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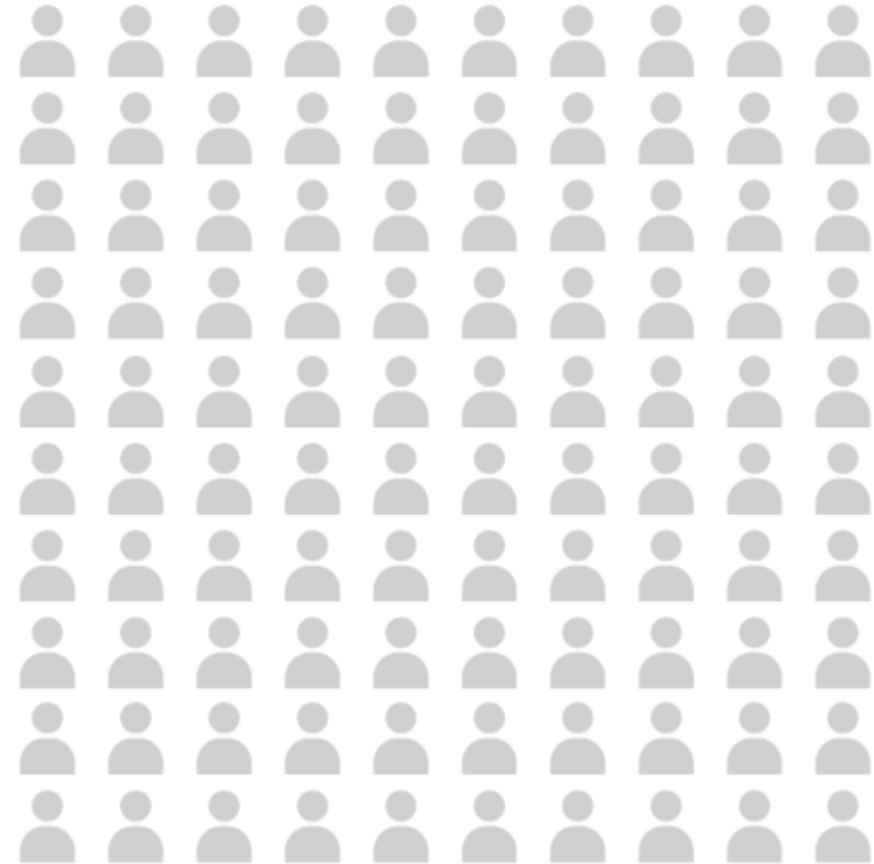
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Patient with ischemic stroke



- Arterial hypertension 58%
- Diabetes 21%
- Coronary artery disease 19%
- Atrial fibrillation 18%
- Heart failure 7%

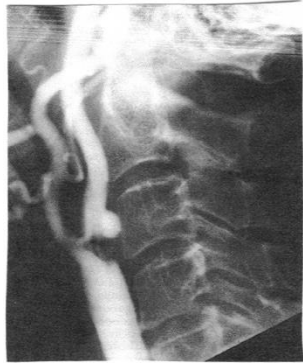


59% of stroke survivors in the UK
are also living with **3 or more of any
comorbidity.**

Source
IQVIA Medical Research Data (IMRD) 2018
Dataset includes all patients with a diagnosis of stroke on or before the 1st January 2018

Ischemic Stroke Classification based on etiology (TOAST criteria)

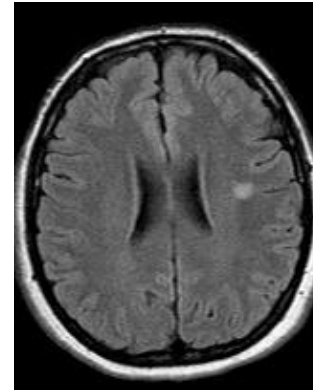
Atherosclerotic
15-25%



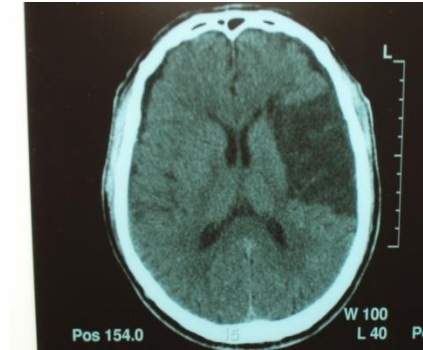
Cardioembolic
18-33%



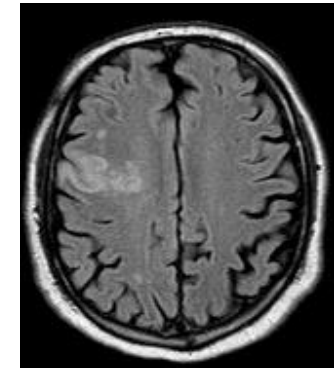
Lacunar
17-25%



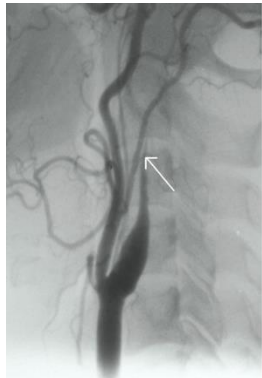
Cryptogenic
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ESUS



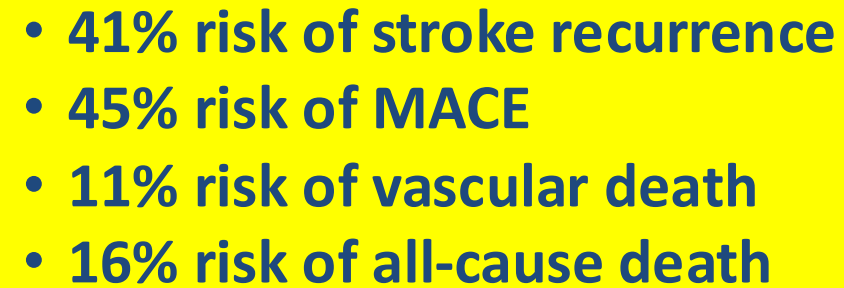
Other causes (e.g. dissection)
5-10%



Patient with ischemic stroke

	ESUS (n=275)	Large-Artery Atherosclerotic (n=497)	Cardioembolic (n=869)	Lacunar (n=622)	Undetermined Other Than ESUS* (n=366)	Other Determined (n=102)
Comorbidities—risk factors						
Hypertension	178 (64.7%)	382 (76.9%)	631 (72.6%)	518 (83.3%)	259 (70.8%)	50 (49.0%)
Diabetes mellitus	65 (23.6%)	163 (32.8%)	192 (22.1%)	181 (29.1%)	115 (31.4%)	17 (16.7%)
Smoking	83 (30.2%)	251 (50.5%)	157 (18.1%)	235 (37.8%)	111 (30.3%)	39 (38.2%)
Previous TIA	27 (9.8%)	102 (20.5%)	53 (6.1%)	59 (9.5%)	39 (10.7%)	17 (16.7%)
Heart failure	22 (8.0%)	23 (4.6%)	139 (16.0%)	15 (2.4%)	31 (8.5%)	10 (9.8%)
Dyslipidemia	140 (50.9%)	273 (55.3%)	266 (30.7%)	306 (49.4%)	159 (43.6%)	40 (39.2%)
Coronary artery disease	65 (23.7%)	132 (26.8%)	169 (19.5%)	84 (13.6%)	86 (23.7%)	16 (15.7%)
Atrial fibrillation	0 (0.0%)	21 (4.2%)	774 (89.1%)	36 (5.8%)	41 (11.2%)	0 (0.0%)

Chen Y, et al. Lancet Glob Health 2020;8: e580–90



stroke-related deaths were 10% higher in the low-income countries than in the high-income countries. The authors conclude that stroke is a leading cause of death and disability in China, accounting for more than 5 million new cases and around 1 million deaths annually. The authors also note that the burden of stroke is increasing in China, particularly in the low-income countries. The authors also note that the burden of stroke is increasing in China, particularly in the low-income countries.

Very-high-risk

People with any of the following:

Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented ASCVD includes previous ACS (MI or unstable angina), stable angina, coronary revascularization (PCI, CABG, and other arterial revascularization procedures), stroke and TIA, and peripheral arterial disease. Unequivocally documented ASCVD on imaging includes those findings that are known to be predictive of clinical events, such as significant plaque on coronary angiography or CT scan (multivessel coronary disease with two major epicardial arteries having >50% stenosis), or on carotid ultrasound.

DM with target organ damage,^a or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of T1DM of long duration (>20 years).

Severe CKD (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²).

A calculated SCORE $\geq 10\%$ for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.

FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor.



European Heart Journal (2020) 41, 111–188
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz455

ESC/EAS GUIDELINES



2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk

The Task Force for the management of dyslipidaemias of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS)

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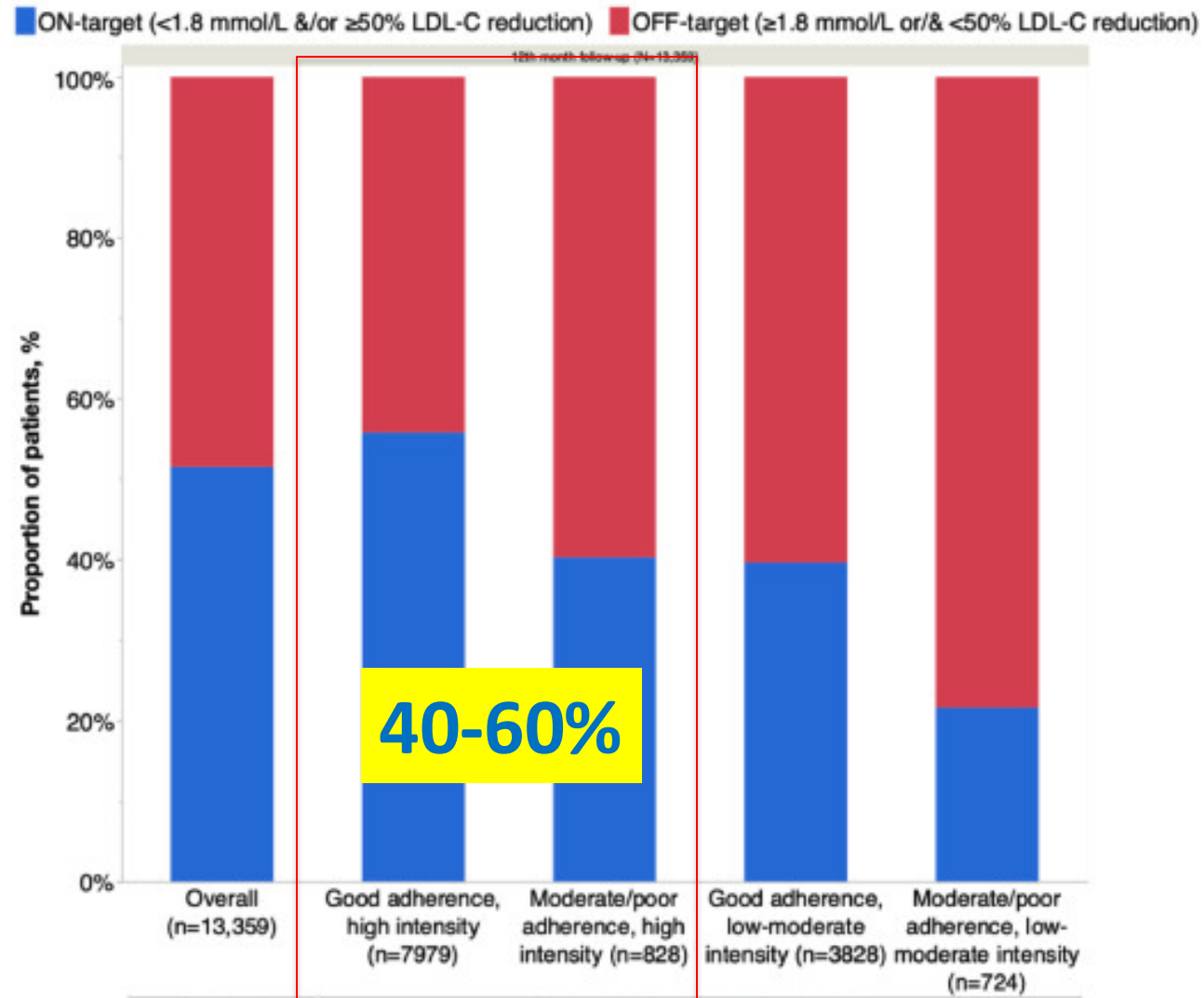
- 68 ετών
- N-STEMI + stent προ 7 ετίας
- Βαλσαρτάνη + HTZ
- Ασπιρίνη
- Νεμπιβολόλη
- **Ατορβαστατίνη 40mg**

Δεξιά ημιπάρεση και ήπια αφασία εκπομπής

Χοληστερόλη (mg/dL) (φ.τ.: <200)	165
Τριγλυκερίδια (mg/dL) (φ.τ.: <150)	162
HDL (mg/dL) (φ.τ.: >45)	54
LDL (mg/dL)	78



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Stockholm CREAtinine Measurements project: 26,768 patients

Mazhar et al American Heart J 2022

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When to start?

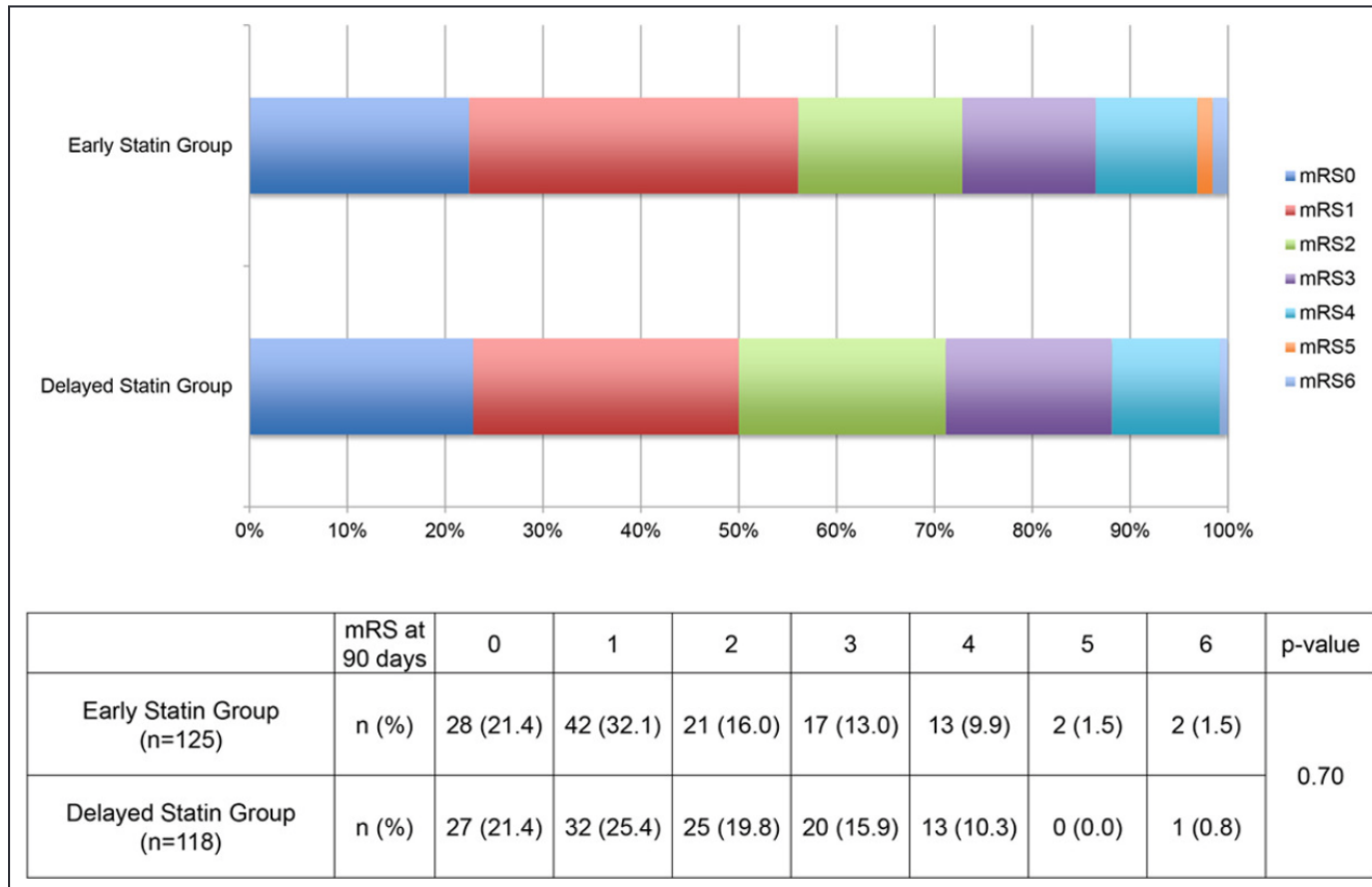
Now

Tomorrow

Later

When to start?

D1 Vs D7: Primary outcome mRS



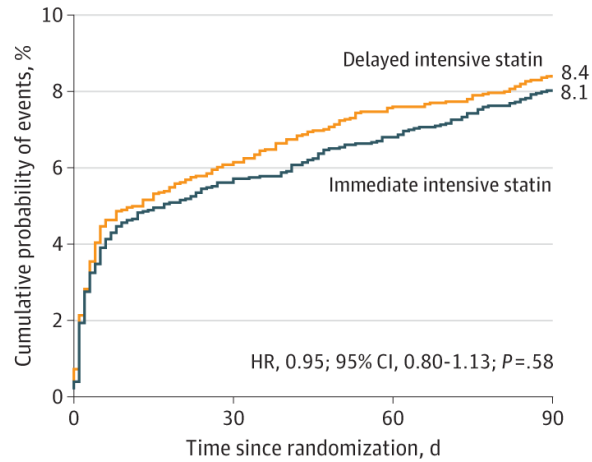
No difference in stroke recurrence (9 Vs. 5)

No difference in safety profile



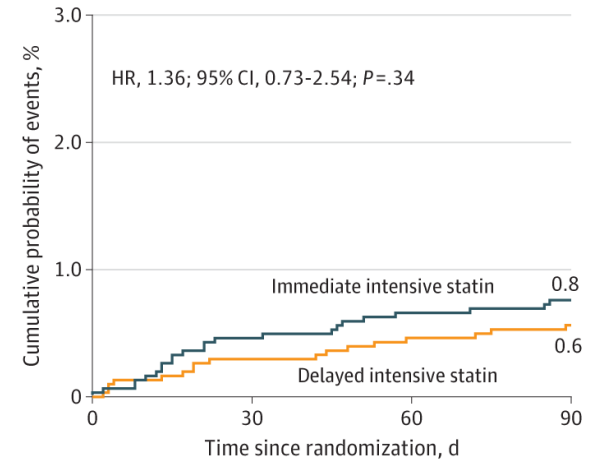
When to start?

A Stroke



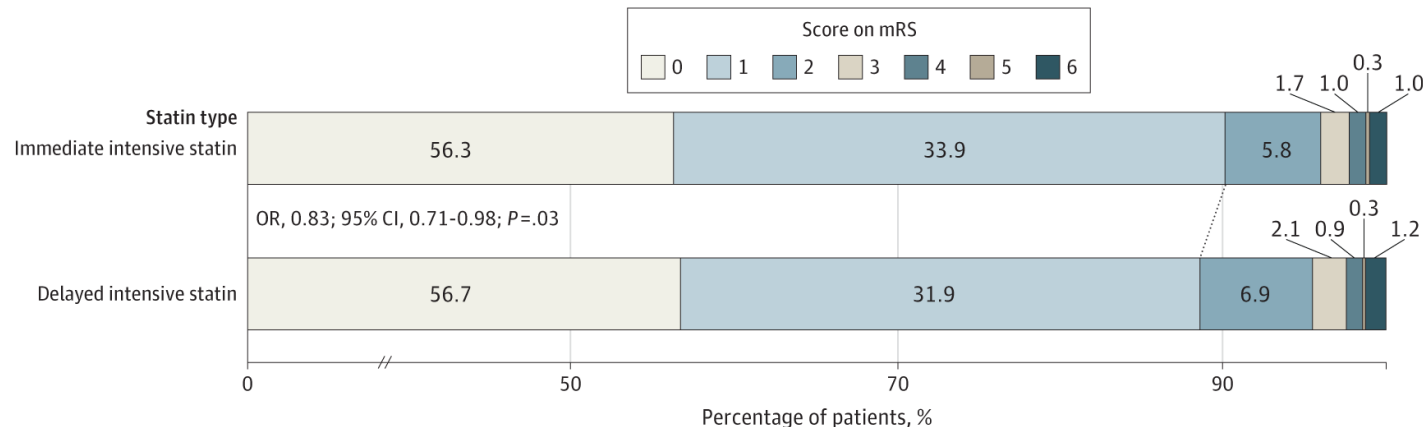
No. at risk				
Immediate intensive statin	3050	2868	2827	2760
Delayed intensive statin	3050	2846	2798	2739

B Moderate to severe bleeding



No. at risk				
Immediate intensive statin	3050	3018	3004	2970
Delayed intensive statin	3050	3017	3003	2962

C Poor functional outcome (mRS)



- 6100 patients
- Age: 65 [57-71] years
- 3915 men [64.2%]
- Mild stroke or TIA
- 3050 assigned to each treatment group
- D1 Vs D4
- Primary: Stroke at 90d

When to start?

August 2006

Achieving Target Cholesterol Goals After Stroke

Is In-Hospital Statin Initiation the Key?

Nerses Sanossian, MD; Jeffrey L. Saver, MD; David S. Liebeskind, MD; [et al](#)

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Arch Neurol. 2006;63(8):1081-1083. doi:10.1001/archneur.63.8.1081

→ 93% statin adherence at 3m

In-Hospital Initiation of Secondary Stroke Prevention Therapies Yields High Rates of Adherence at Follow-up

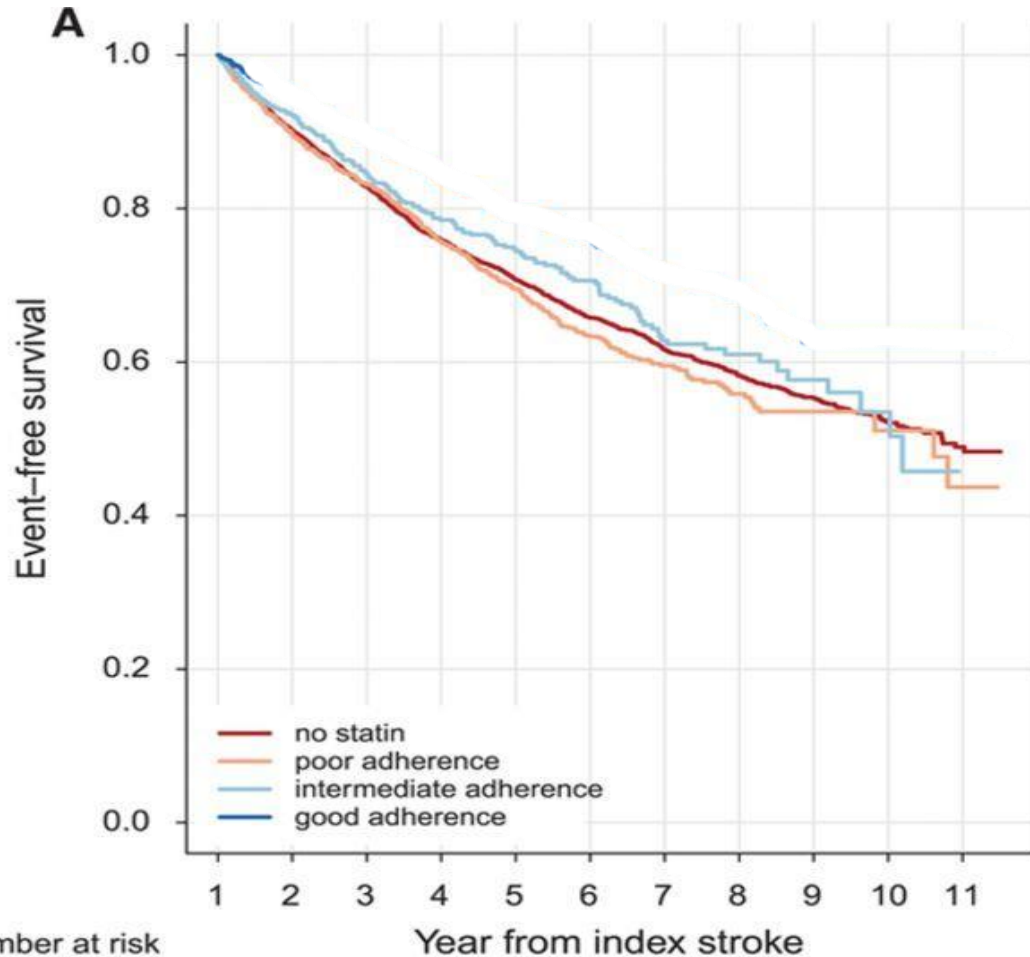
Bruce Ovbiagele, Jeffrey L. Saver, Andre Fredieu, Shuichi Suzuki, Scott Selco, Venkatakrishna Rajajee, Norma McNair, Tannaz Razinia and Chelsea S. Kidwell

Originally published 28 Oct 2004 | <https://doi.org/10.1161/01.STR.0000147967.49567.d6> | *Stroke.* 2004;35:2879–2883

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Adherence to treatment

- 8001 acute ischemic stroke patients
- 4.69±2.72 years
- 2284 primary outcomes
- Adherence to statin treatment
- Statin intensity

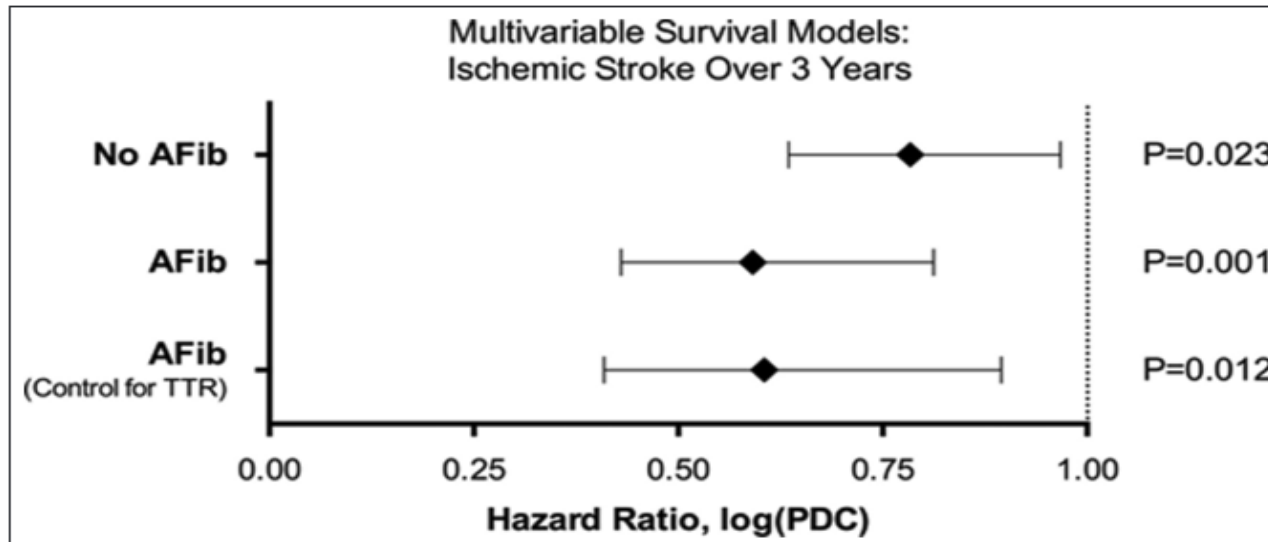
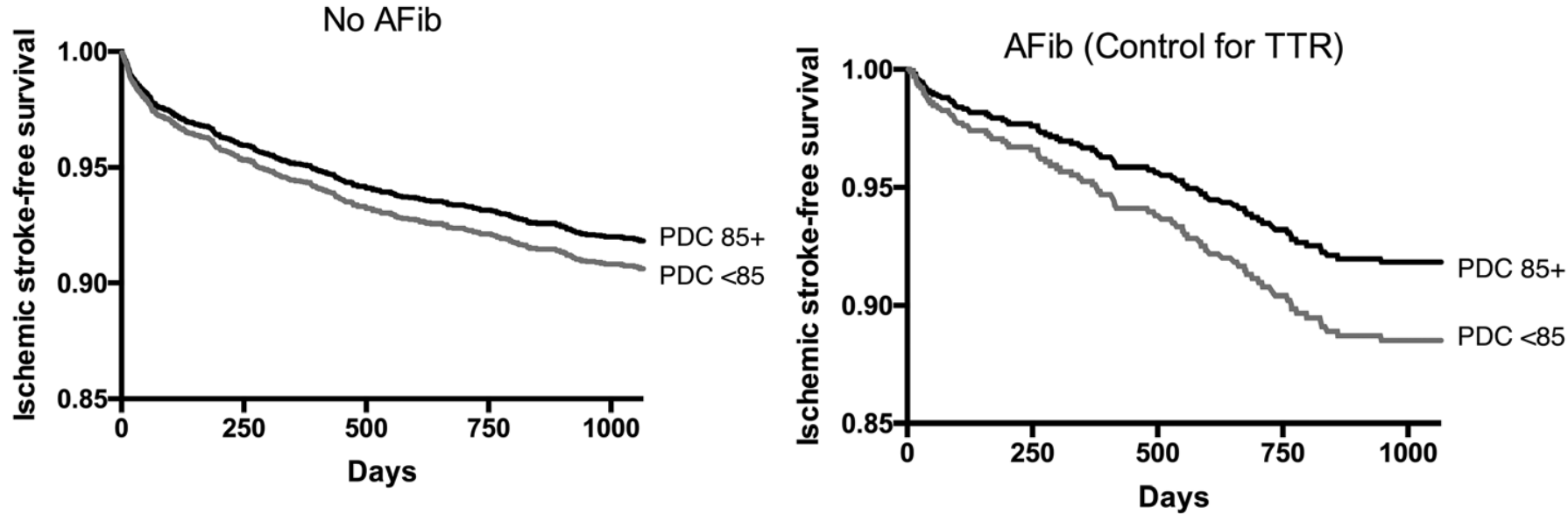


Number at risk

no statin	4377	3643	3026	2506	2056	1601	1206	844	521	295	86
poor adherence	1206	954	765	592	471	328	214	132	62	35	10
intermediate adherence	706	566	450	346	263	195	122	72	37	17	
good adherence	1712	1316	956	724	511	362	225	114	46	23	4

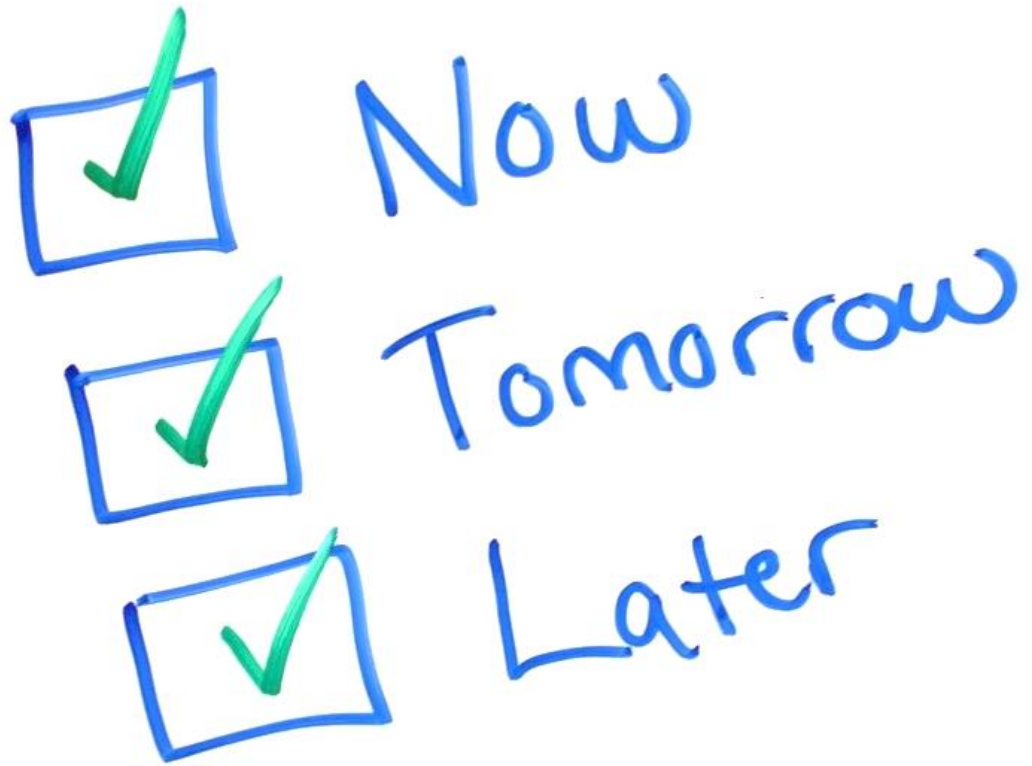
Adherence	Multivariate*	
	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	P Value
Adherence to statin		
No statin	Reference	
Poor	1.07 (0.95–1.20)	0.241
Intermediate adherence	0.93 (0.79–1.09)	0.383
Good adherence	0.74 (0.64–0.84)	<0.001

Adherence to treatment



Higher adherence to statin therapy
has been shown to be an
independent predictor of stroke-
free survival

When to start?



Better adherence



less future outcomes

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Secondary prevention trials of hypolipidemic therapy including patients with stroke as per protocol

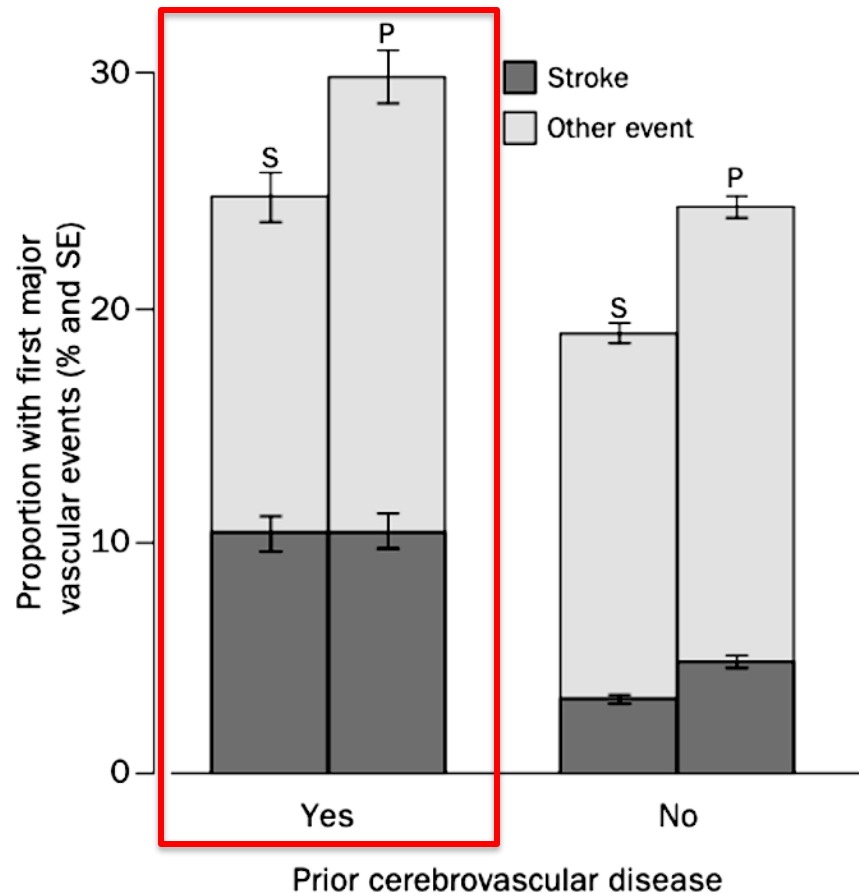
Study	Patients no.	Stroke patients no.	Treatment	Age, years (mean)	Follow-up, years (mean)	Baseline LDL-C, mg/dL (mean)	On treatment LDL-C, mg/dL (mean)	Ischemic stroke events (treatment/no treatment)
HPS, 2004	20,536	3280	Simvastatin	65	5.0	132	93	100/122
SPARCL, 2006	4731	4731	Atorvastatin	63	4.9	133	73	218/274
J-STARS, 2015	1578	1578	Pravastatin	66	4.9	130	104	62/66
FOURIER, 2017	27,564	5337	Evolocumab	63	2.2	86	30	171/226
TST, 2019	2860	2860	Statin ± Ezetimibe	67	3.5	135	65	120/139

Secondary prevention trials of hypolipidemic therapy including patients with stroke as per protocol

Risk reductions (SE):

Proportional 20% (6)
Absolute/1000 58 (18)
p value 0.001

25% (3)
60 (7)
<0.0001



Effects of cholesterol-lowering with simvastatin on stroke and other major vascular events in 20 536 people with cerebrovascular disease or other high-risk conditions

Heart Protection Study Collaborative Group*

Summary

Background Lower blood cholesterol concentrations have consistently been found to be strongly associated with lower risks of coronary disease but not with lower risks of stroke. Despite this observation, previous randomised trials had indicated that cholesterol-lowering statin therapy reduces the risk of stroke, but large-scale prospective confirmation has been needed.

Methods 3280 adults with cerebrovascular disease, and an additional 17 256 with other occlusive arterial disease or diabetes, were randomly allocated 40 mg simvastatin daily or matching placebo. Subgroup analyses were prespecified of first 'major vascular event' (ie, nonfatal myocardial infarction or coronary death, stroke of any type, or any revascularisation procedure) in prior disease subcategories. Subsidiary outcomes included any stroke, and stroke sub-type. Comparisons are of all simvastatin-allocated versus all placebo-allocated participants (ie, 'intention-to-treat'), which yielded an average difference in LDL cholesterol of 1.0 mmol/L (39 mg/dL) during the 5-year treatment period.

Interpretation Much larger numbers of people in the present study suffered a stroke than in any previous cholesterol-lowering trial. The results demonstrate that statin therapy rapidly reduces the incidence not only of coronary events but also of ischaemic strokes, with no apparent effect on cerebral haemorrhage, even among individuals who do not have high cholesterol concentrations. Allocation to 40 mg simvastatin daily reduced the rate of ischaemic strokes by about one-quarter and so, after making allowance for non-compliance in the trial, actual use of this regimen would probably reduce the stroke rate by about a third. HPS also provides definitive evidence that statin therapy is beneficial for people with pre-existing cerebrovascular disease, even if they do not already have manifest coronary disease.

Lancet 2004; 363: 757-67

Introduction

Observational studies in different populations indicate a strong continuous positive relation between coronary heart disease risk and blood cholesterol concentration that extends well below the range commonly seen in Western

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Table 2. Estimates of the Hazard Ratio for the Primary and Secondary Efficacy Outcome Measures.

Outcome*	Atorvastatin (N = 2365)	Placebo (N = 2366)	Unadjusted P Value†	Prespecified Adjusted Model‡	
				HR (95% CI)	P Value
	no. (%)				
Primary outcome					
Nonfatal or fatal stroke§	265 (11.2)	311 (13.1)	0.05	0.84 (0.71–0.99)	0.03
Nonfatal stroke	247 (10.4)	280 (11.8)	0.14	0.87 (0.73–1.03)	0.11
Fatal stroke	24 (1.0)	41 (1.7)	0.04	0.57 (0.35–0.95)	0.03
Secondary outcomes					
Stroke or TIA	375 (15.9)	476 (20.1)	<0.001	0.77 (0.67–0.88)	<0.001
TIA	153 (6.5)	208 (8.8)	0.004	0.74 (0.60–0.91)	0.004
Major coronary event§	81 (3.4)	120 (5.1)	0.006	0.65 (0.49–0.87)	0.003
Death from cardiac causes	40 (1.7)	39 (1.6)	0.90	1.00 (0.64–1.56)	1.00
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	43 (1.8)	82 (3.5)	0.001	0.51 (0.35–0.74)	<0.001
Resuscitation after cardiac arrest	1 (<0.1)	1 (<0.1)	—	—	—
Major cardiovascular event	334 (14.1)	407 (17.2)	0.005	0.80 (0.69–0.92)	0.002

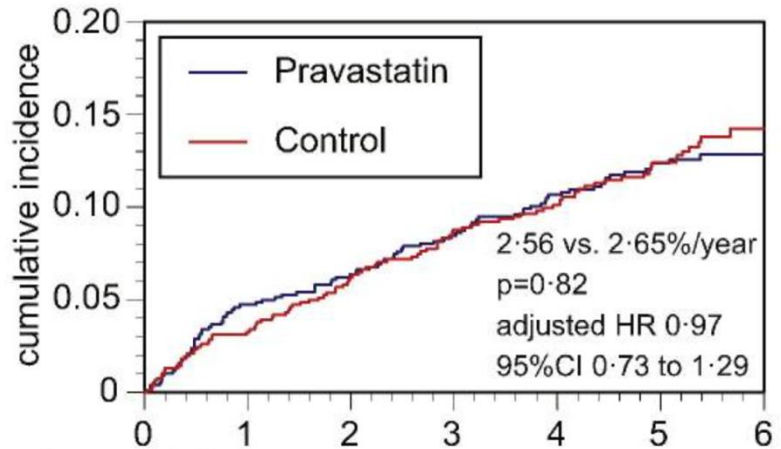
SPARCL: high-dose atorvastatin reduced stroke risk and CV events

**Hemorrhagic stroke
1.66 (95% CI 1.08 to 2.55)**

No effect of LDL-C on ICH

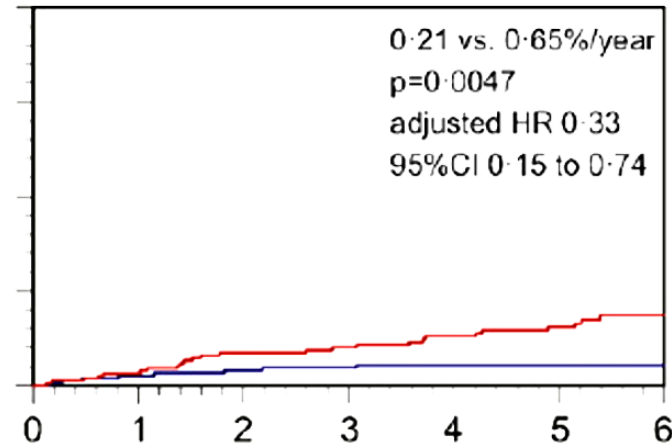
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A. Stroke and TIA



Number of patients at risk							
Pravastatin	793	724	687	642	596	528	44
Control	785	739	683	633	601	534	68

B. Atherothrombotic infarction



Pravastatin	793	755	725	689	651	584	47
Control	785	759	716	679	649	589	72

Lacunar stroke: 63%
Atherosclerotic stroke: 25%

J-Stars: pravastatin reduced atherothrombotic strokes but not total strokes (primary end-point)

“...patients aged 45 to 80 years with a history of non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke ...”

LDL in statin arm: 104mg/dl

Lipid-lowering therapy

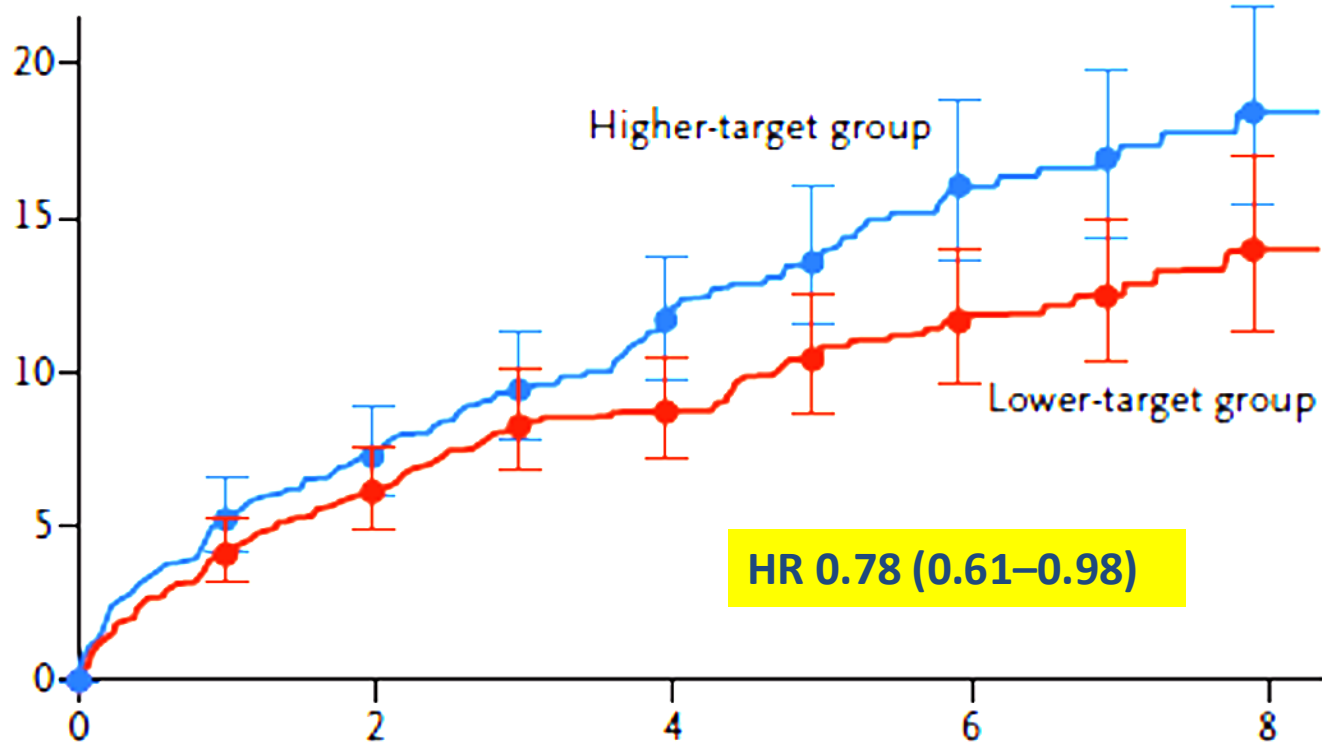
Patients with ischemic stroke or TIA should receive lipid-modifying treatment with high-intensity statin (1A).



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TST study: $LDL \leq 70\text{mg/dl}$ after stroke reduced CV events

“...atherosclerotic disease that included stenosis of an extracranial or intracranial cerebral artery, ipsilateral or contralateral to the region of imputed brain ischemia...”

LDL cholesterol treatment goals

Evidence-based recommendation

In people with ischaemic stroke or TIA, we recommend aiming for an LDL cholesterol level of $<1.8\text{mmol/l}$ (70mg/dl) to reduce the risk of major cardiovascular events.

Quality of evidence: **Moderate** ⊕⊕⊕

Strength of recommendation: **Strong for intervention** ↑↑

Guideline

European Stroke Organisation (ESO) guideline on pharmacological interventions for long-term secondary prevention after ischaemic stroke or transient ischaemic attack

Jesse Dawson¹, Yannick Béjot^{2,3}, Louisa M Christensen⁴, Gian Marco De Marchis⁵, Martin Dichgans^{6,7}, Guri Hagberg^{8,9}, Mirjam R Heldner¹⁰, Haralampos Millionis¹¹, Linxin Li¹², Francesca Romana Pezzella¹³, Martin Taylor Rowan¹, Cristina Tiu^{14,15} and Alastair Webb¹²

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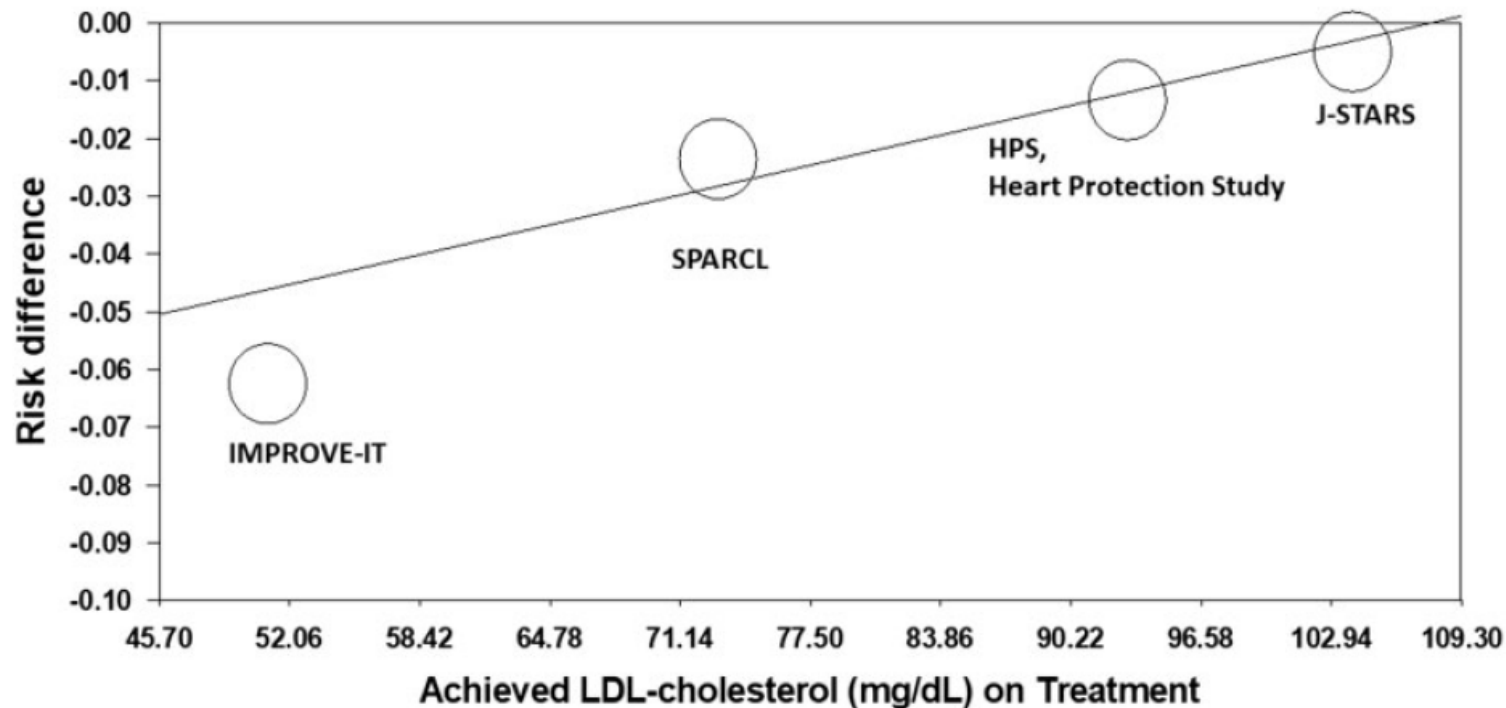
Γιατί μόνο <70 ?

Bohula et al; Circulation 2017

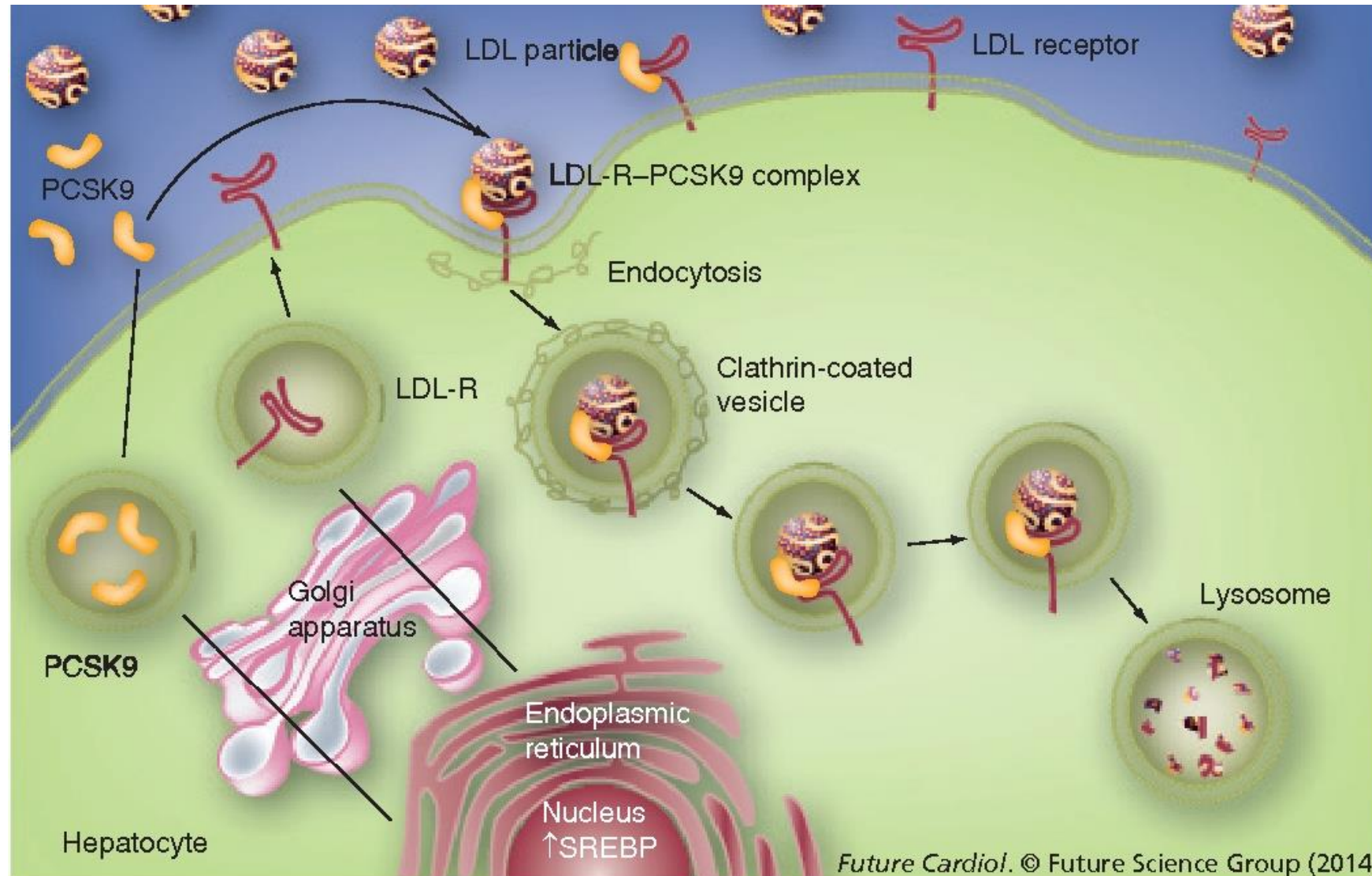


Secondary stroke prevention: the lower, the better

38mg/dl LDL reduction → 21% ↓ Stroke reduction

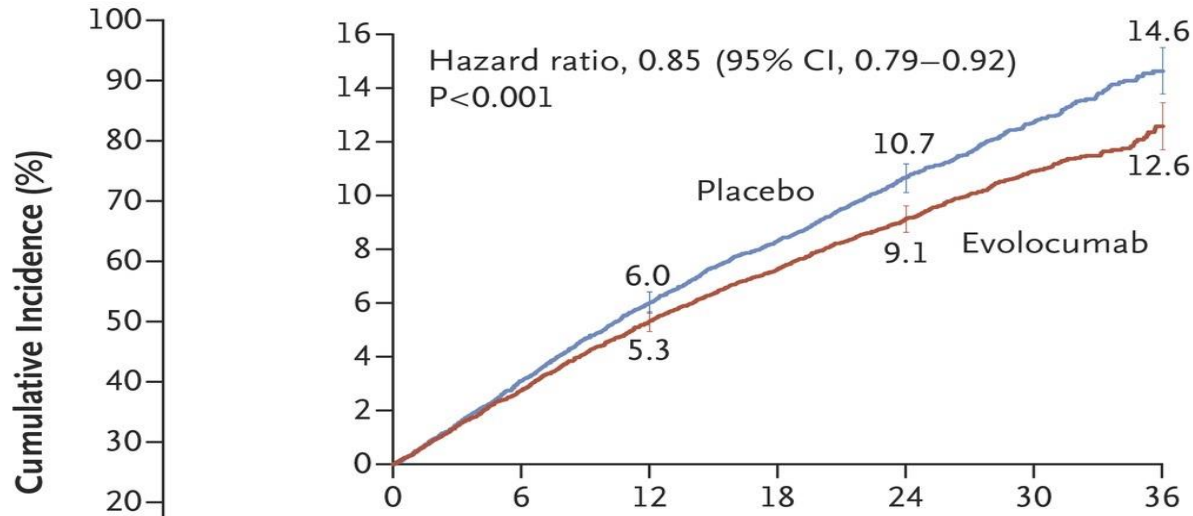


Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 (PCSK9)



FOURIER (evolocumab)

A Primary Efficacy End Point



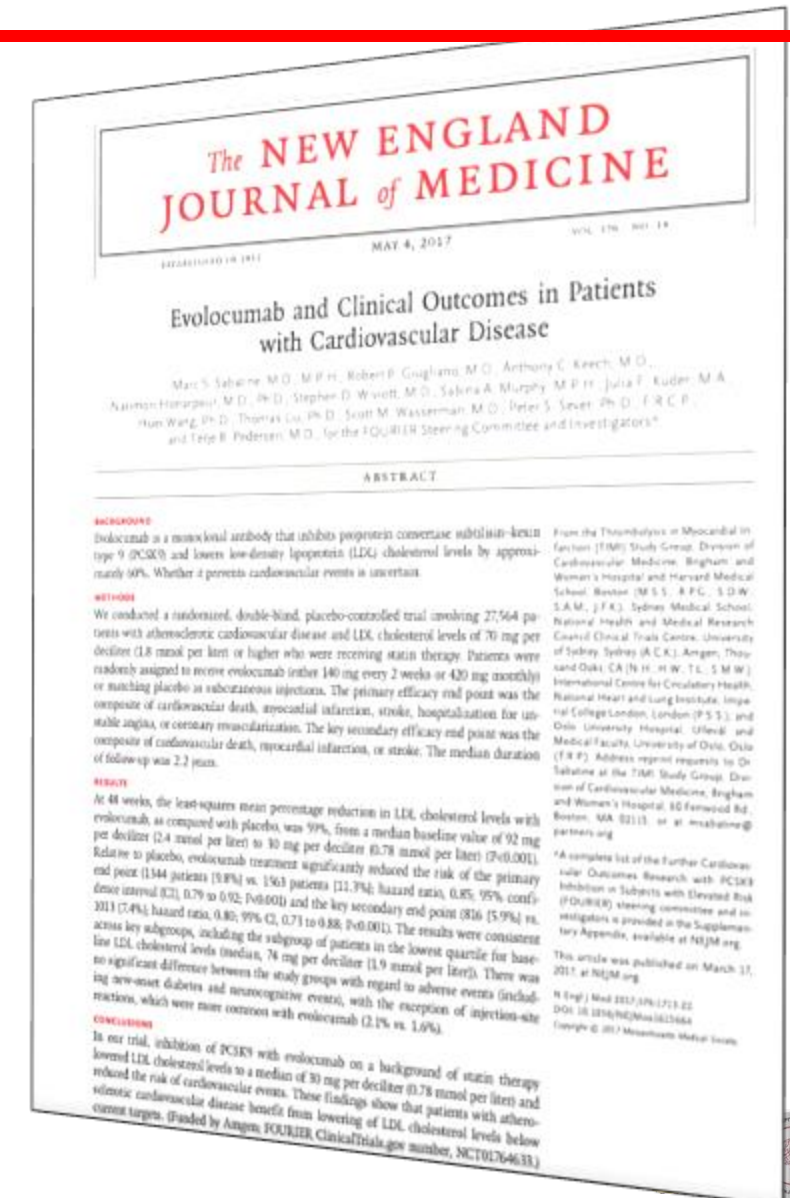
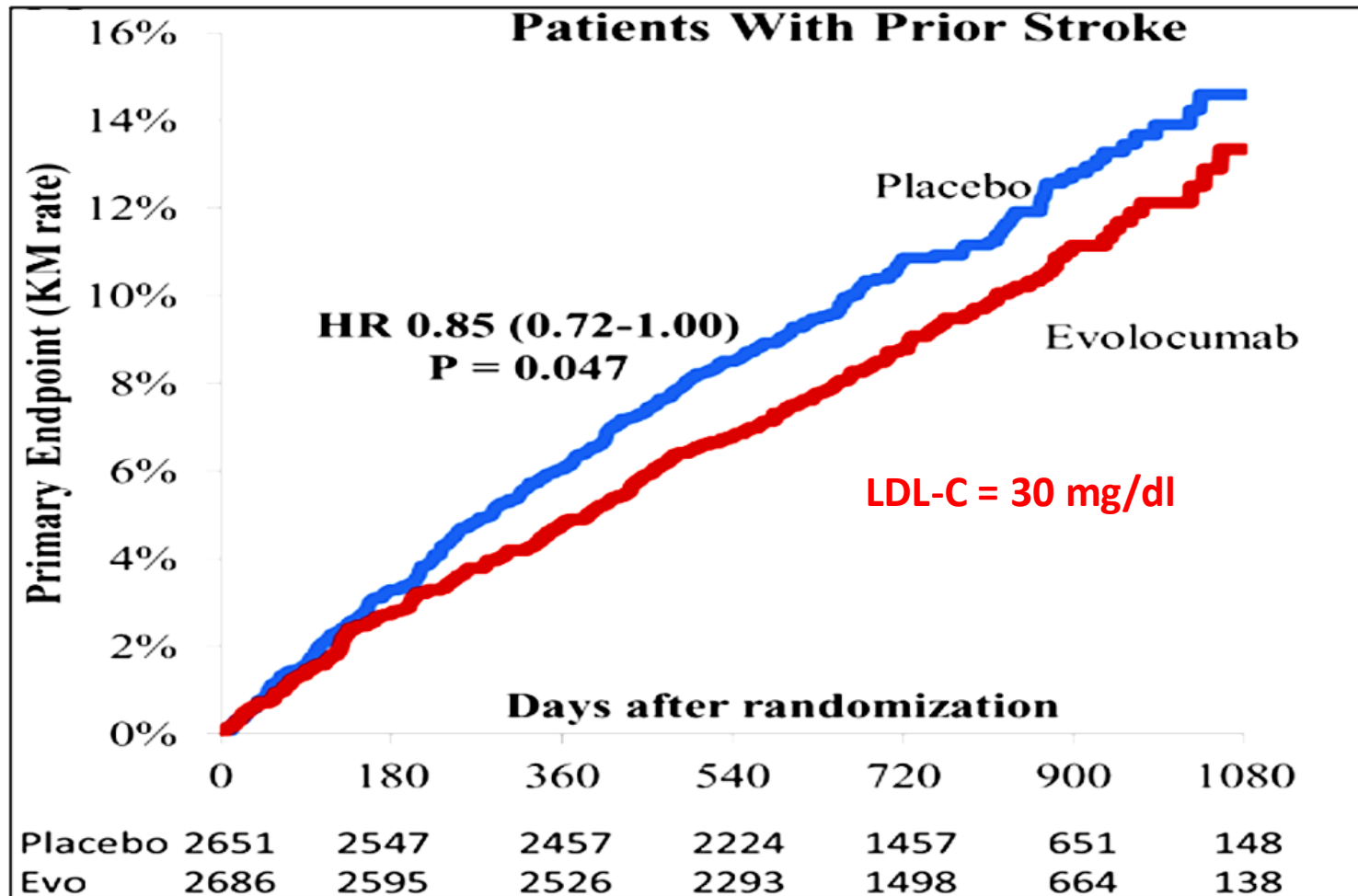
- 27,564 patients with atherosclerotic CV
- LDL ≥ 70 mg/dl under statin
- **Primary end-point:** CV death,

talization for
or coronary

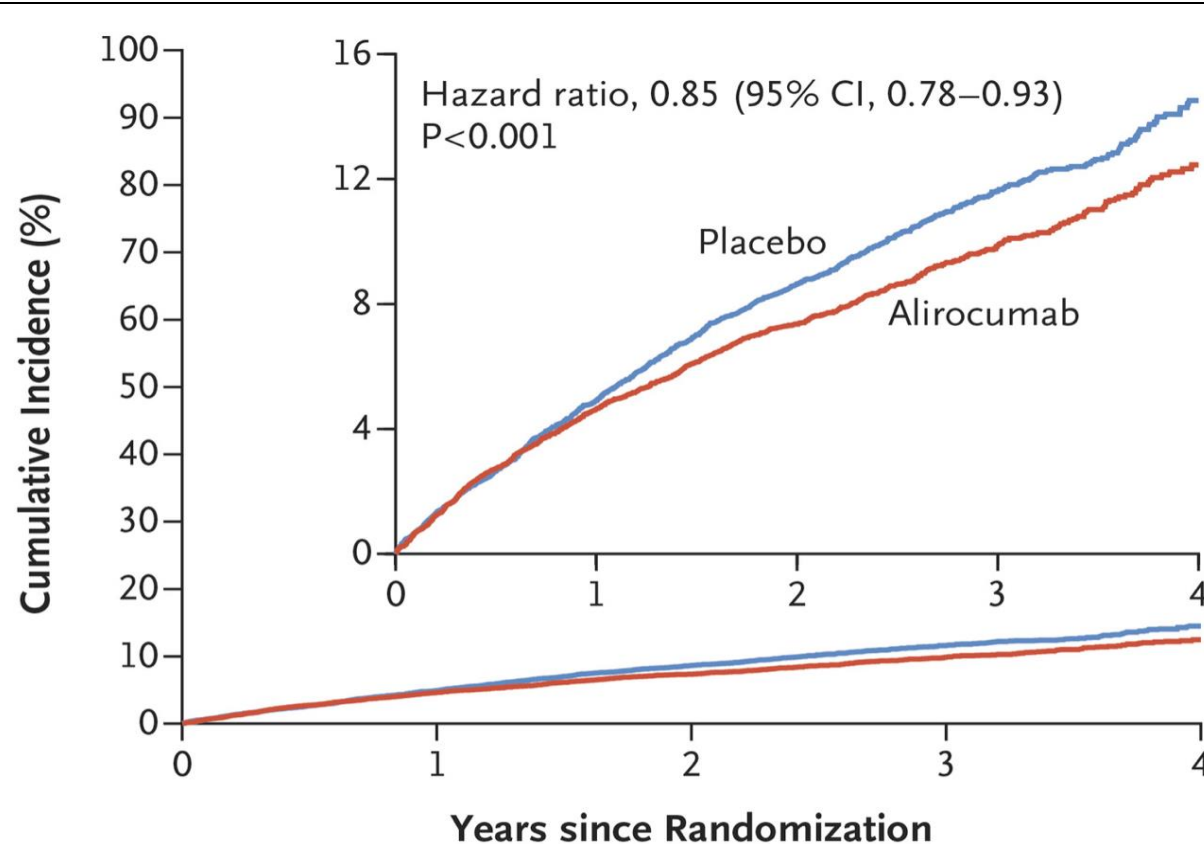
No. at R
Placebo
Evolocur

Stroke	207 (1.5)	262 (1.9)	0.79 (0.66–0.95)	0.01
Ischemic	171 (1.2)	226 (1.6)	0.75 (0.62–0.92)	
Hemorrhagic	29 (0.21)	25 (0.18)	1.16 (0.68–1.98)	
Unknown	13 (0.09)	14 (0.10)	0.93 (0.44–1.97)	

FOURIER (evolocumab)



ODYSSEY OUTCOMES (alirocumab)

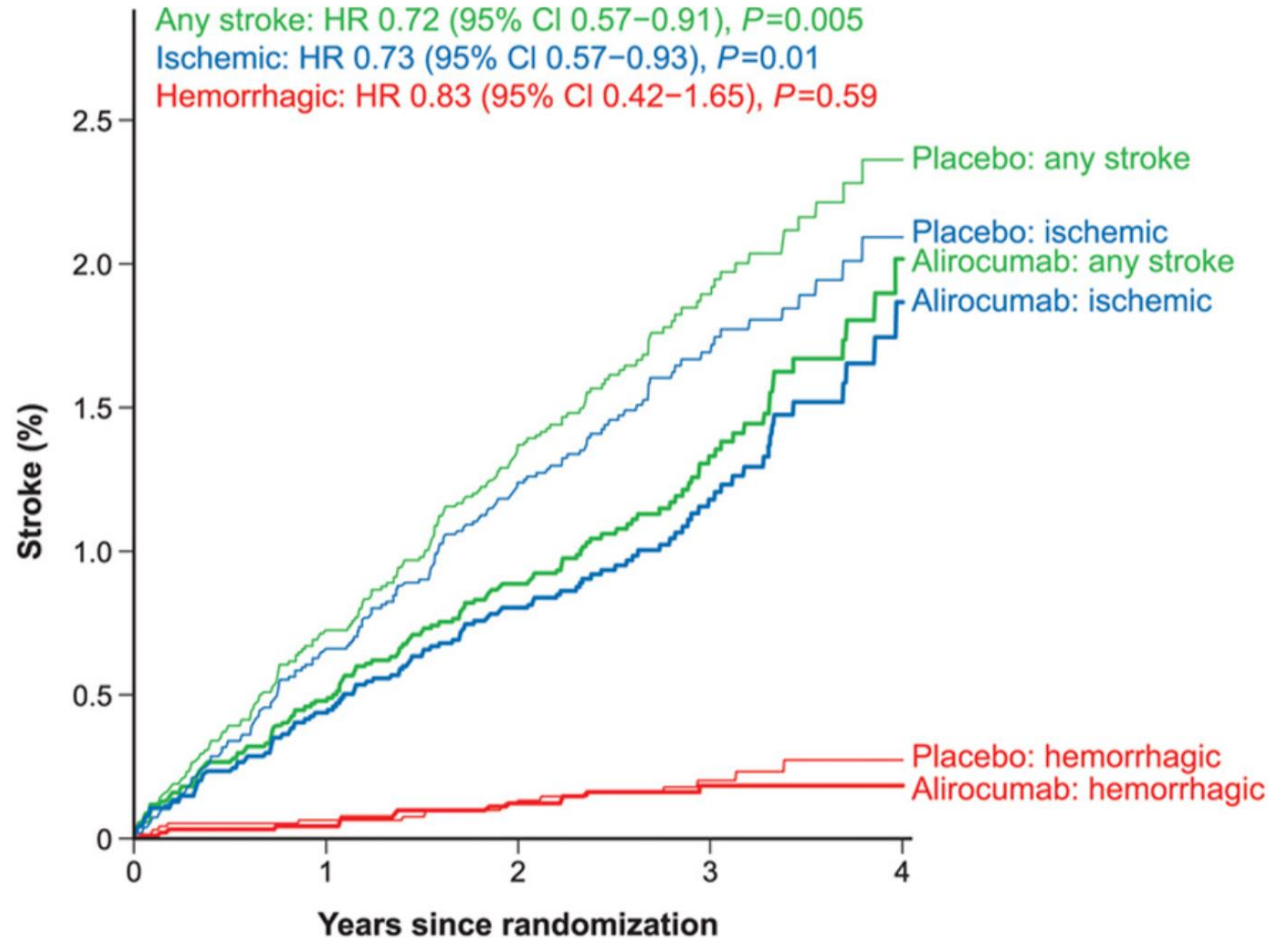


No. at Risk

Placebo	9462	8805	8201	3471	62
Alirocumab	9462	8846	8345	3574	65

- 18,924 patients with ACS ≤ 12 months
- LDL ≥ 70 mg/dl under statin
- **Primary end-point:** CV death, MI, stroke, hospitalization for unstable angina, or coronary revascularization

ODYSSEY OUTCOMES (alirocumab)

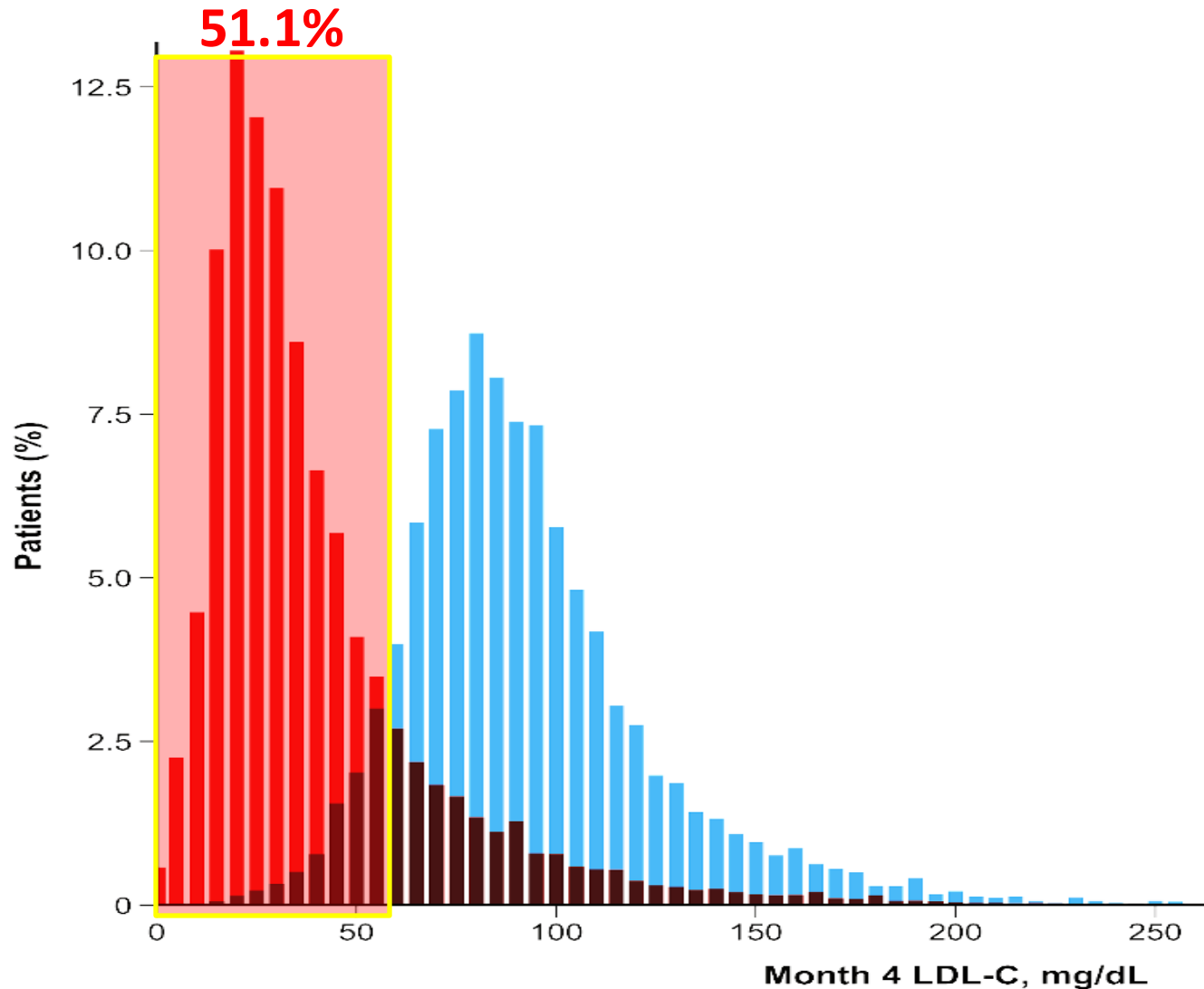


Number at risk

Placebo	9462	9162	8789	3838	724
Alirocumab	9462	9179	8856	3901	729

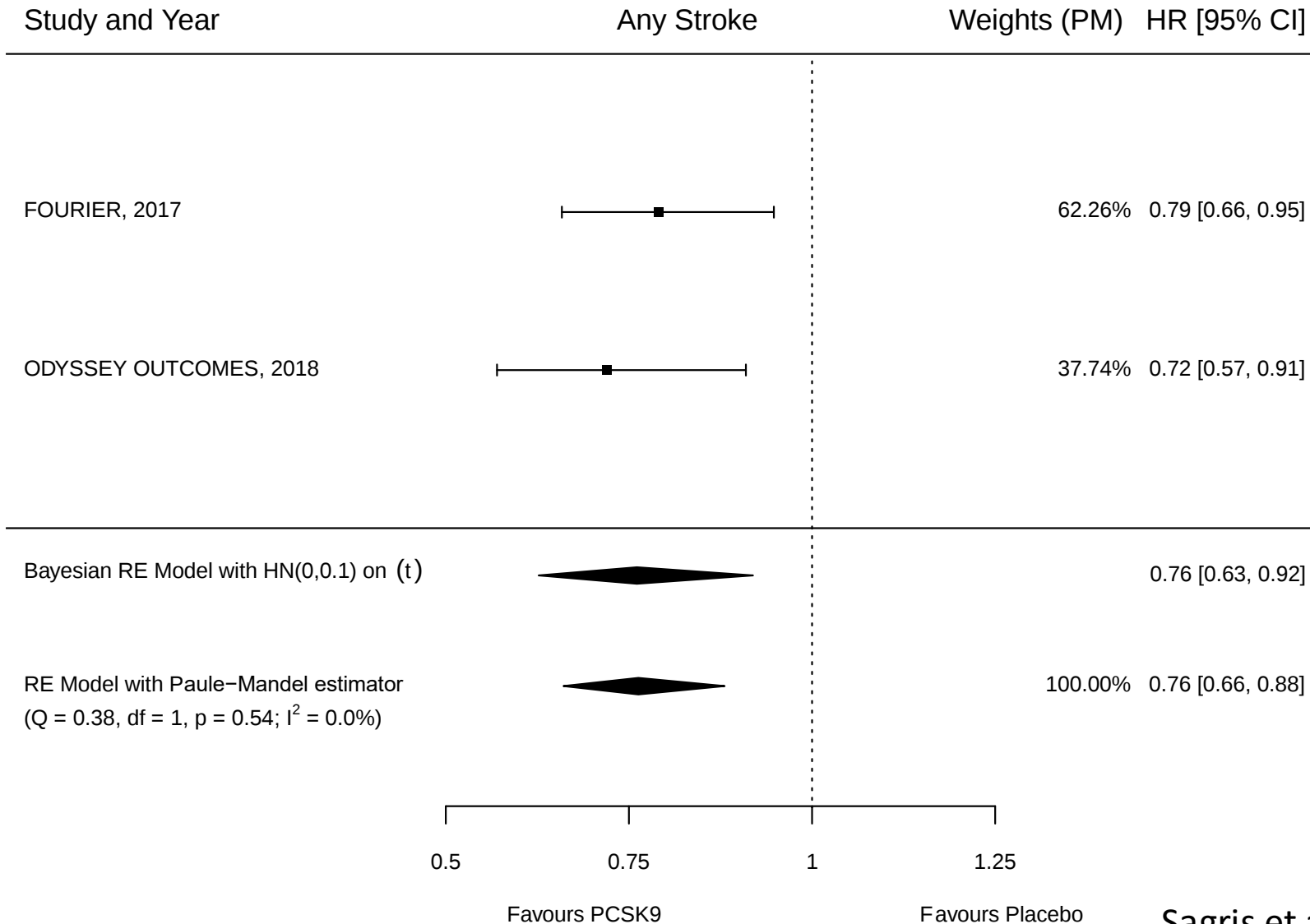
- 263 ischemic strokes and 33 hemorrhagic strokes
- Alirocumab significantly reduced the risk of ischemic stroke
- Did not increase the risk of hemorrhagic stroke

ODYSSEY OUTCOMES (alirocumab)



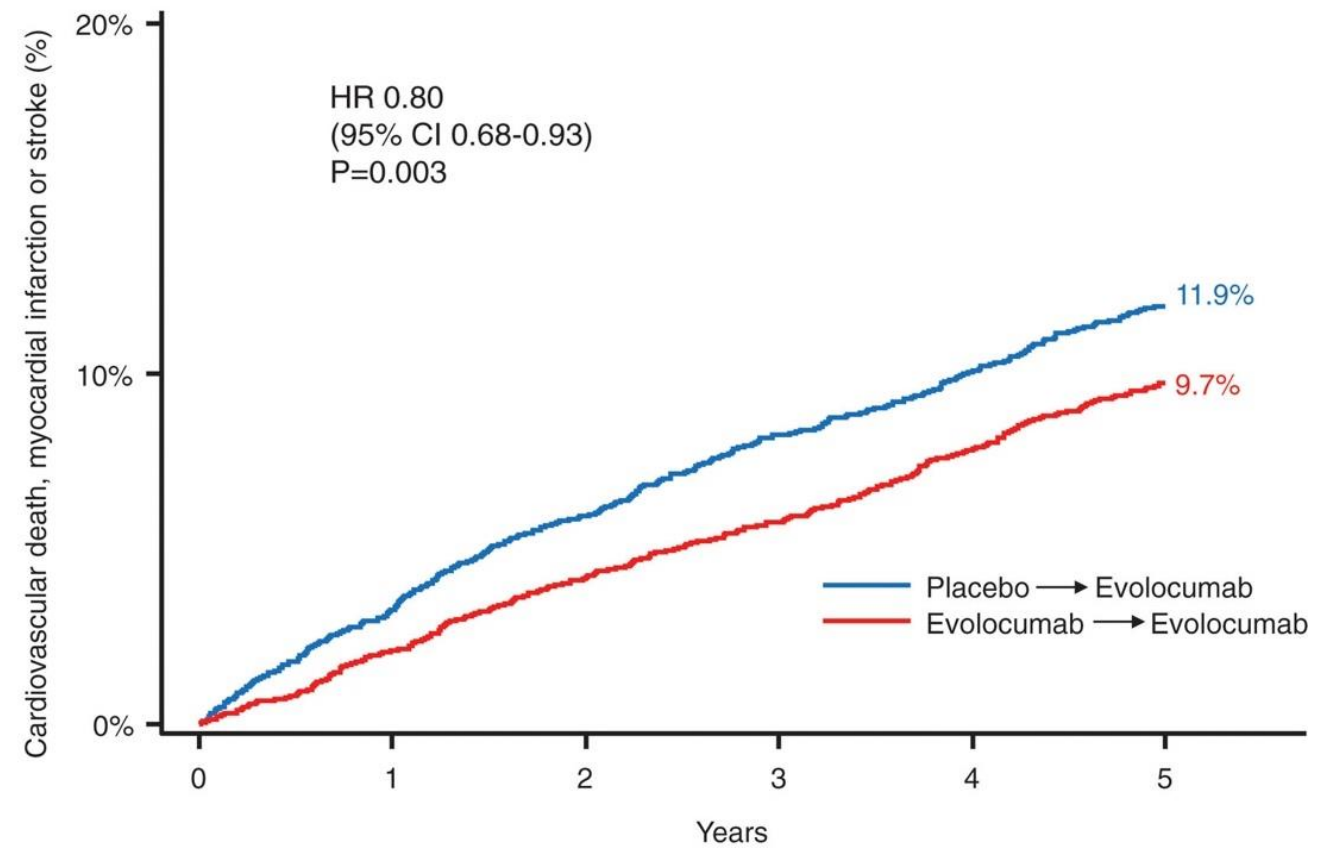
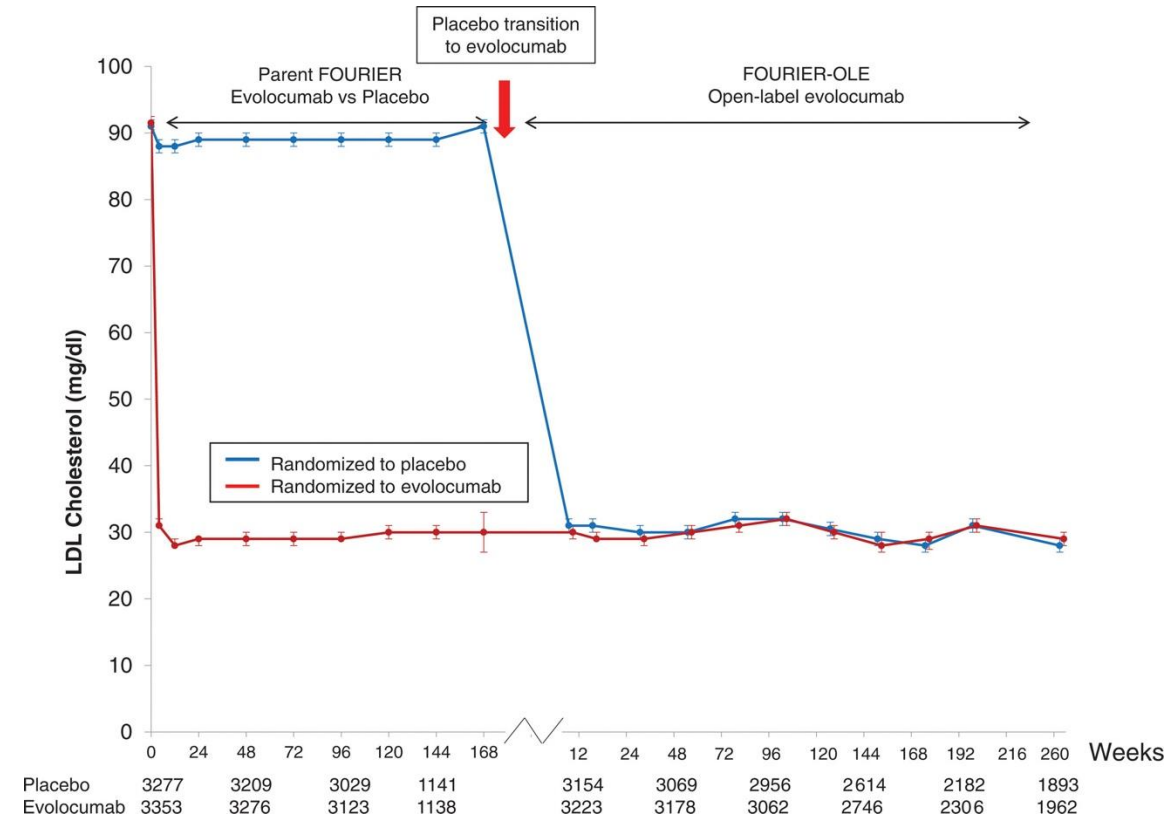
- 263 ischemic strokes and 33 hemorrhagic strokes
- Alirocumab significantly reduced the risk of ischemic stroke
- Did not increase the risk of hemorrhagic stroke

PCSK9 Inhibitors



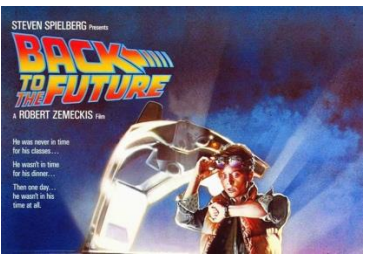
- Median LDL-C before randomization: 93mg/dl
- Median time of randomization: 3 years

FOURIER - OLE (evolocumab)



Number at risk:

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Placebo → Evolocumab	3280	3128	2987	2857	2729	1809
Evolocumab → Evolocumab	3355	3247	3123	3012	2870	1862



ORION-10 and 11 (inclisiran)



Inclisiran in Patients with Elevated LDL Cholesterol

TWO PHASE 3, DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED TRIALS

ORION-10 (U.S.)

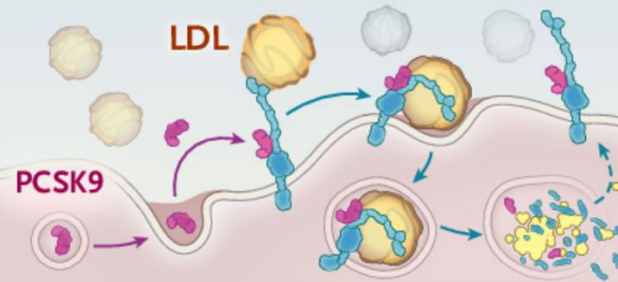
(N=1561)

–51.3% with Inclisiran

Difference, –52.3%
(95% CI, –55.7 to –48.8;
P<0.001)

+1% with Placebo

Adults with CVD and elevated LDL



ORION-11

(Europe and South Africa)

(N=1617)

–45.8% with Inclisiran

Difference, –49.9%
(95% CI, –53.1 to –46.6;
P<0.001)

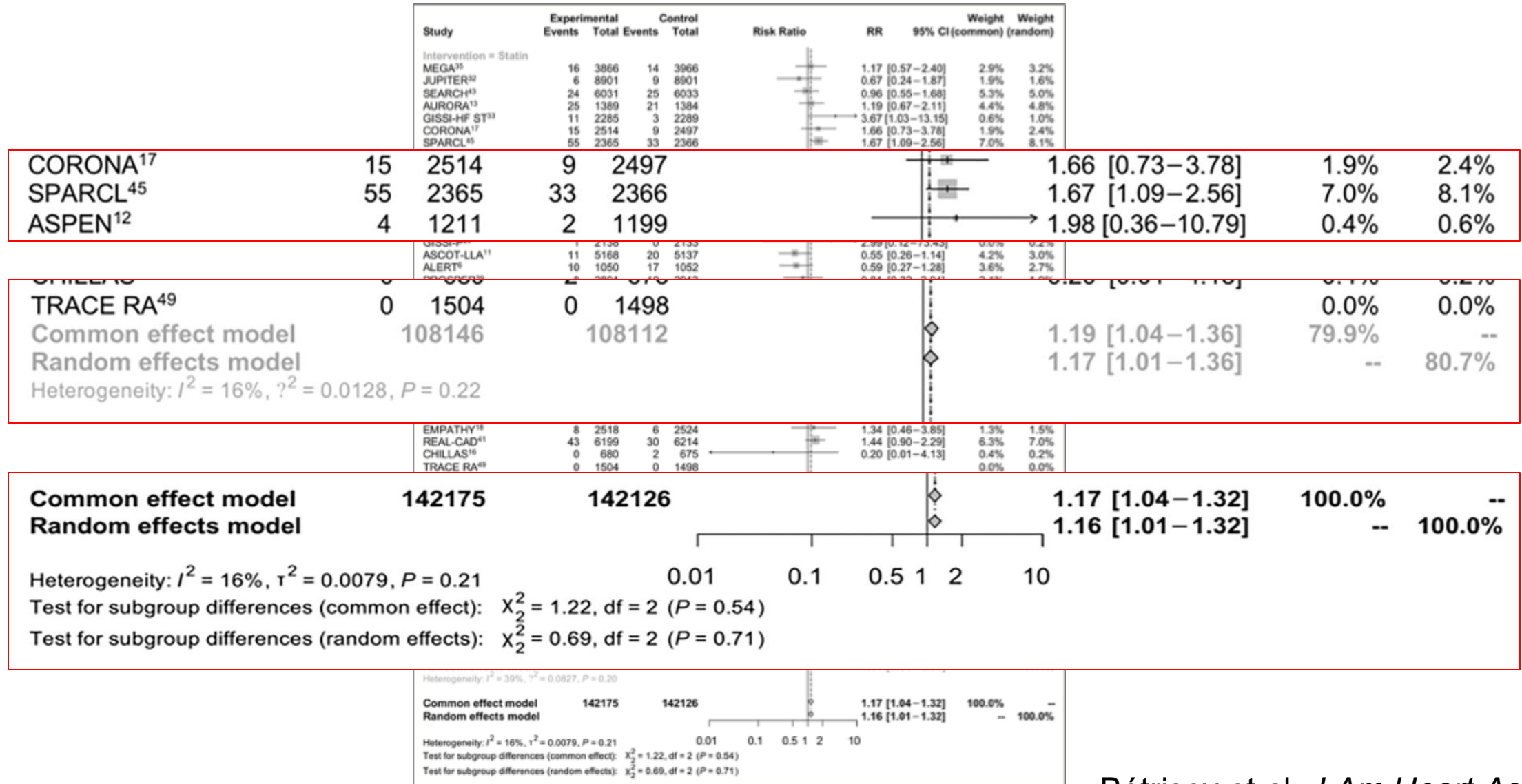
+4% with Placebo

Percentage change
in LDL cholesterol
at 510 days

Patient with ischemic stroke

- ✓ Πότε θα ξεκινήσουμε την υπολιπιδαιμική αγωγή
- ✓ Ποια υπολιπιδαιμική αγωγή πρέπει να χορηγήσω στον ασθενή με ισχαιμικό εγκεφαλικό επεισόδιο?
- ✓ Ποιος είναι ο στόχος μου ?
- ✓ Να φοβάμαι τις χαμηλές τιμές LDL?

Is there a risk of ICH?



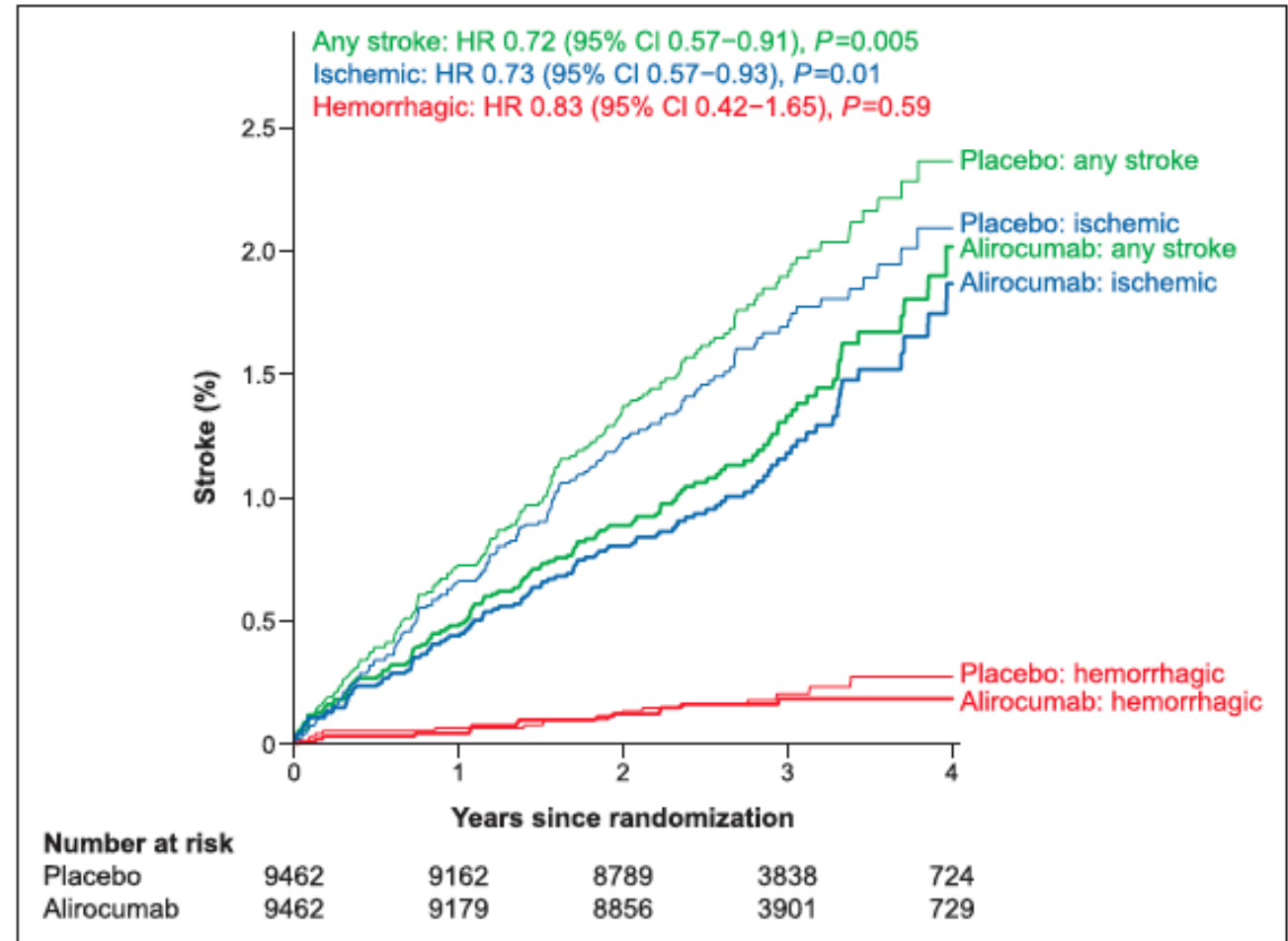
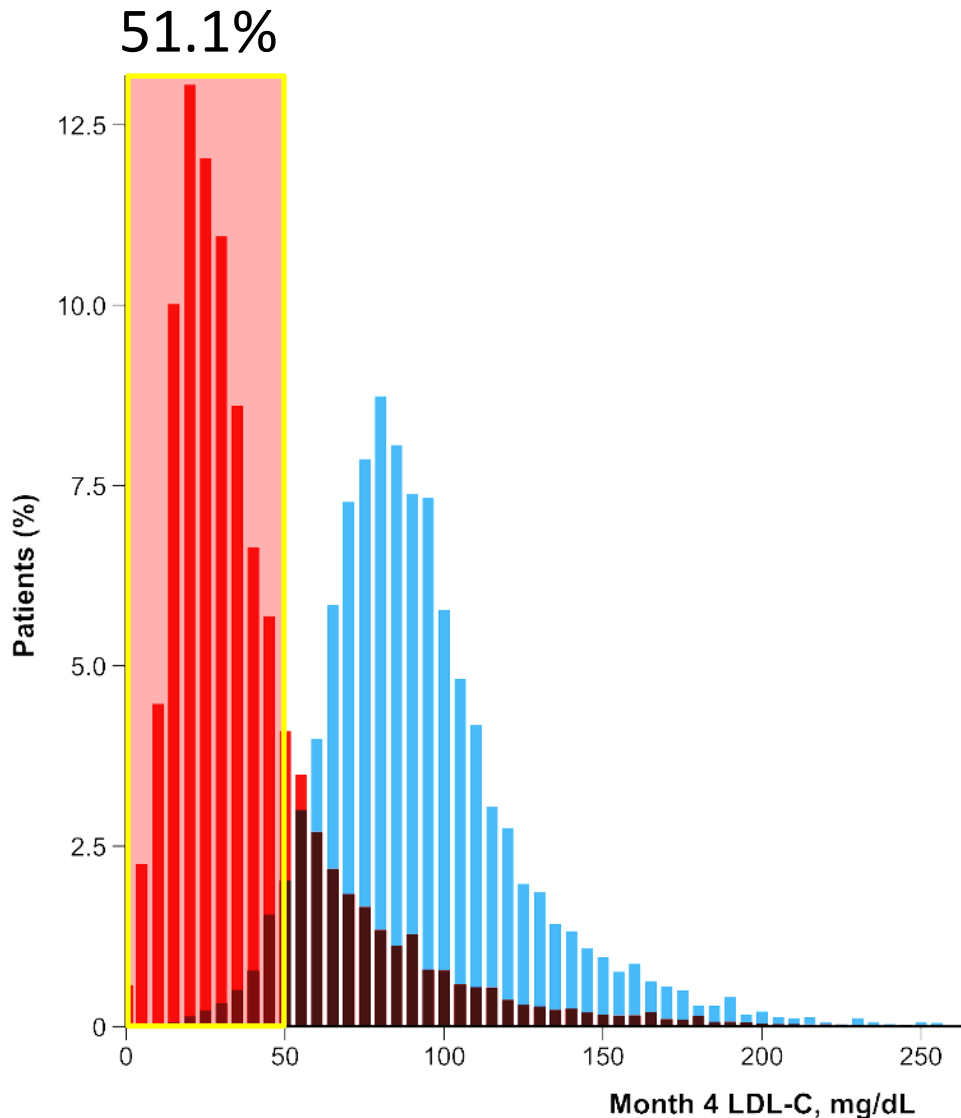
Is there a risk of ICH?

- “The absolute risk of haemorrhagic stroke remained rare throughout the trials, and the absolute risk difference attributable to statin was low, with an estimated *number needed to harm of 3333* for an average treatment length of 6.7 years.”

- “The *number needed to treat with statin to prevent 1 ischemic event over a period of 5 years is 49*, so HS risk should not preclude statin use if clinically indicated.”

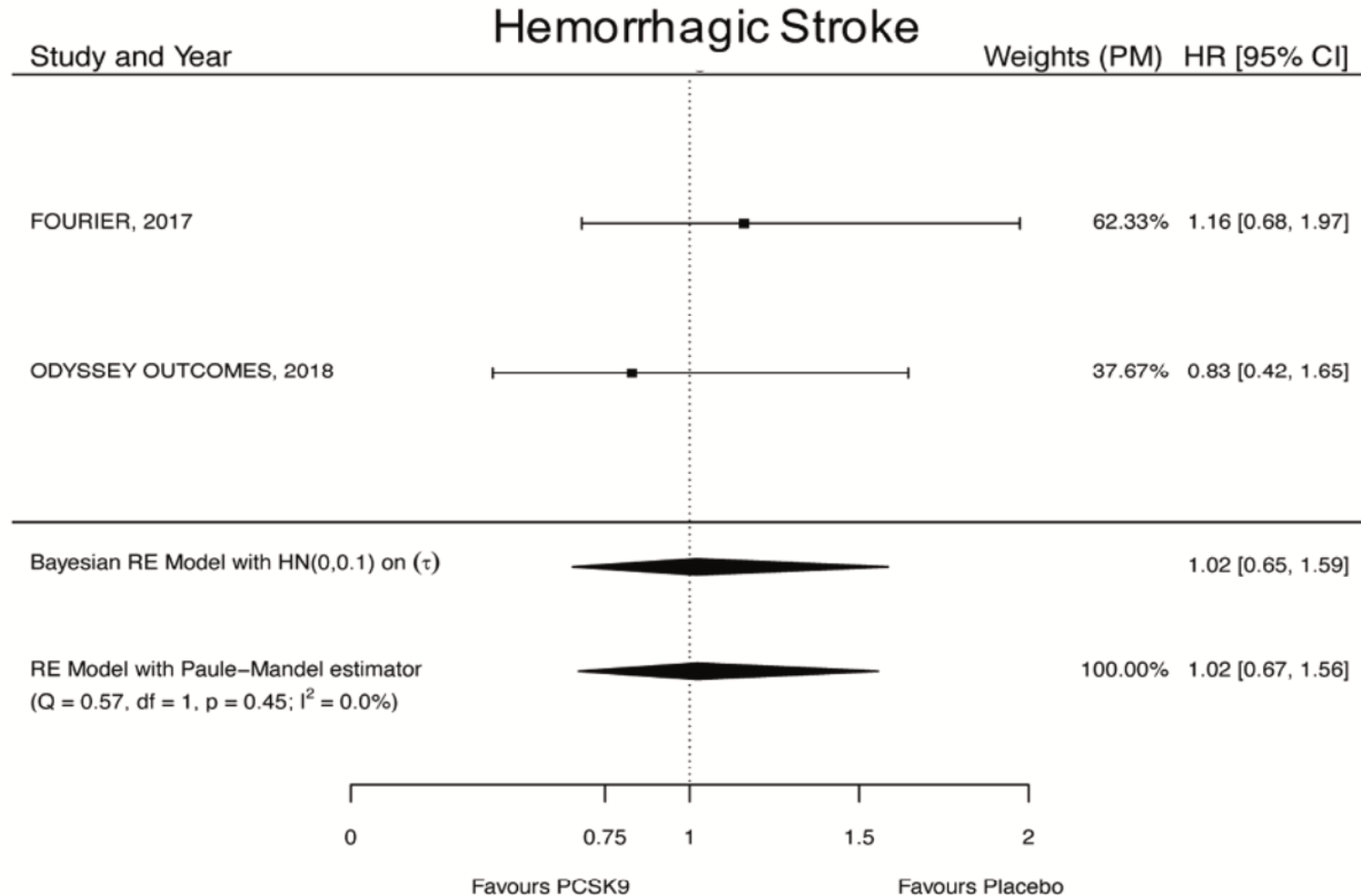


Is there a risk of ICH?



Jukema et al; Circulation. 2019

Is there a risk of ICH?



Patient with ischemic stroke

- ✓ Πότε? → Από το νοσοκομείο
- ✓ Ποια? → Ισχυρή στατίνη (Ατορβα 40 ή Ροσου 20 +/- eze)
- ✓ Ποιος ο στόχος? → <55mg/dl + 50% μείωση
- ✓ Να φοβάμαι τις χαμηλές τιμές LDL? → Όχι!!!



Ο Βαγγέλης

