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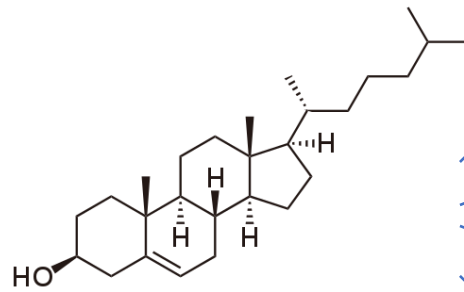
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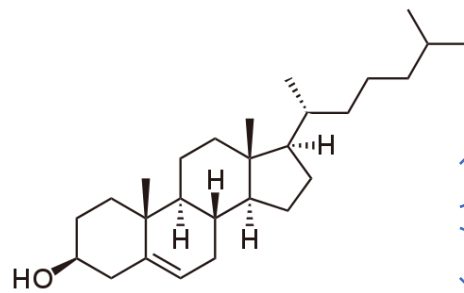
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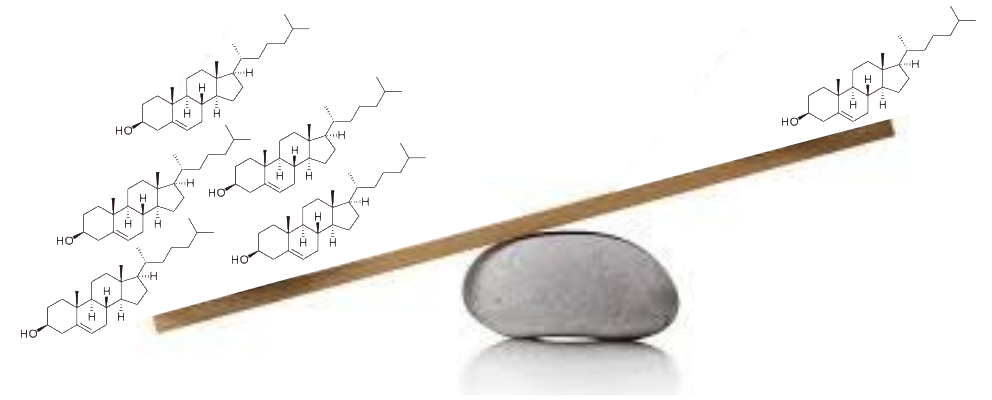
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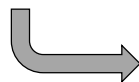
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Cholestérolémie normale

1,42g/L LDL cholestérol

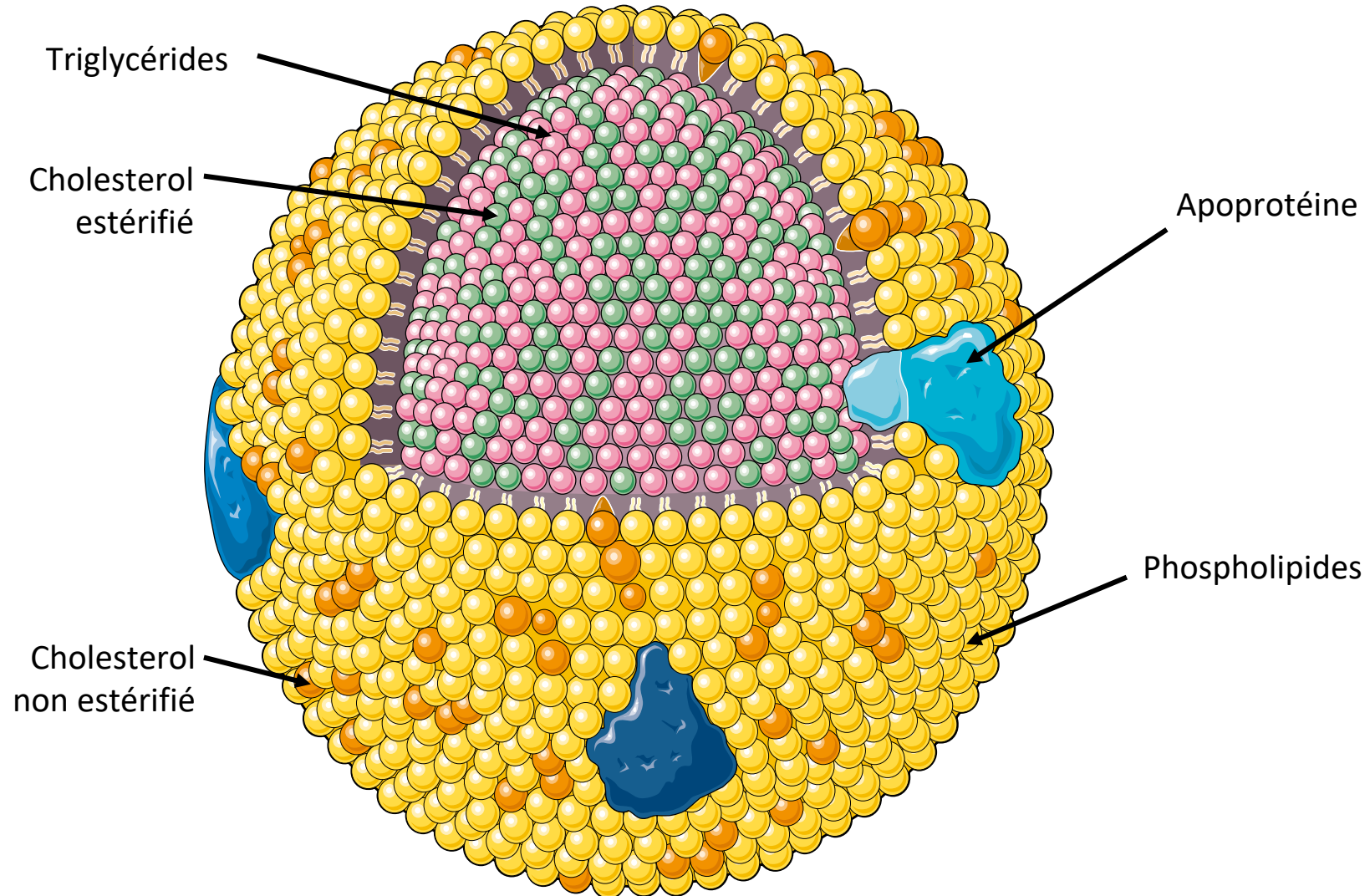
0,45g/L HDL cholestérol

Pas d'accidents cardiovasculaires



Voies impliqués dans la régulation du métabolisme du cholestérol

Le cholestérol et les triglycérides sont véhiculés dans le sang sous forme de lipoprotéines



Les lipoprotéines à apolipoprotéines B et A1

L'apolipoprotéine B est un reflet
des particules athérogènes:
principalement des LDL

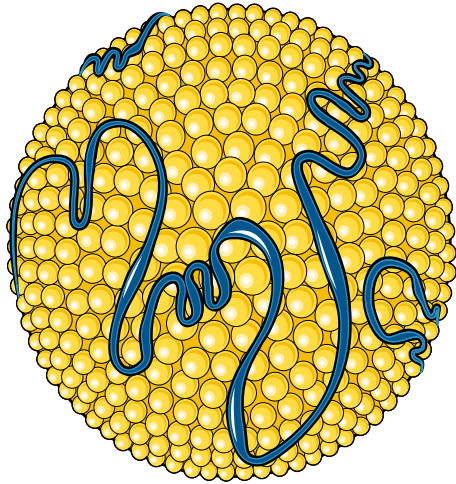
L'apolipoprotéine A1 est un reflet
des particules anti-athérogènes:
les HDL

Taille: 75-1200nm
Ratio
Chol/TG: 1/19
Densité: 0,93

30-80nm
1/3,3
0,93-1,006

18-27nm
1/0,23
1,019-1,063

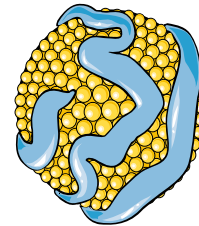
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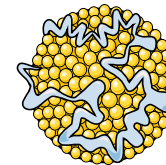
Chylomicrons



VLDL

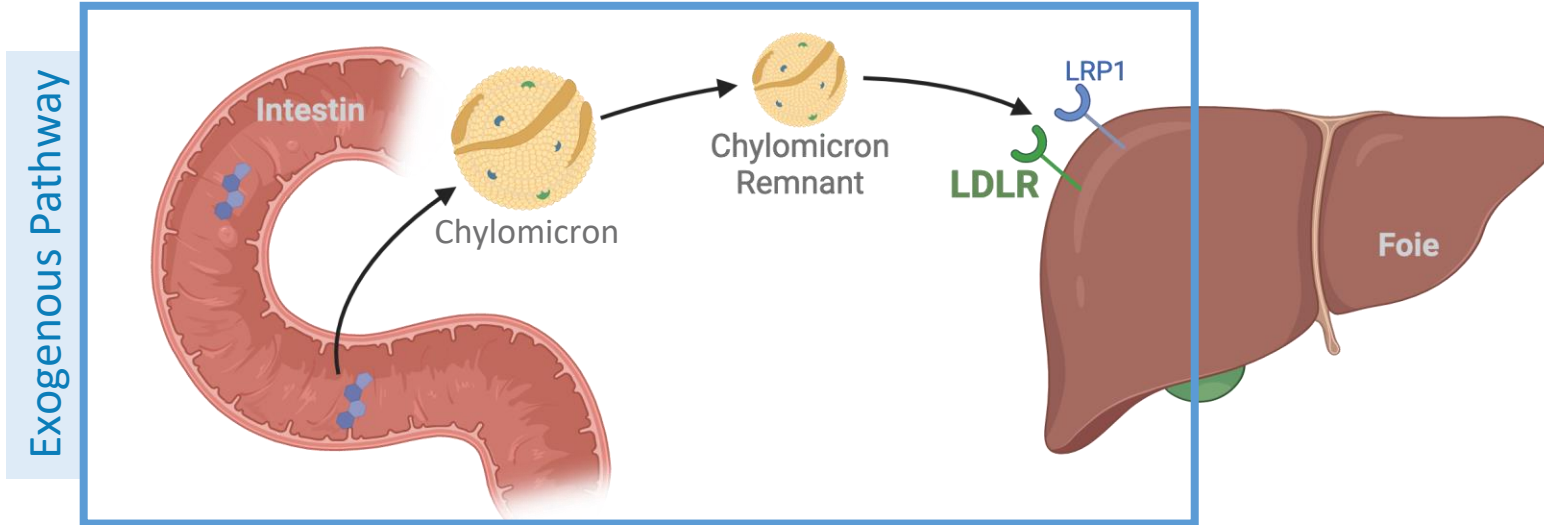


LDL



HDL

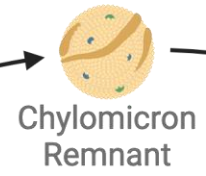
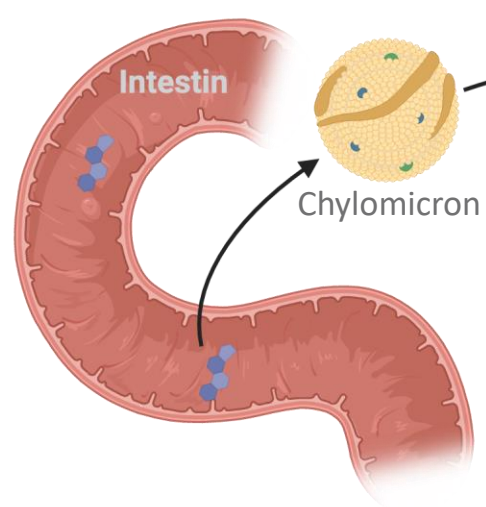
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LDLR = Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor

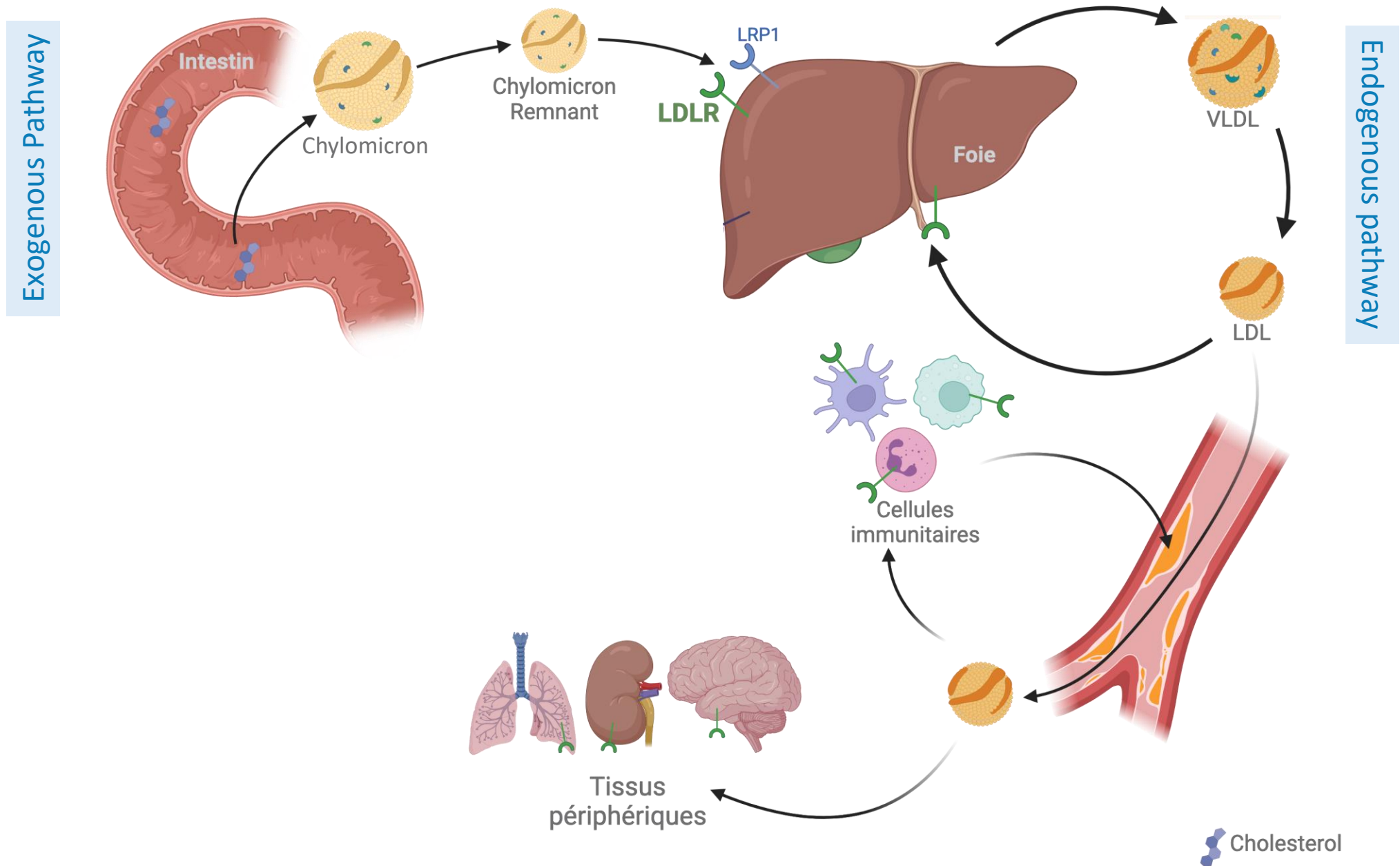
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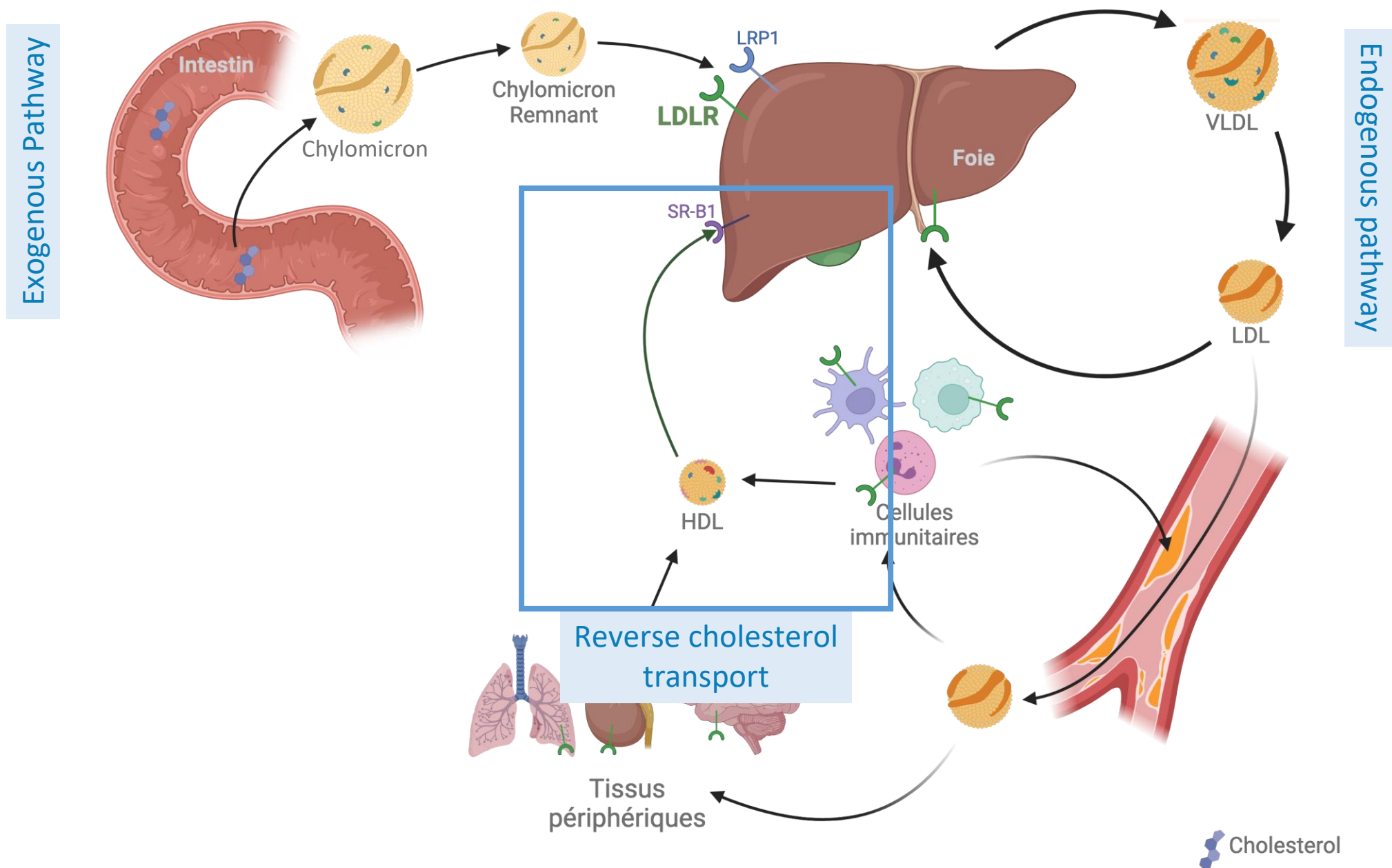


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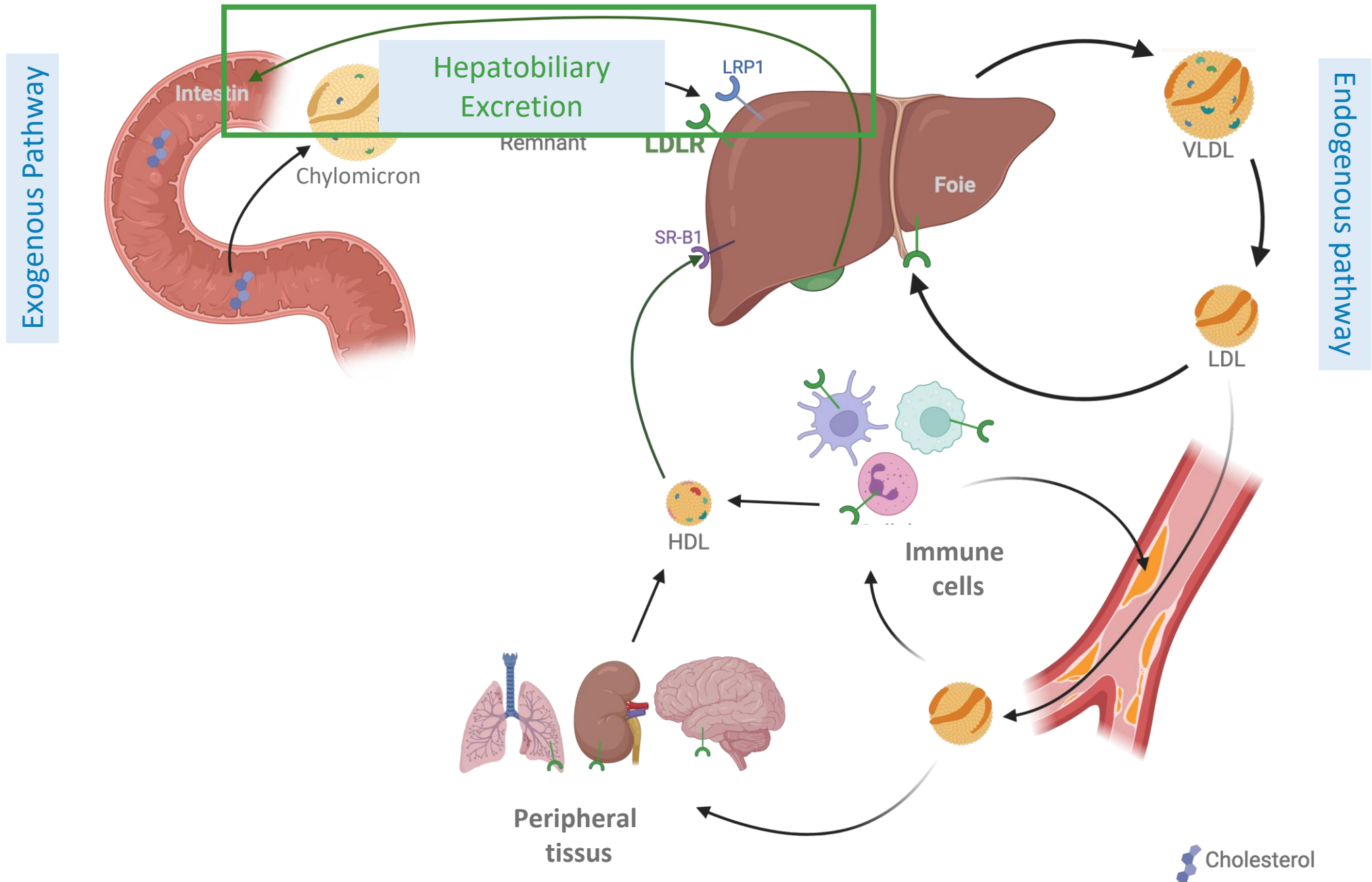
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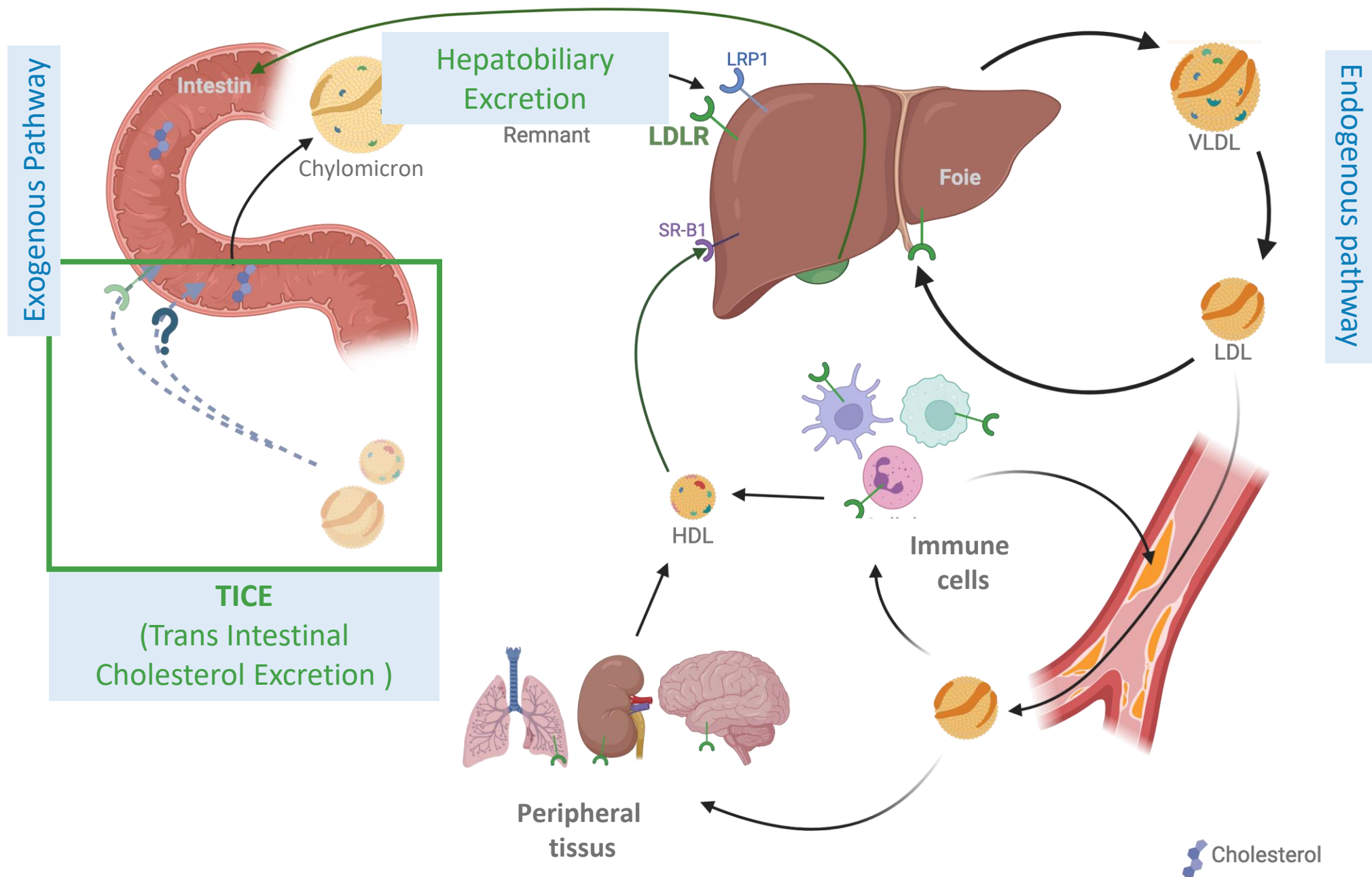
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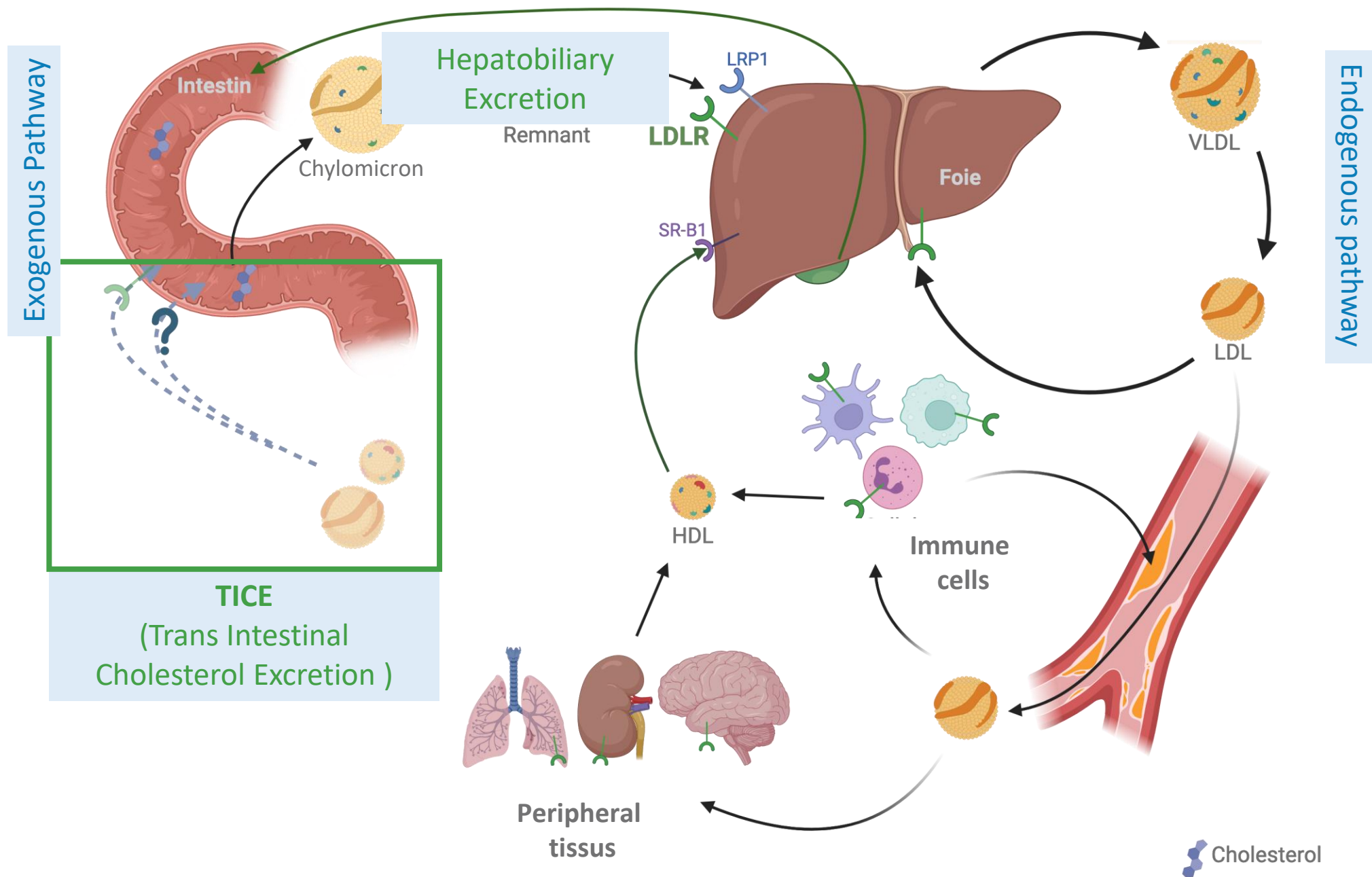
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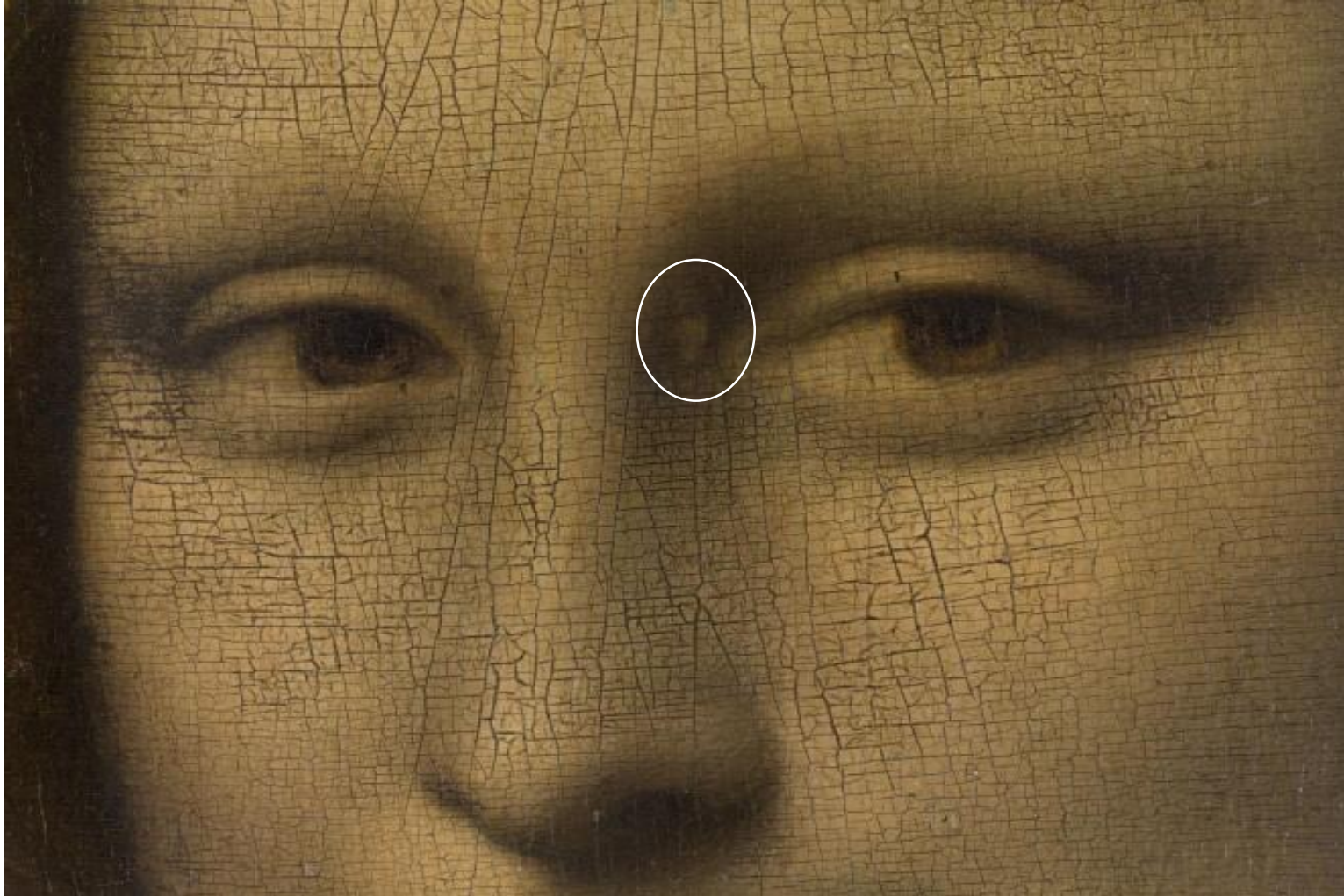


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Table 11 Genetic disorders of lipoprotein metabolism

Disorder	Prevalence	Gene(s)	Effect on lipoproteins
HeFH	1 in 200–250	LDLR APO B PCSK9	↑LDL-C
HoFH	1 in 160 000–320 000	LDLR APO B PCSK9	↑↑LDL-C
FCH	1 in 100/200	USF1 + modifying genes	↑LDL-C ↑VLDL-C ↑ApoB
Familial dysbetalipoproteinaemia	1 in 5000	APO E	↑↑IDL and chylomicron remnants (βVLDL)
Familial lipoprotein lipase deficiency (familial chylomicron syndrome)	2 in 10 ⁶	LPL APO C2 ApoAV, GPIHBP1 LMF1	↑↑chylomicrons and VLDL-C
Tangier disease (analphalipoproteinaemia)	1 in 10 ⁶	ABCA1	↓↓HDL-C
Familial LCAT deficiency	1 in 10 ⁶	LCAT	↓HDL-C

FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA (FH)

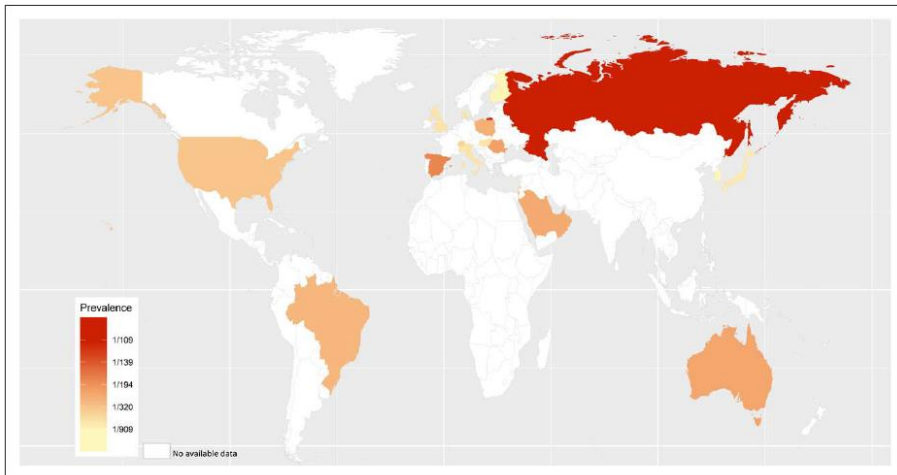


FH: the most common genetic disease

Circulation

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Prevalence:
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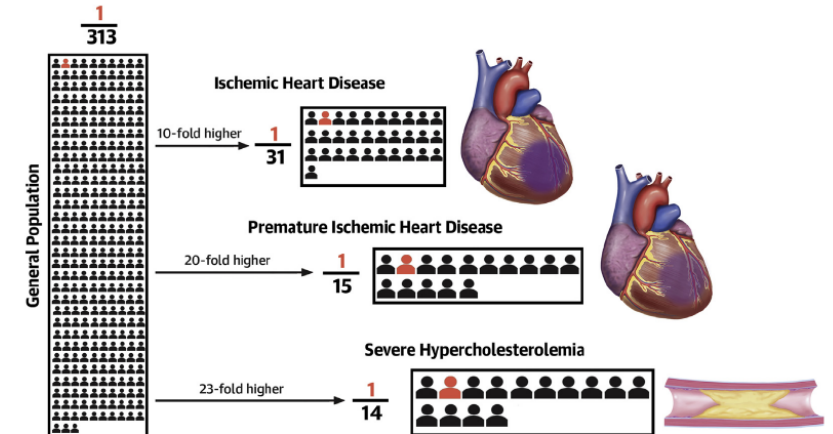
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Worldwide Prevalence of Familial Hypercholesterolemia

Meta-Analyses of 11 Million Subjects

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Prevalence of Familial Hypercholesterolemia



Beheshti, S.O. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020;75(20):2553-66.

Severe hypercholesterolemia is defined as low-density lipoprotein cholesterol ≥ 190 mg/dL.

213 000 subjects in France

Extra-vascular depots of cholesterol in FH



tendinous xanthomata



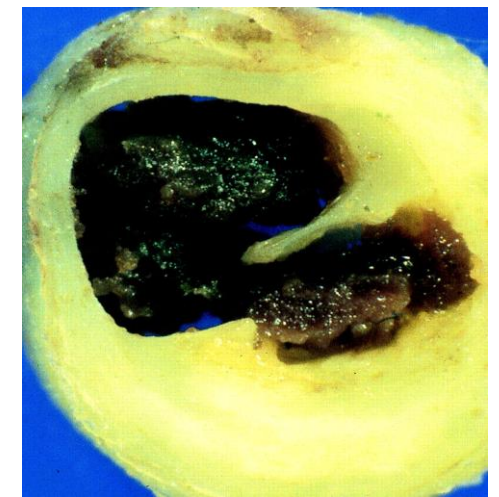
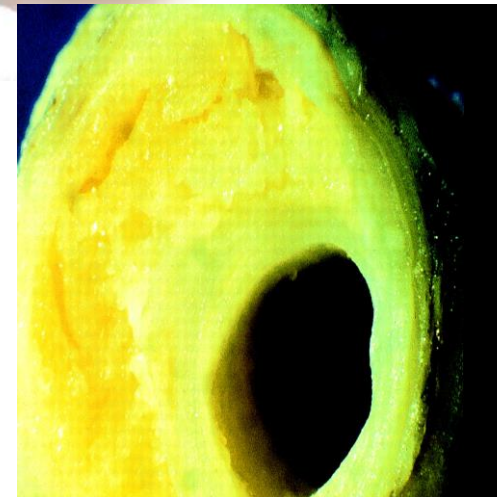
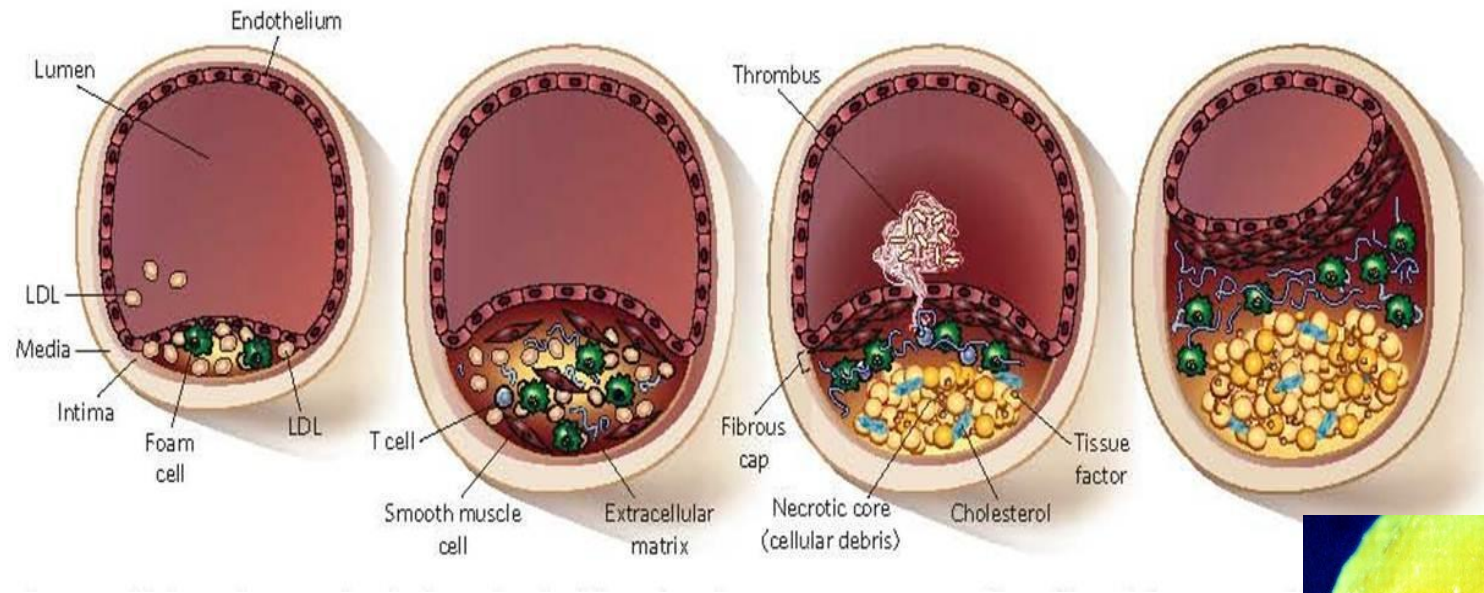
xanthelasma



**Arcus cornealis (< 45
yrs)**

Vascular depots of cholesterol in FH

Atherosclerosis progresion



Context

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death worldwide

17.7 million deaths

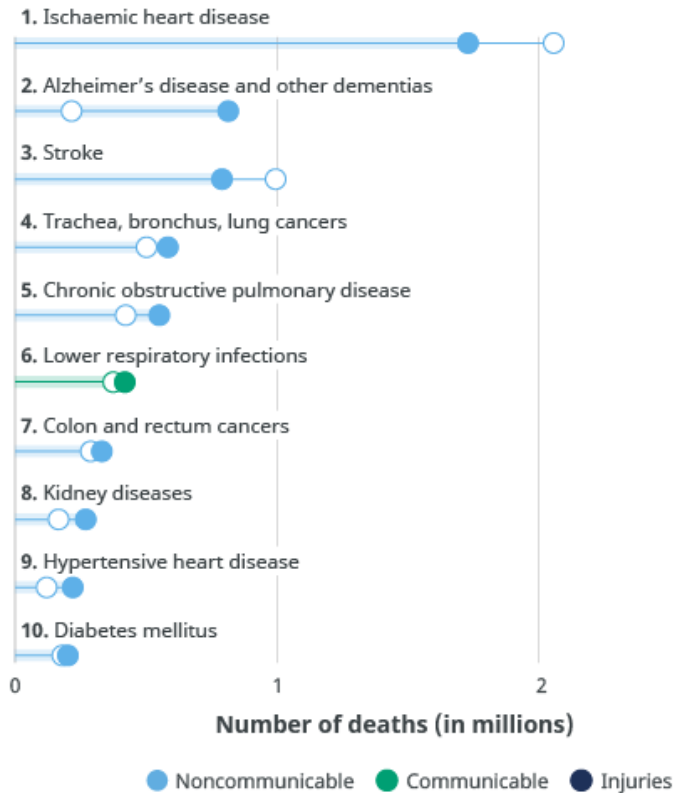
Cancer

All other causes

100% of deaths globally

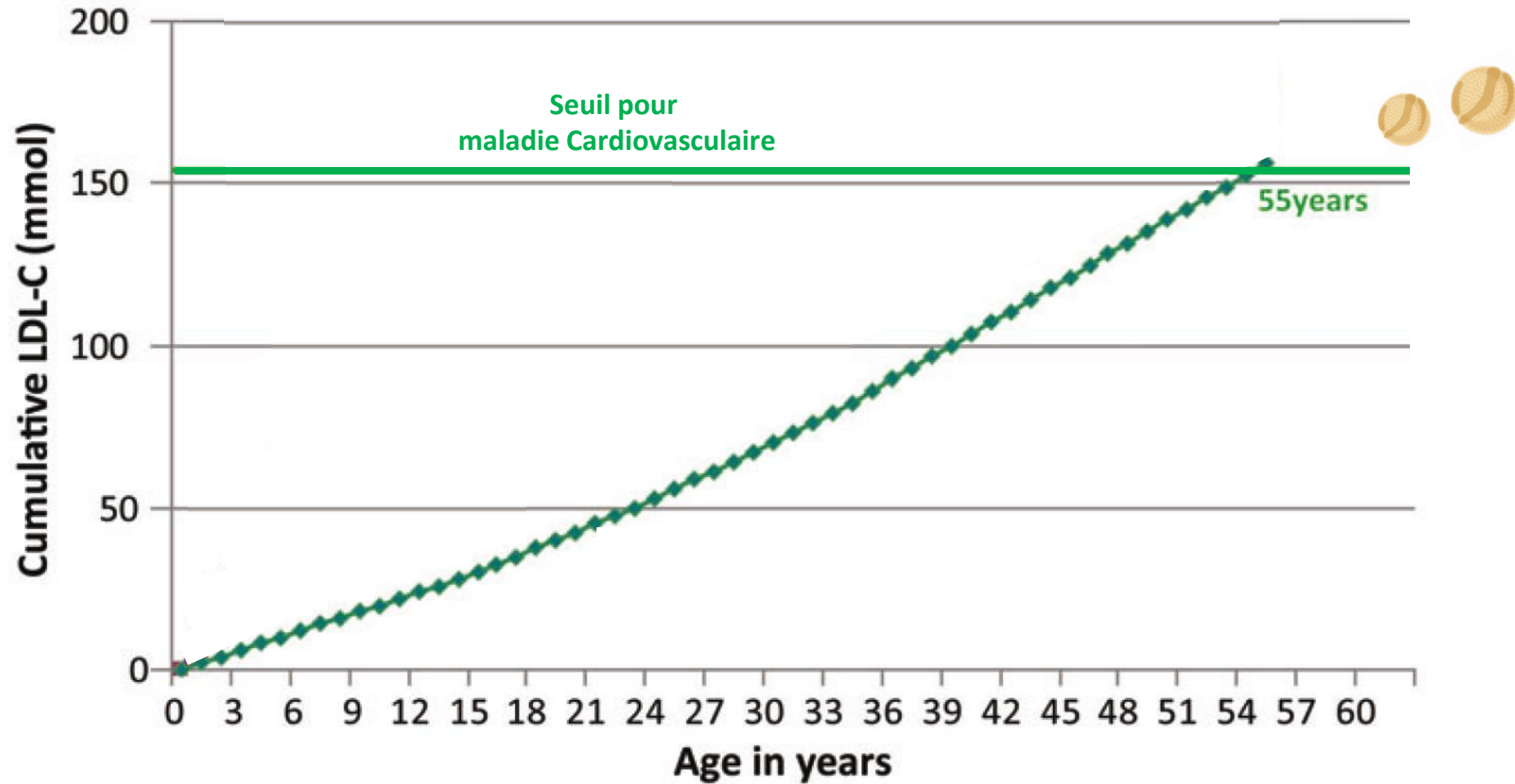
Leading causes of death in high-income countries

○ 2000 ● 2019

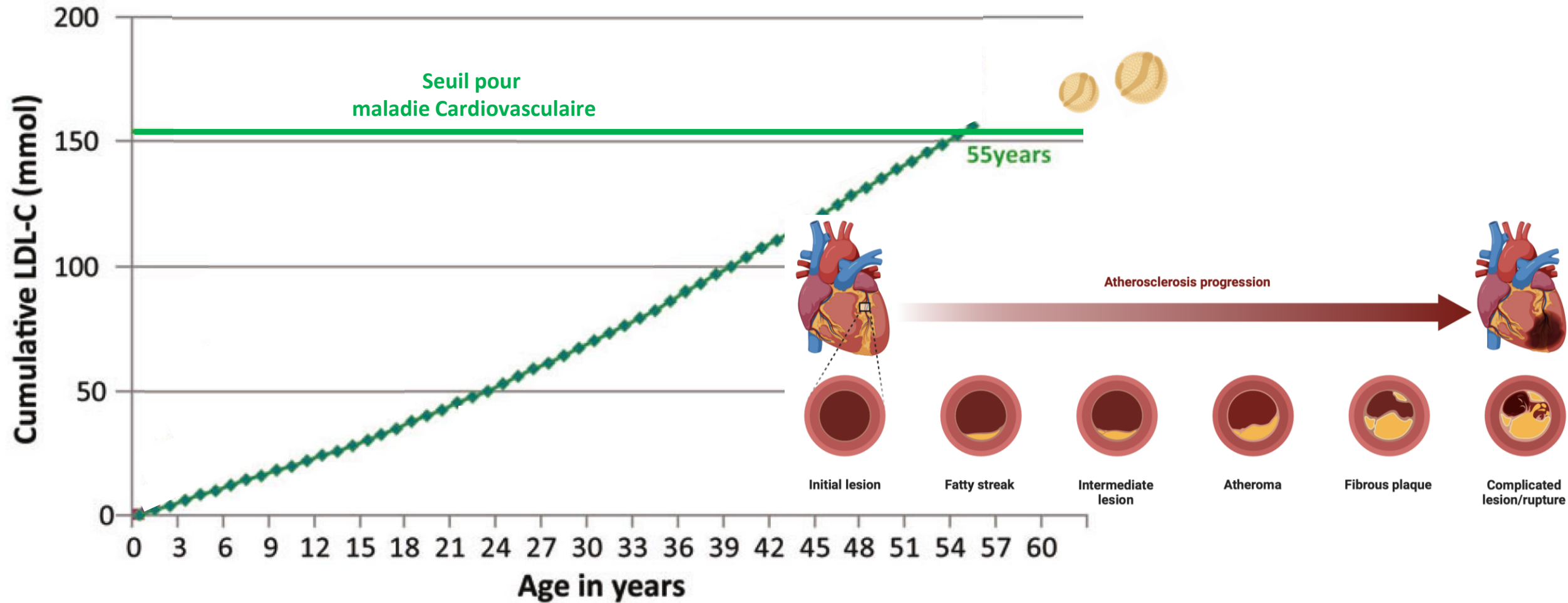


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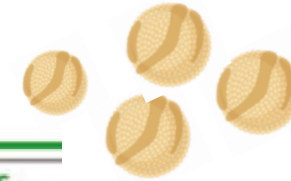
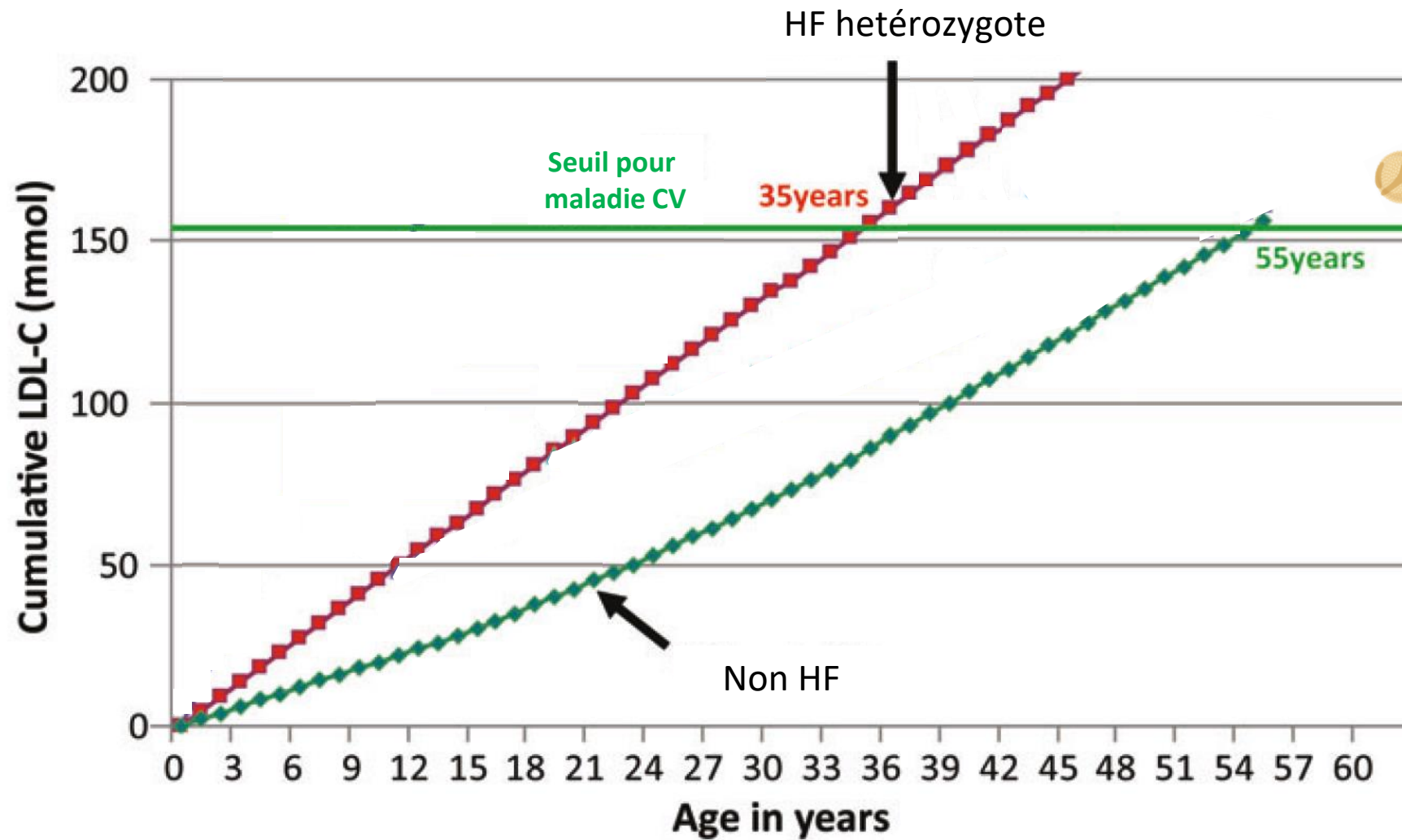
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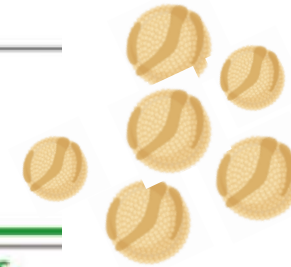
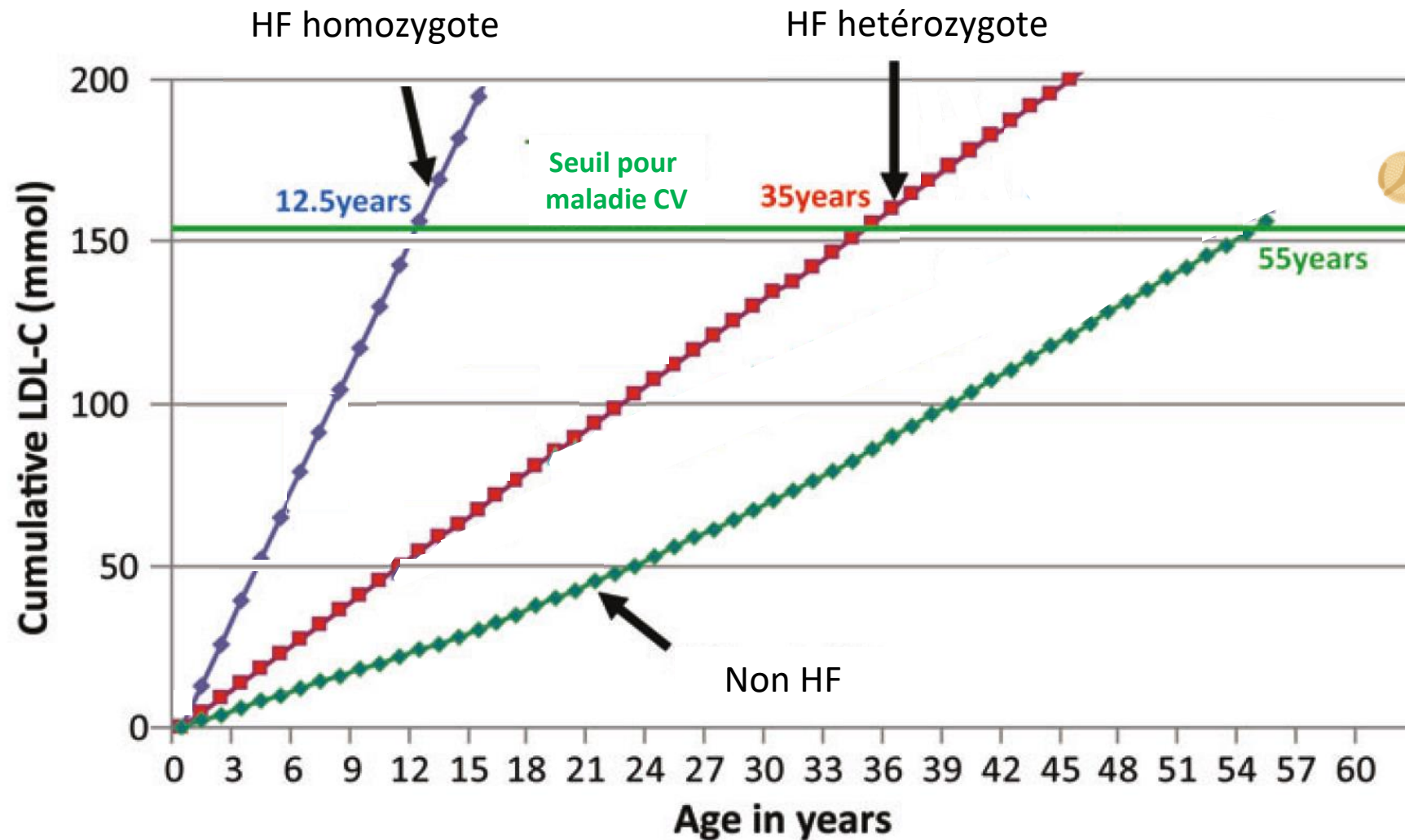
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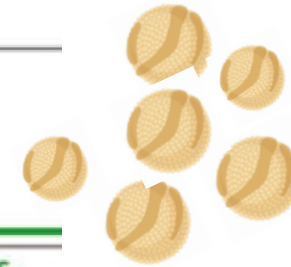
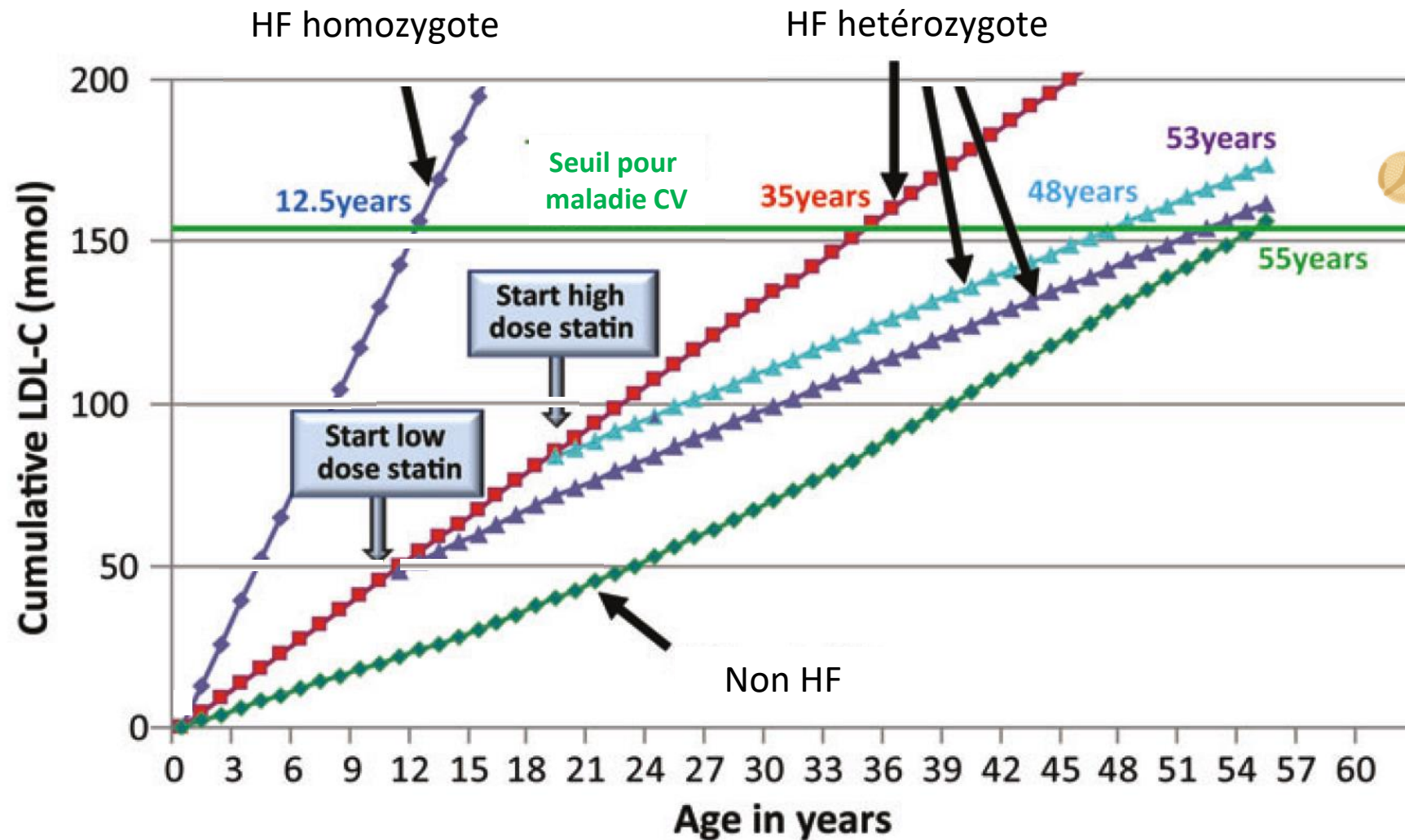
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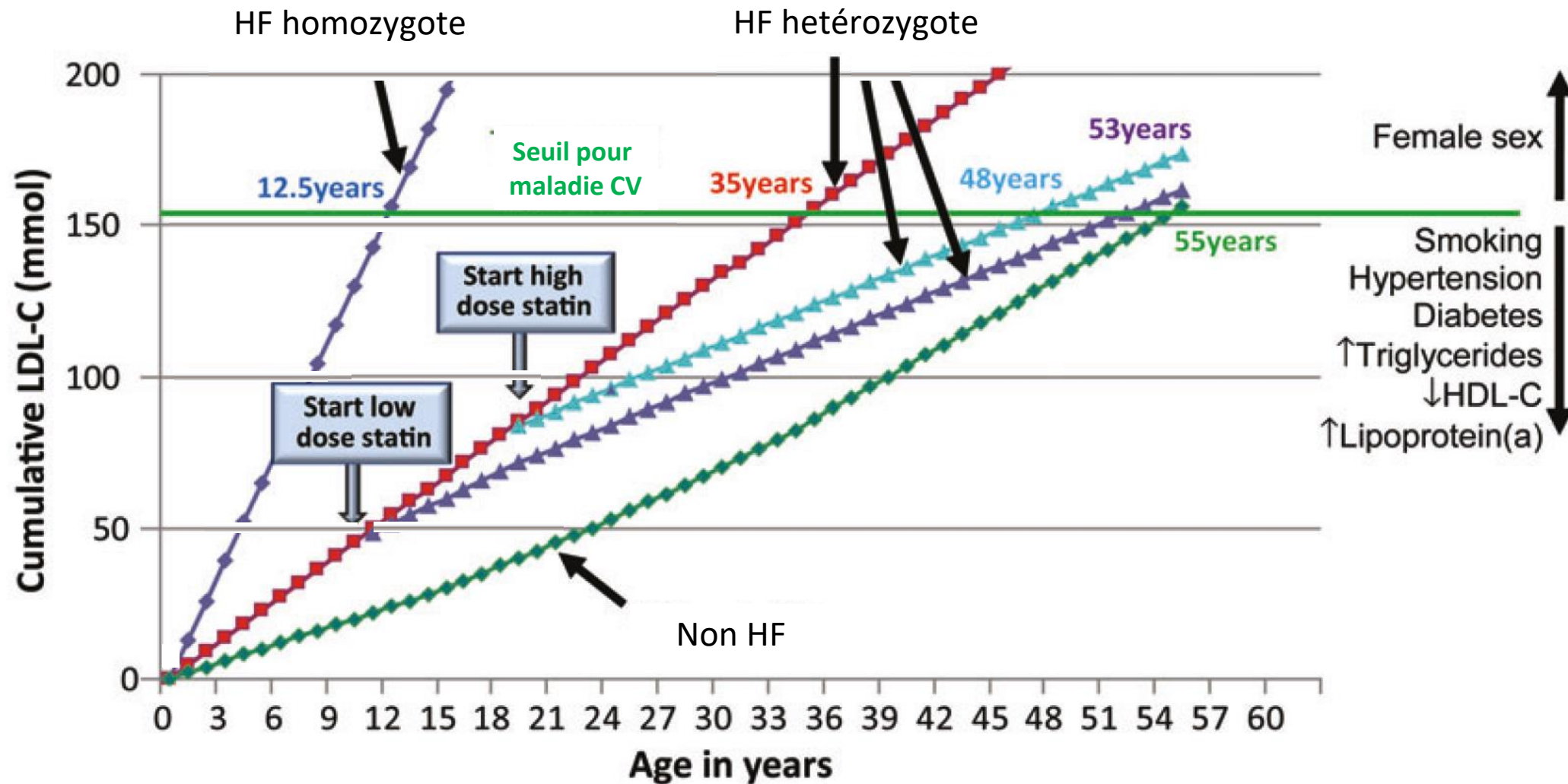
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ESC/EAS GUIDELINES



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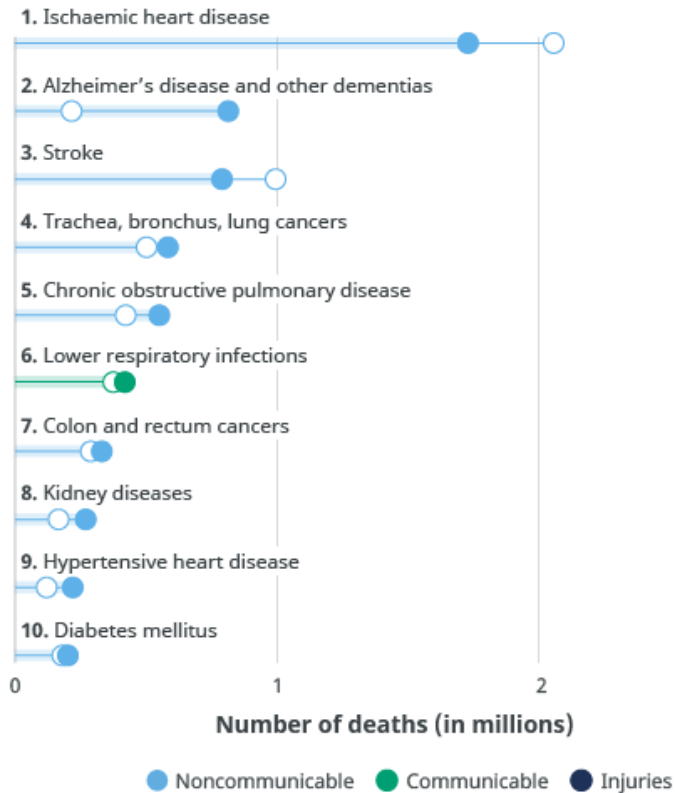
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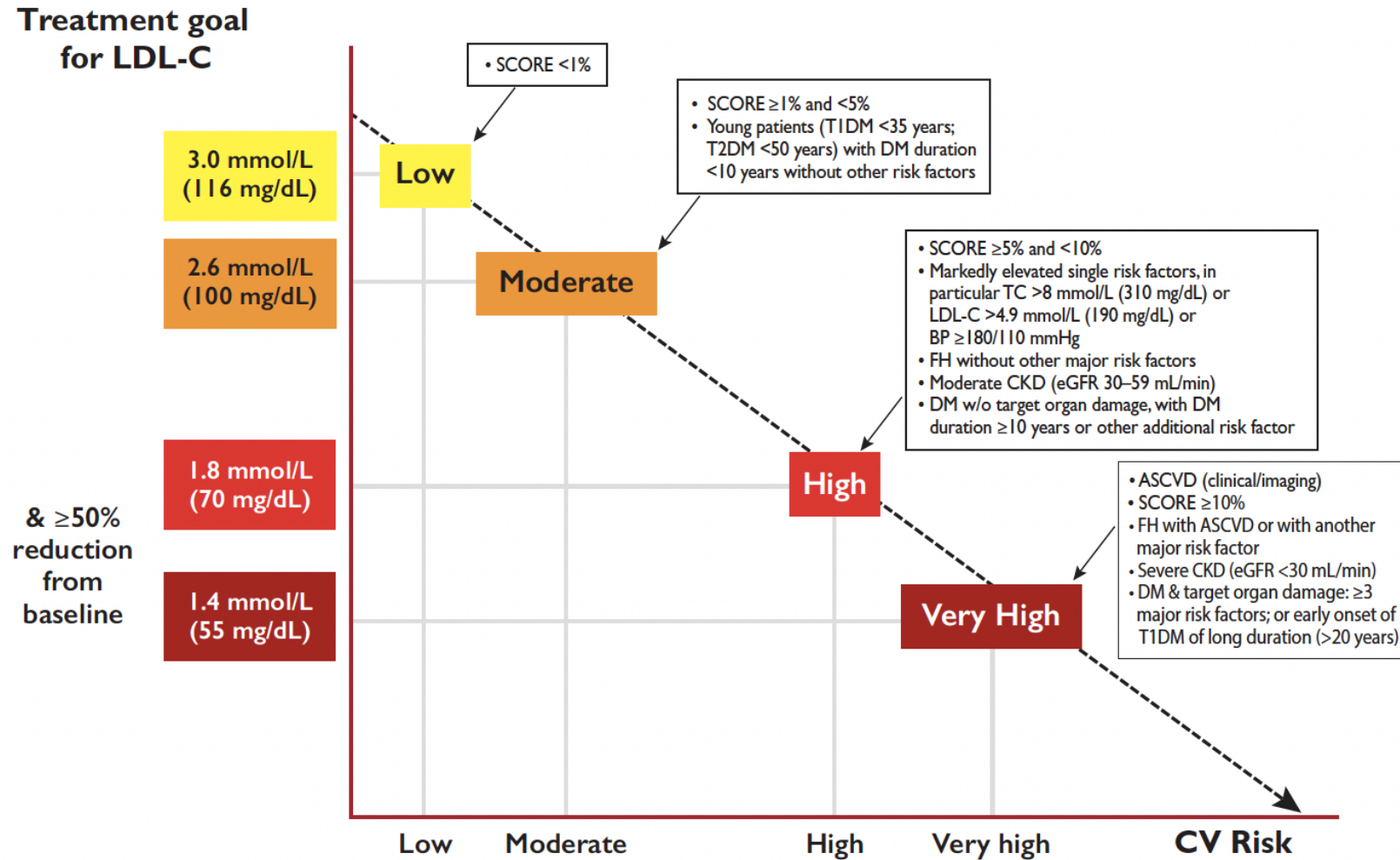
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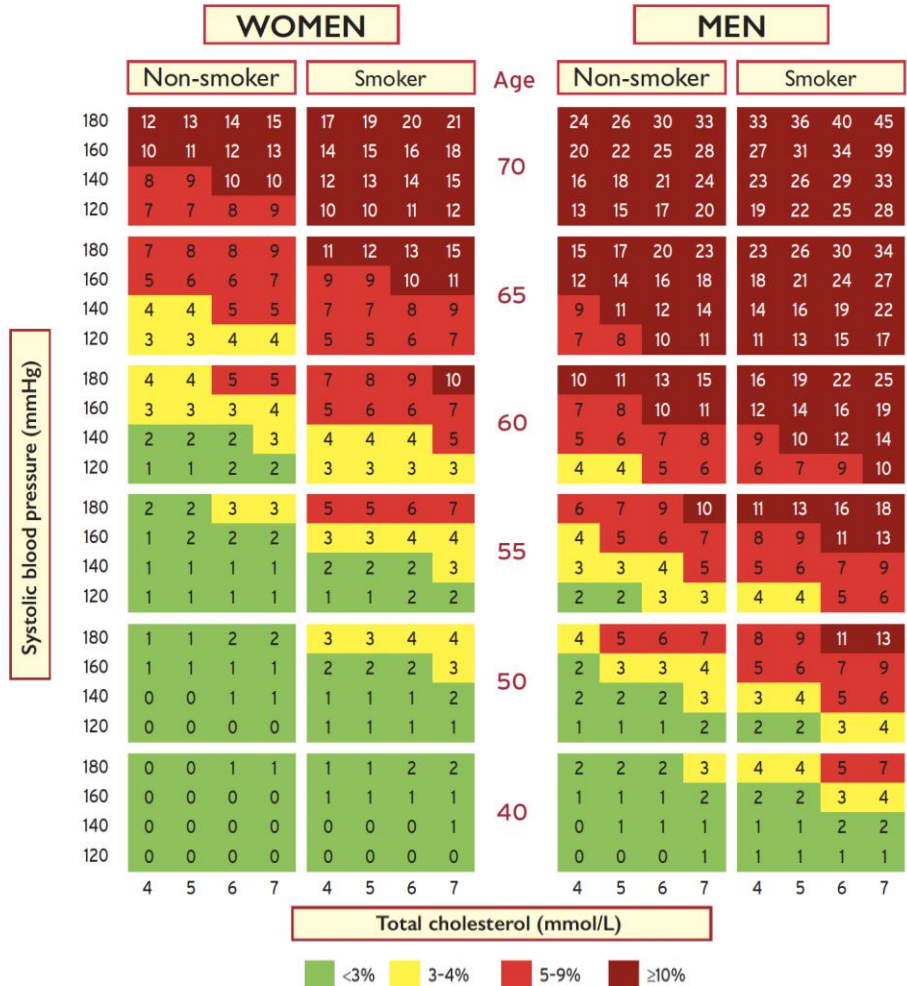
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Define the cardiovascular Risk SCORE

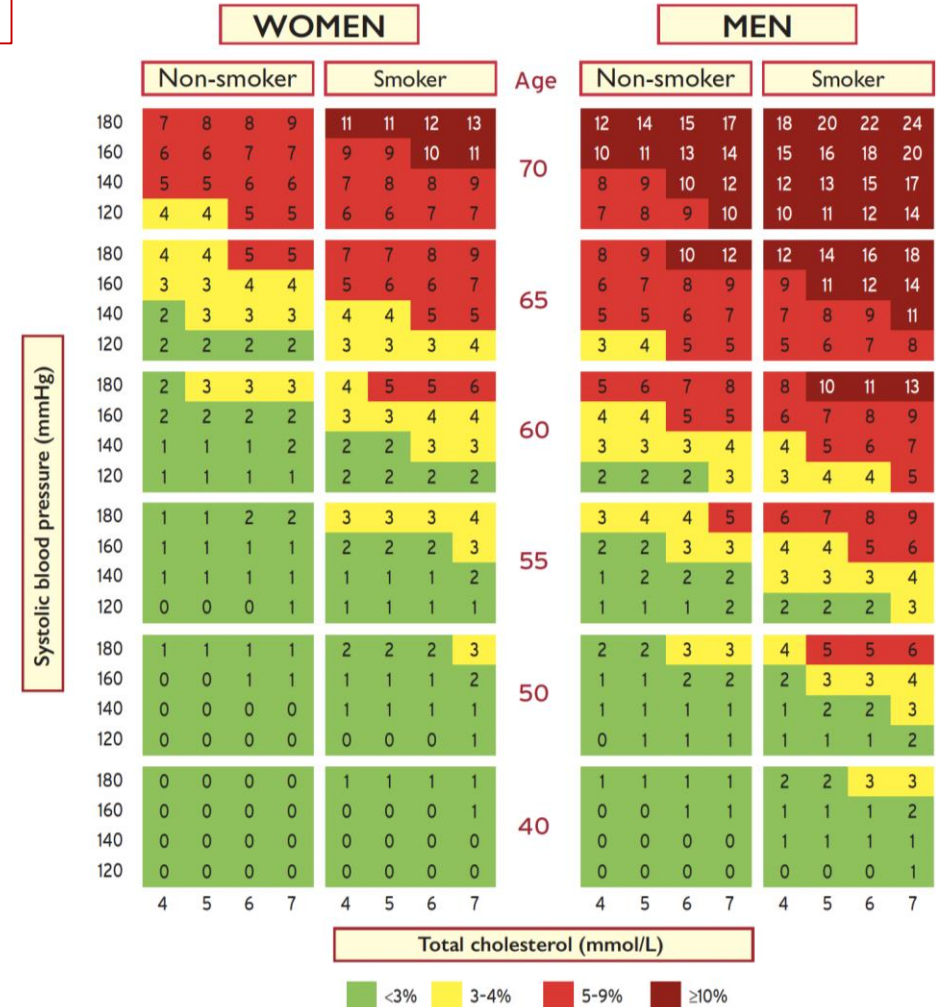
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High-risk regions of Europe



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Low-risk regions of Europe



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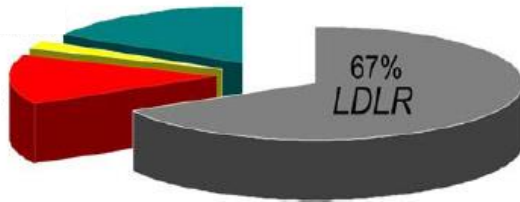
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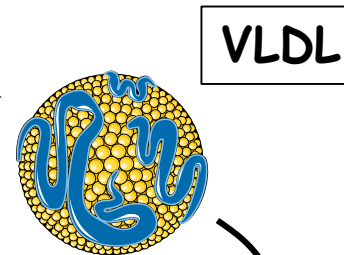
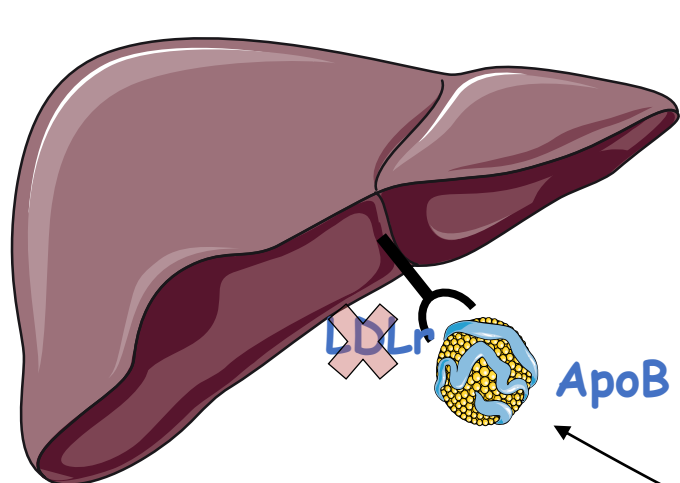
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+/- 1/300

-/- 1/ 9x10⁵



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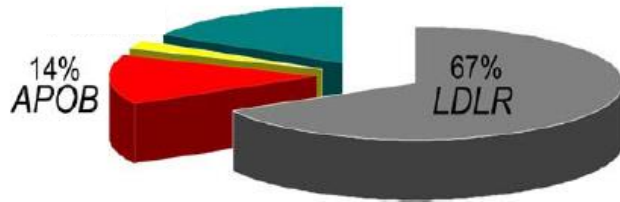
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gene	LDLR	APOB

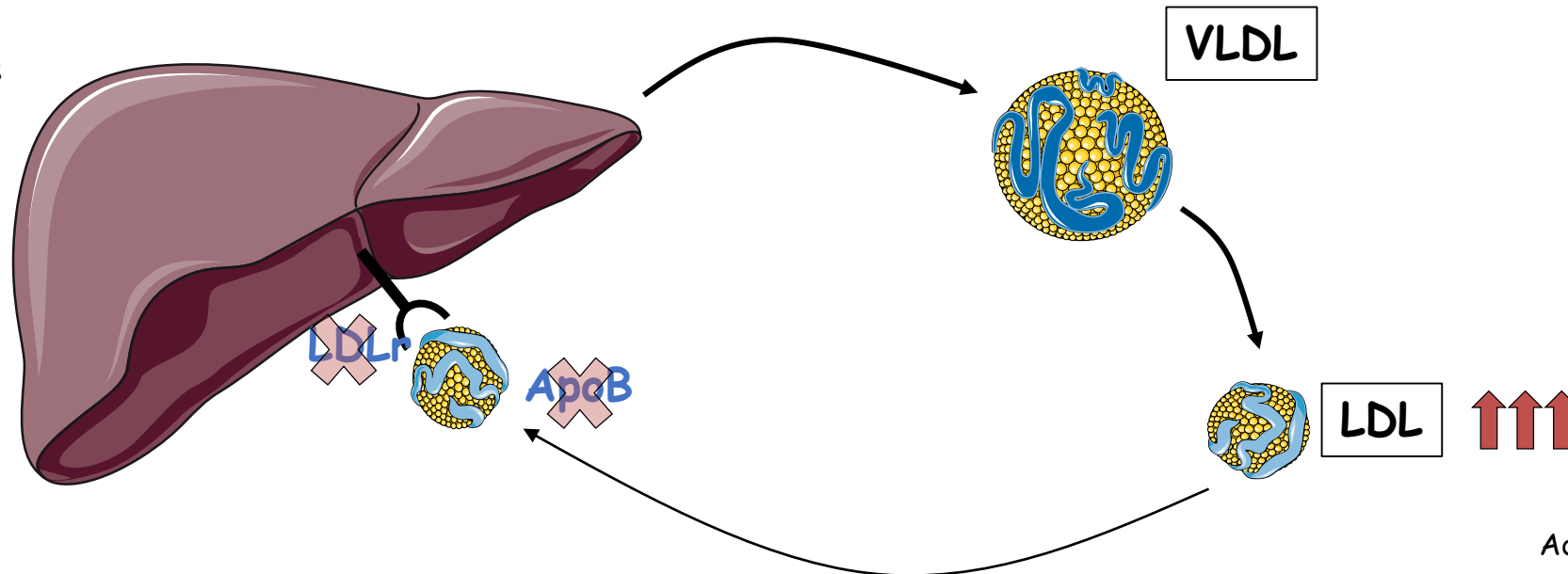
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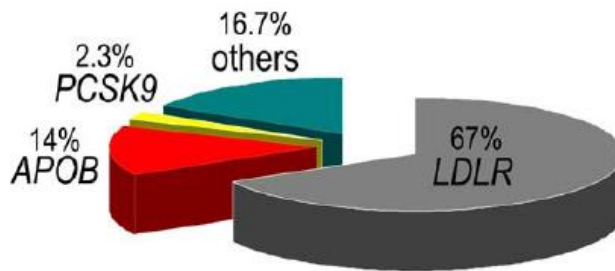


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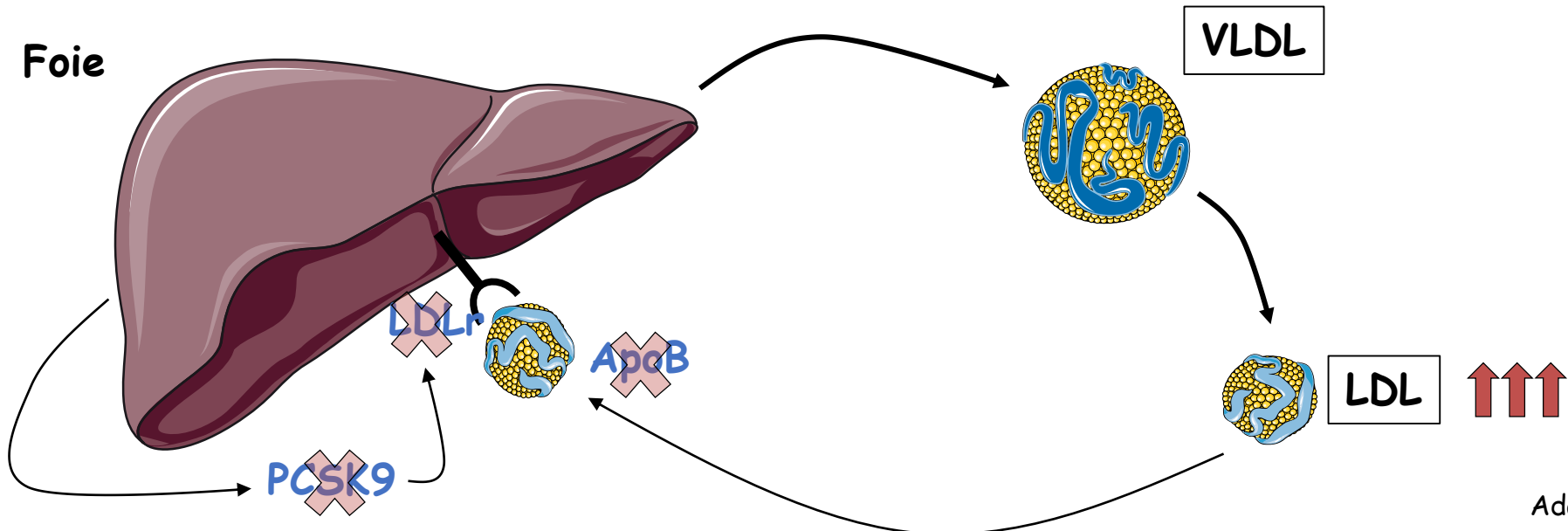
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PCSK9	+/-	<1/2500		

Foie



Seidah N.



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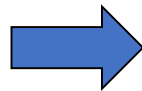
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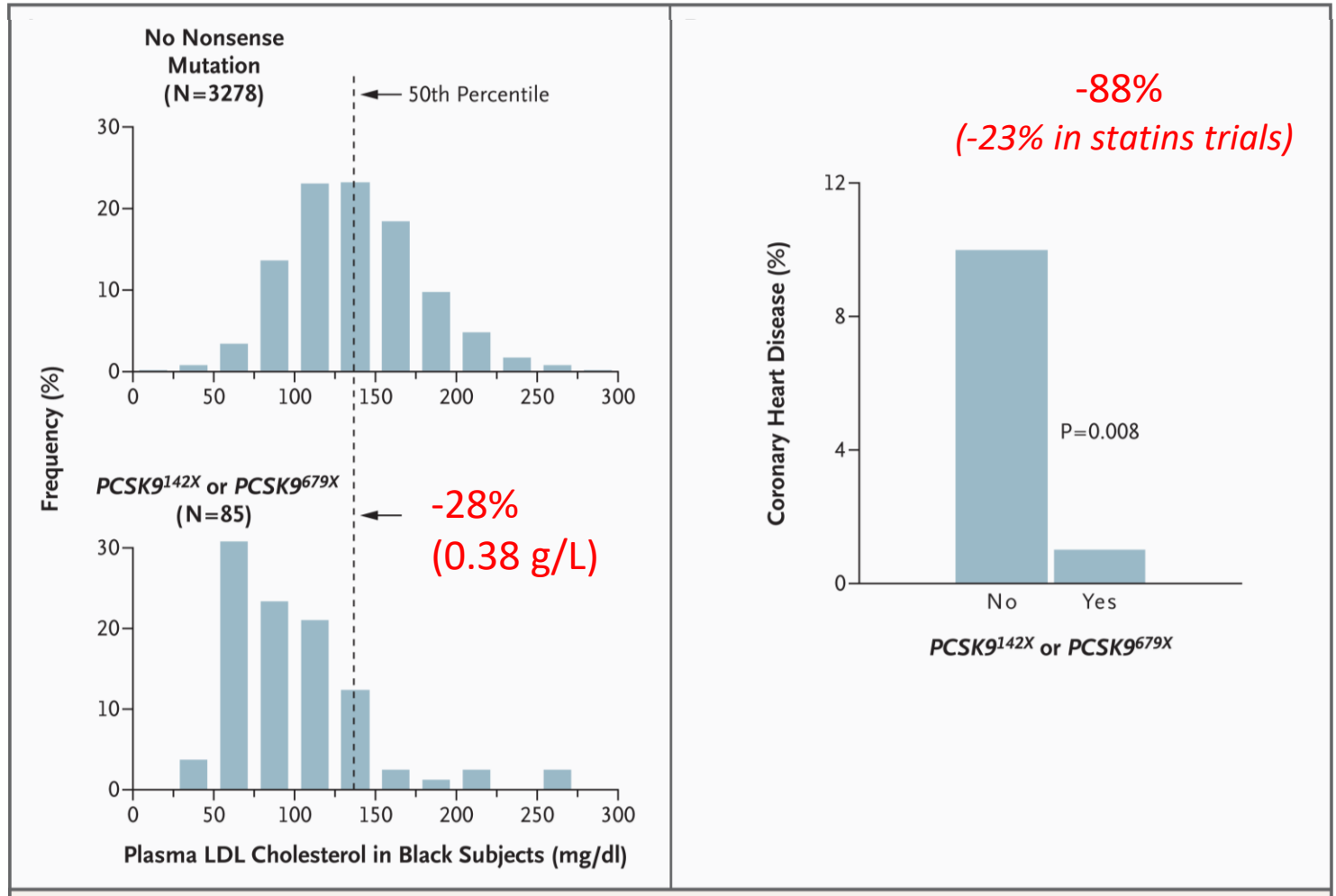
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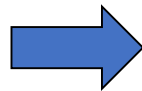
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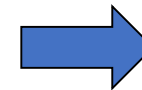
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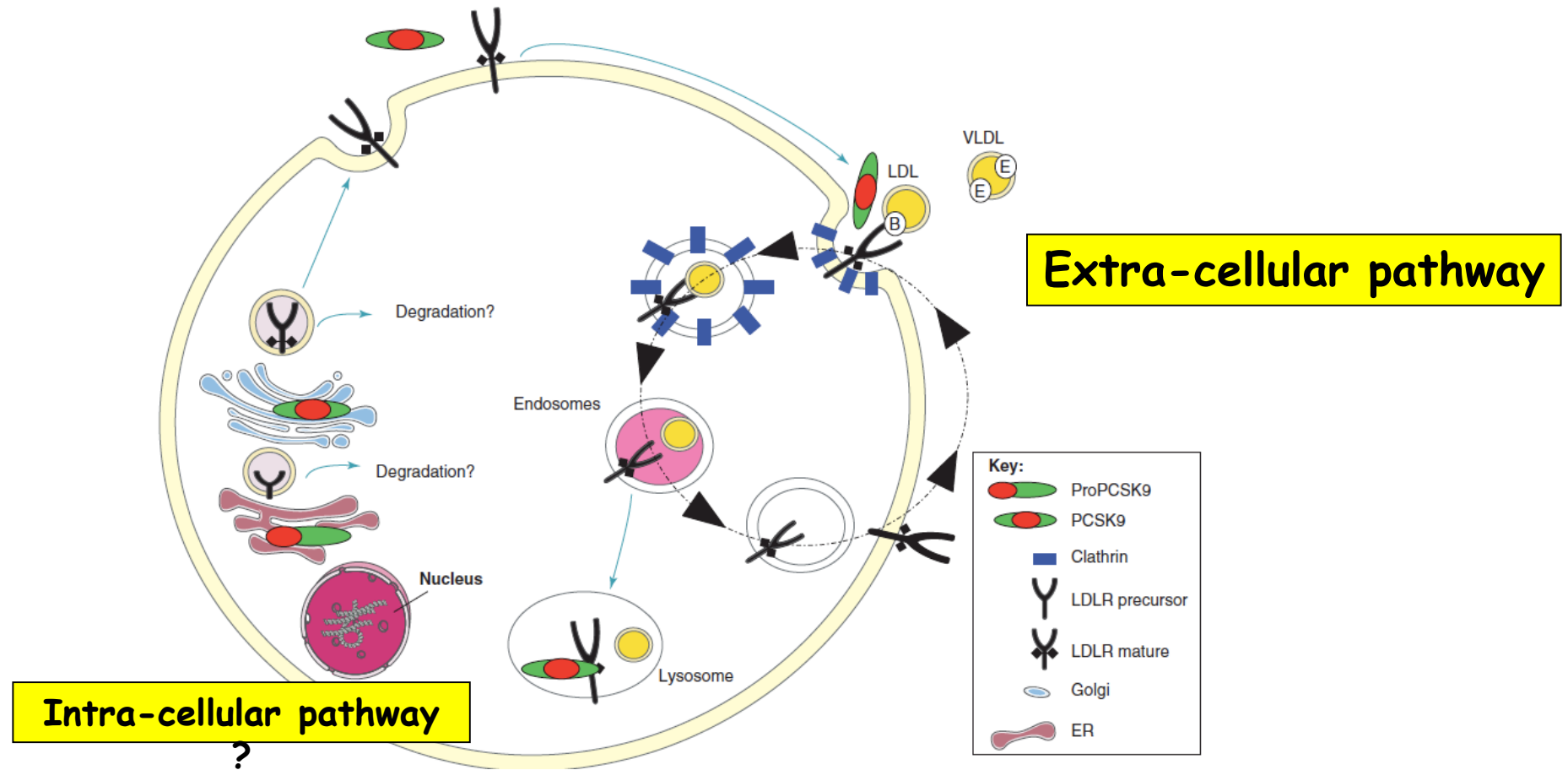
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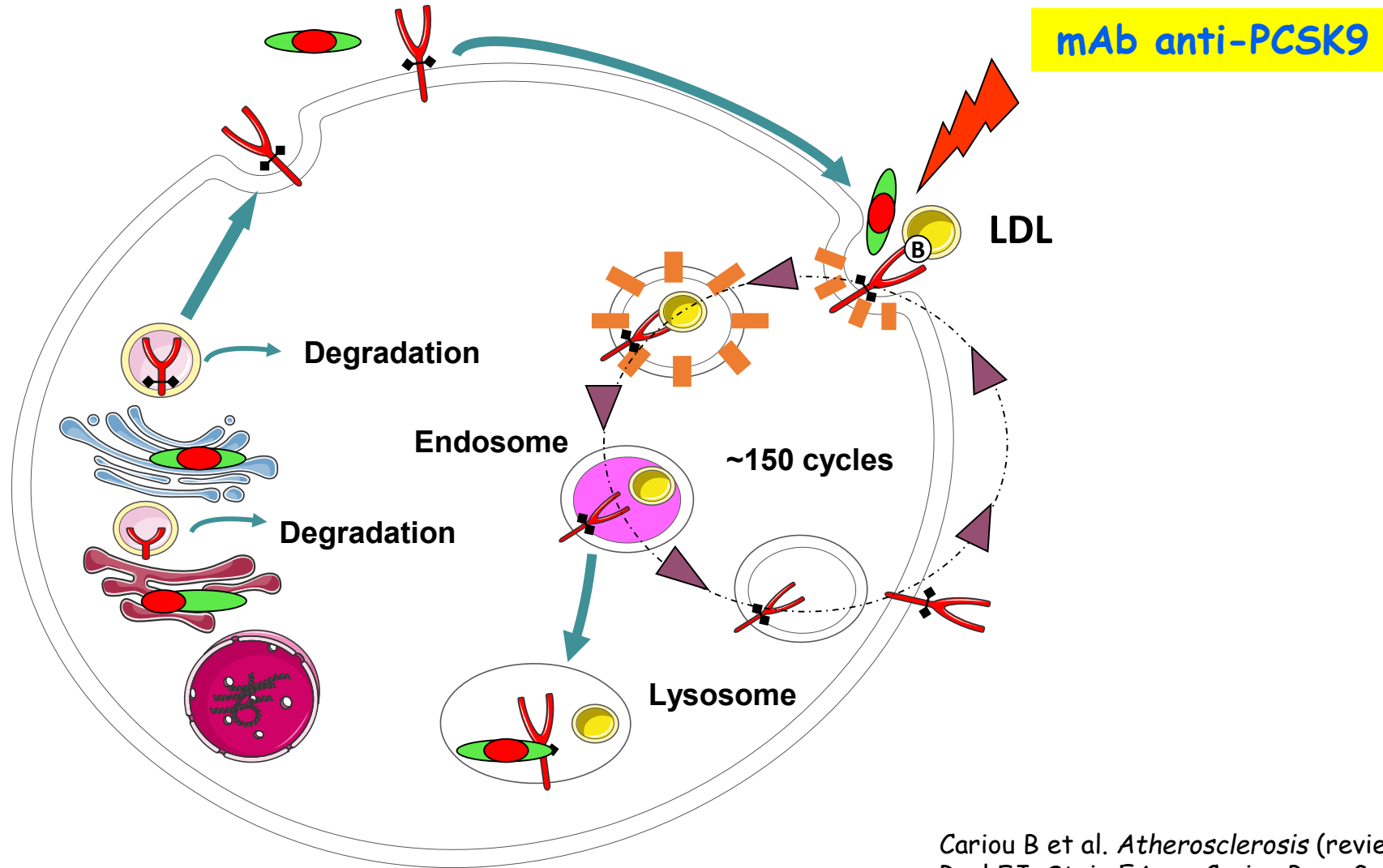
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PCSK9 : mode of action

↑ PCSK9
↓ LDL-R
↓
↑ LDL-C



Strategies for PCSK9 inhibition



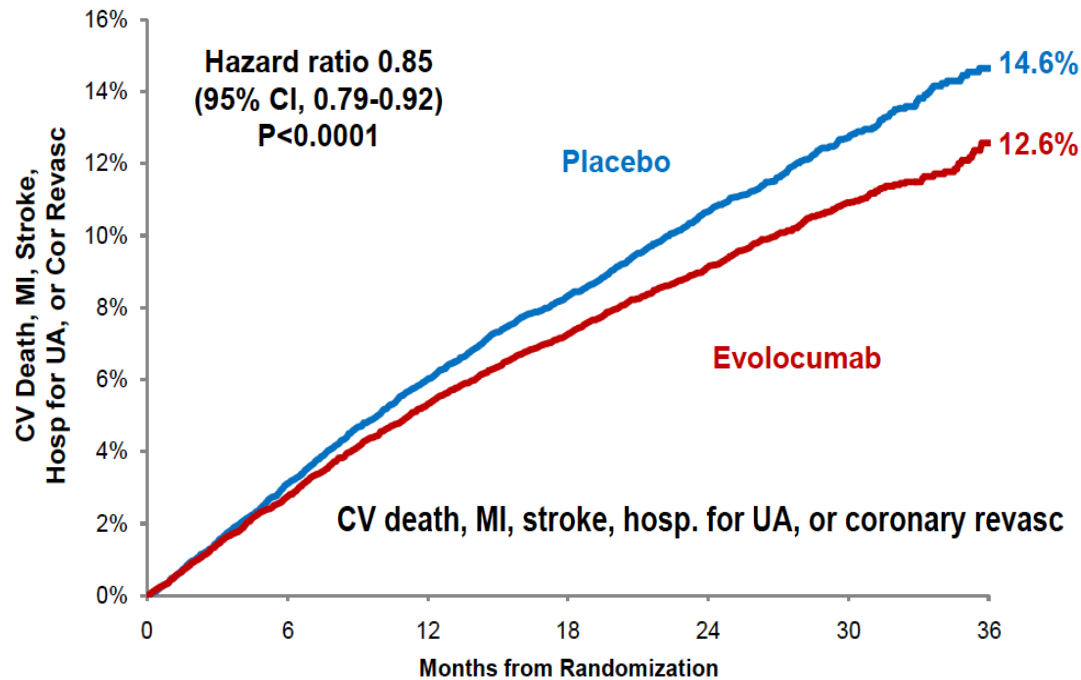
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Efficacy of PCSK9 mAb on lipid parameters

			% Change from baseline to end of follow-up beyond that with control*						
	Doses	Other lipid-lowering treatment							
			Δ Total cholesterol	Δ LDL-C	Δ HDL-C	Δ Triglycerides	Δ ApoB	Δ ApoA-1	Δ Lipo-protein(a)
PCSK9 inhibitors									
Alirocumab ⁵⁷⁻⁵⁸	150 mg every 2 weeks	± Statins (± ezetimibe)	-35 to -44	-57 to -67	6 to 10	-6 to -29‡	-44 to -58	14 [1‡]	-19 [-29‡]
Evolocumab ⁵⁸⁻⁵⁹	420 mg every 4 weeks and 140 mg every 2 weeks	± Statins (± ezetimibe)	-33 to -42	-50 to -66	4 to 9	-6 to -34	-42 to -56	0 to 4	-18 to -32

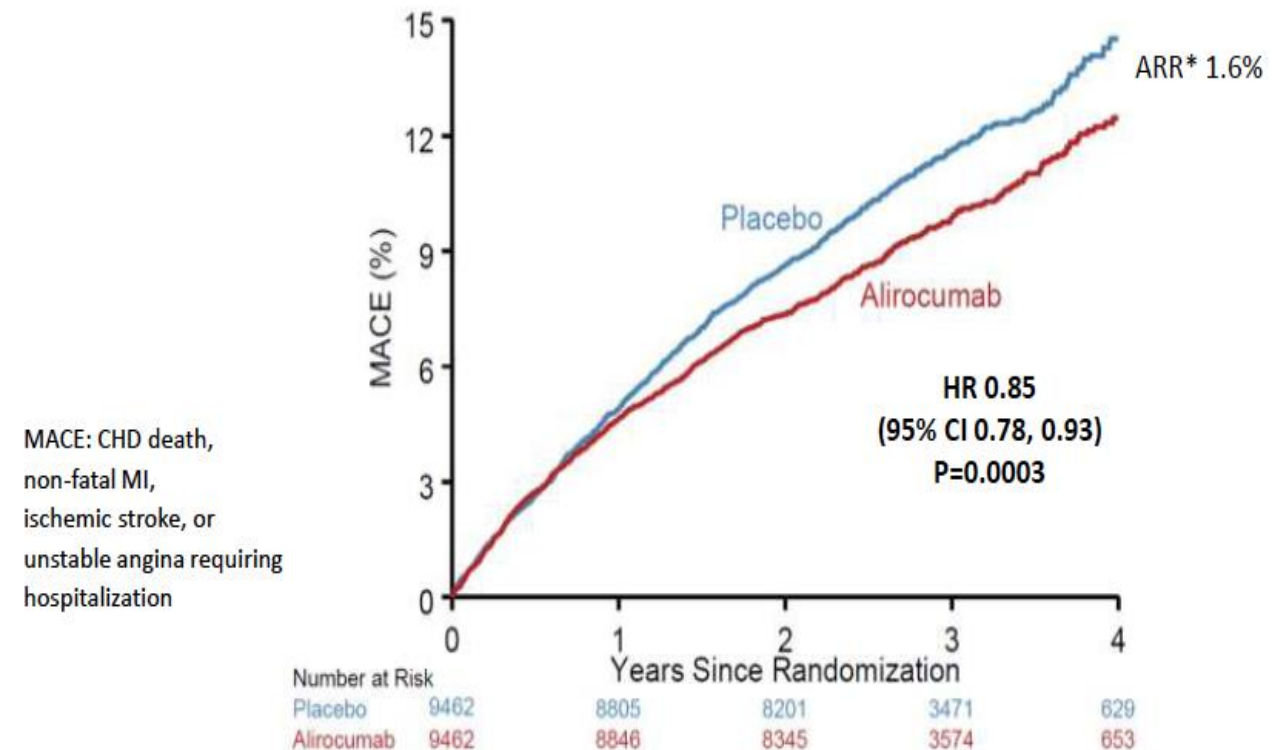
Efficacy of PCSK9 mAB on Cardiovascular (CV) events

FOURIER Primary outcome



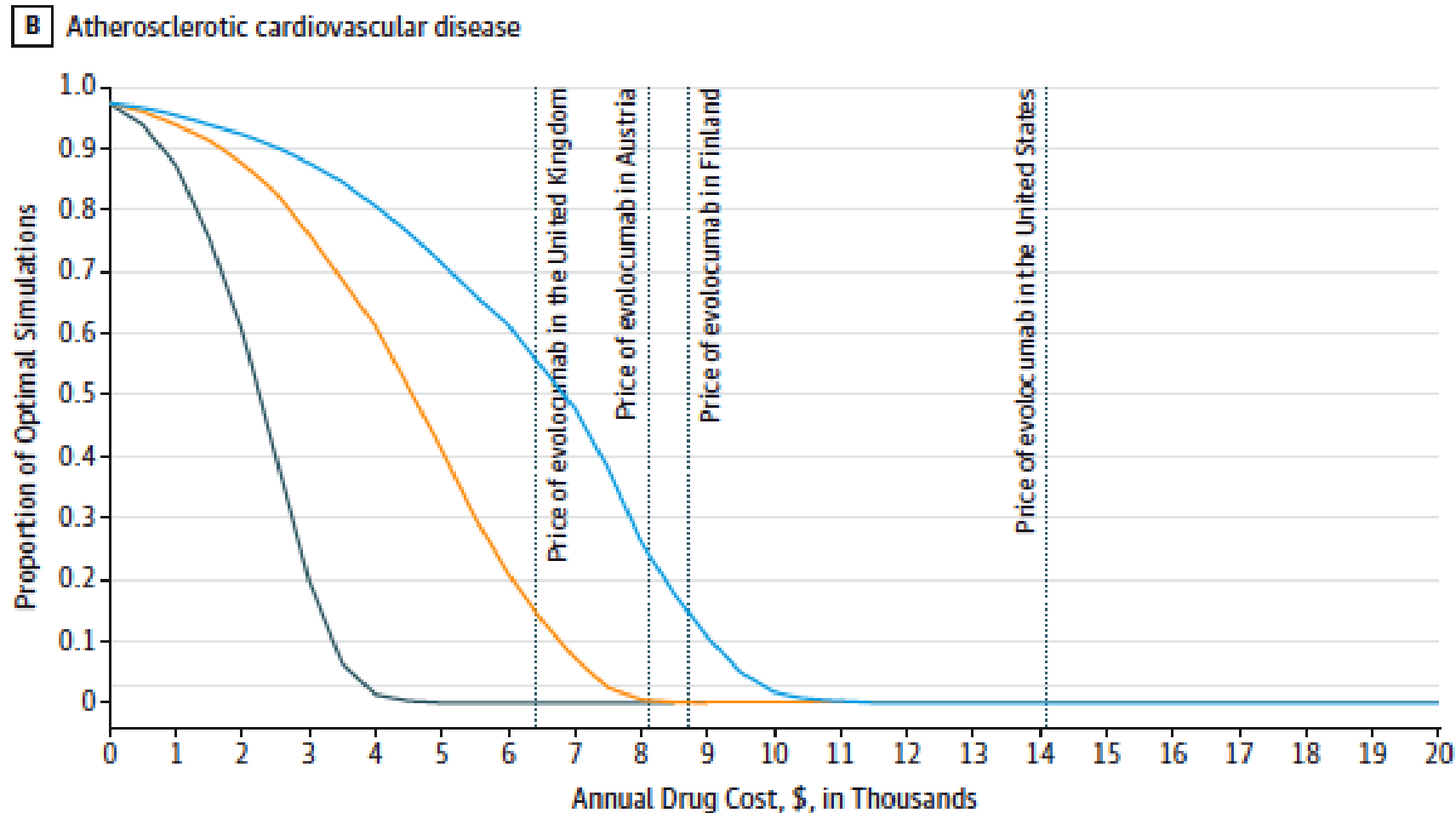
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ODYSSEY OUTCOMES Primary outcome



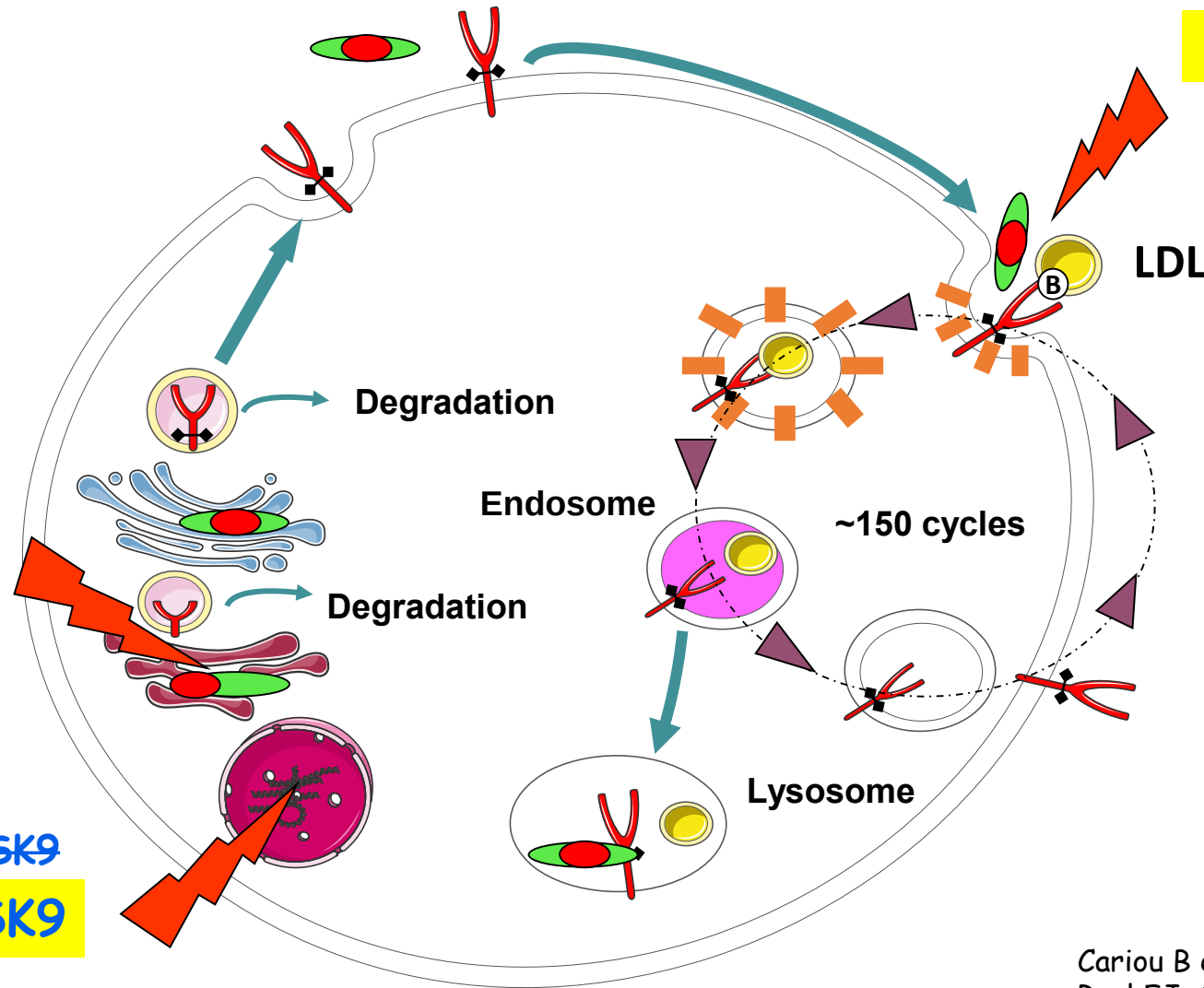
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The cost-efficacy of PCSK9 inhibitors is questionable



- ⇒ Reduce the prize to \$14 000 /yr to ≈ \$4500 yr in US to meet \$100 000/QALY
- ⇒ Need for a PERSONALIZED approach +++

Strategies for PCSK9 inhibition



mAb anti-PCSK9

Adnectins (Ierodalcibep)
Vaccines
Oral PCSK9 inhibitor

LDL

Degradation

Endosome

~150 cycles

Degradation

Lysosome

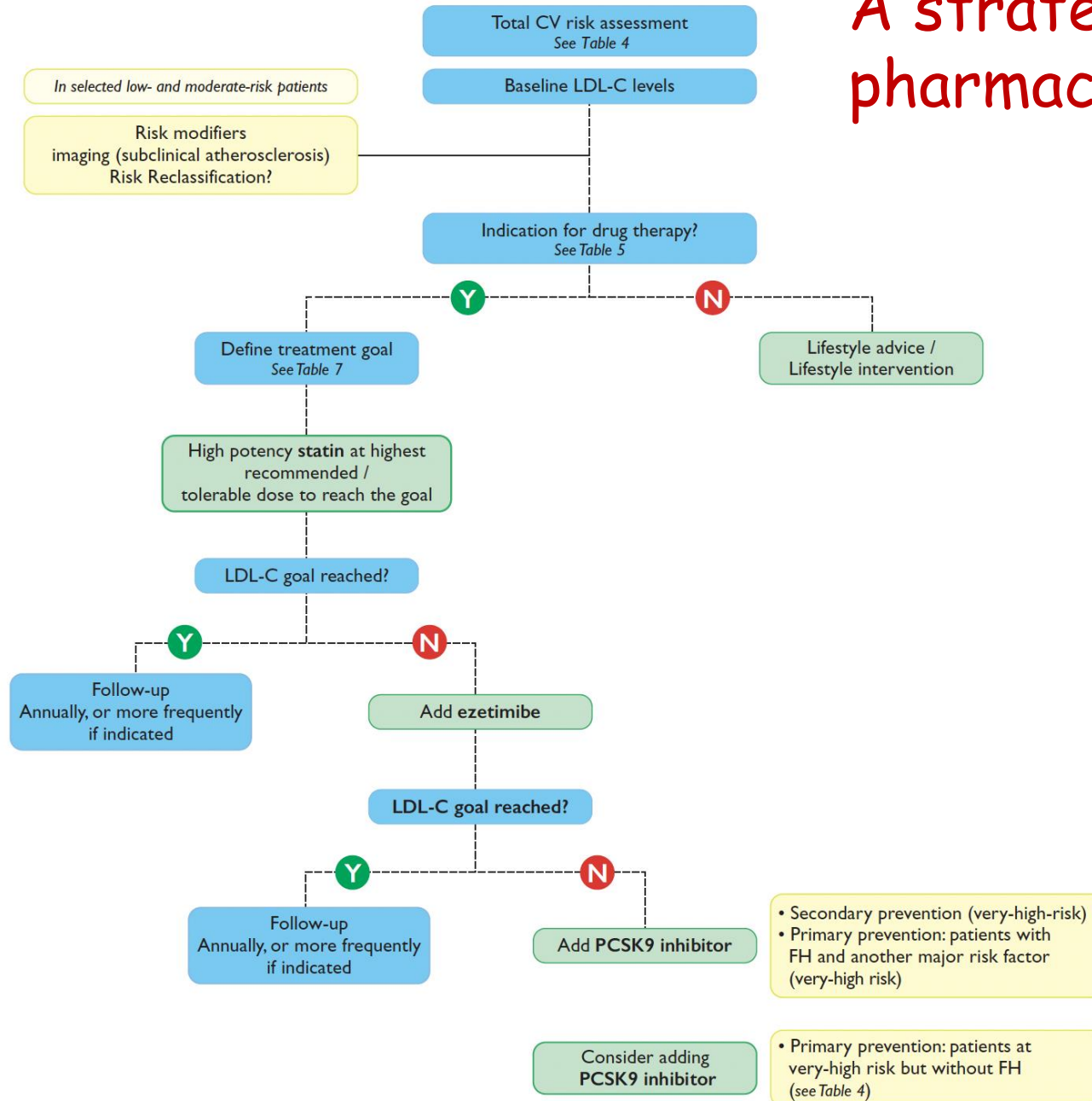
~~Anti-sense anti-PCSK9~~

siRNA anti-PCSK9

CRISPR-Cas9: in vivo genomic edition

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A strategy for achieving optimal pharmacological reduction in LDLc levels.



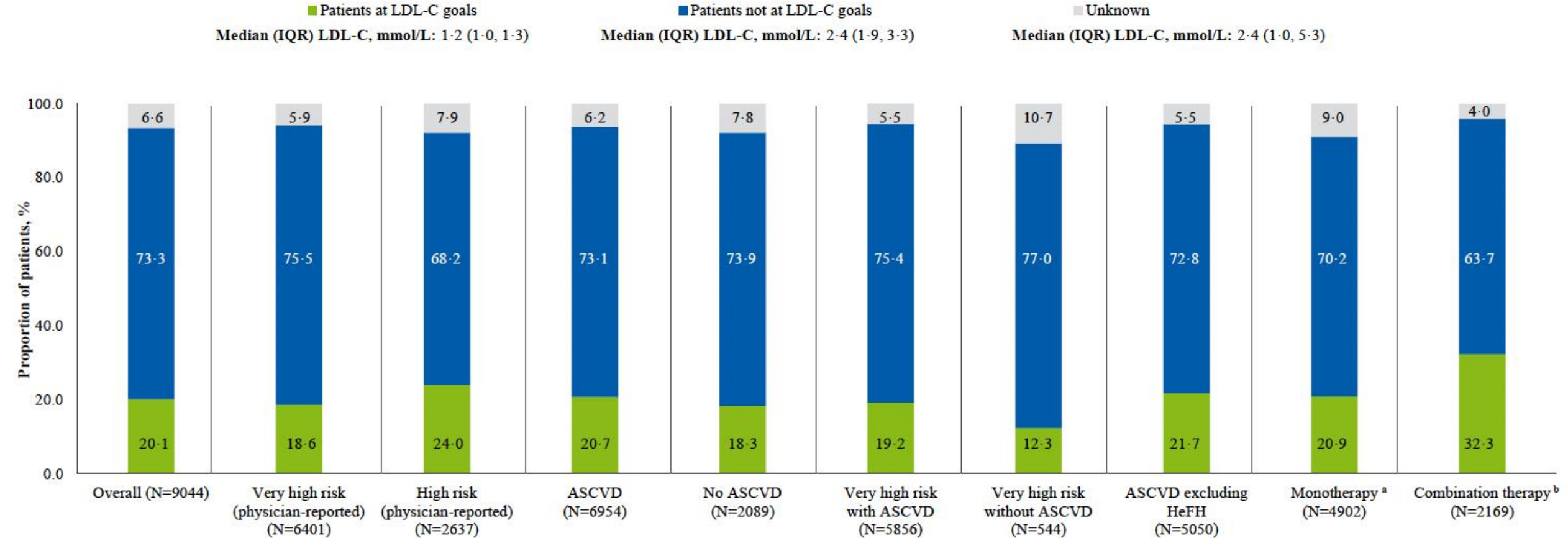
High-risk regions of Europe

		WOMEN							MEN								
		Non-smoker		Smoker			Age		Non-smoker		Smoker						
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)																	
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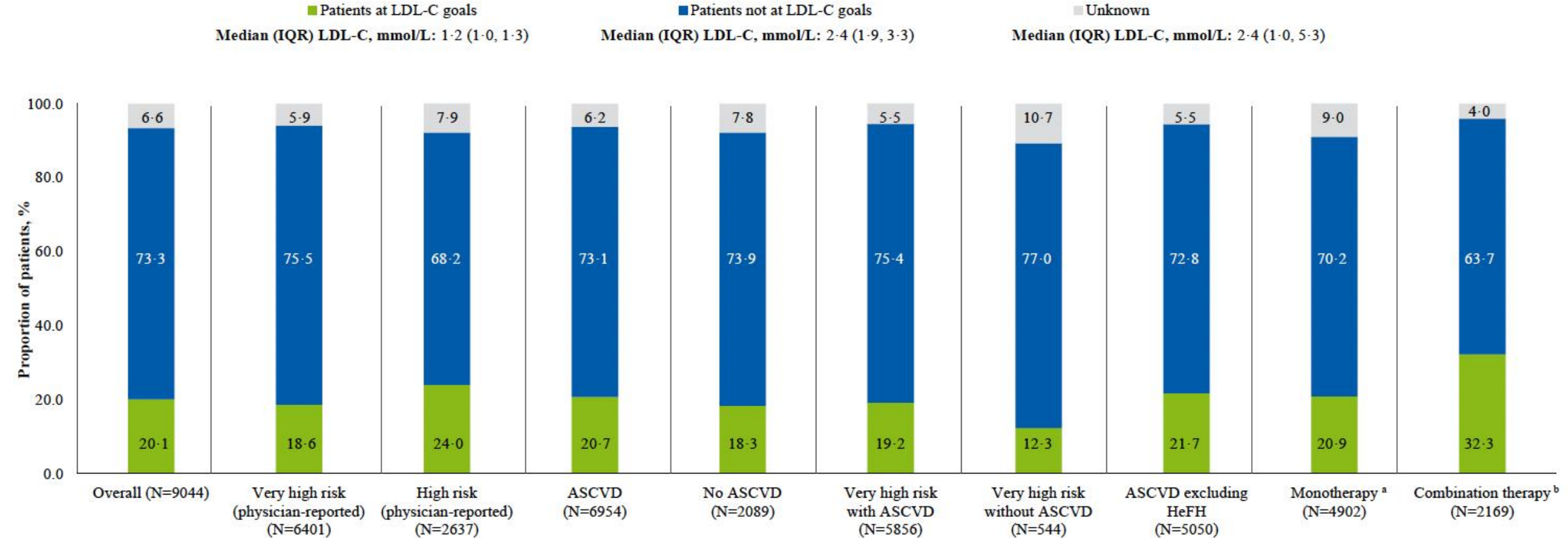
Intensity of lipid lowering treatment

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

Despite the availability of effective new lipid-lowering drugs, numerous patients remain unable to attain the recommended LDL-C target.

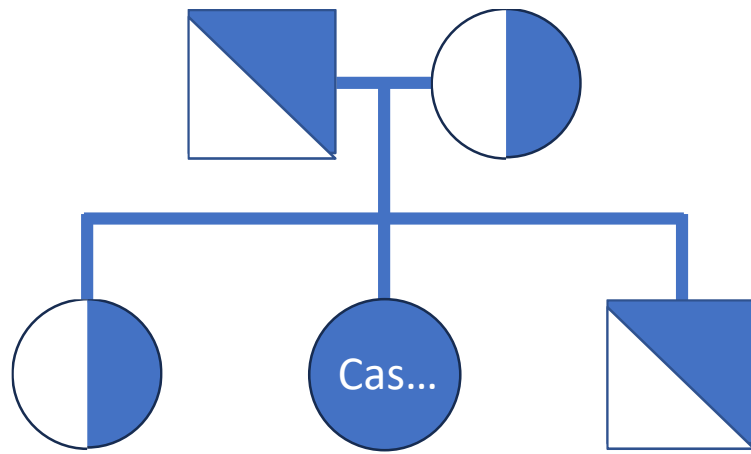


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Significant proportion of patients fail to achieve LDL-c targets
Homozygous FH patients with no functional LDL Receptor

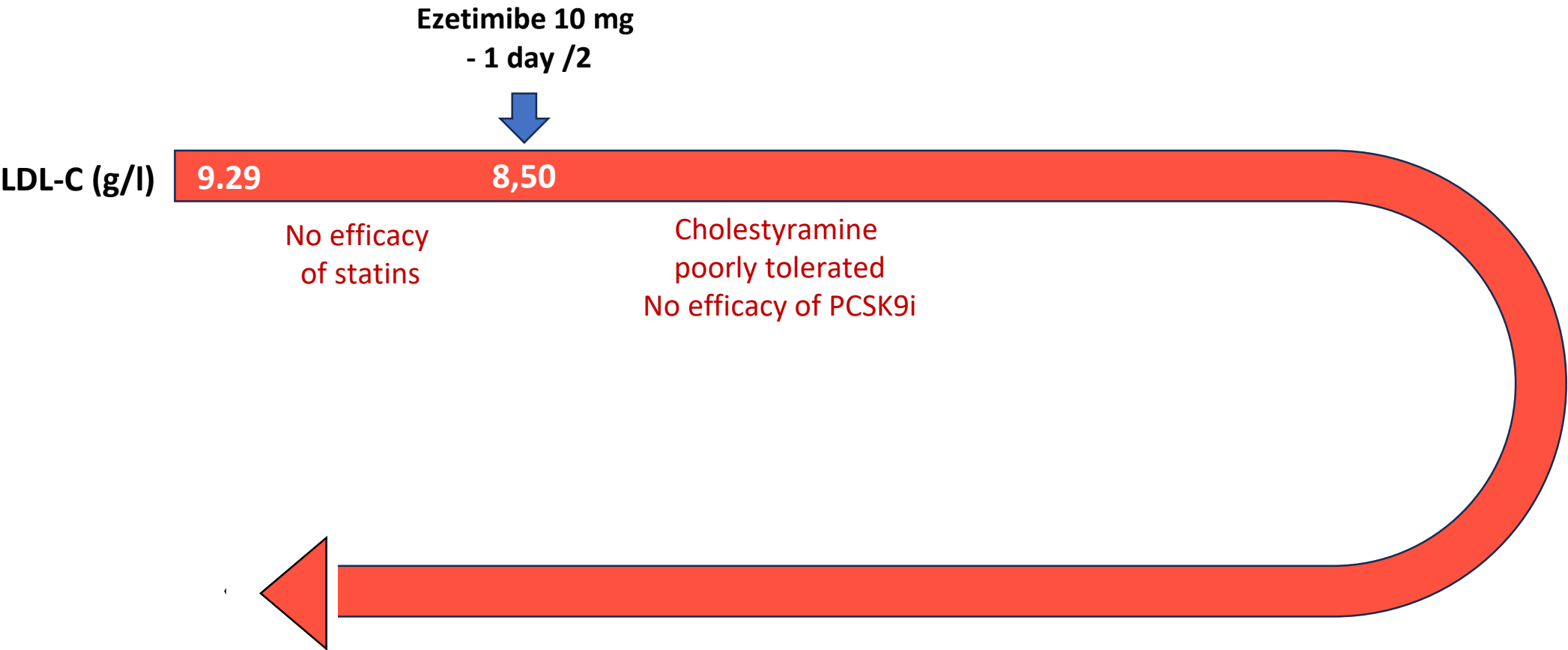
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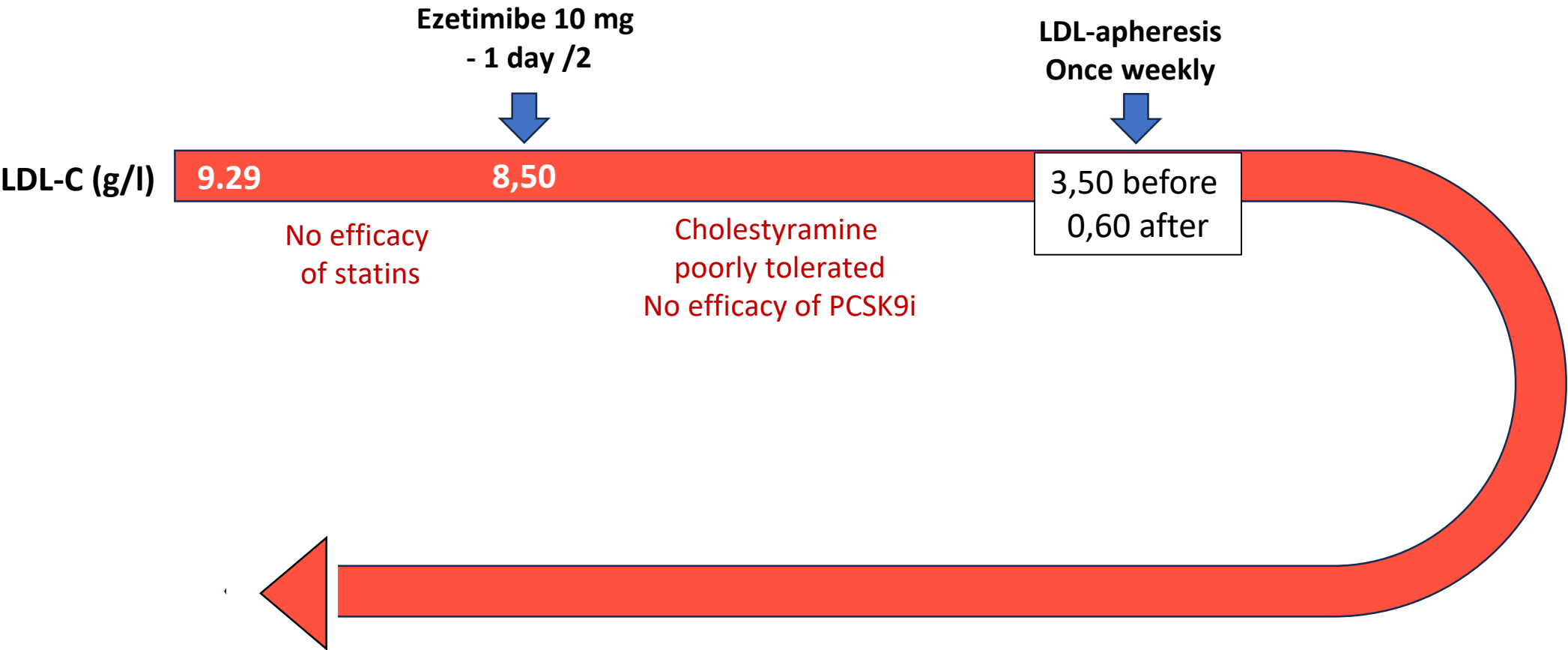
An extremely severe case of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia

- Discovery of HoFH in a young girl at the age of 8 as part of a familial screening
- TC: 9,70 g/L, **LDL-C: 9,29 g/L**, TG: 0,88 g/L, HDL-C: 0,23 g/L, Lp(a): 0,66 g/L
- Homozygous null mutation in exon 3 of the LDLR gene = STOP codon
- Coronary artery bypass (anterior & posterior ventricula arteries + marginal)
- Clinical **angina** => **occlusion of 2/3 bypasses**
- **50% stenosis of the external left carotid artery and 50% stenosis of the superior mesenteric artery**

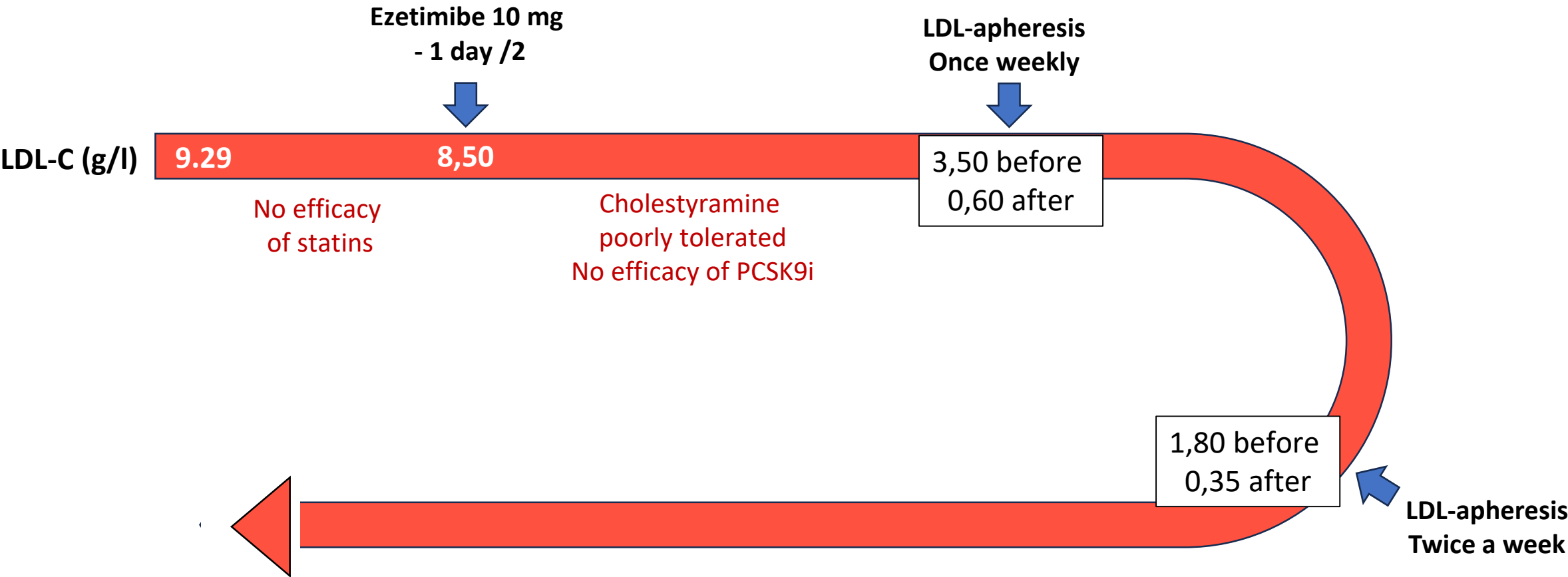
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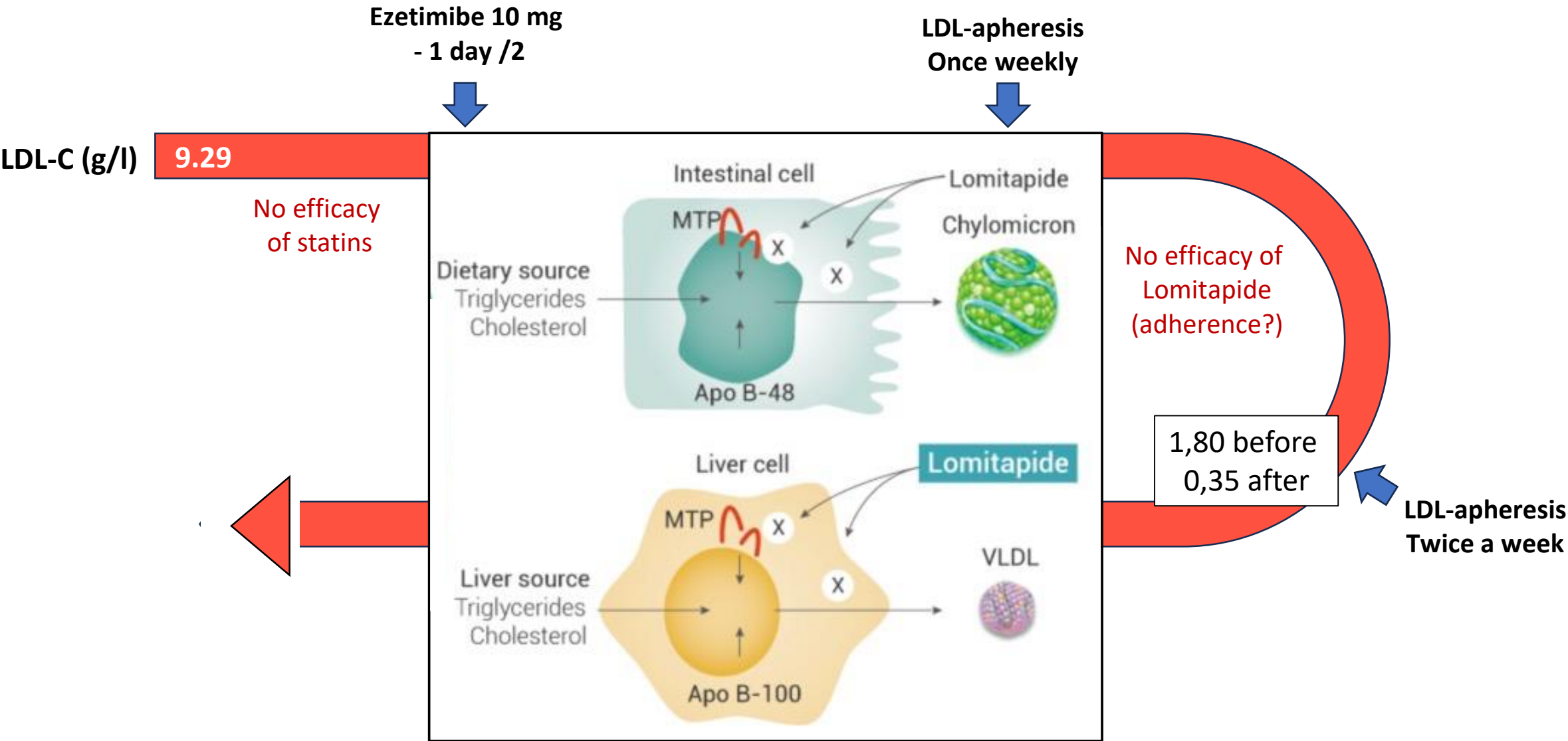
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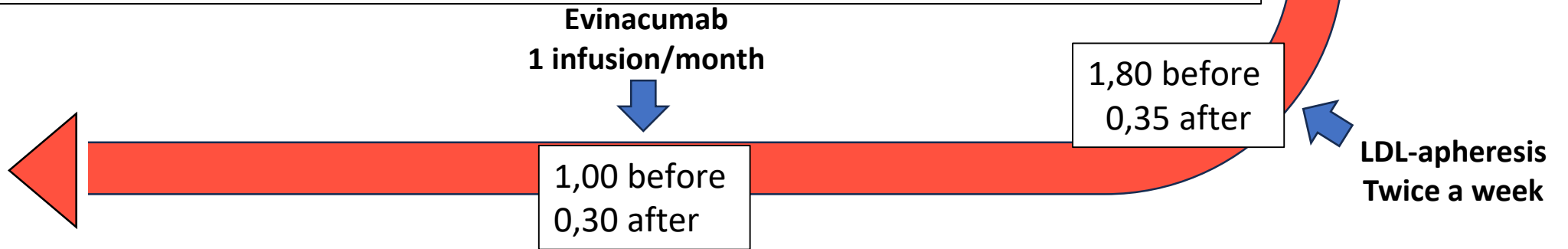
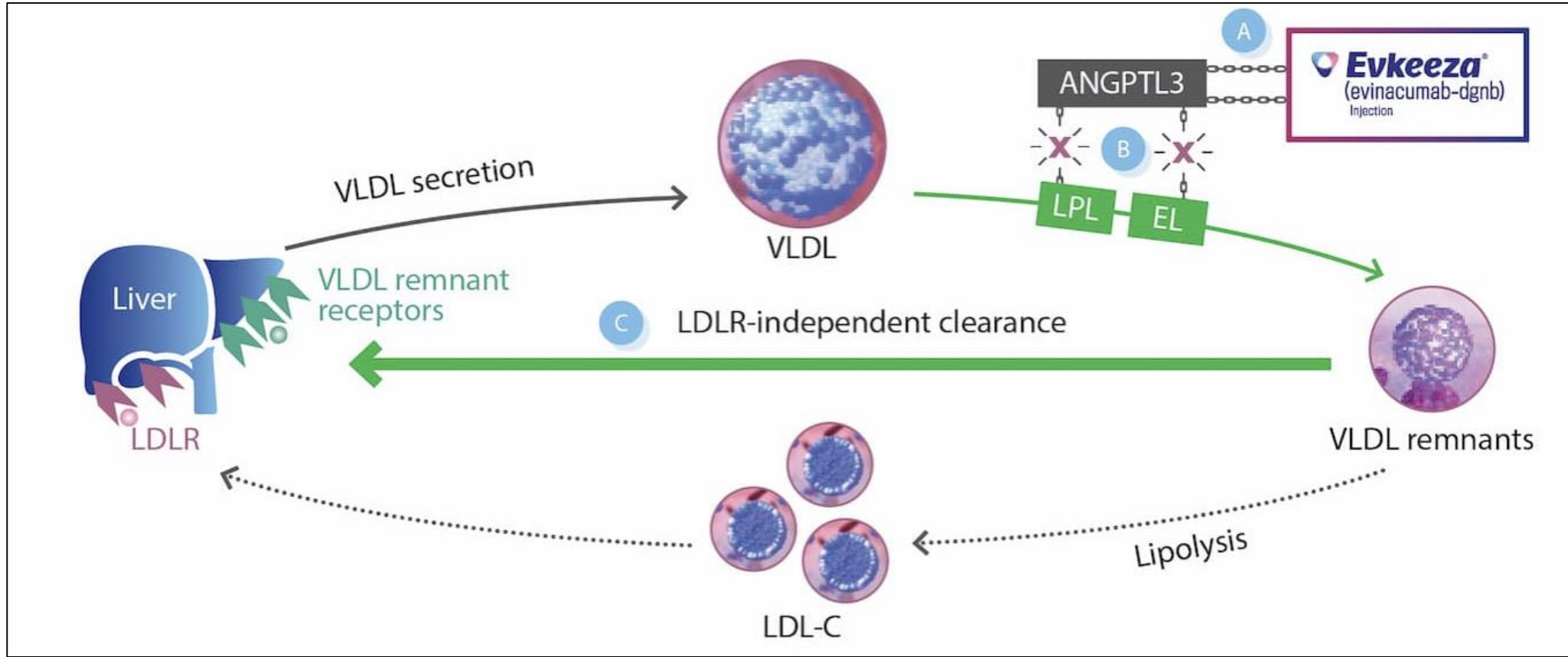


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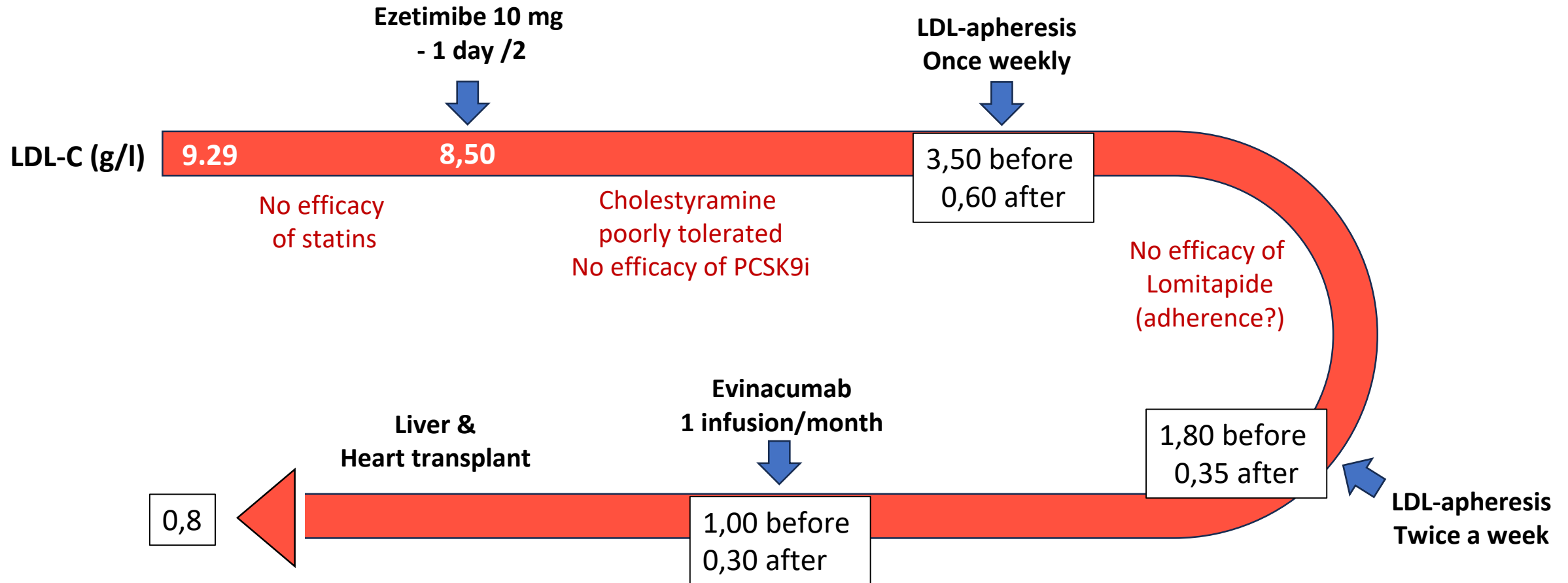




Illustrating the difficulty of treating Homozygous FH (HoFH) patients effectively

- **Last treatment combination:** LDL apheresis twice a week + ezetimibe + evinacumab + lomitapide
- Very poor quality of life
- Very high cardiovascular risk with clinical angina when heart beats > 100-120 /min
- Collegial decision of **combined Heart +Liver transplantation** (AP-HP Necker, PARIS)

Illustrating the difficulty of treating Homozygous FH (HoFH) patients effectively



Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death worldwide



17.7 million deaths

Cancer

All other causes

100% of deaths globally

Dyslipidemia, including elevated LDL-C & TGRLs, is a major and modifiable risk factor



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Need for new efficient therapeutic target

Identify new targets

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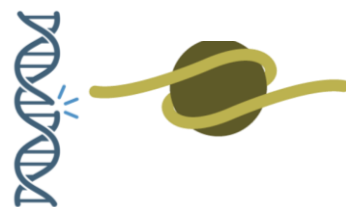
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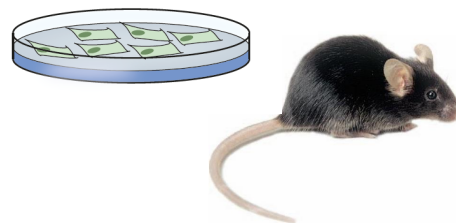
**PATIENTS & POPULATION
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Advanced in-vitro / vivo models



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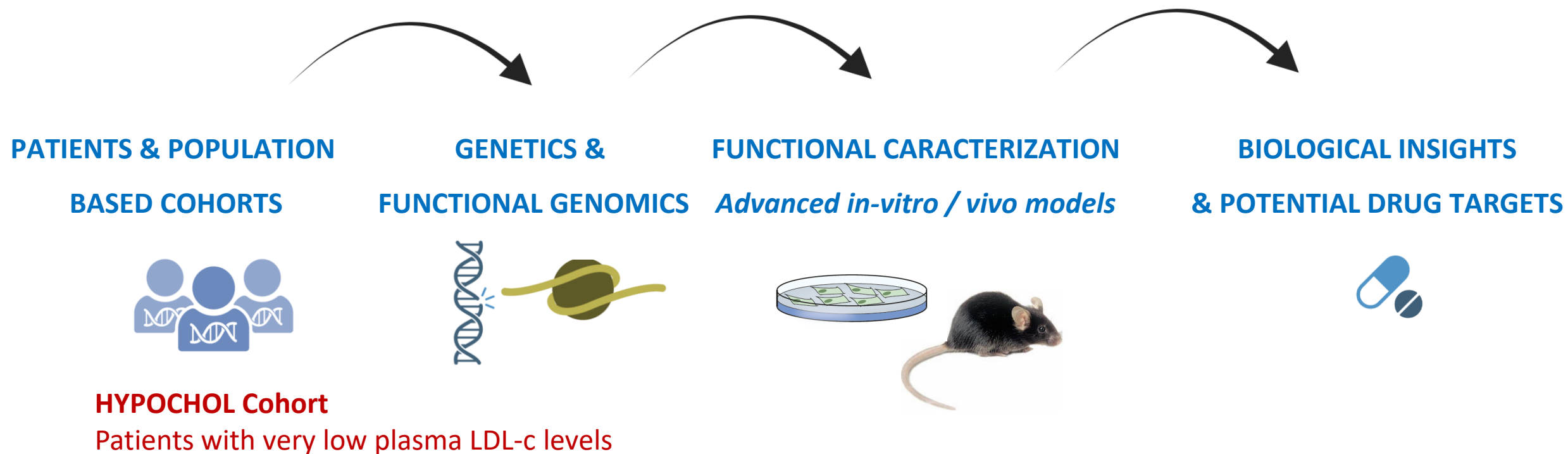


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Identification of a french patient with combined hypocholesterolemia



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- **A1 - propositus**

Man, 61 years

Acute coronary syndrom with
atherosclerotic plaques; 3 stents

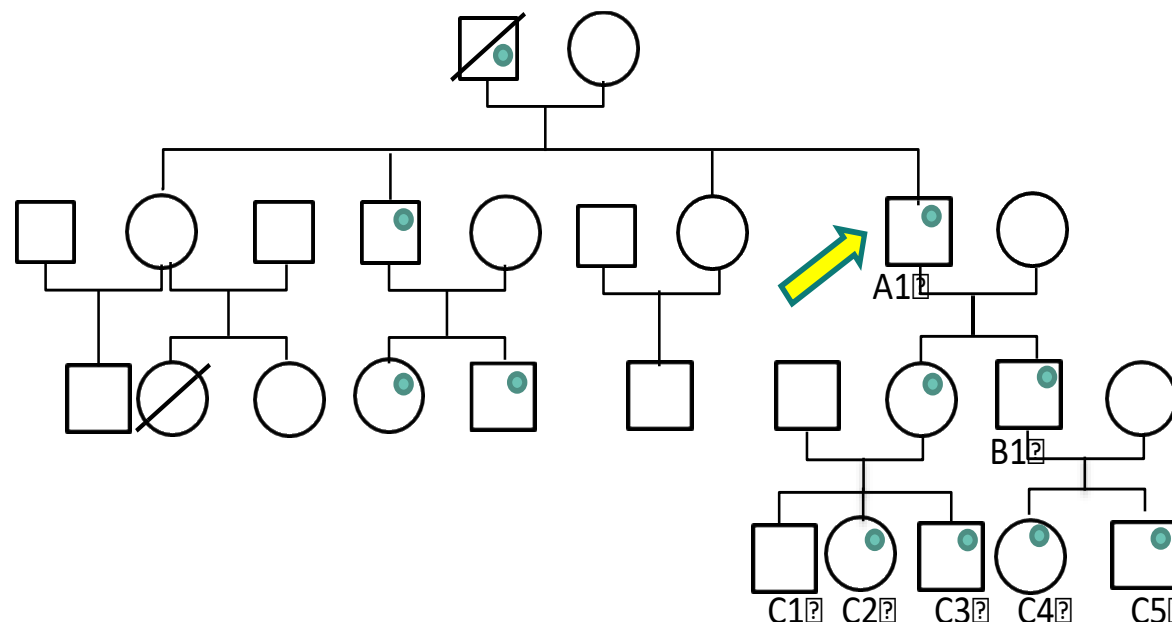
Type 2 diabetes

	A1
	73 y
	Propositus
<i>TG (0.35-1.50 g/L)</i>	1.32
<i>Chol (1.35-2.70 g/L)</i>	1.06
<i>LDL (0.75-1.60 g/L)</i>	0.58
<i>HDL (>0.40 g/L)</i>	0.21
<i>ApoA1 (1.05-2.05 g/L)</i>	0.56
<i>ApoB (0.55-1.15 g/L)</i>	0.78
<i>Lpa (<0.300g/L)</i>	NA
<i>Phospholipids (1.8 - 2.3 mmol/L)</i>	1.35
<i>Cholesterol (mmol/L)</i>	2.74
<i>Ratio PL/Chol</i>	0.49
<i>Esterification (60-80%) *</i>	0.63

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Type 2 diabetes

	A1	A2	B1	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
	73 y	75y	39 y	20 y	16 y	11 y	8 y	5 y
	Propositus		*		*	*	*	*
TG (0.35-1.50 g/L)	1.32	0.84	0.84	1.02	0.54	0.84	0.48	0.54
Chol (1.35-2.70 g/L)	1.06	1.92	0.80	1.39	0.46	0.82	0.53	0.53
LDL (0.75-1.60 g/L)	0.58	1.30	0.48	0.84	0.20	0.53	0.31	0.29
HDL (>0.40 g/L)	0.21	0.45	0.15	0.35	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.13
ApoA1 (1.05-2.05 g/L)	0.56		0.54		0.48	0.42	0.41	0.45
ApoB (0.55-1.15 g/L)	0.78	NA	0.61	0.78	0.35	0.61	0.40	0.41
Lpa (<0.300g/L)	NA	NA	NA	0.23	0.10	0.03	NA	NA
Phospholipids (1.8 - 2.3 mmol/L)	1.35		1.02		0.72	1.01	0.67	0.80
Cholesterol (mmol/L)	2.74		2.07		1.19	2.12	1.37	1.37
Ratio PL/Chol	0.49		0.49		0.60	0.48	0.49	0.58
Esterification (60-80%) *	0.63		0.65		0.60	0.66	0.66	0.64

***LIPC*-E97G is a rare GOF variant involved in familial combined hypocholesterolemia**

Circulation

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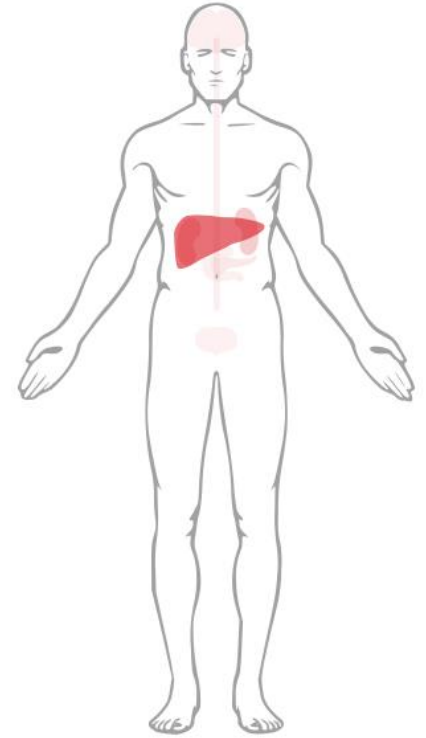


Identification of a Gain-of-Function *LIPC* Variant as a Novel Cause of Familial Combined Hypocholesterolemia

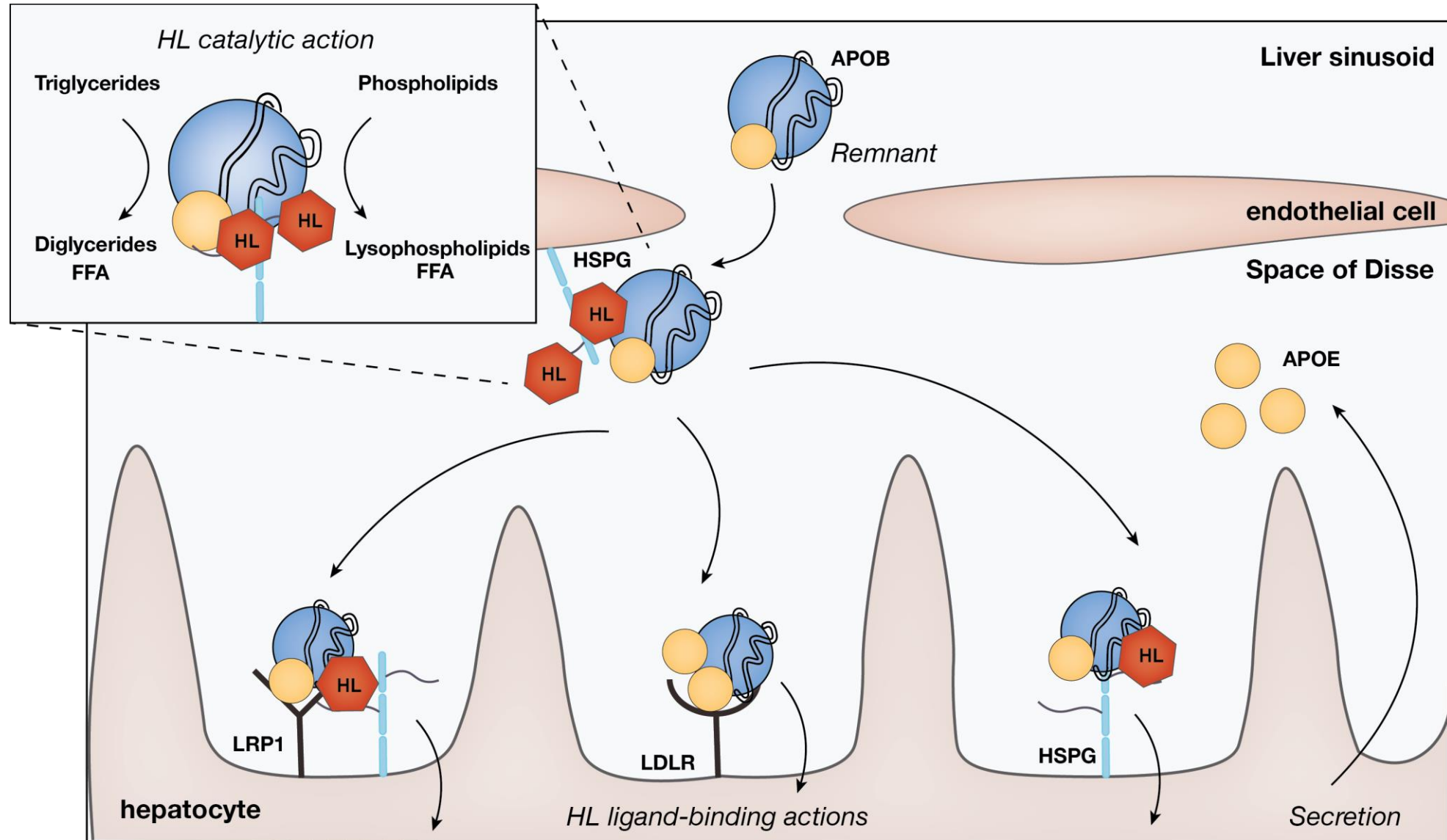
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***LIPC* gene encodes hepatic lipase**

- ✓ 477 amino acids
- ✓ 65 kDa
- ✓ Mainly found in hepatocytes but also in adrenals and ovaries
- ✓ Localized at the surface of parenchymal cells in the space of Disse
- ✓ 90% of the WT form of the hepatic lipase activity in the liver
- ✓ At the surface cell in human ≠ circulating in mice
- ✓ Members of the Lipase family : Lipoprotein lipase (LPL), Endothelial Lipase (EL)



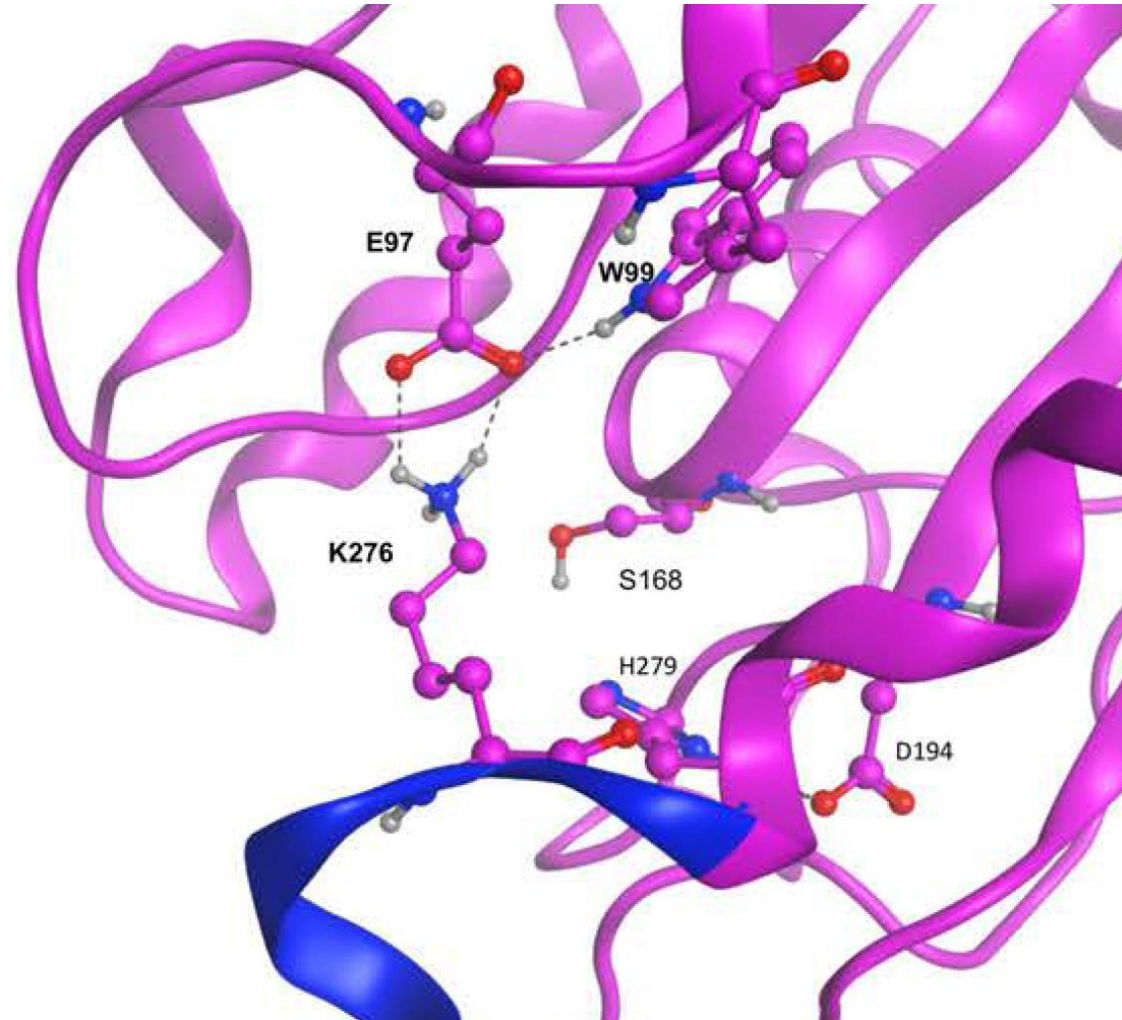
Hepatic lipase has a dual lipase activity and a ligand-binding function



How LIPC-E97G variant affects HL function ?

Structural consequences analysis

- Homology-based modelling based on crystallized LPL
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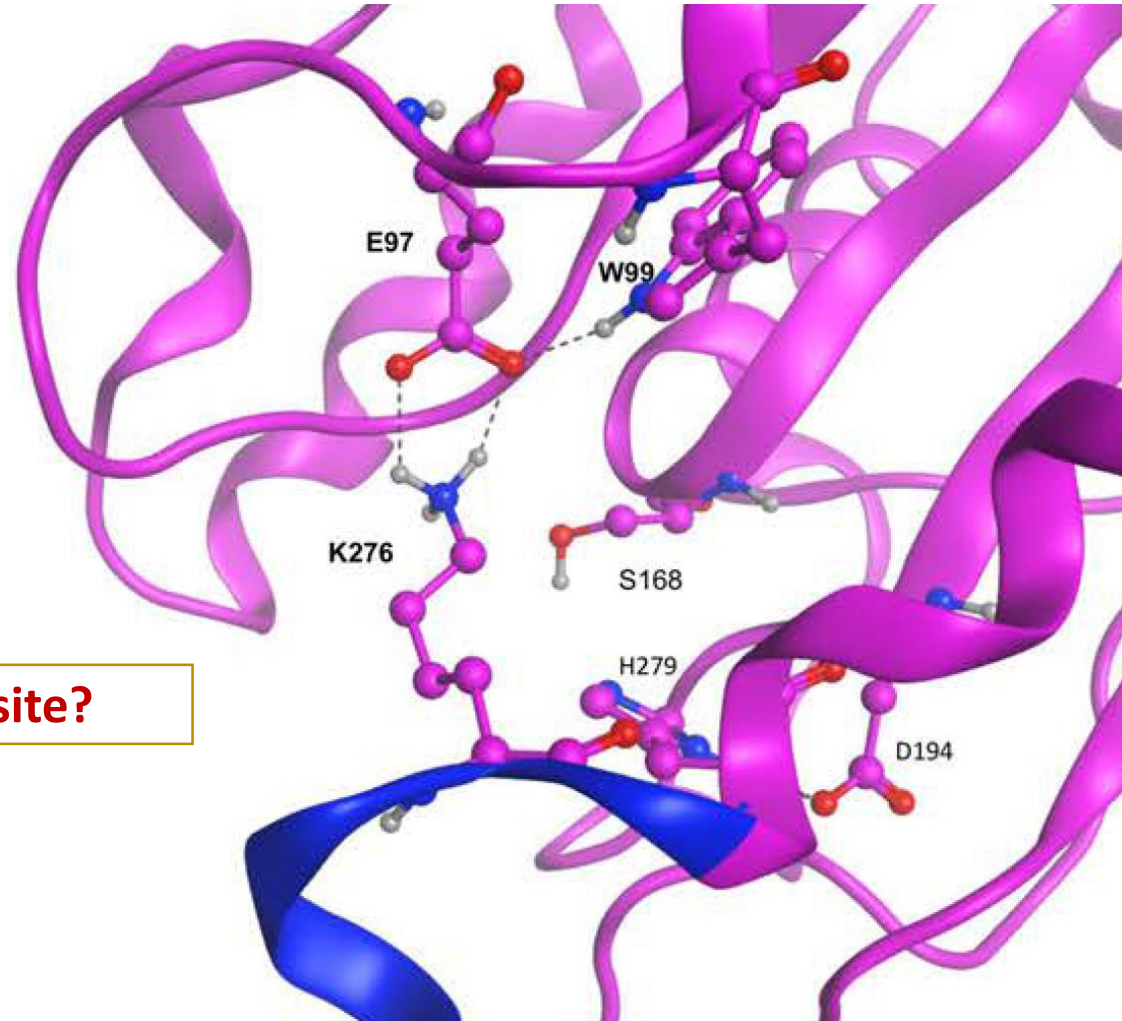
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Glu97 is not part of catalytic triad
Glu97 is part of the Lid domain



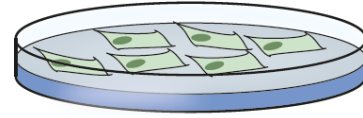
Impact on substrate access to the catalytic site?



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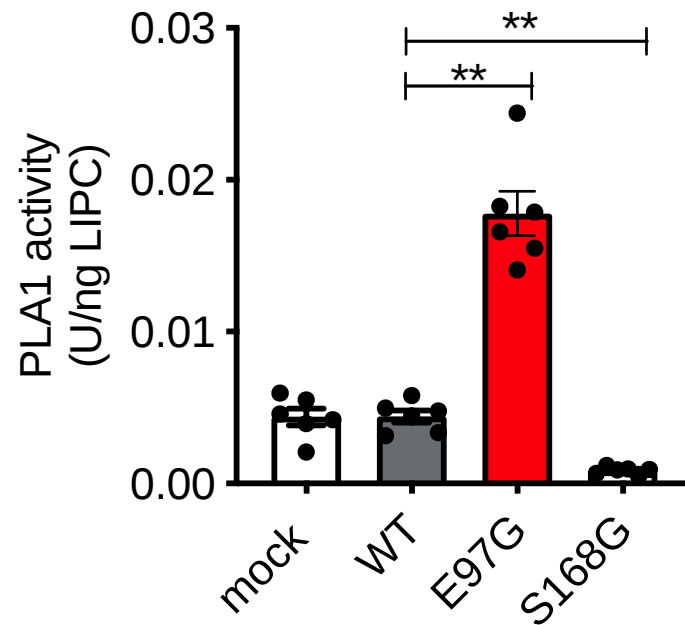


HL-E97G increases phospholipase activity without affecting TG lipase activity

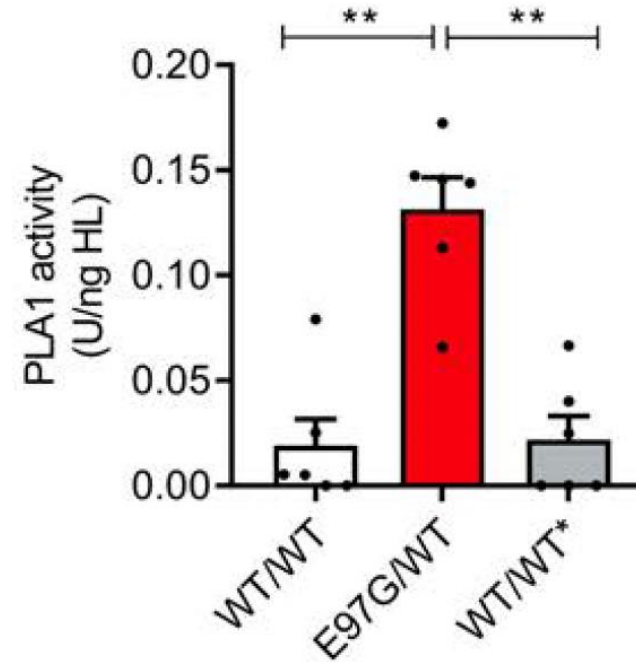


Immortalized Human Hepatocytes Cells

Overexpression



Genome editing by CRISPR-Cas9

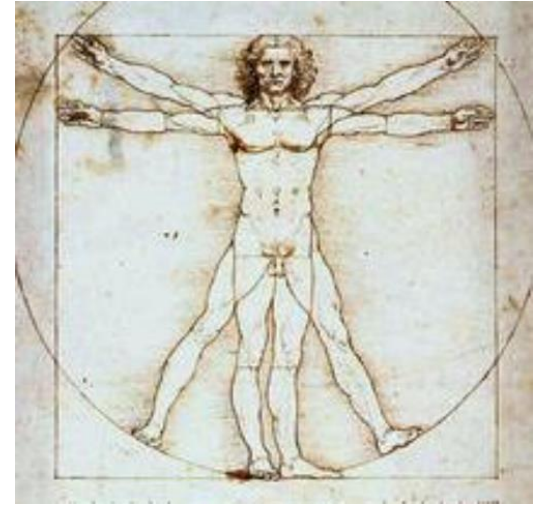


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Use of a humanized mouse model for lipoprotein metabolism



Cholesterol is mainly carried by **HDL particles** and poorly prone to atherosclerosis development

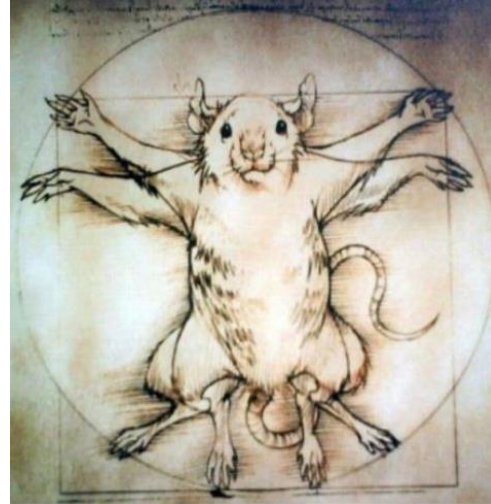


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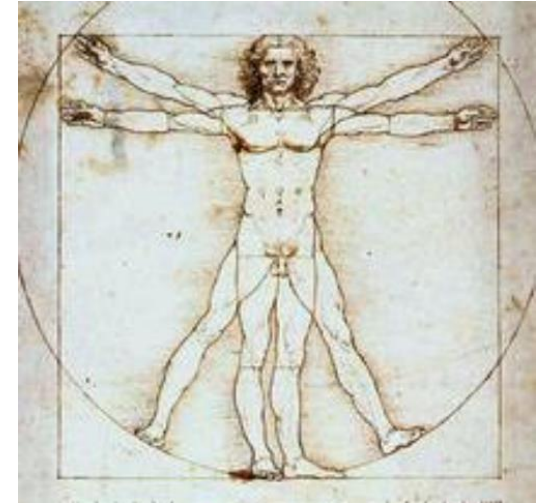


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APOE*3-Leiden.CETP mice

Cholesterol is mainly carried by **(V)LDL particles**

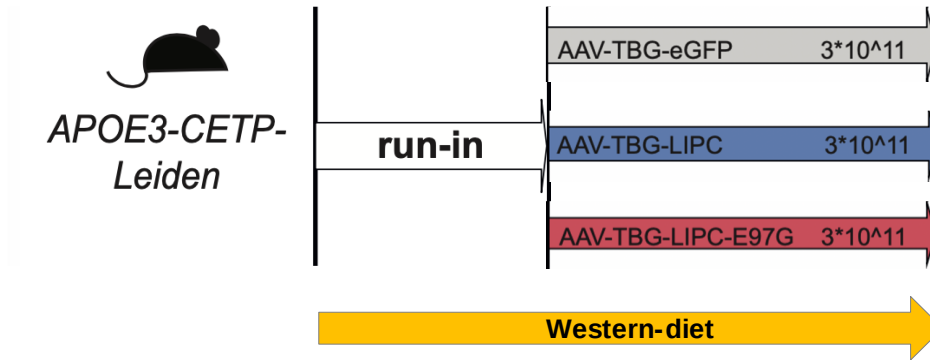


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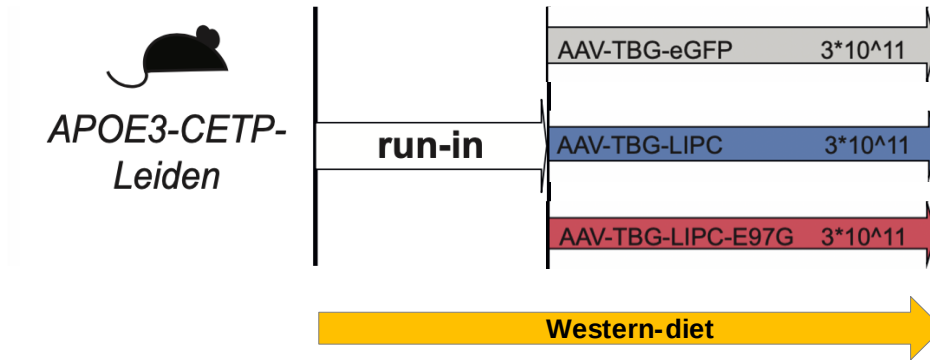
- ✓ develop diet-induced hyperlipidemia and atherosclerosis
- ✓ intact apoE-LDLr clearance pathway (unlike *ApoE*^{-/-} and *Ldlr*^{-/-} mice)
- ✓ respond in human-like manner to lipid-lowering interventions

Impact of hepatic overexpression of human HL E97G on APOE*3 Leiden CETP mice

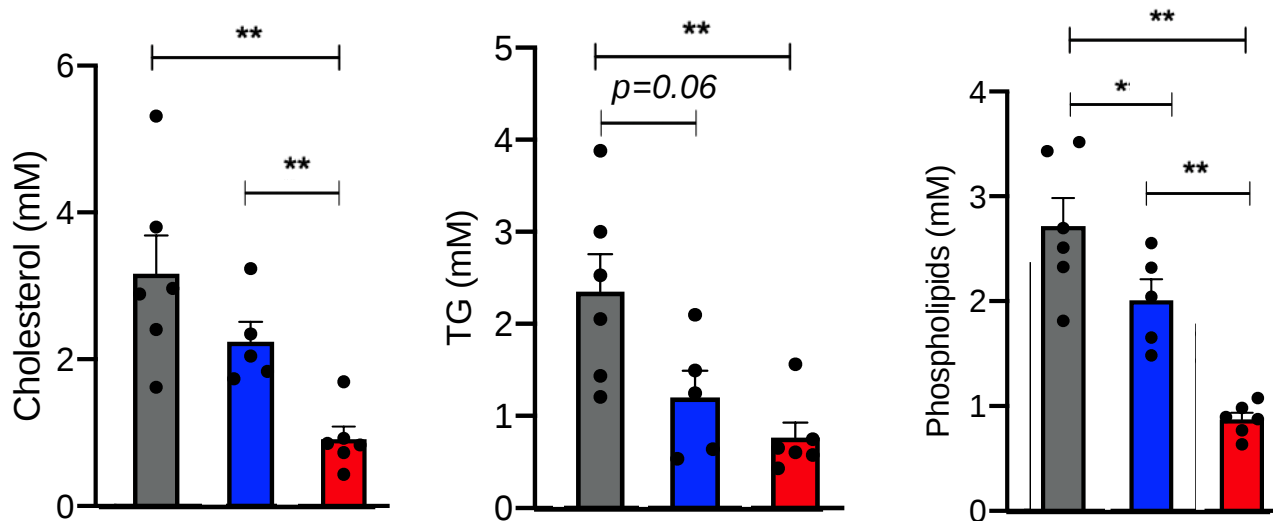
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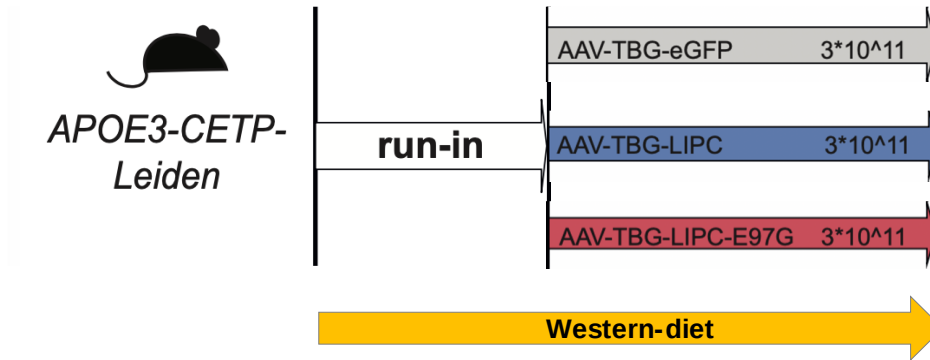
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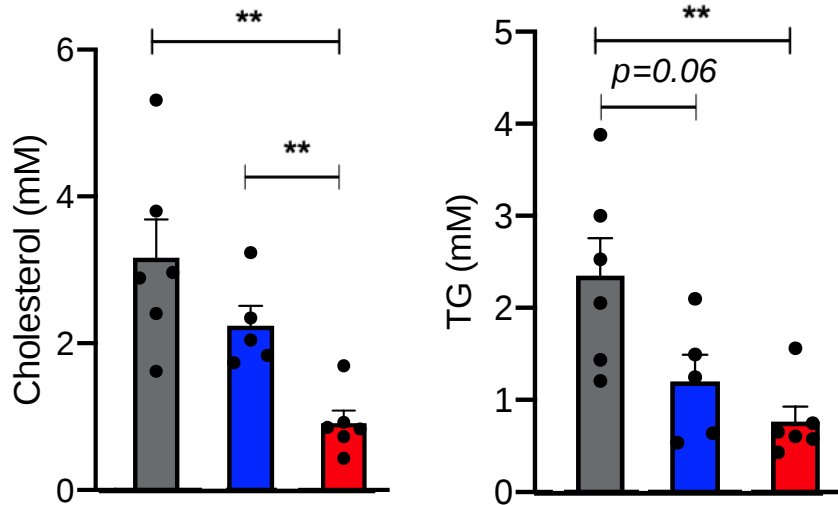
Plasma lipids



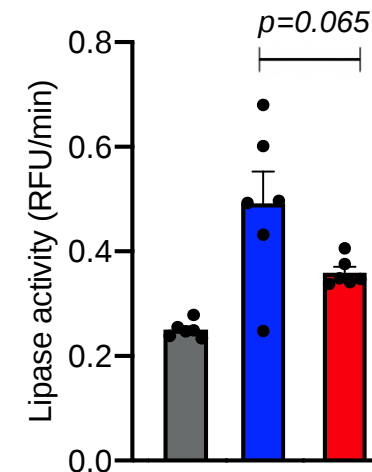
Mice expressing the E97G variant form of HL develop combined hypolipidemia and increased phospholipase activity



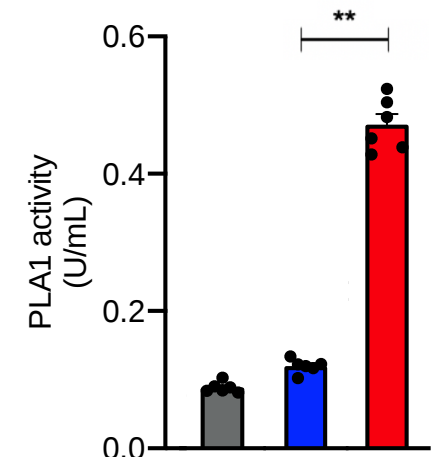
Plasma lipids



TG lipase activity



Phospholipase activity



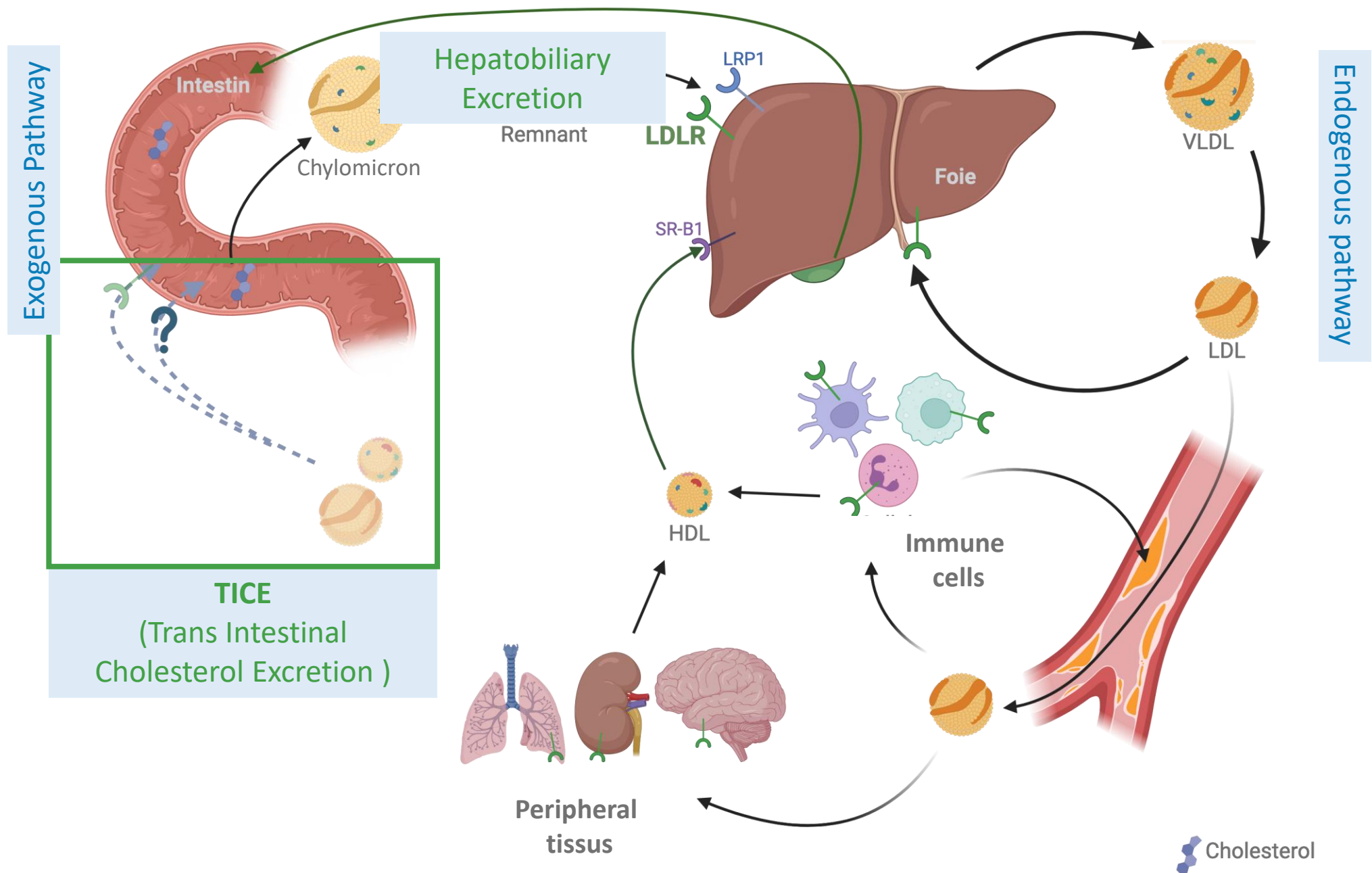
Conclusion 1

Variant *HL-E97G* :

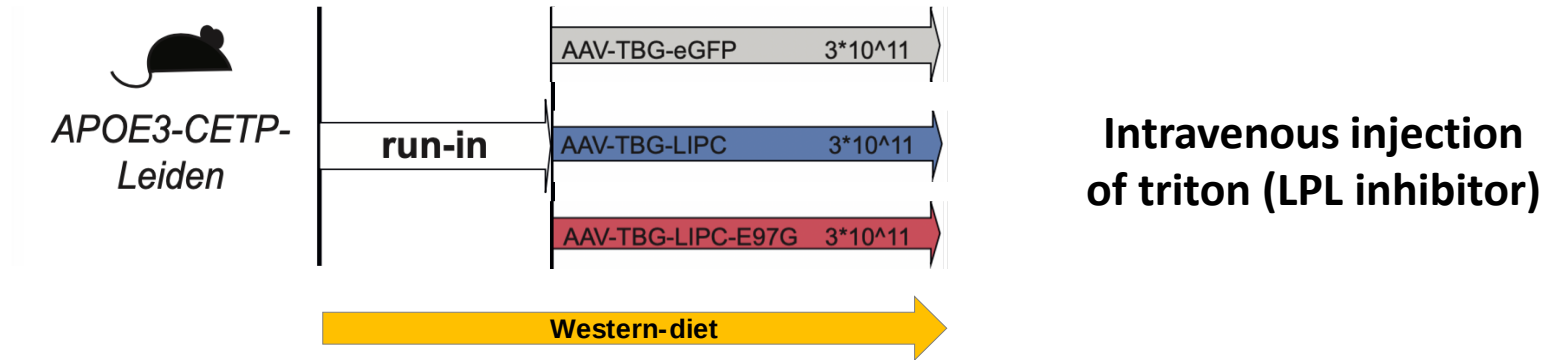
- Alters the Lid region that regulates the accessibility of the substrate to the catalytic site
- Does not impact the triglyceride lipase activity
- Strongly increases the phospholipase activity (confirmed in humans, mice and cells)
- Induces a strong combined hypolipemia

Mode of action ?

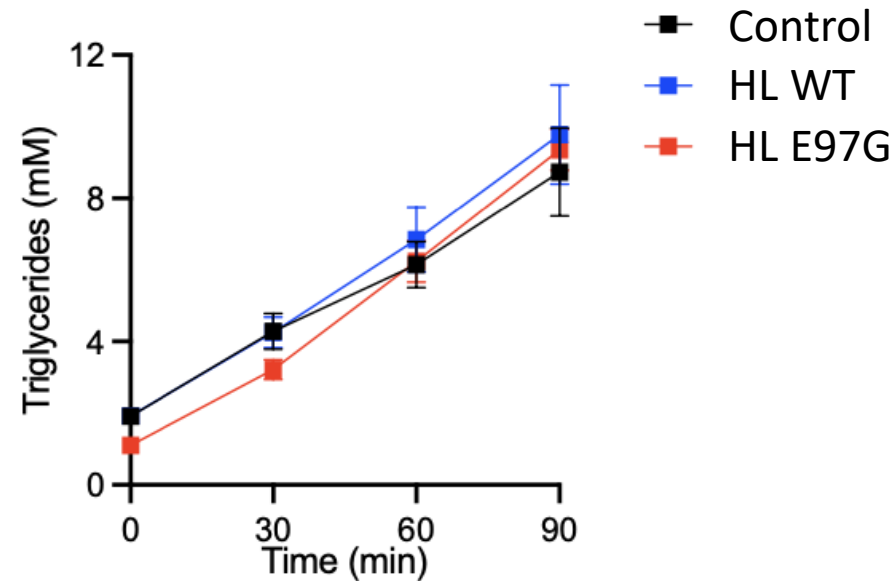
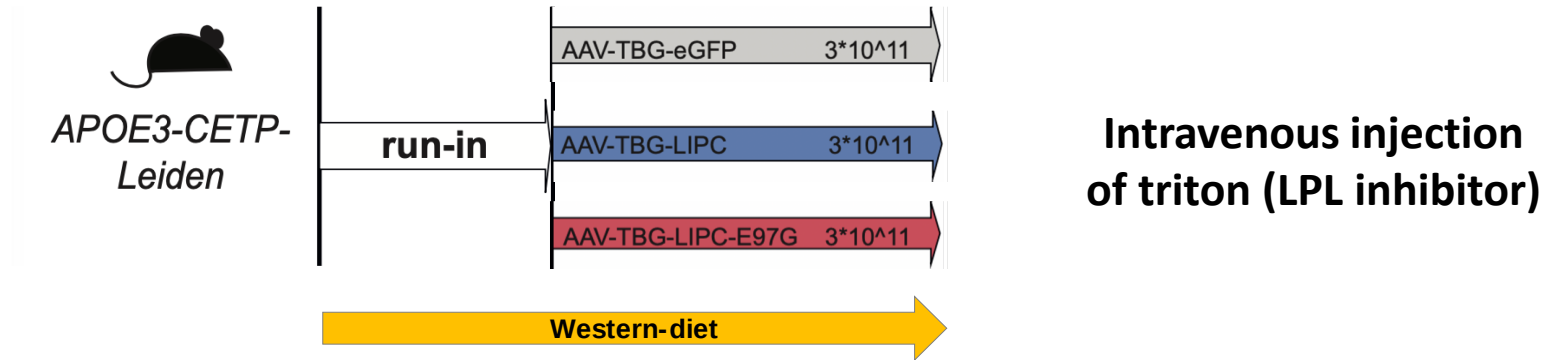
Cholesterol homeostasis



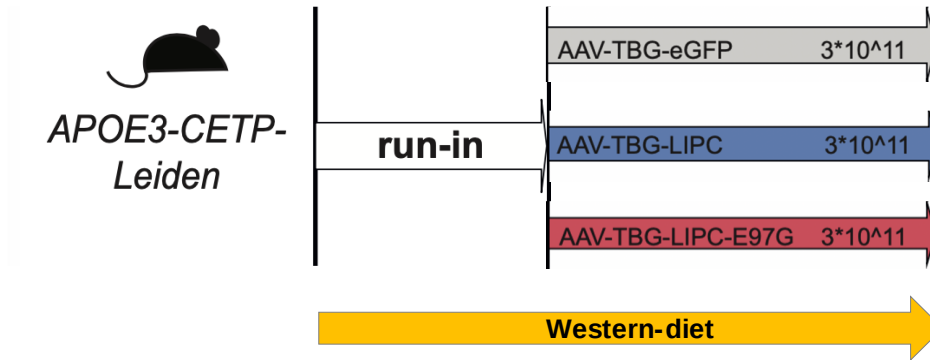
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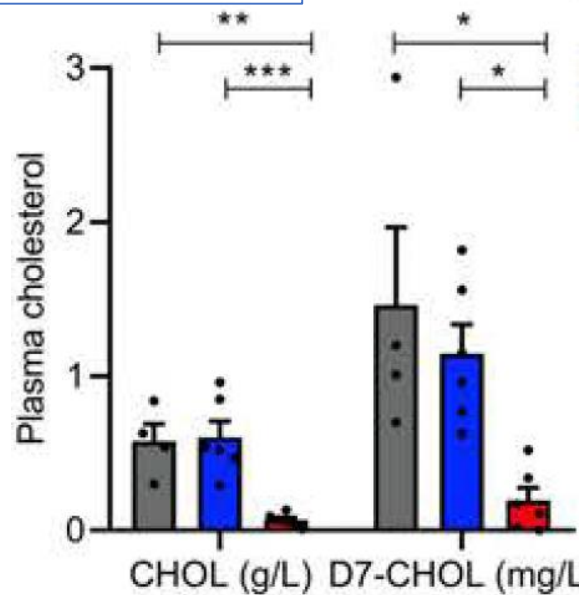


E97G variant promotes a rapid clearance of plasma cholesterol

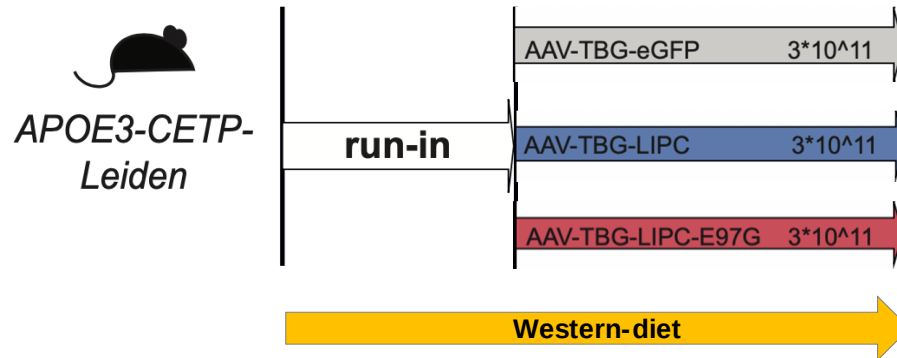


Intravenous injection
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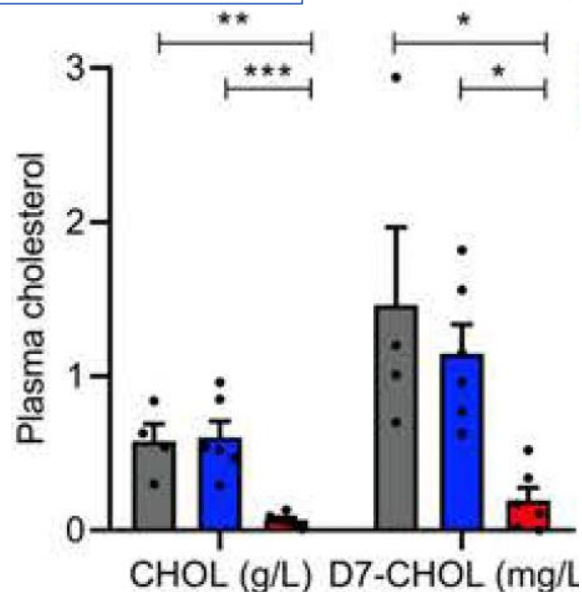


E97G variant promotes a rapid clearance of plasma cholesterol with no impact on hepatic or fecal cholesterol content

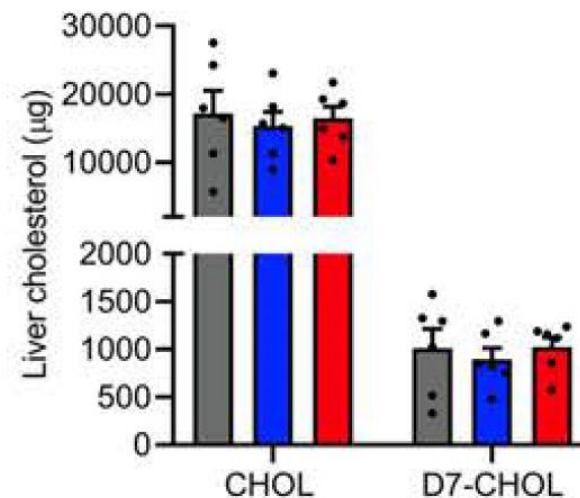


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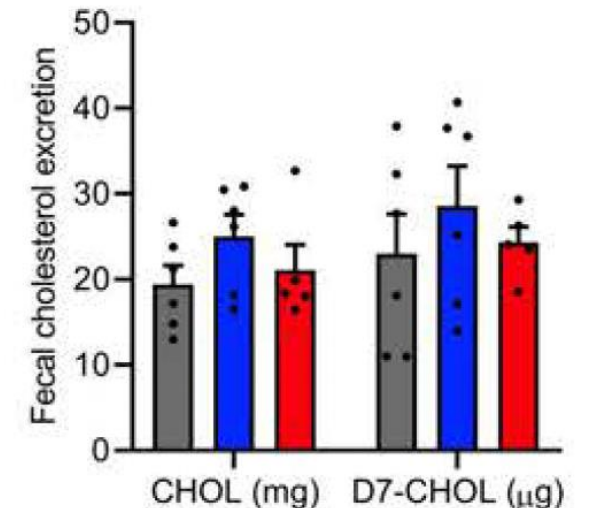
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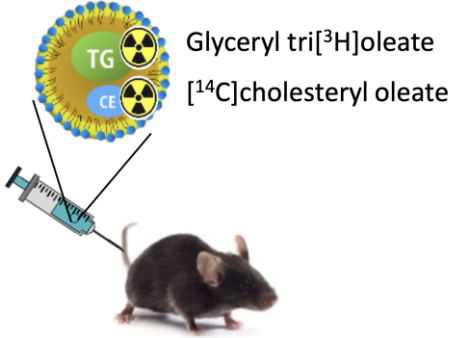


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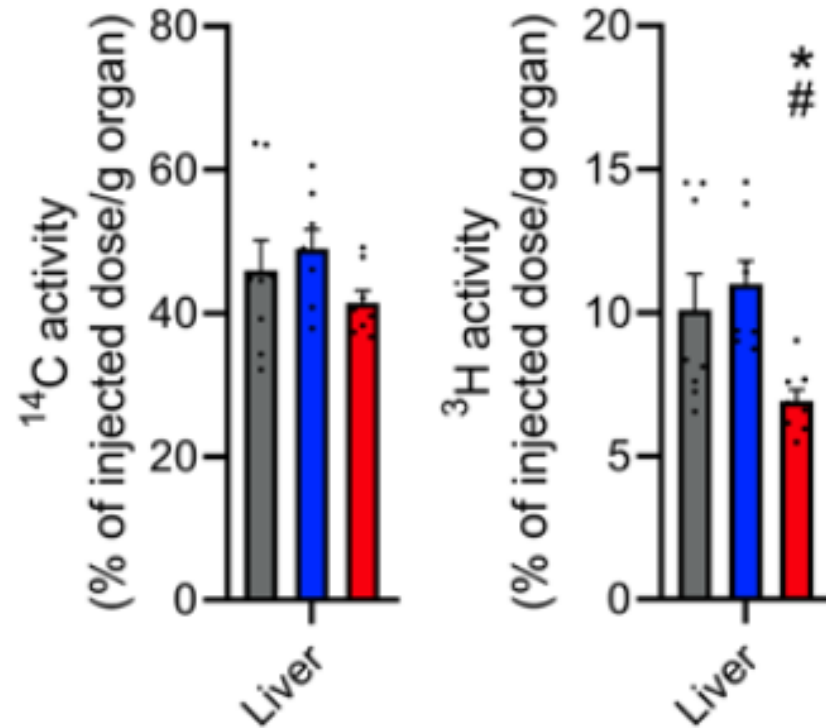


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VLDL-like particles
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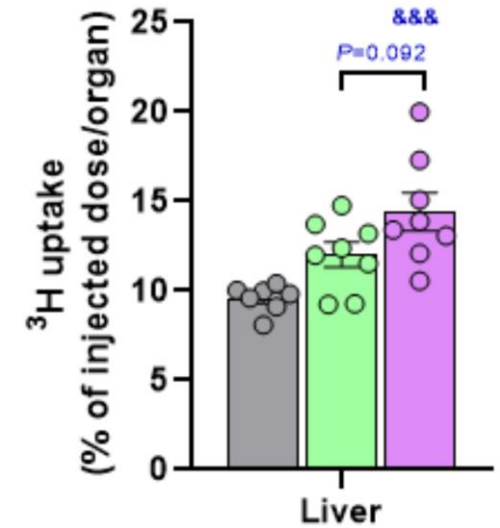
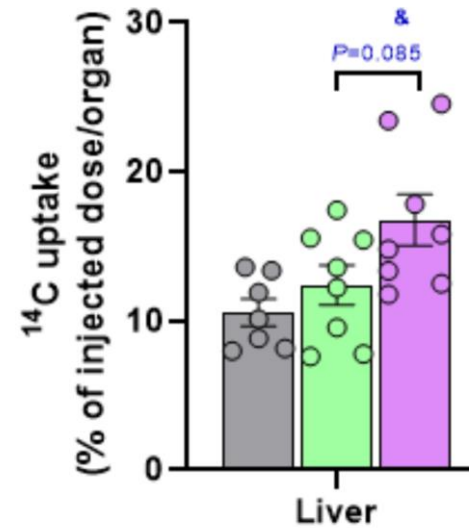
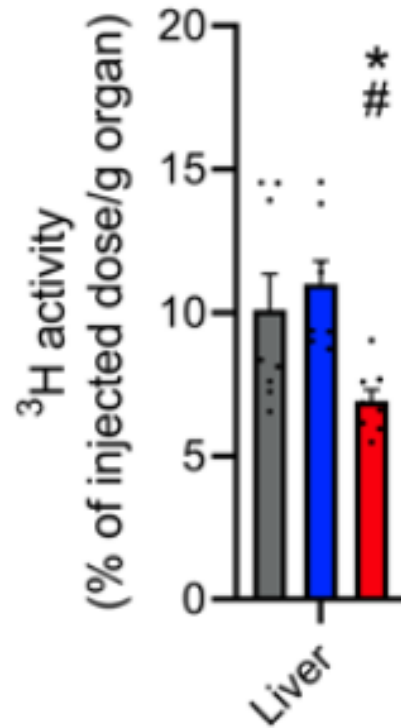
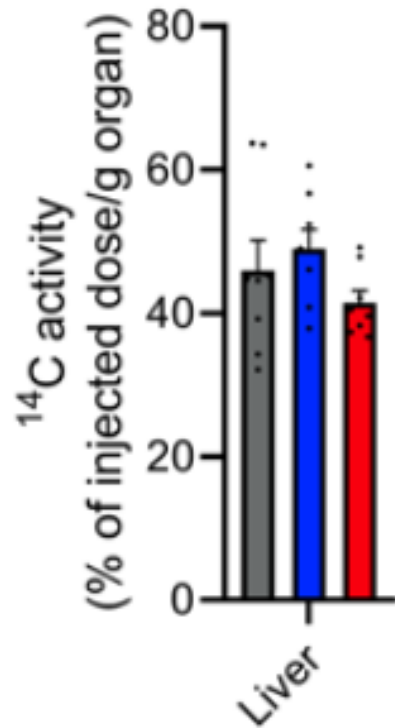
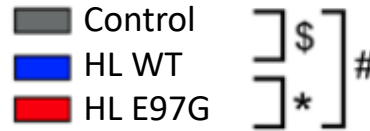
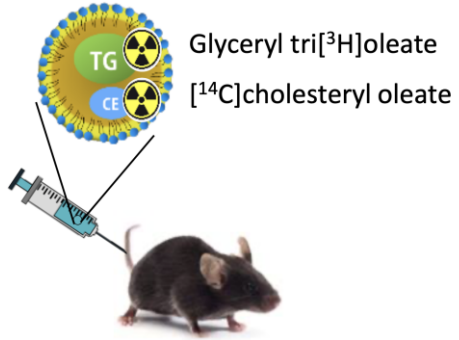


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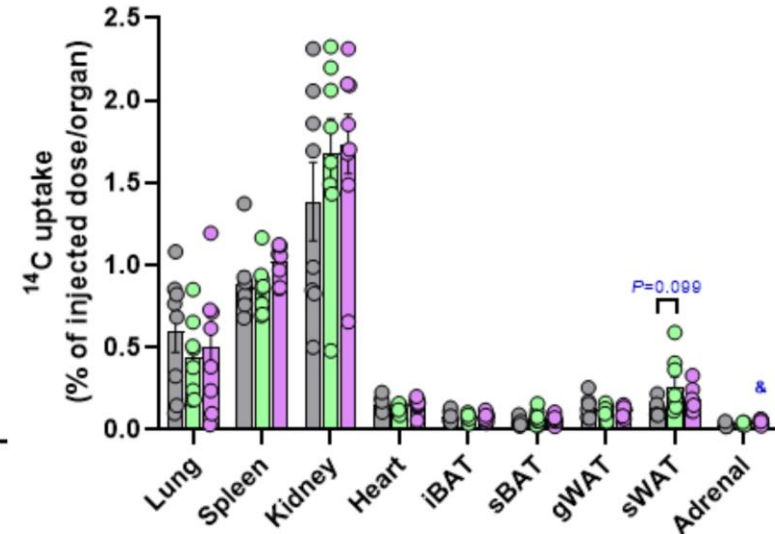
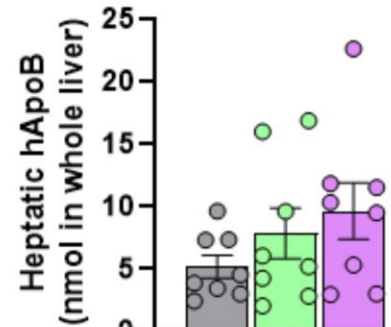
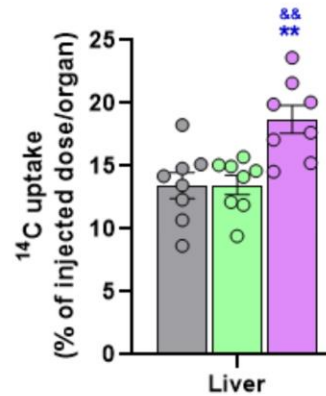
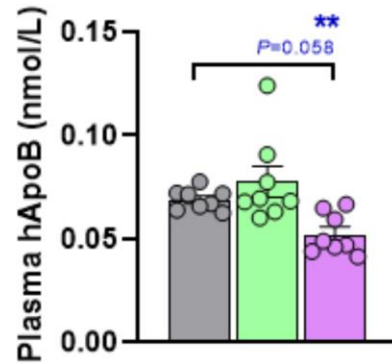
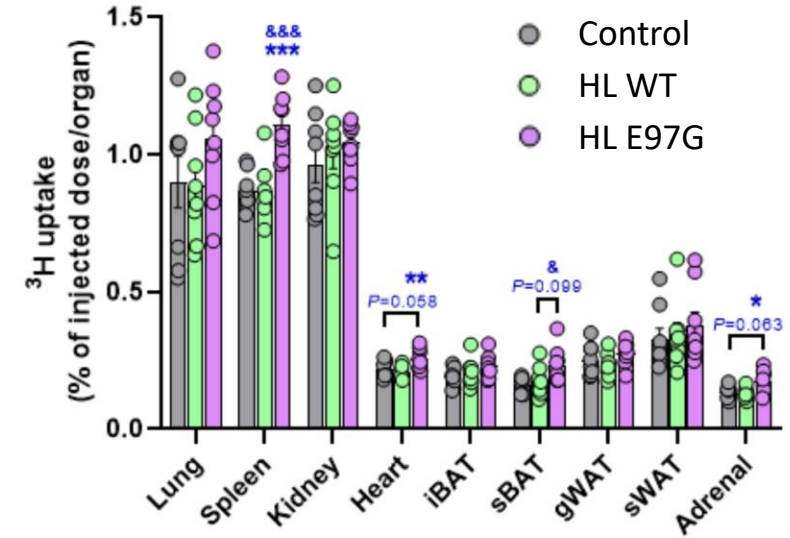
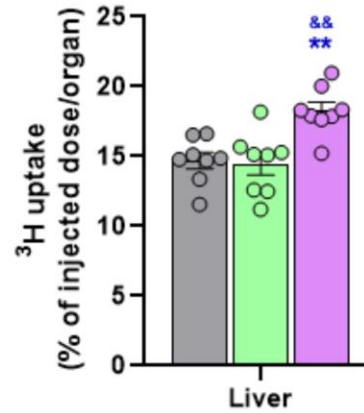
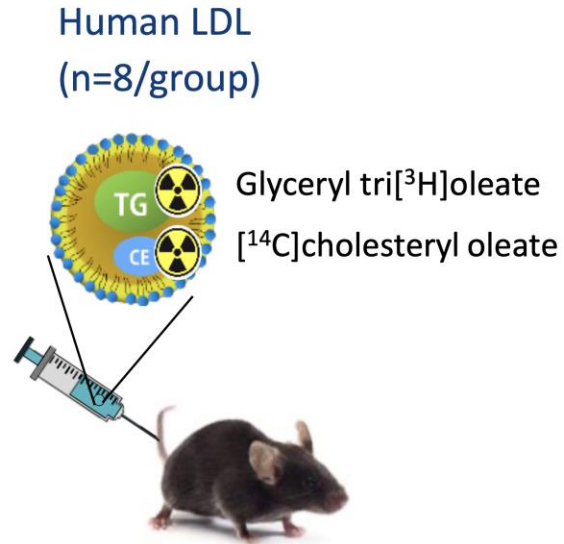


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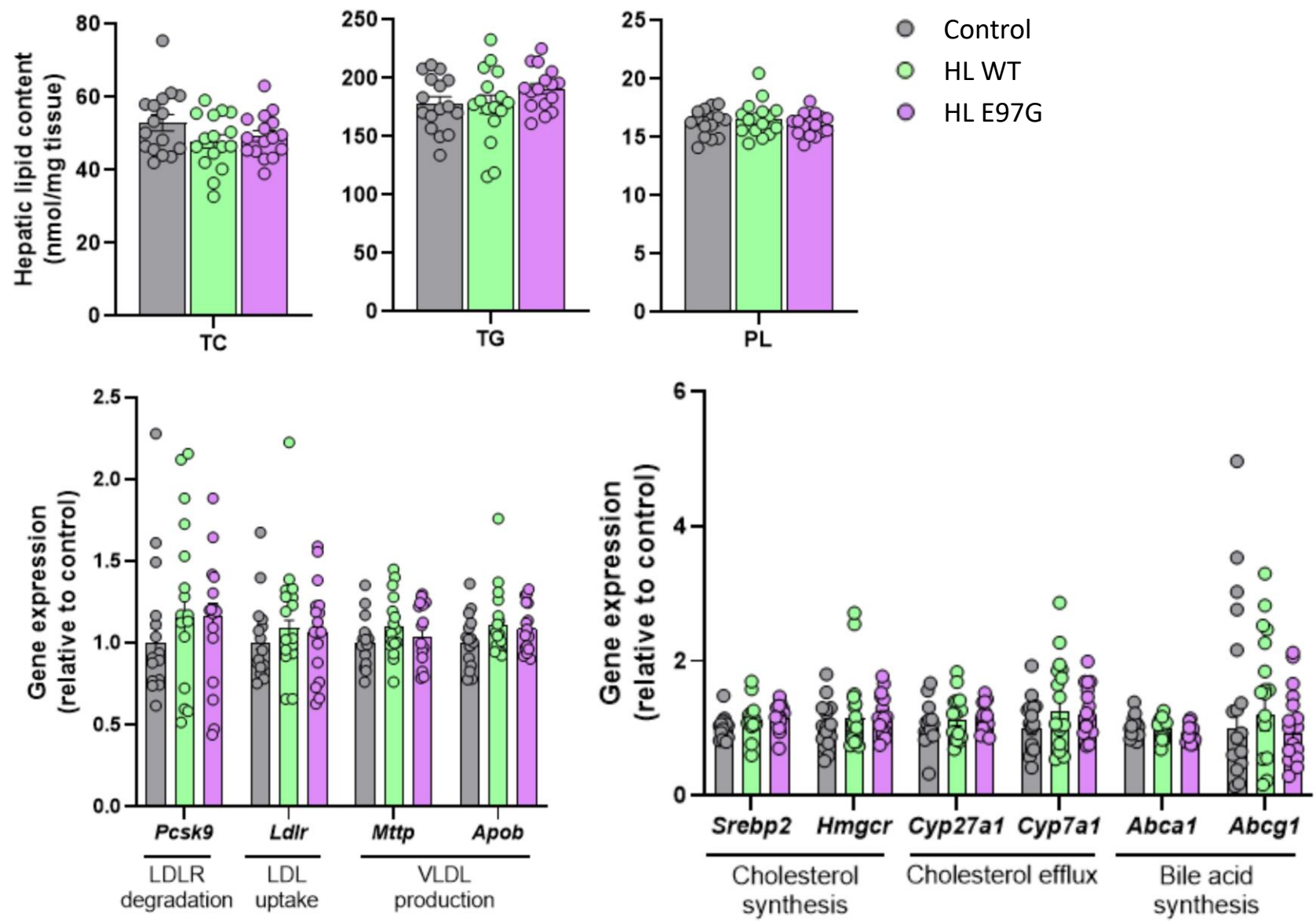
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E97G variant significantly increases LDL clearance by an hepatic pathway



HL E97G expression has no impact on liver lipid content or hepatic gene expression.



Conclusion 2

Variant *HL-E97G* :

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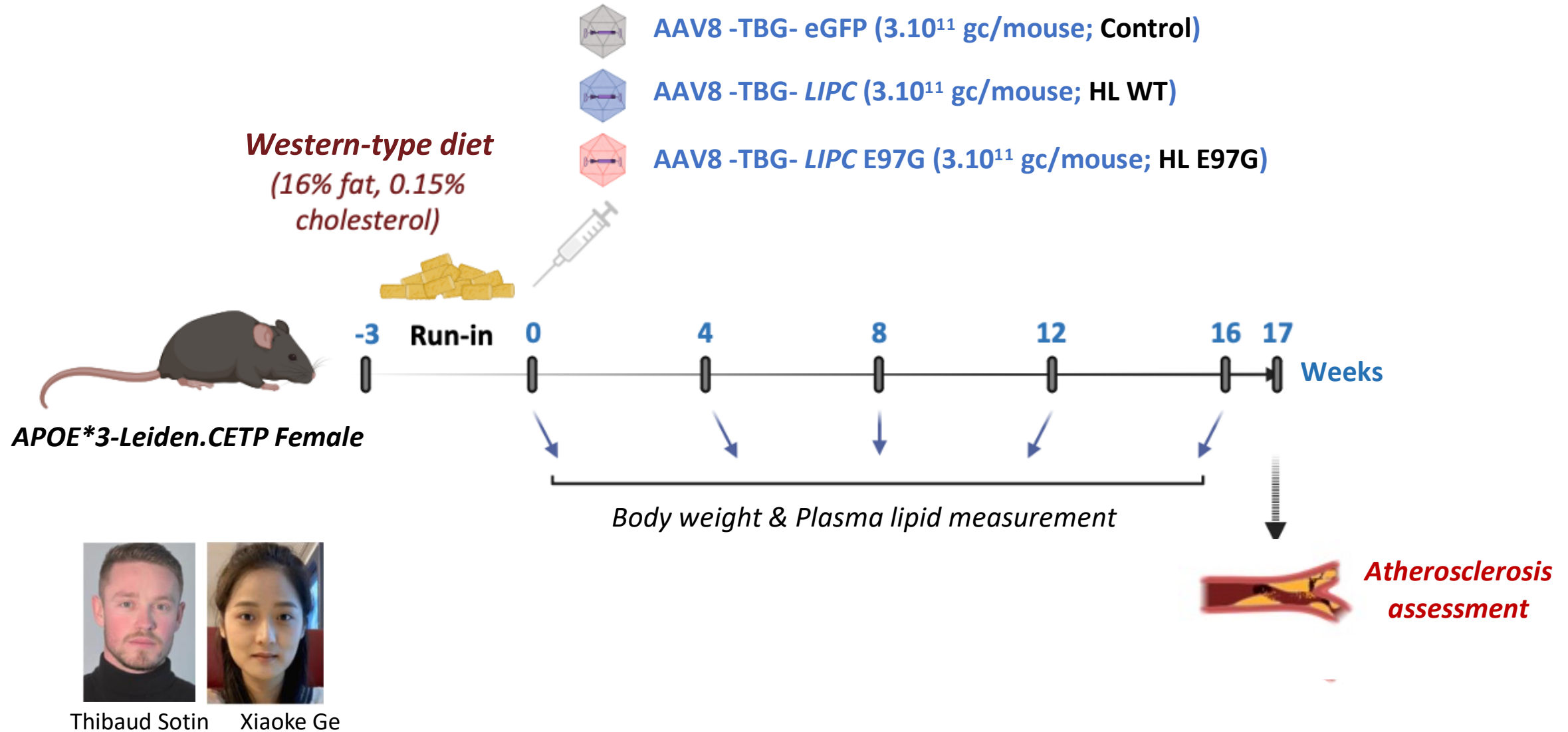
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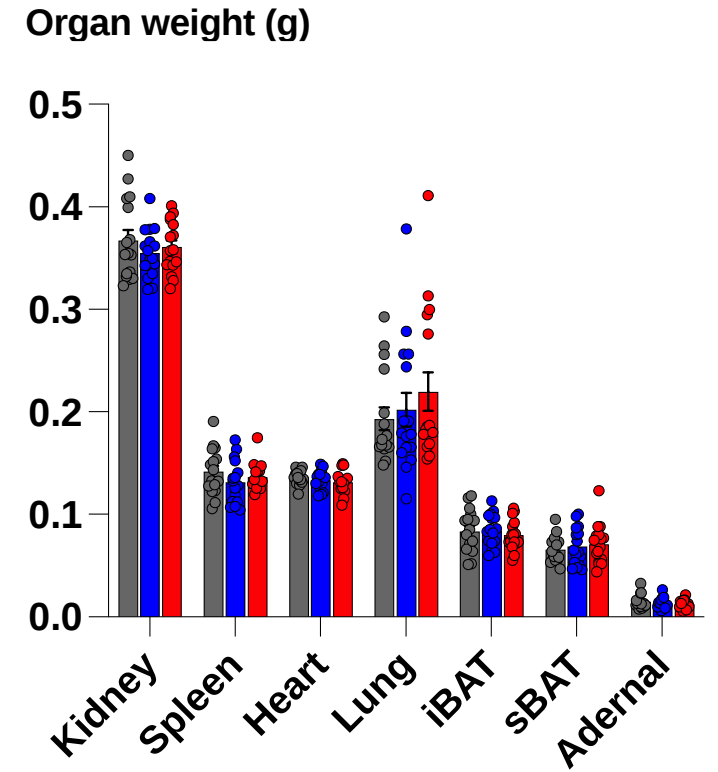
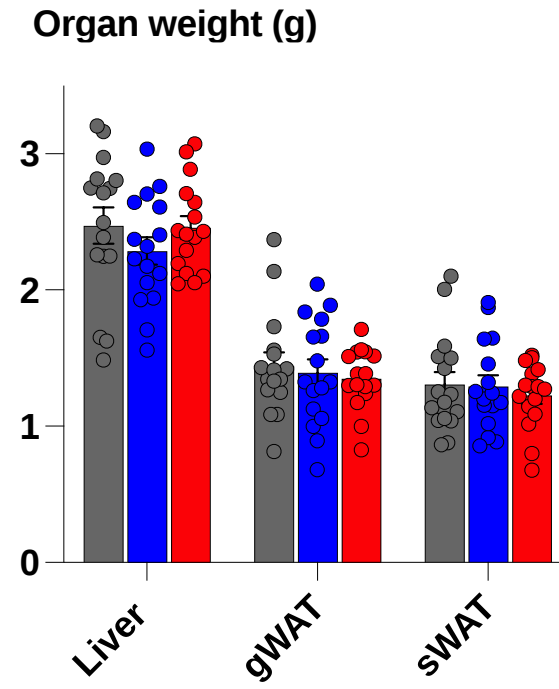
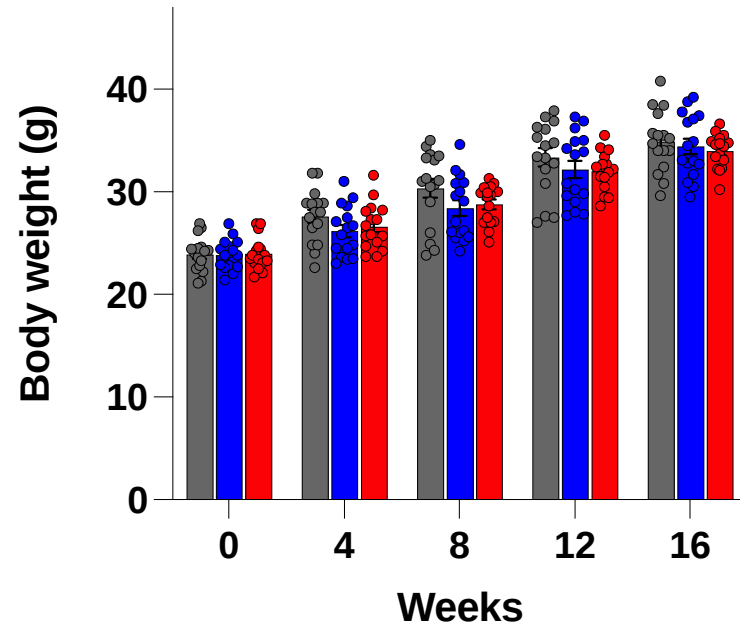
Does HL-E97G affects atherosclerosis progression ?

To test the effect of hepatic overexpression of human HL E97G on atherosclerosis



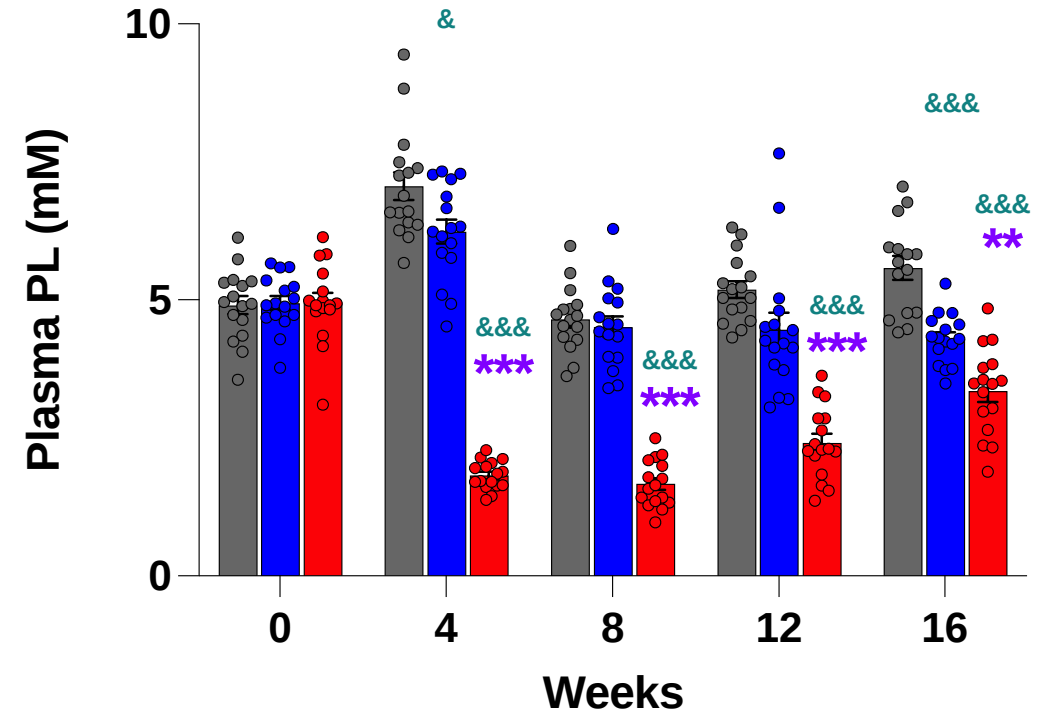
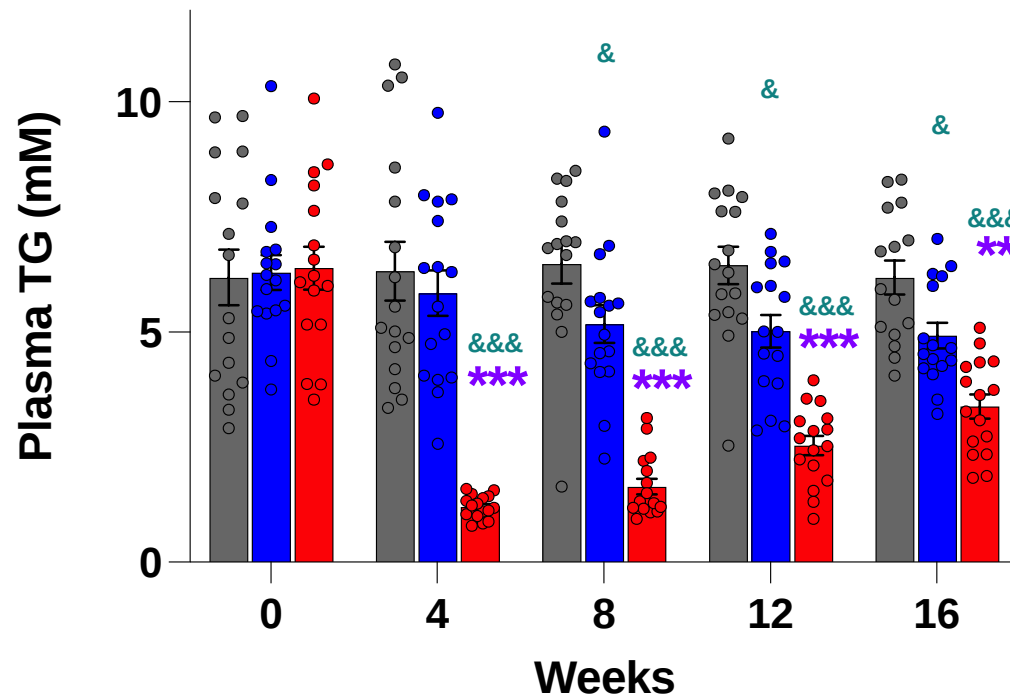
HL E97G does not affect body weight and organ weight

- Control
- HL-WT
- HL-E97G



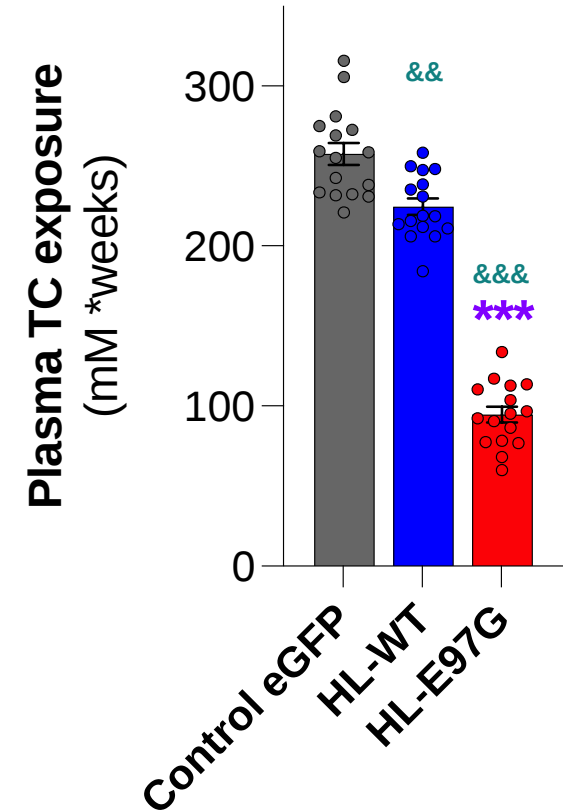
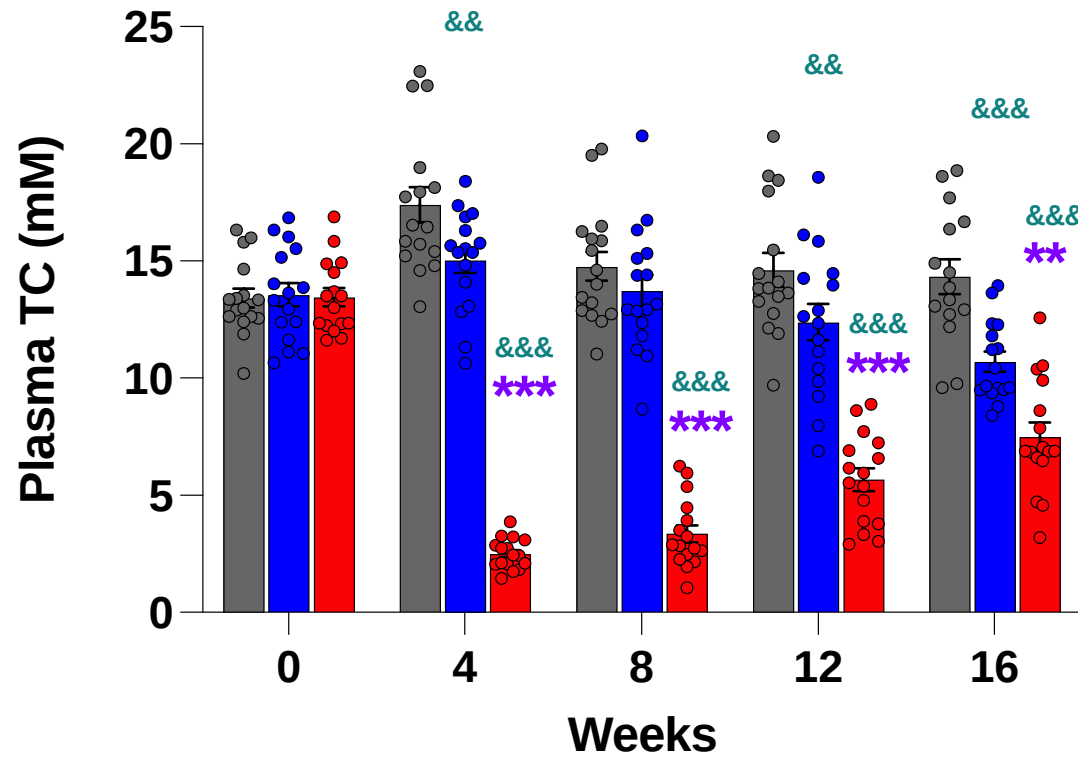
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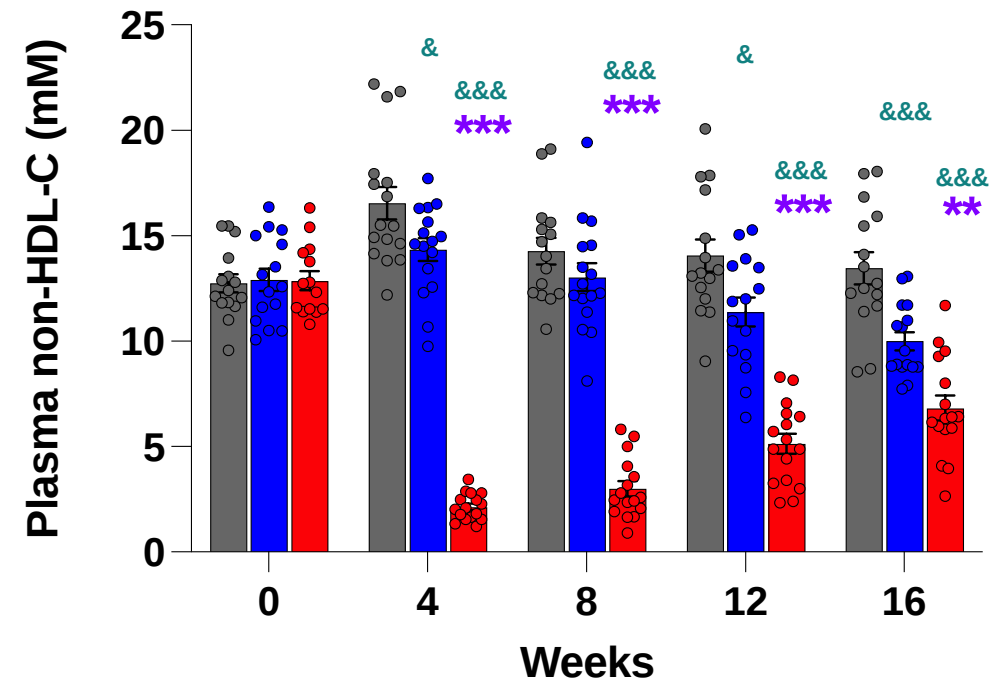
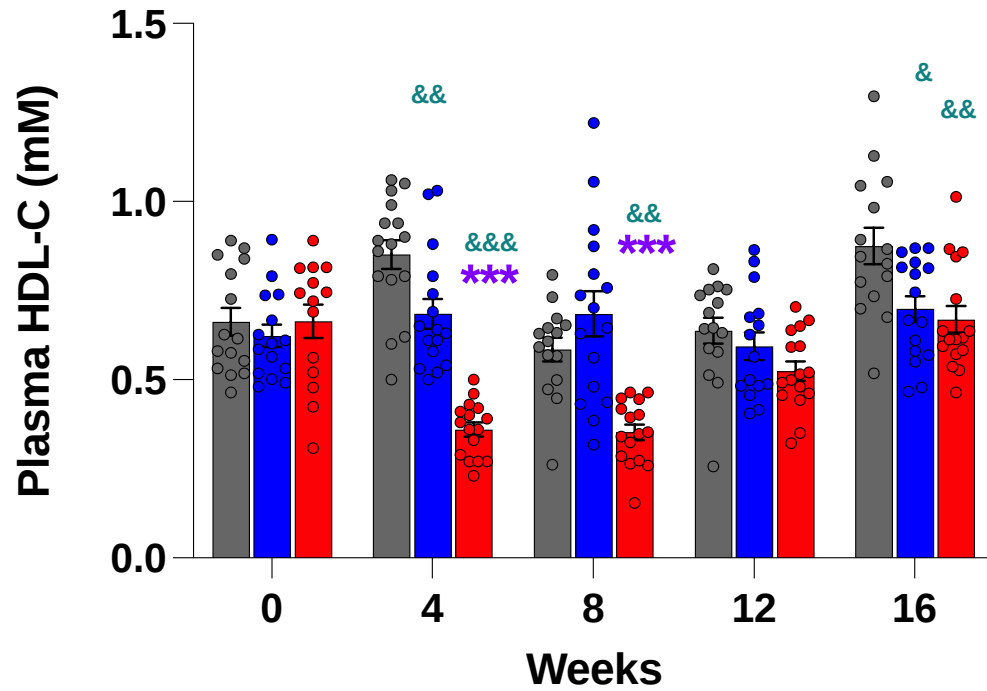
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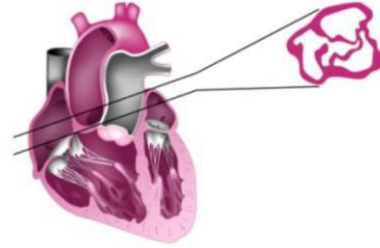
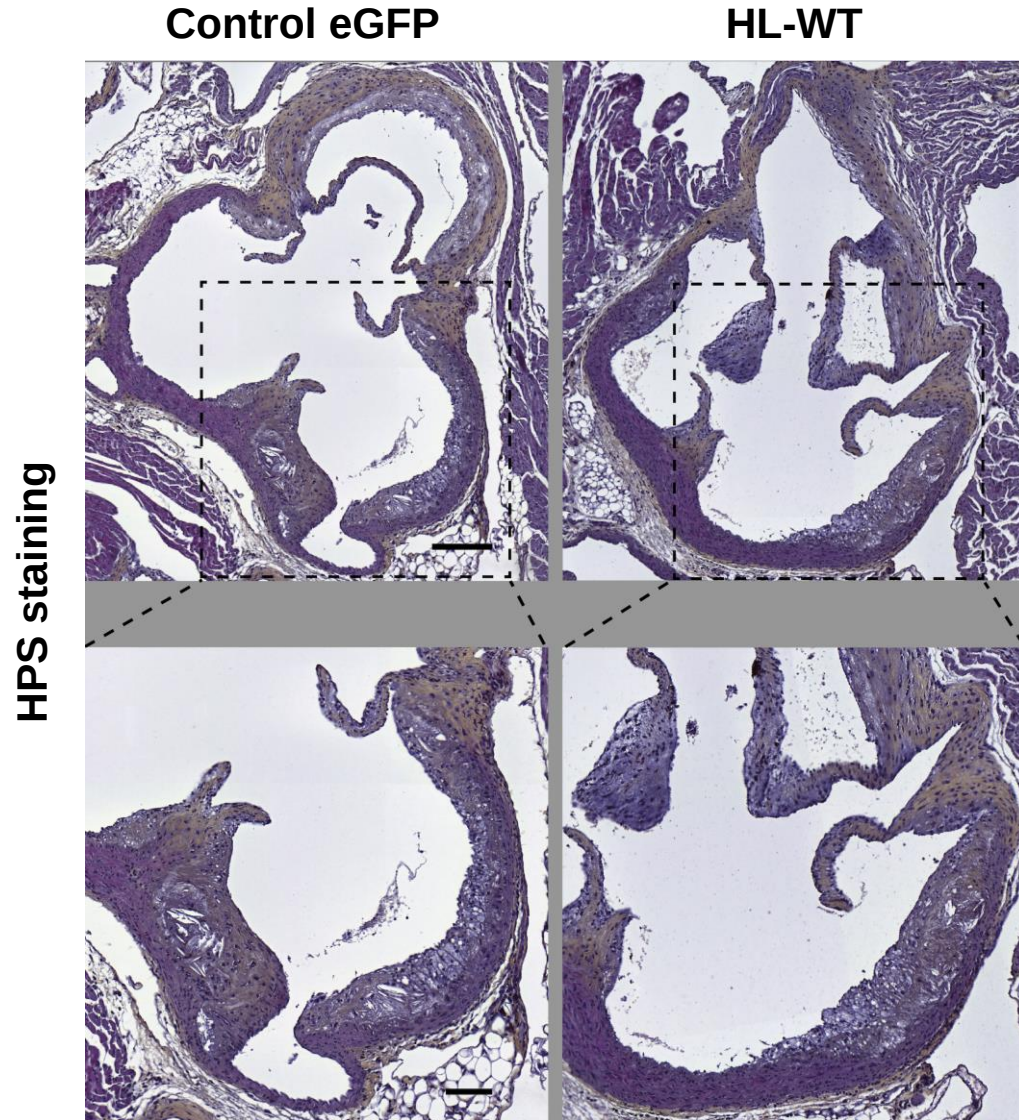


HL E97G affects both plasma HDL and non-HDL cholesterol levels

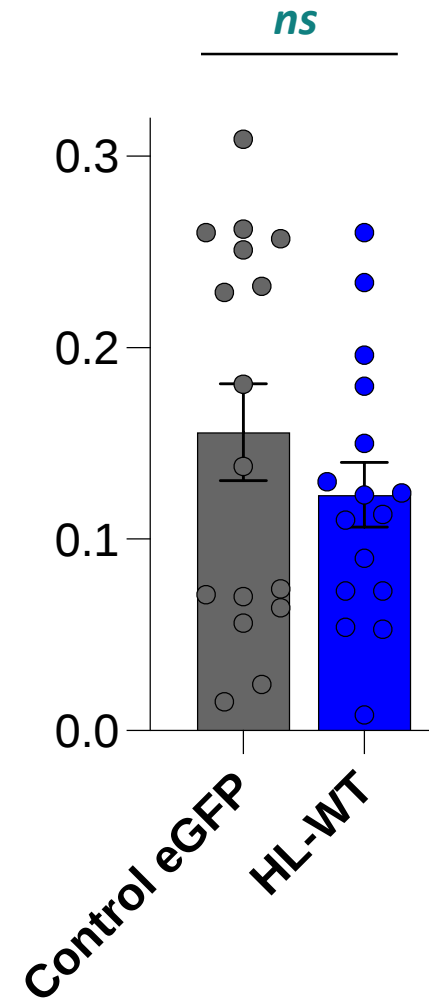
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Control & HL WT mice show atherosclerotic lesions in the aortic root

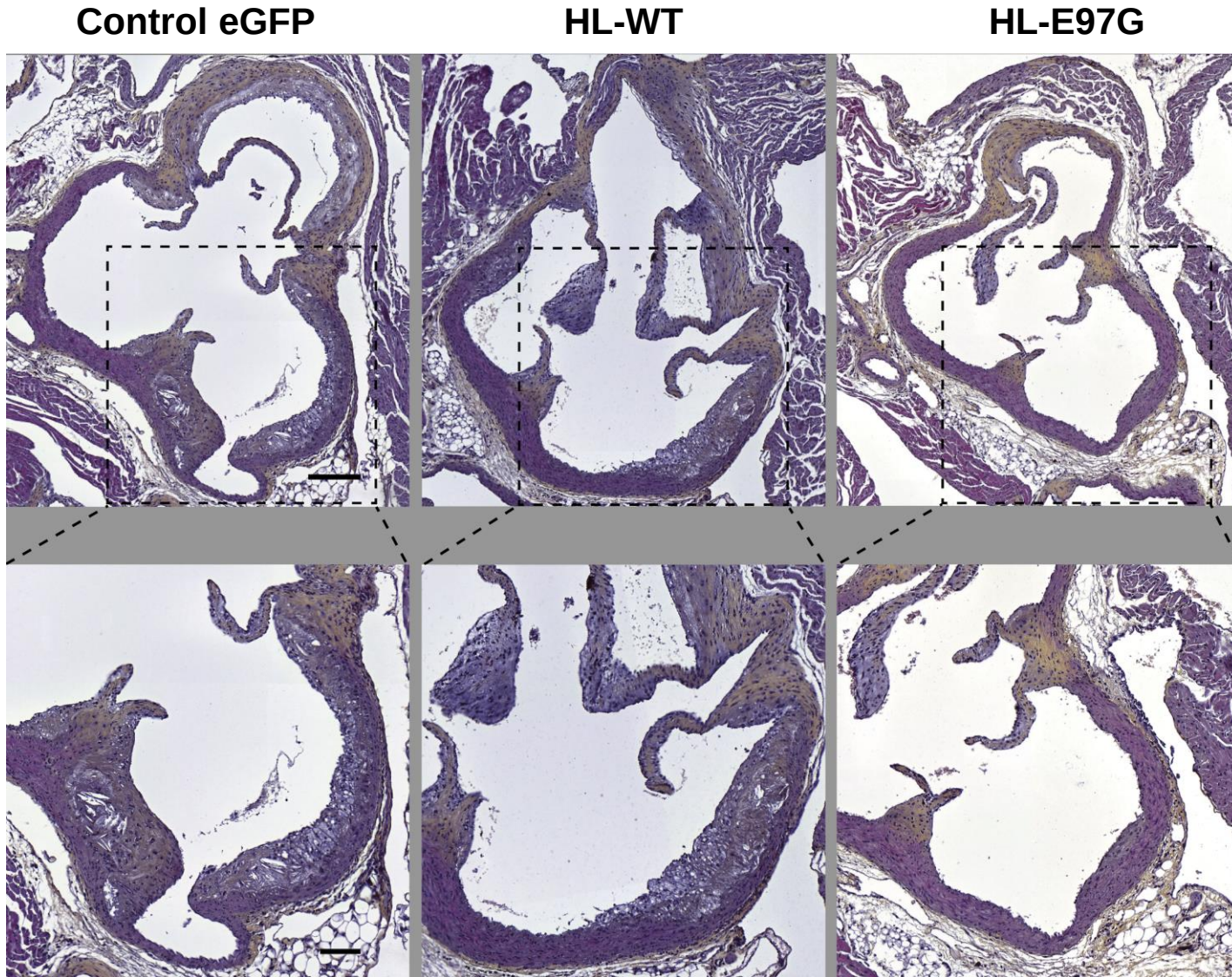


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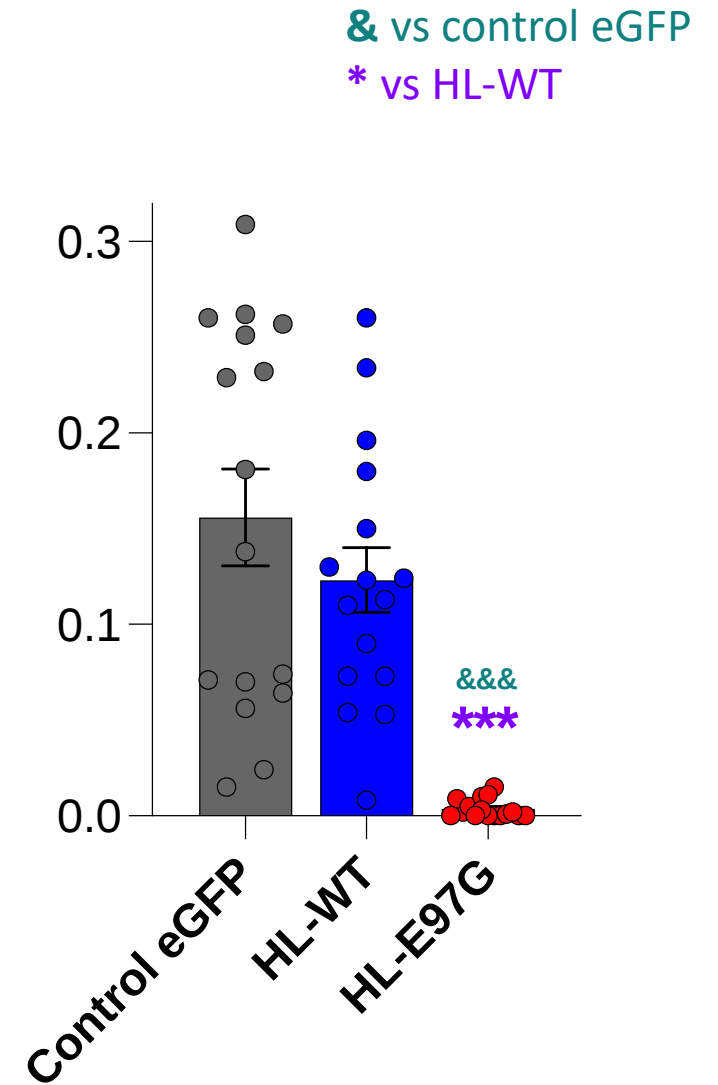


HL E97G largely reduces atherosclerotic lesions area

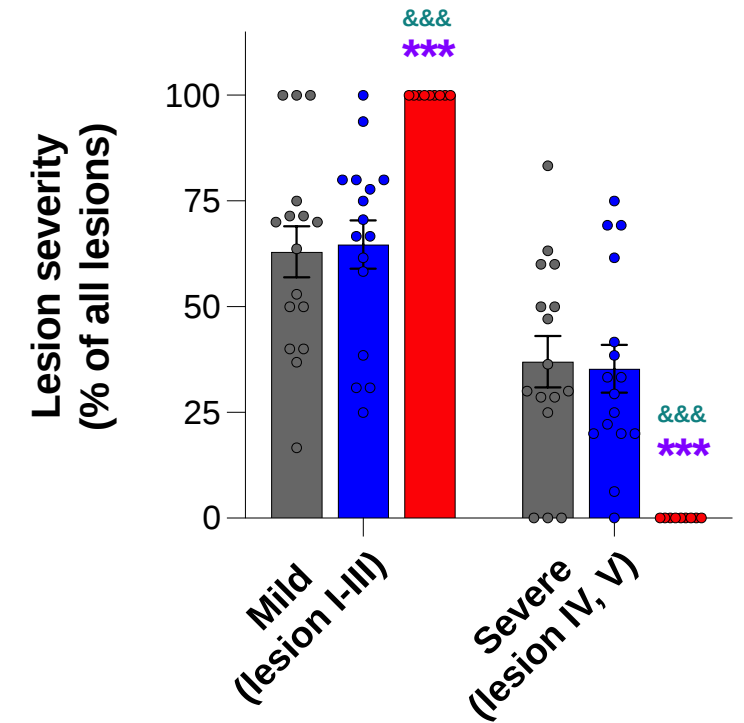
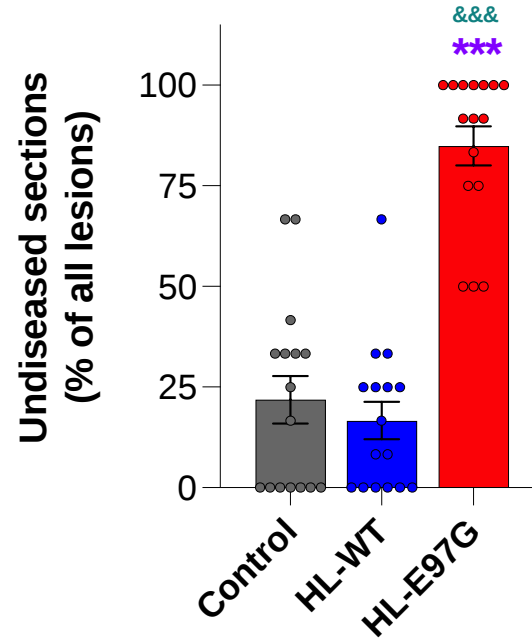
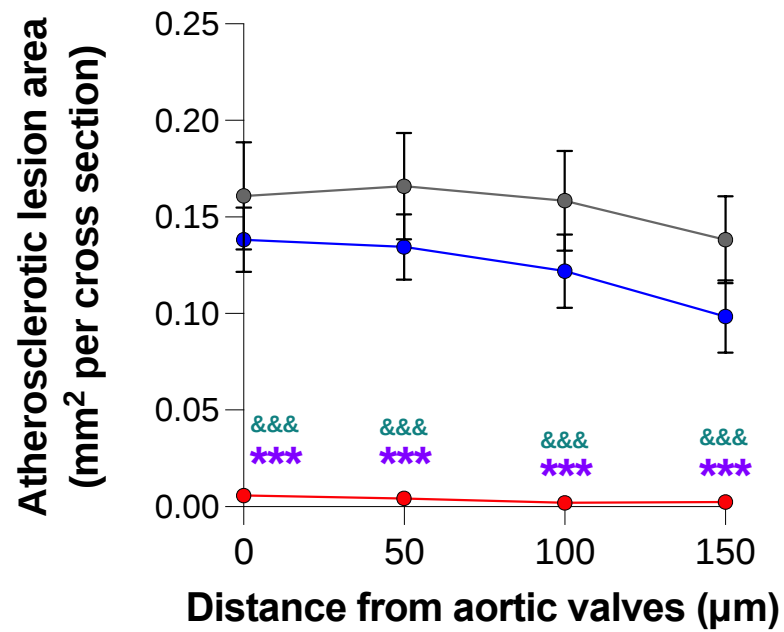
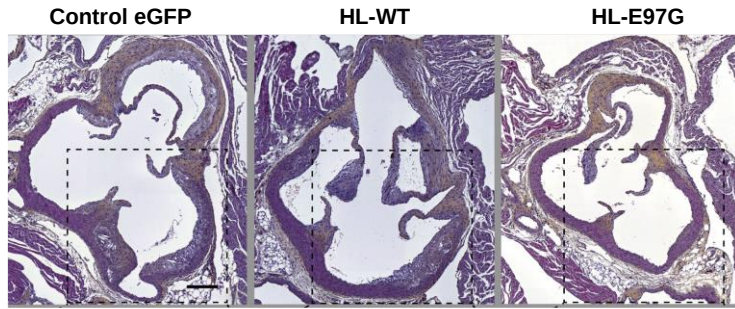
HPS staining



Atherosclerotic lesion area
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HL E97G largely reduce atherosclerotic lesions area and severity



Do the effects of HL-E97G on lipid and atherosclerosis depend on the presence of the LDLR?

Description of the experimental protocol



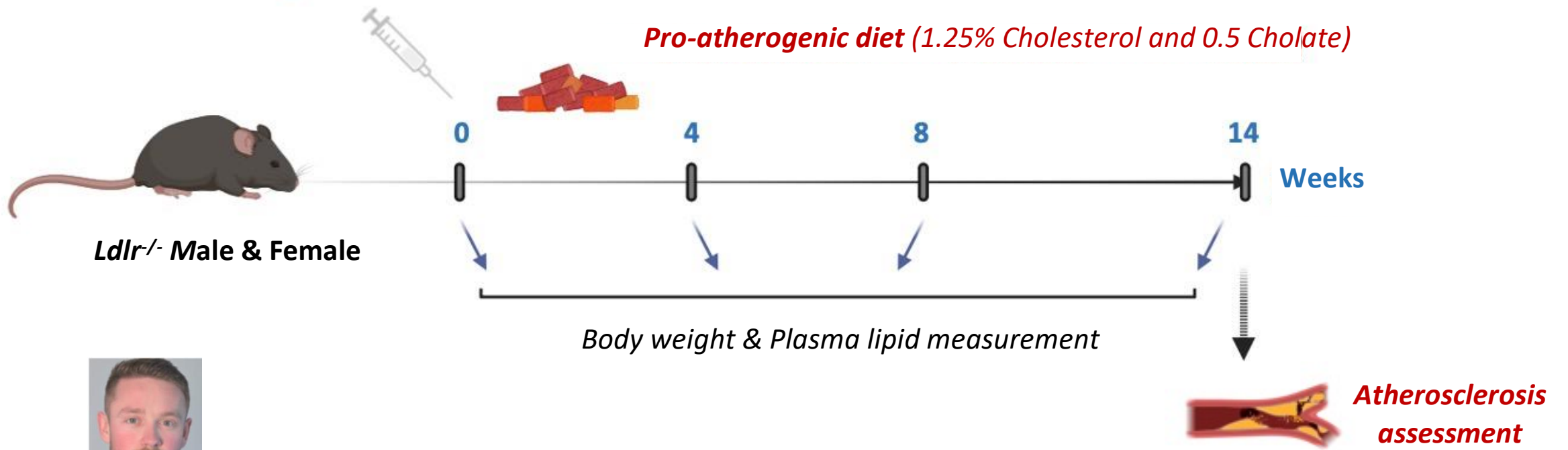
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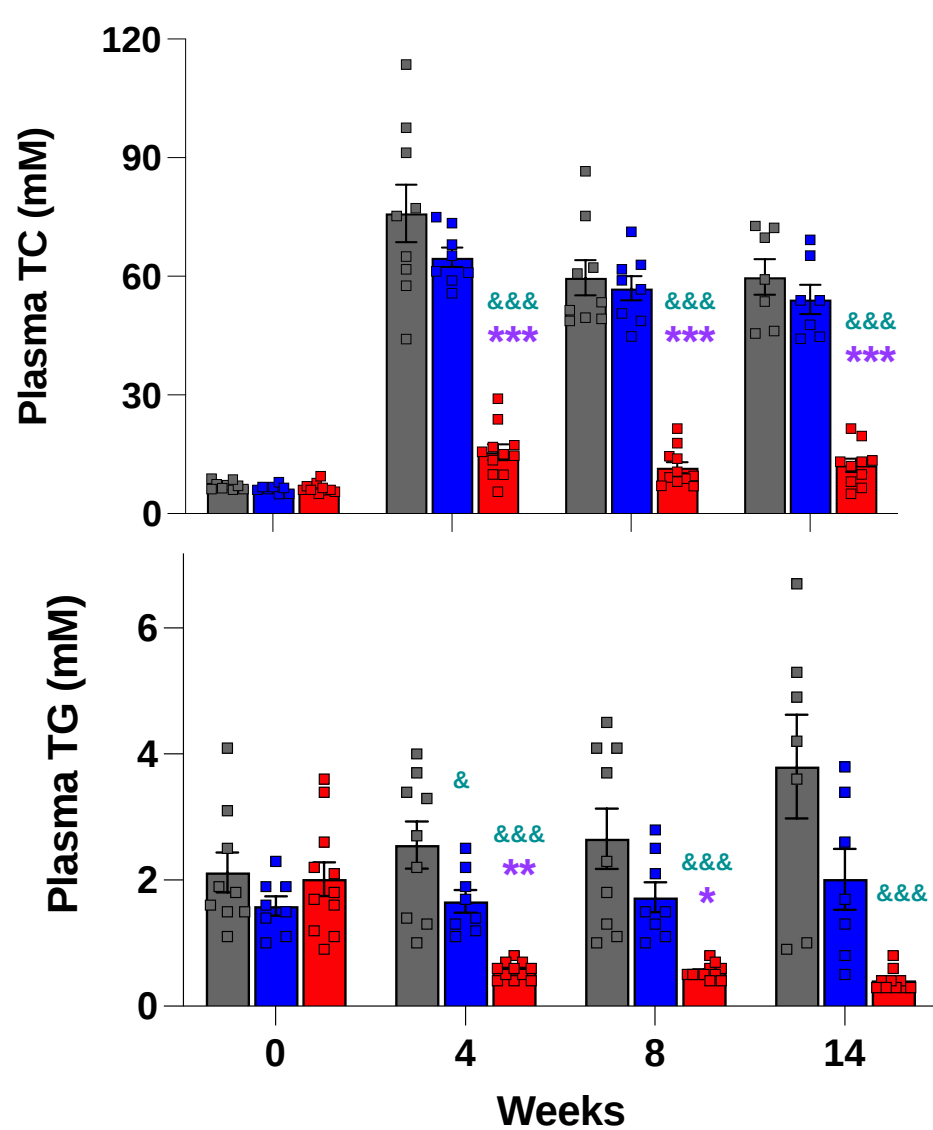


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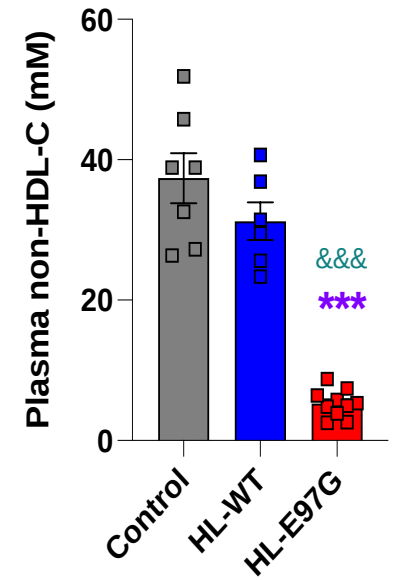
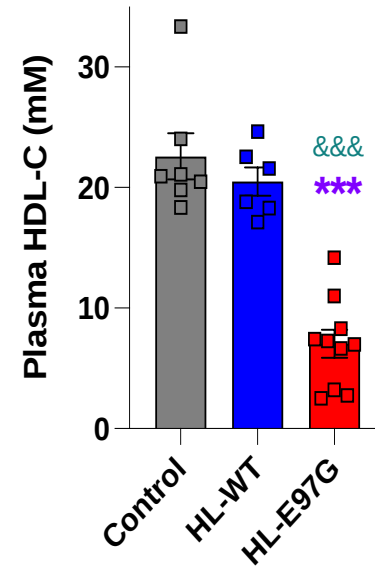
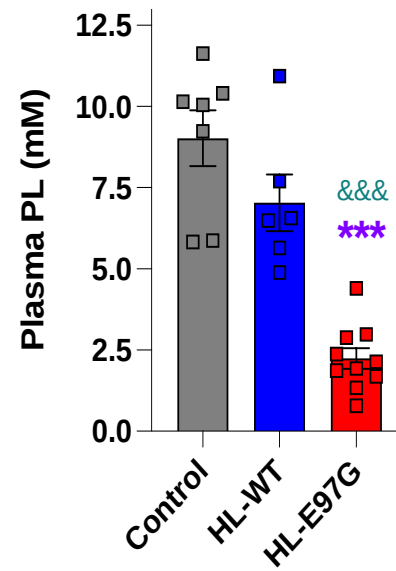
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The combined lipid-lowering effect of HL E97G is unaffected by LDLR deficiency.



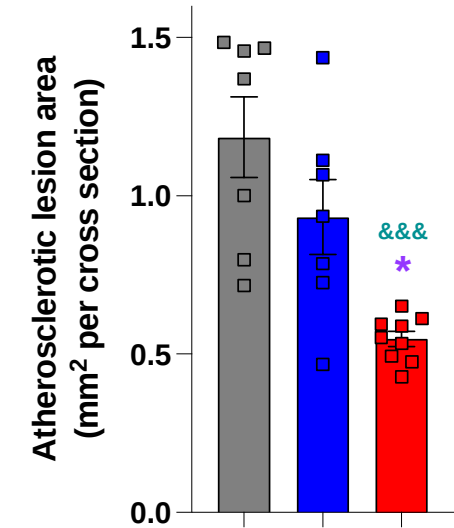
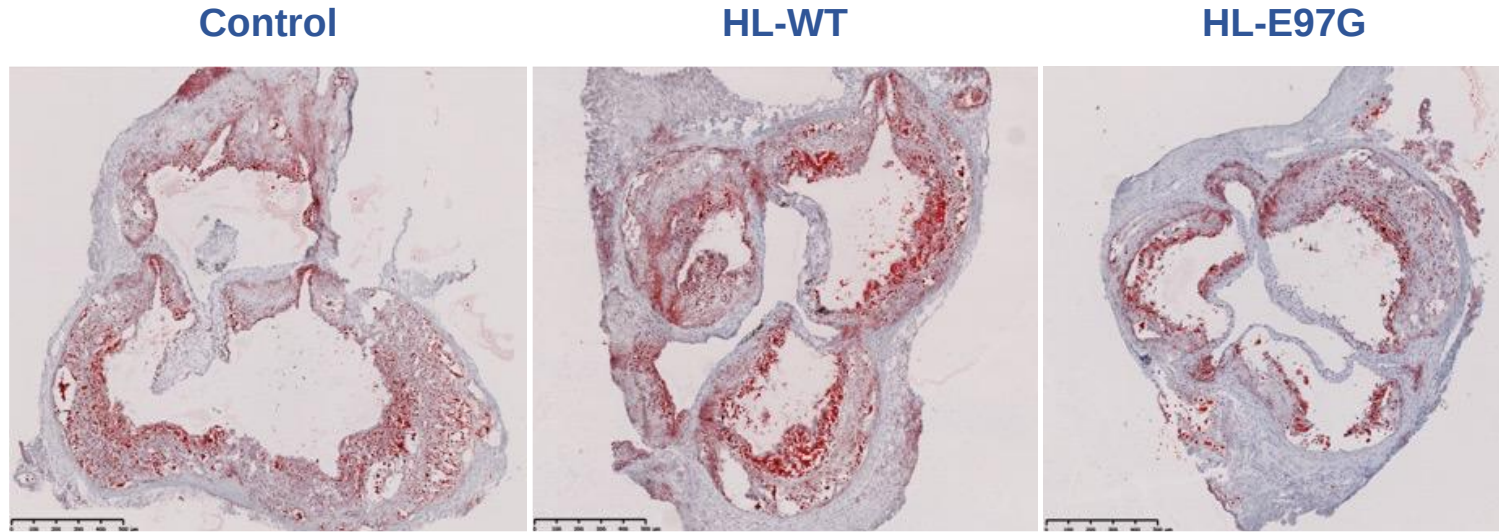
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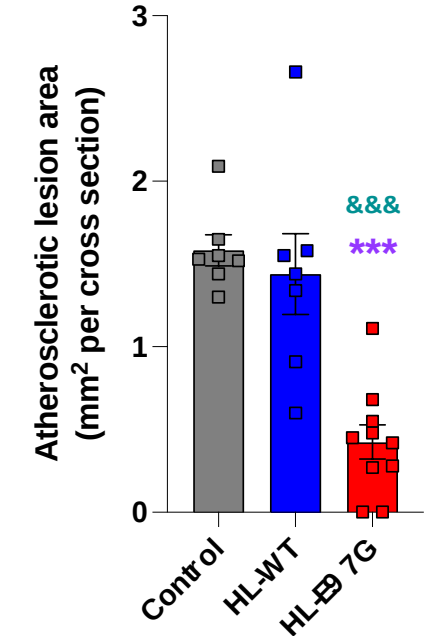
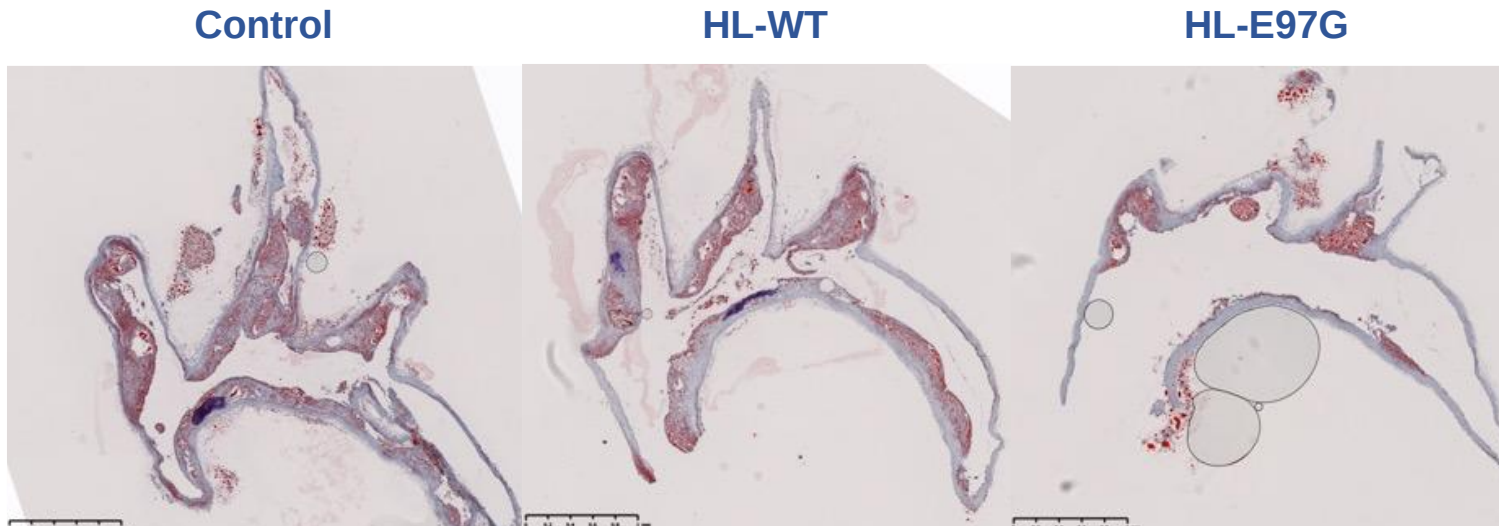


HL-E97G strongly reduces atherosclerotic lesions in *Ldlr*^{-/-} mice

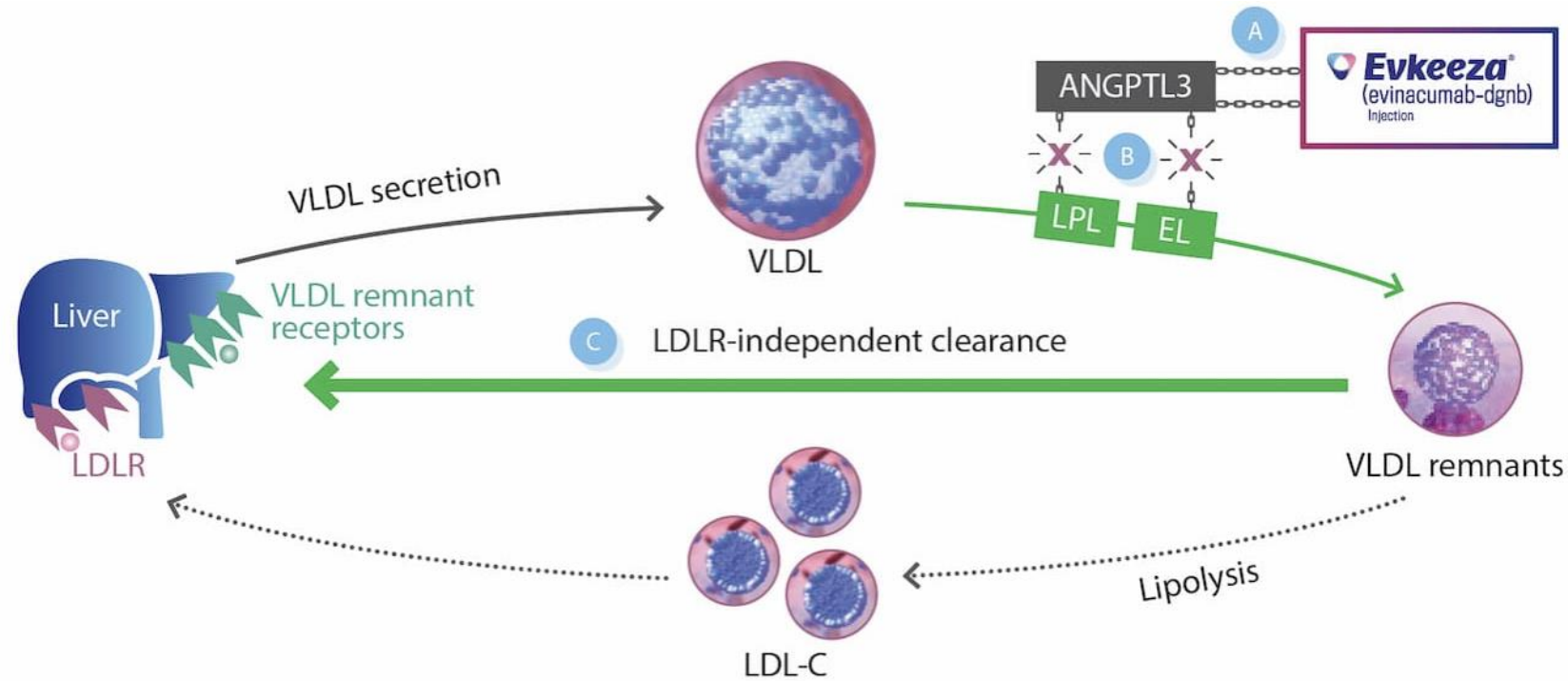
Aortic root



Aortic arch



Can the effects of HL-E97G be combined
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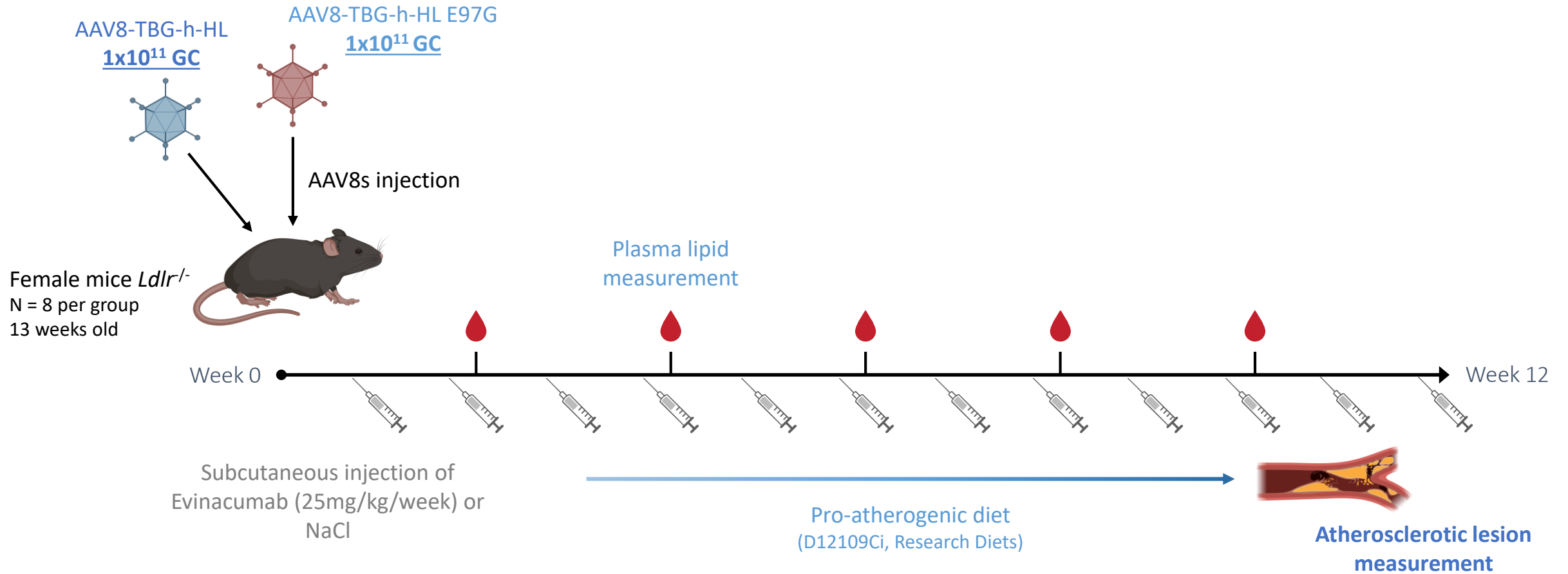


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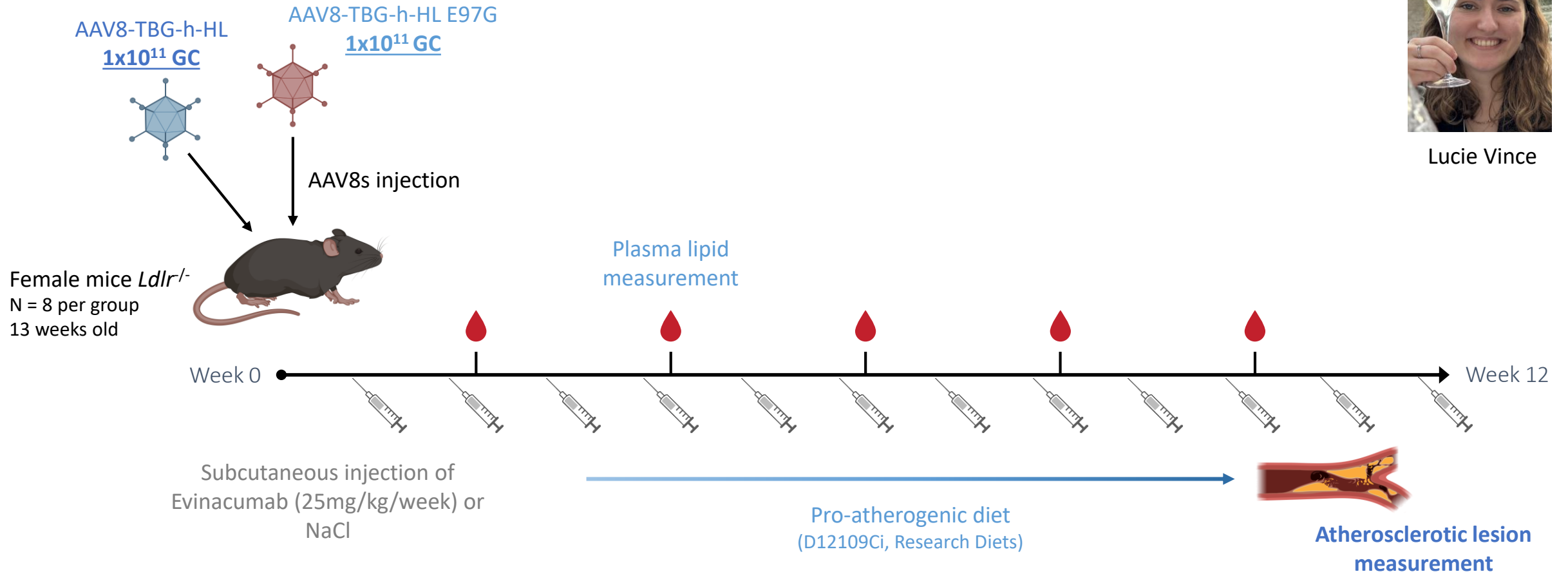
- Associated with familial combined hypocholesterolemia
- LDLR independent pathway

By inhibiting ANGPTL3, Evinacumab stimulates LPL & EL but not the WT form of HL (**quid of HL E97G ?**)

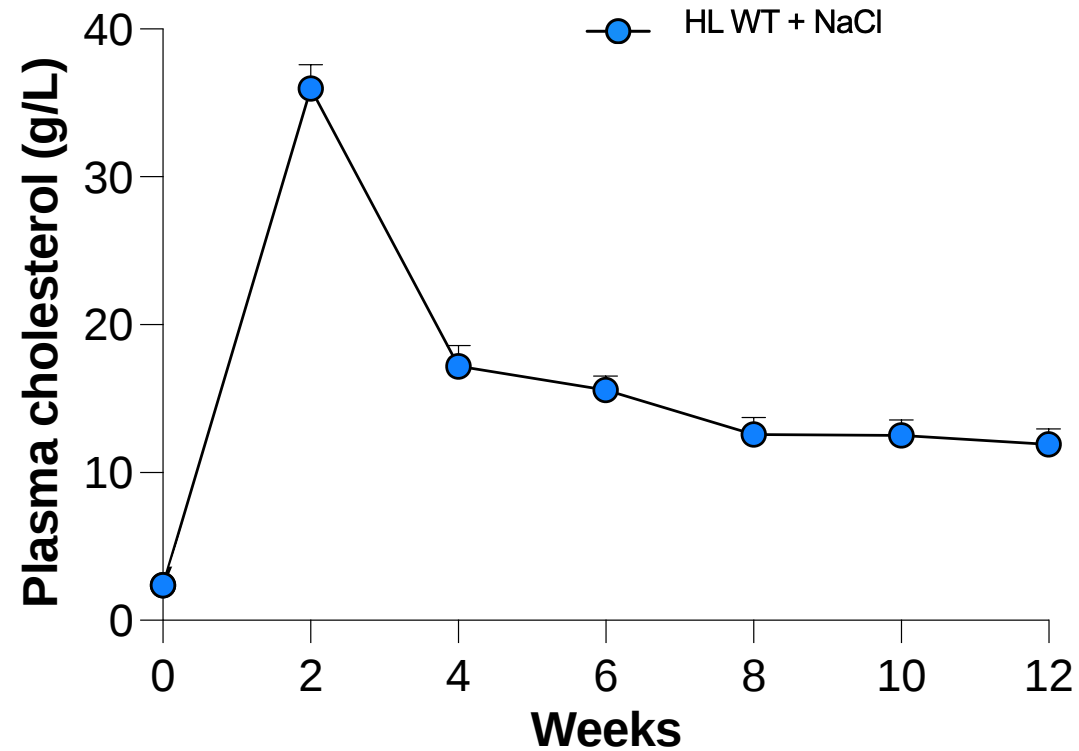
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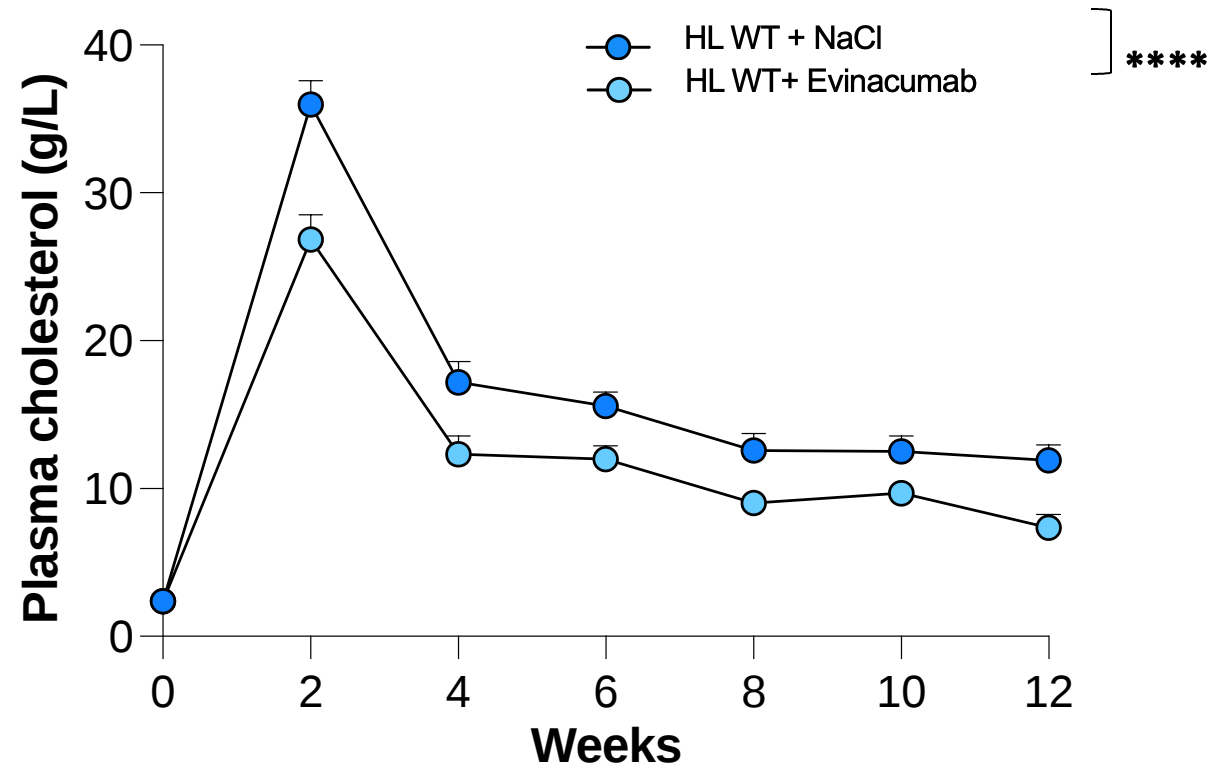
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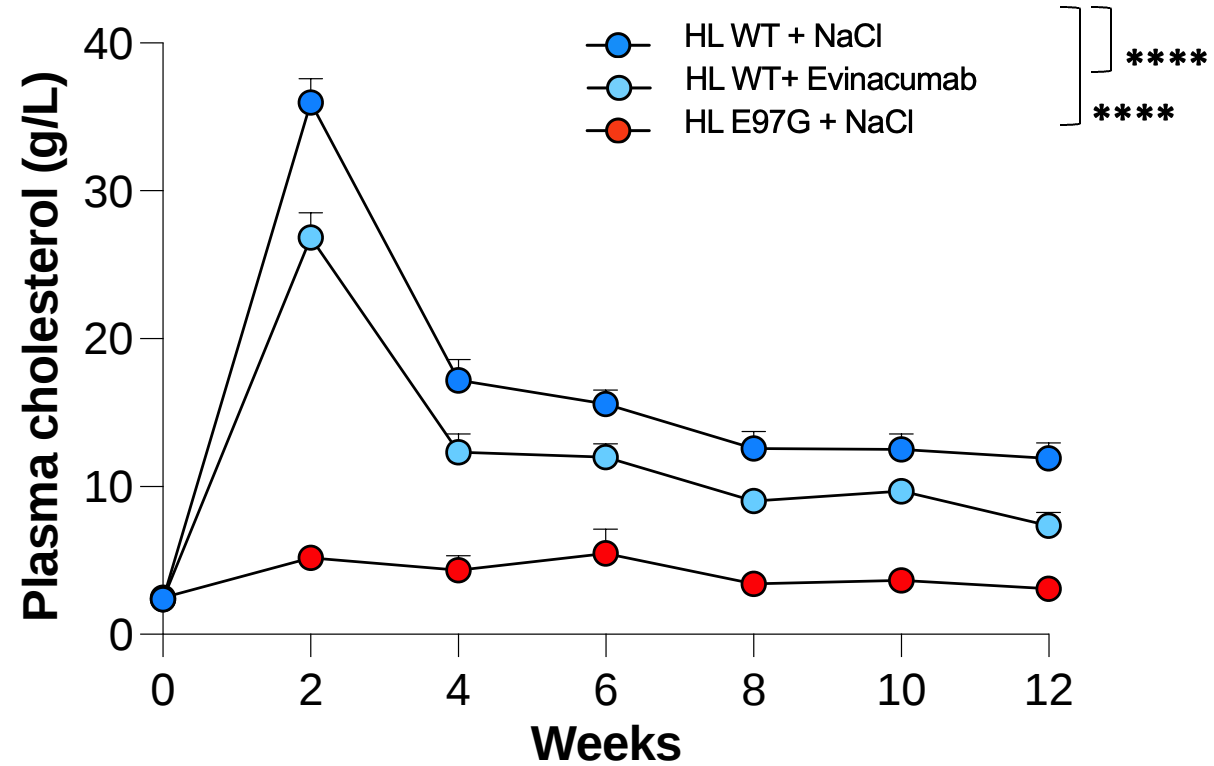
Ldlr^{-/-} mice fed a pro-atherogenic diet develop severe hypercholesterolaemia



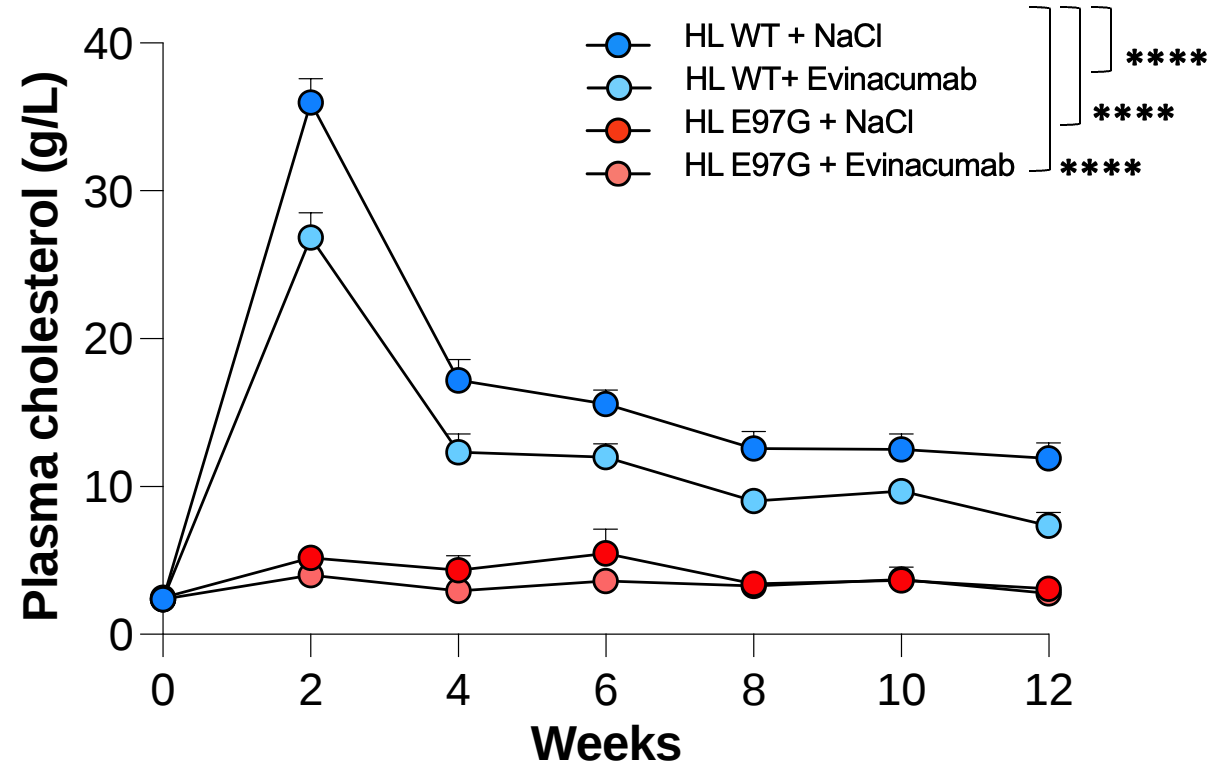
Evinacumab significantly decreases plasma cholesterol levels, independently of LDLR



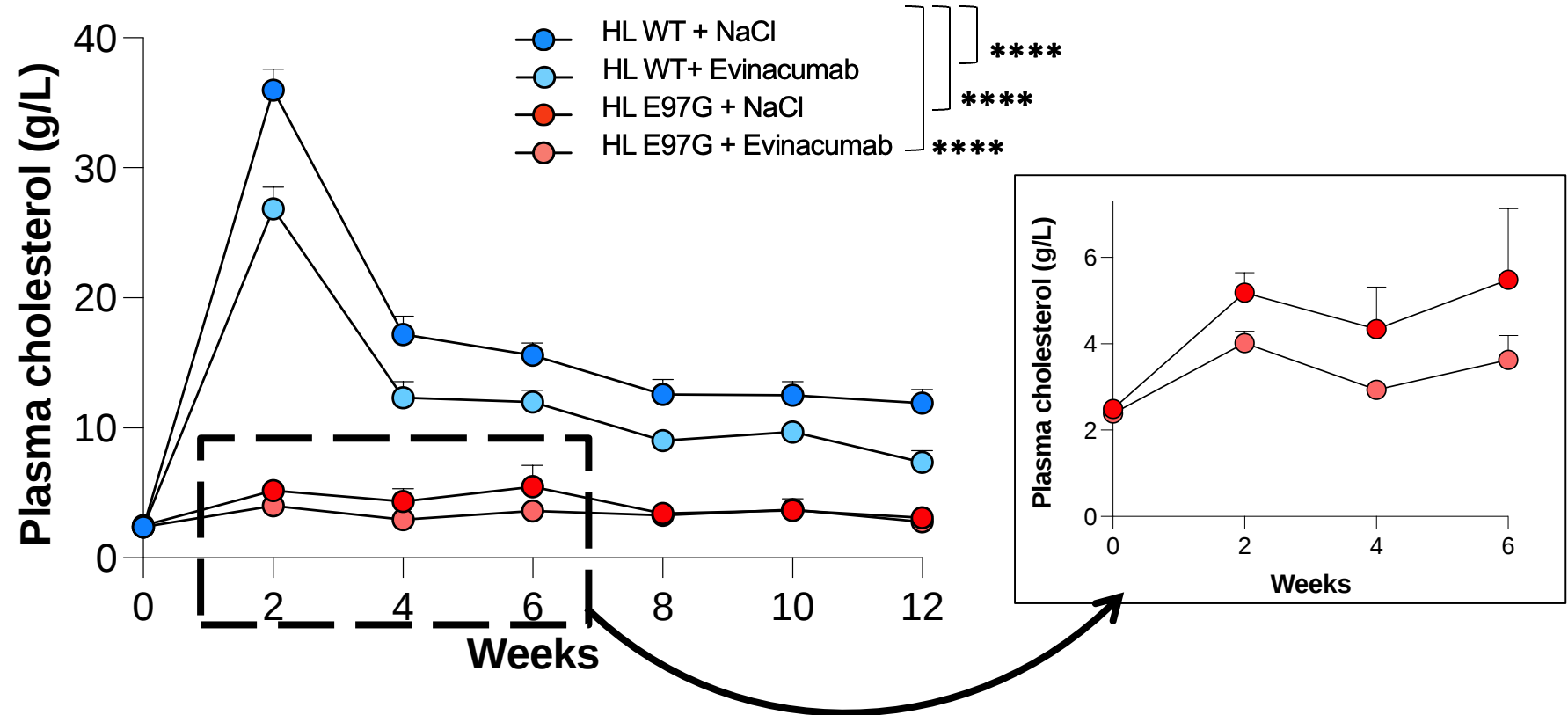
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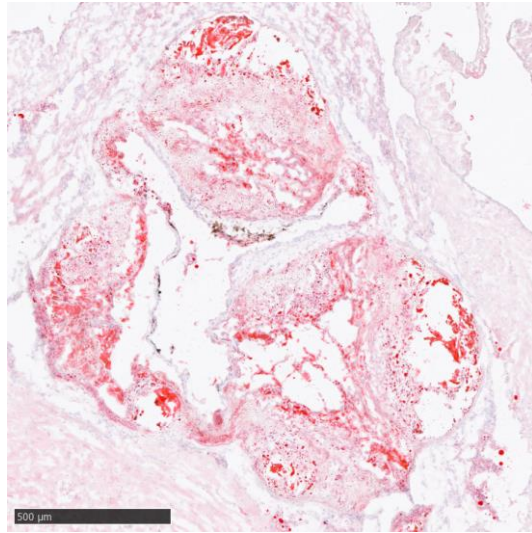


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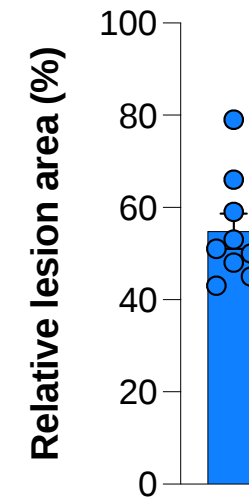
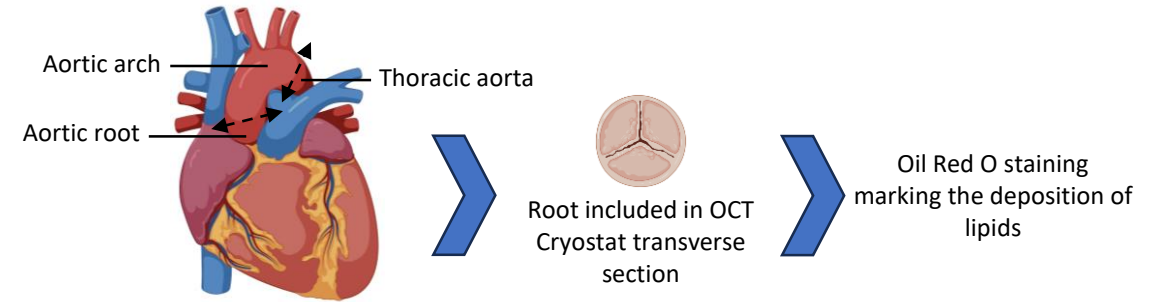


Atherosclerotic lesions are highly developed in the aortic root.

NaCl



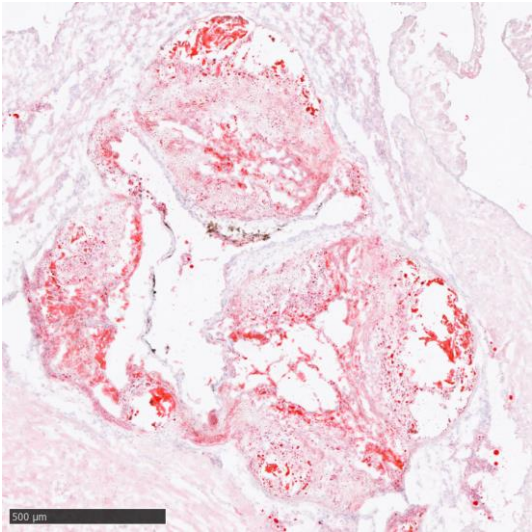
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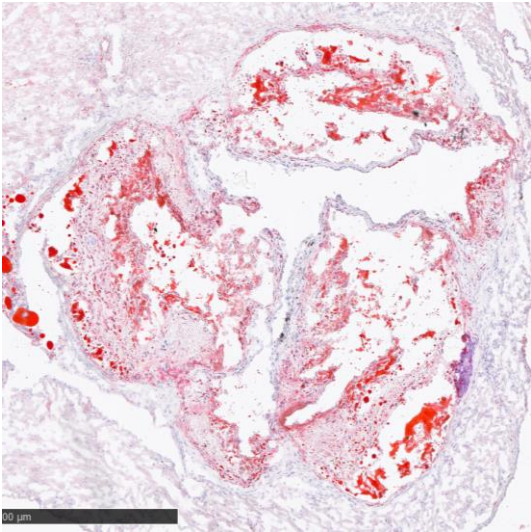
Both Evinacumab and HL E97G tend to limit plaque development in the aortic root

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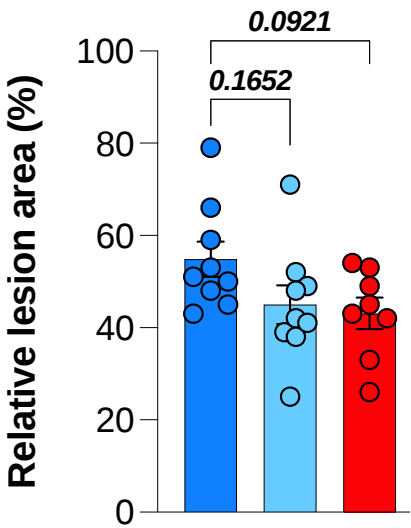
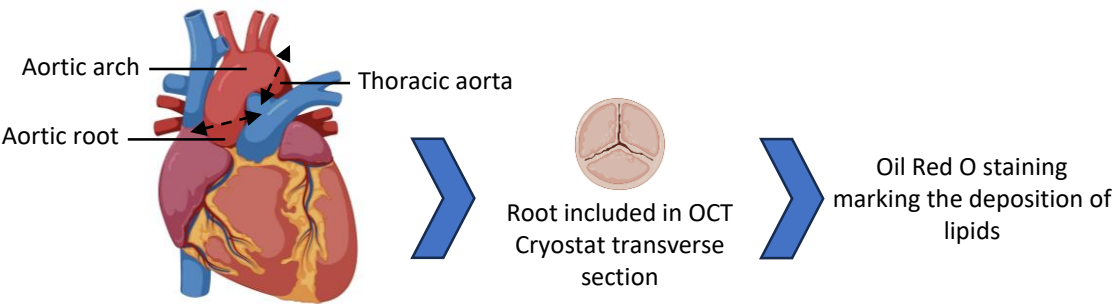
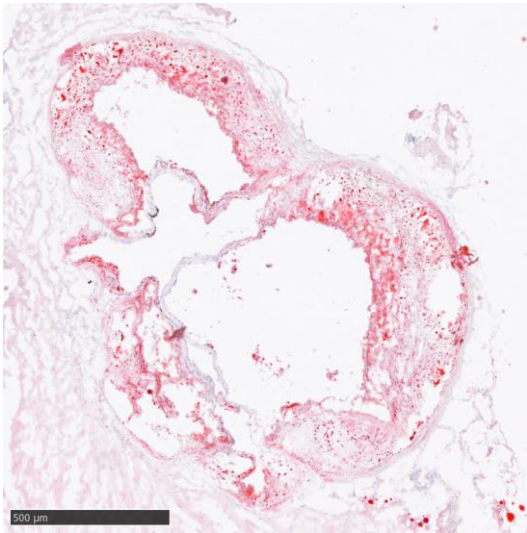
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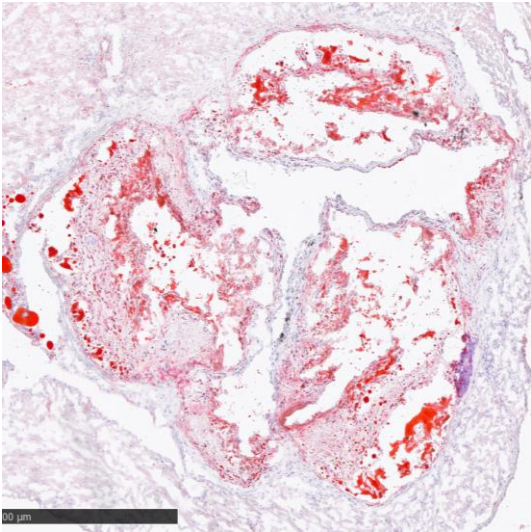
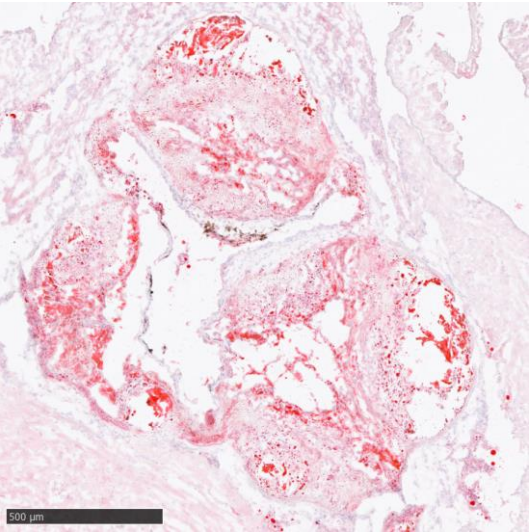


Co-treatment significantly reduces atherosclerotic lesions in the aortic root

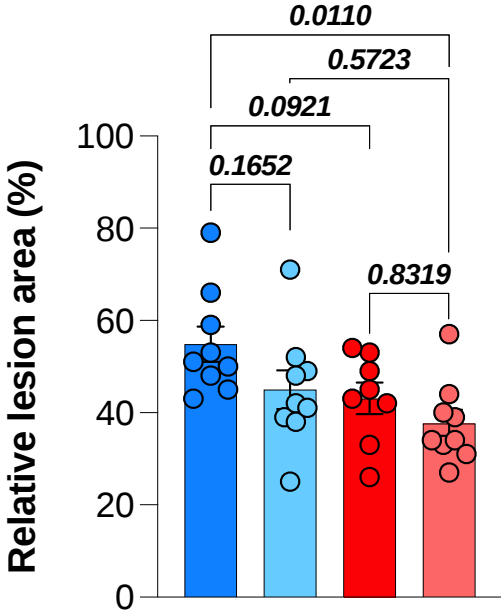
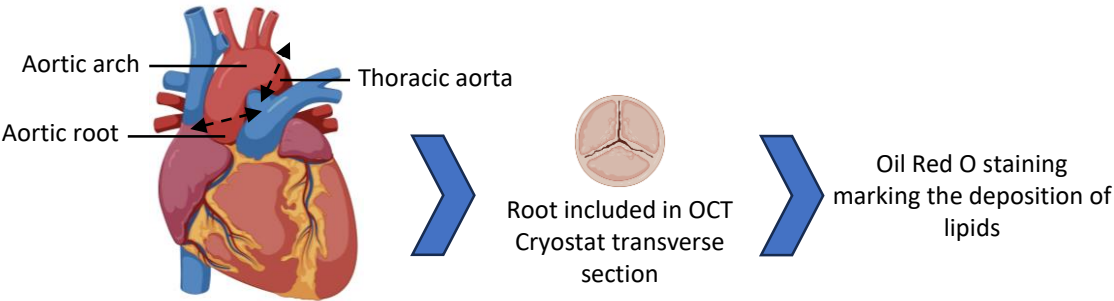
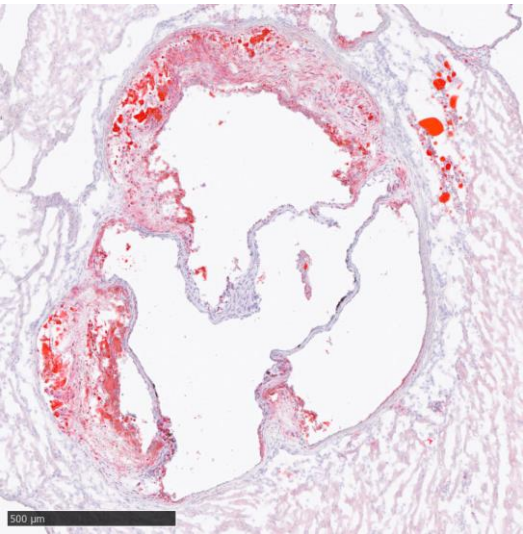
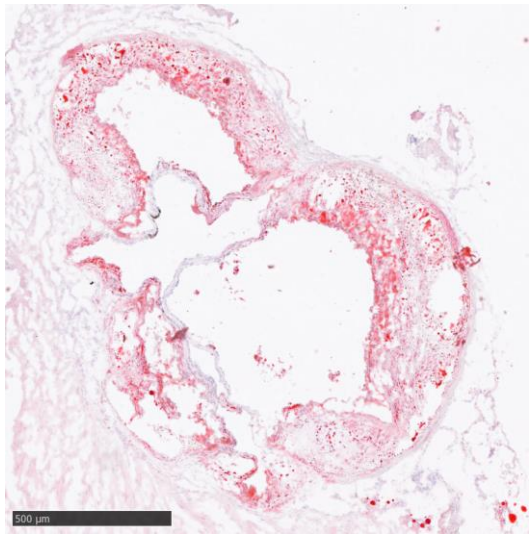
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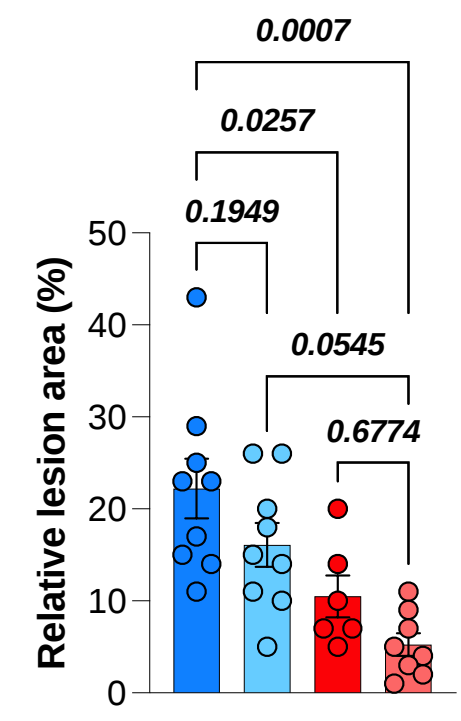
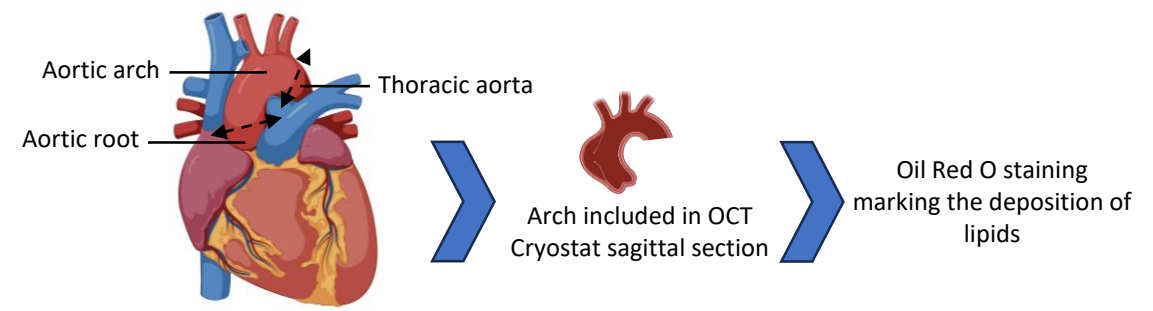
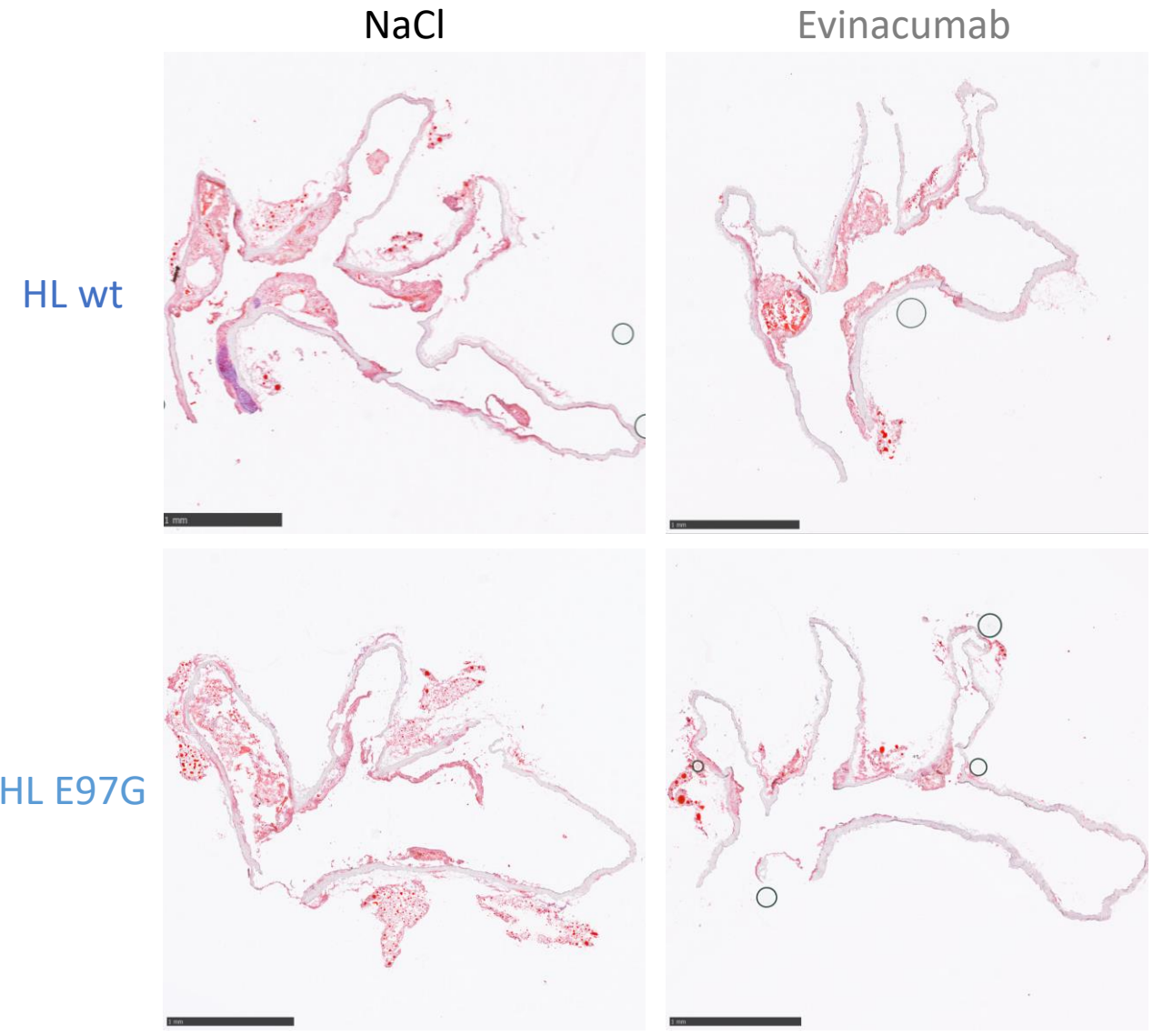
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Conclusion 3

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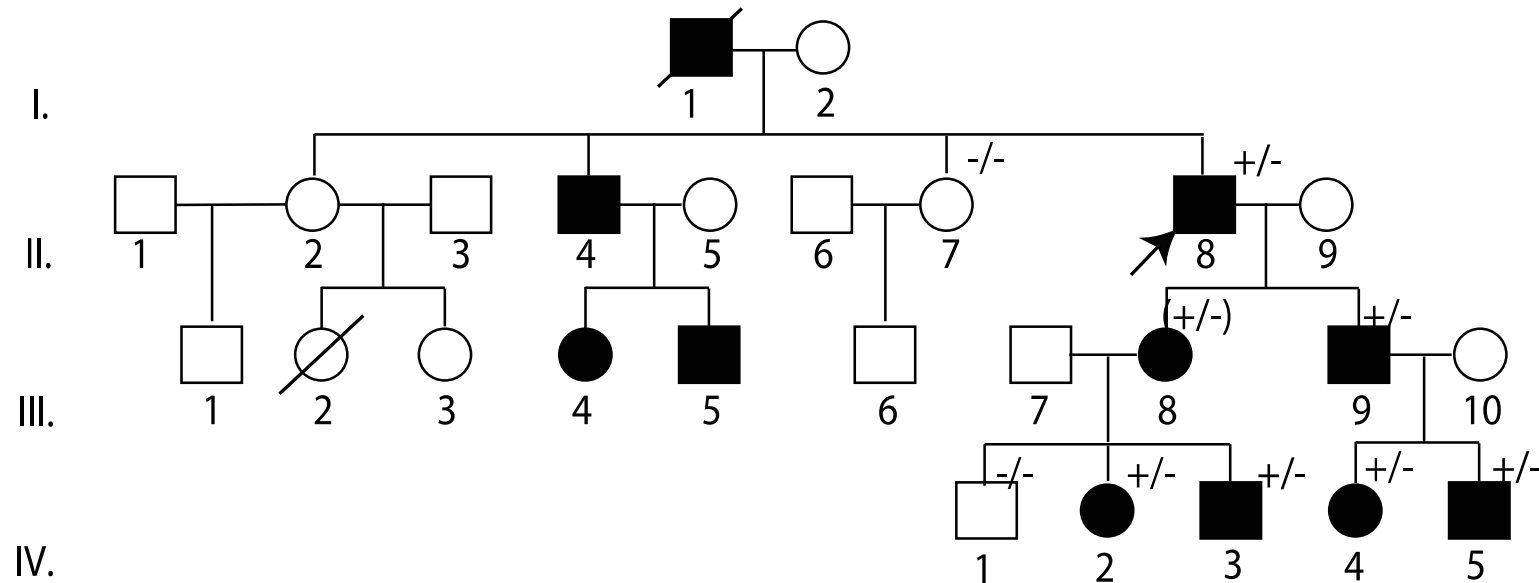
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Do E97G carriers have atherosclerotic lesions ?



Assess atherosclerosis using
carotid ultrasonography

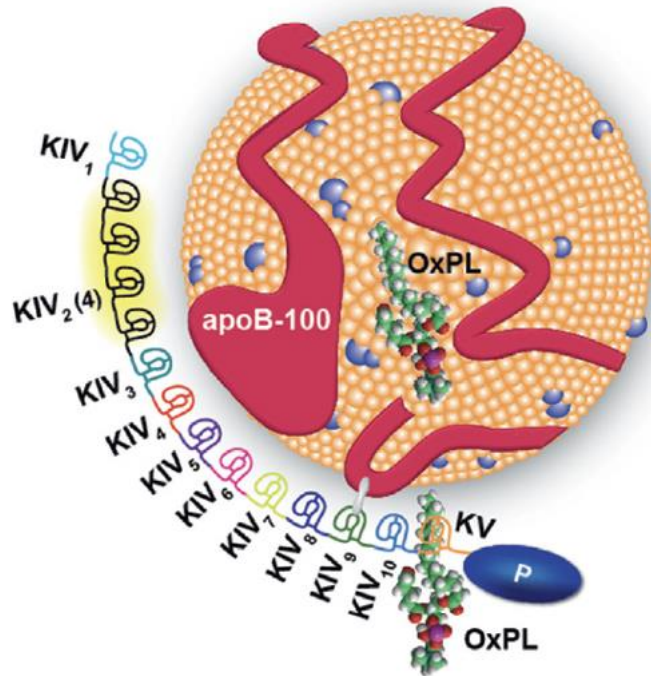


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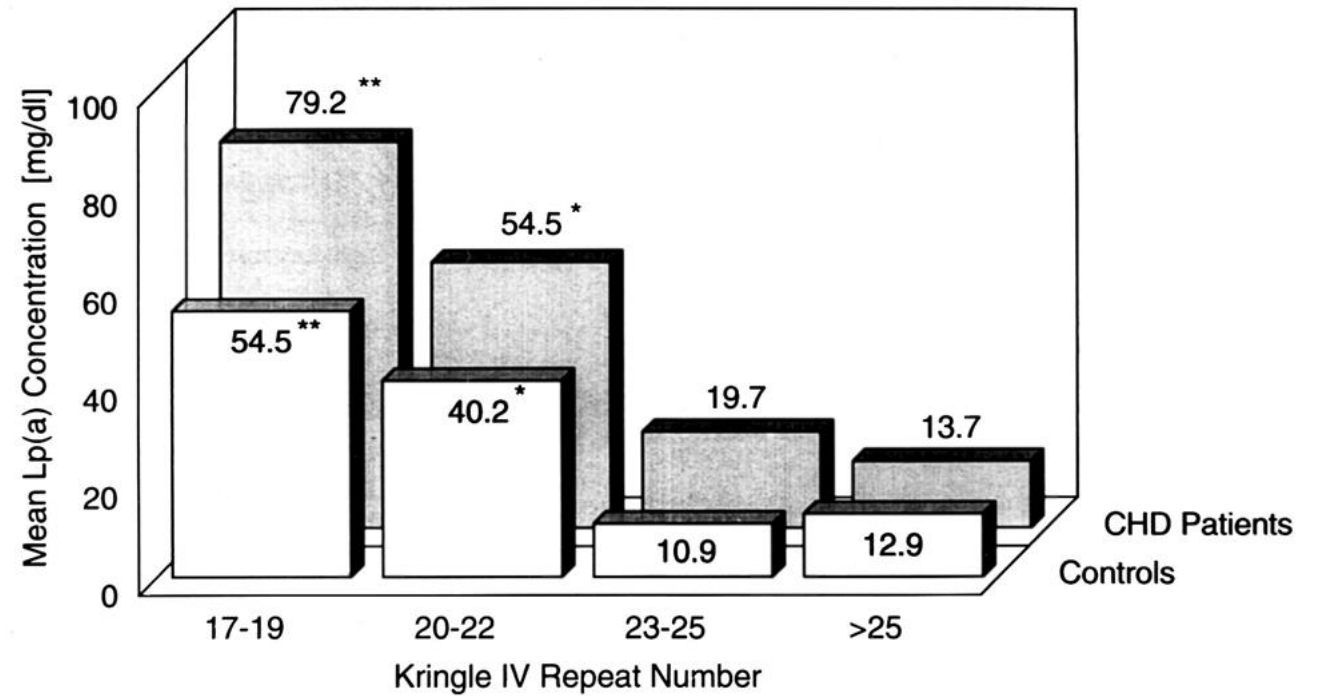
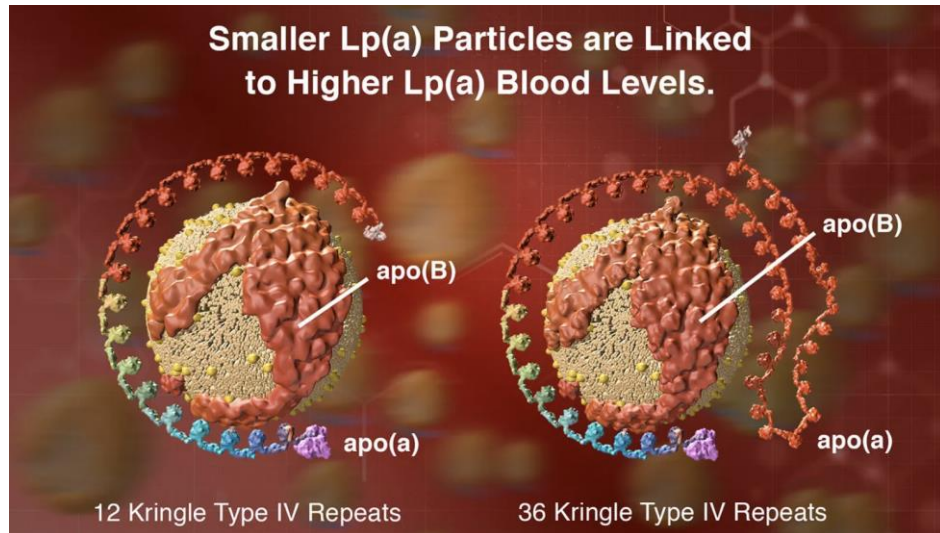


La Dernière Cible ?

La Lipoprotéine(a) ou Lp(a)

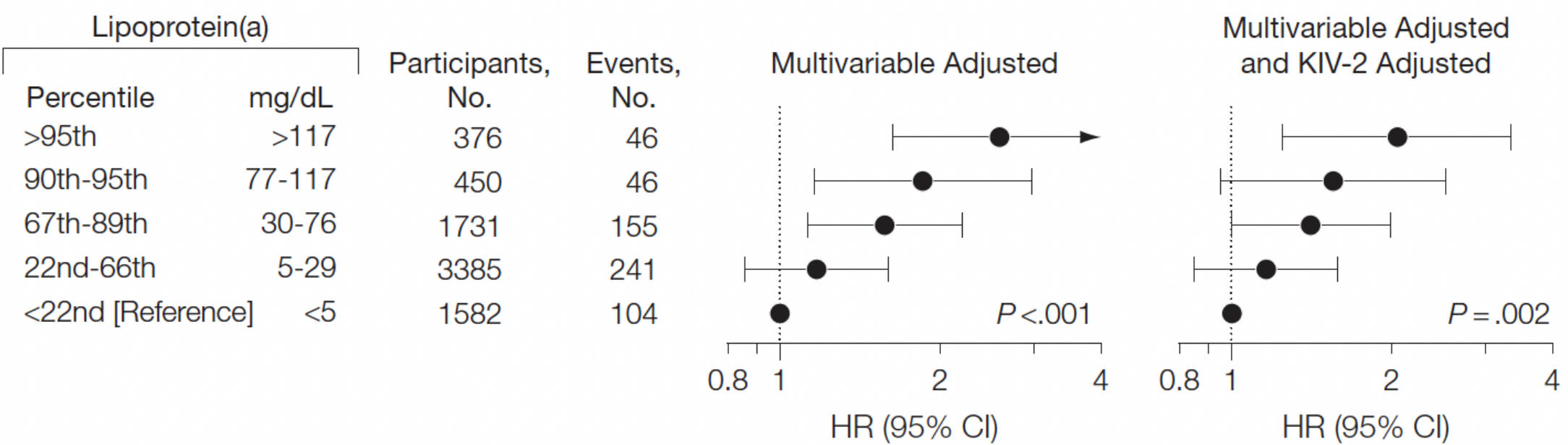


Existence d'un lien inverse entre la taille de Lp(a) et sa concentration plasmatique

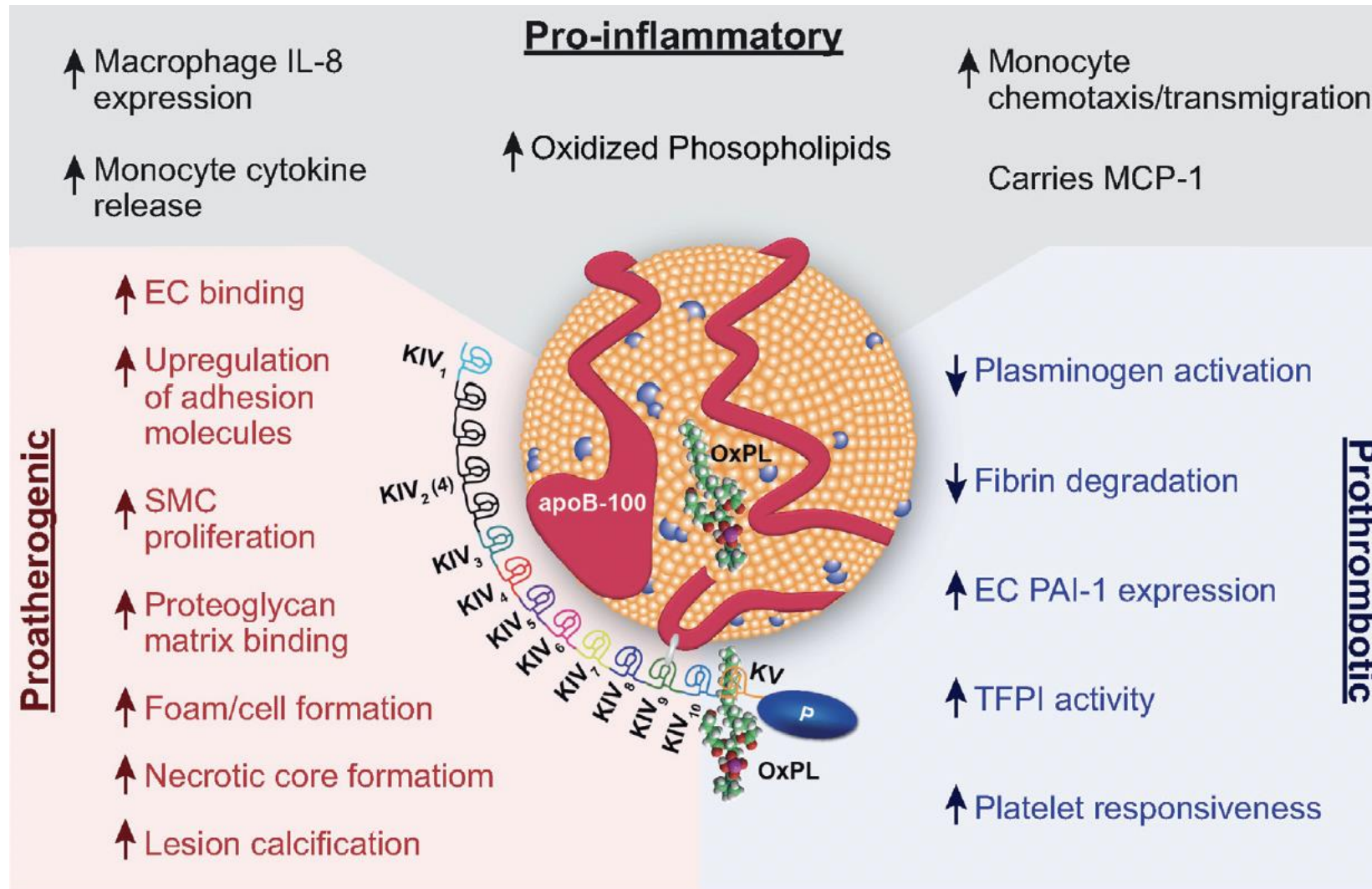


Des concentrations élevées en Lp(a) sont associées à un risque accru de maladies cardiovasculaires

Figure 1. Risk of Myocardial Infarction by Extreme Levels of Lipoprotein(a) in the General Population

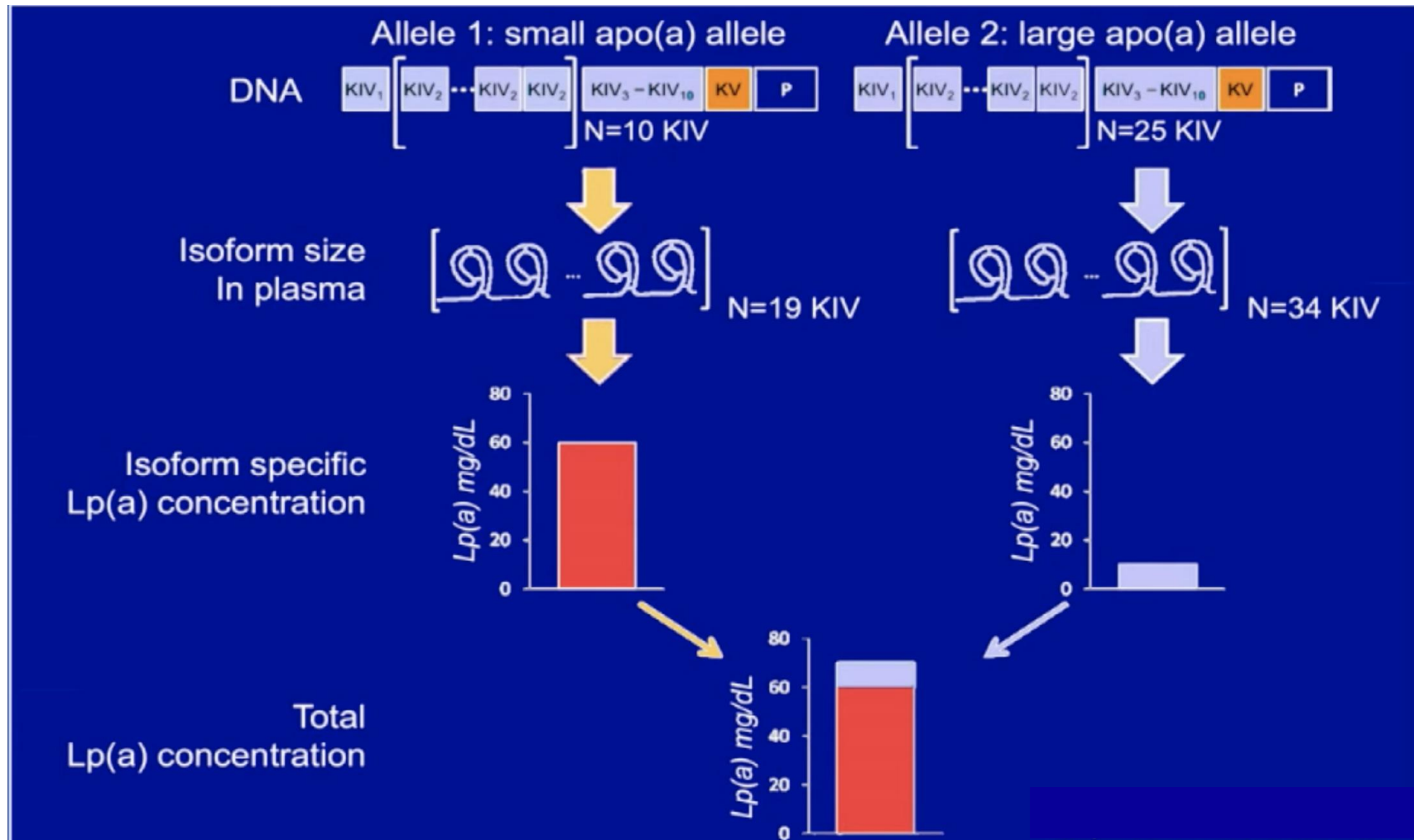


La Lp(a) exerce des actions pro-athérogènes, pro-inflammatoires et pro-thrombotiques

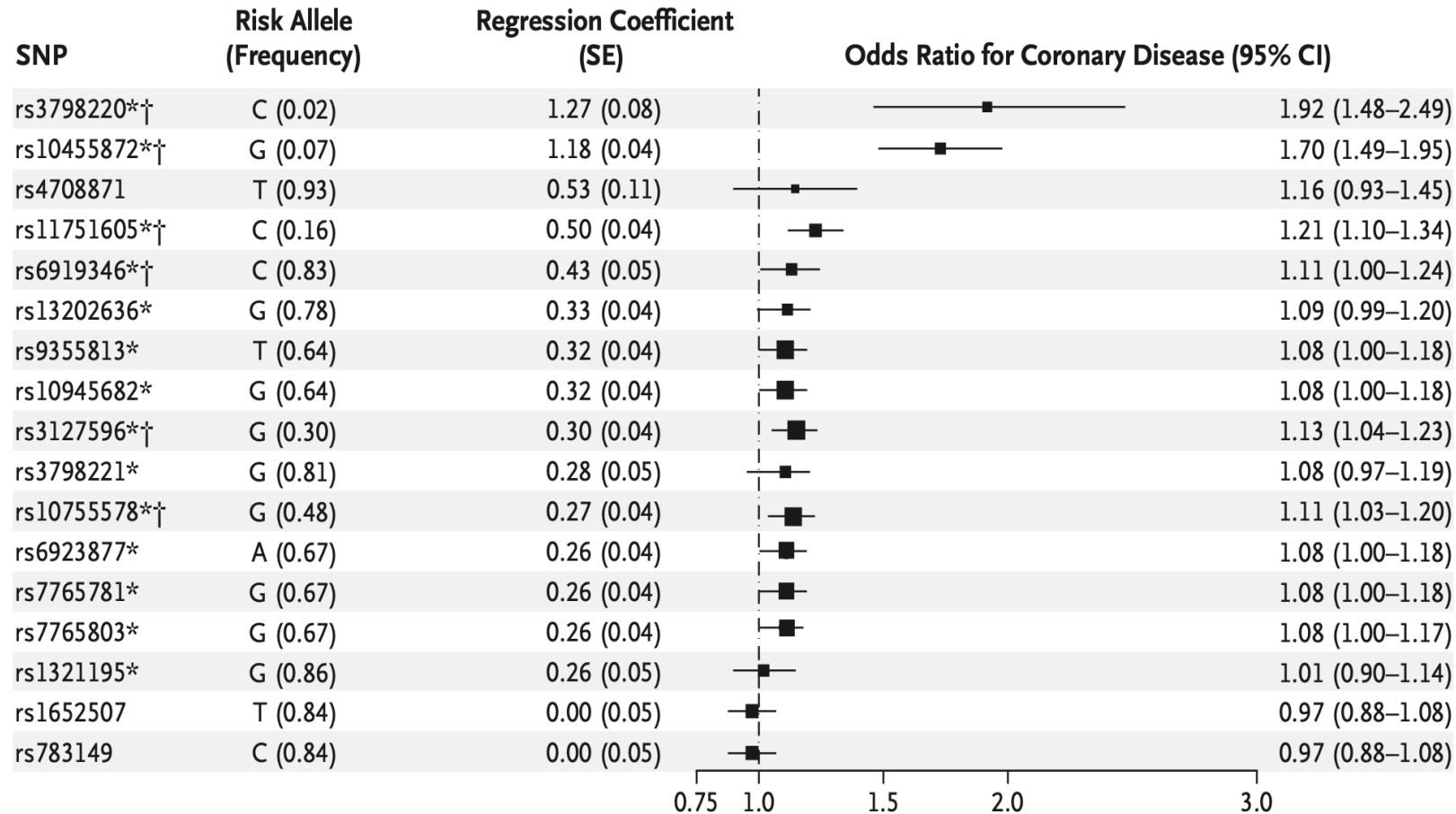


Les concentrations en Lp(a) sont majoritairement déterminées par la génétique

Les interventions alimentaires et/ou sur l'hygiène de vie n'ont pas/peu d'impact

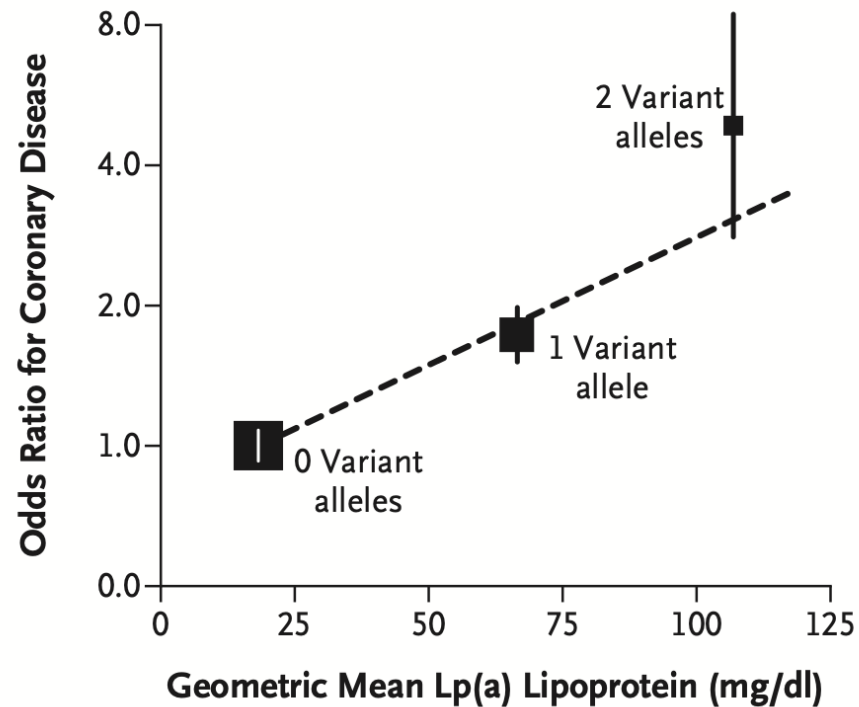


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Associations of Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) in *LPA* with the Lp(a) Lipoprotein Level and the Risk of Coronary Disease in the PROCARDIS Cohort.

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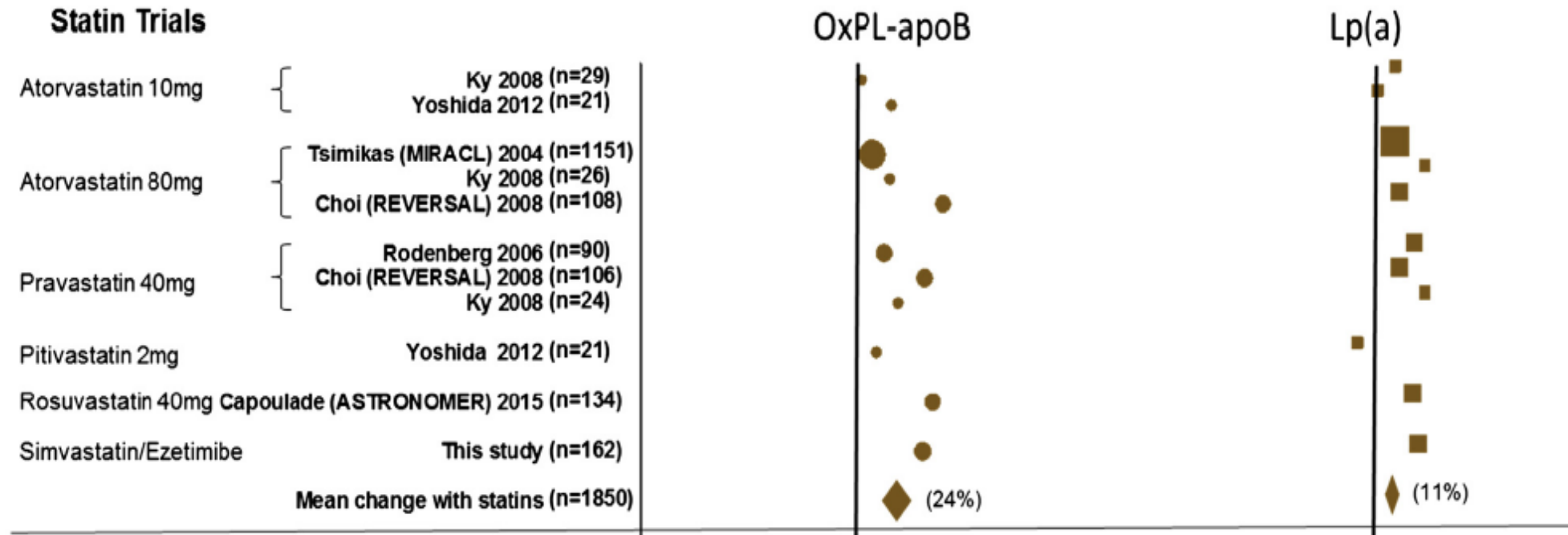


Association of the *LPA* Genotype Score with the Lp(a) Lipoprotein Level and the Risk of Coronary Disease in the PROCARDIS Cohort.

The odds ratios (squares, with the size inversely proportional to the sampling variation) are for the association of the *LPA* genotype score (no variant alleles, one variant allele, or two variant alleles) with the risk of coronary disease, as measured with the use of “floating absolute risks” which summarize the sampling variation for the three genotype scores without the selection of an arbitrary baseline genotype score. The vertical lines indicate 95% confidence intervals.

Lp(a) et lipid lowering therapies

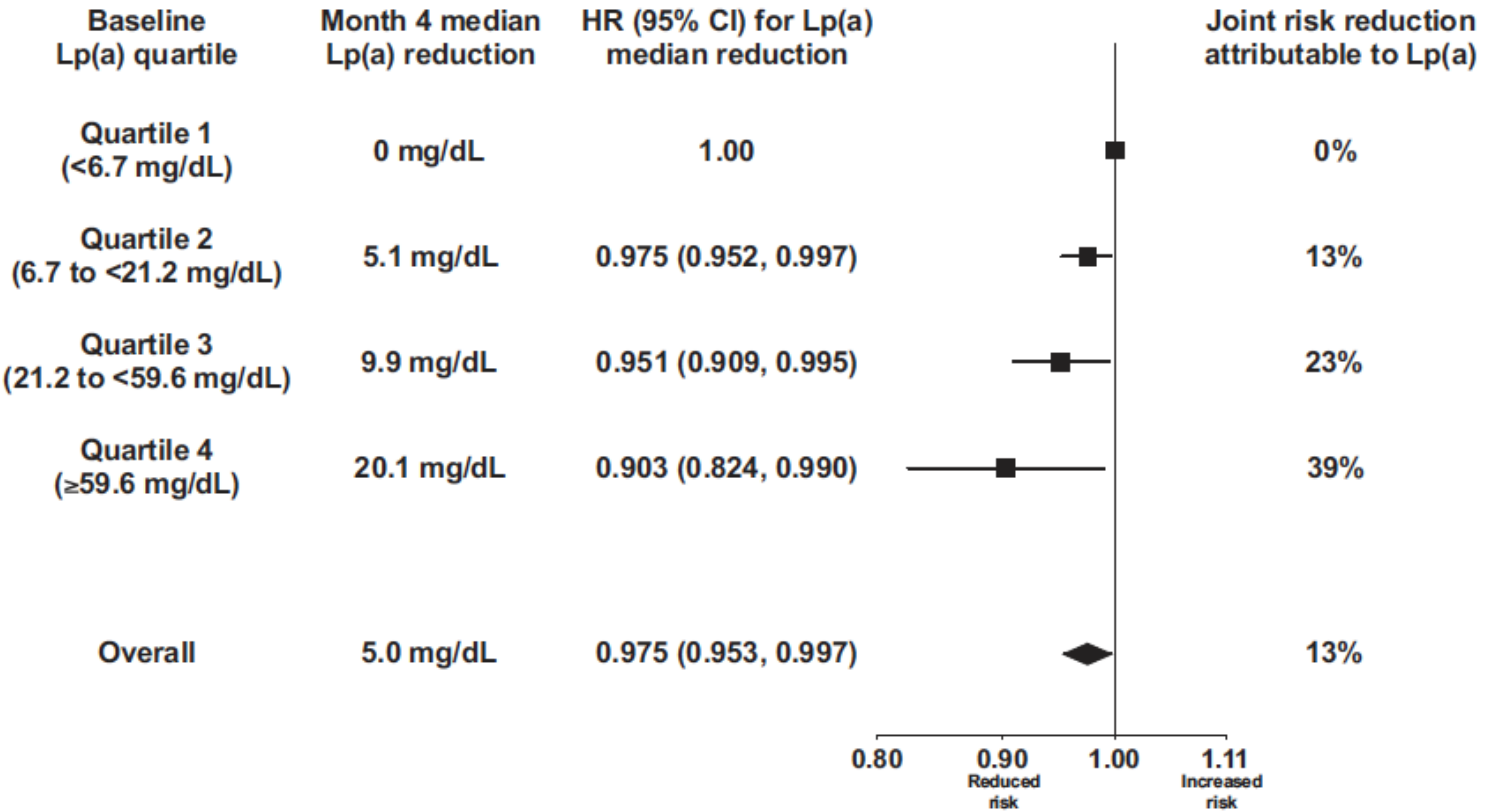
Statins have no effect on Lp(a) levels (or even a slighter increase)



Lp(a) et lipid lowering therapies

Lipoprotein(a) lowering by alirocumab reduces the total burden of cardiovascular events independent of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol lowering: ODYSSEY OUTCOMES trial

PCSK9 inhibitors reduce Lp(a) levels



Lipid lowering therapies targeting Lp(a) in development

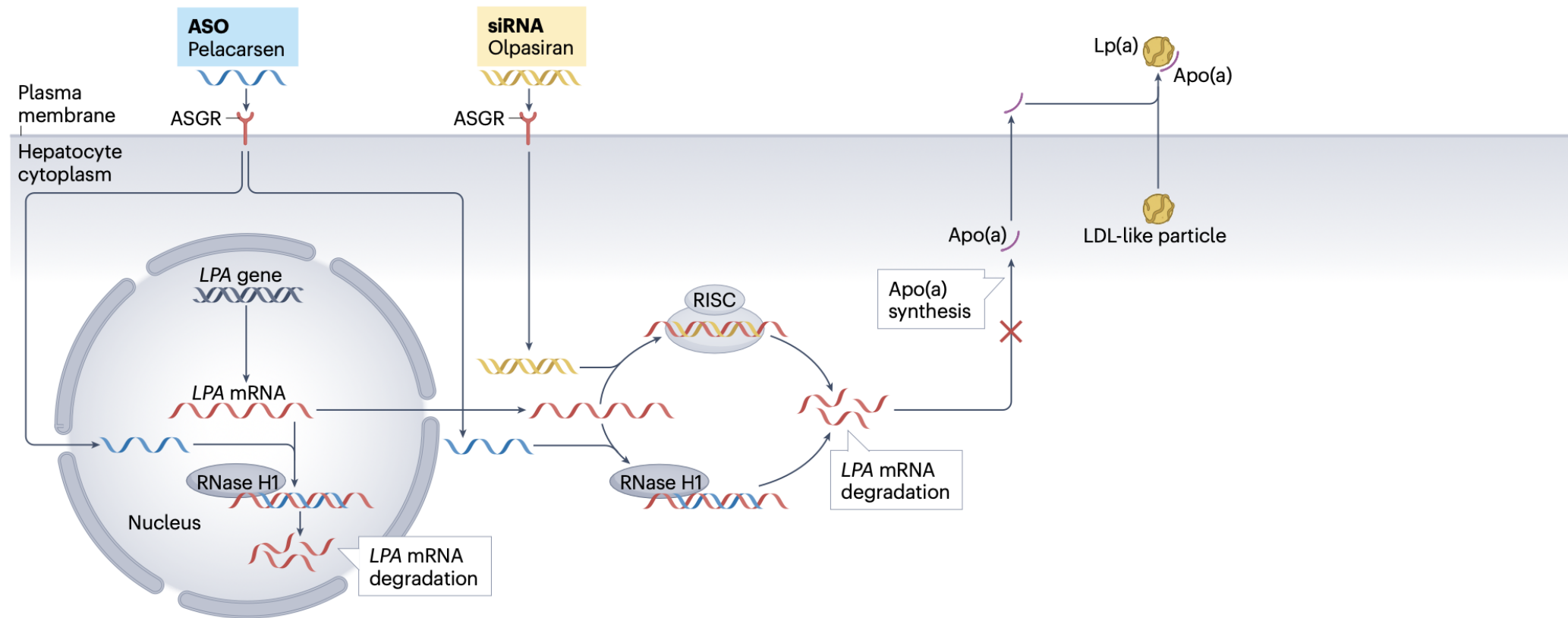
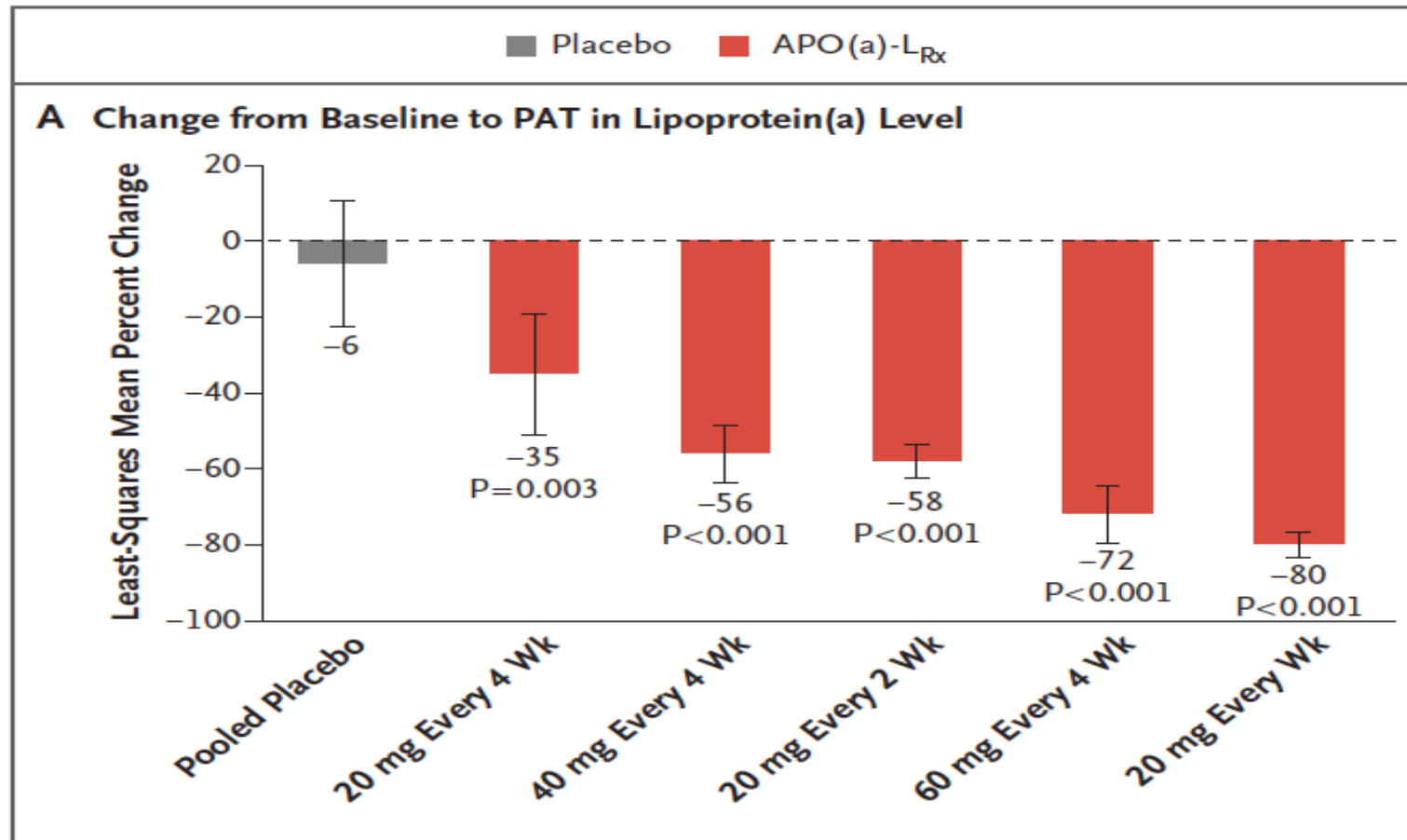


Fig. 4 | Emerging lipid-lowering therapies targeting Lp(a). Therapeutic strategies to lower plasma lipoprotein(a) (Lp(a)) levels that are currently being tested in clinical trials include an antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) and a small interfering RNA (siRNA). The ASO pelacarsen binds to *LPA* mRNA in the nucleus and the cytoplasm, causing RNase H1-mediated *LPA* mRNA degradation. The siRNA olpasiran binds to *LPA* mRNA in the cytoplasm to induce *LPA* mRNA

degradation through the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC). Degradation of *LPA* mRNA suppresses the translation and synthesis of apolipoprotein(a) (apo(a)), which in turn prevents the formation of Lp(a). Pelacarsen and olpasiran are conjugated to triantennary *N*-acetylgalactosamine, which confers hepatocyte-specific uptake through asialoglycoprotein receptors (ASGR).

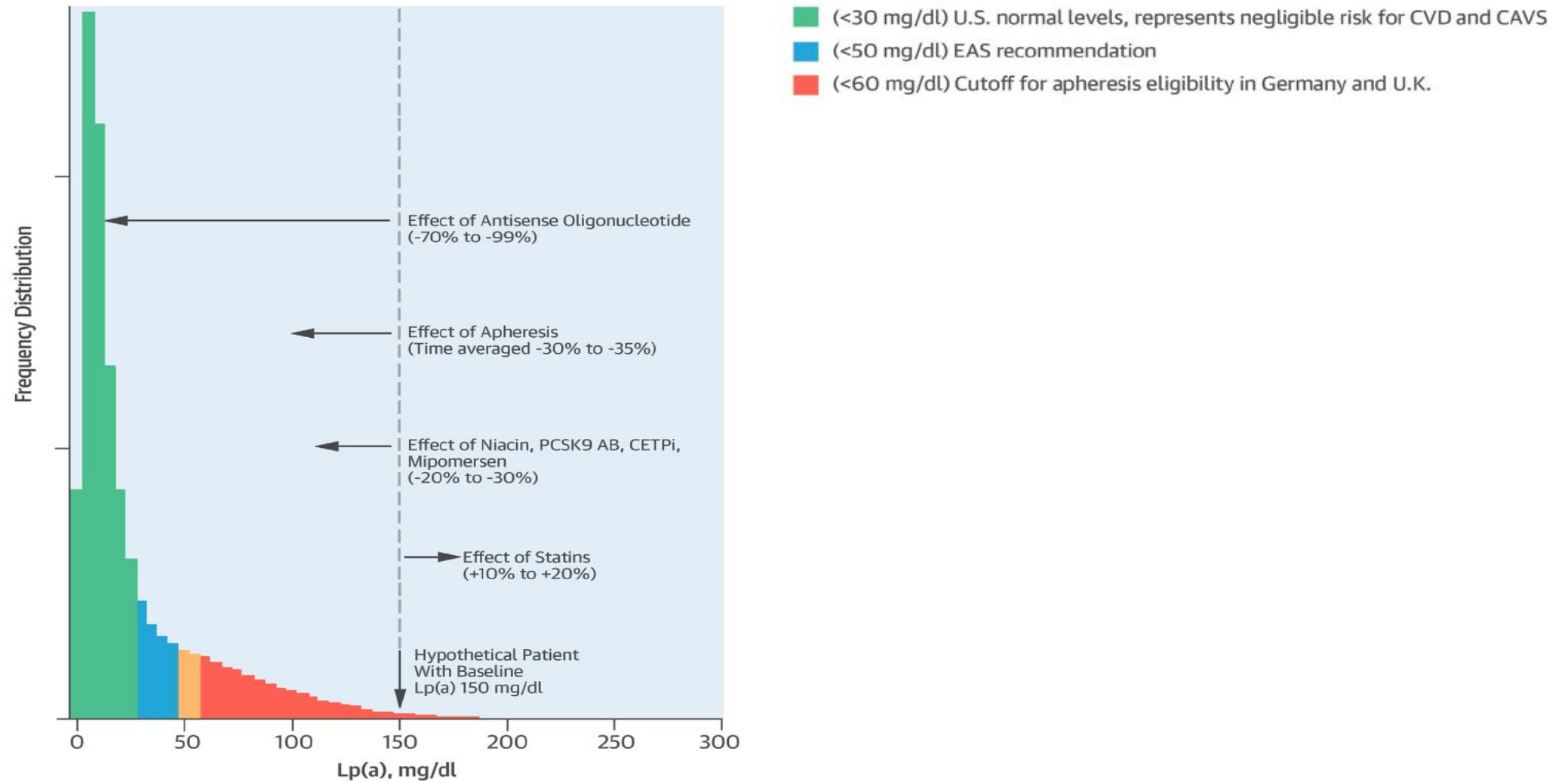
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Patients in secondary CV prevention with Lp(a) $\geq$ 60 mg.dl (150 nmol/l)



ASO anti-Apo(a)

Lipid lowering therapies targeting Lp(a) in development



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ASO: Lp(a) HORIZON -NCT04023552

siRNA (olparsiran, AMG 890)



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