



# ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ: ΔΙΑΓΝΩΣΗ-ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ



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# ΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΤΙΚΟ

- Ασθενής 48 ετών έρχεται με T-CHOL 350 mg/dL, TGs 100 mg/dL, HDL-CHOL 50 mg/dL & LDL CHOL 280 mg/dL

**1° ΒΗΜΑ: ΑΠΟΚΛΕΙΣΜΟΣ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΠΑΘΟΥΣ  
ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑΣ**

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✓ Υποθυρεοειδισμός (TSH)

✓ Χολόσταση (αλκαλική φωσφατάση)

✓ Νεφρωσικό σύνδρομο (λεύκωμα ούρων)

# DIAGNOSTIC WORK-UP

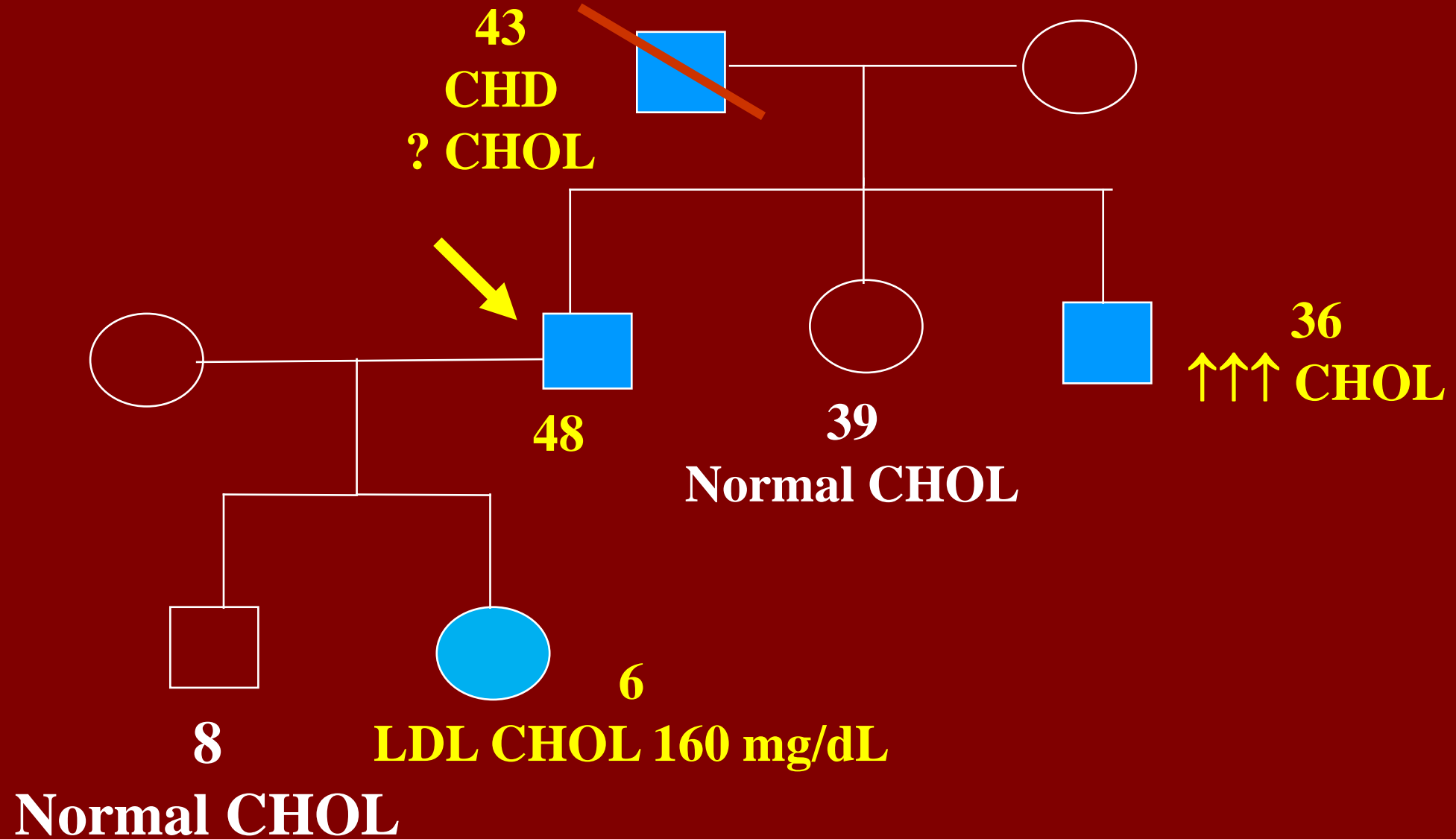
- Εργαστηριακές εξετάσεις κ.φ.
- Μη καπνιστής
- ΒΜΙ 25 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- ΑΠ 120/80 mmHg

# 2° ΒΗΜΑ: ΑΤΟΜΙΚΟ & ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑΚΟ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΚΟ

# Διαγνωστικές ερωτήσεις

- 1) Έχει ο ασθενής ατομικό ιστορικό CVD;
- 2) Τι LDL χοληστερόλη και ιστορικό CVD έχουν οι γονείς;
- 2) Τι LDL χοληστερόλη και ιστορικό CVD έχουν τα αδέρφια του;
- 3) Τι LDL χοληστερόλη και ιστορικό CVD έχουν τα παιδιά του;

# FAMILY TREE





**3<sup>ο</sup> ΒΗΜΑ: ΦΥΣΙΚΗ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΗ**

# Consider

# FH

Clinical evidence of:

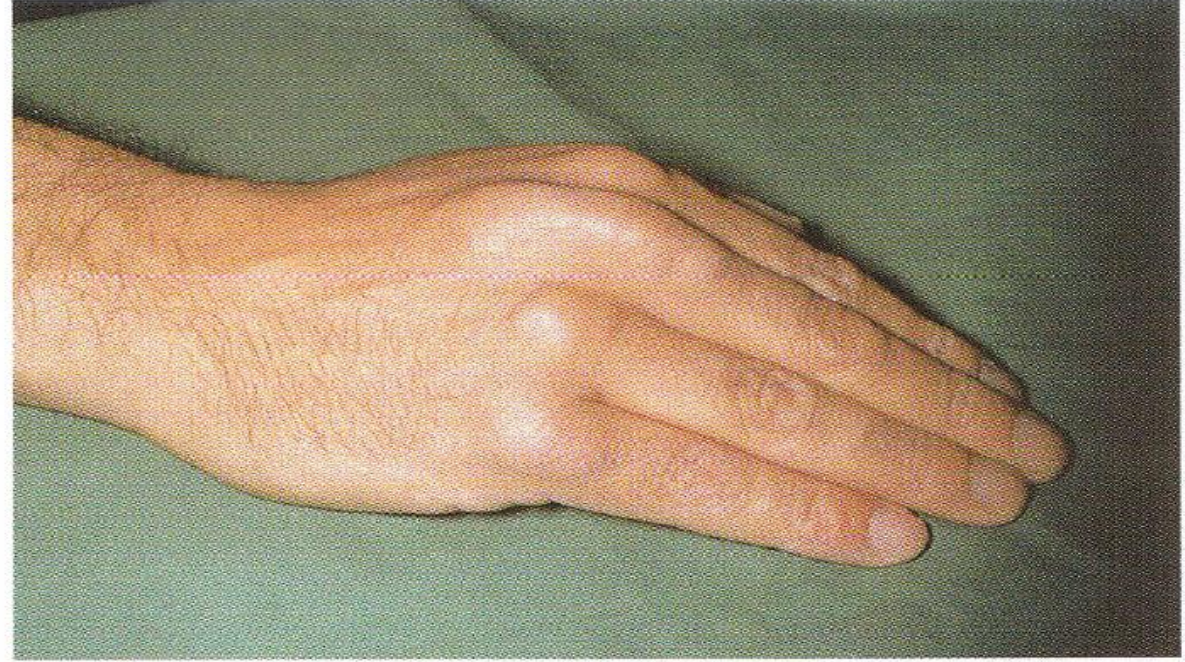


- Corneal Arcus
- Xanthelasma
- Tendon xanthomas in the hands and Achilles tendons





**Plate 1** *Achilles tendon xanthoma (heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia)*



**Plate 3** *Tendon xanthomata on dorsum of hand (heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia) (courtesy of Dr J. Barth)*

# ΦΥΣΙΚΗ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΗ ΗοFH



# Homozygous FH

## *A horrible inherited metabolic disease*



### Case report:

- 5-year-old boy with HoFH
- Treated with colestyramine
- LDL 26 mmol/L (2314 mg/dl)



### Follow-up:

- Acute ischaemic cardiac event; complete obstruction of the left coronary artery
- Died from second MI after three months



4<sup>ο</sup> ΒΗΜΑ: ΔΙΑΓΝΩΣΗ

**ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗΣ** (50% των 1<sup>ου</sup> βαθμού συγγενών)

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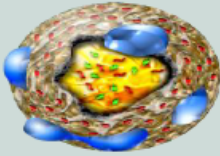
**ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ** (LDL-C >190  
mg/dL ενήλικοι ή >160 mg/dL παιδιά)

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**ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ (FH)**



# DUTCH FH CRITERIA

Feature	Score
<b>Family history</b>	
First-degree relative with known premature coronary and/or vascular disease (men <55 years, females <60 years) OR First-degree relative with known LDL-C above the 95th percentile for age and sex	1
First-degree relative with tendinous xanthomata and/or arcus cornealis OR Children aged less than 18 years with LDL-C above the 95th percentile for age and sex	2
<b>Clinical history</b>	
Premature coronary artery disease (men <55 years, females < 60 years)	2
Premature cerebral or peripheral vascular disease (men <55 years, females <60 years)	1
<b>Physical examination</b>	
Tendinous xanthomata	6
Arcus cornealis prior to age 45 years	4
LDL-C (mmol/L)	
– 9.0 or higher	8
– 6.5 to 8.4	5
– 5.0 to 6.4	3
– 4.0 to 4.9	1
	
<b>DNA analysis:</b> functional mutation in the <i>LDLR</i> , <i>APOB</i> or <i>PCSK9</i> gene	8
<b>Stratification of familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), as determined by total score using the Dutch Lipid Clinic Network Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definite FH = total score greater than 8</li> <li>• Probable FH = total score between 6 and 8</li> <li>• Possible FH = total score between 3 and 5</li> <li>• Unlikely FH = total score of less than 3</li> </ul>	



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Criteria

**Group 1: Family History**

Children aged <18 years with LDL-C >95th percentile by gender and age for country (>160 mg/dL; 4.1 mmol/L)

**Group 2: Personal Clinical History**

**Group 3: Physical Exam**

**Group 4: LDL-C Level**

**Group 5: Genetic Testing**

Causative mutation in LDLR, ApoB or PCSK9 genes

**View Your Score**


**0**

**Unlikely FH**

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Home



**The FH Calculator application is an easy way for Medical Practitioners to calculate accurately the possibility of Familial Hypercholesterolemia using the Dutch criteria.**

This application is sponsored by the Hellenic Atherosclerosis Society  
[www.atherosclerosis.gr](http://www.atherosclerosis.gr)

**This application does not provide full diagnosis of FH and is for educational purpose only.**

**Take FH Test**

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# Family History + Hypercholesterolemia = FH in Children\*

- Cholesterol testing should be used to make a phenotypic diagnosis
  - 5 mmol/L (190 mg/dL), 2 successive occasions over 3 months
  - 4 mmol/L (160 mg/dL) AND family history of premature CVD ± baseline high cholesterol in one parent
  - 3.5 mmol/L (130 mg/dL) AND positive genetic diagnosis in the family
- Rule out secondary causes (thyroid, liver or renal dysfunction, concomitant medication, obesity)
- Genetic testing confirms the diagnosis (after parental testing)
- **If a parent died from CHD, a child even with moderate hypercholesterolaemia should be tested genetically for FH and inherited elevation in Lp(a).**

# Diagnosis of HoFH according to the criteria recommended by the EAS Consensus Panel

## **Box I** Criteria for the diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia

- Genetic confirmation of two mutant alleles at the *LDLR*, *APOB*, *PCSK9*, or *LDLRAP1* gene locus

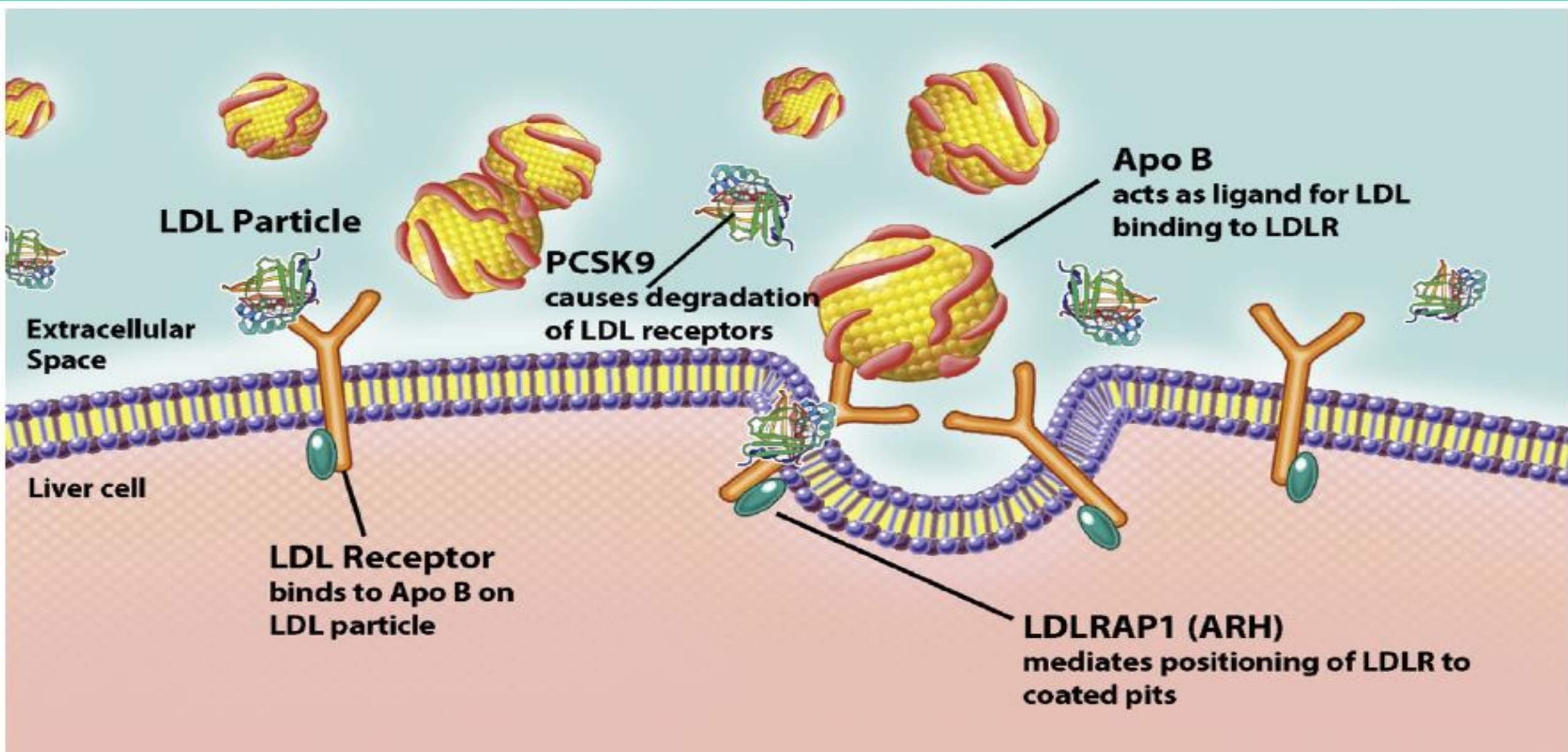
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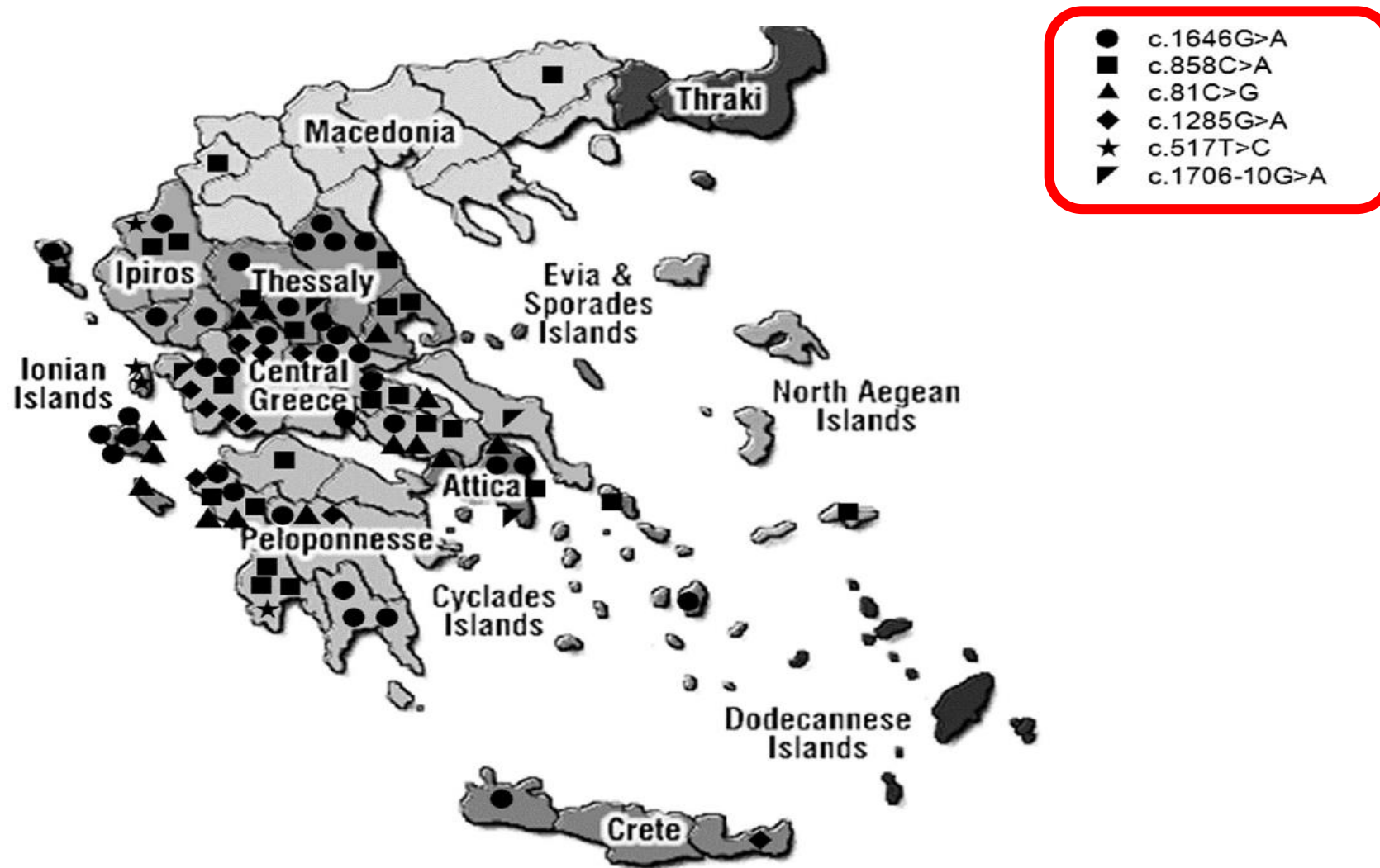
- An untreated LDL-C  $> 13$  mmol/L (500 mg/dL) or treated LDL-C  $\geq 8$  mmol/L (300 mg/dL)\* together with either:
  - Cutaneous or tendon xanthoma before age 10 years
  - or
  - Untreated elevated LDL-C levels consistent with heterozygous FH in both parents

\* These LDL-C levels are only indicative, and lower levels, especially in children or in treated patients, do not exclude HoFH

**5<sup>ο</sup> ΒΗΜΑ: ΓΕΝΕΤΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΓΝΩΣΗ  
[ΟΧΙ ΑΠΑΡΑΙΤΗΤΗ]**

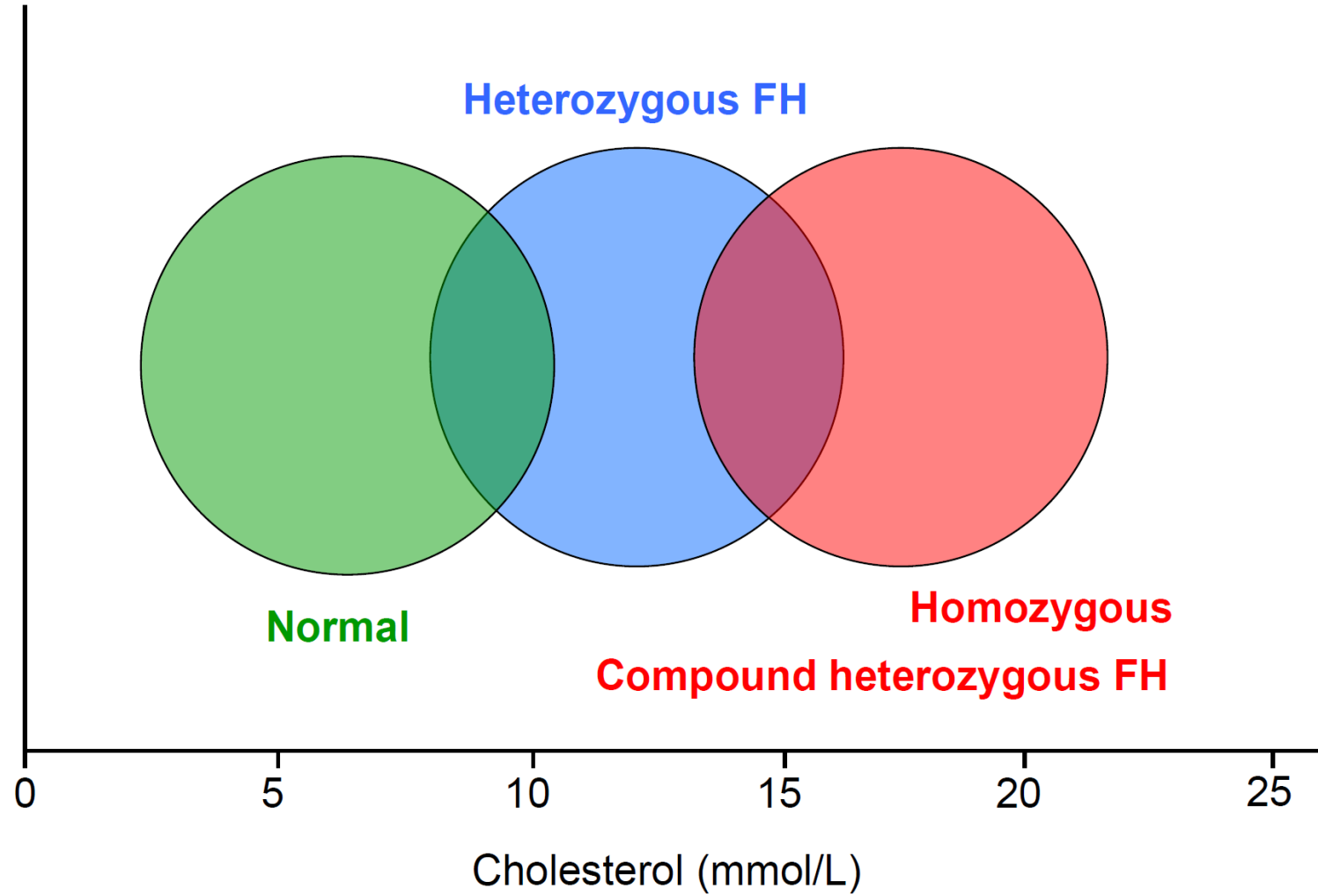
**Figure 2** Major Molecular Causes of Familial Hypercholesterolemia





**Fig. 2.** Geographic distribution of the six most common *LDLR* mutations in Greece. The distribution of mutations is only shown for the index cases with determined exact origin. Four patients originating from Minor Asia carried the mutations c.1646G > A ( $n = 2$ ), and c.81C > G ( $n = 2$ ), and one patient originating from Cyprus carried the mutation c.1646G > A (data not shown in figure).

# FH





ΤΙ ΣΗΜΑΙΝΕΙ ΝΑ ΕΧΕΙ ΚΑΠΟΙΟΣ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗ  
ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ;

# Heterozygous FH

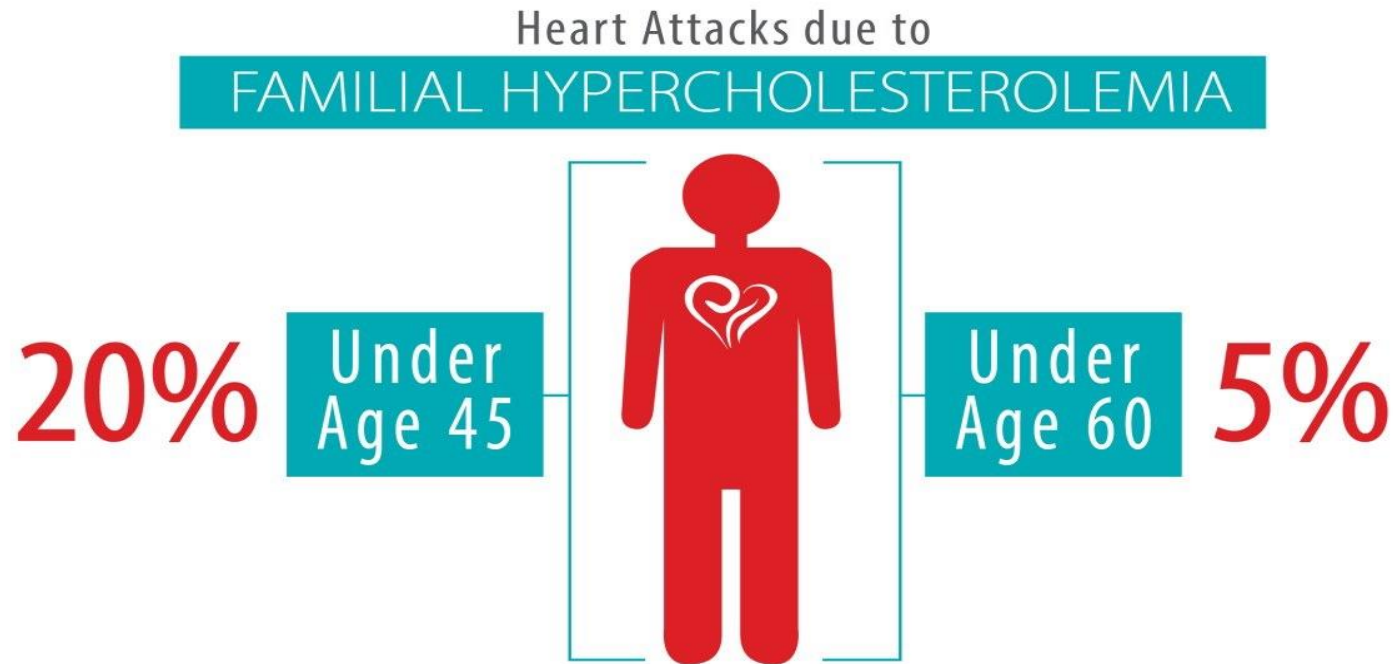
- **20-fold increased risk of CVD**

- **If untreated:**

- **Men have 50% risk of CVD by age 50**
- **Women have 30% risk of CVD by age 60**

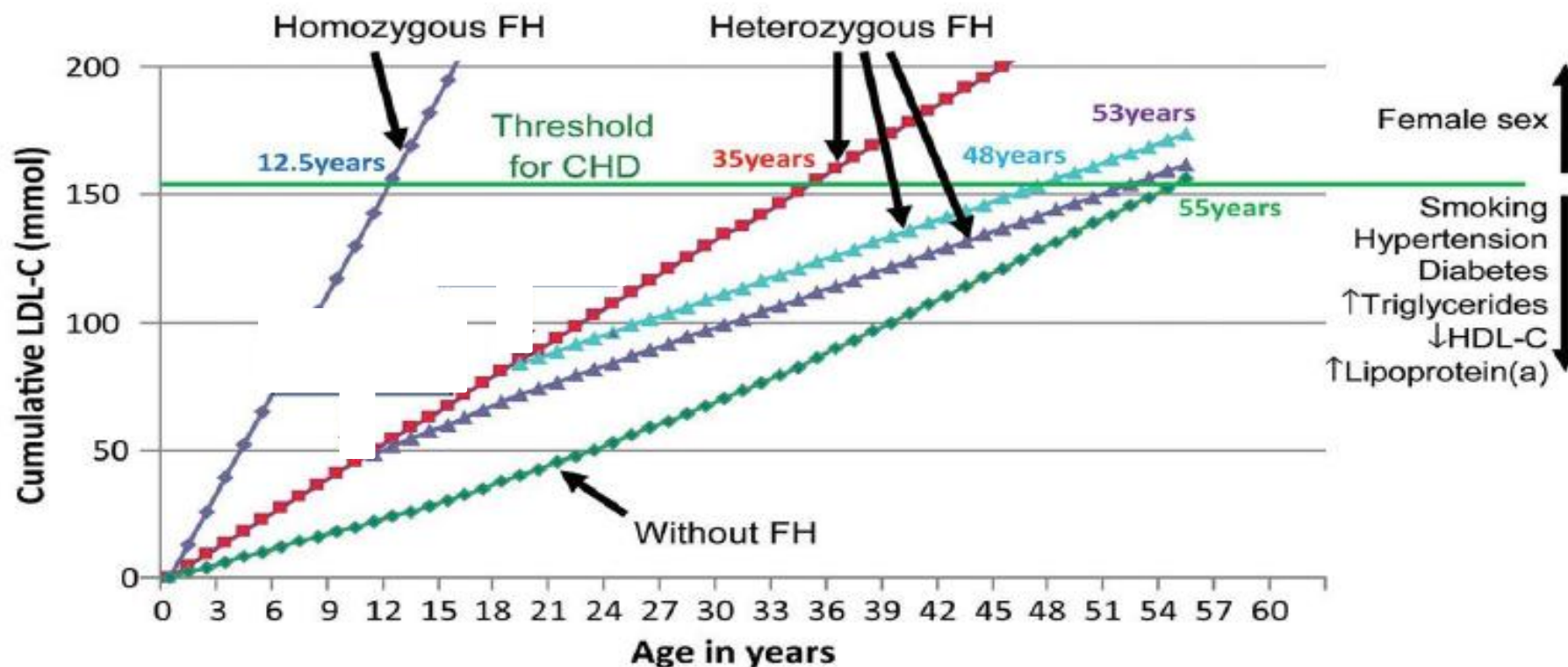
- **Many HeFH patients present with established CVD  
(angina, MI)**

“About 5% of heart attacks under age 60 and as many as 20% under age 45 are due to FH”



Hopkins P, Toth P. Familial hypercholesterolemias: prevalence, genetics, diagnosis and screening recommendations from the National Lipid Association Expert Panel on Familial Hypercholesterolemia. J Clin Lipidol. 2011 Jun;5(3 Suppl):S9–17.

LDL cholesterol burden in individuals with or without familial hypercholesterolaemia as a function of the age of initiation of statin therapy.

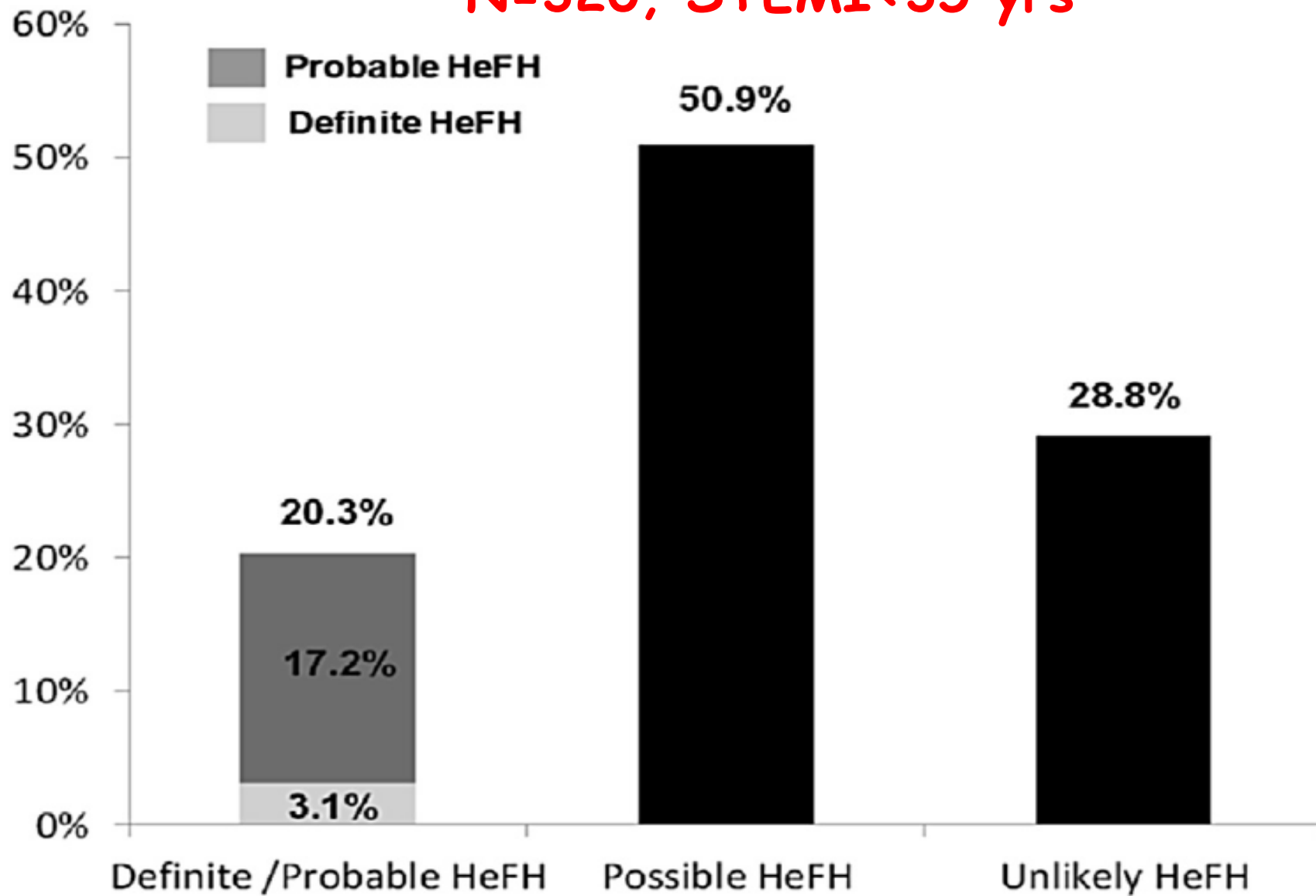


Adapted from Steve Humphries 2013

Nordestgaard et al. Eur Heart J 2013; 34: 3478-3490

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**N=320, STEMI < 35 yrs**



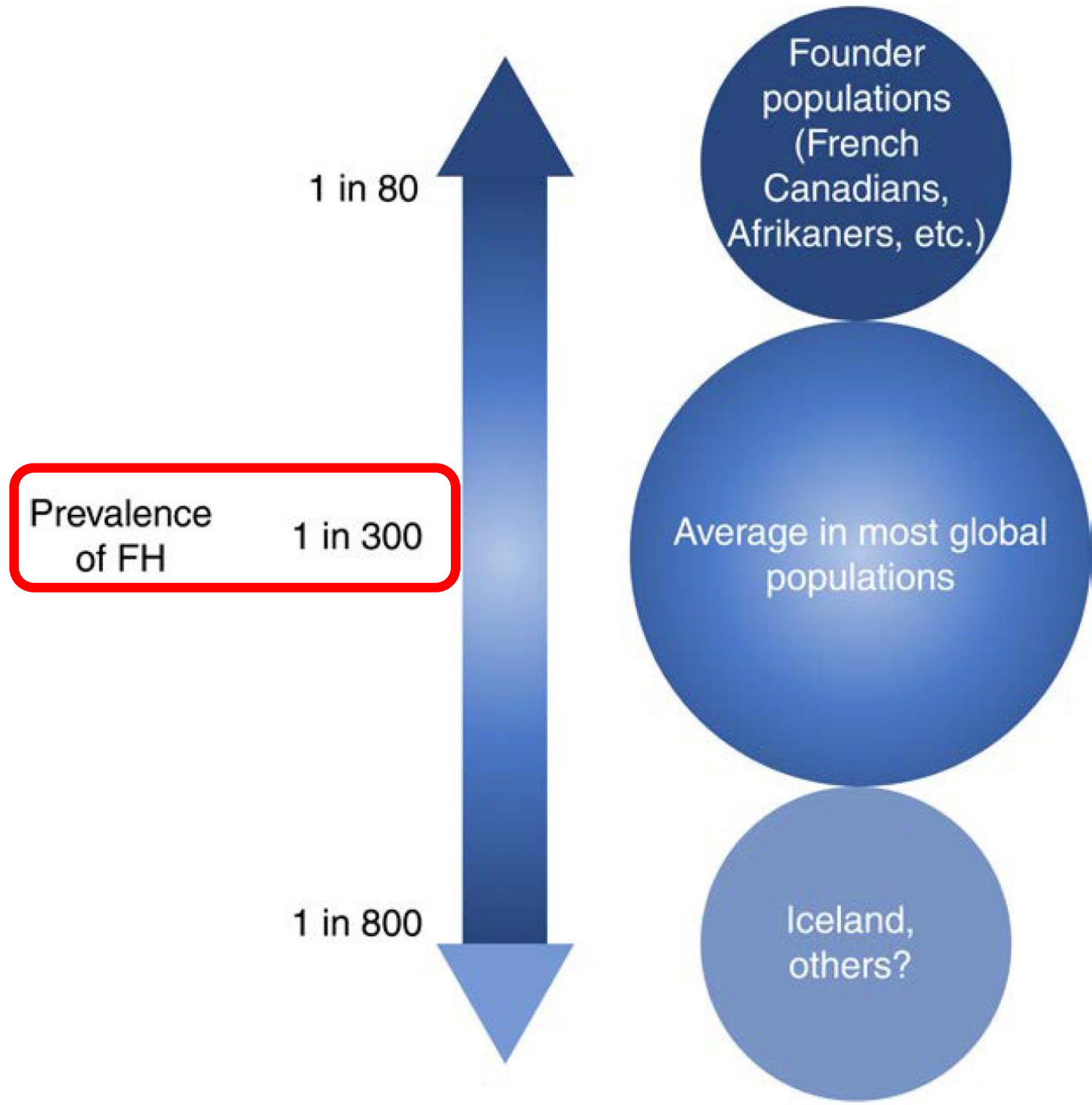
**Fig. 1.** Prevalence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia (HeFH) based on Dutch Lipid Clinic Network algorithm among patients with very early ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

**ΠΟΣΟ ΣΥΧΝΟ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΝΟΣΗΜΑ ΣΤΟΝ  
ΠΛΗΘΥΣΜΟ;**

FH is more common than other genetic disorders



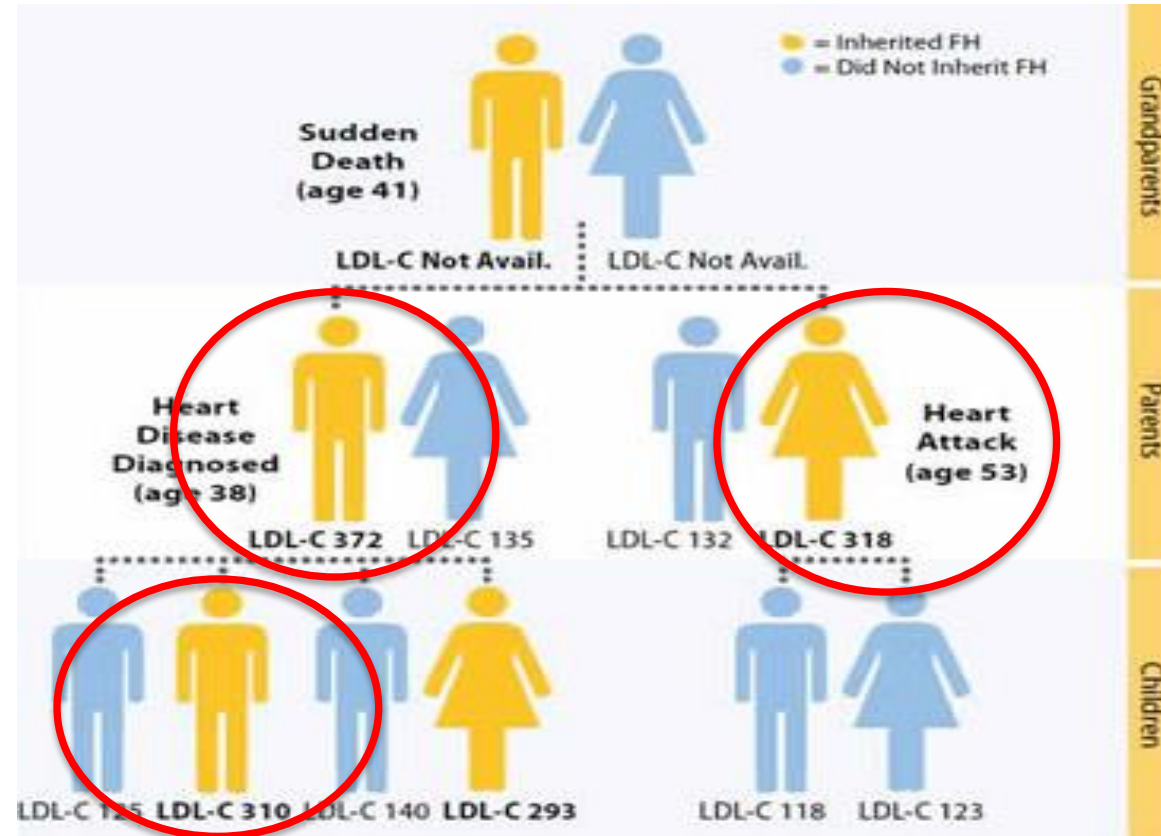
# What Is the Prevalence of Familial Hypercholesterolemia?





ΕΧΕΙ ΤΕΡΑΣΤΙΑ ΣΗΜΑΣΙΑ Η ΕΓΚΑΙΡΗ  
ΑΝΙΧΝΕΥΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΤΟΜΩΝ ΤΟΥ  
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ΝΑ ΕΦΑΡΜΟΣΘΟΥΝ ΚΑΤΑΛΛΗΛΑ  
ΠΡΟΛΗΠΤΙΚΑ ΜΕΤΡΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΑΙΔΙΚΗ  
ΗΛΙΚΙΑ

# CASCADE SCREENING



**Cardiologist/  
Lipidologist**

**Cardiologist**

**Pediatrician**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Child–Parent Familial Hypercholesterolemia Screening in Primary Care

We obtained capillary blood samples to measure cholesterol levels and to test for familial hypercholesterolemia mutations in 10,095 children 1 to 2 years of age during routine immunization visits. Children were considered to have positive

### CONCLUSIONS

Child–parent screening was feasible in primary care practices at routine child immunization visits. For every 1000 children screened, 8 persons (4 children and 4 parents) were identified as having positive screening results for familial hypercholesterolemia and were consequently at high risk for cardiovascular disease. (Funded by the Medical Research Council.)

The overall mutation prevalence was 1 in 273 children

# Types of Screening

## Cholesterol Screening

<u>Age</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<b>≥ 2 yrs of age</b>	<b>Selective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 or both biologic parents known to have hypercholesterolemia or are receiving LLM; or</li><li>• Family history of premature CVD (i.e. men &lt; 55 yrs; women &lt; 65 yrs); or</li><li>• Whose family history is unknown (e.g. children who were adopted).</li></ul>
<b>≥ 10 yrs of age*</b>	<b>Universal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regardless of general health or the presence/absence of CVD risk factors.</li><li>• If normal, repeat every 5 yrs.</li></ul>

\*Selective screening if clinically indicated.

LLM = lipid-lowering medications; CVD = cardiovascular disease

National Lipid Association Annual Summary of Clinical Lipidology 2017. J of Clinical Lipidology (2016) , S1-S50

# FH Paediatric Screening

## Moving Prevention From Evidence to Action:

### Overcoming the Barriers to Implementation

Hybrid Event under the Auspices of the Czech EU Presidency  
*6th September 2022*



# EAS FHSC

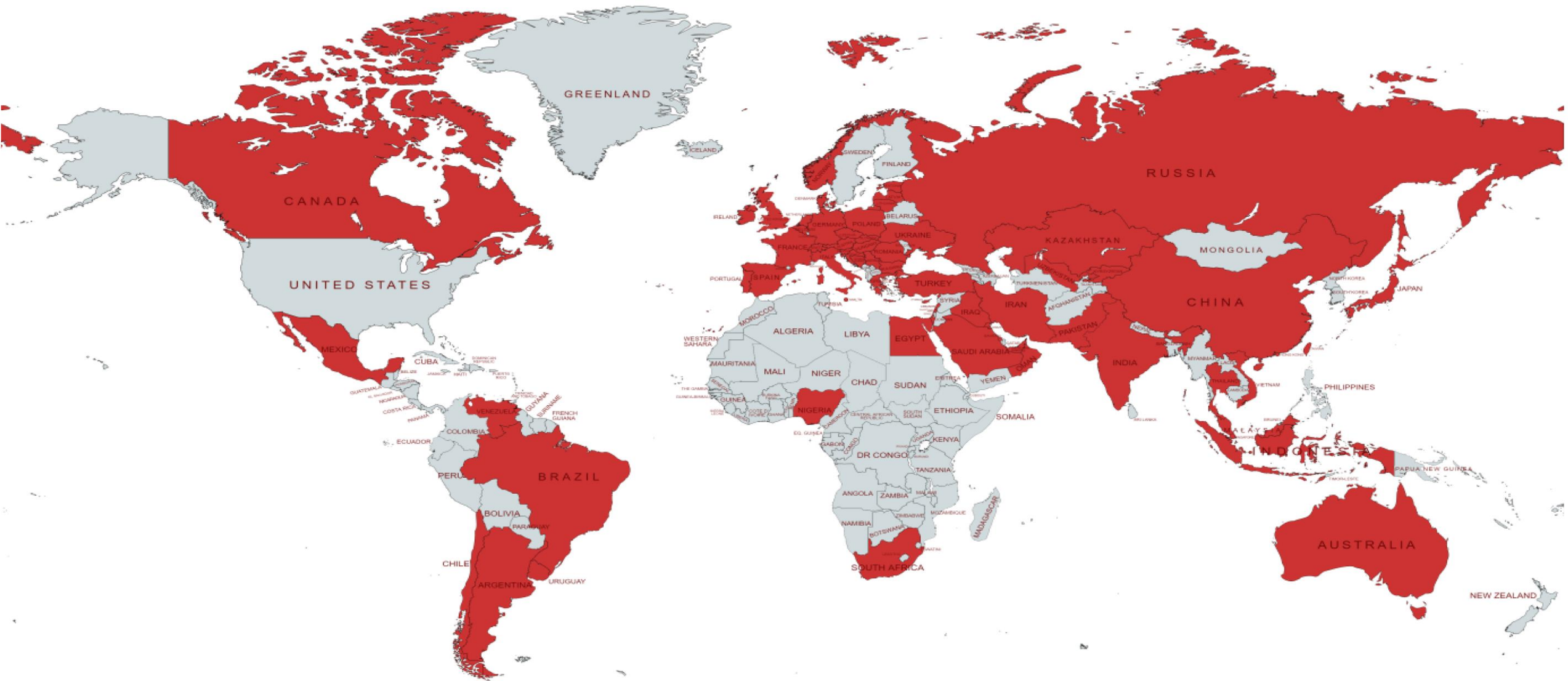


The EAS Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Studies Collaboration

FH Global Registry



The EAS FHSC now spans 69 countries (shaded map) and includes 82 Lead Investigators; specifically the National Lead Investigators are listed [here](#). EAS FHSC Registry includes approximately 70,000 cases across 66 countries.



## Global perspective of familial hypercholesterolaemia: a cross-sectional study from the EAS Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Studies Collaboration (FHSC)



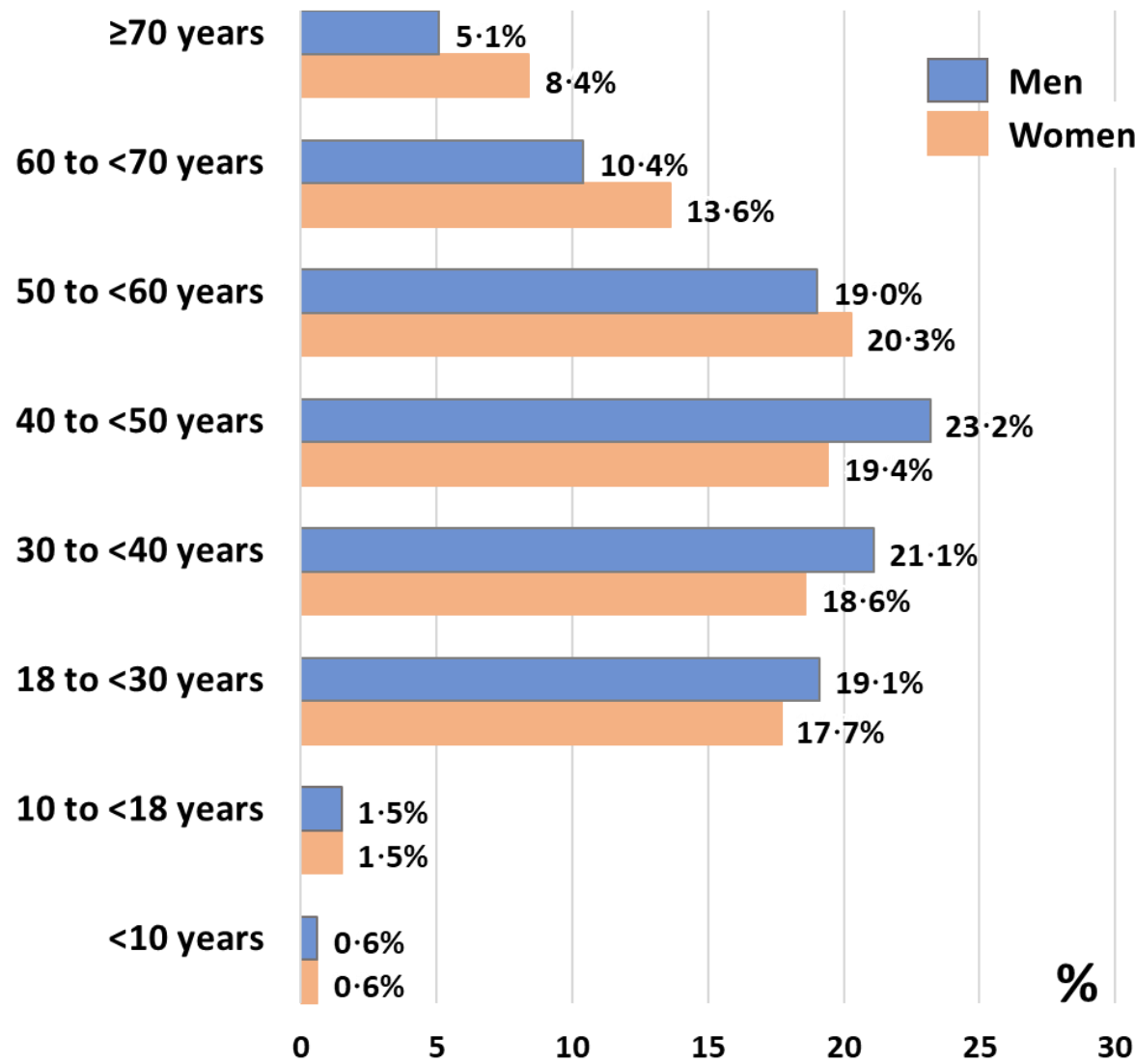
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*On behalf of the EAS Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Studies Collaboration (FHSC) Investigators.*



# Age at FH diagnosis among Adults with HeFH



## Age at FH diagnosis

**Median 44.4 years** (IQR 32.5 – 56.5)

Men	43.0 years (32.0 – 54.4)
Women	46.0 years (33.0 – 58.3)

Mean difference: -2.5 years (95%CI -2.8, -2.1)

**40.2%** diagnosed **age <40 years**  
(Men: 42.3%; Women: 38.4%)

**2.1%** diagnosed **age <18 years**

n = 30,560 participants

Proportion of participants (%)

# HELLAS FH REGISTRY

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International collaboration  
towards understanding the  
contemporary burden of  
Familial Hypercholesterolaemia



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Τίτλος Μελέτης

**Εθνικό Μητρώο Καταγραφής Ασθενών με Οικογενή Υπερχοληστερολαιμία –  
The Hellenic Familial Hypercholesterolemia Registry: “Hellas-FH”**

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**ΠΡΩΤΟΚΟΛΛΟ ΜΗΤΡΩΟΥ ΚΑΤΑΓΡΑΦΗΣ ΑΣΘΕΝΩΝ**

# Εξέλιξη HELLAS-FH Registry

3255

2018  
1000 ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ

2020  
EAS FHSC

2016

Έναρξη μητρώου



HELLAS FH REGISTRY

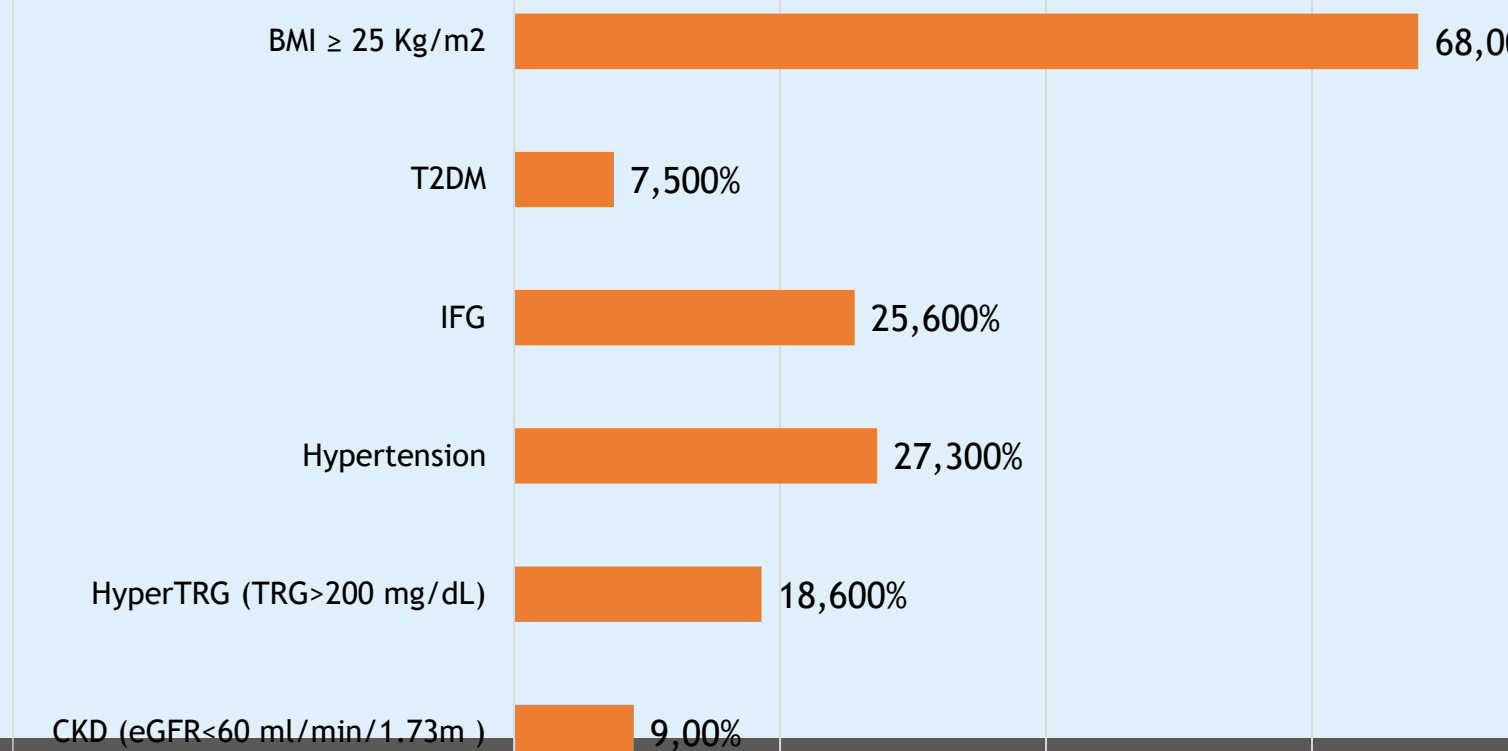
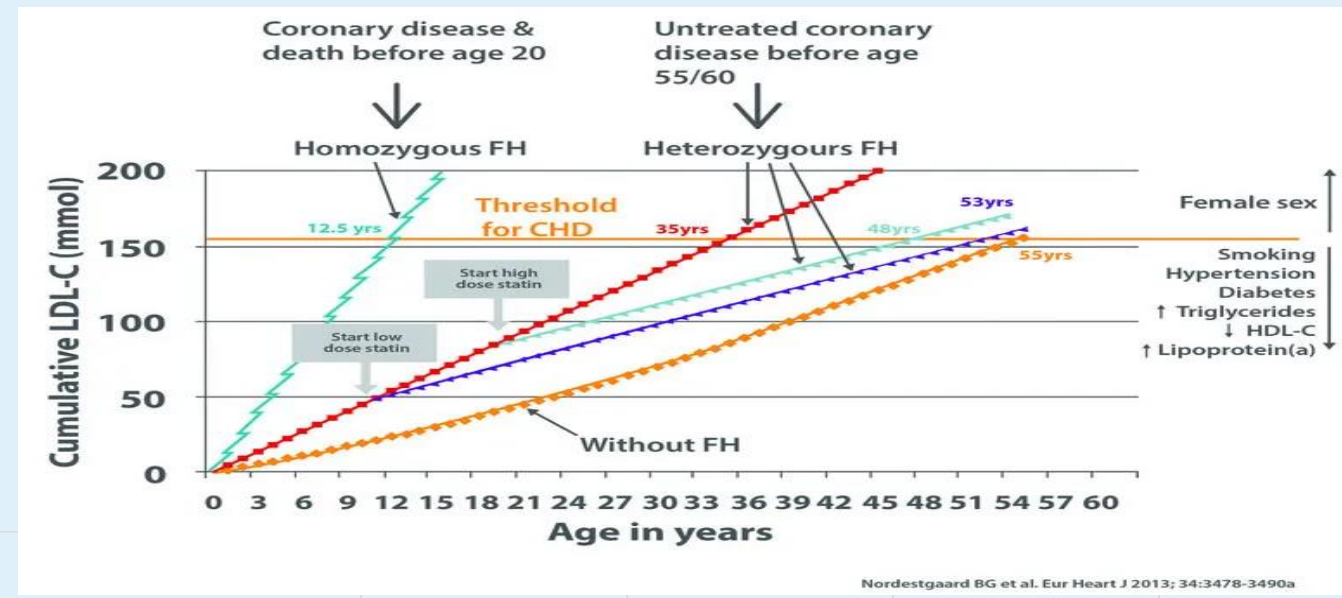
# HELLAS-FH: Results

- Οι ασθενείς με FH καθυστερούν να διαγνωσθούν



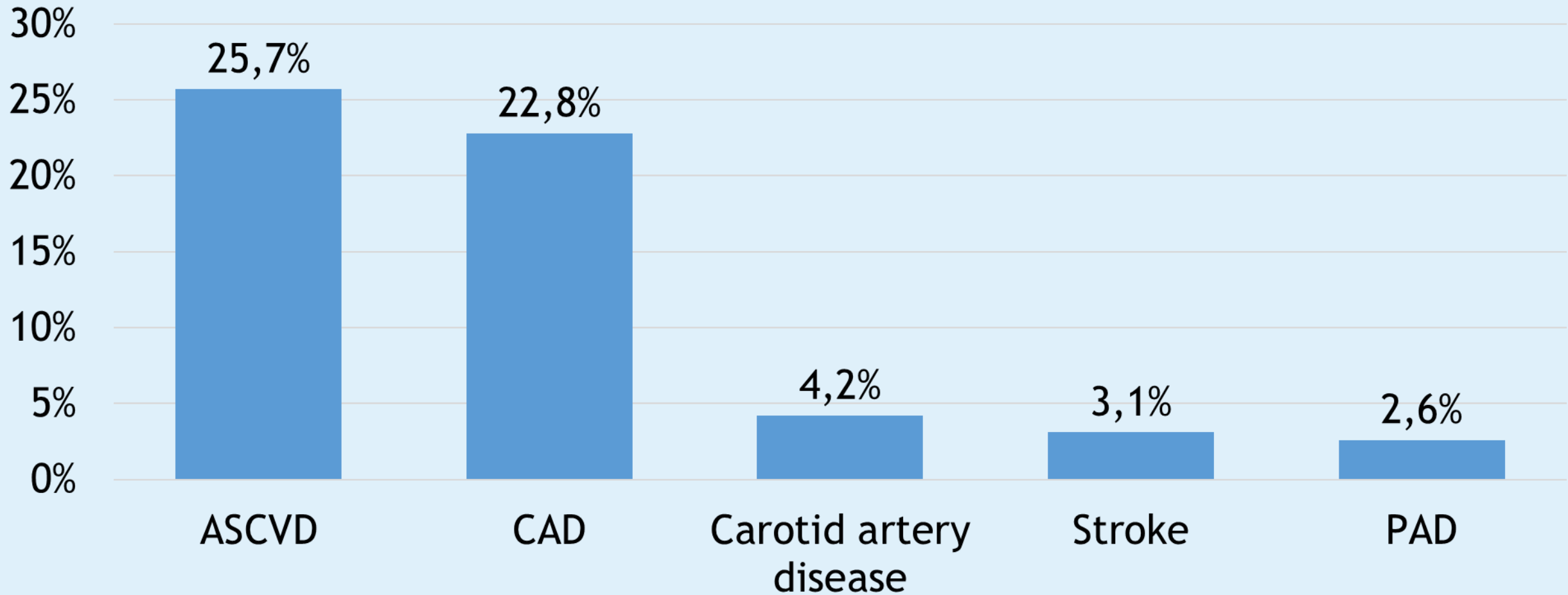
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- Οι ασθενείς με FH έχουν συχνά συνοσηρότητες



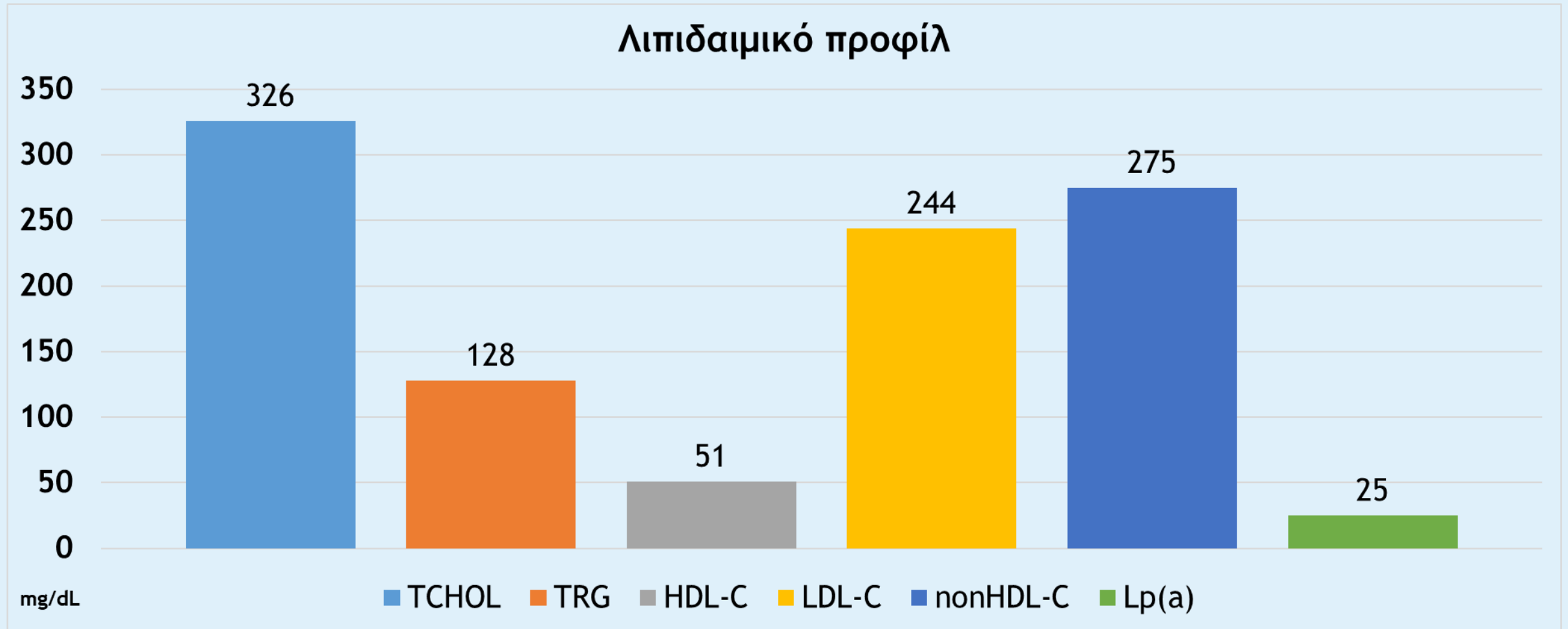
# HELLAS-FH: Results

- Οι ασθενείς με FH έχουν αυξημένο επιπολασμό ASCVD



# HELLAS-FH: Results

- Οι ασθενείς με FH έχουν πολύ αυξημένα επίπεδα χοληστερόλης





Οικογενής Υπερχοληστερολαιμία

Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH)

Μάθε τι σημαίνει. Μπορεί να σε αφορά!

# ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΑ ΗΜΕΡΑ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑΣ

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## Τι είναι η ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ (FH);

Είναι η πιο συχνή κληρονομική νόσος του μεταβολισμού (1:250 άτομα). Οι άνθρωποι με οικογενή υπερχοληστερολαιμία έχουν γεννηθεί με πολύ αυξημένα επίπεδα LDL (“κακής”) χοληστερόλης.

### Πρώιμα Καρδιακά Επεισόδια



Ανδρες με FH χωρίς θεραπεία έχουν 50% πιθανότητα να εμφανίσουν καρδιακό επεισόδιο έως την ηλικία των 50 ετών.

Γυναίκες με FH χωρίς θεραπεία έχουν 30% πιθανότητα να εμφανίσουν καρδιακό επεισόδιο έως την ηλικία των 60 ετών.

### Αυξημένος Κίνδυνος



Καρδιακού Επεισοδίου



Εγκεφαλικού Επεισοδίου

### Πρώωρος θάνατος



### ΓΝΩΡΙΣΤΕ ΤΑ ΣΗΜΑΔΙΑ



Πολύ υψηλή LDL (“κακή”) χοληστερόλη σε μικρή ηλικία.  
>160 mg/dL στα παιδιά  
>190 mg/dL στους ενήλικες



Οξίδια στο δέρμα στους τένοντες στα βλέφαρα



Γεροντότοξο: Εμφάνιση λευκού δακτυλίου στον βολβό των ματιών.



### ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ

Φαρμακευτική αγωγή (στατίνες, δέσμευση χολικών οξέων, αναστολείς απορρόφησης της χοληστερόλης, αναστολείς PCSK9)



Θεραπεία αφαίρεσης της LDL από την κυκλοφορία του αίματος σε πολύ σοβαρές περιπτώσεις



Διατροφή & άσκηση

Συνεχής παρακολούθηση



Αν ένας από τους δύο γονείς πάσχει από Οικογενή Υπερχοληστερολαιμία, υπάρχει 50% πιθανότητα το κάθε παιδί να την κληρονομήσει. Σκεφτείτε τον έγκαιρο έλεγχο των παιδιών, αν πάσχετε από την ασθένεια.





# HoFH

## Ομόζυγη Οικογενής Υπερχοληστερολαιμία

μια σπάνια θανατηφόρα μορφή Οικογενούς Υπερχοληστερολαιμίας



### ΕΙΝΑΙ ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΑ

Η HoFH είναι μια σπάνια πάθηση που επηρεάζει περίπου 1 στους 300.000 ανθρώπους παγκοσμίως.



### ΕΙΝΑΙ ΚΛΗΡΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ

Η HoFH είναι κληρονομική. Αν κληρονομήσεις την μετάλλαξη και από τους δύο γονείς τότε πάσχεις από Ομόζυγο Οικογενή Υπερχοληστερολαιμία



### ΜΠΟΡΕΙ ΝΑ ΔΙΑΓΝΩΣΘΕΙ

Για την διάγνωση της HoFH χρειάζεται μια απλή εξέταση αίματος, μια κλινική εξέταση από τον γιατρό και ένα οικογενειακό ιστορικό. Η HoFH μπορεί να επιβεβαιωθεί με γενετικό έλεγχο. Τα κλινικά σημεία και τα συμπτώματα της HoFH, ακόμα και οι τιμές της LDL χοληστερόλης, διαφέρουν σε κάθε άνθρωπο.



### ΠΡΟΚΑΛΕΙ ΠΡΩΙΜΗ ΝΟΣΟ



Εάν αφεθεί χωρίς θεραπεία, είναι πιθανό να εμφανισθεί καρδιακή προσβολή ή αιφνίδιος θάνατος ή στένωση της αορτικής βαλβίδας ακόμα και στην εφηβεία.



### ΕΞΑΙΡΕΤΙΚΑ ΥΨΗΛΗ ΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΗ

Η HoFH οδηγεί σε επιθετική αθηροσκλήρωση (βλάβη των αρτηριών από την εναπόθεση λιπιδίων στο τοίχωμά τους).

### Η HoFH ΘΕΡΑΠΕΥΕΤΑΙ

Η αλλαγές στον τρόπο ζωής δεν αρκούν για να θεραπεύσουν μια τόσο σοβαρή πάθηση. Απαιτείται ένας σωστός συνδυασμός φαρμακευτικής αγωγής και σε ορισμένες περιπτώσεις LDL αφαίρεσης από το αίμα. Πάντα να συμβουλευέστε το γιατρό σας.



### ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΕΣ

Η χορήγηση υπολιπιδαιμικής θεραπείας είναι πολύ αποτελεσματική.

Περιλαμβάνει την χορήγηση στατινών, εζετιμίμπης, κολεσεβαλάμης, αναστολέων της PCSK9 και λομιταπίδης.



### LDL ΑΦΑΙΡΕΣΗ

Με αυτή τη διαδικασία αφαιρείται η LDL από το αίμα.



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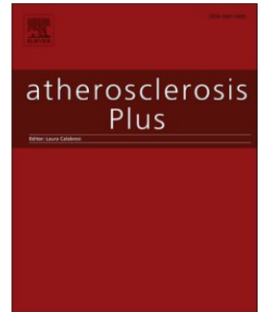


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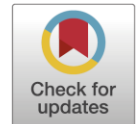
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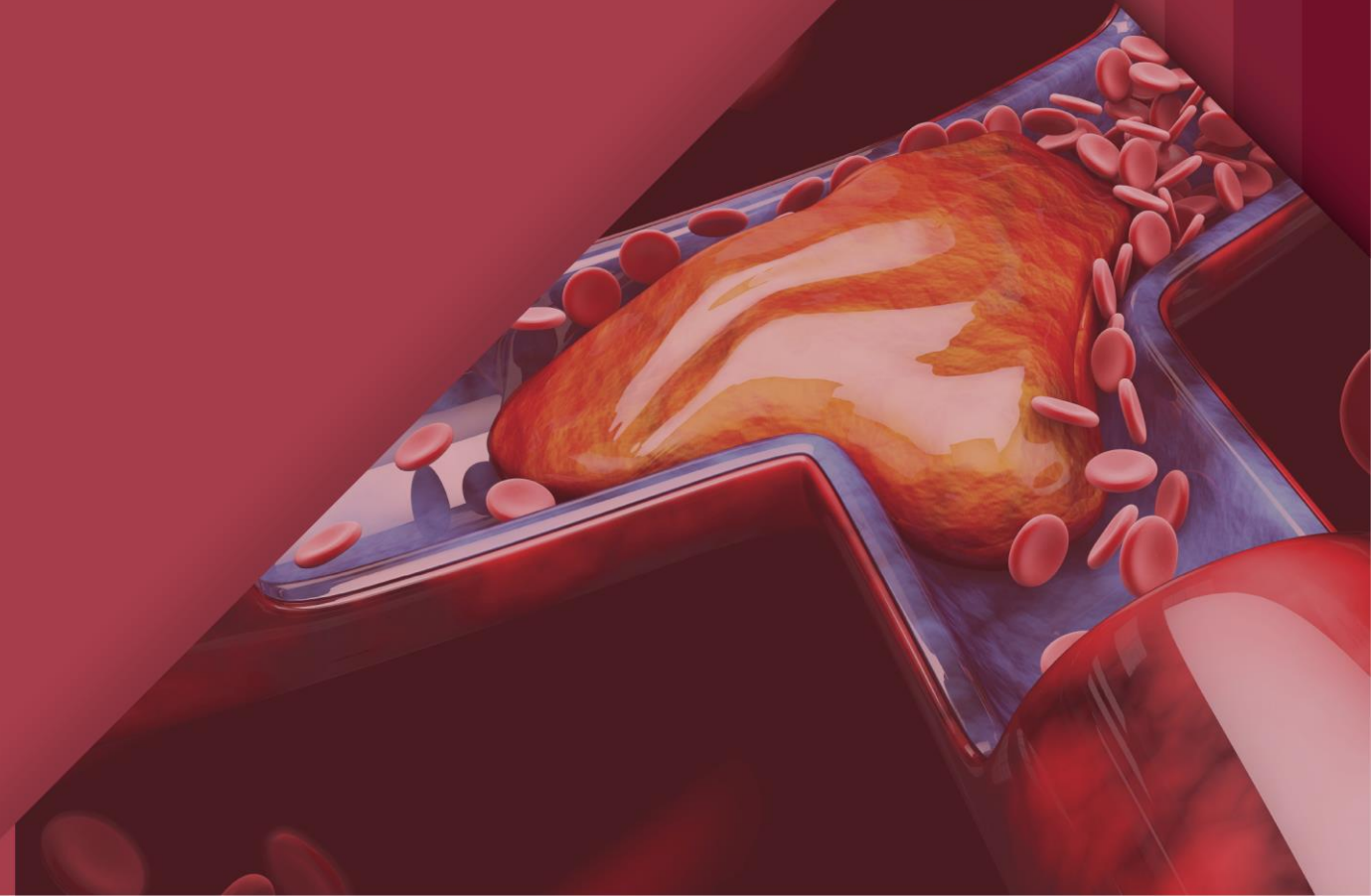
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# Hellenic Atherosclerosis Society Guidelines for the Diagnosis & Treatment of Dyslipidemias 2023



# LDL-C TARGETS 2023

## CVD RISK

### VERY HIGH RISK

- ESTABLISHED ASCVD
- DIABETES WITH TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE or  $\geq 3$  MAJOR RISK FACTORS
- FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA PLUS  $\geq 1$  MAJOR RISK FACTOR
- CKD 4-5
- HELLENIC SCORE II  $\geq 10\%$

↓ LDL-C < 55 mg/dL  
PLUS  
LDL-C > 50%

### HIGH RISK

- SEVERE RISK FACTOR
- FH WITHOUT ANY MAJOR RISK FACTOR
- DIABETES  $\geq 10$  YEARS PLUS  $\geq 1$  MAJOR RISK FACTOR
- CKD 3
- AUTOIMMUNE RHEUMATIC DISEASE/HIV INFECTION
- HELLENIC SCORE II  $\geq 5- < 10\%$

↓ LDL-C < 70 mg/dL  
PLUS  
LDL-C ~ 50%

### MODERATE RISK

- DIABETES < 10 YEARS IN PATIENTS < 50 YEARS
- HELLENIC SCORE II  $\geq 1- < 5\%$

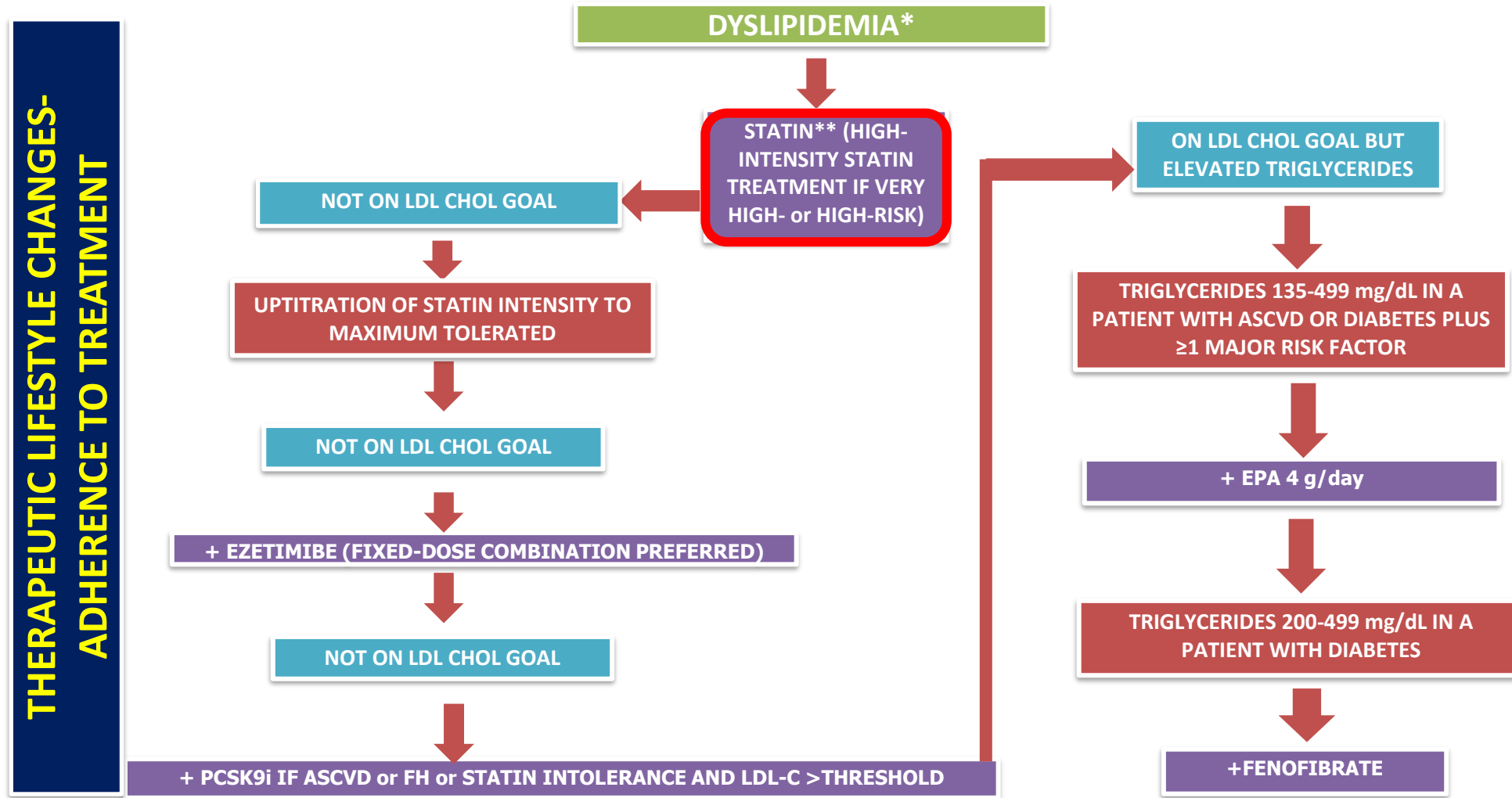
LDL-C < 100  
mg/dL

### LOW RISK

- HELLENIC SCORE II < 1%

LDL-C < 116  
mg/dL

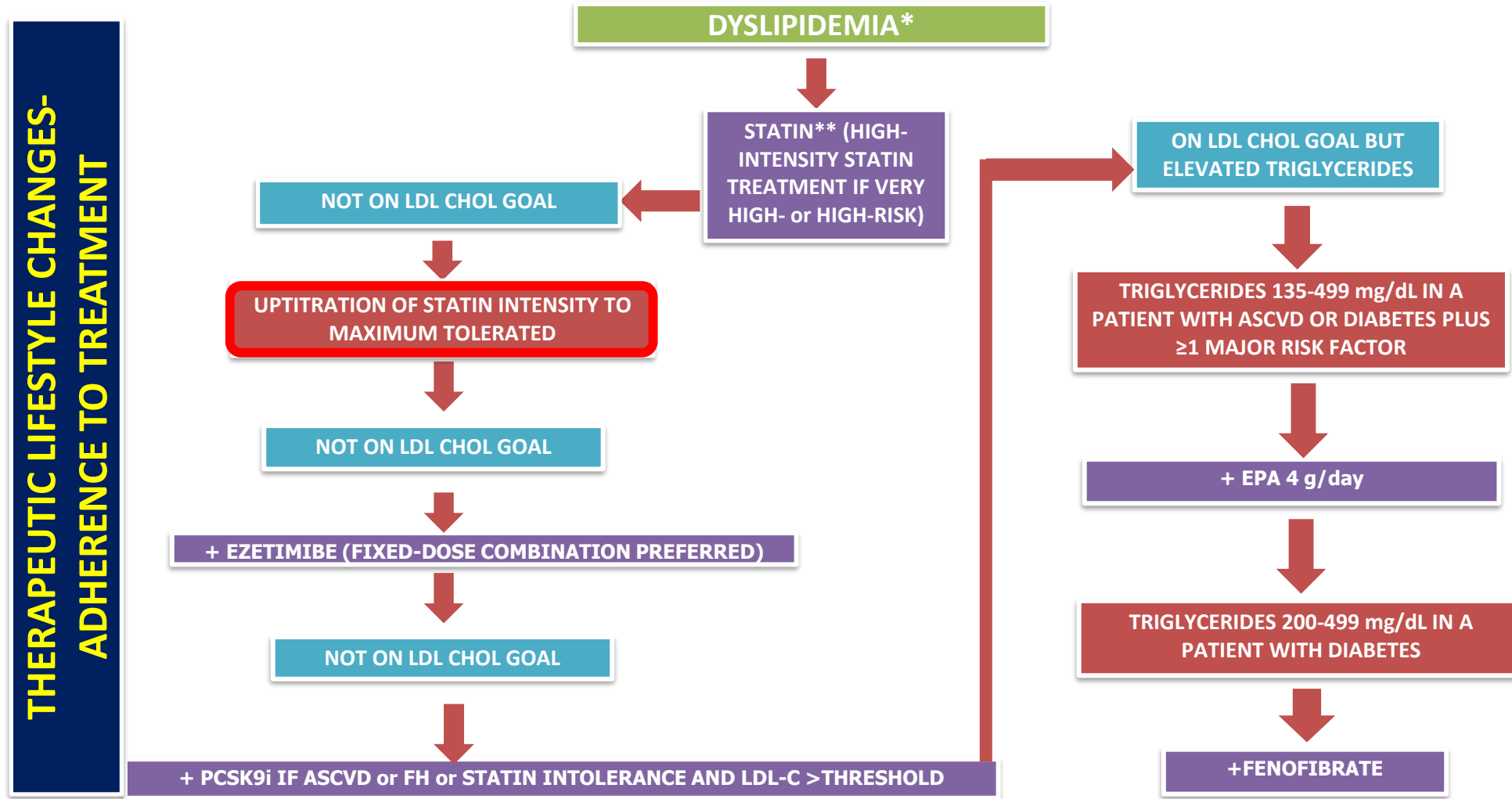
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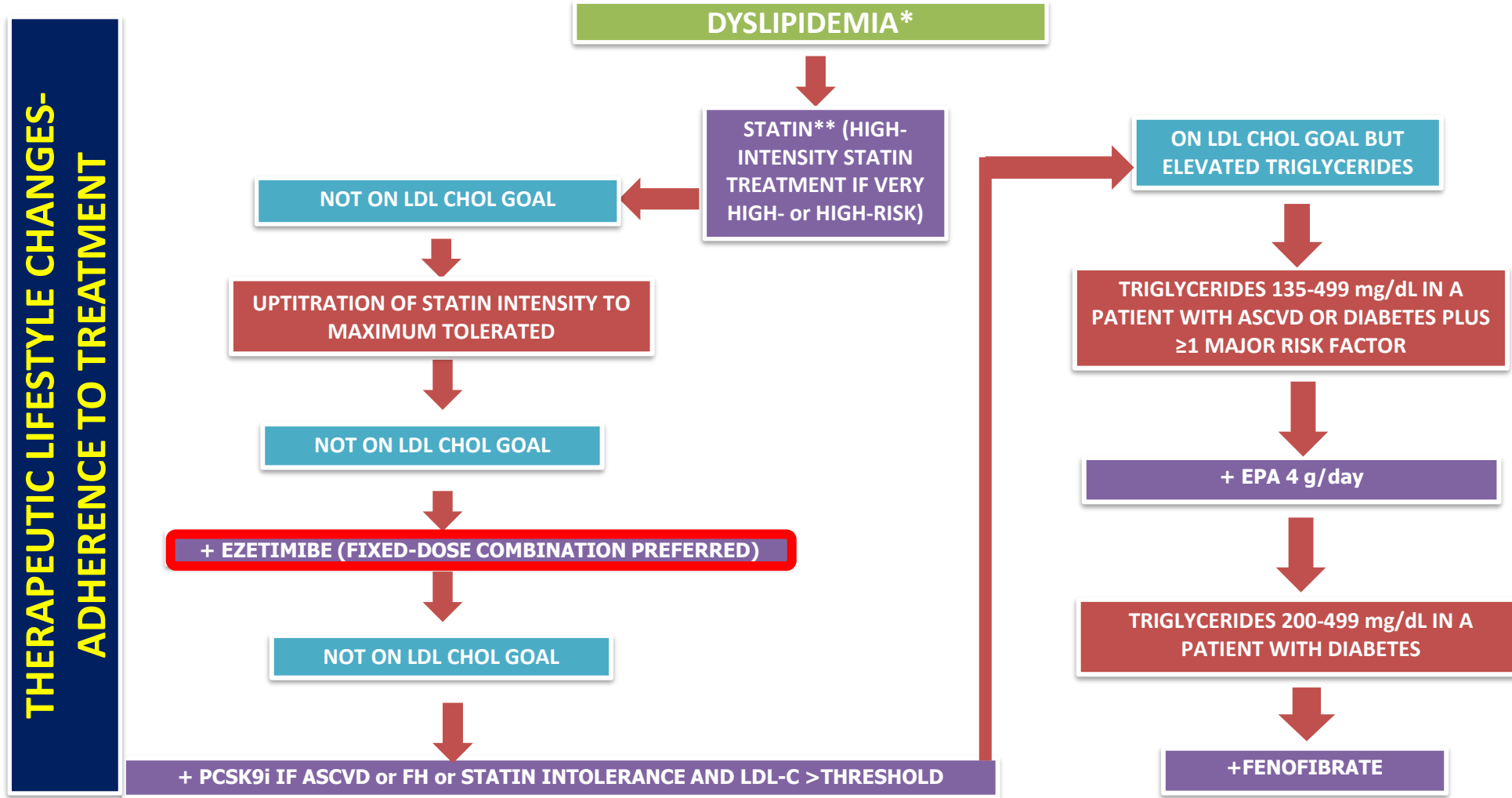
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# ΑΝΤΙΜΕΤΩΠΙΖΟΝΤΑΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΣΘΕΝΗ ΜΕ ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ

ROSUVASTATIN 40 mg X 1



LDL CHOL κατά ~55% → LDL CHOL 126 mg/dL

**ΑΜΕΣΗ ΕΝΑΡΞΗ!**

# ΕΠΙΤΥΓΧΑΝΟΝΤΑΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΣΤΟΧΟΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑΣ

ΠΡΟΣΘΗΚΗ ΕΖΕΤΙΜΙΒΕ 10 mg X 1

↓ LDL CHOL κατά 20% → LDL CHOL 101 mg/dL

**ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ! ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΗ ΓΙΑ ΔΙΑΚΟΠΗ  
ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗΣ + ΕΖΕΤΙΜΙΜΠΗΣ ~3 ΜΗΝΕΣ  
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# Statins: Drug Safety Communication - FDA Requests Removal of Strongest Warning Against Using Cholesterol-lowering Statins During Pregnancy

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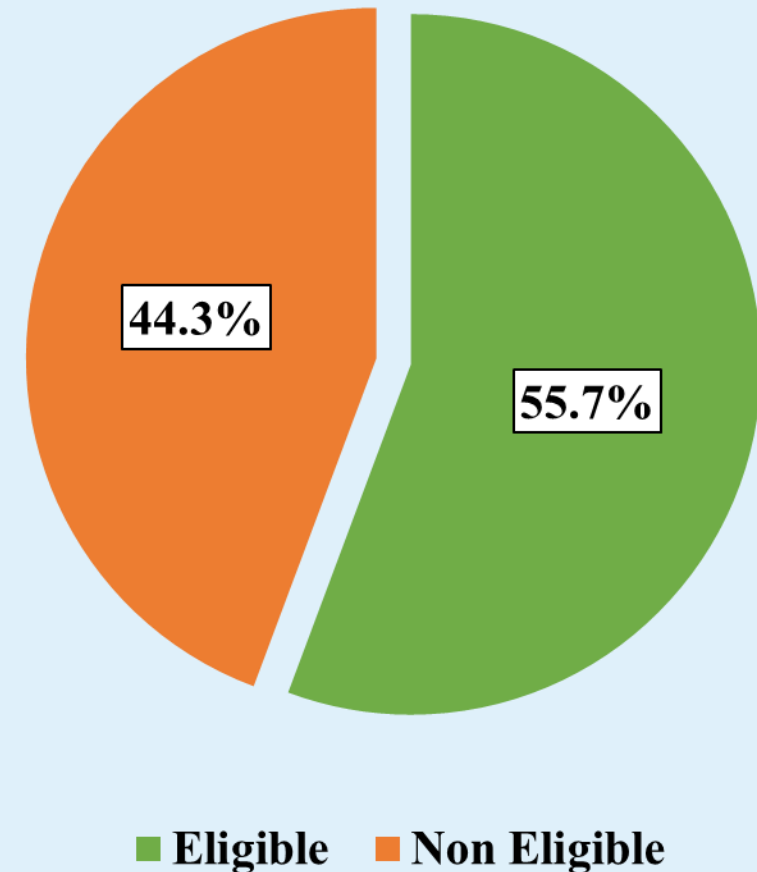
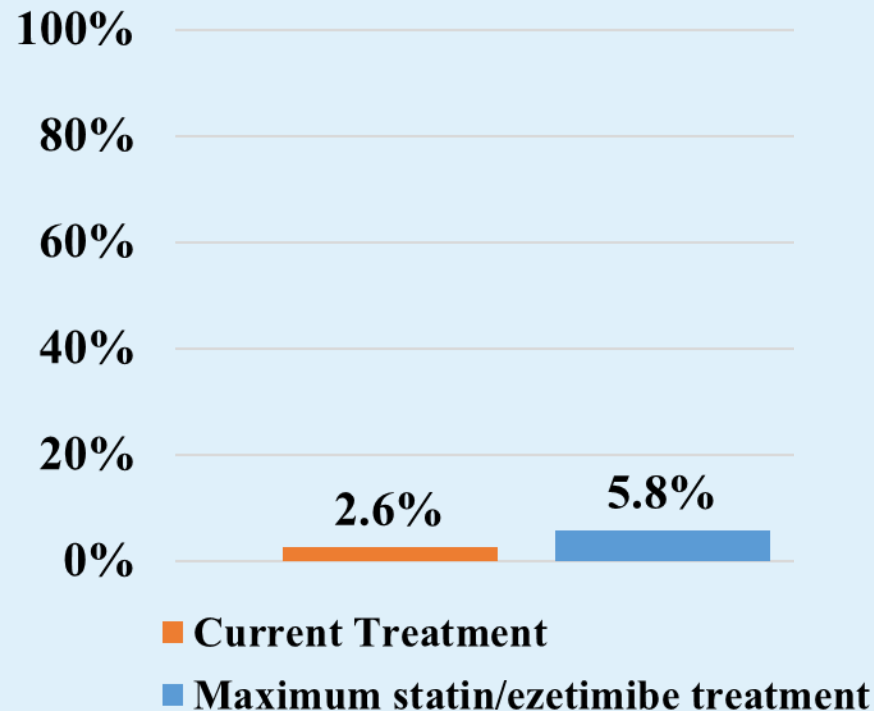
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FDA expects removing the contraindication will enable health care professionals and patients to make individual decisions about benefit and risk, especially for those at very high risk of heart attack or stroke. This includes patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia and those who have previously had a heart attack or stroke.

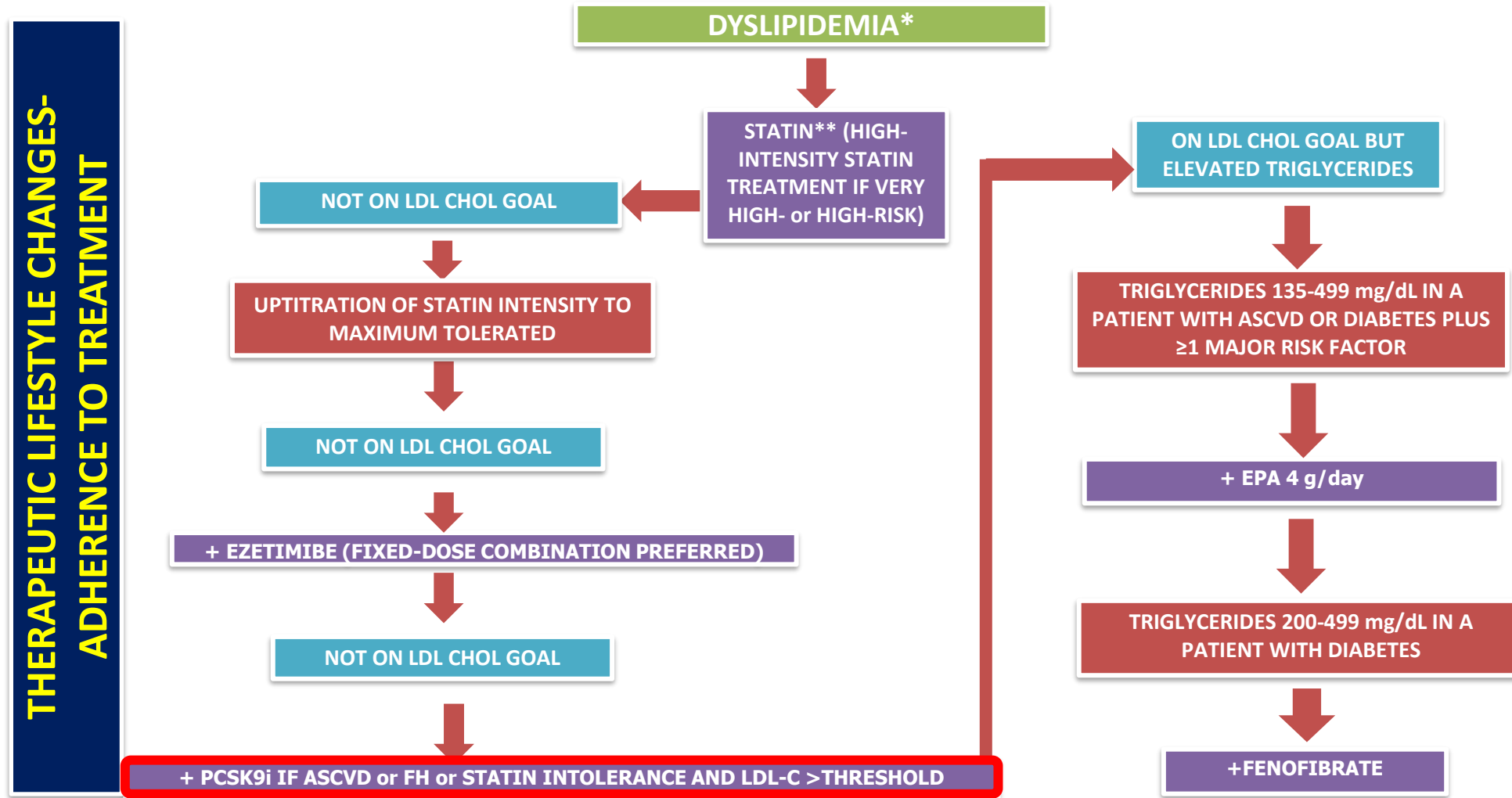
# HELLAS-FH: Results

- Οι ασθενείς με FH χρήζουν επιπρόσθετης υπολιπιδαιμικής θεραπείας
- Οι ασθενείς με FH συχνά χρήζουν θεραπείας με PCSK9i

## LDL-C target achievement



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## ELIGIBLE PATIENTS FOR PCSK9 INHIBITORS

1. ASCVD PLUS FH OR RECURRENT/PROGRESSIVE DISEASE DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS OR PREMATURE ASCVD (MEN <45/WOMEN <55 YEARS ) WITH LDL-C  $\geq$ 70 mg/dL

2. OTHER ASCVD AND LDL-C  $\geq$ 100 mg/dL

3. FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA AND LDL-C  $\geq$ 100 mg/dL

ON HIGH-INTENSITY STATIN TREATMENT  
(ATORVASTATIN 40/80 mg,  
ROSUVASTATIN 20/40 mg)  
PLUS EZETIMIBE 10 mg OR  
MAXIMUM TOLERATED  
STATIN PLUS EZETIMIBE  
WHEN STATIN INTOLERANT



# Reduction of LDL-C With PCSK9 Inhibition in Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia Disorder Study-2 (RUTHERFORD-2)

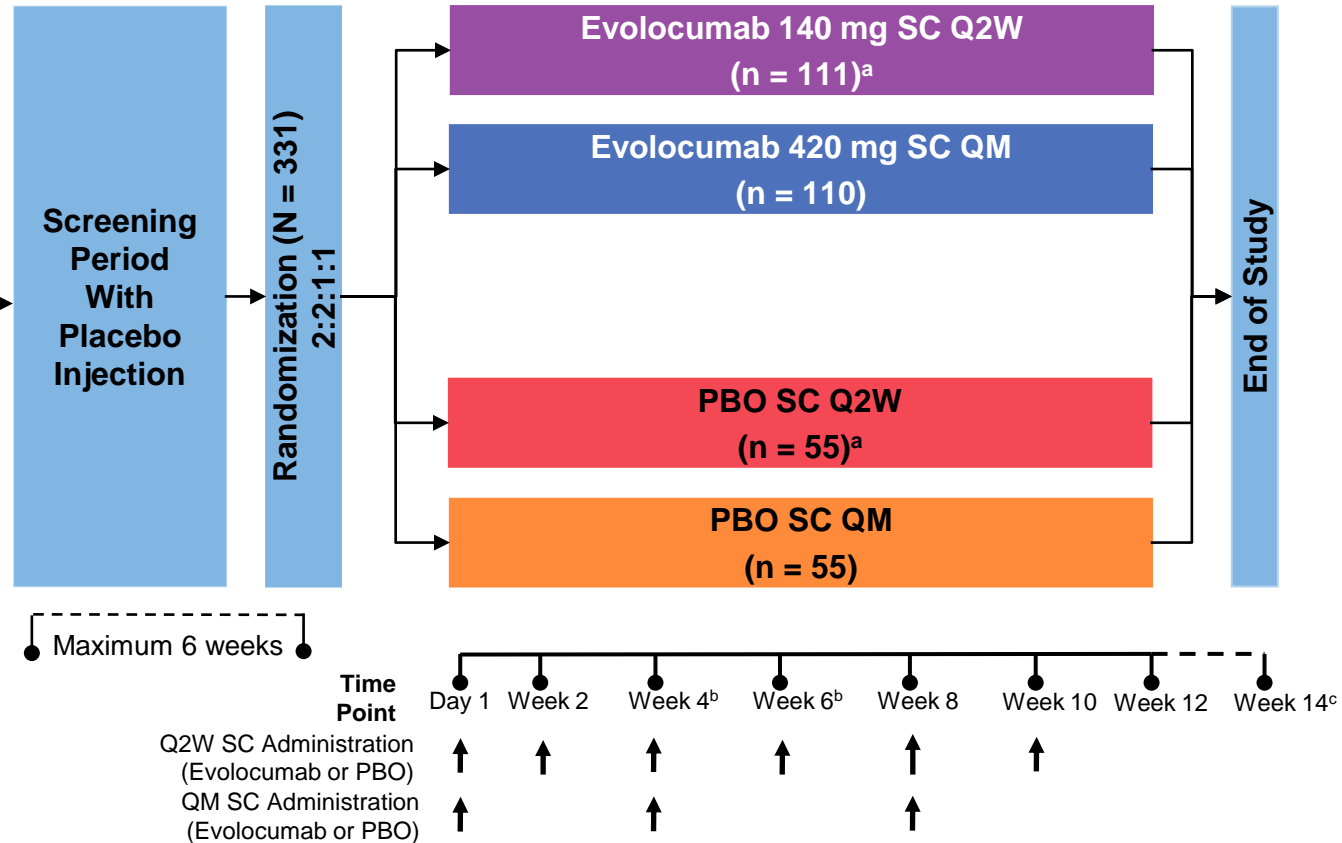


## Key Inclusion Criteria

- Patients 18–80 years with HeFH
- Stable dose of statin with/without approved lipid-lowering therapy for  $\geq 4$  weeks before screening

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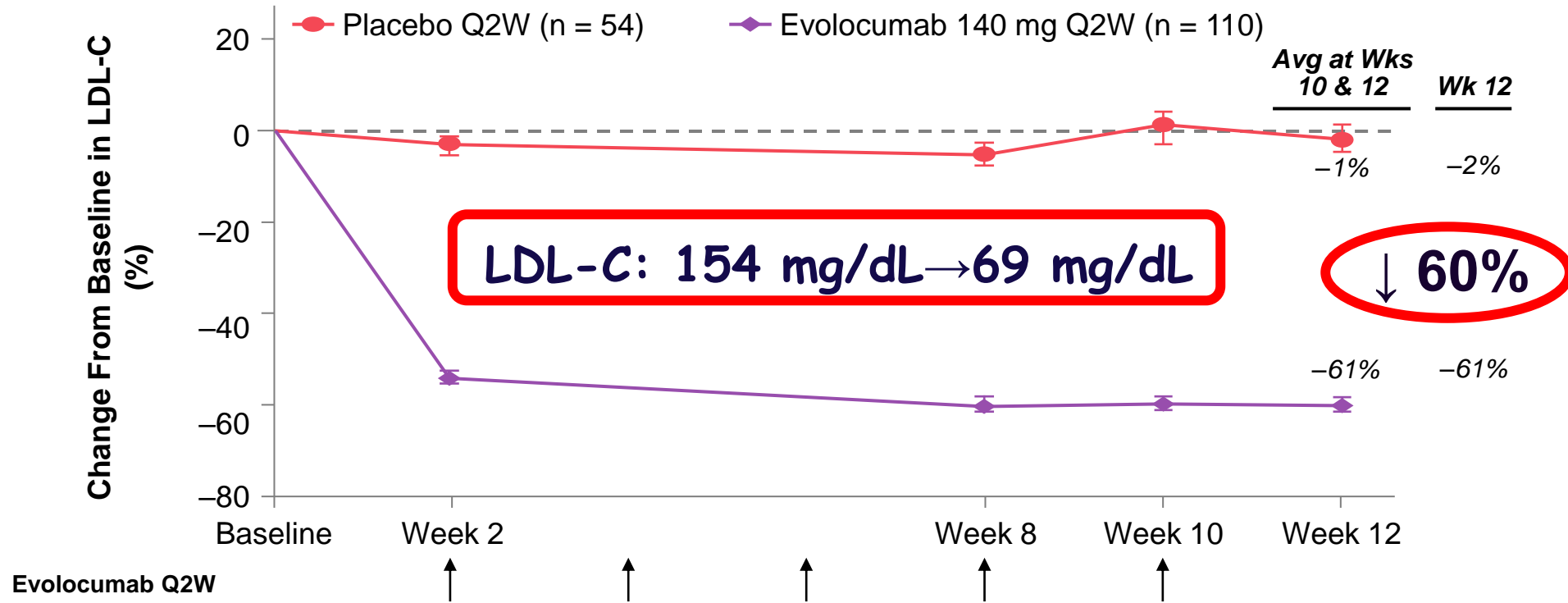
- Known clinical/genetic diagnosis of homozygous FH
- NYHA class III or IV HF; LVEF  $< 30\%$
- Acute or unstable cardiac event within 3 months of randomization
- Uncontrolled hypertension; type 1 DM; moderate-to-severe renal dysfunction; active liver disease ( $> 2 \times$  ULN); CK  $> 3 \times$  ULN



<sup>a</sup>One patient in each of the Q2W dosing groups withdrew consent before treatment and did not receive study drug; the remaining 329 patients received  $\geq 1$  dose of study drug. <sup>b</sup>Injections were self-administered at home. <sup>c</sup>Final AE data were collected by telephone for patients who received the study drug Q2W.

AE = adverse event; CK = creatine kinase; FH = familial hypercholesterolemia; HeFH = heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; HF = heart failure; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; NYHA = New York Heart Association; PBO = placebo; Q2W = once every 2 weeks; QM = once monthly; SC = subcutaneous; type 1 DM = type 1 diabetes mellitus; ULN = upper limit of normal.

# Evolocumab Q2W Significantly Reduces LDL-C by 61% in Patients With HeFH



**The treatment difference of evolocumab compared with placebo at the mean of weeks 10 and 12 and at week 12 was -60% and -59%, respectively ( $P < 0.0001$ )**

The arrows below the graph represent time points of evolocumab administration. Error bars are standard errors. The percentage change in LDL-C was ascertained by the Friedewald formula, with reflexive testing through preparative ultracentrifugation when the calculated LDL-C was  $\leq 40$  mg/dL (1.0 mmol/L) or triglyceride concentration was  $\geq 400$  mg/dL (4.5 mmol/L).

Avg = average; HeFH = heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; Q2W = once every 2 weeks; Wk = week.

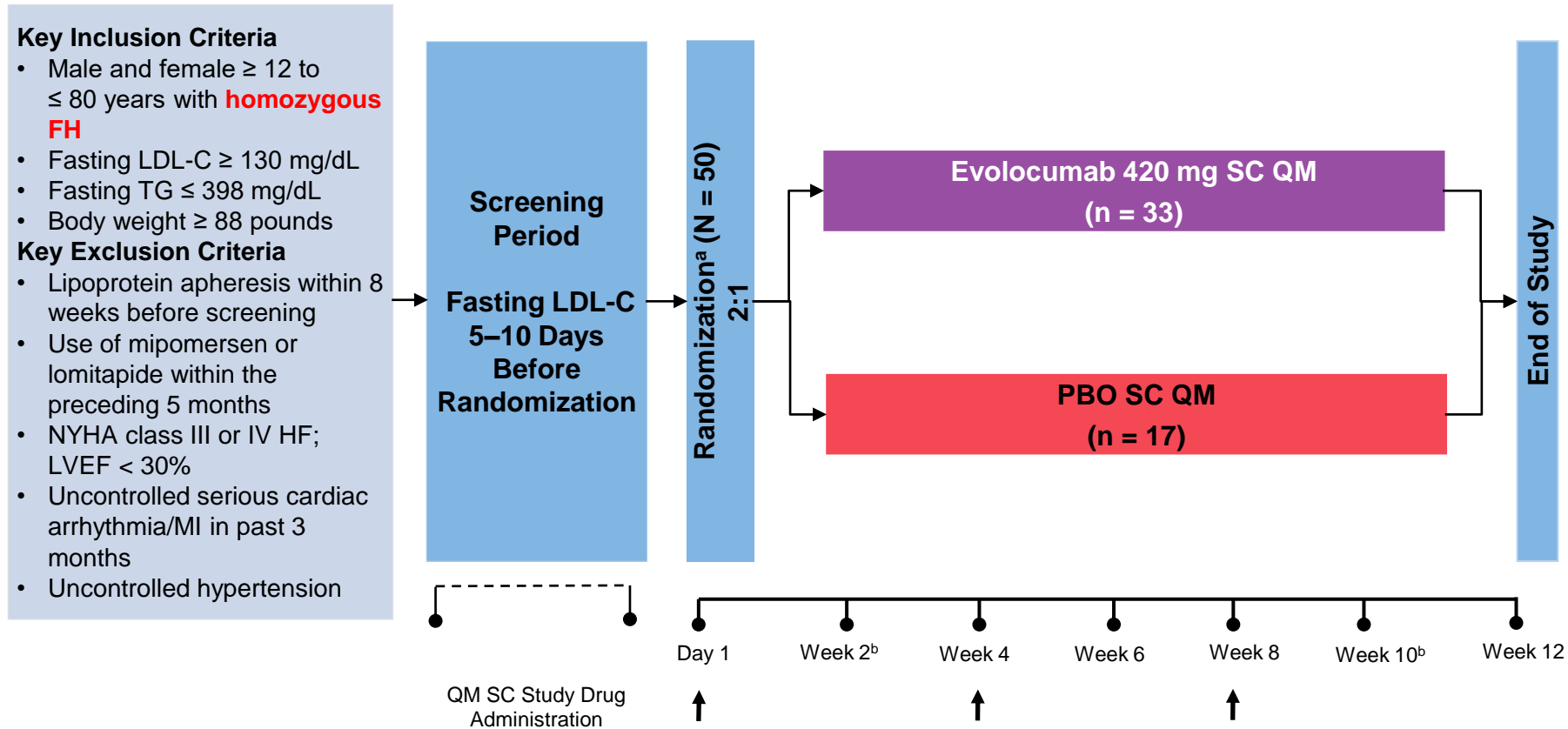
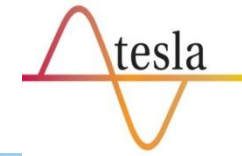
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ΠΡΟΣΘΗΚΗ ΕΒΟΛΟCUMAB 140 mg Q2W

↓ LDL CHOL κατά 60% → LDL CHOL 41 mg/dL

# Trial Evaluating PCSK9 Antibody in Subjects With LDL Receptor Abnormalities Part B (TESLA)



<sup>a</sup>Randomization stratified by screening LDL-C ( $< 425$  mg/dL or  $\geq 425$  mg/dL)

<sup>b</sup>Week 2 and week 10 study visits were optional. 1 mmol/L LDL-C = 38.6 mg/dL; 1 mmol/L TG = 88.5 mg/dL.

AE = adverse event; FH = familial hypercholesterolemia; HF = heart failure; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; MI = myocardial infarction; NYHA = New York Heart Association; PBO = placebo; QM = once monthly; SC = subcutaneous.

# Inhibition of PCSK9 with evolocumab in homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia (TESLA Part B): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

Frederick J Raal, Narimon Honarpour, Dirk J Blom, G Kees Hovingh, Feng Xu, Rob Scott, Scott M Wasserman, Evan A Stein, for the TESLA Investigators\*

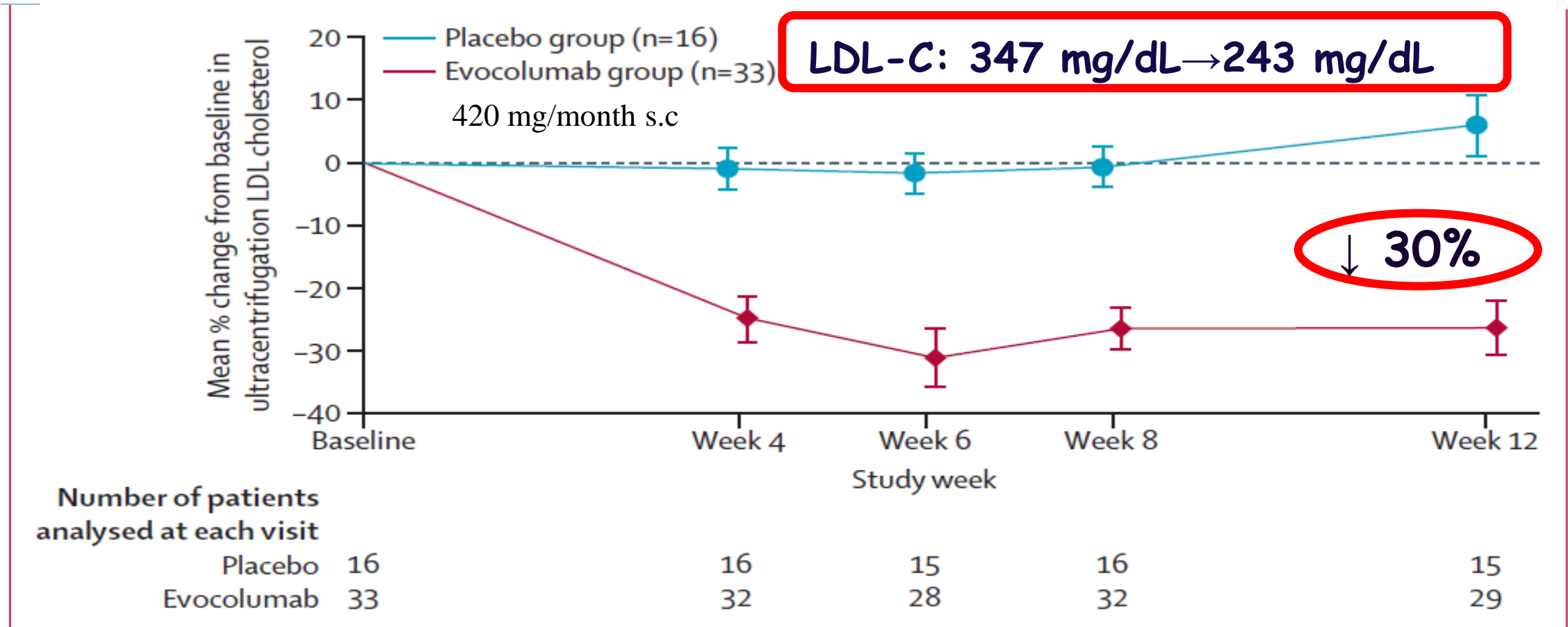
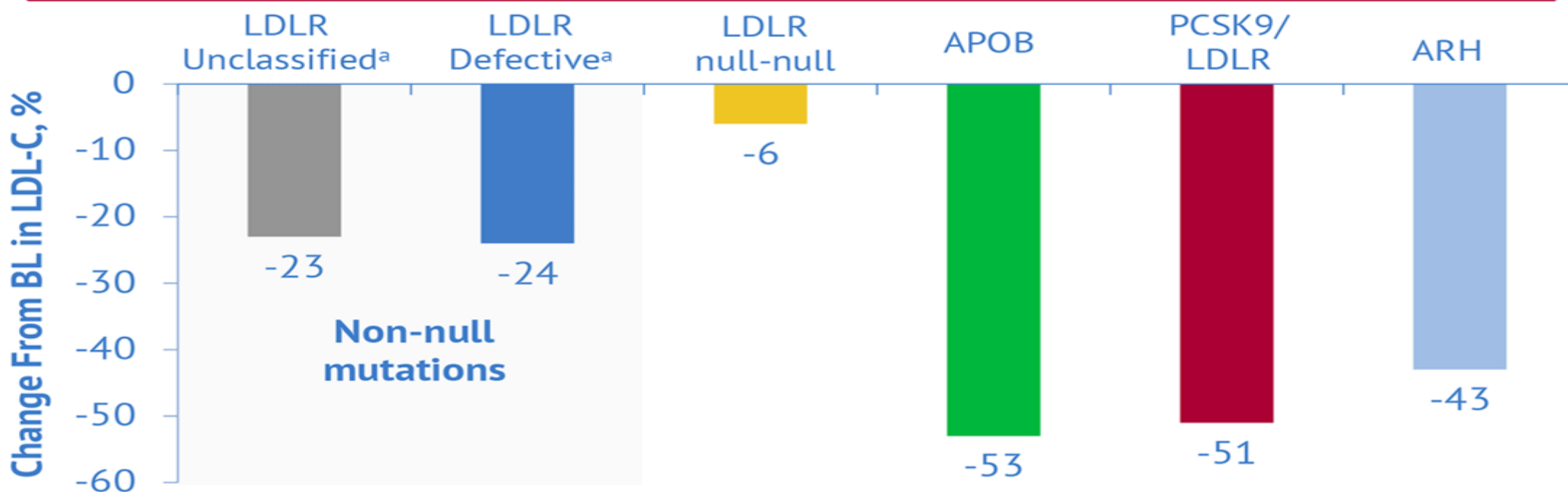


Figure 2: Mean percentage change in ultracentrifugation LDL cholesterol concentration from baseline to week 12

# Impact of Mutation Status on Therapeutic Efficacy of PCSK9 Inhibitors



## TAUSSIG: Evolocumab in Patients With HoFH (N = 54)<sup>6</sup>



**Patients with LDLR null-null mutations experienced lower reduction in LDL-C levels**

<sup>a</sup> One or both alleles.

# Evolocumab in Pediatric Heterozygous FH



DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED TRIAL




**157**  
Patients 10–17 years of age  
with heterozygous familial  
hypercholesterolemia

Percent change in  
LDL cholesterol,  
baseline to 24 wk

Absolute change in LDL

Subcutaneous  
**Evolocumab**   
(420 mg/mo)  
  
N=104

Subcutaneous  
**Placebo**  
  
N=53

**-44.5%**  
Difference, -38.3 percentage points; 95% CI, -45.5 to -31.1; P<0.001

**-6.2%**  
Difference, -38.3 percentage points; 95% CI, -45.5 to -31.1; P<0.001

**-77.5 mg/dl**  
Difference, -68.6 mg/dl; 95% CI, -83.1 to -54.0; P<0.001

**-9.0 mg/dl**  
Difference, -68.6 mg/dl; 95% CI, -83.1 to -54.0; P<0.001

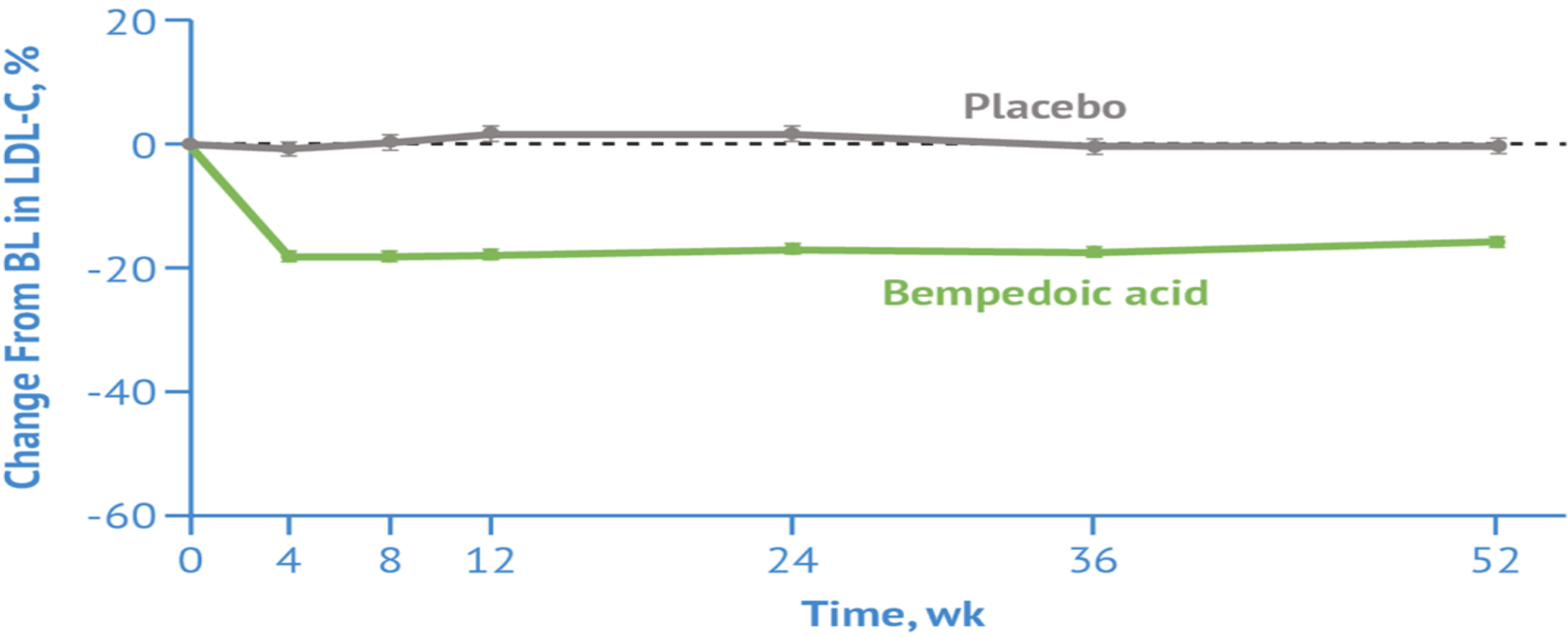
**In pediatric patients with FH, evolocumab effectively reduced LDL cholesterol levels.**

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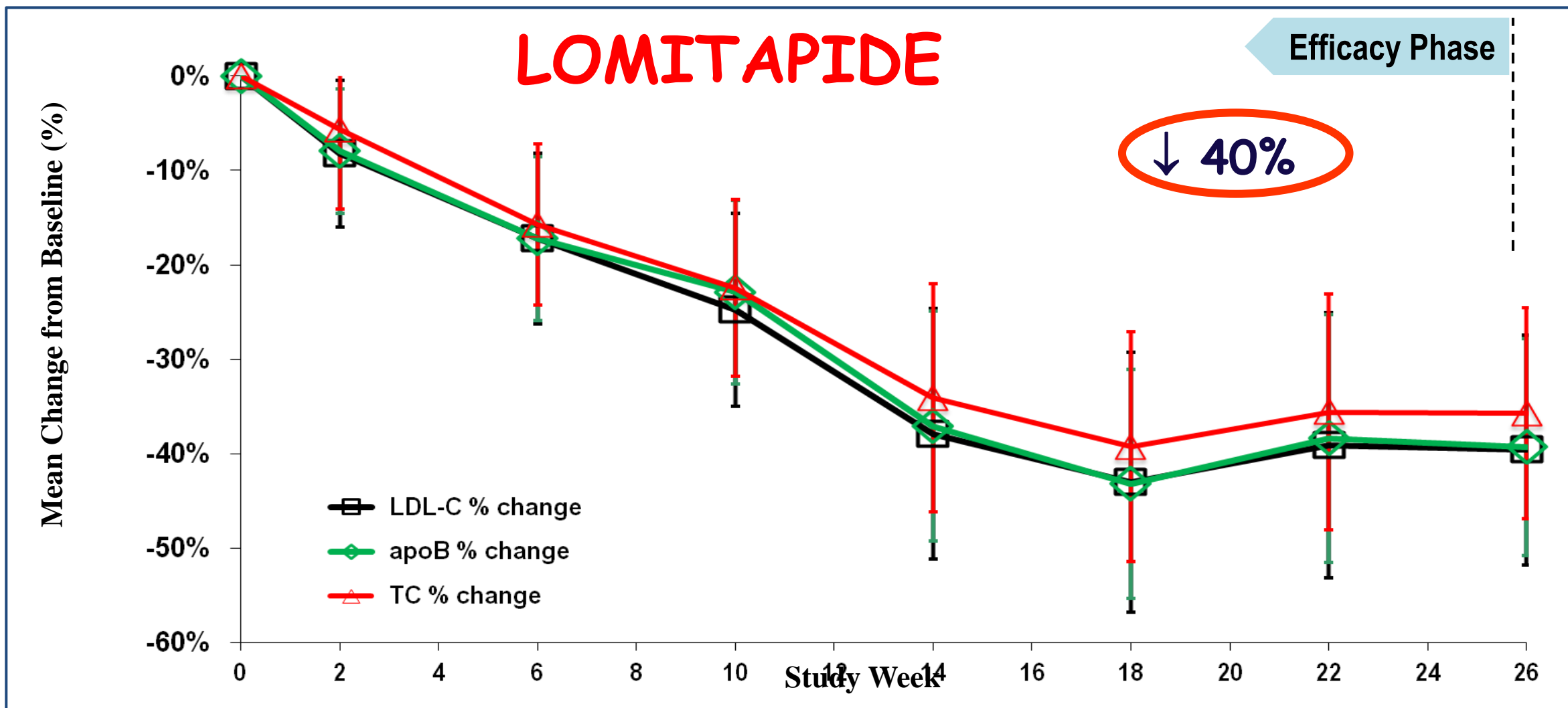




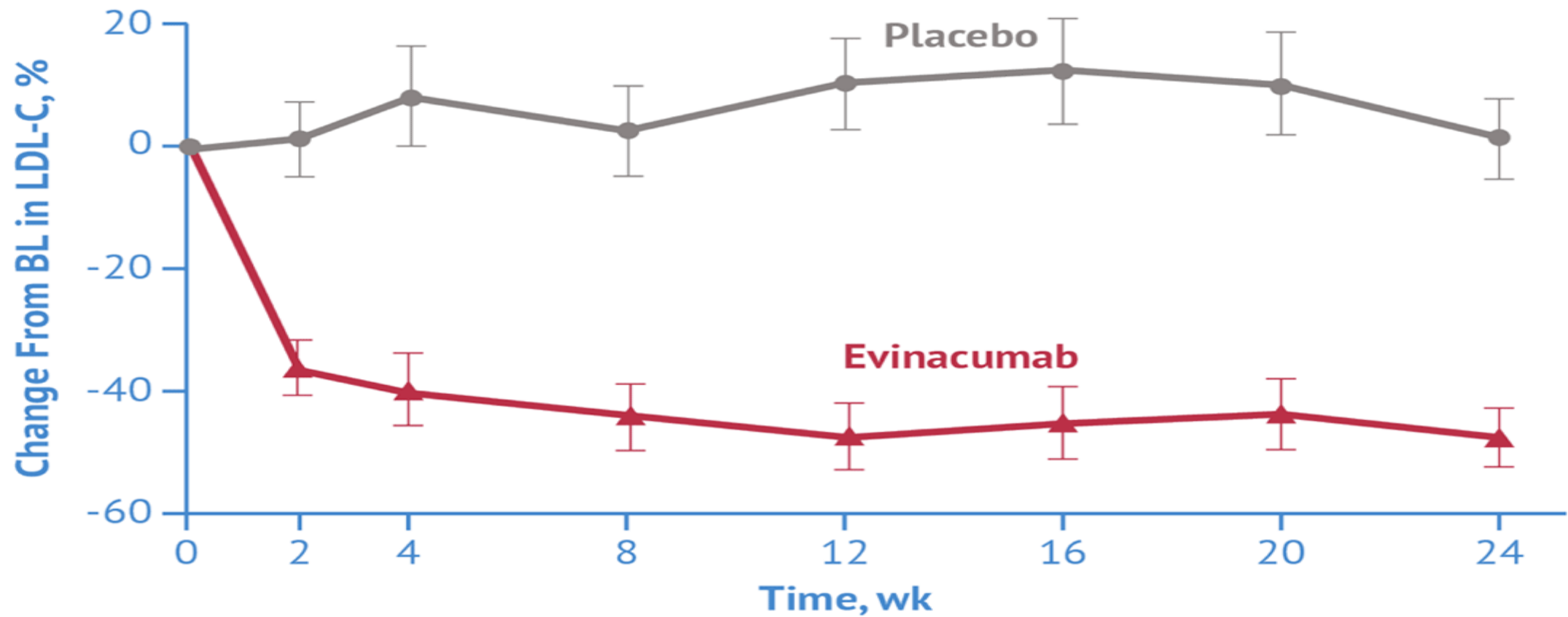
# Bempedoic Acid and Reduction in LDL-C in HeFH<sup>16</sup>



# Mean % Change in TC, LDL-C, and Apo B Through the Efficacy Phase (ITT, LOCF)



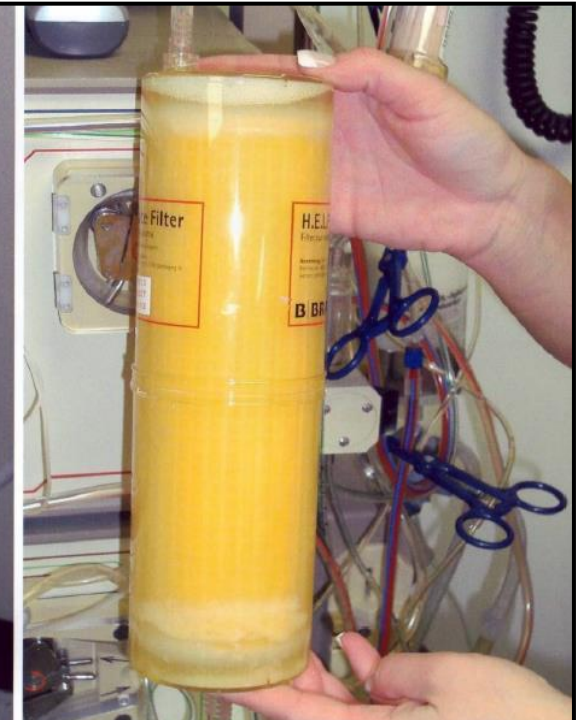
# Evinacumab and Reduction in LDL-C in HoFH<sup>13</sup>



**LDL-C was lower in the evinacumab group vs placebo for both null-null and non-null variants**

# LDL apheresis is current standard of care for HoFH

When LDL-C > 300 mg/dL on maximum therapy  
(or >200 mg/dL if CVD present)

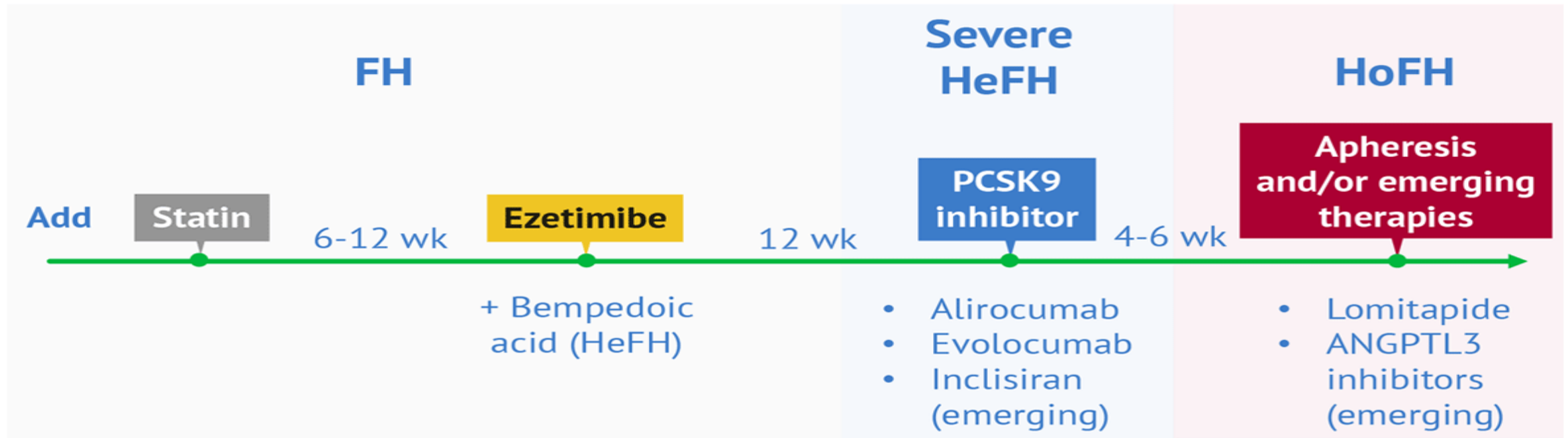




# Treatment Algorithm for Severe FH

**TARGET**

70 mg/dL (ACC/AHA)<sup>3</sup>  
or 55 mg/dL (ESC/EAS)<sup>4</sup>



# The Future

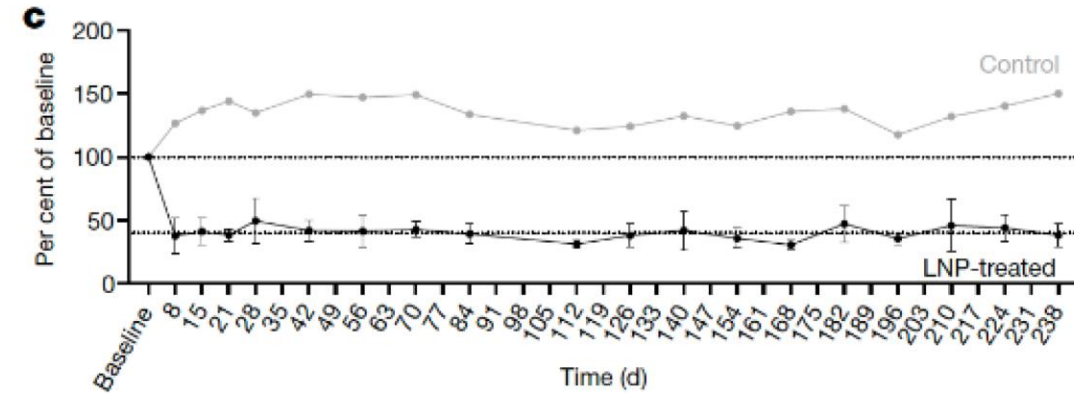
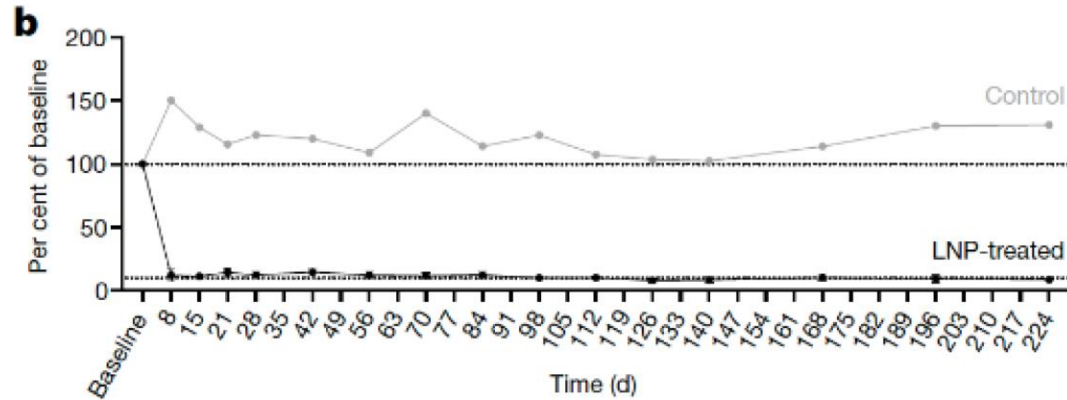
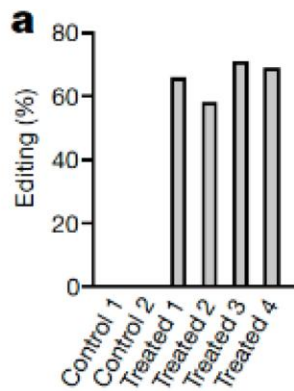


## *CrisprCas9 gene editing (in primates)*

PCSK9 gene editing

% PCSK9 reduction

% LCL-C reduction



knockdown of *PCSK9* in the liver after a single infusion of lipid nanoparticles, with concomitant reductions in blood levels of PCSK9 and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol of approximately 90% and about 60%, respectively; all of these changes remained stable for at least 8 months after a single-dose treatment. In addition to

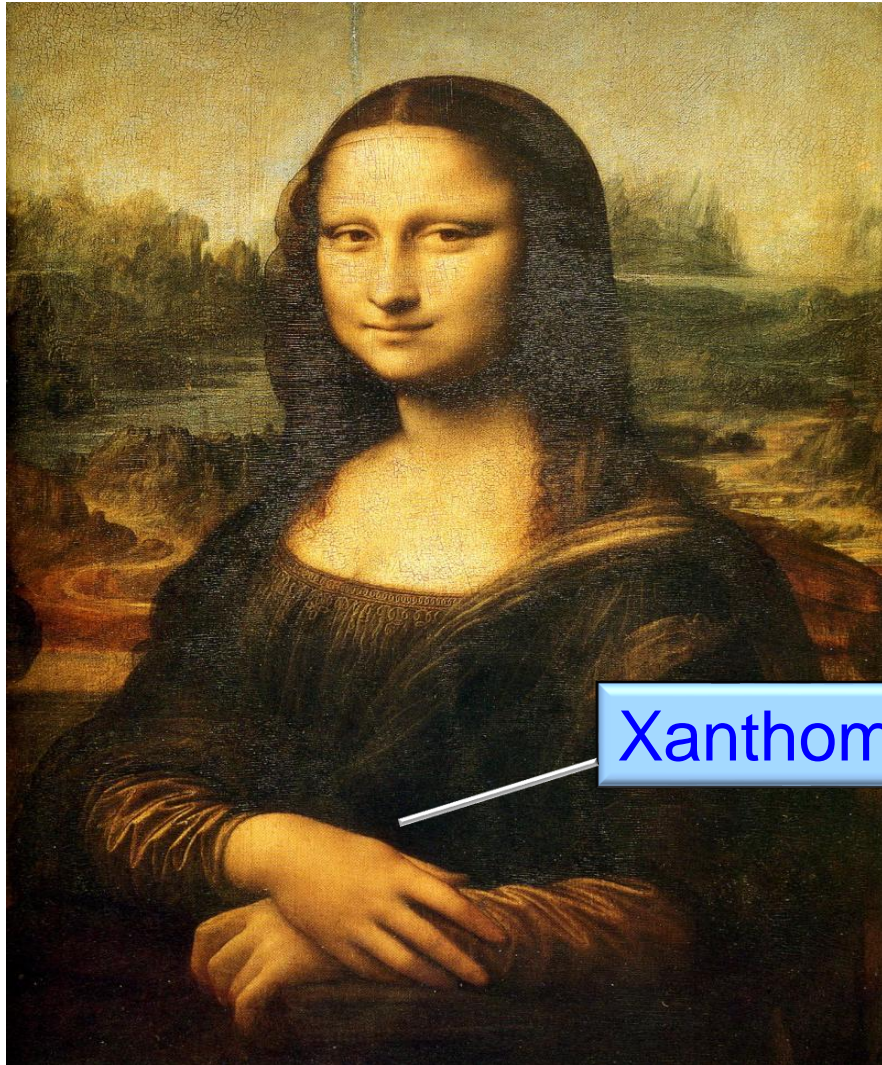
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# ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ

1. Το πιο συχνό γενετικό νόσημα του μεταβολισμού
2. Πρώιμη καρδιαγγειακή νόσος
3. Οι περισσότεροι ασθενείς δεν έχουν διαγνωσθεί και δεν λαμβάνουν θεραπεία
4. Οι περισσότεροι ασθενείς που λαμβάνουν θεραπεία έχουν τιμές LDL-C εκτός στόχου

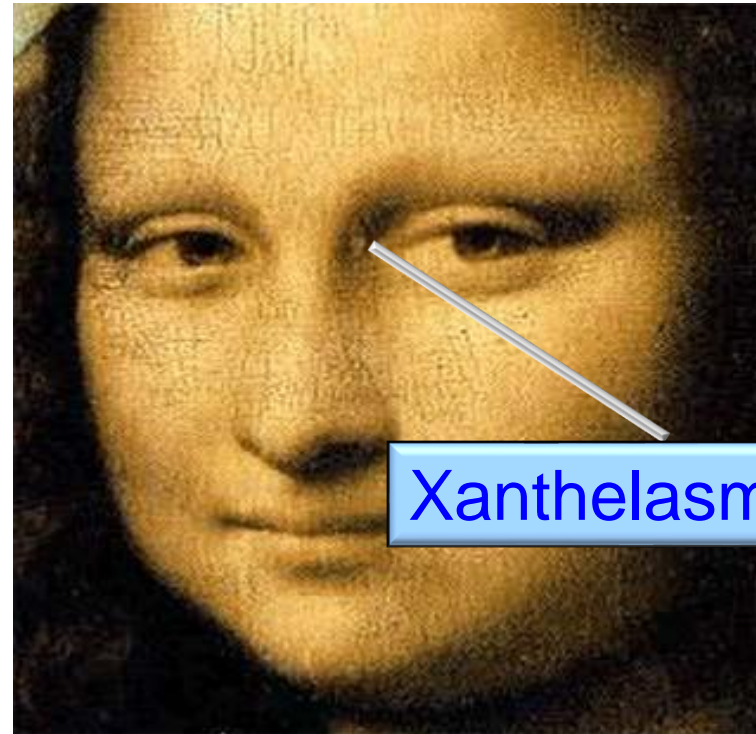


# FH: Η ΝΟΣΟΣ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΠΑΝΤΟΥ ΓΥΡΩ ΜΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΦΑΙΡΕΙ ΖΩΕΣ!



Xanthoma?

**Madonna Lisa Maria di Gherardini**  
**Born Florence 1479**  
**Died 1516 age 37 years**



Xanthelasma?



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