

# Management of Dyslipidemia 2015

## Principles of Prevention in Primary Care Practice

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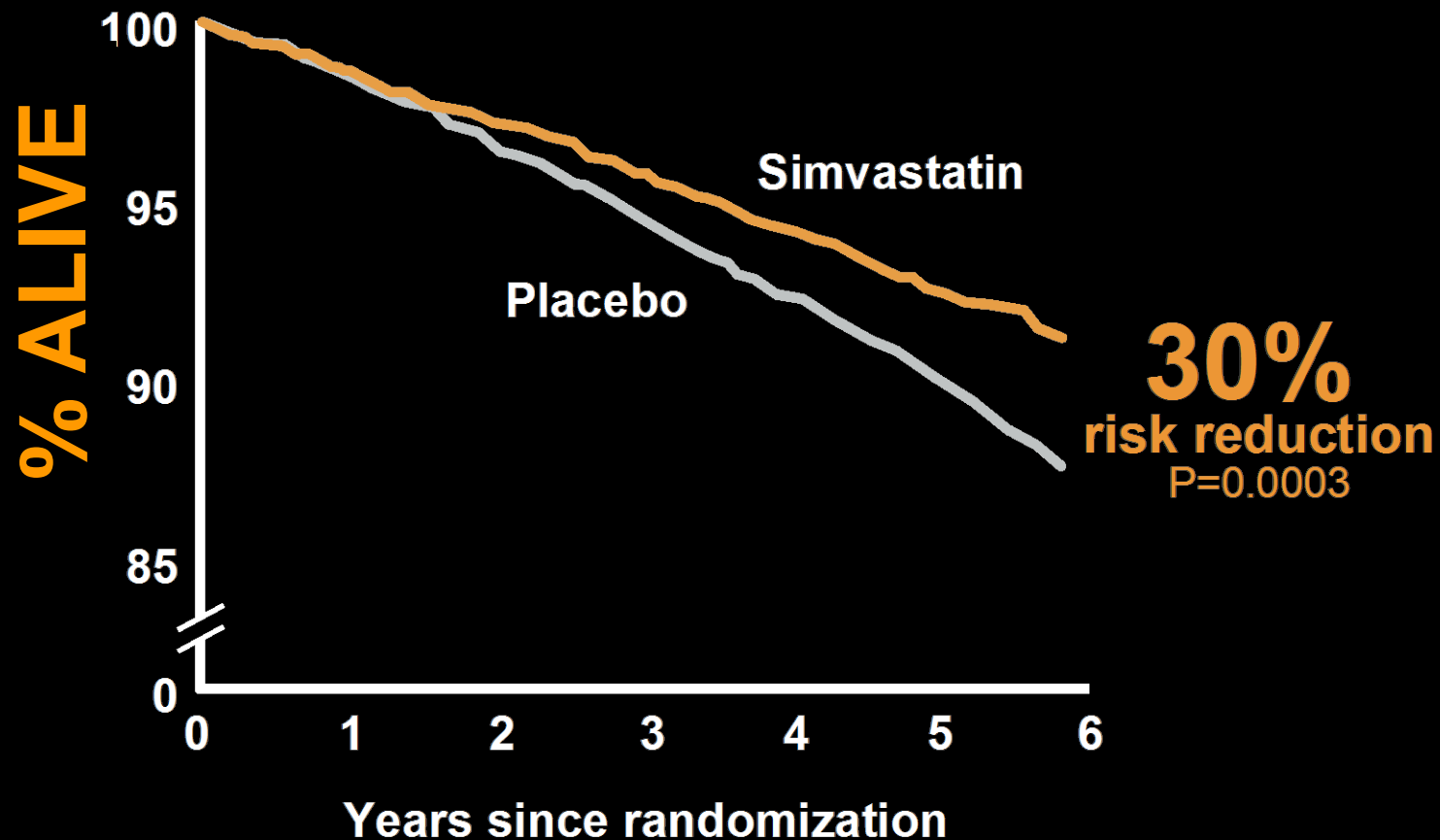
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# Statin Era: CV Risk Reduction Across A Spectrum of Risk

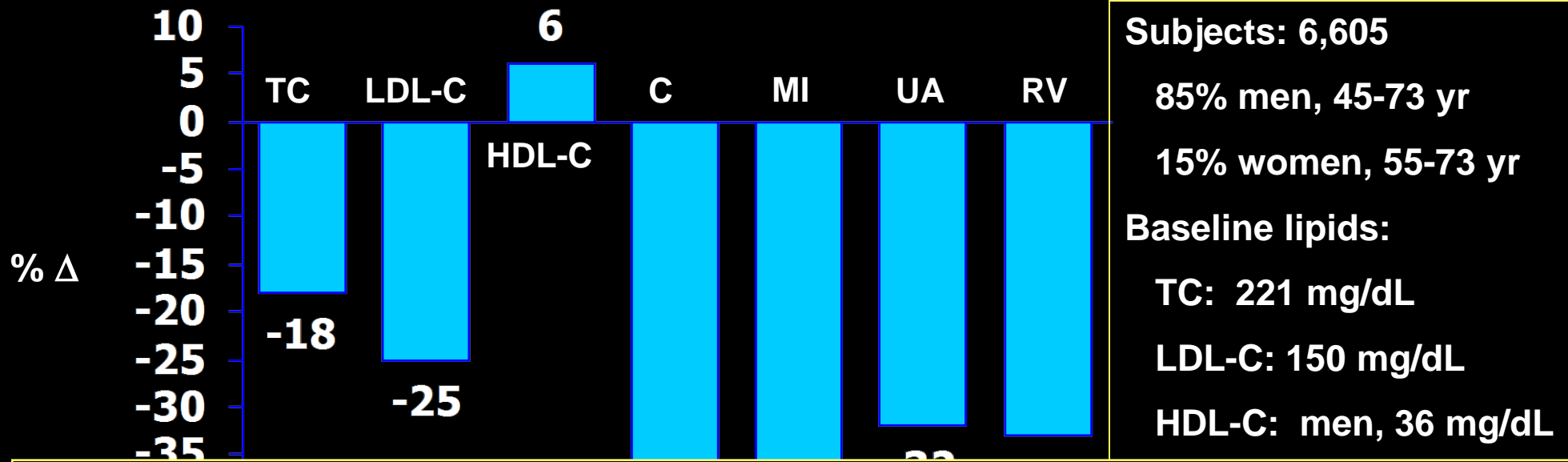
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		<b>4S</b>	<b>LIPID</b>	<b>CARE</b>	<b>WOS</b>	<b>AFCAPS</b>
<b>CHO</b>	<b>LDL</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Mod.</b>	<b>Av.</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Av.</b>
	<b>188</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>150</b>	
<b>1<sup>o</sup> Endpt CAD</b>	<b>(Benefit)</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
<b>Secondary prevention</b>			<b>Primary prevention</b>			

# 4S: Total Mortality/Overall Survival



Adapted from Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study Group *Lancet* 1994;344:1383-1389.

# AFCAPS: LDL-Lowering in PEOPLE With No HX OF CAD and Average Cholesterol Levels

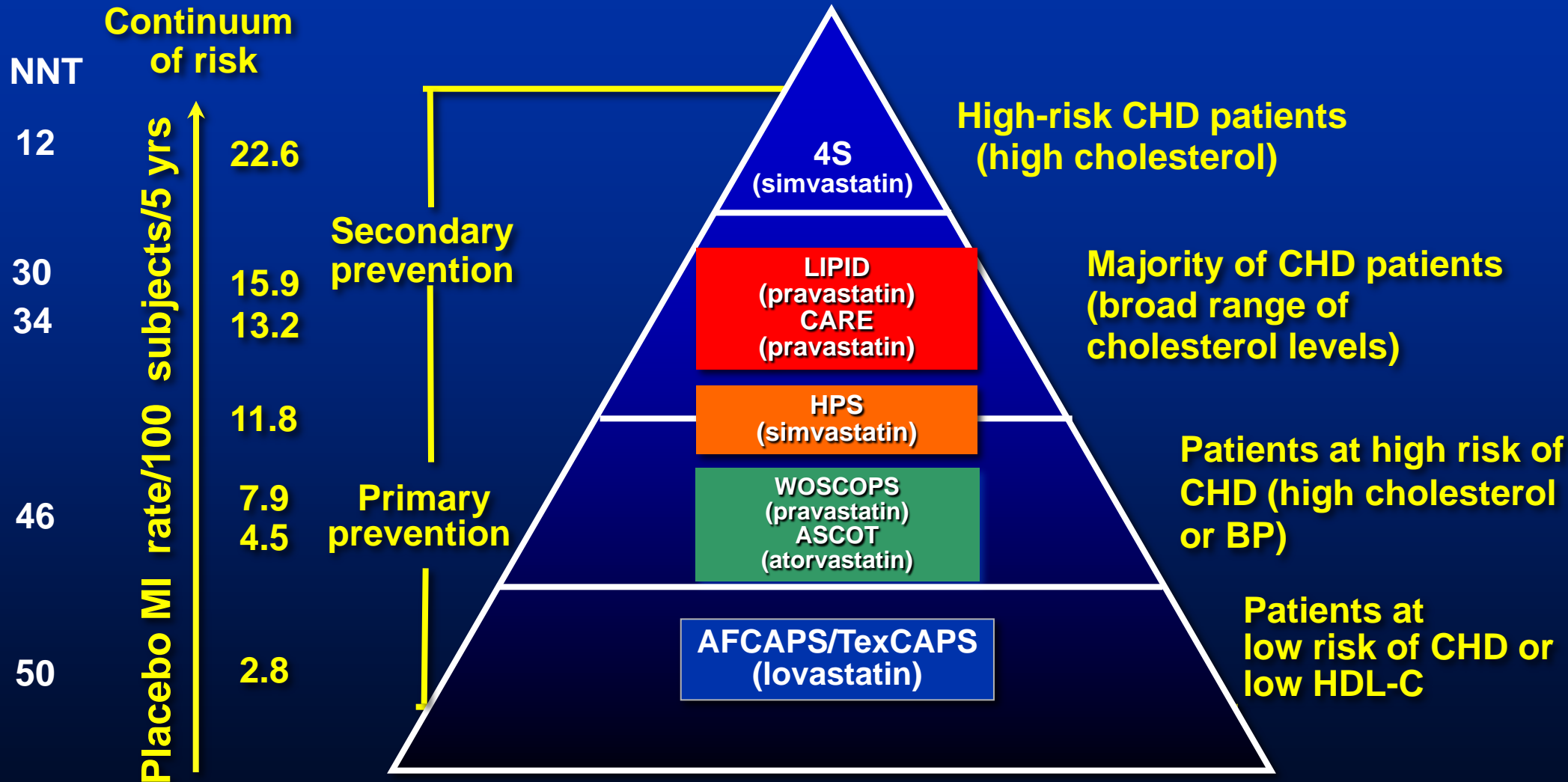


**70% of AFCAPS subjects  
untreated under ATP II**

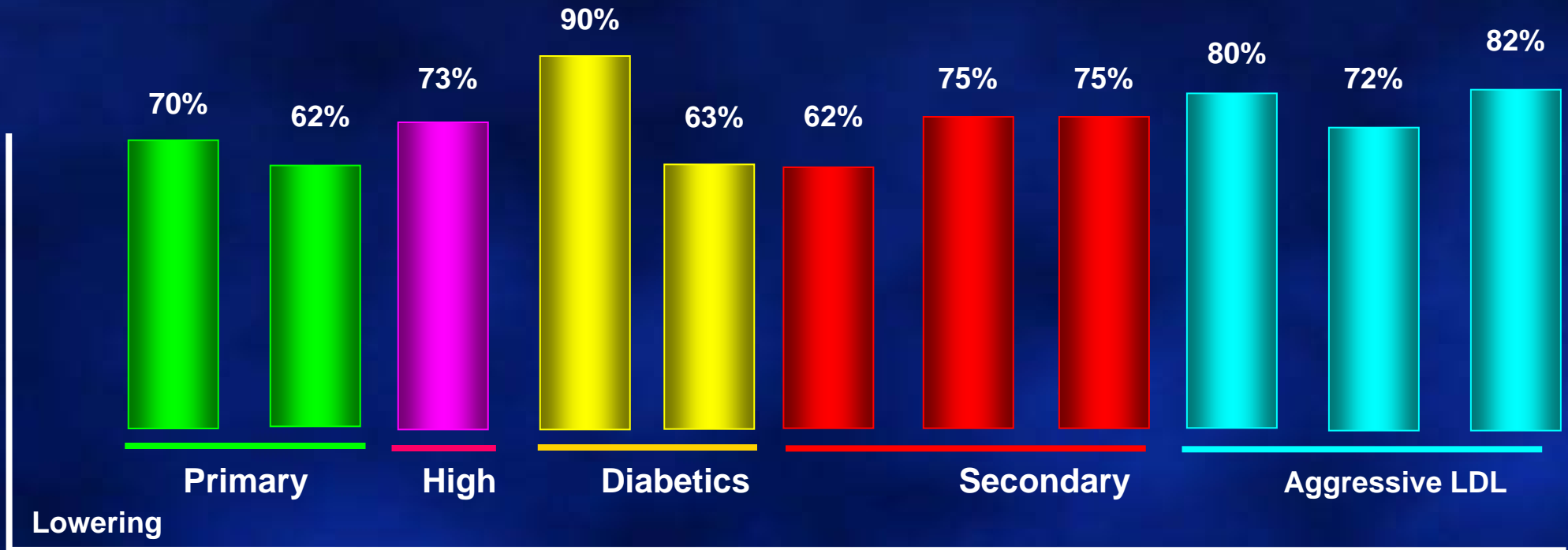
MI=fatal/nonfatal myocardial infarction; UA=unstable angina;  
RV=revascularizations.

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

# The Statin Decade – Benefit across full Spectrum of CAD



# “Residual risk”: Major CV Events Statin Arm, Clinical Trials



Trial	WOSCOP	AFCAPS/ TexCAPS	HPS	ASPEN	CARDS	4S	LIPID	CARE	TNT Total	TNT Met S	TNT Diabetes
<b>N</b>	6.595	6.505	20.536	2.410	2.838	4.444	9.014	4.159	10.001	5.584	1.501
<b>ΔLDL-C</b>	-26%	-27%	-29%	-29%	-40%	-36%	-25%	-28%	-21%	-24%	-20%



## Is Lower Better (LDL)?

**65 yo post-MI**

**Atorva 80 mg**

**LDL 105**

# Scientific Statement New Cholesterol ~~Guidelines~~

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## Flawed Gauge for Cholesterol Risk Poses a New Challenge for Cardiologists

**New Approaches to Cholesterol Management**



## **Cholesterol Treatment to Reduce Atherosclerotic Risk**

### **Attempt to Identify 4 Statin Groups**

1. Does the patient have a history of heart disease or stroke? Are they using secondary prevention?
2. Is LDL > 190 mg/dL?
3. Does patient have diabetes, 40-75 years old, with LDL of 70-189 mg/dL?
4. Does patient have global 10-year risk score  $\geq$  7.5% for primary prevention of risk assessment?

# Conceptual Changes In Guidelines

- **Don't treat to specific targets\***: Treating to targets results in under- and overtreatment\*; use appropriate-intensity treatment
- LDL-C reduction of 50% are “high-intensity” statins, and “moderate-intensity” lower LDL-C by 30%-49%
- First 2 groups: recommend using high-intensity; second 2 groups use moderate-intensity

\* Specific LDL targets of 100 and 70 were part of ATP III 2004 update and ACC/AHA guidelines for CHD patients in 2006

*Non-statin therapies to achieve an LDL goal not recommended*

# High-, Moderate-, and Low-Intensity Statin Therapy

## High-Intensity Statin Therapy

Lowers LDL-C, on average, by approximately  $\geq 50\%$

- **Atorvastatin (40)-80 mg**
- **Rosuvastatin 20 (40) mg**

## Moderate-Intensity Statin Therapy

Lowers LDL-C, on average, by approximately 30% to  $< 50\%$

- **Atorvastatin 10 (20) mg**
- **Rosuvastatin (5) 10 mg**
- **Simvastatin 20-40 mg $\ddagger$**
- **Pravastatin 40 (80) mg**
- **Lovastatin 40 mg**
- *Fluvastatin XL 80 mg*
- **Fluvastatin 40 mg bid**
- *Pitavastatin 2-4 mg*

# Major Recommendations for Statin Therapy for ASCVD Prevention

- For secondary prevention or LDL > 190 mg/dL, give high-intensity statin *unless* age > 75 years old or intolerant; then use moderate-intensity statin
- For diabetes (type 1 or 2, age 40-75) use moderate-intensity statin *unless* 10-year risk > 7.5%; then use high-intensity statin
- For primary prevention age 40-75 years, use moderate- to high-intensity statin if 10-year risk is > 7.5%

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Rationale for not including lower LDL targets?

Not same drug titrated to different LDL targets.

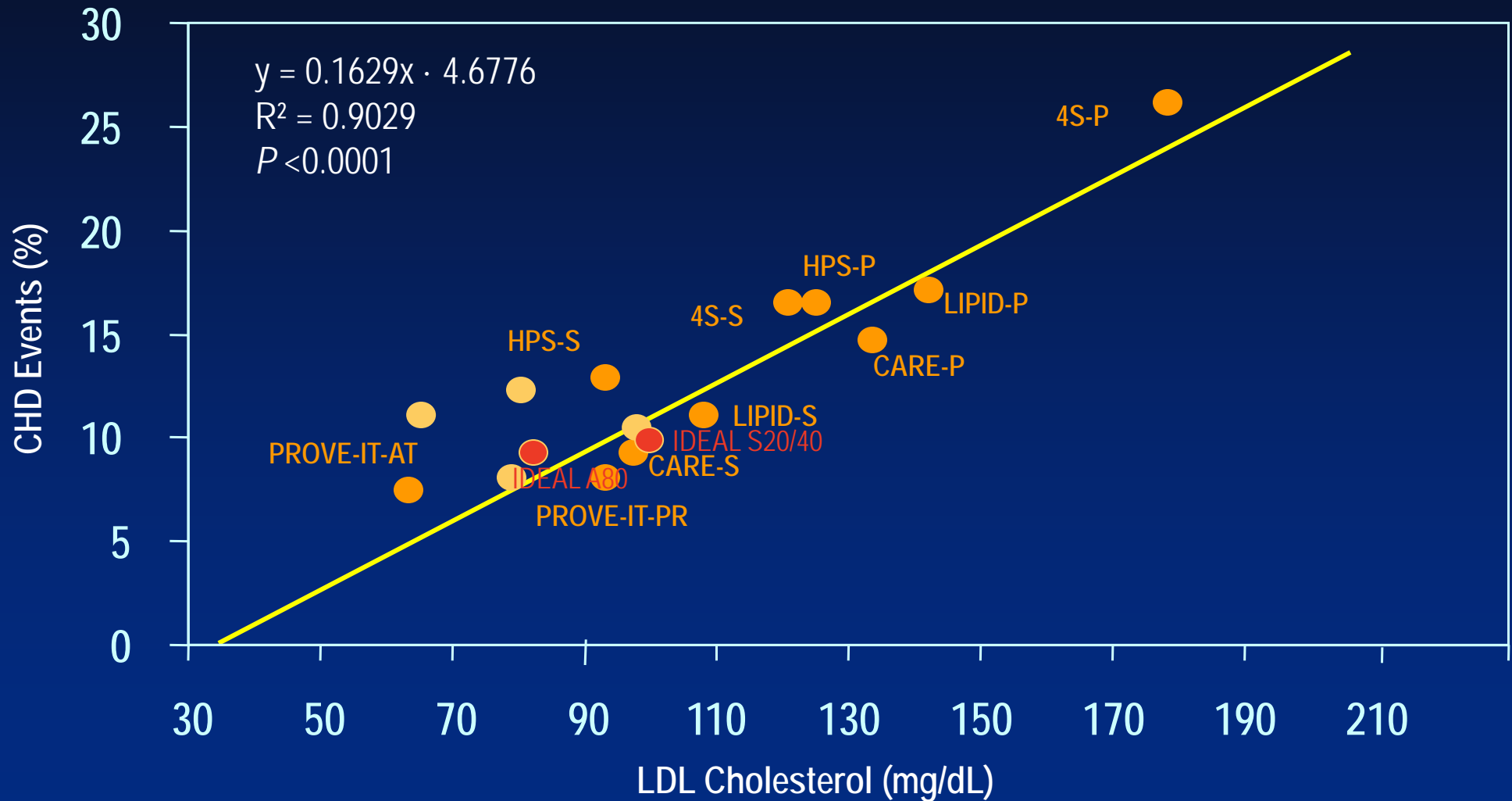
No RCT data for non-statin drugs.

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# CHD Events Are Reduced Proportional to LDL-C Lowering w/ Statins

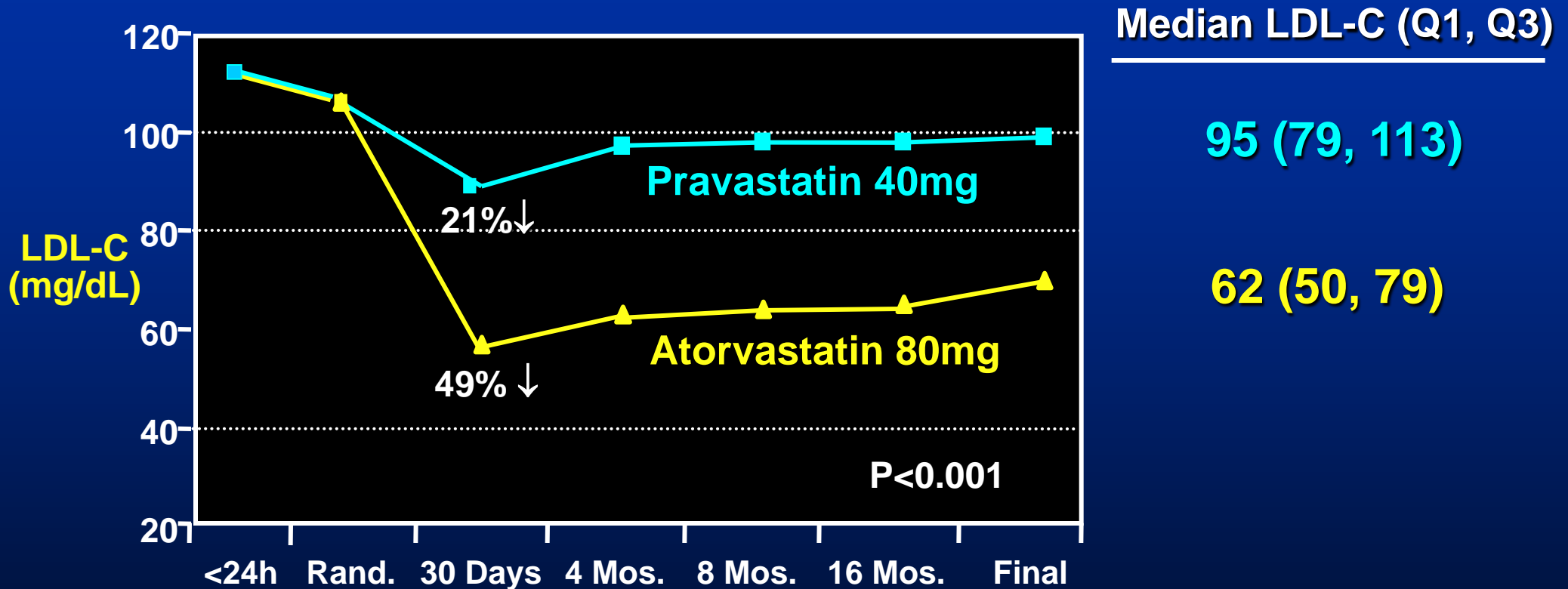




## **New Questions, New Issues**

**Is even lower LDL better  
In high risk population:  
acute coronary syndrome?**

# PROVE-IT: Changes from Post-ACS Baseline LDL-C

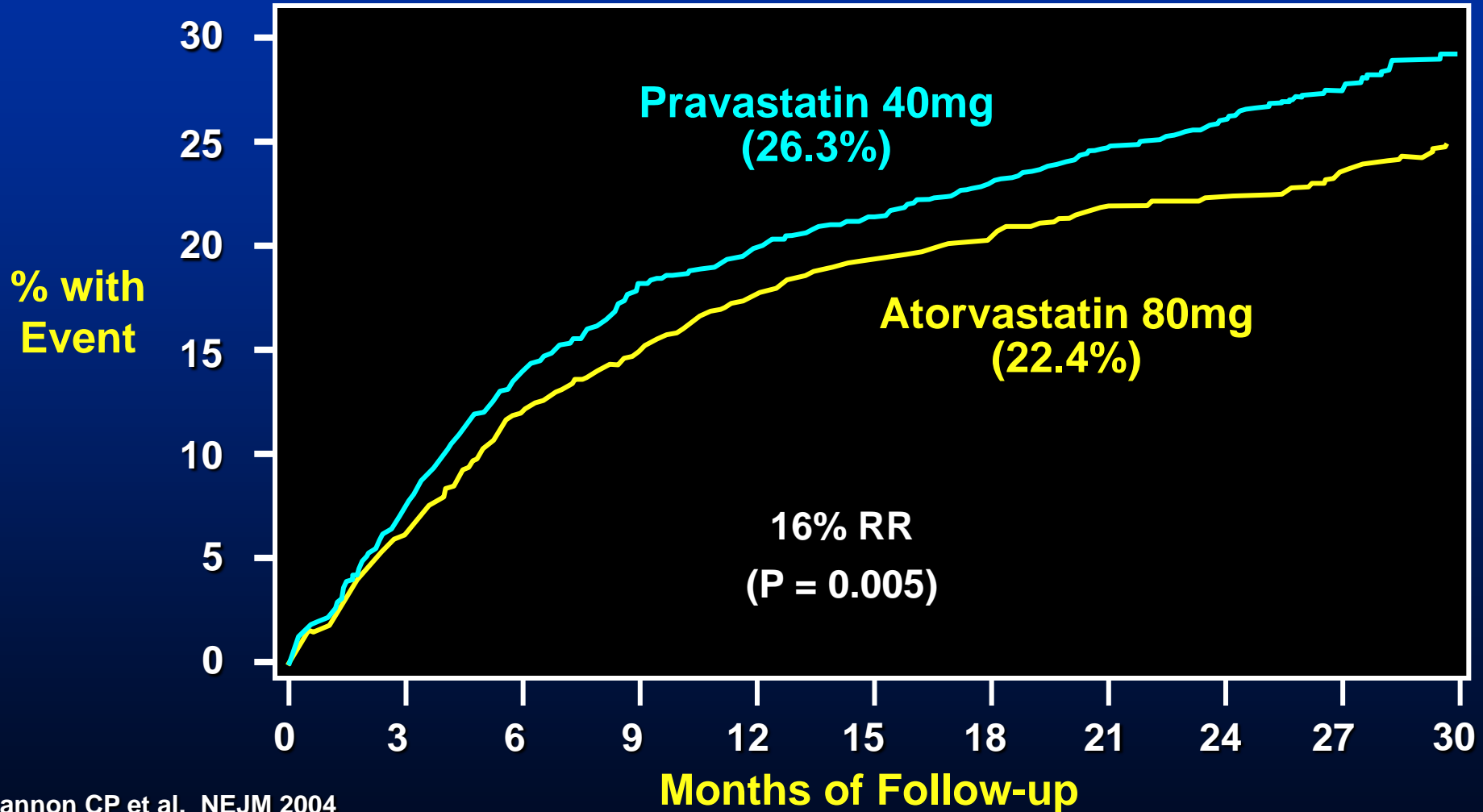


**Note: Changes in LDL-C may differ from prior trials:**

- 25% of patients on statins prior to ACS event
- ACS response lowers LDL-C from true baseline



# All-Cause Death or Major CV Events in All Randomized Subjects



# Study Design



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\*3.2mM  
\*\*2.6mM

N=18,144

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

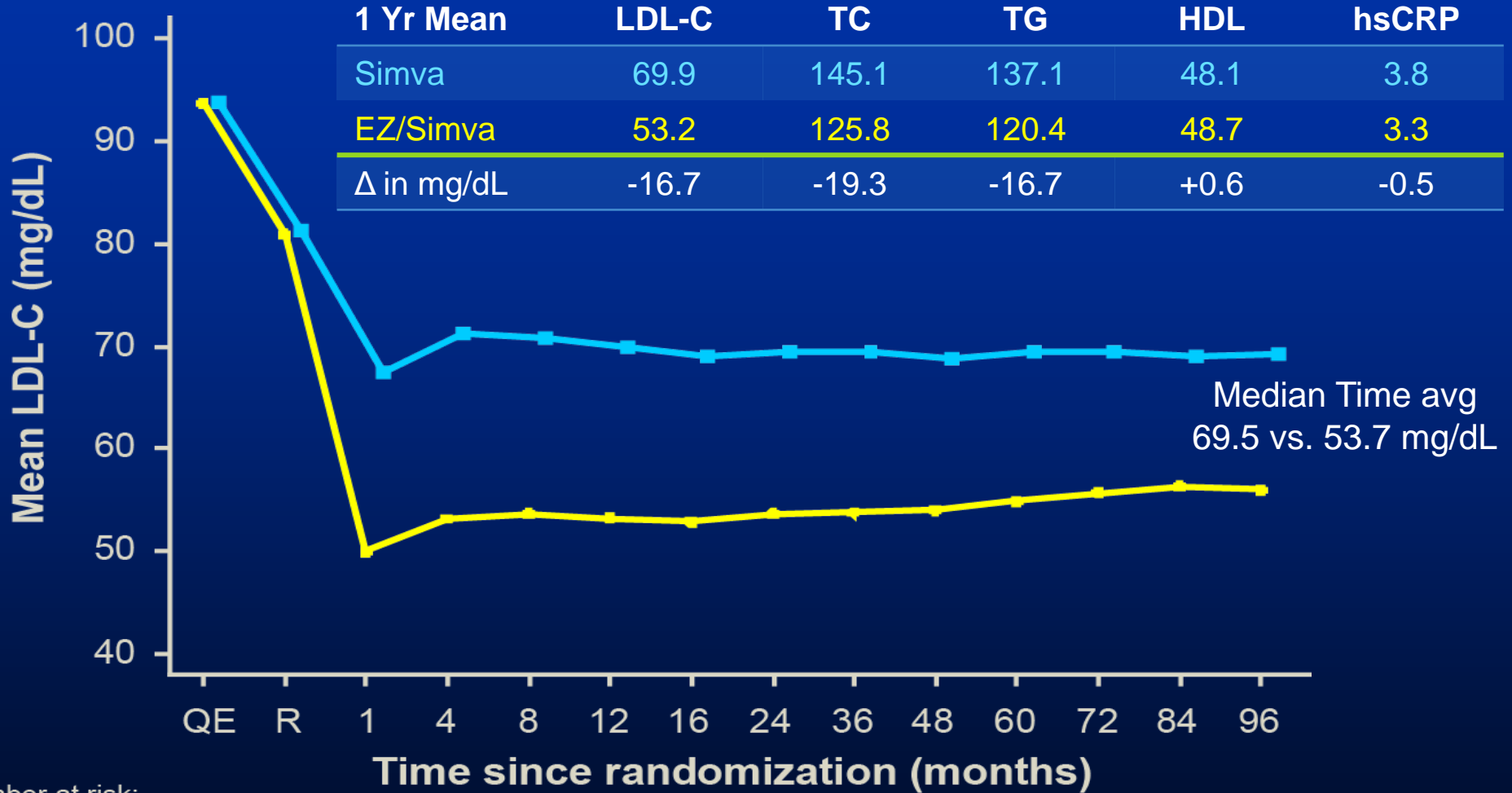
## Ezetimibe Added to Statin Therapy after Acute Coronary Syndromes

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# LDL-C and Lipid Changes

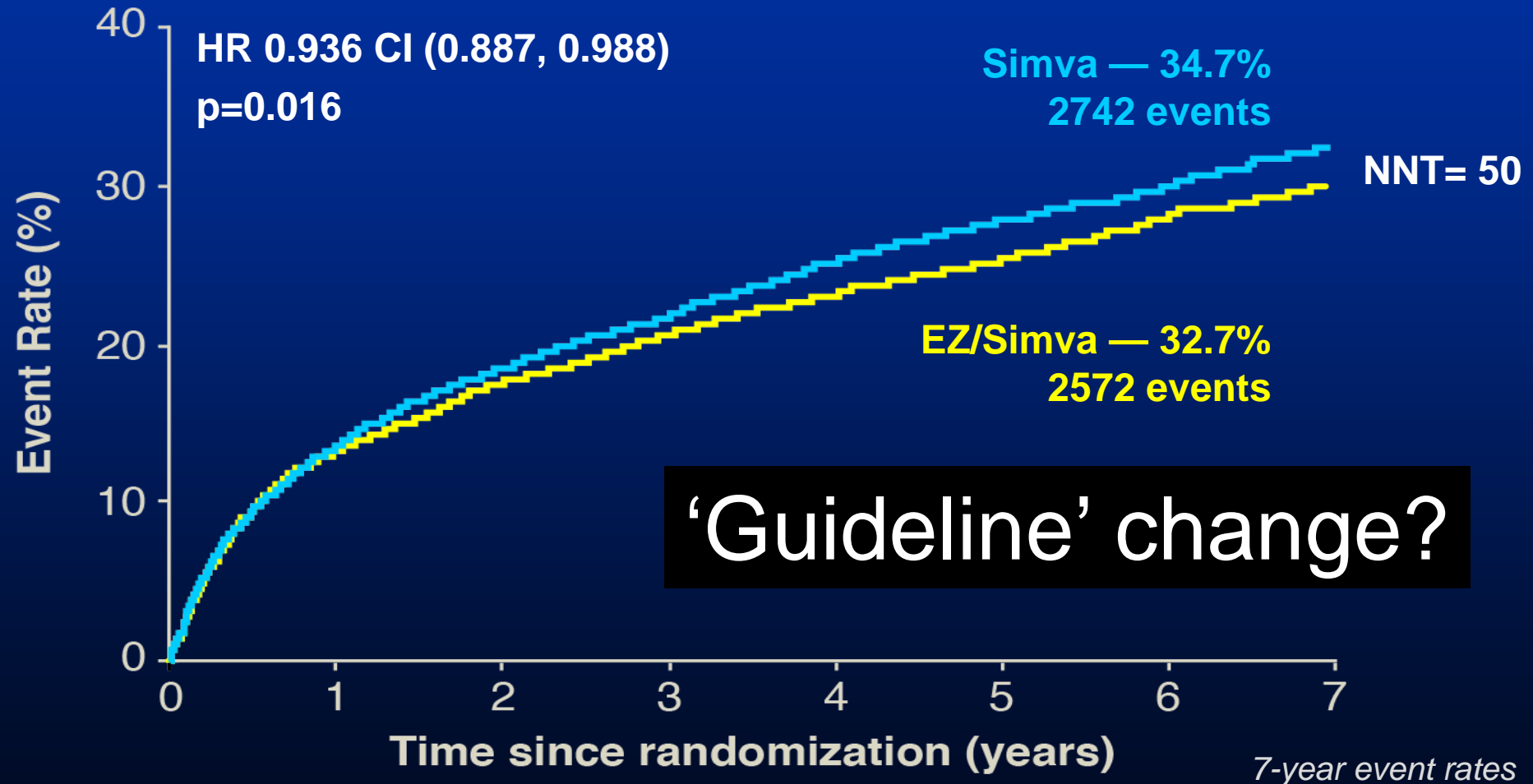


Number at risk:

EZ/Simva	8990	8889	8230	7701	7264	6864	6583	6256	5734	5354	4508	3484	2608	1078
Simva	9009	8921	8306	7843	7289	6939	6607	6192	5684	5267	4395	3387	2569	1068

# Primary Endpoint — ITT

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





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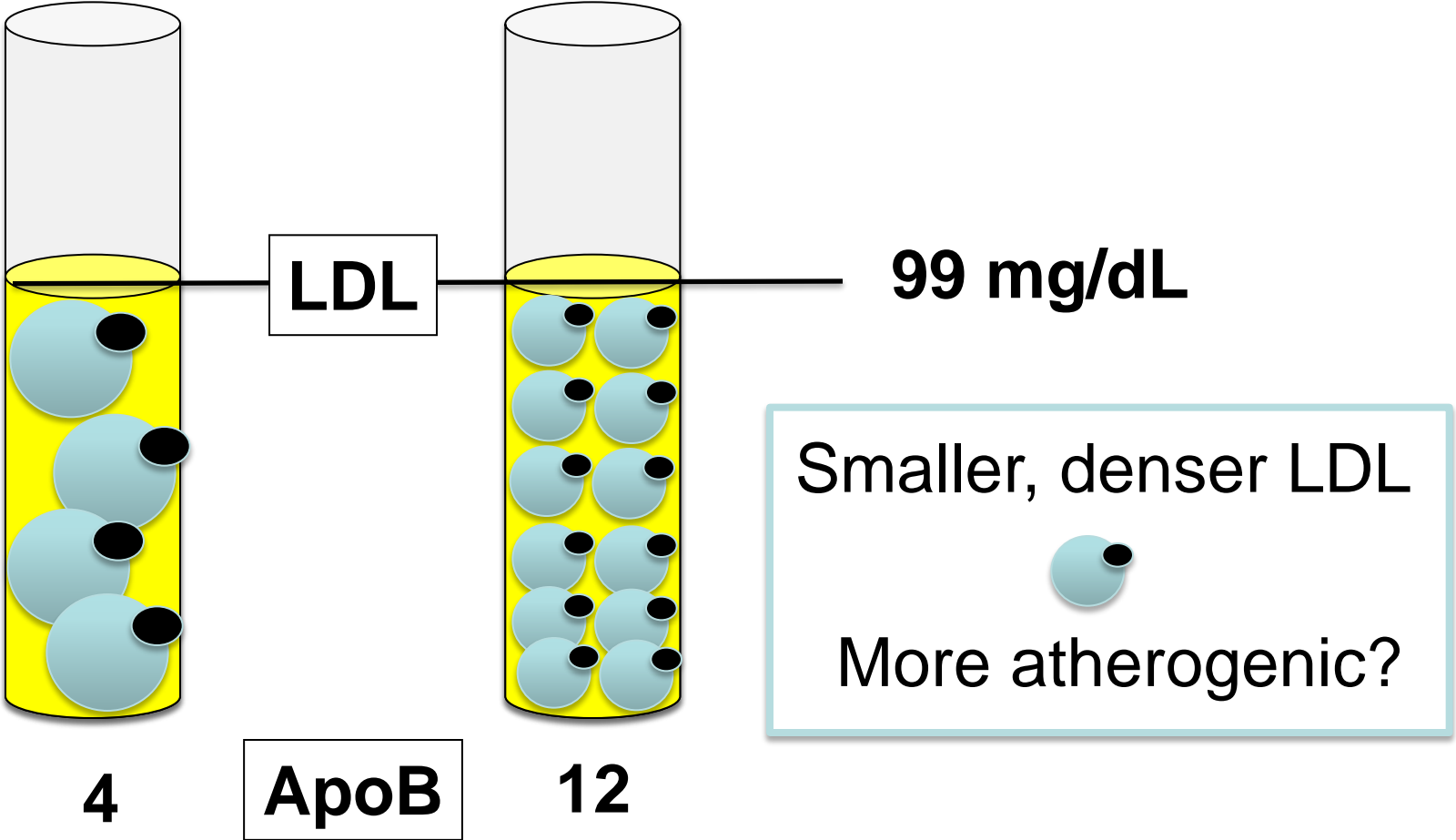
Other ways to address  
risk in the post-statin era?

Better risk predictors?

# Apolipoprotein B

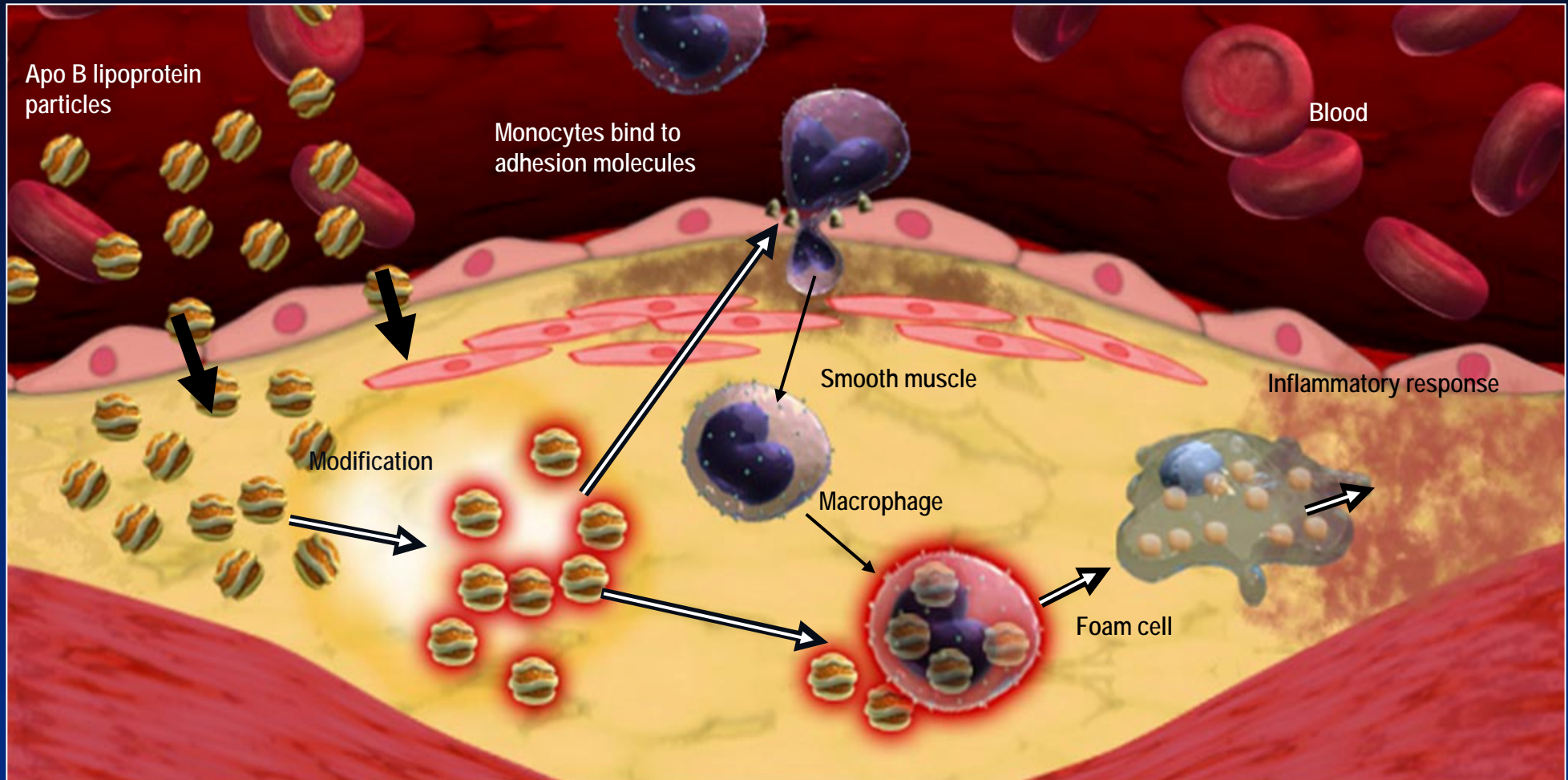
- THE risk molecule?
- One apo B molecule/particle
- Measure of particle number:  
Most atherogenic parameter?
- Highly correlated with non-HDL cholesterol
  - 0.95 when TG < 300 mg/dl
  - 0.80 when TG higher

# LDL Levels vs Apo B (particle number, non-HDL)



# Higher Plasma Apo B Lipoprotein Levels Promote Atherosclerosis

*Rationale for therapeutic Apo B lowering: Broader targeting of risk molecules  
Decreased retention, inflammatory response to retention*



Tabas I et al. *Circulation*. 2007;116:1832-1844.

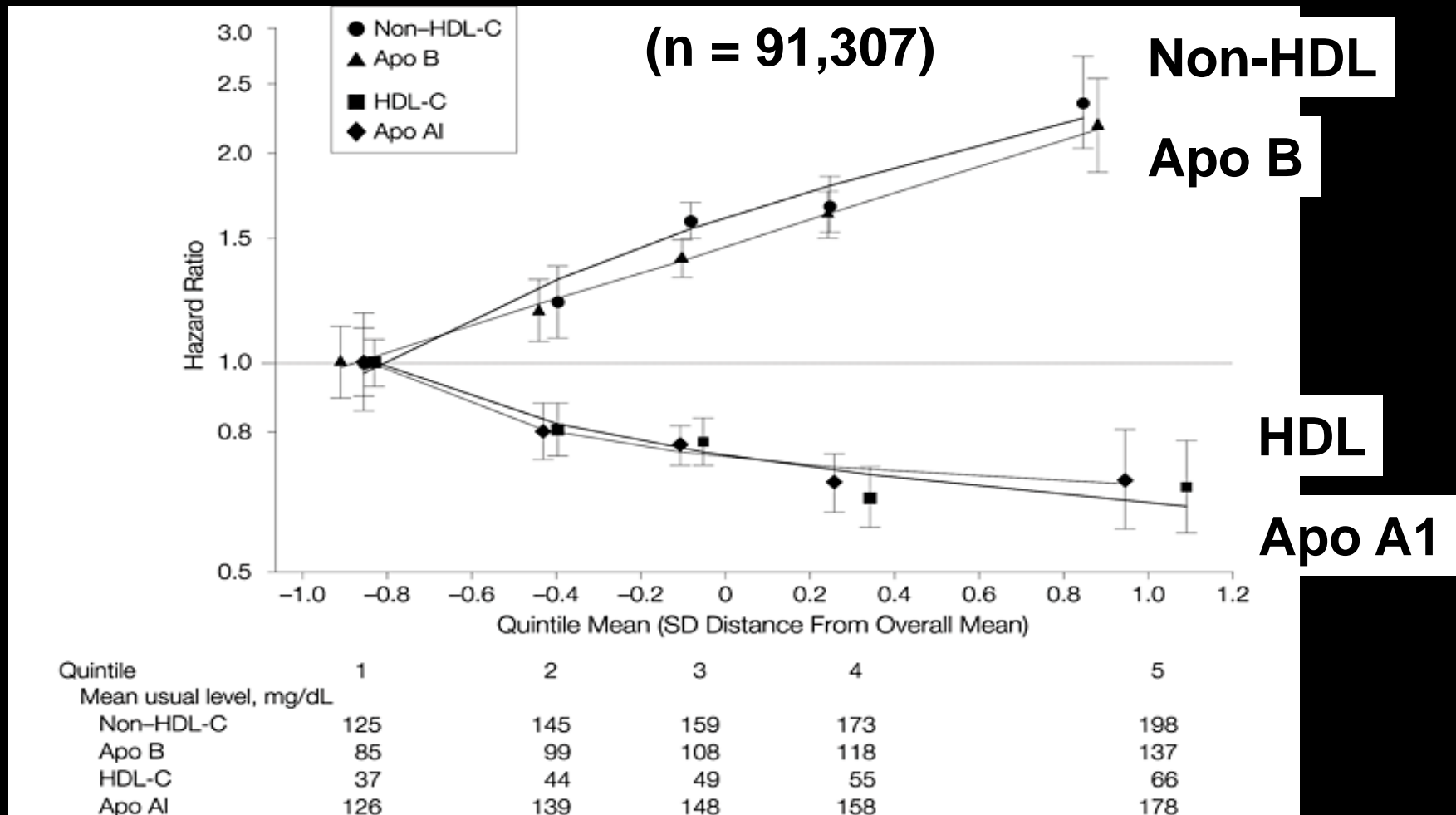
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Williams KJ et al. *A ATVB*. 2005;25:1536-1540

Hoshiga M et al. *Circ Res*. 1995;77:1129-1135



# CHD Risk Based on Lipids and Apolipoproteins



# Cholesterol, Trig

## Non-HDL Target:

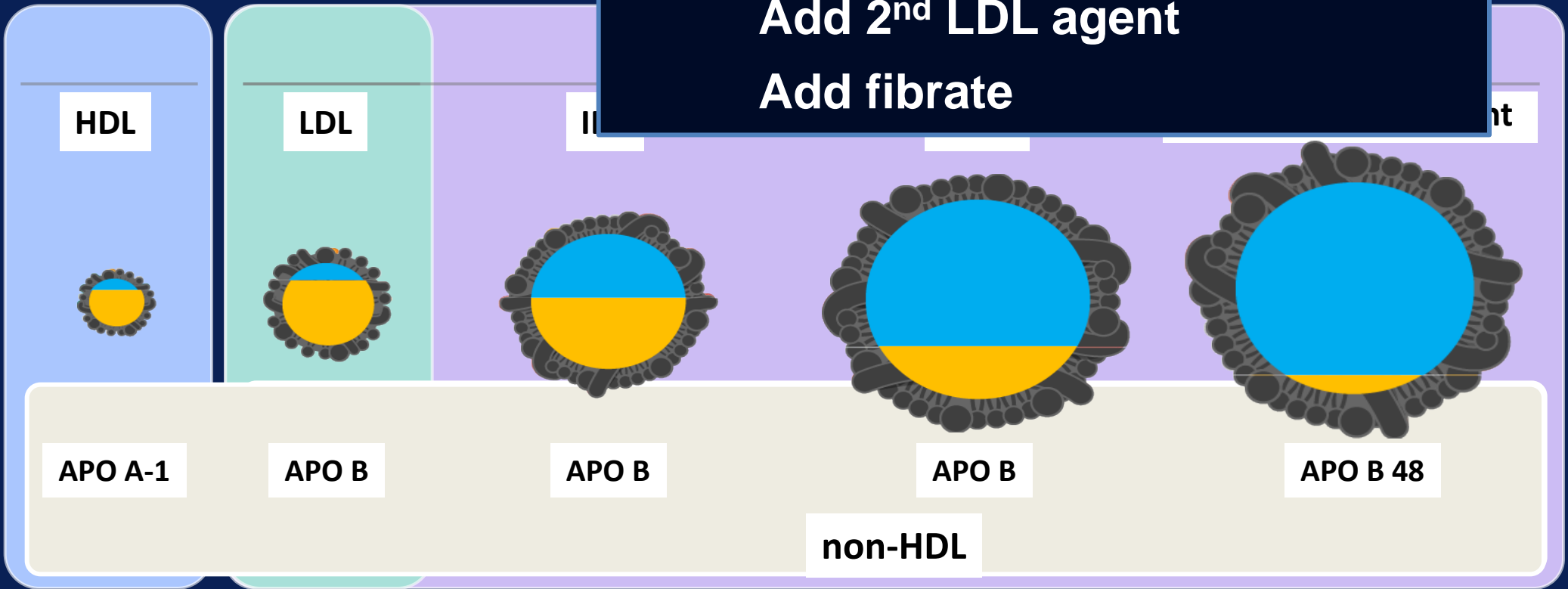
30 points above the LDL target

## Therapeutic intervention?

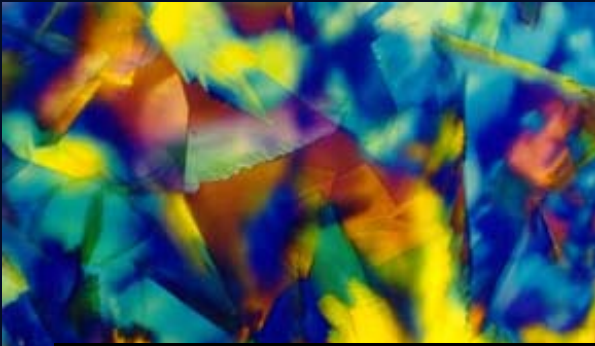
Intensify statin

Add 2<sup>nd</sup> LDL agent

Add fibrate



$$\text{Non-HDL-C} = \text{Total cholesterol} - \text{HDL-C}$$



Elevated non-HDL (30 points above target LDL):

LDL < 70, non-HDL < 100

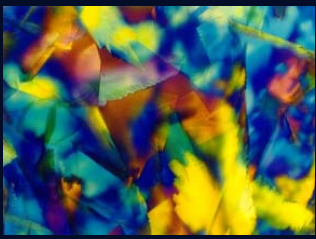
LDL < 100, non-HDL < 130

More potent statin

Second agent on LDL: ezetimibe, BAS, niacin

Treat triglycerides: fibrate, fish oil

Lifestyle



## Treat to Target LDL? Lower LDL Levels?

Evidence now exists for lower LDL levels in patients with significant CV risk. OK to use targets.

Estimate risk:

AHA/ACC Risk calculator, Reynolds Risk Score, F-ham

LDL Options:

- Higher dose, more potent statin

- Ezetimibe – additional 15 - 20%

  - Bile Acid Resins: Colesevelam

  - Not if hyperTG

  - Modest glucose-lowering effect



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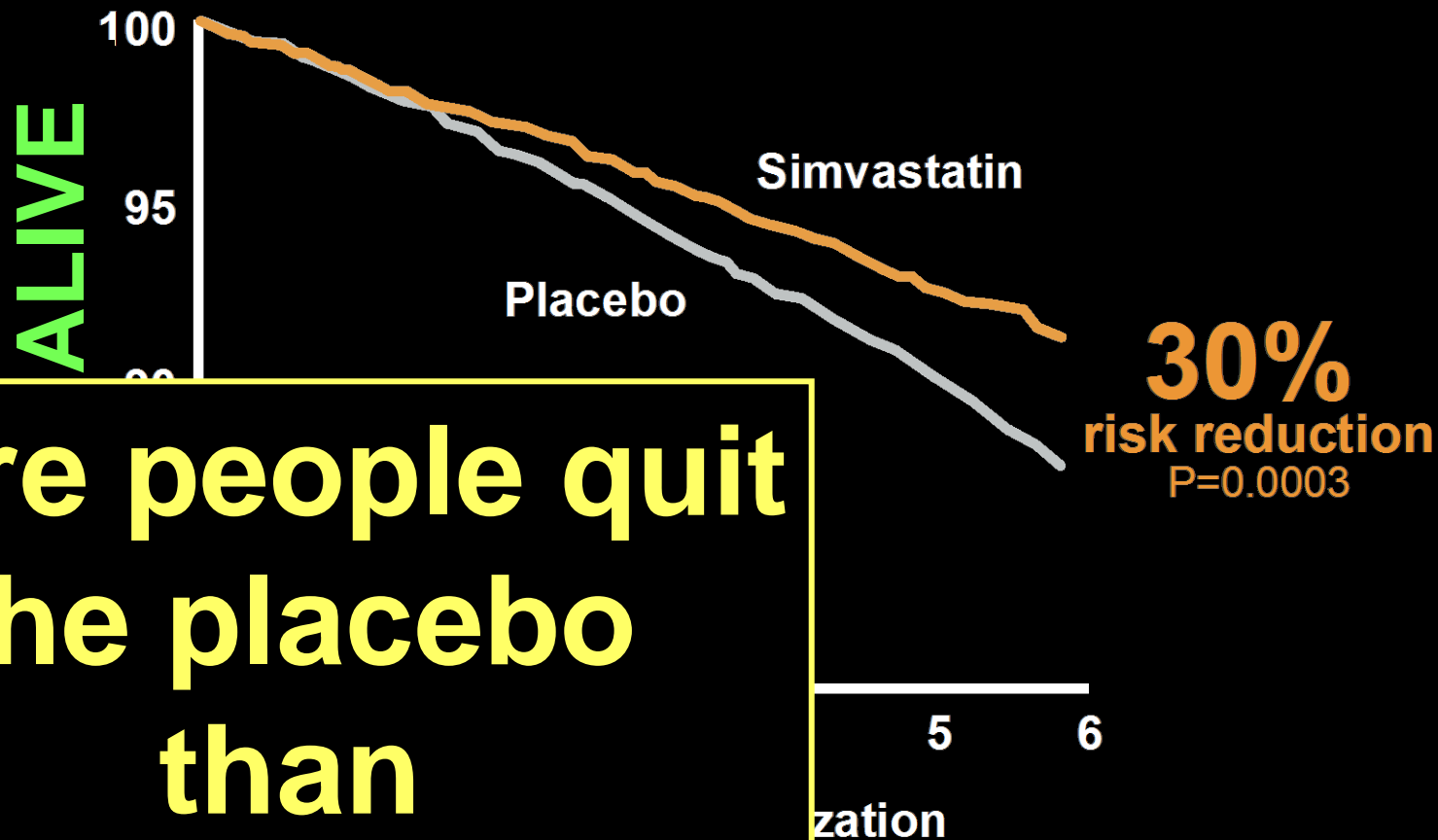
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# PROVE-IT: Atorva 80 vs Prava 40 mg in ACS

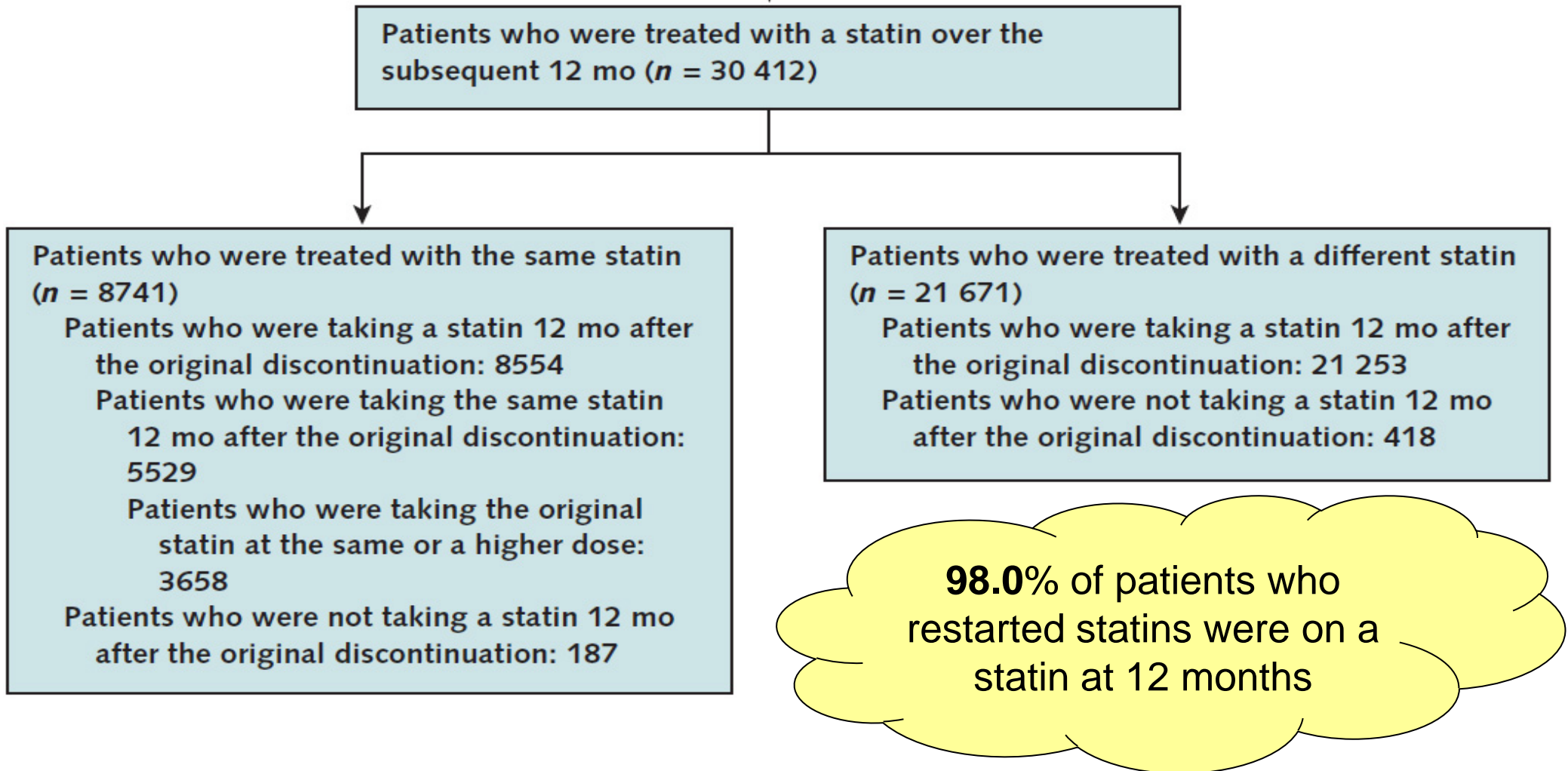
## Liver and Muscle Effects

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<b>CK &gt; 3x ULN</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.24</b>
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# Statin Discontinuation after Adverse Reaction



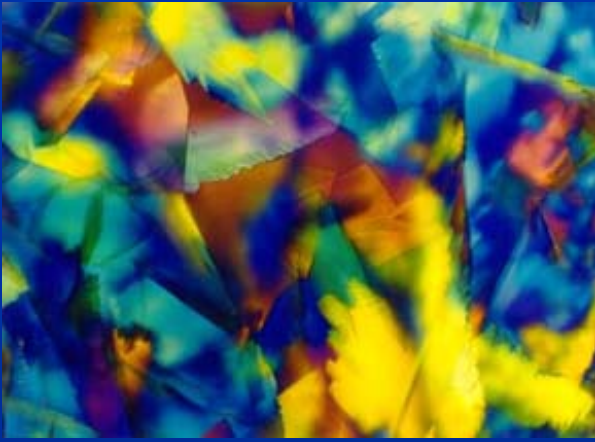


**A new (often non-generic) statin at the lowest conceivable dose (half, QOD)**

**+ pep talk...**

**What do we do about the patient with 'statin intolerance' ?**

- **It may not be the statin.**
- **It may be dose related.**
- **It may be statin specific**



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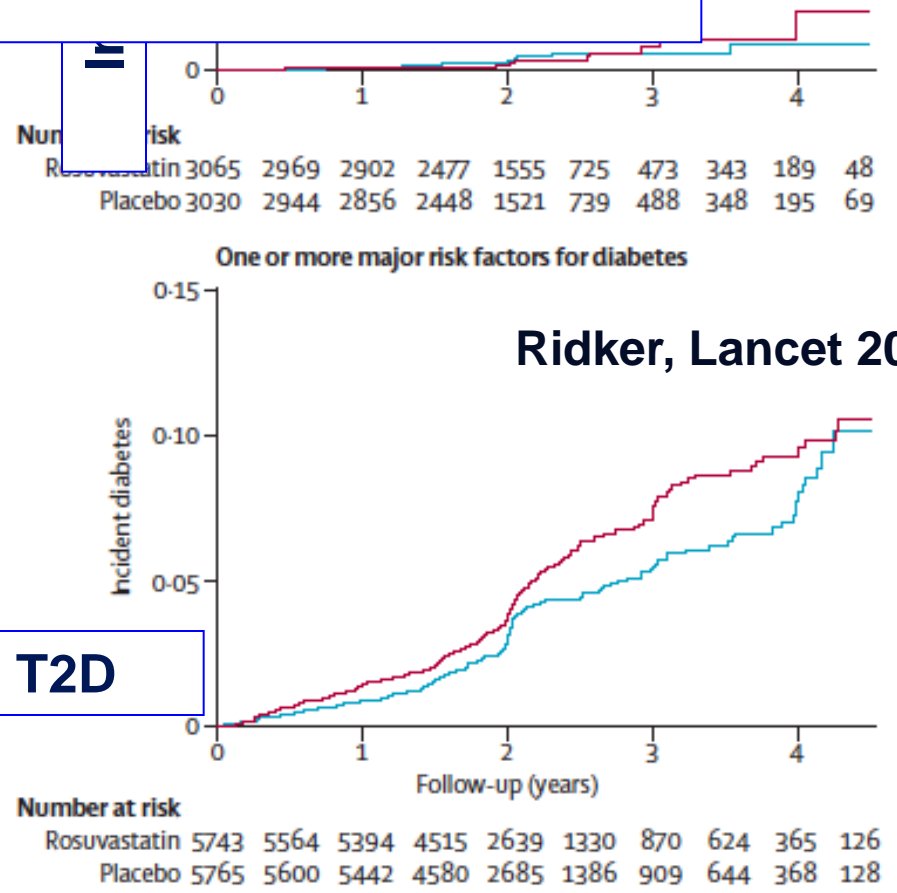
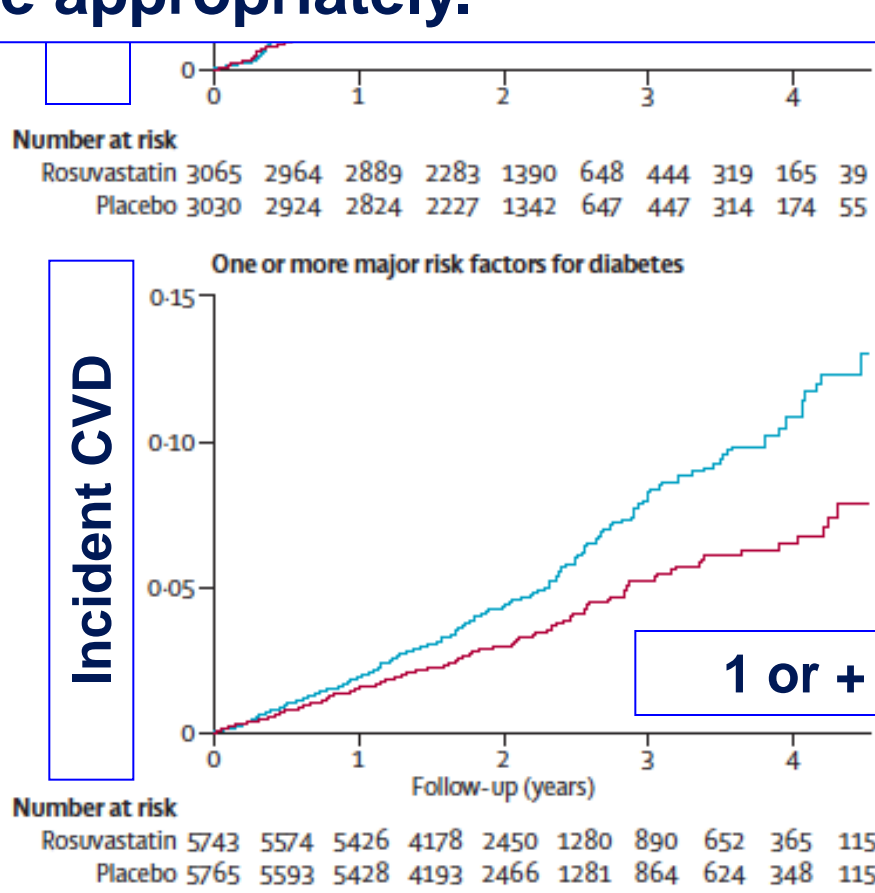
**Is a statin going to give  
my patient diabetes?**

Small risk for increased incidence of T2D all statins.

Increased risk if T2D risk factors?

Any increase in diabetes offset by decreased CV events.

Use appropriately.



Ridker, Lancet 2013

1 or + RF T2D

# Case

**64 yo man, T2D, 3V CAD, CABG 2009**

**Meds: atorva 80, ASA, lisinopril/HCTZ, metoprolol**

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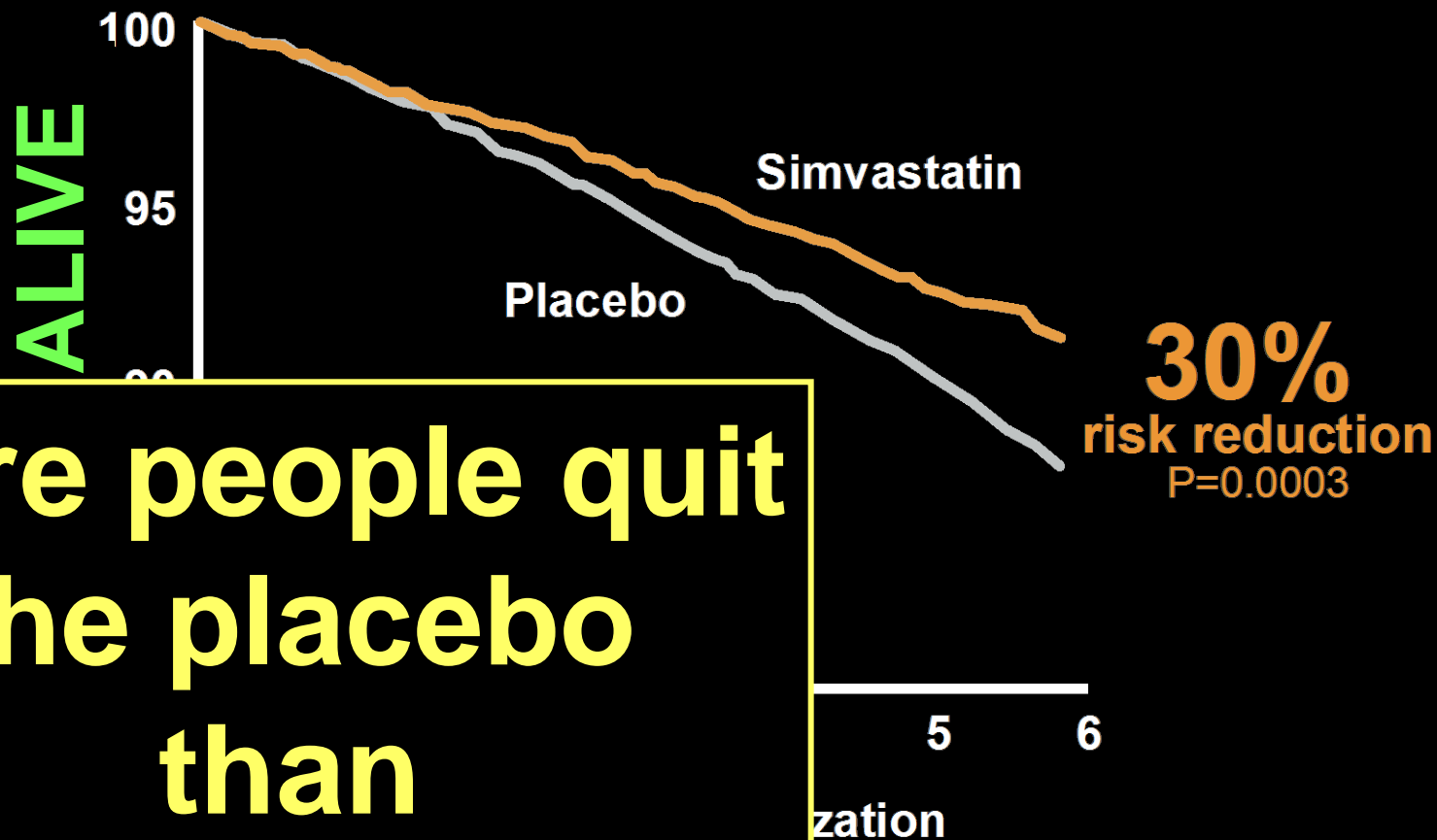
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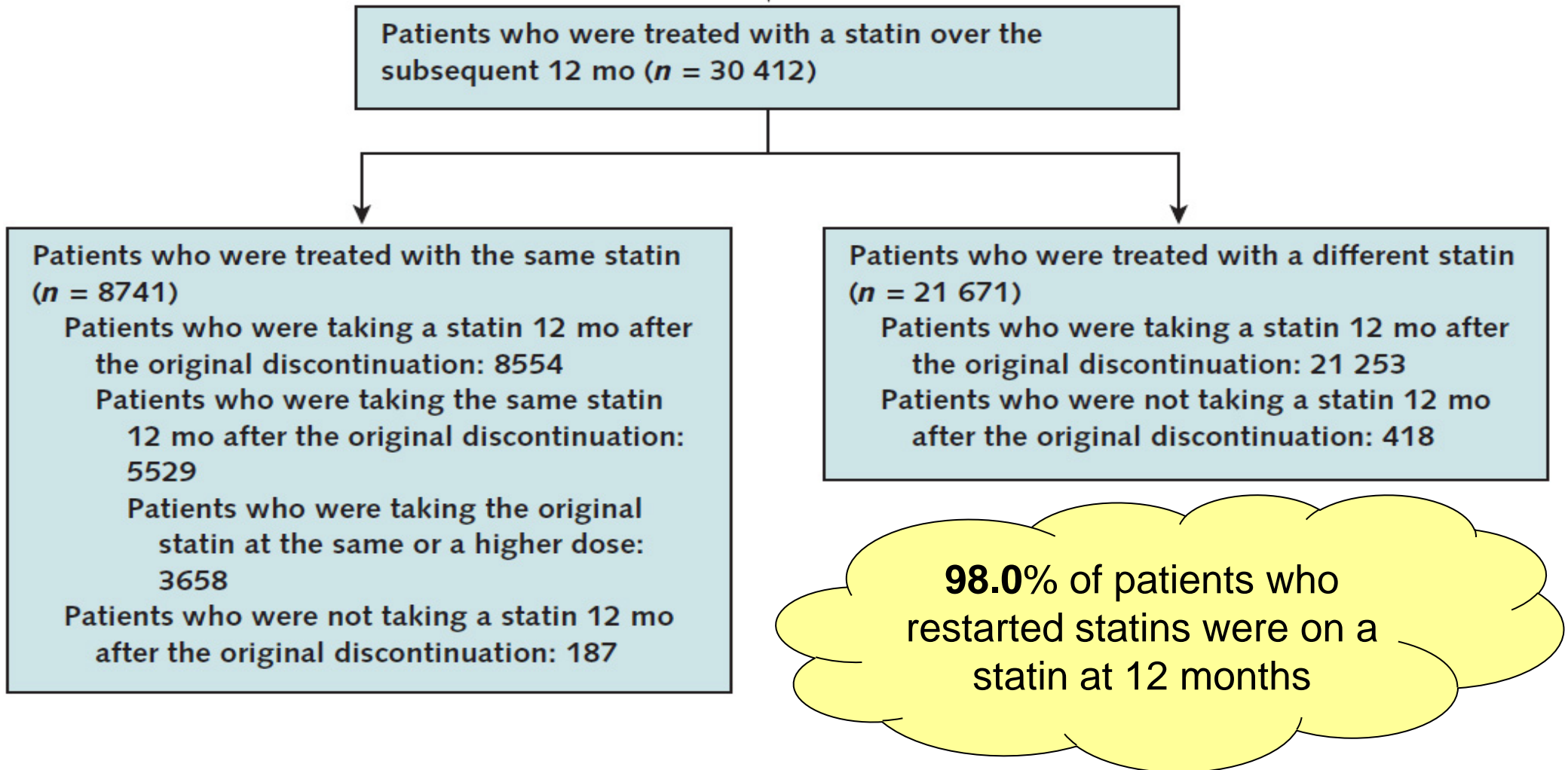
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## What about triglycerides?

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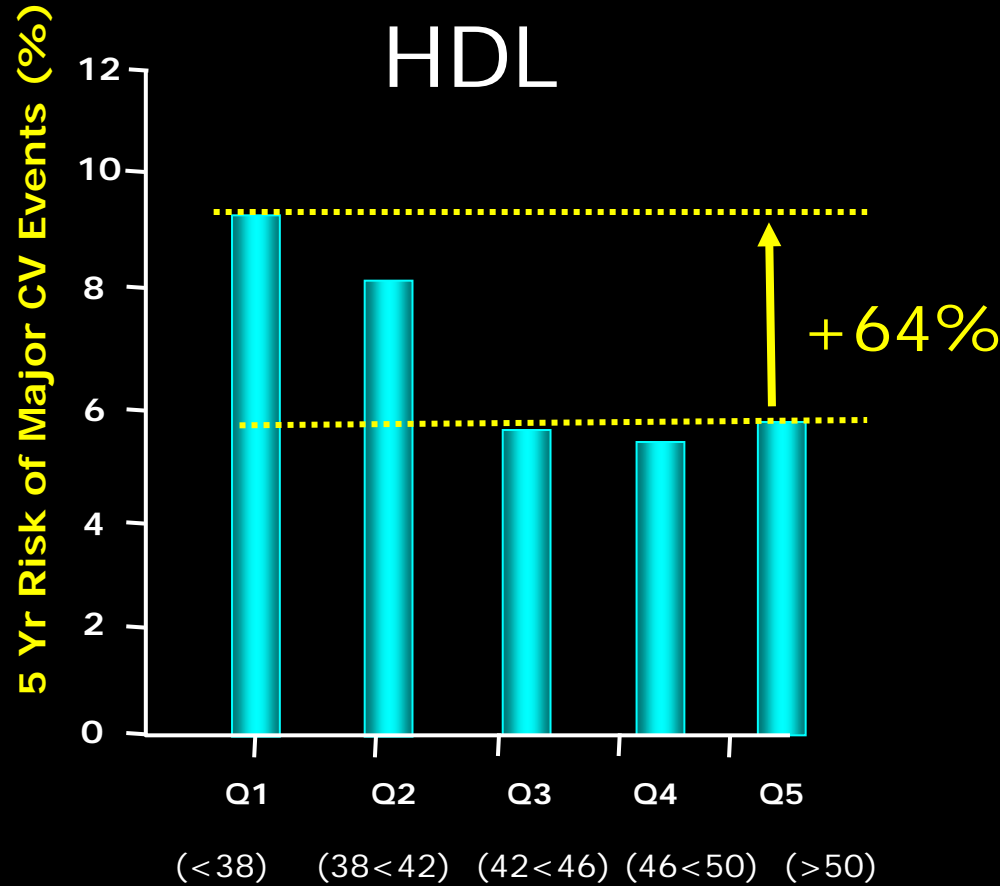
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# HDL & TG predict CV events, statin treated low LDL: TNT + PROVE-IT

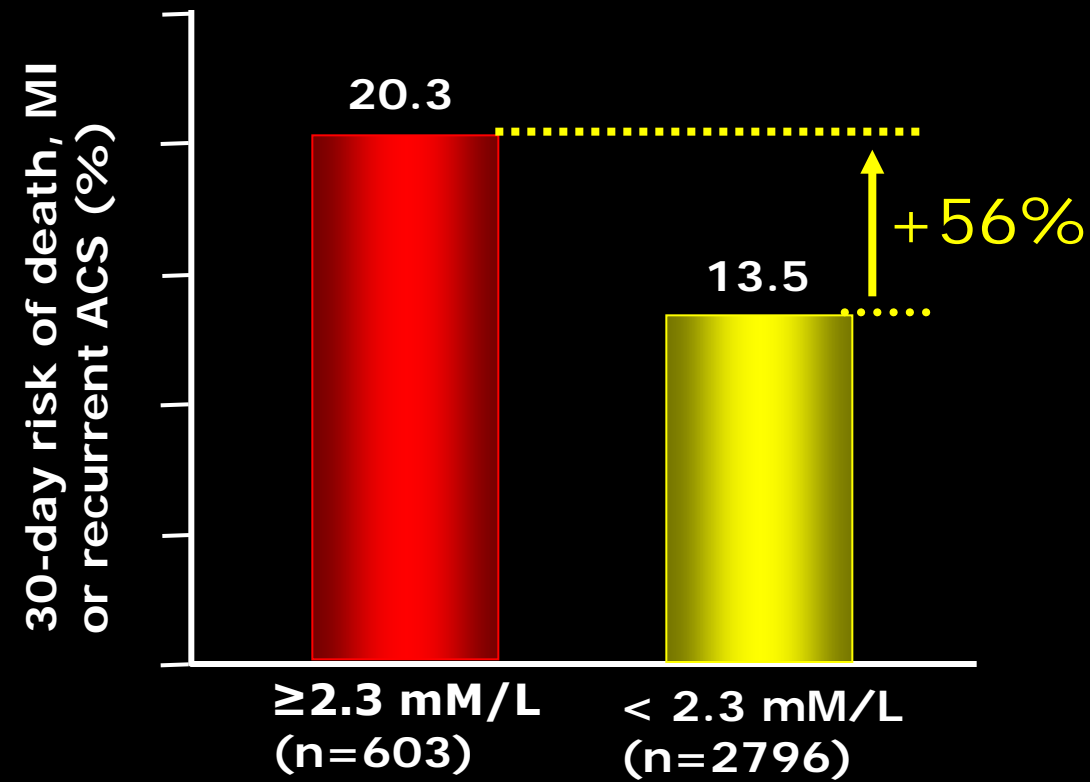
On-Treatment, LDL-C < 70

## HDL



Barter P et al. NEJM 357:1301-10, 2007

## TG



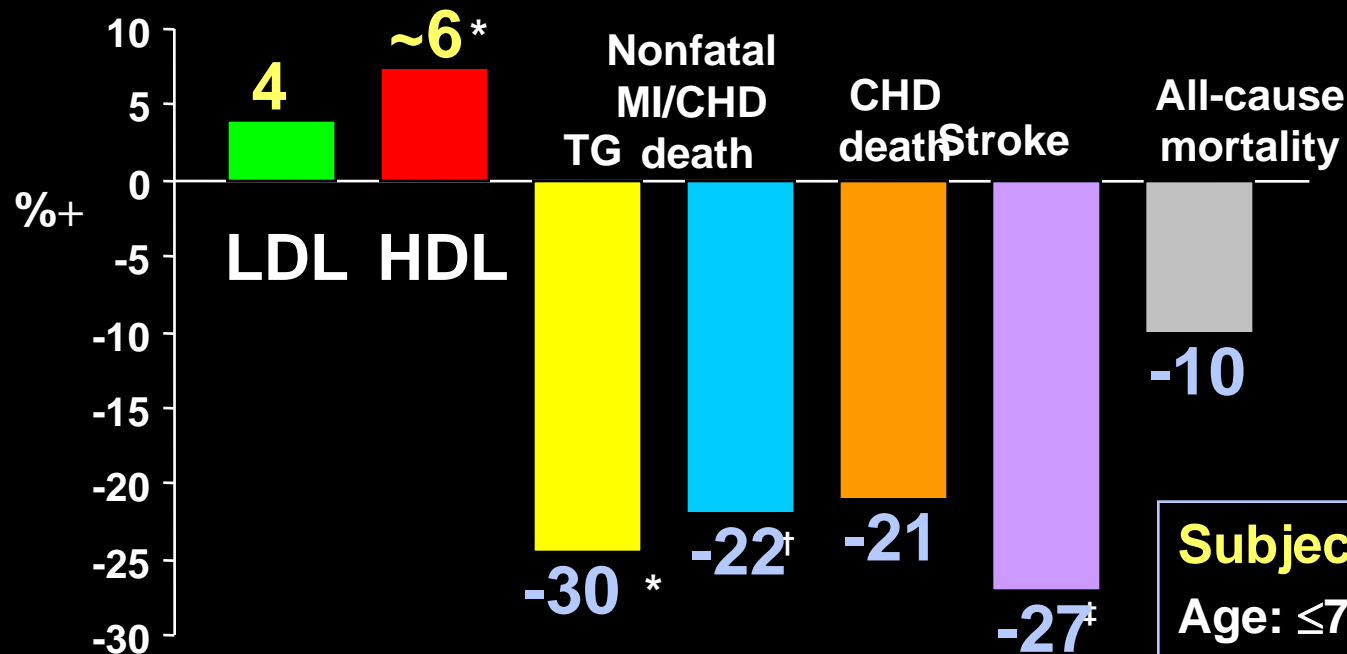
Miller et al. JACC, 51: 724-30, 2008

# Secondary Causes of Hypertriglyceridemia

- Nephrotic syndrome (Urine analysis)
- Thyroid abnormalities (TSH)
- Drugs (Thiazides, HRT, beta blockers, HIV rx)
- Diet (Excess carbs)
- Diabetes:
  - Inadequate control
  - Undiagnosed
- Alcohol
- Obesity

# VA-HIT:

## Fibrate Decreases CVD Events in CHD Patients With Low HDL-C



25% diabetes  
50% insulin resistant

Subjects: 2,531 men

Age: ≤74 (avg 64) yr

Baseline LDL-C: 111 mg/dL

Baseline HDL-C: 32 mg/dL

Baseline TG: 161 mg/dL

Duration: 7 yr

Intervention: Gemfibrozil 600 mg bid

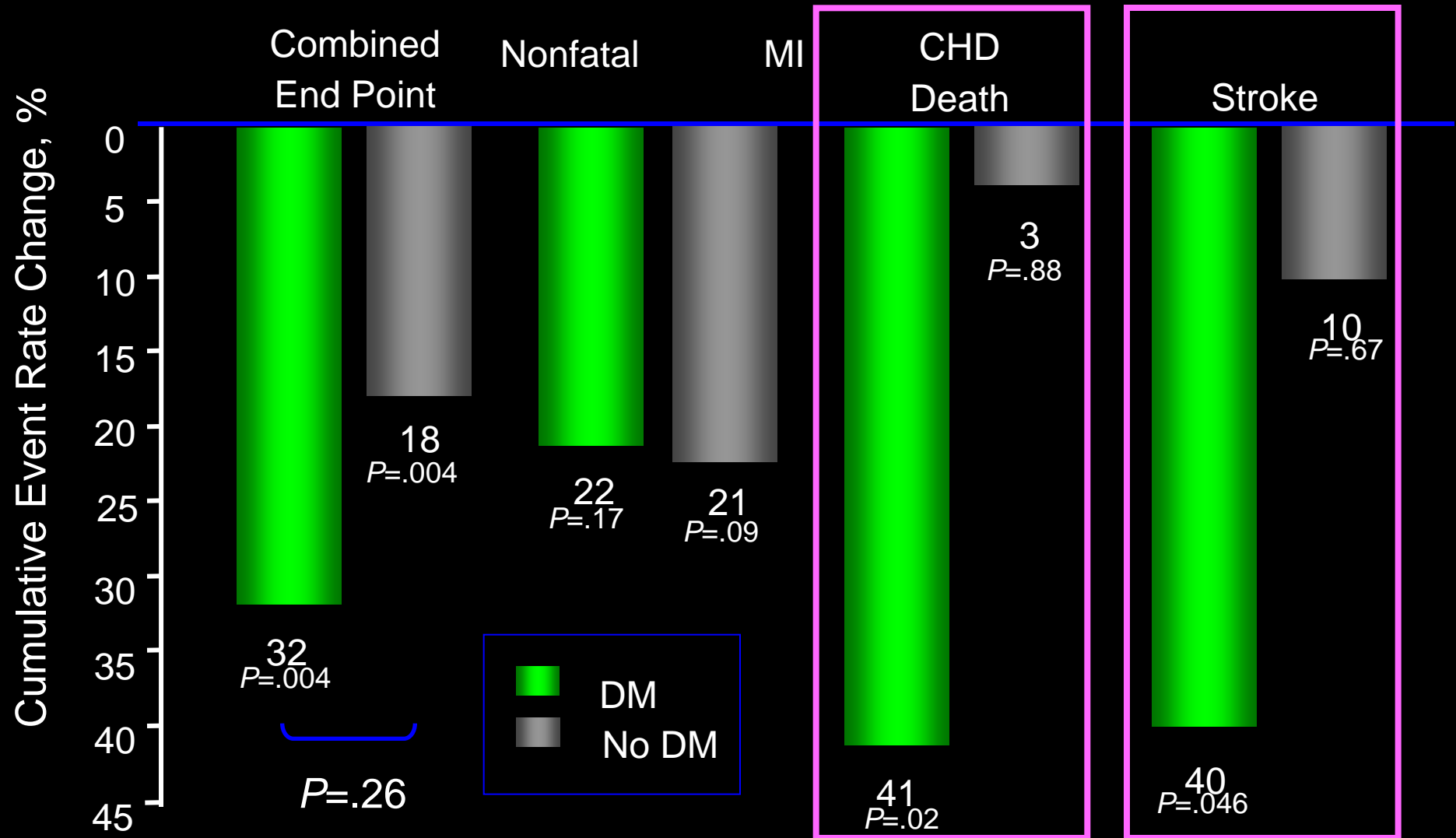
\* $P < 0.01$ ; † $P = 0.006$ ; ‡ $P = 0.05$

P=placebo group; Rx=treated group.

HB Rubins et al NEJM 1999

# VA-HIT

## CVD Risk Reduction in Diabetics Compared With Nondiabetics



# FIELD: Design

9795 patients, age 50-75 years, type 2 diabetes diagnosed after age 35 years, no clear indication for cholesterol-lowering therapy at baseline (total cholesterol 116-251 mg/dL, plus either total cholesterol to HDL ratio  $\geq 4.0$  or triglyceride  $>88.6$  mg/dL)



**Fenofibrate**  
(200 mg daily)  
n=4895

**Placebo**  
N=4900

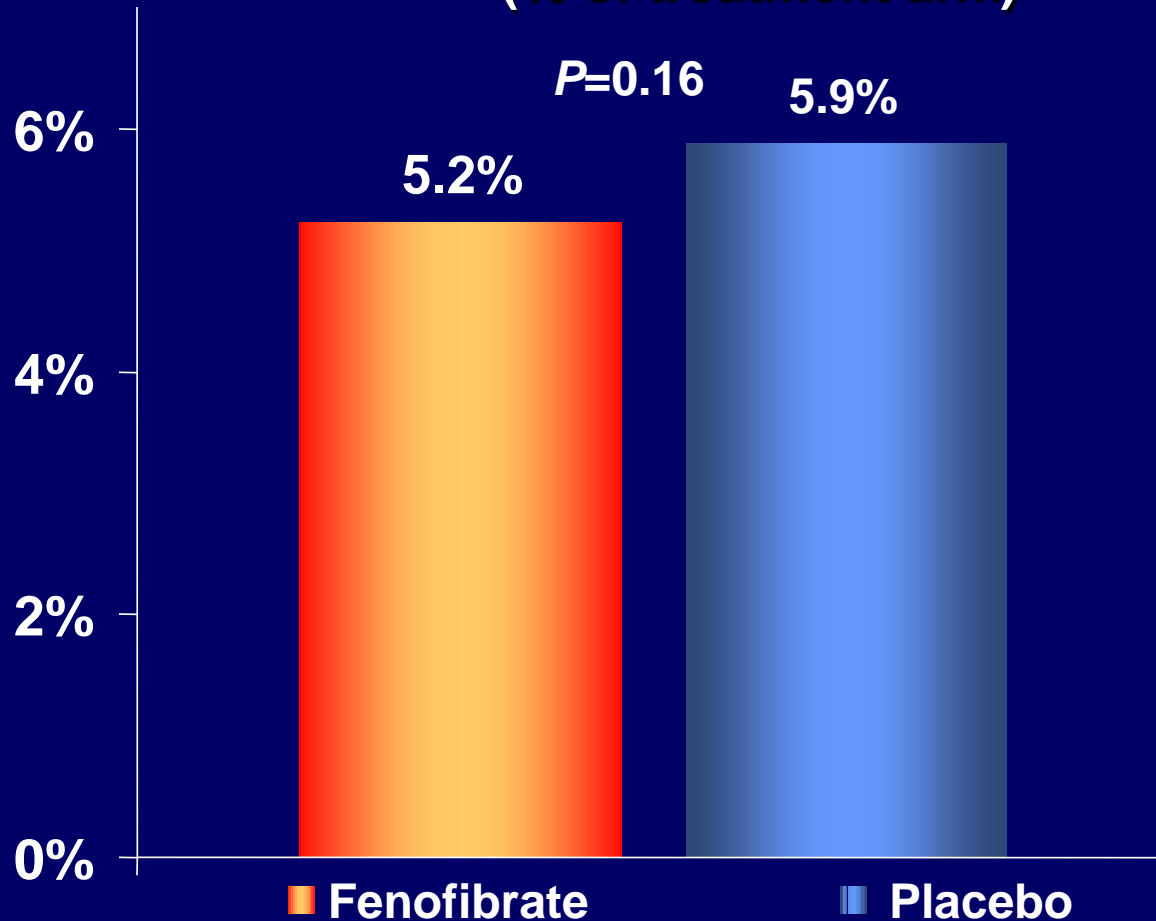
## Endpoints:

Primary – Composite of CHD death or nonfatal MI at 5 year follow-up

Secondary – Composite of total CV events, CV mortality, total mortality, stroke, coronary revascularization and all revascularization at 5 year follow-up

# FIELD: Primary Endpoint

Composite CHD death or nonfatal MI at 5 years  
(% of treatment arm)

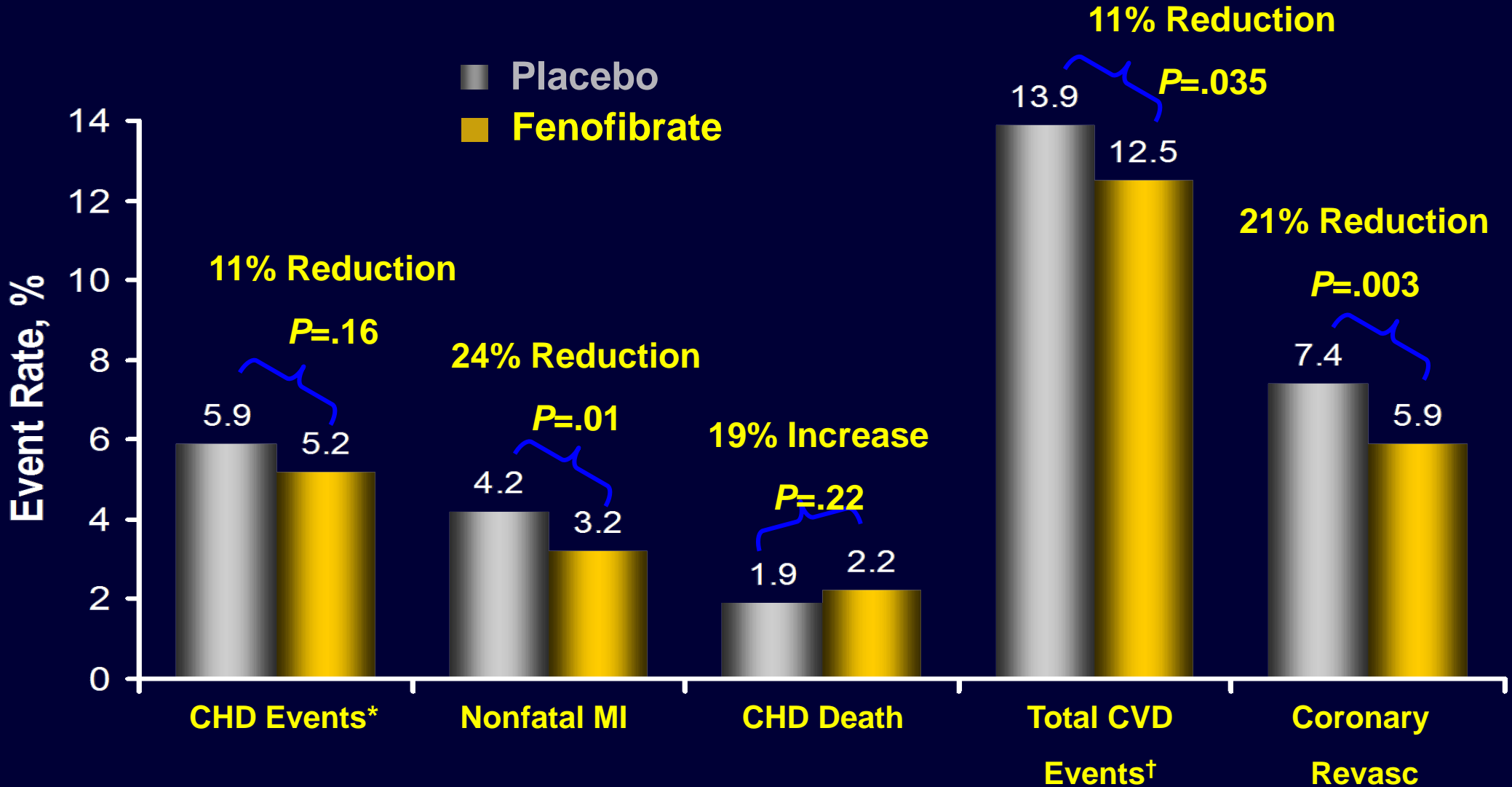


- The primary composite endpoint of CHD death or nonfatal MI was not significantly lower in the fenofibrate group compared to the placebo group.



# FIELD: Fenofibrate

## Primary and Secondary End Points

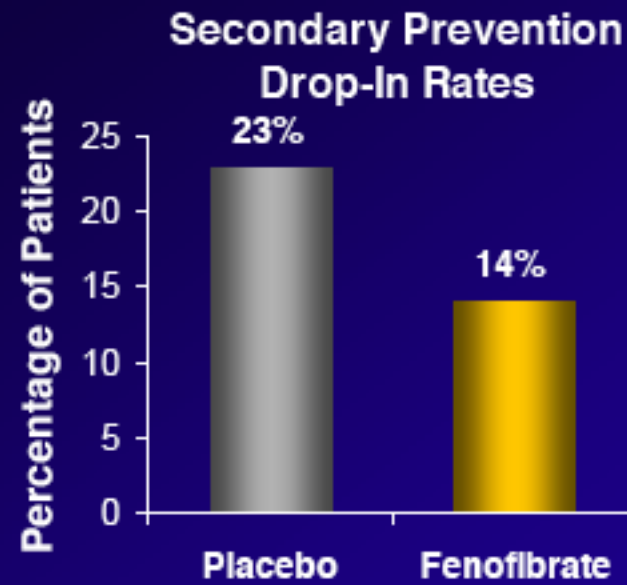
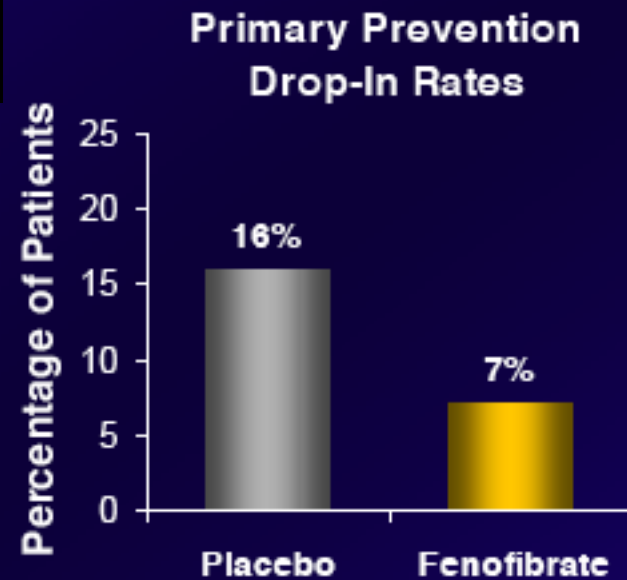
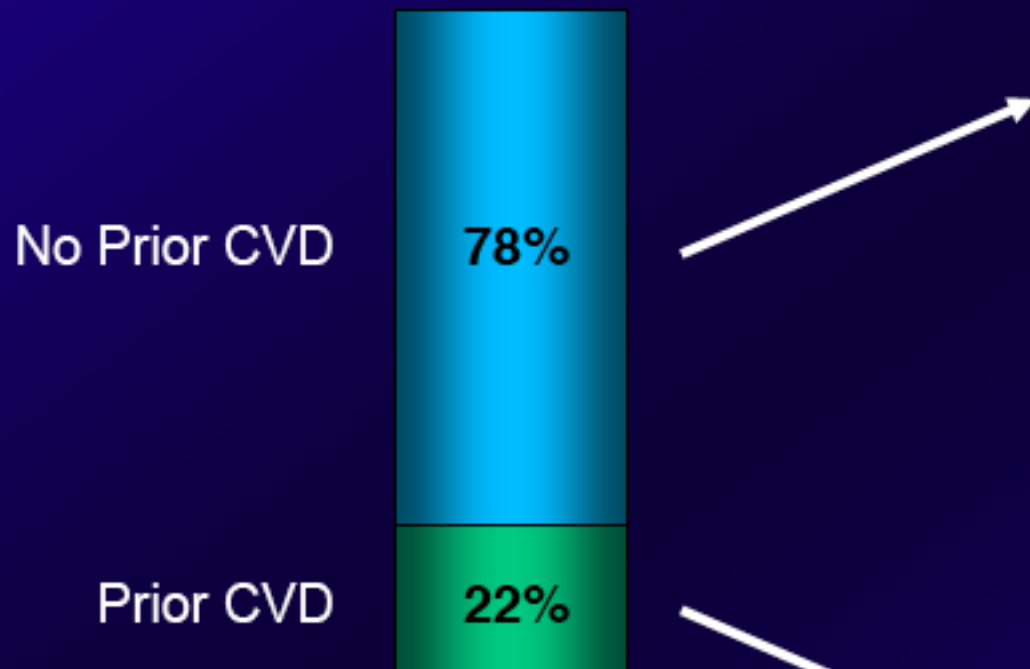


\*Primary: Nonfatal MI and CHD death

†Secondary: CHD events, stroke, CVD death, revasc

Lancet. 2005;366:1849

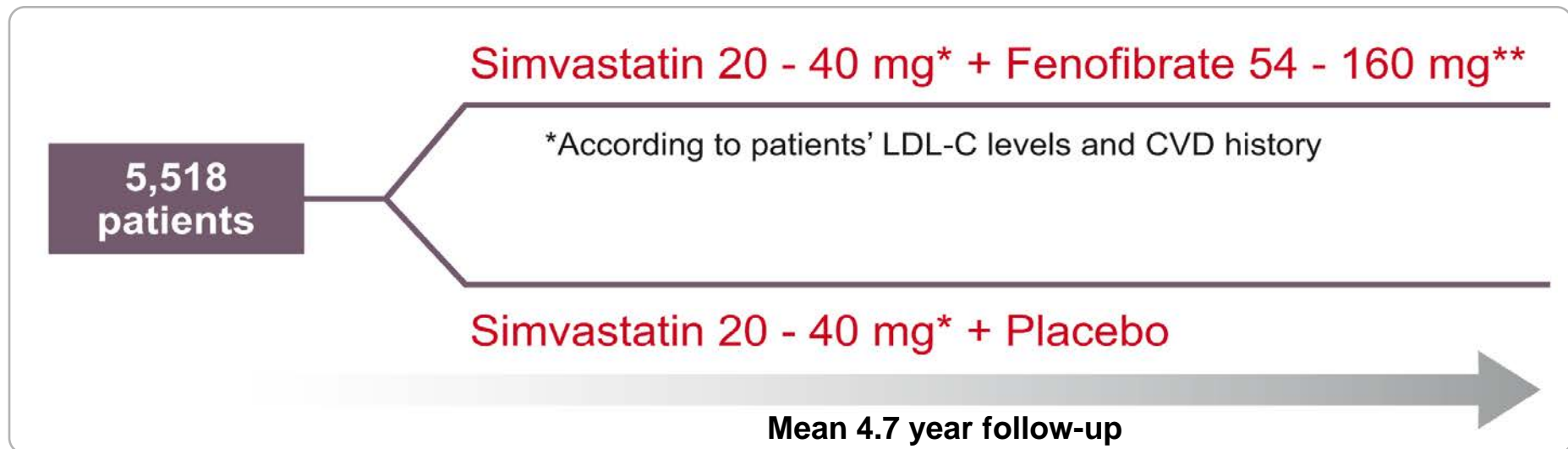
# Statin Drop In's in FIELD



# ACCORD - Lipid

Objective:

To test whether, in the context of good glycemic and LDL-C control, a strategy targeting triglycerides and HDL-C levels provides any additional macrovascular and/or microvascular benefits



\* 20 mg for primary prevention patients, 40 mg for secondary prevention patients

\*\* 160 mg if baseline GFR  $\geq 50$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; 54 mg if baseline GFR between 30 and 50 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

Buse JB et al. *Am J Cardiol.* 2007;99(12A):21i-33i.

ACCORD Study Group. *N Engl J Med* March 14, 2010. Epub.

# Baseline characteristics: Lipids

<b>Baseline lipids</b>	<b>Simvastatin + Fenofibrate (n=2,765)</b>	<b>Simvastatin + Placebo (n=2,753)</b>	<b>Overall (n=5,518)</b>
Mean total cholesterol	175 (4.5)	176 (4.5)	175 (4.5)
Mean LDL-C	100 (2.6)	101 (2.6)	101 (2.6)
Mean HDL-C	38 (1.0)	38 (1.0)	38 (1.0)
Median triglycerides	164 (1.9)	160 (1.8)	162 (1.8)

Data presented as mg/dL (mmol/L)

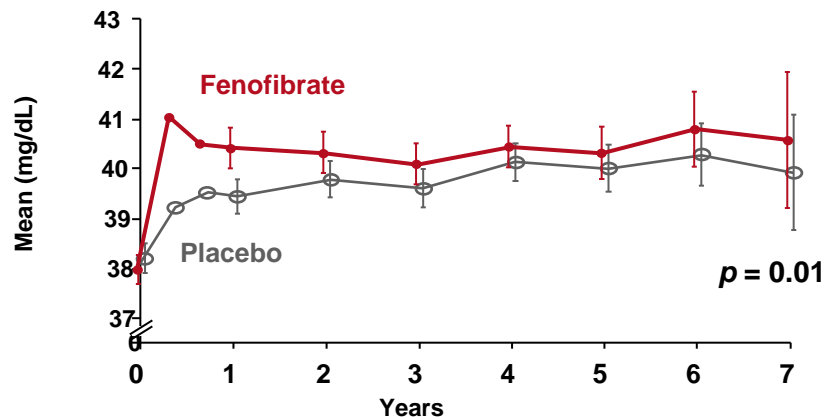
# ACCORD Lipid:

## Changes in HDL-C and triglycerides during the study

**Increase in HDL-C was significantly greater in the combination arm**

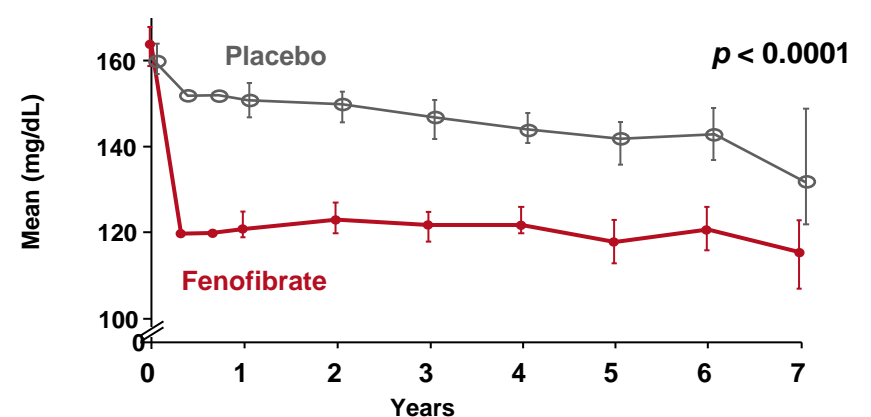
**Reduction in triglycerides was significantly greater in the combination arm**

**Change in mean HDL-C**



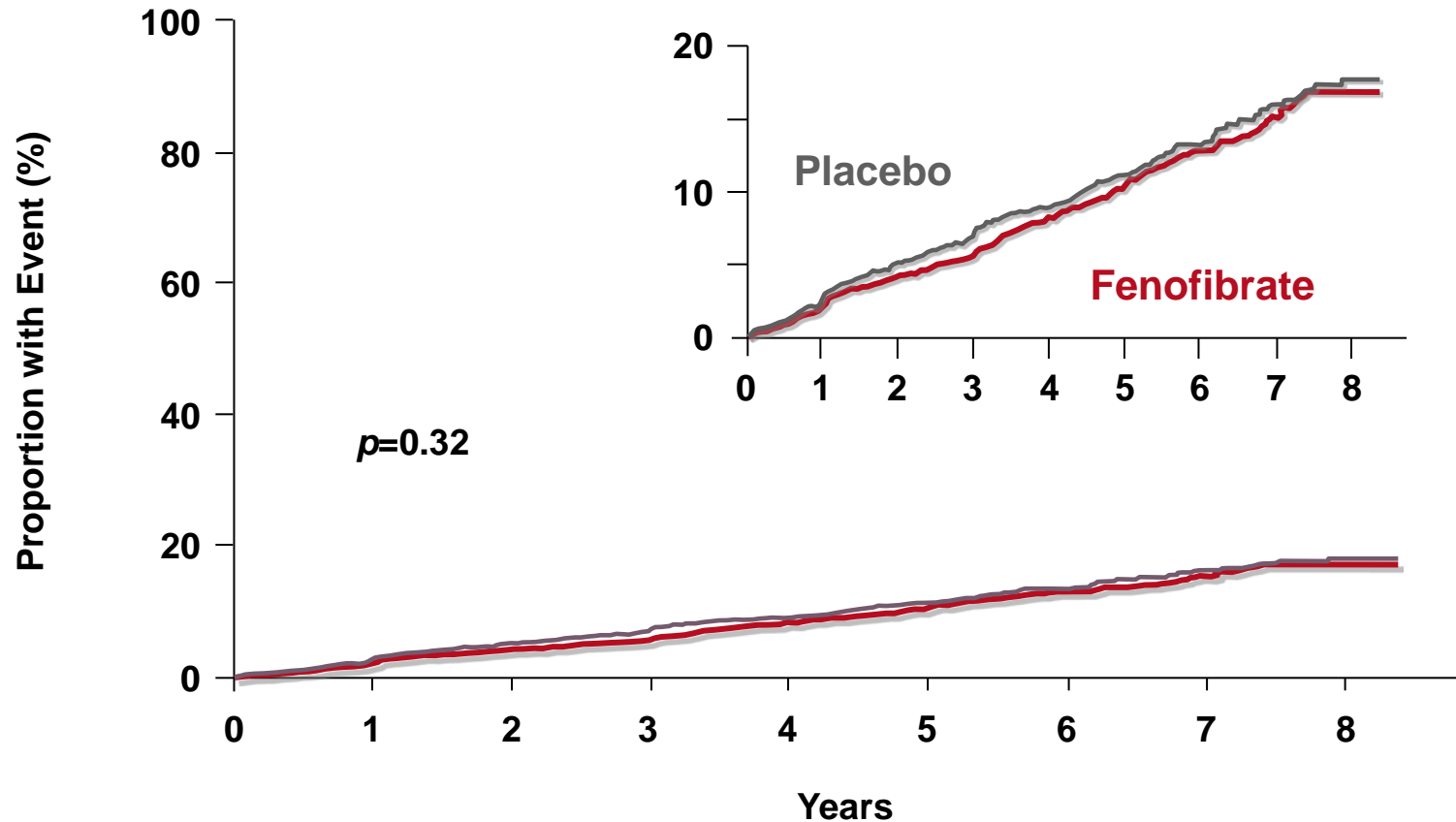
No. of Patients	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	
Fenofibrate	2747	2593	2505	2417	2361	1477	796	248
Placebo	2735	2591	2484	2375	2361	1480	801	243

**Change in mean triglycerides**



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# ACCORD Lipid primary macrovascular outcome (CV death + nonfatal MI + nonfatal stroke)



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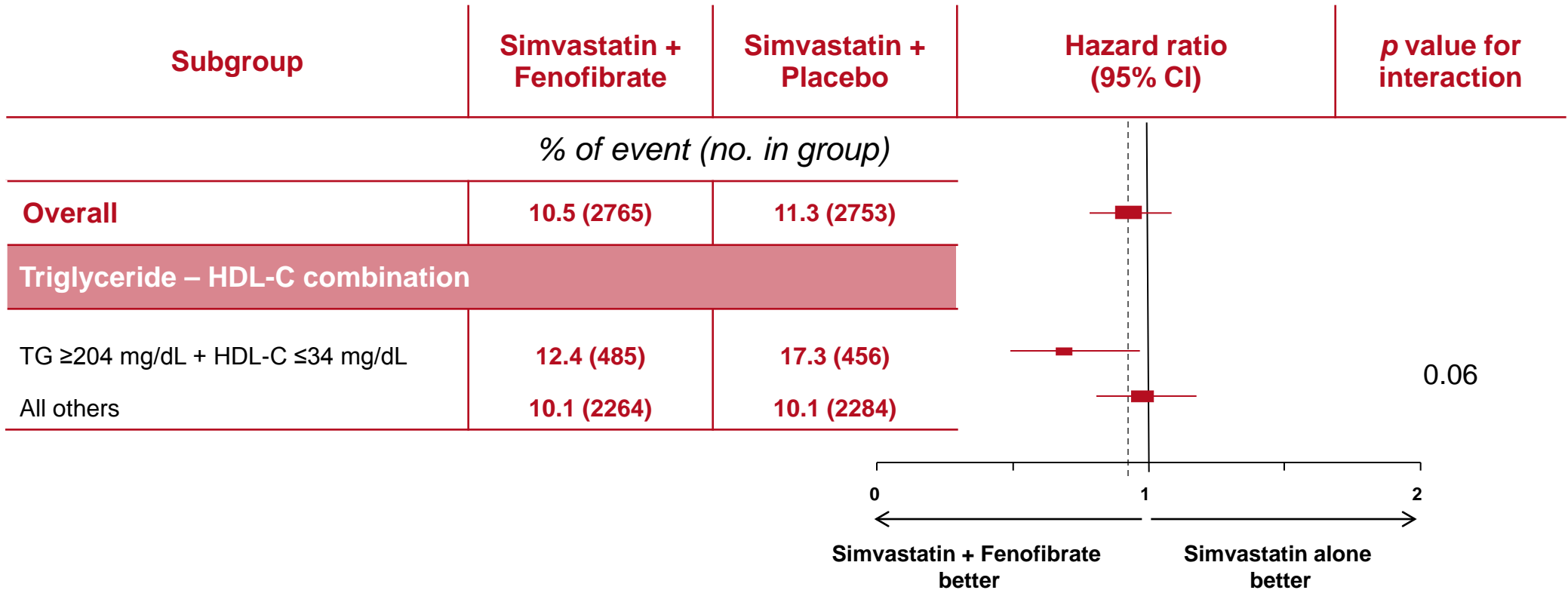
Fenofibrate

Placebo

2765	2644	2565	2485	1981	1160	412	249	137
2753	2634	2528	2442	1979	1161	395	245	131

# ACCORD Lipid

31% reduction in events in patients with atherogenic dyslipidemia



- 20 patients with type 2 diabetes and atherogenic dyslipidemia needed to be treated for 5 years to prevent one CV event

# ACCORD Lipid

Comparison of subgroup results with those from prior landmark trials with fibrates

Trial (drug)	Primary endpoint: entire cohort (p value)	Lipid subgroup criterion	Primary endpoint: subgroup (p value)
<b>HHS</b> (gemfibrozil)	-34% (0.02)	TG > 200 mg/dL LDL-C/HDL-C > 5.0	Post-hoc -71% (0.005)
<b>BIP</b> (bezafibrate)	-7.3% (0.24)	TG ≥ 200 mg/dL	Post-hoc -39.5% (0.02)
<b>FIELD</b> (fenofibrate)	-11% (0.16)	TG ≥ 204 mg/dL HDL-C < 42 mg/dL	Post-hoc -27% (0.005)
<b>ACCORD</b> (fenofibrate)	-8% (0.32)	TG ≥ 204 mg/dL HDL-C ≤ 34 mg/dL	Prespecified -31%





## What about triglycerides?

Lifestyle!

Consider fibrate if significant risk:

- CVD, high TG, low HDL, LDL at goal
- Pancreatitis level TG

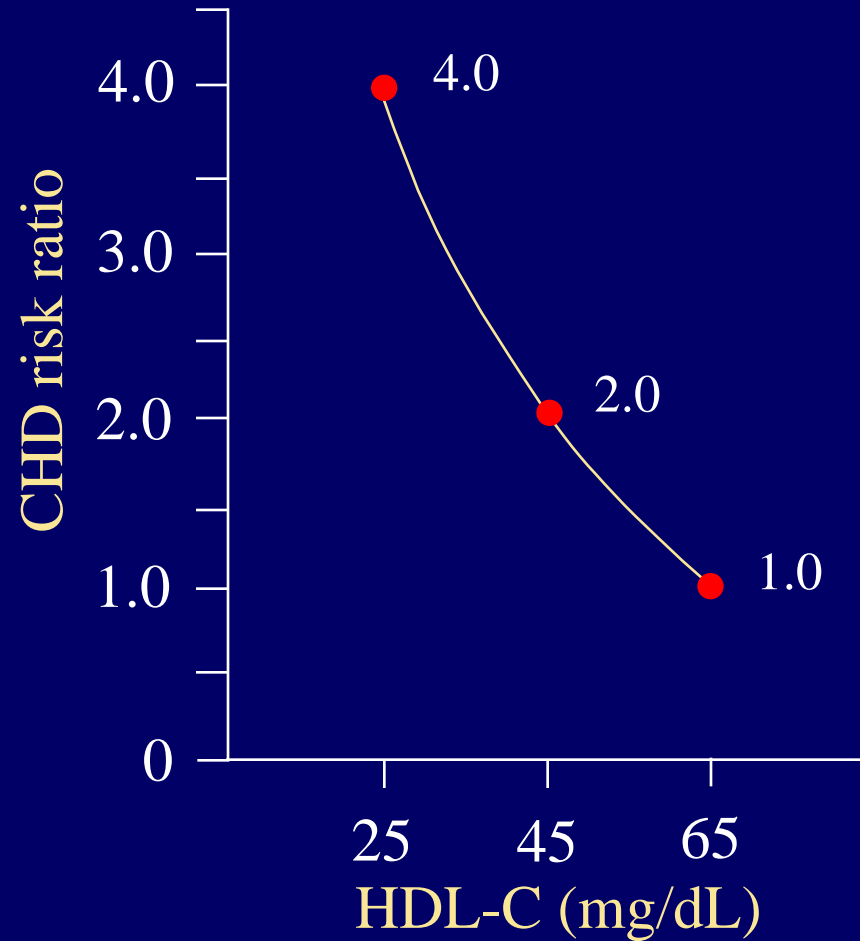
Other rx: fish oil



**What about HDL?**

# HDL Cholesterol Levels and CHD Risk

Framingham Study



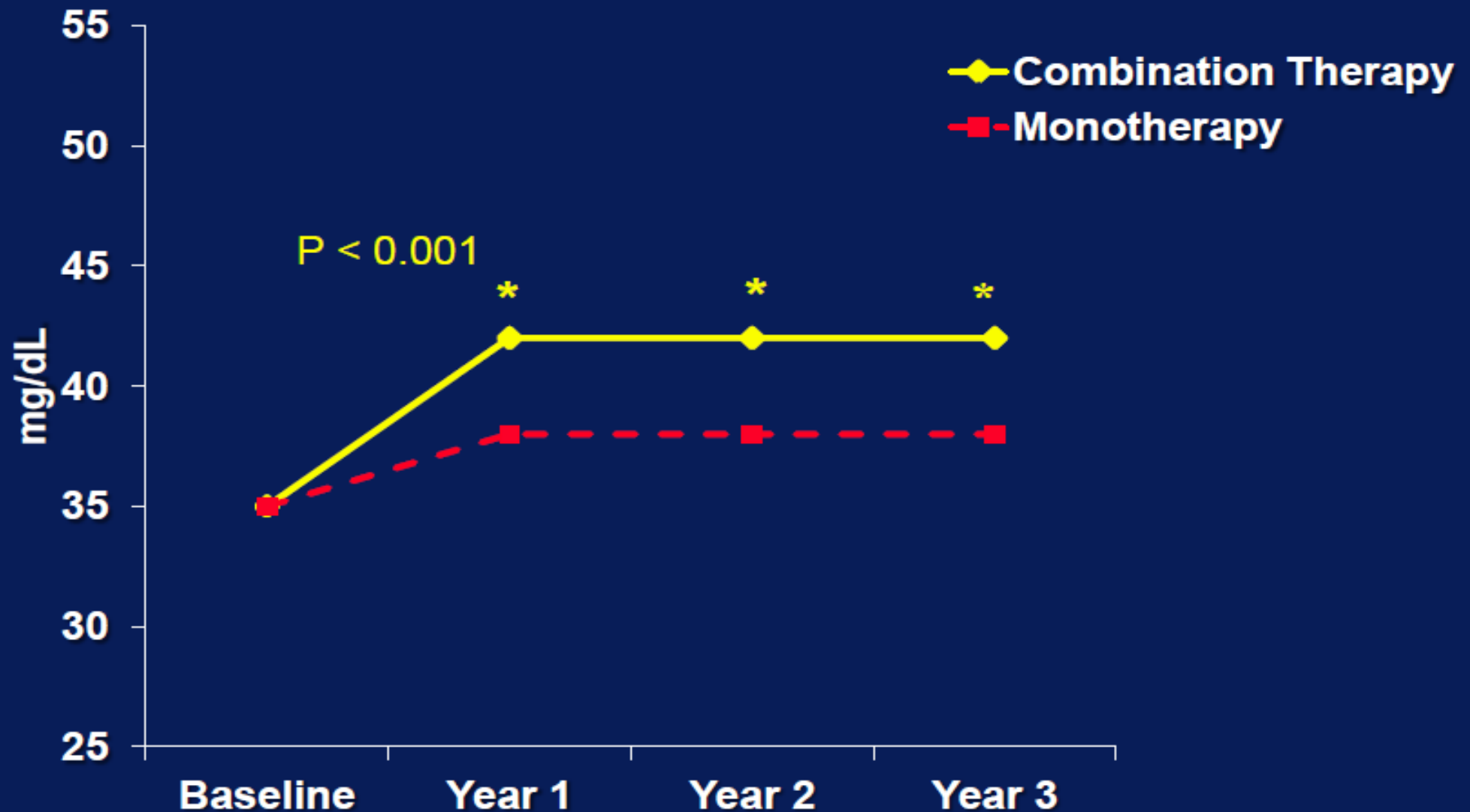
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# AIM-HIGH—Design

- Purpose: “[A] rigorous test of the HDL hypothesis...”
- Subjects: N=3414 men/women (85%/15%) w/ prior CVD event and HDL-C 35 (<42/53) LDL-C 74 (algorithm), TG 163 (100-400) [median (range)]
- Randomized Therapy
  - Extended-release niacin (1500-2000 mg hs) vs
  - “Placebo” (immediate-release niacin 100-150 mg hs)
- Open-label titration/addition (keep LDL-C in 40-80 mg/dL)
  - Simvastatin 5-80 mg/d
  - Ezetimibe 10 mg/d + extended release niacin (1500-2000 mg)

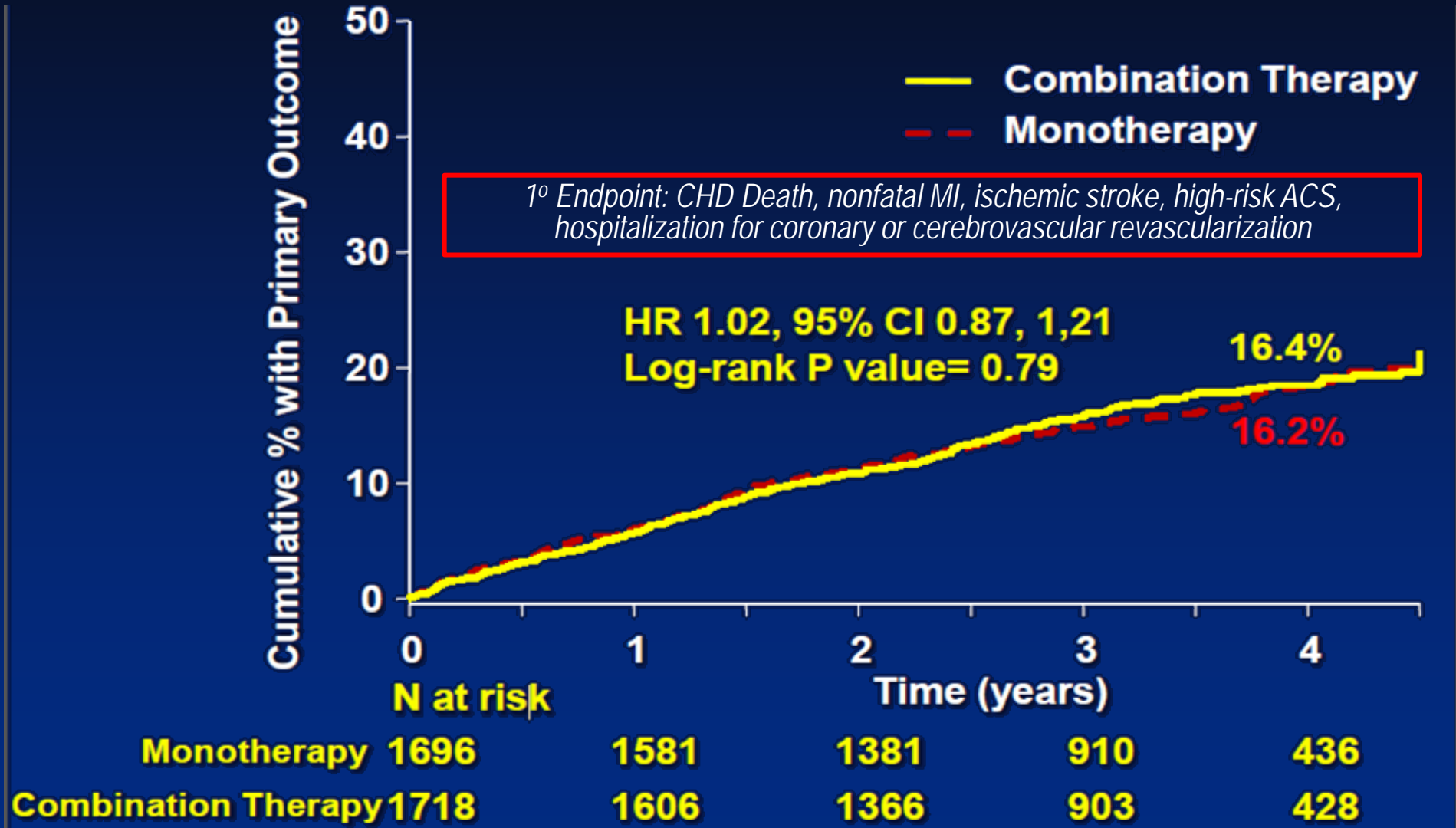
# AIM-HIGH—Results

*HDL-C at Baseline and Follow-up*



# AIM-HIGH—Results

## Primary Outcome





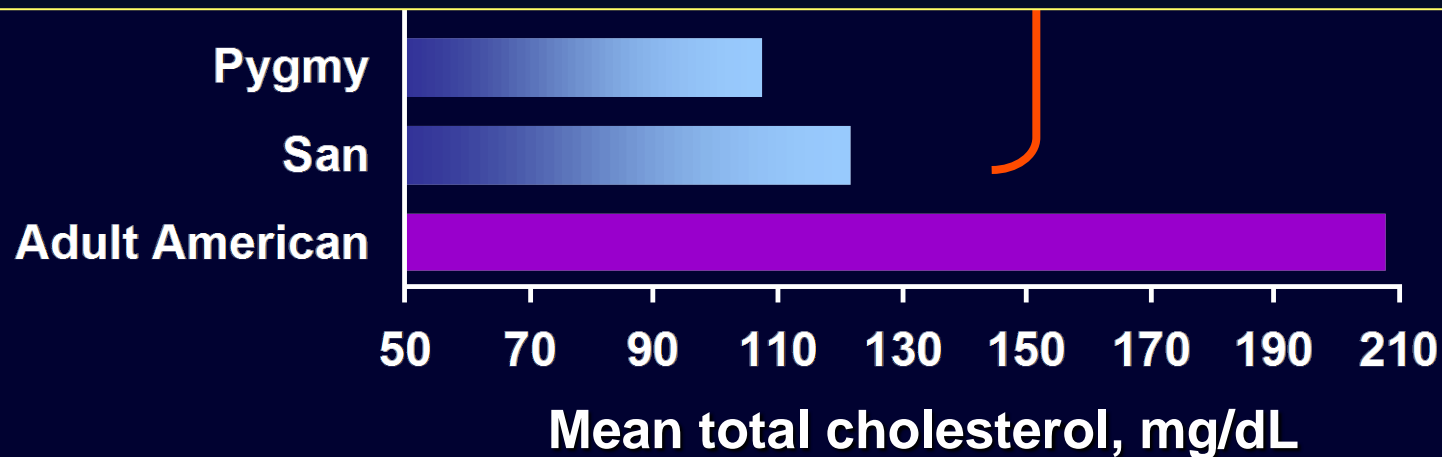
**What is an optimal LDL?**

# What Is Desirable Cholesterol?

## Cholesterol Levels Among Different Human Populations

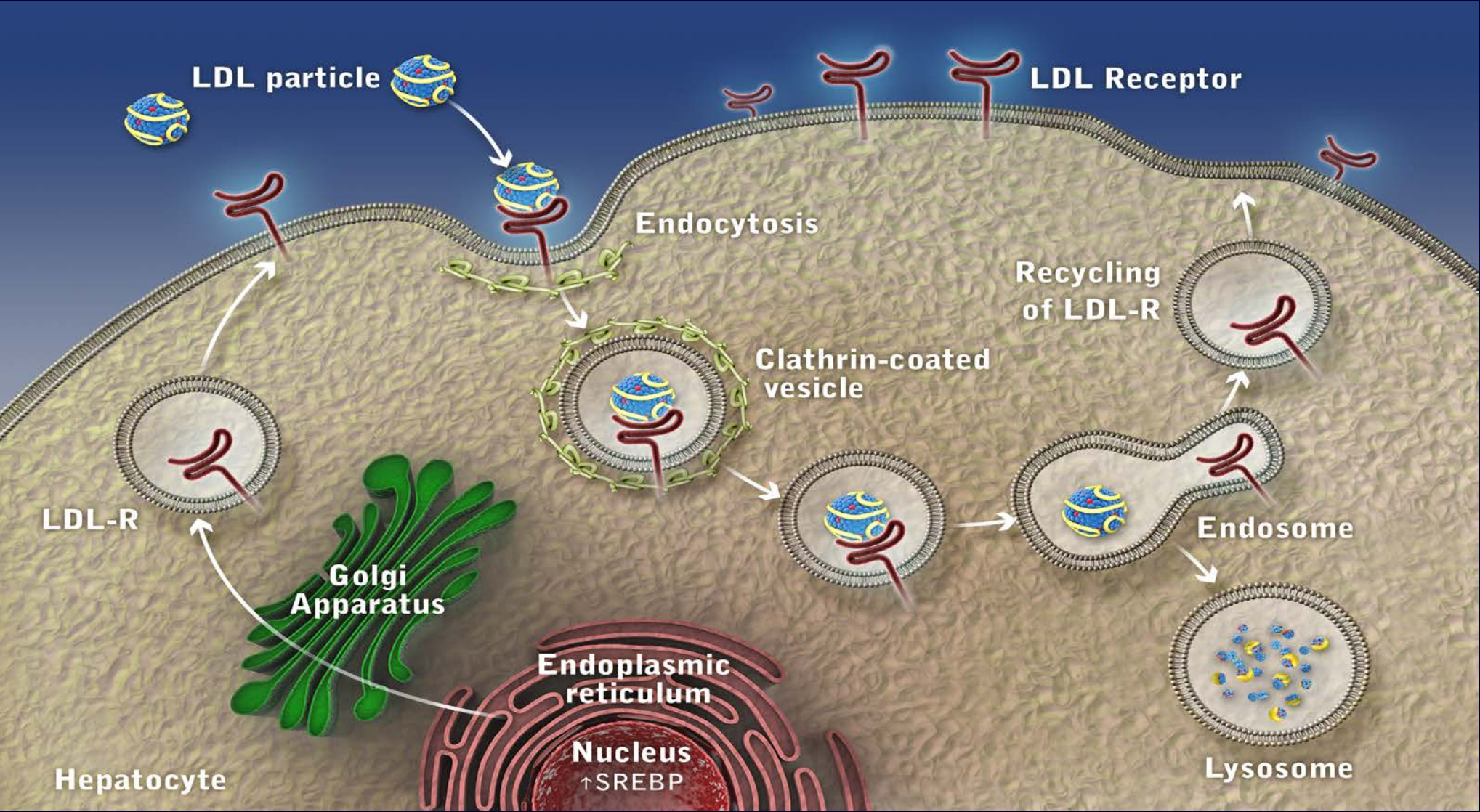
Population-based approaches?

Over the counter interventions on cholesterol?

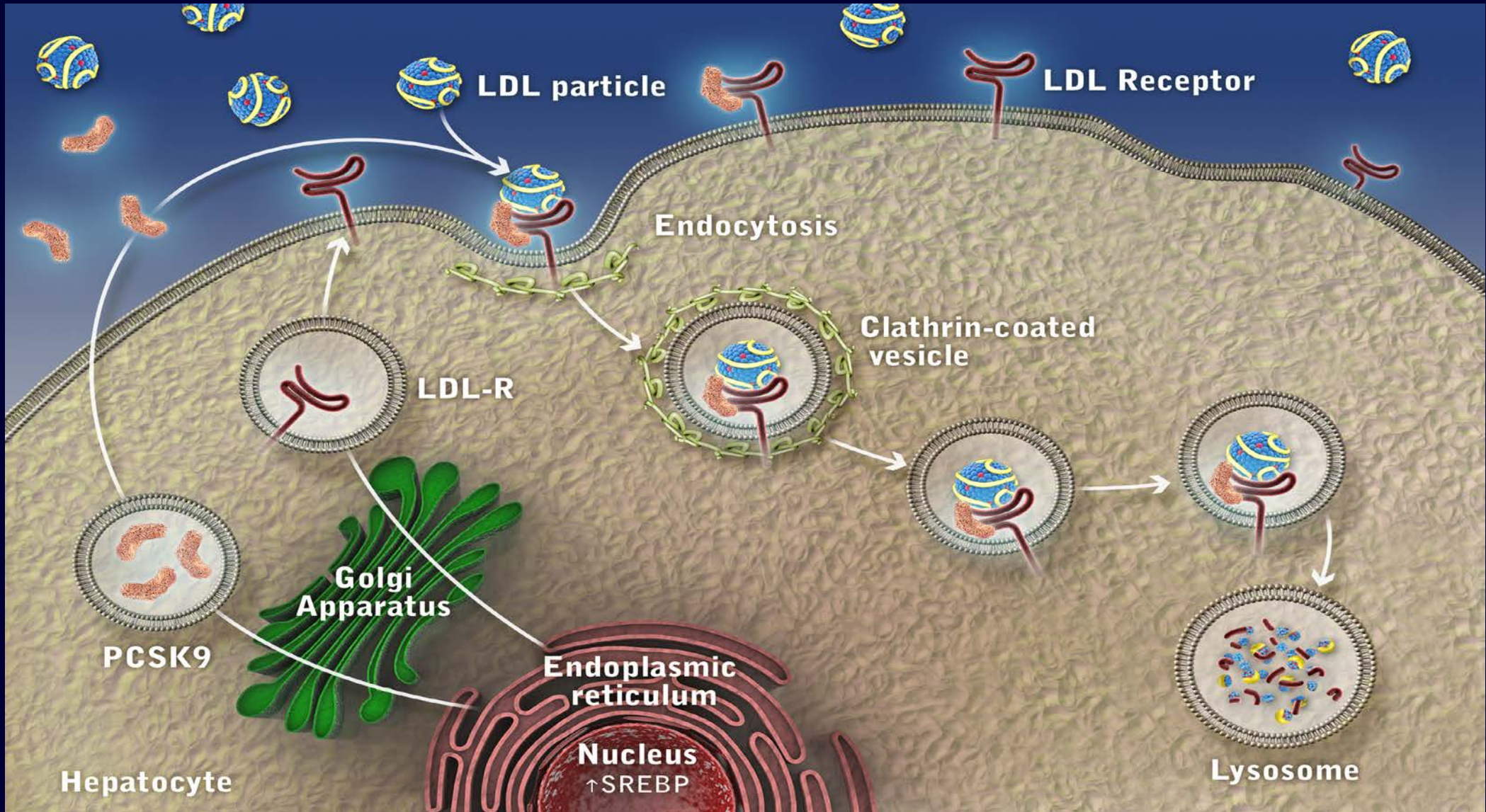




# Function and Life Cycle of the LDL Receptor



# The Role of PCSK9 in the Regulation of LDL Receptor Expression



# Effect of Human Mutations in PCSK9 on Plasma LDL-C

+ PCSK9 (GOF)

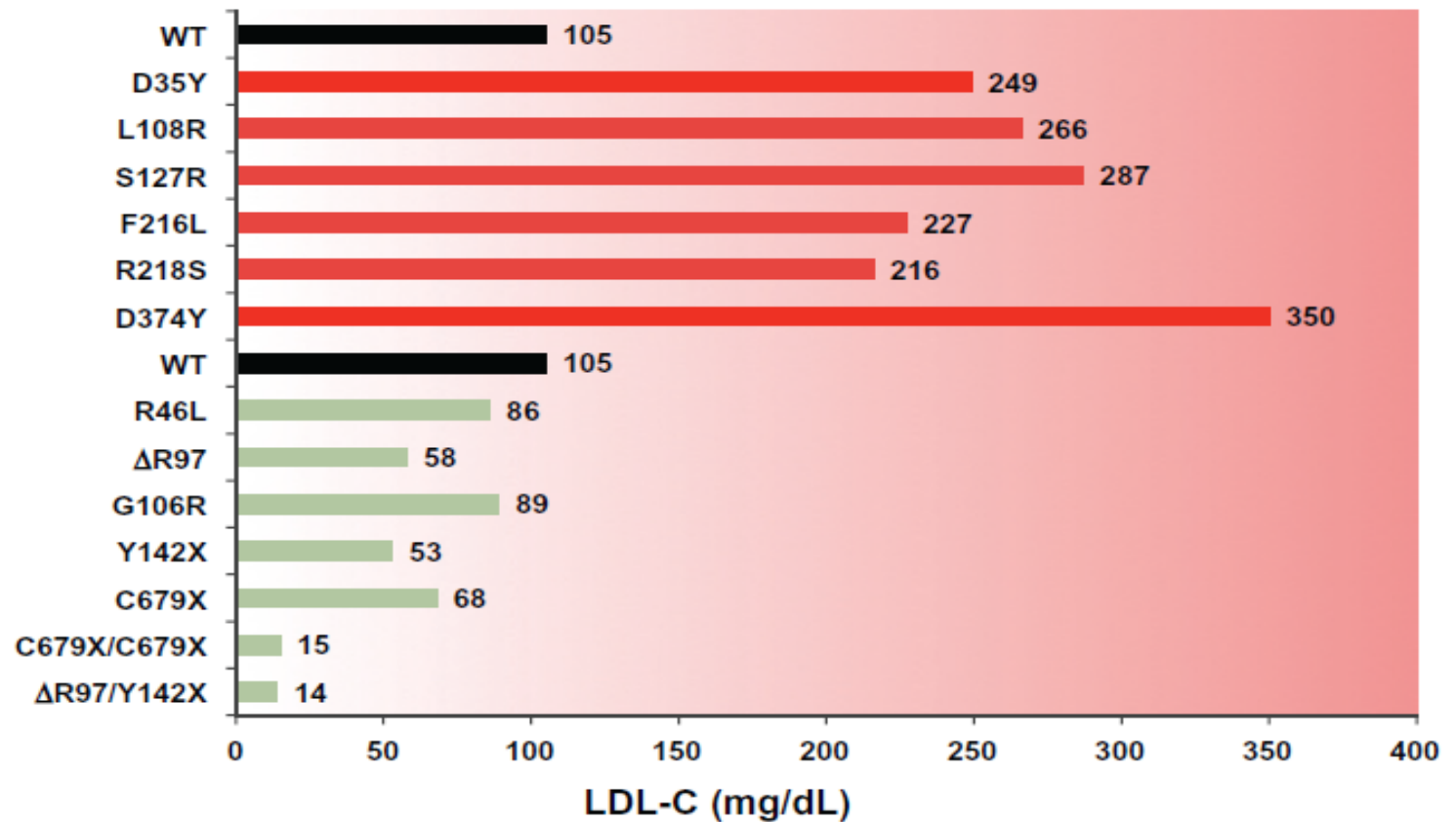


LDL-C

- PCSK9 (LOF)



LDL-C

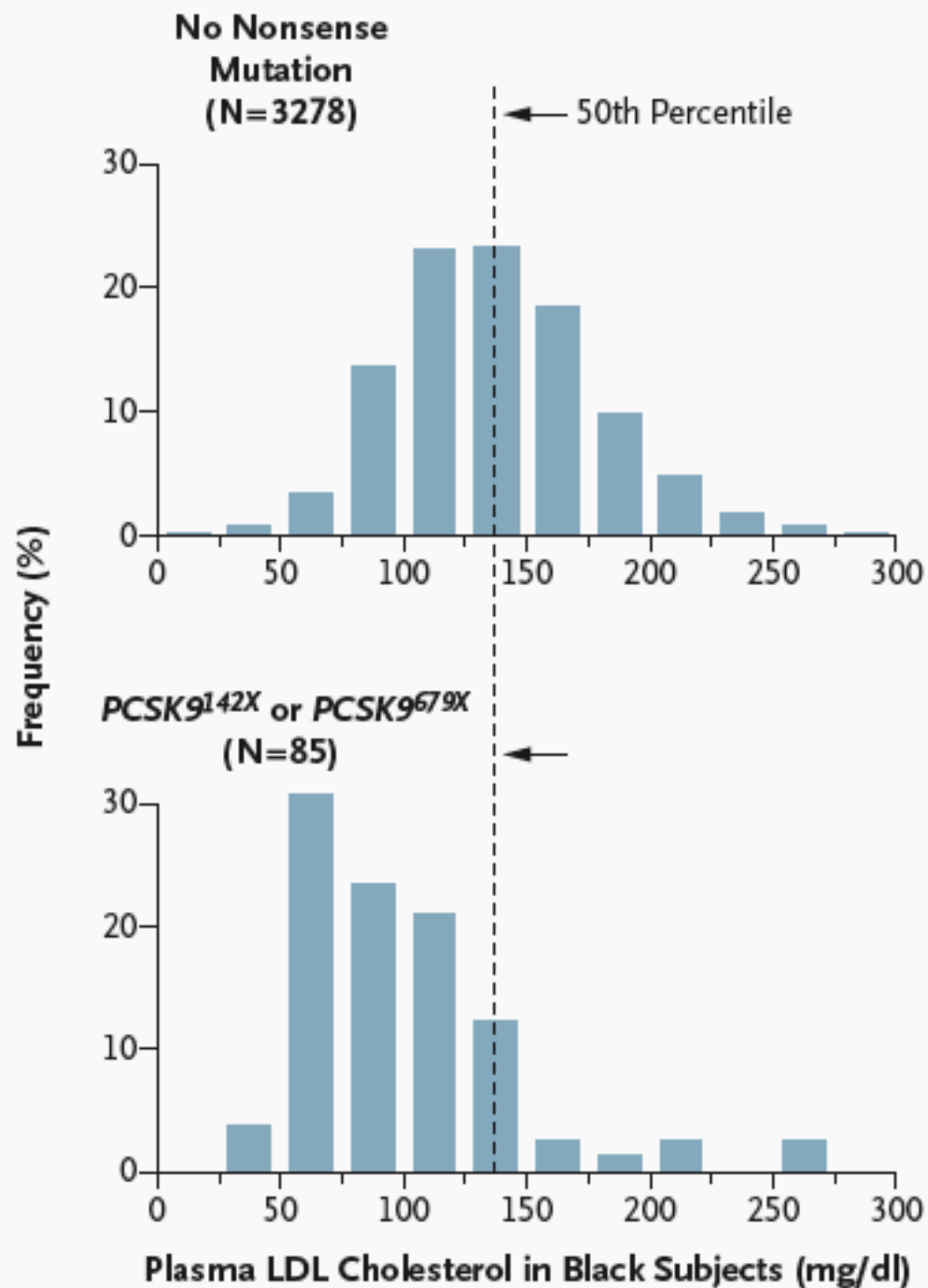


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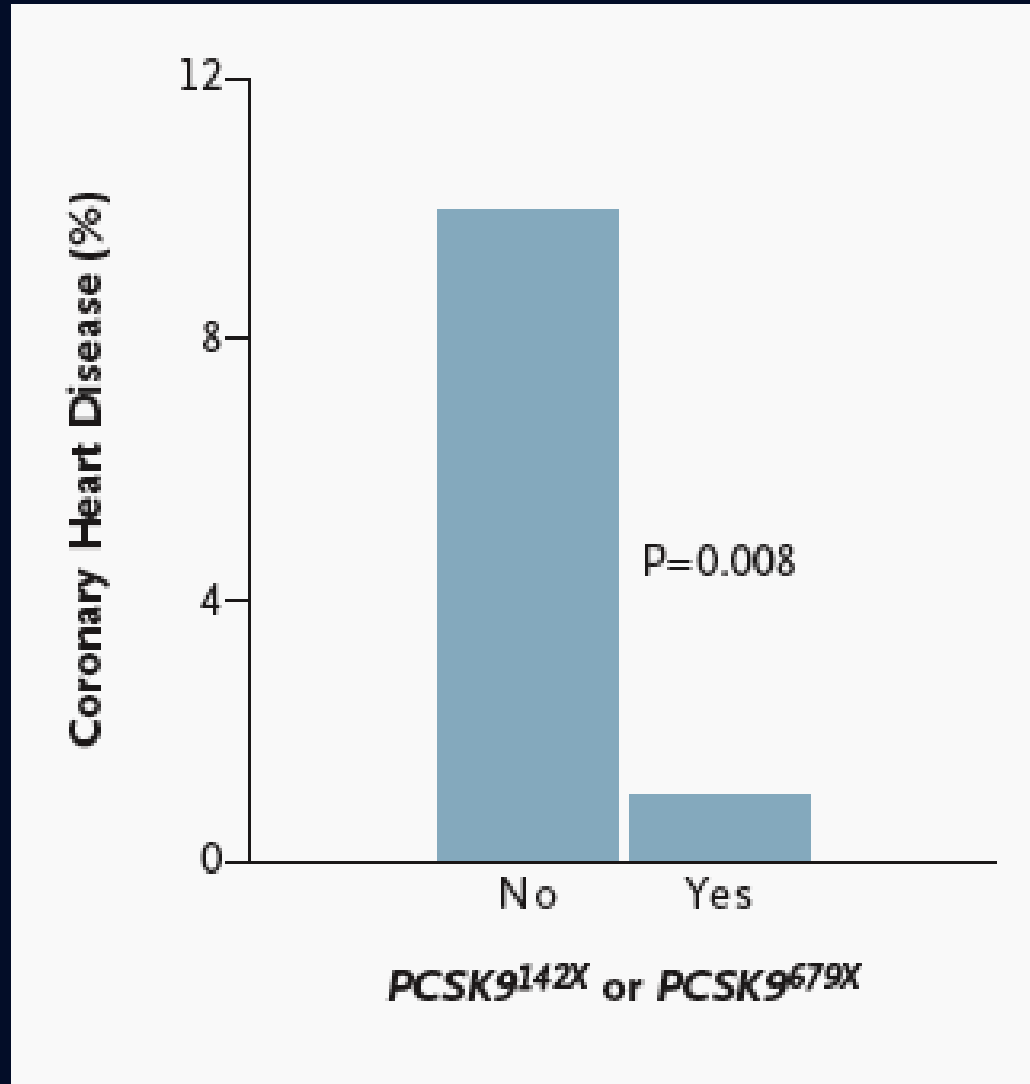
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Sequence Variations in *PCSK9*, Low LDL, and Protection against Coronary Heart Disease

Jonathan C. Cohen, Ph.D., Eric Boerwinkle, Ph.D., Thomas H. Mosley, Jr., Ph.D.,  
and Helen H. Hobbs, M.D.

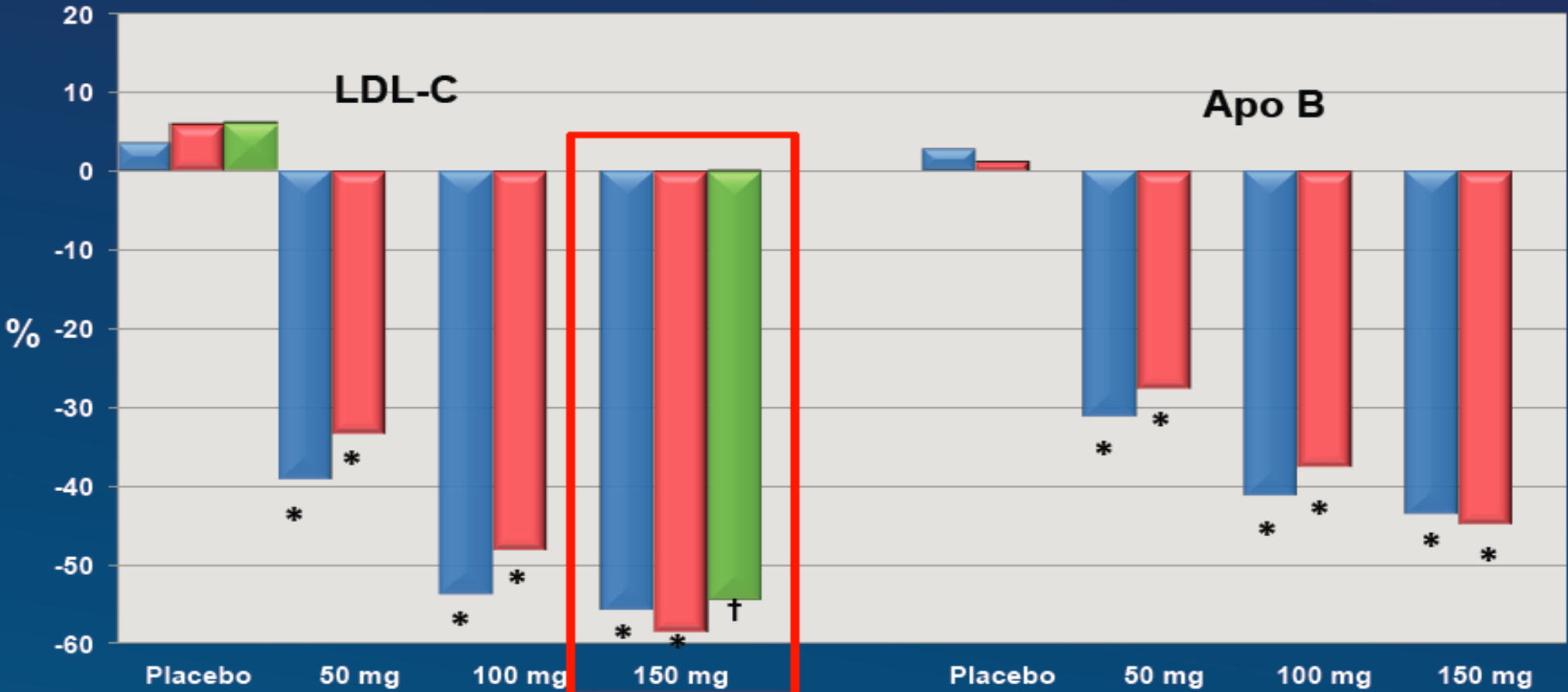


# Lifelong Low Cholesterol Via PCSK9 Mutations Are Associated With Protection Against CAD But No Other Abnormalities



# ApoB & LDL-C Response

## Mean % Change from Baseline, Day 57

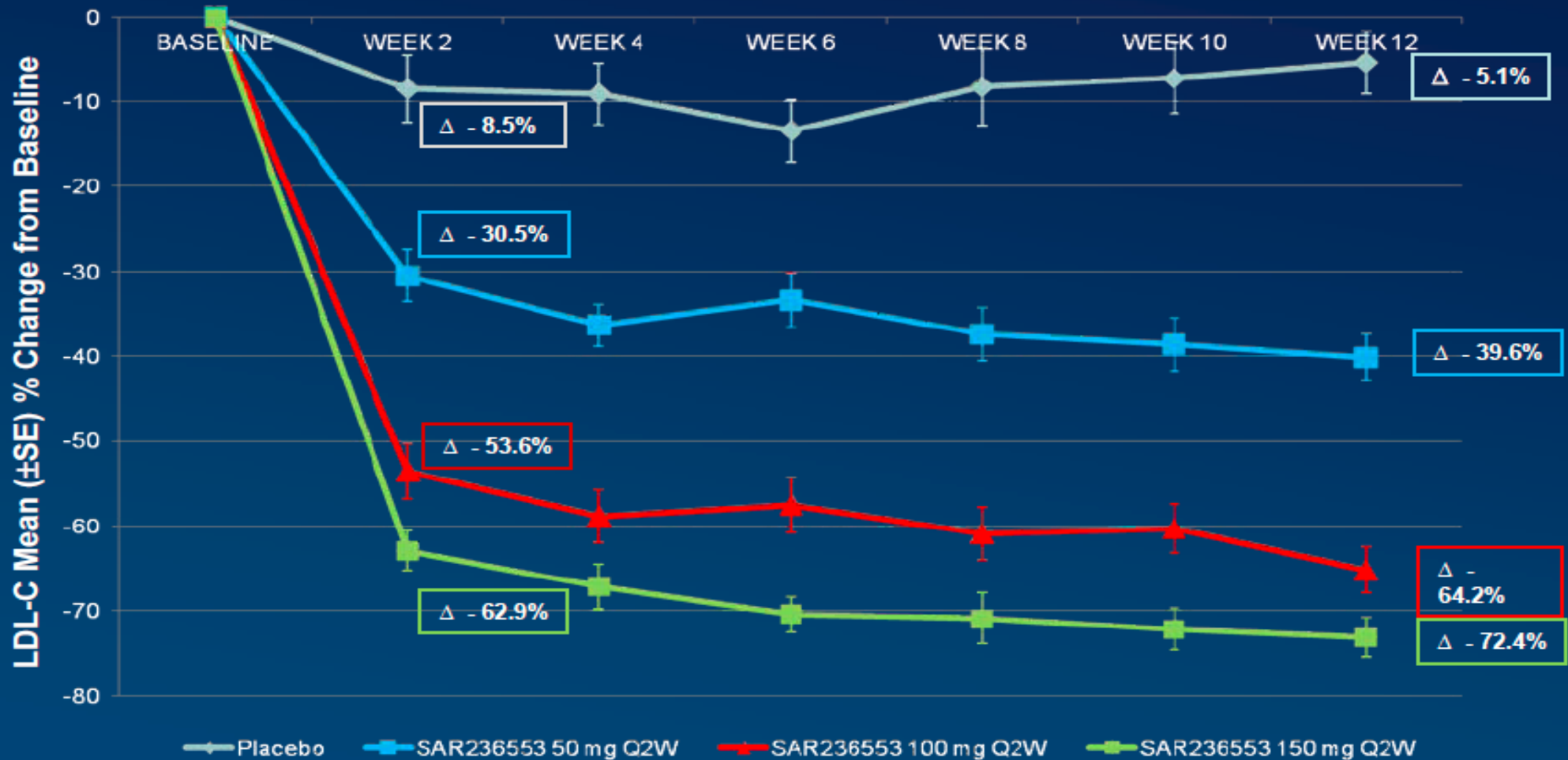


\* P < 0.0001 vs. Placebo  
 † P < 0.01 vs. Placebo

■ FH ■ nonFH ■ nonFH, no Atorva

**Alirocumab**

# Alirocumab Administered 2 weekly (Q2W) SC: Change in Calculated LDL-C from Baseline to Week 12



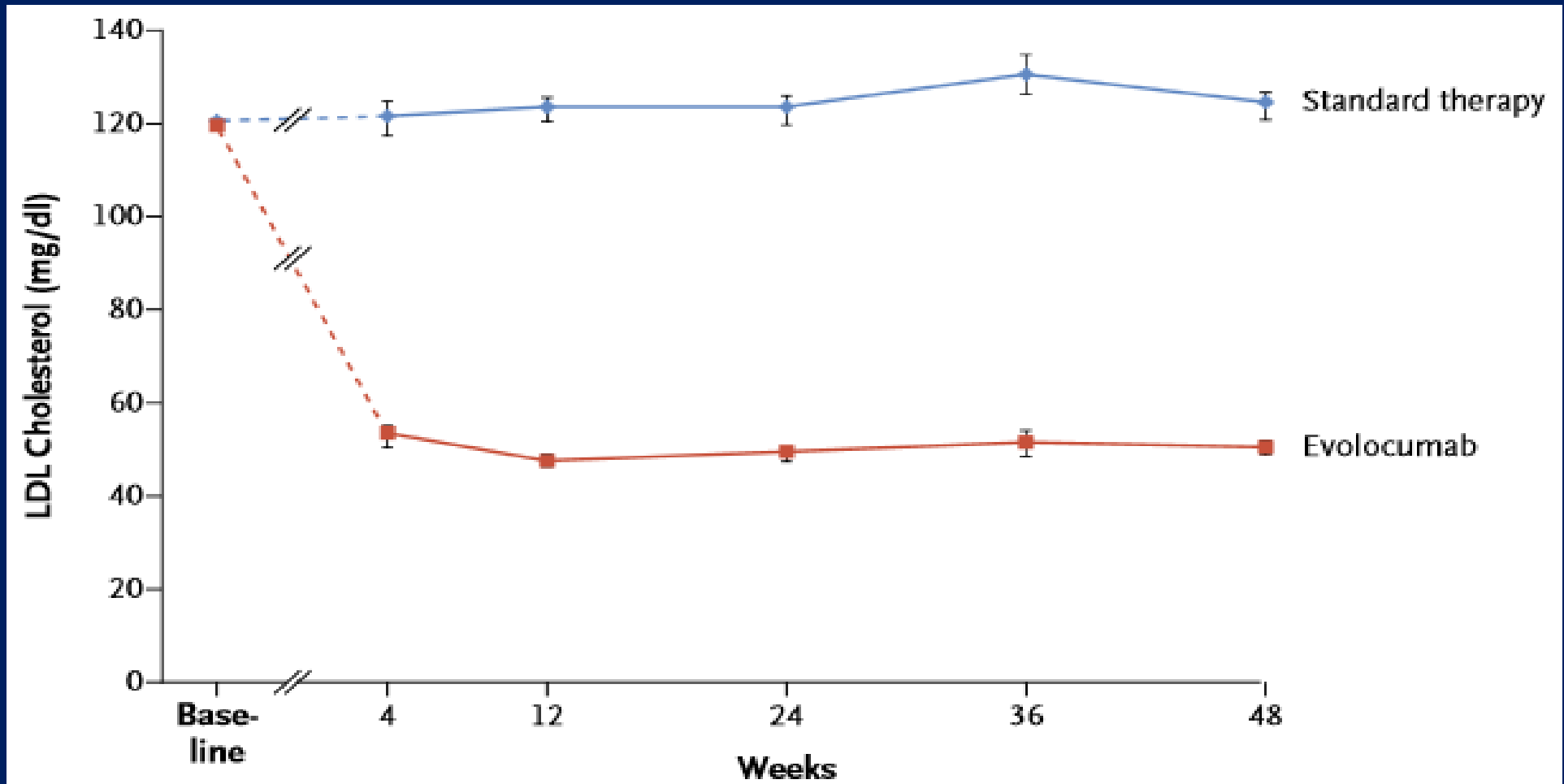
Mean percentage change in calculated LDL-C from baseline to weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 in the modified intent-to-treat (mITT) population, by treatment group. Week 12 estimation using LOCF method.



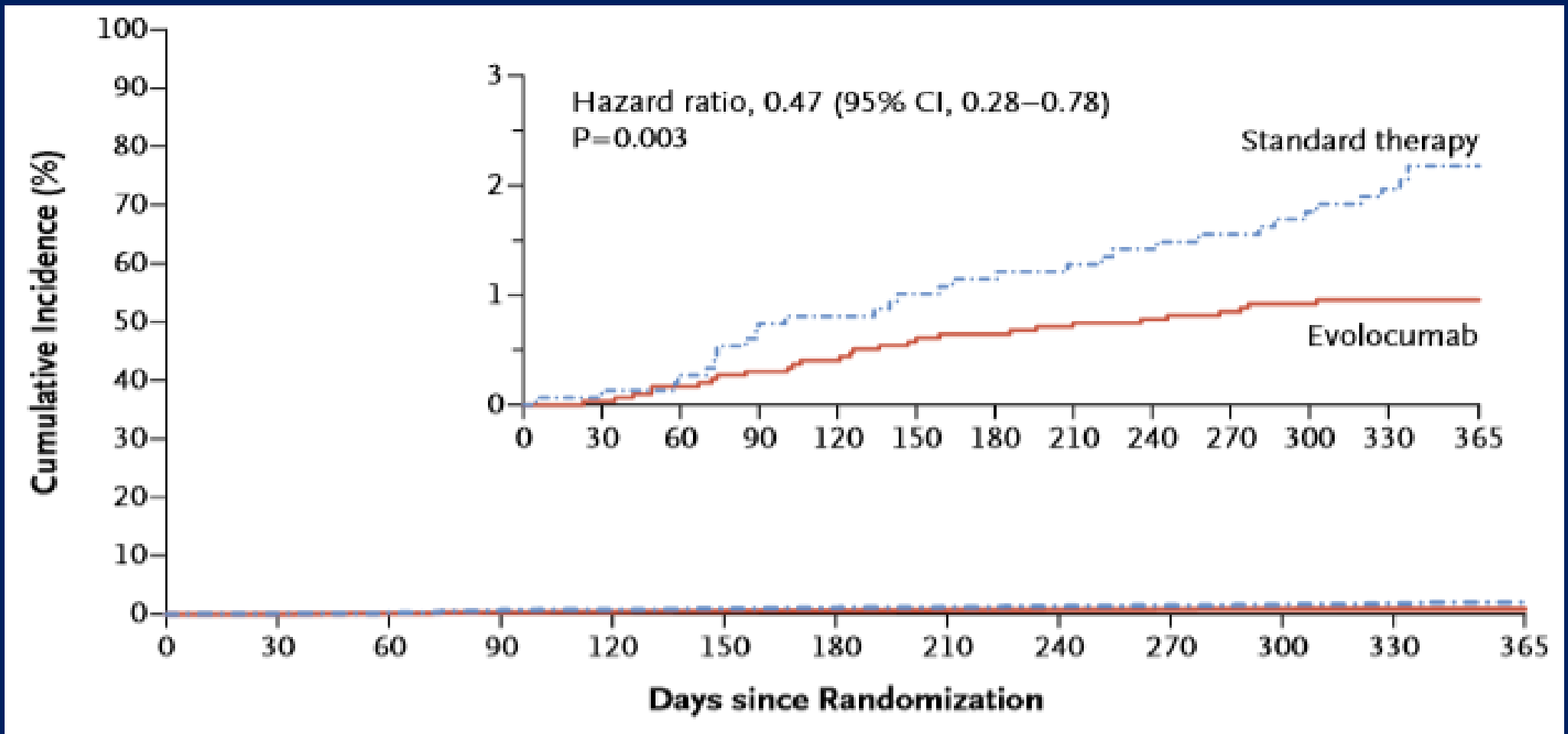
# Efficacy and Safety of Evolocumab in Reducing Lipids and Cardiovascular Events: OSLER-1 & OSLER-2

- Evolocumab in patients with high CVD risk
- 4465 participants from 1 of 12 Phase 2 or 3 studies ("parent trials")
- Randomly assigned, 2:1 ratio to either evolocumab (140 mg every 2 weeks or 420 mg monthly) plus standard rx or standard rx.
- Primary outcome: incidence of adverse events.
- Secondary end point: % change in the LDL-C.

# OSLER-1 & OSLER-2: LDL-C Levels over Time



# OSLER-1 & OSLER-2: Cumulative Incidence of CVD Events



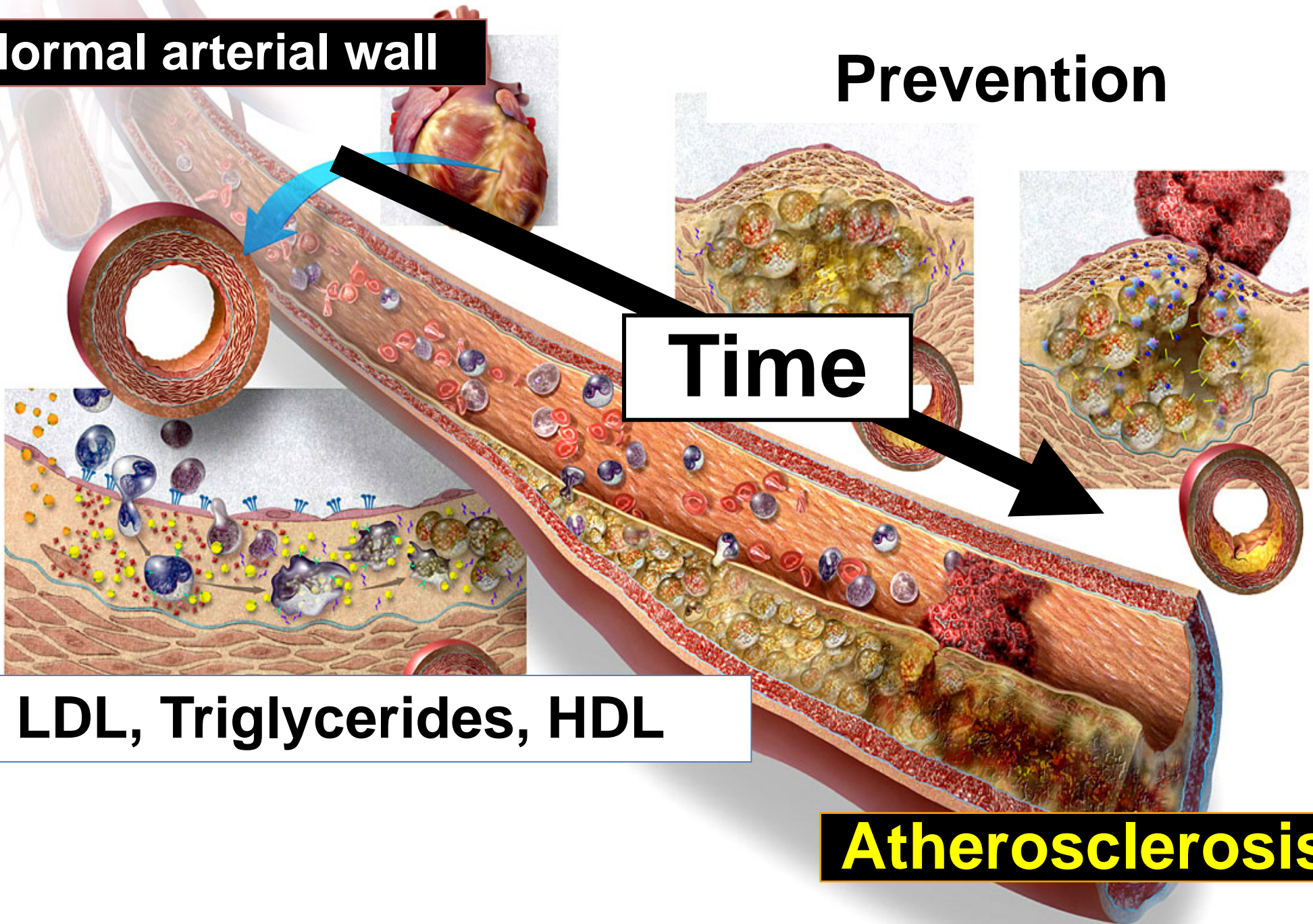
**Normal arterial wall**

**Prevention**

**Time**

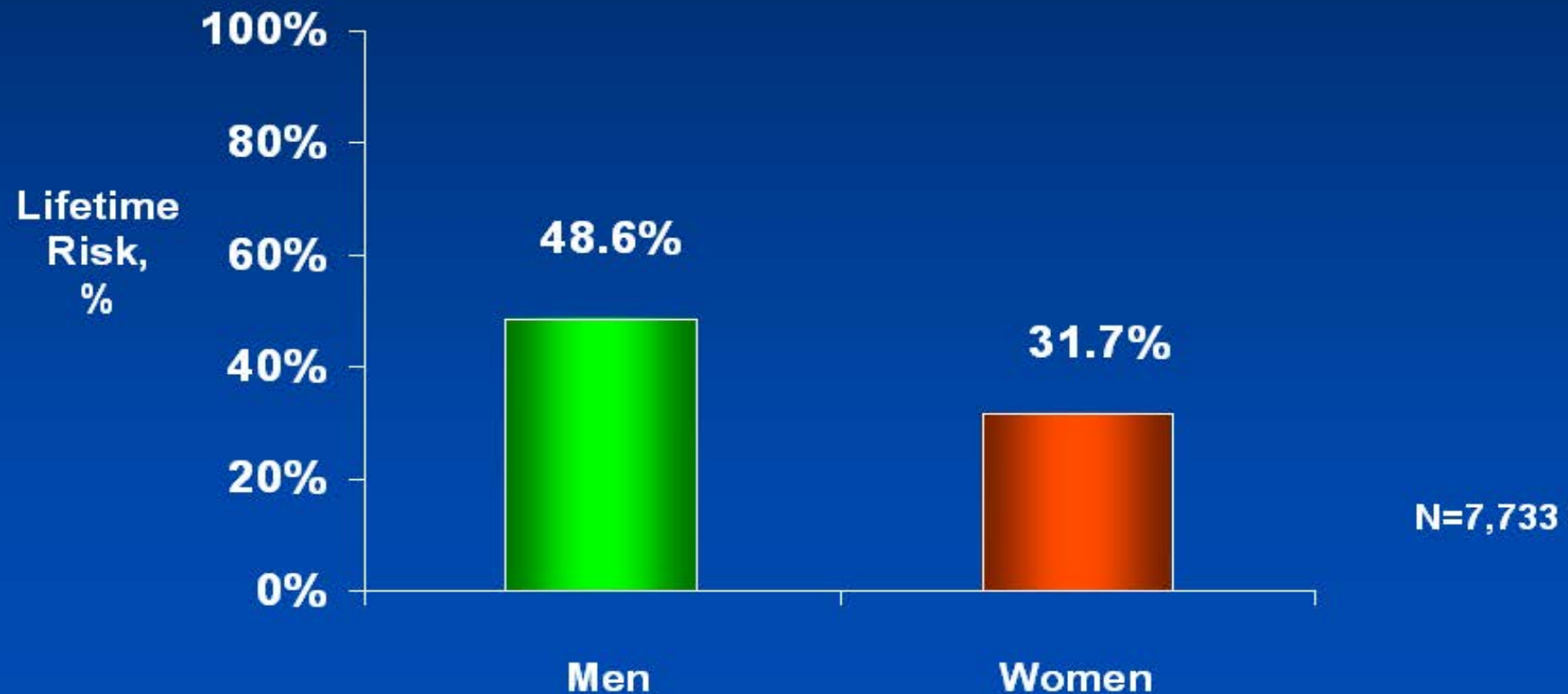
**LDL, Triglycerides, HDL**

**Atherosclerosis**



# Lifetime Risk of Developing CHD Is High

Risk for First CHD Event for  
40-Year-Old Men And Women



# Atherosclerosis Begins Early in Life: Incidence in Male Trauma Victims

Study Group	N	Mean Age (yr)	Atherosclerosis Incidence (%)	Cross-Sectional Area Narrowing (%)	
				>50%	75%-90%
Enos et al <sup>1</sup> (Korean War)	300	22.1	77.3	—	—
Virmani et al <sup>2</sup> (Korean War)	94	20.5	56.0	19.0	6.4
McNamara et al <sup>3</sup> (Vietnam War)	105	22.1	45.0	—	5.0
Joseph et al <sup>4</sup> (University of Louisville)	95	25.6	75.8	21.0	9.0

1. Enos W, et al. *J Am Med Assoc.* 1955; 158:912-914

2. Virmani R, et al. *Arch Pathol Lab Med.* 1987; 111:972-976

3. McNamara J, et al. *J Am Med Assoc.* 1971; 216:1185-1187

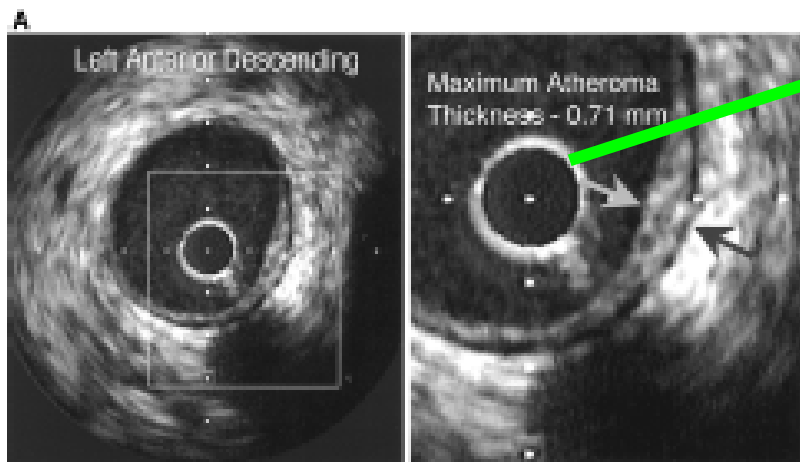
4. Adapted with permission from Joseph A, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1993;22:459-467.

# High Prevalence of Coronary Atherosclerosis in Asymptomatic Teenagers and Young Adults

## Evidence From Intravascular Ultrasound

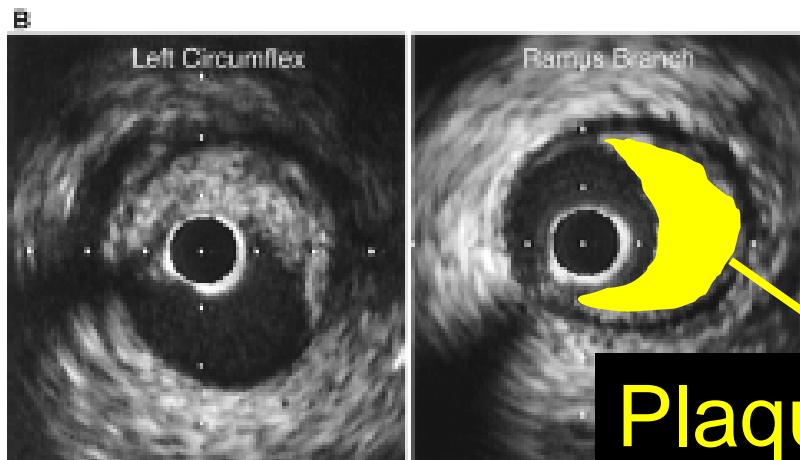
E. Murat Tuzcu, MD; Samir R. Kapadia, MD; Eralp Tutar, MD; Khaled M. Ziada, MD; Robert E. Hobbs, MD; Patrick M. McCarthy, MD; James B. Young, MD; Steven E. Nissen, MD

30 yo female



Ultrasound probe

Lesions present:  
1 of 6 teenagers



**“Atherosclerosis  
is a  
pediatric disease.”**

Strong et al  
JAMA, 281, 727-35, '99



# Principles of Prevention

## Dyslipidemia Rx

Guidelines only “guide”:

- Value in patient groups for treatment
- Lower likely better; can use LDL cutpoints

Statin Intolerance: Caution....

- vit D? lowest dose

Triglycerides matter – more evidence needed

- secondary causes
- Fibrates if elevated TG/low HDL, significant risk

Eating/Lifestyle matters – more implementation

After 100+ years of study, progress continues.

And “truth” continues to evolve....