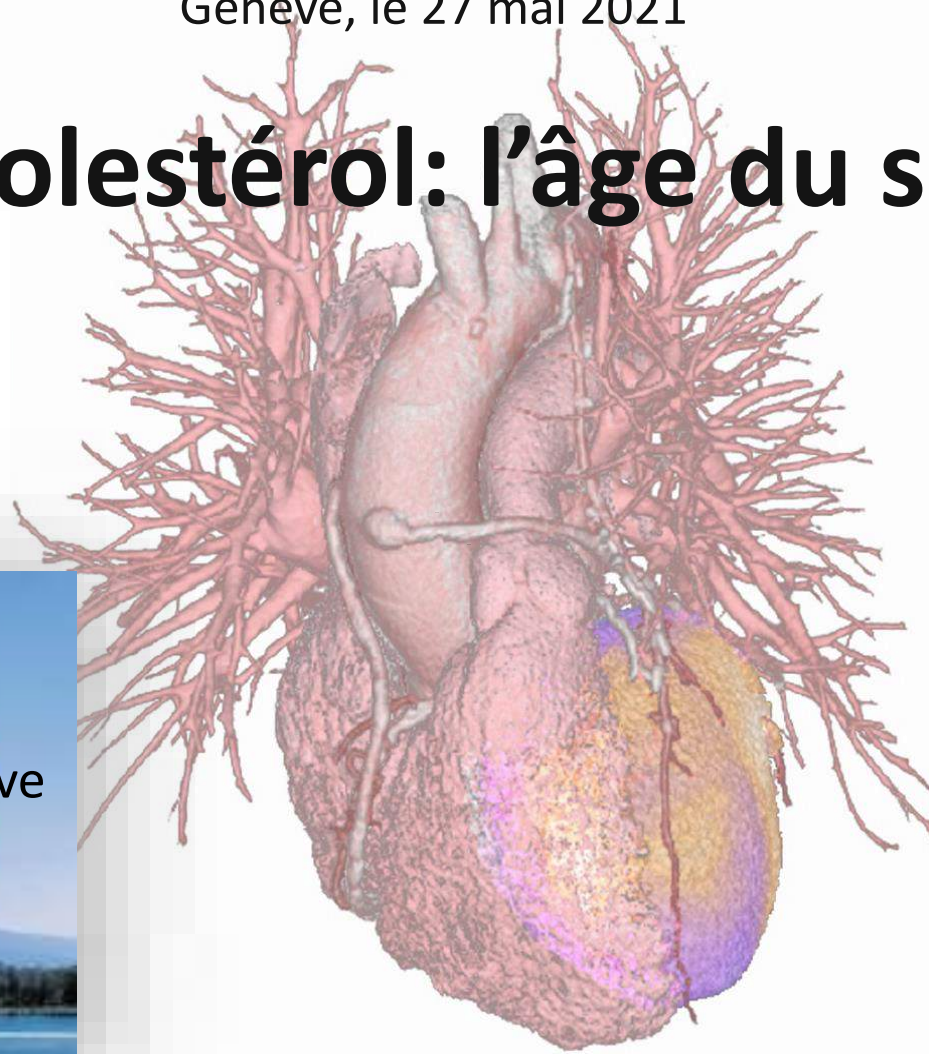




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# LDL-cholestérol: l'âge du silence



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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.

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# 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**.

**17.8**  
MILLION

deaths  
every  
year  
from  
CVD



**31%**

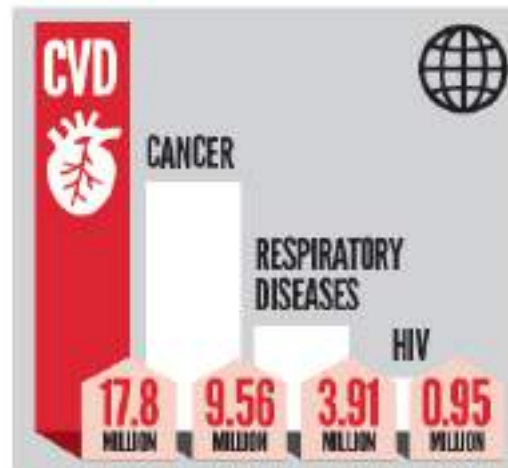
of all  
global deaths



**>75%**

of CVD deaths take place in low-  
and middle-income countries

### GLOBAL CAUSES OF DEATH



### RISK FACTORS FOR CVD



High Blood  
Pressure



Unhealthy  
Diet



High  
Cholesterol



Diabetes



Overweight  
& Obesity



Tobacco



Air  
Pollution



Kidney  
Disease



Physical  
Inactivity



Harmful use  
of alcohol

# Athérosclérose

## Coronary Artery Disease

Leading cause of mortality

Happened globally

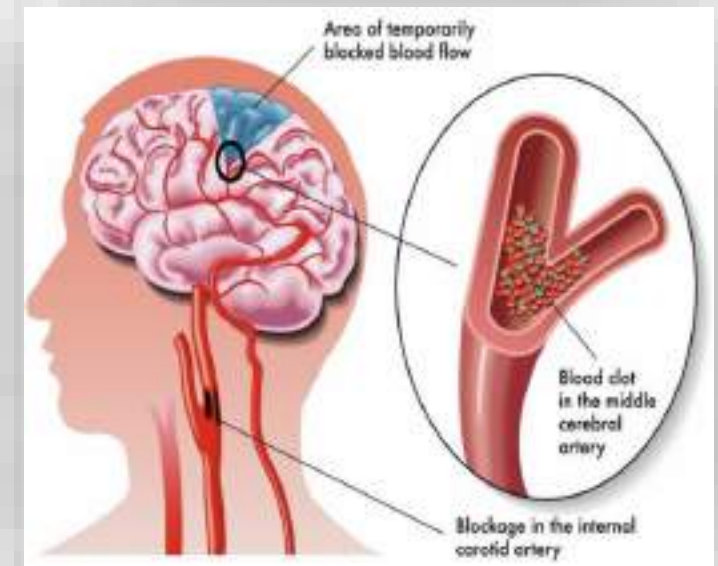
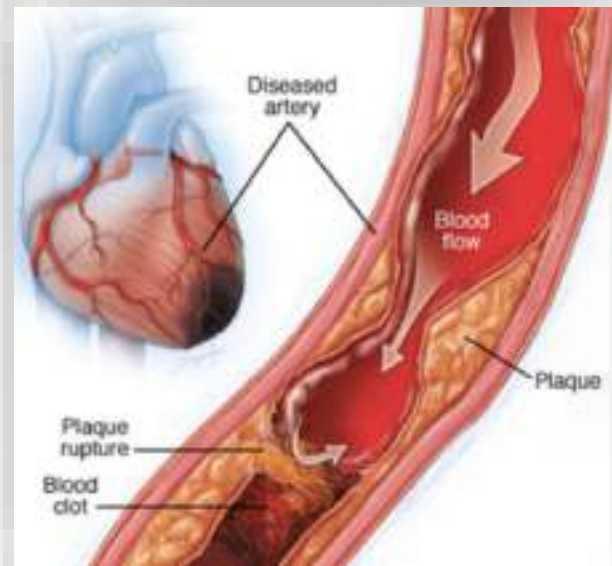
Increase new cases

Leading cause of loss of productivity

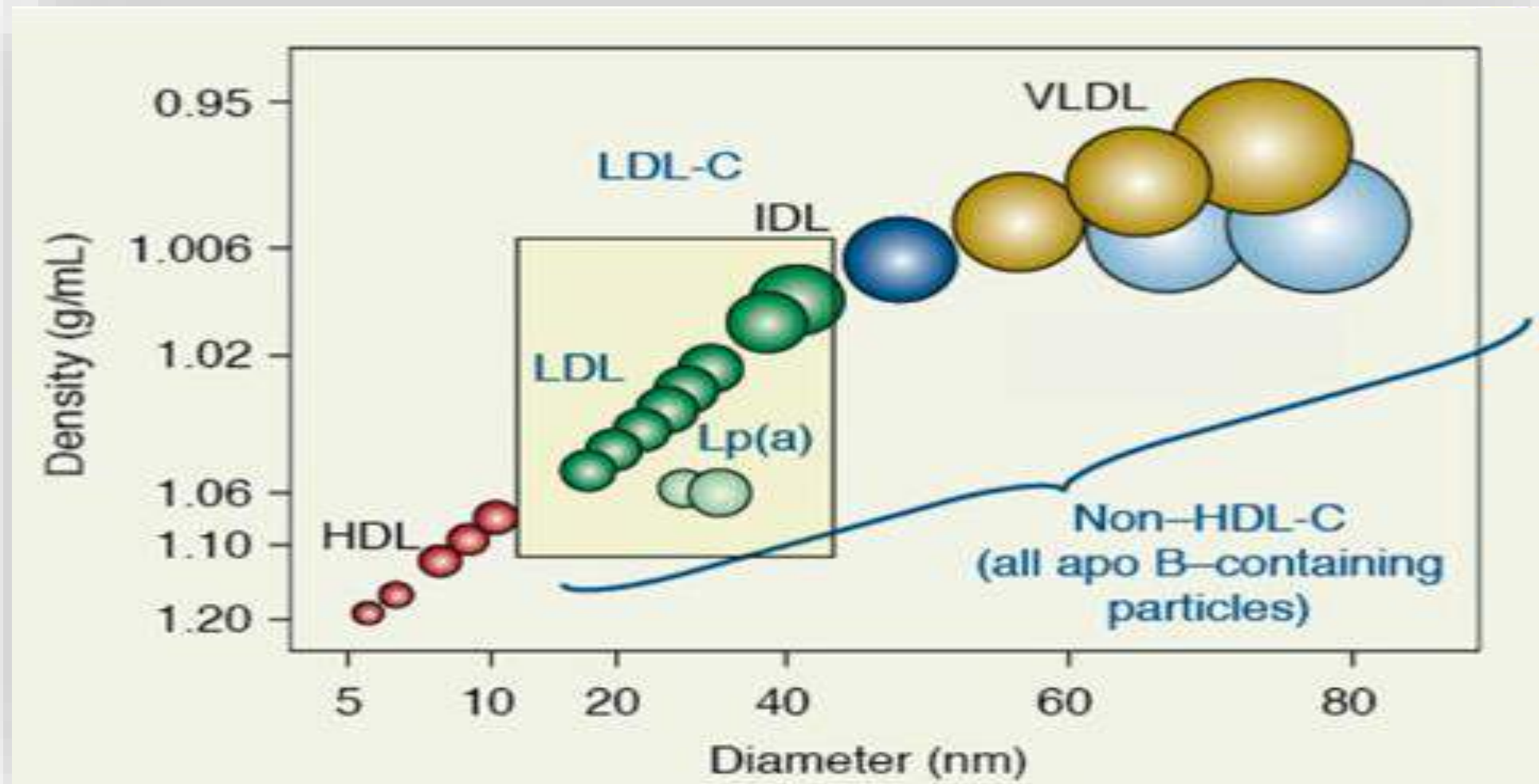
## TRUE PANDEMIC

WHO (2009):

"CHD is now the leading cause of death worldwide; it is on the rise and has become a true pandemic that **respects no borders**"



# Caracteristiques des lipoprotéines



# Lowering cholesterol lowers CV events: first evidence

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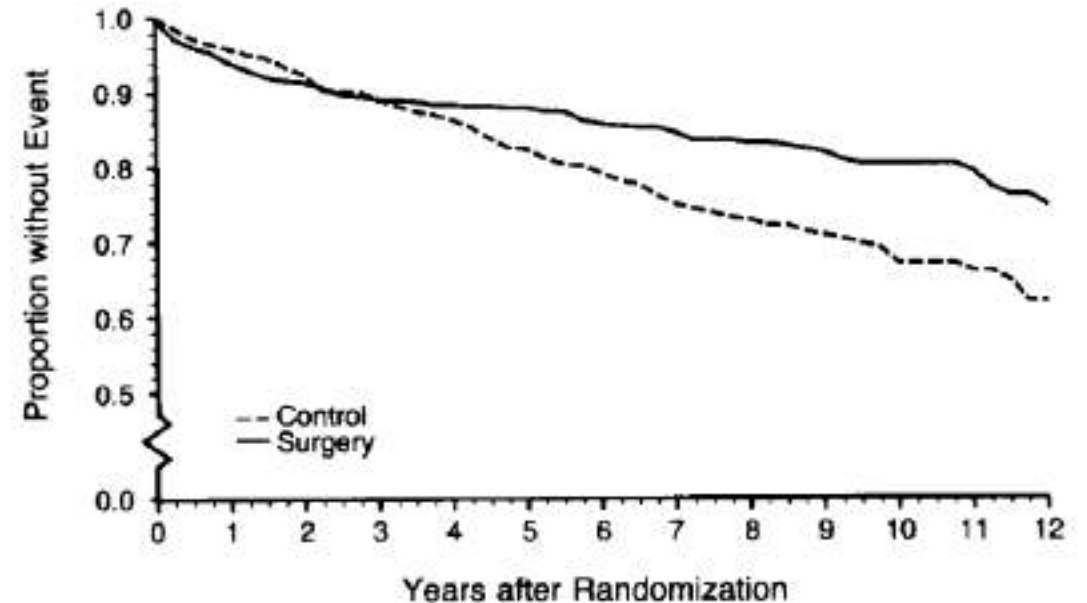
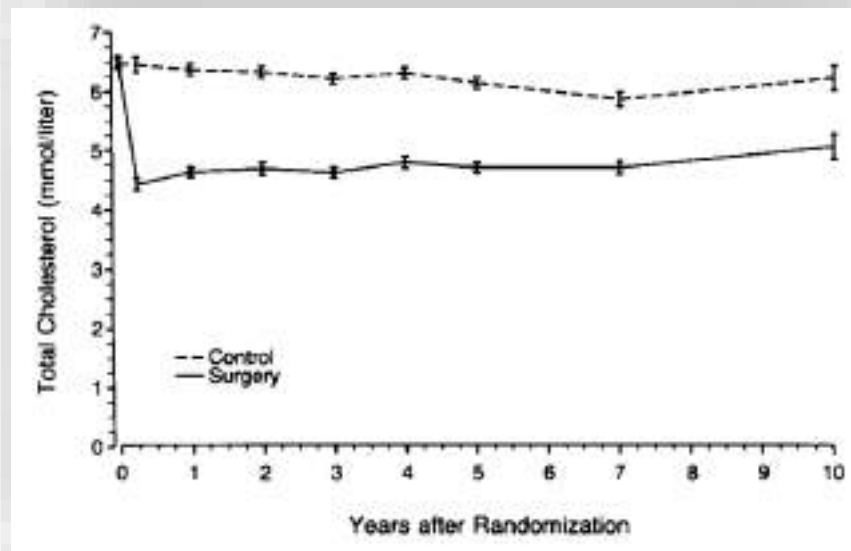
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## EFFECT OF PARTIAL ILEAL BYPASS SURGERY ON MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY FROM CORONARY HEART DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA

### Report of the Program on the Surgical Control of the Hyperlipidemias (POSCH)

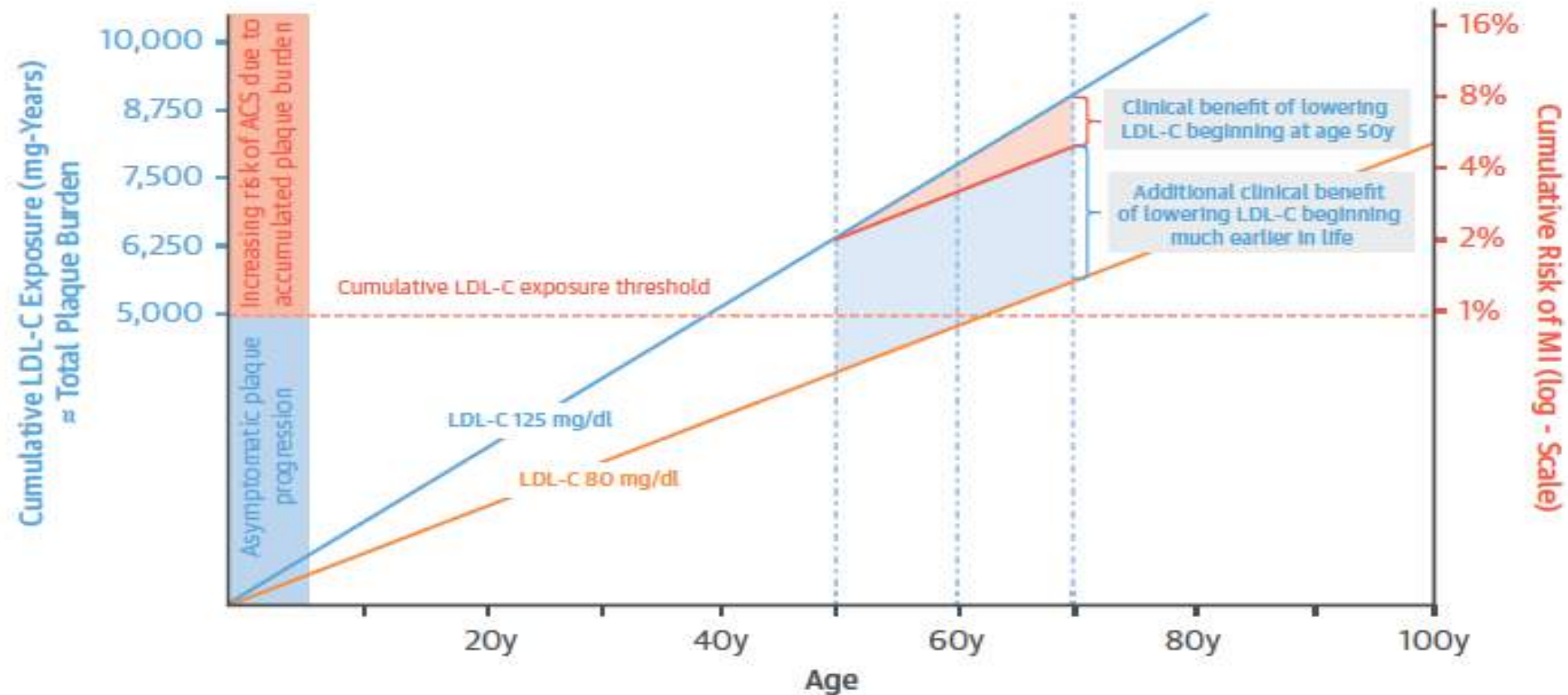
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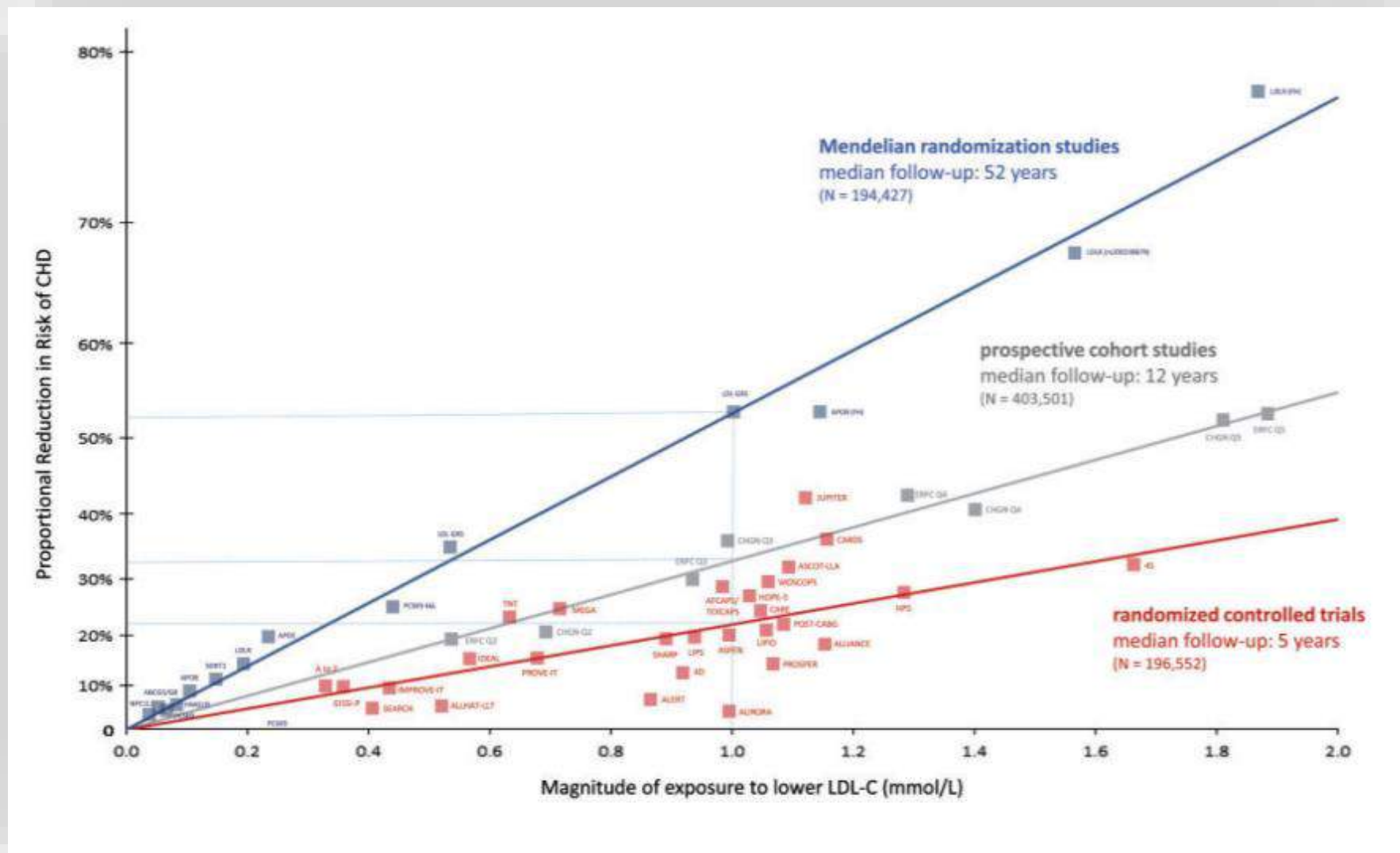
Control	417	384	352	320	213	92	36
Surgery	421	383	368	357	247	116	49

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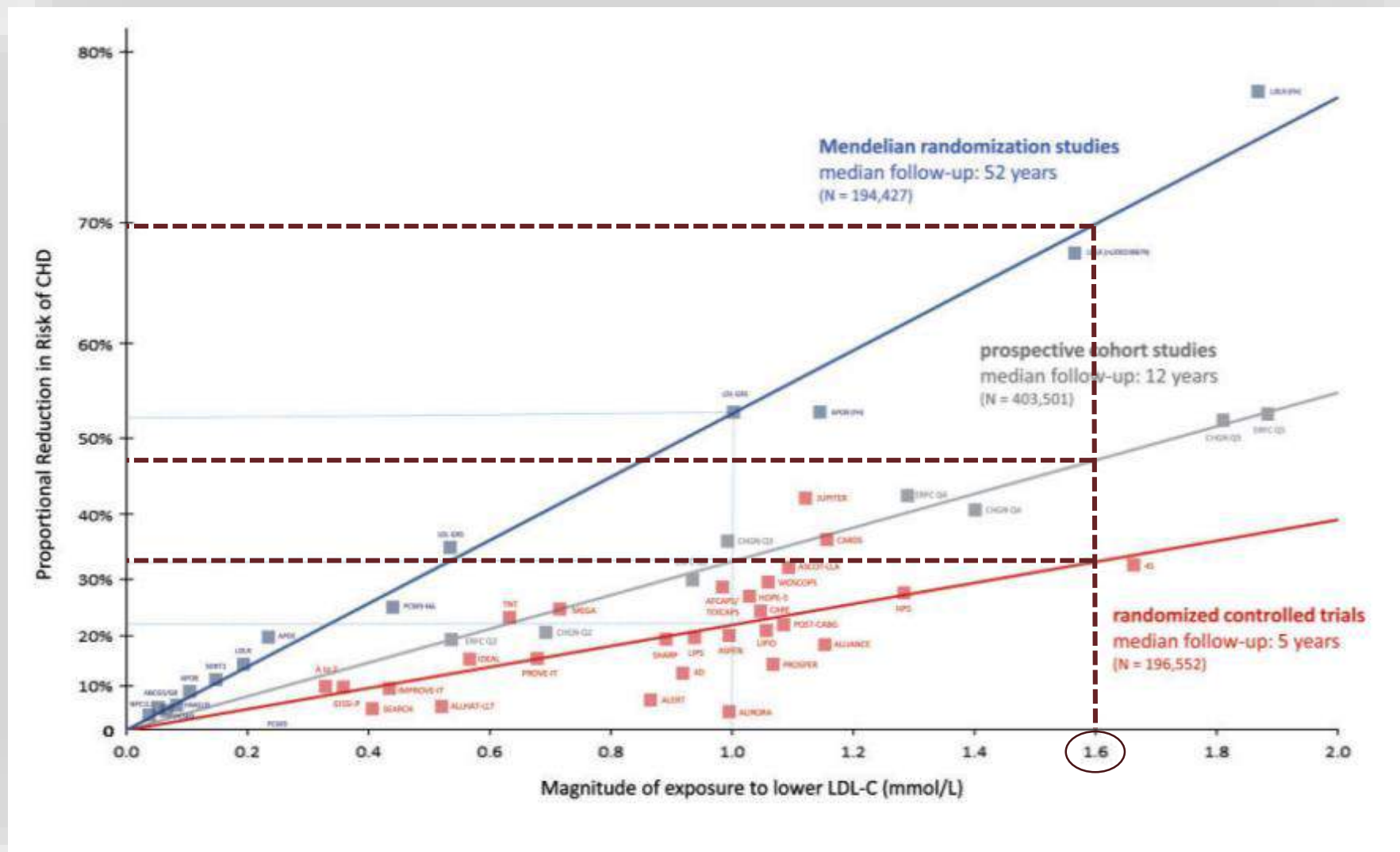
# Time-Exposure to LDL-C



## Time-Exposure to low LDL-C



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# Evidence for efficacy of LDL-lowering therapies down to below 1.4 mmol/L (55 mg/dL)

Source of evidence	Mean reduction in LDL cholesterol; mmol/L [mg/dL]	Outcome	RR (95% CI)
CTT meta-analysis <sup>1</sup> (high-intensity vs standard statin; subgroup <2.0 mmol/L)	1.71 [66] vs 1.32 [50]	MI, CHD death, stroke, coronary revasc.	0.71 (0.56-0.91) [per mmol/L]
IMPROVE-IT <sup>2</sup> (eze plus statin vs statin)	1.80 [70] vs 1.40 [54]	CV death, MI, stroke, UA, coronary revasc	0.94 (0.89-0.99)
FOURIER <sup>3</sup> (evolocumab plus high-dose statin ± eze vs high-dose statin ± eze)	2.37 [92] vs 0.78 [30]	CV death, MI, stroke, UA, coronary revasc	0.85 (0.79-0.92)
ODYSSEYOUTCOMES <sup>4</sup> (alirocumab plus high-dose statin ± eze vs high-dose statin ± eze)	2.37 [92] vs 1.37 [53]	MI, CHD death, stroke, UA	0.85 (0.78-0.93)

<sup>1</sup>*Lancet* 2010;376:1670; <sup>2</sup>*NEJM* 2015;372:2387; <sup>3</sup>*NEJM* 2017;376:1713; <sup>4</sup>*NEJM* 2018;379:2097

# PCSK9 mAb: Efficacy and safety

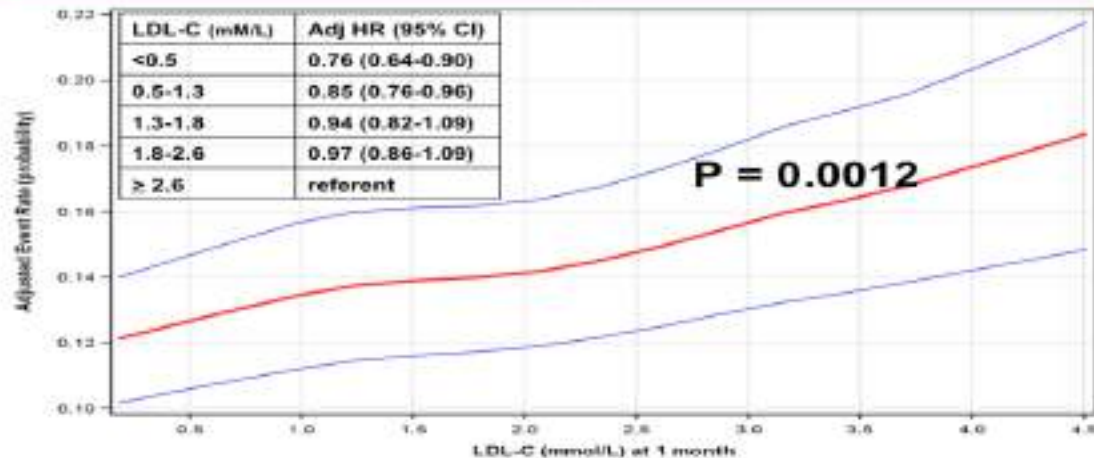
## Clinical efficacy and safety of achieving very low LDL-CLDL-cholesterol concentrations with the PCSK9 inhibitor evolocumab (FOURIER trial)



Robert P. Giugliano, Torleif R. Pedersen, Jeong-Gun Park, Gaetano M. De Ferrari, Zbigniew A. Gaciong, Richard Ceska, Kalman Toth, Ioanna Gouni-Berthold, Jose Lopez-Miranda, François Schiele, François Mach, Brian Ott, Estella Kanevsky, Armando Lina Pineda, Rami Samanin, Scott M. Wasserman, Anthony C. Keech, Peter S. Sever, Marc S. Sabatine, on behalf of the FOURIER Investigators



### Primary Efficacy Endpoint\*



\*CV death, MI, stroke, hospitalization for UA, coronary revasc



### 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

# ESC/EAS 2019 Lipid Guidelines

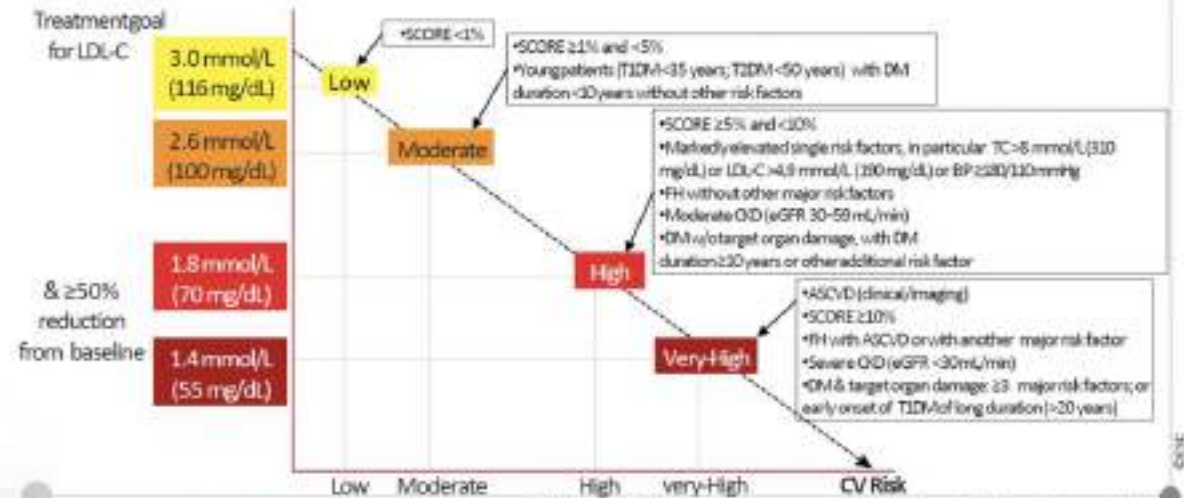
## 2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk

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

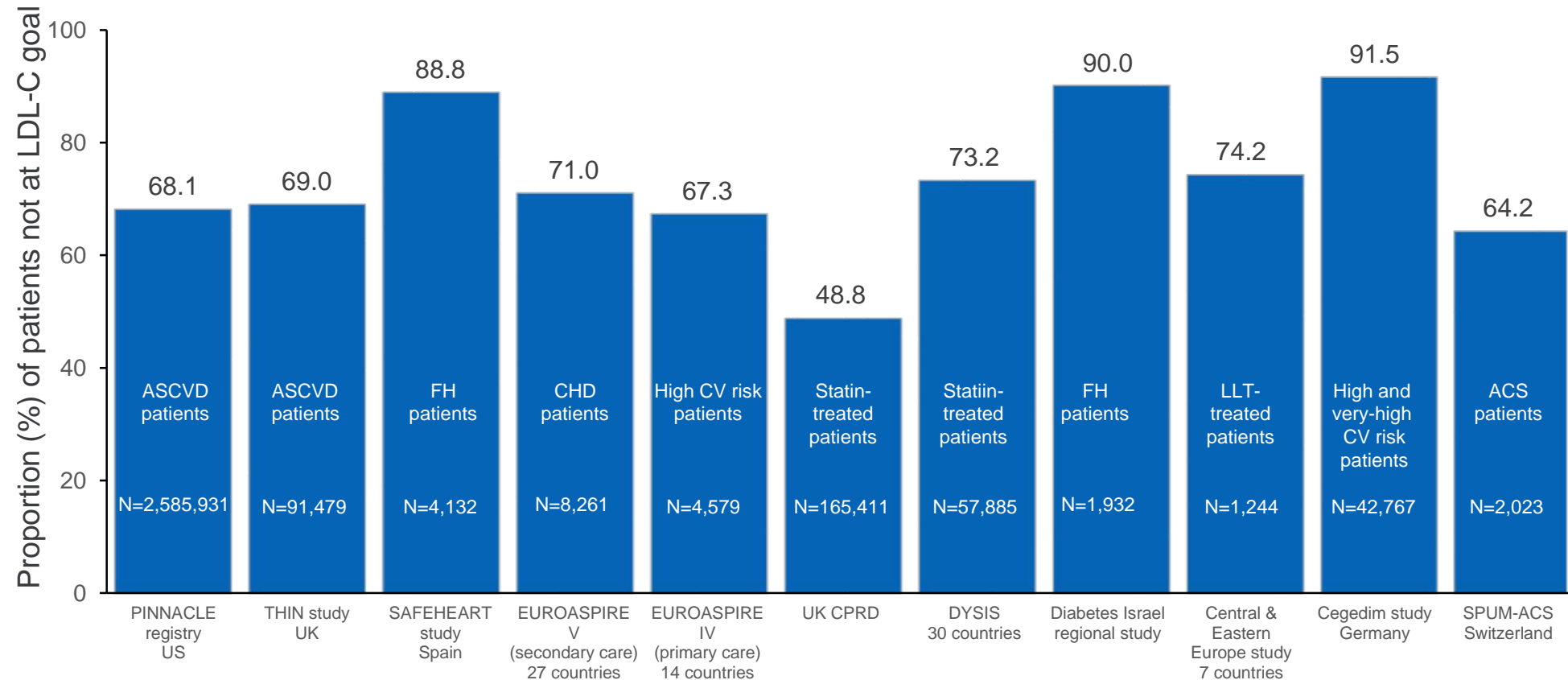
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## Treatment goals for LDL-C across categories of total cardiovascular disease risk



# Despite efficacious LDL-C lowering therapies: High and very high-risk patients are failing to achieve LDL-C goals



*Circulation.* [2019;140 \(S1\):A12904](#); *BMJ Open.* [2017;7:e013255](#); *JACC.* [2016;67:1278](#); *Atherosclerosis.* [2019;285:135](#); *Eur J Prev Cardiol.* [2016;23:2007](#); *Heart.* [2016;92:101](#); *Atherosclerosis.* [2016;255:200](#); *Eur J Prev Cardiol.* [2017;24:867](#); *Adv Ther.* [2019;36:608](#); *Atherosclerosis.* [2018;268:99](#); *J Am Heart Assoc.* [2017;6:e01537](#).

# 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)

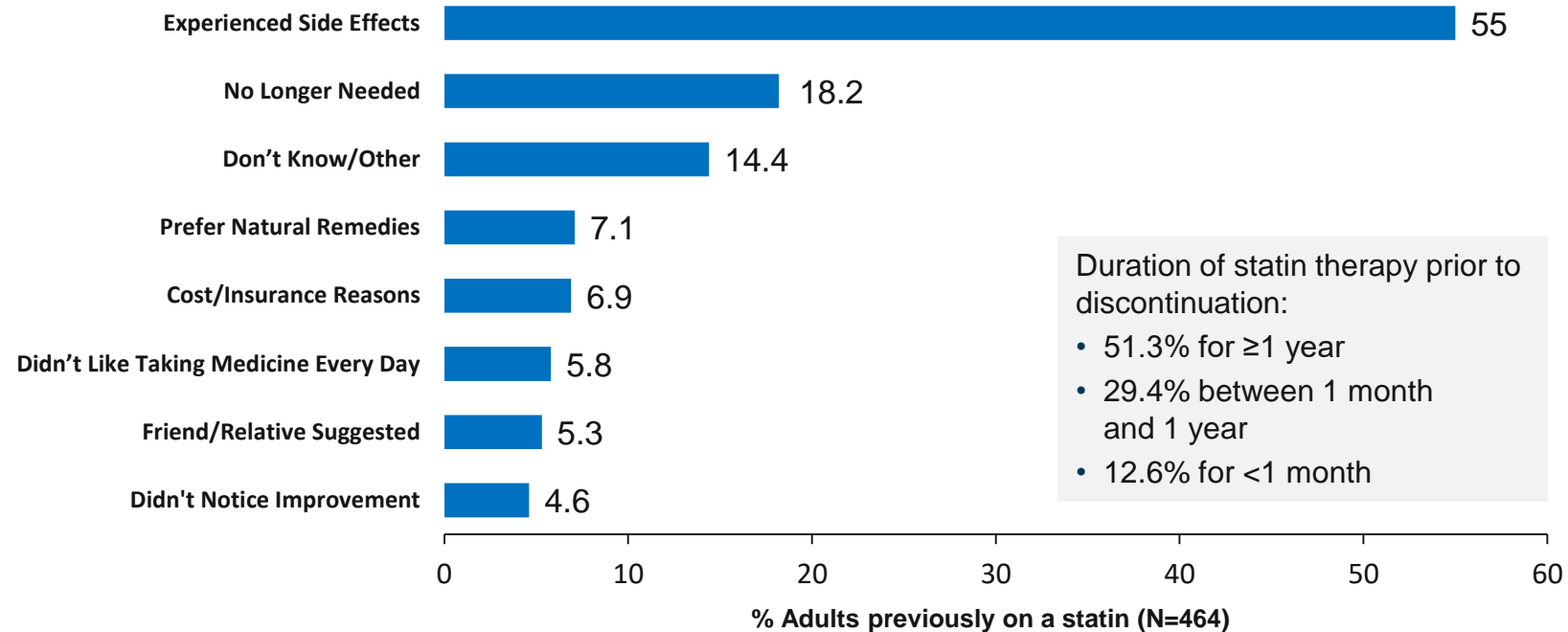
## **Potential reasons for failure to achieve ESC/EAS guideline recommended LDL-C values**

- 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**”

# Perceived side effects are the leading cause of statin discontinuation

## Patient-reported reasons for statin discontinuation: insights from PALM registry



# Therapy interruptions are observed with monoclonal antibodies directed against PCSK9



Retrospective analysis of 6151 patients from a commercial insurance database in the United States initiating PCSK9mAb inhibitors

**52.2%** of patients

experienced an interruption in PCSK9mAb inhibitor therapy of at least 30 days within 1 year of its initiation

- **Only 63%** remained on a PCSK9mAb inhibitor 1 year after its initiation



**44%** of patients

experienced an interruption in all lipid-lowering therapy by 1 year of initiation of PCSK9mAb inhibitor

- **27%** were no longer on any lipid-lowering therapy 1 year after initiating a PCSK9mAb inhibitor



# Research on ACS management

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Lipid-lowering therapy and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol goal achievement in patients with acute coronary syndromes: The ACS patient pathway project

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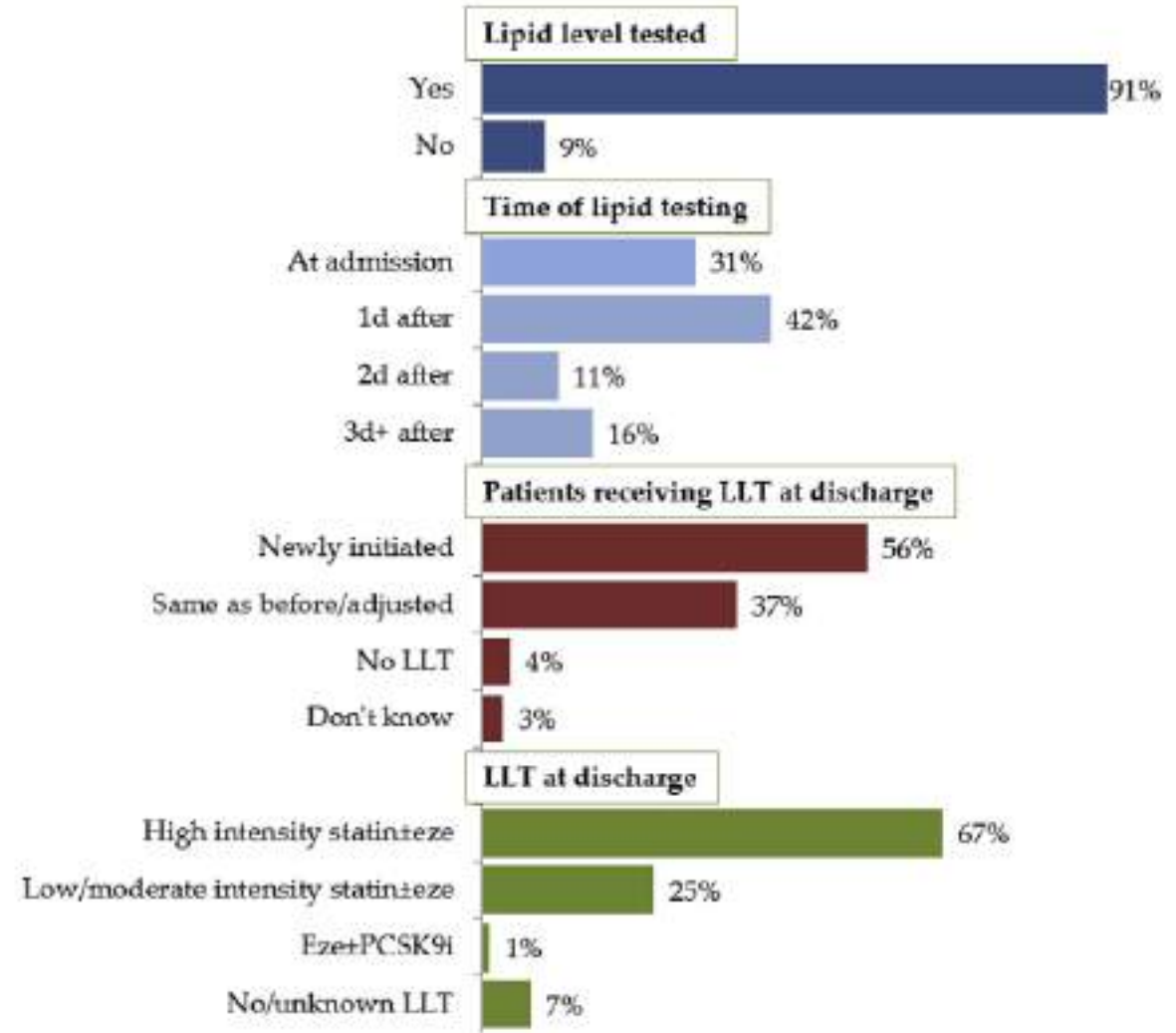
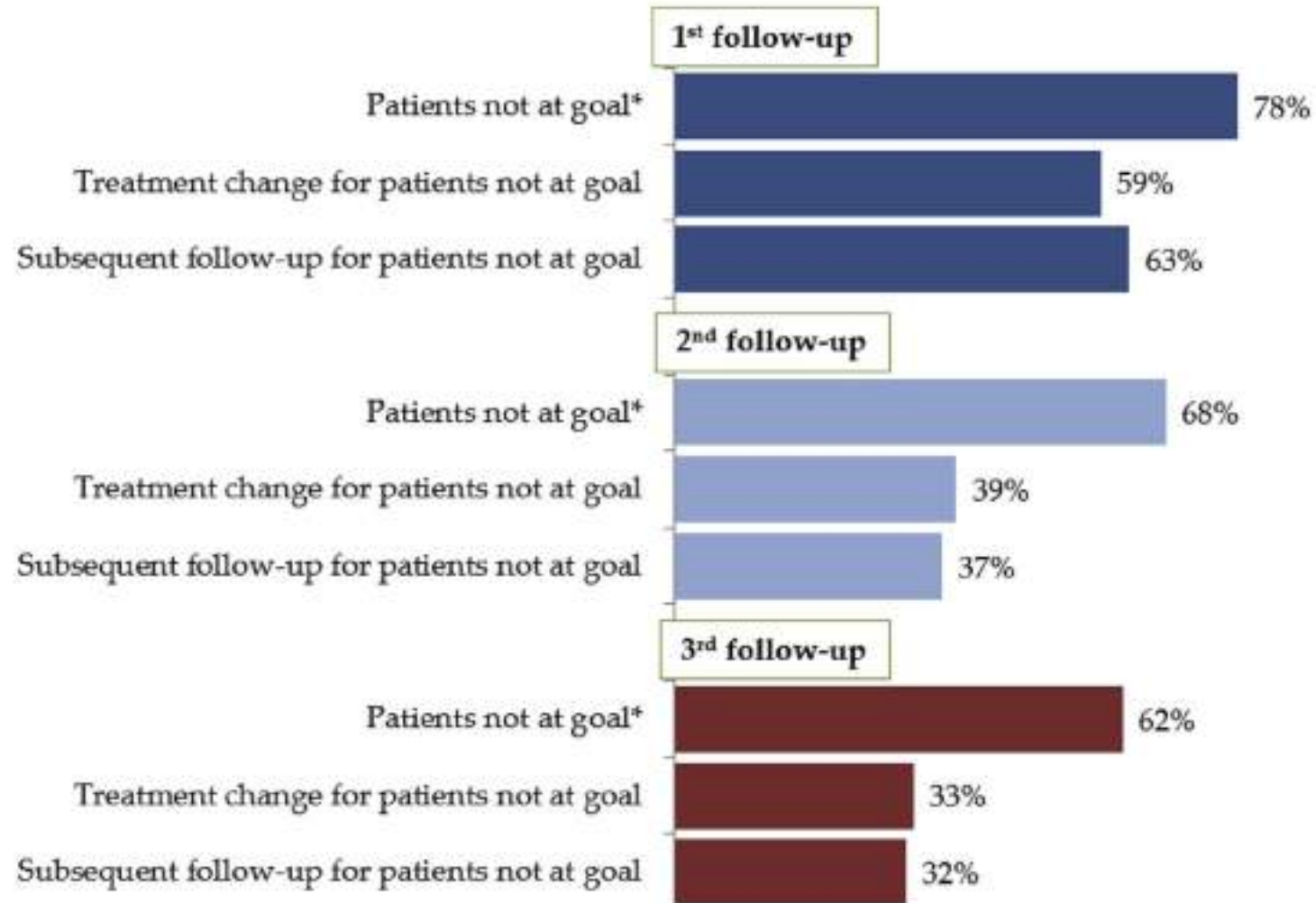


Fig. 1. Percentages of patients who had lipid levels tested and pharmacological approaches during acute phase. LLT: lipid-lowering therapy.

# Research on ACS management



**Fig. 4.** Percentages of patients not at goal, treatment changes and subsequent follow-up planning during three follow-up visits. \* $>70$  mg/dL.

# Research on ACS management

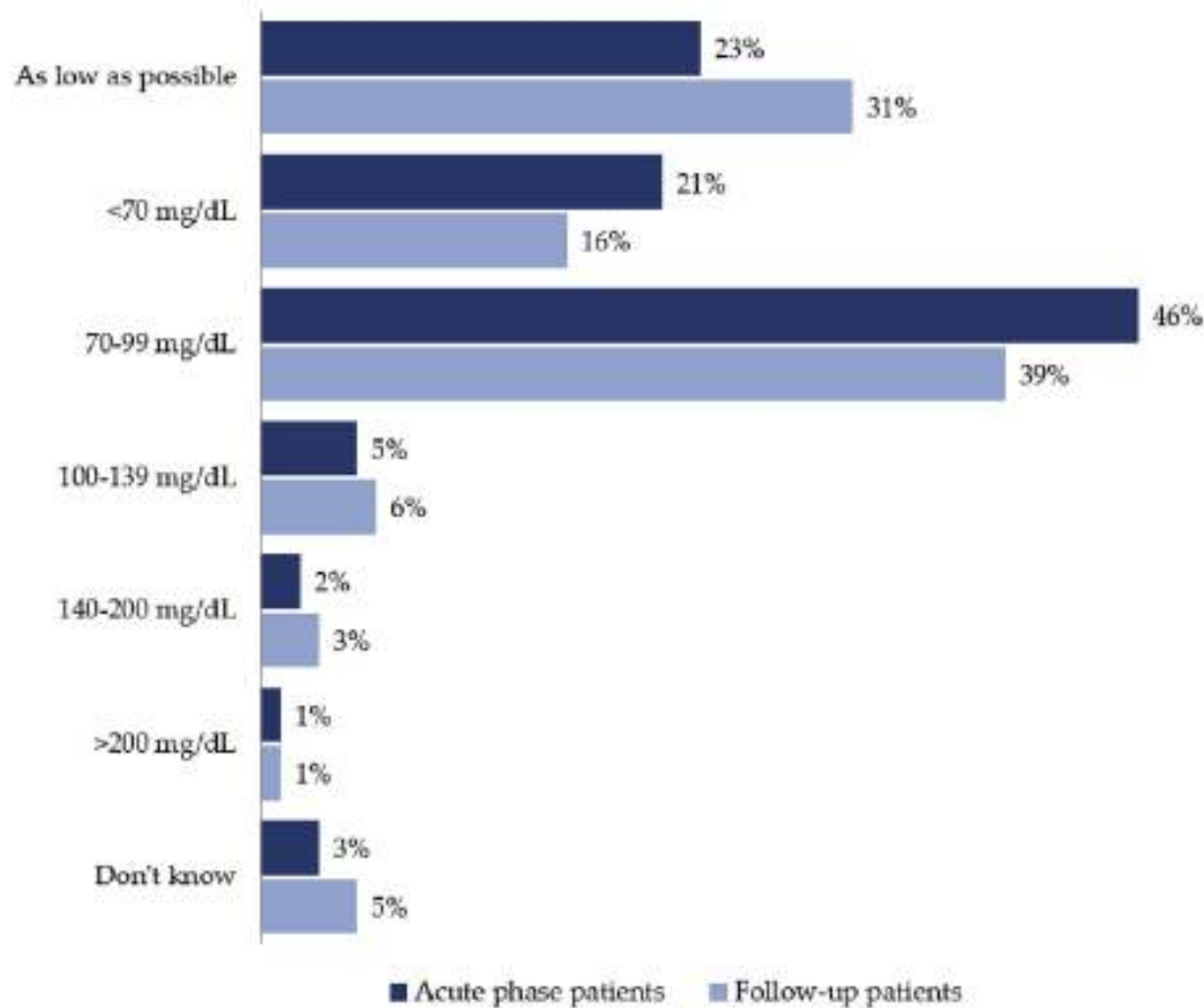
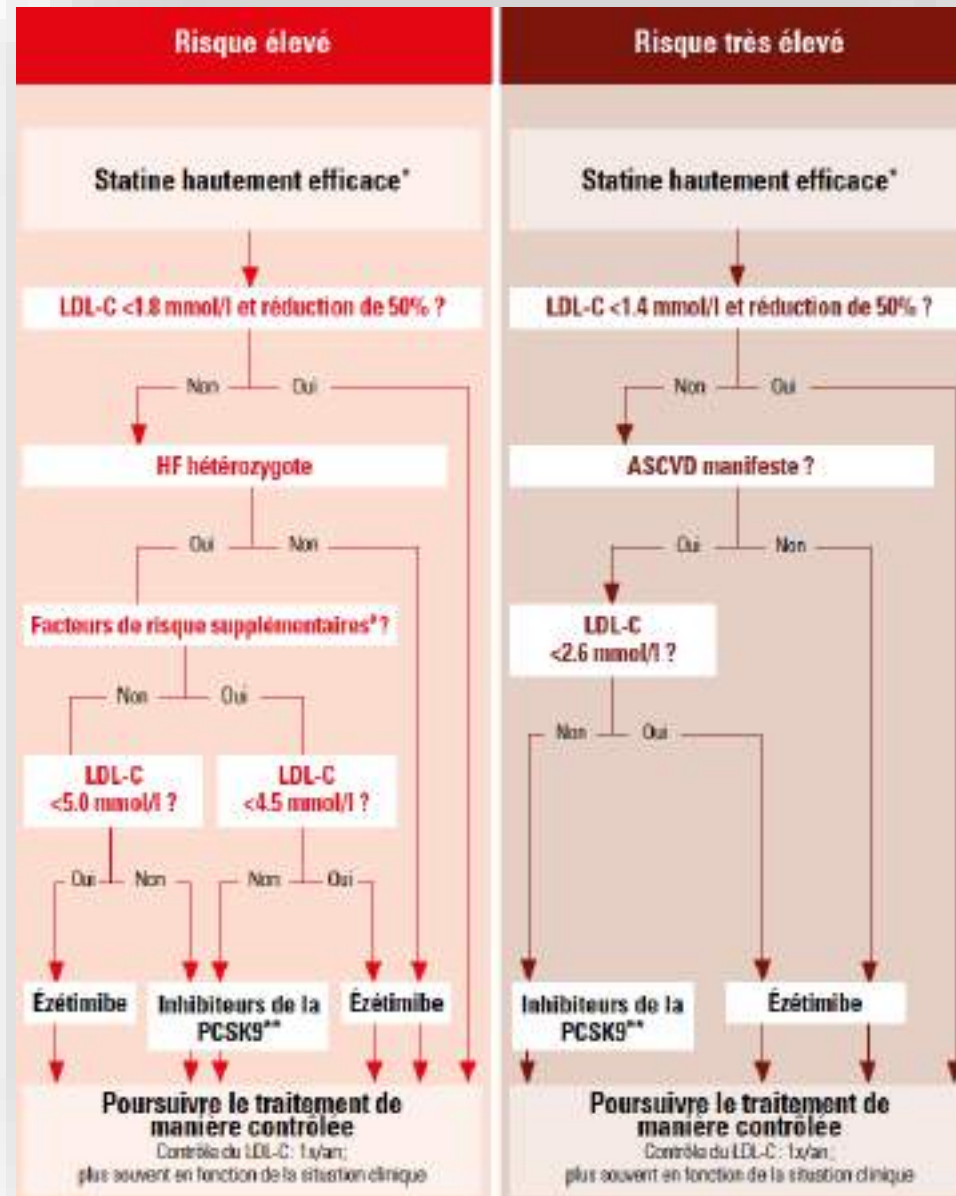
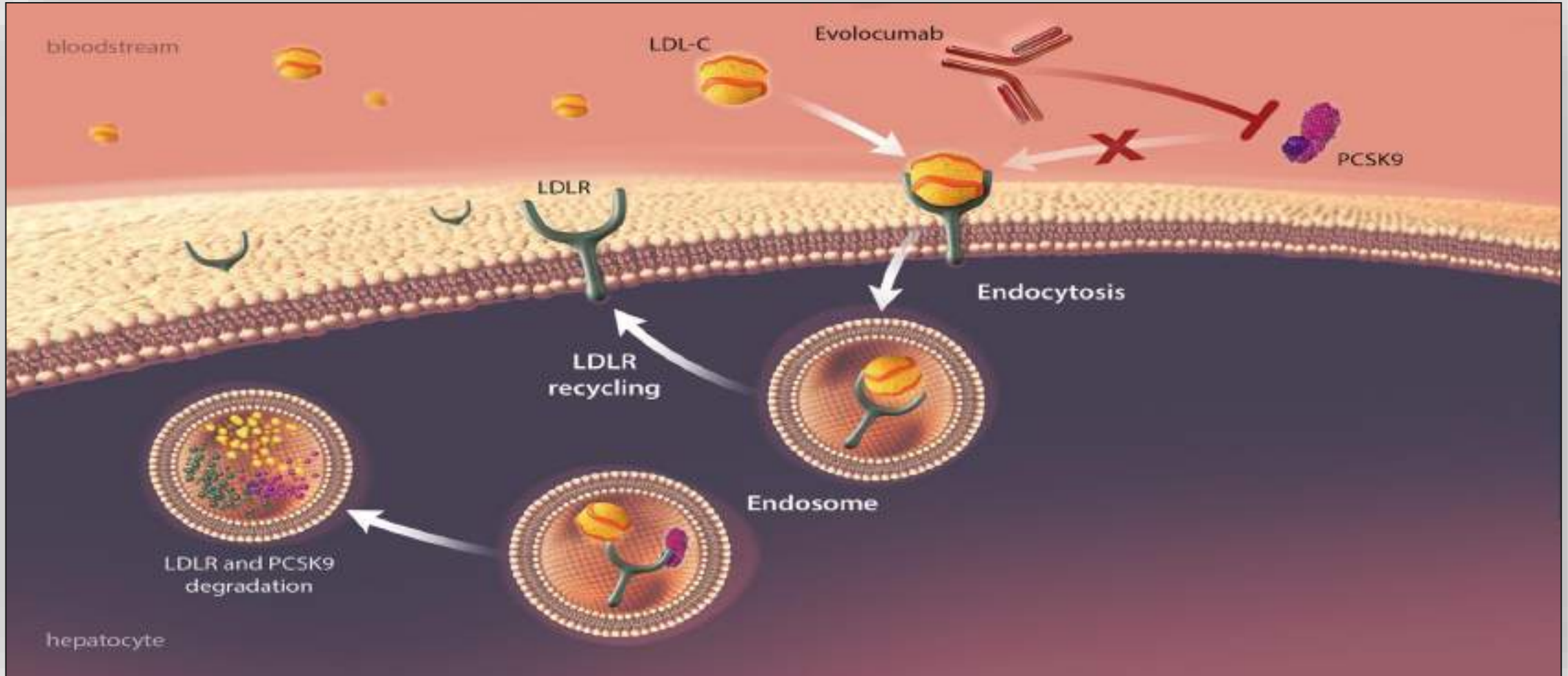


Fig. 6. LDL-C goal for acute phase and follow-up patients, as indicated by cardiologists during the survey.

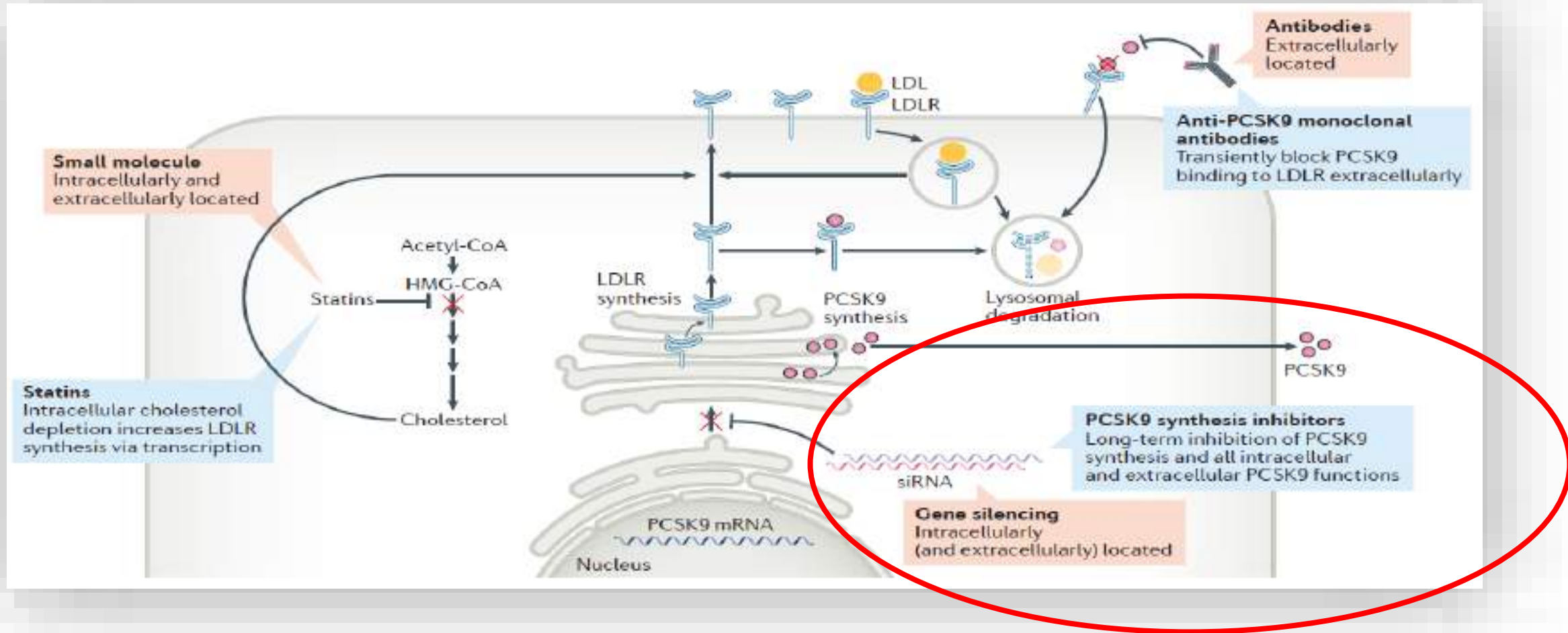
# AGLA/GSLA lipid guidelines ([www.agla.ch](http://www.agla.ch))



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

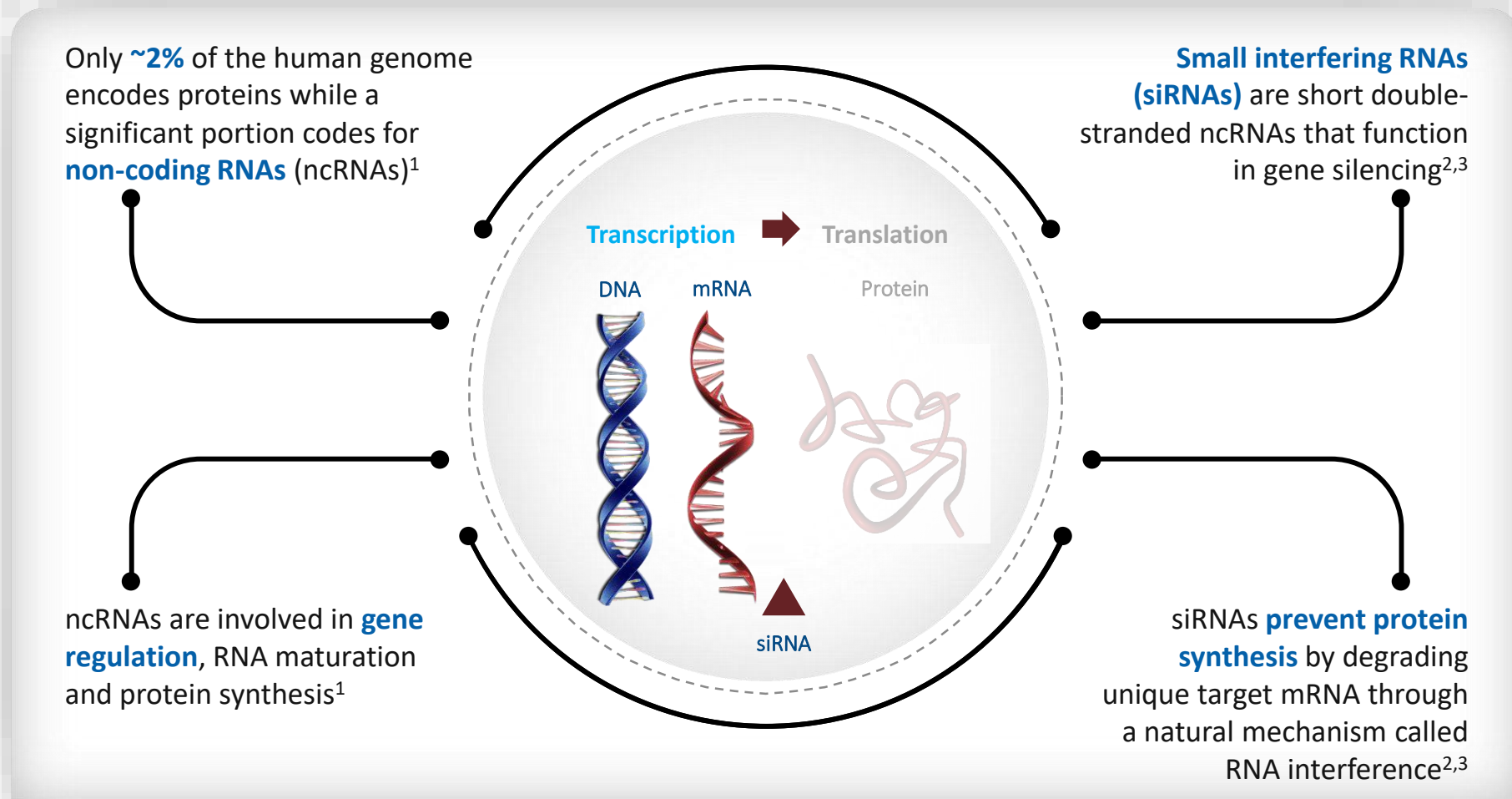


# Approaches to reduce LDL-C levels



# Gene-Protein Synthesis

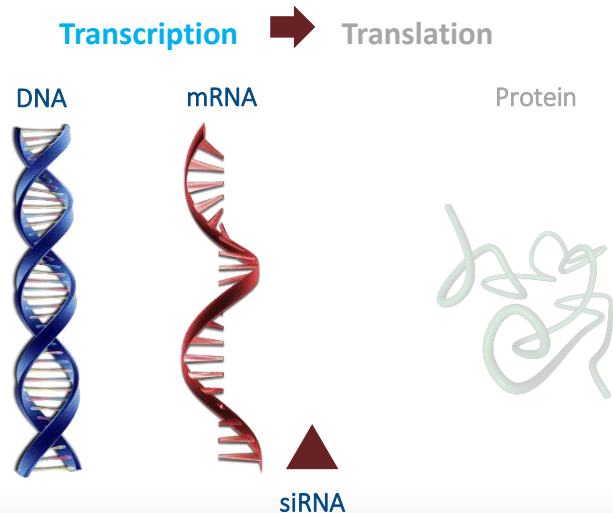
## Non-coding RNAs



<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>

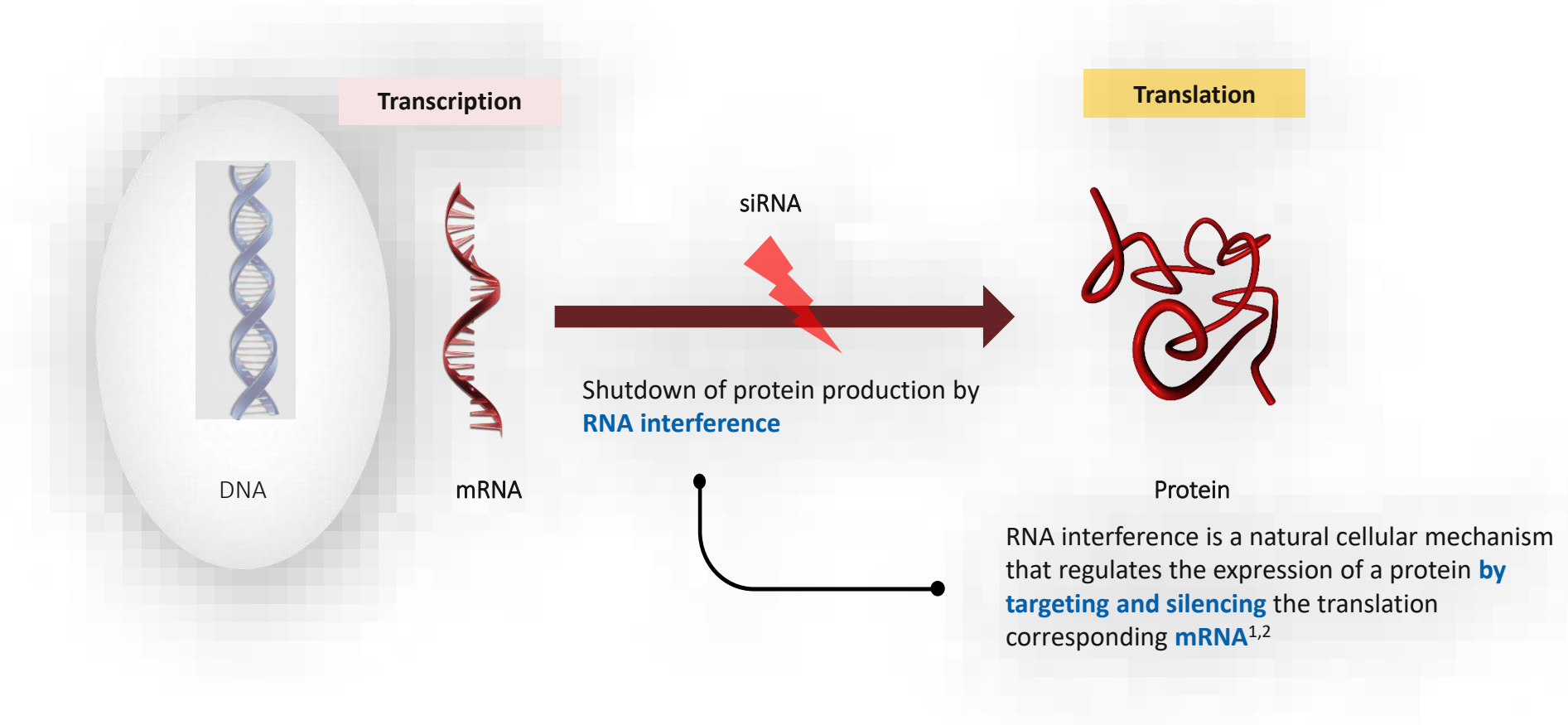
Synthetic siRNA targets a unique mRNA nucleotide sequence and can theoretically target any gene of interest<sup>2</sup>

<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



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# What is inclisiran ?

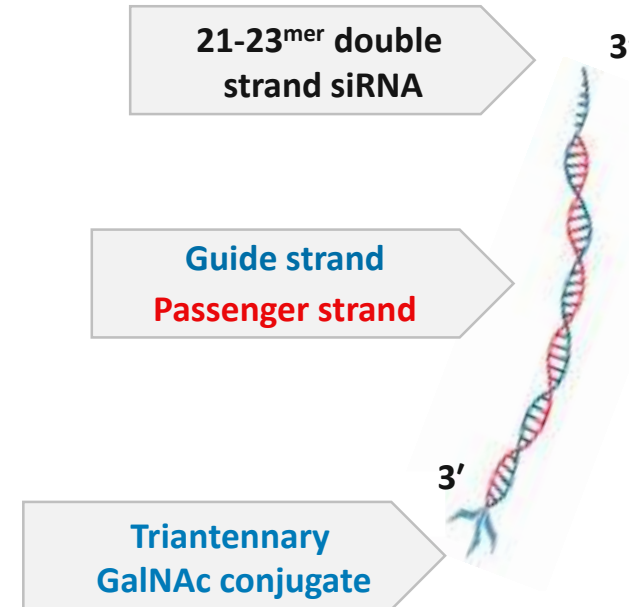
## Small interfering RNA

- 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

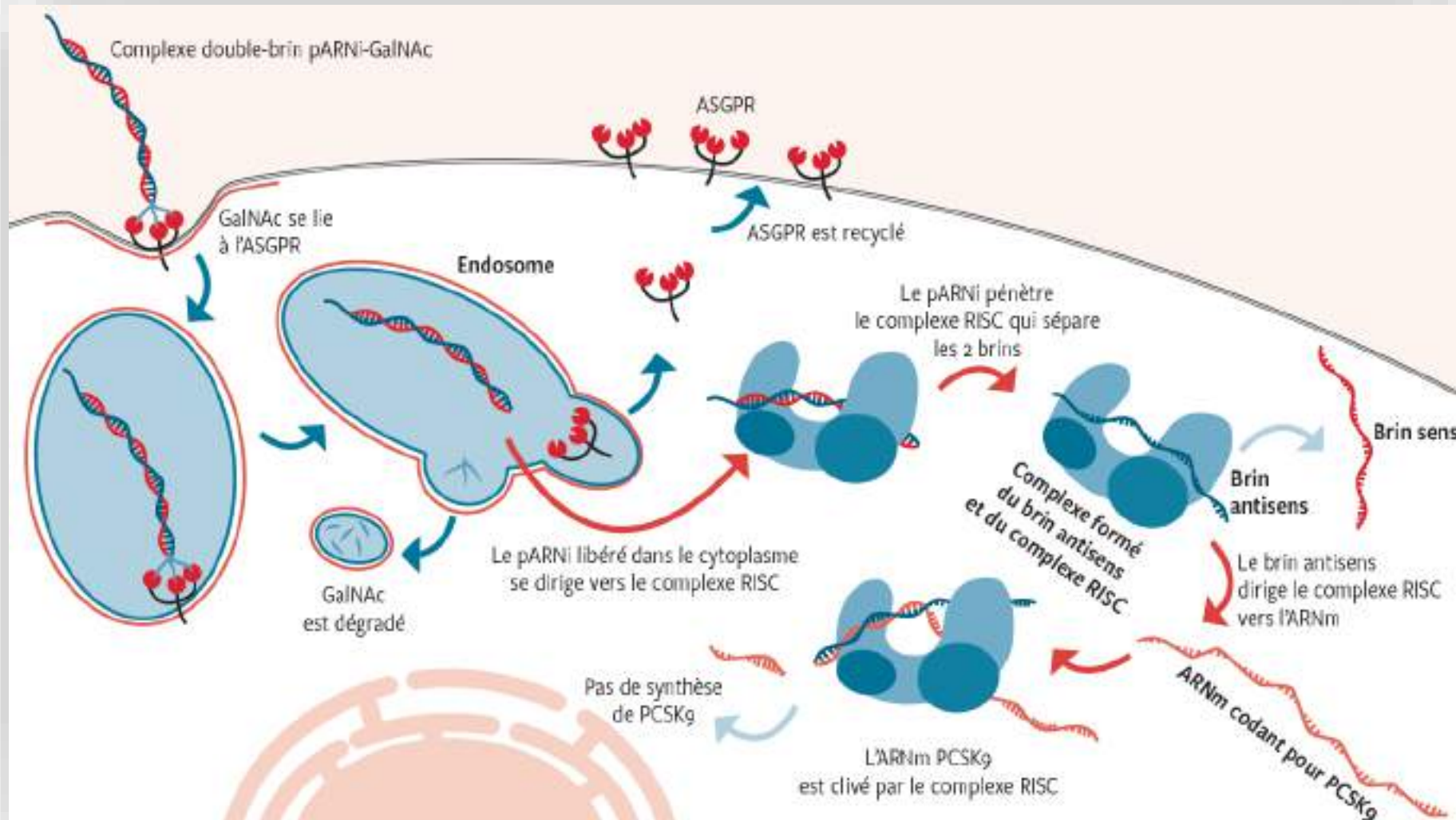


<sup>1</sup>Circ Res. 2017;120:1063 <sup>2</sup>N Engl J Med. 2017;376:41

<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

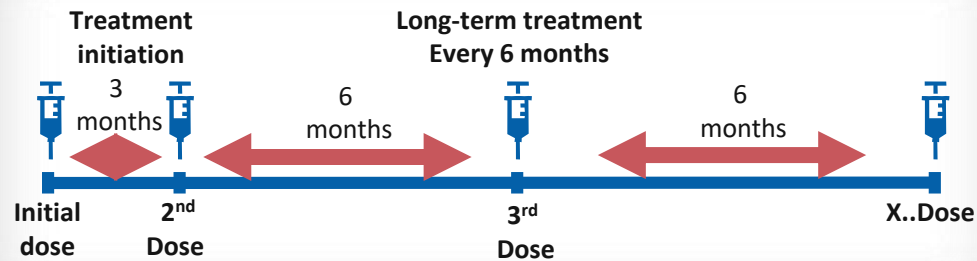
## Dose & administration

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

#### 1.5 mL solution per syringe

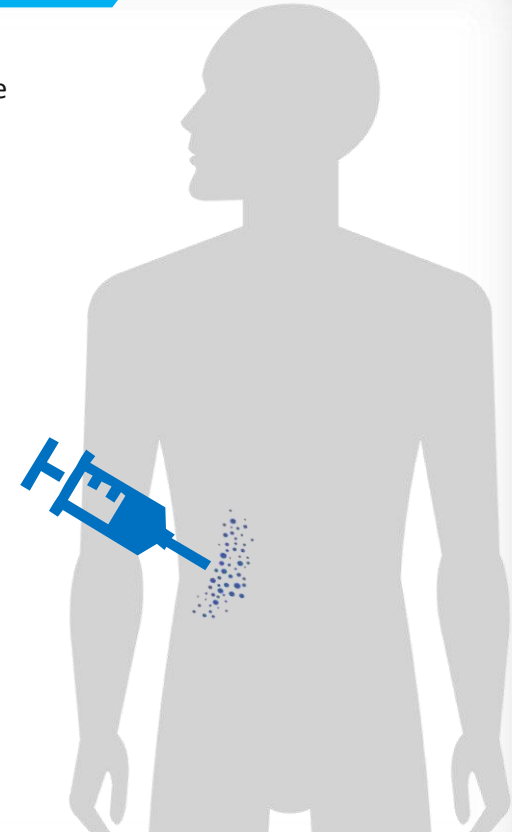
- 300 mg inclisiran sodium\*
- Water as the diluent
- Sodium hydroxide and phosphoric acid (pH 7)
- Stored at room temperature

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



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

Subcutaneous injection in the abdomen by healthcare professionals



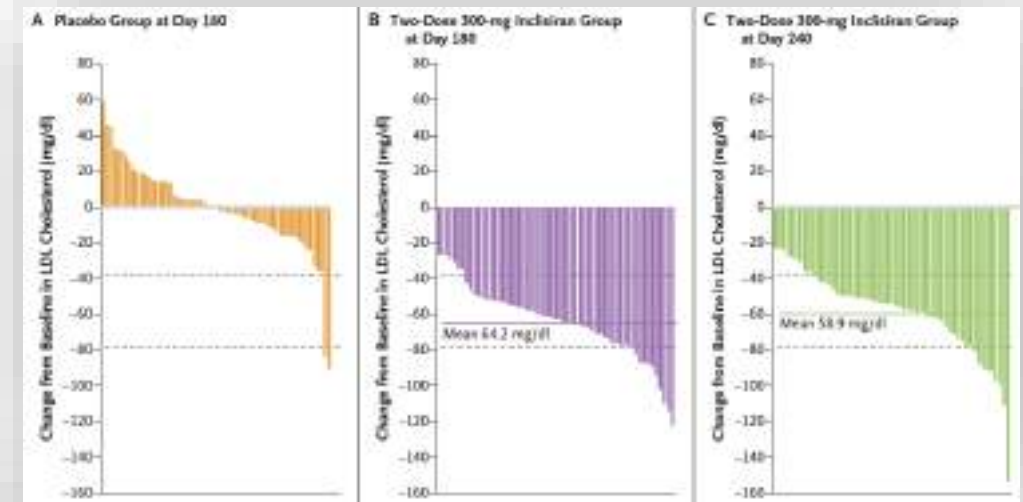
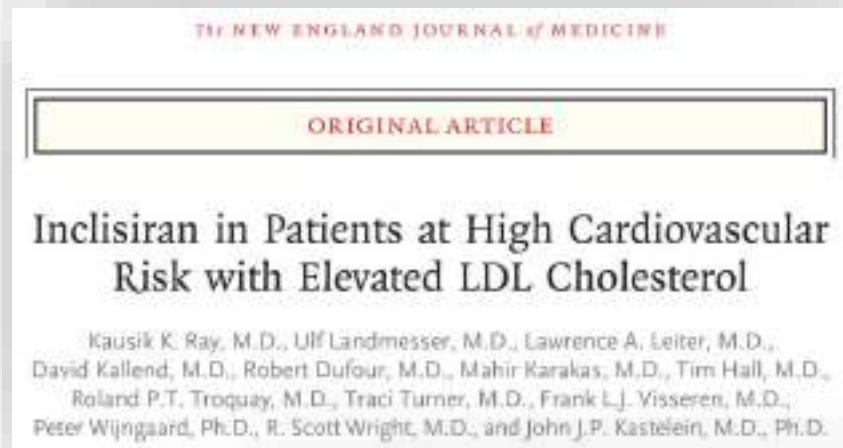
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# Inclisiran clinical studies

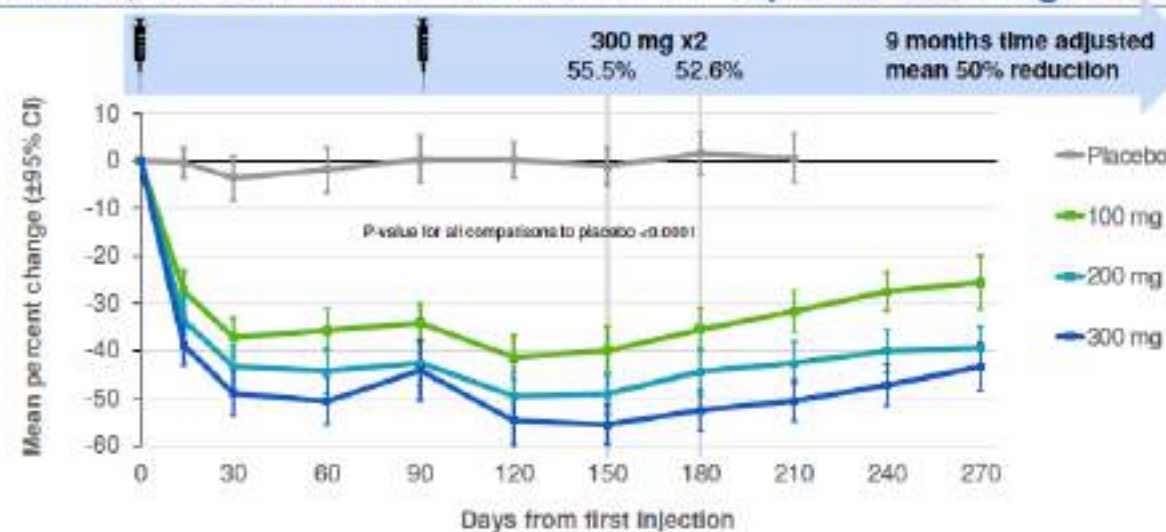
## ORION development program

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>60</sup>
ORION-2	II	4	HFHo	180 jours	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT02963311
ORION-3	II	490	ASCVD or ASCVD RE	48 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03060577
ORION-4	IIIb	15 000	ASCVD or 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>60</sup>
ORION-8	III	3700	ASCVD or ASCVD RE or 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 or 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

# Lowering PCSK9 with siPCSK9



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



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Two Phase 3 Trials of Inclisiran in Patients with Elevated LDL Cholesterol

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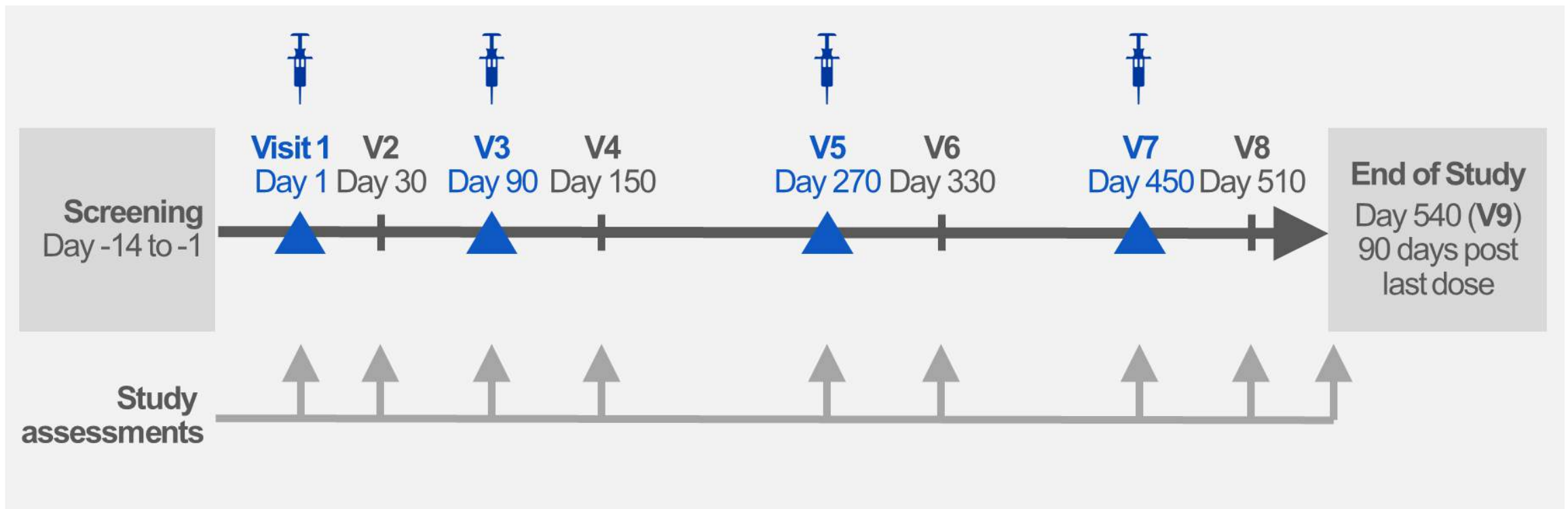
**Efficacy and safety of Inclisiran vs placebo  
in patients with very high cardiovascular risk,  
with ASCVD or ASCVD-Risk Equivalent \***

\*Type-2 Diabetes, familial hypercholesterolemia or 10-year risk  $\geq 20\%$

# ORION-11: Study design

Eighteen months treatment and observation

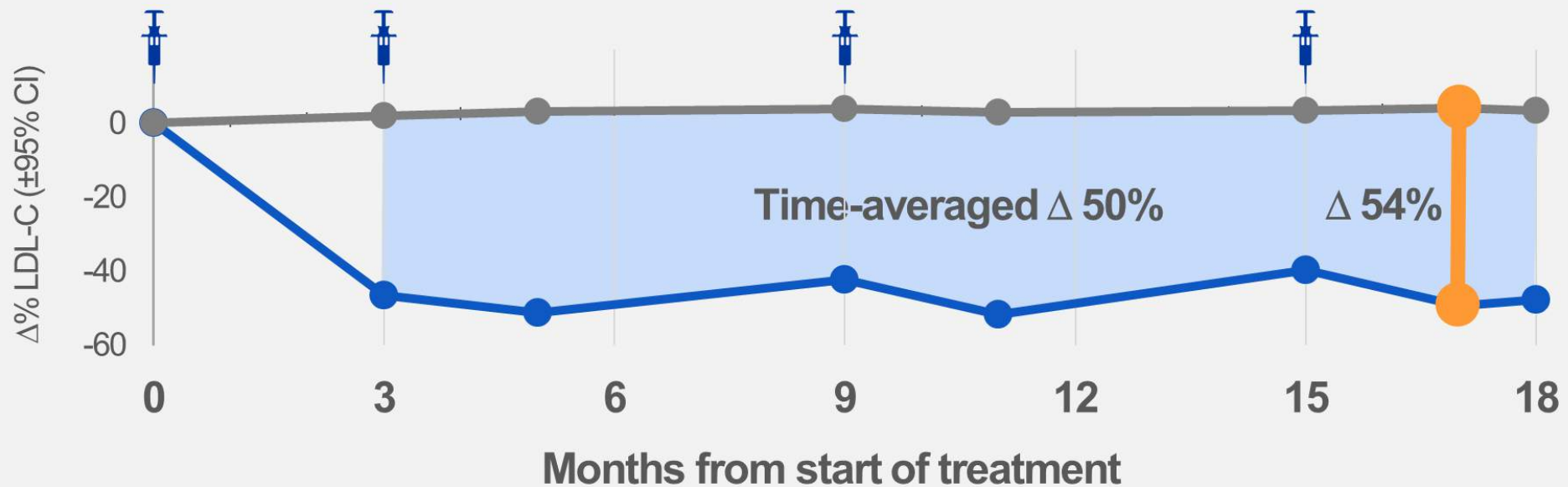
Randomized 1:1 inclisiran 300 mg vs. placebo – with maximally tolerated statins



# ORION-11: Efficacy

Durable, potent and consistent effect over 18 months

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

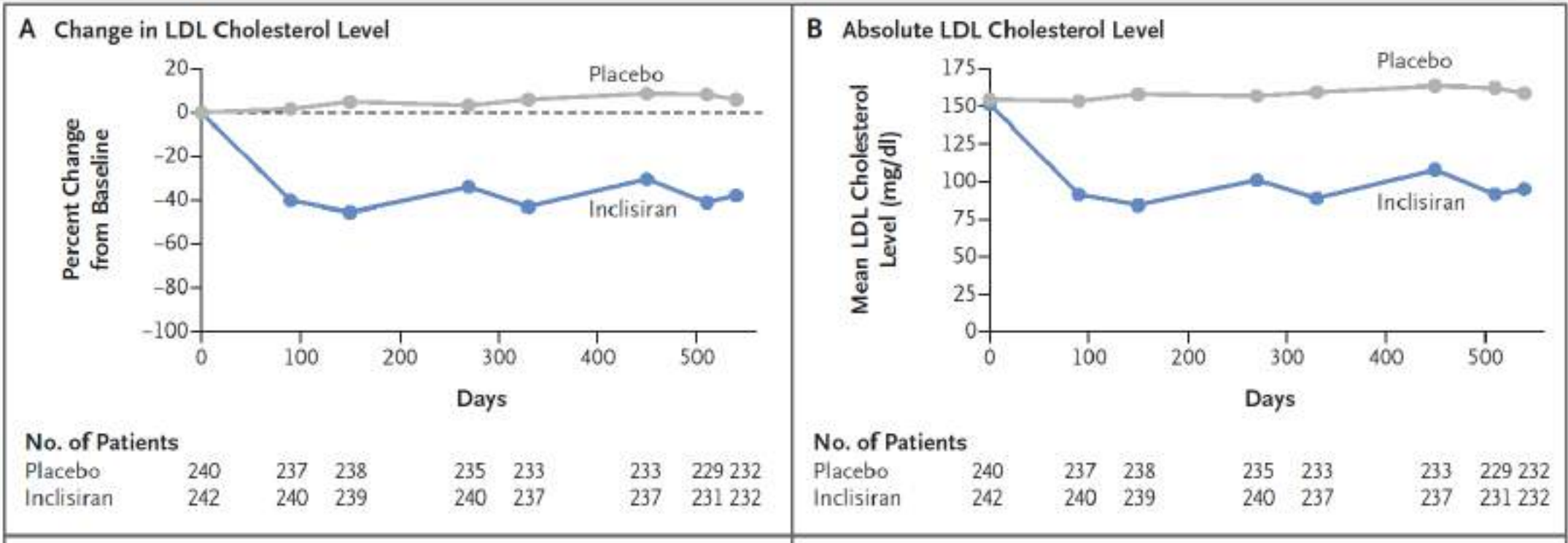


P-value for placebo – inclisiran comparison at each time point  $<0.00001$

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

# ORION-11: Efficacy

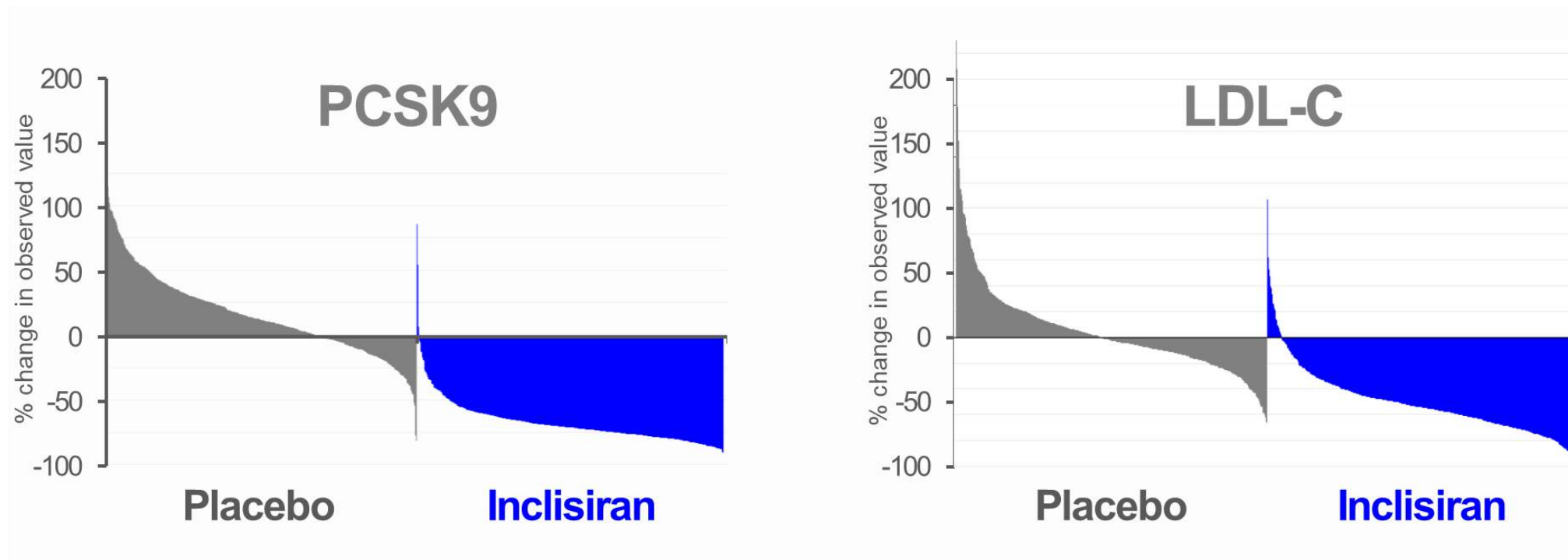
Durable, potent and consistent effect over 18 months



# ORION-11: Efficacy

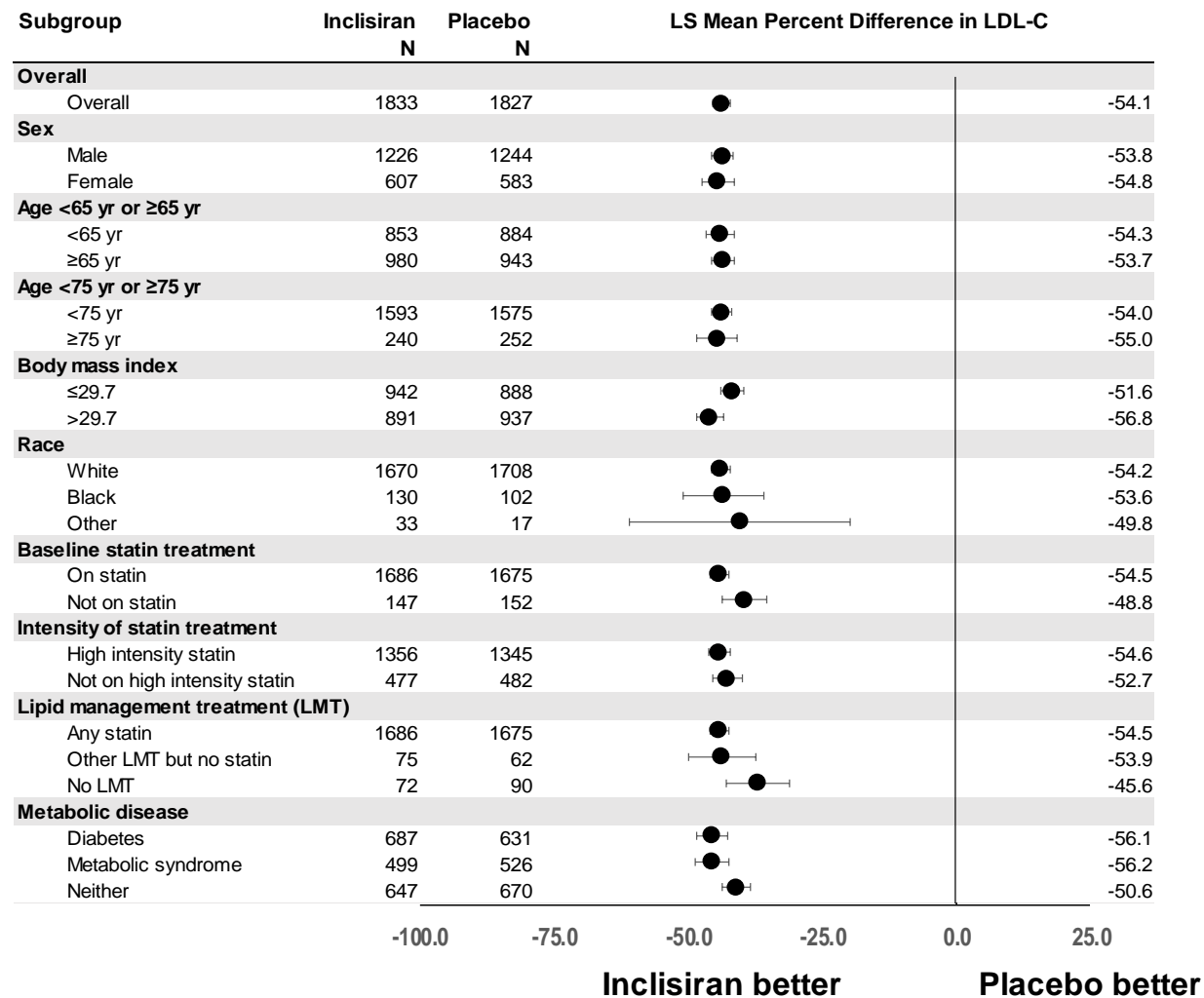
Potent, consistent response to inclisiran

Individual patient responses contributing to primary endpoint – 17 months



# 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	
Patients with at least one TEAE	655	(82%)	671	(83%)
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

# 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		
Protocol-defined skin event	4	(0.50%)	38	(4.69%)	4.19%
(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%)	

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

# 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%)

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

2. Patients may be counted in more than one category

3. No cases met Hy's Law

# ORION-11: Safety and tolerability

No difference in serious adverse events

Serious TEAEs	Placebo		Inclisiran	
Safety population <sup>1,2</sup>	N = 804		N = 811	
Patients with at least one serious TEAE	181	(22.5%)	181	(22.3%)
All cause death	15	(1.9%)	14	(1.7%)
Cardiovascular	10	(1.2%)	9	(1.1%)
Cancer	3	(0.4%)	3	(0.4%)
New, worsening or recurrent malignancy	20	(2.5%)	16	(2.0%)

1. Safety population includes all patients who received at least 1 dose of study medication  
2. Patients may be counted in more than one category

# ORION-11: Exploratory endpoint

Adverse cardiovascular events

Cardiovascular TEAEs	Placebo		Inclisiran	
Safety population <sup>1,2</sup>	N = 804		N = 811	
Pre-specified exploratory CV endpoint <sup>3</sup>	83	(10.3%)	63	(7.8%)
Cardiovascular death	10	(1.2%)	9	(1.1%)
Fatal or non-fatal MI and stroke <sup>4</sup>	30	(3.7%)	12	(1.5%)
Fatal or non-fatal MI	22	(2.7%)	10	(1.2%)
Fatal or non-fatal stroke	8	(1.0%)	2	(0.2%)

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

2. Patients may be counted in more than one category

3. MedDRA-defined CV basket of non-adjudicated terms cardiac death, and any signs of cardiac arrest, non-fatal MI and/or stroke

4. Post-hoc analysis of hard endpoints

# ORION-11: Summary

Twice-a-year inclisiran lowered LDL-C by  $\geq 50\%$  safely

## Efficacy

- ORION-11 met all primary and secondary endpoints
- Inclisiran reduced the primary LDL-C endpoint by 54% at 17 months, 50% time averaged
- Inclisiran resulted in potent, consistent PCSK9 knock down

## Safety and tolerability

- Inclisiran safety profile was similar to placebo
- No adverse changes in laboratory markers
- Injection site events 4.2% - predominantly mild and none persistent

## Exploratory endpoint

- Numerically fewer CV events were reported for inclisiran than placebo

# ORION-11: Conclusions and implications

Inclisiran is the first cholesterol lowering siRNA

**Inclisiran achieves durable and potent LDL-C reduction with only 2x yearly injection**

**Excellent safety profile in a high cardiovascular risk population**

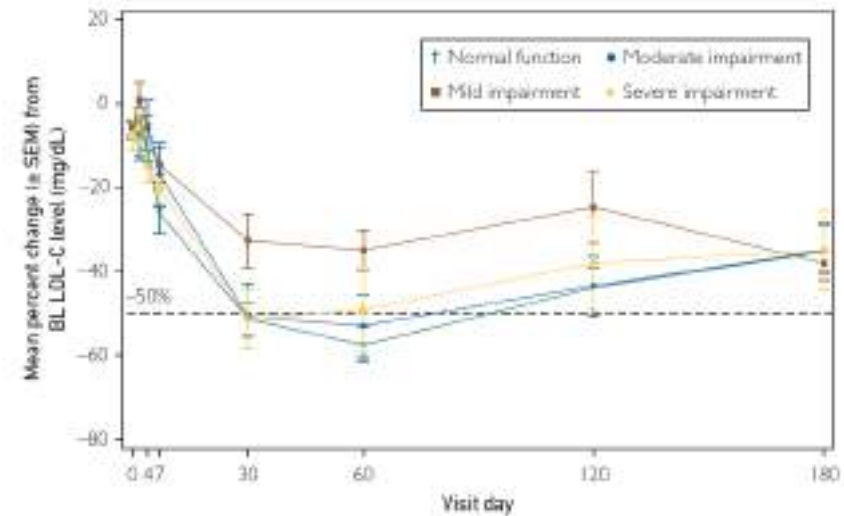
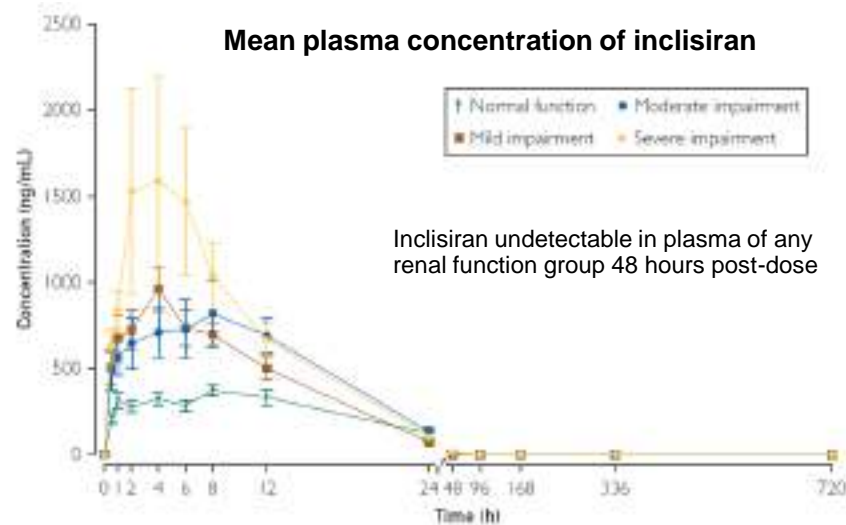
**Administration by HCP potentially coincides with typical six-monthly patient visits**

- Lends itself to routine clinical practice
- Enables provider control over medication adherence
- May offer patients meaningful new choices
- Offering safe, convenient and assured results

# ORION-17: Renal impairment study

Dose adjustments unnecessary for impaired renal function

Single 300-mg dose, open-label study in subjects with various levels of renal function (n=31)



Inclisiran safety and tolerability were unaffected by renal impairment

# PCSK9i and C-Reactive Protein

Open access

Research

## BMJ Open Impact of PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies on circulating hs-CRP levels: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

Ye-Xuan Cao, Sha Li, Hui-Hui Liu, Jian-Jun Li

Am J Cardiovasc Drugs (2018) 18:271–282  
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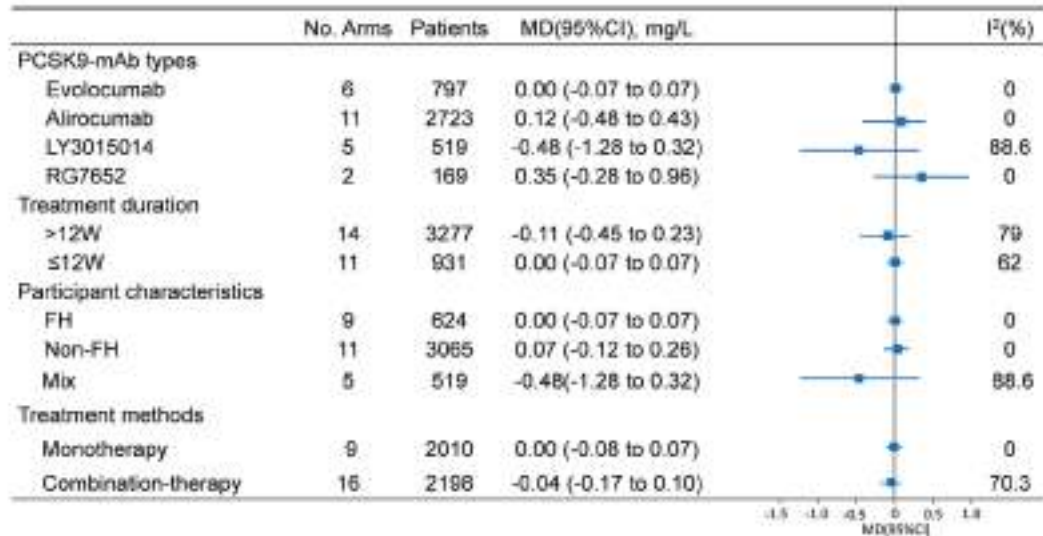
SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

## Comparative Effectiveness of Inclisiran 100, 300, and 500 mg in a Population with Hyperlipidemia: A Network Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

Yang Wang<sup>1</sup> · Jinsong Wang<sup>1</sup> · Shenming Wang<sup>1</sup>

The most commonly reported adverse events were musculoskeletal pain, nasopharyngitis, headache, and elevated C-reactive protein (CRP), none of which were significant ( $p > 0.05$ ).

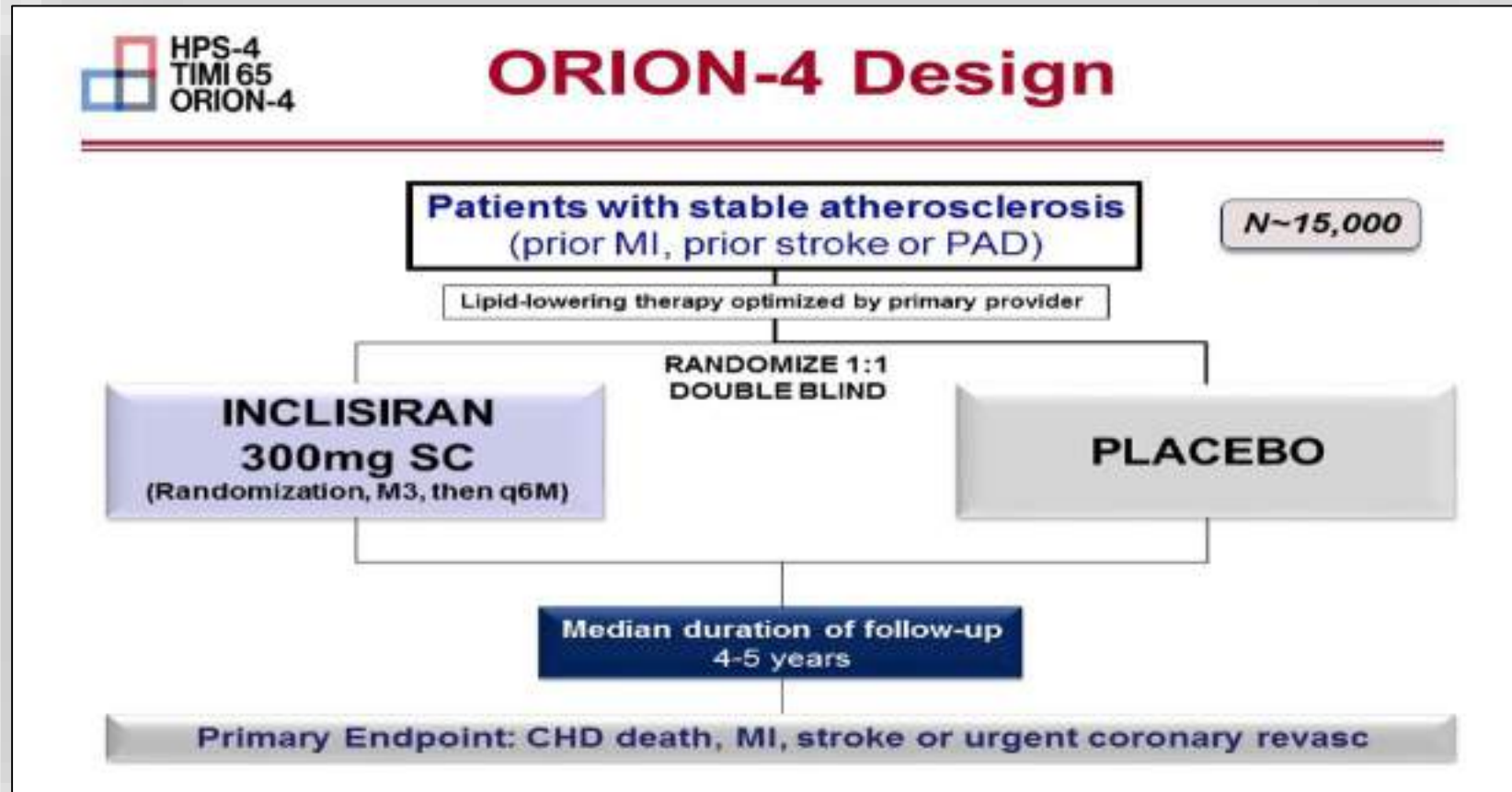
*Am J Cardiovasc Drugs* 2018;18:271



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# Opportunities and challenges for the future

Efficacy of different approaches to lipid lowering



# Inclisiran / Leqvio®

## Indications cliniques



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### 4. INFORMATIONS CLINIQUES

#### 4.1 Indications thérapeutiques

Leqvio est indiqué chez l'adulte présentant une hypercholestérolémie primaire (hétérozygote familiale et non familiale) ou une dyslipidémie mixte, en complément d'un régime alimentaire :

- en association avec une statine seule ou une statine avec d'autres thérapies hypolipémiantes chez les patients ne pouvant atteindre les objectifs de LDL-C sous statine à dose maximale tolérée, ou
- seul ou en association avec d'autres thérapies hypolipémiantes chez les patients intolérants aux statines, ou chez qui les statines sont contre-indiquées.

#### 4.2 Posologie et mode d'administration

##### Posologie

La dose recommandée est de 284 mg d'inclisiran administrée en une seule injection sous-cutanée : une première fois, puis à 3 mois, puis tous les 6 mois.

# Inclisiran clinical studies

## ORION development program

2 premières injections suisses début mai 2021

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	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT02597127 <sup>40</sup>
ORION-2	II	4	HFHo	180 jours	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT02963311
ORION-3	II	490	ASCVD or ASCVD RE	48 mois	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT03060577
ORION-4	IIIb	15 000	ASCVD et ASCVD RE	60 mois	MACE	NCT03705234
ORION-5	III	45	HFHo	24 mois	Baïsse 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 or ASCVD RE or HFHe/HFHo	36 mois	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT03814187
ORION-9	III	482	HFHe	18 mois	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT03814187
ORION-10	III	1561	ASCVD	18 mois	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT03399370 <sup>17</sup>
ORION-11	III	1617	ASCVD or ASCVD RE	18 mois	Baïsse 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	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT04659863
ORION-14	I	40	Étude de recherche de dose	-	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT04774003
ORION-15	II	308	Étude de recherche de dose, ASCVD	270 jours	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT04666298
ORION-16	III	150	HFHe chez l'adolescent (de 12 à < 18 ans)	24 mois	Baïsse du LDL-C	NCT04652726



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

## 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"*

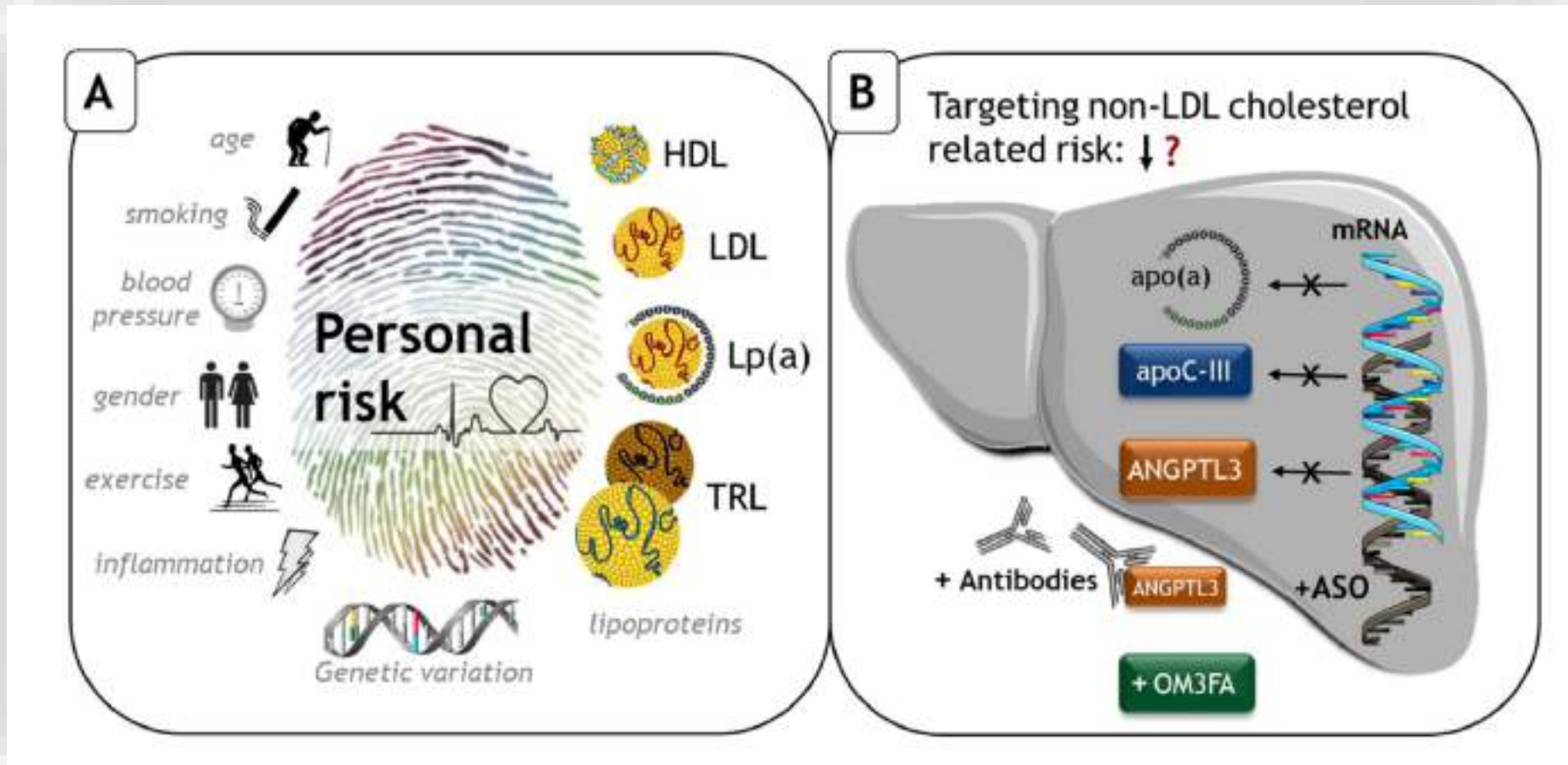
## Concept change III: Use lipid-lowering combination therapy

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

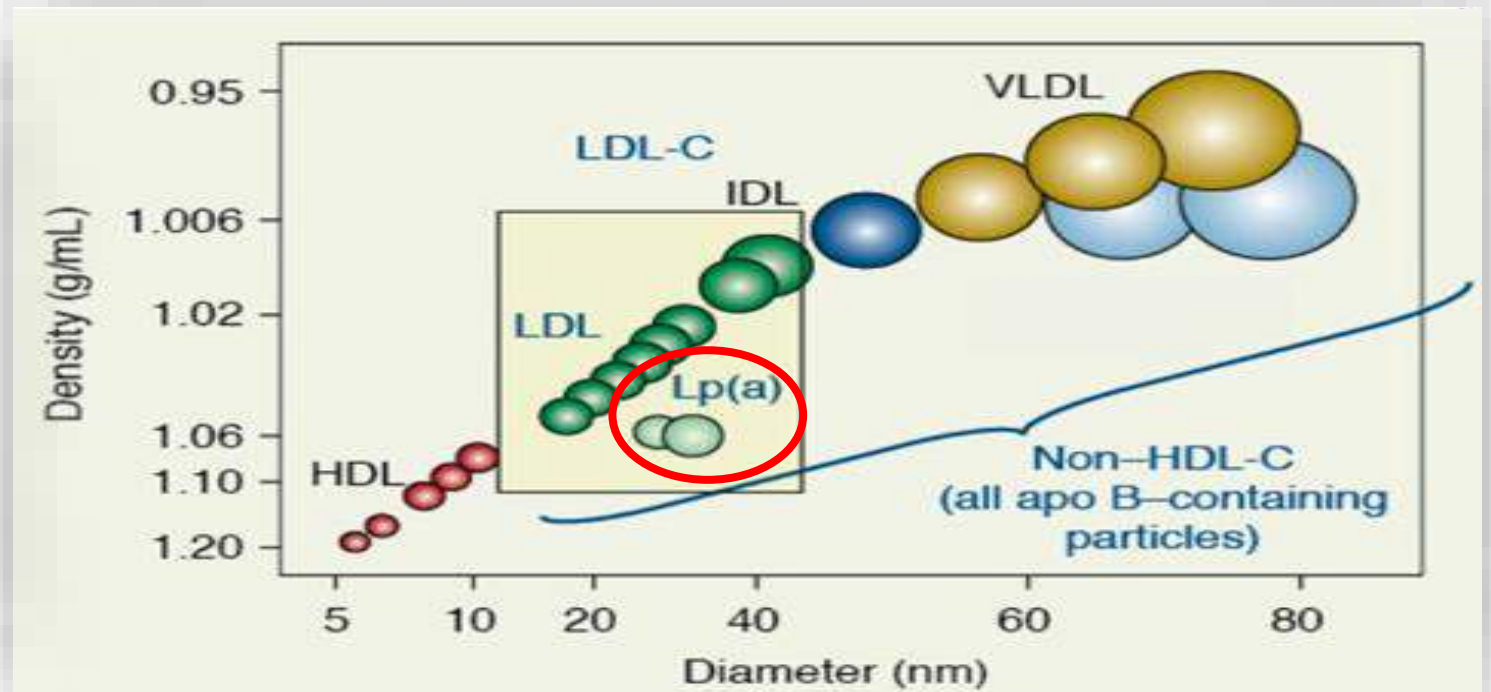
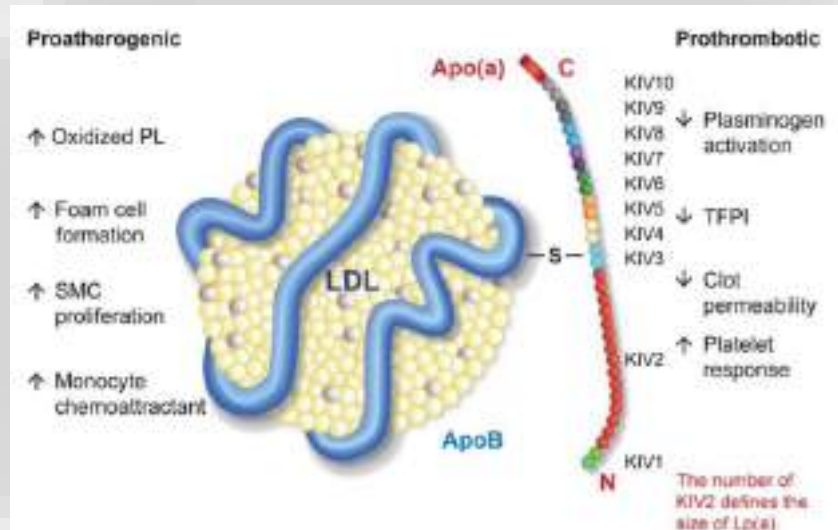
## Concept change IV: The lower, the better & lower for longer

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

# Novel lipid lowering drugs: PCSK9 and beyond



# Characteristics of lipoproteins



Lipoprotein(a)

# Lipoprotein(a) is a CV risk factor



European Heart Journal (2017) 0, 1–8  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw022

REVIEW

Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine

## Lipoprotein(a): the revenant

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EDITORIAL

## Lipoprotein(a): the perpetual supporting actor

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Drugs

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40265-019-01243-5>

REVIEW ARTICLE

## Potential of Lipoprotein(a)-Lowering Strategies in Treating Coronary Artery Disease

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### Key Points

High levels of lipoprotein(a) are considered causal risk factor of cardiovascular disease (CVD).

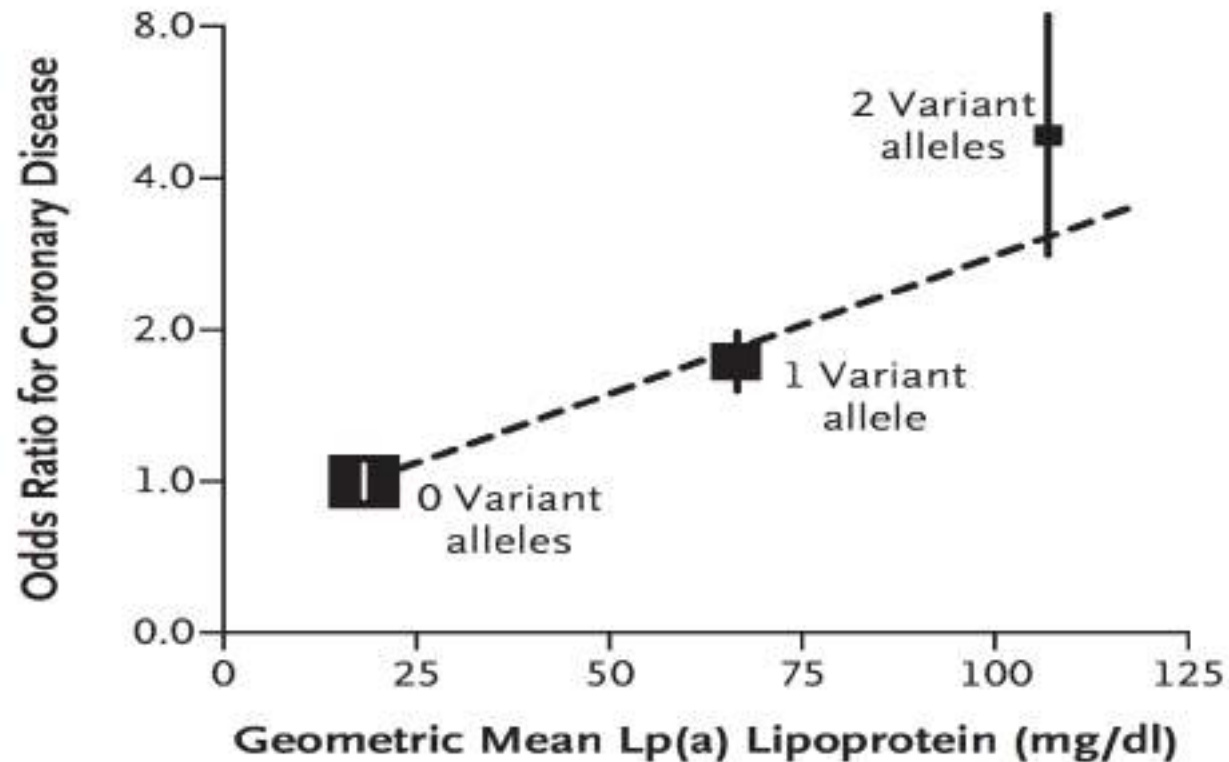
The 2019 ESC/EAS guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemia recommend to measure Lp(a) at least once in each adult person's lifetime.

To lower Lp(a), two antisense oligonucleotides are under development, targeting apolipoprotein (B) and apolipoprotein (a).

# Lipoprotein(a) and CV risk

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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



# Lipoprotein(a) and CV risk

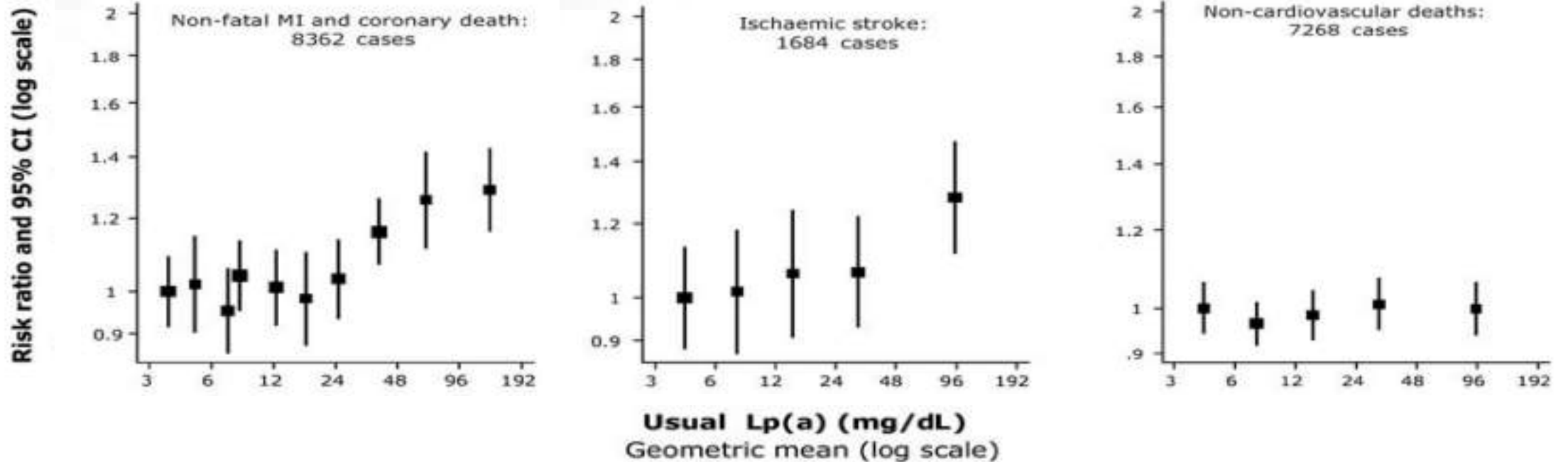


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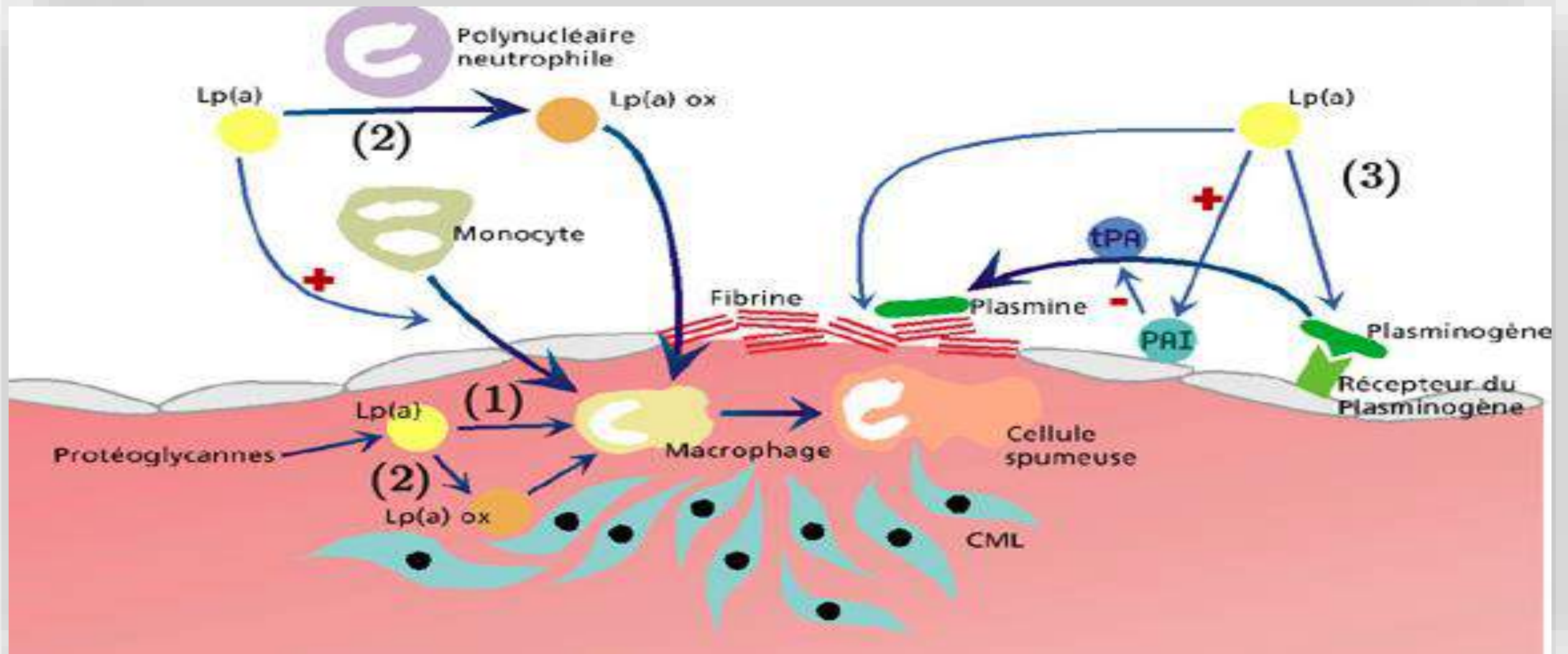
CURRENT OPINION

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

Berge G, Nordestgaard LA, M. John Chapman<sup>2</sup>, Kausik Ray<sup>3</sup>, Jan Borén<sup>4</sup>, Felicia Andreotti<sup>5</sup>, Gerald F. Watts<sup>6</sup>, Henry Ginsberg<sup>7</sup>, Pierre Amarenco<sup>8</sup>, Alberico Catapano<sup>9</sup>, Olivier S. Descamps<sup>10</sup>, Edward Fisher<sup>11</sup>, Petri T. Kovanen<sup>12</sup>, Jan Albert Kuivenhoven<sup>13</sup>, Philippe Lesnik<sup>2</sup>, Luis Masana<sup>14</sup>, Zeljko Reiner<sup>15</sup>, Marja-Riitta Taskinen<sup>16</sup>, Lale Tokgözoğlu<sup>17</sup>, and Anne Tybjaerg-Hansen<sup>18</sup>, for the European Atherosclerosis Society Consensus Panel<sup>†</sup>



# Lipoprotein(a) – The perfect killer



# 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** **C**

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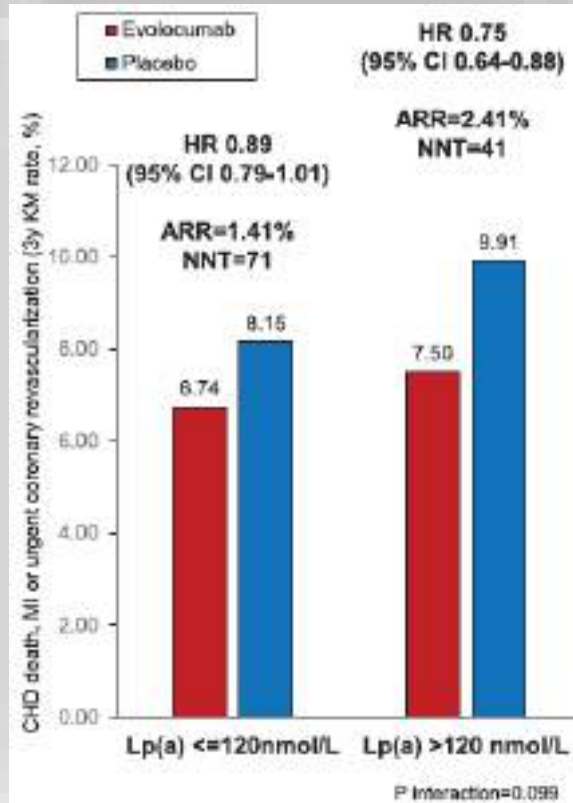
# PCSK9 mAb - Lp(a) and CV outcomes ?

Circulation

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

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

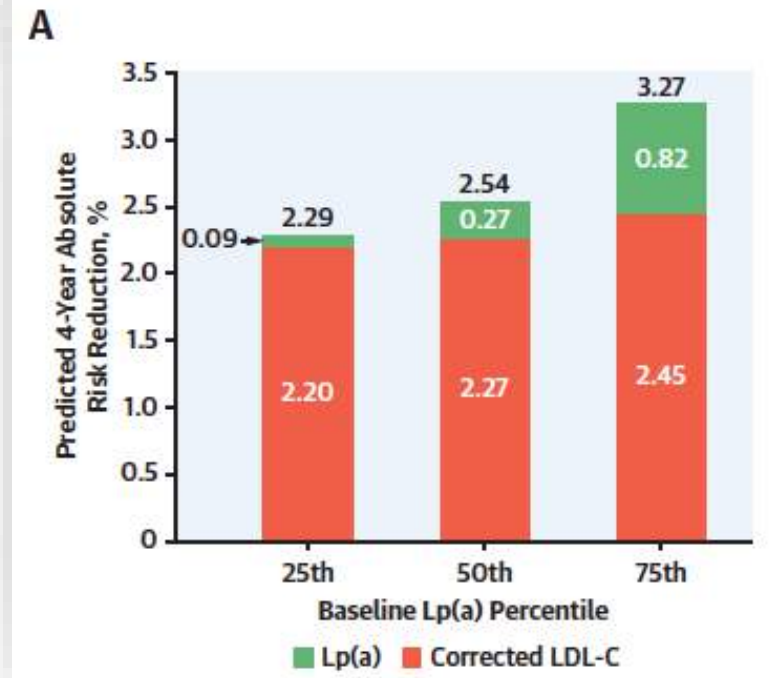
Insights From the FOURIER Trial



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

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Effect of an siRNA Therapeutic Targeting PCSK9 on Atherogenic Lipoproteins

Prespecified Secondary End Points in ORION 1

### Lipoprotein(a)\*

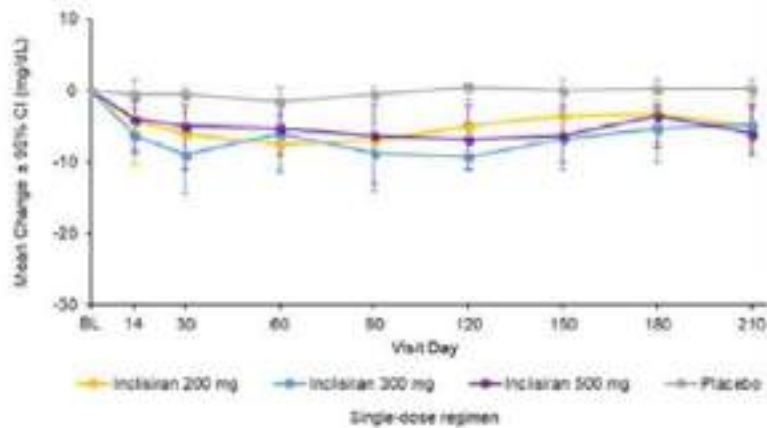


Table 2. Lipids and Lipoproteins at Baseline and Day 180\*

	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 (70.88)	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 (70.63)	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)

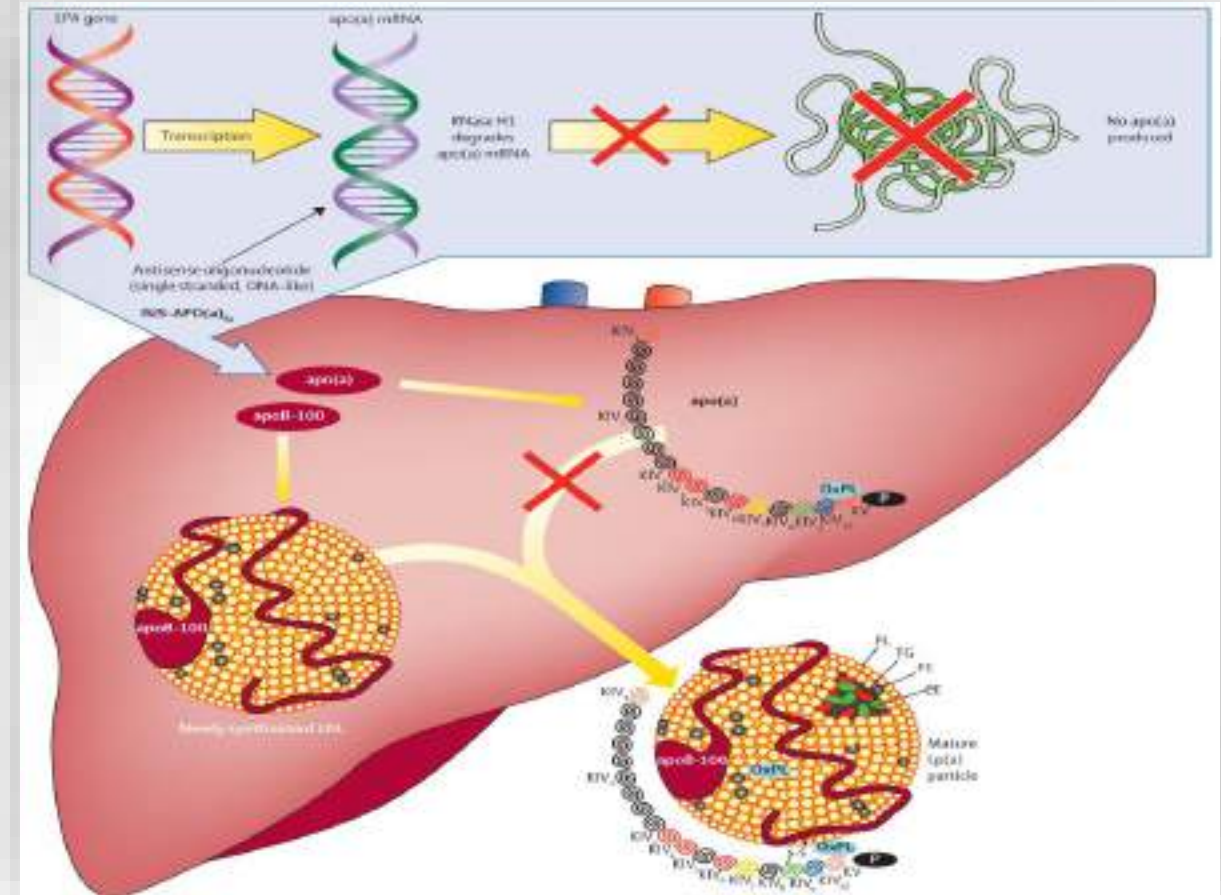
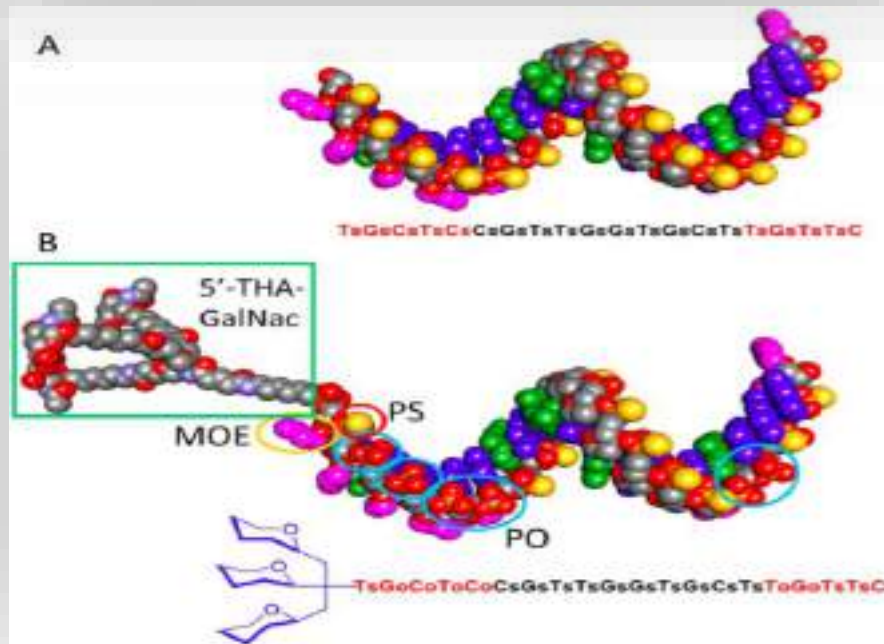
# Lowering Lipoprotein(a) with apo(a)-antisense

## Antisense therapy targeting apolipoprotein(a): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 1 study

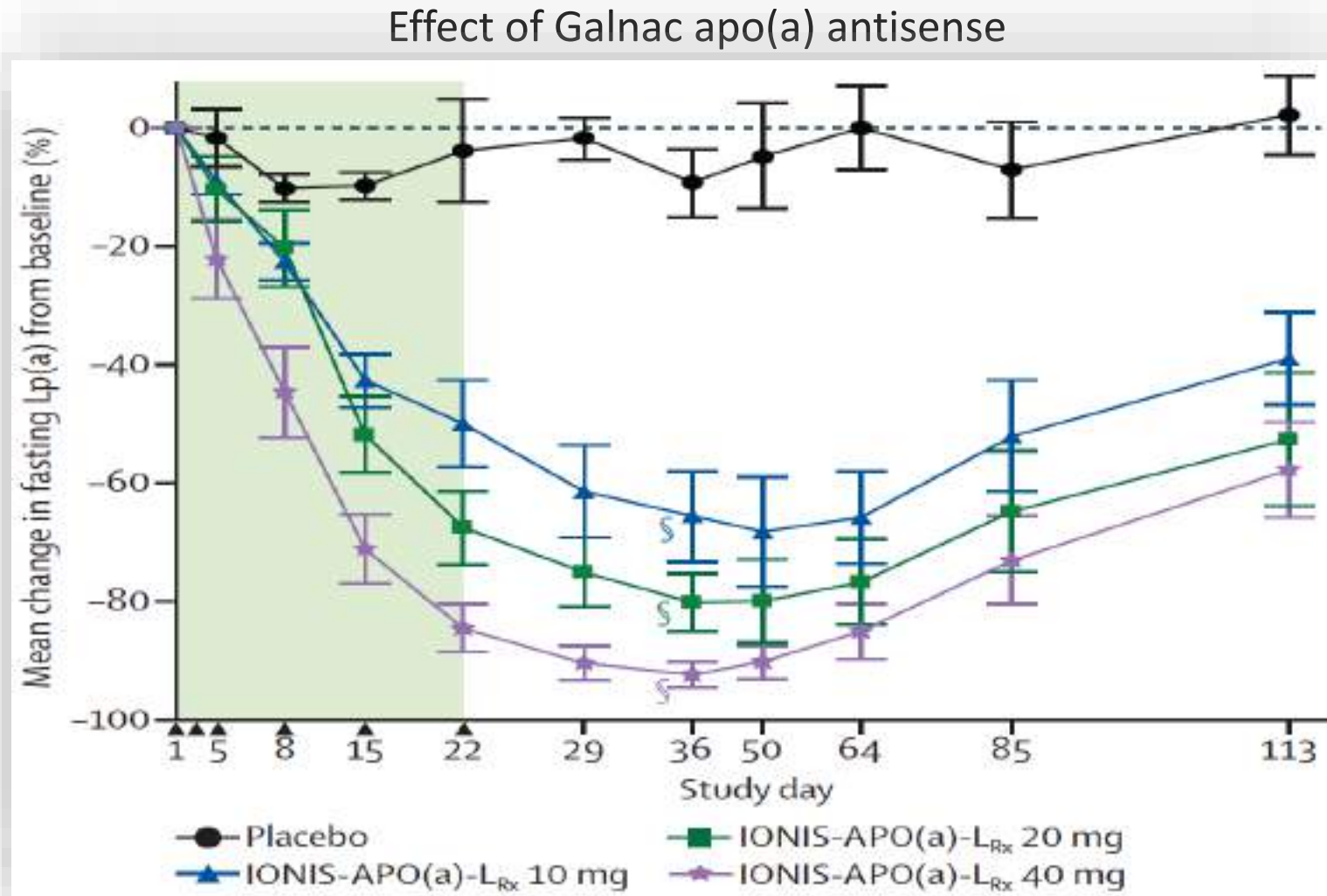
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## Antisense oligonucleotides targeting apolipoprotein(a) in people with raised lipoprotein(a): two randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging trials

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



# 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:

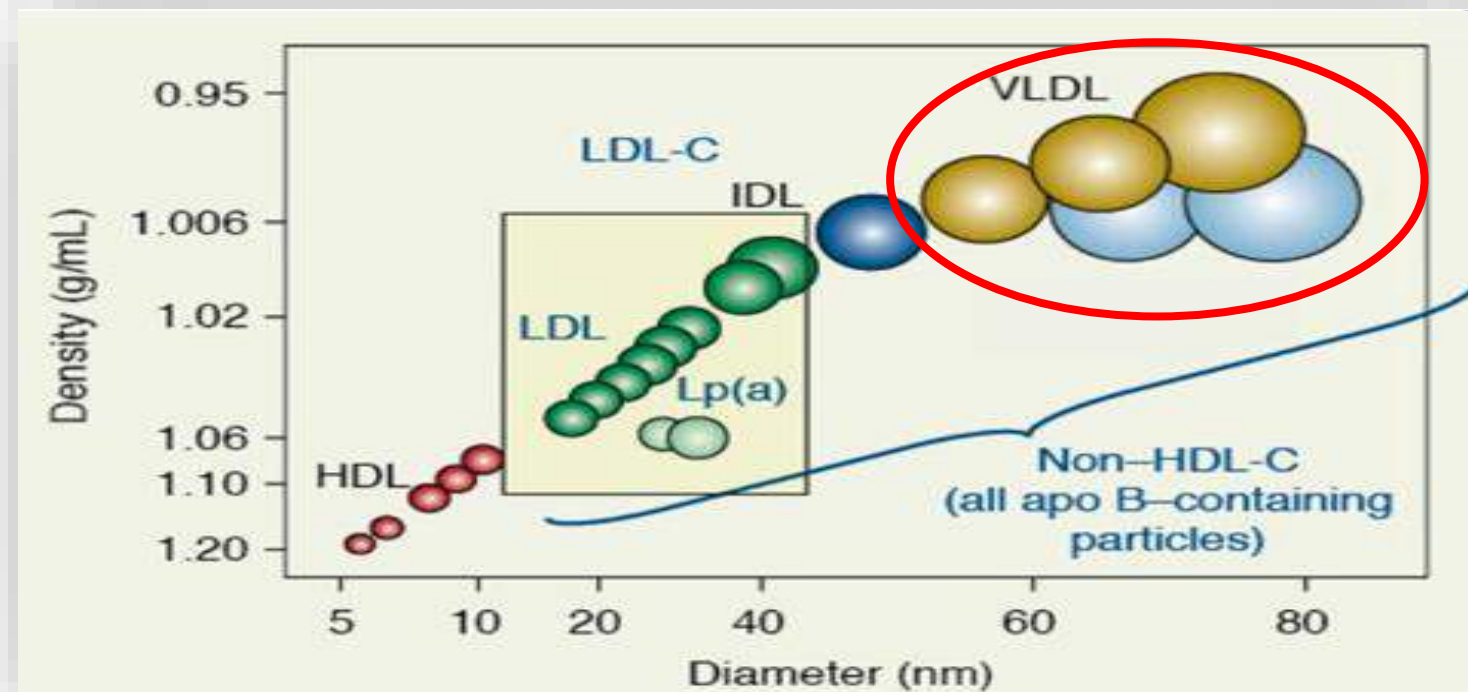
This is a pivotal phase 3 study designed to support an indication for the reduction of cardiovascular risk in patients with established CVD and elevated Lp(a)

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



# Characteristics of lipoproteins

Remnants cholesterol



# Lowering Remnant cholesterol with Apo-CIII-antisen

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

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Cardiovascular and Metabolic Effects of ANGPTL3 Antisense Oligonucleotides

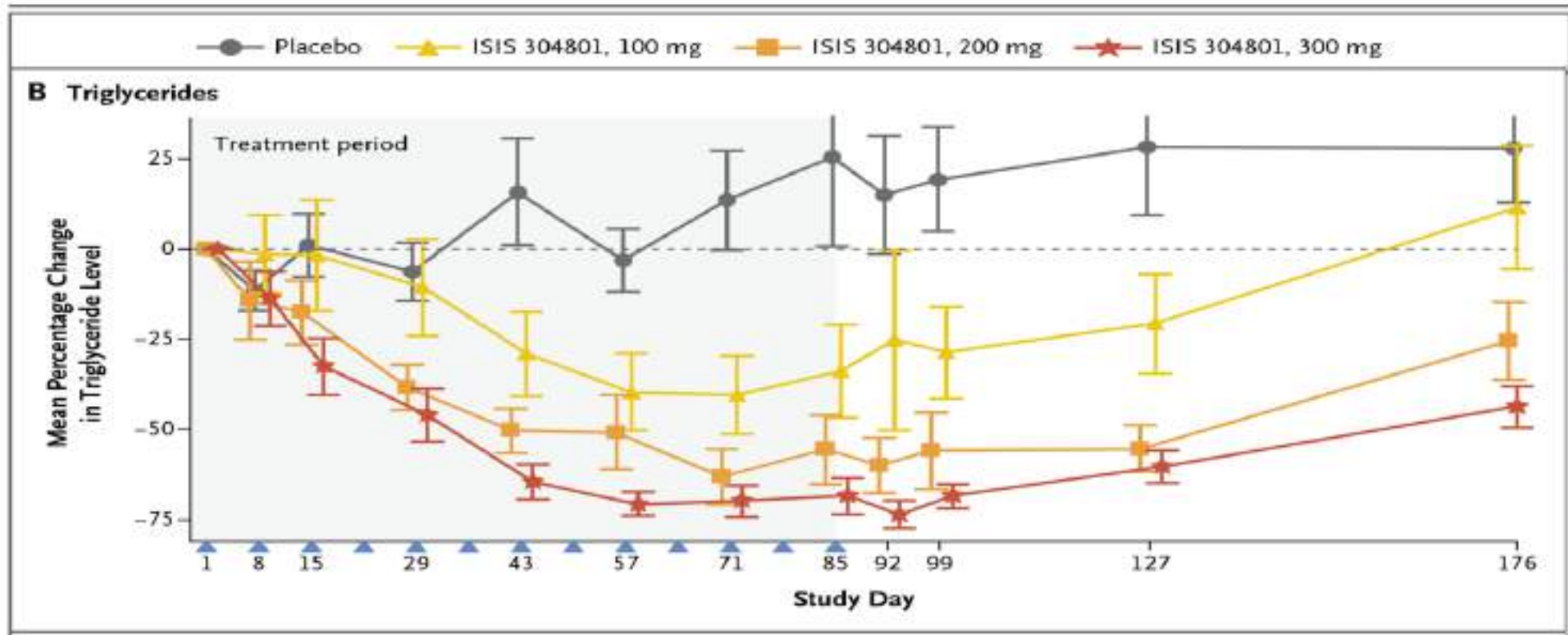
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Richard S. Geary, Ph.D., Joseph L. Witztum, M.D., Rosanne M. Crooke, Ph.D.,  
and Sotirios Tsimikas, M.D.

**Table 2.** Absolute Levels of ANGPTL3, Lipids, and Lipoproteins at Day 43 after Initiation of ANGPTL3-L<sub>px</sub> Treatment in the Multiple-Dose Groups.\*

Measure	Placebo (N=8)	ANGPTL3-L <sub>px</sub>			
		10 mg (N=6)	20 mg (N=5)	40 mg (N=6)	60 mg (N=6)
ANGPTL3 — ng/ml	132.5±38.9	45.3±22.9†	24.5±7.5†	21.1±5.0†	16.6±8.1†
Triglycerides — mg/dl	183±76	135±55	73±20†	93±24‡	82±27†
LDL cholesterol — mg/dl	151±18	126±29	124±24	115±31‡	85±26†
VLDL cholesterol — mg/dl	37±15	27±11	15±4†	19±5‡	16±6†
Apolipoprotein B — mg/dl	122±19	102±22	99±13‡	90±19‡	78±22†
Non-HDL cholesterol — mg/dl	188±25	153±28‡	139±26‡	133±32‡	101±31†
Total cholesterol — mg/dl	230±20	197±27‡	171±30†	168±33†	134±29†
HDL cholesterol — mg/dl	42±12	44±16	32±5	35±4	33±10
Apolipoprotein A1 — mg/dl	146±15	143±36	115±15†	112±13†	105±23†
Apolipoprotein C-III — mg/dl	12.8±3.2	9.1±3.8	4.2±2.3†	5.7±3.1†	3.8±1.0†
Lipoprotein(a) — nmol/liter	32±21	71±69	13±12	18±24	5±8†

# Lowering Remnant cholesterol with Apo-CIII-antisense

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



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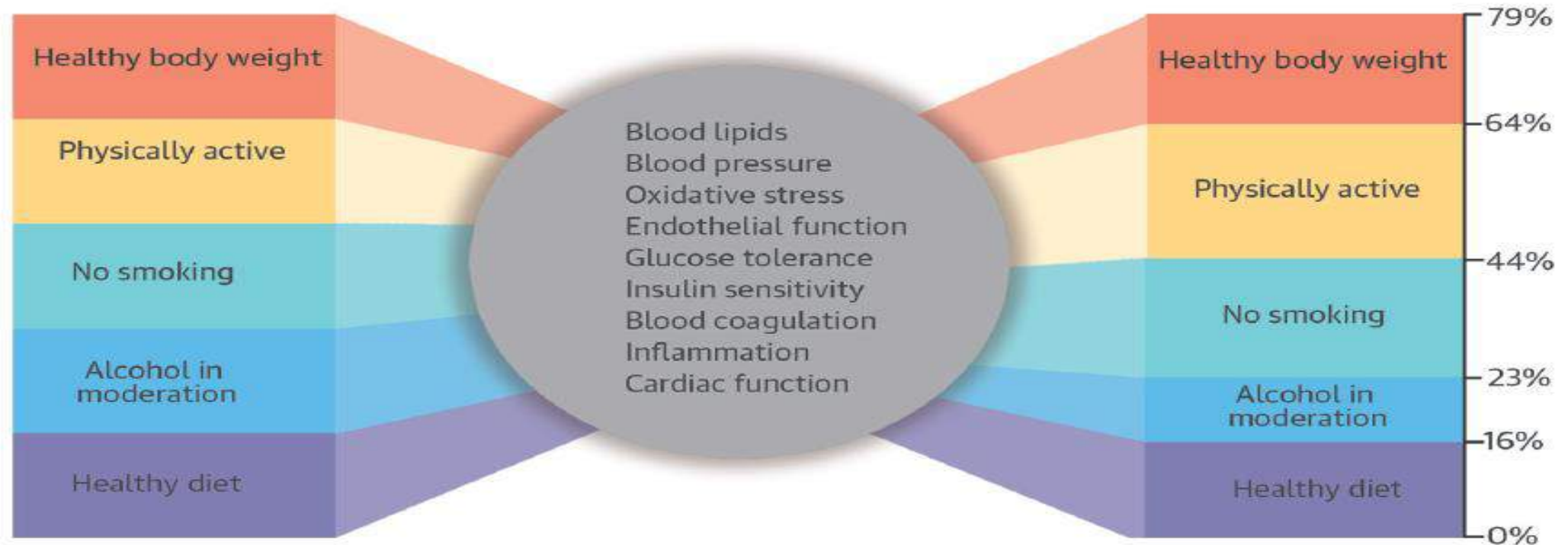


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# CV Risk factors & lifestyle

## Low-risk lifestyle practices

## Myocardial infarction Population preventable proportions



### **CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION 5** Combined Low-Risk Behaviors and the Population Preventable Proportions of MI

The combination of the 5 low-risk dietary and lifestyle factors, the proposed intermediate biological factors, and the population preventable proportions of myocardial infarction.

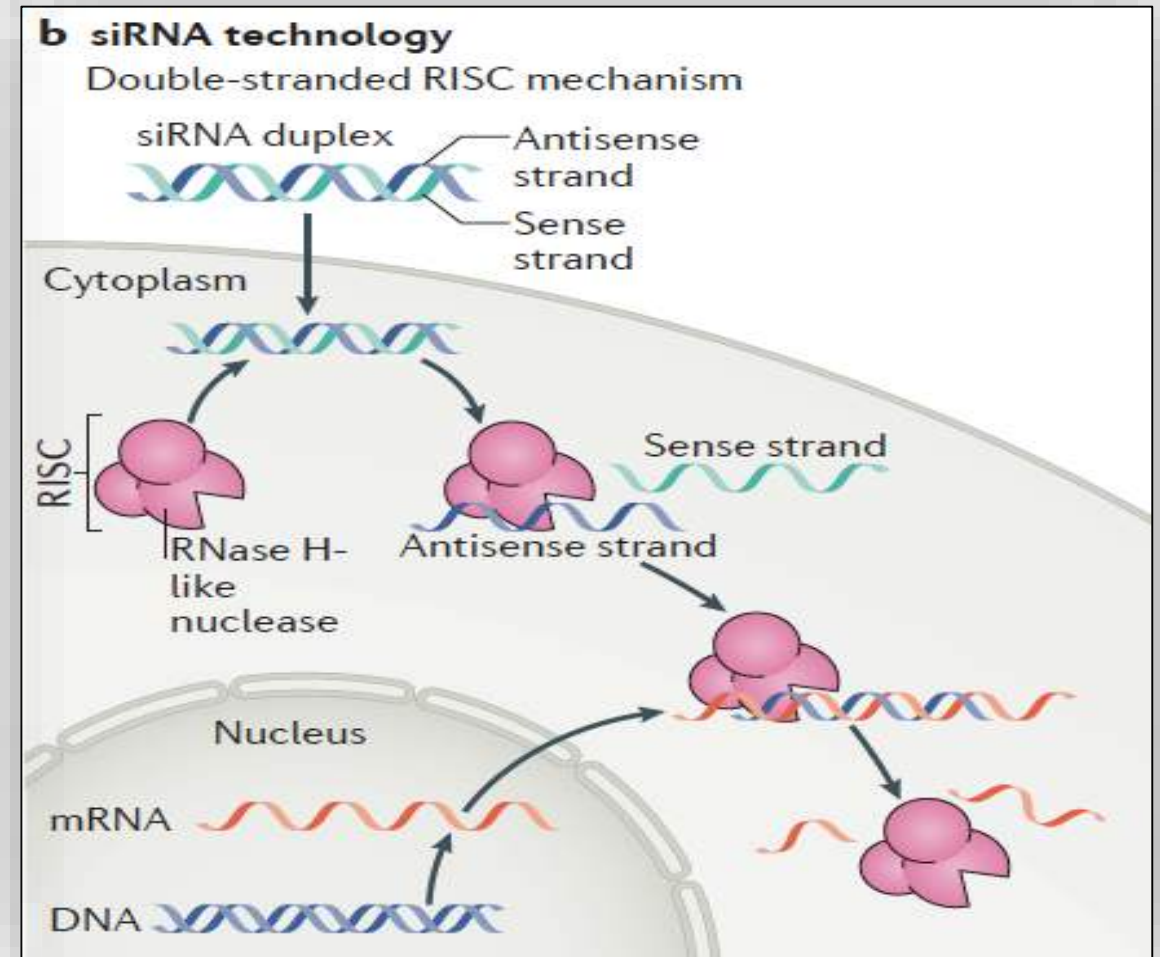
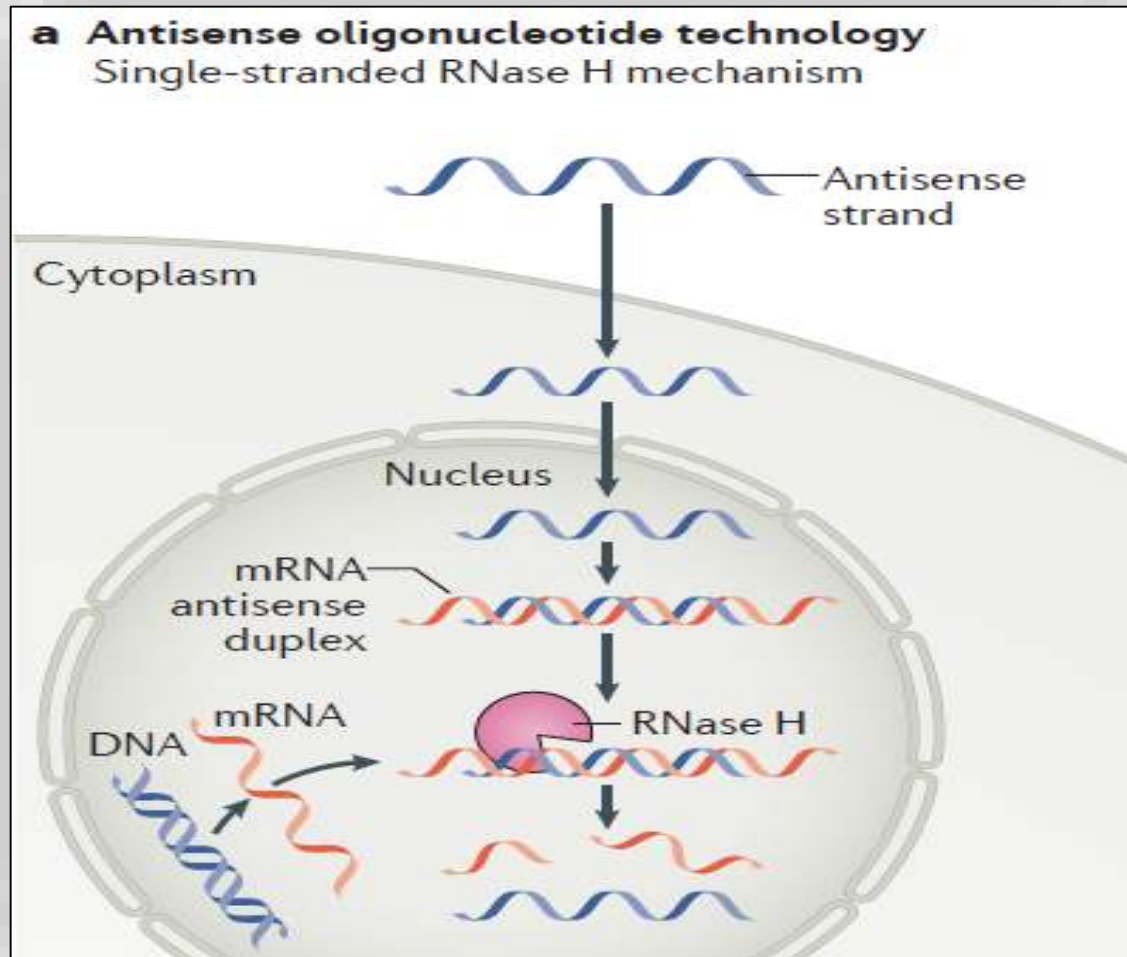
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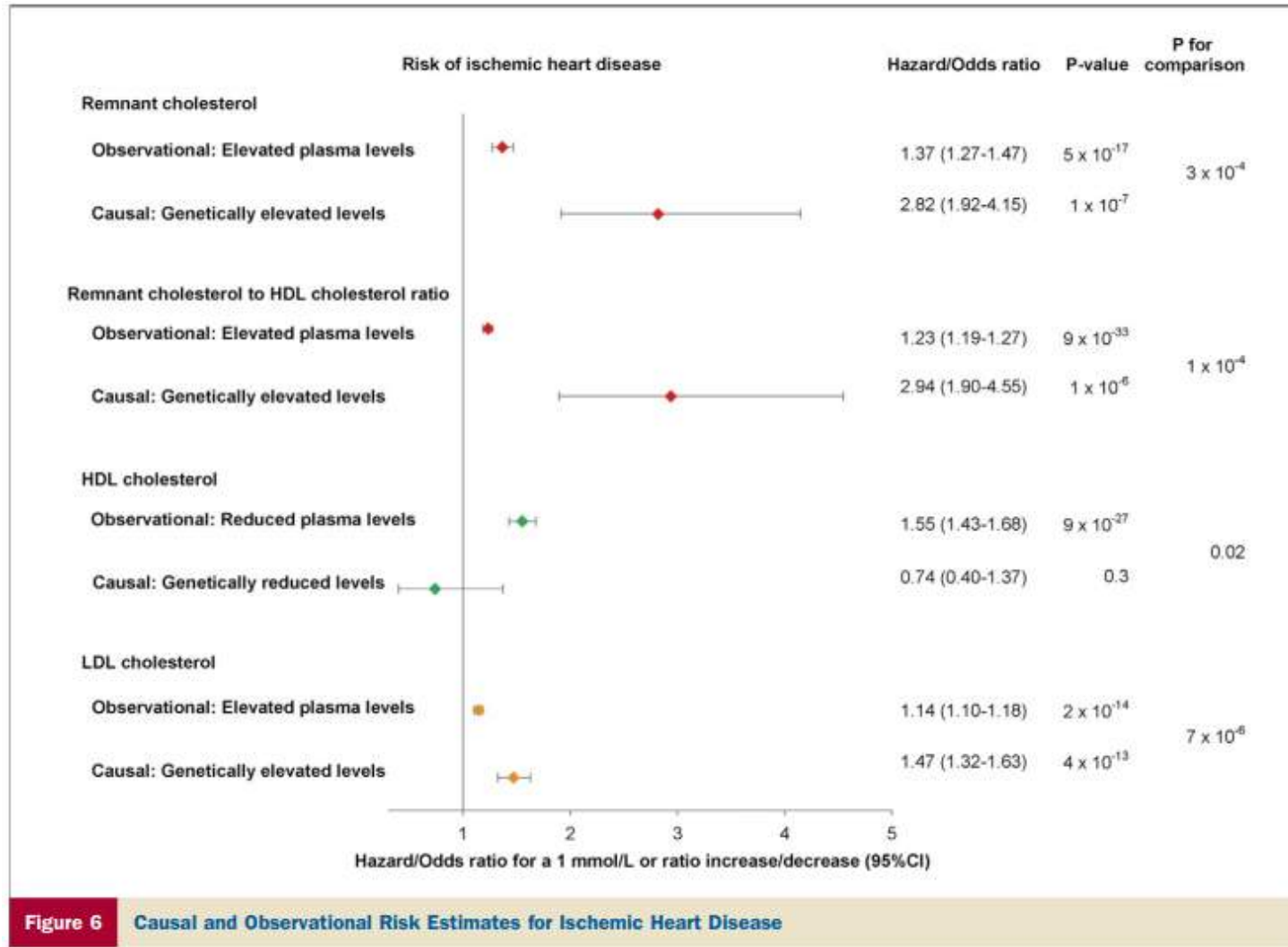


# Genetic-therapy to reduce blood-lipid-levels

Antisense oligonucleotide-based versus siRNA-based approaches



# Remnant cholesterol causally related to CVD-risk: *Mendelian Randomization*



Cardiometabolic Risk

## Remnant Cholesterol as a Causal Risk Factor for Ischemic Heart Disease

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**Figure 6** Causal and Observational Risk Estimates for Ischemic Heart Disease