

# Trattamento farmacologico delle malattie cardiovascolari: quali le novità più rilevanti negli ultimi 5 anni?



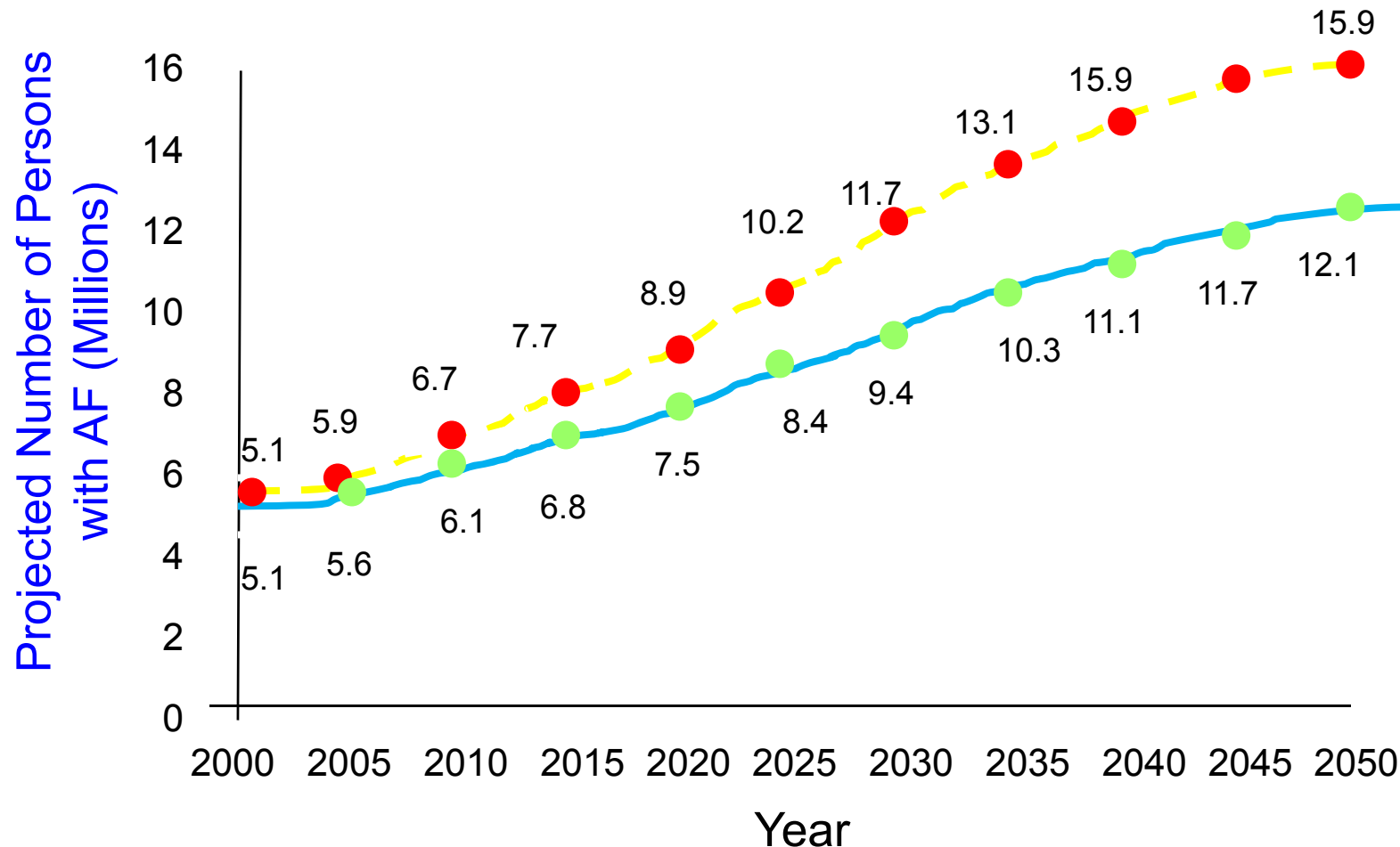
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# Le novità più rilevanti negli ultimi 5 anni

- **L'introduzione dei NOACs per la profilassi degli eventi tromboembolici nella fibrillazione atriale non valvolare**
- **Netti benefici del prolungamento della durata della doppia terapia antiaggregante dopo SCA**
- **Vantaggi dell'associazione dell'ezetimibe alla terapia con statine**
- **L'introduzione degli inibitori di PCSK9**
- **Il farmaco generico per un trattamento delle malattie cardiovascolari più sostenibile**

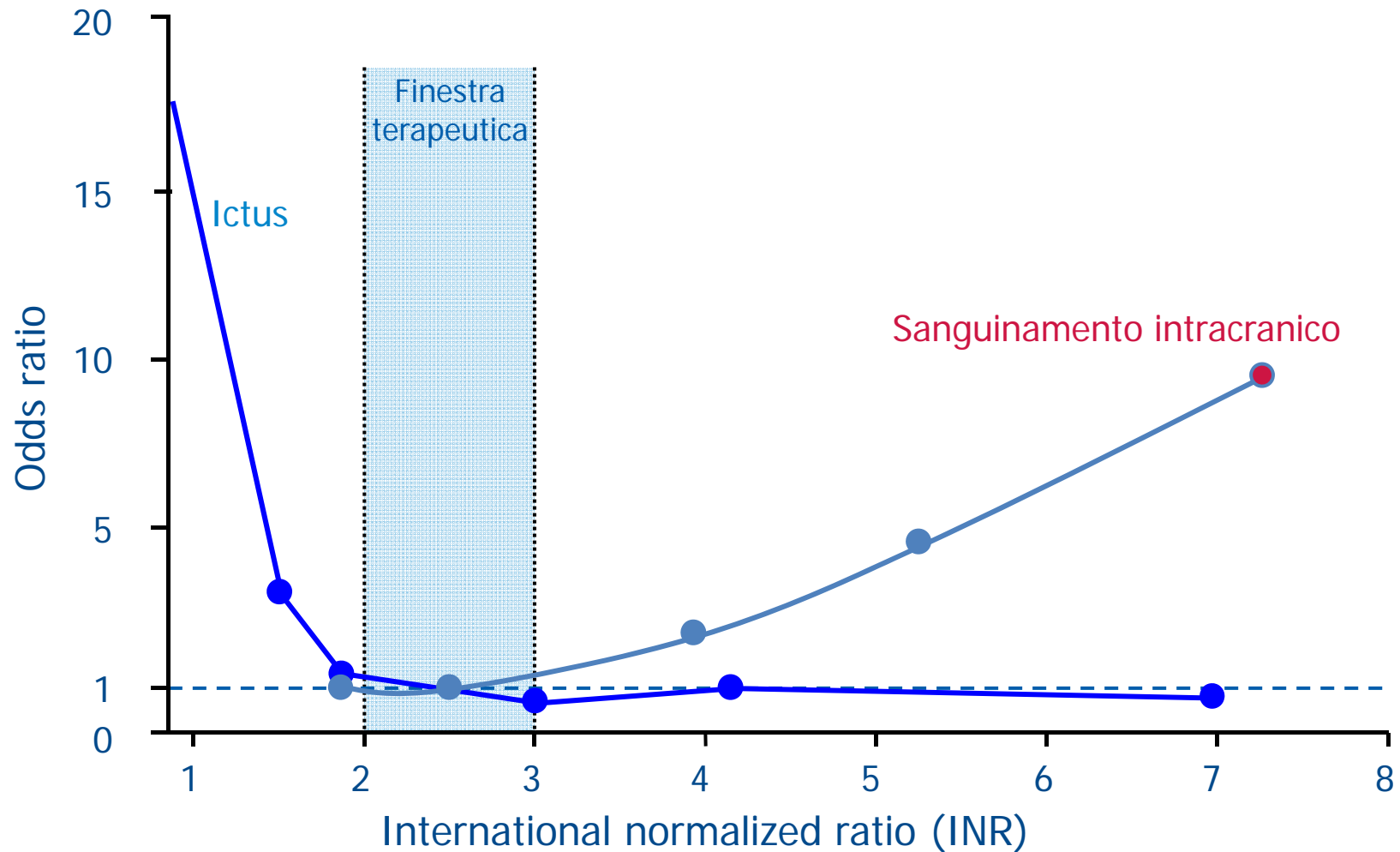
# NOACs

# Projected Number of Persons with AF in the U.S. Between 2000-2050

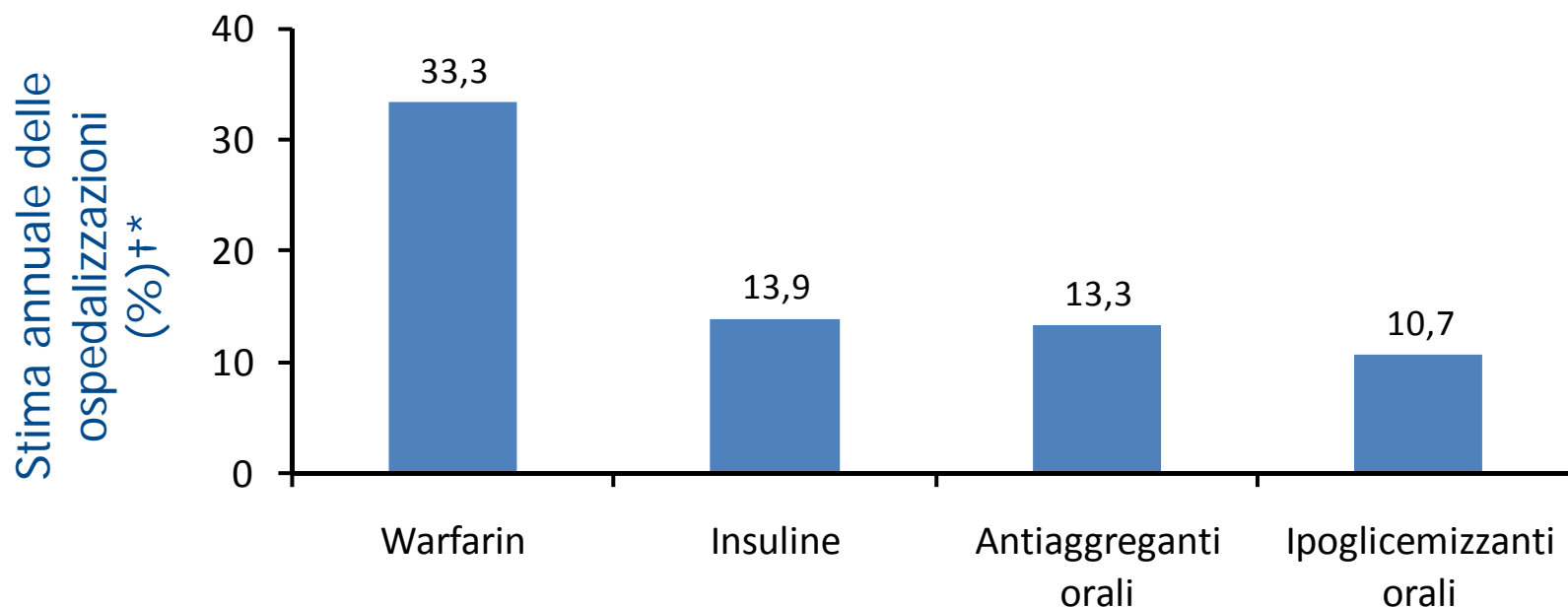


Assumes no further increase in age-adjusted AF incidence (blue curve) and assumes a continued increase in incidence rate as evident in 1980 to 2000 (yellow curve)

# AVK - Ristretta finestra terapeutica



# AVK e ospedalizzazioni



- **Il 63.3% delle ospedalizzazioni correlate al warfarin sono dovute ad emorragie<sup>1</sup>**
- La stima dei costi per le emorragie correlate al warfarin ammonta a centinaia di milioni di dollari ogni anno

†Dati da US National Electronic Injury Surveillance System – Cooperative Adverse Drug Event Surveillance project (2007–2009); n=99 628 ospedalizzazioni in emergenza

\*Sono riportate le classi di farmaci associate ad un tasso di ospedalizzazione  $\geq 10\%$

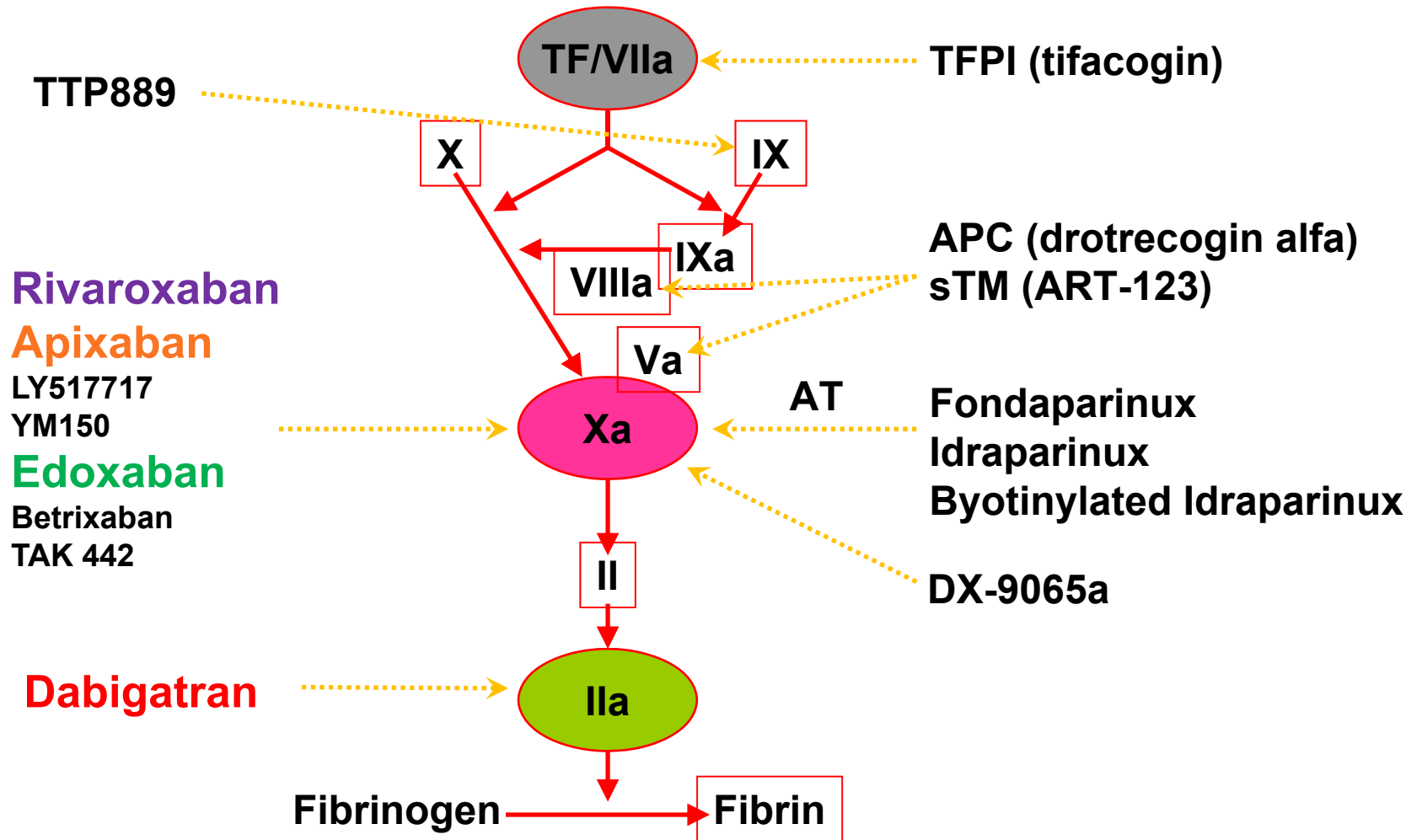
VKA = antagonisti della vitamina K



# Novel Anticoagulants

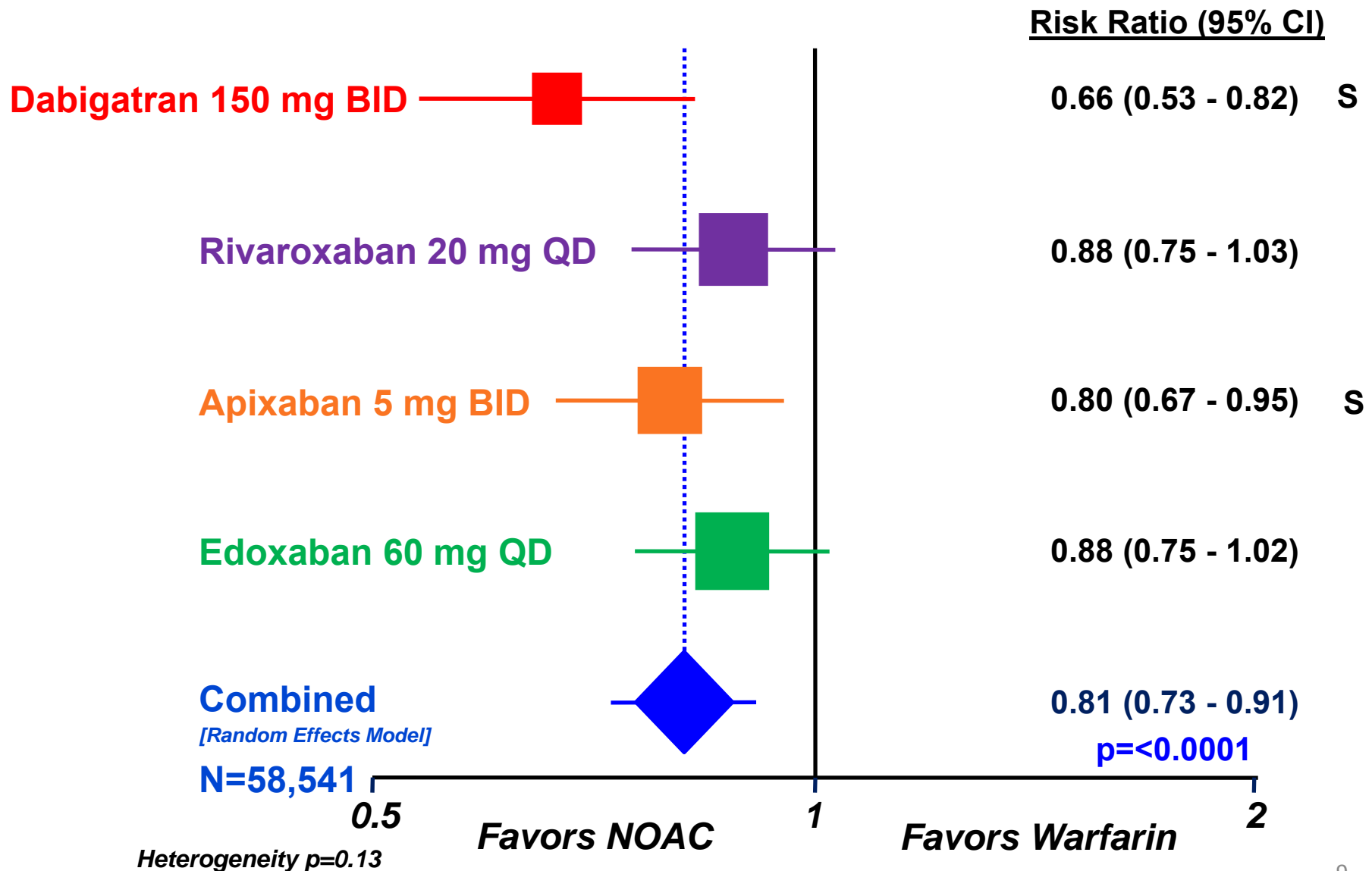
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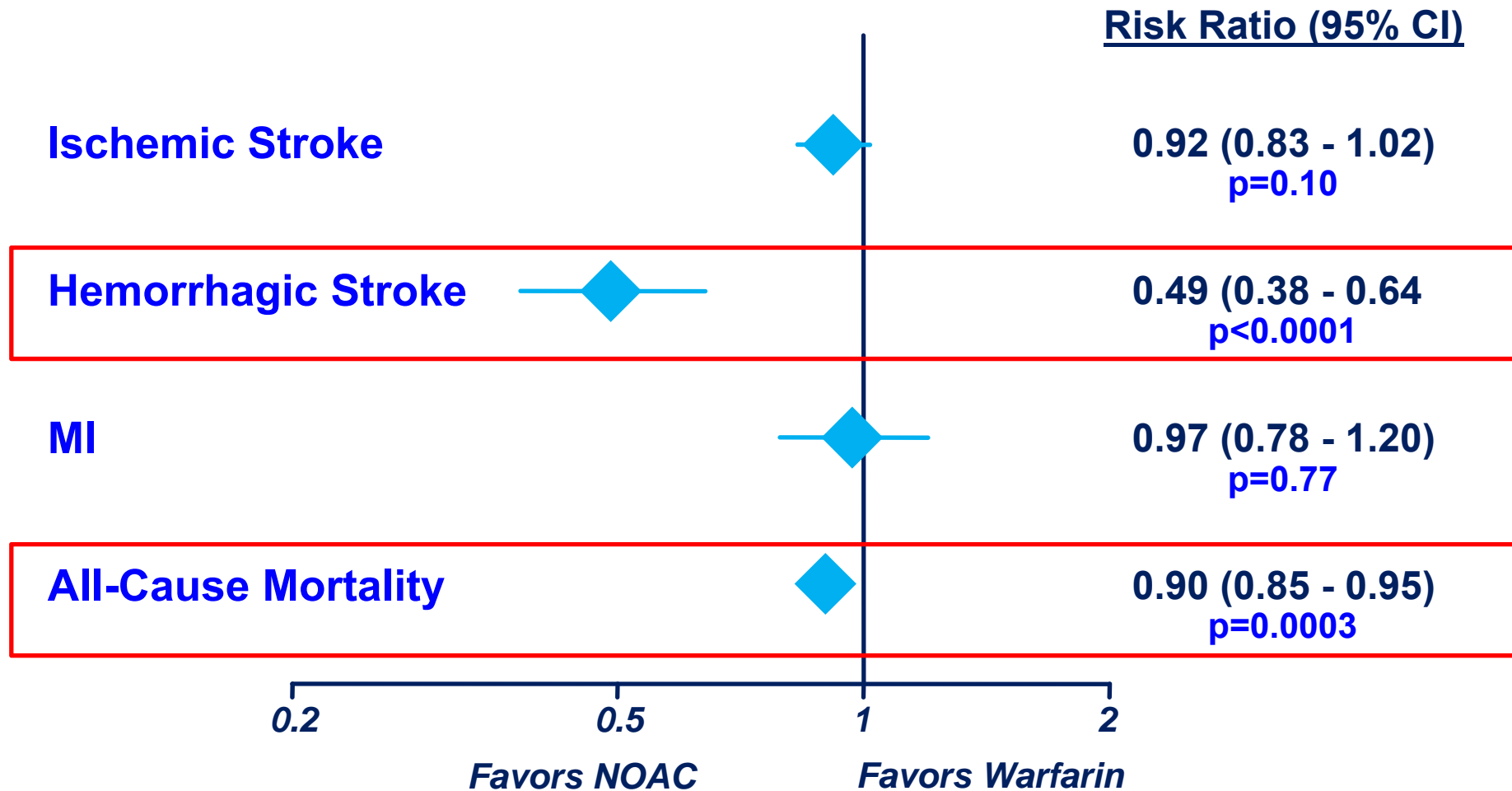




# Stroke or SE in NOACs Phase III Trials

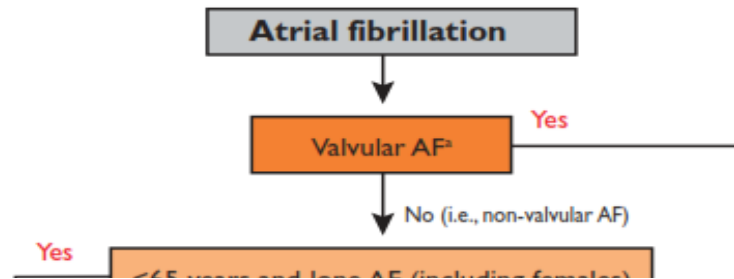


# Haemorrhagic Stroke and Mortality in NOACs Phase III Trials



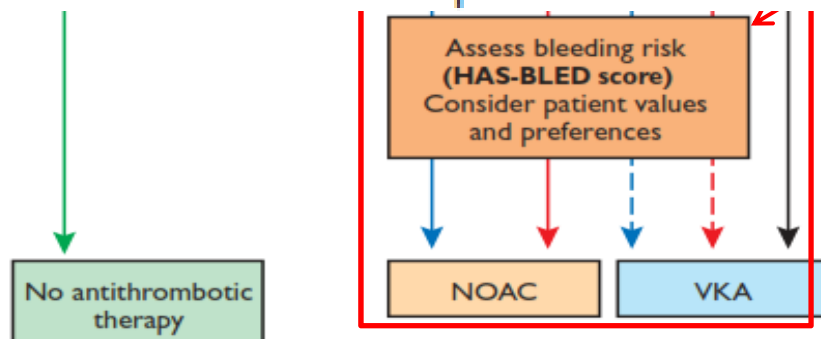
Heterogeneity p=NS for all outcomes

# ESC 2012 Guidelines

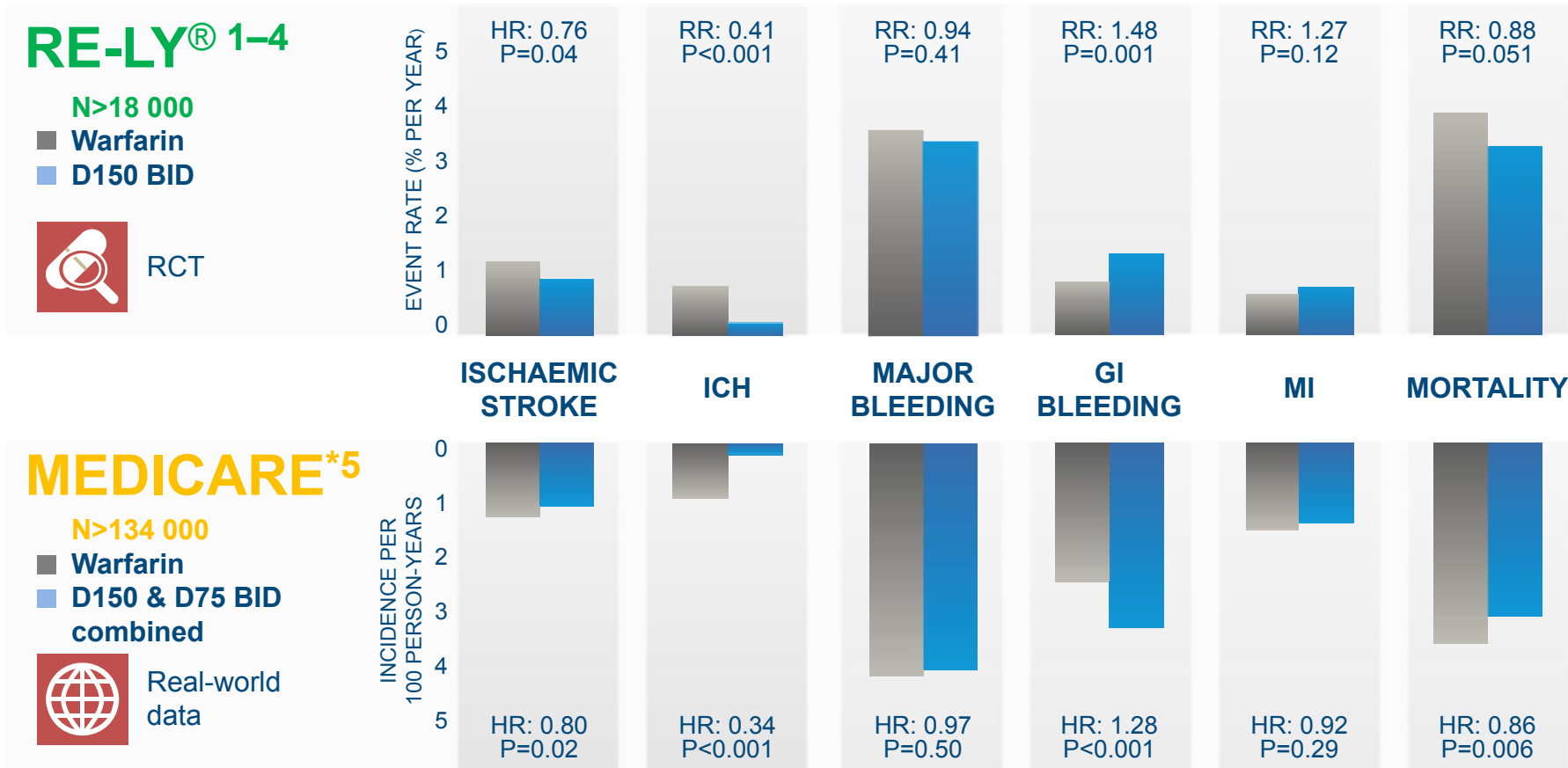


Antiplatelet therapy with aspirin plus clopidogrel, or—less effectively—aspirin only, should be considered in patients who refuse any OAC, or cannot tolerate anticoagulants for reasons unrelated to bleeding. If there are contraindications to OAC or antiplatelet therapy, left atrial appendage occlusion, closure, or excision

The NOACs so far tested in clinical trials have all shown non-inferiority compared with VKAs, with better safety, consistently limiting the number of ICH. On this basis, this guideline now recommends them as broadly preferable to VKA in the vast majority of patients with non-valvular AF, when used as studied in the clinical trials performed so far. Since there is still limited



# Independent FDA study of Medicare confirmed the positive safety and efficacy of Dabigatran in clinical practice



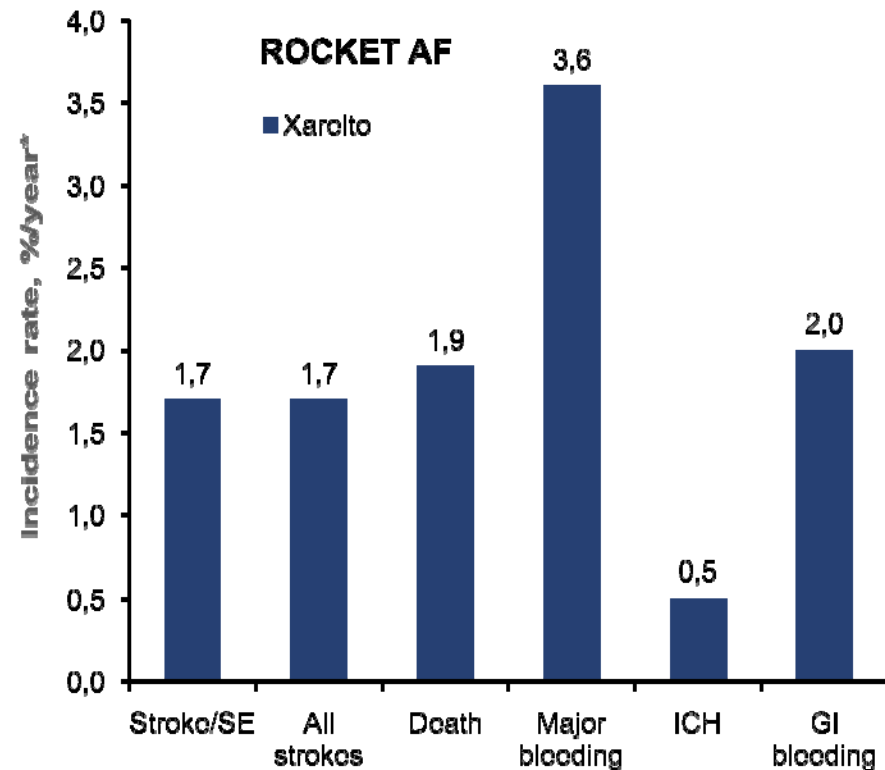
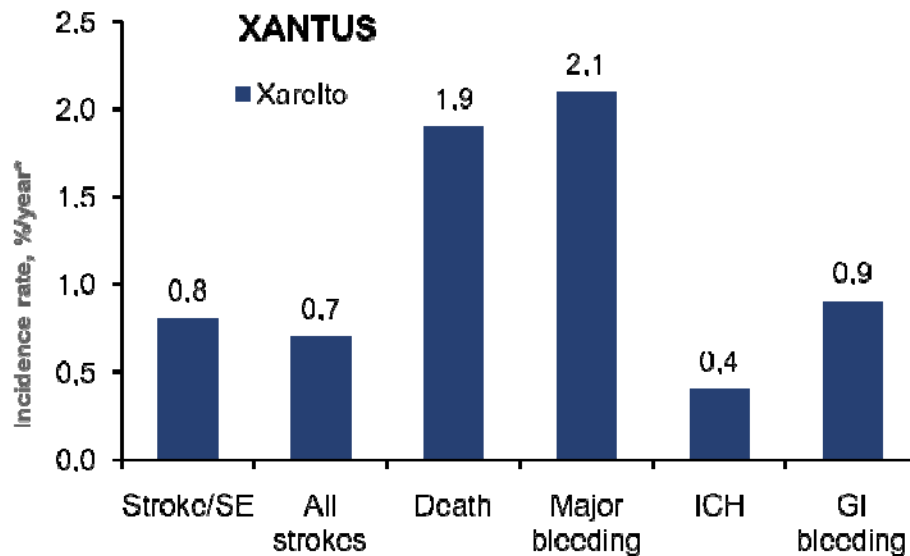
In the USA, the licensed doses for Pradaxa® are: 150 mg BID and 75 mg BID for the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in adult patients with NVAf

\*Primary findings for dabigatran are based on analysis of both 75 mg & 150 mg together without stratification by dose

1. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:1139–51
2. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2010;363:1875–6
3. Pradaxa®: EU SPC, January 2015
4. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2014;371:1464–5
5. Graham DJ et al. Circulation 2015;131:157–64

# Comparison of Main Outcomes: XANTUS versus ROCKET AF

	CHADS <sub>2</sub>	Prior stroke <sup>#</sup>
ROCKET AF <sup>1</sup>	<b>3.5</b>	55%
XANTUS <sup>2</sup>	<b>2.0</b>	19%



**Treatment persistence was high: 80% of patients remained on rivaroxaban**

<sup>#</sup>Includes prior stroke, SE or TIA; \*Events per 100 patient-years

1. Patel MR et al, N Engl J Med 2011;365:883–891;  
2. Camm AJ et al, Eur Heart J 2015; doi: 10.1093/eurheartj/ehv466

# Durata della DAPT dopo SCA

## Cardiovascular risk in post-myocardial infarction patients: nationwide real world data demonstrate the importance of a long-term perspective

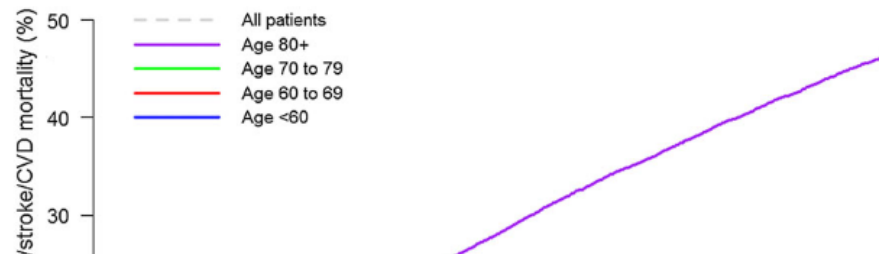
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### K-M Rates of MI, Stroke or CV Death

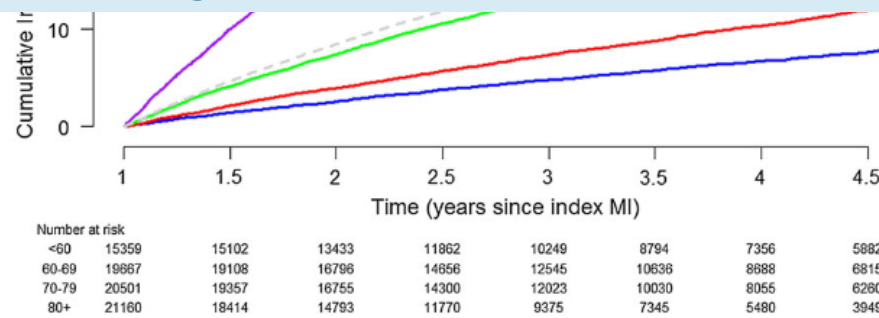
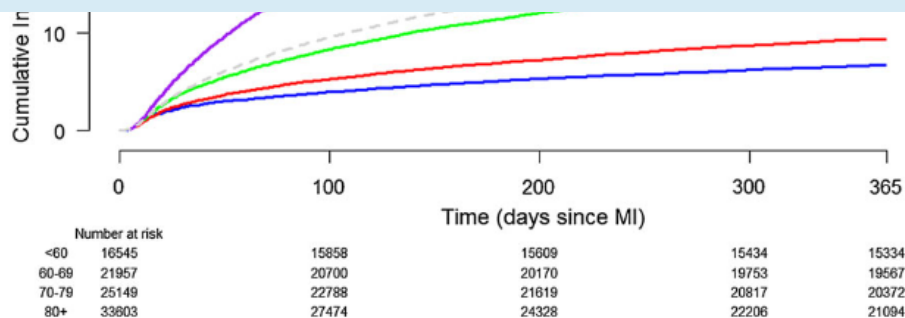
1 year



4.5 year



For patients without a combined endpoint event during the first 365 days, composite endpoint risk was 20.0% in the following 36 months



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## Twelve or 30 Months of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy after Drug-Eluting Stents

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- 9961 patients enrolled after PCI with a DES
- After 12 months of treatment with a thienopyridine drug (clopidogrel or prasugrel) and aspirin, patients were randomly assigned to continue receiving thienopyridine treatment or to receive placebo for another 18 months
- Coprimary efficacy end points: stent thrombosis and major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events (a composite of death, myocardial infarction, or stroke) during the period from 12 to 30 months
- Primary safety end point: moderate or severe bleeding

STEMI	534 (10.6)	511 (10.3)
NSTEMI	776 (15.5)	767 (15.5)
Unstable angina <sup>¶</sup>	838 (16.7)	825 (16.7)
Stable angina	1882 (37.5)	1870 (37.8)



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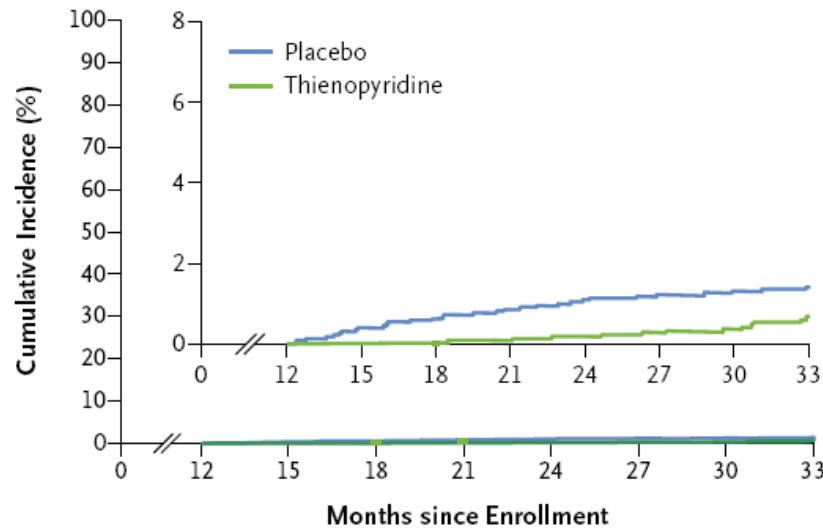
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## Twelve or 30 Months of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy after Drug-Eluting Stents

### Stent Thrombosis

12–30 mo Thienopyridine vs. placebo, 0.4% vs. 1.4%; hazard ratio, 0.29; P<0.001

12–33 mo Thienopyridine vs. placebo, 0.7% vs. 1.4%; hazard ratio, 0.45; P<0.001

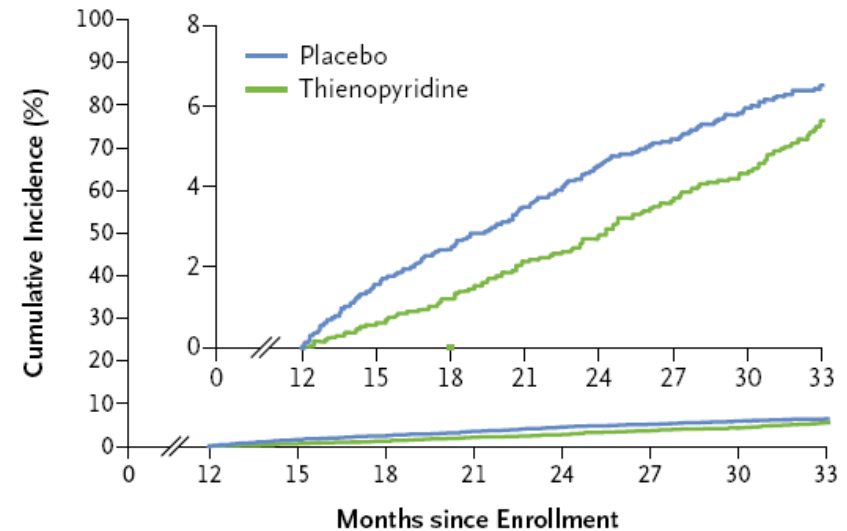


No. at Risk								
Thienopyridine	5020	4934	4870	4828	4765	4686	4642	3110
Placebo	4941	4845	4775	4721	4651	4602	4556	2105

### Major Adverse Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Events

12–30 mo Thienopyridine vs. placebo, 4.3% vs. 5.9%; hazard ratio, 0.71; P<0.001

12–33 mo Thienopyridine vs. placebo, 5.6% vs. 6.5%; hazard ratio, 0.82; P=0.02



No. at Risk								
Thienopyridine	5020	4917	4840	4778	4702	4611	4554	3029
Placebo	4941	4799	4715	4635	4542	4476	4412	2997

### CONCLUSIONS

Dual antiplatelet therapy beyond 1 year after placement of a drug-eluting stent, as compared with aspirin therapy alone, significantly reduced the risks of stent thrombosis and major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events but was associated with an increased risk of bleeding.

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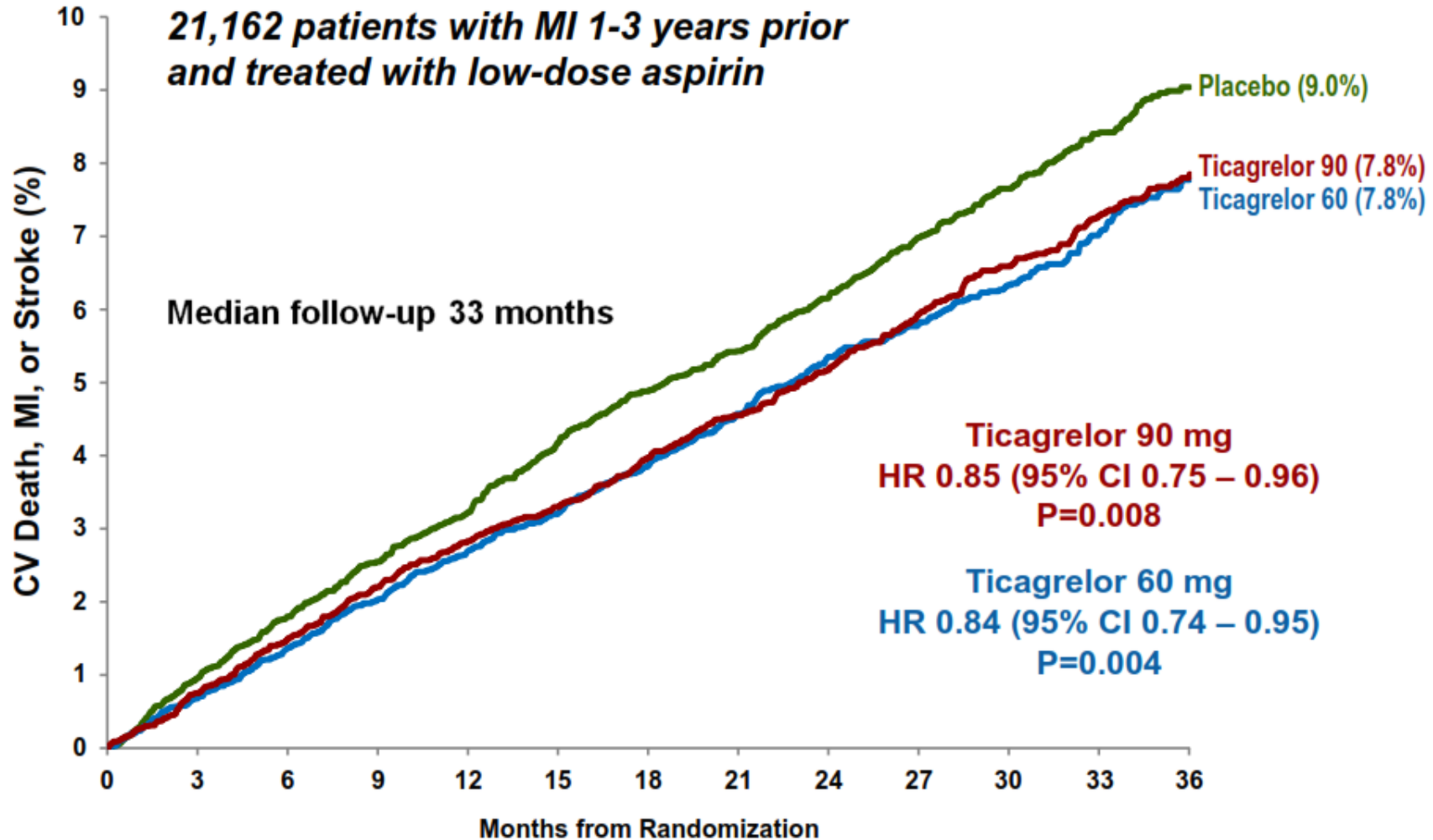
## Long-Term Use of Ticagrelor in Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction

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- Study design: **Randomized, double-blind 1:1:1**
- Population: **21,162 pts** who had had a **MI 1 to 3 years earlier** to ticagrelor at a dose of **90 mg twice daily**, ticagrelor at a dose of **60 mg twice daily**, or **placebo**
- F-up: **33 months**
- Primary efficacy end point: composite of **cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or stroke**
- Primary **safety end point: TIMI major bleeding**

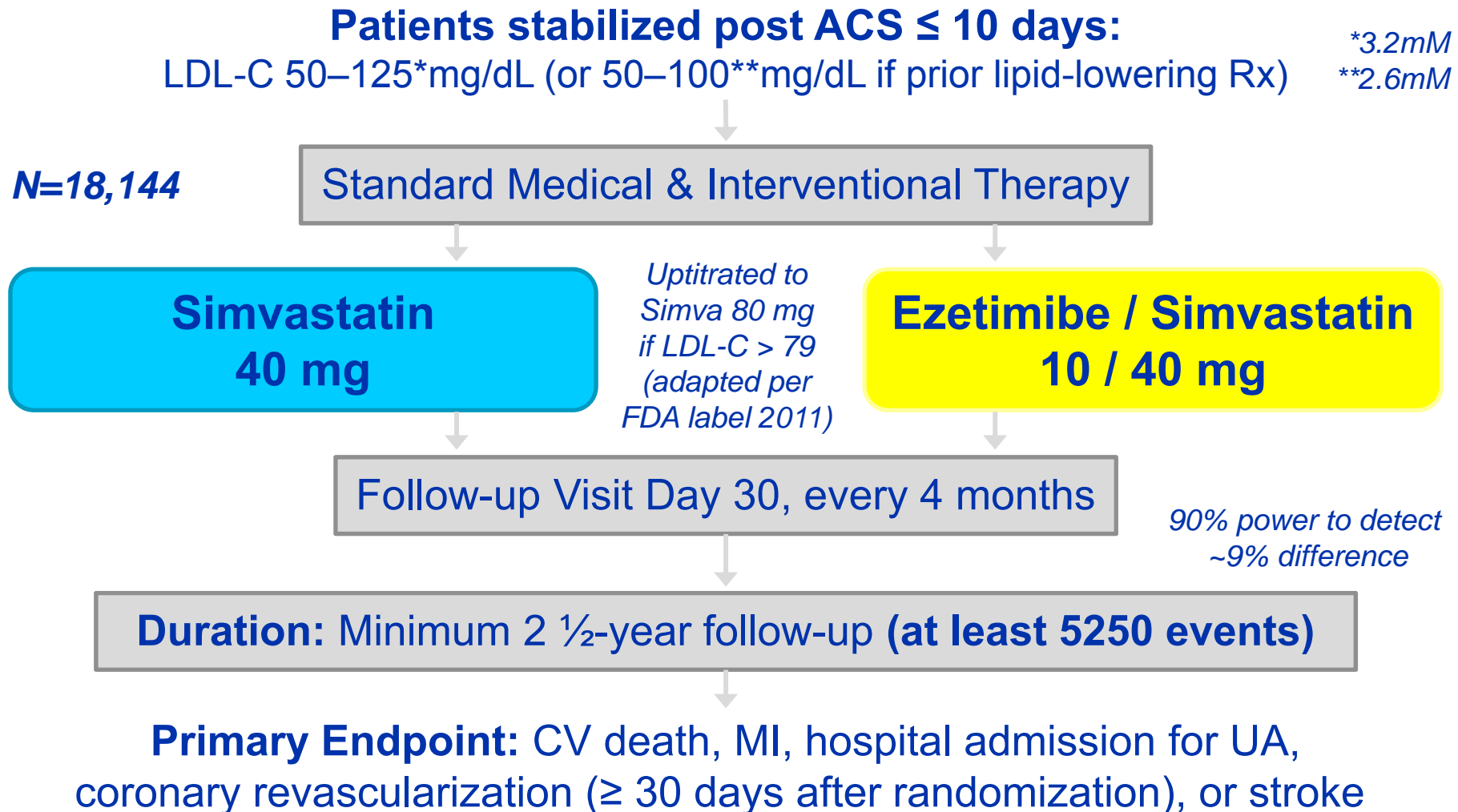
# PEGASUS TIMI 54: Primary endpoint

## K-M Rates of CV Death, MI, and Stroke through 3 Years

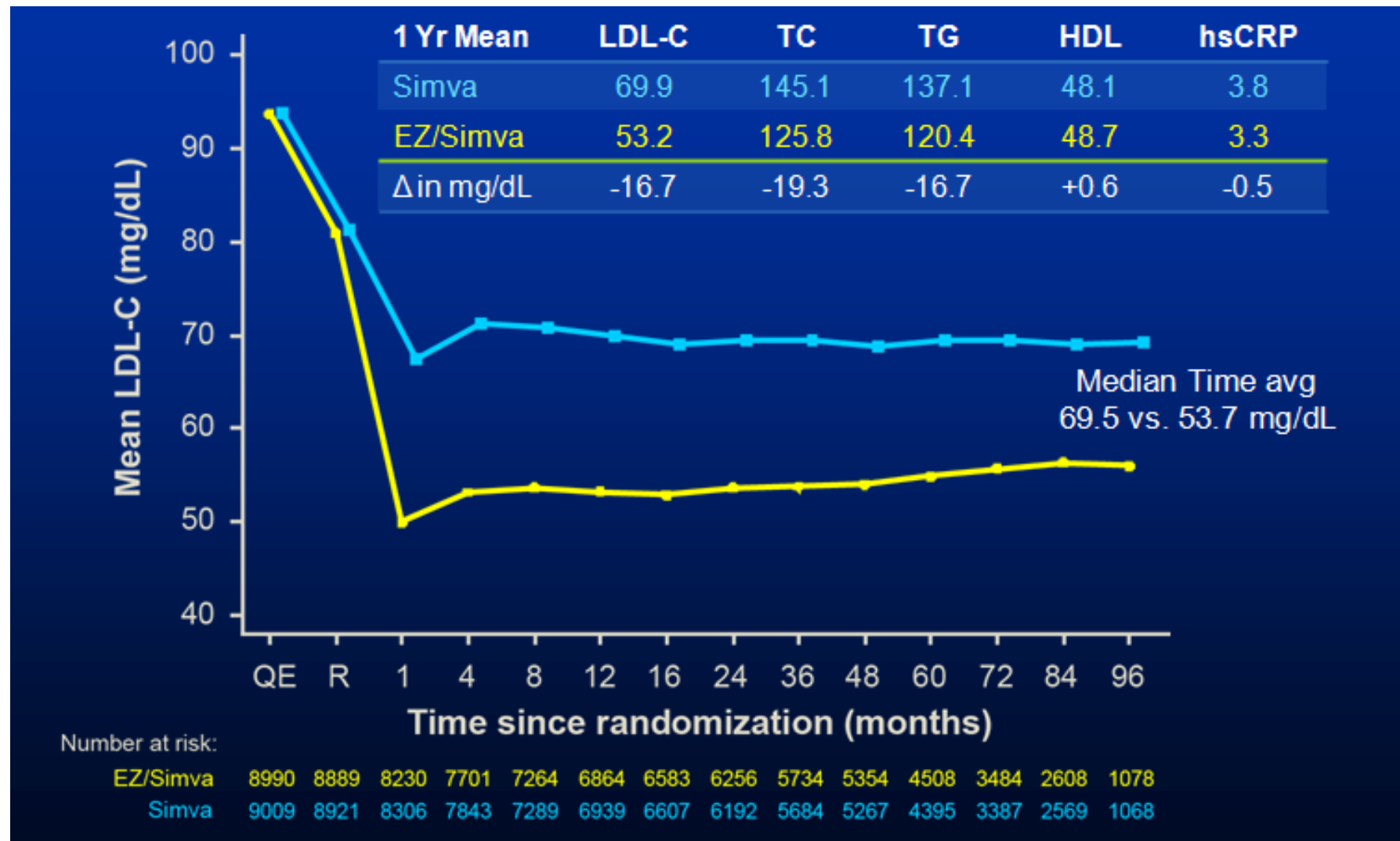


# Vantaggi dell'associazione dell'ezetimibe alla terapia con statine

# IMPROVE-IT: Study design

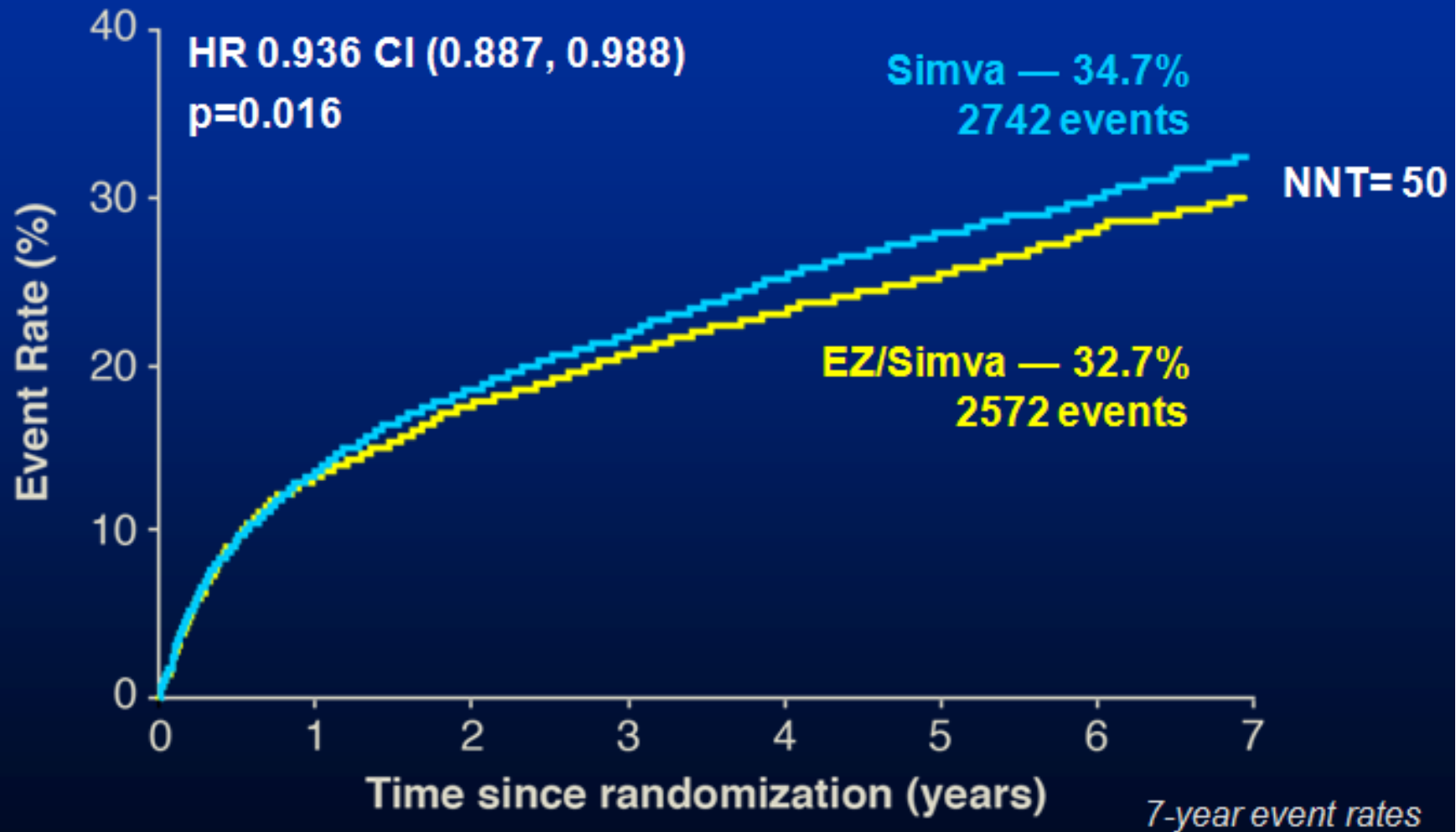


# IMPROVE-IT: LDL-C and Lipid Changes



# IMPROVE-IT: Primary Endpoint — ITT

Cardiovascular death, MI, documented unstable angina requiring rehospitalization, coronary revascularization ( $\geq 30$  days), or stroke



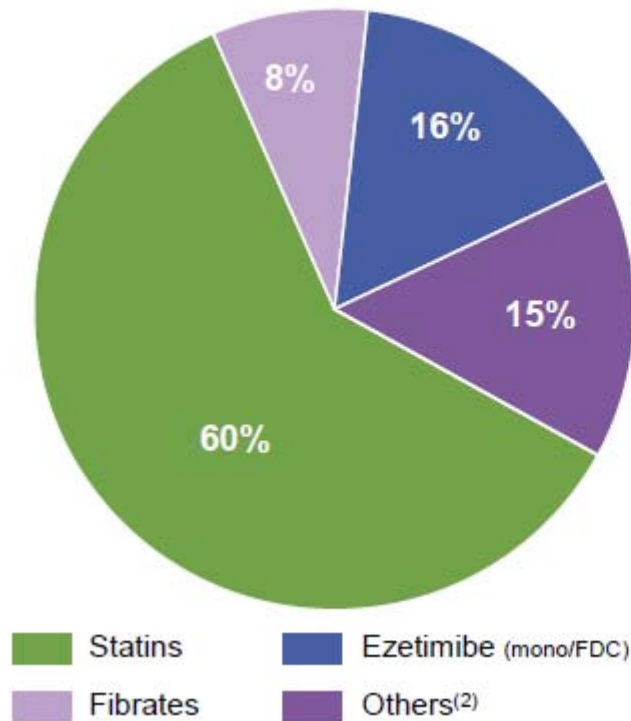
# Inibitori di PCSK9



# Despite Current Therapies, There Exists a Significant Population of Patients at High Cardiovascular Risk

Lipid-Lowering Agents<sup>(1)</sup>  
Worldwide Sales 2013

\$30 Billion



- Statins remain the primary treatment option for high LDL-C

- Many hypercholesterolemic patients not at LDL-C goal with statins

- Patients with LDL-C too high at maximally tolerated statin dose
- Patients unable to tolerate a recommended statin dose
- Patients completely statin intolerant

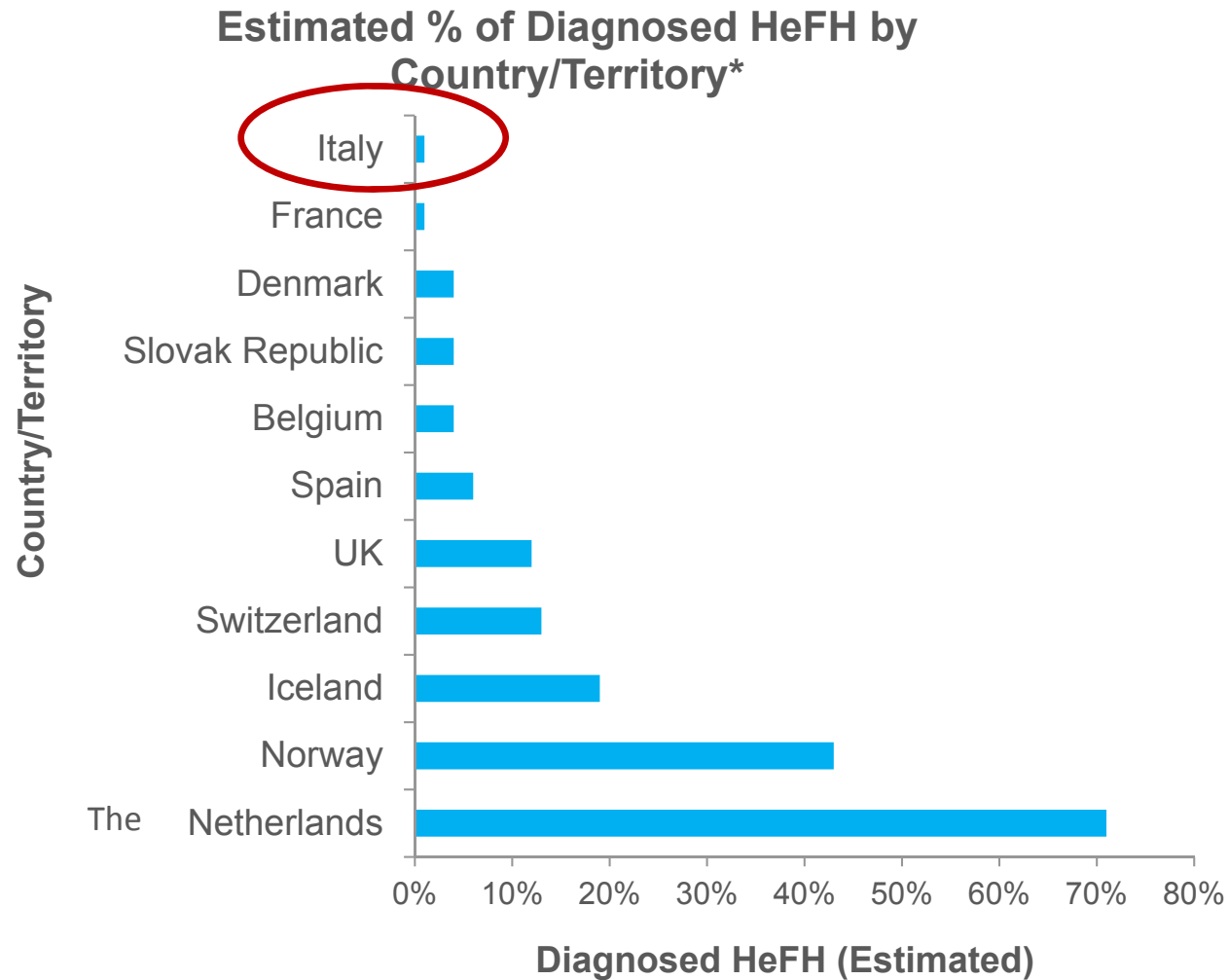
- Approximately 8 million patients worldwide receive ezetimibe<sup>(1)</sup> (mono/FDC)

(1) Worldwide MAT sales in €bn of dyslipidemia market, IMS MIDAS

(2) Niacin, omega-3 therapies

FDC = fixed dose combination

# L'ipercolesterolemia familiare è uno dei più comuni disordini genetici e che rimane sotto-diagnosticata

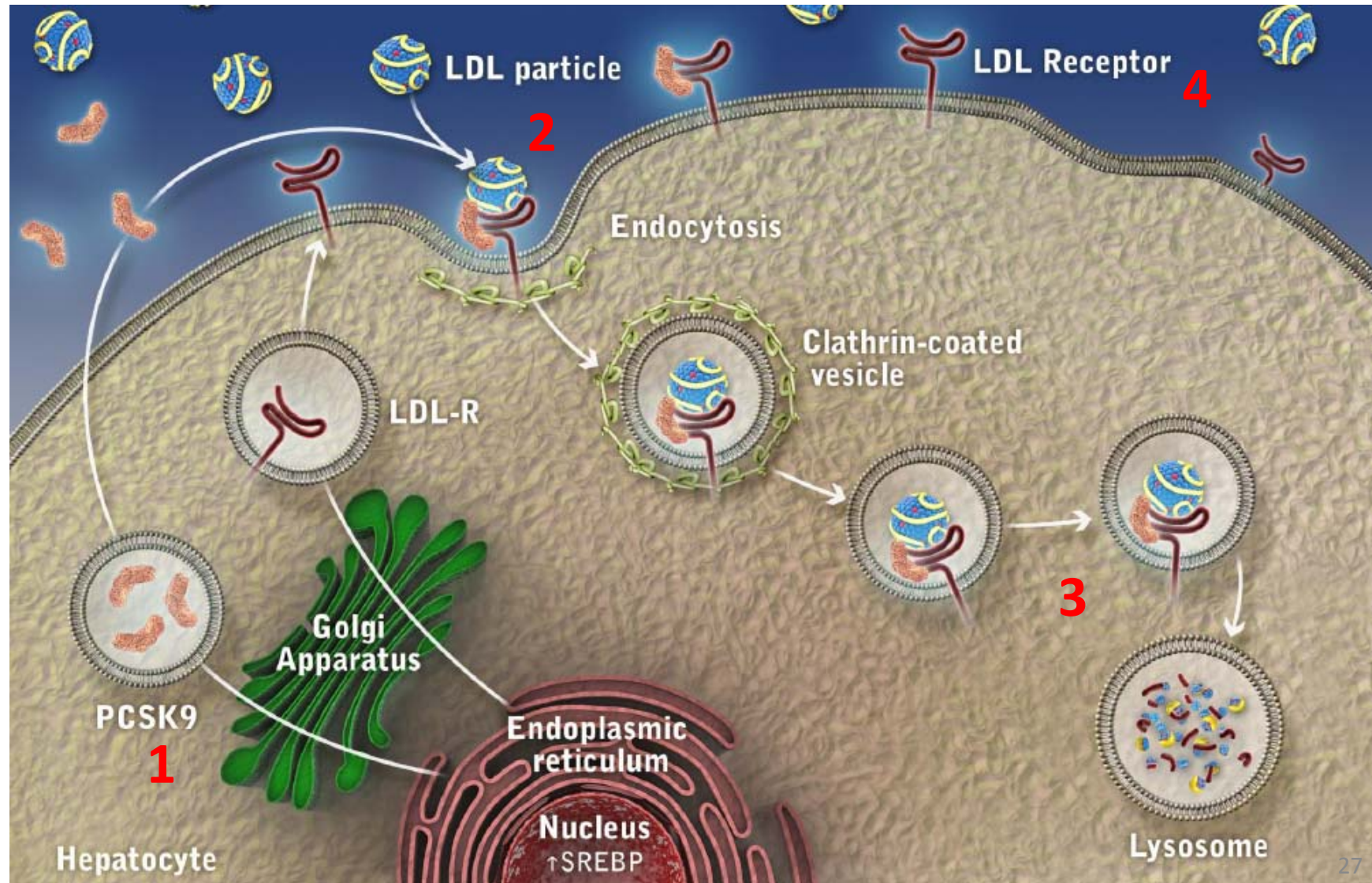


\*Percentage derived from diagnoses values from expert clinician/scientists in local areas, as well as prevalence of 1 in 500 in the general population are FH heterozygotes

1. Goldberg AC et al. *J Clin Lipid.* 2011;5:S1–S8. 2. Nordestgaard BG et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2013;34:3478–3490;

3. Sjouke B et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2014;doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehu058 [Epub ahead of print]

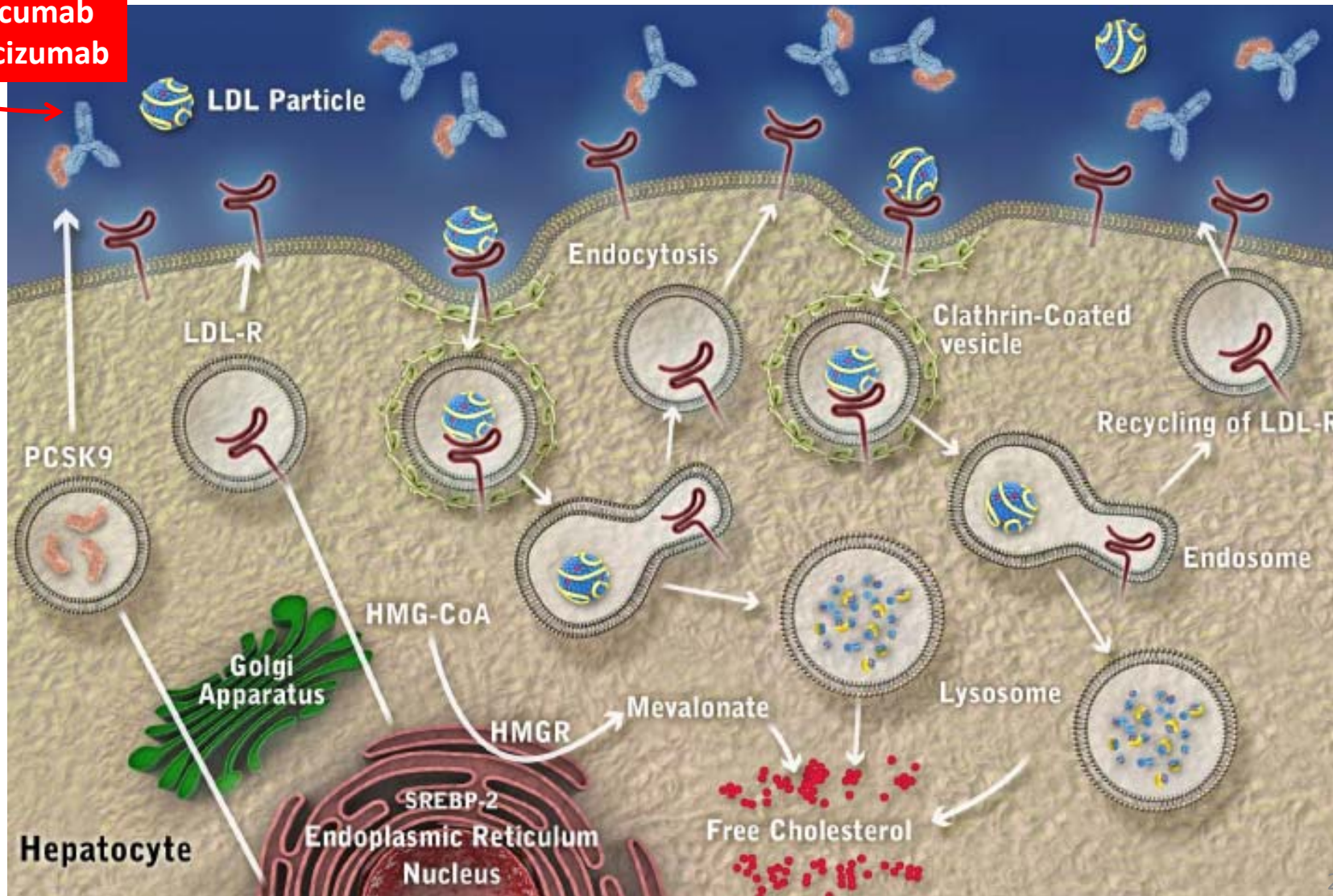
# Role of PCSK9 in regulation of LDL receptor



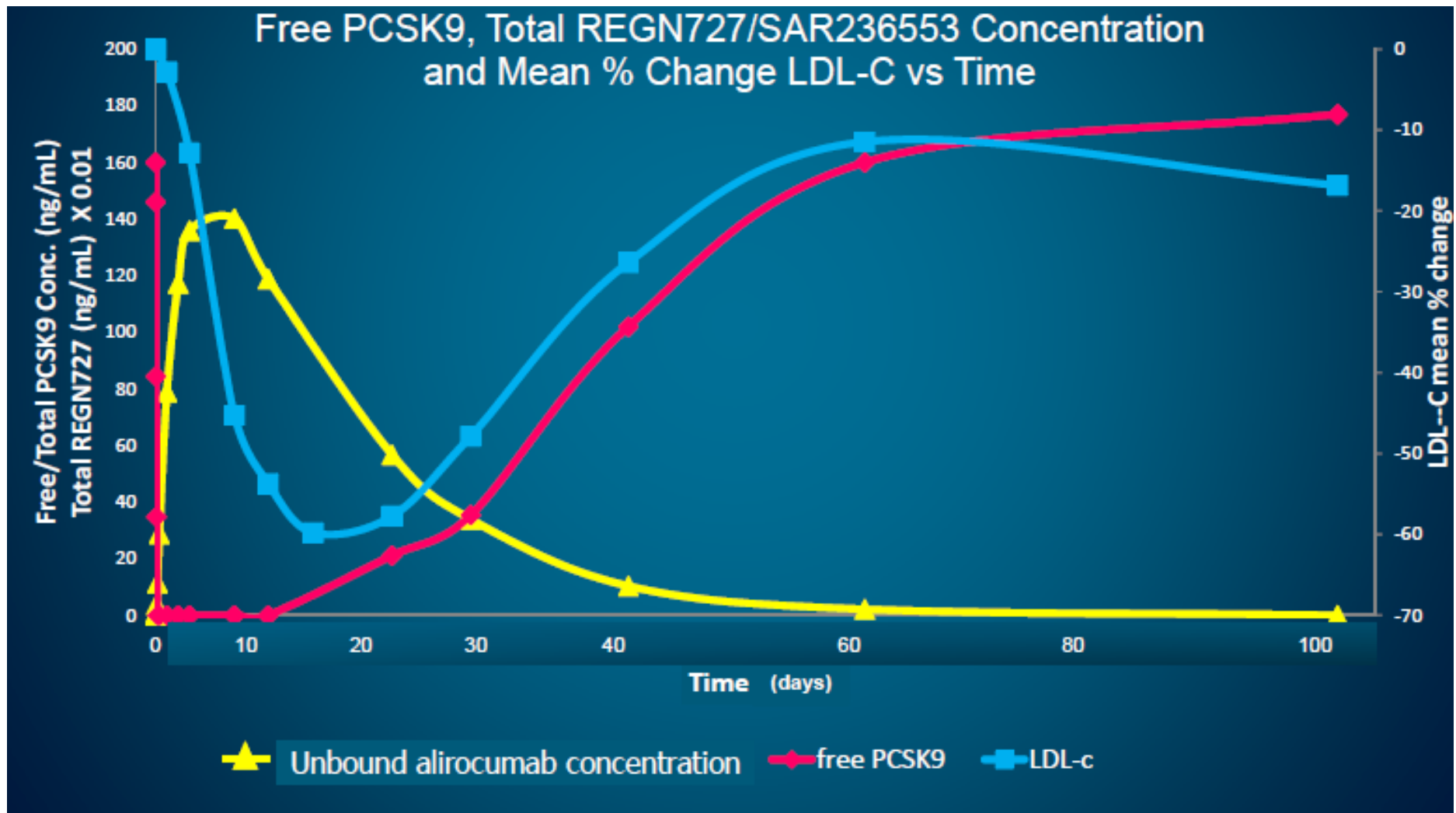


# Impact of **mAb** on LDL-Omeostasis

Alirocumab  
Evolocumab  
Bococizumab



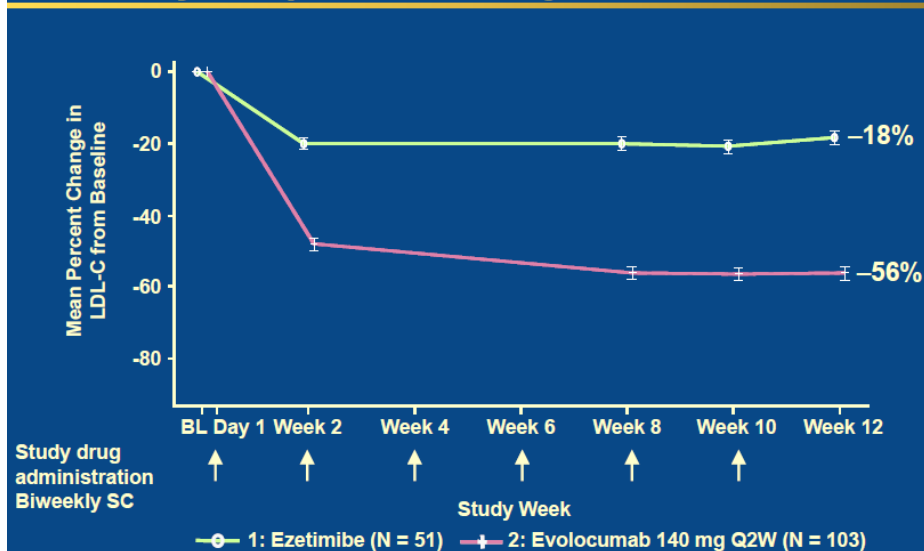
# Alirocumab 150 mg SC: Dynamic relationship between mAb Levels, PCSK9 and LDL-C



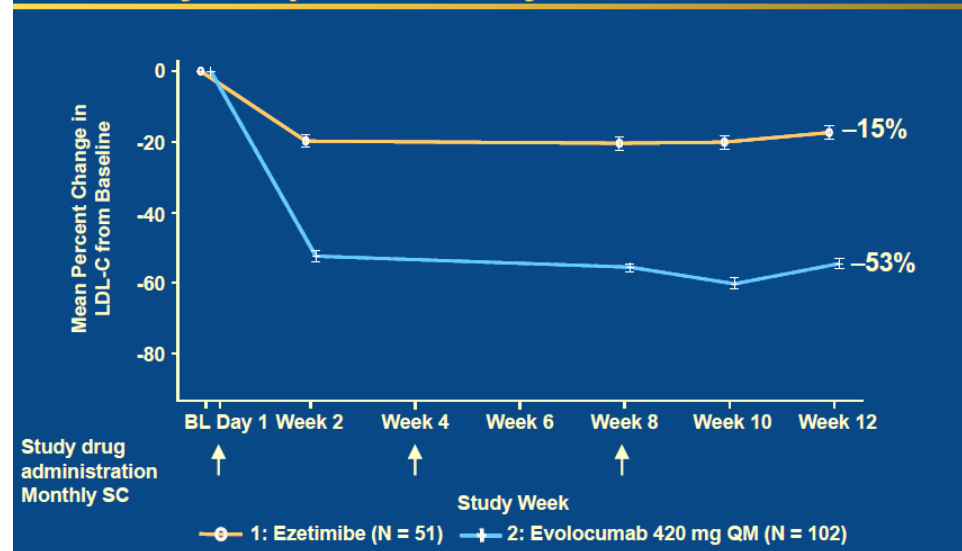
# GAUSS 2 Study: Evolocumab in statin-intolerant hypercholesterolemic patients

## Primary Endpoint

### Primary Endpoint *Biweekly Dose*

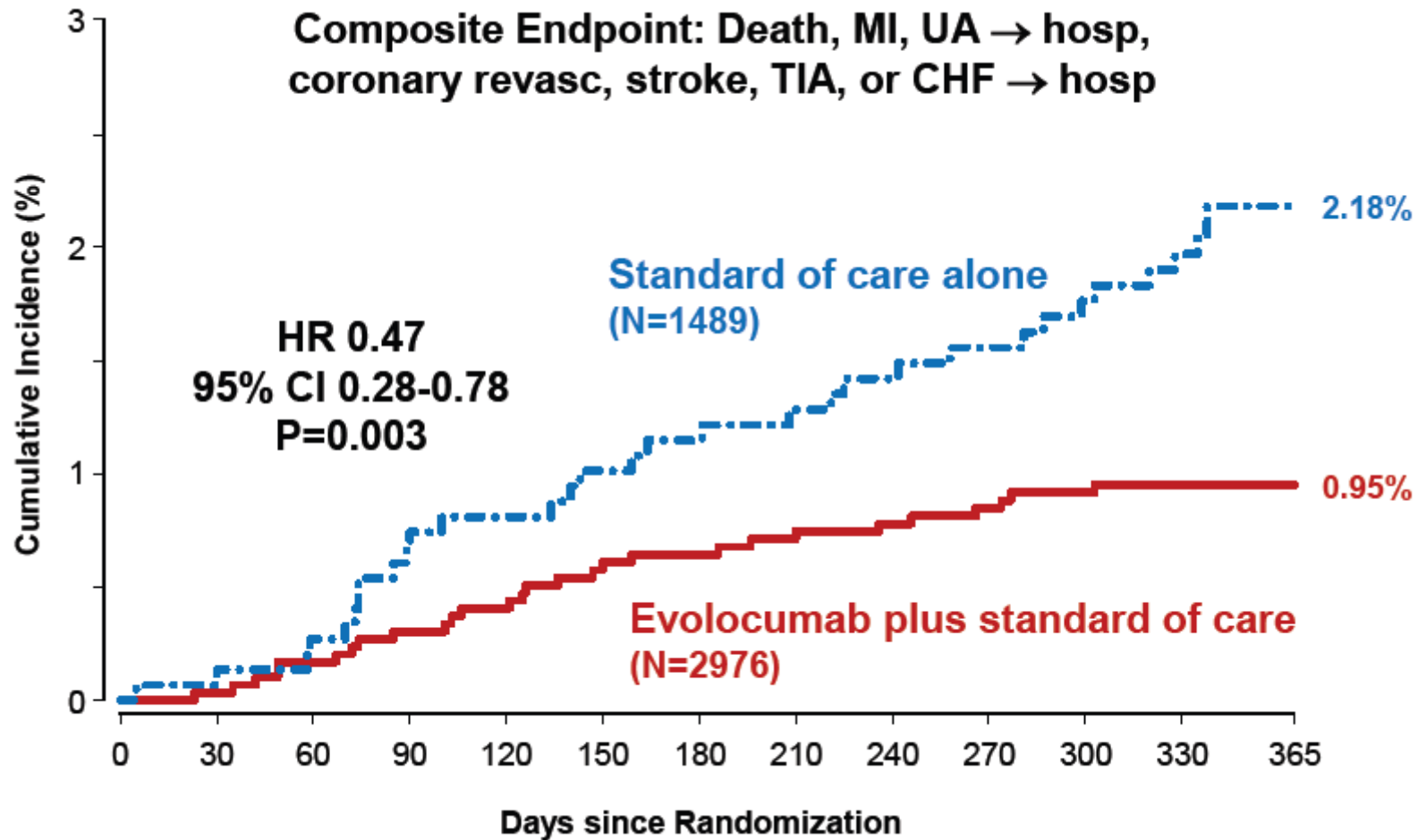


### Primary Endpoint *Monthly Dose*



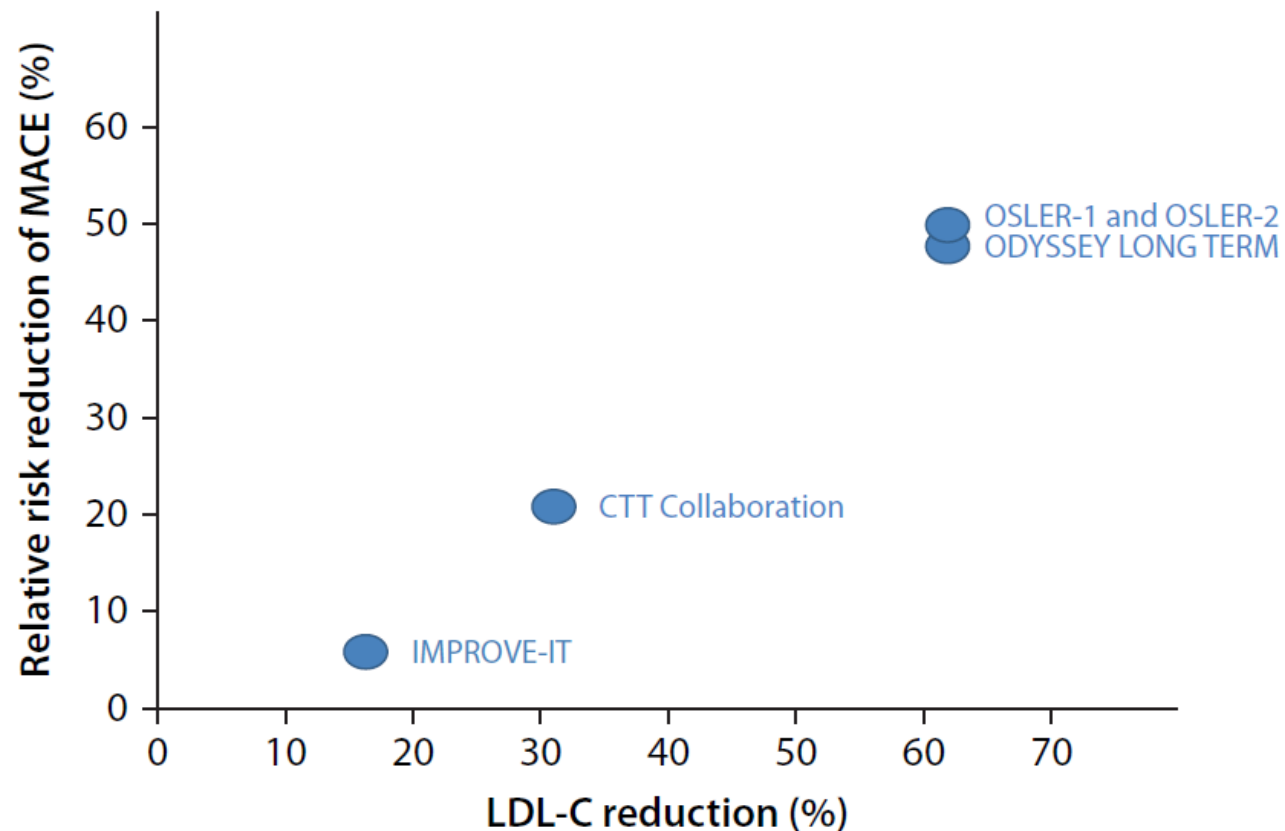
# OSLER: Results

## Cardiovascular Outcomes



# OSLER and ODYSSEY LONG TERM: PCSK9 inhibitors on the right track of reducing cardiovascular events

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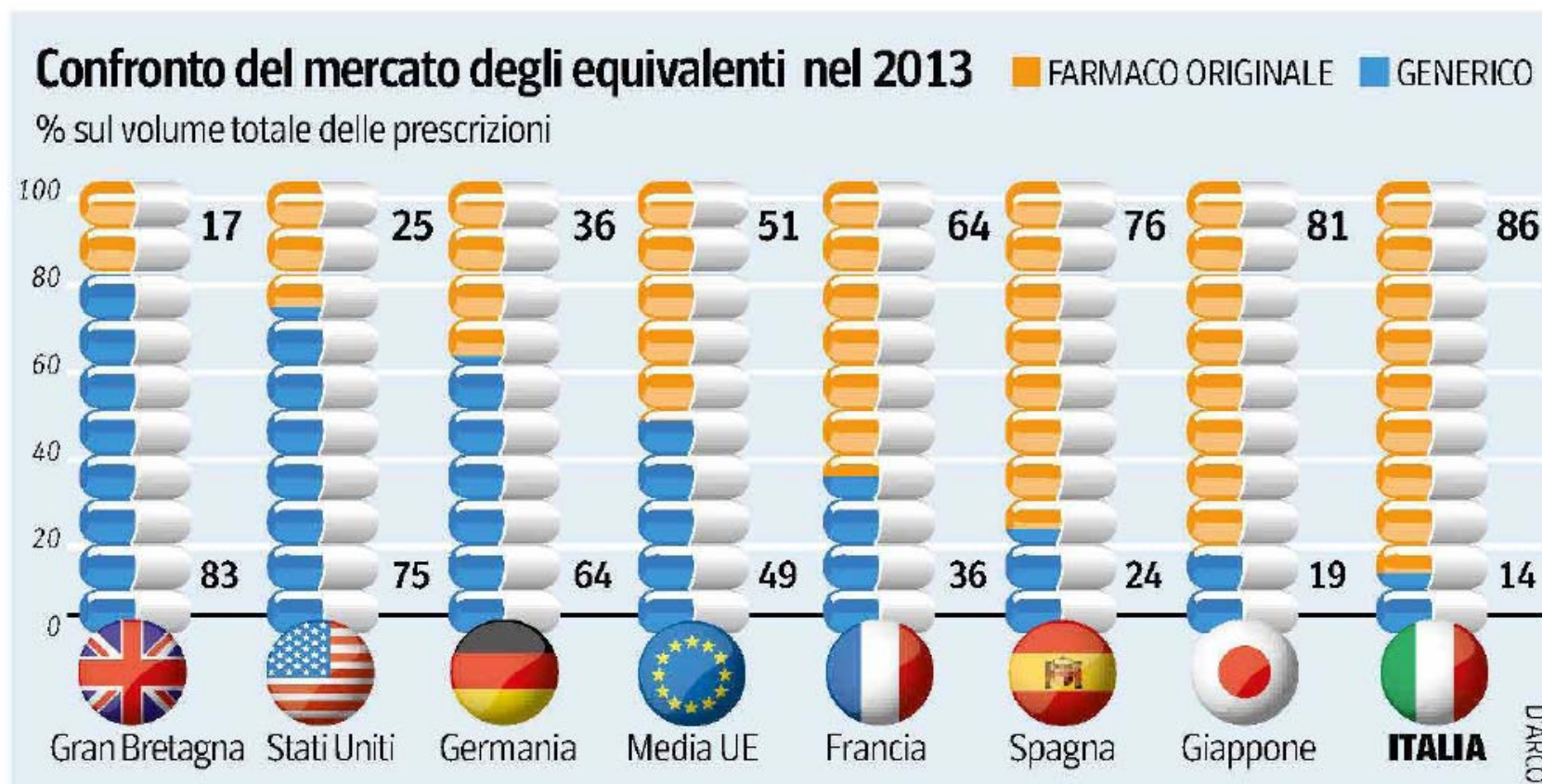




# Farmaci Generici

**Misteri Italiani** Nell'impiego di prodotti farmaceutici fuori brevetto siamo il fanalino di coda della Ue

## Dottore, mi dà un generico? Così risparmio un miliardo



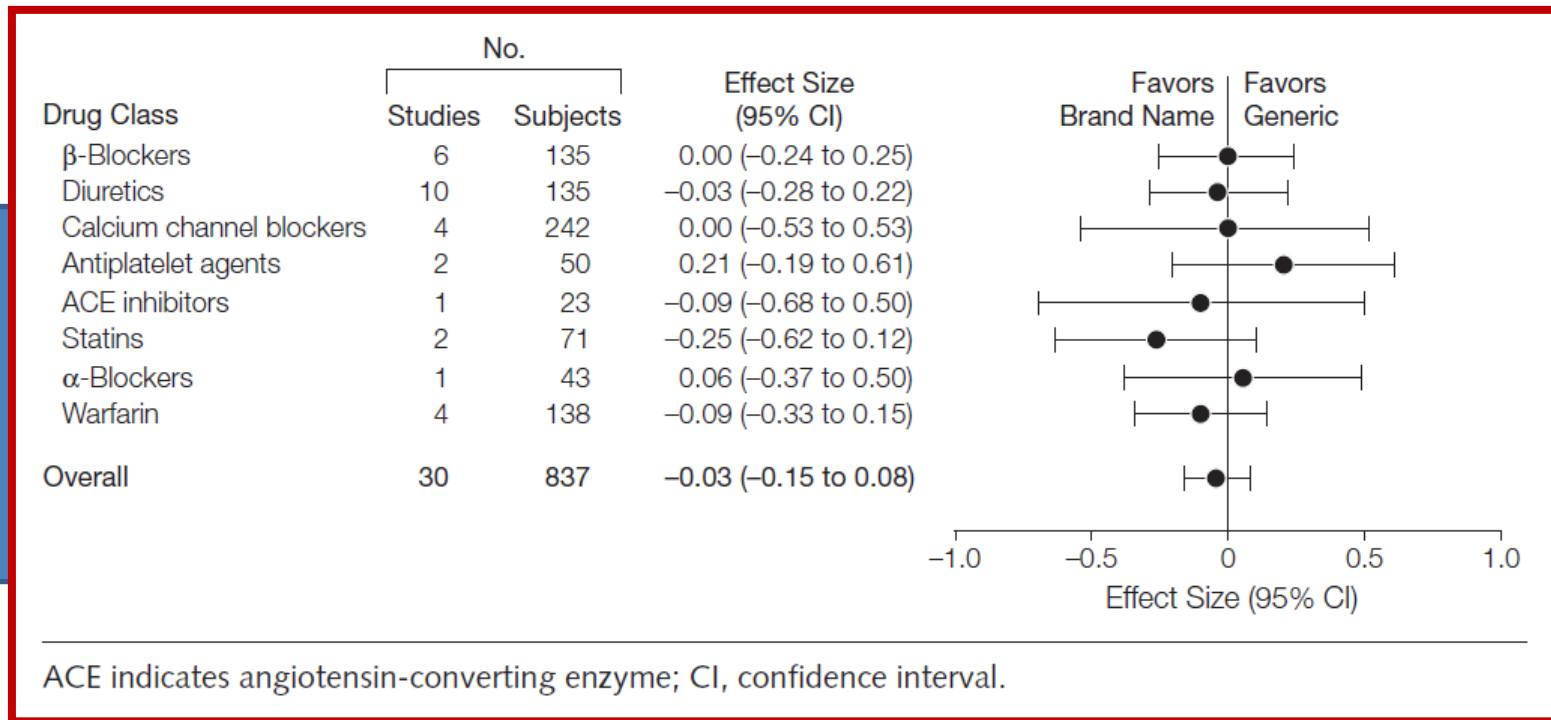
### Una media europea di tutto rispetto

Dal grafico, elaborato da Ims, società internazionale di informazione sul mercato farmaceutico, Gran Bretagna, Usa e Germania sono i Paesi dove si impiegano di più i farmaci fuori brevetto.

# Clinical Equivalence of Generic and Brand-Name Drugs Used in Cardiovascular Disease

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

## Drug Class and Aggregate Meta-analyses of Trials Comparing Generic and Brand-Name Drugs Used in CV Disease



# Off-Patent Generic Medicines vs. Off-Patent Brand Medicines for Six Reference Drugs: A Retrospective Claims Data Study from Five Local Healthcare Units in the Lombardy Region of Italy

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## Abstract

The scientific documentation supporting the potential clinical and economic benefits of a growing use of off-patent generic drugs in clinical practice seems to be limited in Italy as yet.

**Methods:** We compared differences in outcomes between off-patent generic drugs and off-patent brand drugs in real clinical practice. The outcomes were: persistence and compliance with therapy, mortality, and other health resources consumption (hospitalizations, specialist examinations, other drugs) and total costs. Retrospective analysis was carried out by using the administrative databases of five Local Healthcare Units (ASLs - Aziende Sanitarie Locali) in the Lombardy Region of Italy. Data from the five ASLs were aggregated through a meta-analysis, which produced an estimate indicator of the mean or percentage difference between the two groups (branded vs. generic) and their respective significance tests. The therapeutic areas and studied drugs were: diabetes: metformin - A10BA02; hypertension: amlodipine - C08CA01; dyslipidemia: simvastatin - C10AA01; psychiatry: sertraline - N06AB06; cardiology: propafenone - C01BC03; osteoporosis: alendronate - M05BA04.

**Results:** The 5 Local Healthcare Units (ASL) represent a population of 3,847,004 inhabitants. The selected sample included 347,073 patients, or 9.02% of the total ASL population; 67% of the patients were treated with off-patent brand drugs. The average age was 68 years, with no difference between the two groups. After 34 months of observation, compliance and persistence were in favor to generic drugs in all therapeutic areas and statistically significant in the metformin, amlodipine, simvastatin, and sertraline groups. The clinical outcomes (hospitalizations, mortality, and other health costs) show no statistically significant differences between off-patent generic vs. off-patent brand medicines.

**Conclusions:** Off-patent generic drugs appear to be a therapy option of choice in Italy as well, based on clinical outcomes and economic consequences, both for the National Health Service and patients, considering that the price difference between brand and generic drugs is completely charged on patients.



## Impact of substitution among generic drugs on persistence and adherence: A retrospective claims data study from 2 Local Healthcare Units in the Lombardy Region of Italy

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### Abstract

**Background:** The use of generics, equivalent but less expensive drugs, is an important opportunity to reduce healthcare expenditure.

**Methods:** The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of substitution between unbranded generics on persistence and adherence to therapy in two Italian Local Health Units (ASL) in real-world clinical practice in 5 therapeutic areas using tracing drugs. Substitution of generic drugs is any change in the name of the manufacturer of the generic drug. The therapeutic areas were: diabetes (metformin); hypertension (amlodipine); dyslipidemia (simvastatin); psychiatry (sertraline); cardiology (propafenone); osteoporosis (alendronate). The retrospective analysis was carried out on the administrative databases of two Local Healthcare Units (ASL – Azienda sanitaria locale Bergamo (BG) and Pavia (PV)) in the Lombardy Region of Italy. The correlation between persistence and adherence with the different cohorts of generic substitution frequency within each therapeutic area was then calculated.

**Results:** According to the inclusion criteria, 123,773 patients were evaluated. Patients were observed for a period of 36 months starting from the first drug delivery (index date). The median age of the overall population was above 61 years in all therapeutic areas. The generic drug substitution occurred in 61.5% of patients (BG: 57.6% and PV: 65.4% respectively); Hypertension was the therapeutic area with the highest percentage of patients with substitutions. Patients' adherence, evaluated by the Medical Possession Rate (MPR) and persistence to the treatment decreases with the increase in the frequency of generic substitutions. This observation was confirmed by a statistically significant negative correlation (p-value of <0.001) between the adherence and persistence and the number of generic substitutions in each therapeutic area and Local Healthcare Units (ASL).

**Discussion:** Adherence is one of the pillars of the patient's health management in the control and prevention of progression of the disease. Several factors, such as ageing, comorbidities, and polypharmacy, may affect adherence and influence the outcome of treatments. These results are in line with studies supporting the possibility that the change of package appearance each time a new prescription is dispensed may create confusion and ultimately reduce patients' adherence. Clinicians and decision makers should consider the impact of frequent generic substitutions on persistence and adherence, which may influence efficacy and/or safety.

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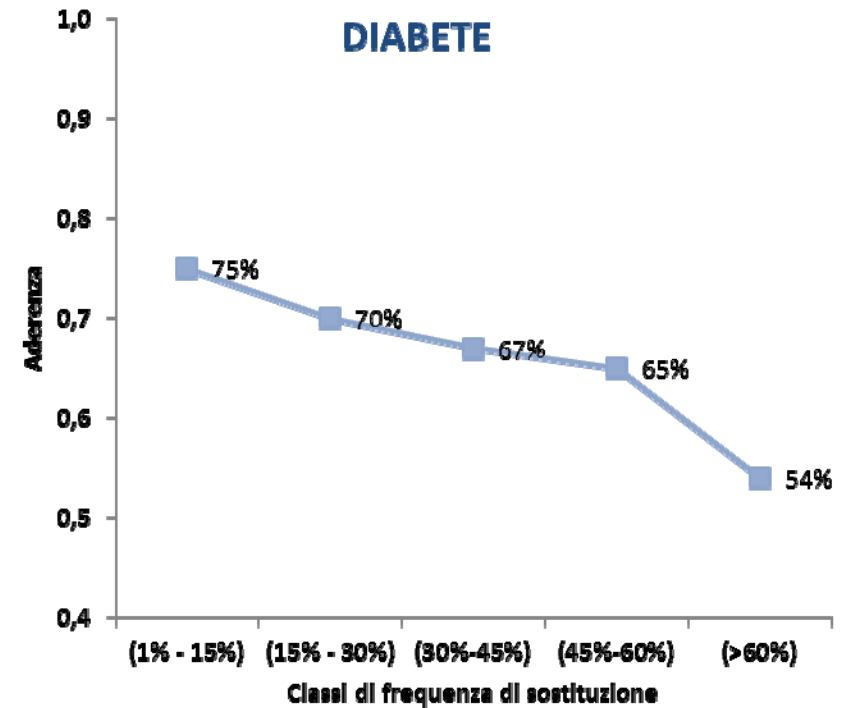
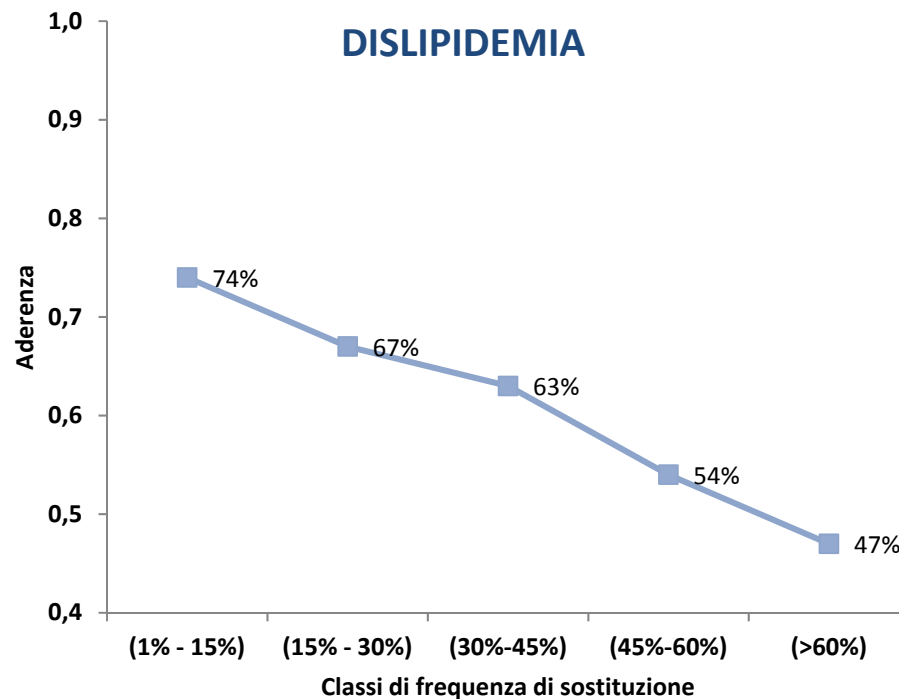
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**Number and percentage of pts with no substitution or with at least 1 substitution of generic drugs during the observation period by therapeutic area and by ASL**

THERAPEUTIC AREA	ASL BERGAMO				ASL PAVIA			
	<u>No substitution</u>		<u>At least one substitution</u>		<u>No substitution</u>		<u>At least one substitution</u>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<u>Diabetes</u>	1754	45.68	2086	54.32	903	39.66	1374	60.34
<u>Dyslipidemia</u>	1907	41.99	2635	58.01	1154	33.12	2330	66.88
<u>Hypertension</u>	1063	35.77	1909	64.23	996	30.68	2250	69.32
<u>Osteoporosis</u>	273	48.66	288	51.34	187	42.12	257	57.88
<u>Psychiatry</u>	572	44.44	715	55.56	405	36.16	715	63.84
Total	5569	42.18	7633	57.82	3645	34.48	6926	65.52

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