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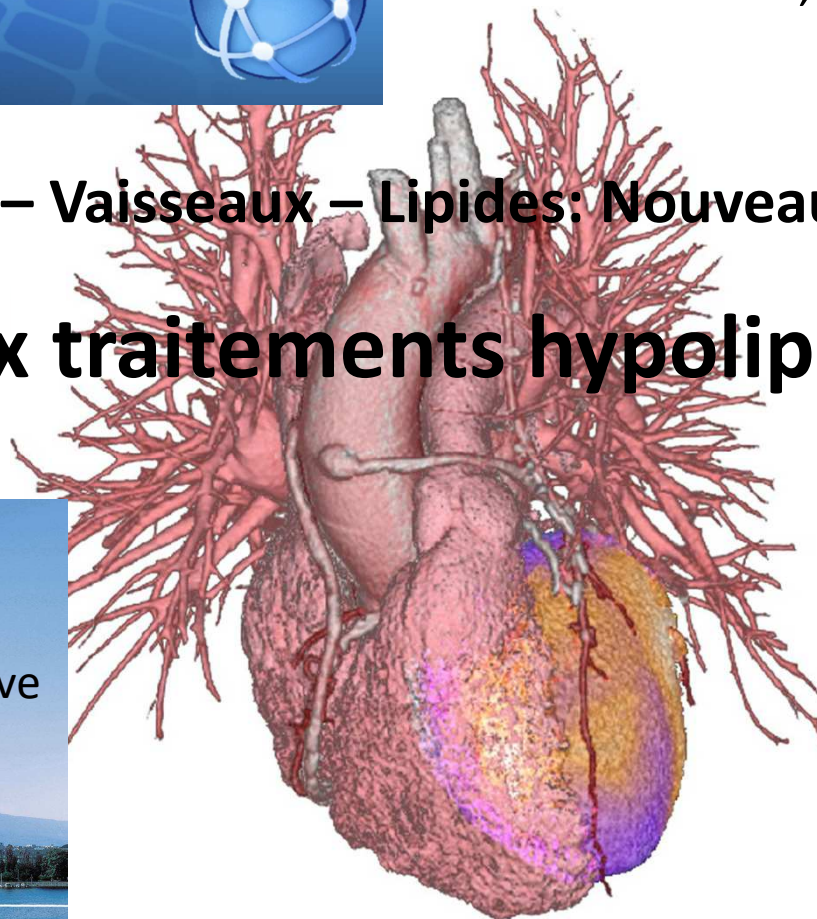
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**Reins – Vaisseaux – Lipides: Nouveautés**

# **Nouveaux traitements hypolipémiants**



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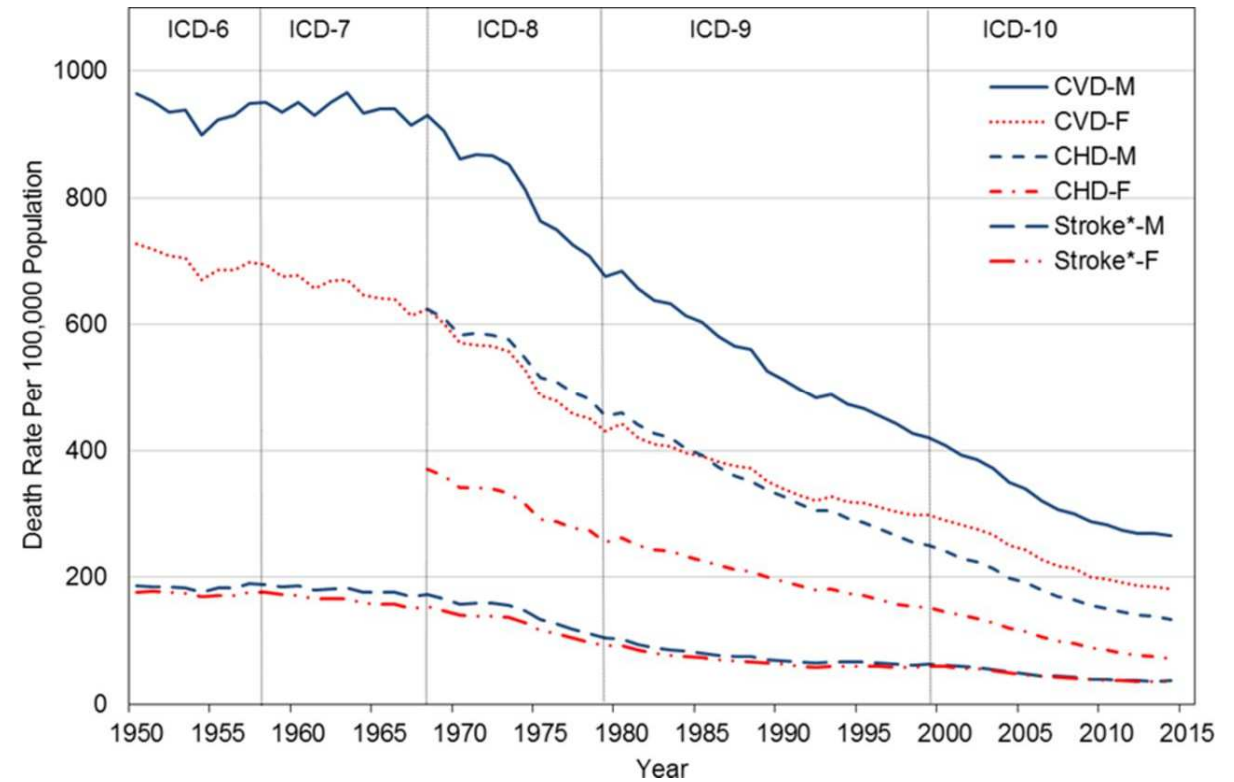
## Aucun conflit d'intérêt

Tous mes honoraires pour conférences ou conseils scientifiques sont versés à la Fondation GEcor ou au Département de Médecine des HUG.

Le service de cardiologie a reçu des financements de firmes pharmaceutiques pour la recherche clinique, toujours via des contrats signés par le Département de Médecine des HUG.



# Cardiovascular Prevention

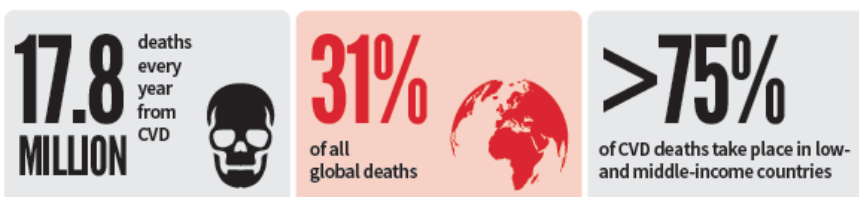


# Maladies cardiovasculaires

## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

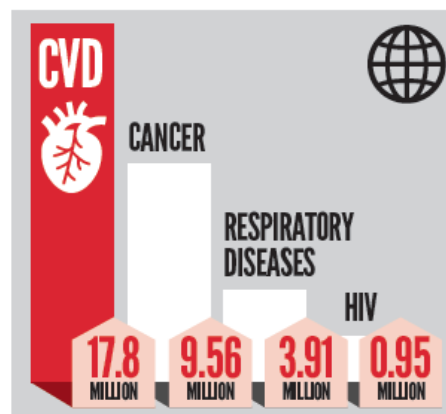
### THE WORLD'S NUMBER 1 KILLER

Cardiovascular diseases are a group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels, commonly referred to as **heart disease** and **stroke**.



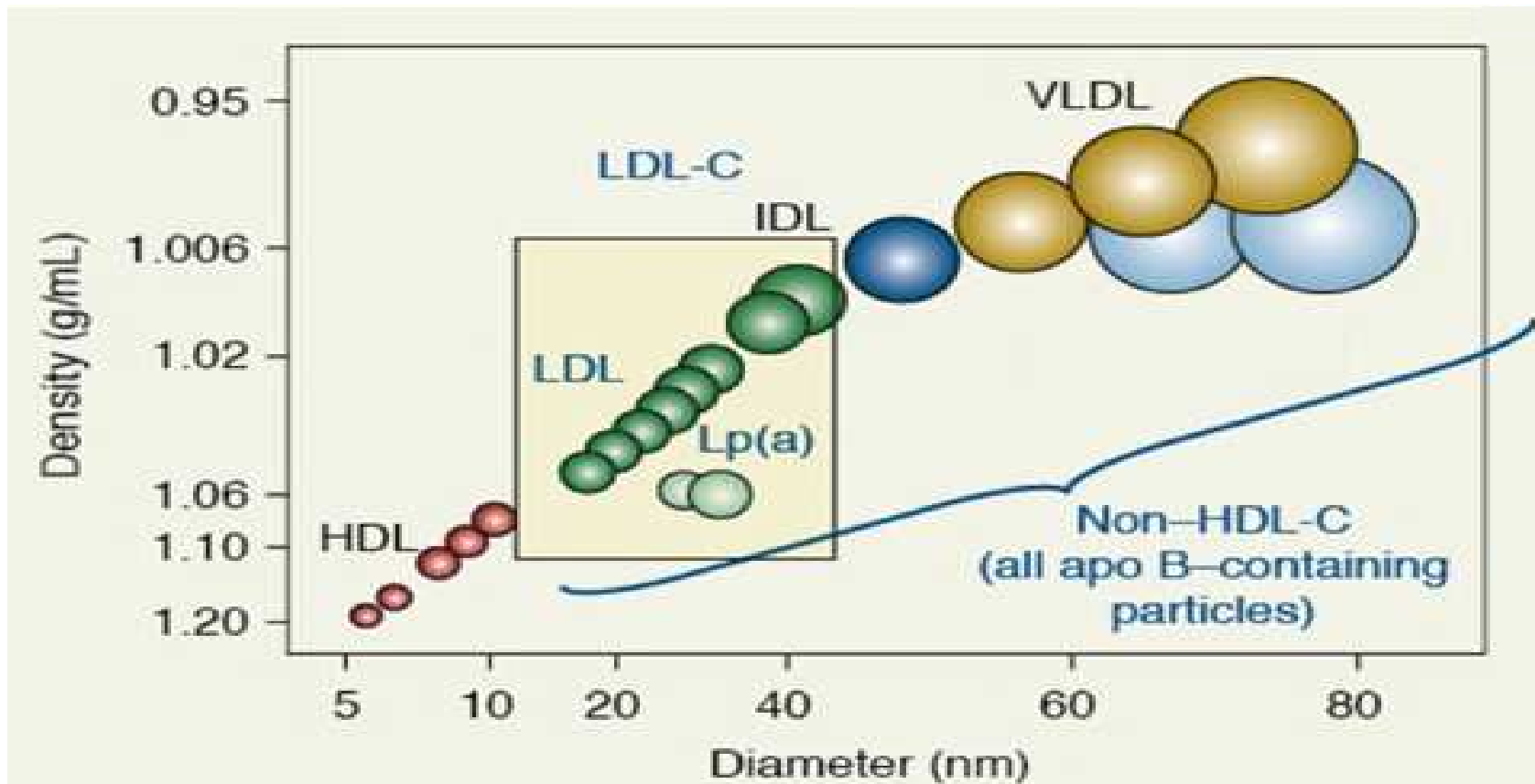
### GLOBAL CAUSES OF DEATH

### RISK FACTORS FOR CVD





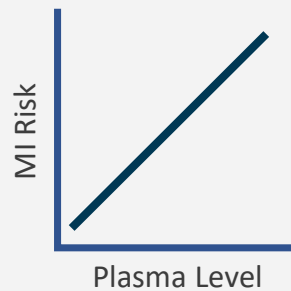
## Characteristics of lipoproteins



# Clear relationship between LDL-C and risk of CV events

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

## Epidemiology



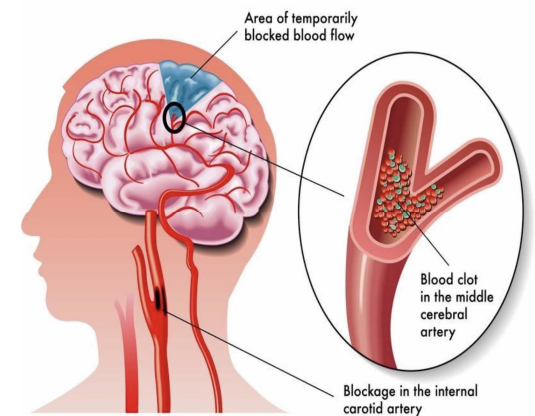
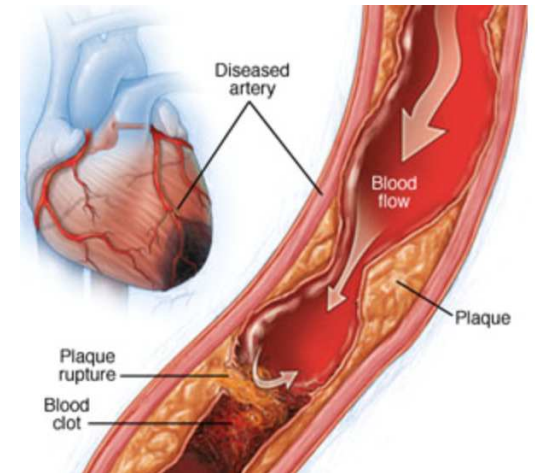
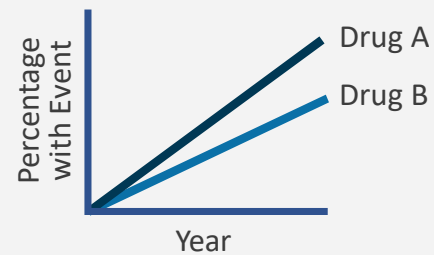
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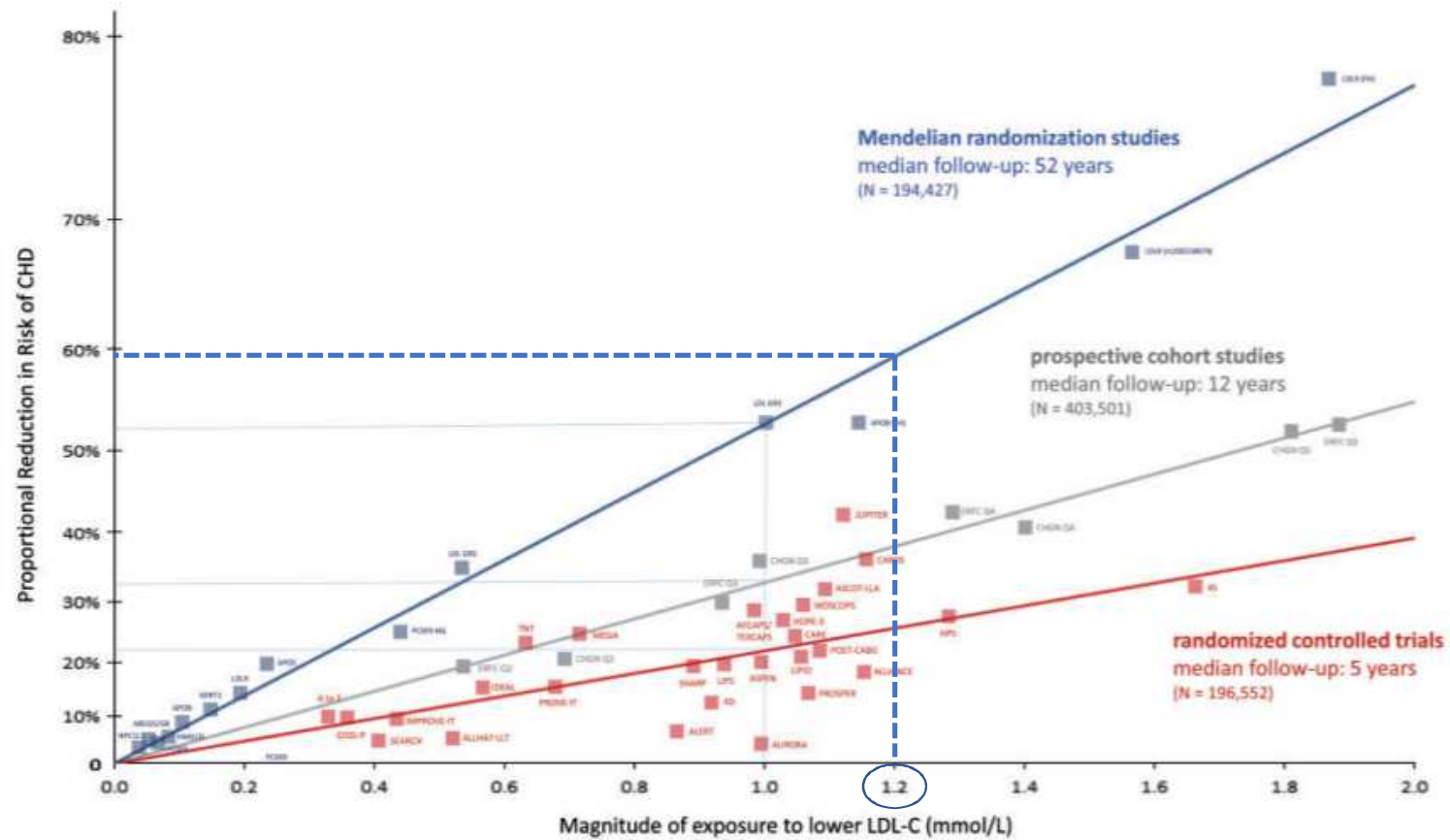
## Experimental



## Therapy



# Time-Exposure to Low LDL-C



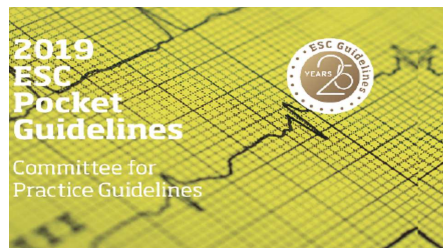
# 2019 ESC/EAS Dyslipidemia Guidelines



## 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)

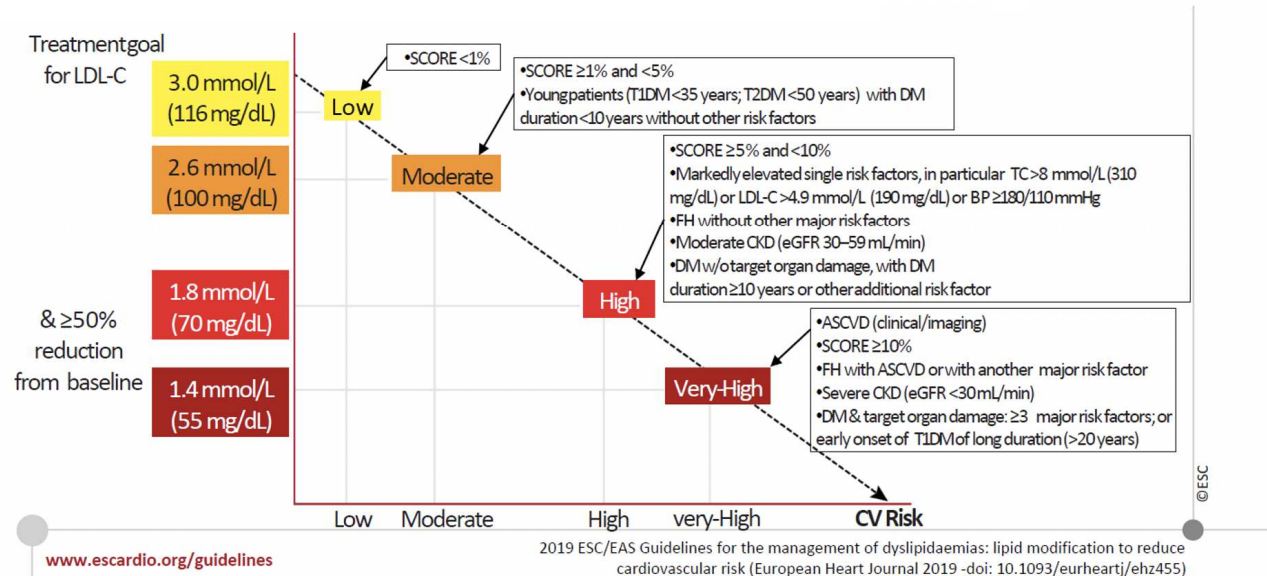
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## DYSLIPIDAEMIAS

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

## Treatment goals for LDL-C across categories of total cardiovascular disease risk





# 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%

# DA VINCI study demonstrates current gaps in reaching 2016 and 2019 ESC/EAS LDL-C goals



Overall, 54% attained overall risk-based 2016 goal

- Low risk: 63%;  
moderate risk: 75%;  
high risk: 63%;  
very high risk: 39%

Only **33%** attained overall **2019 goal**

In patients with established **ASCVD**, **2019 goal attainment was approximately half that of 2016** (18% vs 39%, respectively)

## Potential reasons for failure to achieve ESC/EAS guideline recommended LDL-C values

- Lack of HCP familiarity with guidelines
- High cost of medications such as PCSK9 mAb inhibitors
- Patient reluctance to be treated with high-intensity LLT
- Concern about statin-related AEs

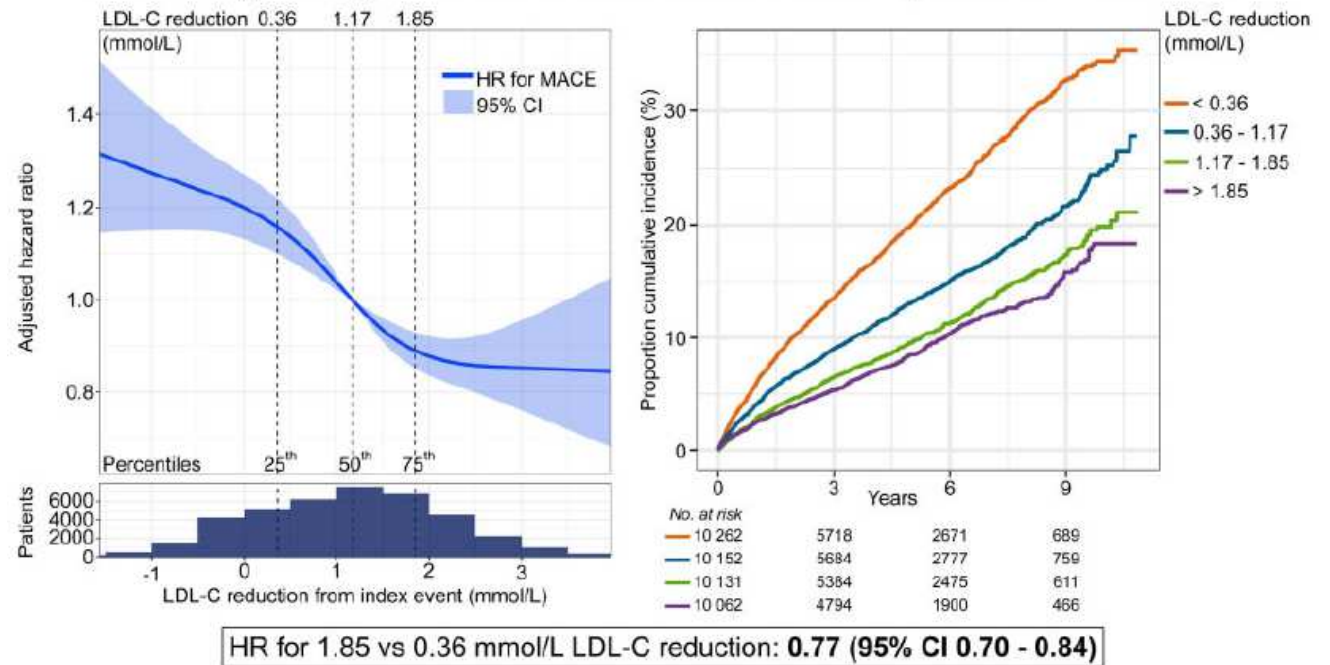
The authors concluded that “even with optimized statins, greater utilization of non-statin LLT is likely needed to reduce these gaps for patients at highest risk”

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

## Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol reduction and statin intensity in myocardial infarction patients and major adverse outcomes: a Swedish nationwide cohort study

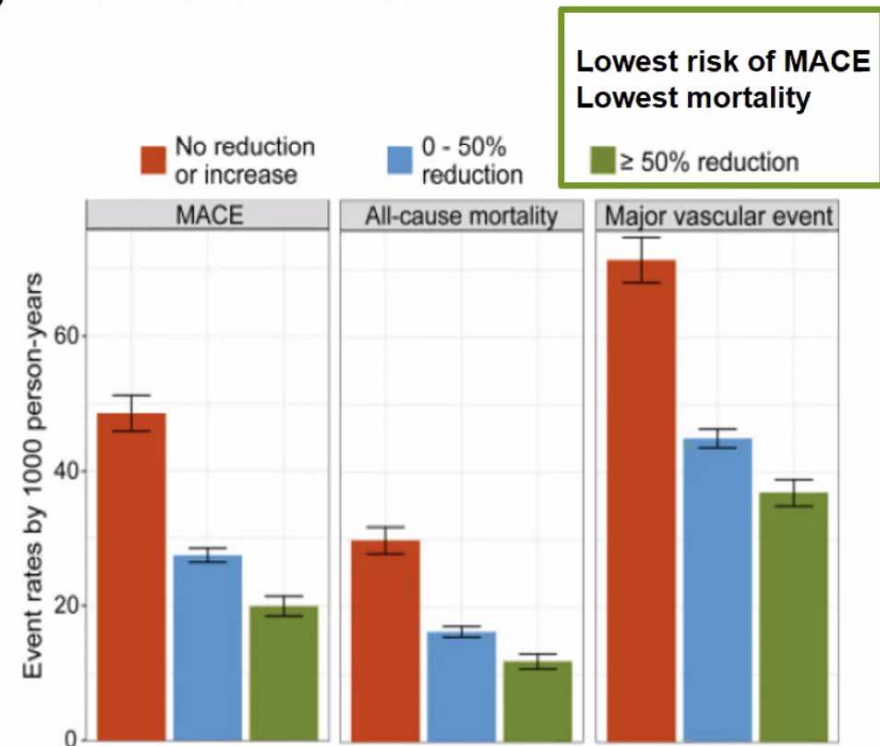
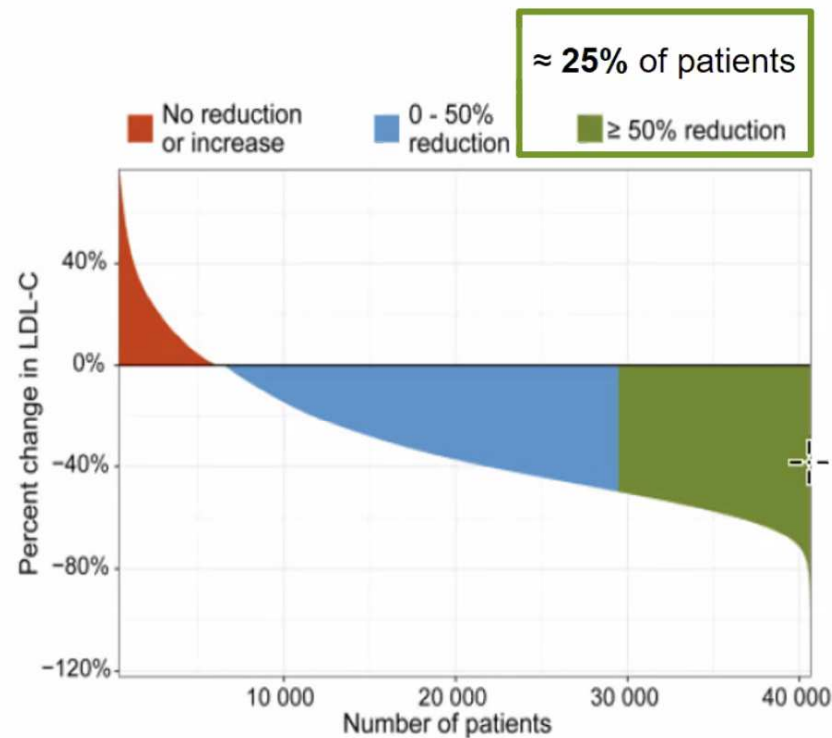
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### Adjusted hazard ratio and incidence rates for major adverse cardiovascular events by change in LDL-C 6-10 weeks after myocardial infarction



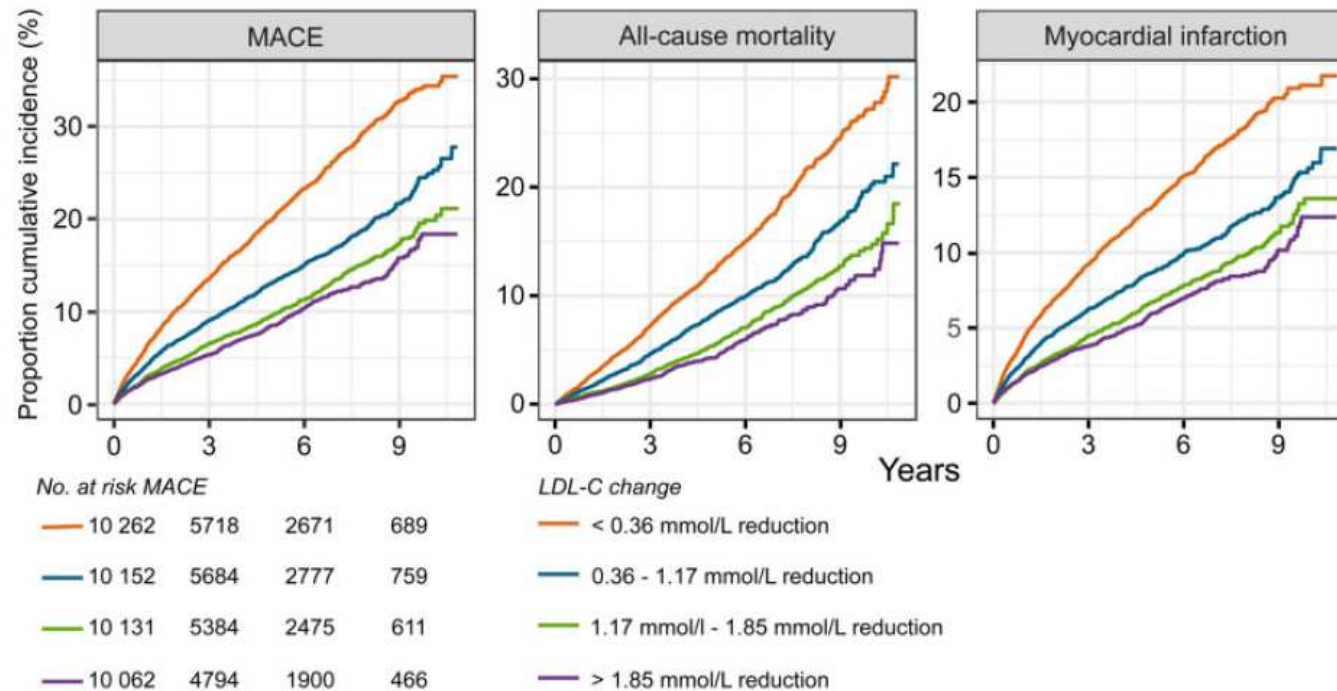
## What are the unmet needs in LDL-C lowering?

40,607 patients post myocardial infarction



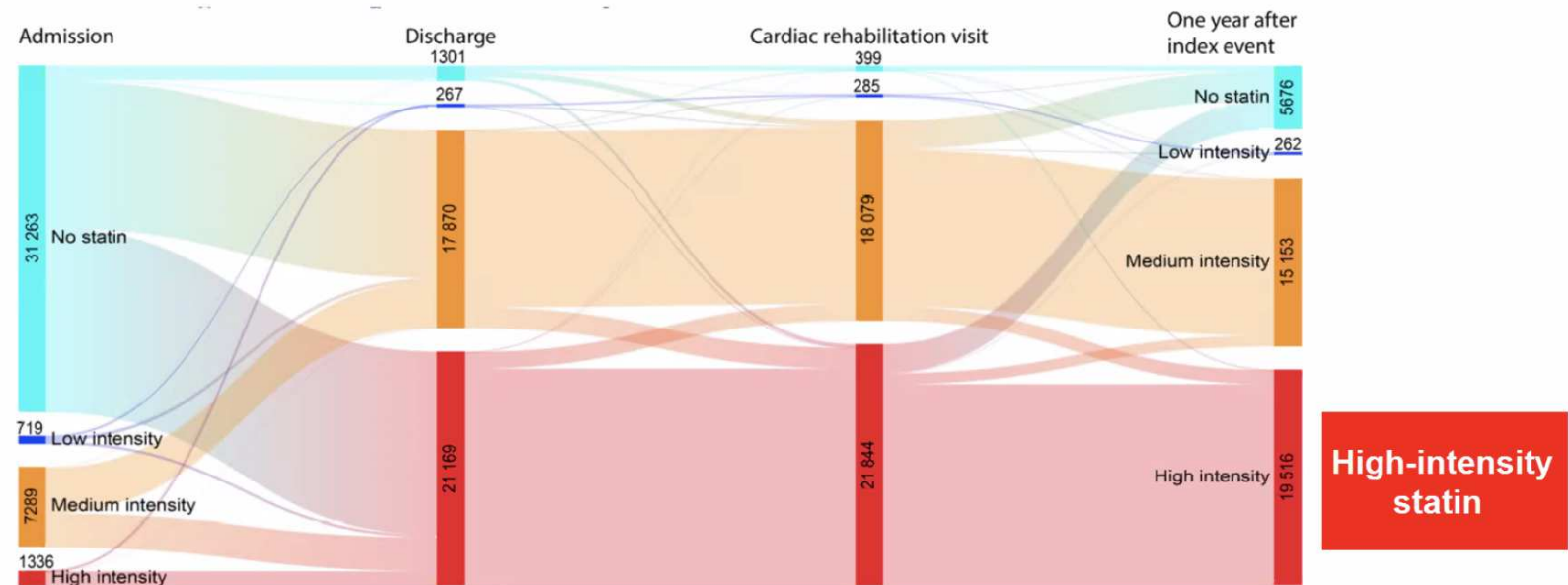


# LDL-C: should we go lower after ACS ?



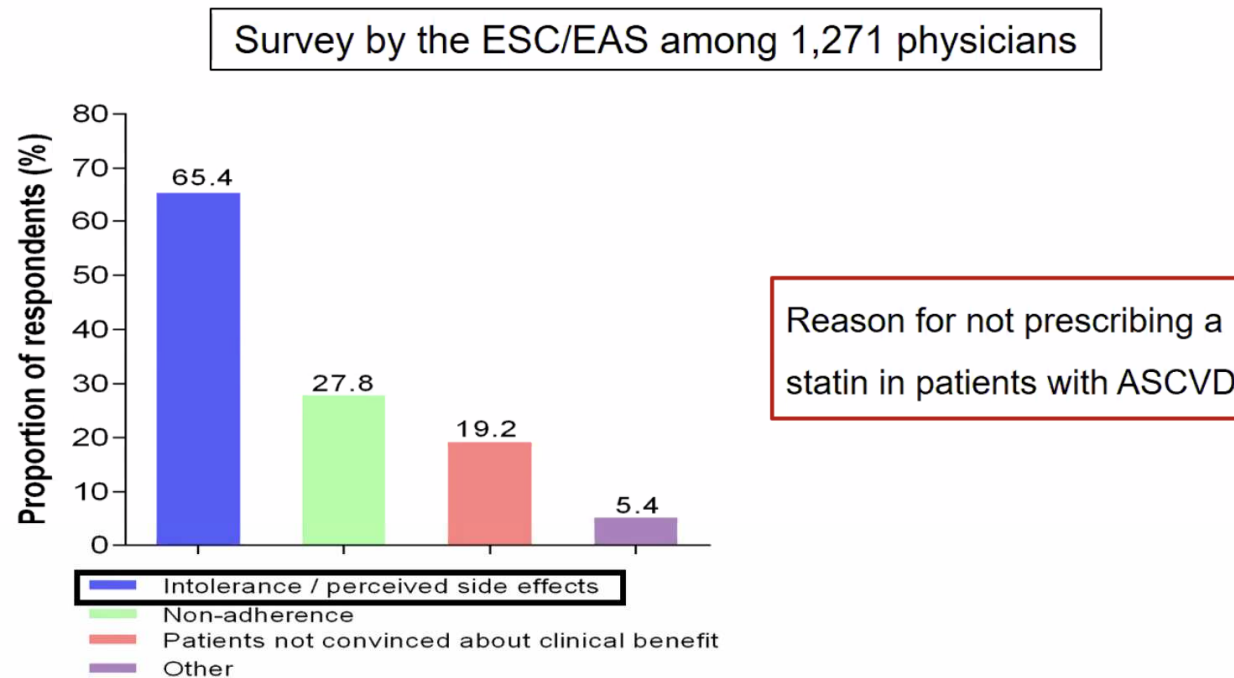
**Figure 1** Kaplan–Meier curves of the cumulative incidence rates by quartile low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) change from index event to the cardiac rehabilitation visit. Outcomes are assessed after the cardiac rehabilitation visit. Numbers at risk shown for MACE. MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event is the composite outcome of cardiovascular mortality, myocardial infarction, and ischaemic stroke.

## Statin intensity on admission, at discharge, cardiac rehabilitation, and one year after index event among 40,607 pts **post-MI**



Only  $\approx 50\%$  of patients receive high-intensity therapy at discharge and after 1 year

# Why is statins not prescribe?



MAGAZINE D'AÔÛT 2016
DE LA CAISSE MALADIE CSS

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 Sohrner

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

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BEHIND THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET AND THE FRENCH PARADOX

**Heart Disease  
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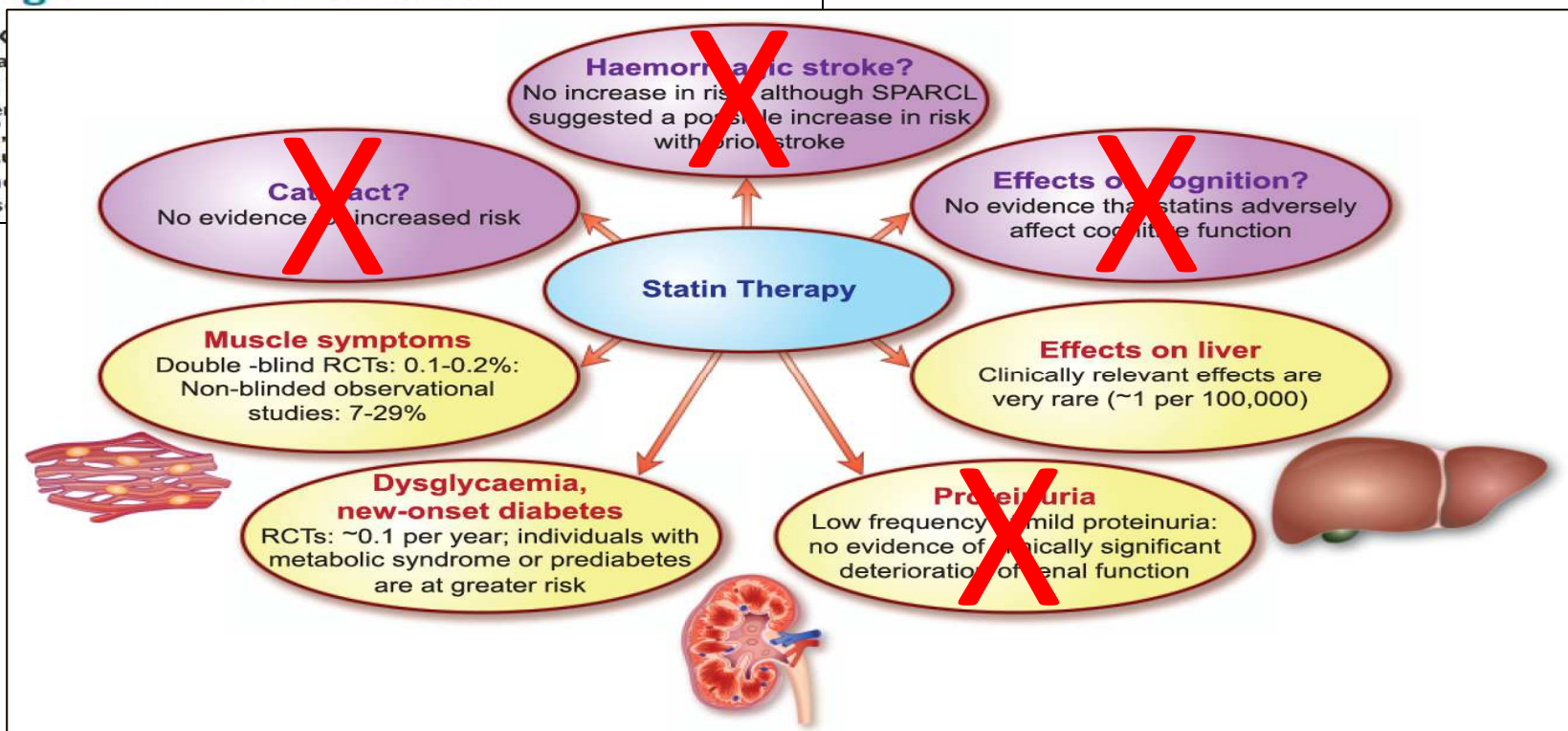
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REVIEW

*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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# Perception vs evidence – The nosebo 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**

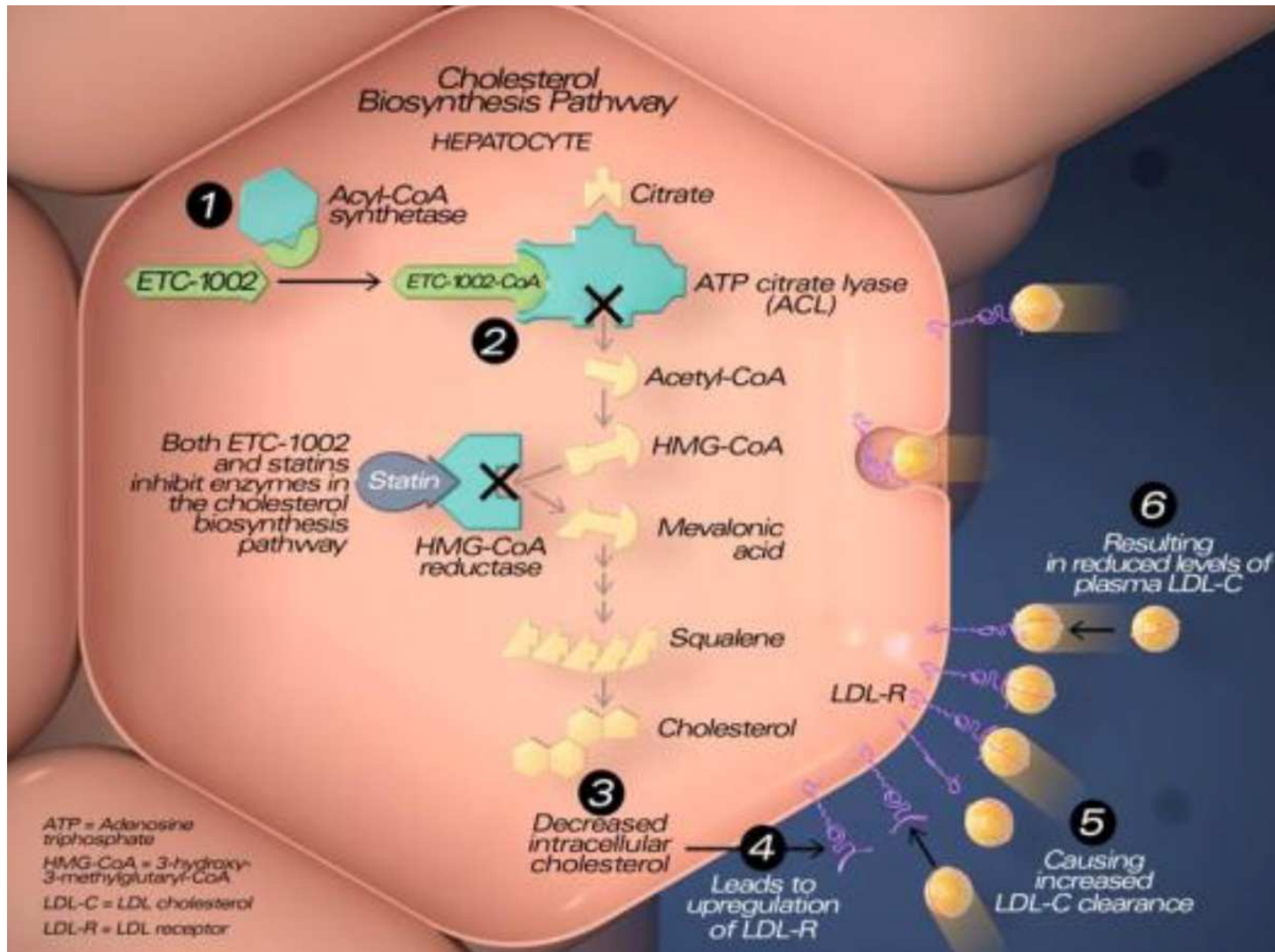


*Ajay Gupta, David Thompson, Andrew Whitehouse, Tim Collier, Bjorn Dahlof, Neil Poulter, Rory Collins, Peter Sever, on behalf of the ASCOT Investigators*

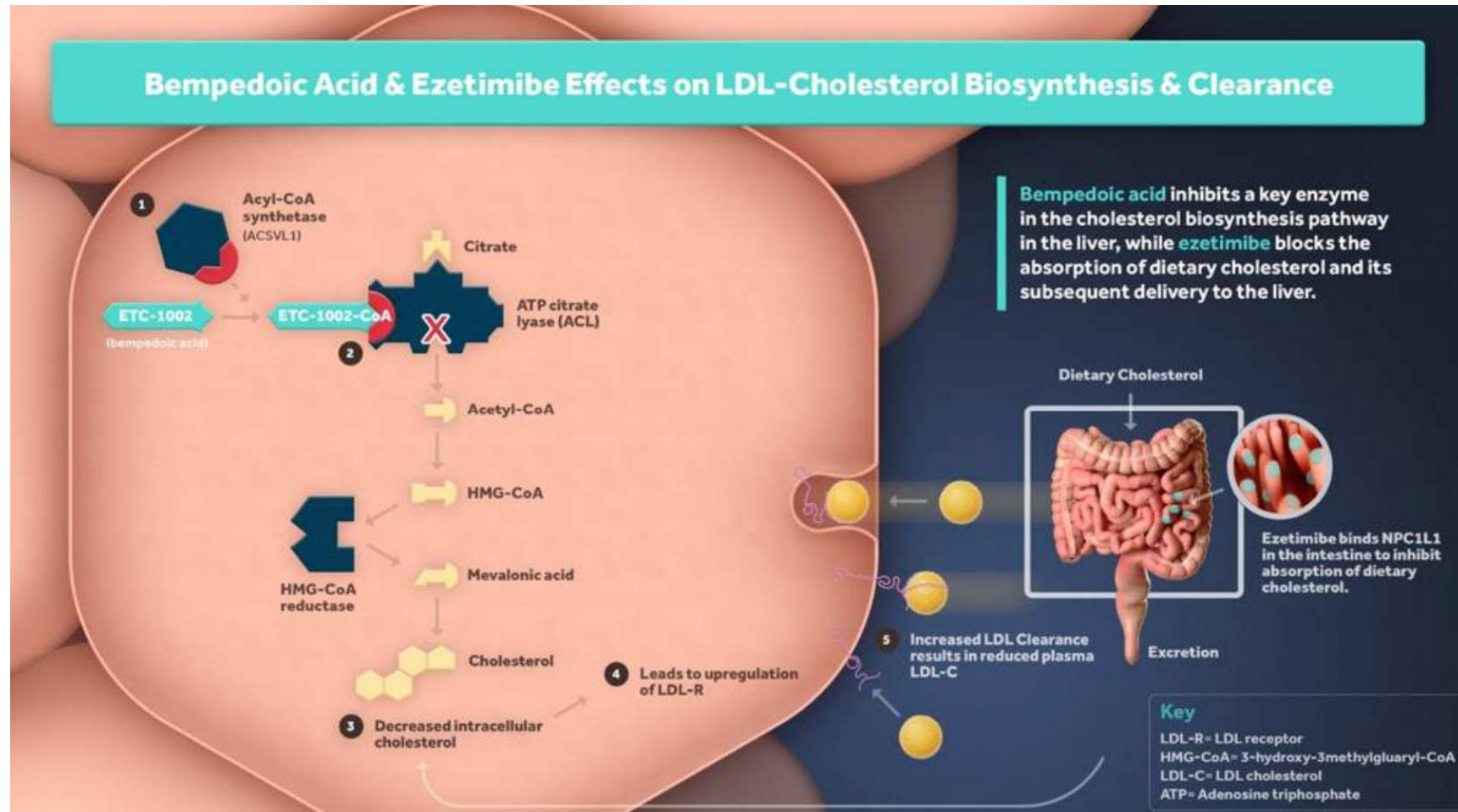
	Blinded randomised phase (ASCOT-LLA)		Non-blinded non-randomised phase	
	Placebo (n=5079)	Atorvastatin (n=5101)	Atorvastatin non-user (n=3490)	Atorvastatin user (n=6409)
<b>Muscle related</b>				
Patients (n)	283	298	124	161
AE rate (% per annum)	2.00%	2.03%	1.00%	1.26%
HR (95% CI)	1	1.03 (0.88–1.21)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

*Lancet* 2017;389:2473

# Metabolism of Cholesterol Synthesis



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# Bempedoic acid to reduce LDL-C

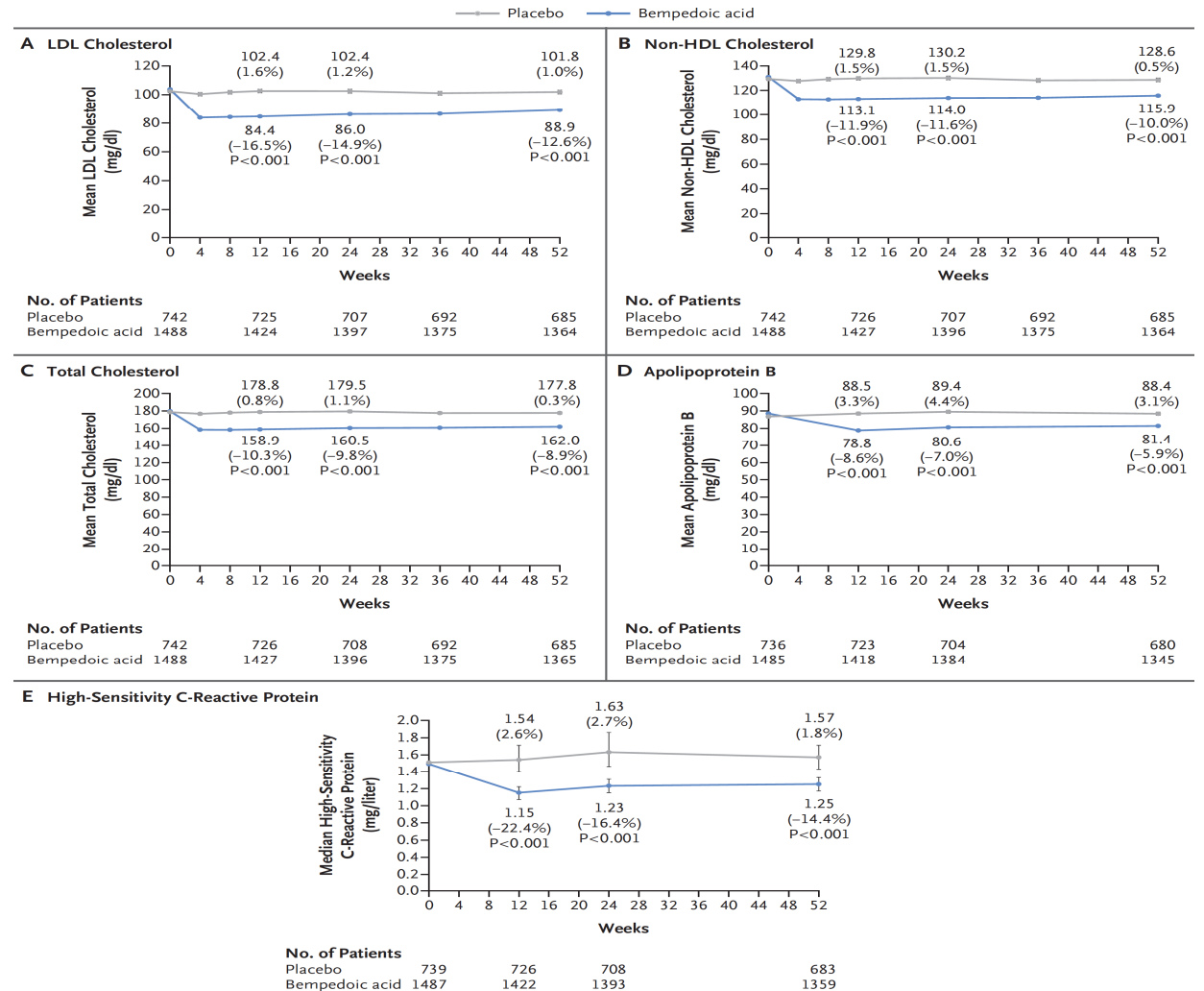
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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Safety and Efficacy of Bempedoic Acid to Reduce LDL Cholesterol

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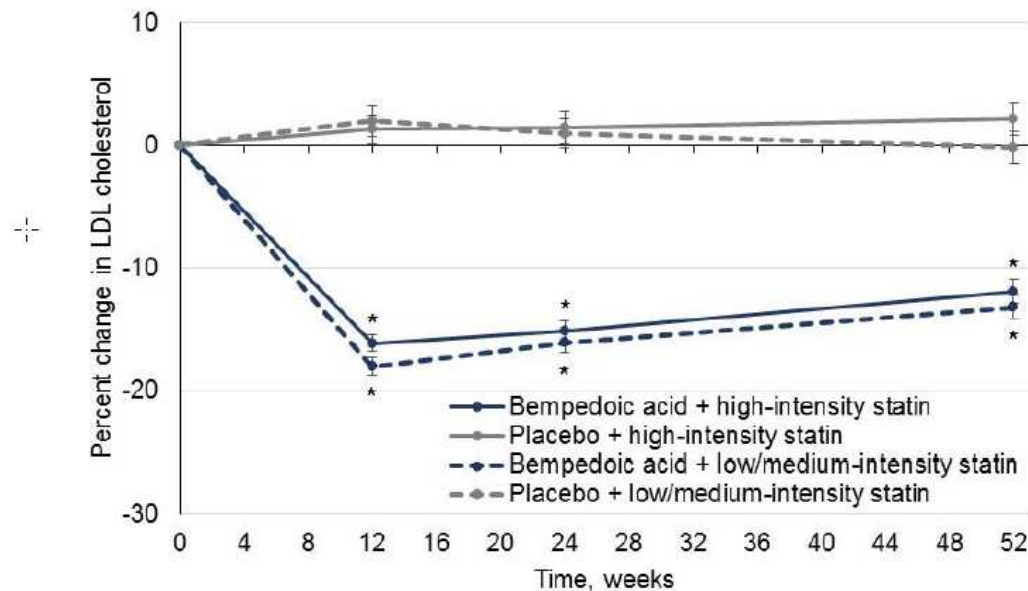


# CLEAR-Harmony

## Efficacy endpoint

Percent Change in LDL cholesterol versus Time by Statin Intensity

ITT population (on treatment analysis)



- The LDL-C lowering effect of Bempedoic Acid is maintained regardless of statin intensity.
- Bempedoic acid is more effective at lowering LDL-C when combined with low/med intensity statins.

BA + high-intensity statin, n	752	706	692	678
Placebo + high-intensity statin, n	374	362	356	343
BA +low/med-intensity statin, n	736	718	705	686
Placebo + low/medium-intensity statin, n	368	363	351	342

# CLEAR-Harmony

## Safety Endpoints (1)

### Overview of Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events\*

Variable	Placebo (n=742)	Bempedoic acid (n=1487)	Relative Risk (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>
<b>Adverse events</b>			
Any adverse event	584 (78.7)	1167 (78.5)	1.00 (0.95, 1.04)
Serious adverse event	104 (14.0)	216 (14.5)	1.04 (0.83, 1.29)
Leading to discontinuation of study drug	53 (7.1)	162 (10.9)	1.53 (1.13, 2.05)
Death (all cause)	2 (0.3)	13 (0.9)	3.24 (0.73, 14.34)
Adjudicated MACE	42 (5.7)	68 (4.6)	0.81 (0.56, 1.17)
Cardiovascular death	1 (0.1)	6 (0.4)	2.99 (0.36, 24.82)
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	13 (1.8)	19 (1.3)	0.73 (0.36, 1.47)
Nonfatal stroke	2 (0.3)	5 (0.3)	1.25 (0.24, 6.41)
Coronary revascularization	24 (3.2)	38 (2.6)	0.79 (0.48, 1.31)
Hospitalization for unstable angina	11 (1.5)	14 (0.9)	0.64 (0.29, 1.39)
<b>Other MACE-related events</b>			
Noncoronary arterial revascularization	6 (0.8)	4 (0.3)	0.33 (0.09, 1.18)
Hospitalization for heart failure	1 (0.1)	9 (0.6)	4.49 (0.57, 35.38)
Noncardiovascular death <sup>‡</sup>	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)	1.00 (0.09, 10.99)
Non-treatment-emergent death <sup>§</sup>	0	5 (0.3)	NC

Data are number of patients (percentage) unless otherwise specified. \*Includes events occurring from the first dose through 30 days after the last dose of study drug. <sup>†</sup>Relative risks and confidence intervals were calculated as a post hoc analysis. <sup>‡</sup>Noncardiovascular deaths were due to septic shock secondary to cecal perforation and acute peritonitis for 1 patient in the placebo group, and 1 case each of liver metastases of unknown primary origin and multi-organ failure in the bempedoic acid group. <sup>§</sup>Treatment-emergent deaths occurred within 30 days of last study drug dose; deaths deemed not treatment

CI, confidence interval; MACE, major adverse cardiac events; NC, not calculated

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# CLEAR-Harmony

## Safety Endpoints (2)

### Overview of Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events of Special Interest\*

Variable	Placebo (n=742)	Bempedoic acid (n=1487)	Relative Risk (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>
<b>Adverse events of special interest</b>			
Muscular disorders	75 (10.1)	195 (13.1)	1.30 (1.01, 1.67)
Leading to discontinuation of study drug	14 (1.9)	31 (2.1)	1.10 (0.59, 2.06)
Myalgia	45 (6.1)	89 (6.0)	0.99 (0.70, 1.40)
Muscle spasms	20 (2.7)	62 (4.2)	1.55 (0.94, 2.54)
Pain in extremity	16 (2.2)	50 (3.4)	1.56 (0.89, 2.72)
Muscular weakness	4 (0.5)	9 (0.6)	1.12 (0.35, 3.63)
New onset or worsening diabetes	40 (5.4)	49 (3.3)	0.61 (0.41, 0.92)
Gout	2 (0.3)	18 (1.2)	4.49 (1.04, 19.30)
Change from baseline in uric acid – mg/dl	–0.06 (0.87)	0.73 (1.11)	NC
Blood creatinine increased	3 (0.4)	12 (0.8)	2.00 (0.56, 7.05)
Glomerular filtration rate decreased	0	8 (0.5)	NC
Neurocognitive disorders	7 (0.9)	11 (0.7)	0.78 (0.31, 2.01)

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CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; NC, not calculated

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# CLEAR-Harmony

## *Conclusions*

### Efficacy

- Levels of LDL cholesterol significantly reduced compared with placebo, from baseline to week 52.
- Efficacy stable regardless type or intensity of background lipid-lowering therapy. An increased efficacy was observed with low/moderate intensity statins compared to high intensity statins.

### Safety

- An acceptable safety profile, with no overall higher incidence of adverse effects than placebo.
- No increase in Myalgias compared to placebo<sup>1</sup>.
- Modest elevations in uric acid levels, presumably due to competition renal transporter competition.



# Bempedoic acid for statin intolerance ?

## Evaluation of Major Cardiovascular Events in Patients With, or at High Risk for, Cardiovascular Disease Who Are Statin Intolerant Treated With Bempedoic Acid (ETC-1002) or Placebo (CLEAR Outcomes)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02993406

### Study Design

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[Study Type](#) ⓘ : Interventional (Clinical Trial)

[Estimated Enrollment](#) ⓘ : 12600 participants

[Allocation](#): Randomized

[Intervention Model](#): Parallel Assignment

[Masking](#): Triple (Participant, Investigator, Outcomes Assessor)

[Primary Purpose](#): Treatment

[Official Title](#): A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Assess the Effects of Bempedoic Acid (ETC-1002) on the Occurrence of Major Cardiovascular Events in Patients With, or at High Risk for, Cardiovascular Disease Who Are Statin Intolerant

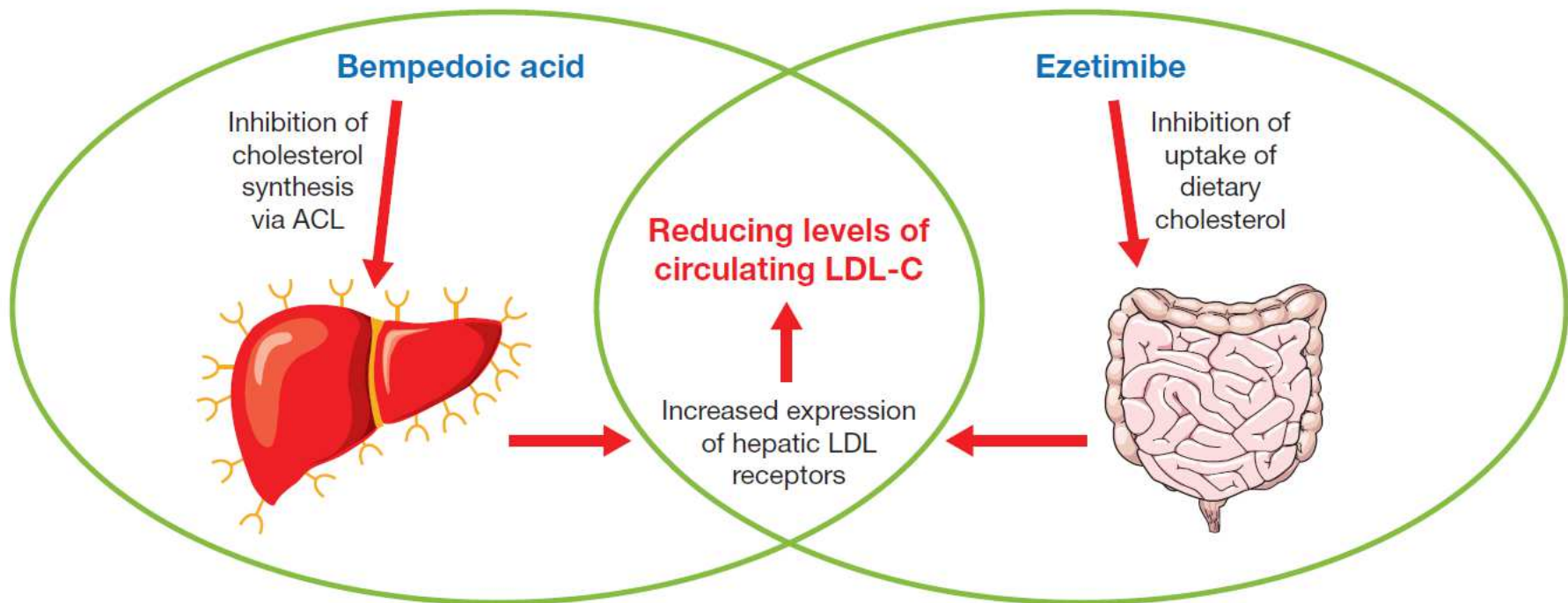
[Study Start Date](#) ⓘ : December 2016

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## Bempedoic Acid and Ezetimibe FDC: Complementary Mechanisms of Cholesterol Synthesis Inhibition

Bempedoic acid and ezetimibe FDC combines the complementary mechanisms of cholesterol synthesis inhibition via ACL in the liver, with inhibition of cholesterol absorption in the intestines



# Bempedoic acid to reduce LDL-C

## 8.11 Future perspectives

### 8.11.1 New approaches to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

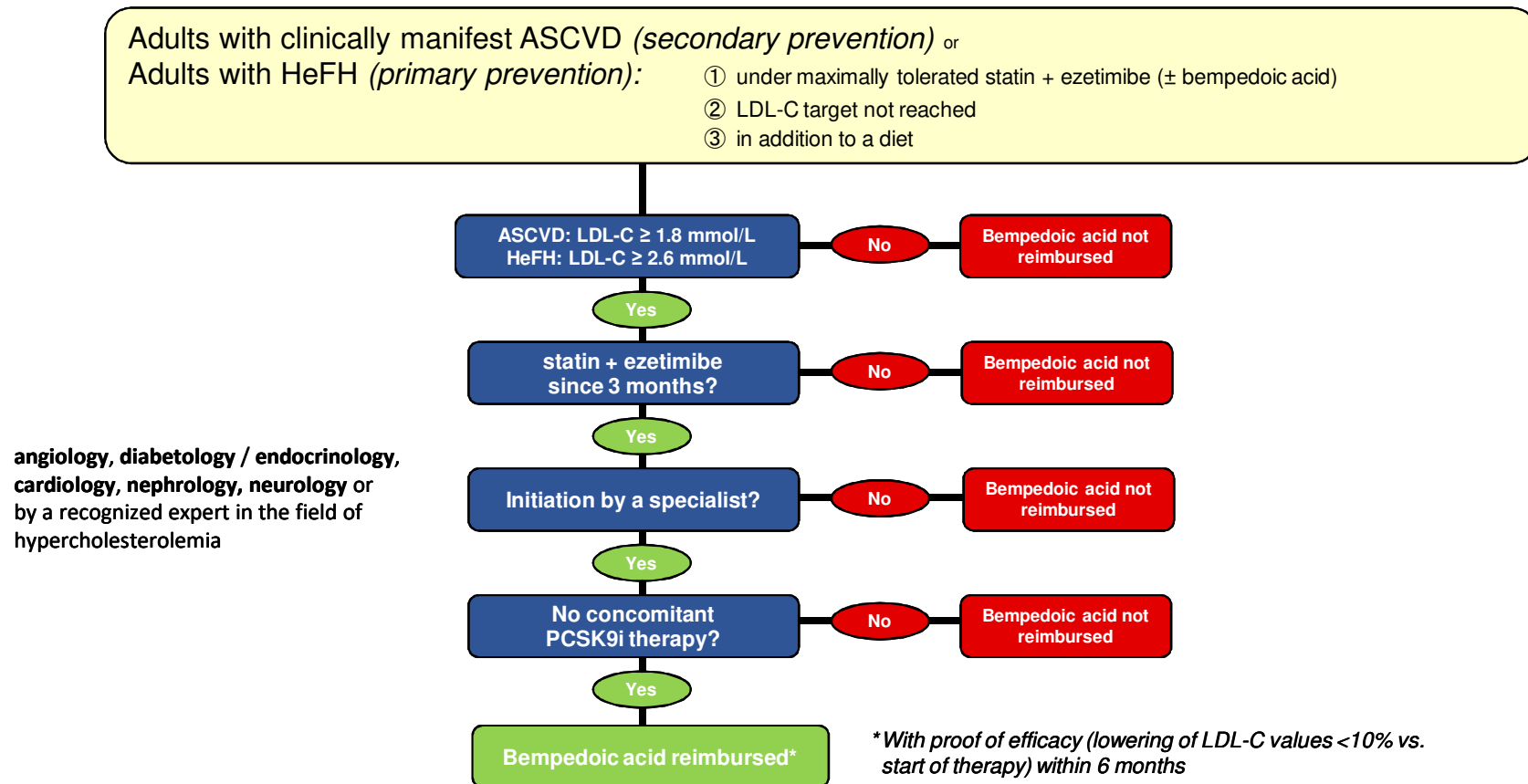
An alternative approach targeting PCSK9 consists of RNA interference. In a phase I and a phase II trial, the small interfering RNA (siRNA) molecule inclisiran—which inhibits the synthesis of PCSK9—reduced LDL-C by up to 50% and the reduction was dose-dependent. Reductions in PCSK9 and LDL-C levels were maintained for  $\leq 6$  months.<sup>338,339</sup> No specific serious adverse events were observed. HPS4/TIMI65/ORION4, with a planned mean duration of 5 years, is currently comparing inclisiran vs. placebo among 15 000 patients with a prior MI or stroke.

Bempedoic acid is a novel, first-in-class, oral small molecule that inhibits cholesterol synthesis by inhibiting the action of ATP citrate lyase, a cytosolic enzyme upstream of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A reductase.<sup>340</sup> So far, it has been tested in diabetic patients, and patients with or without statin 'intolerance'. In monotherapy, bempedoic acid reduces LDL-C levels by  $\sim 30\%$  and by about 50% in combination with ezetimibe. Bempedoic acid is currently being tested in phase III trials and some trials have been completed.<sup>341,342</sup>



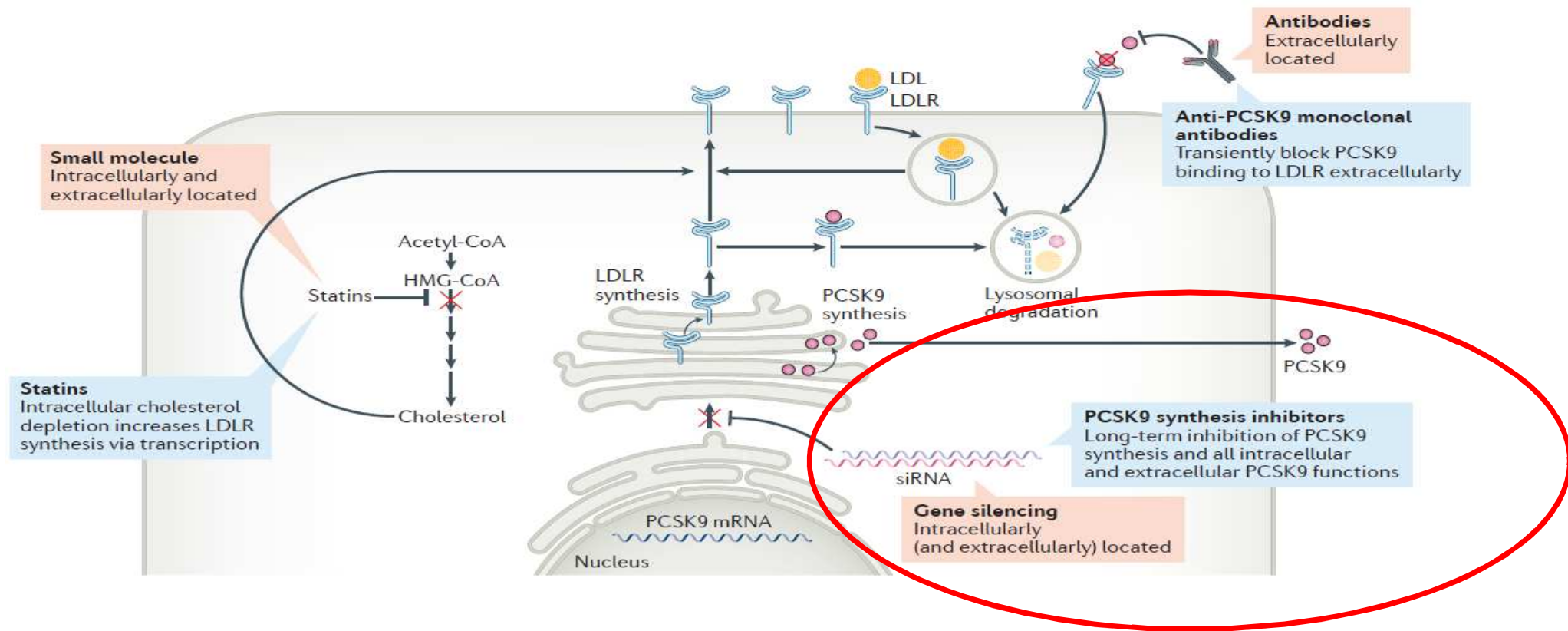
# NILEMDO<sup>®</sup> (bempedoic acid) and NUSTENDI<sup>®</sup> (bempedoic acid + ezetimibe)

## Limites au remboursement



ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; HeFH: heterozygote familial Hypercholesterolemia

## Approaches to reduce LDL-C levels



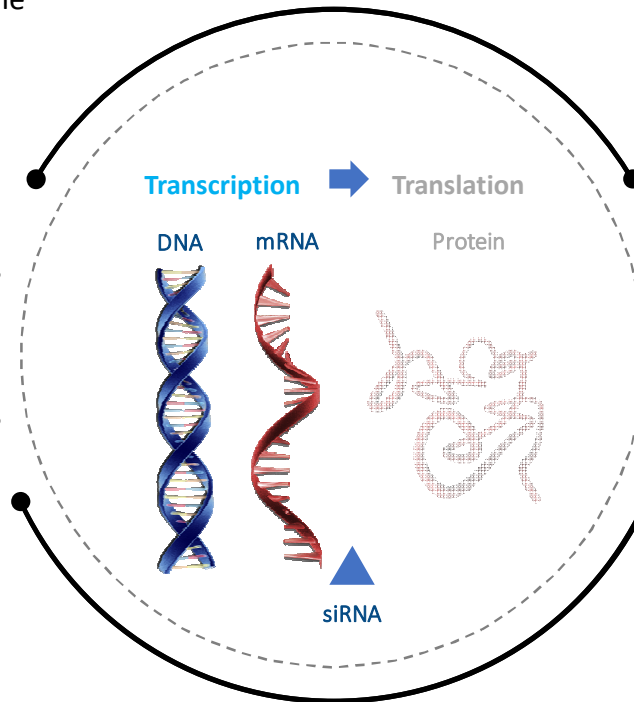


# Gene-Protein Synthesis

## Non-coding RNAs

Only **~2%** of the human genome encodes proteins while a significant portion codes for **non-coding RNAs** (ncRNAs)<sup>1</sup>

ncRNAs are involved in **gene regulation**, RNA maturation and protein synthesis<sup>1</sup>



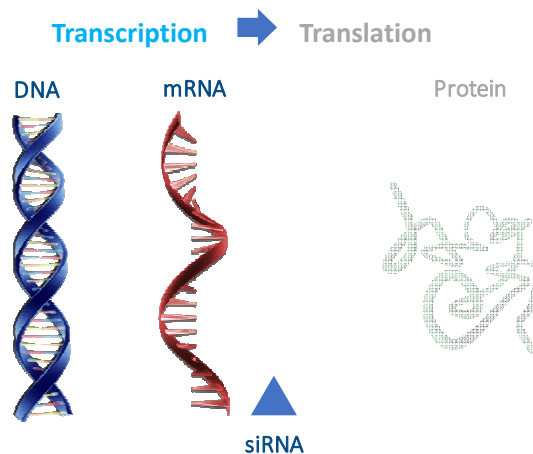
**Small interfering RNAs (siRNAs)** are short double-stranded ncRNAs that function in gene silencing<sup>2,3</sup>

siRNAs **prevent protein synthesis** by degrading unique target mRNA through a natural mechanism called RNA interference<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Vascul Pharmacol.* 2019;114:64 <sup>2</sup>*Mol Ther Nucleic Acids.* 2015;4:e252 <sup>3</sup>*Annu Rev Biophys.* 2013;42:217

# RNA Therapeutics

## Synthetic small RNA



In 2006, Andrew Fire and Craig Mello were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of RNAi, initiating an era of RNA therapeutics (highly specific drugs)<sup>1</sup>

RNAi therapeutics harness the natural biologic pathway of RNAi to regulate expression of specific genes<sup>2</sup>

Advances in RNA therapeutics focus on gene silencing using synthetic short ncRNA, including siRNA, to regulate and/or silence target genes<sup>2,3</sup>

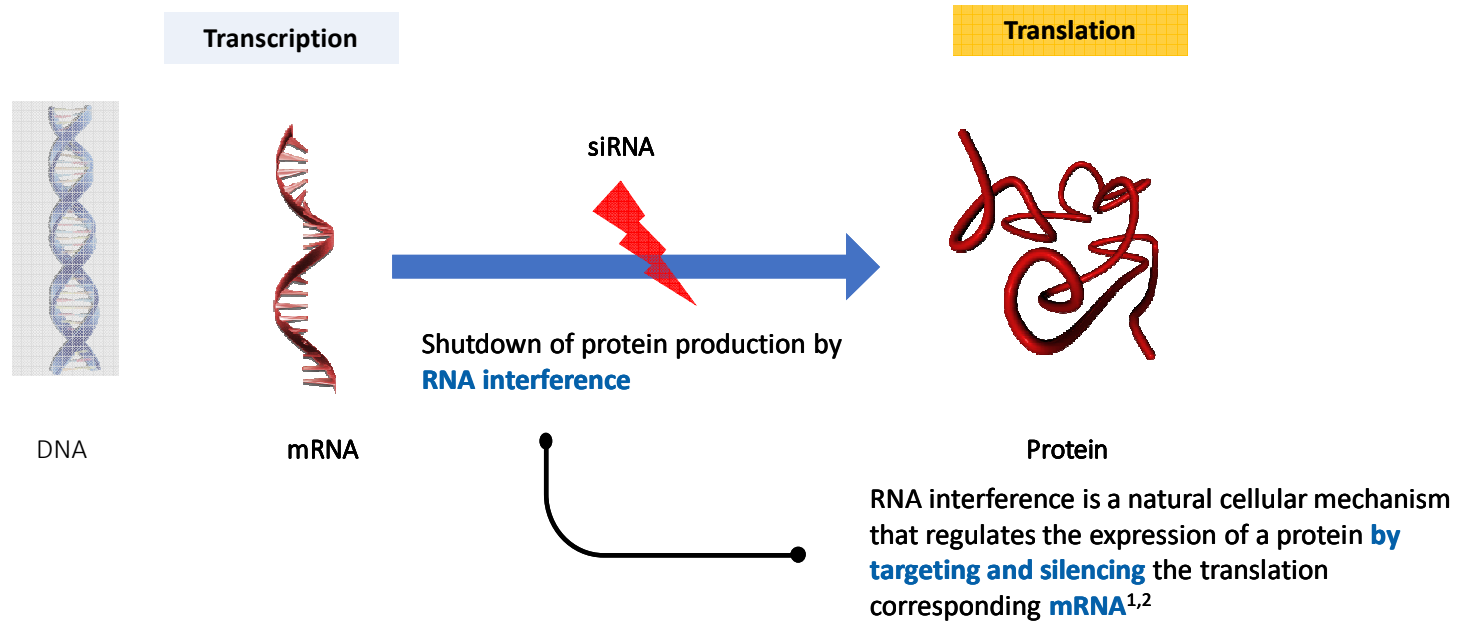
Synthetic siRNA targets a unique mRNA nucleotide sequence and can theoretically target any gene of interest<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2006. NobelPrize.org. <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/2006/summary>

<sup>2</sup>*Mol Ther Nucleic Acids*. 2015;4:e252

<sup>3</sup>*Cell Metab*. 2018;27:714

# RNA interference enables a cell to specifically shut down protein production



<sup>1</sup>Mol Ther Nucleic Acids. 2015;4:e252 <sup>2</sup>Annu Rev Biophys. 2013;42:217

# What is inclisiran ?

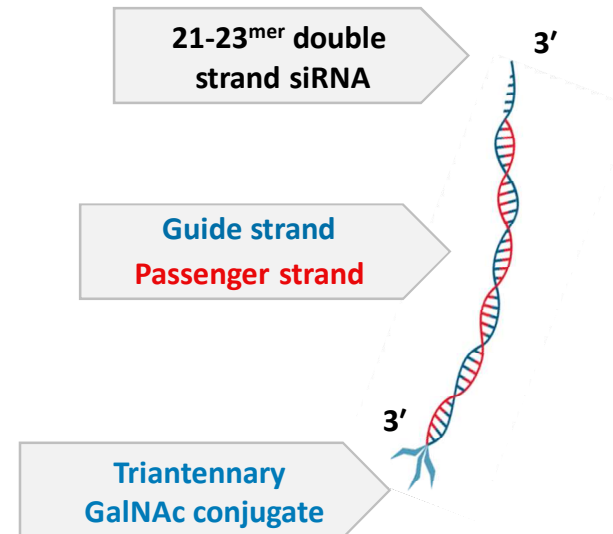
## Small interfering RNA

- 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

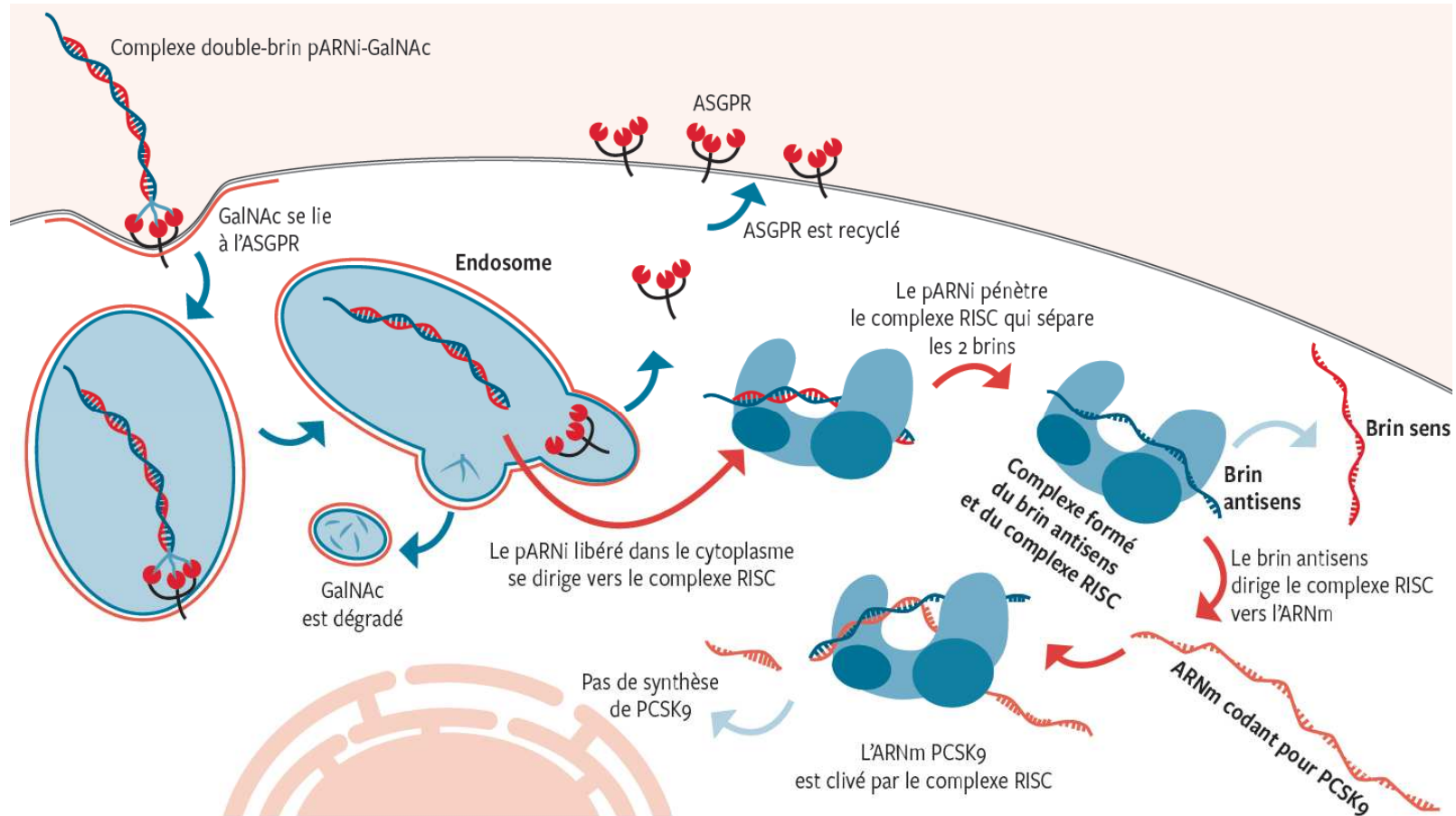


<sup>1</sup>*Circ Res.* 2017;120:1063 <sup>2</sup>*N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:41

<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

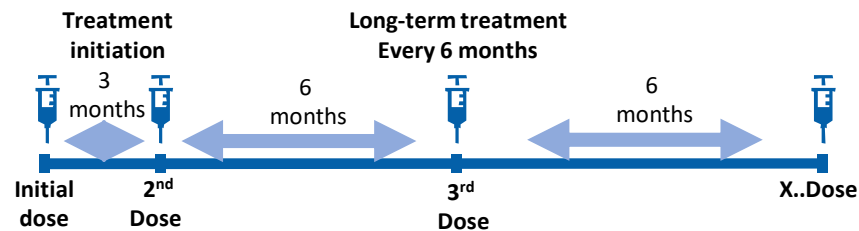
## Dose & administration

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

#### 1.5 mL solution per syringe

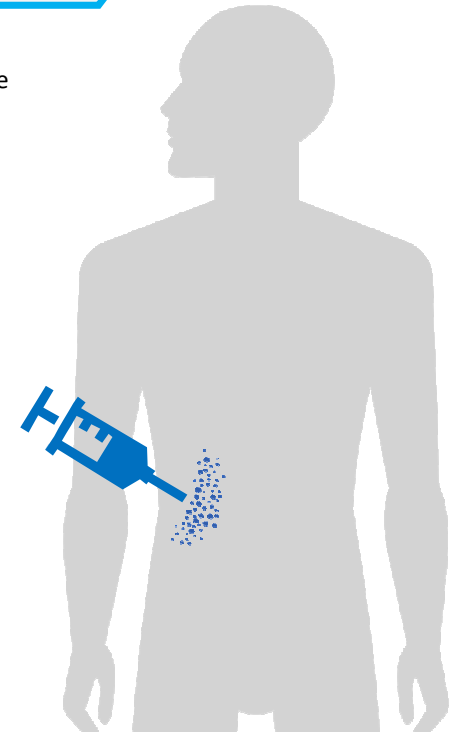
- 300 mg inclisiran sodium\*
- Water as the diluent
- Sodium hydroxide and phosphoric acid (pH 7)
- Stored at room temperature

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



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

Subcutaneous injection in the abdomen by healthcare professionals



<sup>1</sup>*Curr Pharm Des.* 2018;24:3622; <sup>2</sup>*N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:4

# Inclisiran clinical studies

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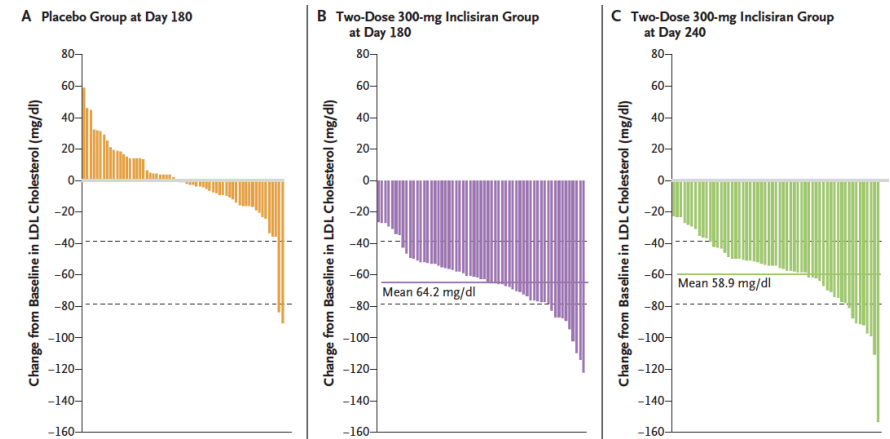
# Lowering PCSK9 with siPCSK9

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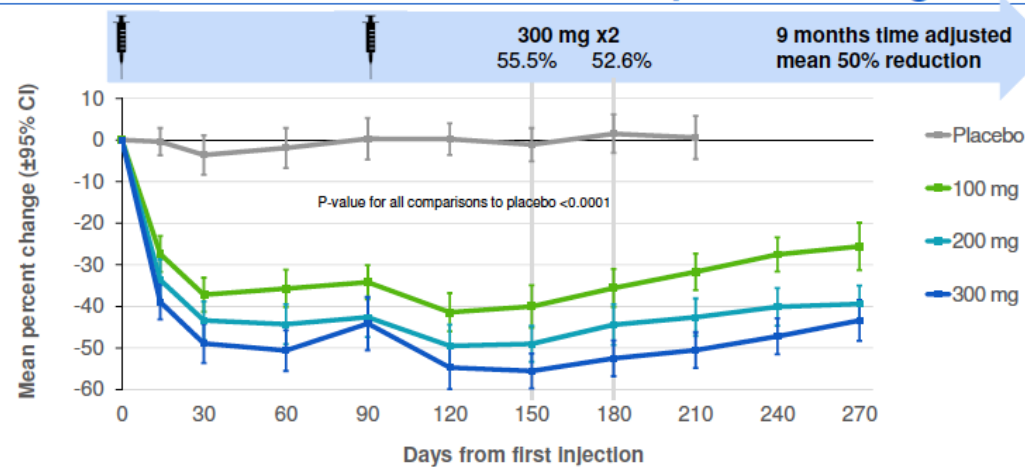
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

Kausik K. Ray, M.D., Ulf Landmesser, M.D., Lawrence A. Leiter, M.D., David Kallend, M.D., Robert Dufour, M.D., Mahir Karakas, M.D., Tim Hall, M.D., Roland P.T. Troquay, M.D., Traci Turner, M.D., Frank L.J. Visseren, M.D., Peter Wijnngaard, Ph.D., R. Scott Wright, M.D., and John J.P. Kastelein, M.D., Ph.D.



**Efficacy: Two dose starting regimen**  
**Robust, sustained LDL-C reductions – optimal start regimen**

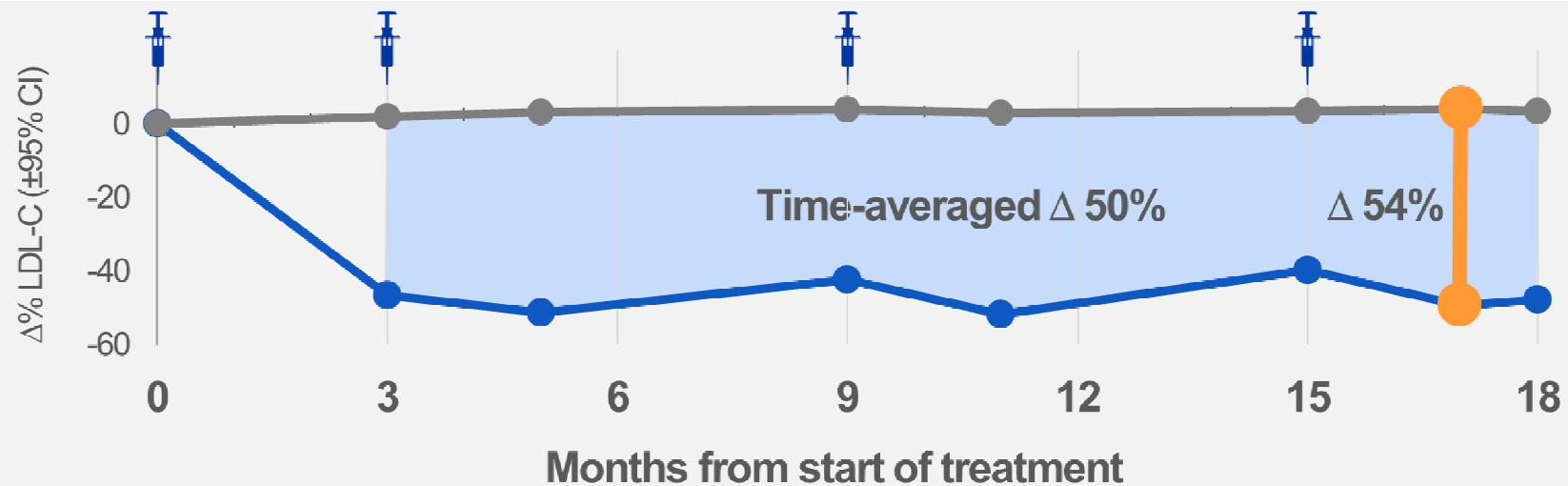


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## ORION-11: Efficacy

Durable, potent and consistent effect over 18 months

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



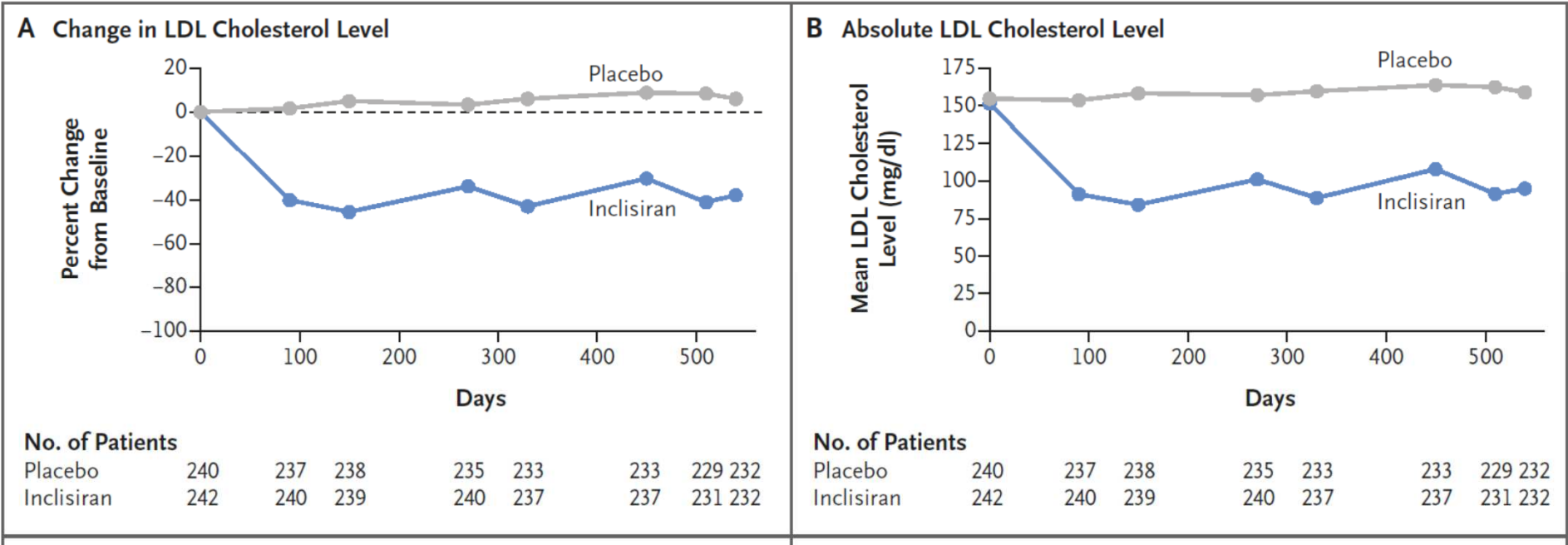
P-value for placebo – incisiran comparison at each time point <0.00001

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

*New Engl J Med* 2020;382:1507

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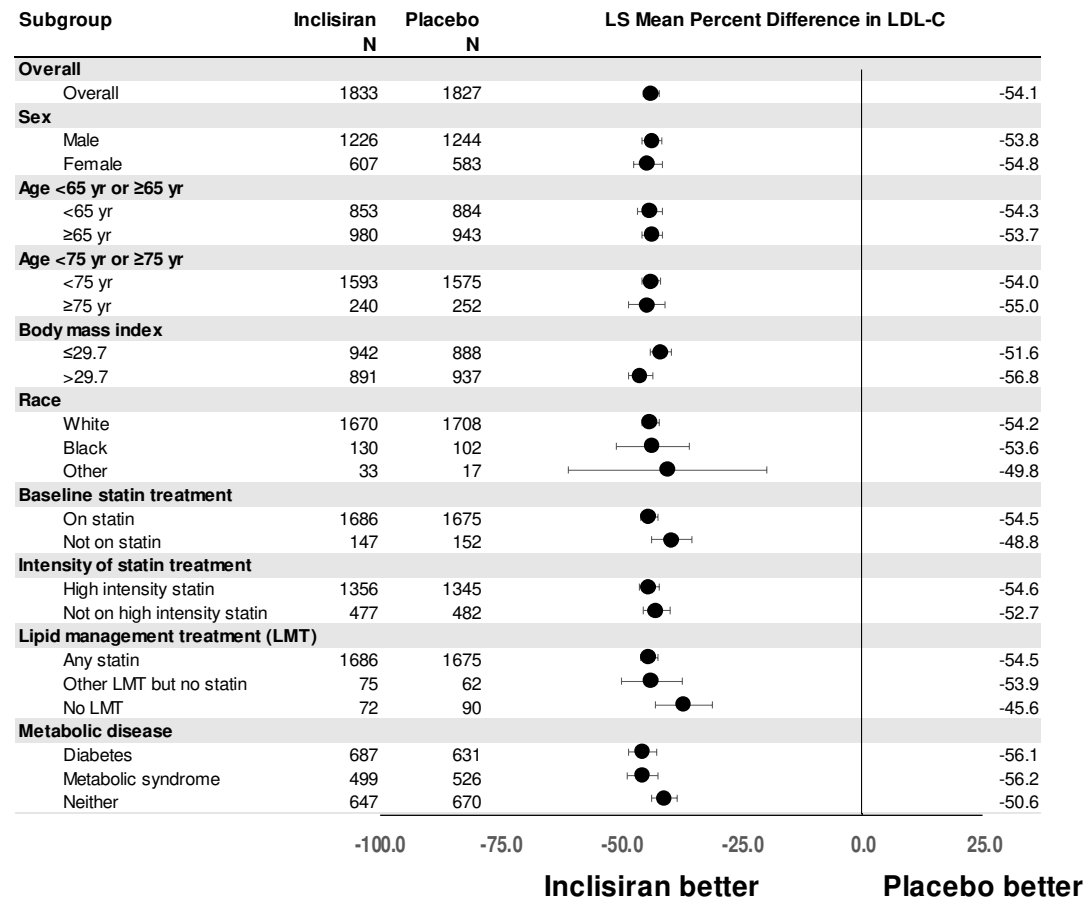
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# ORION Phase III pooled analysis: Efficacy

## Robust ↓LDL-C across pre-specified sub-populations



# ORION-11: Safety and tolerability

Adverse event profile similar to placebo

Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE)	Placebo		Inclisiran	
Safety population <sup>1</sup> – AEs in ≥5% patients	N = 807		N = 810	
<b>Patients with at least one TEAE</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>(82%)</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>(83%)</b>
Diabetes mellitus adverse events	94	(12%)	88	(11%)
Nasopharyngitis	90	(11%)	91	(11%)
Hypertension	54	(7%)	53	(7%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	49	(6%)	52	(6%)
Arthralgia	32	(4%)	47	(6%)
Osteoarthritis	40	(5%)	32	(4%)

1. Safety population includes all patients who received at least 1 dose of study medication

2. Other TEAEs reported with lower frequencies than 5% in any group had no clinically meaningful differences

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# ORION-11: Safety and tolerability

Injection site AEs localized, mostly mild and transient

Injection site TEAEs	Placebo		Inclisiran		Difference
Safety population <sup>1</sup>	N = 807		N = 810		
<b>Protocol-defined skin event</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(0.50%)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(4.69%)</b>	<b>4.19%</b>
(Reaction, erythema, rash, pruritus, hypersensitivity)					
Mild	3	(0.37%)	23	(2.84%)	2.46%
Moderate	1	(0.13%)	15	(1.85%)	1.73%
Severe	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	
Persistent	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	

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# ORION-11: Safety and tolerability

No evidence of liver, kidney, muscle or platelet toxicity

Laboratory Tests		Placebo		Inclisiran	
Safety population <sup>1,2</sup>		N = 804		N = 811	
Liver function	ALT >3x ULN	4	(0.5%)	4	(0.5%)
	AST >3x ULN	4	(0.5%)	2	(0.2%)
	ALP >2x ULN	2	(0.2%)	1	(0.1%)
	Bilirubin >2x ULN <sup>3</sup>	8	(1.0%)	6	(0.7%)
Kidney function	Creatinine >2 mg/dL	11	(1.4%)	5	(0.6%)
Muscle	CK >5x ULN	9	(1.1%)	10	(1.2%)
Hematology	Platelet count <75x10 <sup>9</sup> /L	1	(0.1%)	0	(0.0%)

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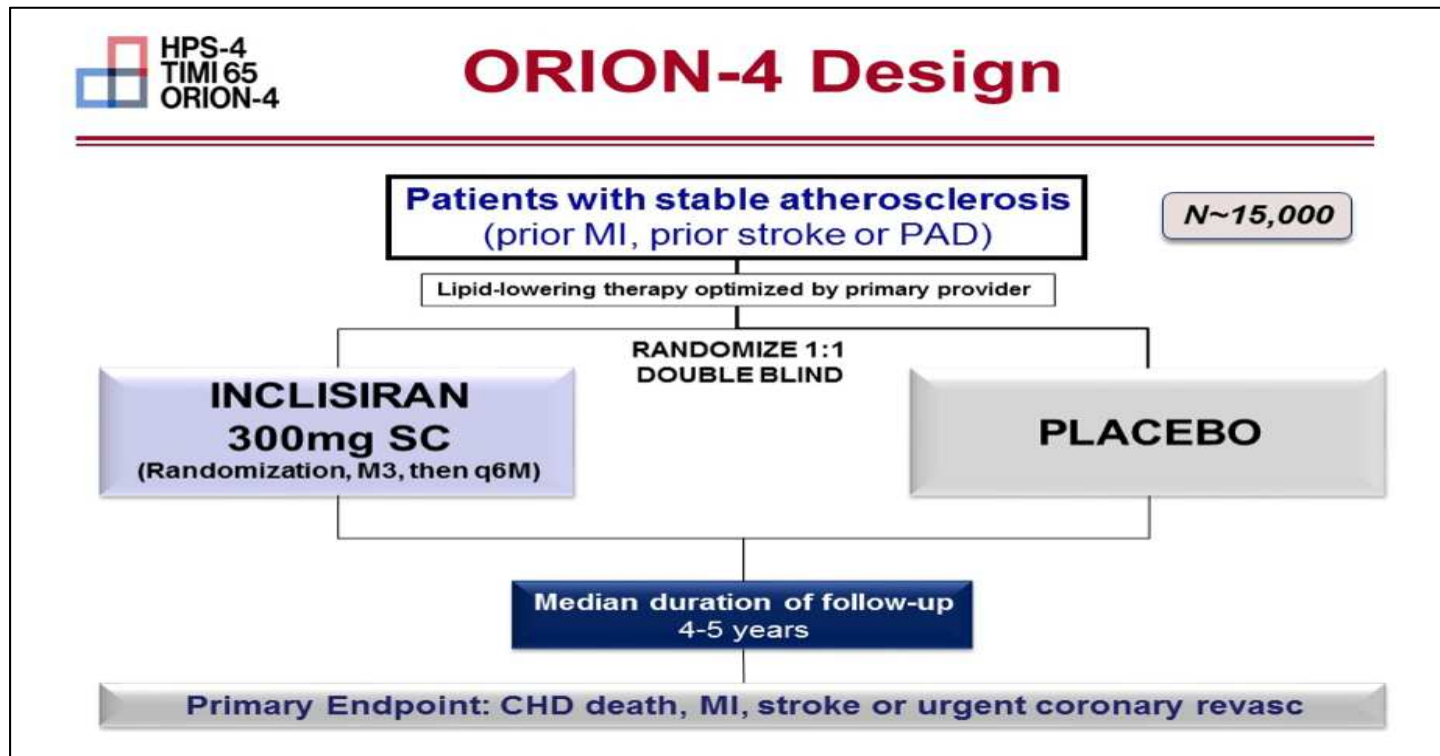
2. Patients may be counted in more than one category

3. No cases met Hy's Law

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# Opportunities and challenges for the future

Efficacy of different approaches to lipid lowering

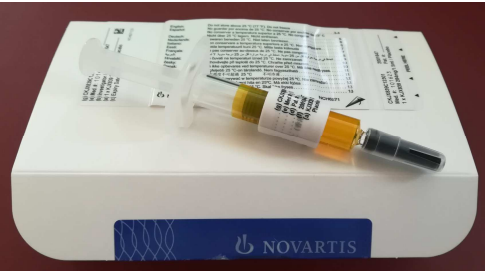


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2 premières injections suisses début mai 2021

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# Inclisiran / Leqvio®

## Indications cliniques / SwissMedic

### **LEQVIO**

#### **Composition**

##### *Principes actifs*

Inclisiran (sous forme d'inclisiran sodique).

#### **Indications/Possibilités d'emploi**

##### *Hypercholestérolémie et dyslipidémie mixte*

Leqvio est indiqué chez l'adulte présentant une hypercholestérolémie [incluant hypercholestérolémie familiale hétérozygote] ou une dyslipidémie mixte, en complément d'un régime alimentaire:

- en association avec une dose de statine maximale tolérée avec ou sans autres traitements hypolipémiants chez les patients ayant besoin d'une diminution supplémentaire du cholestérol des lipoprotéines de basse densité (LDL-c) ou
- seul ou en association avec d'autres traitements hypolipémiants chez les patients intolérants aux statines ou présentant une contre-indication aux statines.

L'effet de Leqvio sur la morbidité et la mortalité cardiovasculaires n'a pas encore été déterminé à ce jour.

# Inclisiran / Leqvio®

## Indications cliniques

### Posologie/Mode d'emploi

#### *Posologie usuelle*

#### *Hypercholestérolémie et dyslipidémie mixte*

La dose recommandée de Leqvio est de 284 mg sous forme d'une injection sous-cutanée unique en début de traitement, puis après 3 mois et ensuite tous les 6 mois.

#### *En relais d'un traitement par anticorps monoclonal inhibiteur de PCSK9*

Leqvio peut être administré immédiatement après le dernier traitement par un anticorps monoclonal inhibiteur de PCSK9. Afin de maintenir la diminution du LDL-c, il est recommandé d'administrer Leqvio dans les 2 semaines suivant le dernier traitement par un anticorps monoclonal inhibiteur de PCSK9.

# Inclisiran / Leqvio®

## Indications cliniques

### *Patients présentant des troubles de la fonction hépatique*

Aucun ajustement posologique n'est nécessaire chez les patients présentant une insuffisance hépatique légère à modérée.

### *Patients présentant des troubles de la fonction rénale*

Aucun ajustement posologique n'est nécessaire chez les patients présentant une insuffisance rénale légère, modérée ou sévère, ni chez les patients présentant une insuffisance rénale terminale.

## **Interactions**

L'inclisiran n'est pas un substrat des transporteurs de médicaments usuels et, bien qu'aucune étude *in vitro* n'ait été réalisée, il ne devrait pas être un substrat du cytochrome P450. L'inclisiran n'est pas un inhibiteur ni un inducteur des enzymes cytochrome P450 (incluant CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6 ou CYP3A4/5) ni des transporteurs de médicaments usuels (incluant OAT1, OAT3, OCT1, OCT2, OCT3, OATP1B1, OATP1B3 ou la P-gp). Leqvio ne devrait donc pas entraîner d'interactions cliniquement significatives avec d'autres médicaments.

Sur la base des données disponibles limitées, aucune interaction cliniquement significative avec l'atorvastatine, la rosuvastatine ou d'autres statines n'est attendue.

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

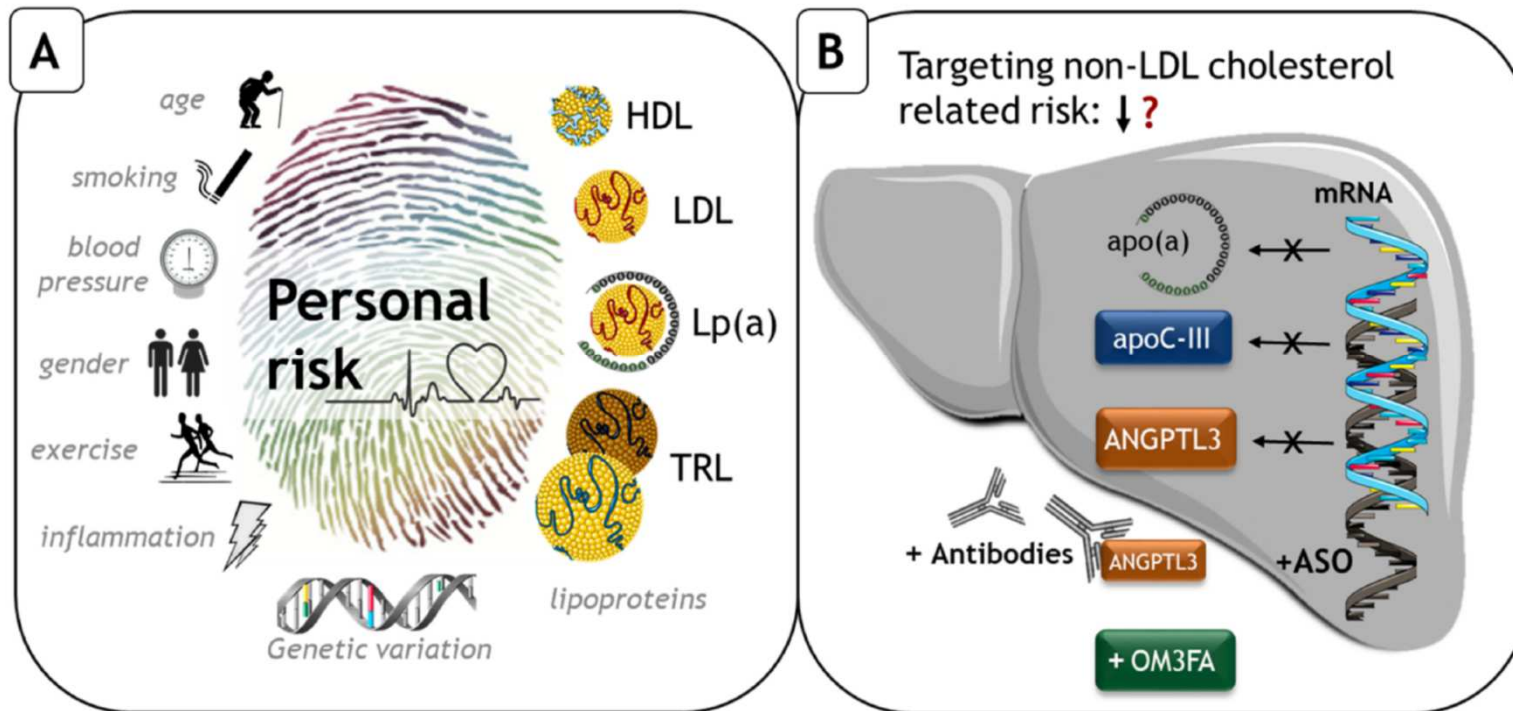
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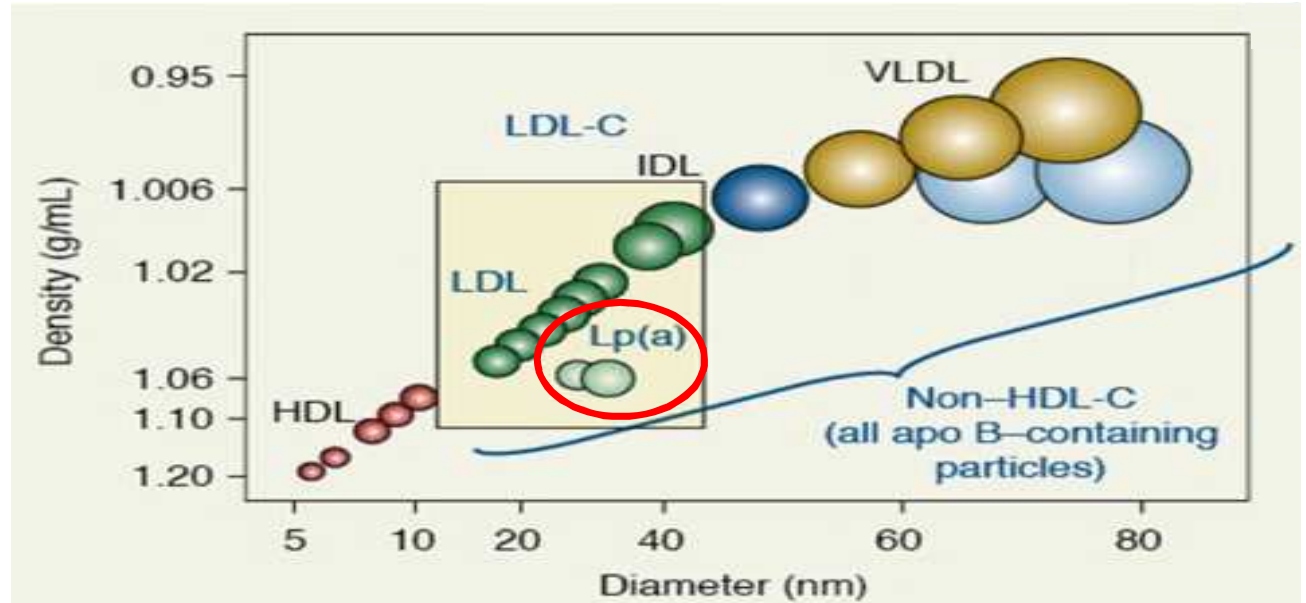
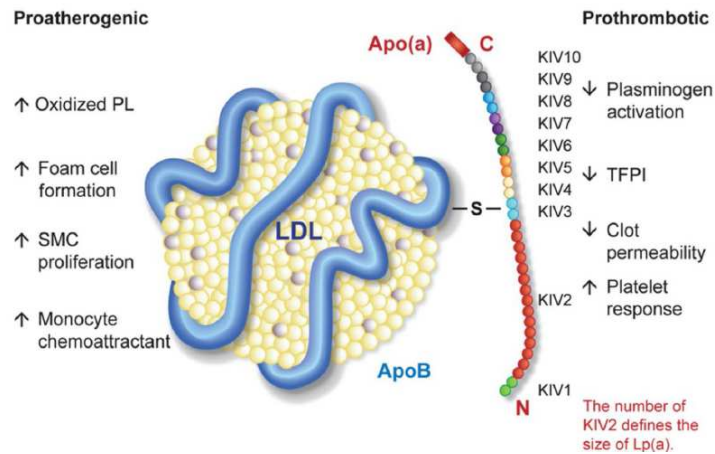
## Une baisse du cholestérol LDL de longue durée: enfin le silence

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# Novel lipid lowering drugs: PCSK9 and beyond



# Characteristics of lipoproteins



Lipoprotein(a)

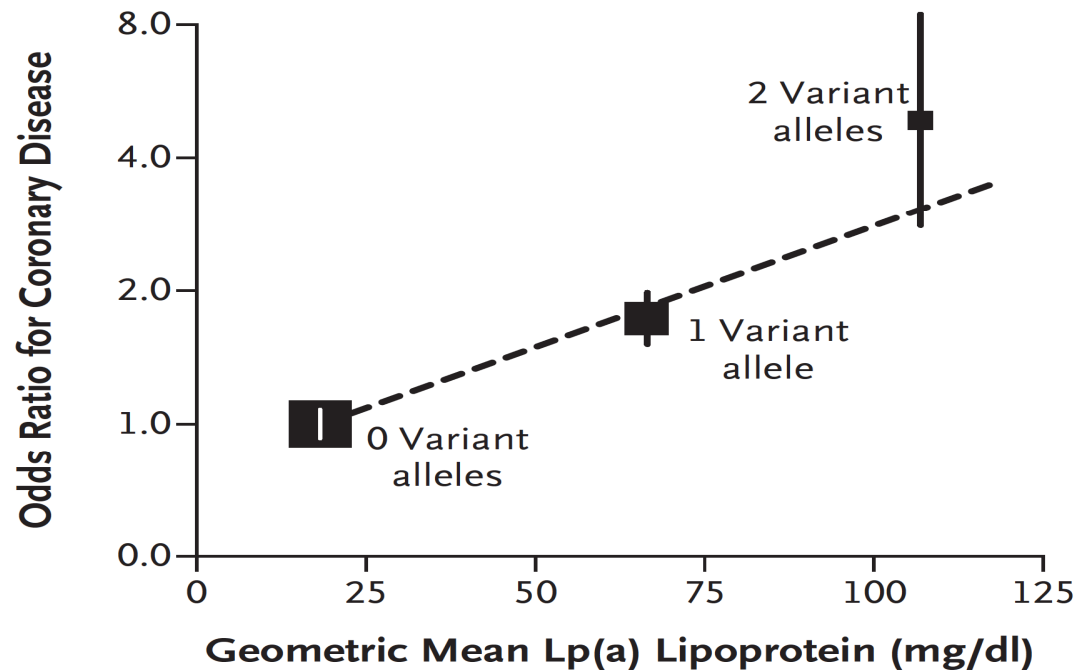


# Lipoprotein(a) and CV risk

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Genetic Variants Associated with Lp(a)  
Lipoprotein Level and Coronary Disease

5% de la population générale !!!



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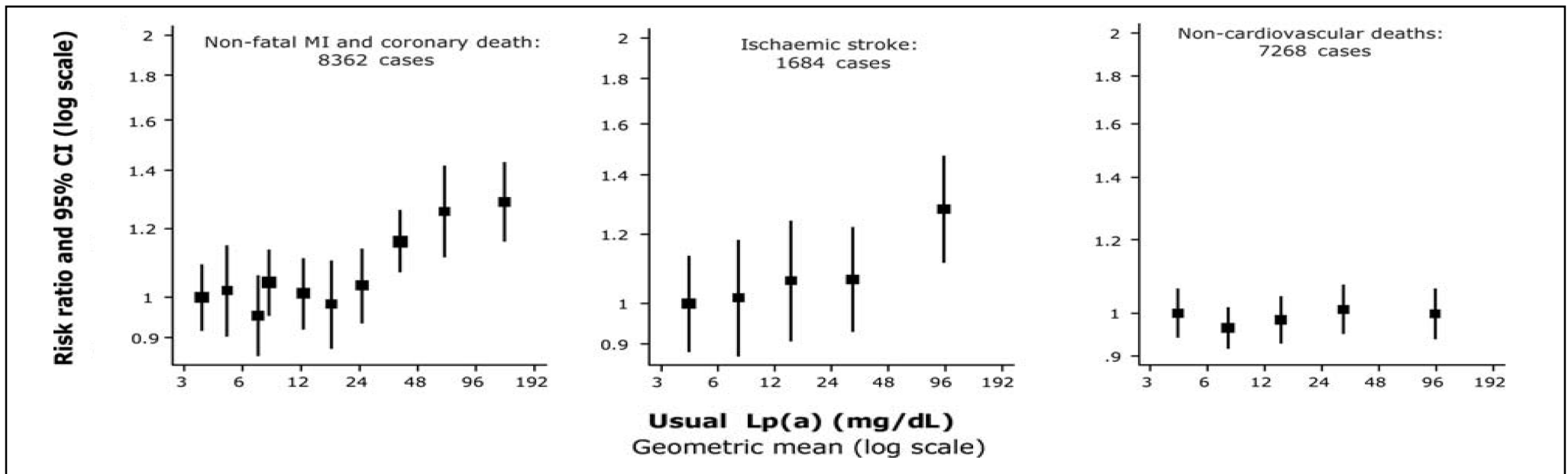


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## CURRENT OPINION

### Lipoprotein(a) as a cardiovascular risk factor: current status

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# Recommendations for lipid analysis

## Recommendations for lipid analyses for cardiovascular disease risk estimation

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
TC is to be used for the estimation of total CV risk by means of the SCORE system.	I	C
HDL-C analysis is recommended to further refine risk estimation using the online SCORE system.	I	C
LDL-C analysis is recommended as the primary lipid analysis method for screening, diagnosis, and management.	I	C
TG analysis is recommended as part of the routine lipid analysis process.	I	C
Non-HDL-C evaluation is recommended for risk assessment, particularly in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, or very low LDL-C levels.	I	C
ApoB analysis is recommended for risk assessment, particularly in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, metabolic syndrome, or very low LDL-C levels. It can be used as an alternative to LDL-C, if available, as the primary measurement for screening, diagnosis, and management, and may be preferred over non-HDL-C in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, or very low LDL-C levels.	I	C

Lp(a) measurement should be considered at least once in each adult person's lifetime to identify those with very high inherited Lp(a) levels >180 mg/dL (>430 nmol/L) who may have a lifetime risk of ASCVD equivalent to the risk associated with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia.

**IIa**

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Lp(a) should be considered in selected patients with a family history of premature CVD, and for reclassification in people who are borderline between moderate and high-risk.

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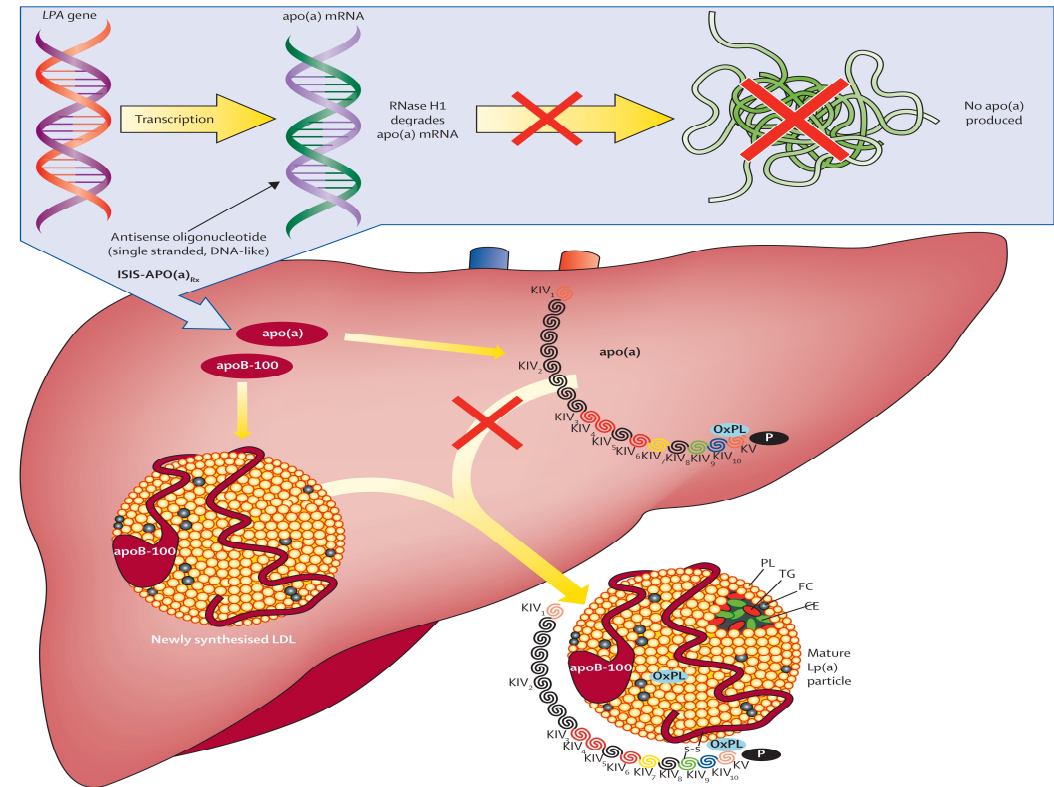
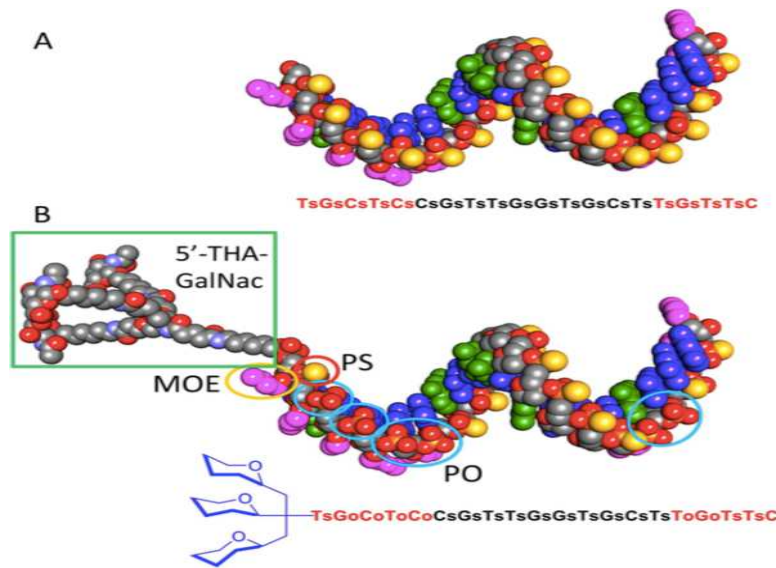
# Lowering Lipoprotein(a) with apo(a)-antisense

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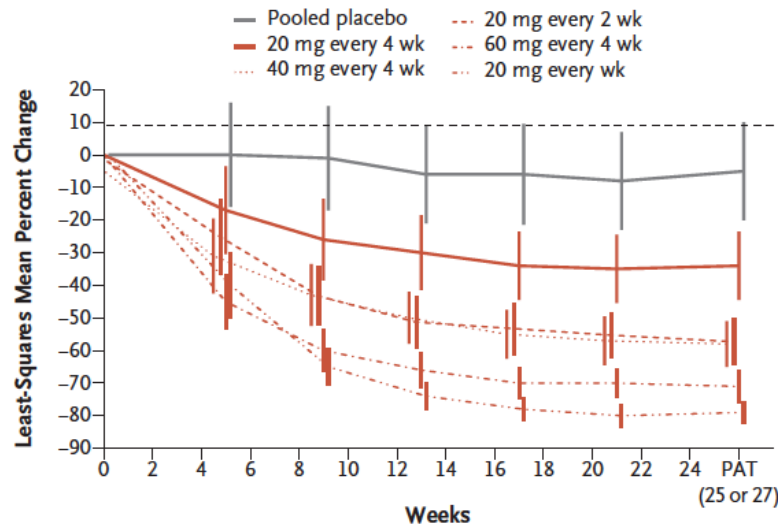
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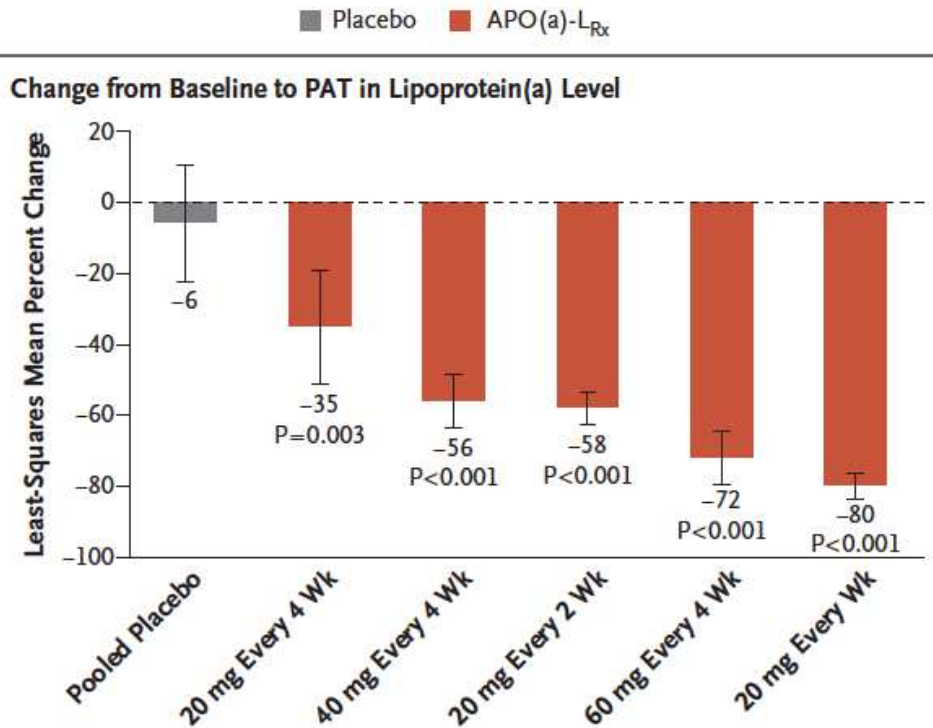
## Lipoprotein(a) Reduction in Persons with Cardiovascular Disease

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### B Change from Baseline over Time in Lipoprotein(a) Level



### A Change from Baseline to PAT in Lipoprotein(a) Level



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# Lowering Lp(a) with apo(a)-antisense – RCT

## Assessing the Impact of Lipoprotein (a) Lowering With TQJ230 on Major Cardiovascular Events in Patients With CVD (Lp(a)HORIZON)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04023552

### Study Description

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#### Brief Summary:

This is a pivotal phase 3 study designed to support an indication for the reduction of cardiovascular risk in patients with established CVD and elevated Lp(a)

Condition or disease ⓘ	Intervention/treatment ⓘ	Phase ⓘ
Cardiovascular Disease and Lipoprotein(a)	Drug: TQJ230 Drug: Placebo	Phase 3



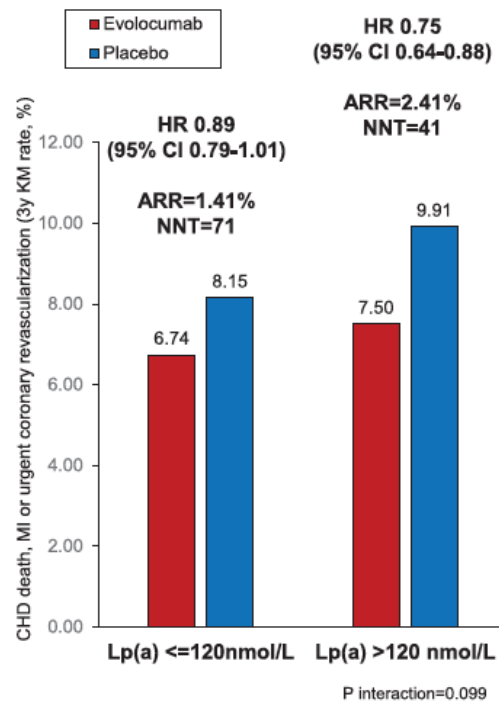
# PCSK9 mAb (evolocumab)- Lp(a) and CV outcomes ?

Circulation

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Lipoprotein(a), PCSK9 Inhibition, and Cardiovascular Risk

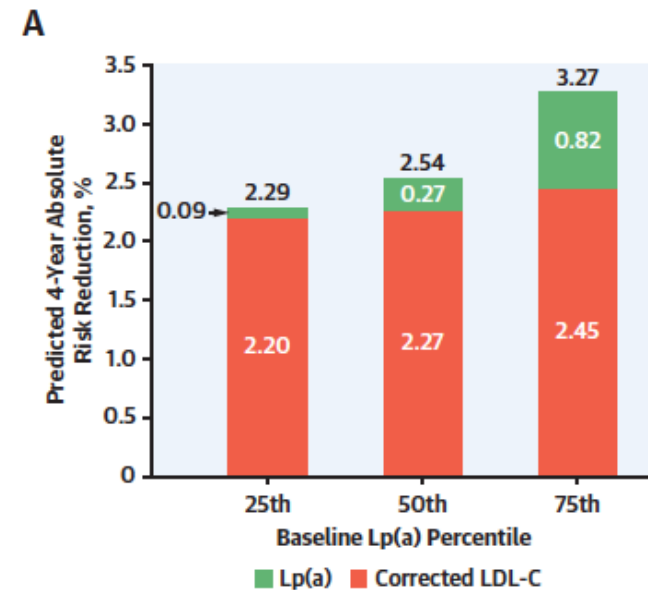
Insights From the FOURIER Trial



Circulation 2019;139:1483

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

## Effect of Alirocumab on Lipoprotein(a) and Cardiovascular Risk After Acute Coronary Syndrome



JACC 2020;75:133

# Inclisiran and Lp(a)

Circulation

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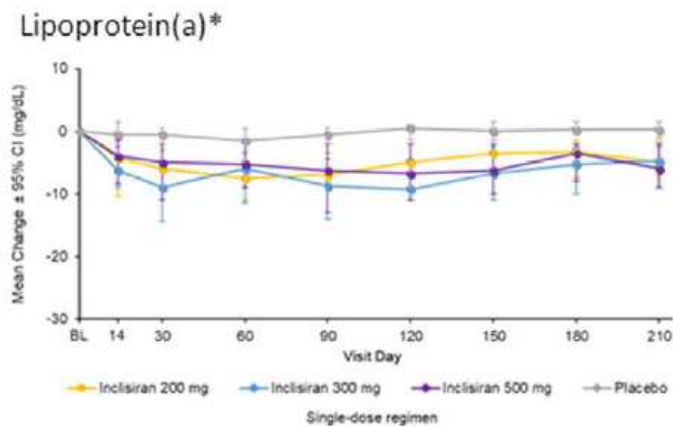
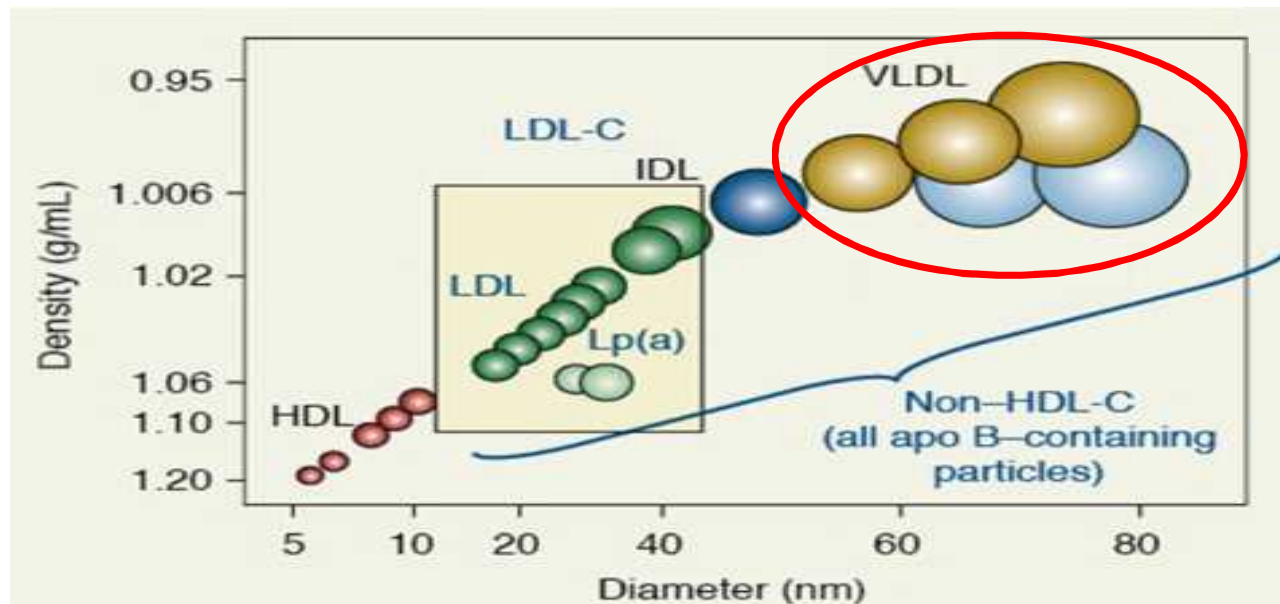


Table 2. Lipids and Lipoproteins at Baseline and Day 180\*

	Single-Dose Groups				Double-Dose Groups			
	Placebo (n=64)	200 mg Inclisiran (n=60)	300 mg Inclisiran (n=60)	500 mg Inclisiran (n=60)	Placebo (n=61)	100 mg Inclisiran (n=59)	200 mg Inclisiran (n=60)	300 mg Inclisiran (n=59)
LDL-C								
Baseline	127.2 (52.31)	122.5 (34.73)	119.5 (41.56)	138.1 (46.05)	124.9 (44.20)	127.9 (47.85)	137.1 (70.98)	131.8 (58.51)
Day 180	127.8 (48.77)	87.7 (38.98)	75.2 (44.65)	82.4 (36.57)	124.1 (39.57)	82.9 (40.36)	82.0 (70.13)	67.6 (55.81)
Lp(a)								
Baseline	25.3 (8.5–122.0)	43.0 (11.0–127.0)	36.8 (18.8–147.0)	33.3 (10.8–151.5)	44.5 (12.0–146.0)	32.0 (11.5–134.0)	41.0 (9.8–140.3)	47.0 (11.0–160.5)
Day 180	22.0 (9.0–138.0)	29.5 (9.0–22.5)	31.5 (14.0–125.0)	19.5 (8.0–145.0)	52.0 (9.0–148.0)	29.0 (7.0–103.0)	32.0 (6.0–132.5)	36.0 (8.0–130.0)

# Characteristics of lipoproteins



Apo-CIII containing particles, remnant cholesterol

# Lowering Remnant cholesterol with Apo-CIII-antisense

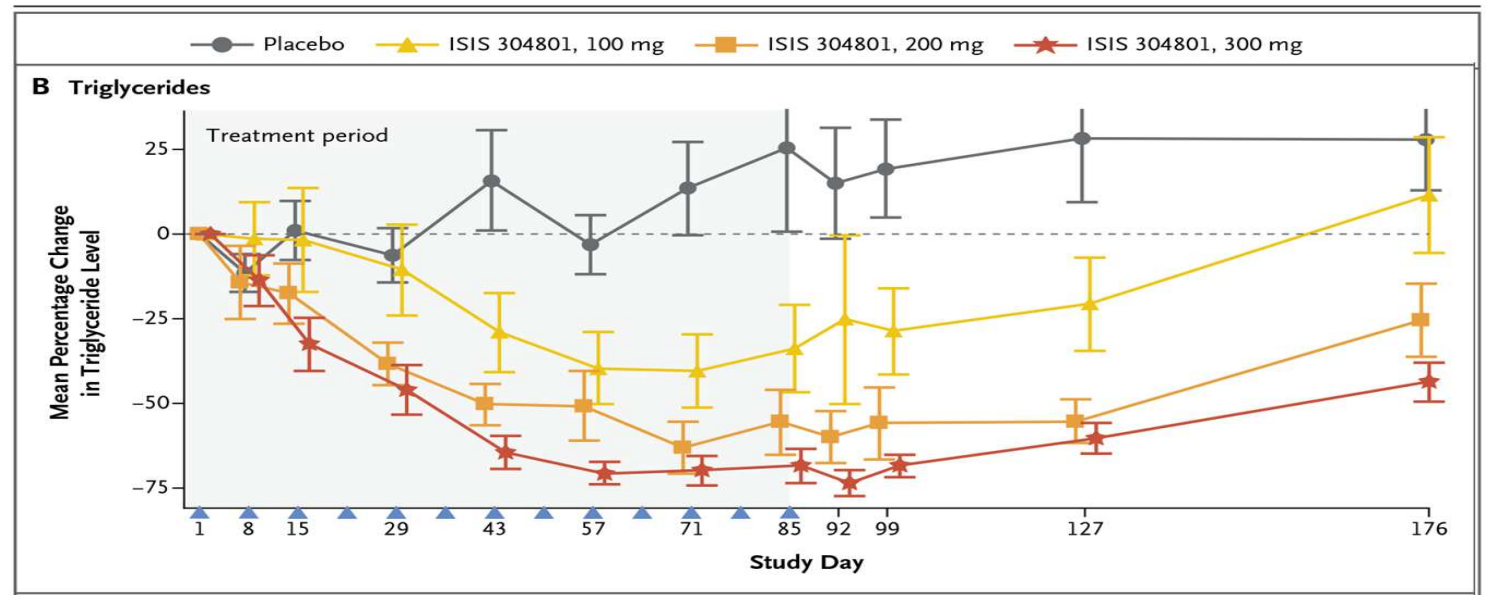
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## Cardiovascular and Metabolic Effects of ANGPTL3 Antisense Oligonucleotides

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‘Remnant’ cholesterol is next on the list  
*Apo-CIII antisense reduces TG and remnant cholesterol*



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## Statin Discontinuation and Cardiovascular Events Among Older People in Denmark

### Abstract

**IMPORTANCE** Statin use is common in older persons. Given uncertainties in ongoing benefit, changes in health status, and shifting goals of care and preferences, statin discontinuation may be considered in some older persons, although there is currently little evidence to guide this decision.

**OBJECTIVE** To evaluate the association between statin discontinuation and the rate of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) among people aged 75 years or older who receive long-term statin treatment.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** This cohort study included all persons in Denmark aged 75 years or older who were treated with statins for at least 5 consecutive years as of January 1, 2011. Participants were followed up until December 31, 2016. Data were analyzed from July to November, 2020.

**RESULTS** The study included 67 418 long-term statin users, including 27 463 in the primary prevention analysis (median age, 79 years [IQR, 77-83 years]; 18 134 [66%] female) and 39 955 in the secondary prevention analysis (median age, 80 years [IQR, 77-84 years]; 18 717 [47%] female). In both primary and secondary prevention analyses, the rate of MACE was higher among persons who discontinued statins compared with those who continued statins. In the primary prevention cohort, the weighted rate difference was 9 per 1000 person-years (95% CI, 5-12 per 1000 person-years) and the adjusted sub-hazard ratio was 1.32 (95% CI, 1.18-1.48), corresponding to 1 excess MACE per 112 persons who discontinued statins per year. In the secondary prevention cohort, the weighted rate difference was 13 per 1000 person-years (95% CI, 8-17 per 1000 person-years) and the adjusted sub-hazard ratio was 1.28 (95% CI, 1.18-1.39), corresponding to 1 excess MACE per 77 persons who discontinued statins per year.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In this cohort study, among older adults receiving long-term statin treatment, discontinuation of statins was associated with a higher rate of MACE compared with statin continuation in both the primary and the secondary prevention cohorts. These findings suggest a need for robust evidence from randomized clinical trials.



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

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ESC/EAS GUIDELINES



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

## Concept change I: Start early

*Less "lipid-exposure" leads to prevention of lesion formation*

## Concept change II: Treat (much more) aggressively

*From desirable target to "LDL-C elimination in the blood"*



**DYSLIPIDAEMIAS**  
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## Concept change III: Use lipid-lowering combination therapy

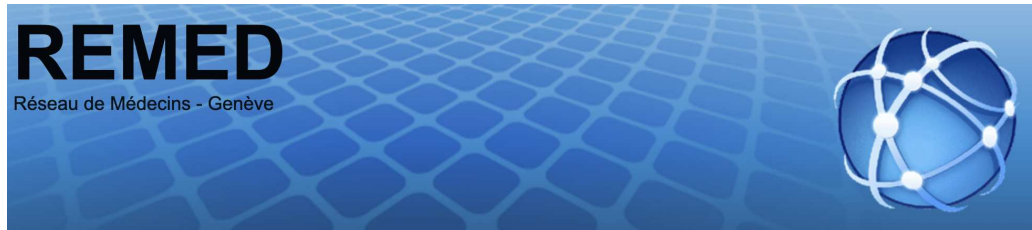
*Statin +/- ezetimibe +/- acid bempedoic (+/- PCSK9mAb) induced LDL-C lowering reduces CV risk*

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## Concept change IV: The lower, the better & lower for longer

*Statin +/- ezetimibe + siRNA induced LDL-C lowering with great efficacy, safety and full adherence*



**Merci pour votre attention**

