

EPA and CV outcome

Insights from recent clinical trials

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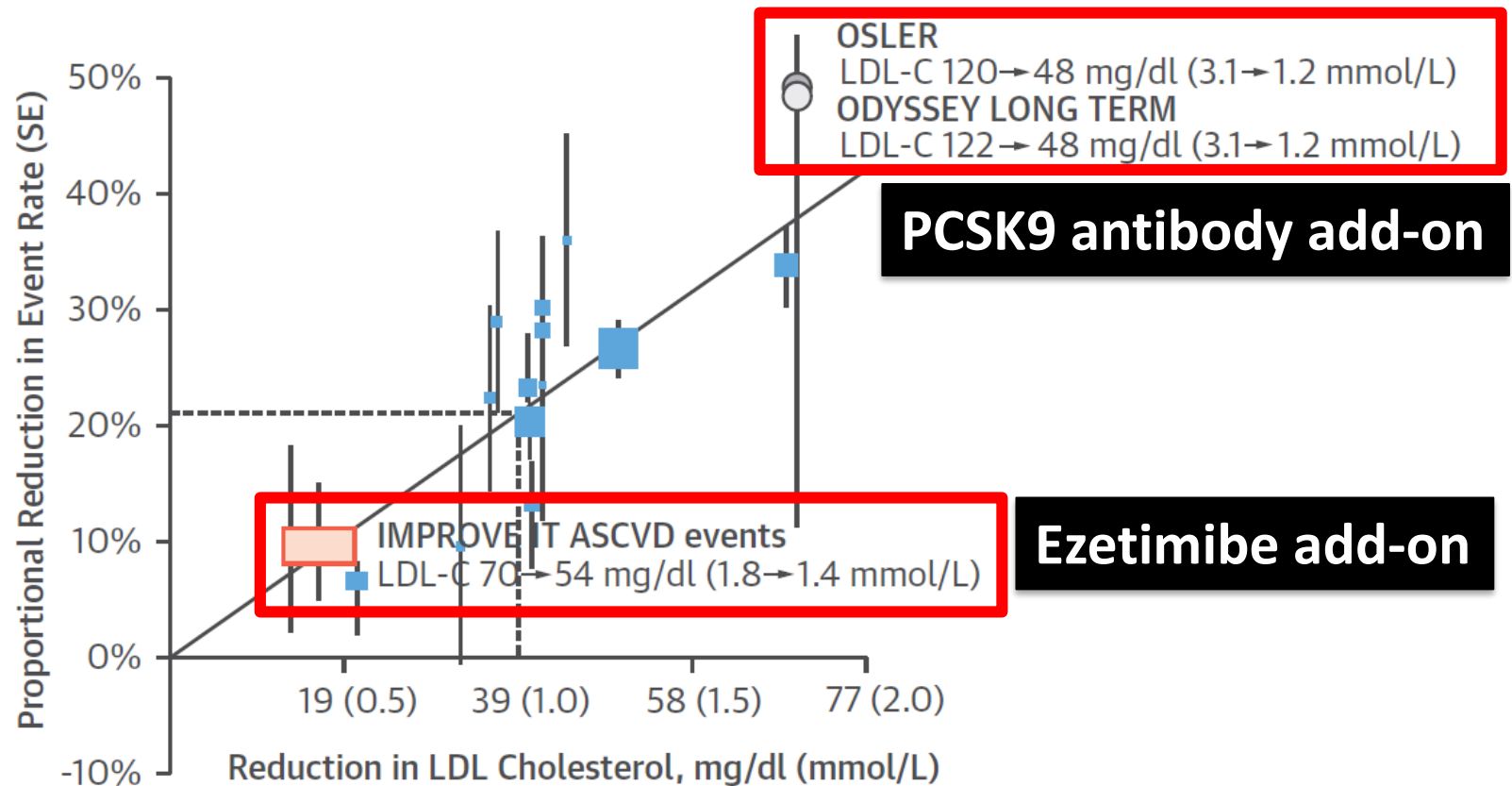
Managing dyslipidemia, From past to present

Determining When to Add Nonstatin Therapy

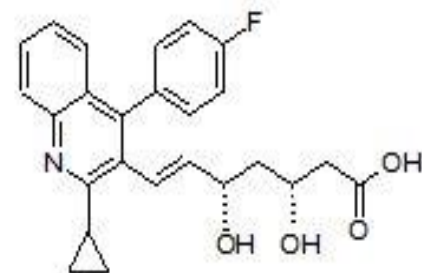
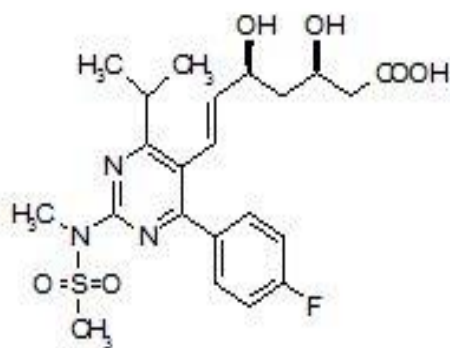
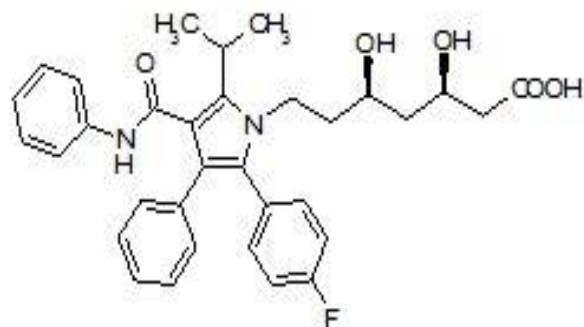
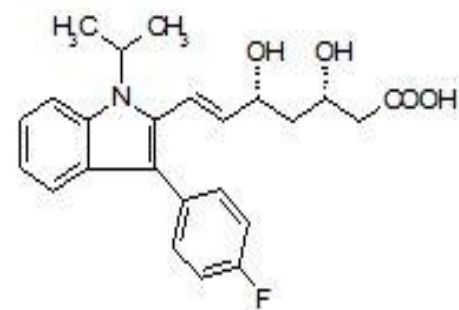
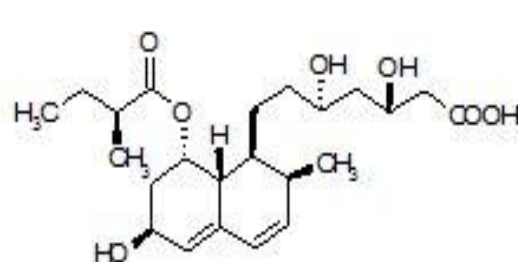
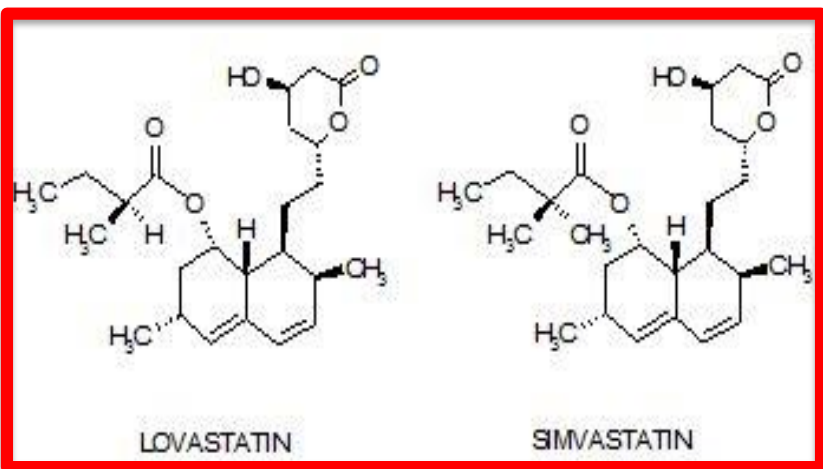
A Quantitative Approach

Post-statin era

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Structure of statin



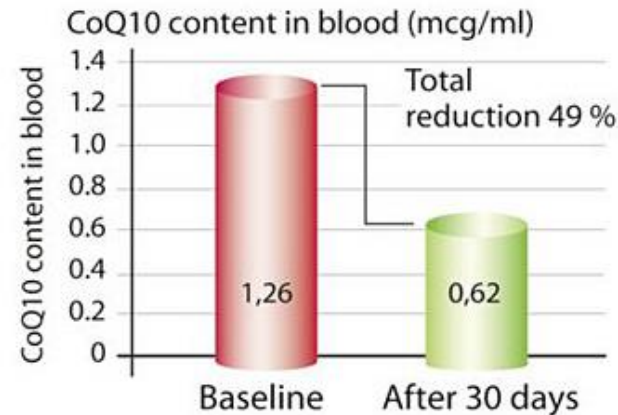
STATINS



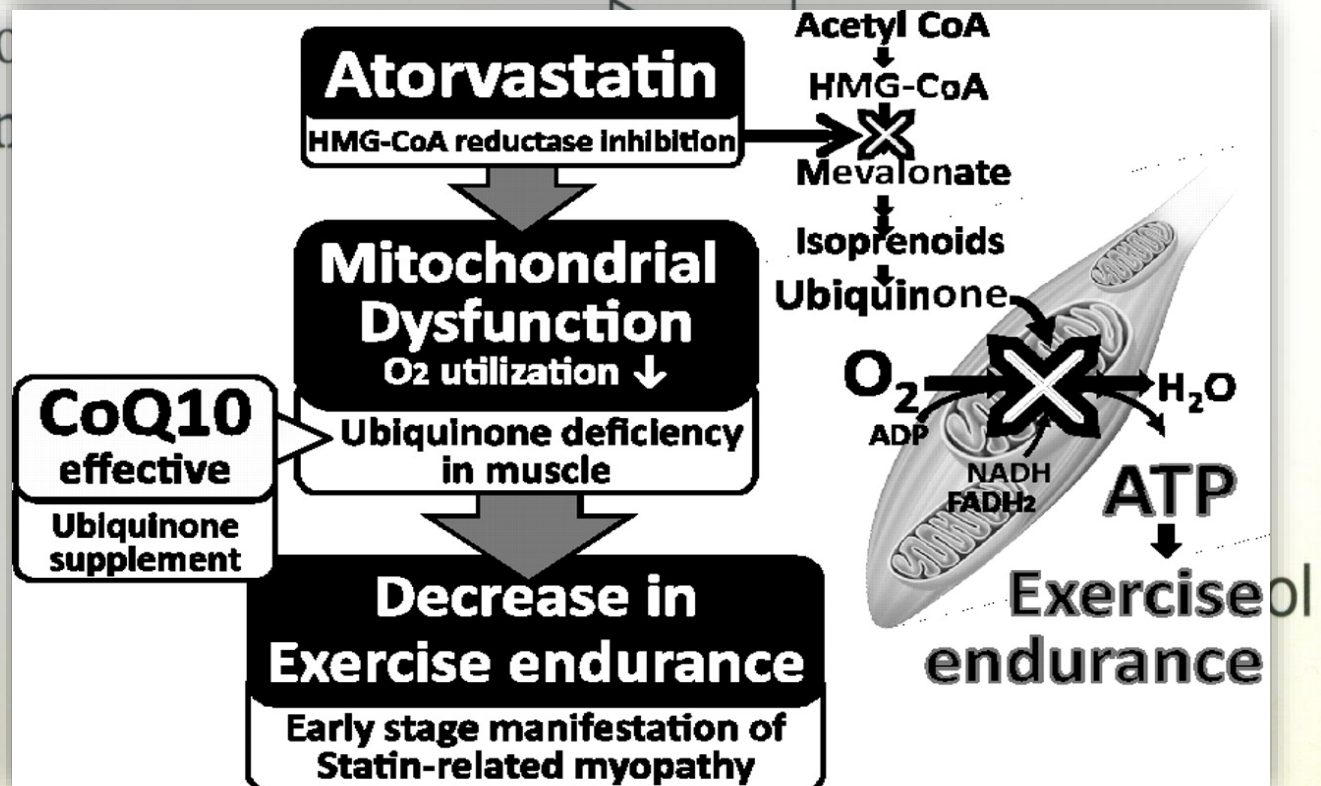
CoQ10 reduction and statin use

Atorvastatin decreases the coenzyme Q10 level in the blood of patients.

Ref. Arch. Neurol. 2004 Jun;61(6): 889-92.



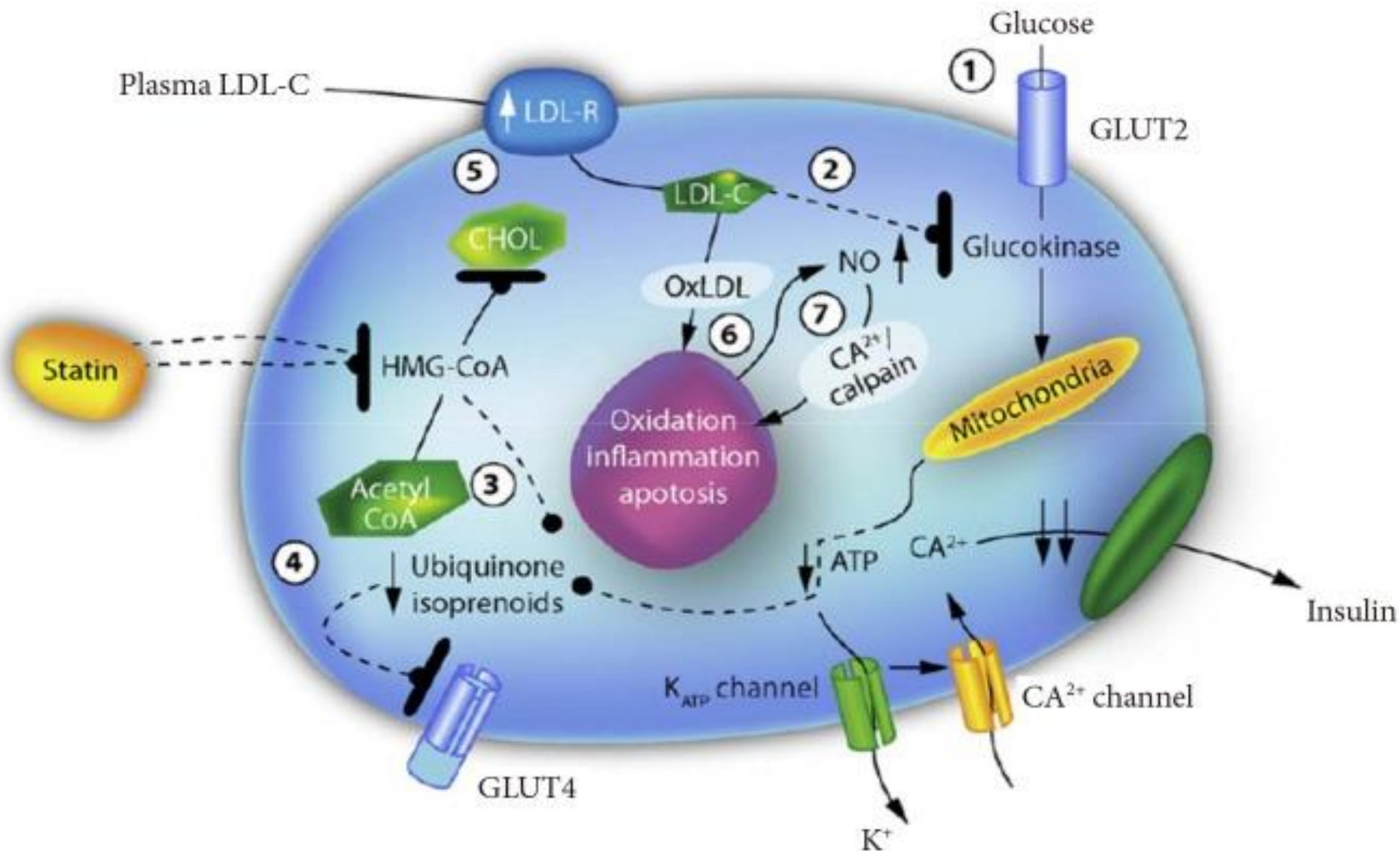
HMG-CoA
(enzyme)



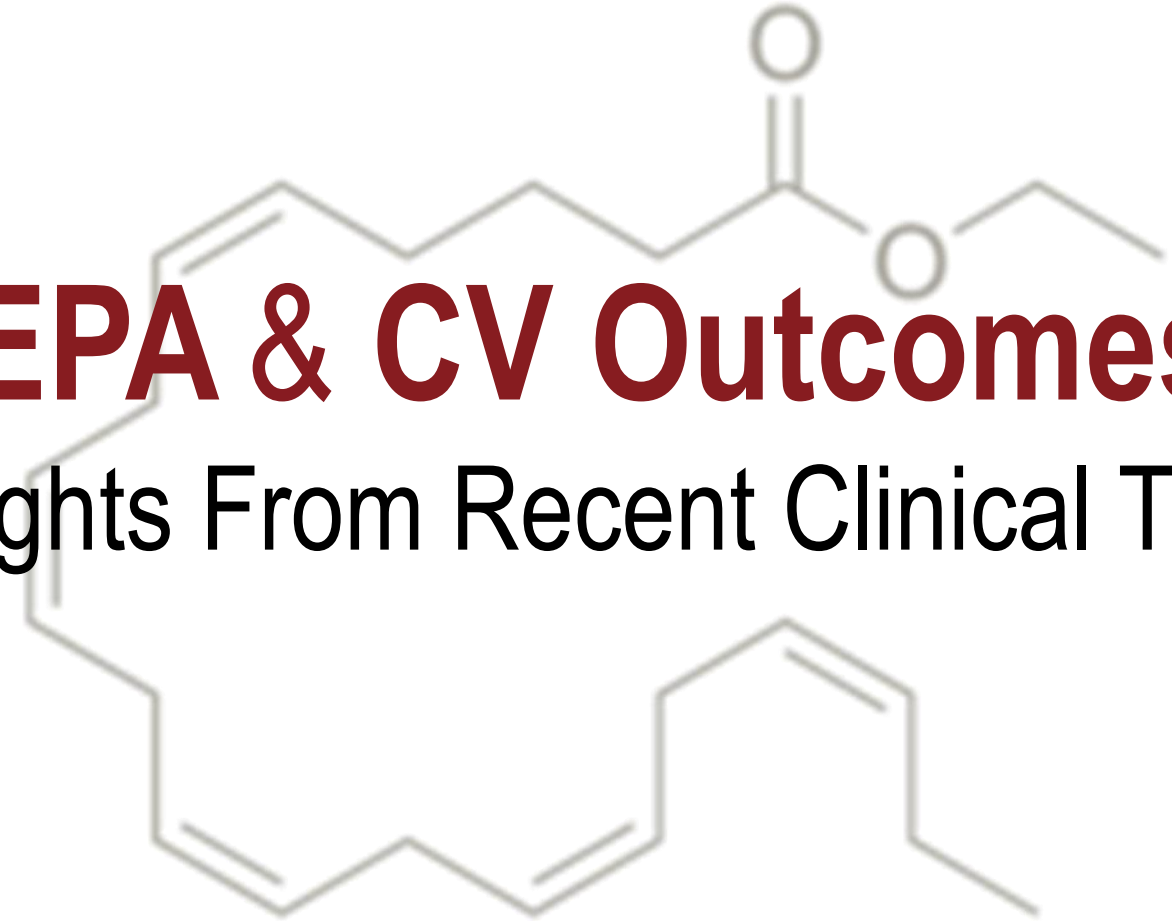
Safety of **Atorvastatin 80 mg** in Clinical Trials

	Follow-up	Patients	↑ALT/AST >3x ULN	↑CK >10x ULN
Newman et al⁺	variable	4,798	26 (0.6%)	2 (0.06%)
PROVE-IT	2 years	2,099	69 (3.3%)	NA
TNT	4.9 years	4,995	60 (1.2%)	0
IDEAL	4.8 years	4,439	61 (1.38%)	0
SPARCL	4.9 years	2,365	51 (2.2%)	2 (0.08%)
Total	variable	18,696	267 (1.43%)	4 (0.021%)

⁺ Am J Cardiol 2006;97:61-67



**Possible mechanisms of statin-related
blood sugar elevation**



EPA & CV Outcomes

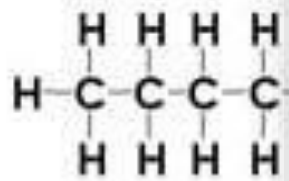
Insights From Recent Clinical Trials

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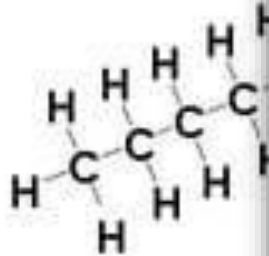
Structure of fatty acid

SATURATED
Stearic acid
(found in butter)



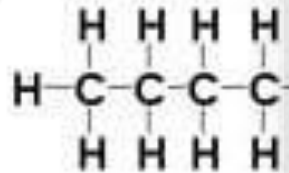
飽和脂肪酸

UNSATURATED
Linoleic acid
(found in vegetable oil)

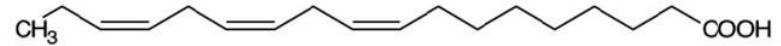


不飽和脂肪酸
順式 vs. 反式

TRANS
trans-Linoleic acid
(found in some margarine)



Omega-3 fatty acids



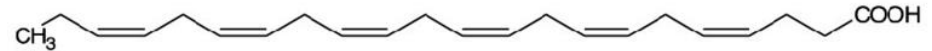
ALA: α -Linolenic acid

C18:3 n-3



EPA: Eicosapentanoic acid

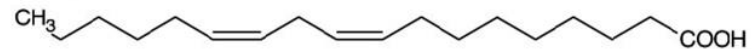
C20:5 n-3



DHA: Docosahexanoic acid

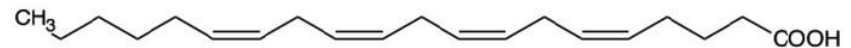
C22:6 n-3

Omega-6 fatty acids



LA: Linoleic acid

C18:2 n-6



AA: Arachidonic acid

C20:4 n-6

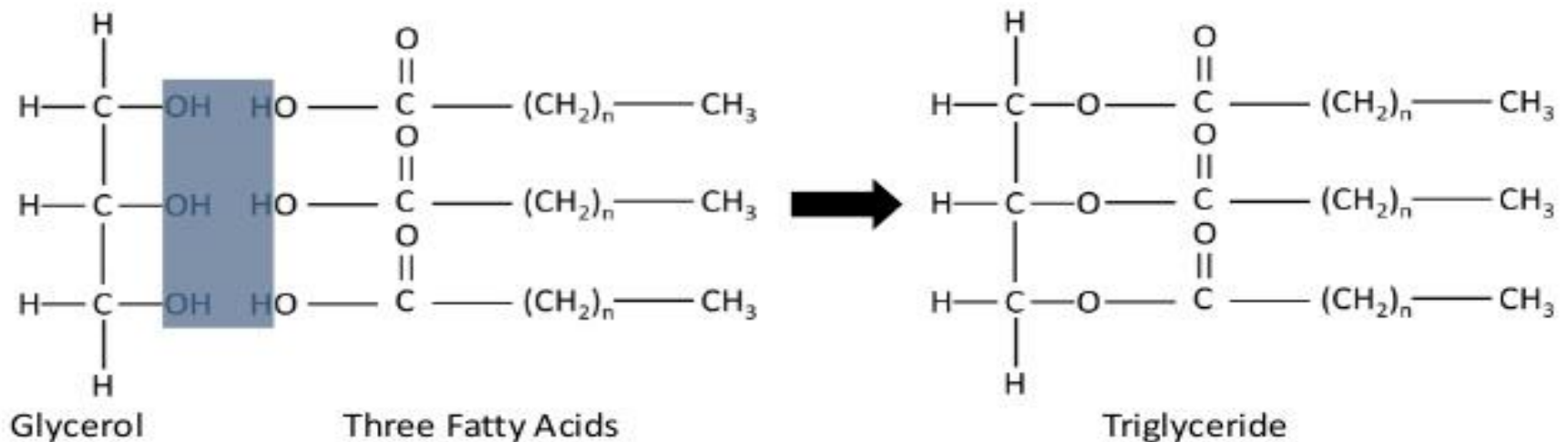


DPA: Docosapentanoic acid

C22:5 n-6

TG and fatty acids

Condensation reaction between glycerol and fatty acids



Hydrolysis is the reverse of this process, catalysed by lipase



Lipids are glycerol combined with 1, 2 or 3 fatty acids, therefore **triglycerides** are lipids

THE FACTS ON FAT

The American Heart Association recommends replacing bad (saturated) fats with good (unsaturated) fats as part of a healthy eating pattern.

LOVE IT

UNSATURATED
(POLY & MONO)



- Lowers rates of cardiovascular and all-cause mortality
- Lowers bad cholesterol & triglyceride levels
- Provides essential fats your body needs but can't produce itself

LIMIT IT

SATURATED



- Increases risk of cardiovascular disease
- Raises bad cholesterol levels

LOSE IT

ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT,
HYDROGENATED OILS
& TROPICAL OILS



- Increases risk of heart disease
- Raises bad cholesterol levels

EPA is a member of omega-3 PUFA

脂肪的種類、特徵及代表食品

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脂肪種類

主要含有食品

單元不飽和脂肪酸

例: Omega-9

肉類、乳製品、酪梨、橄欖等

多元不飽和脂肪酸

例: Omega-3
Omega-6

Omega-3: 鮭魚、青色的魚、核桃、亞麻籽等

Omega-6: 植物性油、穀類、雞蛋、堅果類等

反式脂肪

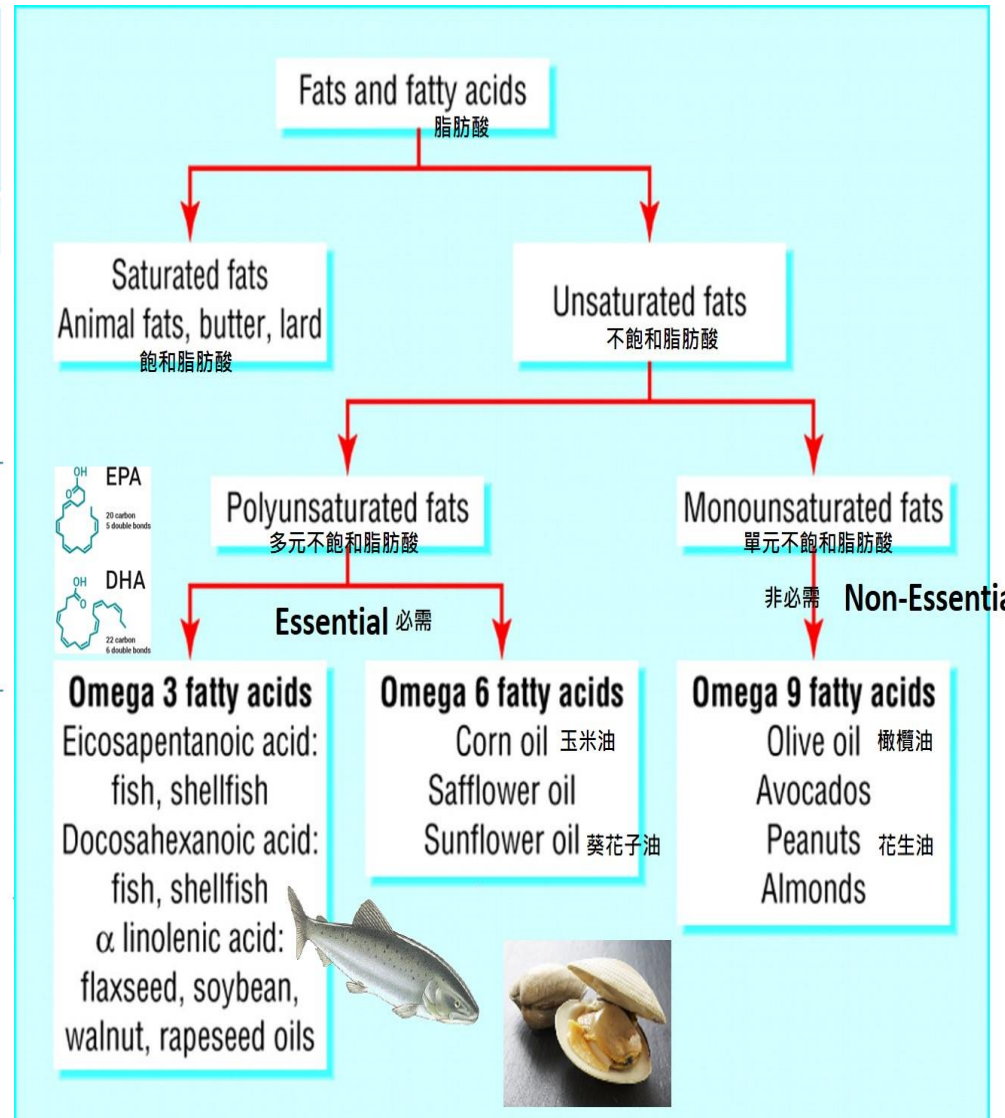
冰淇淋、起酥油、乳製品、加工肉類

炸物等速食食品、糕點類等

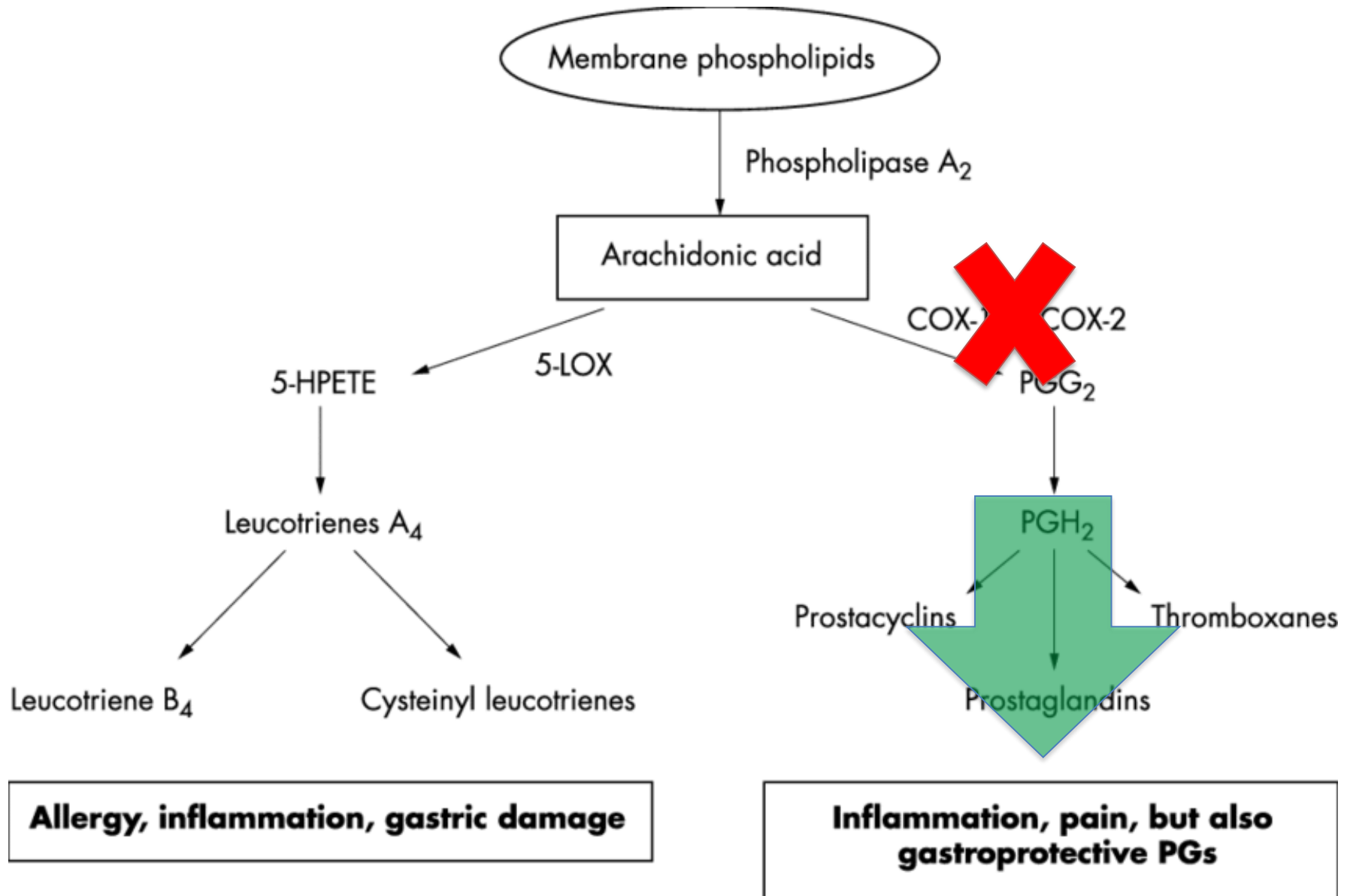
飽和脂肪酸

奶油、起司、牛油等動物性油、

肥肉類、巧克力、椰子油等

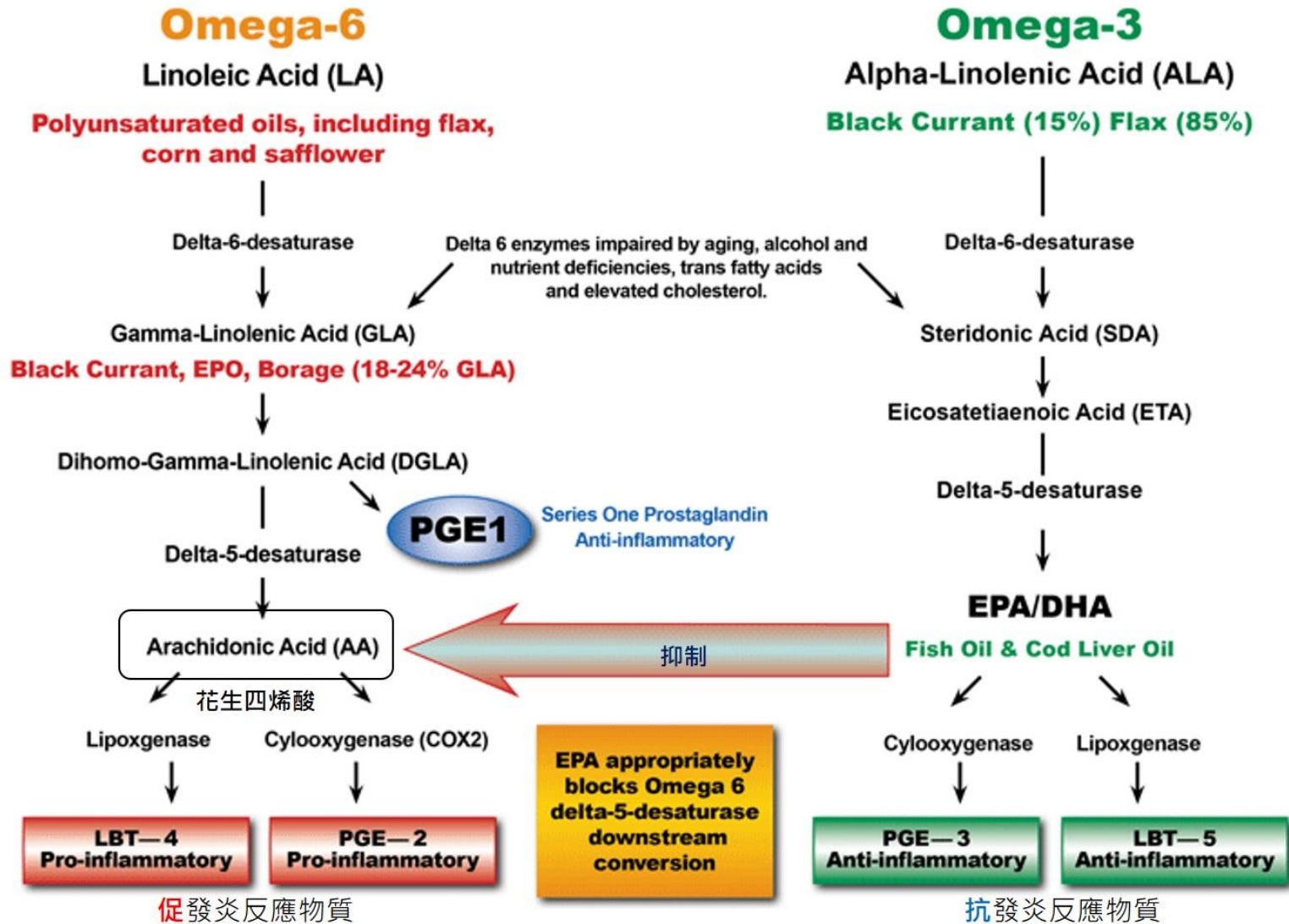


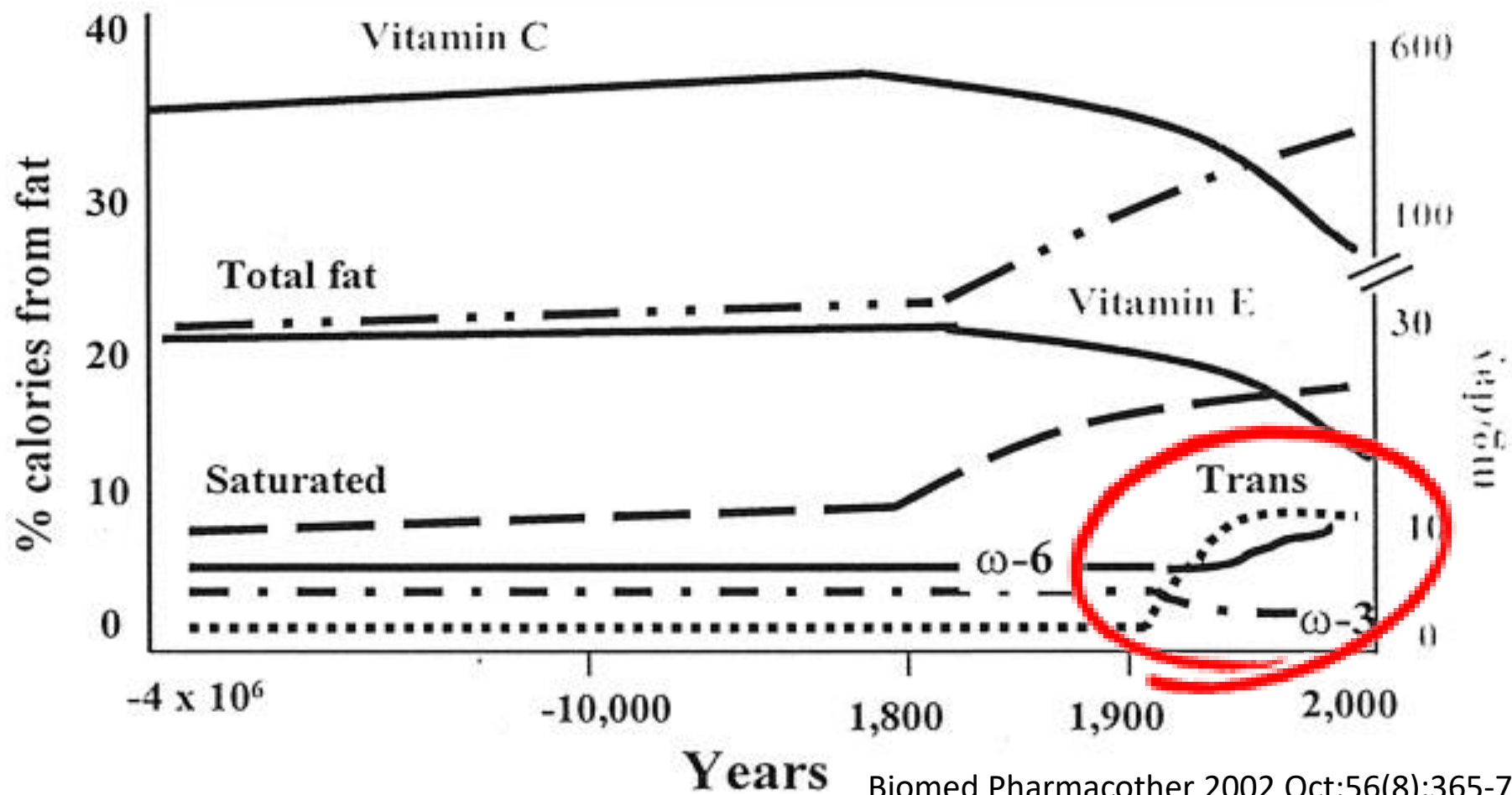
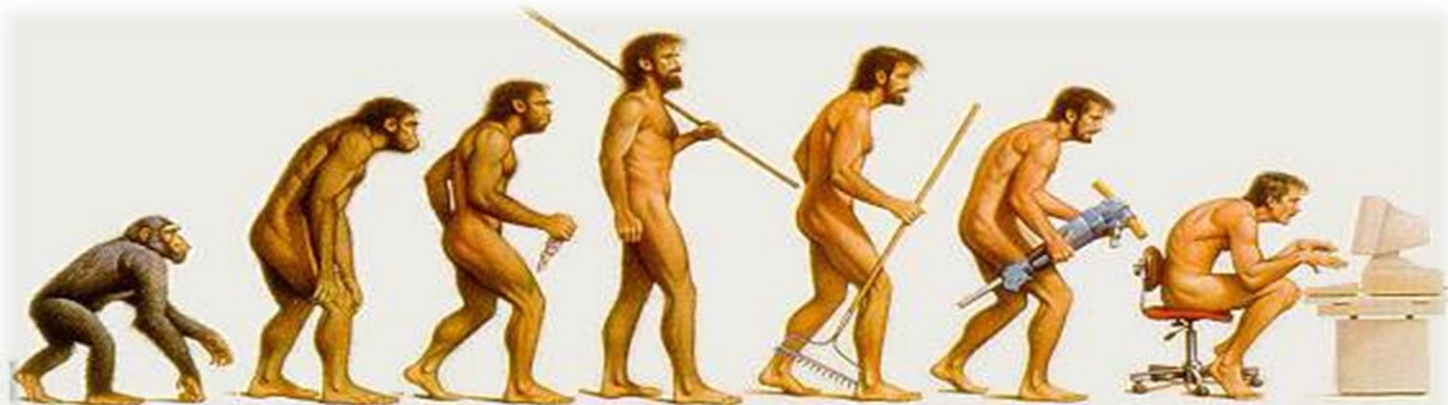
Omega 6 代謝產物 : **Arachidonic acid**



OMEGA-6促發炎；OMEGA-3抗發炎

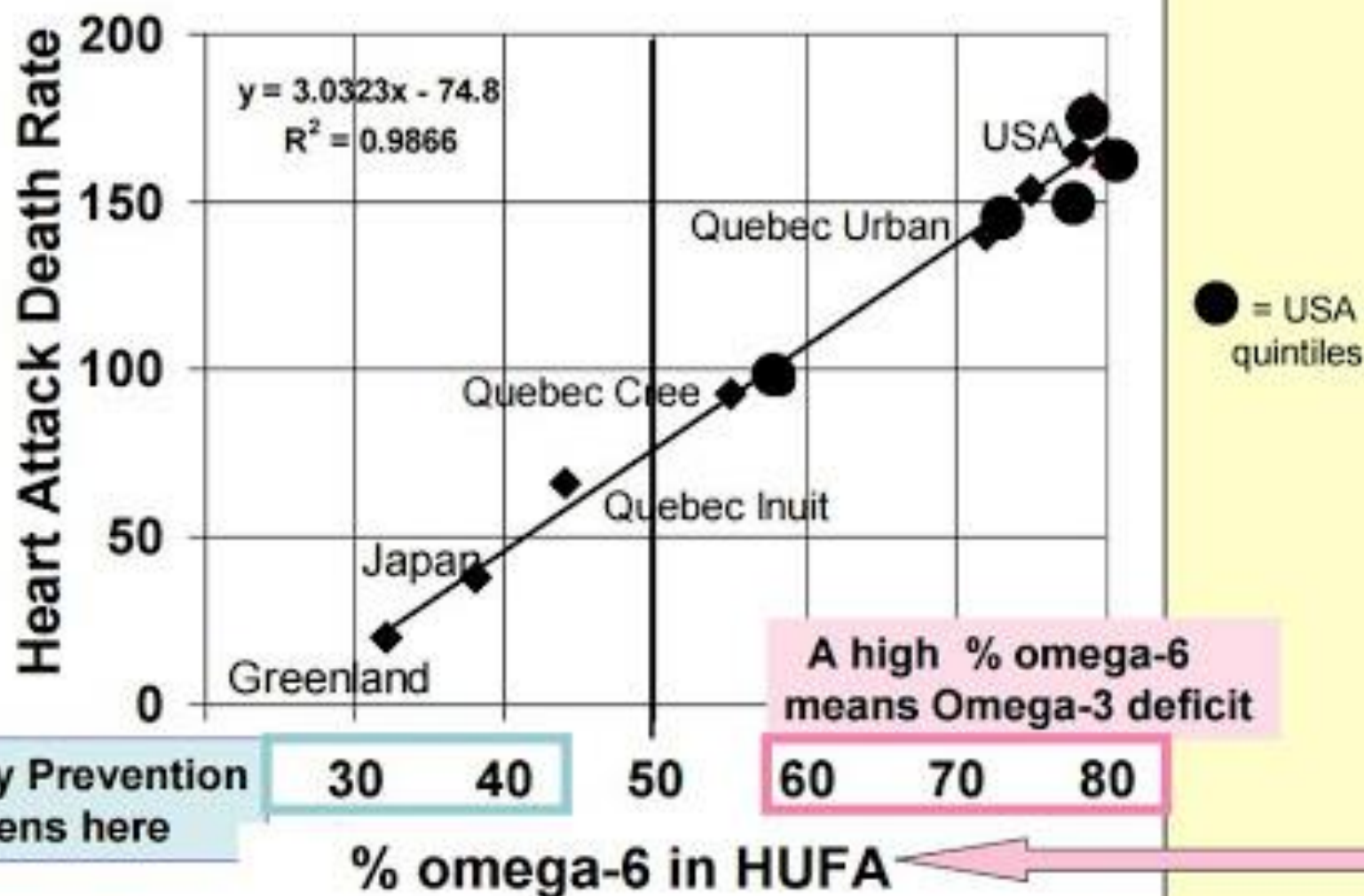
Metabolic Pathways of Omega-3 and Omega-6 Fatty Acids





Americans have excessive omega-6 in HUFA & an omega-3 deficit

CHD Mortality and Tissue HUFA



Lands, Lipids 2003 (Apr.); 38: 317-321

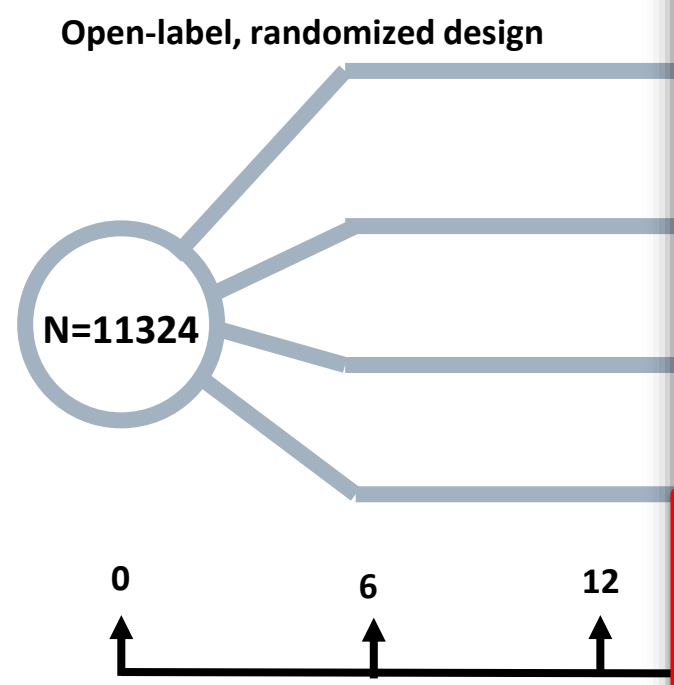
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Dietary supplementation with n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids and vitamin E after myocardial infarction: results of the GISSI-Prevenzione trial

11 324 patients surviving received assigned supplements of n-3 P (n=2830), both (n=2830), or no



Pharmacological therapy	
Antiplatelet drugs	
Baseline	2601 (92.2%)
6 months	2308 (88.2%)
42 months	1707 (83.4%)
Angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitors	
Baseline	1298 (46.0%)
6 months	1033 (39.5%)
42 months	788 (38.5%)
β-blockers	
Baseline	1237 (43.9%)
6 months	1092 (41.7%)
42 months	807 (39.4%)
Cholesterol-lowering drugs	
Baseline	124 (4.4%)
6 months	782 (28.6%)
42 months	1003 (46.0%)

1g Omacor 包含 460 mg EPA及380 mg DHA

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Baseline TC 210 mg/dL, LDL-C 137 mg/dL, TG 162 mg/dL

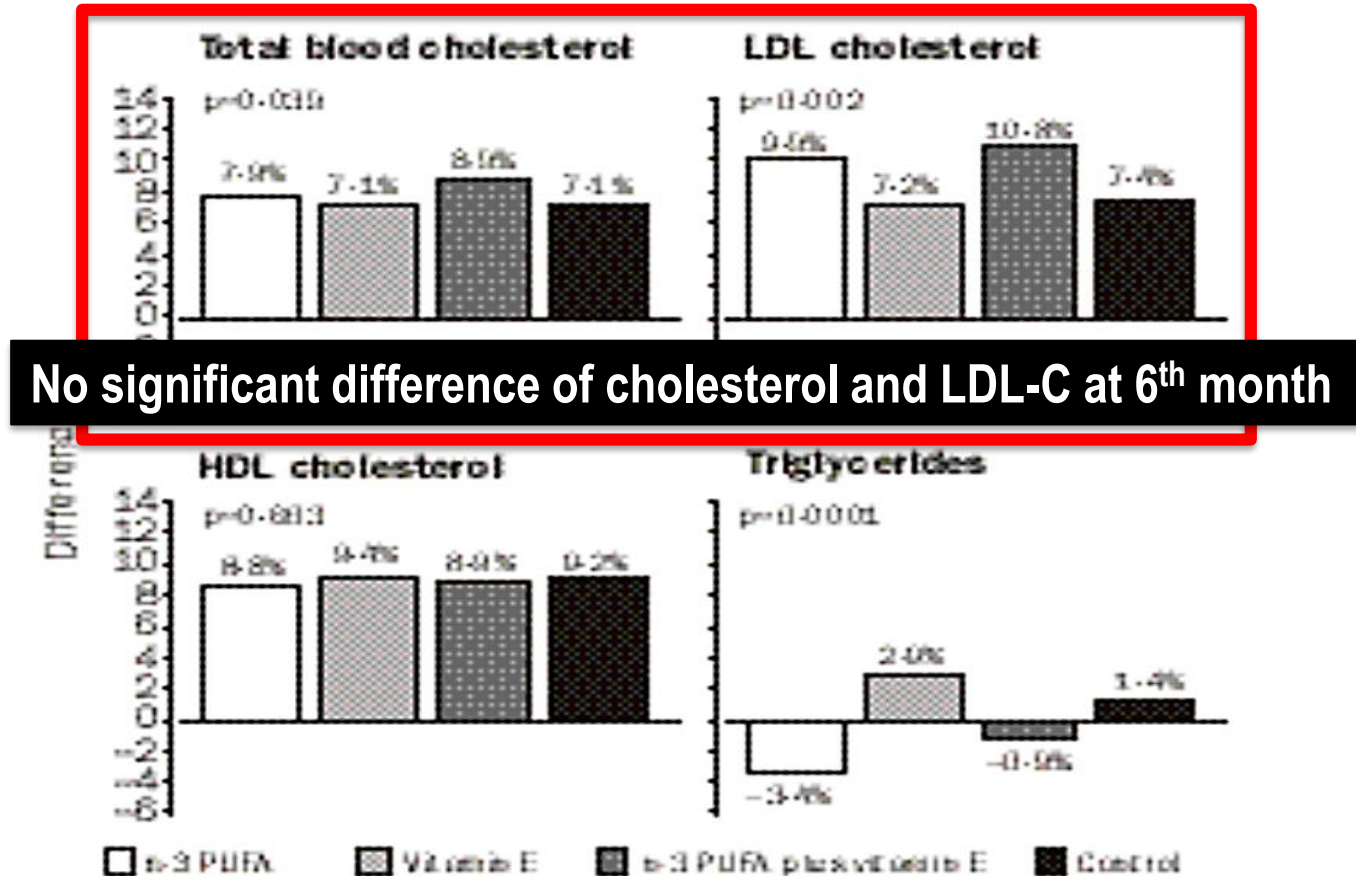
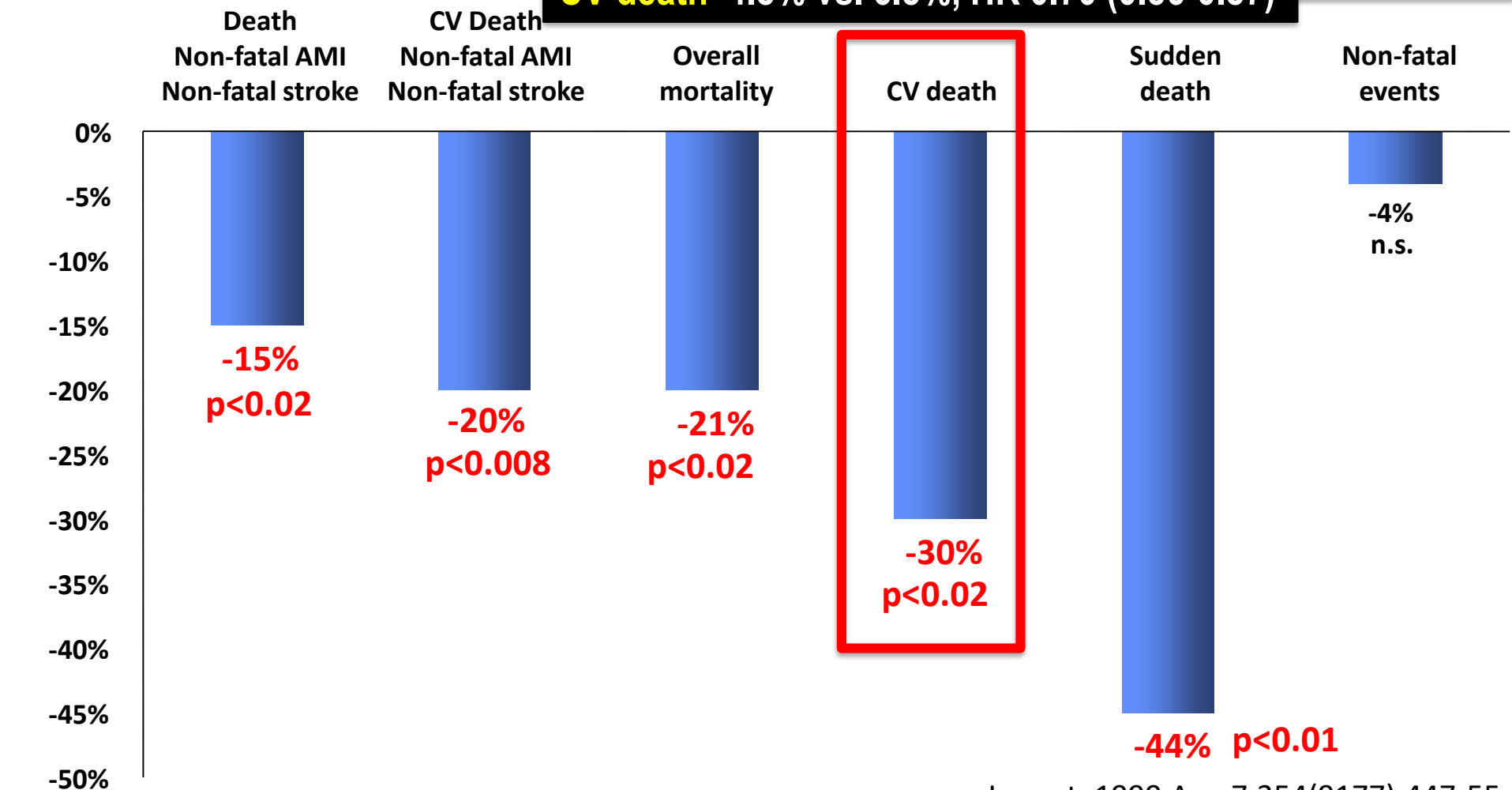


Figure 2: Percentage differences in blood lipid concentrations at 6 months

	All (n=11 324)	Two-way analysis			Four-way analysis		
		n-3 PUFA (n=5666)	Control (n=5668)	Relative risk (95% CI)	n-3 PUFA (n=2836)	Control (n=2828)	Relative risk (95% CI)
Main endpoints							
Death, non-fatal MI, and non-fatal stroke	1500 (13.3%)	715 (12.6%)	785 (13.9%)	0.90 (0.82–0.99)	356 (12.3%)	414 (14.6%)	0.85 (0.74–0.98)
Cardiovascular death, non-fatal MI, and non-fatal stroke	1155 (10.2%)	547 (9.7%)	608 (10.8%)	0.89 (0.80–1.01)	262 (9.2%)	322 (11.4%)	0.80 (0.68–0.95)
Secondary analyses							
All fatal events	1017 (9.0%)	472 (8.3%)	545 (9.6%)	0.86 (0.76–0.97)	236 (8.3%)	293 (10.4%)	0.80 (0.67–0.94)
Cardiovascular deaths	639 (5.6%)	291 (5.1%)	348 (6.2%)	0.83 (0.71–0.97)	136 (4.8%)	193 (6.8%)	0.70 (0.56–0.87)
Cardiac death	520 (4.6%)	228 (4.0%)	292 (5.2%)	0.78 (0.65–0.92)	108 (3.8%)	165 (5.8%)	0.65 (0.51–0.82)
Coronary death	479 (4.2%)	214 (3.8%)	265 (4.7%)	0.80 (0.67–0.96)	100 (3.5%)	151 (5.3%)	0.65 (0.51–0.84)
Sudden death	286 (2.5%)	122 (2.2%)	164 (2.9%)	0.74 (0.58–0.93)	55 (1.9%)	99 (3.5%)	0.55 (0.40–0.76)
Other deaths	378 (3.3%)	181 (3.2%)	197 (3.5%)	0.91 (0.74–1.11)	100 (3.5%)	100 (3.5%)	0.99 (0.75–1.30)
Non-fatal cardiovascular events	578 (5.1%)	287 (5.1%)	291 (5.1%)	0.98 (0.83–1.15)	140 (4.9%)	144 (5.1%)	0.96 (0.76–1.21)
Other analyses							
CHD death and non-fatal MI	909 (8.0%)	421 (7.4%)	487 (8.6%)	0.86 (0.75–0.98)	200 (7.0%)	244 (8.6%)	0.75 (0.62–0.90)
Fatal and non-fatal stroke	178 (1.6%)	85 (1.5%)	93 (1.6%)	0.90 (0.67–1.21)	44 (1.5%)	54 (1.9%)	1.30 (0.87–1.96)

CV death 4.8% vs. 6.8%, HR 0.70 (0.56-0.87)

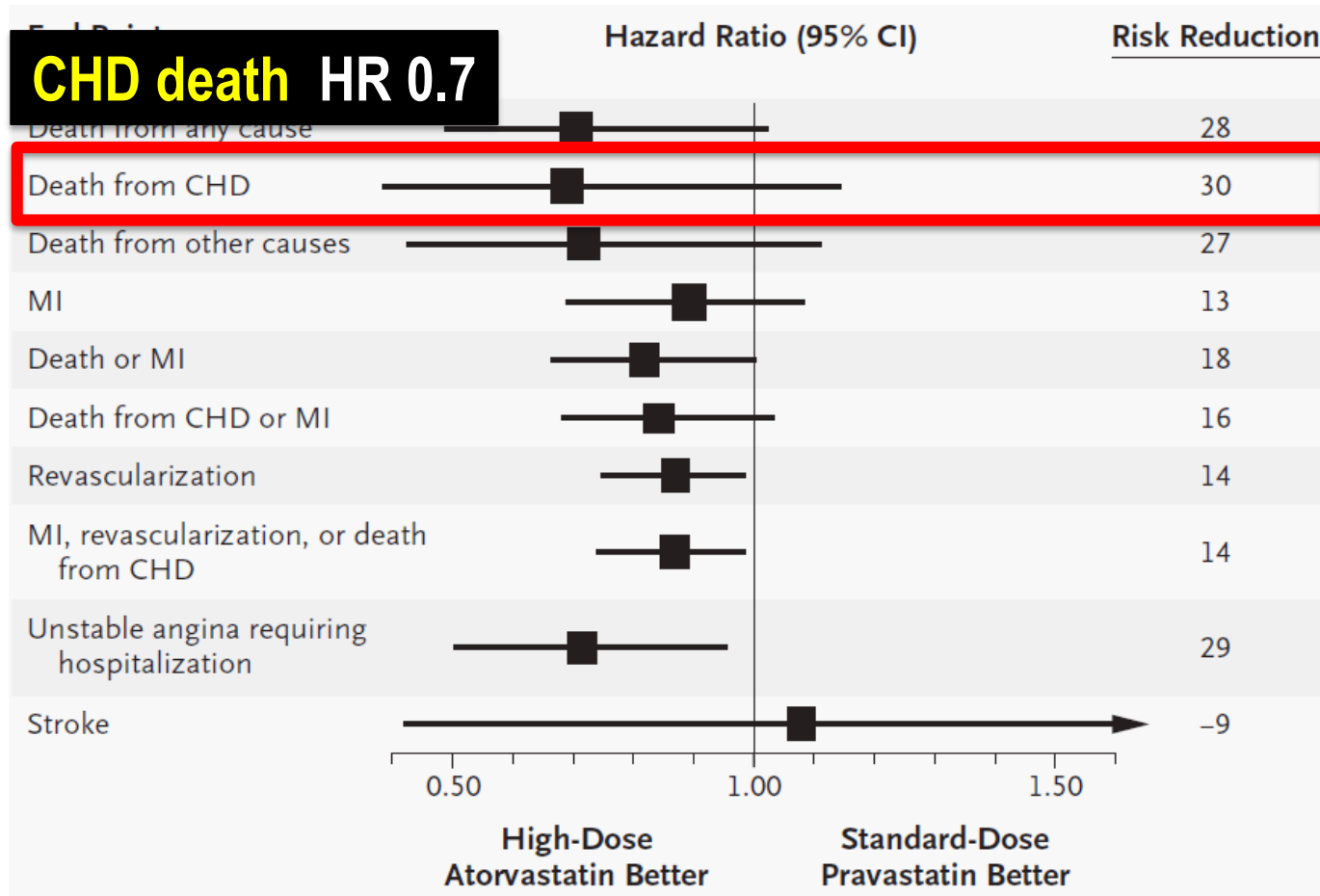


Intensive versus Moderate Lipid Lowering with Statins after Acute Coronary Syndromes

Christopher P. Cannon, M.D.,
Jean L. Rouleau, M.D., Reza A.
and Allan M. Skene, Ph.D.

2004 NEJM PROVE-IT Atorvastatin 80mg vs. Pravastatin 40mg

Michael J. Rader, M.D.,
Robert M. Pfeiffer, M.D., Ph.D.,
Thrombolysis



Omega-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid (Fish Oil) Supplementation and the Prevention of Clinical Cardiovascular Disease

A Science Advisory From the American Heart Association

SECONDARY PREVENTION OF CHD AND SCD AMONG PATIENTS WITH PREVALENT CHD

..... the majority of co-authors concluded that treatment with omega-3 PUFA supplements is reasonable for the secondary prevention of CHD death (Class IIa Recommendation); a minority of coauthors preferred a slightly lower strength of recommendation for treatment of patients with this indication (*Class IIb Recommendation*).

Associations of Omega-3 Fatty Acid Supplement Use With Cardiovascular Disease Risks

Meta-analysis of 10 Trials Involving 77 917 Individuals

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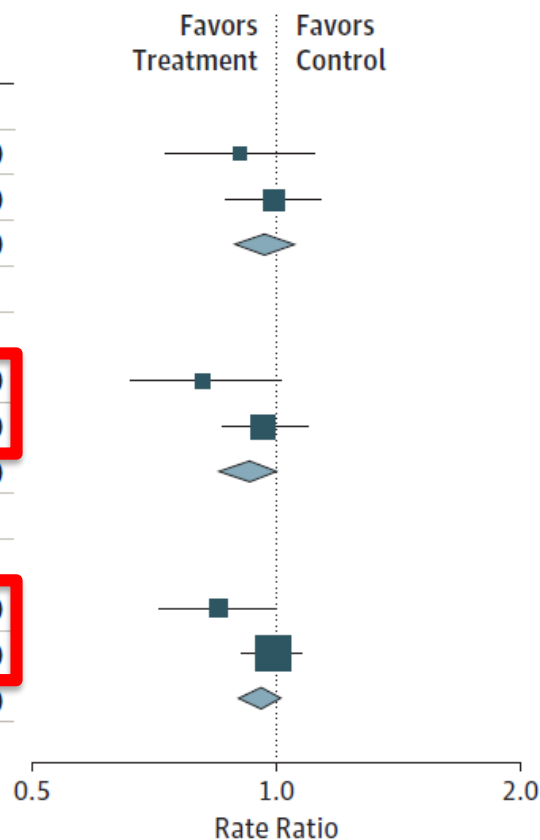
Study (Year)	Patients, No.	Dose of EPA/ DHA (mg/d)	Male, No. (%)	Mean Trial Duration, y	Mean (SD) Age, y	No. (%)			
						Prior CHD	Prior Stroke	Prior Diabetes	Statin Use
DOIT (2010)	563	1150/800	563 (100)	3	70 (3)	133 (23.6)	37 (6.6)	46 (8.2)	NA
AREDS-2 (2014)	4203	650/350	1816 (43.2)	4.5	74 (NA)	405 (9.7)	211 (5.0)	546 (13.0)	1866 (44.4)
SU.FOL.OM3 (2010)	2501	400/200	1987 (79.4)	4.7	61 (NA)	1863 (74.5)	638 (25.5)	440 (17.9)	2079 (83.1)
JELIS (2007) ^{a,b}	18 645	1800/NA	5859 (31.4)	4.6	61 (8)	NA	NA	3040 (16.3)	18 645 (100.0)
Alpha Omega (2010)	4837	226/150	3783 (78.2)	3.3	69 (6)	4837 (100.0)	345 (7.2)	1014 (21.0)	4122 (85.2)
OMEGA (2010)	3818	460/380	2841 (74.4)	1	64 (NA)	796 (22.5)	192 (5.5)	948 (27.0)	3566 (94.2)
R&P (2013)	12 505	500/500	7687 (61.5)	5	64 (NA)	Not stated (30)	594 (4.8)	7494 (59.9)	12 505 (100.0)
GISSI-HF (2008)	6975	850/950	5459 (78.3)	3.9	67 (11)	3614 (51.8)	346 (5.0)	1974 (28.3)	NA
ORIGIN (2012)	12 536	465/375	8150 (65.0)	6.2	64 (8)	8094 (64.6)	10 877 (86.8)	11 081 (88.4)	6739 (53.8)
GISSI-P ^b (1999)	11 334	850/1700	9658 (85.2)	3.5	59 (11)	11 334 (100.0)	NA	2139 (18.9)	NA
Total	77 917	NA	47 803 (61.4)	4.4	64	31 076/ 46 767 (66.4)	13 240/ 47 938 (27.6)	28 722 (36.9)	49 522 (83.4)

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Source	No. of Events (%)		Rate Ratios (CI)
	Treatment	Control	
Nonfatal myocardial infarction			
Open	285 (1.9)	316 (2.1)	0.90 (0.73-1.11)
Blind	836 (3.5)	839 (3.5)	0.99 (0.87-1.13)
All	1121 (2.9)	1155 (3.0)	0.97 (0.89-1.05)
P = .40			
Coronary heart disease death			
Open	276 (1.8)	337 (2.2)	0.81 (0.66-1.01)
Blind	1025 (4.3)	1057 (4.4)	0.96 (0.86-1.09)
All	1301 (3.3)	1394 (3.6)	0.93 (0.85-1.00)
P = .05			
Any coronary heart disease			
Open	512 (3.4)	598 (4.0)	0.85 (0.72-0.99)
Blind	2573 (10.7)	2590 (10.8)	0.99 (0.91-1.07)
All	3085 (7.9)	3188 (8.2)	0.96 (0.90-1.01)
P = .12			



Effect of n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids in patients with chronic heart failure (the GISSI-HF trial): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

New York Heart Association class II–IV, irrespective of cause and left ventricular ejection fraction, and randomly assigned them to n-3 PUFA 1 g daily (n=3494) or placebo (n=3481)

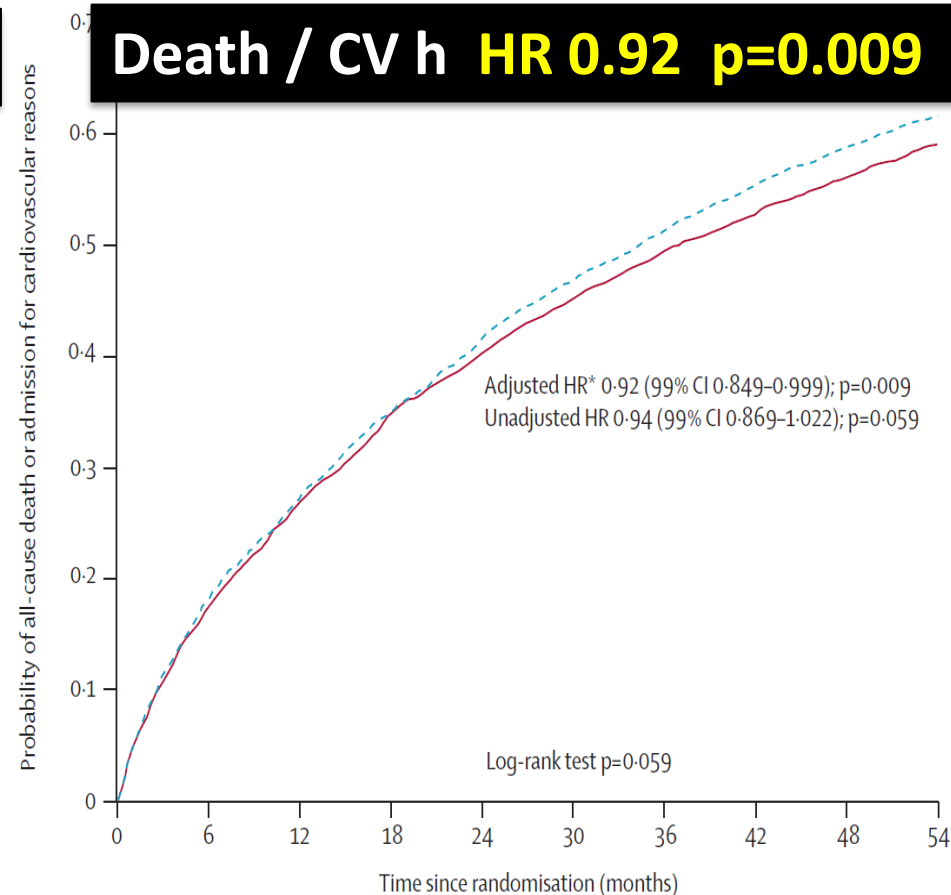
	n-3 PUFA (n=3494)	Placebo (n=3481)
Patients' characteristics		
Age (years)	67 (11)	67 (11)
Age >70 years	1465 (41.9%)	1482 (42.6%)
Women	777 (22.2%)	739 (21.2%)
Heart disease risk factors		
BMI (kg/m ²)	27 (5)	27 (5)
SBP (mm Hg)	126 (18)	126 (18)
DBP (mm Hg)	77 (10)	77 (10)
Heart rate (beats per min)	72 (13)	73 (14)
Current smoking	502 (14.4%)	485 (13.9%)
History of hypertension	1886 (54.0%)	1923 (55.2%)
NYHA class		
II	90 (2.6%)	95 (2.7%)
III	90 (2.6%)	95 (2.7%)
IV	90 (2.6%)	95 (2.7%)
LVEF (%)	33.0% (8.5)	33.2% (8.5)
LVEF >40%	333 (9.5%)	320 (9.2%)

Medical treatment		
ACE inhibitors	2696 (77.2%)	2678 (76.9%)
ARBs	673 (19.3%)	648 (18.6%)
ACE inhibitors/ARBs	3268 (93.5%)	3252 (93.4%)
β blockers	2275 (65.1%)	2247 (64.6%)
Spironolactone	1347 (38.6%)	1393 (40.0%)
Diuretic drugs	3127 (89.5%)	3133 (90.0%)
Digitalis	1296 (37.1%)	1292 (37.1%)
Oral anticoagulant drugs	1027 (29.4%)	982 (28.2%)
Aspirin	1673 (47.9%)	1685 (48.4%)
Other antiplatelet agents	345 (9.9%)	371 (10.7%)
Nitrites	1236 (35.4%)	1236 (35.5%)
Calcium-channel blockers	343 (9.8%)	366 (10.5%)
Amiodarone	668 (19.1%)	690 (19.8%)
Statin (open)	778 (22.3%)	801 (23.0%)

Average LVEF 33.1%, NYHA Fc II 63.5%

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2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines

Developed in Collaboration With the American College of Chest Physicians, Heart Rhythm Society and International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation

Endorsed by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) supplementation is reasonable to use as adjunctive therapy in patients with NYHA class II–IV symptoms and HFrEF or HFpEF, unless contraindicated, to reduce mortality and cardiovascular hospitalizations.^{539,540}
(Level of Evidence: B)

Macchia A, et al. Left ventricular systolic dysfunction, total mortality, and sudden death in patients with myocardial infarction treated with n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids. Eur J Heart Fail. 2005;7:904–9.

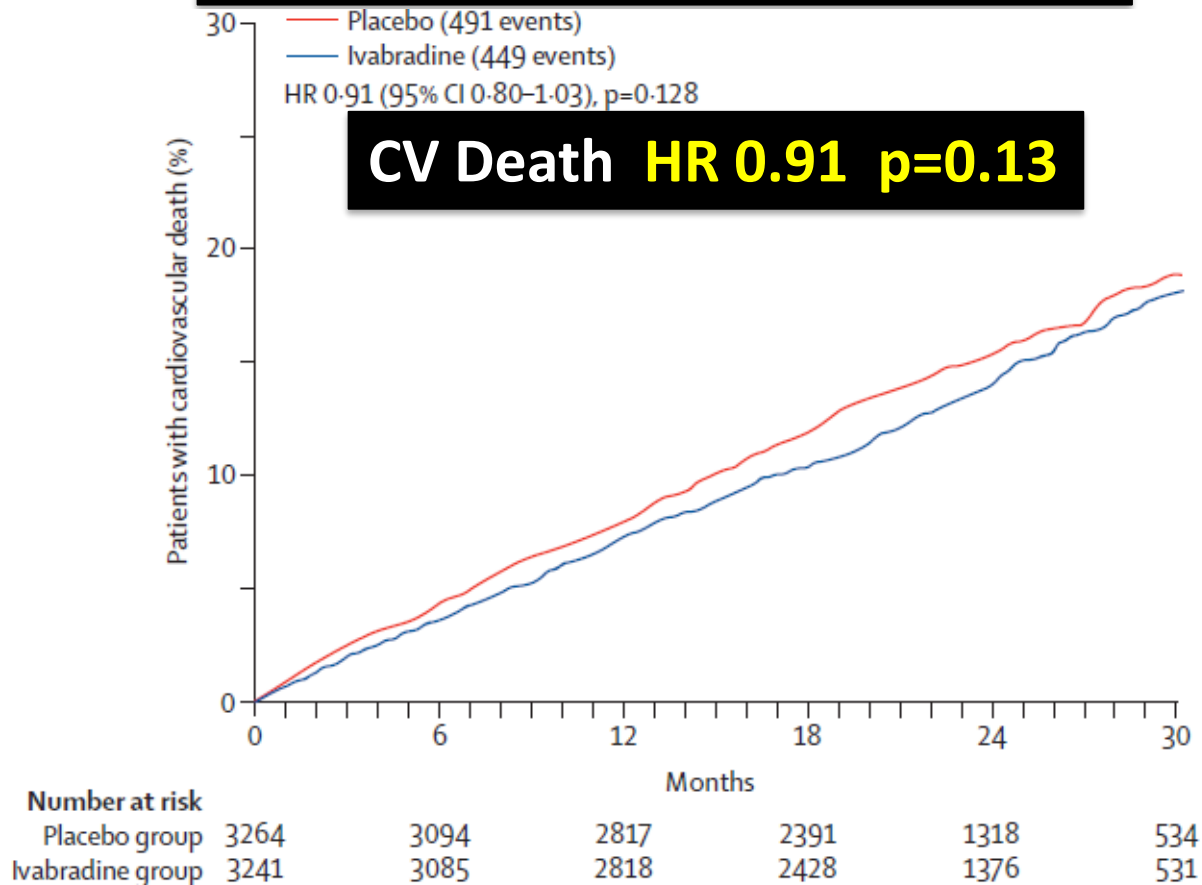
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Ivabradine and outcomes in chronic heart failure (SHIFT): a randomised placebo-controlled study

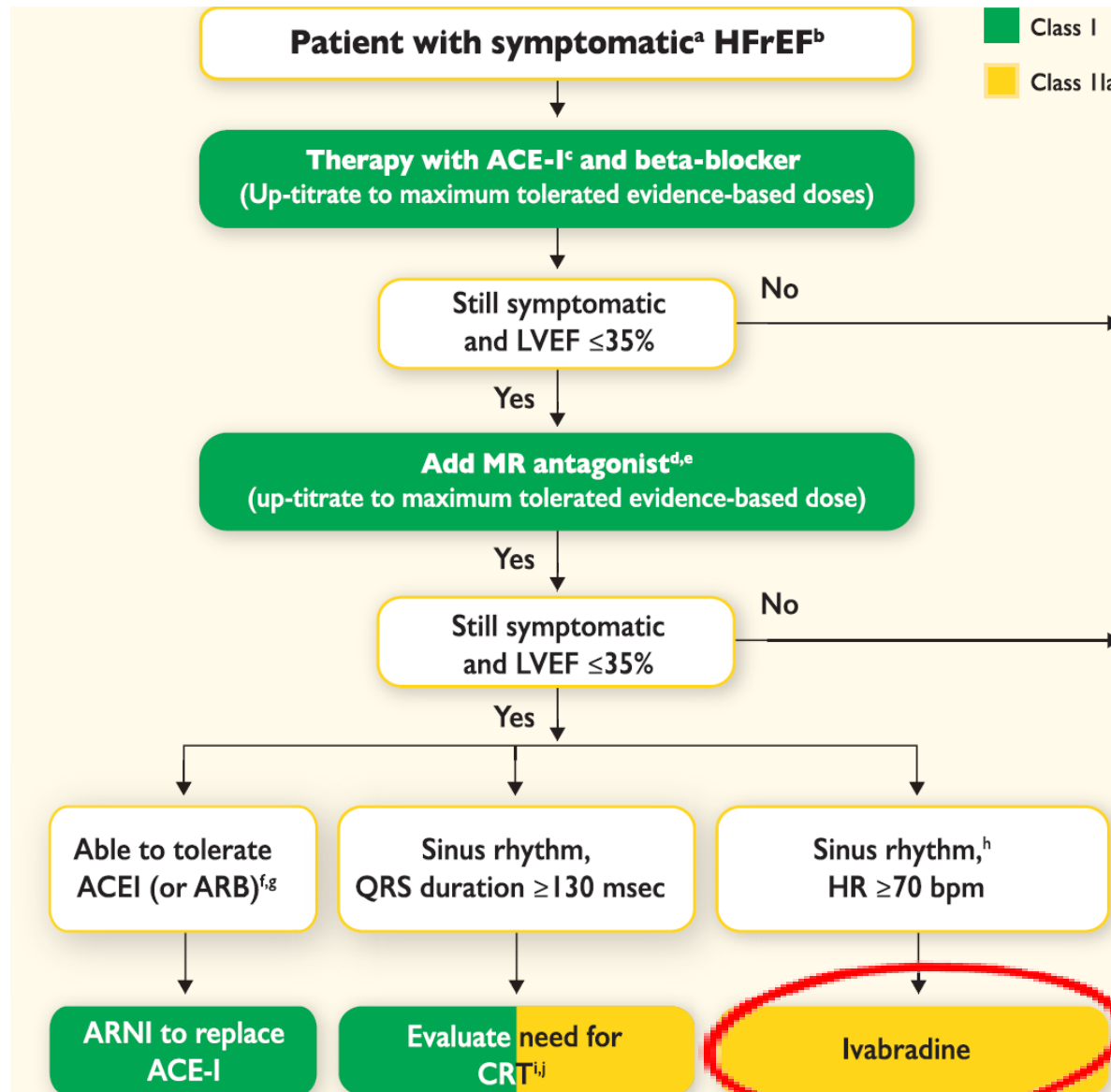
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SHIFT Investigators*

urs, Luigi Tavazzi, on behalf of the

2010 LANCET SHIFT
Ivabradine vs. placebo for CHF
Average LVEF 29%, NYHA Fc II 49%



2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure



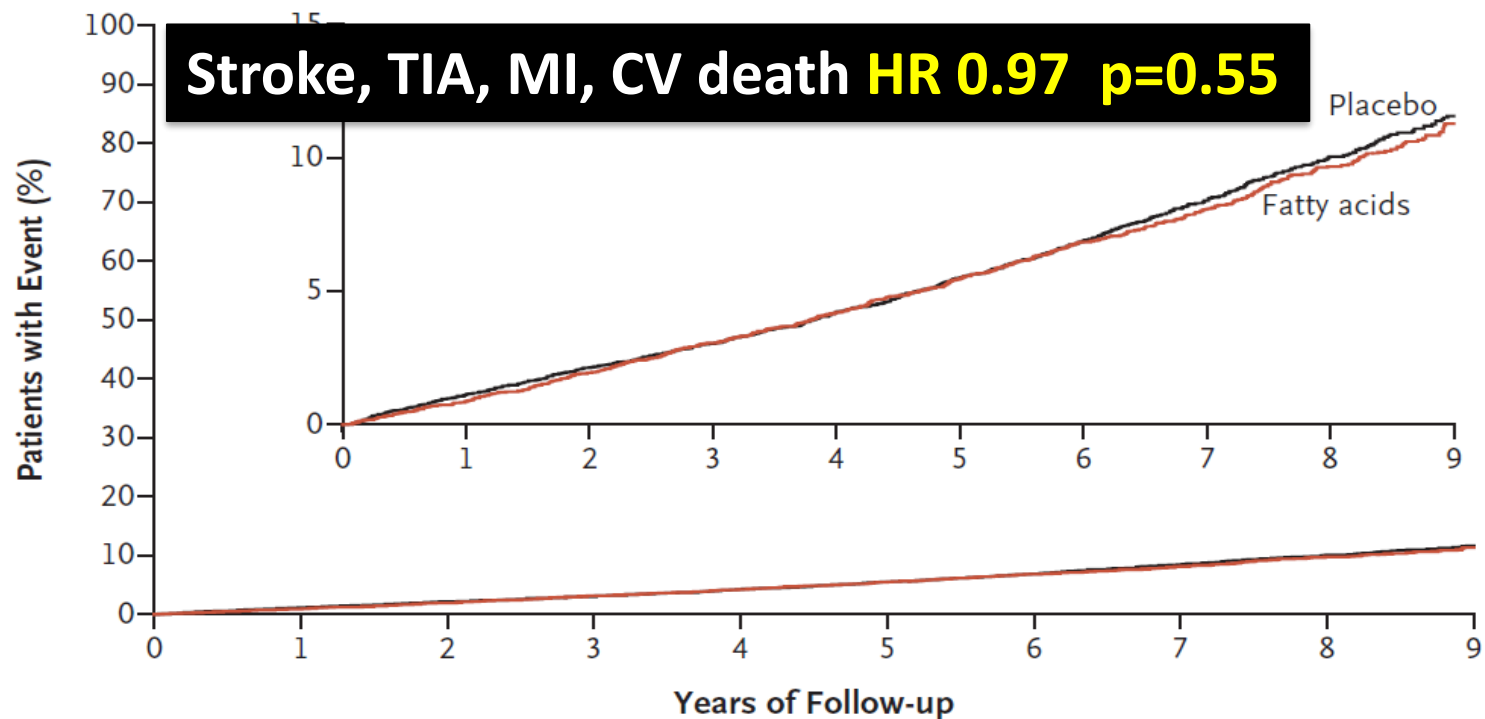
Outlines

- What is EPA ?
- EPA/DHA for secondary prevention
- **EPA/DHA for primary prevention**
- Why is EPA not DHA effective for 1st prevention ?

Effects of n-3 Fatty Acid Supplements in Diabetes Mellitus

The **2018 NEJM ASCEND** Group*

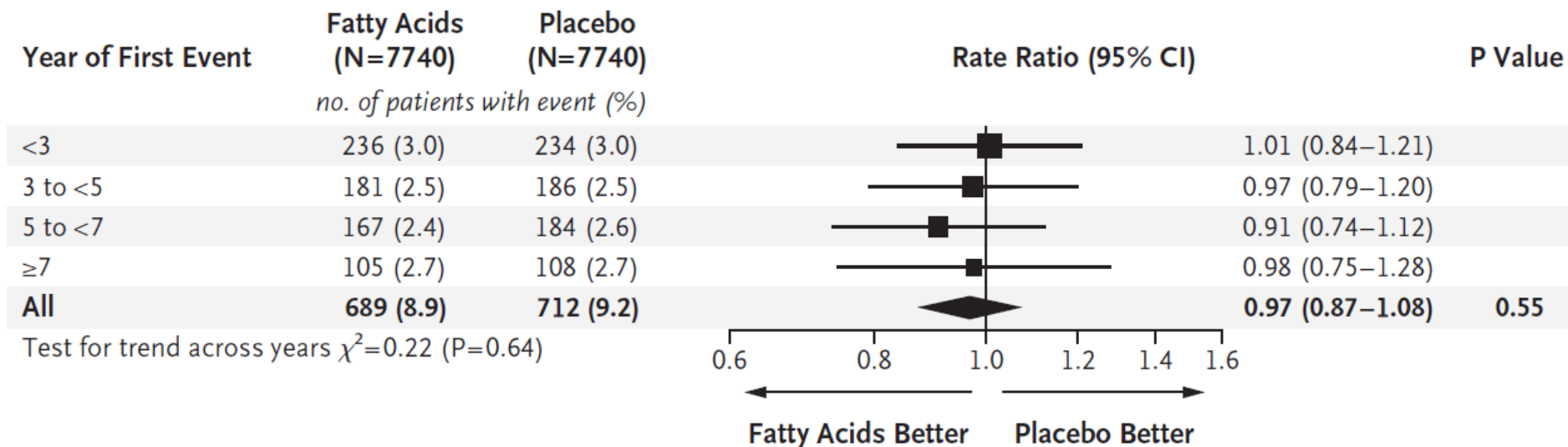
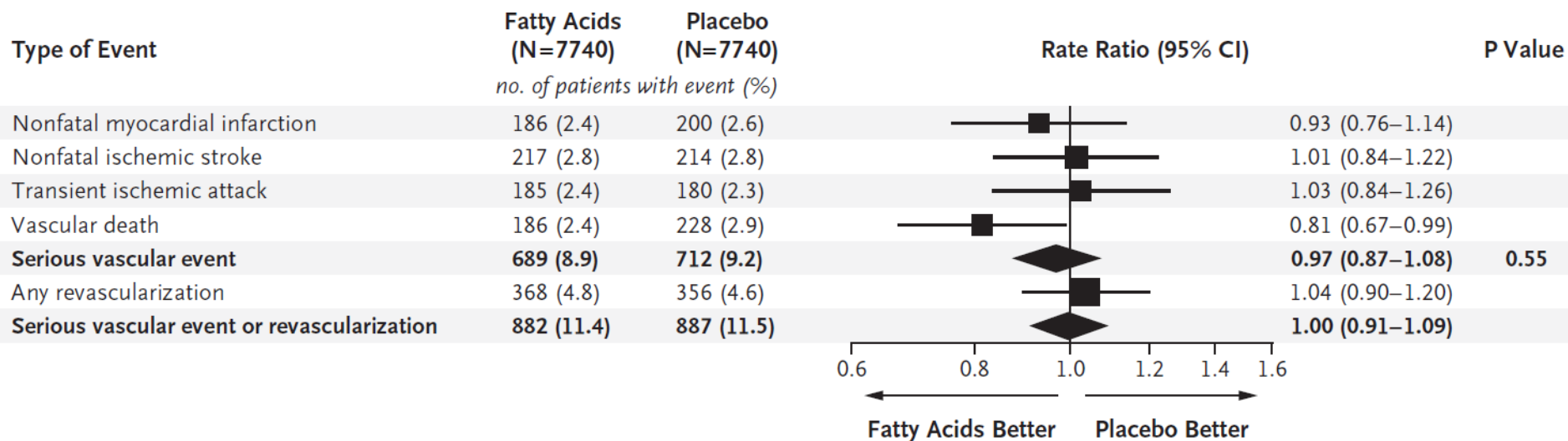
15,480 patients, average 63y/o, with **diabetes but without evidence of ASCVD** to receive 1-g capsules containing either n-3 fatty acids (fatty acid group) or matching placebo (olive oil) daily.



1g Omacor 包含 460 mg EPA及380 mg DHA

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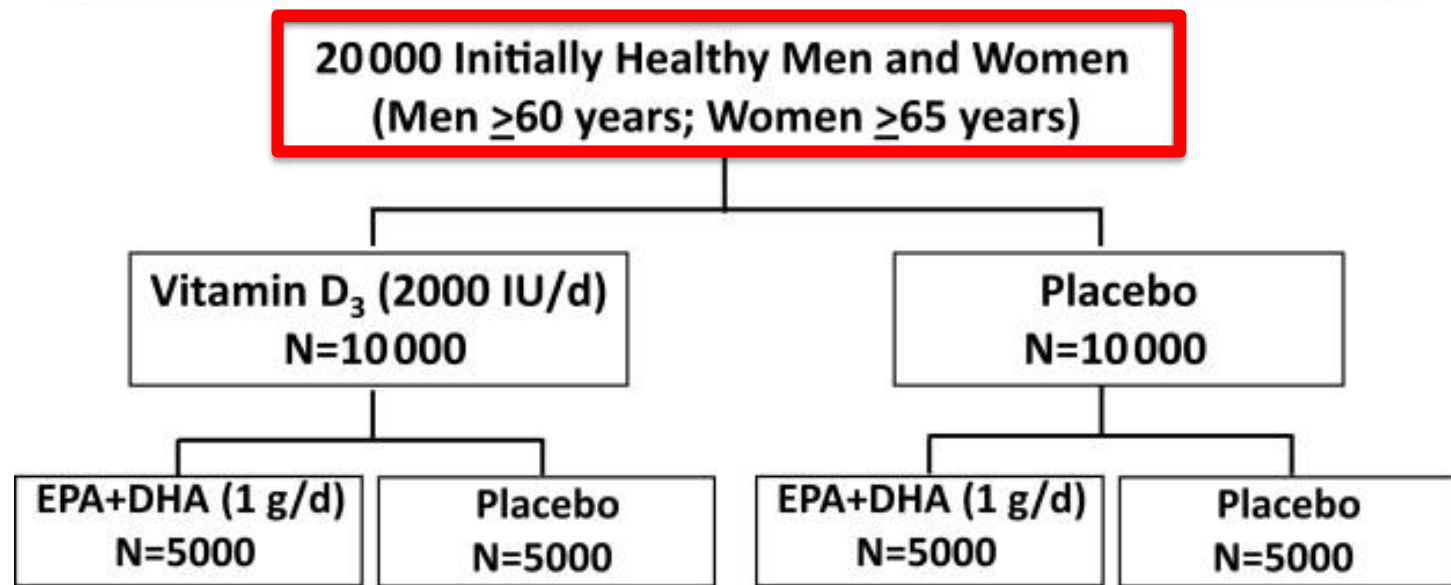
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Marine n-3 Fatty Acids and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Cancer

2018 NEJM VITAL

The *VIT*amin D and *OmegA*-3 *Tri*al (*VITAL*): Design



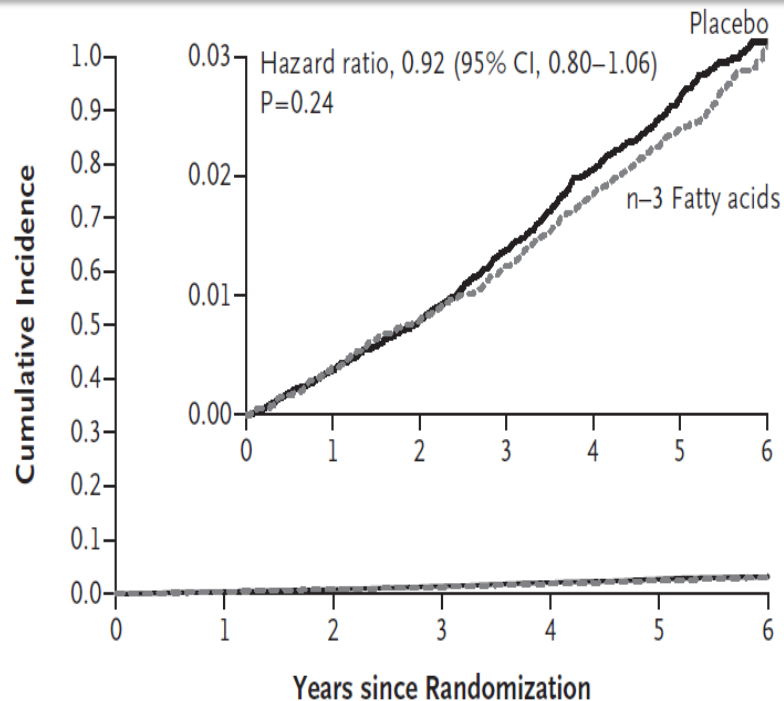
Mean Treatment Period = 5.0 years

Blood collection in ~12 000; follow-up bloods in 2000

Primary Outcomes: Cancer (total) and CVD (MI, stroke, CVD death)

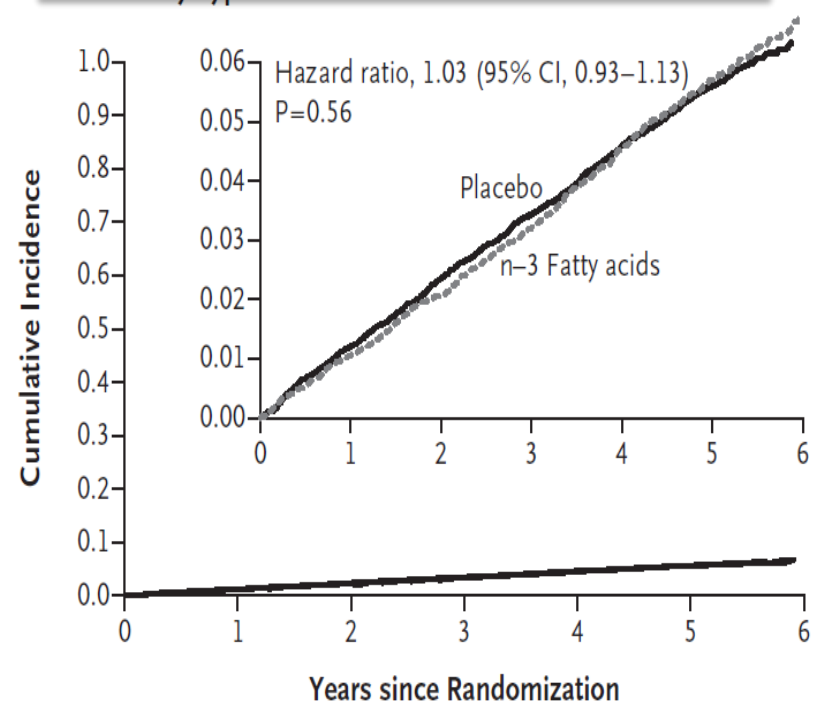
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Major CV events HR 0.92 p=0.24



No. at Risk							
Placebo	12,938	12,862	12,745	12,592	12,281	9825	775
n-3 Fatty acids	12,933	12,842	12,725	12,594	12,322	9878	765

Any cancer HR 1.03 p=0.56



No. at Risk							
Placebo	12,938	12,747	12,544	12,330	11,981	9543	756
n-3 Fatty acids	12,933	12,756	12,566	12,356	11,996	9557	734

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End Point	n–3 Group (N = 12,933) <i>no. of participants with event</i>	Placebo Group (N = 12,938) <i>no. of participants with event</i>	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Cardiovascular disease			
Primary end point: major cardiovascular event†	386	419	0.92 (0.80–1.06)
All myocardial infarction HR 0.72 (0.59-0.9)		567	0.93 (0.82–1.04)
Total myocardial infarction	145	200	0.72 (0.59–0.90)
Total stroke	148	142	1.04 (0.83–1.31)
Death from cardiovascular causes	142	148	0.96 (0.76–1.21)

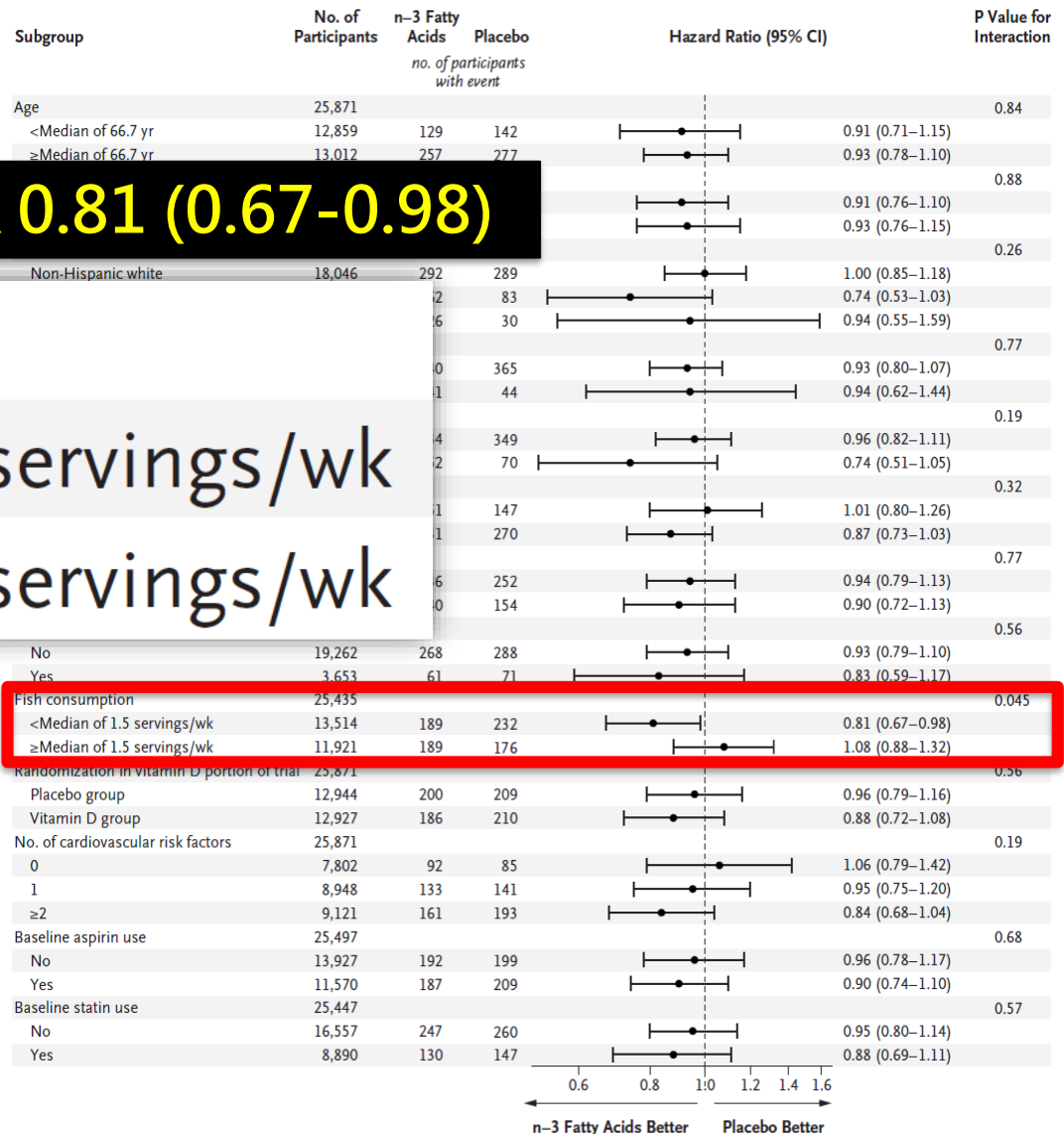
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少吃魚的人比較有效, HR 0.81 (0.67-0.98)

Fish consumption

<Median of 1.5 servings/wk

≥Median of 1.5 servings/wk



為何 **n-3 Fatty acid**
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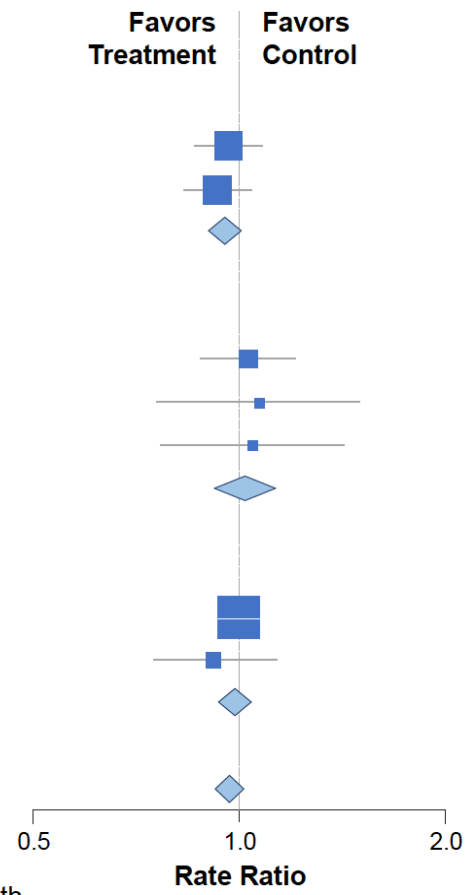
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Dose of n-3 fatty acid?

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Low Dose Omega-3 Mixtures Show No Significant Cardiovascular Benefit

Source	No. of Events (%)		Rate Ratios (CI)
	Treatment	Control	
Coronary heart disease			
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	1121 (2.9)	1155 (3.0)	0.97 (0.87–1.08)
Coronary heart disease	1301 (3.3)	1394 (3.6)	0.93 (0.83–1.03)
Any	3085 (7.9)	3188 (8.2)	0.96 (0.90–1.01)
			<i>P</i> =.12
Stroke			
Ischemic	574 (1.9)	554 (1.8)	1.03 (0.88–1.21)
Hemorrhagic	117 (0.4)	109 (0.4)	1.07 (0.76–1.51)
Unclassified/other	142 (0.4)	135 (0.3)	1.05 (0.77–1.43)
Any	870 (2.2)	843 (2.2)	1.03 (0.93–1.13)
			<i>P</i> =.60
Revascularization			
Coronary	3044 (9.3)	3040 (9.3)	1.00 (0.93–1.07)
Noncoronary	305 (2.7)	330 (2.9)	0.92 (0.75–1.13)
Any	3290 (10.0)	3313 (10.2)	0.99 (0.94–1.04)
			<i>P</i> =.60
Any major vascular event	5930 (15.2)	6071 (15.6)	0.97 (0.93–1.01)
			<i>P</i> =.10



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A faded background image showing a white plastic bottle and a white cardboard box of Omacor Omega-3 supplement. The box has the brand name 'OMACOR' and 'Omega-3' visible. In front of the bottle and box are several white, oval-shaped capsules.

1g Omacor 沒效 (460mg EPA + 380mgDHA)

那提高混合型Omega-3劑量呢？

Eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid containing supplements modulate risk factors for cardiovascular disease: a meta-analysis of randomised placebo-control human clinical trials

Methods: An analysis was carried on 171 clinical trials with acceptable quality (Jadad score ≥ 3) that were identified from a comprehensive electronic search strategy of two databases (Pubmed and Cochrane Library). A random effect model was used to obtain an overall estimate on outcomes of interest. Heterogeneity between trial results was tested for using a standard chi-squared test.

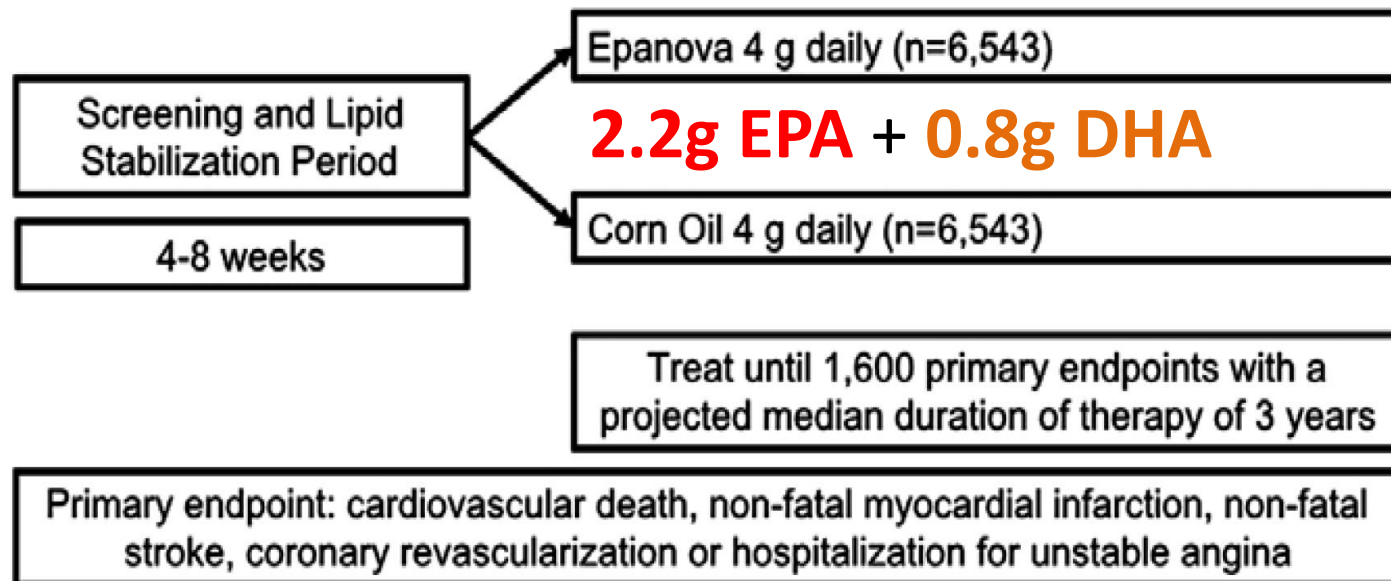
Results: Compared with control, EPA and DHA supplements produced significant reductions of triglycerides of $0.368 \text{ mmol L}^{-1}$ [95% confidence interval (CI) = -0.427 to -0.309], systolic blood pressure of 2.195 mmHg (95% CI = -3.172 to -1.217), diastolic blood pressure of 1.08 mmHg (95% CI = -1.716 to -0.444), heart rate of 1.37 bpm (95% CI = -2.41 to -0.325) and C-reactive protein of 0.343 mg L^{-1} (95% CI = -0.454 to -0.232). This analysis indicates an increase in both low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (mean difference = $0.150 \text{ mmol L}^{-1}$; 95% CI = 0.058-0.243) and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (mean difference = $0.039 \text{ mmol L}^{-1}$; 95% CI = 0.024-0.054). The triglyceride-lowering effect was dose-dependent.

Conclusions: The lipid-lowering, hypotensive, anti-arrhythmic and anti-inflammatory actions of EPA and DHA supplements were confirmed in this analysis of randomised placebo-control blinded clinical trials.

Assessment of omega-3 carboxylic acids in statin-treated patients with high levels of triglycerides and low levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol: Rationale and design of the STRENGTH trial

Primary + secondary prevention

High cardiovascular Risk patients (1. established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, 2. diabetes with an additional risk factor or 3. high-risk primary prevention) on optimal statin therapy with triglycerides ≥ 180 to < 500 mg/dL and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol < 42 mg/dL (men) or < 47 mg/dL (women)



STRENGTH CV outcomes trial of omega-3 fatty acid stopped for futility



ADD TOPIC TO EMAIL ALERTS



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Cardiovascular Safety of Celecoxib, Naproxen, or Ibuprofen for Arthritis

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Effect of Rosiglitazone on the Risk of Myocardial Infarction and Death from Cardiovascular Causes

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closed because of a low likelihood of omega-3 carboxylic acids (Epanova) demonstrating a benefit in the trial population.



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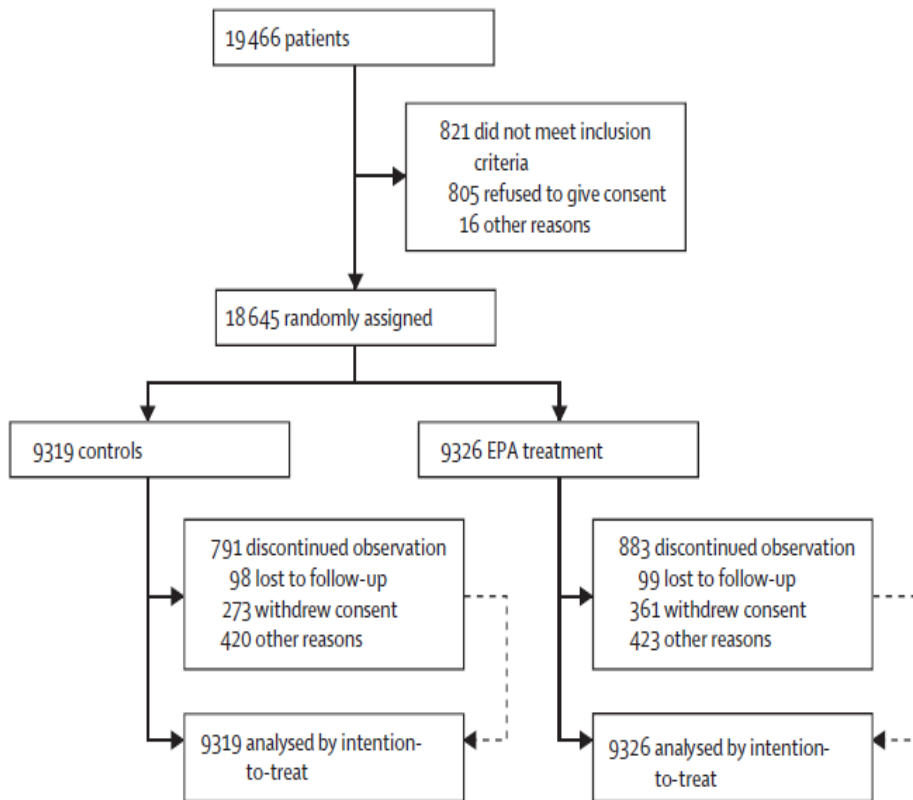
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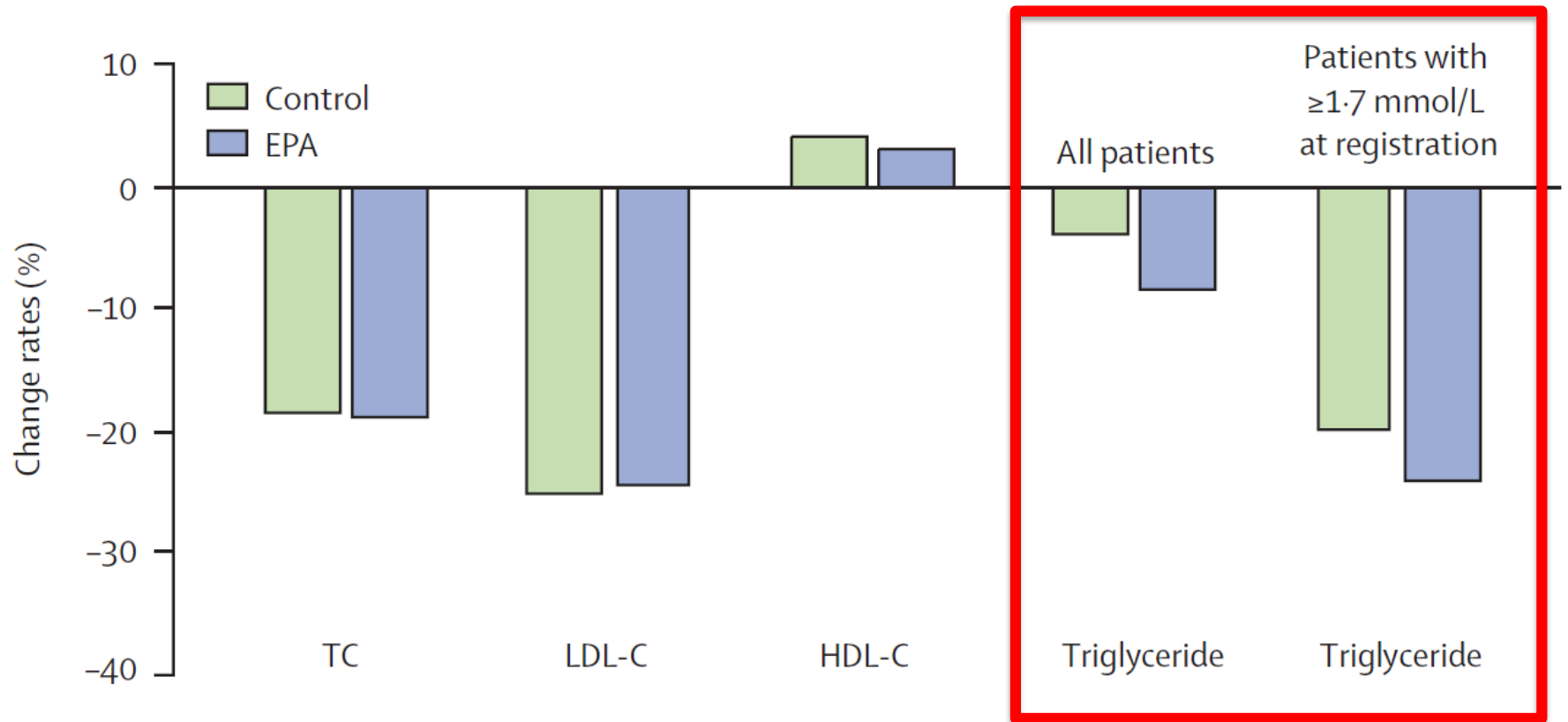


18 645 patients in Japan with a **total cholesterol of 6.5 mmol/L or greater** randomly assigned to receive either **1800 mg of EPA daily with statin (EPA group; n=9326)** or **statin only (controls; n=9319)** with a **5-year follow-up**.

	Controls (n=9319)	EPA treatment (n=9326)
Age (years)	61 (9)	61 (8)
Male	2908 (31%)	2951 (32%)
BMI (kg/m ²)	24 (3)	24 (3)
Cardiovascular history		
Myocardial infarction	502 (5%)	548 (6%)
Angina	1484 (16%)	1419 (15%)
CABG or PTCA	433 (5%)	462 (5%)

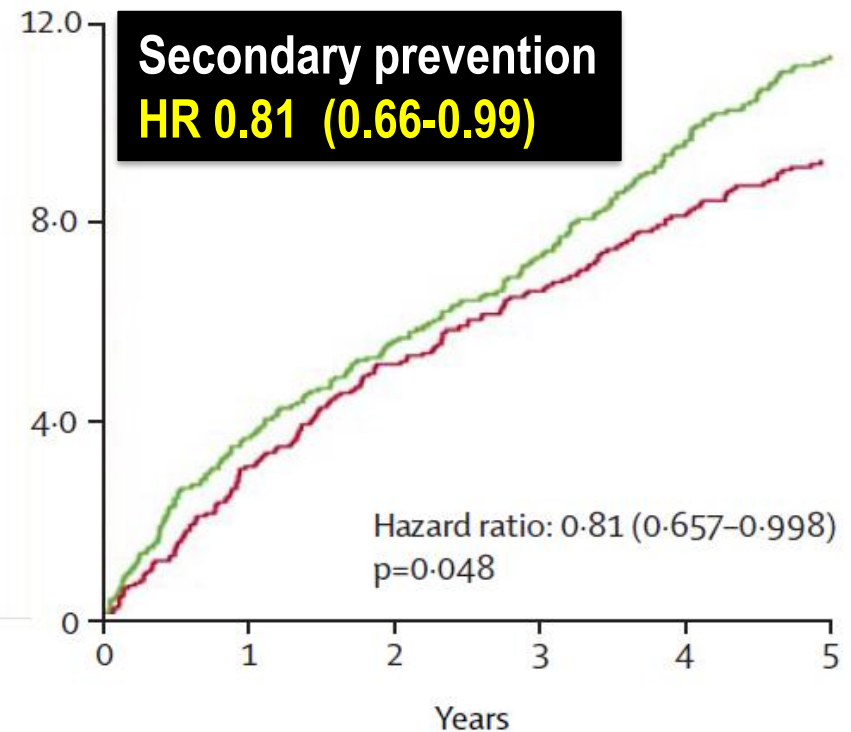
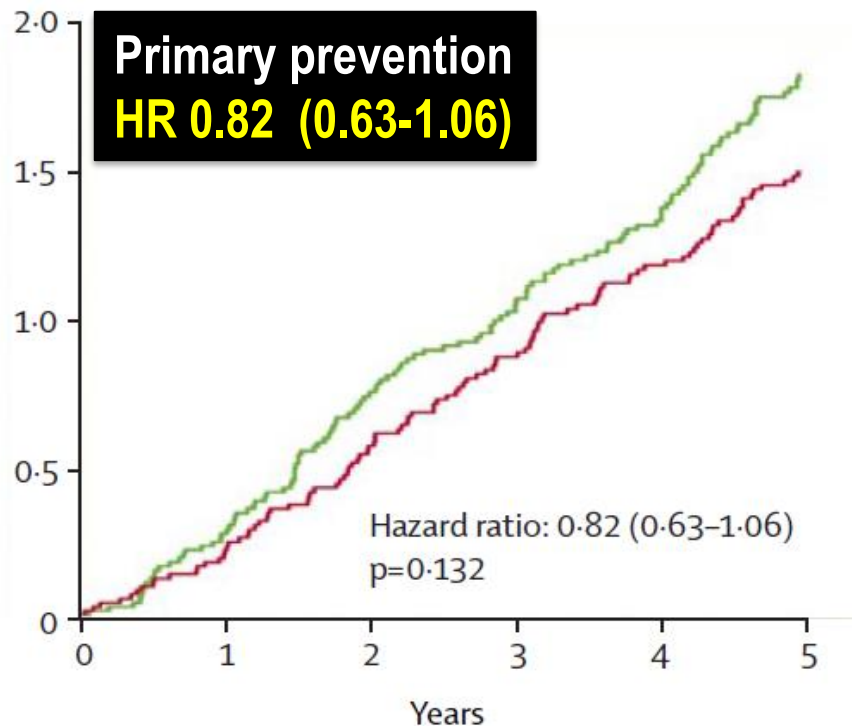
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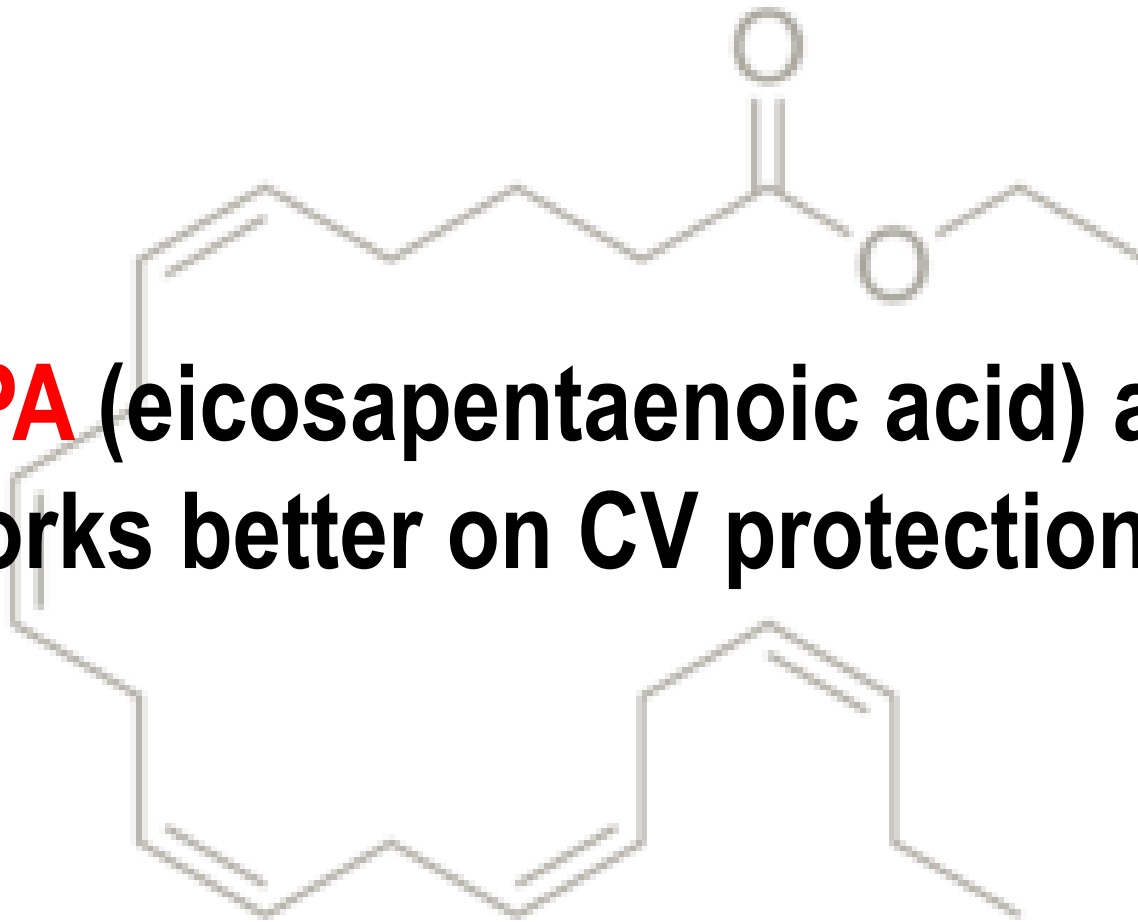
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7478	7204	7103	6841	6678	6508
7503	7210	7020	6823	6649	6482

1841	1727	1658	1592	1514	1450
1823	1719	1638	1566	1504	1442

EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid) alone
works better on CV protection?



Vascepa獲FDA批准後，Amarin調整了收入指導（revenue guidance），將其淨收益總額提高到4.1億至4.25億美元之間，同時也預計2020年的淨收益總額將在6.5億到7億美元之間，主要收益來自Vascepa在美國的銷售額。

羅仕資本合夥人(Roth Capital Partners)金融分析師Yasmeen Rahimi預期，2030年Vascepa的銷售將可上看32億美元，並在下一個十年達到12.1%的市占率。



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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved the use of Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) as an adjunctive (secondary) therapy to reduce the risk of cardiovascular events among adults with elevated triglyceride levels (a type of fat in the blood) of 150 milligrams per deciliter or higher. Patients must also have either established cardiovascular disease or diabetes and two or more additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Patients are advised to continue physical activity and maintain a healthy diet.

Cardiovascular Risk Reduction with Icosapent Ethyl for Hypertriglyceridemia

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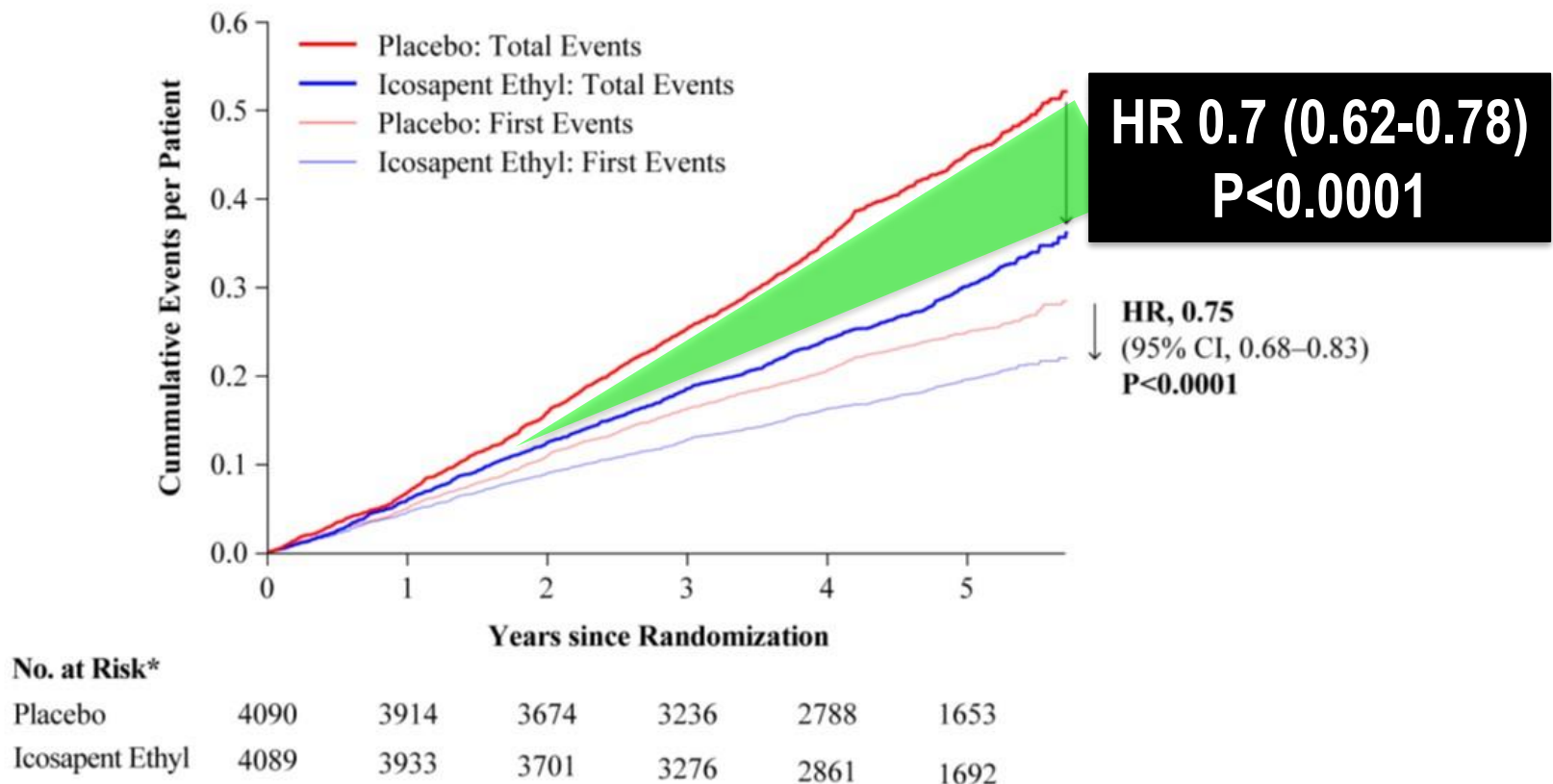
2019 NEJM REDUCE-IT

Characteristic	Icosapent Ethyl (N = 4089)	Placebo (N = 4090)
Age		
Median (IQR) — yr	64.0 (57.0–69.0)	64.0 (57.0–69.0)
≥65 yr — no. (%)	1857 (45.4)	1906 (46.6)
Male sex — no. (%)	2927 (71.6)	2895 (70.8)
White race — no. (%)†	3691 (90.3)	3688 (90.2)
Body-mass index‡		
Median (IQR)	30.8 (27.8–34.5)	30.8 (27.9–34.7)
≥30 — no. (%)	2331 (57.0)	2362 (57.8)
Geographic region — no. (%)§		
United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa	2906 (71.1)	2905 (71.0)
Eastern European	1053 (25.8)	1053 (25.7)
Asia-Pacific	130 (3.2)	132 (3.2)
Cardiovascular risk stratum — no. (%)		
Secondary-prevention cohort	2892 (70.7)	2893 (70.7)
Primary-prevention cohort	1197 (29.3)	1197 (29.3)

Cardiovascular Risk Reduction with Icosapent Ethyl for Hypertriglyceridemia

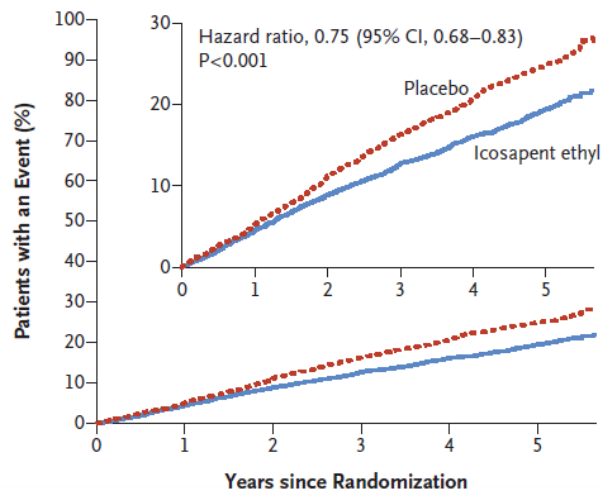
N=8,179, median TG 216 mg/dl, treat EPA 4g/day 4.9years

A Primary Composite Endpoint



The primary efficacy end point was a composite of CV death, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, coronary revascularization, or unstable angina

A Primary End Point

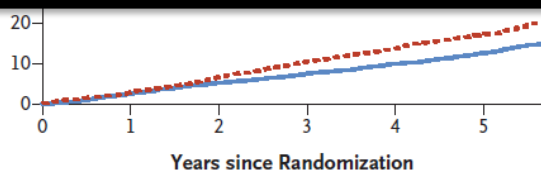


Subgroup	Icosapent Ethyl no. of patients with event/total no. of patients (%)	Placebo no. of patients with event/total no. of patients (%)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value for Interaction
All patients	705/4089 (17.2)	901/4090 (22.0)	0.75 (0.68–0.83)	0.14
Risk stratum				
Secondary-prevention cohort	559/2892 (19.3)	738/2893 (25.5)	0.73 (0.65–0.81)	
Primary-prevention cohort	146/1197 (12.2)	163/1197 (13.6)	0.88 (0.70–1.10)	0.30
Region				
United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa	551/2906 (19.0)	713/2905 (24.5)	0.74 (0.66–0.83)	
Eastern Europe	143/1053 (13.6)	167/1053 (15.9)	0.84 (0.67–1.05)	
Asia-Pacific	11/130 (8.5)	21/132 (15.9)	0.49 (0.24–1.02)	0.64
Ezetimibe use				
No	649/3827 (17.0)	834/3828 (21.8)	0.75 (0.67–0.83)	
Yes	56/262 (21.4)	67/262 (25.6)	0.82 (0.57–1.16)	0.33
Sex				
Male	551/2927 (18.8)	715/2895 (24.7)	0.73 (0.65–0.82)	
Female	154/1162 (13.3)	186/1195 (15.6)	0.82 (0.66–1.01)	0.18
Race				
White	646/3691 (17.5)	812/3688 (22.0)	0.77 (0.69–0.85)	
Other	59/398 (14.8)	89/401 (22.2)	0.60 (0.43–0.83)	0.004
Age				
<65 yr	322/2232 (14.4)	460/2184 (21.1)	0.65 (0.56–0.75)	
≥65 yr	383/1857 (20.6)	441/1906 (23.1)	0.87 (0.76–1.00)	0.14

Baseline triglycerides ≥ 200 mg/dl and HDL cholesterol ≤ 35 mg/dl

Yes	149/823 (18.1)	214/794 (27.0)
No	554/3258 (17.0)	687/3293 (20.9)

HR 0.62 vs. 0.79, P for int. 0.04

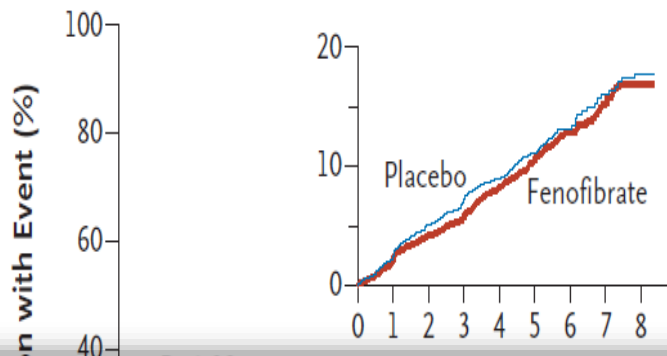


No. at Risk						
Placebo	4090	3837	3500	3002	2542	1487
Icosapent ethyl	4089	3861	3565	3115	2681	1562

<150 mg/dl	65/412 (15.8)	90/429 (21.0)	0.79 (0.57–1.09)	0.04
Triglycerides ≥ 200 mg/dl and HDL cholesterol ≤ 35 mg/dl				
Yes	149/823 (18.1)	214/794 (27.0)	0.62 (0.51–0.77)	
No	554/3258 (17.0)	687/3293 (20.9)	0.79 (0.71–0.88)	0.12
Intensity				
High	232/1290 (18.0)	310/1226 (25.3)	0.69 (0.58–0.82)	
Moderate	424/2533 (16.7)	543/2575 (21.1)	0.76 (0.67–0.86)	
Low	48/254 (18.9)	45/267 (16.9)	1.12 (0.74–1.69)	0.62
Baseline LDL cholesterol (derived) in thirds				
≤ 67 mg/dl	244/1481 (16.5)	302/1386 (21.8)	0.72 (0.61–0.85)	
>67 to ≤ 84 mg/dl	248/1347 (18.4)	307/1364 (22.5)	0.81 (0.68–0.96)	
>84 mg/dl	213/1258 (16.9)	292/1339 (21.8)	0.74 (0.62–0.89)	0.07
Baseline high-sensitivity CRP				
≤ 2 mg/liter	288/1919 (15.0)	407/1942 (21.0)	0.68 (0.58–0.79)	
>2 mg/liter	417/2167 (19.2)	494/2147 (23.0)	0.81 (0.71–0.93)	

Effects of Combination Lipid Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

2010 NEJM ACCORD-lipid



Subgroup	Fenofibrate % of events (no. in group)	Placebo % of events (no. in group)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value for Interaction
Overall	10.52 (2765)	11.26 (2753)		
Sex				0.01
Female	9.05 (851)	6.64 (843)		
Male	11.18 (1914)	13.30 (1910)		
Age				0.25
<65 yr	8.11 (1838)	9.50 (1822)		
≥65 yr	15.32 (927)	14.72 (931)		
Race				0.09
Nonwhite	9.70 (856)	8.22 (888)		
White	10.90 (1909)	12.71 (1865)		
Previous cardiovascular disease				0.45
No	7.29 (1757)	7.34 (1745)		
Yes	16.17 (1008)	18.06 (1008)		
Glycemia group				0.36

Triglyceride-HDL cholesterol combination

Triglyceride ≥204 mg/dl and HDL ≤34 mg/dl

All others

12.37 (485)

17.32 (456)

10.11 (2264)

10.11 (2284)

0.06

No. at risk

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

Triglyceride ≥204 mg/dl and HDL ≤34 mg/dl	12.37 (485)	17.32 (456)		
All others	10.11 (2264)	10.11 (2284)		
Glycated hemoglobin				0.20
≤8.0%	8.69 (1324)	10.56 (1335)		
≥8.1%	12.20 (1435)	11.94 (1415)		

EPA showed survival benefit on patients under hemodialysis in small RCT and cohort studies

Table 1. Effects of EPA on cardiovascular outcomes in hemodialysis patients

First author [Ref.], year	Study design	EPA dose, g/day	Follow-up, years	Clinical outcome (EPA vs. control)
Nasu [26] ^a , 2013	179 subjects (EPA [<i>n</i> = 89] vs. control [<i>n</i> = 90]); prospective, randomized, open-label trial	1.8	2	EPA decreased CV death by 80% (<i>p</i> = 0.037), CV events by 50% (<i>p</i> = 0.039), and CV death or events by 51% (<i>p</i> = 0.021)
Inoue [27], 2015	176 subjects (EPA [<i>n</i> = 51] vs. no EPA [<i>n</i> = 125]); longitudinal, observational cohort study	1.8	3	EPA decreased all-cause mortality by 58% (<i>p</i> = 0.034)
Umemoto [28] ^a , 2015	459 subjects (EPA [<i>n</i> = 106] vs. no EPA [<i>n</i> = 353]); both groups received standard therapy; longitudinal, observational study	0.9	3	EPA decreased all-cause mortality by 47% (<i>p</i> = 0.023) and CV mortality by 59% (<i>p</i> = 0.029)

CV, cardiovascular; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid. ^a Preliminary evidence; data from European Society of Cardiology abstract.

Statins had no impact on all cause or cardiovascular mortality in dialysis patients.



Figure 8. Forest plot of comparison for cardiovascular deaths: statin therapy versus placebo.

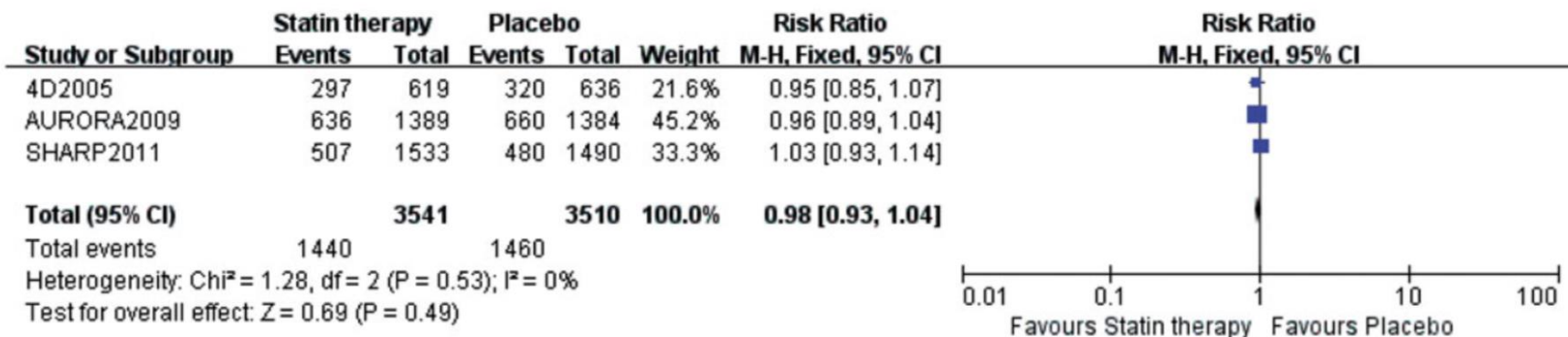


Figure 9. Forest plot of comparison for all-cause mortality: statin therapy versus placebo.

2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: *lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk* 2019年歐洲心臟學會建議

The Task Force for the management of dyslipidaemias of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS)

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

In high-risk (or above) patients with TG between 135 - 499 mg/dL, despite statin treatment, n-3 PUFAs (icosapent ethyl 2 *2g/day) should be considered in combination with statins.

(≥ 150 mmol/L) who may have a lifetime risk of ASCVD equivalent to the risk associated with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia.

Drug treatments of patients with hypertriglyceridaemia

In high-risk (or above) patients with TG between 1.5 and 5.6 mmol/L (135 - 499 mg/dL) despite statin treatment, n-3 PUFAs (icosapent ethyl 2 $\times$ 2g/day) should be considered in combination with statins.

National Lipid Association Scientific Statement on Icosapent Ethyl



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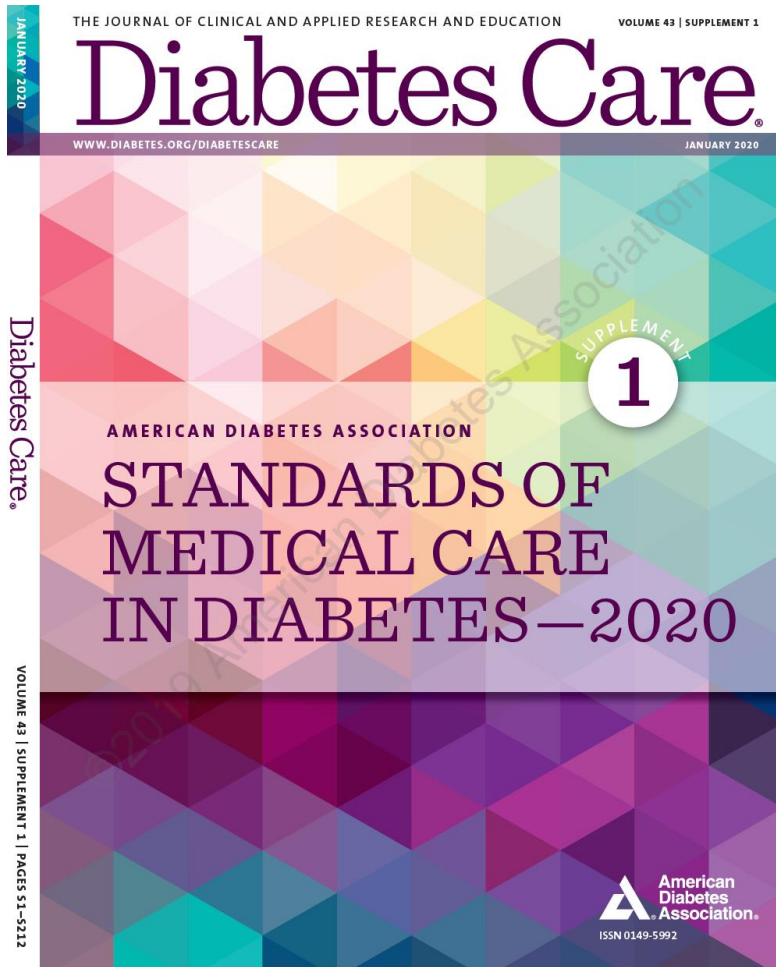
Dec 03, 2019 | Sherrie R. Webb, PA-C

2019年美國心臟學會建議

The National Lipid Association now makes a Class I recommendation for use of IPE (4 g/d) to reduce cardiovascular risk in patients

- ≥ 45 years of age with clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) or
- ≥ 50 years of age with diabetes mellitus requiring medication and ≥ 1 additional risk factor;
- already on high-intensity or maximally tolerated statin therapy;
- with fasting triglycerides 135-499 mg/dL; and
- with or without ezetimibe.

2020年ADA (美國糖尿病學會) 治療指引也將純EPA納入建議

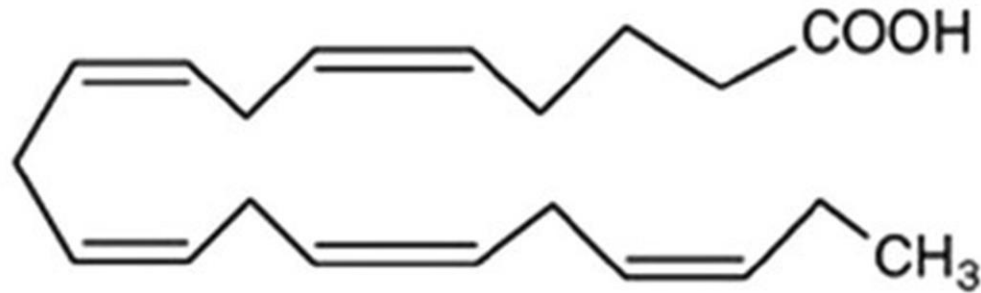


In patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease or other cardiovascular risk factors on a statin with controlled LDL cholesterol but elevated triglycerides (135–499 mg/dL), the addition of icosapent ethyl can be considered to reduce cardiovascular risk. **A**

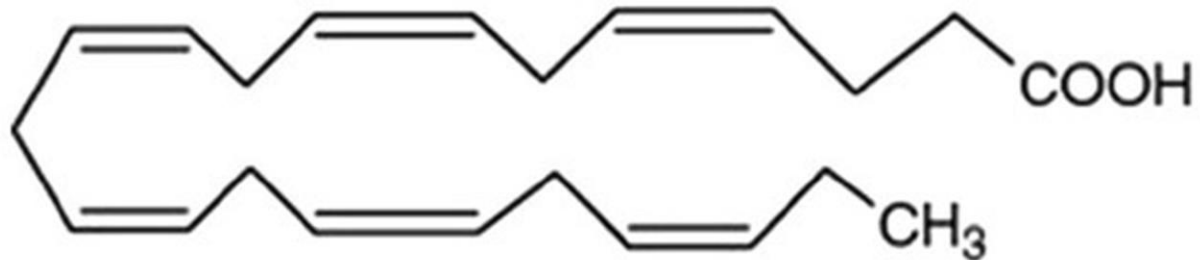
Outlines

- What is EPA ?
- EPA/DHA for secondary prevention
- EPA/DHA for primary prevention
- Why is **EPA not DHA** effective for **1st** prevention ?

EPA and DHA



Eicosapentaenoic acid



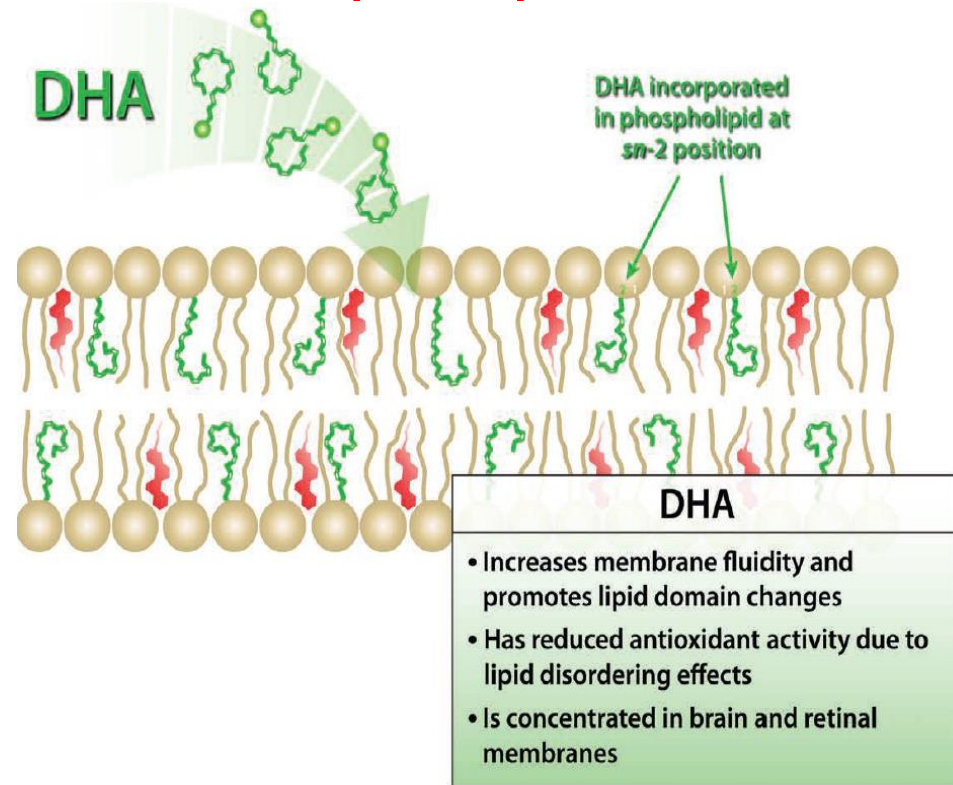
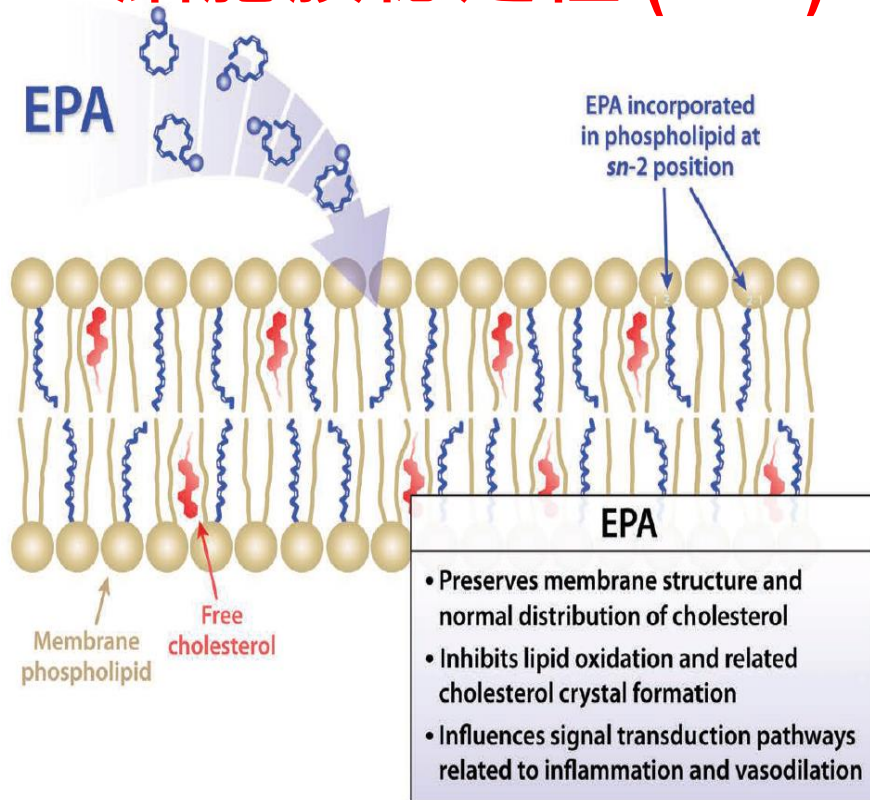
Docosahexaenoic acid

EPA / DHA and cell biology

Emerging Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Protection for the Omega-3 Fatty Acid Eicosapentaenoic Acid

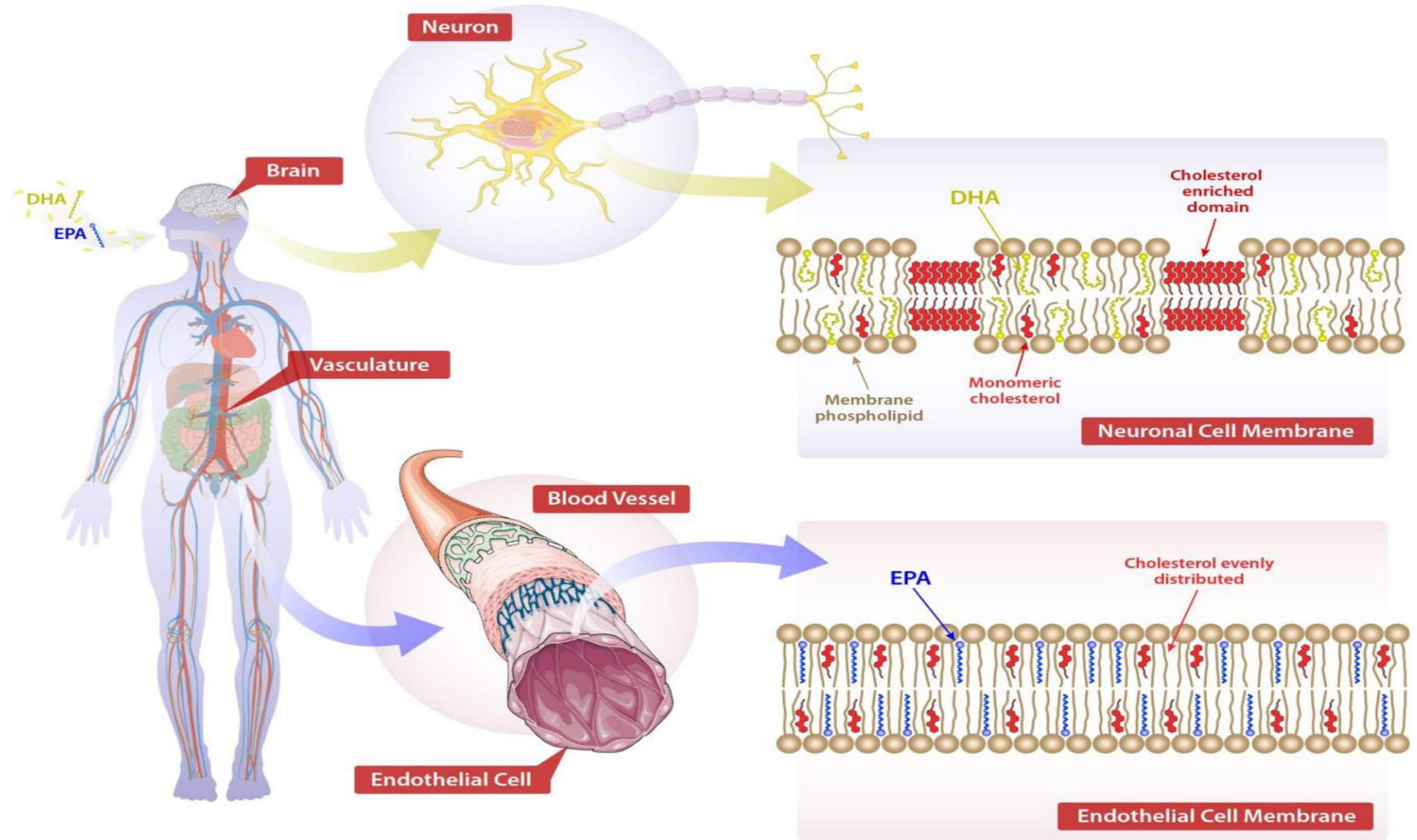
R. Preston Mason, Peter Libby, Deepak L. Bhatt

細胞膜穩定性 (EPA) vs. 流動性 (DHA)



New Insights into Mechanisms of Action for Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Atherothrombotic Cardiovascular Disease

不同細胞, 膽固醇在細胞膜的分布不同



Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) has optimal chain length and degree of unsaturation to inhibit oxidation of small dense LDL and membrane cholesterol domains as compared to related fatty acids in vitro

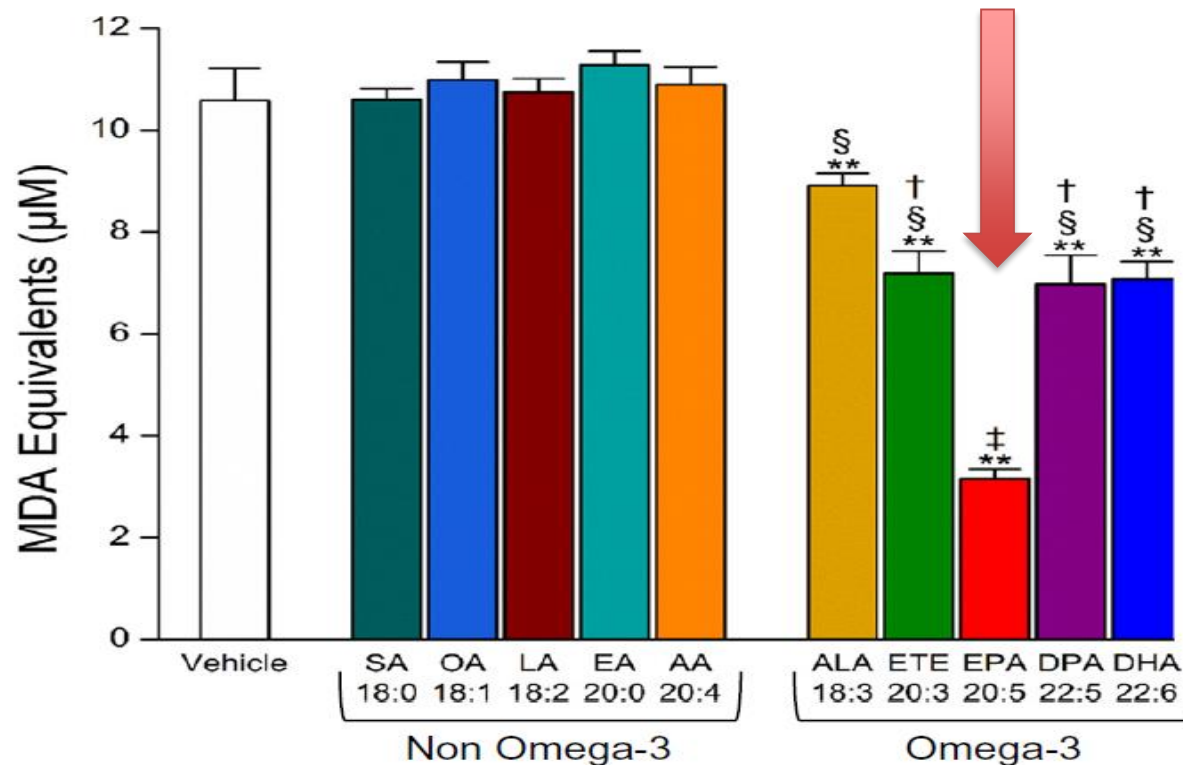
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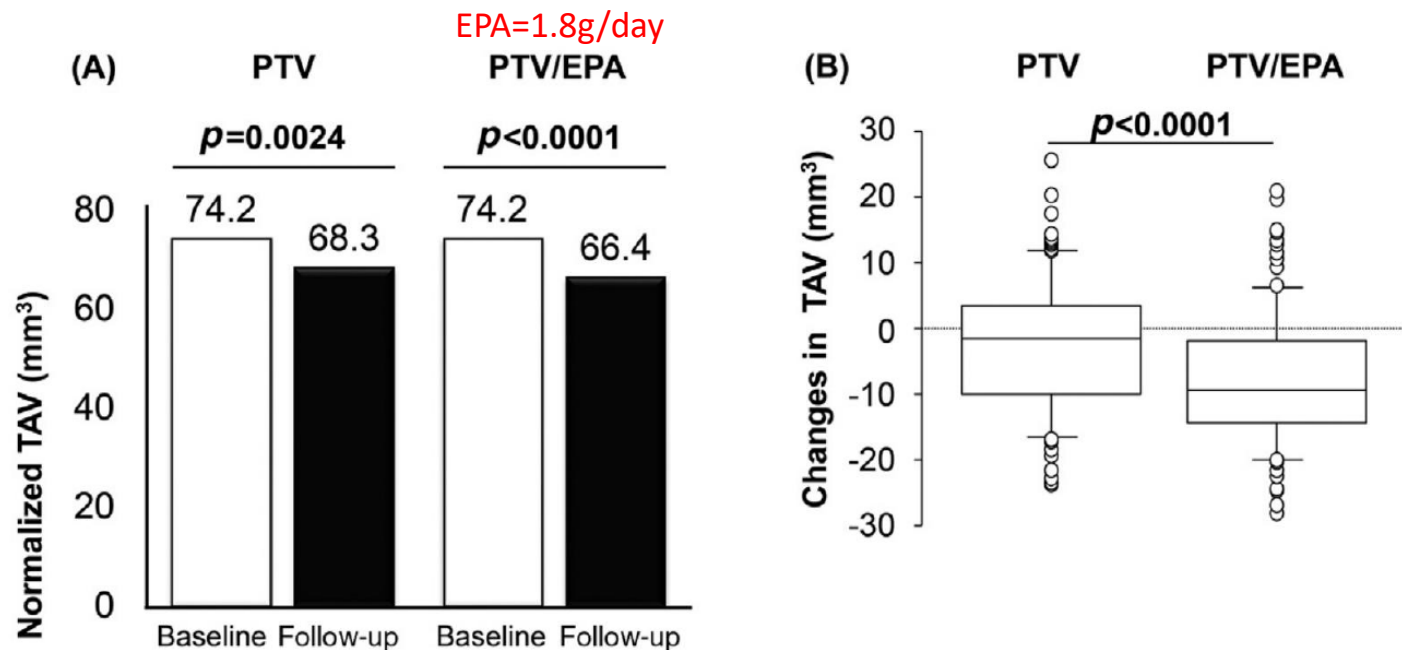
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EPA 較其他 fatty acid 減少氧化壓力



Malondialdehyde (MDA) is a marker for oxidative stress

Combination EPA/pitavastatin therapy significantly reduced coronary plaque volume compared to PTV therapy alone. Plaque stabilization was also reinforced by EPA/pitavastatin therapy. Statin加上EPA 更減少冠狀動脈斑塊



Methods: We enrolled **193 CHD patients** who underwent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in six hospitals. Patients were randomly allocated to the PTV group (PTV 4 mg/day, n = 96) or PTV/EPA group (**PTV 4 mg/day** and **EPA 1800 mg/day**, n = 97), and prospectively followed for **6–8 months**. **Coronary plaque volume** and composition in nonstenting lesions were analyzed by integrated backscatter intravascular ultrasound (IB-IVUS).

New Insights into Mechanisms of Action for Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Atherothrombotic Cardiovascular Disease

EPA 增加.....

- Endothelial function
- NO bioavailability
- EPA/AA ratio
- IL-10
- Fibrous cap thickness
- Lumen diameter
- Plaque stability

EPA 減少.....

- Cholesterol crystalline domains
- oxLDL
- RLP-C
- Adhesion of monocytes
- Macrophages
- Foam cells
- IL-6
- ICAM-1
- hsCRP
- Lp-PLA₂
- Plaque volume
- Arterial stiffness
- Plaque vulnerability
- Thrombosis
- Platelet activation

Antiinflammatory Therapy with Canakinumab for Atherosclerotic Disease

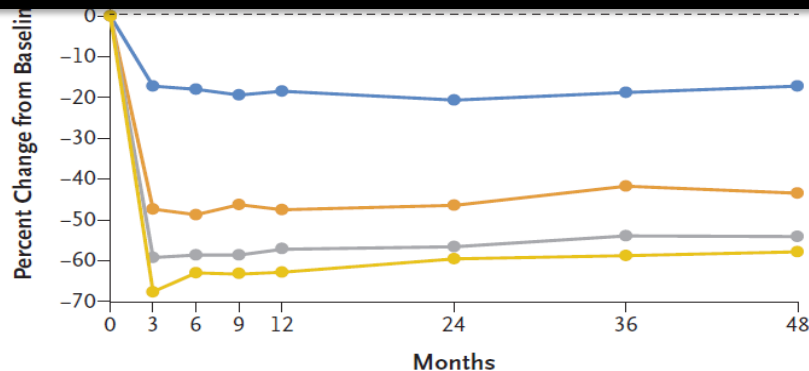
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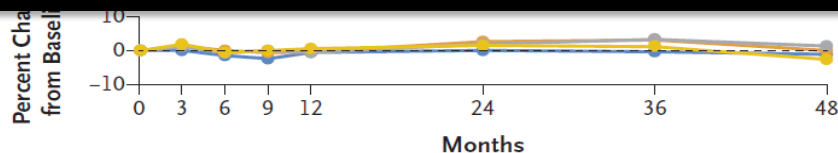
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Canakinumab: monoclonal antibody to interleukin-1 β
10,061 patients with **previous MI and CRP > 2 mg/dL**

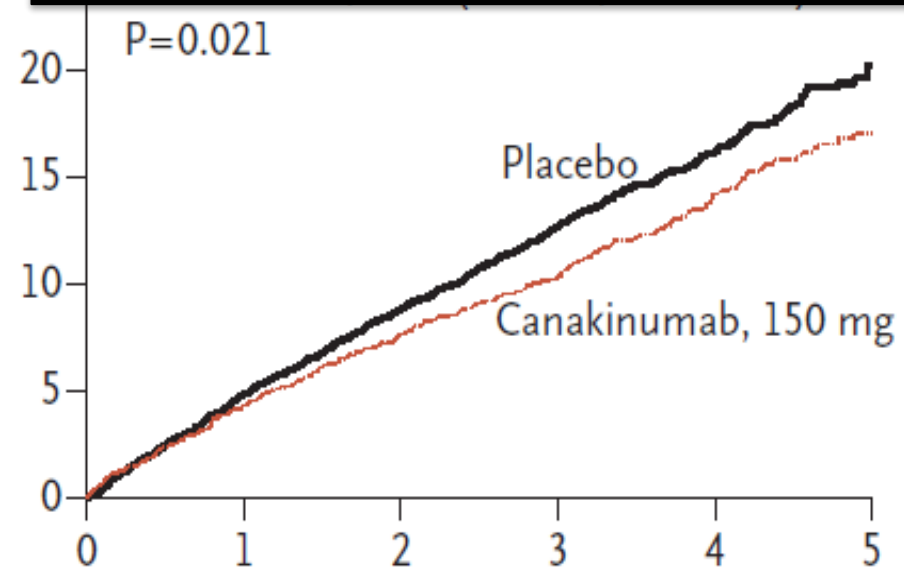
Dose dependent reduction of CRP



No effect on LDL-C



Non-fatal MI, stroke, and CV death
3.86 vs 4.5/100p-y, HR 0.85, p=0.021



EPA / DHA and lipid profile

Review of Cardiometabolic Effects of Prescription Omega-3 Fatty Acids

DHA + EPA 可能導致 LDL-C 上升

Megan F. Burke¹ • Frances M. Burke² • Daniel E. Soffer³

	EPA + DHA EE	EPA-only EE	EPA + DHA FFA
Brand name	Lovaza®, Omtryg ^{TMa}	Vascepa®	Epanova®
Generic available	Yes	No	No
EPA/DHA (%)	55/45	100/0	73/27
<i>n</i> -3FA g/capsule	EPA 0.465 g DHA 0.375 g	EPA 1 g	EPA 0.550 g DHA 0.20 g
Regimen, capsules	2 caps twice daily or 4 caps daily with meals	2 caps twice daily	2 caps twice daily or 4 caps daily with or without meals
TG	-52%	-33%	-21%
TG	- 51.6	- 33 ^b	- 21 ^b
LDL-C	+ 49.3	- 2	+ 15
LDL-C	+49%	-2%	+15%
VLDL-C	- 40.8	- 29 ^b	- 21
apoB	Not reported	- 9 ^b	+ 2

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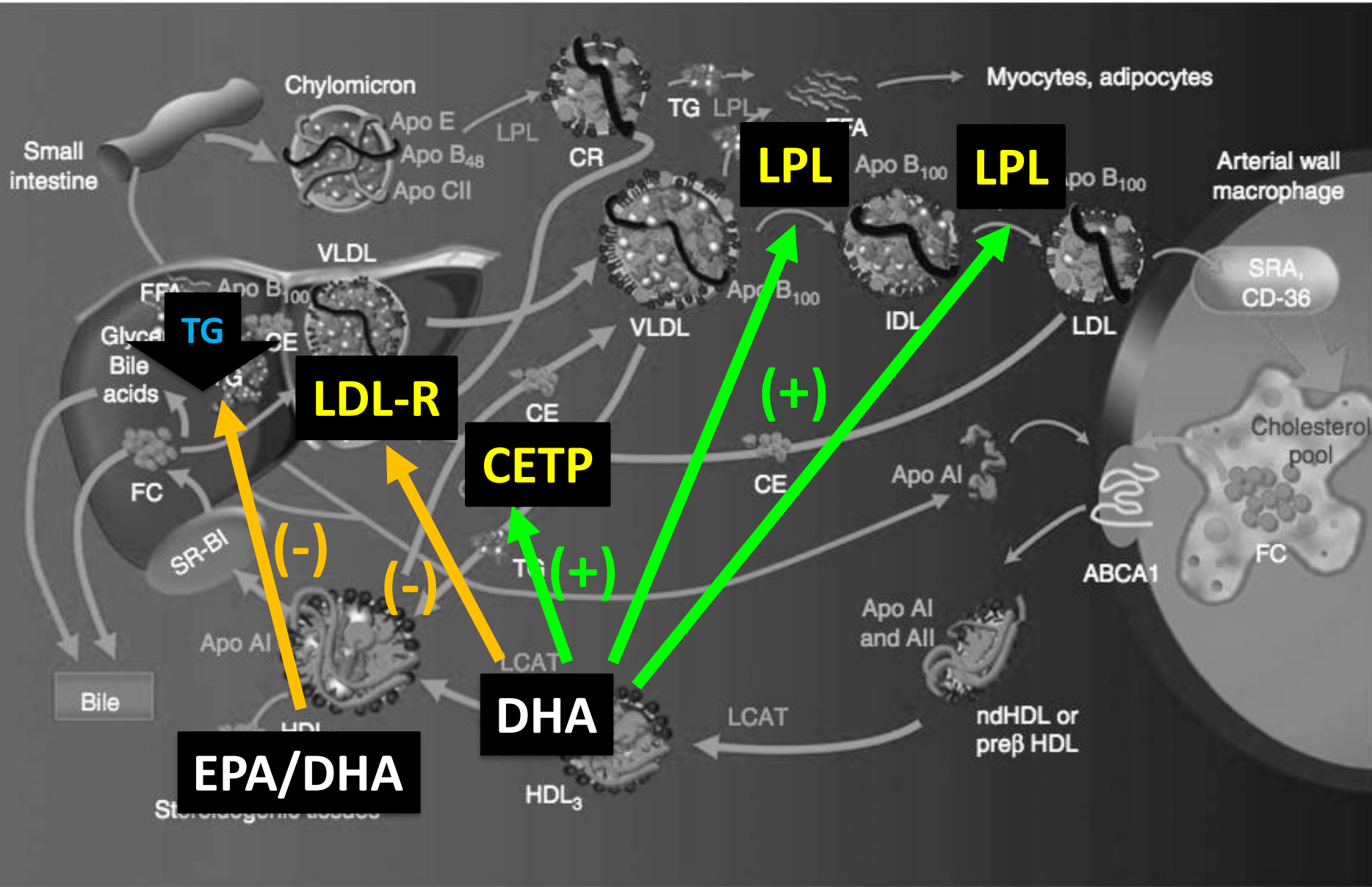
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OMTRYG (omega-3-acid ethyl esters A) capsules, for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2004

Parameter	Omega-3-Acid Ethyl Esters* N = 42		Placebo N = 42		Difference
	BL	% Change	BL	% Change	
TG	816	-44.9	788	+6.7	-51.6

Parameter	Omega-3-Acid Ethyl Esters* N = 42		Placebo N = 42		Difference
	BL	% Change	BL	% Change	
Non-HDL-C	271	-13.8	292	-3.6	-10.2
TC	296	-9.7	314	-1.7	-8.0
VLDL-C	175	-41.7	175	-0.9	-40.8
HDL-C	22	+9.1	24	0.0	+9.1
LDL-C	89	+44.5	108	-4.8	+49.3

DHA讓LDL-C上升的可能機轉



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use VASCEPA[®] safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for VASCEPA.

VASCEPA[®] (icosapent ethyl) capsules, for oral use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2012

-----RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-----

Indications and Usage (1)	12/2019
Warnings and Precautions, Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter (5.1)	12/2019
Warnings and Precautions, Bleeding (5.3)	12/2019

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

VASCEPA is an ethyl ester of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) indicated:

- as an adjunct to maximally tolerated statin therapy to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary revascularization, and unstable angina requiring hospitalization in adult patients with elevated triglyceride (TG) levels (≥ 150 mg/dL) and
 - established cardiovascular disease or
 - diabetes mellitus and 2 or more additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease. (1)
- as an adjunct to diet to reduce TG levels in adult patients with severe (≥ 500 mg/dL) hypertriglyceridemia. (1)

-----WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS-----

May increase the risk of AF/AFL

ed with an increased risk of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter. (5.1) The incidence of atrial fibrillation was greater in patients with a previous history of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter. (5.1)

Potential allergic reaction in patients with fish allergy

obtained from the oil of fish. It is not known whether patients with allergies to fish and/or shellfish are at increased risk of an allergic reaction to VASCEPA. Inform patients with known hypersensitivity to fish and/or shellfish about the potential for allergic reactions and advise them to discontinue VASCEPA and

May increase the risk of bleeding (serious bleeding 3% vs. 2% in REDUCED-IT)

ed risk of bleeding in a of bleeding was greater in patients receiving concomitant antithrombotic medications, such as aspirin, clopidogrel, or warfarin. (5.3)



Vascepa Icosapent Ethyl

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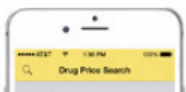
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Alirocumab and Cardiovascular Outcomes after Acute Coronary Syndrome

2018 NEJM ODYSSEY OUTCOME

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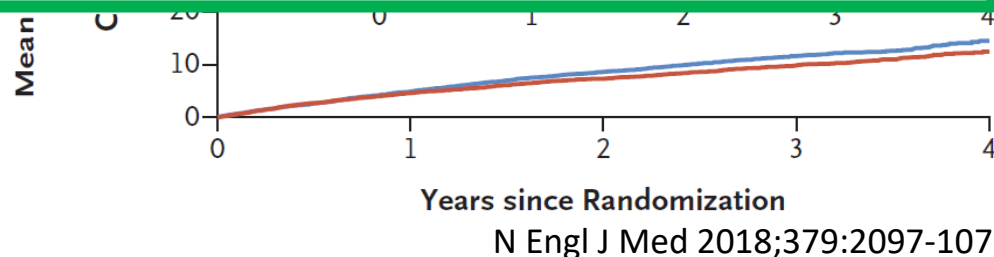
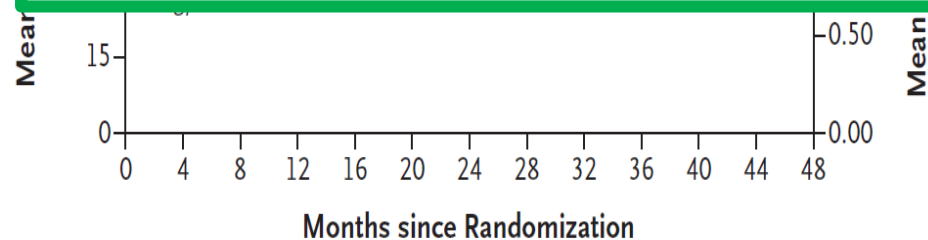
18,924 patients with **ACS** 1 to 12 months earlier, , LDL-C > 70mg/dL

LDL-C 92 to 38 mg/dL

9.5% vs. 11.1%, RR 0.85

ODYSSEY: median f/u period **34m**, LDL-C **92 vs. 38 mg/dL**
Primary efficacy EP 9.5% vs. 11.1%, NNT = 62.5/event

Cost : 9,176 * 34 * 62.5 = 19,499,000 / event



Take home messages

1g Omega-3 mixture is effective for secondary prevention but not for primary prevention.

High dose of EPA(1.8~4g) has been proved effective for both secondary and high risk primary prevention according recent clinical trials.

“In patients with ASCVD or other cardiac risk factors on a statin and elevated TG level, **addition of EPA should be considered to reduce cardiovascular risk**” recommended by ADA, ACC, and ESC.

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