

# Statin differences

## - Are they all the same?

# LDL Cholesterol Goals and Cutpoints (2004)

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Risk Category	LDL Goal (mg/dL)	LDL (mg/dL) - Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC)	LDL (mg/dL) - Drug Therapy
• CHD or CHD Risk Equivalents (10-year risk > 20 %)	<100  Optional < 70*	≥100	≥100 (<100 : drug optional)
• 2+ Risk Factors (10-year risk 10–20 %)	<130  Optional <100*	≥130	≥130 (100–129 : drug optional)
• 2+ Risk Factors (10-year risk <10 %)	<130	≥130	≥160
• 0–1 Risk Factor	<160	≥160	≥190 (160–189 : drug optional)

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## **Primary target : LDL-lowering**

reduction in total mortality, CHD mortality, major coronary events, coronary procedures (PTCA/CABG), and stroke

## **Secondary target : Metabolic syndrome Non-HDL cholesterol**

# HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors - Statins

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Drug	Dose Range
Lovastatin	20–80 mg
Pravastatin	20–40 mg
Simvastatin	20–80 mg
Fluvastatin	20–80 mg
Atorvastatin	10–80 mg
Rosuvastatin	10–80 mg
Pitavastatin	1– 4 mg

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*Cerivastatin*

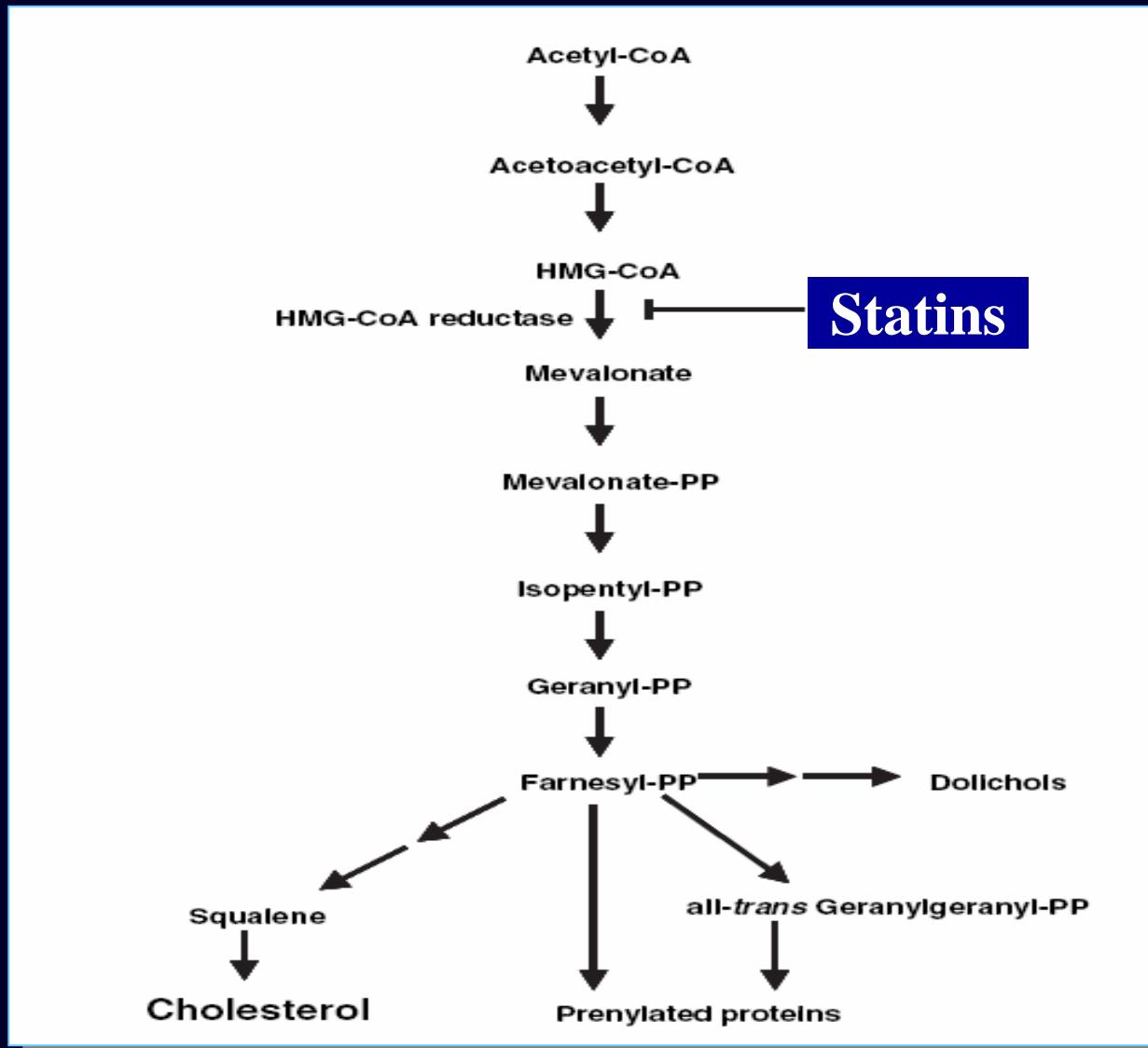
## Major actions on lipid profiles

↓	LDL-C	18 – 55 %
↑	HDL-C	5 – 15 %
↓	TG	7 – 30 %

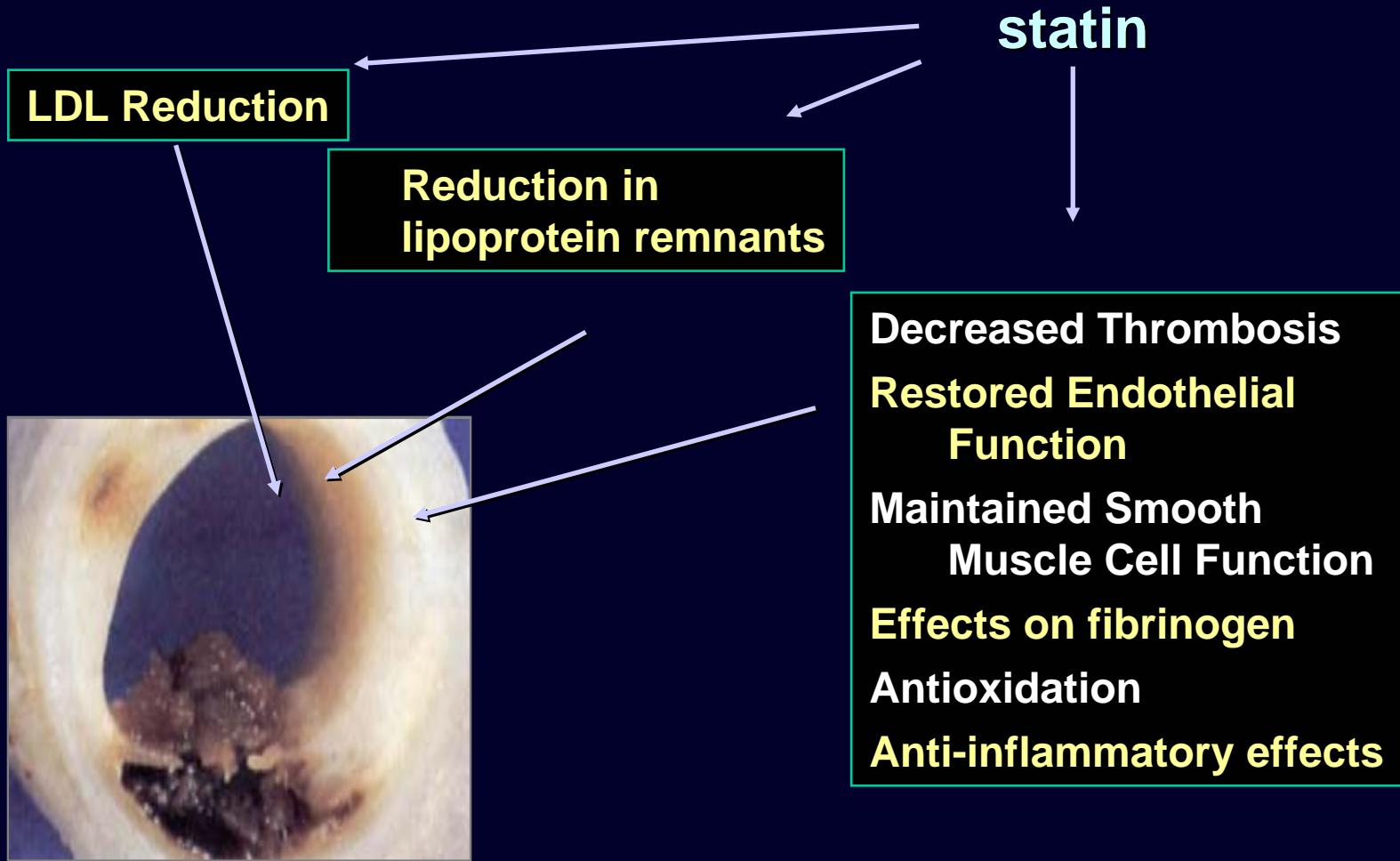
## Mechanism

- Inhibition of HMG CoA reductase  
(rate-limiting step in cholesterol biosynthesis)
  - Increased LDL-receptor expression and activity
  - Enhanced removal of lipoprotein by LDL-receptor
- Reduced hepatic release of lipoprotein into the blood circulation
- Inhibition of lipoprotein assembly

# Mammalian mevalonate pathway



# Potential Mechanisms of Benefit



## Indications

most effective drugs in hypercholesterolemia

familial hypercholesterolemia

polygenic hypercholesterolemia

Combined hyperlipidemia

Hyperlipidemia of diabetes and renal failure

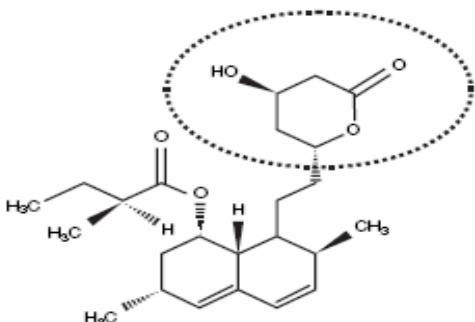
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Active or chronic liver disease

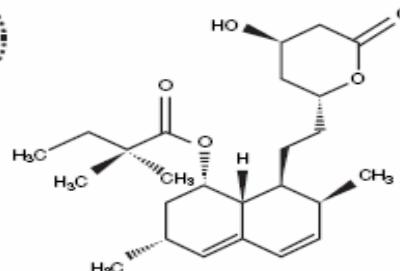
Concomitant use of certain drugs (relative)

: cyclosporine, macrolide antibiotics, antifungal agents,  
cytochrome P-450 inhibitors

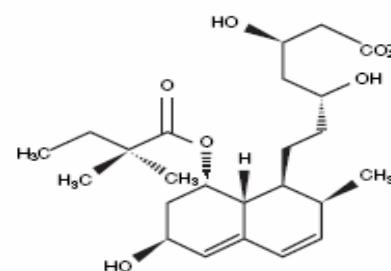
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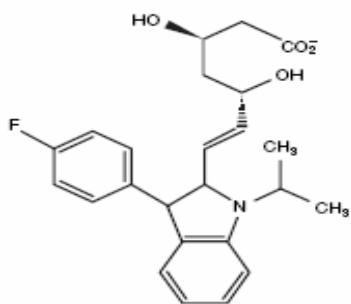
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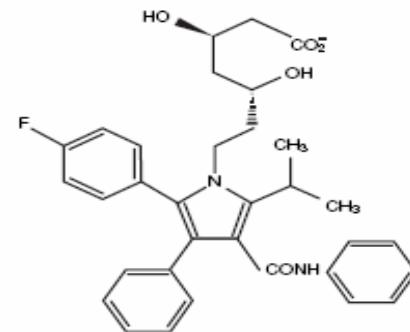
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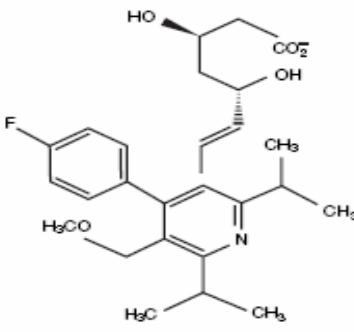
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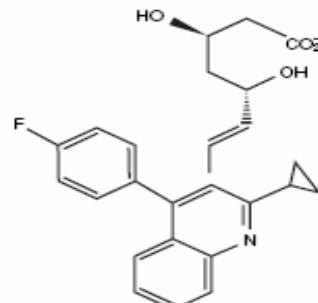
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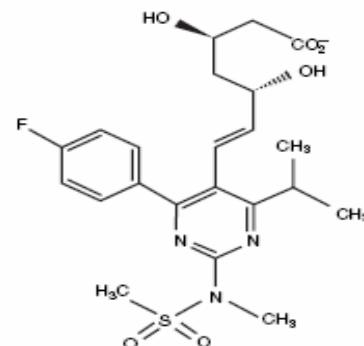
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Cerivastatin



Pitavastatin



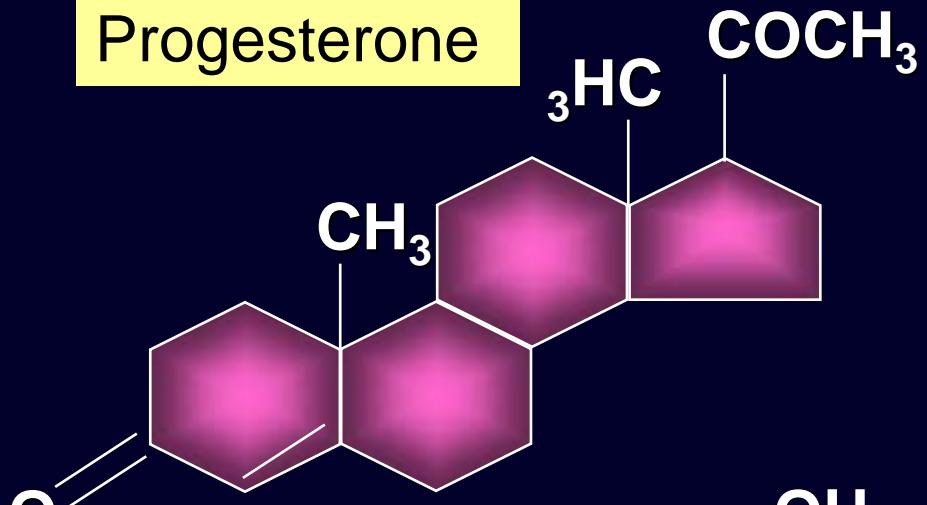
Rosuvastatin

# Sometimes, Small Differences Can Have Profound Effects

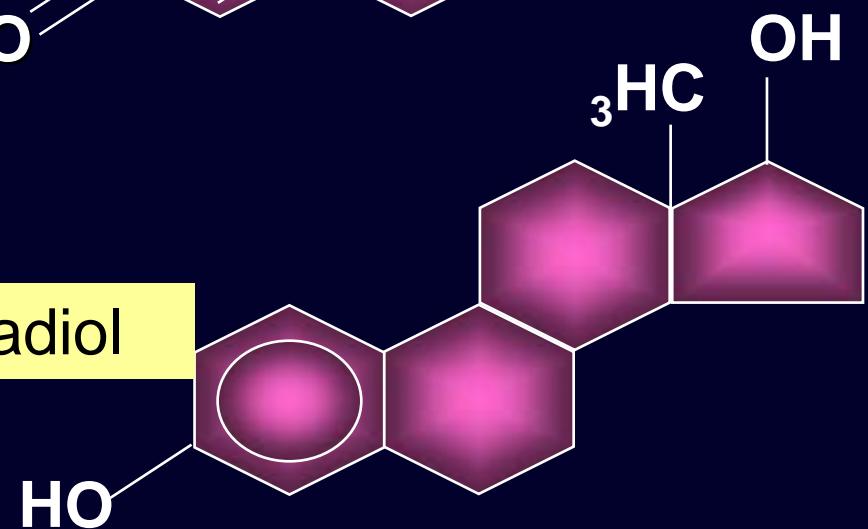
Testosterone



Progesterone



Estradiol



# Statins - equivalent doses

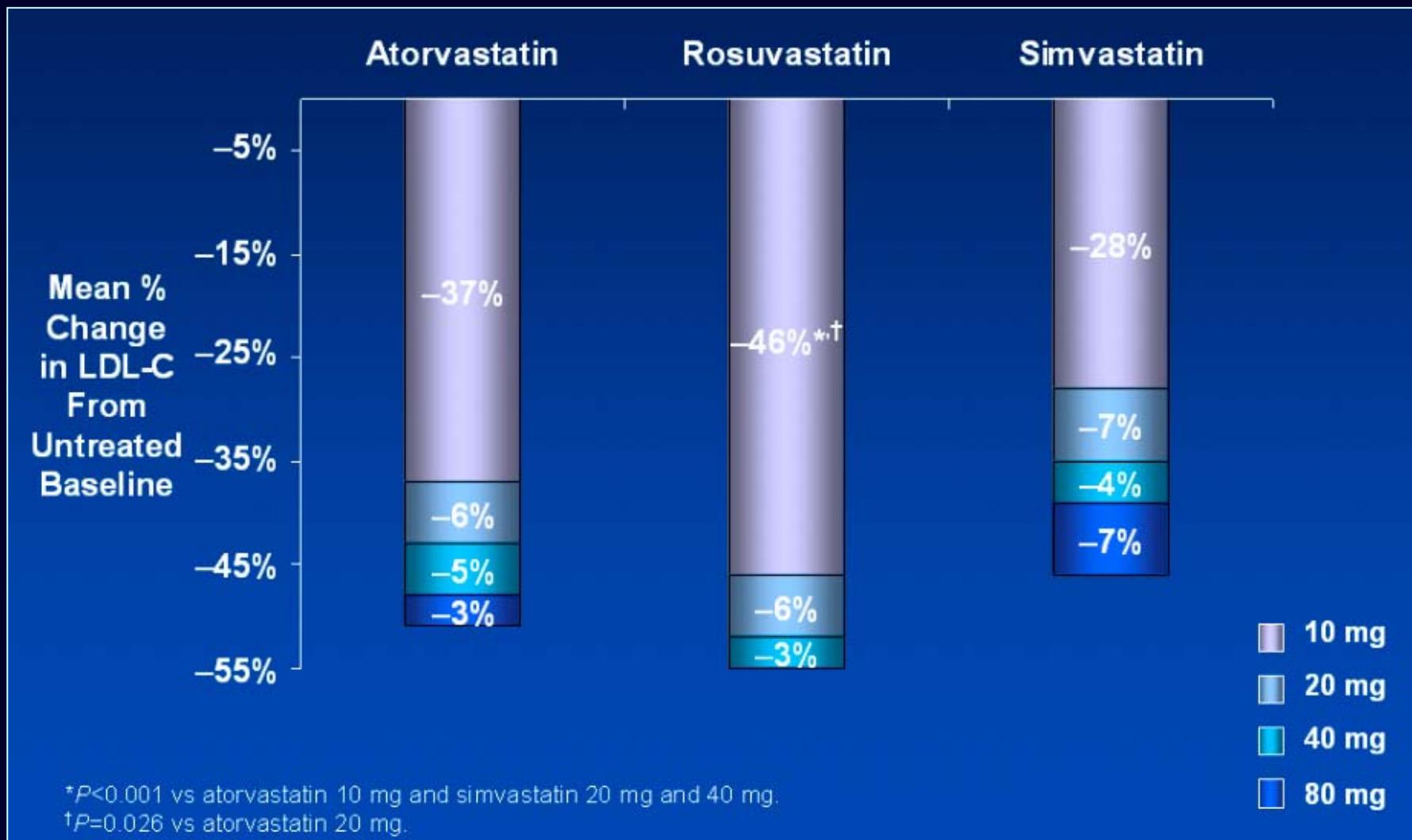
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Statin Drug, mg						Change in Lipid and Lipoprotein Levels			
AVS	SVS	LVS	PVS	FVS	CVS	Total	LDL	HDL	TG
....	10	20	20	40	0.2	-22%	-27%	4-8%	-10-15%
10	20	40	40	80	0.4	-27%	-34%	4-8%	-10-20%
20	40	80	80	....	....	-32%	-41%	4-8%	-15-25%
40	80	....	....	....	....	-37%	-48%	4-8%	-20-30%
80	....	....	....	....	....	-42%	-55%	4-8%	-25-35%

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AVS : Atorvastatin, SVS : Simvastatin, LVS : Lovastatin,  
PVS : Pravastatin, FVS : Fluvastatin, CVS : Cerivastatin

# STELLAR Trial

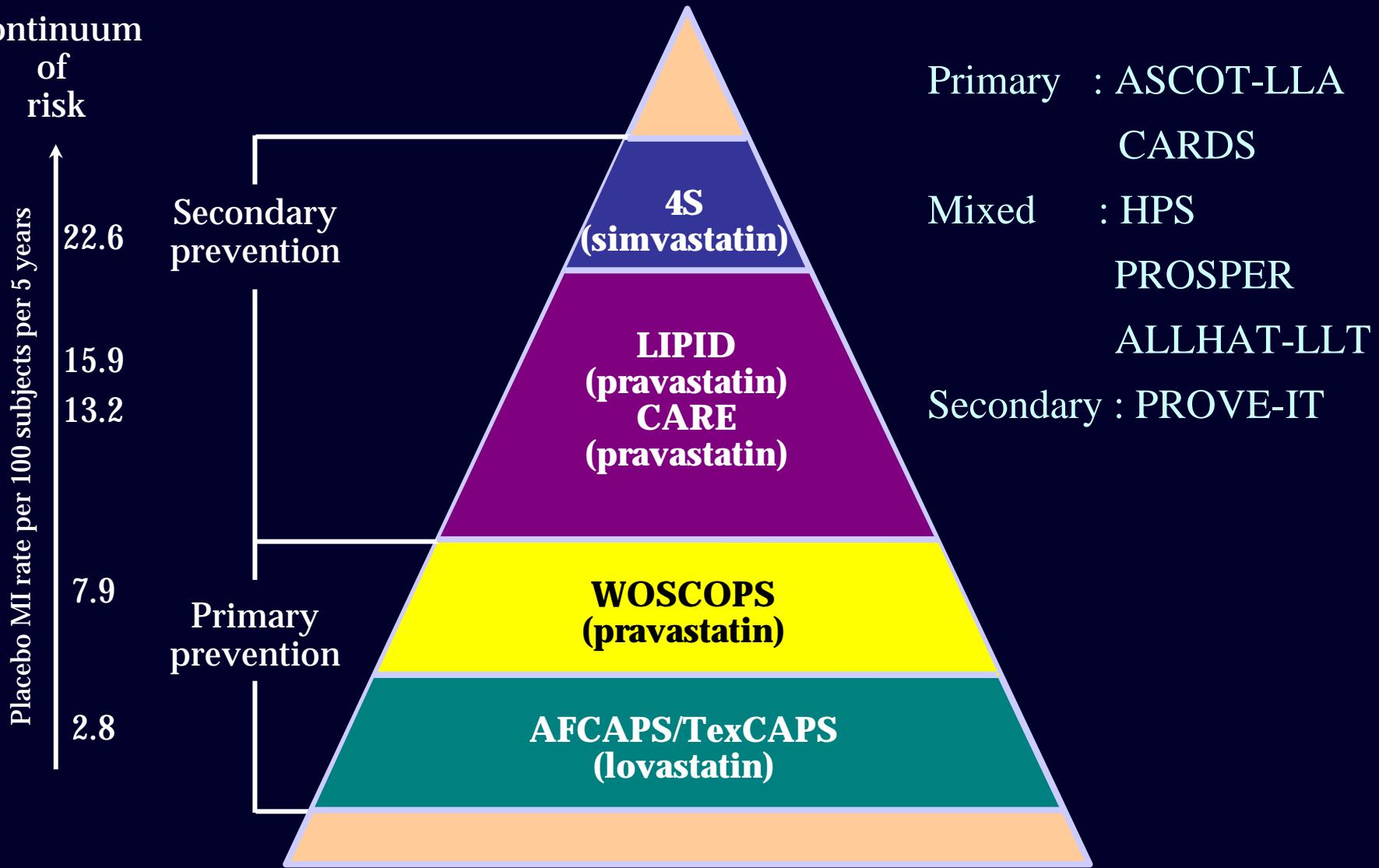


# Comparative efficacy of Statins

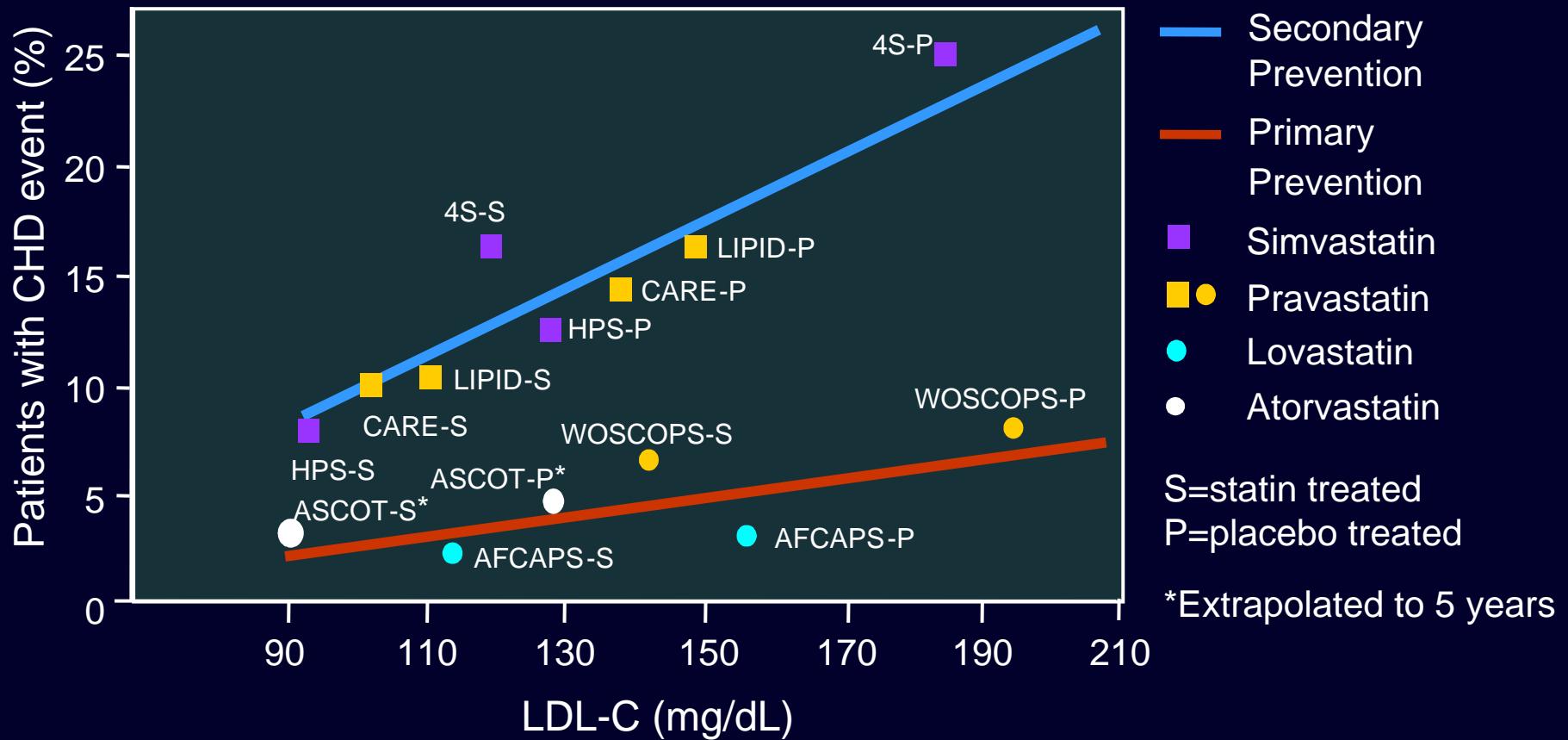
(%)	LDL-C ↓	HDL-C ↑	TG ↓
Rosuvastatin	-63	10	-28
Atorvastatin	-50	6	-29
Simvastatin	-41	12	-18
Pravastatin	-34	12	-8
Lovastatin	-34	9	-16
Fluvastatin	-24	8	-10
Cerivastatin	-28	10	-13
Pitavastatin	-48	-	-23

# Relevance to Clinical Practice

Continuum  
of  
risk



# Effects of lipid-lowering therapy on CHD events in statin trials



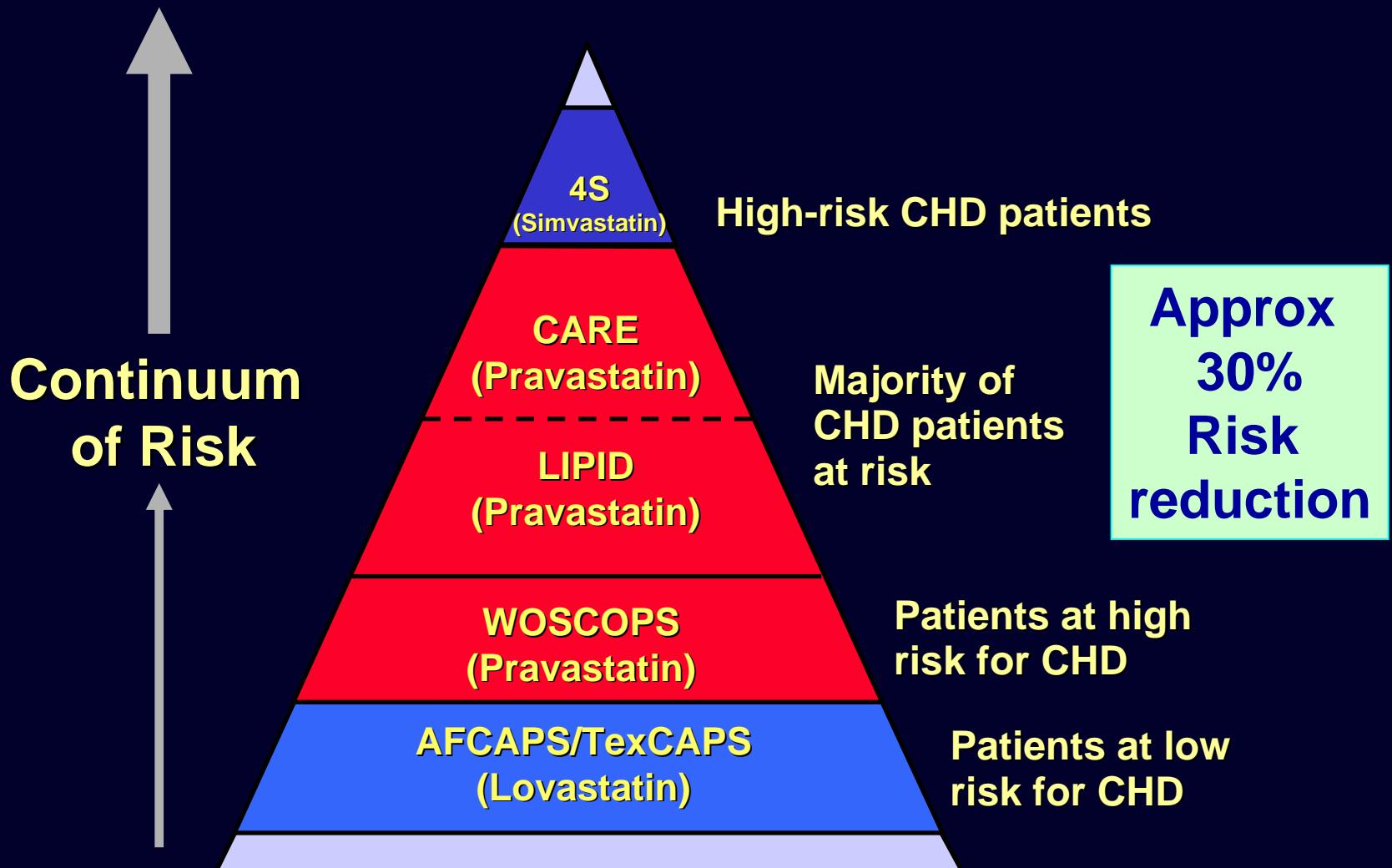
# Primary Prevention Trials

Study	Persons	Duration	Statin Drug (dose/d)	Baseline LDL-C (mg/dL)	LDL-C Change	Major Coronary Events	Revascularization	Coronary Mortality	Total Mortality
<b>WOSCOPS</b>	6595	4.9yrs	<b>Pravastatin</b>	192 40 mg	-26%	-31%	-37%	-33%	-22%
AFCAPS/ <b>TexCAPS</b>	6605	5yrs	<b>Lovastatin</b>	150 20/40mg	-25%	-37%	-33%	NS	NS

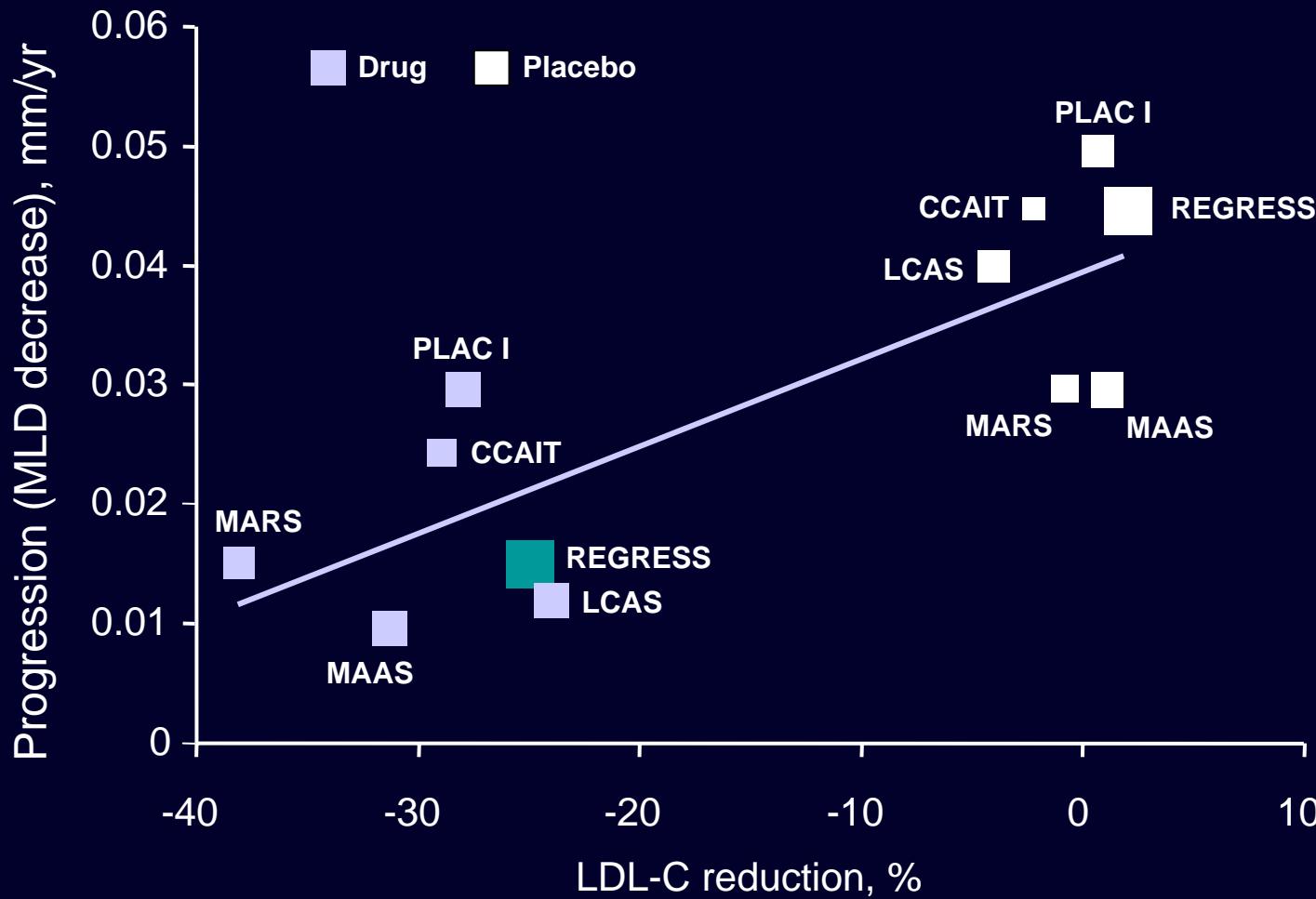
# Major Secondary Prevention Trials

Study	Persons	Drug Duration	LDL-C (dose/d)	Baseline LDL-C (mg/dL)	Coronary Change	Major Revascu-Events	Coronary larization	Total Mortality	Mortality	Stroke
<b>4S</b>	4444	5.4 yrs	Simvastatin 10/40 mg	188	-35%	-35%	-37%	-42%	-30%	-27%
<b>CARE</b>	4159	5 yrs	Pravastatin 40 mg	139	-27%	-25%	-27%	-24%	-9%	-31%
<b>LIPID</b>	9014	5 yrs	Pravastatin 40 mg	150	-25%	-29%	-24%	-24%	-23%	-19%

# Landmark Clinical Event Trials: Relevance to Clinical Practice



# Effects of lipid-lowering with statins on progression of CHD



# The PROVE-IT Trial

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PRavastatin Or atorVastatin Evaluation and Infection  
Therapy (TIMI 22)  
**Comparision of Intensive and Moderate Lipid  
Lowering with Statin after Acute Coronary  
syndrome**

NEJM, April 8, 2004 350;15

# Background

## Statin therapy in long-term treatment of CHD

- statins in patients with an acute coronary syndrome (ACS)
- “intensive” LDL-C lowering to ~65 mg/dL

vs

“standard” LDL-C lowering to ~95 mg/dL

# PROVE IT - TIMI 22: Study Design

4,162 patients with an Acute Coronary Syndrome < 10 days



Double-blind

ASA + Standard Medical Therapy

Pravastatin  
40 mg

Atorvastatin  
80 mg

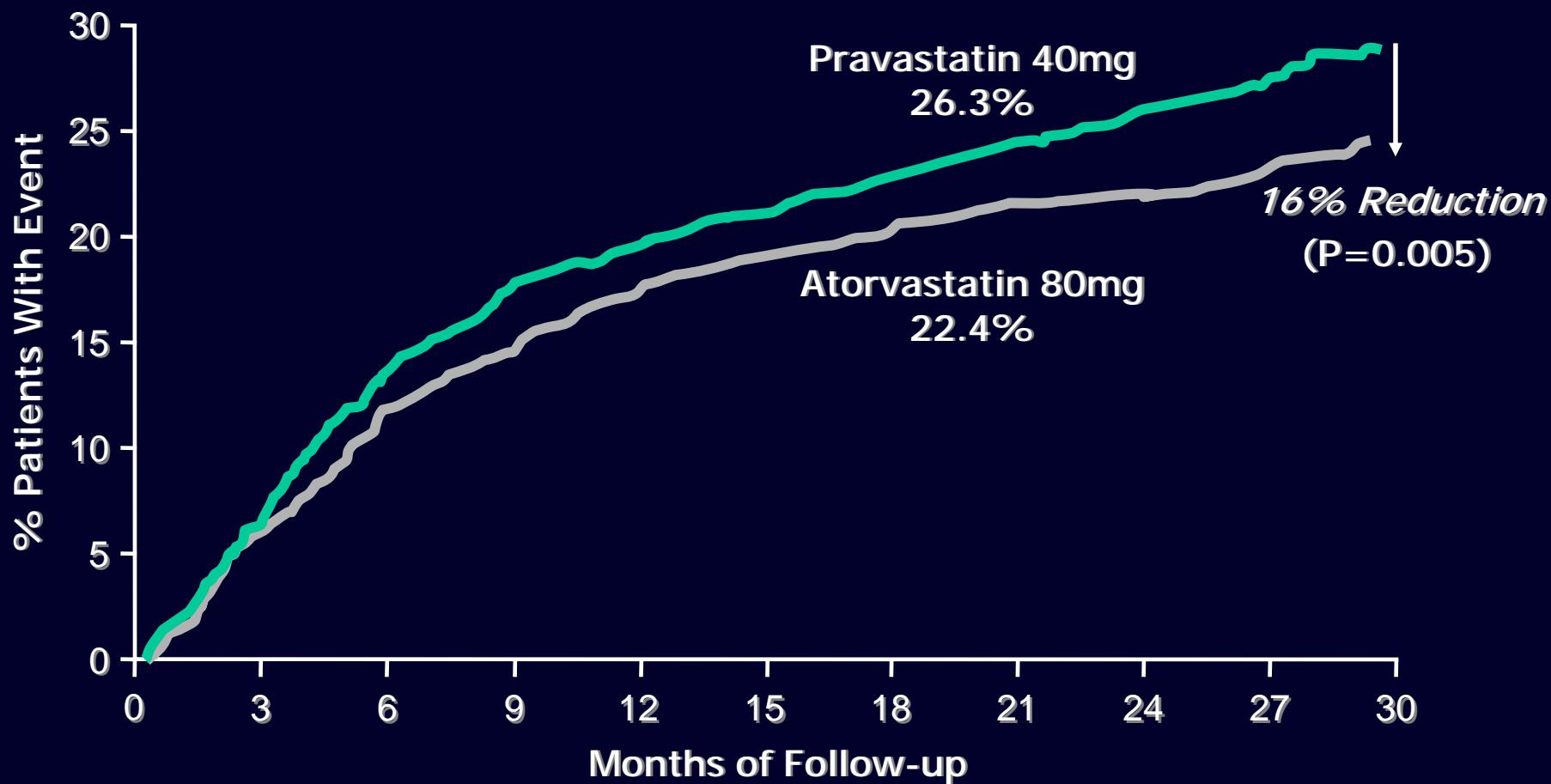
2x2 Factorial: Gatifloxacin vs. placebo

Duration: Mean 2 year follow-up (>925 events)

Primary Endpoint: Death, MI, Documented UA requiring hospitalization, revascularization (> 30 days after randomization), or Stroke

# Primary Endpoint

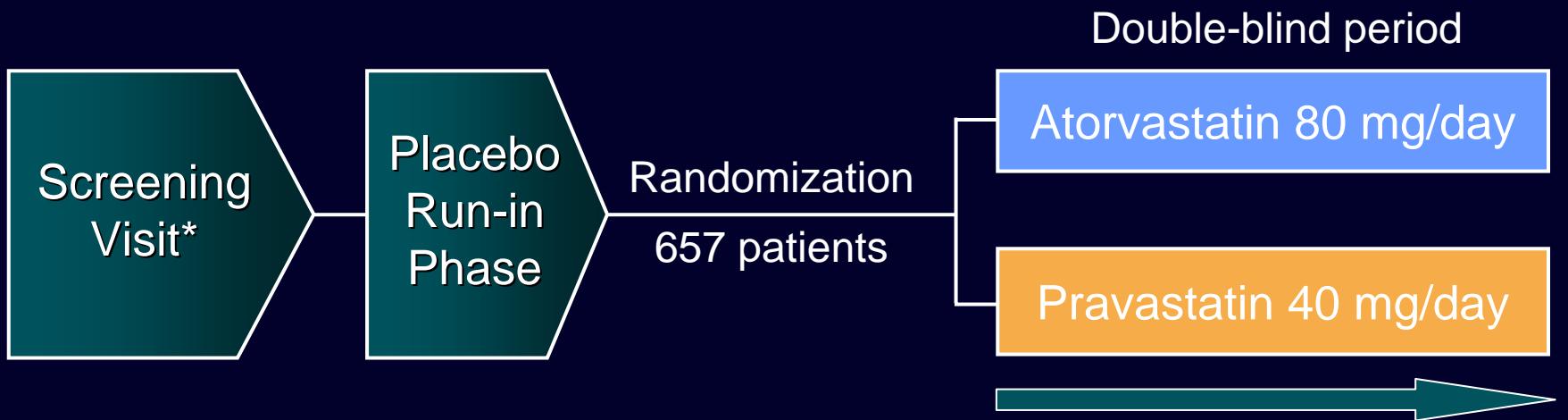
All-cause mortality or major CV event



# The REVERSAL Trial

**Reversing Atherosclerosis with Aggressive  
Lipid Lowering**

# REVERSAL: Study design



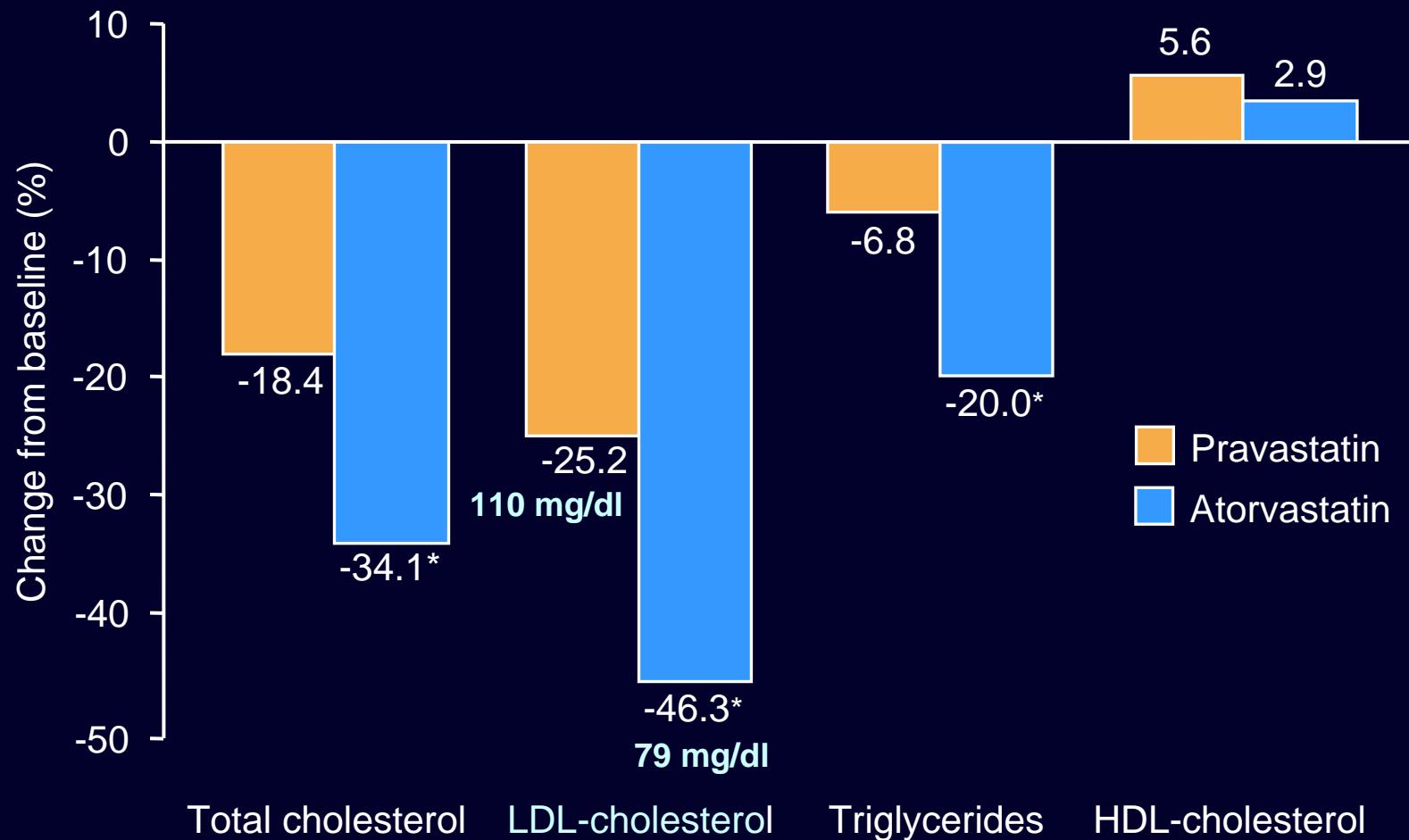
\*Includes baseline intravascular ultrasound (IVUS)

18-month follow-up with IVUS

Design – Prospective, randomized, double-blind, multicenter trial

Setting – 34 community and tertiary care hospitals in the United States

# Change from baseline in lipid parameters



\* $P<0.001$  vs pravastatin

Data are mean percent change from baseline to 18-month follow-up.

# Pleiotropic effects

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## Lipid effects

- inhibition of cholesterol biosynthesis (Endo, 1992)
- Increased uptake and degradation of LDL(Goldstein & Brown, 1990)
- Inhibition of LDL oxidation (Aviram et al., 1992; Giroux et al., 1993; Hussein et al., 1997)
- Inhibition of scavenger receptor expression (Umetani et al., 1996)
- Inhibition of lipoprotein secretion (La Ville et al., 1984)
- Inhibition of modified LDL endocytosis (Bernini et al., 1995)

## Antiatherosclerotic effects

- Inhibition of migration and proliferation of arterial myocytes (Corsini et al., 1993, 1996a, 1996b; Soma et al., 1993)
  - Inhibition of macrophage growth (Sakai et al., 1997)
  - Inhibition of cholesterol accumulation in macrophages (Bernini et al., 1993, 1995; Cignarella et al., 1998)
  - Inhibition of metalloproteinase secretion (Bellosta et al., 1998b)
  - Inhibition of cell adhesion (Masaaki et al., 1997)
  - Inhibition of tissue factor expression and activity (Colli et al., 1997)
  - Inhibition of superoxide generation (Giroux et al., 1993)
  - Inhibition of endothelin-1 synthesis and expression (Hernandez-Perera et al., 1998)
  - Increased expression and activity of eNOS (Endres et al., 1998; Kaesemeyer, 1999; Laufs et al., 1997, 1998)
  - Increased fibrinolytic activity (Essig et al., 1998)
  - Induction of myocyte apoptosis in proliferative lesions (Baetta et al., 1997a, 1997b; Guijarro et al., 1998)
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# Characteristics of Statins

Characteristic	Lovastatin	Pravastatin	Simvastatin	Atorvastatin	Fluvastatin	Cerivastatin
Maximal dose (mg/day)	80	40	80	80	40	0.3
Maximal serum LDL cholesterol reduction produced (%)	40	34	47	60	24	28
Serum LDL cholesterol reduction produced (%)	34	34	41	50	24	28
Serum triglyceride reduction produced (%)	16	24	18	29	10	13
Serum HDL cholesterol increase	8.6	12	12	6	8	10
Plasma half-life(hr)	2	1-2	1-2	14	1.2	2-3
Effect of food on absorption of drug absorption	Increased	Decreased	None	None	Negligible	None
Optimal time of administration	With meals (morning and evening)	Bedtime	Evening	Evening	Bedtime	Evening
Penetration of central nervous system	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Renal excretion of absorbed dose	10	20	13	2	<6	33
Mechanism of hepatic metabolism	Cytochrome P-450 3A4	Sulfation	Cytochrome P-450 3A4	Cytochrome P-450 3A4	Cytochrome P-450 2C9	Cytochrome P-450 3A4, 2C8

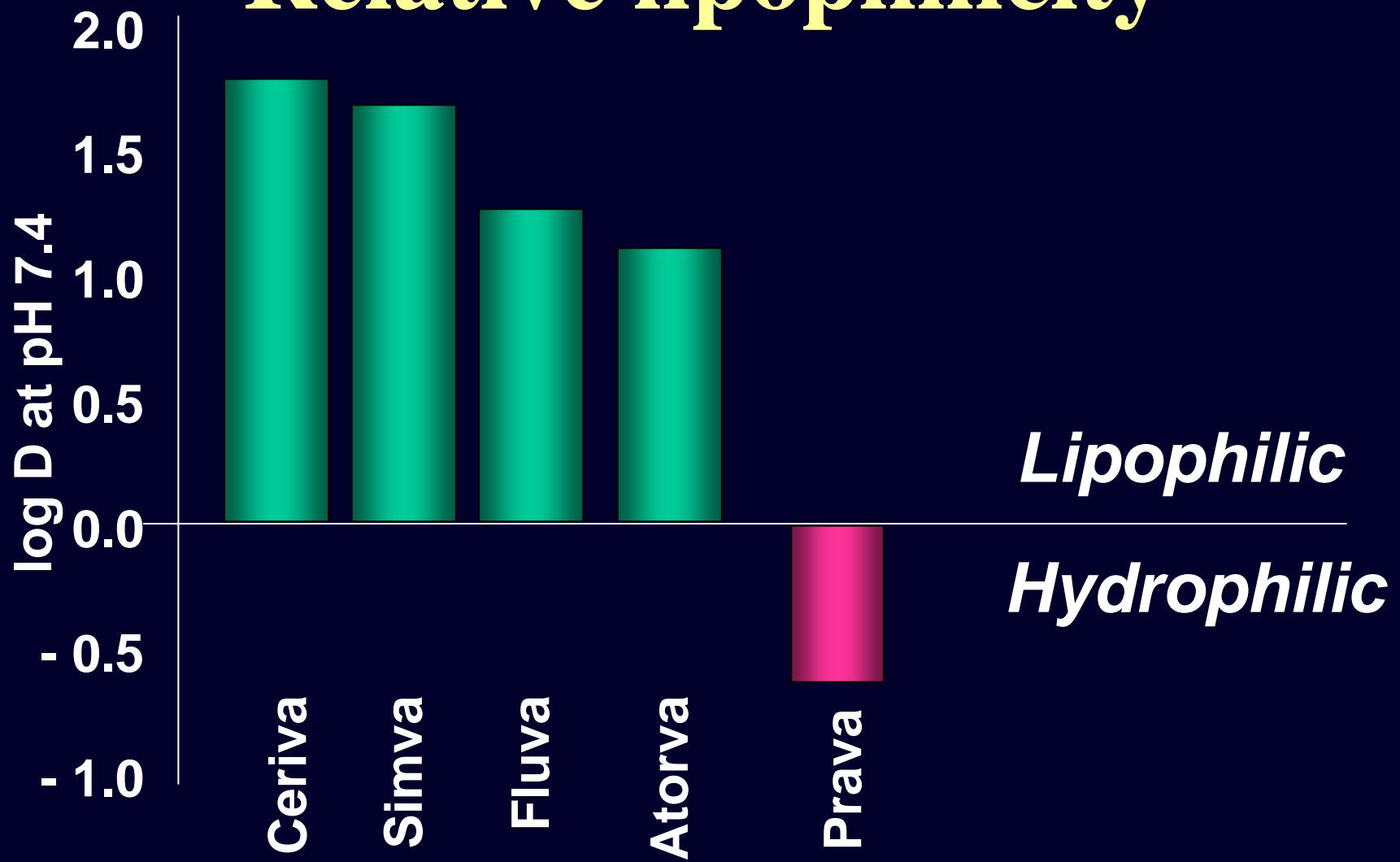
# Pharmacokinetic properties of the statins

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	Rosuvastatin	Pitavasstatin
Optimal time of dosing	Any time of day	Not available
Bioavailability(%)	20	~80
Solubility	Hydrophilic	Lipophilic
Effect of food	No effect	Not available
Protein binding(%)	90	96
Active metabolites	Minor	Minor
Elimination half-life(h)	19	11
CYP450 metabolism and isoenzyme	Limited (2C9, 2C19, 1A2, 2D6, 2E1)	Limited
Renal excretion(%)	10	Not available

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# Relative lipophilicity



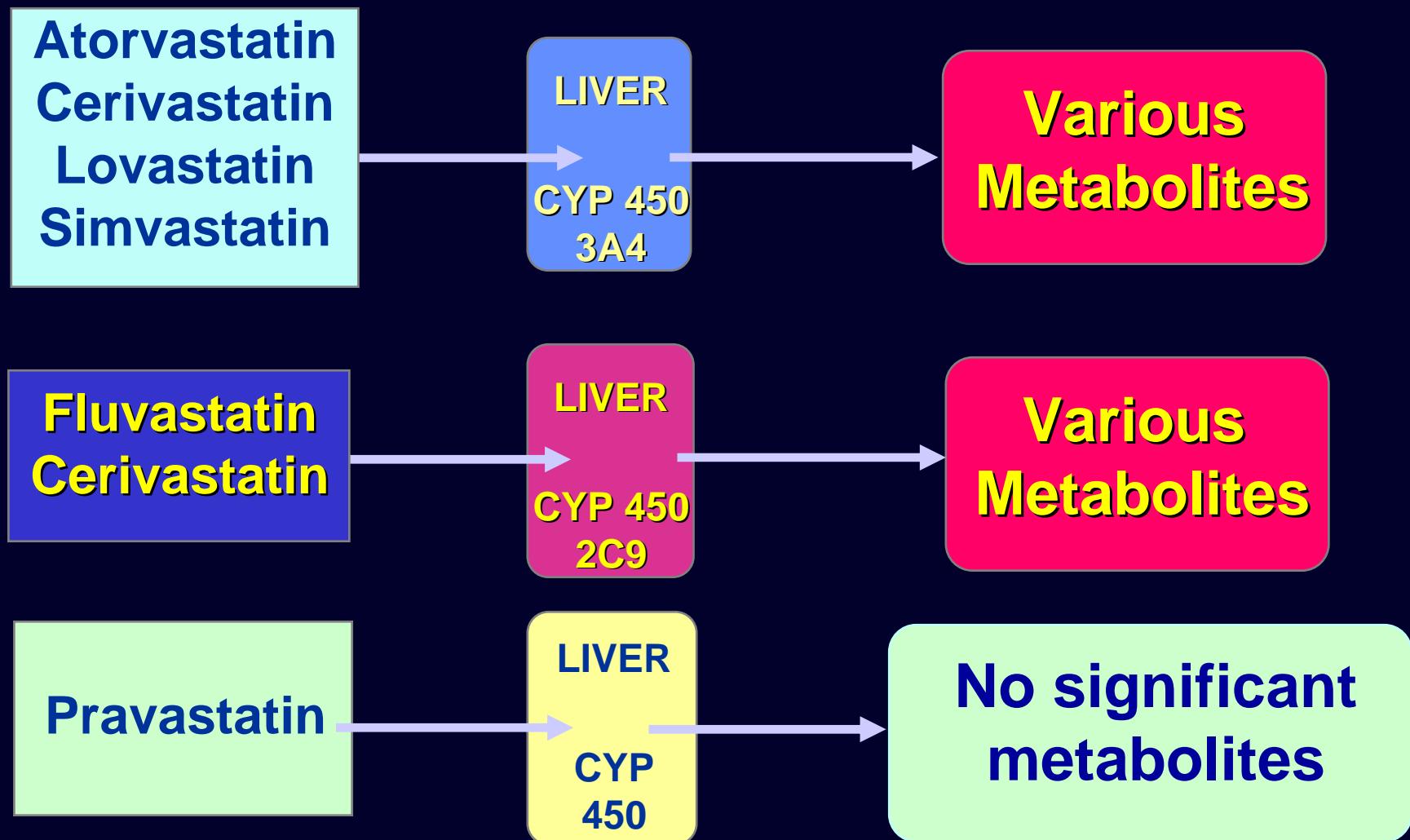
# HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors

## Pharmacokinetic Overview

Pharmacokinetic Parameter	Lova	Simva	Prava	Fluva	Atorva	Ceriva
Protein binding (%)	>95	95-98	50	>98	98	>99
Active metabolites	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Elimination half-life (hrs)	3	2	1.8	1.2	14	2

White. *US Pharmacist.* 1998;19-27.  
Cerivastatin Package Insert. Bayer/SKB 1998

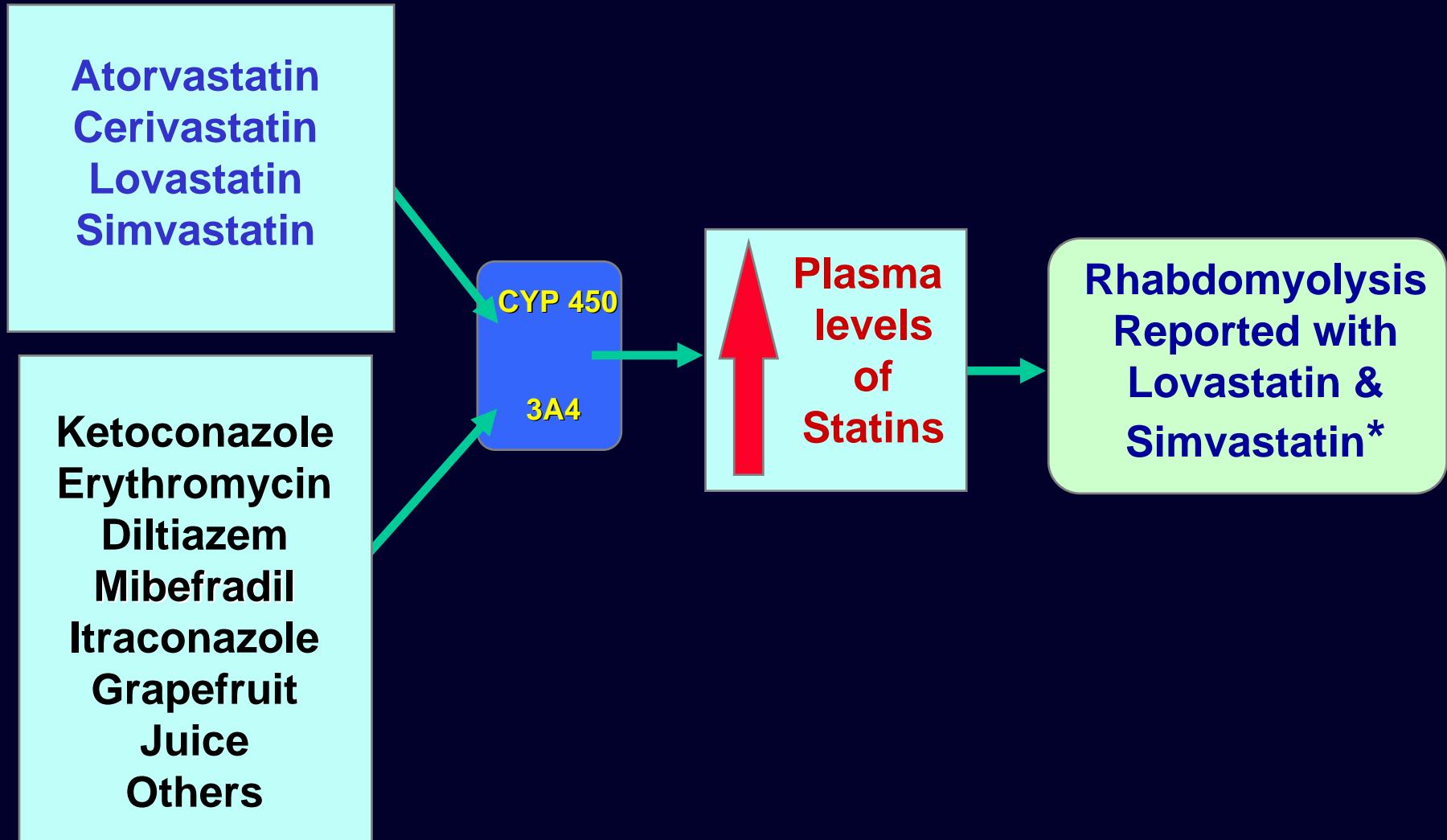
# Metabolism of Statins: Major Cytochrome P450 Isoenzymes



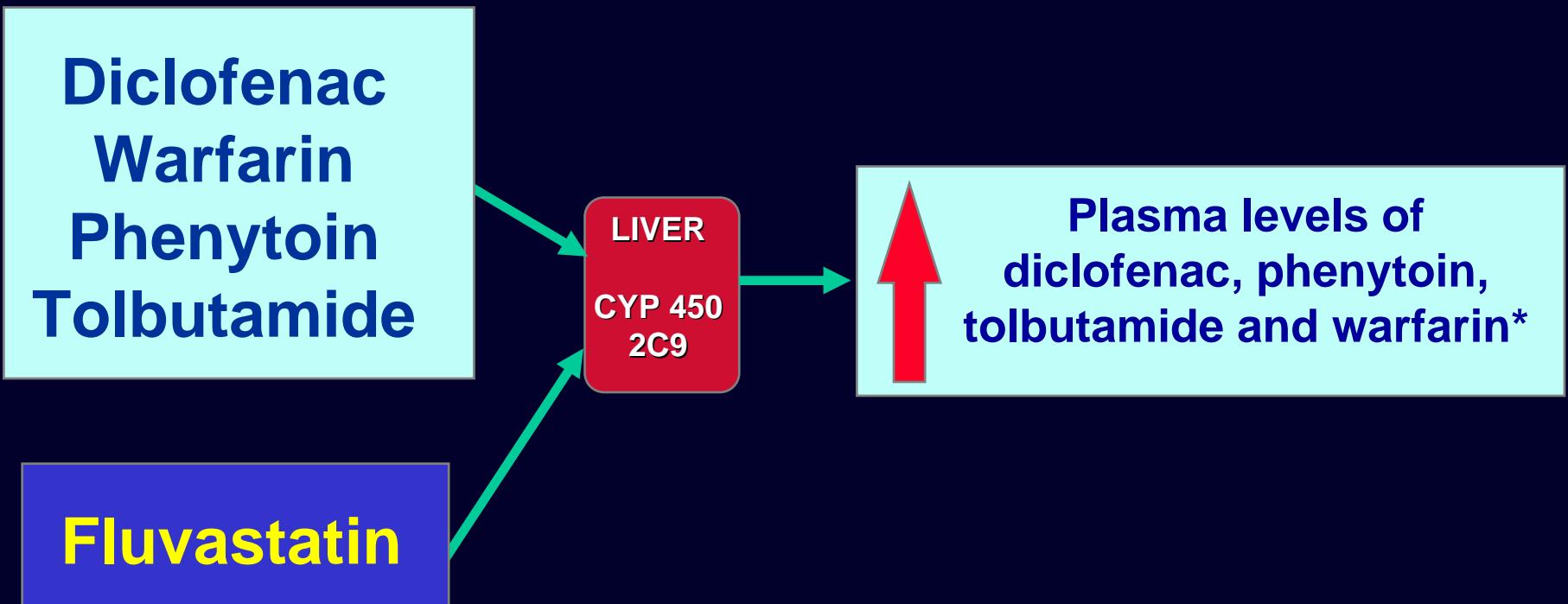
# Drug Interaction : Cyt P-450

CYP1A2	CYP2C9	CYP2C19	CYP2D6	CYP2E1	CYP3A4
Acetaminophen	Alprenolol	Diazepam	Amitriptyline	Chloroxazone	Atorvastatin
Caffeine	Diclofenac	Ibuprofen	Bufaralol	Ethanol	Cerivastatin
Clozapine	Fluvastatin	Mephenytoin	Codeine	Halothane	Lovastatin
Phenacetin	<i>N</i> -Desmethyl diazepam	Methylphenobarbital	Debrisoquine	Paracetamol	Simvastatin
Theophylline	Tolbutamide	Omeprazole	Desipramine		Erthromycin
	Warfarin	Proguanil	Dextromethorphan		Lidocaine
		Phenytoin	Encainide		Cyclosporine A
			Flecainide		Felodipine
			Impramine		Mibepradil
			Metoprolol		Nefazodone
			Mibepradil		Nifedipine
			Nortriptyline		Quinidine
			Perhexiline		Midazolam
			Perphenazine		Traizaolam
			Propafenone		Verapamil
			Propranolol		Warfarin
			Sparteine		
			Thioridazine		
			Timolol		

# CYP3-A4 Mediated Drug Interactions with Statins



# CYP2-C9 Mediated Drug Interactions with Fluvastatin



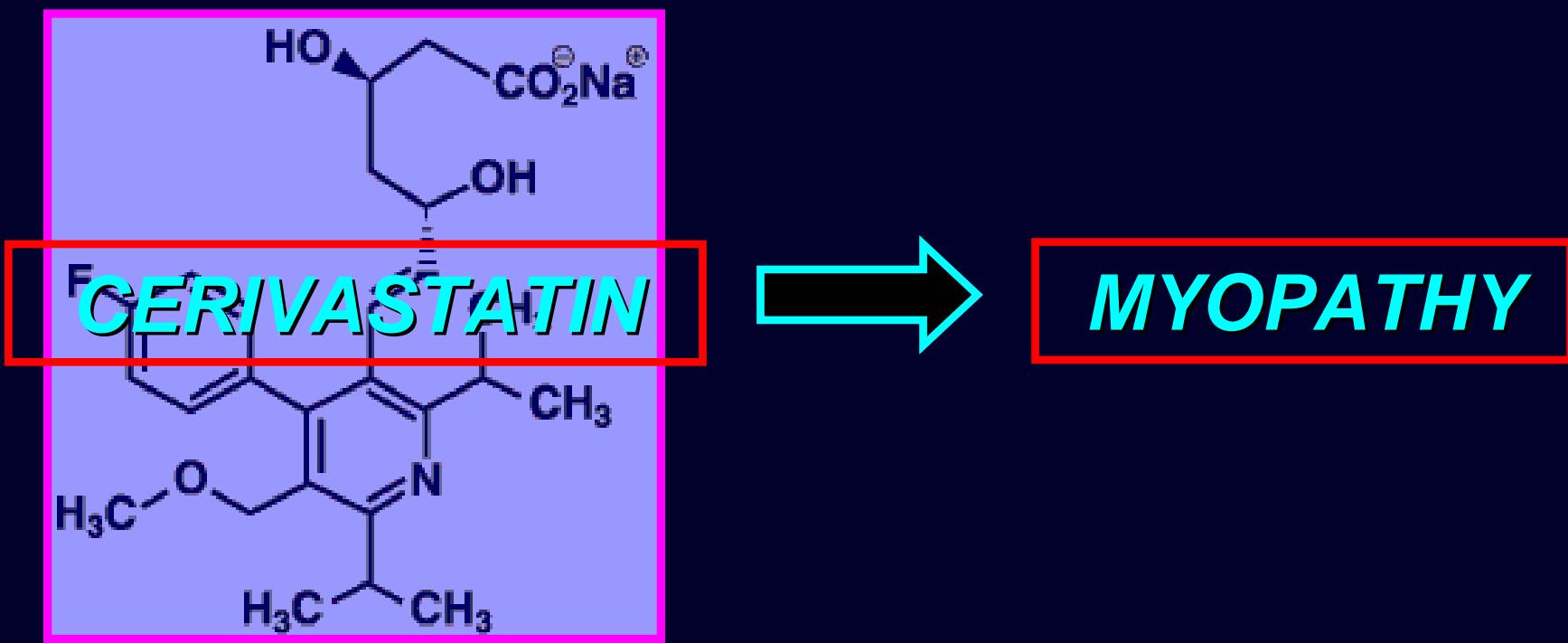
# WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF STATINS?

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- Considered relatively ‘safe’ class of drugs
- Initial concerns are suicide, malignancy - evidence now does not support this.....
- Majority of side-effects mild and impact on the benefit-risk of treatment is small
- Concern are hepatic and muscle toxicity at high doses.....reversible, manageable, rare
- Some concerns are potential for drug interactions with some statins

# CERIVASTATIN AND MYOPATHY

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# CERIVASTATIN

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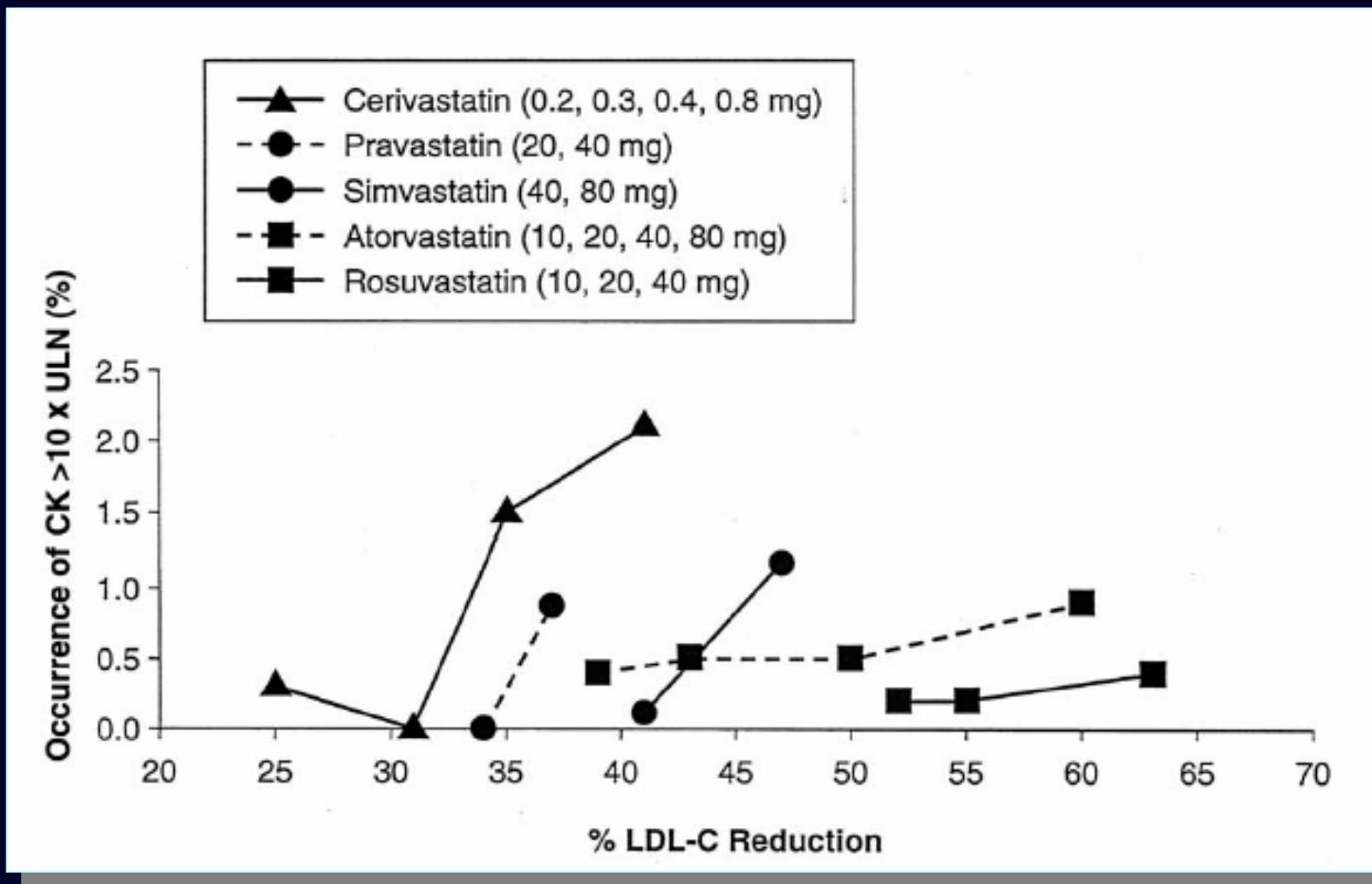
- Withdrawn from market on Aug 8, 2001 after reports of fatal cases of rhabdomyolysis.
- No serious safety concerns till the 800 $\mu$ g dose was marketed.
- Initial reports suggested the problem related to interaction with gemfibrozil.
- Further analysis revealed cases even with cerivastatin monotherapy.

## FATAL RHABDOMYOLYSIS AND STATIN TREATMENT IN THE USA

Reported Fatal Rhabdomyolysis and Numbers of Prescriptions for All Statins in U.S.A.

Variable	LOVA	PRAVA	SIMVA	FLUVA	ATORVA	CERIVA	TOTAL
Date approved	31/8/87	31/10/91	23/12/91	31/12/93	17/12/96	26/6/97	
Fatal cases of rhabdomyolysis	19	3	14	0	6	31	73
# of prescriptions since marketing began (x 1000)	99,197	81,364	116,145	37,392	140,360	9,815	484,273
Reporting rate per 10 <sup>9</sup> prescriptions	0.19	0.04	0.12	0	0.04	3.16	0.15

# CK elevation versus LDL-C reduction



Brewer et al. Am J Cardiol 2003;92:23k-29k

# RHABDOMYOLYSIS PER 10,000 SUBJECT-YEARS OF EXPOSURE

Drug	MonoRx rate	Combination	Rate
Atorva	0.54	Atorva/Feno	22.45
Ceriva	5.34	Ceriva/Gem	1035
Prava	0	No cases	0
Simva	0.49	Simva/Gem	18.73
Fenofibrate	0	Feno/Atorva	16.86
Gemfibrozil	3.7	Gem/Ceriva	789

# HOSPITALISED RHABDOMYOLYSIS DURING LIPID LOWERING DRUG THERAPY

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## CONCLUSIONS

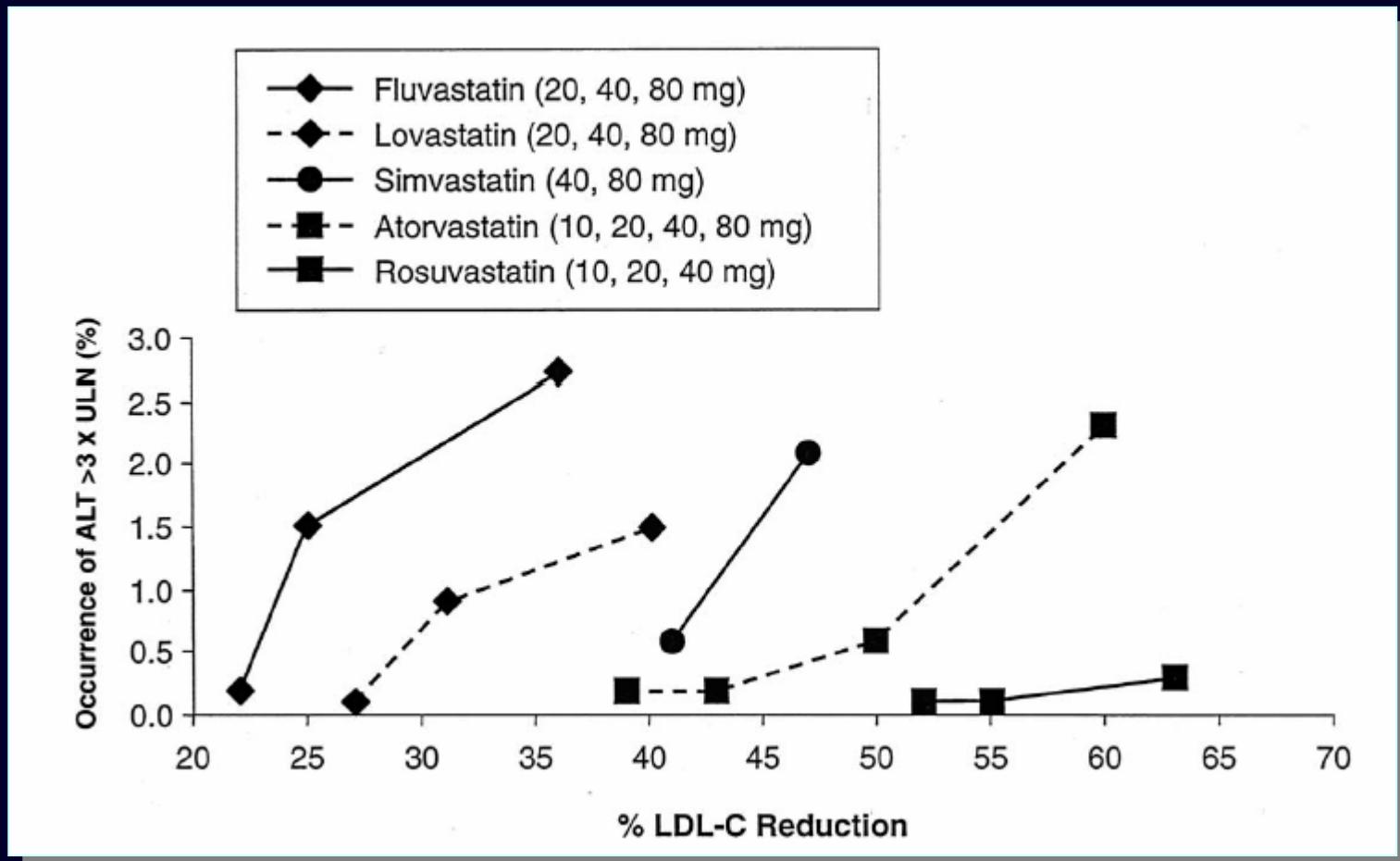
1) Rhabdomyolysis incidence/10 000 subject-years of exposure:

- a) For Atorva/Simva/Prava: 0.44
- b) For Ceriva: 5.34
- c) For Fibrates: 2.82
- d) For Atorva/Simva/Prava + Fibrate: 5.98
- e) For Ceriva + Fibrate: 1035

2) NNT to cause one case of rhabdomyolysis:

- a) For statin monotherapy: 22 727
- b) For statin + fibrate (mostly in older diabetics): 484
- c) For Ceriva + fibrate: 10 - 13

# ALT elevation versus LDL-C reduction



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# Pharmacogenetic aspect of statin therapy

## Pharmacogenetic Study of Statin Therapy and Cholesterol Reduction

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**T**HERAPY WITH 3-HYDROXY-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitors (statins) lowers total and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and has proven to be highly effective for cardiovascular risk reduction. However, there is wide variation in interindividual response to statin therapy, and it has been hypothesized that genetic differences may contribute to this variation. While the implications of this hypothesis are broad in terms of "personalized medicine" and the use of genetic screening to guide selection of lipid-lowering therapy, clinical data addressing pharmacogenetic interactions with statins are limited and have largely focused on the lipid metabolism genes apolipoprotein E (APOE), apolipoprotein B (APOB), cholestryl ester transfer protein (CETP), and the LDL receptor (LDLR).<sup>1-4</sup>

To explore this issue systematically, we genotyped 148 single-nucleotide

**Context** Polymorphisms in genes involved in cholesterol synthesis, absorption, and transport may affect statin efficacy.

**Objective** To evaluate systematically whether genetic variation influences response to pravastatin therapy.

**Design, Setting, and Population** The DNA of 1536 individuals treated with pravastatin, 40 mg/d, was analyzed for 148 single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within 10 candidate genes related to lipid metabolism. Variation within these genes was then examined for associations with changes in lipid levels observed with pravastatin therapy during a 24-week period.

**Main Outcome Measure** Changes in lipid levels in response to pravastatin therapy.

**Results** Two common and tightly linked SNPs (linkage disequilibrium  $r^2=0.90$ ; heterozygote prevalence=6.7% for both) were significantly associated with reduced efficacy of pravastatin therapy. Both of these SNPs were in the gene coding for 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase, the target enzyme that is inhibited by pravastatin. For example, compared with individuals homozygous for the major allele of one of the SNPs, individuals with a single copy of the minor allele had a 22% smaller reduction in total cholesterol ( $-32.8$  vs  $-42.0$  mg/dL [ $-0.85$  vs  $-1.09$  mmol/L];  $P=.001$ ; absolute difference, 9.2 mg/dL [95% confidence interval (CI), 3.8-14.6 mg/dL]) and a 19% smaller reduction in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol ( $-27.7$  vs  $-34.1$  mg/dL [ $-0.72$  vs  $-0.88$  mmol/L];  $P=.005$ ; absolute difference, 6.4 mg/dL [95% CI, 2.2-10.6 mg/dL]). The association for total cholesterol reduction persisted even after adjusting for multiple tests on all 33 SNPs evaluated in the HMG-CoA reductase gene as well as for all 148 SNPs evaluated was similar in magnitude and direction among men and women and was present in the ethnically diverse total cohort as well as in the majority subgroup of white participants. No association for either SNP was observed for the change in high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol ( $P>.80$ ) and neither was associated with baseline lipid levels among those actively treated or among those who did not receive the drug. Among the remaining genes, less robust associations were found for squalene synthase and change in total cholesterol, apolipoprotein E and change in LDL cholesterol, and cholestryl ester transfer protein and change in HDL cholesterol, although none of these met our conservative criteria for purely pharmacogenetic effects.

**Conclusion** Individuals heterozygous for a genetic variant in the HMG-CoA reductase gene may experience significantly smaller reductions in cholesterol when treated with pravastatin.

# Cost-Effectiveness of Treatment with Statins

Drug/Dose (mg/day)	Annual Cost (US\$/yr)	LDL-C Reduction (%)	Cost/LDL-C Reduction (US\$/yr 1% LDL-C Reduction)
<b>Fluvastatin</b>			
20	439.20	23	19.09
40	489.60	26	16.83
<b>Lovastatin</b>			
20	610.00	24	33.75
40	1,548.00	30	48.60
80	2,916.00	40	72.90
<b>Pravastatin</b>			
20	709.20	25	28.37
40	1,195.20	27	44.27
<b>Simvastatin</b>			
10	730.80	28	26.10
20	1,274.40	35	36.41
40	1,324.80	40	33.12
<b>Atorvastatin</b>			
10	655.20	36	18.20
20	1,015.20	40	25.38
40	1,224.00	47	26.04

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Brand	Maker	가 ( )
Zocor	Simvastatin	MSD
		20mg 1226
Lipitor	Atorvastatin	40mg 1251
		Pfizer
	Simvastin	10mg 1244
		20mg 1881
	Simvastin	20mg 790
	Simvastin	20mg 950
	Simvastin	CJ 750
	Simvastin	20mg 675

# Treatment Gap between the Guideline and Real Practice

- L-TAP (Lipid Treatment Assessment Project) **38.4 %**

	Drug	Non-drug
Patient	84.6 %	15.4 %
Goal achievement	39 %	34 %
- ACCEPT (American College of Cardiology Evaluation of Preventive Therapeutics)
  - 59 % of patient : medication for hyperlipidemia
  - **24 %** of patients with medication : achieve target goal
- EUROASPIRE II (European Action on Secondary Prevention through Intervention to Reduce Events)
  - **50.6 %** of patients with medication : achieve target goal

# REALITY & Ten Center Study

- Patients with risk factors in general [REALITY STUDY]
  - Overall only **41 %** patients attained LDL-C goal  
(37 % of CHD patients, 52 % of non-CHD patients)
- CAD patients at OPD of university hospitals [TEN CENTER STUDY]
  - 60 % of patients ; medication for hyperlipidemia
  - 55 % of patients with medication ; achieve target goal
  - **50 %** of whole patients at OPD ; achieve target goal
- Insufficient medication rate & dosage of statins
- Future requirements
  - Doctors' awareness of statin therapy for CAD patients
  - Initial adequate dose
  - Super statin or other drugs allowing the use of low dosage with safety
  - Problem of medical insurance

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Risk Category	LDL Goal (mg/dL)	LDL (mg/dL) - Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC)	LDL (mg/dL) - Drug Therapy
• CHD or CHD Risk Equivalents (10-year risk > 20 %)	<100  Optional < 70*	≥100	≥100 (<100 : drug optional)
• 2+ Risk Factors (10-year risk 10–20 %)	<130  Optional <100*	≥130	≥130 (100–129 : drug optional)
• 2+ Risk Factors (10-year risk <10 %)	<130	≥130	≥160
• 0–1 Risk Factor	<160	≥160	≥190 (160–189 : drug optional)