

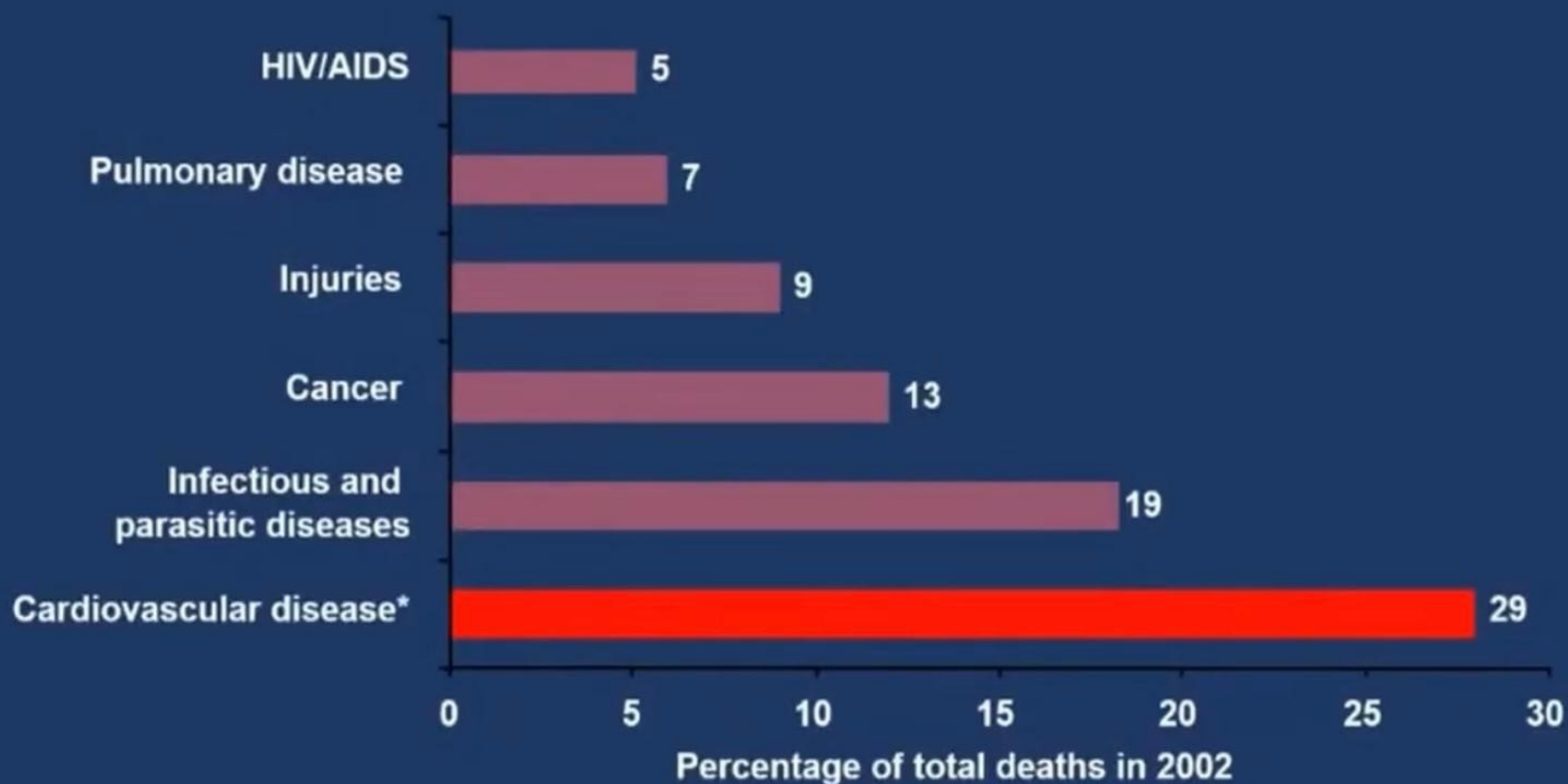
# Θεραπευτικός αλγόριθμος αντιμετώπισης υπερλιπιδαιμίας

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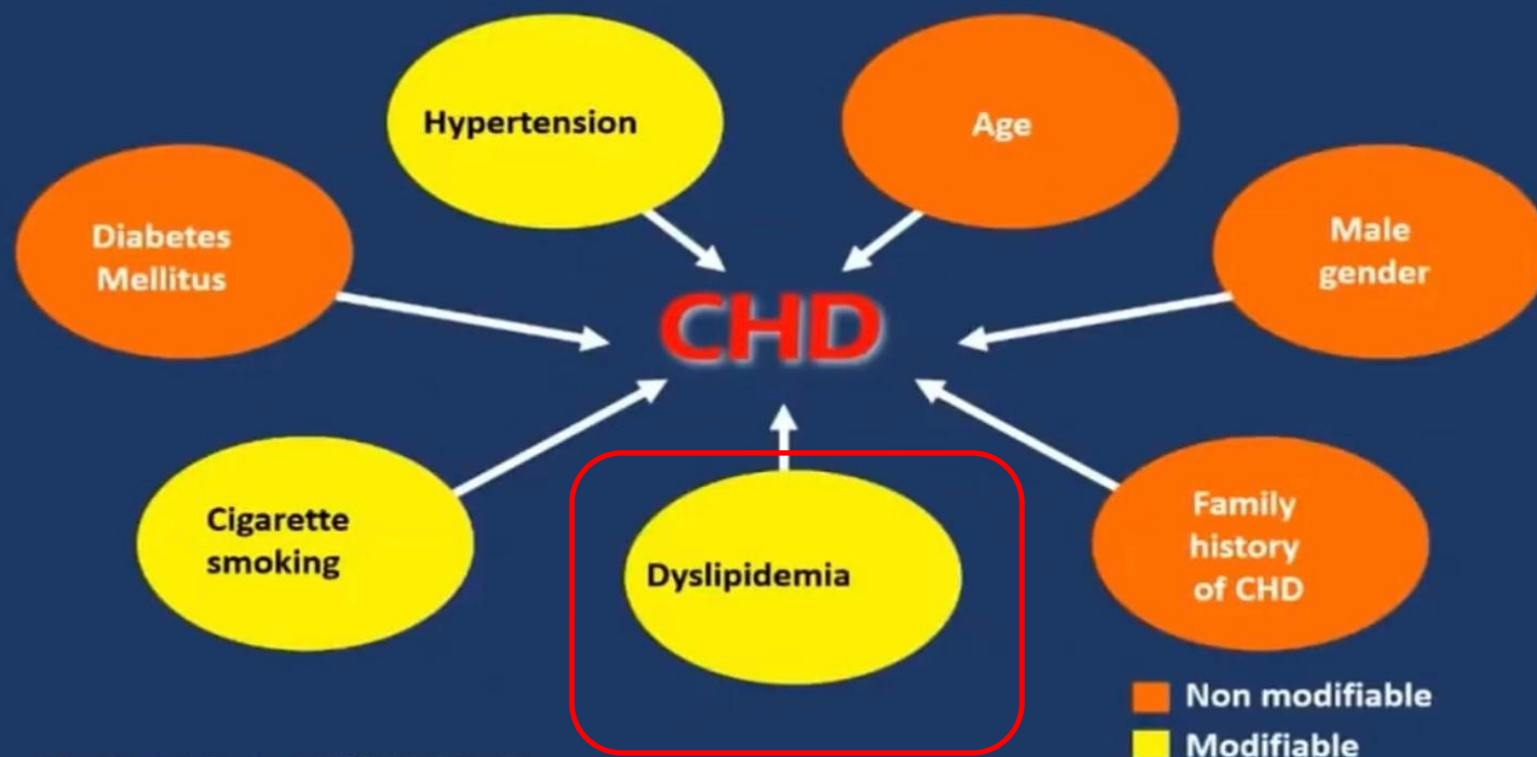
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# Cardiovascular Disease is the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide<sup>1</sup>



\*Ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, hypertensive heart disease, inflammatory heart disease and rheumatic heart disease

# Primary Risk Factors For CHD



# The 3 Lipoproteins That Cause ASCVD

**Non-HDL Cholesterol**  
ApoB-containing lipoproteins

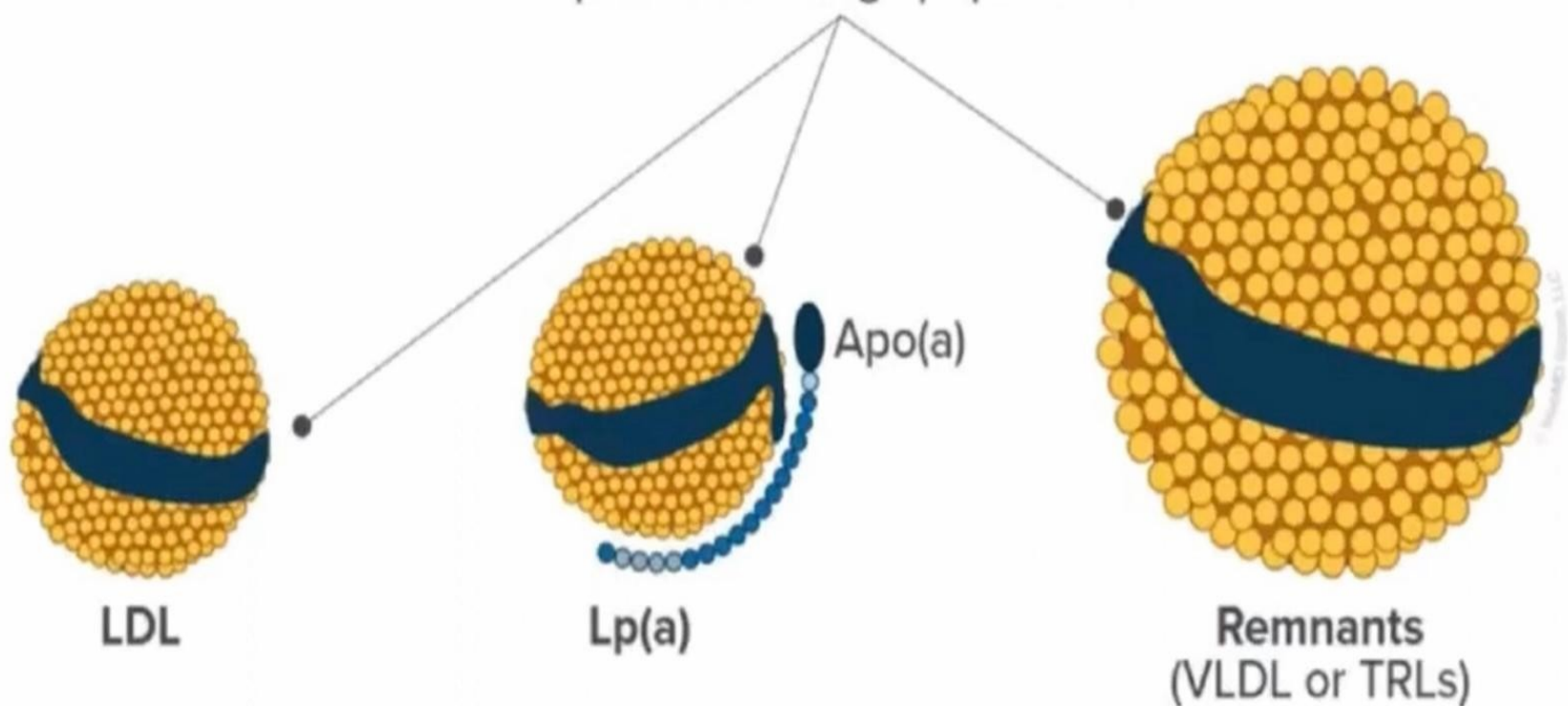
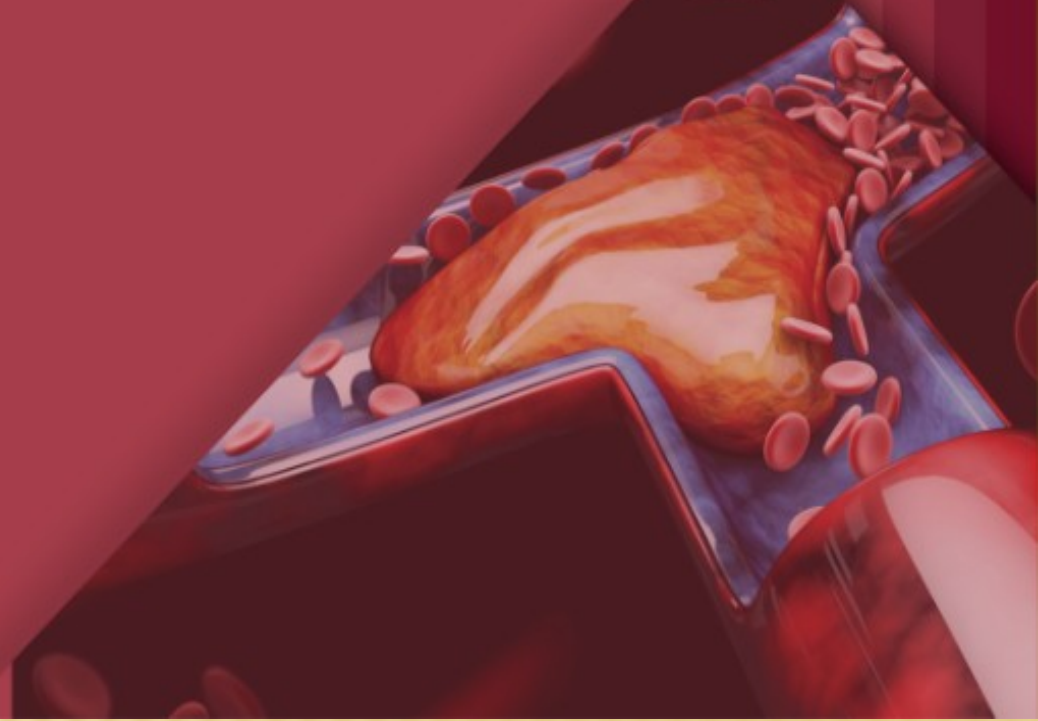


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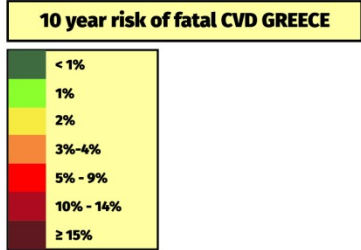
# Hellenic Atherosclerosis Society Guidelines for the Diagnosis & Treatment of Dyslipidemias 2023



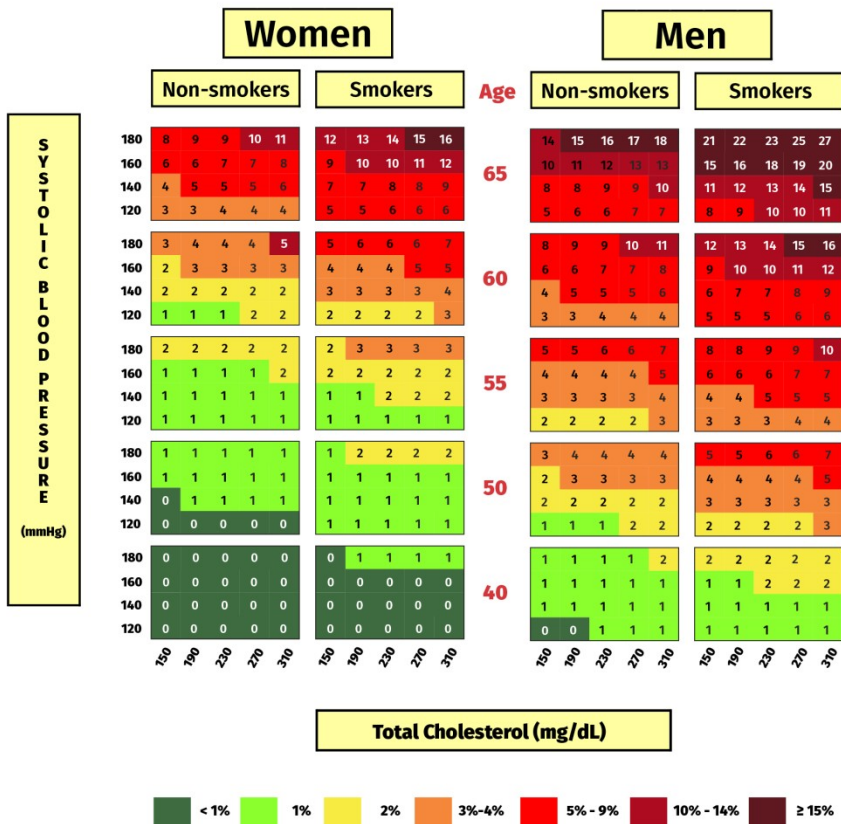


# 10ετής κίνδυνος για θανατηφόρο καρδιαγγειακό σύμβαμα

## HellenicSCORE II



Πρωτογενής πρόληψη σε υγιείς ενήλικες



10 year risk of fatal cardiovascular disease by systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol and smoking status

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Figure 2. HellenicSCORE II – 10-year risk of fatal ASCVD in Greece. (Adapted from Panagiotakos et al<sup>15</sup>)



## Υπολογισμός κινδύνου θανατηφόρου καρδιαγγειακού επεισοδίου Hellenic Score II

Φύλο

ΑΡΡΕΝ

ΘΗΛΥ

Ηλικία

20

+  
-

Καπνιστής

ΝΑΙ

ΟΧΙ

Συστολική  
Αρτηριακή Πίεση  
(mmHg)

0

+  
-

Ολική Χοληστερόλη  
(mg/dL)

0

+  
-

ΥΠΟΒΟΛΗ



**TABLE 1.** Parameters that increase ASCVD risk and should be considered as risk modifiers in individuals at low or moderate risk.

Social deprivation

Obesity, especially central obesity

Physical inactivity

Family history of premature ASCVD  
(men: <55 years; women: <60years)

Major psychiatric disorders

Atrial fibrillation

Left ventricular hypertrophy

Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

History of premature menopause (before age 40 years) and history of pregnancy-associated conditions that increase later ASCVD risk such as preeclampsia

**Parameters that increase  
ASCVD risk and should  
be considered  
as risk modifiers  
in individuals at low  
or moderate risk**





**TABLE 1.** Parameters that increase ASCVD risk and should be considered as risk modifiers in individuals at low or moderate risk (*continued*).

High-risk race/ethnicities (e.g., South Asian ancestry)

Lipid-related markers

- Persistently elevated, primary hypertriglyceridemia ( $\geq 175$  mg/dL)
- non-HDL-C  $> 190$  mg/dL
- Elevated Lp(a)  $\geq 50$  mg/dL or  $\geq 125$  nmol/L
- Elevated apoB  $\geq 130$  mg/dL (if measured)

Other biomarkers/imaging (if measured or done):

- Elevated high-sensitivity C-reactive protein ( $\geq 2.0$  mg/L)
- ABI  $< 0.9$
- Arterial (carotid and/or femoral) plaque burden on ultrasonography
- CAC score assessment with CT

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; non-HDL-C: non high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; Lp(a): lipoprotein a; apoB: apo-lipoprotein B; ABI: ankle brachial index; CAC: coronary artery calcium; CT: computed tomography

**Parameters that increase ASCVD risk and should be considered as risk modifiers in individuals at low or moderate risk**



## ASCVD risk groups.

TABLE 53. ASCVD risk groups.

ASCVD Risk group	Patient characteristics
I. Very high ASCVD risk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Established CHD</li><li>2. Ischemic stroke/TIA</li><li>3. Atherosclerotic arterial stenosis &gt;50%</li><li>4. Abdominal aortic aneurysm</li><li>5. Familial hypercholesterolemia with <math>\geq 1</math> major risk factor</li><li>6. Diabetes type 2 with target organ damage or <math>\geq 3</math> major risk factors (age, smoking, atherogenic dyslipidemia, hypertension, obesity) or diabetes type 1 &gt;20 years duration</li><li>7. Chronic kidney disease stage 4 (eGFR &lt;30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)</li><li>8. HellenicSCORE II <math>\geq 10\%</math></li><li>9. Peripheral artery disease</li></ol>



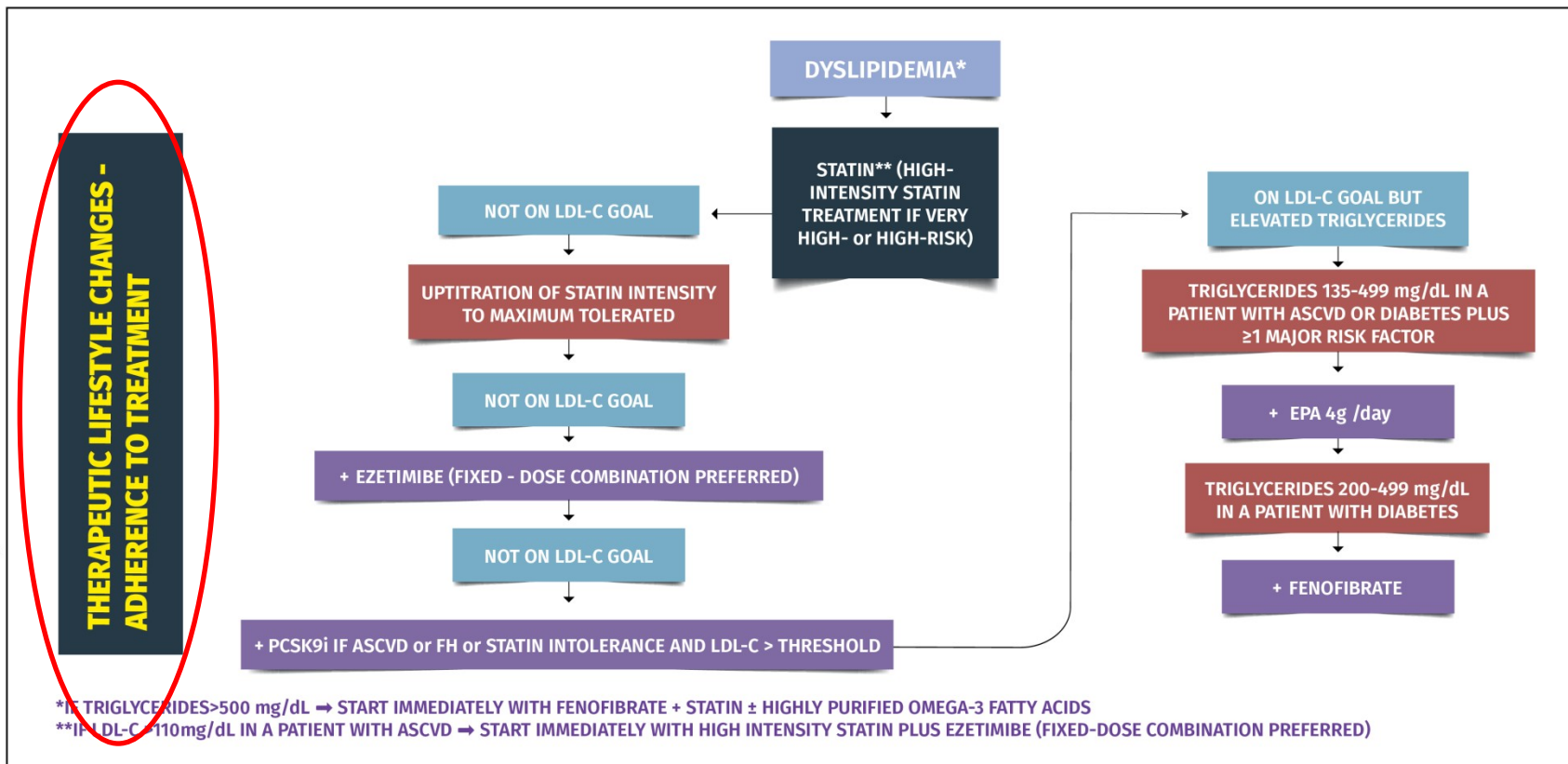
## ASCVD risk groups.

**TABLE 53.** ASCVD risk groups (*continued*).

ASCVD Risk group	Patient characteristics
II. High ASCVD risk group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. HellenicSCORE II <math>\geq</math> 5-10%</li><li>2. At least one severe risk factor (stage 3 hypertension, extreme smoking, LDL-C &gt; 190 mg/dL)</li><li>3. Familial hypercholesterolemia without any major risk factor</li><li>4. Diabetes &gt; 10 years duration with 1-2 major risk factors (age, smoking, atherogenic dyslipidemia, hypertension, obesity)</li><li>5. Chronic kidney disease stage 3 (eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)</li><li>6. Autoimmune diseases/HIV infection</li></ol>
III. Moderate ASCVD risk group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. HellenicSCORE II <math>\geq</math> 1-5%</li><li>2. Diabetes &lt; 10 years duration in persons &lt; 45 years (type 2) or &lt; 35 years (type 1) without any major risk factors</li></ol>
IV. Low ASCVD risk group	HellenicSCORE II < 1%

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CHD: coronary heart disease; TIA: transient ischemic attack; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

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**FIGURE 10. Proposed treatment algorithm.**

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; CKD: chronic kidney disease; FH: familial hypercholesterolemia; EPA: eicosapentaenoic acid

# Treatment targets and goals for cardiovascular disease prevention (1)

Smoking	No exposure to tobacco in any form.
Diet	Healthy diet low in saturated fat with a focus on whole grain products, vegetables, fruit and fish.
Physical activity	3.5–7 hours moderately vigorous physical activity per week or 30–60 min most days.
Body weight	BMI 20–25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , waist circumference <94 cm (men) and <80 cm (women).
Blood pressure	<140/90 mmHg <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Lower treatment targets are recommended for most treated hypertensive patients, provided that the treatment is well tolerated.

# Dietary recommendations for patients with dyslipidemia



**TABLE 5.** Dietary recommendations for patients with dyslipidemia.

Recommendation	Class of recommendation
Individualized nutritional counseling should be provided by a registered nutritionist to all patients with dyslipidemia for sustainable dietary changes. The nutritionist should collaborate with the clinicians to achieve the maximal benefit	IIa
Dietary fat is recommended to be consumed mainly via vegetable oils, fish and nuts. <u>A total fat intake higher than 35% of total energy intake should be avoided</u> , especially for people with mild to moderate hypercholesterolemia	I
Patients with FH should restrict total fat to <b>20-35%</b> of total energy intake, keeping in mind that very low-fat diets have the risk of inadequate intake of lipid soluble vitamins	IIa
SFA, MUFA and PUFA are recommended not to exceed <b>7, 20 and 10%</b> of energy intake, respectively	I
The intake of omega-6 PUFA is recommended to range from <b>5 to 10%</b> of energy intake, while that of omega-3 PUFA between <b>0.6-2.0%</b> . <u>A minimum intake of 500 mg/day EPA+DHA, preferably from fish, is recommended</u>	I
Most carbohydrates are recommended to derive from unprocessed, non-refined food sources providing high amounts of dietary fibers with a hypocholesterolemic action and preventing increase of TG and decrease of HDL-C	I
Sugars, including those found in foods, should not exceed <b>10%</b> of energy intake from food sources. <u>A lower intake is needed for patients with atherogenic dyslipidemia (such as those with metabolic syndrome and T2D)</u>	IIa



**TABLE 5.** Dietary recommendations for patients with dyslipidemia (*continued*).

The consumption of trans fatty acids is recommended not to exceed <b>1%</b> of energy intake	I
Hypercholesterolemic patients should limit dietary cholesterol consumption to no more than <b>300 mg/day</b>	IIa
Legumes, vegetables, fruits and wholegrain cereals intake is recommended for the daily consumption of <b>&gt;25 g/day</b> of dietary fibers. The inclusion of <b>3 g/day</b> of oat and barley soluble fibers can lower LDL-C	I
The addition of <b>2 g/day</b> of plant sterols/stanols in the diet of hypercholesterolemic patients (including patients with FH), in the form of supplements or functional foods, can significantly enhance LDL-C lowering combined with pharmaceutical treatment	IIb
The general population should consume <b>2-3 servings</b> (150 g of cooked fish) preferably from fatty fish (e.g., sardines, anchovies, salmon) to achieve a daily consumption of <b>500 mg</b> EPA-DHA. Higher doses of long-chain omega-3 fatty acids (2-4 g) from supplements, fish oils or enriched foods are required for a clinically significant improvement of hypertriglyceridemia	IIa
The daily consumption of <b>40-60 g/day</b> of nuts (preferably walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts and flaxseed) can exert a meaningful reduction of LDL-C, especially in hypercholesterolemic patients	IIb
Social drinkers can moderately consume alcoholic beverages providing <b>20 g alcohol/day</b> for men and <b>10 g alcohol/day</b> for women. Wine is the recommended alcoholic beverage due to its cardioprotective properties. People with elevated TG must abstain from alcohol consumption	I

SFA: saturated fatty acids; MUFA: monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA: polyunsaturated fatty acids; FH: familial hypercholesterolemia; EPA: eicosapentaenoic acid; DHA: docosahexaenoic acid; TG: triglycerides; HDL-C: high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; T2D: type 2 diabetes; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

**TABLE 6.** Recommendations for physical activity and exercise in patients with dyslipidemia.

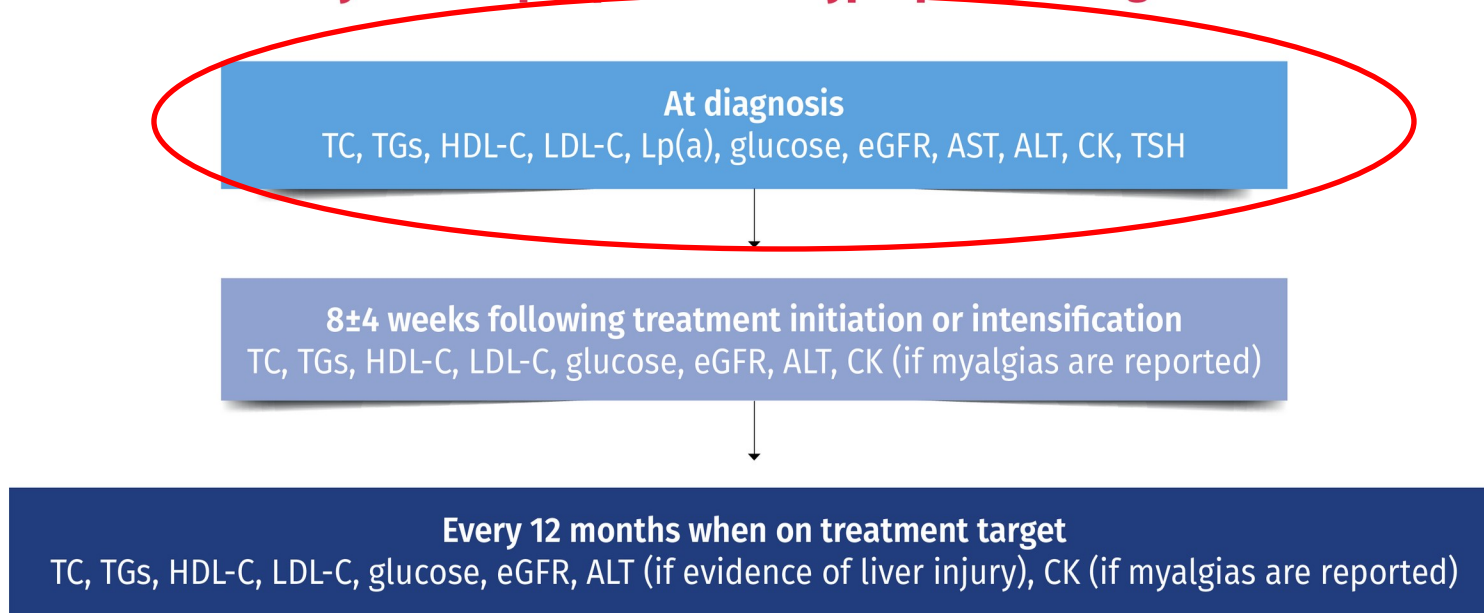
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Class of recommendation</b>
Regular physical activity can favorably alter lipids and lipoproteins. Patients with dyslipidemia must be encouraged to achieve at least 30 min/day of physical activity	I
A hypocholesterolemic effect can be attained by 40 min/day of moderate to intense aerobic training for >3 days/week	I
Moderate-intensity aerobic exercise 150 min/week, separated in sessions of 30 min, can favorably modify cardiometabolic health, including lipid profile	I
Muscle-strengthening resistance training should be considered at least twice per week at a moderate intensity.	IIa
Patients who are reluctant to follow structured exercise programs should be encouraged to participate in supervised recreational team sports activities	IIa



## Recommendations for physical activity and exercise in patients with dyslipidemia

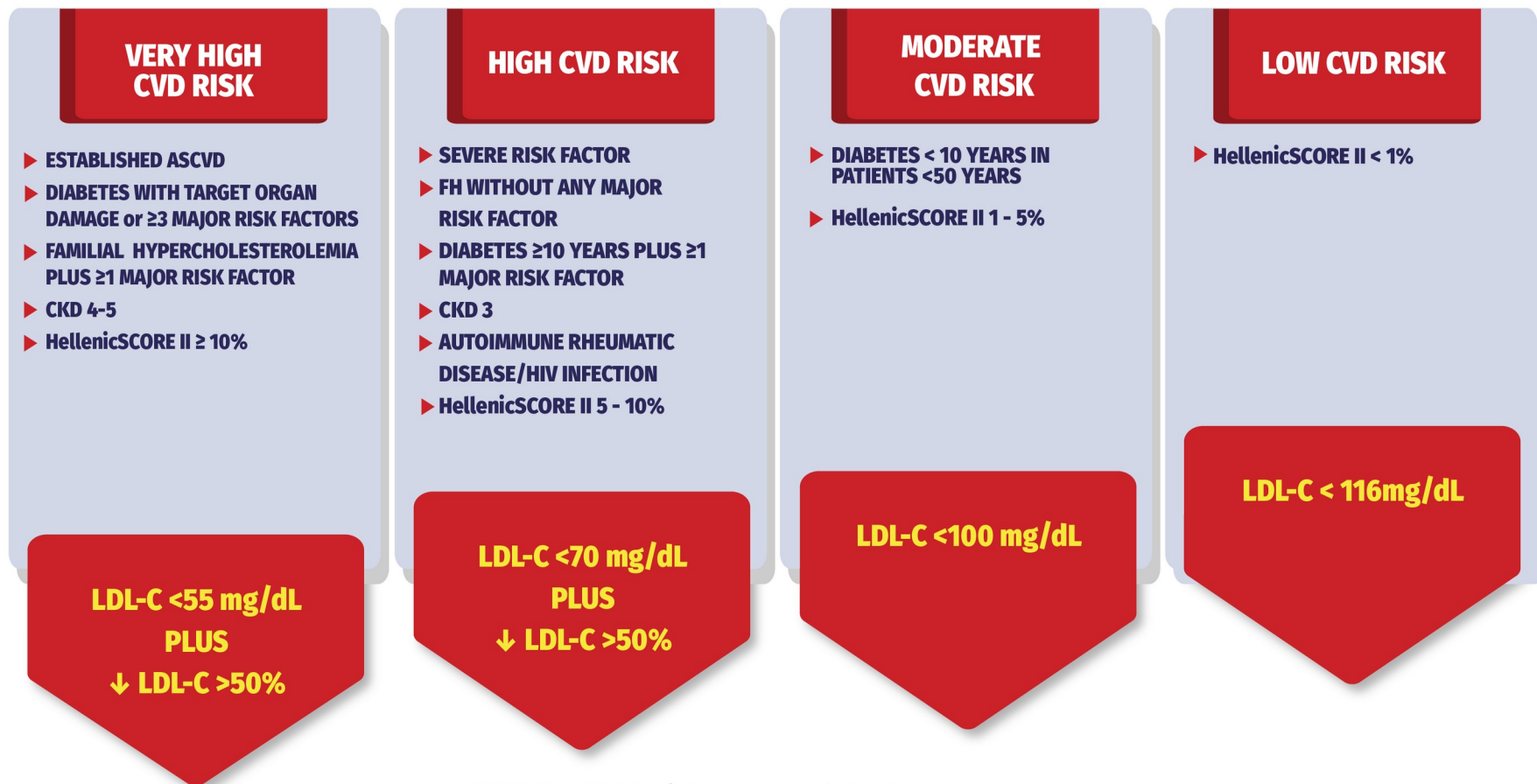


## Laboratory follow-up in patients on hypolipidemic drug treatment



**FIGURE 12:** Laboratory follow-up in patients on hypolipidemic drug treatment

# LDL-C TARGETS 2023

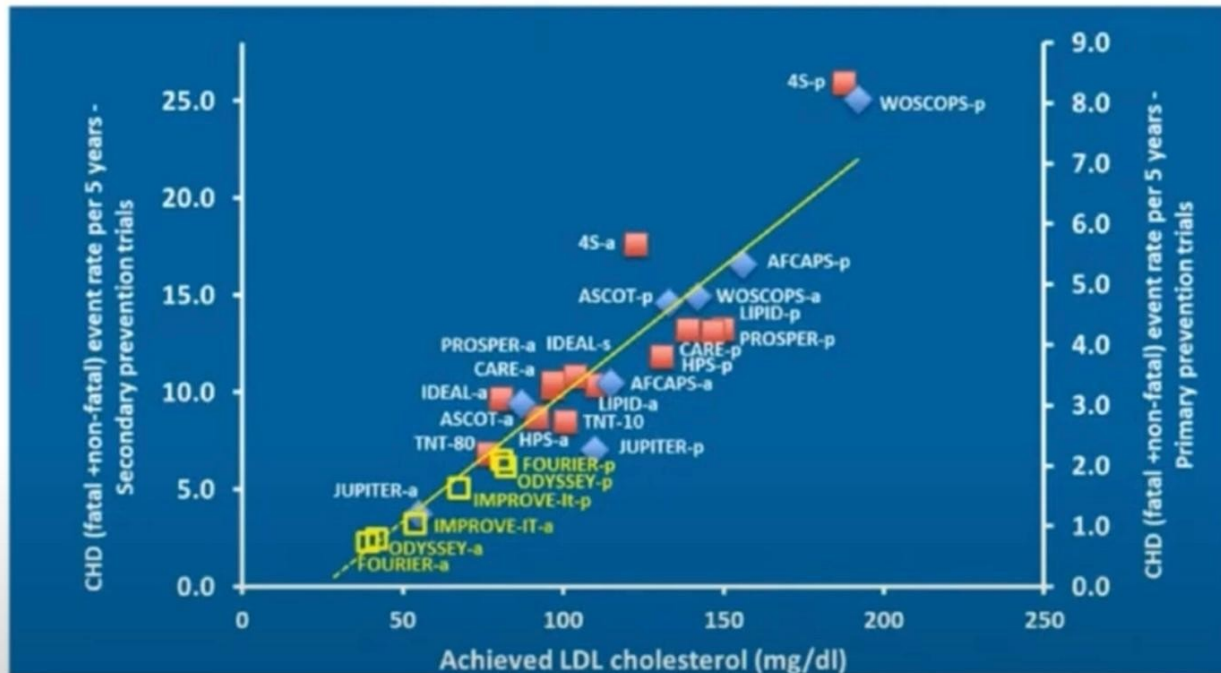


**FIGURE 9.** ASCVD risk groups and LDL-C targets

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; CKD: chronic kidney disease; FH: familial hypercholesterolemia

# THE LOWER THE BETTER!!

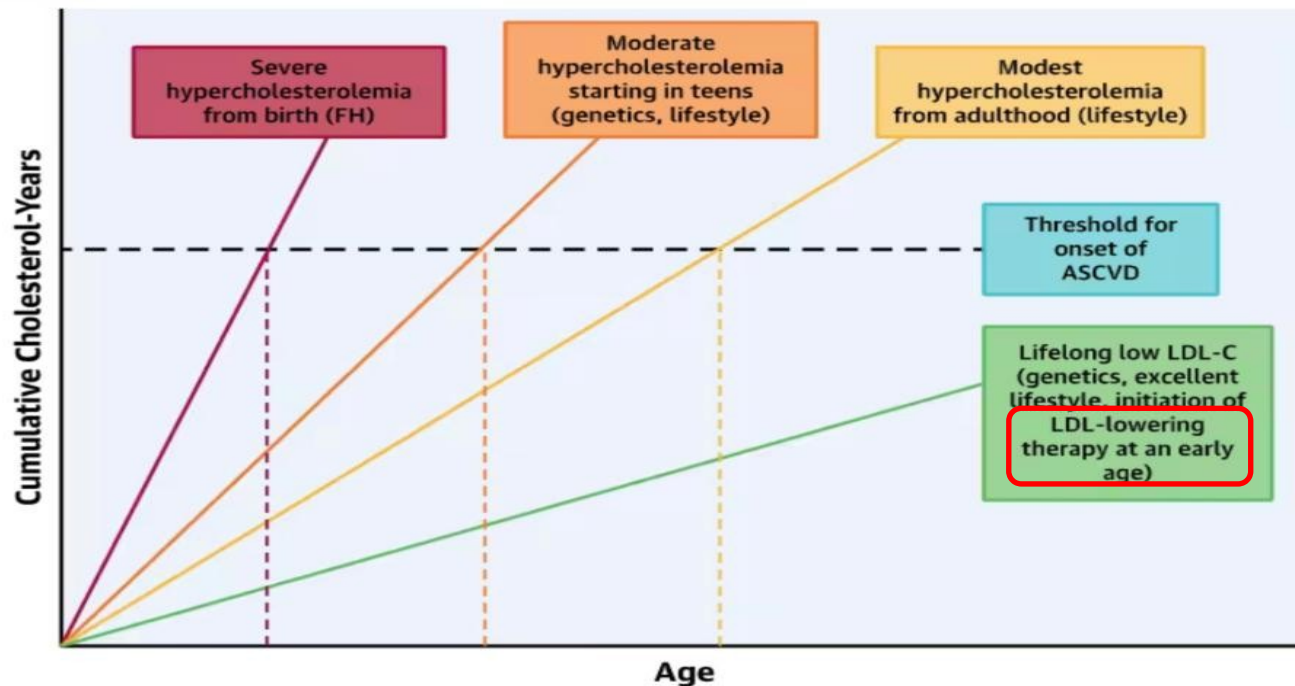
## Impact of Lower LDL-C on Outcomes



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# THE EARLIER THE BETTER!

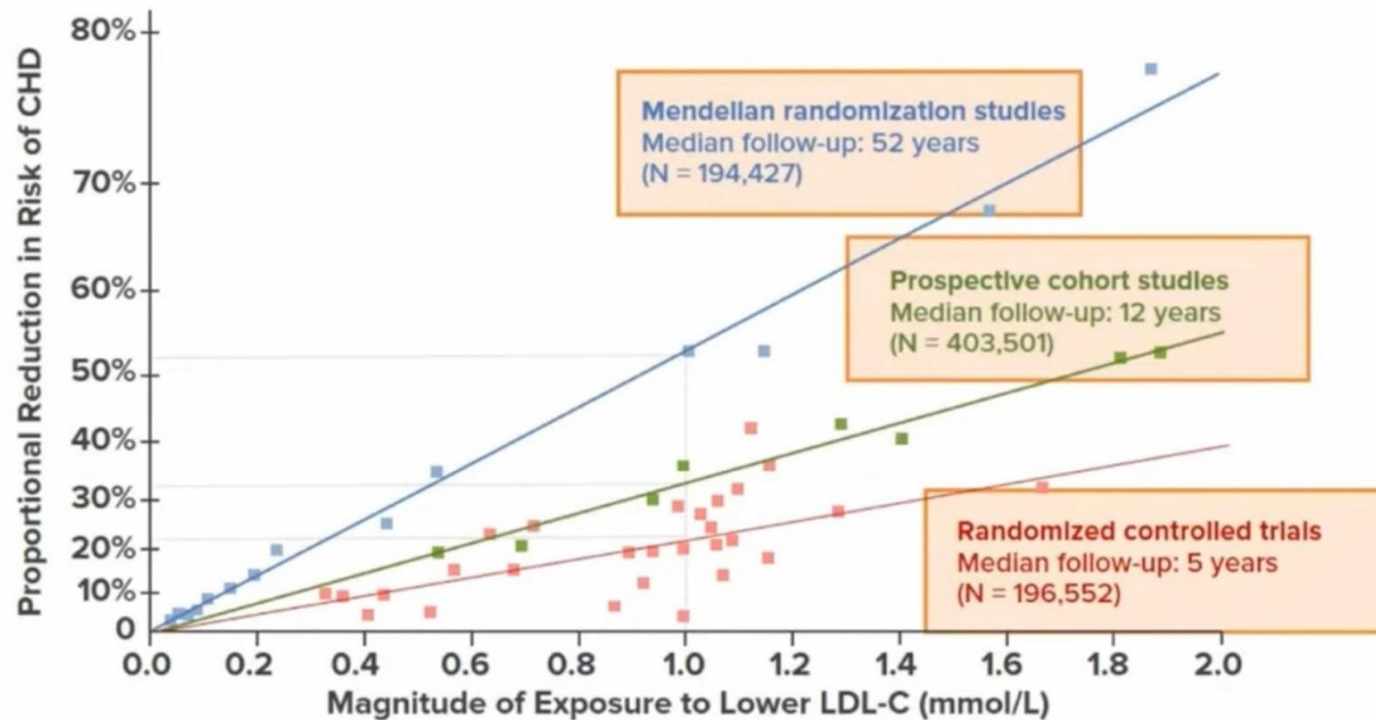
## “Cholesterol Years” Cumulative Exposure Over Time



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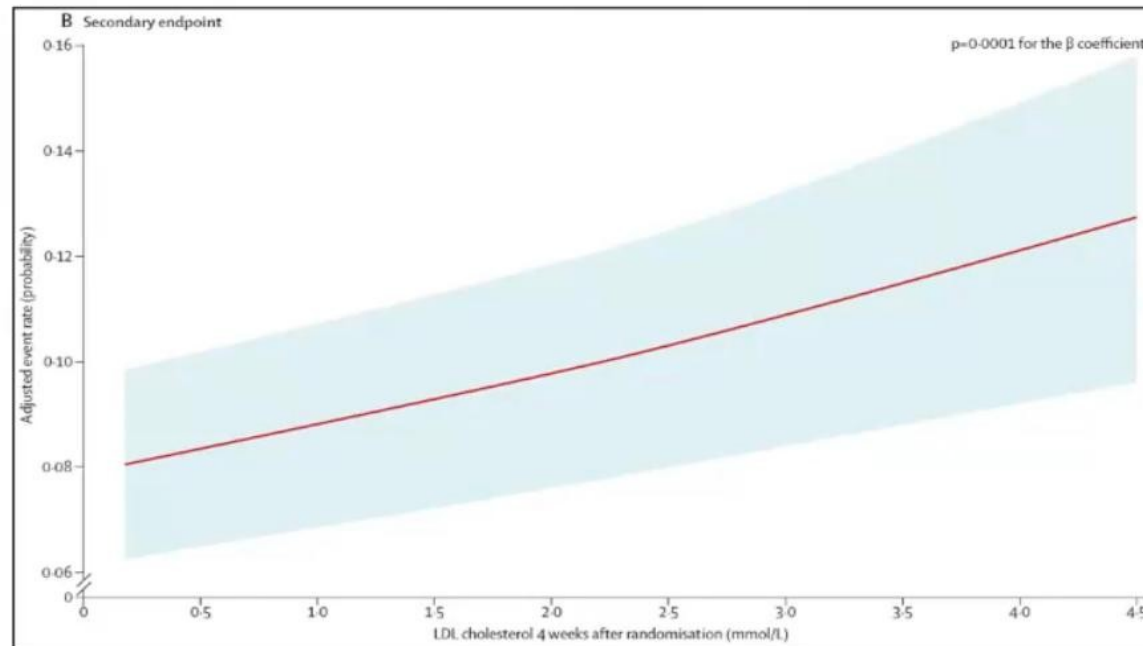
# THE LONGER THE BETTER!!

No Clear Threshold at the Low End  
(Lower LDL-C for Longer Is Better)



## Clinical efficacy and safety of achieving very low LDL-cholesterol concentrations with the PCSK9 inhibitor evolocumab: a prespecified secondary analysis of the FOURIER trial

- 10% είχαν LDL-χολ <20 mg/dL
- **Όφελος και για επίπεδα LDL-χολ <10 mg/dL**
- Απουσία ανεπιθύμητων ενεργειών σε πολύ χαμηλά επίπεδα LDL-χολ



Glugliano RP. Lancet 2017;390(10106):1962-71

# Recommendations for treatment goals for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (2)

Recommendations	Class	Level
For patients with ASCVD who experience a second vascular event within 2 years (not necessarily of the same type as the first event) while taking maximally tolerated statin therapy, <u>an LDL-C goal of &lt;1.0 mmol/L (&lt;40 mg/dL)</u> may be considered.	IIb	B
In patients at high risk, an LDL-C reduction of at least 50% from baseline <sup>d</sup> and an LDL-C goal of <1.8 mmol/L (<70 mg/dL) are recommended.	I	A

@ESC

The term 'baseline' refers to the LDL-C level in a person not taking any LDL-C lowering medication. In people who are taking LDL-C-lowering medication(s), the projected baseline (untreated) LDL-C levels should be estimated, based on the average LDL-C-lowering efficacy of the given medication or combination of medications.



## LDL-C treatment goals for different ASCVD risk groups.

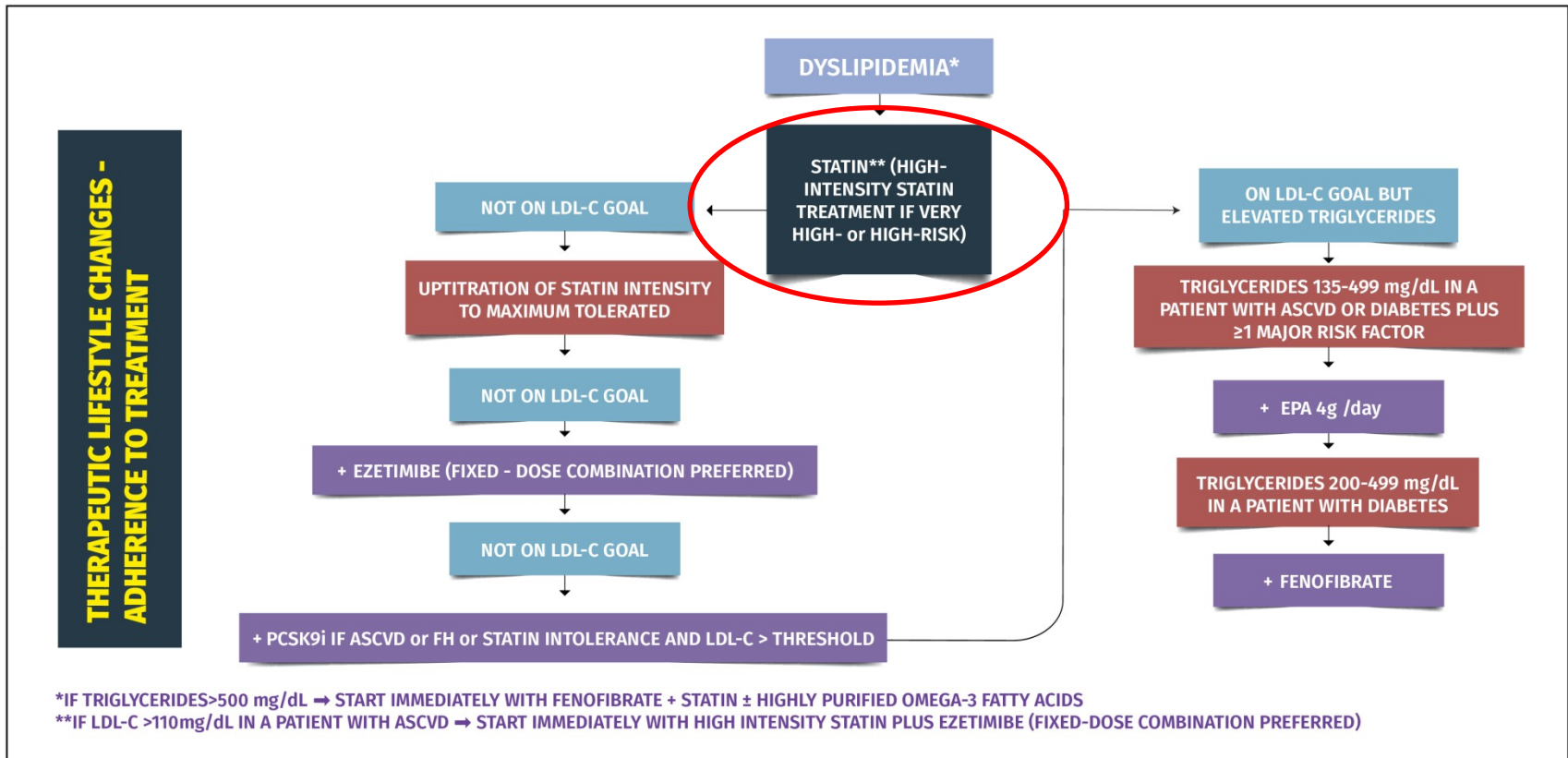
**TABLE 54.** LDL-C treatment goals for different ASCVD risk groups.

ASCVD Risk group	LDL-C treatment target	Initiation of lipid-lowering drug treatment	Class of recommendation
I. Very high ASCVD risk	<55 mg/dL AND >50% LDL-C reduction from baseline	Immediate + therapeutic lifestyle changes	I
II. High ASCVD risk	<70 mg/dL AND >50% LDL-C reduction from baseline	Immediate + therapeutic lifestyle changes	I
III. Moderate ASCVD risk group	<100 mg/dL	3 months following therapeutic lifestyle changes	I
IV. Low ASCVD risk group	<116 mg/dL	3-6 months following therapeutic lifestyle changes	IIa

LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease



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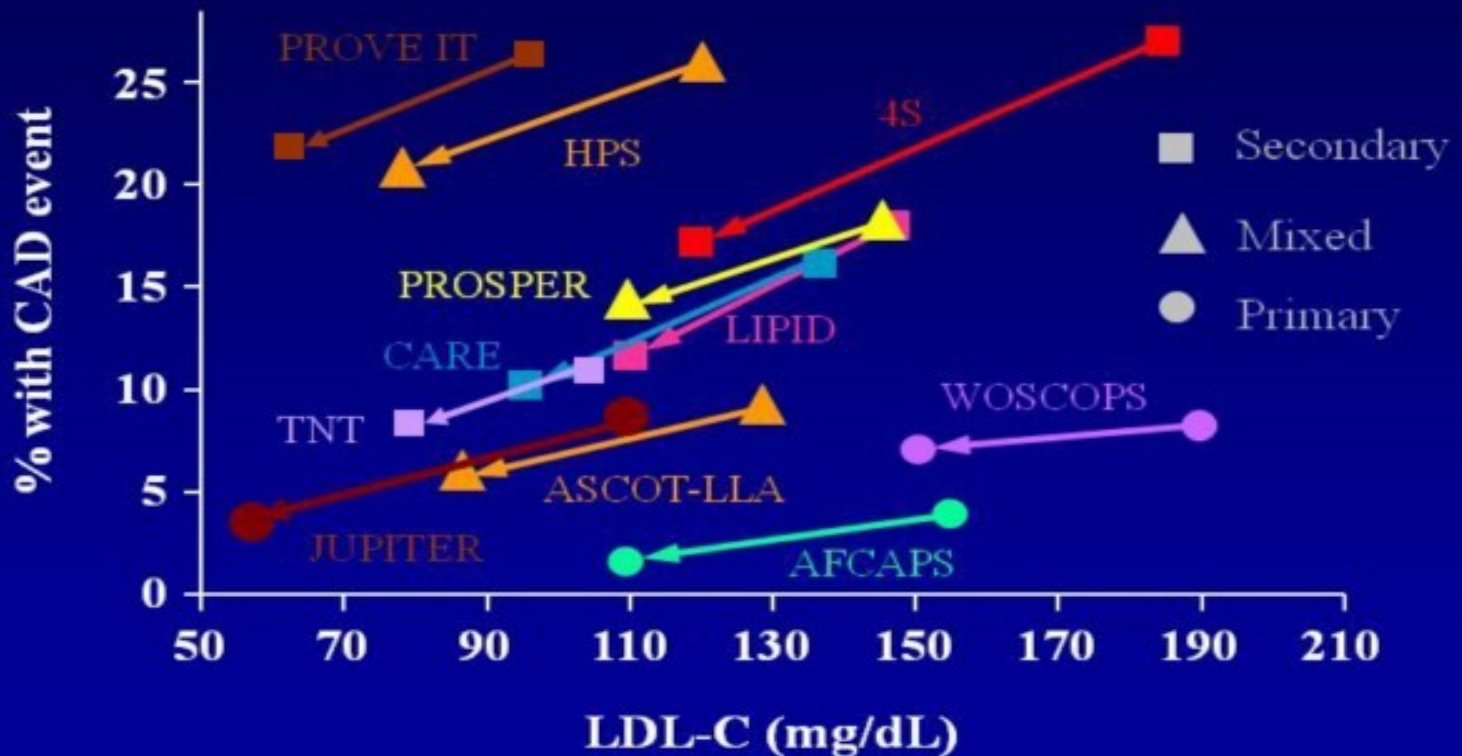
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# ΣΤΑΤΙΝΕΣ

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- ✘ Μειώνουν την ενδογενή σύνθεση χοληστερόλης και αυξάνουν την πρόσληψη της χοληστερόλης από το πλάσμα μέσω των LDLR
- ✘ Μειώνουν την LDL 20-50%, μικρή επίδραση σε HDL, δοσοεξαρτώμενη στα TG
- ✘ **Διπλασιασμός δόσης** επιπλέον μείωση LDL κατά 6%

# Major Statin Trials

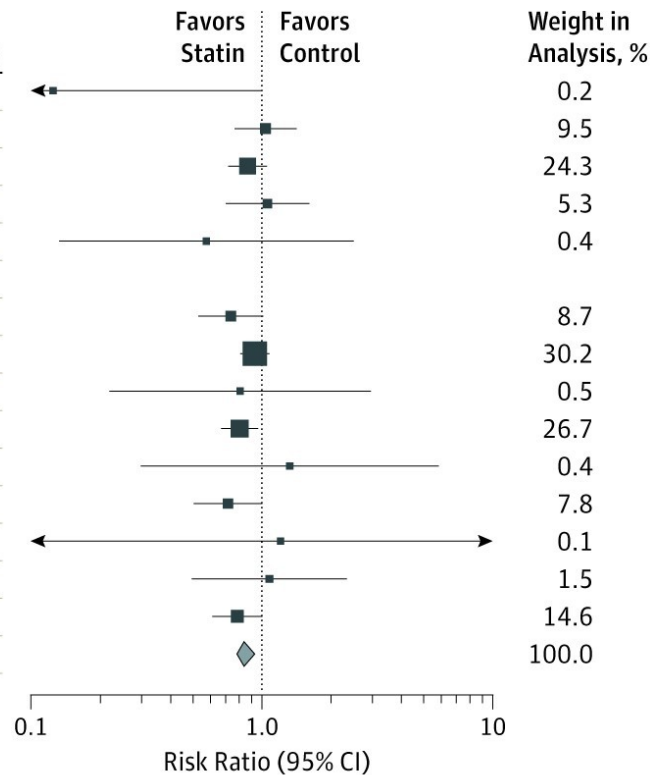


**A** All-cause mortality

Study	Follow-up, y	Statins	Control	Risk Ratio (95% CI)
		Patients With Events, No./Total (%)	Patients With Events, No./Total (%)	
ACAPS, <sup>18</sup> 1994	3	1/460 (0.22)	8/459 (1.7)	0.12 (0.02-0.99)
AFCAPS/TexCAPS, <sup>19</sup> 1998	5	80/3304 (2.4)	77/3301 (2.3)	1.04 (0.76-1.41)
ASCOT-LLA, <sup>20</sup> 2003	3	185/5168 (3.6)	212/5137 (4.1)	0.87 (0.71-1.05)
ASPEN, <sup>21</sup> 2006	4	44/959 (4.6)	41/946 (4.3)	1.06 (0.70-1.60)
Beishuizen et al, <sup>23</sup> 2004	2	3/103 (2.9)	4/79 (5.1)	0.58 (0.13-2.50)
Bone et al, <sup>24</sup> 2007	1	0/485 (0)	0/119 (0)	Not estimable
CARDS, <sup>26</sup> 2004	4	61/1428 (4.3)	82/1410 (5.8)	0.73 (0.53-1.01)
HOPE-3, <sup>14</sup> 2016	6	334/6361 (5.3)	357/6344 (5.6)	0.93 (0.81-1.08)
HYRIM, <sup>28</sup> 2005	4	4/283 (1.4)	5/285 (1.8)	0.81 (0.22-2.97)
JUPITER, <sup>29</sup> 2008	2	198/8901 (2.2)	247/8901 (2.8)	0.80 (0.67-0.96)
KAPS, <sup>30</sup> 1995	3	4/214 (1.9)	3/212 (1.4)	1.32 (0.30-5.83)
MEGA, <sup>31</sup> 2006	5	55/3866 (1.4)	79/3966 (2.0)	0.71 (0.51-1.00)
METEOR, <sup>32</sup> 2007	2	1/700 (0.14)	0/281 (0)	1.21 (0.05-29.5)
Prevend-IT, <sup>34</sup> 2004	4	13/433 (3.0)	12/431 (2.8)	1.08 (0.50-2.34)
WOSCOPS, <sup>35</sup> 1995	5	106/3302 (3.2)	135/3293 (4.1)	0.78 (0.61-1.01)
Total (95% CI)		1089/35967 (3.0)	1262/35164 (3.6)	0.86 (0.80-0.93)

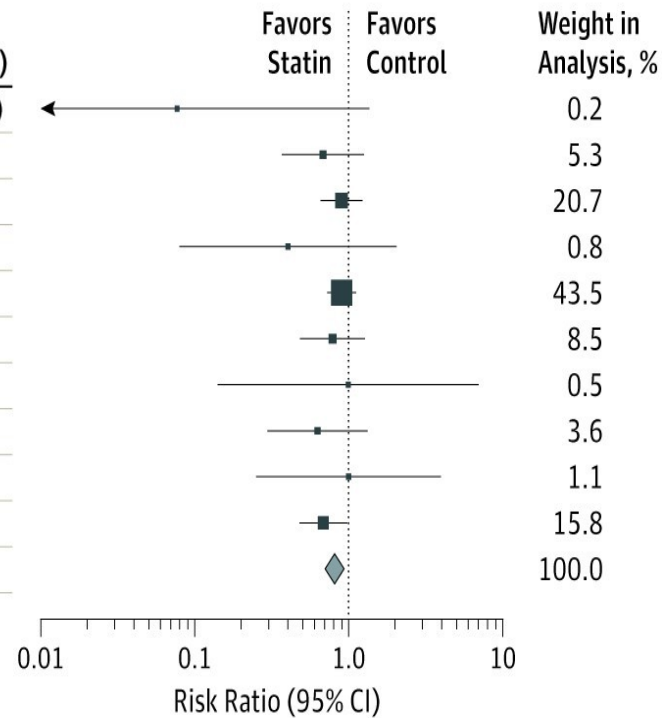
Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.00$ ;  $\chi^2_{13} = 11.07$  ( $P = .60$ );  $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect:  $z = 3.63$  ( $P < .003$ )



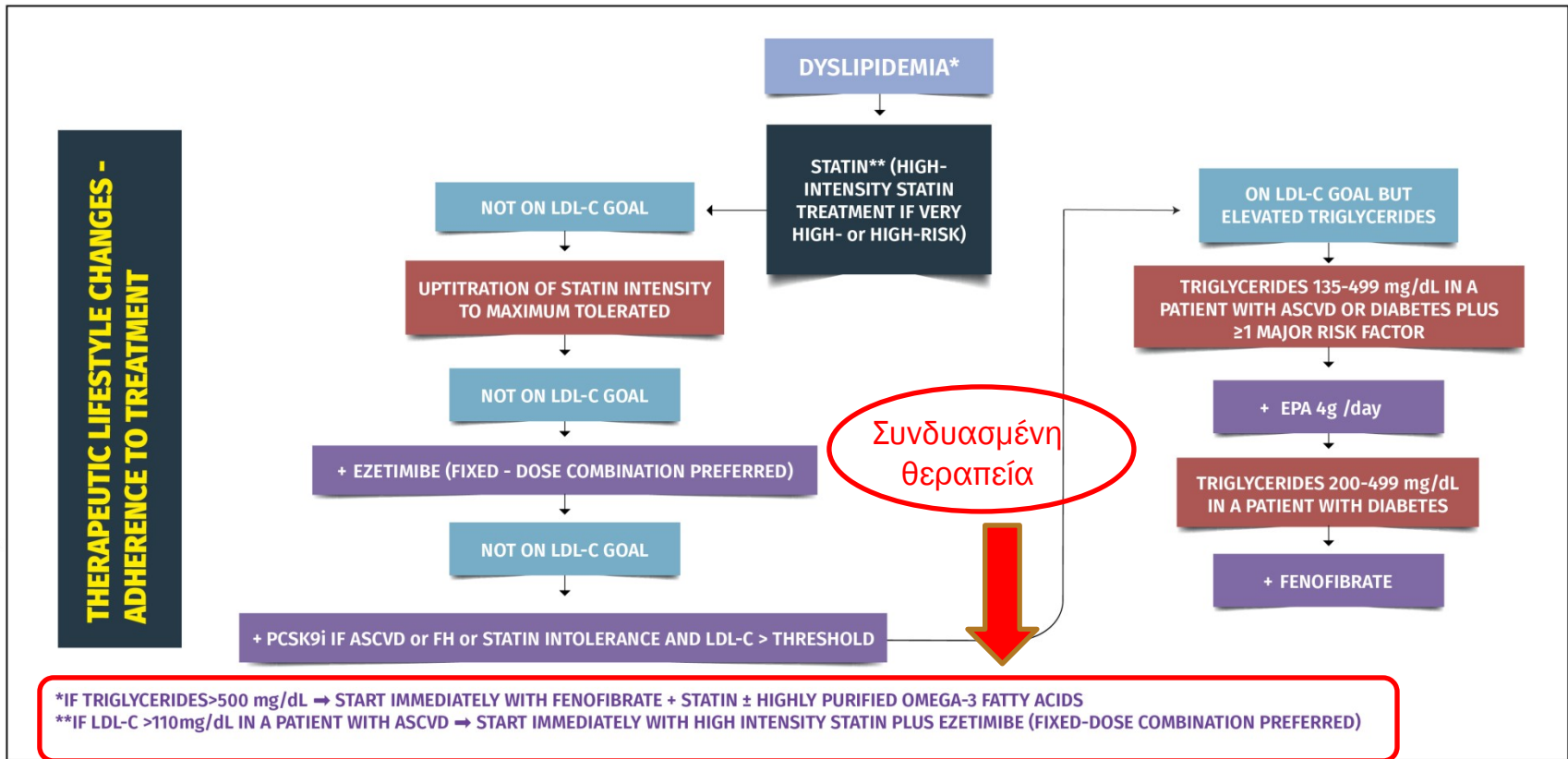
**B** Cardiovascular mortality

Study	Follow-up, y	Statins	Control	Risk Ratio (95% CI)	Weight in Analysis, %
		Patients With Events, No./Total (%)	Patients With Events, No./Total (%)		
ACAPS, <sup>18</sup> 1994	3	0/460 (0)	6/459 (1.3)	0.08 (0.004-1.36)	0.2
AFCAPS/TexCAPS, <sup>19</sup> 1998	5	17/3304 (0.51)	25/3301 (0.76)	0.68 (0.37-1.26)	5.3
ASCOT-LLA, <sup>20</sup> 2003	3	74/5168 (1.4)	82/5137 (1.6)	0.90 (0.66-1.23)	20.7
ASTRONOMER, <sup>22</sup> 2010	4	2/134 (1.5)	5/135 (3.7)	0.40 (0.08-2.04)	0.8
HOPE-3, <sup>14</sup> 2016	6	154/6361 (2.4)	171/6344 (2.7)	0.90 (0.72-1.11)	43.5
JUPITER, <sup>29</sup> 2008	2	29/8901 (0.33)	37/8901 (0.42)	0.78 (0.48-1.27)	8.5
KAPS, <sup>30</sup> 1995	3	2/214 (0.93)	2/212 (0.94)	0.99 (0.14-6.97)	0.5
MEGA, <sup>31</sup> 2006	5	11/3866 (0.28)	18/3966 (0.45)	0.63 (0.30-1.33)	3.6
Prevend-IT, <sup>34</sup> 2004	4	4/433 (0.92)	4/431 (0.93)	1.00 (0.25-3.95)	1.1
WOSCOPS, <sup>35</sup> 1995	5	50/3302 (1.5)	73/3293 (2.2)	0.68 (0.48-0.98)	15.8
Total (95% CI)		343/32 143 (1.1)	423/32 179 (1.3)	0.82 (0.71-0.94)	100.0



Heterogeneity:  $\tau^2 = 0.00$ ;  $\chi^2_9 = 6.38$  ( $P = .70$ );  $I^2 = 0\%$   
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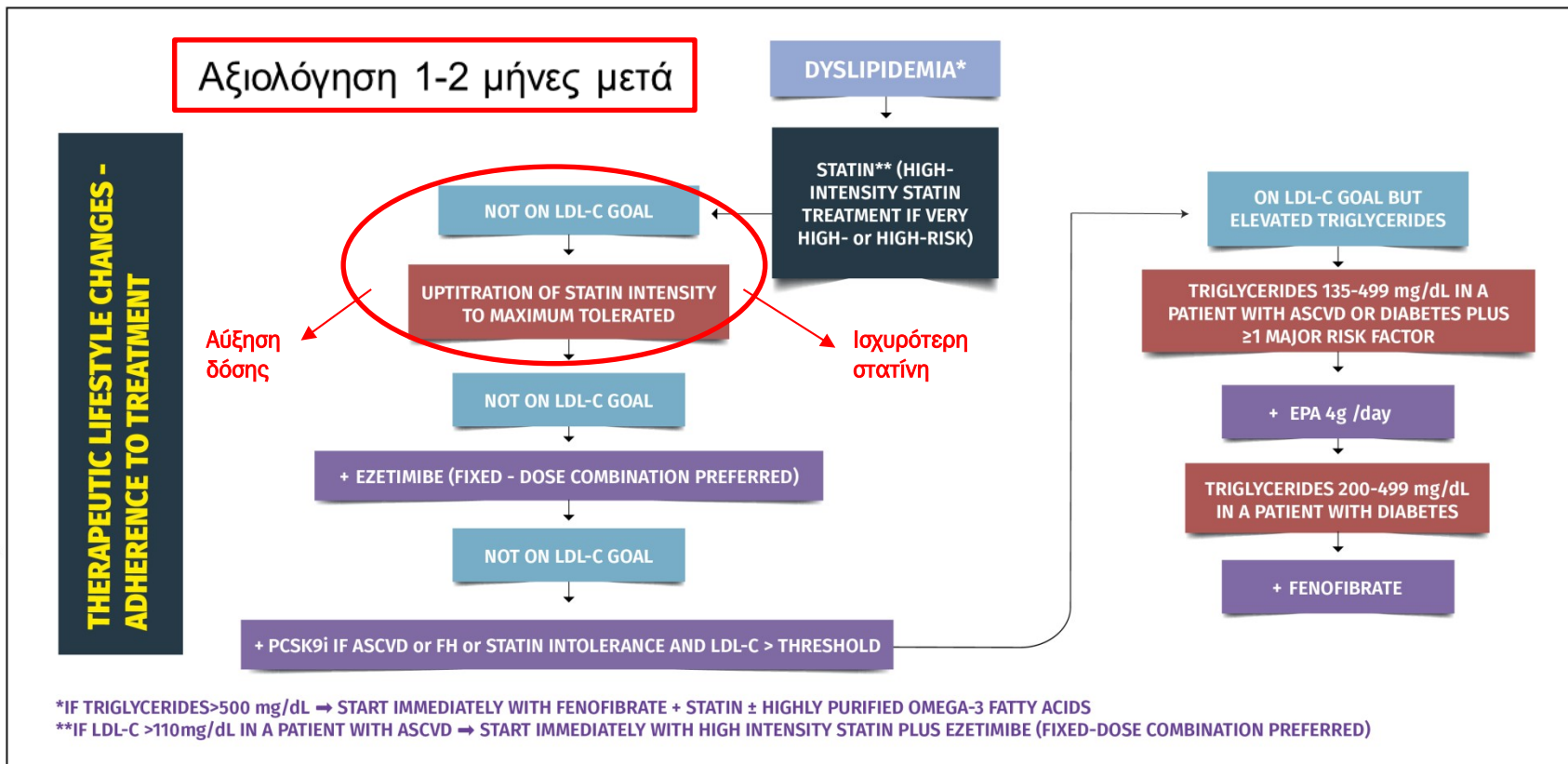
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## Intensity of statin treatment.

TABLE 55. Intensity of statin treatment.

**High intensity**  
(LDL-C reduction >50%)

Atorvastatin 40-80 mg

Rosuvastatin 20-40 mg

**Moderate intensity**  
(LDL-C reduction 30-50%)

Atorvastatin 10-30 mg

Rosuvastatin 5-10 mg

Simvastatin 20-40 mg

Pravastatin 40 mg

Lovastatin 40 mg

Fluvastatin XL80 mg

Pitavastatin 1-4 mg

**Low intensity**  
(LDL-C reduction <30%)

Simvastatin 10 mg

Pravastatin 20 mg

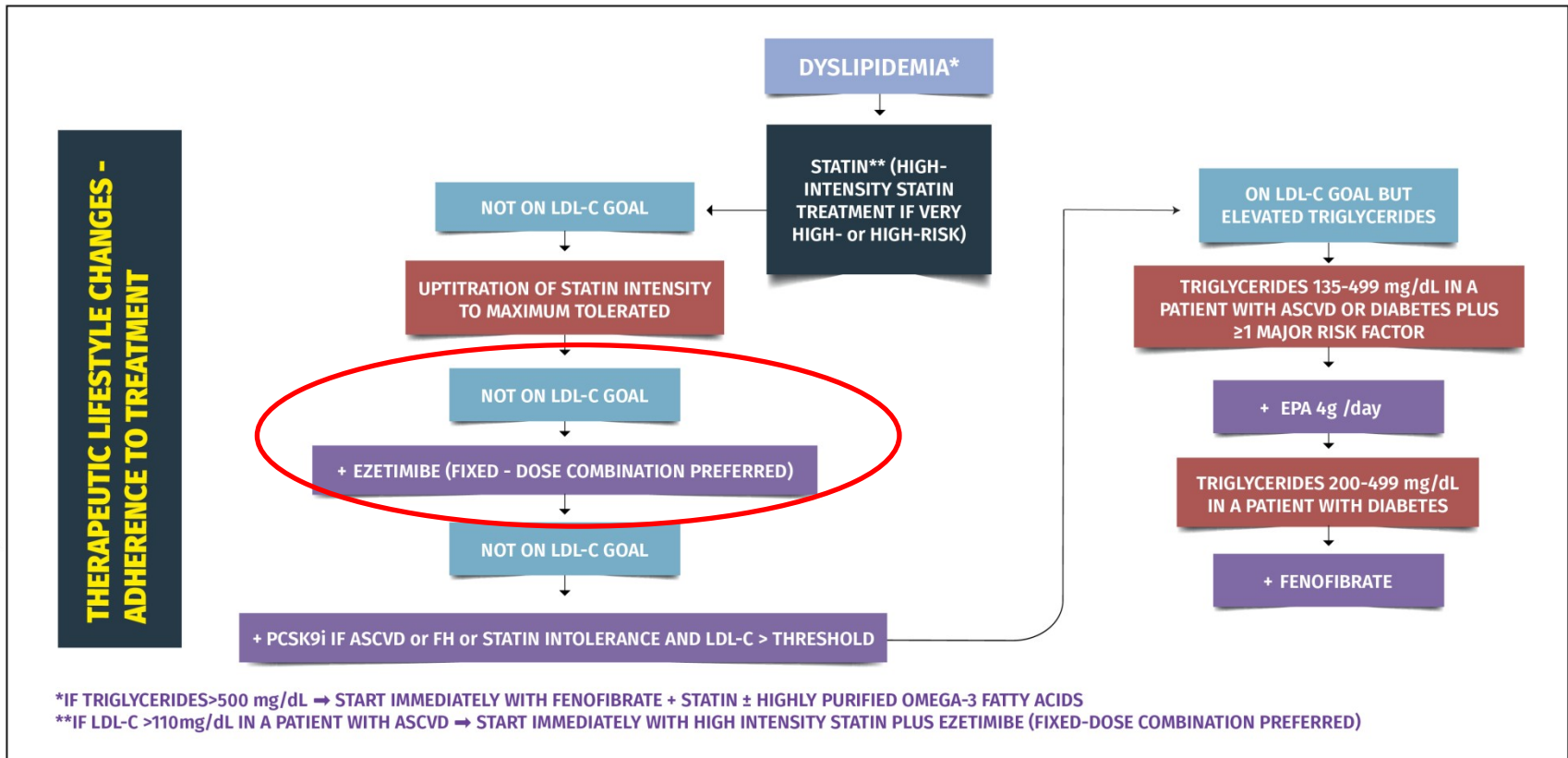
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Fluvastatin 40 mg

LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol



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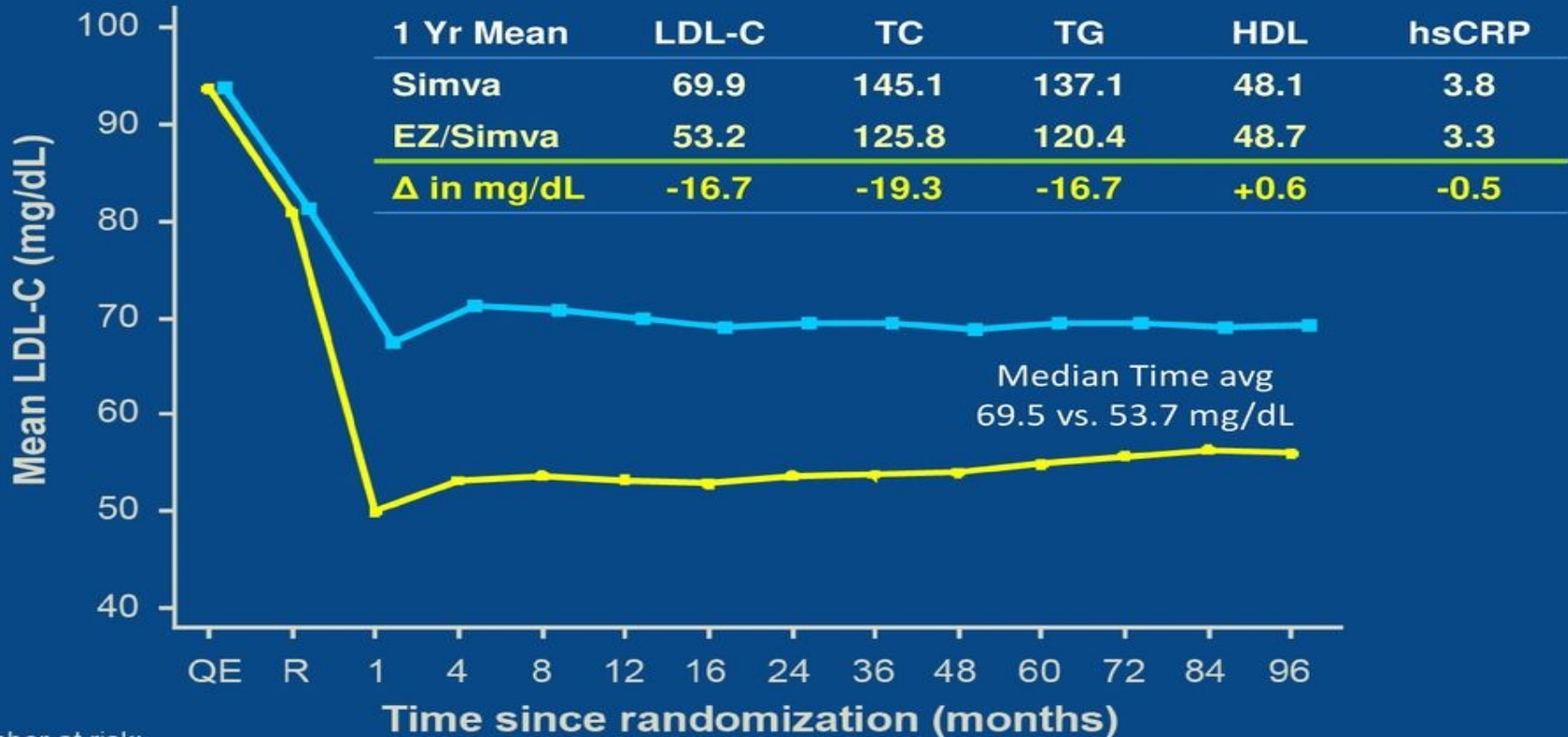
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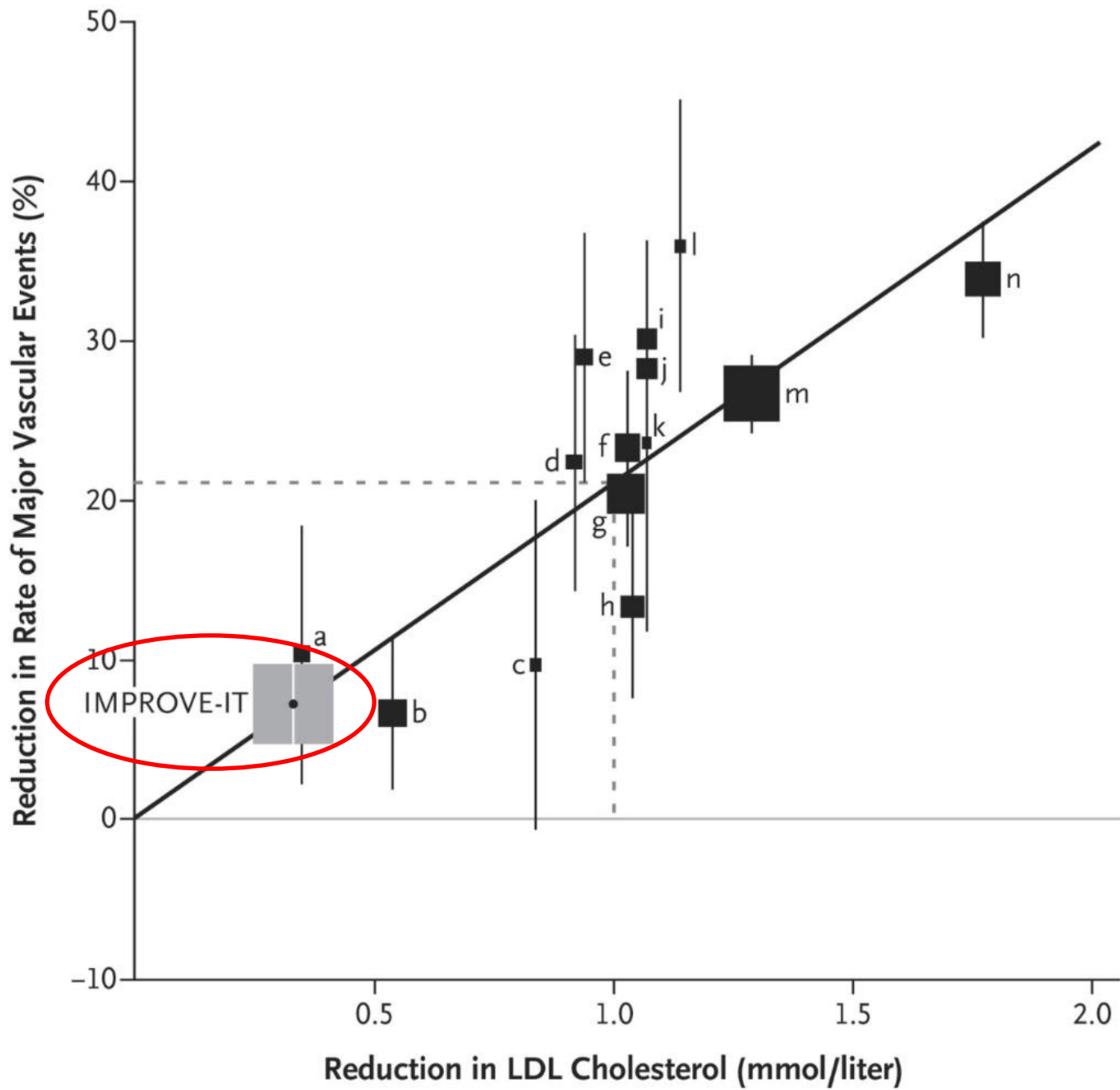
- ✘ Παρεμποδίζει την απορρόφηση της χοληστερόλης στο έντερο
- ✘ Επιπλέον μείωση LDL 10-20% όταν προστεθεί στην αντιλιπιδαιμική αγωγή
- ✘ Μείωση καρδιαγγειακών συμβαμάτων

# IMPROVE-IT: LDL-C and Lipid Changes

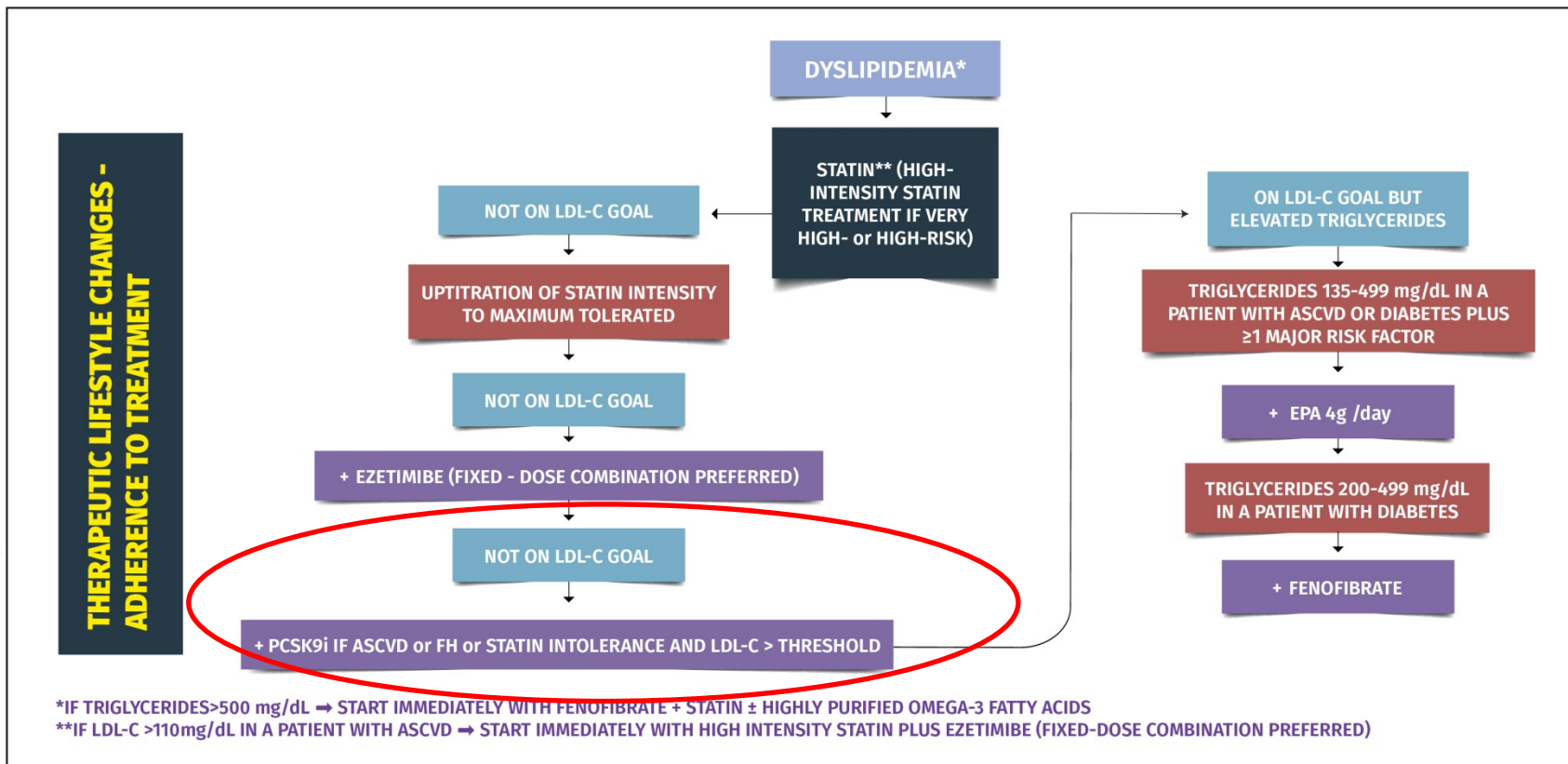


Number at risk:

EZ/Simva	8990	8889	8230	7701	7264	6864	6583	6256	5734	5354	4508	3484	2608	1078
Simva	9009	8921	8306	7843	7289	6939	6607	6192	5684	5267	4395	3387	2569	1068



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**FIGURE 10. Proposed treatment algorithm.**

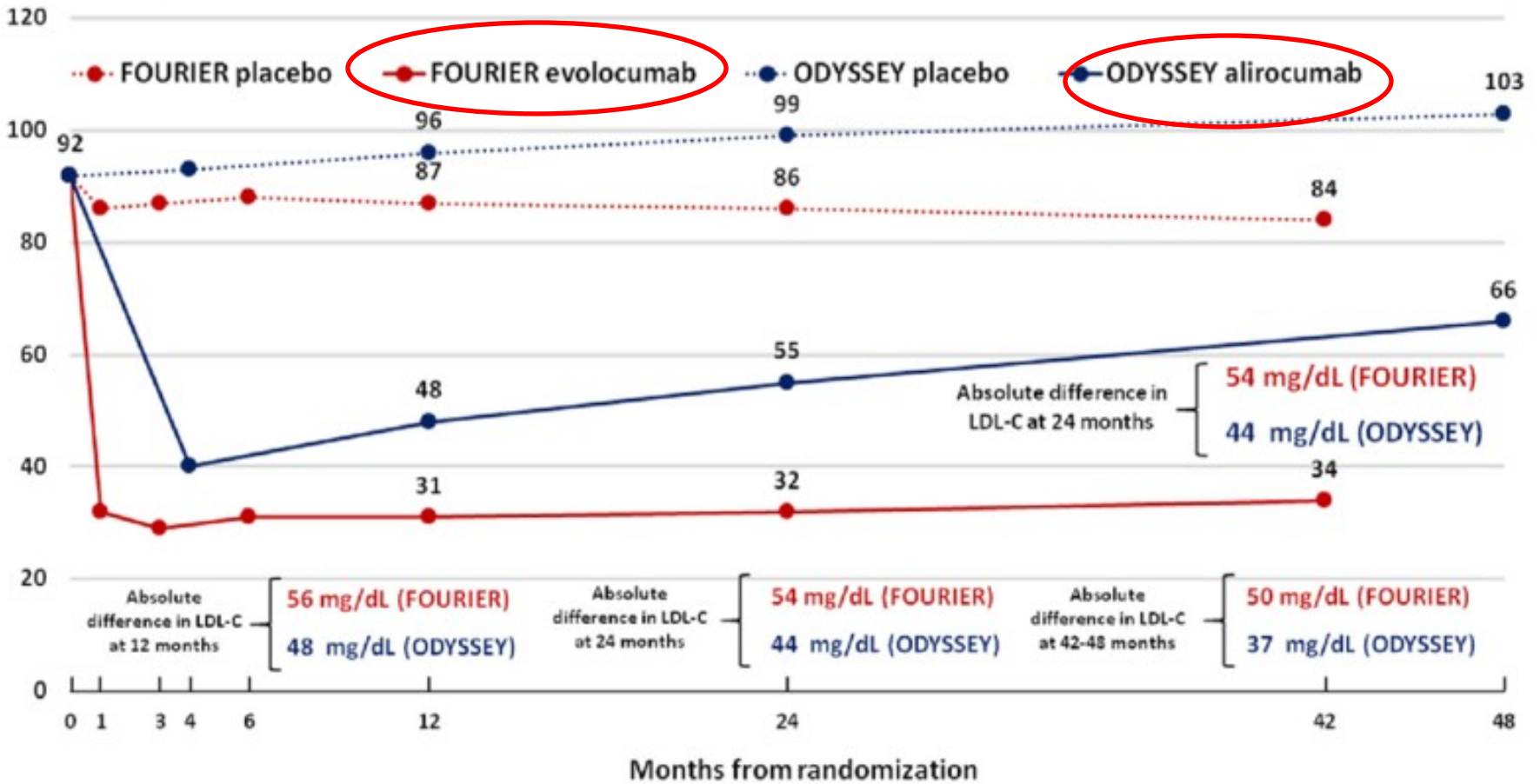
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# ΑΝΑΣΤΟΛΕΙΣ PCSK9

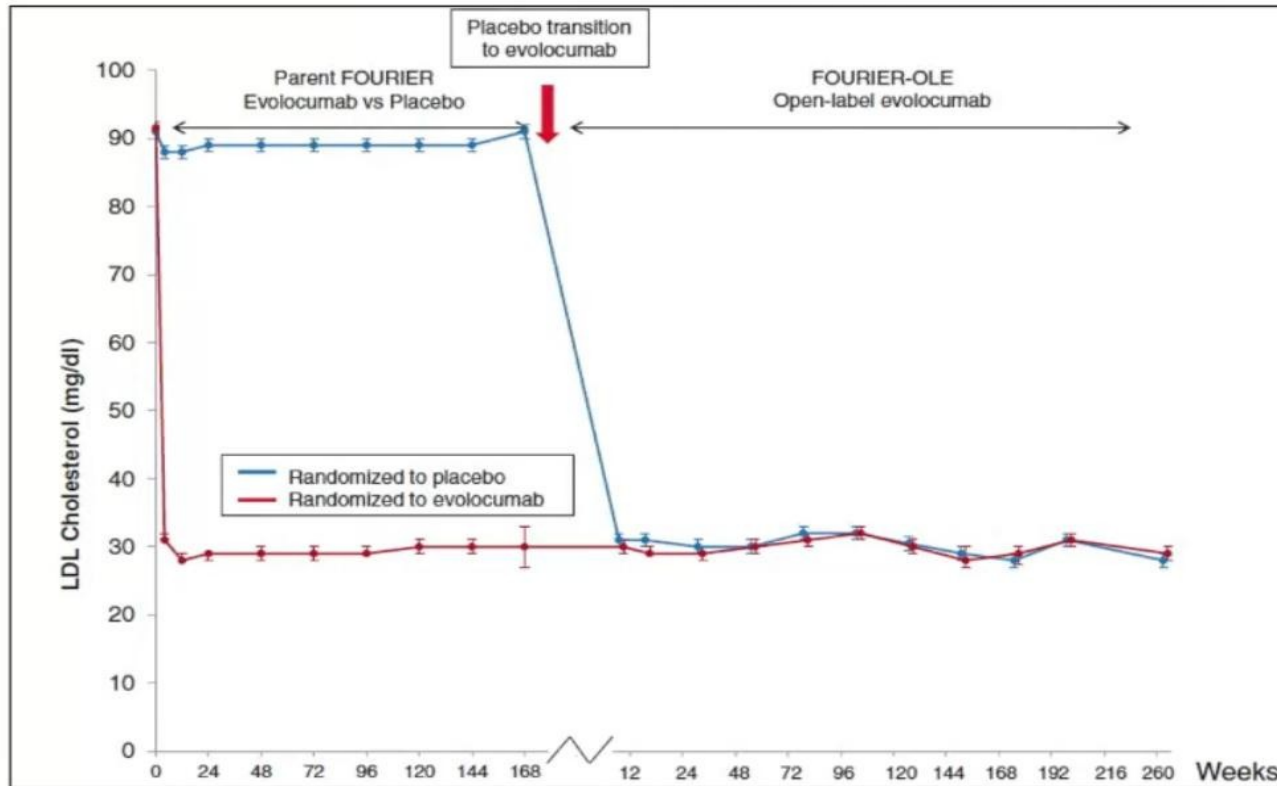
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- ✘ Μείωση της PCSK9
- ✘ Αύξηση αριθμού και δραστηριότητας LDLR
- ✘ Αύξηση καταβολισμού LDL
- ✘ Μείωση της LDL >60%

LDL-C in mg/dL



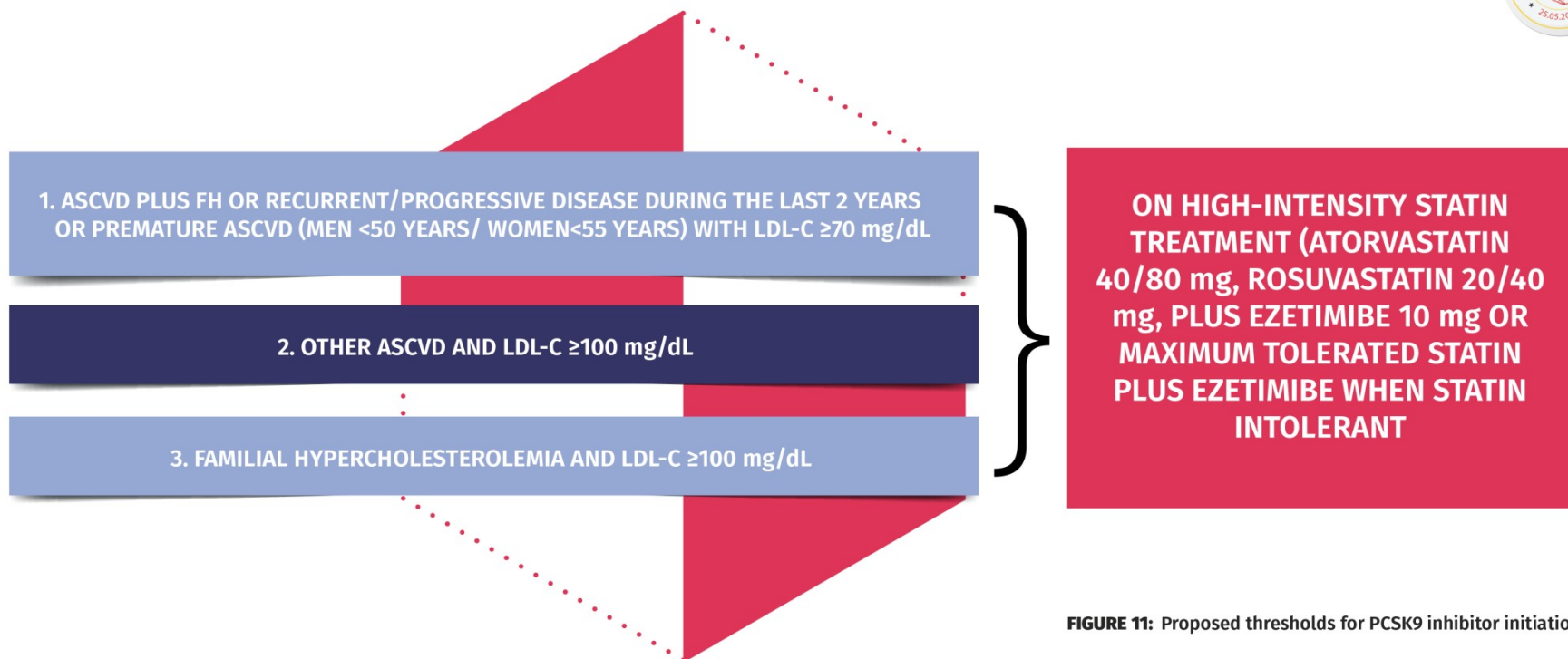
## Long-Term Evolocumab in Patients With Established Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease



- Δεν παρατηρήθηκαν αξιόλογες ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες



## ELIGIBLE PATIENTS FOR PCSK9 INHIBITORS



**FIGURE 11:** Proposed thresholds for PCSK9 inhibitor initiation

PCSK9: proprotein convertase subtilisin/ kexin type 9; ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; CKD: chronic kidney disease; FH: familial hypercholesterolemia

# Intensity of LLT

Treatment	Average LDL-C Reduction, %
Moderate-intensity statin	~30
High-intensity statin	~50
High-intensity statin + ezetimibe	~65
PCSK9-targeted siRNA therapy	~50 <sup>[b]</sup>
PCSK9 inhibitor	~60
PCSK9 inhibitor + high-intensity statin	~75
PCSK9 inhibitor + high-intensity statin + ezetimibe	~85

siRNA, small interfering RNA.

a. Mach F, et al. Eur Heart J. 2020;41:111-188; b. Ray KK, et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2023;11:109-119.

# Recommendations for drug treatments of patients with hypertriglyceridaemia (1)

Υψηλά επίπεδα TG αυξάνουν τον καρδιαγγειακό κίνδυνο αλλά το όφελος από τη μείωσή τους δεν έχει πλήρως τεκμηριωθεί

Recommendations	Class	Level
Statin treatment is recommended as the first drug of choice for reducing CVD risk in high-risk individuals with hypertriglyceridaemia (TG >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL)).	I	B
<u>In high-risk (or above) patients with TG between 1.5 and 5.6 mmol/L (135–499 mg/dL) despite statin treatment, n-3 PUFAs (icosapent ethyl 2 x 2 g/day) should be considered in combination with statin.</u>	IIa	B

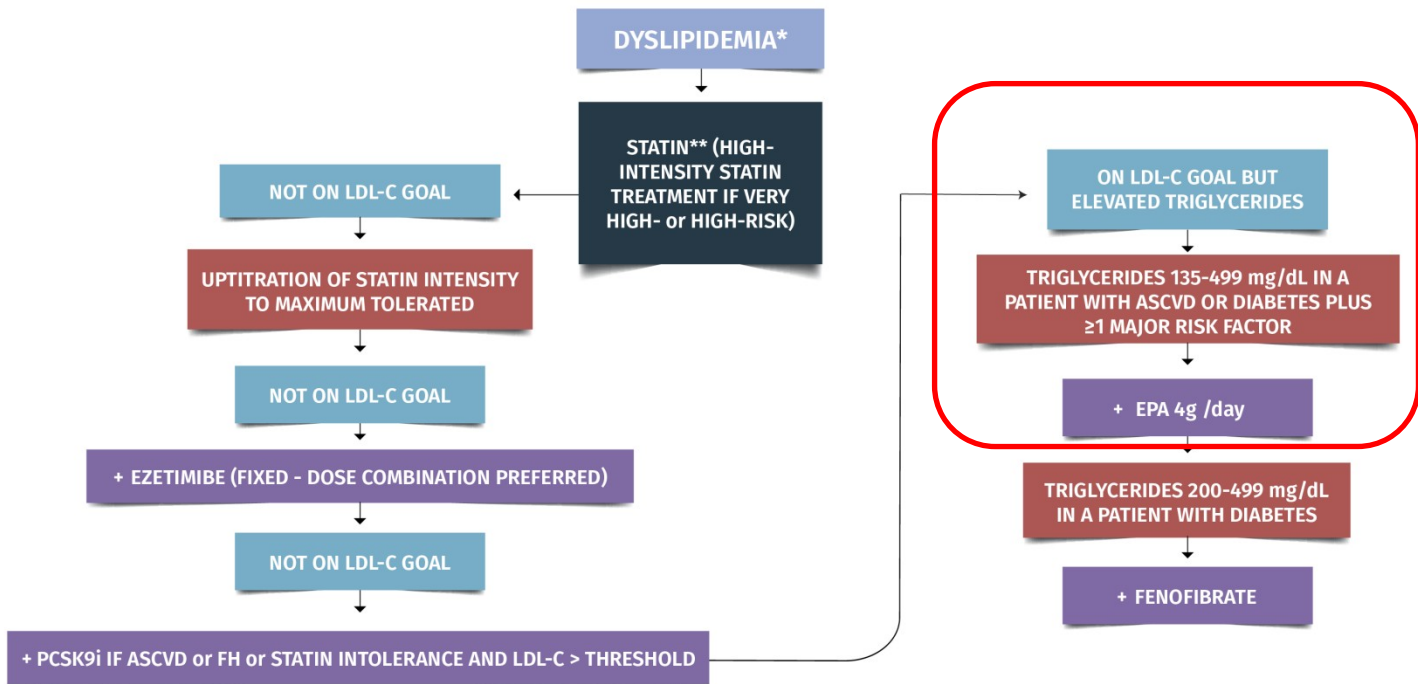
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**THERAPEUTIC LIFESTYLE CHANGES - ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT**



\*IF TRIGLYCERIDES > 500 mg/dL → START IMMEDIATELY WITH FENOFIBRATE + STATIN ± HIGHLY PURIFIED OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS

\*\*IF LDL-C > 110 mg/dL IN A PATIENT WITH ASCVD → START IMMEDIATELY WITH HIGH INTENSITY STATIN PLUS EZETIMIBE (FIXED-DOSE COMBINATION PREFERRED)

**FIGURE 10. Proposed treatment algorithm.**

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# REDUCE-IT USA

Results From the 3,146 Patients  
Randomized in the United States



Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial



**Objective:** To assess the degree of benefit of icosapent ethyl for cardiovascular risk reduction in the USA.

**3,146**  
patients

**Inclusion criteria:** Patients with CVD or with diabetes and other risk factors, on statin therapy and elevated triglyceride levels (135-499 mg/dl).



**Icosapent ethyl**  
(n=1,548)

VS

**Placebo**  
(n=1,598)



## PRIMARY OUTCOME

18.2

**CV death, non-fatal MI or stroke, revascularization or unstable angina**  
HR 0.69; 95% CI 0.59-0.80; P<0.001

24.7

## SECONDARY OUTCOME

12.1

**CV death, non-fatal MI, or non-fatal stroke %**  
HR 0.69; 95% CI 0.57-0.83; P<0.001

16.6

7.2

**All-cause mortality %**  
HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.55-0.90; P=0.004  
USA vs Non-USA, P<sub>interaction</sub> =0.02

9.8

**Conclusion:** The prespecified subgroup analysis of the USA cohort of the REDUCE-IT trial demonstrated particularly robust reductions in the primary and key secondary endpoints including the individual endpoints such as all-cause mortality.

## STRENGTH

EPA + DHA carboxylic acids

Corn oil

49.9%

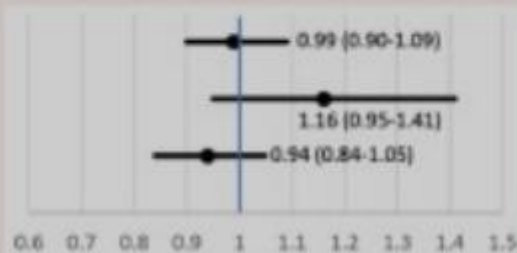
55.9%

70.1%

239 mg/dL

3.2 years

HR (95% CI)



EPA+DHA  
Better

Placebo  
Better

Omega-3 preparation

Placebo used

High-intensity statin

% with ASCVD

% with diabetes

Baseline triglycerides

Median follow-up

## RESULTS

Overall

Primary prevention

Secondary prevention

## REDUCE-IT

Icosapent ethyl

Mineral oil

30%

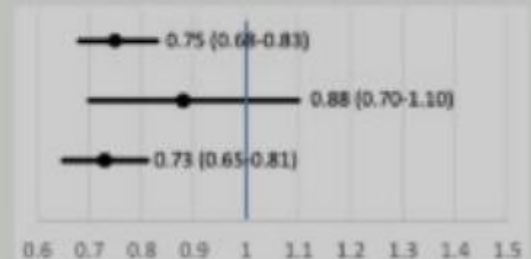
70.7%

58.5%

216 mg/dL

4.9 years

HR (95% CI)

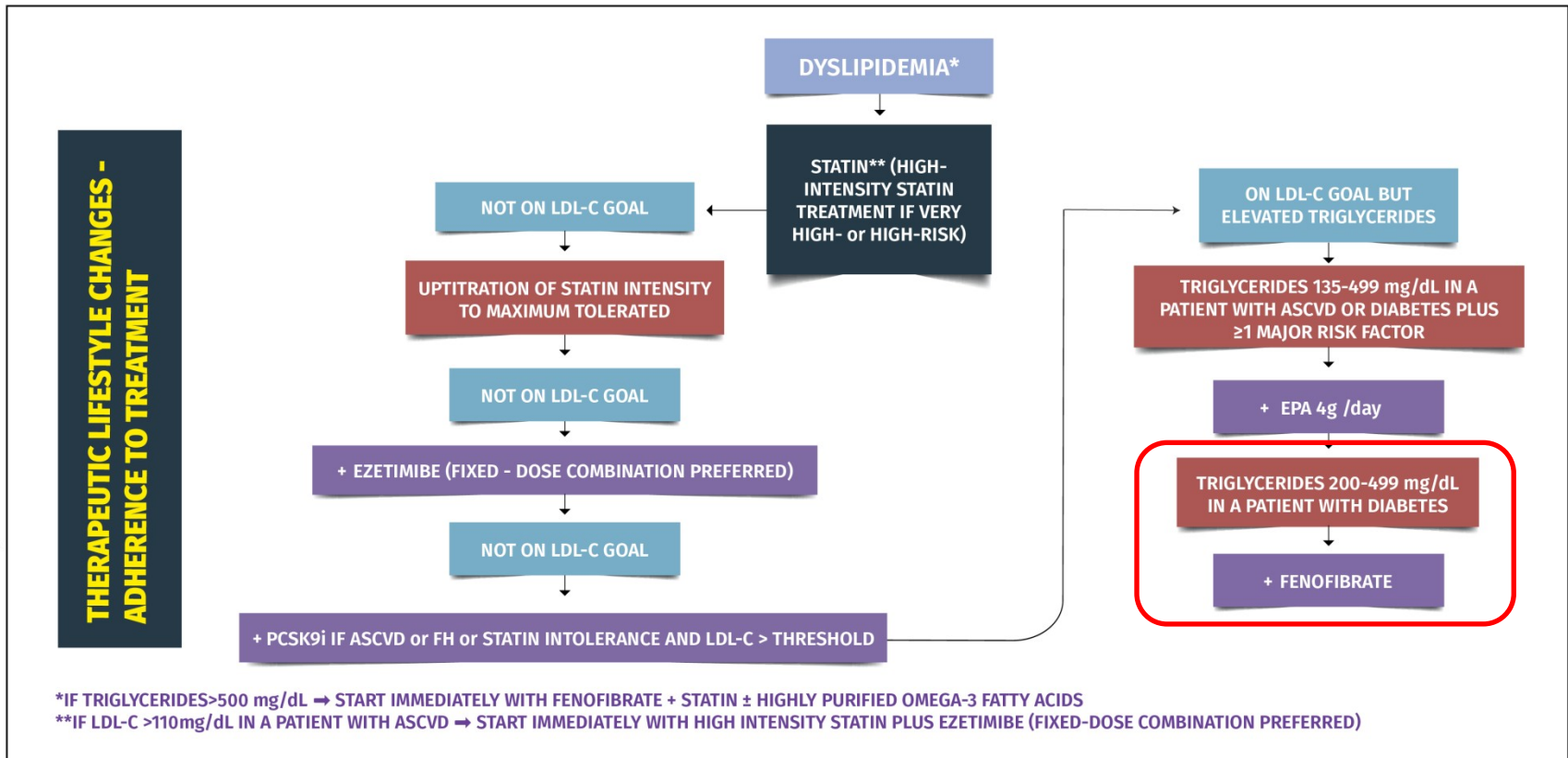


EPA  
Better

Placebo  
Better

Μελέτες με χαμηλότερες δόσεις ω3 λιπαρών οξέων χωρίς καρδιαγγειακό όφελος

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## Triglyceride Lowering with Pemafibrate to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk

Multinational, double-blind, randomized, controlled trial



Objective: To evaluate pemafibrate compared with placebo among patients with type 2 diabetes and hypertriglyceridemia.

**10,497**  
Patients

Inclusion criteria:

Type 2 diabetes

Triglyceride level 200-499 mg/dL

High-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C)  $\leq$ 40 mg/dL



pemafibrate 0.2 mg  
twice daily (n = 5,240)

VS



placebo (n = 5,257)

### PRIMARY OUTCOME

3.6

CV death, nonfatal MI, ischemic stroke,  
or coronary revascularization %

p = 0.67

3.5

### SECONDARY OUTCOMES

-31.1

Median change in triglyceride  
level from baseline %

-6.9

3.2

Median change in apolipoprotein B  
level from baseline %

-1.6

10.7

Any adverse renal event

p = 0.004

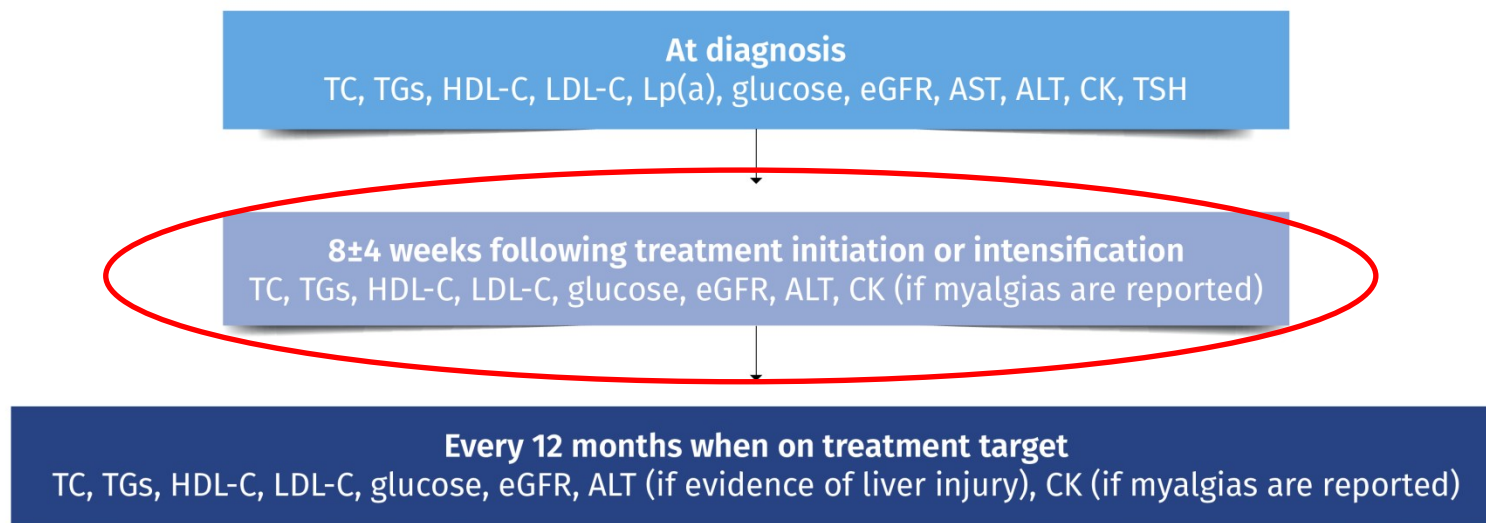
9.6

**Conclusion:** Among patients with type 2 diabetes, mild-to-moderate hypertriglyceridemia, and low HDL and LDL cholesterol levels, the incidence of cardiovascular events was not lower among those who received pemafibrate than among those who received placebo, although pemafibrate lowered triglyceride, VLDL cholesterol, remnant cholesterol, and apolipoprotein C-III levels.





## Laboratory follow-up in patients on hypolipidemic drug treatment



**FIGURE 12:** Laboratory follow-up in patients on hypolipidemic drug treatment

# Summary of recommendations for monitoring lipids and enzymes in patients before and on lipid-lowering therapy (3)

## Monitoring liver and muscle enzymes

### What if liver enzymes become elevated in a person taking lipid-lowering drugs?

If ALT <3x upper limit of normal (ULN):

- Continue therapy.
- Recheck liver enzymes in 4–6 weeks.

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**2% των ασθενών θα εμφανίσουν παροδική αύξηση ALT που υποχωρεί στη διάρκεια της θεραπείας**

# Summary of recommendations for monitoring lipids and enzymes in patients before and on lipid-lowering therapy (4)

## Monitoring liver and muscle enzymes

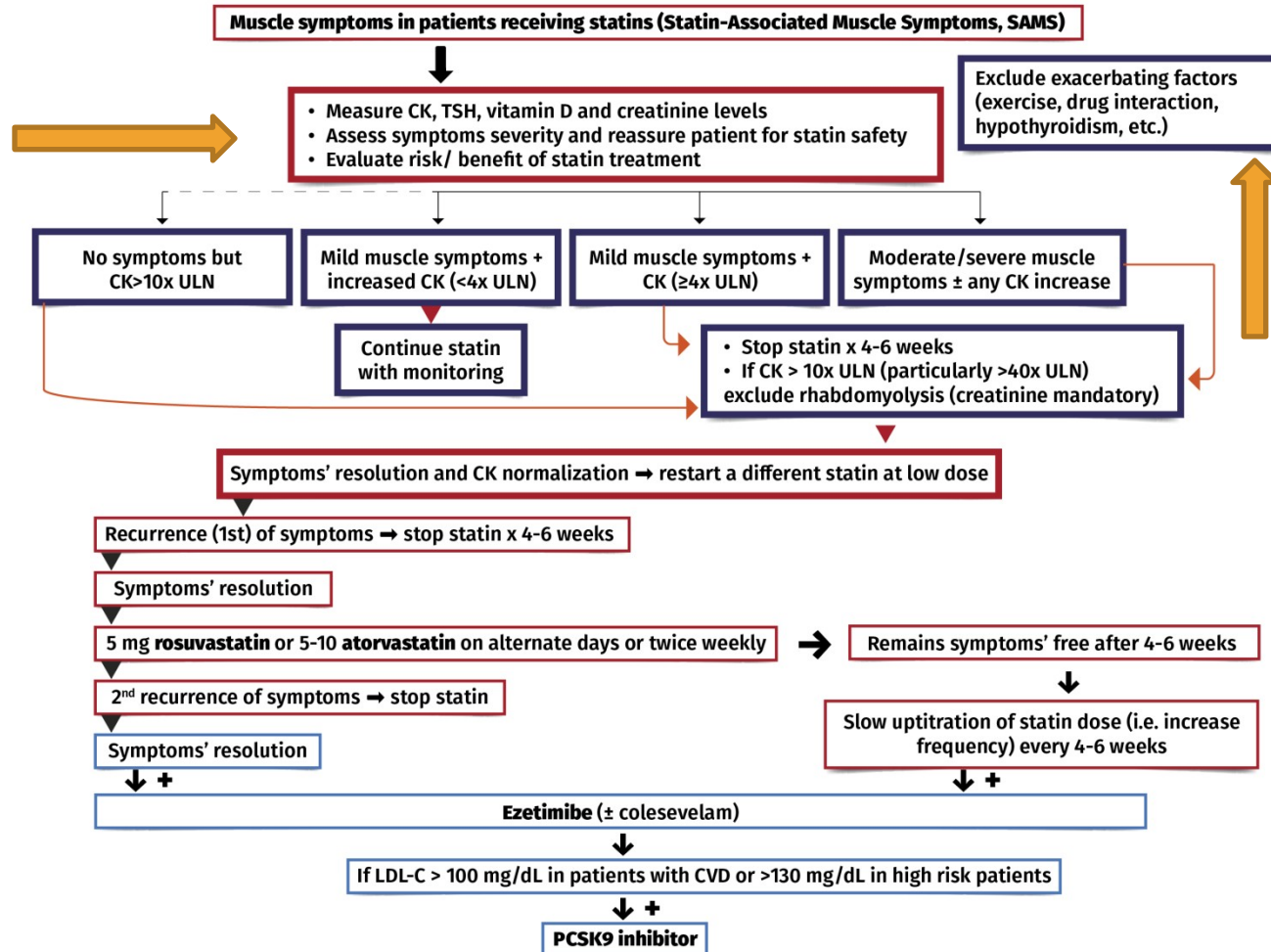
### What if liver enzymes become elevated in a person taking lipid-lowering drugs?

If ALT  $\geq 3$ x ULN:

- Stop lipid-lowering therapy or reduce dose and recheck liver enzymes within 4–6 weeks.
- Cautious reintroduction of therapy may be considered after ALT has returned to normal.
- If ALT remains elevated check for the other reasons.

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# ΜΥΟΠΑΘΕΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗ



**Figure 8.** Algorithm for the management of patients with statin-associated muscle symptoms

CK: creatine kinase; ULN: upper limit of normal; TSH: thyroid-stimulating hormone; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; CVD: cardiovascular disease; PCSK9: proprotein convertase subtilisin/ kexin type9

# ΜΥΟΠΑΘΕΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗ

- ✘ CRK > 10 ULN
  - ✘ ΣΟΒΑΡΗ ΜΥΑΛΓΙΑ
  - ✘ ΗΠΙΑ ΜΥΑΛΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ CRK > 4 ULN
  - ✘ ΥΦΕΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΣΥΜΠΤΩΜΑΤΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΤΙΜΗΣ ΤΗΣ CK
- ΔΙΑΚΟΠΗ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΞΙΟΛΟΓΗΣΗ ΣΕ 4-6 W

ΕΝΑΡΞΗ ΧΑΜΗΛΗΣ ΕΝΤΑΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΕ ΧΑΜΗΛΗ ΔΟΣΗ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗ

- ✘ ΣΕ ΥΠΟΤΡΟΠΗ ΕΝΑΡΞΗ ΙΣΧΥΡΗΣ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗΣ ΣΕ ΧΑΜΗΛΗ ΔΟΣΗ 2-3 ΦΟΡΕΣ ΤΗΝ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ
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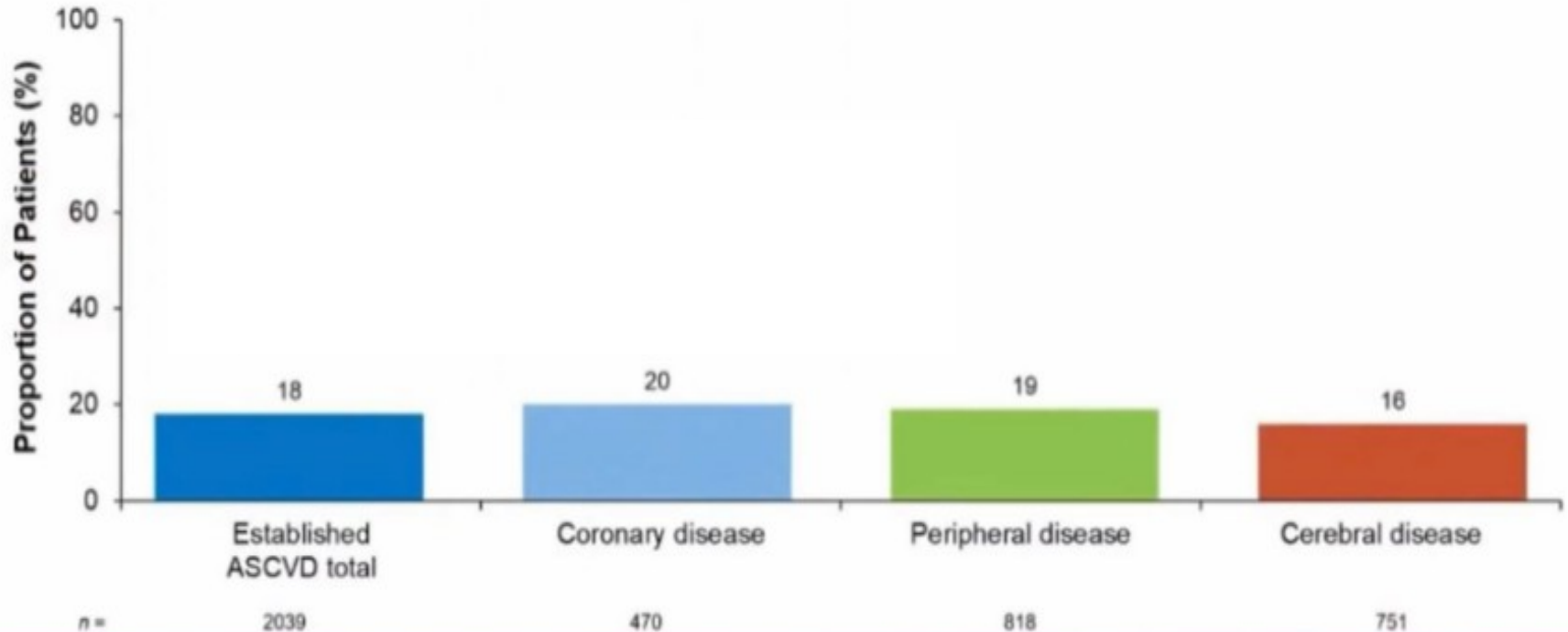
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## **EU-Wide Cross-Sectional Observational Study of Lipid-Modifying Therapy Use in Secondary and Primary Care: the DA VINCI study**

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**DA VINCI: Among Patients with Established ASCVD, 18% Achieved the 2019 ESC/EAS Very-High Risk Goal of LDL-C < 1.4 mmol/L (< 55 mg/dL)**



**In very high risk patients, 2019 goal attainment was approximately half that of 2016 (18% vs 39%).**

# The Future of Lipid-Lowering Strategy to Reduce ASCVD



## Start early

Less "atherogenic lipoprotein [ie, LDL-C, TRL, Lp(a)] exposure" leads to prevention of lesion formation



## Treat more aggressively

Treat much more aggressively from desirable target to "atherogenic lipoprotein elimination"



## Combination therapy + novel nucleic acid therapies

Atherogenic lipoprotein lowering reduces CV risk



Ευχαριστώ για την προσοχή σας!

