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**Inhibition de PCSK9 :
Mecanisme et Impacts sur la
Plaque d'Atherome**

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Is there a clinical need
for additional LDL-C lowering agents ?

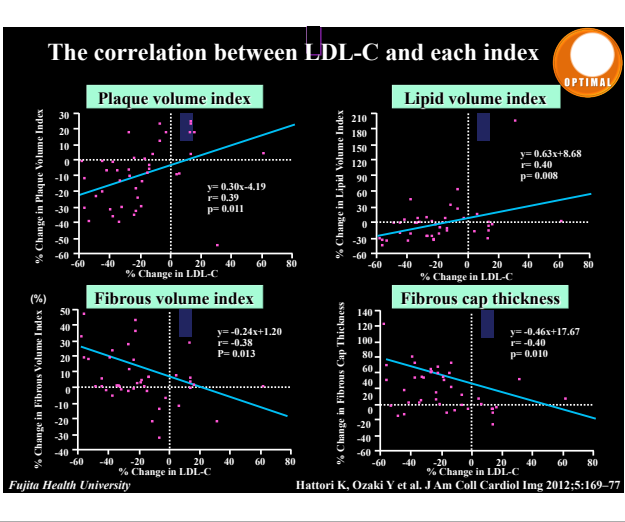
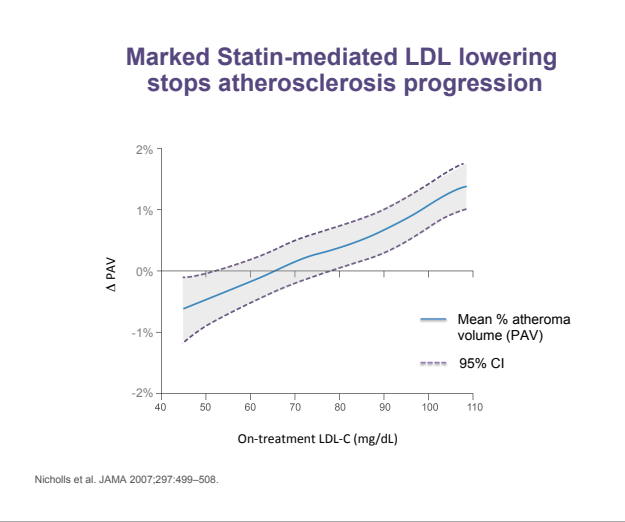
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- ESC/EAS Guideline recommendations
- Role of LDL in Plaque pathophysiology
- Therapeutic impact of LDL-C lowering
- Current trans-European status of LDL-C goal attainment in very high risk patients

**Recommendations for treatment targets
for LDL-C**

Recommendations	Class	Level
In patients at VERY HIGH CV risk (established CVD, type 2 diabetes, type 1 diabetes with target organ damage, moderate to severe CKD or a SCORE level $\geq 10\%$) the LDL-C goal is < 1.8 mmol/L (less than ~ 70 mg/dL) and/or $\geq 50\%$ LDL-C reduction when target level cannot be reached.	I	A
In patients at HIGH CV risk (markedly elevated single risk factors, a SCORE level ≥ 5 to $< 10\%$) an LDL-C goal < 2.5 mmol/L (less than ~ 100 mg/dL) should be considered.	IIa	A
In subjects at MODERATE risk (SCORE level > 1 to $\leq 5\%$) an LDL-C goal < 3.0 mmol/L (less than ~ 115 mg/dL) should be considered.	IIa	C

www.escardio.org/guidelines European Heart Journal (2011) 32, 1769–1818



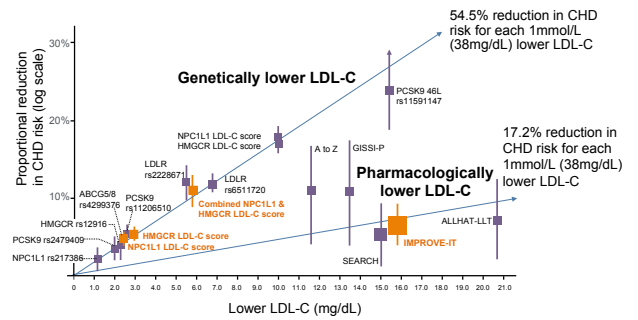
Very low LDL-C levels are associated with plaque structural features consistent with enhanced stability

	LDL-C <50mg/dL (87 plaques)	LDL-C 50-70mg/dL (81 plaques)	LDL-C 70-100mg/dL (117 plaques)	LDL-C >100mg/dL (130 plaques)	P
Plaque microstructures in lipid plaques (n=293)					
Fibrous cap thickness (µm)	139.9 ± 93.9	103.1 ± 66.4	92.5 ± 48.5	92.1 ± 47.8	0.001
Plaque rupture, n (%)	1/42 (2.3)	2/46 (4.3)	7/91 (7.6)	12/114 (10.5)	0.17
Thrombus, n (%)	0/42 (0.0)	1/46 (2.1)	2/91 (2.1)	3/114 (2.6)	0.18

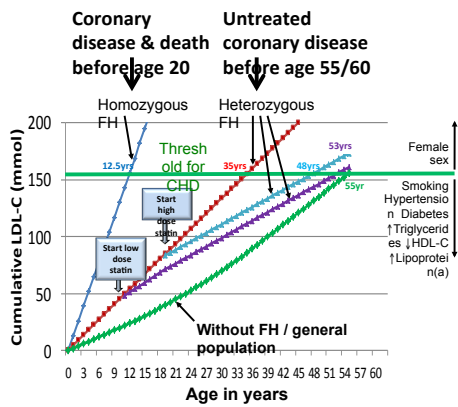
Plaque microstructure was more stable in statin-treated patients with lower LDL-C levels

Kataoka et al. Atherosclerosis 2015;242:490-495

Clinical benefit of lower LDL-C is determined by absolute exposure to lower LDL

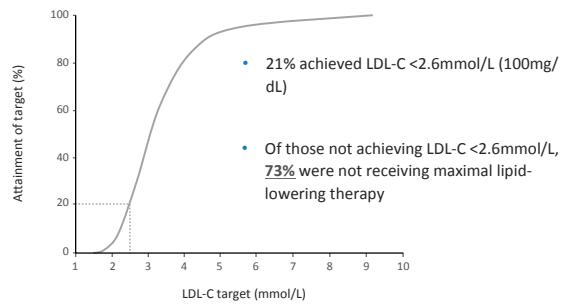


Ference et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65:1552-1561.



Nordstgaard et al, EHJ 2013; EAS Consensus Panel

High-risk patients with HeFH do not attain recommended LDL-C goals



Pijlman et al. Atherosclerosis 2010;209:189-194.

JUPITER

LDL-C reduction 20 mg rosuvastatin

46.3% > 50%

42.8% 0-50%

10.8% NO reduction

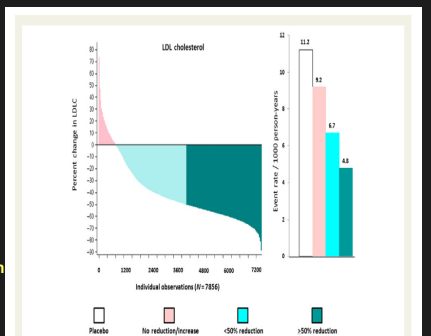
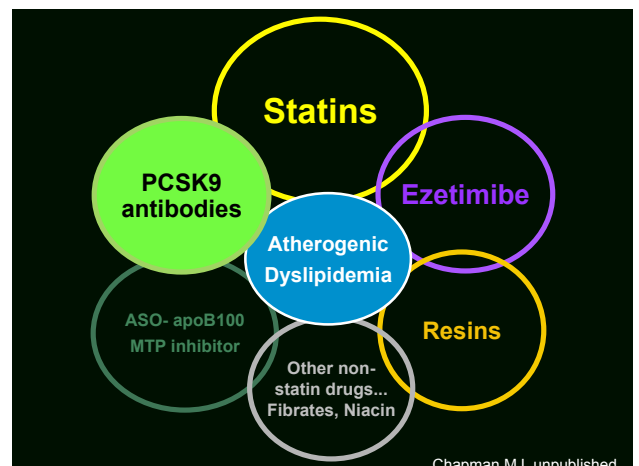


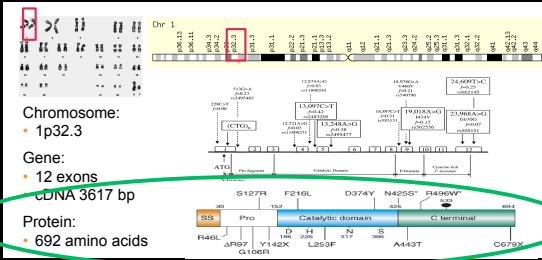
Figure 1 Waterfall plot for individual trial participants allocated to rosuvastatin 20 mg for the percent change in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (left) and concordant incident event rates (per 1000 person-years) for the justification for the Use of statins in Prevention: an Intervention Trial Evaluating Rosuvastatin primary endpoint (right). Data are shown for the placebo group (white bars) and for those allocated to rosuvastatin who had no reduction or an increase in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (pink), a <50 but <30% reduction in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (light green), and a ≥50% reduction in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (dark green).

Ricker et al, Europ Heart J, 2016, in press



Chapman, M.J. unpublished

What is PCSK9?



Chromosome:
• 1p32.3

Gene:
• 12 exons
• cDNA 3617 bp

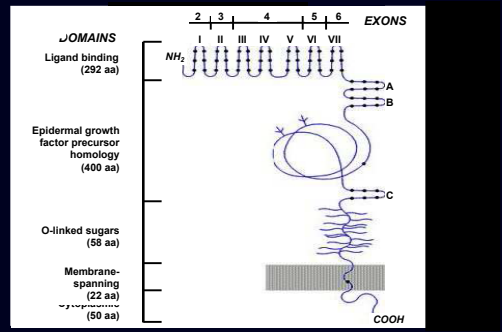
Protein:
• 692 amino acids

- NARC-1 : Neural apoptosis regulated convertase 1; neurogenesis
- Expressed in liver, kidney, intestine
- Undergoes autocatalytic cleavage in the ER to active conformation
- Appears to play the role of an intracellular protein chaperone

<http://www.genecards.org/cgi-bin/carddisp.pl?gene=PCSK9/>, [Accessed 19 July 2011]
Abifadel M, et al. Nature Genet 2003;34:154-6.
Abifadel M, et al. Hum Mutat 2009;30:520-9.

Horton JD, et al. Trends Biochem Sci 2007;32:71-7.
Chen SN, et al JACC 2005;45:1611-9.

Control of plasma LDL- cholesterol levels: Key role of the cellular LDL receptor



<http://www.lemrams.spb.ru/english/molgen/fh-en/domain-e.htm>. [Accessed 6 August 2015]

Control of hepatic LDL-Receptor activity

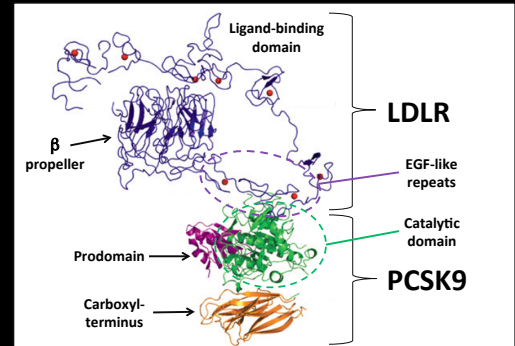
- Intracellular levels of cholesterol

(reflecting uptake of cholesterol contained in LDL, VLDL and chylomicron remnants, and HDL), endogenous cholesterol synthesis, cholesterol conversion to bile acids, and excretion of bile acids and biliary cholesterol)

via the SREBP pathway

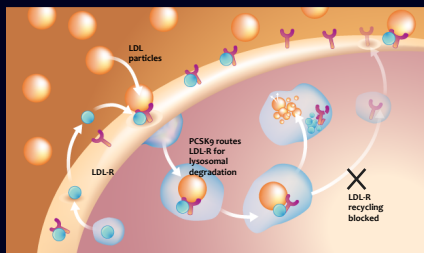
- PCSK9

PCSK9 and the LDL Receptor



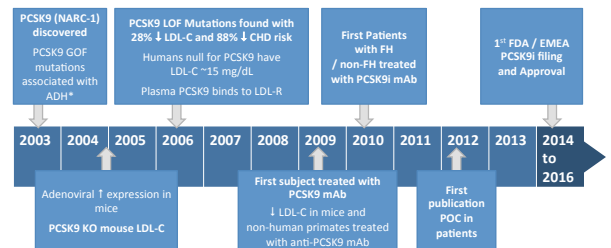
Horton JD, et al. *J Lipid Res.* 2009;50:5172-5177

Role of PCSK9 in regulation of the surface expression of LDL receptors



Chan X, et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2009;106:9820-5.

PCSK9 Inhibitors: From Target Discovery to Phase III to the Clinic



* ADH: Autosomal Dominant Hypercholesterolemia; Seidah NG. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2003;100(1):928-33. Abifadel M. Nat Genet 2003;34(2):154-6. Maxwell KN. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2005;102(18):7100-5. Rauber S. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2005;102(15):5174-79. Vague P, et al. J Lipid Res 2006;47(1):121-126-72. Zhao L, Am J Hum Genet 2006;79(3):514-23. Hooper AJ. Atherosclerosis 2007;193(2):445-8. Chan X, et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2009;106(24):9820-5. Stein et al N Engl J Med 2012;366:1108-18. Stein modified from Sverreid, Regeneron.

Monoclonal antibodies to PCSK9

Bind and eliminate plasma PCSK9 as an Ab-Ag complex

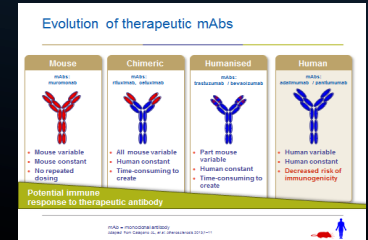
- Monoclonal antibodies

- Evolocumab, (Amgen)
- Alirocumab, (Regeneron/Sanofi)
- Bococizumab (Pfizer)

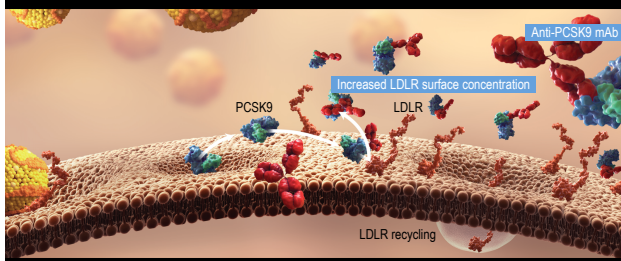
Evolocumab and Alirocumab

- ◆ Fully human PCSK9 monoclonal antibodies
- ◆ Less likely to have immune side effects:

- Neutropenia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Hemolytic anemia
- Hypersensitivity reactions

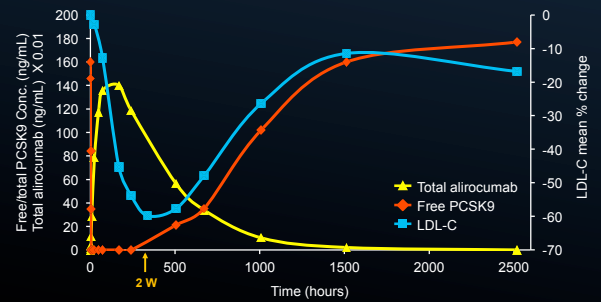


Impact of an anti-PCSK9 monoclonal antibody on LDL-R expression



Chan JC, et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2009;106:9820-5.

Alirocumab: Dynamic Relationship Between mAb Levels, PCSK9 and LDL-C



Stem EA et al. New Engl J Med 2012;366:1109-18.

ODYSSEY Phase 3 Clinical Trial Program

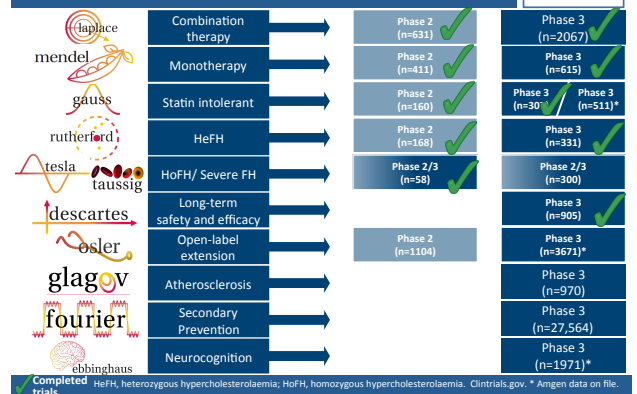
14 global phase 3 trials including >23,500 patients across >2,000 study centers

HeFH population	HC in high CV risk population	Additional populations
<p>Add-on to max-tolerated statin (± other LMT)</p> <p>ODYSSEY FH I (NCT01623115; EFC13492) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=471; 18 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY FH II (NCT01709590; CL1112) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=250; 18 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY HIGH FH (NCT01916765; EFC12732) LDL-C ≥ 160 mg/dL N=105; 18 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY OLE (NCT01954394; LTS 13463) Open-label study for FH from EFC 12492, CL 1112, EFC 12732 or LTS 11717 N=1000; 30 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY LONG TERM (NCT01507321; LTS11717) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL N=2,100; 18 months</p>	<p>Add-on to max-tolerated statin (± other LMT)</p> <p>ODYSSEY COMBO I (NCT01644475; EFC11569) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=306; 12 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY COMBO II (NCT01644188; EFC11568) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=690; 24 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY CHOICE I (NCT01929782; CL1308) LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=700; 12 months</p>	<p>ODYSSEY MONO (NCT01644474; EFC11716) Patients on no background LMTs LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=100; 6 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY ALTERNATIVE (NCT01709515; CL1119) Patients with defined statin intolerance LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=200; 6 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY CHOICE II (NCT02023879; EFC13786) Patients not treated with a statin LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=200; 6 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY OPTIONS I (NCT01730040; CL1116) Patients not at goal on moderate dose atorvastatin LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=350; 6 months</p> <p>ODYSSEY OPTIONS II (NCT01730063; CL1118) Patients not at goal on moderate dose rosuvastatin LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL OR LDL-C ≥ 100 mg/dL N=300; 6 months</p>

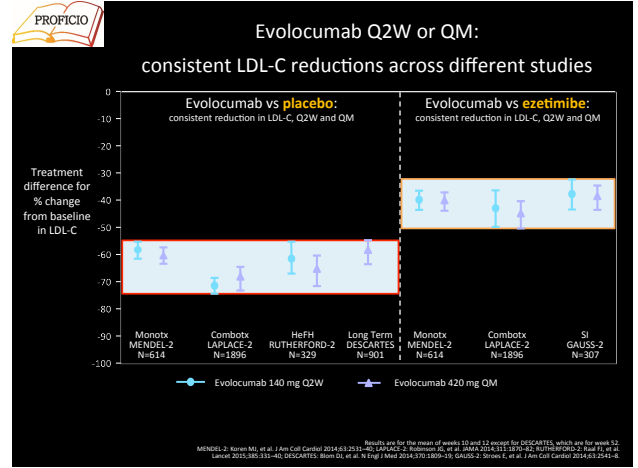
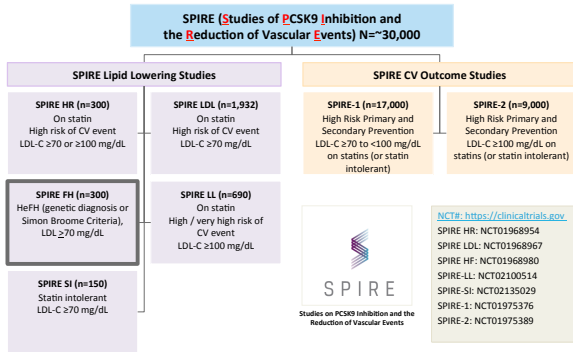
FH=familial hypercholesterolemia, HC=hypercholesterolemia, LMT=lipid-modifying therapy, OLE=open-label extension.
*For the ODYSSEY COMBO II other LMT not allowed at entry.
ClinicalTrials.gov. ODYSSEY Phase 3 Trials. <http://clinicaltrials.gov>. Accessed February 12, 2014.

PROFICIO : Evolocumab

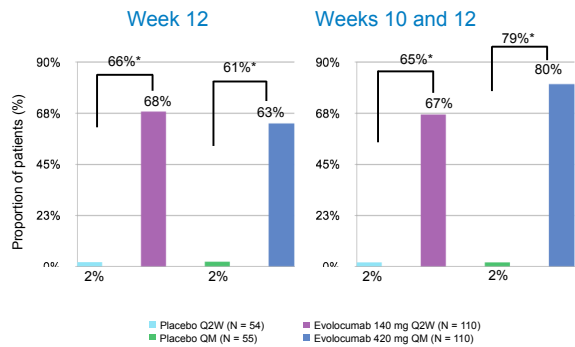
PROFICIO
>35,000 patients



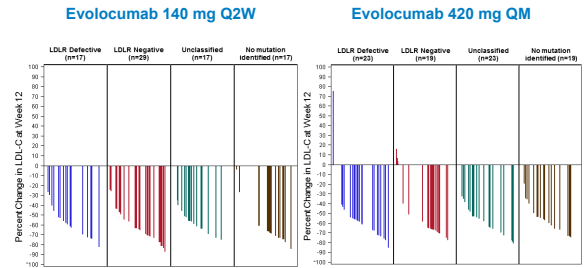
SPIRE Phase 3 Bococizumab Clinical Development Programme
Unmet Needs in the Management of CVD in High Risk Patients



RUTHERFORD-2: LDL-C Goal Achievement < 1.8 mmol/L



Efficacy of LDL-C lowering by Evolocumab in heterozygous FH patients : RUTHERFORD-2



In addition to LDL.....

Do other atherogenic lipoproteins contribute to atherosclerotic vascular disease and cardiovascular events ?

Do PCSK9 inhibitors impact such lipoproteins ?

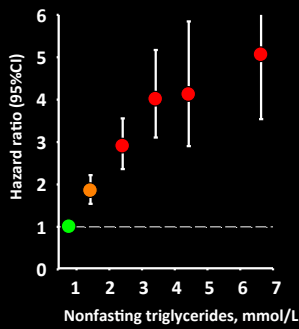
TG-rich LPs; Remnants

Lipoprotein (a)

Copenhagen City Heart Study and Copenhagen General Population Study

Myocardial infarction

N = 96,394 (Events = 3,287)



Nordstgaard & Varbo, *Lancet* 2014; 384: 626-635

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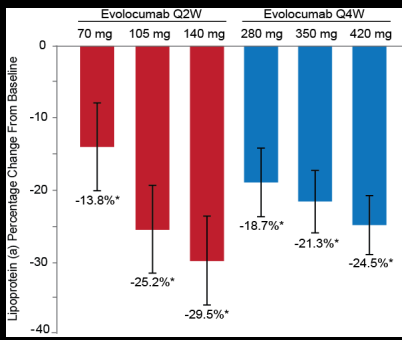
European Heart Journal
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CURRENT OPINION

Fasting is not routinely required for determination of a lipid profile: clinical and laboratory implications including flagging at desirable concentration cut-points—a joint consensus statement from the European Atherosclerosis Society and European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine

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Reduction in Lipoprotein(a) With Evolocumab: Pooled Analysis of > 1,300 Patients in 4 Phase II Trials



Raal et al *JACC* 2014;(4):. doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2014.01.006 Online First

No meaningful between-group imbalances in TEAEs

Select TEAEs ≥2% incidence in any group in the pooled group and ODYSSEY LONG TERM (1)

Primary system organ class, % (n)	Pooled control (n=1894)	Pooled alicumab (n=3340)	Pooled alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <25 mg/dL (n=796)	Pooled alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <15 mg/dL (n=288)	LONG TERM alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <25 mg/dL (n=562)
Infections and infestations	36.3 (687)	38.5 (1286)	34.0 (271)	35.4 (102)	39.0 (219)
Nasopharyngitis	9.3 (176)	9.8 (326)	8.3 (66)	10.1 (29)	10.0 (56)
Upper respiratory tract infection	6.7 (126)	6.1 (203)	4.5 (36)	5.2 (15)	5.7 (32)
Urinary tract infection	4.1 (77)	4.1 (137)	4.6 (37)	4.9 (14)	5.5 (31)
Influenza	3.9 (73)	5.2 (173)	3.6 (29)	4.2 (12)	4.1 (23)
Bronchitis	3.3 (63)	3.8 (126)	4.4 (35)	3.1 (9)	5.2 (29)
Sinusitis	2.7 (51)	2.6 (87)	2.6 (21)	3.1 (9)	3.0 (17)
Lower respiratory tract infection	1.4 (26)	1.6 (53)	2.0 (16)	2.1 (6)	2.8 (16)
Gastroenteritis	2.3 (43)	1.9 (62)	0.6 (5)	1.0 (3)	0.7 (4)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	25.2 (478)	24.2 (808)	21.1 (168)	20.1 (58)	22.6 (127)
Back pain	4.3 (82)	4.0 (133)	4.3 (34)	4.2 (12)	5.0 (28)
Arthralgia	5.0 (95)	4.0 (134)	3.1 (25)	2.1 (6)	3.2 (18)
Myalgia	4.8 (91)	4.9 (162)	3.1 (25)	3.8 (11)	3.0 (17)
Muscle spasms	2.4 (45)	2.8 (94)	2.5 (20)	3.5 (10)	2.8 (16)
Pain in extremity	3.4 (64)	2.4 (81)	2.1 (17)	1.4 (4)	2.1 (12)
Osteoarthritis	2.2 (42)	2.1 (69)	1.8 (14)	1.0 (3)	2.1 (12)
Musculoskeletal pain	1.4 (27)	1.9 (65)	1.0 (8)	1.0 (3)	1.4 (8)

J. Robinson et al., *N Engl J Med* 2015 March 15; Epub ahead of print

No meaningful between-group imbalances in TEAEs

Select TEAEs ≥2% incidence in any group in the pooled group and ODYSSEY LONG TERM (2)

Primary system organ class, % (n)	Pooled control (n=1894)	Pooled alicumab (n=3340)	Pooled alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <25 mg/dL (n=796)	Pooled alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <15 mg/dL (n=288)	LONG TERM alicumab ≥2 LDL-C <25 mg/dL (n=562)
Gastrointestinal disorders	16.8 (318)	17.0 (567)	12.7 (101)	10.1 (29)	13.7 (77)
Diarrhea	3.9 (74)	4.3 (142)	3.0 (24)	1.4 (4)	3.9 (22)
Nausea	2.5 (47)	2.2 (74)	0.9 (7)	1.0 (3)	0.9 (5)
General disorders and administration-site conditions	14.9 (282)	15.1 (504)	10.2 (81)	6.9 (20)	11.0 (62)
Injection-site reaction	3.9 (73)	5.7 (191)	3.0 (24)	3.5 (10)	3.6 (20)
Fatigue	2.5 (48)	2.8 (93)	2.6 (21)	2.4 (7)	3.0 (17)
Non-cardiac chest pain	1.8 (35)	1.6 (54)	1.8 (14)	0.3 (1)	2.0 (11)
Nervous system disorders	14.9 (283)	14.9 (497)	10.3 (82)	9.0 (26)	11.2 (63)
Dizziness	3.6 (69)	3.0 (100)	1.8 (14)	1.4 (4)	1.4 (8)
Headache	4.6 (87)	4.6 (153)	1.8 (14)	1.4 (4)	1.8 (10)
Hemorrhagic stroke	0.1 (1)	0.1 (2)	0	0	0
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	6.3 (120)	6.9 (232)	7.0 (56)	7.3 (21)	8.0 (45)
Type 2 diabetes mellitus	0.7 (14)	1.1 (36)	1.8 (14)	1.4 (4)	2.5 (14)
Diabetes mellitus	1.3 (24)	1.2 (39)	1.5 (12)	2.4 (7)	1.4 (8)
Eye disorders	3.7 (71)	4.6 (152)	5.3 (42)	6.9 (20)	6.4 (36)
Cataract	0.9 (17)	0.8 (28)	1.5 (12)	2.4 (7)	1.8 (10)
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl. cysts and polyps)	2.5 (48)	2.5 (85)	2.8 (22)	2.4 (7)	3.0 (17)

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Alicumab : TEAEs in Patients With 2 Consecutive LDL-C <25 mg/dL

% (n) of patients	Alicumab (n=1550)	Alicumab with 2 consecutive LDL-C <25 mg/dL (n=562)	Placebo (n=788)
All pts on background of maximally tolerated statin ± other lipid-lowering therapy			
General allergic reaction events*	9.0% (140)	6.0% (34)	9.0% (71)
Treatment-emergent local injection site reactions	5.8% (90)	3.7% (21)	4.3% (34)
Neurological events†	4.2% (65)	1.8% (10)	3.9% (31)
All cardiovascular events†	4.0% (62)	3.2% (18)	4.4% (35)
Ophthalmological events‡	2.8% (38)	1.8% (10)	1.9% (15)
Neurocognitive disorders‡	1.2% (18)	0.5% (3)	0.5% (4)
Haemolytic anaemia	0	0	0

Safety Analysis (at least 52 weeks for all patients continuing treatment, including 607 patients overall who completed W78 visit)

* 1 alicumab-treated patient diagnosed with Miller Fisher Syndrome at week 27 after typical prodromal gastroenteritis, he had a complete recovery following treatment discontinuation; at week 24 the patient had low LDL-C, reaching 1.5 mg/dL.

† Confirmed by adjudication. Adjudicated CV events include all CV AEs positively adjudicated. The adjudication categories are the following: CHD death, non-fatal MI, fatal and non-fatal ischemic stroke, unstable angina requiring hospitalization, congestive heart failure requiring hospitalization, ischemia driven coronary revascularization procedure [PCI, CABG].

‡ Company MedDRA Queries (CMQ).



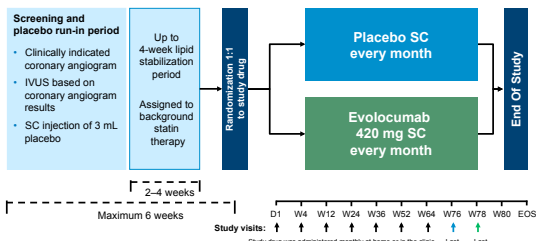
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Ongoing clinical trials.....

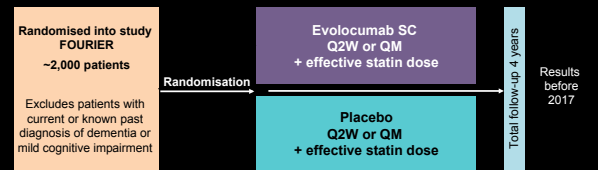
GLAGOV: Study Design



- Primary endpoint:**^{1,2} Nominal change in PAV from baseline to week 78
- Key secondary endpoints:**^{1,2}
 - Nominal change in TAV from baseline to week 78
 - Percentage of patients demonstrating regression (any reduction from baseline) in either PAV or TAV from baseline to week 78

1. Puri R, et al. Am Heart J. doi: 10.1016/j.ahj.2016.01.019. 2. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01813422. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT01813422>. Accessed March 18, 2016.

EBBINGHAUS: Evaluating PCSK9 Binding antiBody Influence on coGnitive HeAlth in high cardiovascular risk Subjects (FOURIER substudy)



Ongoing trial to show effect of evolocumab on cognitive health (evaluated by Spatial Working Memory strategy index of executive function)

EBBINGHAUS. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02207634?term=ebbinghaus+and+evolocumab&rank=1>. Accessed 10 Jan 2016.

PCSK9 mAb Outcomes Trials

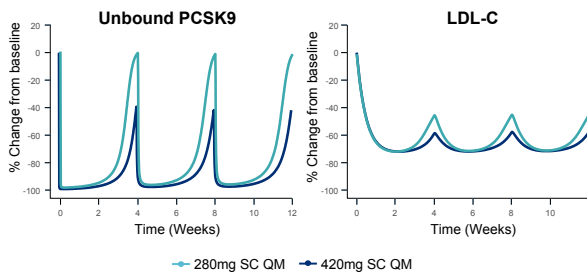
Study	FOURIER	ODYSSEY OUTCOMES	SPIRE-1	SPIRE-2
Who?	Patients aged 40-85 with history of clinically evident CVD at high risk for recurrent event	Patients aged ≥40 hospitalized for ACS recently (<52 weeks)	Background lipid lowering treatment and at high risk of a CV event	
N	27,500	18,000	17,000	9000
Primary endpt	Time to CV death, MI, hospitalization for UA, stroke, or coronary revas, whichever occurs first	Time to CHD death, any non-fatal MI, fatal and non-fatal ischemic stroke, hospitalization for UA	Confirmed major cardiovascular event [CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, and hospitalization for UA needing urgent revascularization]	
LDL-C	≥70 mg/dL (or non-HDL-C ≥100 mg/dL)	≥70 mg/dL	≥70 and <100 mg/dL (or non-HDL-C ≥100 mg/dL and <130 mg/dL)	≥100 mg/dL (or non HDL C ≥130 mg/dL)

Questions

Which dose, which periodicity of injection, and what LDL-C level bring optimal clinical benefit ?

Which patients at very high CV risk urgently require substantial additional LDL-C reduction to attain an LDL-C goal of <70 mg/dL ?

Sustained PCSK9 inhibition gives stable LDL-C reduction



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