

# Cholesterol Summit CCS Dyslipidemia Guidelines - 2016 and beyond -

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# Learning Objectives

1. To provide an overview of the 2016 CCS dyslipidemia guidelines
2. To understand the utility of lipoprotein measurement in preventive care
3. To highlight the evidence that (1) earlier treatment may be better and (2) that lower LDL-C is better

# Outline

- 2016 Dyslipidemia Guidelines – overview
- Primary prevention in 2019 – what's new
  - Earlier is better!
  - Risk modifiers -> apoB, Lp(a), CAC
- Secondary prevention
  - Lower is better!
- Future guidelines??
- Questions/Discussion

## Society Guidelines

# 2016 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the Management of Dyslipidemia for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Adult

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# Who should I screen?

## WHO TO SCREEN

**Men  $\geq 40$  years of age;  
women  $\geq 40$  years of age  
(or postmenopausal)**

Consider earlier in ethnic groups at increased risk such as South Asian or First Nations individuals

**All patients with the following conditions regardless of age:**

- Clinical evidence of atherosclerosis
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Diabetes
- Arterial hypertension
- Current cigarette smoking
- Stigmata of dyslipidemia (arcus cornea, xanthelasma or xanthoma)
- Family history of premature CVD\*
- Family history of dyslipidemia
- Chronic kidney disease
- Obesity (BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- HIV infection
- Erectile dysfunction
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Hypertensive diseases of pregnancy

# What tests do I need?

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# How to screen?

## HOW TO SCREEN

### For all:

- History and physical examination
- Standard lipid panel (TC, LDL-C, HDL-C, TG)
- Non-HDL-C (will be calculated from profile)
- Glucose
- eGFR

### Optional:

- ApoB
- Urine albumin:creatinine ratio  
(if eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>, hypertension or diabetes)

**NON-FASTING LIPID TESTING IS ACCEPTABLE**

# Who requires treatment?

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- (c) 62 F with diabetes
- (d) 52 F with moderate chronic kidney disease (eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)
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# Statin-indicated conditions

## CLINICAL ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Myocardial infarction, acute coronary syndromes  
Stable angina, documented coronary disease by angiography (>10% stenoses)  
Stroke, TIA, documented carotid disease  
Peripheral artery disease, claudication and/or ABI < 0.9

## ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

Abdominal aorta > 3.0 cm or  
Previous aneurysm surgery

## DIABETES MELLITUS

≥ 40 years of age or  
> 15 years duration and age ≥ 30 years or  
Microvascular complications

## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

> 3 months duration and  
ACR > 3.0 mg/mmol or  
eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

## LDL-C ≥ 5.0 MMOL/L

LDL-C ≥ 5.0 mmol/L or  
Document familial hypercholesterolemia  
Excluded 2<sup>nd</sup> causes

# What LDL-C should I aim for?

Adequacy of statin therapy is determined by:

- (a) LDL-C < 2.0 mmol/L
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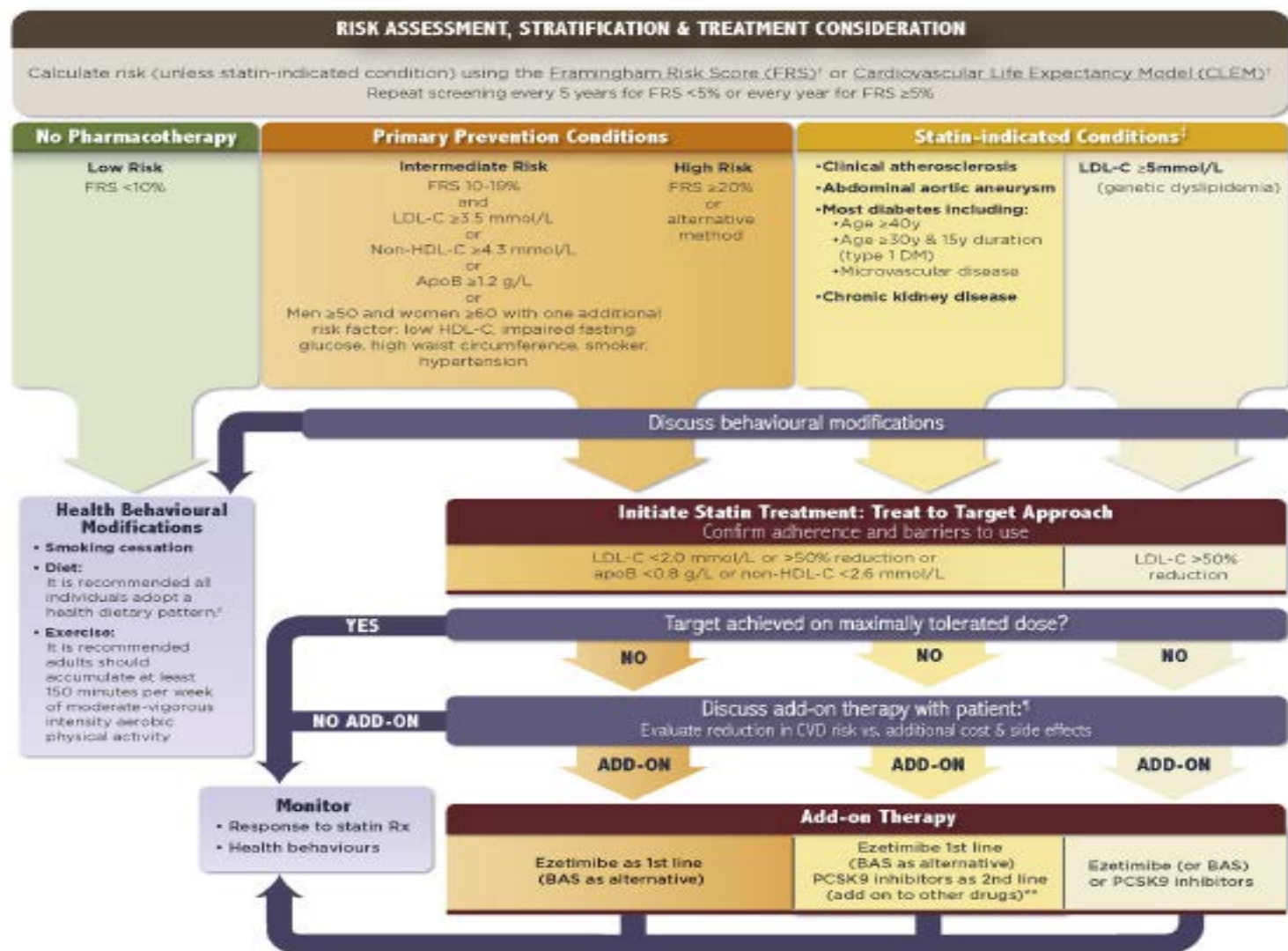
| Category                     | Consider initiating pharmacotherapy if   | Target   | NNT |
|------------------------------|--|--|-----|
| Primary prevention           | High FRS ( $\geq 20\%$ )<br>All  | LDL-C $< 2.0$ mmol/L or $> 50\%$ ↓<br>Or           | 35  |
|                              | Intermediate FRS (10%-19%)<br>LDL-C $\geq 3.5$ mmol/L<br>or non-HDL-C $\geq 4.3$ mmol/L<br>or ApoB $\geq 1.2$ g/L<br>or men $\geq 50$ and women $\geq 60$ years and 1 additional CVD RF  | ApoB $< 0.8$ g/L<br>Or<br>non-HDL-C $< 2.6$ mmol/L | 40  |
| Statin-indicated conditions* | Clinical atherosclerosis†<br>Abdominal aortic aneurysm<br>Diabetes mellitus<br>Age $\geq 40$ years<br>15-Year duration for age $\geq 30$ years (DM 1)<br>Microvascular disease<br>Chronic kidney disease (age $\geq 50$ years)<br>eGFR $< 60$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> or ACR $> 3$ mg/mmol<br>LDL-C $\geq 5.0$ mmol/L | $> 50\%$ ↓ in LDL-C                                | 20  |

ACR, albumin:creatinine ratio; ACS, acute coronary syndrome; apoB, apolipoprotein B; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DM 1, type 1 diabetes mellitus; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FRS, modified Framingham Risk Score; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; NNT, number needed to treat; RF, risk factor.

\* Statins indicated as initial therapy.

† Consider LDL-C  $< 1.8$  mmol/L for subjects with ACS within past 3 months.

# 2016 CCS dyslipidemia summary



What's new in 2019 and beyond?

# Case 1: Mr. Hy Risc

# Mr. Hy. Risc

44 years old, non-smoker

- BMI = 26 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- BP 135/80 mm Hg
- No diabetes
- Total cholesterol = 5.9 mmol/L
- HDL cholesterol = 1.0 mmol/L
- TG = 1.7
- LDL-C = 4.1

New for 2019  
Earlier LDL treatment is better

# Mr. Hy Risc

## Estimation of 10-year risk of total cardiovascular disease in men (Framingham Heart Study)

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|-----------------|-------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| -2              |       | >1.6    |                   | <120            |             |        |          |              |
| -1              |       | 1.3-1.6 |                   |                 |             |        |          |              |
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10 pts = 9% risk of CV event in 10 years  
(low risk)

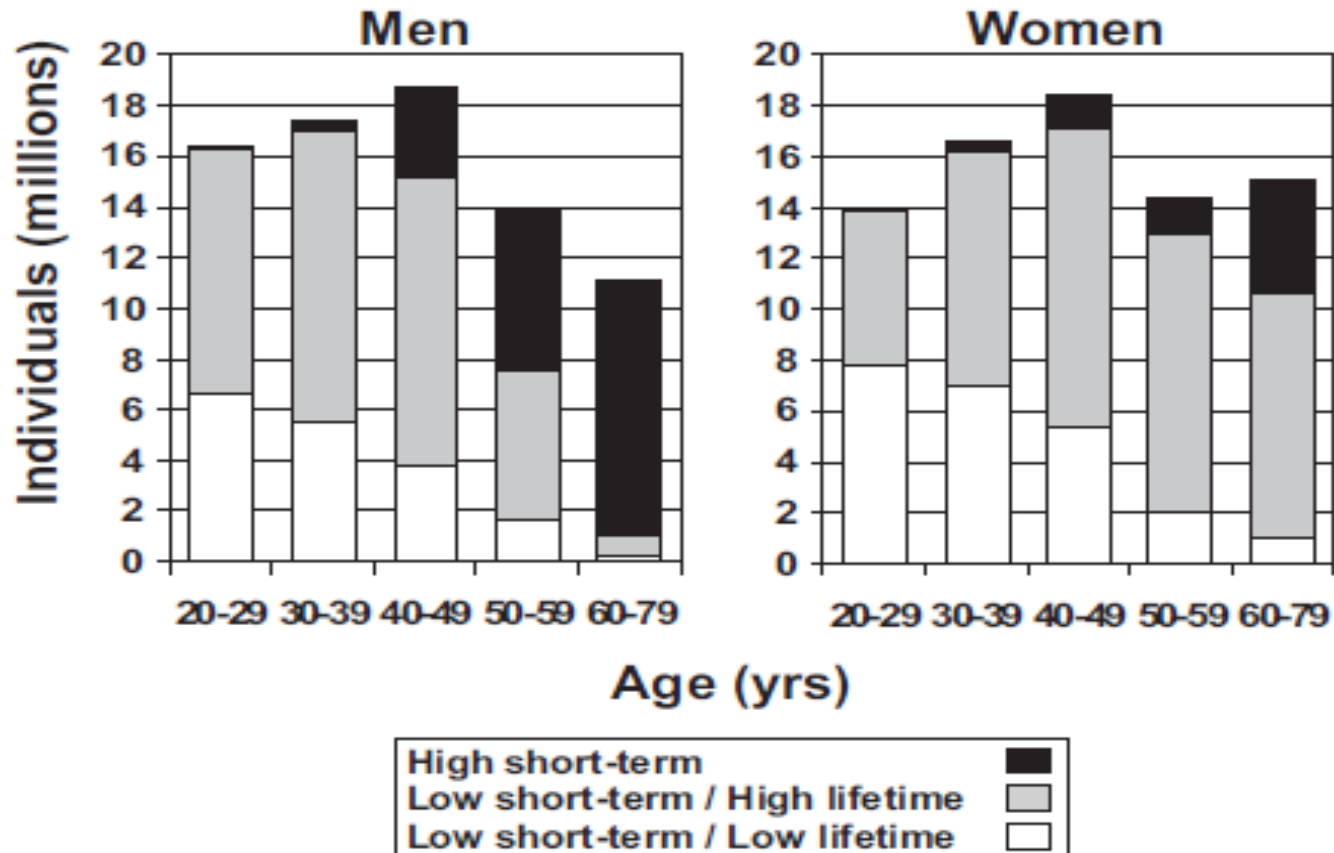
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# Low Short-term but High Lifetime Risk



# What to do?

- A large proportion have low short-term BUT high lifetime risk
  - Counselling
  - Focus on lifestyle change
    - Target optimal risk factors
  - Consider EARLY preventative treatment?

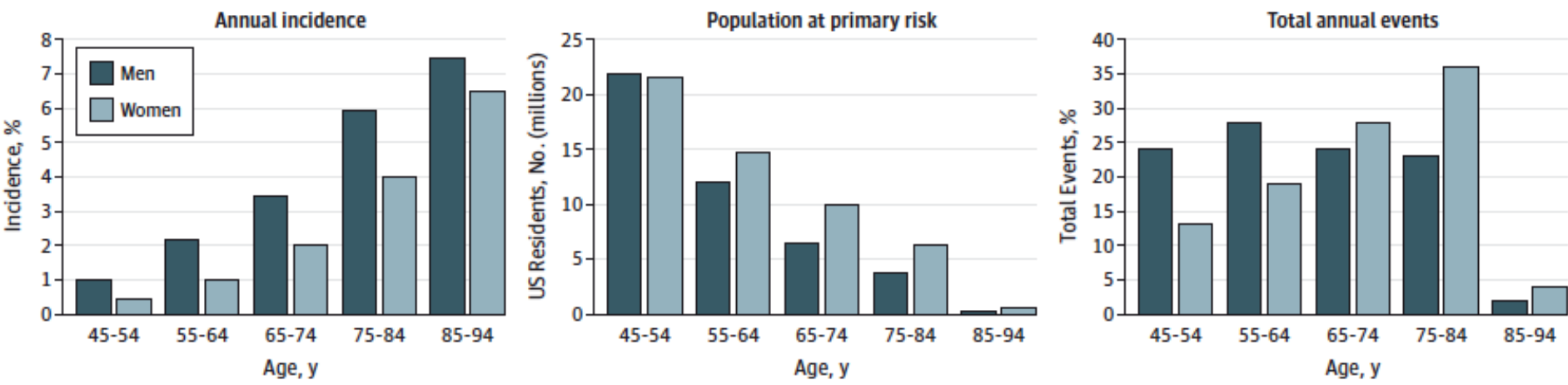
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Figure. Event Rates, Population at Risk, and Event Numbers by Sex and Age Groups



A, Average primary annual incidence rates of coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, or intermittent claudication. B, Numbers of US residents without clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease represented in the 2005-2010 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. C, Percentage of the expected total of 930 621 annual primary events in men and 702 105 in women by age group.

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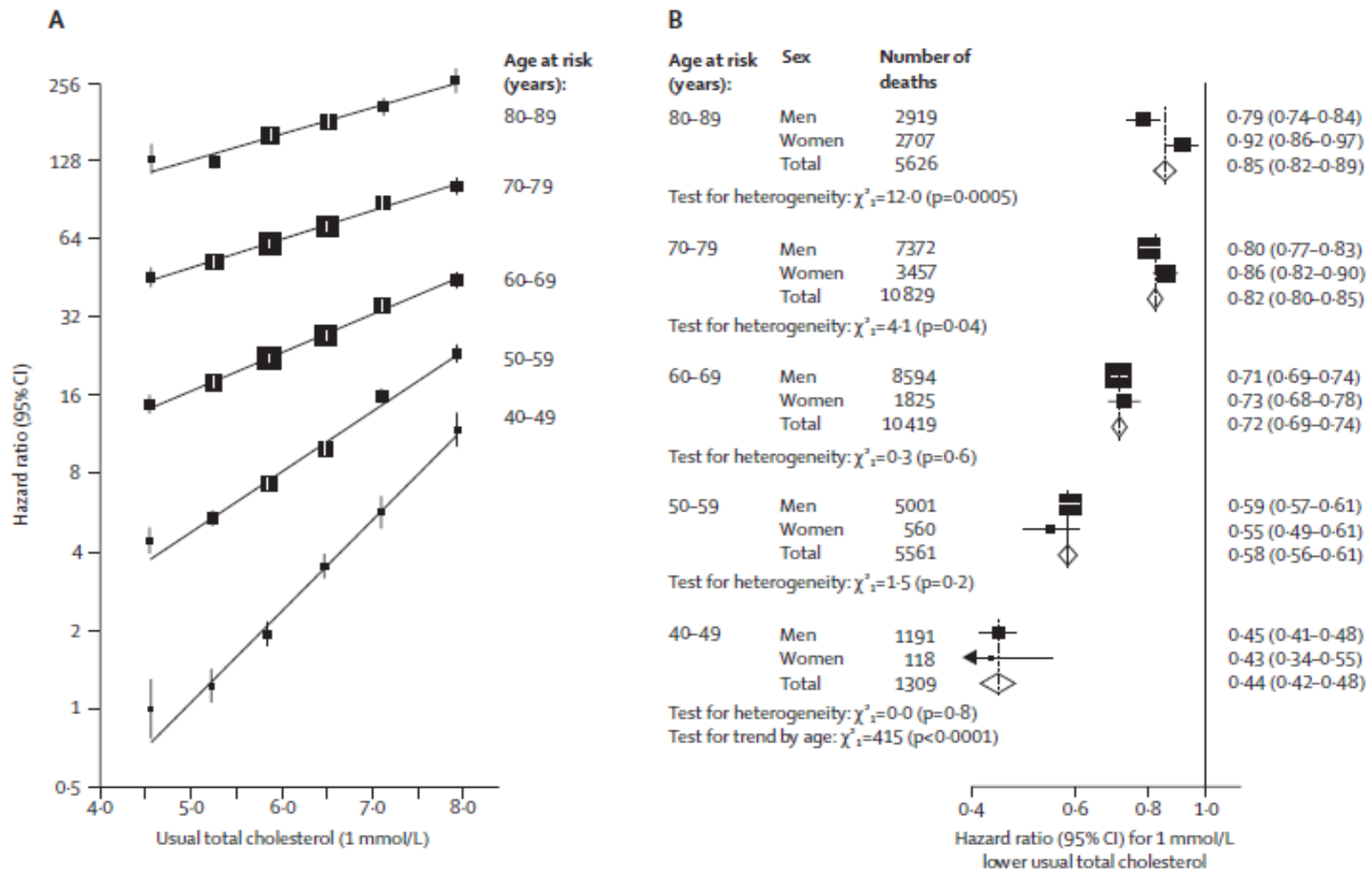
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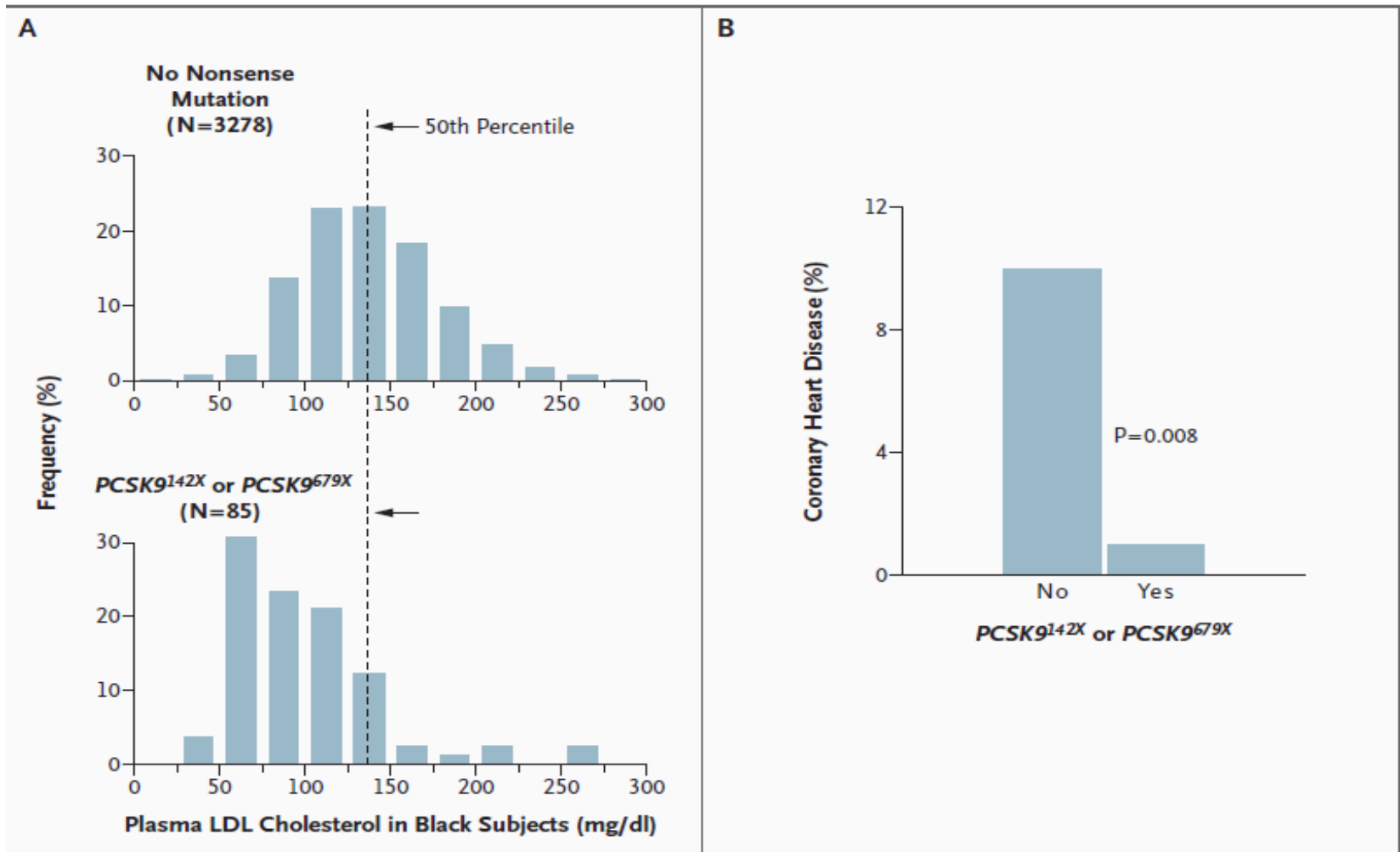
Earlier is better:  
Epidemiologic evidence

# LDL is worse when young

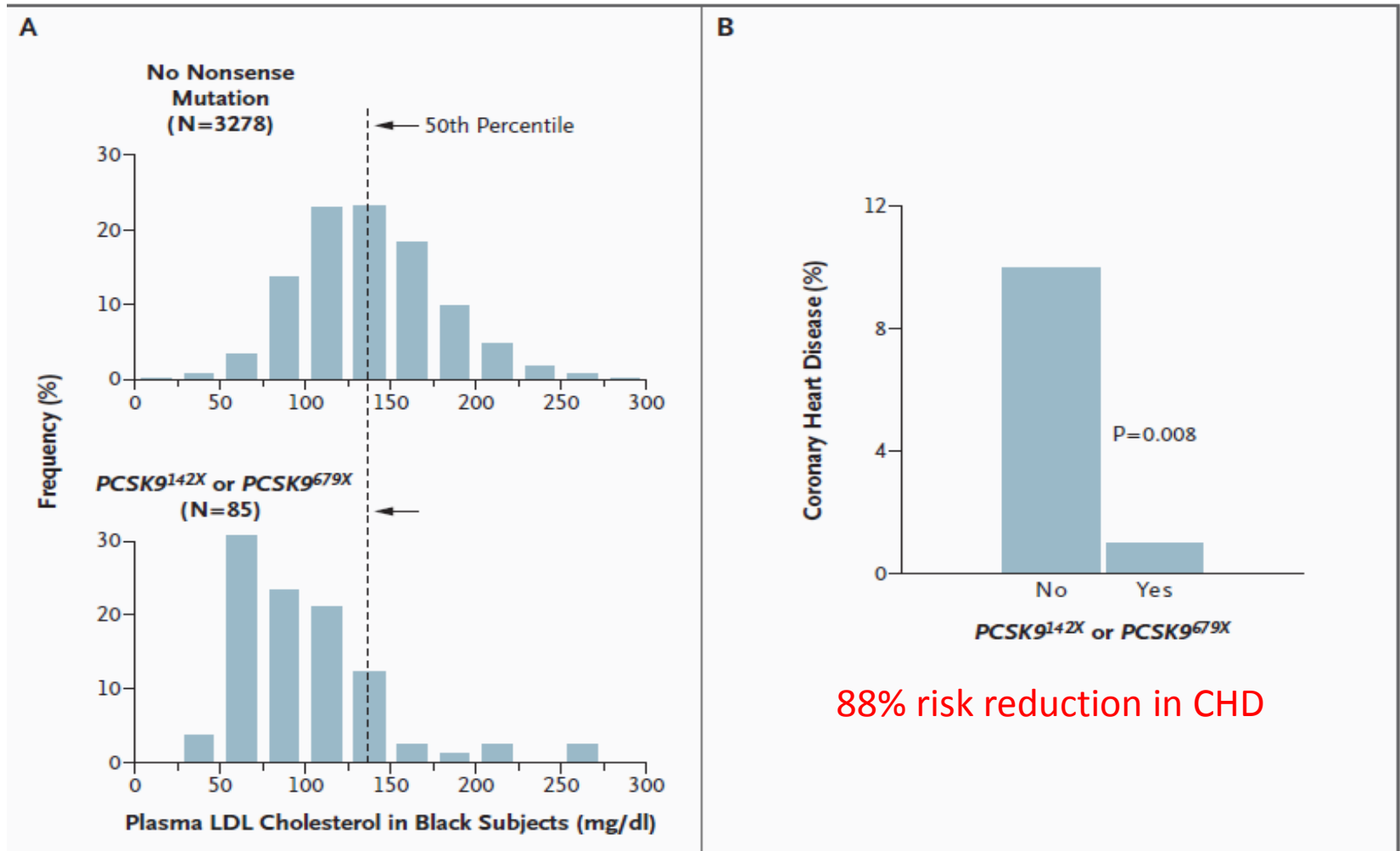


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Genetic evidence

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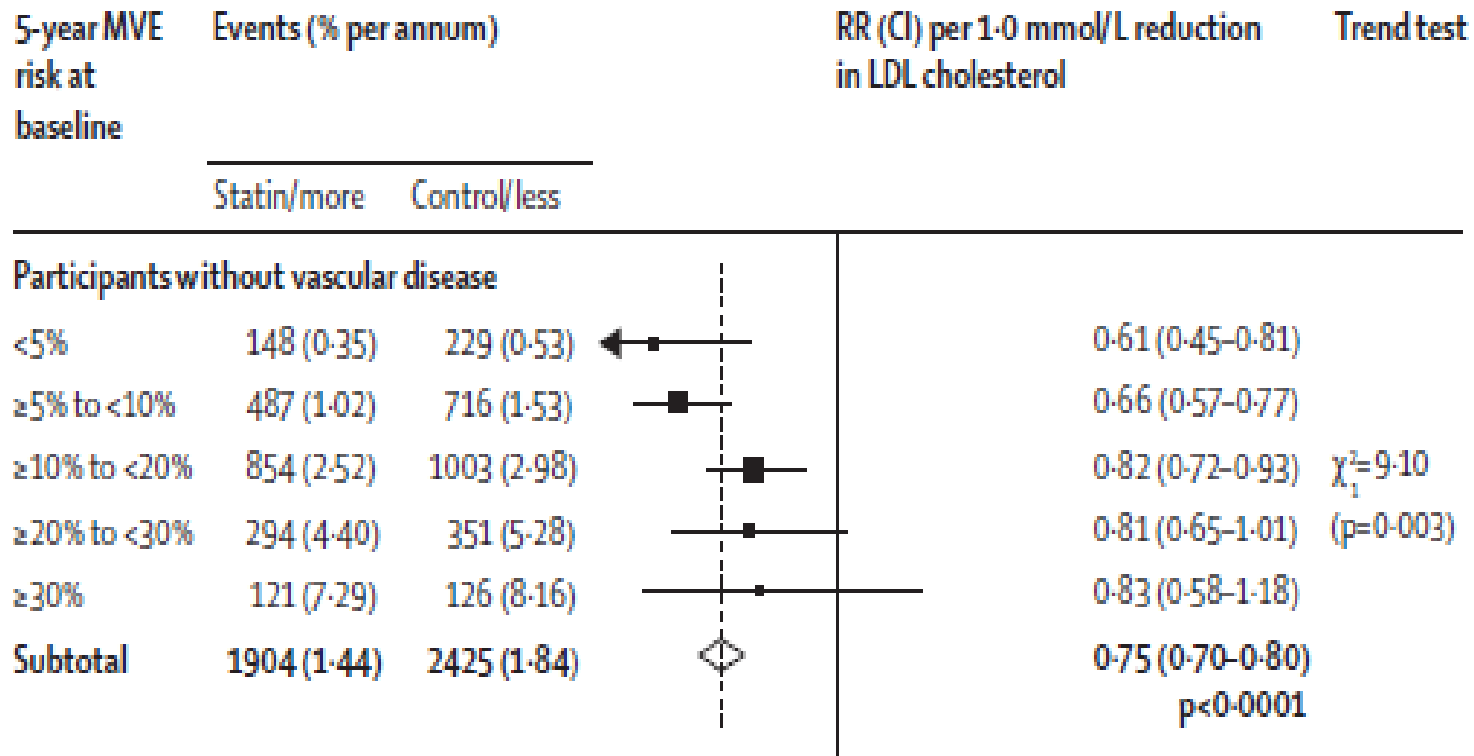


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Earlier is better:  
RCT evidence

# Cholesterol Treatment Trialists



# How much benefit?

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- 9% risk at 10-year
- Atorvastatin 40 mg → LDL-C from 4.1 to 2.5 mmol/L
- $ARR = 9\% \times (0.66)^{1.6} = 4.6\%$
- $NNT = 1/ARR = 21.7$

# How much benefit?

## MUHC-Duke Statin Benefit Calculator

[version française](#)

**Age**

**Ethnicity**

**Sex**

 Male Female

**Blood Pressure**

 / 

**Are you currently being treated for hypertension?**

 Yes No

**Do you currently smoke?**

 Yes No

**Are you diabetic?**

 Yes No

**Cholesterol:**

**Total**

**LDL-C**

**HDL-C**

**Units**

**Are you currently taking statins?**

 Yes No

<https://github.com/tgetgood/statin-benefit>

# How much benefit?

- What is the NNT for 30 years?

# How much benefit?

Research

JAMA Cardiology | **Original Investigation**

## A Long-term Benefit Approach vs Standard Risk-Based Approaches for Statin Eligibility in Primary Prevention

George Thanassoulis, MD, MSc, FRCPC; Allan D. Sniderman, MD; Michael J. Pencina, PhD

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** A long-term benefit approach to statin eligibility identifies nearly 1 in 6 individuals as having a high degree of expected long-term benefit of statins, with a number needed to treat of less than 7. This approach identifies younger individuals with higher LDL-C levels who would not be currently recommended for treatment and may provide a more optimal approach for determining statin eligibility in primary prevention.

What about apolipoprotein B?

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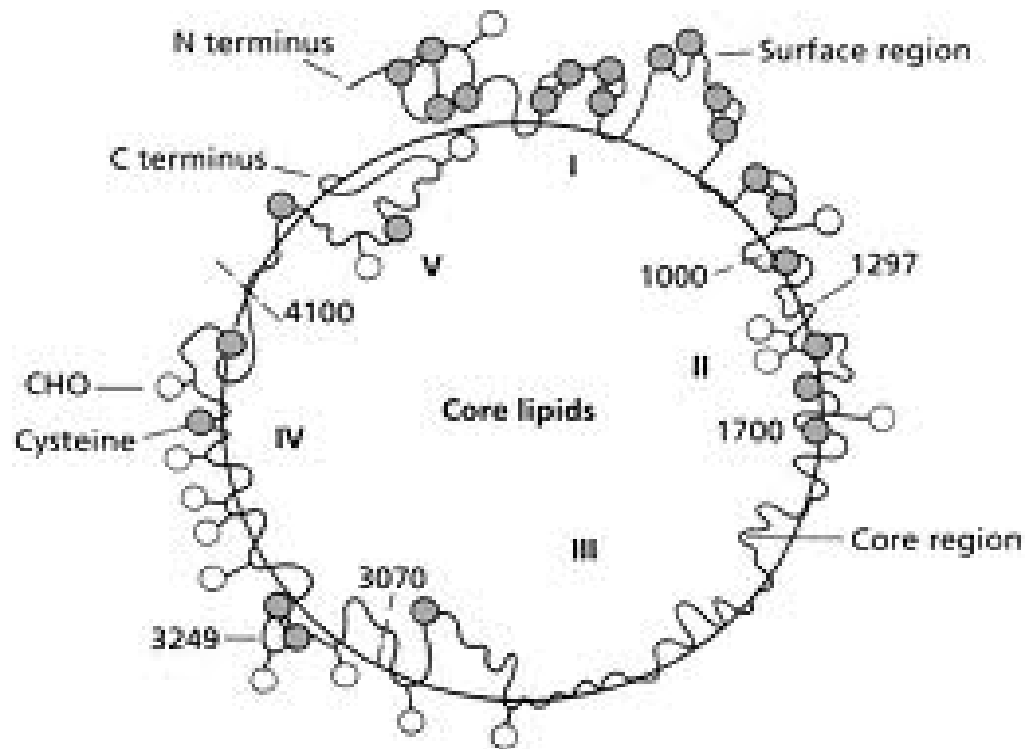
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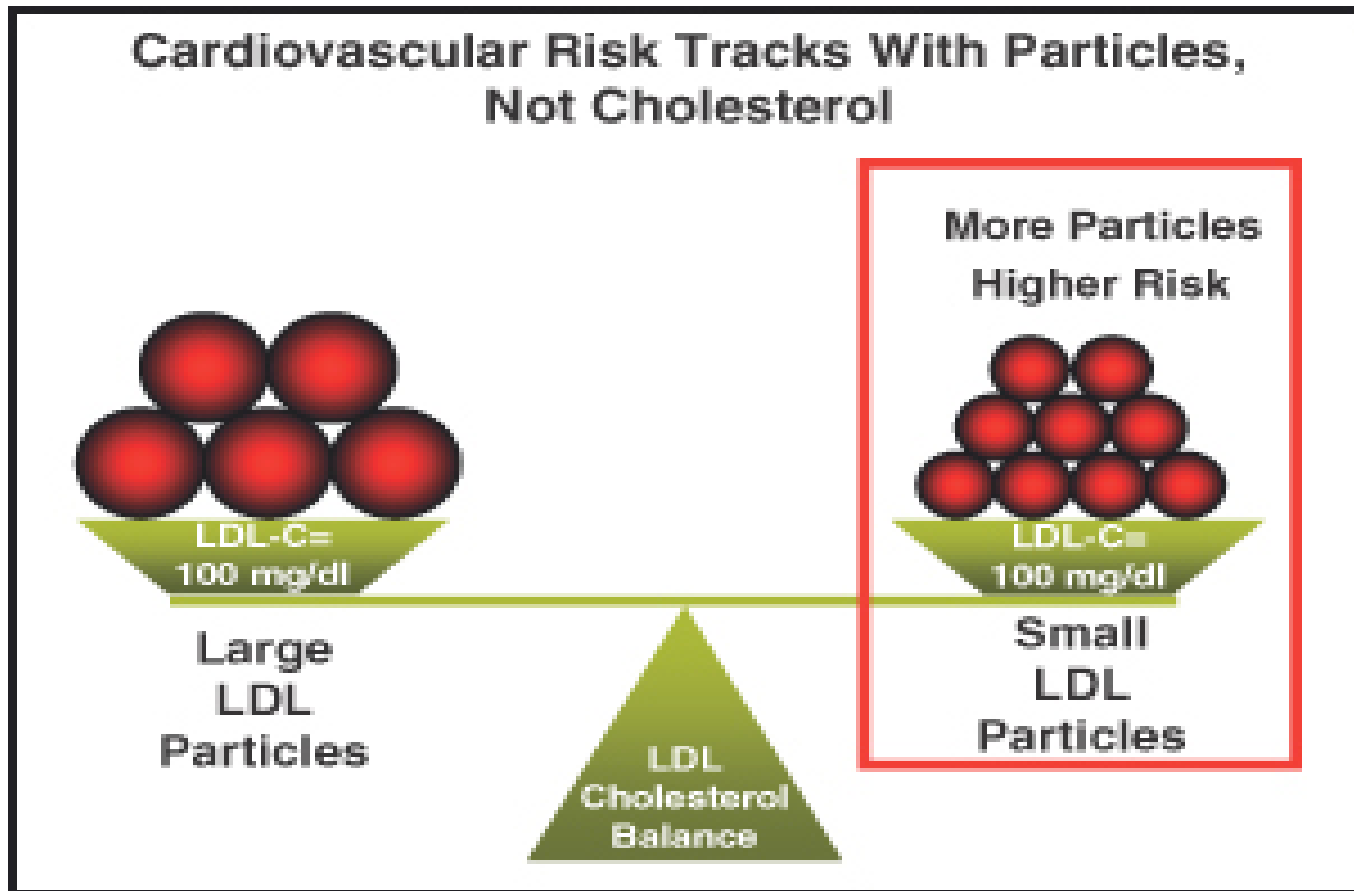
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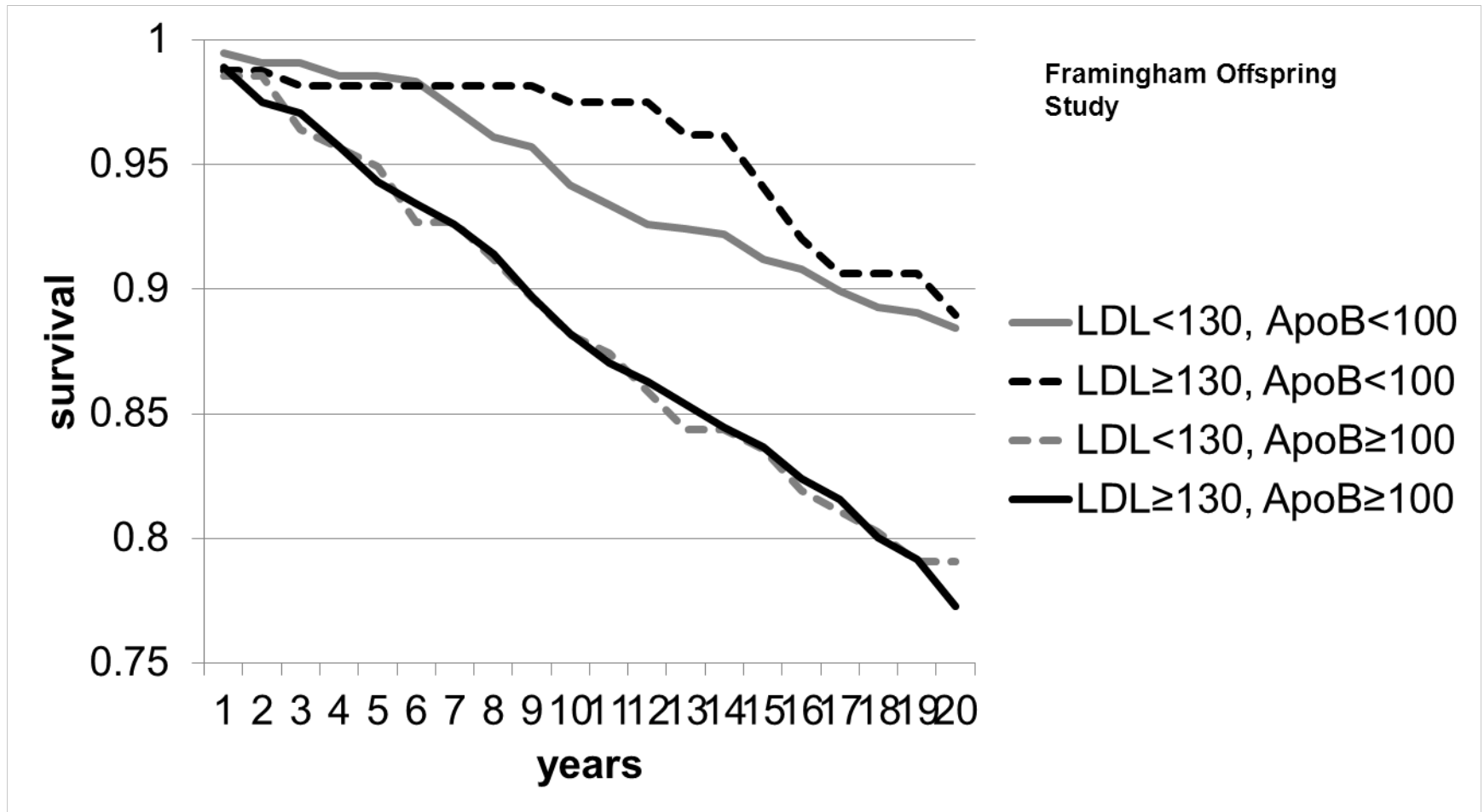
# Apolipoprotein B



# High apoB = danger

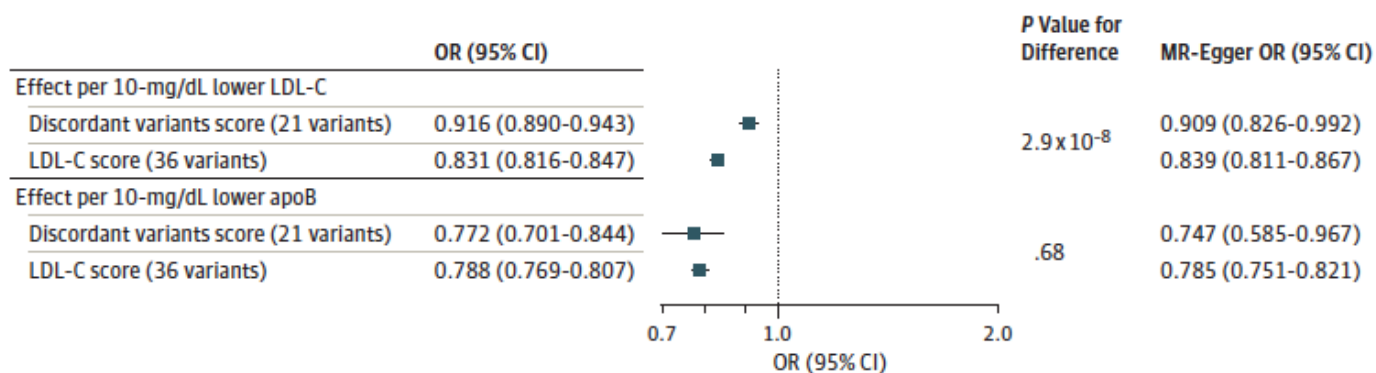


# Risk tracks ApoB - always



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Figure 4. Association of Genetic Variants With Naturally Occurring Discordance Between Changes in Concentrations of LDL-C and apoB and the Risk of CHD Among CARDIoGRAMplusC4D Consortium Participants



Analyses are based on summary data from up to 62 240 participants with coronary heart disease (CHD) and 127 299 control participants from the Coronary Artery Disease Genome Wide Replication and Meta-analysis plus the Coronary Artery Disease Genetics (CARDIoGRAMplusC4D) Consortium. Effect sizes are standardized per 10-mg/dL lower level of low-density

lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) or 10-mg/dL lower level of apolipoprotein B (apoB). MR-Egger regression estimates are presented for sensitivity analyses. Data markers indicate point estimates of effect; error bars, 95% confidence intervals.

Ference BA et al *JAMA* 2017

# Benefit also tracks ApoB - always

With Triglycerides, Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (LDL-C), and Risk of Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) per 10-mg/dL Lower Concentration

| Therapy            | Δ Triglycerides (95% CI) | Δ Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (95% CI) | Odds Ratio (95% CI)    | P Value               |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Therapeutic target | -1.9 (-3.9 to -0.1)      | -14.2 (-14.8 to -13.6)                         | 0.773 (0.746 to 0.801) | $1.1 \times 10^{-46}$ |
| Statin             | -2.4 (-5.9 to 1.0)       | -15.6 (-16.8 to -14.3)                         | 0.795 (0.706 to 0.894) | $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| Ezetimibe          | -7.6 (-14.8 to -0.5)     | -14.6 (-17.6 to -11.6)                         | 0.762 (0.654 to 0.887) | $14.5 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| PCSK9 inhibitor    | -4.2 (-7.1 to -1.3)      | -10.9 (-12.0 to -9.8)                          | 0.748 (0.679 to 0.823) | $3.1 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| PCSK9 inhibitor    | -0.5 (-2.7 to 1.7)       | -18.0 (-18.8 to -17.2)                         | 0.774 (0.721 to 0.832) | $2.6 \times 10^{-12}$ |
| Bile resin         | -9.0 (-11.8 to -6.2)     | -12.6 (-13.7 to -11.6)                         | 0.761 (0.693 to 0.834) | $6.7 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| CE TP inhibitor    | -24.4 (-32.6 to -16.2)   | -4.1 (-7.3 to -0.8)                            | 0.774 (0.618 to 0.967) | .03                   |
| Therapeutic target | -69.9 (-71.6 to -68.1)   | 0.7 (0.0 to 1.4)                               | 0.771 (0.741 to 0.802) | $3.9 \times 10^{-38}$ |
| LPL enhancer       | -70.7 (-73.9 to -67.5)   | -6.0 (-7.4 to -4.6)                            | 0.798 (0.704 to 0.904) | $4.1 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| APOC3 inhibitor    | -92.3 (-103.8 to -80.3)  | -5.7 (-9.7 to -1.8)                            | 0.778 (0.527 to 1.149) | .21                   |
| ANGPTL3 inhibitor  | -30.9 (-69.7 to 7.8)     | -8.9 (-20.3 to 2.4)                            | 0.788 (0.598 to 1.040) | .09                   |
| ANGPTL4 inhibitor  | -69.4 (-74.3 to -64.5)   | -0.4 (-2.2 to 1.5)                             | 0.726 (0.609 to 0.865) | $3.5 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| Fibrate            | -25.0 (-38.7 to -11.3)   | -16.4 (-21.5 to -11.3)                         | 0.795 (0.506 to 1.248) | .32                   |

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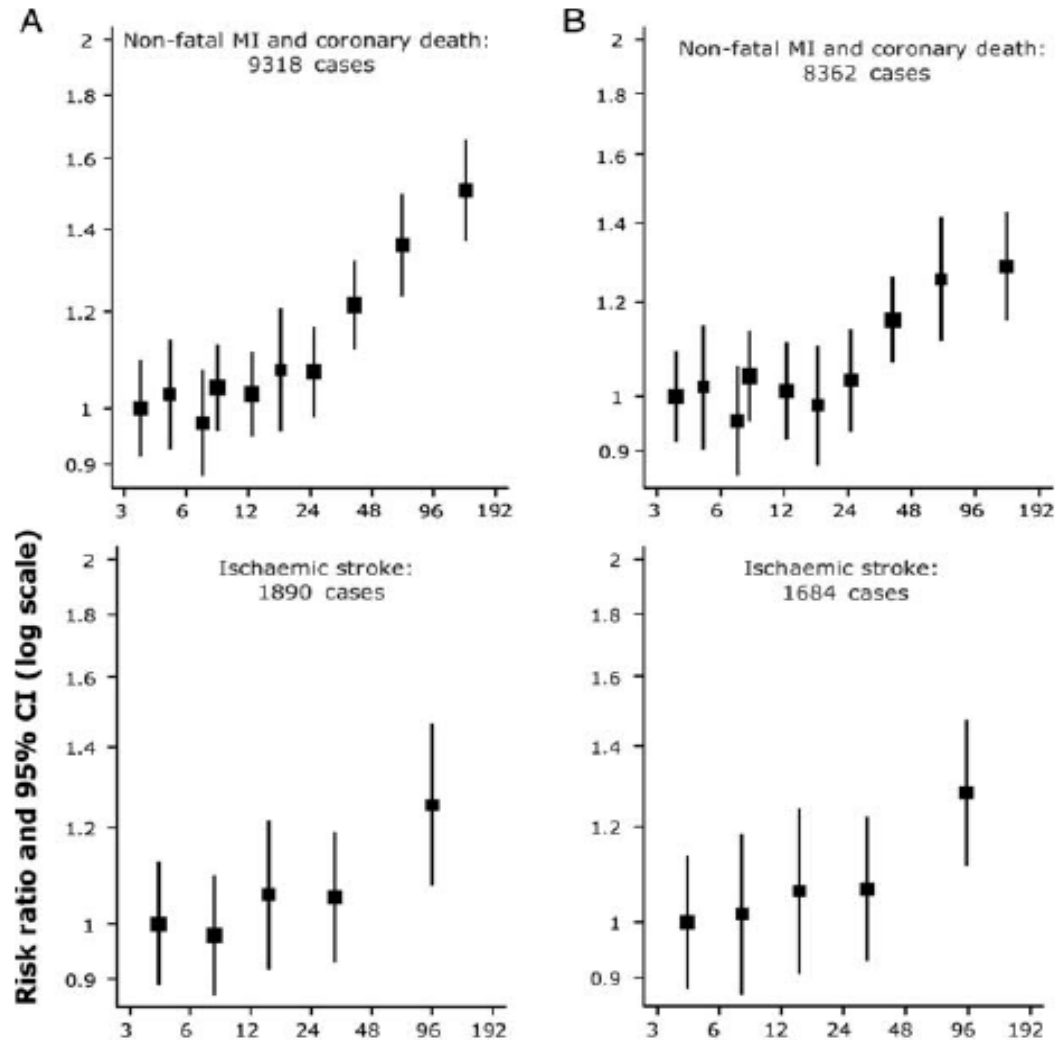
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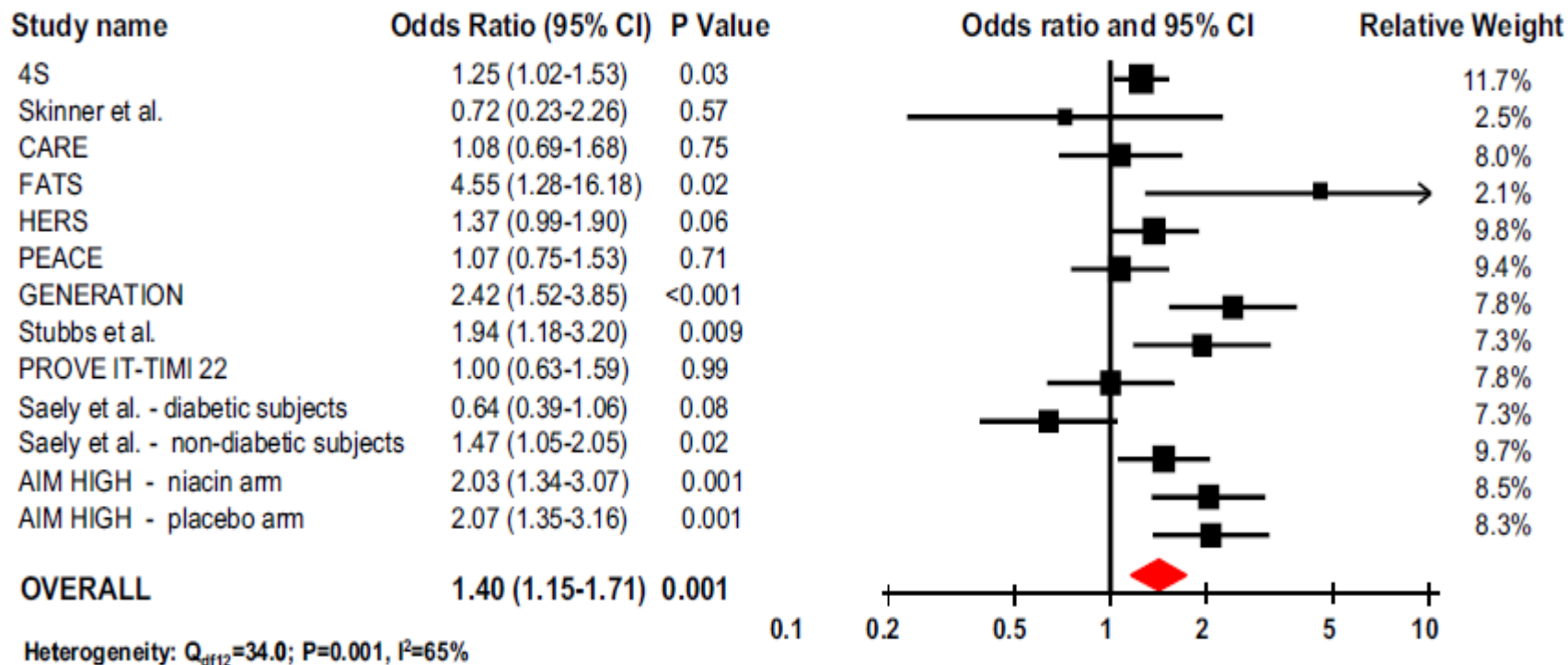
# What is Lp(a)?

- ApoB+apo(a) → Lp(a)
- Lp(a) levels are almost entirely mediated by genetics
- Highly atherogenic, pro-calcific
- Most common genetic dyslipidemia
  - 6 million Canadians have high Lp(a)

# Lp(a) is atherogenic



# Lp(a) and recurrent events



**Figure 3** Meta-Analysis of Published Studies of Lp(a) in Secondary Prevention

# Lp(a) and aortic stenosis

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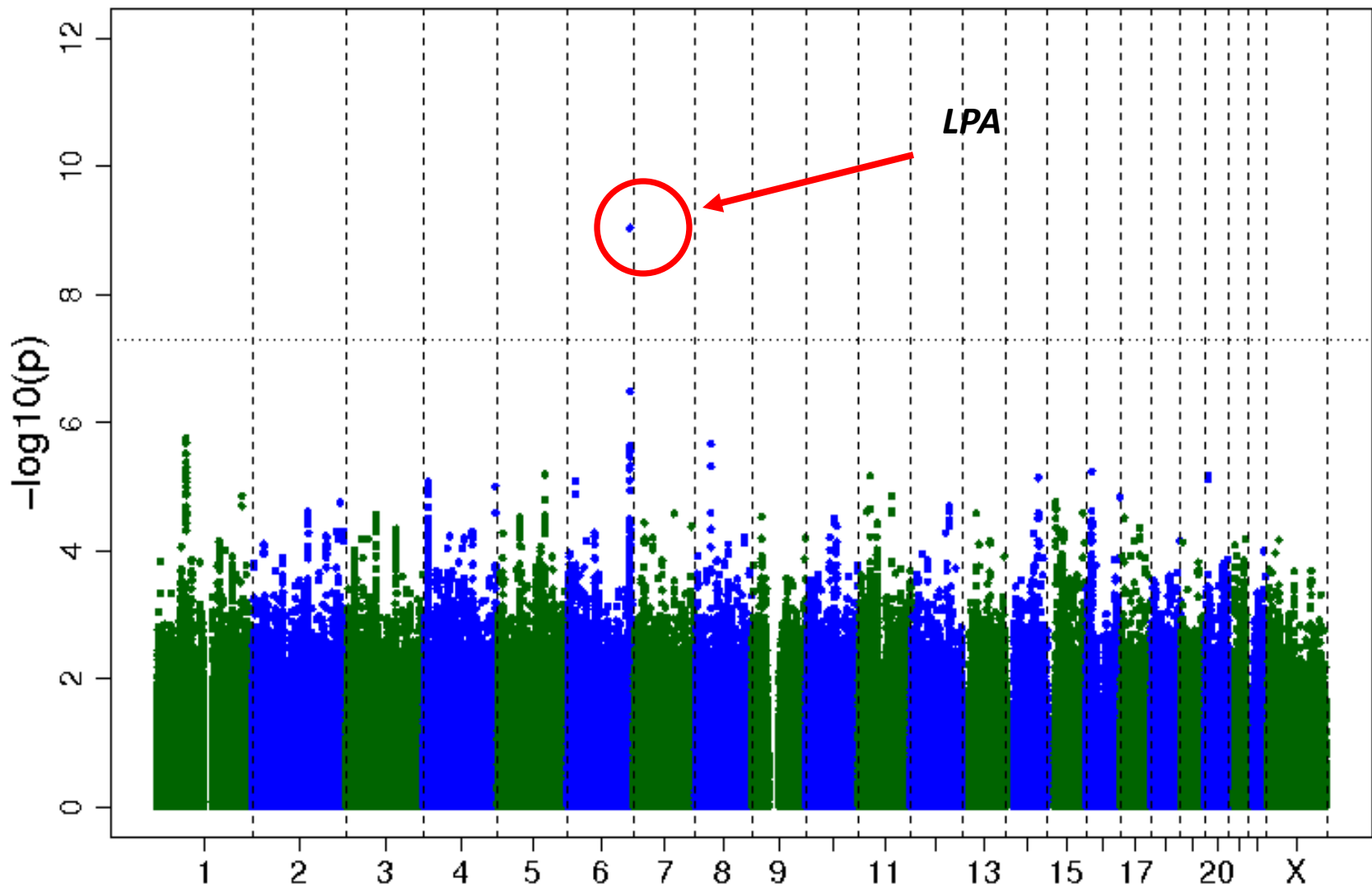
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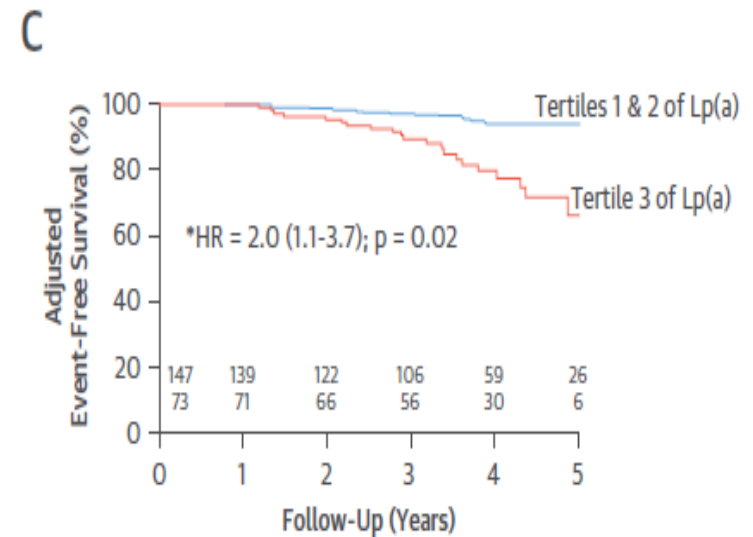
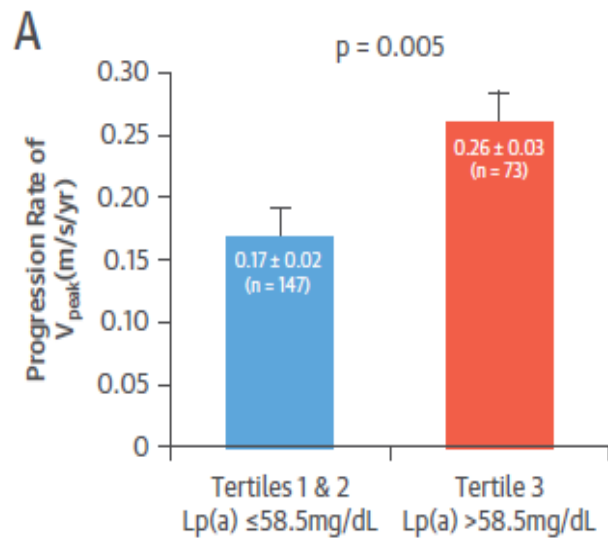
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# Lp(a) and AS progression



High Lp(a) associated with faster disease progression and increased incidence of AVR



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# Management

- Individuals with high Lp(a)
  - Lifestyle change
  - Treat LDL-C (and all risk factors) much more aggressively
  - Consider ECASA
  - Consider extended-release niacin

# Future therapy



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

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# Lipid-lowering post-ACS

|                        | LDL lowering | Other effects                     | Results  | Side effects                          |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Niacin                 | 20 %         | ↑ HDL 30 %<br>↓ TG 40 %           | No benefit   | Vasomotor symptoms, itchiness, nausea |
| Fibrates               | 5-20 %       | ↑ HDL (10-50 %)<br>↓ TG (20-50 %) | No benefit   | Nausea, muscle pains                  |
| Bile acid sequestrants | 15-20 %      |                                   | Limited data   | GI intolerance, myalgias              |
| ezetimibe              | 15-25 %      |                                   | <b>IMPROVE-IT</b><br><b>MACE reduction</b><br><b>6,5 %</b> | <b>Muscle pains</b>                   |

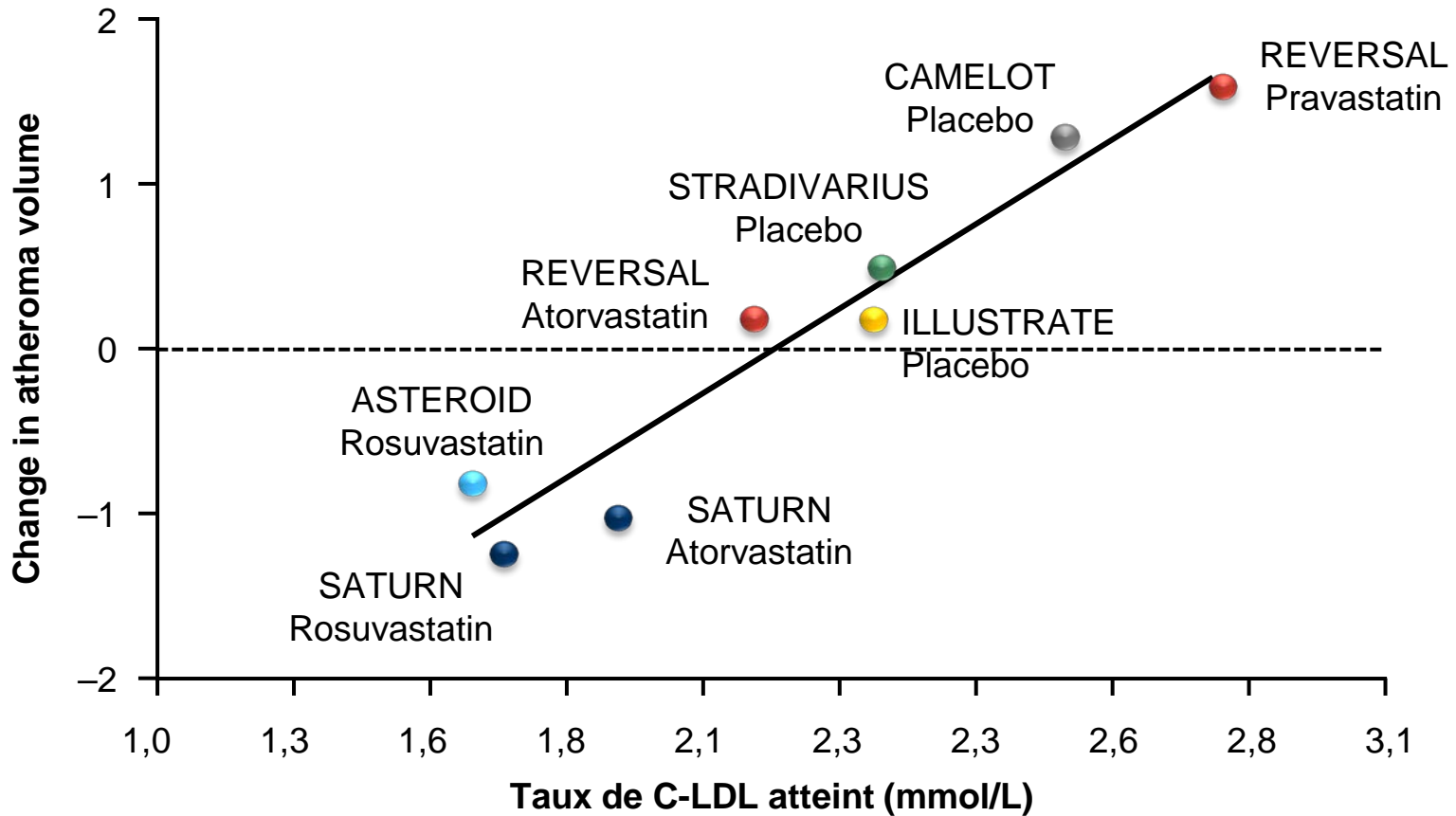
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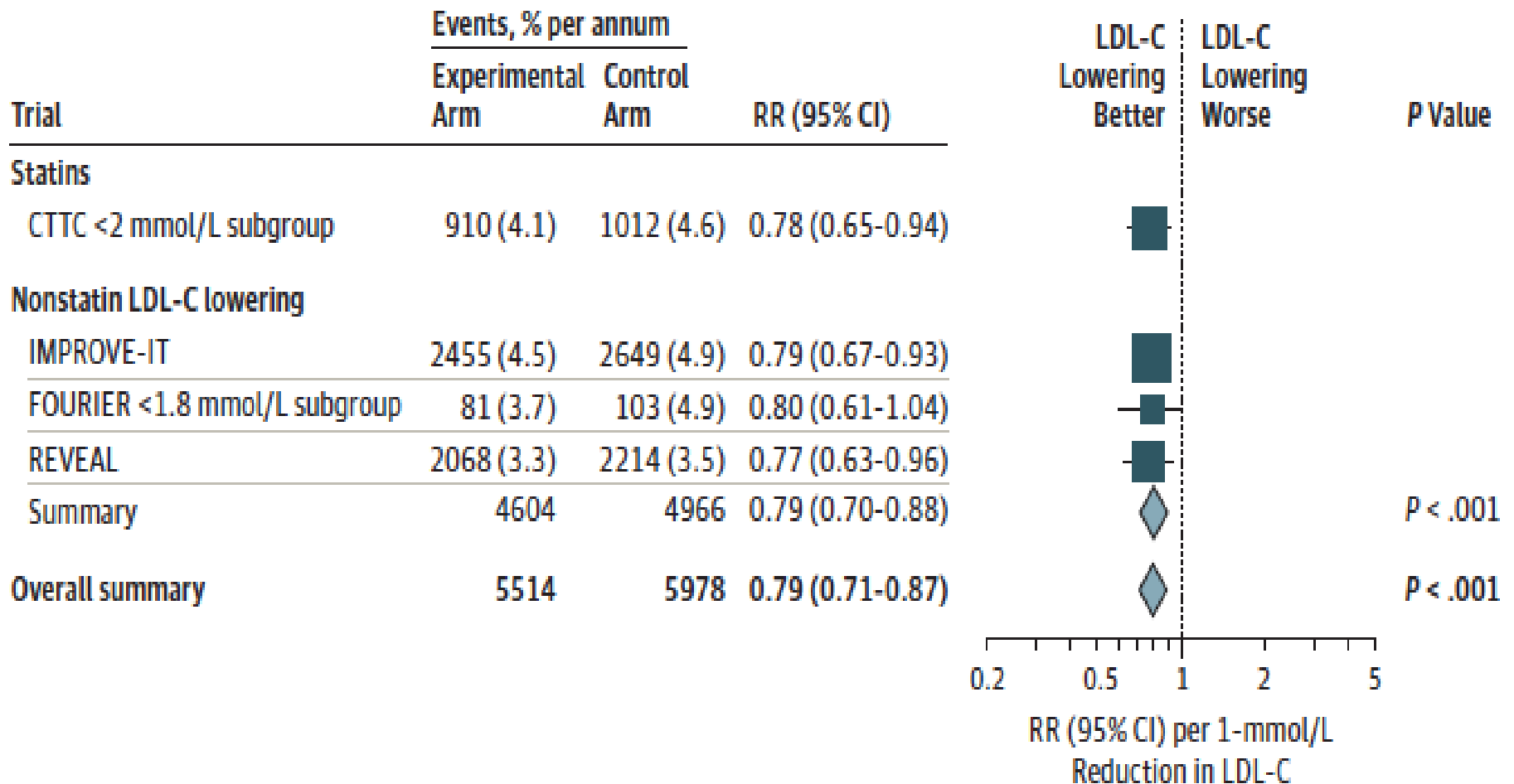
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Table 1. Trial Characteristics

| Trial                 | No. of Participants | Type of Intervention     | Drug        | Achieved LDL-C, mmol/L |                  | Median Duration of Follow-up, y | Overall No. of Major Vascular Events |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                       |                     |                          |             | Control Arm            | Experimental Arm |                                 |                                      |
| CTTC (<2 mmol/L)      | NR                  | HMGCR inhibitor (statin) | Various     | 1.7 <sup>a</sup>       | NR               | 4.9 <sup>b</sup>                | 1922                                 |
| IMPROVE-IT            | 18 144              | NPC1L1 inhibitor         | Ezetimibe   | 1.8 <sup>c</sup>       | 1.4              | 6.0                             | 5104                                 |
| FOURIER (<1.8 mmol/L) | 2034                | PCSK9 inhibitor          | Evolocumab  | 1.7 <sup>d</sup>       | 0.5              | 2.1                             | 184                                  |
| REVEAL                | 30 449              | CETP inhibitor           | Anacetrapib | 1.6 <sup>e</sup>       | 1.4              | 4.1                             | 4282                                 |

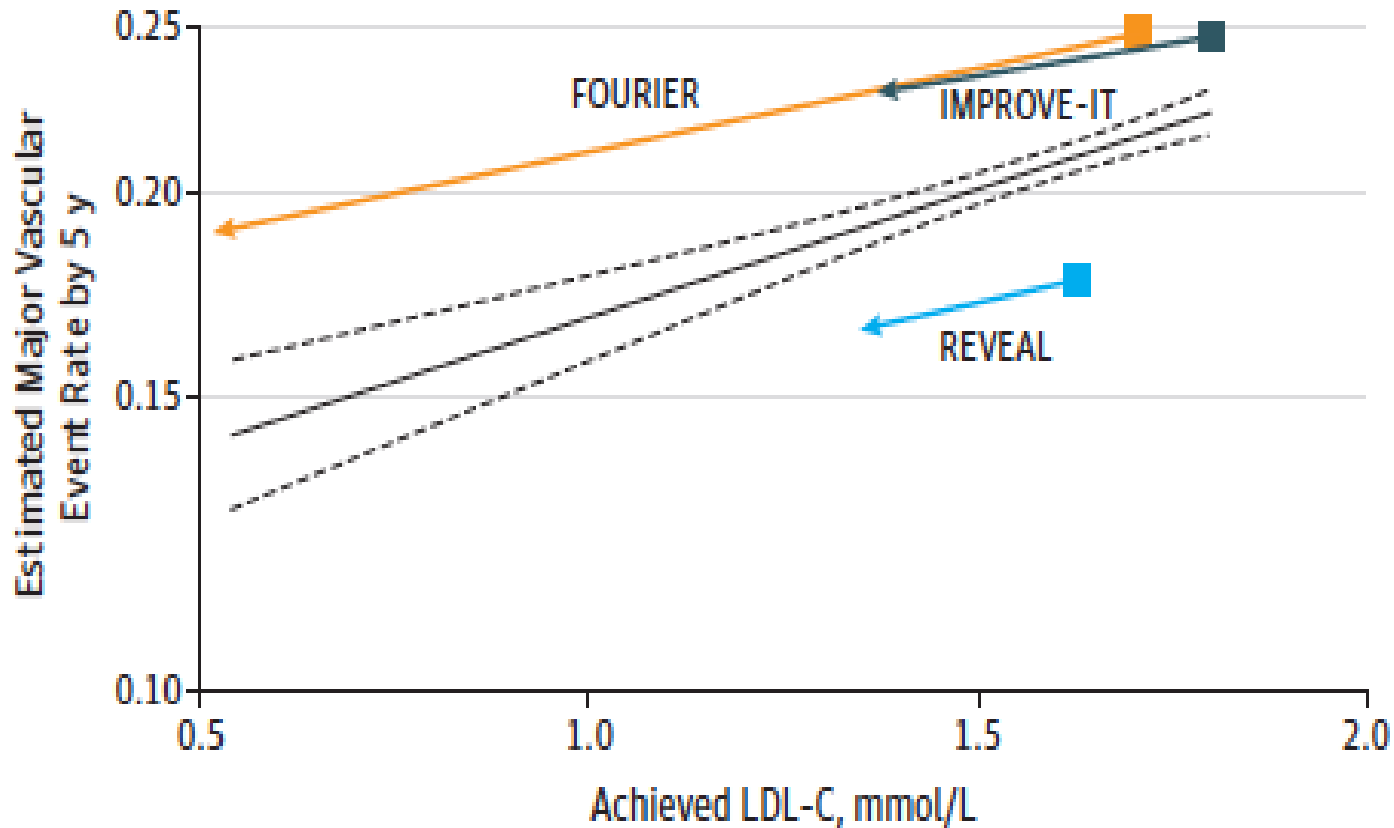
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**A** Meta-analysis of effect of 1-mmol/L LDL-C lowering on the risk of major vascular events



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**B** Meta-regression of achieved LDL-C and rate of major vascular events



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Table 2. Safety Outcomes in Trials of Nonstatin Therapy

| Safety Outcome             | Patients With Event, No. |             | Meta-analysis Data  |         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------|
|                            | Experimental Arm         | Control Arm | Risk Ratio (95% CI) | P Value |
| Any serious adverse event  | 12 809                   | 12 836      | 1.00 (0.98-1.02)    | .89     |
| Myalgias or myopathy       | 116                      | 135         | 0.85 (0.66-1.08)    | .19     |
| Aminotransferase elevation | 488                      | 510         | 0.96 (0.85-1.08)    | .48     |
| New-onset diabetes         | 1272                     | 1320        | 0.97 (0.90-1.05)    | .46     |
| Hemorrhagic stroke         | 132                      | 118         | 1.11 (0.87-1.43)    | .40     |
| Cancer                     | 1747                     | 1715        | 1.02 (0.96-1.09)    | .55     |

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# FOURIER

## Further cardiovascular Outcomes Research with PCSK9 Inhibition in subjects with Elevated Risk

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# The ODYSSEY OUTCOMES Trial: Topline Results

## Alirocumab in Patients After Acute Coronary Syndrome

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# Conclusions

- In primary prevention:
  - Earlier is better, especially when LDL-C is high
  - Consider using risk modifiers: apoB, Lp(a)
- In secondary prevention:
  - Lower is better, especially in high risk patients → **< 1.8 mmol/L**
  - Aggressive lowering of LDL-C (and/or apoB) is recommended often requiring ezetimibe ± PCSK9i
- Future guidelines:
  - Benefit vs risk-based approach
  - Treatment targets vs intensification thresholds?
  - How low should we go?

# Questions

# Types de résultats CV



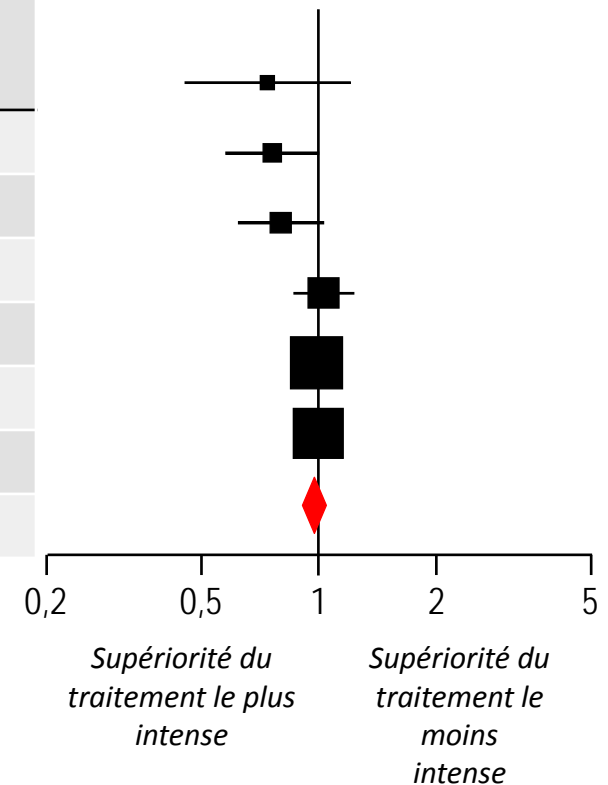
| Paramètre d'évaluation     | Évolocumab<br>(N = 13 784)              | Placebo<br>(N = 13 780) | RRI (IC à 95 %)  |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|
|                            | <i>Taux de Kaplan-Meier après 3 ans</i> |                         |                  |
| <b>Décès CV, IM ou AVC</b> | <b>7,9</b>                              | <b>9,9</b>              | 0,80 (0,73-0,88) |
| <b>Décès CV</b>            | <b>2,5</b>                              | <b>2,4</b>              | 1,05 (0,88-1,25) |
| Décès causé par un IM aigü | 0,26                                    | 0,32                    | 0,84 (0,49-1,42) |
| Décès causé par un AVC     | 0,29                                    | 0,30                    | 0,94 (0,58-1,54) |
| Autre décès CV             | 1,9                                     | 1,8                     | 1,10 (0,90-1,35) |
| <b>IM</b>                  | <b>4,4</b>                              | <b>6,3</b>              | 0,73 (0,65-0,82) |
| <b>AVC</b>                 | <b>2,2</b>                              | <b>2,6</b>              | 0,79 (0,66-0,95) |

# Réduction plus importante du C-LDL et décès CV

## *Aucun avantage manifeste sur les décès CV*

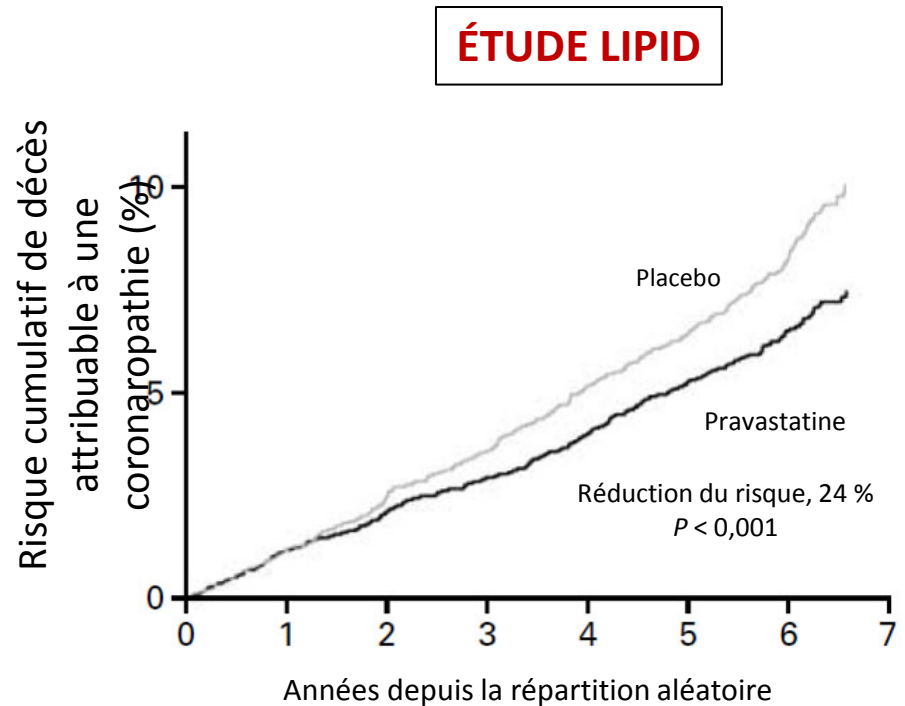
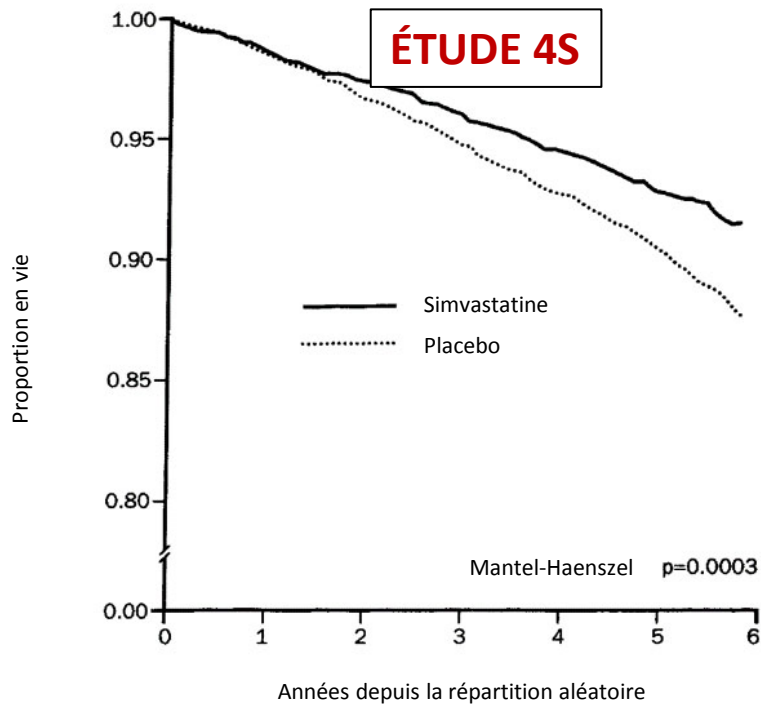
| Essai            | Année | Nombre de décès CV                            |  | RRI (IC à 95 %)         |
|------------------|-------|---|--|-------------------------|
|                  |       | Groupe recevant le traitement le plus intense | Groupe recevant le traitement le moins intense |                         |
| PROVE-IT TIMI 22 | 2004  | 27  | 36   | 0,74 (0,45-1,22)        |
| A2Z              | 2004  | 86  | 111  | 0,76 (0,57-1,01)        |
| TNT              | 2005  | 101   | 127  | 0,80 (0,61-1,03)        |
| IDEAL            | 2005  | 223   | 218  | 1,03 (0,85-1,24)        |
| SEARCH           | 2010  | 565   | 572  | 0,99 (0,88-1,11)        |
| IMPROVE-IT       | 2015  | 538   | 537  | 1,00 (0,89-1,13)        |
| <b>Résumé</b>    |       | <b>1 540</b>                                  | <b>1601</b>                                    | <b>0,96 (0,90-1,03)</b> |

*NEJM* 2004;350:1495-504  
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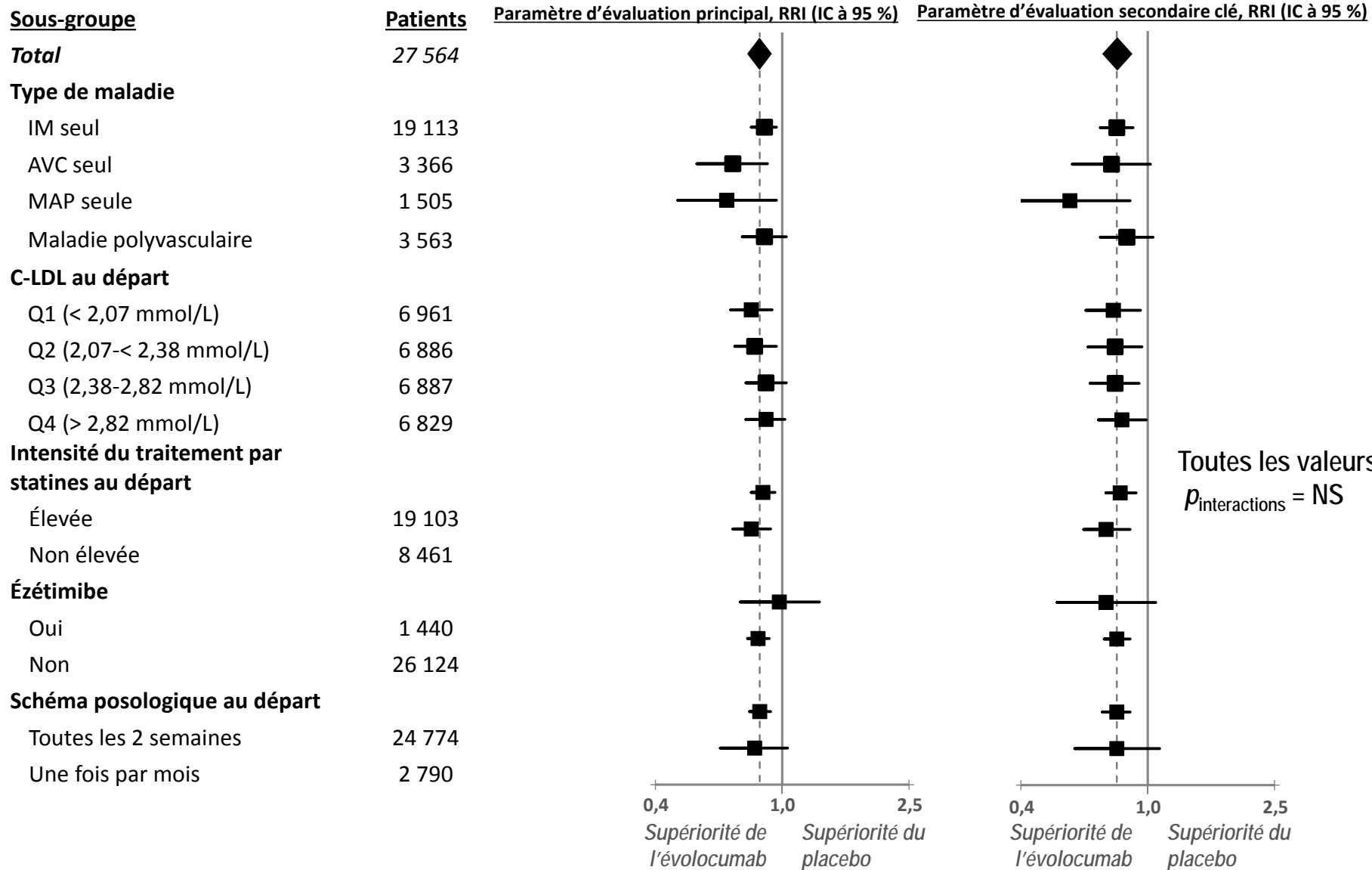
# Réduction du C-LDL et des décès CV

*Les bienfaits sur la mortalité n'étaient pas manifestes tôt dans l'essai même dans les essais pour lesquels il s'agissait du paramètre d'évaluation principal*



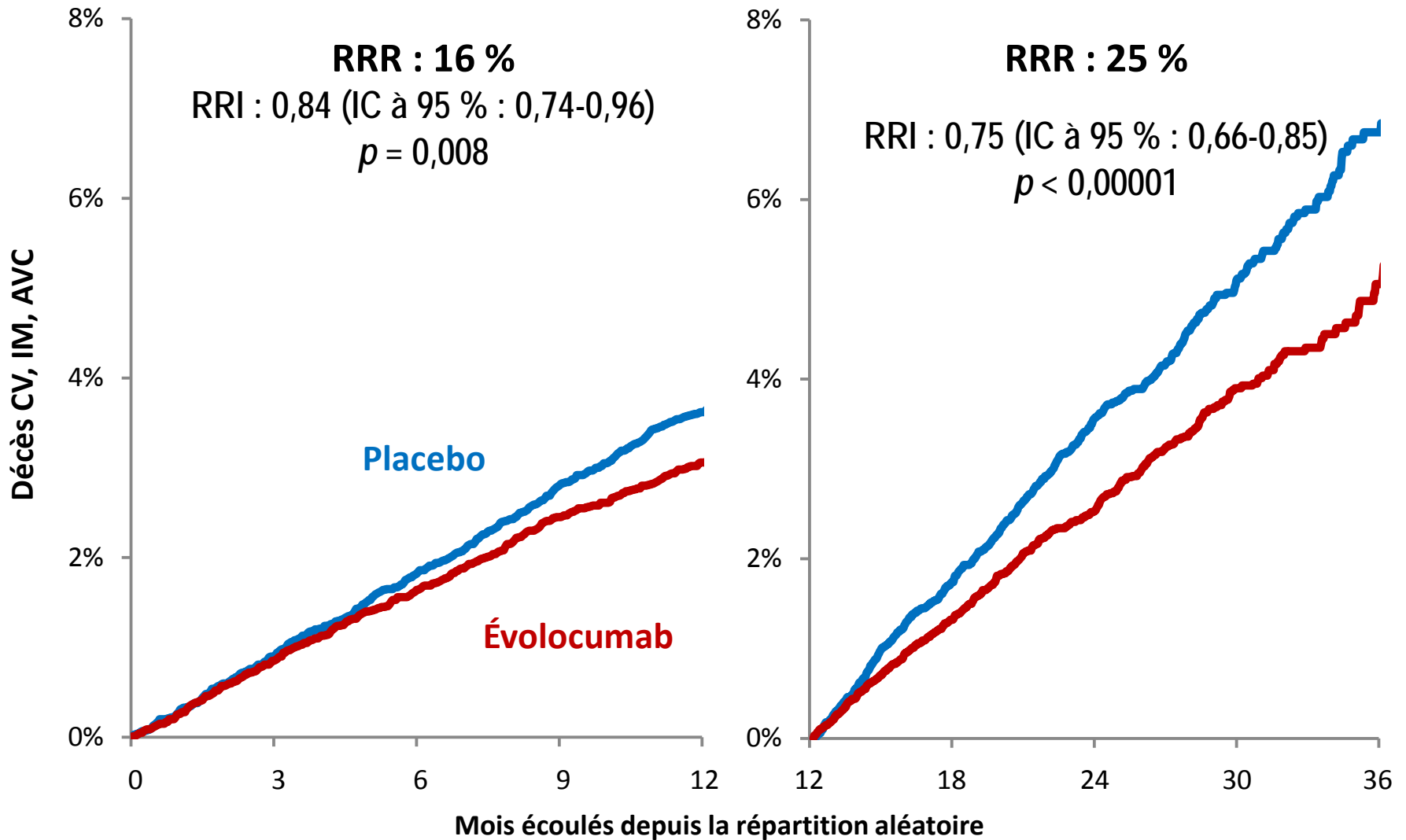
- Environ 2 ans pour une séparation des courbes
  - 4S et LIPID: 20% de fatality rate
  - FOURIER: 5% de fatality rate

# Sous-groupes clés





# Analyse déterminante



# Réductions absolues du risque



## *Dans le contexte de la prévention secondaire d'une maladie stable*

| Essai          | Contexte de l'essai  | ↓ absolue selon les EICVM | Suivi          | NNT sur 5 ans |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| CARE           | Statine c. placebo chez des patients dont le C-LDL est moyen                     | 3,0-4,2%                  | 5,0 ans        | 24-34         |
| LIPID          | Statine c. placebo chez des patients dont le C-LDL est moyen                     | 3,6-4,4%                  | 6,1 ans        | 28-34         |
| TNT            | Ordonnance de doses de statines fortes c. modérées                               | 2,2 %                     | 4,9 ans        | 45            |
| <b>FOURIER</b> | <b>iPCSK9 c. placebo chez des patients ayant reçu une ordonnance de statines</b> | <b>2,0 %</b>              | <b>3,0 ans</b> | <b>25-30</b>  |

EICVM défini comme une combinaison du décès d'origine coronarienne ou CV, un IM ou un AVC.

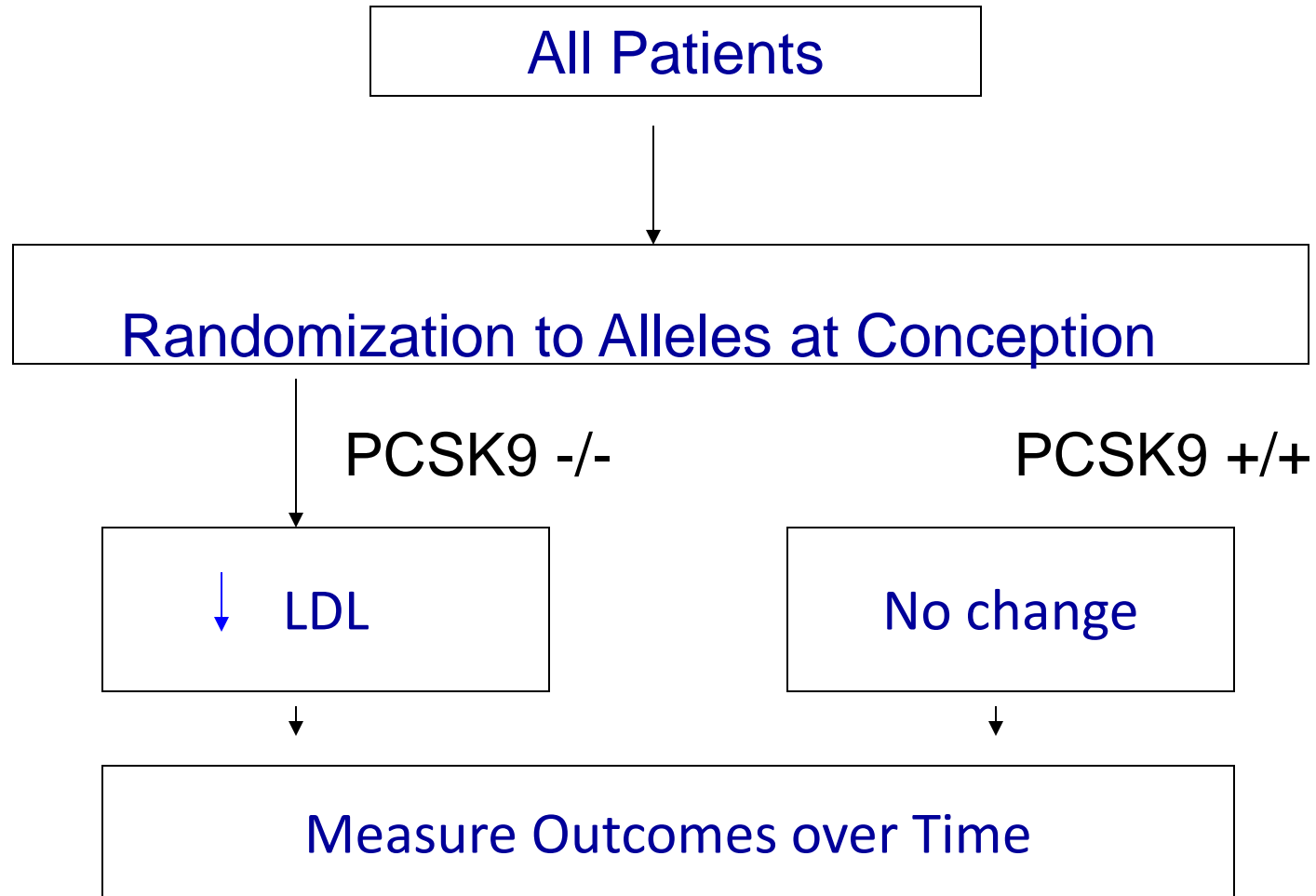
Fourchette fournie lorsque les essais n'ont pas signalé une triple combinaison.

Dans le cas de l'essai FOURIER, la fourchette inférieure du NNT est fondée sur l'extrapolation du RRR des EICVM après la première année et les années subséquentes.

*NEJM* 1996;335:1001-9; *NEJM* 1998;339:1349-57; *NEJM* 2005;352:1425-35; *NEJM* 2017; publié en ligne avant l'impression.

## #2. Variations génétiques

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Similaire a une etude randomisee...

All Patients

Randomization to Statin

STATIN

↓  
LDL

No STATIN

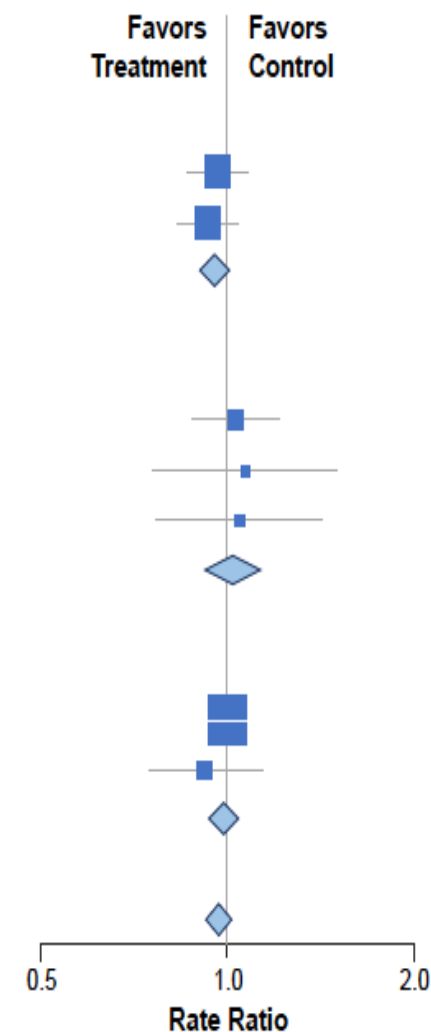
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Measure Outcomes over Time

# Low Dose Omega-3 Mixtures Show No Significant Cardiovascular Benefit

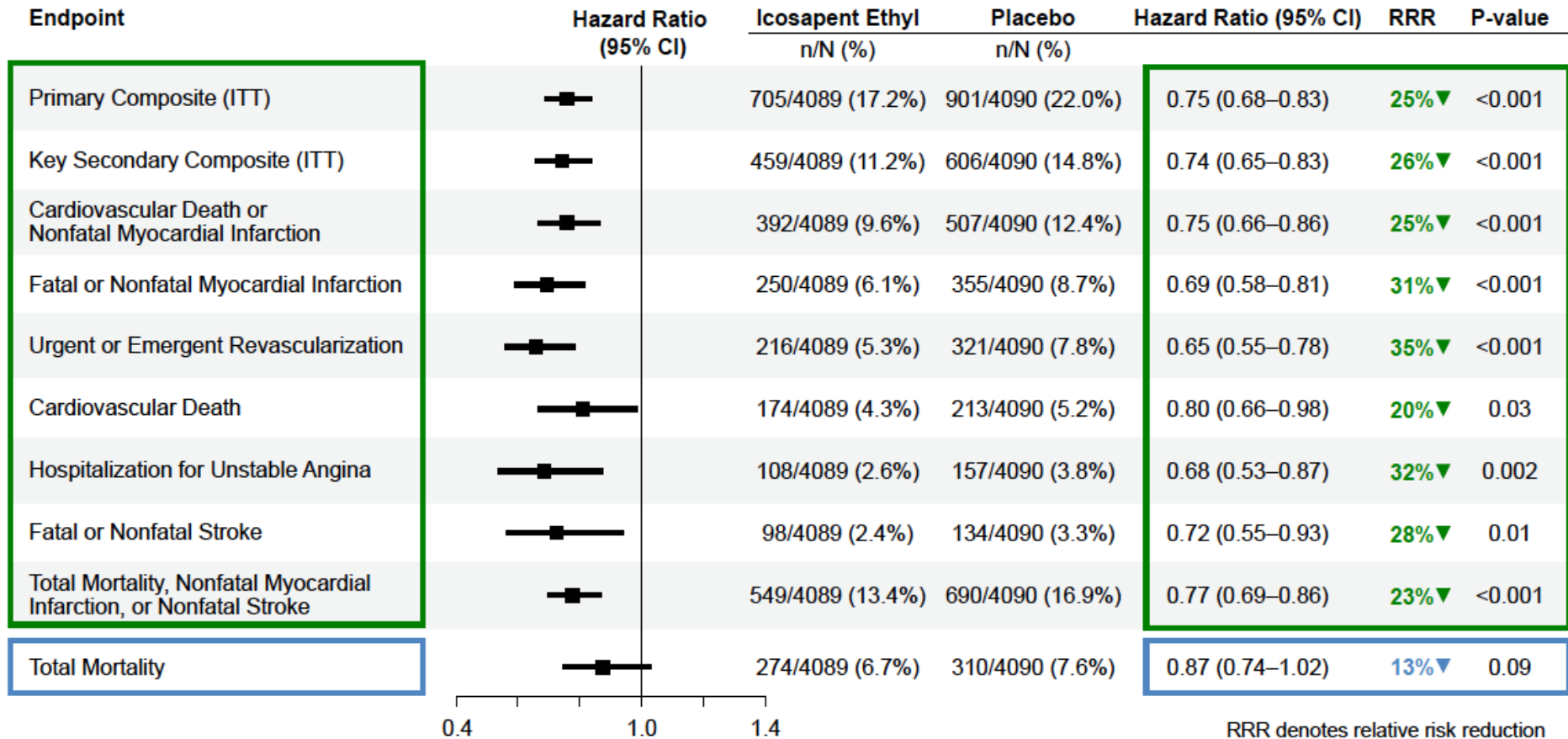


| Source                         | No. of Events (%) |             | Rate Ratios (CI) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                                | Treatment         | Control     |                  |
| <b>Coronary heart disease</b>  |                   |             |                  |
| Nonfatal myocardial infarction | 1121 (2.9)        | 1155 (3.0)  | 0.97 (0.87–1.08) |
| Coronary heart disease         | 1301 (3.3)        | 1394 (3.6)  | 0.93 (0.83–1.03) |
| Any                            | 3085 (7.9)        | 3188 (8.2)  | 0.96 (0.90–1.01) |
|                                |                   |             | <i>P</i> =.12    |
| <b>Stroke</b>                  |                   |             |                  |
| Ischemic                       | 574 (1.9)         | 554 (1.8)   | 1.03 (0.88–1.21) |
| Hemorrhagic                    | 117 (0.4)         | 109 (0.4)   | 1.07 (0.76–1.51) |
| Unclassified/other             | 142 (0.4)         | 135 (0.3)   | 1.05 (0.77–1.43) |
| Any                            | 870 (2.2)         | 843 (2.2)   | 1.03 (0.93–1.13) |
|                                |                   |             | <i>P</i> =.60    |
| <b>Revascularization</b>       |                   |             |                  |
| Coronary                       | 3044 (9.3)        | 3040 (9.3)  | 1.00 (0.93–1.07) |
| Noncoronary                    | 305 (2.7)         | 330 (2.9)   | 0.92 (0.75–1.13) |
| Any                            | 3290 (10.0)       | 3313 (10.2) | 0.99 (0.94–1.04) |
|                                |                   |             | <i>P</i> =.60    |
| Any major vascular event       | 5930 (15.2)       | 6071 (15.6) | 0.97 (0.93–1.01) |
|                                |                   |             | <i>P</i> =.10    |



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# Prespecified Hierarchical Testing



# Effects on Biomarkers from Baseline to Year 1



| Biomarker*            | Icosapent Ethyl<br>(N=4089)<br>Median |        | Placebo<br>(N=4090)<br>Median |        | Median Between Group Difference<br>at Year 1 |                              |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--|------------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Baseline                              | Year 1 | Baseline                      | Year 1 | Absolute<br>Change from<br>Baseline          | % Change<br>from<br>Baseline | % Change<br>P-value |
| Triglycerides (mg/dL) | 216.5                                 | 175.0  | 216.0                         | 221.0  | -44.5  | -19.7                        | <0.0001             |
| Non-HDL-C (mg/dL)     | 118.0                                 | 113.0  | 118.5                         | 130.0  | -15.5  | -13.1                        | <0.0001             |
| LDL-C (mg/dL)         | 74.0                                  | 77.0   | 76.0                          | 84.0   | -5.0   | -6.6                         | <0.0001             |
| HDL-C (mg/dL)         | 40.0                                  | 39.0   | 40.0                          | 42.0   | -2.5   | -6.3                         | <0.0001             |
| Apo B (mg/dL)         | 82.0                                  | 80.0   | 83.0                          | 89.0   | -8.0   | -9.7                         | <0.0001             |
| hsCRP (mg/L)          | 2.2                                   | 1.8    | 2.1                           | 2.8    | -0.9   | -39.9                        | <0.0001             |
| Log hsCRP (mg/L)      | 0.8                                   | 0.6    | 0.8                           | 1.0    | -0.4   | -22.5                        | <0.0001             |
| EPA (µg/mL)           | 26.1                                  | 144.0  | 26.1                          | 23.3   | +114.9                                       | +358.8                       | <0.0001             |

\*Apo B and hsCRP were measured at Year 2.

# Most Frequent Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events: $\geq 5\%$ in Either Treatment Group and Significantly Different



| <b>Preferred Term</b> | <b>Icosapent Ethyl<br/>(N=4089)</b> | <b>Placebo<br/>(N=4090)</b> | <b>P-value</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Diarrhea              | 367 (9.0%)                          | 453 (11.1%)                 | 0.002          |
| Peripheral edema      | 267 (6.5%)                          | 203 (5.0%)                  | 0.002          |
| Constipation          | 221 (5.4%)                          | 149 (3.6%)                  | <0.001         |
| Atrial fibrillation   | 215 (5.3%)                          | 159 (3.9%)                  | 0.003          |
| Anemia                | 191 (4.7%)                          | 236 (5.8%)                  | 0.03           |