



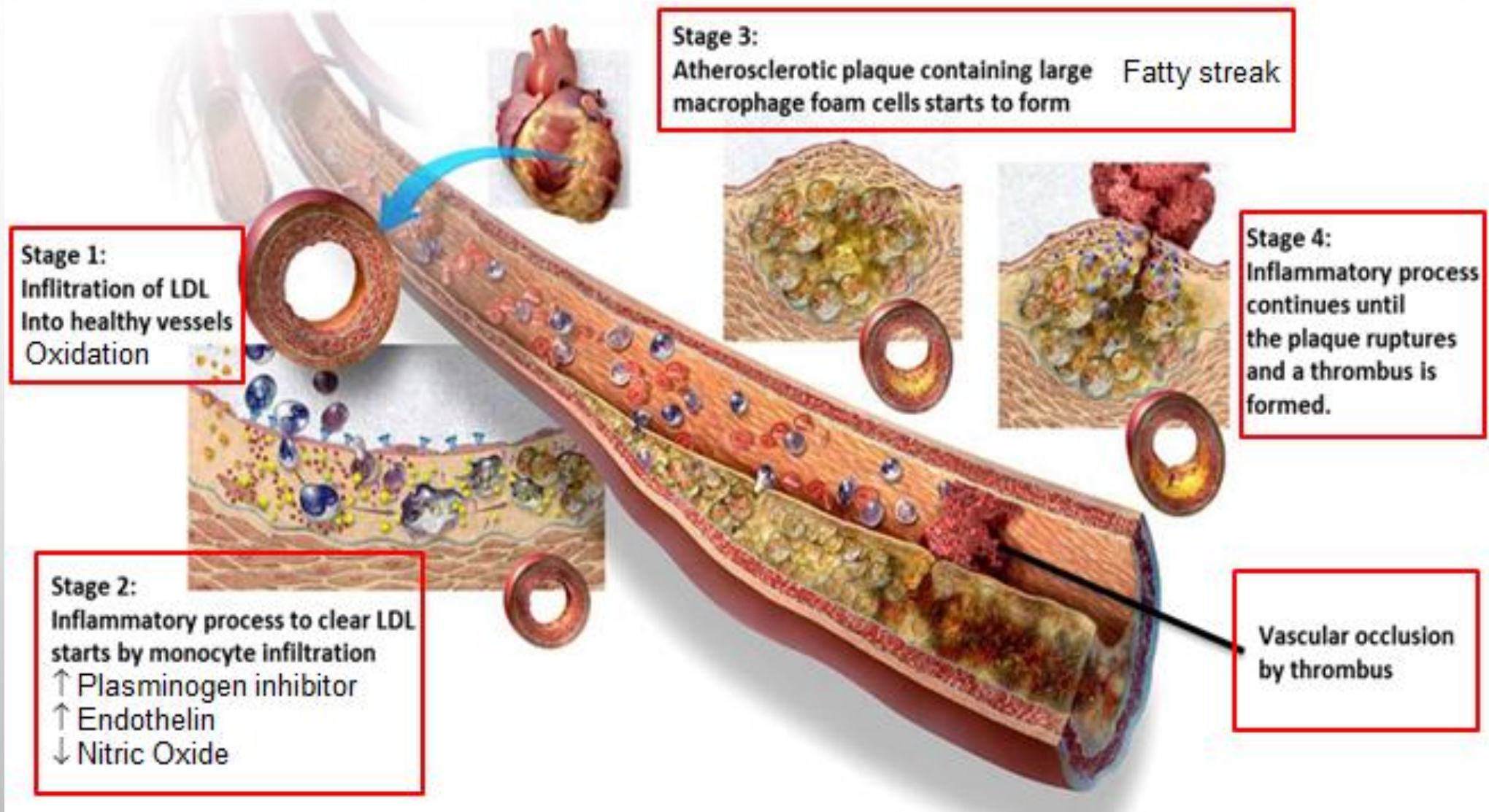
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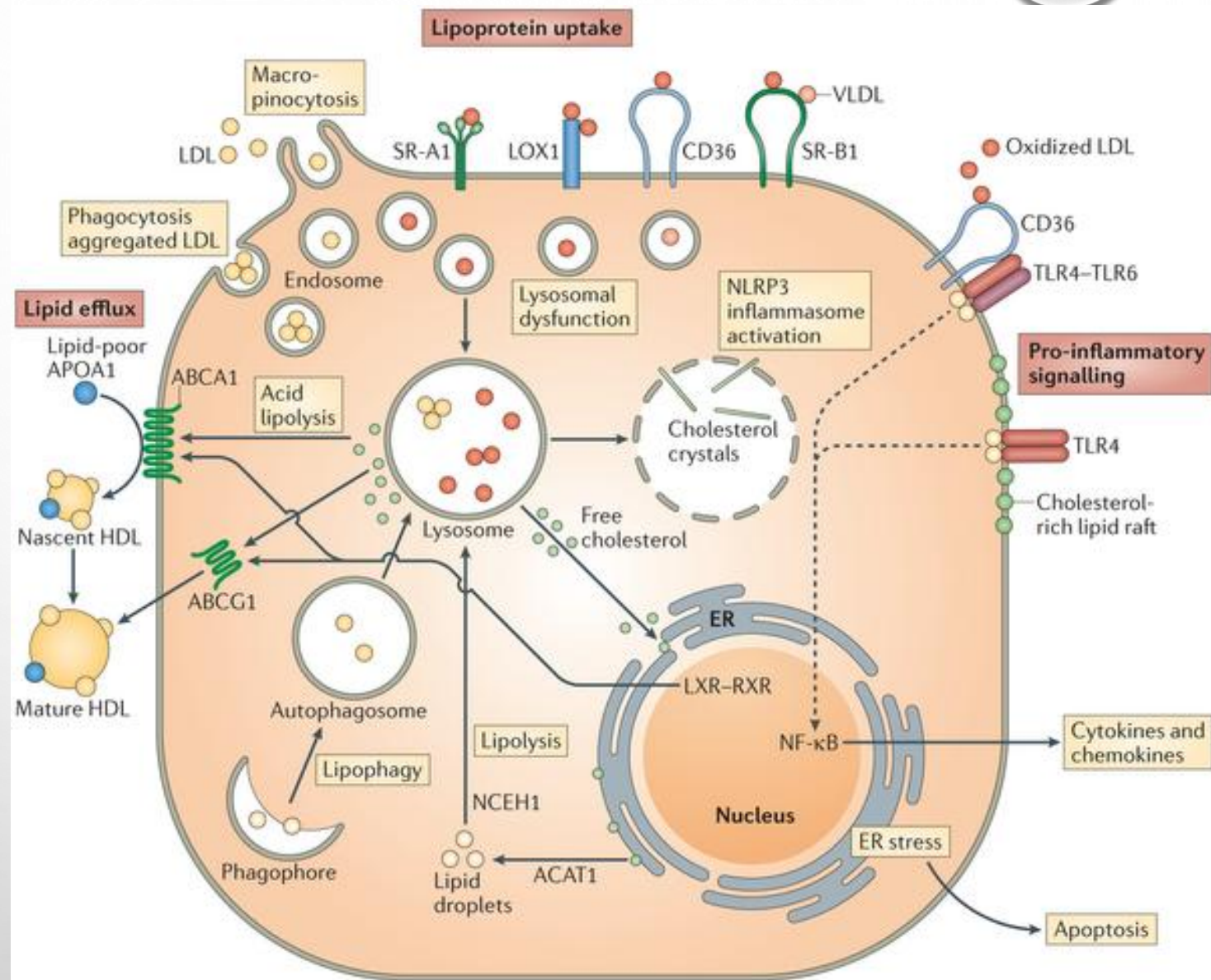
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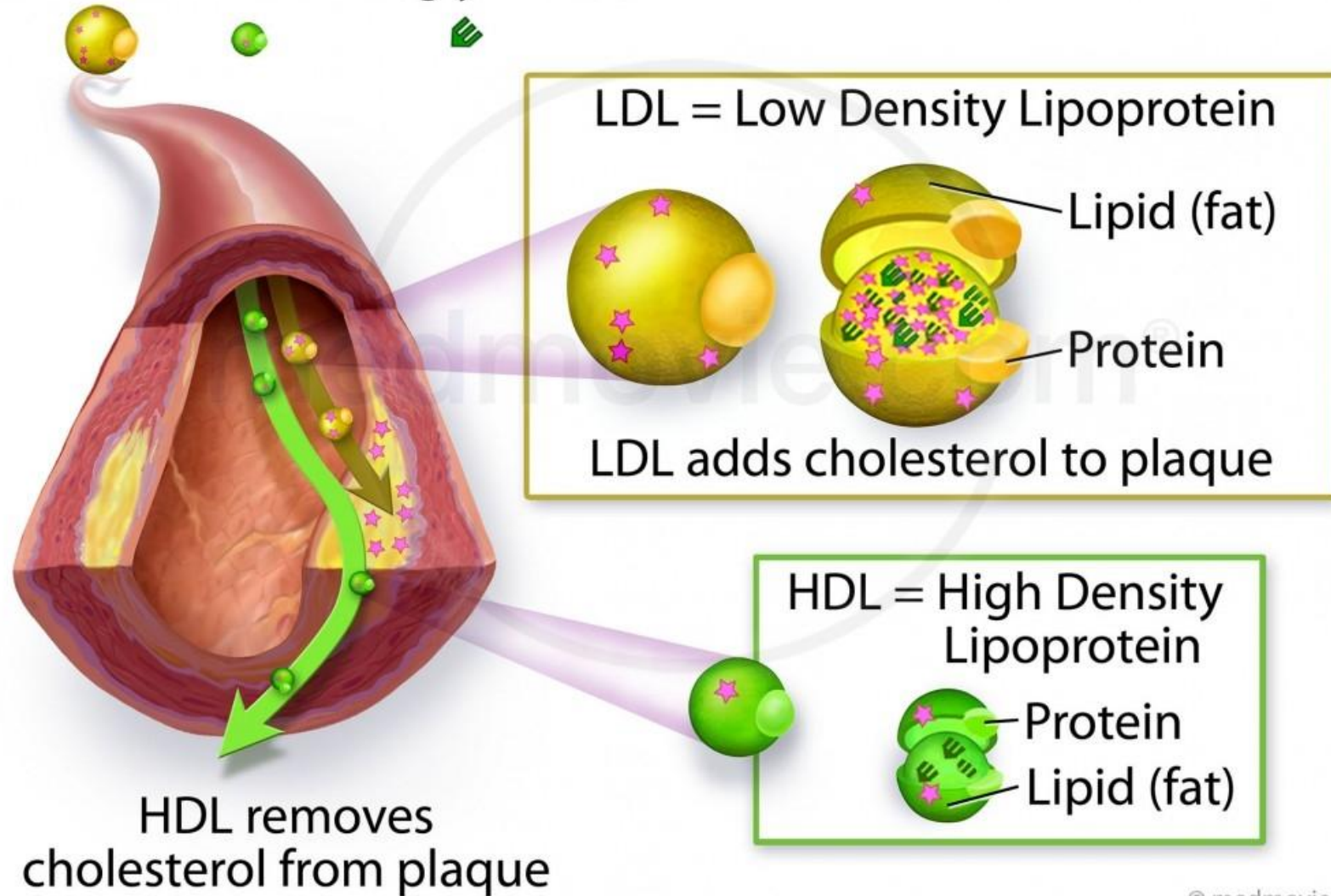


Cholesterol metabolism and “foam cells” formation

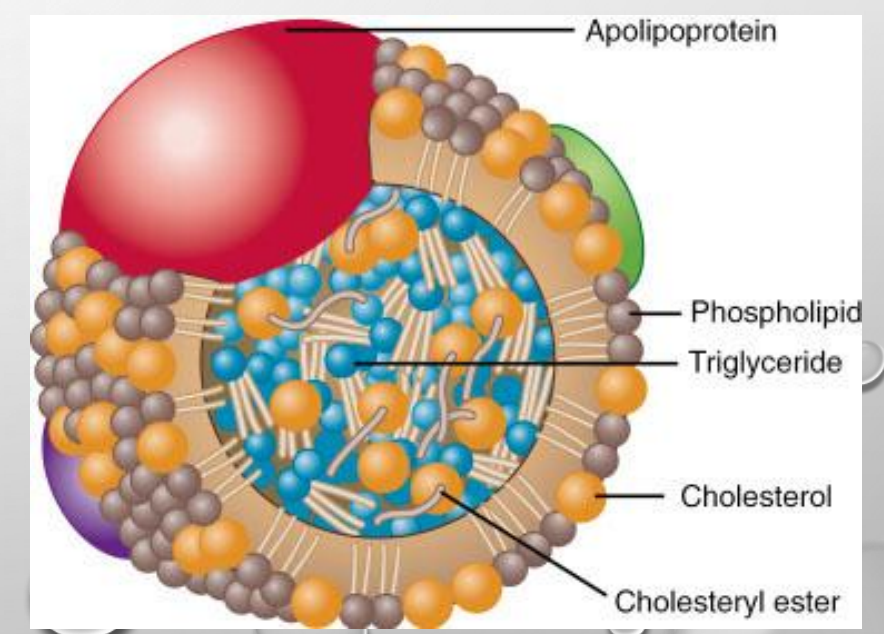
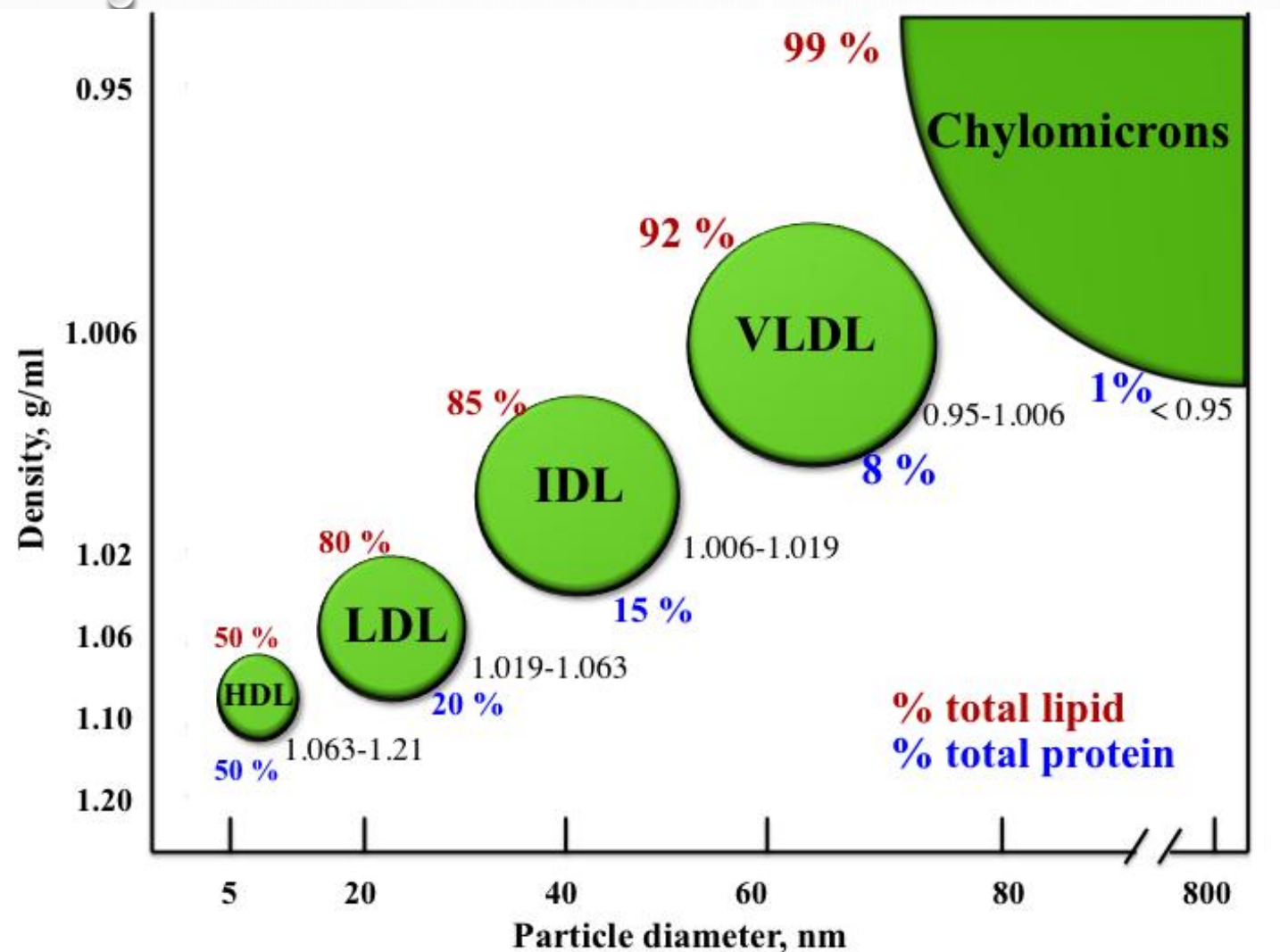


Total Cholesterol =
LDL + HDL + Triglycerides

Cholesterol = ★



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Serum lipoproteins are measured by enzymatic reactions

Presence of multiple biases

Clinical Chemistry 58:3
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Opinions

A Message from the Laboratory Community to the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel IV

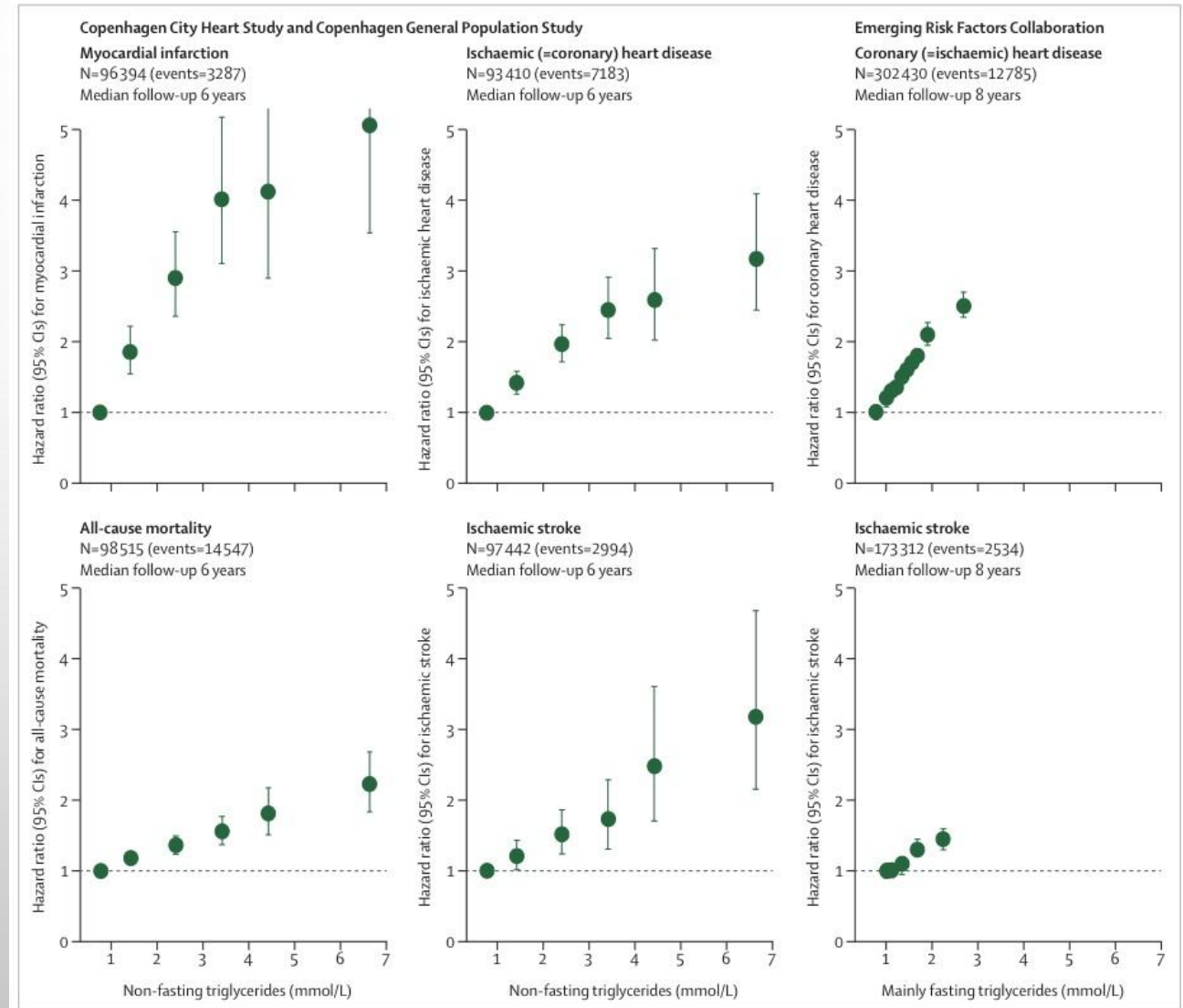
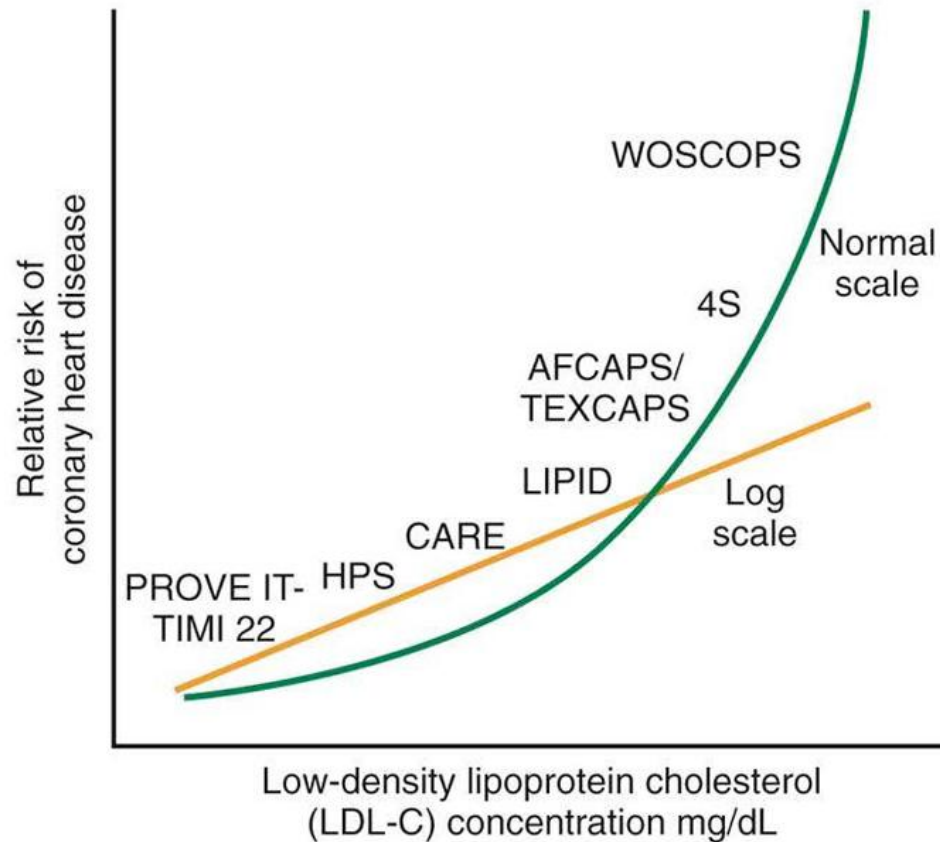
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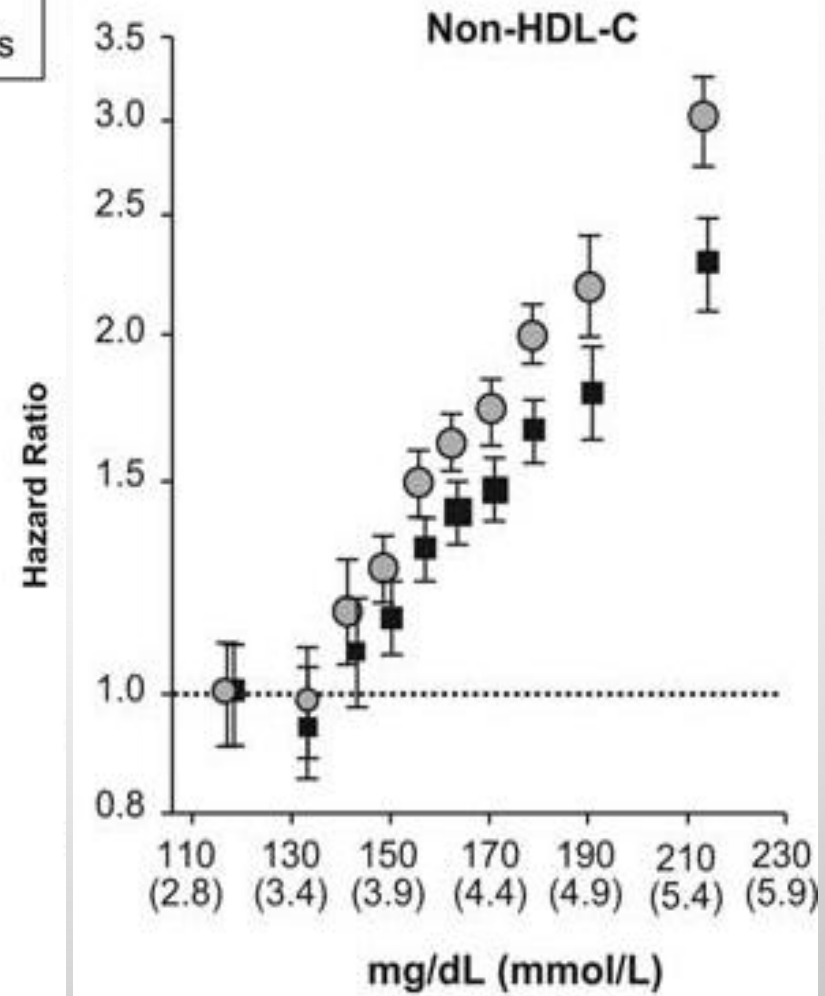
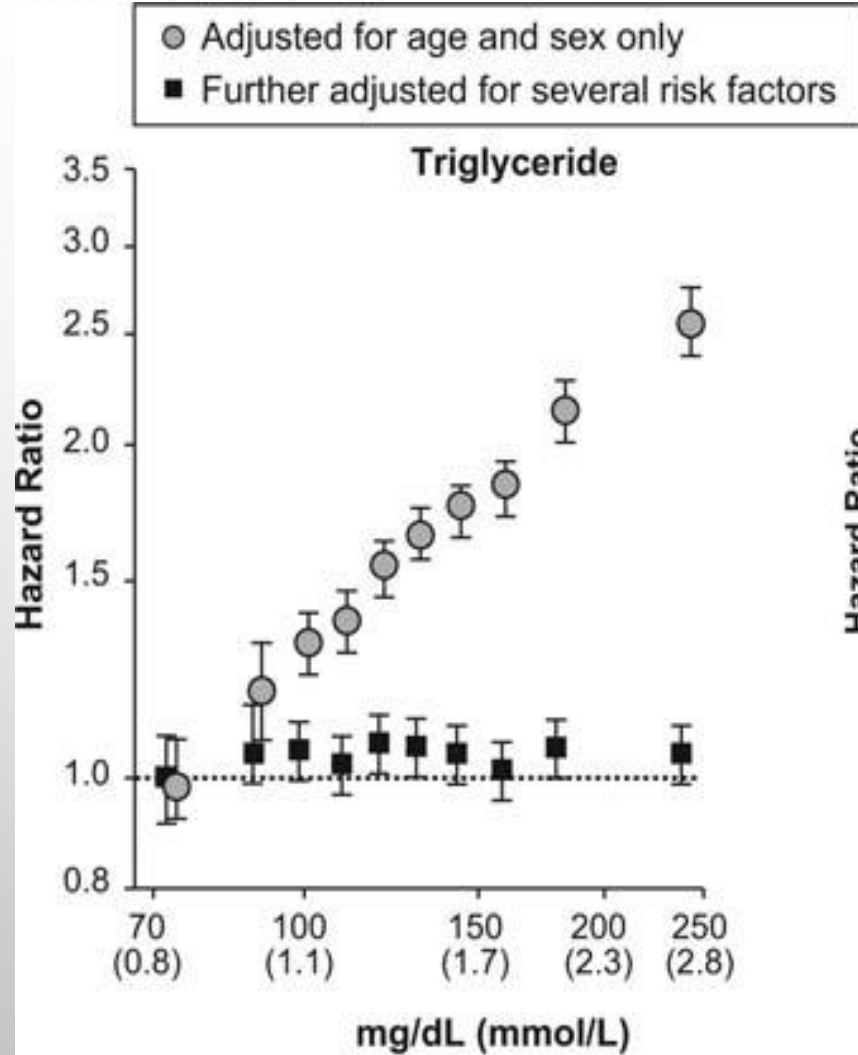
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Colesterolo Totale	-	-	<200	200-239	>240
LDL	-	-	<130	130-159	>160
Non-HDL	-	-	<150	150-189	>190
HDL	<40	40-44	>45	-	-
Trigliceridi	-	-	<150	150-199	>200



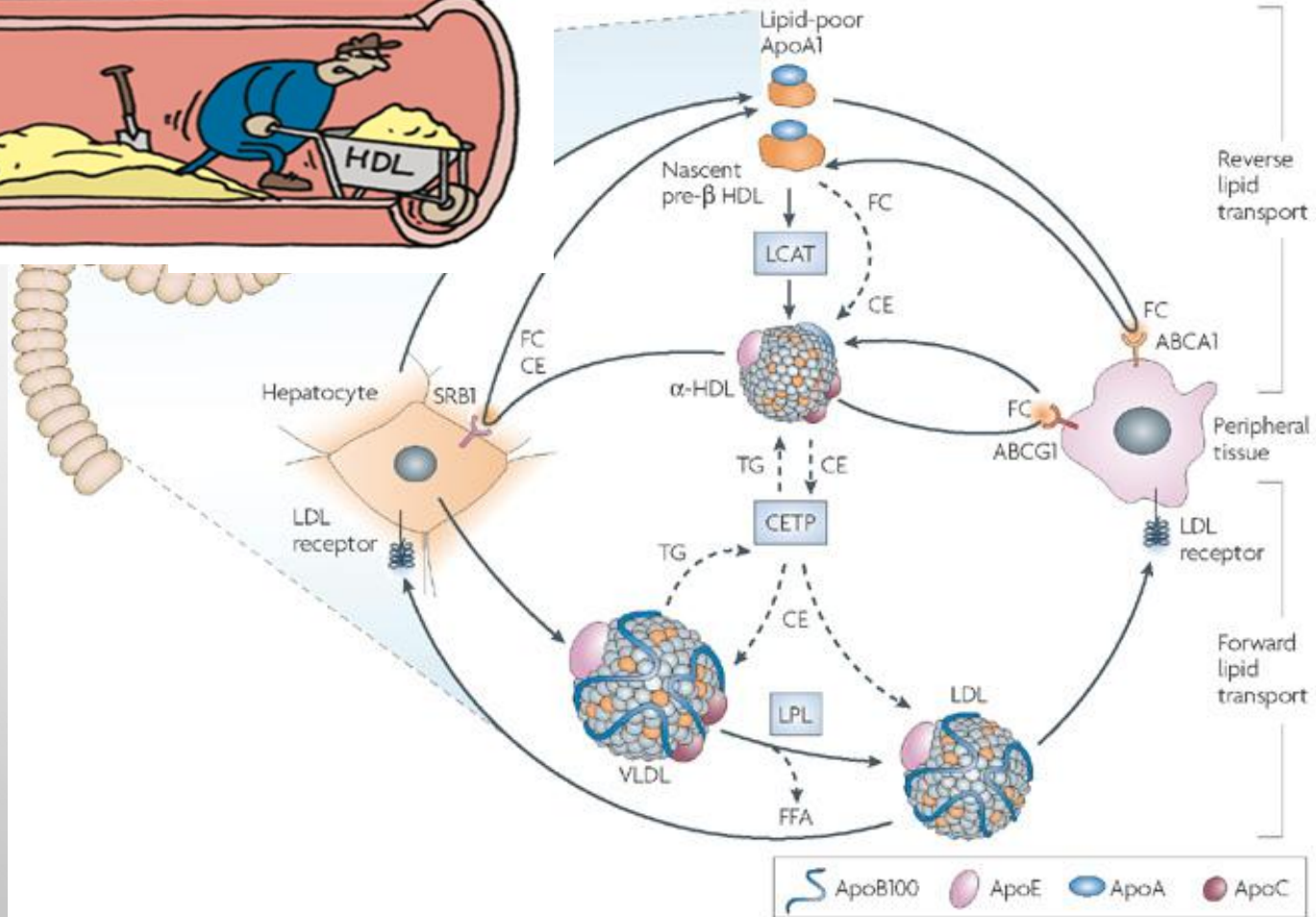
LDL and TG vs. Cardiovascular Risk

**Risk rises more steeply
with increasing LDL-C concentrations**





Lipid Metabolism and cardiovascular disease



Serum
cholesterol efflux capacity
(CEC)

Serum
cholesterol loading capacity
(CLC)



Lomitapide affects HDL composition and function



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The CLC of sera of the patients decreased by an average of 20% at maximum lomitapide dose in comparison to baseline (from 53.6 ± 18.0 to 42.8 ± 12.3 μg cholesterol/mg cell protein).

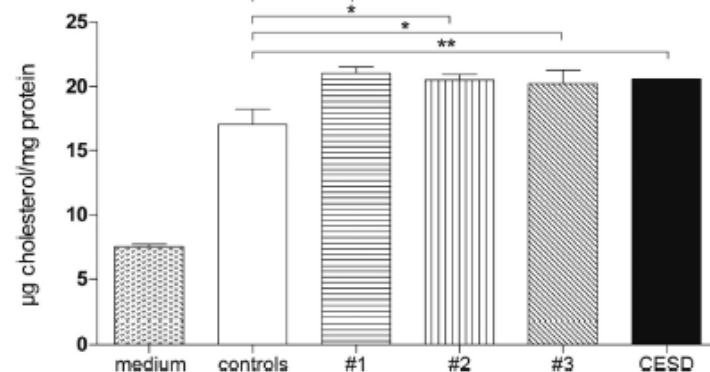
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Cholesterol trafficking-related serum lipoprotein functions in children with cholesteryl ester storage disease



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Serum cholesterol loading capacity (CLC)

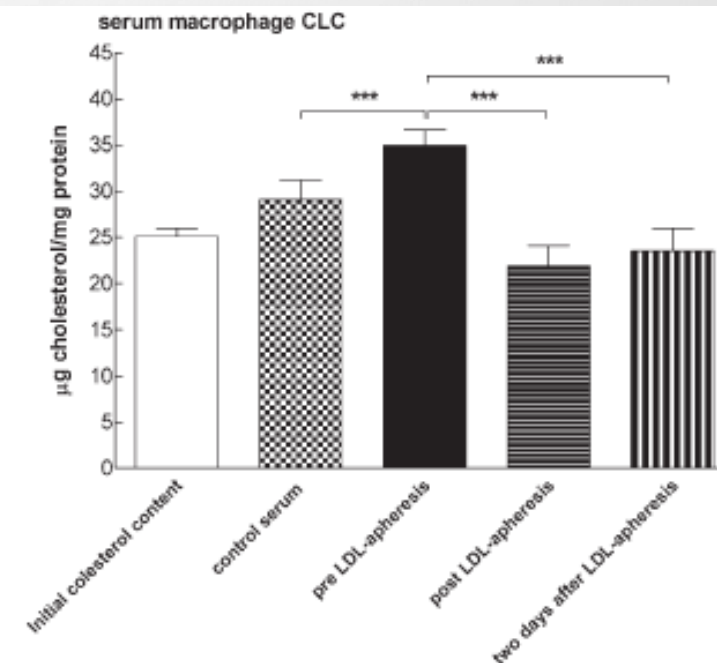
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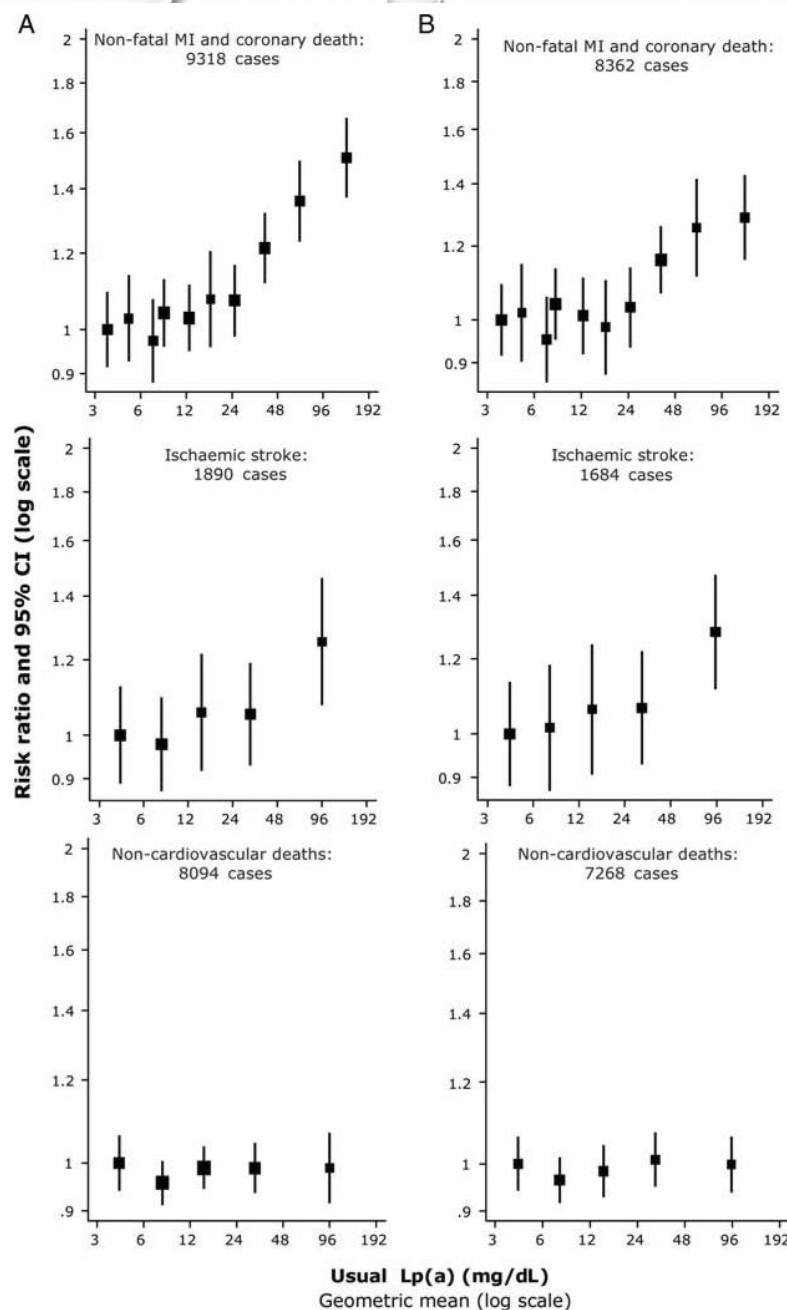
patient-oriented and epidemiological research

Cellular cholesterol efflux and cholesterol loading capacity of serum: effects of LDL-apheresis^[5]

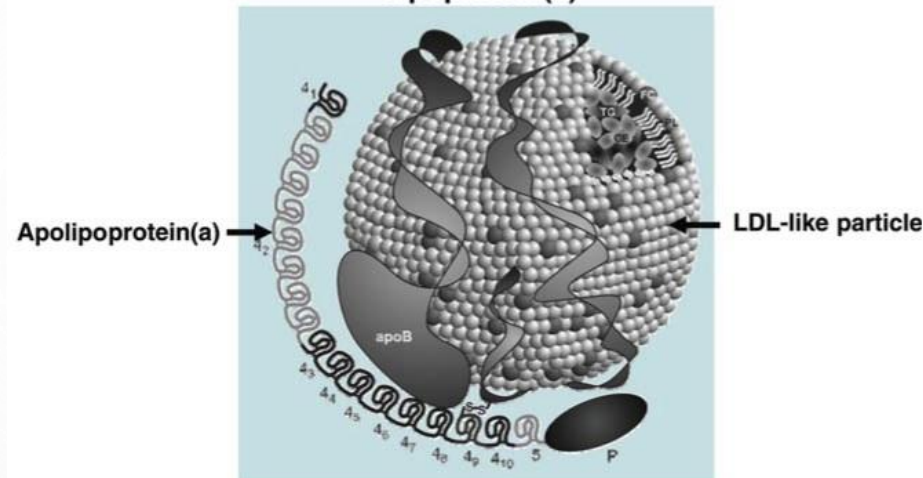
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Lipoprotein(a)



Whom to screen

We suggest that Lp(a) should be measured once in all subjects at intermediate or high risk of CVD/CHD who present with:

- (i) premature CVD,
- (ii) familial hypercholesterolaemia,
- (iii) a family history of premature CVD and/or elevated Lp(a),
- (iv) recurrent CVD despite statin treatment,
- (v) $\geq 3\%$ 10-year risk of fatal CVD according to the European guidelines,³⁵ and
- (vi) $\geq 10\%$ 10-year risk of fatal and/or non-fatal CHD according to the US guidelines³⁶

Repeat measurement is only necessary if treatment for high Lp(a) levels is initiated in order to evaluate therapeutic response.

Pro-inflammatory

↑ Macrophage IL-8 expression

↑ Monocyte cytokine release

↑ Oxidized Phospholipids

↑ Monocyte chemotaxis/transmigration

Carries MCP-1

Serum
cholesterol loading capacity
(CLC)

↑ EC binding

↑ Upregulation of adhesion molecules

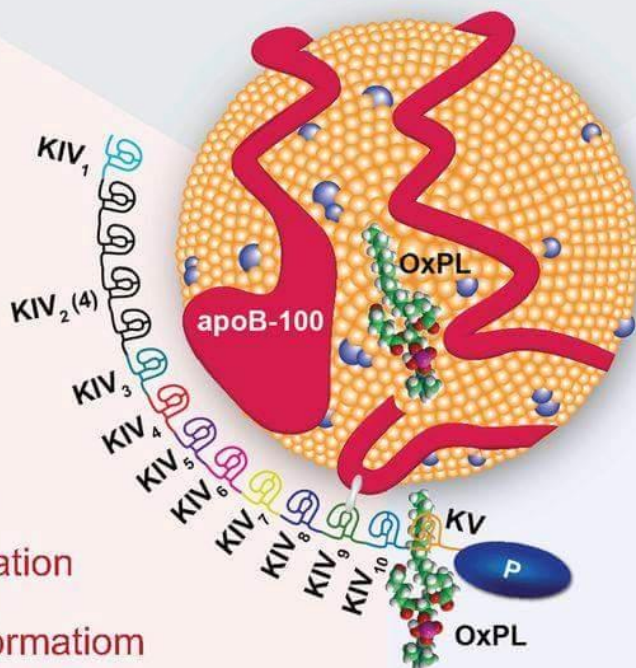
↑ SMC proliferation

↑ Proteoglycan matrix binding

↑ Foam/cell formation

↑ Necrotic core formation

↑ Lesion calcification



↓ Plasminogen activation

↓ Fibrin degradation

↑ EC PAI-1 expression

↑ TFPI activity

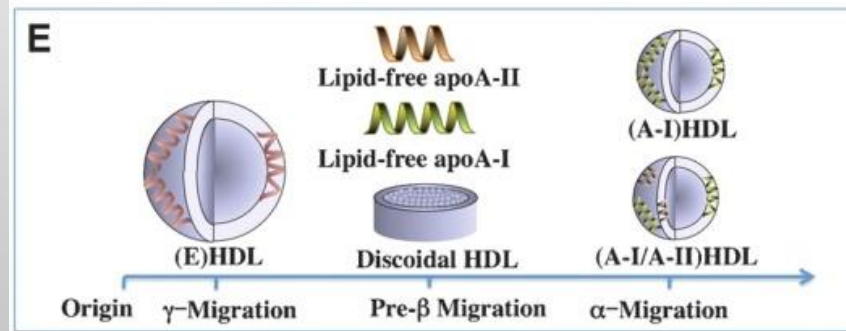
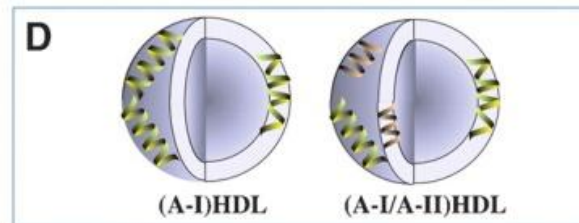
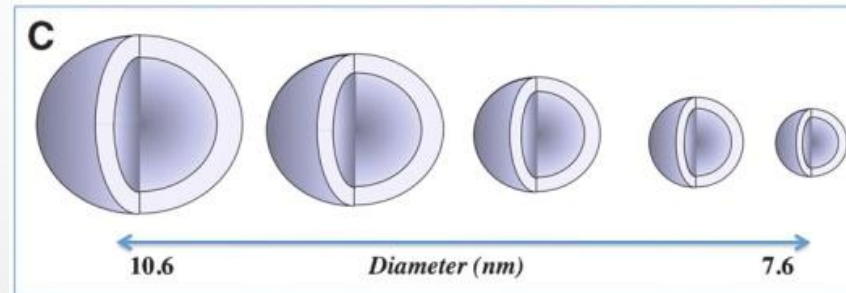
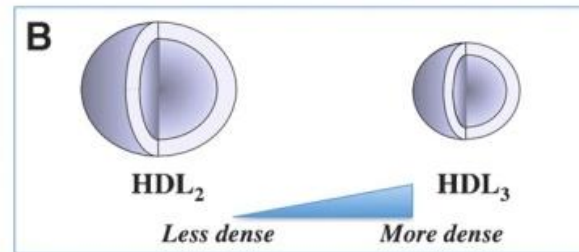
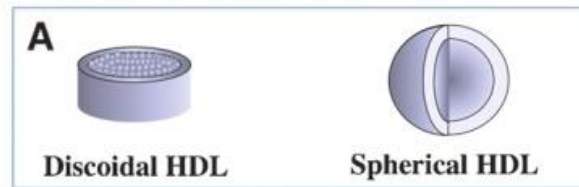
↑ Platelet responsiveness

Prothrombotic

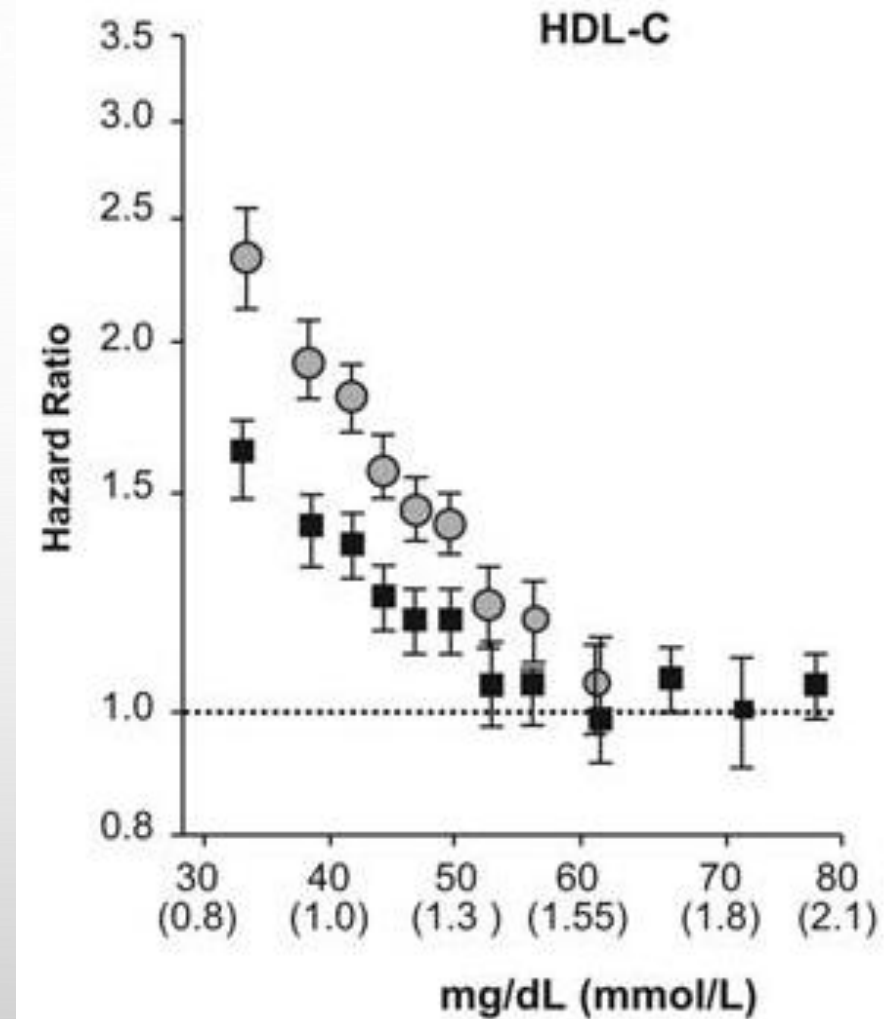
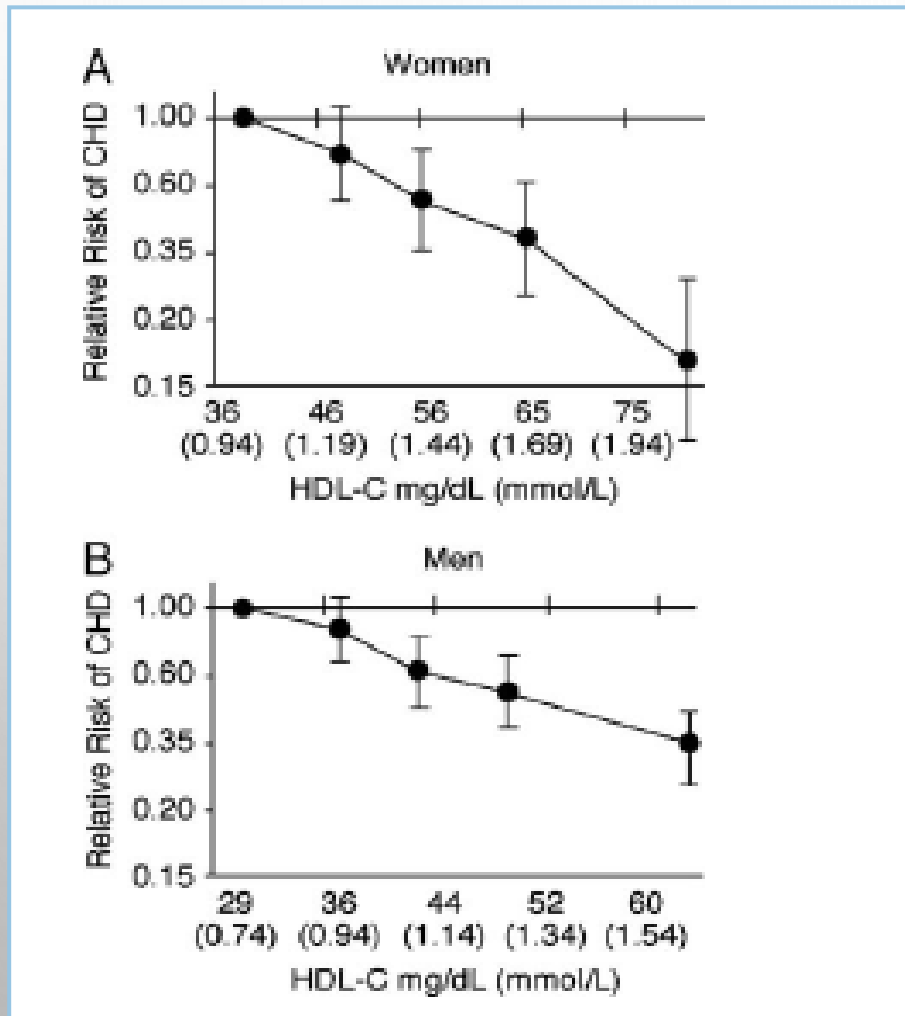
- Is there a relationship between Lp(a) and CLC?
- If so, to which isoforms of Lp(a)?



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OBSERVATIONAL APPROACH



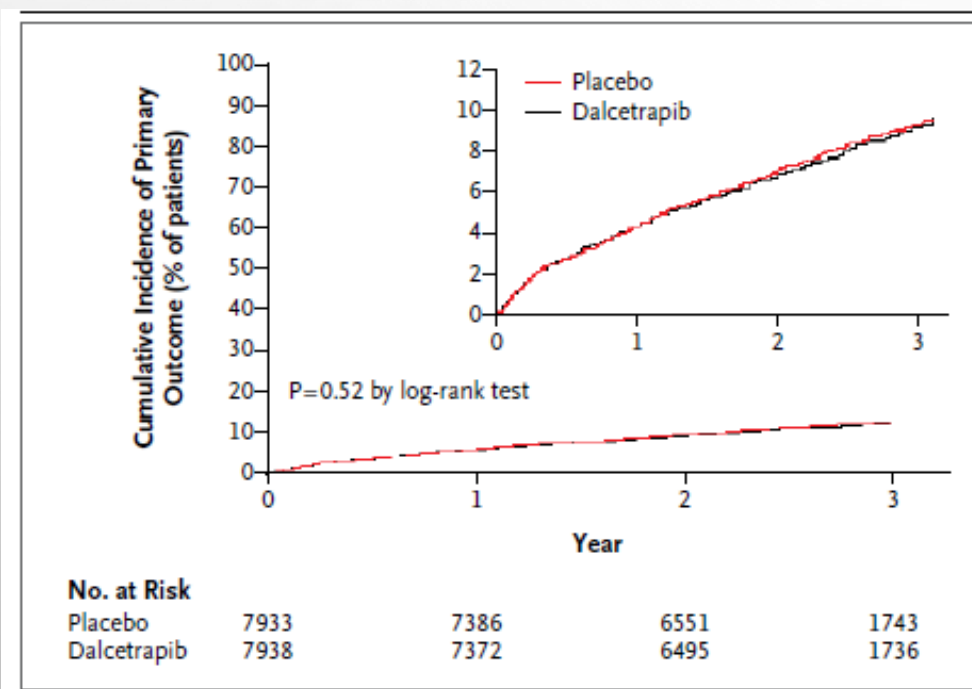
GENETIC APPROACH

	Odds ratio (95% CI) per SD increase in plasma lipid based on observational epidemiology*	Odds ratio (95% CI) per SD increase in plasma lipid conferred by genetic score†
LDL cholesterol	1.54 (1.45–1.63)	2.13 (1.69–2.69), $p=2\times 10^{-10}$
HDL cholesterol	0.62 (0.58–0.66)	0.93 (0.68–1.26), $p=0.63$

*Observational epidemiology estimates derived from more than 25 000 individuals from prospective cohort studies as shown in the appendix p 22. †LDL genetic score consisting of 13 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) as shown in the appendix p 27; HDL genetic score consisting of 14 SNPs as shown in the appendix p 28.

PHARMACOLOGICAL APPROACH

IN PATIENTS WHO HAD A RECENT ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME, **DALCETRAPIB** INCREASED HDL CHOLESTEROL LEVELS (31-40%) BUT DID NOT REDUCE THE RISK OF RECURRENT CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS (dal-OUTCOMES)



Schwartz GG et al, NEJM 2012

THERE WAS NO INCREMENTAL CLINICAL BENEFIT FROM THE ADDITION OF **NIACIN** TO STATIN THERAPY, DESPITE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN HDL CHOLESTEROL (+25%) (AIM-HIGH STUDY)

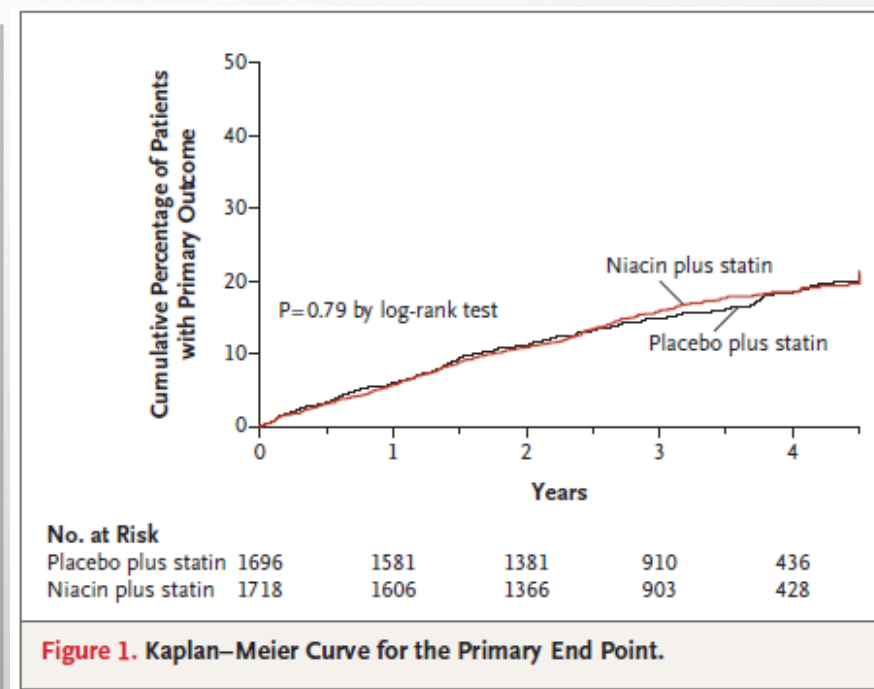


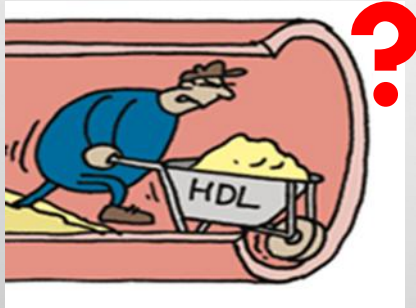
Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier Curve for the Primary End Point.

AIM-HIGH investigators N Engl J Med 2011

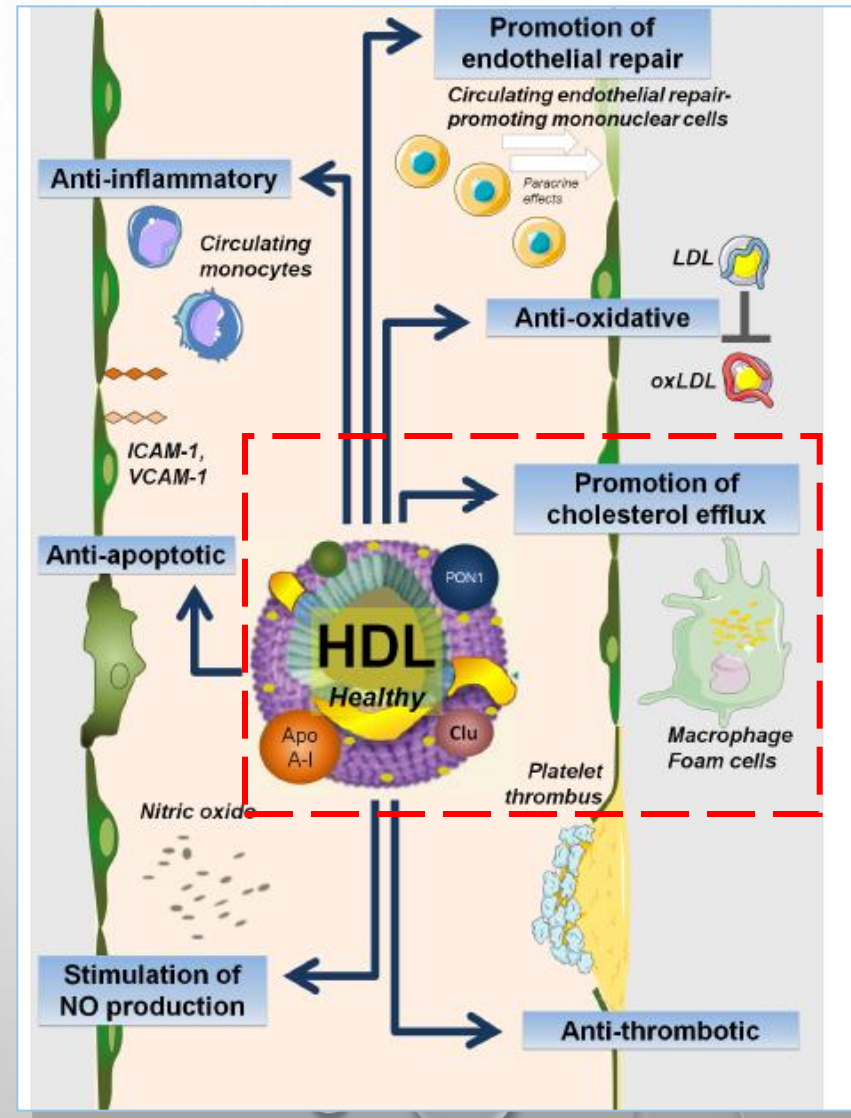
HDL FUNCTIONS

... **HDL-C levels** per se may not be the proper parameter to adequately assess the contribution of HDL to CVD risk.

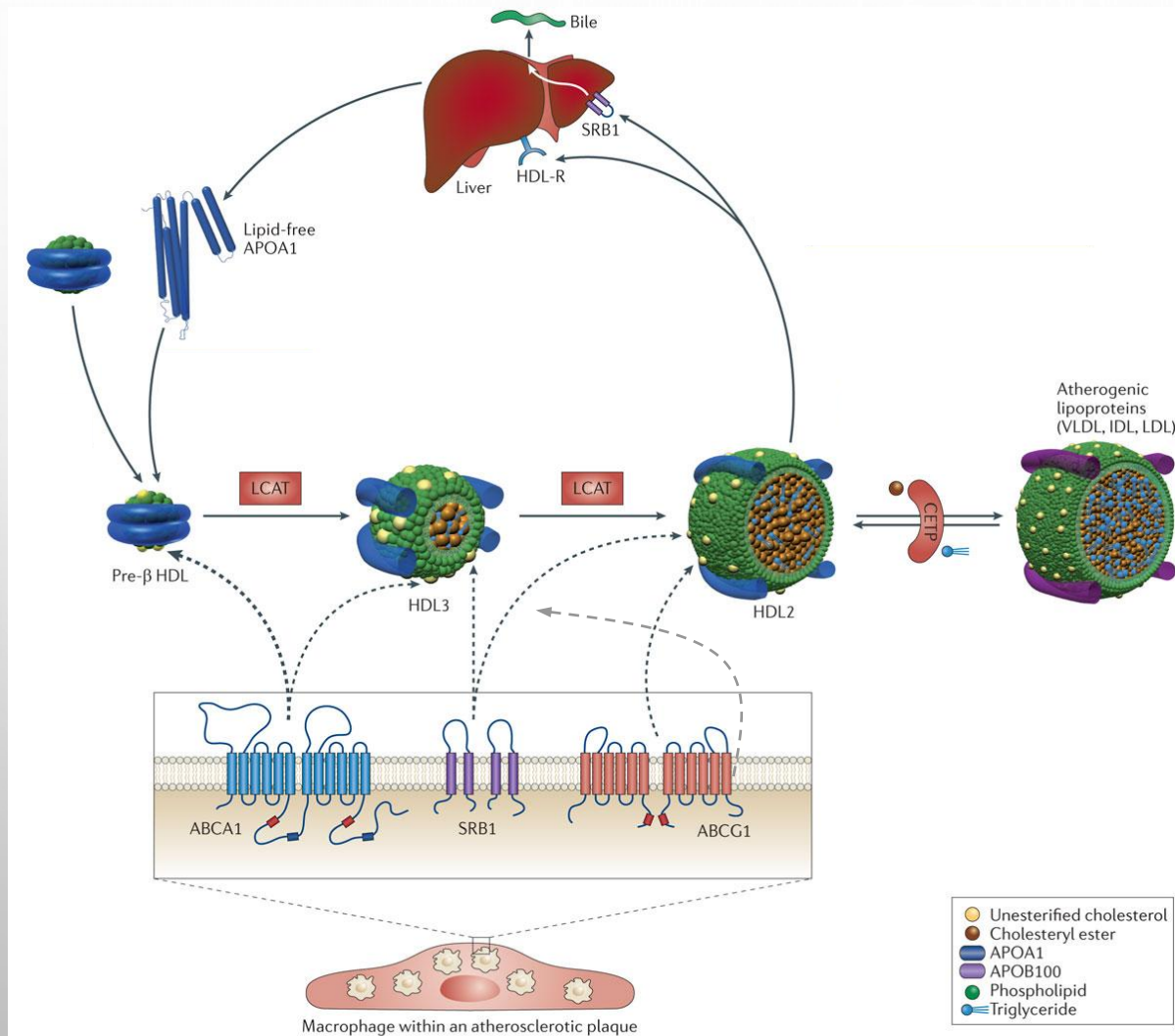
Journal of Clinical Lipidology
2013 (7):484-525



Riwanto, M. et al, JLR 2013



Cholesterol Efflux Capacity (CEC) and Reverse Cholesterol Transport (RCT)



Serum
cholesterol efflux capacity
(CEC)

⇒ HDL-CEC is a metric of HDL functionality in humans

⇒ cell cholesterol efflux is the first limiting step of RCT

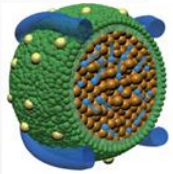
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Favari et al. *Biochemistry* 2009

Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

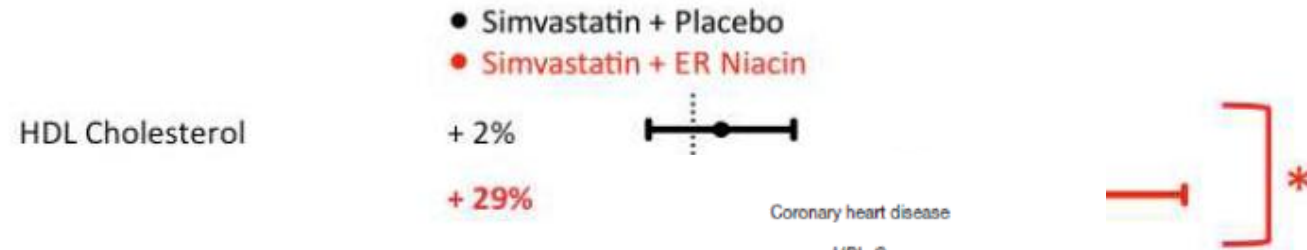
HDL functionality (CEC) determines the pharmacological effect

The Addition of Niacin to Statin Therapy Improves High-density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Levels but not Metrics of Functionality

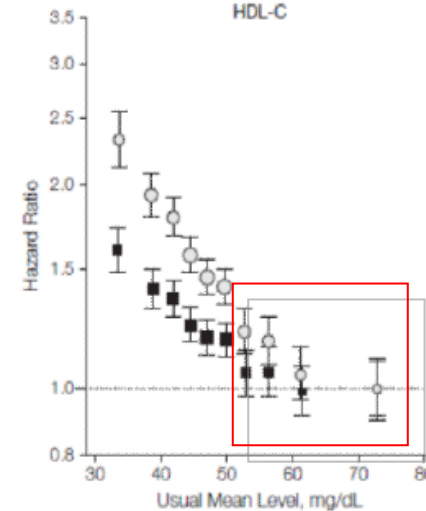


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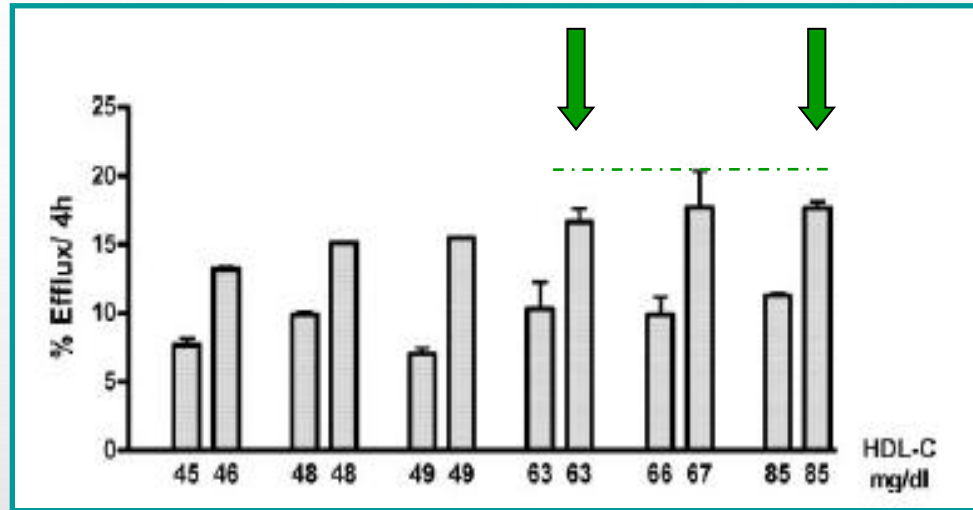
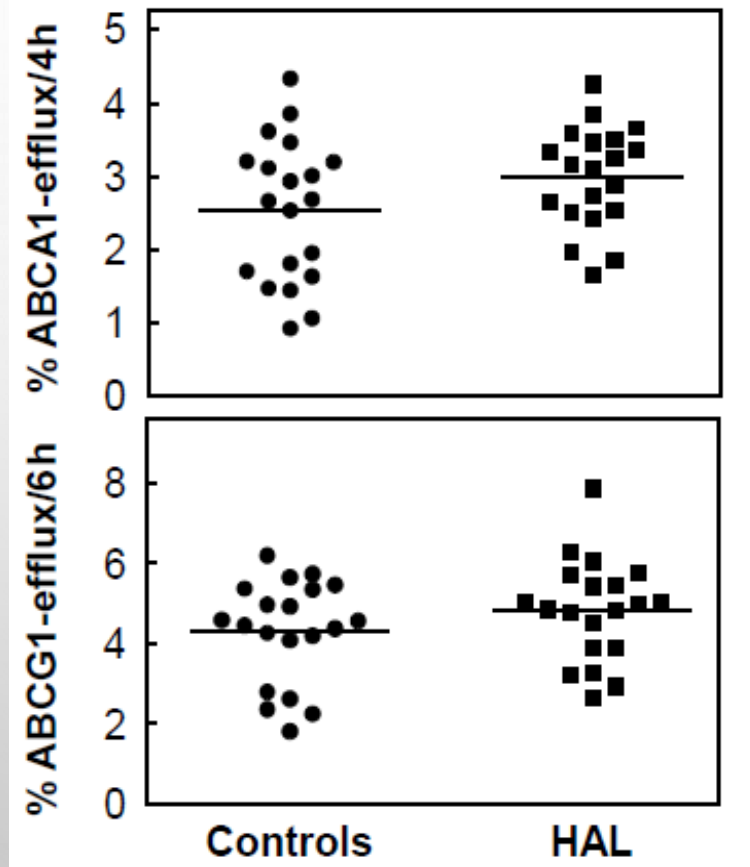
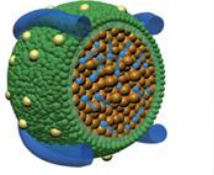
Serum
cholesterol efflux capacity
(CEC)



With a trial design where baseline HDL-cholesterol levels were **50 mg/dL**, a 29% increase in HDL with niacin would increase levels to **65 mg/dL**, but this is the flat part of the event curve



HDL functionality (CEC) overcomes the importance of HDL-C levels



Serum
cholesterol efflux capacity
(CEC)

Association of HDL cholesterol efflux capacity with incident coronary heart disease events: a prospective case-control study



Danish Saleheen, Robert Scott, Sundas Javad, Wei Zhao, Amrith Rodrigues, Antonino Picataggi, Daniya Lukmanova, Megan L Mucksavage, Robert Luben, Jeffery Billheimer, John J P Kastelein, S Matthijs Boekholdt, Kay-Tee Khaw, Nick Wareham, Daniel J Rader



Summary

Background Although HDL cholesterol concentrations are strongly and inversely associated with risk of coronary heart disease, interventions that raise HDL cholesterol do not reduce risk of coronary heart disease. HDL cholesterol efflux capacity—a prototypical measure of HDL function—has been associated with coronary heart disease after adjusting for HDL cholesterol, but its effect on incident coronary heart disease risk is uncertain.

Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2015;
3: 507–13

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Interpretation HDL cholesterol efflux capacity might provide an alternative mechanism for therapeutic modulation of the HDL pathway beyond HDL cholesterol concentration to help reduce risk of coronary heart disease.



Modulating cholesterol efflux capacity to improve cardiovascular disease

Nicholas Brownell and Anand Rohatgi

Summary

The modification of cholesterol efflux capacity (CEC) by current medications and interventions has been investigated in both large randomized control trials and smaller observational cohorts. This review serves to compile the results of these studies and evaluate CEC modulation by commonly used medications. Altering CEC could be a novel therapeutic approach to improving cardiovascular risk profiles.

Serum
cholesterol efflux
capacity(CEC)

Take home messages

- ✓ Not only **QUANTITY** but also **QUALITY** for serum LIPOPROTEINS



- ✓ LIPOPROTEIN QUALITY means **FUNCTIONALITY**



- ✓ **CLC** for atherogenic lipoproteins and **CEC** for anti-atherogenic lipoproteins is a metric of **FUNCTIONALITY** in humans

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