

# How do we treat dyslipidemia according to new ESC/EAS Guidelines?

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# **2016 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the Management of Dyslipidaemias**

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# European Society of Cardiology/European Atherosclerosis Society Task Force consensus statement on proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibitors: practical guidance for use in patients at very high cardiovascular risk

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# Patient Case

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- **Stable angina pectoris, cardiac ischemia in MRI (anterior)**
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# Coronary angiogram (and OCT imaging)



# Patient Case

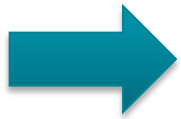
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**Which lipid parameter is the therapeutic target ?**

# How would you treat this patient ?

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- **A Life style managment only**
- **B Moderate statin therapy**
- **C Intense statin therapy**
- **D Statin and ezetimibe therapy**
- **E Statin and PCSK9 inhibition**



# Patient Case – Lipid-targeted treatment

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- **Diagnosis: Coronary artery disease = Very high cardiovascular risk**

# Cardiovascular risk categories

<b>Very high-risk</b>	<p>Subjects with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented cardiovascular disease (CVD), clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented CVD includes previous myocardial infarction (MI), acute coronary syndrome (ACS), coronary revascularisation (percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG)) and other arterial revascularization procedures, stroke and transient ischaemic attack (TIA), and peripheral arterial disease (PAD). Unequivocally documented CVD on imaging is what has been shown to be strongly predisposed to clinical events, such as significant plaque on coronary angiography or carotid ultrasound.</li> <li>• DM with target organ damage such as proteinuria or with a major risk factor such as smoking, hypertension or dyslipidaemia.</li> <li>• Severe CKD (GFR <math>&lt;30</math> mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>• A calculated SCORE <math>\geq 10\%</math> for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.</li> </ul>
<b>High-risk</b>	<p>Subjects with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular cholesterol <math>&gt;8</math> mmol/L (<math>&gt;310</math> mg/dL) (e.g. in familial hypercholesterolaemia) or BP <math>\geq 180/110</math> mmHg.</li> <li>• Most other people with DM (some young people with type 1 diabetes may be at low or moderate risk).</li> <li>• Moderate CKD (GFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>• A calculated SCORE <math>\geq 5\%</math> and <math>&lt;10\%</math> for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate-risk</b>	SCORE is $\geq 1\%$ and $<5\%$ for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.
<b>Low-risk</b>	SCORE $<1\%$ for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.

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# Dyslipidemia Guidelines

## Intervention strategies as a function of total cardiovascular risk and low density lipoprotein cholesterol level

Total CV risk (SCORE) %	LDL-C levels				
	<70 mg/dL <1.8 mmol/L	70 to <100 mg/dL 1.8 to <2.6 mmol/L	100 to <155 mg/dL 4.0 to <4.9 mmol/L	155 to <190 mg/dL 4.0 to <4.9 mmol/L	≥190 mg/dL ≥4.9 mmol/L
<1	No lipid intervention	No lipid intervention	No lipid intervention	No lipid intervention	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug if uncontrolled
Class <sup>a</sup> /Level <sup>b</sup>	I/C	I/C	I/C	I/C	IIa/A
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SCORE = Systematic Coronary Risk Estimation.

<sup>a</sup>Class of recommendation; <sup>b</sup>Level of evidence; <sup>c</sup>In patients with MI, statin therapy should be considered irrespective of total cholesterol levels

# Patient Case – Lipid-targeted treatment

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- **Diagnosis: Coronary artery disease = Very high cardiovascular risk**
- **What is the target for LDL-C management ?**

# What is the target for LDL-C?

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- **A**     **LDL < 70 mg/dl**
- **B**     **LDL-C reduction  $\geq$  50 % from baseline ?**
- **C**     **LDL-C < 100 mg/dl**

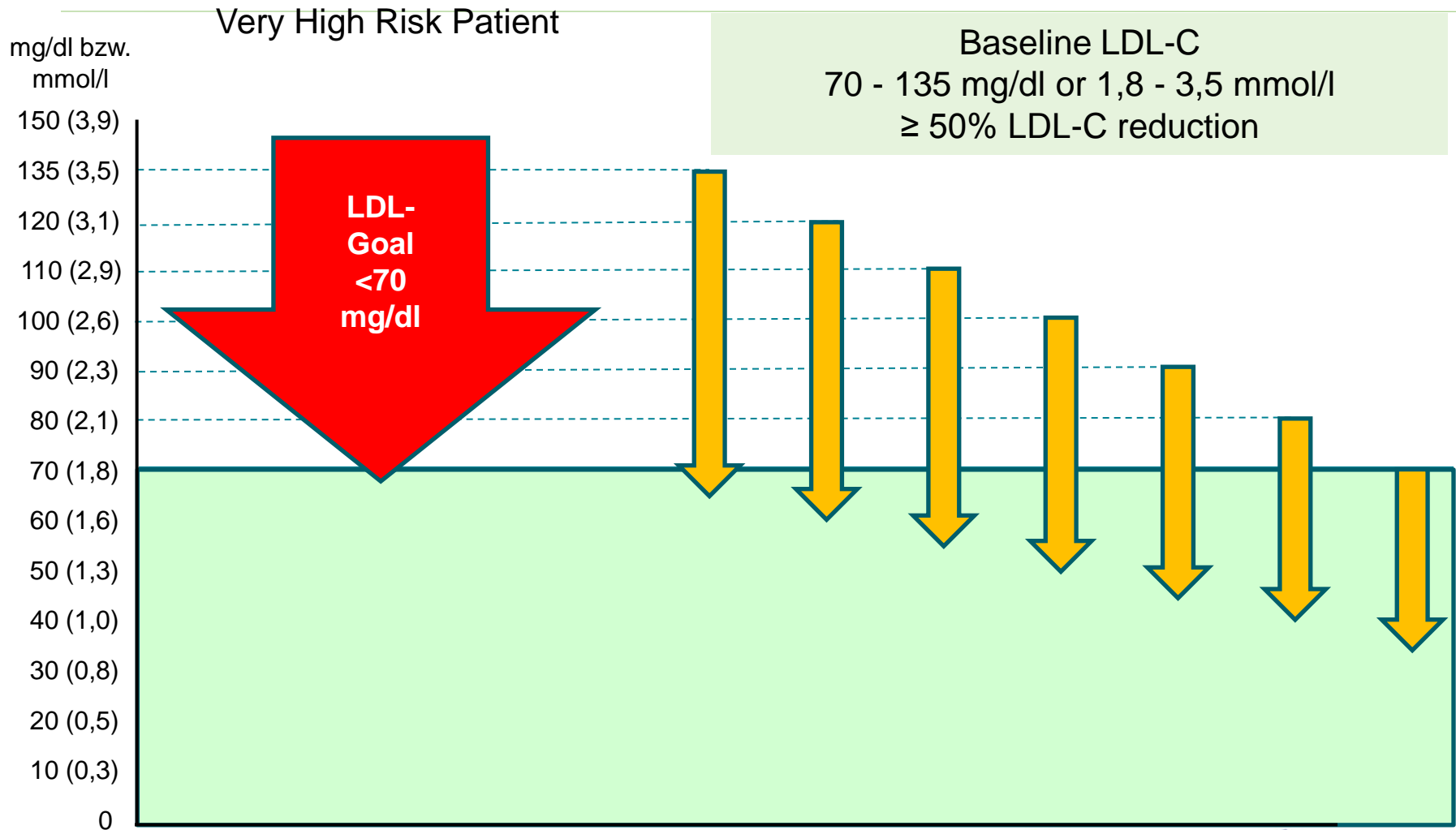
# Recommendations for treatment goals for LDL-C



Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
In patients at VERY HIGH CV risk <sup>d</sup> , an LDL-C goal of <1.8 mmol/L (70 mg/dL) or a reduction of at least 50% if the baseline LDL-C <sup>a</sup> is between 1.8 and 3.5 mmol/L (70 and 135 mg/dL) is recommended.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>	61, 62, 65, 68, 69, 128
In patients at HIGH CV risk <sup>d</sup> , an LDL-C goal of <2.6 mmol/L (100 mg/dL), or a reduction of at least 50% if the baseline LDL-C <sup>a</sup> is between 2.6 and 5.2 mmol/L (100 and 200 mg/dL) is recommended.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>	65, 129
In subjects at LOW or MODERATE risk <sup>d</sup> an LDL-C goal of <3.0 mmol/L (<115 mg/dL) should be considered.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>C</b>	-

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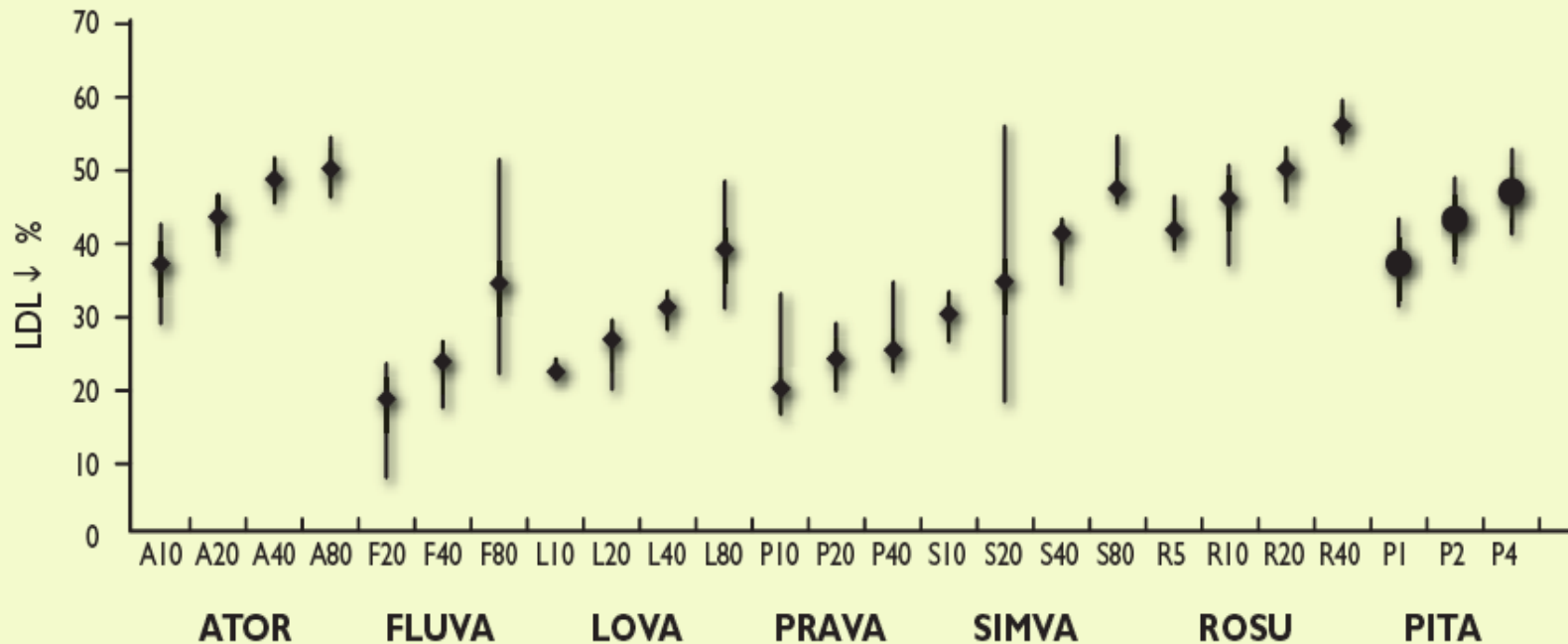
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Recommendations	Class	Level
Prescribe statin up to the highest recommended dose or highest tolerable dose to reach the goal.	I	A
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If the goal is not reached, statin combination with a cholesterol absorption inhibitor should be considered.	IIa	B
If the goal is not reached, statin combination with a bile acid sequestrant may be considered.	IIb	C
In patients at very high-risk, with persistent high LDL-C despite treatment with maximal tolerated statin dose, in combination with ezetimibe or in patients with statin intolerance, a PCSK9 inhibitor may be considered.	IIb	C



# Statin Therapy - A systematic review and meta-analysis of the therapeutic equivalence



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**Should HDL-C be a therapeutic target ?**

**A Yes**

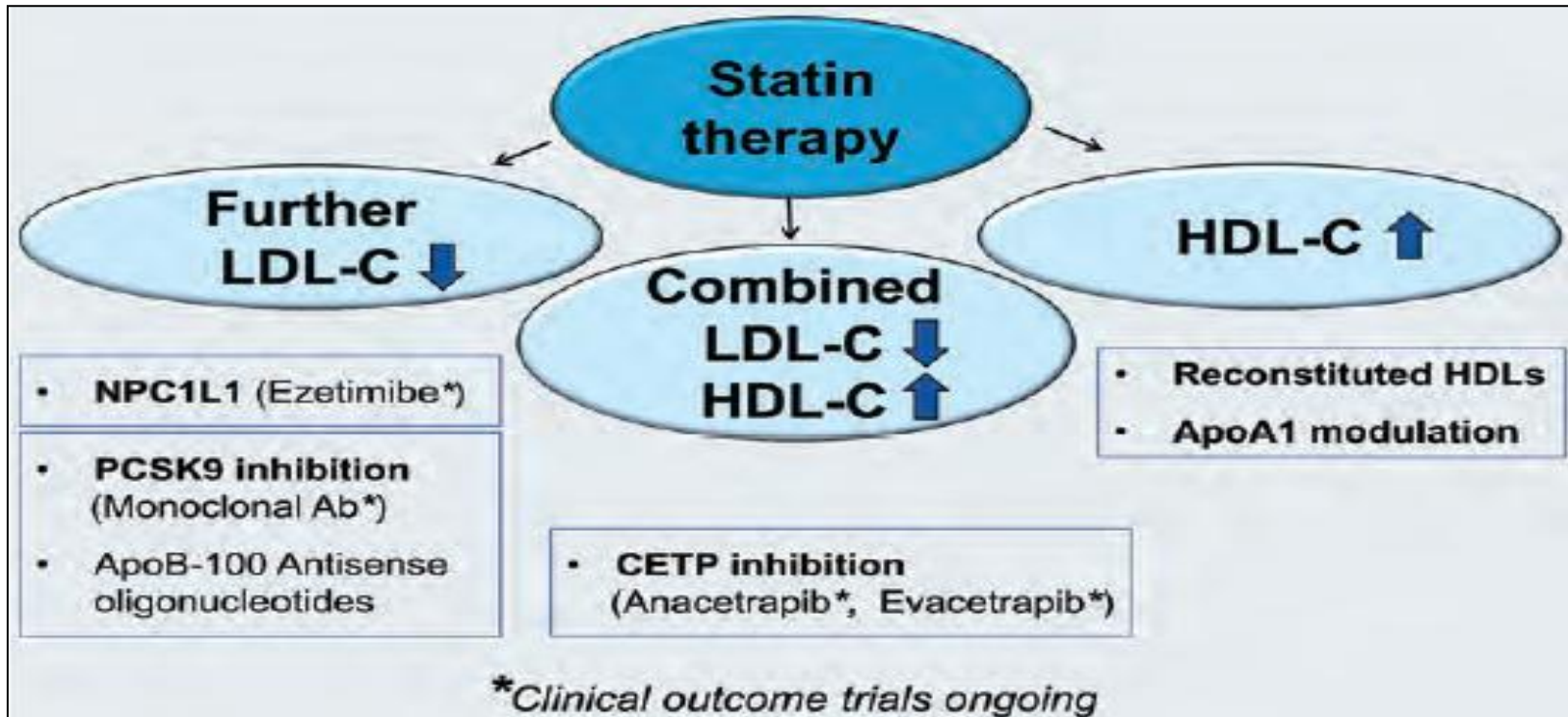
**B No**

# Lipid analysis and treatment targets in prevention of CVD



Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
LDL-C is recommended as the primary target for treatment.	I	A	64, 68
TC should be considered as a treatment target if other analyses are not available.	IIa	A	64, 123
Non-HDL-C should be considered as a secondary treatment target.	IIa	B	103
ApoB should be considered as a secondary treatment target, when available.	IIa	B	103, 124
HDL-C is not recommended as a target for treatment.	III	A	92, 93
The ratios apoB/apoA1 and non-HDL-C/HDL-C are not recommended as targets for treatment.	III	B	103

# The difficult search for a ‘partner’ of statins in lipid-targeted prevention of vascular events: the re-emergence and fall of niacin



Strategies of ongoing clinical trials to examine which lipid-targeted therapy should be added to statin treatment in patients with high vascular risk

Landmesser U. Eur Heart J (2013) 34, 1254–1257

# Impact of Life style changes on TC and LDL-C levels

	Magnitude of the effect	Level of evidence
<b>Lifestyle interventions to reduce TC and LDL-C levels</b>		
Reduce dietary trans fat	+++	A
Reduce dietary saturated fat	+++	A
Increase dietary fibre	++	A
Use functional foods enriched with phytosterols	++	A
Use red yeast rice supplements	++	A
Reduce excessive body weight	++	A
Reduce dietary cholesterol	+	B
Increase habitual physical activity	+	B
Use soy protein products	+/-	B

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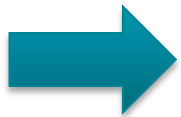
# Patient Case

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- **58 yo male patient**
- **Patient was started on 80 mg Atorvastatin**
- **Comes back with an NSTEMI-ACS  
(Proximal LAD lesion) – Receives PCI/DES**
- **Lipid profile ?**

# Patient Case – Lipid profile

- **LDL-C**                      **87 mg/dl**
- **HDL-C**                      **39 mg/dl**
- **Triglycerides**              **167 mg/dl**
- **Lp(a)**                      **45 mg/dl**



**Which lipid therapy should we consider ?**

- A No change**
- B Add ezetimibe**
- C Add PCSK9 inhibition**

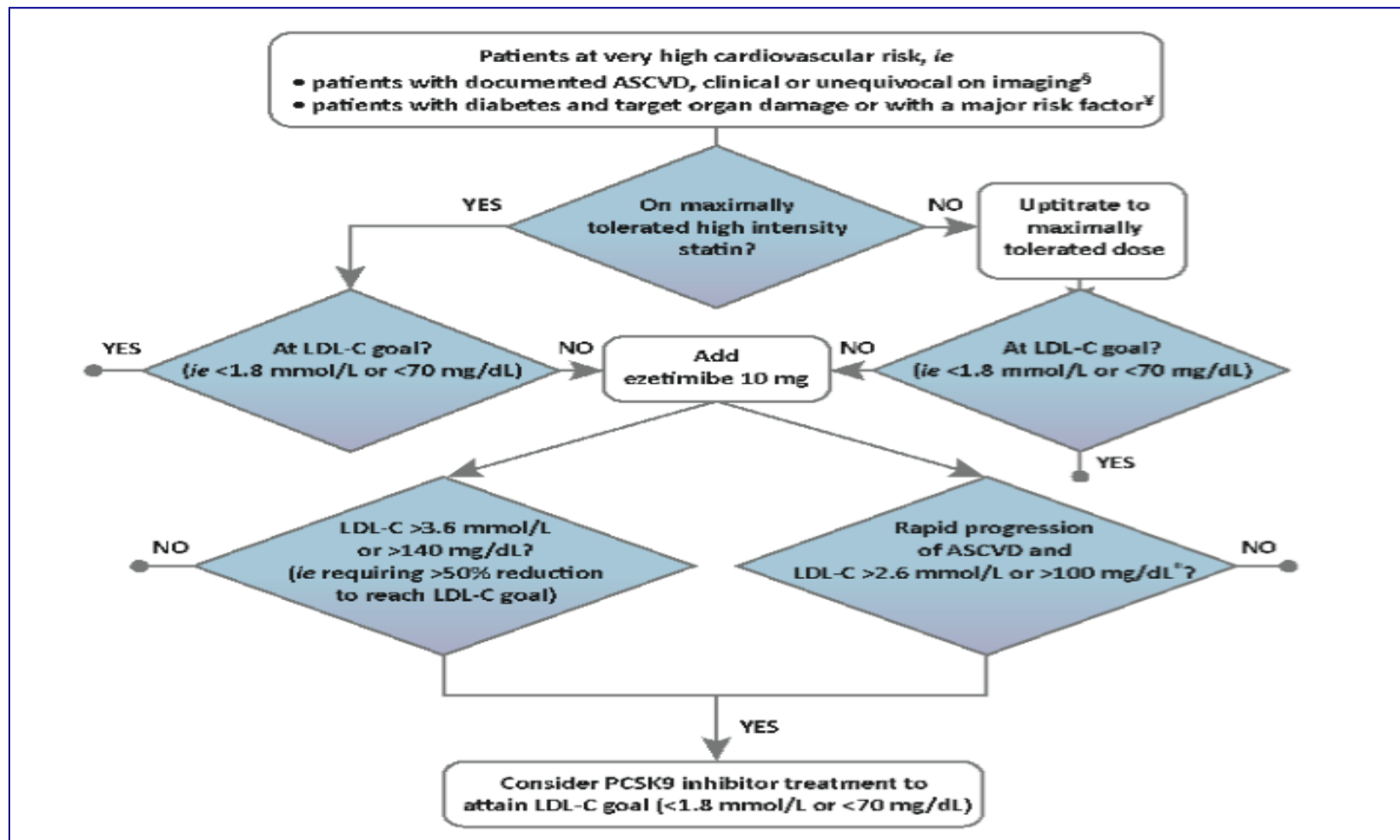
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# ESC/EAS Consensus Statement on PCSK9 inhibitors: Practical Guidance for Use in Patients at Very High Cardiovascular Risk



# Thank you



# Aggressive Lowering of LDL-Cholesterol with PCSK9-Inhibitors

## – A New Principle of Action

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# Conflicts of Interest (K. Huber 2015/16)

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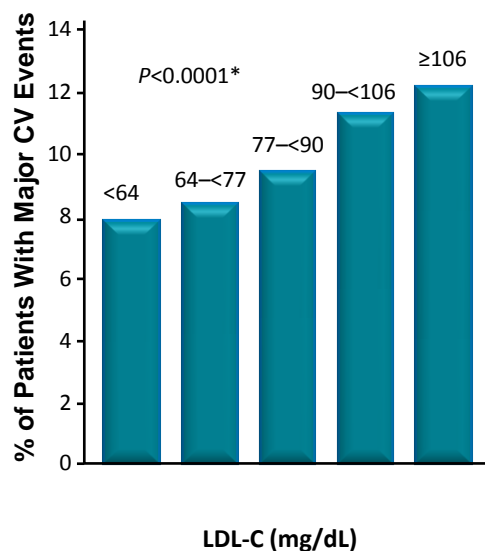
- **Lecture Fees from**
  - AMGEN
  - AstraZeneca
  - Pfizer
  - Sanofi

# LDL-C: „The lower the better“ (!?)

# The lower the LDL-C achieved, the lower the risk of CV events

## TNT<sup>1,a</sup>

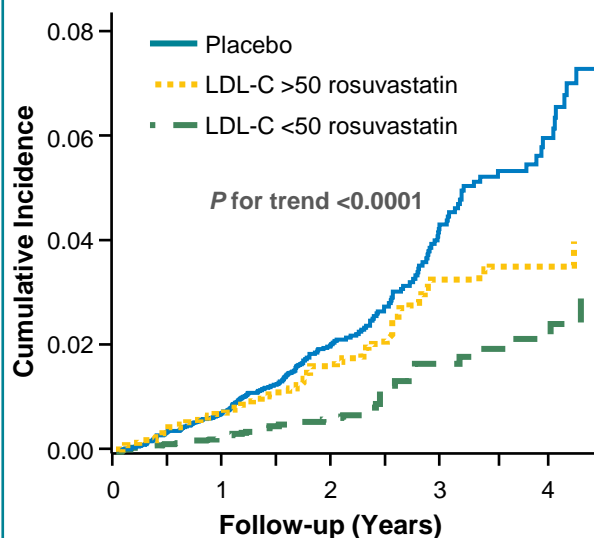
Rate of major CV events



\*P value for trend across LDL-C

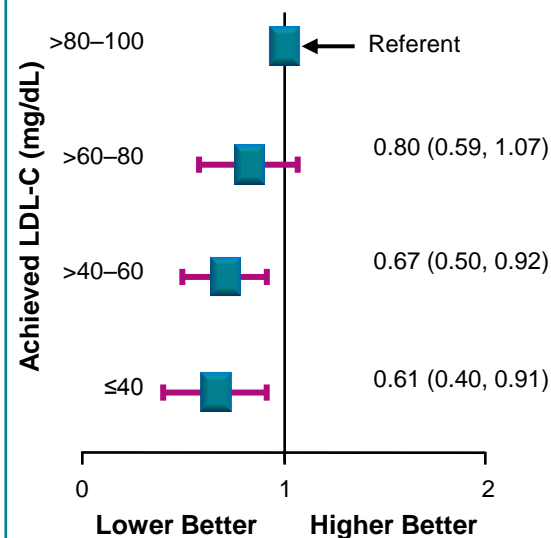
## JUPITER<sup>2,b</sup>

Time to occurrence of major CV events



## PROVE-IT<sup>3,c</sup>

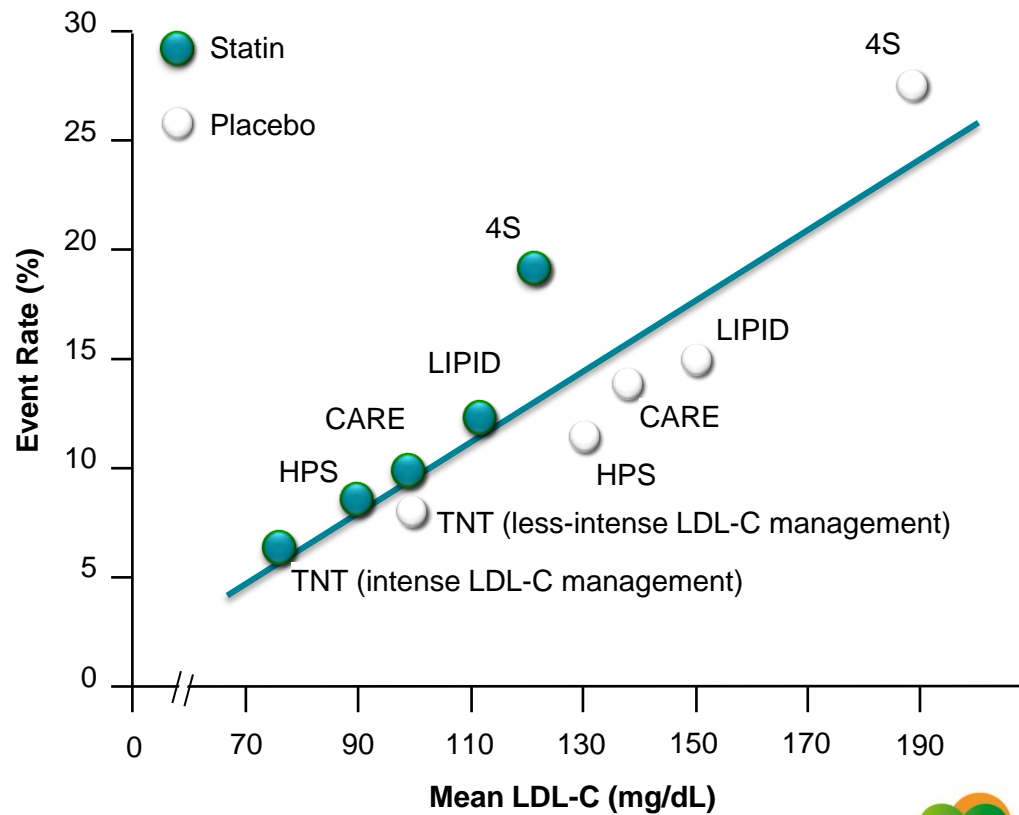
Hazard ratio of primary endpoint



1. LaRosa JC, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2007;100:747-52.
2. Hsia J, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2011;57:1666-75.
3. Wiviott SD, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2005;46:1411-6.

# LDL-C is a major contributor to CV risk

## LDL-C levels and event rates<sup>a</sup> in secondary prevention statin studies



LaRosa JC, et al. N Engl J Med 2005;352:1425–35.

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# Statins and Ezetimibe frequently are insufficient in reaching the treatment goal

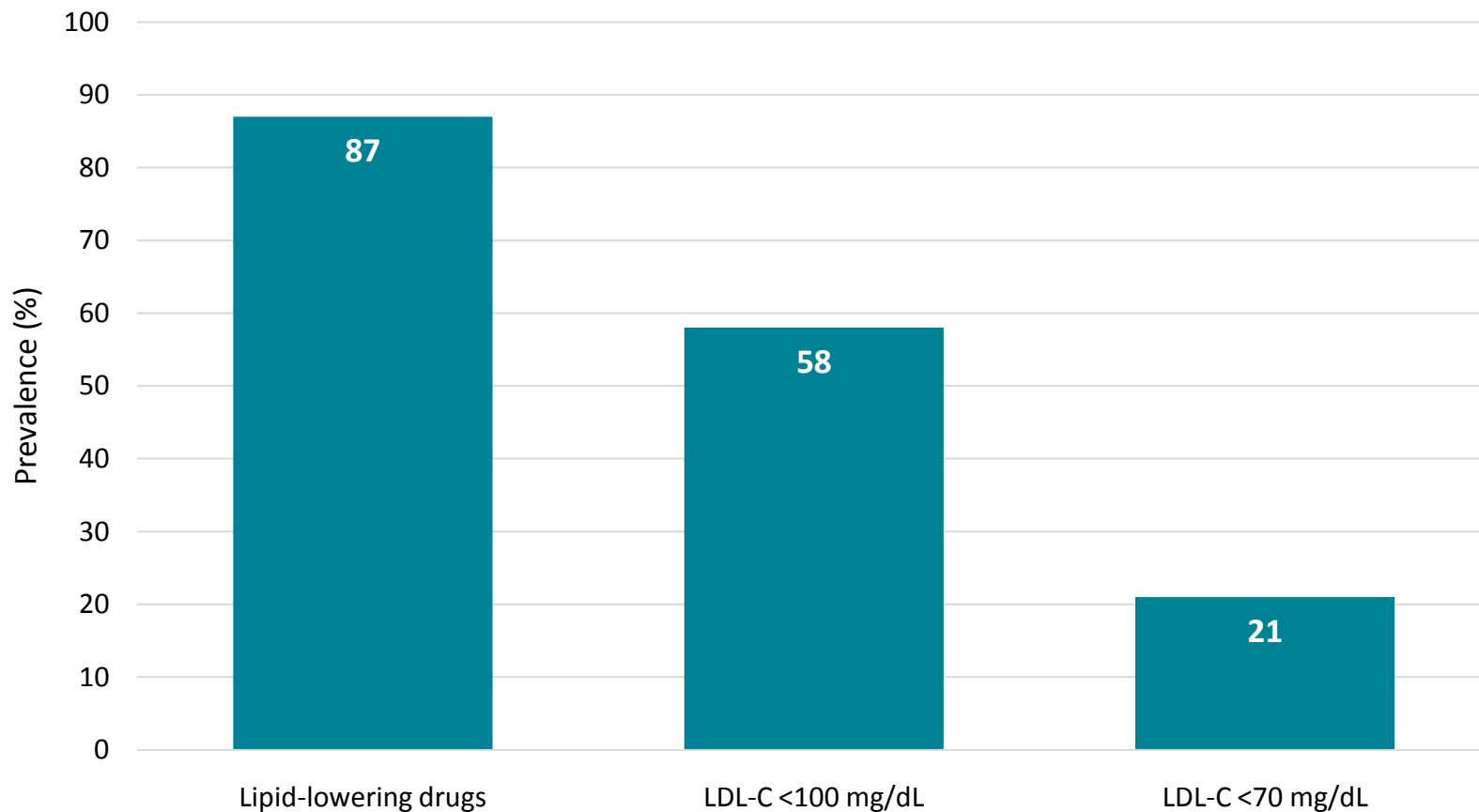


# In which percentage is an LDL-C goal of $<70$ mg/dl ( $<1,8$ mmol/L) reached in the „real world“?

- 1) 20%
- 2) 40%
- 3) 60%
- 4) 80%

# Only 1 in 5 MI patients achieve LDL-C target <70 mg/dL (< 1,8 mmol/L) despite high statin prescription rate and good adherence

**EUROASPIRE IV: 7998 patients <80 years old with established CHD\***



**\*25% women, mean age 64 years, one third <60 years old, 2012–2013.**

**CHD, coronary heart disease; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; MI, myocardial infarction.**

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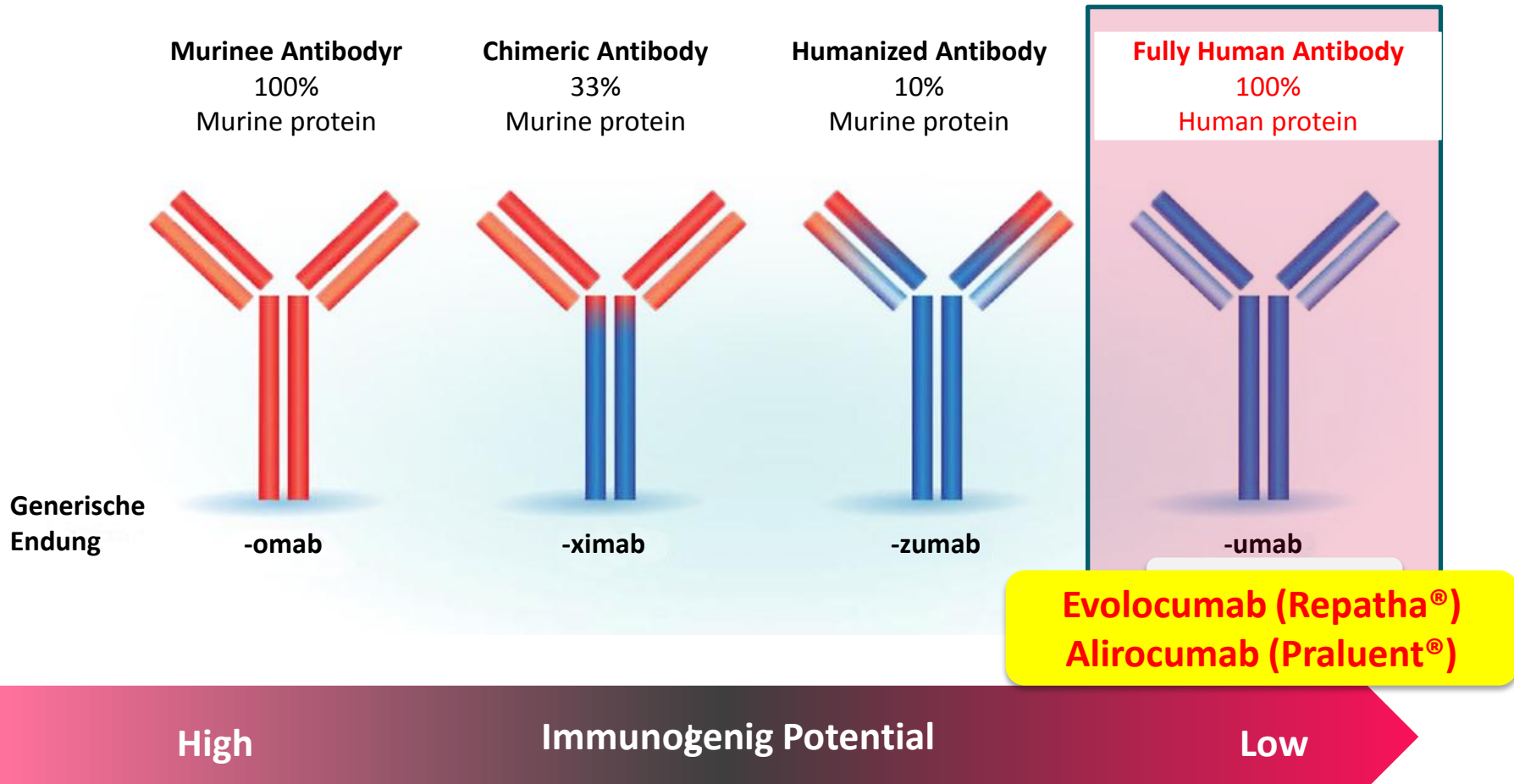


# PCSK9-Inhibition

# PCSK9-inhibition on top of standard lipid lowering reduces LDL-C levels for further

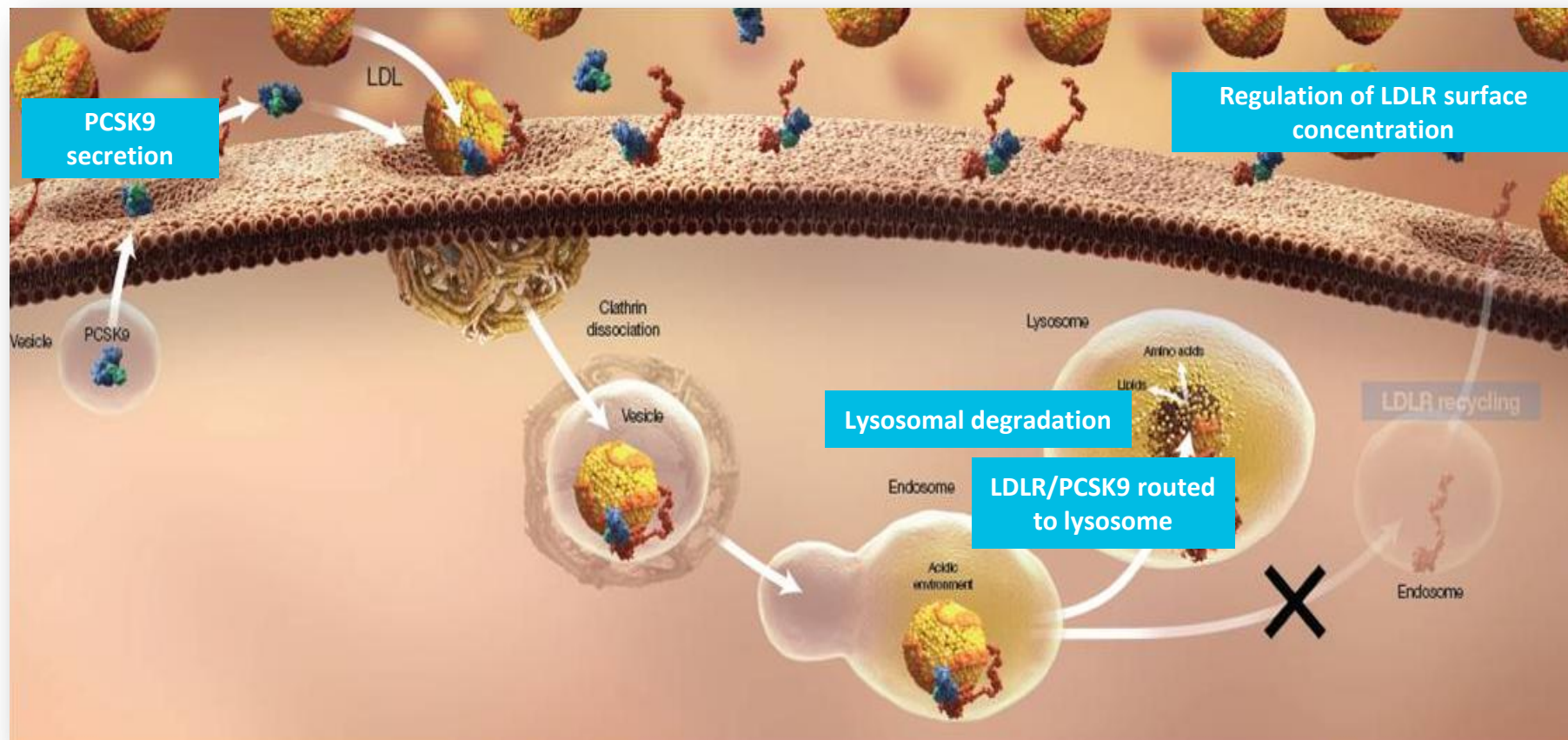
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# Different Types of Monoclonal Antibodies



- I. N. Foltz et al.: Evolution and emergence of therapeutic monoclonal antibodies: what cardiologists need to know. *Circulation* 127, 2222 (2013).

# PCSK9: A Bad Guy



*Qian Y-W et al. J Lipid Res. 2007;48:1488–1498;*  
*Horton JD et al. J Lipid Res. 2009;50(suppl):S172–S177;*  
*Zhang D-W et al. J Biol Chem. 2007;282:18,602–18,612*

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# PCSK9: Experiments of Nature

## Gain of Function



## Loss of Function



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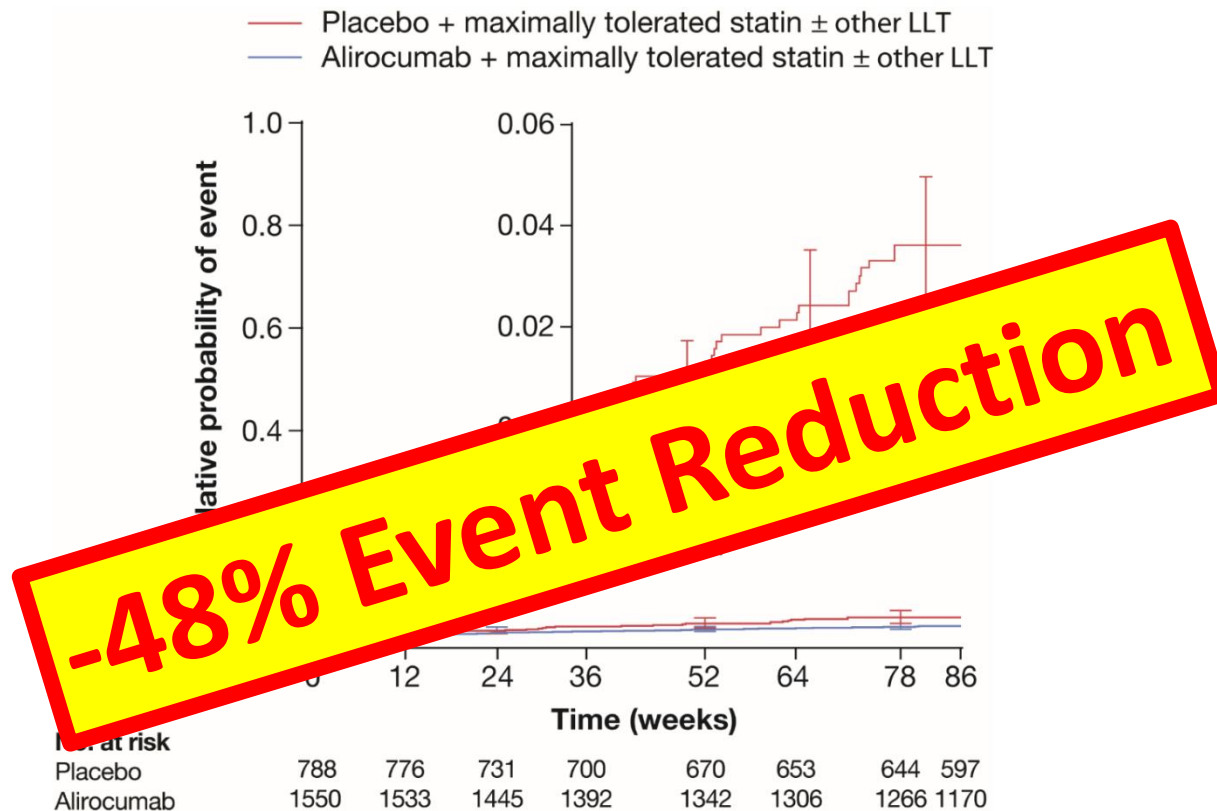
# Alirocumab: ODYSSEY Phase 3 Programs

Fourteen global Phase 3 trials including >23 500 patients across >2000 study centres

HeFH population	HC in high CV-risk population	Additional populations
<p>Add-on to max tolerated statin (± other LLT)</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY FH I (NCT01623115; EFC12492)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=486; 18 months</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY FH II (NCT01709500; CL1112)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=249; 18 months</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY HIGH FH (NCT01617655; EFC12732)</b> LDL-C ≥160 mg/dL n=107; 18 months</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY OLE (NCT01954394; LTS 13463)</b> Open-label study for FH from EFC 12492, CL 1112, EFC 12732 or LTS 11717 n≥1000; 30 months</p>	<p>Add-on to max tolerated statin (± other LLT)</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY COMBO I (NCT01644175; EFC11568)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=316; 12 months</p> <p><b>†ODYSSEY COMBO II (NCT01644188; EFC11569)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=720; 24 months</p>	<p><b>ODYSSEY MONO (NCT01644474; EFC11716)</b> Patients on no background LLTs LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=103; 6 months</p> <p><b>ODYSSEY ALTERNATIVE (NCT01709513; CL1119)</b> Patients with defined statin intolerance LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=314; 6 months</p>
		<p><b>ODYSSEY CHOICE I (NCT01926782; CL1308)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=700; 12 months</p>
		<p><b>ODYSSEY CHOICE II (NCT02023879; EFC13786)</b> Patients not treated with a statin LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=200; 6 months</p>
		<p><b>ODYSSEY OPTIONS I (NCT01730040; CL1110)</b> Patients not at goal on moderate-dose atorvastatin LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=355; 6 months</p>
		<p><b>ODYSSEY OPTIONS II (NCT01730053; CL1118)</b> Patients not at goal on moderate-dose rosuvastatin LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL n=305; 6 months</p>
	<p><b>ODYSSEY LONG TERM (NCT01507831; LTS11717)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL n=2341; 18 months</p>	
	<p><b>ODYSSEY OUTCOMES (NCT01663402; EFC11570)</b> LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL n=18 000; 64 months</p>	



# Post-Hoc Analyse ODYSSEY LONG TERM: Reduktion CV Ereignisse mit **Alirocumab**



# PROFICIO evaluates LDL-C-reduction, regression of atherosclerosis and reduction of CV risk with **Evolocumab**



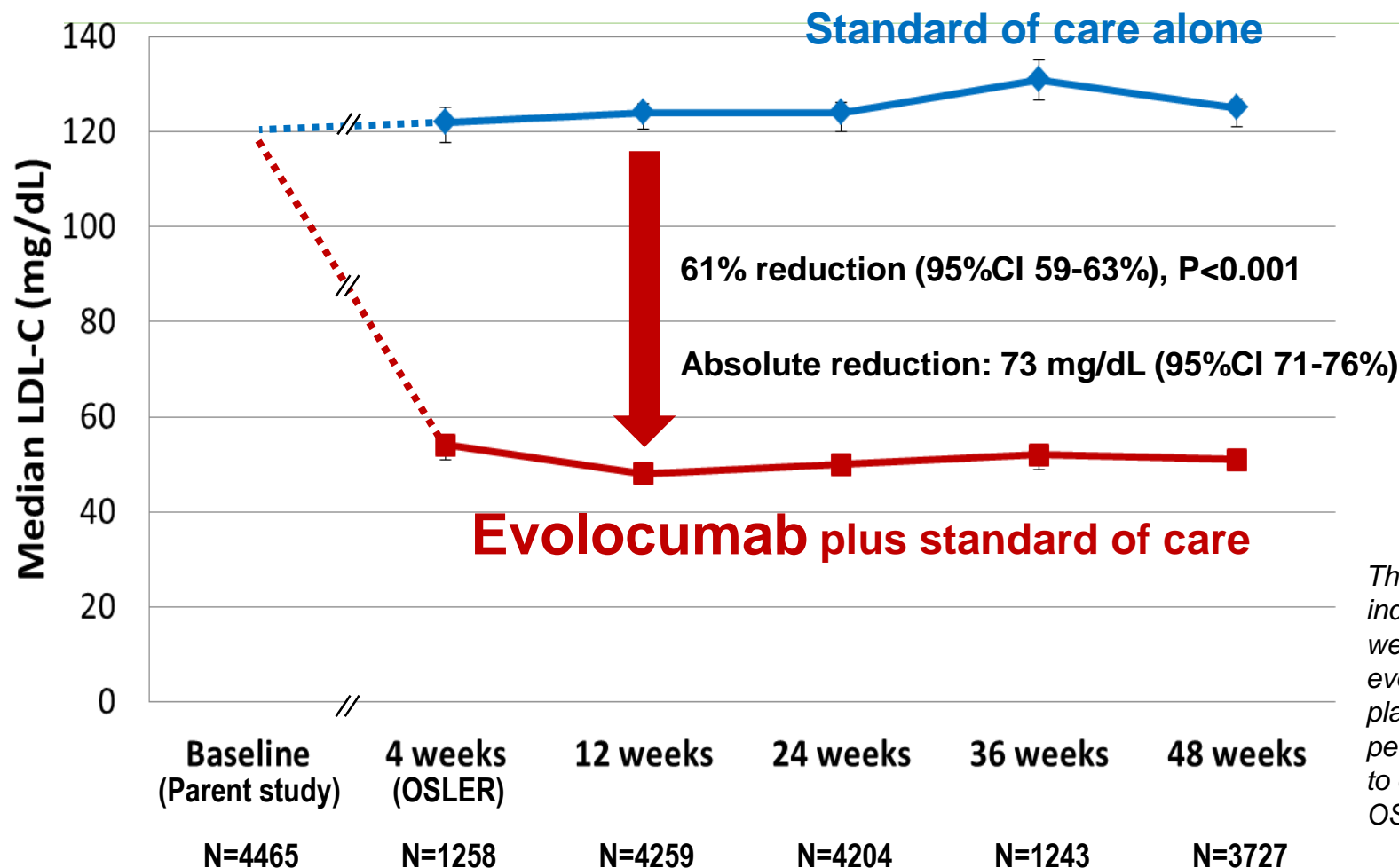
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	Mono-therapy	→	Phase 2 (N = 406) ✓	Phase 3 (N = 614) ✓	Evo Mono
	Statin-intolerant	→	Phase 2 (N = 157) ✓	Phase 3 (N = 307) ✓	Phase 3 (N = 100) ✓
	HeFH	→	Phase 2 (N = 167) ✓	Phase 3 (N = 329) ✓	Evo + Statin +/- Eze
	HoFH/ Severe FH	→	Phase 2/3 (N = 58) ✓	Phase 2/3 (N = 310) ✓	Evo + Statin +/- Eze
	Long-term safety and efficacy	→		Phase 3 (N = 901) ✓	Evo +/- Statin +/- Eze
	Open-label Extension	→	Phase 2 (N = 1324) ✓	Phase 3 (N > 3800) ✓	Evo + Statin +/- Eze
glagov	Athero	→		Phase 3 (N = 950) ✓	Evo + Statin +/- Eze
fourier	Secondary Prevention	→		Phase 3 (N = 27,500) ✓	Evo + Statin

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\* Aktiver Arm (Evolocumab); Vergleichsarm: Placebo +/- Statin +/- Ezetemib



# OSLER Studies: LDL Cholesterol Reduction



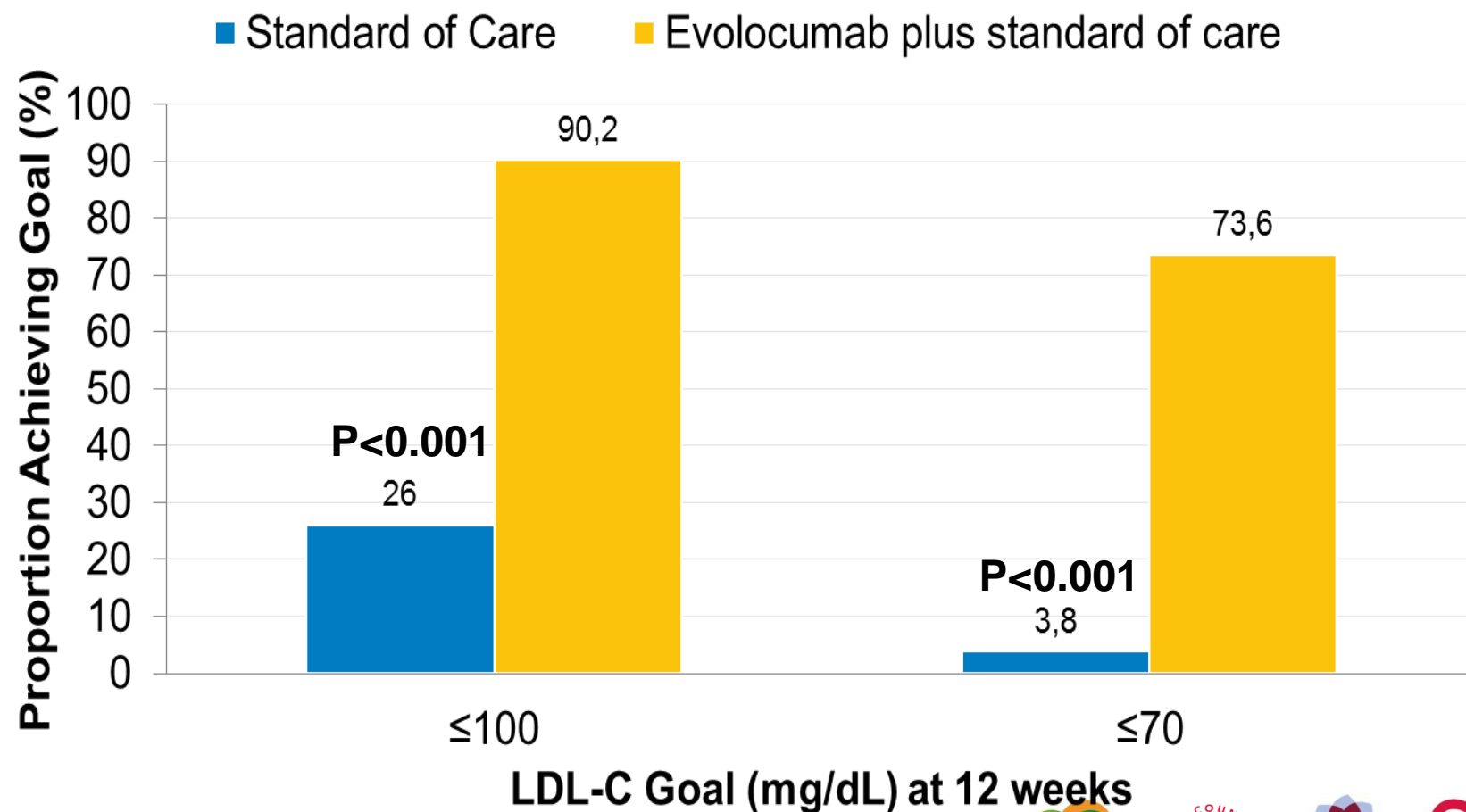
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# LDL Cholesterol Goals Reached

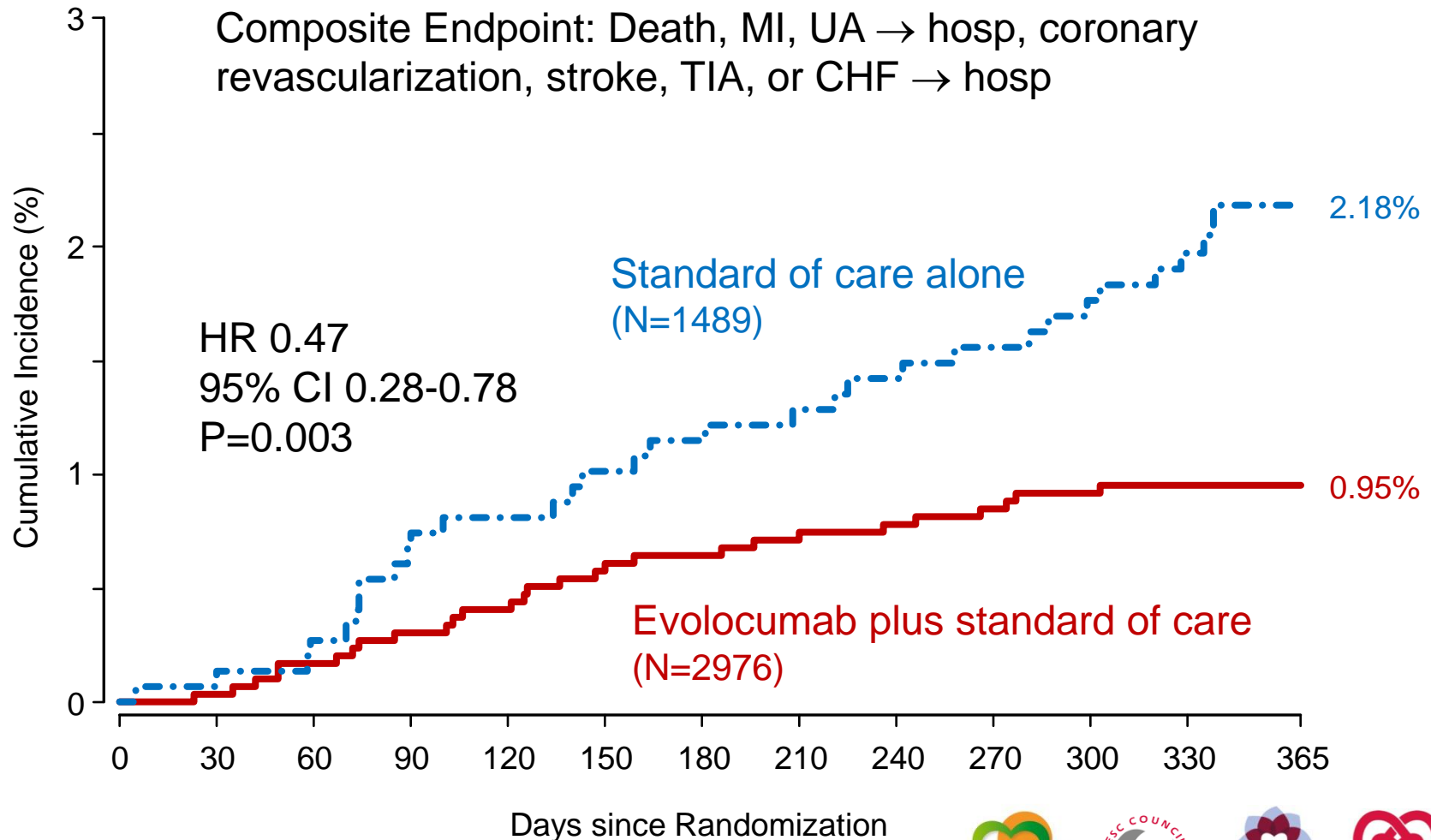


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# Two typical cases of inefficient action of lipid lowering agents

# Case 1

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**66 yr old male**

**VF complicating his first anterior wall MI 11/2013**

**Risk factors: smoking, LDL-C 170 mg/dl**

**ASA, prasugrel, atorvastatin 80 mg, betalocker, ACEI**

**Pat. stopped smoking, intolerant to statins, + ezetimibe**

**Re-MI (anterior wall) 5/2014, LDL-C 135 mg/dl**

**ASA, ticagrelor, ezetimibe, betablocker, ACEI**

**Re-MI (Posterior wall) 2/2015, LDL-C 146 mg/dl**

**Switched to evolocumab on top of ezetimibe**

**No further event since 18 months**

**LDL-C is < 60 mg/dl since**

## Case 2

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**64 yr old female**

**NSTEMI 6/2008**

**Risk factors: LDL-C 210 mg/dl (FH)**

**ASA, clopidogrel, simvastatin 20 mg, betalocker  
intolerant to high-dose statins, + fenofibrate**

**STEMI (anterior wall) 5/2010, LDL-C 186 mg/dl**

**ASA, prasugrel, betablocker and**

**lipid apheresis was started (twice per week)**

**LDL-C was 70-100 mg/dl over years, no further MACE**

**NSTEMI 3/2016, LDL-C 102 mg/dl**

**Alurocumab was started in combination with ezetimibe  
and lipid apheresis was stopped**

**No further event since 8 months**

**LDL-C is <70 mg/dl since**



968 patients at 197 global centers with symptomatic CAD and other high risk features. Coronary angiography showing 20-50% stenosis in a target vessel

**measured by intraVascular ultrasound**

Stable, optimized statin dose for 4 weeks with LDL-C >80 mg/dL  
or 60-80 mg with additional high risk features

Intravascular ultrasound via motorized pullback  
at 0.5 mm/sec through >40 mm segment

Statin  
monotherapy

61 patients did not complete

423 statin completers

**18 months  
treatment**

Statin plus monthly SC  
evolocumab 420 mg

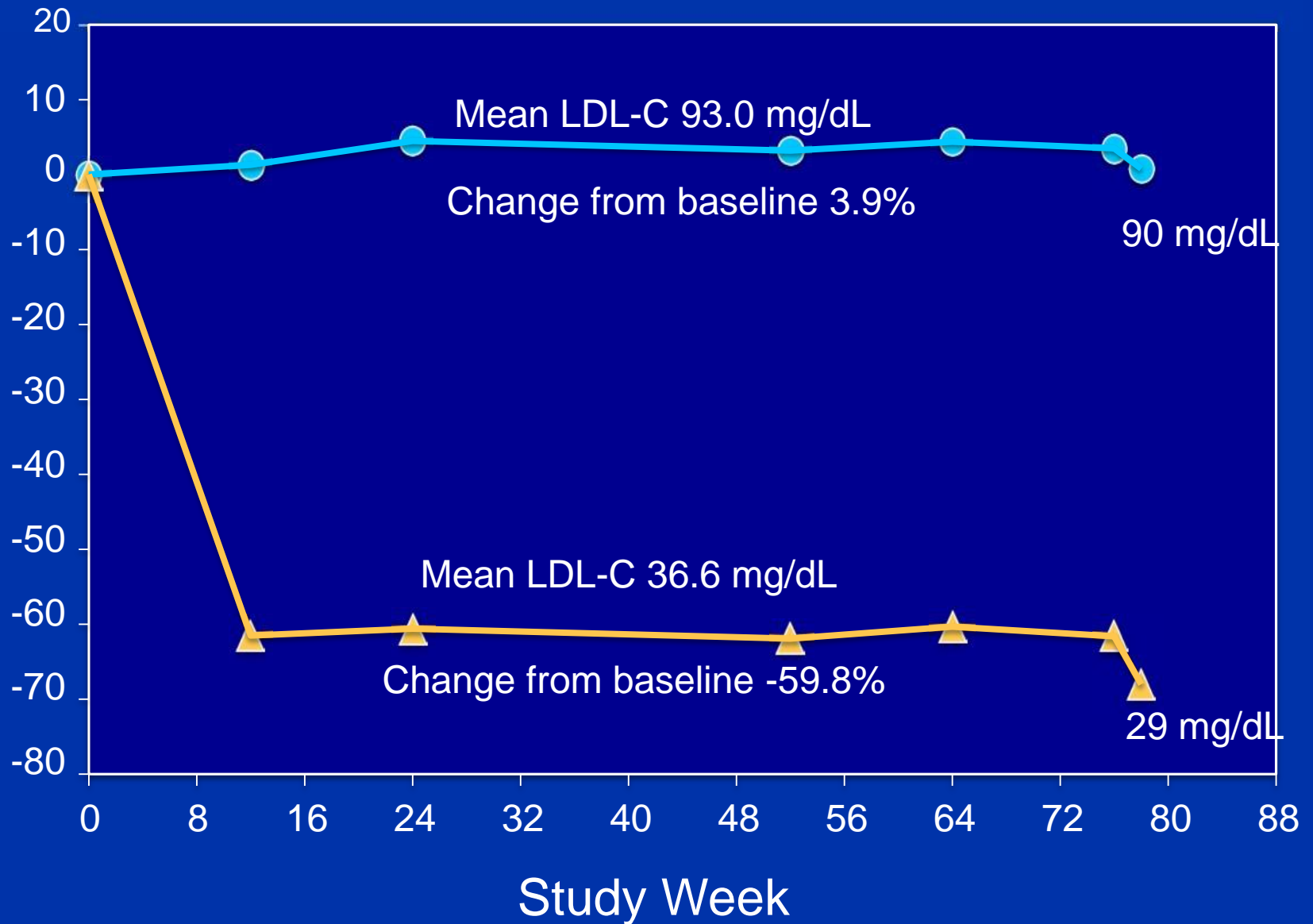
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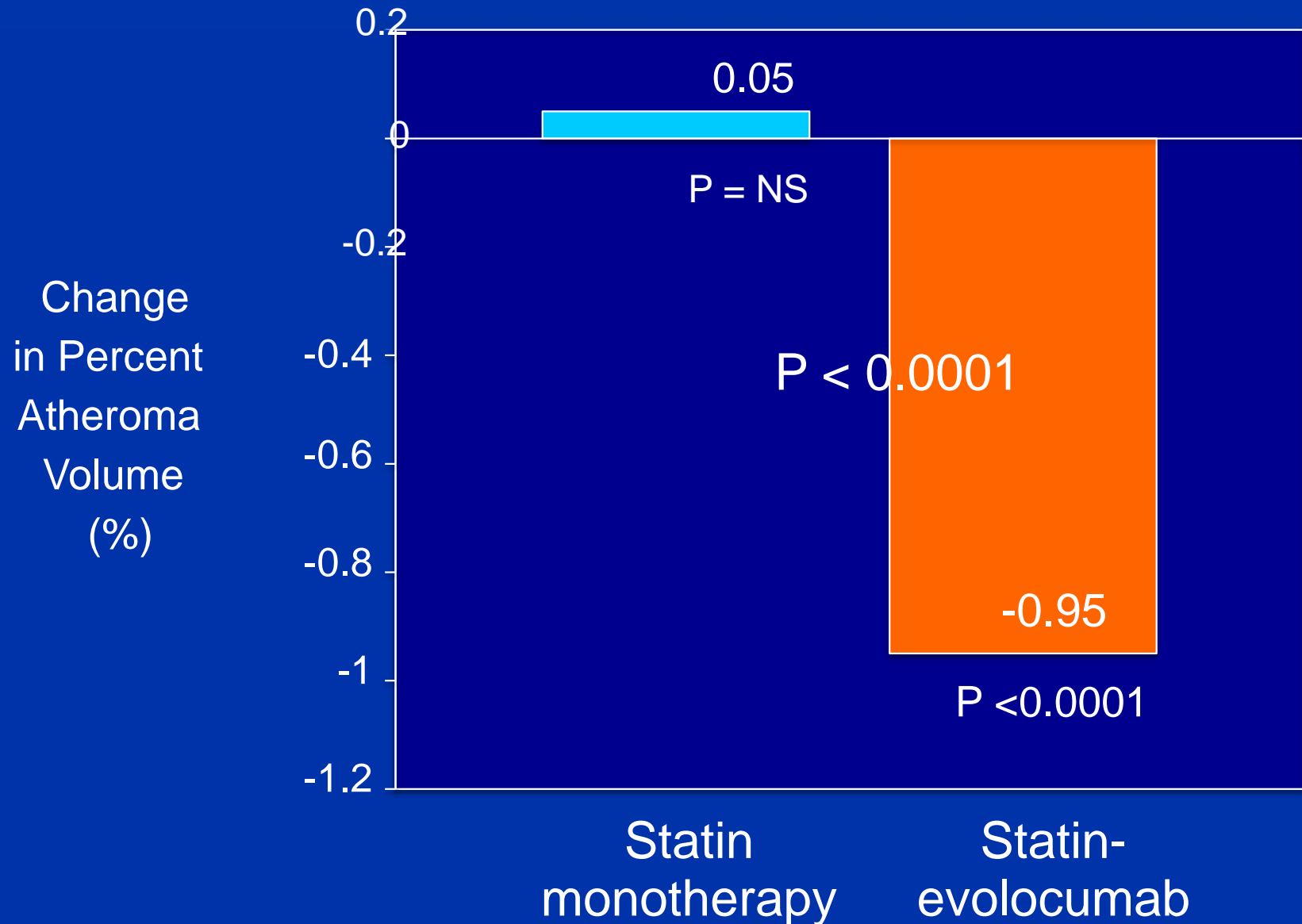
Follow-up IVUS of originally imaged “target” vessel (n=846)



# Percent Change in LDL-C During Treatment



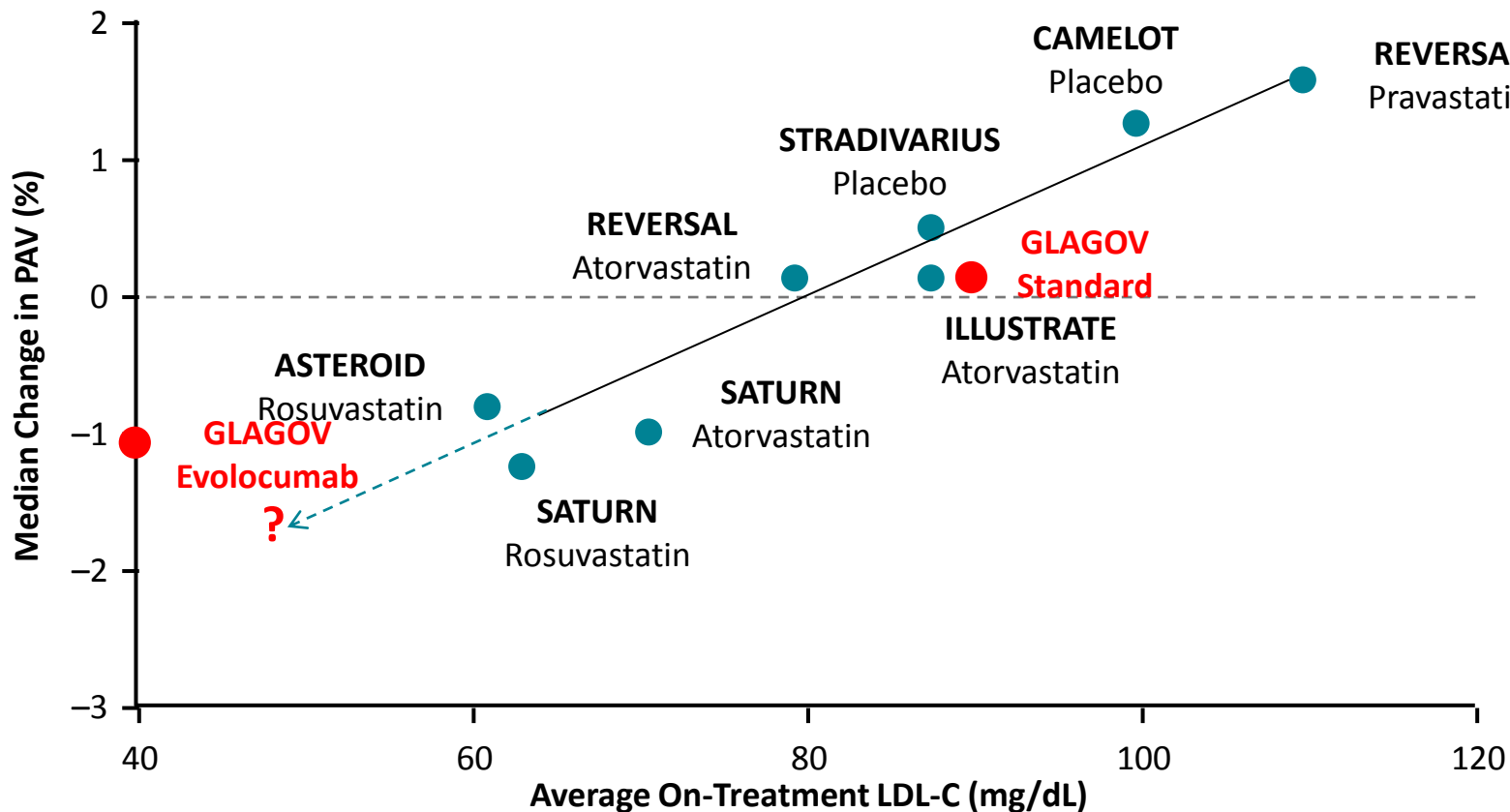
# Primary Endpoint: Percent Atheroma Volume



# Adverse Clinical Events and Safety Findings

Event	Placebo (N=484)	Evolocumab (N=484)
Death	0.8%	0.6%
Nonfatal MI	2.9%	2.1%
Nonfatal Stroke	0.6%	0.4%
Hosp. for Unstable Angina	0.8%	0.6%
Coronary Revascularization	13.6%	10.3%
<b>First Major Cardiovascular Event</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
Injection site reactions	0%	0.4%
Anti-evolocumab binding antibody	NA	0.2%
Neutralizing antibodies	NA	0%
<b>Neurocognitive events</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>New onset diabetes</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Myalgia</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

# Achieved LDL-C and Atheroma Regression



Median changes in percentage atheroma volume (PAV) vs average on-treatment LDL-C in serial coronary IVUS trials. Dotted blue line shows a projected outcome of the degree of plaque regression in those patients receiving evolocumab in GLAGOV.

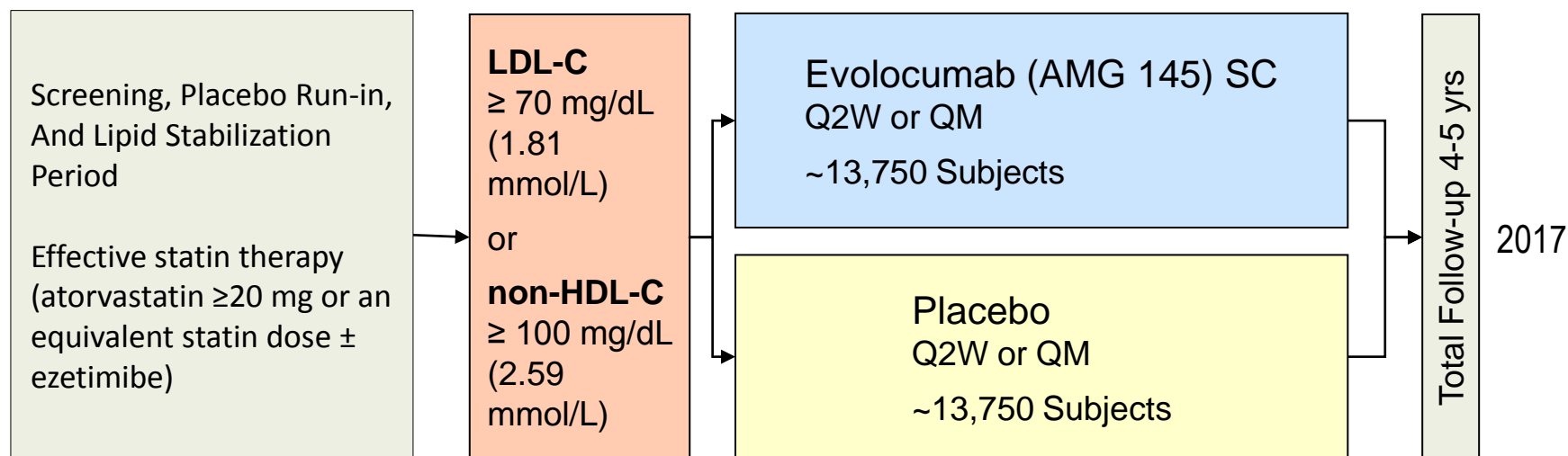
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# FOURIER (20110118) Trial Ongoing

**27,500 patients with cardiovascular disease (prior MI, stroke or PAD)**  
**Age 40 to 85 years**  
**≥1 other high-risk feature**



**Primary Endpoint: CV death, MI, hosp for UA, stroke, coronary revascularization**

NCT01764633

[www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu](http://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu) EudraCT Number: 2012-001398-97  
<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01764633?term=NCT01764633&rank=1>

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# Summary

**PCSK9-inhibitors on top of standard lipid lowering therapy are able to reduce LDL-C levels by >50% and thereby help to reach the treatment goal in a high percentage**

**Massive LDL-C reduction might also reduce coronary plaque size and volume**

**Clinical outcome data (ODYSSEY OUTCOME, FOURIER) obtained from huge prospective randomized trials are awaited in order to learn about clinical efficacy and safety**

**Potential indications for the use of PCSK-9 inhibitors include very high-risk patients with statin intolerance, insufficient action of statins and ezetimibe, and possibly also patients who want to avoid lipid apheresis**

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# THANK YOU !