



# Update. Trattamento della dislipidemia nel paziente ad alto rischio cardiovascolare: non solo statine

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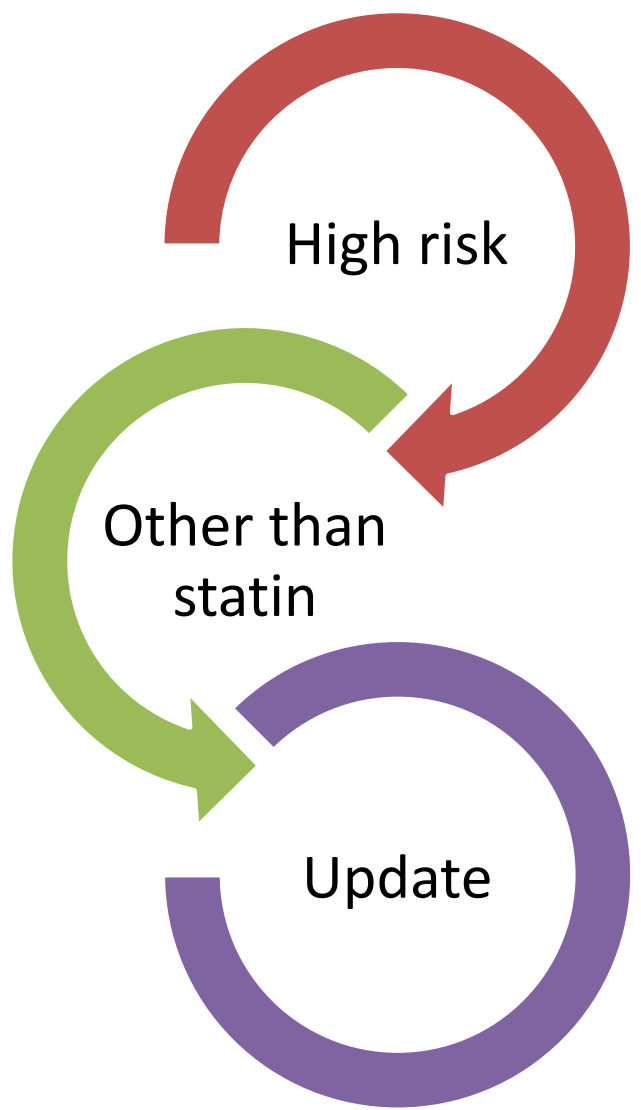




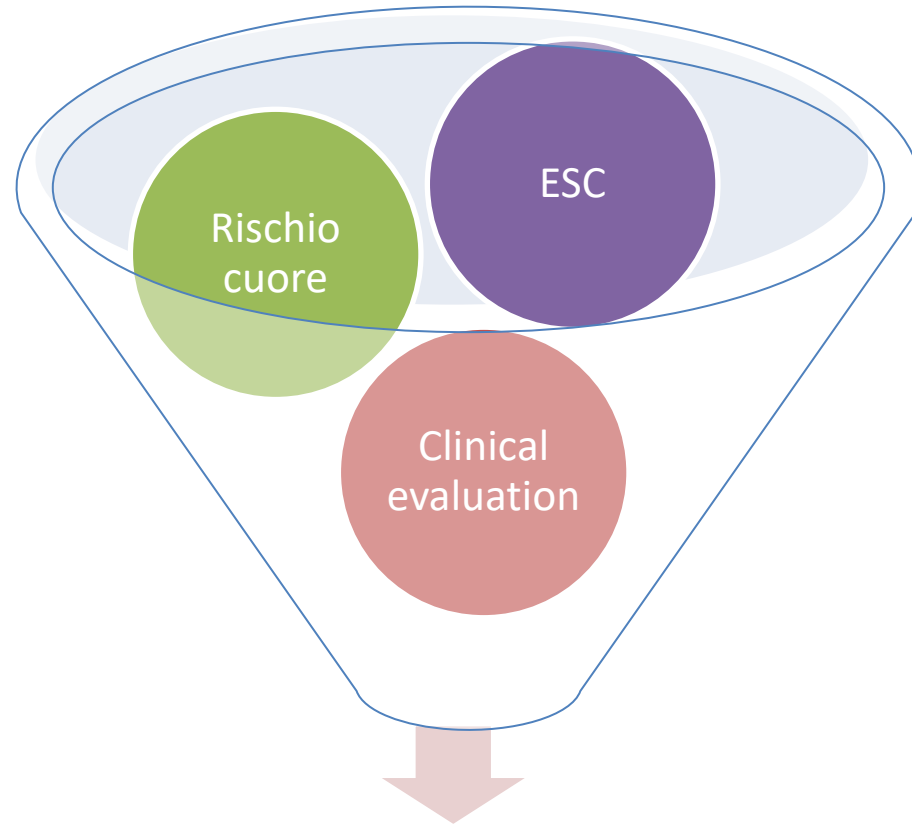
# DISCLOSURES



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# DEFINITION OF RISK





# RISCHIO CUORE

About 18000 people  
40-69 years old

449 MI (2.5%)

198 stroke/TIA (1.3%)

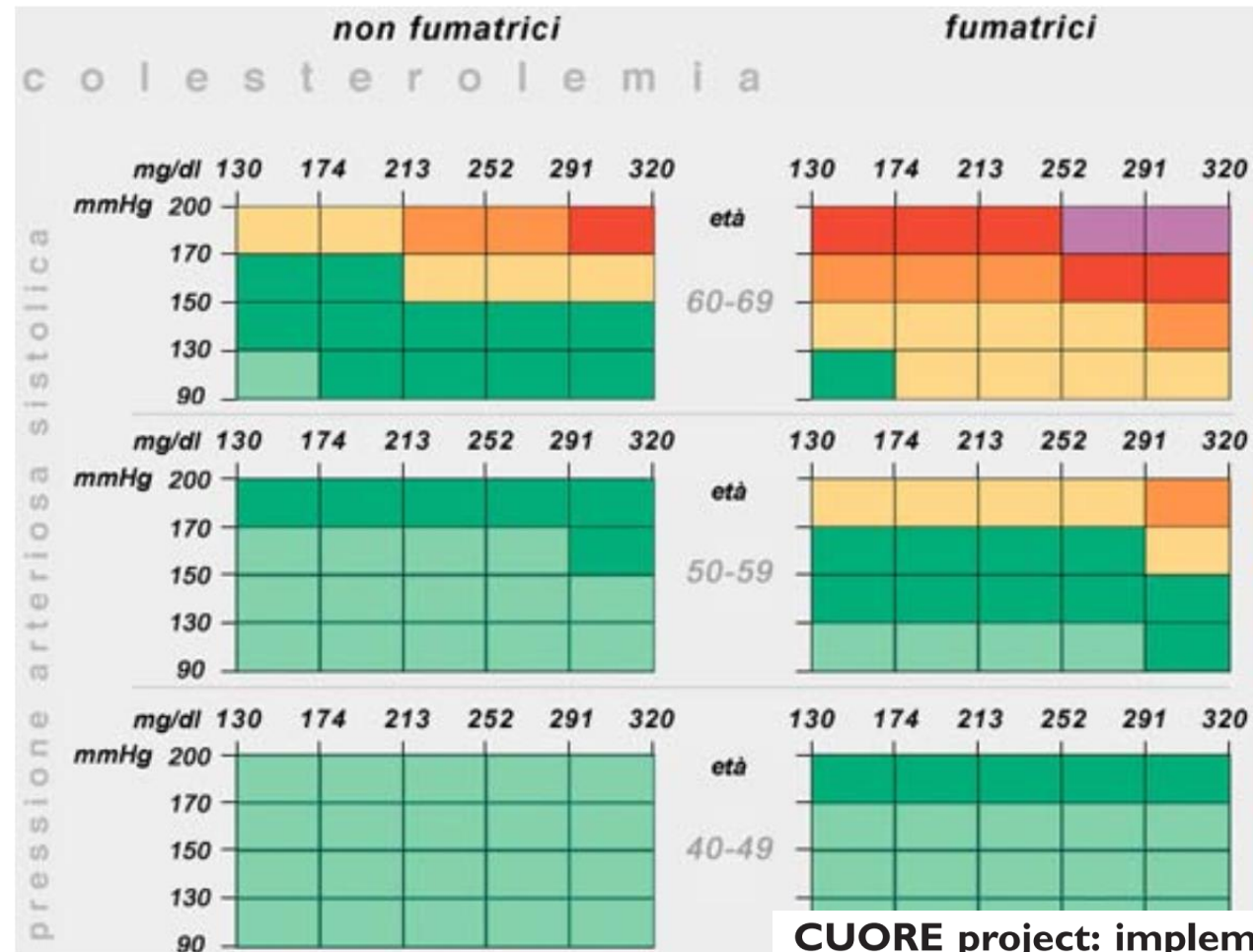
Maximum follow up  
10 years

**donne diabetiche**  
rischio cardiovascolare a 10 anni

## Come utilizzare la carta

- Posizionarsi nella zona fumatore / non fumatore.
- Identificare il decennio di età.
- Collocarsi sul livello corrispondente a pressione arteriosa sistolica e colesterolemia.
- Identificato il colore, leggere nella legenda a fianco il livello di rischio.

livello di rischio	
rischio MCV VI	VI
rischio MCV V	V
rischio MCV IV	IV
rischio MCV III	III
rischio MCV II	II
rischio MCV I	I



**CUORE project: implementation of the 10-year risk score**

# SCORE2 risk prediction algorithms

ESC 2022

## 1. Model development

Sex-specific, competing risk-adjusted risk models derived in 45 prospective cohorts in 13 countries (~680,000 individuals, and ~30,000 CVD events)



Recalibration to four risk regions in Europe using age-, sex-, and region-specific risk factor values and CVD incidence rates (derived using data on ~10.8 million individuals)



## 2. Model validation

External validation in 25 prospective cohorts in 15 European countries (~1.1 million individuals, and ~43,000 CVD events)



C-indices ranged from 0.67 (95% confidence interval [CI] 0.65-0.68) to 0.81 (95% CI 0.76-0.86)

## SCORE2 risk prediction algorithms key features



Sex-specific risk prediction models



Estimate 10-year risk of fatal and non-fatal CVD



Calibrated to the most contemporary and representative CVD rates



Available for four distinct European risk regions



Can be rapidly updated to reflect future CVD incidence and risk factor profiles



## Individual example

### Patient risk factors:

50 years old

Smoker

SBP: 140 mmHg

Cholesterol: 5.5 mmol/L

HDL-c: 1.3 mmol/L



### 10-year risk depending on risk region

Low risk  
4.2%

Moderate risk  
5.1%

High risk  
6.9%

Very high risk  
13.7%

Low risk  
5.9%

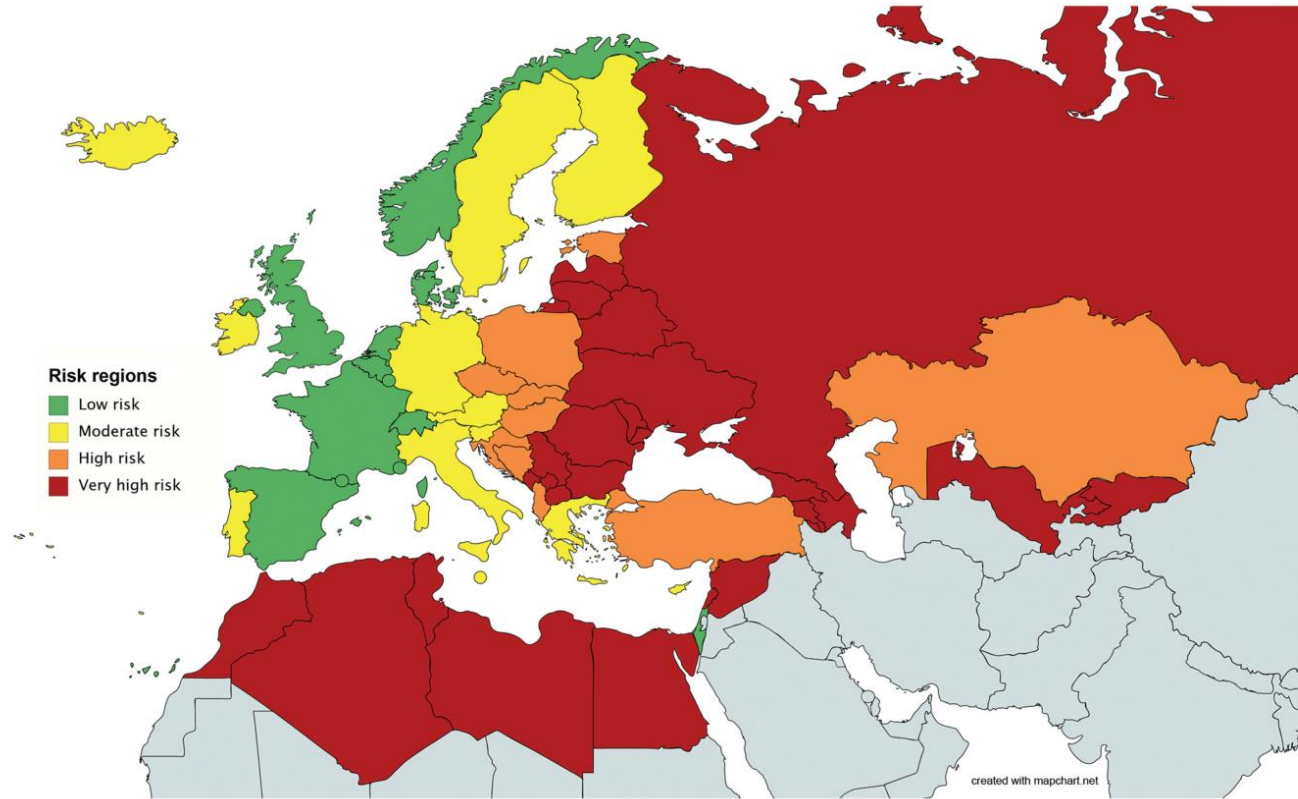
Moderate risk  
7.5%

High risk  
8.1%

Very high risk  
14.0%

**SCORE2 risk prediction algorithms: new models to estimate 10-year risk of cardiovascular disease in Europe**

# ESC 2022



Italy

PAMELA	1250	54
MONICA-Brianza III	982	60
Moli-sani	16594	115
EPIC-CVD	2857	700
<i>Total</i>	21683	929



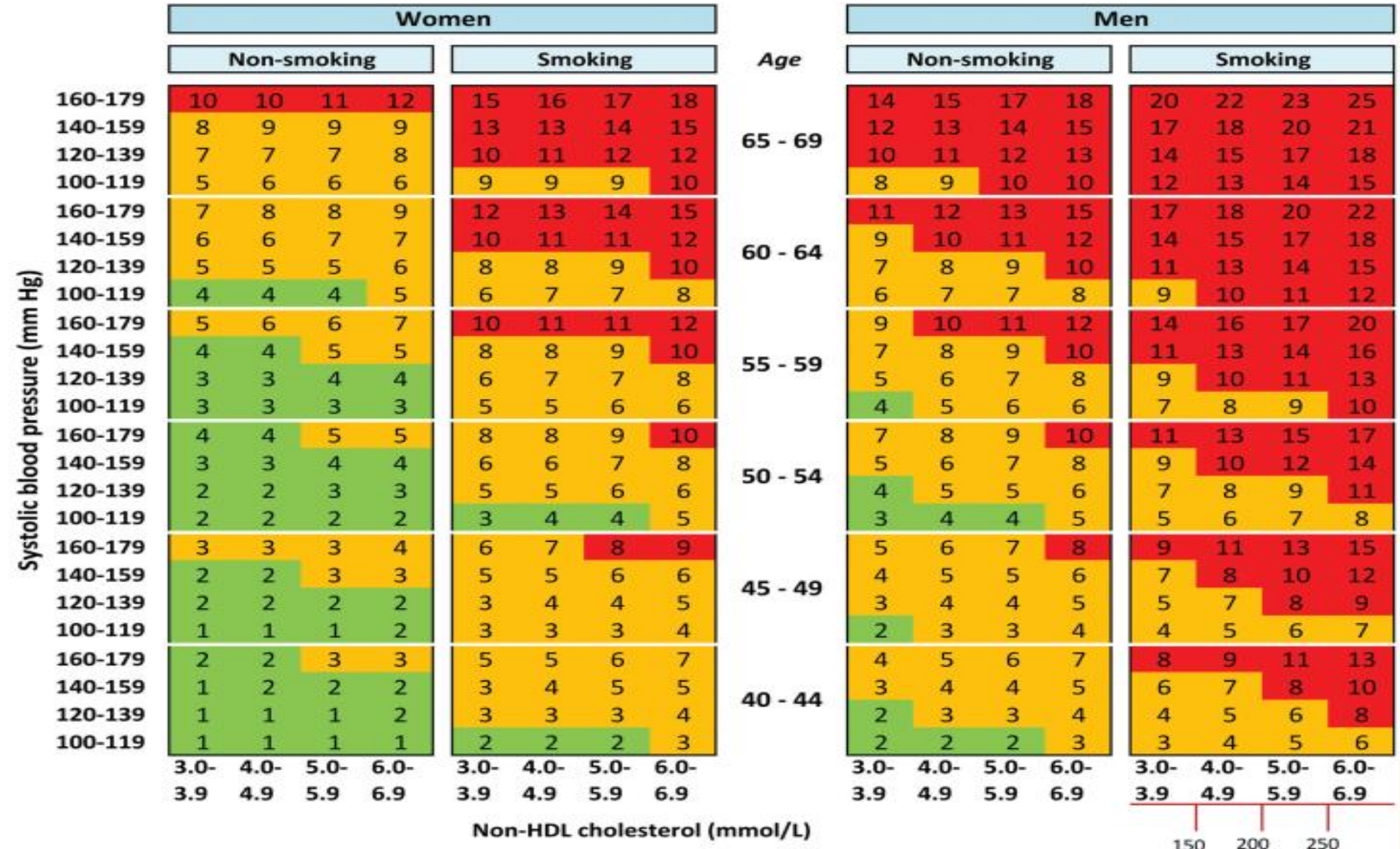
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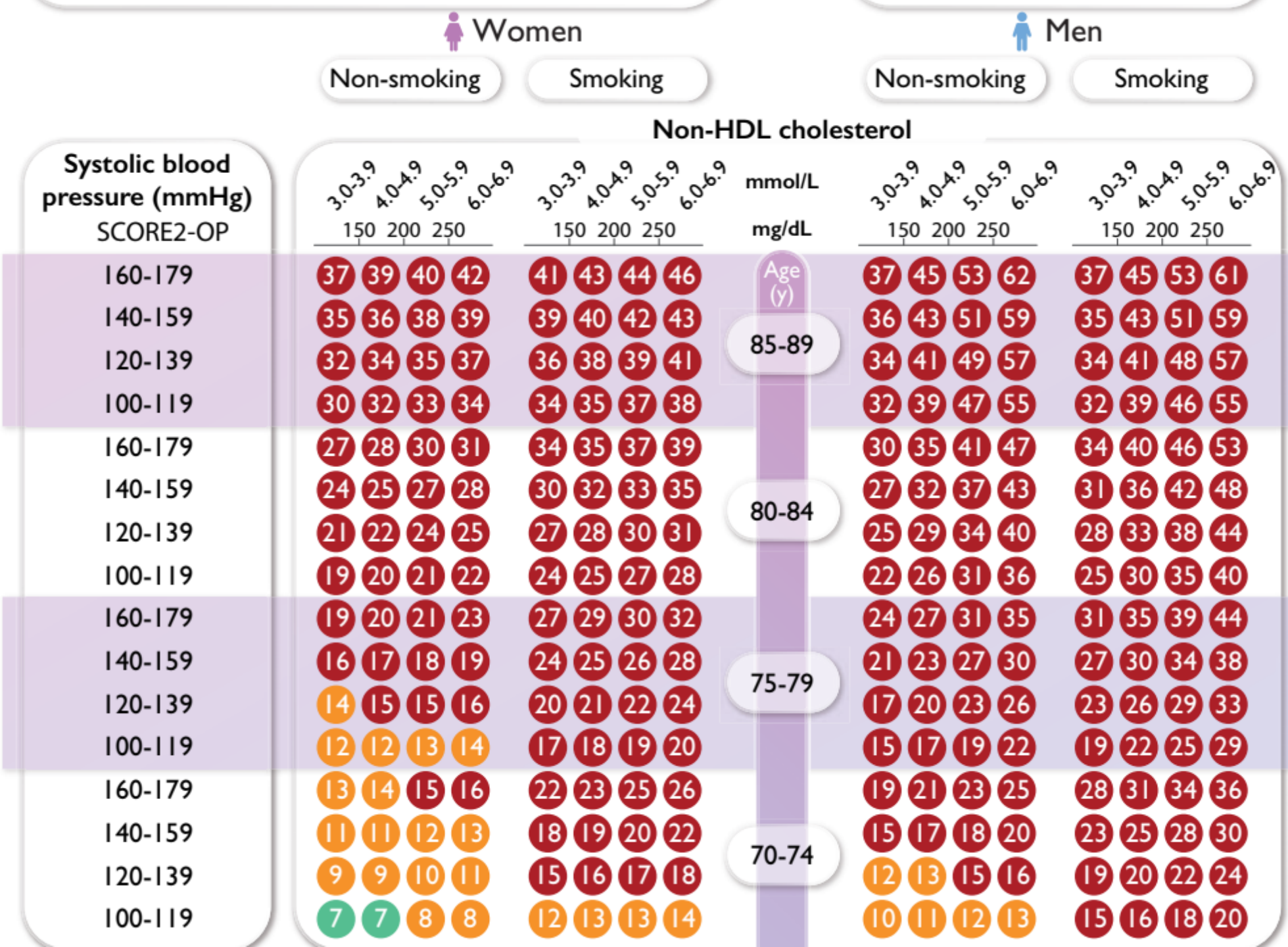
### SCORE2

10-year risk of (fatal and non-fatal) CV events in populations at moderate CVD risk





# ESC 2022



Female 50 years old, smoking habit, no DM, 210 mg/dl of cholesterol,  
SBP more than 160 mmHg

Rischio CUORE 10-15%

SCORE2 >10%

Male, 65 years old, no smoking habit, no DM, 190 mg/dl of  
cholesterol, SBP 105 mmHg

Rischio CUORE 5-10%

SCORE2 5-10%



# BENEFITS OF REDUCTION

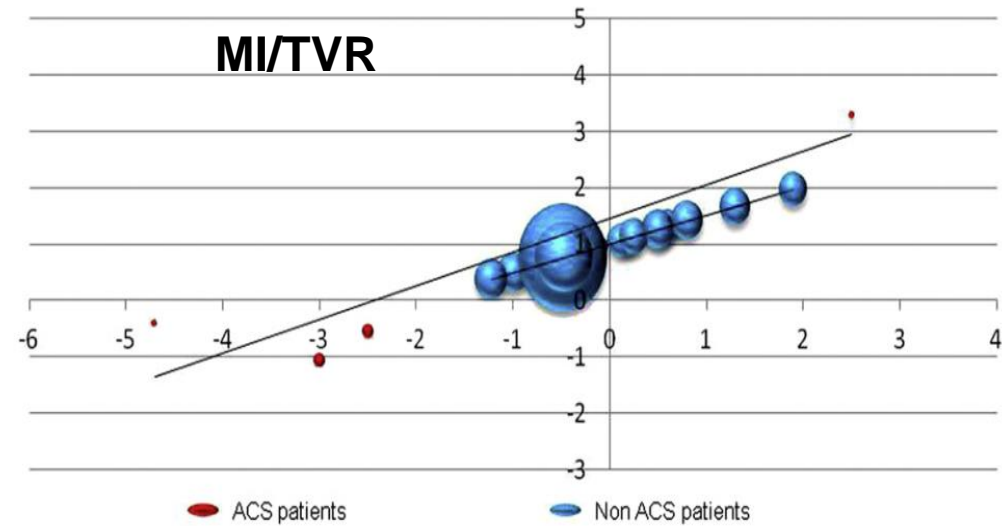
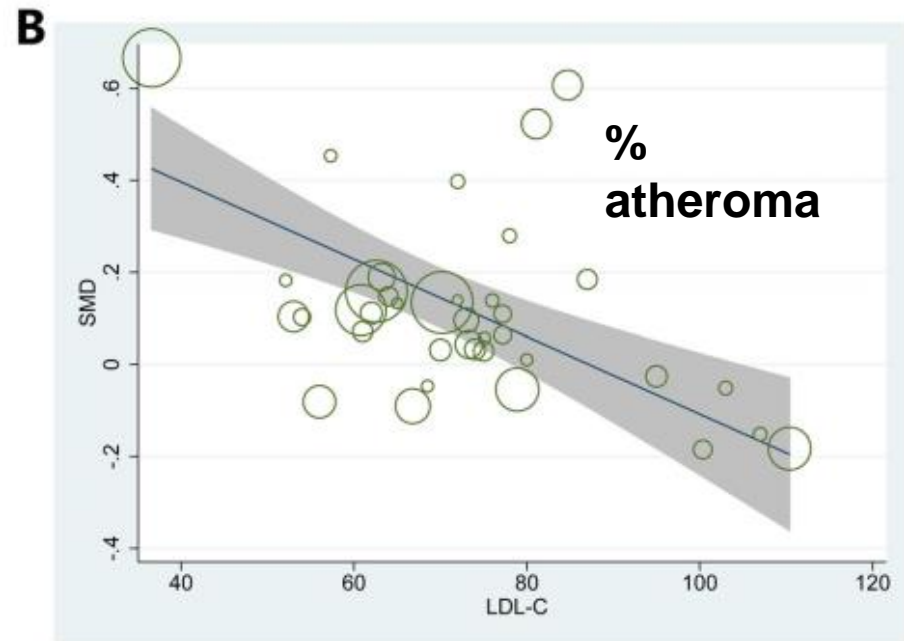
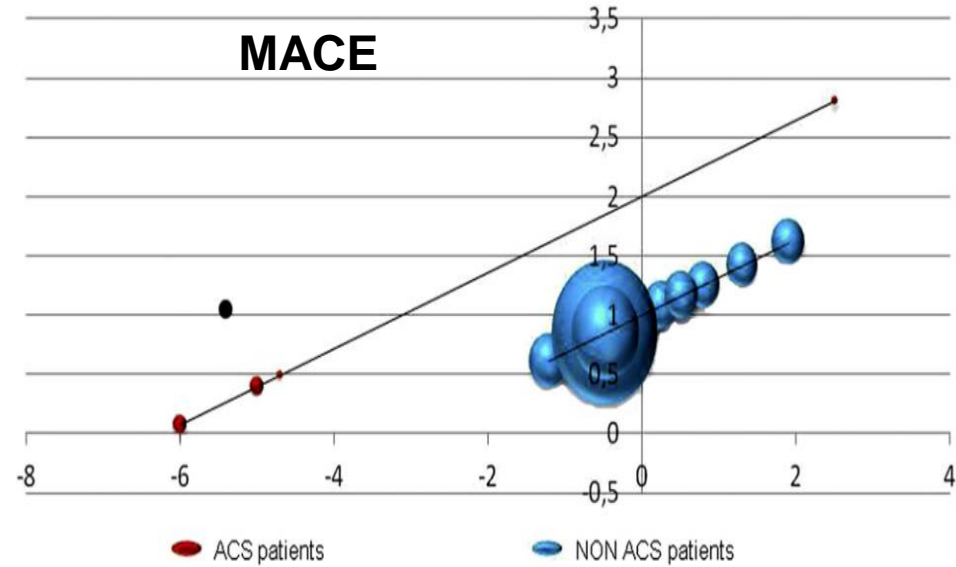
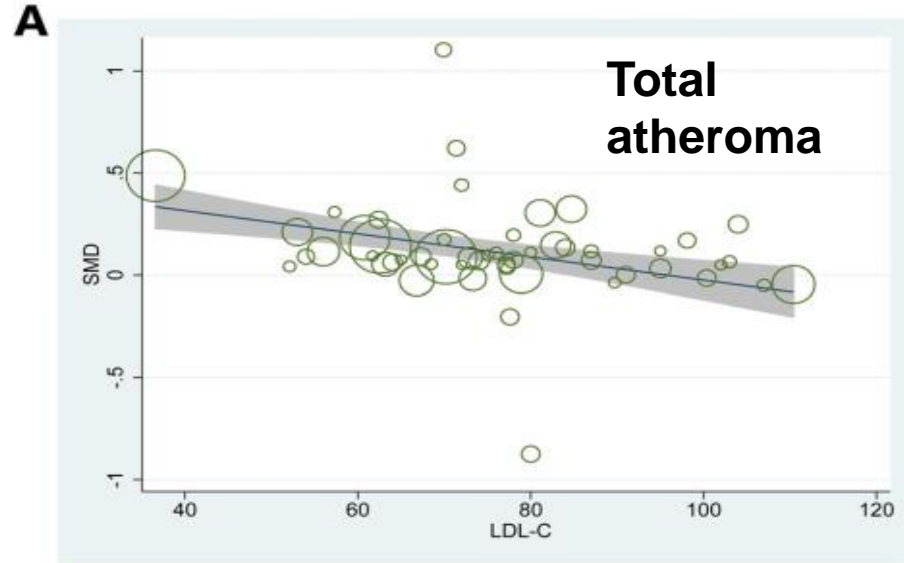


FROM  
PLAQUES



TO EVENTS

# BENEFITS OF REDUCTION ON PLAQUES



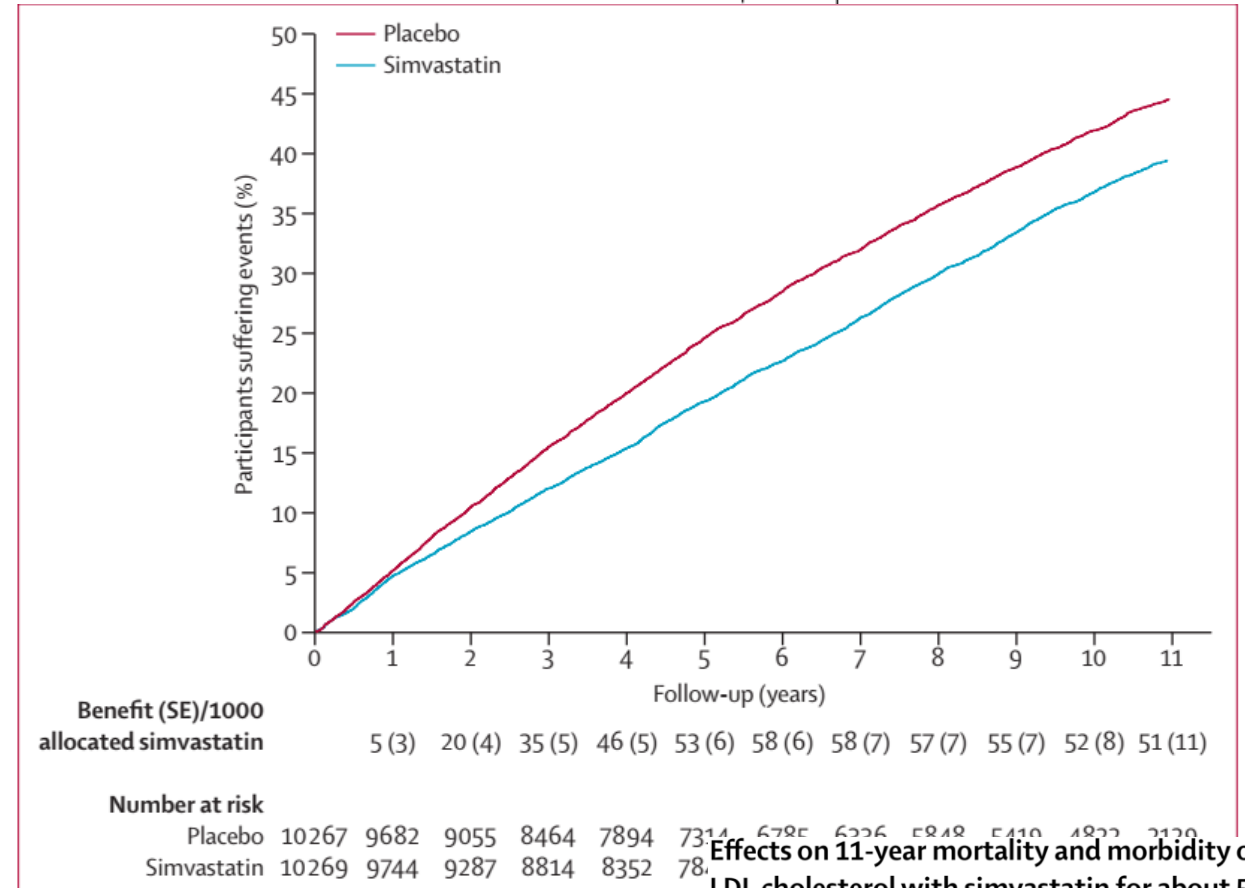


# BENEFITS OF REDUCTION ON EVENTS

20536 patients  
Randomized to

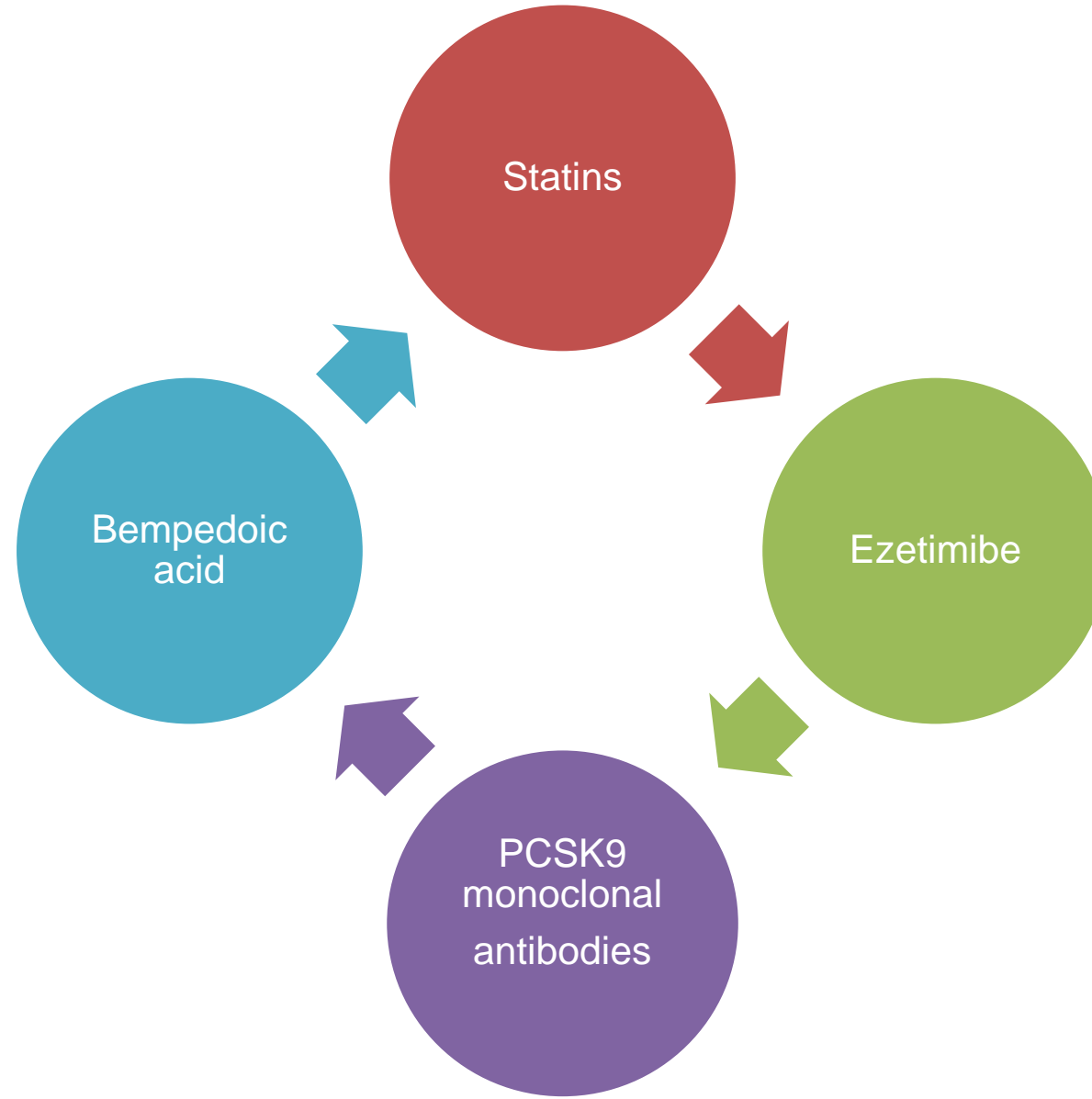
Placebo vs.  
Simvastatin 40 mg 1 cp

	Simvastatin allocation		Risk ratio (95% CI)	p value
	Simvastatin	Placebo		
<b>In-trial events</b>				
Major coronary event	959/10269 (9.3%)	1287/10267 (12.5%)	0.73 (0.67-0.79)	
Stroke	480/10269 (4.7%)	619/10267 (6.0%)	0.76 (0.68-0.86)	
Revascularisation	981/10269 (9.6%)	1258/10267 (12.3%)	0.76 (0.70-0.83)	
<b>Major vascular event</b>	<b>2153/10269 (21.0%)</b>	<b>2712/10267 (26.4%)</b>	<b>0.77 (0.72-0.81)</b>	<b>p&lt;0.0001</b>



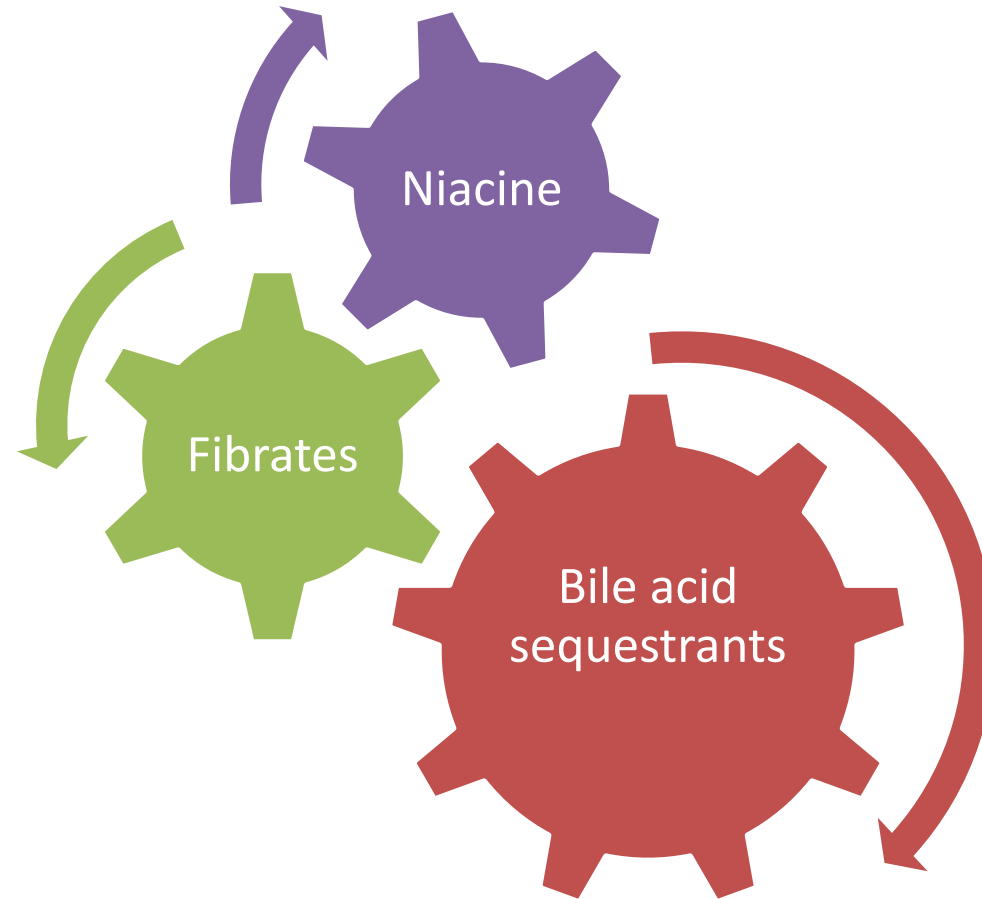
Effects on 11-year mortality and morbidity of lowering LDL cholesterol with simvastatin for about 5 years in 20 536 high-risk individuals: a randomised controlled trial

# STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE REDUCTION

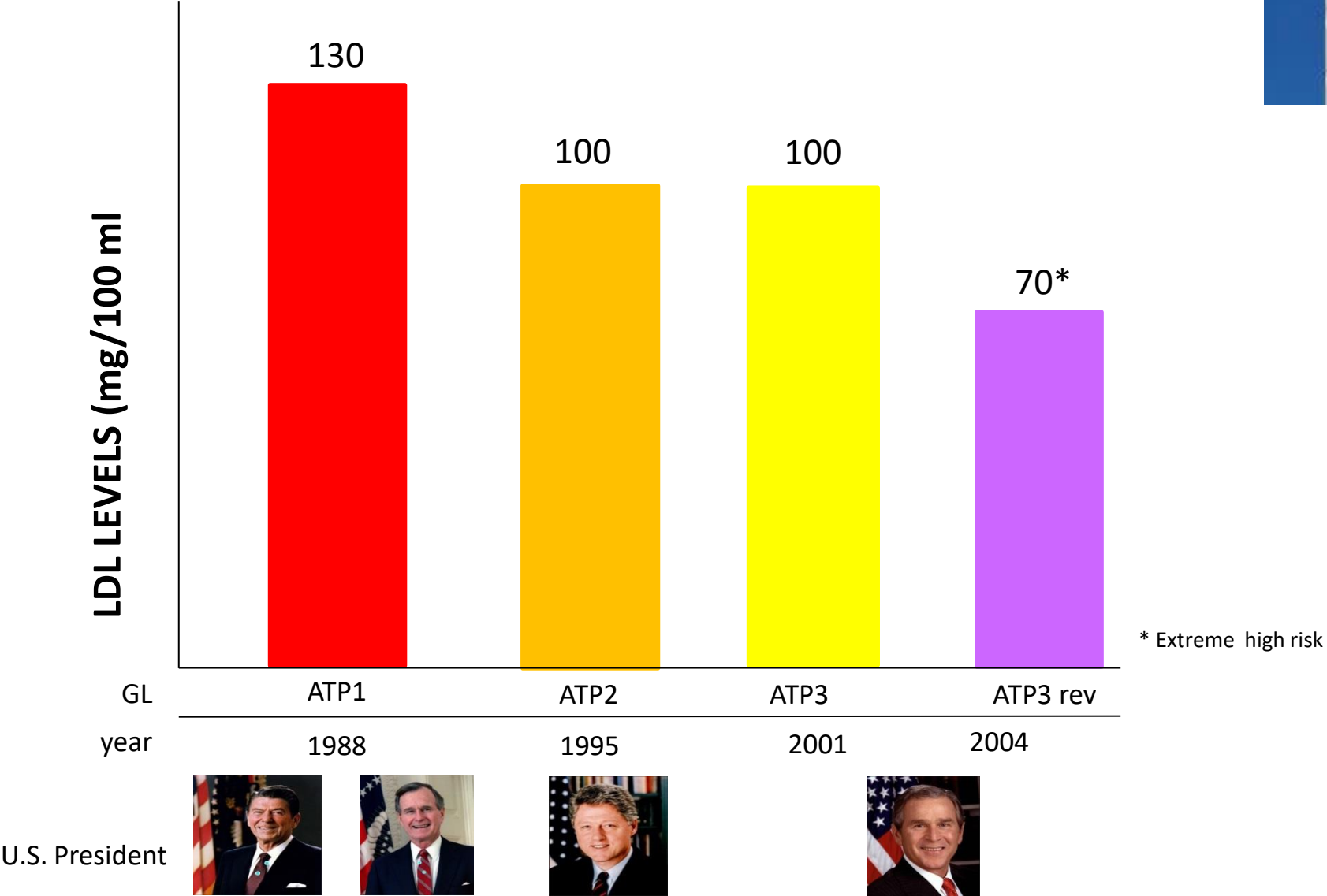




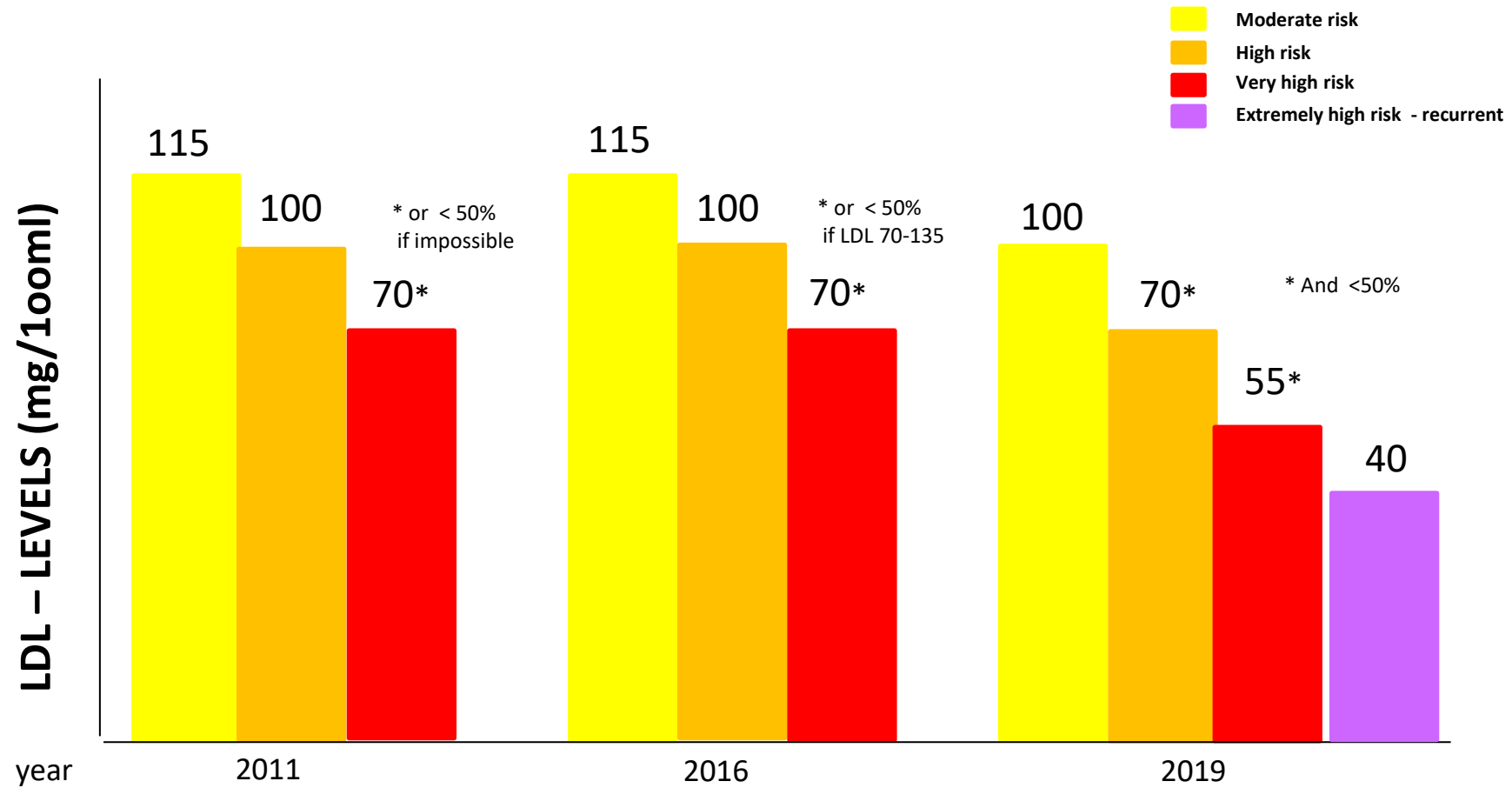
# FORGOTTEN STRATEGIES



# LDL GOAL U.S. 1998-2004



# LDL GOAL ESC/EAS 2001-2019

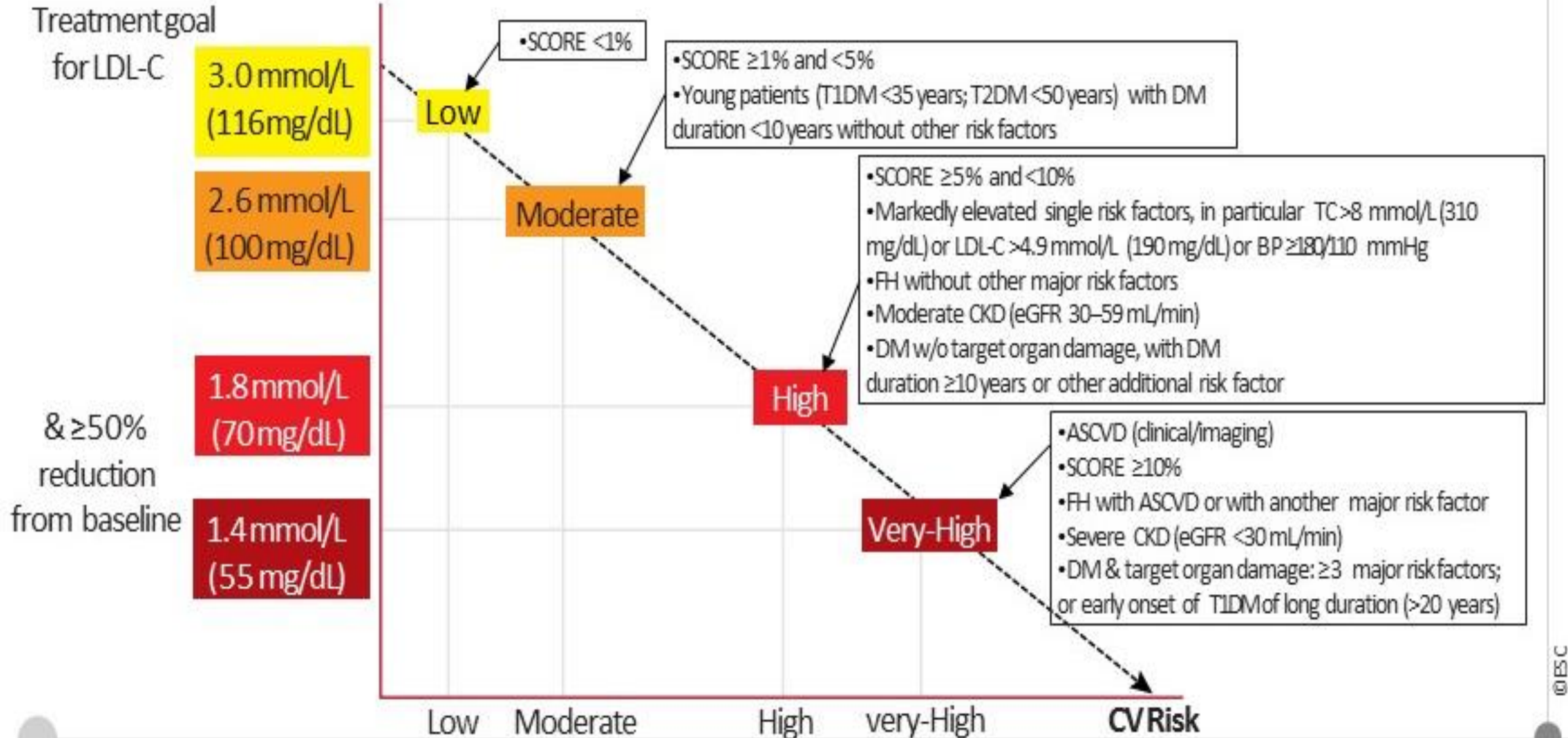


Italian Prime Minister



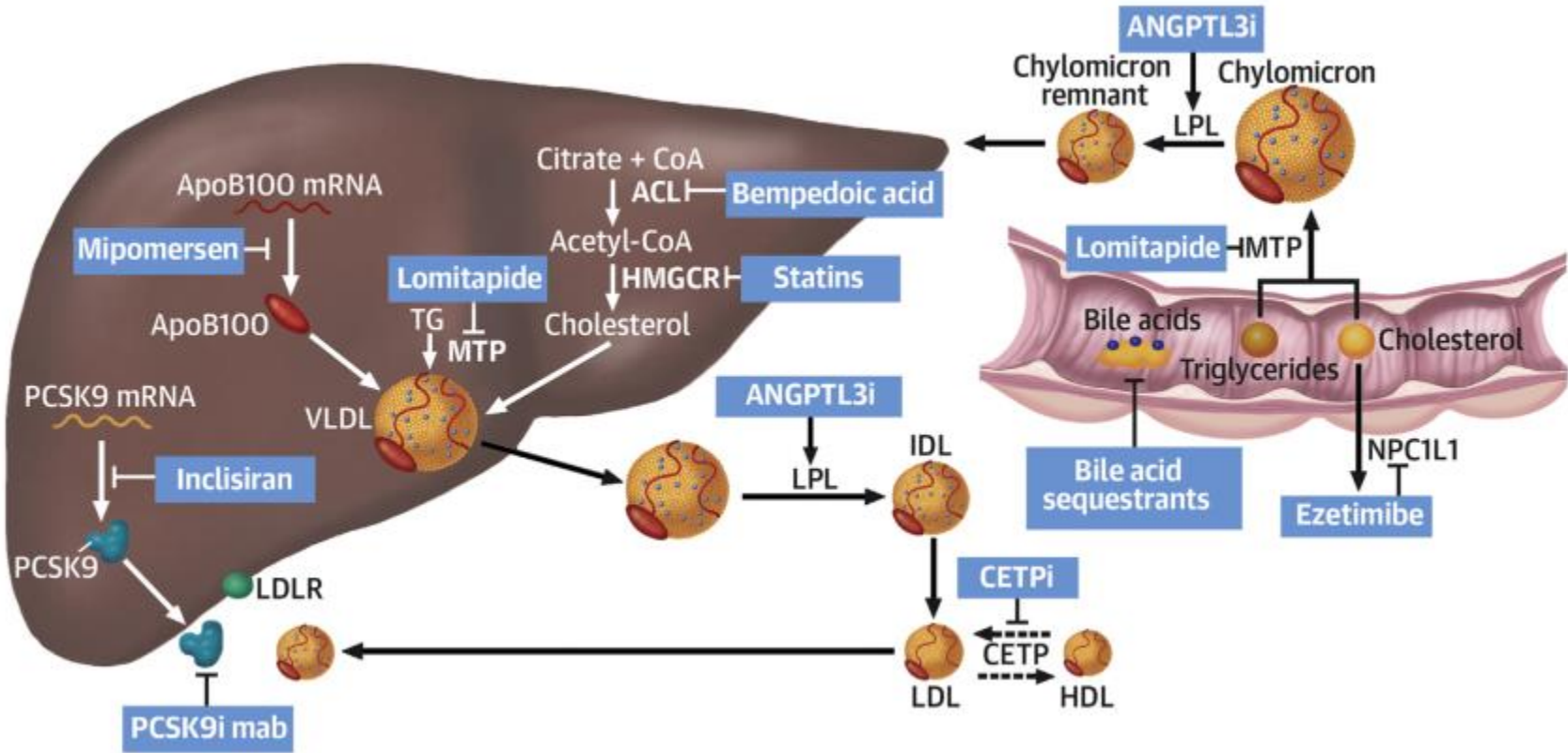


# LDL GOAL ESC/EAS 2019



# EZETIMIBE

Ezetimibe reduces intestinal absorption of cholesterol through targeting of the Niemann-Pick C1-like 1 (NPC1L1) protein



New and Emerging Therapies for Reduction of LDL-Cholesterol and Apolipoprotein B

# EZETIMIBE

## Study Design

### Amendment 3



Patients stabilized post Acute Coronary Syndrome  $\leq 10$  days  
LDL  $\leq 125^*$ mg/dL (or  $\leq 100^{**}$ mg/dL if prior lipid-lowering Rx)

Double-blind

ASA + Standard Medical Therapy

N=18,144

Simvastatin 40 mg

Eze/Simva 10/40 mg

Follow-Up Visit Day 30, Every 4 Months

\*3.2mM  
\*\*2.6mM

Duration: Minimum 2 1/2 year follow-up (>5250 events)

Primary Endpoint: CV Death, MI, Hospital Admission for UA, revascularization (> 30 days after randomization), or Stroke

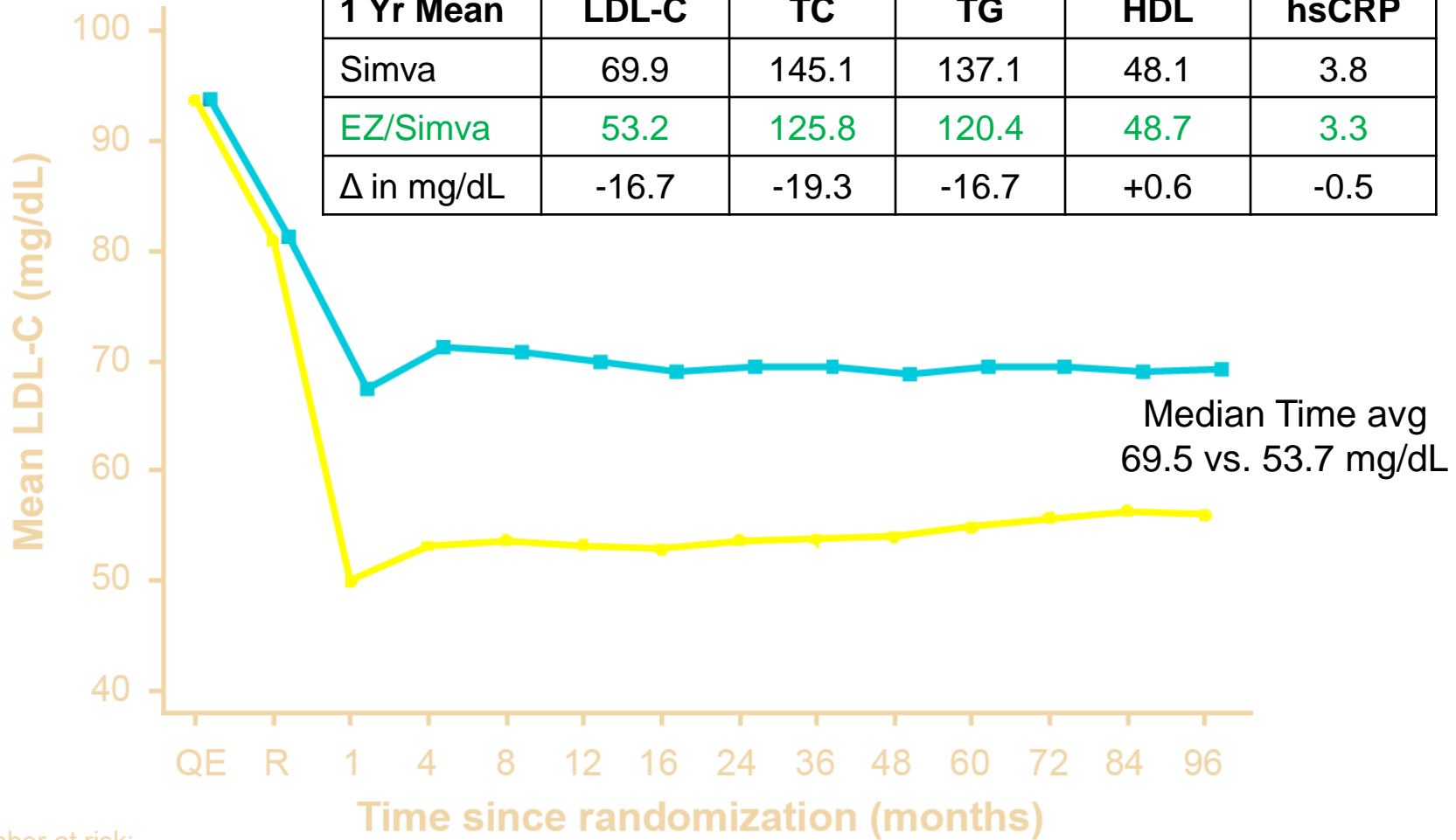


# EZETIMIBE

- Inclusion Criteria:
  - Hospitalization for STEMI, NSTEMI/UA < 10 days
  - Age  $\geq$  50 years, and  $\geq$  1 high-risk feature:
    - New ST chg, + troponin, DM, prior MI, PAD, cerebrovasc, prior CABG > 3 years, multivessel CAD
  - LDL-C 50-125 mg/dL (50–100 mg/dL if prior lipid-lowering Rx)
- Major Exclusion Criteria:
  - CABG for treatment of qualifying ACS
  - Current statin Rx more potent than simva 40mg
  - Creat Cl < 30mL/min, active liver disease

# EZETIMIBE

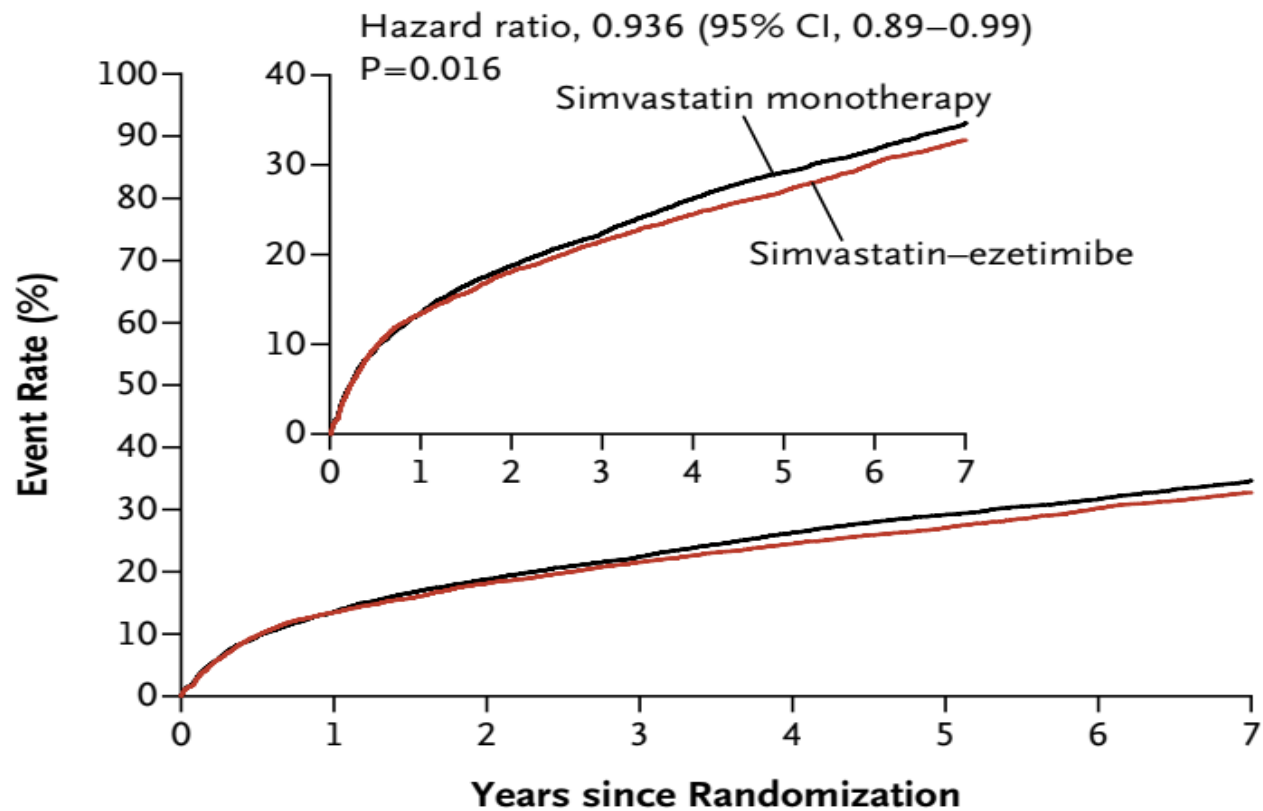
1 Yr Mean	LDL-C	TC	TG	HDL	hsCRP
Simva	69.9	145.1	137.1	48.1	3.8
EZ/Simva	53.2	125.8	120.4	48.7	3.3
Δ in mg/dL	-16.7	-19.3	-16.7	+0.6	-0.5



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

# EZETIMIBE



## No. at Risk

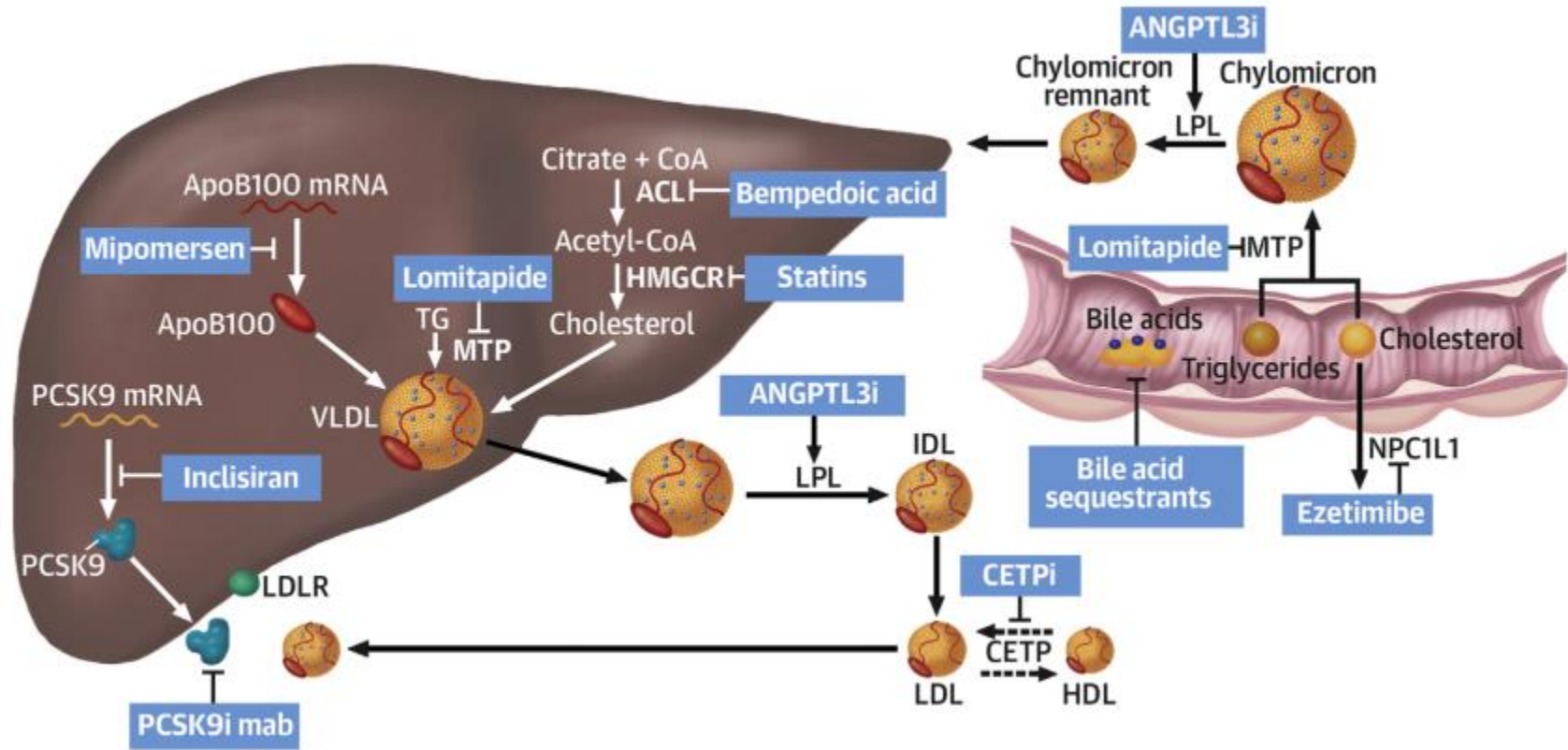
Simvastatin–ezetimibe	9067	7371	6801	6375	5839	4284	3301	1906
Simvastatin	9077	7455	6799	6327	5729	4206	3284	1857



Outcome	Simvastatin Monotherapy (N=9077)	Simvastatin- Ezetimibe (N=9067)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>			
Primary end point: death from cardiovascular causes, major coronary event, or nonfatal stroke	2742 (34.7)	2572 (32.7)	0.936 (0.89–0.99)	0.016
Secondary end points				
Death from any cause, major coronary event, or nonfatal stroke	3246 (40.3)	3089 (38.7)	0.95 (0.90–1.0)	0.03
Death from coronary heart disease, nonfatal MI, urgent coronary revascularization ≥30 days	1448 (18.9)	1322 (17.5)	0.91 (0.85–0.98)	0.02
Death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal MI, hospitalization for unstable angina, all revascularization ≥30 days, nonfatal stroke	2869 (36.2)	2716 (34.5)	0.95 (0.90–1.0)	0.04
Tertiary end points†				
Death from any cause	1231 (15.3)	1215 (15.4)	0.99 (0.91–1.07)	0.78
Death from cardiovascular causes	538 (6.8)	537 (6.9)	1.00 (0.89–1.13)	1.00
Death from coronary heart disease	461 (5.8)	440 (5.7)	0.96 (0.84–1.09)	0.50
Any MI	1118 (14.8)	977 (13.1)	0.87 (0.80–0.95)	0.002
Nonfatal MI	1083 (14.4)	945 (12.8)	0.87 (0.80–0.95)	0.002
Fatal MI	49 (0.7)	41 (0.5)	0.84 (0.55–1.27)	0.41
Any stroke	345 (4.8)	296 (4.2)	0.86 (0.73–1.00)	0.05
Ischemic stroke	297 (4.1)	236 (3.4)	0.79 (0.67–0.94)	0.008
Hemorrhagic stroke	43 (0.6)	59 (0.8)	1.38 (0.93–2.04)	0.11
Coronary revascularization ≥30 days after randomization	1793 (23.4)	1690 (21.8)	0.95 (0.89–1.01)	0.11
Urgent coronary revascularization ≥30 days after randomization	626 (8.6)	510 (7.0)	0.81 (0.72–0.91)	0.001
Any revascularization ≥30 days after randomization	1962 (25.6)	1871 (24.2)	0.96 (0.90–1.02)	0.18
Hospitalization for unstable angina	148 (1.9)	156 (2.1)	1.06 (0.85–1.33)	0.62
Other prespecified end points				
Death from cardiovascular causes, MI, or stroke	1704 (22.2)	1544 (20.4)	0.90 (0.84–0.96)	0.003
Major vascular events: death from coronary heart disease, MI, stroke, or coronary revascularization ≥30 days after randomization‡	2685 (34.0)	2498 (31.9)	0.87 (0.82–0.92)	0.001

# PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies

The secretory serine protease PCSK9 is responsible for extracellular binding and subsequent degradation of the LDLR, which impedes LDL clearance from the circulation. Monoclonal antibodies targeting PCSK9 increase the number of LDLRs and reduce LDL-C levels.

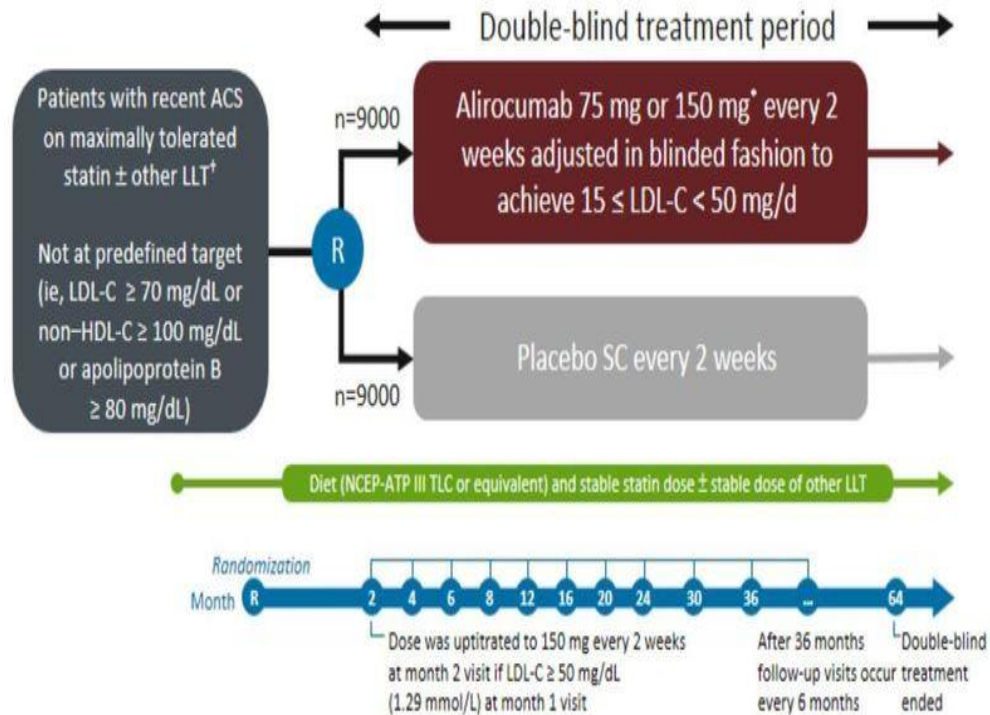


**New and Emerging Therapies for Reduction of LDL-Cholesterol and Apolipoprotein B**

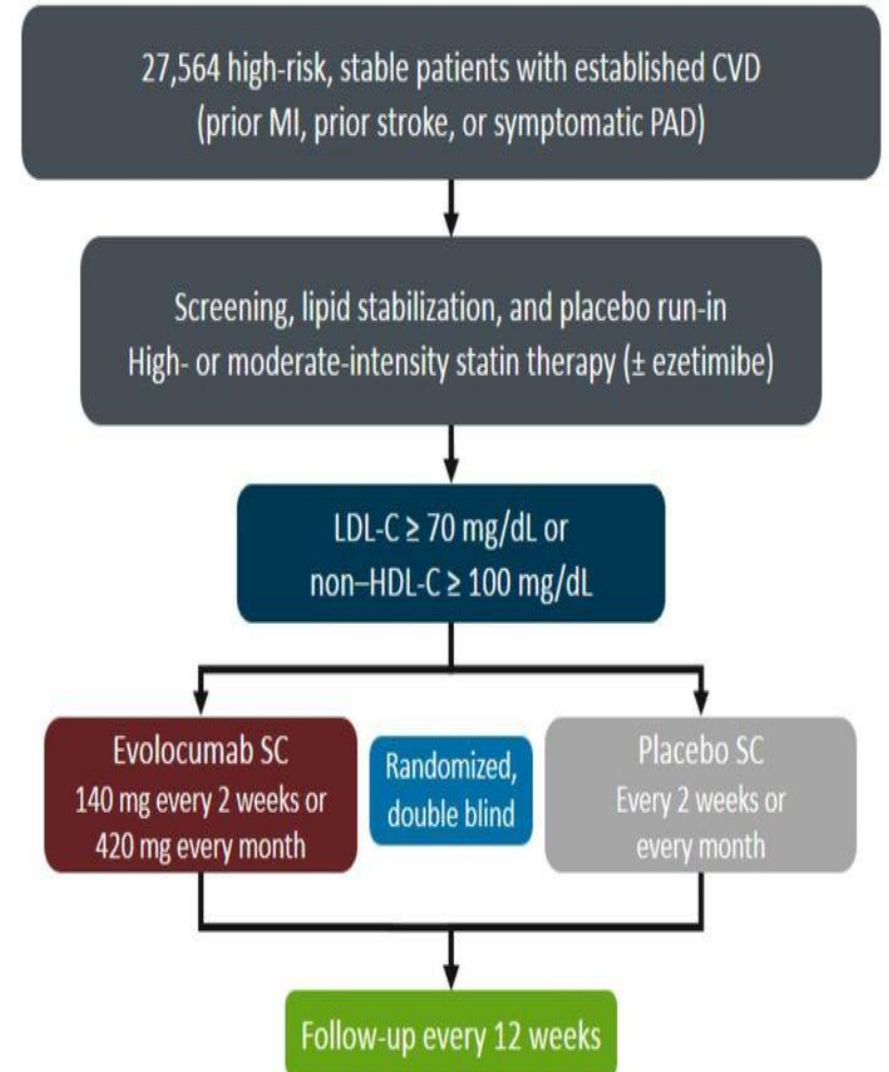
# PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies

## ODYSSEY OUTCOMES: Study Design

### A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study



## FOURIER Trial Design



# PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies

	ODYSSEY OUTCOMES <sup>[a]</sup> (n=18,312)	FOURIER <sup>[b]</sup> (n=27,564)
Age (mean)	58.6	62.5
Male, %	74.8	75.4
Hypertension, %	63.3	80.0
Diabetes, %	28.9	33.9
Current smoker, %	23.9	28.2
History of MI, %	100% ACS (mean time from index event 3.6 months, 75% <4 months) including 35% prior CAD + 20% with recurrent event	81.1 (31% MI < 1 y)
History of stroke, %	2.9	19.3
History of PAD, %	3.7	13.2

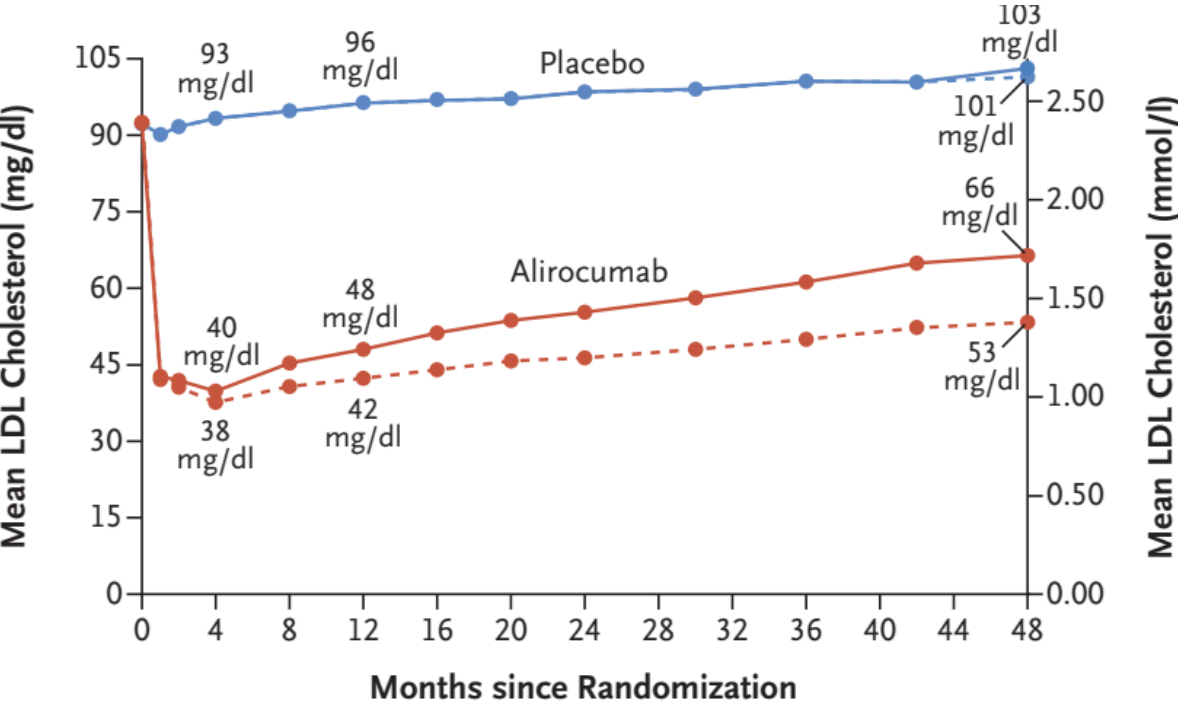


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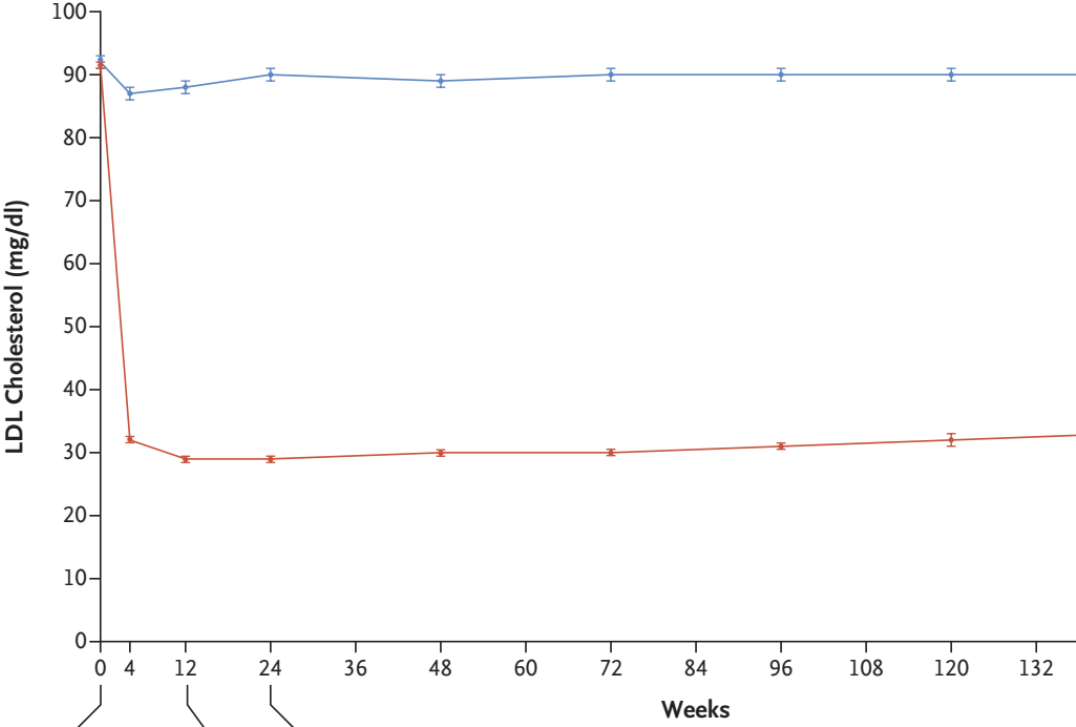
	ODYSSEY OUTCOMES <sup>[a]</sup> (n=18,312)	FOURIER <sup>[b]</sup> (n=27,564)
<b>LLTs</b>		
High-intensity statin, %	89.5	69.2
Moderate-/low-intensity statin, %	7.8	30.7
Ezetimibe, %	2.9	5.1
<b>Lipid parameters</b>		
Median LDL-C, mg/dL	86.5	91.5
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	160.0	167.0
HDL-C, mg/dL	42.5	44.0
Triglycerides, mg/dL	129.2	133.0

# PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies

## ODISSEY OUTCOMES

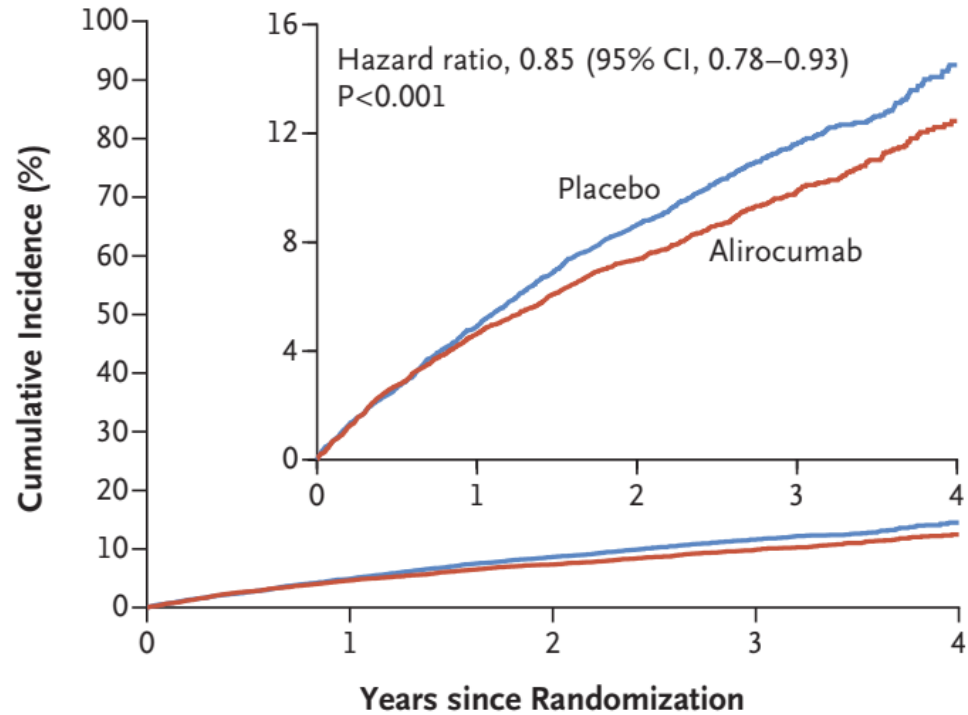


## FOURIER



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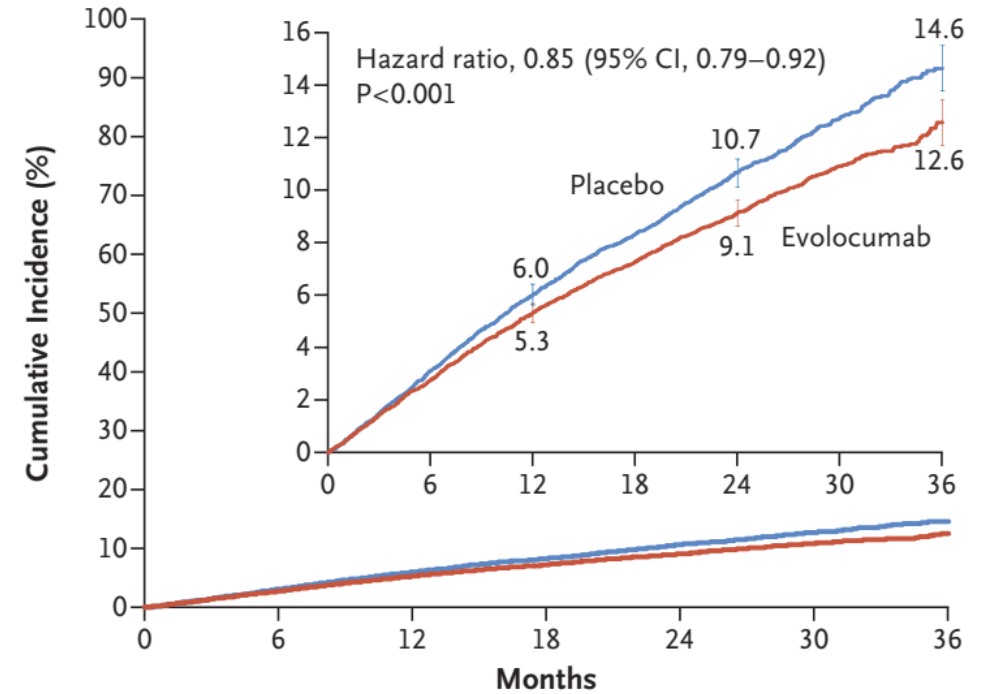
## ODISSEY OUTCOMES



### No. at Risk

Placebo	9462	8805	8201	3471	629
Alirocumab	9462	8846	8345	3574	653

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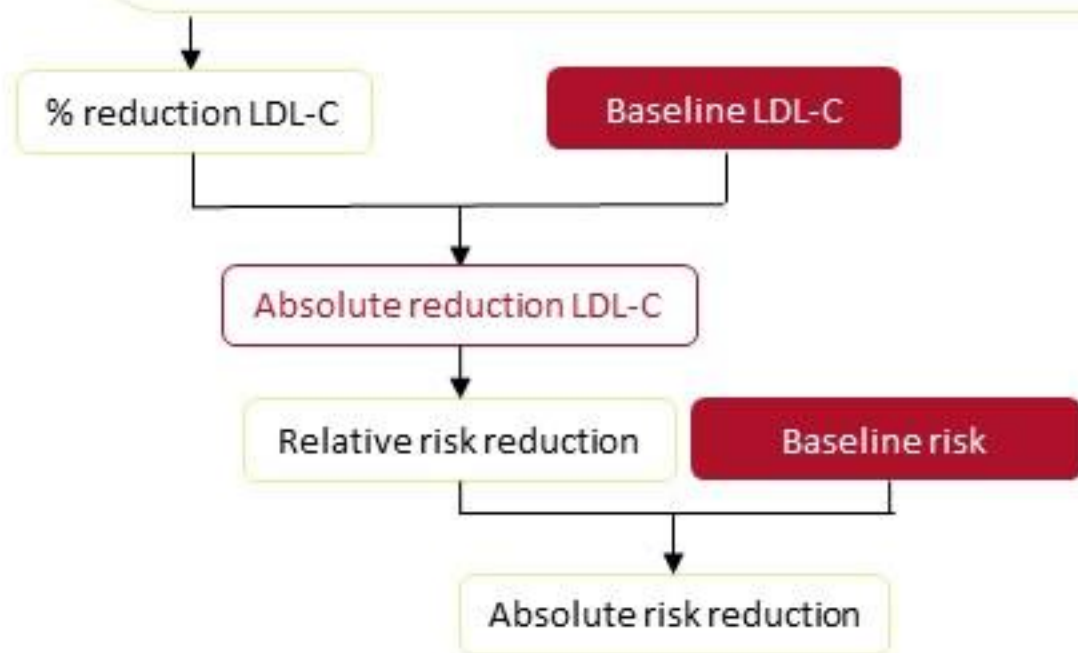


### No. at Risk

Placebo	13,780	13,278	12,825	11,871	7610	3690	686
Evolocumab	13,784	13,351	12,939	12,070	7771	3746	689

### Intensity of lipid lowering treatment

Treatment	Average LDL-C reduction
Moderate intensity statin	≈ 30%
High intensity statin	≈ 50%
High intensity statin plus ezetimibe	≈ 65%
PCSK9 inhibitor	≈ 60%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin	≈ 75%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin plus ezetimibe	≈ 85%



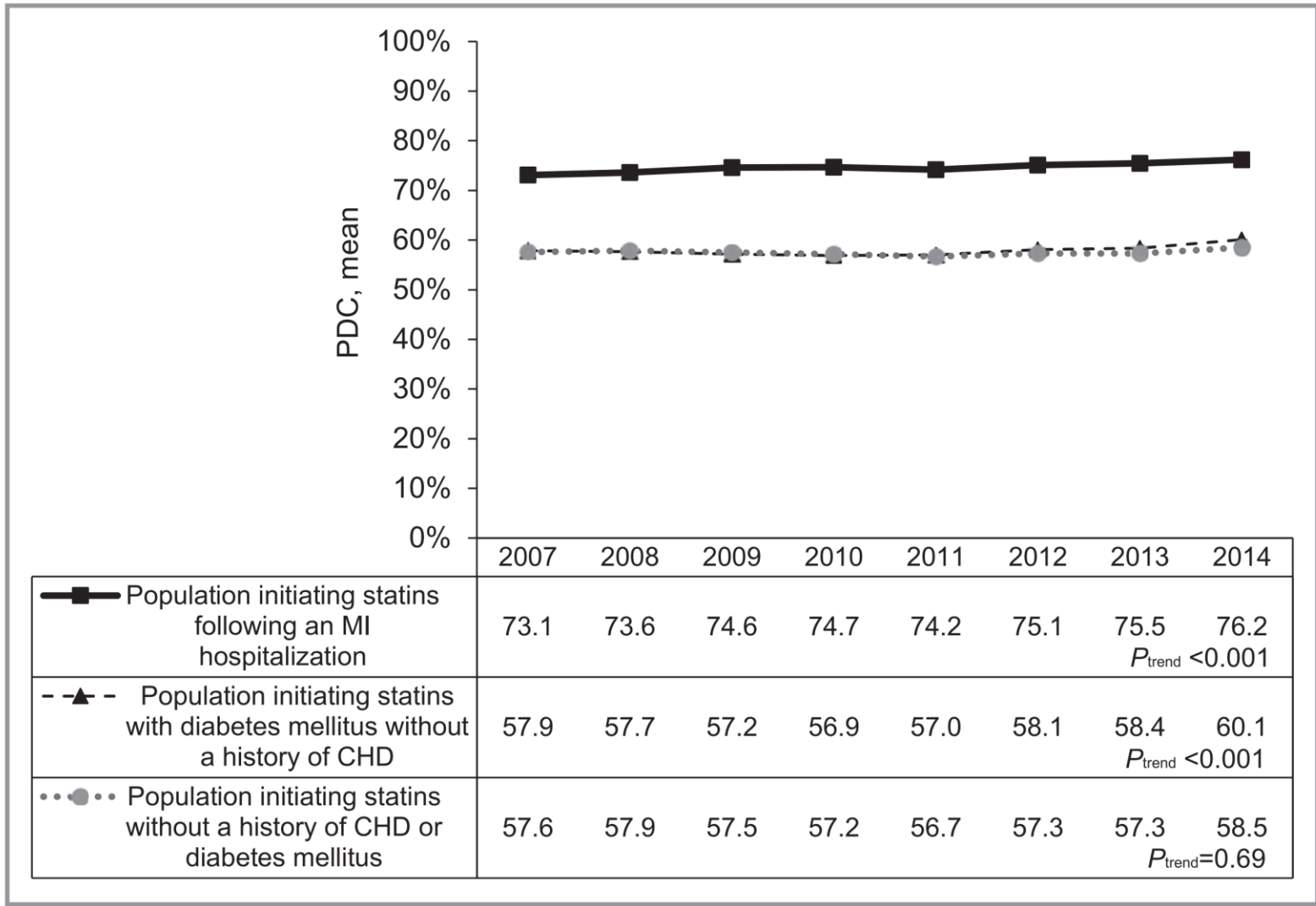
## Expected clinical benefit of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol lowering therapies

LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol;  
PCSK9 = proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9.



# What else?

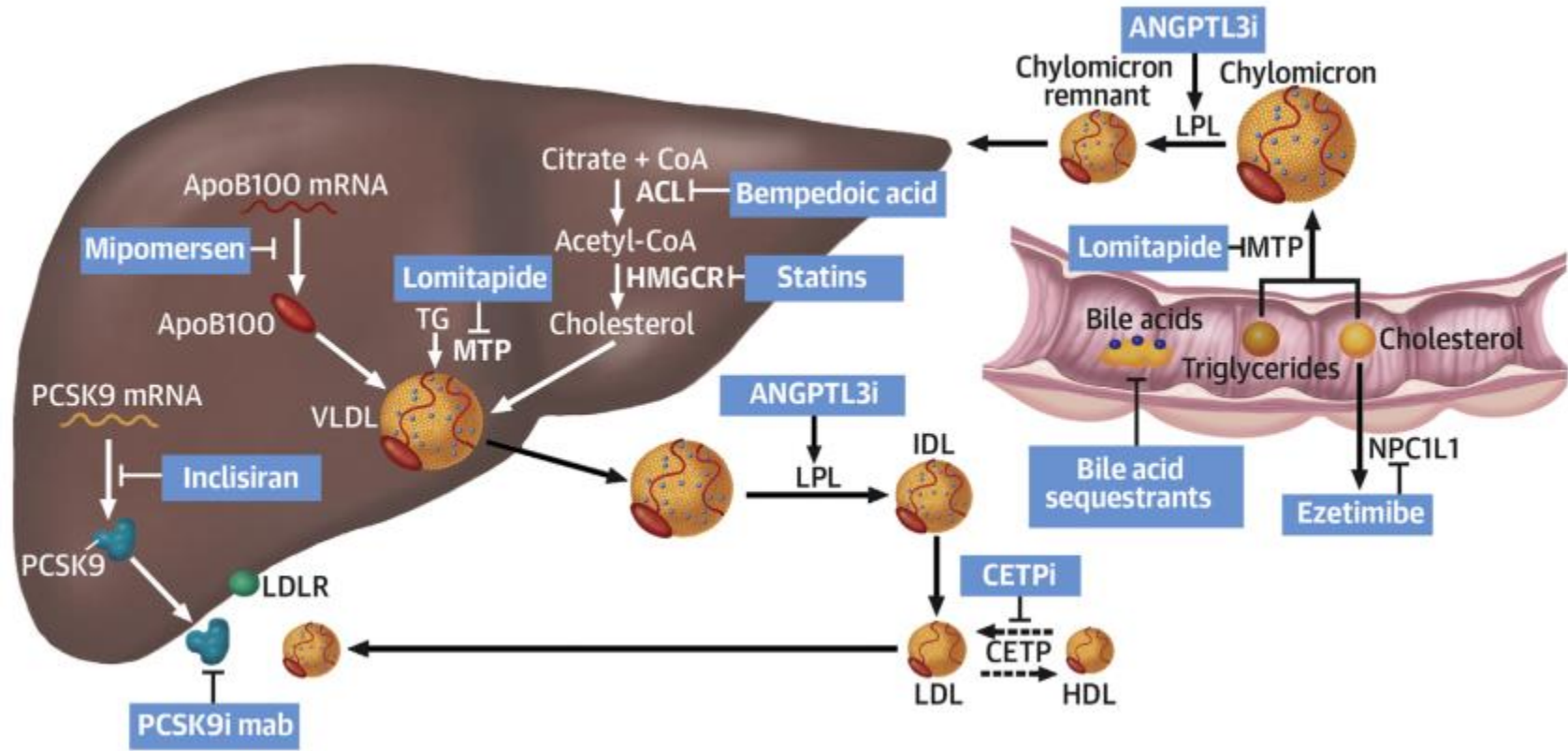
Adherence to statins from 3 million of Medicare people



Adherence to Statin Therapy Among US Adults Between 2007 and 2014

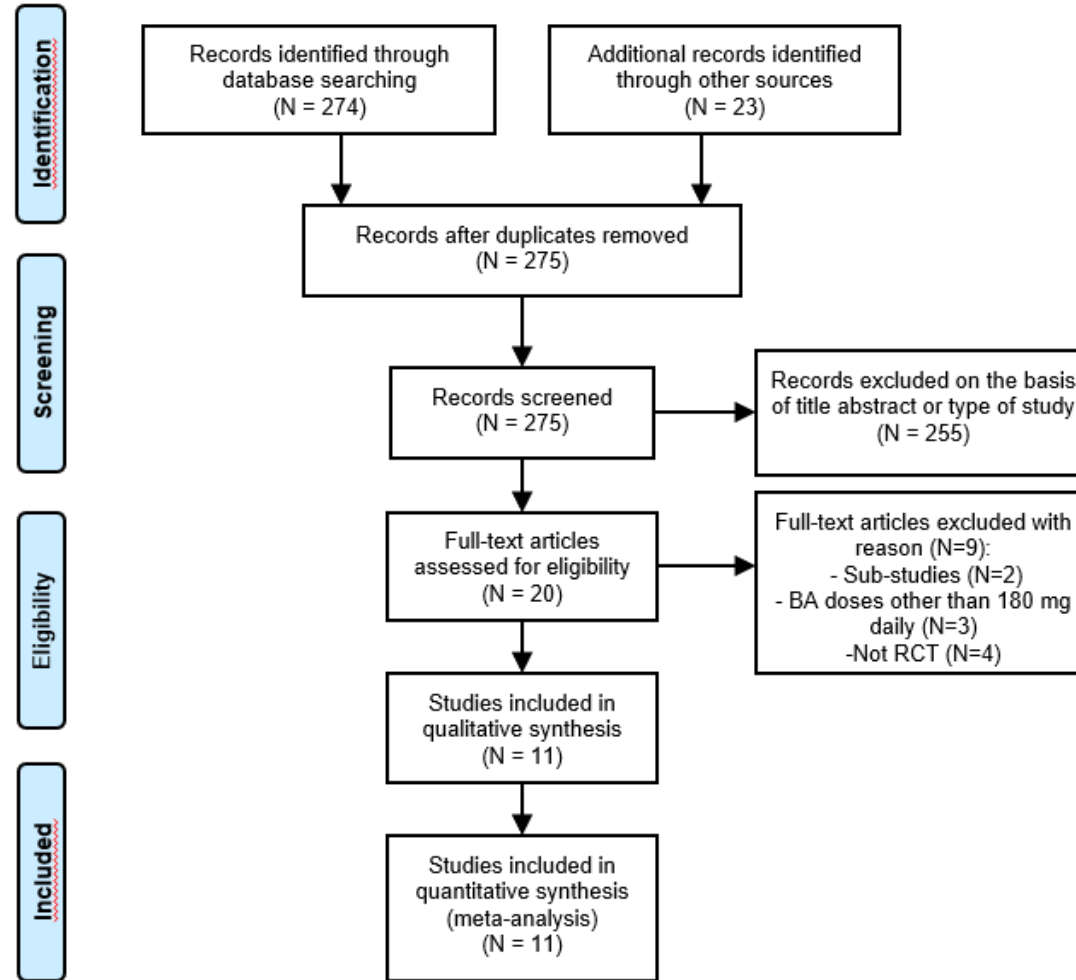
# Bempedoic acid

BA is metabolized in the liver to a CoA thioester form, which suppresses metabolites downstream of ACL in the same pathway of HMG-CoA reductase, up-regulating LDLRs and lowering LDL-C



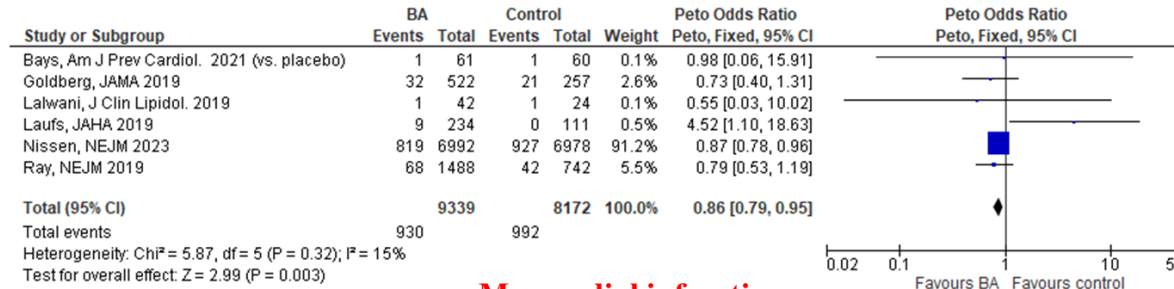
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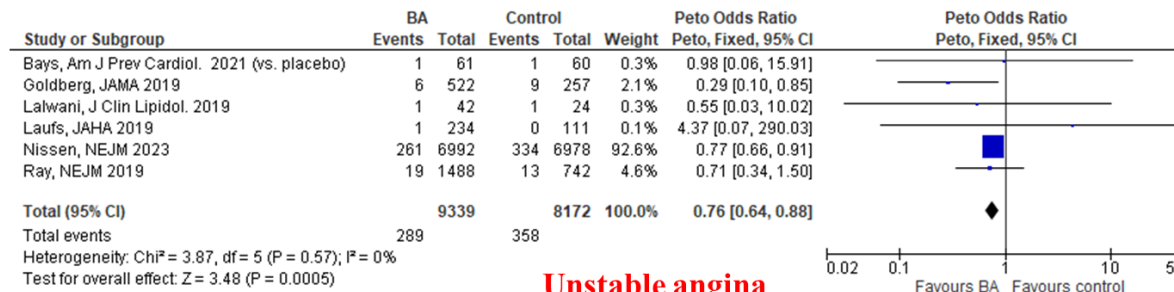


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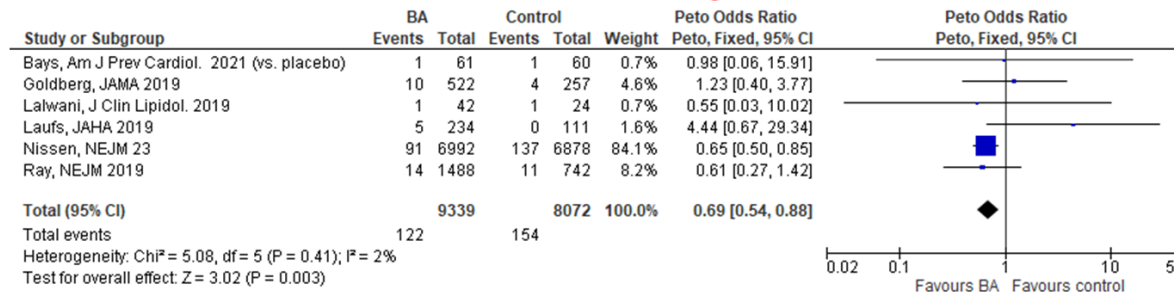
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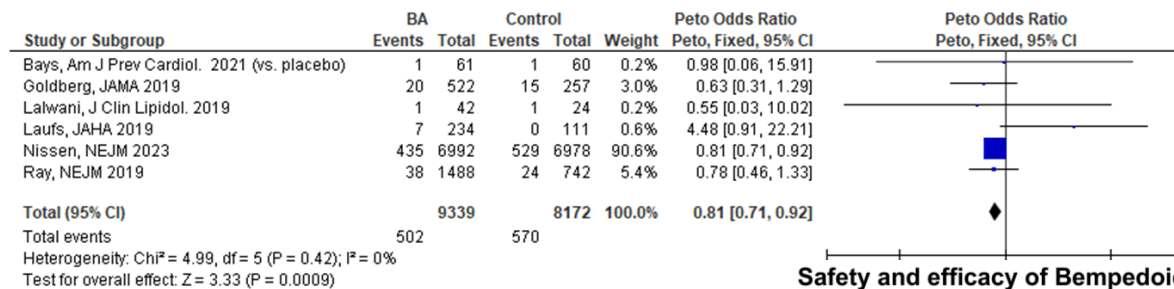
## Myocardial infarction



## Unstable angina



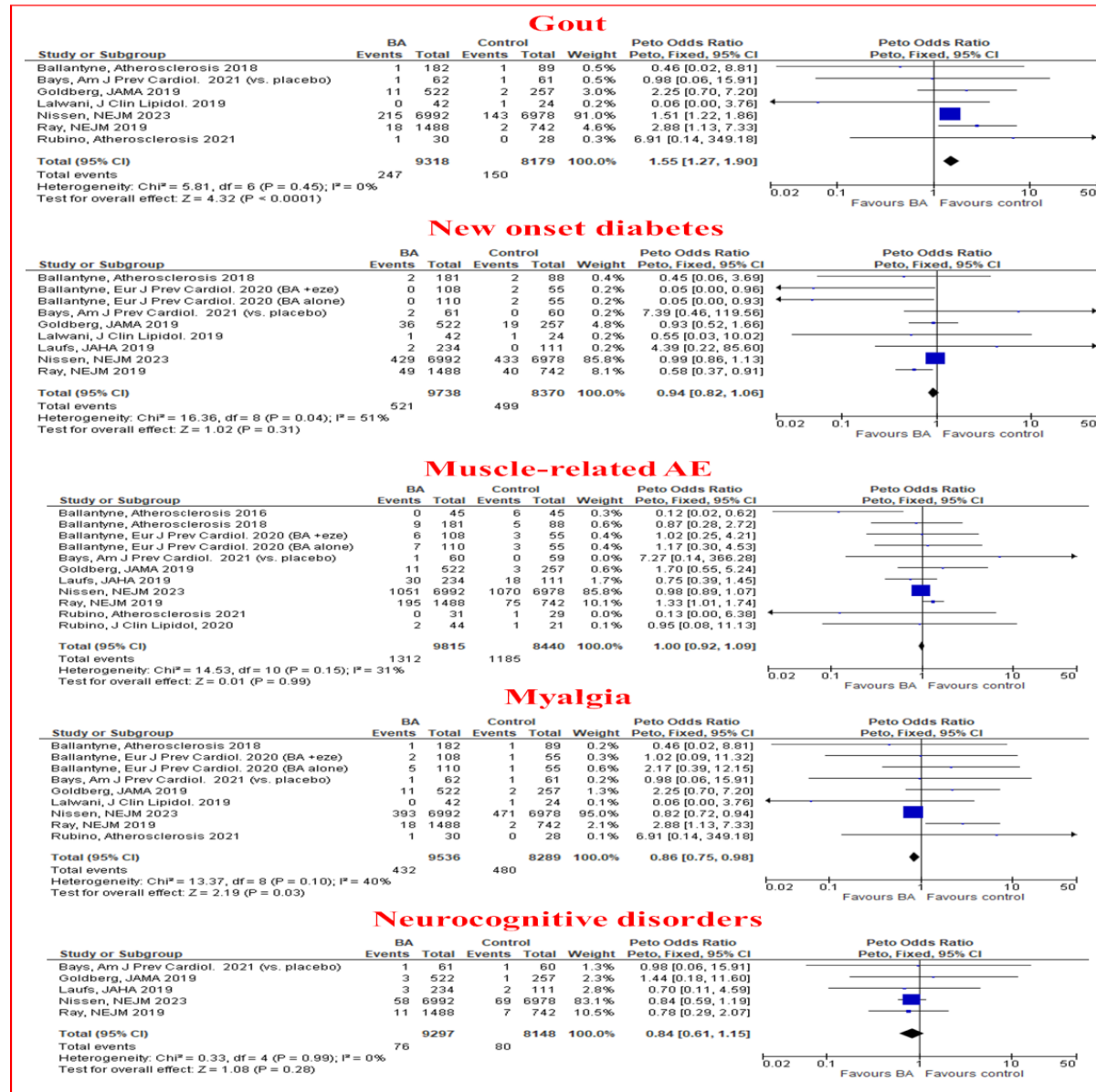
## Coronary revascularization



Safety and efficacy of Bempedoic Acid: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials.

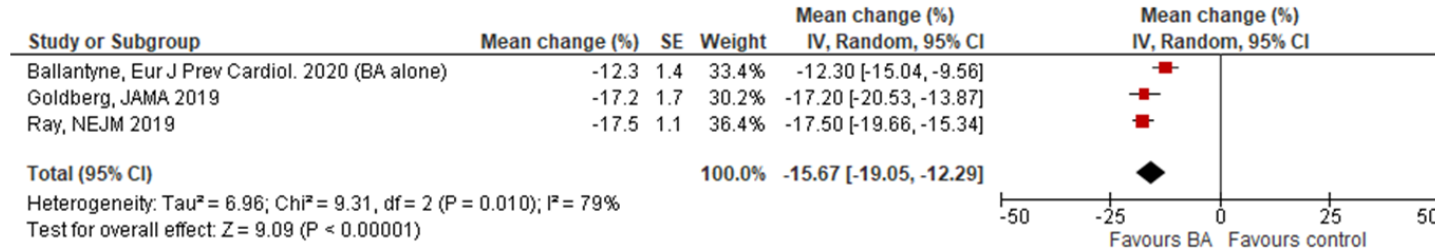


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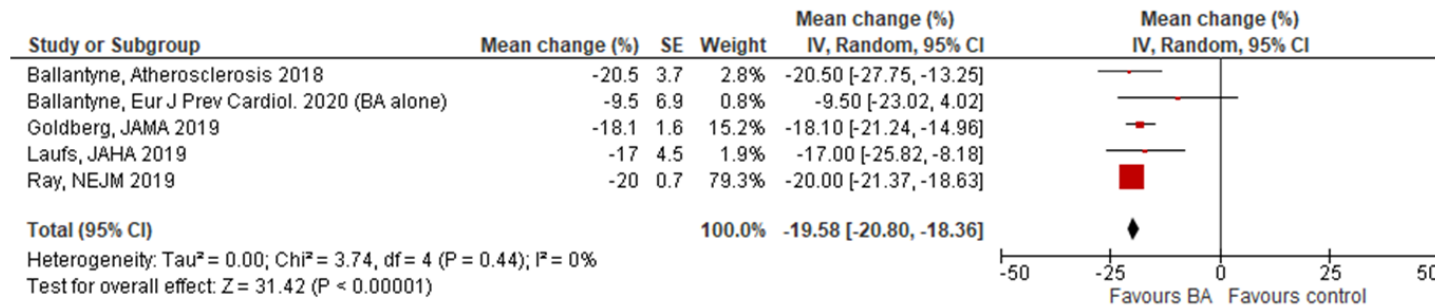


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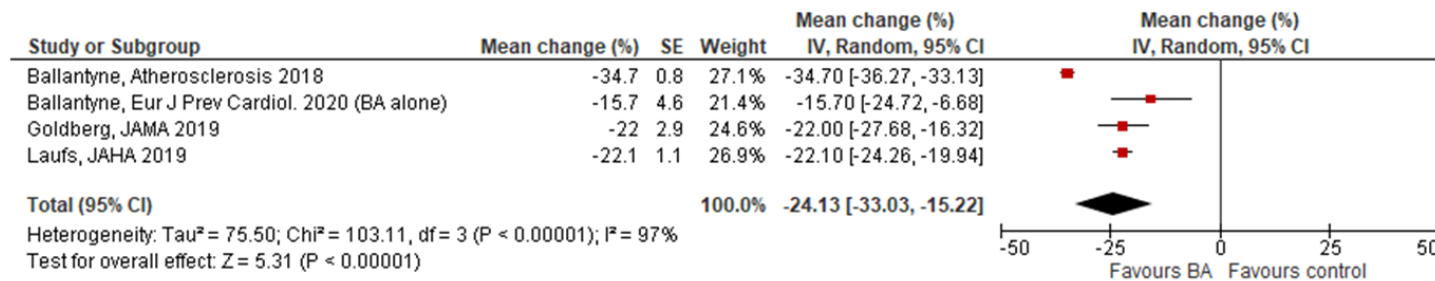
## High intensity statin



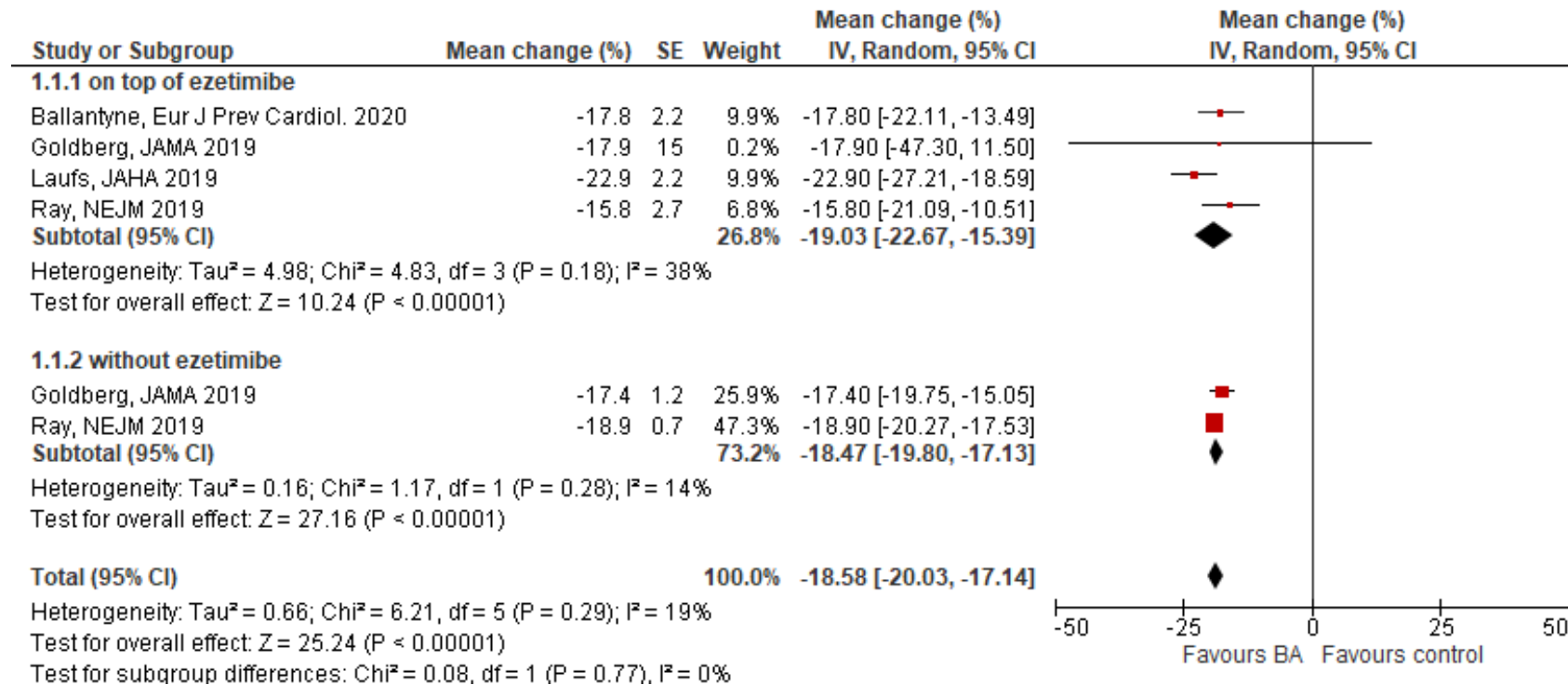
## Low/moderate intensity statin



## No statin



# Bempedoic acid



# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Risk stratification is mandatory, especially to stratify a tailored therapy

Statins represent the milestones of therapy, although limited by side effects/low adherence

Ezetimibe and PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies may represent reasonable choices

BA represent an alternative/add-on choice for high risk patients





# QUESTIONS?

