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## Υπερλιπιδαιμία

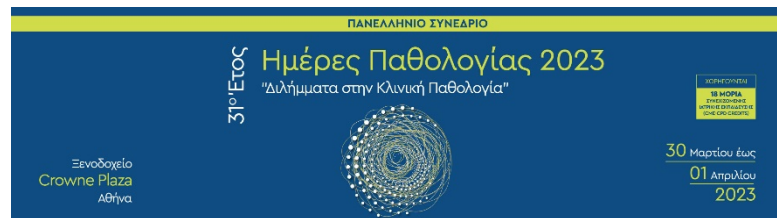
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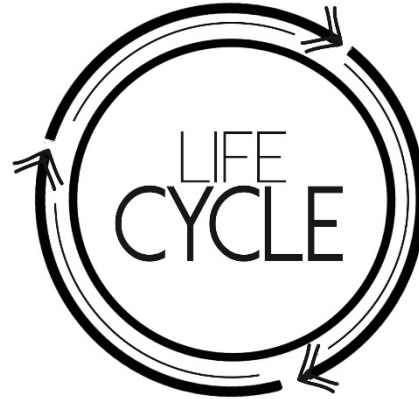
# Δυσλιπιδαιμίες 2023

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

The Task Force for the Management of Dyslipidaemias of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS)

Developed with the special contribution of the Task Force for the Management of Dyslipidaemias of the ESC and EAS for Cardiovascular Prevention & Risk Reduction

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ESC/EAS GUIDELINES



## 2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk

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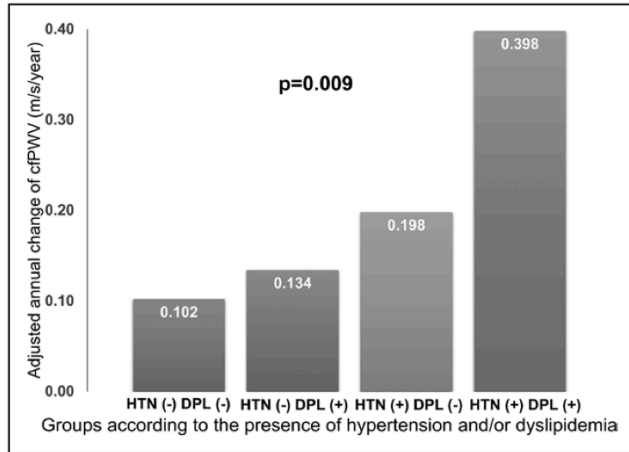
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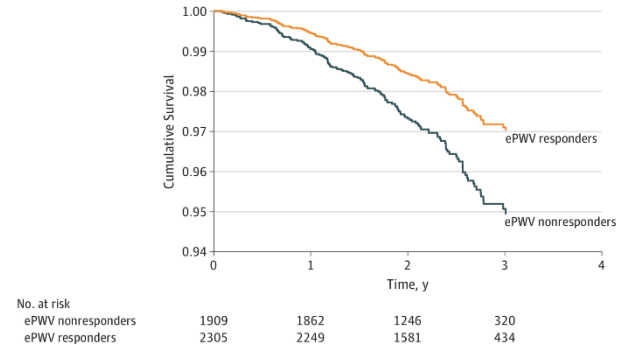
# Dyslipidemia increases our vascular age!



Terentes-Printzios D, Vlachopoulos C, et al. Hypertension 2017

## PROGNOSTIC Value of (estimated) PWV

Figure 3. Effect of the Response of Estimated Pulse Wave Velocity (ePWV) to 12 Months of Treatment on All-Cause Death in the Standard Treatment Group

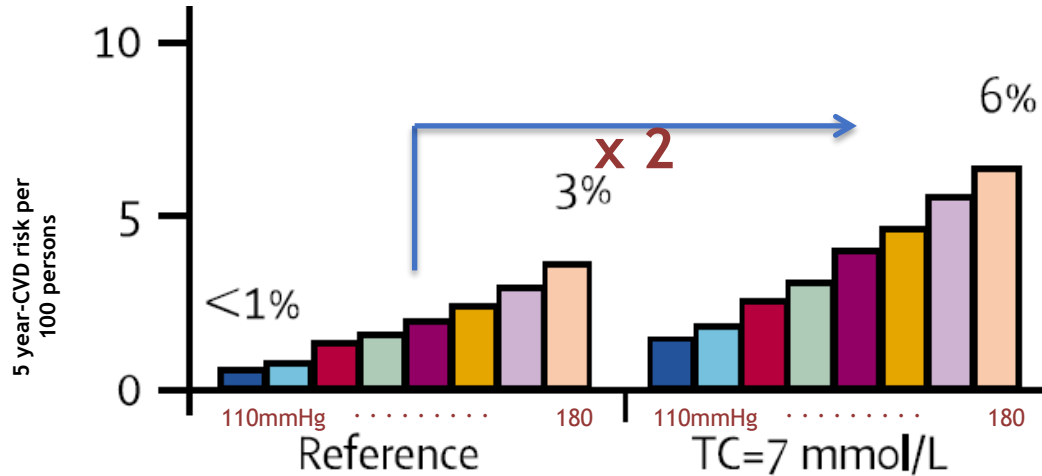


### Analysis of SPRINT data

- 8450 hypertensives. Follow-up: 2 years.

Vlachopoulos C / Terentes-Printzios D et al. JAMA NTW open 2019

## High cholesterol **doubles** the CV risk of hypertensive pts



*Predictive 5-year CV risk of patients with respective SBP of 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170 and 180 mm Hg*

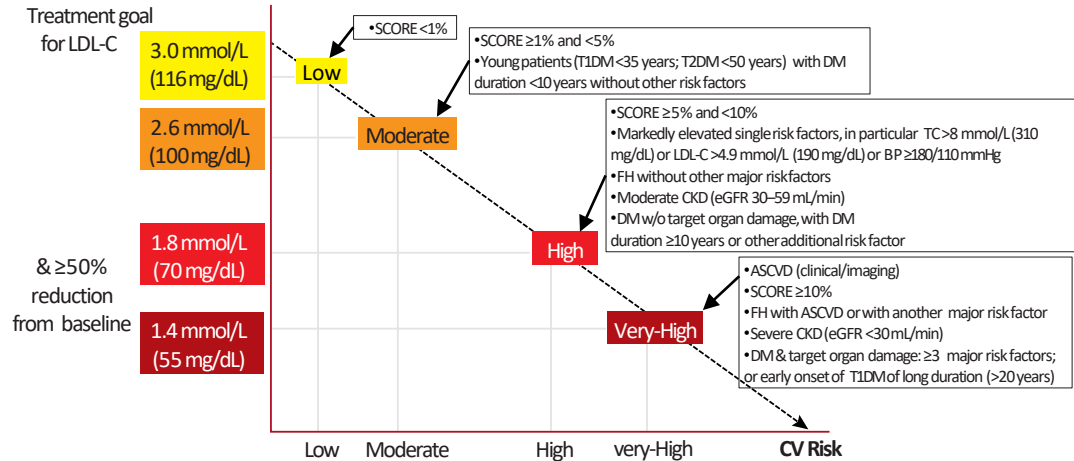
# CV risk groups 2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines

Very high risk	High risk	Moderate risk	Low risk
<p><b>People with any of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented ASCVD includes previous ACS (MI or unstable angina), stable angina, coronary revascularisation (PCI, CABG, and other arterial revascularisation procedures), stroke and TIA, and peripheral arterial disease. Unequivocally documented ASCVD on imaging includes those findings that are known to be predictive of clinical events, such as significant plaque on coronary angiography or CT scan (multivessel coronary disease with two major epicardial arteries having &gt;50% stenosis), or on carotid ultrasound</li> <li>DM with target organ damage,* or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of T1DM of long duration (&gt;20 years)</li> <li>Severe CKD (eGFR &lt;30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>A calculated SCORE ≥10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD</li> <li>FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor</li> </ul>	<p><b>People with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular TC &gt;8 mmol/L (&gt;310 mg/dL), LDL-C &gt;4.9 mmol/L (&gt;190 mg/dL), or BP ≥180/110 mmHg</li> <li>Patients with FH without other major risk factors</li> <li>Patients with DM without target organ damage, with DM duration ≥10 years or another additional risk factor</li> <li>Moderate CKD (eGFR 30–59 L/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>A calculated SCORE ≥ 5% and &lt;10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young patients (T1DM &lt;35 years; T2DM &lt;50 years) with DM duration &lt;10 years, without other risk factors</li> <li>Calculated SCORE ≥1 % and &lt;5% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculated SCORE &lt;1% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD</li> </ul>

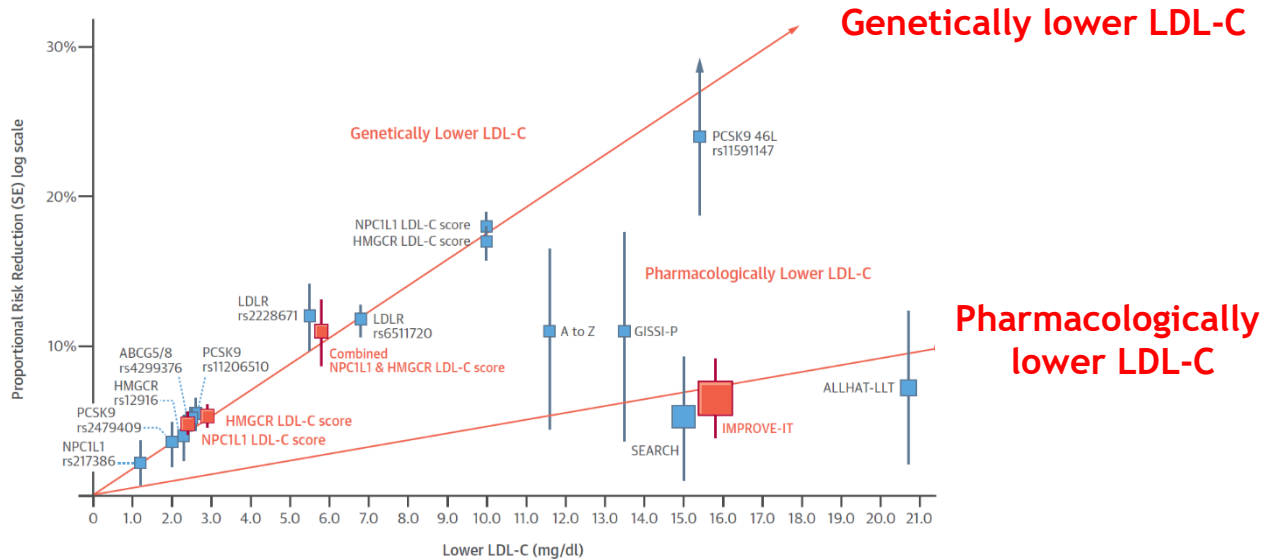
- \*Defined as microalbuminuria, retinopathy, or neuropathy.  
 ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; ACS = acute coronary syndrome; BP = blood pressure; CABG = coronary artery bypass graft surgery; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CT = computed tomography; CVD = cardiovascular disease; DM = diabetes mellitus; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; FH = familial hypercholesterolaemia; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; MI = myocardial infarction; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; SCORE = Systematic Coronary Risk Estimation; T1DM = type 1 DM; T2DM = type 2 DM; TC = total cholesterol; TIA = transient ischaemic attack.  
 Adapted from: Mach F, et al. Eur Heart J 2019. doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz455. Epub ahead of print.



# Treatment goals for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) across categories of total cardiovascular disease risk



# Lower LDL-C is associated with increased risk reduction

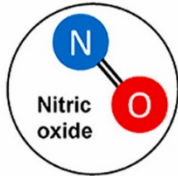


[To convert, 100 mg/dL=2.59 mmol/L].

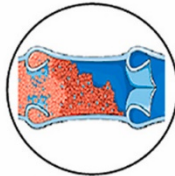
CHD, coronary heart disease; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDLR, low-density lipoprotein receptor; LLT, lipid-lowering therapy; PCSK9, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9; SE, standard error.

Ference BA, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65:1552-61.

# Statins work in other settings as well



*Anti-oxidant effect*

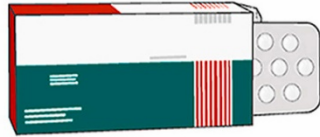


*Anti-thrombotic effect*

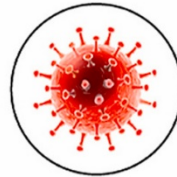
## Statin use in COVID-19



*ACE2 receptor upregulation*

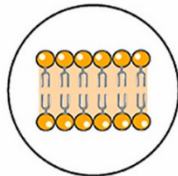


**35% decrease in mortality**

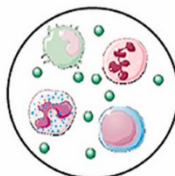


*Indirect antiviral effect*

Statin therapy was associated with 35% decrease in the adjusted risk of mortality in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.



*Membrane composition changes*



*Immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory effect*

Kollias A, et al. Atherosclerosis 2021

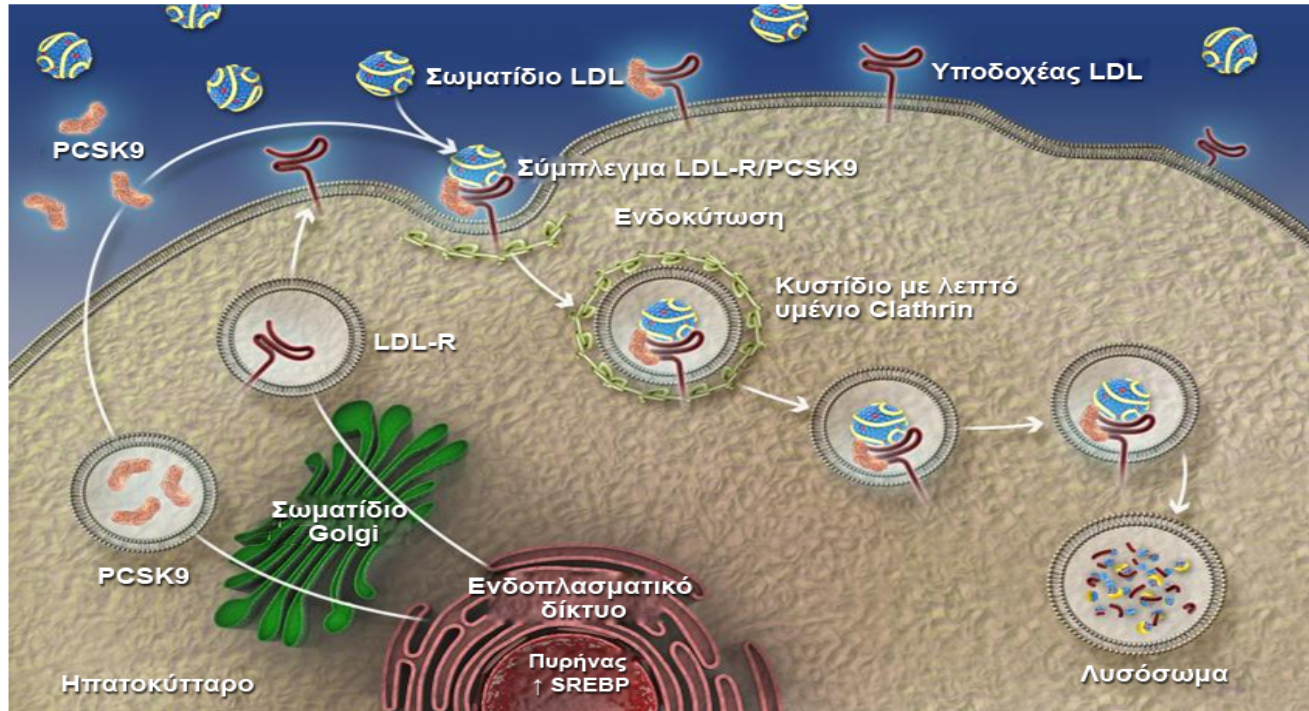
# LDL-C is a major contributor to atherosclerotic progression

## LDL-C levels and atherosclerosis progression in coronary artery IVUS studies



A-Plus, Avasimibe and Progression of Lesions on Ultrasound; ASTEROID, A Study to Evaluate the Effect of Rosuvastatin on Intravascular Ultrasound-Derived Coronary Atheroma Burden; CAMELOT, Comparison of Amlodipine vs Enalapril to Limit Occurrences of Thrombosis; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; REVERSAL, Reversal of Atherosclerosis With Aggressive Lipid-Lowering; IVUS, intravascular ultrasound. Sipahi I, et al. Cleve Clin J Med 2006;10:937-44; Nissen SE, et al. JAMA 2006;295:1556-65.

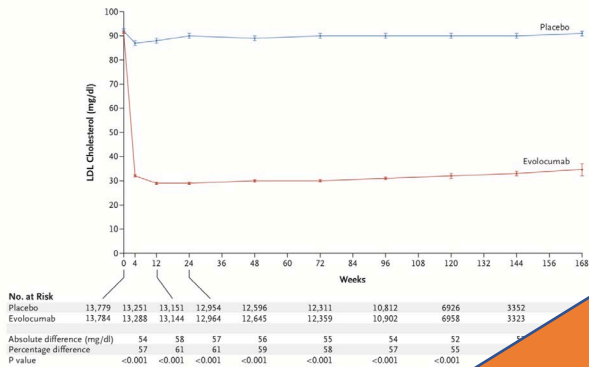
# PCSK9 Regulates the Recycling of LDLR by Targeting the LDLR for Degradation



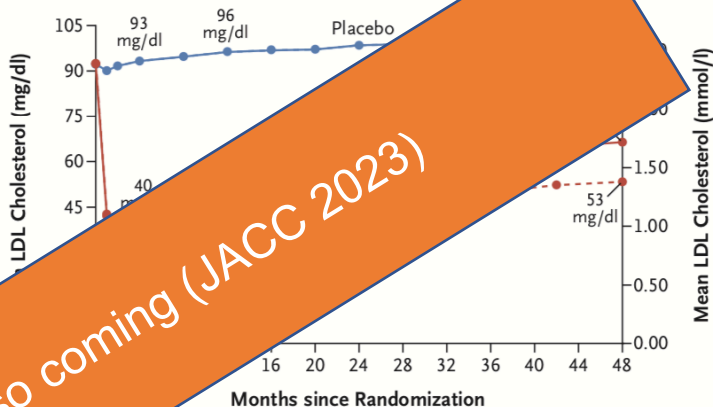
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# PCSK9i

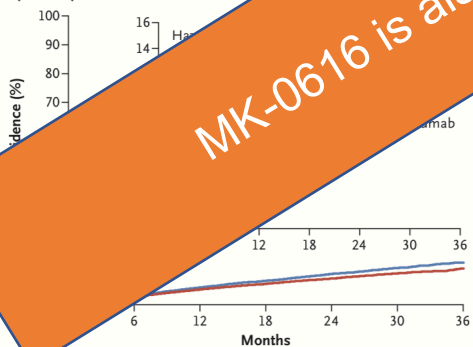
## EVOLUCUMAB (FOURIER)



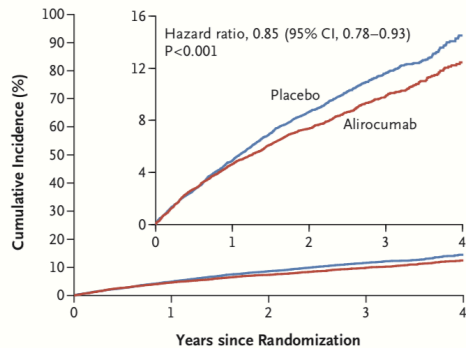
## ALIROCUMAB (ODYSSEY 4 AND 4 LOMES)



### A Primary Efficacy End Point



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Placebo	13,780	13,278	12,825	11,871	7610	3690	686
Evolocumab	13,784	13,351	12,939	12,070	7771	3746	689



No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4
Placebo	9462	8805	8201	3471	629
Alirocumab	9462	8846	8345	3574	653

MK-0616 is also coming (JACC 2023)

## New recommendations

### **Cardiovascular imaging for assessment of ASCVD risk**

Assessment of arterial (carotid and/or femoral) plaque burden on arterial ultrasonography should be considered as a risk modifier in individuals at low or moderate risk.

### **Cardiovascular imaging for assessment of ASCVD risk**

CAC score assessment with CT should be considered as a risk modifier in the CV risk assessment of asymptomatic individuals at low or moderate risk.

### **Lipid analyses for CVD risk estimation**

Lp(a) measurement should be considered at least once in each adult person's lifetime to identify those with very high inherited Lp(a) levels >180 mg/dL (>430 nmol/L) who may have a lifetime risk of ASCVD equivalent to the risk associated with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia.

**Πέρα από την LDL**

**υπερτριγλυκεριδαιμία**

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NEWS

# Prescription Omega-3 Fatty Acids Cut Cardiovascular Events: REDUCE-IT



*The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE*

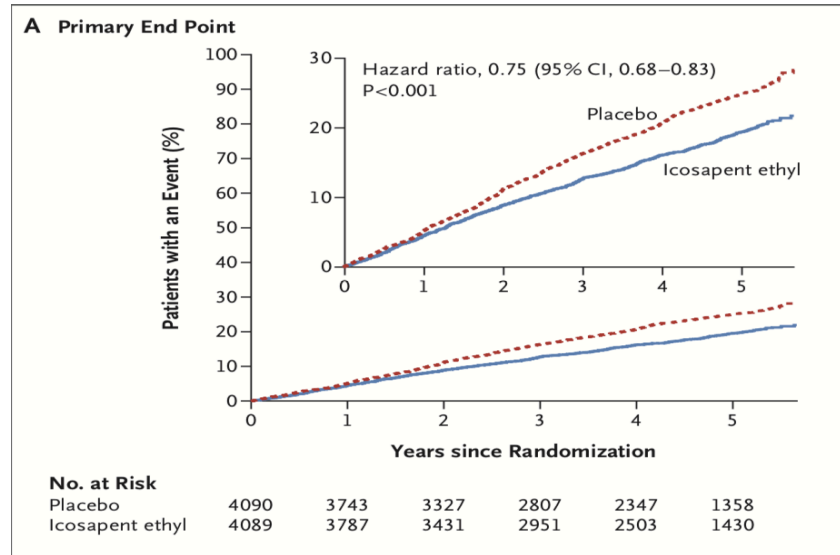
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Cardiovascular Risk Reduction with Icosapent Ethyl for Hypertriglyceridemia

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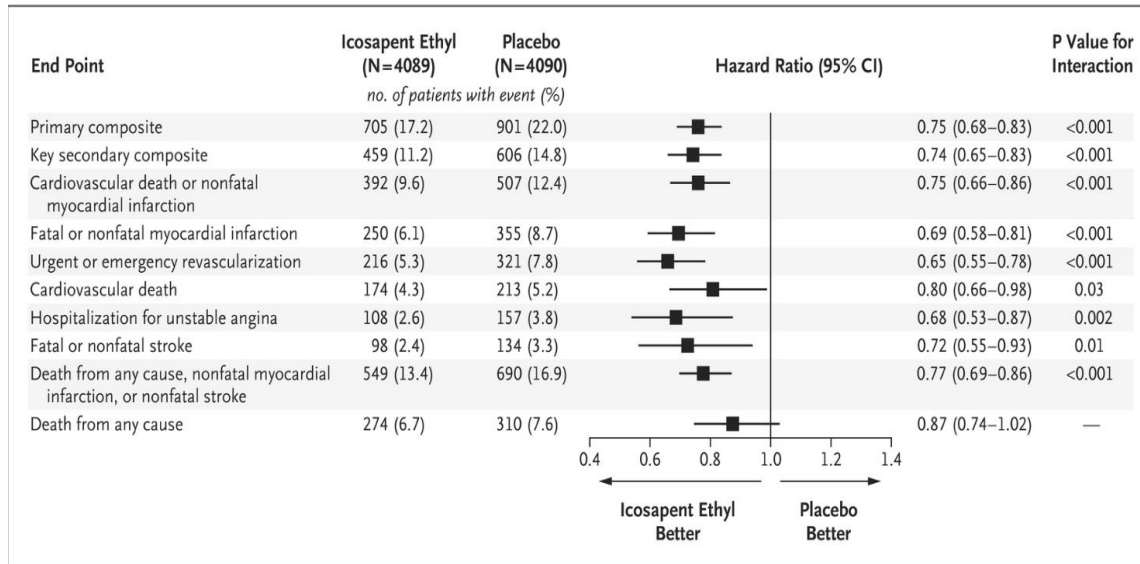
## Results



A primary end-point event occurred in 17.2% of the patients in the icosapent ethyl group, as compared with 22.0% of the patients in the placebo group (hazard ratio, 0.75; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.68 to 0.83; P<0.001)

# Cardiovascular Risk Reduction with Icosapent Ethyl for Hypertriglyceridemia

## Results



### Hierarchical Testing of End Points.

Shown is the prespecified plan for hierarchical testing of end points. The rates of all end points up to death from any cause were significantly lower in the icosapentethyl group than in the placebo group.

# Cardiovascular Risk Reduction with Icosapent Ethyl for Hypertriglyceridemia

## Σκέψεις για την αποτελεσματικότητα και την ασφάλεια

- **25% ελάττωση του σχετικού κινδύνου** στο πρωτεύον καταληκτικό σημείο (μείζονα καρδιαγγειακά συμβάματα, μη θανατηφόρο OEM, μη θανατηφόρο ΑΕΕ, επαναγγείωση στεφανιαίων αγγείων)
- Η αποτελεσματικότητα (25% RRR) συγκρίνεται με αυτή της **ατορβαστατίνης!**
- **Καλά ανεκτή αγωγή**, με παρόμοια ποσοστά παρενεργειών με την ομάδα που έλαβε placebo.
- Γιατί πέτυχε αυτή η μελέτη; Υψηλή δόση (4-g daily) ενώ οι περισσότερες προγενέστερες μελέτες με omega-3 λιπαρά (όπως πρόσφατα στην **ASCEND trial**) χρησιμοποιήθηκαν πολύ χαμηλότερες δόσεις.

# Θεραπευτικοί στόχοι

## Recommendations for drug treatment of patients with hypertriglyceridaemia

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Statin treatment is recommended as the first drug of choice to reduce CVD risk in high-risk individuals with hypertriglyceridaemia [TG levels >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL)]. <sup>355</sup>	I	B
In high-risk (or above) patients with TG levels between 1.5–5.6 mmol/L (135–499 mg/dL) despite statin treatment, n-3 PUFAs (icosapent ethyl 2 × 2 g/day) should be considered in combination with a statin. <sup>194</sup>	IIa	B
In primary prevention patients who are at LDL-C goal with TG levels >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL), fenofibrate or bezafibrate may be considered in combination with statins. <sup>305–307,356</sup>	IIb	B
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REDUCE-IT trial

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# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

Are we doing enough?

## EUROASPIRE V : Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Control Rates in Patients with CHD

Full research paper

Preventive  
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Lifestyle and impact on cardiovascular  
risk factor control in coronary patients  
across 27 countries: Results from the  
European Society of Cardiology  
ESC-EORP EUROASPIRE V registry

8261 patients with CAD

◆ Although 8261 patients were using lipid-

**EUROASPIRE V**  
**Suboptimal lipid control**  
**in secondary prevention!**

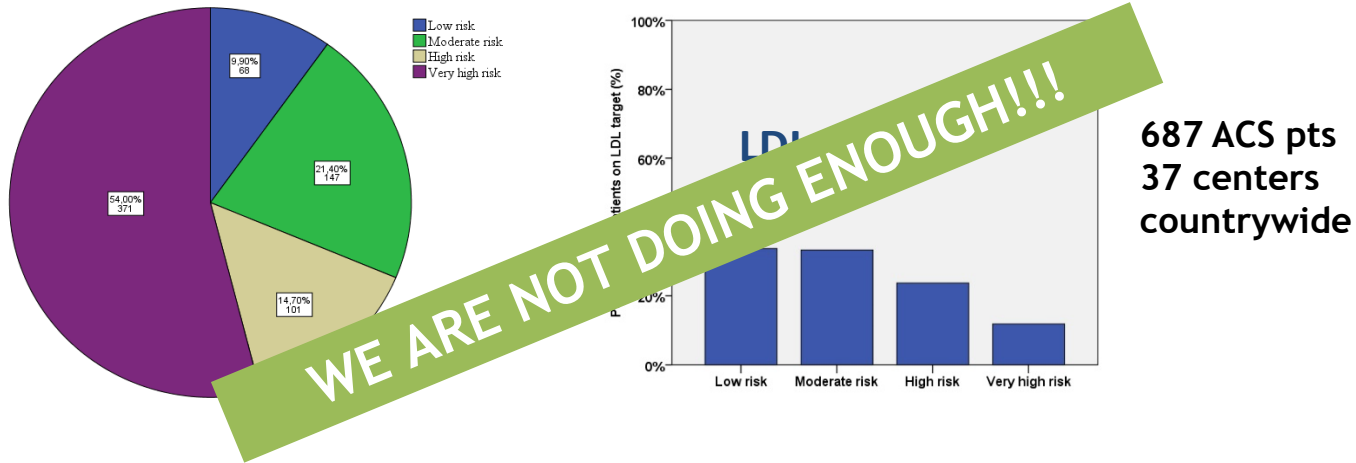
... were taking high-intensity  
... drug combinations  
... pressure >140/90 mmHg  
... had LDL-C  $\geq 1.8$  mmol/L  
... patients during interview said that  
... compliant (probably highly  
... verestimated number!)

# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

Are we doing enough?

More than half of the pts are already at high risk BEFORE the ACS  
(PHAETHON study)

(partly) because they do not reach targets



Vlachopoulos C, et al. Curr Vasc Pharmacol 2017



# Dyslipidemia: How big is the problem in Greece?

## Are we doing enough?



21<sup>st</sup> Century Epidemiology of Dyslipidemia in Greece  
EMENO National Epidemiological Study

DESIGN

### Adult general population (2013-2016)

Multi-stage stratified random sampling

#### • Questionnaires

#### • Blood tests

- ✓ Total cholesterol (TC)
- ✓ Low-density cholesterol (LDL-C)
- ✓ High-density cholesterol (HDL-C)
- ✓ Triglycerides

#### Definitions

- ✓ **Hypercholesterolemia**  
TC  $\geq$ 240/200 mg/dL and/or drugs
- ✓ **Hyper-LDL-cholesterolemia**  
LDL-C  $\geq$ 160/130/100 mg/dL and/or drugs
- ✓ **Hypo-HDL-cholesterolemia**  
HDL-C  $<$ 40 mg/dL
- ✓ **Hypertriglyceridemia:**  
Triglycerides  $\geq$ 150 mg/dL

FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS

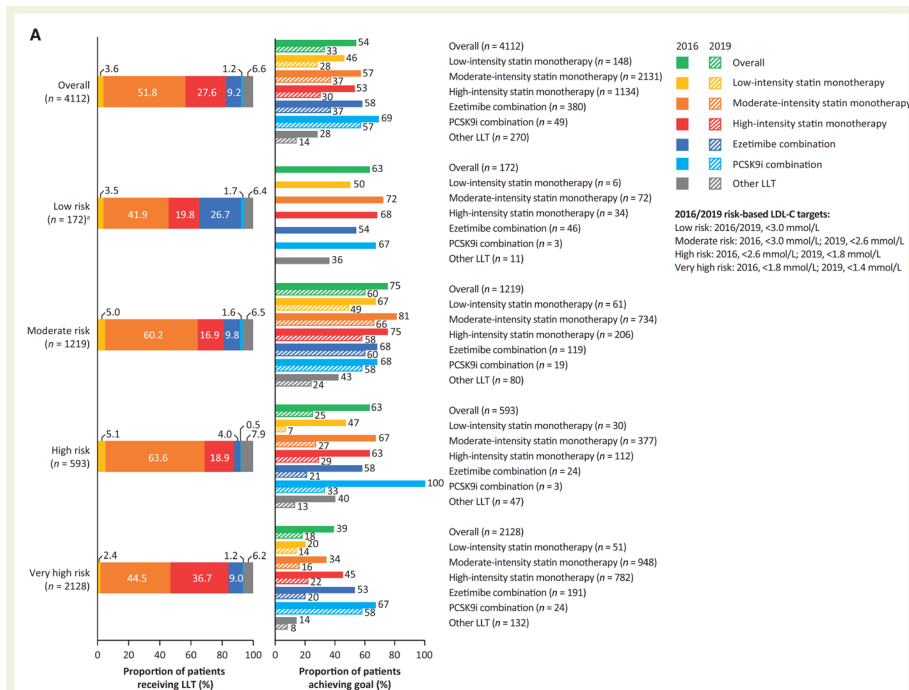
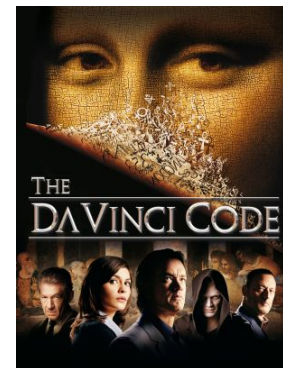
- **More than 50%** of Greek adults have some type of blood lipid abnormality
  - ✓ Hypercholesterolemia at  $\sim$ 28/52% for thresholds  $\geq$ 240/200 mg/dL
  - ✓ Hyper-LDL-cholesterolemia at  $\sim$ 26/47/74% for thresholds  $\geq$ 160/130/100 mg/dL
  - ✓ Hypo-HDL-cholesterolemia and hypertriglyceridemia at  $\sim$ 28%
- **Only 14%** treated with lipid-lowering medications.

Nationwide cardiovascular risk factor management programmes are needed to manage dyslipidemia and halt the increase in cardiovascular disease in Greece.

These recent epidemiological data showed a higher rate of dyslipidemia in Greece than in other national and international surveys, with less use of drug treatment, and certainly contributed to the recent reclassification of the Greek population from low to medium cardiovascular risk

# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

## Are we doing enough?



**Figure 2** European Society of Cardiology/European Atherosclerosis Society 2016 and 2019 risk-based low-density lipoprotein cholesterol goal attainment among patients stabilized on lipid-lowering regimens summarized by level of risk and statin regimen. (A) The overall group summarized by level of risk and statin regimen (B) The Primary prevention group summarized by level of risk and statin regimen. (C) The established atherosclerotic

Gaps between clinical guidelines and clinical practice for lipid management across Europe persist

Even with optimized statins, greater utilization of non-statin LLT is likely needed to reduce these gaps for patients at highest risk.

# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

Why are we not doing enough?

- ◆ physician inertia
- ◆ deficiencies of health-care systems
- ◆ need for multiple medications
- ◆ poor patient adherence to therapy

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# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

## Solutions - Making physician/patient interaction effective

### Box 10 Methods for enhancing adherence to lifestyle changes

1. Explore motivation and identify ambivalence. Weigh pros and cons for change, assess and build self-efficacy and confidence, and avoid circular discussion.
2. Offer support, and establish an alliance with the patient and his/her family.
3. Involve the partner, other household members, or caregiver who may be influential in the lifestyle change.
4. Use the **OARS** (Open-ended questions, **A**ffirmation, **R**eflective listening, and **S**ummarising when discussing behaviour changes ([www.smartrecognition.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/UsingMlinSR.pdf](http://www.smartrecognition.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/UsingMlinSR.pdf)).
5. Tailor advice to an individual patient's culture, habits, and situation.
6. Use **SMART** goal setting (negotiate goals for change that are **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic, and **T**imely). Follow-up on goals and record progress on a shared record.

IT TAKES TIME !!!

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Is adherence important?

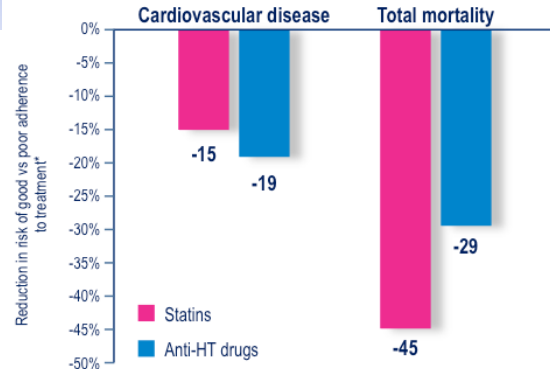
Meta-analysis of 44 prospective studies comprising 1,978,919 non-overlapping participants with CVD:

- 135,627 CVD events
- 94,126 cases of all-cause mortality.

Only 60% of the included patients were good adherents\*

9.1% of all events that occur are due to poor adherence in patients with prescribed cardiovascular medications.

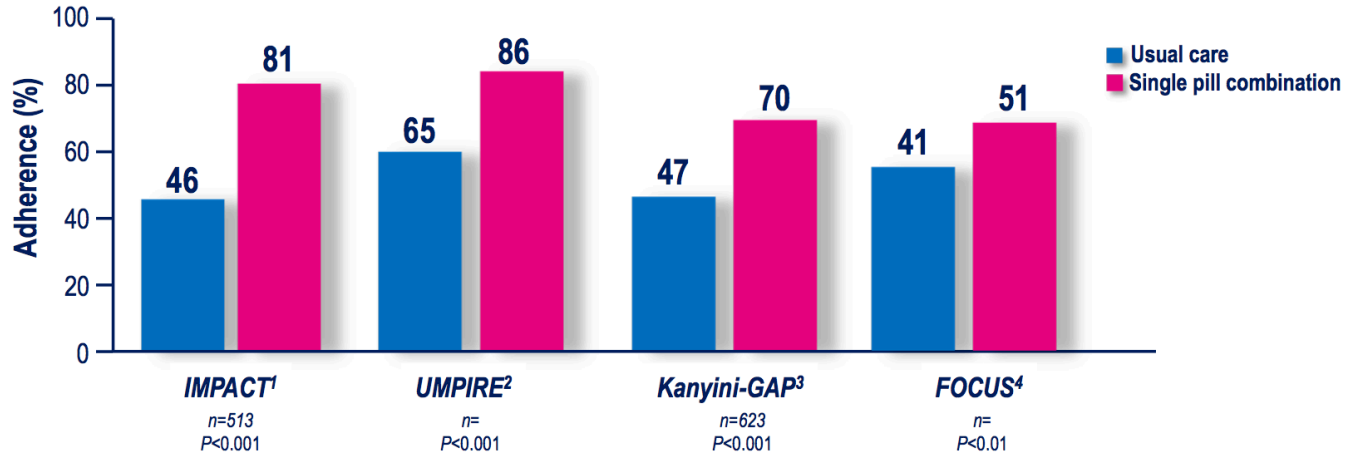
\*Good adherence:  $\geq 80\%$  taking medication.



Chowdhury et al. Eur Heart J 2013

# Single pill combinations

Percentage adherence to single-pill combination vs usual care in high CVD risk or established CVD<sup>1-5</sup>



**Overall adherence improved by 44%<sup>5</sup>**  
(95% CI 26% to 65%) vs usual care in patients with cardiovascular (CV) disease or high CV risk, n=3338

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# Συμφωνία (Consensus) Ειδικών για την Αντιμετώπιση της Δυσλιπιδαιμίας σε Ασθενείς με Οξύ Στεφανιαίο Σύνδρομο

## Expert Consensus for the Management of Dyslipidemias in ACS

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**Acute Coronary Syndrome  
(STEMI, NSTEMI, UA)**

**Patient already  
under  
hypolipidaemic  
treatment**

**Intermediate or unknown intensity  
statin**  
Initiate high-intensity statin

**High intensity statin**

**LDL-c within 24 hours of hospital admission**

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admission**

**<100  
mg/dL**

**Unknown or >100 mg/dL**

**>70 mg/dL**

**<70 mg/dL**

**Add Ezetimibe**

**Follow-up**

# 'Statin-ology'



European Heart Journal (2016) 37, 908–916  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehv641

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## STATINS: NEW HEALTH ALERT

**Study says heart pills do you more harm than good**

By Giles Stedrick

**STATINS fail to slash deaths from heart disease and do more harm than good, a major study claims.**

Randomised trials also suggest a heart attack and take a daily cholesterol-lowering pill for five years will increase their life expectancy by just four days.

The research casts doubt on the effectiveness of drugs prescribed to six million people in the UK and has reignited the debate over statin therapy.

A coalition of reports in Britain and the US joined forces to declare there is "no consistent evidence" that the pills reduce deaths.

They claimed that the pro-statin lobby is based on "flawed medical data and simply based on 'fear-mongering stories'".

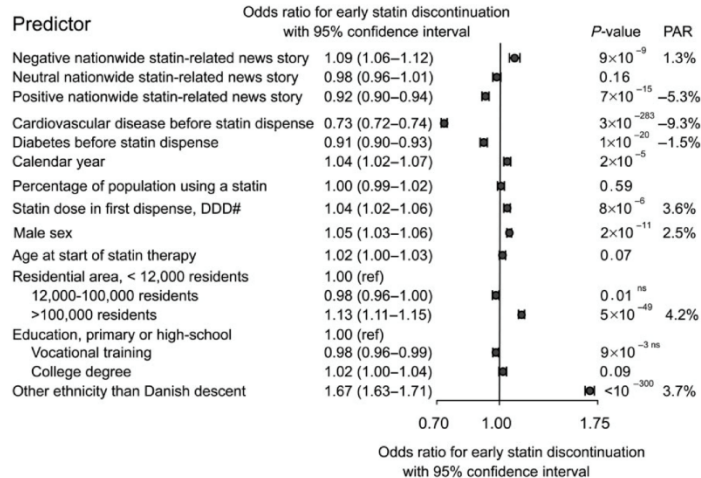
The senior medical research the simplest and safest way to achieve a healthy heart is through better diet and more exercise.

Consistent cardiologist Dr. Aseem Malhotra, the report's author, said: "It's clear appropriate

**KATHERINE JENKINS**  
Surprise new face of BBC's Songs Of Praise  
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## Negative statin-related news stories decrease statin persistence and increase myocardial infarction and cardiovascular mortality: a nationwide prospective cohort study

Sune Fallgaard Nielsen and Børge Grønne Nordestgaard\*

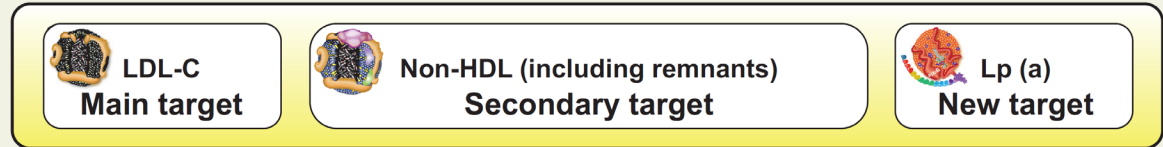
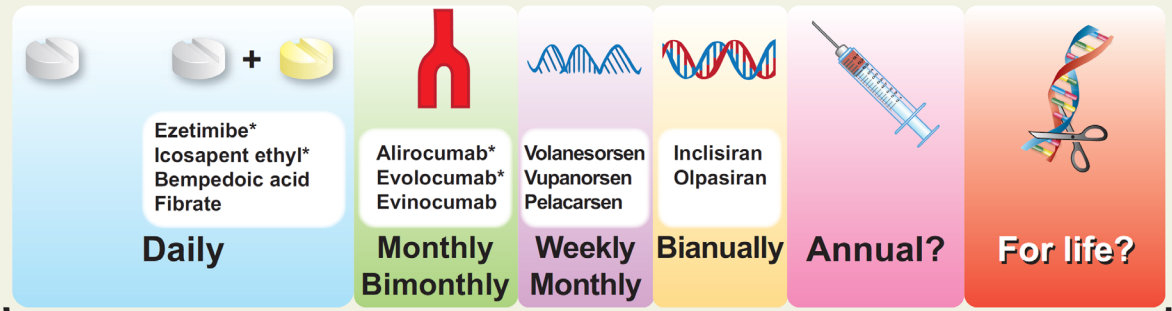


# Non-statin future therapies

These LLTs from the future are what keeps me going

## Evolution of Lipid Lowering Therapies:

Statins\* → Oral combination → MoAb → ASO → siRNA → Vaccination → Gene editing

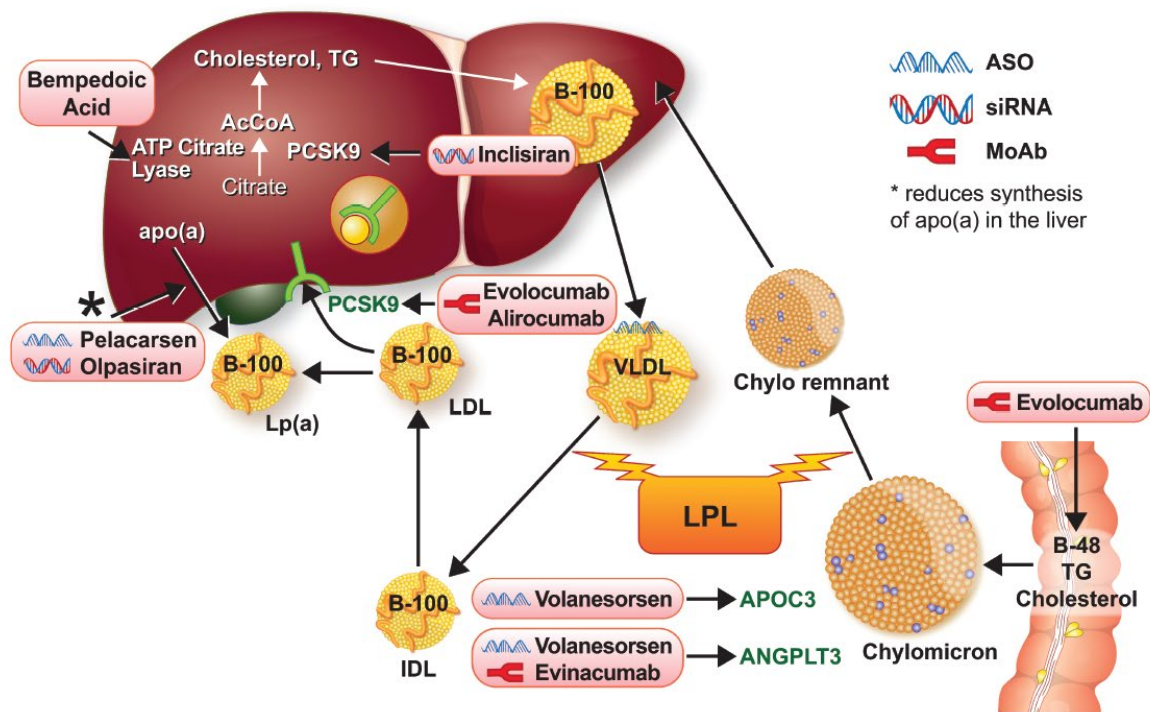


\*Therapies shown to decrease CV events

The future evolution of lipid-lowering therapies. The quest for new lipid-lowering therapies enabling less frequent administration is continuing. Outcome trials to show cardiovascular event reduction will determine their clinical application. ASO, antisense oligonucleotide; CV, cardiovascular; IPE, icosapent ethyl; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; Lp(a), lipoprotein(a); MoAb, monoclonal antibodies; siRNA, small-interfering RNA.



# Non-statin future therapies

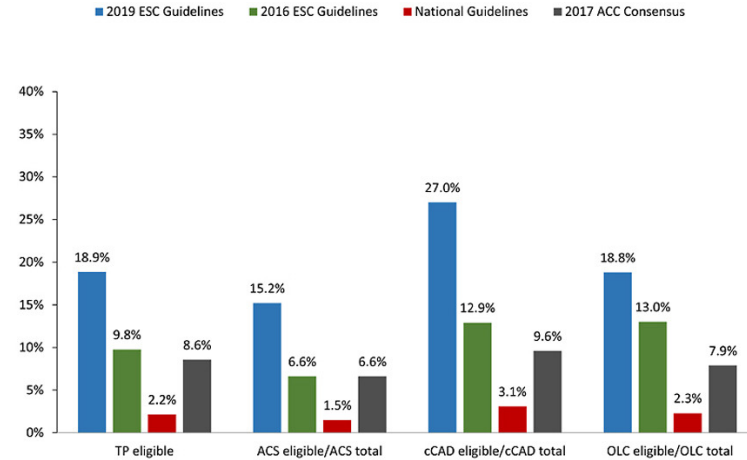
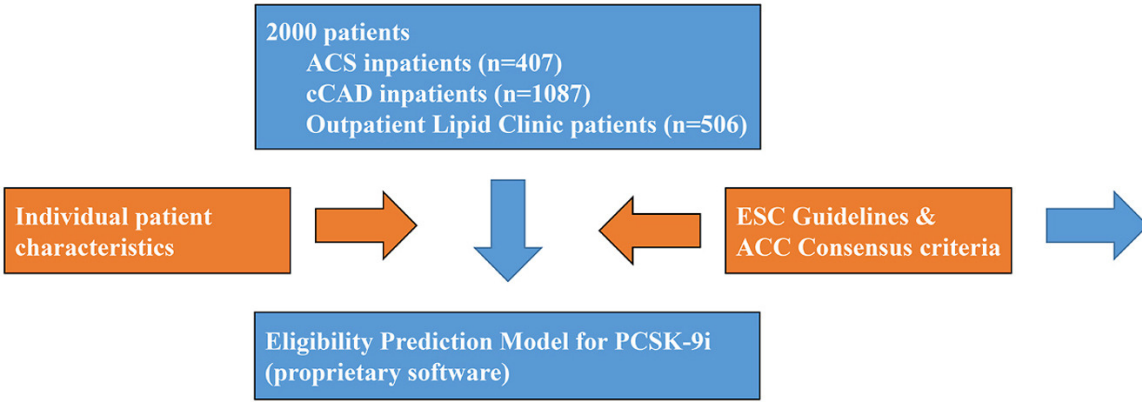


Multiple pathways are being targeted  
Tokgozoglu L et al; EHJ 2022

**Figure 5** Newer and emerging lipid-lowering therapies target different aspects of lipid metabolism. The statins target hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase. The newer and emerging agents target other aspects of lipid metabolism as shown here. B48 refers to the shorter form of apolipoprotein B produced by RNA editing in the intestine. B100 refers to the longer form produced in the liver. See the list for explanations of other abbreviations.

# LDL-C level targets in daily practice

## Solutions - Intensification of therapy



- 2,000 patients
- Proprietary adjustable prediction software
- Estimation of pts at goal with intensification of therapy (**maximum statin dose+ezetimibe**)

# Μελέτες κόστους/αποτελεσματικότητας

Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



## Effect of Access to Prescribed PCSK9 Inhibitors on Cardiovascular Outcomes

*Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes.* 2019;12:e005404. DOI: 10.1161,

[See Editorial by Nasir et al](#)

**BACKGROUND:** Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease remains a major cause of death and disability, especially for high-risk familial hypercholesterolemia individuals. PCSK9i (proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin type 9 inhibitors) reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels and cardiovascular event rates. However, PCSK9i prescriptions are rejected at high rates by payers, and use is often delayed or eventually abandoned as a treatment option. We tested the hypothesis that acute coronary syndromes, coronary interventions, stroke, and cardiac arrest are more prevalent in patients with rejected or abandoned PCSK9i prescriptions.

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Μελετήθηκαν 140.000 ασθενείς στους οποίους είχε συνταγογραφηθεί η εβολοκουμάμπη στις ΗΠΑ σε διάστημα 2 ετών (2015-2017). 4 στα 5 περιστατικά απορρίφθηκαν

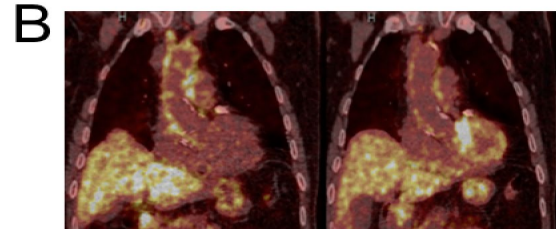
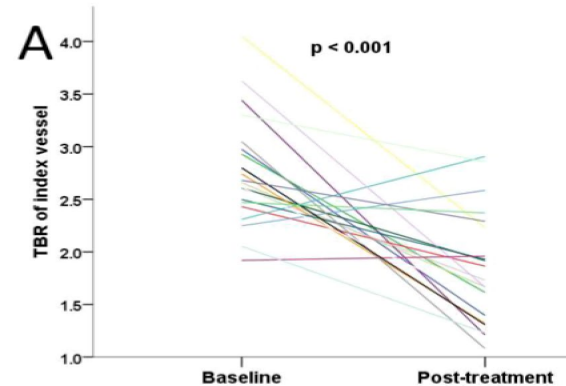
Συγκρινόμενο με την ομάδα στην οποία αποζημιώθηκε το φάρμακο για 12 μήνες αυτοί που δεν το έλαβαν είχαν αυξημένα ΚΑ συμβάντα κατά 16-21 %.

# PCSK9i and aortic inflammation

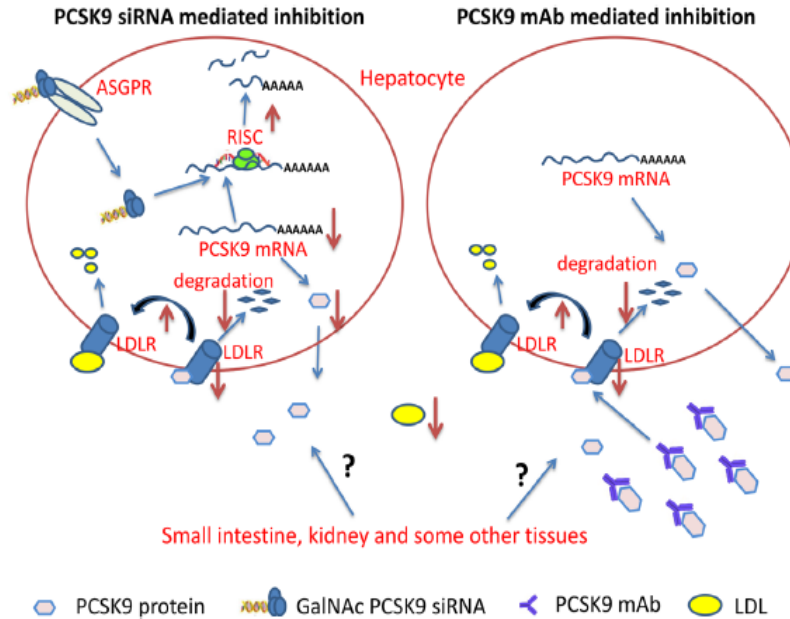
Long term administration of proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibitors reduces arterial 18F-fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose (FDG) uptake

- 21 patients with stable CVD not on low density lipoprotein cholesterol target
- FDG PET/CT imaging was performed and high sensitivity interleukin-1 $\beta$  (hs-IL-1 $\beta$ ) and IL-6 (hs-IL-6) were measured at baseline and 12 months after treatment with either alirocumab (n=9, 75 or 150 mg every 2 weeks) or evolocumab (n=12, either 140 mg every 2 weeks or 420 mg once monthly).

- significant reduction of arterial FDG uptake independently of LDL-c change.
- significant reduction of hs-IL-1 $\beta$ .



# Non-statin therapies



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**Inclisiran**: Small interfering RNA molecule (siRNA) which inhibits the synthesis of PCSK9.

Reduction of LDL up to 50%

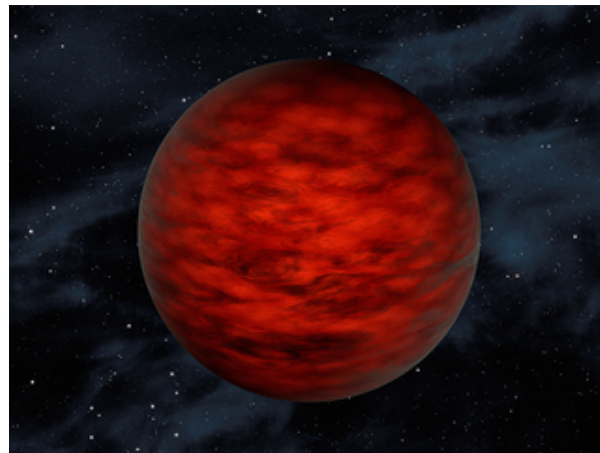


## One-Year Follow-up of the ORION-1 Randomized Phase II Clinical Trial

501 participants randomised to Inclisiran or placebo

- ONE dose 200, 300 or 500mg at Day 1
- TWO doses 100, 200 or 300mg at Day 1 and 90

Time-averaged reduction in LDL-C levels over 1 year after a single dose ranged from 29.5% to 38.7% ( $P < .001$  between groups) and from 29.9% to 46.4% ( $P < .001$  between groups) for those who received 2 doses.



**Πέρα από την LDL**

**HDL**

**Όσο υψηλότερη τιμή,  
τόσο καλύτερα;**

# Elevated HDL-C is associated with adverse cardiovascular outcomes

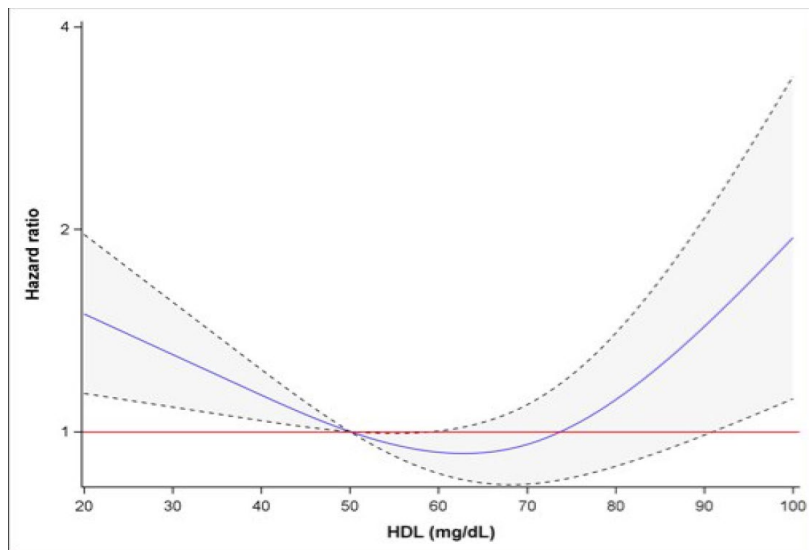
5,965 individuals (mean age  $63.3 \pm 12.4$  years, 35% female, 23% African American)

Median follow-up of 3.9 years; 769 CV death/non-fatal MI events

Individuals were stratified by HDL-C categories (<30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60 and  $\geq 60$  mg/dL)

❖ U-shaped” association between HDL-C and CV death/non-fatal MI

❖ HDL-C <30 mg/dL and  $\geq 60$  mg/dL  $\Rightarrow$   $\blacktriangle$  risk of all-cause mortality and CV death / non-fatal MI (HR 1.62; 95% CI=1.16-2.26,  $p=0.005$  and HR 1.44; 95% CI = 1.01-2.06,  $p=0.04$  respectively)



**Πέρα από την LDL**

**HDL**

**CETP-inhibitors**

## HDL

Recommendations for lipid analyses as treatment targets in the prevention of cardiovascular disease

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

Recommendations if drug treatment of low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol is considered

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Statins and fibrates raise HDL-C with a similar magnitude and these drugs may be considered.	IIb	B
The efficacy of fibrates to increase HDL-C may be attenuated in people with type 2 diabetes.	IIb	B

# Assessment of Clinical Effects of Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Inhibition With Evacetrapib in Patients at a High Risk for Vascular Outcomes - ACCELERATE

## Principal Findings:

The trial was terminated early due to futility

The primary outcome, cardiovascular death/MI/stroke/coronary revascularization/unstable angina for evacetrapib vs. placebo was 12.8% vs. 12.7%,  $p = 0.85$

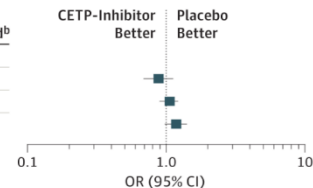
Components of the primary outcome (for evacetrapib vs. placebo):

- CV death: 7.2% vs.7.3%,  $p = 0.73$
- MI: 4.2% vs. 4.2%,  $p = 0.97$
- Stroke: 1.5% vs. 1.6%,  $p = 0.82$

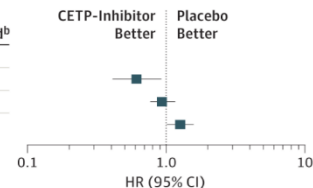
### Effect of genotyping:

single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) in the *ADCY9* gene (rs1967309) among 1,427 cases and 1,532 matched controls

Study and Genotype	OR (95% CI)	Interaction P Value <sup>a</sup>	P Value For Trend <sup>b</sup>
ACCELERATE		.17	.06
AA	0.88 (0.69-1.12)		
AG	1.04 (0.90-1.21)		
GG	1.18 (0.98-1.41)		



Study and Genotype	HR Reduction, % (CI)	Interaction P Value <sup>a</sup>	P Value For Trend <sup>b</sup>
dal-OUTCOMES		NA	.001
AA	0.61 (0.41-0.92)		
AG	0.94 (0.77-1.16)		
GG	1.27 (1.02-1.58)		



## Σκέψεις πάνω στη HDL

- Οι πολύ υψηλές τιμές HDL δεν είναι τόσο αθώες
- Απουσία κλινικού οφέλους από τη θεραπευτική παρέμβαση στα επίπεδα HDL
- Σημασία έχουν τα επίπεδα ή η μορφολογία-λειτουργικότητα της HDL;



# Safety and Efficacy of Bempedoic Acid to Reduce LDL Cholesterol

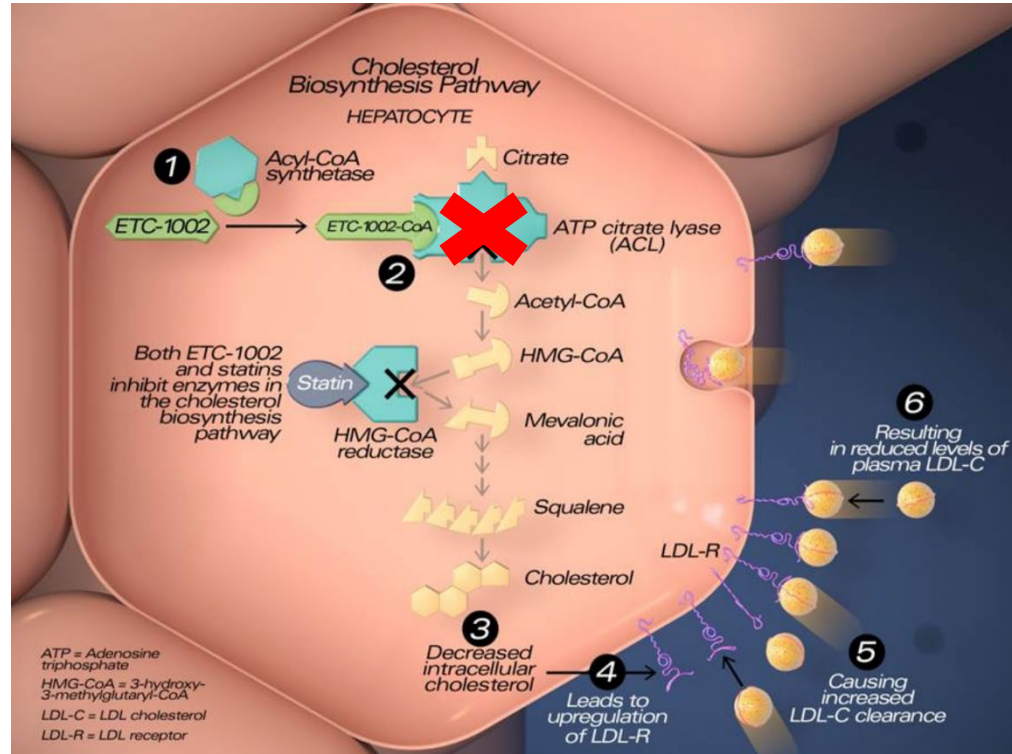
Ray KK, et al., for the CLEAR Harmony Trial

## BACKGROUND

- Bempedoic acid, an inhibitor of ATP citrate lyase, reduces levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol.
- **BUT:** limited data regarding the safety and efficacy of bempedoic acid treatment in long-term studies involving patients with hypercholesterolemia who are receiving guideline-recommended statin therapy.



## Bempedoic acid - Mechanism of action



**Bempedoic acid** is converted to its active moiety primarily in the liver, and inhibits adenosine triphosphate citrate lyase (ACL)—an enzyme two steps upstream from HMG-CoA reductase, the target of statins—along the cholesterol biosynthesis pathway.



# Safety and Efficacy of Bempedoic Acid to Reduce LDL Cholesterol

## RESULTS - SAFETY (Primary Endpoint)

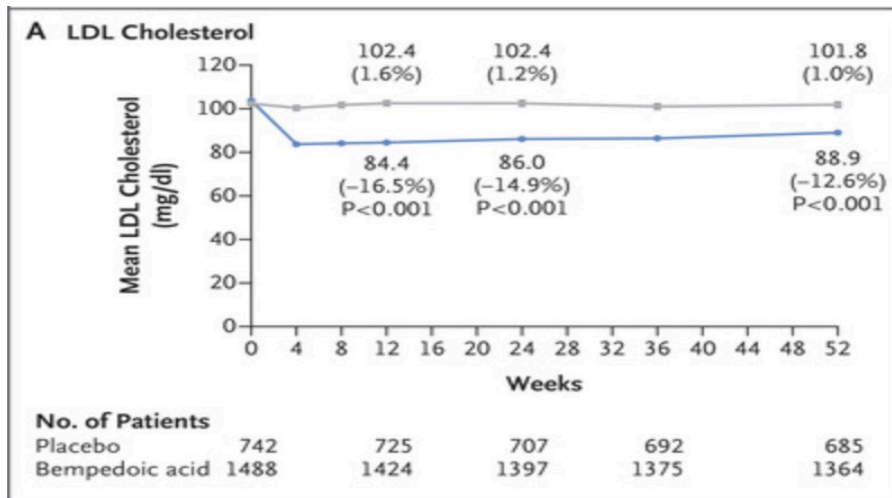
Variable*	Patients, %		P value <sup>†</sup>
	Placebo (n=742)	Bempedoic Acid (n=1487)	
Any AE	78.7	78.5	NS
Serious AE	14.0	14.5	NS
AE leading to discontinuation of study drug	7.1	10.9	0.005

- Similar rates of adverse events; 78.5% in the bempedoic acid group and 78.7% in the placebo group)
- Similar rates of serious adverse events; Bempedoic acid [14.5%] and [14.0%] placebo group
- BUT adverse events leading to **discontinuation of the regimen was higher in the bempedoic acid group** than in the placebo group [10.9%] vs. [7.1%], as was the incidence of GOUT ( [1.2%] vs. [0.3%]).



# Safety and Efficacy of Bempedoic Acid to Reduce LDL Cholesterol

## RESULTS - EFFICACY (Secondary endpoint)



At week 12, bempedoic acid reduced the mean LDL cholesterol level by **19.2 mg per deciliter**, representing a change of **-16.5% from baseline** (difference vs. placebo in change from baseline, -18.1 percentage points; 95% confidence interval, -20.0 to -16.1;  $P < 0.001$ )



# Safety and Efficacy of Bempedoic Acid to Reduce LDL Cholesterol

## Conclusions

CLEAR Harmony provides the largest evidence to date that BA is safe as an adjunct to a guideline-based statin regimen

- ✓ Adverse event profile of BA was generally similar to that of placebo
- ✓ Background statin intensity did not influence the safety profile of BA

BA reduced LDL-C at week 12 by 18.1% (ITT) and 19.8% (on-treatment)

- ✓ Significant reductions in LDL-C were observed through to week 52
- ✓ BA also significantly lowered non-HDL-C, total cholesterol, apoB, and hsCRP

❖ BA provides an additional therapeutic option to safely lower LDL-C in high ASCVD risk patients treated with statins

# Conclusions

- We are entering a new era in lipid lowering.
- Efforts to personalize therapy and target the right patient at the right time include further refinement of risk stratification tools including genetic risk scores and the integration of imaging studies to management decisions.
- While statins remain the first choice for lipid lowering, the availability of complementary therapies allow for individual tailoring according to the needs of the patient

Thank you

