

“Cardiologia Pratica:  
integrazione  
Ospedale-Territorio”



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**Dai fattori di rischio  
all'aterosclerosi:  
nuovi dati dallo studio JUPITER**

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# “Cardiologia Pratica: integrazione Ospedale-Territorio”



## SESSIONE II

### Monitoraggio dei pazienti sottoposti a PTCA

Moderatori: Paolo Loschiavo – Fiorella Basta

- 11:40 Indicazioni all'angioplastica coronarica  
Pasquale Silvestri
- 12:10 Ptca: lo stato dell'arte e linea di confine con le  
indicazioni cardiocirurgiche  
Stefano Rigattieri
- 12:40 La doppia antiAggregazione: quali  
problematiche?  
Cristian Di Russo
- 13:10 Gestione clinico-strumentale del follow up nei  
pazienti sottoposti ad angioplastica  
Silvio Fedele
- 13:40 Discussione
- 14:00 Lunch

08:30 Registrazione dei partecipanti, ritiro dei materiali  
congressuali e del questionario di valutazione

## SESSIONE I

### Dall'Ipertrofia Ventricolare allo Scompenso Cardiaco

Moderatori: Giuliano Altamura – Francesco D'Agostino

- 09:00 **Letture:** Analisi di modelli di gestione integrata  
Ospedale-territorio  
Biagio Valente
- 09:40 Dai fattori di rischio all'aterosclerosi: nuovi dati  
dallo studio Jupiter  
Giuseppe Ferraiuolo
- 10:00 Tiroide e scompenso cardiaco  
Aldo Fierro
- 10:20 Cardiopatia ischemica e scompenso cardiaco  
Fabrizio Castelli
- 10:40 Diabete mellito e scompenso cardiaco  
Concetta Suraci
- 11:00 Discussione
- 11:20 Coffee Break

## SESSIONE III

### La fibrillazione atriale

Moderatori: Antonello Castro – Claudio Ippoliti

- 15:00 Modello di gestione integrata Ospedale-Territorio  
(Dalla gestione territoriale all'ablazione della FA  
attraverso la telemedicina)  
Federico Turreni
- 15:30 La fibrillazione atriale: contesti clinici e  
trattamento  
Luca D'Antonio
- 16:00 Fibrillazione atriale: parametri eco di elevato  
rischio tromboembolico  
Paolo Trambaiolo
- 17:00 Questionario finale  
Giuseppe Ferraiuolo
- 17:30 Termine dei lavori



La parola serendipità è un neologismo coniato nel 1754 dallo scrittore Horace Walpole (esattamente il 28 gennaio del 1754, Walpole lo usò in una lettera scritta a Horace Mann, un suo amico inglese che viveva a Firenze) ed è la traduzione letterale del termine inglese è *serendipity*.

**Serendipità** ha origine dalla parola Serendip, l'antico nome dell'isola di Ceylon (Sri Lanka). La storia da cui si ispirò Walpole per coniare il termine era una fiaba persiana e si intitolava "*Tre principi di Serendippo*". La fiaba narra di tre principi che nel loro cammino trovano alcuni indizi che li salvano in più occasioni. Le loro scoperte sono ovviamente casuali, ma il loro grande merito consiste nel loro notevole spirito di osservazione.

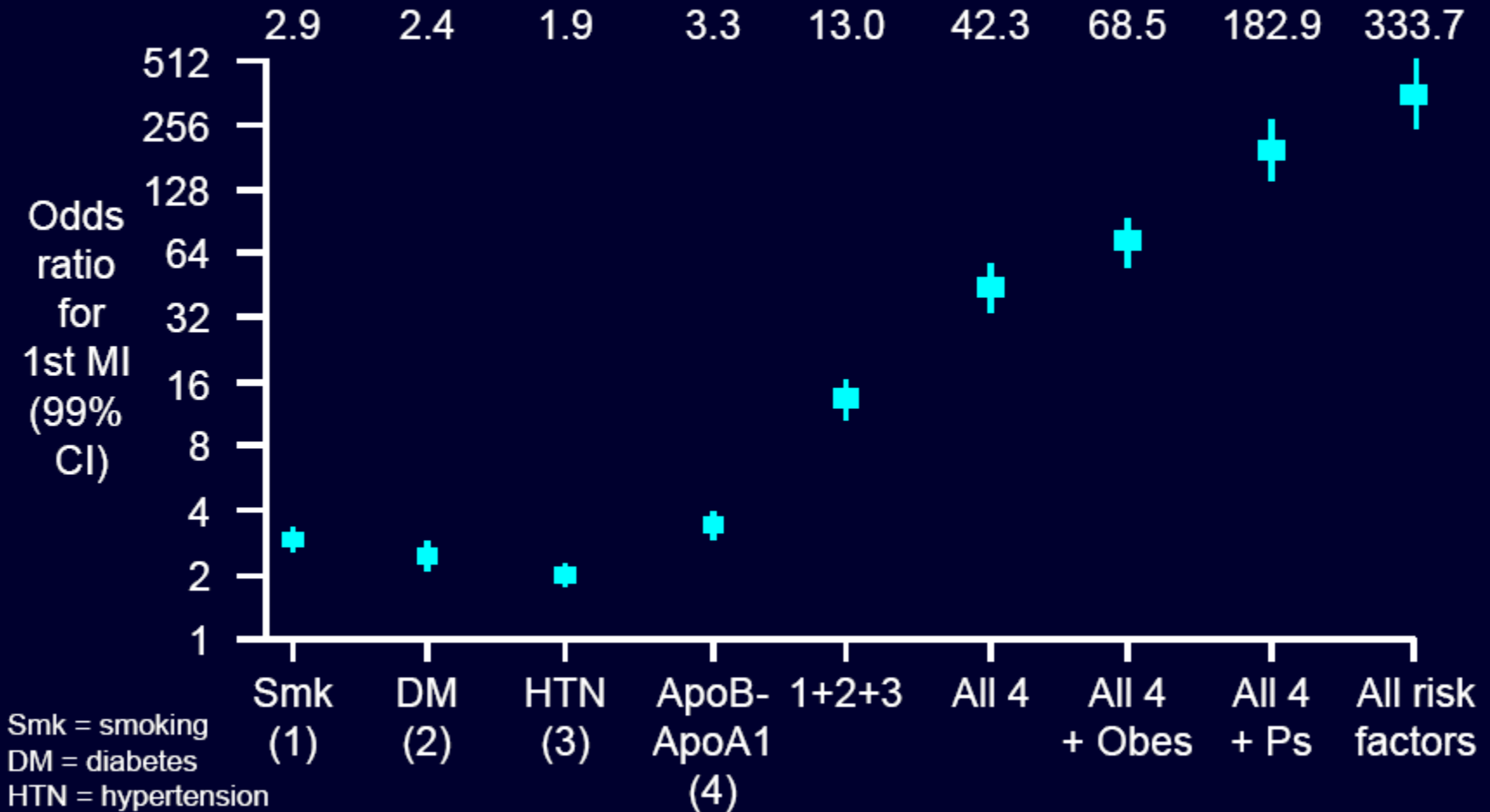
Dal punto di vista filosofico la serendipità è quella situazione in cui si trova qualcosa di importante mentre se ne sta cercando un'altra.

**La serendipità è molto importante nella ricerca scientifica, dove molte grandi scoperte sono state fatte per serendipità.**

# Scoperte ed invenzioni:

- [L'America](#) da parte di [Cristoforo Colombo](#) che cercava [le Indie](#).
- La [dinamite](#) da parte di [Alfred Nobel](#)
- La [penicillina](#) da parte di [Alexander Fleming](#)
- Gli effetti psichedelici dell'[LSD](#) (diethylamide-25 dell'acido lisergico) da parte di [Albert Hofmann](#) nel 1938: gliene era caduta per caso una goccia su una mano.
- Il ruolo del [pancreas](#) nel [diabete mellito](#) da parte di [Joseph von Mering](#) ed [Oscar Minkowsky](#) che in realtà cercavano di individuare il compito dell'organo sulla digestione.
- Le [radiazione cosmica di fondo](#) a [microonde](#) dell'[universo](#) da parte di [Arno Penzias](#) e [Robert Woodrow Wilson](#)
- I [riflessi condizionati](#) dei cani di [Pavlov](#) che stava conducendo ricerche sulla salivazione di questi animali
- La struttura del [benzene](#) da parte di [Kekulé](#) che scoprì la conformazione della molecola sognando un serpente che si morde la coda. La molecola in questione ha una struttura che la fa assomigliare ad una forma circolare (infatti, è un esagono regolare).
- Il [cellophane](#) inventato nel 1908 da Jacques Edwin Brandenberger, un ingegnere chimico svizzero.
- La Rosa DALLAS
- Il [Prozac](#) (fluoxetina ossalato), altro esempio di serendipità. Il farmacologo David Wong nel giugno 1974 annunciò pubblicamente che la fluoxetina è un inibitore del reuptake della [serotonina](#).
- Il [Teflon](#) (PTFE, politetrafluoroetilene) nel 1938 da parte del chimico della [Du Pont](#) R.J. Plunkett che stava usando il tetrafluoroetilene come intermedio per la sintesi di nuovi refrigeranti.
- La colla dei [Post-it](#), il cui inventore in realtà stava cercando di realizzare un collante estremamente forte ottenendo, invece, un collante debole, che non macchiava e che si poteva attaccare e staccare con facilità.
- .....
- Il [Viagra](#) (citrato di sildenafil), scoperto per caso dalla compagnia farmaceutica [Pfizer](#) mentre cercava un farmaco per curare l'[angina pectoris](#).

# INTERHEART: Impact of multiple risk factors on CV risk



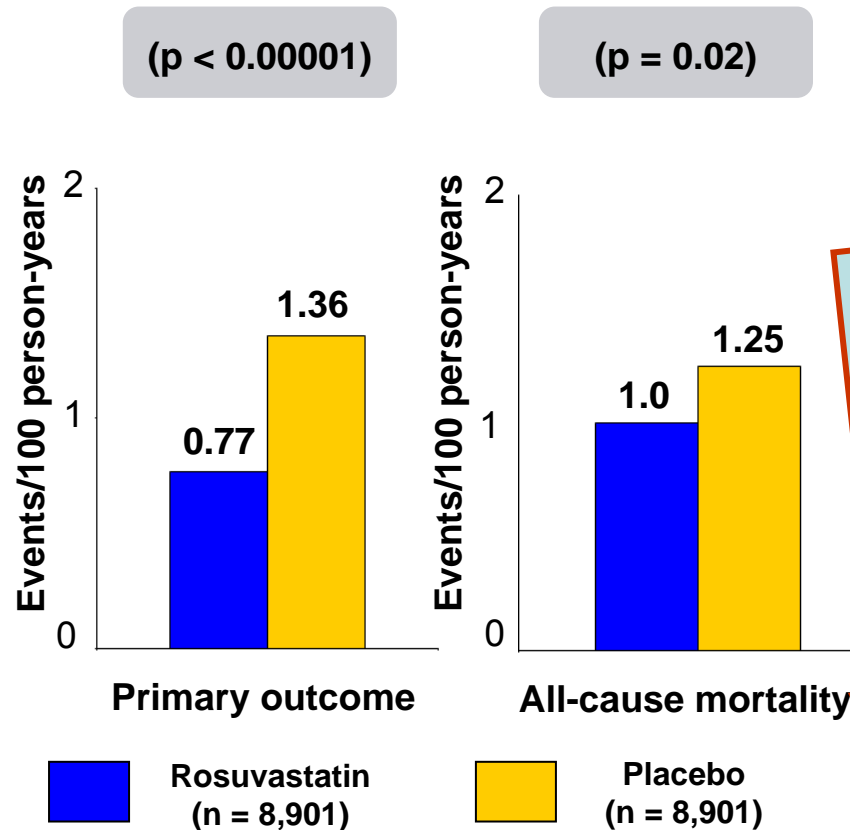
Smk = smoking  
 DM = diabetes  
 HTN = hypertension  
 Obes = obesity  
 Ps = psychosocial factors

Note: odds ratio plotted on a doubling scale

Yusuf S et al. *Lancet*. 2004;364:937-52.

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**Trial design:** Apparently healthy patients with LDL cholesterol <130 mg/dl and hs-CRP  $\geq$ 2 mg/L were randomized to rosuvastatin 20 mg daily or placebo. Clinical outcomes were compared at a median of 1.9 years.



## Results

- Rosuvastatin associated with a significant  $\downarrow$  in the primary outcome of MI, stroke, unstable angina, revascularization, or cardiovascular death (HR 0.56, 95% CI 0.46-0.69,  $p < 0.00001$ )
- All-cause mortality  $\downarrow$  with rosuvastatin ( $p = 0.02$ )
- Serious adverse effects were similar ( $p = 0.60$ )

## Conclusions

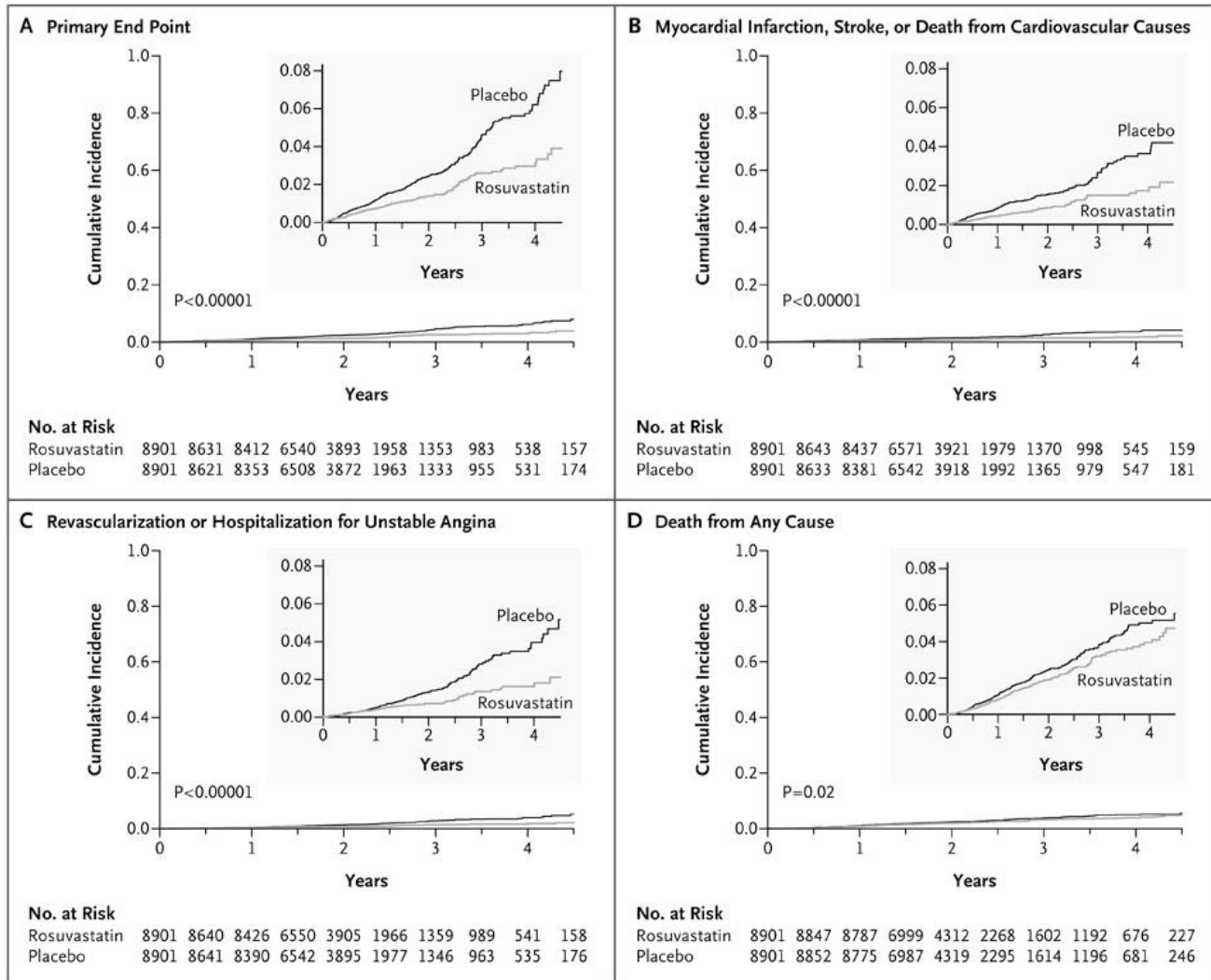
- Rosuvastatin was associated with a significant reduction in major cardiovascular events, including death, in patients with LDL <130 mg/dl, but high hs-CRP ( $\geq 2.0$  mg/L)
- May require revision of current guidelines

Ridker PM, et al. NEJM 2008;359:2195-207

Presented by Dr. Paul Ridker at AHA 2008



Ridker et al., for the JUPITER Study Group; *N Engl J Med*, 2008; **359**:2195-207



Panel A shows the cumulative incidence of the primary end point (nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, arterial revascularization, hospitalization for unstable angina, or confirmed death from cardiovascular causes). The hazard ratio for rosuvastatin, as compared with placebo, was 0.56 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.46 to 0.69;  $P < 0.00001$ ).

Panel B shows the cumulative incidence of nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes, for which the hazard ratio in the rosuvastatin group was 0.53 (95% CI, 0.40 to 0.69;  $P < 0.00001$ ).

Panel C shows the cumulative incidence of arterial revascularization or hospitalization for unstable angina, for which the hazard ratio in the rosuvastatin group was 0.53 (95% CI, 0.40 to 0.70;  $P < 0.00001$ ).

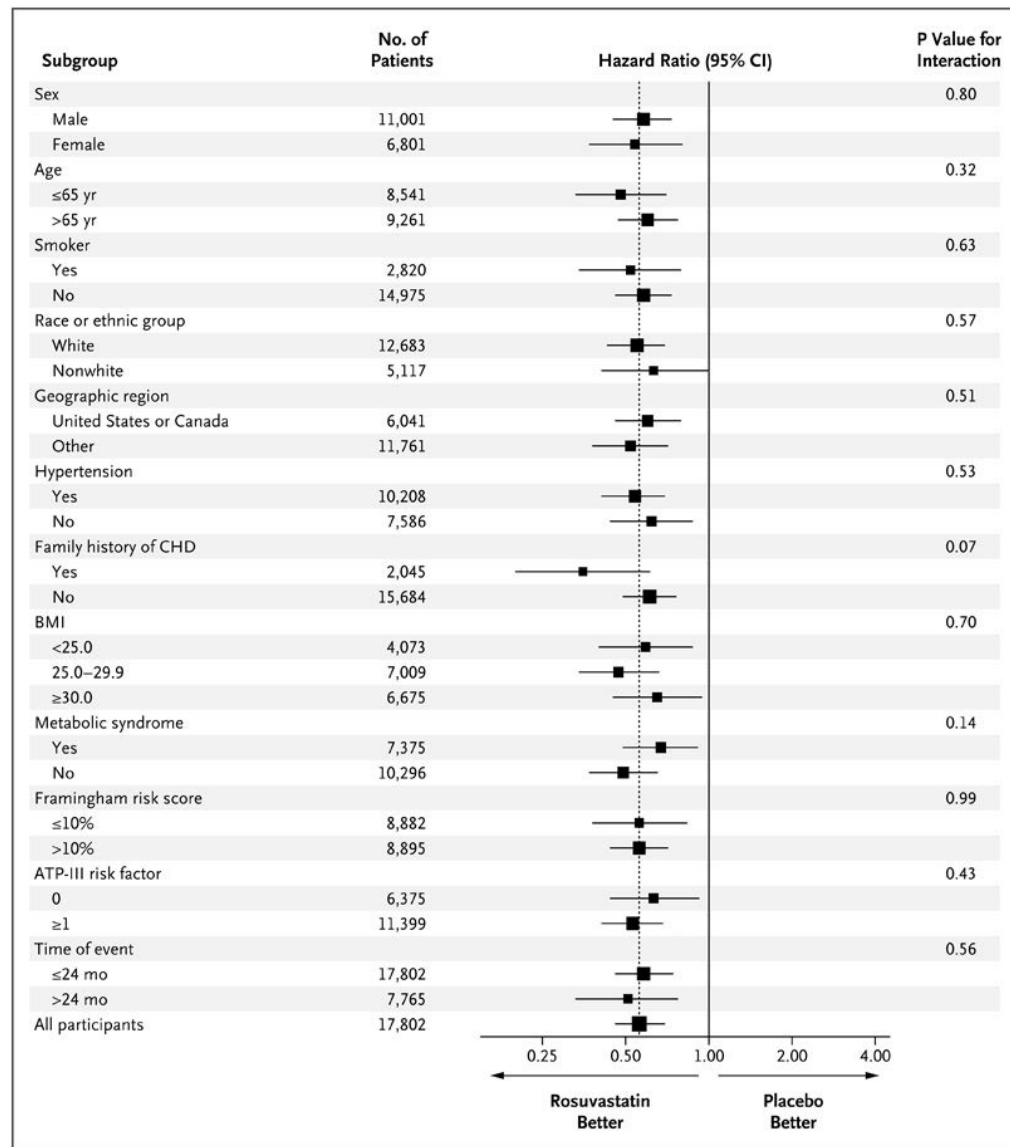
Panel D shows the cumulative incidence of death from any cause, for which the hazard ratio in the rosuvastatin group was 0.80 (95% CI, 0.67 to 0.97;  $P = 0.02$ ). In each panel, the inset shows the same data on an enlarged y axis and on a condensed x axis.

**Figure 1.** Cumulative Incidence of Cardiovascular Events According to Study Group.



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Figure 2. Effects of Rosuvastatin on the Primary End Point, According to Baseline Characteristics.



The primary end point was the combination of nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, arterial revascularization, hospitalization for unstable angina, or confirmed death from cardiovascular causes. The relative hazard ratios for rosuvastatin as compared with placebo are shown, with the size of each black square proportionate to the number of participants who had an occurrence of the primary end point in the subgroup; the horizontal lines indicate 95% confidence intervals. The dashed vertical line indicates the overall relative risk reduction for the complete trial cohort. Also shown are the P values for the test of an interaction between the primary end point and the categories within each subgroup. For the ordinal variables, interaction tests considered a trend across the subgroup categories with integer scores applied to these categories. Data were missing for some participants in some subgroups. The body-mass index (BMI) is the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters. CHD denotes coronary heart disease. The metabolic syndrome was defined according to 2005 consensus criteria of the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.<sup>21</sup> ATP-III risk factors refer to major risk factors, other than increased age, according to the Adult Treatment Panel III of the National Cholesterol Education Program. Race or ethnic group was self-reported.



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## Why Consider Statins for Low LDL, high hsCRP Patients?



In 2001, in an hypothesis generating analysis of apparently healthy individuals in the AFCAPS / TexCAPS trial\*, we observed that those with low levels of both LDL and hsCRP had extremely low vascular event rates and that statin therapy did not reduce events in this subgroup (N=1,448, HR 1.1, 95% CI 0.56-2.08). Thus, a trial of statin therapy in patients with low cholesterol and low hsCRP would not only be infeasible in terms of power and sample size, but would be highly unlikely to show clinical benefit.

In contrast, we also observed within AFCAPS/TexCAPS that among those with low LDL but high hsCRP, vascular event rates were just as high as rates among those with overt hyperlipidemia, and that statin therapy significantly reduced events in this subgroup (N=1,428, HR 0.6, 95% CI 0.34-0.98).

*\*Ridker et al N Engl J Med 2001;344:1959-65*



Justification for the Use of statins in Prevention:  
an Intervention Trial Evaluating Rosuvastatin

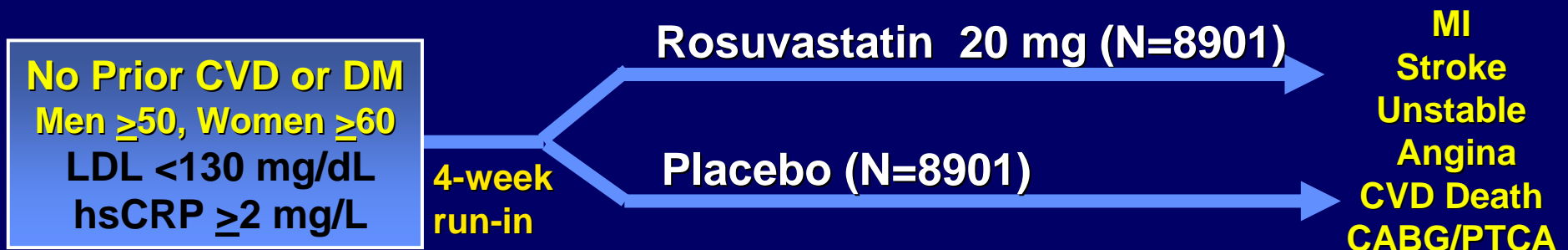
To investigate whether rosuvastatin 20 mg compared to placebo would decrease the rate of first major cardiovascular events among apparently healthy men and women with LDL < 130 mg/dL (3.36 mmol/L) who are nonetheless at increased vascular risk on the basis of an enhanced inflammatory response, as determined by hsCRP  $\geq$  2 mg/L.

To enroll large numbers of women and individuals of Black or Hispanic ethnicity, groups for whom little data on primary prevention with statin therapy exists.



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**Multi-National Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial of Rosuvastatin in the Prevention of Cardiovascular Events Among Individuals With Low LDL and Elevated hsCRP**

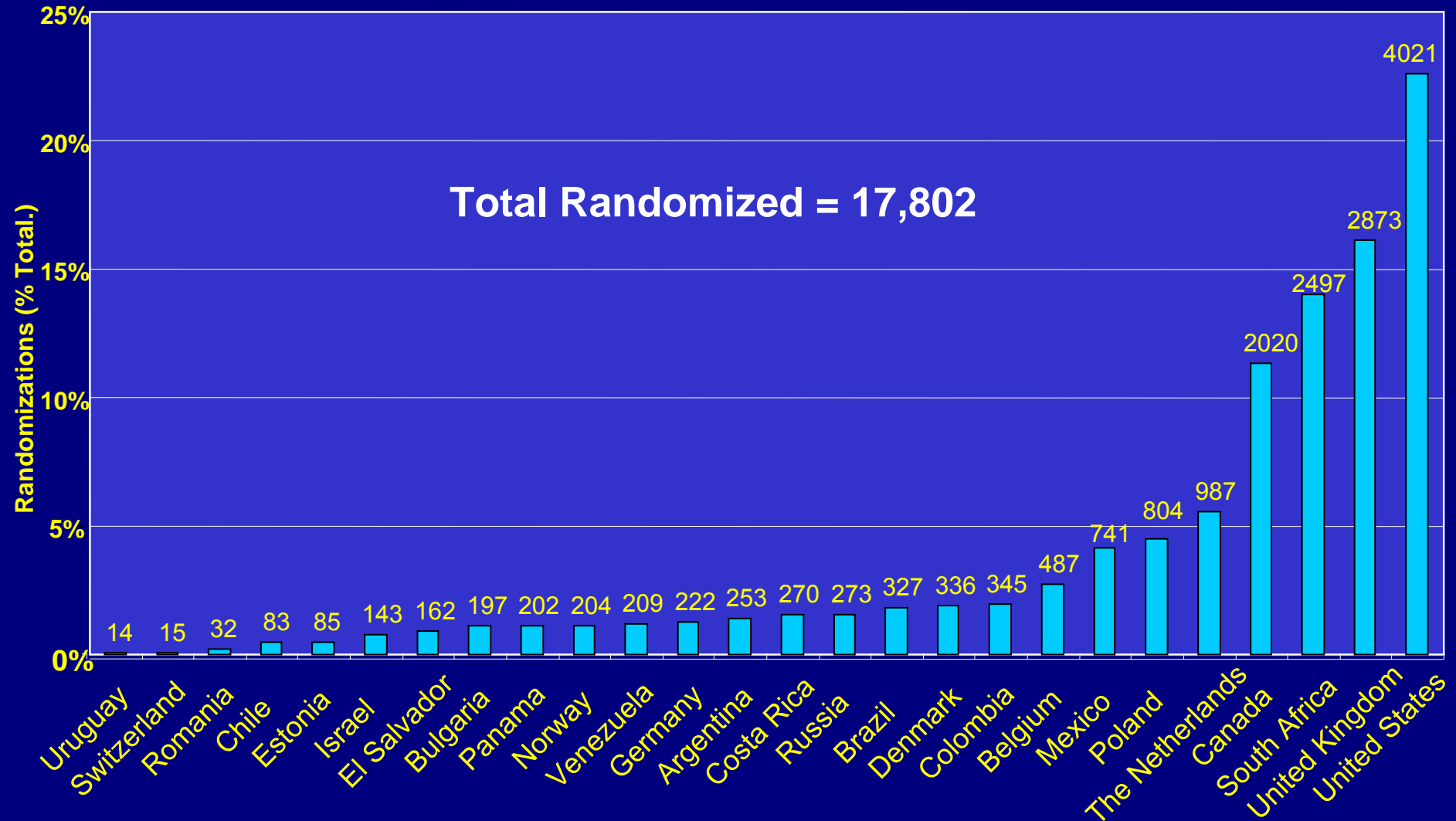


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17,802 Patients, 1,315 Sites, 26 Countries

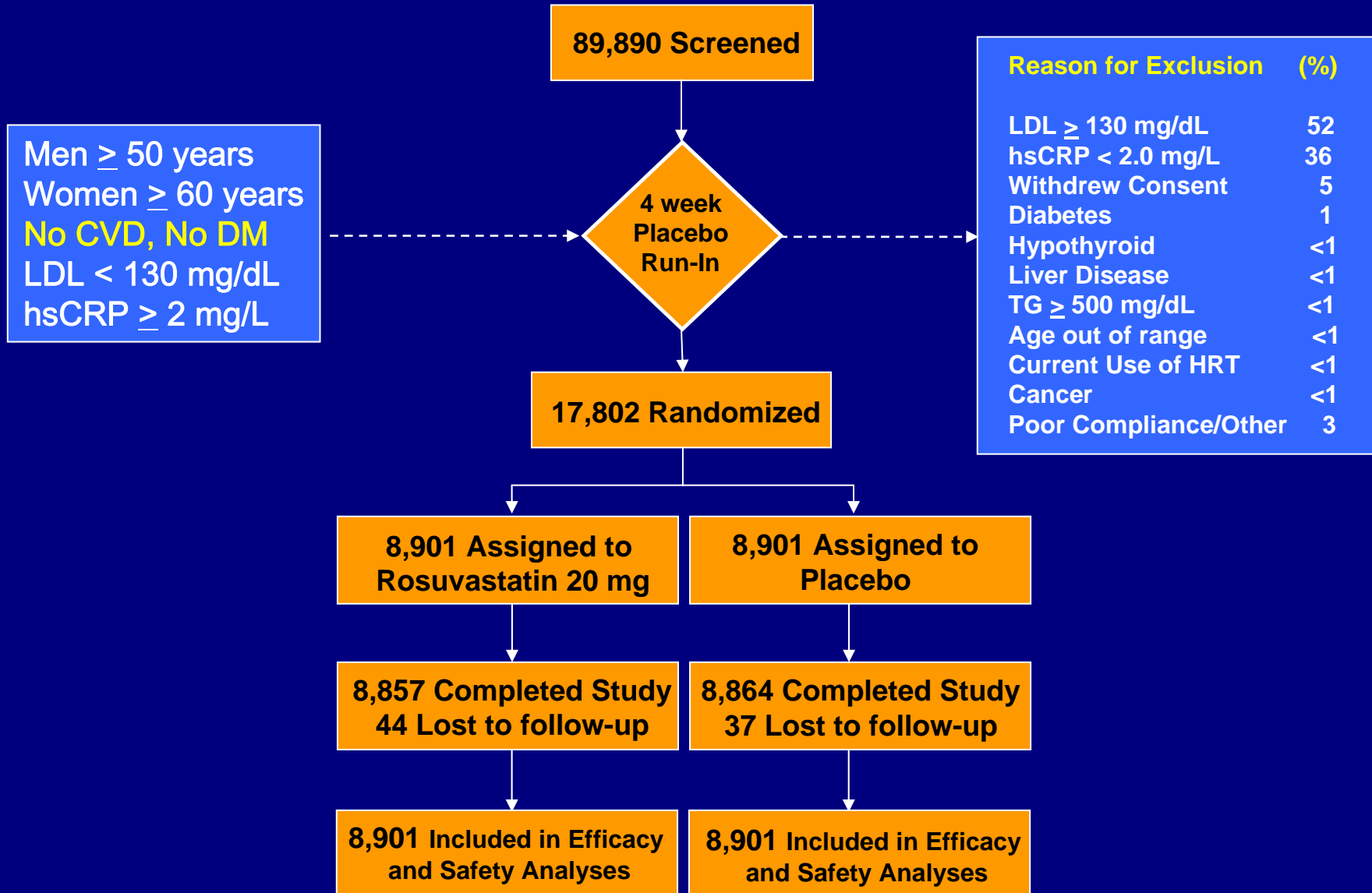
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## Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria, Study Flow

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## Baseline Clinical Characteristics

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	<b>Rosuvastatin (N = 8901)</b>	<b>Placebo (n = 8901)</b>
<b>Age, years (IQR)</b>	<b>66.0 (60.0-71.0)</b>	<b>66.0 (60.0-71.0)</b>
<b>Female, N (%)</b>	<b>3,426 (38.5)</b>	<b>3,375 (37.9)</b>
<b>Ethnicity, N (%)</b>		
<i>Caucasian</i>	<b>6,358 (71.4)</b>	<b>6,325 (71.1)</b>
<i>Black</i>	<b>1,100 (12.4)</b>	<b>1,124 (12.6)</b>
<i>Hispanic</i>	<b>1,121 (12.6)</b>	<b>1,140 (12.8)</b>
<b>Blood pressure, mm (IQR)</b>		
<i>Systolic</i>	<b>134 (124-145)</b>	<b>134 (124-145)</b>
<i>Diastolic</i>	<b>80 (75-87)</b>	<b>80 (75-87)</b>
<b>Smoker, N (%)</b>	<b>1,400 (15.7)</b>	<b>1,420 (16.0)</b>
<b>Family History, N (%)</b>	<b>997 (11.2)</b>	<b>1,048 (11.8)</b>
<b>Metabolic Syndrome, N (%)</b>	<b>3,652 (41.0)</b>	<b>3,723 (41.8)</b>
<b>Aspirin Use, N (%)</b>	<b>1,481 (16.6)</b>	<b>1,477 (16.6)</b>

All values are median (interquartile range) or N (%)



## Baseline Blood Levels (median, interquartile range)

	Rosuvastatin (N = 8901)		Placebo (n = 8901)	
hsCRP, mg/L	4.2	(2.8 - 7.1)	4.3	(2.8 - 7.2)
LDL, mg/dL	108	(94 - 119)	108	(94 - 119)
HDL, mg/dL	49	(40 - 60)	49	(40 - 60)
Triglycerides, mg/L	118	(85 - 169)	118	(86 - 169)
Total Cholesterol, mg/dL	186	(168 - 200)	185	(169 - 199)
Glucose, mg/dL	94	(87 - 102)	94	(88 - 102)
HbA1c, %	5.7	(5.4 - 5.9)	5.7	(5.5 - 5.9)

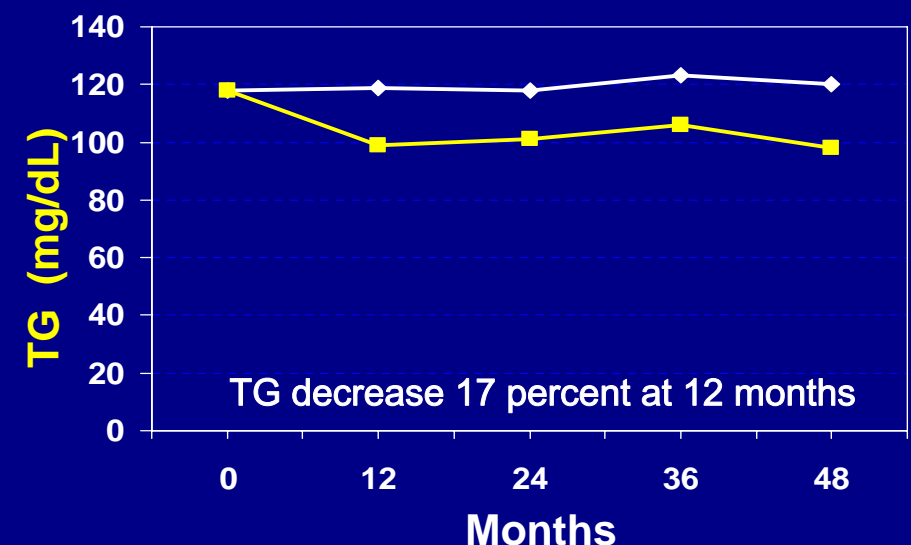
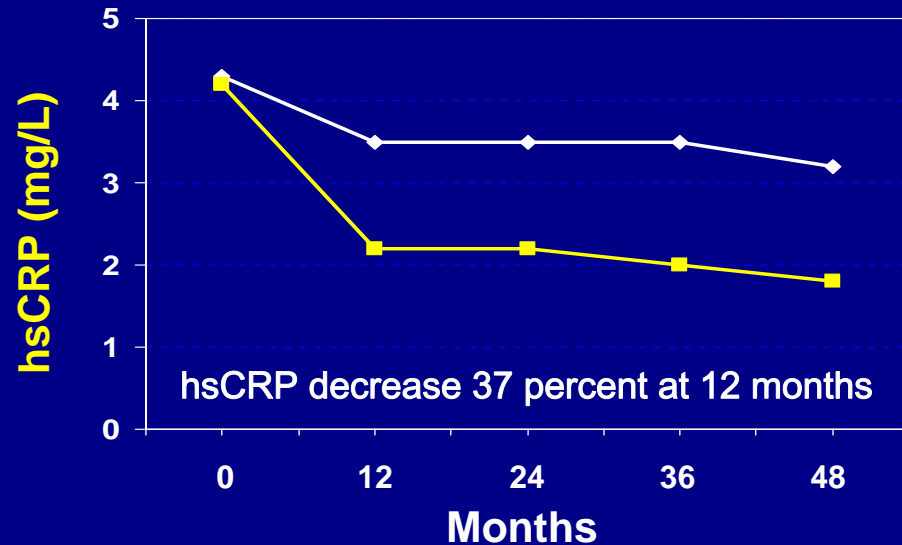
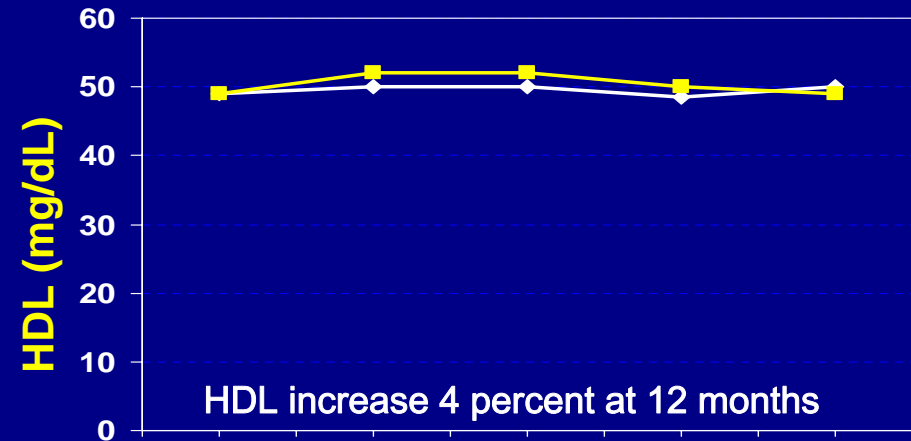
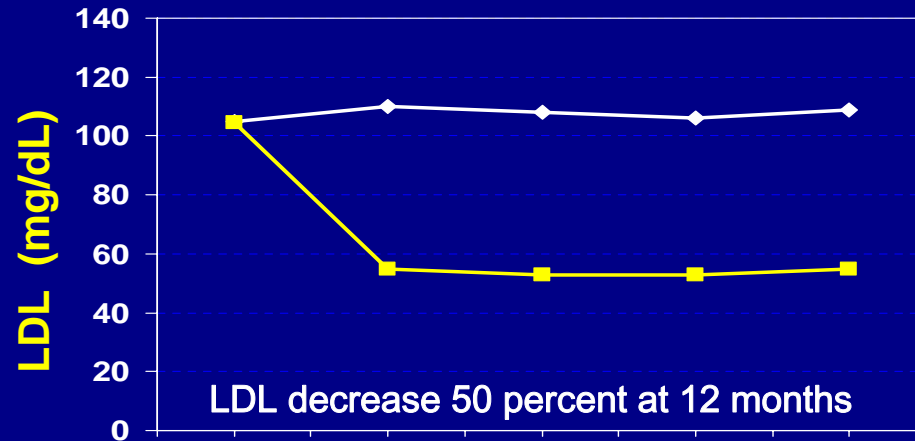
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## Effects of rosuvastatin 20 mg on LDL, HDL, TG, and hsCRP



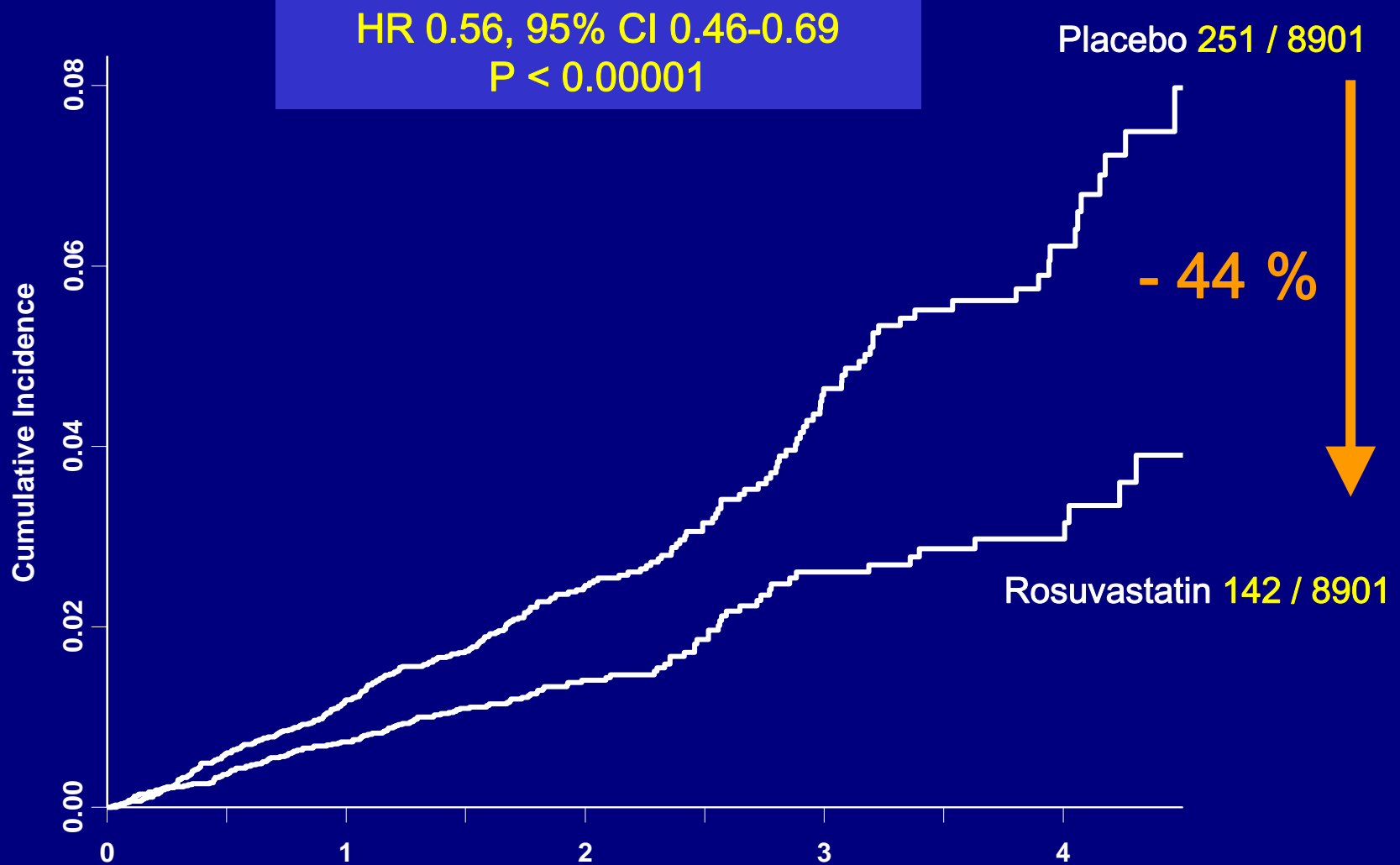


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Primary Trial Endpoint : MI, Stroke, UA/Revascularization, CV Death



Number at Risk

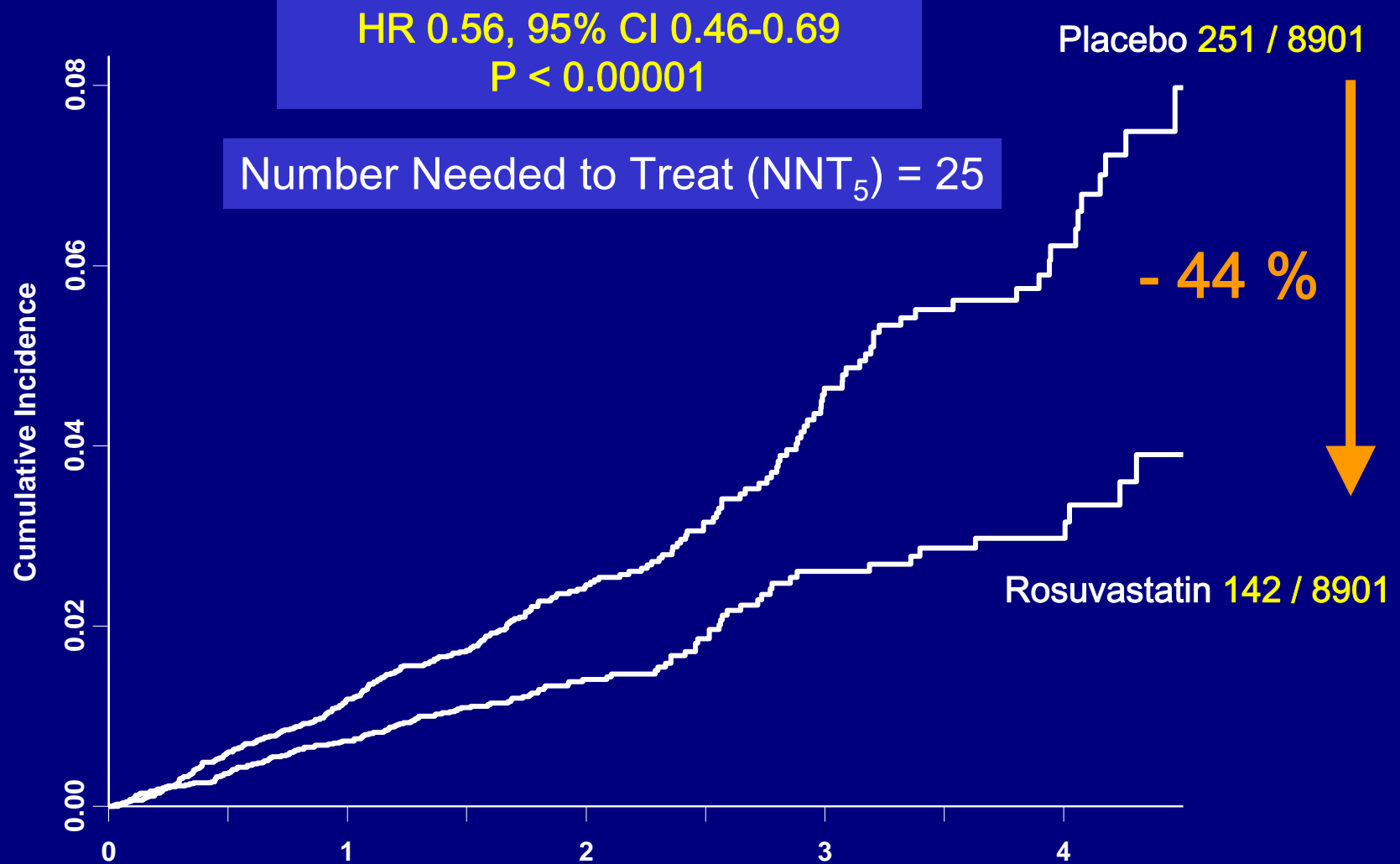
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Rosuvastatin	8,901	8,631	8,412	6,540	3,893	1,958	1,353	983	544	157	
Placebo	8,901	8,621	8,353	6,508	3,872	1,963	1,333	955	534	174	

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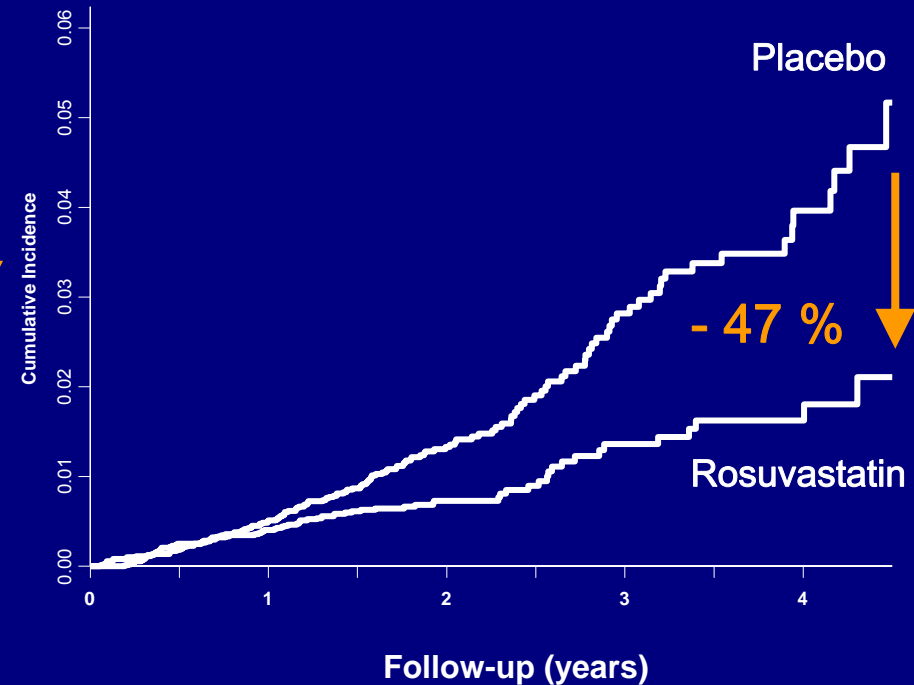
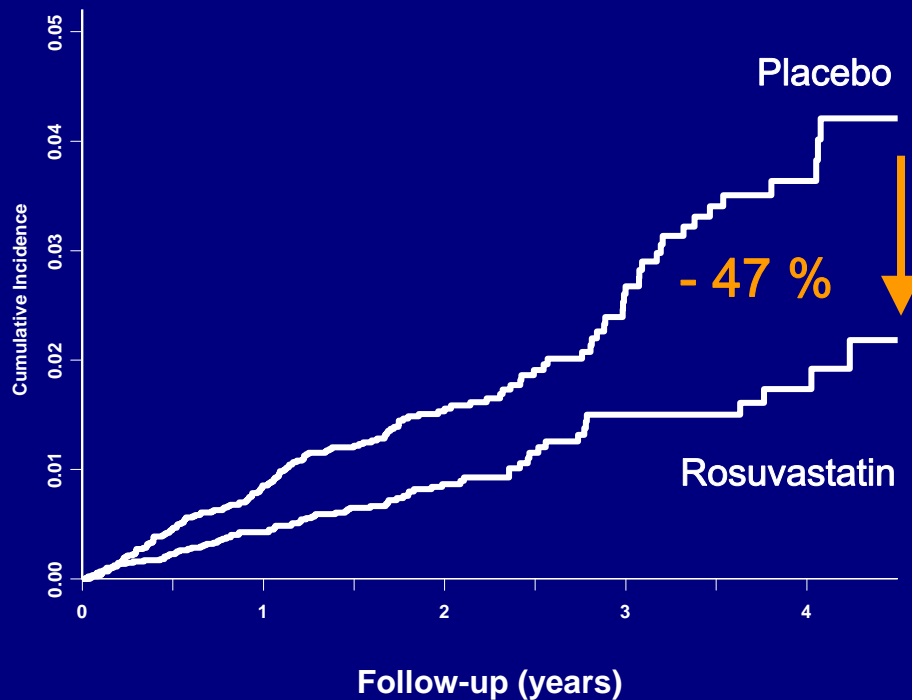
## Grouped Components of the Primary Endpoint

Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, or  
Cardiovascular Death

HR 0.53, CI 0.40-0.69  
P < 0.00001

Arterial Revascularization or  
Hospitalization for Unstable Angina

HR 0.53, CI 0.40-0.70  
P < 0.00001





## Individual Components of the Primary Endpoint

Endpoint	Rosuvastatin	Placebo	HR	95%CI	P
<b>Primary Endpoint*</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.46-0.69</b>	<b>&lt;0.00001</b>
<b>Non-fatal MI</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.22-0.58</b>	<b>&lt;0.00001</b>
<b>Any MI</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.30-0.70</b>	<b>&lt;0.0002</b>
<b>Non-fatal Stroke</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.33-0.80</b>	<b>0.003</b>
<b>Any Stroke</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.34-0.79</b>	<b>0.002</b>
<b>Revascularization or Unstable Angina</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.40-0.70</b>	<b>&lt;0.00001</b>
<b>MI, Stroke, CV Death</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.40-0.69</b>	<b>&lt;0.00001</b>

\*Nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, revascularization, unstable angina, CV death



## Adverse Events and Measured Safety Parameters

Event	Rosuvastatin	Placebo	P
<b>Any SAE</b>	1,352 (15.2)	1,337 (15.5)	0.60
<b>Muscle weakness</b>	1,421 (16.0)	1,375 (15.4)	0.34
<b>Myopathy</b>	10 (0.1)	9 (0.1)	0.82
<b>Rhabdomyolysis</b>	1 (0.01)*	0 (0.0)	--
<b>Incident Cancer</b>	298 (3.4)	314 (3.5)	0.51
<b>Cancer Deaths</b>	35 (0.4)	58 (0.7)	0.02
<b>Hemorrhagic stroke</b>	6 (0.1)	9 (0.1)	0.44
<b>GFR (ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> at 12 mth)</b>	66.8 (59.1-76.5)	66.6 (58.8-76.2)	0.02
<b>ALT &gt; 3xULN</b>	23 (0.3)	17 (0.2)	0.34
<b>Fasting glucose (24 mth)</b>	98 (91-107)	98 (90-106)	0.12
<b>HbA1c (% at 24 mth)</b>	5.9 (5.7-6.1)	5.8 (5.6-6.1)	0.01
<b>Glucosuria (12 mth)</b>	36 (0.5)	32 (0.4)	0.64
<b>Incident Diabetes**</b>	270 (3.0)	216 (2.4)	0.01

\*Occurred after trial completion, trauma induced.

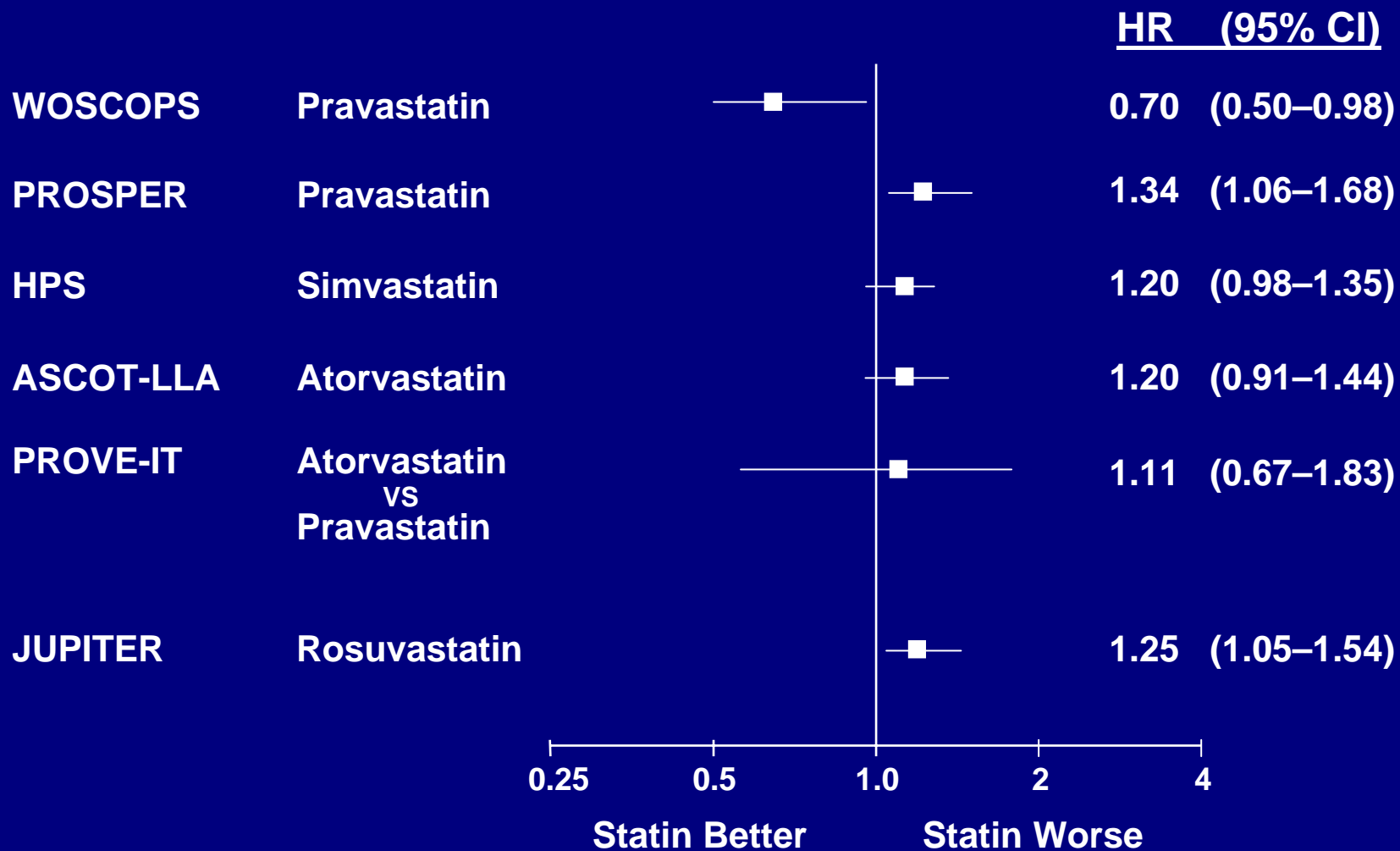
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## Statins and the Development of Diabetes

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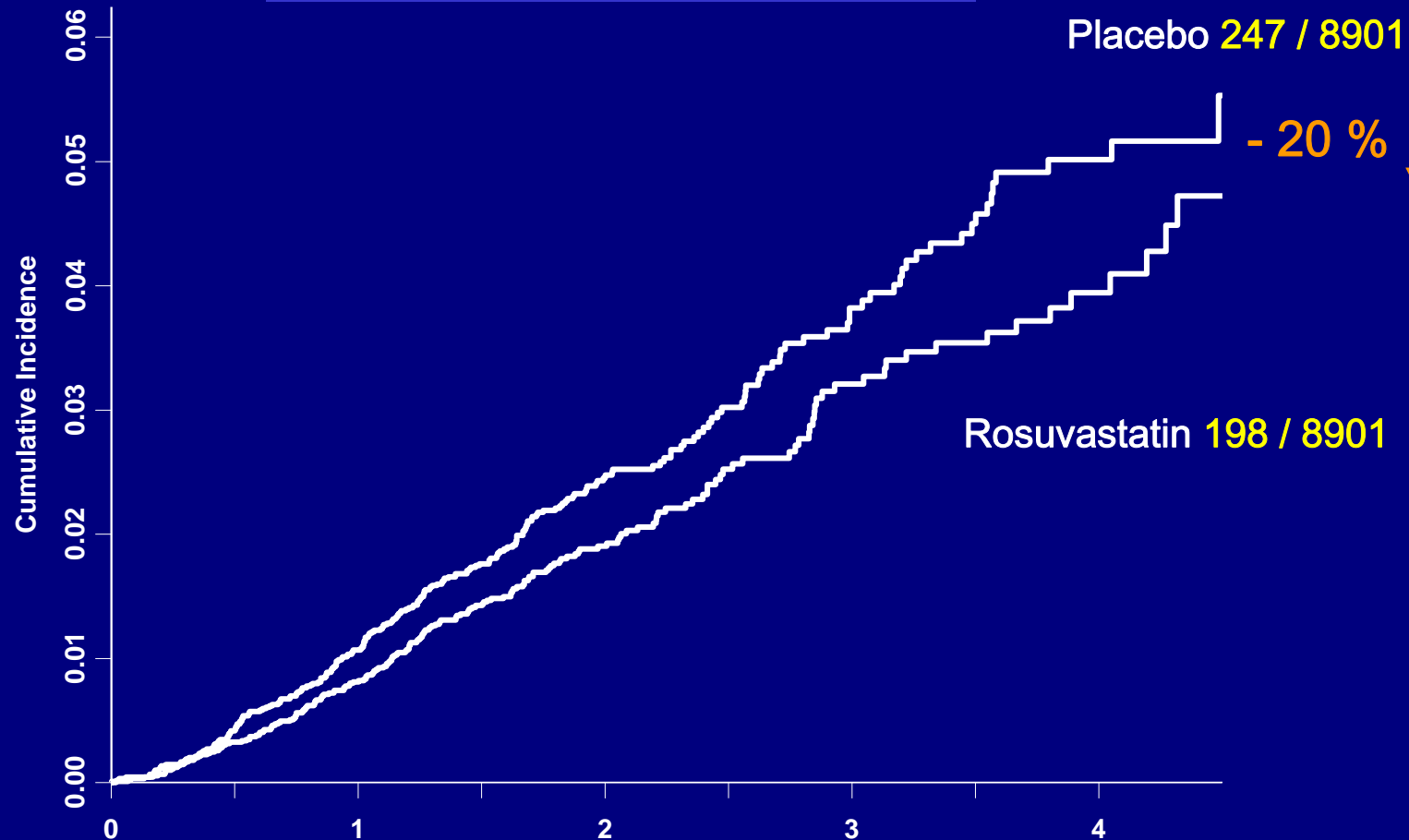
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## Secondary Endpoint – All Cause Mortality

HR 0.80, 95%CI 0.67-0.97  
P= 0.02



### Number at Risk

	0	1	2	3	4	4.5
Rosuvastatin	8,901	8,847	8,787	6,999	4,312	2,268
Placebo	8,901	8,852	8,775	6,987	4,319	2,295



Among apparently healthy men and women with elevated hsCRP but low LDL, rosuvastatin reduced by 47 percent incident myocardial infarction, stroke, and cardiovascular death.

Despite evaluating a population with lipid levels widely considered to be “optimal” in almost all current prevention algorithms, the relative benefit observed in JUPITER was greater than in almost all prior statin trials.

In this trial of low LDL/high hsCRP individuals who do not currently qualify for statin therapy, rosuvastatin significantly reduced all-cause mortality by 20 percent.





Benefits of rosuvastatin were consistent in all sub-groups evaluated regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, or other baseline clinical characteristic, including those with elevated hsCRP and no other major risk factor.

Rates of hospitalization and revascularization were reduced by 47 percent within a two-year period suggesting that the screening and treatment strategy tested in JUPITER is likely to be cost-effective, benefiting both patients and payers.

The Number Needed to Treat in JUPITER was 25 for the primary endpoint, a value if anything smaller than that associated with treating hyperlipidemia in primary prevention.



With regard to safety , the JUPITER results

- show no increase in serious adverse events among those allocated to rosuvastatin 20 mg as compared to placebo in a setting where half of the treated patients achieved levels of LDL < 55 mg/dL (and 25 percent had LDL < 44 mg/dL).
- show no increase in myopathy, cancer, hepatic disorders, renal disorders, or hemorrhagic stroke with treatment duration of up to 5 years
- show no increase in systematically monitored glucose or glucosuria during follow-up, but small increases in HbA1c and physician reported diabetes similar to that seen in other major statin trials



A simple evidence based approach to statin therapy for primary prevention.

Among men and women age 50 or over :

If diabetic, treat

If LDLC > 160 mg/dL, treat

If hsCRP > 2 mg/L, treat

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## Public Health Implications

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Application of the simple screening and treatment strategy tested in the JUPITER trial over a five-year period could conservatively prevent more than 250,000 heart attacks, strokes, revascularization procedures, and cardiovascular deaths in the United States alone.

We thank the 17,802 patients and the >1,000 investigators worldwide for their personal time, effort, and commitment to the JUPITER trial.

[www.brighamandwomens.org/jupitertrial](http://www.brighamandwomens.org/jupitertrial)



## Prevalence of Low Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol With Elevated High Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein in the U.S.

Implications of the JUPITER (Justification for the Use of Statins in Primary Prevention: An Intervention Trial Evaluating Rosuvastatin) Study

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**Conclusions:** Extrapolating JUPITER eligibility to NHANES, an estimated 6.5 million additional adults could be potential candidates to initiate statin therapy

# Continuation of Statin Treatment and All-Cause Mortality

A Population-Based Cohort Study

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## Methods

- ❑ **Retrospective cohort study;**
- ❑ Enrollees 229 918 adult in a health maintenance organization in Israel [Maccabi Healthcare Services (MHS)] who initiated statin treatment from 1998 through 2006 (mean age, 57.6 years; 50.8% female).
- ❑ **Proportion of Days Covered** (PDC) with statins was measured by the number of dispensed statin prescriptions during the interval between the date of the first statin prescription and the end of follow-up.
- ❑ The study assessed risk of mortality in 2 separate cohorts:
  1. a primary prevention cohort of subjects (n=136 052) with no indication of CHD or other cardiovascular disease, as evidenced by the absence of clinical diagnosis of cardiovascular disease at baseline, and
  2. a secondary prevention cohort of patients (n=93 866) with coronary artery disease who were identified from the MHS registry of cardiovascular diseases.

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## Results

- ❑ During the study period, 13 165 individuals (5.7%) died [4 259 among the primary prevention and and 8 906 among the secondary prevention cohorts] and 3 745 (1.6%) left MHS.
- ❑ In both cohorts, continuity of treatment with statins (PDC  $\geq$  90%) conferred at least a 45% reduction in risk of death compared with patients with a PDC of less than 10%.
- ❑ A stronger risk reduction was calculated among patients with high baseline low-density lipoprotein cholesterol level and patients.

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## Results: PDC

Table 3. Proportion of Days Covered With Statins and All-Cause Mortality, Maccabi Healthcare Services, Israel, 1998-2006

PDC, %	HR (95% CI)					
	Primary Prevention			Secondary Prevention		
	Model 1 <sup>a</sup>	Model 2 <sup>b</sup>	Model 3 <sup>c</sup>	Model 1 <sup>a</sup>	Model 2 <sup>b</sup>	Model 3 <sup>c</sup>
<10	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>	1 [Reference] <sup>d</sup>
10-19	1.16 (1.04-1.28)	1.34 (1.21-1.49)	1.35 (1.22-1.50)	1.27 (1.17-1.37)	1.27 (1.17-1.38)	1.28 (1.18-1.39)
20-29	0.97 (0.86-1.09)	1.06 (0.94-1.20)	1.07 (0.95-1.21)	0.95 (0.87-1.04)	0.98 (0.89-1.07)	0.98 (0.90-1.08)
30-39	0.77 (0.67-0.87)	0.87 (0.77-1.00)	0.88 (0.77-1.00)	0.79 (0.72-0.87)	0.81 (0.74-0.89)	0.81 (0.74-0.89)
40-49	0.75 (0.66-0.86)	0.86 (0.75-0.98)	0.86 (0.75-0.98)	0.68 (0.62-0.75)	0.73 (0.66-0.80)	0.73 (0.66-0.80)
50-59	0.70 (0.62-0.81)	0.76 (0.67-0.87)	0.77 (0.67-0.88)	0.64 (0.58-0.70)	0.69 (0.63-0.76)	0.69 (0.63-0.76)
60-69	0.55 (0.48-0.64)	0.63 (0.54-0.72)	0.63 (0.55-0.73)	0.63 (0.58-0.69)	0.67 (0.61-0.73)	0.67 (0.62-0.74)
70-79	0.53 (0.47-0.61)	0.59 (0.52-0.68)	0.59 (0.51-0.68)	0.56 (0.51-0.61)	0.60 (0.55-0.66)	0.61 (0.56-0.67)
80-89	0.56 (0.49-0.64)	0.60 (0.53-0.69)	0.61 (0.53-0.69)	0.51 (0.47-0.55)	0.54 (0.50-0.59)	0.54 (0.50-0.59)
≥90	0.53 (0.47-0.58)	0.54 (0.49-0.60)	0.55 (0.49-0.61)	0.46 (0.43-0.49)	0.49 (0.46-0.52)	0.49 (0.46-0.53)

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; PDC, proportion of days covered.

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for age and sex.

<sup>b</sup>Also adjusted for marital status, nationality, socioeconomic status, years of living in Israel, residence area, chronic condition, visits to primary care physician during the year before the index date, number of hospitalizations during the year before the index date, cancer, diabetes mellitus, and use of antihypertensives and diuretics during the year before the index date.

<sup>c</sup>Also adjusted for mean level of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol during the year before the index date.

<sup>d</sup>*P* for trend <.01.



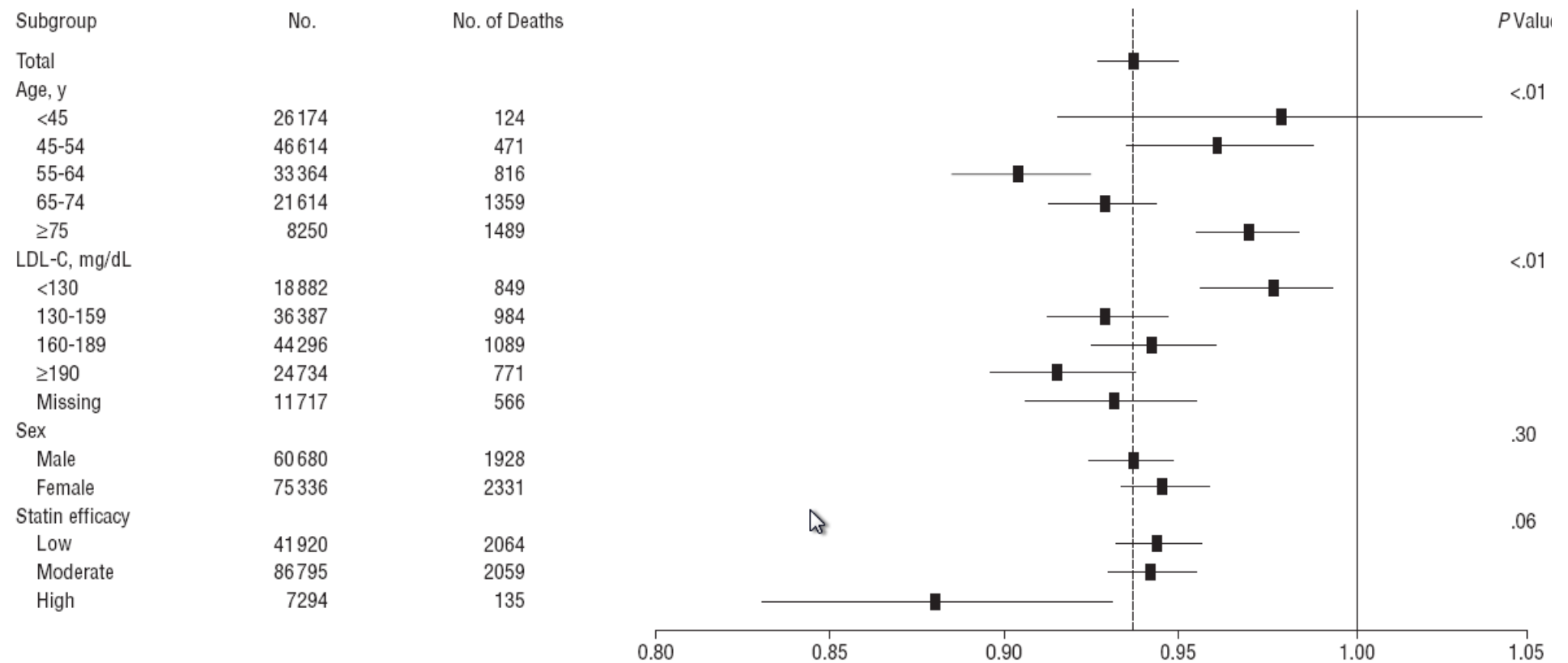
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## Results: Primary Prevention



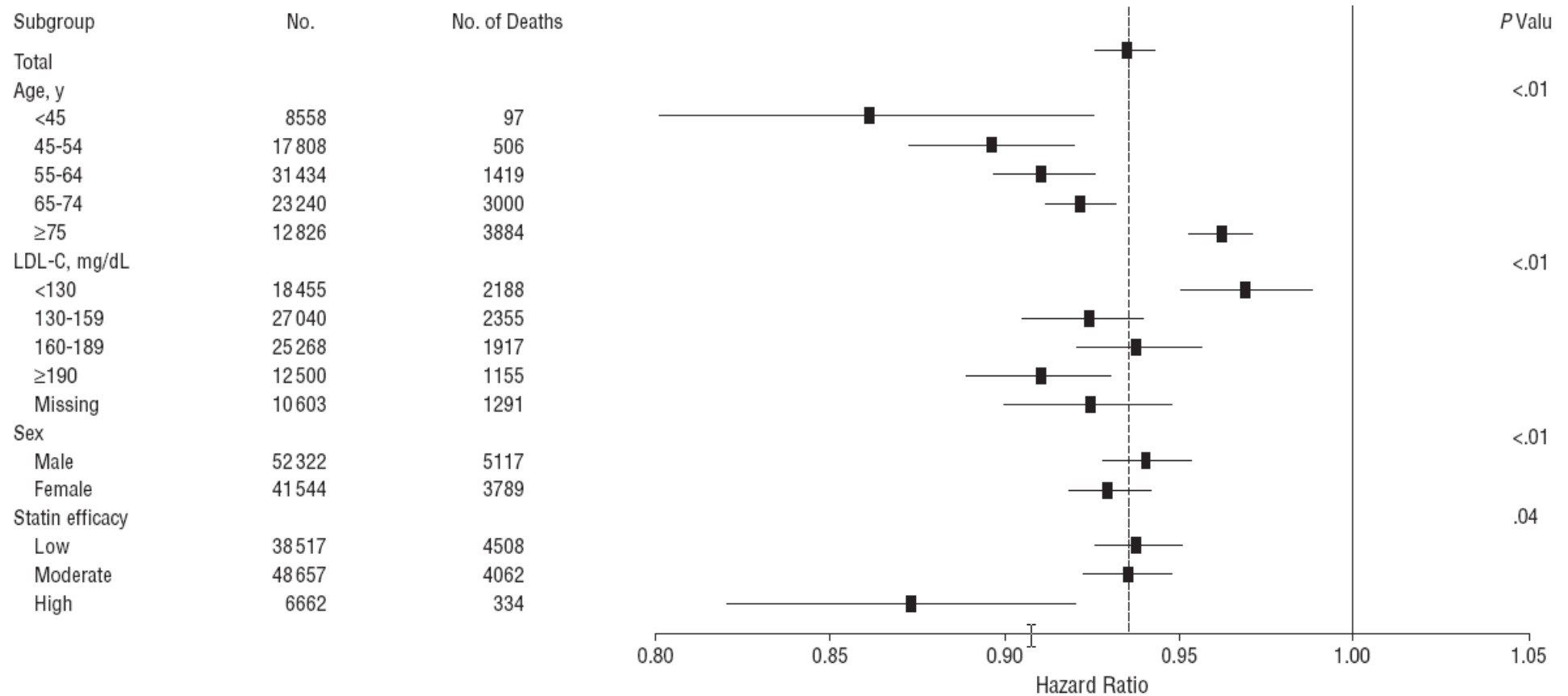
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## Results: Secondary Prevention



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## Conclusion

- The present study demonstrates a strong and independent association between statin therapy and the improved survival of patients with and without known CHD.
- Our findings confirm that the benefits of statins extend to unselected patients in community settings.
- Higher continuity of treatment and increased drug efficacy are associated with better survival among both primary prevention and secondary prevention cohorts.
- This study showed that continuation of statin treatment provided an ongoing reduction in all cause mortality for up to 9.5 years among patients with and without a history of CHD.
- The observed benefits from statins were greater than expected from randomized clinical trials, emphasizing the importance of promoting statin therapy and increasing its continuation over time for both primary and secondary prevention.

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While previous analyses of data from randomized clinical trials provided evidence that statin therapy produces only a modest (12%) reduction in all-cause mortality or no reduction at all, the present and other observational studies indicate a 40% to 50% reduction in mortality after consistent statin therapy and an even more dramatic reduction among older and hospitalized patients.

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One possible explanation is that observational studies are usually conducted on unselected populations and may better capture the overall benefits of statins that may result from their anti-inflammatory, antithrombotic, or antiapoptotic effects as well as from their action on nitric oxide synthase, which may potentially contribute to lower overall morbidity and improved survival.

# LE STATINE AGISCONO SOLO SUI LIPIDI?

- Numerosi studi di base hanno mostrato diversi effetti delle Statine indipendenti dalla loro azione sul metabolismo lipidico:
  - aumento della produzione di NO
  - riduzione delle proteine di fase acuta (PCR, citochine)
  - azione antiossidante (produzione e degradazione superossidi)
  - azione antitrombotica mediata da una attivazione della fibrinolisi e azione antiaggregante sulle piastrine
  - stabilizzazione della placca aterosclerotica
  - inibizione della proliferazione delle cellule muscolari lisce

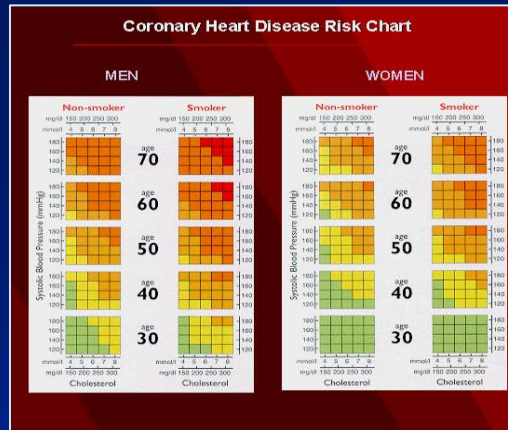
# QUALE SIGNIFICATO CLINICO?

- Pur in assenza di grandi trials disegnati con lo scopo di valutare il significato clinico degli effetti extra-lipidici delle Statine,
- ci sono evidenze sufficienti per suggerire l'impiego delle Statine nelle sindromi coronariche acute e nell'immediato post-IMA,
- nel trattamento di pazienti trapiantati (cuore e rene)
- nei pazienti da sottoporre a endoarteriectomia carotidea.
- In tutte queste situazioni sembrano implicati più gli effetti extra-lipidici che l'effetto sul metabolismo lipidico che ha sicuramente bisogno di più tempo per manifestarsi

**Medico  
di famiglia**

**Basso  
rischio**

**Educazione sanitaria**  
**Supporto psicocomp.**  
**Stratificaz. Prognost.**  
**Intervento strutturato  
sui FR con protocolli  
condivisi**



**Alto  
rischio**

**Ambulatorio  
di Cardiologia**

**Ambulatori di prevenzione inseriti in:  
Centri cardiologici di alta specializzazione  
o  
U.O. Cardiologia Riabilitativa e Preventiva HUB**

# Progettazione dei Percorsi Clinici



- Identificazione di un problema clinico rilevante (gravità frequenza, criticità, novità);
- Formazione di un gruppo interdisciplinare rappresentativo delle diverse professionalità coinvolte;
- Identificazione e validazione di definite/specifiche *Linee Guida*;
- Revisione della pratica clinica attuale (revisione di cartelle cliniche);
- Definizione delle caratteristiche che determinano l'ingresso del paziente in un percorso;
- Definizione delle attività e della loro collocazione temporale e spaziale all'interno del percorso;
- Definizione del risultato atteso: stabilire quale stato di salute ci si attende che il paziente abbia al termine del percorso;
- Formazione degli operatori che dovranno utilizzare il percorso;
- Fase pilota di utilizzo;
- Regolare analisi della "varianza" da quanto atteso ed eventuale identificazione del processo assistenziale.

**Ricostruzione dei Percorsi Clinici Effettivi**

**Struttura dei Percorsi Condivisi**



# 1° Fase:

- Individuare i pazienti ad alto e medio rischio mediante le carte del rischio
- Avviarli al Centro di Prevenzione delle Malattie Cardiovascolari utilizzando:
  - Telefono con numero diretto (orario 8-14)
  - Fax (24 ore) con risposta entro 24 ore
  - E-mail (24 ore) con risposta entro 24 ore
  - ...

## 2° Fase: Il percorso intraospedaliero

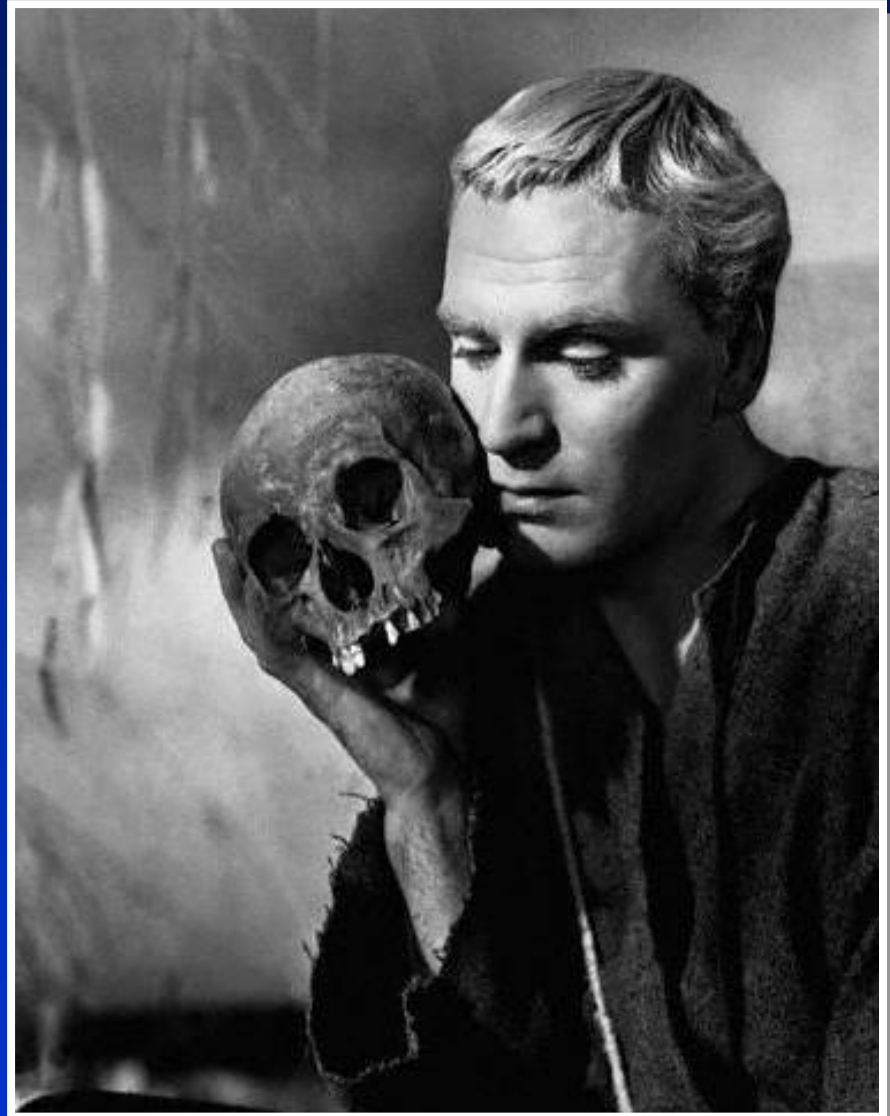
- Ambulatorio dedicato
- Accesso iniziale mediante impegnativa per visita ed ecg
- Possibilità di affrontare il rischio globale con interventi mirati su: ipertensione, dislipidemia, diabete, fumo, obesità
- Nei pazienti ad alto rischio avvio in day-hospital dei seguenti esami: ecocardiogramma, test da sforzo, spirometria, esami ematochimici.
- Possibilità di avvalersi di consulenze specialistiche (ad es. diabetologica, dietologica, psicologica)

# 3° fase: Percorso insieme

Definito il rischio del paziente concordare insieme:

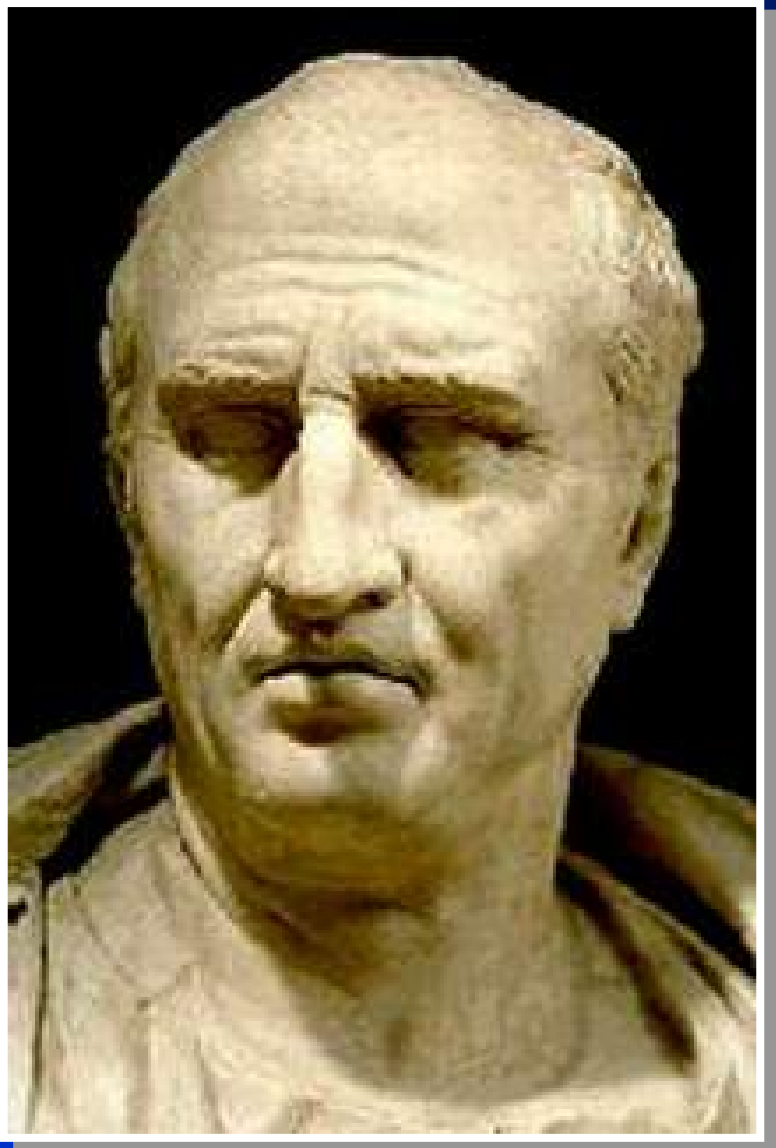
- Obiettivi da raggiungere
- Terapie da avviare
- Ulteriori indagini
- Follow up

**Statina  
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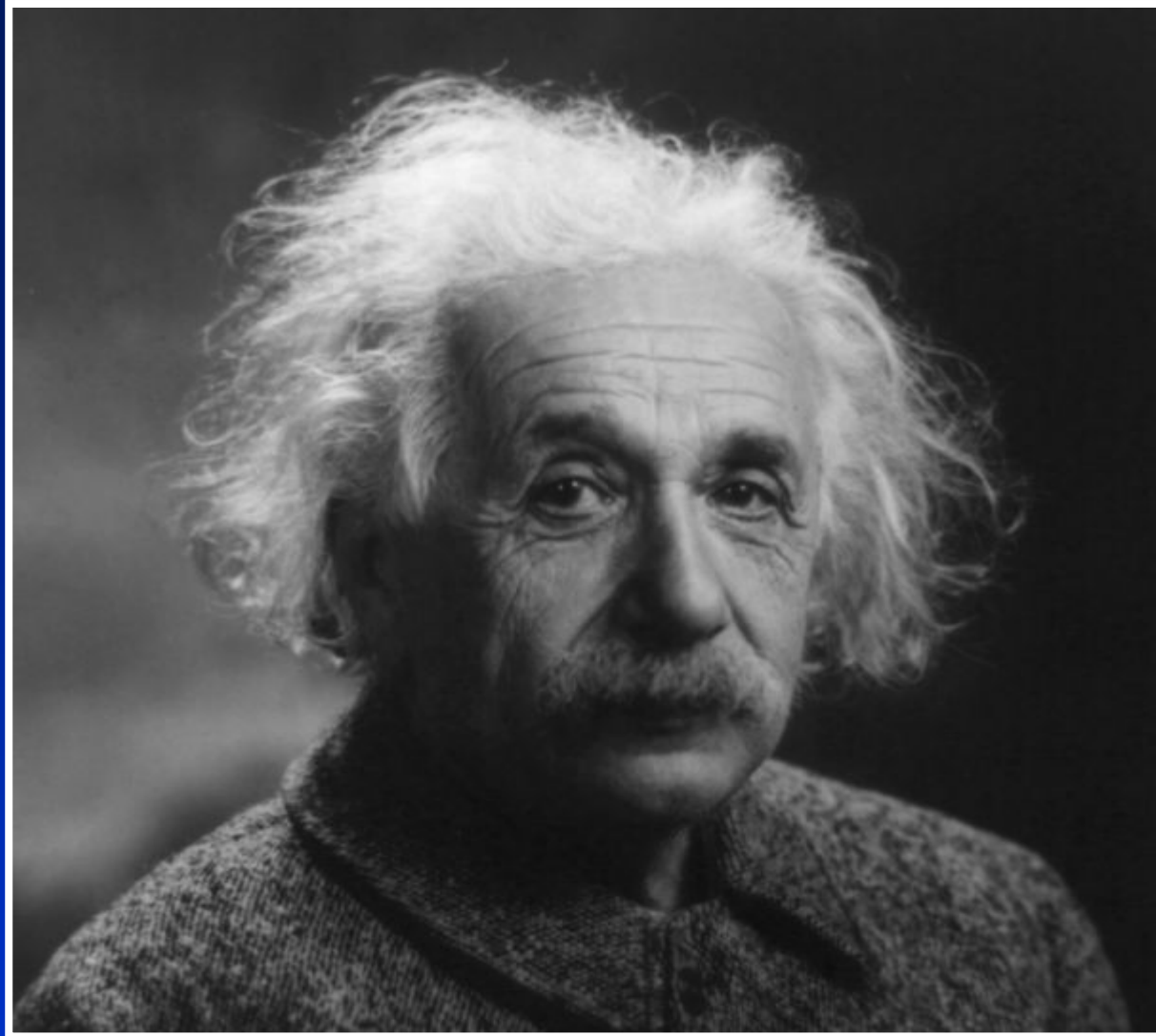
**GRAZIE PER  
L'ATTENZIONE**





*Salus populi  
Suprema lex*

De Legibus: Cicerone



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ma dai momenti che ci tolgono il respiro.