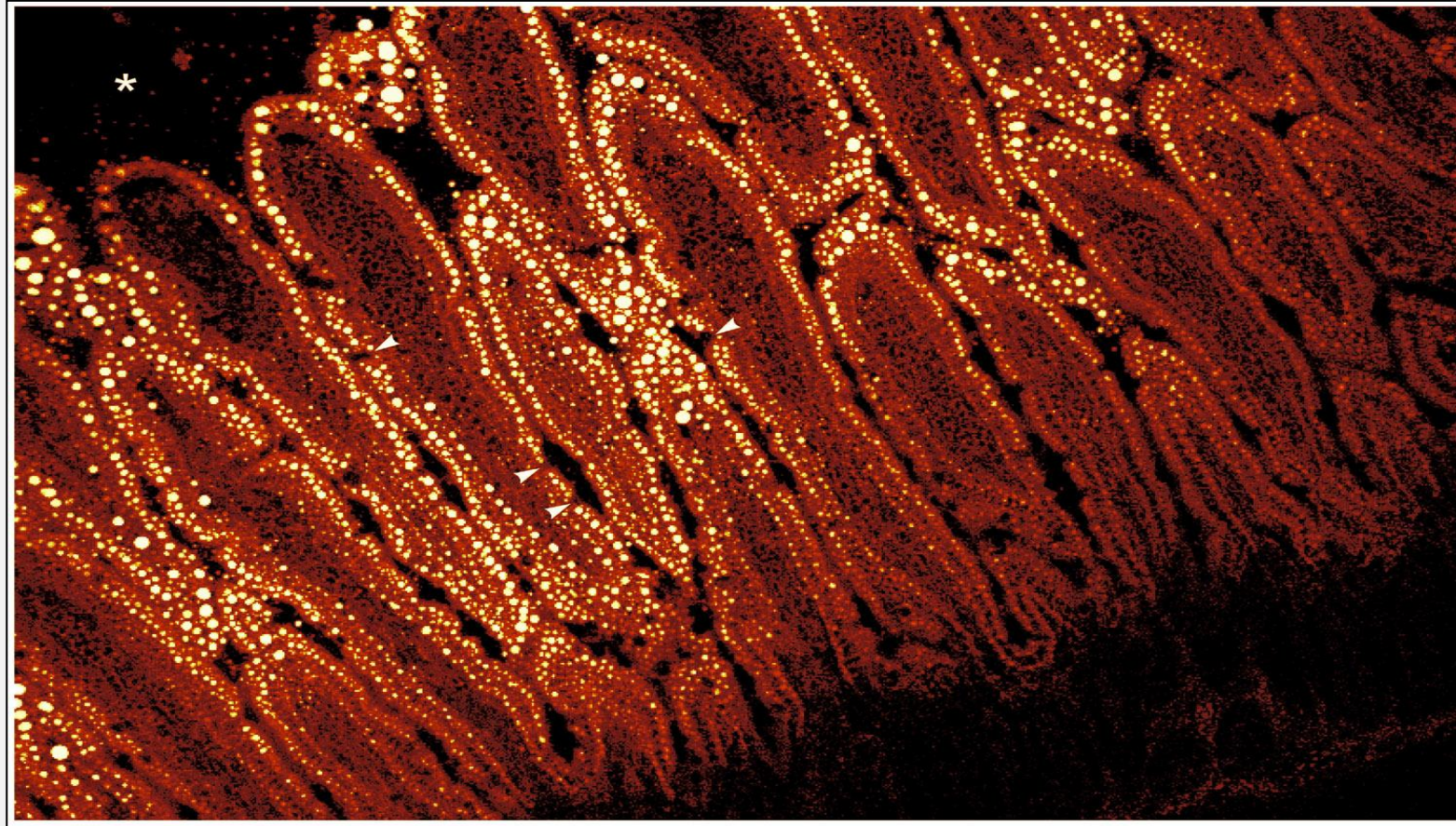
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If the goals <sup>c</sup> are not achieved with the maximum tolerated dose of statin, combination with ezetimibe is recommended.	I	B

# Transport du Cholestérol



# Absorption du Cholestérol



**Absorption de cholestérol fluorescent  
par le petit intestin**

\* lumière de l'intestin

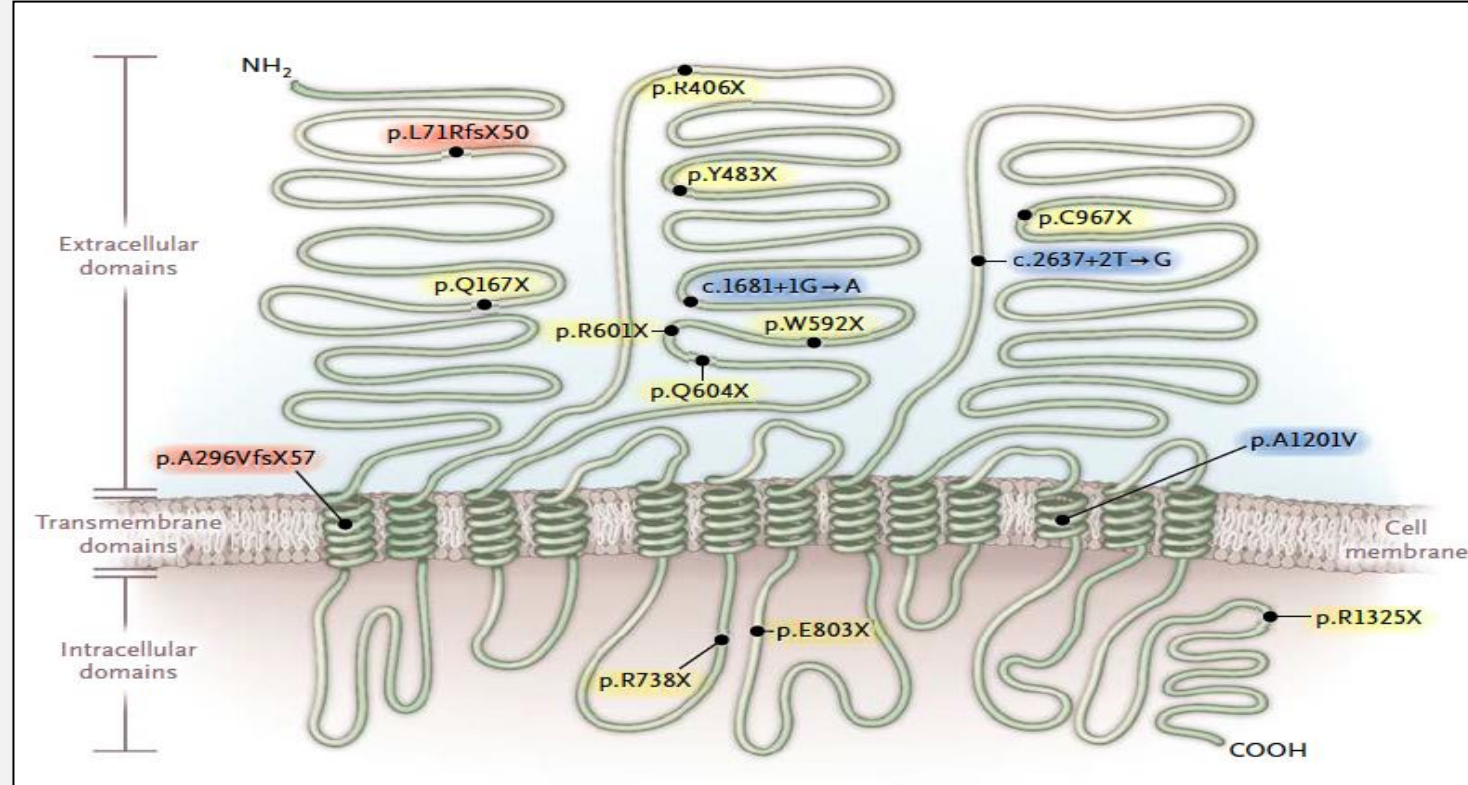
# Pourquoi Ezetimibe ?

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## Inactivating Mutations in *NPC1L1* and Protection from Coronary Heart Disease

The Myocardial Infarction Genetics Consortium Investigators



# Pourquoi Ezetimibe ?

**Table 2.** Association between the Presence of Inactivating Mutations in *NPC1L1* and Plasma Lipid Levels.\*

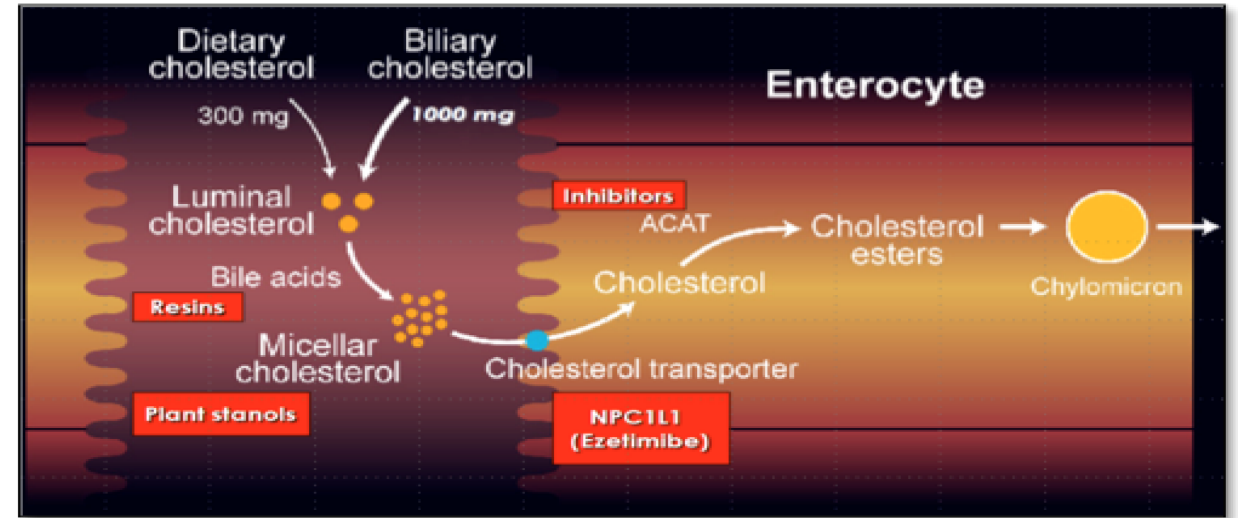
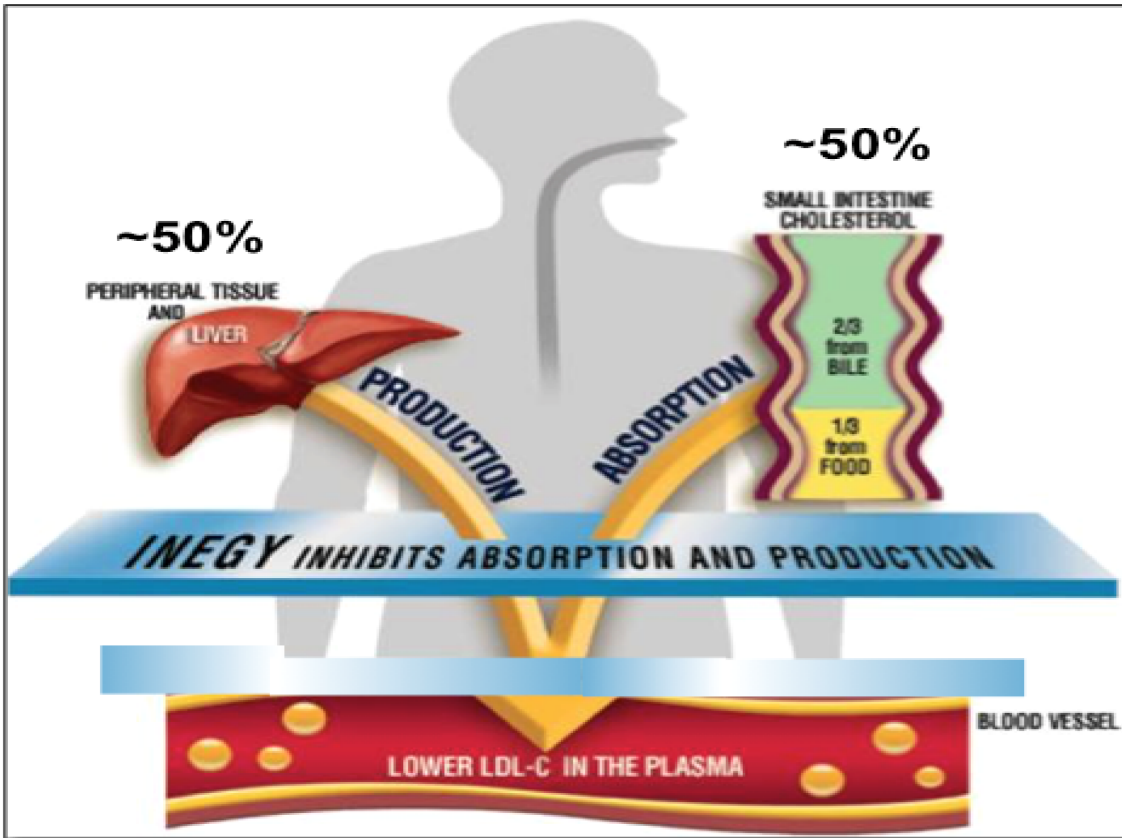
Mean Difference  
between Carriers

## CONCLUSIONS

Naturally occurring mutations that disrupt *NPC1L1* function were found to be associated with reduced plasma LDL cholesterol levels and a reduced risk of coronary heart disease. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others.)

Low-density lipoprotein	-12	0.04
High-density lipoprotein	2	0.29
Triglycerides (% change)	-12	0.11†

# Counter-regulation of cholesterol absorption and synthesis



	Statin <sup>1f</sup>	Ezetimibe <sup>1c</sup>	Statin + Ezetimibe
Cholesterol synthesis in liver	↓	↑	↓
Cholesterol absorption in intestine	↑	↓	↓

# LDL-C: should we go lower after ACS ?

## IMPROVE-IT Primary Endpoint - ITT

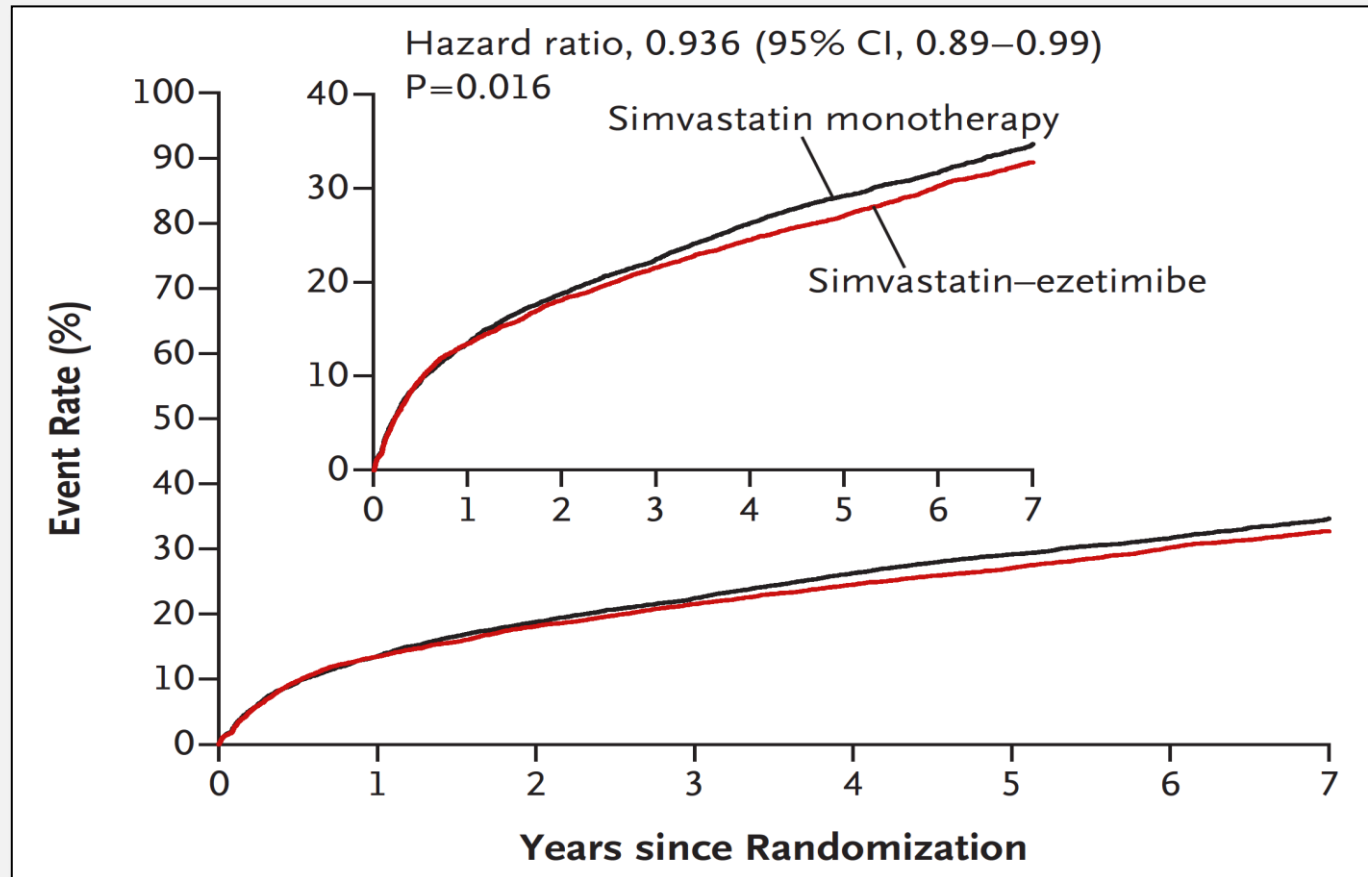
Cardiovascular death, MI, documented unstable angina requiring rehospitalization, coronary revascularization ( $\geq 30$  days), or stroke

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Ezetimibe Added to Statin Therapy after Acute Coronary Syndromes

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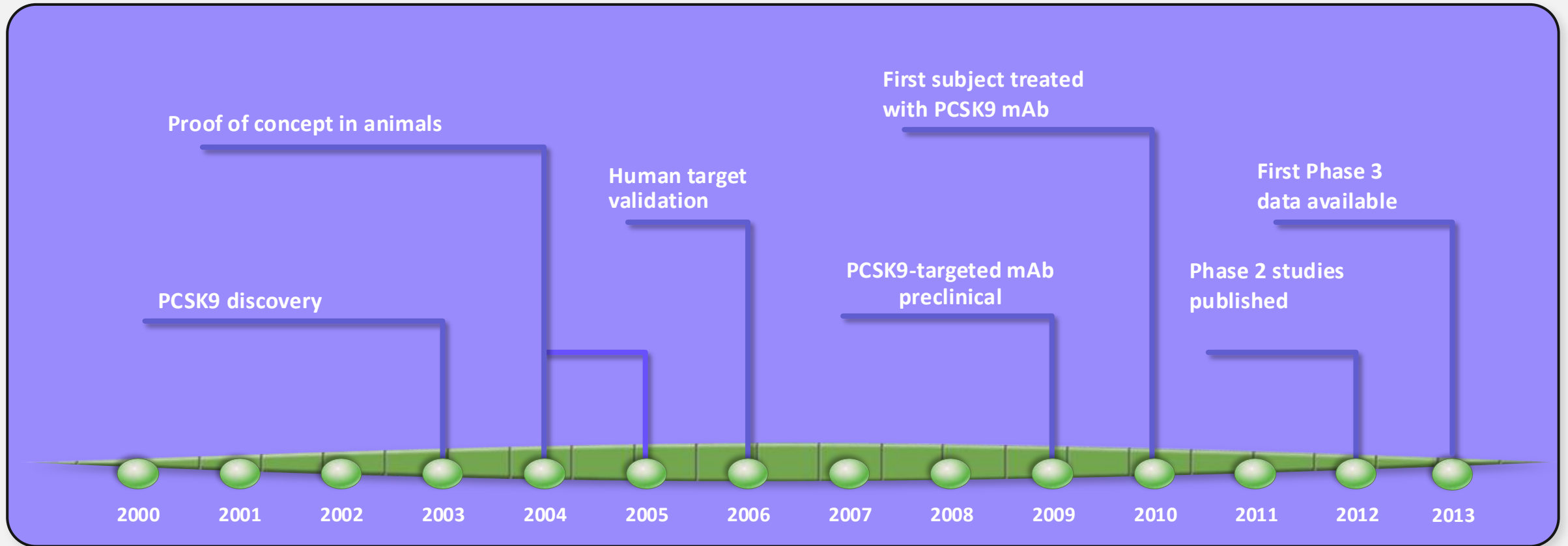


# Recommendations for pharmacological low-density lipoprotein cholesterol lowering (2)

Recommendations	Class	Level
For secondary prevention, patients at very-high risk not achieving their goal <sup>c</sup> on a maximum tolerated dose of statin and ezetimibe, a combination with a PCSK9 inhibitor is recommended.	I	A

# PCSK9 (Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin 9)

## Rapid progress from bench to clinic in less than a decade

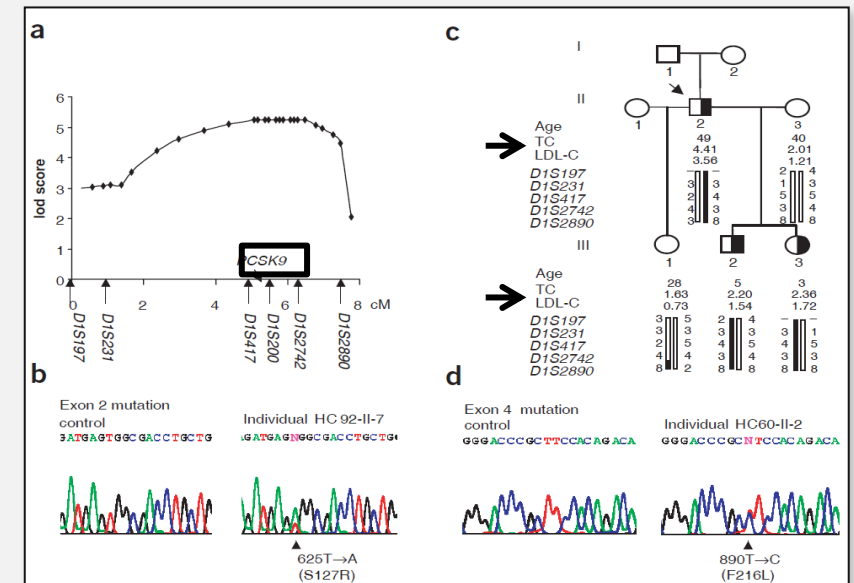


# PCSK9 Gain Of Function mutations in humans

- 2 families with hypercholesterolemia
- The region between D1S197 and D1S2890 on chromosome 1 contains 41 genes, including PCSK9
- PCSK9 is related to PCSK1 which is known to be involved in cholesterol metabolism
- First demonstration in humans that PCSK9 is involved in cholesterol metabolism

## Mutations in *PCSK9* cause autosomal dominant hypercholesterolemia

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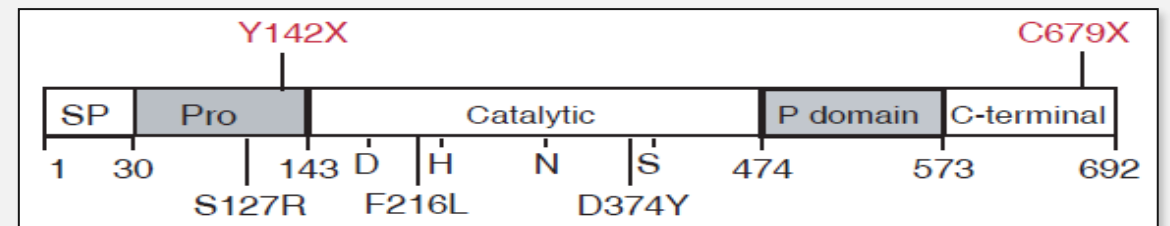


# PCSK9 Loss Of Function mutations in humans

Low LDL cholesterol in individuals of African descent resulting from frequent nonsense mutations in *PCSK9*

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- Coding region in 128 subjects with low LDL-C levels sequenced
- 5 missense mutations in PCSK9 gene identified (Y142X and C679X)
- Mutations in approximately 2% Africa Americans and 0.1% Caucasians



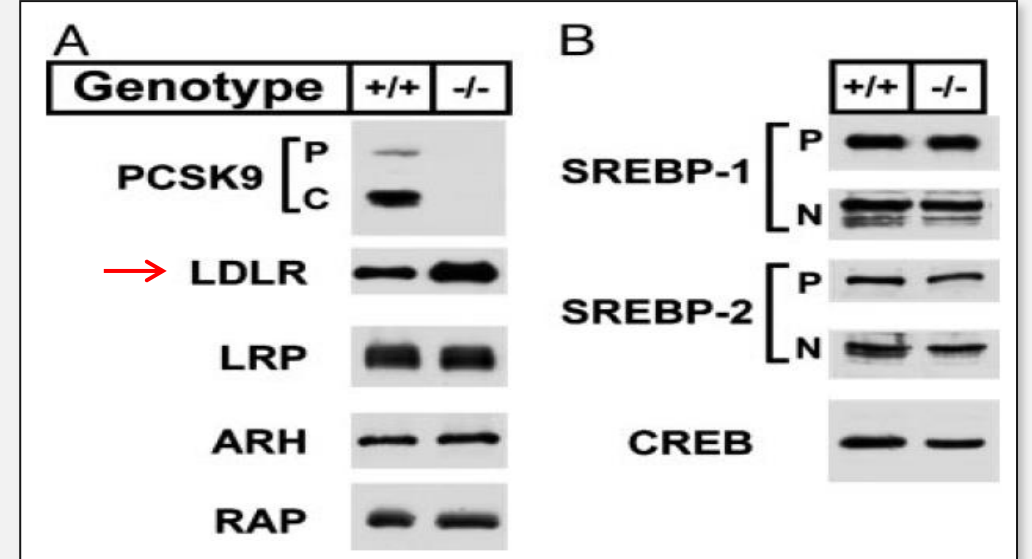
# Cholesterol metabolism in PCSK9 knock-out mice

## Decreased plasma cholesterol and hypersensitivity to statins in mice lacking *Pcsk9*

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- Serum cholesterol is less than 50% in PCSK9<sup>-/-</sup> mice
- This is due to a decreased in LDL-C which is associated with increased expression of the LDLR

Parameter	WT	<i>Pcsk9</i> <sup>-/-</sup>
No. of mice	4	4
Body weight, g	25.5 ± 0.6	30.0 ± 1.6
Liver cholesterol, mg/g	2.20 ± 0.16	2.00 ± 0.02
Liver TG, mg/g	9.2 ± 0.6	7.2 ± 0.7
Plasma cholesterol, mg/dl	95.7 ± 9.4	→ 46.3 ± 1.9*
Plasma TG, mg/dl	70.0 ± 11	85.8 ± 7.5



# PCSK9 loss of function mutation and very low LDL-C from birth

*Am J Hum Genetics* 2006;79:514

32 yo woman

Compound heterozygote for 2 LOF alleles in PCSK9

LDL-C 0.36 mmol/L (13.92 mg/dL)

Fertile, college educated, physically coordinated  
(fitness instructor)

*Atherosclerosis* 2007;193:445

African woman

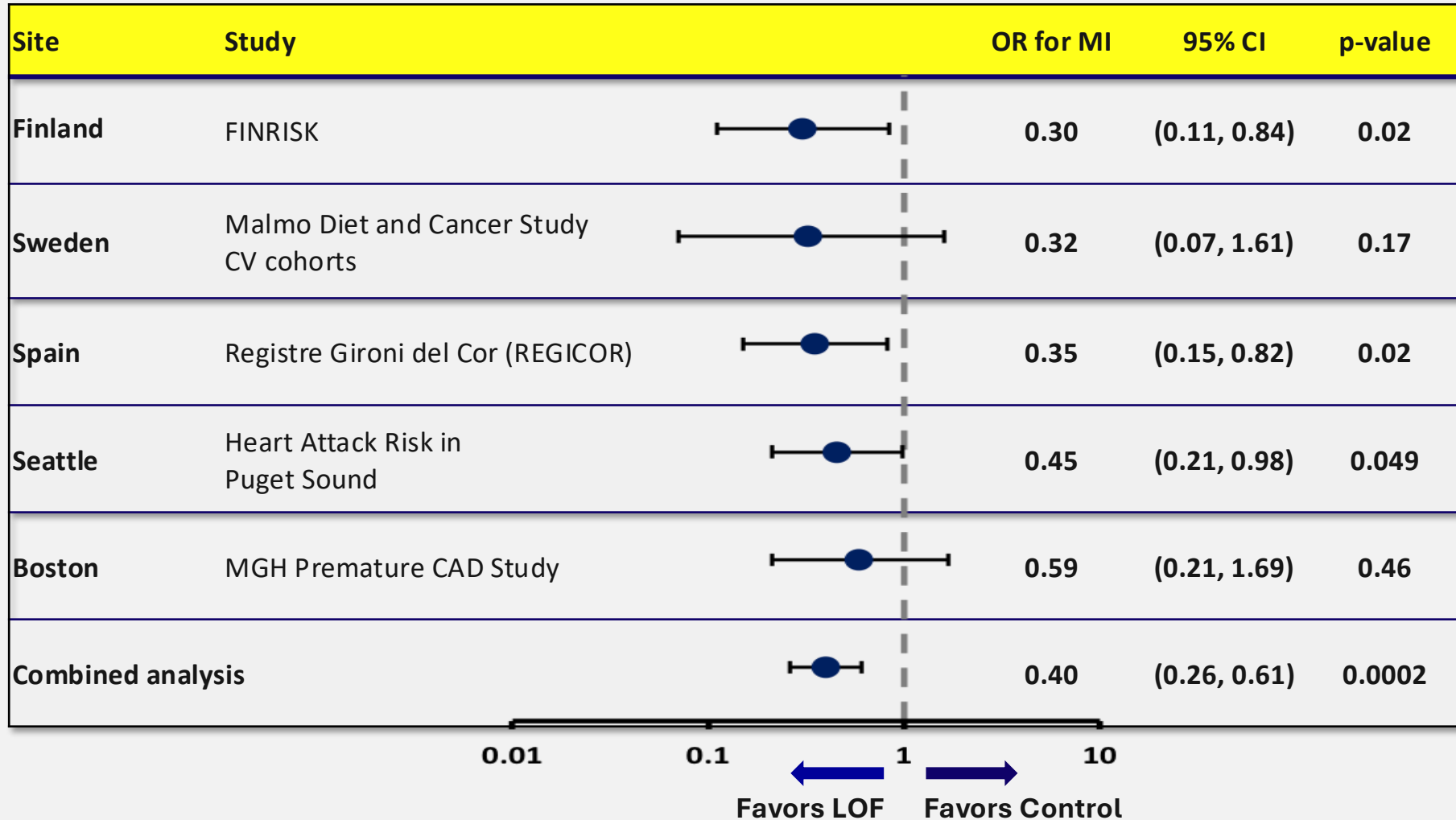
Homozygote C679X

LDL-C 0.40 mmol/L (15.47 mg/dL)

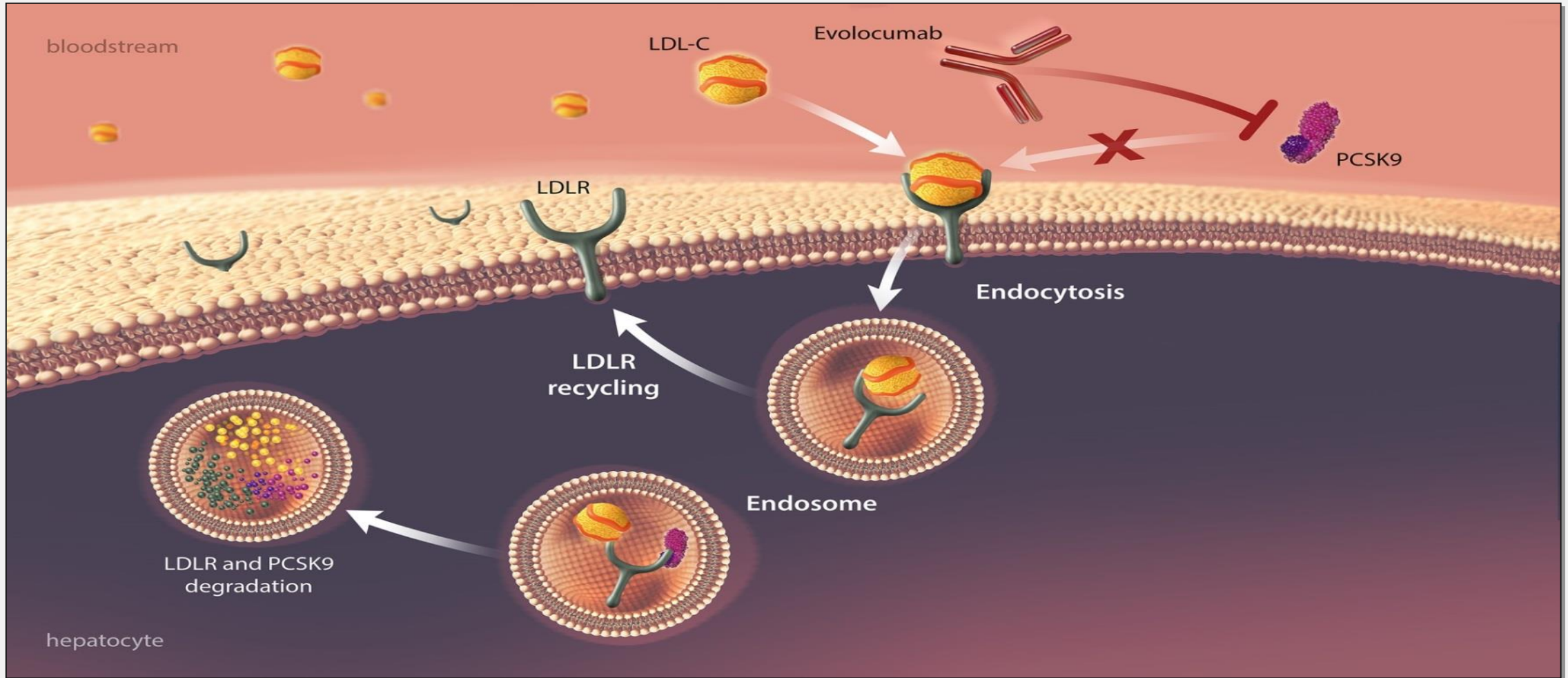
Healthy with children

# Impact of PCSK9 Loss of Function mutation on risk of MI

Lifelong impact of 16% lower LDL translates into 60% lower risk



# Fully human monoclonal antibody against PCSK9 inhibits PCSK9/LDL-R interaction



# PCSK9 mAb and CV events

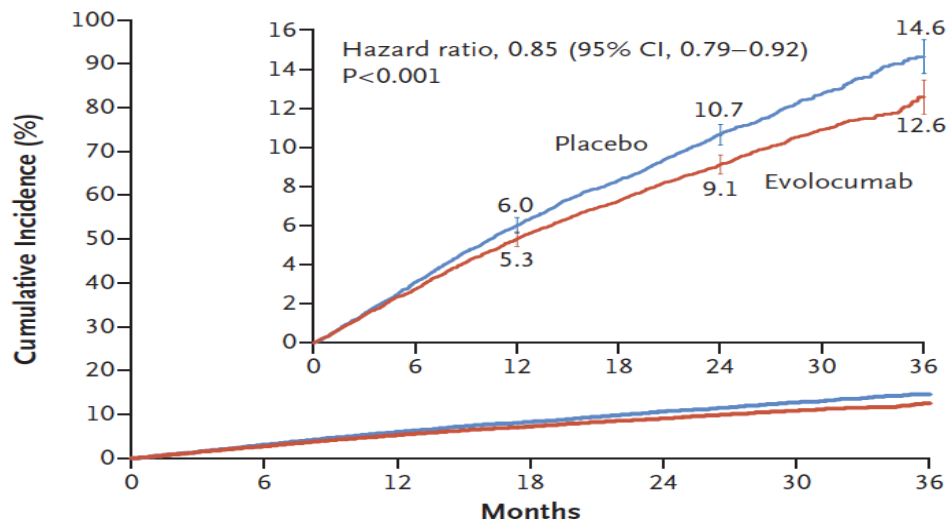
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## Evolocumab and Clinical Outcomes in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease

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### A Primary Efficacy End Point



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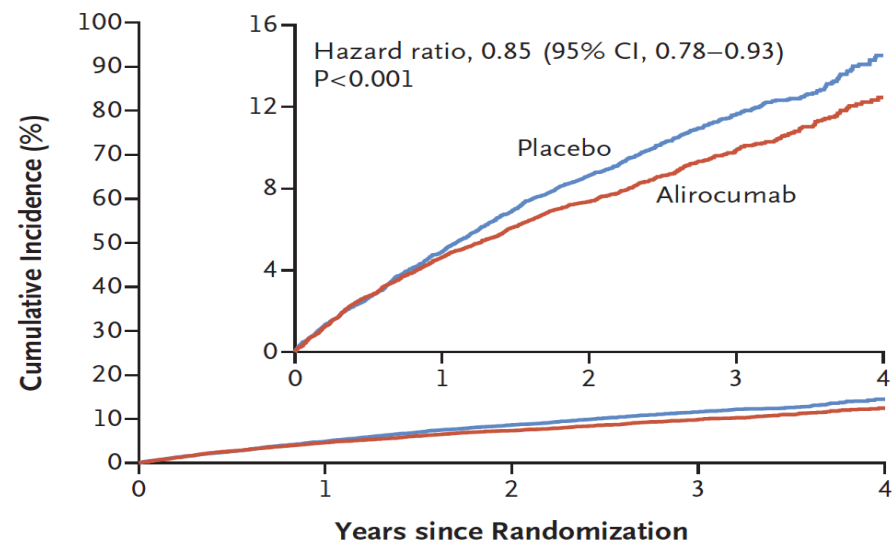
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Placebo	13,780	13,278	12,825	11,871	7610	3690	686
Evolocumab	13,784	13,351	12,939	12,070	7771	3746	689

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Alirocumab and Cardiovascular Outcomes after Acute Coronary Syndrome

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#### No. at Risk

	0	1	2	3	4
Placebo	9462	8805	8201	3471	629
Alirocumab	9462	8846	8345	3574	653

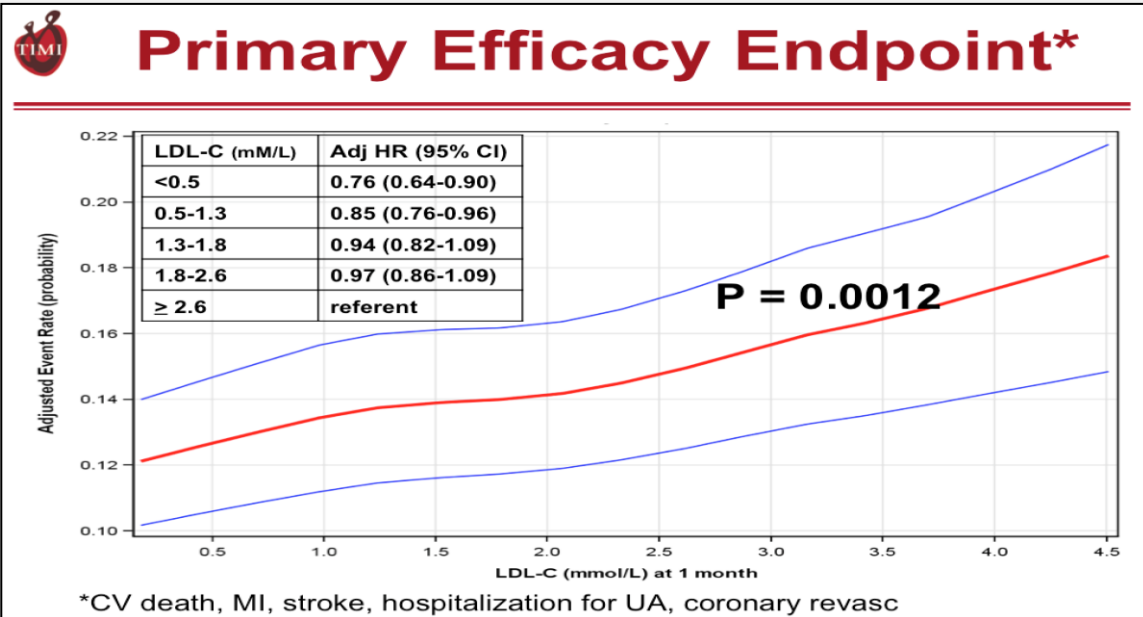
N Engl J Med 2018;379:2097

# PCSK9 mAb (evolocumab) and CV events

## Clinical efficacy and safety of achieving very low LDL-CLDL-cholesterol concentrations with the PCSK9 inhibitor evolocumab (FOURIER trial)



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### Exploratory Analysis – 1 Achieved LDL-C <0.4 mM/L\*

	LDL-C at 4 Weeks		Adjusted HR (95% CI)	P
	<0.4 (N=1335)	≥2.6 (N=4395)		
	n (%)	n (%)		
<b>Efficacy Endpoints</b>				
CVD, MI, stroke, UA, cor revasc	105 (7.9)	521 (11.9)	0.71 (0.56-0.89)	0.003
CV death, MI, stroke	66 (4.9)	345 (7.8)	0.66 (0.50-0.88)	0.005
<b>Safety Endpoints</b>				
Serious AE	313 (23.4)	1022 (23.3)	0.96 (0.81-1.13)	0.63
AE -> drug DC	42 (3.1)	149 (3.4)	0.89 (0.60-1.32)	0.56

# Coronary imaging study



## Effect of Evolocumab on Changes in Coronary Plaque Phenotype and Burden in Statin-Treated Patients Following Myocardial Infarction: The HUYGENS Randomized Clinical Trial

**Aim:** To evaluate the impact of PCSK9 inhibition with evolocumab on coronary atheroma phenotype post-ACS<sup>1,2</sup>

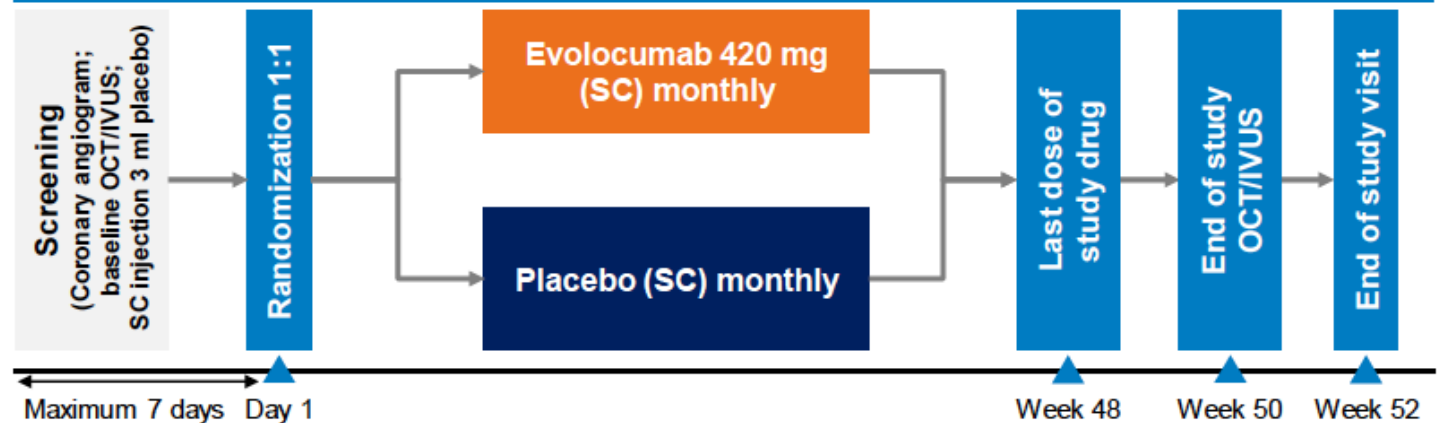
### Inclusion Criteria<sup>1,2</sup>

- NSTEMI
- Angiographic CAD
- LDL-C  $\geq 1.6$  mmol/L on high-intensity statin,  $\geq 2.1$  mmol/L on low-/moderate-intensity statin, or  $\geq 3.4$  mmol/L on no statin at screening
- Subsequently treated with maximally tolerated statin
- At least one OCT image with an FCT  $\leq 120$   $\mu\text{m}$  and one image with lipid arc  $> 90^\circ$  in a segment  $\geq 40$  mm in length<sup>a</sup>

### Primary Endpoint<sup>1</sup>

Nominal change in minimum FCT in a matched arterial segment from baseline to week 50

### Study Design<sup>2</sup>

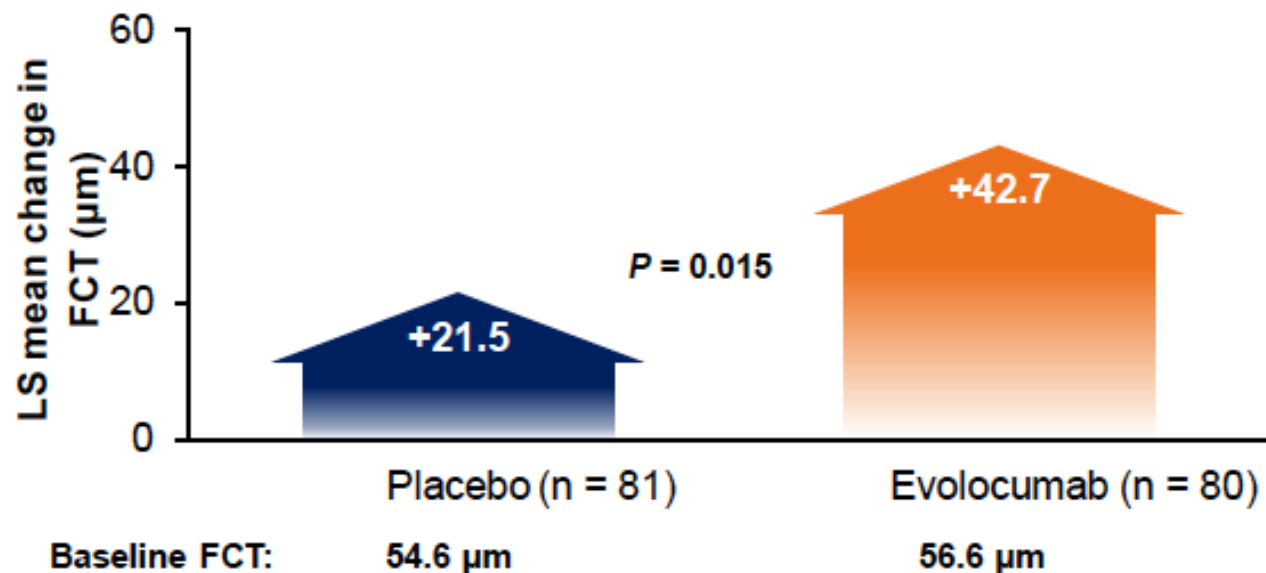


### Secondary Endpoints<sup>1</sup>

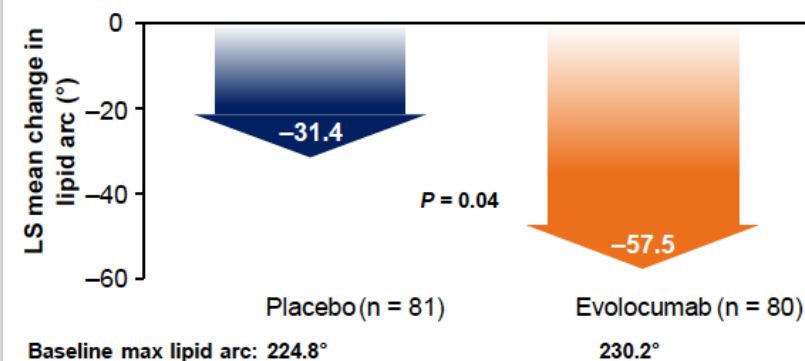
- Percent change in minimum FCT
- Absolute change in the average of the minimum FCT for all images
- Absolute change in the maximum lipid arc



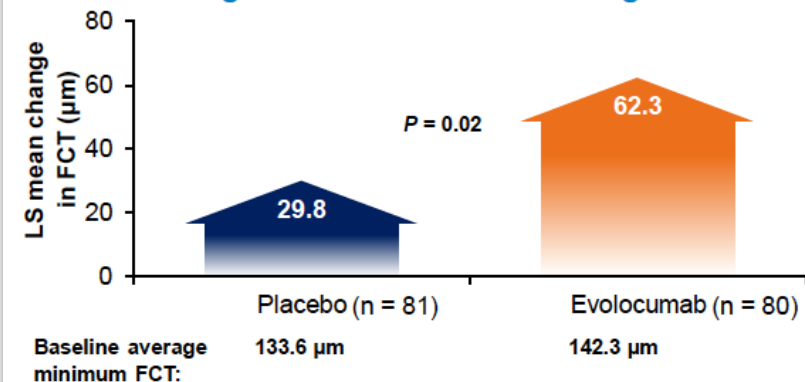
### HUYGENS Primary Endpoint: Minimum FCT<sup>1</sup>

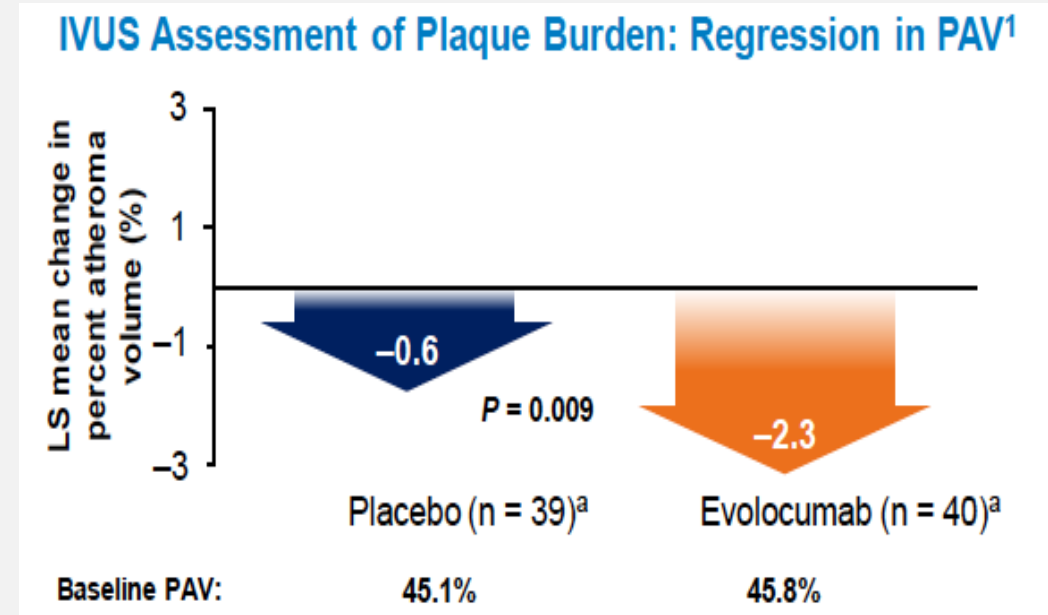
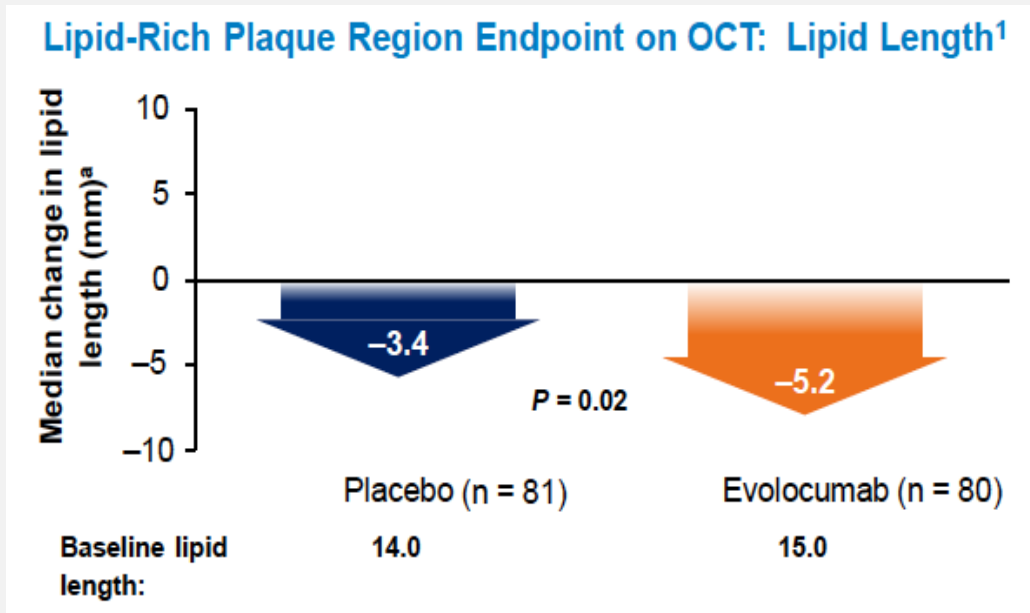
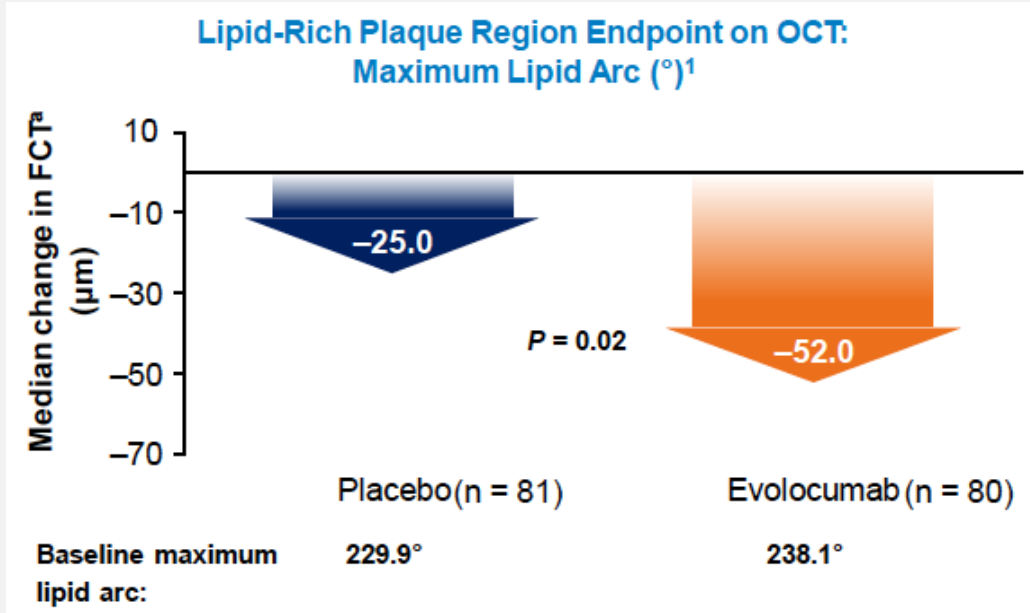


### HUYGENS Secondary Endpoint: Maximum Lipid Arc<sup>1</sup>



### HUYGENS Secondary Endpoint: Average Minimum FCT for All Images<sup>1</sup>





## Effect of Evolocumab on Coronary Plaque Phenotype and Burden in Statin-Treated Patients Following Myocardial Infarction

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### ABSTRACT

**OBJECTIVES** The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of evolocumab on optical coherence tomography (OCT) measures of plaque composition.

**BACKGROUND** The proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin type-9 inhibitor evolocumab produced coronary atheroma regression in statin-treated patients.

**METHODS** Patients with a non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction were treated with monthly evolocumab 420 mg (n = 80) or placebo (n = 81) for 52 weeks. Patients underwent serial OCT and intravascular ultrasound imaging within a matched arterial segment of a nonculprit vessel. The primary analysis determined the change in the minimum fibrous cap thickness and maximum lipid arc throughout the imaged arterial segment. Additional analyses determined changes in OCT features in lipid-rich plaque regions and plaque burden. Safety and tolerability were evaluated.

**RESULTS** Among treated patients, (age 60.5 ± 9.6 years; 28.6% women; low-density lipoprotein cholesterol [LDL-C], 141.3 ± 33.1 mg/dL), 135 had evaluable imaging at follow-up. The evolocumab group achieved lower LDL-C levels (28.1 vs 87.2 mg/dL; P < 0.001). The evolocumab group demonstrated a greater increase in minimum fibrous cap thickness (+42.7 vs +21.5 μm; P = 0.015) and decrease in maximum lipid arc (−57.5° vs. −31.4°; P = 0.04) and macrophage index (−3.17 vs −1.45 mm; P = 0.04) throughout the arterial segment. Similar benefits of evolocumab were observed in lipid-rich plaque regions. Greater regression of percent atheroma volume was observed with evolocumab compared with placebo (−2.29% ± 0.47% vs −0.61% ± 0.46%; P = 0.009). The groups did not differ regarding changes in microchannels or calcium.

**CONCLUSIONS** The combination of statin and evolocumab after a non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction produces favorable changes in coronary atherosclerosis consistent with stabilization and regression. This demonstrates a potential mechanism for the improved clinical outcomes observed achieving very low LDL-C levels following an acute coronary syndrome. (Imaging of Coronary Plaques in Participants Treated With Evolocumab; [NCT03570697](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT03570697))

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## Conclusions

- HUYGENS demonstrated that the combination of evolocumab and statin therapy after an NSTEMI produces favorable changes in coronary atherosclerosis, consistent with stabilization and regression
- Role of intensive lipid lowering is supported by observations of a direct relationship between the degree of LDL-C lowering or achieved LDL-C levels and increasing FCT
- Early administration of a PCSK9 inhibitor was well tolerated and demonstrated a potential mechanism for the improved clinical outcomes in patients who achieve very low LDL-C levels following an ACS

## Effect of Alirocumab Added to High-Intensity Statin Therapy on Coronary Atherosclerosis in Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction: The PACMAN-AMI Randomized Clinical Trial

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**OBJECTIVE** To determine the effects of alirocumab on coronary atherosclerosis using serial multimodality intracoronary imaging in patients with acute myocardial infarction.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** The PACMAN-AMI double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized clinical trial (enrollment: May 9, 2017, through October 7, 2020; final follow-up: October 13, 2021) enrolled 300 patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention for acute myocardial infarction at 9 academic European hospitals.

**INTERVENTIONS** Patients were randomized to receive biweekly subcutaneous alirocumab (150 mg; n = 148) or placebo (n = 152), initiated less than 24 hours after urgent percutaneous coronary intervention of the culprit lesion, for 52 weeks in addition to high-intensity statin therapy (rosuvastatin, 20 mg).

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** Intravascular ultrasonography (IVUS), near-infrared spectroscopy, and optical coherence tomography were serially performed in the 2 non-infarct-related coronary arteries at baseline and after 52 weeks. The primary efficacy end point was the change in IVUS-derived percent atheroma volume from baseline to week 52. Two powered secondary end points were changes in near-infrared spectroscopy-derived maximum lipid core burden index within 4 mm (higher values indicating greater lipid content) and optical coherence tomography-derived minimal fibrous cap thickness (smaller values indicating thin-capped, vulnerable plaques) from baseline to week 52.

**RESULTS** Among 300 randomized patients (mean [SD] age, 58.5 [9.7] years; 56 [18.7%] women; mean [SD] low-density lipoprotein cholesterol level, 152.4 [33.8] mg/dL), 265 (88.3%) underwent serial IVUS imaging in 537 arteries. At 52 weeks, mean change in percent atheroma volume was -2.13% with alirocumab vs -0.92% with placebo (difference, -1.21% [95% CI, -1.78% to -0.65%],  $P < .001$ ). Mean change in maximum lipid core burden index within 4 mm was -79.42 with alirocumab vs -37.60 with placebo (difference, -41.24 [95% CI, -70.71 to -11.77];  $P = .006$ ). Mean change in minimal fibrous cap thickness was 62.67  $\mu\text{m}$  with alirocumab vs 33.19  $\mu\text{m}$  with placebo (difference, 29.65  $\mu\text{m}$  [95% CI, 11.75-47.55];  $P = .001$ ). Adverse events occurred in 70.7% of patients treated with alirocumab vs 72.8% of patients receiving placebo.

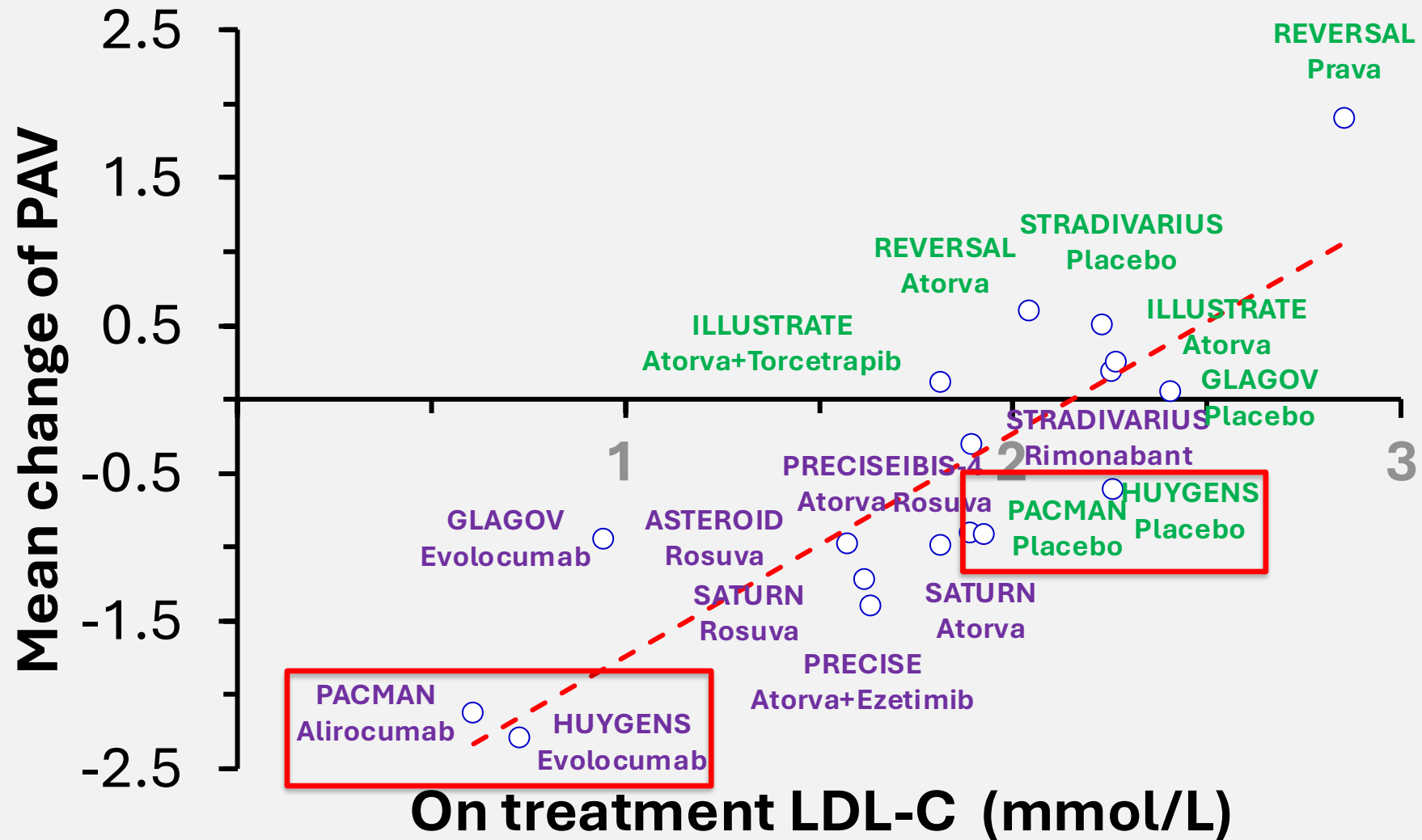


## Conclusions

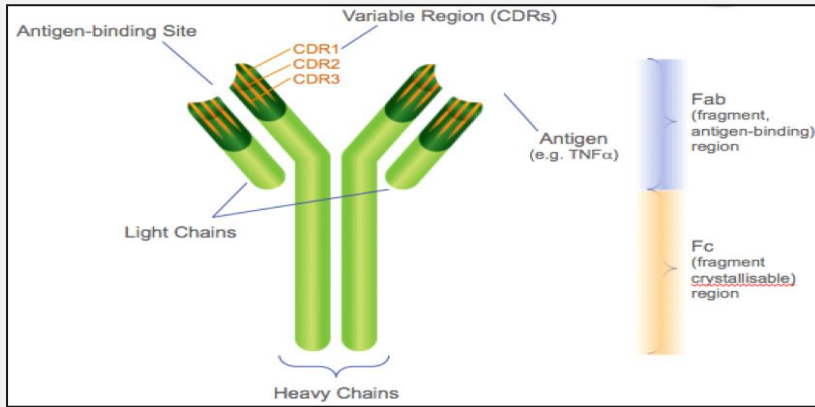
Compared with placebo, alirocumab initiated in the setting of acute AMI on top of high-intensity statin therapy resulted in greater decrease in PAV, larger reduction in lipid burden and higher increase in minimal fibrous cap thickness after 52 weeks of treatment.

These findings indicate incremental coronary plaque regression, lipid core reduction and plaque stabilization with alirocumab and provide a mechanistic rationale in favor of early initiation of very intensive LDL-C lowering in acute MI patients.

# Atherosclerosis plaque regression in serial IVUS studies



# Monoclonal antibody



## Evolution of therapeutic mAbs

Mouse	Chimeric	Humanised	Human
<p>mAbs: muromonab</p>	<p>mAbs: rituximab, oetuximab</p>	<p>mAbs: trastuzumab / bevacizumab</p>	<p>mAbs: adalimumab / panitumumab</p>
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**Potential immune response to therapeutic antibody**

mAb = monoclonal antibody  
Adapted from Casagano JL, et al. *Oncotargets* 2015;1-11

# PCSK9 mAb (bococizumab) and CV events: SPIRE-1 and SPIRE-2 trials

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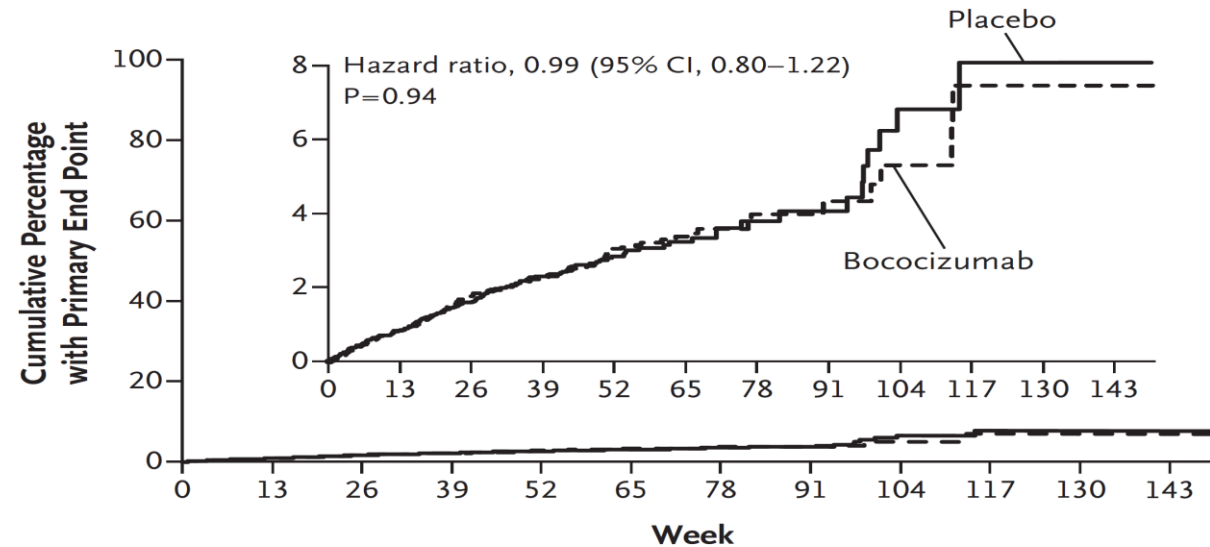
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## Cardiovascular Efficacy and Safety of Bococizumab in High-Risk Patients

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### B Primary End Point in SPIRE-1



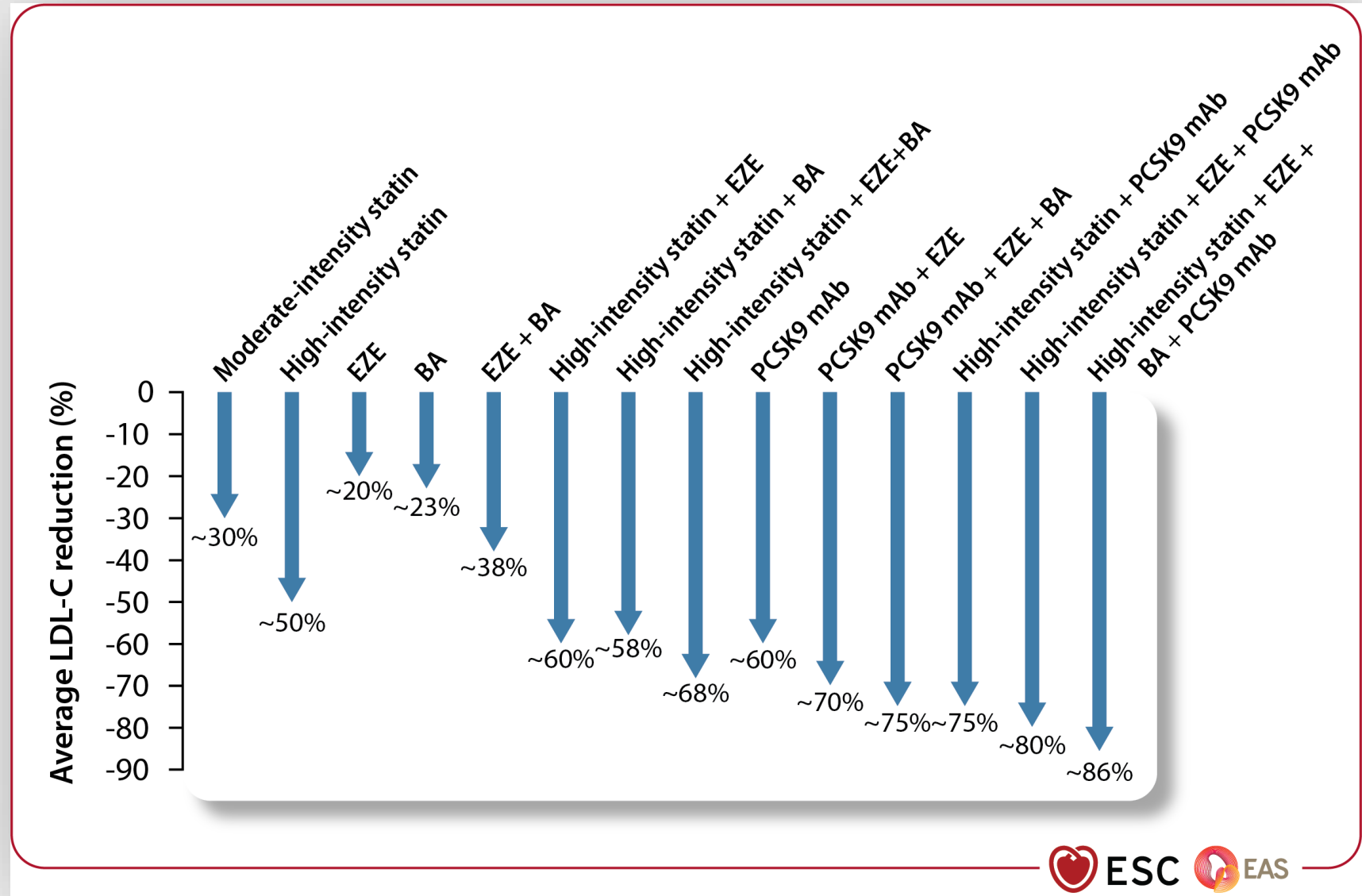
#### No. at Risk

Placebo	8409	6811	4728	3326	1930	1033	445	275	158	63	16	3
Bococizumab	8408	6815	4723	3338	1947	1042	451	267	155	70	21	2

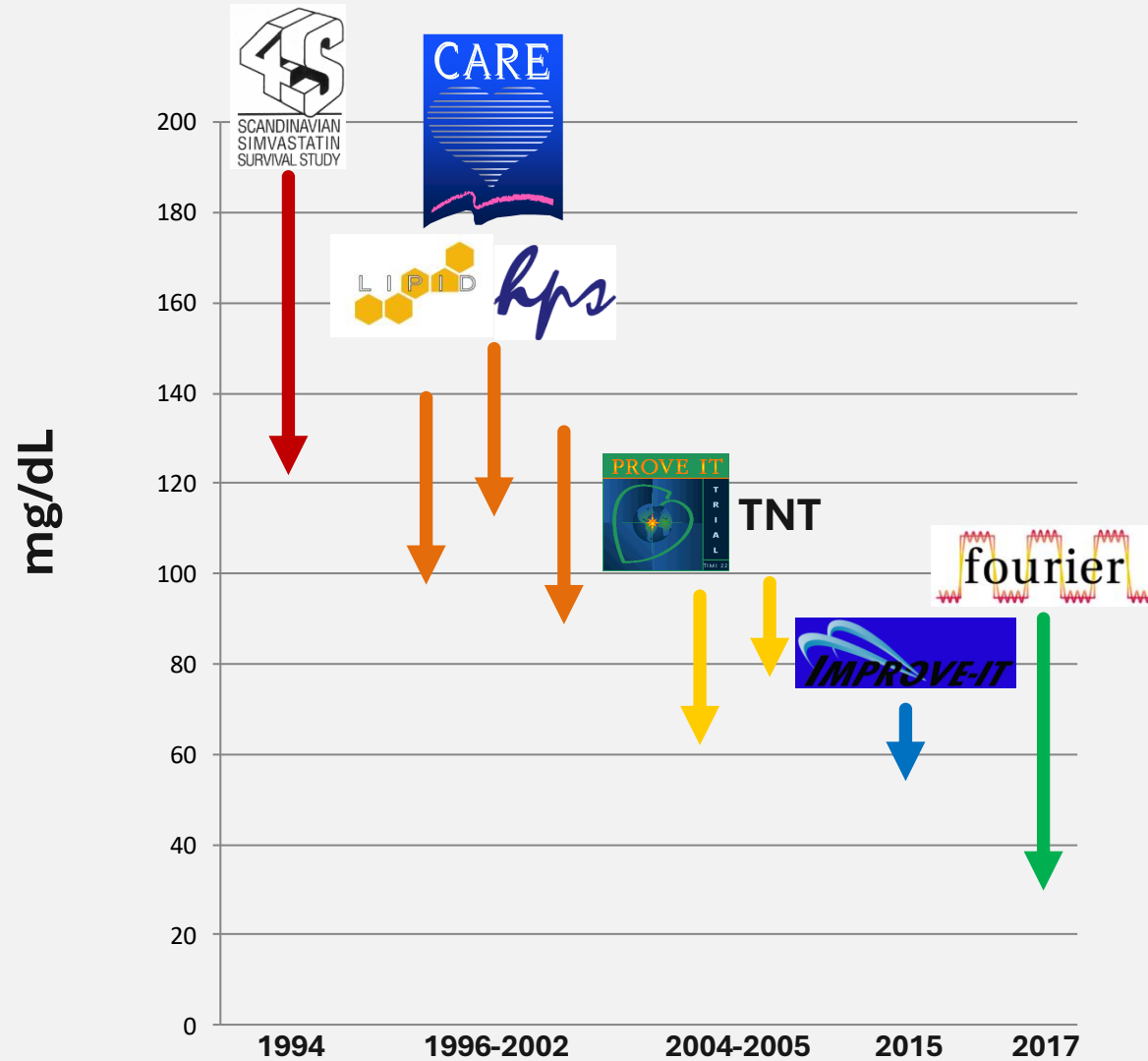


## Figure 2

Average reduction in LDL-C levels with different pharmacological therapies with proven cardiovascular benefit.



# A quarter of a century of treating LDL-C



High is bad

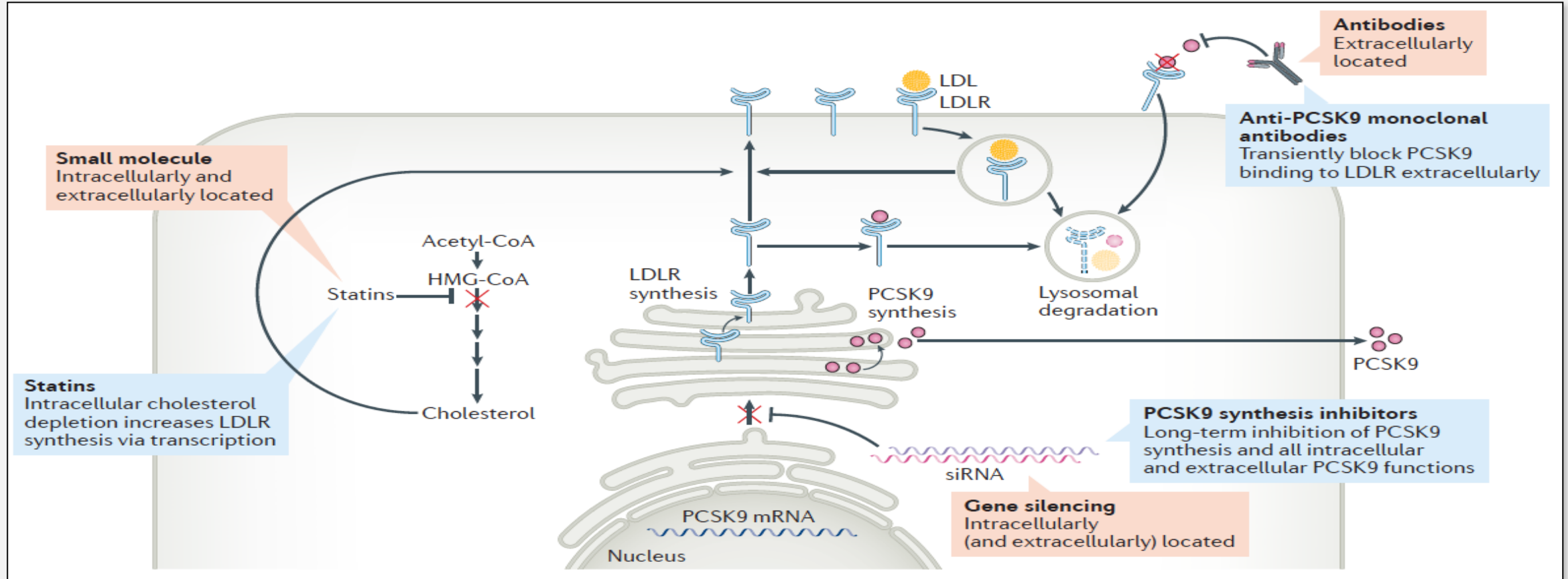
Average is not good

Lower is better

Even lower is even better

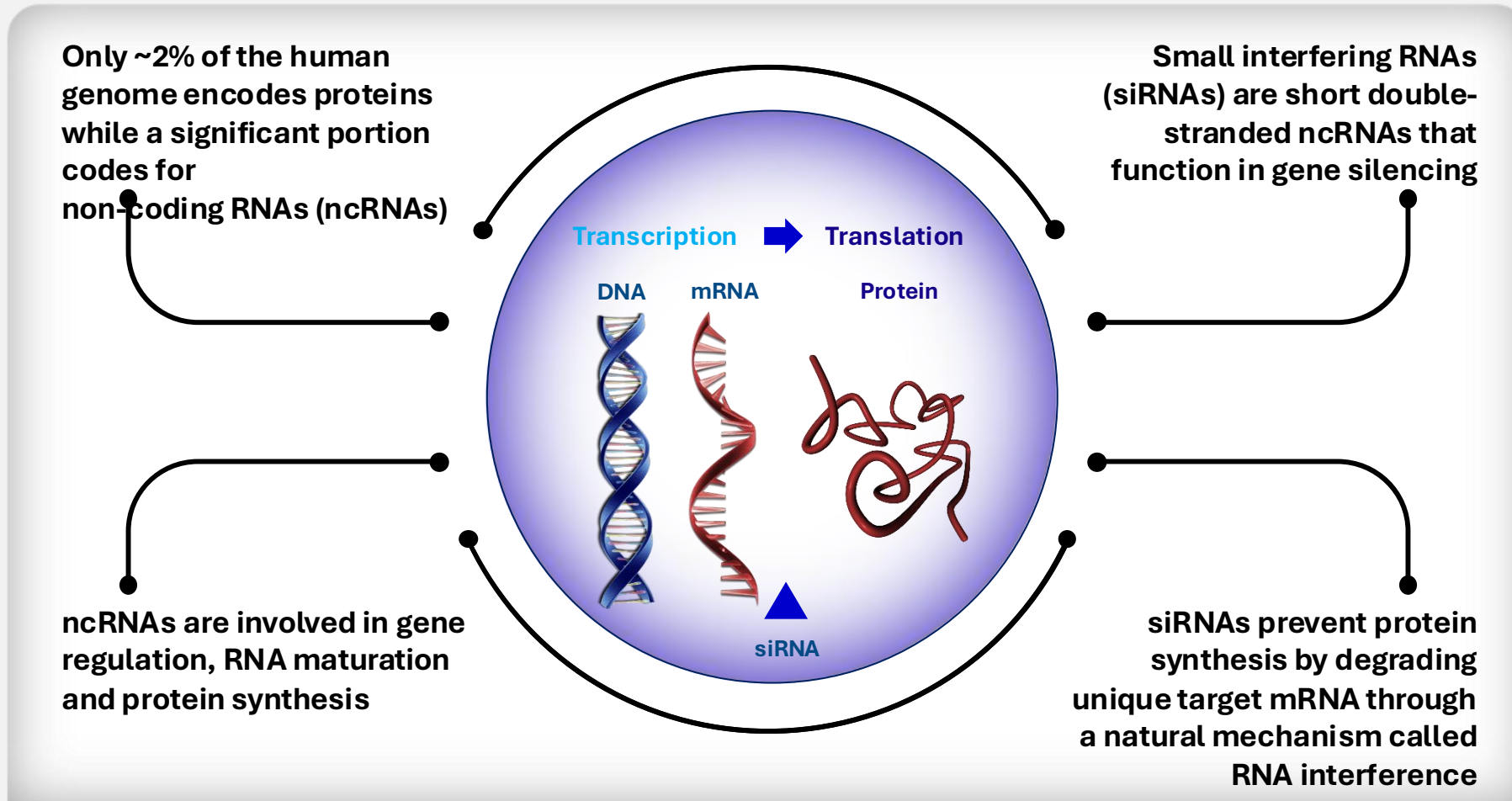
Lowest is best

# Approaches to reduce LDL-C levels



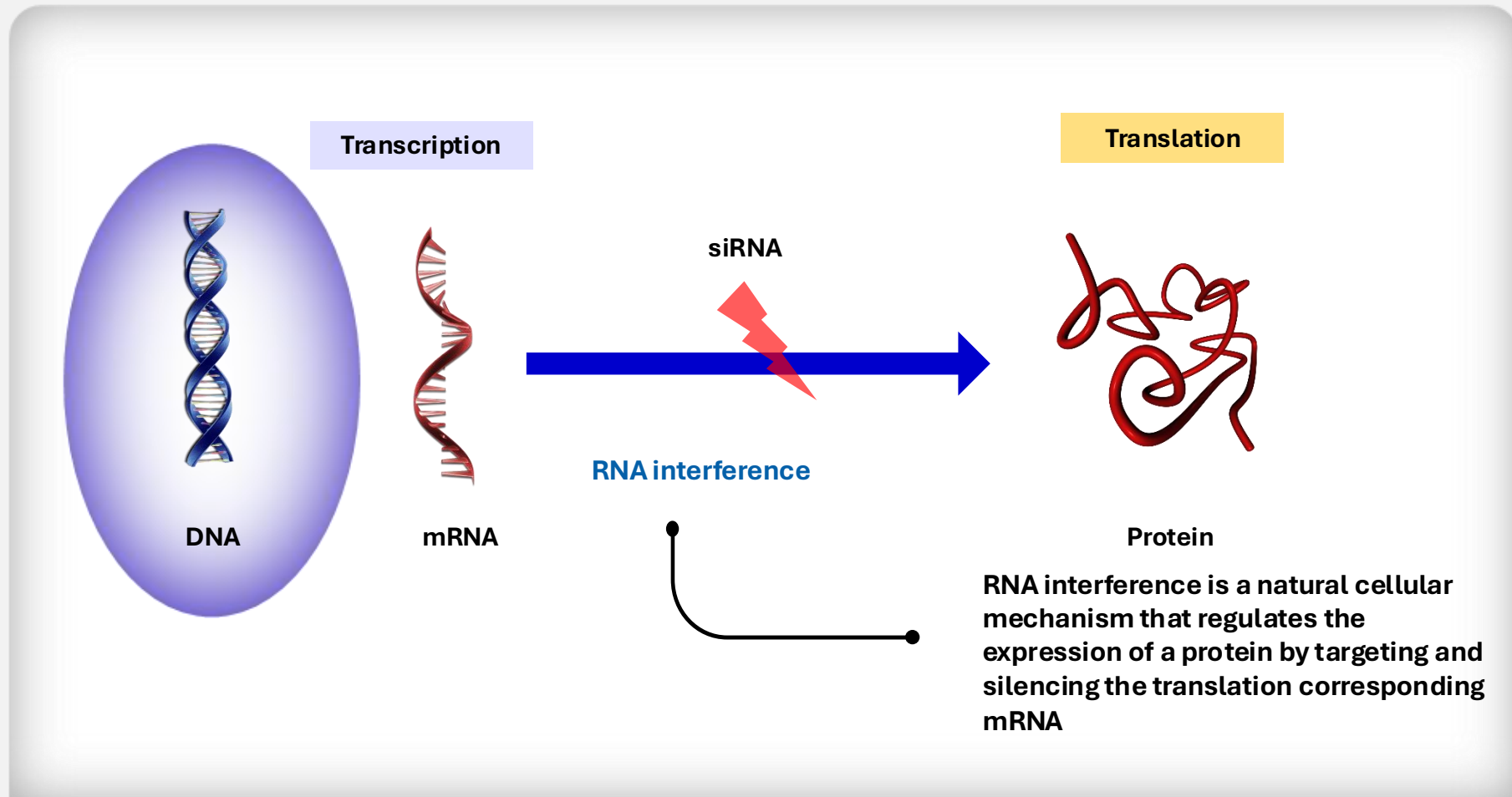
# Gene-Protein Synthesis

## Non-coding RNAs



# Gene-Protein Synthesis

RNA interference enables a cell to specifically shut down protein production



# What is inclisiran ?

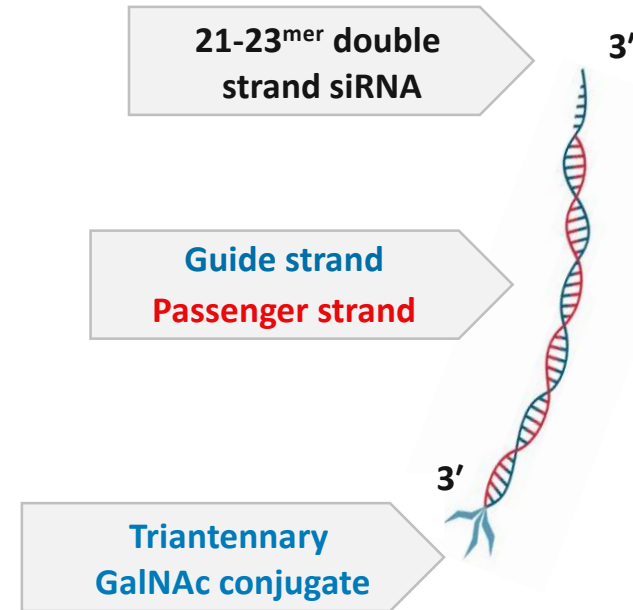
## Small interfering RNA

- Synthetic small interfering RNA (siRNA) conjugated with triantennary GalNAc carbohydrate<sup>1,2</sup>
- Utilizes the natural RNA interference mechanism to degrade PCSK9 mRNA and prevent its translation to protein<sup>2</sup>

### Chemical Modifications<sup>3,4</sup>

- 2'-fluoro and 2'-O-methyl modifications to **increase compound stability**
- Backbone phosphodiester linkages modified with phosphorothioates **to protect from degradation** by liver exonucleases
- Triantennary GalNAc conjugation for **targeted hepatic delivery**

### Inclisiran

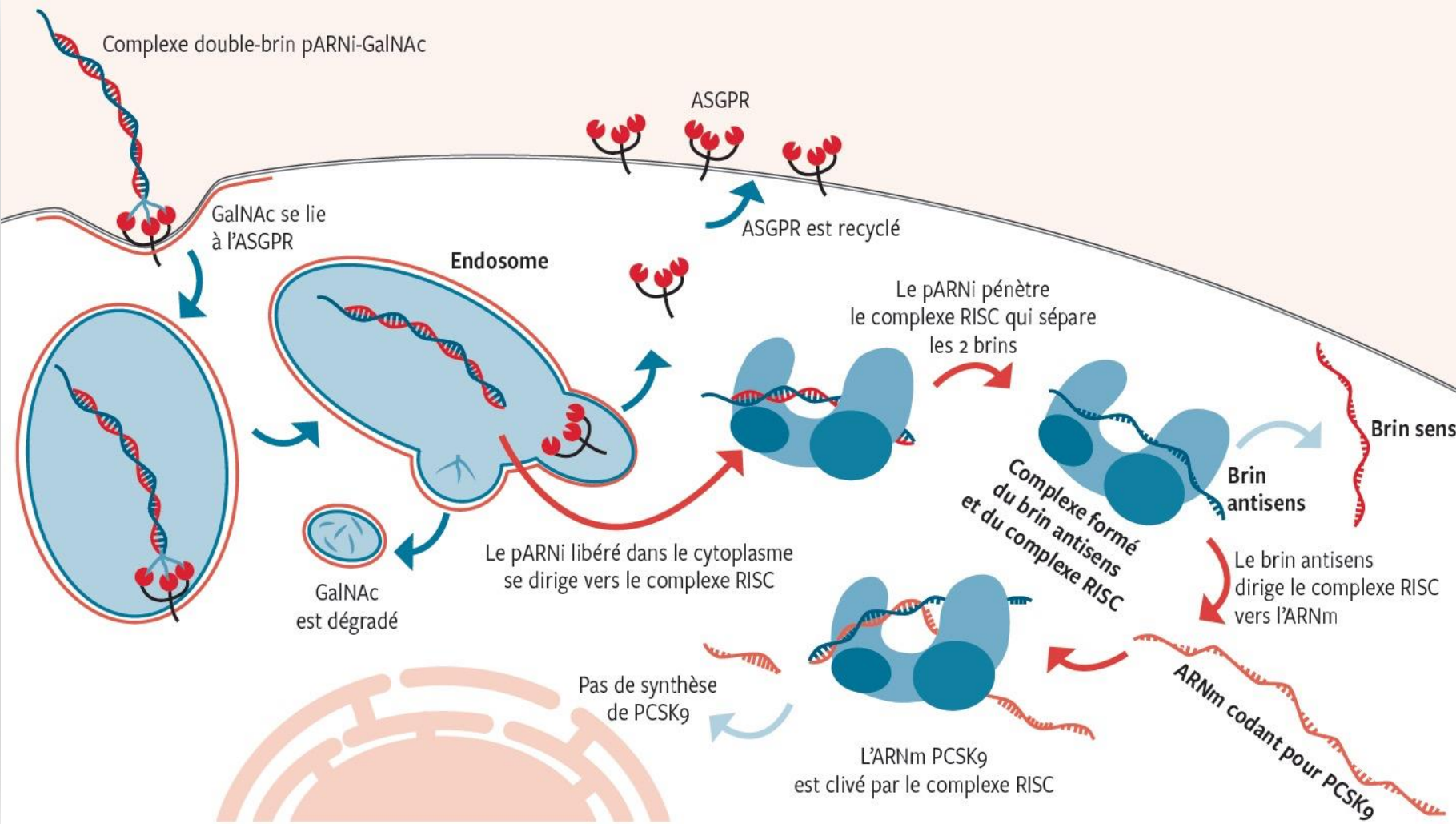


<sup>1</sup>*Circ Res.* 2017;120:1063 <sup>2</sup>*N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:41

<sup>3</sup>Data on file. Inclisiran. Investigator's Brochure. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp; 2018 <sup>4</sup>*N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:4

# Mechanism of action

GalNAc conjugation enables rapid uptake of inclisiran into hepatocytes via asialoglycoprotein receptor (ASGPR)



# Inclisiran treatment

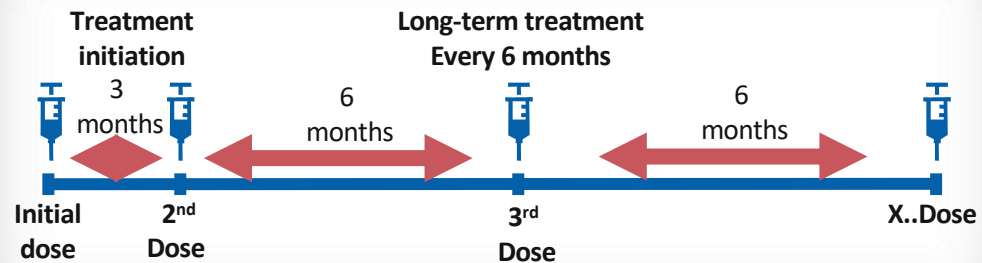
## Dose & administration

### Injection<sup>1,2</sup>

#### 1.5 mL solution per syringe

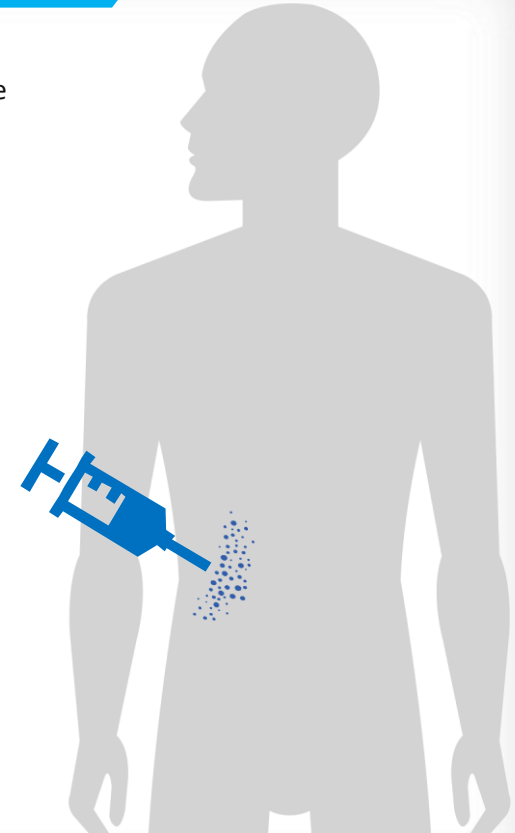
- 300 mg inclisiran sodium\*
- Water as the diluent
- Sodium hydroxide and phosphoric acid (pH 7)
- Stored at room temperature

### Dose regimen<sup>1,2</sup>



### Administration<sup>1,2</sup>

Subcutaneous injection in the abdomen by healthcare professionals



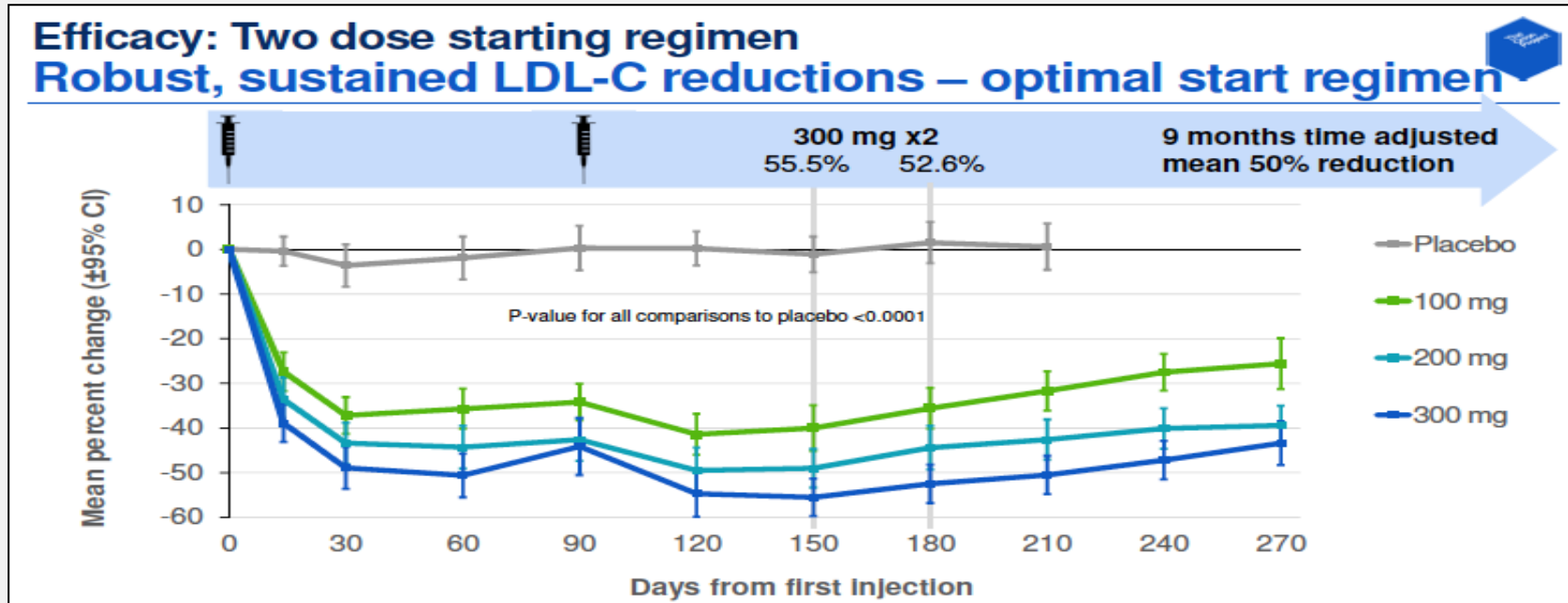
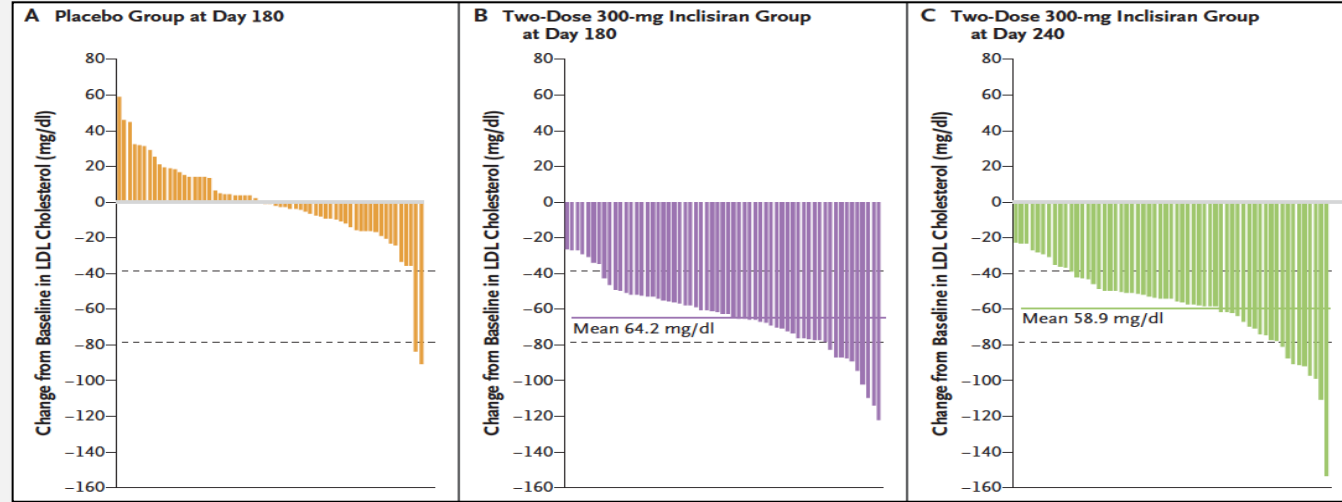
# Lowering PCSK9 with siPCSK9

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Inclisiran in Patients at High Cardiovascular Risk with Elevated LDL Cholesterol

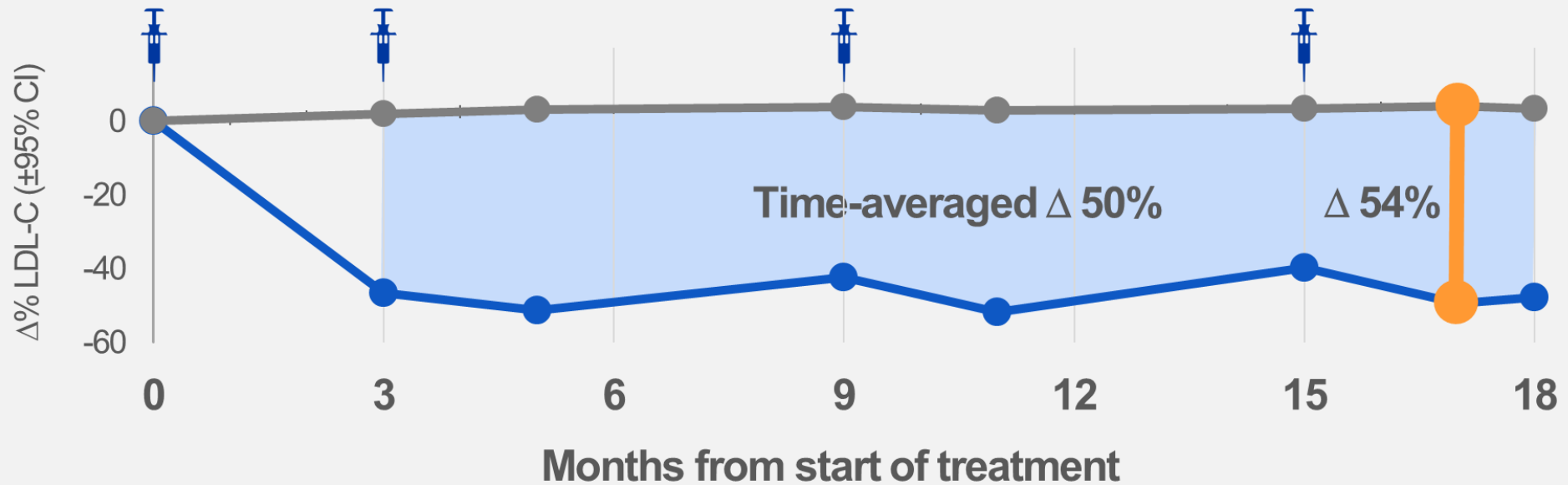
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# ORION-11: Efficacy

Durable, potent and consistent effect over 18 months

## Percent change in LDL-C over time – observed values in ITT patients



P-value for placebo – inclisiran comparison at each time point <0.00001

1. All 95% confidence intervals are less than  $\pm 2\%$  and therefore are not visible outside data points

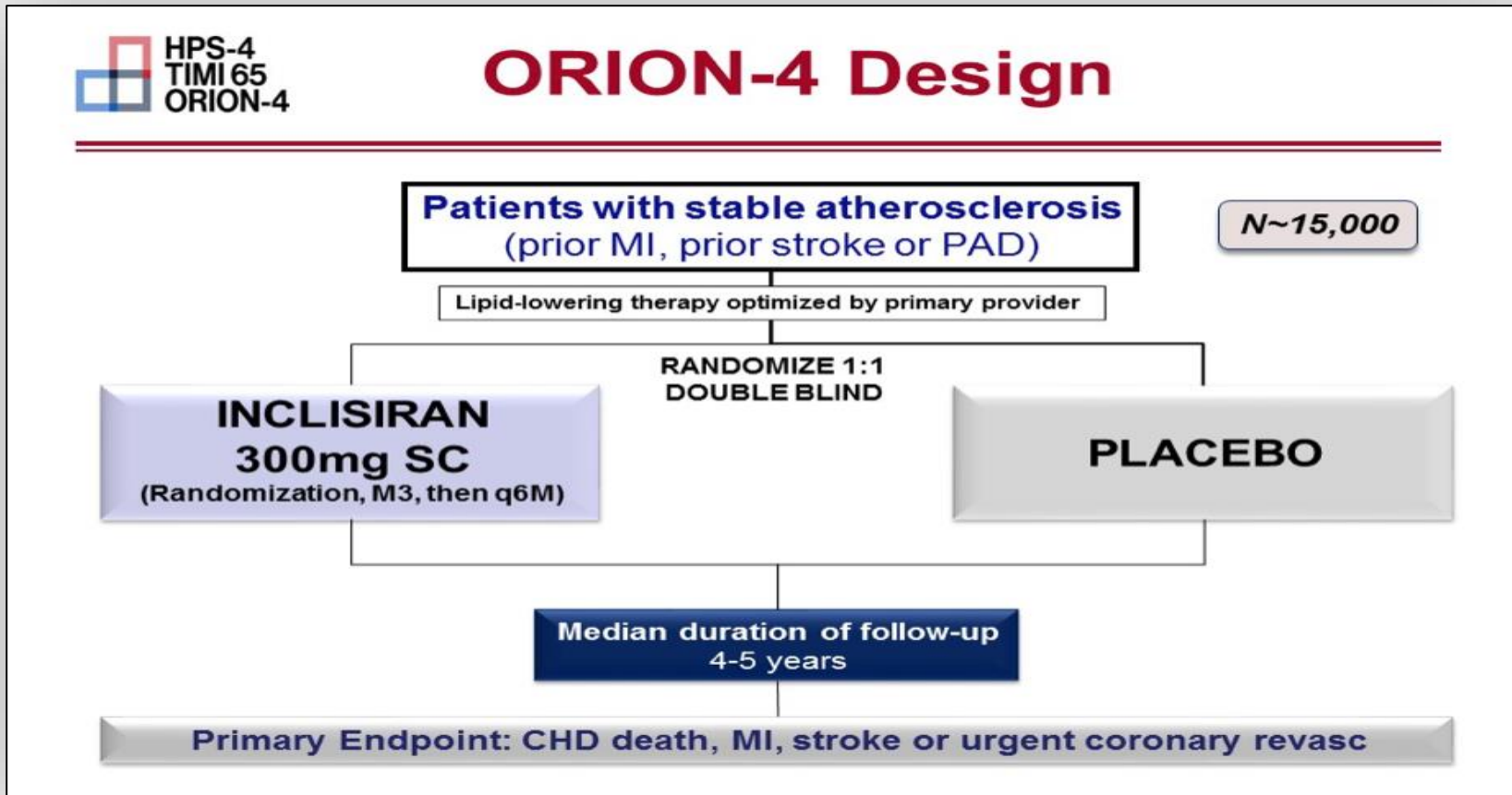
# Inclisiran clinical studies

## ORION development program

Étude	Phase clinique	Patients (N)	Population étudiée	Durée de suivi	Critère de jugement	Référence ClinicalTrials.gov
ORION-1	II	500	ASCVD ou ASCVD RE	180 jours	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT02597127 <sup>40</sup>
ORION-2	II	4	HFHo	180 jours	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT02963311
ORION-3	II	490	ASCVD <del>ou</del> ASCVD RE	48 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03060577
ORION-4	IIIb	15 000	ASCVD <del>ou</del> ASCVD RE	60 mois	MACE	NCT03705234
ORION-5	III	45	HFHo	24 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03851705
ORION-6	I	24	Insuffisance hépatique	180 jours	Pharmacocinétique	NCT04765657
ORION-7	I	31	Insuffisance rénale	60 jours	Pharmacocinétique	NCT03159416 <sup>40</sup>
ORION-8	III	3700	ASCVD <del>ou</del> ASCVD RE <del>ou</del> HFHe/HFHo	36 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03814187
ORION-9	III	482	HFHe	18 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03814187
ORION-10	III	1561	ASCVD	18 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03399370 <sup>17</sup>
ORION-11	III	1617	ASCVD <del>ou</del> ASCVD RE	18 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03400800 <sup>17</sup>
ORION-12	I	48	Population saine	180 jours	QT et ECG	-
ORION-13	III	12	HFHo chez l'adolescent (de 12 à < 18 ans)	24 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT04659863
ORION-14	I	40	Étude de recherche de dose	-	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT04774003
ORION-15	II	308	Étude de recherche de dose, ASCVD	270 jours	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT04666298
ORION-16	III	150	HFHe chez l'adolescent (de 12 à < 18 ans)	24 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT04652726

# Opportunities and challenges for the future

## Efficacy of different approaches to lipid lowering



# The modern concept of lipid-lowering strategies to reduce cardiovascular diseases

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au traitement, la cardiologie  
au-devant de la scène

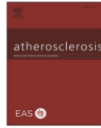
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Une baisse du cholestérol LDL  
de longue durée: enfin le silence

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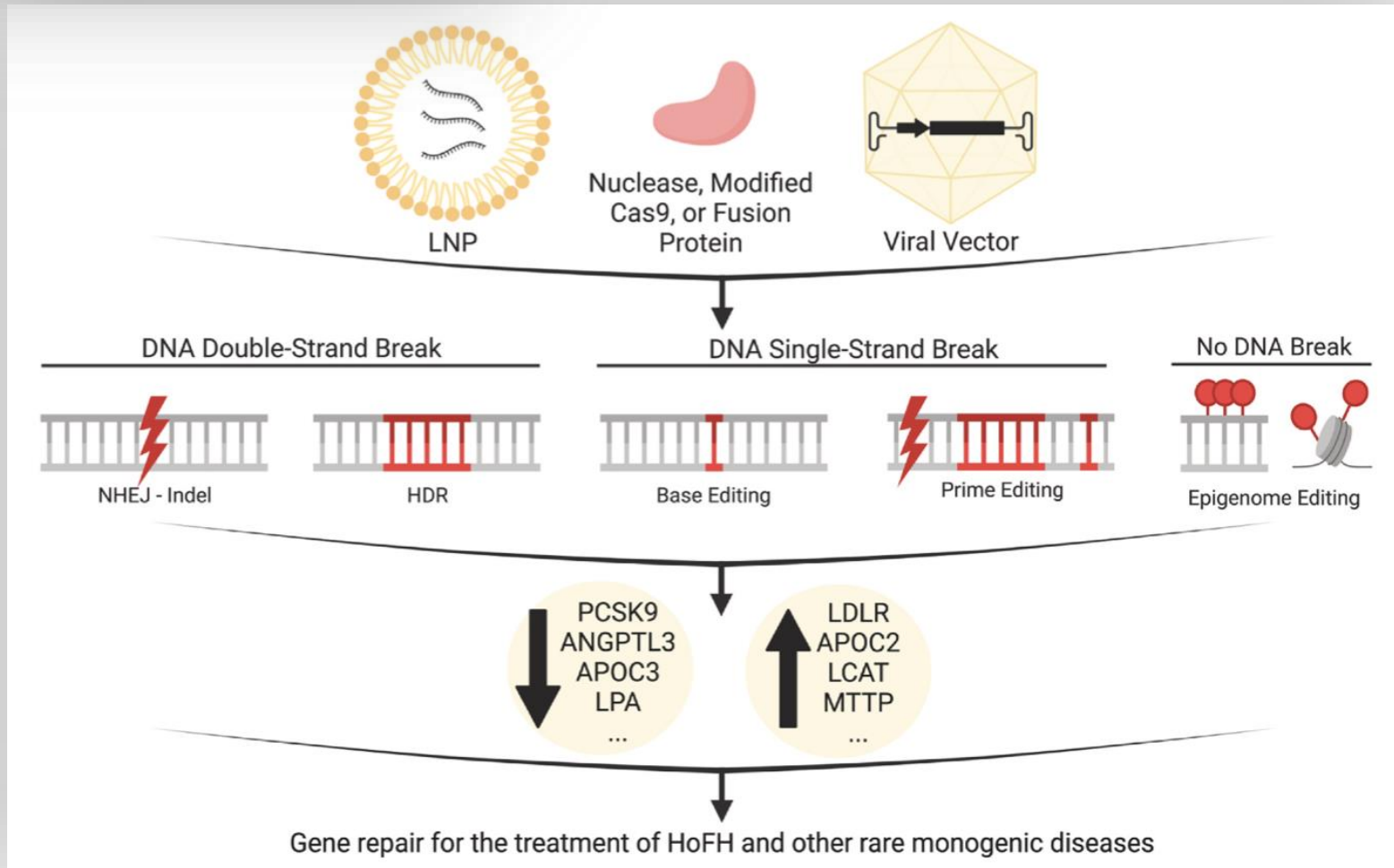
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Review article

## Gene editing for dyslipidemias: New tools to “cut” lipids

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LDL-C has both a causal and a cumulative effect on CHD risk

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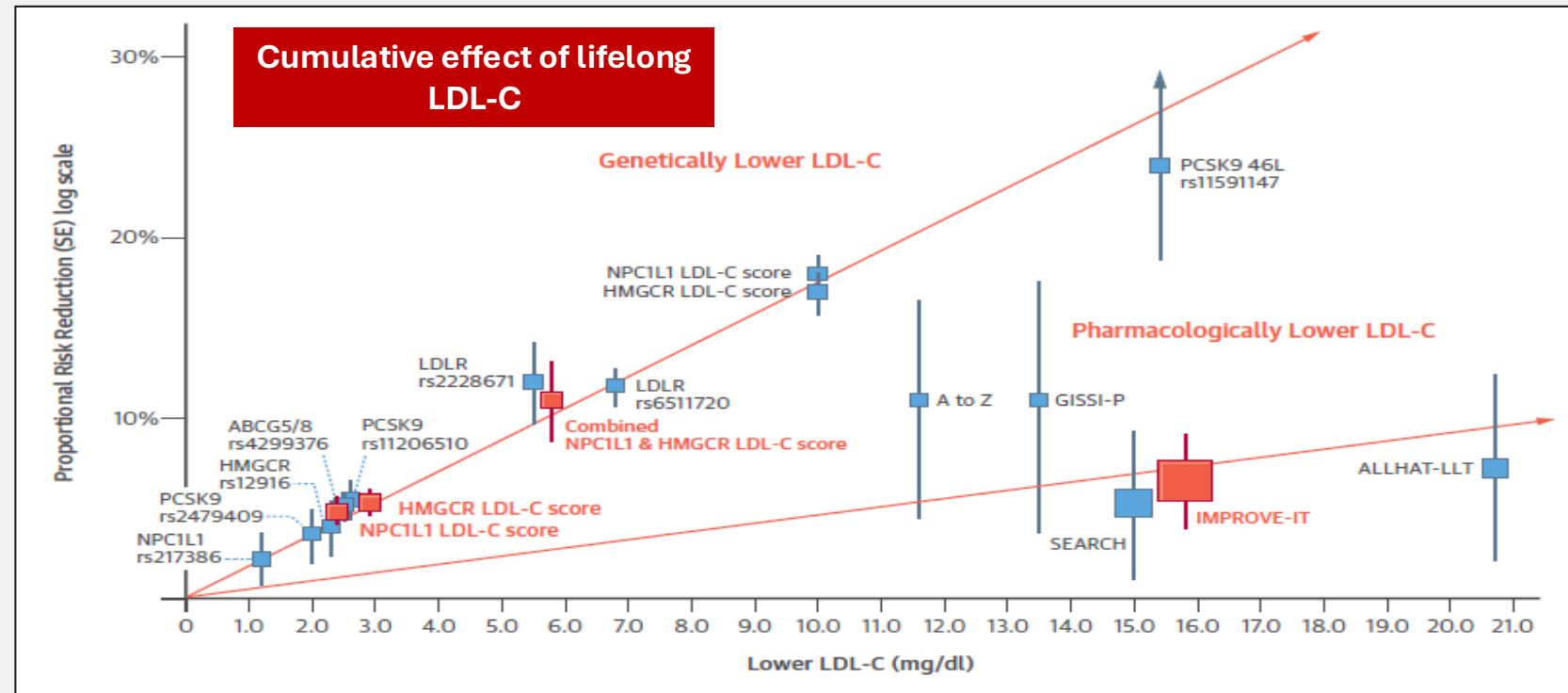
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**Effect of Naturally Random Allocation to Lower Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol on the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease Mediated by Polymorphisms in *NPC1L1*, *HMGCR*, or Both**  
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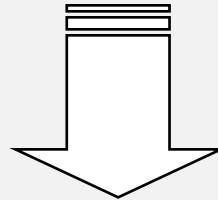
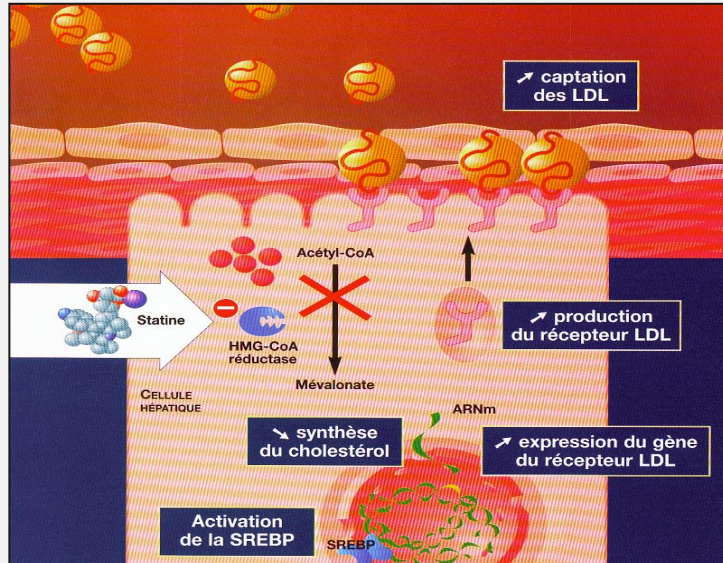
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Meta-analysis on > 320'000 pts:

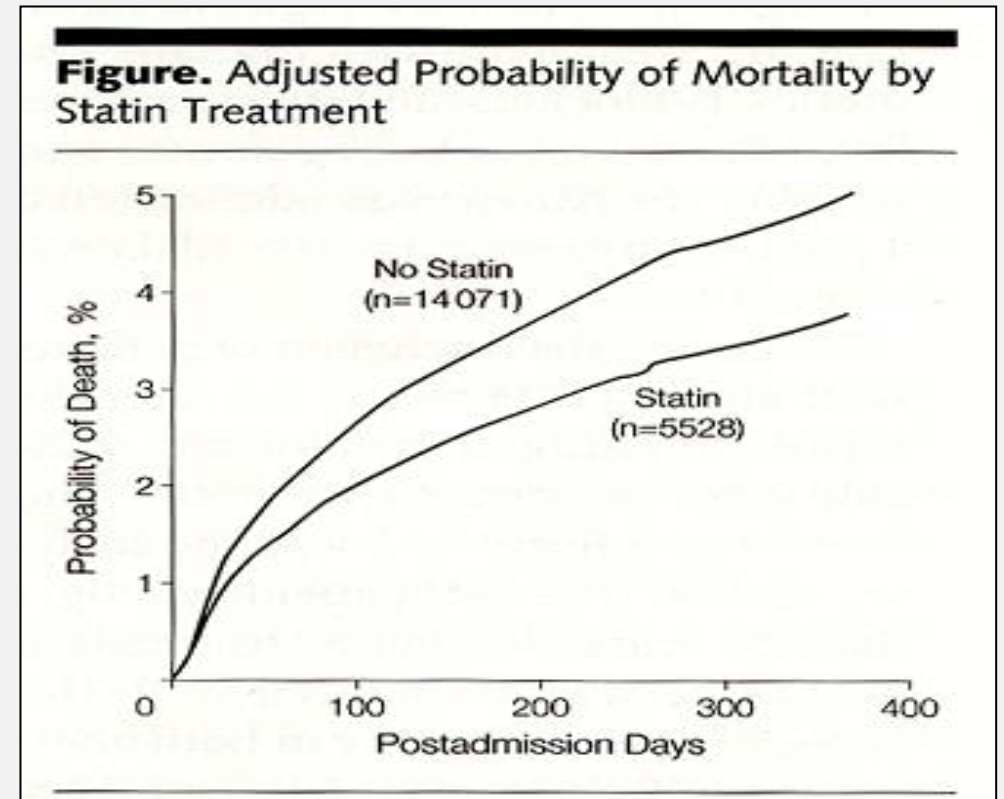
- Each mmol/L of LDL-C reduction is associated with a significant reduction of coronary events



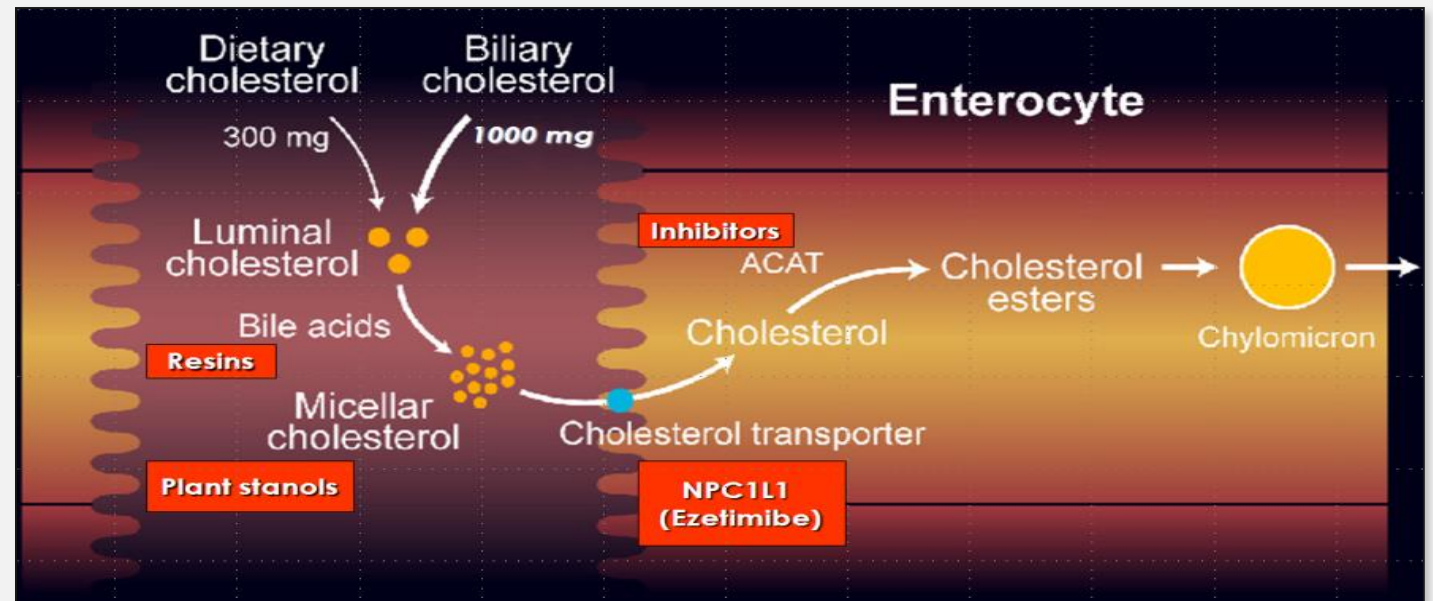
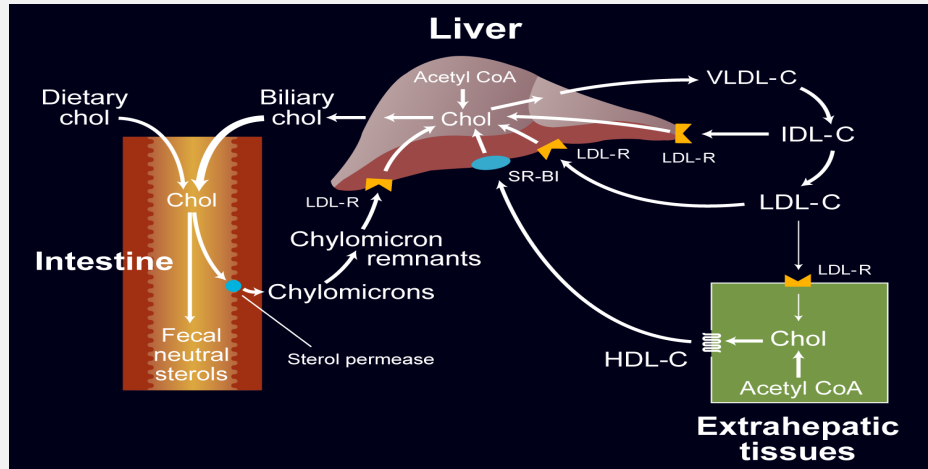
Les statines (inhibiteurs de l'HMG-CoA synthase) diminuent la synthèse cellulaire de cholestérol et le taux sanguin de LDL.



Une réduction des événements et de la mortalité cardiovasculaire.



Une diminution de l'absorption intestinale de cholestérol (ezetimibe) permet d'augmenter l'effet hypolipémiant des statines.



Une diminution de l'activité de PCSK9 (via un anticorps) diminue très largement le LDL, même en addition à un traitement de statine, ainsi que le risque de futurs événements cardiovasculaires

