

# **Treatment of ischaemic heart disease - coronary artery disease (CAD)**

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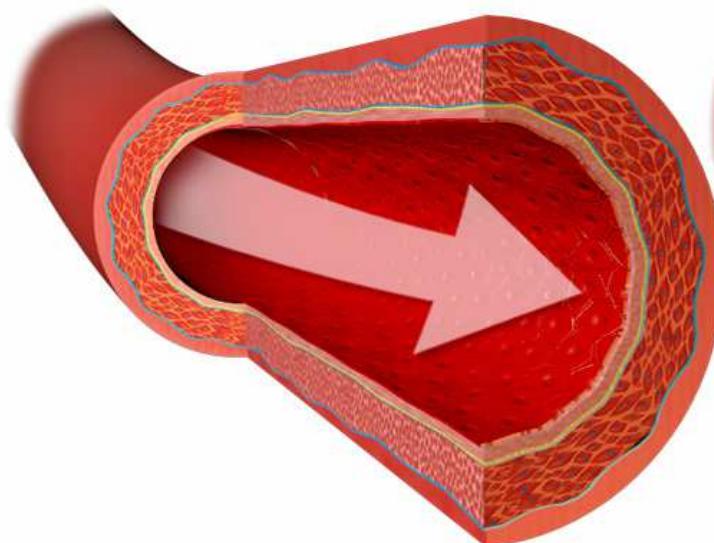
# **What is „coronary artery disease“ ?**

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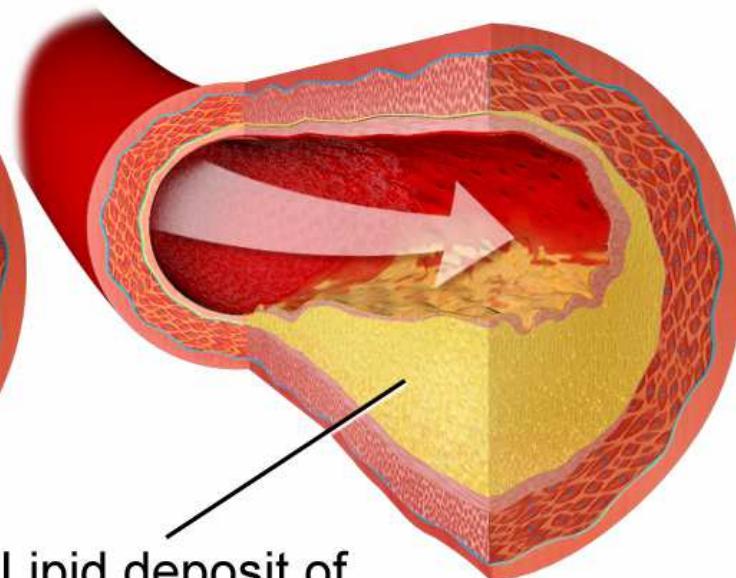
- Defined with ischemia
  - Inbalance between oxygen demand and blood oxygen supply
- Major energy metabolic pathway
  - $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids

# What is „coronary artery disease“ ? (2)

Normal Artery



Narrowing of Artery



Lipid deposit of  
plaque

**Coronary Artery Disease**

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- **ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME**
  - **MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (STEMI, NSTEMI)**
    - HIGH CARDIOMARKERS
    - CORONARY VESSEL STENOSIS
    - HIGH RISK OF CORONARY NECROSIS AND LATER COMPLICATIONS

- **ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME**
  - UNSTABLE ANGINA
  - SPASM OF CORONARY ARTERY
  - CO-INCIDENCE OF CORONARY ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND CALCIFICATIONS
  - LOW DYNAMICS OF CARDIOMARKERS

# What are the goals of treatment ?

- Improve the quality of life
- Improve patient prognosis
- Methods
  - Stop or slow down progress of atherosclerosis
  - Improve flow of ischaemic myocardium
  - Prevention of vascular thrombosis

# **Therapy of CAD**

- Non-pharmacological
  - Lifestyle changes
- Pharmacological
  - Drug therapy
- Interventional procedures

# Interventional procedures in CAD treatment

- THROMBOLYSIS – indication ?
- CABG – surgical revascularization
- dPCI – direct percutaneous coronary intervention – developement of novel antitrombotic therapy
- Successful treatment of CAD is coupled with high quality antitrombotic therapy

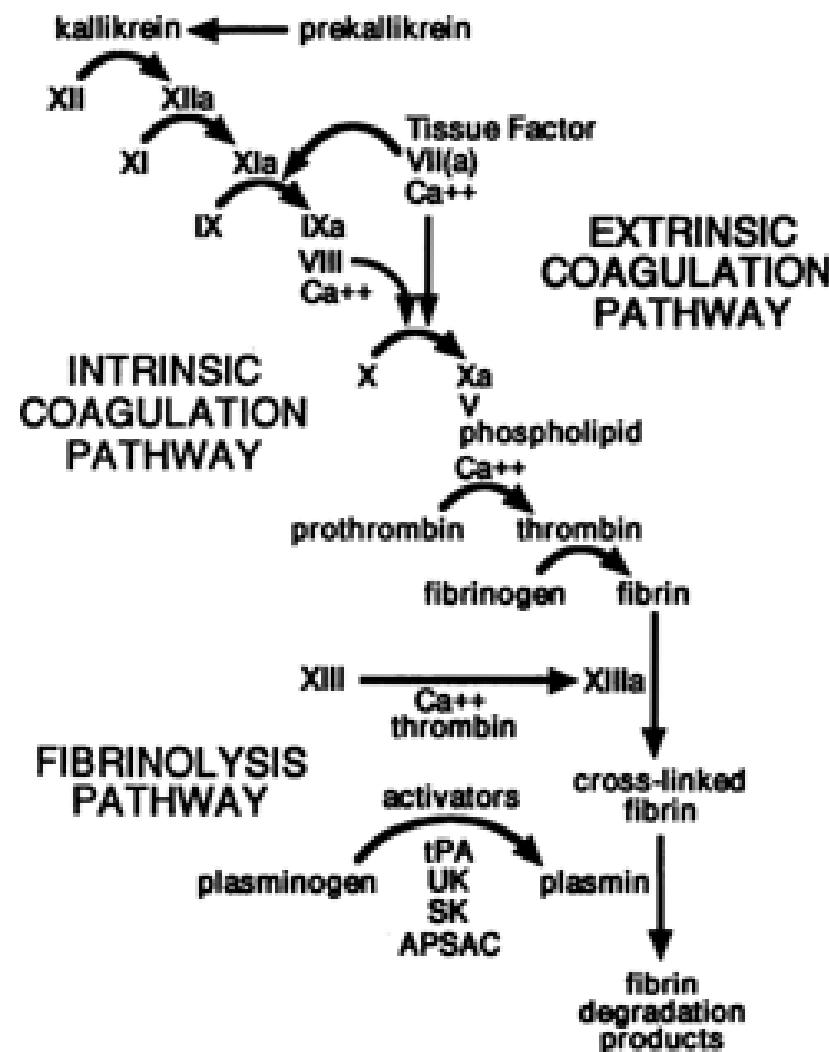
# Thrombolysis in CAD treatment

- Streptokinase
  - Polypeptide (n=415) isolated from  $\beta$ -hemolytic *Streptococcus*
  - Antigenic potential
  - Administration coupled with antibody production

# Thrombolysis in CAD treatment

- Alteplase
  - Recombinant tPa (tissue plasmin activator)
  - Without antigen potential
  - 10 mg bolus, 90 mg i.v. infusion
  - Less effective than PTCA

# Thrombolysis in CAD treatment

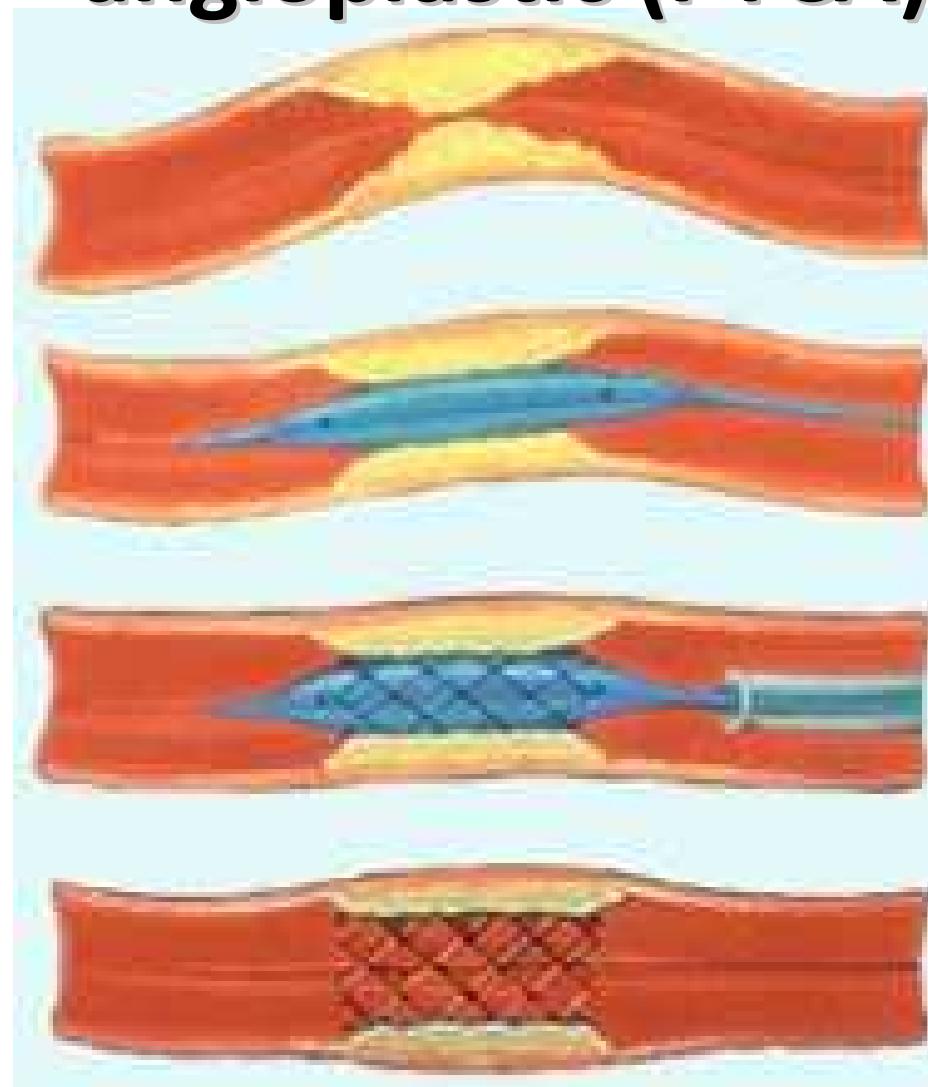


## **Thrombolysis indication**

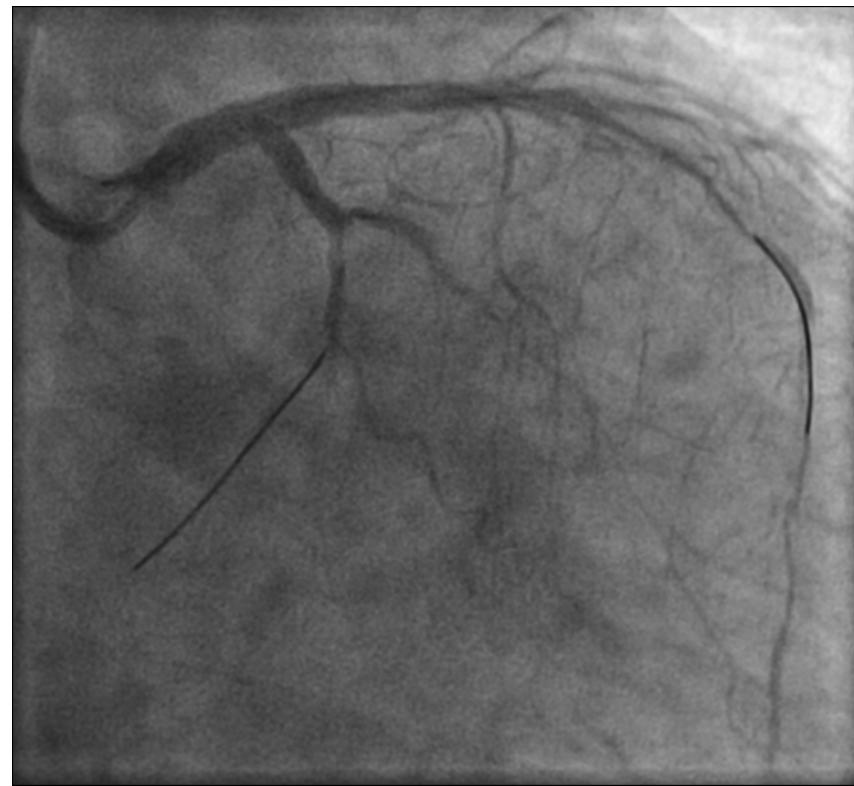
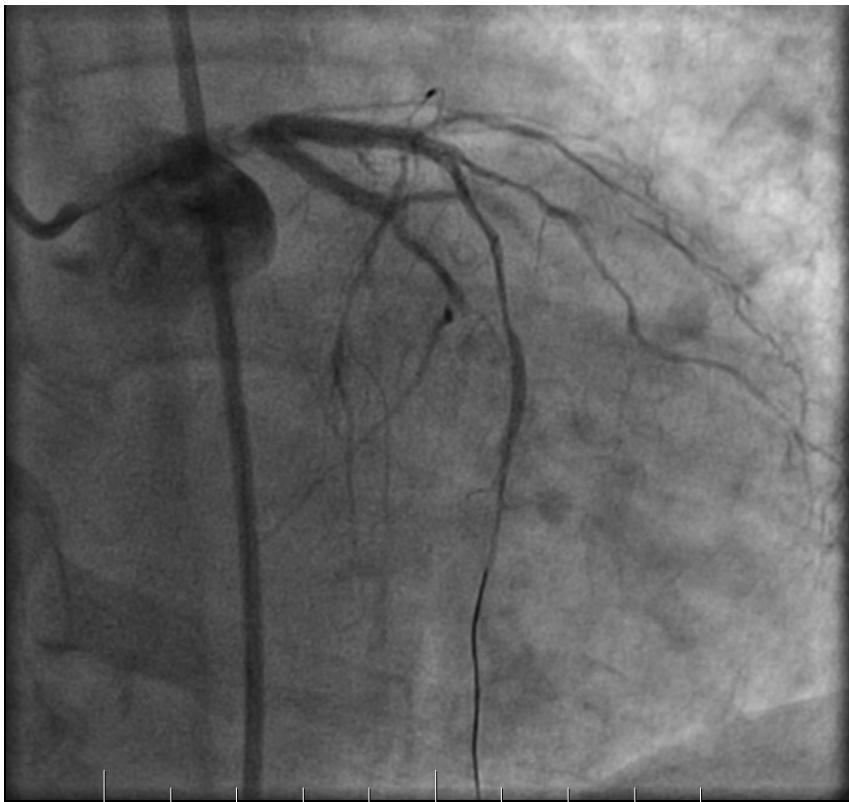
- Alteplase (**ACTILYSE**)
- Dubious prognosis
- Unavailability of CathLAB within 2 hrs of symptoms occur

**THROMBOLYTIC TREATMENT OF CAD IS  
OBSOLETE !**

# Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)



# ACS-stem intervention



# **Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)**

- Interventional method determines
  - Duration of antiplatelet therapy (3-12 months)
- Too short
  - risk of stent thrombosis
- Too long
  - risk of bleeding and side effects

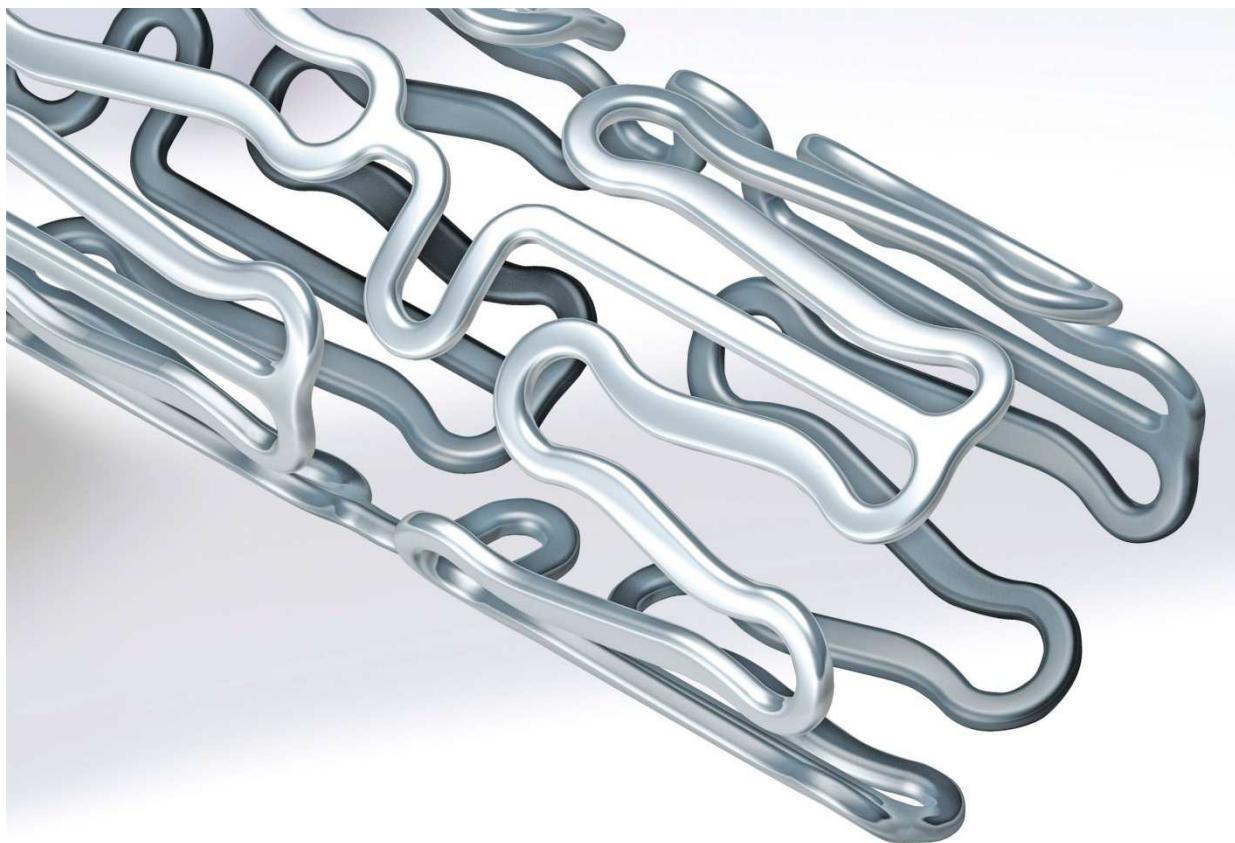
# **dPCI determines therapeutic strategy (1)**

- BARE-METAL STENT (BMS)**



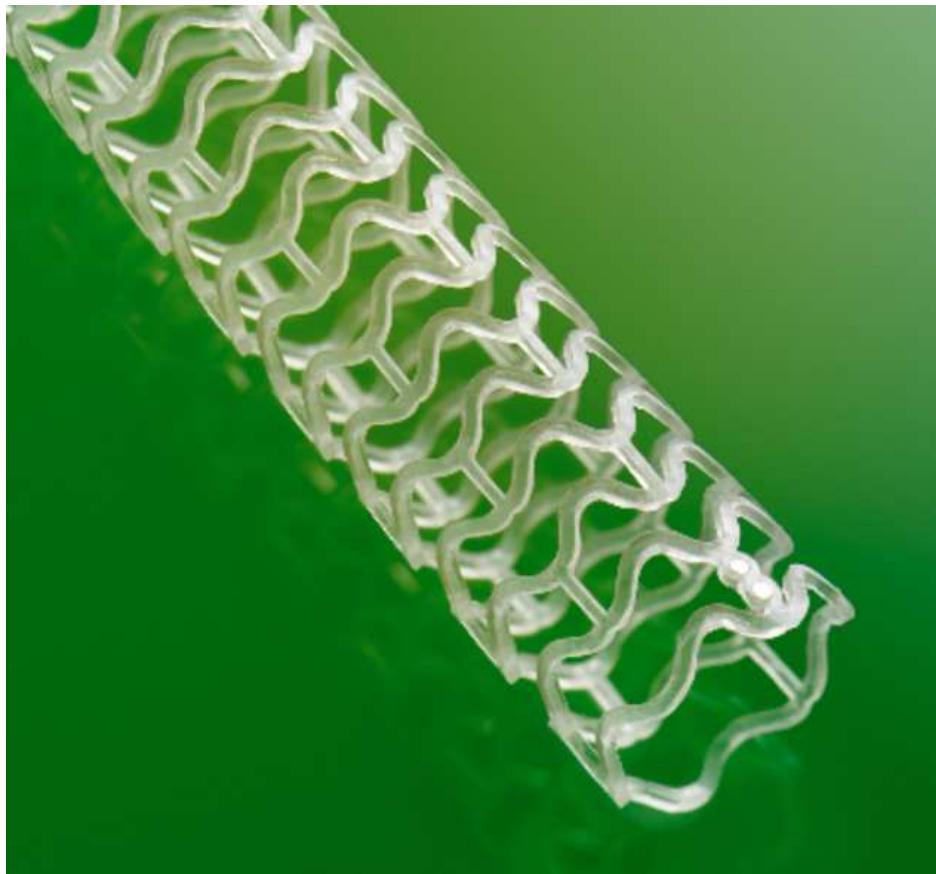
# **dPCI determines therapeutic strategy (2)**

- DRUG-ELUTING STENT (DES)**



# **dPCI determines therapeutic strategy (3)**

- CORONARY SCAFFOLD**



# What kind of medication is required ? (1)

- antithrombotic agents –dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT)
- β-blockers
- ACE – inhibitors (ARB)
- hypolipidemics

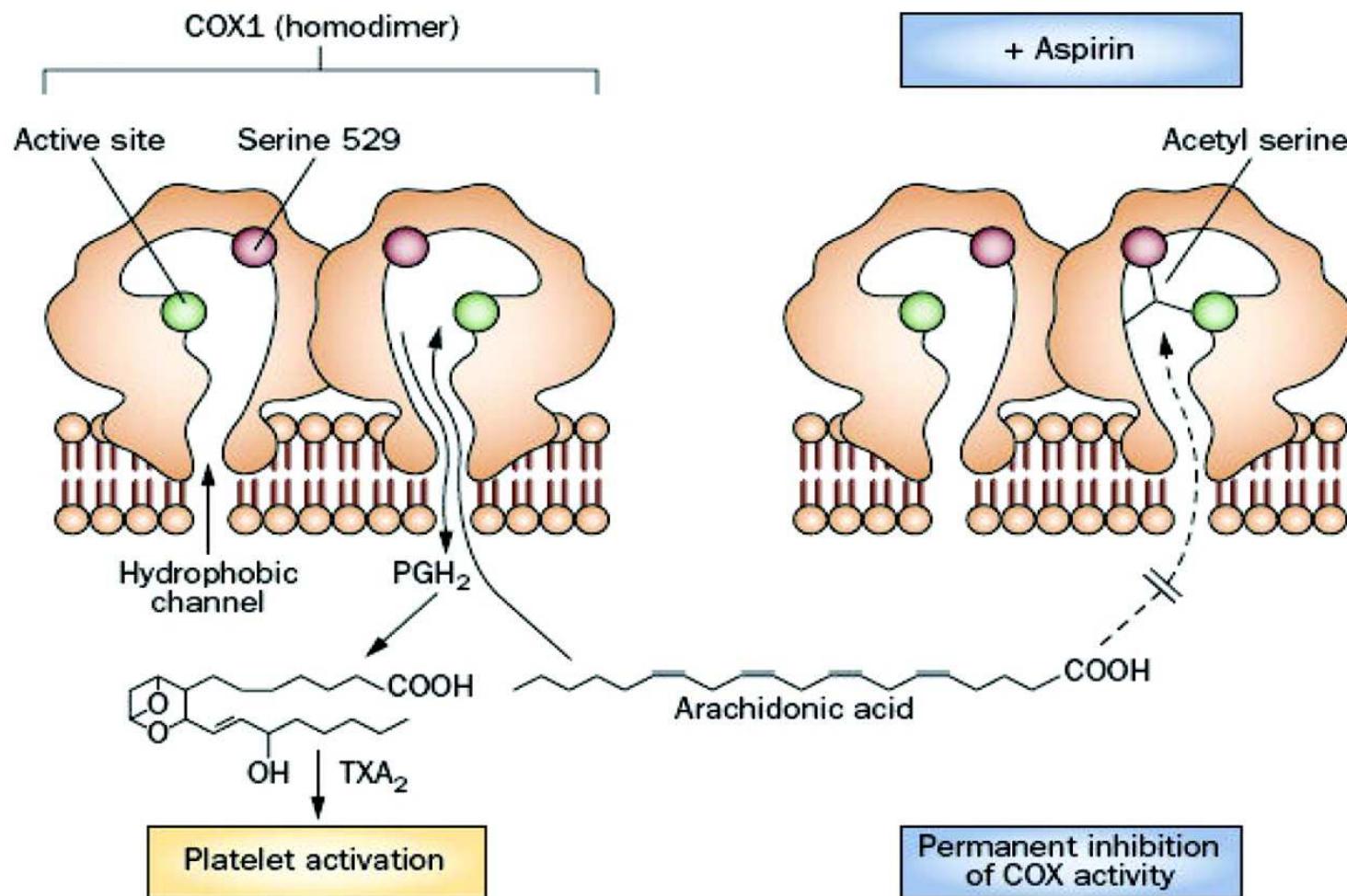
## ACUTE PHASE TREATMENT

- HEPARIN BOLUS **70 – 100 IU/KG**
- ANTITROMBIN III SUBSTITUTION NOT REQUIRED
- **EXCLUSIVELY I.V. !!!!**
- **HEPARIN ACCELERATES PROTEOLYTIC REACTION  
OF ANTITROMBIN III 1000x**
- Administration of **opiates** to reduce stenocardial pain

# DAPT – mechanism of action

- **COX inhibition**
  - Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid)
- **ADP receptor inhibition**
  - Clopidogrel
  - Prasugrel
  - Ticagrelor
- **Drug resistance – risk of stent thrombosis**

# Aspirin – mechanism of action



Valentin Fuster, and Joseph M. Sweeny *Circulation*. 2011;123:768-778

# Selected outcomes in secondary prevention trials of aspirin by sex

16 secondary prevention trials

Major coronary event ( $\chi^2_1=0.6$ ;  $p=0.4$ )

Male	880 (4.70)	1057 (5.79)		0.81 (0.72-0.92)
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Female	115 (2.59)	157 (3.36)		0.73 (0.51-1.03)
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Total	995 (4.30)	1214 (5.30)		0.80 (0.73-0.88) $p<0.00001$
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Ischaemic stroke ( $\chi^2_1=0.7$ ;  $p=0.4$ )

Male	95 (0.51)	123 (0.67)		0.73 (0.50-1.06)
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Female	45 (1.04)	53 (1.17)		0.91 (0.52-1.57)
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Total	140 (0.61)	176 (0.77)		0.78 (0.61-0.99) $p=0.04$
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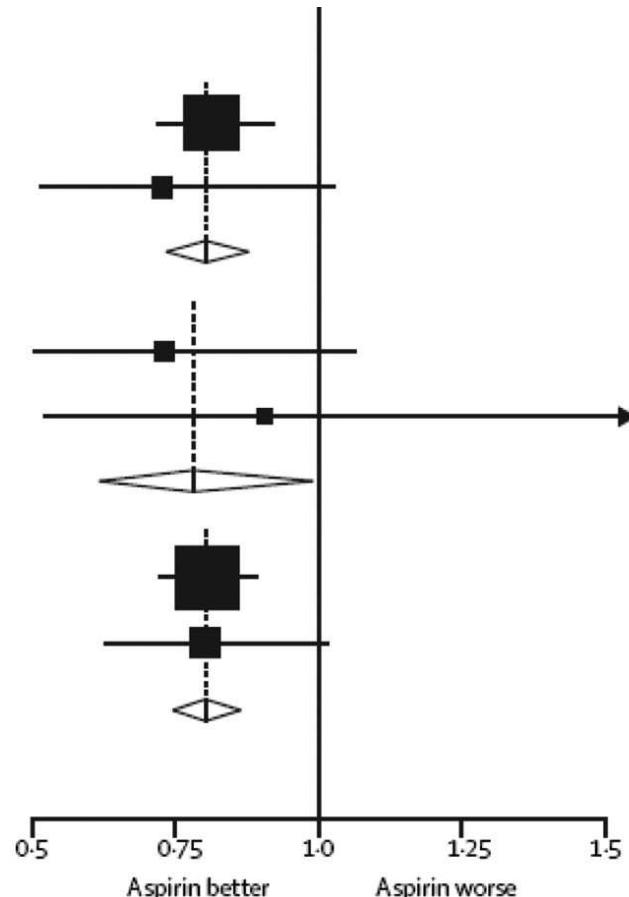
Serious vascular event\* ( $\chi^2_1=0.0$ ;  $p=1.0$ )

Male	1255 (6.88)	1487 (8.45)		0.81 (0.73-0.90)
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Female	250 (5.88)	314 (7.14)		0.81 (0.64-1.02)
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Total	1505 (6.69)	1801 (8.19)		0.81 (0.75-0.87) $p<0.00001$
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 99% CI or  95% CI



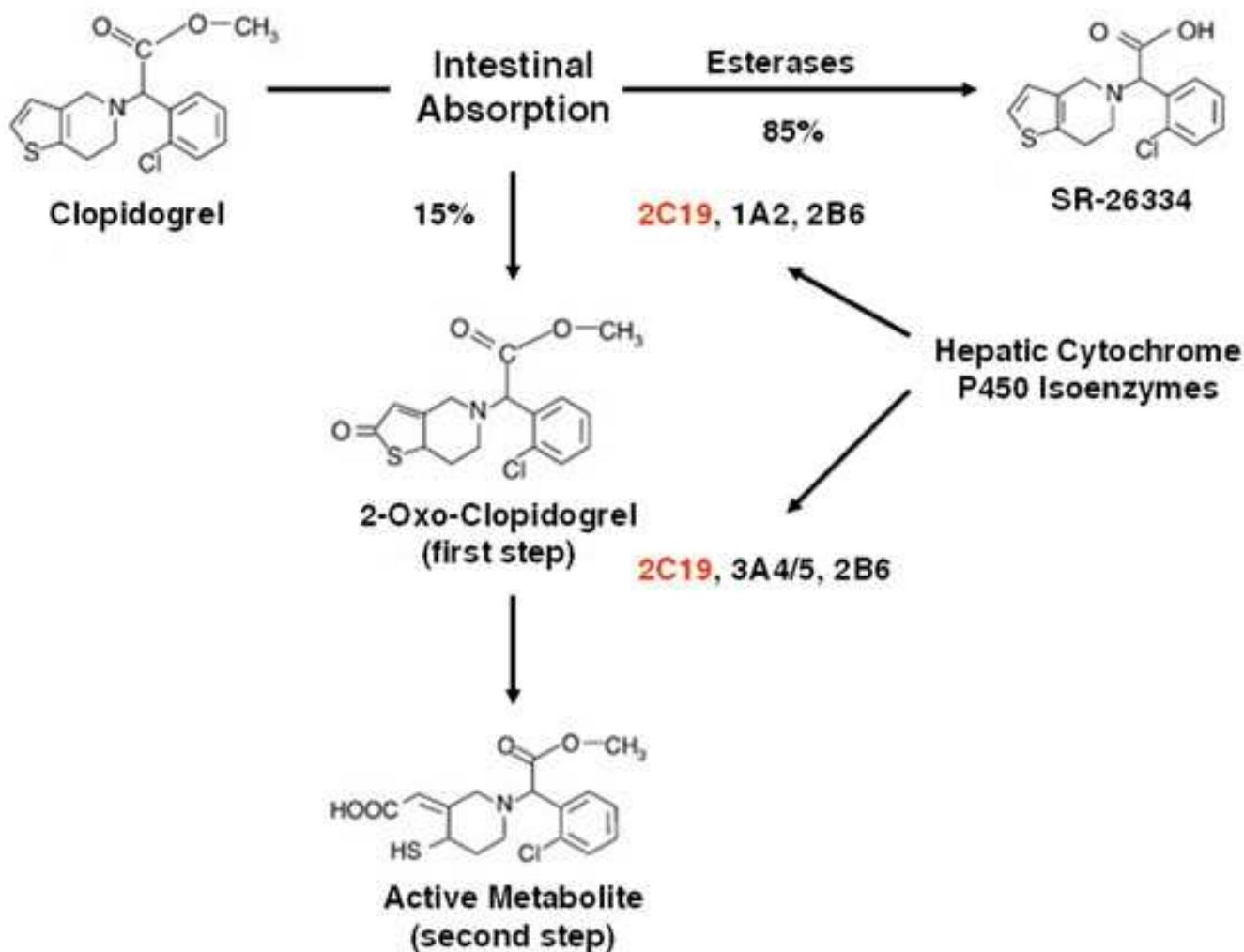
# Aspirin – side effects and risks

- GI tract toxicity; Nephrotoxicity
- Aspirin triggered encefalopathy (Reye syndrome)
- Aspirin-induced bronchospasm
- **Hypersensitivity and allergy**
  
- Primary and secondary prevention
- What dose ?

# Clopidogrel

- Irreversible inhibition of ADP-mediated platelet aggregation (P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor)
- Loading dose 300 – 600 mg
- Maintenance dose 75 mg
- 30 % of patients are resistant to clopidogrel based DAPT

## Clopidogrel is Metabolized in a Two-Step Process



# Clopidogrel (2)

- Prodrug – necessary activation via
  - *p450 CYP 2C19 cytochrome oxidase*
- Resistance to Clopidogrel-based DAPT
  - Pharmacological interactions
  - Genetic predisposition

# **Clopidogrel – contraindications, adverse effects**

- Severe hepatic insufficiency
- Active pathological bleeding (peptic ulcer bleeding, intracranial bleeding)
- Epistaxis, GIT bleeding, diarrhea, trombocytopaenia, increased bleeding

# DAPT resistance and therapy failure

- **Genetic predisposition**
  - Slow metabolizers *p450 CYP 2C19*
  - Fast metabolizers *p450 CYP 2C19*
- **MULTIPLATE method**

# DAPT resistance and therapy failure (2)

- **Pharmacological resistance**
  - Pharmacokinetic drug interactions
  - **SSRI** (fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine),  
**anticonvulsives** (carbamazepine, felbamate, topiramate), **PPI** (omeprazol)
- Therapy failure leads to **stent thrombosis !**
- Discontinuation of interfering drug or ...

# **ADP-inhibitor pharmacodynamic drug interaction**

- NSAID use with DAPT leads to increase of bleeding complications
  - Epistaxis
  - CNS bleeding
  - GIT bleeding
- Avoid prescribing NSAID with DAPT !

# PRASUGREL

- High ADP-receptor affinity
- Necessary conversion from prodrug to active metabolite
- Irreversible inhibition of **P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP-receptor**
- Onset of action : **30 MINUTES**
  
- Loading and maintenance dose

**EFIENT; LILLY**

# **PRASUGREL - dosing**

- Patients weight below 60 kg
- Elderly population ( 75 years and older)
  - Dose reduction to  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Bleeding complications

# **PRASUGREL - restrictions**

- Drug interactions (?)
  - NSAID, inducers and inhibitors of hepatic turnover
- So far, none clinically relevant FK interactions (*p450 CYP 2C19 level*)
- **Surgical procedures and discontinuation of DAPT based on prasugrel**

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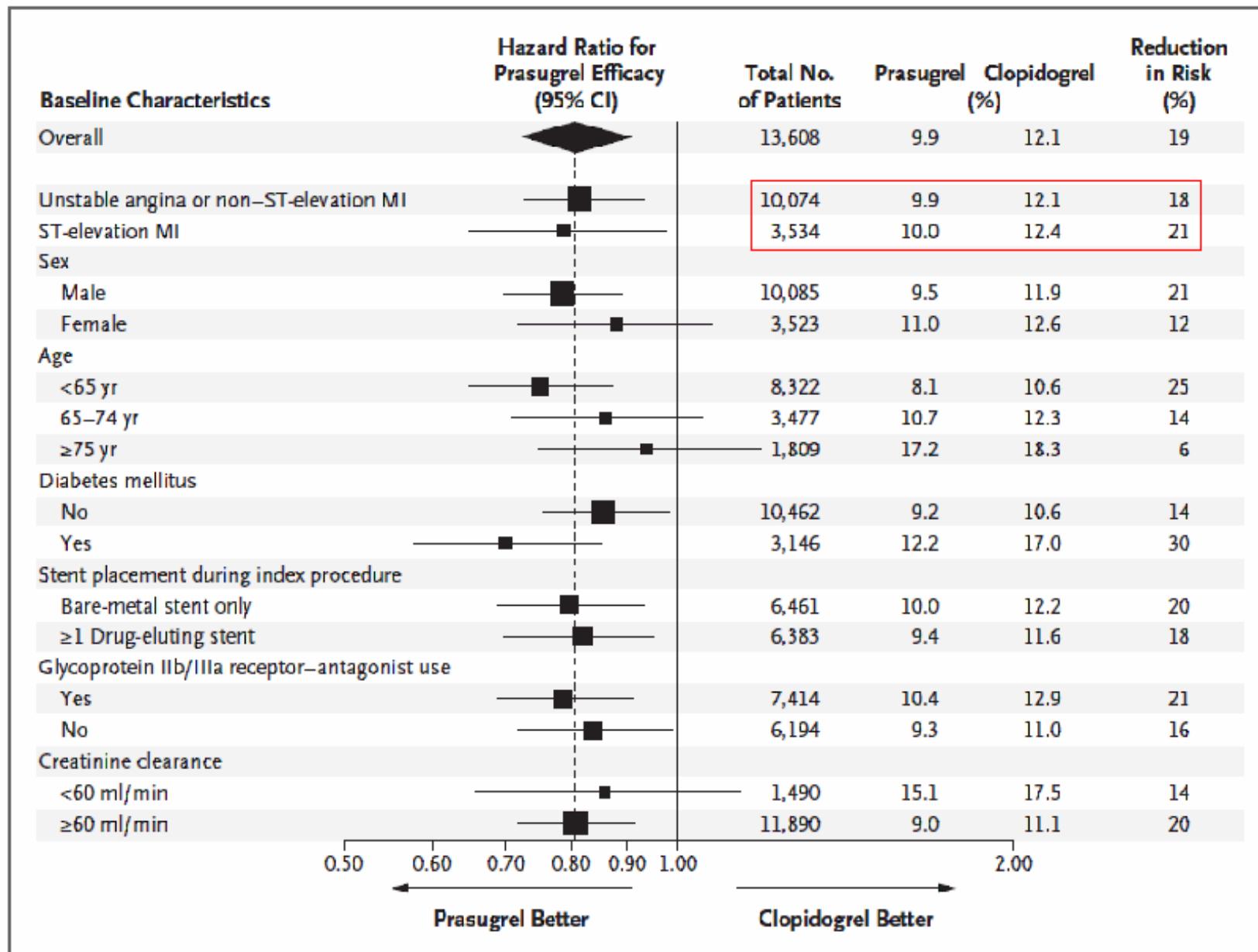
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# TRITON-TIMI 38 TRIAL - EFFICACY

**Table 2.** Major Efficacy End Points in the Overall Cohort at 15 Months.\*

End Point	Prasugrel (N=6813)	Clopidogrel (N=6795)	Hazard Ratio for Prasugrel (95% CI)	P Value†
no. of patients (%)				
Death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke (primary end point)	643 (9.9)	781 (12.1)	0.81 (0.73–0.90)	<0.001
Death from cardiovascular causes	133 (2.1)	150 (2.4)	0.89 (0.70–1.12)	0.31
Nonfatal MI	475 (7.3)	620 (9.5)	0.76 (0.67–0.85)	<0.001
Nonfatal stroke	61 (1.0)	60 (1.0)	1.02 (0.71–1.45)	0.93
Death from any cause	188 (3.0)	197 (3.2)	0.95 (0.78–1.16)	0.64
Death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal MI, or urgent target-vessel revascularization	652 (10.0)	798 (12.3)	0.81 (0.73–0.89)	<0.001
Death from any cause, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke	692 (10.7)	822 (12.7)	0.83 (0.75–0.92)	<0.001
Urgent target-vessel revascularization	156 (2.5)	233 (3.7)	0.66 (0.54–0.81)	<0.001
Death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, or rehospitalization for ischemia	797 (12.3)	938 (14.6)	0.84 (0.76–0.92)	<0.001
Stent thrombosis‡	68 (1.1)	142 (2.4)	0.48 (0.36–0.64)	<0.001

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# TRITON-TIMI 38 TRIAL – SAFETY

**Table 3.** Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction (TIMI) Bleeding End Points in the Overall Cohort at 15 Months.\*

End Point	Prasugrel (N=6741)	Clopidogrel (N=6716)	Hazard Ratio for Prasugrel (95% CI)	P Value
no. of patients (%)				
Non-CABG-related TIMI major bleeding (key safety end point)	146 (2.4)	111 (1.8)	1.32 (1.03–1.68)	0.03
Related to instrumentation	45 (0.7)	38 (0.6)	1.18 (0.77–1.82)	0.45
Spontaneous	92 (1.6)	61 (1.1)	1.51 (1.09–2.08)	0.01
Related to trauma	9 (0.2)	12 (0.2)	0.75 (0.32–1.78)	0.51
Life-threatening†	85 (1.4)	56 (0.9)	1.52 (1.08–2.13)	0.01
Related to instrumentation	28 (0.5)	18 (0.3)	1.55 (0.86–2.81)	0.14
Spontaneous	50 (0.9)	28 (0.5)	1.78 (1.12–2.83)	0.01
Related to trauma	7 (0.1)	10 (0.2)	0.70 (0.27–1.84)	0.47
Fatal‡	21 (0.4)	5 (0.1)	4.19 (1.58–11.11)	0.002
Nonfatal	64 (1.1)	51 (0.9)	1.25 (0.87–1.81)	0.23
Intracranial	19 (0.3)	17 (0.3)	1.12 (0.58–2.15)	0.74
Major or minor TIMI bleeding	303 (5.0)	231 (3.8)	1.31 (1.11–1.56)	0.002
Bleeding requiring transfusion§	244 (4.0)	182 (3.0)	1.34 (1.11–1.63)	<0.001
CABG-related TIMI major bleeding¶	24 (13.4)	6 (3.2)	4.73 (1.90–11.82)	<0.001

# TICAGRELOR

- Direct **reversible** inhibitor of ADP-mediated platelet aggregation (inhibition of P2Y<sub>12</sub>–ADP receptor)
- Native substance and metabolite are equipotent inhibitors
- **BRILIQUE; ASTRA ZENECA**

# TICAGRELOR

- Onset of action within 1,5 hrs
- ↓ risk of major bleeding
- ↓ risk of stent thrombosis
- ↑ Adenosin mediated coronary vasodilatation
  
- No effect on incidence of stroke vs clopidogrel

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# PLATO TRIAL-primary endpoints

**Table 3.** Major Efficacy End Points at 12 Months.\*

End Point	Ticagrelor Group	Clopidogrel Group	Hazard Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI)	P Value†
Primary end point: death from vascular causes, MI, or stroke — no./total no. (%)	864/9333 (9.8)	1014/9291 (11.7)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	<0.001‡
Secondary end points — no./total no. (%)				
Death from any cause, MI, or stroke	901/9333 (10.2)	1065/9291 (12.3)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	<0.001‡
Death from vascular causes, MI, stroke, severe recurrent ischemia, recurrent ischemia, TIA, or other arterial thrombotic event	1290/9333 (14.6)	1456/9291 (16.7)	0.88 (0.81–0.95)	<0.001‡
MI	504/9333 (5.8)	593/9291 (6.9)	0.84 (0.75–0.95)	0.005‡
Death from vascular causes	353/9333 (4.0)	442/9291 (5.1)	0.79 (0.69–0.91)	0.001‡
Stroke	125/9333 (1.5)	106/9291 (1.3)	1.17 (0.91–1.52)	0.22

# PLATO STUDY – primary endpoints (2)

Stent thrombosis — no. of patients who received a stent/  
total no. (%)

Definite	71/5640 (1.3)	106/5649 (1.9)	0.67 (0.50–0.91)	0.009
Probable or definite	118/5640 (2.2)	158/5649 (2.9)	0.75 (0.59–0.95)	0.02
Possible, probable, or definite	155/5640 (2.9)	202/5649 (3.8)	0.77 (0.62–0.95)	0.01

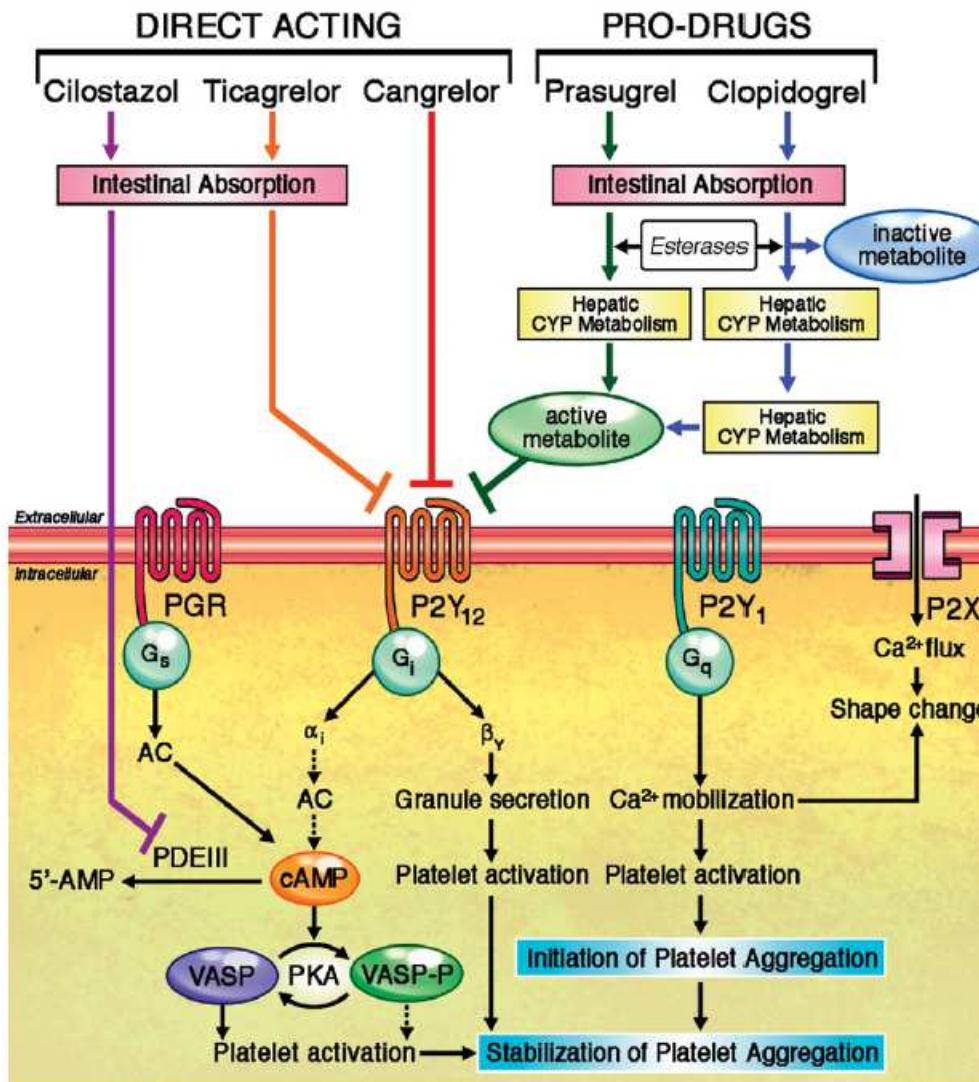
# PLATO STUDY - safety

**Table 4.** Safety of the Study Drugs.\*

End Point	Ticagrelor Group	Clopidogrel Group	Hazard or Odds Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI)†	P Value
Primary safety end points — no./total no. (%)				
Major bleeding, study criteria	961/9235 (11.6)	929/9186 (11.2)	1.04 (0.95–1.13)	0.43
Major bleeding, TIMI criteria‡	657/9235 (7.9)	638/9186 (7.7)	1.03 (0.93–1.15)	0.57
Bleeding requiring red-cell transfusion	818/9235 (8.9)	809/9186 (8.9)	1.00 (0.91–1.11)	0.96
Life-threatening or fatal bleeding, study criteria	491/9235 (5.8)	480/9186 (5.8)	1.03 (0.90–1.16)	0.70
Fatal bleeding	20/9235 (0.3)	23/9186 (0.3)	0.87 (0.48–1.59)	0.66
Nonintracranial fatal bleeding	9/9235 (0.1)	21/9186 (0.3)		0.03
Intracranial bleeding	26/9235 (0.3)	14/9186 (0.2)	1.87 (0.98–3.58)	0.06
Fatal	11/9235 (0.1)	1/9186 (0.01)		0.02
Nonfatal	15/9235 (0.2)	13/9186 (0.2)		0.69

Wallentin L. et al.: Ticagrelor versus Clopidogrel in patients with acute coronary syndromes; *N Eng J Med*; 2009; 351;11

# ADP-inhibitor comparison



# What kind of medication is required ?

- antithrombotic agents –dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT)
- **β-blockers**
- ACE – inhibitors (ARB)
- hypolipidemics

# **β-blockers**

- competitive antagonists of β-adrenoreceptors
  - Myocardium
  - Kidneys
  - Brain
  - Liver
  - Bronchi

# **β-blockers (2)**

- **clinical implications**

- Decrease myocardium oxygen consumption
- Decrease heart rate and increase flow
- Prophylaxis of angina
- Prevention of ischaemia-induced arrhythmias

## **β-blockers (3)**

- Non-selective – **timolol, pindolol, propranolol**
- $\beta_1$ -selective – **metoprolol, bisoprolol, betaxolol, nebivolol** (without ISA)
- $\beta_1$ -selective – **acebutolol** (with ISA)
- Combined - **carvedilol**

# **ISA – intrinsic sympathomimetic activity**

- Ability of  $\beta$ -blocker to act as partial agonist on  $\beta$ -receptor (acebutolol) and still act as an **antagonist** to epinephrin and norepinephrin in case of increased catecholamine activity

# **ISA – intrinsic sympathomimetic activity (2)**

- Result
  - Effect similar to endogenous stimuli (EPI,NOR to  $\beta$ -receptor)
  - Depends on current state of sympathetic activation

# **ISA – intrinsic sympathomimetic activity (3)**

- Potential of benefit
  - Reducing vessel resistance in peripheral circulation
  - Reducing risk of resting bradycardia
  - Reducing risk of blood lipids imbalance

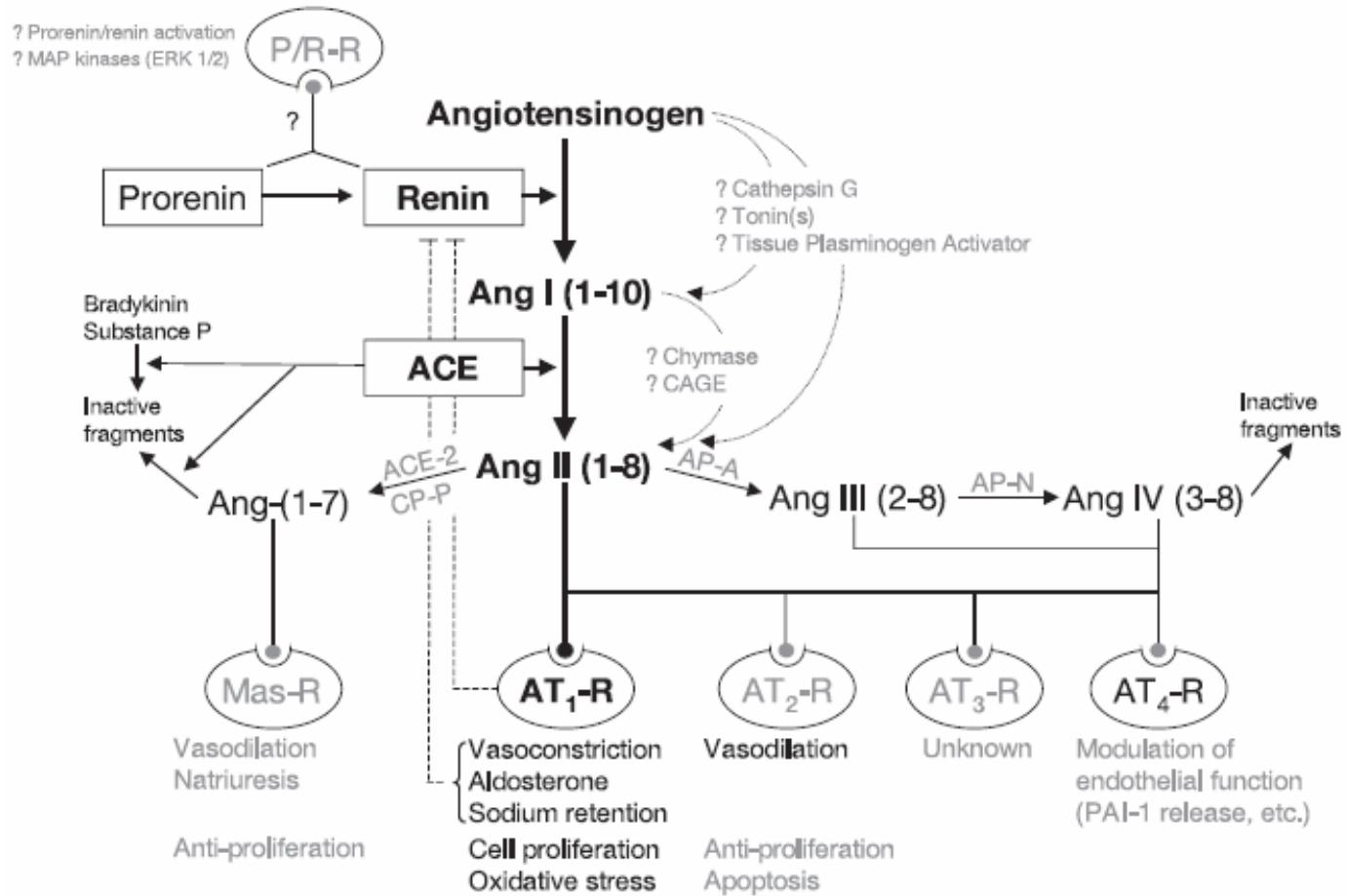
# **β-blockers (4)**

- Adverse effects
  - Evocation of bronchospasm
  - Bradycardia
  - Hypoglycaemia
  - Fatigue
- Contraindications
  - AV block (2,3), asthma bronchiale, hypotension,

# What kind of medication is required ?

- antithrombotic agents –dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT)
- $\beta$ -blockers
- ACE – inhibitors
- hypolipidemics

# RAAS system and myocardial infarction – drug targets



# Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (kininase II) Inhibitors – basic properties

	Captopril	Enalapril	Quinapril	Ramipril	Trandolapril
Zinc ligand	Sulfhydryl	Carboxyl	Carboxyl	Carboxyl	Carboxyl
Prodrug	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
$t_{max}$ active drug, h	0.7–0.9	2–8	2	3	4–10
$t_{1/2}$ active drug, h	1.7	11	1.9–2.5, 25 terminal	Triphasic 4, 9–18, >50	15–24 terminal
Route of elimination	Kidney	Kidney	Kidney	Kidney	Kidney, liver
Dosage range, mg	6.25–300	2.5–40	5–80	1.25–20	1–8
F, %*	75–91	60	>60	50–60	70

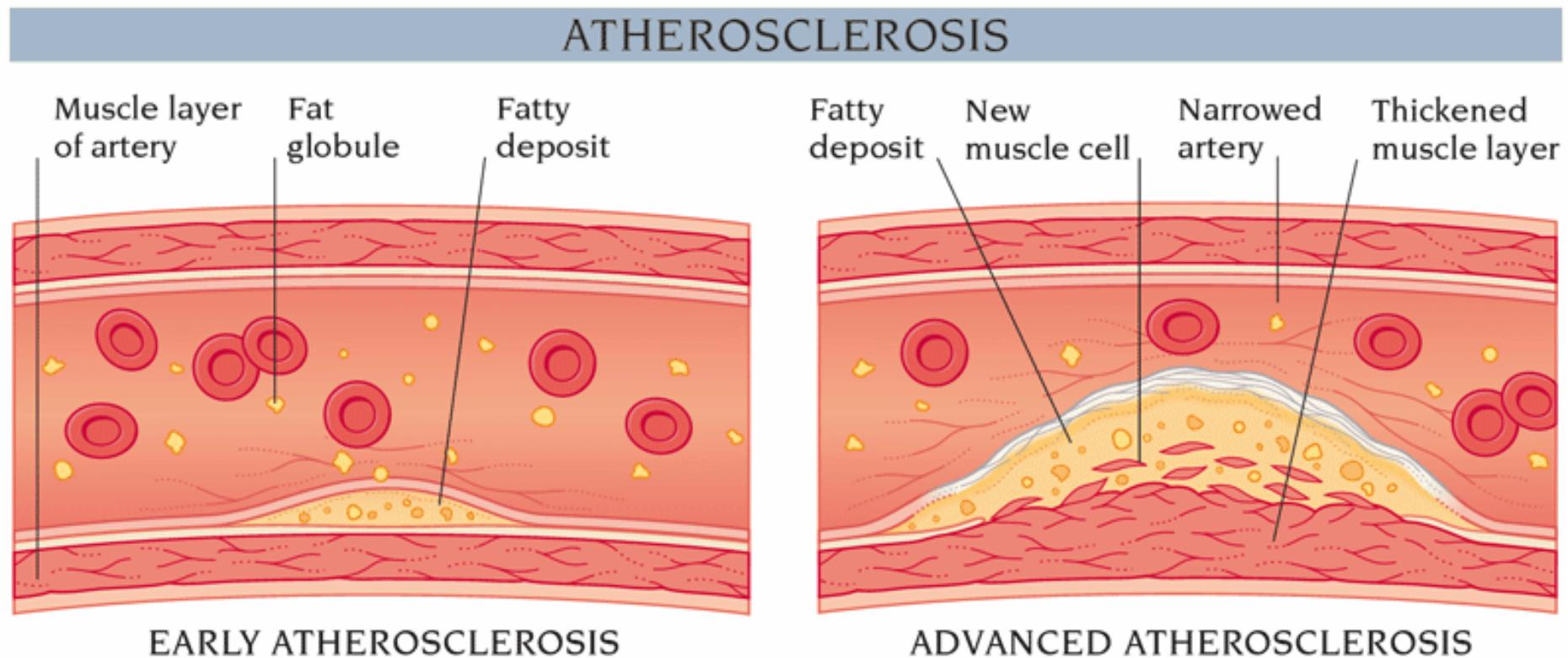
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- **hypolipidemics**

# Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD

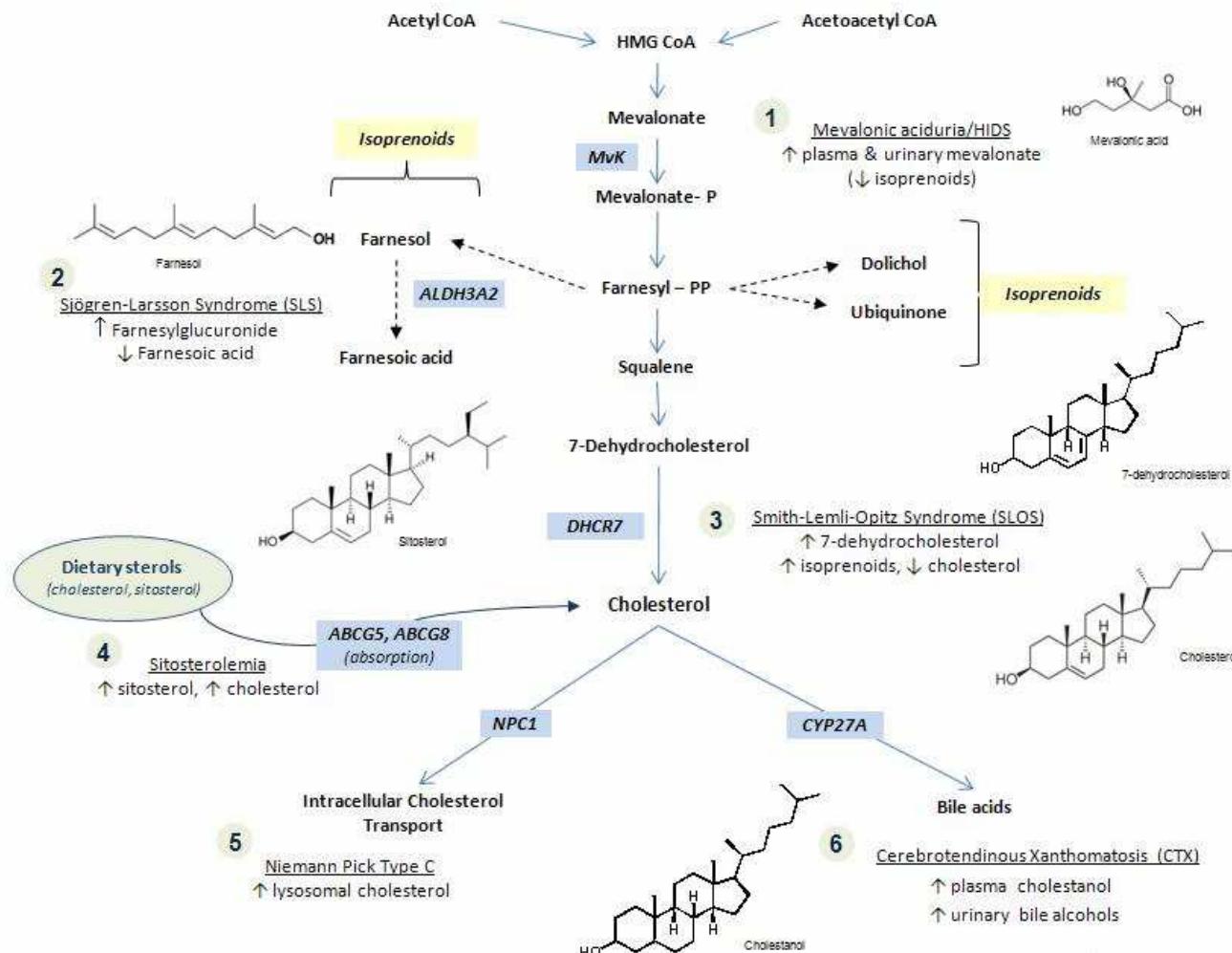
- **HMG-CoA-reductase inhibitors (statins)**
  - Fluvastatin
  - Simvastatin (4S; HPS)
  - Atorvastatin (MIRACL, ALLIANCE – high dose)
  - Rosuvastatin (JUPITER)
- **Drug interactions on hepatic metabolism !**

# Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD



**Higher dose – better treatment outcome**

# Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD – mechanism of action



# **Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD – pleiotropic potential of statins**

- Improvement of endothelial function
- Antioxidant and antiinflammatory properties
- Stabilization of atherosclerotic plaques
- Antitrombotic and neo-angiogenetic activity

# **Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD – side effects**

- Muscle pain and muscle dyscomfort
  - In rare cases rhabdomyolysis
- 
- Hepatotoxicity
  - Allergic reaction
  - Glucose intolerance
  - Neurologic side effects (headache, vertigo, ...)

# Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD

## Dose Conversion Table for Statins:

% LDL Reduction	LOVASTATIN (MEVACOR*)	PRAVASTATIN (PRAVACHOL*)	SIMVASTATIN (ZOCOR*)	LESCOL	LIPITOR	CRESTOR	VYTORIN
25-32%	20 MG	20MG	10MG	40MG	-	-	-
31-39%	40MG	40MG	20MG	80MG	10MG	-	-
37-45%	80MG	80MG	40MG	-	20MG	5MG	10/10
48-52%	-	-	80MG	-	40MG	10MG	10/20
55-60%	-	-	-	-	80MG	20MG	10/40
60-63%	-	-	-	-	-	40MG	10/80

\*TRADE NAMES WITH AB EQUIVALENT GENERICS AVAILABLE

# **Hypolipidemic therapy in CAD – alternative treatment**

- Fibrates – **fenofibrát, klofibrát**
  - Elevated FFA, lowering VLDL particles
- Inhibitors NPC1L1-protein – **Ezetimib**
  - Fixed dose with statin (**simvastatin**)
- Inhibitors proteinkinase SK-9 – **Evolocumab**
  - In clinical trials for cardiovascular prevention

- Thank you for your attention
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