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# Do We Have All Answers with Statins In Treating Patients with Hyperlipidemia?

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# Papers Related to Hyperlipidemia by Koh KK et al

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- ***Circulation* 1999;99:354-360**
- ***Circulation* 2001;103:1961-1966**
- ***Circulation* 2002;105:1531-1533**
- ***Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol*  
2002;22:e19-e23**
- ***Circulation* 2004;110:3687-3692**
- ***J Am Coll Cardiol* 2005 (May, in press)**
- ***Diabetes Care* 2005 (June, in press)**



# Are you satisfied with Statins?

## NO? Why?

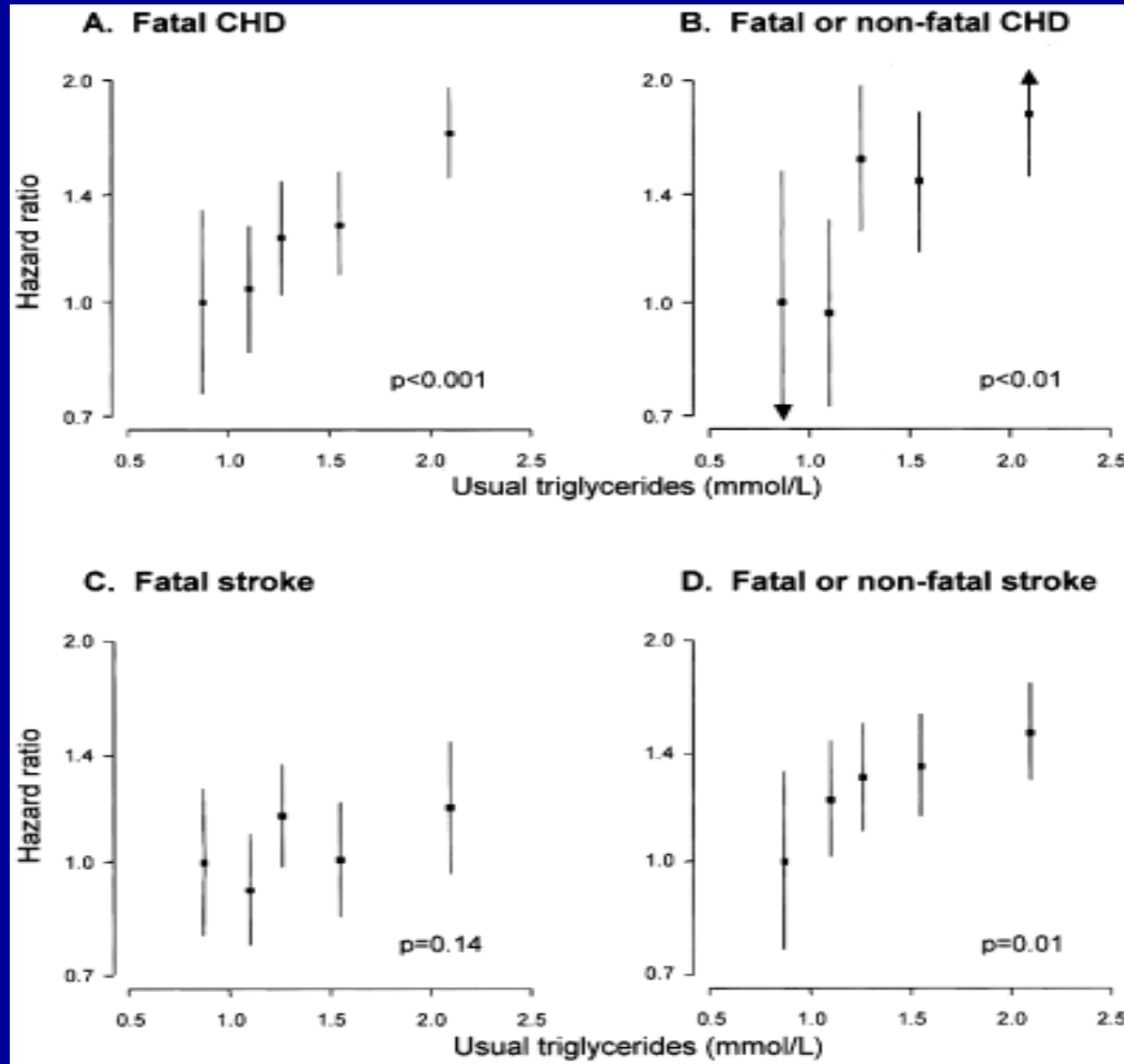
- Many statin-treated patients still have an initial or recurrent CHD event, despite reductions in LDL cholesterol.

Sacks FM, et al. *Circulation* 2000;102:1893

HPS study. *Lancet*. 2002;360:7

- TG increase and HDL-C less increase

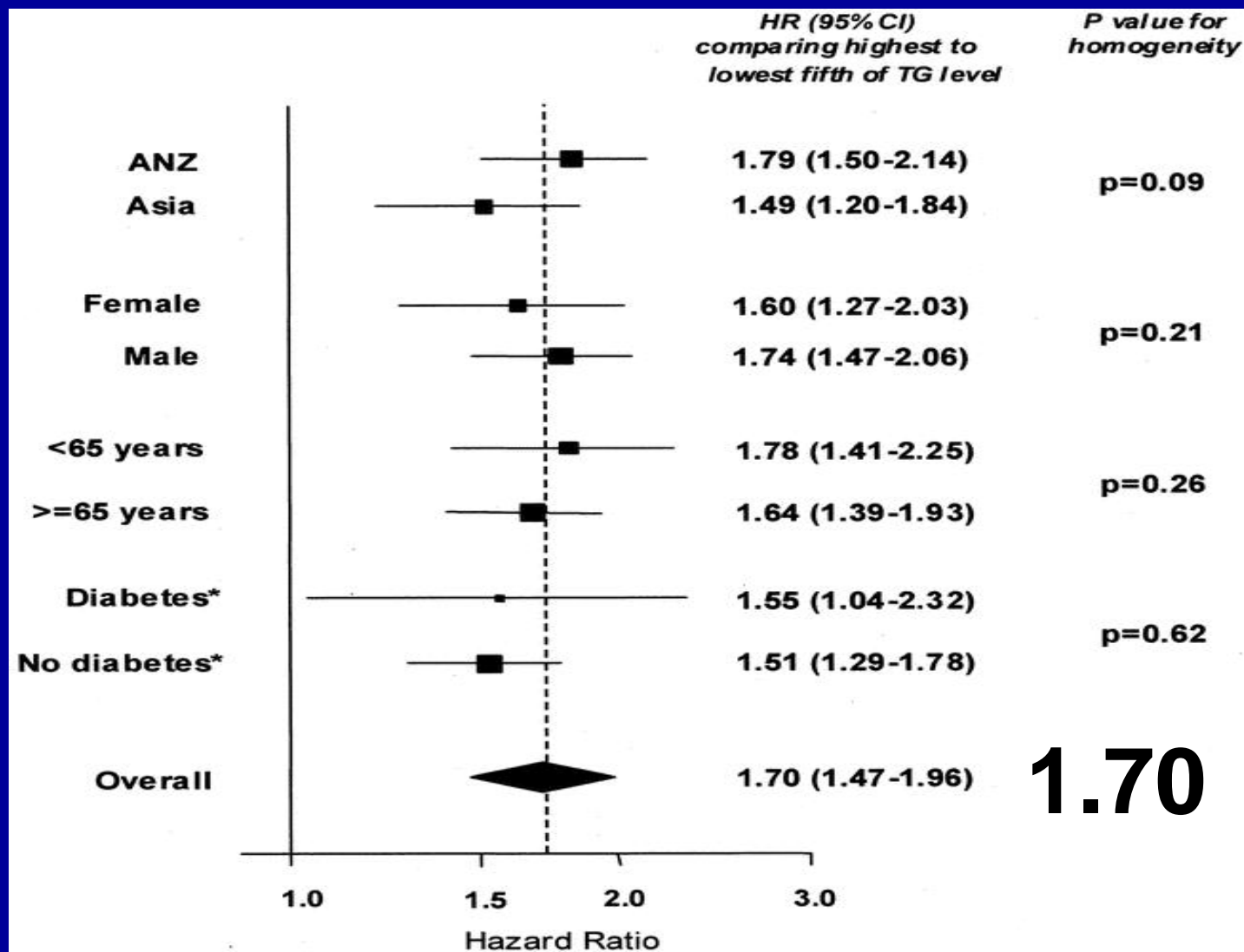
# Serum TG as Risk Factor for CVD In the Asia-Pacific Region



Meta-analysis of  
26 prospective  
studies  
96,224 individuals

*Circulation*  
2004;110:2678

# Hazard Ratios comparing within subgroups Risk of fatal CHD between individuals belonging To highest vs. lowest fifth of TG levels



# NCEP ATP III (2001)

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- High TG, >200 mg/dl and Low HDL-C, <40 mg/dl: Risk Factor
- Insulin resistance syndrome and Metabolic Syndrome
- Diabetes: CHD equivalent

*NCEP, Adult Treatment Panel III. JAMA. 2001*



# Metabolic Effects of Statins

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- Simvastatin either did not change or worsened insulin sensitivity in diabetic patients

*Farrer M, Diabetes Res Clin Pract. 1994;23:111*  
*Ohrvall M, Metabolism. 1995;44:212*

- Statins particularly high dose may increase the onset of new diabetes. **Atorvastatin 80 mg** was associated with a statistically significant increased risk of developing a  $\text{HbA}_{1c} > 6$  both in non-diabetics (adjusted HR 1.78) and in diabetics (adjusted HR 2.36). The pooled adjusted HR was **1.84** ( $p < 0.0001$ ).

*A PROVE-IT TIMI 22 Substudy*  
*Circulation. 2004;110:III-834*

# High-sensitivity CRP levels are Important

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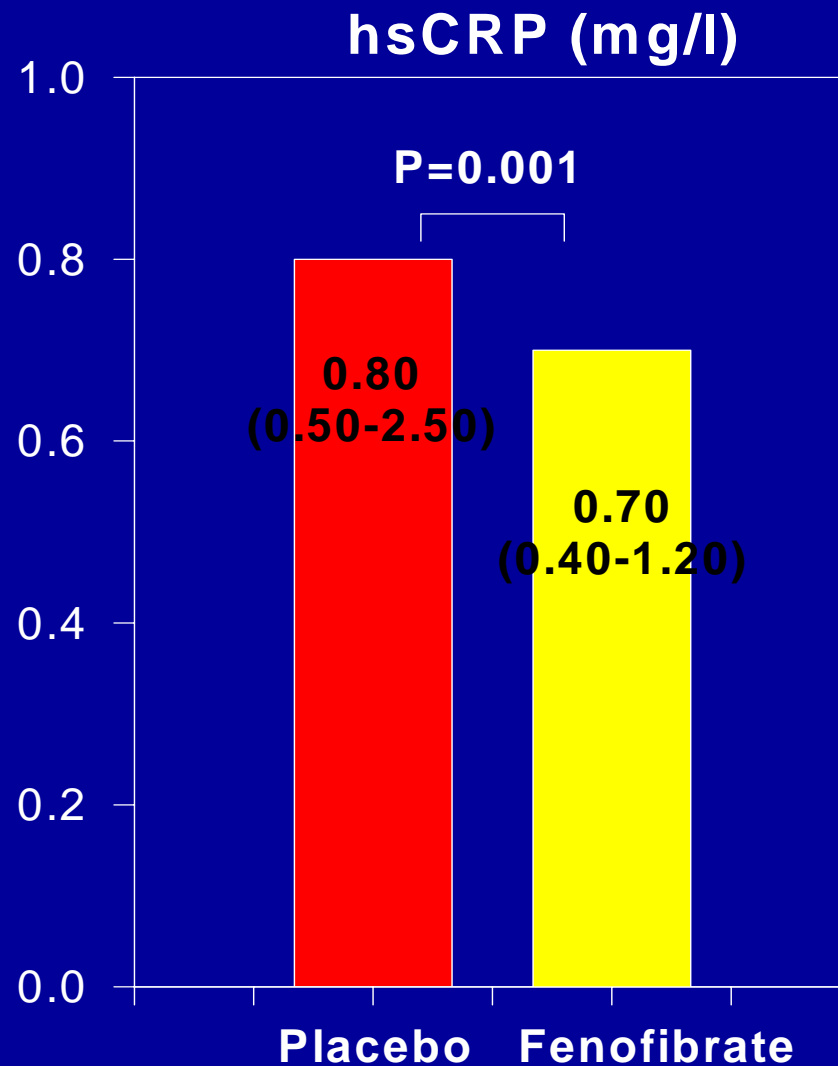
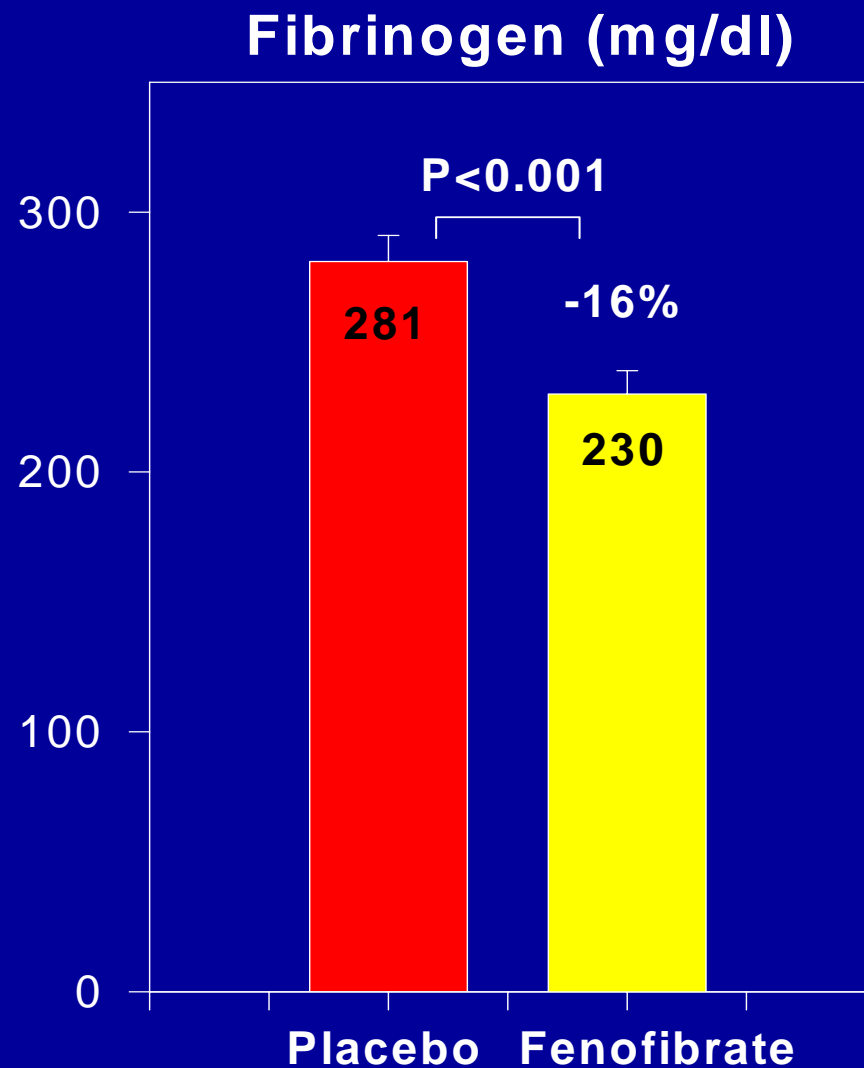
- After statin therapy, the reduced progression of atherosclerosis is significantly related to greater reductions in CRP levels.

*Nissen SE, et al. N Engl J Med. 2005;352:29.*

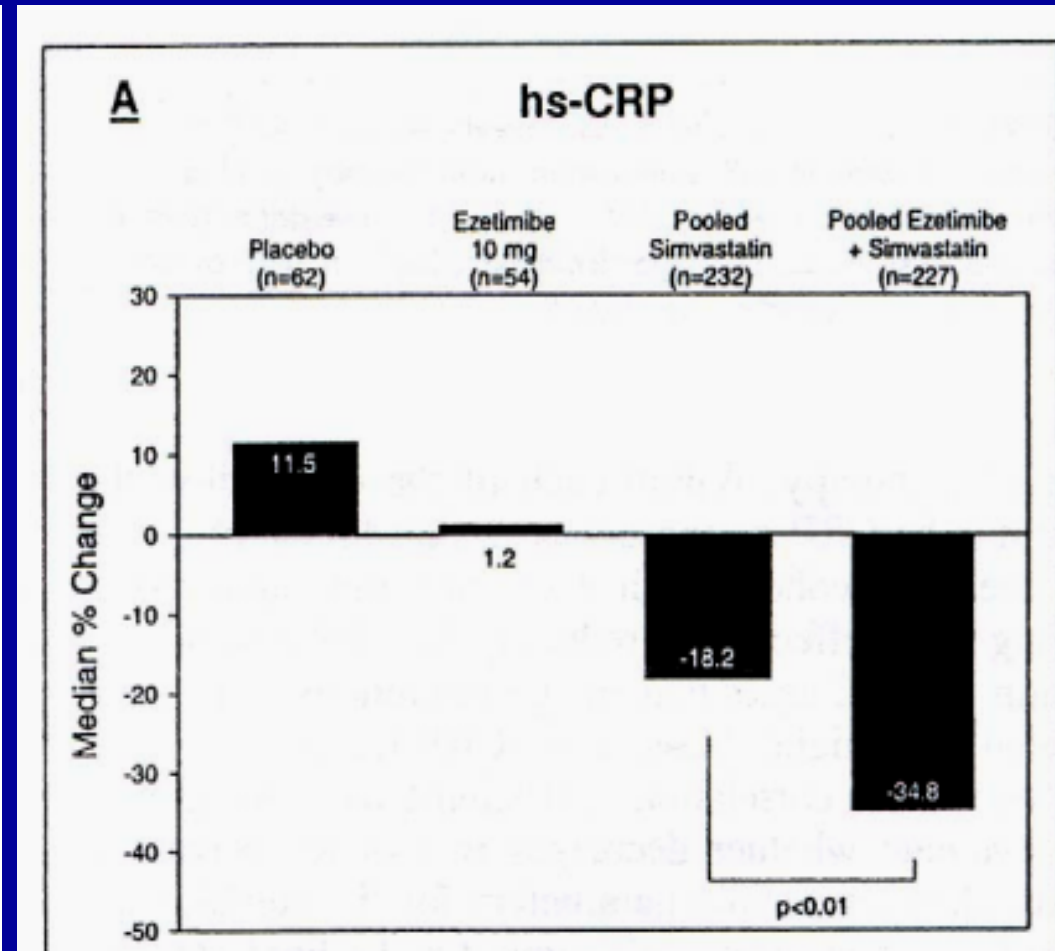
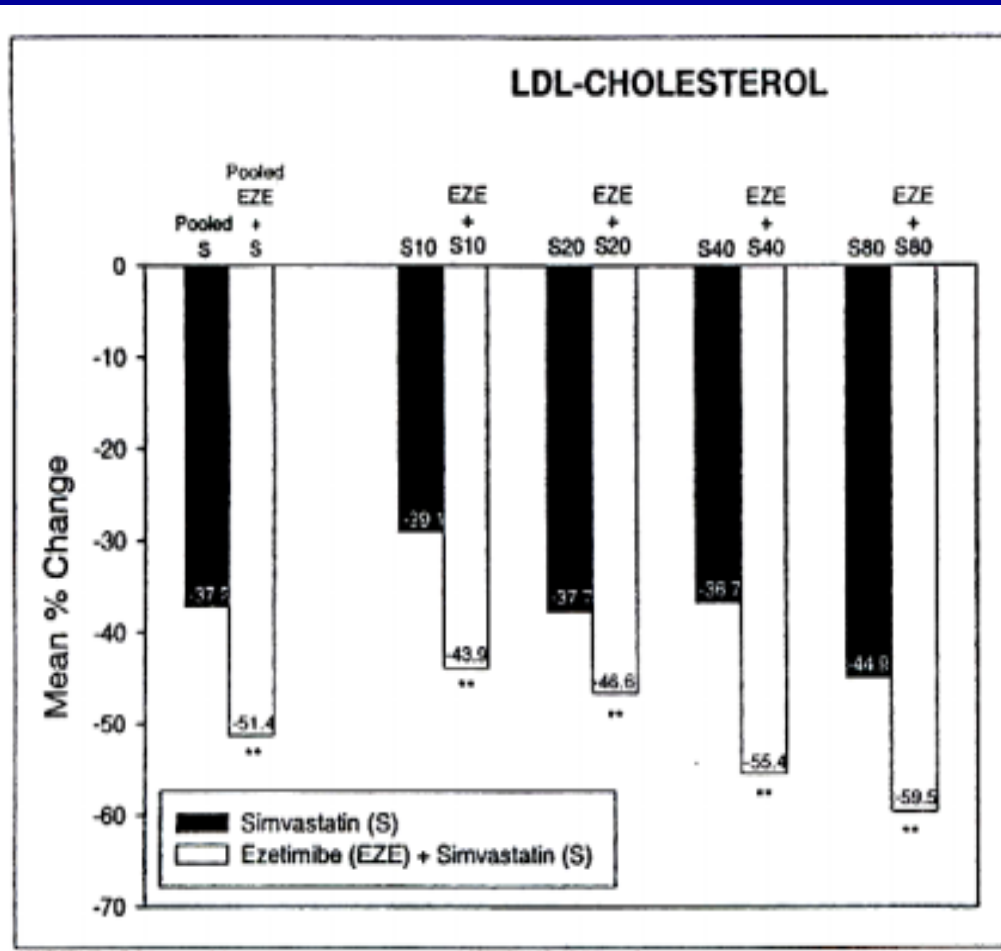
- Patients with low CRP levels have better clinical outcomes than those with higher CRP levels, regardless of LDL cholesterol level.

*Ridker PM, et al. N Engl J Med. 2005;352:20.*

# Effects of Fenofibrate on Acute Phase Reactants In 46 Hypertriglyceridemic Patients



# Effect of Coadministration of Ezetimibe And Simvastatin on hs-CRP



**Beneficial Vascular and Metabolic Effects of Combined  
Therapy with *Ramipril* and Simvastatin in 50 Patients with  
Type 2 Diabetes**

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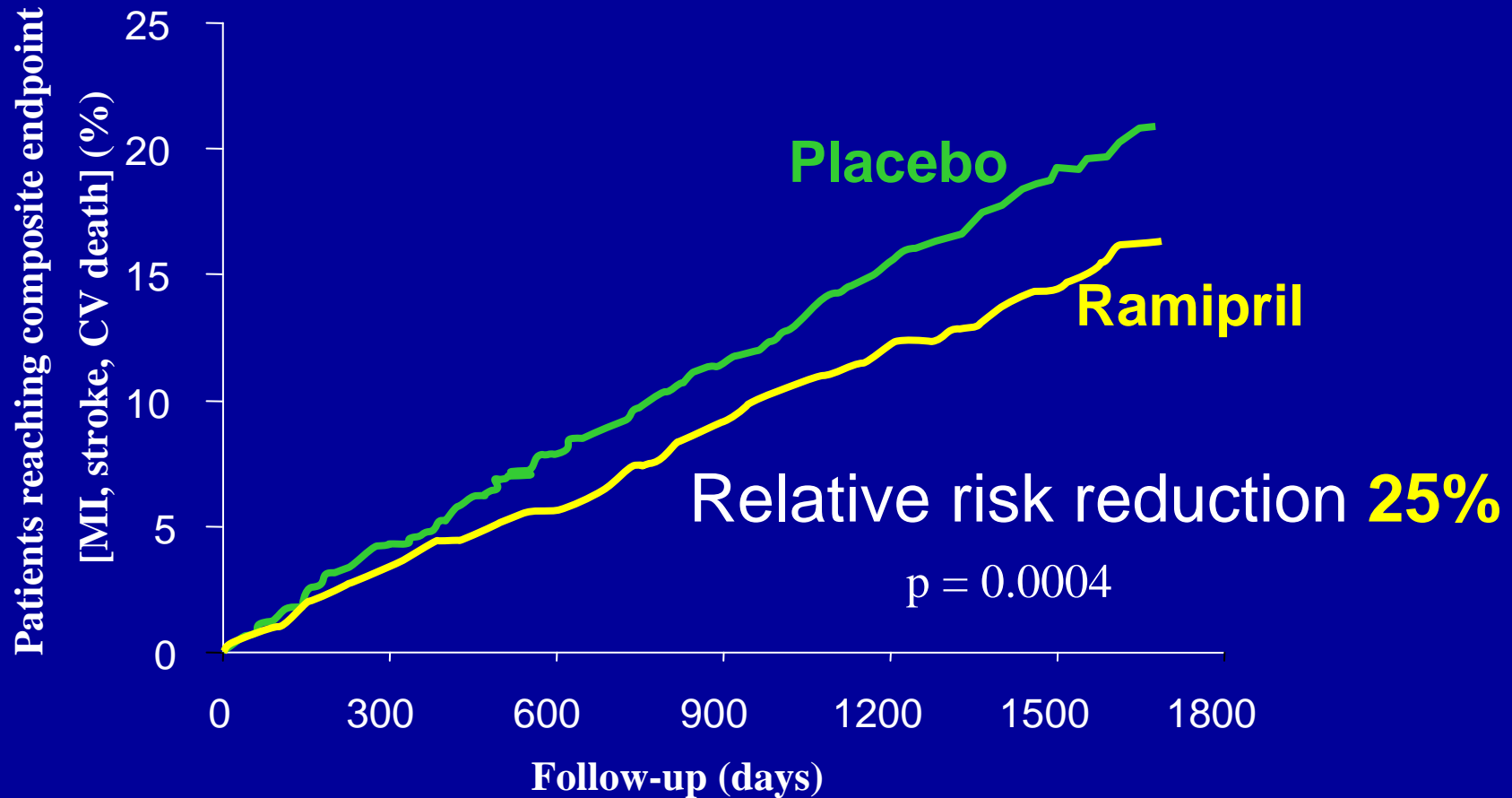
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**AHA 2004, Hypertension 2005 (June)**

# MICRO-HOPE : CV outcomes



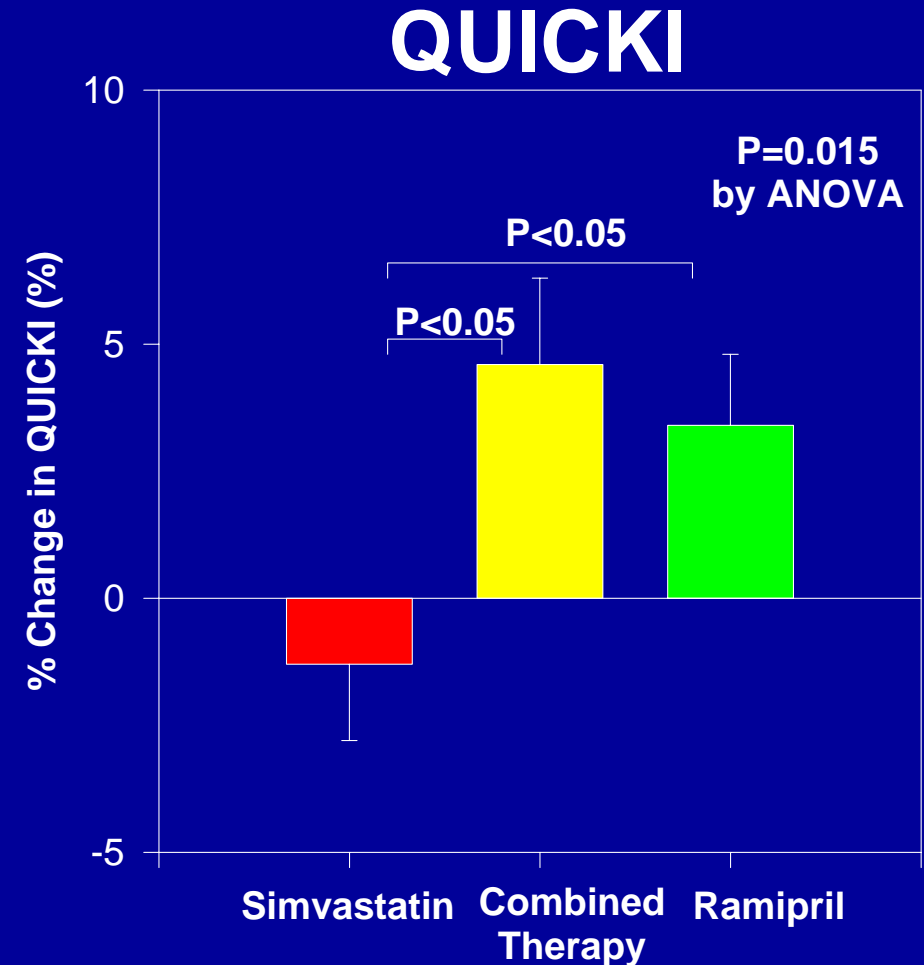
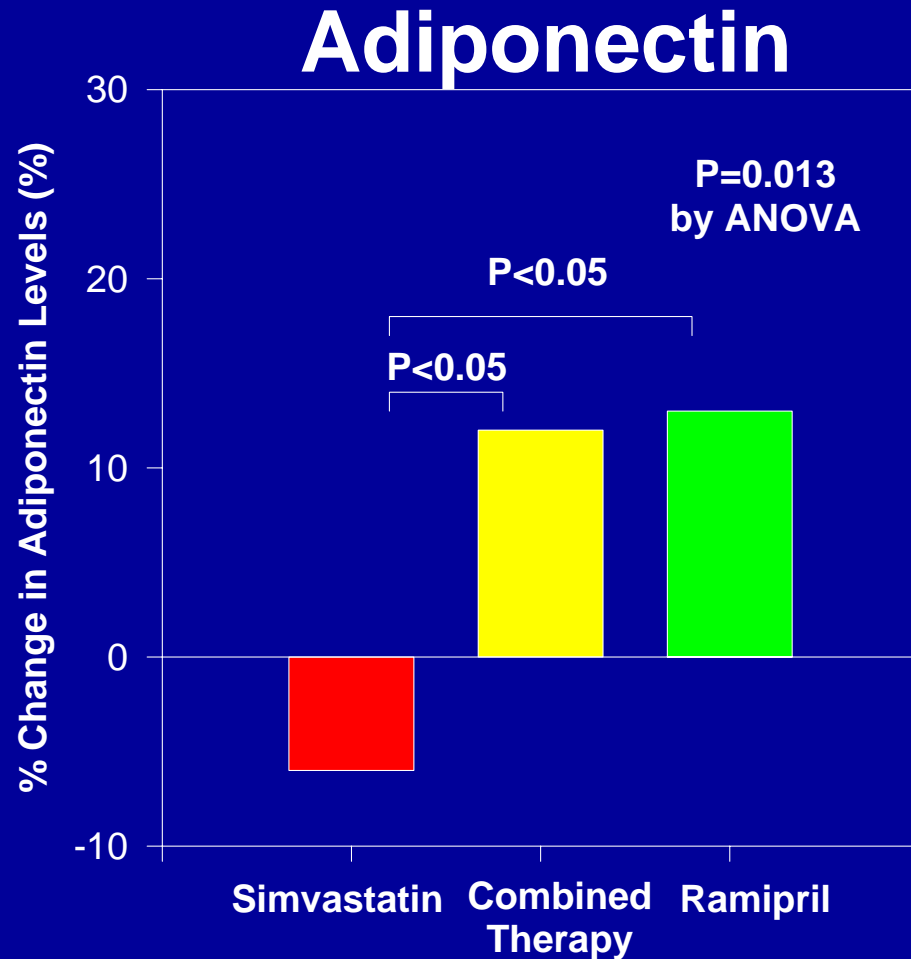


# Additive Effect on top of all other Medications

## Concomitant Medications

▪ Dietary alone	18%	Aspirin	54 %
▪ Oral agents	53%	<b>Lipid lowering agents</b>	23 %
▪ Insulin	24%	CCB	43%
▪ Insulin+oral agents	5%	Others: Beta-blockers	28 %
		Diuretics	19 %

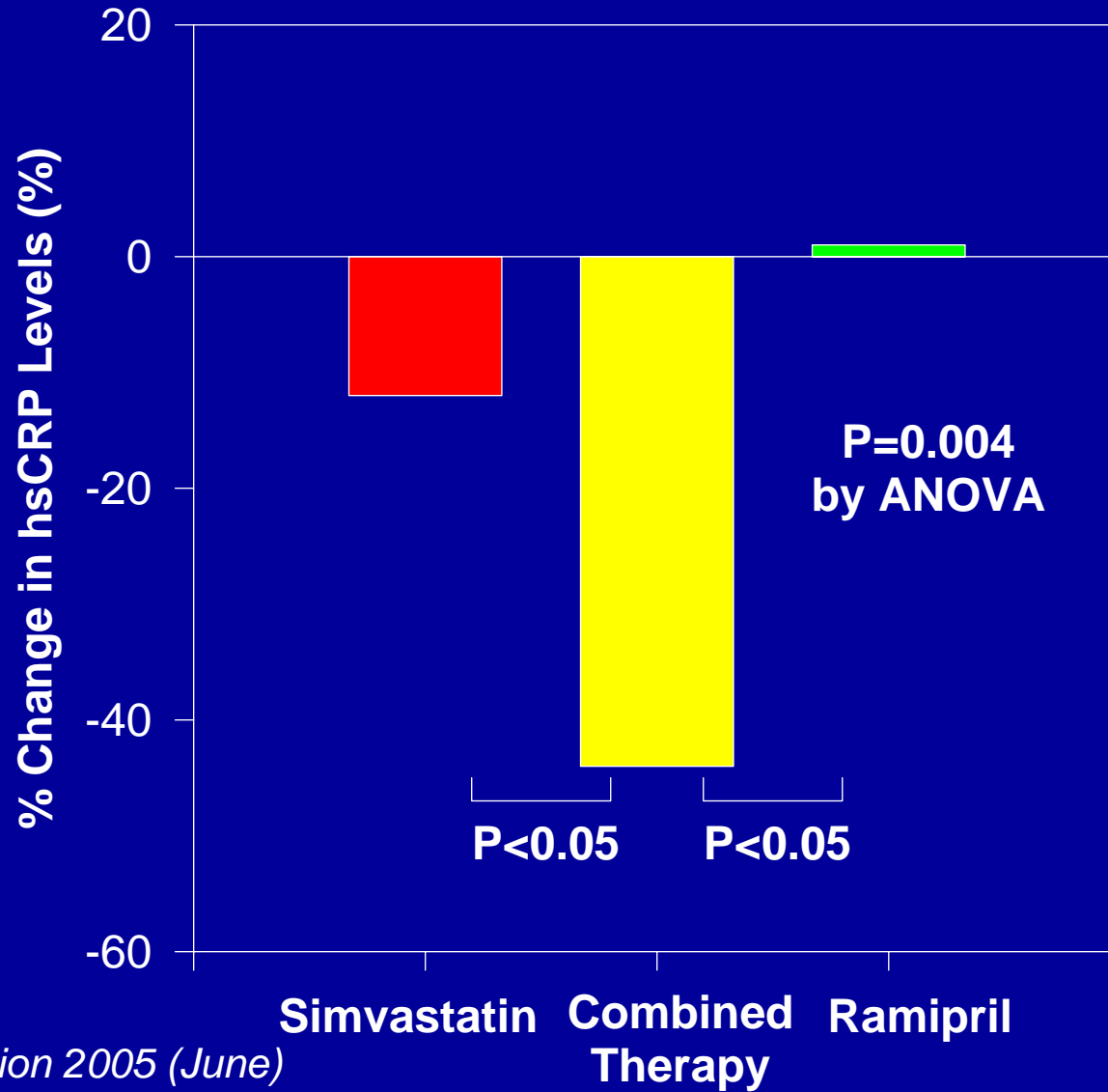
# Effects of Simvastatin, Combined Therapy, and Ramipril on Insulin Sensitivity



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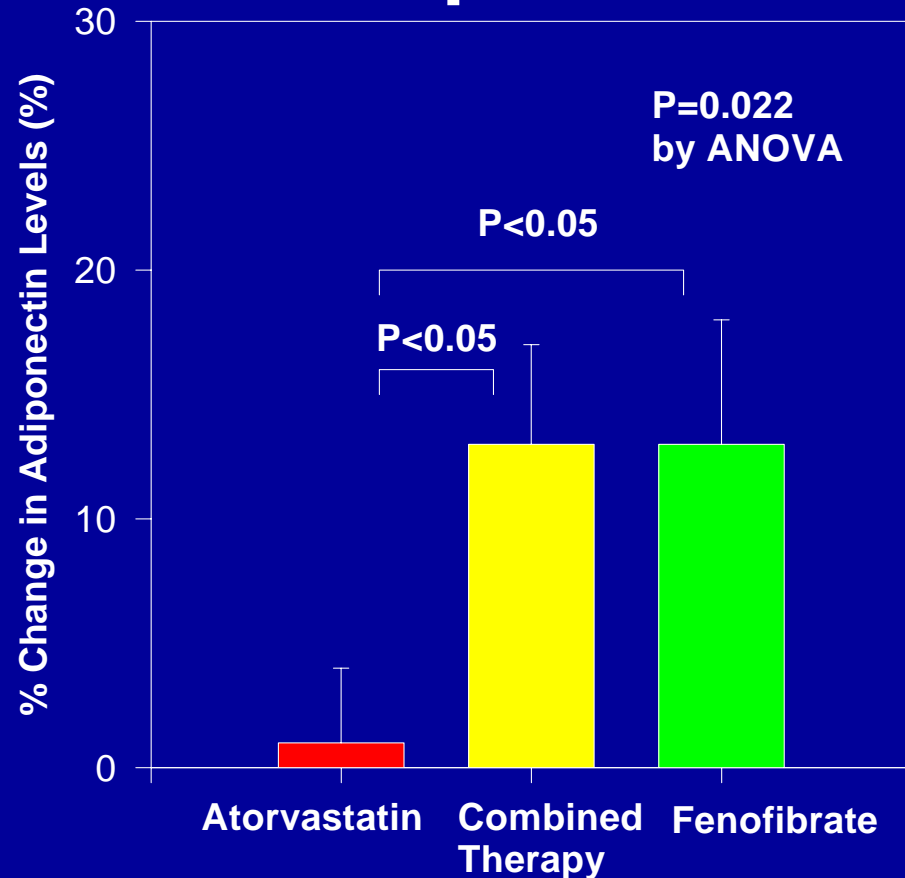
*Koh KK, et al.  
Hypertension 2005  
(June)*

# Effects of Simvastatin, Combined Therapy, and Ramipril on hsCRP Levels

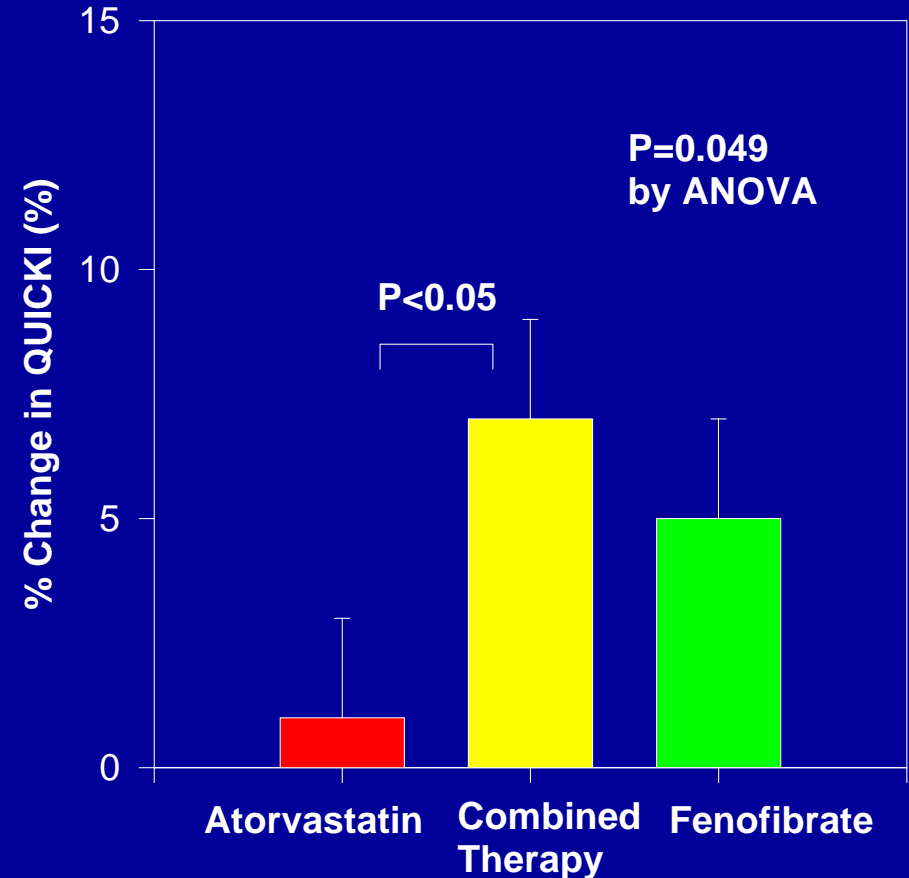


# Effects of Atorvastatin, Combined Therapy, and Fenofibrate on Insulin Sensitivity

## Adiponectin



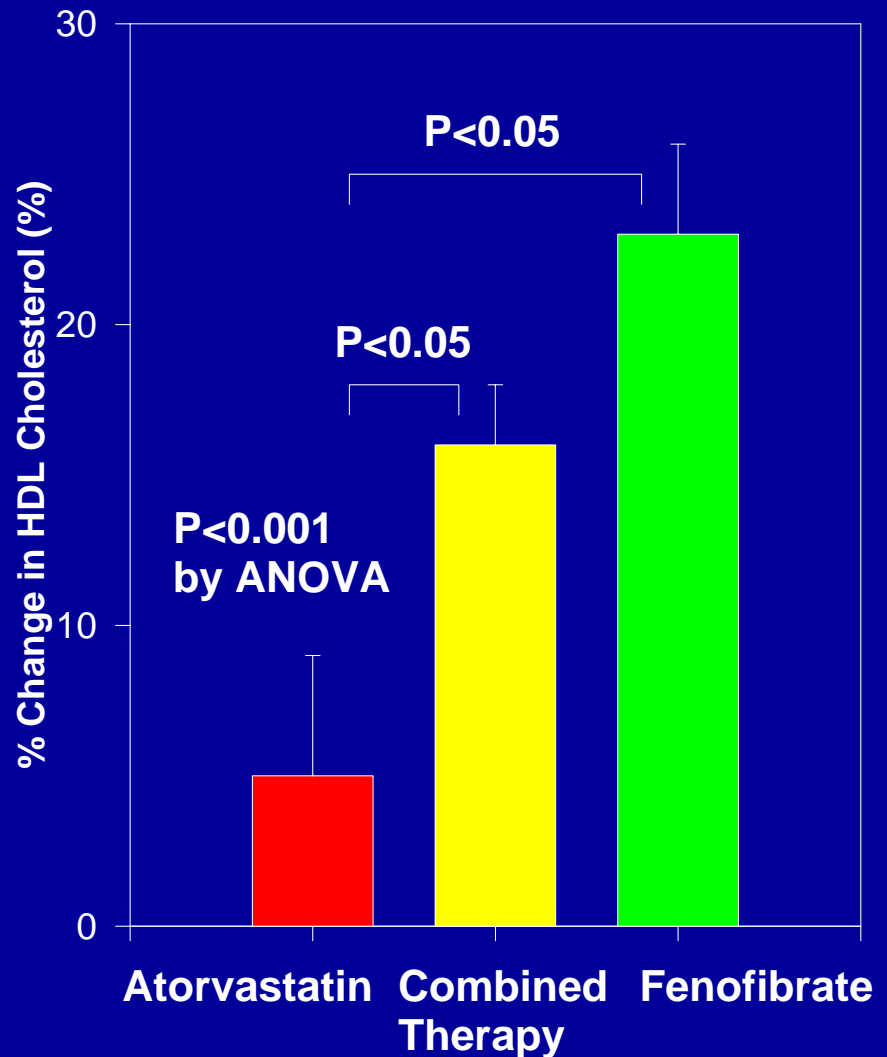
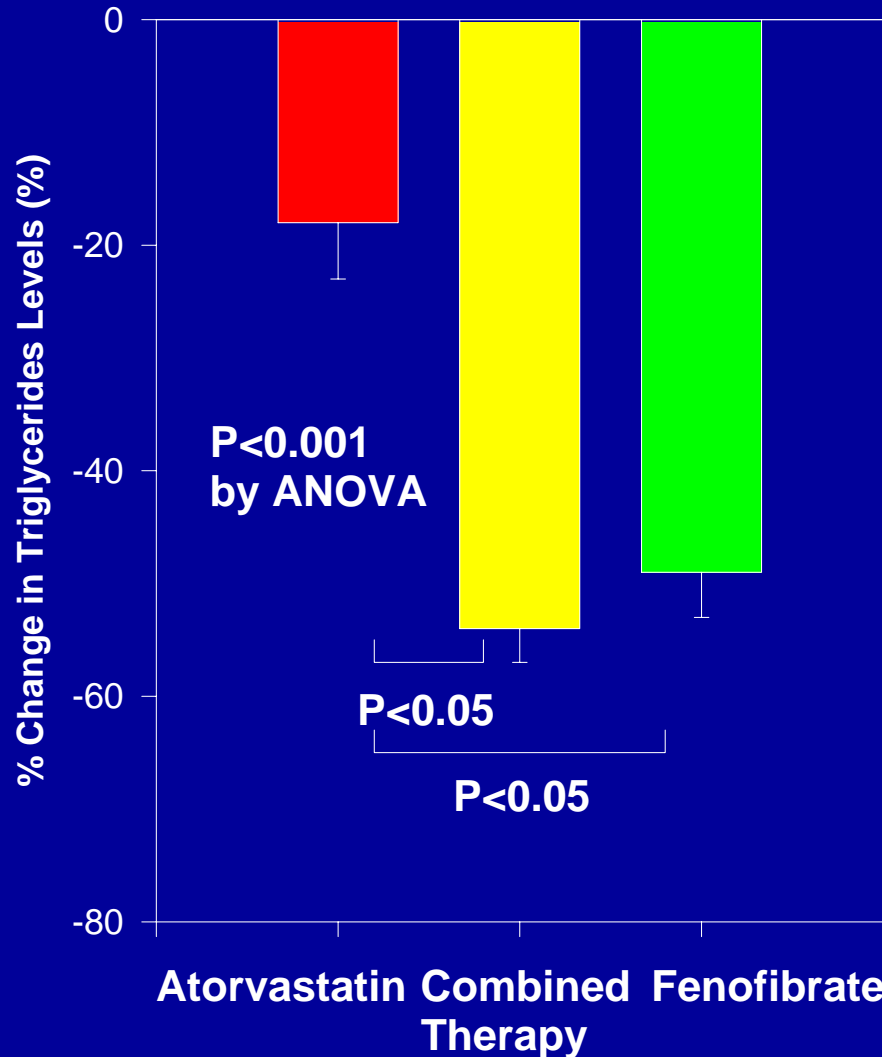
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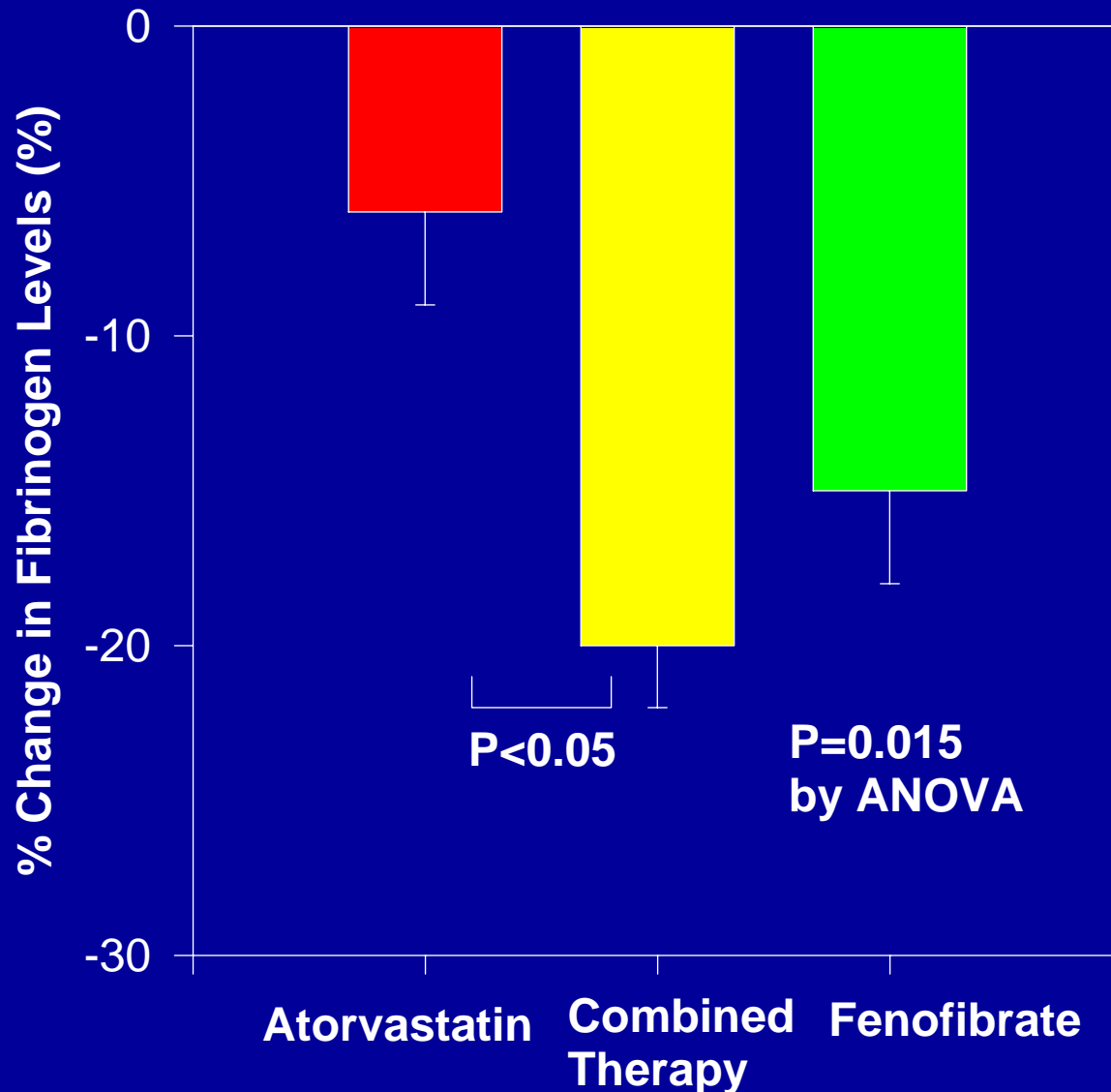
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# Combined Therapy or Fenofibrate Alone Significantly Changes TG and HDL-C Levels



# Combined Therapy or Fenofibrate Alone Significantly Lowers Fibrinogen Levels

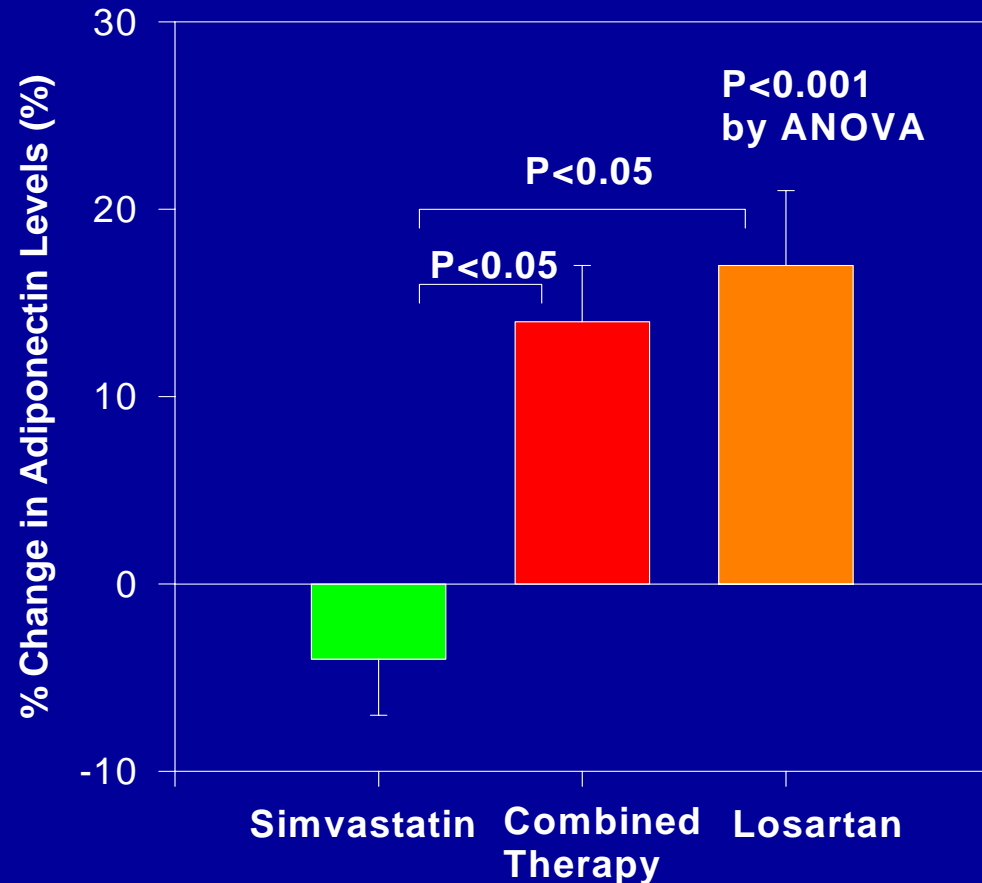


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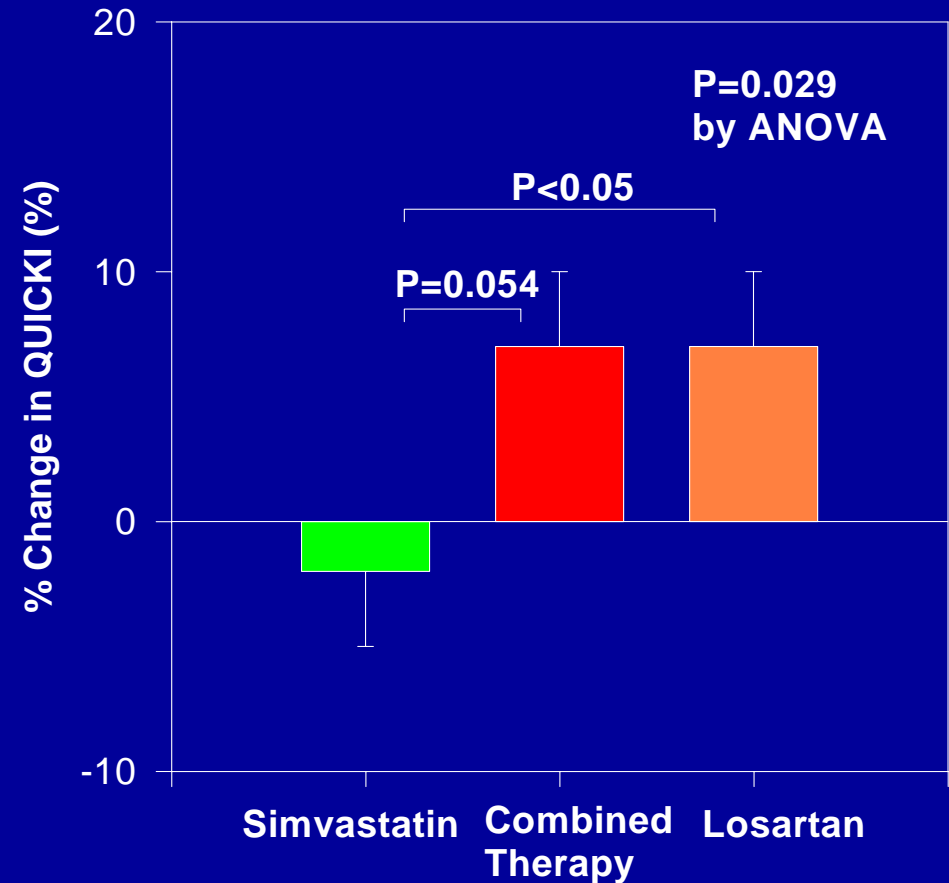


# Effects of Simvastatin, Combined Therapy, and Losartan on Insulin Sensitivity

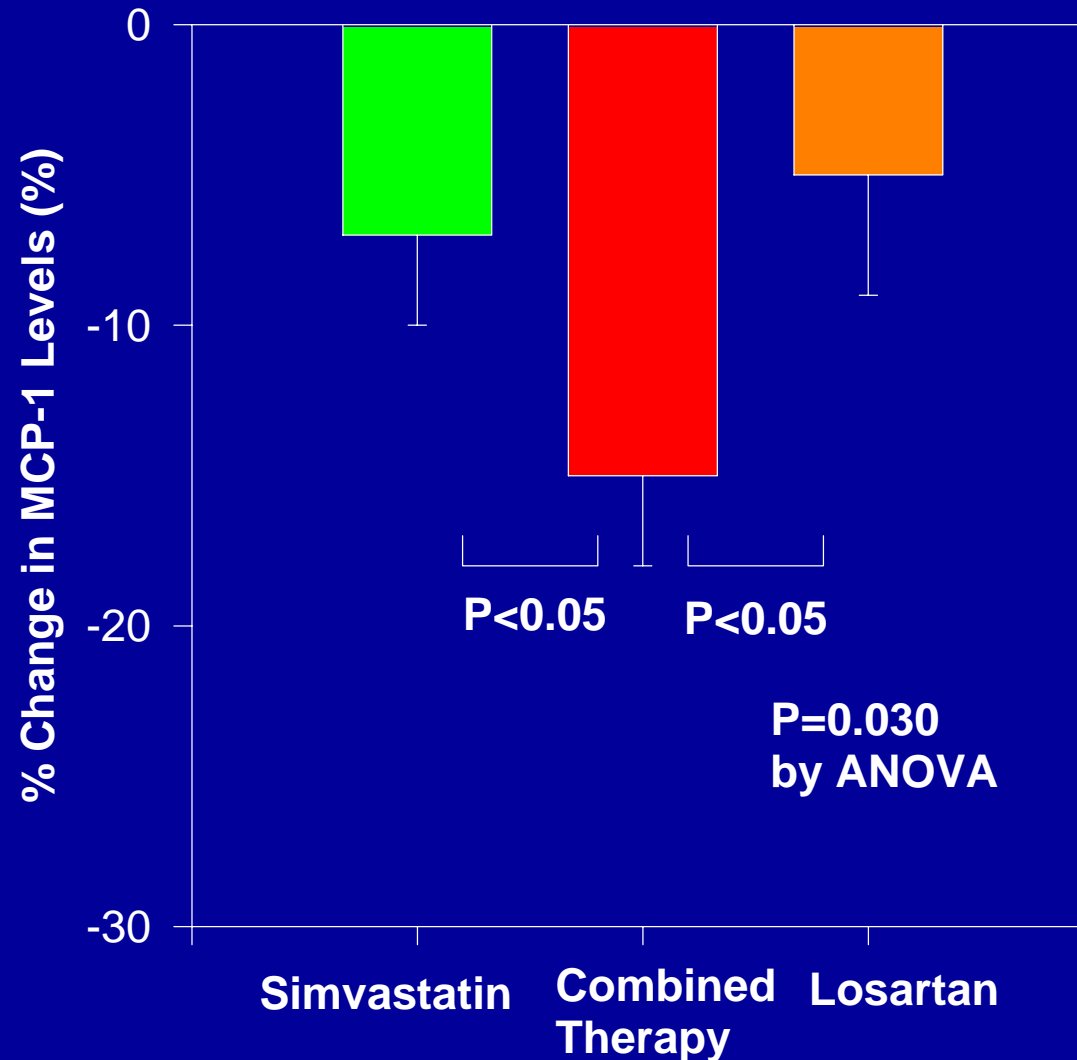
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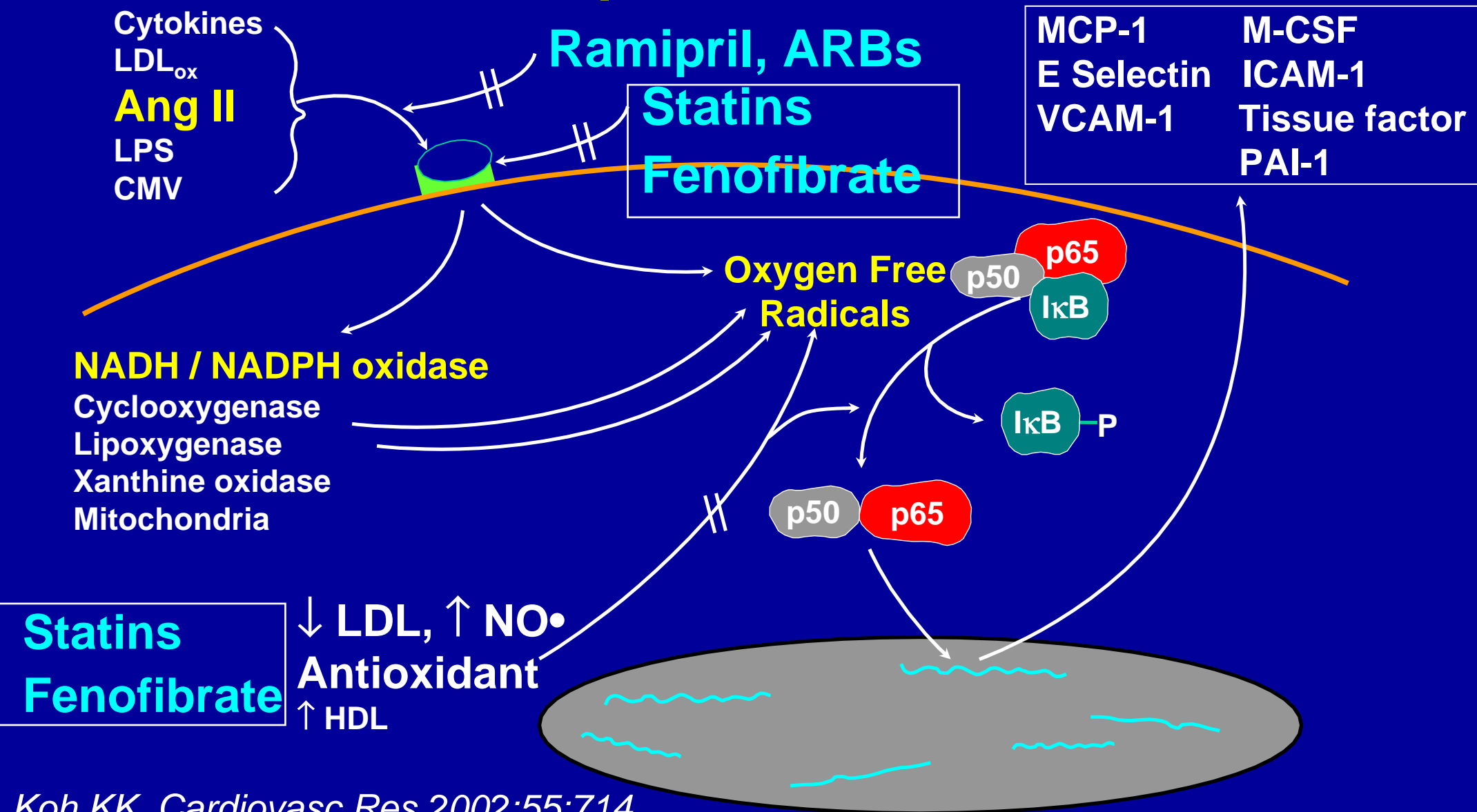
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# Combined Therapy Significantly Reduces MCP-1 Levels



# Activation of Nuclear Transcription Factor, NF $\kappa$ B



# Why Is PEACE Trial Neutral?

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1. Underpowered trial- only 8290 of a planned 14,100 patients were enrolled
2. Primary outcome was changed to include revascularization
3. Failure to reach maximal dose because of adverse effects

Meta-analysis of the HOPE, PEACE, and EUROPA data shows significant reductions in mortality, reinfarction, and stroke

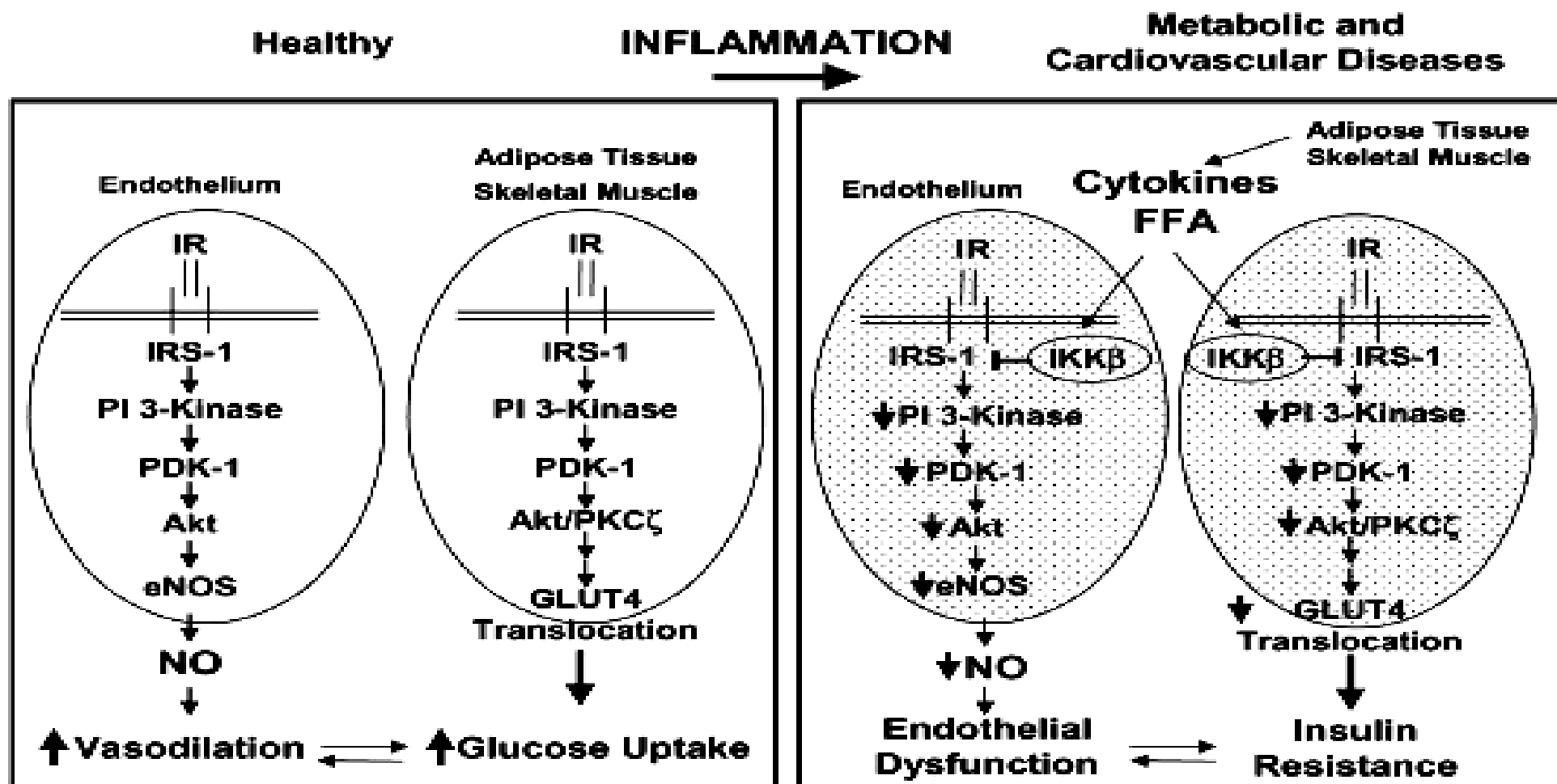
*Yusuf S, Pogue J. N Engl J Med 2005;352:937*  
*Myers MG. N Engl J Med 2005;352:938*

# Meta-analysis of Data on Mortality from HOPE, EUROPA, and PEACE Trials

Trial	ACEI	Control	OR	P value
HOPE	10.4%	12.2%	0.83 (0.73-0.95)	0.005
EUROPA	6.1%	6.9%	0.89 (0.77-1.02)	0.098
PEACE	7.2%	8.1%	0.88 (0.75-1.04)	0.126
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>0.86 (0.79-0.94)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

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# Cross-talk between inflammatory and insulin signaling pathways causes both endo. dysfunction and metabolic insulin resistance that synergize to cardiovascular disorders in Met Syndrome







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