



# State of the Art in Dyslipidemia

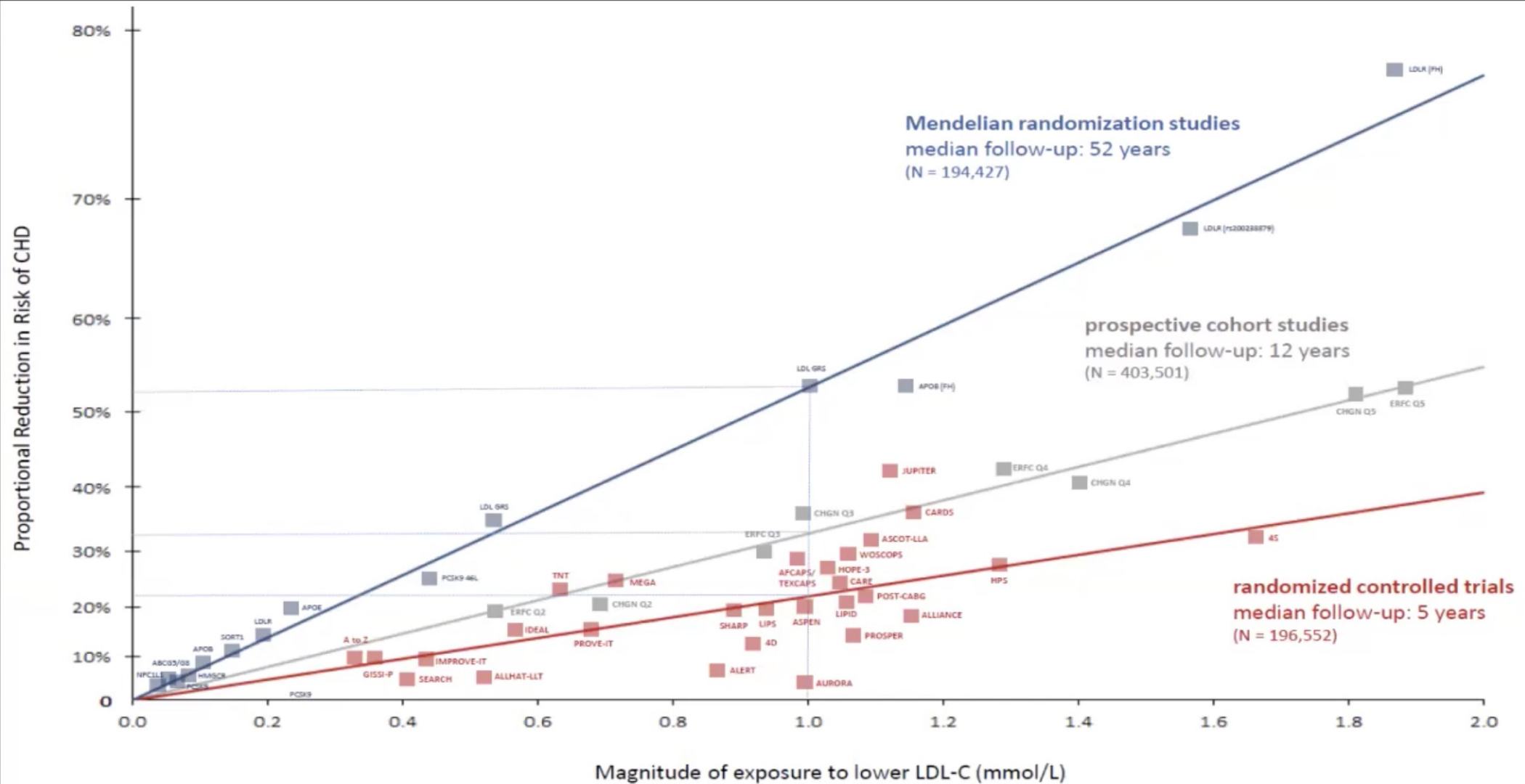
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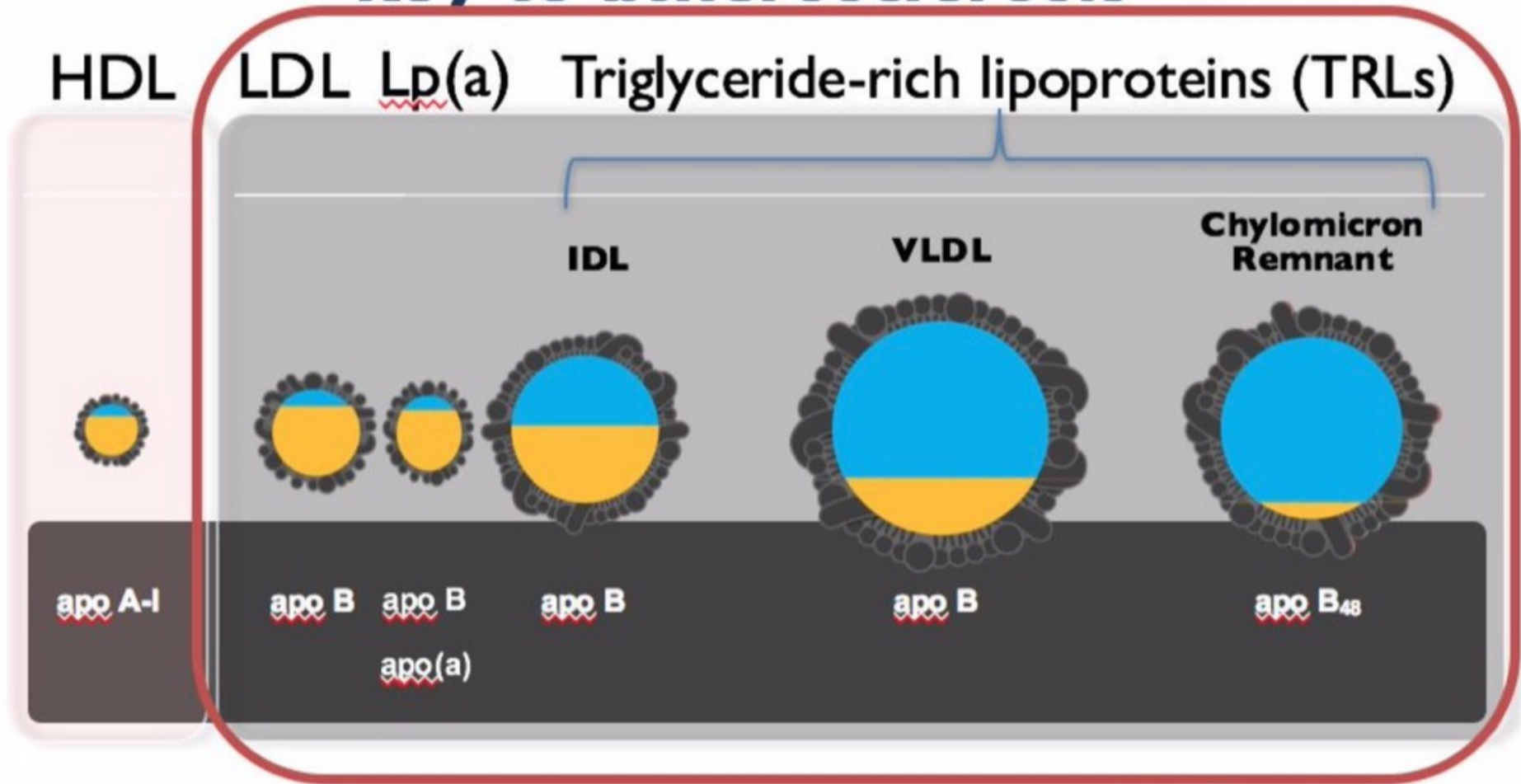
# Conflits d'intérêt

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# Benefits of Lower LDL-C Levels



# apoB-containing lipoproteins: key to atherosclerosis



Triglyceride  
Cholesterol

# Treatment targets and goals for cardiovascular disease prevention

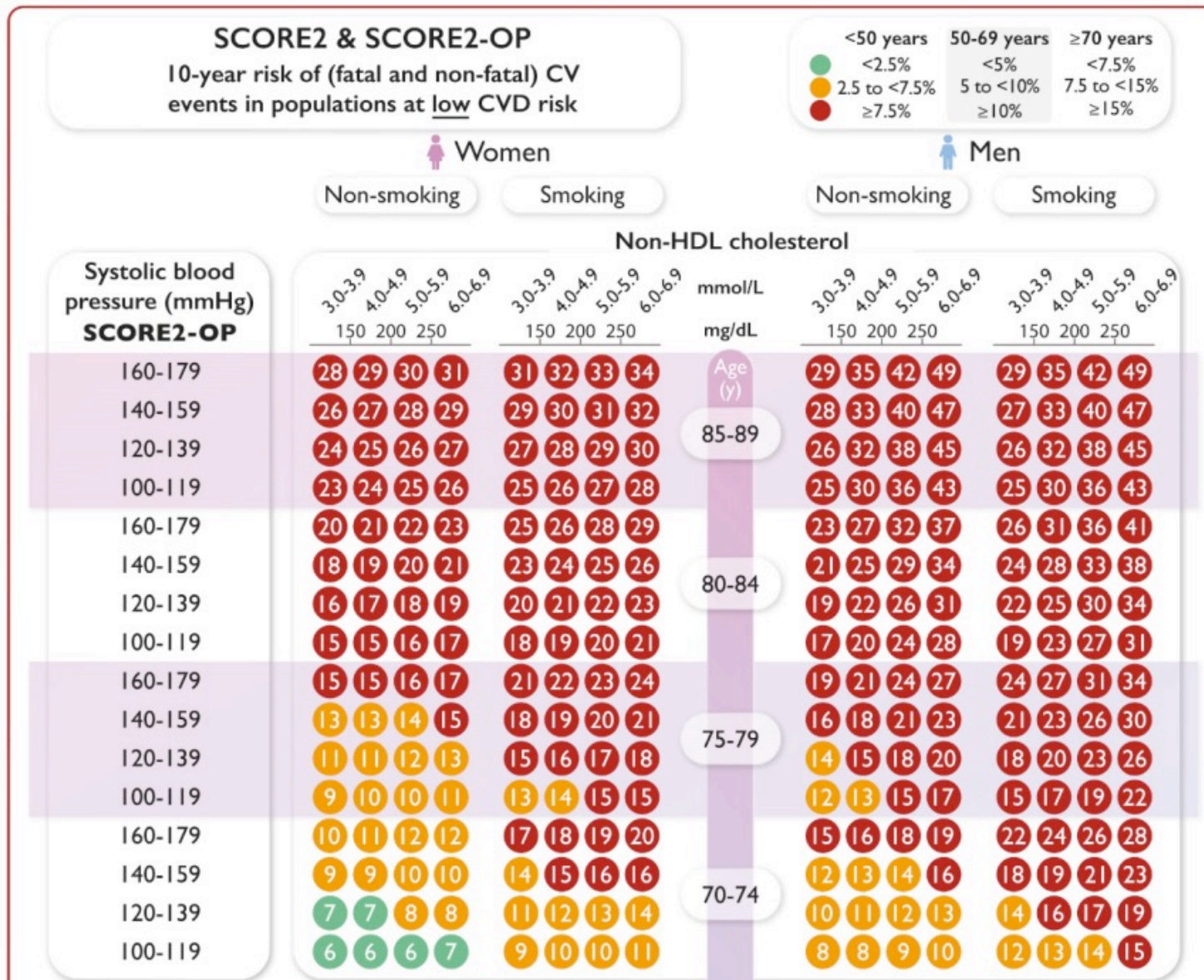
LDL-C	<p><b>Very-high-risk in primary or secondary prevention</b></p> <p>A therapeutic regimen that achieves at least a 50% LDL-C reduction from baseline<sup>b</sup> and an LDL-C goal of &lt;1.4mmol/L (&lt;55 mg/dL).</p> <p>No current statin use: this is likely to require high-intensity LDL-lowering therapy.</p> <p>Current LDL-lowering treatment: an increased treatment intensity is required.</p> <p><b>High risk:</b> A therapeutic regimen that achieves at least a 50% LDL-C reduction from baseline<sup>b</sup> and an LDL-C goal of &lt;1.8mmol/L (&lt;70mg/dL).</p>
LDL-C	<p><b>Moderate risk:</b> A goal of &lt;2.6 mmol/L (&lt;100 mg/dL).</p> <p><b>Low risk:</b> A goal of &lt;3.0 mmol/L (&lt;116 mg/dL)</p>
	<p>Moderate and low risk A goal &lt;2,6 mmolL (&lt;100 mg/dl) ESC Prevention Guidelines 2021</p>
Non-HDL-C	Non-HDL-C secondary goals are <2.2, 2.6 and 3.4 mmol/L (<85, 100 and 130mg/dL) for very-high-, high- and moderate-risk people, respectively.
Apolipoprotein B	ApoB secondary goals are <65, 80 and 100mg/dL for very-high-, high- and moderate-risk people, respectively.
Triglycerides	No goal but <1.7 mmol/L (<150mg/dL) indicates lower risk and higher levels indicate a need to look for other risk factors.

# Patient categories and associated cardiovascular disease risk (1)

Patient category	Subgroups	Risk categories	CVD risk and therapy benefit estimation
<b>Apparently healthy persons</b>			
Persons without established ASCVD, diabetes mellitus, CKD, Familial Hypercholesterolemia	<50 years	Low- to high-risk	10-year CVD risk estimation (SCORE2). Lifetime risk and benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. with the LIFE-CVD lifetime model) to facilitate the communication of CVD risk and treatment benefits.
	50-69 years	Low- to very high-risk	10-year CVD risk estimation (SCORE2). Lifetime benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. with the LIFE-CVD lifetime model) to facilitate the communication of treatment benefits.
	≥70 years	Low- to very high-risk	10-year CVD risk estimation (SCORE2-OP). Lifetime benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. with the LIFE-CVD lifetime model) to facilitate the communication of treatment benefits.
<b>Patients with CKD</b>			
CKD without diabetes or ASCVD	Moderate CKD (eGFR 30–44 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and ACR <30 mg/g <b>or</b> eGFR 45–59 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and ACR 30 mg/g –300 mg/g <b>or</b> eGFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and ACR >300 mg/g)	High-risk	N/A
	Severe CKD (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> <b>or</b> eGFR 30–44 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and ACR >30 mg/g)	Very high-risk	N/A
<b>Familial Hypercholesterolemia</b>			
Associated with markedly elevated cholesterol levels	N/A	High-risk	N/A
<b>Patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus</b>			
Patients with type 1 DM above 40 years of age may also be classified according to these criteria	Patients with well controlled short-standing DM (e.g. <10 years), no evidence of TOD and no additional ASCVD risk factors	Moderate-risk	N/A
	Patients with DM without ASCVD and/or severe TOD, and not fulfilling the moderate risk criteria.	High-risk	Residual 10-year CVD risk estimation after general prevention goals (e.g. with the ADVANCE risk score or DIAL model). Consider lifetime CVD risk and benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. DIAL model).

## Patient categories and associated cardiovascular disease risk (2)

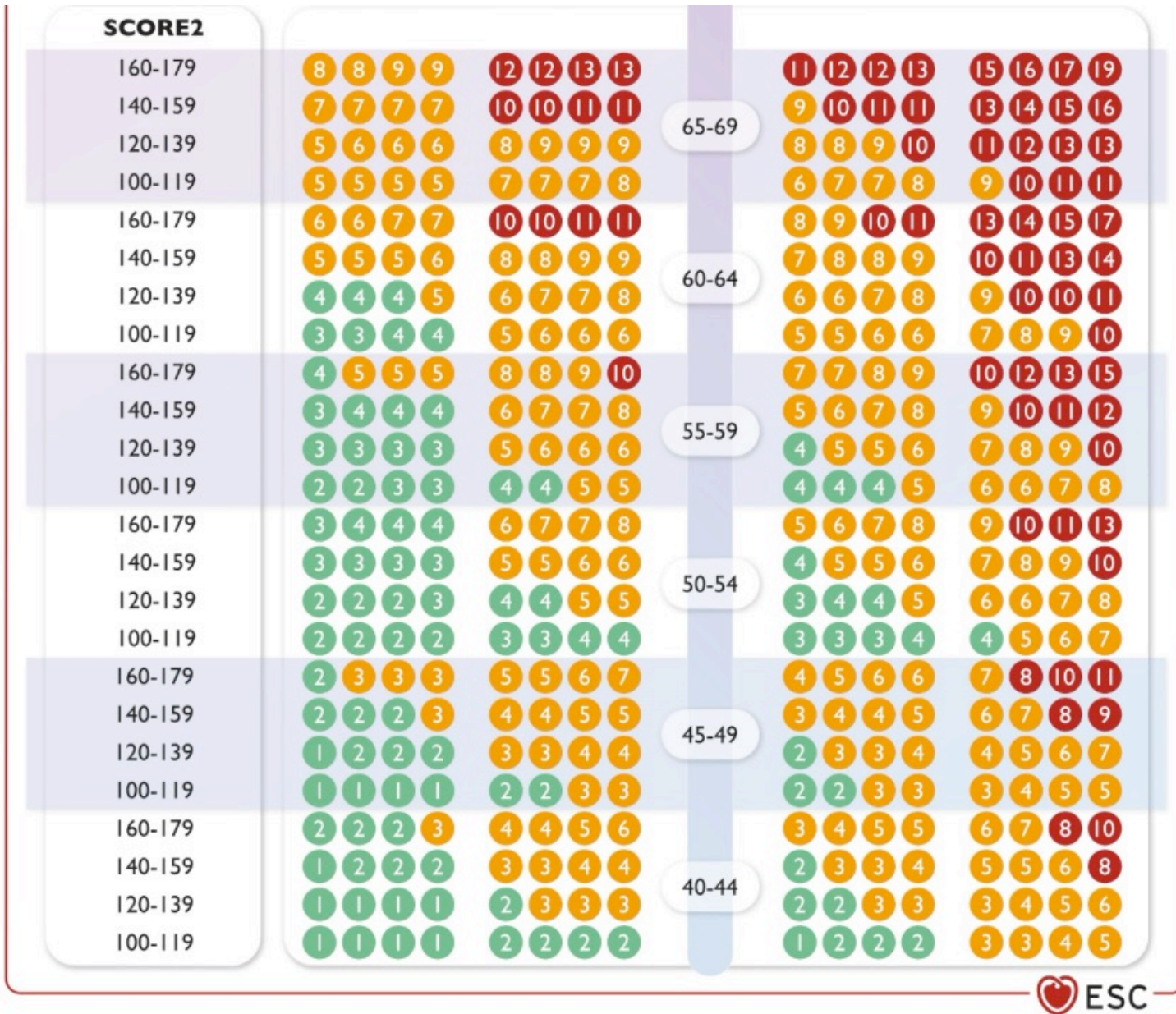
Patient category	Subgroups	Risk categories	CVD risk and therapy benefit estimation
<b>Patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (continued)</b>			
	Patients with DM with established ASCVD and/or severe TOD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eGFR &lt;45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> irrespective of albuminuria</li> <li>• eGFR 45-59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and microalbuminuria (ACR 30 mg/g – 300 mg/g)</li> <li>• Proteinuria (ACR &gt;300 mg/g)</li> <li>• Presence of microvascular disease in at least 3 different sites (e.g. microalbuminuria plus retinopathy plus neuropathy)</li> </ul>	<b>Very high-risk</b>	Residual 10-year CVD risk estimation after general prevention goals (e.g. with the SMART risk score for established CVD or with the ADVANCE risk score or with the DIAL model). Consider lifetime CVD risk and benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. DIAL model).
<b>Patients with established ASCVD</b>			
Documented ASCVD, clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented clinical ASCVD includes previous AMI, ACS, coronary revascularization and other arterial revascularization procedures, stroke and TIA, aortic aneurysm and PAD. Unequivocally documented ASCVD on imaging includes plaque on coronary angiography or carotid ultrasound or on CTA. It does NOT include some increase in continuous imaging parameters such as intima-media thickness of the carotid artery.	N/A	<b>Very high-risk</b>	Residual CVD risk estimation after general prevention goals (e.g. 10-year risk with the SMART risk score for patients with established CVD or 1- or 2-year risk with EUROASPIRE risk score for patients with CHD). Consider lifetime CVD risk and benefit estimation of risk factor treatment (e.g. SMART-REACH model; or DIAL model if diabetes).



**SCORE2 and SCORE2-OP risk chart for fatal and non-fatal (MI, stroke) ASCVD**

**Low CVD Risk (1)**





**SCORE2 and SCORE2-OP  
risk chart for fatal and  
non-fatal (MI, stroke)  
ASCVD**

**Low CVD Risk (2)**



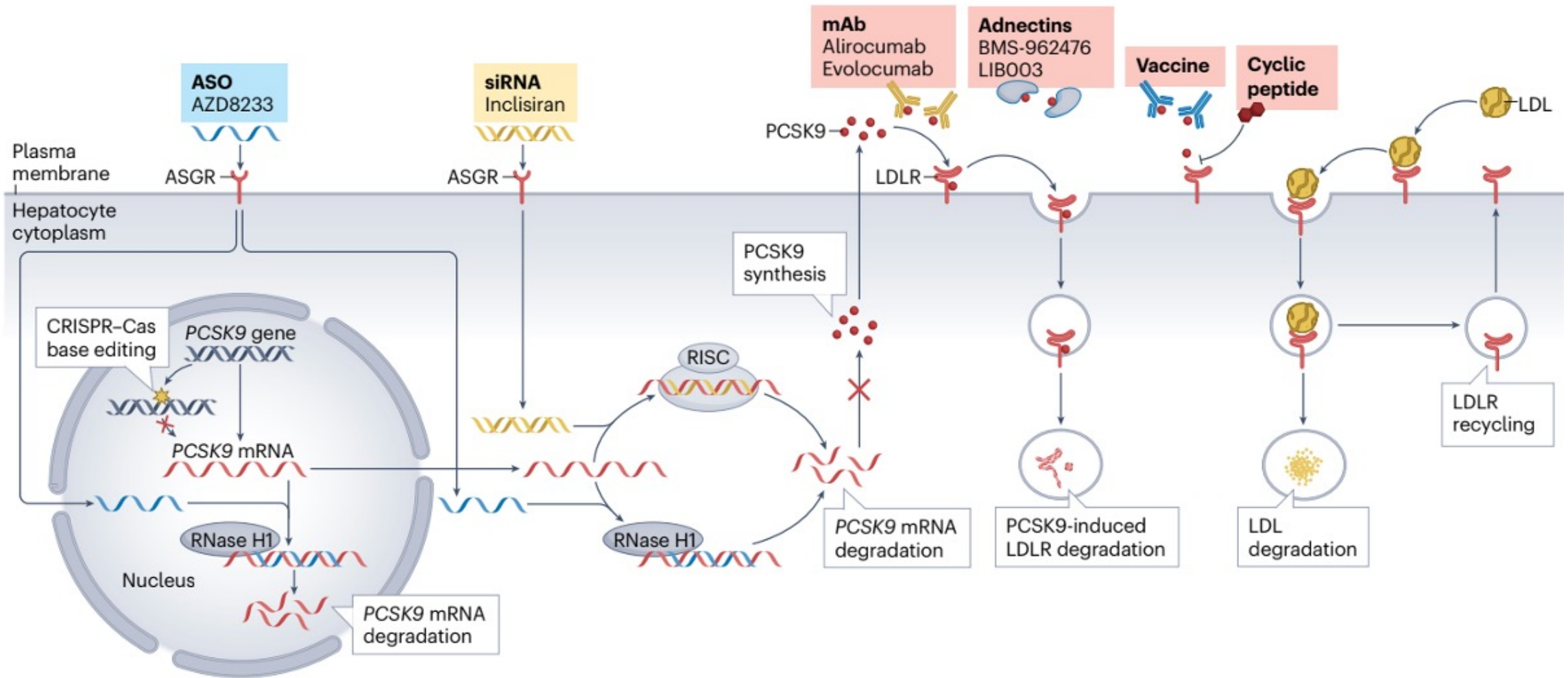
**CVD Risk**

## Cardiovascular disease risk categories based on SCORE2 and SCORE2-OP in apparently healthy people according to age

	<50 years	50-69 years	≥70 years <sup>a</sup>
<b>Low-to-moderate CVD risk:</b> risk factor treatment generally not recommended	<2.5%	<5%	<7.5%
<b>High CVD risk:</b> risk factor treatment should be considered	2.5 to <7.5%	5 to <10%	7.5 to <15%
<b>Very high CVD risk:</b> risk factor treatment generally recommended <sup>a</sup>	≥7.5%	≥10%	≥15%

## Recommendations for pharmacological low-density lipoprotein cholesterol lowering up to 70 years of age (recommendations for persons aged >70 years, see respective recommendations tables) (1)

Recommendations	Class	Level
It is recommended that a high-intensity statin is prescribed up to the highest tolerated dose to reach the LDL-C goals set for the specific risk group.	I	A
In patients with established ASCVD, lipid-lowering treatment with an ultimate LDL-C goal of $\geq 50\%$ reduction vs baseline and an LDL-C of $< 1.4$ mmol/L ( $< 55$ mg/dL) is recommended.	I	A
If the goals are not achieved with the maximum tolerated dose of a statin, combination with ezetimibe is recommended.	I	B
For secondary prevention patients not achieving their goals on a maximum tolerated dose of a statin and ezetimibe, combination therapy including a PCSK9 inhibitor is recommended.	I	A



## Novel and emerging LDL-lowering therapies targeting PCSK9

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# Inhibiteurs des PCSK9

## Anticorps monoclonaux :

Praluent® (alirocumab) Odyssey Outcomes , remboursé en cat. a chez patients HFHé

Repatha® (evolocumab) Fourier, remboursé en cat. a chez patients HFHo et HFHé, en cat. b en prévention secondaire après statine et ezetimibe si LDLc >100 mg/dl

## siRNA

Leqvio® (inclisiran) ORION 4 en cours, remboursé en cat a HFHé, en cat. b en prévention secondaire après statine et ezetimibe si LDLc >100 mg/dl

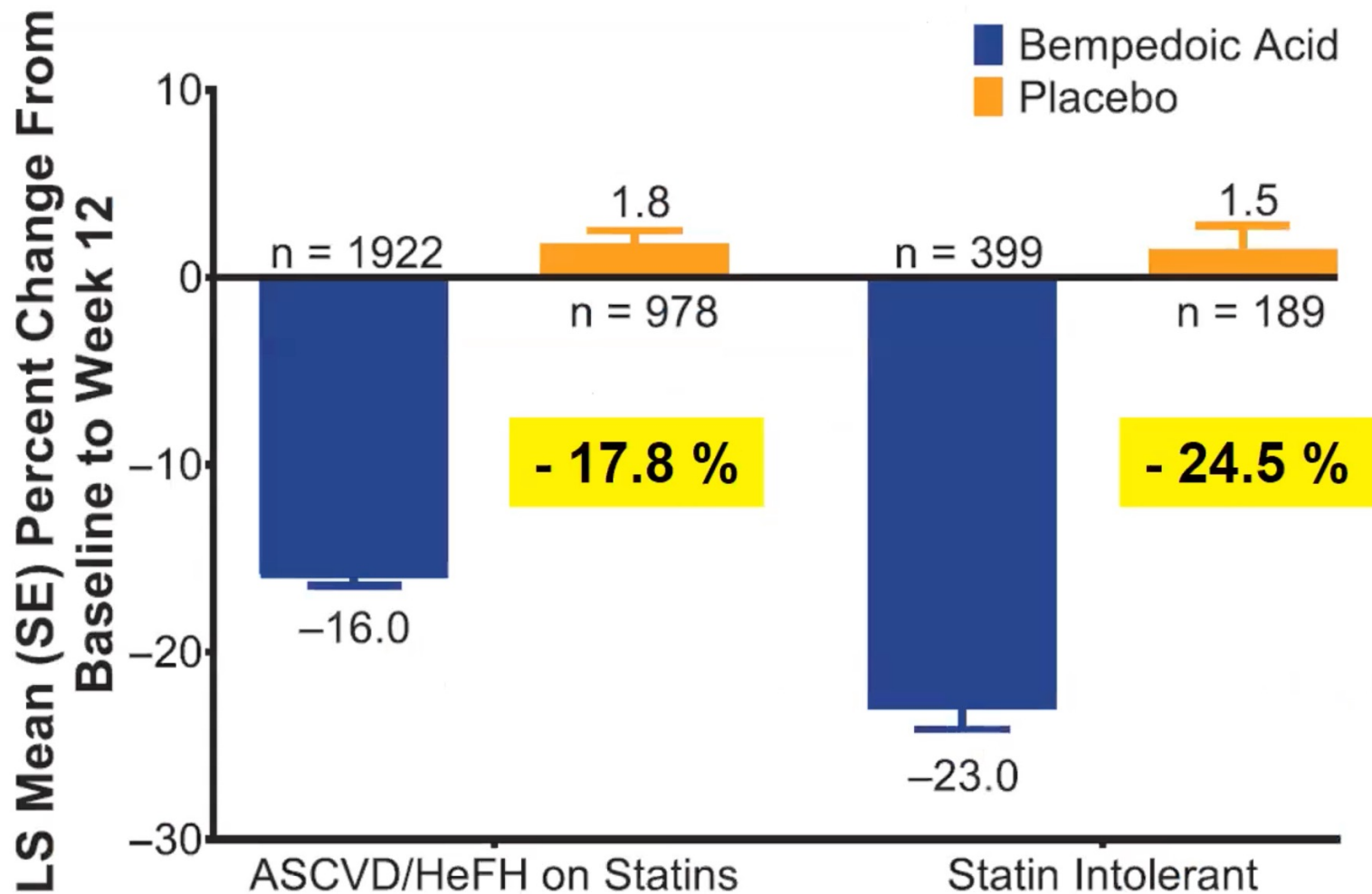
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An ultimate LDL-C goal of $\geq 50\%$ reduction vs baseline and an LDL-C of $< 1.4$ mmol/L ( $< 55$ mg/dL) should be considered in apparently healthy persons $< 70$ years at very high risk.	IIa	C
An ultimate LDL-C goal of $\geq 50\%$ reduction vs baseline and an LDL-C of $< 1.8$ mmol/L ( $< 70$ mg/dL) should be considered in apparently healthy persons $< 70$ years at high risk.	IIa	C
If the goals are not achieved with the maximum tolerated dose of a statin, combination with ezetimibe is recommended.	I	B
For primary prevention patients at very high risk, but without FH, if the LDL-C goal is not achieved on a maximum tolerated dose of a statin and ezetimibe, combination therapy including a PCSK9 inhibitor may be considered.	IIb	C

# EFFICACY OF BEMPEDOIC ACID

## POOLED ANALYSIS OF 4 PHASE 3 TRIALS

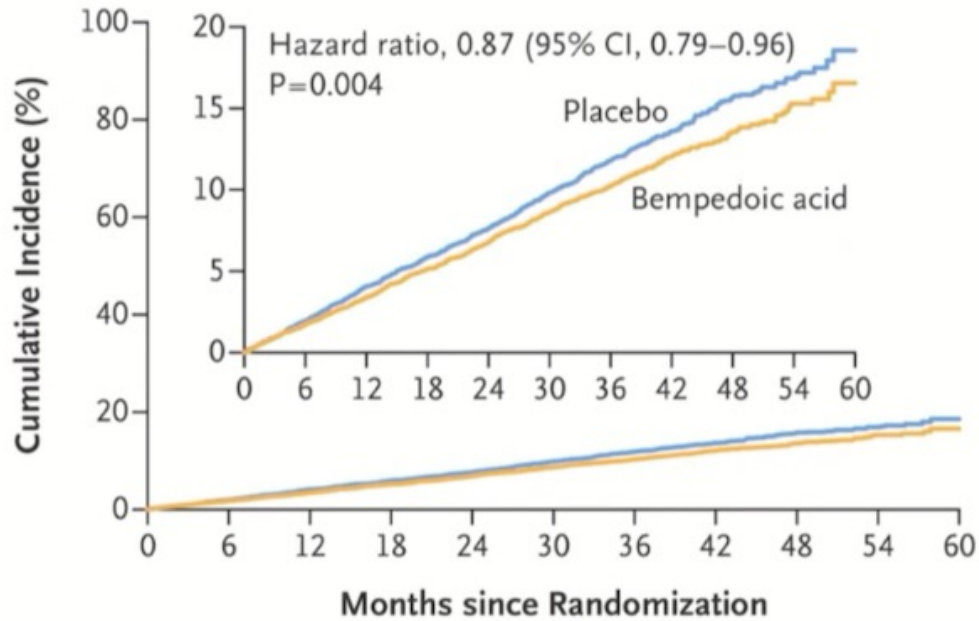
n= 3623, % change from baseline in LDL-C at week 12



CLEAR Harmony (NCT02666664)  
CLEAR Wisdom (NCT02991118)  
CLEAR Tranquility (NCT03001076)  
CLEAR Serenity (NCT02988115)  
**JAMA Cardiol 2020 in press**

# ETUDE CLEAR Outcomes trial

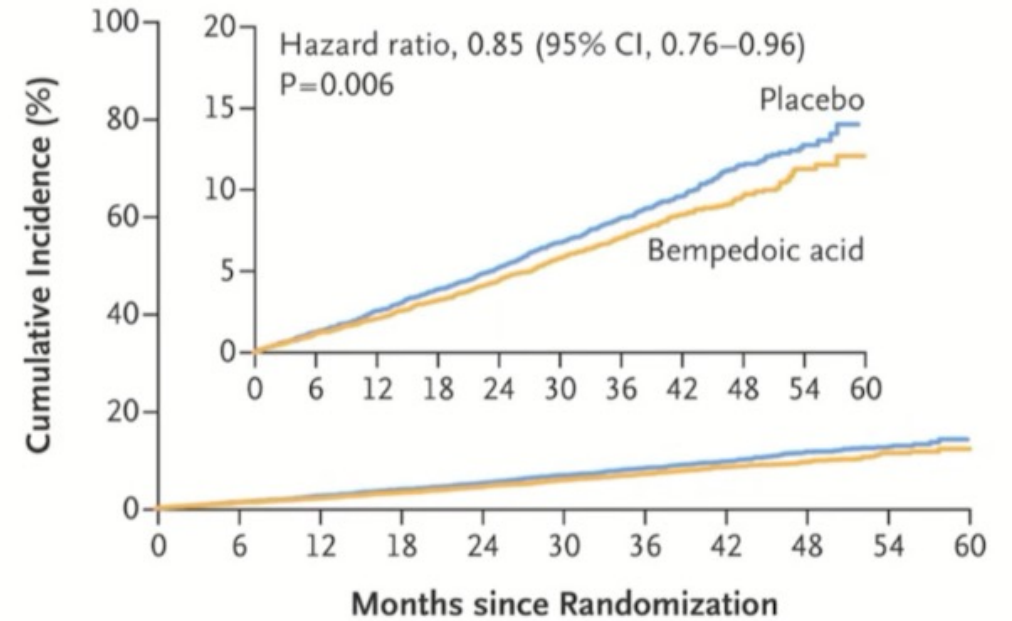
**A Four-Component MACE (Primary End Point)**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6779	6579	6401	6206	5995	5105	2524	1207	513	55
Bempedoic acid	6992	6816	6654	6472	6293	6106	5257	2601	1240	556	74

**B Three-Component MACE**

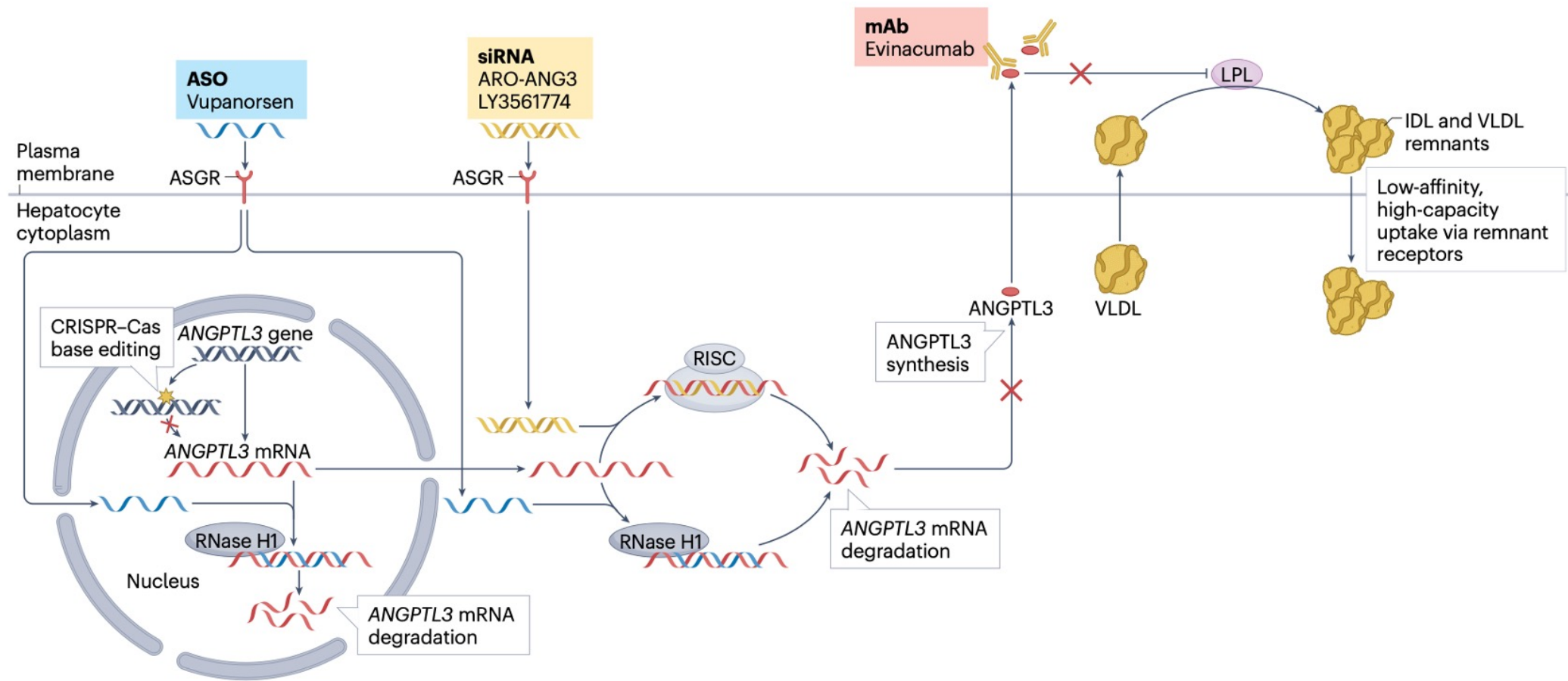


**No. at Risk**

Placebo	6978	6828	6883	6536	6368	6193	5321	2649	1279	554	62
Bempedoic acid	6992	6859	6745	6604	6457	6298	5453	2724	1317	591	80



## Traitements futurs



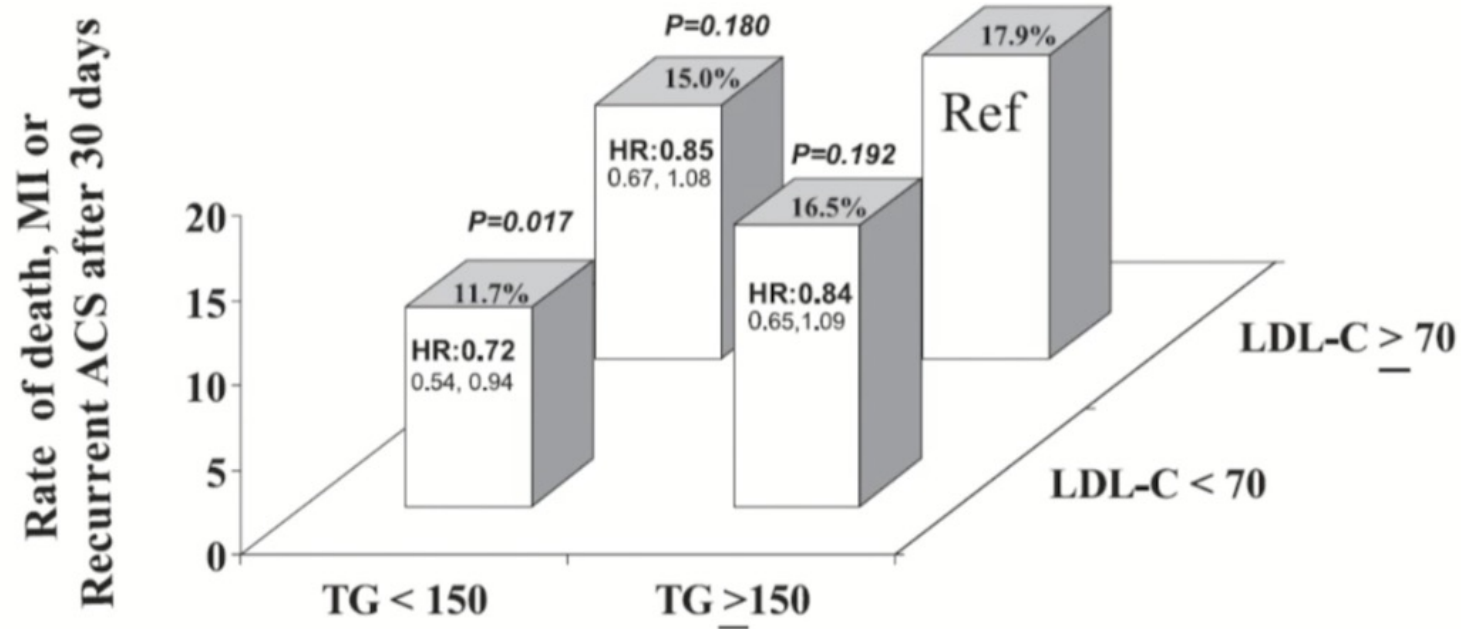
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## Risque CV Résiduel

**PROVE IT-TIMI:** Chez patients avec LDL-C bas (<70 mg/dl), risque d'évènements CV récurrents plus faible si TG <150 mg/dl



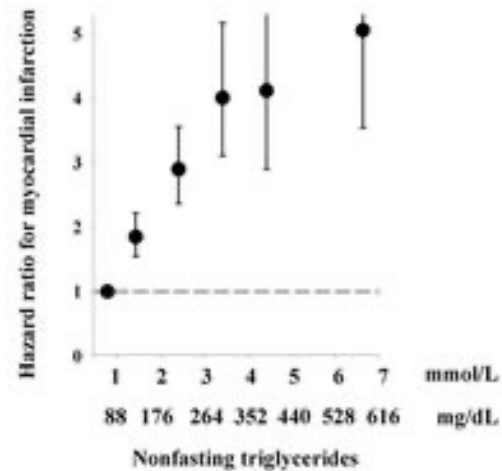
Miller et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2008 : 51: 724-30.

# Copenhagen City Heart Study and Copenhagen General Population Study

## Myocardial infarction

N=96,394 (Events=3,287)

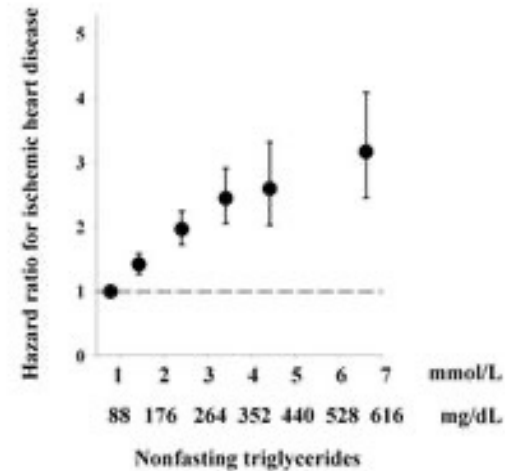
Median follow-up 6 years



## Ischemic (=coronary) heart disease

N=93,410 (Events=7,183)

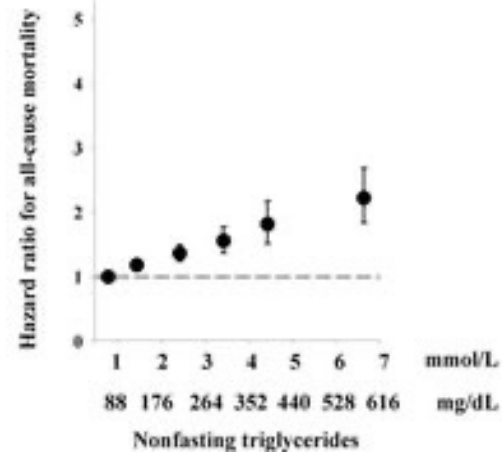
Median follow-up 6 years



## All-cause mortality

N=98,515 (Events=14,547)

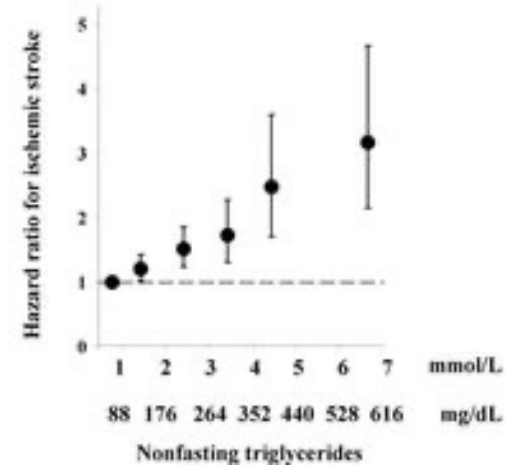
Median follow-up 6 years



## Ischemic stroke

N=97,442 (Events=2,994)

Median follow-up 6 years



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# Résultats des CVOT avec les fibrates

**Table I.** Effects of fibrates on cardiovascular events in large randomized controlled trials

Trial	Drug	Patient Characteristics	CV Outcome*	Trial Duration (years)	RR Reduction Entire Cohort	Atherogenic Dyslipidemia Subgroup	RR Reduction Subgroup†
HHS <sup>82,83</sup>	Gemfibrozil	Non-HDL-C >5.2 mmol/l No CHD Men	Non-fatal MI and CHD Death	5.0	-34% ( $P < .02$ )	TG >204 mg/dL LDL-C/HDL-C ratio > 5.0	-71% ( $P = .005$ )
V A - HIT <sup>56,84,85</sup>	Gemfibrozil	HDL-C <1.0 mmol/l CHD Men	Nonfatal MI and CHD Death	5.1	-22% ( $P = .006$ )	TG >180 mg/dL <40 mg/dl	-30% ( $P < .05$ )
BIP <sup>86</sup>	Bezafibrate	Previous MI or angina Men and women	Fatal/Nonfatal MI and Sudden Death	6.2	-7% ( $P = .26$ )	TG ≥200 mg/dL	-40% ( $P = .02$ )
FIELD <sup>54,87</sup>	Fenofibrate	Type 2 diabetes Some patients receiving statins Men and women	MI, stroke, CVD death, coronary or carotid revascularization	5.0	-11 ( $P = .035$ )	TG ≥204 mg/dL HDL-C < 40 mg/dL (men) or <50 mg/dL (women)	-27% ( $P = .005$ )
ACCORD <sup>55,56</sup>	Fenofibrate	Type 2 diabetes CVD or >2 CVD risk factors Patients receiving simvastatin Men and women	Nonfatal MI, Nonfatal stroke, and CVD death	4.7	-8% ( $P = .32$ )	TG ≥204 mg/dL HDL-C ≤34 mg/dL	-29% ( $P < .05$ )

## PROMINENT

Pemafibrate (agoniste PPAR  $\alpha$  supersélectif ) vs placebo

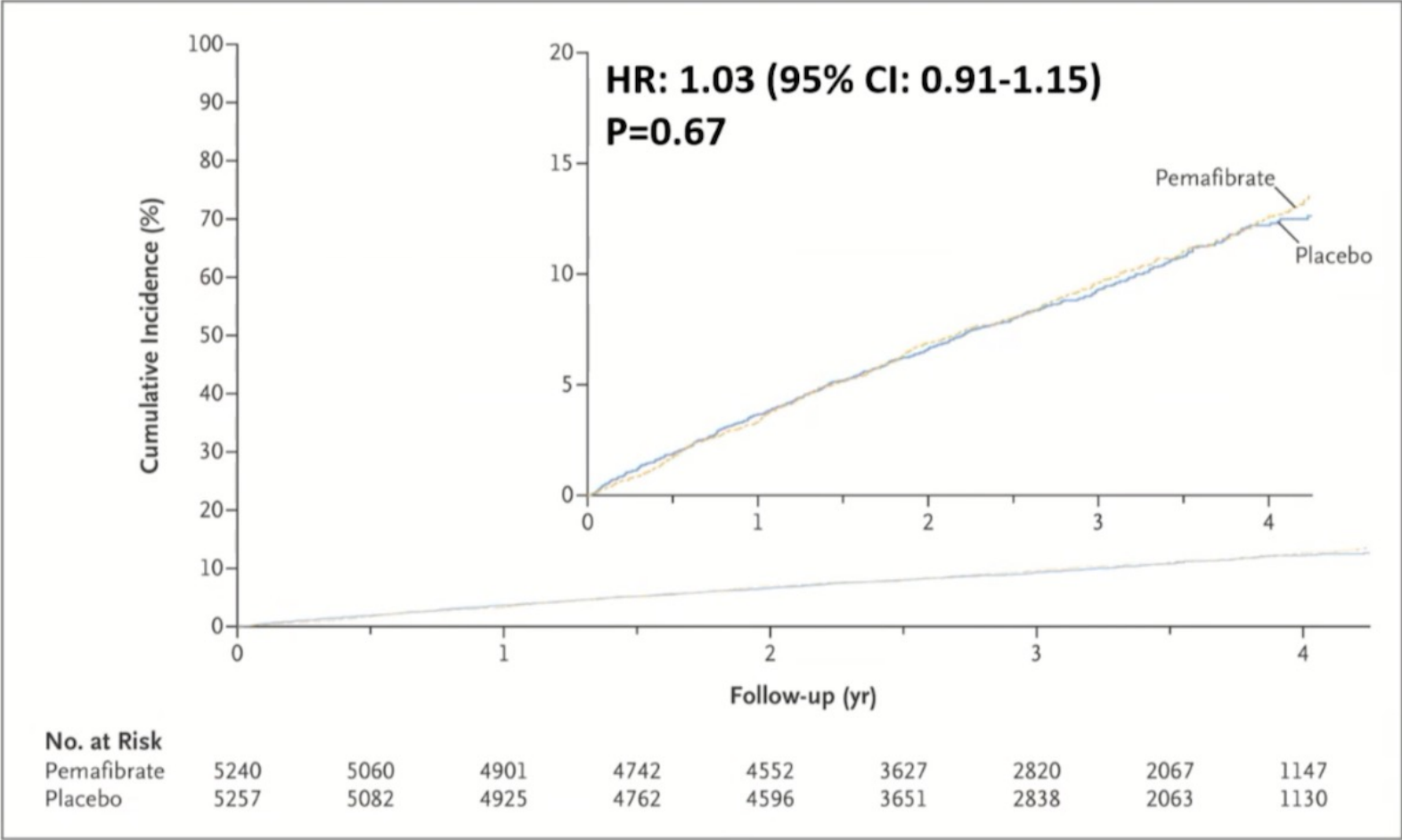
Diabète type 2 , TGL 200 à 499 mg/dl, HDL-c <40 mg:dl, LDL-c <100 mg/dl

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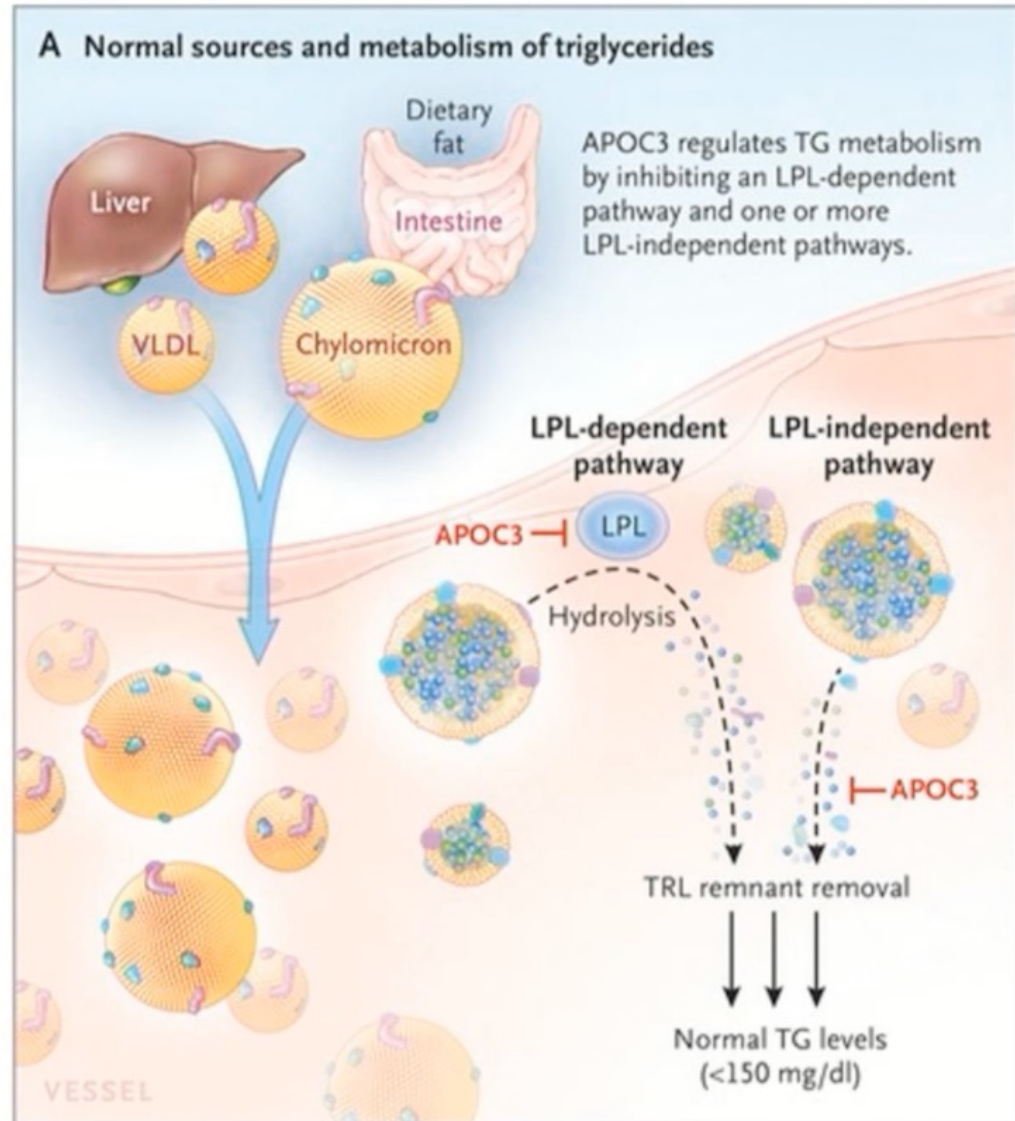
Suivi médian de 3,4 ans

Critère d'évaluation principal : décès CV + IDM non fatal+ AVC ischémique non fatal+ revasc coronaire

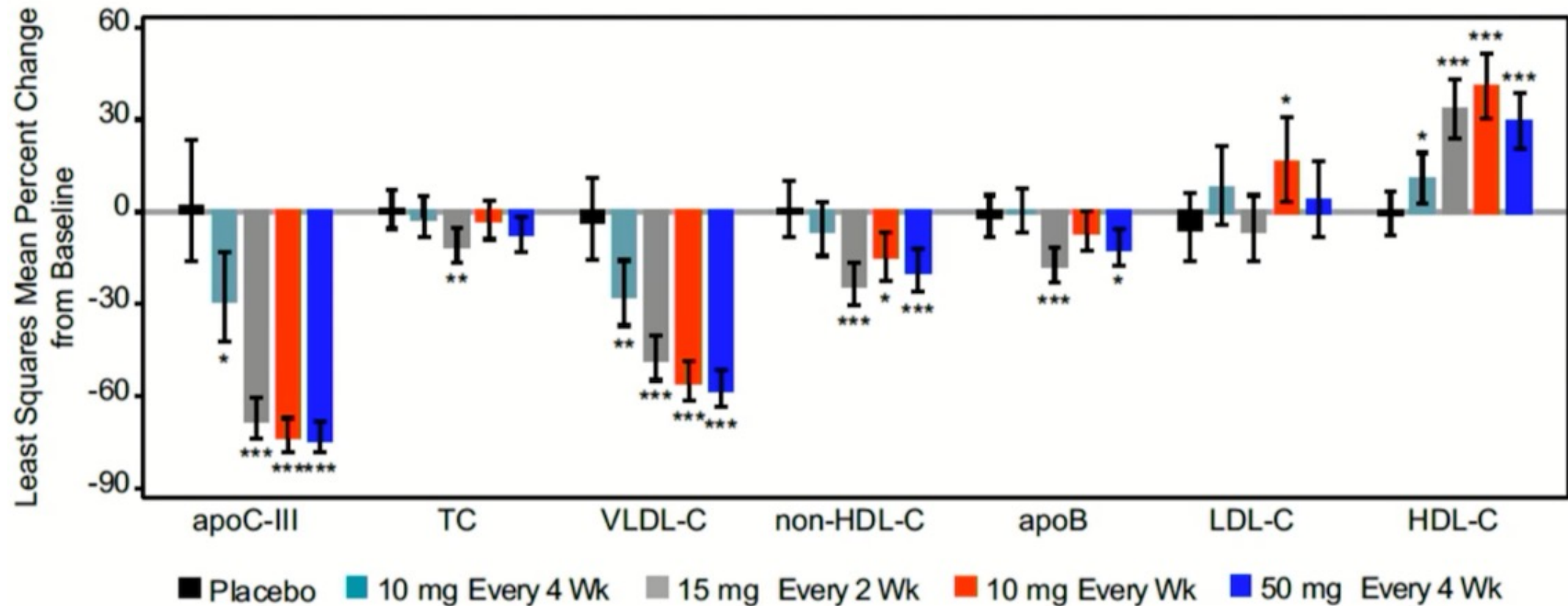
# PEMAFIBRATE: résultats de l'étude PROMINENT



# APOC3: un acteur majeur du métabolisme des TG

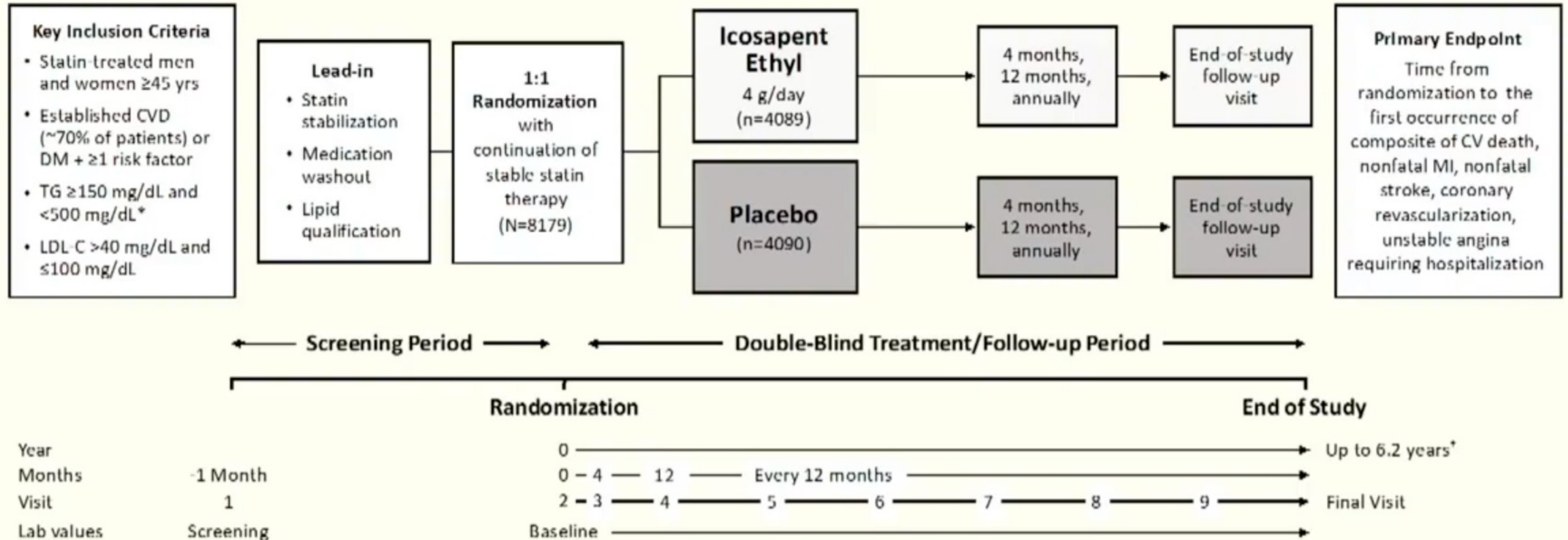


## Apolipoprotein C-III reduction in subjects with moderate hypertriglyceridaemia and at high cardiovascular risk





# REDUCE-IT Design



\* Due to the variability of triglycerides, a 10% allowance existed in the initial protocol, which permitted patients to be enrolled with qualifying triglycerides  $\geq 135$  mg/dL. Protocol amendment 1 (May 2013) changed the lower limit of acceptable triglycerides from 150 mg/dL to 200 mg/dL, with no variability allowance.

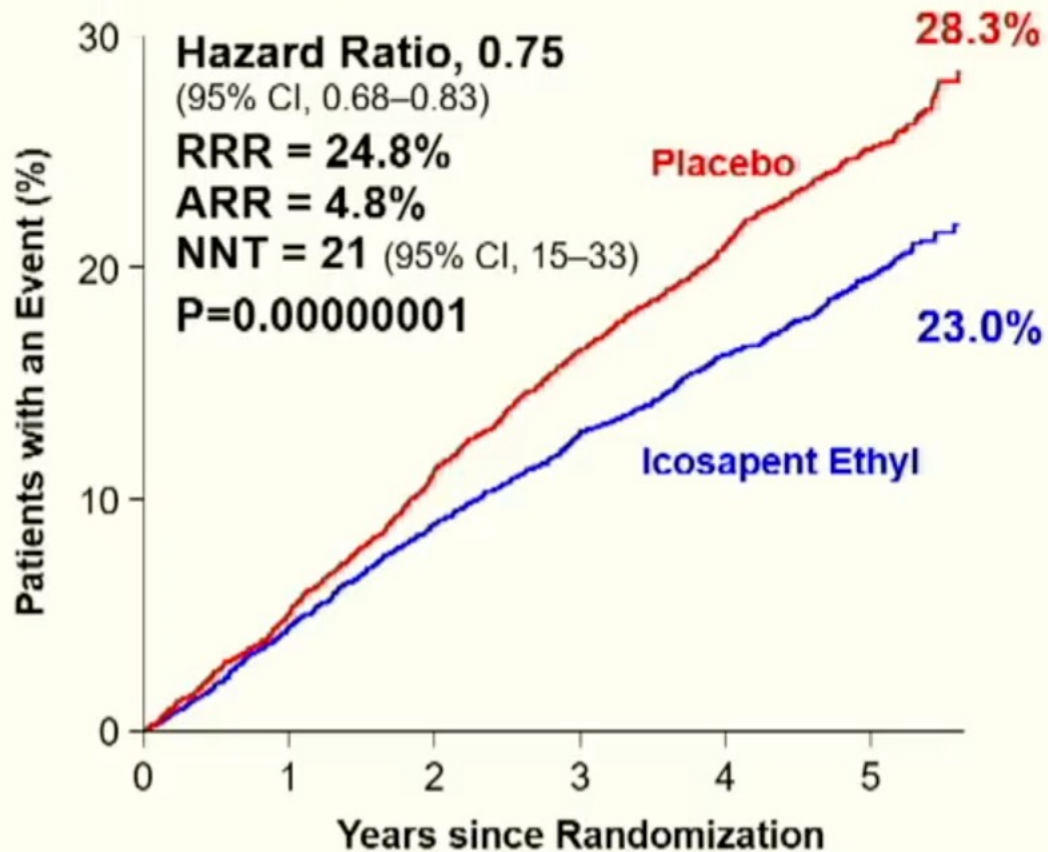
\* Median trial follow-up duration was 4.9 years (minimum 0.0, maximum 6.2 years).

# REDUCE IT: CV risk reduction with 4 g purified EPA/d in statin-treated pts at high risk with elevated TGs



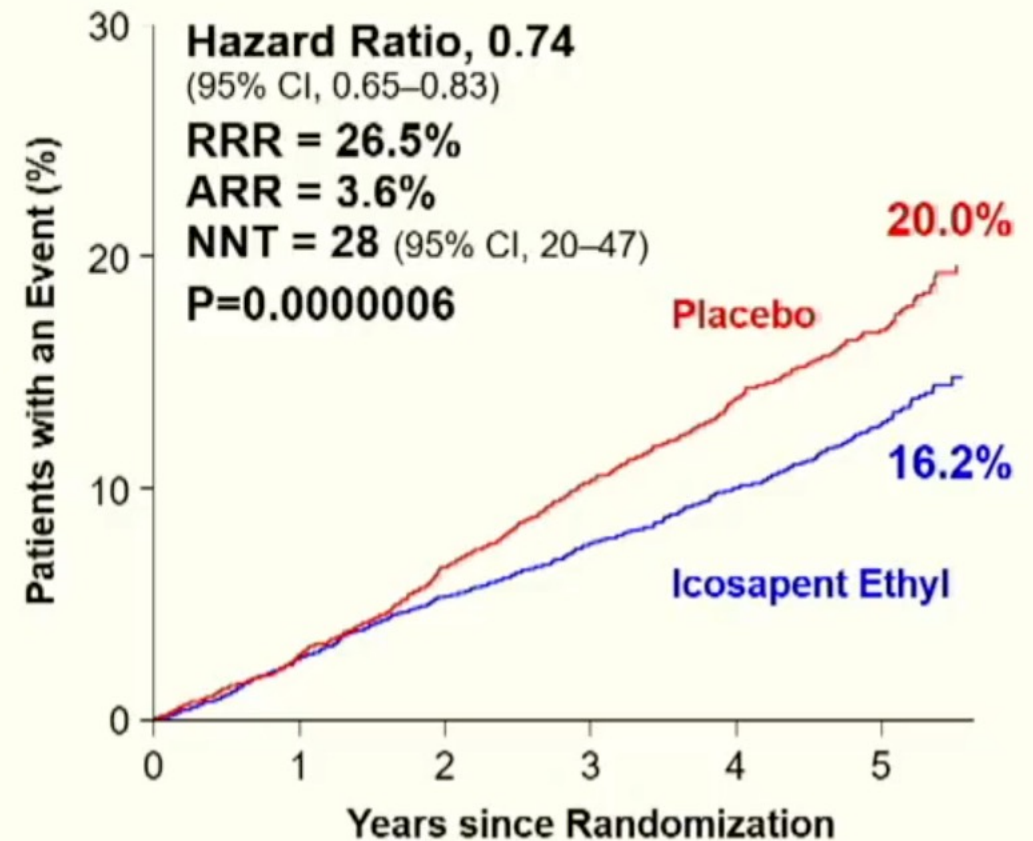
## Primary Composite Endpoint:

CV Death, MI, Stroke, Coronary Revasc, Unstable Angina



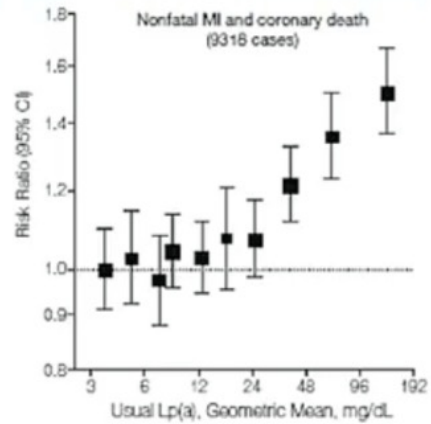
## Key Secondary Composite Endpoint:

CV Death, MI, Stroke



## Lp(a) and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease risk

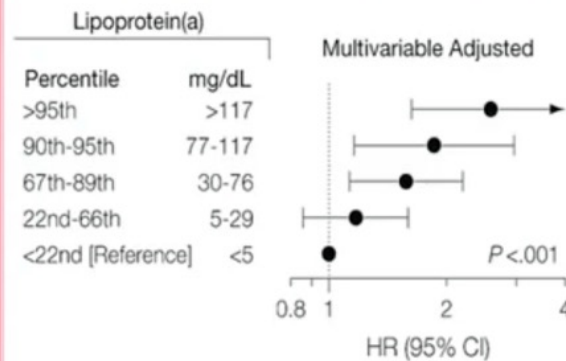
### Epidemiological studies



**Emerging Risk Factor Collaboration**  
Individual records of 126,634 participants in 36 long-term, prospective, epidemiological studies

*Emerging Risk Factor Collaboration. JAMA 2009; 302:412-423*

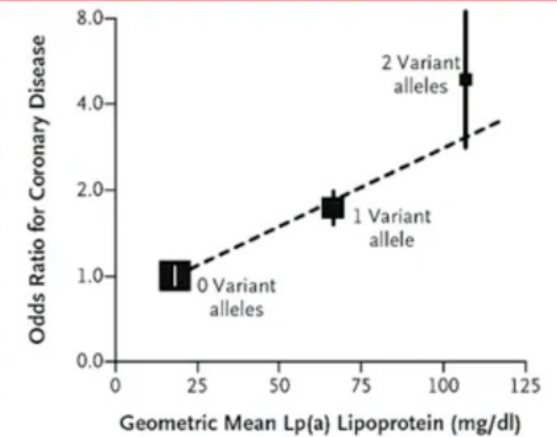
### Mendelian Randomization



**Copenhagen City Heart Study**  
Data from the 1991-1994 examination study (n=7,524) with up to 16 years of follow-up

*Kamstrup PR et al. JAMA 2009; 301:2331-2339*

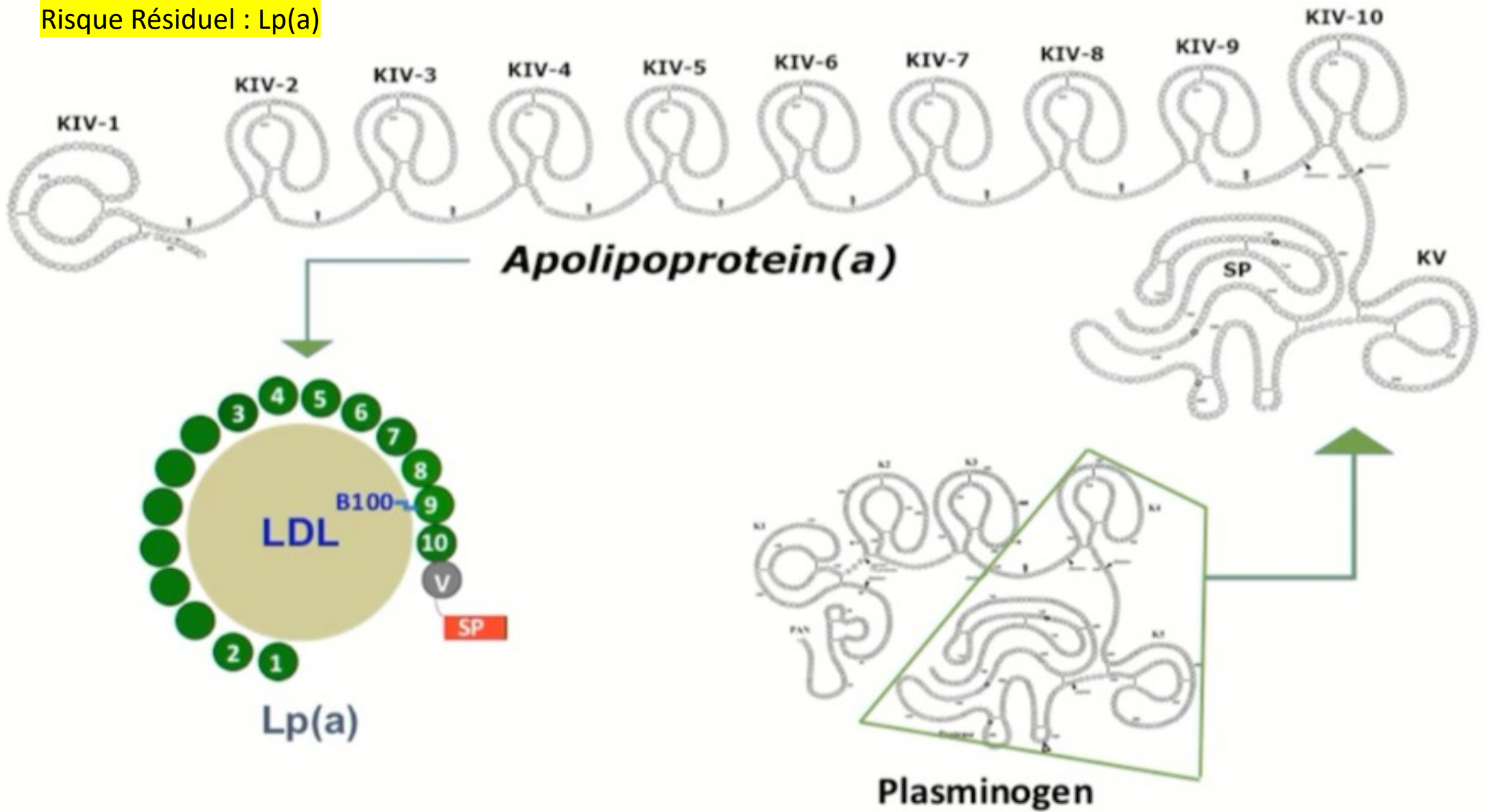
### Genome-wide association

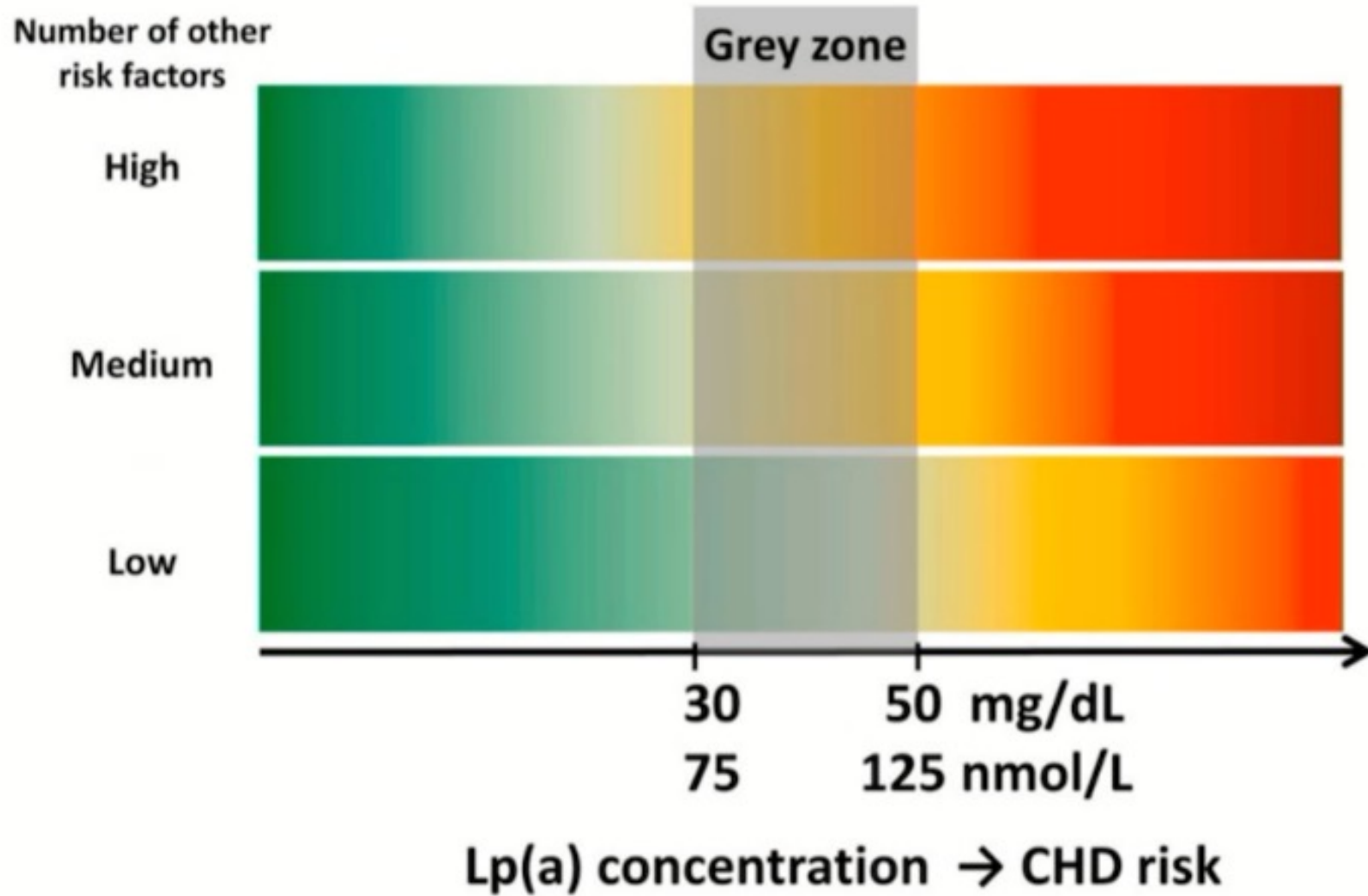


**PROCARDIS Cohort**  
Data from 1,259 "trio families" (families either with 1 proband and 2 parents or with 1 proband, 1 parent, and at least 1 sibling)

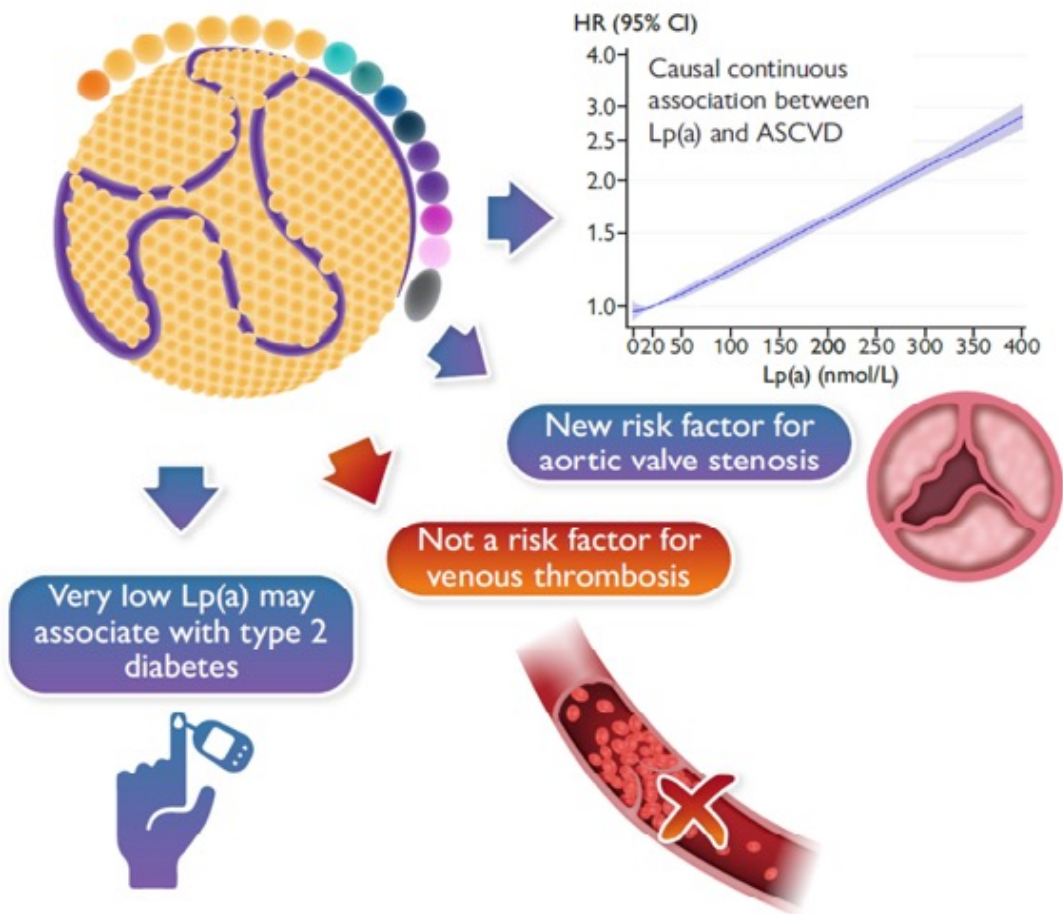
*Clarke R et al. N Engl J Med 2009; 361:2518-28*

Risque Résiduel : Lp(a)

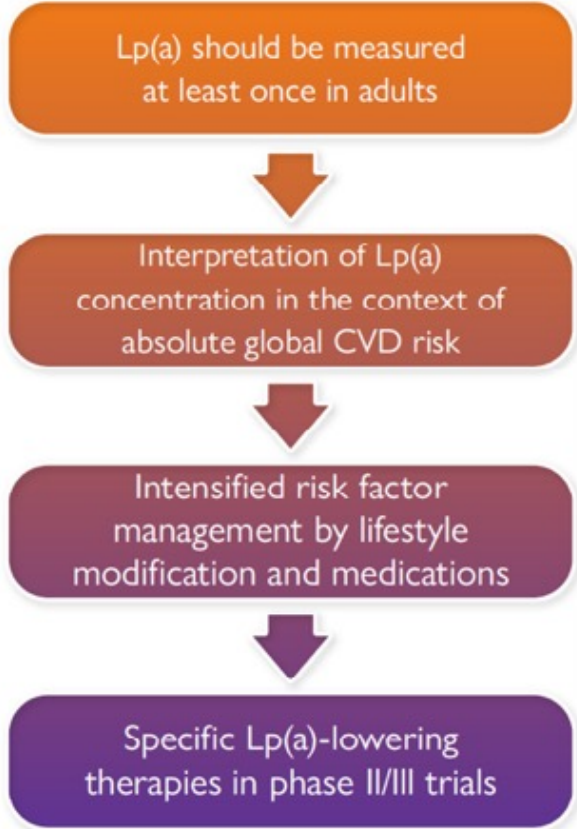




## 2022 EAS Consensus on Lp(a)

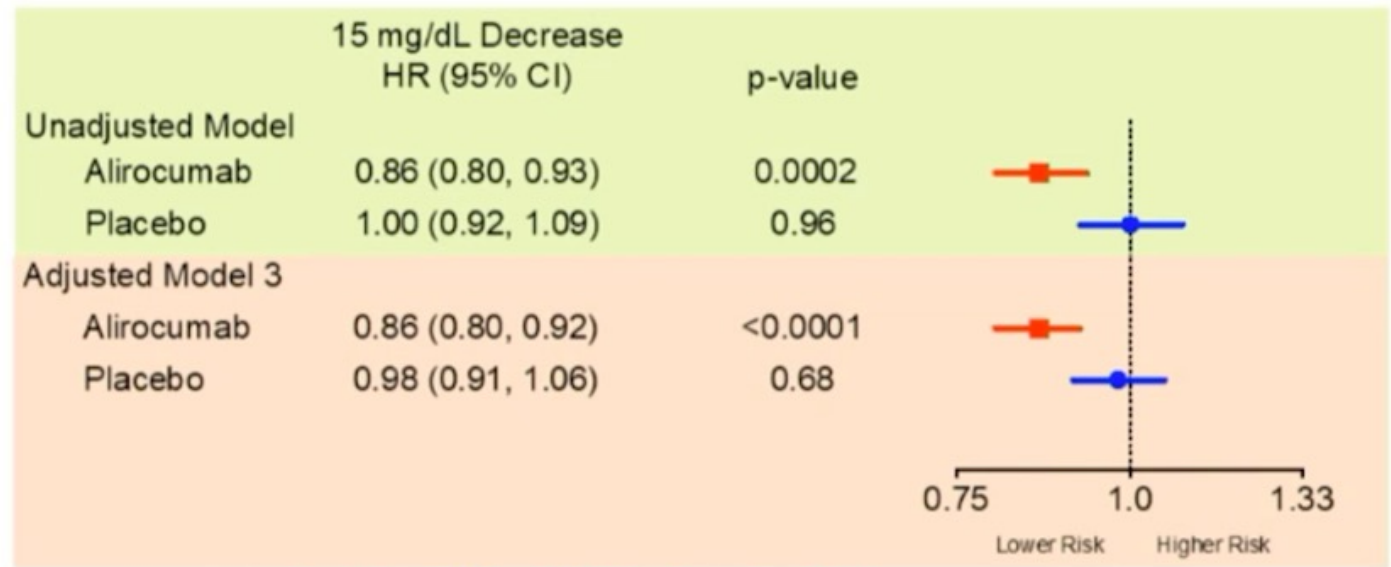


## EAS



# Change in Lp(a) predicts lower risk of MACE independently of LDL change: for every 15 mg/dL decrease in Lp(a), there is a 14% RRR in MACE

## Time-Weighted Moving Average Lp(a) Absolute Change From Baseline vs MACE



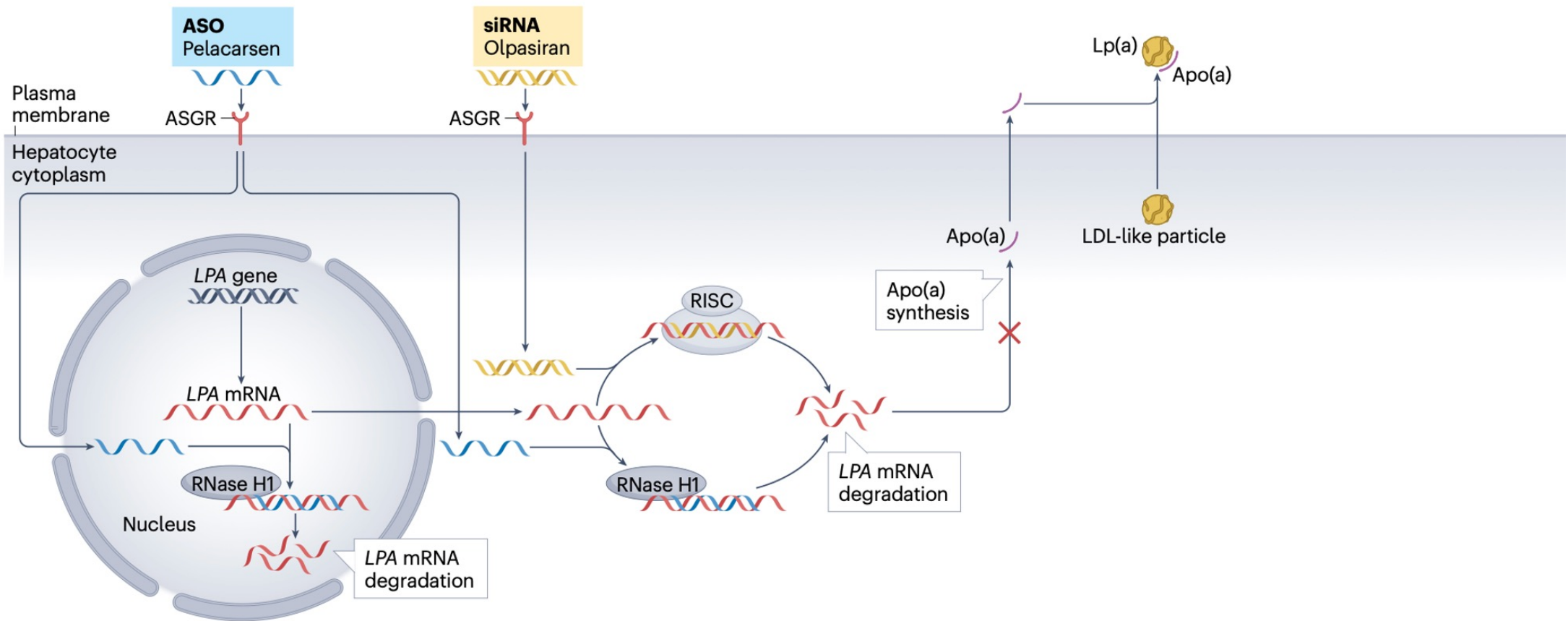
Adjusted for Demographic variables, baseline Lp(a) and LDL-C, change in LDL-C and clinical variables

Models fit separately for each treatment group

\*Demographic variables: age, sex, race, region

†Clinical variables: time from ACS, BMI, diabetes, smoking history

Alirocumab      Placebo



## Emerging therapies targeting Lpa

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# Conclusions

- En première intention, réduction des concentrations de LDL-c en dessous de 55 et de 70 mg/dl respectivement chez les sujets à très haut risque et à haut risque cardio-vasculaire
- Utilisation de statines/ezetimibe/ PCSK9, acide bempédoïque
- Risque résiduel :
  - ✓ Les fibrates n'ont pas démontré de bénéfice CV
  - ✓ Parmi les acides gras  $\omega 3$ , l'EPA à forte dose semble cardio-protecteur (patients en prévention 2aire ou diabétiques sous statine avec élévation des TGL ou HDL-c bas)
  - ✓ Les anti-ApoC3 diminuent les TGL et les remnants et sont en cours d'évaluation CV
  - ✓ Les anti-Lpa sont en cours d'évaluation chez les patients en prévention 2aire

