



# Dyslipidémies



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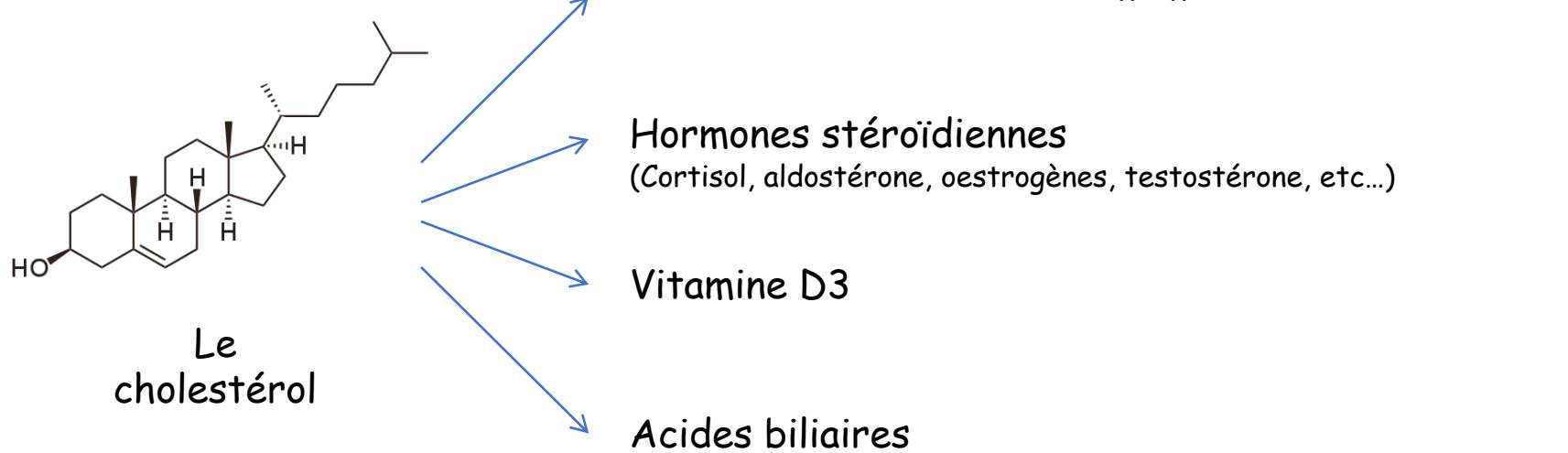
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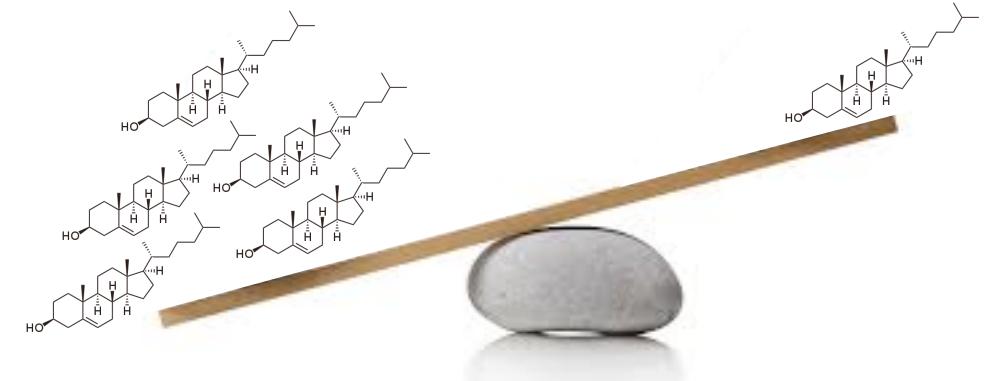
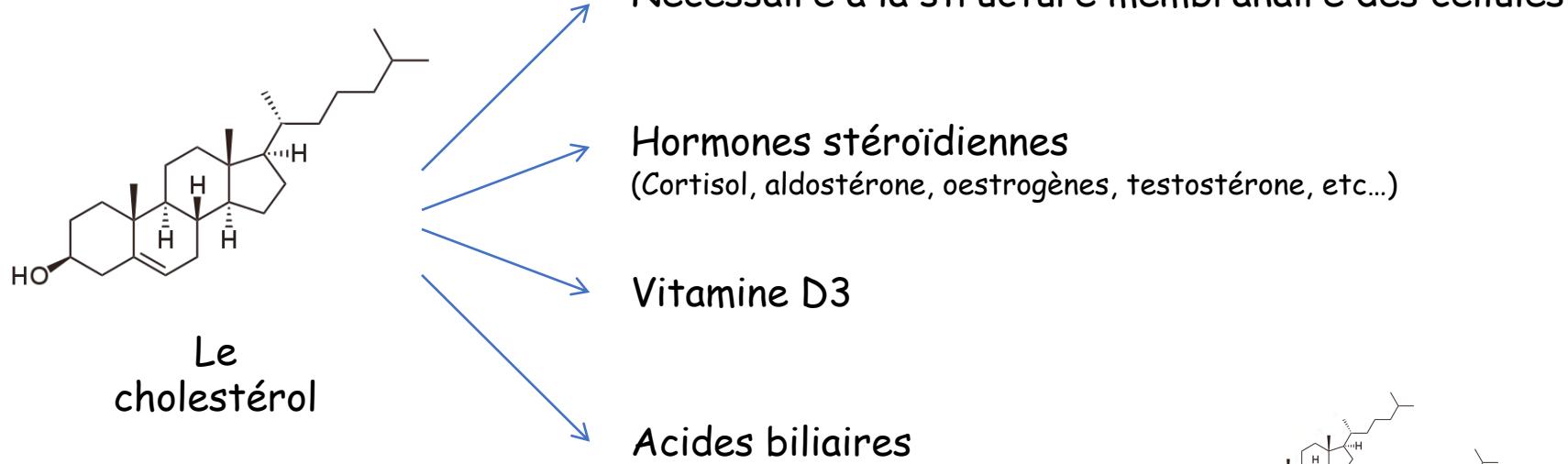


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## Le cholestérol: une molécule essentielle à la vie...



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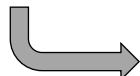


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Cholestérolémie normale

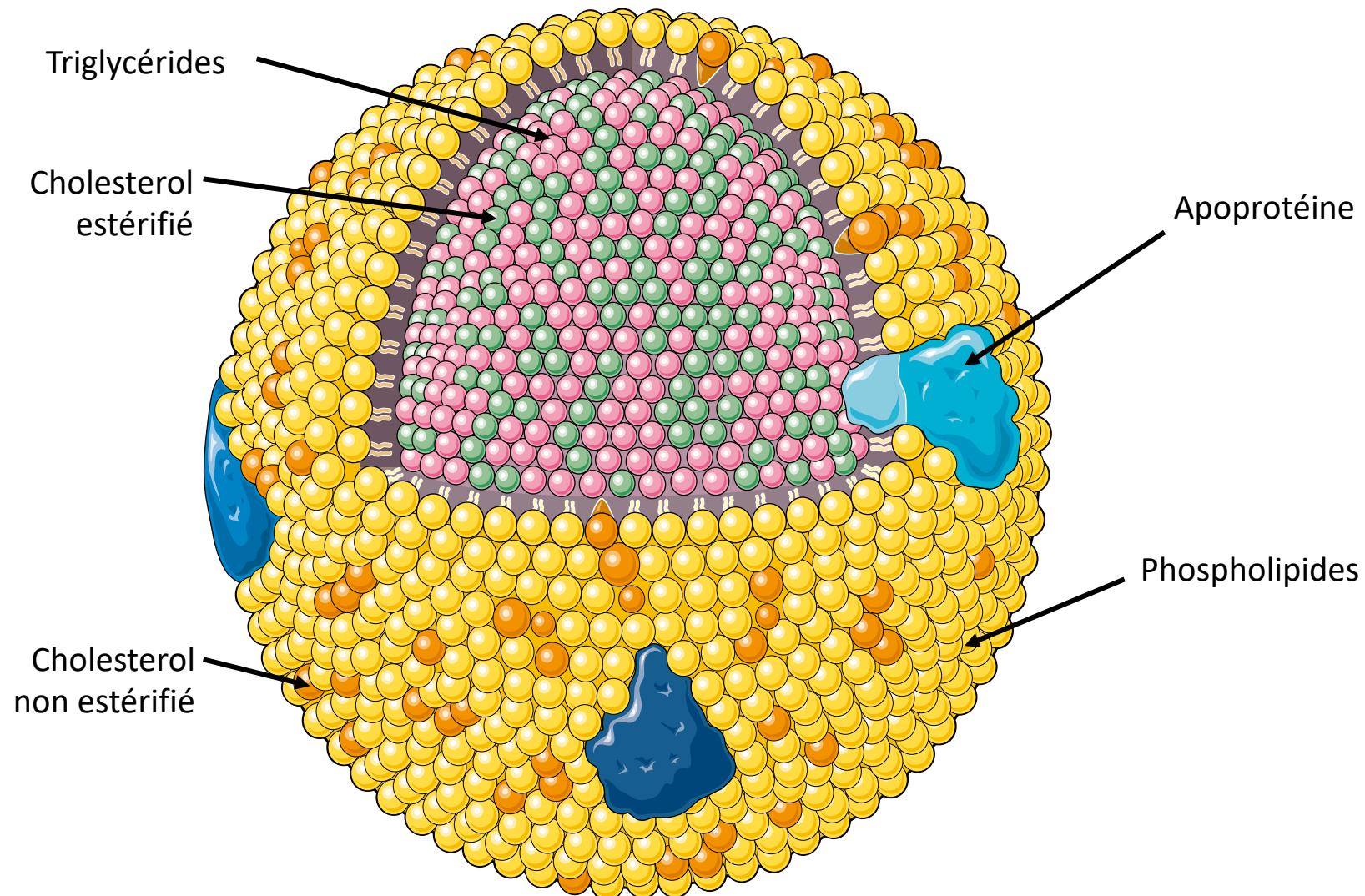
1,42g/L LDL cholestérol  
0,45g/L HDL cholestérol

Pas d'accidents cardiovasculaires



Voies impliquées dans la régulation du métabolisme du cholestérol

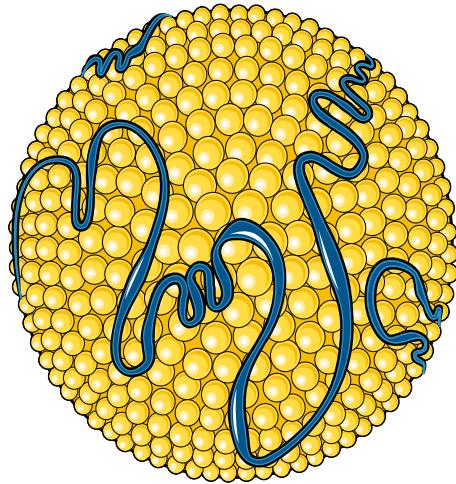
# Le cholestérol et les triglycérides sont véhiculés dans le sang sous forme de lipoprotéines



# Les lipoprotéines à apolipoprotéines B et A1

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

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



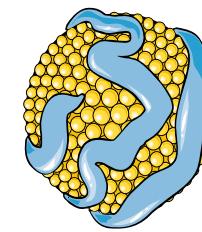
Chylomicrons

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



VLDL

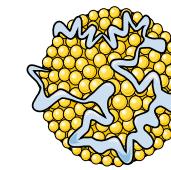
18-27nm  
1/0,23  
1,019-1,063



LDL

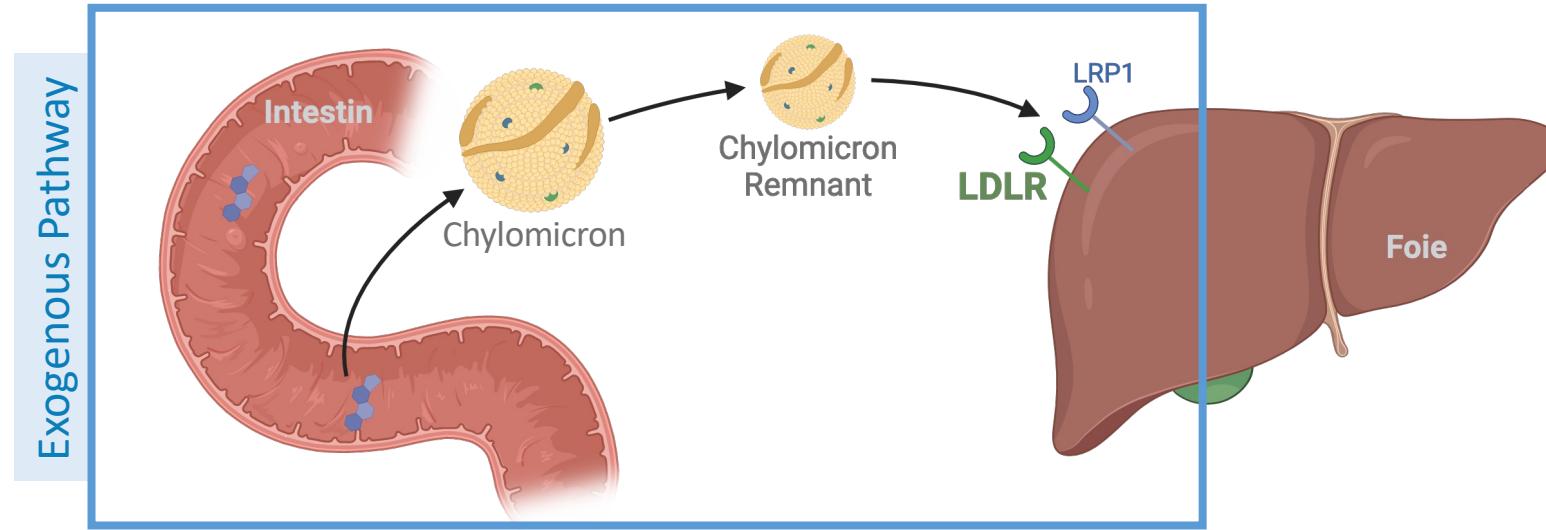
L'apolipoprotéine A1 est un reflet des particules anti-athérogènes: les HDL

>12nm  
1/0,22  
>1,063



HDL

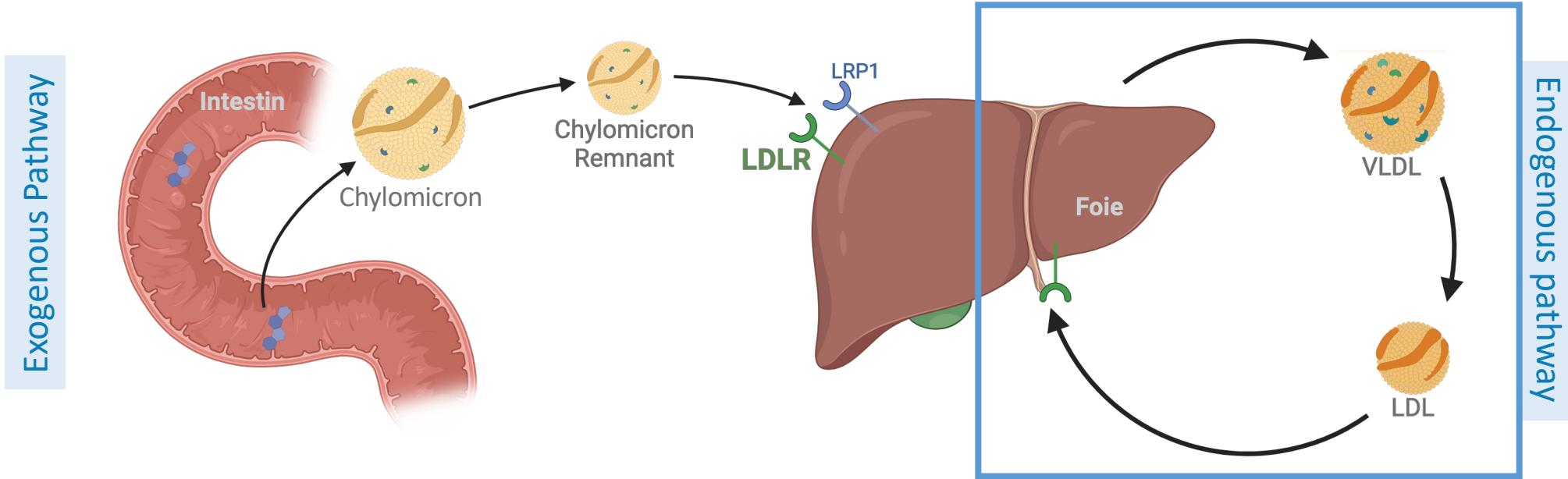
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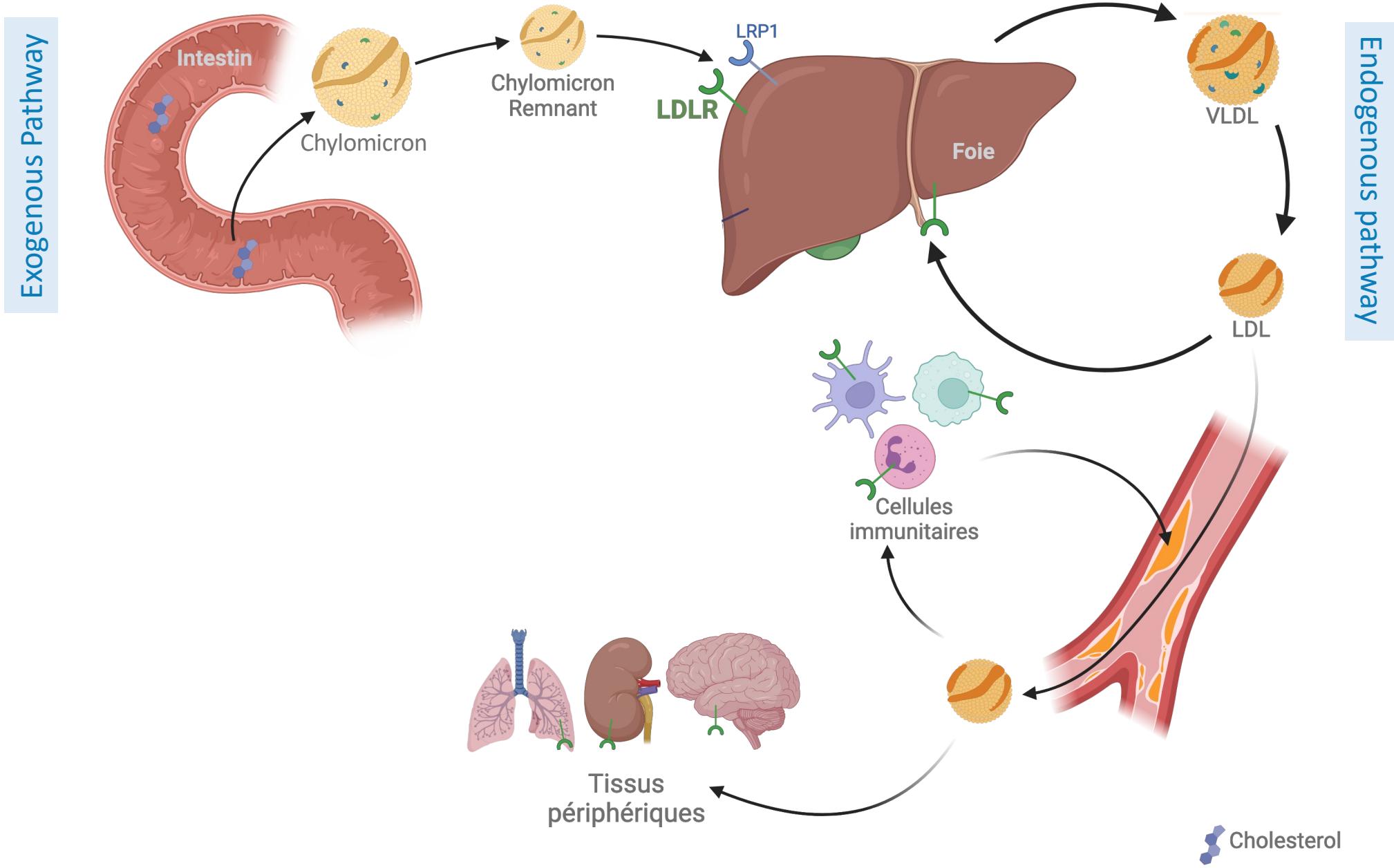
LDLR = Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor



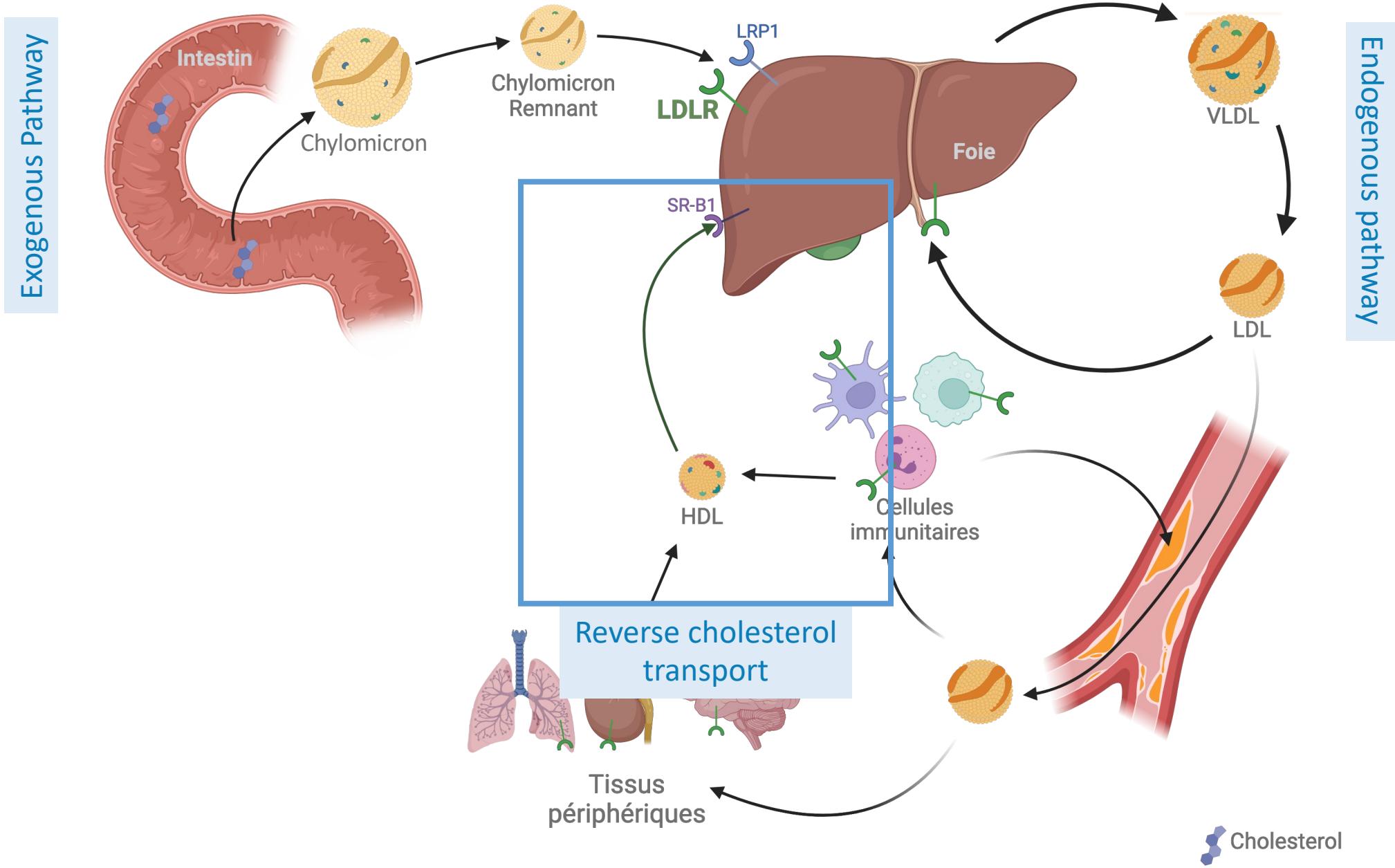
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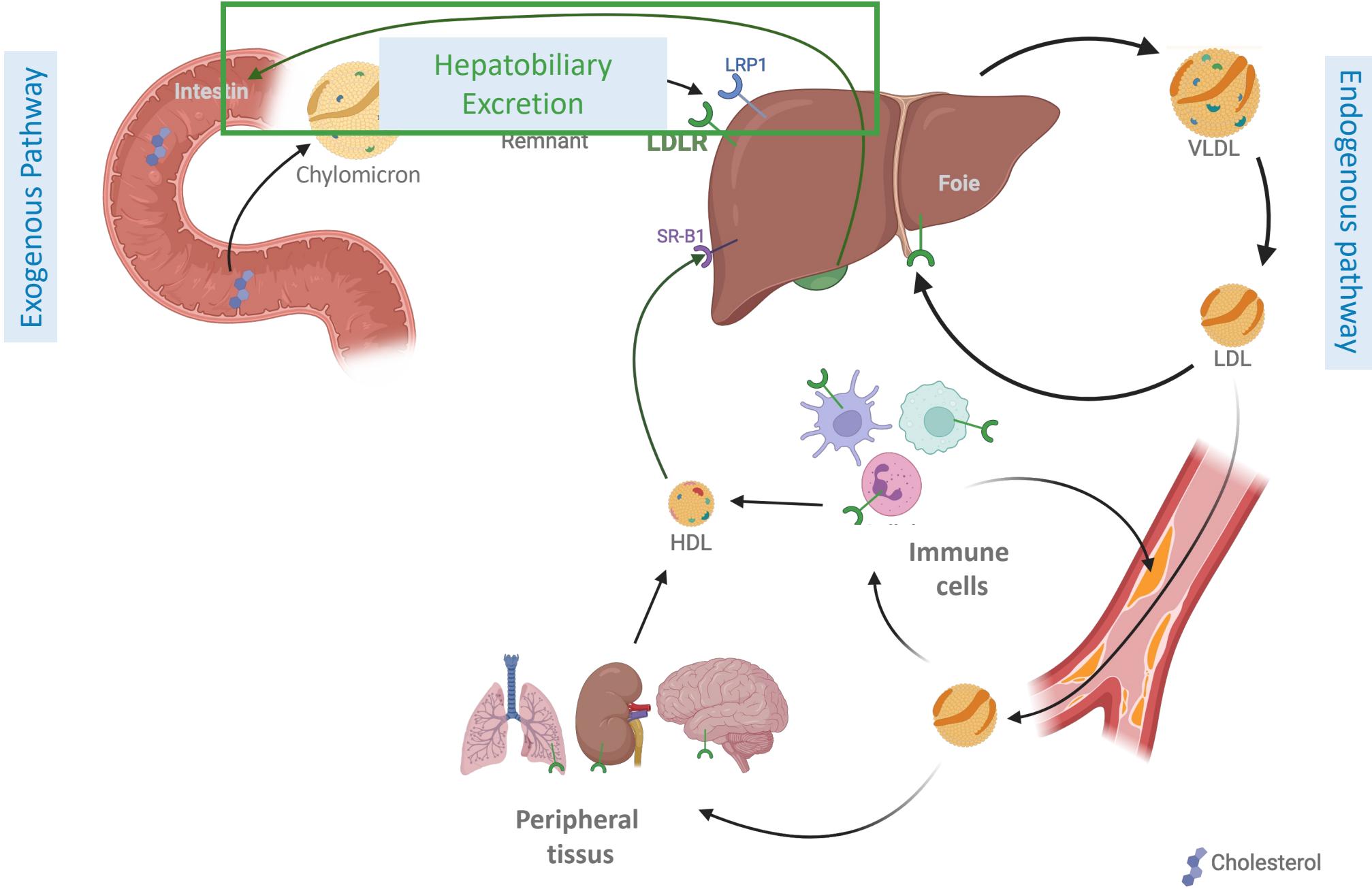
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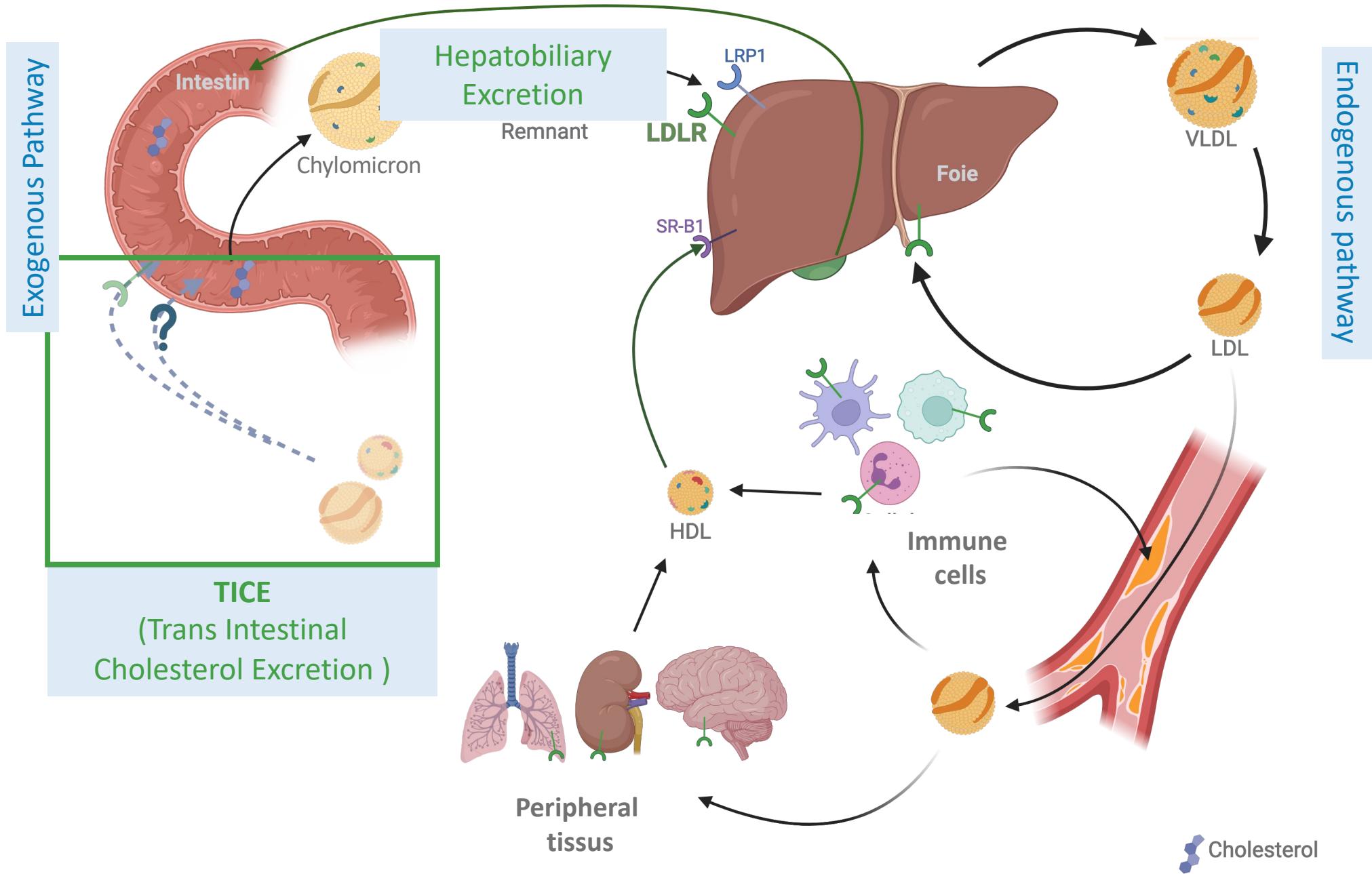
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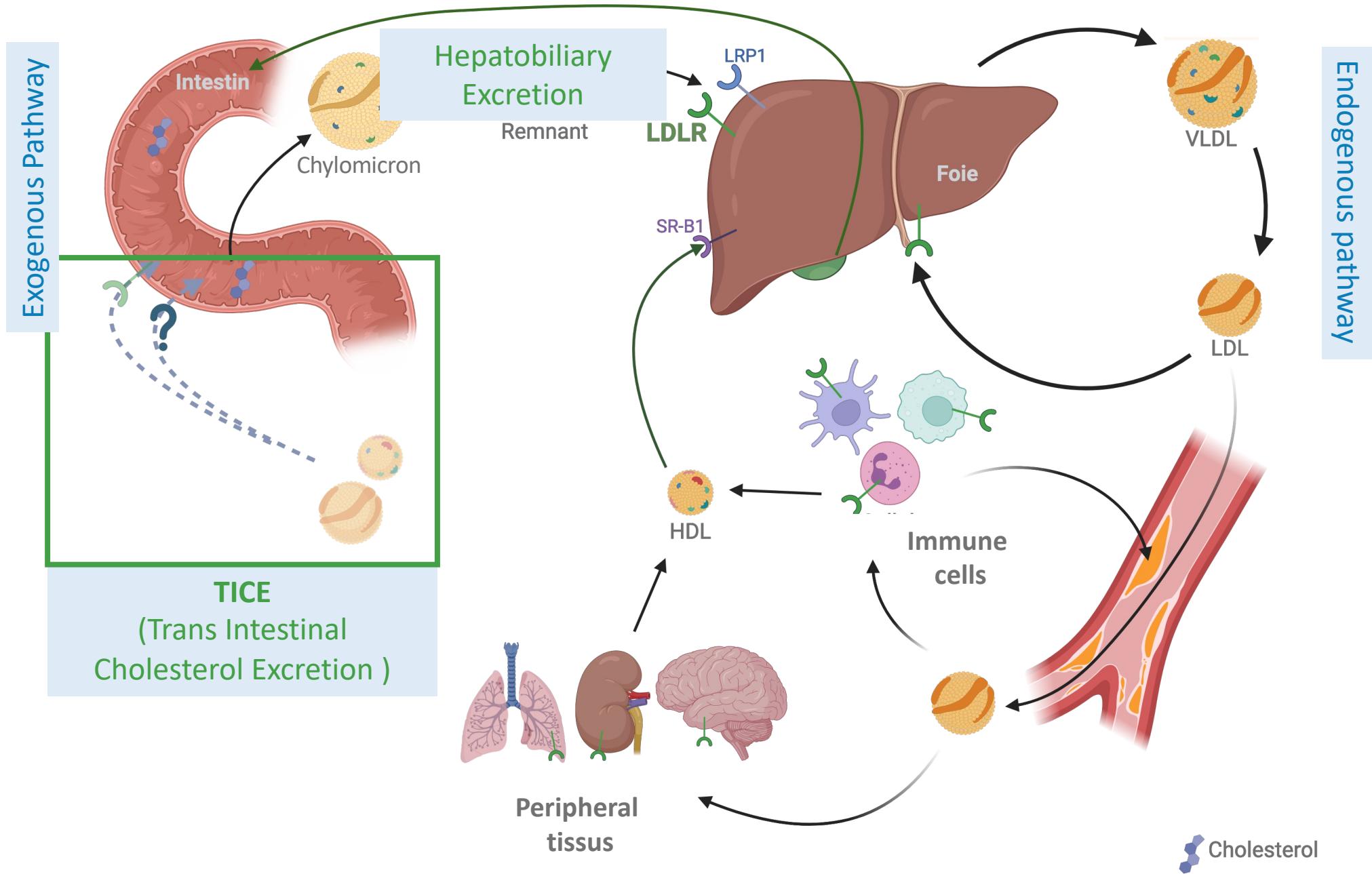
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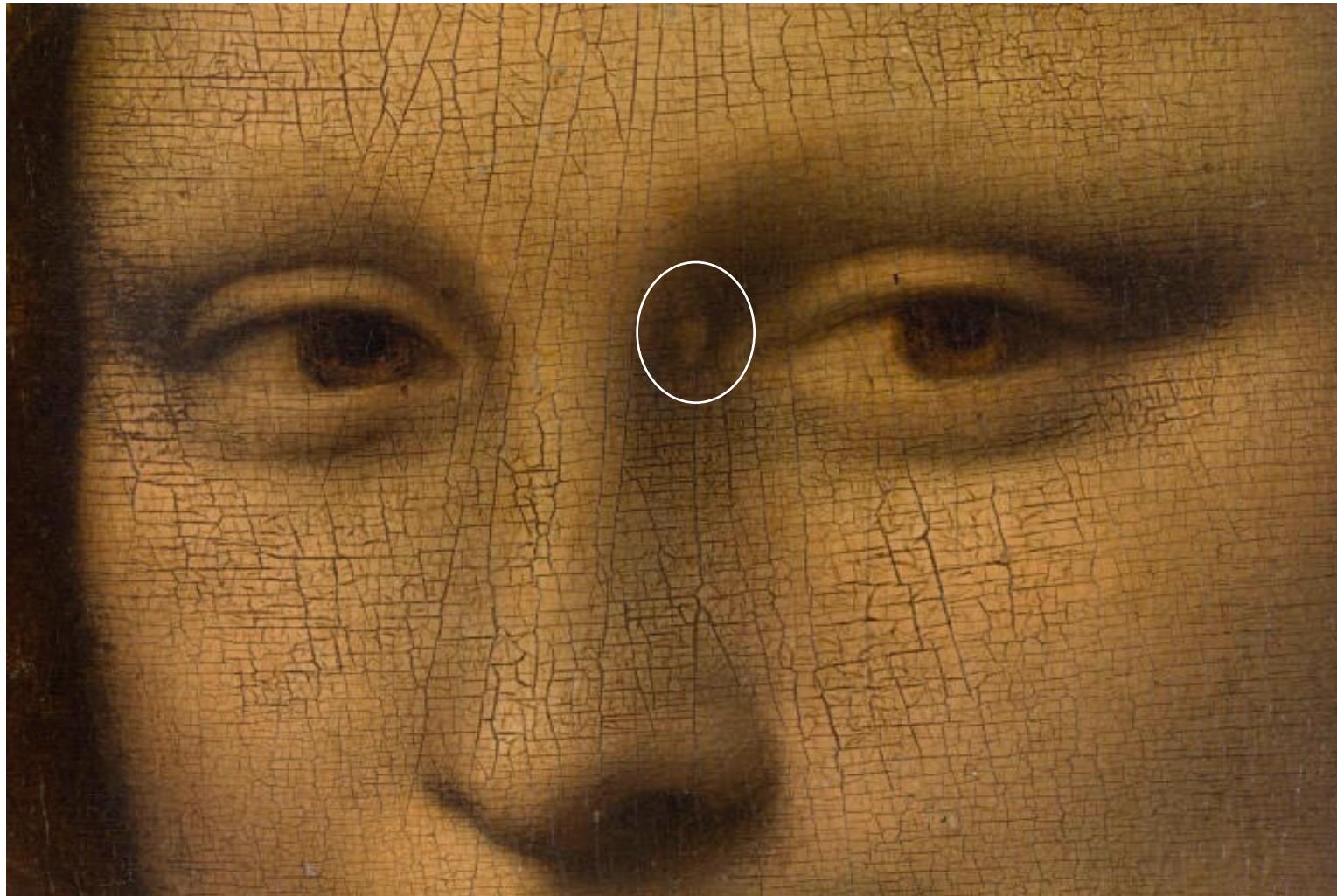


# Dyslipidémies

**Table II** Genetic disorders of lipoprotein metabolism

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

# FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA (FH)



# FH: the most common genetic disease

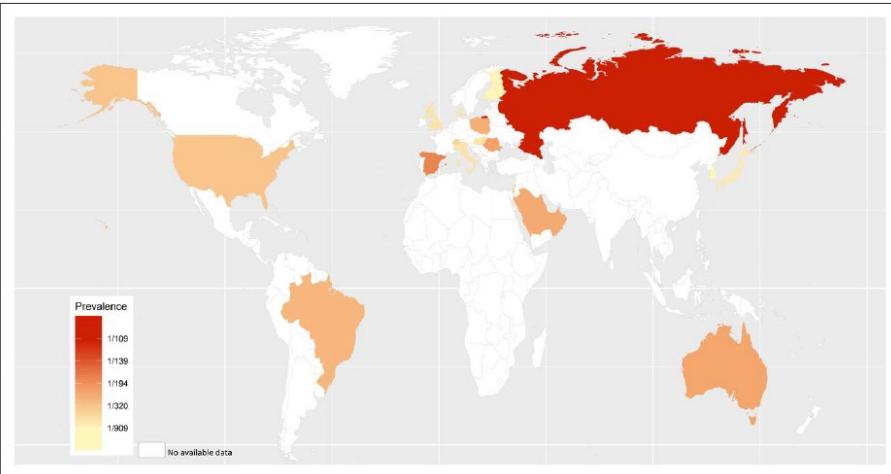
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A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

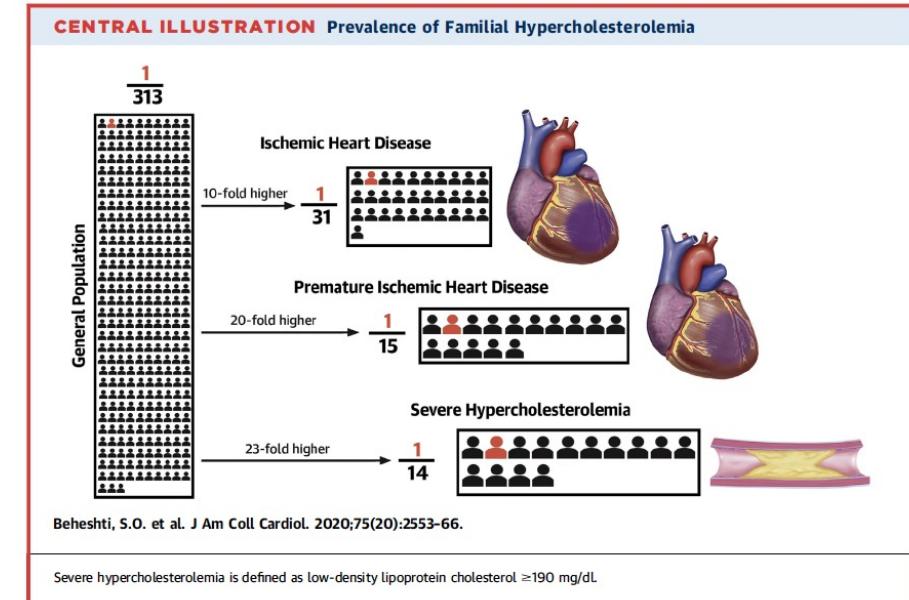


Prevalence:  
1/311-313

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## Worldwide Prevalence of Familial Hypercholesterolemia Meta-Analyses of 11 Million Subjects

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213 000 subjects in France

# Extra-vascular depots of cholesterol in FH



tendinous xanthomata

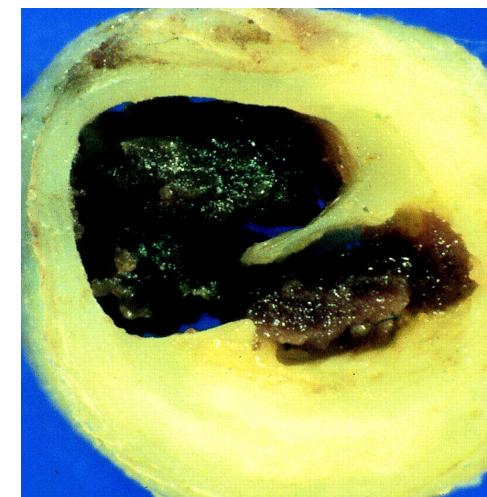
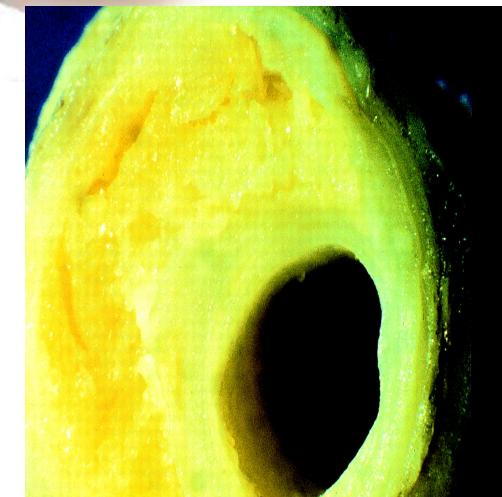
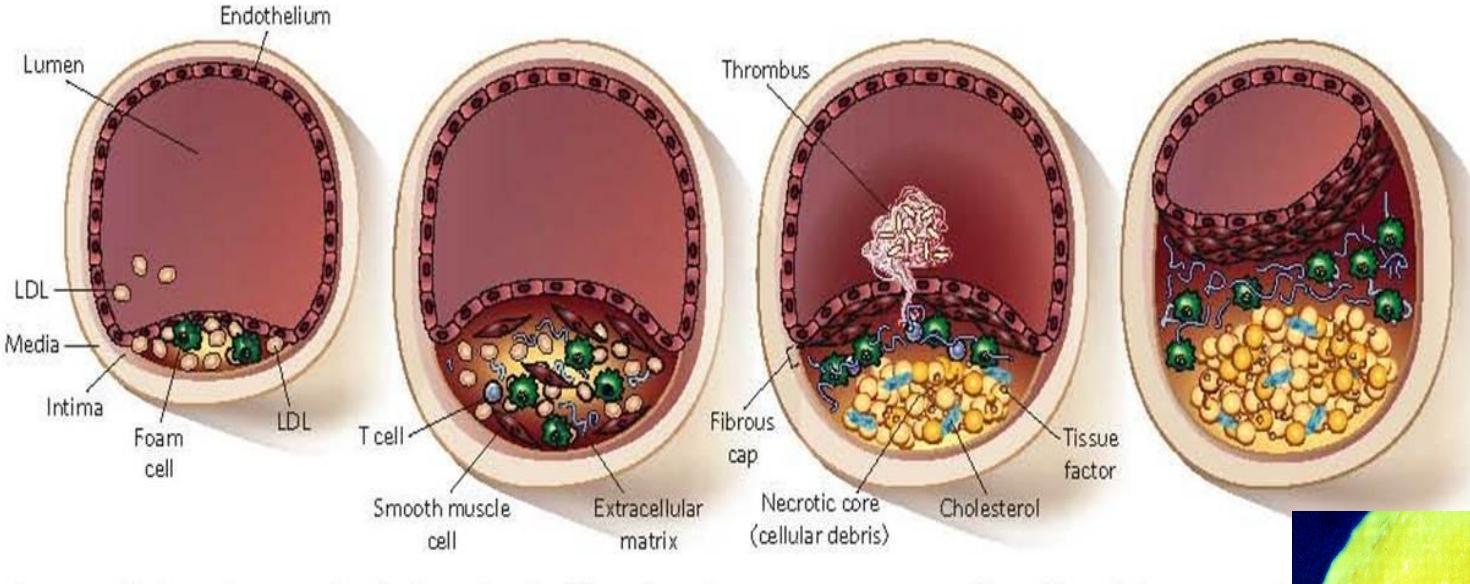


xanthelasma

Arcus cornealis (< 45 yrs)

# Vascular depots of cholesterol in FH

## Atherosclerosis progression



# Context

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17·7 million deaths

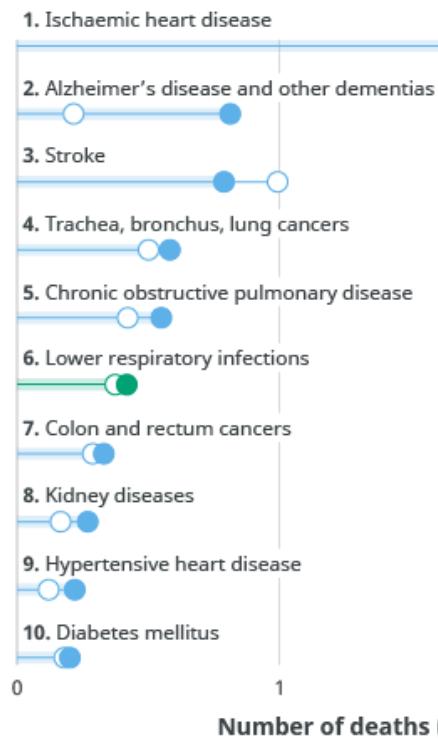
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## Leading causes of death in high-income countries

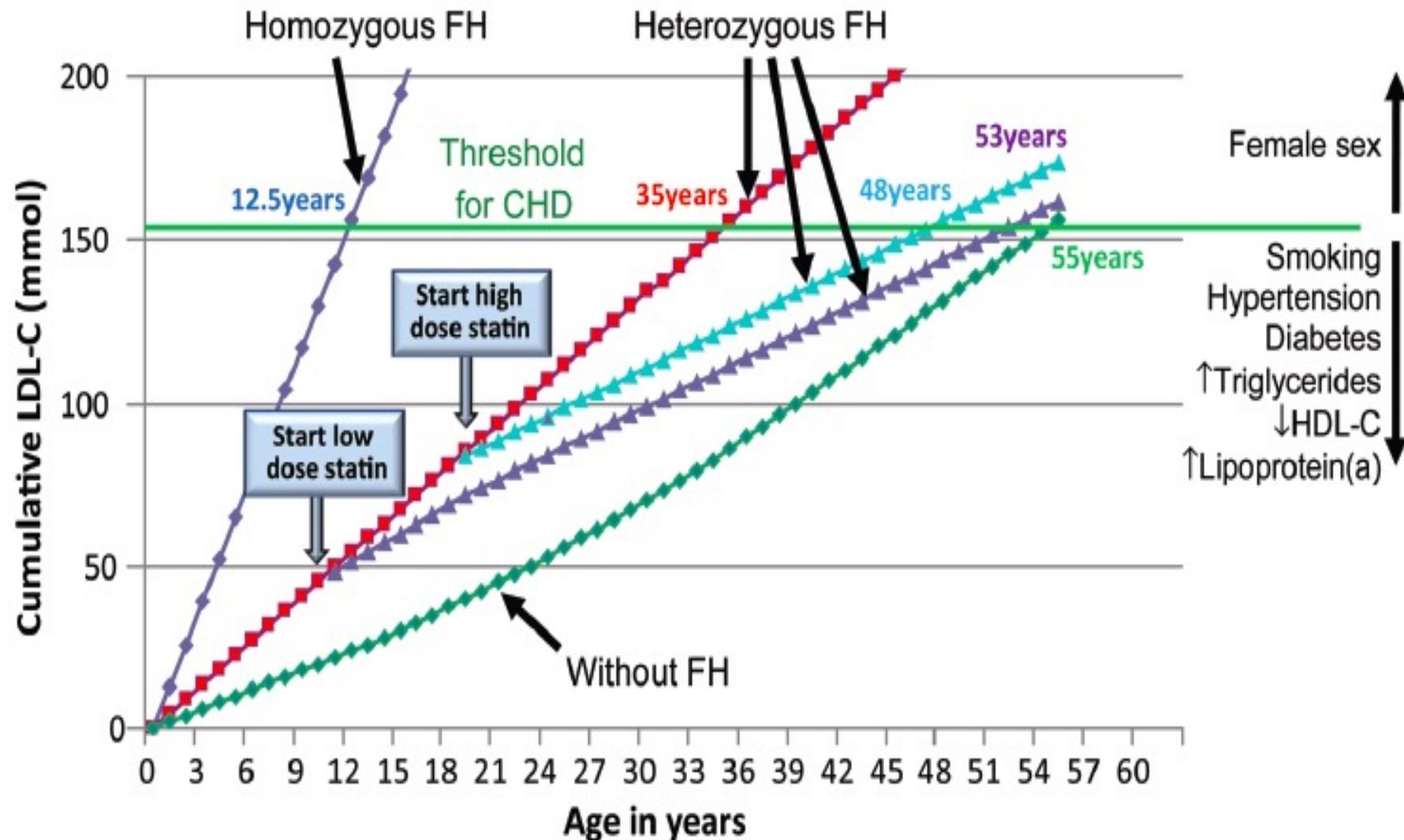
○ 2000   ● 2019



- Cardiovascular diseases remain the first killer worldwide
- LDL-C causality: lowering LDL-C prevents CVD ("lower is better")

● Noncommunicable   ● Communicable   ● Injuries

# Goal of FH management = avoid the cholesterol burden



# Lower LDLc sufficiently to prevent cardiovascular risk



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doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz455

**ESC/EAS GUIDELINES**



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

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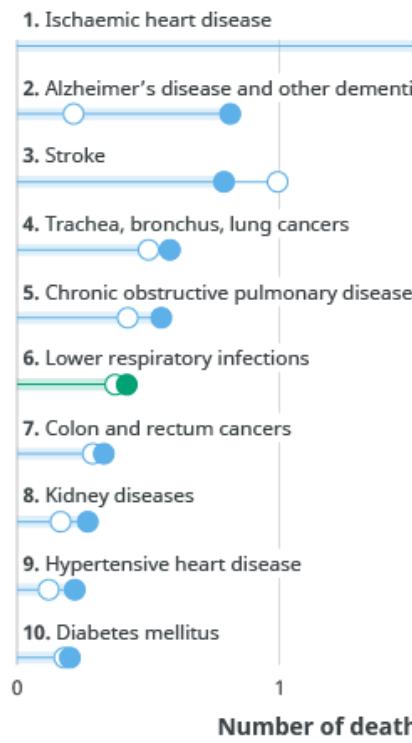
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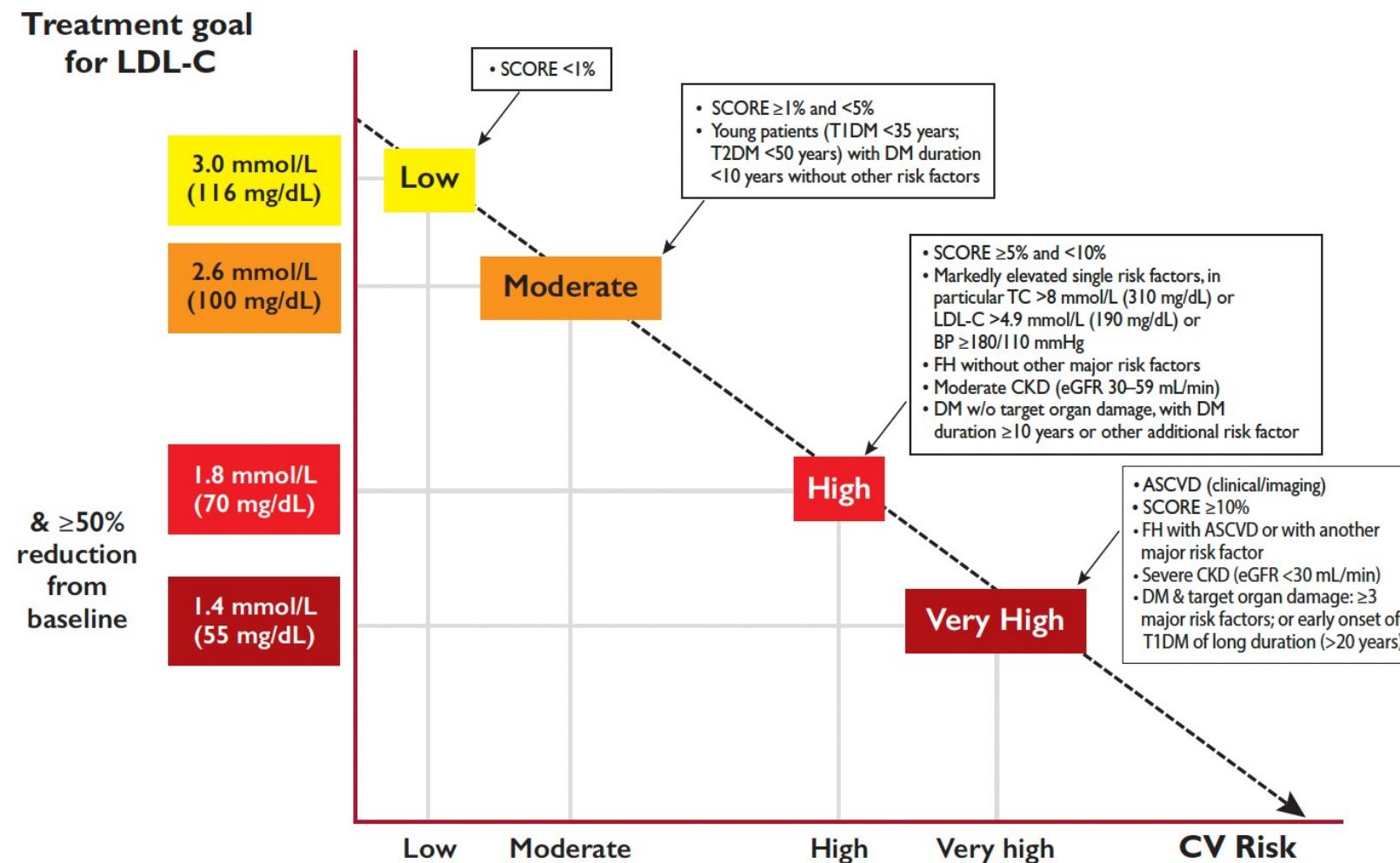
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- LDL-C goal was further lowered in novel European 2019 guidelines

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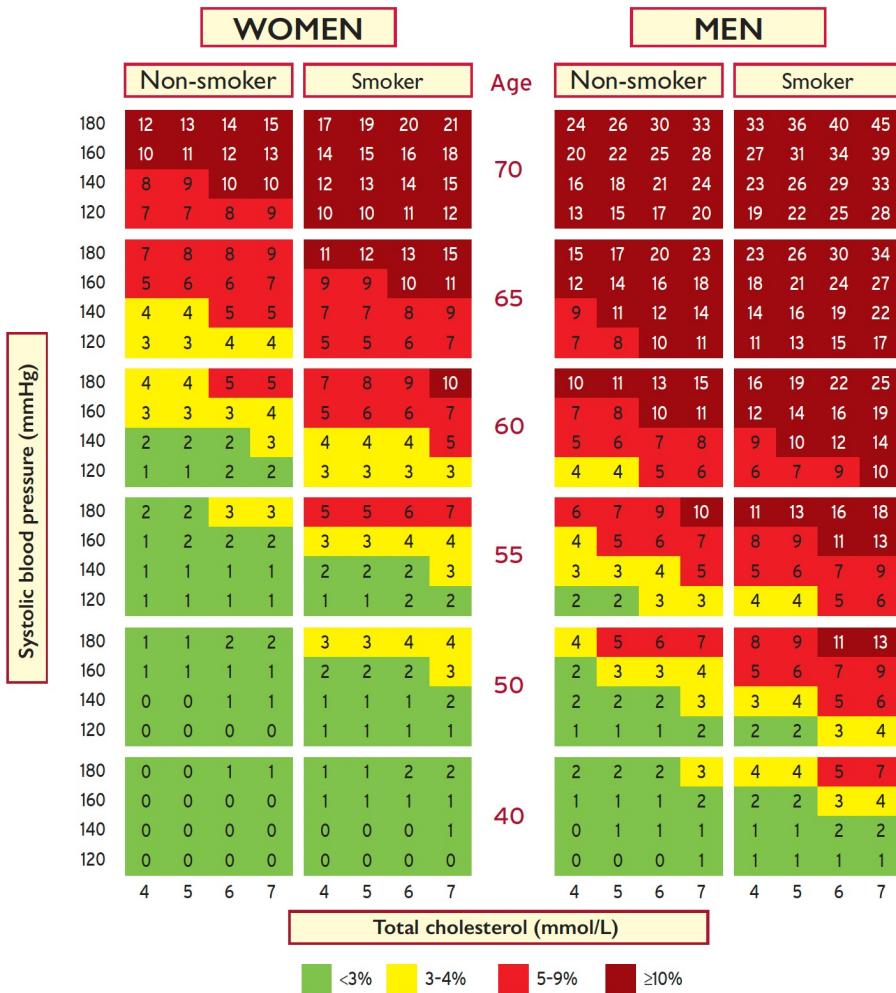
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# Define the cardiovascular Risk SCORE

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.

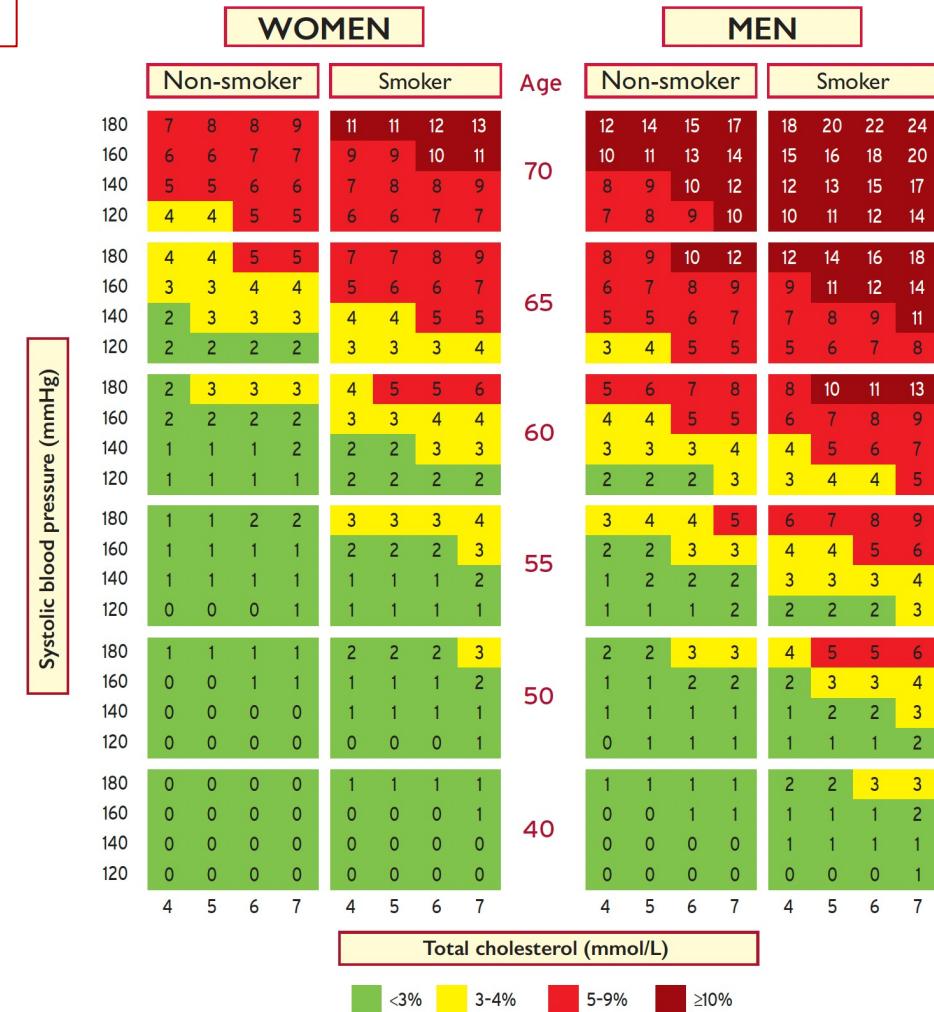
High-risk regions of Europe



SCORE Cardiovascular Risk Chart  
10-year risk of fatal CVD

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.

Low-risk regions of Europe



# L'hypercholestérolémie familiale: les mutations du LDLr

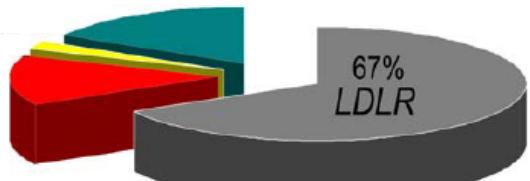
FH1  
chromosome 19p13  
defect  $\text{LDL} \uparrow$   
gene *LDLR*

**LDLR**

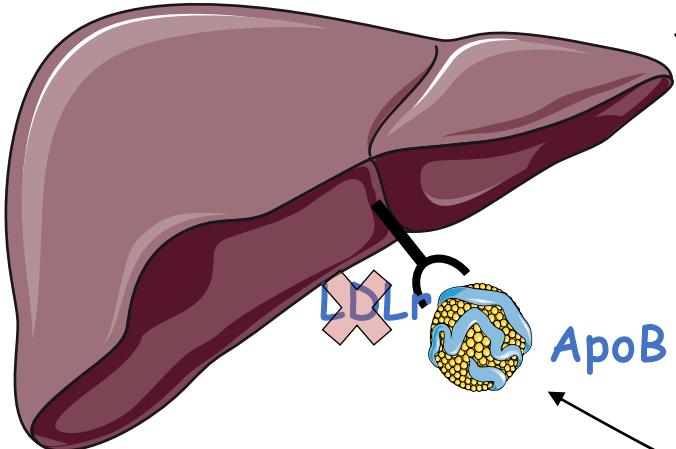
Prévalence

$+/- \quad 1/300$

$-/- \quad 1/9 \times 10^5$



**Foie**



**VLDL**

**LDL**  $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$

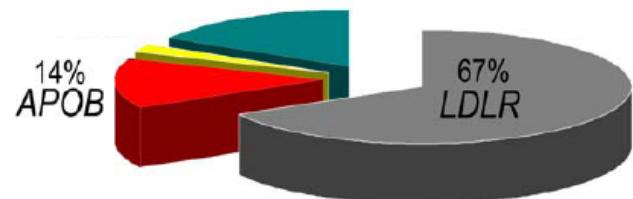


**Brown m.      Goldstein J.**

Nobel Prize 1985

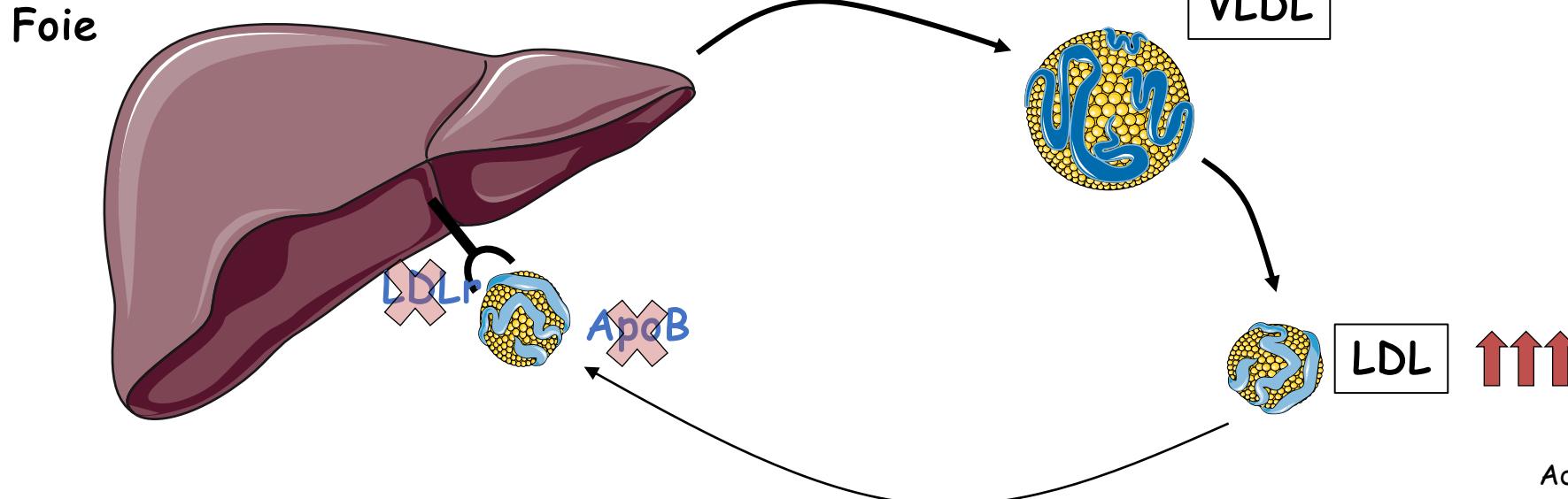
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|            | FH1   | FH2     |
|------------|-------|---------|
| chromosome | 19p13 | 2p23-24 |
| defect     | LDL↑  | LDL↑    |
| gene       | LDLR  | APOB    |



## Prévalence

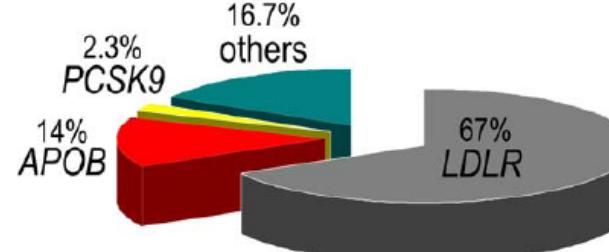
|      |            |                          |
|------|------------|--------------------------|
| LDLR | +/- 1/300  | -/- 1/ 9x10 <sup>5</sup> |
| ApoB | +/- 1/1000 | -/- 1/ 4x10 <sup>6</sup> |



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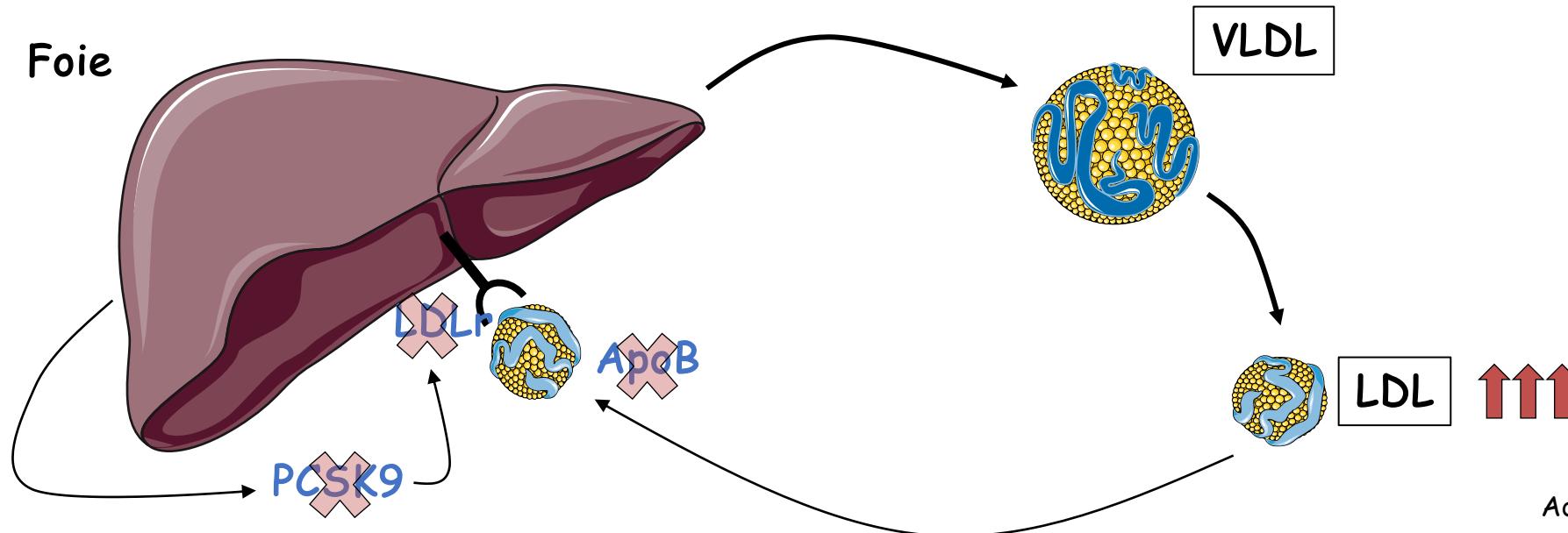
|            | <u>FH1</u>  | <u>FH2</u>  | <u>FH3...</u> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| chromosome | 19p13       | 2p23-24     | 1p32          |
| defect     | LDL↑        | LDL↑        | LDL↑          |
| gene       | <i>LDLR</i> | <i>APOB</i> | <i>PCSK9</i>  |



## Prévalence

|              |             |                          |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|
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| <i>ApoB</i>  | +/- 1/1000  | -/- 1/ 4x10 <sup>6</sup> |
| <i>PCSK9</i> | +/- <1/2500 |                          |

Foie



Seidah N.



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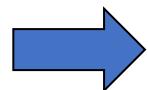
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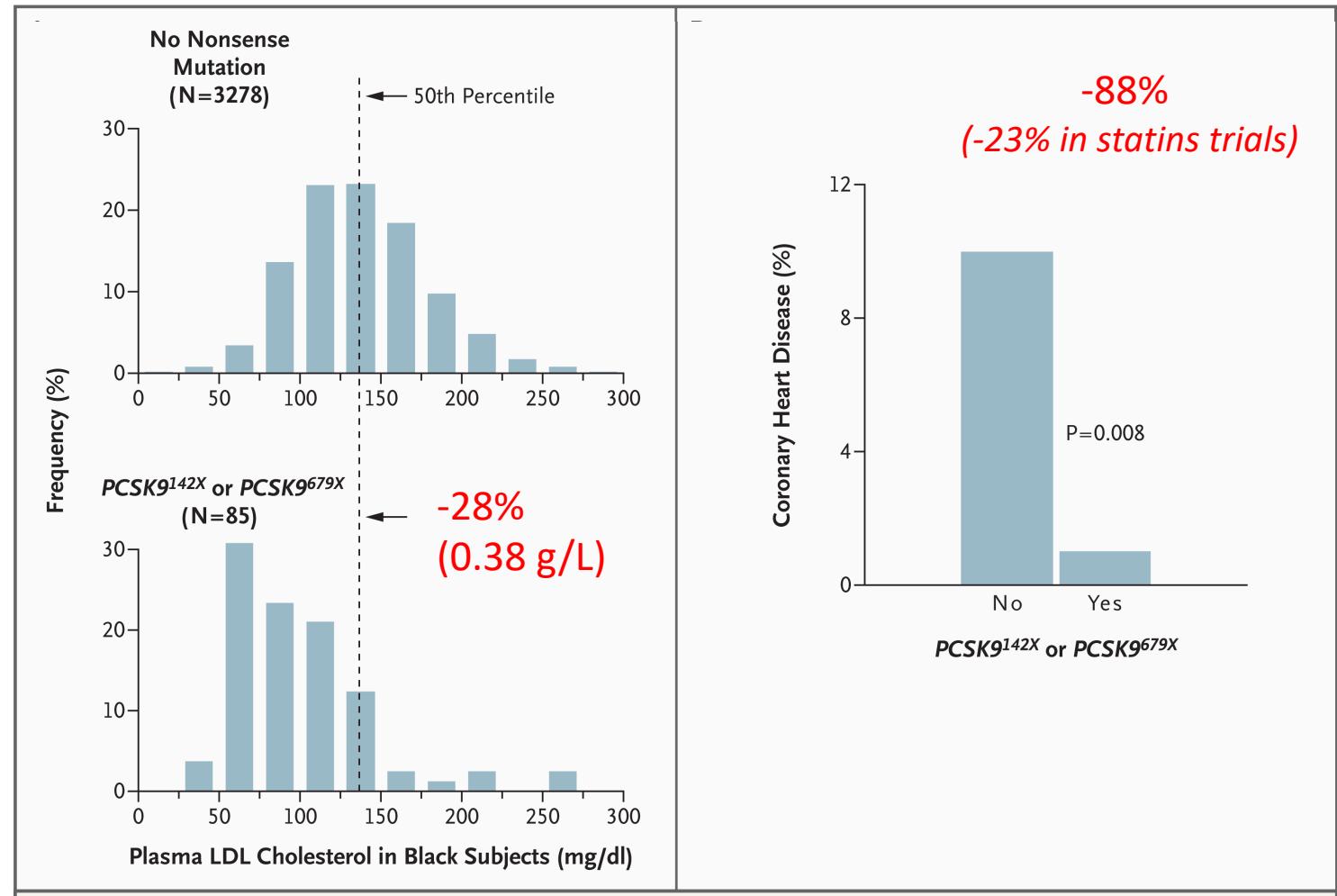
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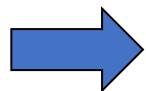
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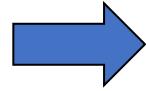
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# PCSK9 : mode of action

↑ PCSK9  
↓ LDL-R  
↑ LDL-C

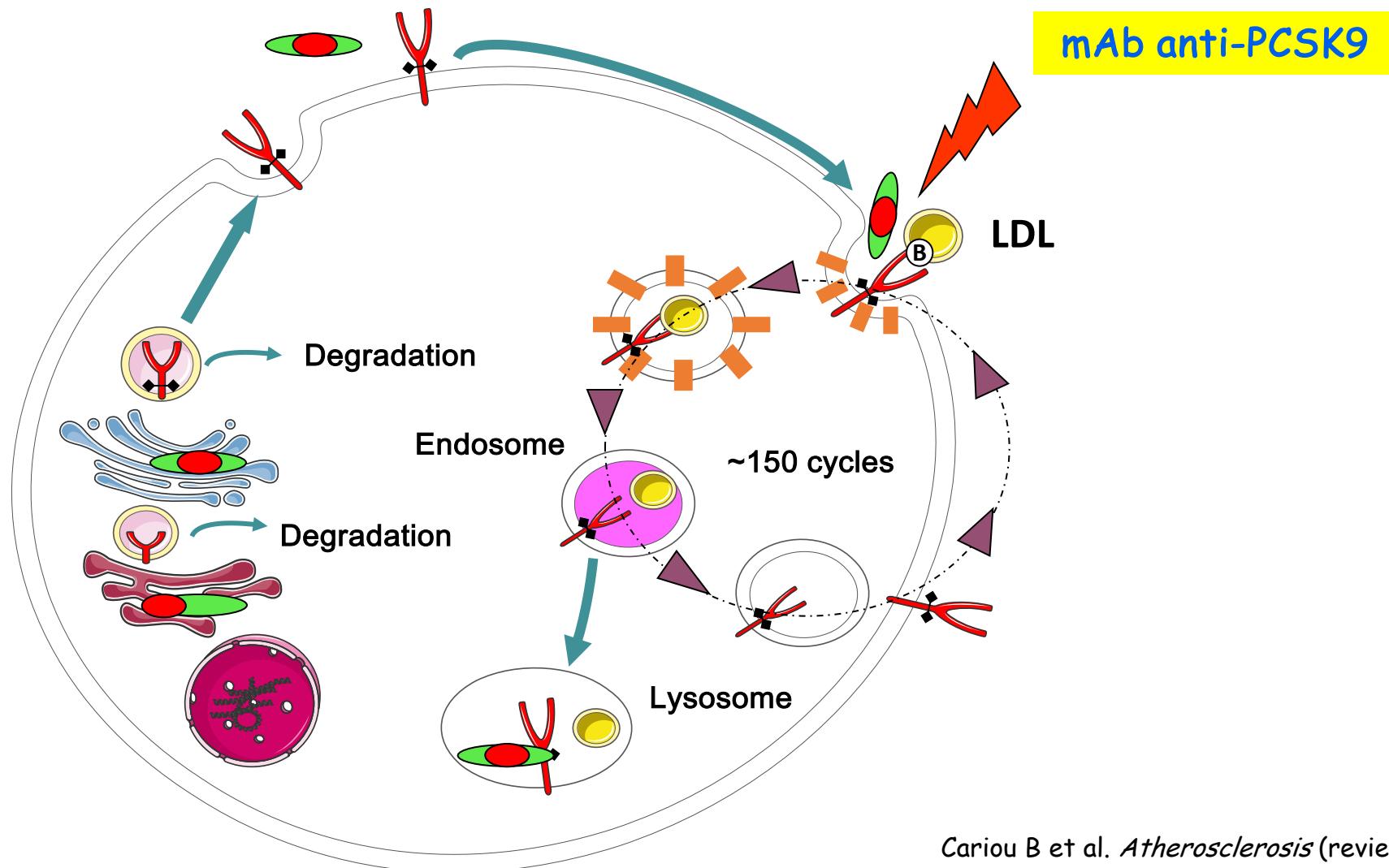
The diagram illustrates the mode of action of PCSK9. In the extracellular pathway, PCSK9 (green oval) is secreted from the Golgi and binds to mature LDLR (black Y-shaped molecule) on the cell surface. This triggers internalization of the LDLR-PCSK9 complex into clathrin-coated vesicles, which then fuse with endosomes. Within the endosomes, the complex is targeted for degradation, leading to reduced levels of functional LDLR on the surface. In the intracellular pathway, PCSK9 is also present in the ER and Golgi, where it may further modulate LDLR processing or recycling. Labels include: VLDL, LDL, Clathrin, LDLR precursor, LDLR mature, Golgi, ER, Nucleus, Endosomes, Lysosome, and Degradation?

Extra-cellular pathway

Intra-cellular pathway ?

| Key:           |
|----------------|
| ProPCSK9       |
| PCSK9          |
| Clathrin       |
| LDLR precursor |
| LDLR mature    |
| Golgi          |
| ER             |

# Strategies for PCSK9 inhibition



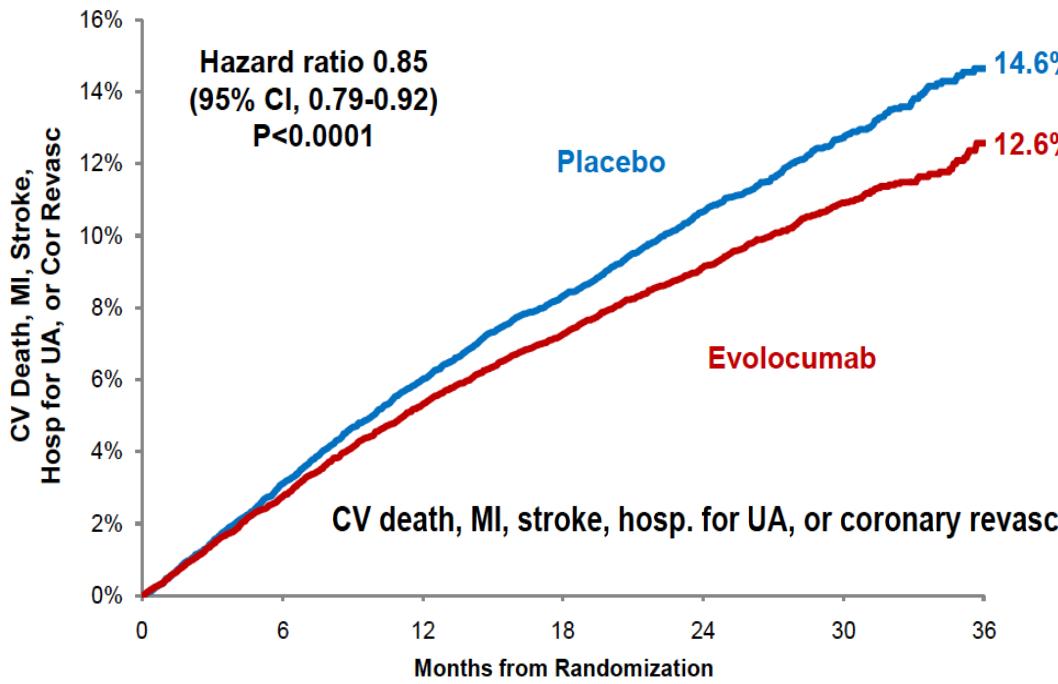
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# Efficacy of PCSK9 mAb on lipid parameters

| Doses                         | Other lipid-lowering treatment                | % Change from baseline to end of follow-up beyond that with control* |            |            |                 |            |                                    |
|-------------------------------|---|--|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
|                               |   | Δ Total cholesterol  | Δ LDL-C    | Δ HDL-C    | Δ Triglycerides | Δ ApoB     | Δ ApoA-1                           |
| <b>PCSK9 Inhibitors</b>       |   |  |            |            |                 |            |                                    |
| Alirocumab <sup>57-59</sup>   | 150 mg every 2 weeks                          | ± Statins<br>(± ezetimibe)   | -35 to -44 | -57 to -67 | 6 to 10         | -6 to -29‡ | -44 to -58<br>14 [1‡]              |
| Evolocumab <sup>510-514</sup> | 420 mg every 4 weeks and 140 mg every 2 weeks | ± Statins<br>(± ezetimibe)   | -33 to -42 | -50 to -66 | 4 to 9          | -6 to -34  | -42 to -56<br>0 to 4<br>-18 to -32 |

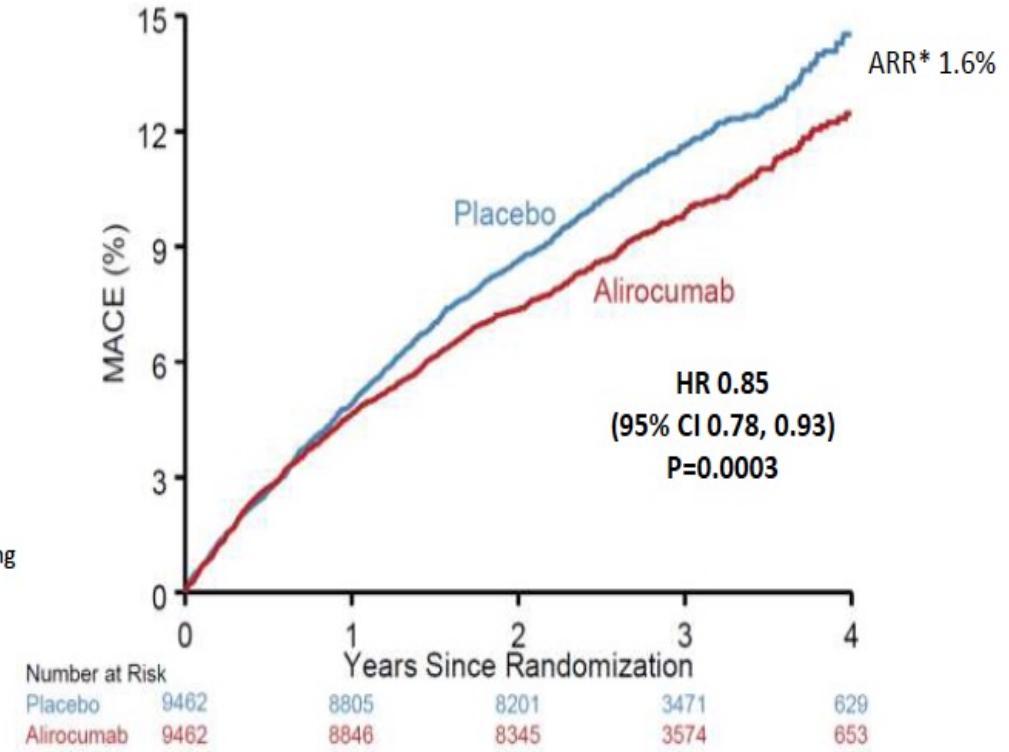
# Efficacy of PCSK9 mAB on Cardiovascular (CV) events

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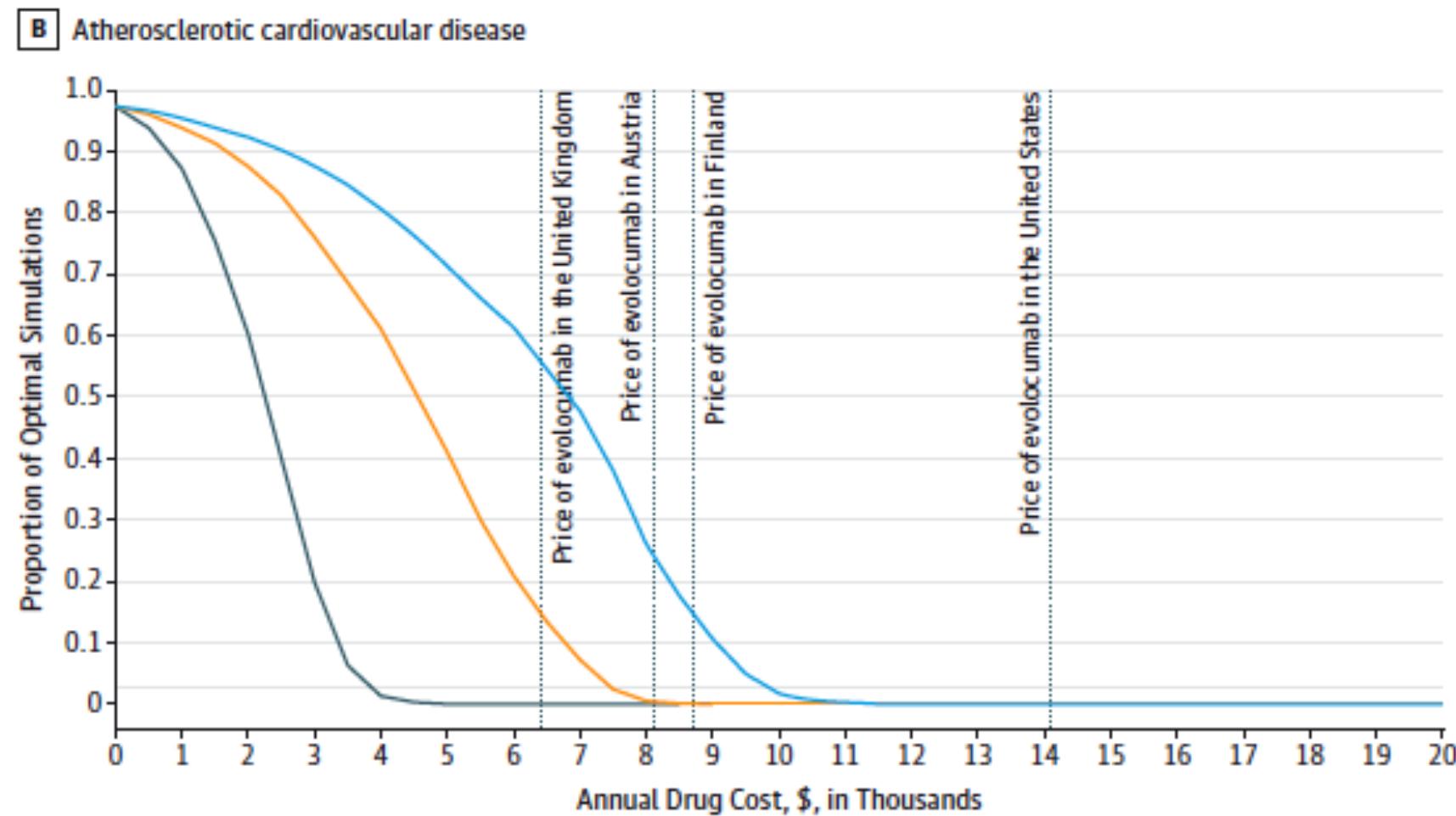


MACE: CHD death,  
non-fatal MI,  
ischemic stroke, or  
unstable angina requiring  
hospitalization

## ODYSSEY OUTCOMES Primary outcome

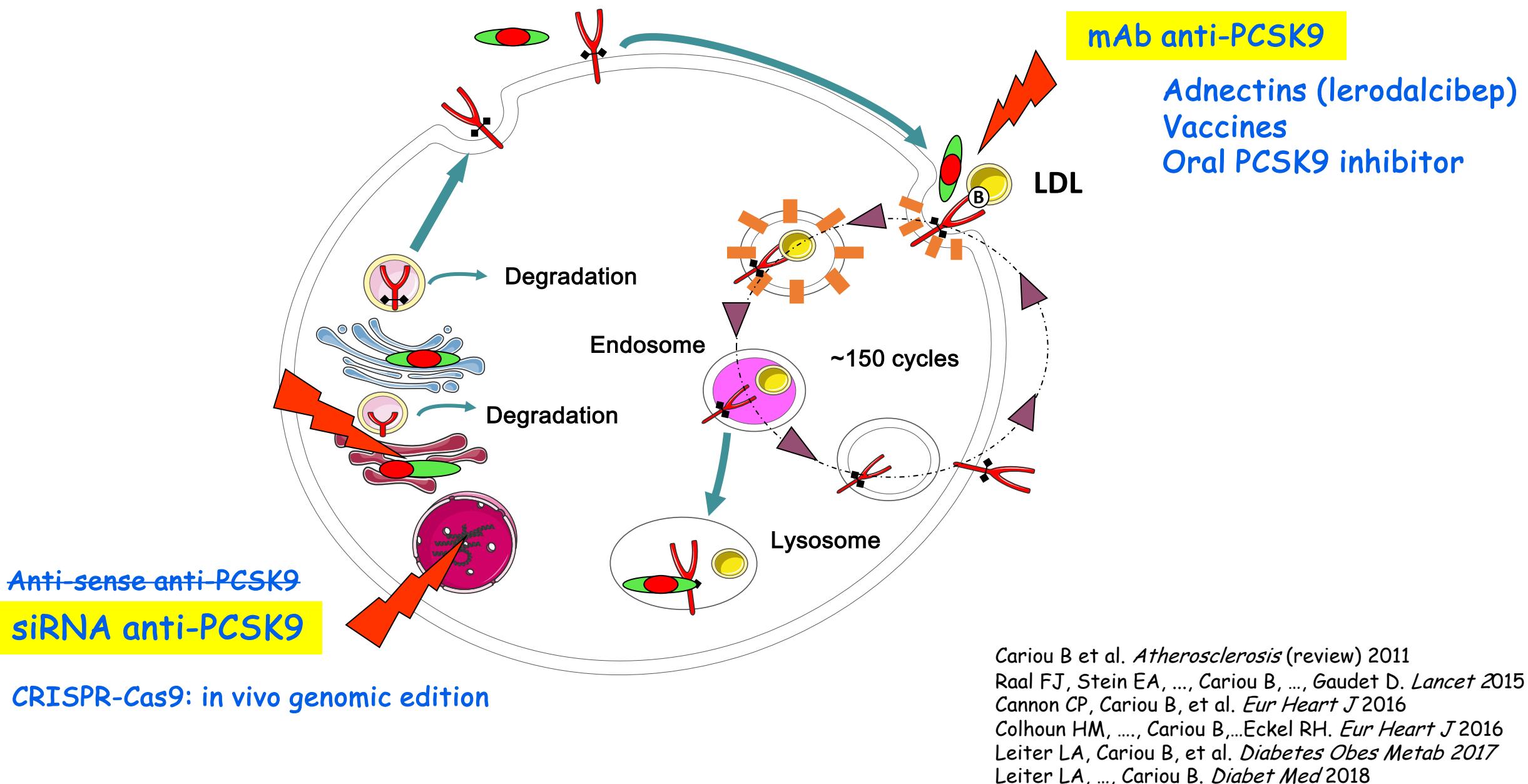


# The cost-efficacy of PCSK9 inhibitors is questionable

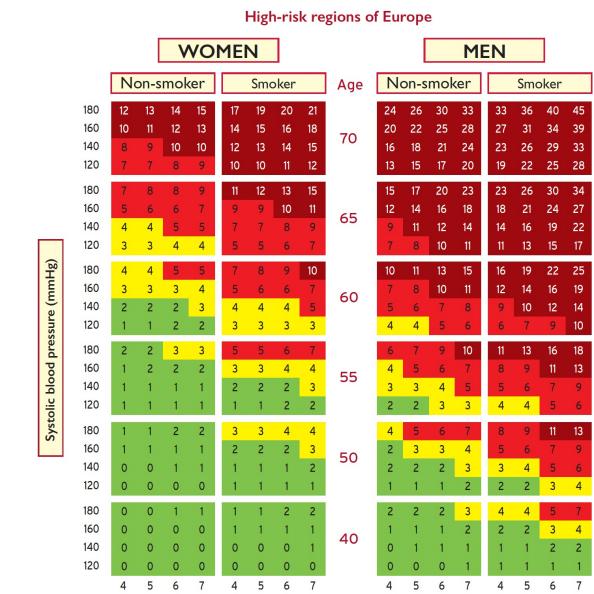
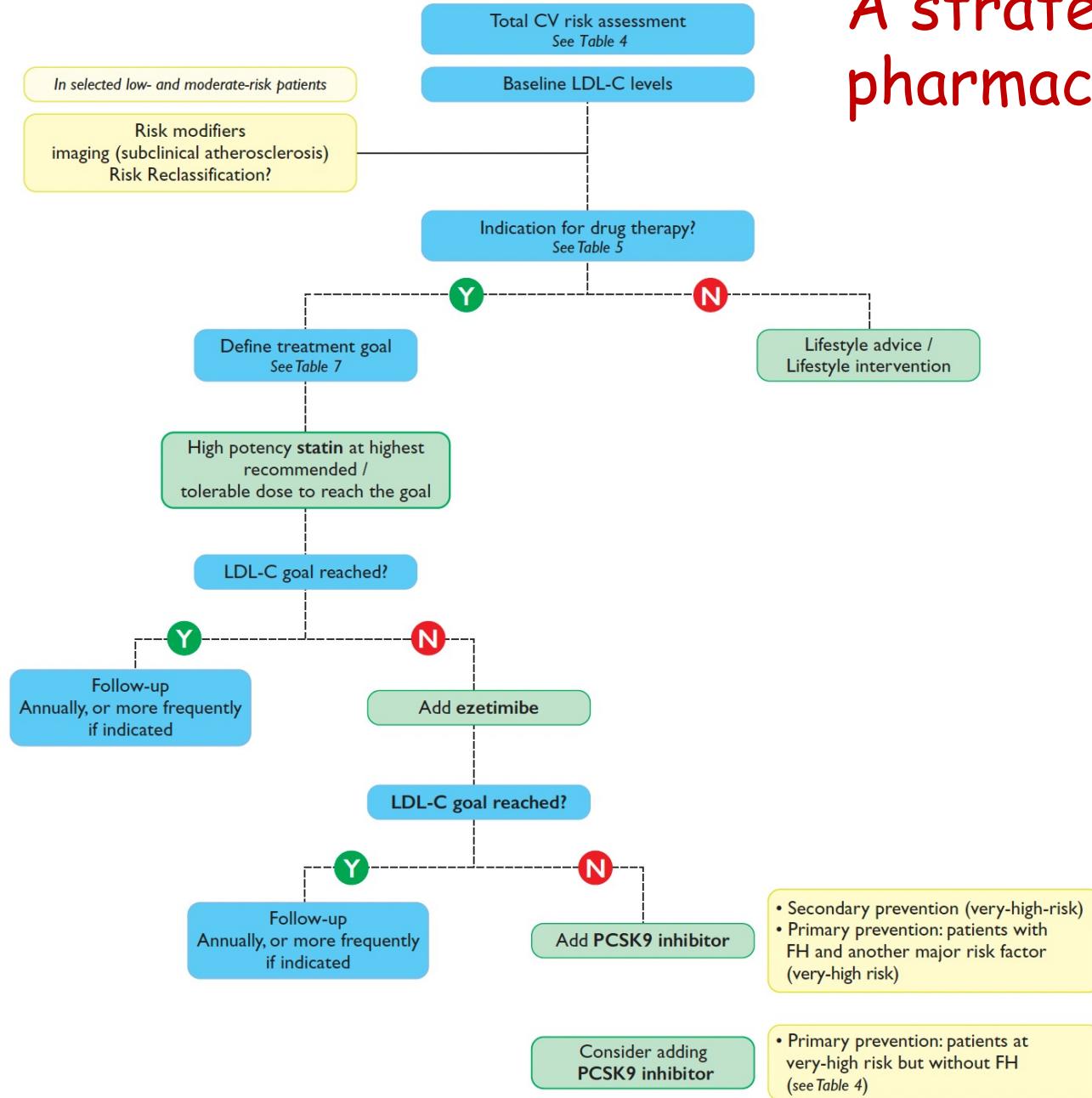


- ⇒ Reduce the prize to \$14 000 /yr to ≈ \$4500 yr in US to meet \$100 000/QALY
- ⇒ Need for a PERSONALIZED approach +++

# Strategies for PCSK9 inhibition



# A strategy for achieving optimal pharmacological reduction in LDLc levels.



## Intensity of lipid lowering treatment

### Treatment

Moderate intensity statin

High intensity statin

High intensity statin plus ezetimibe

PCSK9 inhibitor

PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin

PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin plus ezetimibe

### Average LDL-C reduction

≈ 30%

≈ 50%

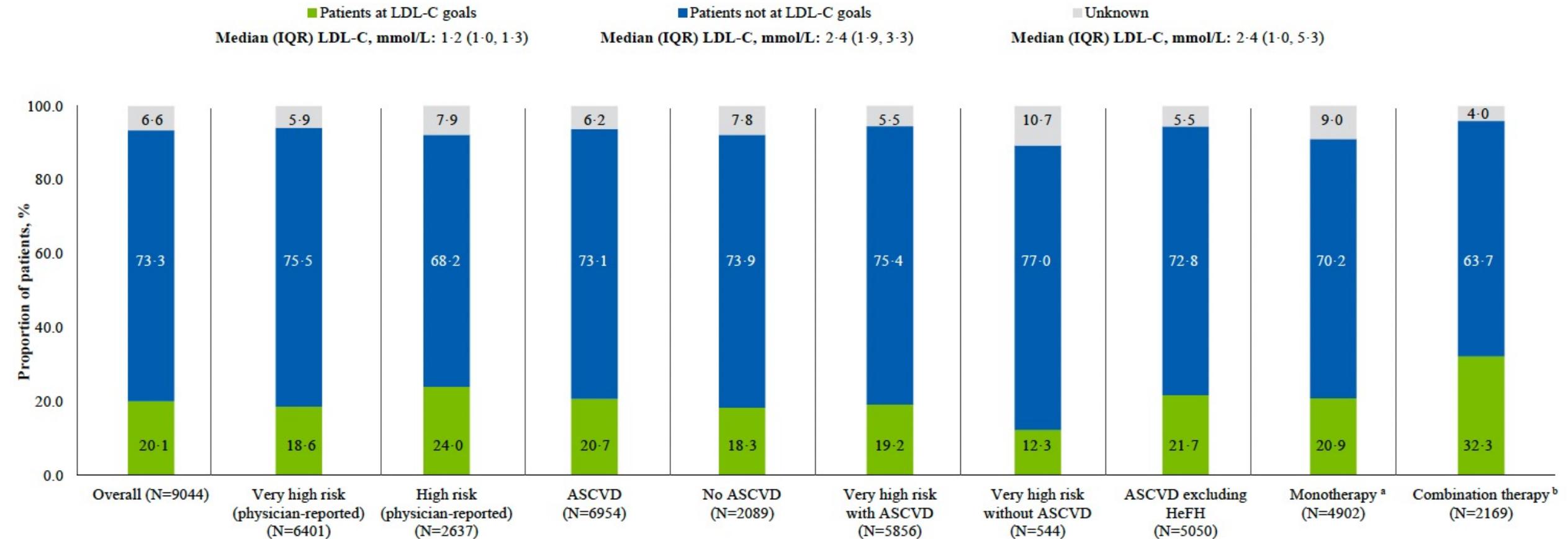
≈ 65%

≈ 60%

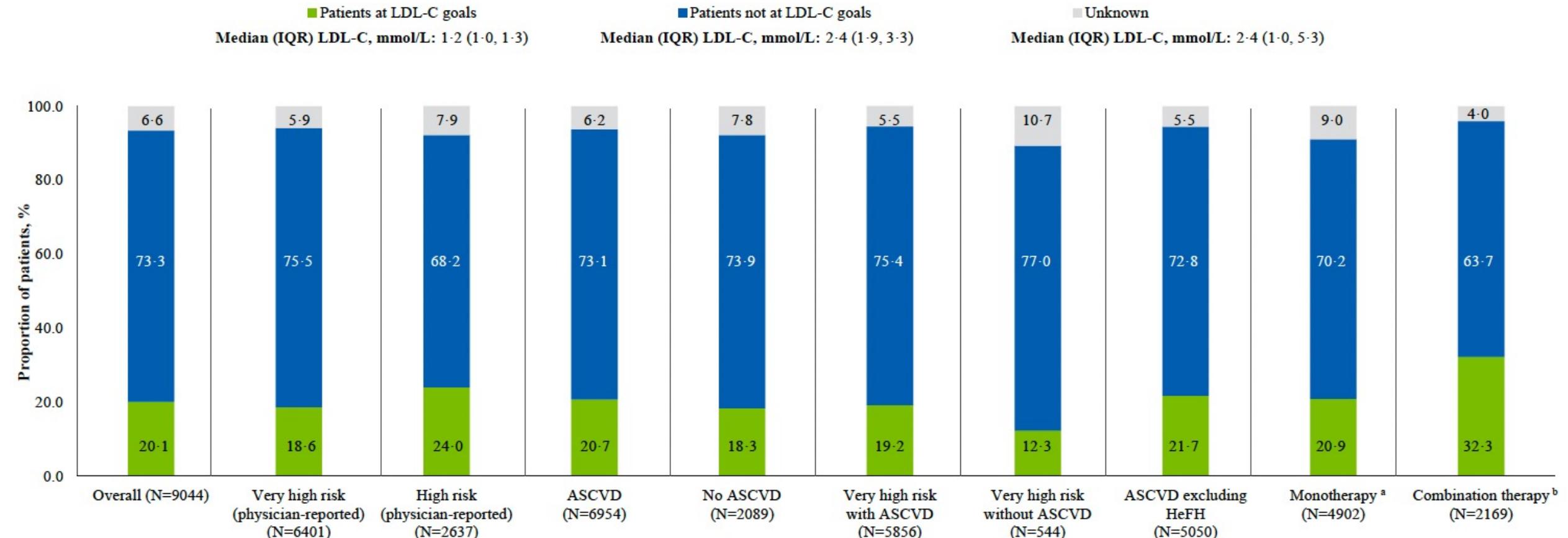
≈ 75%

≈ 85%

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

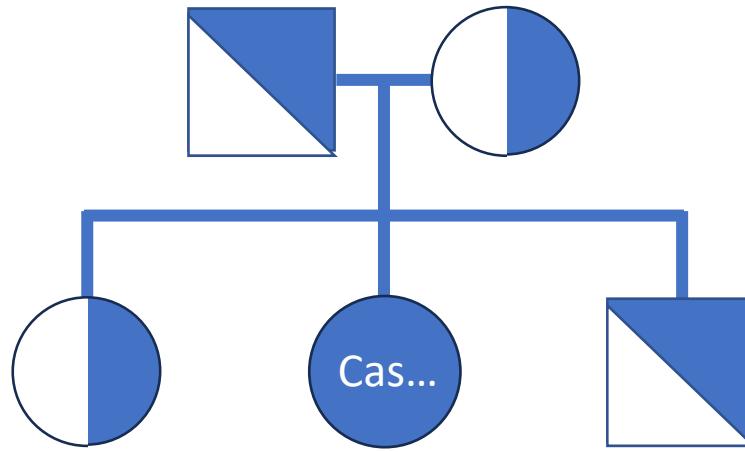


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Significant proportion of patients fail to achieve LDL-c targets  
Homozygous FH patients with no functional LDL Receptor

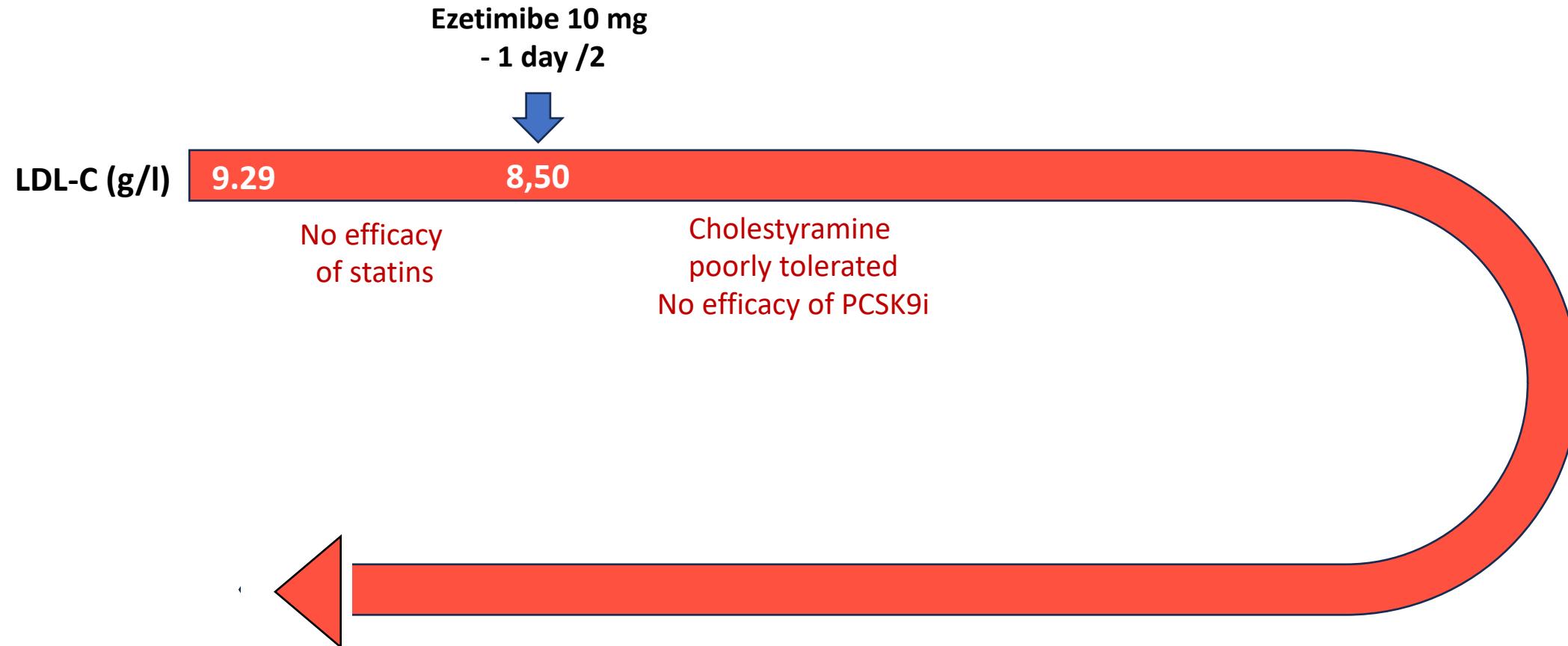
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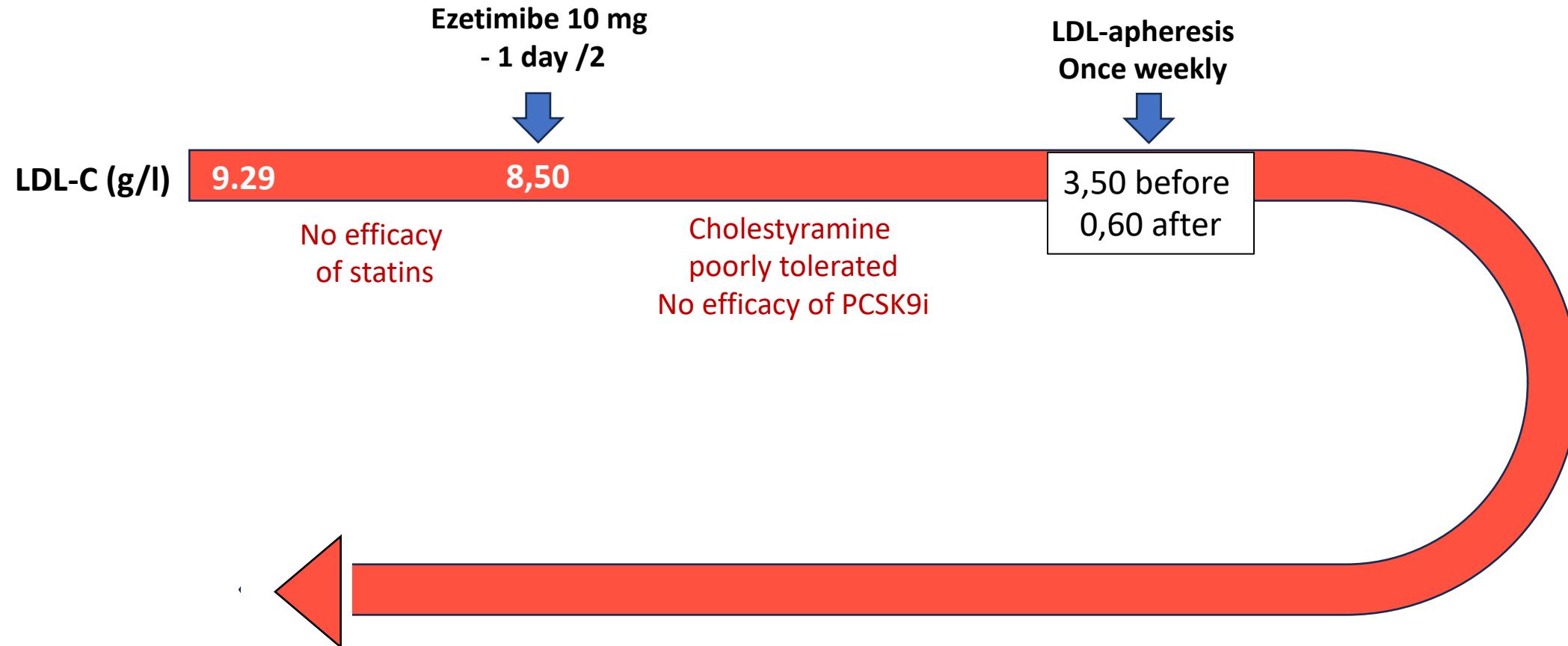
## An extremely severe case of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia

- 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**

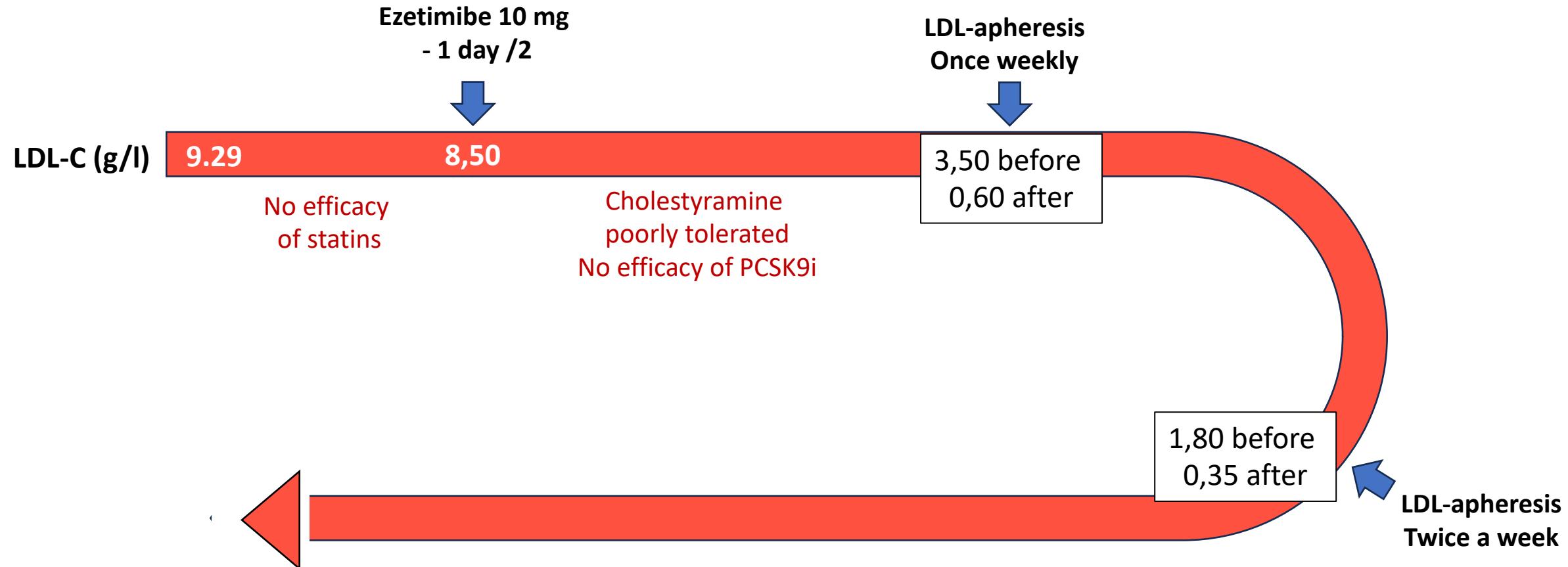
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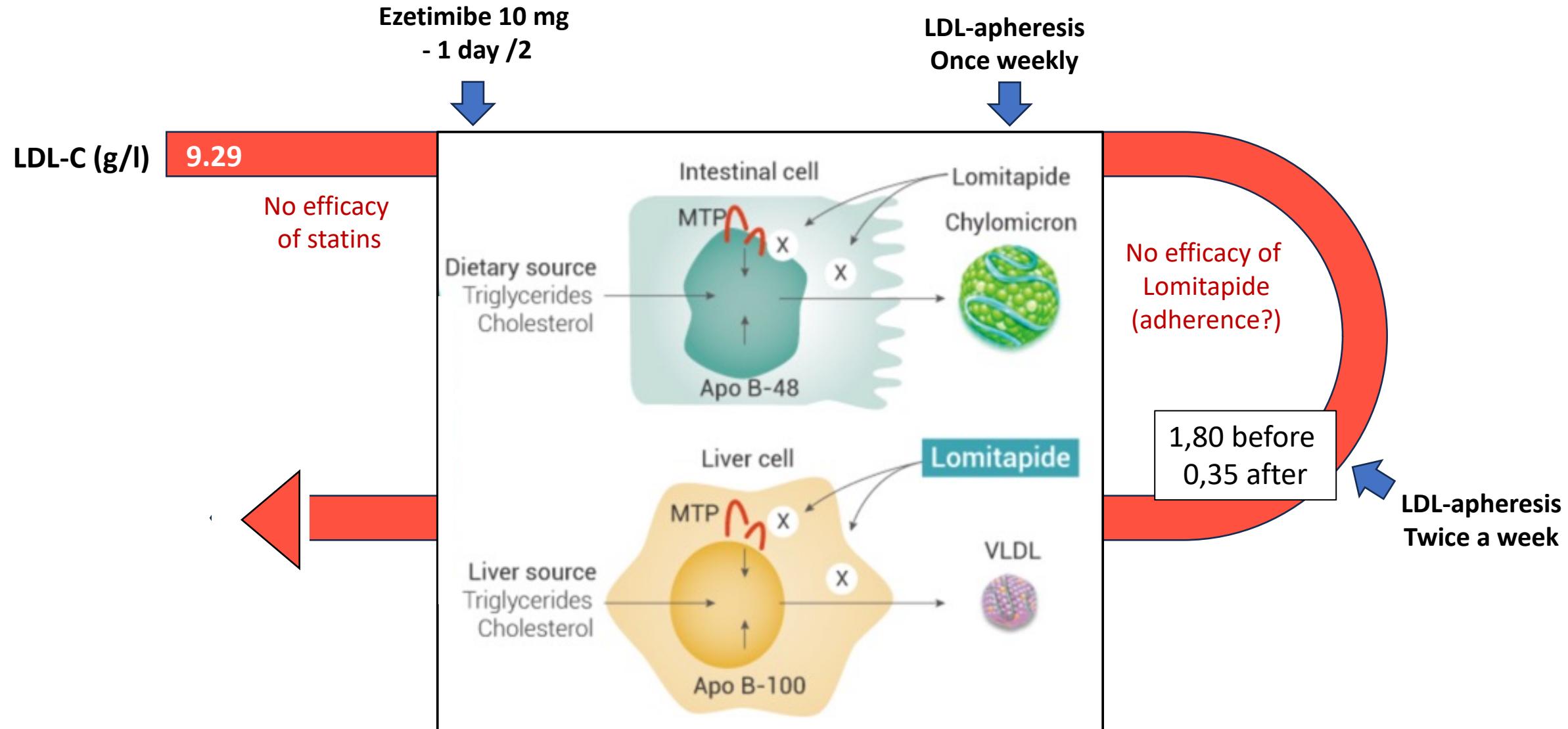
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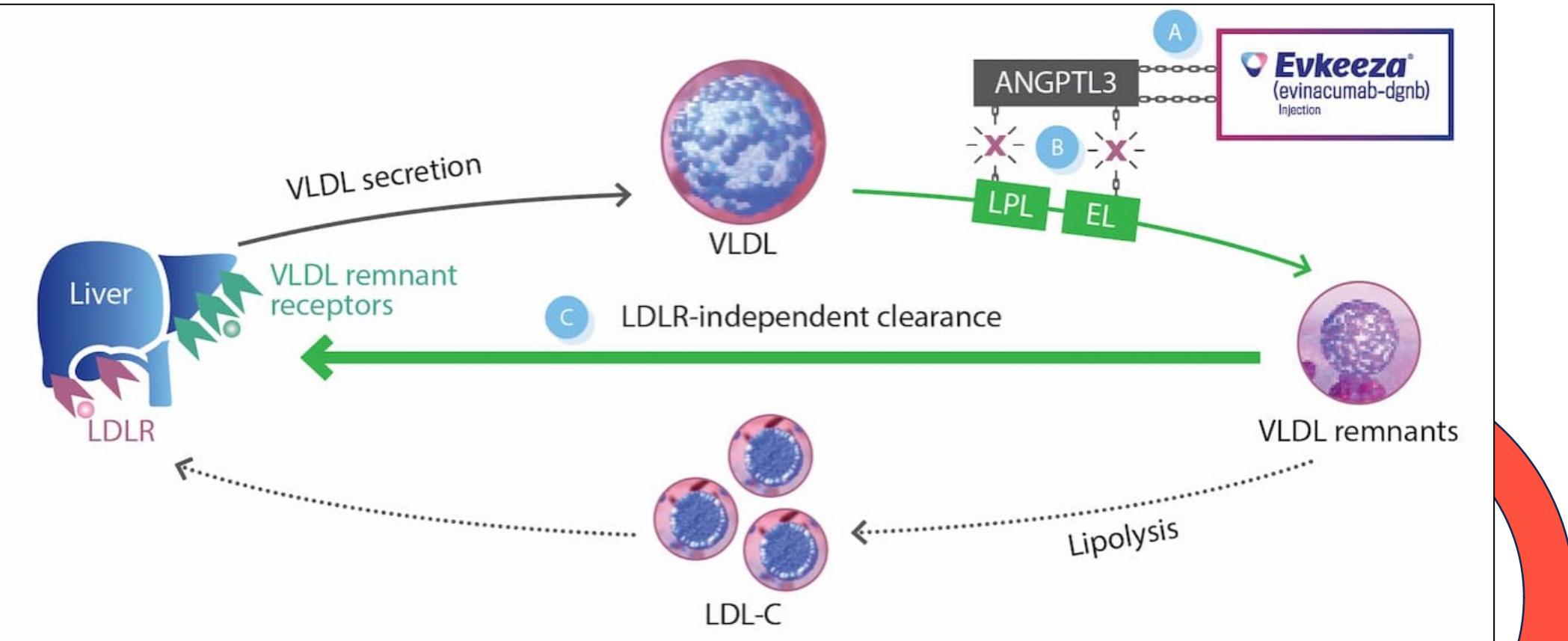


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**Evinacumab**  
1 infusion/month

1,00 before  
0,30 after

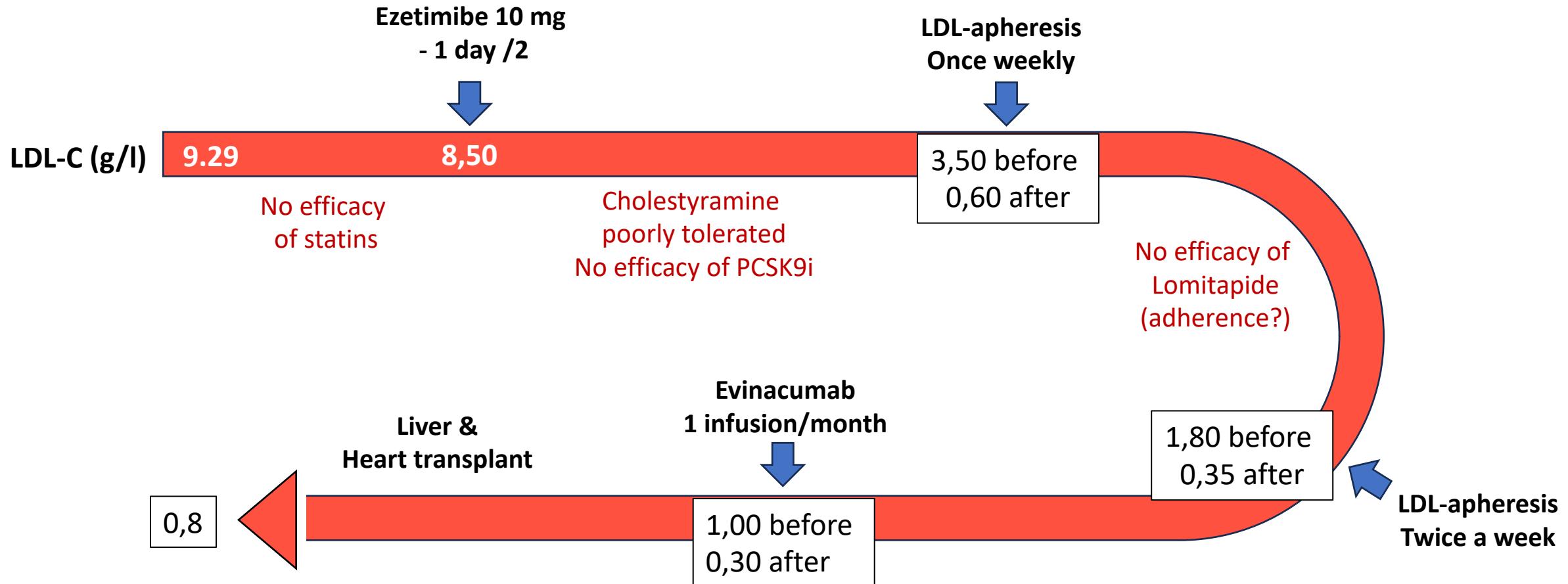
1,80 before  
0,35 after

LDL-apheresis  
Twice a week

## 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



Significant proportion of patients fail to achieve LDL targets

Homozygous FH patients with no functional LDL Receptor

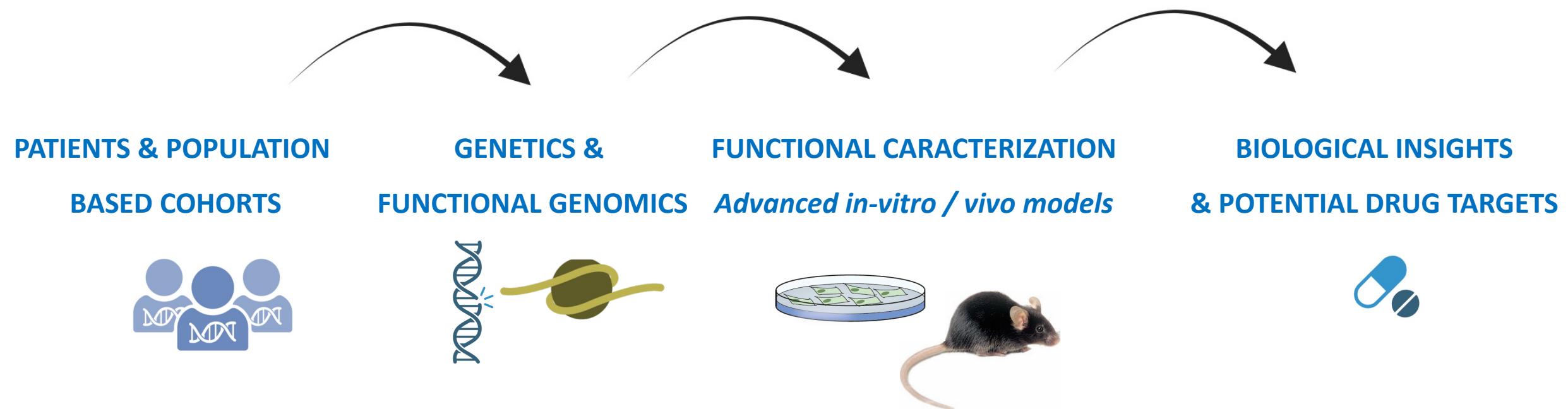


Need for new efficient therapeutic target

Identify new targets

## GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC STRATEGY

### LIPID RELATED CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASES

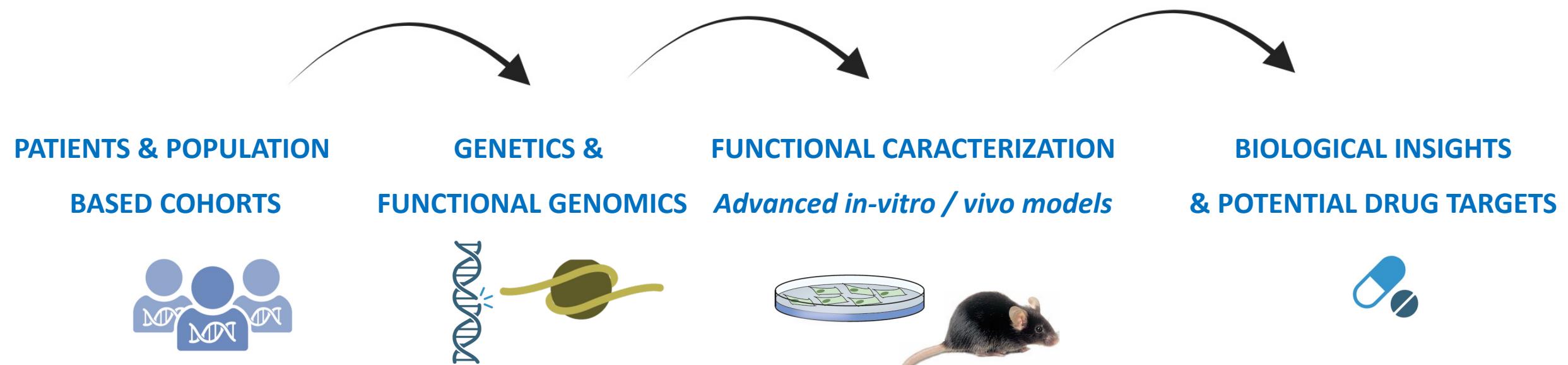


# Identify new targets



## GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC STRATEGY

### LIPID RELATED CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASES



#### HYPOCHOL Cohort

Patients with very low plasma LDL-c levels



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

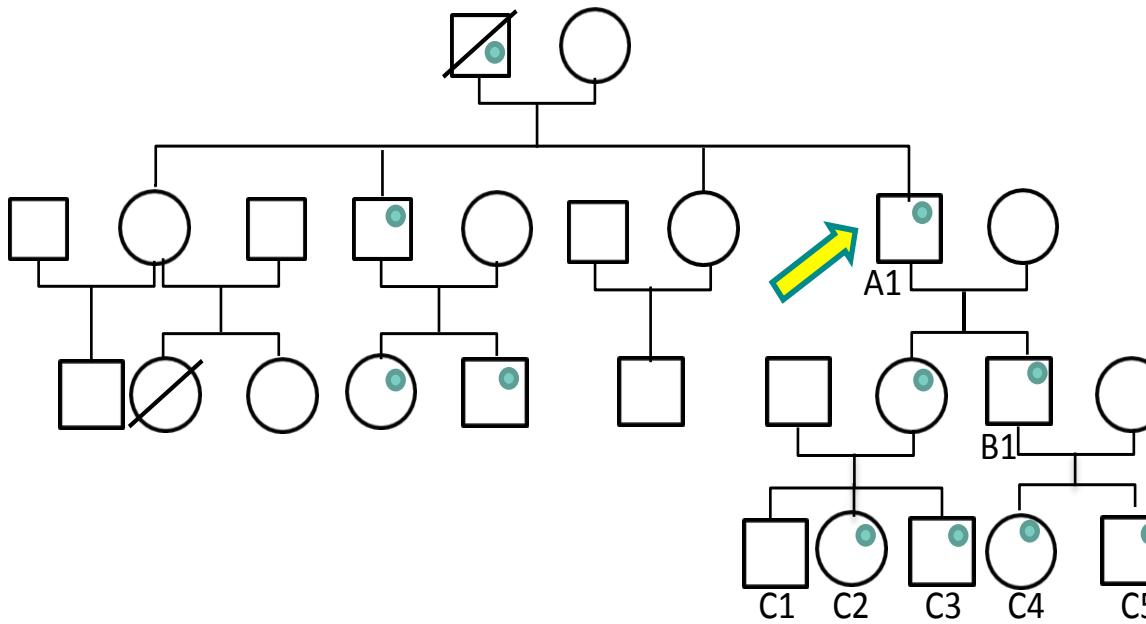
# Identification of a french family with combined hypocholesterolemia



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● A1 - propositus

Man, 72 years

Acute coronary syndrom with  
atherosclerotic plaques; 3 stents  
Type 2 diabetes

|                                  | A1         | A2   | B1   | C1   | C2   | C3   | C4   | C5   |
|----------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                  | 73 y       | 75y  |      | 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

**ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE**

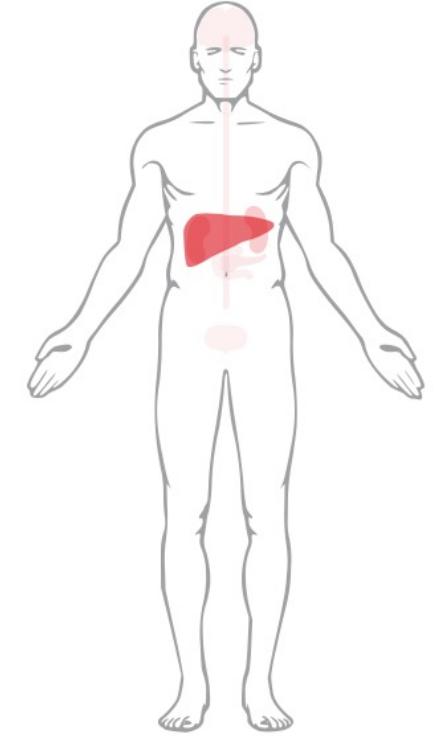


## Identification of a Gain-of-Function *LIPC* Variant as a Novel Cause of Familial Combined Hypocholesterolemia

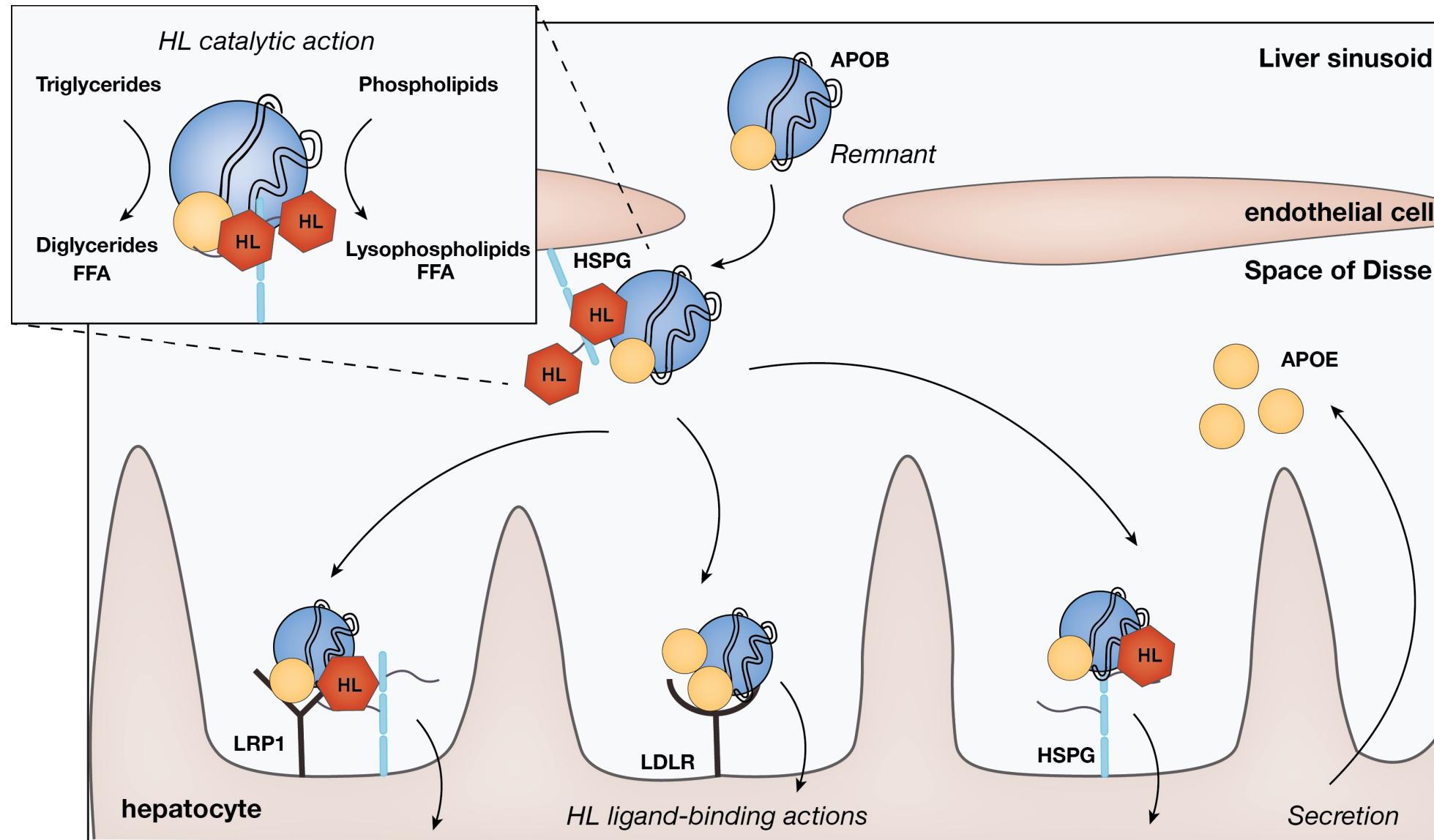
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## **LIPC gene encodes hepatic lipase**

- ✓ 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)



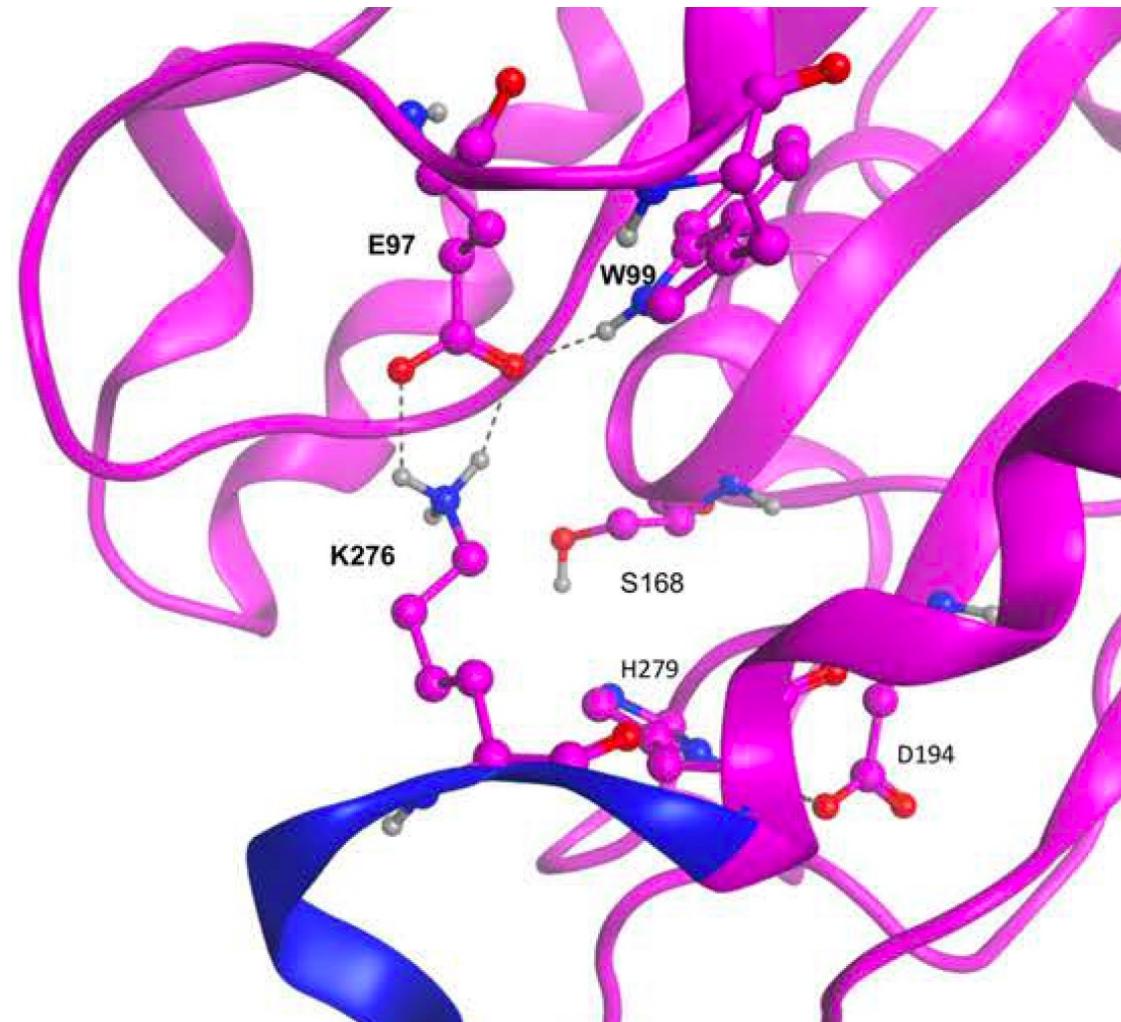
# Hepatic lipase has a dual lipase activity and a ligand-binding function



# How LIPC-E97G variant affects HL function ?

## Structural consequences analysis

- Homology-based modelling based on crystallized LPL
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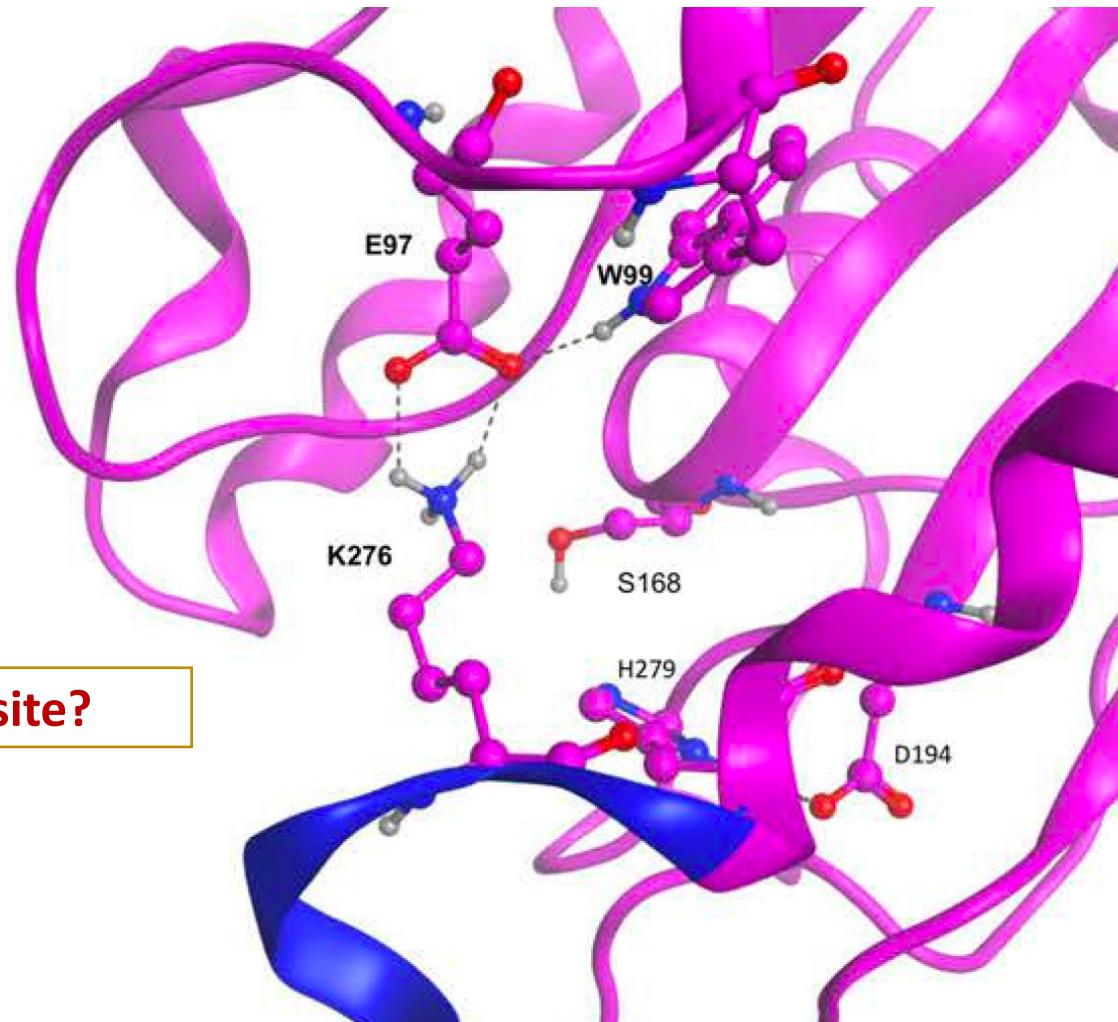
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Glu97 is part of the Lid domain



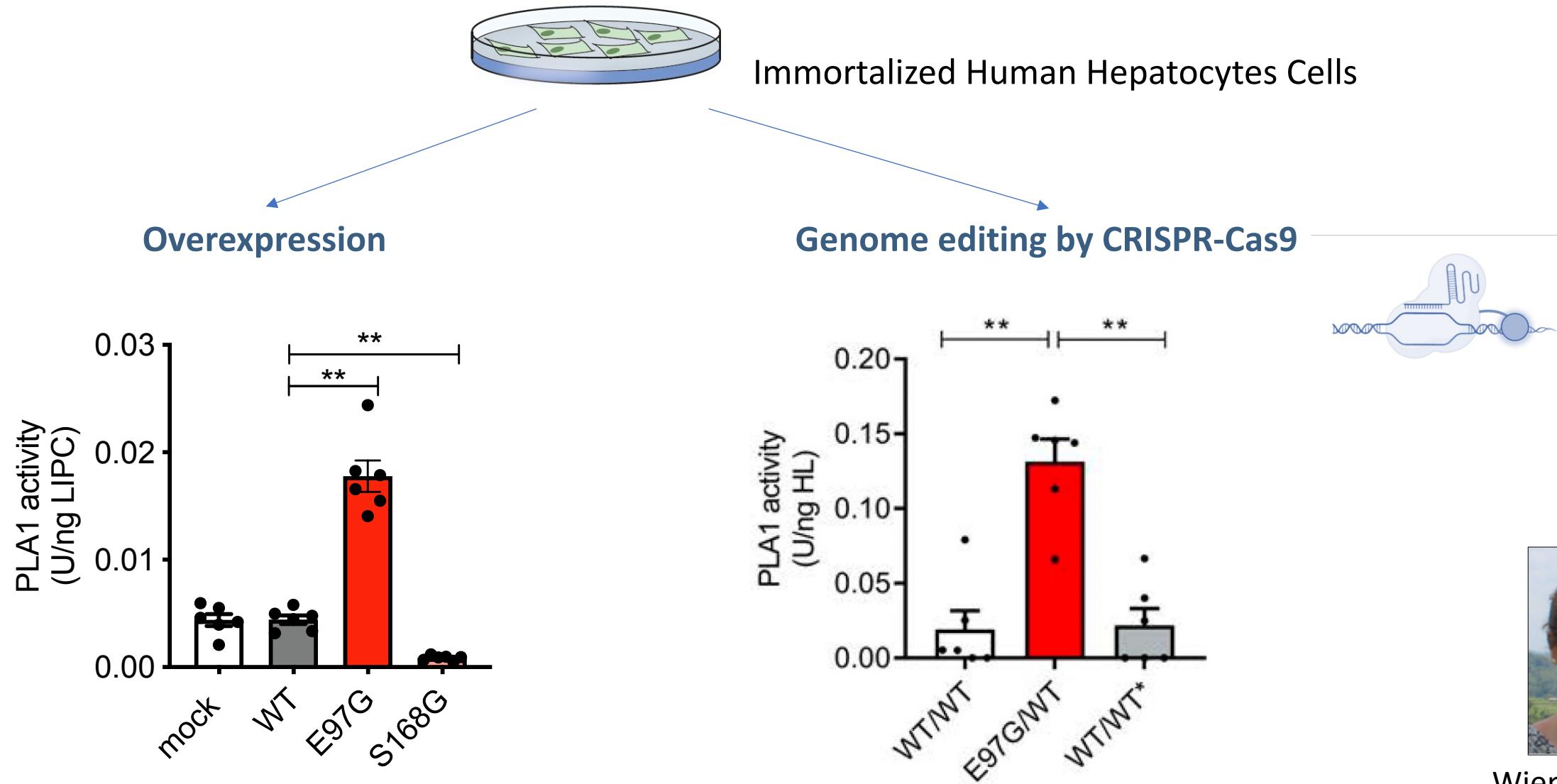
Impact on substrate access to the catalytic site?



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# HL-E97G increases phospholipase activity without affecting TG lipase activity

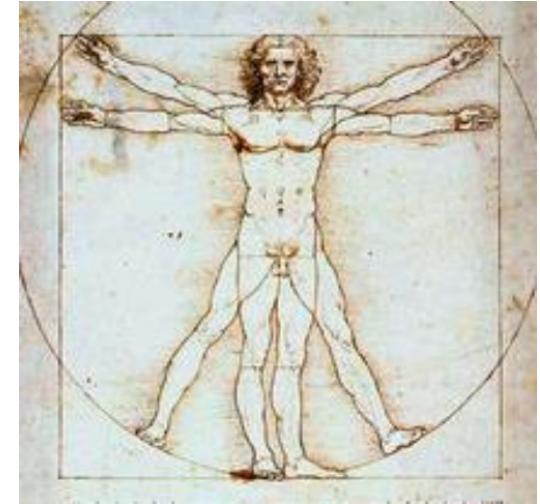


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# Use of a humanized mouse model for lipoprotein metabolism



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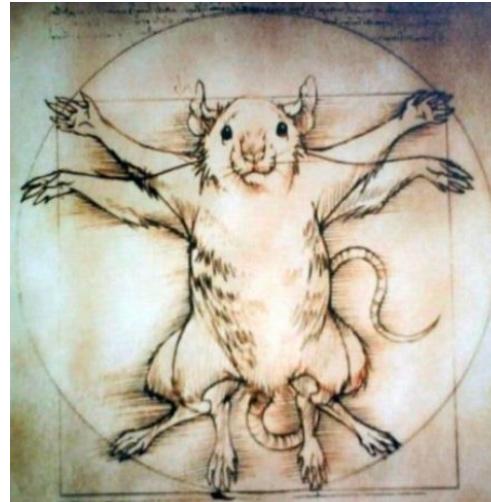


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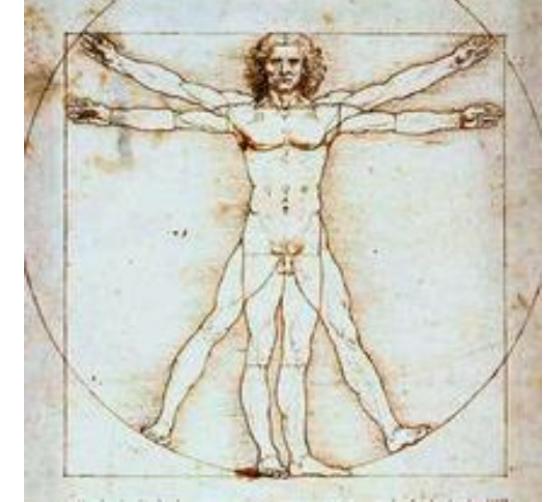
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**APOE\*3-Leiden.CETP mice**  
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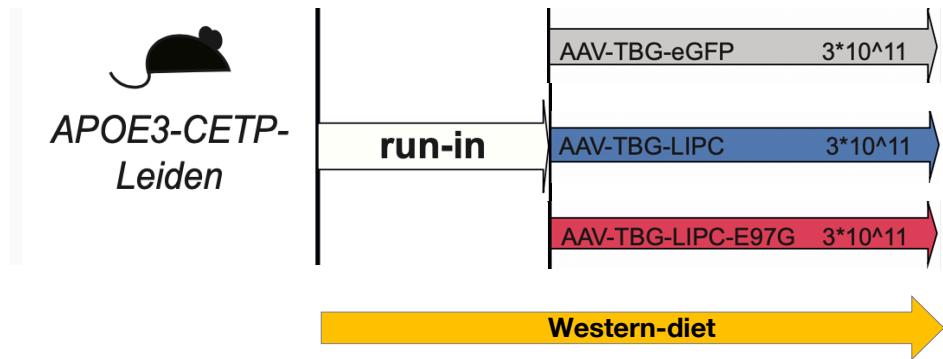


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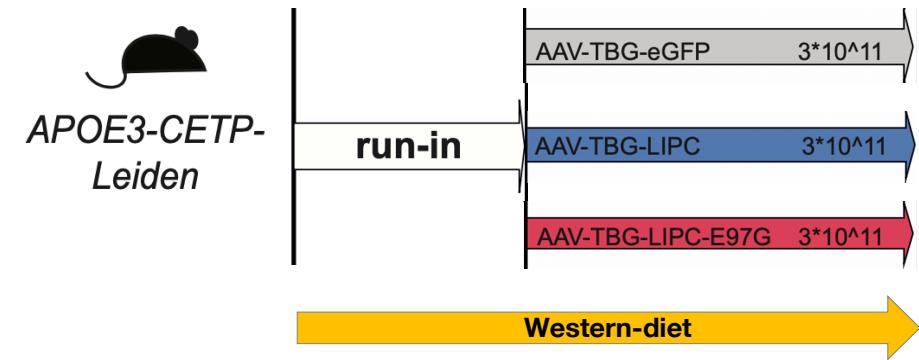
- ✓ develop diet-induced hyperlipidemia and atherosclerosis
- ✓ intact apoE-LDLr clearance pathway (unlike *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* and *Ldlr<sup>-/-</sup>* mice)
- ✓ respond in human-like manner to lipid-lowering interventions

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

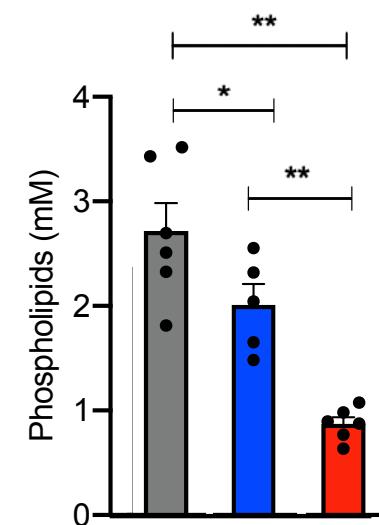
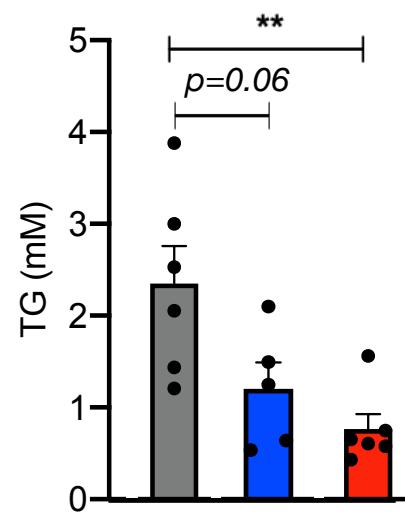
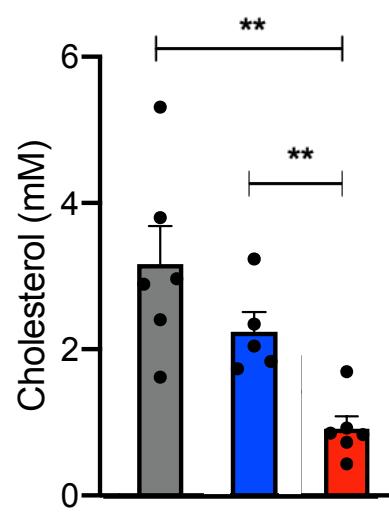
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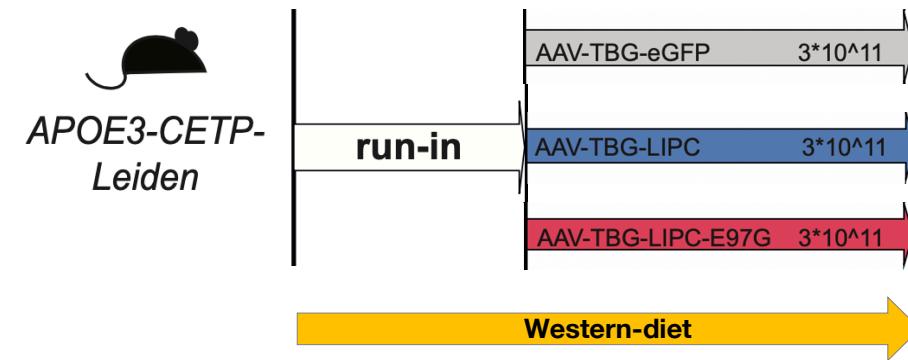
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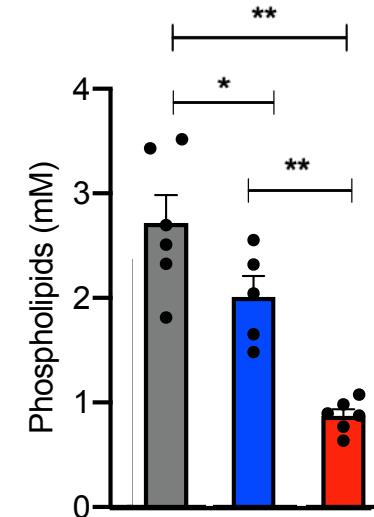
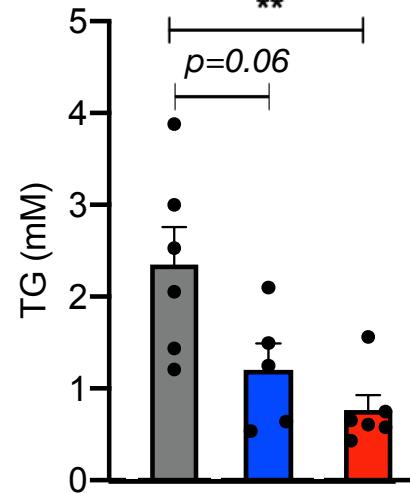
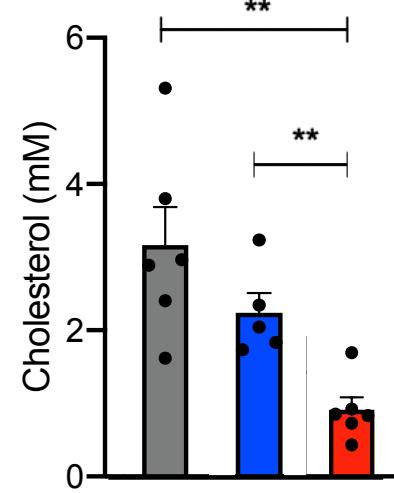
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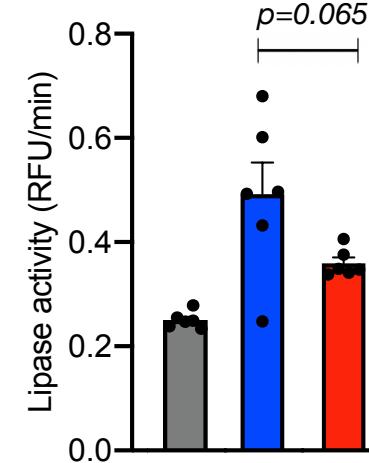
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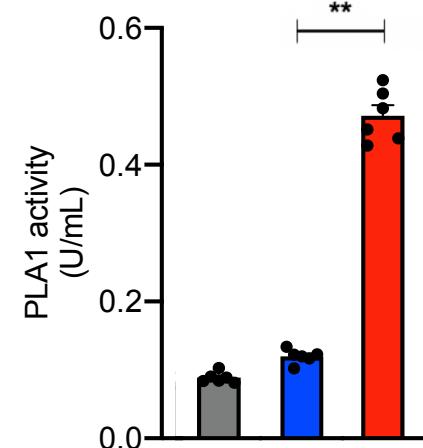
### Plasma lipids



### TG lipase activity



### Phospholipase activity



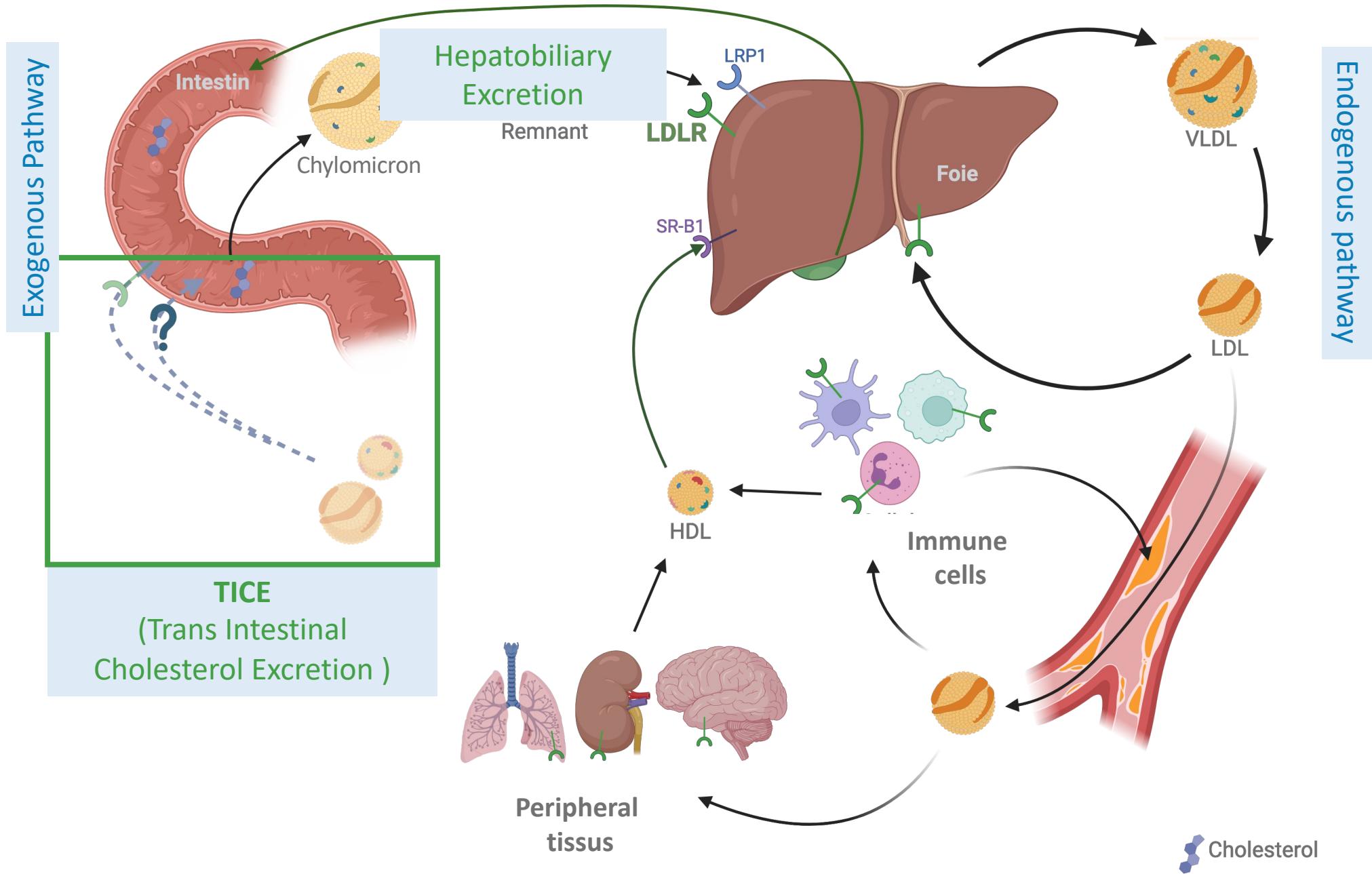
# Conclusion 1

Variant *HL-E97G* :

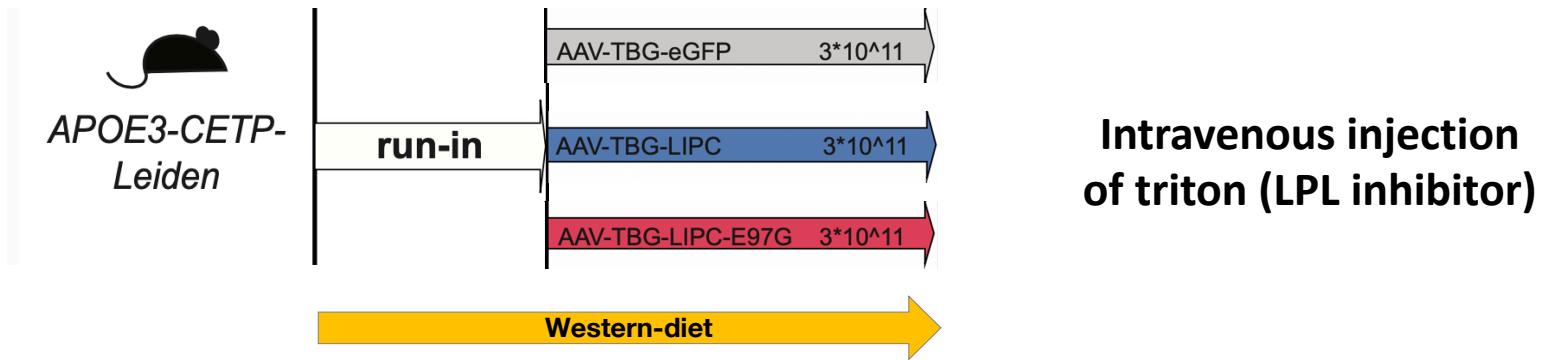
- Alters the Lid region that regulates the accessibility of the substrate to the catalytic site
- Does not impact the triglyceride lipase activity
- Strongly increases the phospholipase activity (confirmed in humans, mice and cells)
- Induces a strong combined hypolipemia

**Mode of action ?**

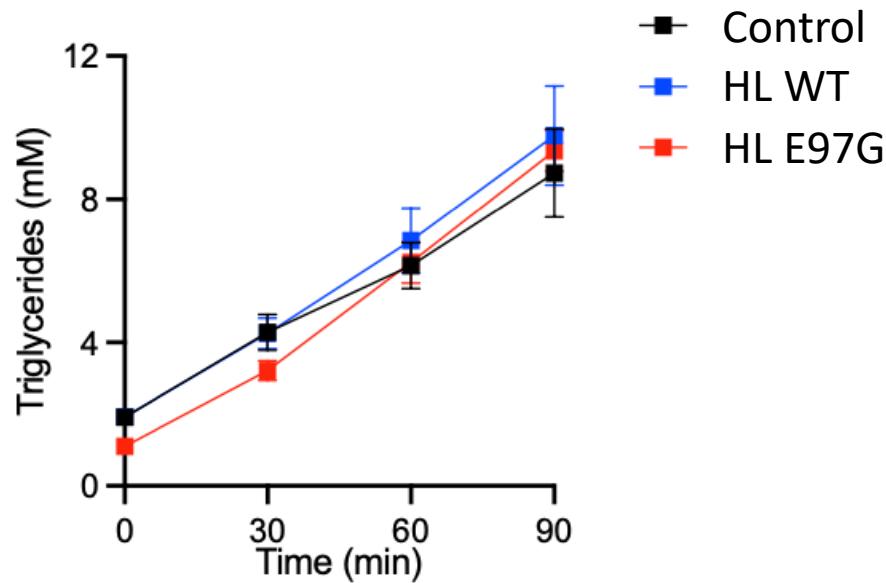
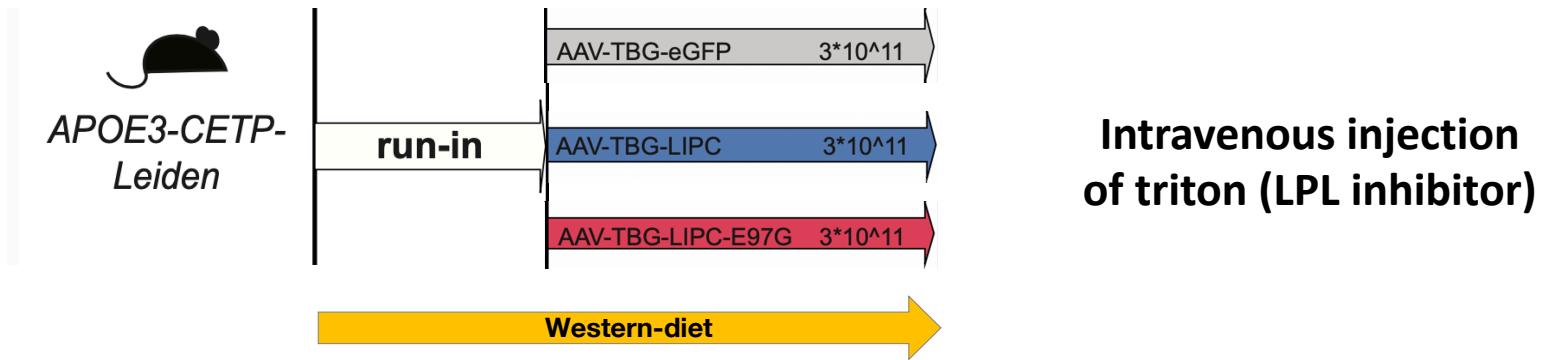
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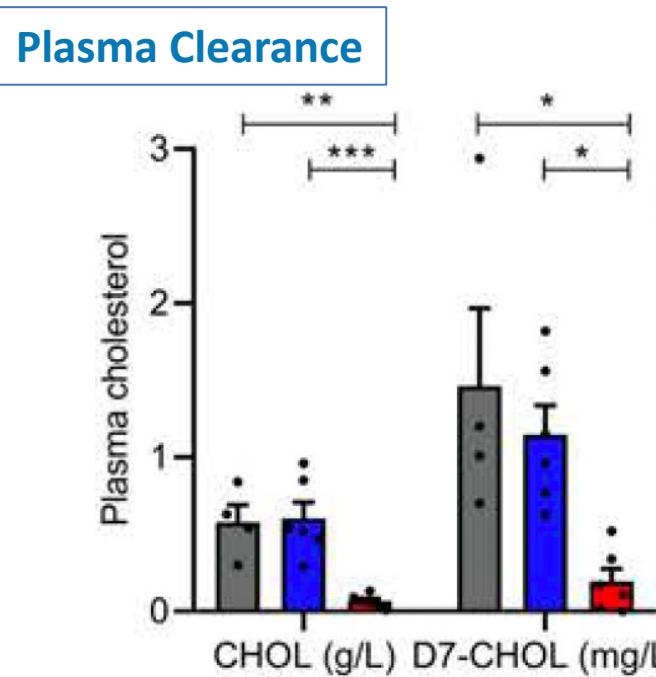
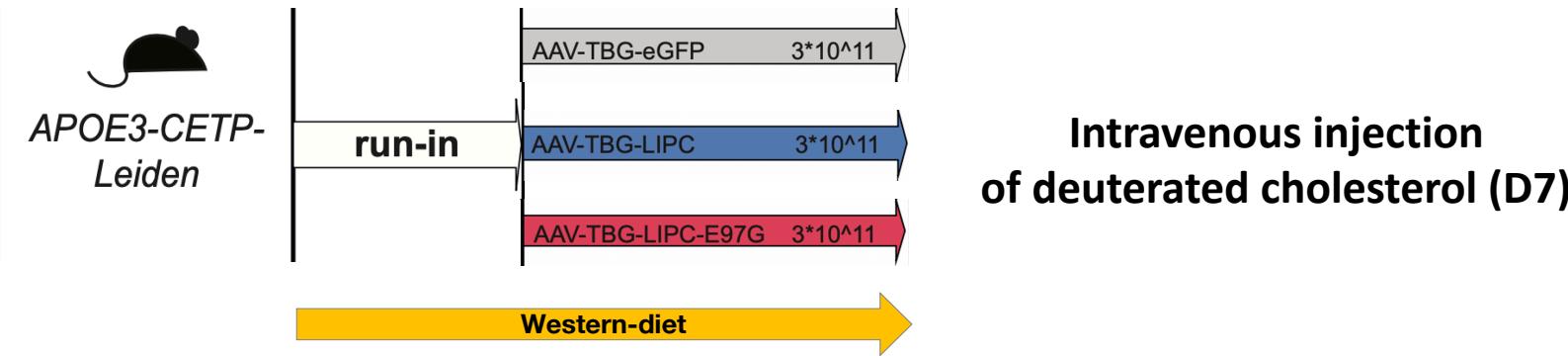
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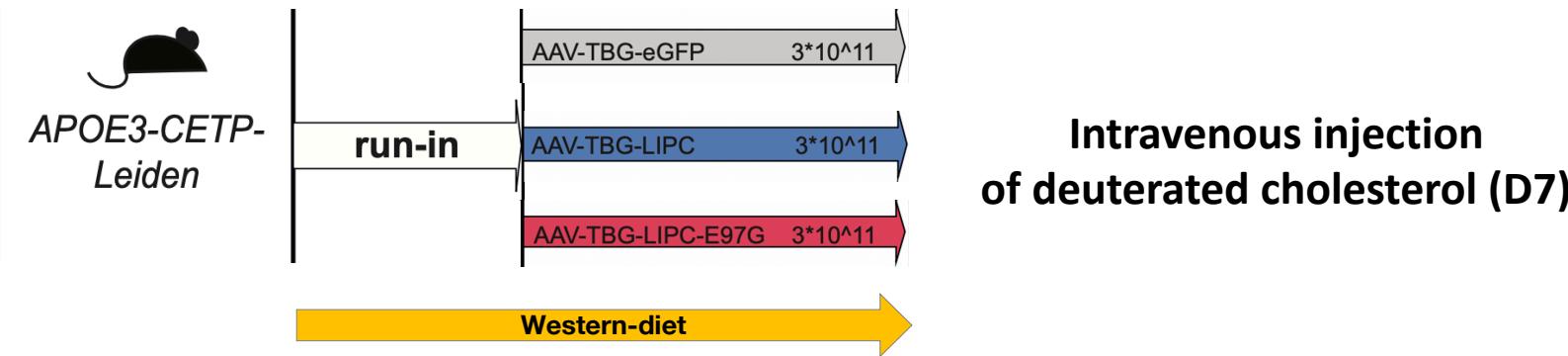
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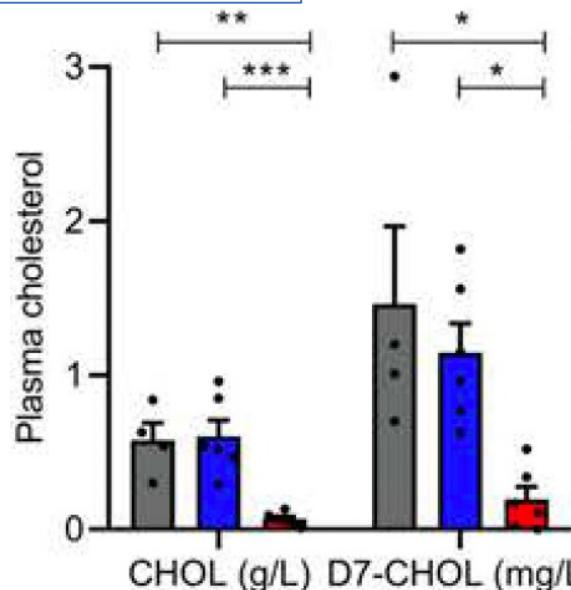
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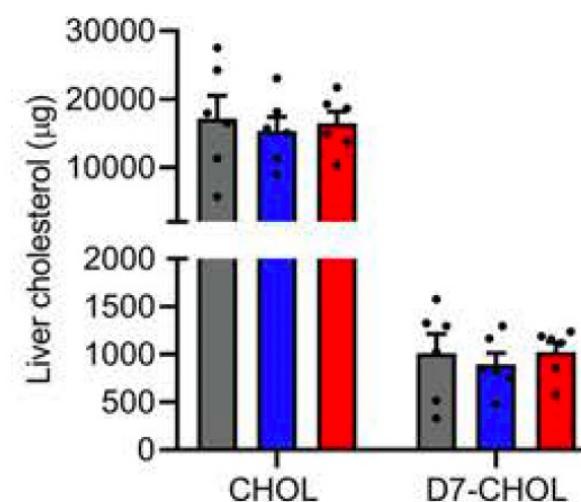
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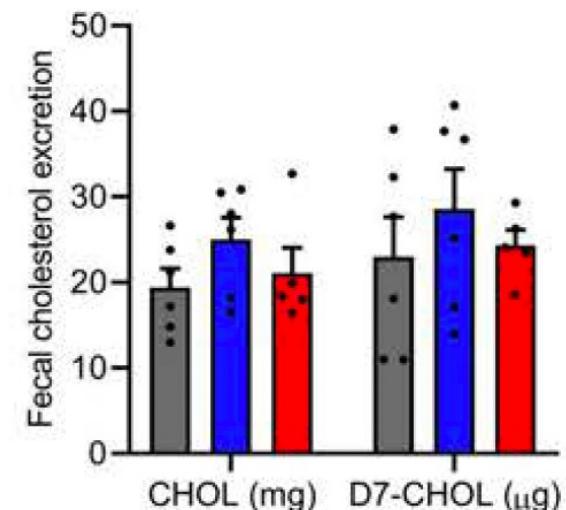
Plasma Clearance



Hepatic uptake

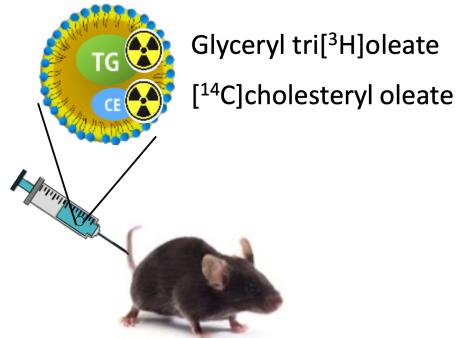


Fecal cholesterol elimination

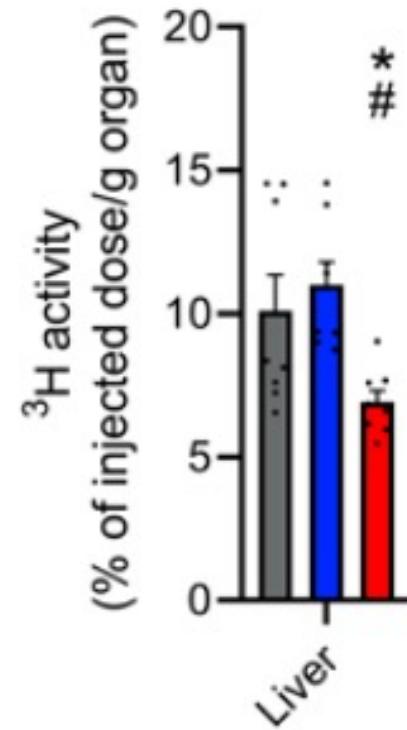
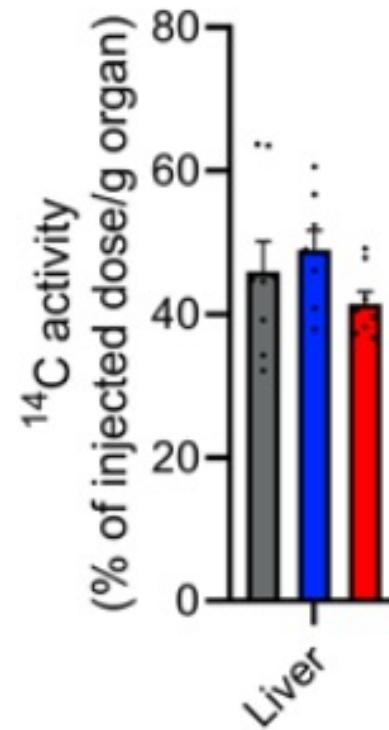


# E97G variant induces VLDL clearance by an extrahepatic pathway?

VLDL-like particles  
(n=8/group)

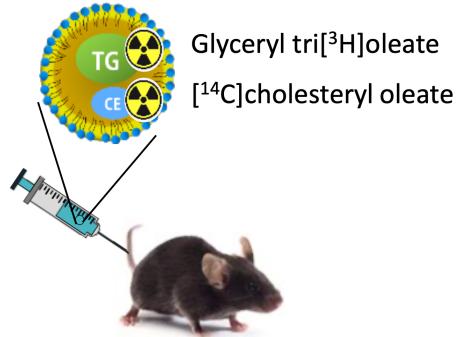


Control  
HL WT  
HL E97G    [ ] \$ #



# E97G variant induces VLDL clearance by an extrahepatic pathway?

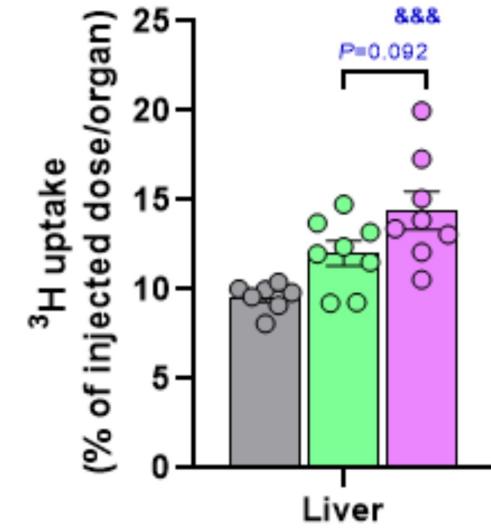
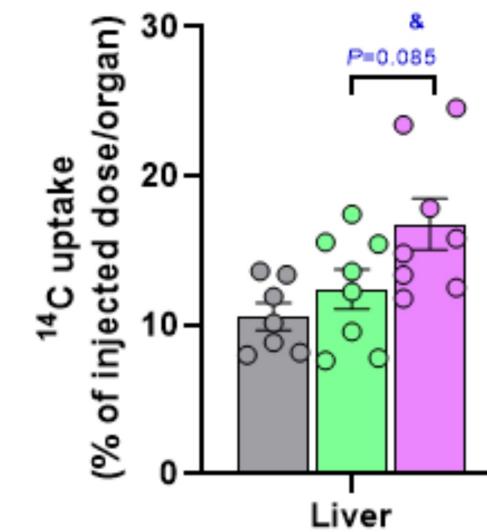
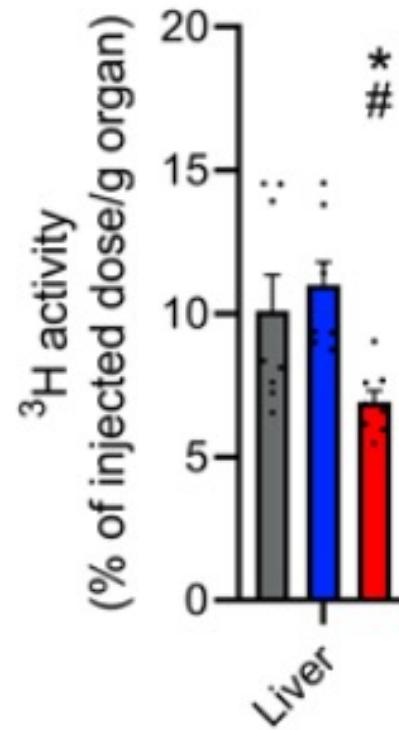
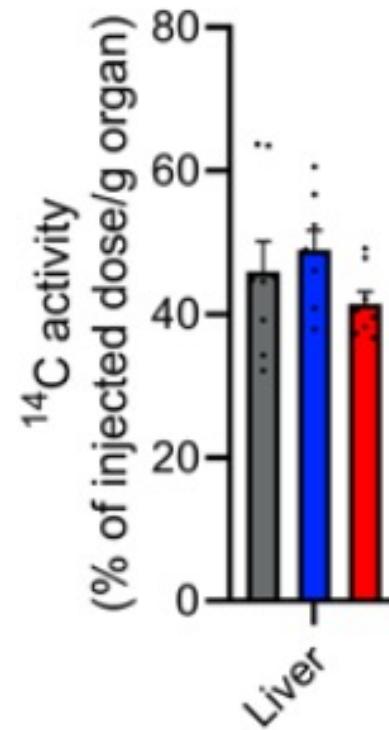
VLDL-like particles  
(n=8/group)



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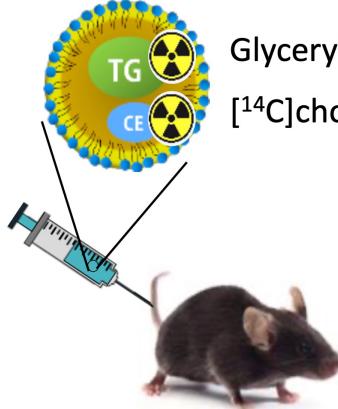
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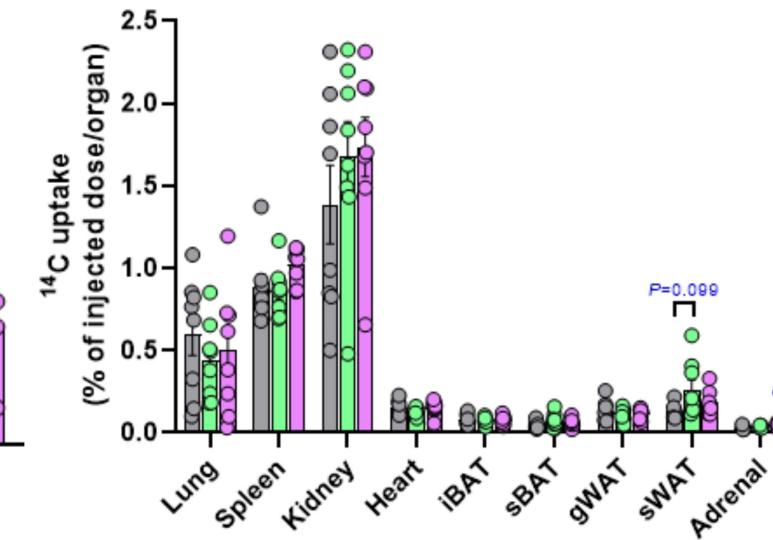
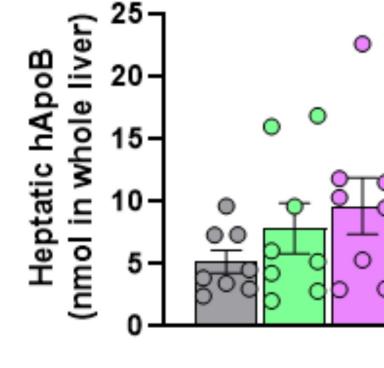
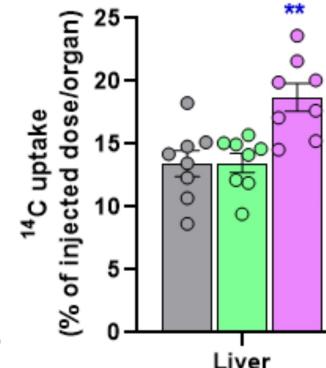
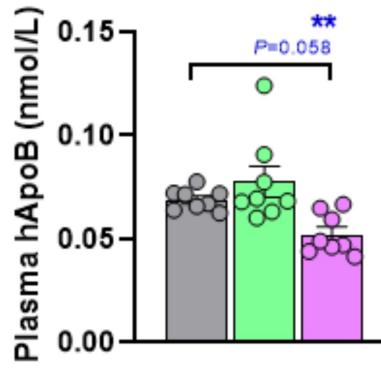
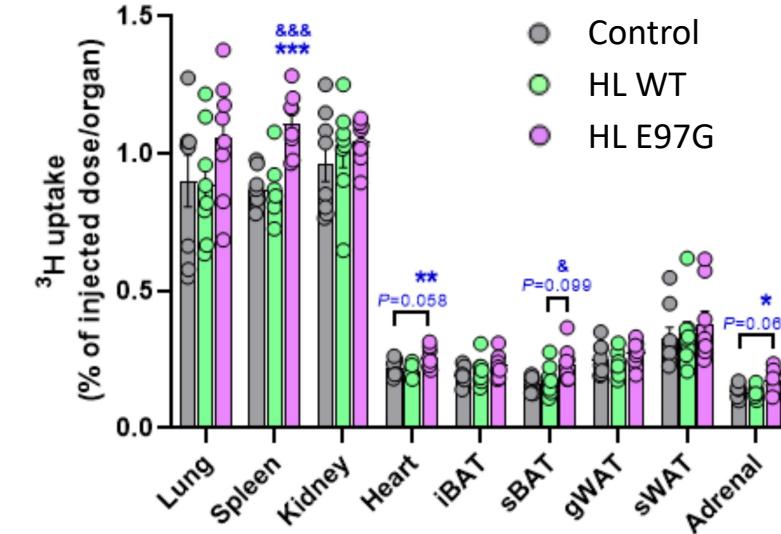
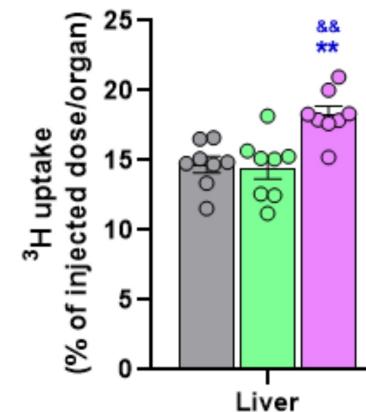


## E97G variant significantly increases LDL clearance by an hepatic pathway

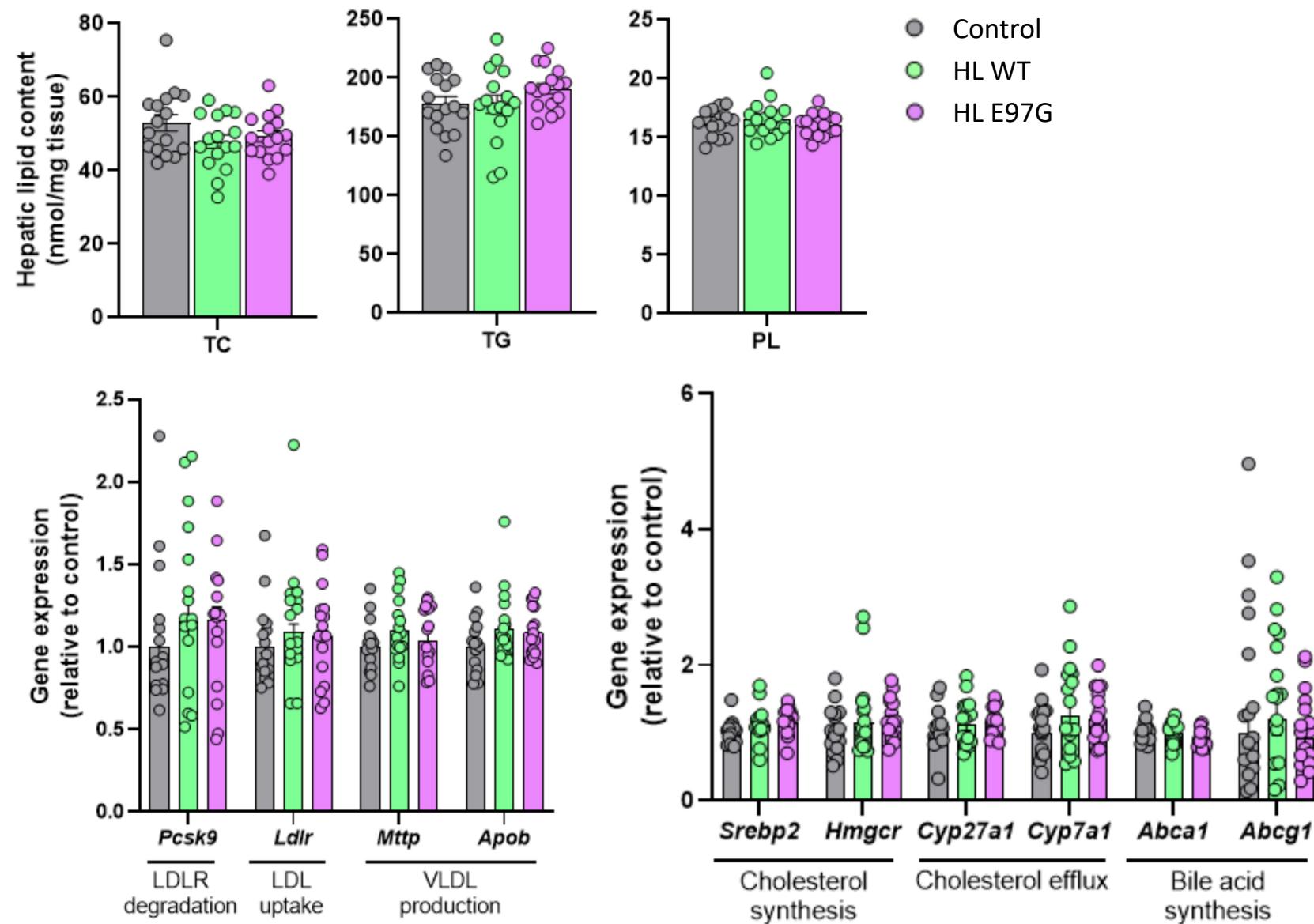
## Human LDL (n=8/group)



# Glyceryl tri[<sup>3</sup>H]oleate [<sup>14</sup>C]cholesteryl oleate



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



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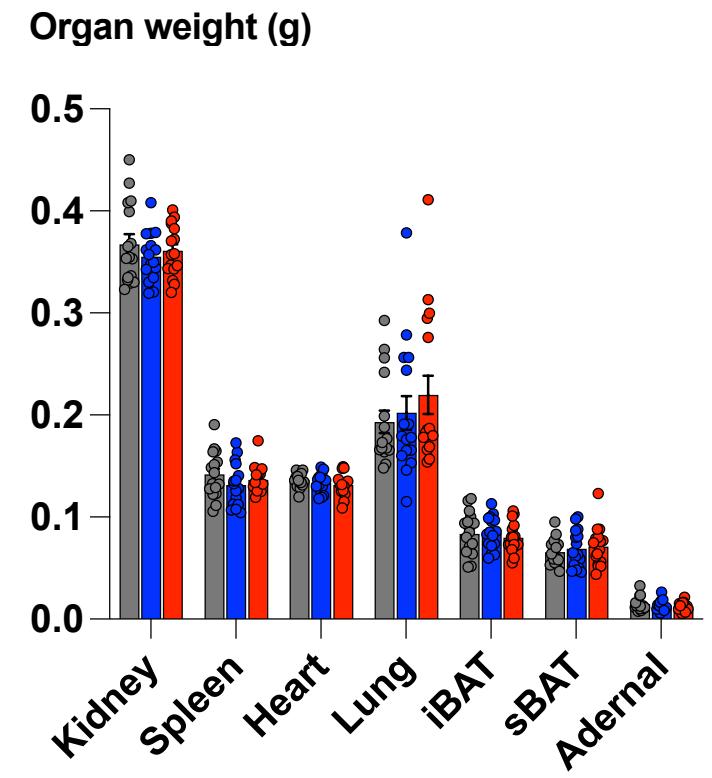
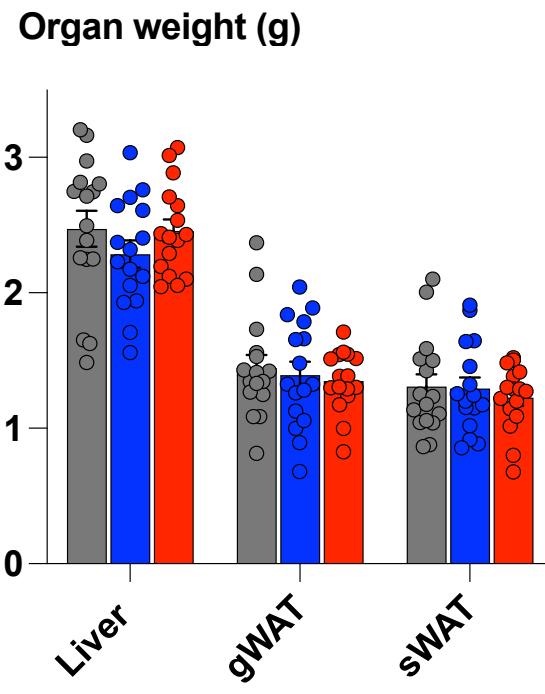
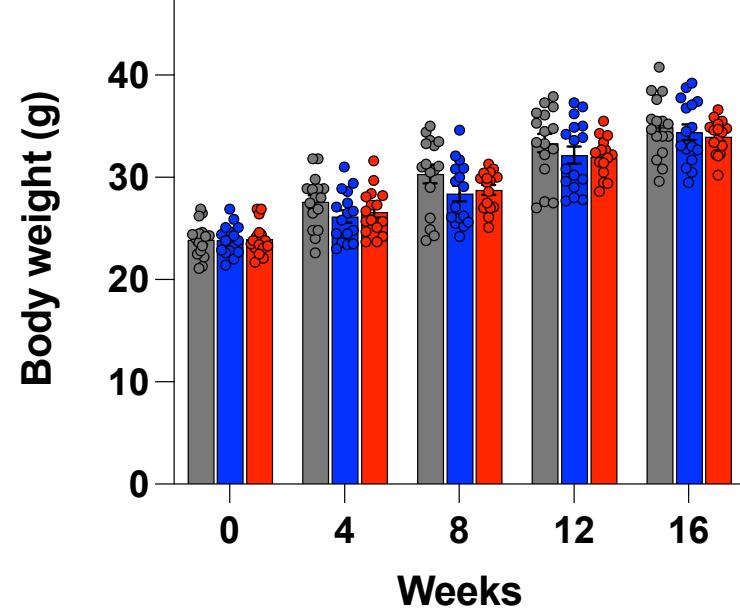
Does HL-E97G affects atherosclerosis progression ?

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



# HL E97G does not affect body weight and organ weight

- Control (Grey)
- HL-WT (Blue)
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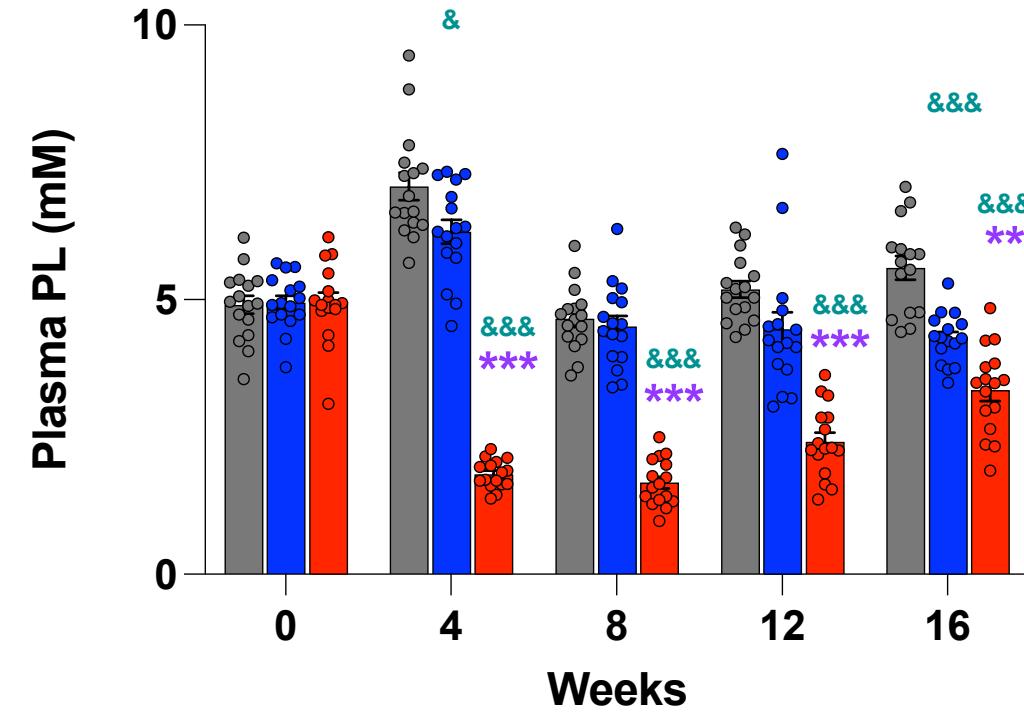
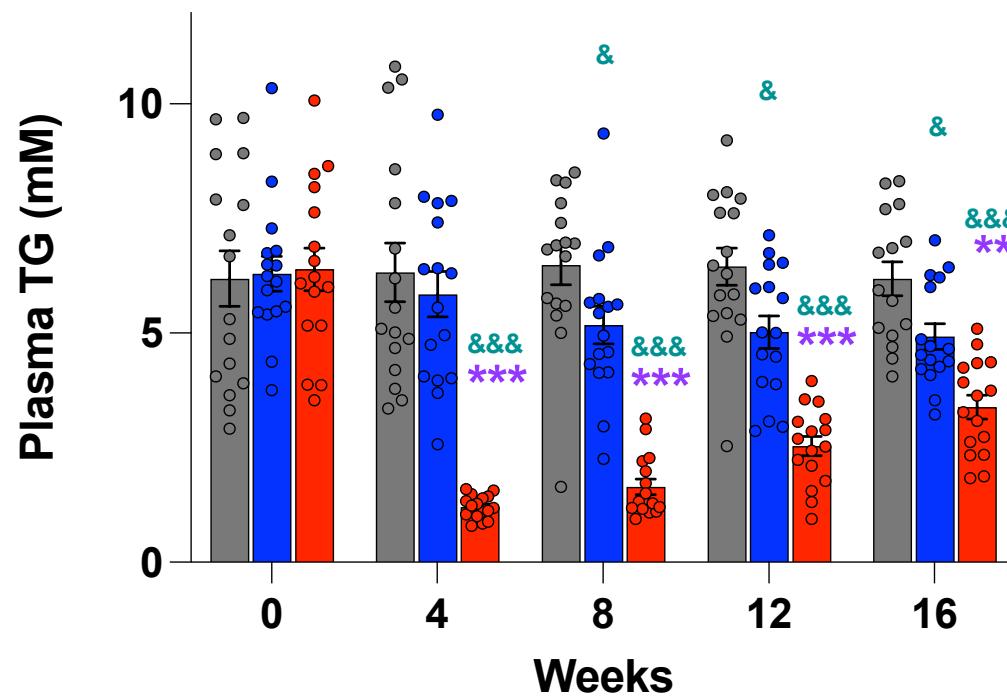


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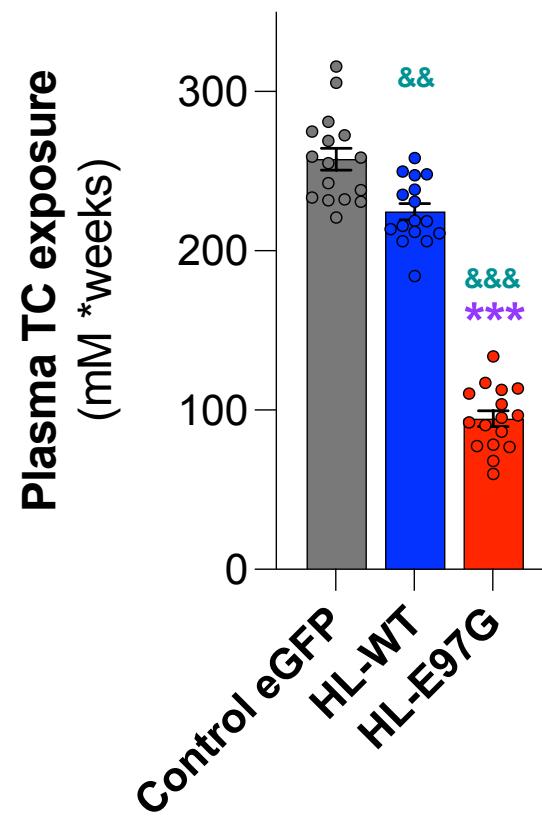
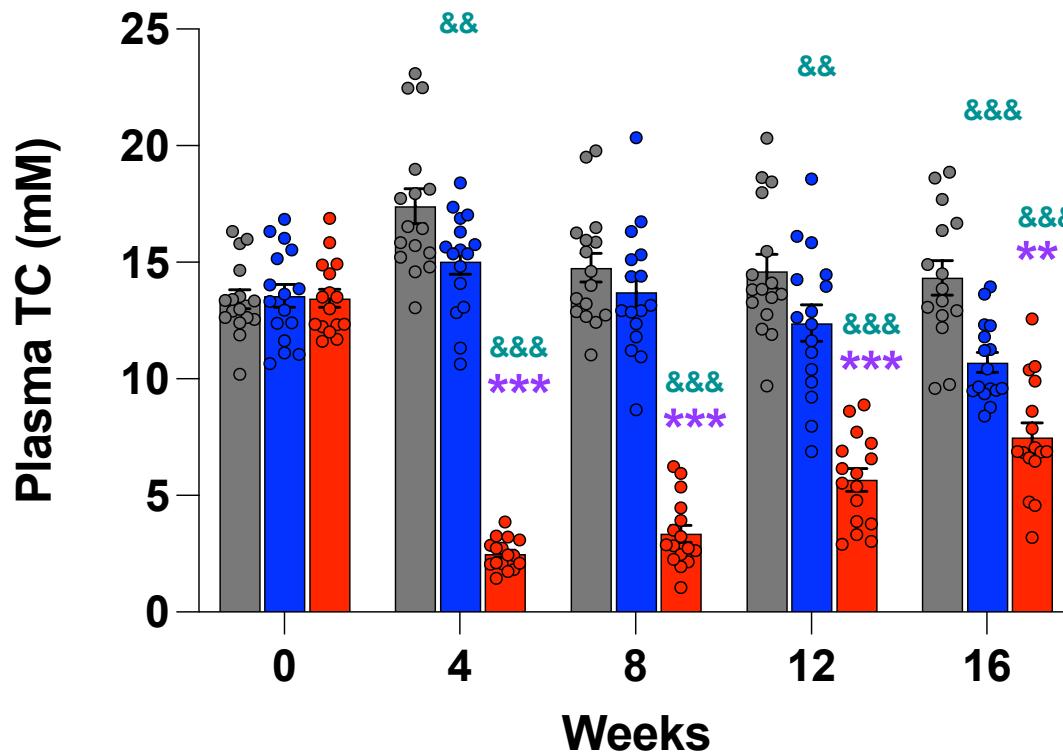


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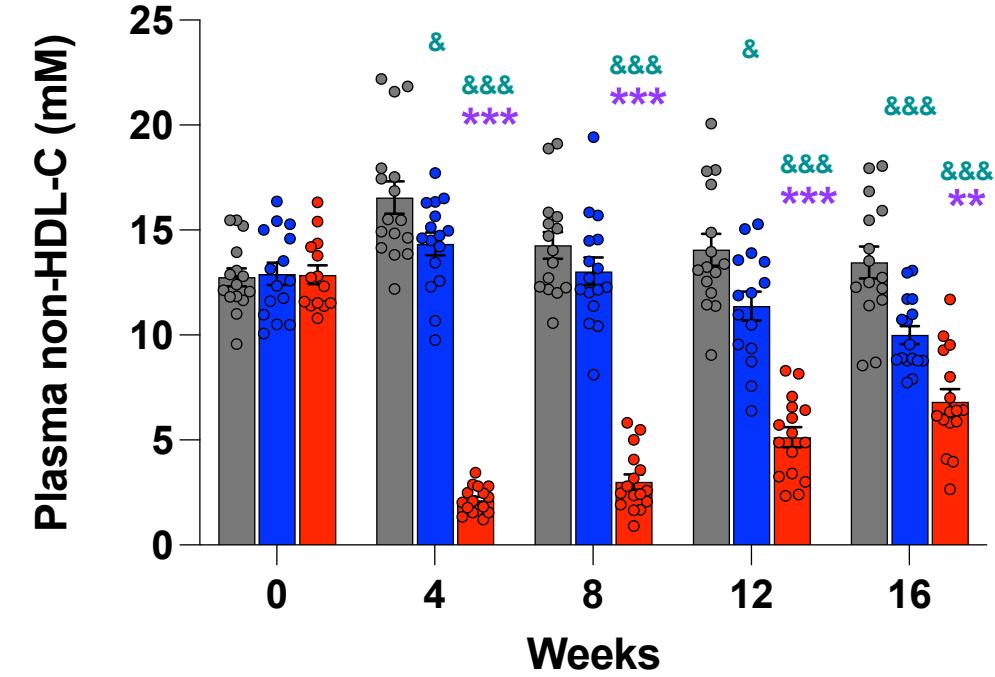
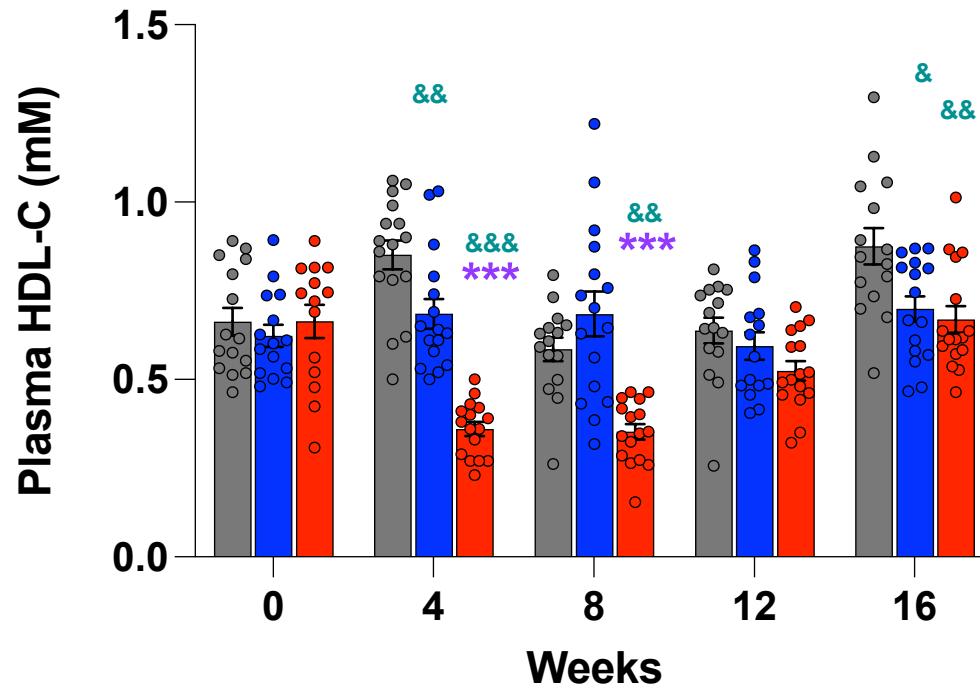


# HL E97G affects both plasma HDL and non-HDL cholesterol levels

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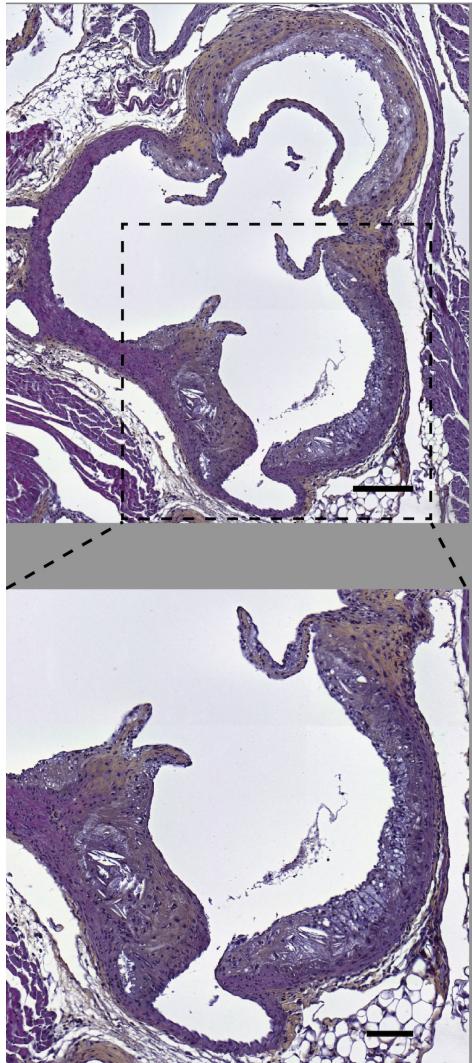
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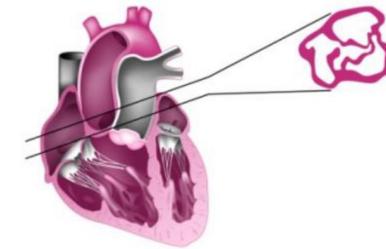
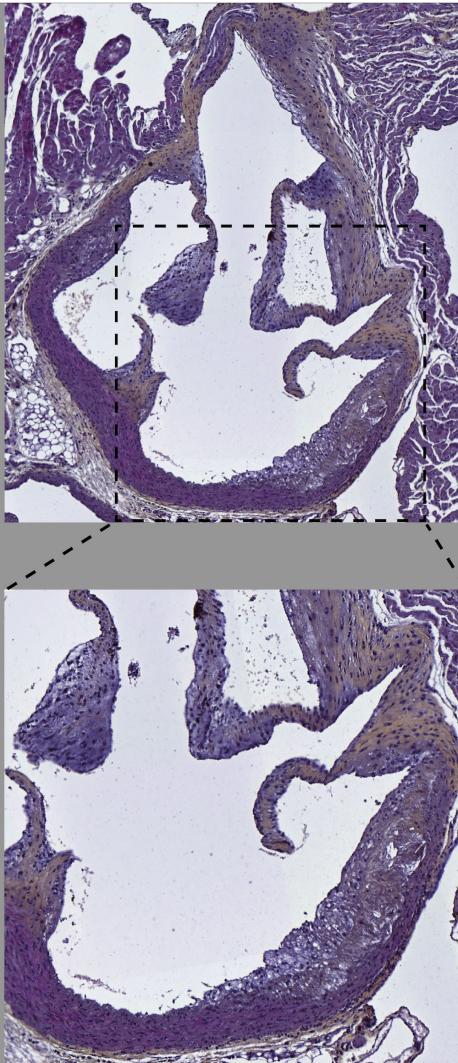


# Control & HL WT mice show atherosclerotic lesions in the aortic root

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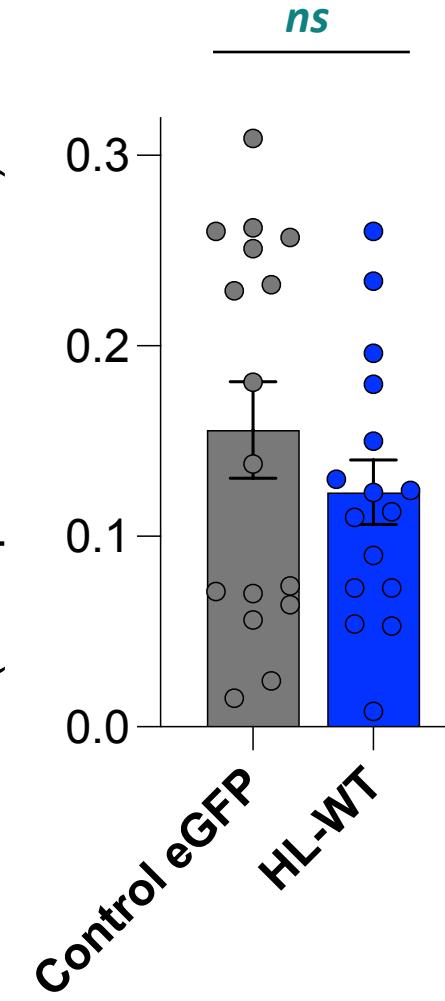


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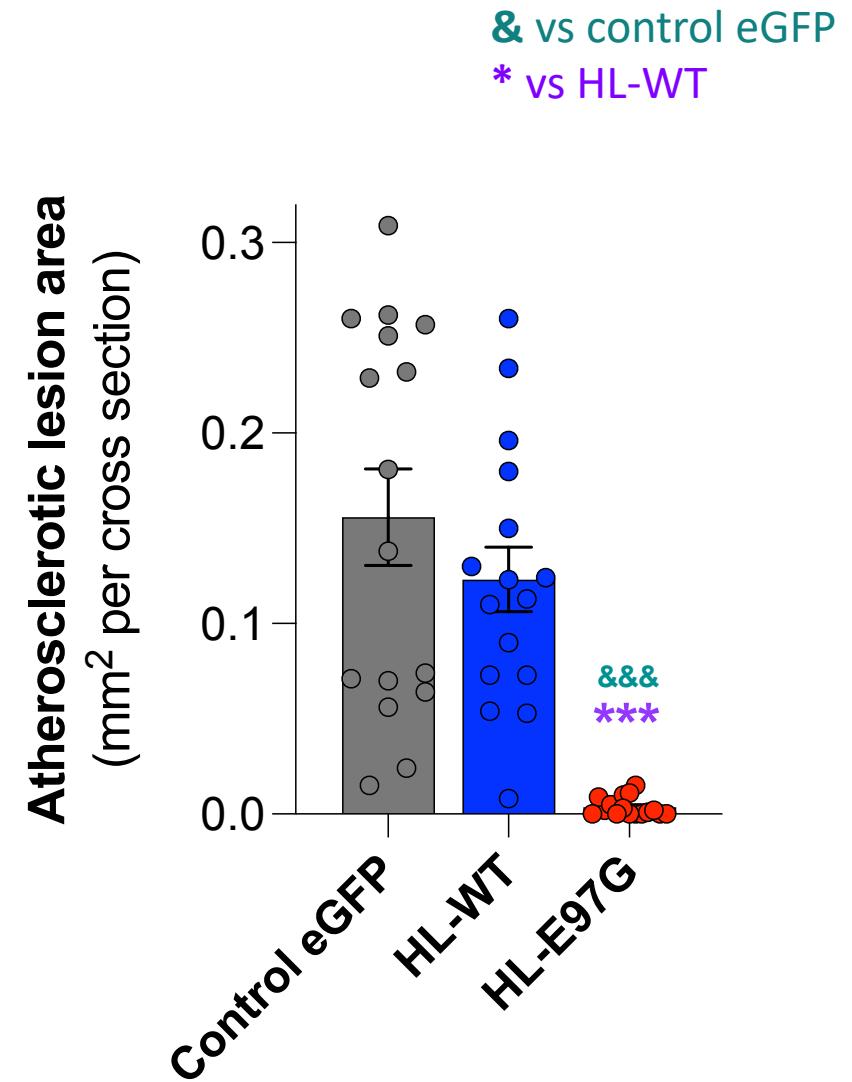
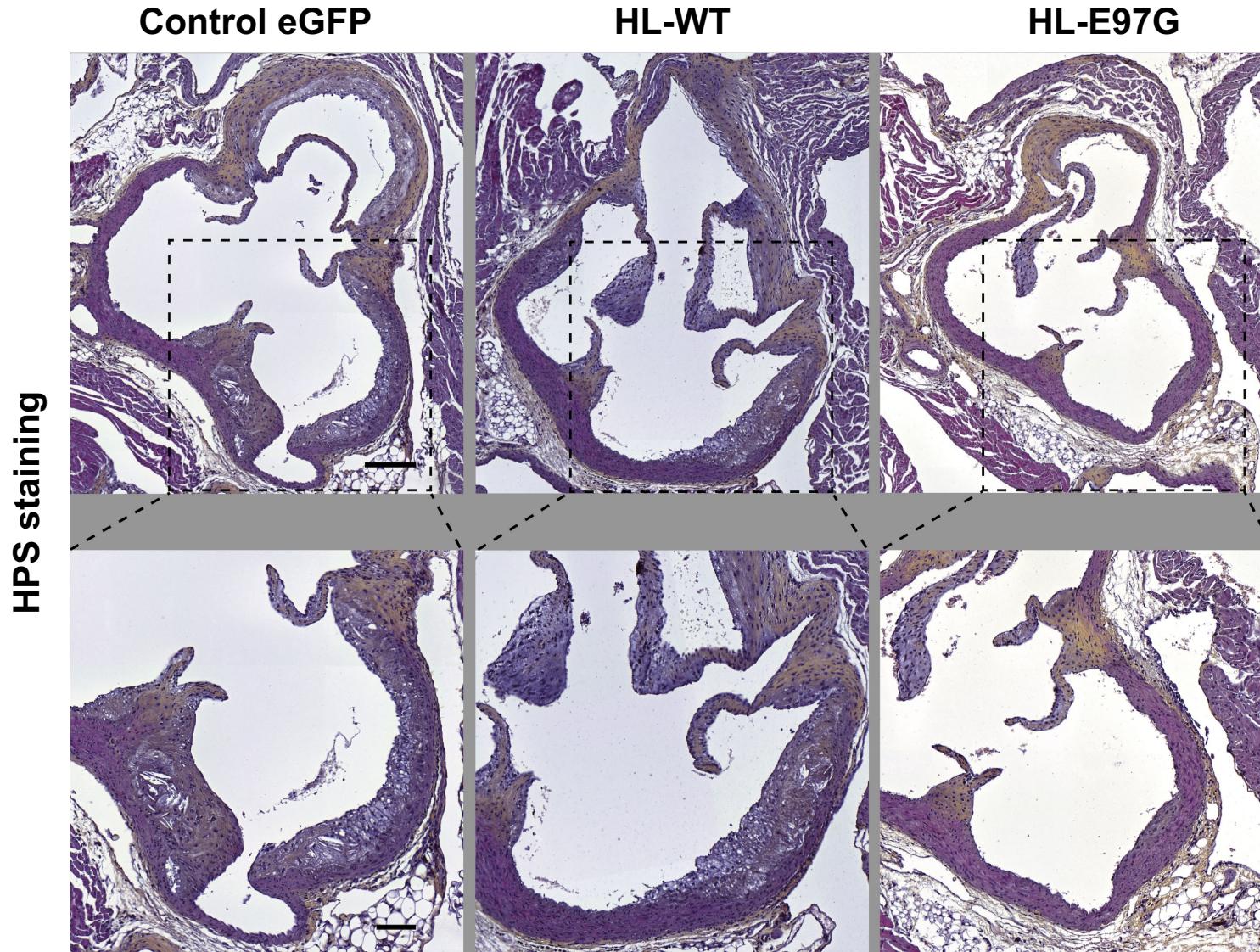


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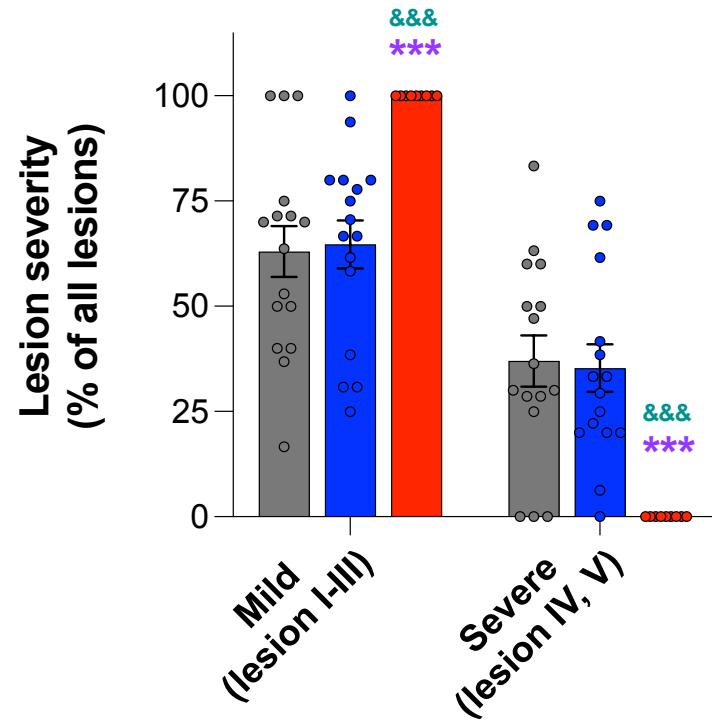
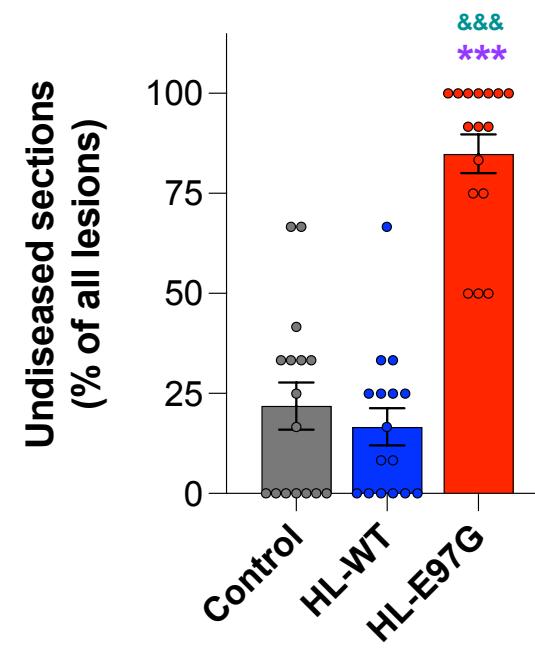
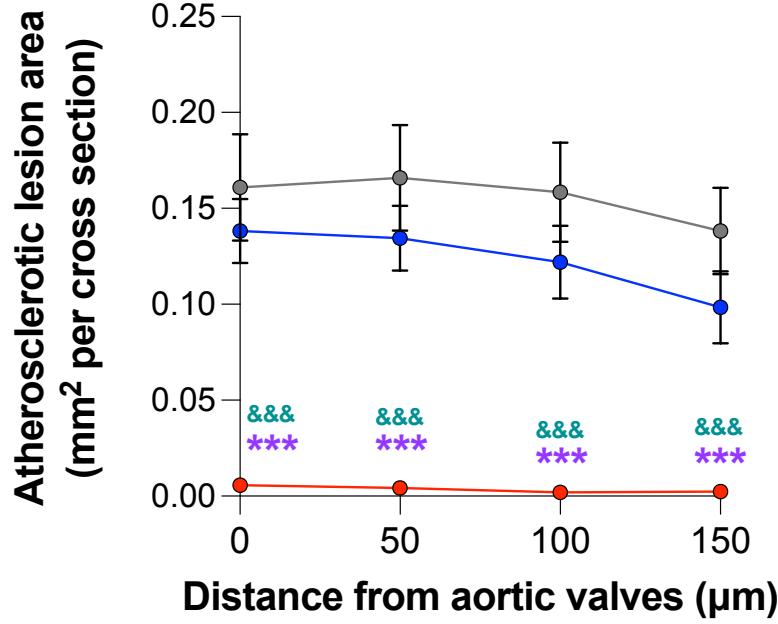
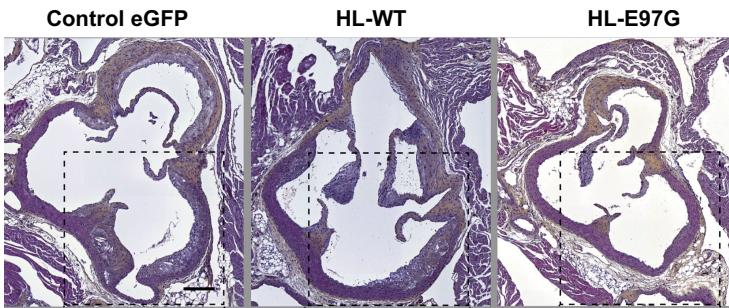
Atherosclerotic lesion area  
( $\text{mm}^2$  per cross section)



# HL E97G largely reduces atherosclerotic lesions area

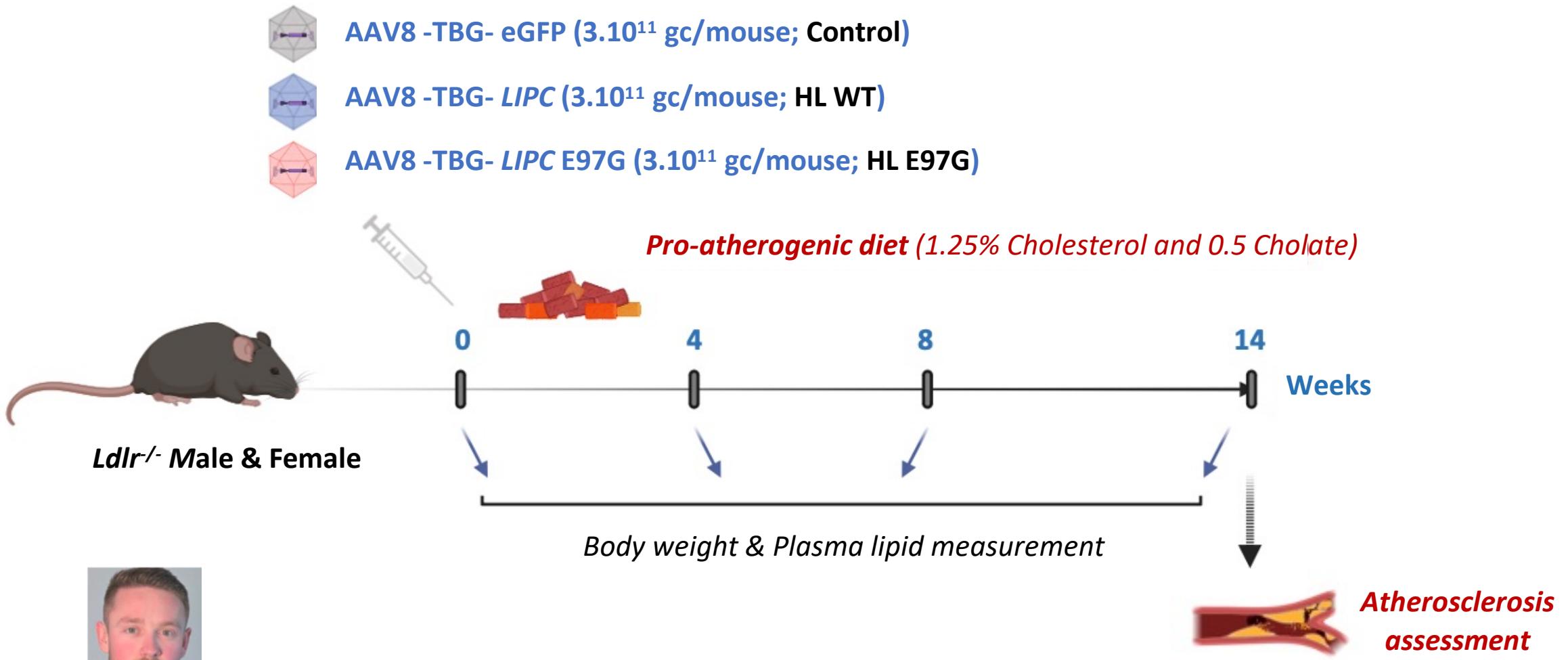


# HL E97G largely reduce atherosclerotic lesions area and severity



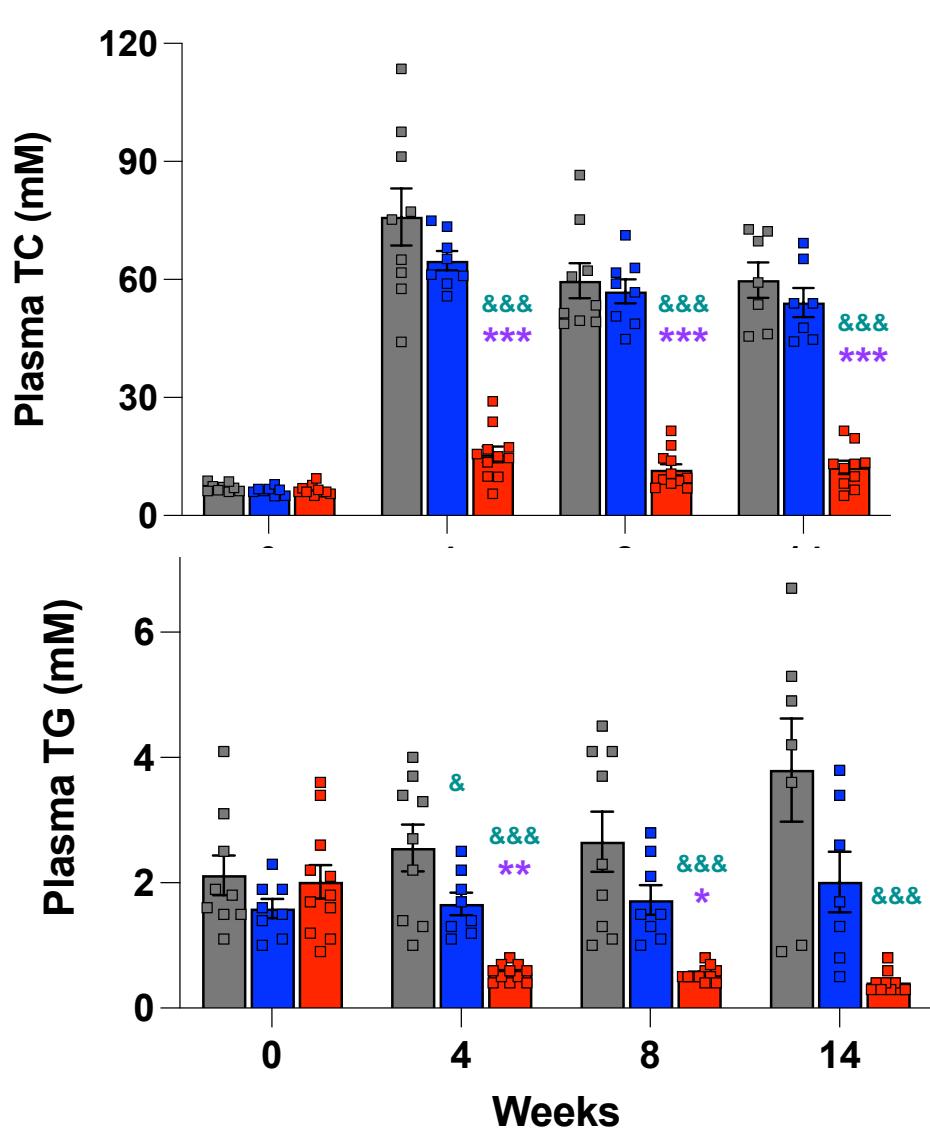
Do the effects of HL-E97G on lipid and  
atherosclerosis depend on the presence of the LDLR?

# Description of the experimental protocol



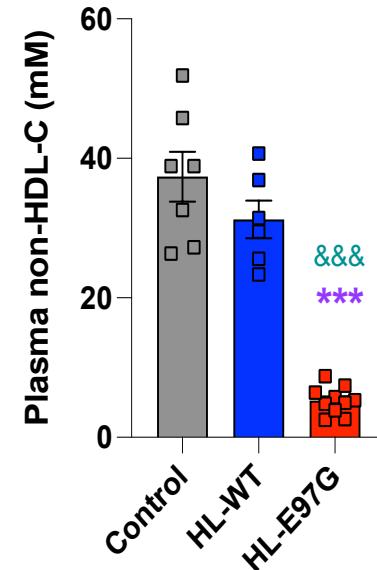
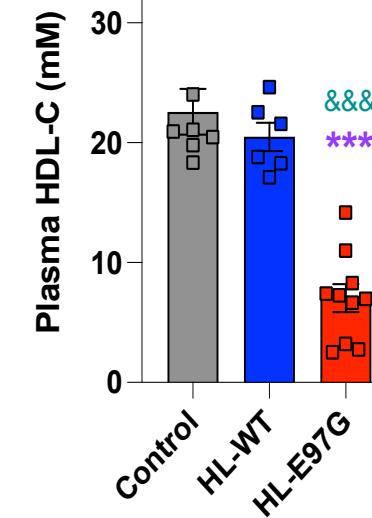
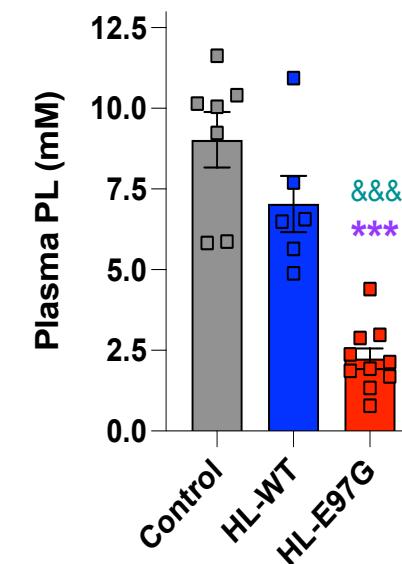
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# The combined lipid-lowering effect of HL E97G is unaffected by LDLR deficiency.



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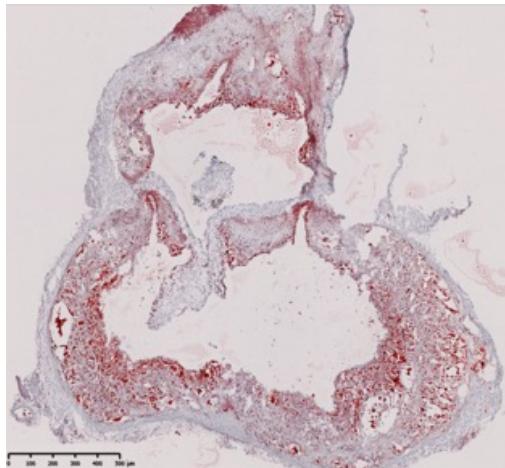
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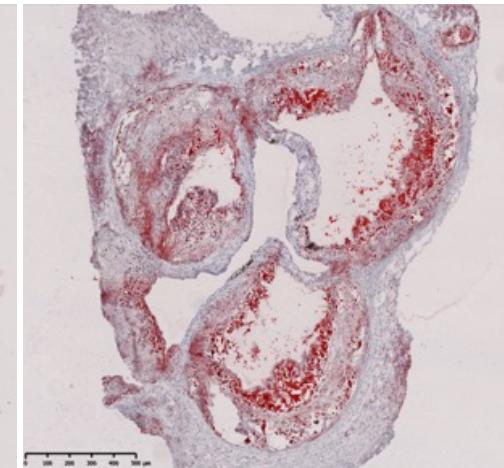
# HL-E97G strongly reduces atherosclerotic lesions in *Ldlr*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

Aortic root

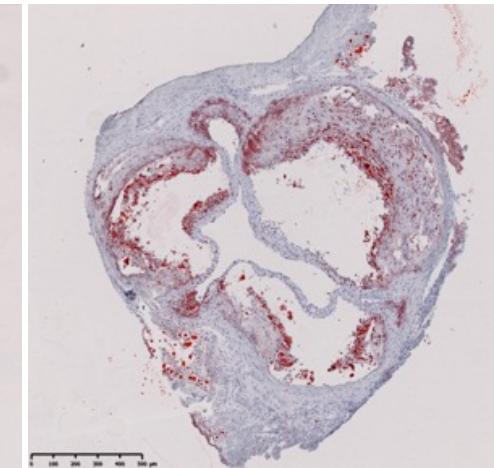
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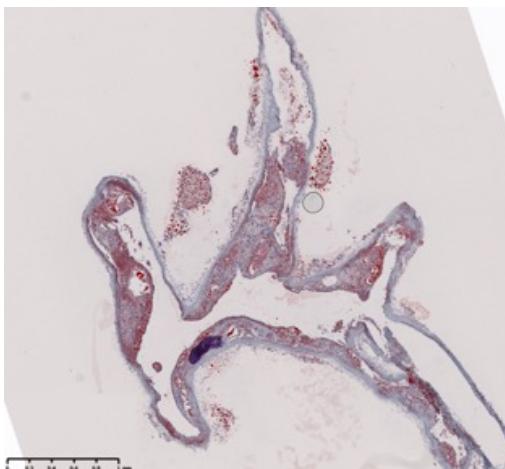


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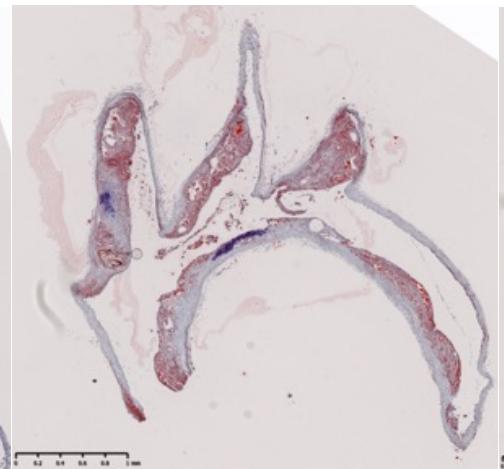


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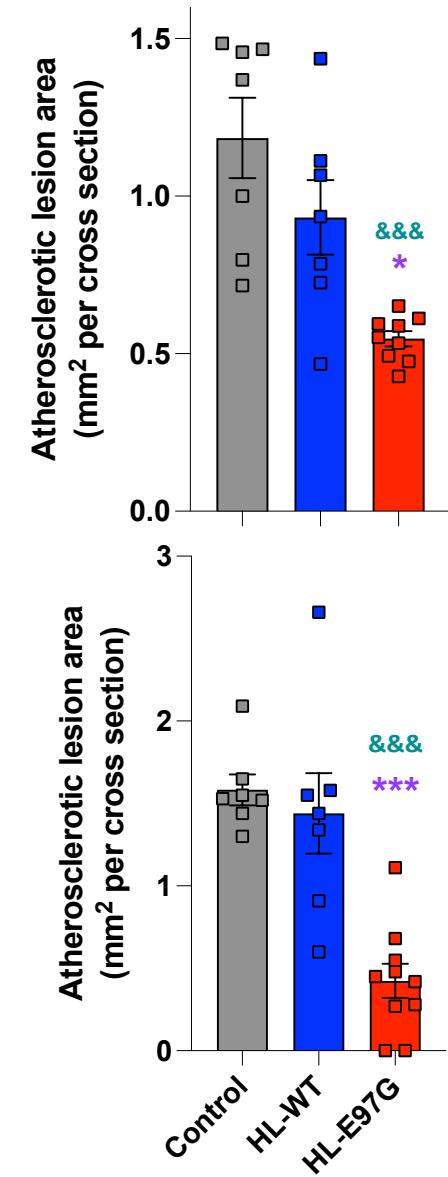
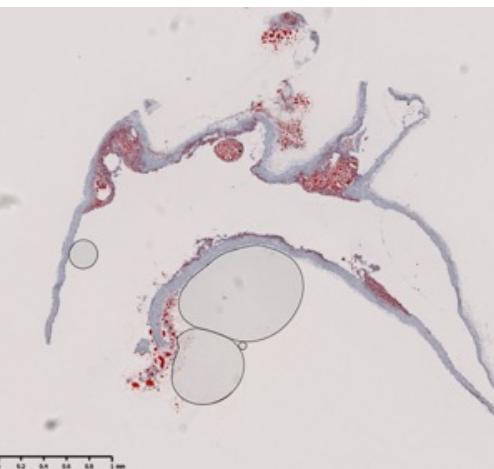
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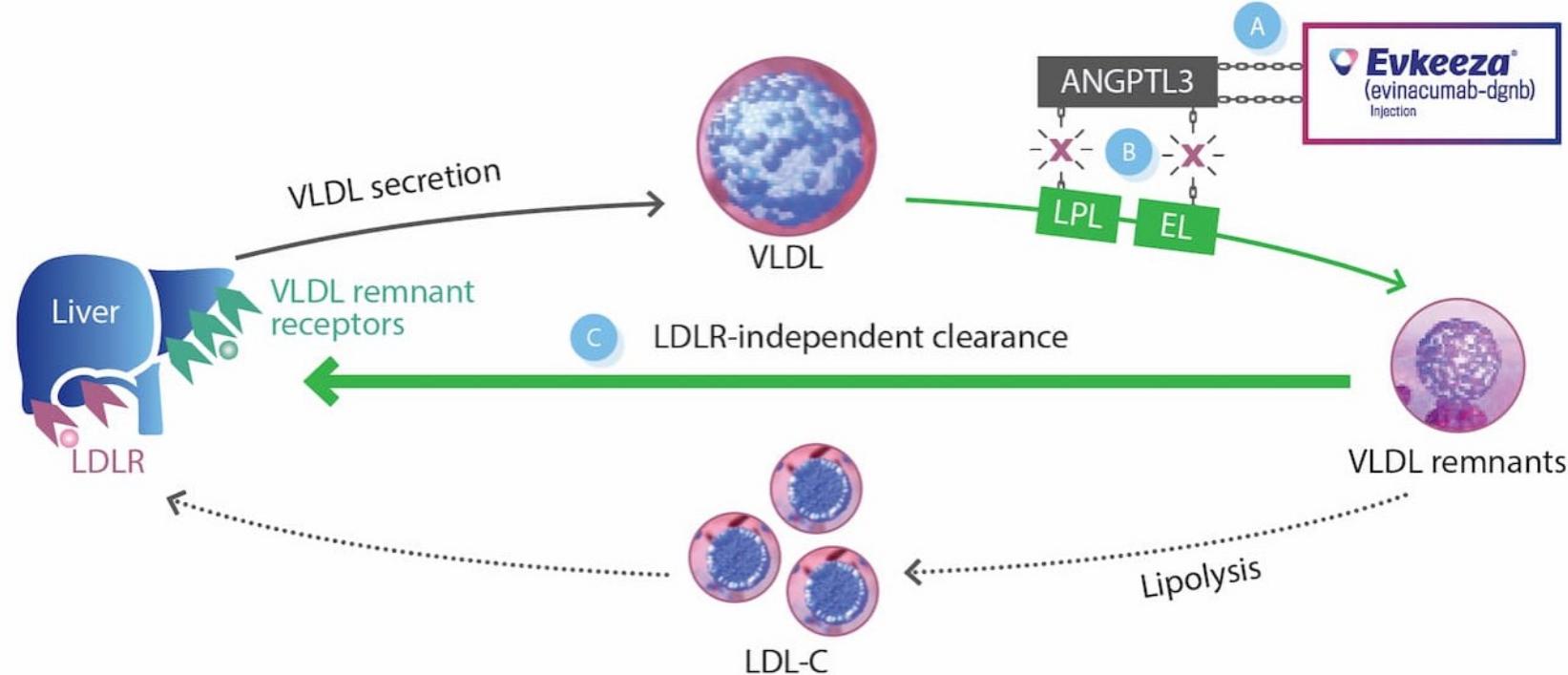
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HL-E97G



**Can the effects of HL-E97G be combined  
with ANGPTL3 inhibitors ?**

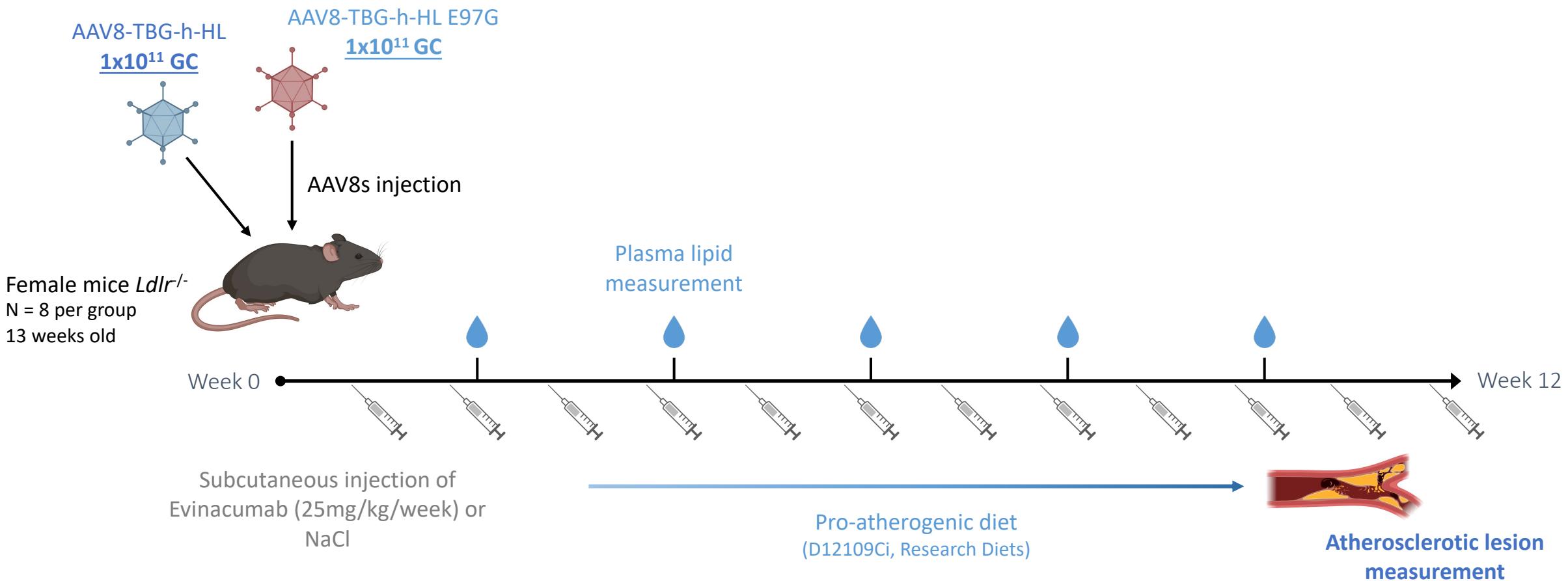


Similarities in the mode of action:

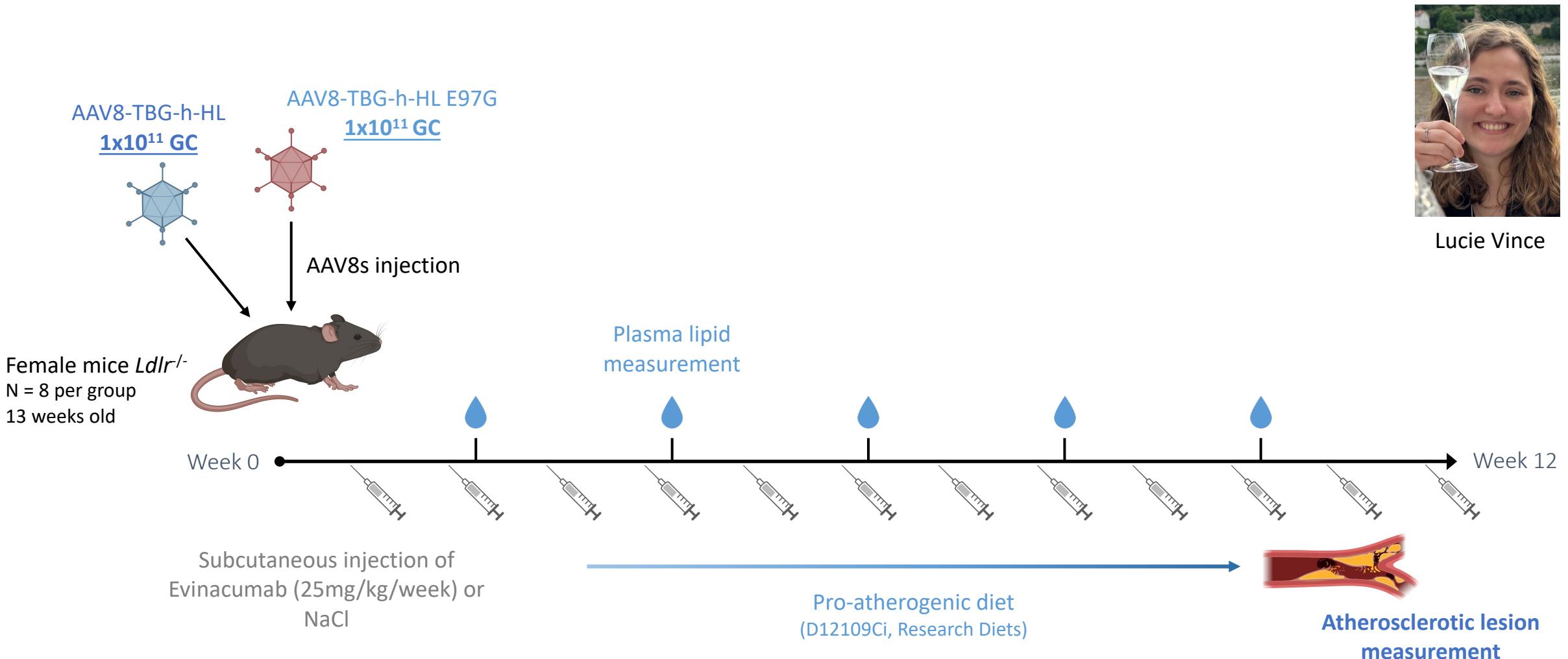
- Associated with familial combined hypocholesterolemia
- LDLR independent pathway

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

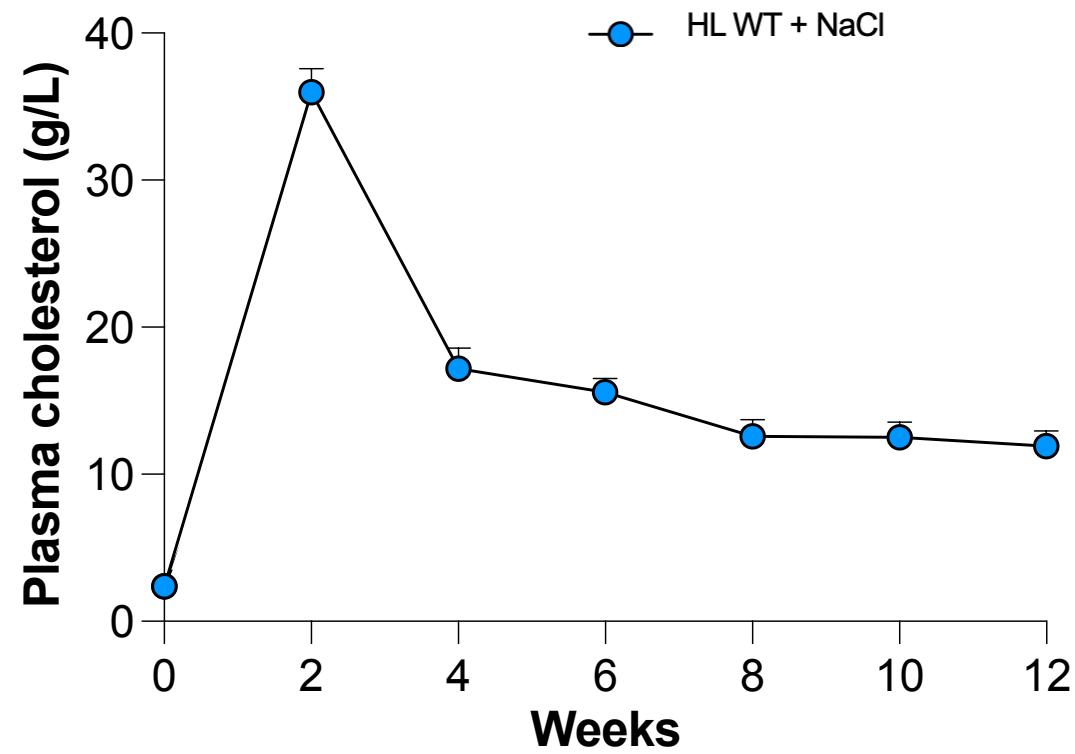
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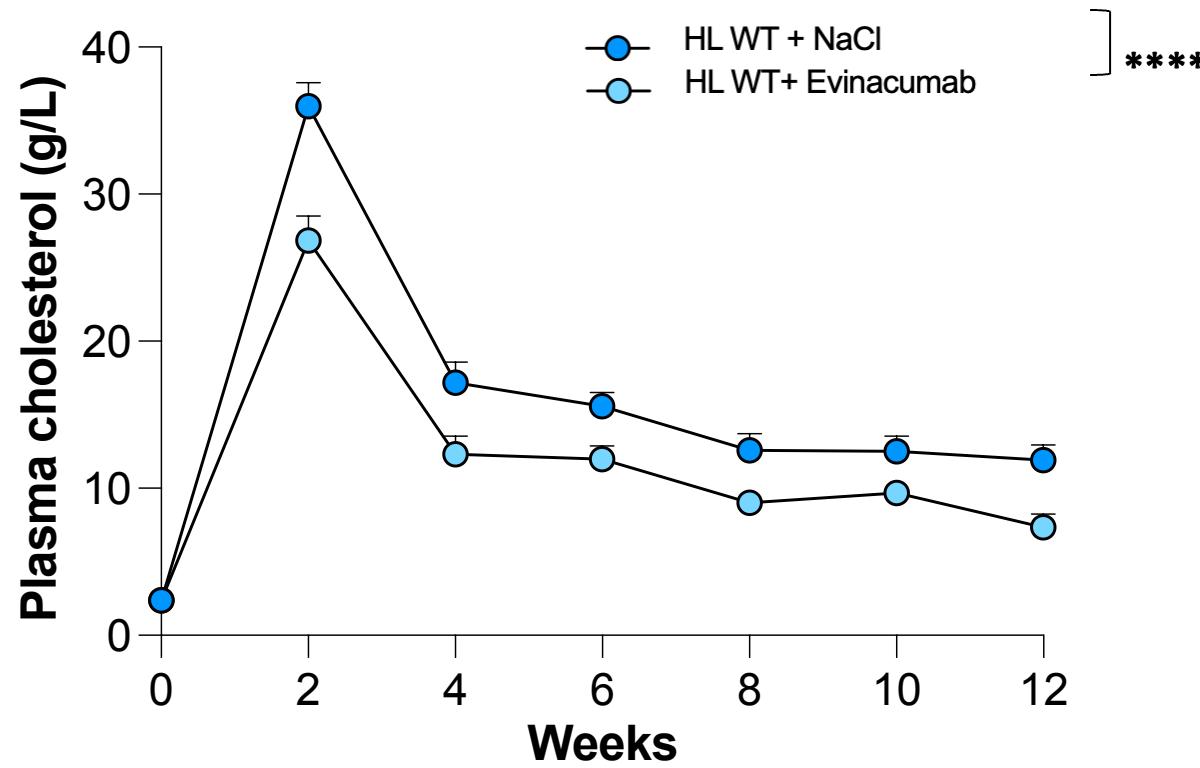
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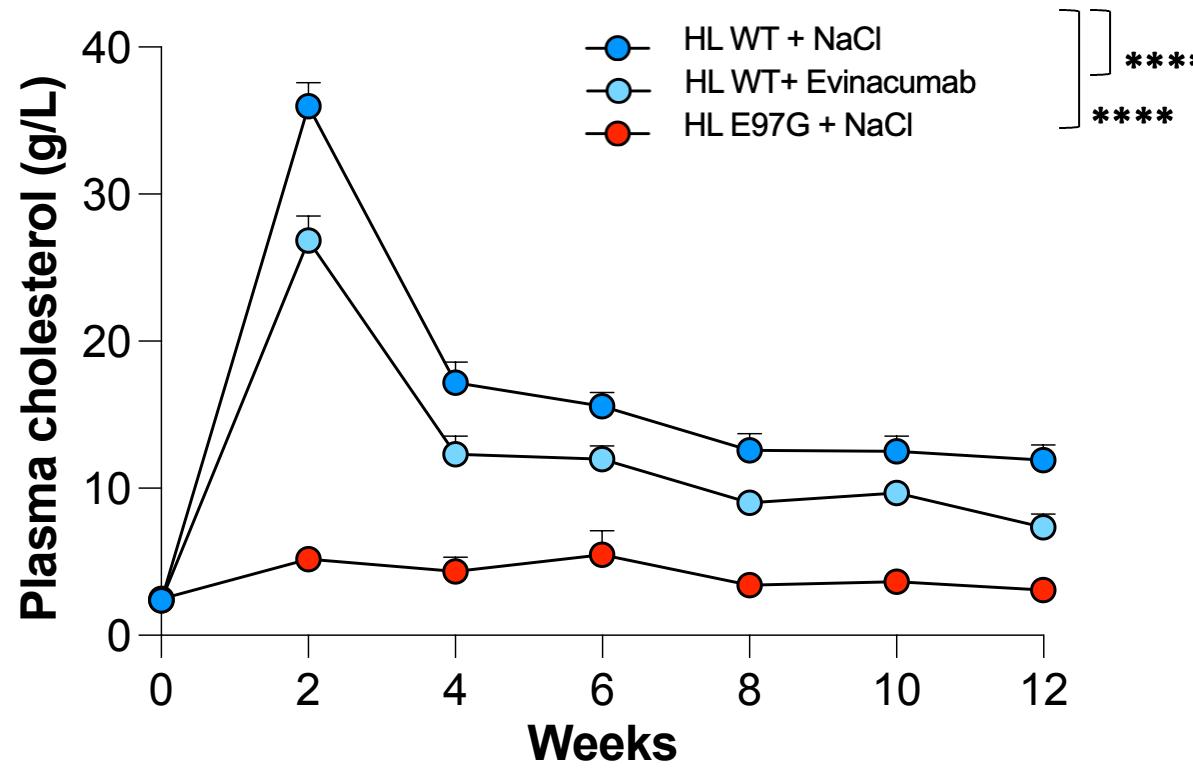
# *Ldlr*<sup>-/-</sup> mice fed a pro-atherogenic diet develop severe hypercholesterolaemia



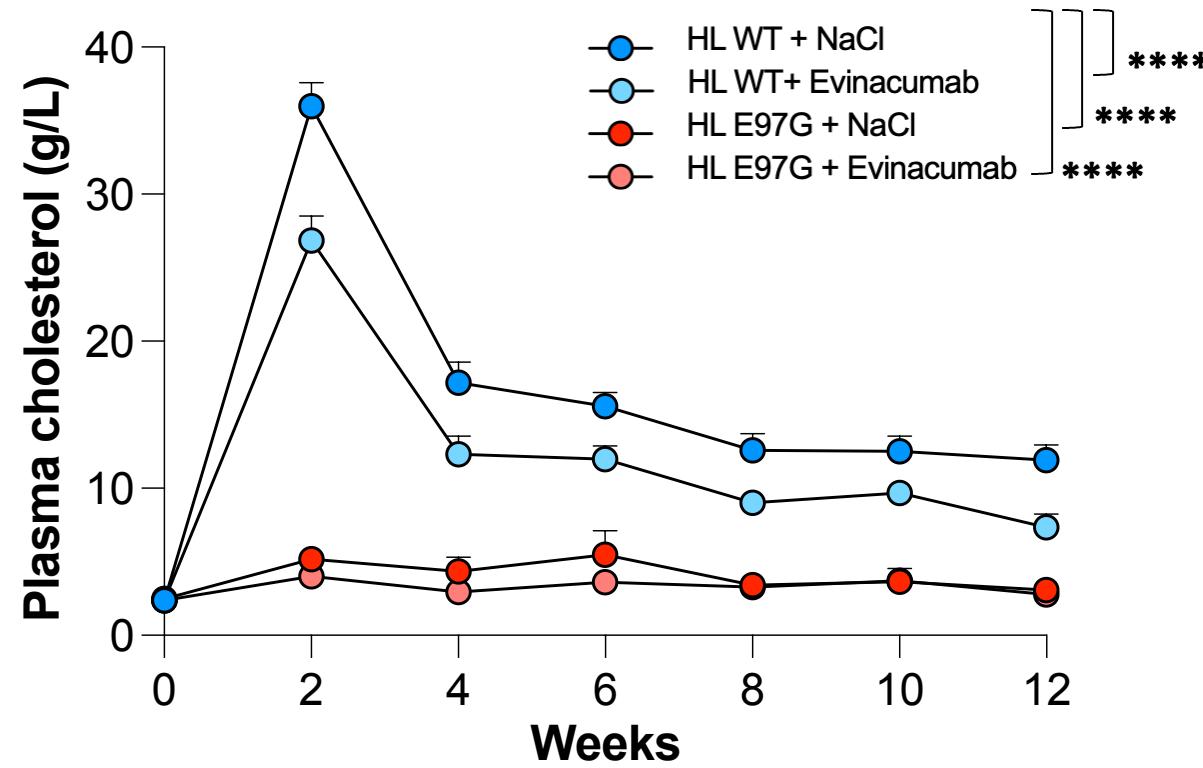
Evinacumab significantly decreases plasma cholesterol levels, independently of LDLR



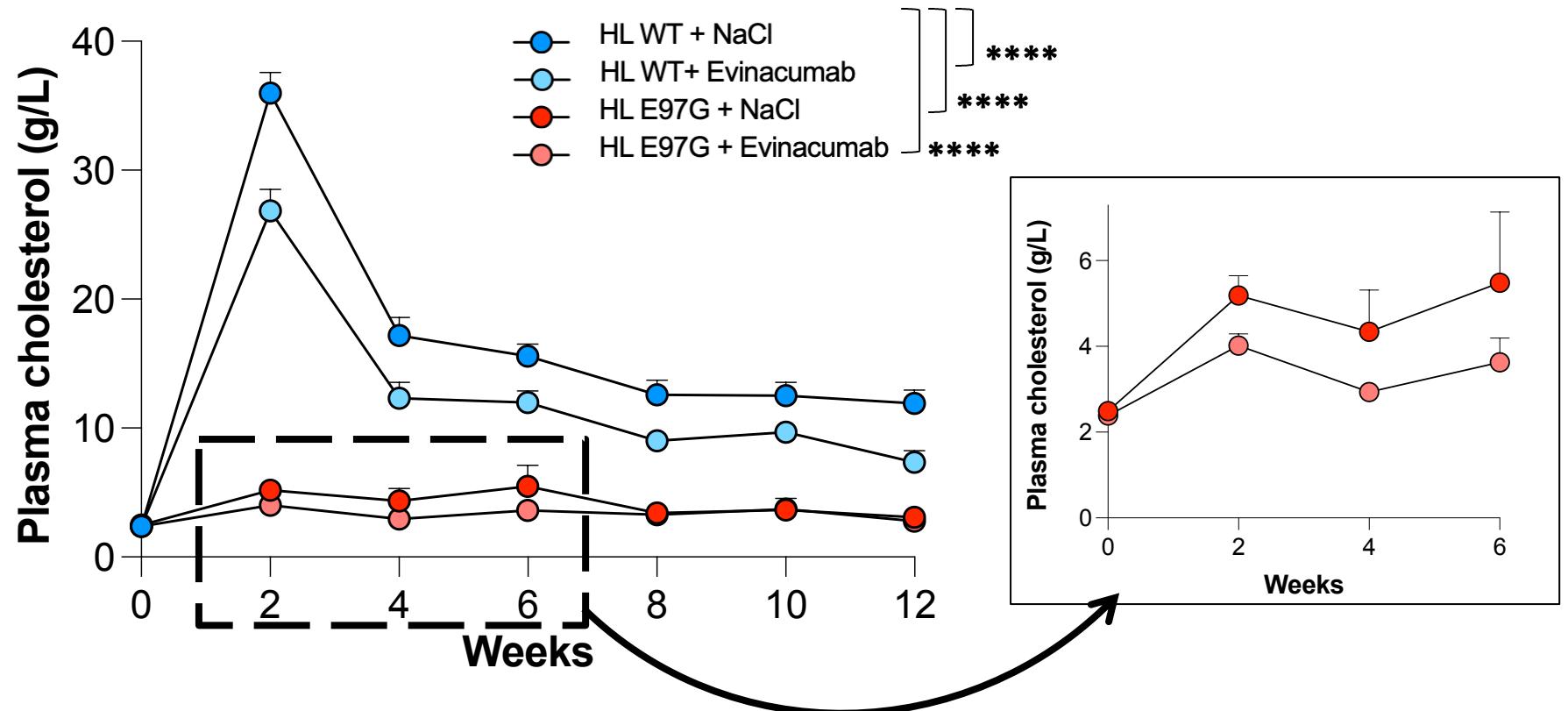
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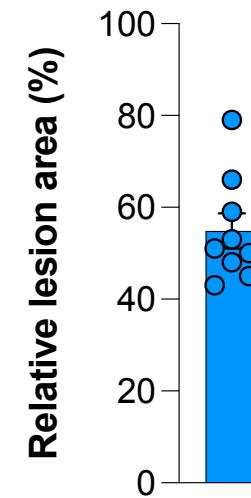
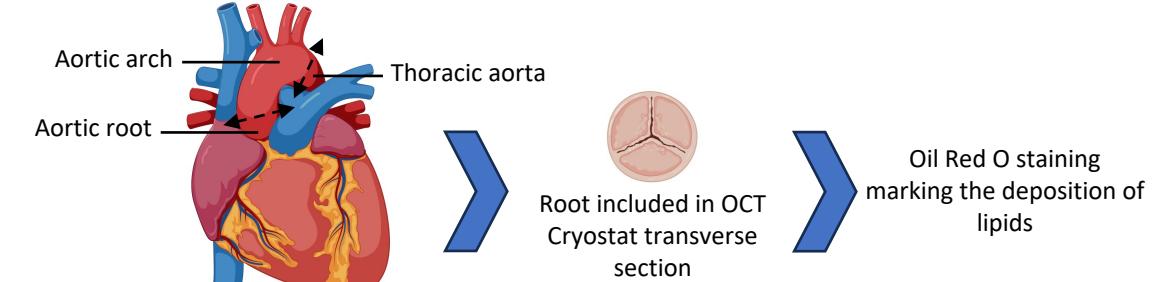
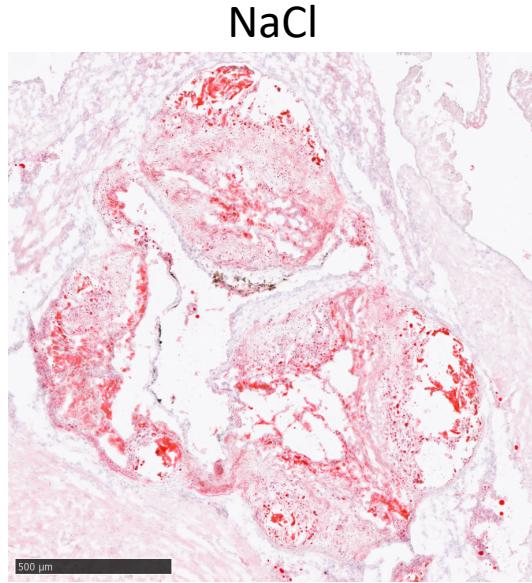


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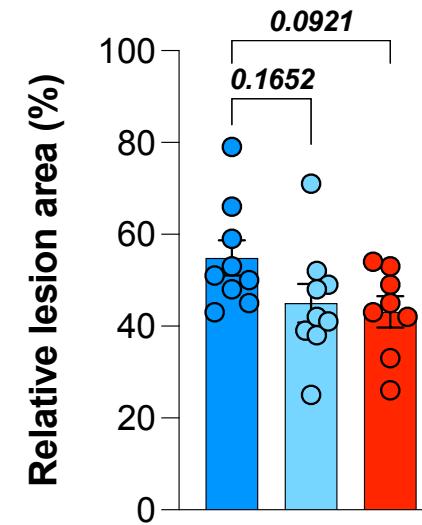
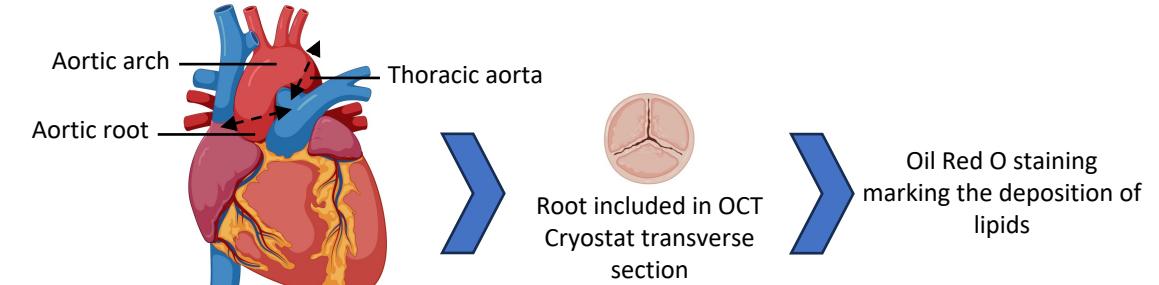
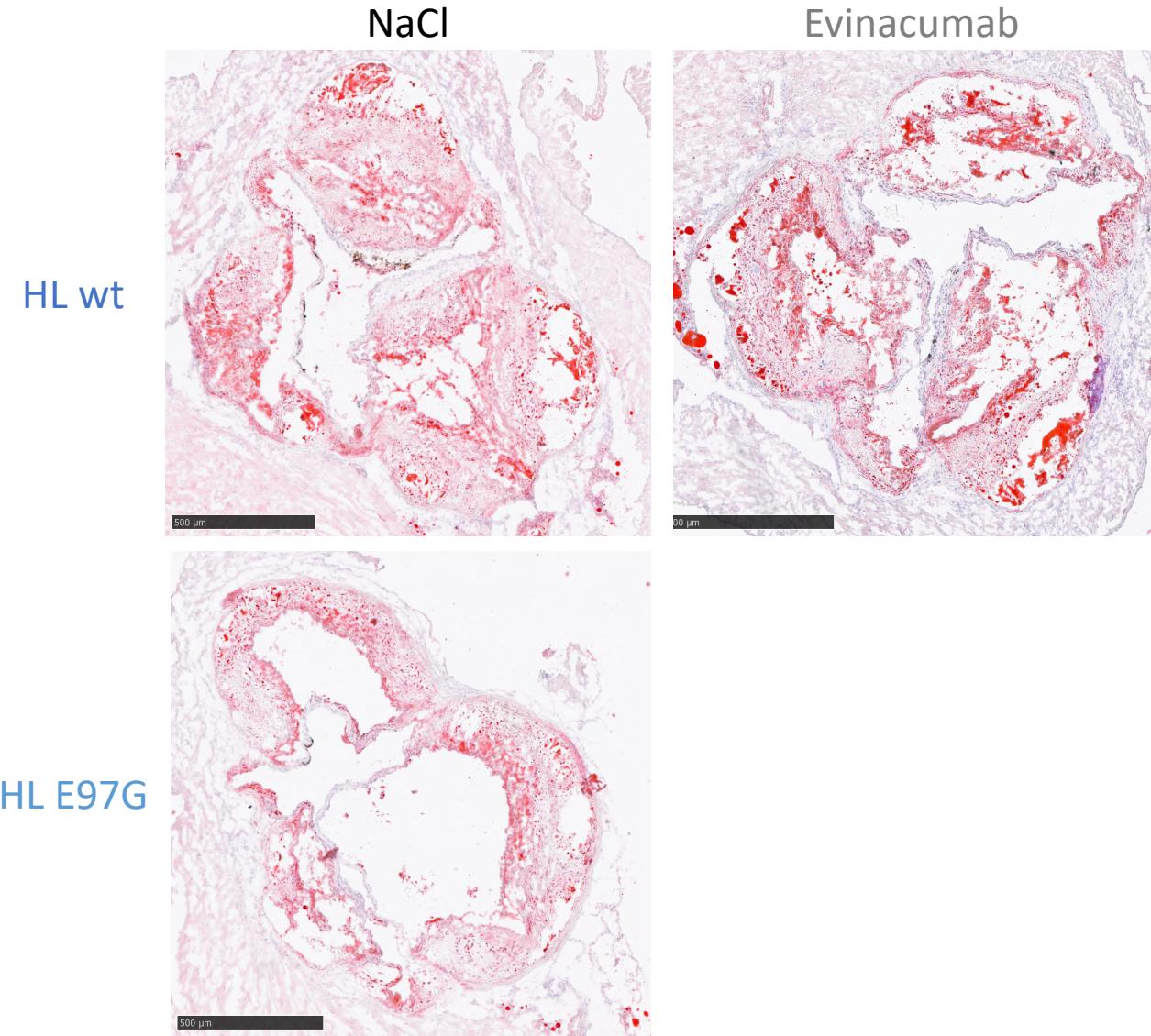


# Atherosclerotic lesions are highly developed in the aortic root.

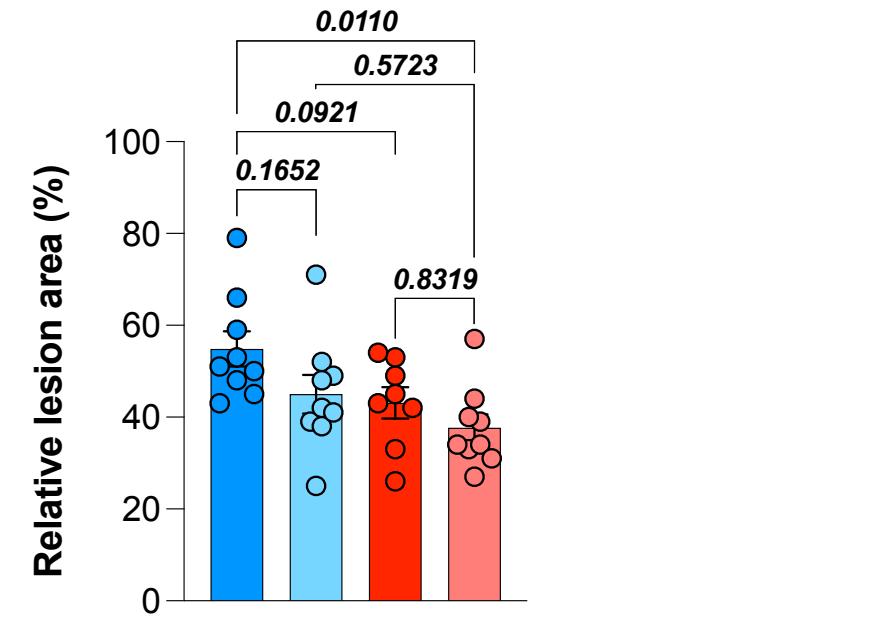
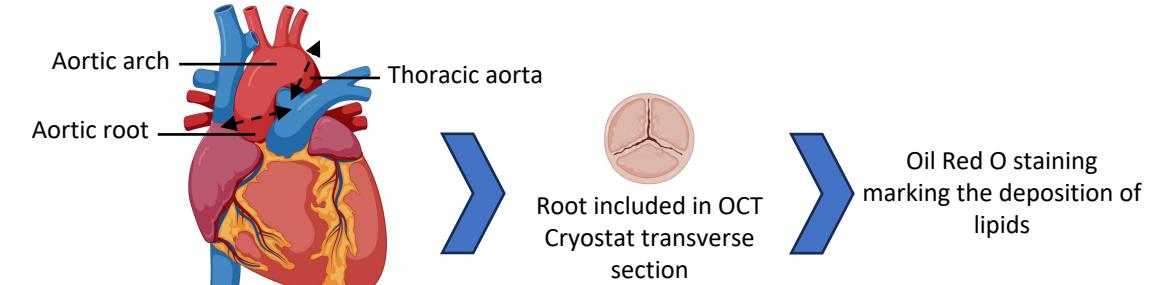
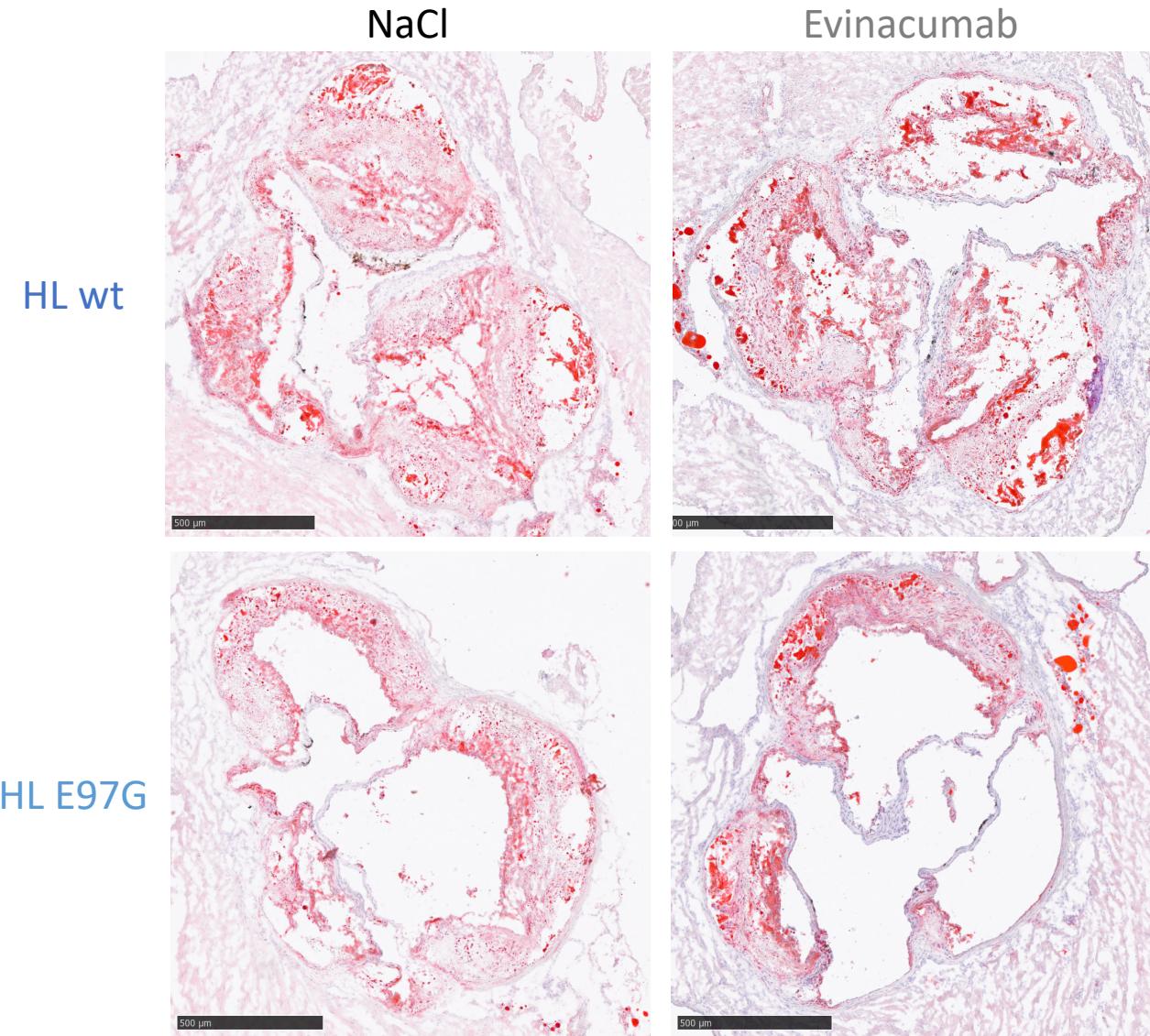
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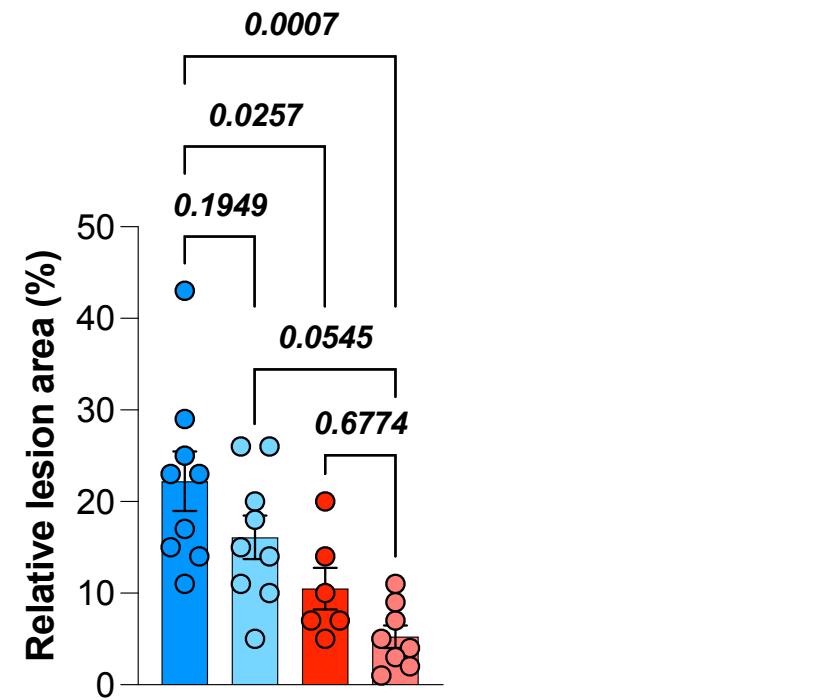
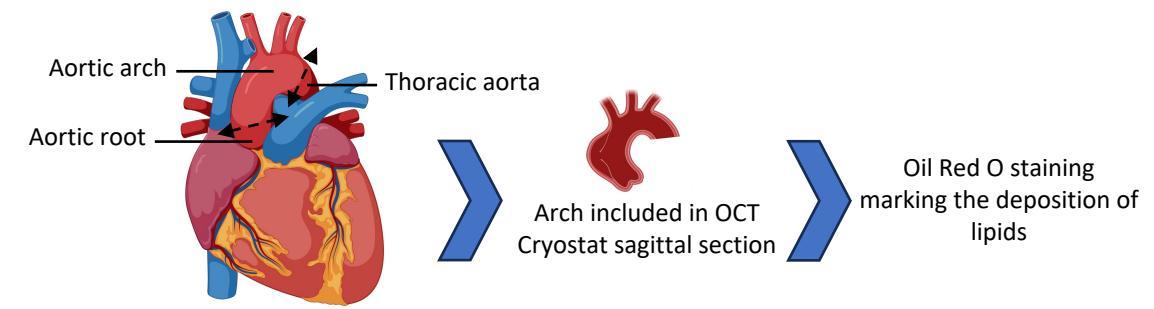
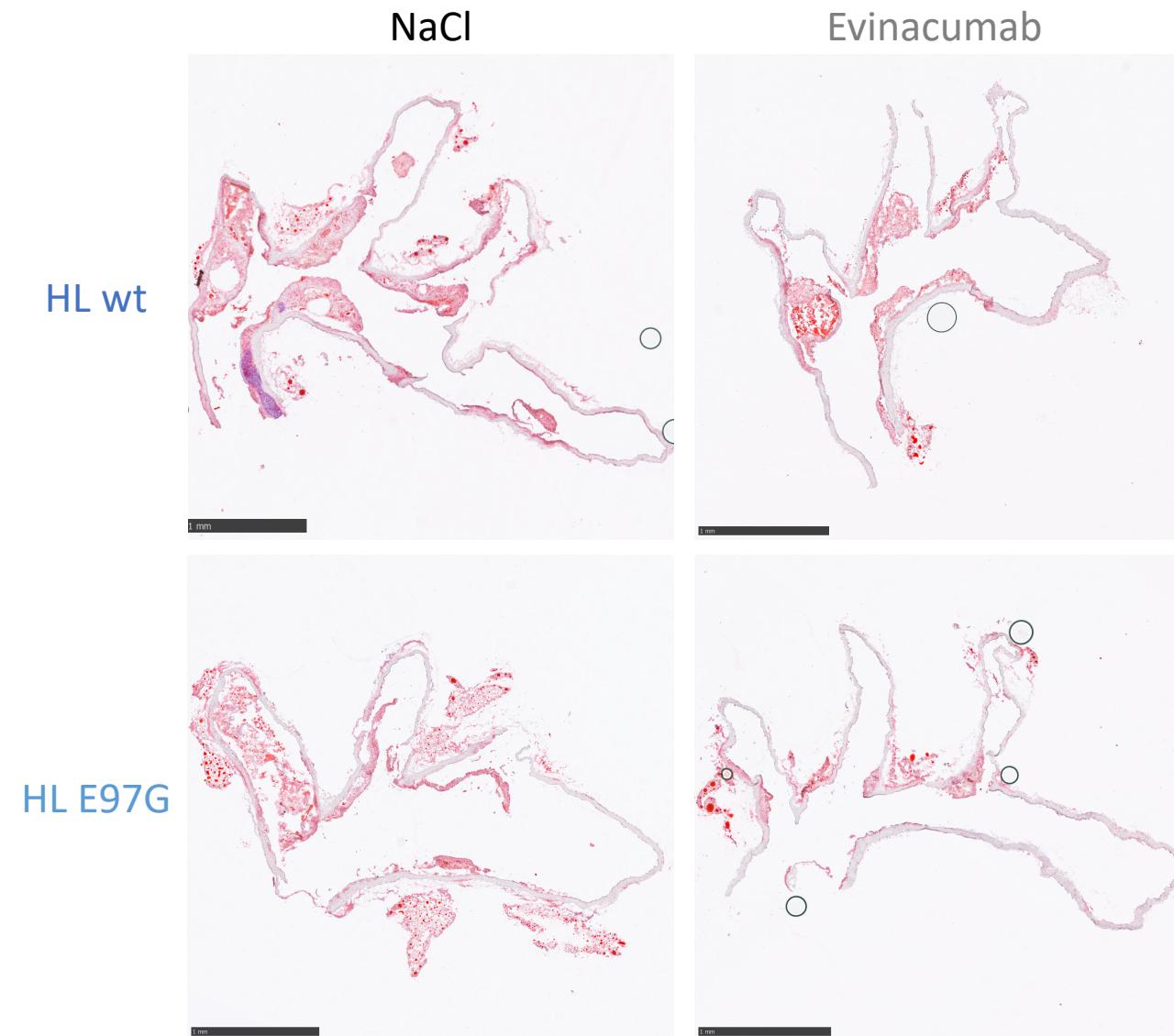
# Both Evinacumab and HL E97G tend to limit plaque development in the aortic root



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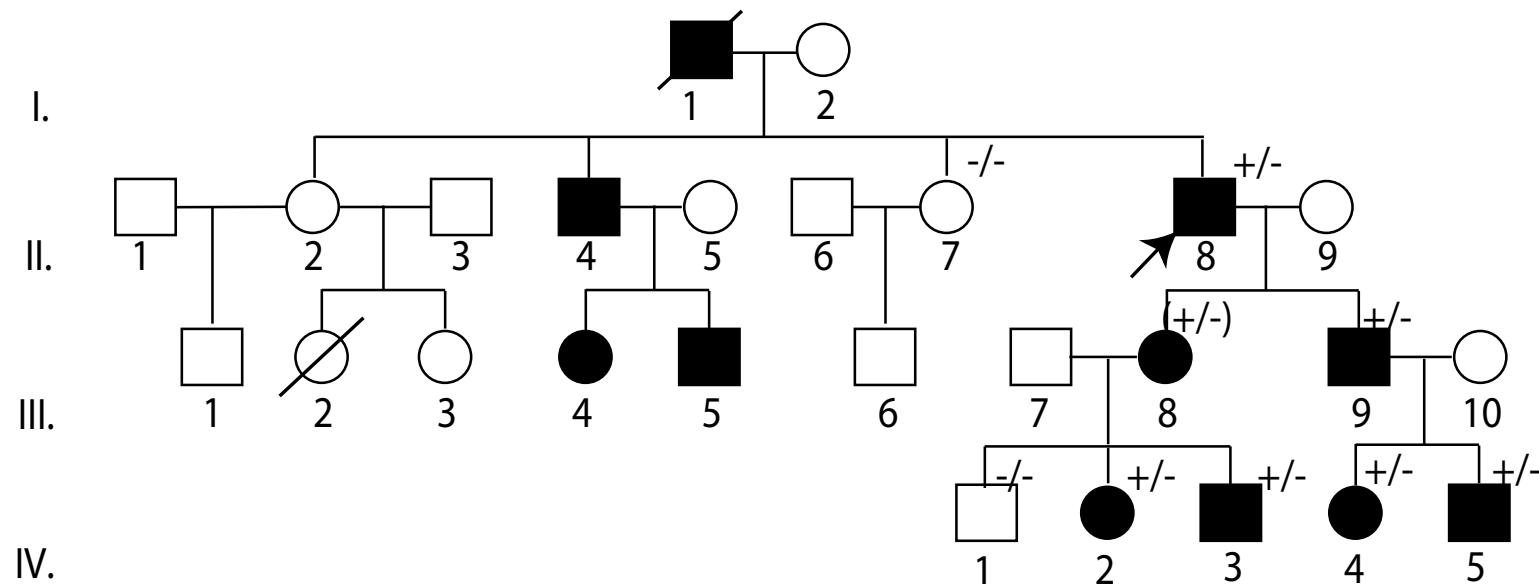
Do *E97G* carriers have atherosclerotic lesions ?



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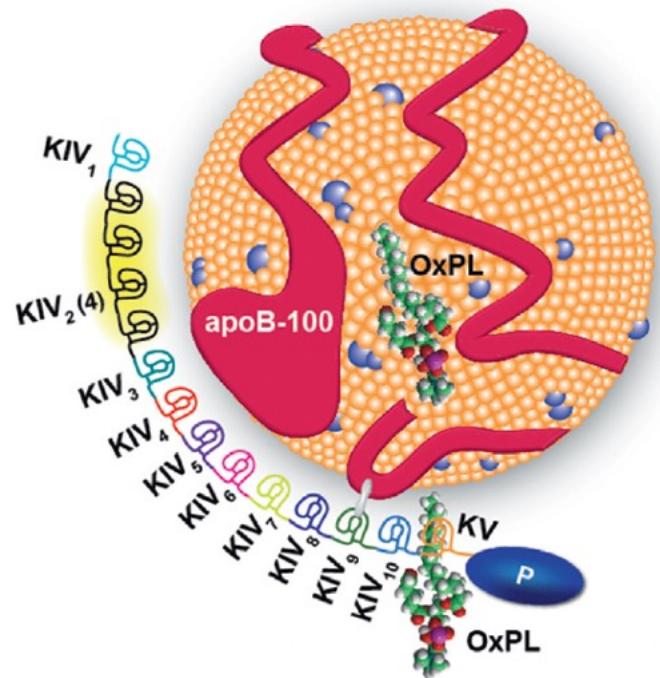
Hospices Civils de Lyon



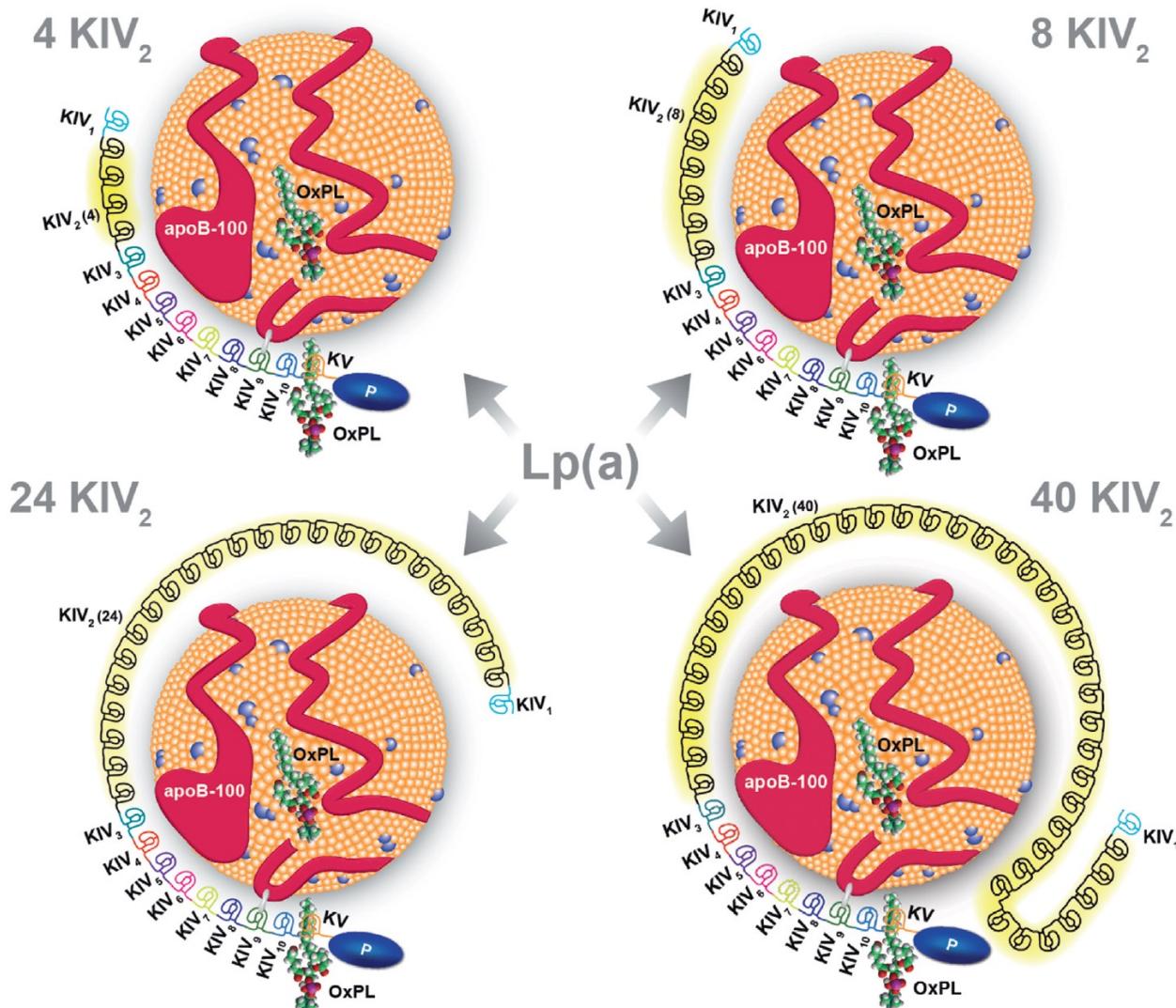
Assess atherosclerosis using  
**carotid ultrasonography**

# La Dernière Cible ?

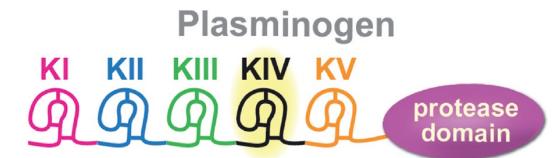
La Lipoprotéine(a) ou Lp(a)



# Les lipoprotéines (a) - une large famille



Homologie de structure avec le plasminogène



Ne contient pas de Kringle I, II, III

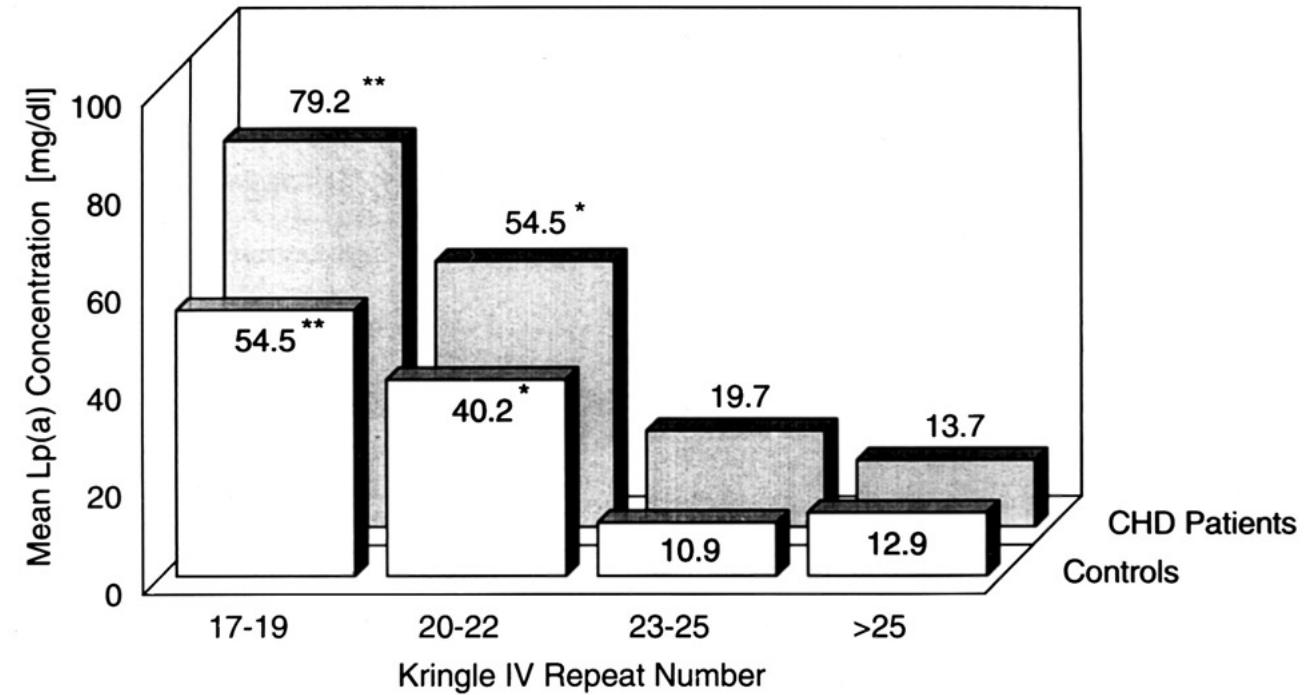
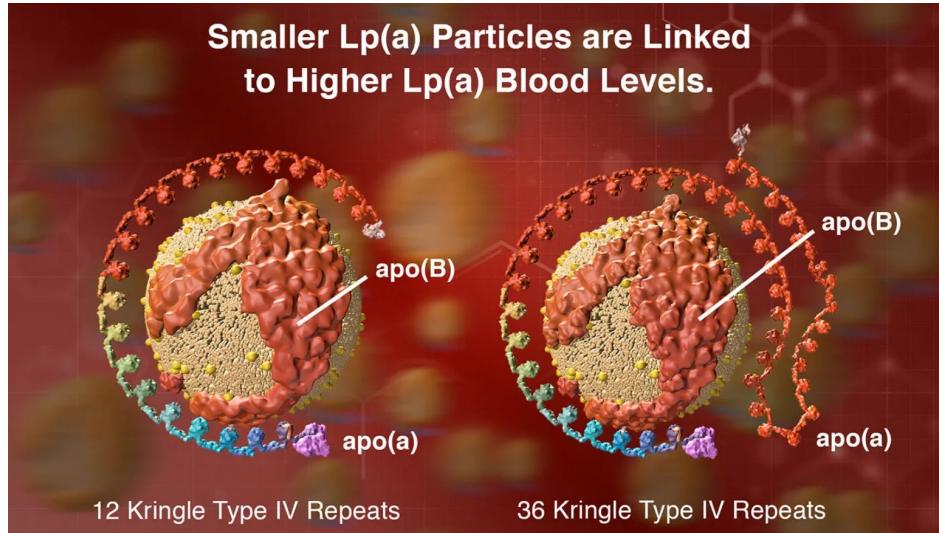
Possède 10 isoformes de KIV:

1 copie de KIV<sub>1</sub>, KIV<sub>3-10</sub>  
1 à 40 copies de KIV<sub>2</sub>

1 copie de KV

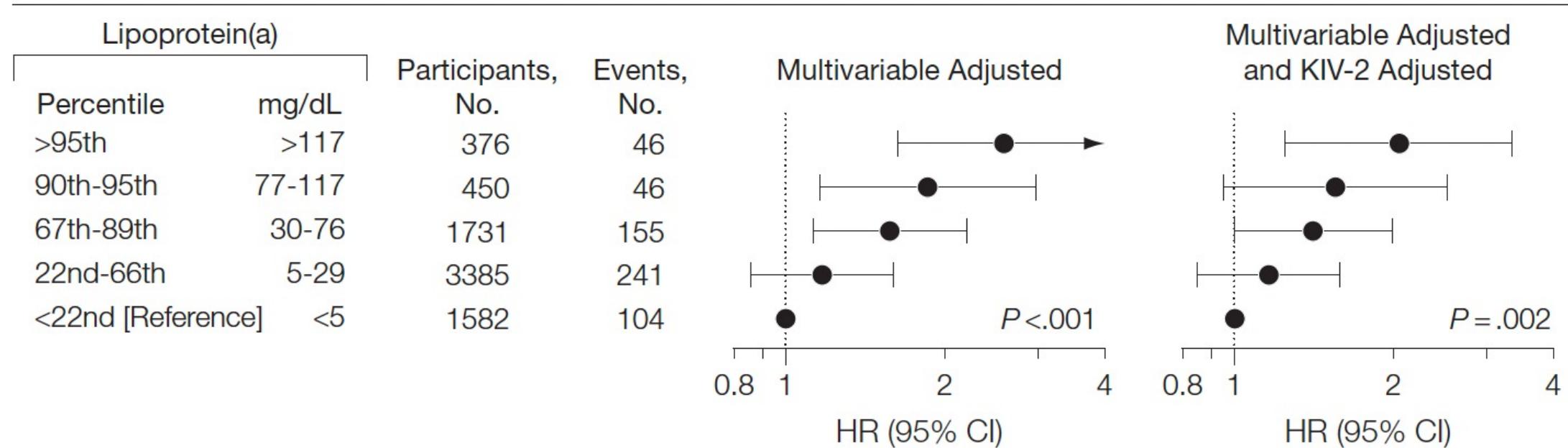
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## Existence d'un lien inverse entre la taille de Lp(a) et sa concentration plasmatique

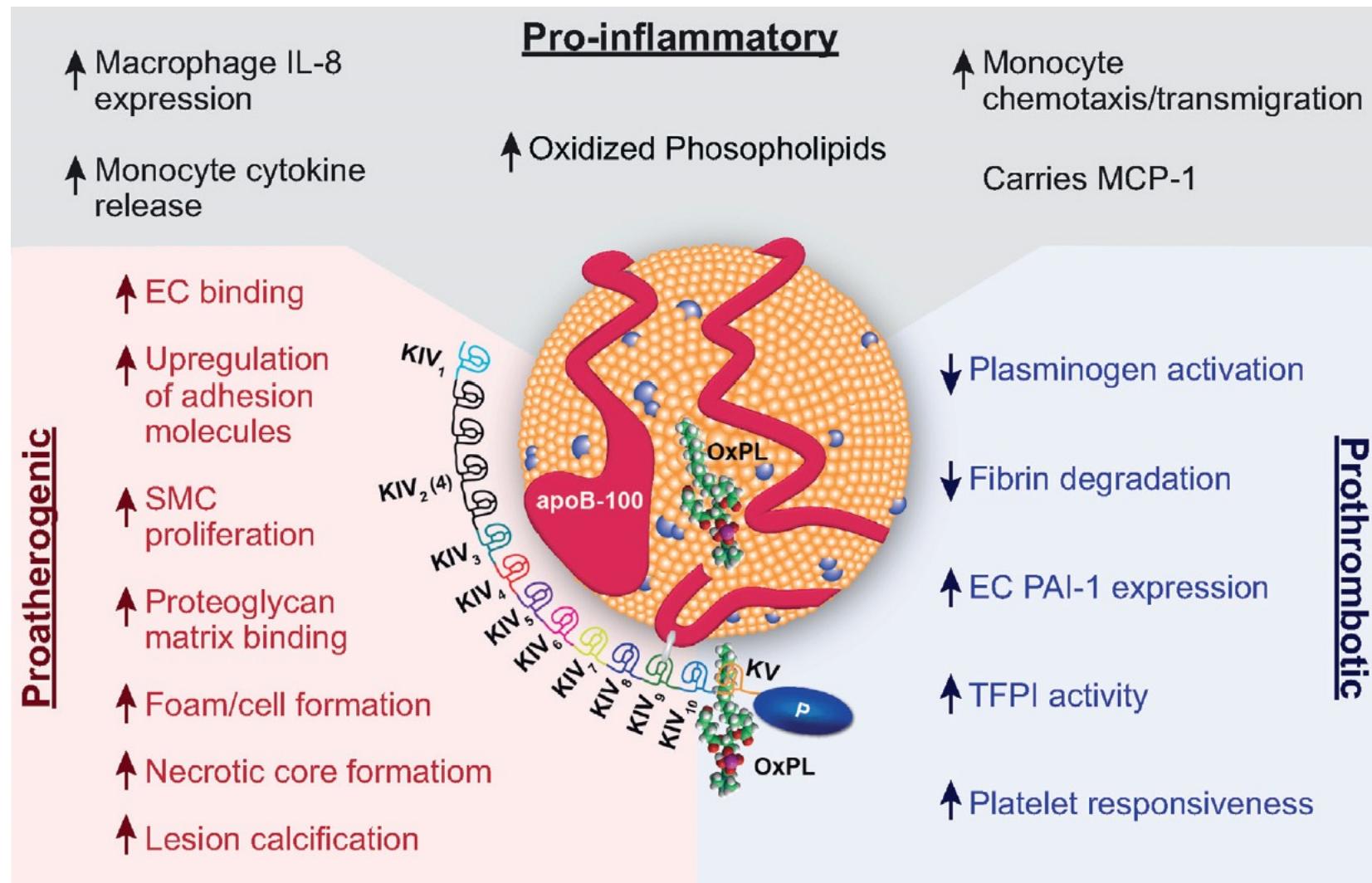


Des concentrations élevées en Lp(a) sont associées à un risque accru de maladies cardiovasculaires

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

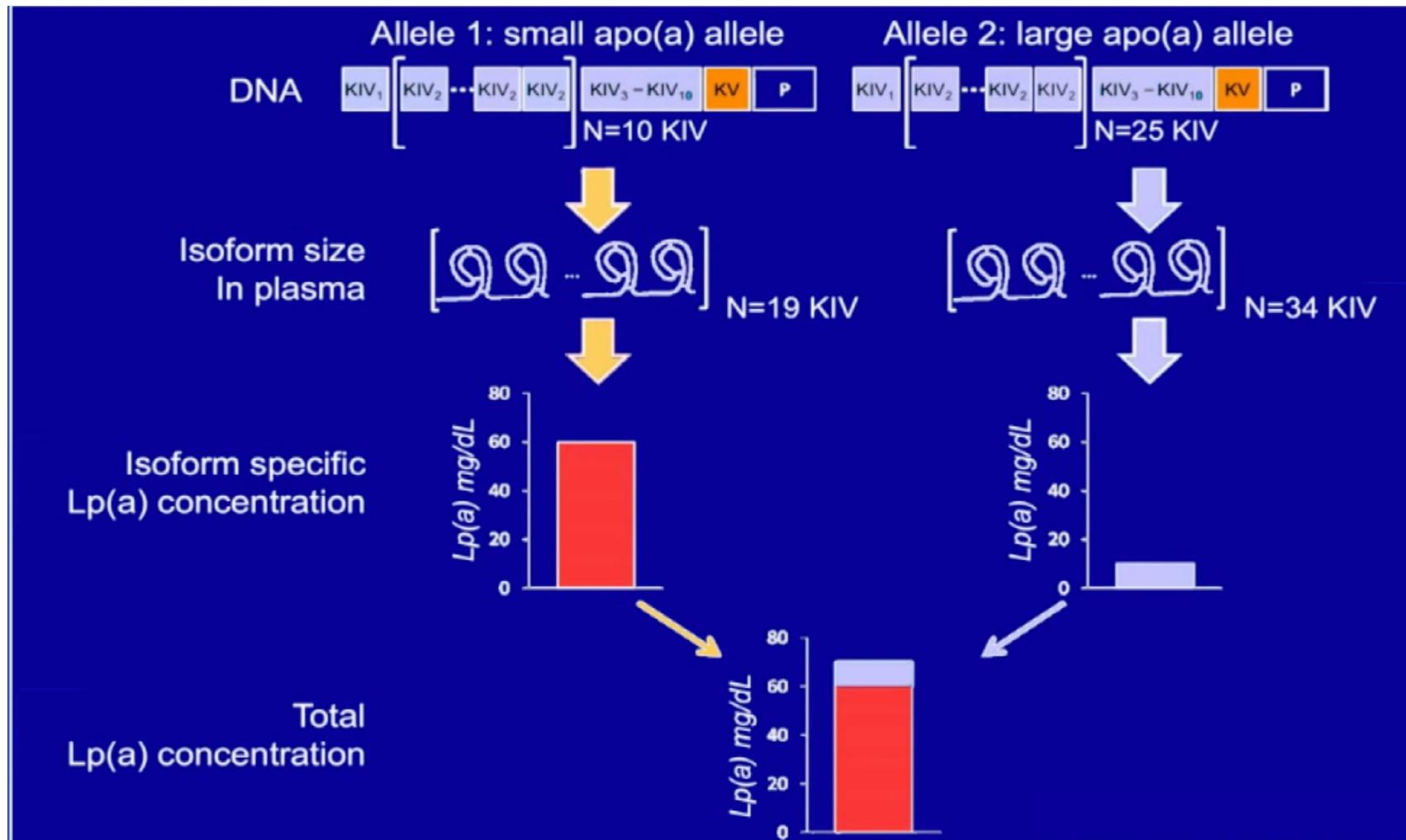


# La Lp(a) exerce des actions pro-athérogènes, pro-inflammatoires et pro-thrombotiques

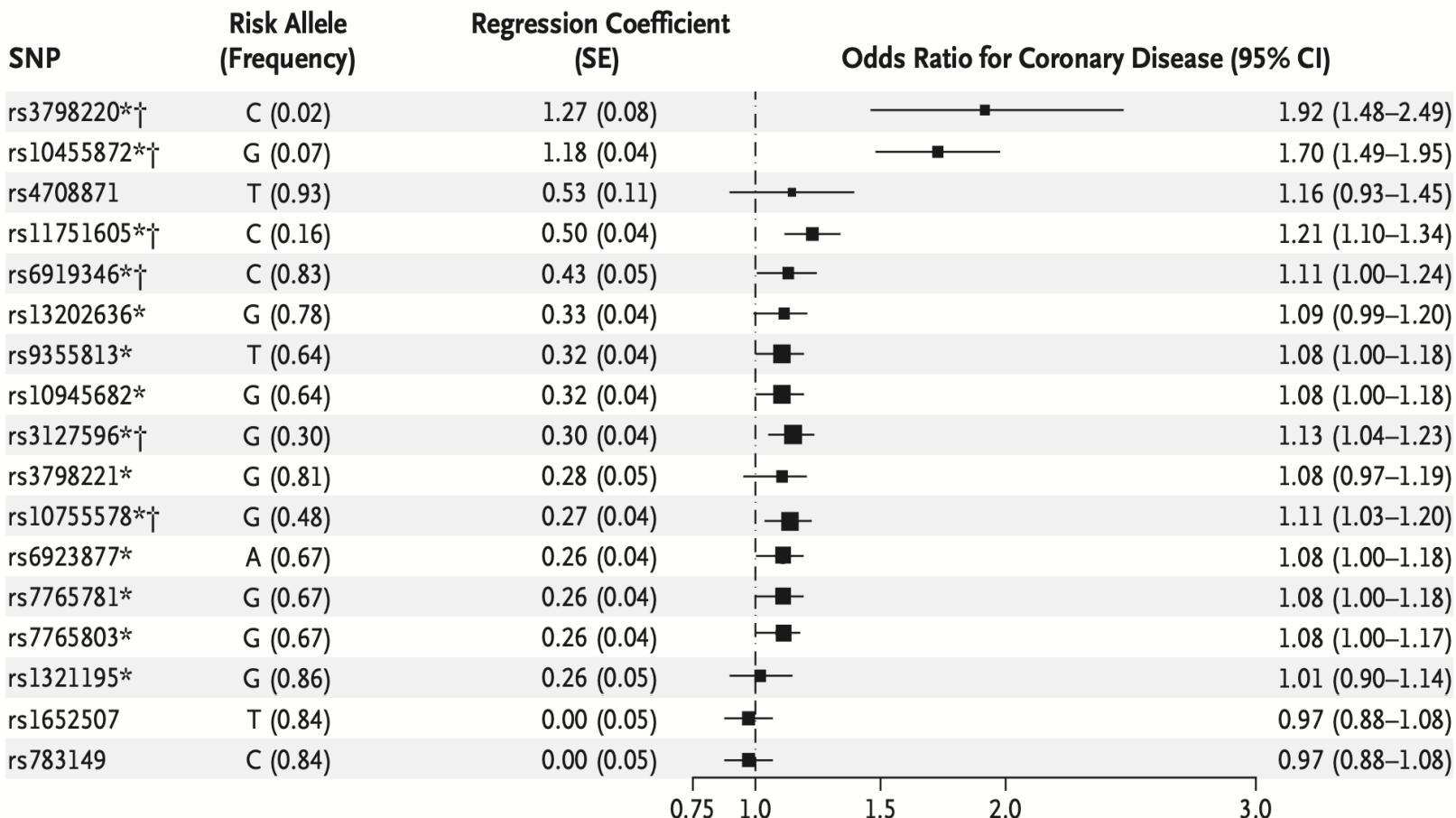


Les concentrations en Lp(a) sont majoritairement déterminées par la génétique

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

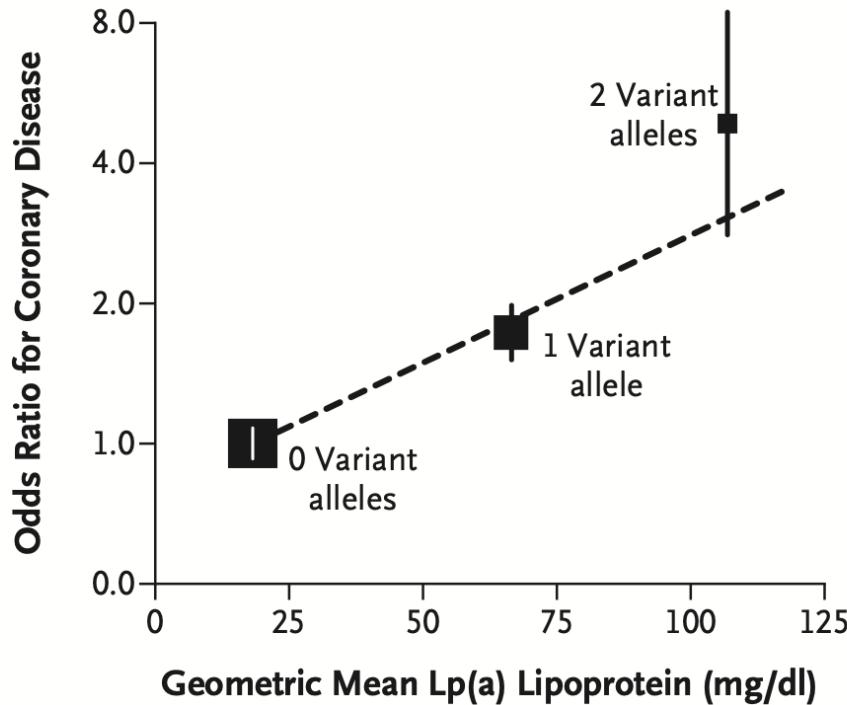


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**Associations of Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) in *LPA* with the Lp(a) Lipoprotein Level and the Risk of Coronary Disease in the PROCARDIS Cohort.**

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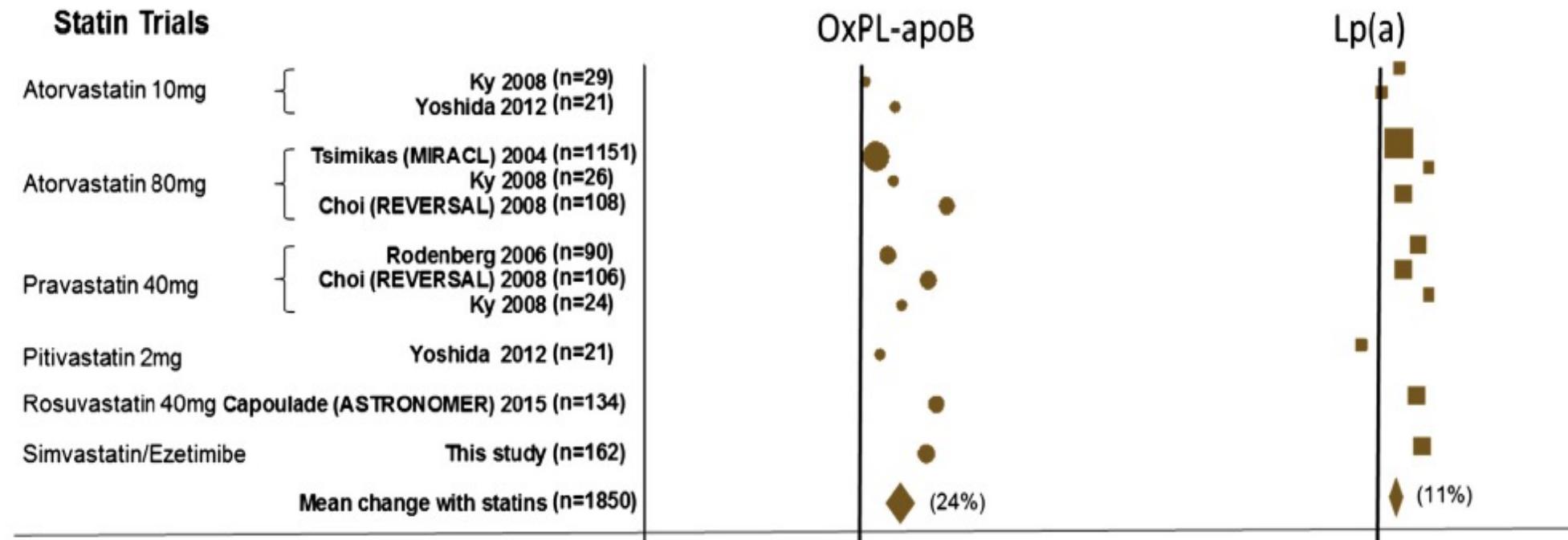


### Association of the *LPA* Genotype Score with the Lp(a) Lipoprotein Level and the Risk of Coronary Disease in the PROCARDIS Cohort.

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)



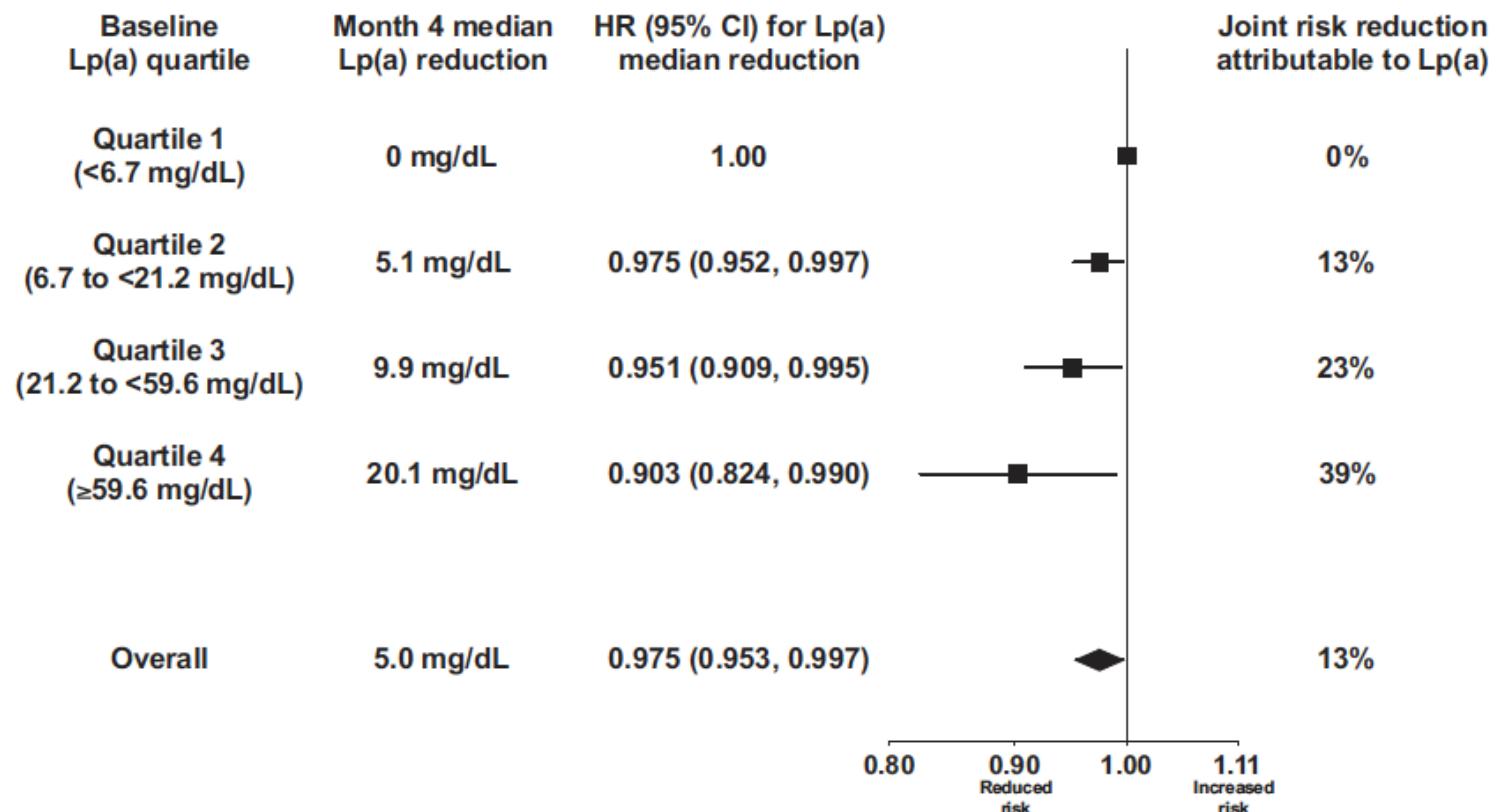
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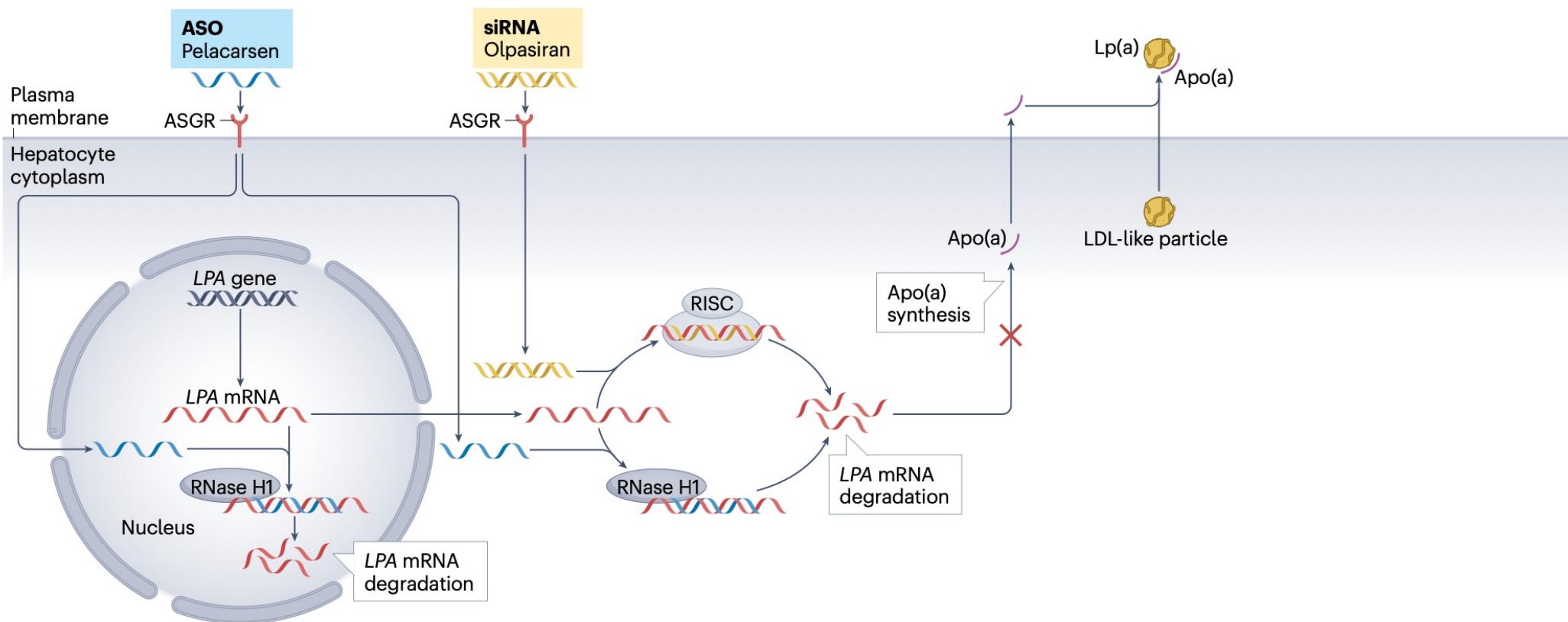
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PCSK9 inhibitors reduce Lp(a) levels



# Lipid lowering therapies targeting Lp(a) in developement

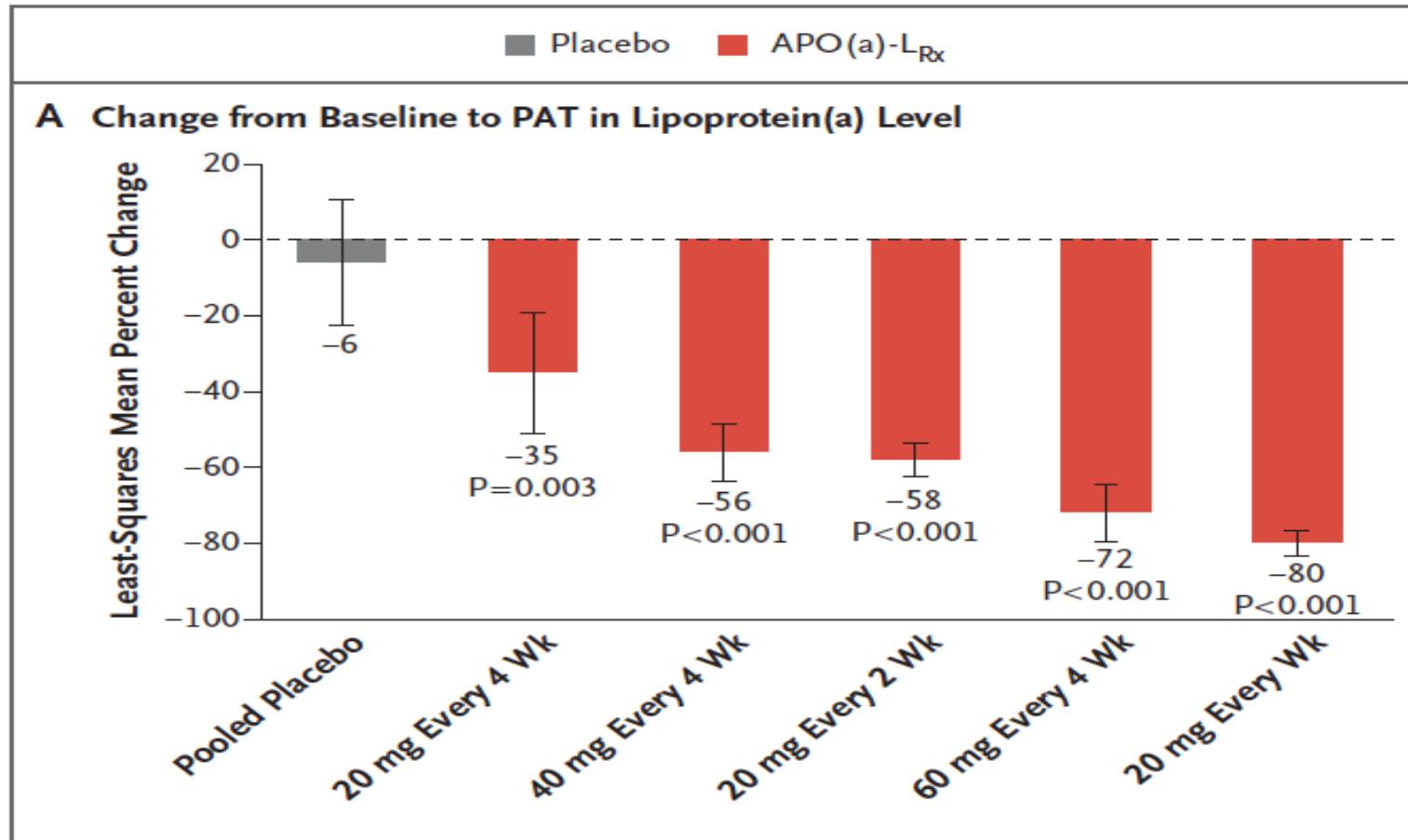


**Fig. 4 | Emerging lipid-lowering therapies targeting Lp(a).** Therapeutic strategies to lower plasma lipoprotein(a) (Lp(a)) levels that are currently being tested in clinical trials include an antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) and a small interfering RNA (siRNA). The ASO pelacarsen binds to *LPA* mRNA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

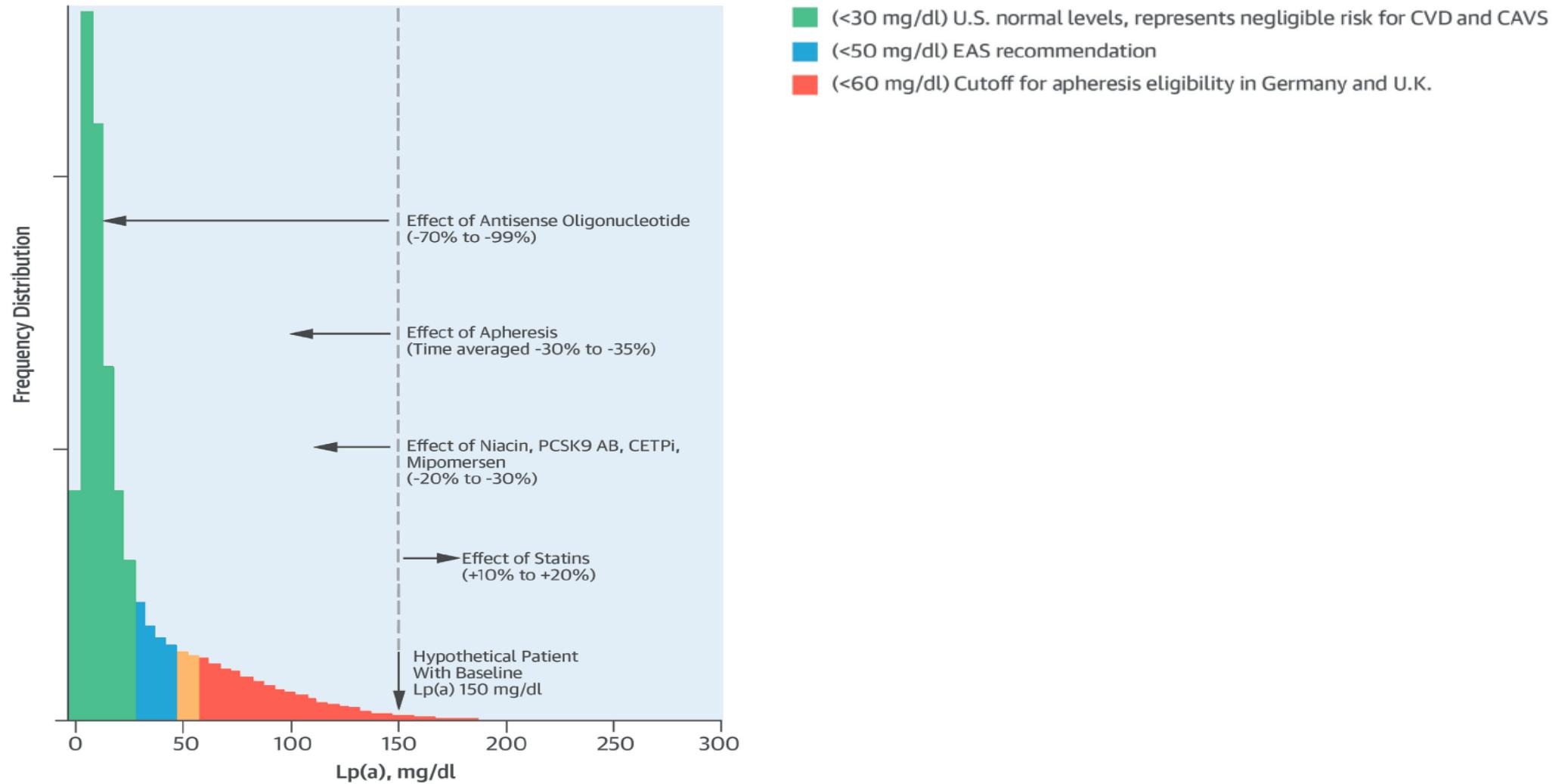
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Patients in secondary CV prevention with  $Lp(a) \geq 60 \text{ mg.dl} (150 \text{ nmol/l})$



ASO anti-Apo(a)

## Lipid lowering therapies targeting Lp(a) in developement



## Lipid lowering therapies targeting Lp(a) in developpement

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ASO: Lp(a)HORIZON -NCT04023552

siRNA (olparsiran, AMG 890)



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