



Strategic Approach for Management of Dyslipidemia in Cardiometabolic Patients

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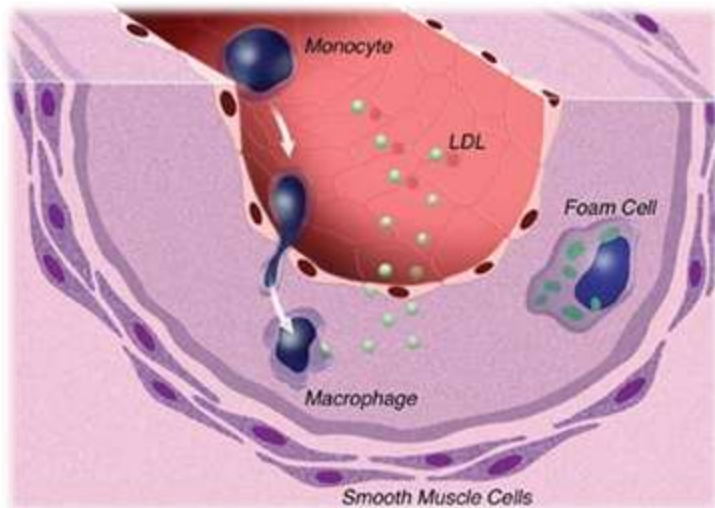
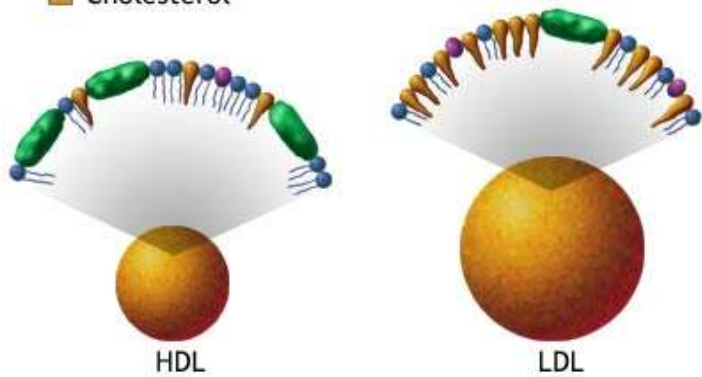
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LDL-C, a causal factor for ASCVD

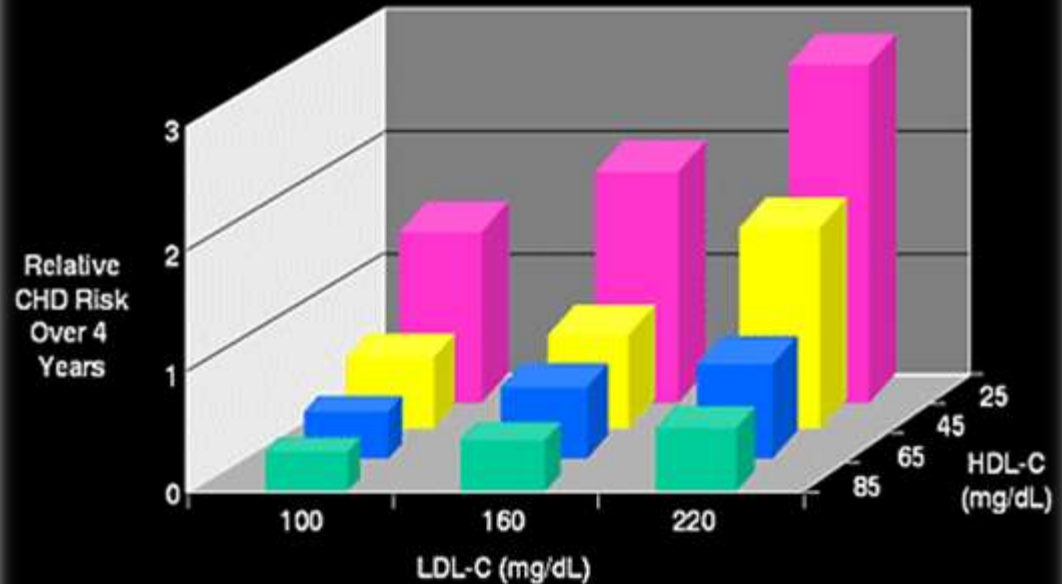


Lipoproteins vary in size and composition

■ Proteins
■ Cholesterol

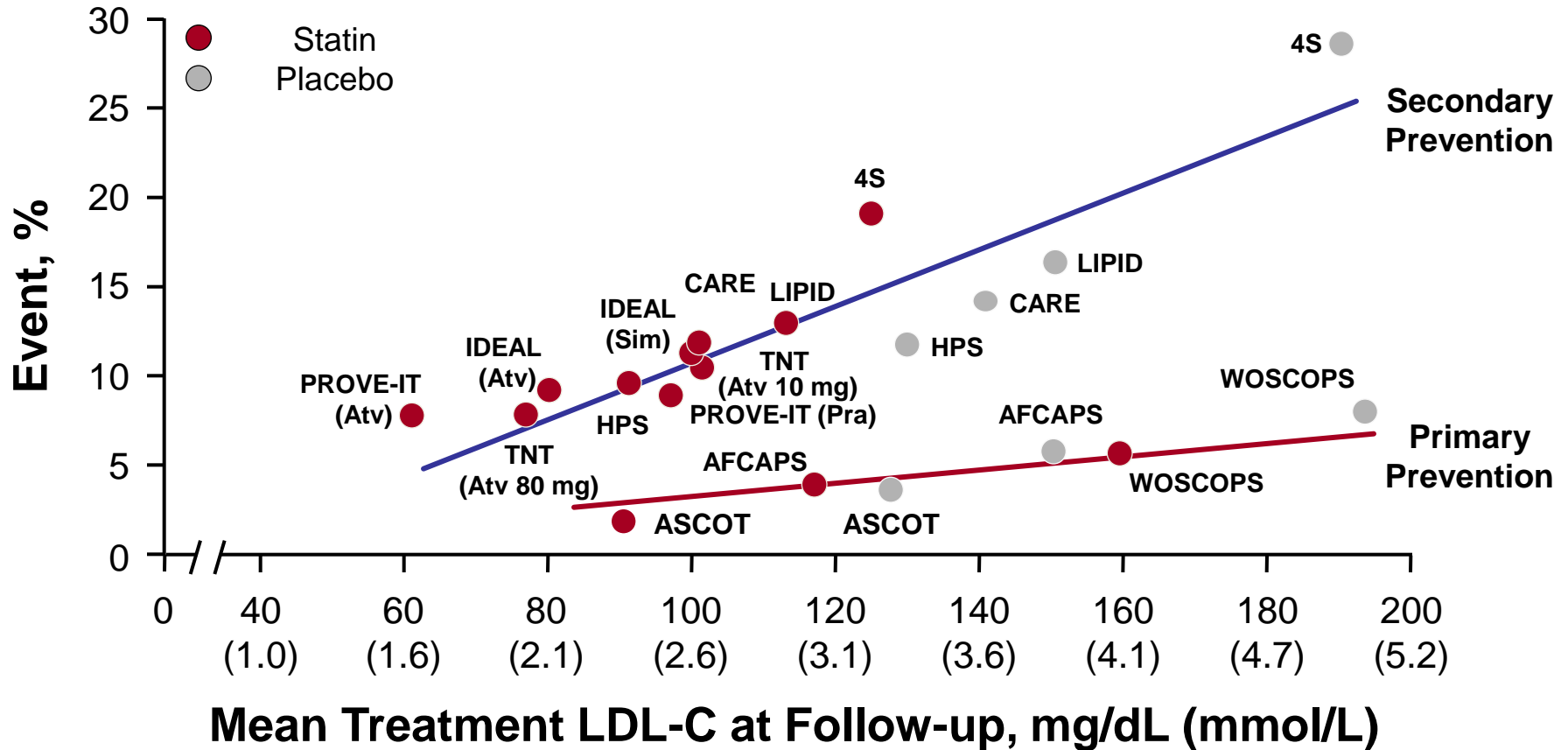


High LDL-C and Low HDL-C: Increased Risk of CHD

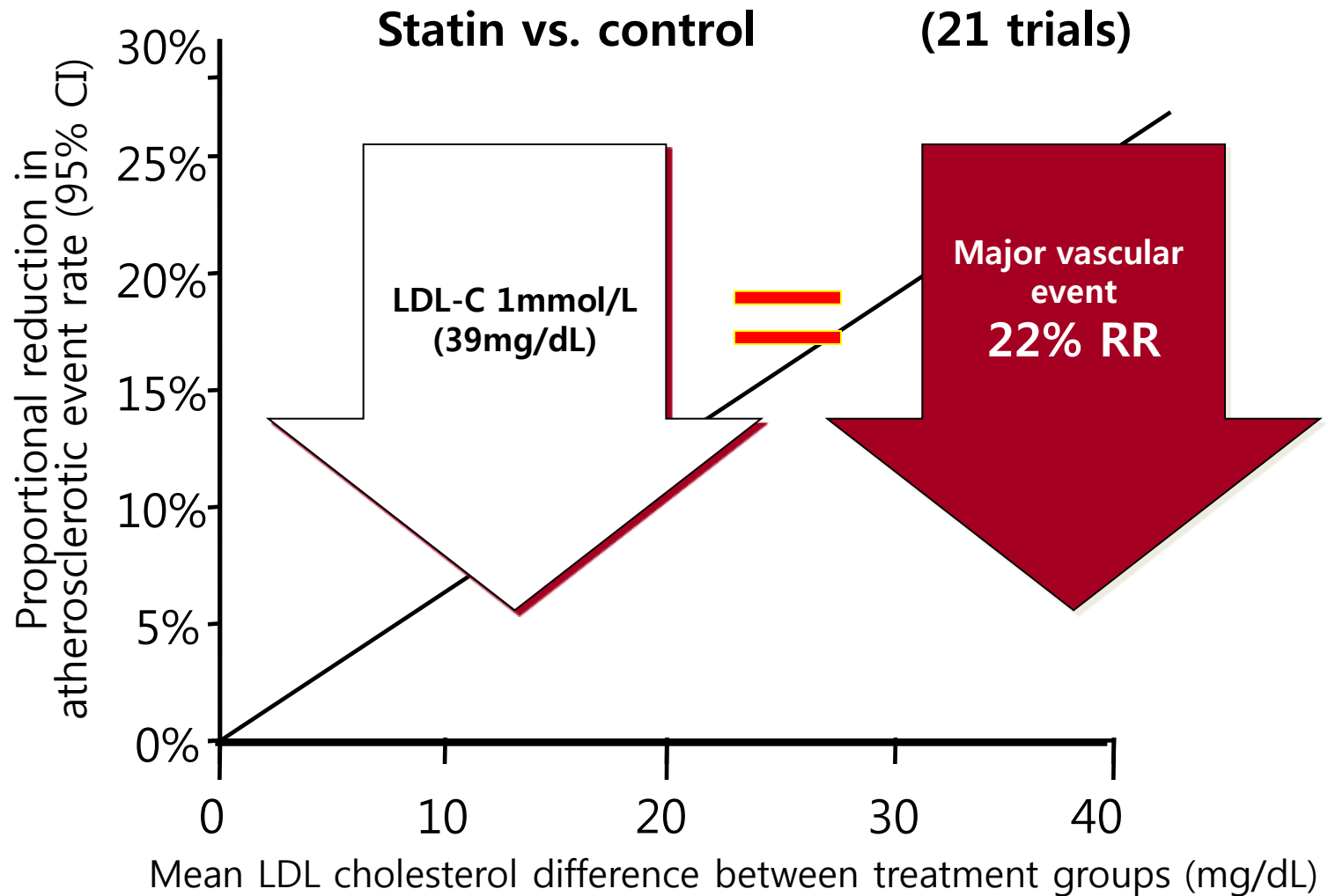


Castelli WP et al. Can J Cardiol. 1986;4(suppl A):5A-10A.

Relationship Between LDL-C and CV Incidence



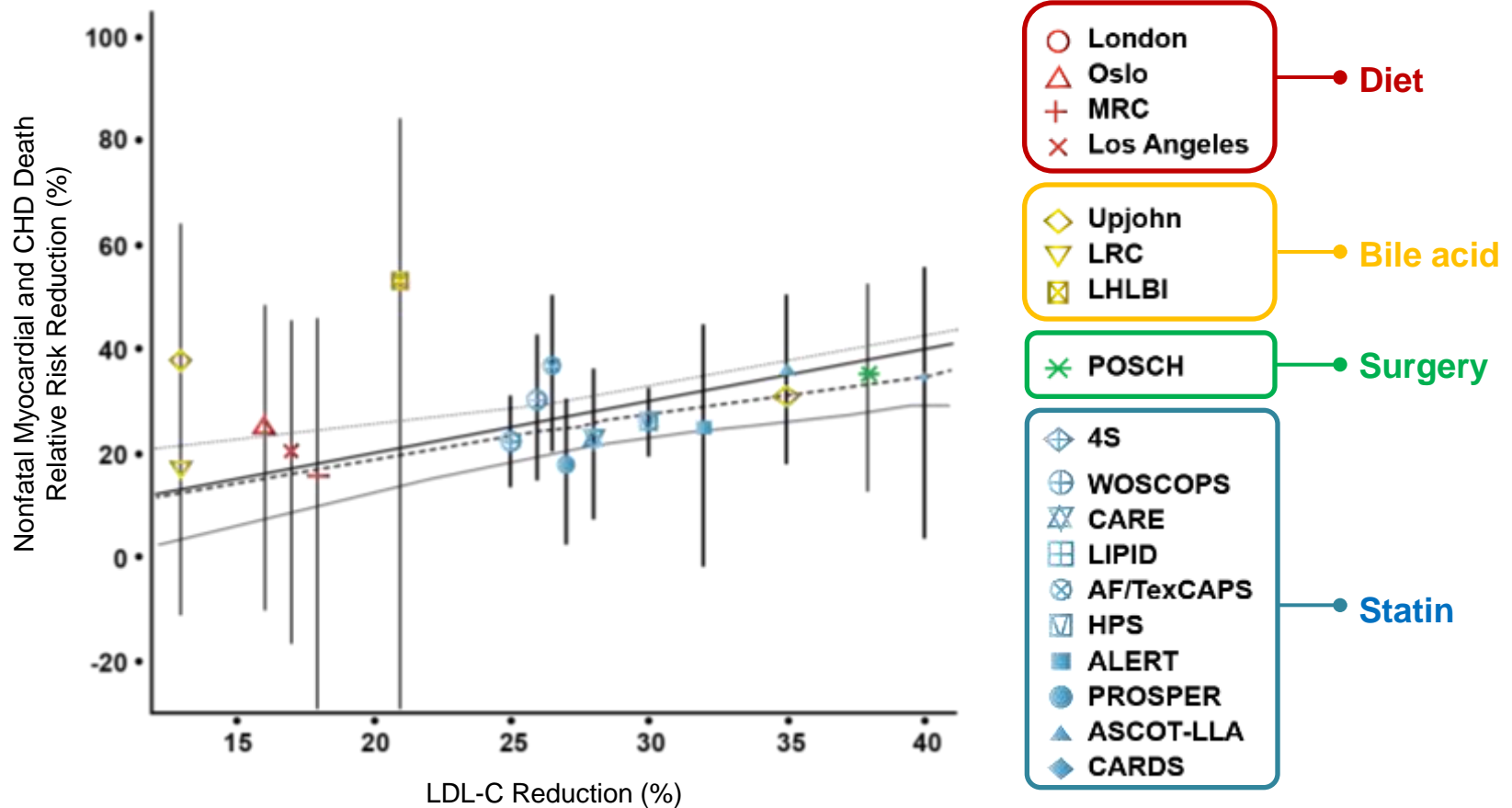
LDL-C is still strong indicator of ASCVD



Statin is a mainstream of LDL-C reduction



Treatment studies involving statins, resins, diet, and ileal bypass surgery have shown a relationship between LDL-C



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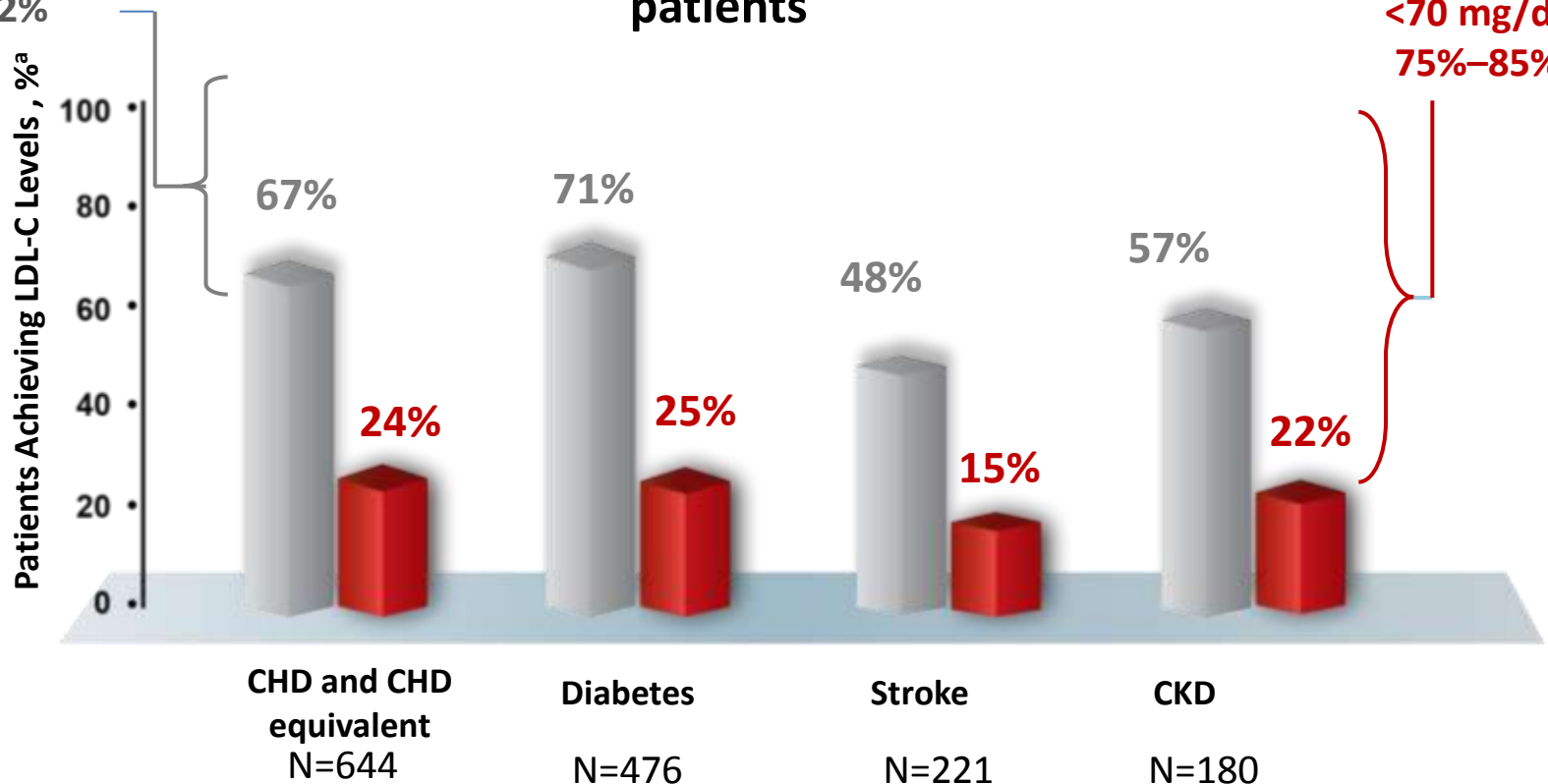
Many High-Risk Patients Did Not Achieve LDL-C <100 mg/dL or <70 mg/dL in Korea



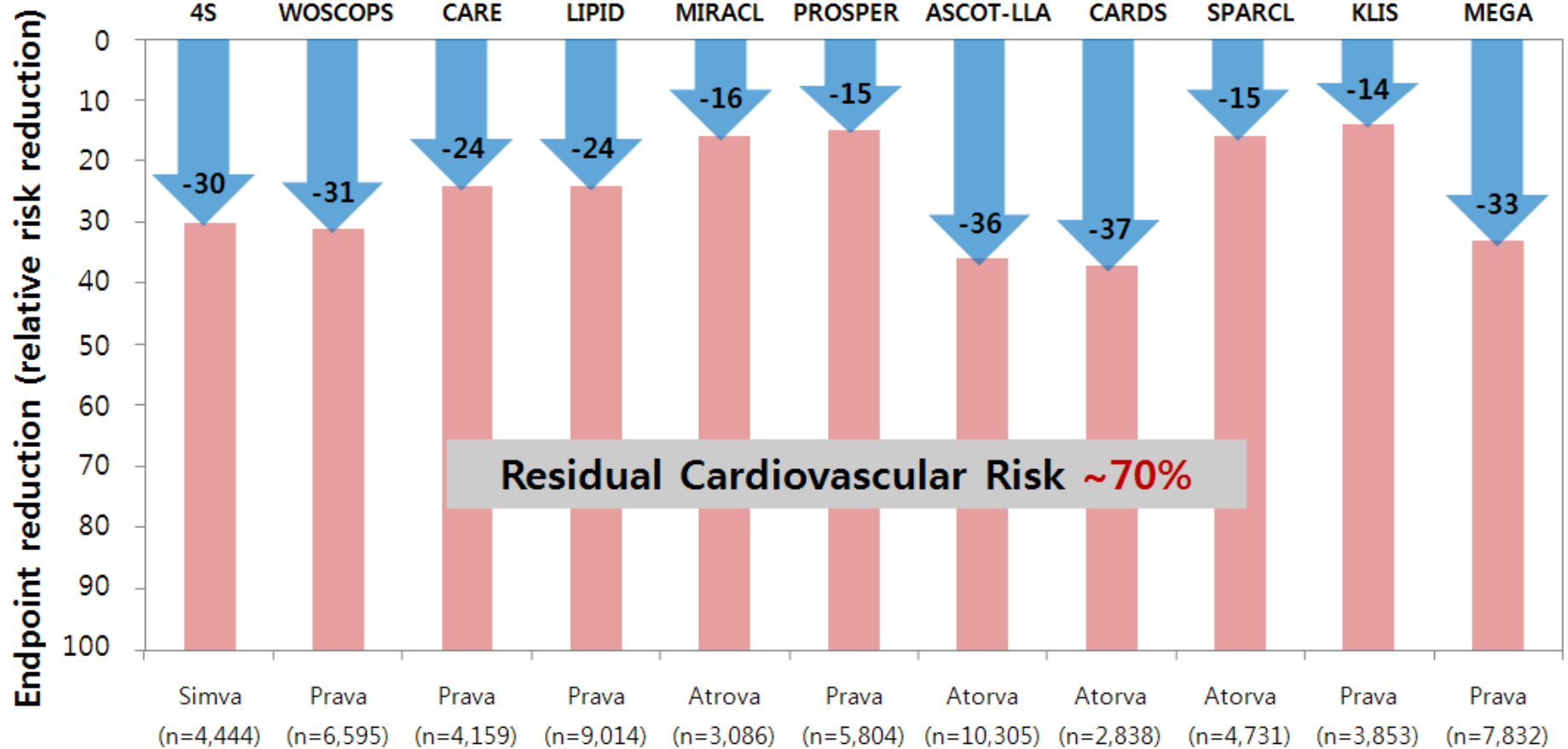
Patients not achieving LDL-C <100 mg/dL 29%–52%

LDL-C controlled after Statin therapy in high-risk patients

Patients not achieving LDL-C <70 mg/dL 75%–85%



Statin Effects on CV Event Reduction and Residual Risk



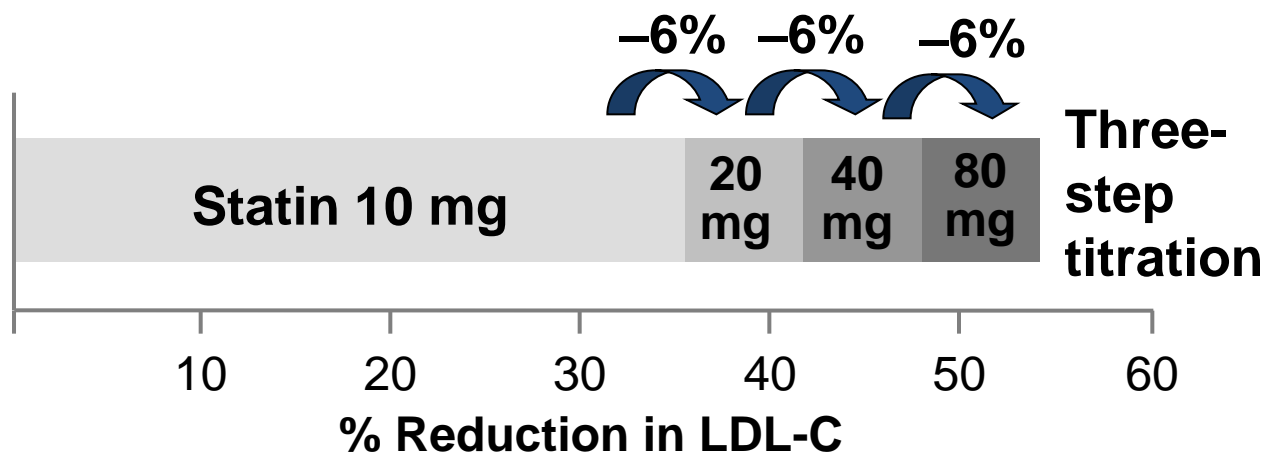
Statin up-titration has efficacy limitations



“...With each doubling of the dose of statin, LDL-C levels fall by about 6 percent.”

NCEP ATP III Final Report

Effect of statin therapy on LDL-C levels: “The Rule of 6”

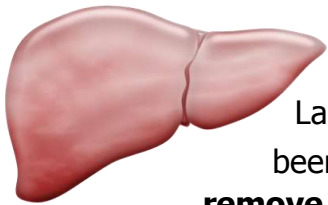


1. Bays H, Dujovne C. *Expert Opin Pharmacother* 2003;4:779-790.

2. NCEP ATP III guideline 2002

FDA Drug Safety Communication: Important safety label changes to cholesterol-lowering statin drugs: Feb. 28, 2012

Monitoring Liver Enzymes



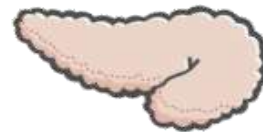
Labels have been revised to **remove the need for routine periodic monitoring of liver enzymes in patients taking statins.** The labels now recommend that **liver enzyme tests should be performed before starting statin therapy and as clinically indicated thereafter.**

FDA has concluded that serious liver injury with statins is rare and unpredictable in individual patients, and that routine periodic monitoring of liver enzymes does not appear to be effective in detecting or preventing serious liver injury.

Adverse Event Information

Information about the **potential for generally non-serious and reversible cognitive side effects** (memory loss, confusion, etc.) and reports of **increased blood sugar and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) levels** has been added to the statin labels.

FDA continues to believe that the cardiovascular benefits of statins outweigh these small increased risks.

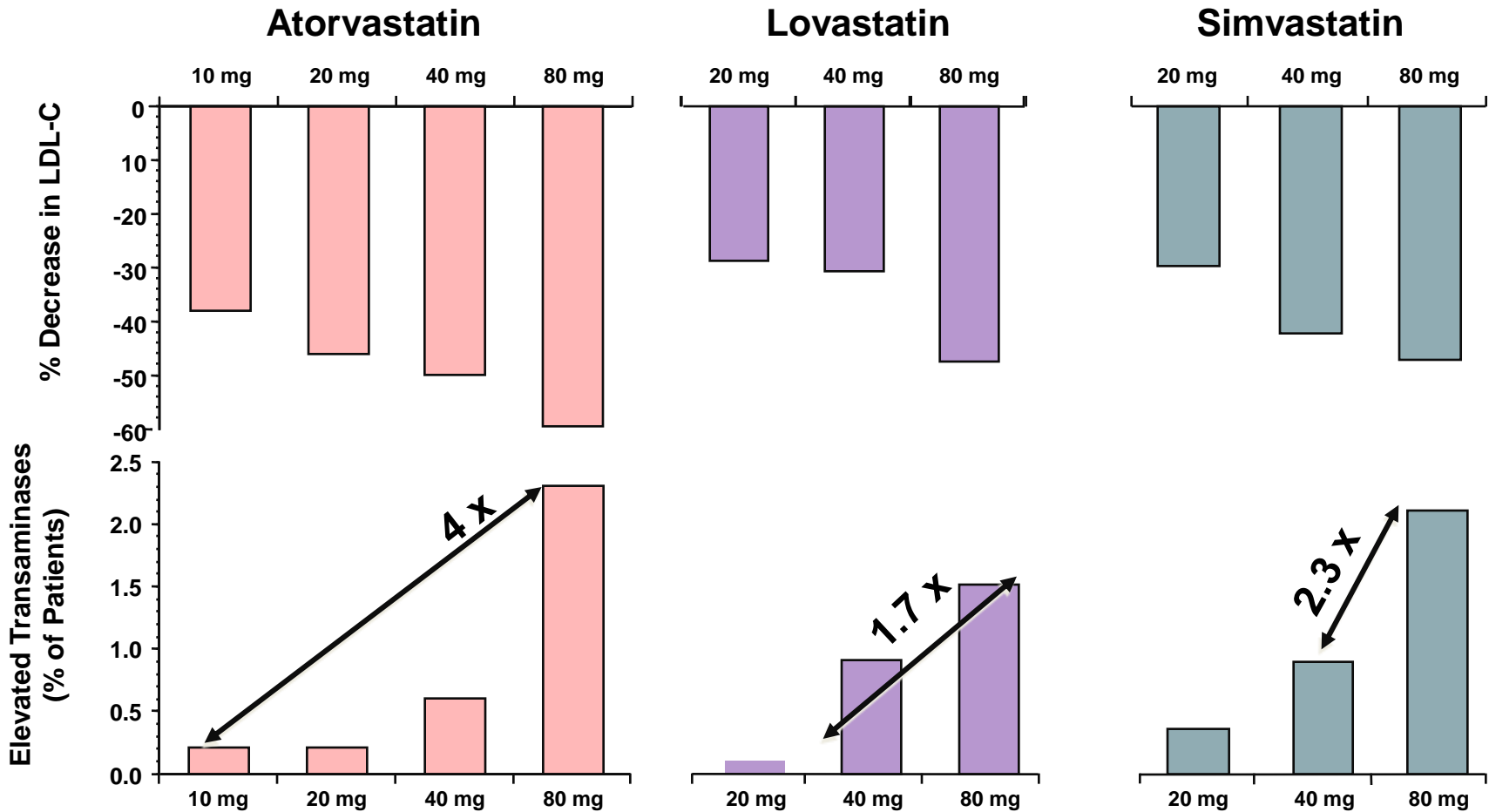


Drug Interactions

The lovastatin label has been extensively updated with new contraindications (situations when the drug should not be used) and dose limitations when it is taken with certain medicines that can increase the risk for muscle injury.

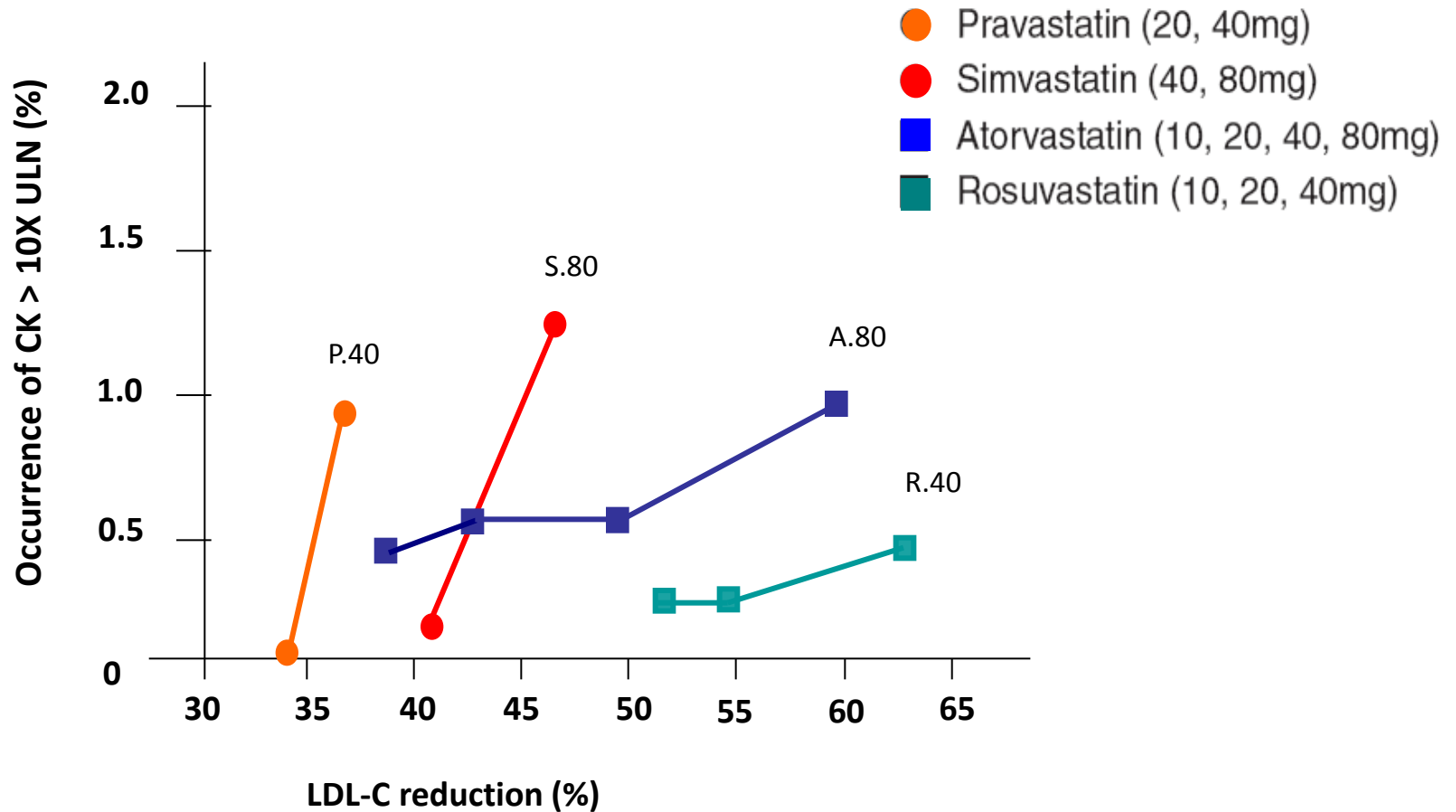


Higher doses associated with increased hepatic toxicity



Data from prescribing information for atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin – *20 mg includes pts on 40 mg (37%). This does not represent data from a comparative study.

Higher doses associated with increased muscle injury



About 10% of hyperlipidemic patients suffer from muscular symptoms with high dose statin



PRIMO study: mild to moderate muscular symptoms with high dosage statin therapy in hyperlipidemic patients

Objective: To characterization the risk factors, rate of occurrence, onset, nature and impact of mild to moderate muscular symptoms with high dose statin.

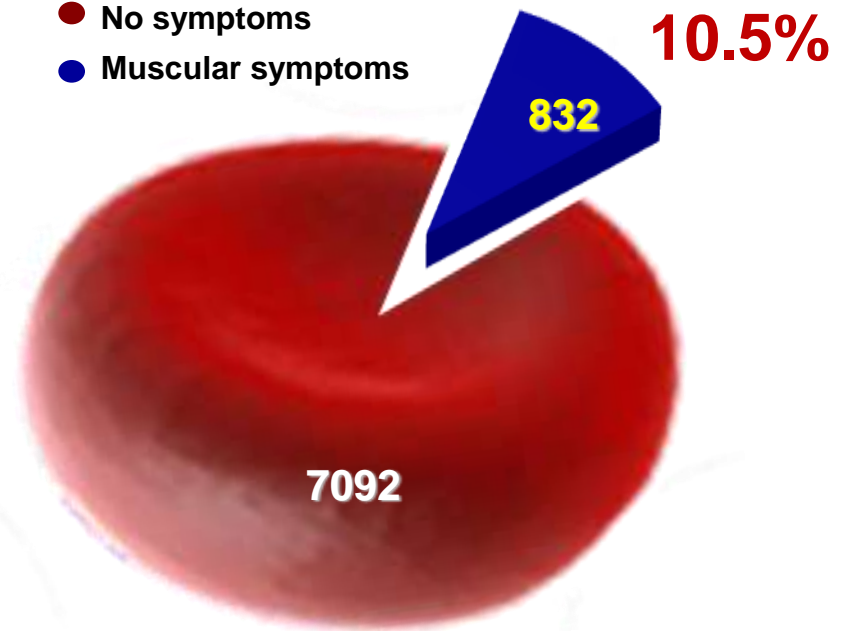
Design: Observational survey, 7924 hyperlipidemic pts.

Risk factors of muscle pain

- Unexplained cramps (OR 4.14)
- History of CK (OR 2.04)
- Hypothyroidism (OR 1.71)
- Duration of statin treatment more than 3 month (OR 0.28)

1 month following initiation of statin therapy

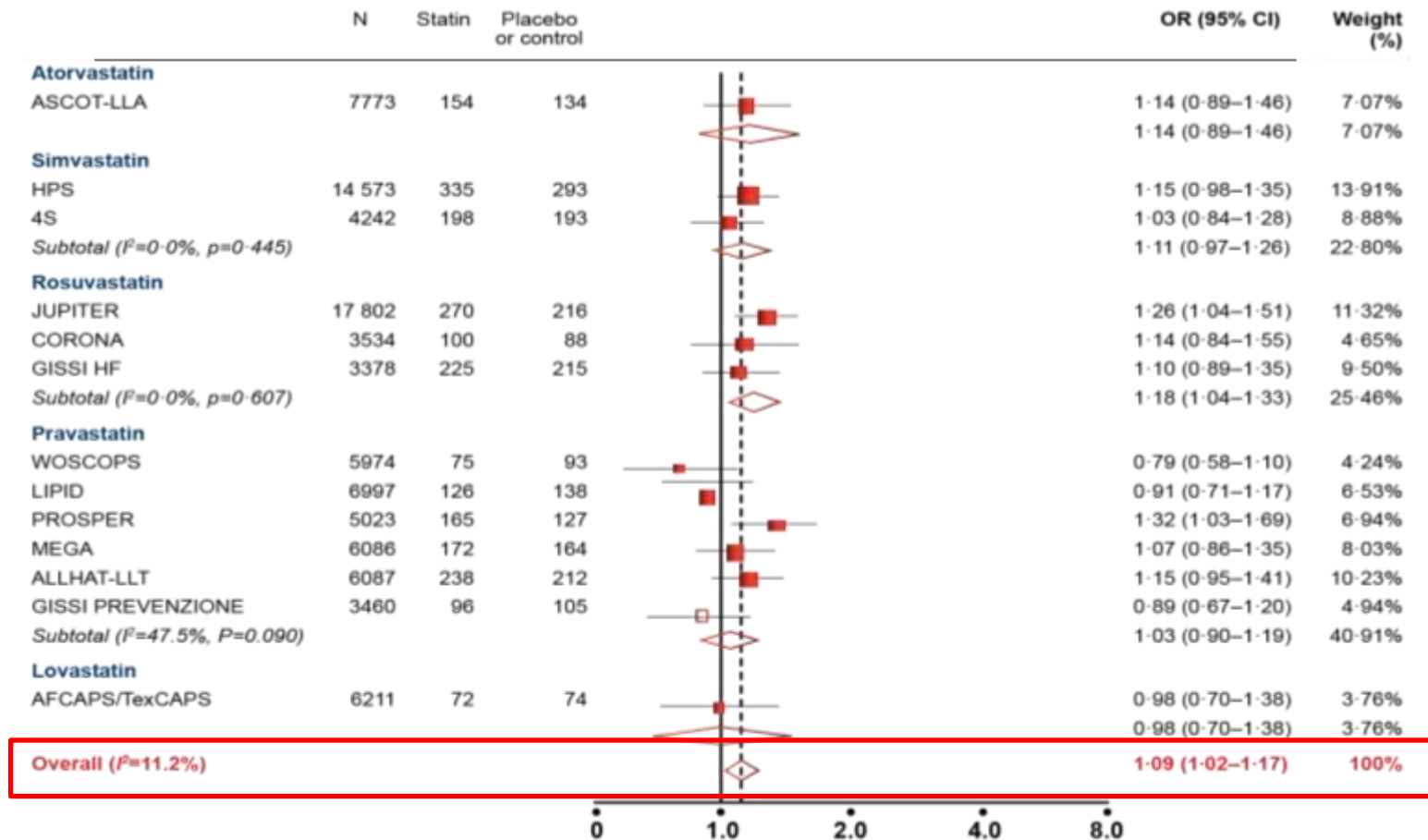
- No symptoms
- Muscular symptoms



Statin therapy was associated with a 9% increased risk for incident diabetes

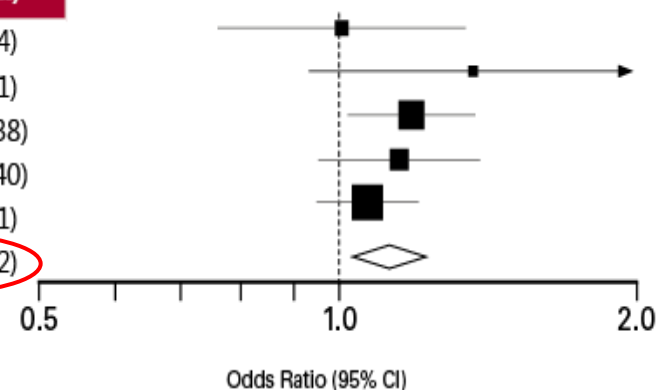


In meta-analysis of 13 major trials with 91,140 participants, Statin therapy was associated with a 9% increased risk for incident diabetes (odds ratio [OR] 1.09;95% CI 1.02-1.17), with little heterogeneity between trials.

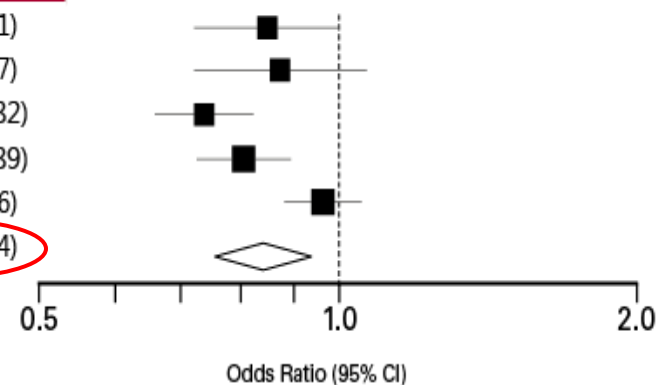


Intensive-dose statin therapy: a 12% increased risk for NOD compared with moderate-dose statin therapy

Incident Diabetes	Statin Dose Comparison	OR (95% CI)
PROVE IT-TIMI 22, 2004	Atorvastatin 80mg vs. Pravastatin 40mg	1.01 (0.76-1.34)
A to Z, 2004	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20mg	1.37 (0.94-2.01)
TNT, 2005	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 10mg	1.19 (1.02-1.38)
IDEAL, 2005	Atorvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20 or 40mg	1.15 (0.95-1.40)
SEARCH, 2010	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20mg	1.07 (0.95-1.21)
Pooled odds ratio		1.12 (1.04-1.22)
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 0\%$, $P = 0.60$		



Incident CVD	Statin Dose Comparison	OR (95% CI)
PROVE IT-TIMI 22, 2004	Atorvastatin 80mg vs. Pravastatin 40mg	0.85 (0.72-1.01)
A to Z, 2004	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20mg	0.87 (0.72-1.07)
TNT, 2005	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 10mg	0.73 (0.65-0.82)
IDEAL, 2005	Atorvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20 or 40mg	0.80 (0.72-0.89)
SEARCH, 2010	Simvastatin 80mg vs. Simvastatin 20mg	0.97 (0.88-1.06)
Pooled odds ratio		0.84 (0.75-0.94)
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 0\%$, $P = 0.60$		



Baseline fasting glucose level and features of the metabolic syndrome are predictive of NOD

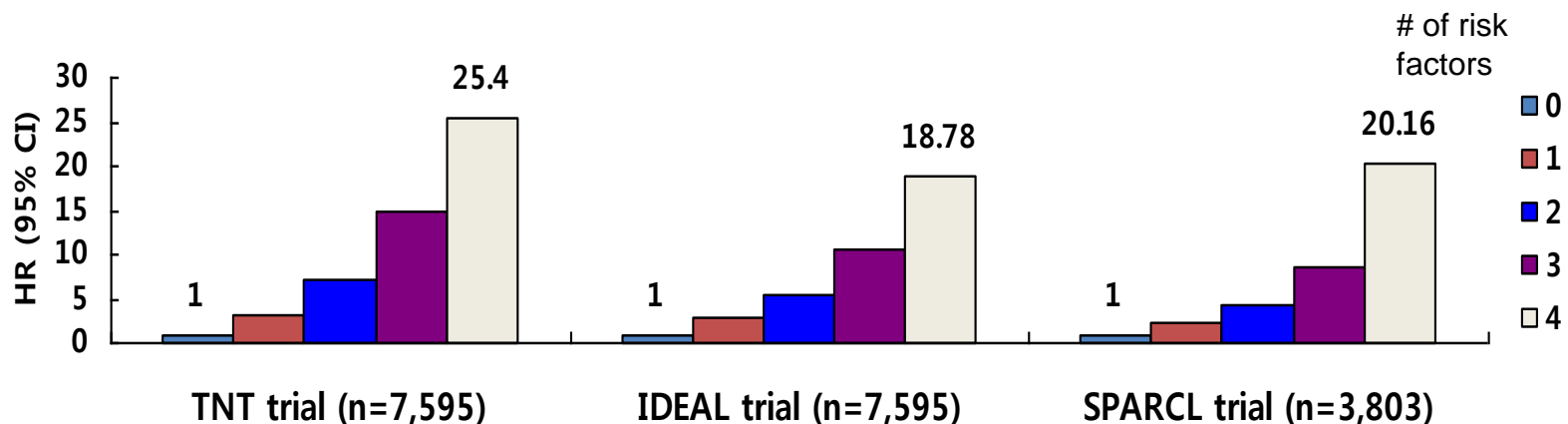
Prediction of new-onset T2DM across the 3 trials

- **Objective:** to examine the incidence and clinical predictors of new-onset T2DM within 3 large randomized trials with atorvastatin.

Risk Factors:

- 1) baseline **fasting glucose** > 100 mg/dl
- 2) **fasting triglycerides** > 150 mg/dl
- 3) **BMI** >30 kg/m²
- 4) History of **hypertension**

Risk of New-Onset T2DM according to number of risk factors at baseline



Definition of Metabolic Syndrome

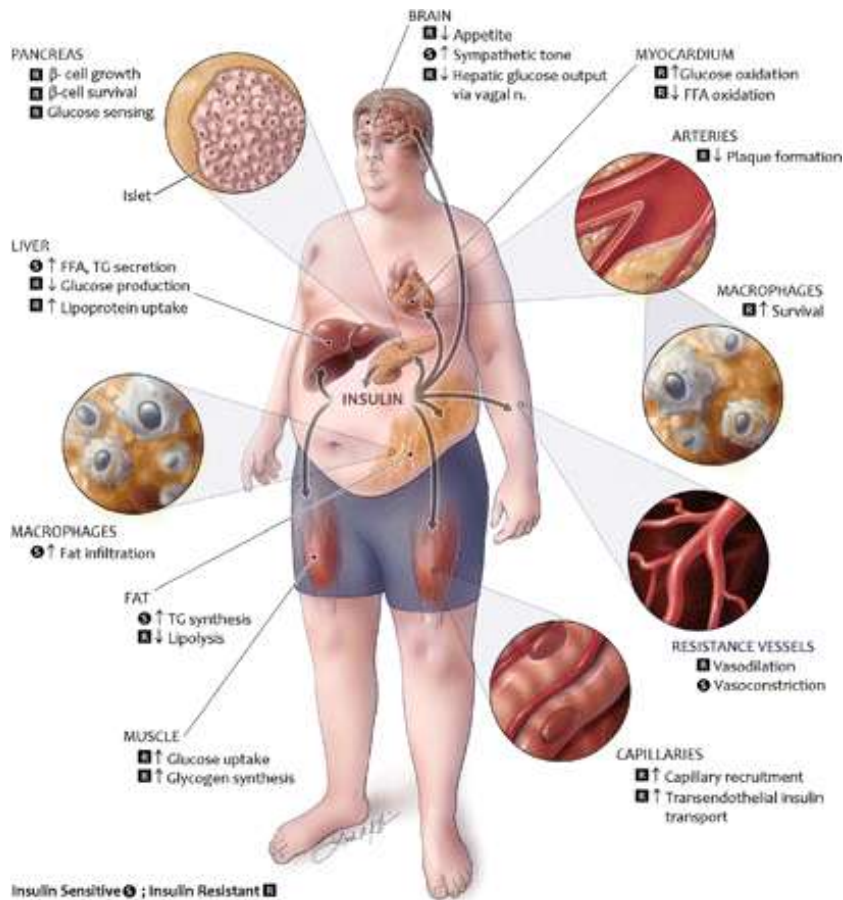


Table 3: ATP III Definition of the Metabolic Syndrome¹¹

≥3 of the following:

◆ **Waist circumference**

- >35" (>88 cm) women and >40" (102 cm) men
- 37-40" (94-102 cm) for men predisposed to insulin resistance

◆ **Triglycerides:** ≥150 mg/dL

◆ **HDL**

- <50 mg/dL in women
- <40 mg/dL in men

◆ **Blood Pressure:** ≥130/85 mm Hg

◆ **Fasting glucose:** ≥110 mg/dL*

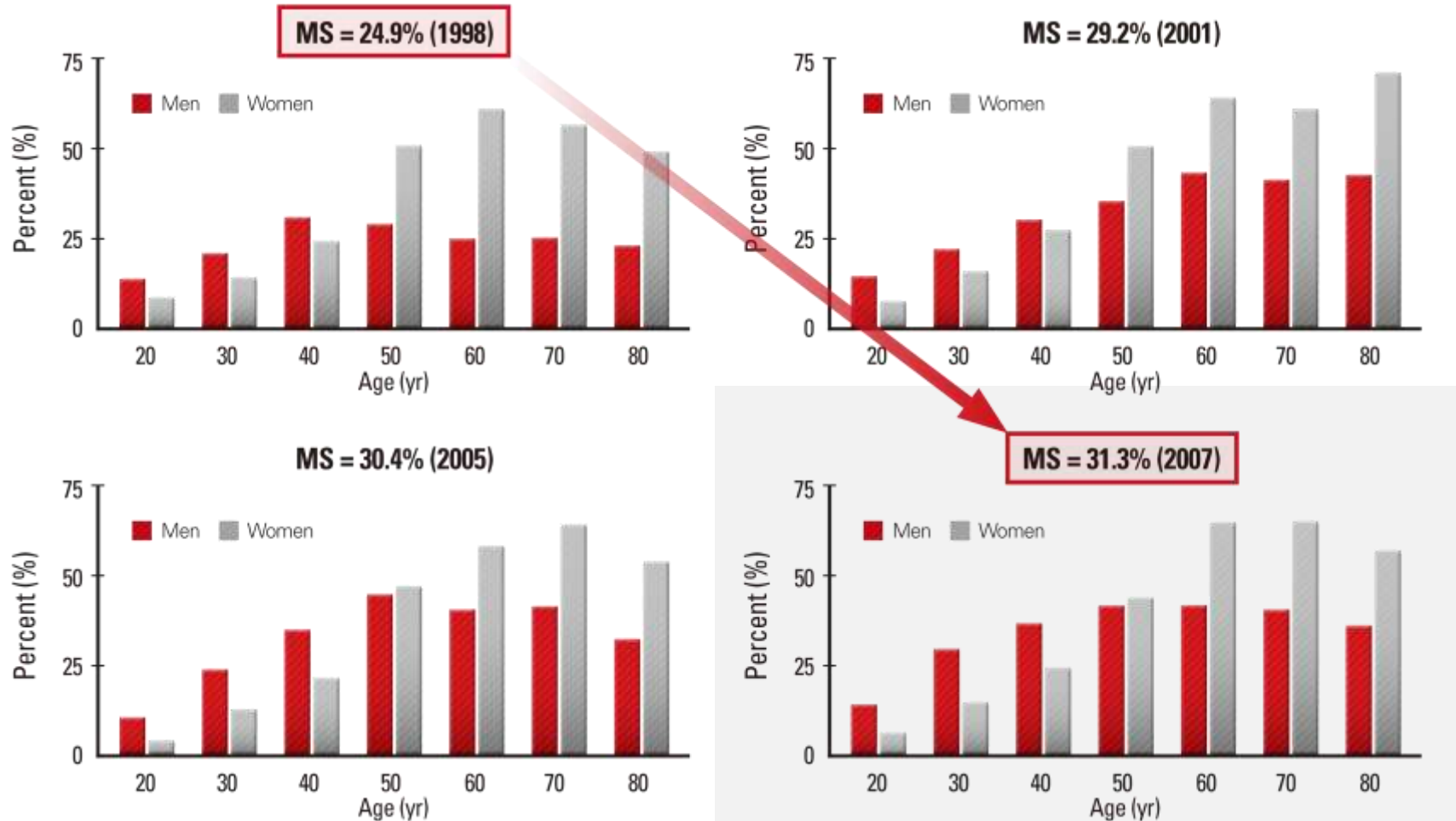
*New ADA recommendations suggest that this should be 100 mg/dL.¹⁴

Adapted from *JAMA*, 2001; and National Institutes of Health. NIH Publication No. 02-5215. September 2002.

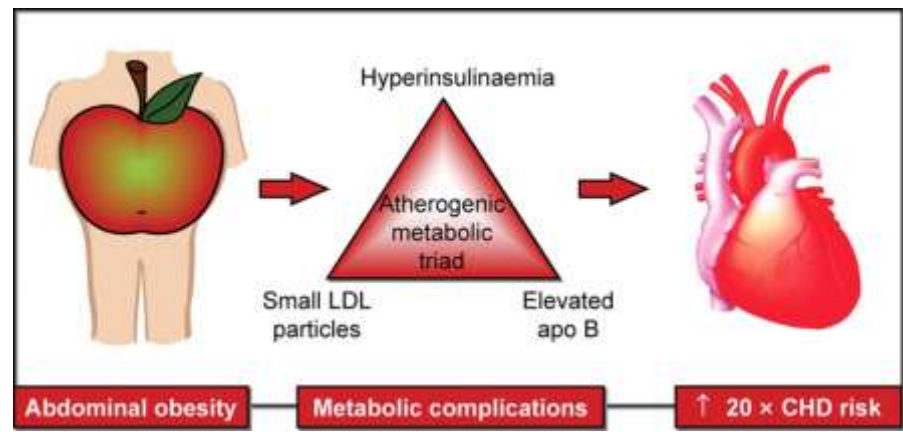
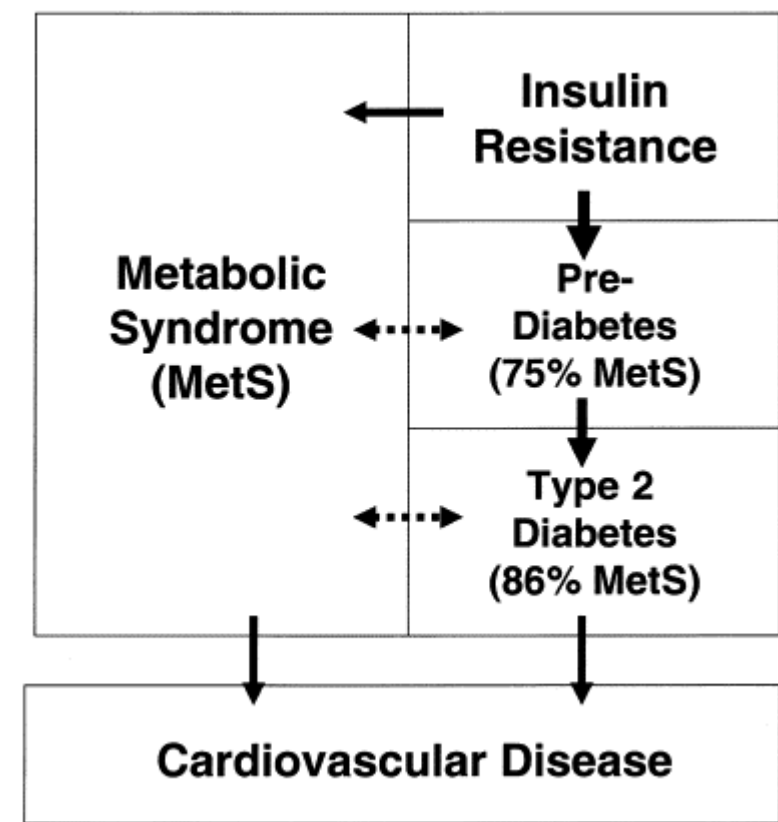
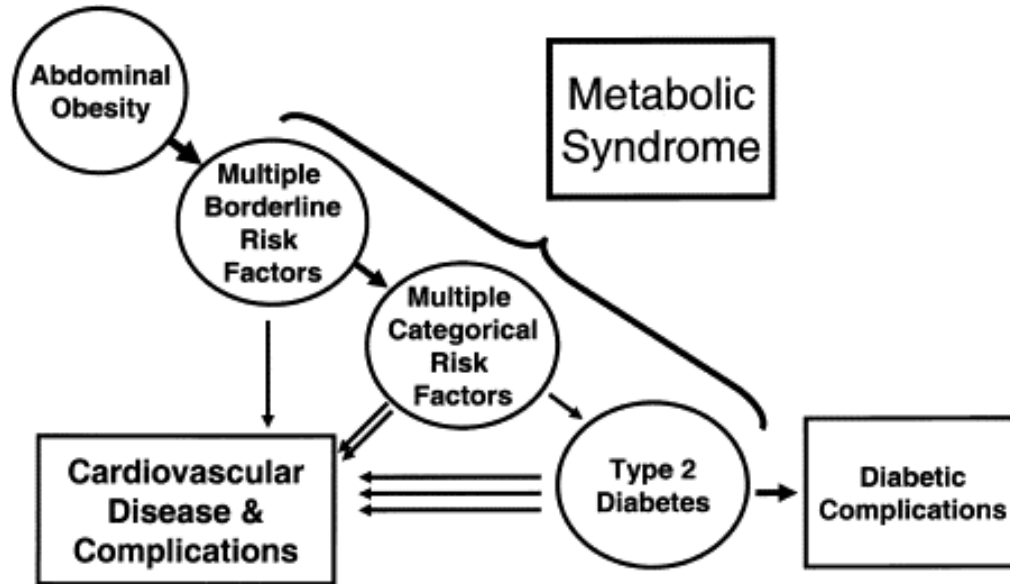
Increased Prevalence of MetS in Korea



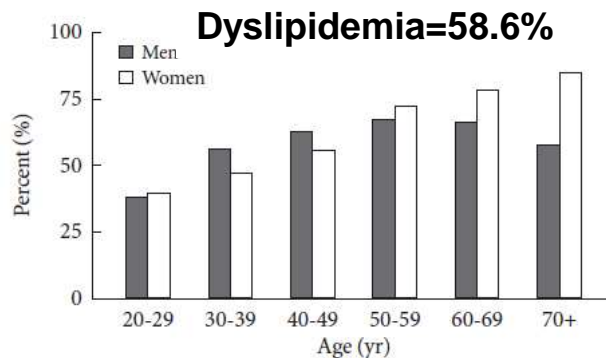
A total of 6,907 (mean \pm SE age 45.0 ± 0.2 years), 4,536 (45.5 ± 0.2), 5,373 (47.1 ± 0.22), and 2,890 (49.9 ± 0.3) Koreans aged >20 years participated in the Korean National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys in 1998, 2001, 2005, and 2007, respectively.¹



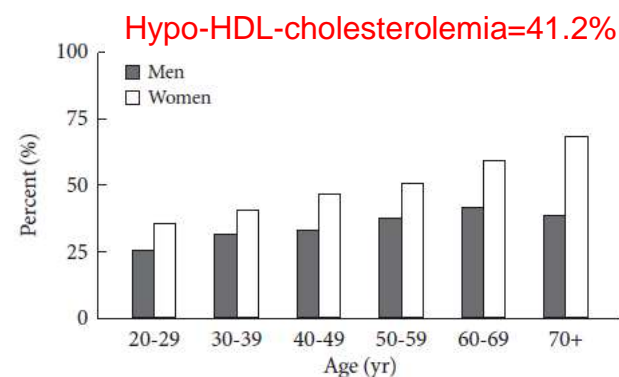
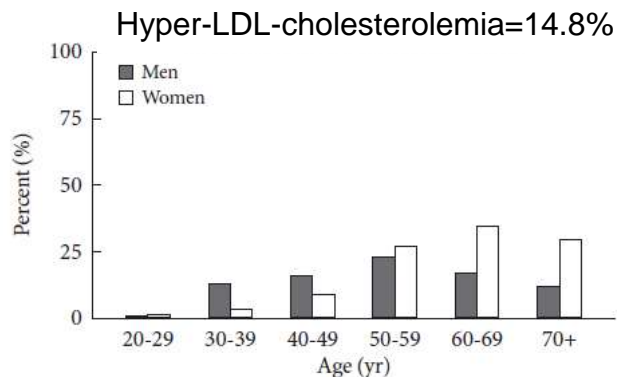
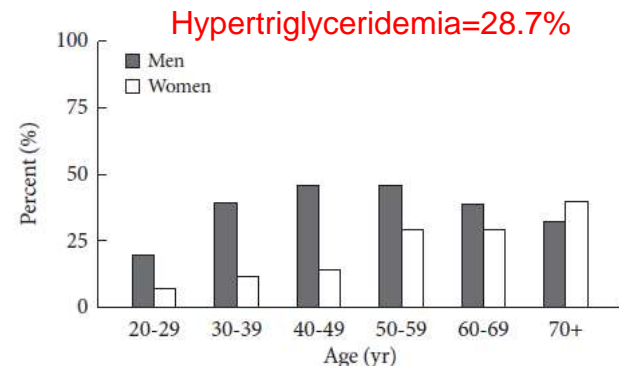
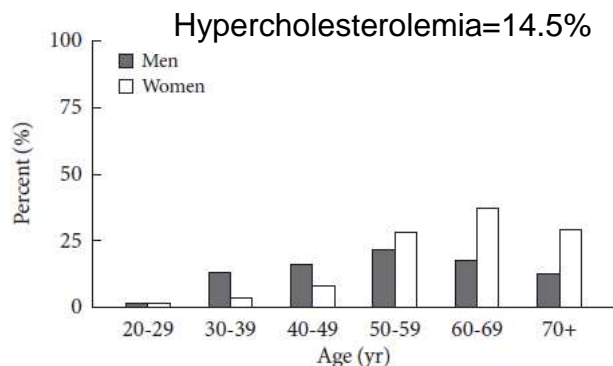
Progression and Outcomes of MetS



Prevalence of Dyslipidemia in Korea

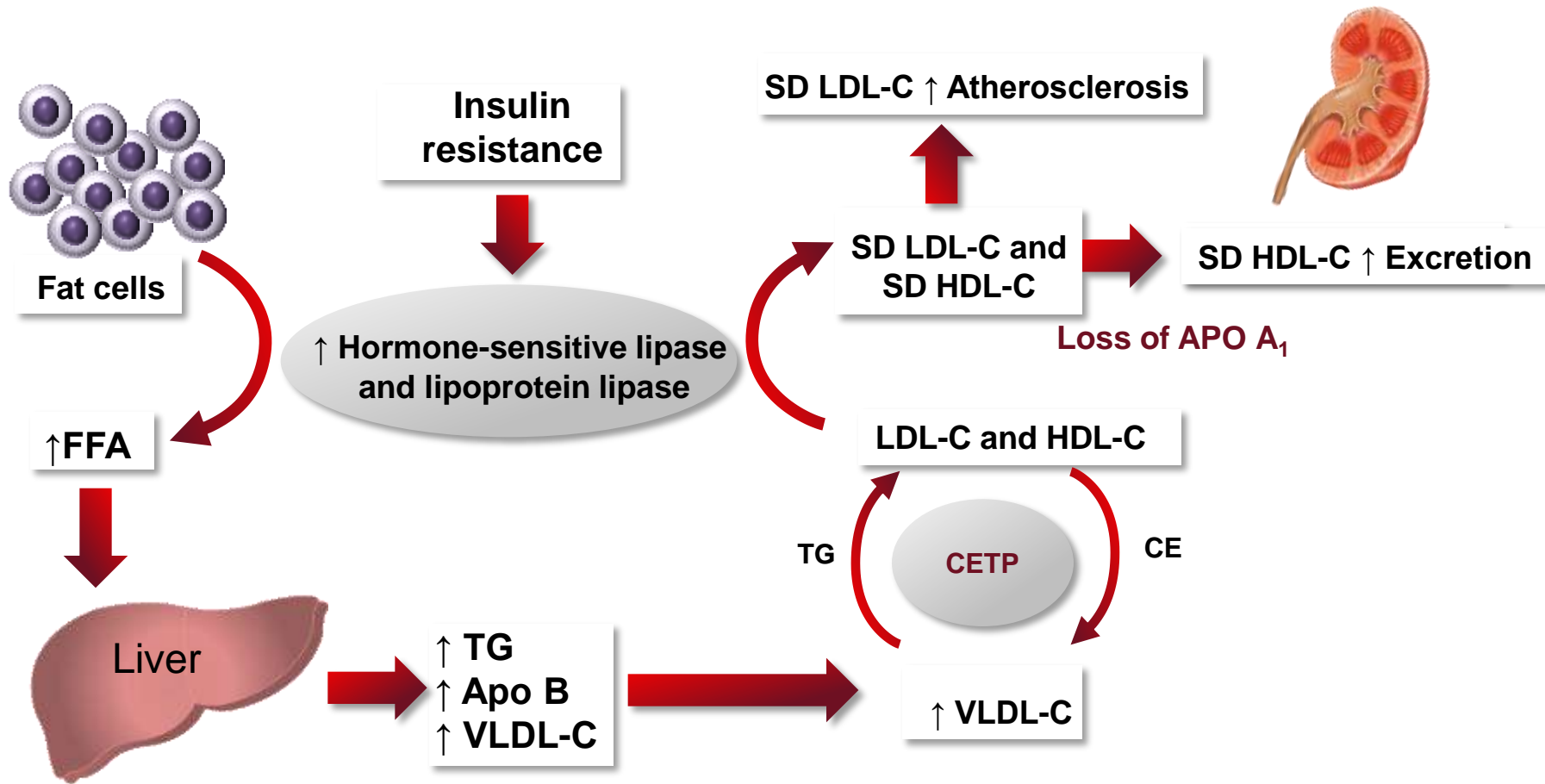


Prevalence rates of dyslipidemia and its individual lipid abnormalities by sex and age-category



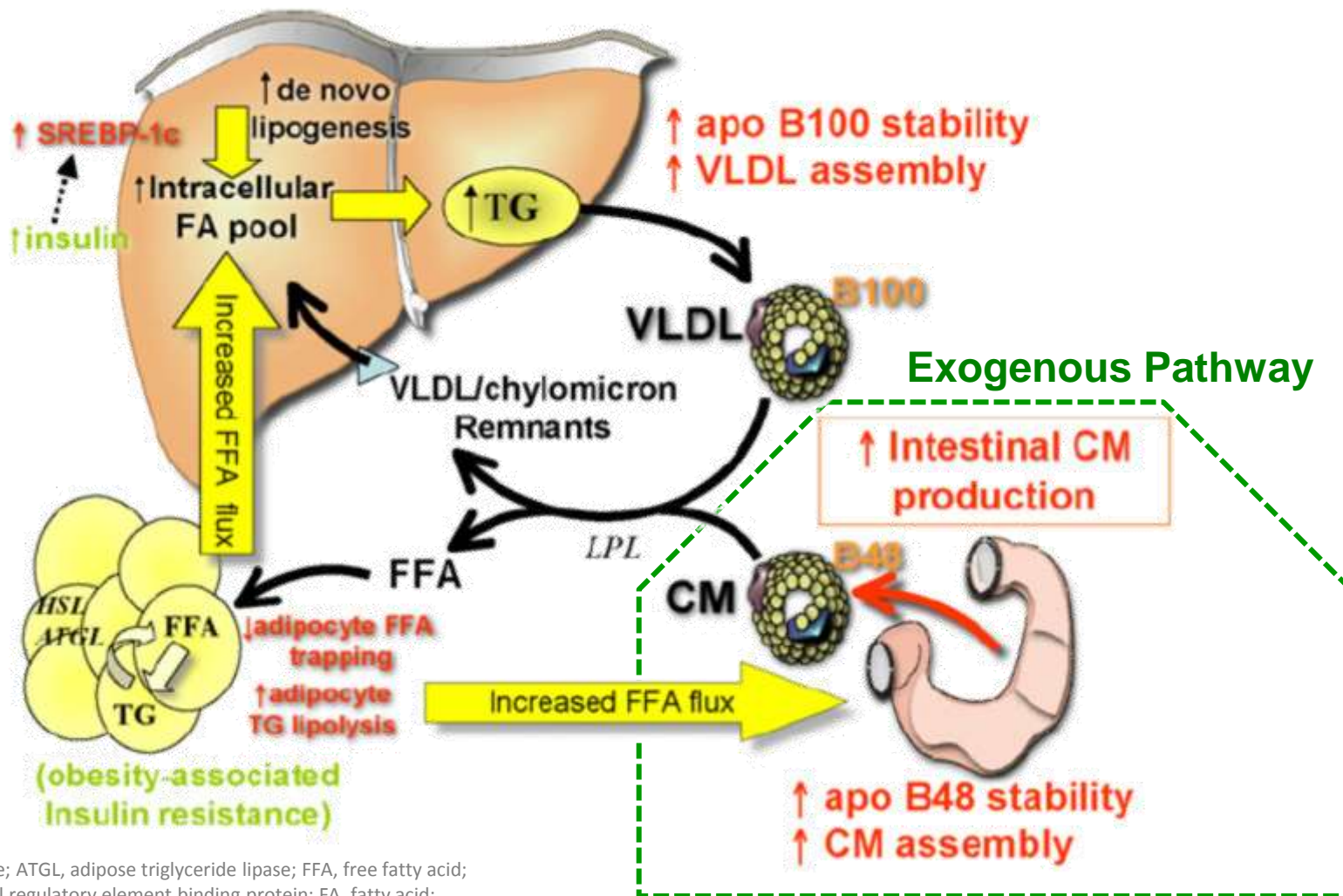
- adults aged ≥ 20 yrs
- data from the Korea National Health and Nutrition Surveys (KNHANES) 1998 to 2010

Mechanism of Dyslipidemia in the CardioMetS



↑ = increased; FFA = free fatty acid; TG = triglycerides; Apo B = apolipoprotein B; VLDL-C = very low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; CETP = cholesterol ester transfer protein; CE = cholesterol ester; LDL-C = low density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL-C = high density lipoprotein cholesterol; Apo A₁ = apolipoprotein A₁; SD LDL-C = small dense LDL-C; SD HDL-C = small dense HDL-C.

Mechanisms Relating Insulin Resistance and Dyslipidemia in Exogenous pathway

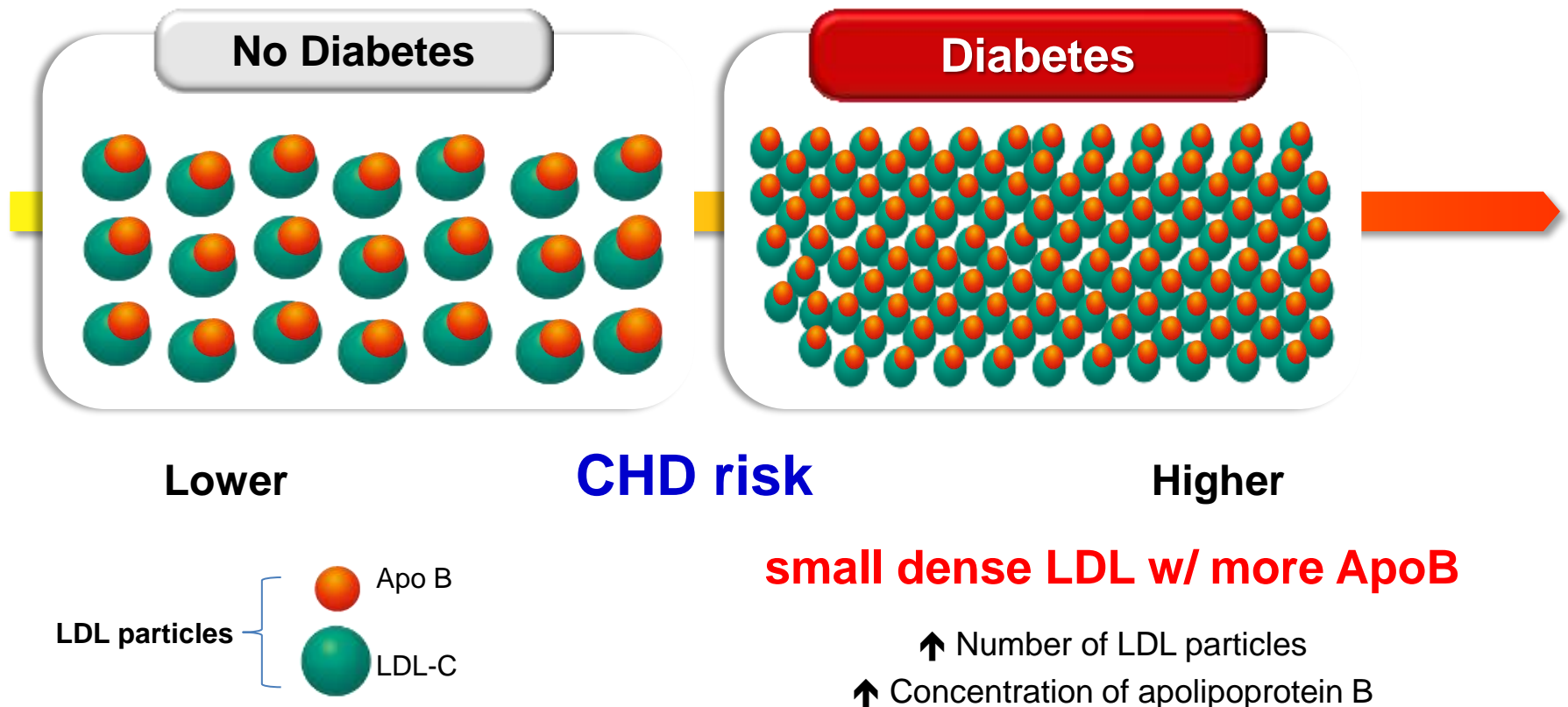


HSL, hormone sensitive lipase; ATGL, adipose triglyceride lipase; FFA, free fatty acid; TG, triglyceride; SREBP, sterol regulatory element binding protein; FA, fatty acid; VLDL, very low-density lipoprotein; apo, apolipoprotein; CM, chylomicron; LPL, lipoprotein lipase.

Increased numbers of LDL particles, even when LDL-C levels are normal in DM



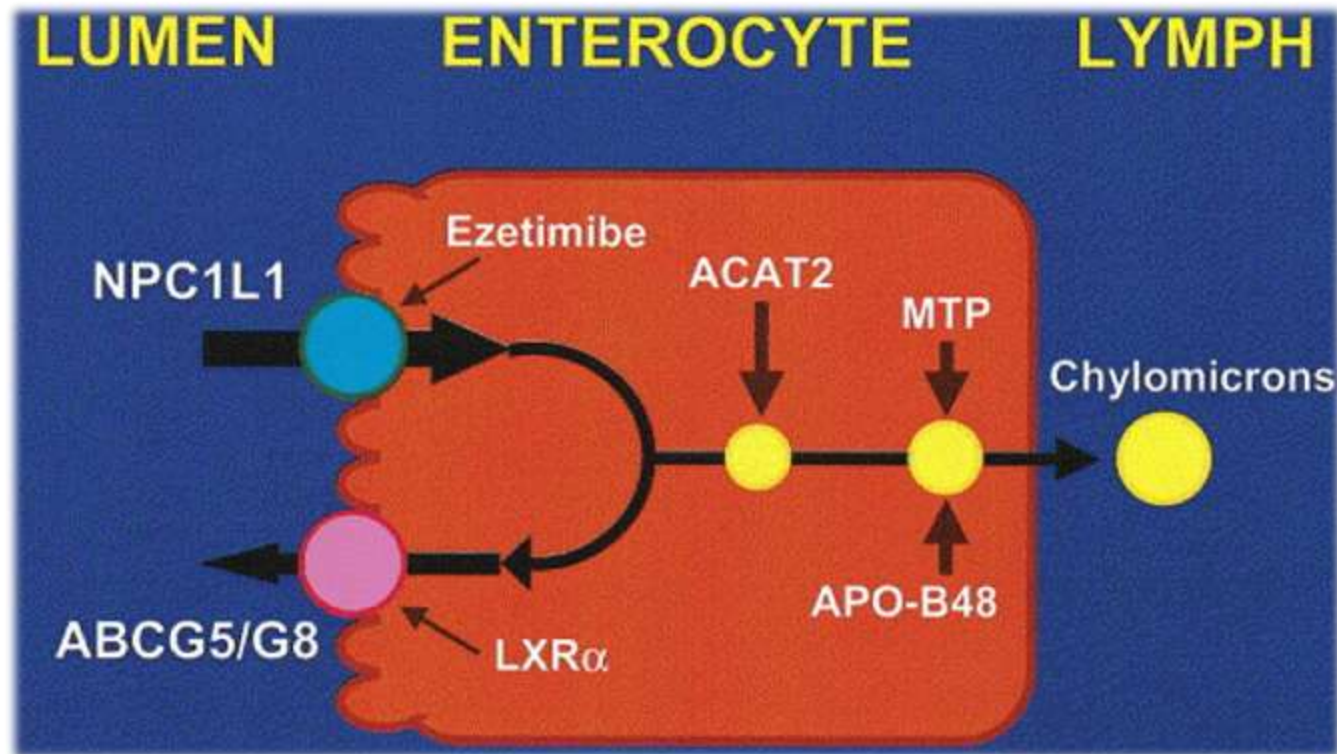
- Increased number of LDL particles (as denoted by a high apoB concentration) should be considered as an indicator of CHD risk in diabetes.



CHD, coronary heart disease; LDL-C, Low Density Lipoprotein-cholesterol; apoB, apolipoprotein B; LDL, Low Density Lipoprotein; sdLDL, small dense Low Density Lipoprotein

Buse JB et al. *Circulation*. 2007;115:114, Walldius G, et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2005;26:210, Chahil TJ, et al. *Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am*. 2006;35:491

Intestinal genes that regulate cholesterol absorption and chylomicron synthesis



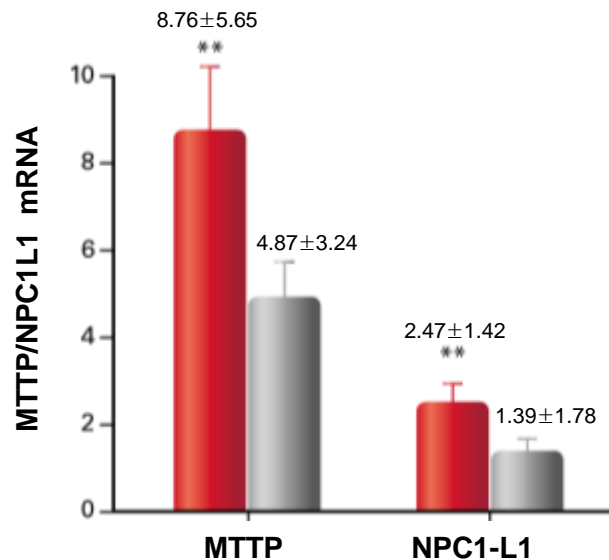
- Regulation of cholesterol absorption: NPC1-L1, MTTP
- Regulation of cholesterol excretion to intestinal lumen: ABCG5/G8

NPC1L1, Niemann–Pick C1 Like 1; ABCG5 and ABCG8, ATP-binding cassette transporters G5 and G8; MTTP, microsomal triglyceride transfer protein

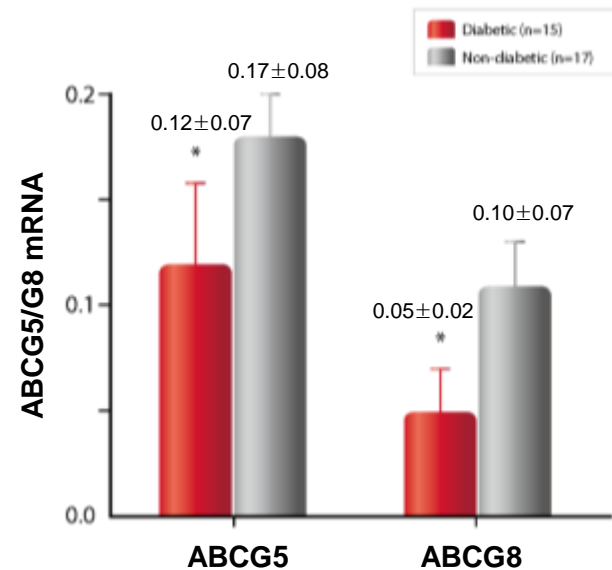
Alteration of expression of intestinal genes that regulate cholesterol absorption and chylomicron synthesis in DM

- Levels of NPC1L1, ABCG5 and ABCG8 and MTTP mRNA were measured in duodenal biopsies by real-time PCR. Lipoproteins were isolated by sequential ultracentrifugation.

Regulation of cholesterol **absorption**



Regulation of cholesterol **excretion** to intestinal lumen



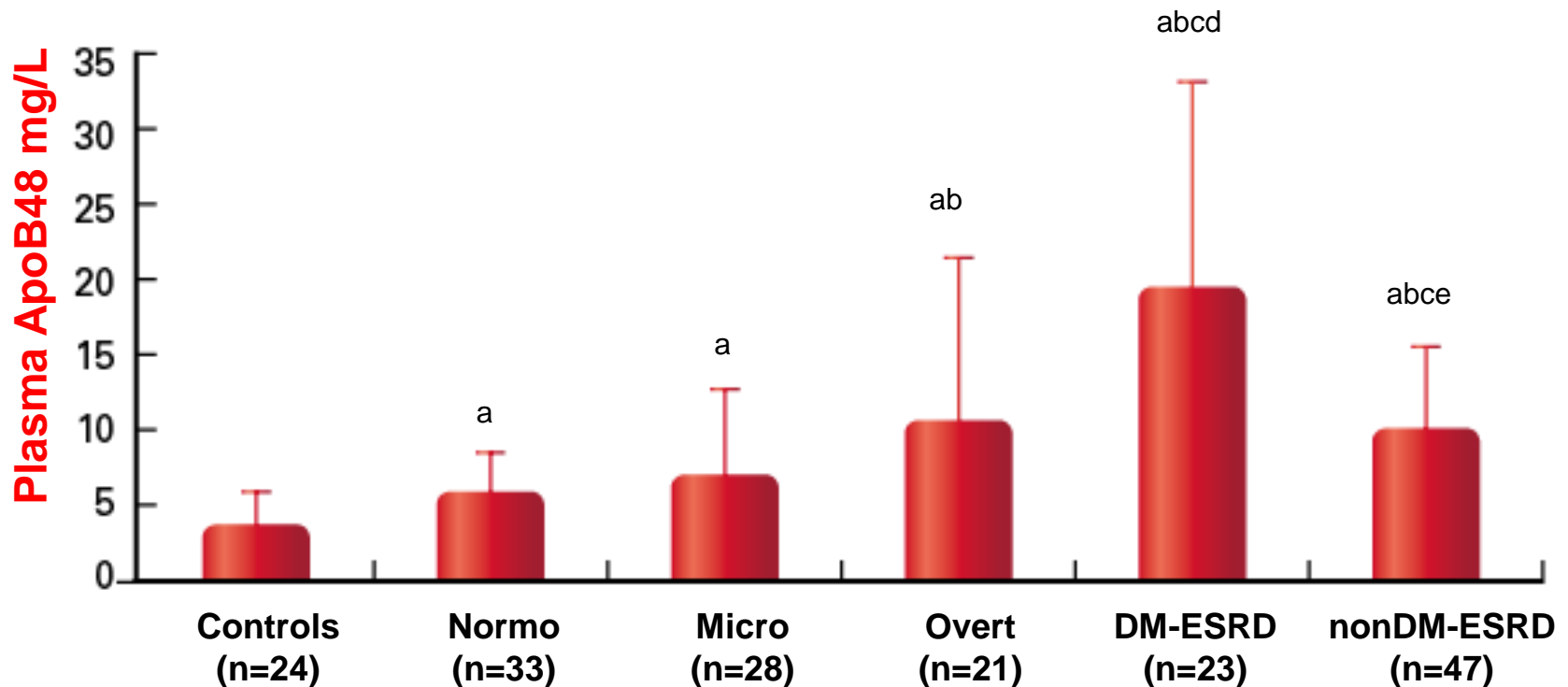
- In type 2 diabetes there are **important alterations to the expression of intestinal genes that regulate cholesterol absorption and chylomicron synthesis.**
- In diabetic patients **statin therapy** is associated **with reduced MTTP expression and increased ABCG5 and ABCG8 mRNA.**

ApoB48, apolipoprotein B48; DM, diabetes mellitus; NPC1L1, Niemann–Pick C1 Like 1; ABCG5 and ABCG8, ATP-binding cassette transporters G5 and G8; MTTP, microsomal triglyceride transfer protein; mRNA, messenger ribonucleic acid; PCR, polymerase chain reaction

Increased serum Apo B48 levels in T2DM patients: correlation bw plasma Apo B48 and DM w/ ESRD

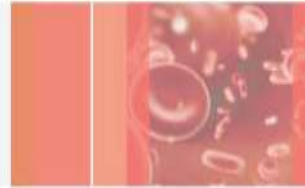


- Serum concentration of **apoB48 level** is **higher** in **diabetic** patients and **peaked** in the patients with **diabetic ESRD**



Fasting plasma apoB48 level in non-diabetic control subjects, type 2 diabetic subjects with various stages of nephropathy and non-diabetic patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Normo, normo-albuminuric diabetes; micro, micro-albuminuric diabetes; overt, overt-proteinuric diabetes. Significance ($P < 0.05$) was determined by ANOVA: (a) vs. control; (b) vs. normo; (c) vs. micro; (d) vs. overt; (e) vs. diabetic ESRD.

Rasing Question



What would be the better option to **minimize** the concern of **increasing DM** and **safety** issue especially in the **Cardiometabolic Patients**?



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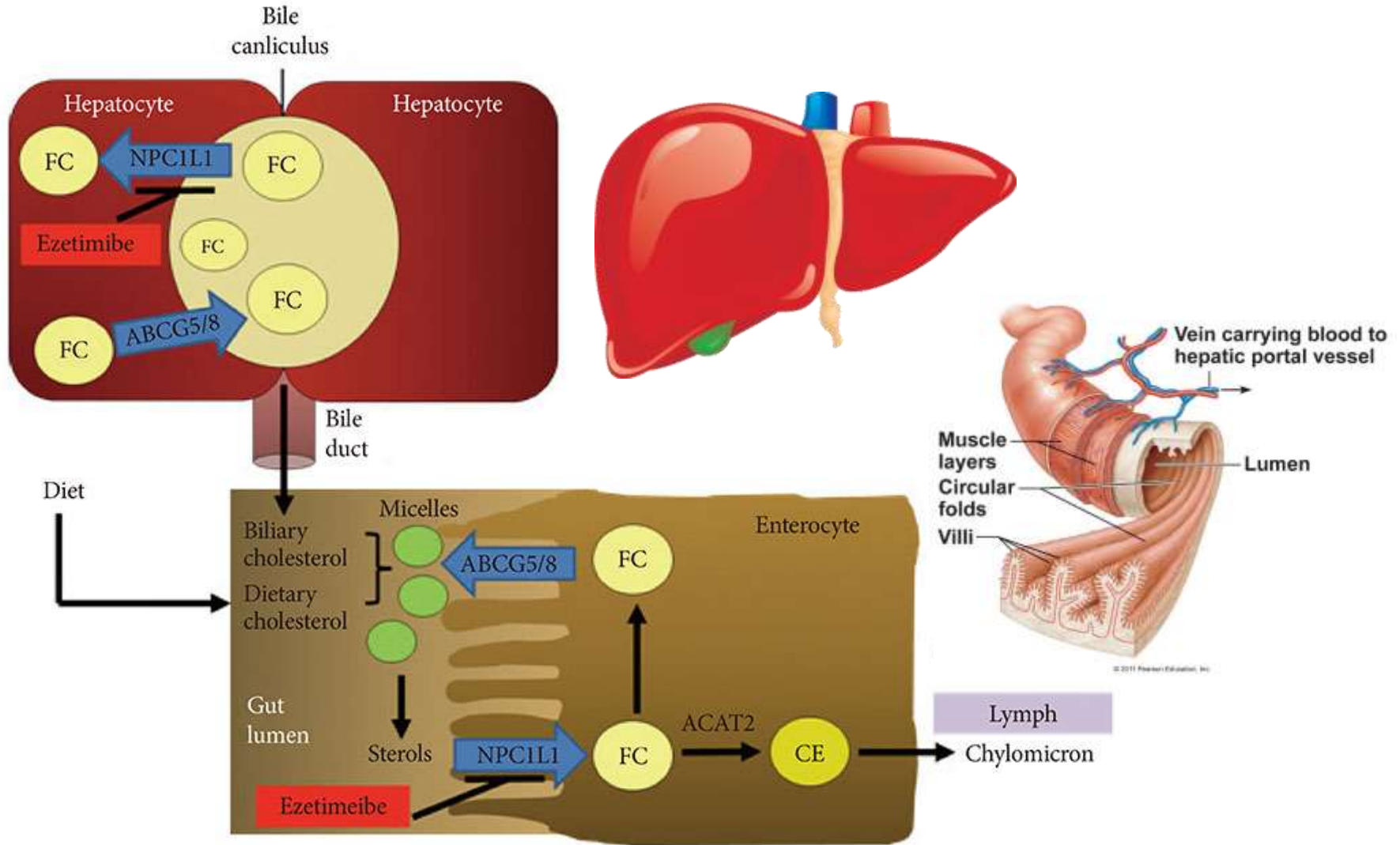
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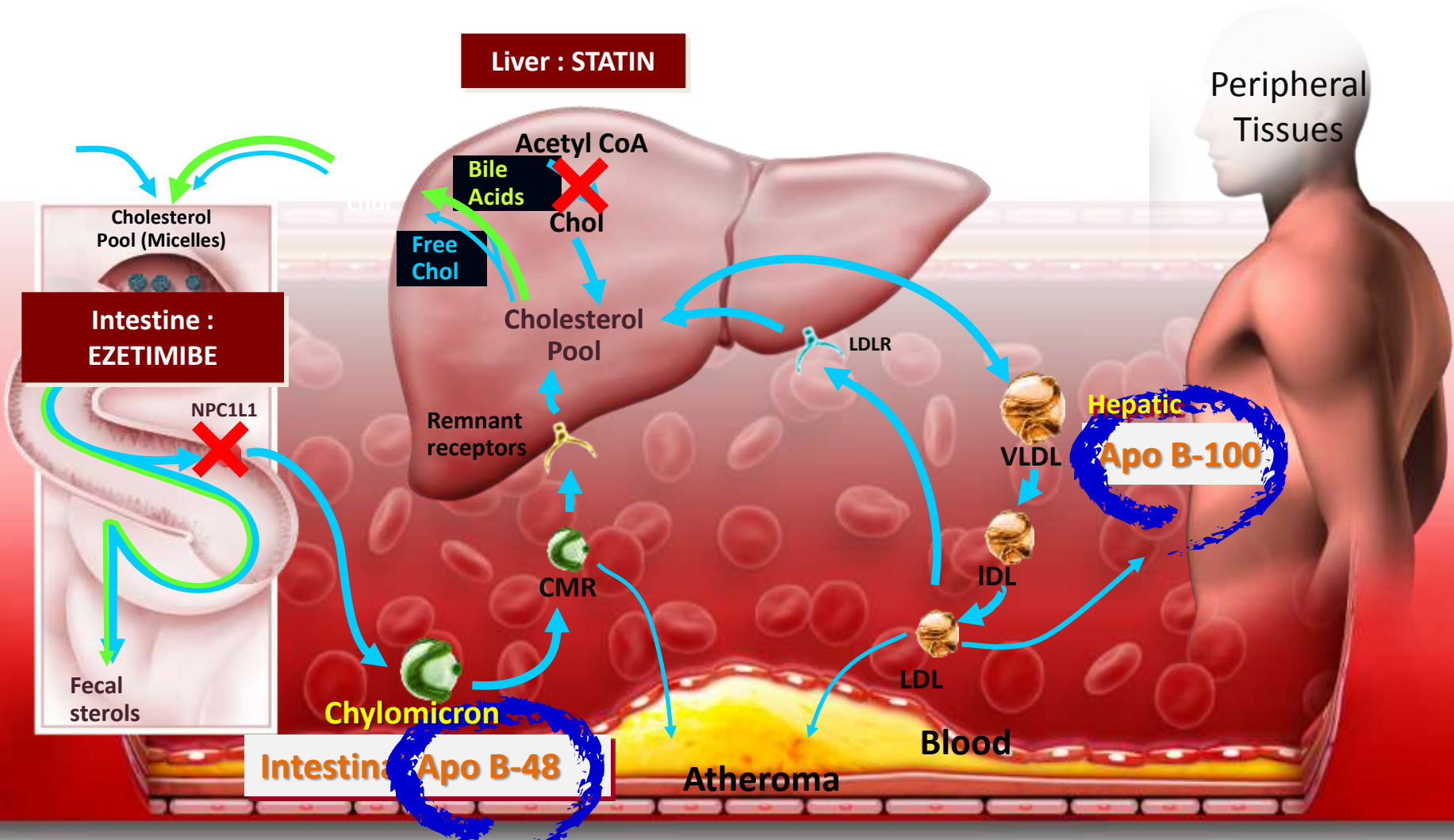
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Niemann-Pick C1-Like 1 (NPC1L1) in cholesterol transport in the intestine and liver and Ezetimibe



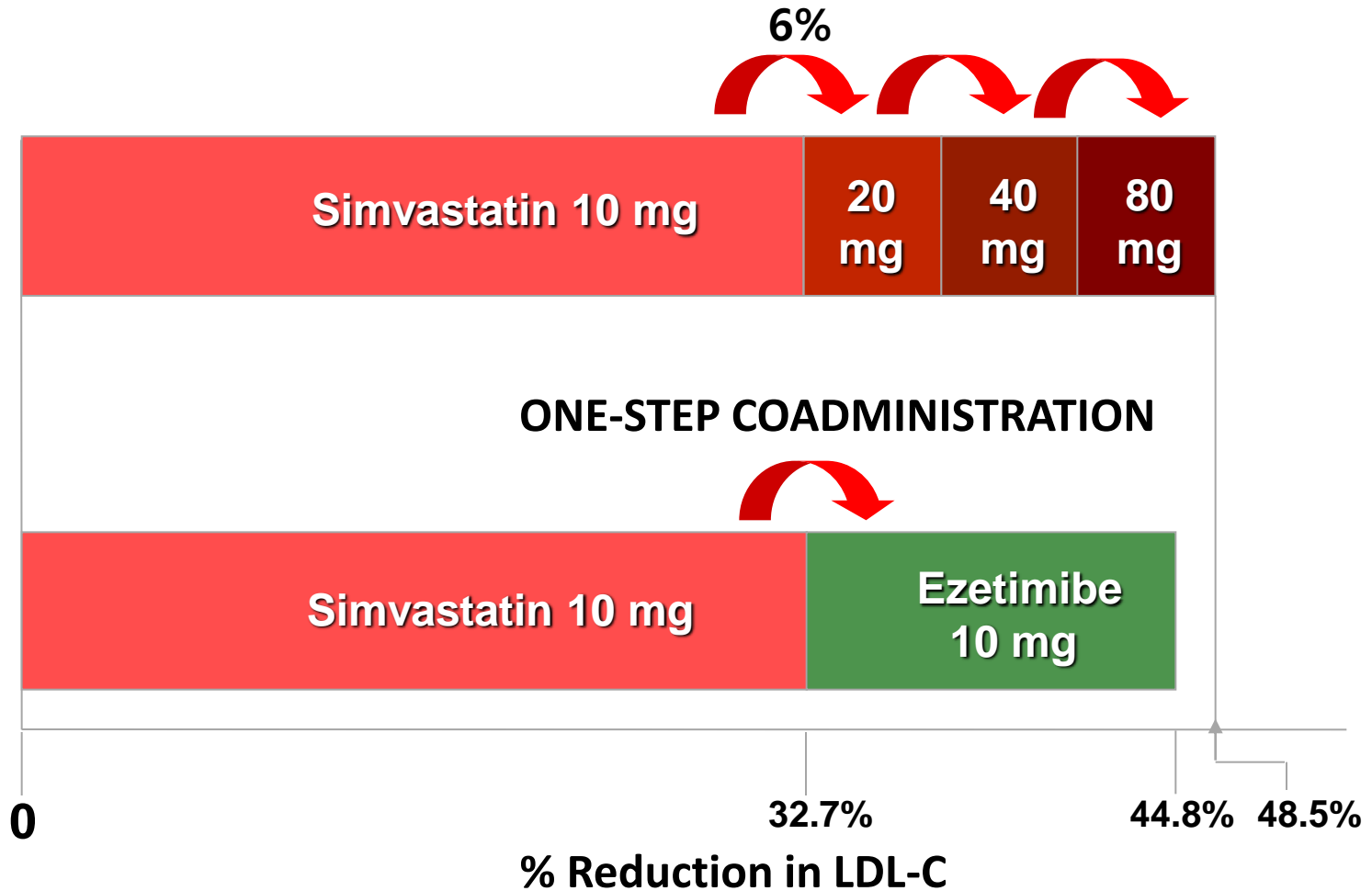
VYTORIN (ezetimibe/simvastatin): Dual Action in Cholesterol Metabolism



1. Cohen DE, Armstrong EJ. In: Principles of pharmacology: *The pathophysiologic Basis of Drug Therapy*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia PA:Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins; 2007:417-438.

2. Wang DQ. *Annu Rev Physiol* 2007;69:221-248.

Ezetimibe add-on vs. Statin doubling in LDL-C lowering



Ezetimibe + Simvastatin: Superior **LDL-C reduction** vs. Atorvastatin at Starting Dose

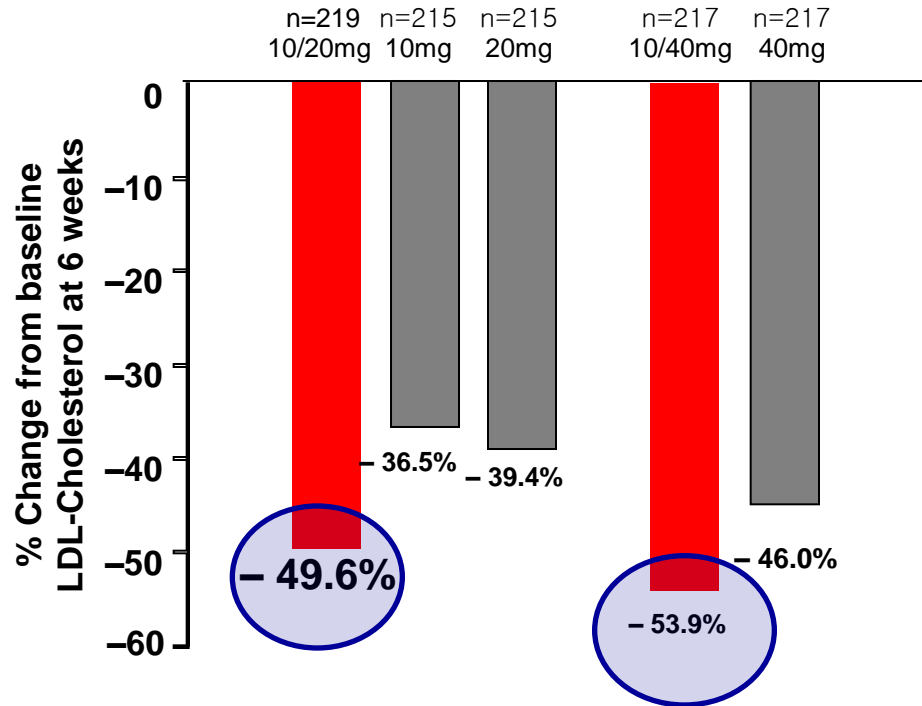


VYMET

18 to 79 year

Metabolic syndrome patients

■ Ezetimibe/Simvastatin
■ Atorvastatin

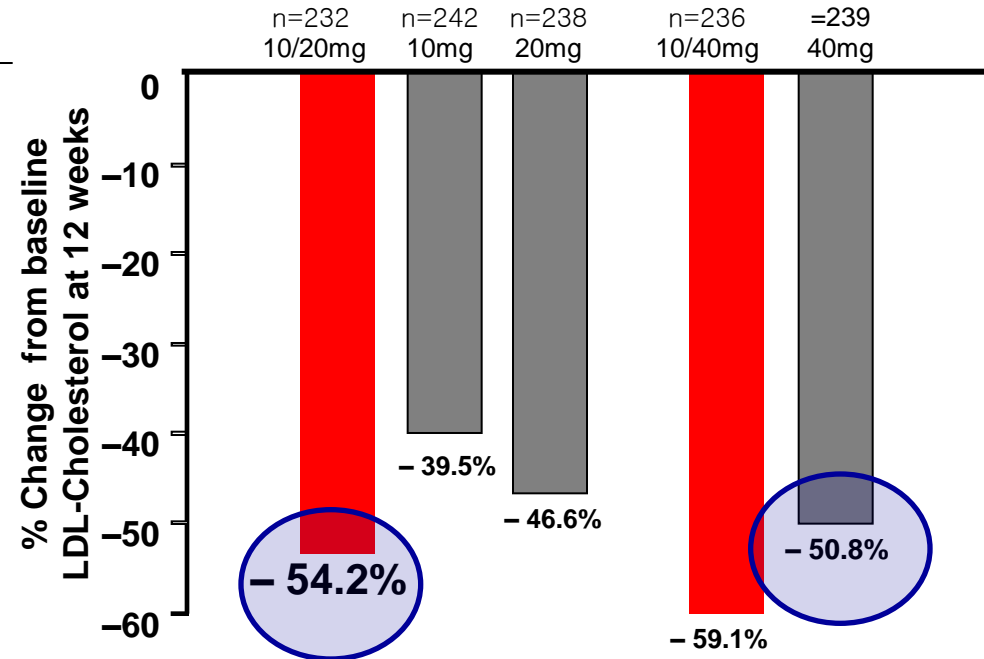


P<0.001 for treatment difference for 6 weeks
 (E10/S20 vs. A10:-13.1. E10/S20 vs. A20:-10.2, E10/S40 vs:-8.0)

VYTELD

≥65 year

moderately high/high risk for CHD



P<0.001 for treatment difference for 12 weeks
 (E10/S20 vs. A10:-14.7. E10/S20 vs. A20:-7.5, E10/S40 vs:-8.2)

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■ Ezetimibe/Simvastatin
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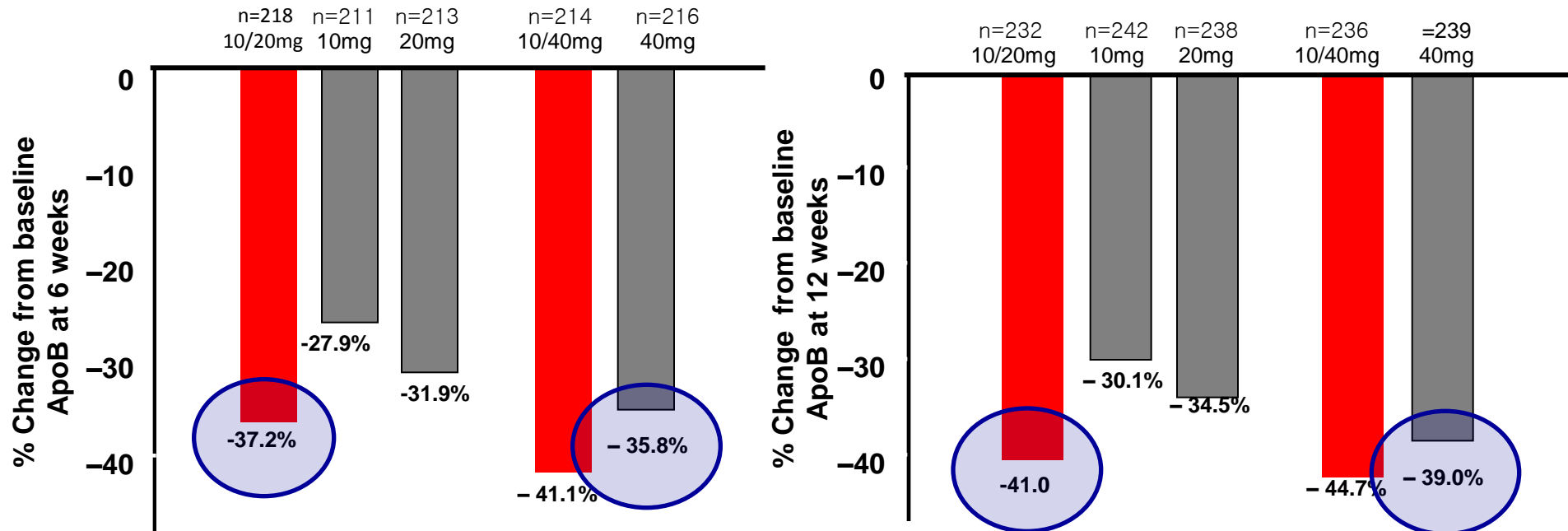
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Metabolic syndrome patients

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p<0.001 for treatment difference
(E10/S20 vs A10:-9.4, E10/S20 vs A20:-5.3, E10/S40 vs A40:-5.3)

p<0.001 for treatment difference (E10/S20 vs A10:-10.9, E10/S20 vs A20:-6.5)
p<0.01 for treatment difference (E10/S40 vs A40:-5.7)

Effect of Ezetimibe on Insulin Resistance Improvement

Patients with primary hyperlipidemia and CHD or 10yrs CHD risk >20% included for treatment of pravastatin 40mg (n=50) or pravastatin 10mg + ezetimibe 10mg (n=50) for 6 months

Parameters	Group1 (n=50)	Prava 40mg	Group2 (n=50)	Prava 10mg + Eze 10mg	P Values
	Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment	
Glucose (mg/dl)	109.1±18.2	107.5±14.6	100.1±10.9	97.4±9.7	P=0.01
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	231.1±83.5	211.3±37.2 *	250.9±51.8	187.9±34.9 *	P=0.04
Triglyceride (mg/dl)	243.5±96.8	190.9±55.2	270.3±158.9	154.6±60.7 **	P=0.05
LDL-cholesterol (mg/dl)	165.7±29.7	133.4±26.6 *	158.1±47.5*	116.9±26.4 **	P=0.003
HDL-cholesterol (mg/dl)	46.3±10.25	44.1±8.6	43.7±11	42.1±10	P=0.51
Insulin (U/ml)	15.1±7.5	11.6±5.7	11.5±5.4	7.6±2.6 **	P=0.08
Insulin resistance*	4.05±2.31	3.16±1.90	2.96±1.50	2.05±0.55 **	P=0.01
Hs-CRP (mg/l)	6.69±6.11	3.02±1.70*	6.36±2.06	2.68±1.79 **	P=0.04

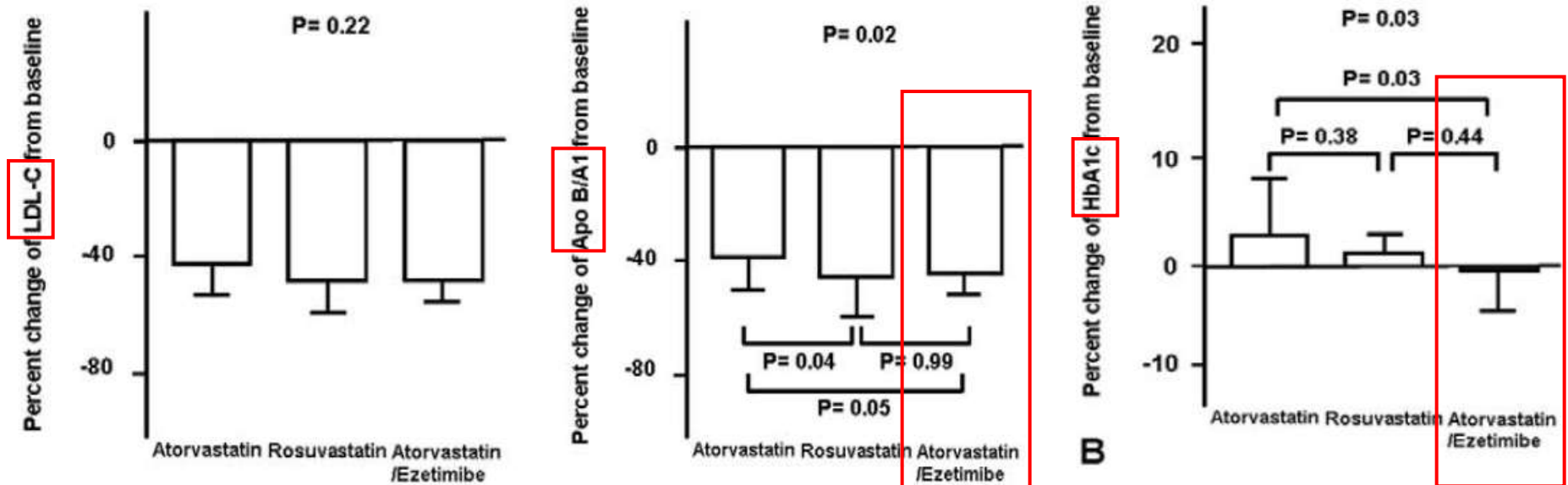
*HOMA formula [HOMA 12 = fasting insulin (mu/mlt) X fasting blood sugar (mmol/lt)/22.5].

The Values are mean ± standard deviation (range) p Value compare of value before treatment and after 6 months treatment between groups; *p<0.05, before treatment and after 6 months treatment in groups; meaningful as statistical; **p<0.01, before treatment and after 6 months treatment in groups

Effects of Atorva 20mg, Rosuva 10mg, and Atorva /Ezeimibe 5mg/5mg on lipoproteins and glucose metabolism

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- Purpose: to compare the effects of 3 different statin regimens that have equivalent LDL-C lowering efficacy on the apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio and glucose metabolism
- 90 hypercholesterolemic patients were randomly assigned to 1 of 3 treatment groups for 8 weeks: atorvastatin 20 mg, rosuvastatin 10 mg, or atorvastatin/ezetimibe 5 mg/5 mg.
- At drug treatment week 8, we compared the percentage changes in lipid parameters, apolipoprotein B/A1 ratio, hemoglobin A1c, and homeostasis model assessment-insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) from baseline.



ApoB 48 and ApoB 100 in Plaque



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Detection of apolipoproteins B-48 and B-100 carrying particles in lipoprotein fractions extracted from human aortic atherosclerotic plaques in sudden cardiac death cases

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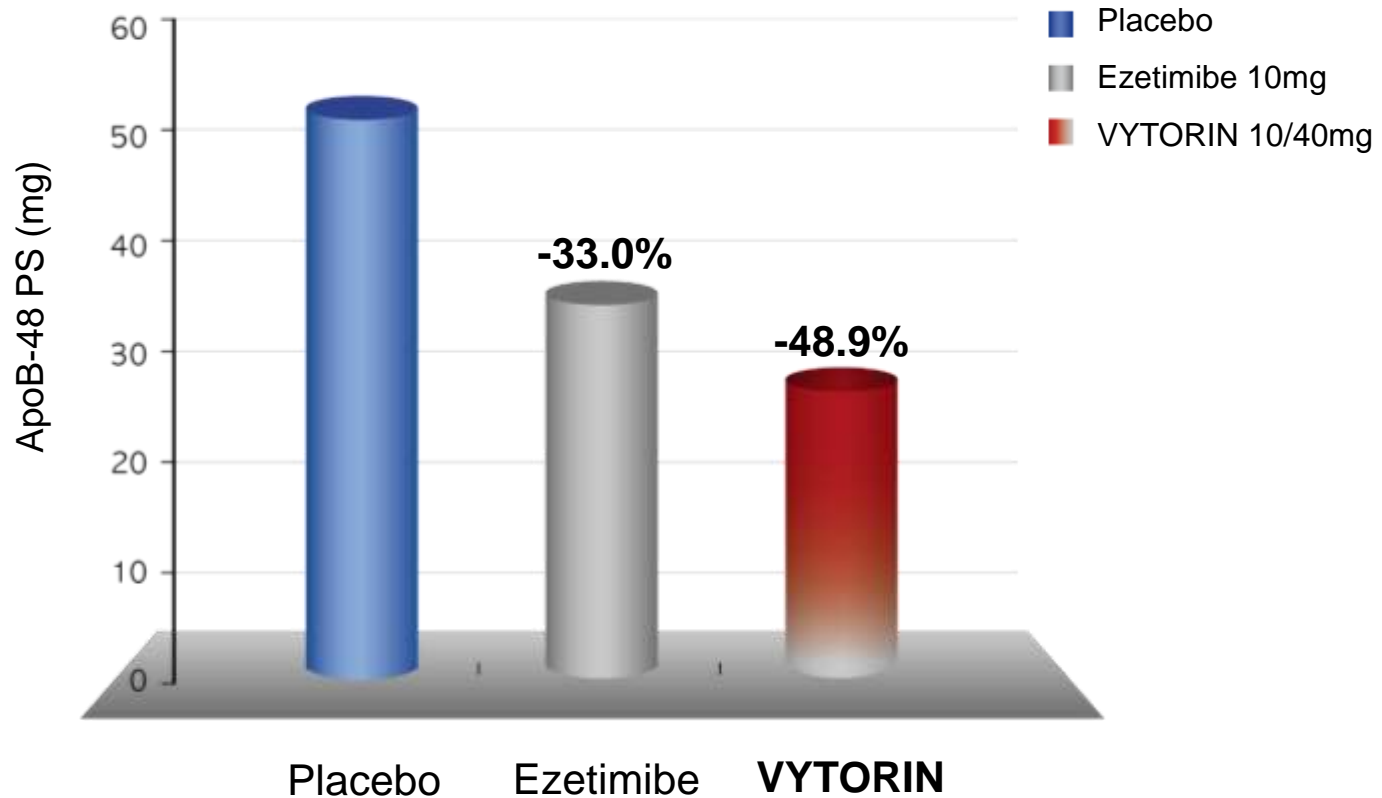
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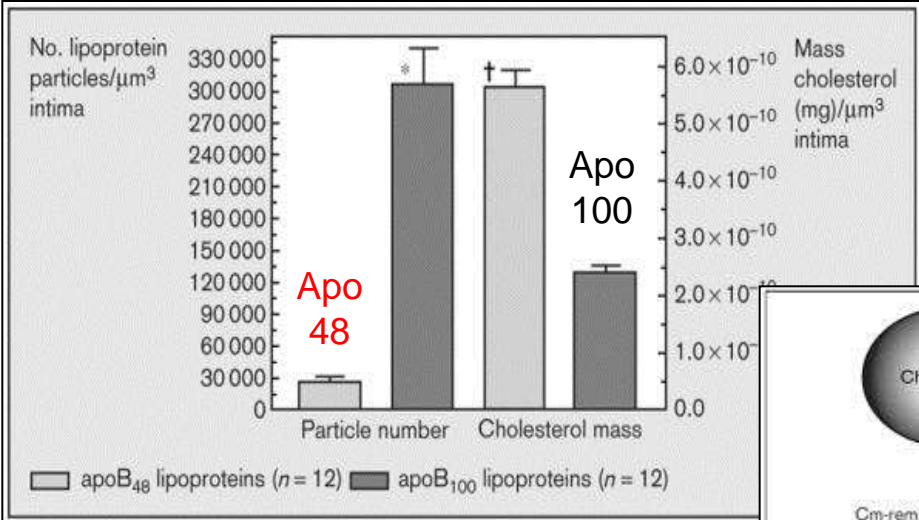
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Ezetimibe strongly reduces ApoB48

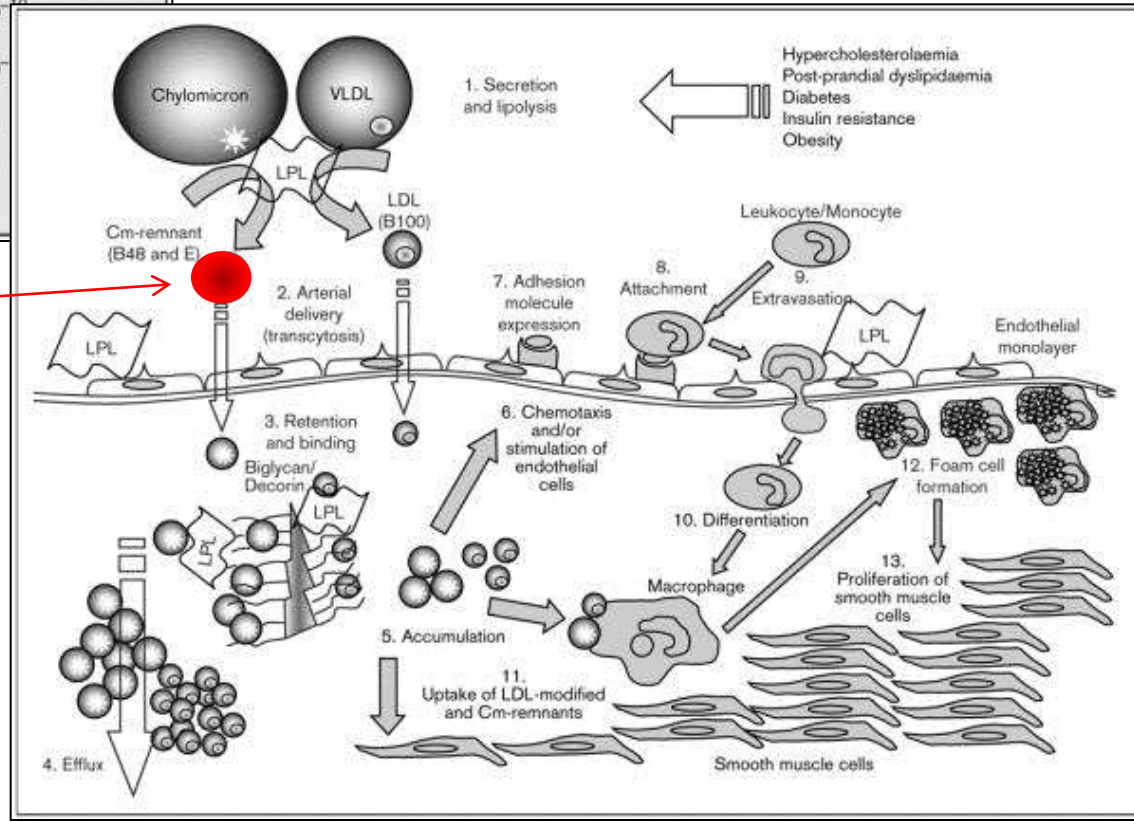


P < 0.05 for both ezetimibe and simvastatin vs. placebo

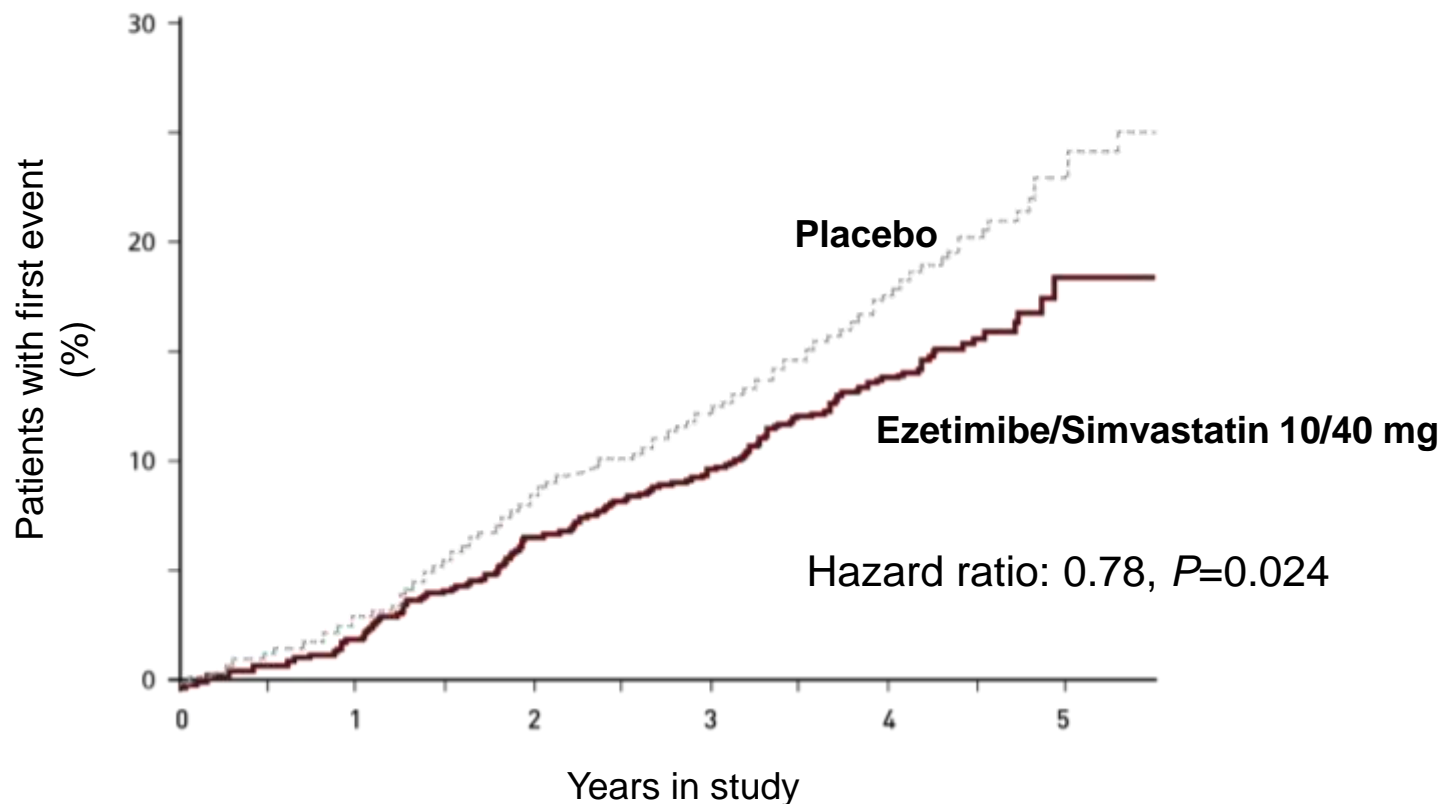
CMR w/ ApoB48 involves early atherosclerosis



Chylomicron-Remnant (Apo B48 and E)



SEAS: Ischemic Cardiovascular Event in AS



No. at risk

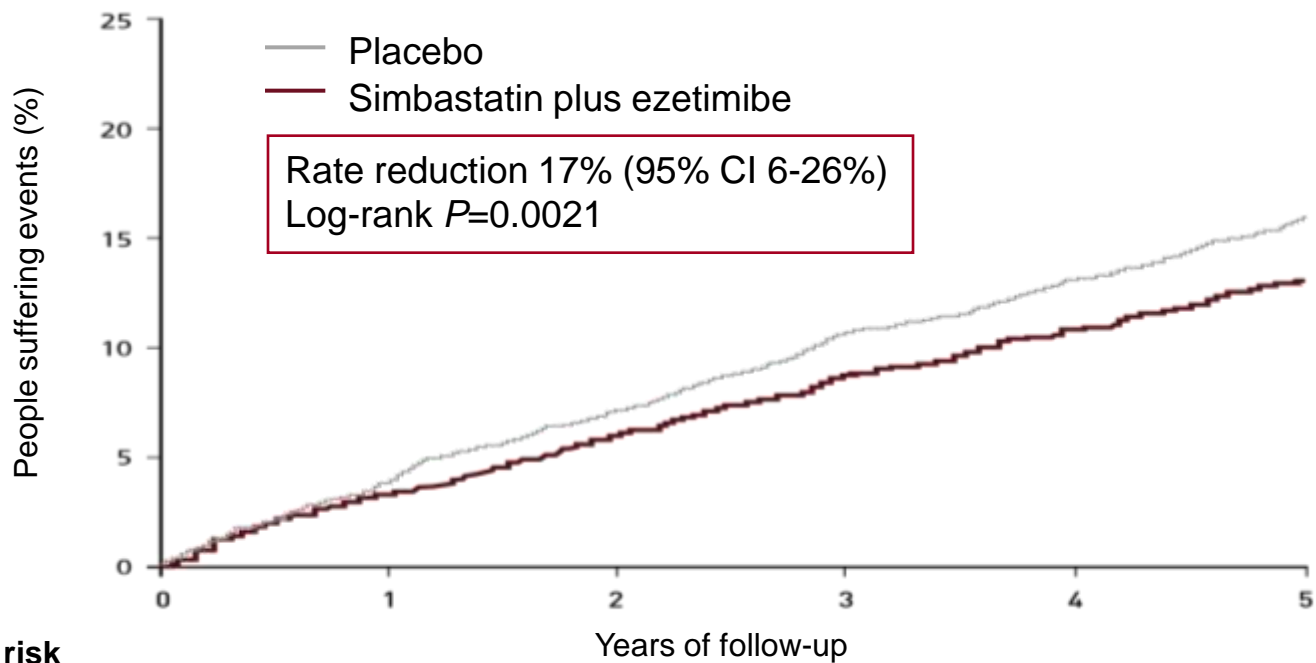
Ezetimibe/Simvastatin 10/40 mg	917	867	823	769	76
Placebo	898	838	788	729	76

SHARP: Major Atherosclerotic Events in CKD



(Composite endpoint: coronary death, non-fatal MI, non-hemorrhagic stroke and any revascularization)

- Randomized double-blind trial included 9270 patients with chronic kidney disease



Number at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Placebo	4,620	4,204	3,849	3,469	2,566	1,269
Simvastatin plus ezetimibe	4,650	4,271	3,939	3,546	2,655	1,265

Numbers remaining at risk of a first major atherosclerotic event at the beginning of each year are shown for both treatment groups.

Agenda

A background image showing a microscopic view of blood cells, including red blood cells and white blood cells, in a light pinkish-red hue. The cells are scattered across the frame, with some appearing more prominent than others.

I. LDL-C, a causal factor for ASCVD

II. Unmet needs of current lipid management

III. Strategic approach for management of dyslipidemia in cardiometabolic patients

IV. Direction of alternative option in lipid guideline

ESC/EAS 2011 Guidelines: the use of lower intensity statin therapy should be considered in some patients

In Acute Coronary Syndrome, Acute myocardial infarction with ST-segment elevation.¹

- The **use of lower intensity statin therapy** should be considered in patients at **increased risk of side effects with high doses of statin** (e.g. the elderly, hepatic impairment, renal impairment, or potential for interaction with essential concomitant therapy).

In the Elderly¹

- Since elderly patients often have comorbidities and have altered pharmacokinetics, it is recommended to **start lipid-lowering medication at a low dose and then titrate with caution to target lipid levels**, which are the same as in younger subjects [Class I, Level C].

Ezetimibe in **ESC/EAS 2011 Guidelines**



7.5.2 Statins and cholesterol absorption inhibitors

Combining ezetimibe with a statin reduces LDL-C by an additional 15–20%.

The results of the **SEAS study** in patients with asymptomatic aortic stenosis showed that **ezetimibe** and **simvastatin** applied **concomitantly reduce the incidence of ischaemic CVD events (up to 46% in the patients with less severe aortic stenosis)** but not events related to aortic valve stenosis.

Recently the data of the **SHARP trial** were presented with **positive results in CKD patients,**

For those with **dyslipidaemia** who are **unable to take statins, ezetimibe** could be considered as an alternative in those with high LDL-C

Intensity of statin therapy based on the efficacy of LDL-C lowering in **ACC/AHA 2013 Guideline**



Recommended more 50% of LDL-C lowering in very high risk patients.

High-Intensity Statin Therapy	Moderate-Intensity Statin Therapy	Low-Intensity Statin Therapy
Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average, by approximately ≥50%	Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average, by approximately 30-50%	Daily dose lowers LDL-C on average, by <30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atorvastatin (40†)–80 mg• Rosuvastatin 20 (40) mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atorvastatin 10 (20) mg• Rosuvastatin (5) 10 mg• Simvastatin 20–40 mg[‡]• Pravastatin 40 (80) mg• Lovastatin 40 mg• <i>Fluvastatin XL 80 mg</i>• Fluvastatin 40 mg bid• <i>Pitavastatin 2–4 mg</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Simvastatin 10 mg</i>• Pravastatin 10–20 mg• Lovastatin 20 mg• <i>Fluvastatin 20–40 mg</i>• <i>Pitavastatin 1 mg</i>

Statin and doses that are approved by the U.S. FDA but were not tested in the RCTs reviewed are listed in *italics*.

Minimum Drug Dose to Achieve 50% LDL-C Reduction

Drug	Dose,mg/d	LDL-C reduction, %
ATORVA	80	51–54
EZE/SIMVA	10/20	50–51
ROSUVA	20	52

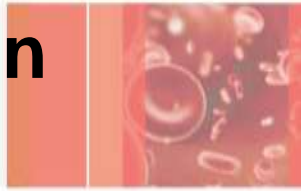
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ACC/AHA 2013 Guideline provides direction of **Non-Statin** cholesterol lowering therapy



6.3.2. Non-statins Added to Statins or in Statin Intolerant Individuals

Clinicians treating high-risk patients who have a **less-than-anticipated response to statins**, who are **unable to tolerate** a less-than-recommended intensity of a statin, or who are completely **statin intolerant may consider** the addition of a nonstatin cholesterol-lowering therapy.

Lipid Lowering Agents



	LDL- C	HDL-C	TG
Statins (atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, imvastatin)	↓18-63%	↑5-15%	↓7-30%
Bile Acid Sequestrants (colesevelam,cholestrymine,colestipol)	↓15-30%	↑3-5%	0 or ↑
Nicotinic Acid	↓5-25%	↑15-35%	↓20-50%
Fibric Acid Derivatives (gemfibrozil, fenofibrate)	↓5-20 or ↑	↑ 10-20%	↓20-50%
Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitor (ezetimibe)	↓18%	↑ 1%	↓7%
Omega-3 fatty acids (prescription strength)	0 or ↑	0 or ↑	↓12-30%

Evaluation of non-statins for high risk pts of ASCVD

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REVIEW

Effectiveness of Combination Therapy With Statin and Another Lipid-Modifying Agent Compared With Intensified Statin Monotherapy

A Systematic Review

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Background

1. Some patients do not tolerate or respond to high intensity statin monotherapy
2. **Lower-intensity statin combined with nonstatin medication** may be an alternative

Purpose

To compare the clinical benefits, adherence, and harms of lower-intensity statin combination therapy with those of higher-intensity statin monotherapy among adults at high risk for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)

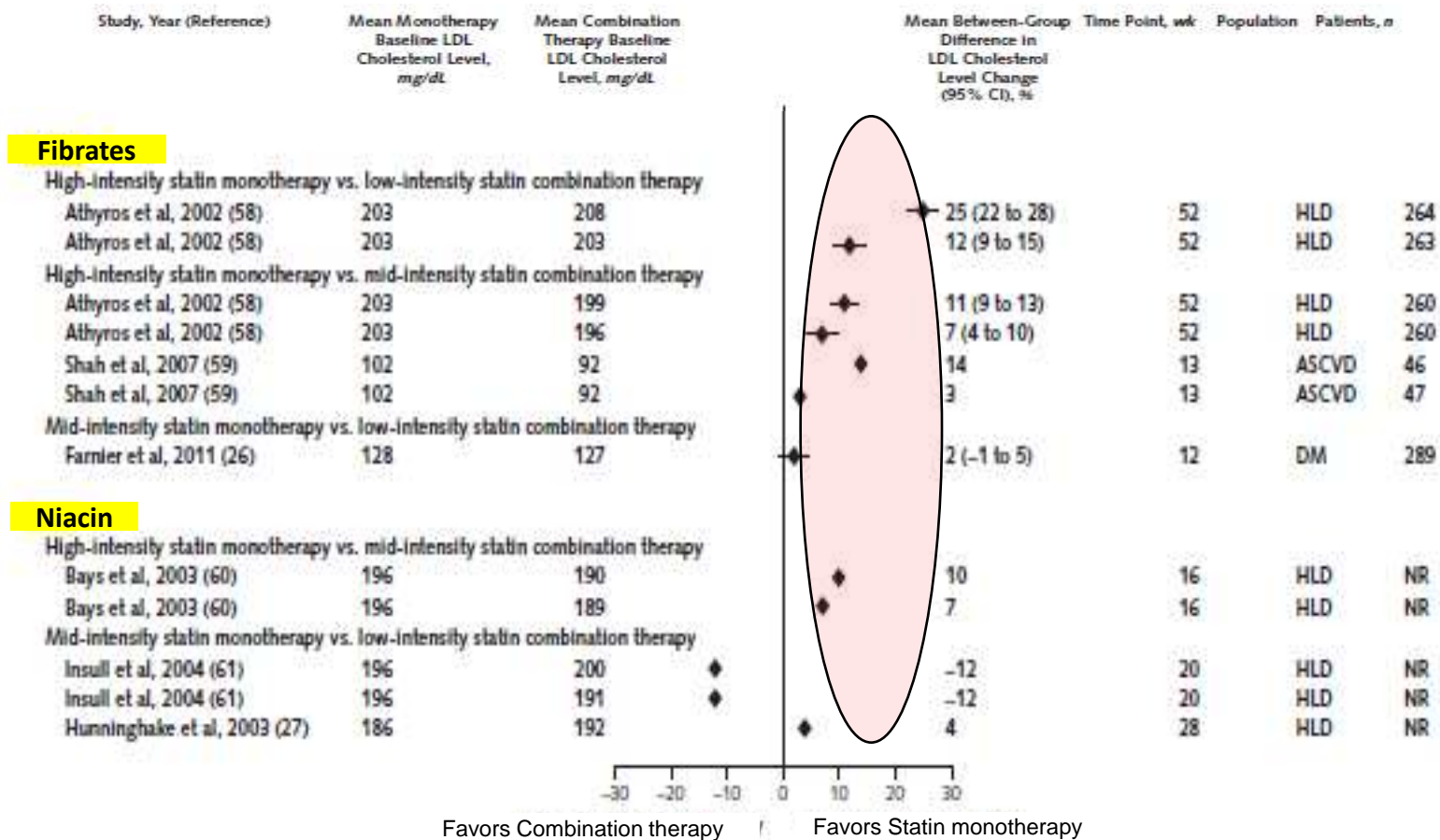
Method

Meta analysis of 36 randomized, controlled trials

Insufficient evidence to evaluate LDL cholesterol for fibrates, niacin, and ω -3 fatty acids



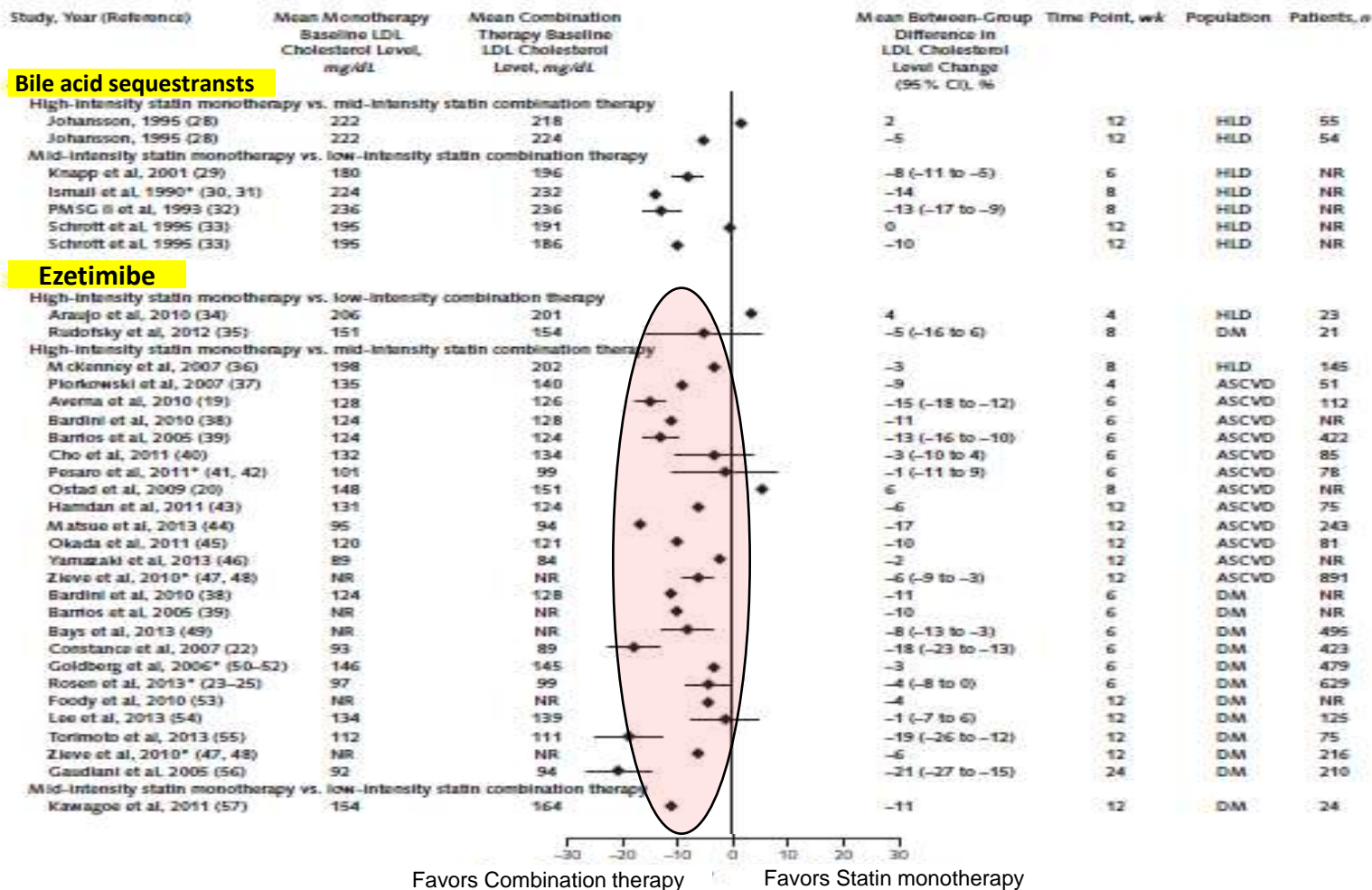
Figure 2. Difference in mean percentage change in LDL cholesterol among high-risk groups by nonstatin agent between higher-intensity statin monotherapy and lower-intensity statin combination therapy.



Could consider using lower-intensity statin combined with **Ezetimibe** or **Bile acid sequestrant**



Figure 2. Difference in mean percentage change in LDL cholesterol among high-risk groups by nonstatin agent between higher-intensity statin monotherapy and lower-intensity statin combination therapy.



Direction of Non-Statins in **NICE 2014 Guideline**

98. **Do not offer** *the combination of a bile acid sequestrant (anion exchange 11 resin), fibrate, nicotinic acid or omega-3 fatty acid compound with a statin* for the prevention of CVD. [new 2014]

99. People with primary hypercholesterolaemia **should be considered for ezetimibe treatment in line with Ezetimibe** for the treatment of primary (heterozygous-familial and non-familial) hypercholesterolaemia (NICE 16 technology appraisal guidance 132)

The population groups covered by the ezetimibe Technology Appraisal 132 (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence., 2007) are:

- **Adults with primary (heterozygous familial and non-familial) hypercholesterolaemia** who are candidates for treatment with statins on the basis of their CVD status or risk and;
- whose condition is **not appropriately controlled with a statin alone** or;
- in whom a **statin is considered inappropriate or is not tolerated.**

KDIGO 2013 Guideline recommends Statin/Ezetimibe combination with high evidence level



Chapter 2: Pharmacological cholesterol-lowering treatment in adults

2.1.1: In adults aged ≥ 50 years with $eGFR < 60$ ml/min/1.73 m² but not treated with chronic dialysis or kidney transplantation (GFR categories G3a-G5), we recommend treatment with a statin or statin/ezetimibe combination. (1A)

2.1.2: In adults aged ≥ 50 years with CKD and $eGFR \geq 60$ ml/min/1.73m² (GFR categories G1-G2) we recommend treatment with a statin. (1B)

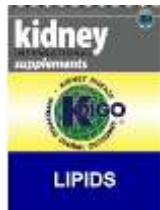
2.2: In adults aged 18–49 years with CKD but not treated with chronic dialysis or kidney transplantation, we suggest statin treatment in people with one or more of the following (2A):

- known coronary disease (myocardial infarction or coronary revascularization)
- diabetes mellitus
- prior ischemic stroke
- estimated 10-year incidence of coronary death or non-fatal myocardial infarction $\geq 10\%$

2.3.1: In adults with dialysis-dependent CKD, we suggest that statins or statin/ezetimibe combination not be initiated. (2A)

2.3.2: In patients already receiving statins or statin/ezetimibe combination at the time of dialysis initiation, we suggest that these agents be continued. (2C)

2.4: In adult kidney transplant recipients, we suggest treatment with a statin. (2B)



Take Home Message



- 1.** More intensive LDL-C reduction might be appropriate for patients with ASCVD including cardiometabolic patients.
- 2.** Intensive-dose statin therapy has clinical limitations especially in cardiometabolic patients
- 3.** VYTORIN (Ezetimibe+Simvastatin) is the practical option for more intensive LDL-C management
- 4.** VYTORIN (Ezetimibe+Simvastatin) may be a better option for cardiometabolic patients with less side effect and additional clinical benefit from the unique mechanism



Thank You