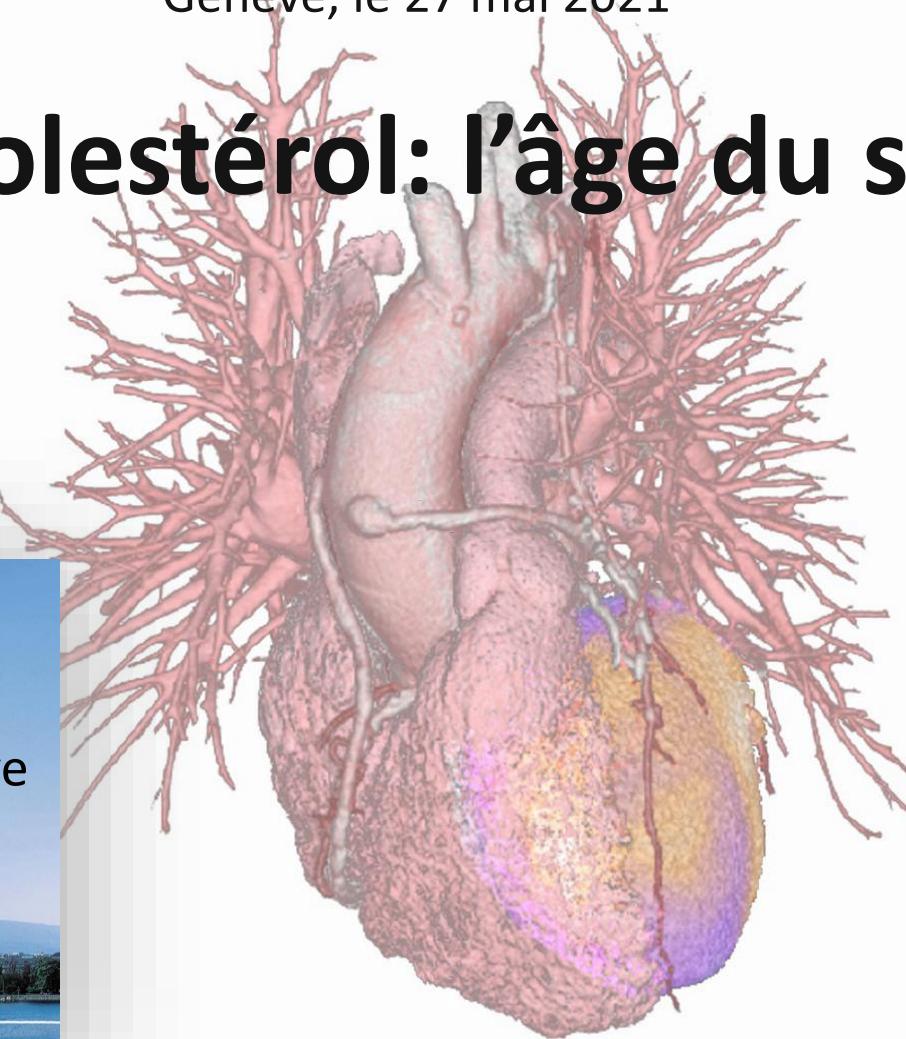


Service de cardiologie / HUG
Colloque multidisciplinaire de formation continue, cardiologie et chirurgie cardio-vasculaire
Genève, le 27 mai 2021

LDL-cholestérol: l'âge du silence



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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%

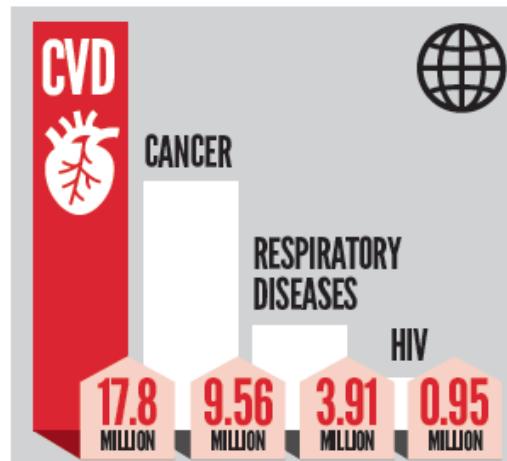
of all
global deaths



>75%

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

GLOBAL CAUSES OF DEATH



RISK FACTORS FOR CVD



Athérosclérose

Coronary Artery Disease

Leading cause of mortality

Happened globally

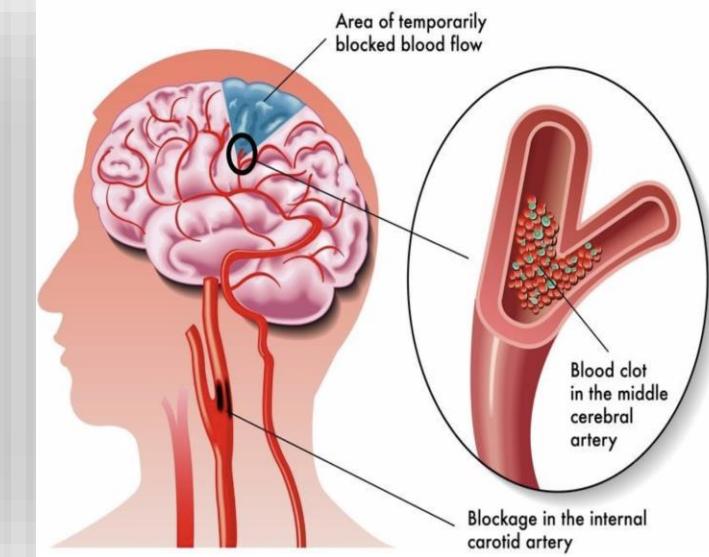
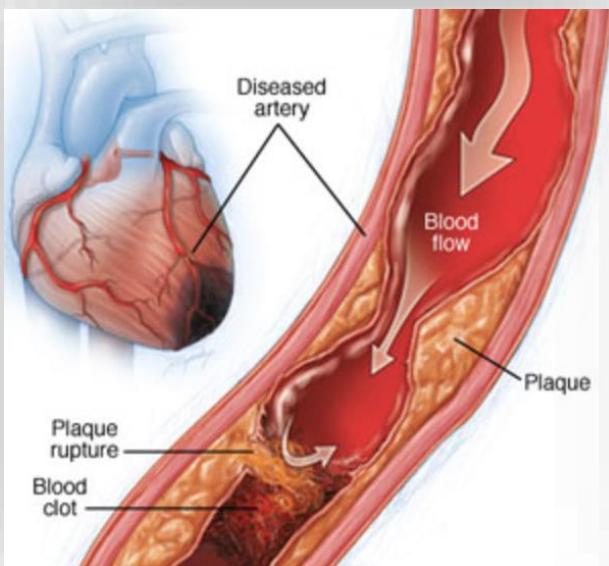
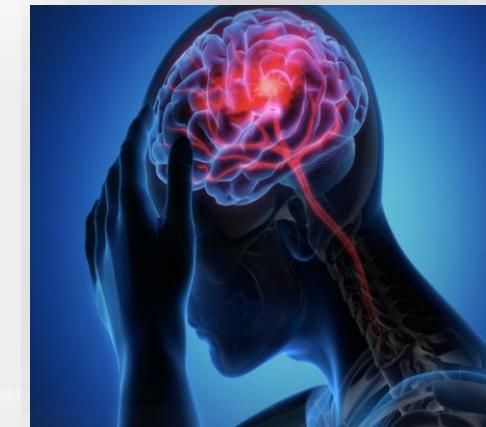
Increase new cases

Leading cause of loss of productivity

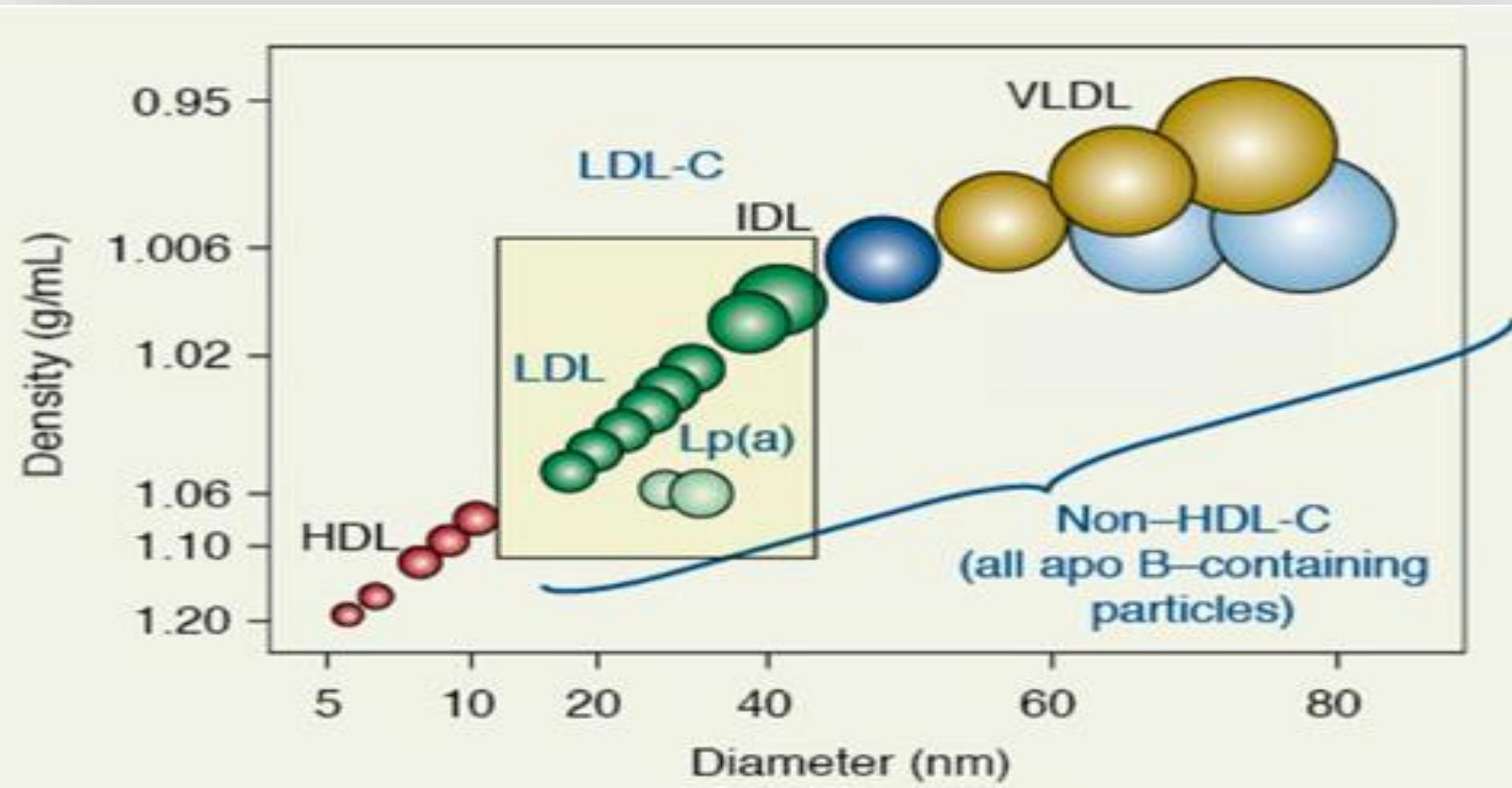
TRUE PANDEMIC

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"



Caractéristiques des lipoprotéines



Lowering cholesterol lowers CV events: first evidence

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THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

Oct. 4, 1990

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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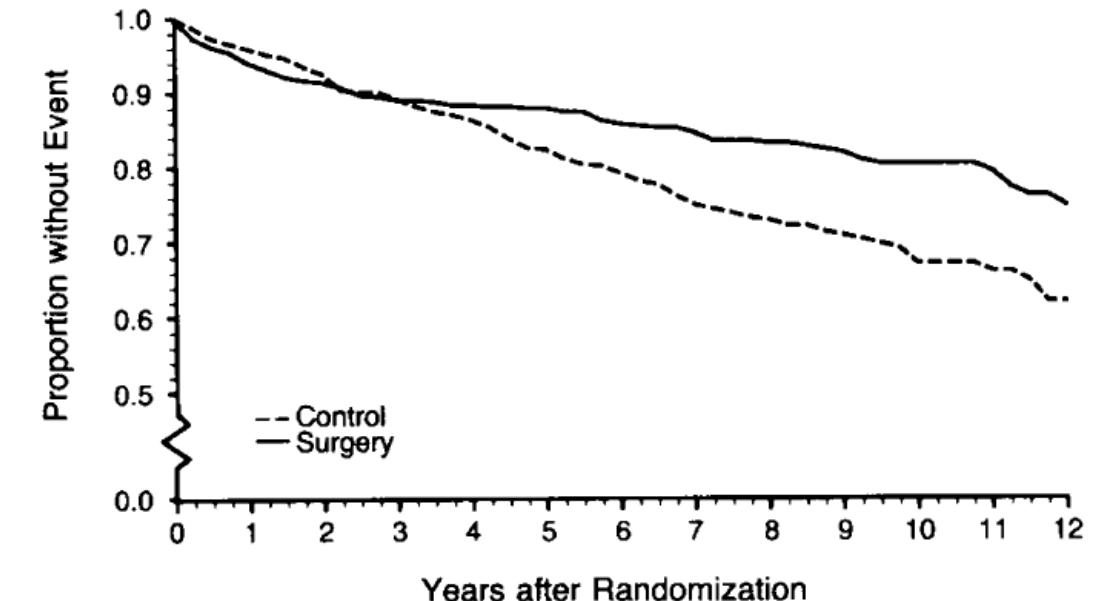
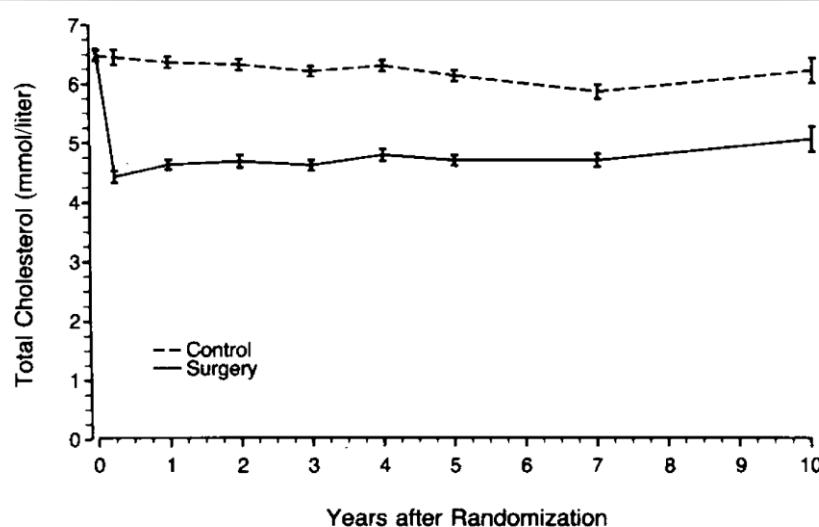
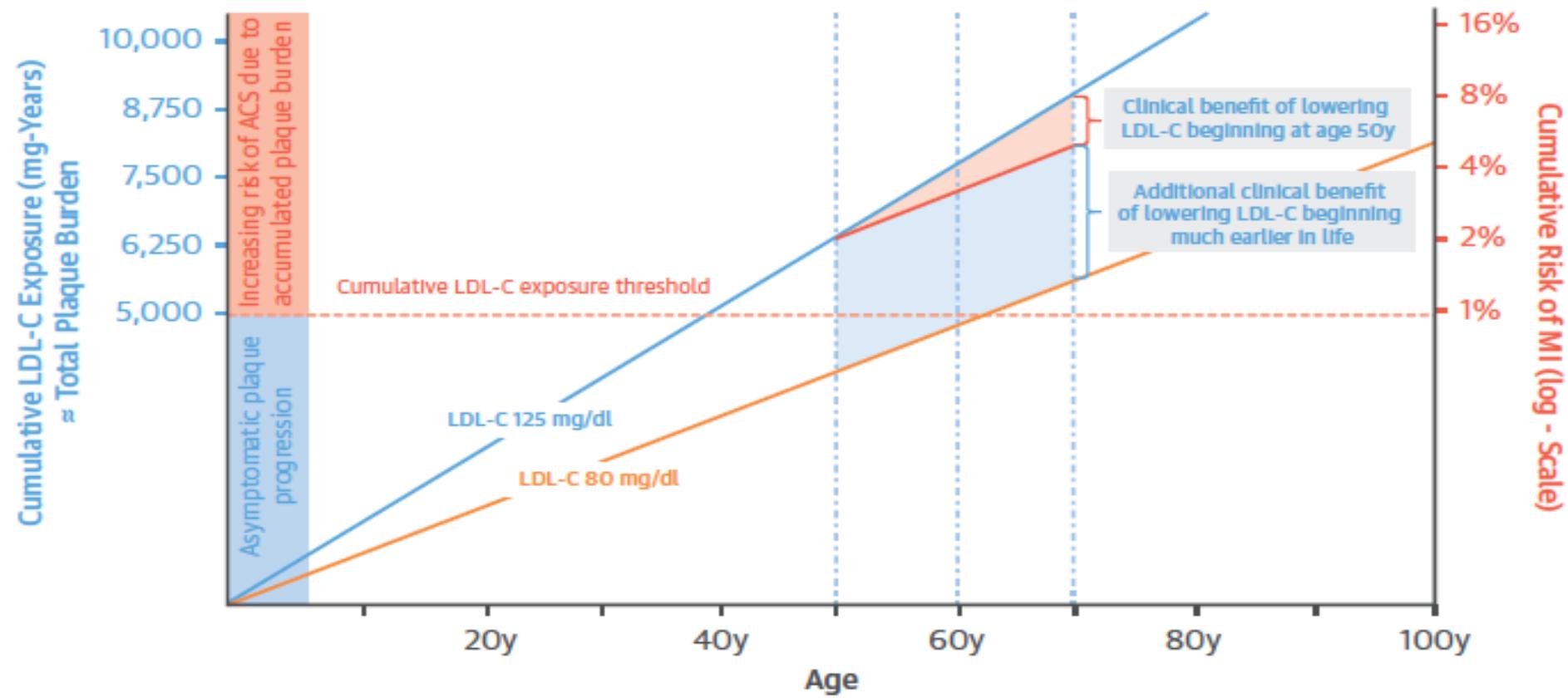
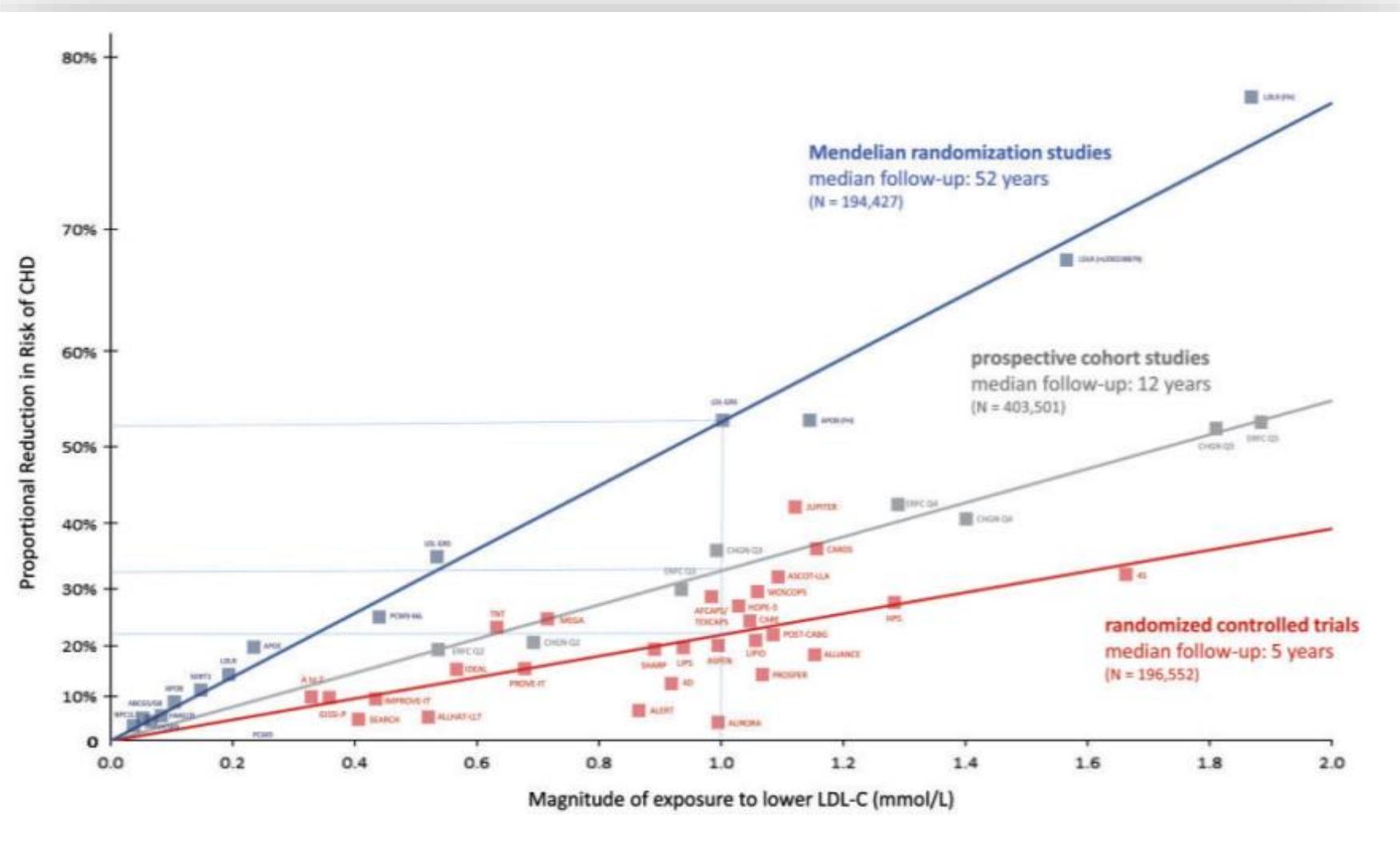


Figure 2. Confirmed Myocardial Infarction and Death Due to Atherosclerotic Coronary Heart Disease as a Combined End Point ("Event") in the Study Groups.

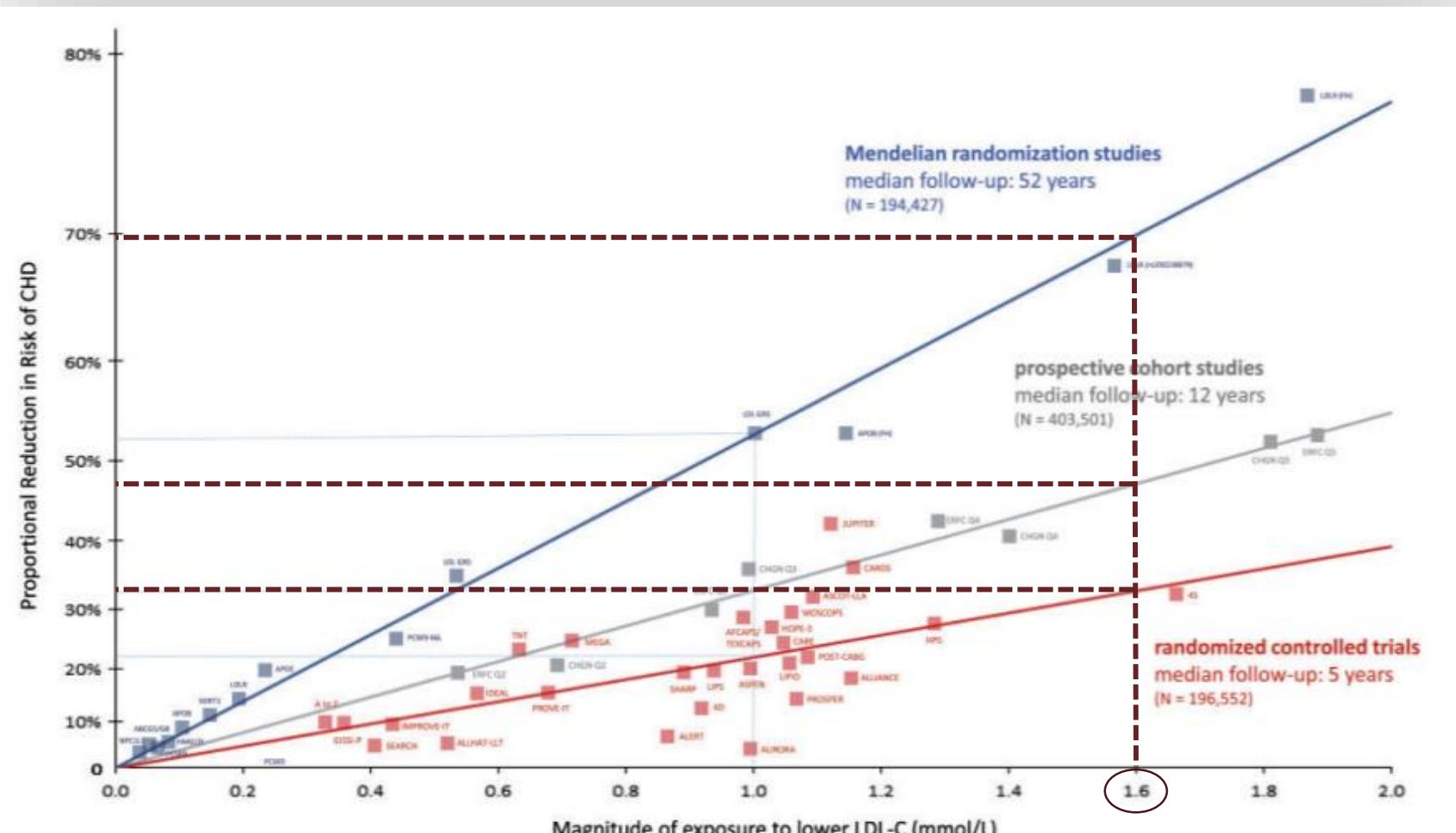
Time-Exposure to LDL-C



Time-Exposure to low LDL-C



Time-Exposure to low LDL-C



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 ¹ (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 ² (ezetimibe 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 ³ (evolocumab plus high-dose statin ± ezetimibe vs high-dose statin ± ezetimibe)	2.37 [92] vs 0.78 [30]	CV death, MI, stroke, UA, coronary revasc	0.85 (0.79-0.92)
ODYSSEYOUTCOMES ⁴ (alirocumab plus high-dose statin ± ezetimibe vs high-dose statin ± ezetimibe)	2.37 [92] vs 1.37 [53]	MI, CHD death, stroke, UA	0.85 (0.78-0.93)

¹Lancet 2010;376:1670; ²NEJM 2015;372:2387; ³NEJM 2017;376:1713; ⁴NEJM 2018;379:2097

PCSK9 mAb: Efficacy and safety

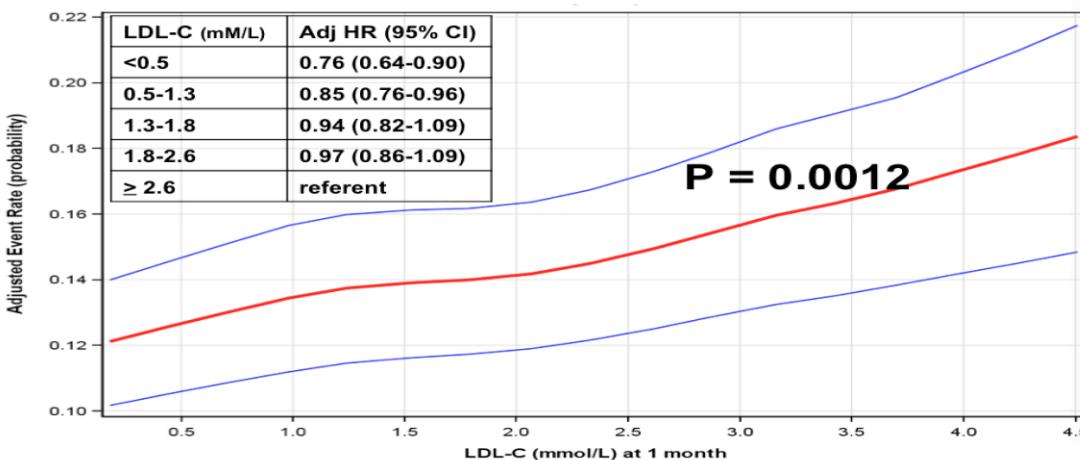
Clinical efficacy and safety of achieving very low LDL-CLDL-cholesterol concentrations with the PCSK9 inhibitor evolocumab (FOURIER trial)



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Primary Efficacy Endpoint*



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)		
Efficacy Endpoints	n (%)	n (%)		
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
Safety Endpoints				
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

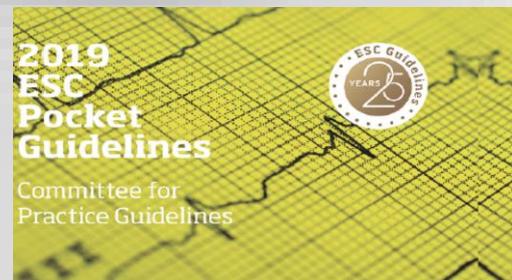
ESC/EAS 2019 Lipid Guidelines



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)

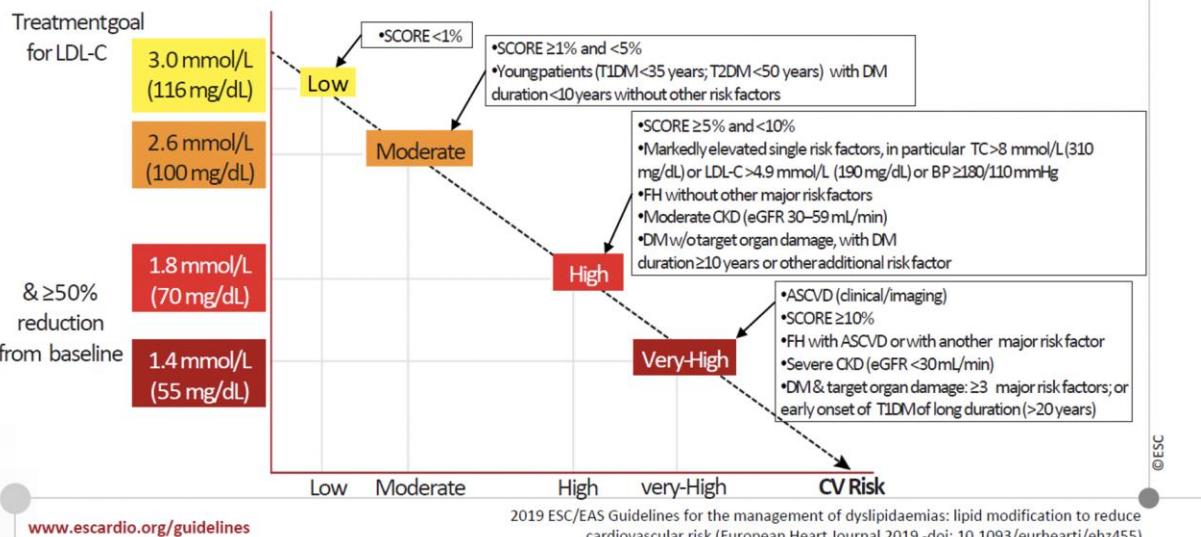
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DYSLIPIDAEMIAS
Guidelines for the Management
of Dyslipidaemias:
Lipid Modification to Reduce
Cardiovascular Risk

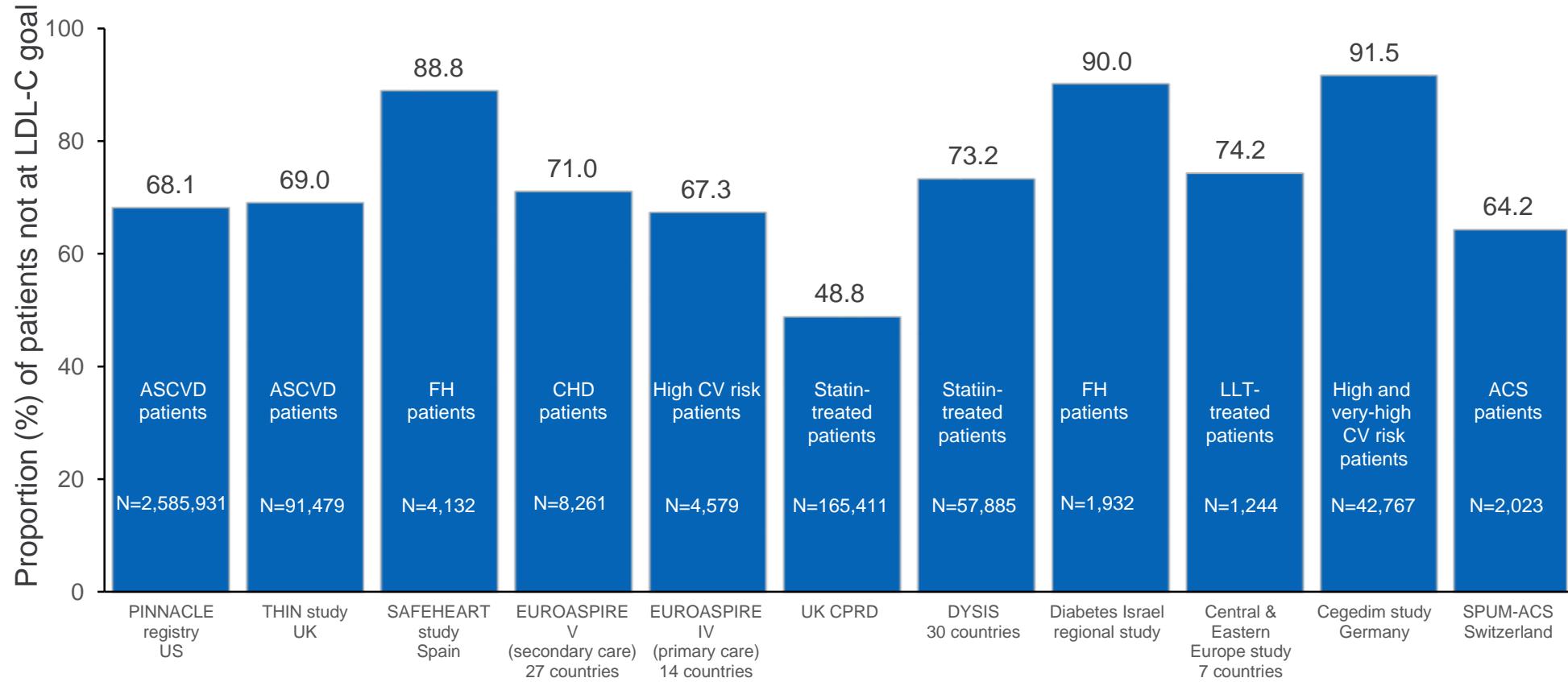


Treatment goals for LDL-C across categories of total cardiovascular disease risk



2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk (European Heart Journal 2019 -doi: 10.1093/eurheartj/ehz455)

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



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

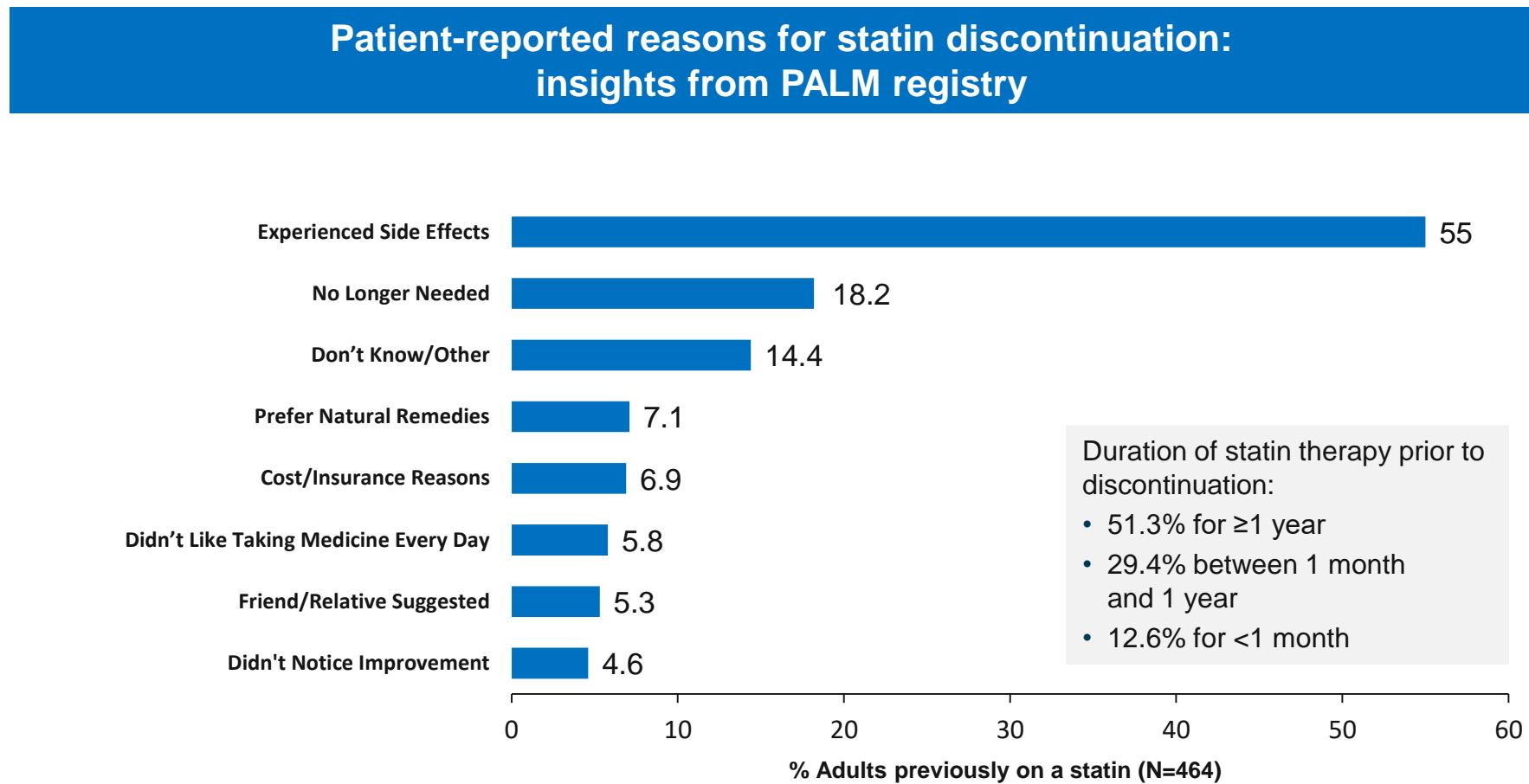
In patients with established **ASCVD**, **2019 goal attainment was approximately half that of 2016** (18% vs 39%, respectively)

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



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



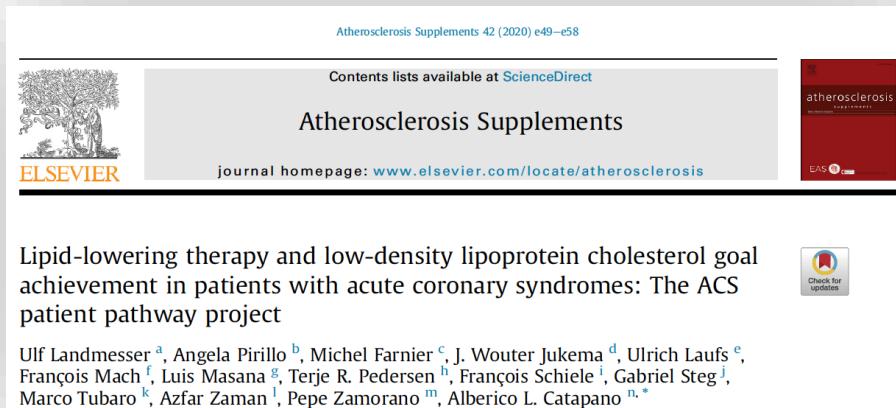
44% of patients

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



Atherosclerosis 2020;40:e49-e58

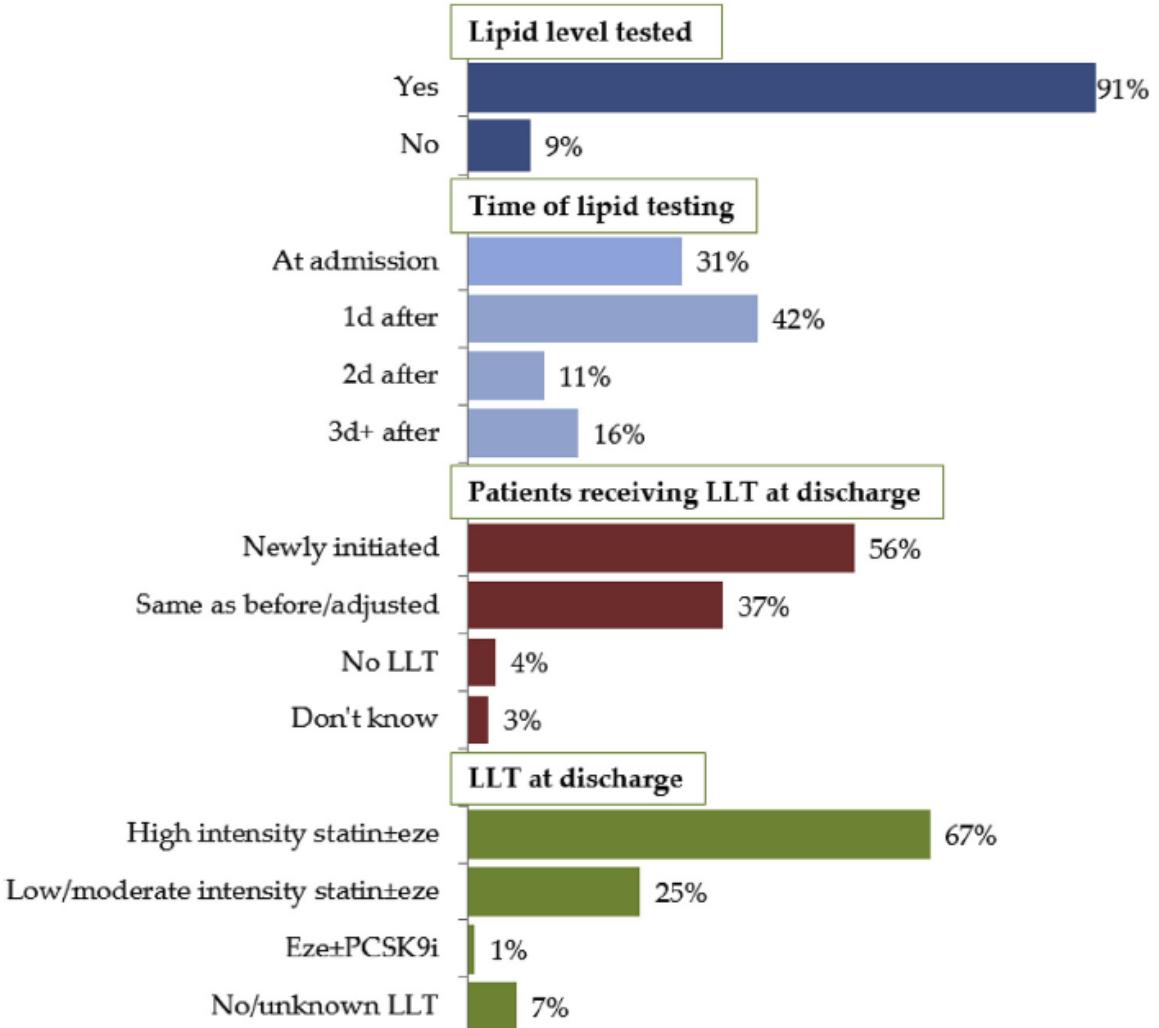


Fig. 1. Percentages of patients who had lipid levels tested and pharmacological approaches during acute phase. LLT: lipid-lowering therapy.

Research on ACS management

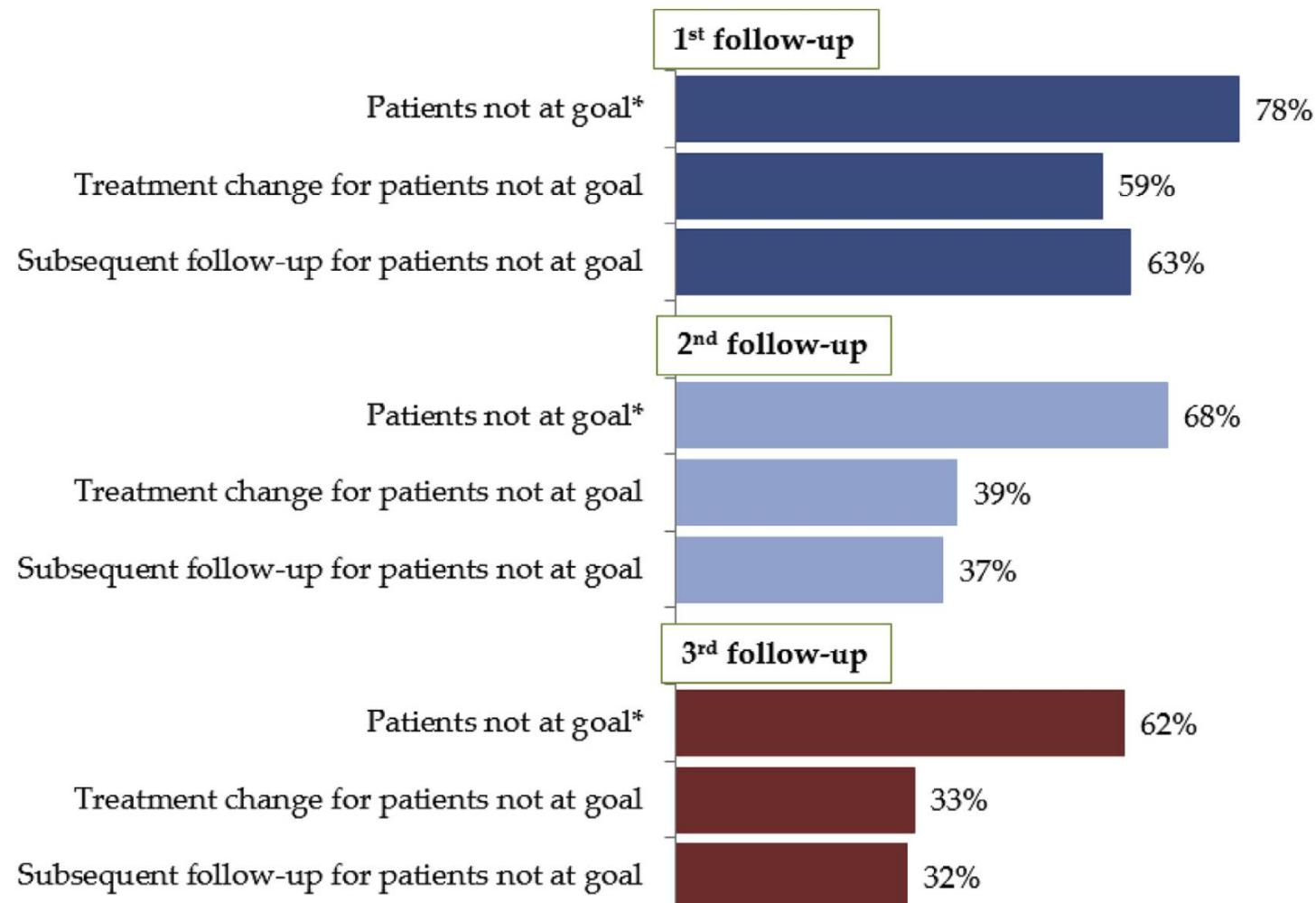


Fig. 4. Percentages of patients not at goal, treatment changes and subsequent follow-up planning during three follow-up visits. * >70 mg/dL.

Research on ACS management

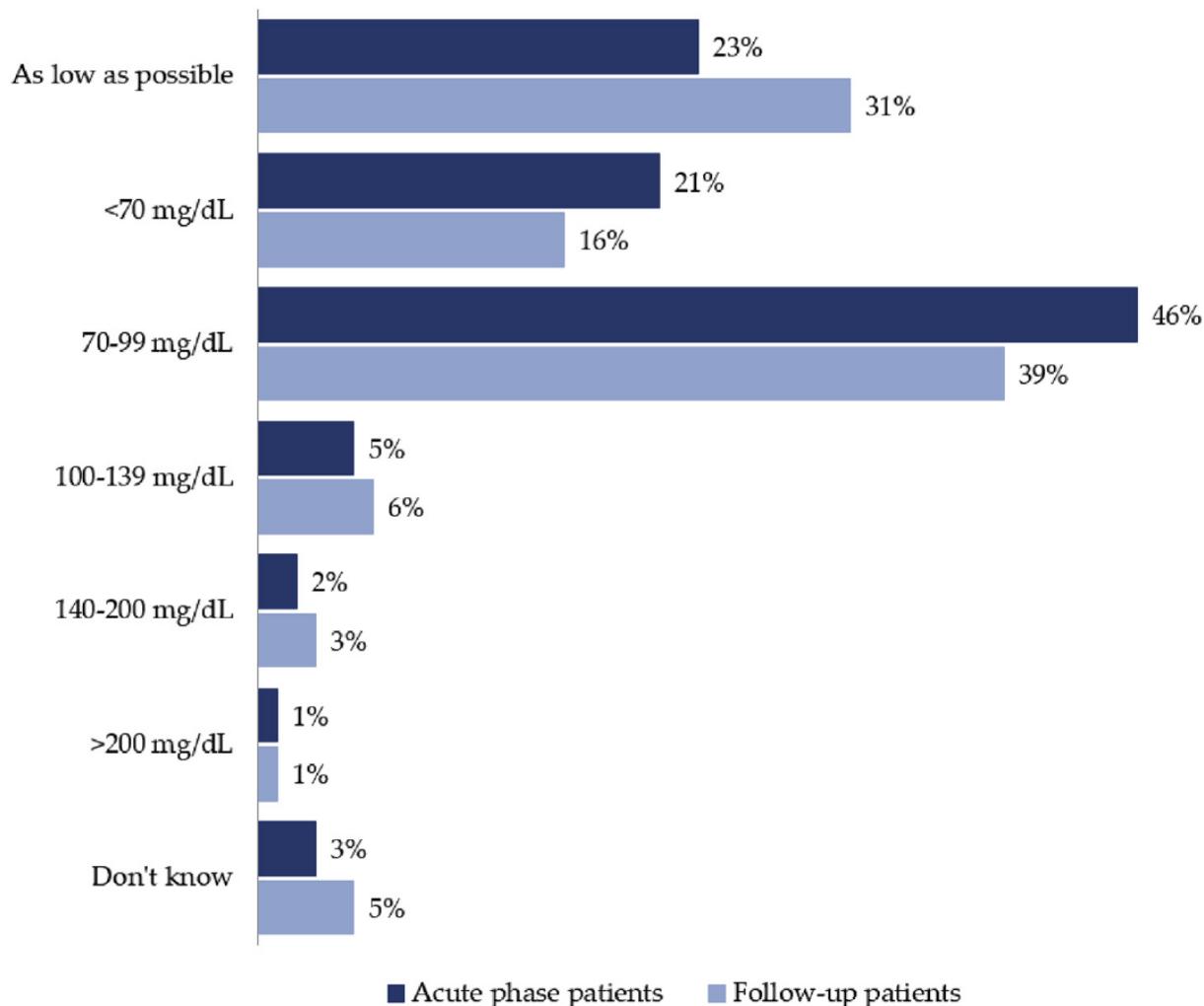
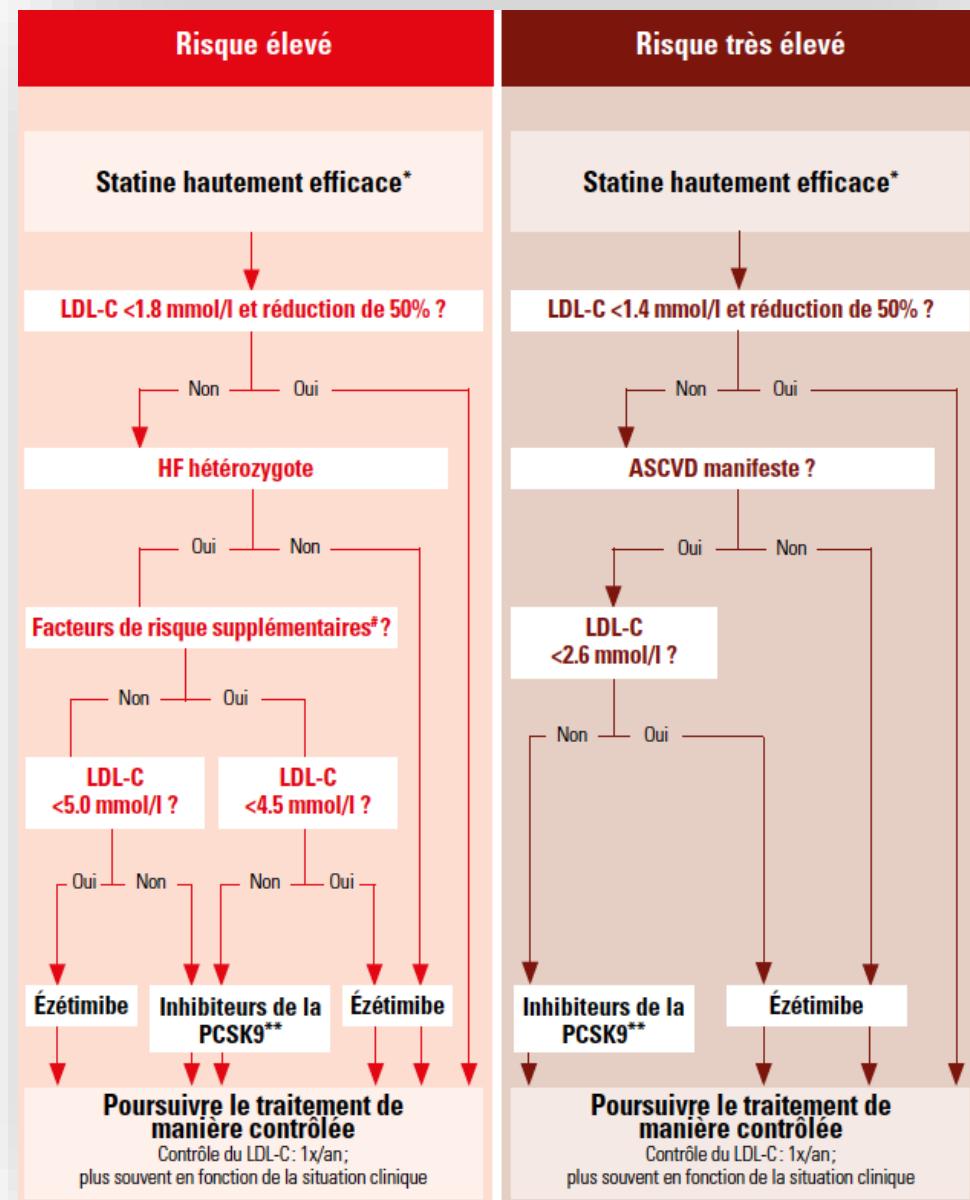
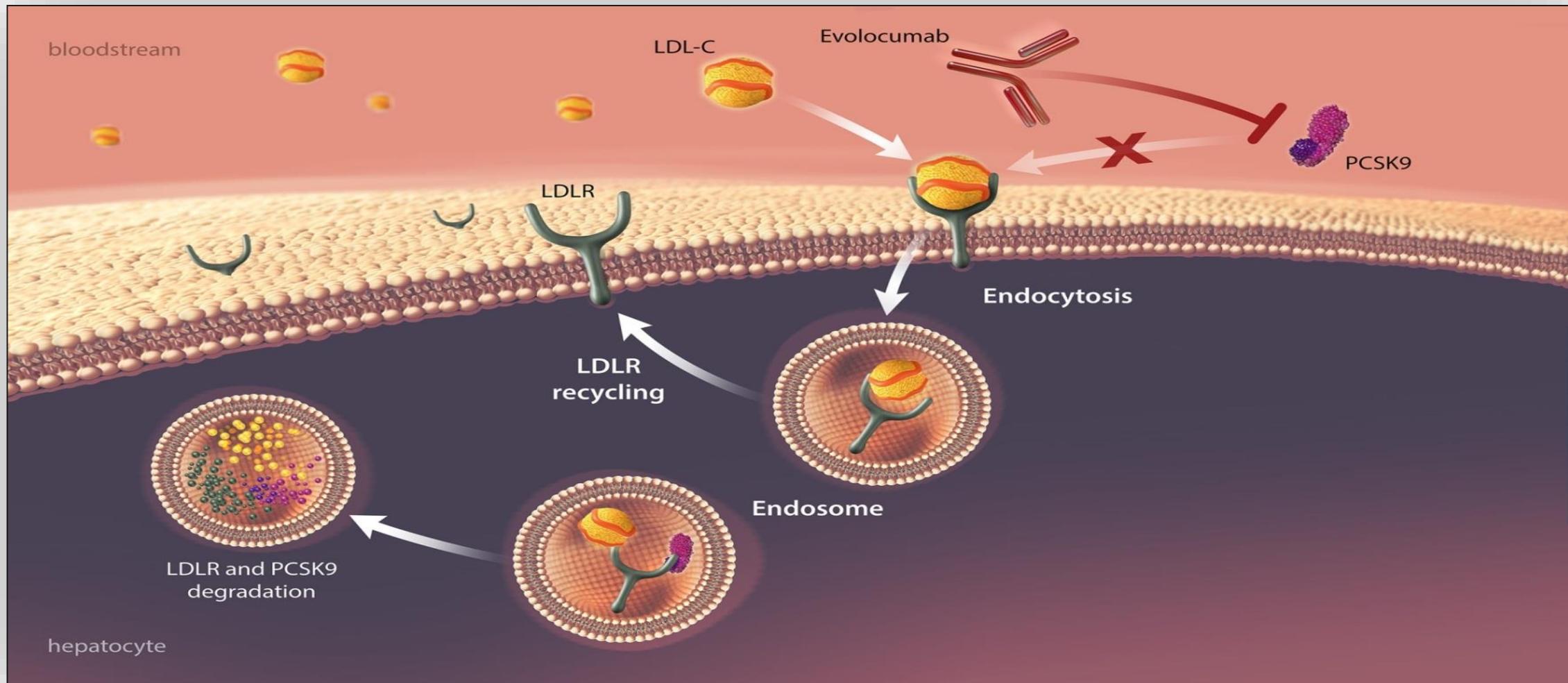


Fig. 6. LDL-C goal for acute phase and follow-up patients, as indicated by cardiologists during the survey.

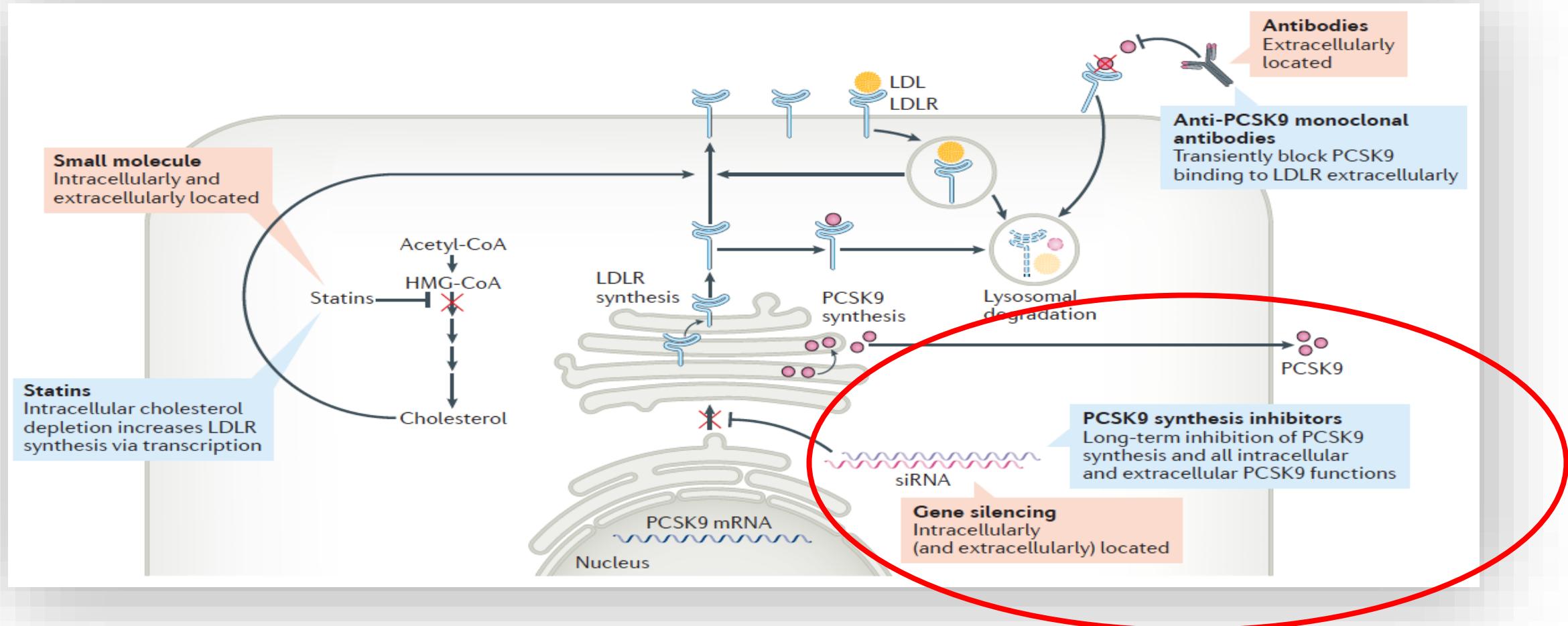
AGLA/GSLA lipid guidelines (www.agla.ch)



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



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)¹

ncRNAs are involved in **gene regulation**, RNA maturation and protein synthesis¹

Transcription → Translation

DNA

mRNA

Protein

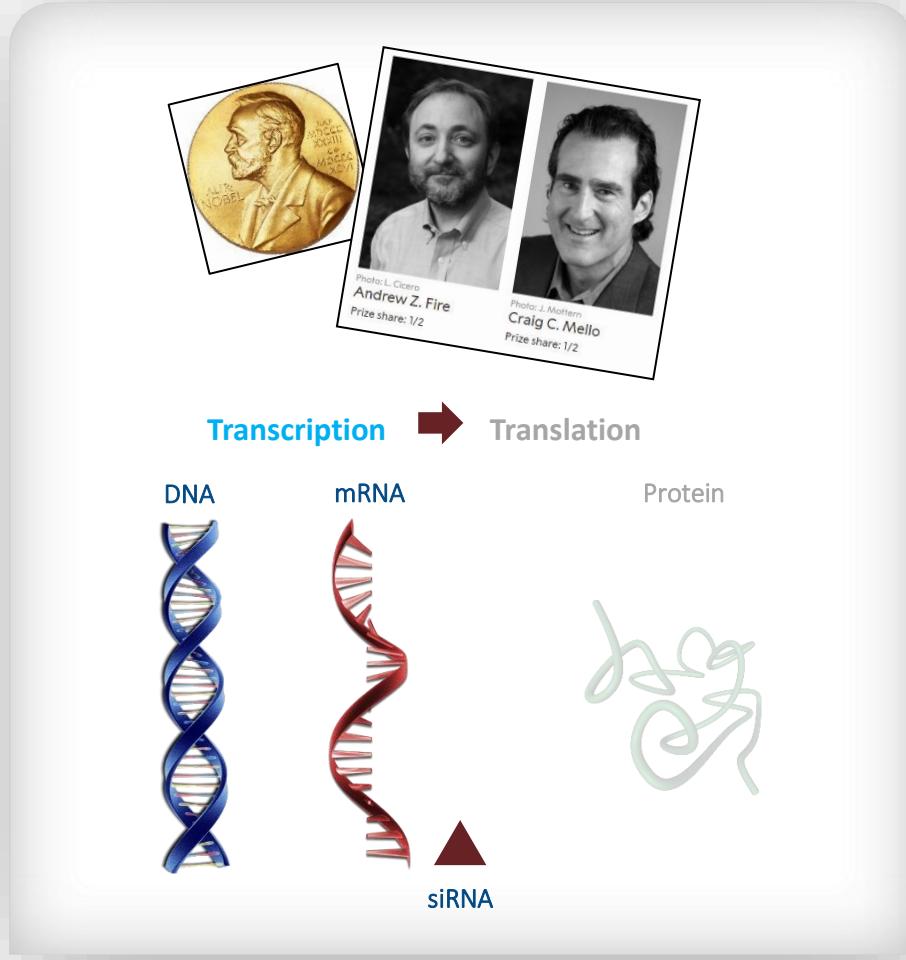
siRNA

Small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) are short double-stranded ncRNAs that function in gene silencing^{2,3}

siRNAs **prevent protein synthesis** by degrading unique target mRNA through a natural mechanism called RNA interference^{2,3}

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)¹

RNAi therapeutics harness the natural biologic pathway of RNAi to regulate expression of specific genes²

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

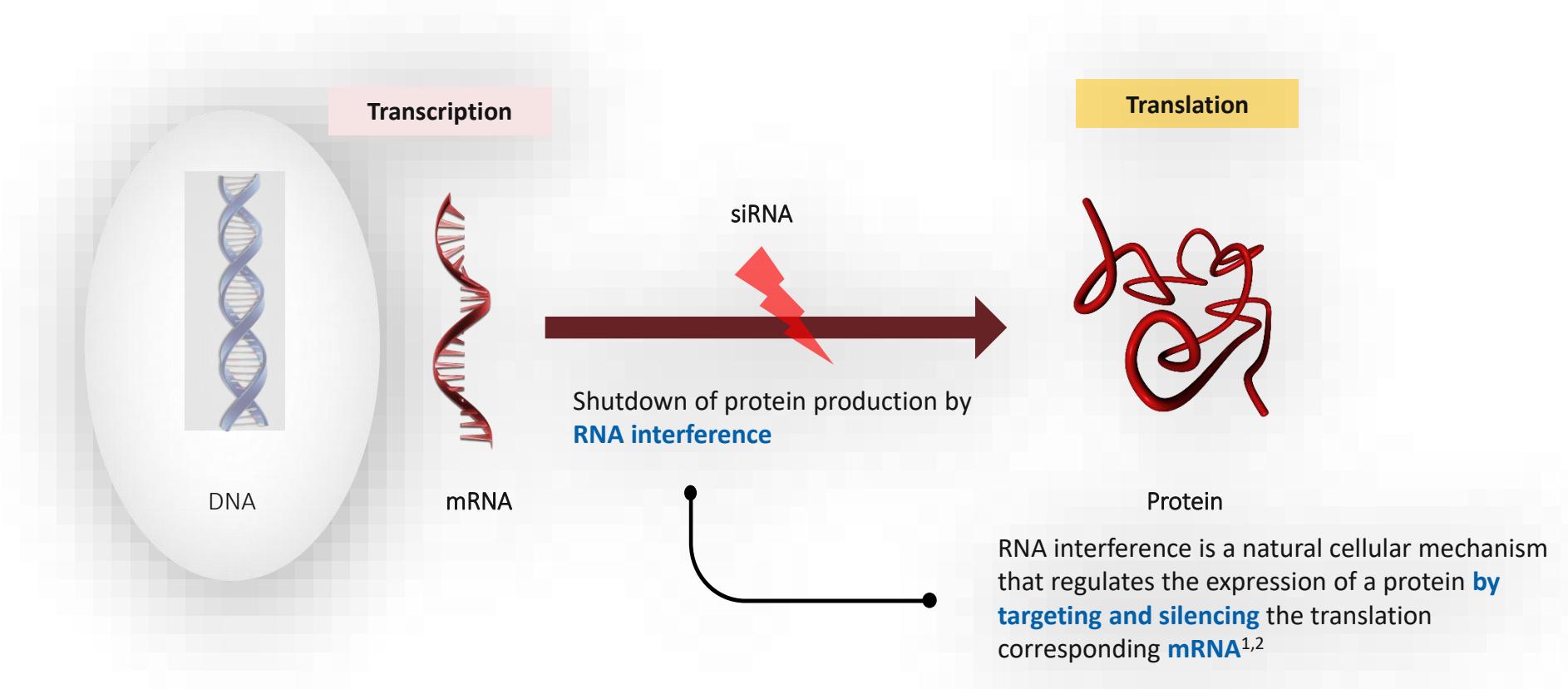
Synthetic siRNA targets a unique mRNA nucleotide sequence and can theoretically target any gene of interest²

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

²Mol Ther Nucleic Acids. 2015;4:e252

³Cell Metab. 2018;27:714

RNA interference enables a cell to specifically shut down protein production



What is inclisiran ?

Small interfering RNA

- Synthetic small interfering RNA (siRNA) conjugated with triantennary GalNAC carbohydrate^{1,2}
- Utilizes the natural RNA interference mechanism to degrade PCSK9 mRNA and prevent its translation to protein²

Chemical Modifications^{3,4}

- 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

21-23^{mer} double strand siRNA

Guide strand
Passenger strand

Triantennary
GalNAC conjugate

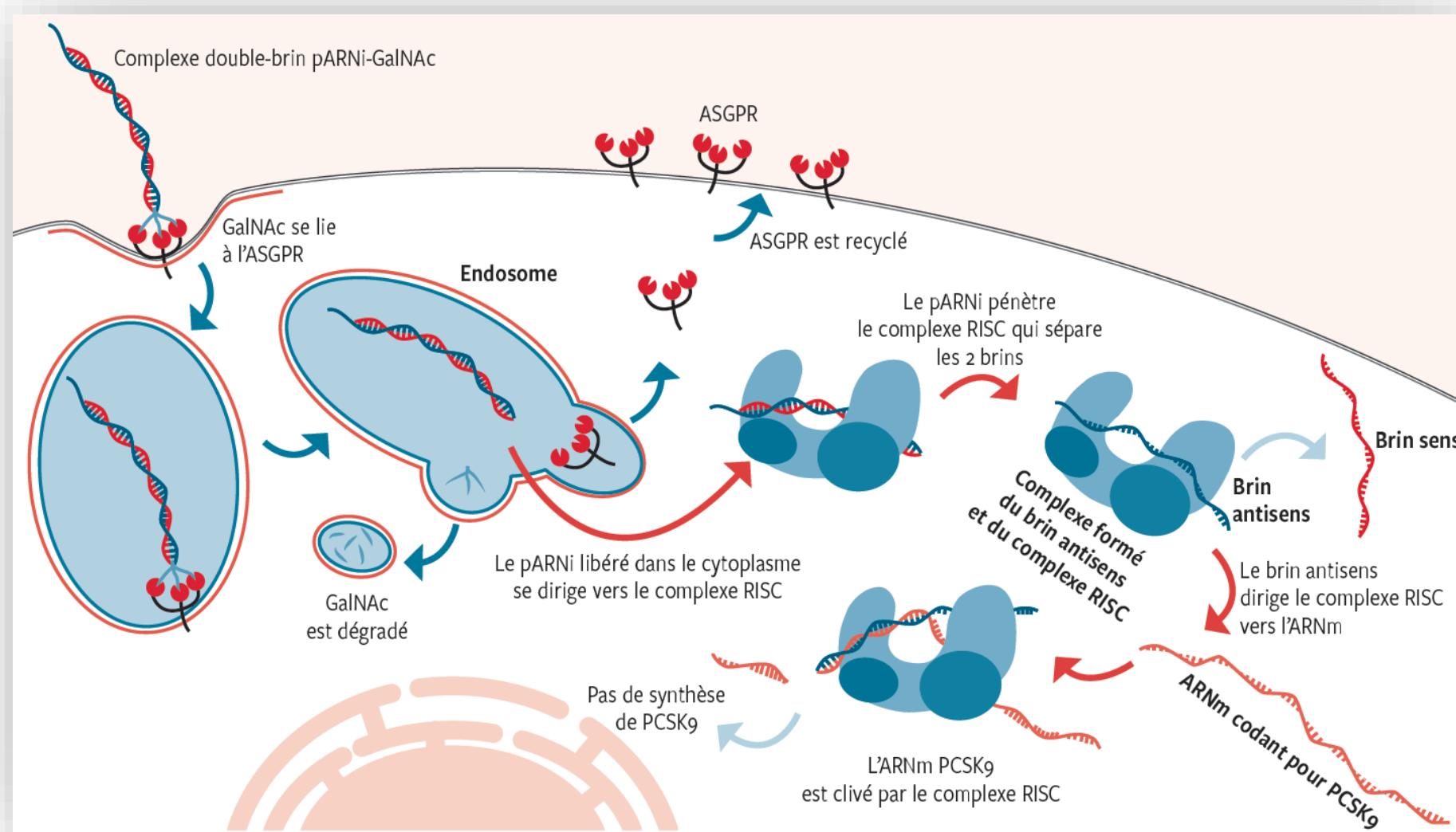


¹Circ Res. 2017;120:1063 ²N Engl J Med. 2017;376:41

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

Mechanism of action

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



Inclisiran treatment

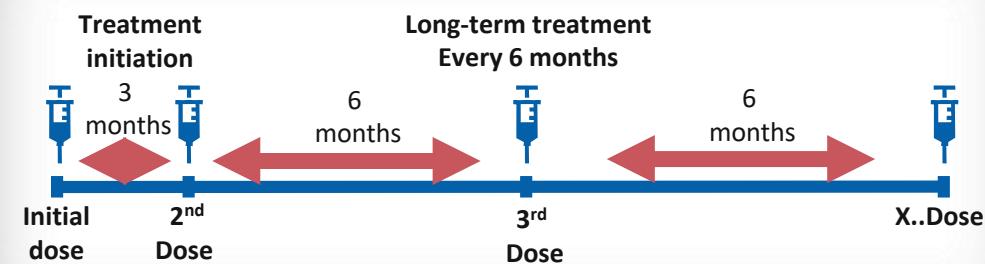
Dose & administration

Injection^{1,2}

1.5 mL solution per syringe

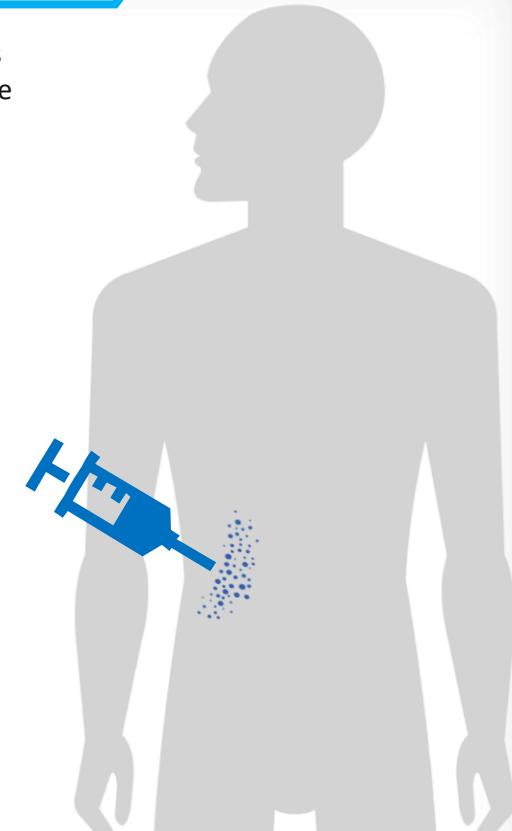
- 300 mg inclisiran sodium*
- Water as the diluent
- Sodium hydroxide and phosphoric acid (pH 7)
- Stored at room temperature

Dose regimen^{1,2}



Administration^{1,2}

Subcutaneous injection in the abdomen by healthcare professionals

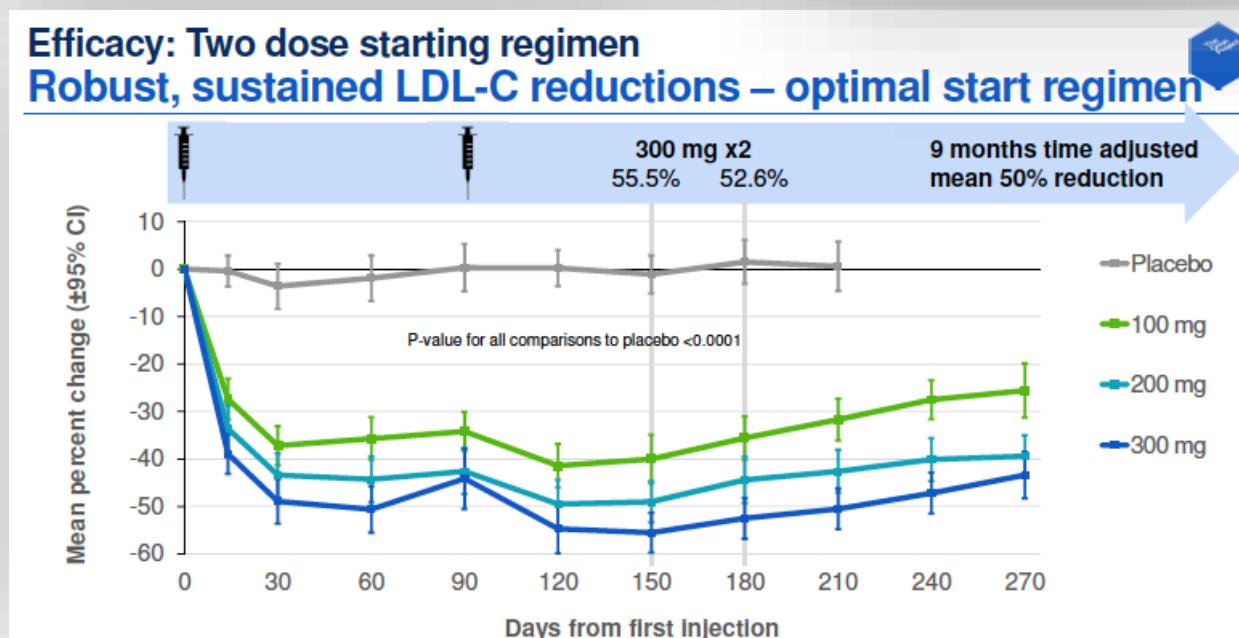
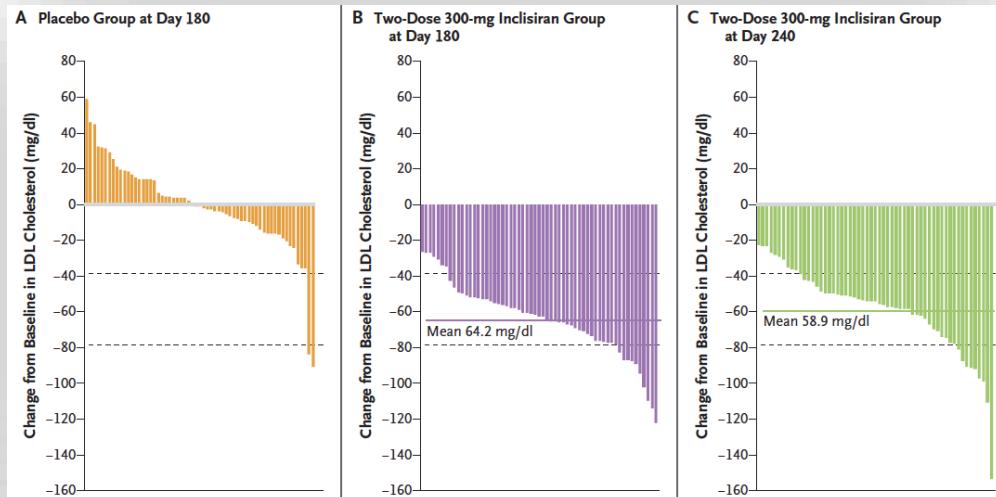
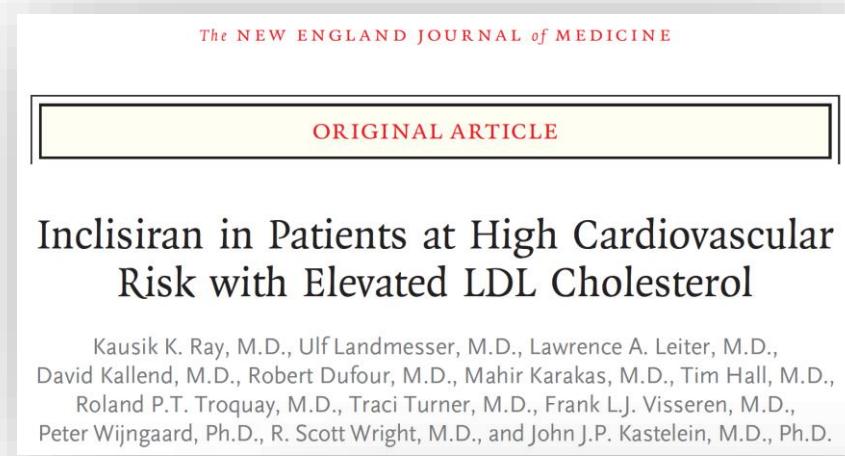


Inclisiran clinical studies

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 ⁴⁰
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 ⁴⁰
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 ¹⁷
ORION-11	III	1617	ASCVD or ASCVD RE	18 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03400800 ¹⁷
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



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

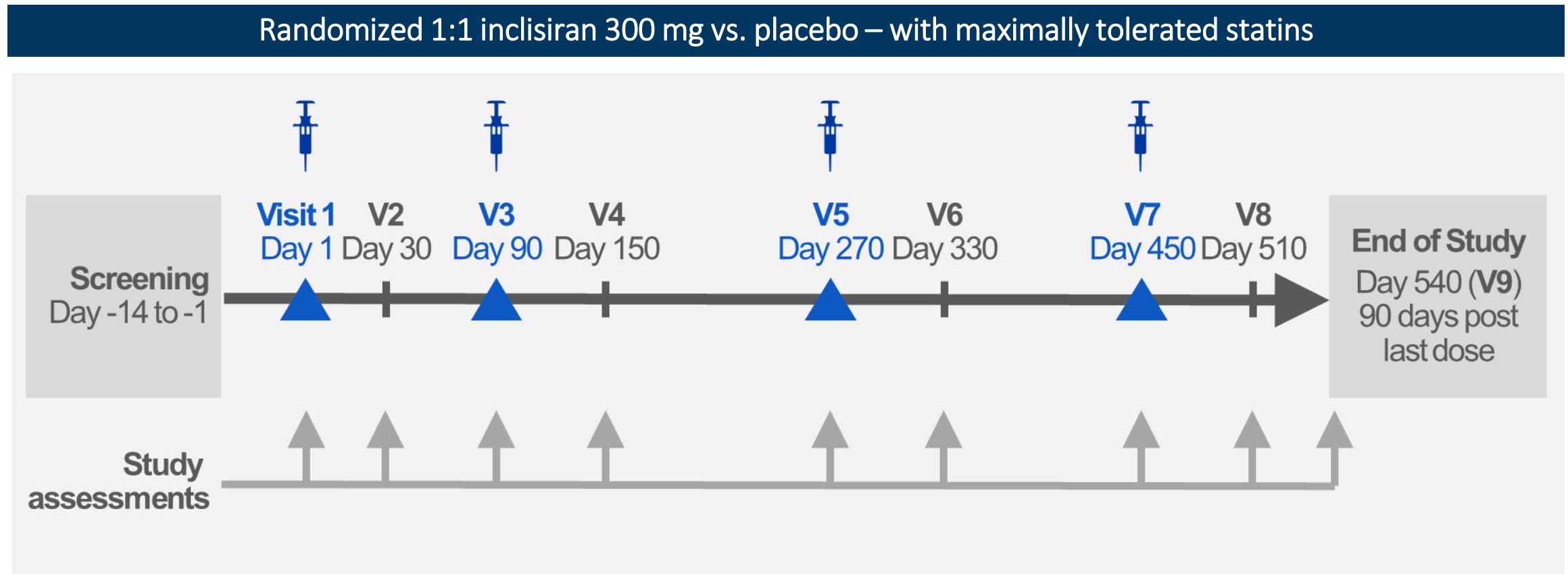
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**Efficacy and safety of Inclisiran vs placebo
in patients with very high cardiovascular risk,
with ASCVD or ASCVD-Risk Equivalent ***

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

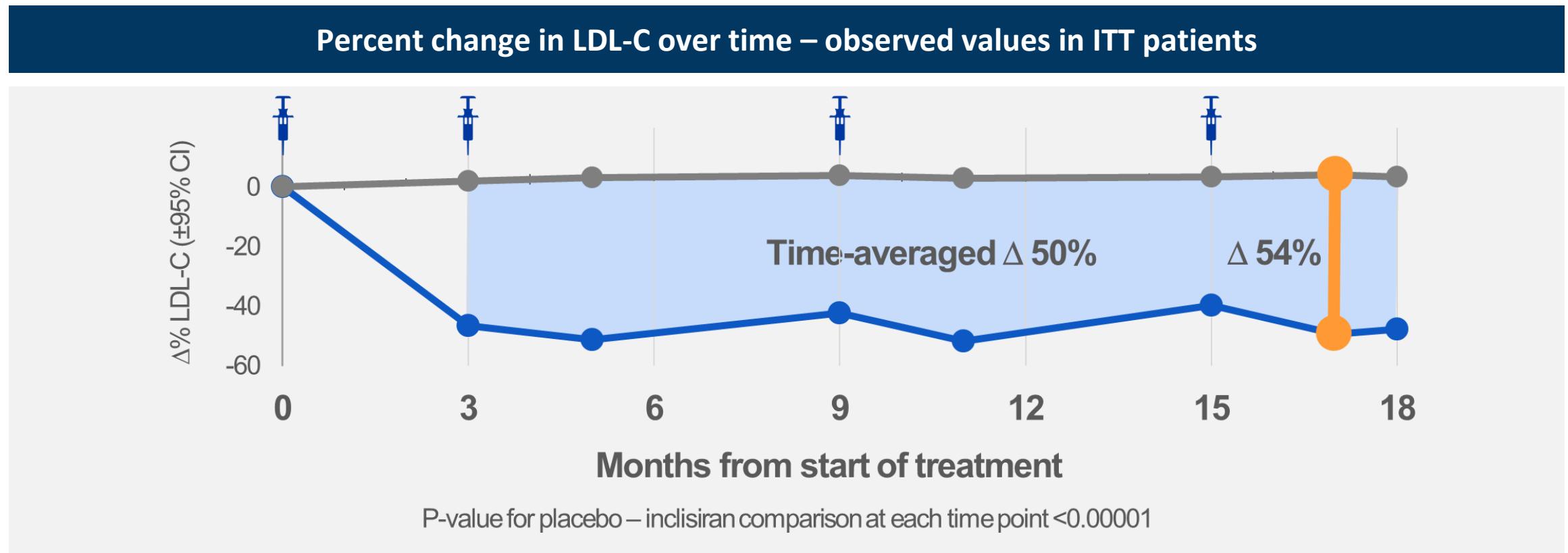
ORION-11: Study design

Eighteen months treatment and observation



ORION-11: Efficacy

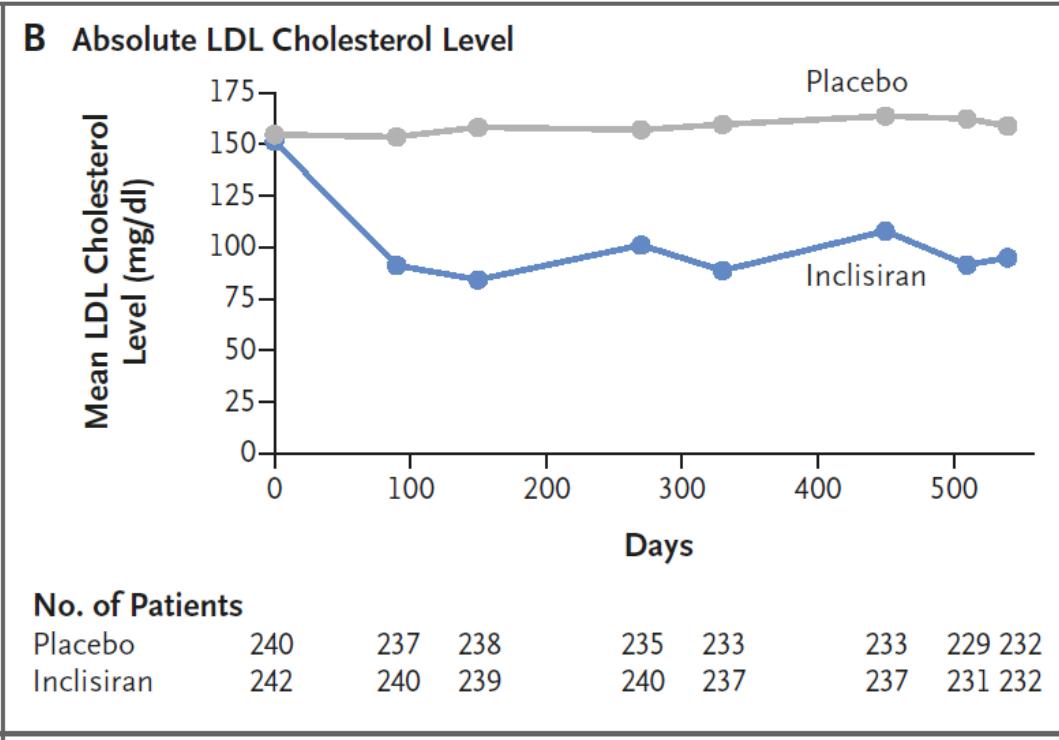
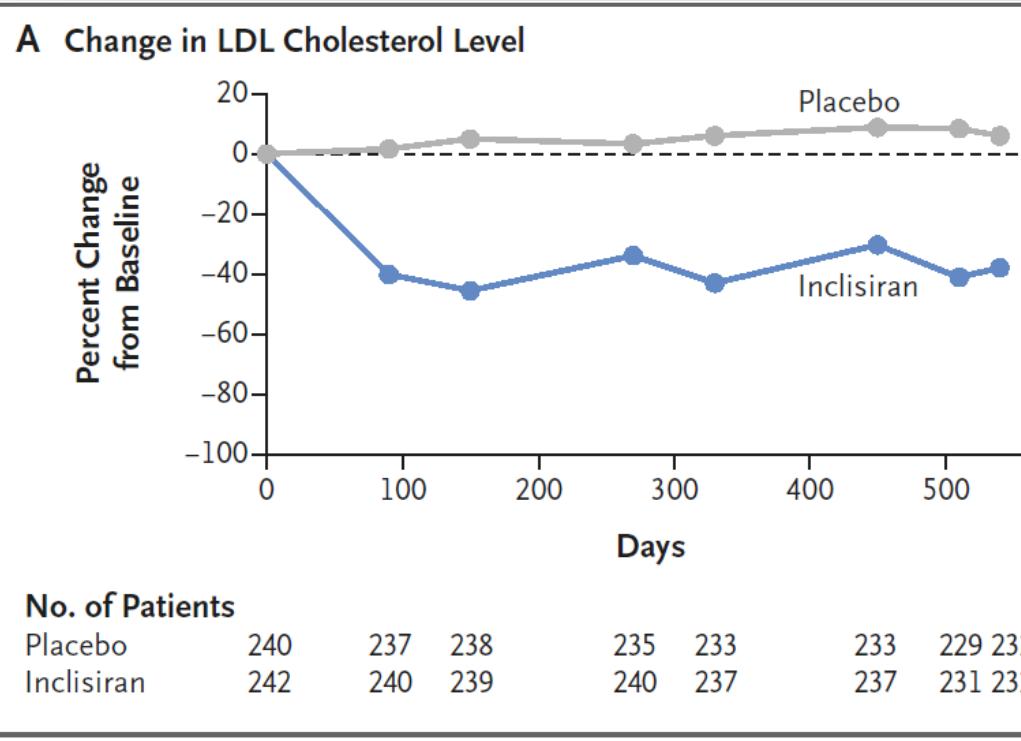
Durable, potent and consistent effect over 18 months



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

ORION-11: Efficacy

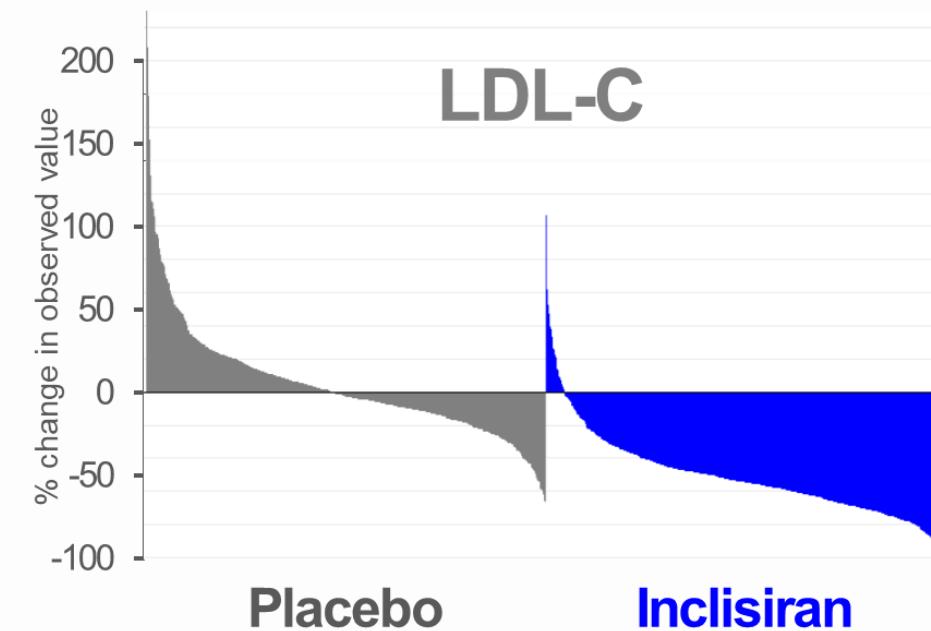
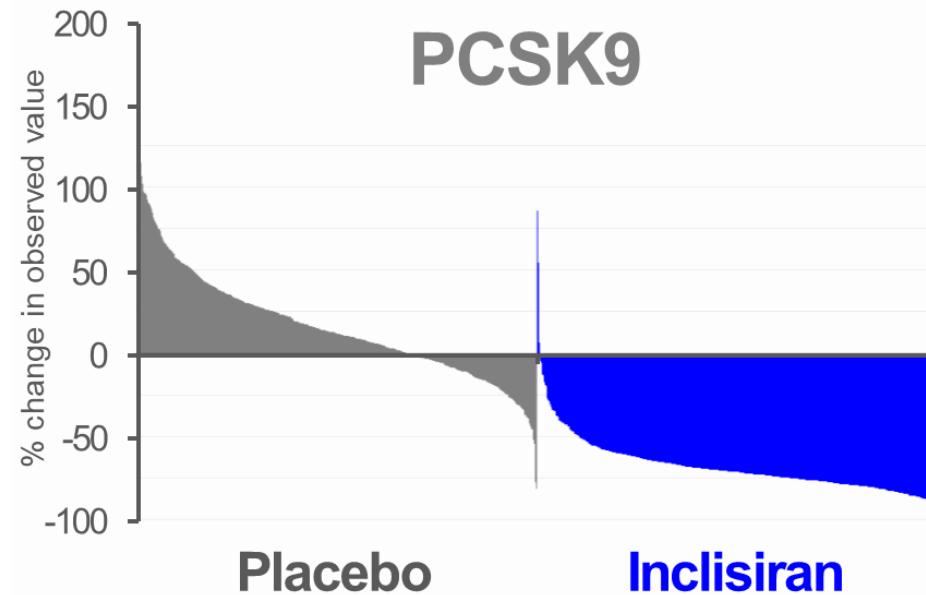
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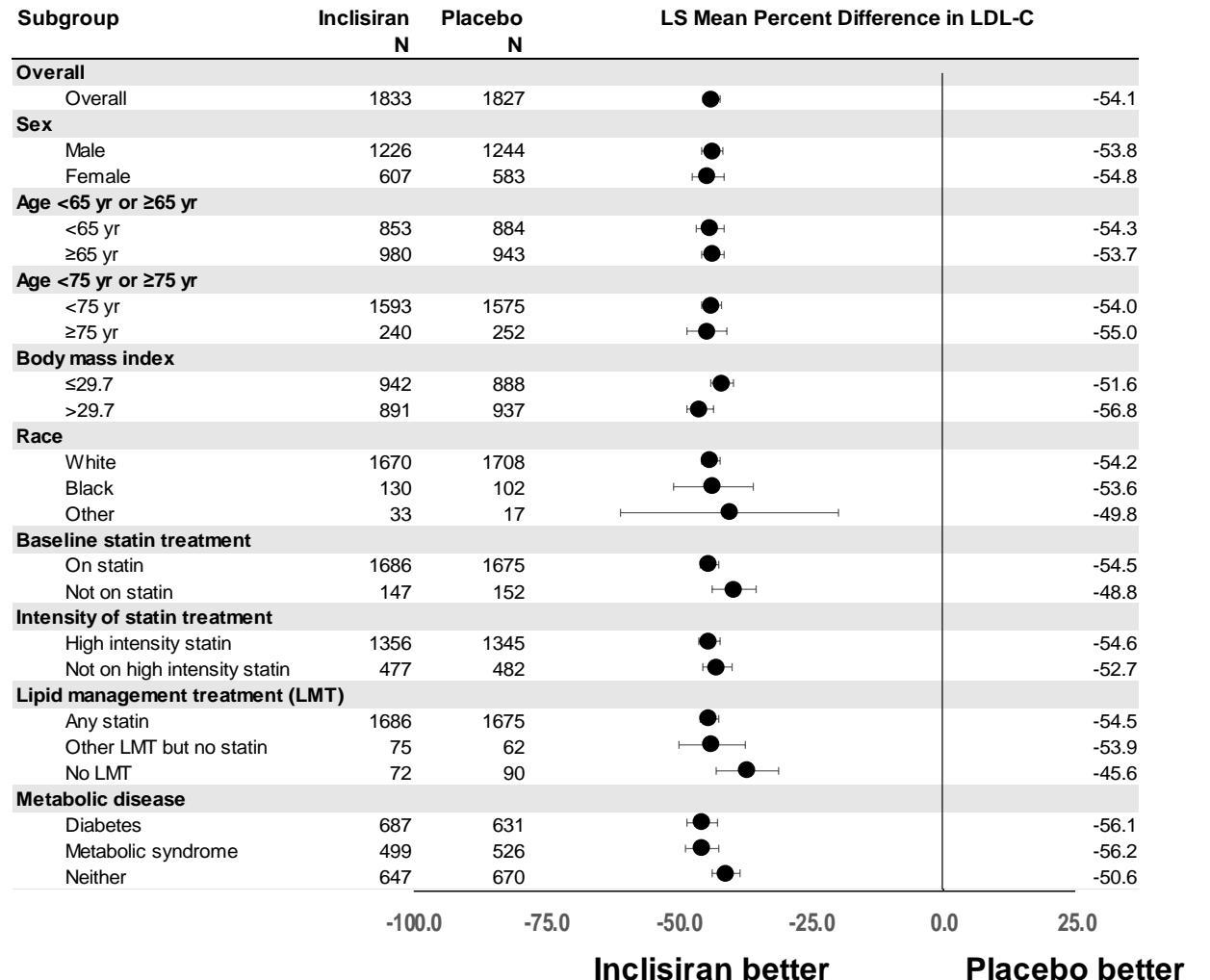
Potent, consistent response to inclisiran

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 ¹ – AEs in ≥5% patients	N = 807	N = 810
Patients with at least one TEAE	655	(82%)
Diabetes mellitus adverse events	94	(12%)
Nasopharyngitis	90	(11%)
Hypertension	54	(7%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	49	(6%)
Arthralgia	32	(4%)
Osteoarthritis	40	(5%)

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 ¹	N = 807	N = 810	
Protocol-defined skin event (Reaction, erythema, rash, pruritus, hypersensitivity)	4 (0.50%)	38 (4.69%)	4.19%
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 ^{1,2}		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 ³	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 ⁹ /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 ^{1,2}	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 ^{1,2}	N = 804	N = 811
Pre-specified exploratory CV endpoint ³	83 (10.3%)	63 (7.8%)
Cardiovascular death	10 (1.2%)	9 (1.1%)
Fatal or non-fatal MI and stroke ⁴	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

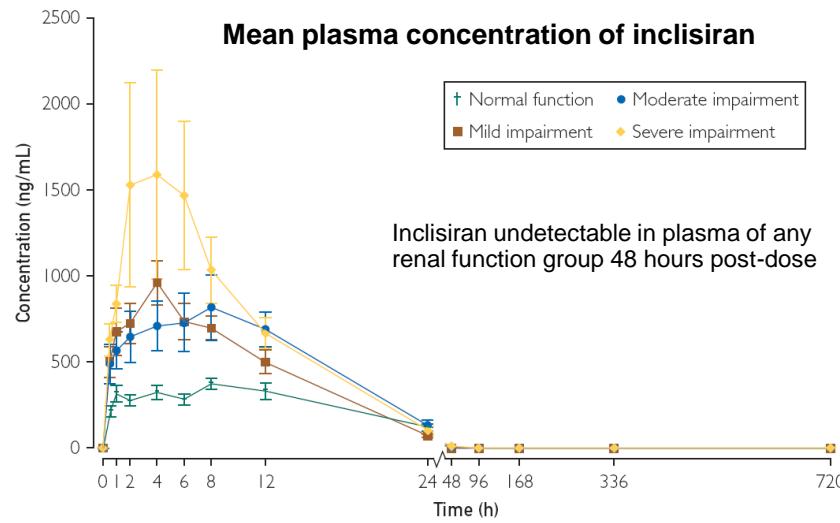
Administration by HCP potentially coincides with typical six-monthly patient visits

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

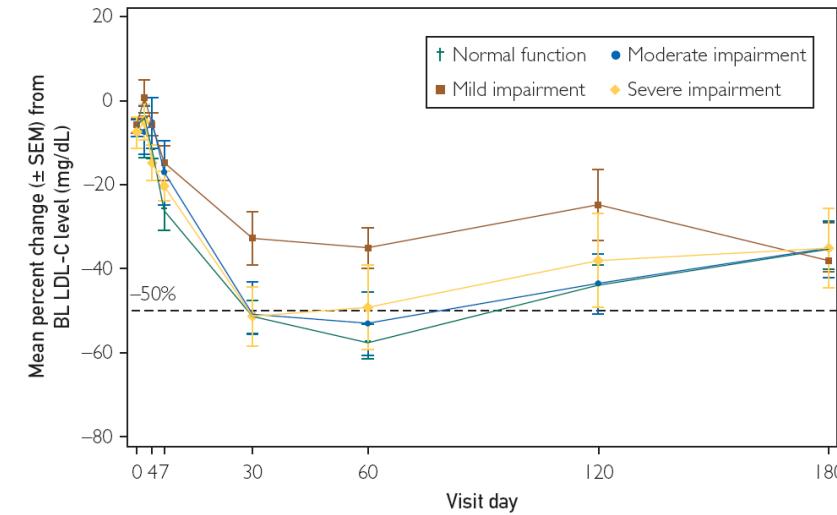
ORION-17: Renal impairment study

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



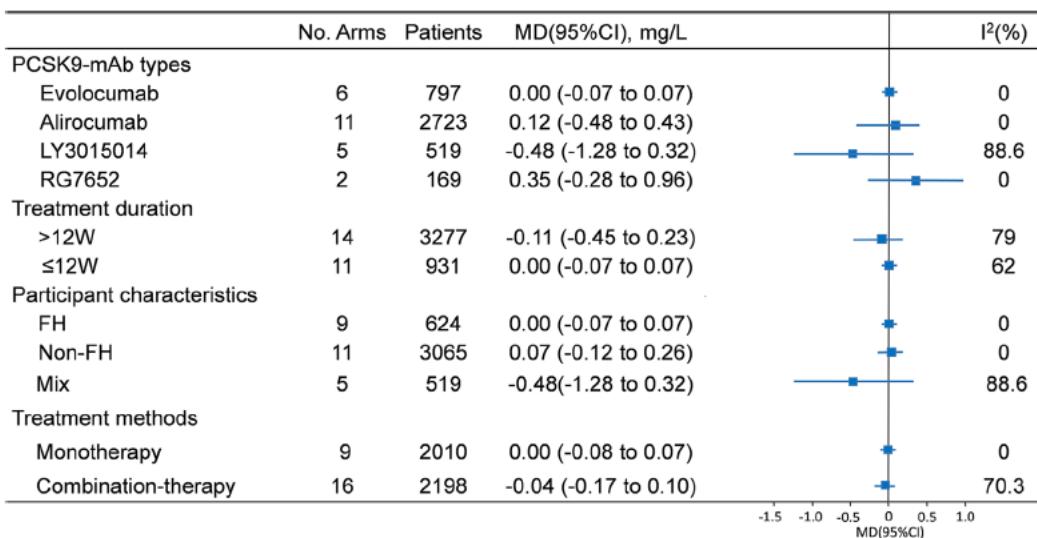
PCSK9i and C-Reactive Protein

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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



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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

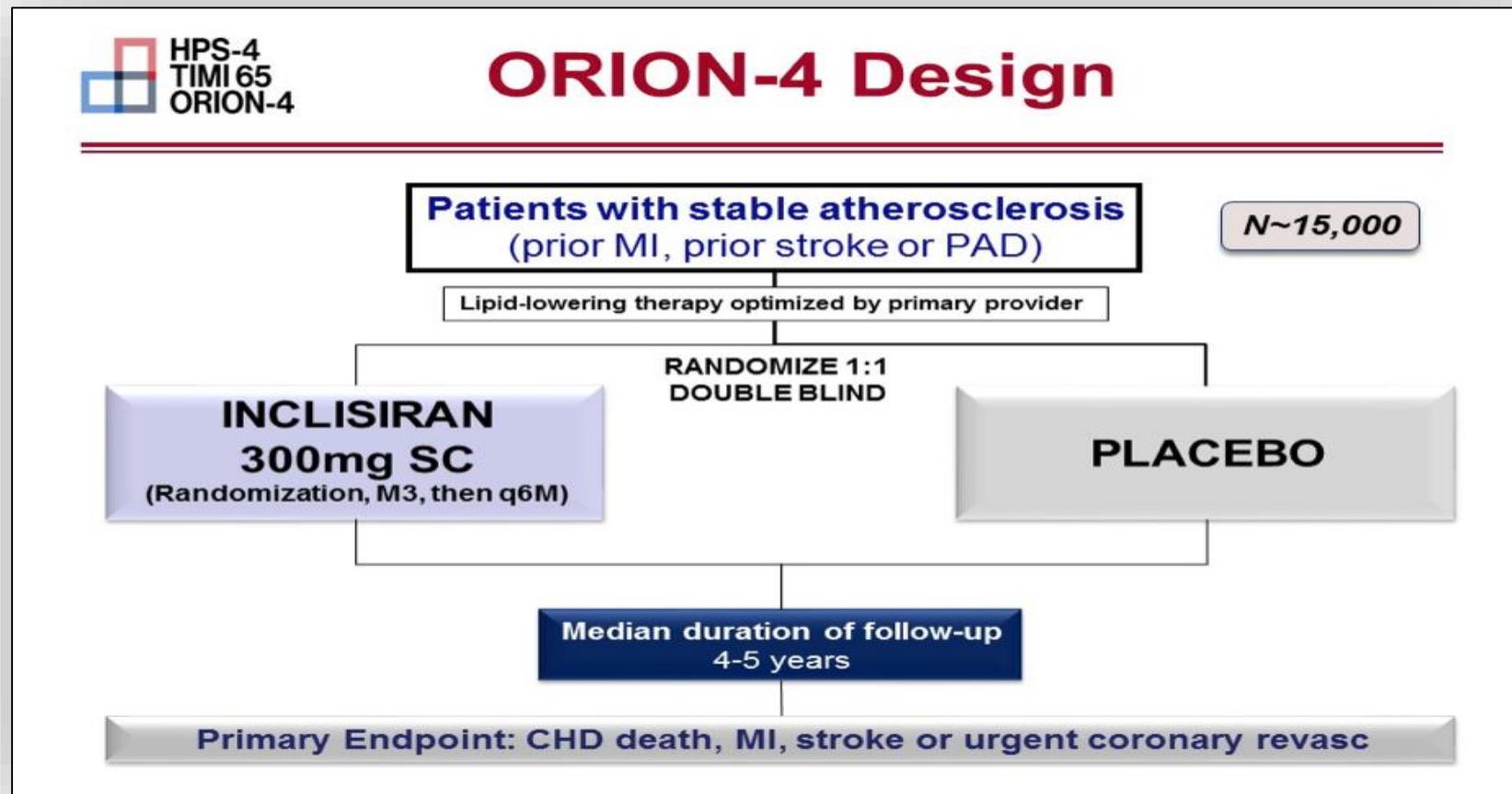
Yang Wang¹ · Jinsong Wang¹ · Shenming Wang¹

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

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Opportunities and challenges for the future

Efficacy of different approaches to lipid lowering





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

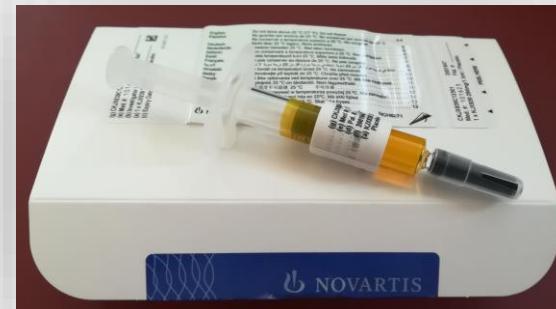
La dose recommandée est de 284 mg d'inclisiran administrée en une seule injection sous-cutanée : une première fois, puis à 3 mois, puis tous les 6 mois.

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	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT02597127 ⁴⁰
ORION-2	II	4	HFHo	180 jours	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT02963311
ORION-3	II	490	ASCVD <i>or</i> ASCVD RE	48 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03060577
ORION-4	IIIb	15 000	ASCVD <i>or</i> 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 ⁴⁰
ORION-8	III	3700	ASCVD <i>or</i> ASCVD RE <i>or</i> 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 ¹⁷
ORION-11	III	1617	ASCVD <i>or</i> ASCVD RE	18 mois	Baisse du LDL-C	NCT03400800 ¹⁷
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



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



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ESC/EAS GUIDELINES



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

Concept change II: Treat (much more) aggressively

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

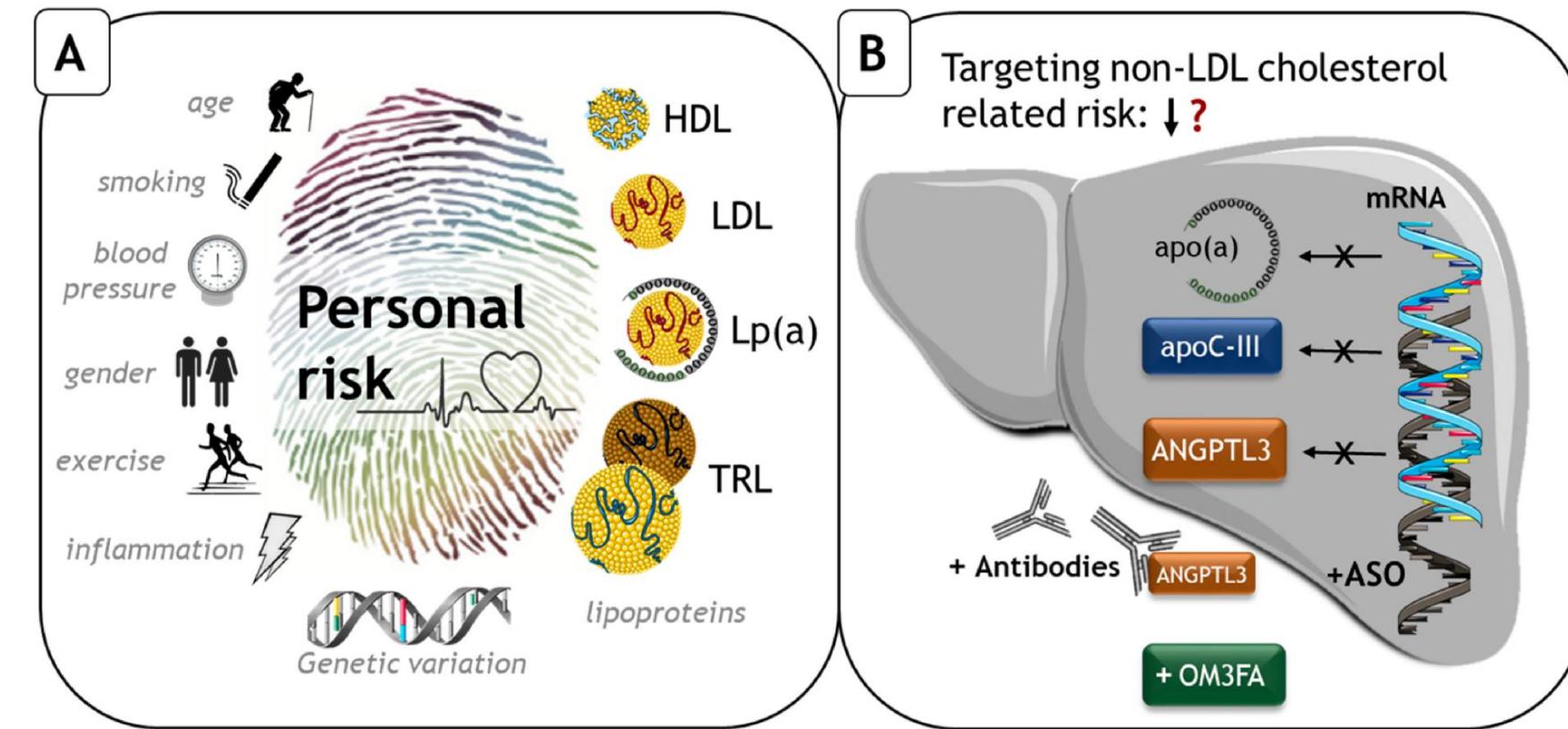
Concept change III: Use lipid-lowering combination therapy

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

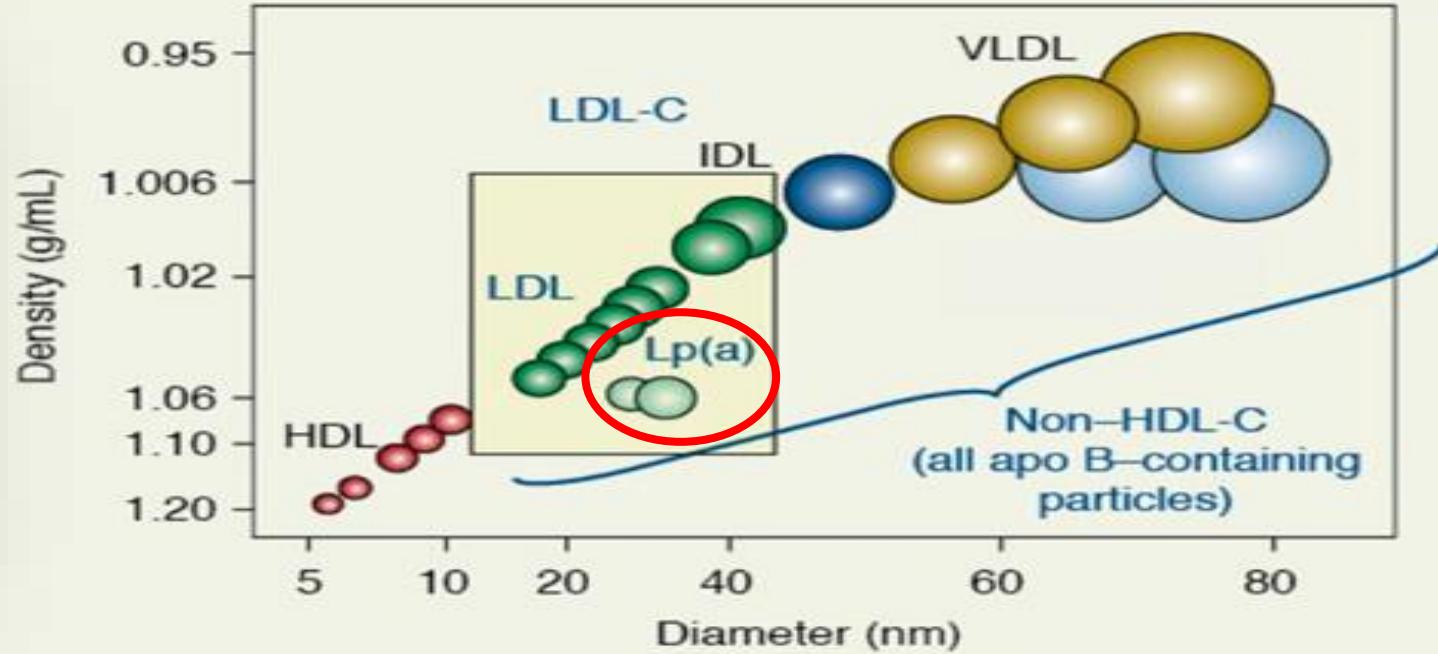
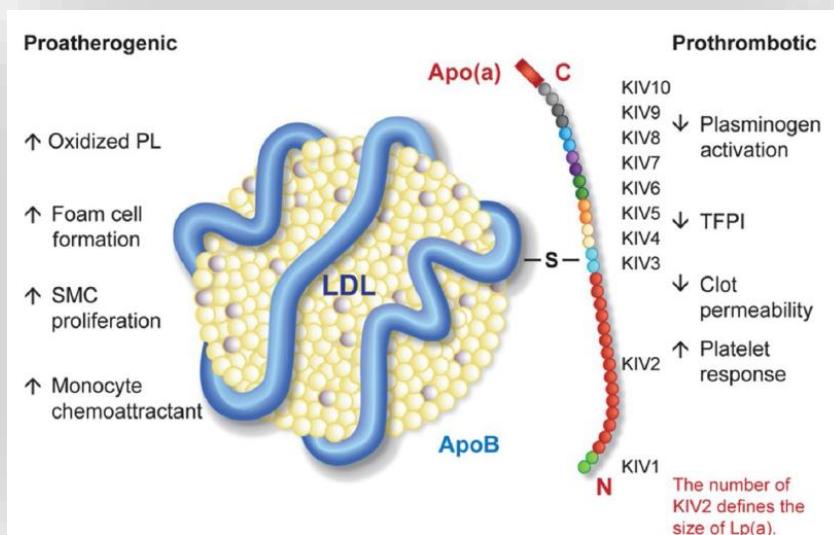
Concept change IV: The lower, the better & lower for longer

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



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REVIEW

Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine

Lipoprotein(a): the revenant

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EDITORIAL

Lipoprotein(a): the perpetual supporting actor

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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).

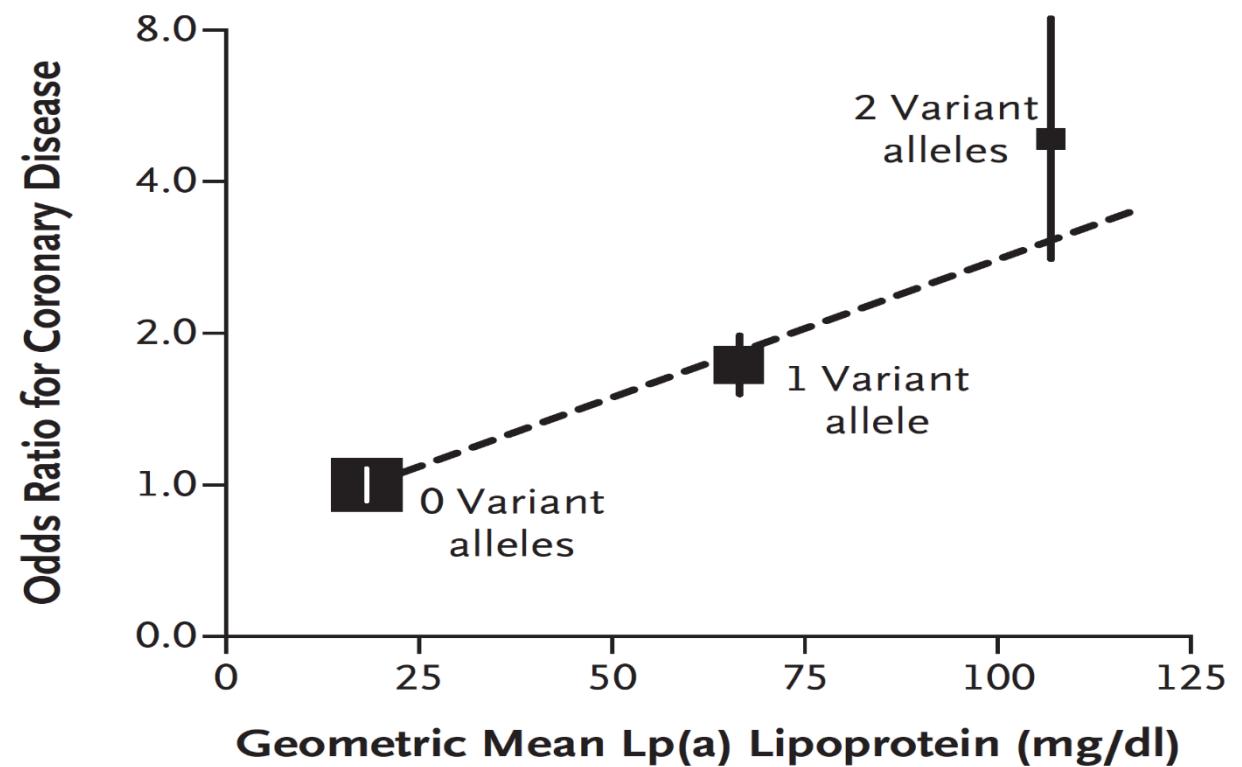
The 2019 ESC/EAS guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemia recommend to measure Lp(a) at least once in each adult person's lifetime.

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

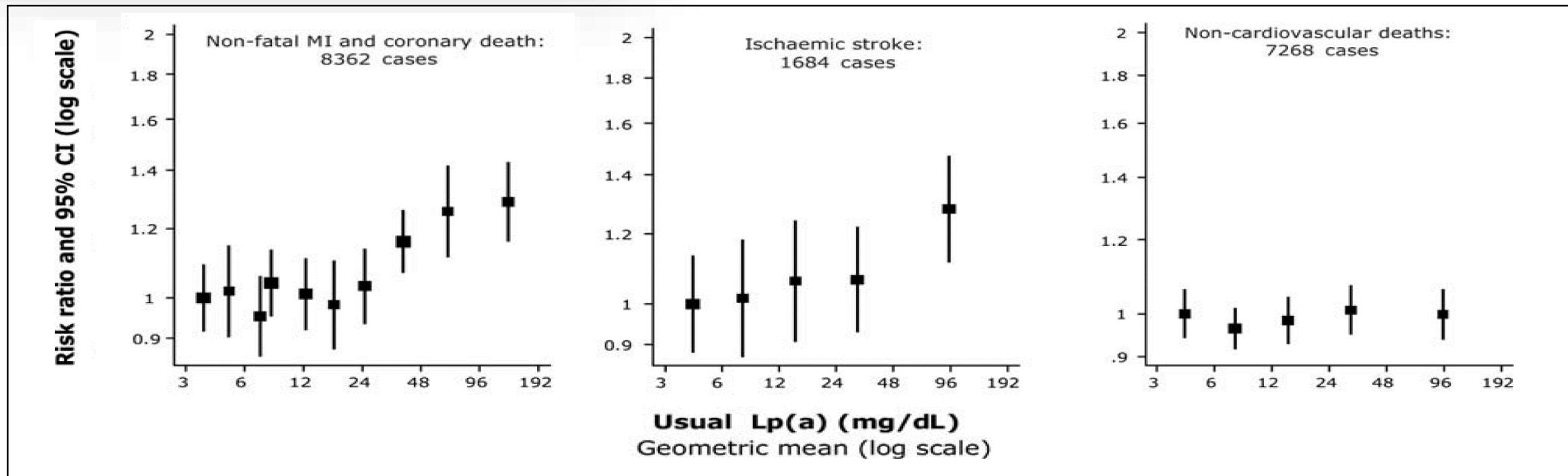


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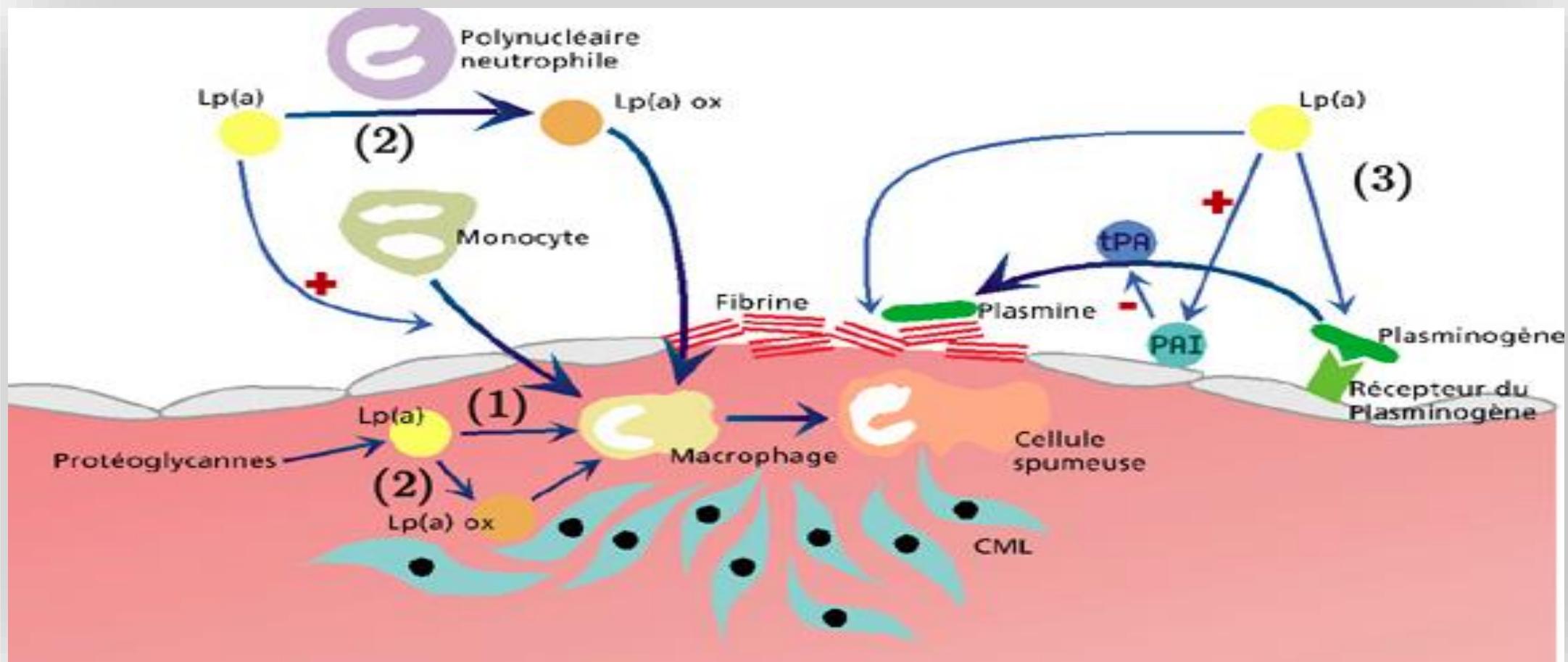
CURRENT OPINION

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

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Lipoprotein(a) – The perfect killer



Recommendations for lipid analysis

Recommendations for lipid analyses for cardiovascular disease risk estimation

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
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.	IIa	C

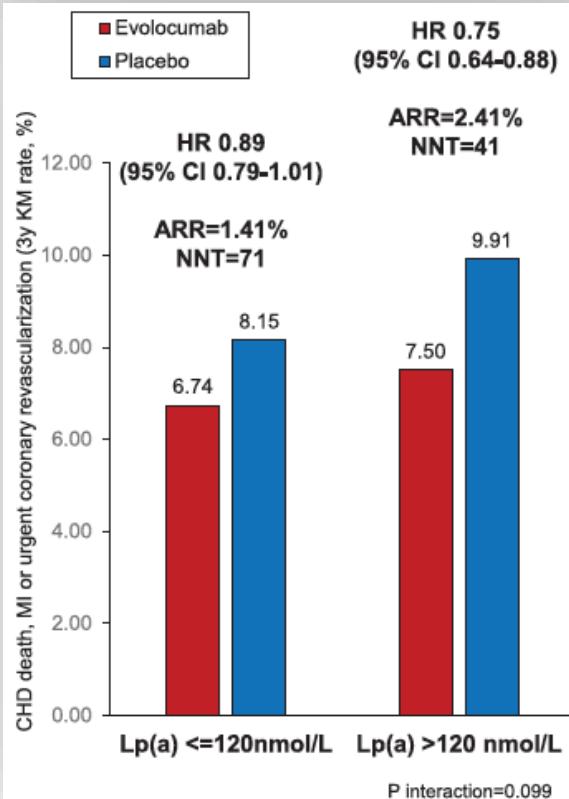
PCSK9 mAb - Lp(a) and CV outcomes ?

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Lipoprotein(a), PCSK9 Inhibition, and Cardiovascular Risk

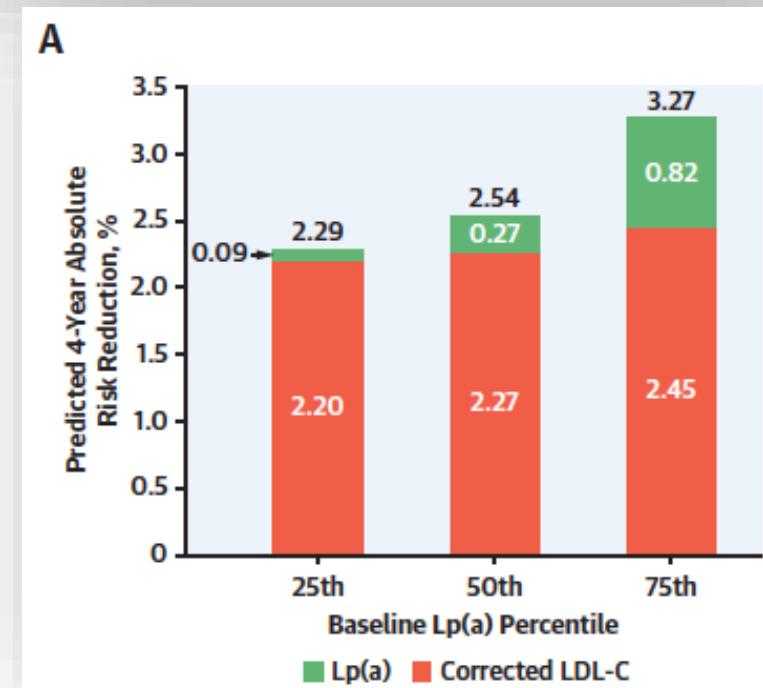
Insights From the FOURIER Trial



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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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



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Inclisiran and Lp(a)

Circulation

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Effect of an siRNA Therapeutic Targeting PCSK9 on Atherogenic Lipoproteins

Prespecified Secondary End Points in ORION 1

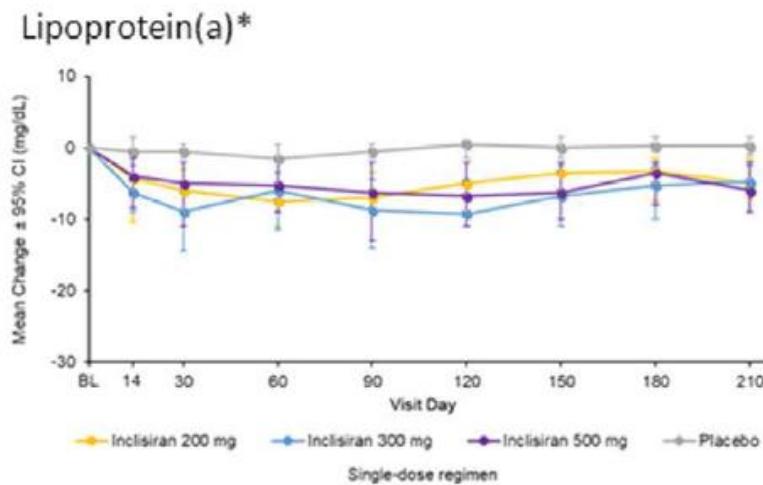


Table 2. Lipids and Lipoproteins at Baseline and Day 180*

	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 (70.3)	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)

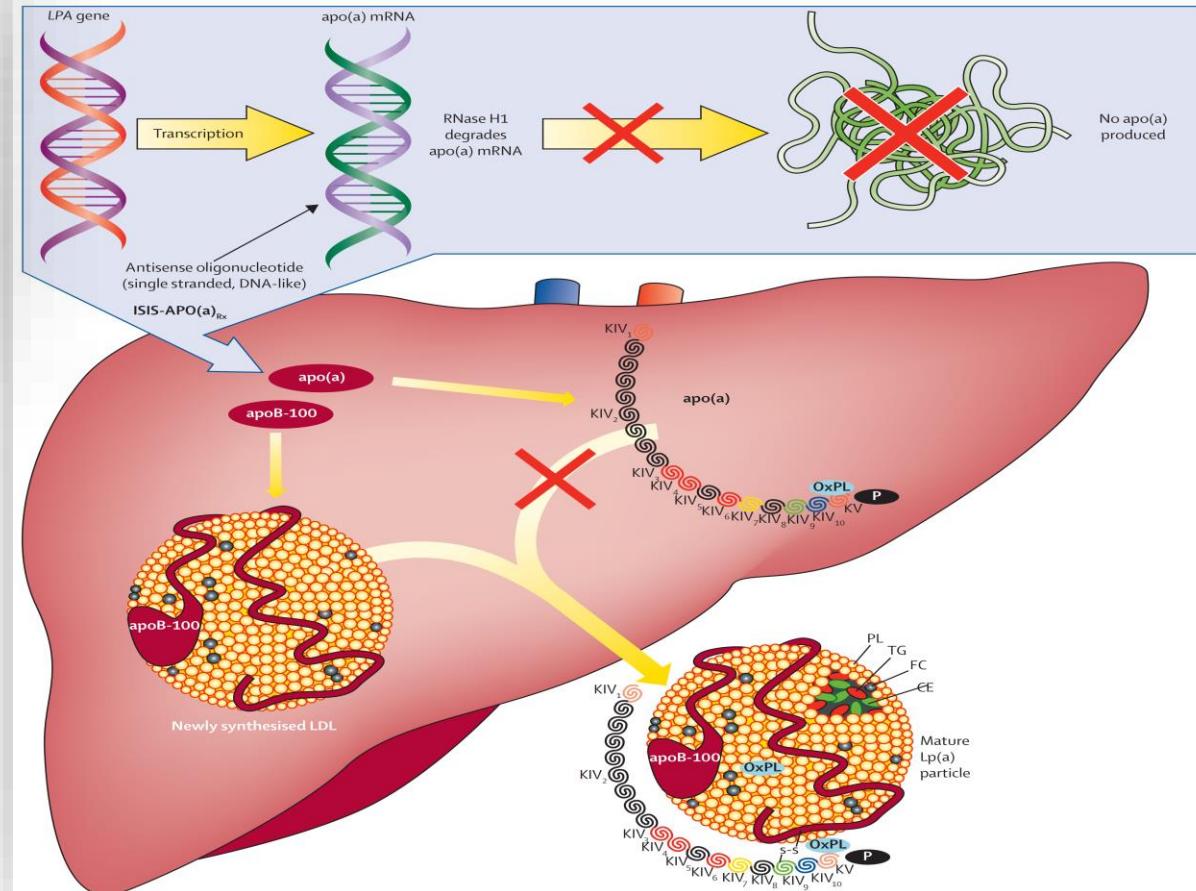
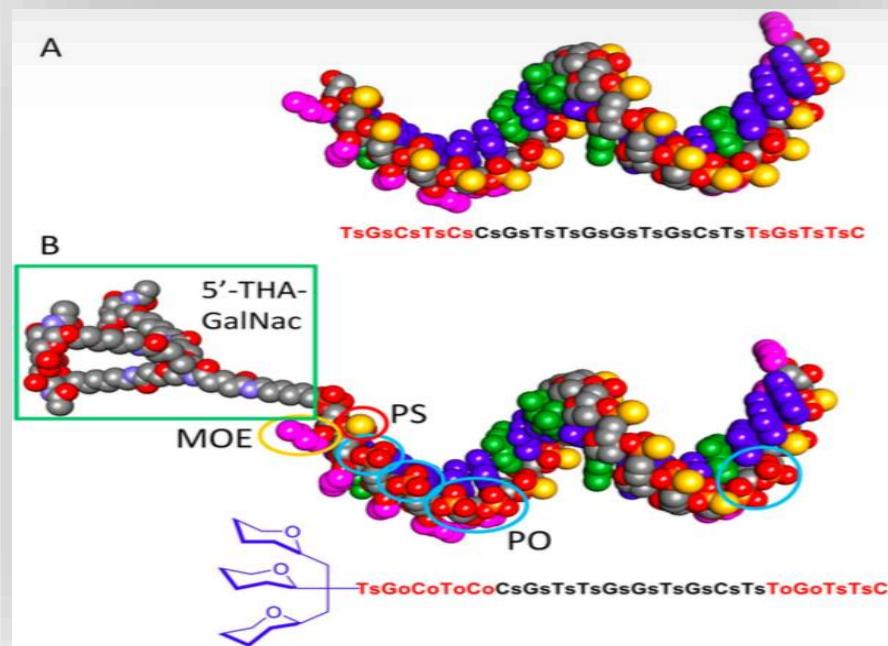
Lowering Lipoprotein(a) with apo(a)-antisense

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

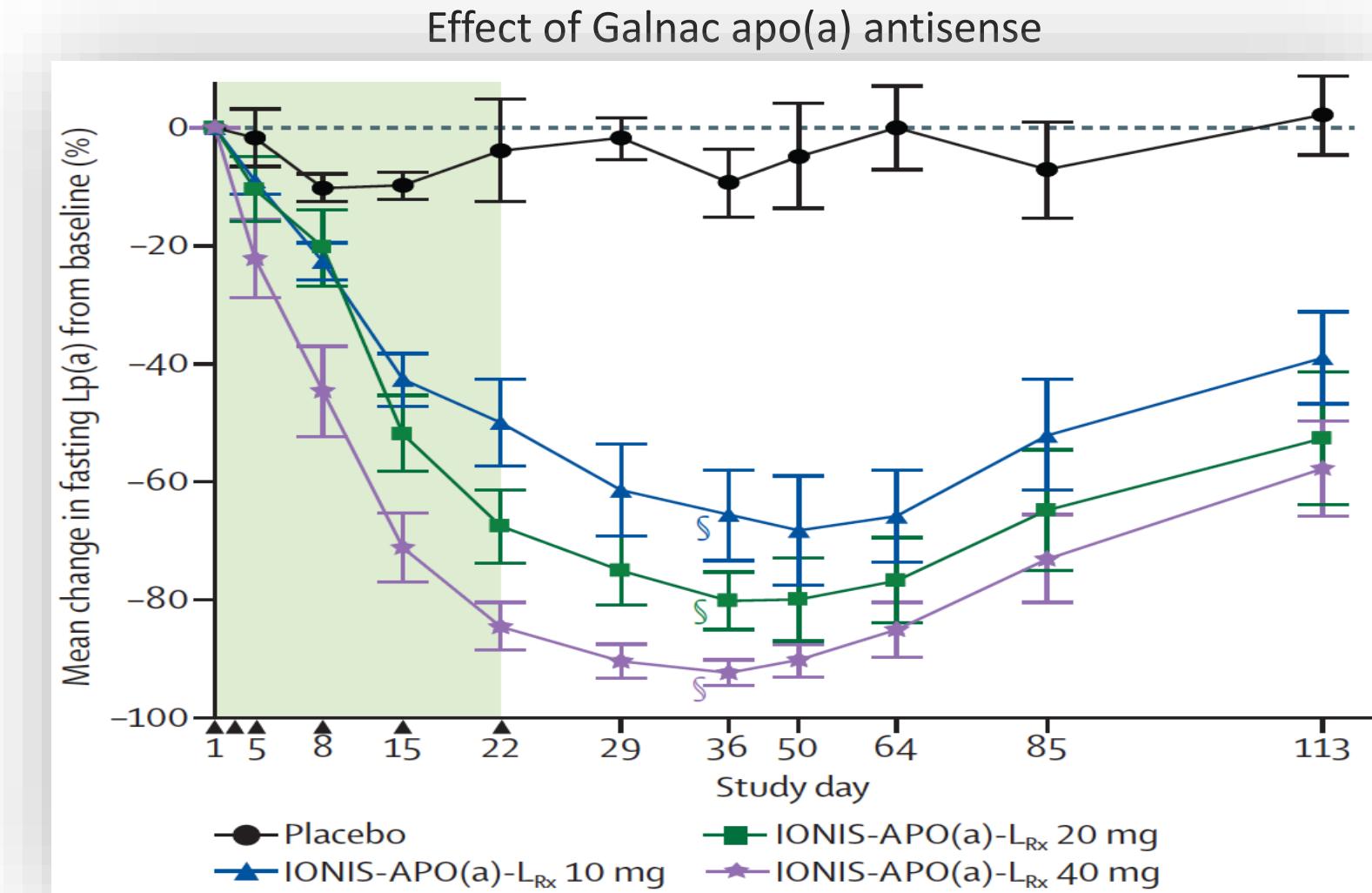
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Antisense oligonucleotides targeting apolipoprotein(a) in people with raised lipoprotein(a): two randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging trials

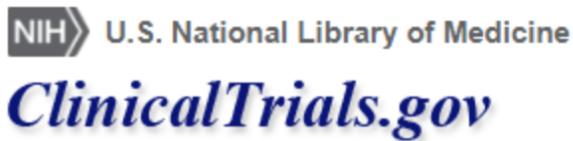
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Lowering Lipoprotein(a) with apo(a)-antisense



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

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

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

Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of Single-dose AMG 890, a Novel siRNA Targeting Lp(a), in Healthy Subjects and Subjects With Elevated Lp(a)

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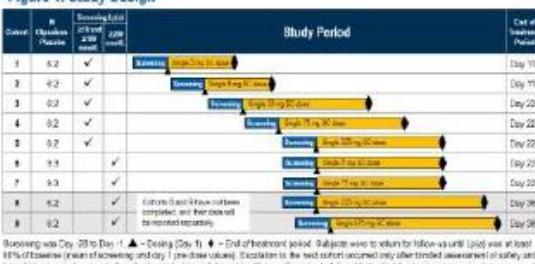
Background & Objective

- Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] is a risk factor for myocardial infarction and other atherosclerotic events^{1–3}
- No approved medicines selectively target Lp(a) and have demonstrated reduction in cardiovascular events
- Olpasiran (AMG 890) is a small interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) designed to reduce the production of Lp(a) by targeting messenger RNA transcribed from the LPA gene
- In this study (NCT 03625662), we evaluated the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics (PK), and pharmacodynamics of olpasiran

Methods

- Adults with plasma concentrations at screening of Lp(a) ≥70 to ≤199 nmol/L (cohorts 1–5) or ≥200 nmol/L (cohorts 6–7), were randomized 3:1 to receive a single subcutaneous dose of olpasiran or placebo (Figure 1)
- The primary endpoints were treatment-emergent adverse events, safety laboratory analytes, vital signs, and ECGs. Secondary endpoints included PK parameters and percent change from baseline in Lp(a)

Figure 1. Study Design



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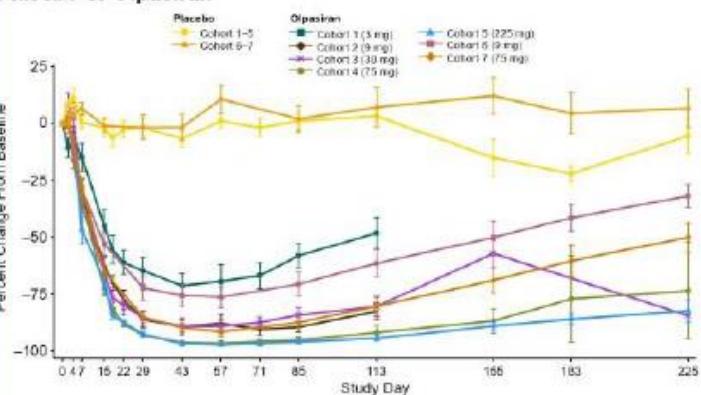
During the treatment period, one dose of olpasiran:

- Was well tolerated
- Significantly reduced Lp(a) with observed approximate median percent reductions of >90% at doses ≥9 mg
- Led to reductions in Lp(a) persisting 3 to 6 months at doses ≥9 mg

Table 1. Treatment-emergent Adverse Events

Adverse event, n (%)	Cohorts 1–5 Screening Lp(a) 270 and ≤199 nmol/L		Cohorts 6 & 7 Screening Lp(a) ≥200 nmol/L	
	Placebo (N=10)	Olpasiran (N=30)	Placebo (N=6)	Olpasiran (N=18)
Any AE	5 (50.0)	12 (40.0)	4 (66.7)	10 (55.6)
Serious AE	0	0	1 (16.7)	0
AEs occurring in more than one subject across cohorts				
Headache	1 (10.0)	0	3 (50.0)	5 (27.8)
Upper respiratory tract infection	1 (10.0)	4 (13.3)	1 (16.7)	3 (16.7)
Back pain	1 (10.0)	1 (3.3)	0	3 (16.7)
Non-cardiac chest pain	1 (10.0)	1 (3.3)	1 (16.7)	0
Viral upper respiratory tract infection	0	1 (3.3)	0	2 (11.1)
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	1 (10.0)	1 (3.3)	0	0
Contusion	0	1 (3.3)	0	1 (5.6)
Skin abrasion	0	1 (3.3)	0	1 (5.6)
Fatigue	0	0	1 (16.7)	1 (5.6)
Athralgia	0	1 (3.3)	0	1 (5.6)
Epididymis	1 (10.0)	0	1 (16.7)	0
AEs of special interest				
Injection site reaction	0	1 (3.3)	0	0

Figure 2. Lp(a) Percent Change from Baseline After a Single Dose of Placebo or Olpasiran



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Results

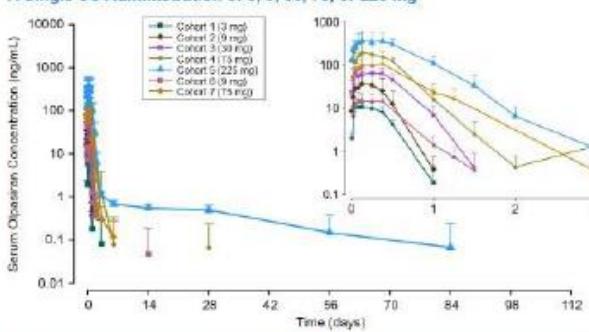
Table 2. Baseline Characteristics

Baseline Characteristic	Cohorts 1–5 Screening Lp(a) ≥70 to ≤199 nmol/L		Cohorts 6 & 7 Screening Lp(a) ≥200 nmol/L	
	Placebo (N=10)	Olpasiran (N=30)	Placebo (N=6)	Olpasiran (N=18)
Age (years), mean (SD)	46.3 (5.5)	43.9 (13.5)	57.6 (5.6)	52.7 (6.4)
Women, n (%)	3 (30.0)	9 (30.0)	4 (66.7)	6 (33.3)
Ethnicity, n (%)	Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino	5 (9.0) 5 (60.0)	16 (61.5) 11 (36.7)	2 (37.5) 4 (66.7)
Black	3 (30.0)	8 (30.0)	0	1 (5.6)
White	7 (70.0)	21 (70.0)	5 (83.3)	16 (94.4)
Other	0	0	1 (16.7)	1 (5.6)
BMI, kg/m ² , mean (SD)	27.6 (3.5)	27.0 (3.6)	28.1 (2.1)	27.7 (3.3)
Lp(a) nmol/L, median (Q1, Q3)	124 (104, 137)	122 (97, 146)	272 (233, 307)	253 (224, 334)

Pharmacokinetic Results

- Olpasiran was rapidly absorbed with mean C_{max} occurring within 7.5 hours after dosing. Mean half-life ($t_{1/2}$) ranged from 3 to 8 hours with the vast majority eliminated from serum within 2 to 3 days
- Olpasiran AUC exposures in subjects with Lp(a) ≥200 nmol/L (Cohorts 6 and 7) were 16–33% lower than in subjects with Lp(a) ≥70 to ≤199 nmol/L (Cohorts 2 and 4)

Figure 3. Mean (SD) Serum Olpasiran Concentration-Time Profiles Following A Single SC Administration of 3, 9, 30, 75, or 225 mg



Conclusions

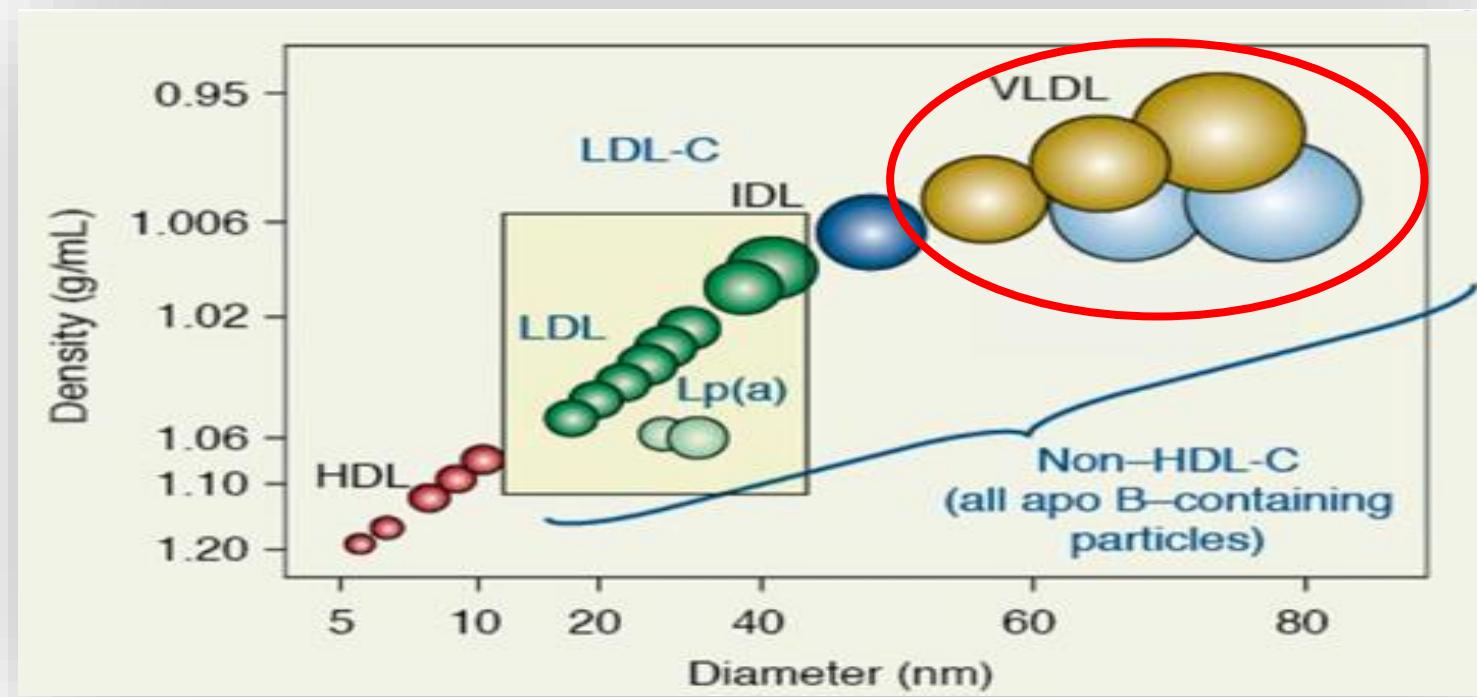
- No safety concerns were identified for olpasiran in this single dose study
 - No clinically relevant changes in liver tests, platelets or coagulation parameters, or renal function were observed
- Systemic exposures of olpasiran increased approximately dose-proportionally
- In adults with elevated Lp(a) (median Lp(a) = 122 nmol/L [cohorts 1 to 5] and 253 nmol/L [cohorts 6 and 7]), a single dose of olpasiran significantly reduced Lp(a) with observed approximate median percent reductions of >90% at doses of ≥9 mg in a dose-dependent manner
 - Lp(a) reductions persisted for 3 to 6 months at doses of ≥9 mg
 - Per the protocol, follow-up is ongoing until patients return to 80% of baseline Lp(a)
- These results validate the approach of using hepatocyte-targeted siRNA to lower Lp(a) in people with elevated Lp(a)
- Olpasiran recently received a Fast Track Designation from the US Food and Drug Administration. A Phase 2 study to evaluate efficacy, safety, and tolerability of olpasiran in subjects with elevated Lp(a) is currently underway

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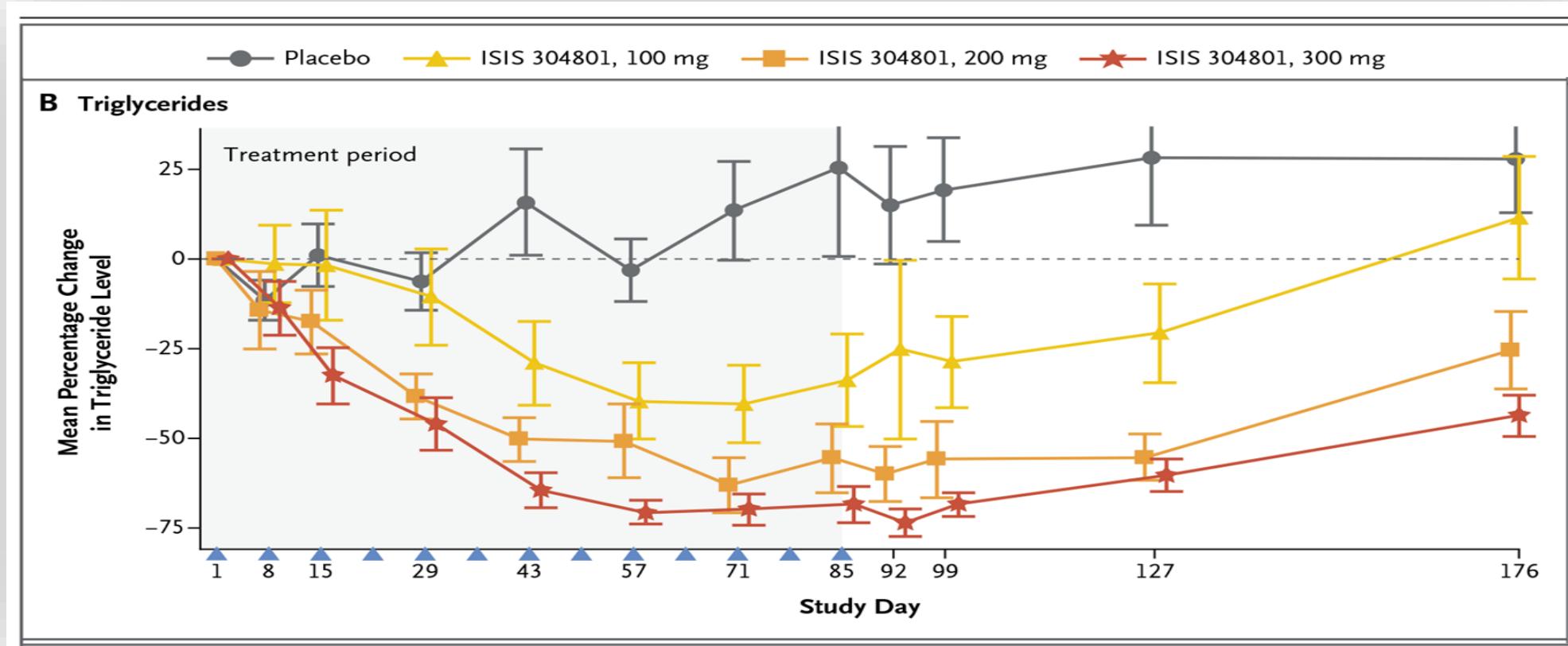
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Table 2. Absolute Levels of ANGPTL3, Lipids, and Lipoproteins at Day 43 after Initiation of ANGPTL3-L_{Rx} Treatment in the Multiple-Dose Groups.*

Measure	Placebo (N=8)	ANGPTL3-L _{Rx}			
		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 AI — 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†

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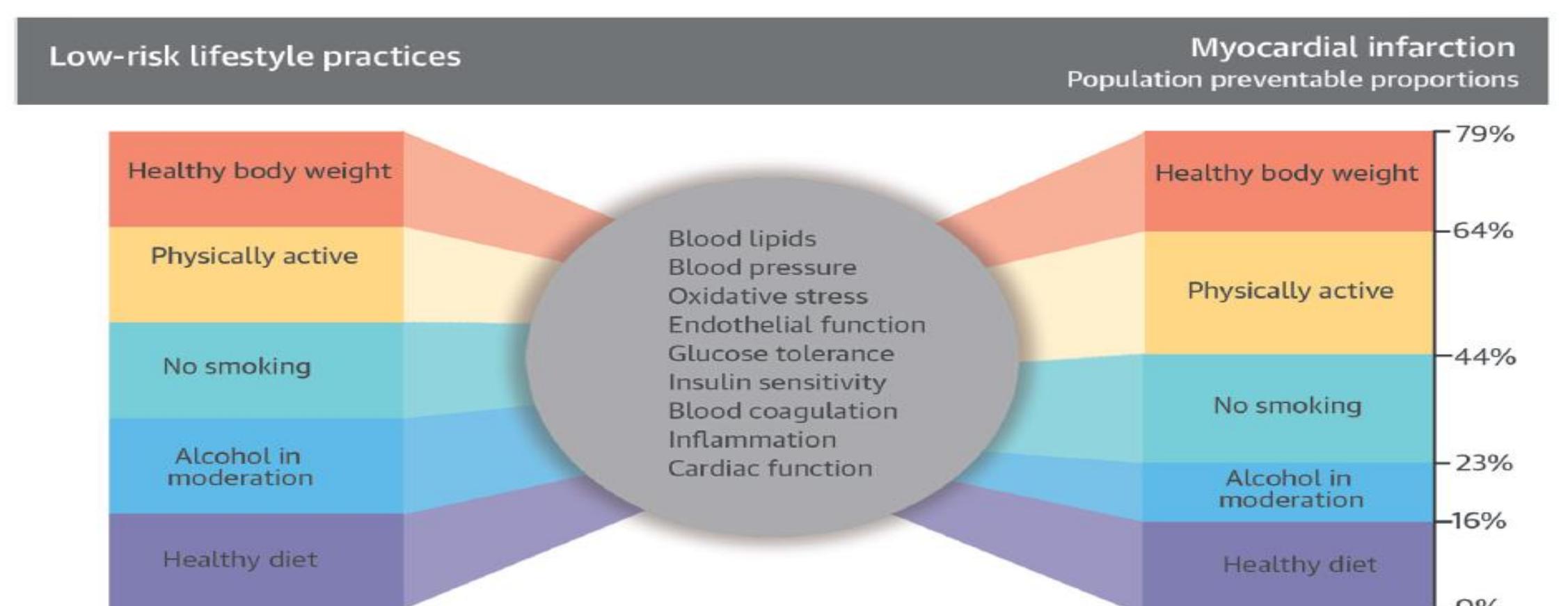
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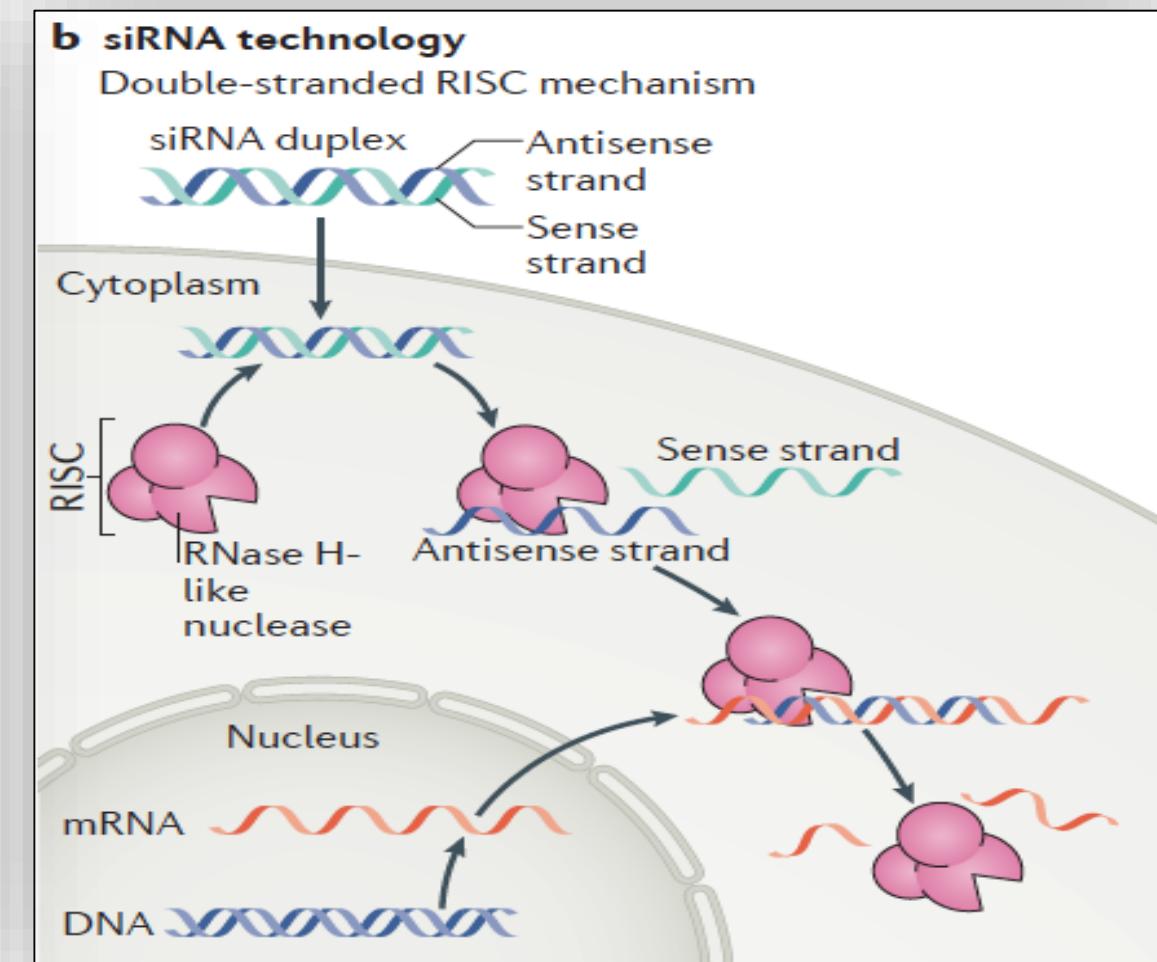
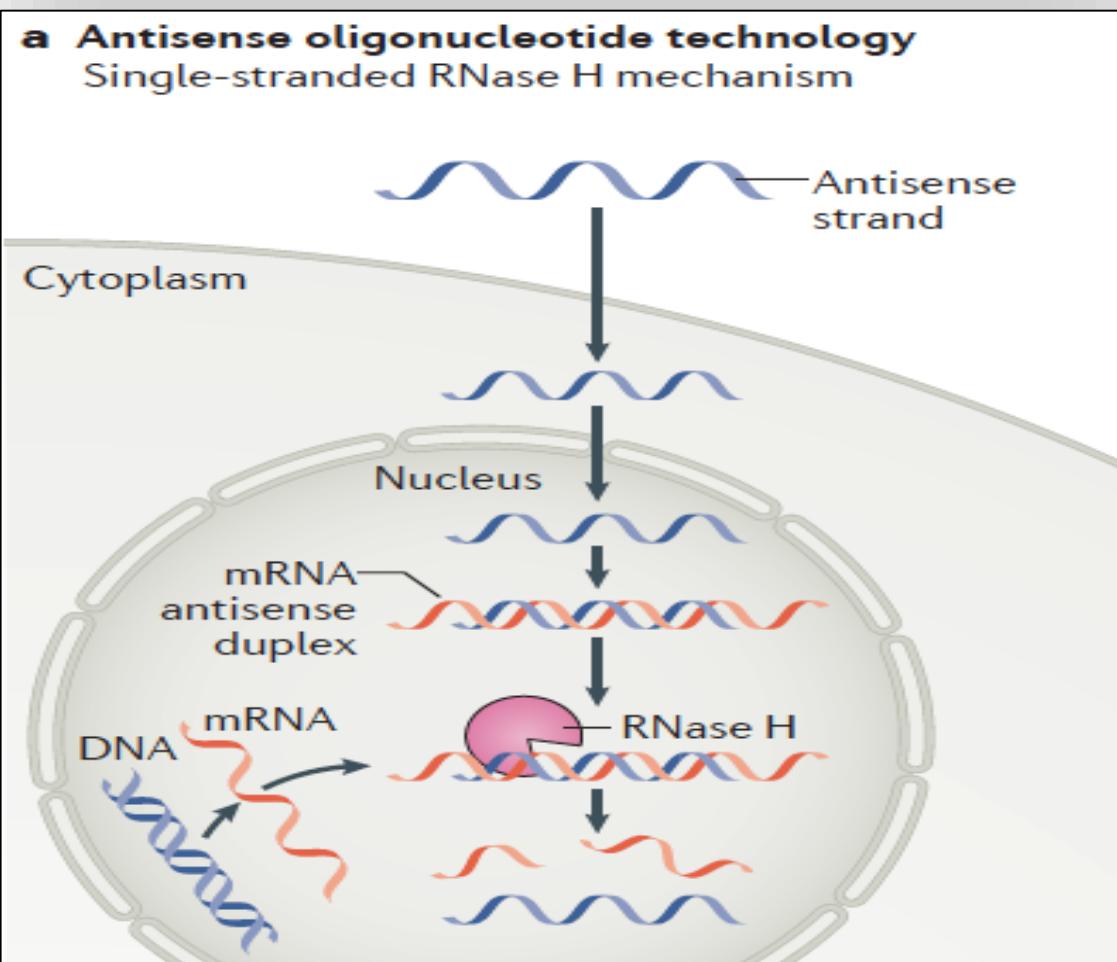
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