

State of the Art in Cardiometabolic Disease 2025

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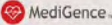
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WHY LOWERING YOUR CHOLESTEROL WON'T PREVENT HEART DISEASE—AND THE STATIN-FREE PLAN THAT WILL



AGENDA

- Epidemiology & Pathophysiology
- Lifestyle Options - Pritikin
- Pharmacotherapy Options
- Guidelines
- Sentara Cardiology Lipid Program

Prevalence of ASCVD in the United States



In the United States, as of 2020, an estimated¹⁻⁴

30.2 million were living with some form of ASCVD

19.03 million were receiving statin therapy for some form of ASCVD

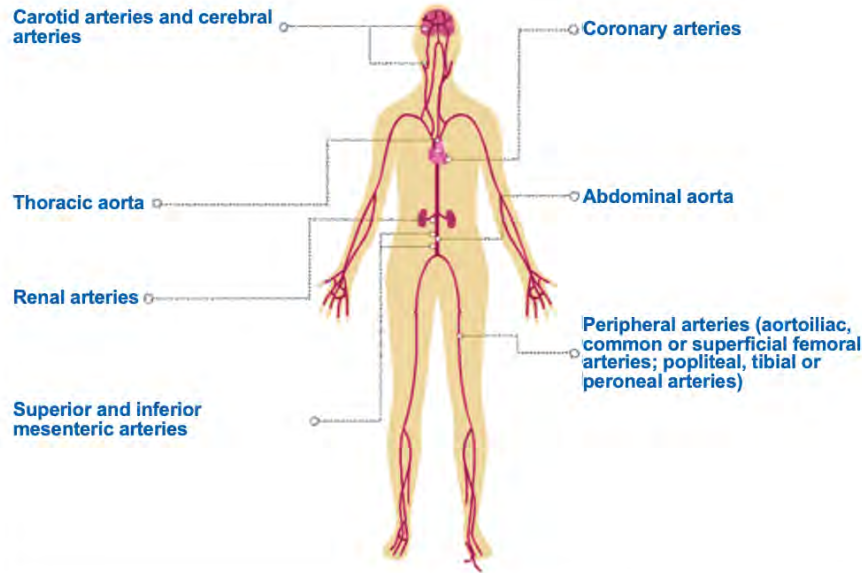
15.17 million receiving statin therapy for some form of ASCVD were not at the ACC/AHA-recommended goal of LDL-C <70 mg/dL

ACC, American College of Cardiology; AHA, American Heart Association; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

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ASCVD Encompasses a Heterogeneous Group of Diseases

Atherosclerosis affects several arterial beds¹



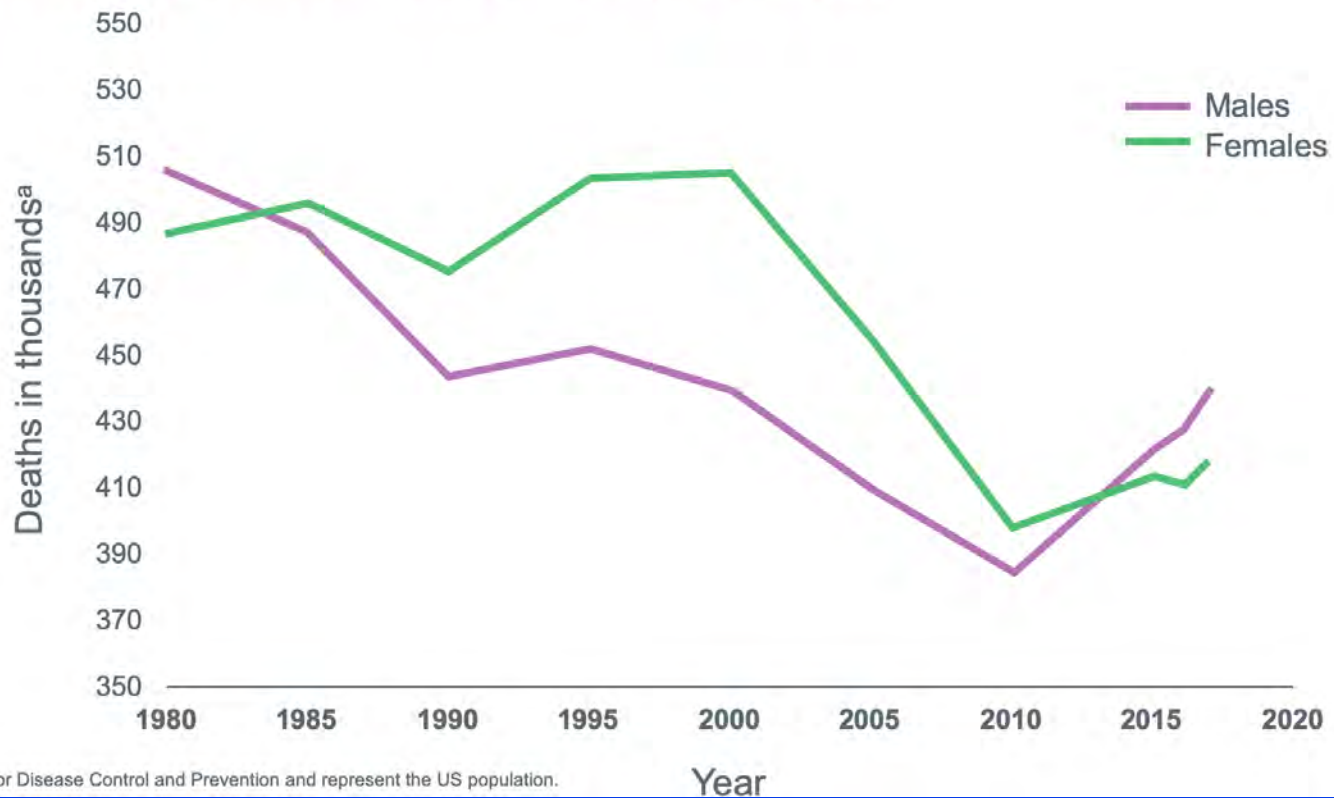
Adapted with permission from Libby P et al.¹

► Clinical ASCVD includes²

- History of MI
- Stable angina
- ACS
- Coronary or other arterial revascularization
- Stroke
- Transient ischemic attack
- PAD, including aortic aneurysm

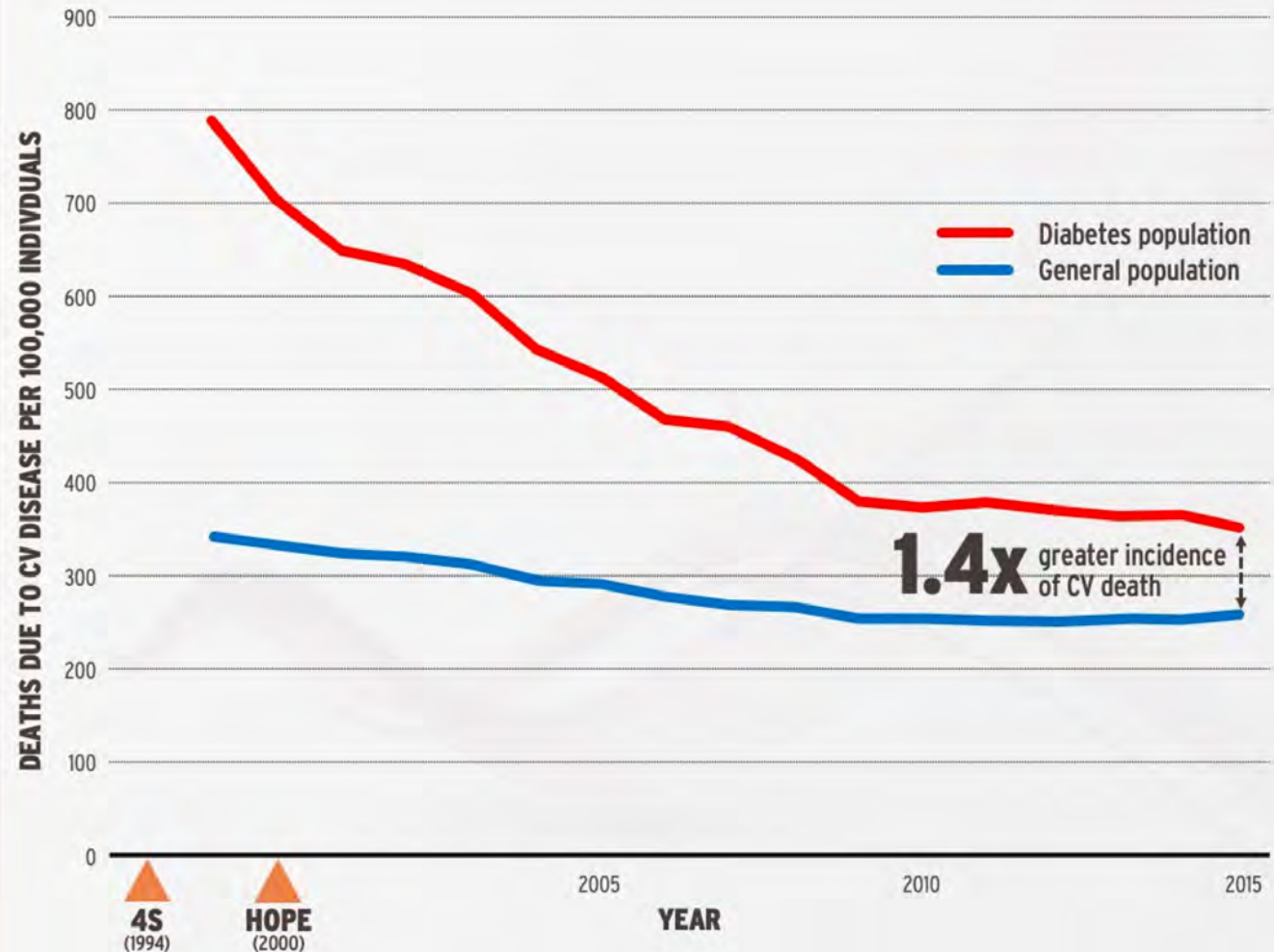
Cardiovascular disease deaths have increased in recent years in the US

DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (US, 1980-2017)



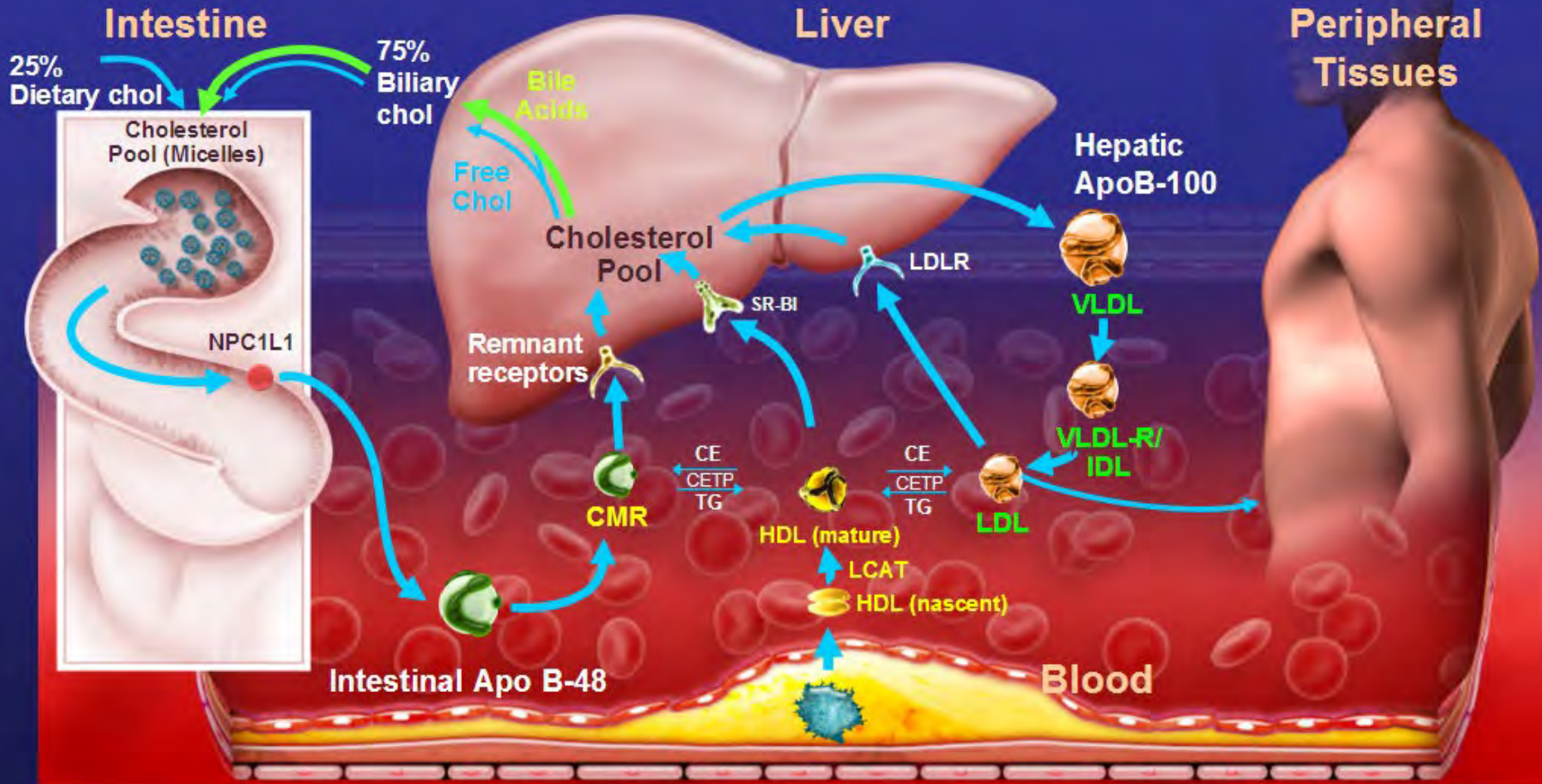
INCIDENCE OF CV DEATH REMAINS GREATER IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES DESPITE ADVANCES IN STANDARD OF CARE

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Lipoprotein Metabolism¹⁻⁵

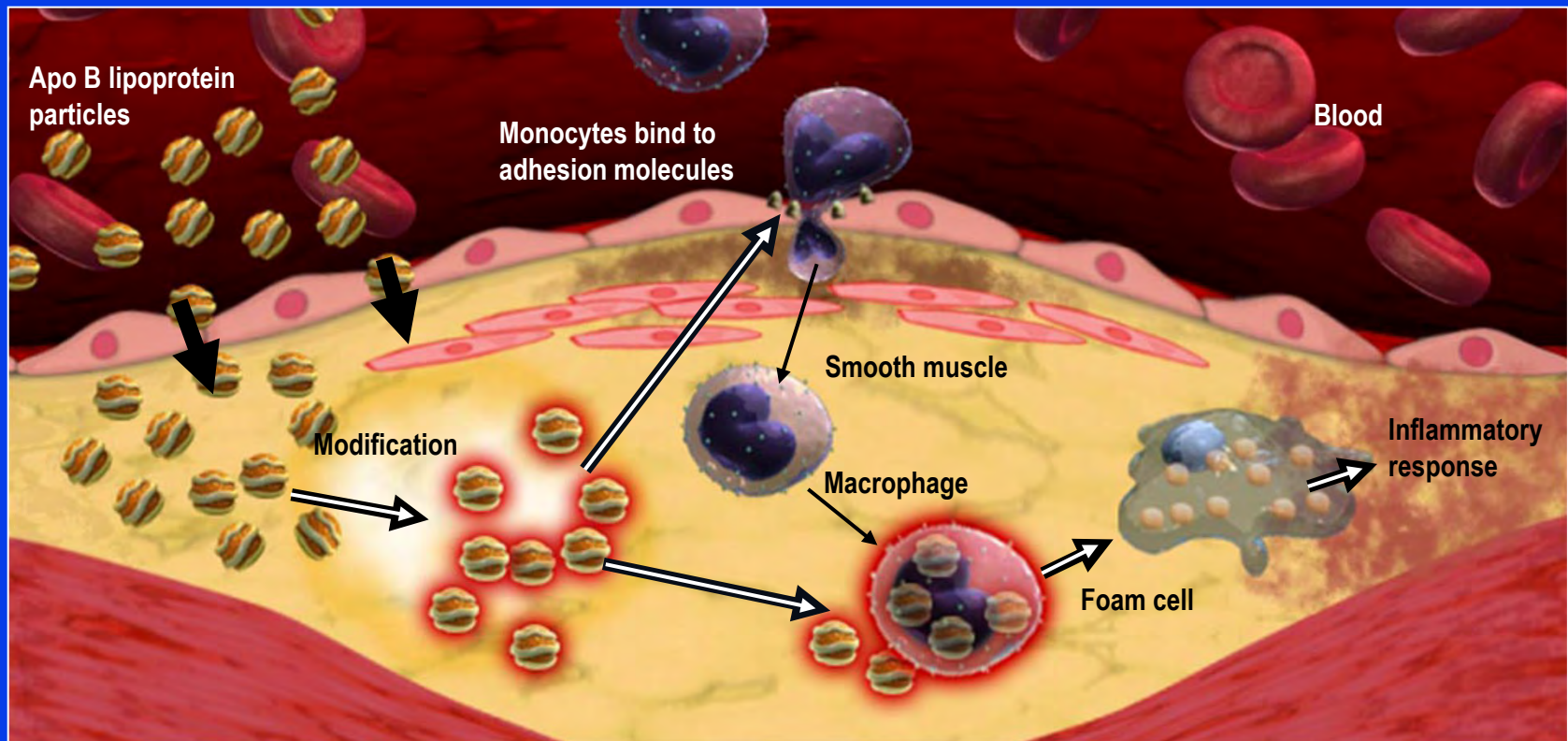


Atheroma

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High Plasma Apo B Lipoprotein Levels Promote Atherogenesis

Rationale for therapeutic lowering of Apo B lipoproteins: decrease the probability of inflammatory response to retention



Tabas I et al. *Circulation*. 2007;116:1832-1844.
Williams KJ et al. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol*. 1995;15:551-561.
Hoshiga M et al. *Circ Res*. 1995;77:1129-1135.
Williams KJ et al. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol*. 2005;25:1536-1540.

Merrilees MJ et al. *J Vasc Res*. 1993;30:293-302.
Nakata A et al. *Circulation*. 1996;94:2778-2786.
Steinberg D et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1989;320:915-924.

Both Magnitude and Duration of LDL-C Exposure Impact ASCVD

Plaque burden can be calculated from LDL-C levels and duration of exposure



LDL-C level (mg)

X



Time (years)

=



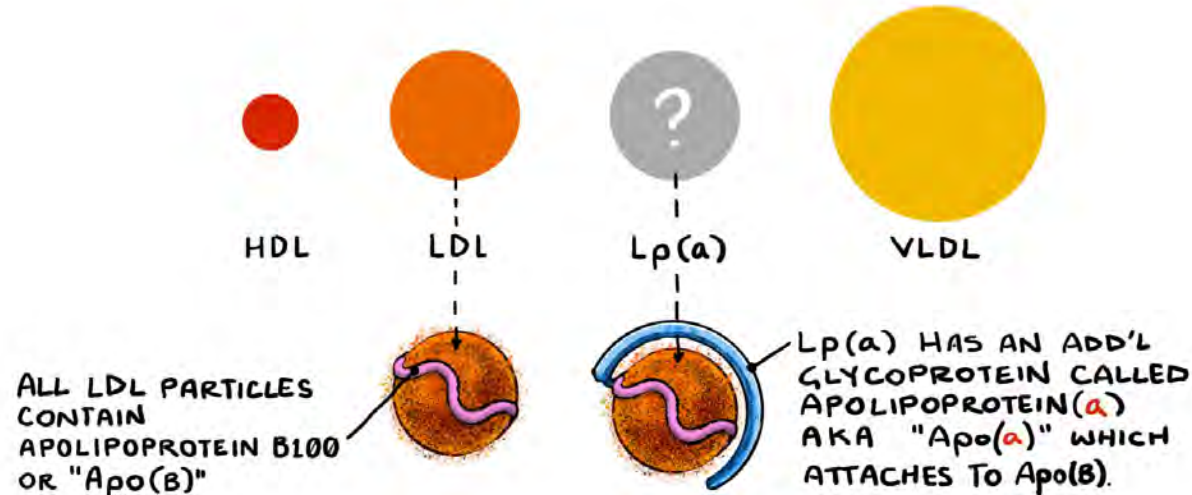
Total plaque burden



ASCVD

WHAT IS LIPOPROTEIN(a) ?

LIPOPROTEIN(a) OR "Lp(a)" IS A LIPOPROTEIN SIMILAR TO LDL.



Lp(a) IS NOT SPECIFICALLY MEASURED ON A STANDARD LIPID PANEL.

BUT IT HAS IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR CV HEALTH.

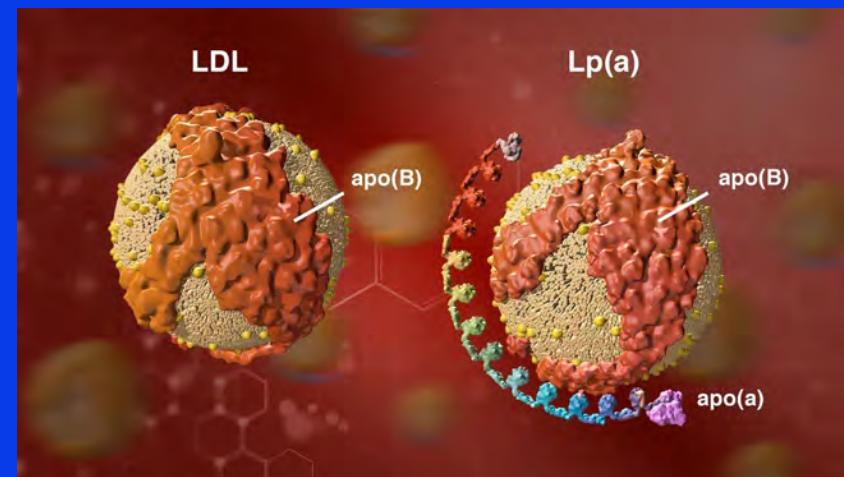


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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Relative Atherogenicity of Lipoprotein(a) and Low-Density Lipoprotein Particles

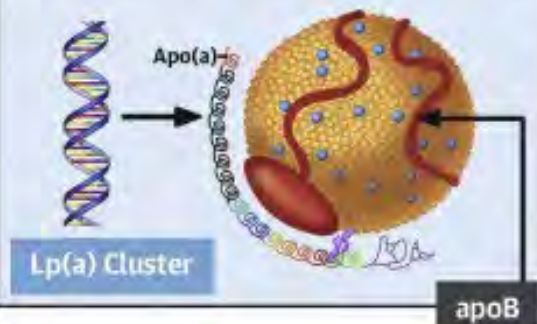
Key Question

How atherogenic is 1 particle of Lp(a) compared to 1 particle of LDL?

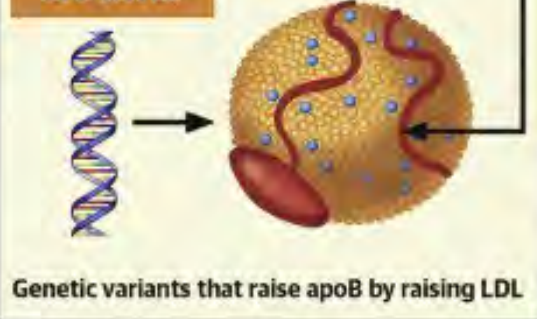
Key Methodology

Both Lp(a) and LDL contain 1 apoB per-particle. Here, we identified genetic variants (SNPs) that affected plasma levels of either LDL particles or Lp(a) particles. For these 2 genetic SNP "clusters," we related the change in apoB to the respective change in CHD risk. This way, we directly compared the atherogenicity of LDL and Lp(a), particle for particle.

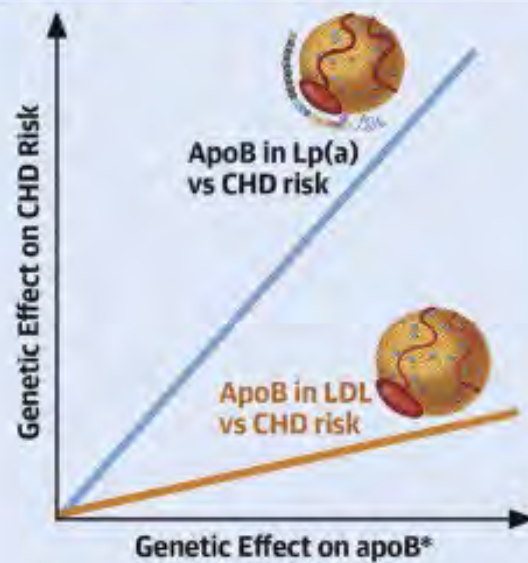
Genetic variants that raise apoB by raising Lp(a)



LDL Cluster



Mendelian Randomization

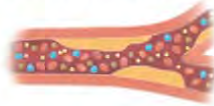


* apoB attached to either an LDL or Lp(a) particle

Take-Home Message: In most people, LDL particles are much more abundant than Lp(a) and carry the greatest proportion of overall CVD risk; however, on a per-particle basis, Lp(a) is about 6 times more atherogenic than LDL.

Lipoproteins and plaque development in PROSPECT II

Increased non-HDL, LDL,
and total cholesterol levels



Increased Lp(a) levels



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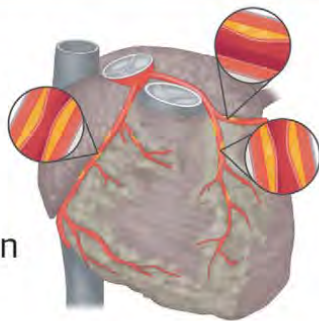
Increased non-HDL, LDL,
and total cholesterol were
not associated with
development of focal
vulnerable plaques

Increased Lp(a) was not
associated with overall
lipid deposition or
plaque burden

associated
with

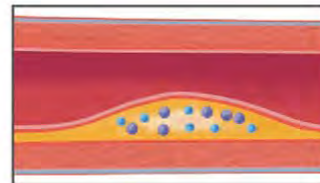
Lipid deposition and plaque
burden in the coronary tree

Increase in
average lipid
core burden
index (LCBI)
and average
plaque burden
in the
coronary tree



Formation of high-risk vulnerable
plaques that cause acute
coronary syndromes

Increase in the proportion of focal
plaques with $\text{maxLCBI}_{4\text{mm}} \geq 324.7$
and plaque burden $\geq 70\%$



The latest clinical guidelines recommend measuring Lp(a) at least once

	When?	Who?				Why?			
	 At least once in a lifetime	 All individuals	 Family and/or personal history of Premature ASCVD [†]	 Moderate to high ASCVD risk	 Refractory elevation of LDL-C (eg, statin resistance)	 Identify individuals with very high Lp(a)	 Reclassify borderline moderate- and high-risk individuals	 Optimize management and treatment of other CVD risk factors	 Identify familial risk
 NLA [†] 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
ACC [†] 2022			✓	✓					
 AACE/ACE [†] 2020			✓	✓	✓				
NLA [†] 2019			✓	✓	✓			✓	
AHA/ACC* 2018			✓						
 CCS* 2021	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
 EAS [†] 2022	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
ESC/EAS* 2019	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		

Two Lp(a) world views

Belief Driven

Measure Lp(a) in Some *One in Some*

- Old guidelines
- Rarely done, even in high risk patients with recurrent or premature ASCVD
- Often measured after the first event
- Missed opportunity to prevent ASCVD is costly to patients and society

Evidence Driven

Measure Lp(a) in All *One & Done*

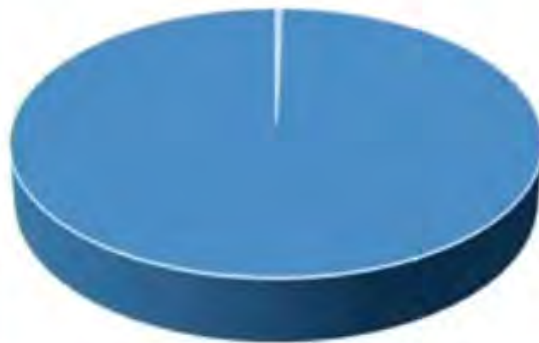
- **New** guidelines
- **Causal** lifetime genetic risk factor for ASCVD, AS
- Simple nonfasting test
- Added cost is minimal
- All assays detect high Lp(a) levels
- Patients want to know

What is current clinical practice?

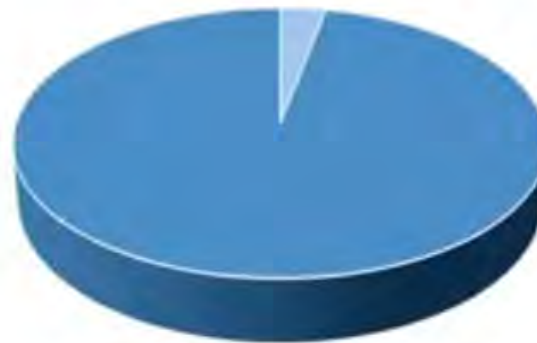
>5.5 million adults, 6 academic health systems in California

■ Lp(a) Testing ■ No Lp(a) Testing

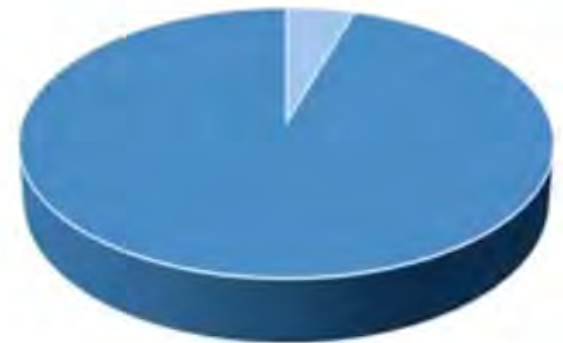
0.3% of all adults



3% of those with a family history of CVD



<4% of those with a personal history of CVD





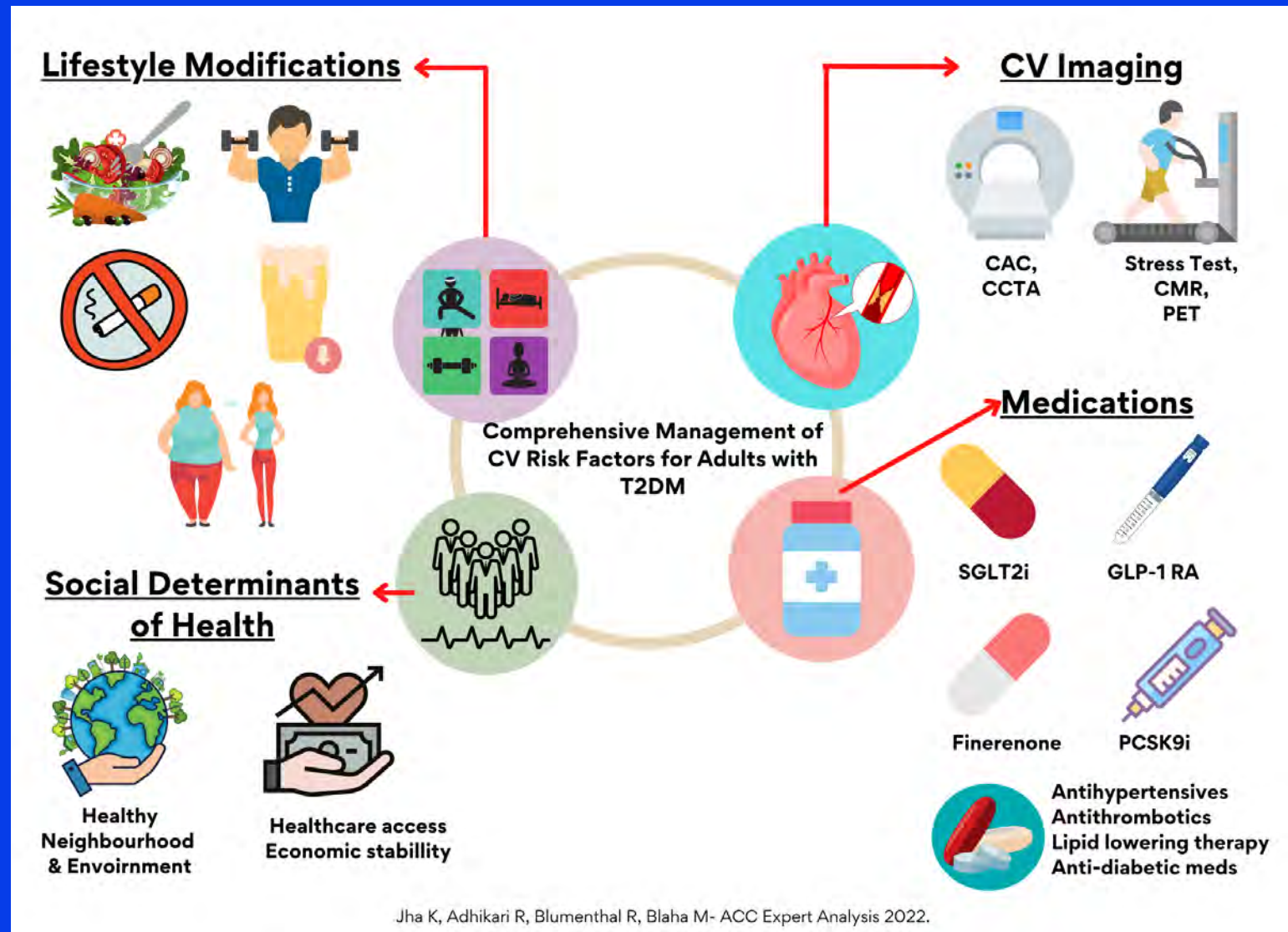
Key Phase 2 and 3 Trials of Novel Therapies Targeting LPA Gene Transcription or Lp(a) Assembly

Study Name	Trial phase	Compound	Mechanism	Status / Results
AKCEA-APO(a)-L _{Rx}	2	Pelacarsen (AKCEA-APO(a)-L _{Rx}); IONIS-APO(a)-L _{Rx})	ASO	Up to 80% Lp(a) reduction at highest dose
HORIZON	3	Pelacarsen (AKCEA-APO(a)-L _{Rx}); IONIS-APO(a)-L _{Rx})	ASO	Expected completion 5/2025
OCEAN(a)-DOSE	2	Olpasiran (AMG 890)	siRNA	>95% reduction at highest doses
OCEAN(a)-Outcomes	3	Olpasiran (AMG 890)	siRNA	Expected completion 12/2026
ALPACAR 360	2	Zerlasiran (SLN360)	siRNA	≥90% reduction. Follow-up is ongoing.
KRAKEN	2	Muvalaplin (LY3473329)	Small molecule inhibitor (oral)	Expected completion 3/2024
LY3819469	2	Lepodisiran (LY3819469)	siRNA	Expected completion 10/2024
ACCLAIM-Lp(a)	3	Lepodisiran (LY3819469)	siRNA	Enrolling. Expected completion 3/2029

Lifestyle Modification

First and Foremost

2022 AHA Statement on the Comprehensive Management of CV Risk Factors For Adults With T2DM



Lifestyle Recommendations

	General recommendations	Initial considerations	Implementation
Nutrition	Whole-food, plant-based, Mediterranean, and DASH diets recommended	Nuts, seeds, and avocado OK if no adiposity. If animal products consumed, order of preference: fish (especially fatty fish); lean meat and skinless poultry; limit processed foods	Focus on whole grains, legumes, vegetables, and fruits Avoid added sugars, salt, and fat Limit low-fiber grains and potatoes ("white starches"), fried foods, fast foods, and alcohol (especially if high triglycerides) Limit calories for 5-10% weight reduction ^a (if overweight/obesity)
Physical activity	Physical activity ≥ 3 times/week Reduce/break up prolonged sitting	Start with low duration and intensity of activity and increase slowly until activity goals are met	150-300 minutes/week of moderate-intensity or 75-150 minutes/week of high-intensity activity Resistance training ≥ 2 times/week
Sleep	Sleep duration 6-8 hours/night	Screen for and treat sleep apnea	Lifestyle modification with weight loss as needed Avoid sleeping pills
Mental health	Assess for depression, anxiety, and substance abuse	Lifestyle modification Address substance abuse Refer to mental health professionals as needed	Encourage community involvement (community centers, charitable organizations, schools, houses of worship, etc) and use of support services
Smoking	No tobacco or nicotine related products	Avoid passive exposure to tobacco smoke	Nicotine in any formulation is associated with atherosclerosis

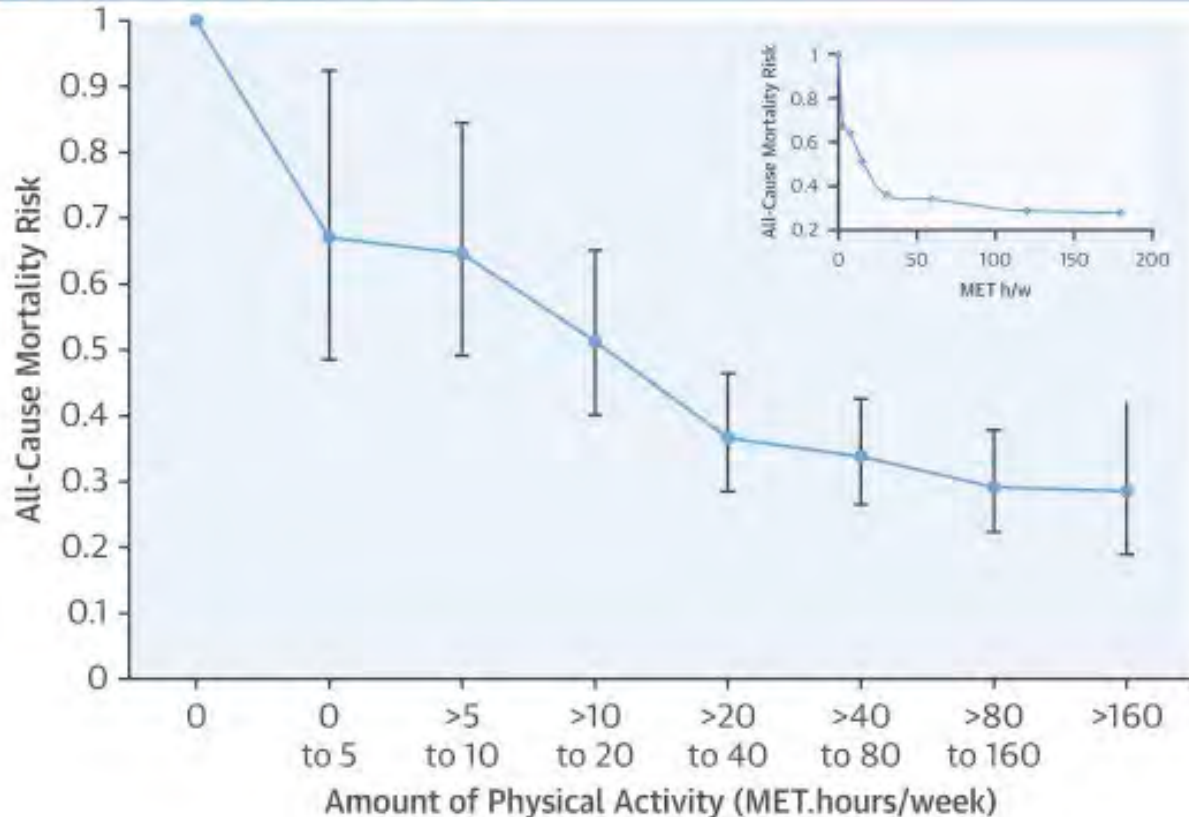
^a See AACE/ACE Comprehensive Clinical Practice Guidelines for Medical Care of Patients with Obesity and AACE/ACE Treatment Algorithm for the Medical Care of Patients With Obesity.

Abbreviations: CV = cardiovascular; DASH = Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension.



Physical Activity and Mortality in Patients with Stable CAD

All-cause mortality risk associated with each doubling of habitual physical activity volume, and by linear increase in physical activity



Stewart, R.A.H. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;70(14):1689-700.

Pritikin Intensive Cardiac Rehab Program

Traditional CR vs. ICR



Pritikin Program Pillars



Video Library

Nutrition

- Calorie Density
- Dining Out – Part 1
- Facts on Fats
- Label Reading
- Nutrition Action Plan
- Overview of the Pritikin Eating Plan
- Cooking School- Becoming a Pritikin Chef
- Cooking School- Breakfast and Snacks
- Cooking School- Healthy Salads and Dressings
- Cooking School- Dinner
- Cooking School- Sides, Soups, and Desserts
- Planning Your Eating Strategy
- Fueling a Healthy Body
- Dining Out – Part 2
- Vitamins & Minerals
- Menu Workshop
- Targeting Your Nutrition Priorities

Healthy Mind-Set / Medical

- Diseases of Our Time – Focusing on Diabetes
- Healthy Minds, Bodies, Hearts
- Heart Disease Risk Reduction
- How Our Thoughts Can Heal Our Hearts
- Hypertension & Heart Disease
- Metabolic Syndrome & Belly Fat
- Introduction to Yoga
- Smoking Cessation
- Diseases of Our Time – Overview
- Biology of Weight Control
- Decoding Your Labs
- Aging- Enhancing Your Quality of Life
- Sleep Disorders

Exercise

- Biomechanical Limitations
- Body Composition
- Exercise Action Plan
- Move It
- Improve Performance

Group Workshops

Nutrition

- Label Reading
- Menus and Dining Out
- Mindful Eating
- Fueling a Healthy Body
- Targeting Your Nutrition Priorities

Healthy Mind-Set / Medical

- Stress and Health
- Taking Charge of Stress
- New Thoughts, New Behaviors
- Managing Moods and Relationships
- Tobacco Cessation

Exercise

- Exercise Basics: Building Your Action Plan
- Exercise Biomechanics
- Balance Training and Fall Prevention
- Heart Disease Risk Reduction

Cooking School Workshops



- Taught by your dietitian or chef
- Attendees learn to prepare meals that are:

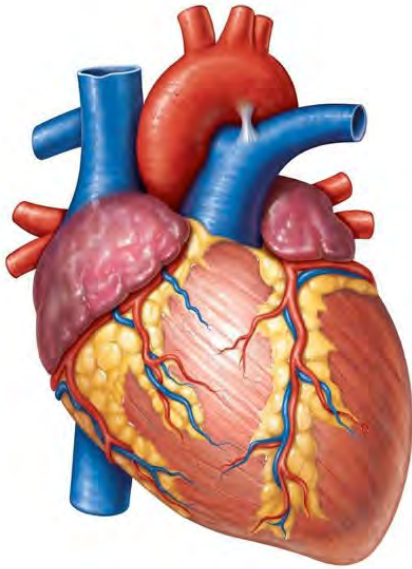
- Quick and Easy
- Affordable
- Healthy
- Tasty

■ Class topics:

- Adding Flavor – Sodium Free
- Fast and Healthy Breakfasts
- Satisfying Salads and Dressings
- Savory Soups
- Simple Sides and Sauces
- Tasty Appetizers and Snacks
- Delicious Desserts
- Plant-Based Proteins
- Fast Evening Meals
- Weekend Breakfasts
- Efficiency Cooking
- One-Pot Meals



Qualifying Events: Same as CR



- Acute myocardial infarction
- Coronary artery bypass surgery
- Current stable angina pectoris
- Heart valve repair or replacement
- Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty / stenting
- Heart or heart-lung transplant
- Chronic heart failure with reduced EF

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Therapy Post-ACS / PCI

All Class IA Interventions:

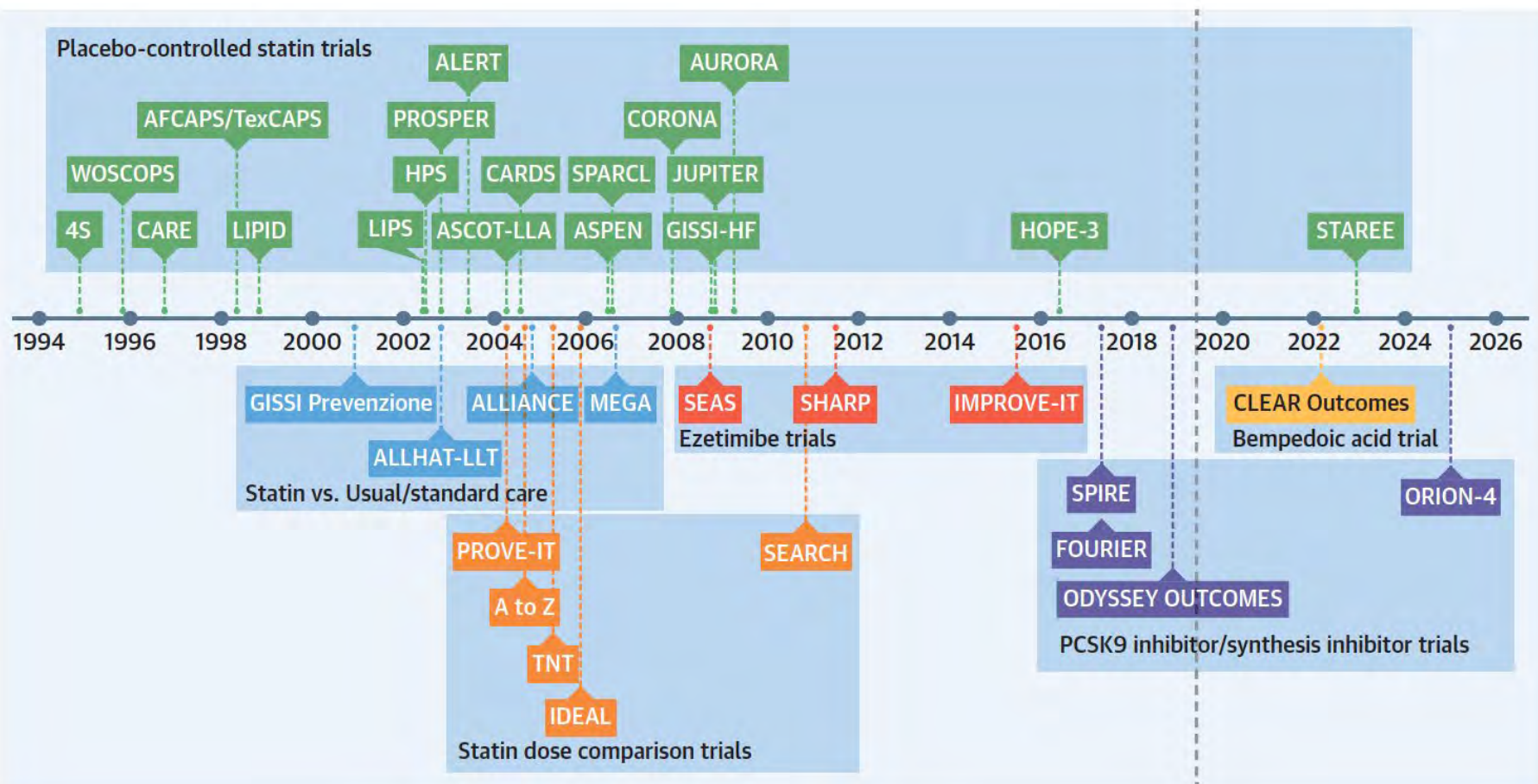
Intervention	Relative Risk Total/CV Mortality	Side Effect %	Discharge Use
ASA	0.71-0.78	17%	95%
Beta Blocker	0.61-0.72	39%	81%
Statin	0.7-0.82	37%	89%
ACEI	0.71-0.80	49%	71%
Cardiac Rehab	0.53-0.82	0%	10-20%

Provided courtesy of Frank Smith, MD, Michigan Heart Hospital

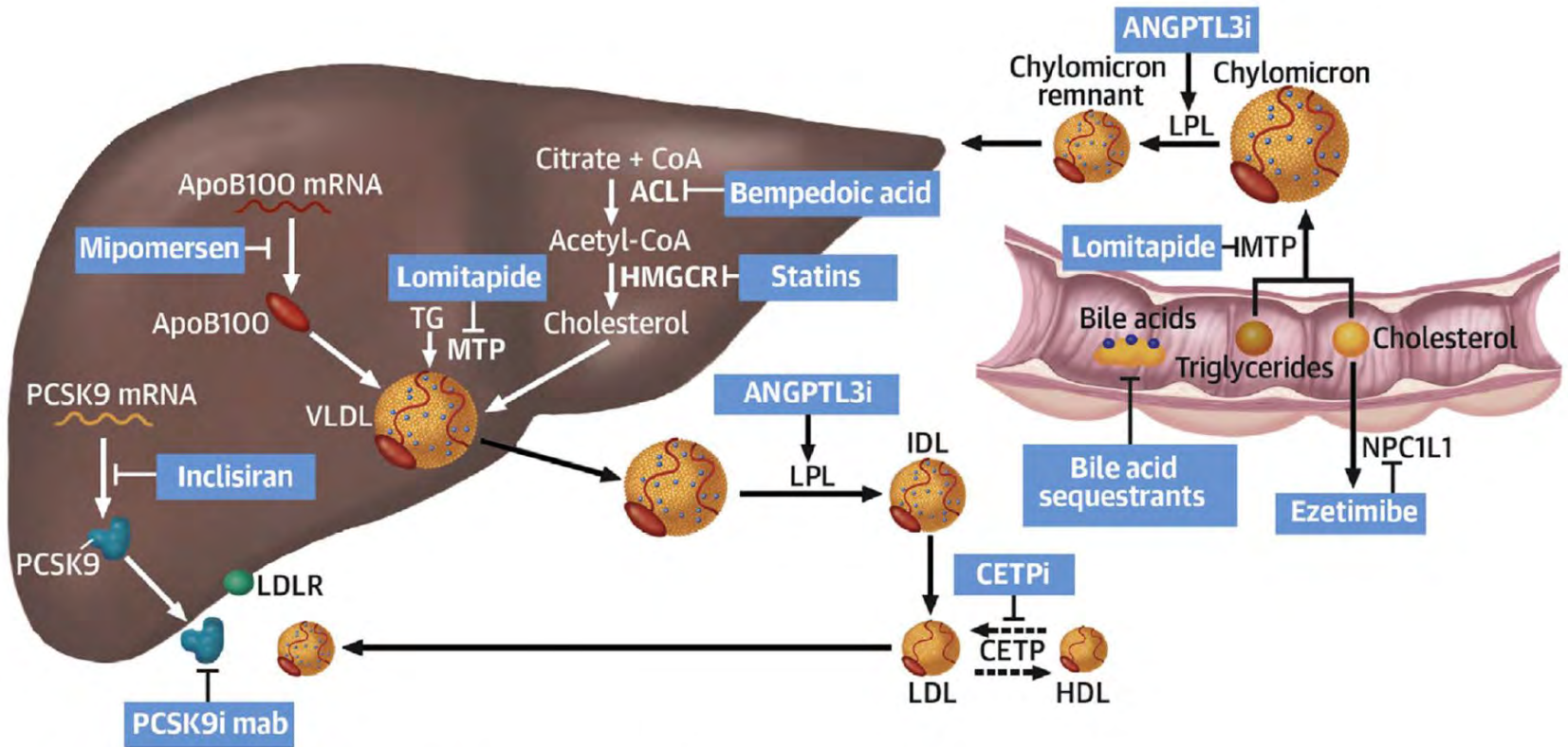
Pharmacotherapy

The Next Step...

Key Trials in the Lipid Space

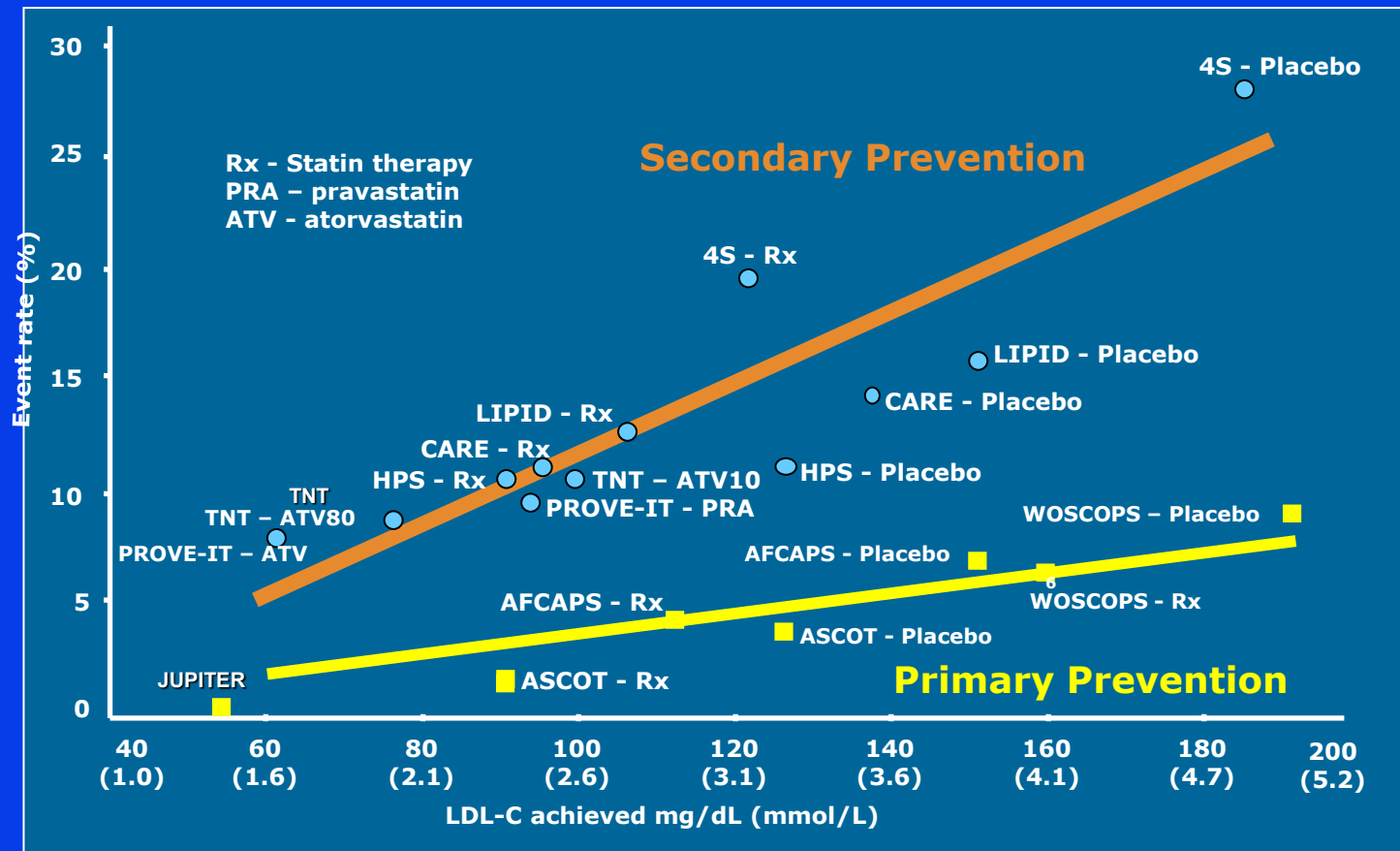


MOA for Lipid Lowering Agents



Nurmohamed, N.S. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2021;77(12):1564-75.

Statins – No Brainer



Adapted from Rosensen RS. *Exp Opin Emerg Drugs* 2004;9(2):269-279

LaRosa JC et al. *N Engl J Med* 2005;352:e-version

**Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CCT) Collaboration:
Efficacy and safety of cholesterol-lowering treatment:
prospective meta-analysis of data from 90,056
participants in 14 randomized trials of statins
(The Lancet 9/27/05)**

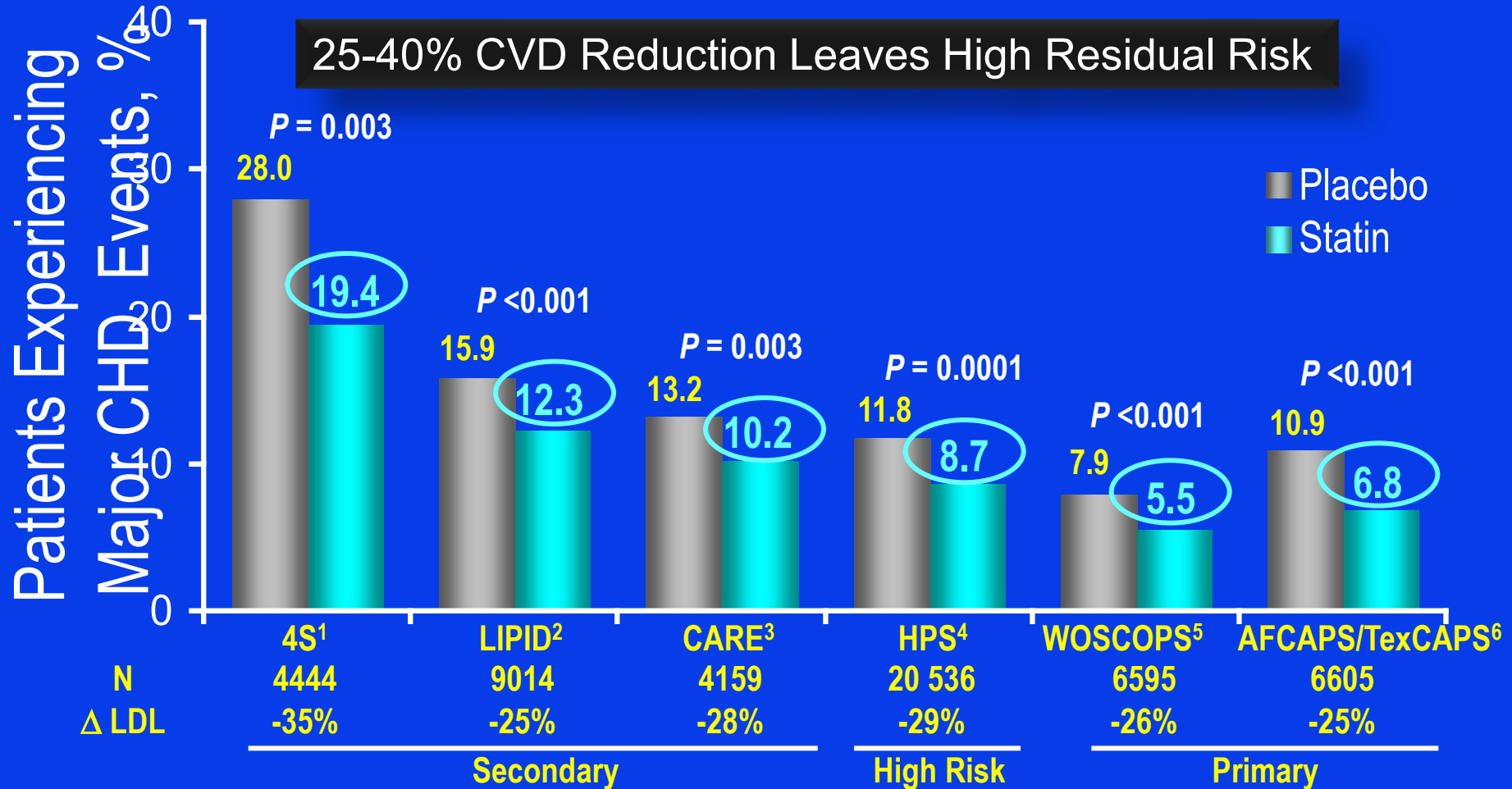
**Over 5 year treatment period (average
reduction in LDL-C by 40 mg/dl) showed:**

- 12% reduction in all-cause mortality
- 19% reduction in coronary mortality
- 23% reduction in MI or CHD death
- 17% reduction in stroke
- 21% reduction in major vascular events

Trials of Statin vs Placebo

Many CHD Events Still Occur in Statin-Treated Patients

25-40% CVD Reduction Leaves High Residual Risk



¹4S Group. *Lancet*. 1994;344:1383-1389.

²LIPID Study Group. *N Engl J Med*. 1998;339:1349-1357.

³Sacks FM et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1996;335:1001-1009.

⁴HPS Collaborative Group. *Lancet*. 2002;360:7-22.

⁵Shepherd J et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1995;333:1301-1307.

⁶Downs JR et al. *JAMA*. 1998;279:1615-1622.

IMPROVE-IT: Study Design

Patients stabilized post ACS ≤ 10 days:

LDL-C 50–125*mg/dL (or 50–100**mg/dL if prior lipid-lowering Rx)

*3.2mM

**2.6mM

N=18,144

Standard Medical & Interventional Therapy

**Simvastatin
40 mg**

*Uptitrated to
Simva 80 mg
if LDL-C > 79
(adapted per
FDA label 2011)*

**Ezetimibe / Simvastatin
10 / 40 mg**

Follow-up Visit Day 30, every 4 months

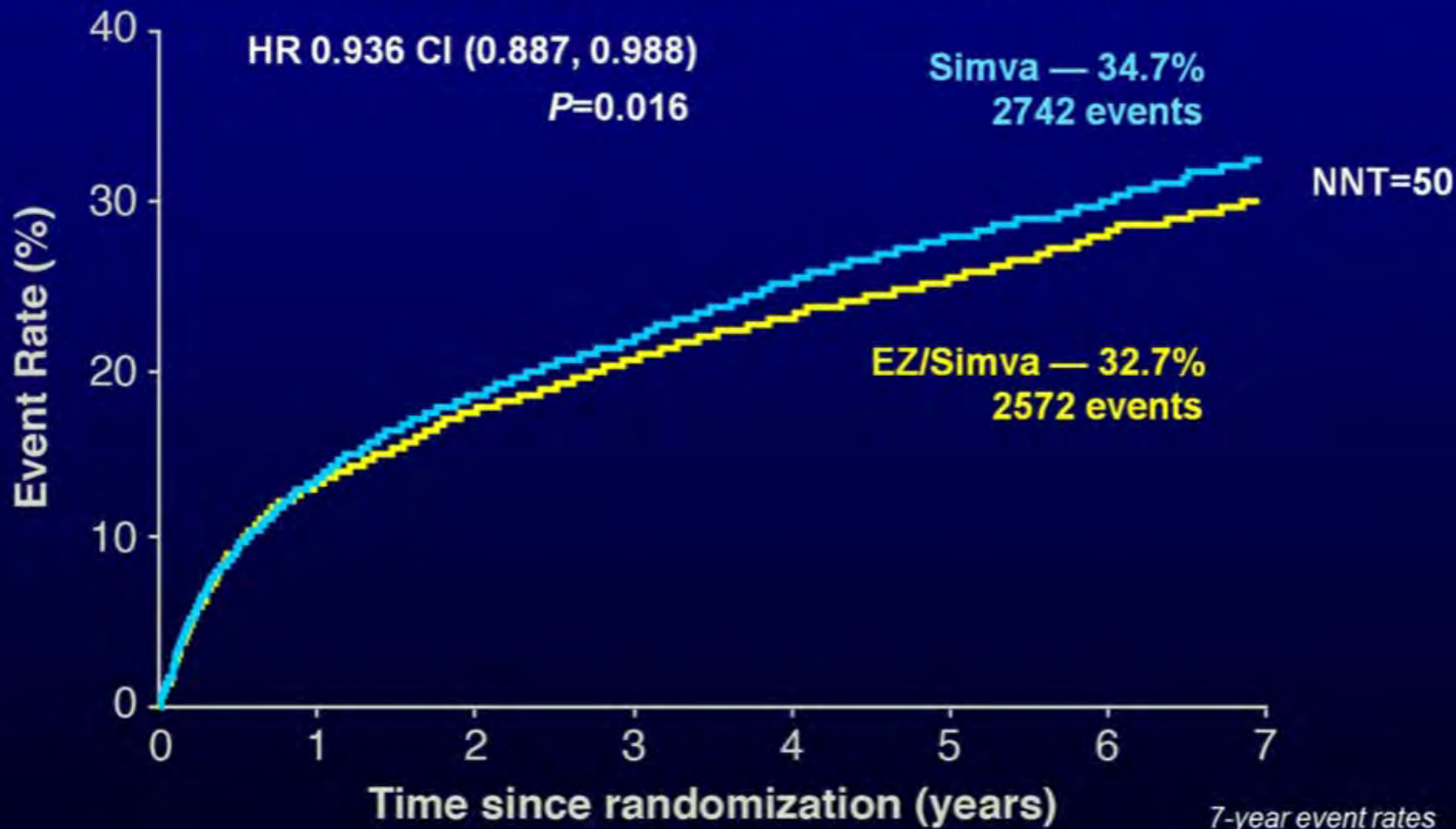
90% power to detect
~9% difference

Duration: Minimum 2 ½-year follow-up (at least 5250 events)

Primary Endpoint: CV death, MI, hospital admission for UA, coronary revascularization (≥ 30 days after randomization), or stroke

IMPROVE-IT: Primary Endpoint (ITT)

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



Adapted from Cannon CP, et al. Presented at: American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2014;

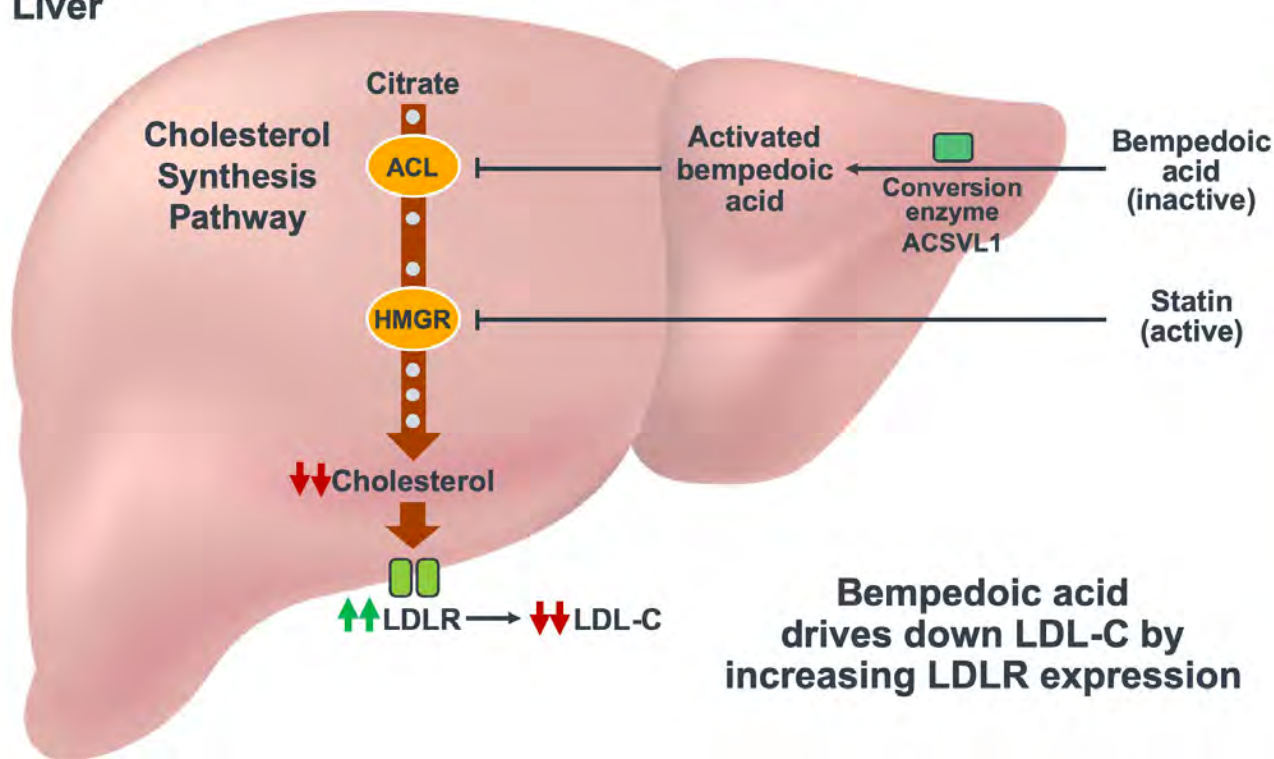
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Bempedoic Acid

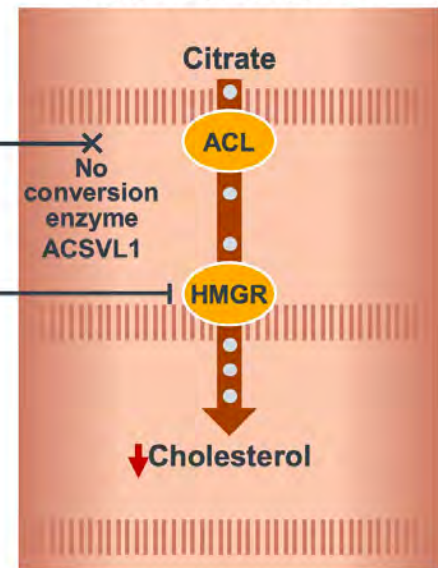
Bempedoic acid reduces cholesterol synthesis by inhibiting ACL
2 steps upstream from HMG-CoA reductase

INHIBITION OF CHOLESTEROL SYNTHESIS BY BEMPEDOIC ACID^{1,2}

Liver



Skeletal muscle



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Bempedoic Acid and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Statin-Intolerant Patients

S.E. Nissen, A.M. Lincoff, D. Brennan, K.K. Ray, D. Mason, J.J.P. Kastelein, P.D. Thompson, P. Libby, L. Cho, J. Plutzky, H.E. Bays, P.M. Moriarty, V. Menon, D.E. Grobbee, M.J. Louie, C.-F. Chen, N. Li, L.A. Bloedon, P. Robinson, M. Horner, W.J. Sasiela, J. McCluskey, D. Davey, P. Fajardo-Campos, P. Petrovic, J. Fedacko, W. Zmuda, Y. Lukyanov, and S.J. Nicholls, for the CLEAR Outcomes Investigators*

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

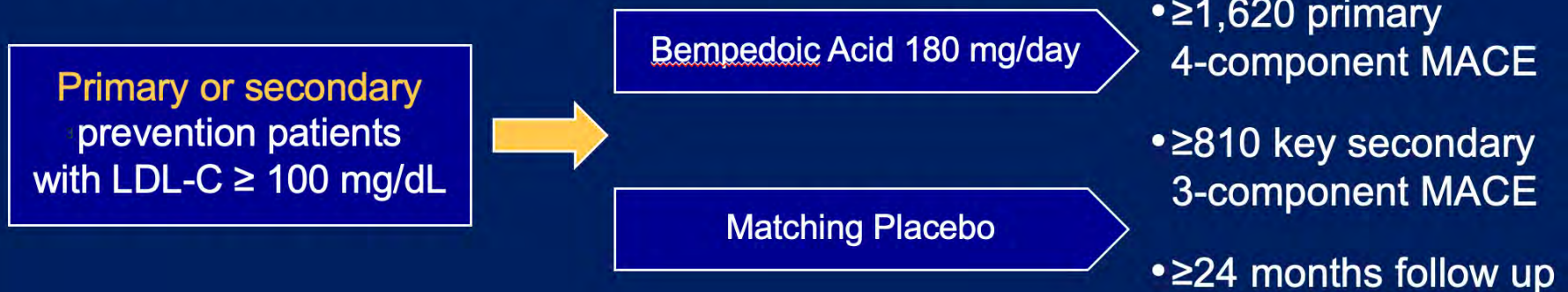
Bempedoic acid, an ATP citrate lyase inhibitor, reduces low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels and is associated with a low incidence of muscle-related adverse events; its effects on cardiovascular outcomes remain uncertain.



CLEAR Outcomes Trial

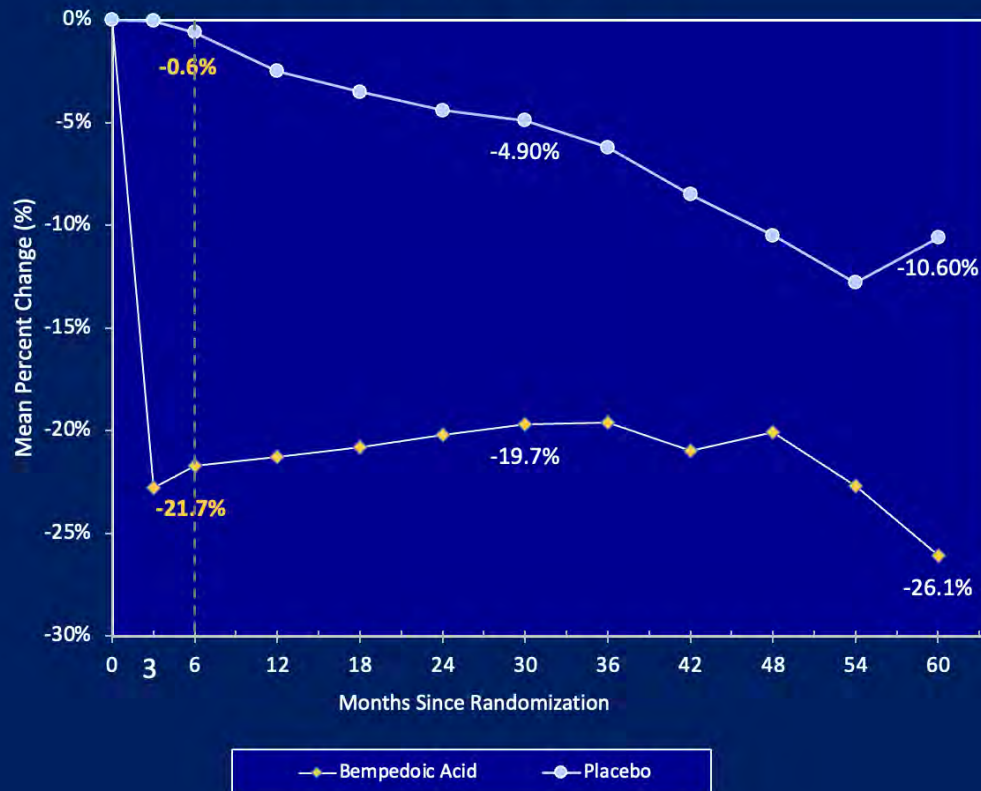
Cholesterol Lowering via Bempedoic Acid, an ACL-Inhibiting Regimen

- Statin intolerance: An adverse effect that started or increased during statin therapy and resolved or improved after therapy discontinued.
- Intolerance to 2 or more statins or 1 statin if unwilling to attempt a second statin or advised by physician to not attempt second statin. Very low dose statin therapy permitted (< lowest approved dose).

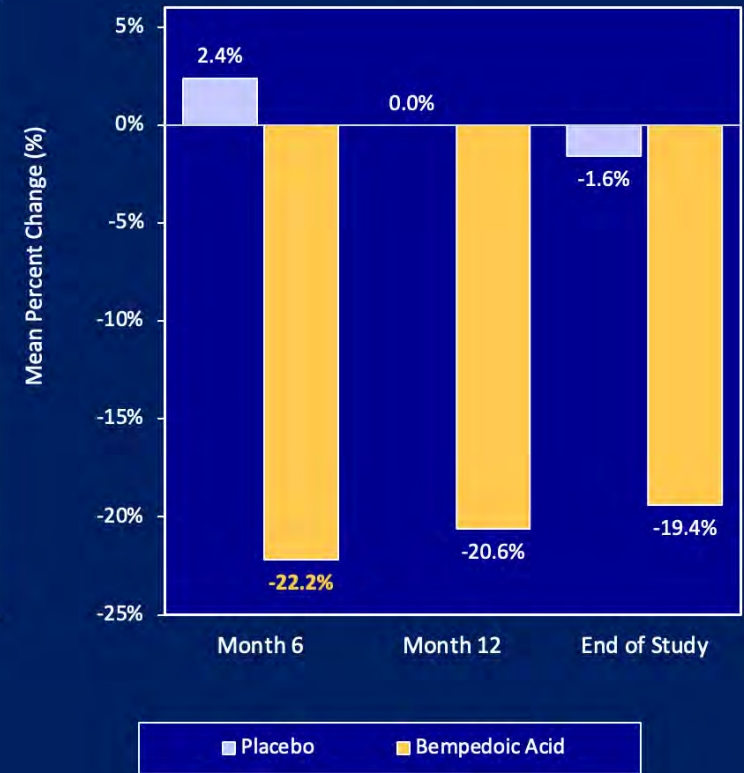


Effect of Trial Regimens on LDL-C and hsCRP

Percent Change in LDL-C over Time

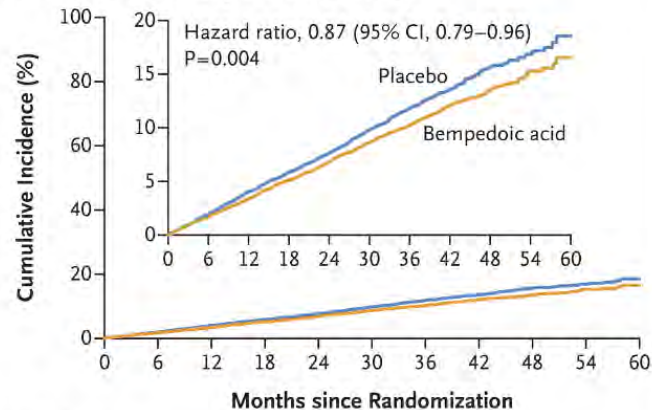


Percent Change in hsCRP



Bempedoic Acid Reduces Events

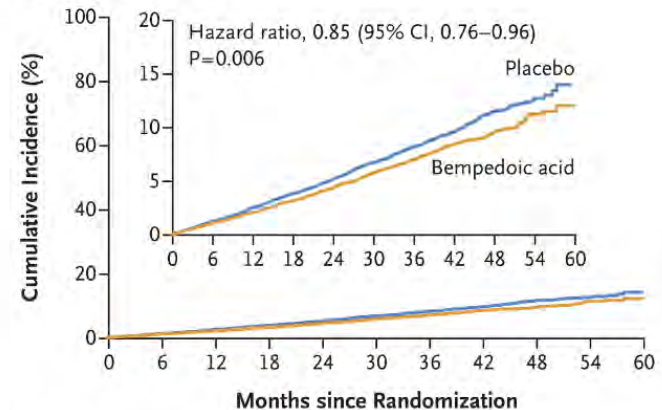
A Four-Component MACE (Primary End Point)



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

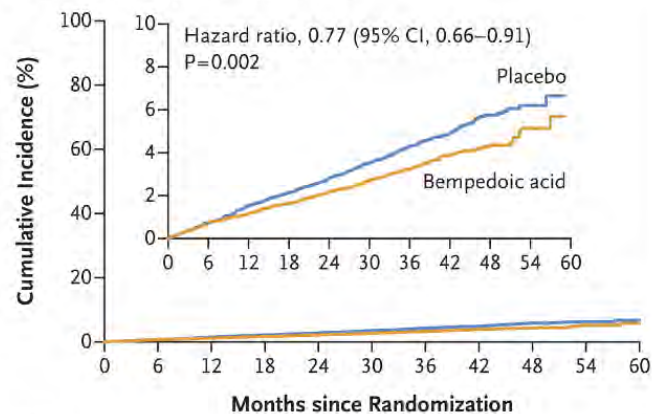
B Three-Component MACE



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

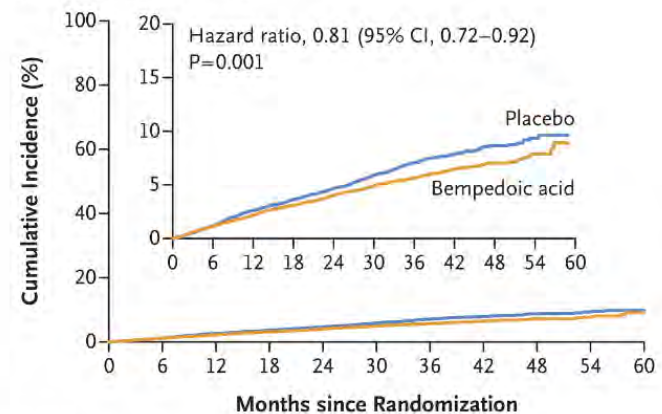
C Fatal or Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction



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

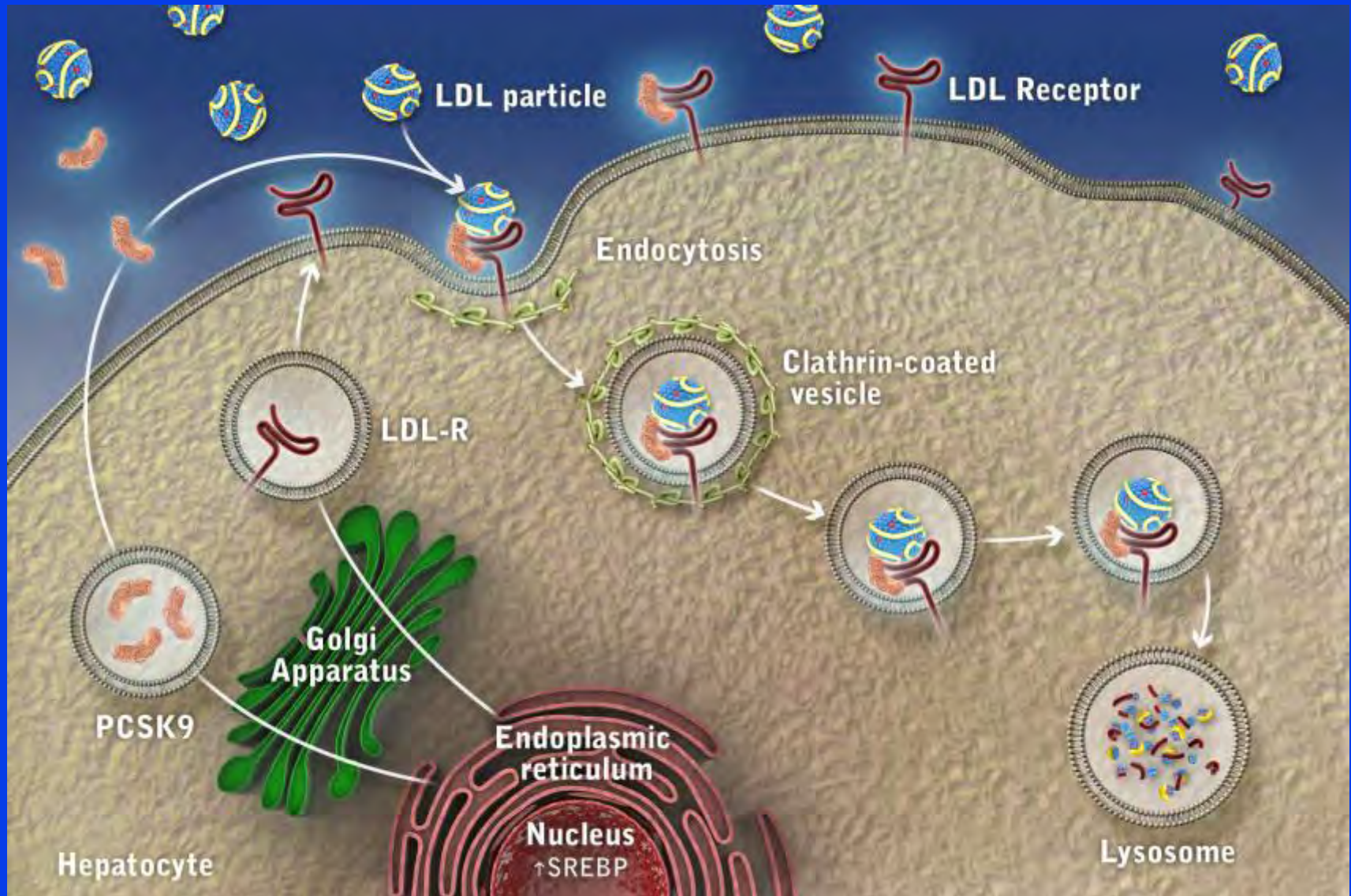
D Coronary Revascularization



No. at Risk

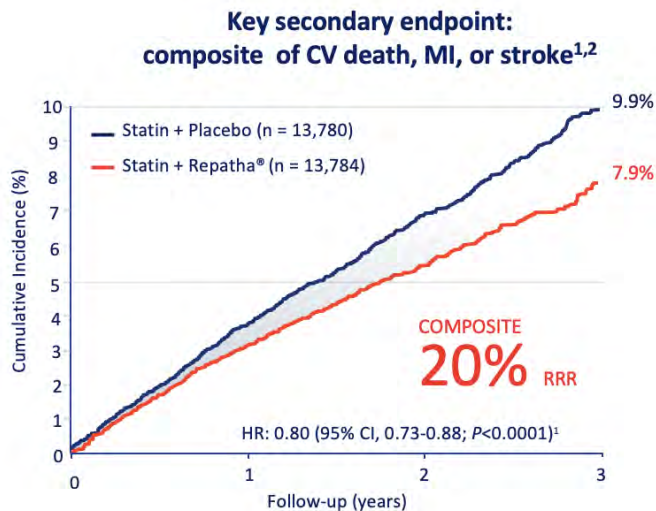
Placebo	6978	6803	6623	6469	6289	6104	5200	2582	1247	527	57
Bempedoic acid	6992	6832	6689	6520	6355	6190	5346	2661	1273	573	74

The Role of PCSK9 in the Regulation of LDL Receptor Expression



Fourier Trial

FOR PATIENTS WITH ESTABLISHED CVD, REPATHA® ADDED TO A STATIN
REDUCED THE RISK OF CV EVENTS BY 20% IN A MEDIAN OF 2.2 YEARS^{1,2}



Primary composite endpoint of time to first occurrence of CV death, MI, hospitalization for UA, stroke, or coronary revascularization:
HR: 0.85 (95% CI, 0.79-0.92; $P < 0.0001$)^{1,2}

Key secondary composite endpoint of time to first occurrence of CV death, MI, or stroke: HR 0.80 (95% CI, 0.73-0.88; $P < 0.0001$), ARR = 2.0%^{1,2}



27% RRR
MI¹



22% RRR
Revascularization¹



21% RRR
Stroke¹

RRRs for the primary and secondary composite endpoints were driven by a reduction in the risk of MI: HR 0.73 (95% CI, 0.65-0.82), stroke: HR 0.79 (95% CI, 0.66-0.95), and coronary revascularization: HR 0.78 (95% CI, 0.71-0.86)¹.

*Not statistically significant.



Oral PCSK9 Inhibitor MK-0616

Efficacy and Safety of the Oral PCSK9 Inhibitor MK-0616

Phase 2b, Multicenter, International, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial

OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the efficacy and safety of MK-0616 (an oral PCSK9 inhibitor) in participants with hypercholesterolemia.

380
PATIENTS

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

1. Clinical ASCVD plus LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL and ≤ 160 mg/dL
2. Intermediate or higher risk for ASCVD: No clinical ASCVD with a $\geq 7.5\%$ 10-year risk of an ASCVD event and/or an ASCVD-risk-equivalent plus LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL and ≤ 200 mg/dL
3. Borderline risk for ASCVD: No clinical ASCVD with a $\geq 5.0\%$ and $\leq 7.5\%$ 10-year risk of an ASCVD event plus LDL-C ≥ 130 mg/dL and ≤ 250 mg/dL



**MK-0616 6 MG (N=77),
12 MG (N=76), 18 MG (N=76)
OR 30 MG (N=76) DOSE**

vs.



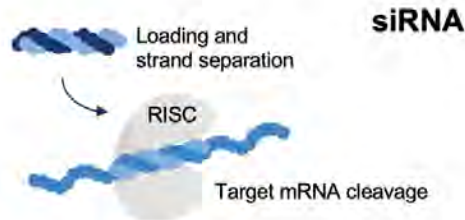
**PLACEBO
(N=75)**

RNA-based Therapeutics Utilize Different Technologies



Types of RNA therapy¹

siRNA

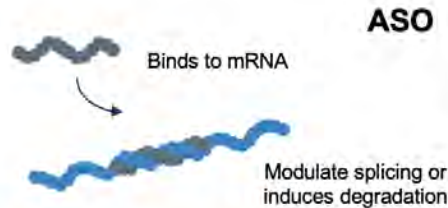


Target: mRNA²

Site of action: cytoplasm²

Mechanism: double-stranded RISC mechanism²

Antisense RNA

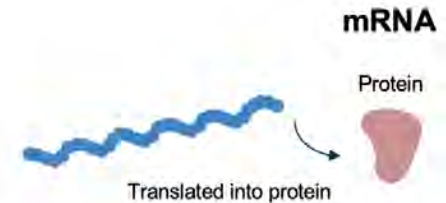


Target: mRNA²

Site of action: nucleus and cytoplasm³

Mechanism: Single-stranded RNase H mechanism²

mRNA

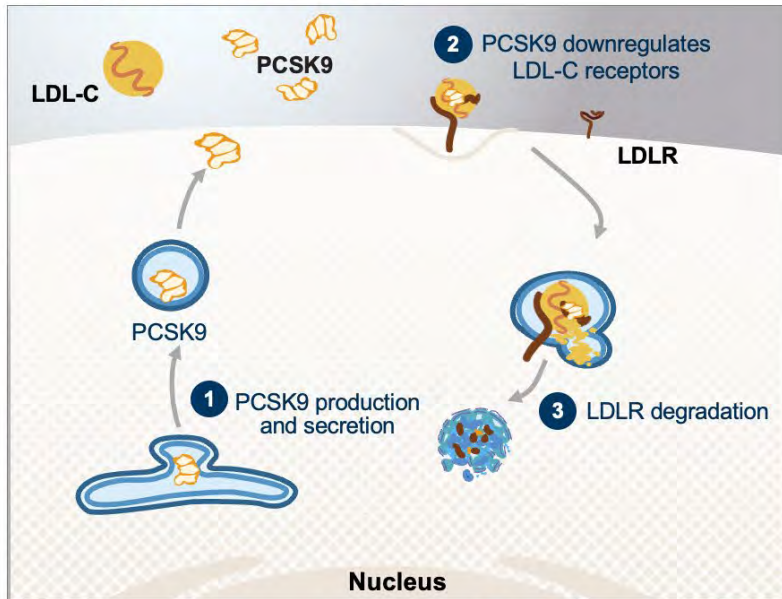


Target: protein manufacturing mechanisms⁴

Site of action: cytoplasm⁴

Mechanism: mRNA introduced into the cell is translated into a protein, which functions as either an enzyme or an antigen¹

How does PCSK9 work?

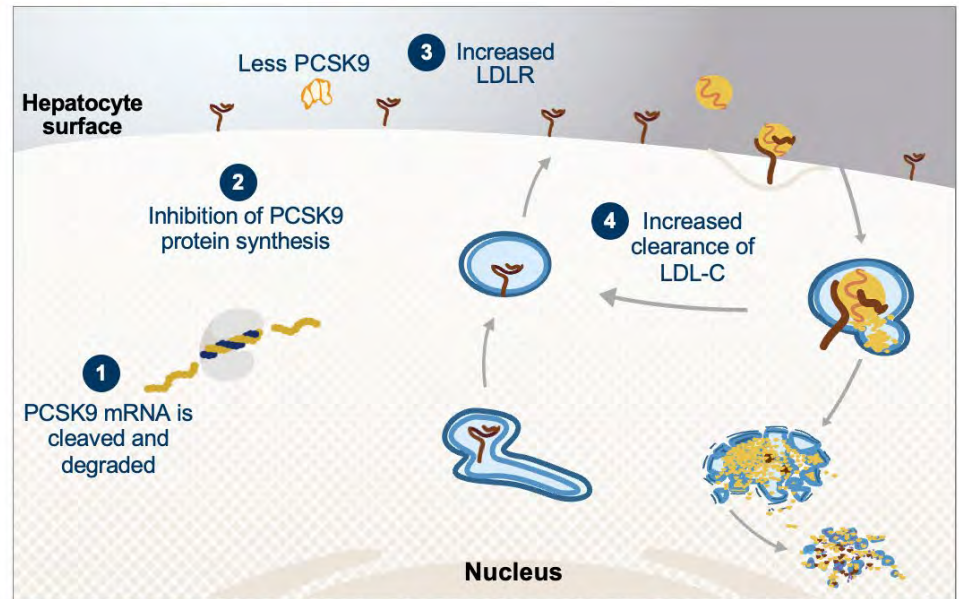


PCSK9 is produced and secreted from hepatocytes

PCSK9 binds LDLR enhancing their degradation

Reduced LDLR leads to increased serum LDL-C levels

How does inclisiran work?



Inclisiran prevents the production of PCSK9 protein

Less PCSK9 allows for increased LDLR and greater uptake of circulating LDL-C

Increased LDL-C clearance leads to reduced serum LDL-C levels

ORION-10: Reduction of LDL-C in Patients With ASCVD on Maximally Tolerated Statin Therapy*

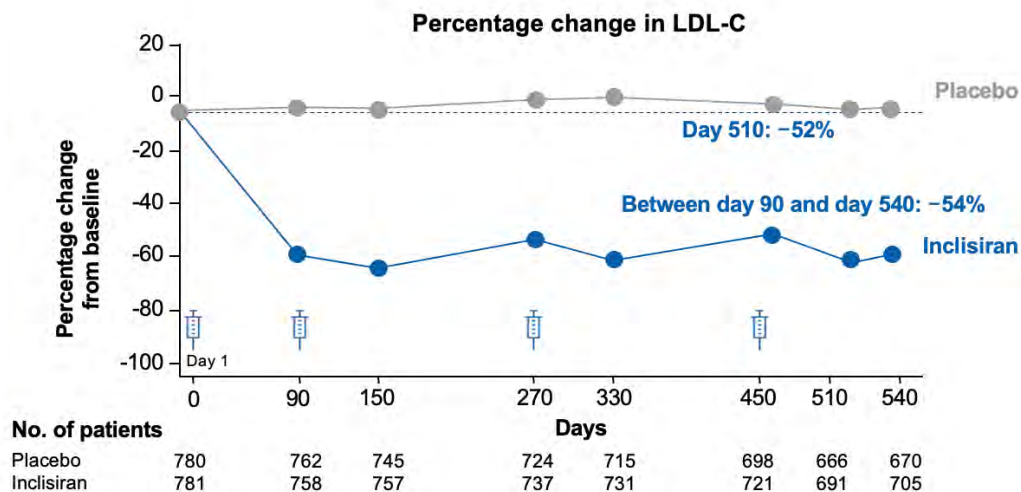
Similar efficacy achieved in ORION-11

52%
effective
LDL-C reduction

difference from placebo
at day 510[†]
(95% CI, -55.7% to -48.8%;
 $P < .001$)

54%
sustained
LDL-C reduction

between-group difference after
day 90 and up to day 540^{†,‡}
(95% CI, -56.2% to -51.3%;
 $P < .001$)



Adapted with permission from Ray KK et al.¹

Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia

AHA-recommended diagnostic criteria for HoFH

Clinical

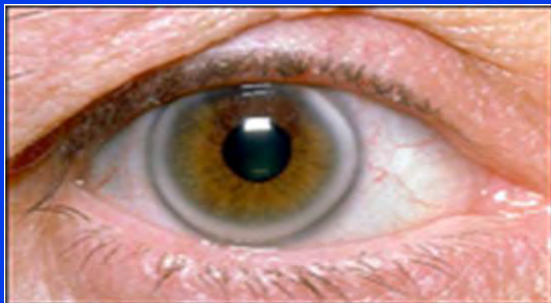
- LDL-C ≥ 400 mg/dL and 1 or both parents have clinically diagnosed FH, positive genetic testing for an LDL-C raising (LDLR, ApoB, or PCSK9) gene defect, or autosomal-recessive FH^{1*}
- LDL-C >560 mg/dL or LDL-C >400 mg/dL with aortic valve disease or xanthomas at <20 years of age^{1*}
- **Individuals diagnosed by clinical criteria, regardless of genetic diagnosis, should be eligible for HoFH LLTs¹**

*These LDL-C levels are only indicative, and lower levels, especially in children or in treated patients, do not exclude HoFH.²

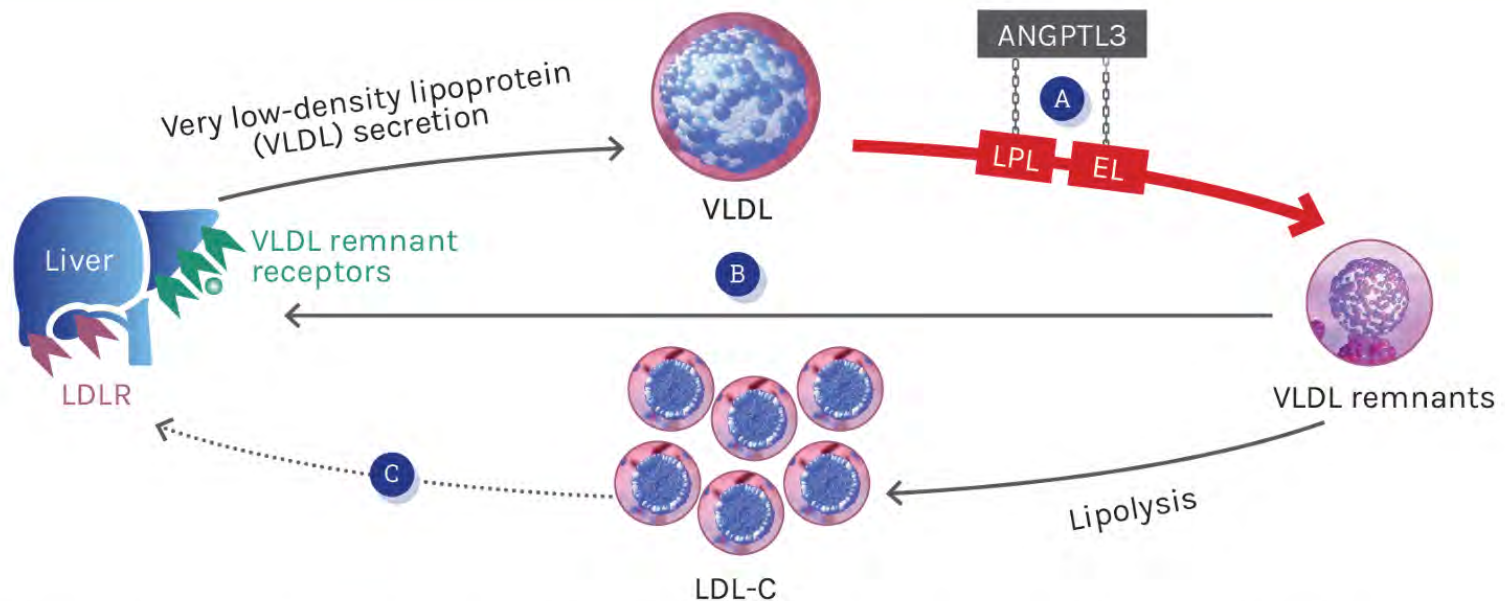
Genetic

- Presence of 2 identical (homozygote) or 2 nonidentical (compound or double heterozygous FH) abnormal LDL-C-raising gene defects (eg, most commonly LDLR, ApoB, PCSK9, or LDLRAP1)^{1,2}
- There are additional mutations not yet characterized, and genetics alone may be inconclusive^{1,2}

AHA=American Heart Association; ApoB=apolipoprotein B; FH=familial hypercholesterolemia; HoFH=homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C=low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDLR=low-density lipoprotein receptor; LDLRAP1=low-density lipoprotein receptor adapter protein 1; LLT=lipid-lowering therapy; PCSK9=proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9.
References: 1. Gidding SS, et al. *Circulation*. 2015;132:2167-2192. 2. Cuchel M, et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2014;35(32):2146-2157.



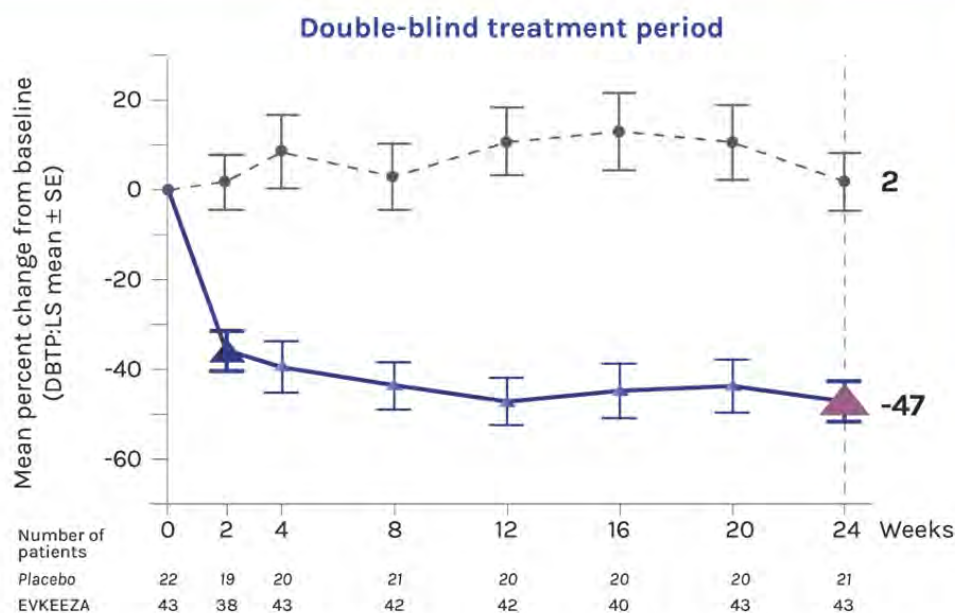
Patients with HoFH have increased LDL-C due to diminished or absent LDL-receptor (LDLR) function^{1,2}



ANGPTL3=angiopoietin-like 3; EL=endothelial lipase; HoFH=homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C=low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDLR=LDL-receptor; LPL=lipoprotein lipase.

References: 1. EVKEEZA Prescribing Information. Tarrytown, NY: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals; 2021. 2. Adam RC, et al. *J Lipid Res.* 2020;61(9):1271-1286.

Calculated LDL-C LS mean percent change from baseline over time through week 24¹



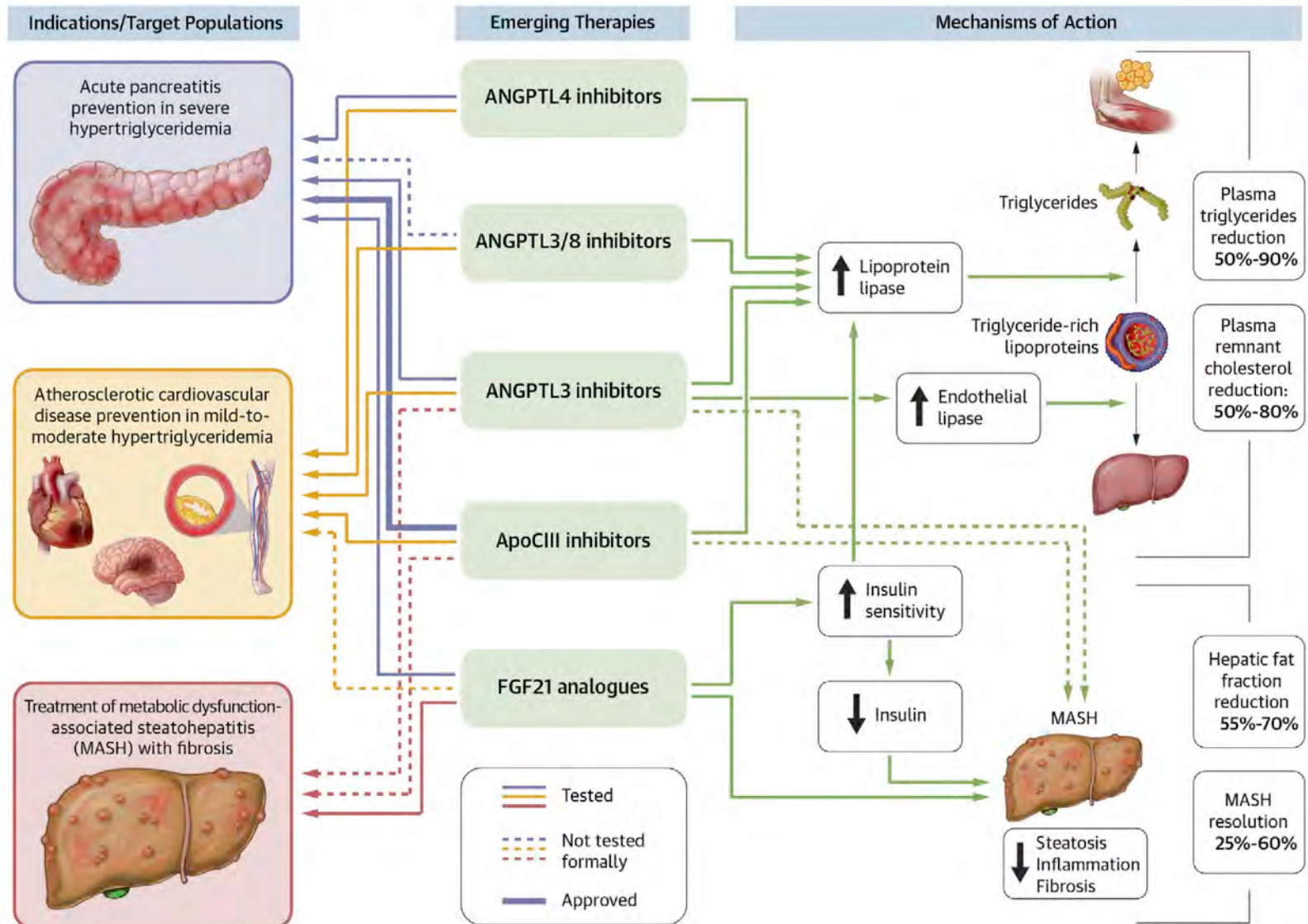
Approximately
50%
LDL-C
reduction

At week 24, the LS mean treatment difference in LDL-C from baseline between EVKEEZA and placebo was -49% (95% CI: -65% to -33%; $P < 0.0001$)¹

CI=confidence interval;
DBTP=double-blind treatment period;
LDL-C=low-density lipoprotein cholesterol;
LLT=lipid-lowering therapy; LS=least squares;
SE=standard error.

References: 1. EVKEEZA Prescribing information. Tarrytown, NY: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals; 2021.
2. Raal FJ, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;383(8):711-720.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Target Populations, Mechanisms of Action, and Approved or Potential Indications of ApoCIII Inhibitors, ANGPTL3, ANGPTL3/8, and ANGPTL4 Inhibitors, and FGF-21 Analogues



The Guidelines

Lots of 'em...



Guideline Recommendations Endorse Even Lower LDL-C Goals

2018 AHA/ACC guidelines¹

Clinical ASCVD

LDL-C reduction
≥50%

Very high-risk ASCVD*

LDL-C reduction to
<70 mg/dL
(1.8 mmol/L)

2019 ESC/EAS guidelines²

LDL-C reduction

≥50%

AND

High CV risk

LDL-C reduction to

<70 mg/dL
(1.8 mmol/L)

Very high CV risk

LDL-C reduction to

<55 mg/dL
(1.4 mmol/L)

2019 ADA guidelines³

Diabetes and ASCVD

LDL-C reduction to
<70 mg/dL
(1.8 mmol/L)

2017 AACE/ACE guidelines⁴

Very high CV risk†

LDL-C reduction to
<70 mg/dL
(1.8 mmol/L)

Extreme CV risk‡

LDL-C reduction to
<55 mg/dL
(1.4 mmol/L)



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

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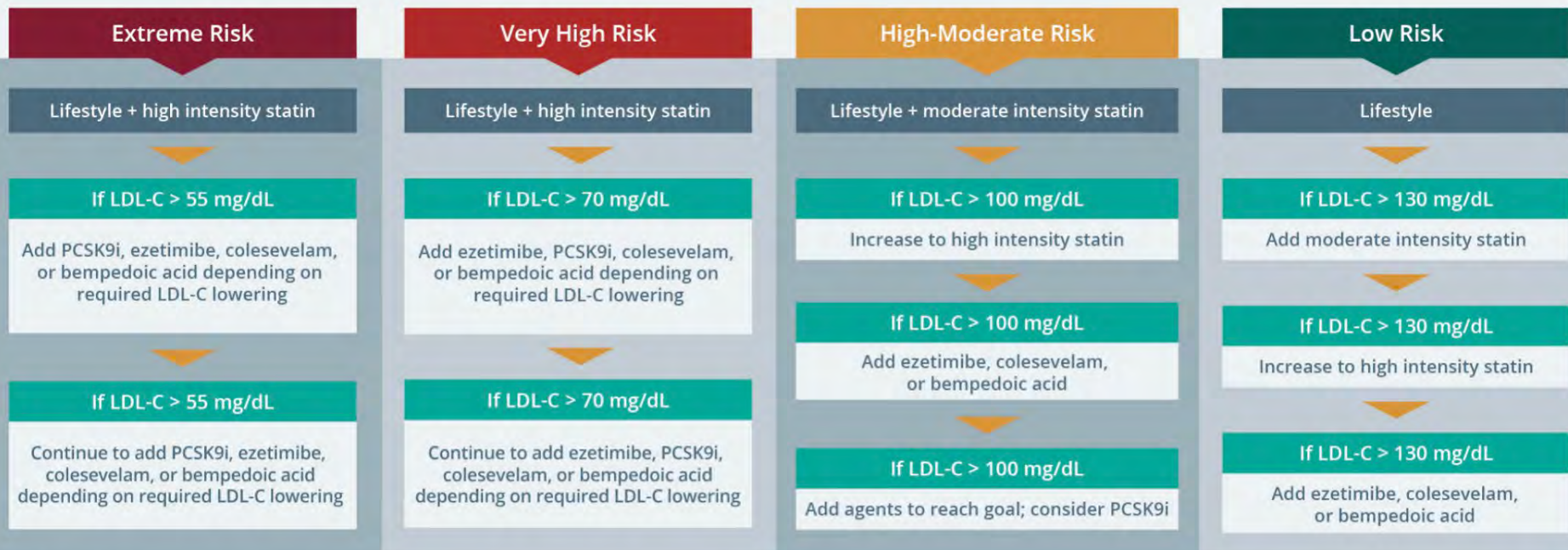
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2019 ESC/EAS guidelines for the management of dyslipidemias²

- In both primary and secondary prevention for patients at very high risk^b
 - LDL-C reduction of $\geq 50\%$
 - LDL-C goal of < 55 mg/dL
- For patients with ASCVD who experience a second CV event within 2 years while taking maximally tolerated statin therapy
 - Consider LDL-C goal of < 40 mg/dL
- Lower achieved LDL-C levels are associated with lower risk of future cardiovascular events, with no lower limit for LDL-C values²

AACE 2020 - Treat LDL to Goal



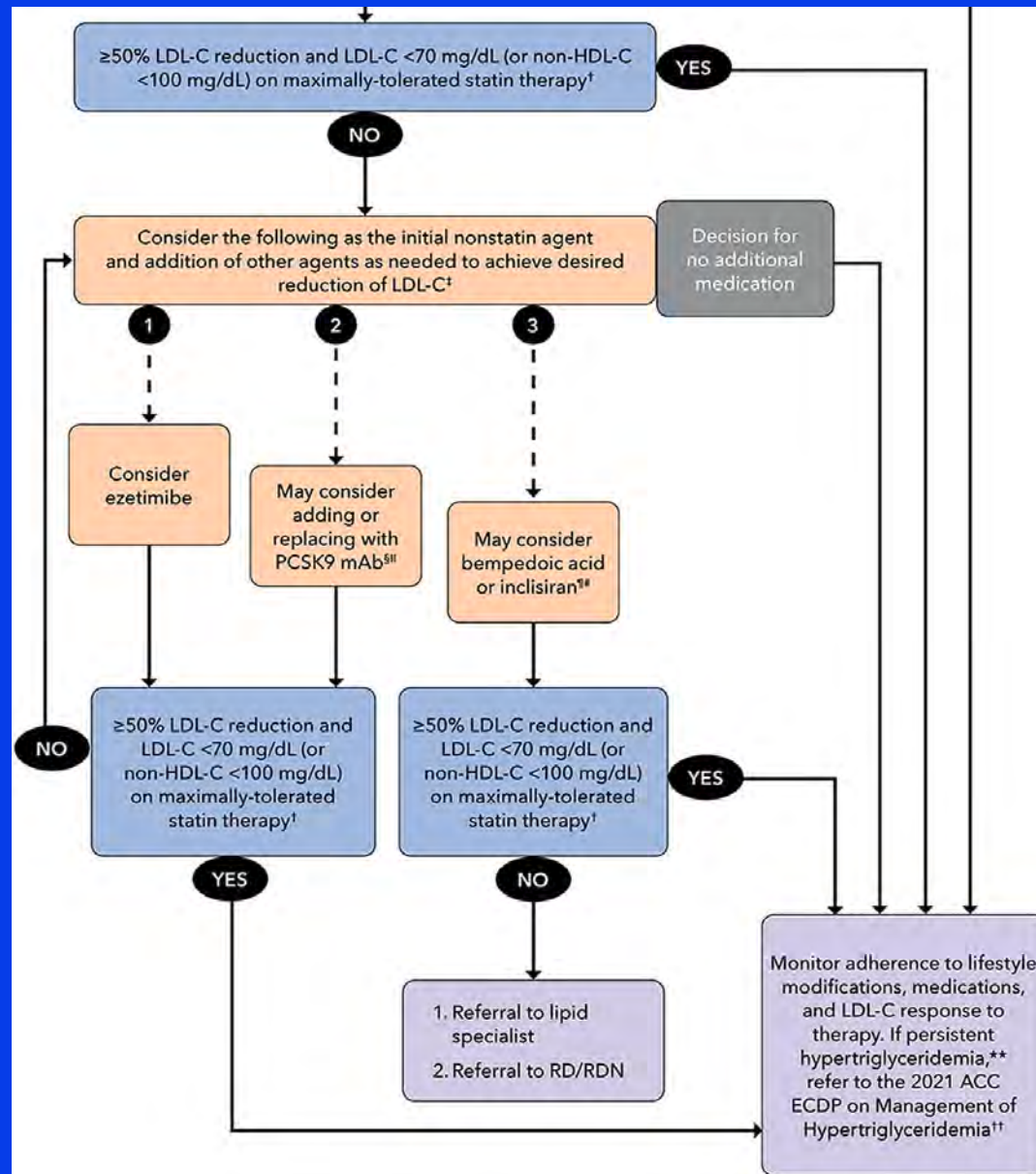
CHECK LIPIDS EVERY 3 MONTHS OR MORE FREQUENTLY WHEN NECESSARY								
HIGH-INTENSITY STATIN THERAPY		MODERATE-INTENSITY STATIN THERAPY			EZETIMIBE	PCSK9 INHIBITORS	COLESEVELAM	BEMPEDOIC ACID
Atorvastatin 40–80 mg	Rosuvastatin 5–10 mg	Atorvastatin 10–20 mg	Simvastatin 20–40 mg	Pitavastatin 2–4 mg	Ezetimibe 10 mg	Evolocumab 140 mg Q2W, 420 mg Q4W	Colesevelam 3.75 mg	Bempedoic Acid 180 mg
Rosuvastatin 20–40 mg	Fluvastatin XL 80 mg	Fluvastatin 40 mg BID	Pravastatin 40–80 mg	Lovastatin 40 mg		Alirocumab 75–150 mg Q2W		

When LDL-C goal is achieved, please refer to TG and Lp(a) slides.

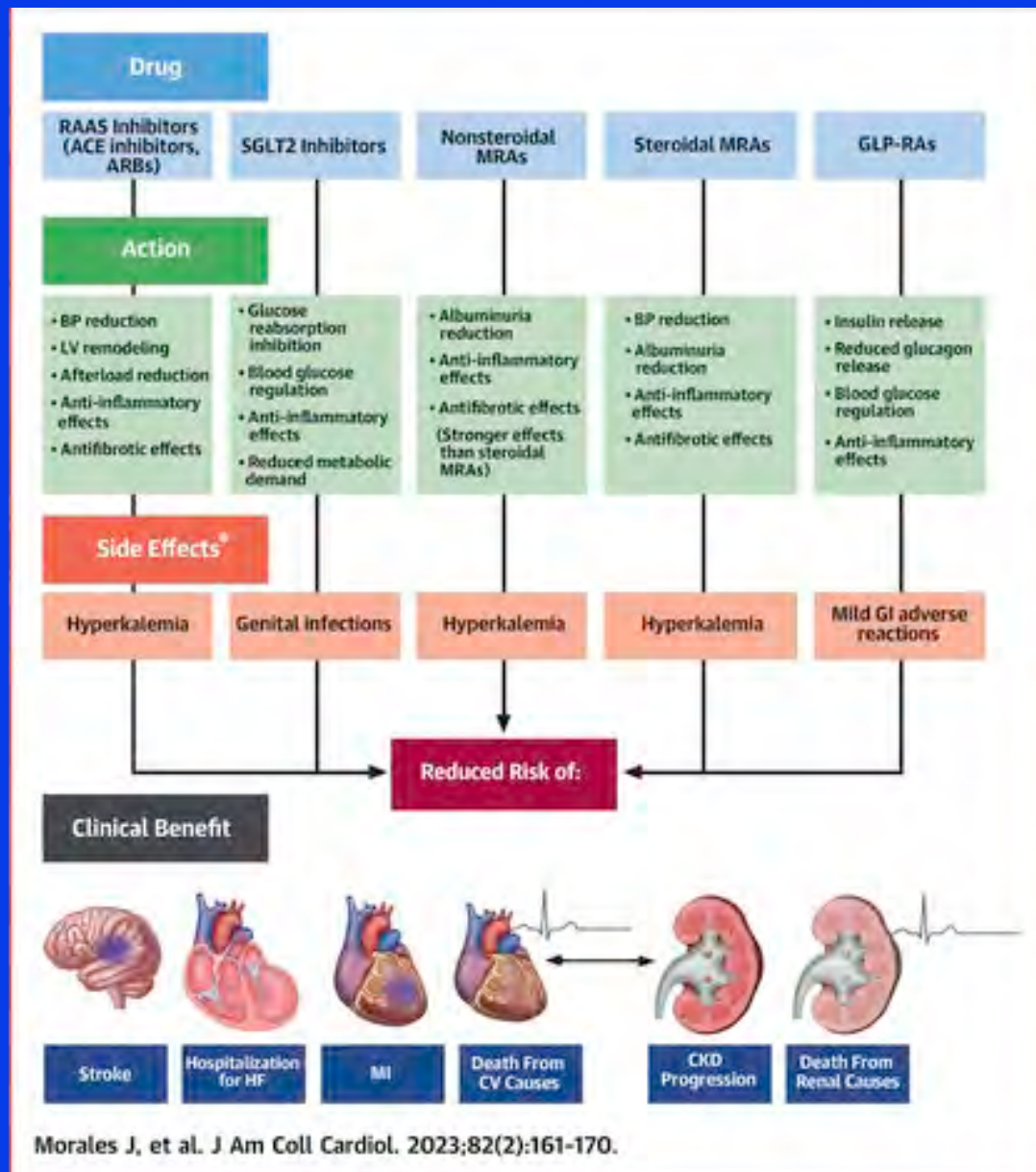
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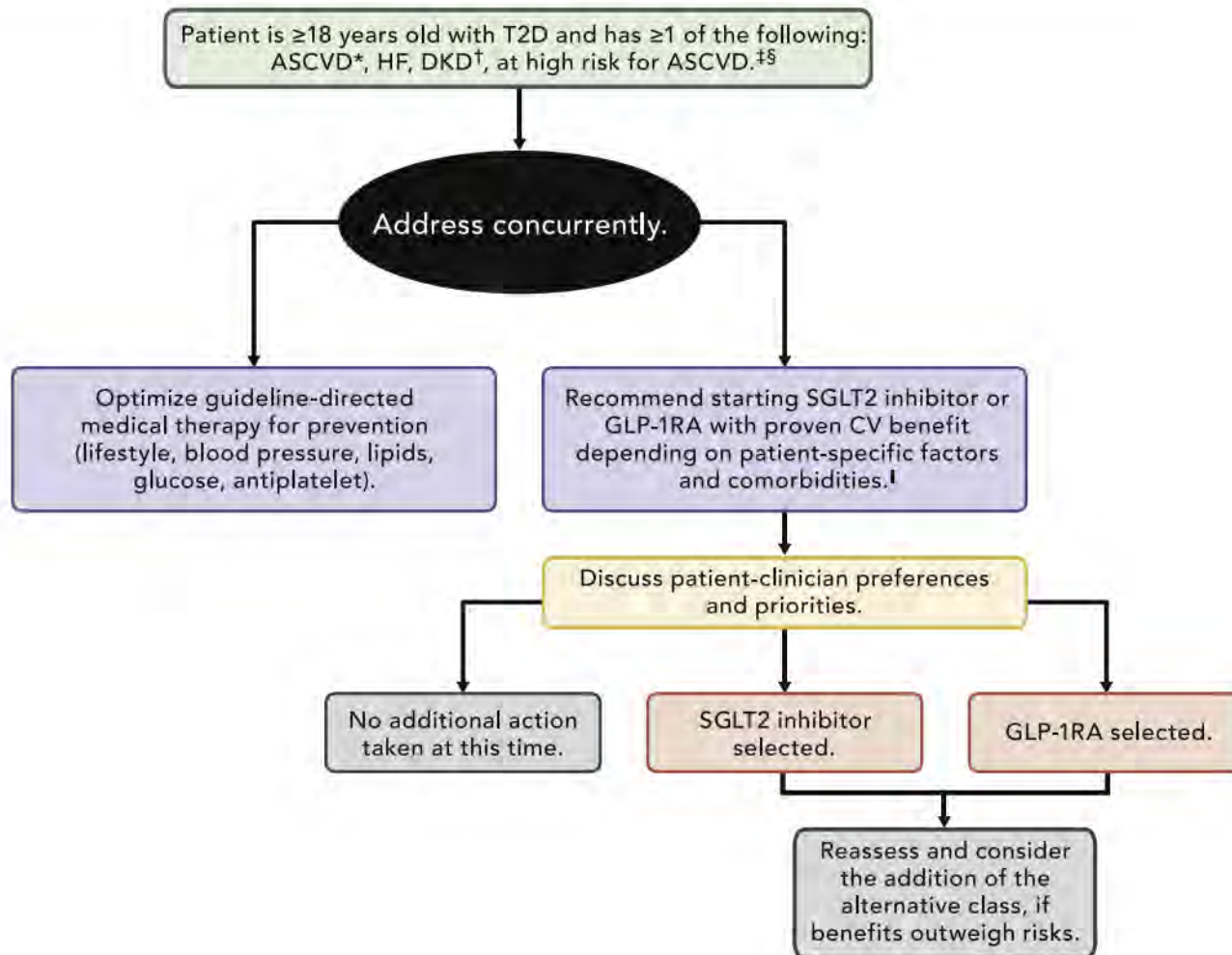
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2022 ACC/AHA ECDP Guidelines



Reduction of CV Risk in DM/CKD





*ASCVD is defined as a history of an acute coronary syndrome or MI, stable or unstable angina, coronary heart disease with or without revascularization, other arterial revascularization, stroke, or peripheral artery disease assumed to be atherosclerotic in origin.

†DKD is a clinical diagnosis marked by reduced eGFR, the presence of albuminuria, or both.

‡ Consider an SGLT2 inhibitor when your patient has established ASCVD, HF, DKD or is at high risk for ASCVD. Consider a GLP-1RA when your patient has established ASCVD or is at high risk for ASCVD.

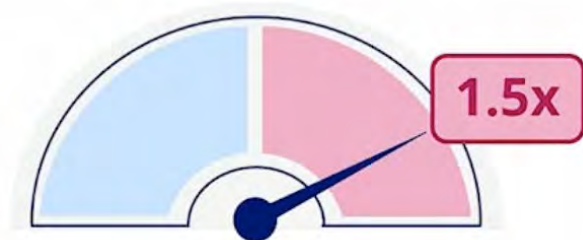
§ Patients at high risk for ASCVD include those with end organ damage such as left ventricular hypertrophy or retinopathy or with multiple CV risk factors (e.g., age, hypertension, smoking, dyslipidemia, obesity).

¶ Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.

ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CV = cardiovascular; DKD = diabetic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA = glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HF = heart failure; MI = myocardial infarction; SGLT2 = sodium-glucose cotransporter-2; T2D = type 2 diabetes

Albuminuria Is a CVD Risk Factor^{1,2,a}

Increased albuminuria in patients with T2D is associated with^{3,4}:



ACR values ≥ 30 mg/g were associated with a **50% increased risk for a CV event in patients with T2D²**

Prognosis of CKD Is Staged by Values of Both eGFR and ACR

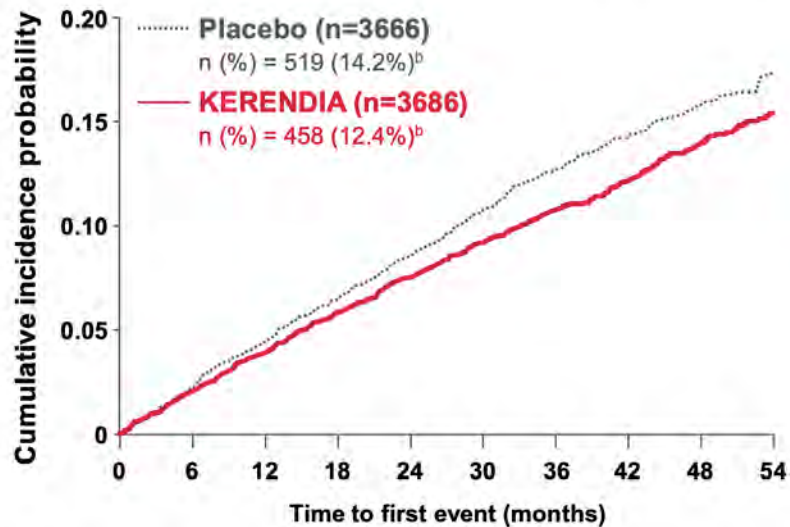
Prognosis of CKD by eGFR and albuminuria categories

				ACR categories (mg/g)			
				A1	A2	A3	
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased	
				<30	30–300	>300	
eGFR categories (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	G1	Normal or high	≥90	Low risk	Moderate risk	High risk	Low risk Moderate risk High risk Very high risk
	G2	Mildly decreased	60–89	Low risk	Moderate risk	High risk	
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59	Moderate risk	High risk	Very high risk	
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30–44	High risk	Very high risk	Very high risk	
	G4	Severely decreased	15–29	Very high risk	Very high risk	Very high risk	
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	Very high risk	Very high risk	Very high risk	

Finerone Reduced CV endpoints in DM+CKD

On top of ACEi/ARB

The treatment effect was mainly driven by an effect on HHF, though CV death also contributed to the treatment effect¹



13% RRR¹
HR=0.87
(95% CI, 0.76-0.98)
P=0.026

At 3.5 years

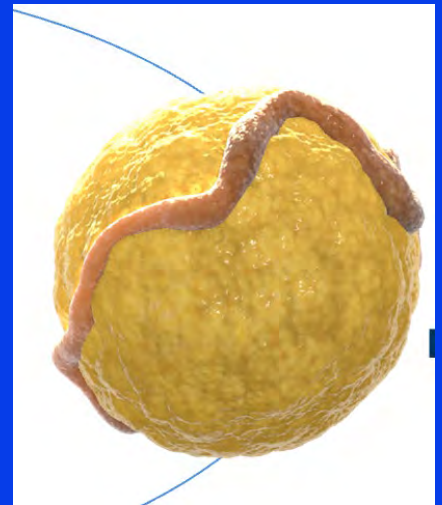
NNT: 47

(95% CI, 26-226)
to prevent a primary composite
outcome event²

ARR: 2.1%

(95% CI, 0.4-3.8)²

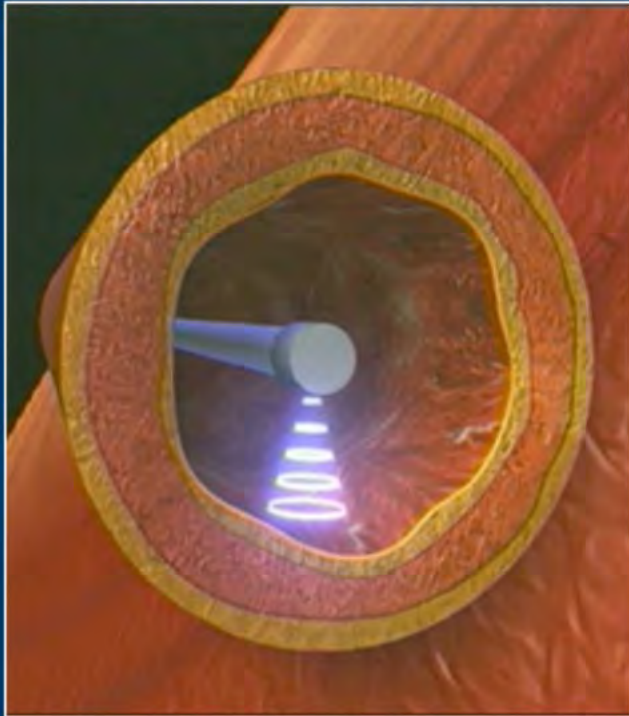
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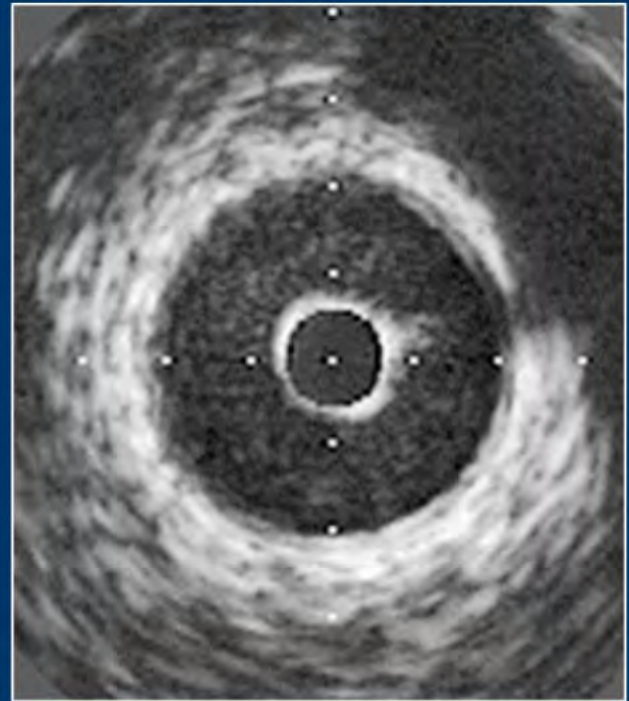
Why Intensive Lipid Modification?

–Some Good News

Rotating transducer



Normal coronary anatomy



Asteroid Trial, 2006

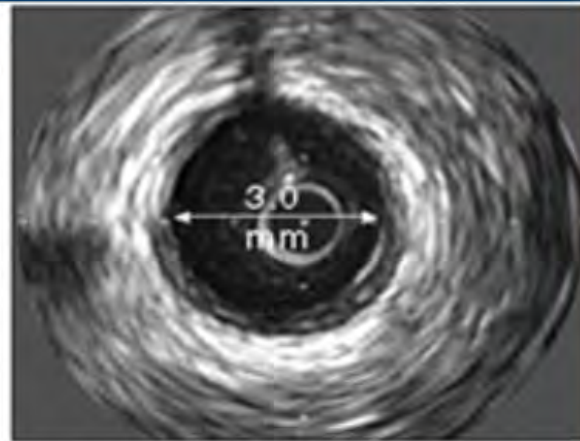
Angiogram

No evidence of disease

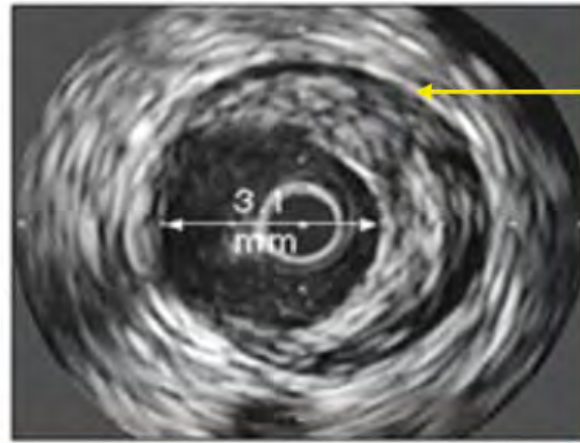


IVUS

Little evidence of disease



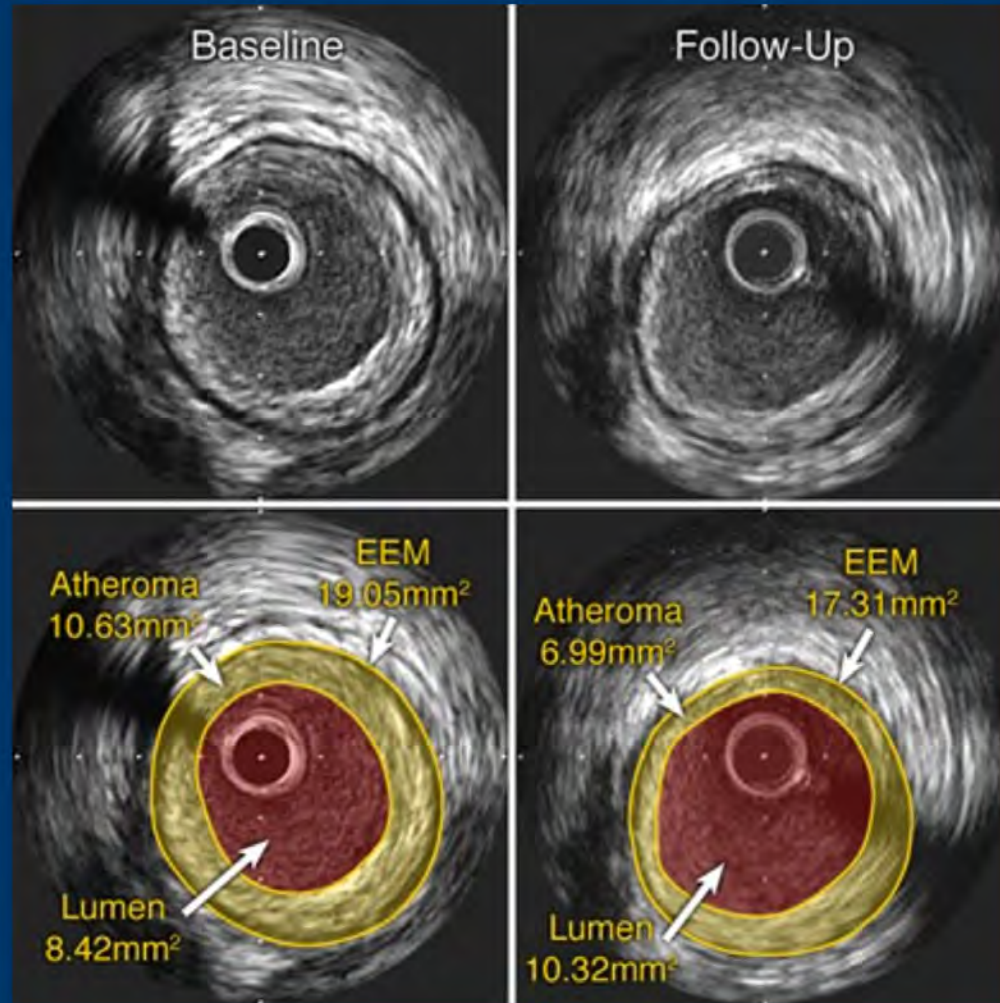
Atheroma



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Asteroid Trial, 2006

Example of Regression of Atherosclerosis with Rosuvastatin in ASTEROID (measured by IVUS)



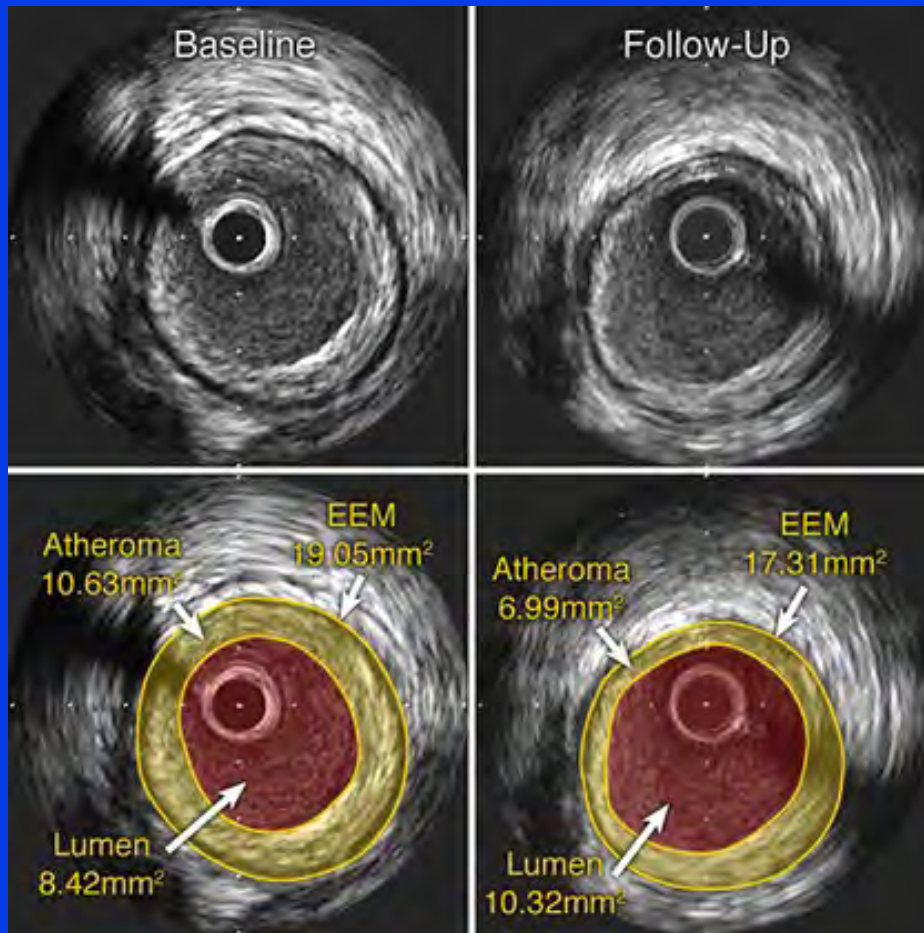
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Asteroid Trial, 2006

Why Intensive Lipid Modification?



Regression of Atherosclerosis in patients on Rosuvastatin the the Asteroid trial

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