

# Maximizing statin benefit of treating patients with dyslipidemia for primary prevention

## From safety to efficacy

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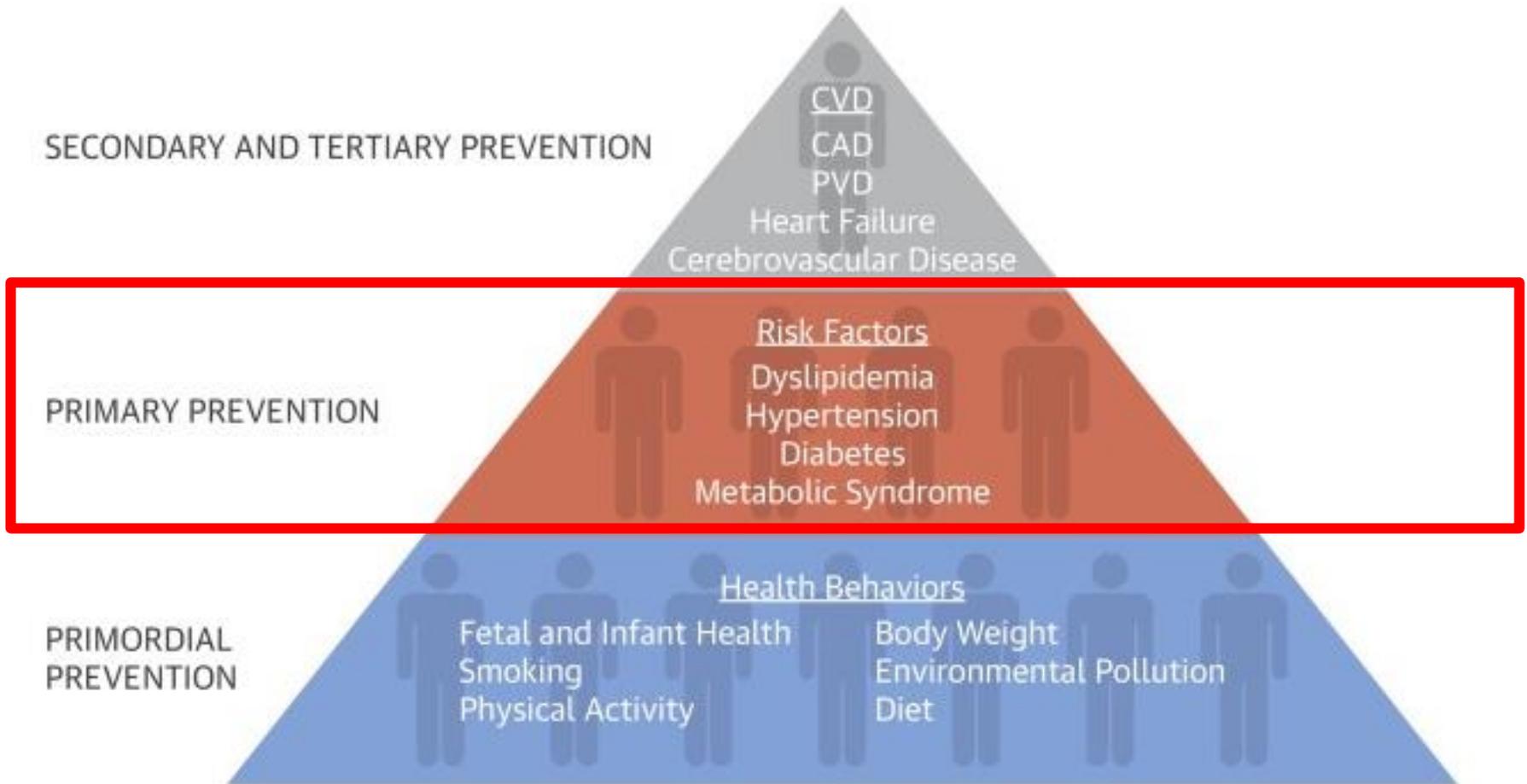
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# Outlines

- Aggressive “Primary Prevention” Era
  - More accurate risk estimate
  - What “ESC 2019 dyslipidemia treatment guideline” tell us ?
- Variation of statin efficacy between Asian and Western dyslipidemia
- Asian real world statin prescription condition
- Tailored lipid control in Asian primary prevention
- Conclusions

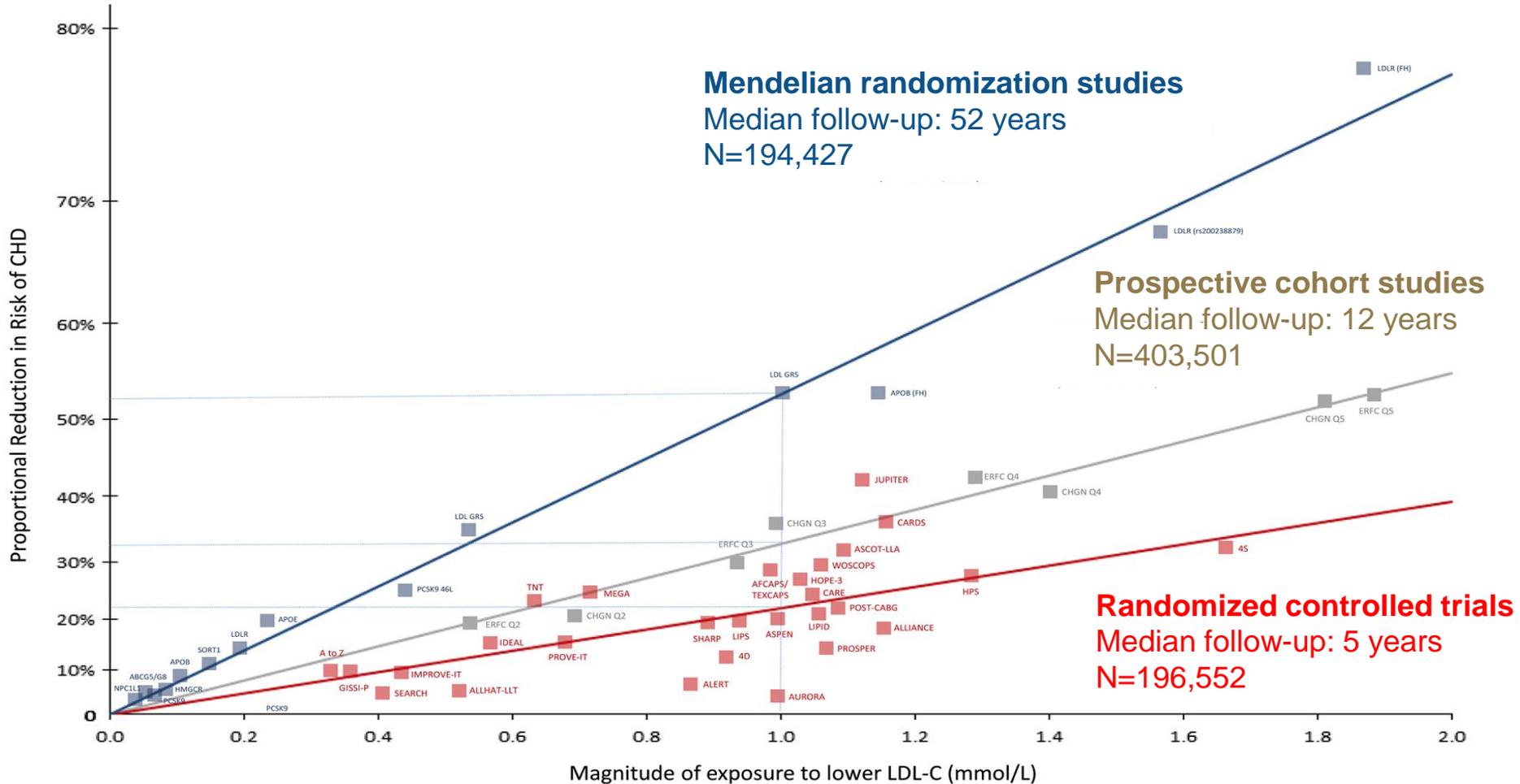
# Cardiovascular disease prevention

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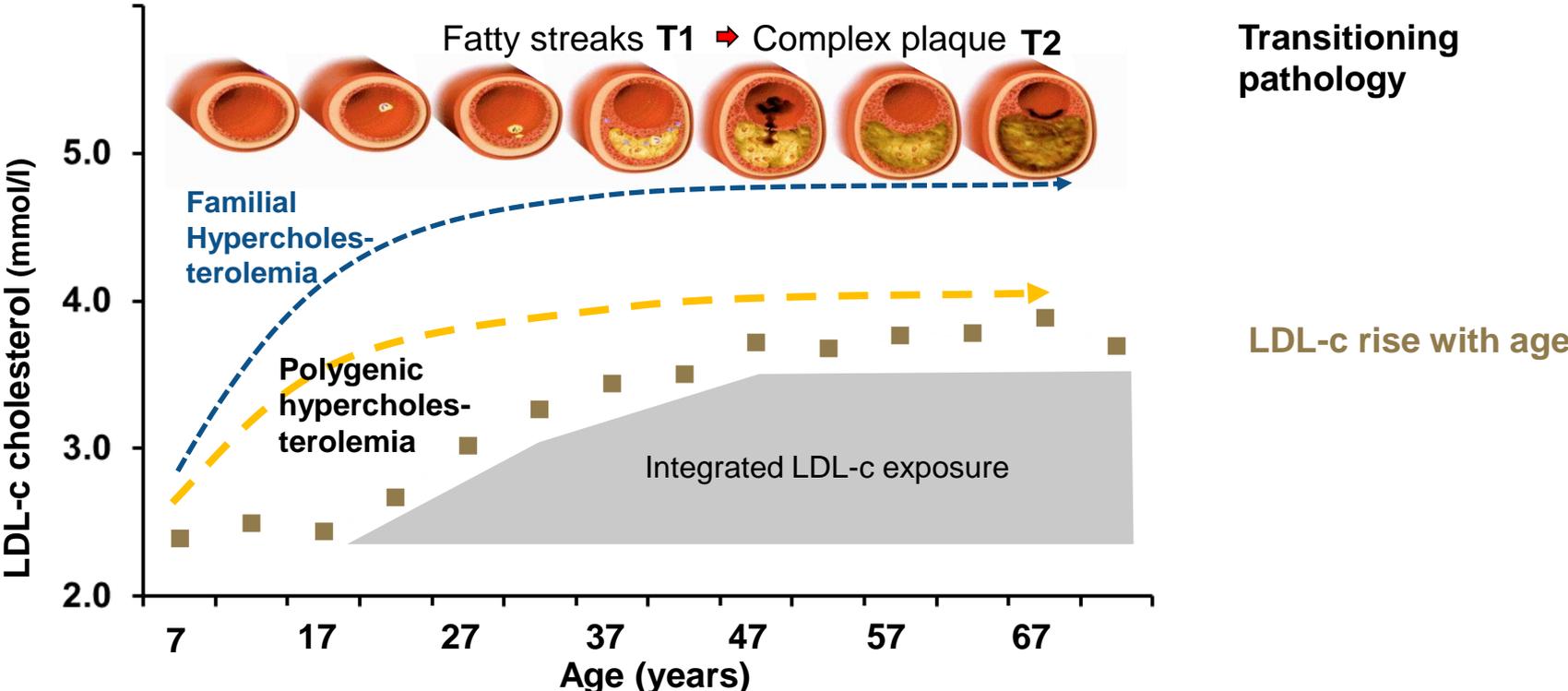


# LDL is causal of atherosclerosis

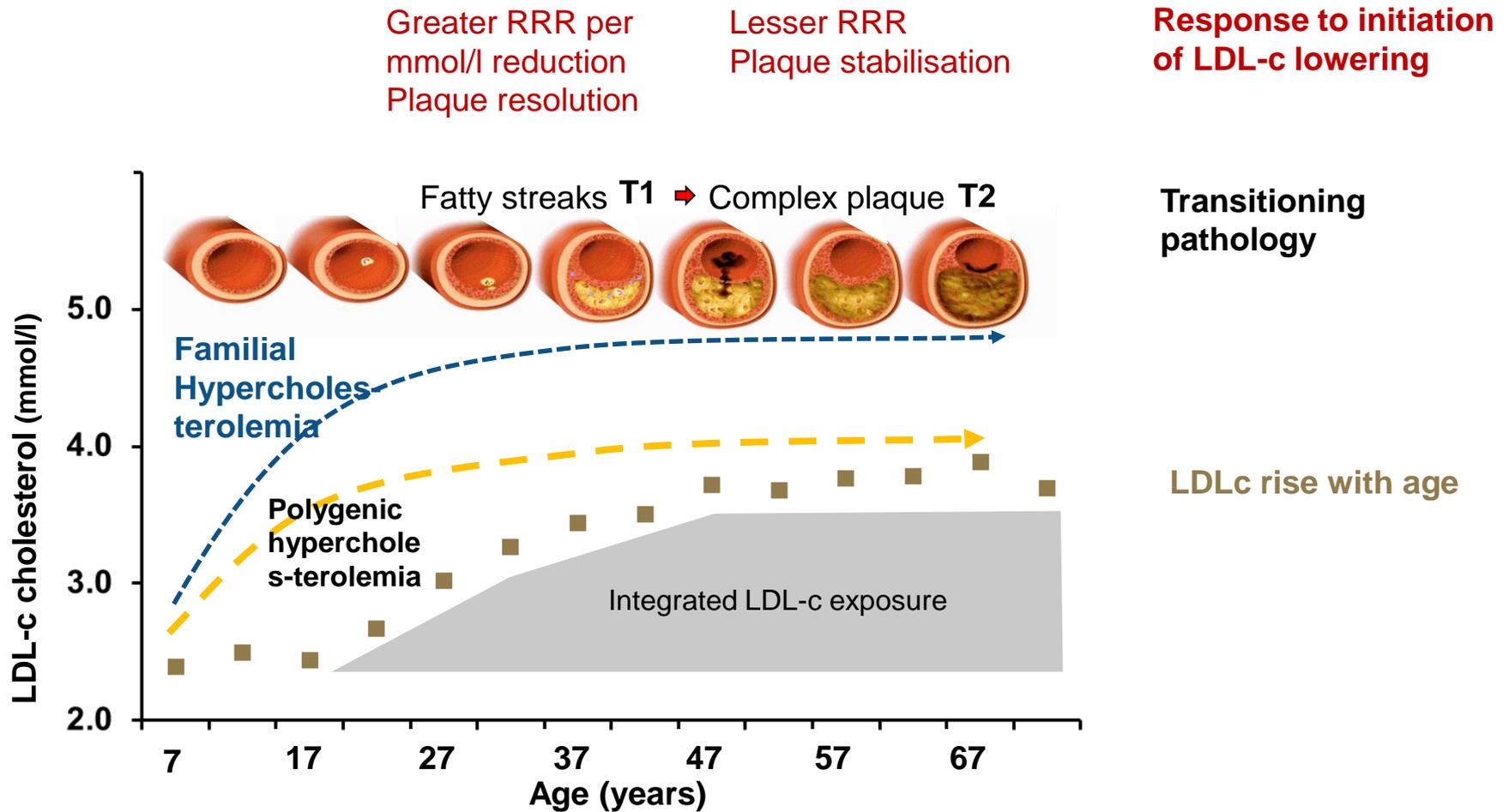
Evidence from meta-analyses of **Mendelian randomization studies**, **prospective cohort studies**, and **randomized controlled trials** unequivocally establishes that LDL causes ASCVD.



# LDL-c level increases with age, so does the risk of atherogenesis

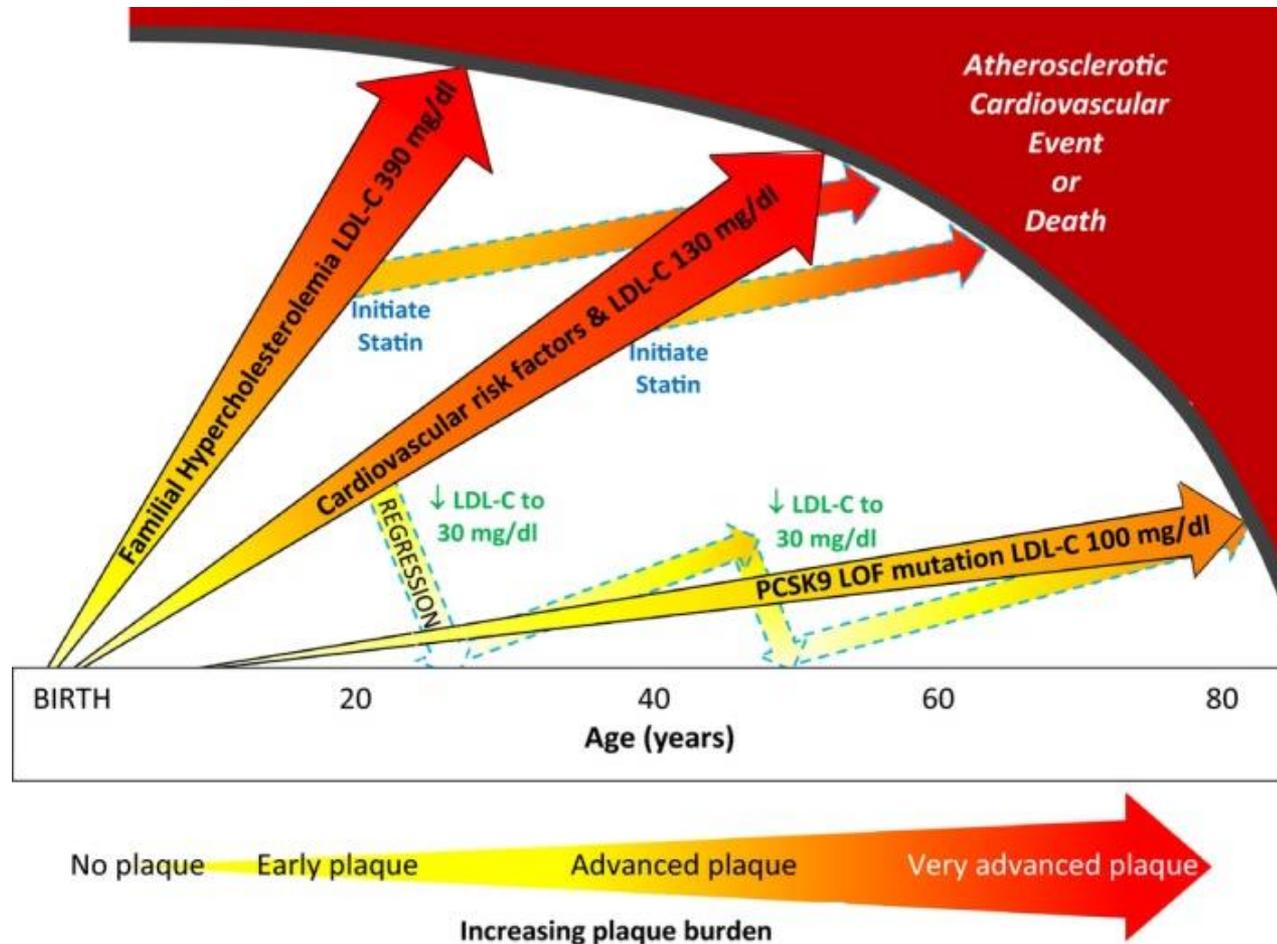


# The atherosclerosis disease process changes with time and LDL-c level, and treatment effect depends on the disease phase



# LDL-c lowering treatment impacts disease progression before clinical manifestation

Life course trajectory of atherosclerotic progression for different CV risk categories and the hypothesized effects of intensive LDL-c lowering.



# HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor evidence: Degree of Benefit in Prevention Types

**Meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials comparing risk reductions between primary and secondary prevention patients**

|                  | Relative Risk Reduction |           | Absolute Risk Reduction |           | Number Needed To Treat |           |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
|                  | Primary                 | Secondary | Primary                 | Secondary | Primary                | Secondary |
| Major CHD events | 29.2                    | 20.8      | 1.66                    | 2.4       | 60                     | 33        |
| Major CV events  | 14.4                    | 17.8      | 0.37                    | 0.8       | 268                    | 125       |
| Nonfatal MI      | 31.7                    | NA        | 1.65                    | NA        | 61                     | NA        |
| PCI or CABG      | 33.8                    | 20.3      | 1.08                    | 2.7       | 93                     | 37        |



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CABG=Coronary artery bypass graft surgery, CHD=Coronary heart disease, CV=Cardiovascular, MI=Myocardial infarction, PCI=Percutaneous coronary intervention

Source: Thavendiranathan P et al. *Arch Intern Med* 2006;166:2307-2313

# 2018 ACC/AHA Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol

Group 1

## Secondary ASCVD Prevention

ACS, MI, angina, coronary arterial revascularization, stroke, TIA or PAD

Group 2

## Severe Hypercholesterolemia

LDL-C  $\geq$ 190 mg/dL(4.9 mmol/L)

Group 3

## Diabetes mellitus in Adults

+ age of 40–75 years

Group 4

## Primary Prevention

+ age of 40–75 years & LDL-C 70–189 mg/dL  
+ 10-year ASCVD risk  $\geq$ 7.5%(intermediate-risk)

Group 5

## Other Populations at Risk

Ethnicity, Hypertriglyceridemia, Women, CKD & Chronic Inflammatory Disorders and HIV



## Treatment algorithm summary:

| Clinical Status <sup>a</sup>  | Age Range, y | Statin Intensity <sup>b</sup> | Goal LDL-C Reduction, % | Goal LDL-C Level, mg/dL <sup>c</sup> |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Secondary prevention</b>   |              |                               |                         |                                      |
| Very high-risk ASCVD  | >18          | High                          | ≥50                     | <70                                  |
| All other ASCVD   | >18          | High                          | ≥50                     |                                      |
| <b>Primary prevention</b>   |              |                               |                         |                                      |
| LDL-C ≥190 mg/dL  | 20-75        | High                          | ≥50                     | <100                                 |
| Diabetes, LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL   | 40-75        | Moderate                      | ≥30                     |                                      |
| High risk, LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL  | 40-75        | High                          | ≥50                     |                                      |
| Intermediate risk, LDL-C ≥70 mg/dL <sup>d</sup>                         | 40-75        | Moderate                      | ≥30                     |                                      |
| All others (low-borderline risk, LDL-C <70 mg/dL, or outside age range) |              | Select cases <sup>d</sup>     |                         |                                      |

# 2019 ADA : Recommendations for statin and combination treatment in adults with diabetes

| Age             | ASCVD | Recommended statin intensity <sup>^</sup> and combination treatment*  |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| <40 years       | No    | None <sup>†</sup>   |
|                 | Yes   | High <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If LDL cholesterol <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)#</li></ul> |
| $\geq 40$ years | No    | Moderate <sup>‡</sup>   |
|                 | Yes   | High <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If LDL cholesterol <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)</li></ul>  |

**1.  $\geq 40$  years : Moderate intensity statin**

**2. ASCVD : High intensity statin**

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

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

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## 5 groups

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Very-high-risk</b> | People with any of the following:<br><b>Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging.</b> Documented ASCVD includes previous ACS (MI or unstable angina), stable angina, coronary revascularization (PCI, CABG, and other arterial revascularization 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 <b>significant plaque on coronary angiography or CT scan (multivessel coronary disease with two major epicardial arteries having &gt;50% stenosis),</b> or on carotid ultrasound.<br><b>DM with target organ damage,<sup>a</sup> or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of T1DM of long duration (&gt;20 years).</b><br><b>Severe CKD (eGFR &lt;30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).</b><br><b>A calculated SCORE ≥10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.</b><br><b>FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor.</b> |
| <b>High-risk</b>      | People with:<br><b>Markedly elevated single risk factors,</b> in particular TC   |

**Consider Risk first then primary or secondary prevention**

**High risk or very high risk Primary prevention**

|  |                      |  |
|--|----------------------|--|
|  | <b>Moderate-risk</b> | <b>Moderate CKD (eGFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).</b><br>A calculated SCORE ≥5% and <10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.  |
|  | <b>Moderate-risk</b> | Young patients (T1DM <35 years; T2DM <50 years) with DM duration <10 years, without other risk factors. Calculated SCORE ≥1 % and <5% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD. |
|  | <b>Low-risk</b>      | Calculated SCORE <1% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.  |

# Lower target for European

## Recommendations for treatment goals for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

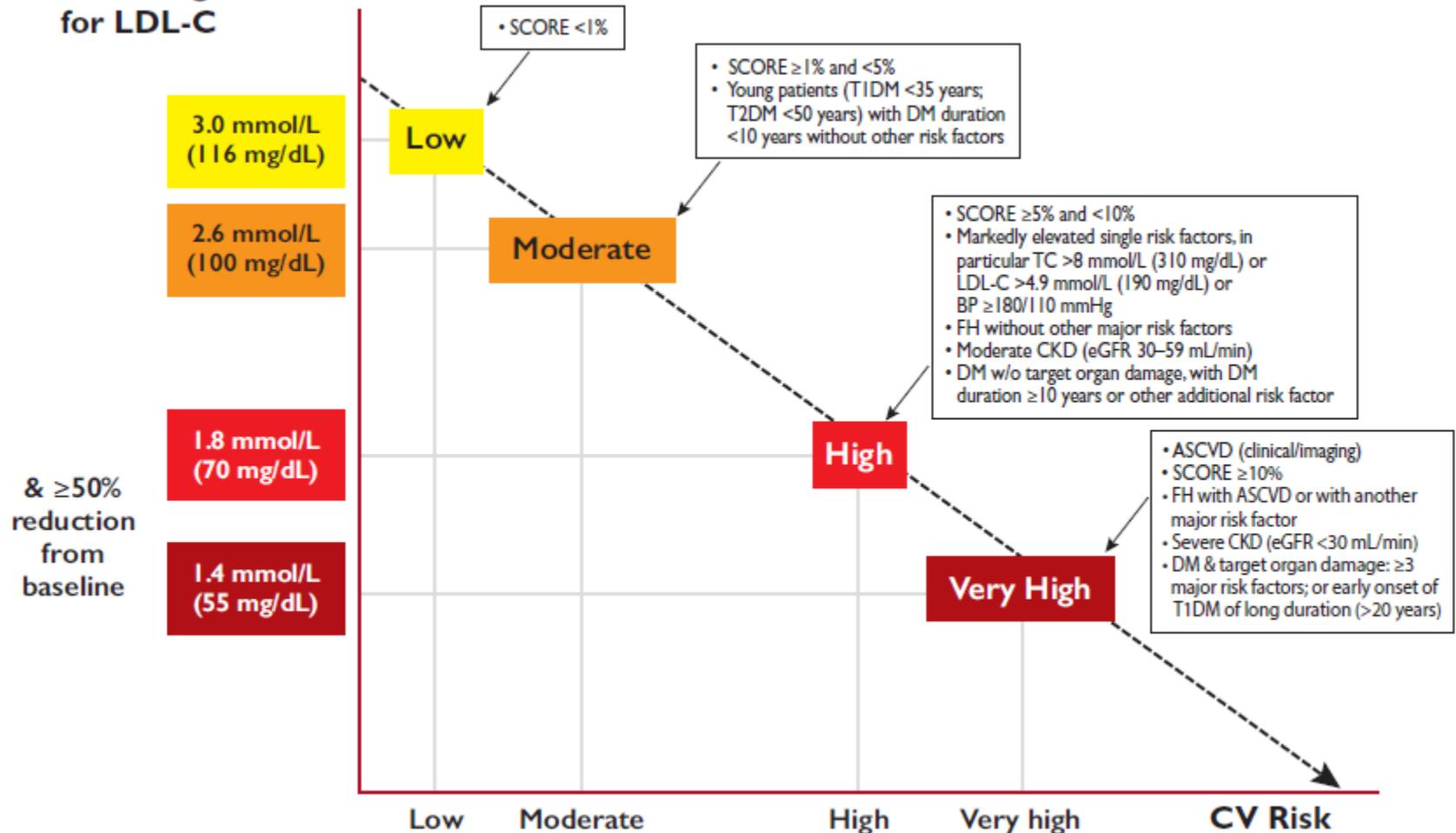
| Recommendations  | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| In secondary prevention for patients at very-high risk, <sup>c</sup> an LDL-C reduction of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline <sup>d</sup> and an LDL-C goal of $< 1.4$ mmol/L ( $< 55$ mg/dL) are recommended. <sup>33–35,119,120</sup>  | I                  | A                  |
| In primary prevention for individuals at very-high risk but without FH, <sup>c</sup> an LDL-C reduction of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline <sup>d</sup> and an LDL-C goal of $< 1.4$ mmol/L ( $< 55$ mg/dL) are recommended. <sup>34–36</sup>  | I                  | C                  |
| In primary prevention for individuals with FH at very-high risk, an LDL-C reduction of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline and an LDL-C goal of $< 1.4$ mmol/L ( $< 55$ mg/dL) should be considered.   | IIa                | C                  |
| For patients with ASCVD who experience a second vascular event within 2 years (not necessarily of the same type as the first event) while taking maximally tolerated statin-based therapy, an LDL-C goal of $< 1.0$ mmol/L ( $< 40$ mg/dL) may be considered. <sup>119,120</sup> | IIb                | B                  |
| In patients at high risk, <sup>c</sup> an LDL-C reduction of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline <sup>d</sup> and an LDL-C goal of $< 1.8$ mmol/L ( $< 70$ mg/dL) are recommended. <sup>34,35</sup>  | I                  | A                  |
| In individuals at moderate risk, <sup>c</sup> an LDL-C goal of $< 2.6$ mmol/L ( $< 100$ mg/dL) should be considered. <sup>34</sup>   | IIa                | A                  |
| In individuals at low risk, <sup>c</sup> an LDL-C goal $< 3.0$ mmol/L ( $< 116$ mg/dL) may be considered. <sup>36</sup>  | IIb                | A                  |

**Table 7 Treatment targets and goals for cardiovascular disease prevention**

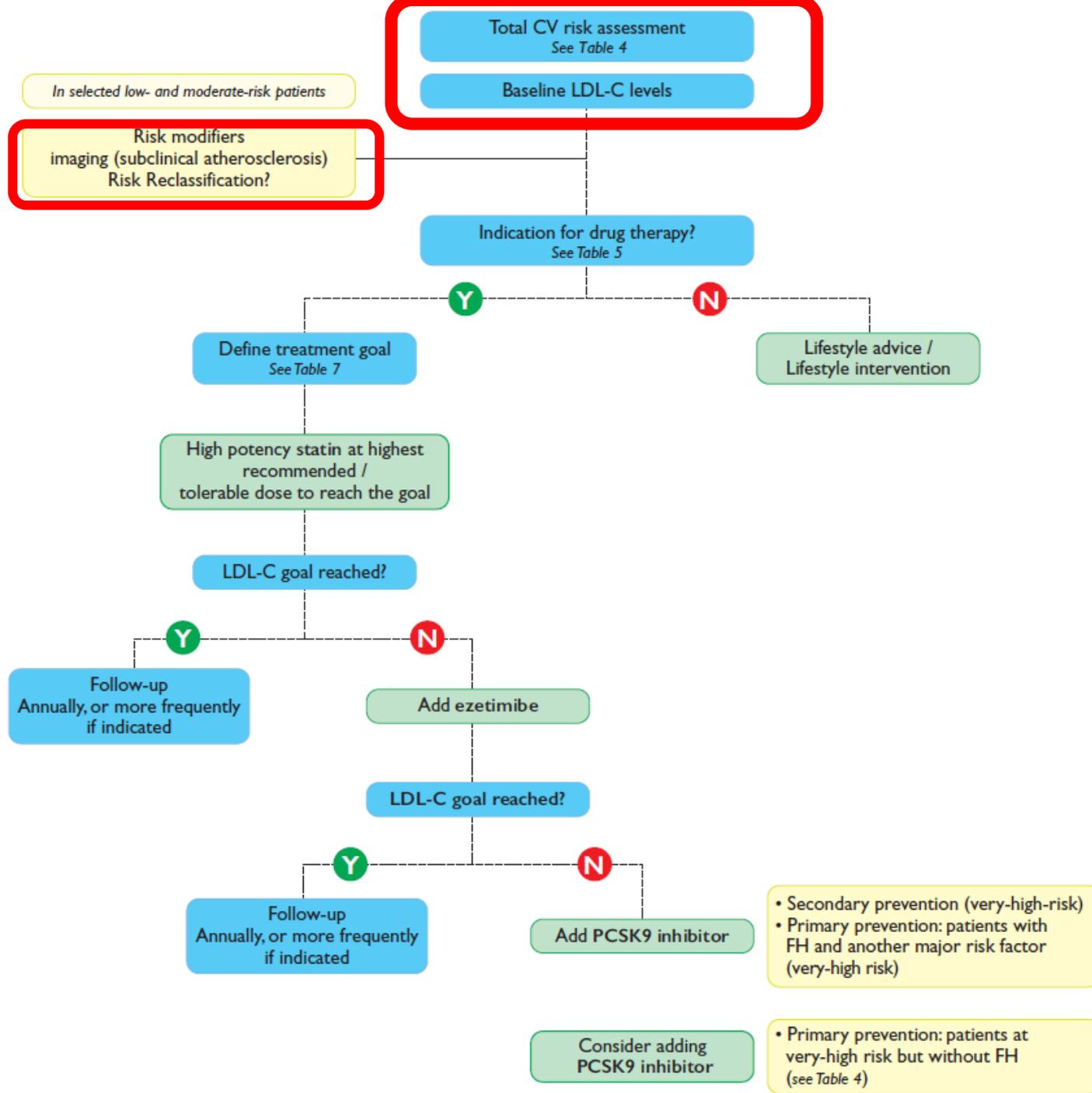
|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Smoking</b>           | No exposure to tobacco in any form.  |
| <b>Diet</b>              | Healthy diet low in saturated fat with a focus on wholegrain products, vegetables, fruit, and fish.  |
| <b>Physical activity</b> | 3.5–7 h moderately vigorous physical activity per week or 30–60 min most days.   |
| <b>Body weight</b>       | BMI 20–25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , and waist circumference <94 cm (men) and <80 cm (women).   |
| <b>Blood pressure</b>    | <140/90 mmHg. <sup>a</sup>   |
| <b>LDL-C</b>             | <b>Very-high risk in primary or secondary prevention:</b><br>A therapeutic regimen that achieves ≥50% LDL-C reduction from baseline <sup>b</sup> and an LDL-C goal of <1.4 mmol/L (<55 mg/dL).<br>No current statin use: this is likely to require high-intensity LDL-lowering therapy.<br>Current LDL-lowering treatment: an increased treatment intensity is required.<br><b>High risk:</b> A therapeutic regimen that achieves ≥50% LDL-C reduction from baseline <sup>b</sup> and an LDL-C goal of <1.8 mmol/L (<70 mg/dL).<br><b>Moderate risk:</b><br>A goal of <2.6 mmol/L (<100 mg/dL).<br><b>Low risk:</b><br>A goal of <3.0 mmol/L (<116 mg/dL). |
| <b>Non-HDL-C</b>         | Non-HDL-C secondary goals are <2.2, 2.6, and 3.4 mmol/L (<85, 100, and 130 mg/dL) for very-high-, high-, and moderate-risk people, respectively.   |
| <b>ApoB</b>              | ApoB secondary goals are <65, 80, and 100 mg/dL for very-high-, high-, and moderate-risk people, respectively.   |
| <b>Triglycerides</b>     | No goal, but <1.7 mmol/L (<150 mg/dL) indicates lower risk and higher levels indicate a need to look for other risk factors.   |
| <b>Diabetes</b>          | HbA1c: <7% (<53 mmol/mol).   |

# Updated ESC lipid treatment goals

## B Treatment goal for LDL-C



A



**SCORE Cardiovascular Risk Chart**  
 10-year risk of fatal CVD  
 Low-risk regions of Europe

**WOMEN**

**MEN**

Non-smoker

Smoker

Age

Non-smoker

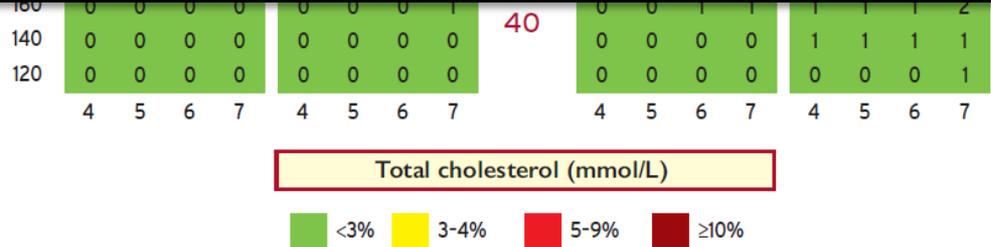
Smoker

**Box 2 Risk estimation charts for different countries**

The **low-risk charts** should be considered for use in Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.

The **high-risk charts** should be considered for use in Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Tunisia, and Turkey.

Some countries have a cardiovascular disease mortality rate >350/100 000, and the **high-risk chart may underestimate risk**. These are Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.



# Risk Estimate Matters in Primary Prevention

## Recommendations for cardiovascular disease risk estimation

| Recommendations  | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total risk estimation using a risk estimation system such as SCORE is recommended for asymptomatic adults >40 years of age without evidence of CVD, DM, CKD, familial hypercholesterolaemia, or LDL-C >4.9 mmol/L (>190 mg/dL).  | I                  | C                  |
| It is recommended that high- and very-high-risk individuals are identified on the basis of documented CVD, DM, moderate-to-severe renal disease, very high levels of individual risk factors, FH, or a high SCORE risk. It is recommended that such patients are considered as a priority for advice and management of all risk factors. | I                  | C                  |
| Risk scores developed for the general population are not recommended for CV risk assessment in patients with DM or FH.   | III                | C                  |

# CV Risk Prediction Models Are Important for Preventing CVD Events

Risk prediction model for clinical assessment



Identification of high-risk populations

Effective communication of risk



Appropriate treatment options

Several CV risk prediction models have been validated for use in clinical practice:

- Framingham risk score<sup>1</sup>
- QRISK2 model<sup>2</sup>
- ASCVD risk score calculator<sup>3</sup>
- WHO/ISH models<sup>4</sup>
- SCORE model<sup>5</sup>

CV risk prediction models utilize data of multiple risk factors, and are ideal and **cost-effective** options for clinical decision-making in **primary prevention** of CVDs<sup>6</sup>

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# One Size *Does Not* Fit All!

The Framingham risk equations have been shown to **overestimate** global cardiovascular risk in other (non-US) populations<sup>1</sup>

Equations derived from Western population samples have **limited applicability** to other populations<sup>2</sup>

Successful and meaningful prediction of CV risk is dependent on:

1. **Selection** of the best-fitting model for the study population



Applicability of predicted risk score to a local patient setting

2. **Risk factors and demographic characteristics** of the population



Calibration to local settings

# Treatment Guidelines Underline the Need for CV Risk Prediction Tools for Asian Populations

- Models for predicting CVDs in Asian populations are currently limited<sup>1</sup>
- According to the ACC/AHA guidelines on CV risk assessment:<sup>2</sup>
  - The **lack of ethnic-specific risk algorithms** is an important **obstacle** to understanding and preventing ASCVD in Asian populations
  - The **development** of algorithms **specific to these race/ethnic groups** should be **encouraged**, and
  - When providers use equations developed for non-Hispanic White populations for other populations, their risks may be overestimated

Therefore, it is important to develop an Asian-specific risk prediction model for primary prevention of CVDs

# Guideline-Recommended CV Risk Prediction Models Are Currently Available in a Few Asian Countries



Chinese Guidelines for Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

recommend several risk prediction models for ASCVD (including ICVD (including

- Recently developed risk prediction equation

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and validated the first risk prediction equation in a Chinese population<sup>2</sup>



According to the JBS3 calculator proposed, the risk prediction appears to provide



prediction of India, “the risk prediction calculator proposed in the 3rd Iteration (JBS3) appears to provide estimates in Indians”<sup>3</sup>



The Japanese Society of Cardiology recommends a 10-year absolute risk probability (absolute risk) calculator of CAD death, derived from the NIPPON DATA80 risk charts<sup>4</sup>

and recommend a 10-year

# Cardiovascular risk prediction tools for populations in Asia

Asia Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration

*J Epidemiol Community Health* 2007;**61**:115–121. doi: 10.1136/jech.2005.044842

**Background:** Cardiovascular risk equations are traditionally derived from the Framingham Study. The accuracy of this approach in Asian populations, where resources for risk factor measurement may be limited, is unclear.

**Objective:** To compare “low-information” equations (derived using only age, systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol and smoking status) derived from the Framingham Study with those derived from the Asian cohorts, on the accuracy of cardiovascular risk prediction.

**Design:** Separate equations to predict the 8-year risk of a cardiovascular event were derived from Asian and Framingham cohorts. The performance of these equations, and a subsequently “recalibrated” Framingham equation, were evaluated among participants from independent Chinese cohorts.

**Setting:** Six cohort studies from Japan, Korea and Singapore (Asian cohorts); six cohort studies from China; the Framingham Study from the US.

**Participants:** 172 077 participants from the Asian cohorts; 25 682 participants from Chinese cohorts and 6053 participants from the Framingham Study.

**Main results:** In the Chinese cohorts, 542 cardiovascular events occurred during 8 years of follow-up. Both the Asian cohorts and the Framingham equations discriminated cardiovascular risk well in the Chinese cohorts; the area under the receiver–operator characteristic curve was at least 0.75 for men and women. However, the Framingham risk equation systematically overestimated risk in the Chinese cohorts by an average of 276% among men and 102% among women. The corresponding average overestimation using the Asian cohorts equation was 11% and 10%, respectively. Recalibrating the Framingham risk equation using cardiovascular disease incidence from the non-Chinese Asian cohorts led to an overestimation of risk by an average of 4% in women and underestimation of risk by an average of 2% in men.

**Interpretation:** A low-information Framingham cardiovascular risk prediction tool, which, when recalibrated with contemporary data, is likely to estimate future cardiovascular risk with similar accuracy in Asian populations as tools developed from data on local cohorts.

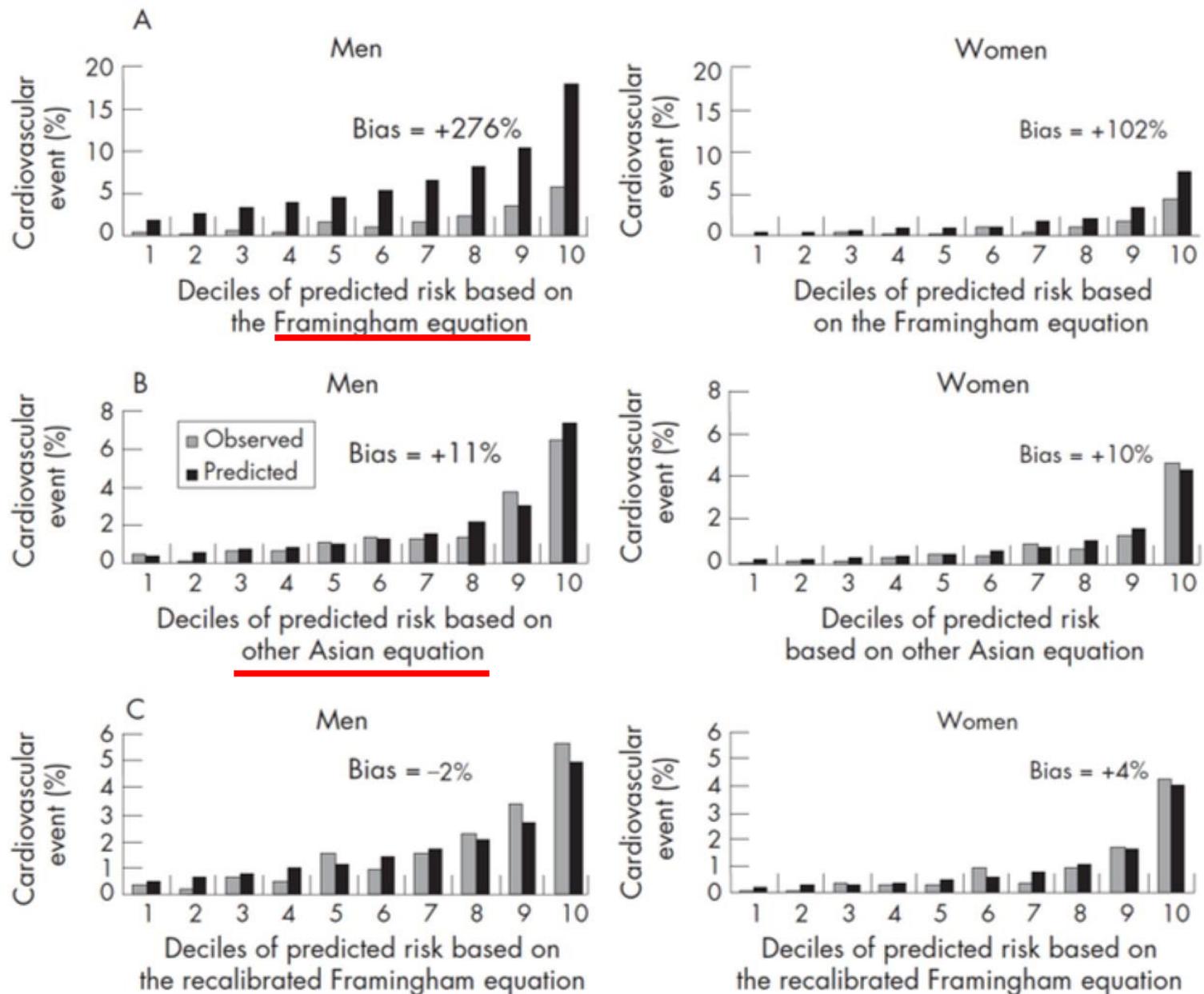
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# Methods

- Six cohort studies from Japan, Korea and Singapore (Asian cohorts); six cohort studies from China and Framingham Study (USA)
- ‘Low information’ (age, sex, SBP, total cholesterol and smoking status)
- Participants:
  - 172,077 participants from the Asian cohorts
  - 25,682 participants from Chinese cohorts
  - 6053 participants from the Framingham Study
- 8-year risk of any cardiovascular event, defined as CV death, non-fatal MI or non-fatal CVA



# Predictive Value for the Chinese Population of the Framingham CHD Risk Assessment Tool Compared With the Chinese Multi-provincial Cohort Study

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**T**HE FRAMINGHAM HEART STUDY has contributed to the identification of risk factors for coronary heart disease (CHD)<sup>1-3</sup> and has developed multivariable functions to predict absolute CHD risk.<sup>4-7</sup> Risk reduction programs now focus on absolute risk of disease rather than on modification of individual risk factors.<sup>8-11</sup> The Framingham prediction algorithms have been widely adopted to assess absolute risk and guide the intensity of risk factor interventions.<sup>12-14</sup> However, since more than 99% of Framingham participants are of European descent, the Framingham functions cannot be generalized to other populations without evaluation of their appropriateness. Directly applying Framingham functions in some populations overestimates CHD risk.<sup>7,15,16</sup>

Recalibrating Framingham functions can substantially improve predictive ability and, thus, can be a useful

**Context** The Framingham Heart Study helped to establish tools to assess coronary heart disease (CHD) risk, but the homogeneous nature of the Framingham population prevents simple extrapolation to other populations. Recalibration of Framingham functions could permit various regions of the world to adapt Framingham tools to local populations.

**Objective** To evaluate the performance of the Framingham CHD risk functions, directly and after recalibration, in a large Chinese population, compared with the performance of the functions derived from the Chinese Multi-provincial Cohort Study (CMCS).

**Design, Setting, and Participants** The CMCS cohort included 30 121 Chinese adults aged 35 to 64 years at baseline. Participants were recruited from 11 provinces and were followed up for new CHD events from 1992 to 2002. Participants in the Framingham Heart Study were 5251 white US residents of Framingham, Mass, who were 30 to 74 years old at baseline in 1971 to 1974 and followed up for 12 years.

**Main Outcome Measures** "Hard" CHD (coronary death and myocardial infarction) was used as the end point in comparisons of risk factors (age, blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, total cholesterol, and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol [HDL-C]) as evaluated by the CMCS functions, original Framingham functions, and recalibrated Framingham functions.

**Results** The CMCS cohort had 191 hard CHD events and 625 total deaths vs 273 CHD events and 293 deaths, respectively, for Framingham. For most risk factor categories, the relative risks for CHD were similar for Chinese and Framingham participants, with a few exceptions (ie, age, total cholesterol of 200-239 mg/dL [5.18-6.19 mmol/L], and HDL-C less than 35 mg/dL [0.91 mmol/L] in men; smoking in women). The discrimination using the Framingham functions in the CMCS cohort was similar to the CMCS functions: the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve was 0.705 for men and 0.742 for women using the Framingham functions vs 0.736 for men and 0.759 for women using the CMCS functions. However, the original Framingham functions systematically overestimated the absolute CHD risk in the CMCS cohort. For example, in the 10th risk decile in men, the predicted rate of CHD death was 20% vs an actual rate of 3%. Recalibration of the Framingham functions using the mean values of risk factors and mean CHD incidence rates of the CMCS cohort substantially improved the performance of the Framingham functions in the CMCS cohort.

**Conclusions** The original Framingham functions overestimated the risk of CHD for CMCS participants. Recalibration of the Framingham functions improved the estimates and demonstrated that the Framingham model is useful in the Chinese population. For regions that have no established cohort, recalibration using CHD rates and risk factors may be an effective method to develop CHD risk prediction algorithms suited for local practice.

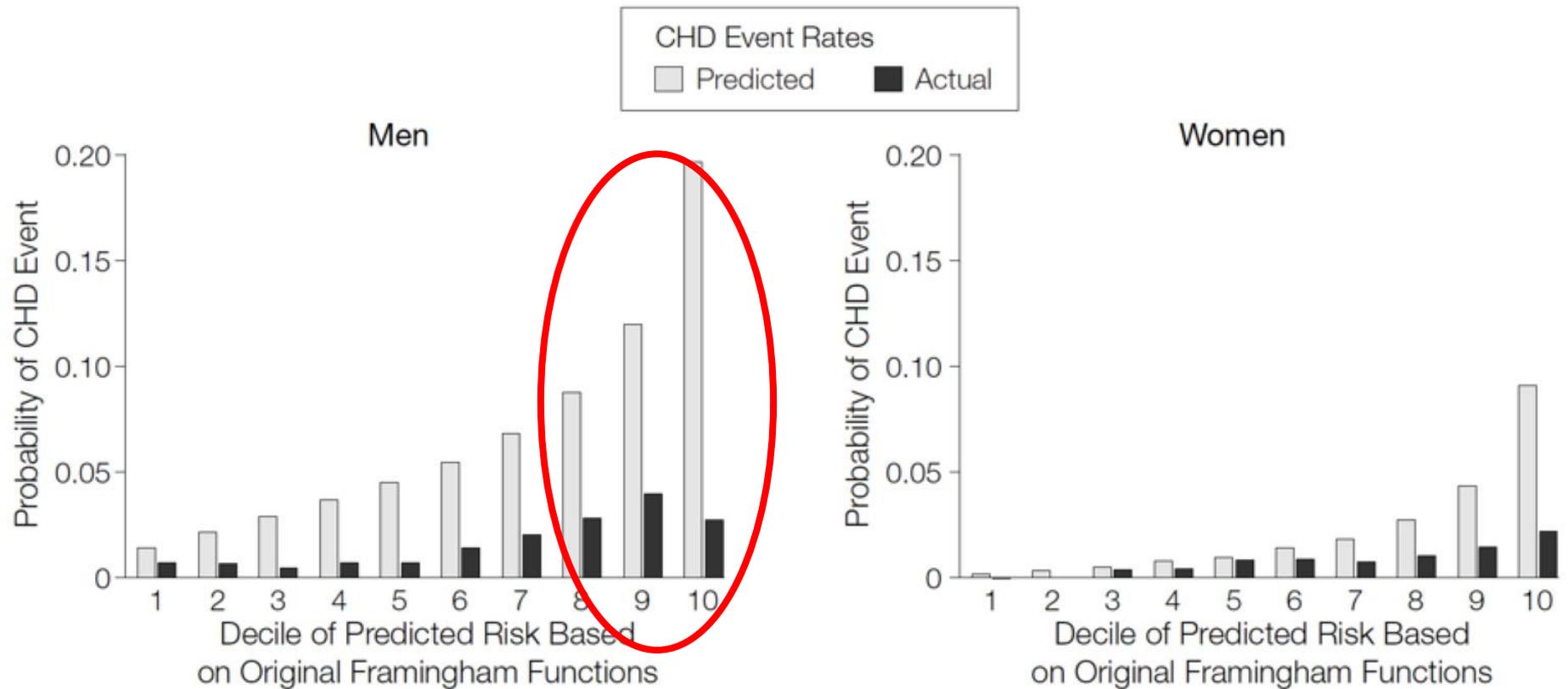
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# Chinese Multi-Provincial Cohort Study

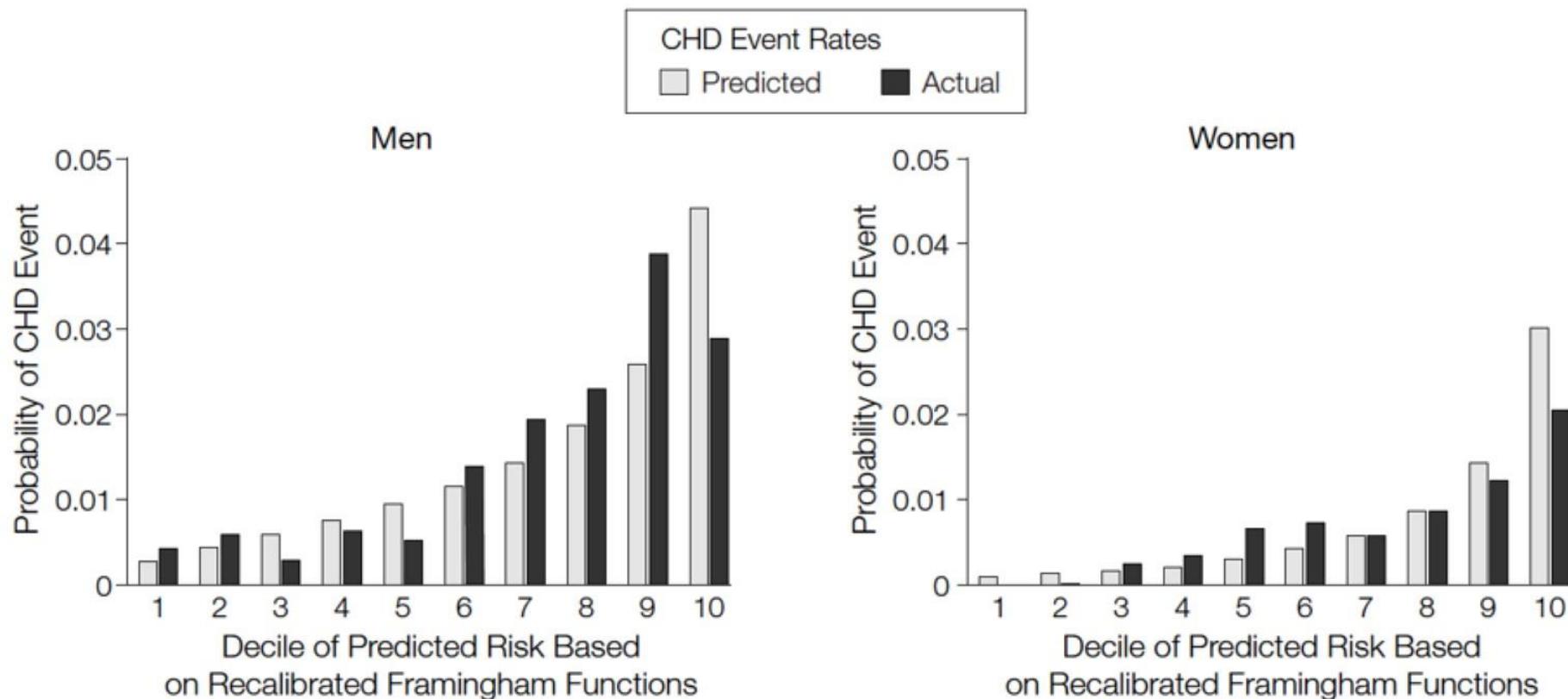
- Adaptation of risk scores to Chinese population
- 30,121 Chinese adults from 16 centers in 11 provinces
- Age 35 to 64 years at baseline
- Followed for up to 10 years (follow-up rate of 86%)

**Figure 2.** Ten-Year Prediction of CHD Events in CMCS Men and Women Using the Original Framingham Functions



CMCS indicates Chinese Multi-provincial Cohort Study. Coronary heart disease (CHD) events included coronary death and myocardial infarction.

**Figure 3.** Ten-Year Prediction of CHD Events in CMCS Men and Women Using the Recalibrated Framingham Functions



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# Predicting the 10-Year Risks of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease in Chinese Population

The China-PAR Project (Prediction for ASCVD Risk in China)

Editorial, see p 1441

**BACKGROUND:** The accurate assessment of individual risk can be of great value to guiding and facilitating the prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). However, prediction models in common use were formulated primarily in white populations. The China-PAR project (Prediction for ASCVD Risk in China) is aimed at developing and validating 10-year risk prediction equations for ASCVD from 4 contemporary Chinese cohorts.

**METHODS:** Two prospective studies followed up together with a unified protocol were used as the derivation cohort to develop 10-year ASCVD risk equations in 21 320 Chinese participants. The external validation was evaluated in 2 independent Chinese cohorts with 14 123 and 70 838 participants. Furthermore, model performance was compared with the Pooled Cohort Equations reported in the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guideline.

**RESULTS:** Over 12 years of follow-up in the derivation cohort with 21 320 Chinese participants, 1048 subjects developed a first ASCVD event. Sex-specific equations had C statistics of 0.794 (95% confidence interval, 0.775–0.814) for men and 0.811 (95% confidence interval, 0.787–0.835) for women. The predicted rates were similar to the observed rates, as indicated by a calibration  $\chi^2$  of 13.1 for men ( $P=0.16$ ) and 12.8 for women ( $P=0.17$ ). Good internal and external validations of our equations were achieved in subsequent analyses. Compared with the Chinese equations, the Pooled Cohort Equations had lower C statistics and much higher calibration  $\chi^2$  values in men.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Our project developed effective tools with good performance for 10-year ASCVD risk prediction among a Chinese population that will help to improve the primary prevention and management of cardiovascular disease.

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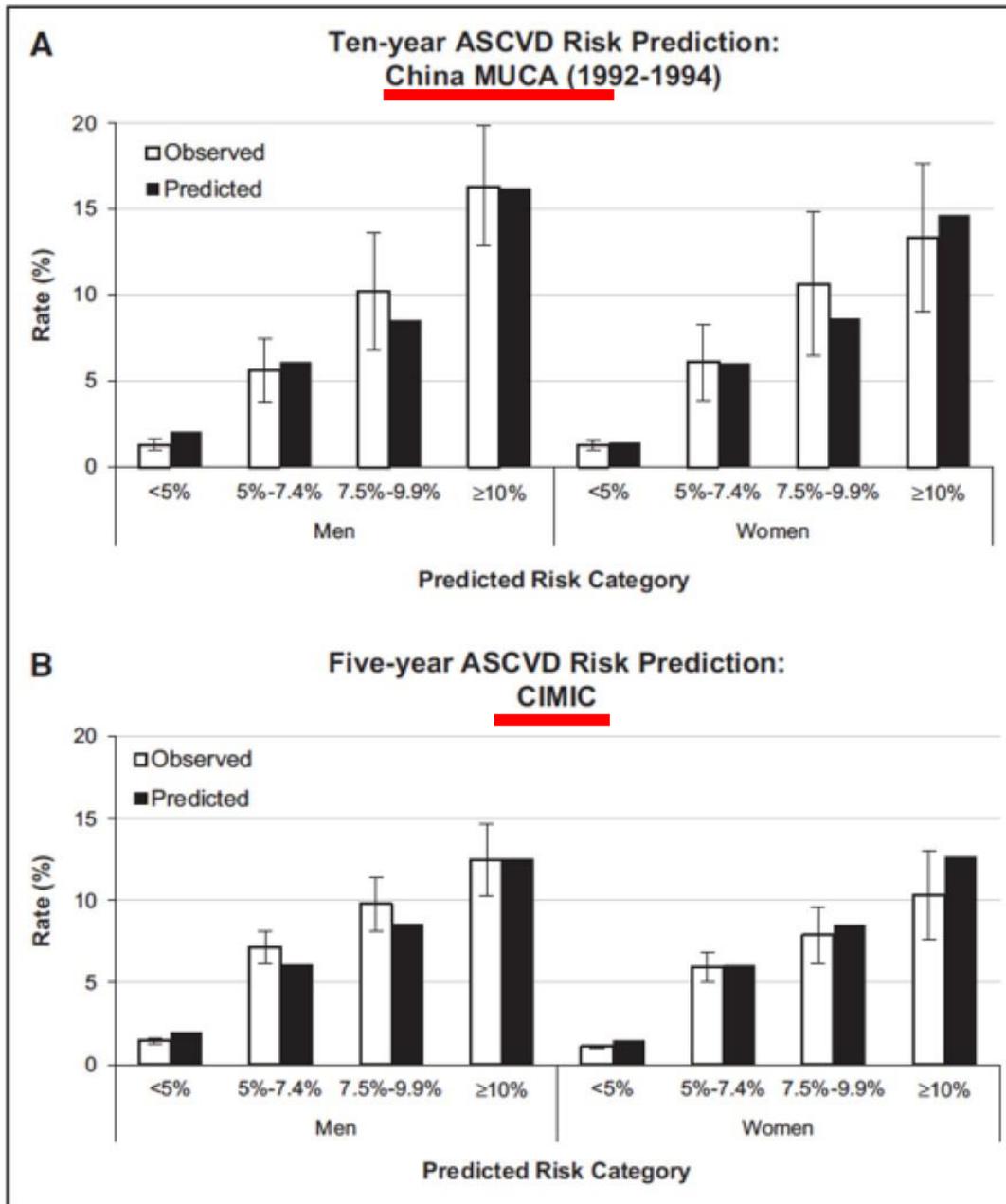
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cardiovascular diseases • risk assessment • risk factors

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- Two prospective studies used as derivation cohort to develop 10-year ASCVD risk equations in 21 320 Chinese participants
- External validation evaluated in 2 independent Chinese cohorts with 14,123 and 70,838 participants



**Primary Prevention:  
Assess ASCVD Risk in Each Age Group  
Emphasize Adherence to Healthy Lifestyle**

**Age 0-19 y**  
Lifestyle to prevent or reduce ASCVD risk  
Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia → statin

**Age 20-39 y**  
Estimate lifetime risk to encourage lifestyle to reduce ASCVD risk  
Consider statin if family history premature ASCVD and LDL-C  $\geq 160$  mg/dL ( $\geq 4.1$  mmol/L)

**Age 40-75 y and LDL-C  $\geq 70$ - $<190$  mg/dL ( $\geq 1.8$ - $<4.9$  mmol/L) without diabetes mellitus**  
10-year ASCVD risk percent begins risk discussion

LDL-C  $\geq 190$  mg/dL ( $\geq 4.9$  mmol/L)  
No risk assessment; High-intensity statin (Class I)

Diabetes mellitus and age 40-75 y  
Moderate-intensity statin (Class I)

Diabetes mellitus and age 40-75 y  
Risk assessment to consider high-intensity statin (Class IIa)

Age  $>75$  y  
Clinical assessment, Risk discussion

**ASCVD Risk Enhancers:**

- Family
- Persistent LDL  $\geq 4.9$  mmol/L
- Chronic
- Metabolic syndrome
- Conditions specific to women (e.g., preeclampsia, premature menopause)
- Inflammatory diseases (especially rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, HIV)
- Ethnicity (e.g., South Asian ancestry)

**Lipid/Biomarkers:**

- Persistently elevated triglycerides ( $\geq 175$  mg/dL,  $\geq 2.0$  mmol/L)

**In selected individuals if measured:**

- hs-CRP  $\geq 2.0$  mg/L
- Lp(a) levels  $>50$  mg/dL or  $>125$  nmol/L
- apoB  $\geq 130$  mg/dL
- Ankle-brachial index (ABI)  $<0.9$

**Add Imaging Methods**

**Risk discussion:**  
Emphasize lifestyle to reduce risk factors (Class I)

**Risk discussion:**  
If risk enhancers present then risk discussion regarding moderate-intensity statin therapy (Class IIb)

**Risk discussion:**  
If risk estimate + risk enhancers favor statin, initiate moderate-intensity statin to reduce LDL-C by 30% - 49% (Class I)

**Risk discussion:**  
Initiate statin to reduce LDL-C  $\geq 50\%$  (Class I)

If risk decision is uncertain:  
Consider measuring CAC in selected adults:  
CAC = zero (lowers risk; consider no statin, unless diabetes, family history of premature CHD, or cigarette smoking are present)  
CAC = 1-99 favors statin (especially after age 55)  
CAC = 100+ and/or  $\geq 75$ th percentile, initiate statin therapy

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Proposed Decision-Making Approach to Selective Use of Coronary Artery Calcium Measurement for Risk Prediction

**Using 10-year ASCVD risk estimate plus coronary artery calcium (CAC) score to guide statin therapy**

| Patient's 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk estimate: | <5%  | 5-7.5%                                  | >7.5-20%                                | >20%                                       |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Consulting ASCVD risk estimate alone  | Statin not recommended                     | Consider for statin                     | Recommend statin                        | Recommend statin                           |
| Consulting ASCVD risk estimate + CAC  | Statin not recommended                     | Statin not recommended                  | Statin not recommended                  | Recommend statin                           |
| If CAC score =0   | Statin not recommended                     | Statin not recommended                  | Statin not recommended                  | Recommend statin                           |
| If CAC score >0   | Statin not recommended                     | Consider for statin                     | Recommend statin                        | Recommend statin                           |
| Does CAC score modify treatment plan?   | ✗<br>CAC not effective for this population | ✓<br>CAC can reclassify risk up or down | ✓<br>CAC can reclassify risk up or down | ✗<br>CAC not effective for this population |

Greenland, P. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;72(4):434-47.

# Imaging Helps for Risk Stratification

## 2019 ESC guideline

### Recommendations for cardiovascular imaging for risk assessment of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

| Recommendations  | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Arterial (carotid and/or femoral) plaque burden on arterial ultrasonography should be considered as a risk modifier in individuals at low or moderate risk. <sup>29,30</sup> | <b>IIa</b>         | <b>B</b>           |
| 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. <sup>14–16,24,26</sup>   | <b>IIa</b>         | <b>B</b>           |

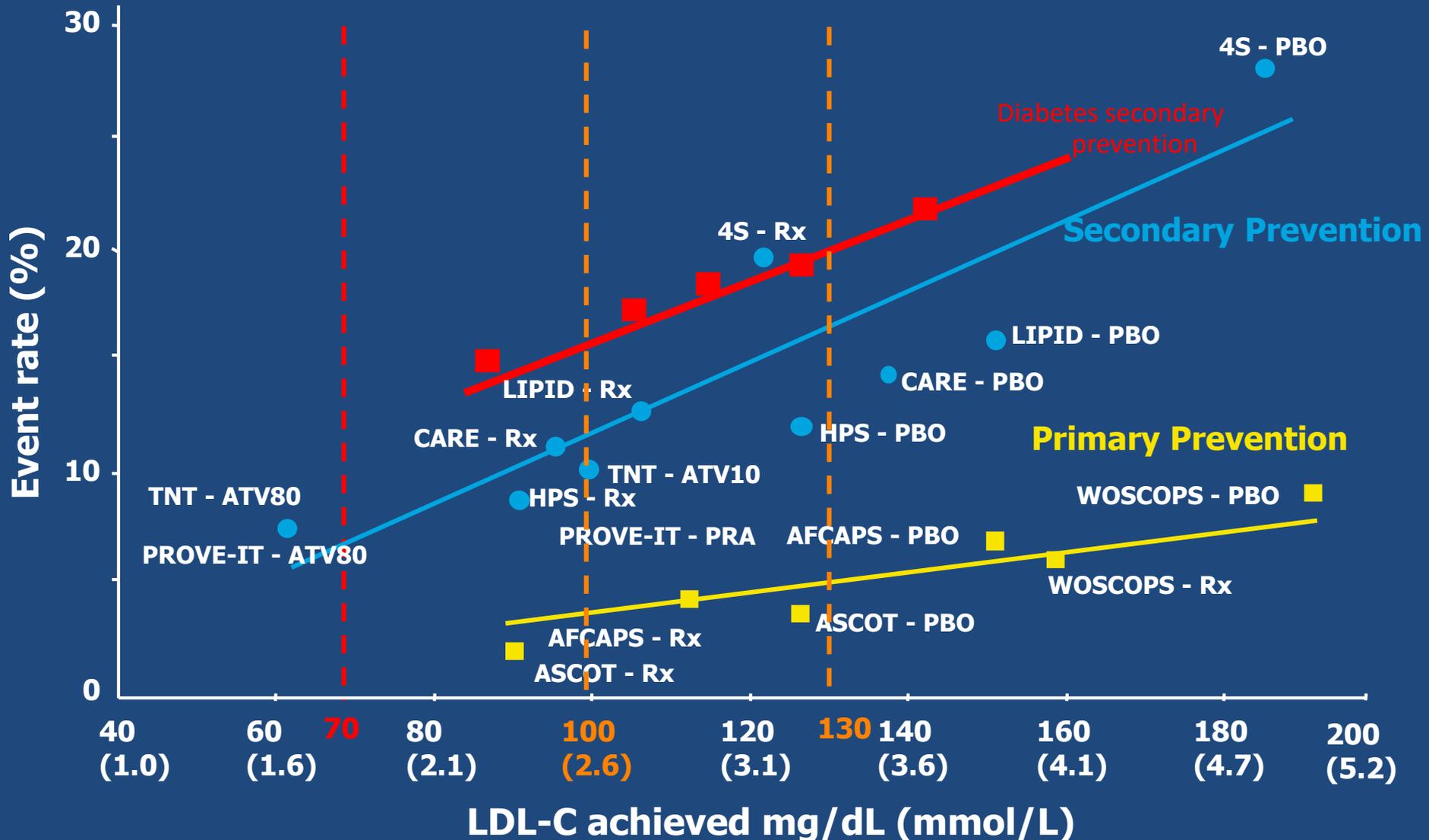
# Risk Assessment 2018

1. Clinical characteristics and blood test (biomarkers): Yes but not all biomarkers routinely
2. Imaging in selected individuals with CT for coronary calcium or ultrasound for CIMT plus plaque: Yes in some individuals
3. Polygenic risk scores and genetic panels: Exciting but not ready for prime time in routine practice

# Differences between 2018 AHA/ACC and 2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines: Risk assessment

1. Definition of risk groups – ESC guidelines do not confine very high risk to secondary prevention,
2. Recommendation that Lp(a) be checked once in everyone in ESC versus as a risk enhancer in AHA/ACC
3. Stronger support for apo B measurement in risk assessment
4. Although both recommend Coronary Artery Calcium Scores as risk enhancers, ultrasound is only recommended by ESC/EAS

# Abundant Statin treatment evidence in primary prevention



# Statin therapy is remarkably safe

Typically, treating 10.000 patients for 5 years with a standard statin regimen, is expected

to prevent:

1000 major vascular events (secondary prevention)

500 major vascular events (primary prevention)

to cause:

5 cases of myopathy

50-100 new cases of diabetes

5-10 hemorrhagic strokes (in those with prior stroke)

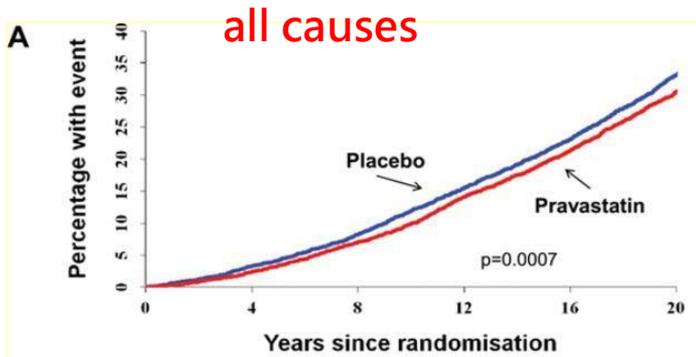
50-100 patients may experience symptomatic adverse events such as muscle pain or weakness. Placebo-controlled randomized trials show that almost all of these cases are misattributed.

**NO evidence to support adverse effects of statins on:**

Cognitive function, clinically significant renal deterioration, risk of cataract and risk of haemorrhagic stroke in patients without prior stroke

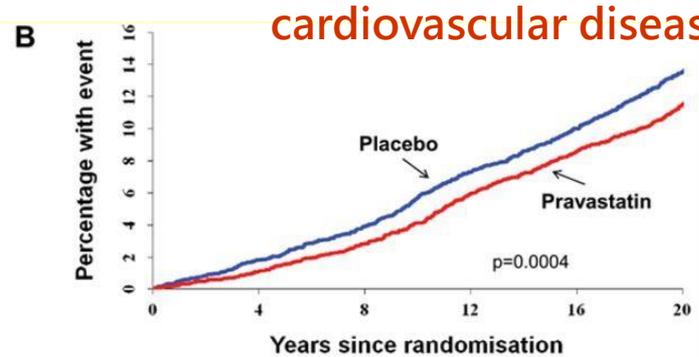
# WOSCOPS (West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study)

## 5-Year Randomized Trial and 20-Year Observational Follow-Up



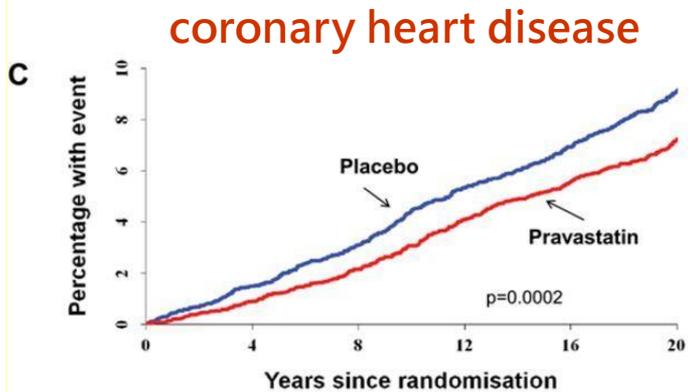
Numbers at risk:

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| Pravastatin | 3302 | 3223 | 3069 | 2838 | 2598 | 2295 |



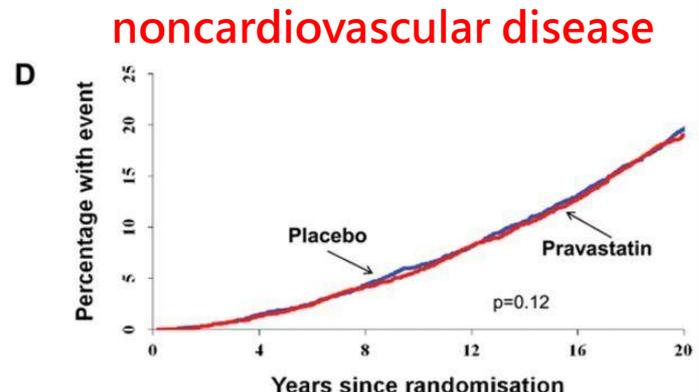
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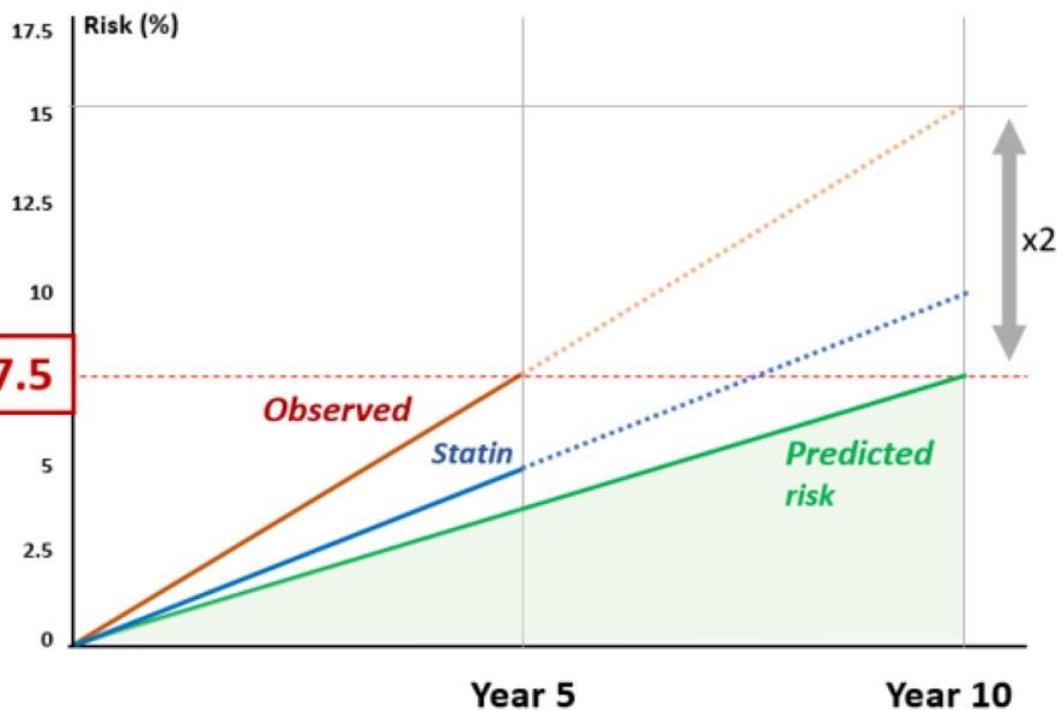
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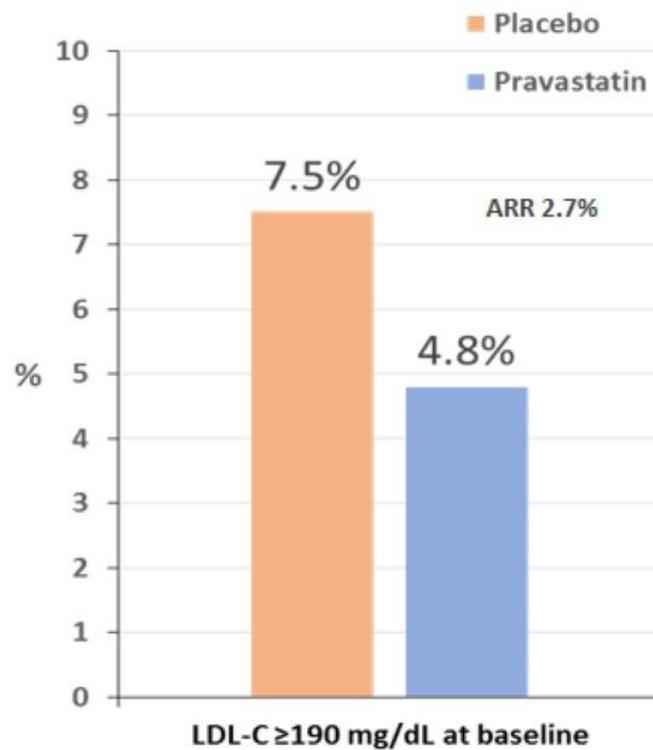
## 5-Year Randomized Trial and 20-Year Observational Follow-Up

Risk of MACE at 5 years with Pravastatin vs placebo  
HR 0.62 (95% CI 0.42, 0.92),  $P=0.018$

### LDL-C $\geq 190$ mg/dL

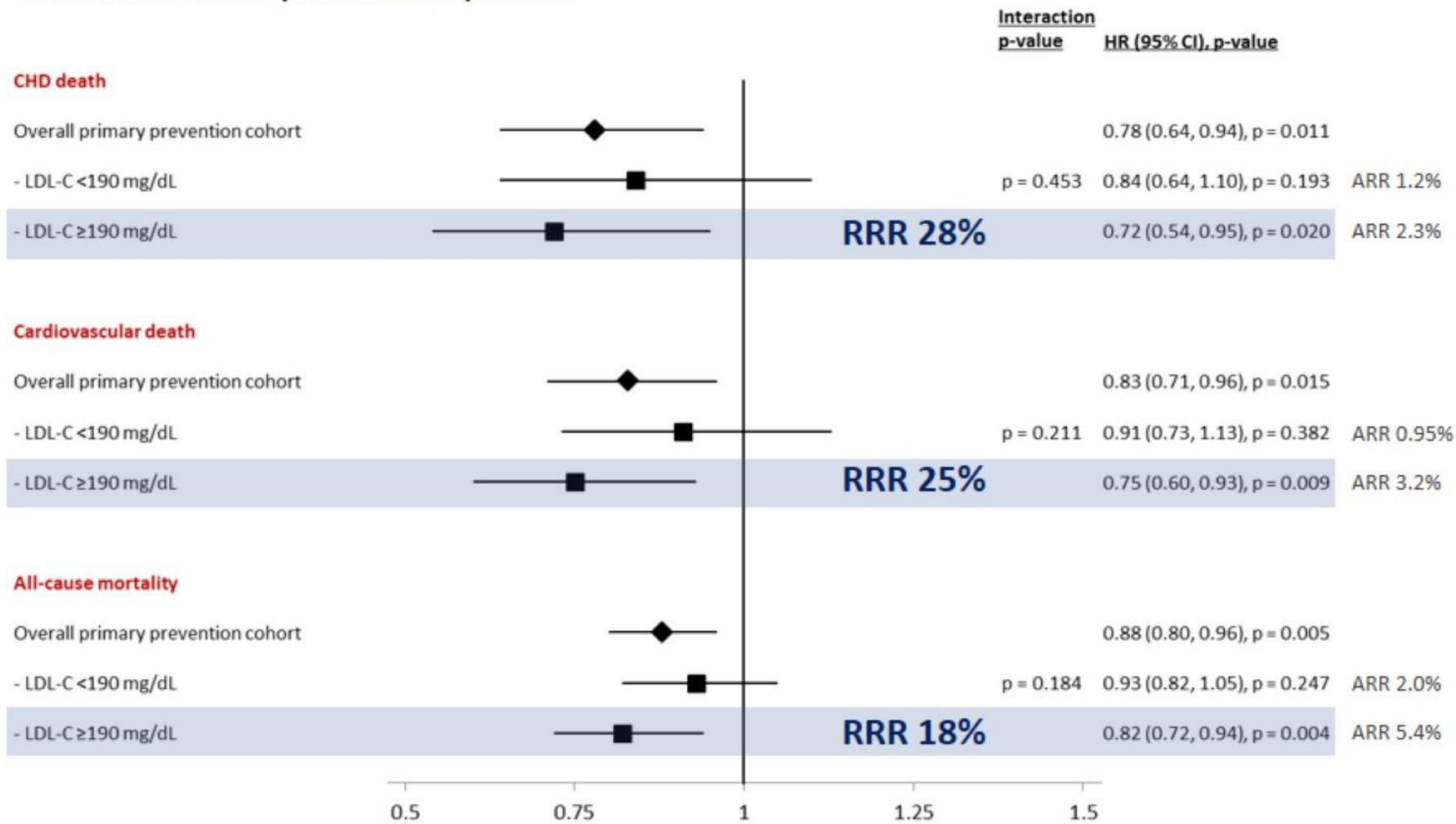


### OBSERVED MACE event rates at 5 years



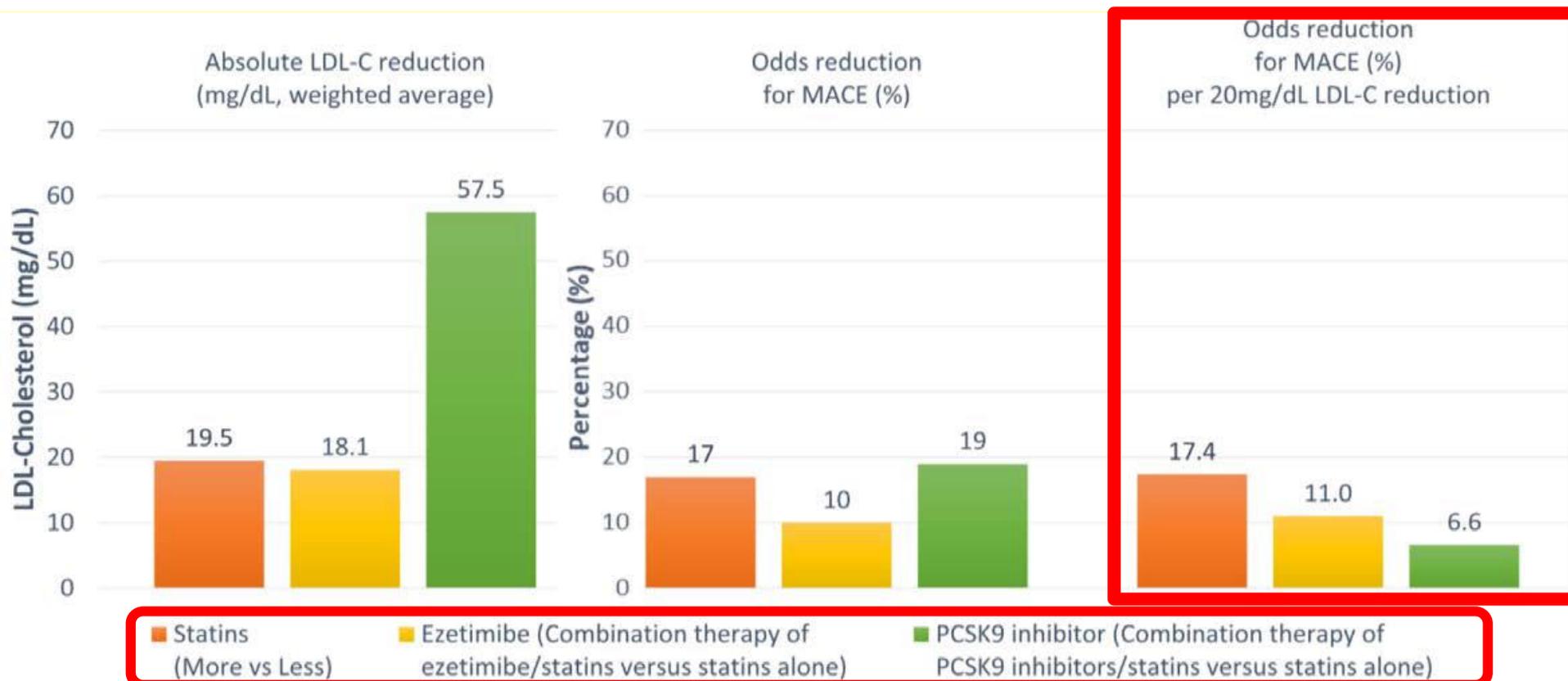
# Long-term mortality endpoints at 20 years of follow-up

## Risk Reduction with pravastatin vs placebo



# Reduction of LDL-C and the odds reduction for MACE according to the 3 lipid-lowering therapy strategies

**Statin reduce MACE most per 20mg/dL LDL reduction**



|  | Statins (N=57,672) | Ezetimibe (N=20,688) | PCSK9 inhibitor (N=54,677) |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Baseline LDL-C (mg/dL, weighted average)     | 101.9              | 105.4                | 94.1                       |
| LDL-C at follow-up (mg/dL, weighted average) | 84.6               | 66.4                 | 50.8                       |

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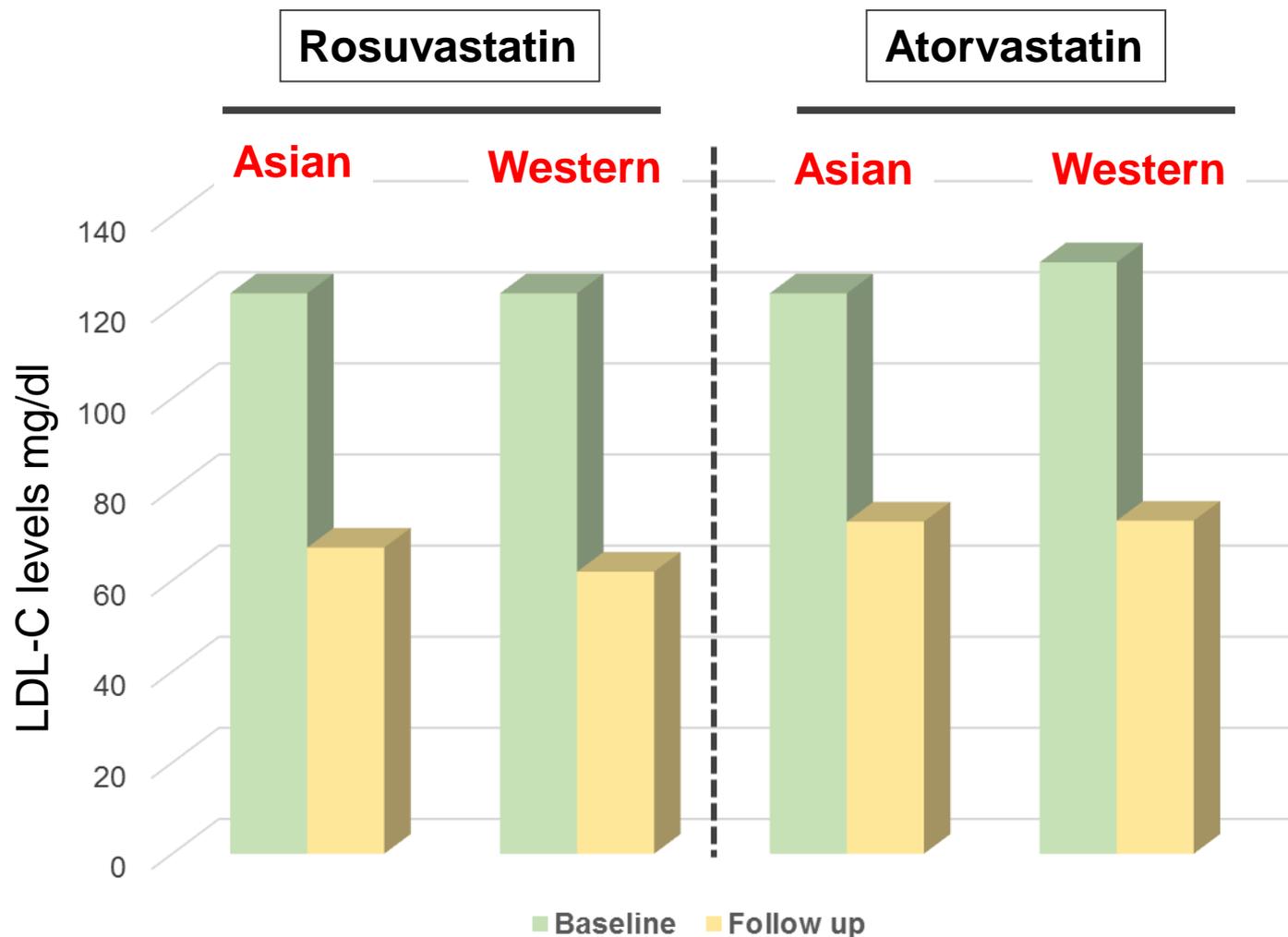
# Asian patients are more sensitive in statin therapy due to Pharmacokinetics

**Table 2.** Variant allele frequency (percentage) of polymorphisms having effects on statin pharmacokinetics in different ethnic groups

| SNP                   | Chinese   | Japanese  |   | Caucasian | Indian <sup>a</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|---------------------|
| <i>SLCO1B1</i> 521T>C | 14.6-15.1 | 11.0      |  | 15.0      | 2.3                 |
| <i>SLCO1B1</i> 388A>G | 81.7-83.7 | 65.1      |   | 40.3      | 55.7                |
| <i>ABCG2</i> 421C>A   | 28.9-29.3 | 31.1-34.3 |   | 11.1-11.7 | 6.2                 |

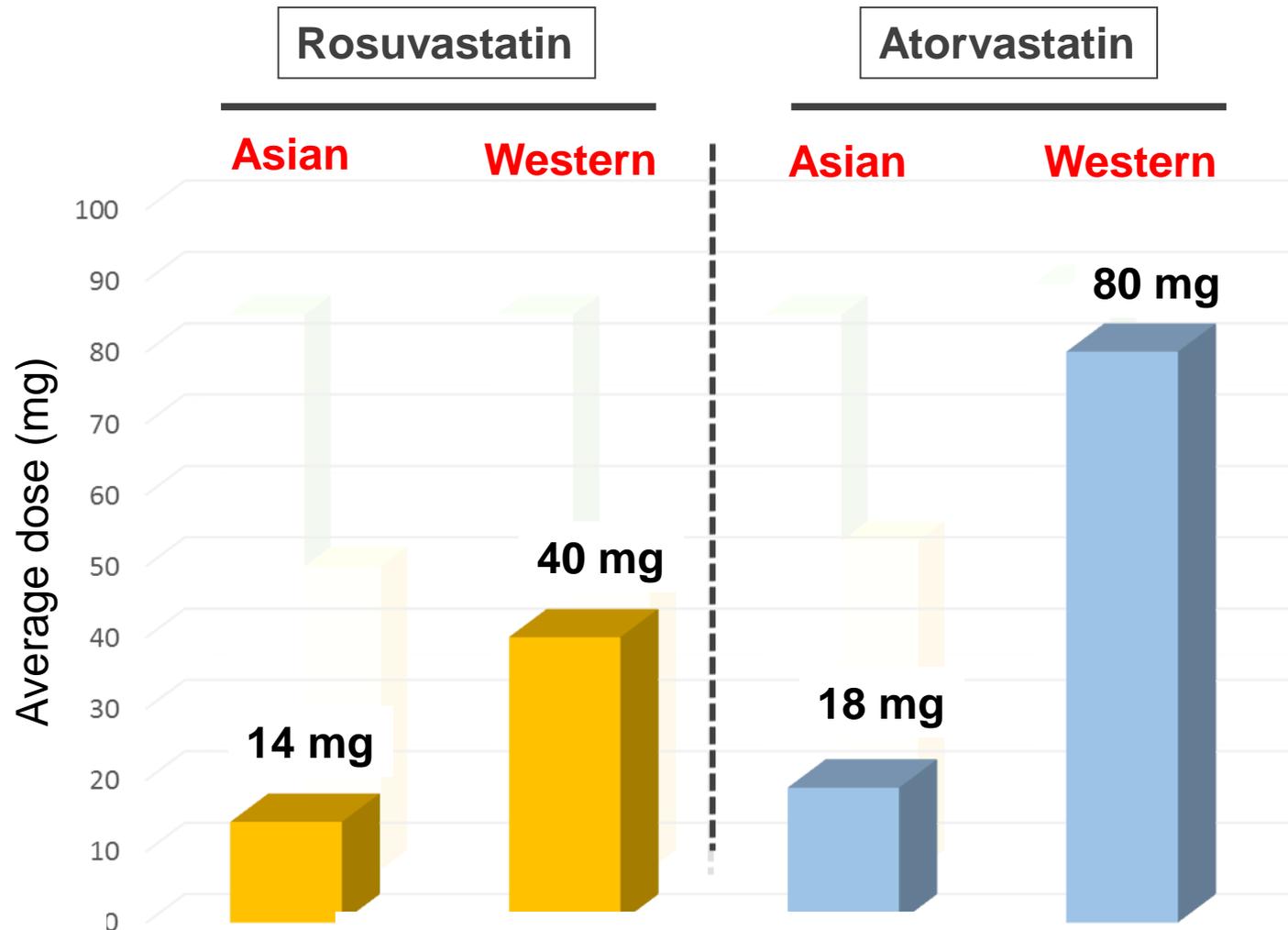
The *SLCO1B1* 521C allele results in the *SLCO1B1*\*5, \*15 and \*17 haplotypes.  
Data from HapMap. <sup>a</sup>Gujarati Indians in Houston, Texas.

# Asian patients are more sensitive in statin therapy

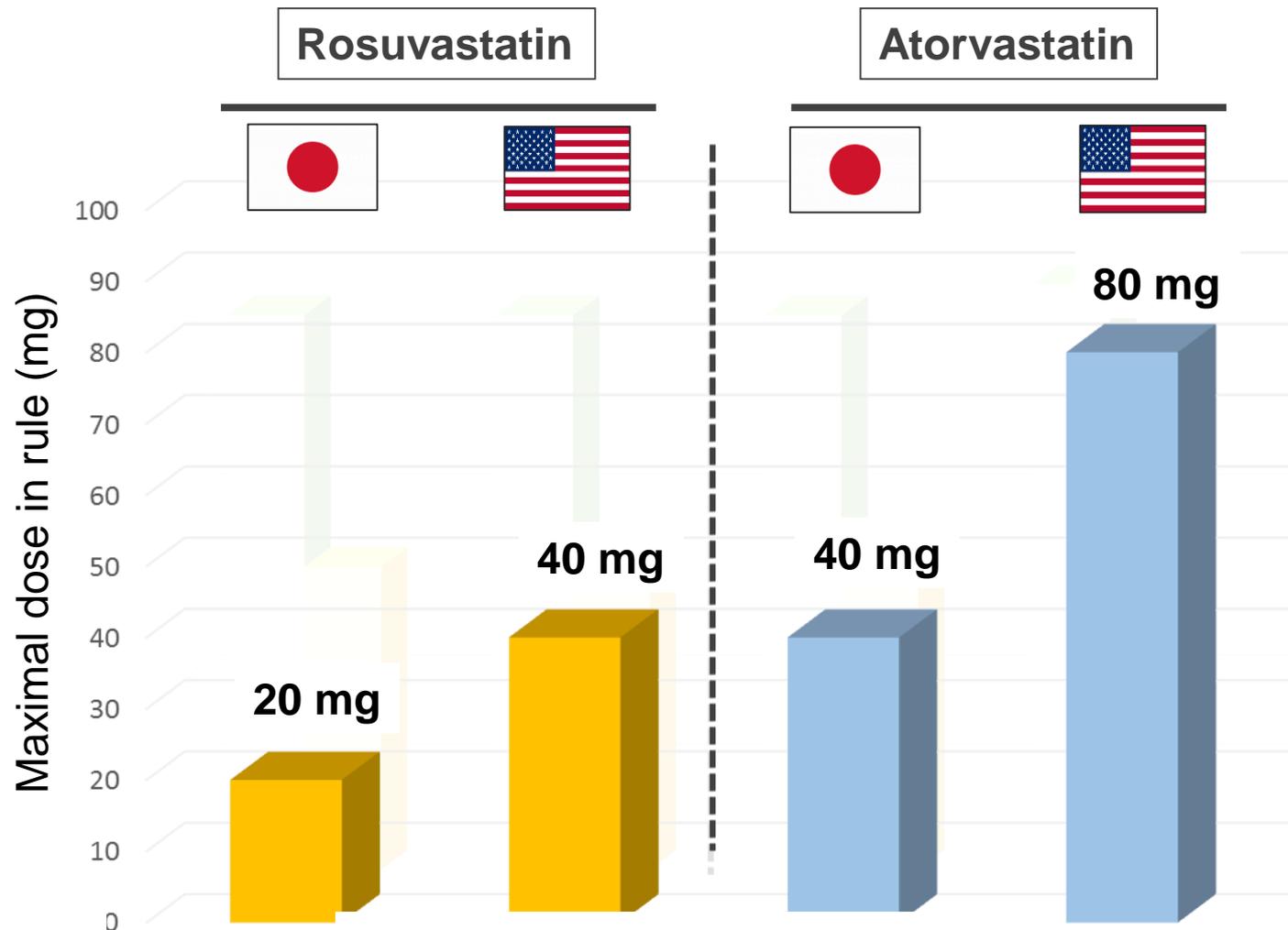


# Asian patients are more sensitive in statin therapy

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# Maximal dose of statins in Japan and U.S





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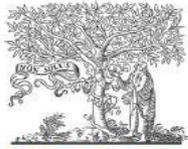
# 2018 ACC/AHA Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol

## Racial/ethnic issues in intensity of statin therapy & response to LDL-C lowering

- Japanese patients may be sensitive to statin dosing. In an open-label, randomized primary- prevention trial, Japanese participants had a reduction in CVD events with low-intensity doses of pravastatin as compared with placebo (S4.5.1- 33)
- In a secondary prevention trial, Japanese participants with CAD benefitted from a [moderate-intensity] dose of pitavastatin (S4.5.1-34)
- Using a lower statin intensity in Japanese patients may give results similar to those seen with higher intensities in non- Japanese patients

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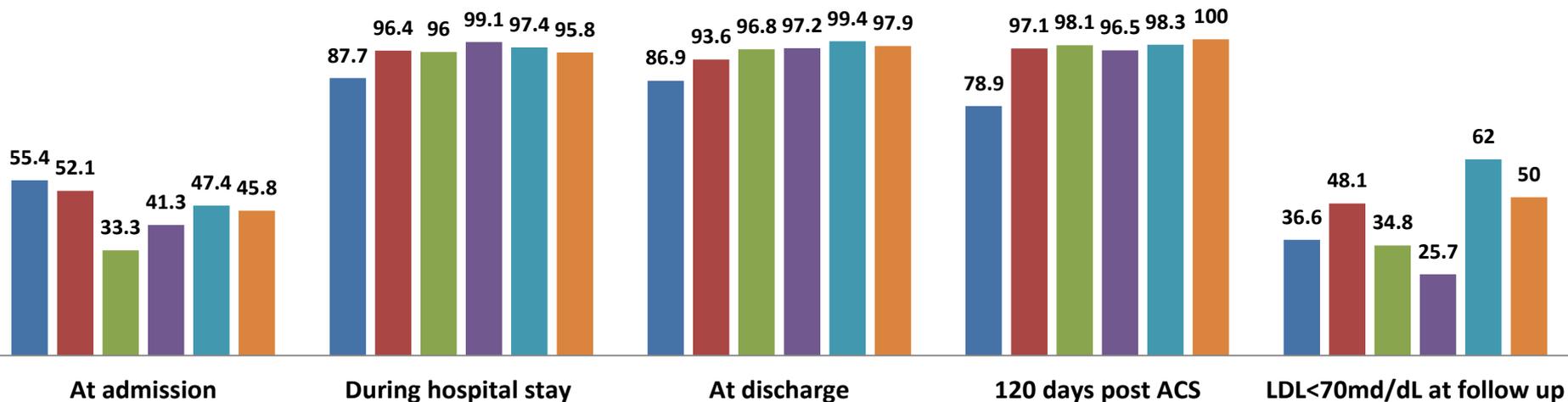
journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/atherosclerosis](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/atherosclerosis)

## Cholesterol target value attainment and lipid-lowering therapy in patients with stable or acute coronary heart disease: Results from the Dyslipidemia International Study II

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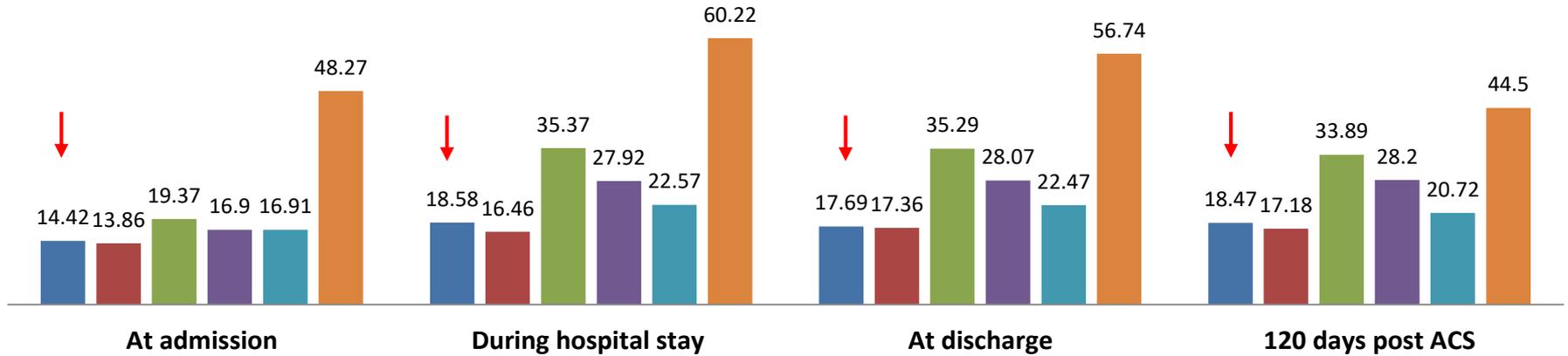
### Lipid lowering treatment (%) in ACS

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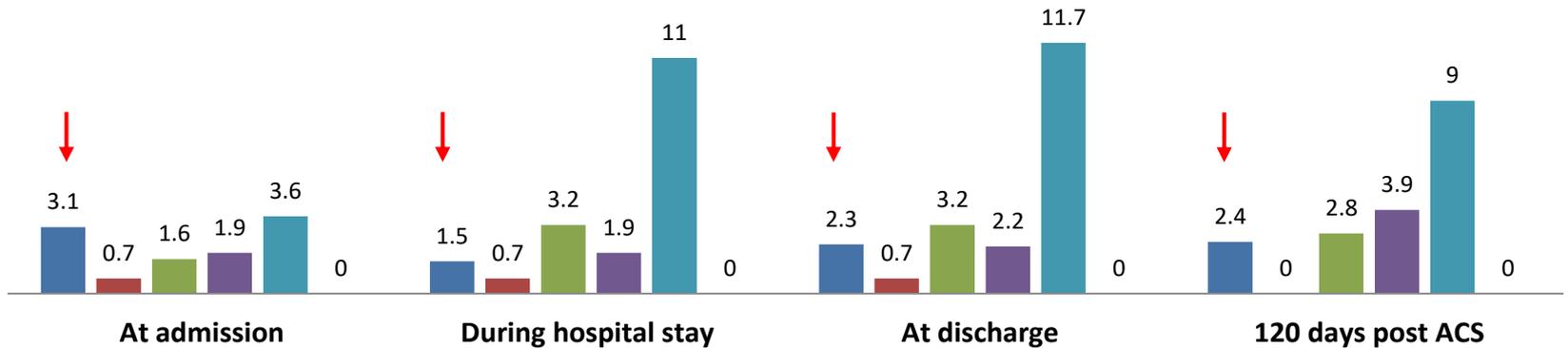
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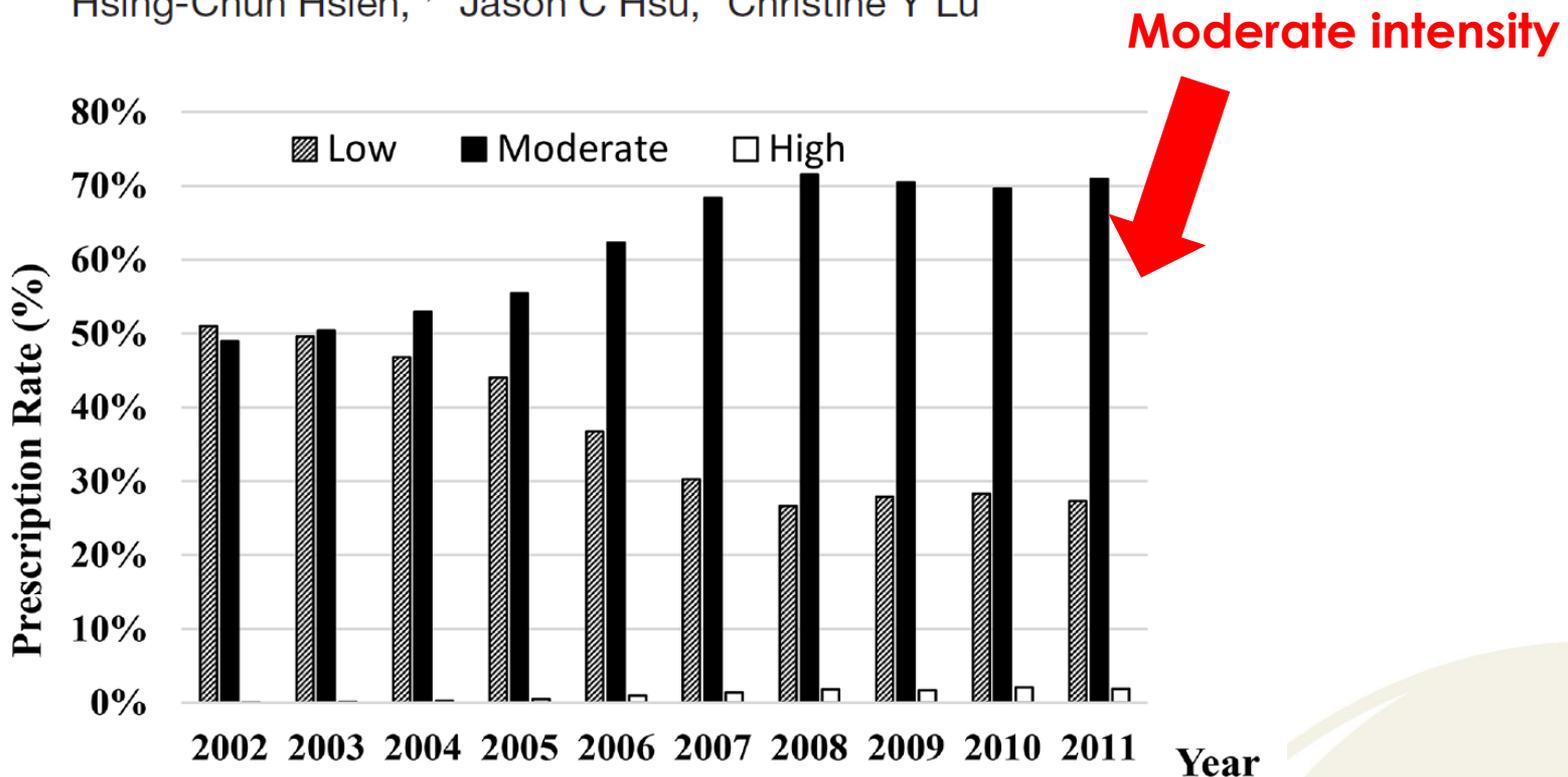
## Ezetimibe in combination with any statin(%)

■ Taiwan (n=130) ■ Hong Kong(n=140) ■ Singapore(n=126) ■ Thailand(320) ■ South korea(n=308) ■ Philippines(n=48)



# BMJ Open 10-year trends in statin utilization in Taiwan: a retrospective study using Taiwan's National Health Insurance Research Database

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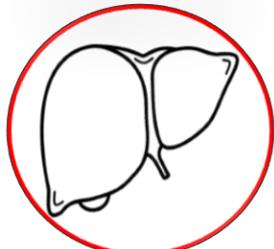
# Primary prevention: Balance of efficacy and safety



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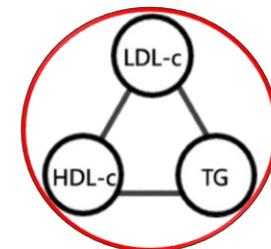
Drug-Drug interaction



AST/ALT elevation



Myopathy



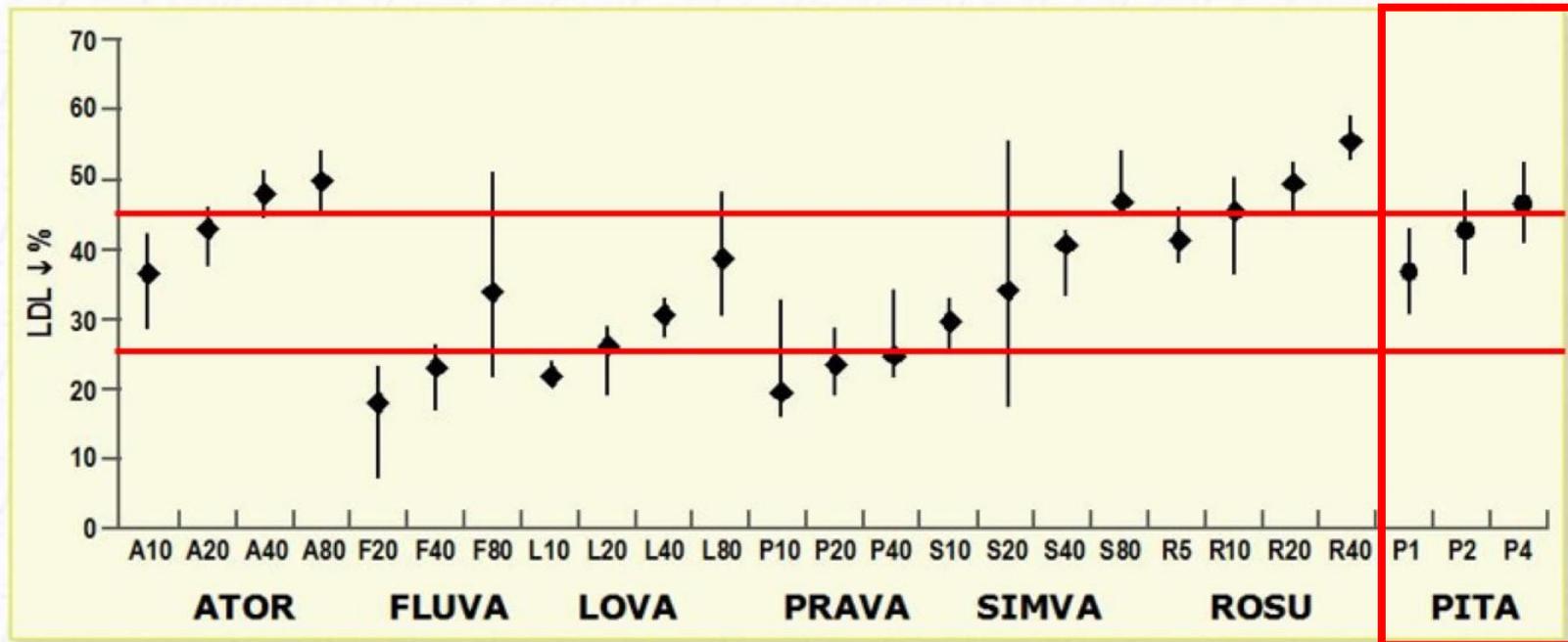
Lipid triad

**Safety**

**Efficacy**

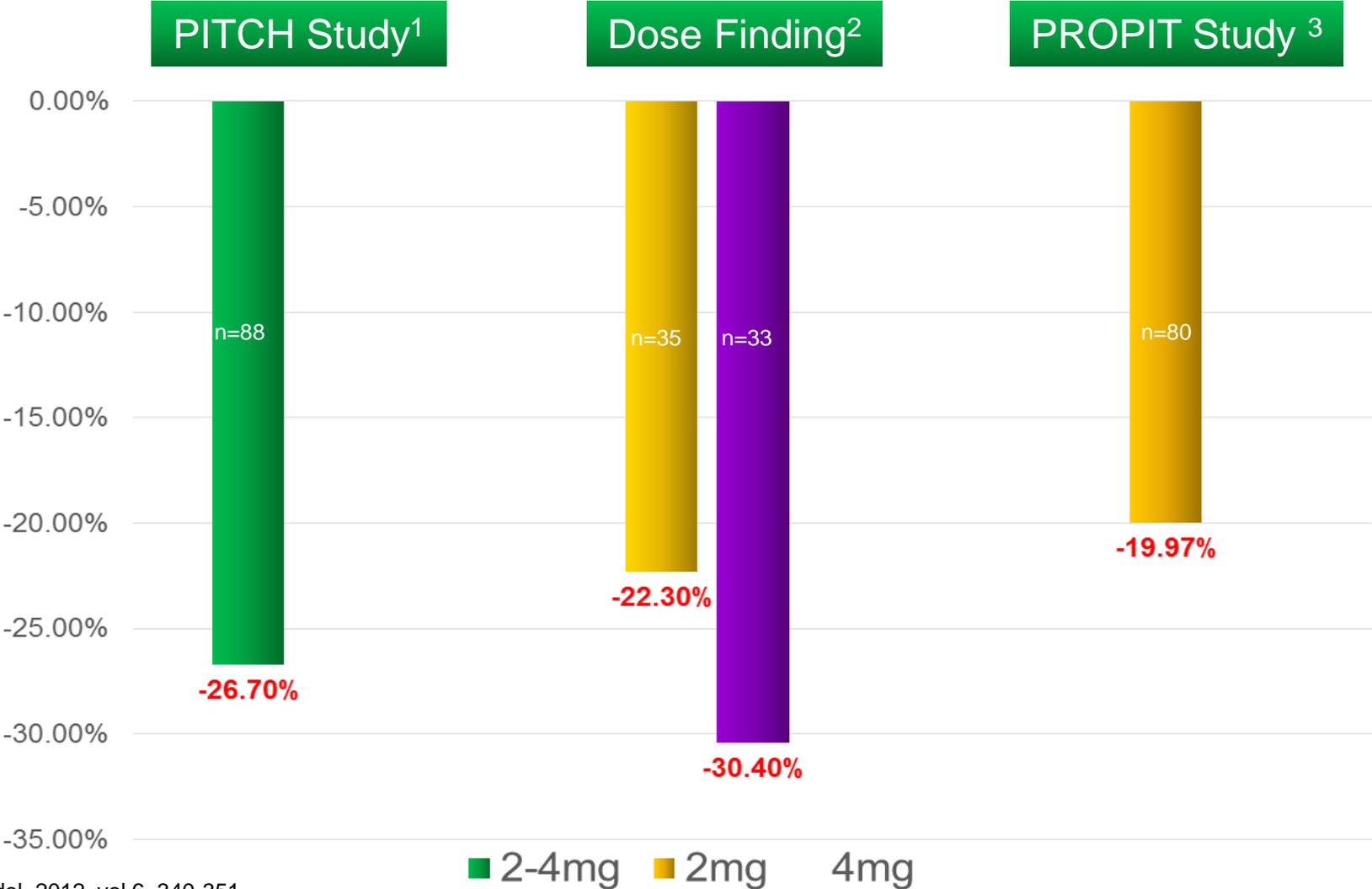
# A systematic review and meta-analysis of the therapeutic equivalence of statins

47%



Pitavastatin 4 mg  $\cong$  Atorvastatin 40 mg  $\cong$  Rosuvastatin 10mg<sup>1</sup>

# Efficacy of Pitavastatin on TG



1. J of Clin. Lipidol. 2012, vol.6, 340-351  
2. Drug Res. 2002, vol.52, NO.4 : 251-255  
3. Clin. Endo. 2014, vol.82, NO.5 : 670-677

# 2016 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the Management of Dyslipidaemias

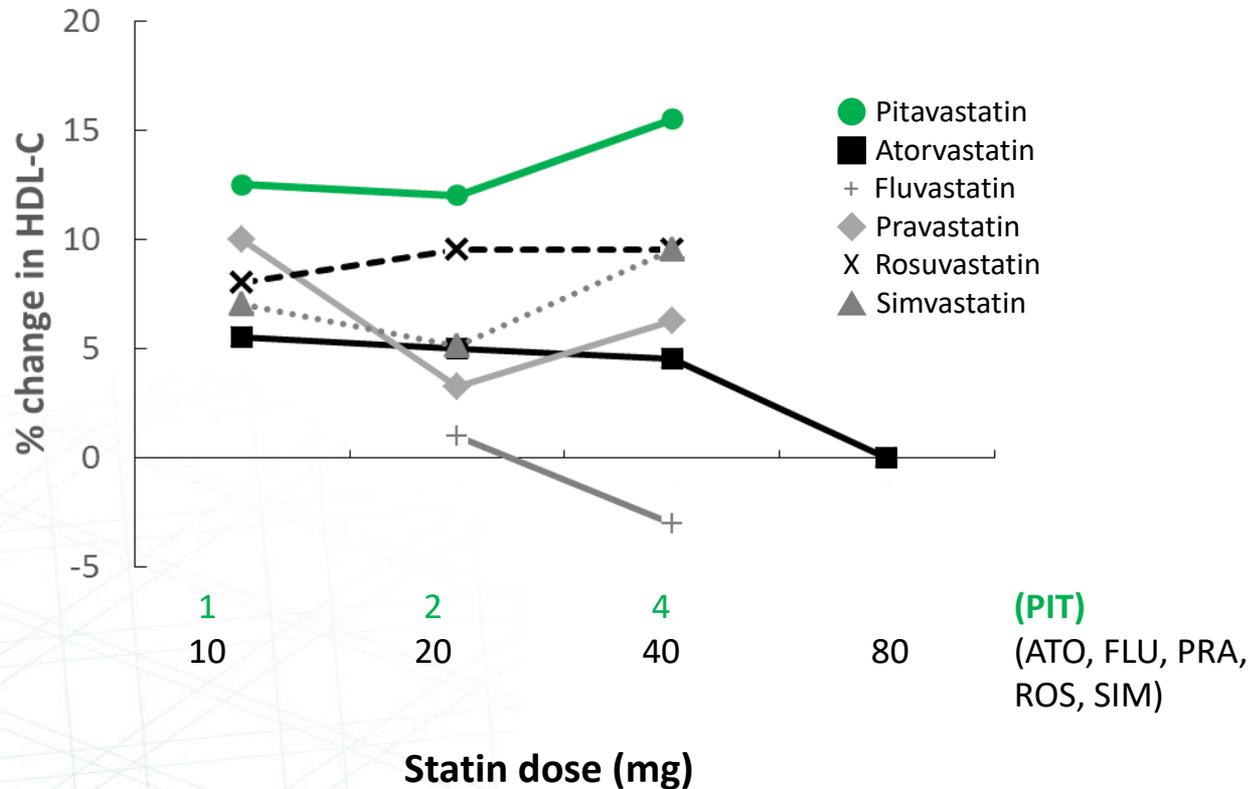
## 7.4 Statins

Since statins have significant effects on mortality as well as most CVD outcome parameters, these drugs are the first choice to reduce both total CVD risk and moderately elevated TG levels.

**More potent statins (atorvastatin, rosuvastatin and pitavastatin) demonstrate a robust lowering of TG levels, especially at high doses and in patients with elevated TGs.** In subgroup analyses from statin trials, the risk reduction is the same in subjects with HTG as in normotriglyceridaemic subjects.

# Effect of each statin dose on HDL-C level

Pitavastatin showed the greatest increase in HDL-C than other statins.



ATO=atorvastatin; FLU=fluvastatin; PIT=pitavastatin; PRA=pravastatin; ROS=rosuvastatin; SIM=simvastatin.  
HDL-C=high-density lipoprotein cholesterol.  
Yamashita S, et al. J Atheroscler Thromb. 2010;17(5):436-51.

# Statins and risk of incident diabetes: a collaborative meta-analysis of randomised statin trials

Naveed Sattar, David Preiss, Heather M Murray, Paul Welsh, Brendan M Buckley, Anton J M de Craen, Sreenivasa Rao Kondapally Seshasai, John J McMurray, Dilys J Freeman, J Wouter Jukema, Peter W Macfarlane, Chris J Packard, David J Stott, Rudi G Westendorp, James Shepherd, Barry R Davis, Sara L Pressel, Roberto Marchioli, Rosa Maria Marfisi, Aldo P Maggioni, Luigi Tavazzi, Gianni Tognoni, John Kjekshus, Terje R Pedersen, Thomas J Cook, Antonio M Gotto, Michael B Clearfield, John R Downs, Haruo Nakamura, Yasuo Ohashi, Kyoichi Mizuno, Kausik K Ray, Ian Ford

用 statin 治療 255 個病人 4 年會額外增加 1 個 DM, 但可預防 5.4 個心血管事件發生

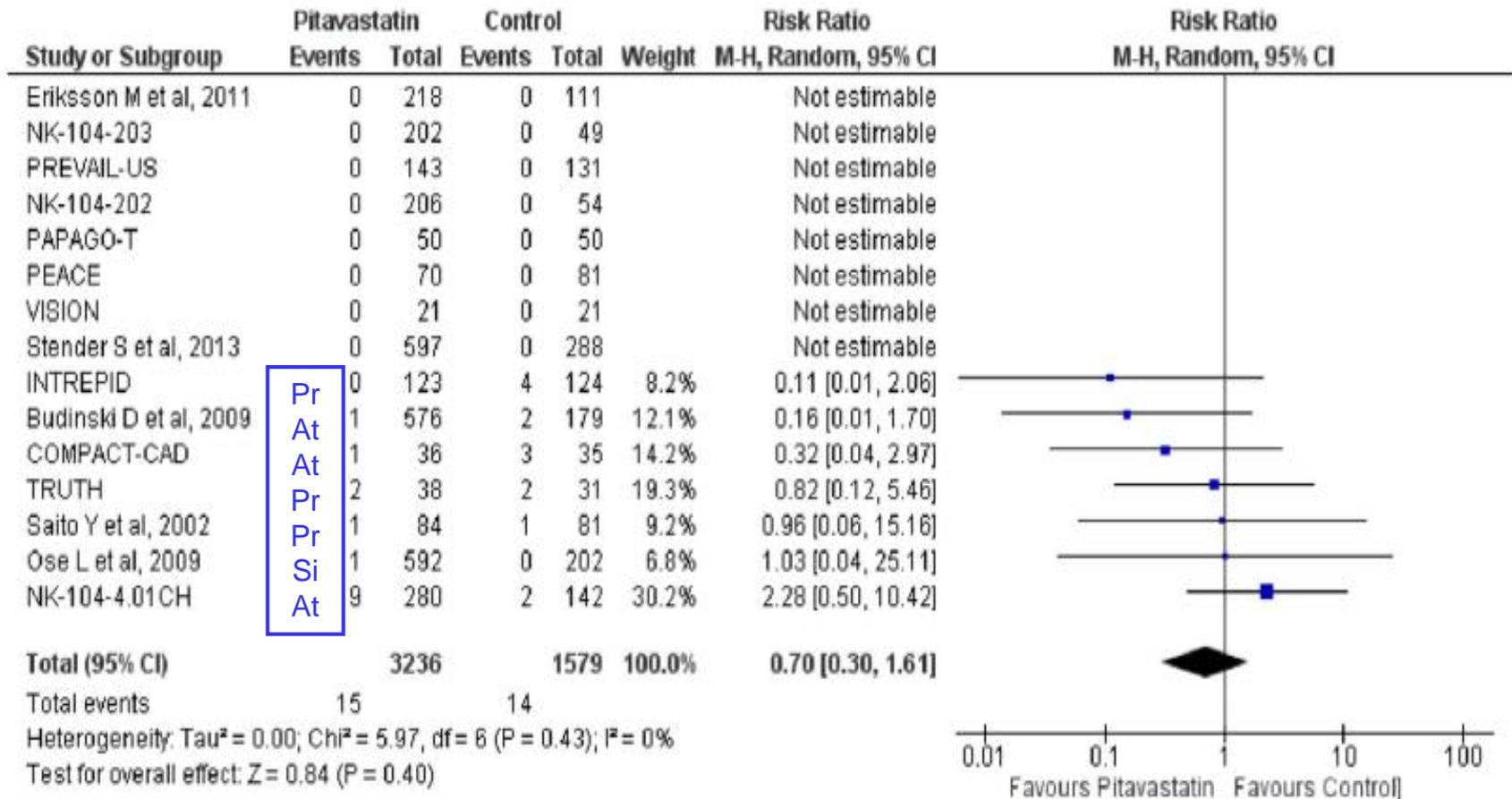
**Methods** We searched Medline, Embase, and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials from 1994 to 2009, for randomised controlled endpoint trials of statins. We included only trials with more than 1000 patients, with identical follow-up in both groups and duration of more than 1 year. We excluded trials of patients with organ transplants or who needed haemodialysis. We used the  $I^2$  statistic to measure heterogeneity between trials and calculated risk estimates for incident diabetes with random-effect meta-analysis.

**Findings** We identified 13 statin trials with 91140 participants, of whom 4278 (2226 assigned statins and 2052 assigned control treatment) developed diabetes during a mean of 4 years. Statin therapy was associated with a 9% increased risk for incident diabetes (odds ratio [OR] 1.09; 95% CI 1.02–1.17), with little heterogeneity ( $I^2=11\%$ ) between trials. Meta-regression showed that risk of development of diabetes with statins was highest in trials with older participants, but neither baseline body-mass index nor change in LDL-cholesterol concentrations accounted for residual variation in risk. Treatment of 255 (95% CI 150–852) patients with statins for 4 years resulted in one extra case of diabetes.

**Interpretation** Statin therapy is associated with a slightly increased risk of development of diabetes, but the risk is low both in absolute terms and when compared with the reduction in coronary events. Clinical practice in patients with moderate or high cardiovascular risk or existing cardiovascular disease should not change.

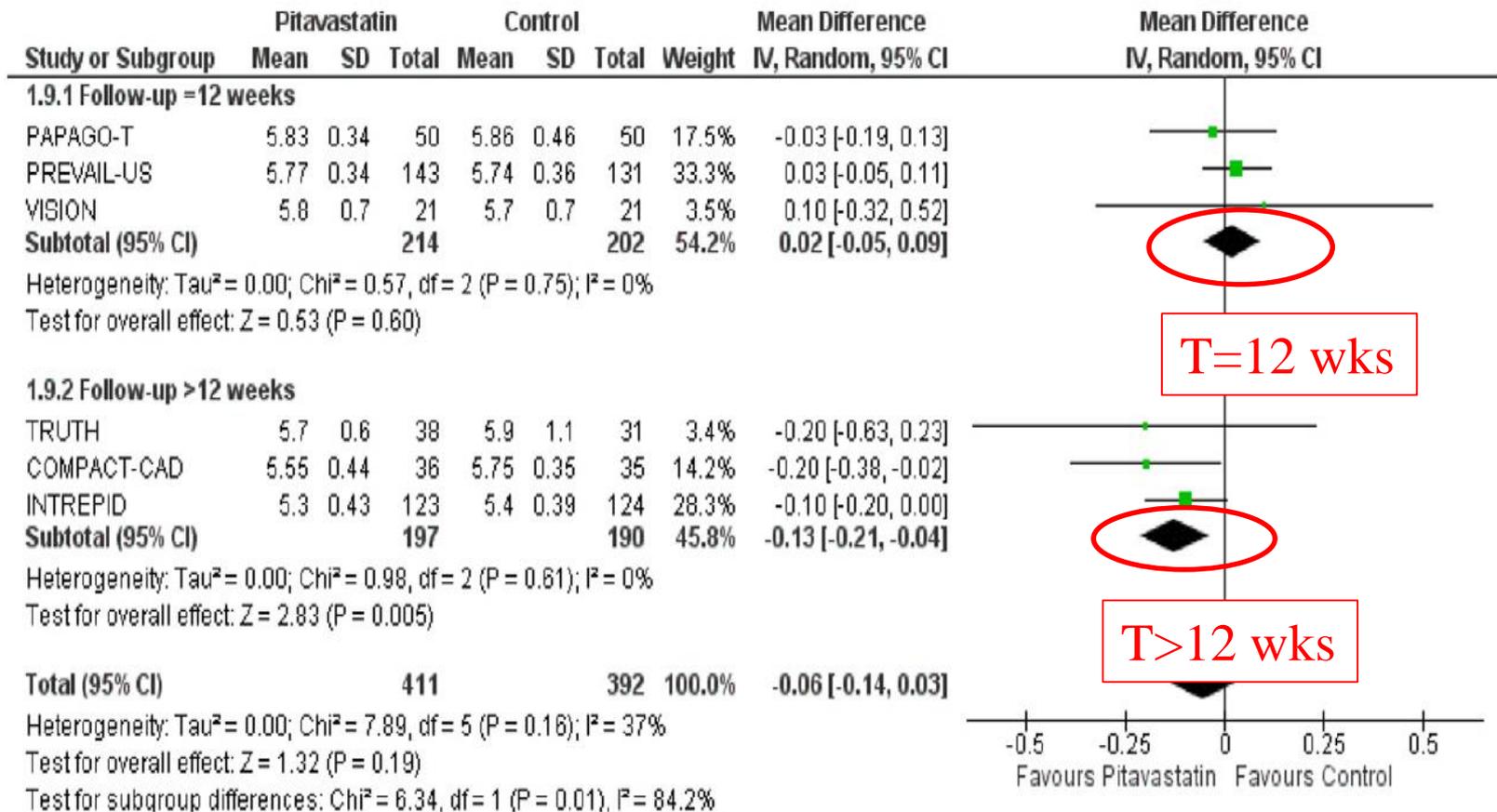
# Effect of pitavastatin on new onset DM

## C. New onset diabetes – Risk Ratio



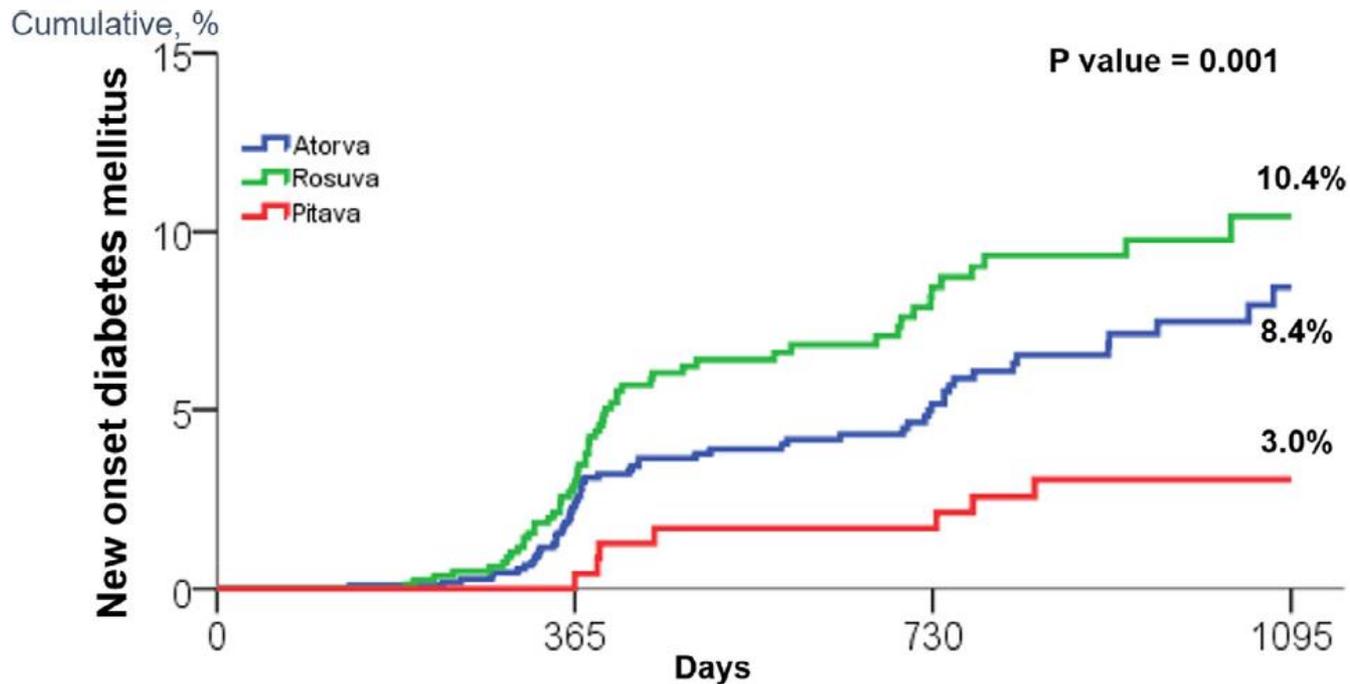
# Effect of pitavastatin on HbA1c based on follow-up time

## B – HbA1c (%)



# Pitavastatin had lower NODM rate in AMI patients

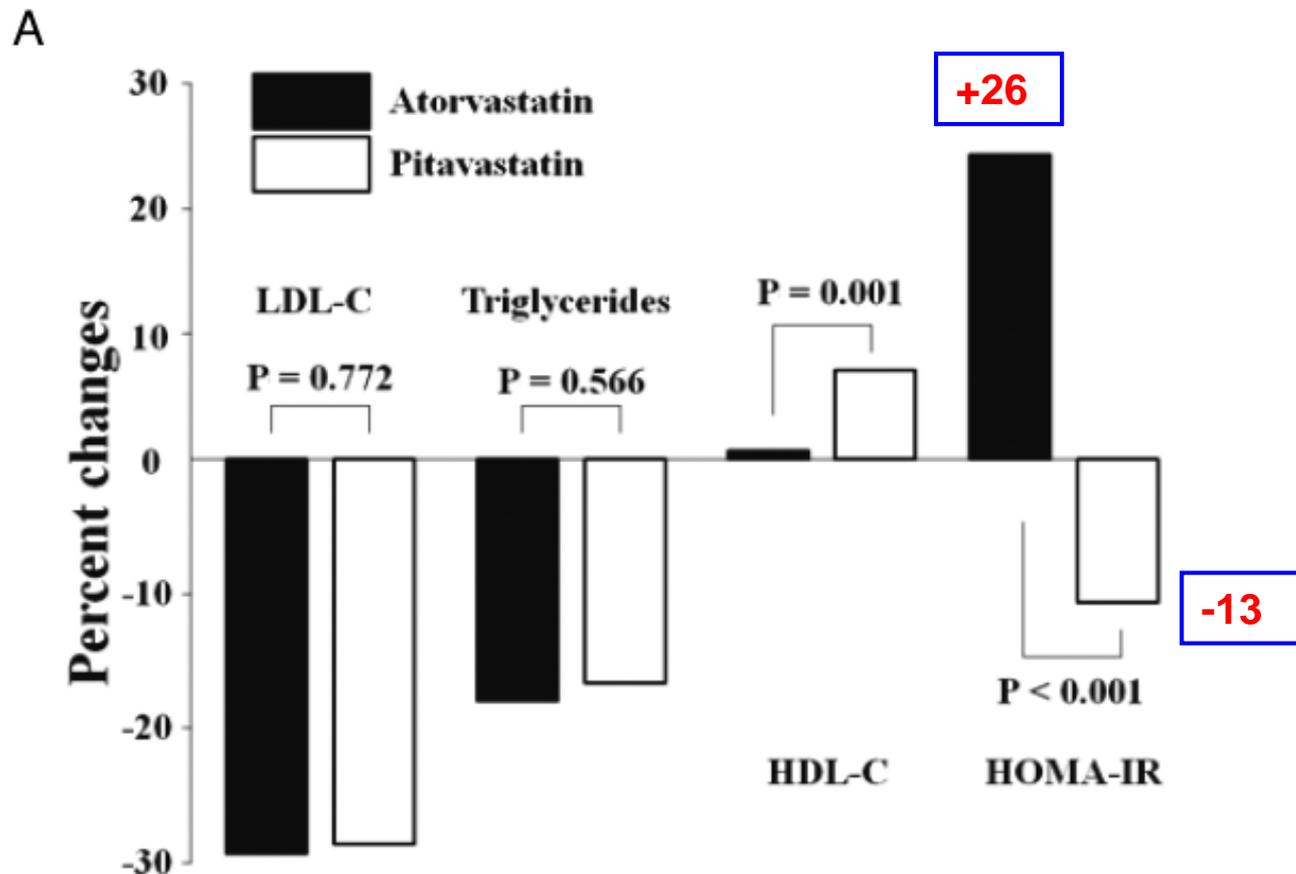
Korean prospective, multicenter, real-world treatment, Asian patients diagnosed with AMI



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|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Atorva | 1267 | 1243 | 1221 | 1209 |
| Rosuva | 961  | 939  | 910  | 905  |
| Pitava | 255  | 254  | 251  | 248  |

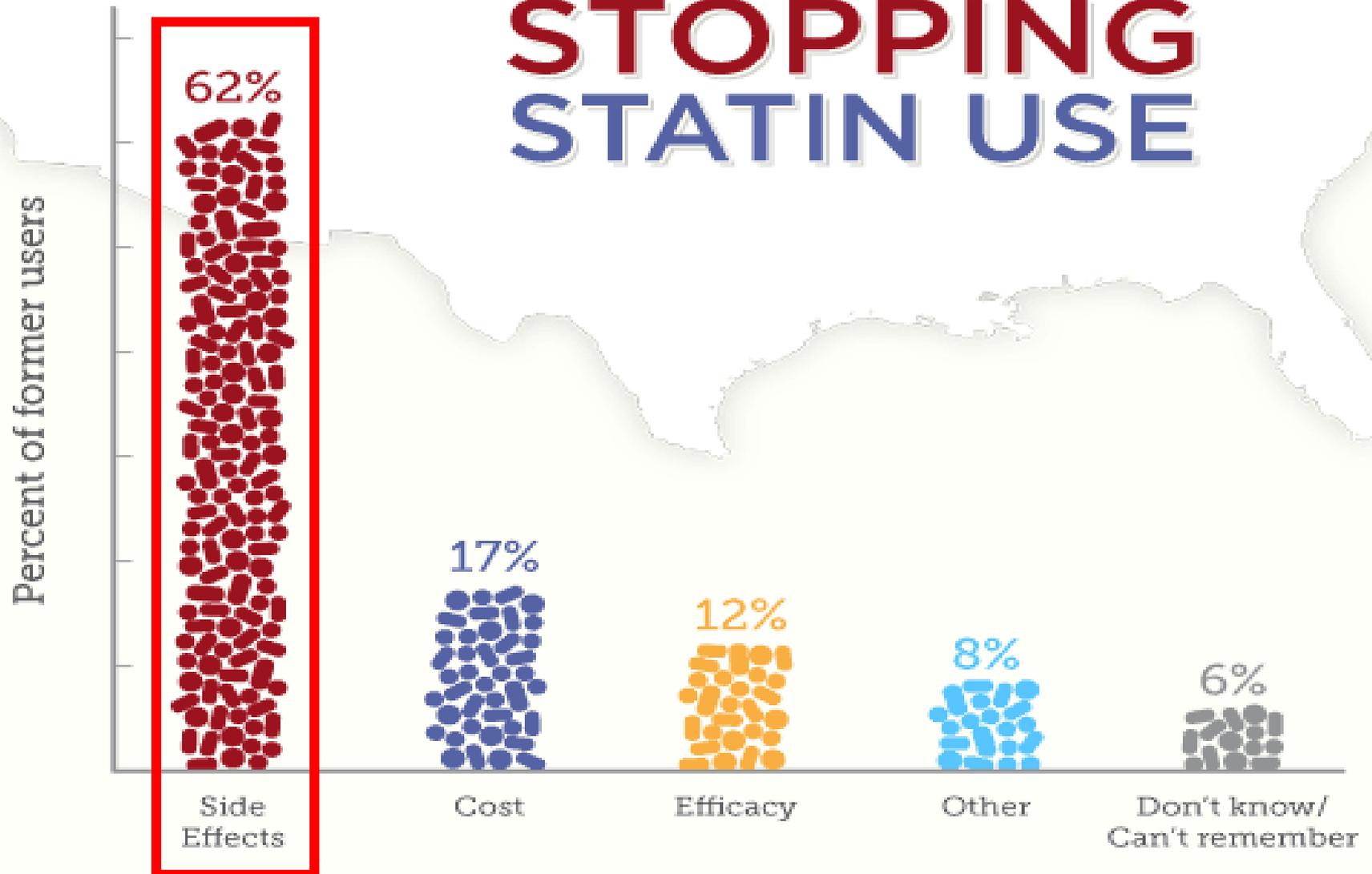
# Pitavastatin may have greater benefits for improving insulin resistance

(A) Changes in the lipid profiles and HOMA-IR



— Most Common Reasons for —

# STOPPING STATIN USE



# Association of Clinician Knowledge and Statin Beliefs With Statin Therapy Use and Lipid Levels (A Survey of US Practice in the PALM Registry)

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Guideline implementation requires clinician knowledge but may be influenced by pre-existing beliefs and biases. We assessed the association of these clinician factors with lipid management following the release of the 2013 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association cholesterol guidelines. In the PALM registry, 774 clinicians completed a survey to assess their knowledge of the 2013 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines, belief in statin benefit, and statin safety concerns. The association of these factors with statin use, statin dosing, and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) levels were assessed in the 6,839 patients treated by these clinicians between May and November 2015. Overall, 63.9% of clinicians responded to at least 3 out of 4 hypothetical scenarios in concordance with guideline recommendations (good tested knowledge), 88.4% reported belief in statin benefit, and 15.4% raised concerns about statin safety. Belief in statin benefit was more prevalent among cardiologists, who represented 48.8% of the clinicians surveyed, and concerns regarding statin safety were higher among noncardiologists and clinicians in an academic setting. Guideline knowledge was not associated with a difference in statin use (74.1% vs 73.8%,  $p = 0.84$ ) and achievement of LDL-C level  $<100$  mg/dl (54.7% vs 52.4%,  $p = 0.07$ ). However, patients treated by clinicians who reported belief in statin benefit were more likely to receive guideline-recommended statin intensity (41.9% vs 36.9%,  $p = 0.03$ ), whereas patients treated by clinicians expressing statin safety concerns were less likely receive statins of at least guideline-recommended intensity (36.8% vs 42.5%,  $p = 0.001$ ) and to achieve an LDL-C  $<100$  mg/dl (44.1% vs 56.1%,  $p < 0.001$ ); the latter persisted after multivariable adjustment (odds ratio 0.75, 95% confidence interval 0.63 to 0.89). In conclusion, clinician beliefs regarding benefits and risks of statins were significantly associated with guideline adherence and patients' achieved LDL-C levels, whereas clinician knowledge of guideline recommendations was not. © 2019 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. (Am J Cardiol 2019;123:1011–1018)

# Guideline knowledge, belief in statin benefit, and concerns regarding statin risk based on clinician characteristics

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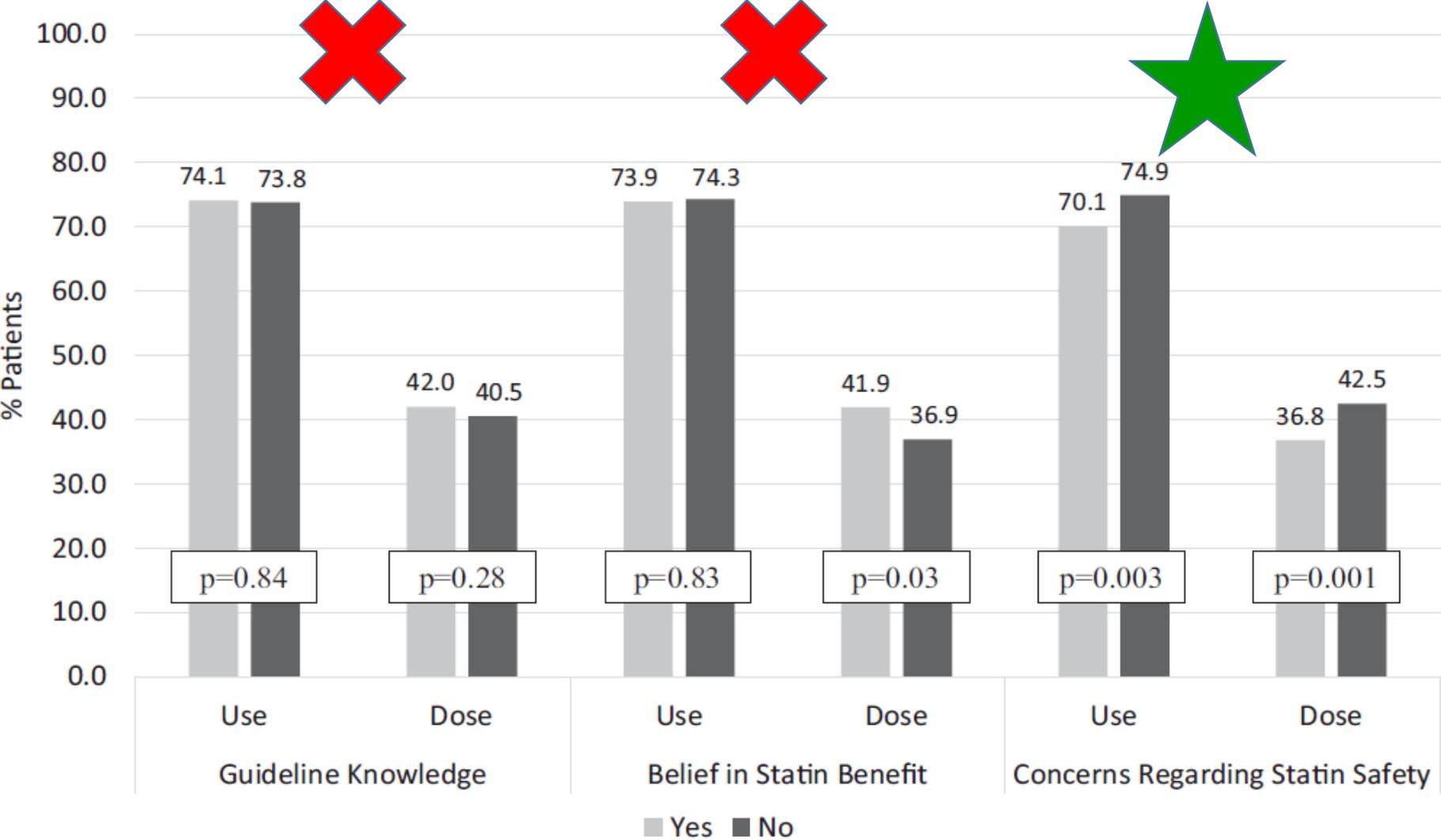
| Clinician-reported                     | Cardiologists | Noncardiologists | Board certified | Not board certified | >10 years in practice | ≤10 years in practice | Academic | Nonacademic |
|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| <u>Guideline knowledge</u>             | 66.8%         | 61.3%            | 63.5%           | 66.4%               | 62.6%                 | 66.5%                 | 65.7%    | 63.5%       |
| p value                                |               | 0.11             |                 | 0.58                |                       | 0.28                  |          | 0.56        |
| <u>Belief of statin benefit</u>        | 91.5%         | 85.5%            | 89.6%           | 80.8%               | 90.8%                 | 83.6%                 | 85.9%    | 89.4%       |
| p value                                |               | <b>0.009</b>     |                 | <b>0.009</b>        |                       | <b>0.003</b>          |          | 0.17        |
| <u>Concern regarding statin safety</u> | 10.1%         | 20.3%            | 15.1%           | 17.3%               | 14.5%                 | 17.2%                 | 20.2%    | 13.3%       |
| p value                                |               | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |                 | 0.55                |                       | 0.32                  |          | <b>0.02</b> |

Guideline knowledge: ≥3/4 scenario questions answered in accordance with guidelines.

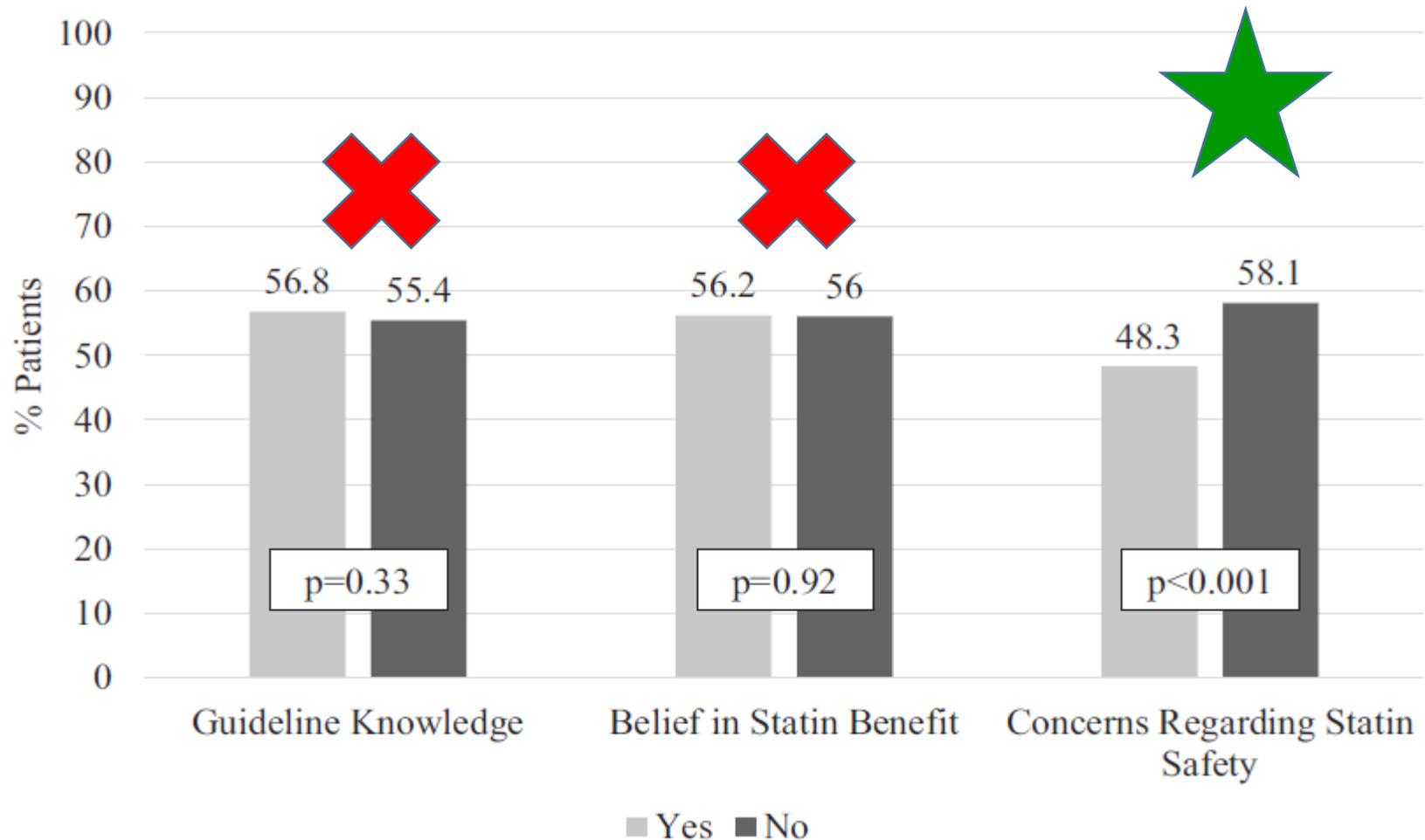
Belief of statin benefit: sum score >0.

Concern regarding statin safety: sum score >0.

# Statin use and guideline-concordant statin dosing among patients with a guideline indication for statin therapy



# Achievement of LDL-C <100 mg/dl among patients with a guideline indication for statin therapy



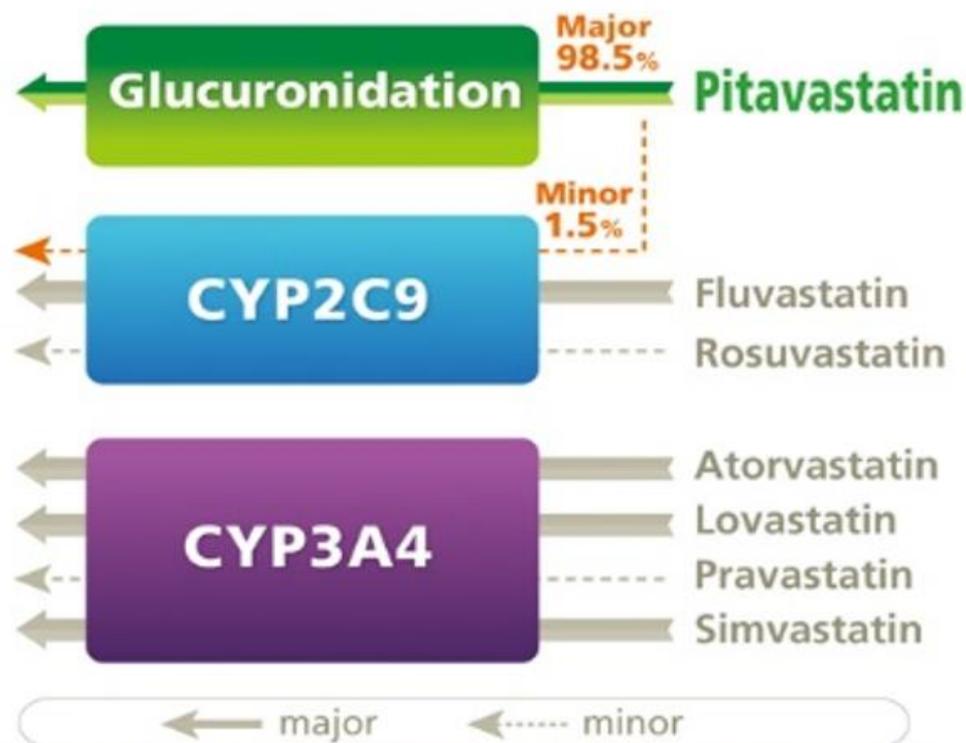
# Pitavastatin: unique metabolic profile

## Minor metabolism via CYP pathways

Pitavastatin is minimally metabolized by CYP enzymes, and is therefore expected to have a low risk of DDIs and related ADRs<sup>1</sup>.



### Metabolic pathways of statins<sup>1,2</sup>



ADR=adverse drug reaction; CYP=cytochrome P450; DDI=drug-drug interaction.

1. Corsini A, Ceska R. *Curr Med Res Opin.* 2011;27(8):1551-62. 2. Kawai Y, et al. *Drug Des Devel Ther.* 2011;5:283-97.

# Safety and tolerability of pitavastatin

## Postmarketing survey in Japan

pitavastatin was well tolerated with a good safety profile

| Adverse reaction               | Pitavastatin<br>(N=19,921) | Atorvastatin<br>(N=4,805) | Rosuvastatin<br>(N=8,795) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Incidence of adverse reactions | 6.1%                       | 12.0%                     | 11.1%                     |
| Increased CK (CPK)             | 1.4%                       | 2.2%                      | 2.3%                      |
| Increased ALT (GPT)            | 0.9%                       | 1.8%                      | 0.7%                      |
| Increased AST (GOT)            | 0.7%                       | 1.1%                      | 0.5%                      |
| Increased $\gamma$ -GTP        | 0.5%                       | 1.9%                      | 0.6%                      |
| Increased plasma glucose       | 0.01%                      | 0.37%                     | 0.01%                     |
| Increased HbA1c                | 0.02%                      | 0.25%                     | 0.01%                     |
| Hematuria                      | –                          | –                         | 0.7%                      |
| Proteinuria                    | –                          | 0.2%                      | 0.3%                      |

ALT=alanine transaminase; AST=aspartate transaminase; CK=creatin kinase; CPK=creatin phosphokinase;  
GOT=glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase; GPT=glutamate pyruvate transaminase; GTP=glutamyltranspeptidase; HbA1c=hemoglobin A1c.  
Hayashi T, et al. Expert Opin Pharmacother. 2007;8(14):2315-27.

# Conclusions

- Updated lipid treatment guidelines suggest **more aggressive LDL-c management in primary prevention** according to risk stratification
- **Accurate risk calculator, incorporate imaging method**, should be the key in individual primary prevention treatment
- We need “**Taiwan CVD risk calculator**”
- **Statin for lipid lowering strategy in primary prevention** was suggested by most guidelines but still have barriers in real world and Asians
- Why Pitavastatin: the 1<sup>st</sup> consideration statin for primary prevention for
  - Non-diabetogenic , HDL elevation
  - Lower drug-drug interaction probability
  - Lower side effect



**Thank you for your attention**