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IOANNINA



ΘΕΡΑΠΕΥΤΙΚΗ ΑΝΤΙΜΕΤΩΠΙΣΗ  
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# LDL-C Clinical targets

- There are no current European guidelines for the management of HoFH
- ESC/EAS Guideline recommendations for LDL-C clinical targets in patients with HeFH<sup>1</sup>

Recommendations	Class of evidence	Level of evidence
Treatment is aimed as reaching the LDL-C goals for high risk subjects ( <b>&lt;2.5 mmol/L, less than 100mg/dL or in the presence of CVD of very high risk subjects (1.8 mmol/L less than 70mg/dL)</b> ). If targets cannot be reached, maximal reduction in LDL-C should be considered using appropriate drug combinations in tolerated doses	IIa	C

In patients receiving apheresis these “levels will only postpone rather than prevent CV disease but advances in adjuvant therapy such as microsomal triglyceride transfer protein and anti-sense apoB may enable more radical reductions in LDL-C in the future”<sup>2</sup>

1. Adapted from Catapano et al. Atherosclerosis 2011, 217S; S1-S44. 2. Thompson et al. Atherosclerosis 2012, 208: 317-321

# ΣΤΟΧΟΙ ΥΠΟΛΙΤΤΙΔΑΙΜΙΚΗΣ ΑΓΩΓΗΣ ΣΕ ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΜΕ FH

ΣΤΟΧΟΣ LDL CHOL <135 mg/dl σε παιδιά

ΣΤΟΧΟΣ LDL CHOL <100mg/dl

ΜΟΝΟΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ ή ΣΥΝΔΥΑΣΜΟΙ (+EZETIMIBE-COLESEVELAM)

ΣΤΟΧΟΣ LDL CHOL <70mg/dl ΣΕ ΑΤΟΜΑ ΜΕ  
ΕΓΚΑΤΕΣΤΗΜΕΝΗ ΑΓΓΕΙΑΚΗ ΝΟΣΟ

*Consensus Statement of the European  
Atherosclerosis Society, 2013*

# ΒΑΣΙΚΕΣ ΑΡΧΕΣ ΑΓΩΓΗΣ ΣΕ ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΜΕ FH

- Διακοπή καπνίσματος
- Δίαιτα (+ φυτικές στερολες)
- Άσκηση
- ΦΑΡΜΑΚΑ

Στατίνες<sup>+,++</sup> (μέγιστες ανεκτές δόσεις)

Ezetimibe

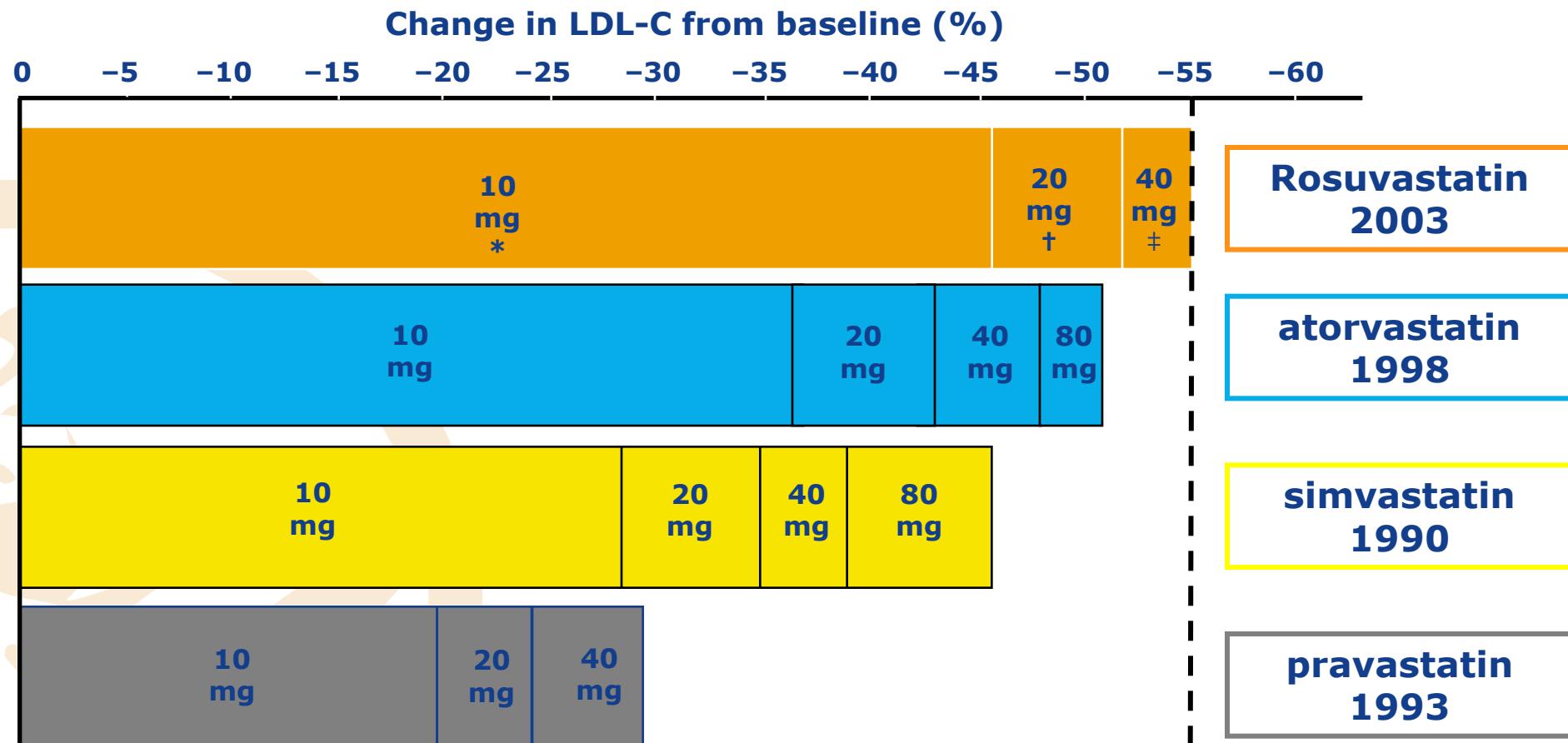
Colesevelam

+ Atorva 80mg/d, Rosuva 40mg/d, Pita 4mg/d

++ >8-10 έτη

- LIPID Apheresis

# Statin development: Evolution towards more powerful molecules



\*p<0.002 vs atorvastatin 10 mg; simvastatin 10, 20, 40 mg; pravastatin 10, 20, 40 mg

†p<0.002 vs atorvastatin 20, 40 mg; simvastatin 20, 40, 80 mg; pravastatin 20, 40 mg

‡p<0.002 vs atorvastatin 40 mg; simvastatin 40, 80 mg; pravastatin 40 mg

## ΠΕΡΙΟΡΙΣΜΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΜΟΝΟΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑΣ ΜΕ ΣΤΑΤΙΝΕΣ

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**ROSUVA 40mg/d: ↓ LDL CHOL ΚΑΤΑ 51-55%**

**ATORVA 80mg/d: ↓ LDL CHOL ΚΑΤΑ 51-55%**

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**ΕΤΟΙΜΟΣ ΣΤΑΘΕΡΟΣ ΣΥΝΔΥΑΣΜΟΣ**

**INEGY (10+40mg/d): ↓ LDL CHOL ΚΑΤΑ 55%**

*Genetic and environmental factors  
affecting the response to statin therapy  
in patients with molecularly defined  
familial hypercholesterolemia*

Miltiadous G. et al: Pharmacogenetics and Genomics 2005;15: 219-225

## MATERIAL

- 49 unrelated patients with heterozygous FH in whom the genetic defect of LDLR gene was previously detected
- 28 patients carried the G1646A and C858A mutations, which are class II mutations
- 21 patients were heterozygous for the G1775A mutation, which is a class V mutation  
Administration of atorvastatin 20mg/d

# RESULTS

Parameters	Baseline	Values	%	p
<b>Values after treatment decrement</b>				
LDL CHOL (mg/dl)	$287 \pm 70$	$178 \pm 38$	$37 \pm 11$	0.001
Apo B (mg/dl)	$191 \pm 58$	$132 \pm 28$	$36 \pm 22$	0.001

# Genetic and environmental factors affecting the response to statin therapy (atorvastatin 20mg/day) in patients with molecularly defined familial hypercholesterolaemia

Type of the LDLR mutation	n	-LDL-C% mean±SD	Covariate baseline LDL-C	p*
II	28	34±9	297	0.001
V	21	49±9	254	

\* by ancova

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# Factors affecting the statin LDL-C lowering effect in patients with heterozygous FH

PARAMETER	beta	P-value*
CLASS OF THE LDLR GENE MUTATION II vs V	0.60	0.00
APOE POLYMORPHISM	0.07	0.60
CETP POLYMORPHISM	-0.15	0.41
SEX	0.00	0.98
AGE	0.06	0.66
TOBACCO	0.16	0.30
BMI	0.27	0.09
BASELINE LDL-C LEVELS	0.69	0.001

\*multiple regression analysis (n=49)

# EZETIMIBE ADDED TO ONGOING STATIN THERAPY (META-ANALYSIS)

EZETIMIBE / STATIN VS PLACEBO/STATIN

LDL CHOL: **-23.6%**, p<0.0001

HDL CHOL: +1.7%, p<0.0001

D. Mikhailidis et al: CMRO 2007;23: 2009-2026

# ROSVASTATIN 40mg + EZETIMIBE 10mg

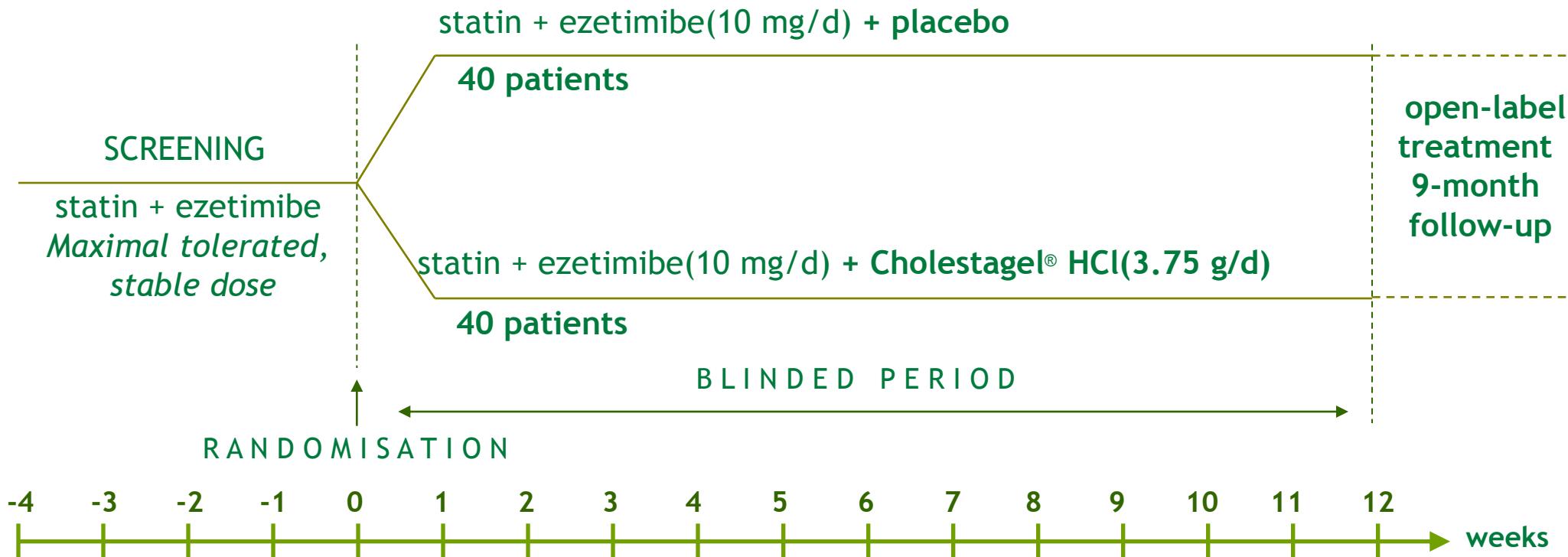
➔ ↓ LDL CHOL катá 69,8%

↓ TRG катá 35%

↑ HDL CHOL катá 11%

# Triple Design

- Phase 4 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multicentre study of Cholestagel® as add-on therapy in patients with FH with LDL-C > 100mg/dL (2.5 mmol/l)



# ΤΡΙΠΛΗ ΥΠΟΛΙΤΤΙΔΑΙΜΙΚΗ ΑΓΩΓΗ ΣΕ ΕΝΗΛΙΚΑ ΑΤΟΜΑ

Ασθενείς με FH υπό αγωγή με ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗ +  
EZETIMIBE

Τυχαιοποίηση σε COLESEVELAM (3.8g/d) vs  
placebo

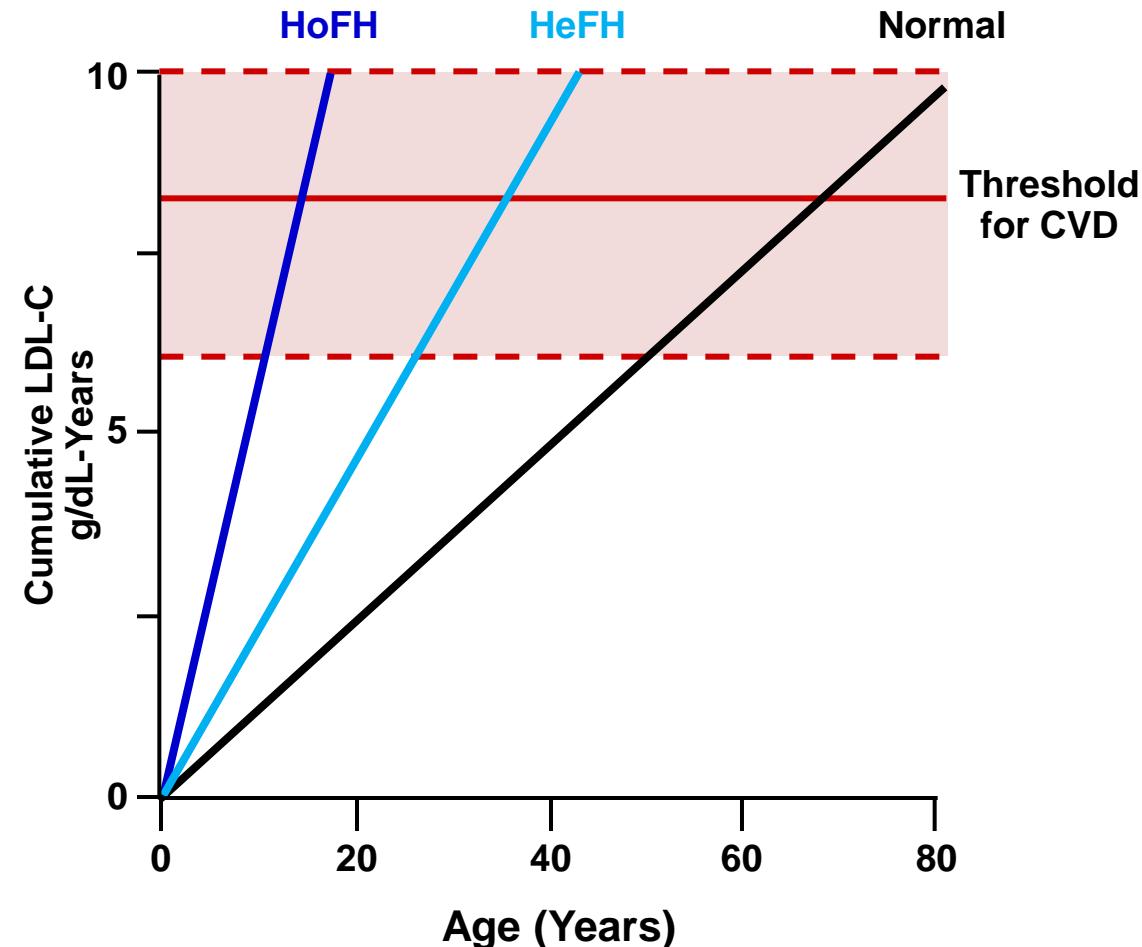
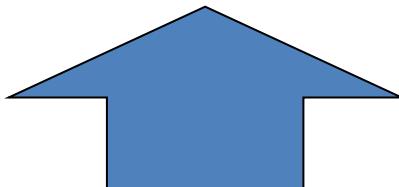
Δ LDL CHOL: -18.5%, 6 εβδομάδες  
-12%. 12 εβδομάδες

Δ HDL CHOL: +3.3%, 12 εβδομάδες

Δ ApoB/ApoA<sub>1</sub>: -12.2%, 12 εβδομάδες

# Elevated LDL-C is the cause of cardiovascular disease in HoFH

- LDL-C is a causal factor in the development of CVD
- Patients with HoFH typically develop cardiovascular disease before the age of 20 years<sup>1</sup>
- Even with currently existing therapies, the mean age of death is 33 years<sup>2</sup>



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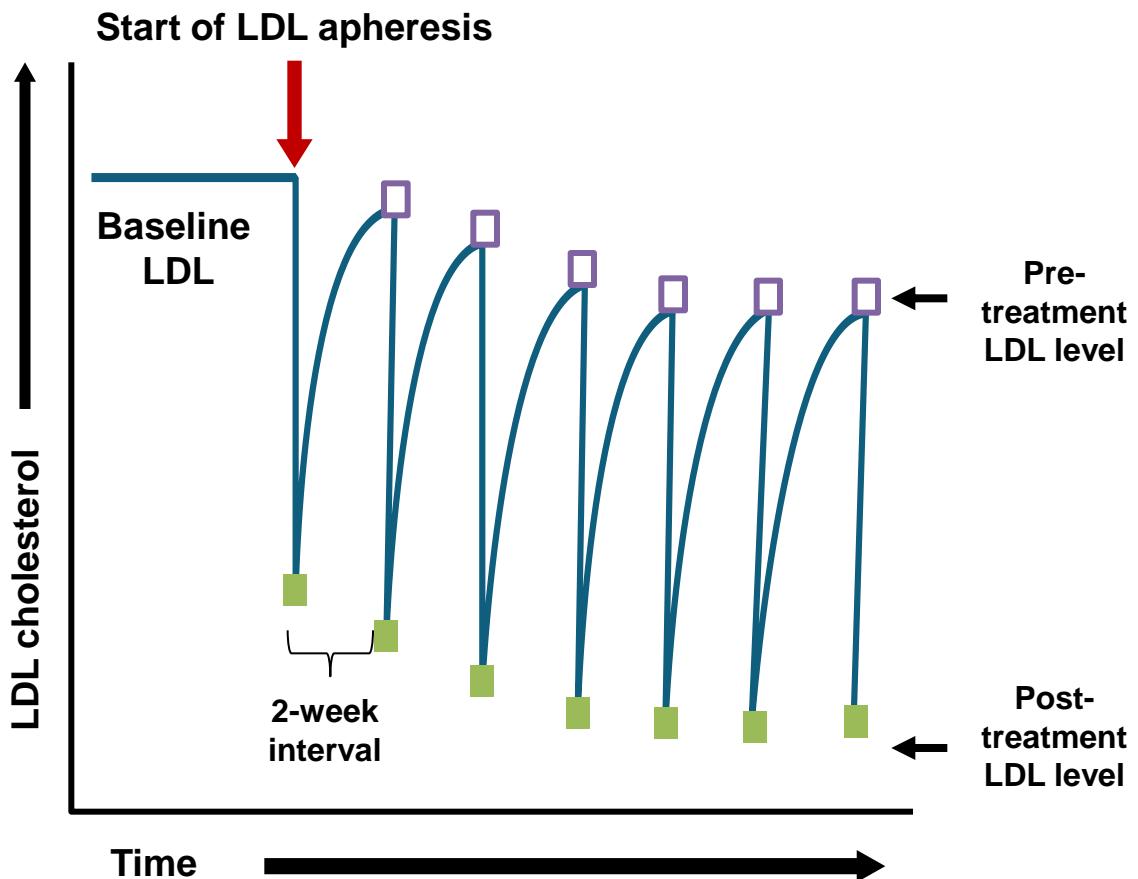
# Current cholesterol lowering drugs are insufficient in HoFH

Class	Major Effect	Typical LDL-C-Lowering Response
Statins (e.g. atorvastatin, rosuvastatin)	↑ LDLR activity	<10 to 25%
Bile acid sequestrants (e.g. cholestyamine, colestipol)	↑ LDLR activity	<10%
Cholesterol absorption inhibitors (e.g. ezetimibe )	↑ LDLR activity	<10%
Nicotinic acid (i.e. niacin)	Unknown	<10%

# LDL apheresis is current standard of care for HoFH

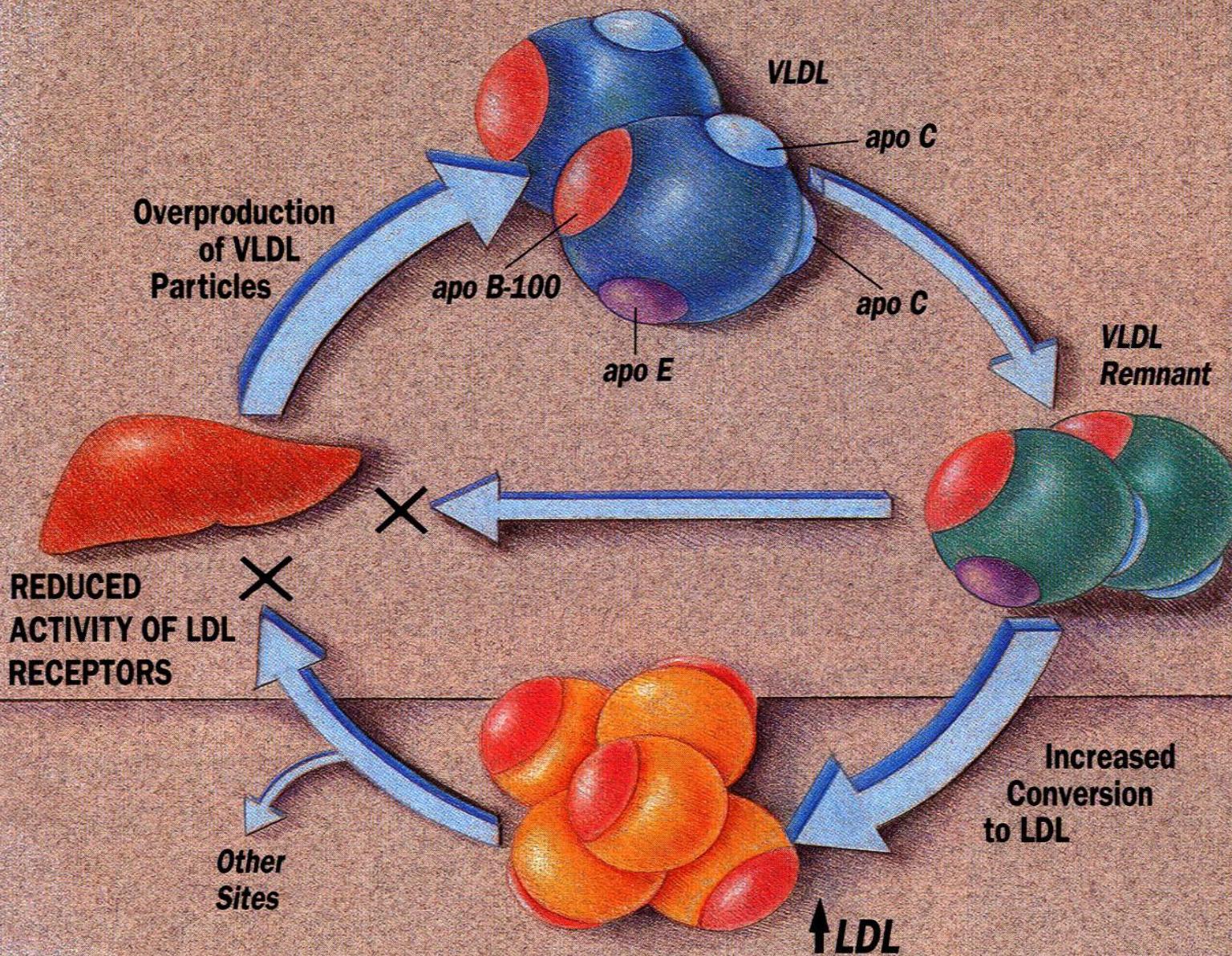


# LDL-C Levels acutely decrease and then rebound following apheresis

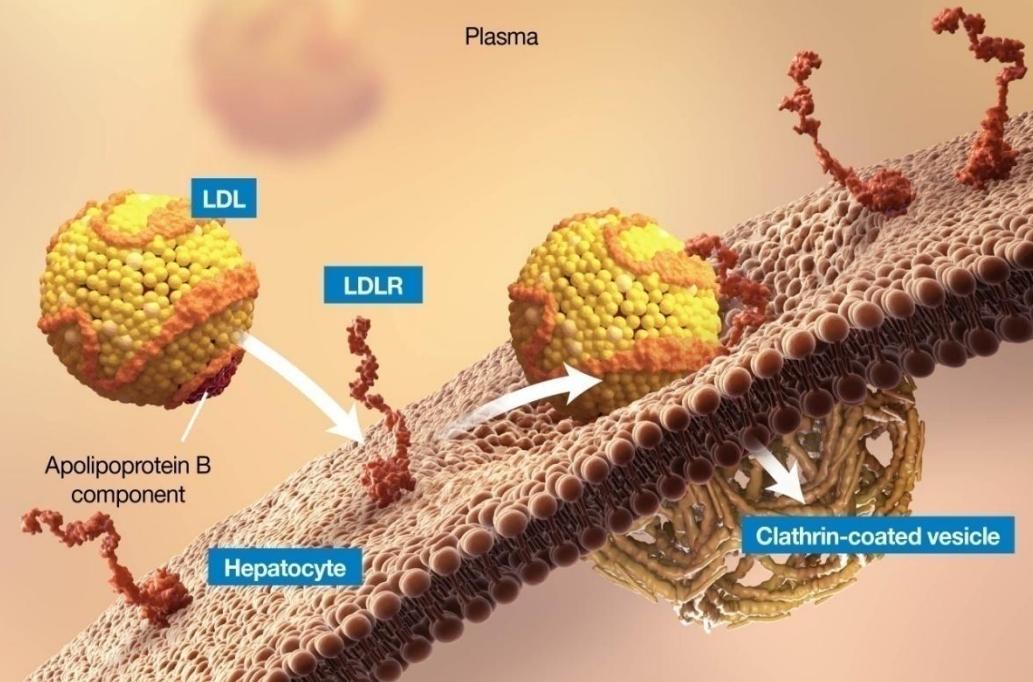


- In a cohort of 7 patients with HoFH, lipid lowering therapies and once weekly apheresis reduced LDL-C to
  - Pre-apheresis - 5.1 mmol/l
  - Post apheresis - 2.2 mmol/l
  - Mean interval - 4.2 mmol/l

# HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA

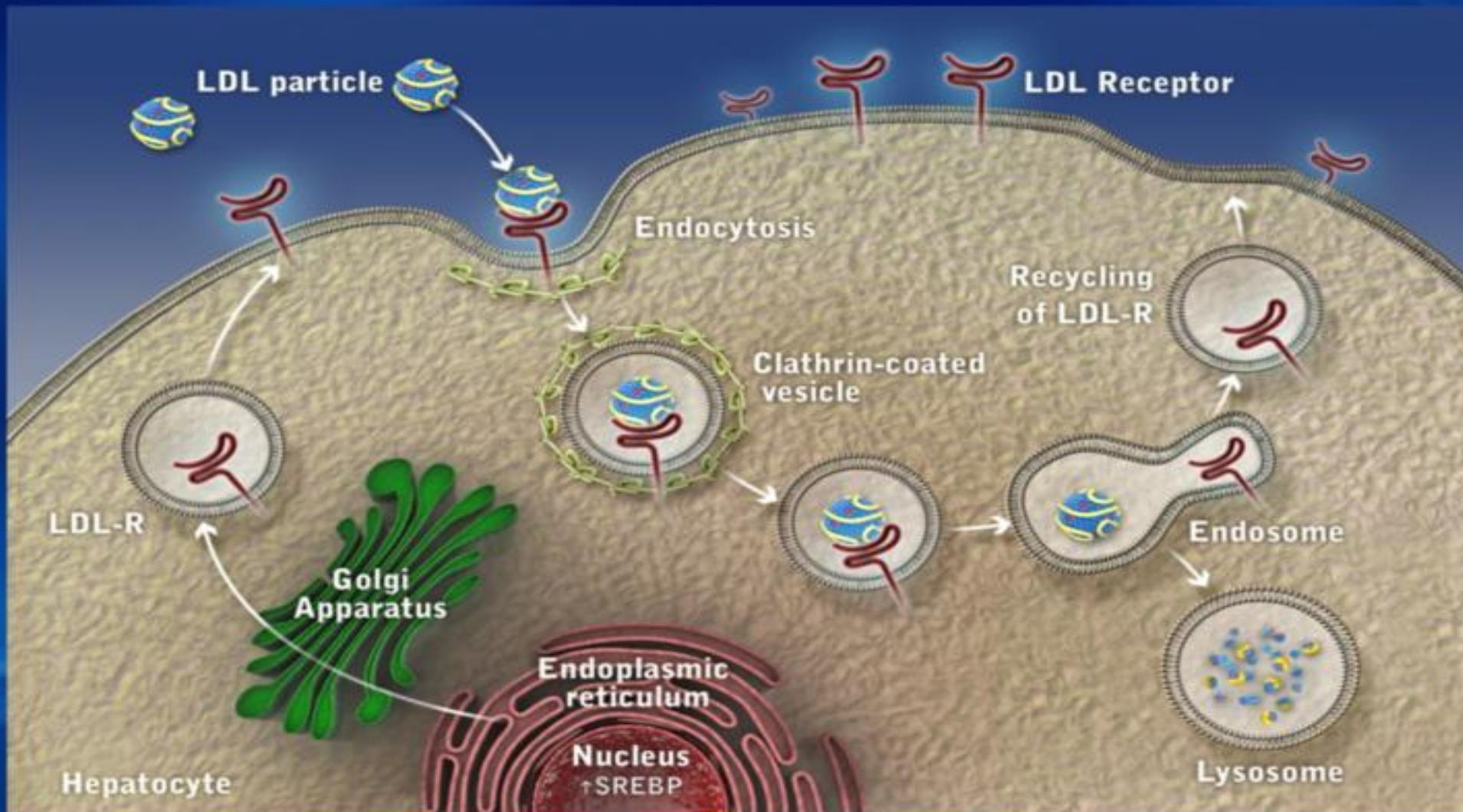


# Hepatic LDLRs Play a Central Role in Cholesterol Homeostasis

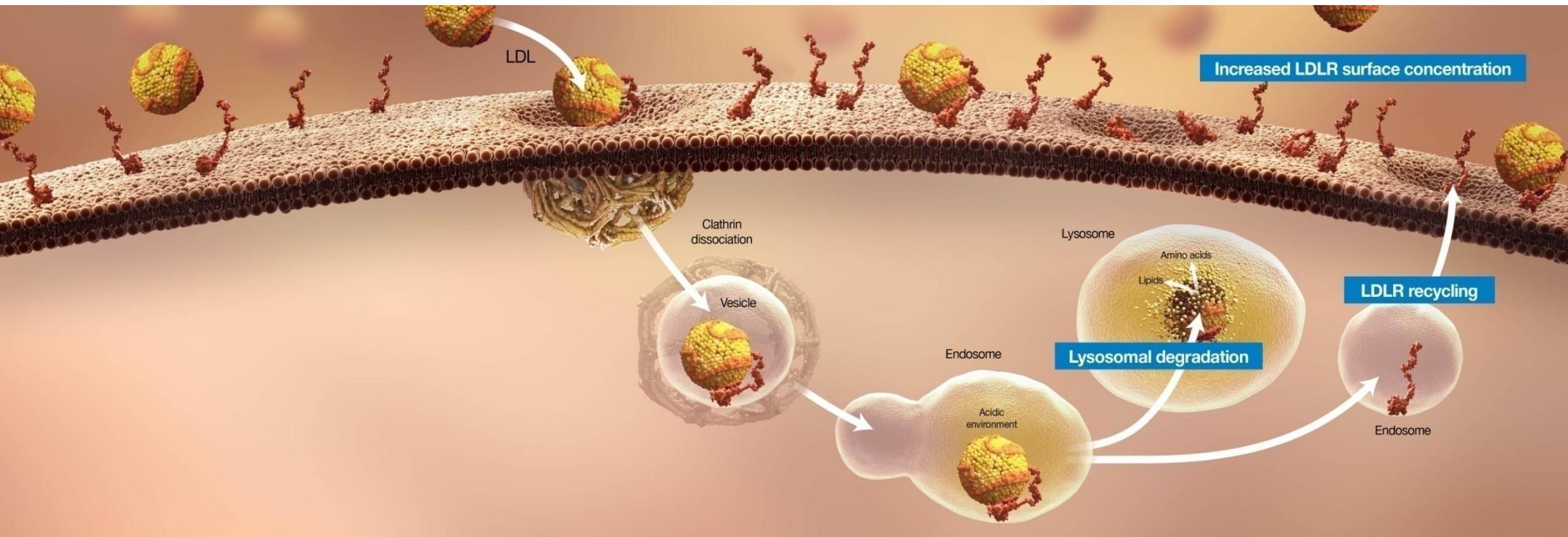


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# LDL Receptor Function and Life Cycle



# Recycling of LDLRs Enables Efficient Clearance of LDL-C Particles



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# PCSK9

- ❑ Ένζυμο που συνδέεται με τους LDL υποδοχείς και αυξάνει την αποδόμηση τους
- ❑ Γλυκοπρωτεΐνη (692 αμινοξέα) που ανήκει στην οικογένεια των πρωτεασών της σερίνης που ονομάζονται proprotein convertase (PC)
- ❑ Το γονίδιο που κωδικοποιεί την πρωτεΐνη βρίσκεται στο χρωμόσωμα 1 (1P32)
- ❑ Εκφράζεται σε πολλά όργανα-κυρίως όμως στο ήπαρ

**PCSK9**



Σύνδεση με τους LDL  
υποδοχείς

**Σύμπλοκο PCSK9 / LDLR**



**Αποδόμηση στα λυσοσώματα**

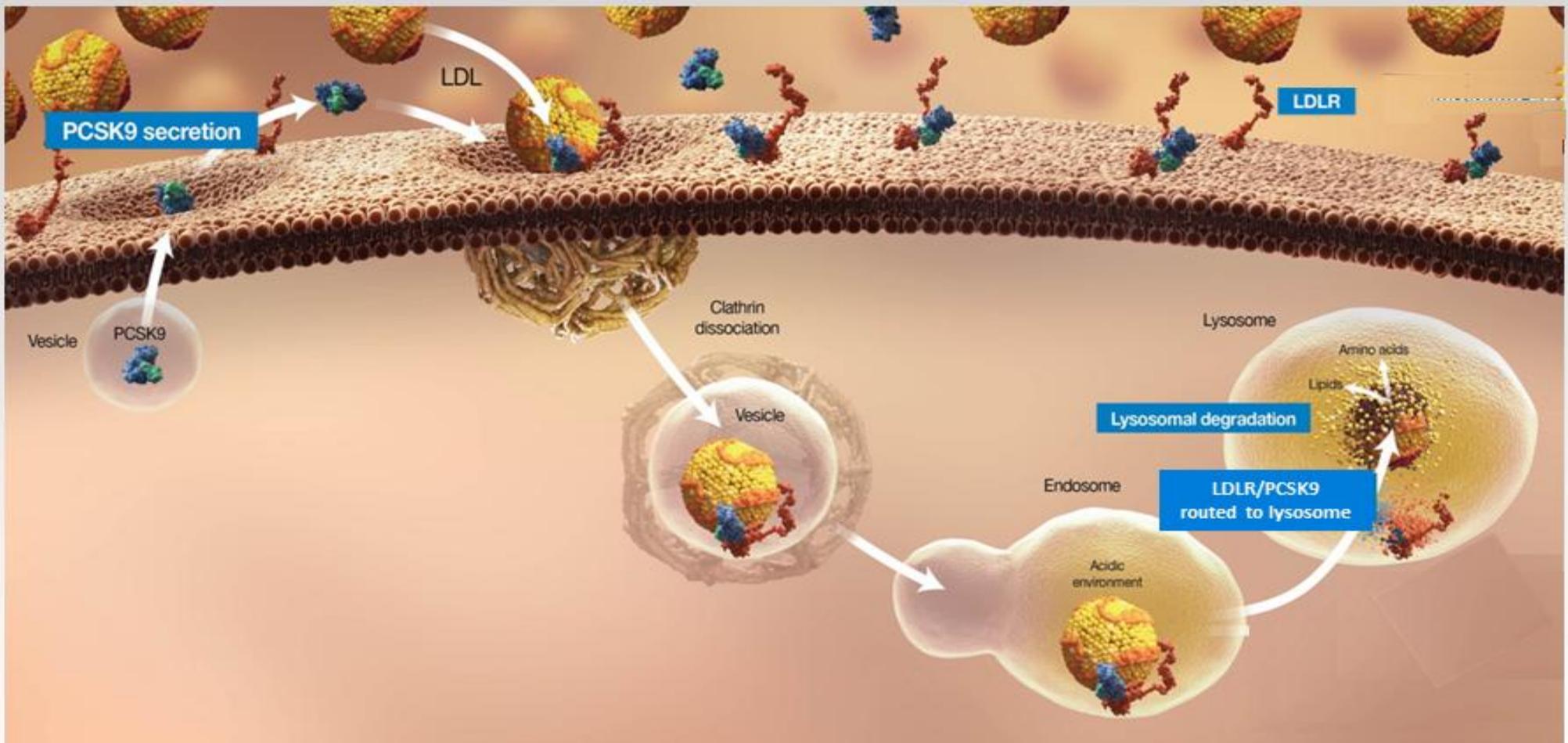


↓ **LDL-R**

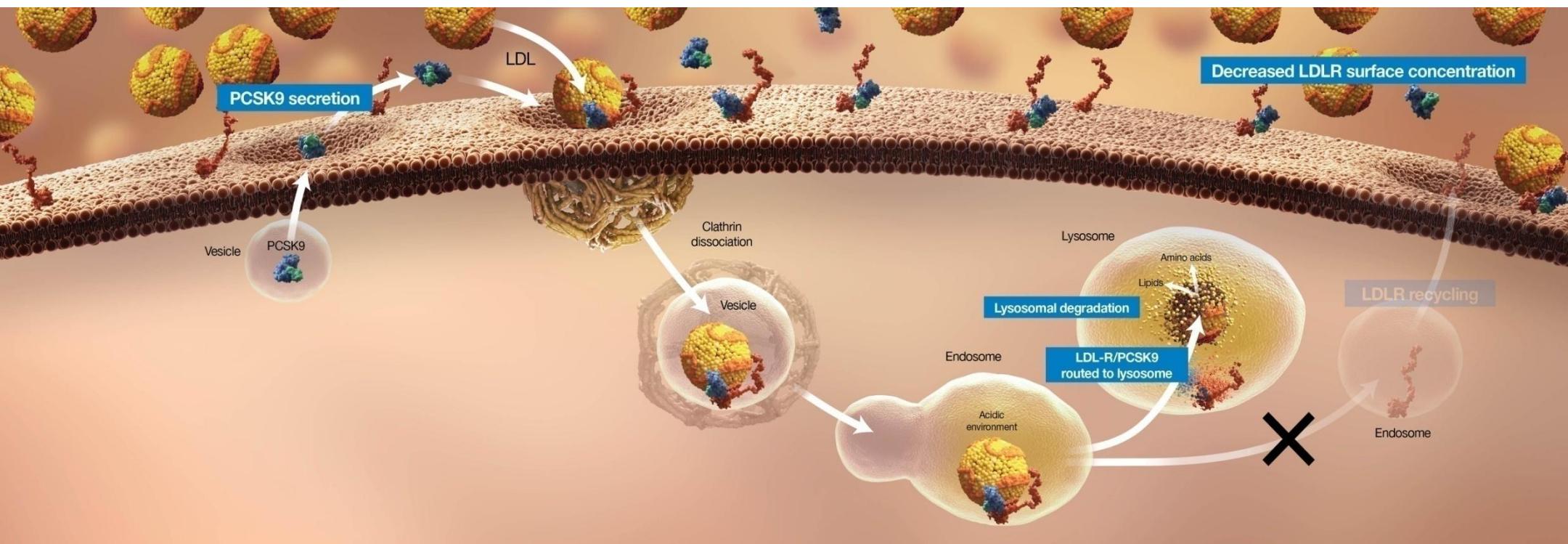


↑ **LDL CHOL**

# PCSK9 Regulates Surface LDLRs by Increasing Their Lysosomal Degradation

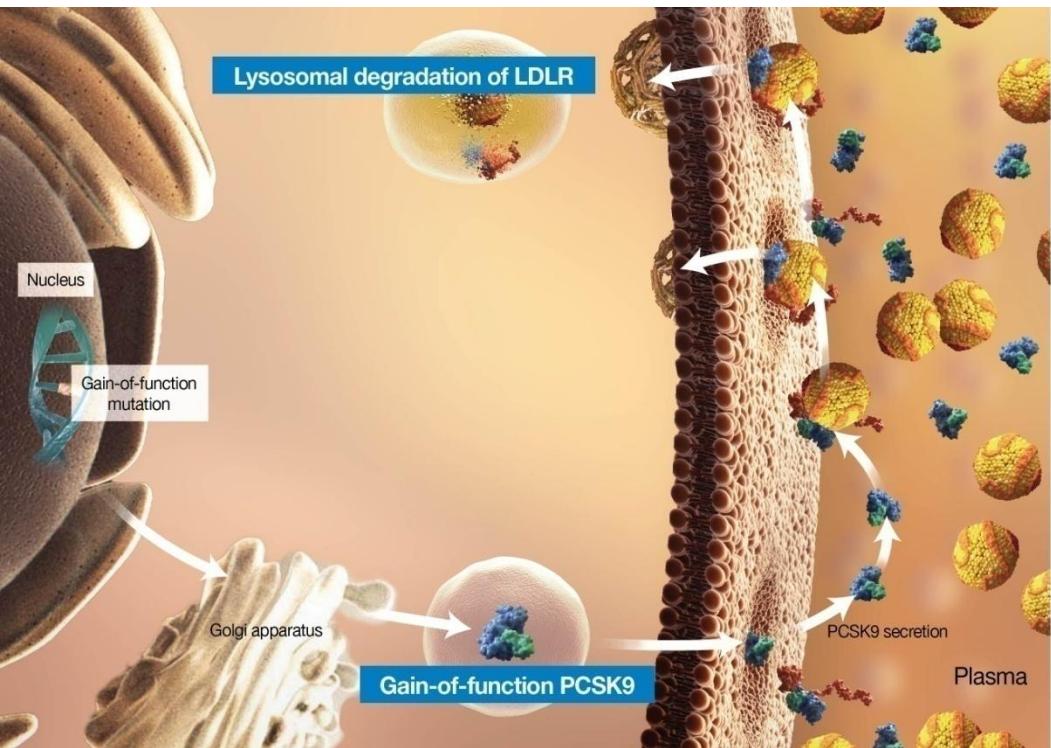


# PCSK9 Regulates the Surface Expression of LDLRs by Targeting for Lysosomal Degradation

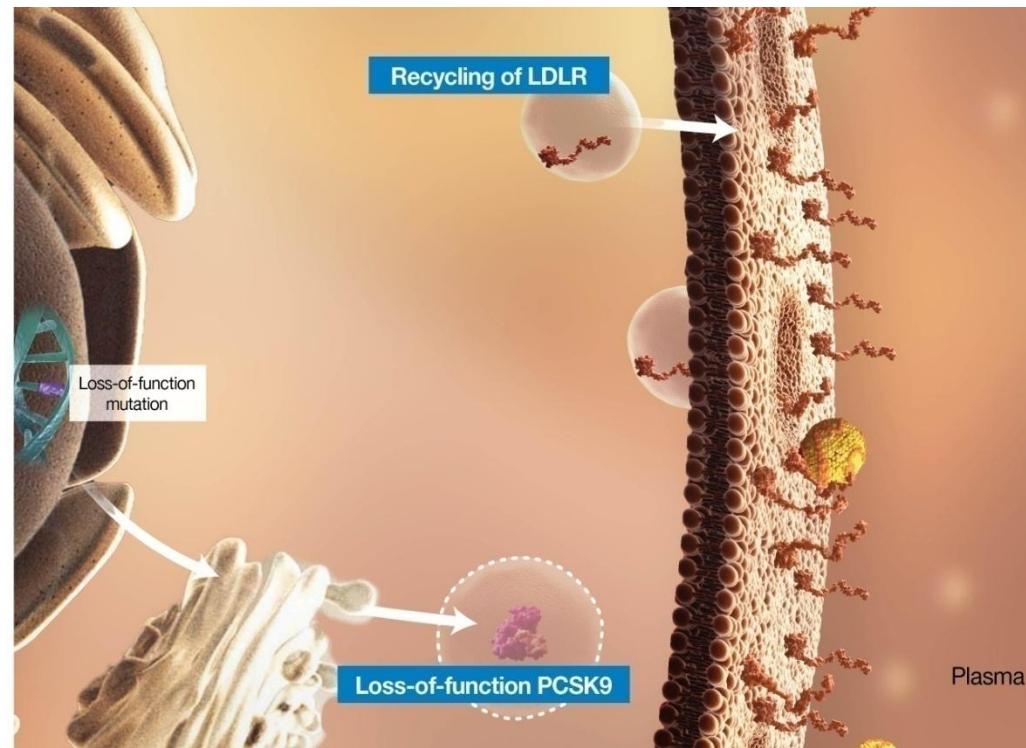


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# Genetic Variants of PCSK9 Demonstrate Its Importance in Regulating LDL Levels



PCSK9 Gain of Function = Less LDLRs



PCSK9 Loss of Function = More LDLRs

# Gain-of-Function Mutations in PCSK9 Cause Autosomal-Dominant Hypercholesterolemia\* (ADH)

PCSK9 Variant	Population	Clinical Characteristics
D374Y	British, Norwegian families, 1 Utah family	Premature CHD Tendon xanthomas Severe hypercholesterolemia
S127R	French, South African, Norwegian families	Tendon xanthomas; CHD, early MI, stroke
R215H	Norwegian family	Brother died at 31 from MI; strong family history of CVD

- Associated with:
  - High serum LDL-C<sup>2</sup>
  - Premature CHD and MI<sup>2</sup>
  - In vitro testing in many identified mutations show decreased levels of LDLRs<sup>3</sup>

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\*For a full list of ADH mutations, please see refer to Abifadel reference.

# Loss-of-Function Mutations in PCSK9 Are Associated With Decreased LDL-C and CHD Risk

PCSK9 Variant	Population	LDL-C	CHD Risk
R46L	ARIC, DHS	↓ 15% <sup>1</sup>	↓ 47% <sup>1</sup>
Y142X or C679X	ARIC, DHS	↓ 28%-40% <sup>1,2</sup>	↓ 88% <sup>1</sup>
R46L	CGPS	↓ 11% <sup>3</sup>	↓ 46% <sup>3</sup>

- Heterozygous LOF mutations found in 1% to 3% of population<sup>1</sup>
- Associated with
  - Lower serum LDL-C<sup>1</sup>
  - Lower incidence of coronary heart disease<sup>1</sup>
- PCSK9 null individual identified (compound heterozygote for two inactivating mutations)
  - No detectable circulating PCSK9 with strikingly low LDL-C (14 mg/dL)<sup>4</sup>
  - Healthy and fertile college graduate in apparent good health<sup>4</sup>
- Inhibiting LDLR/PCSK9 interaction may lower plasma LDL-C levels<sup>5</sup>

LOF = loss of function.

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# ΣΤΑΤΙΝΕΣ



↓ ενδοκυττάριας σύνθεσης χοληστερόλης



↑ δραστηριότητας  
των LDL  
υποδοχέων



↑ καταβολισμού  
των LDL



↓ LDL CHOL

Μείωση της  
δυνατότητας των  
στατινών να  
μειώσουν τα  
επίπεδα της  
LDL CHOL

↑ έκφρασης της PCSK9



↑ αποδόμησης των LDL  
υποδοχέων στα  
λυσοσώματα

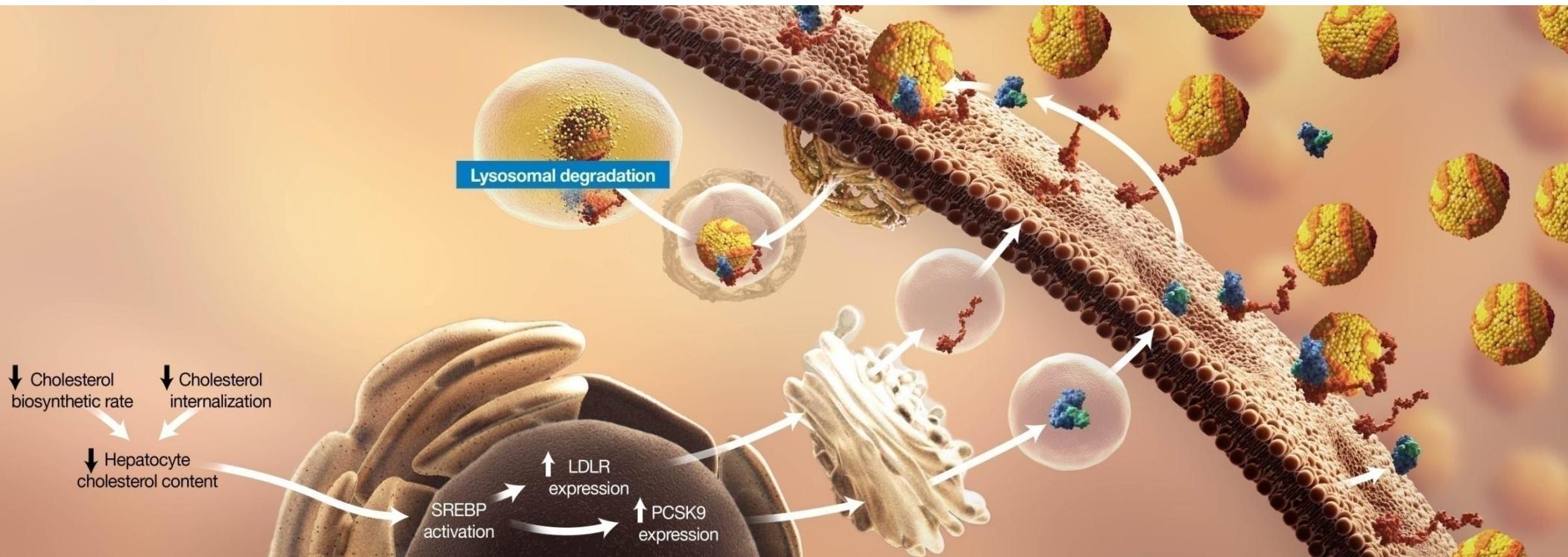


↓ LDL υποδοχέων



↑ LDL CHOL

# LDLR and PCSK9 Expression Are Both Upregulated When Intercellular Cholesterol Levels Are Low



\*[SREBP] = sterol regulatory element-binding protein.

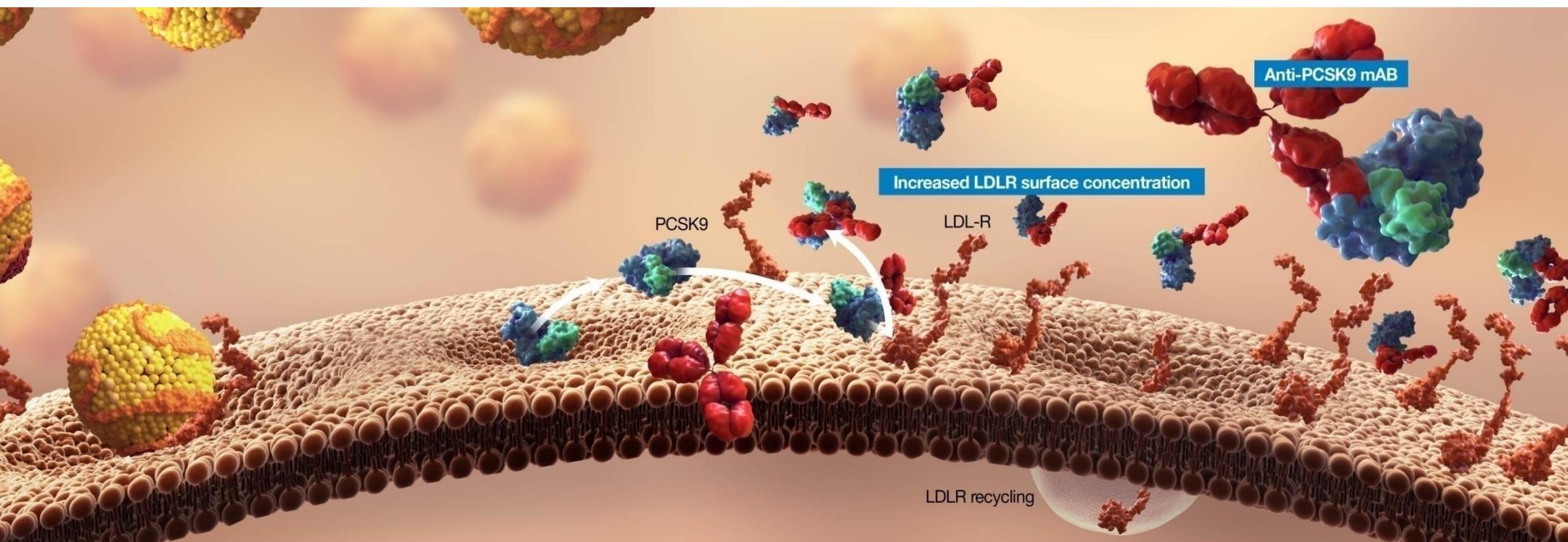
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Οι στατίνες επιτυγχάνουν το στόχο της υπολιπιδαιμικής αγωγής σε ένα σχετικά μικρό ποσοστό ασθενών υψηλού κινδύνου - ανάγκη χορήγησης υψηλών δόσεων - δοσοεξαρτώμενες ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες τους

# ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΙΤΕΥΞΗ ΤΩΝ ΣΤΟΧΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΟΛΙΤΙΔΑΙΜΙΚΗΣ ΑΓΩΓΗΣ

Ανάγκη χορήγησης υποχοληστερολαιμικών φαρμάκων με διαφορετικό μηχανισμό δράσης

# Blockade of PCSK9/LDLR Interaction May Lower LDL Levels

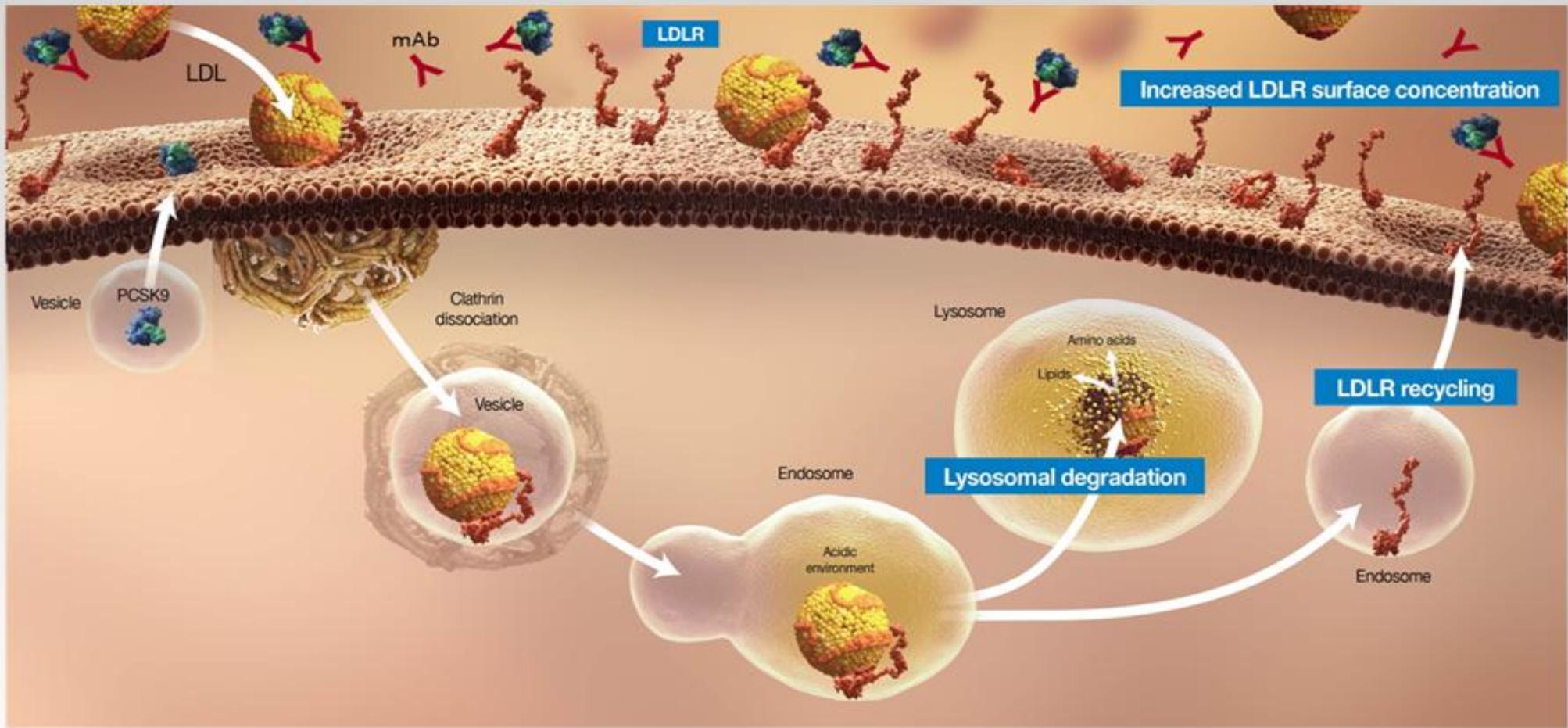


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# PCSK9 INHIBITORS

Μονοκλωνικά αντισώματα που εμποδίζουν την αλληλεπίδραση της PCSK9 (proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin 9) με τον LDL υποδοχέα

# Impact of PCSK9 Monoclonal Antibodies on LDL Receptor Surface Concentrations



ΕΠΙΤΕΥΞΗ ΤΩΝ ΣΤΟΧΩΝ  
ΤΗΣ ΥΠΟΛΙΤΠΙΔΑΙΜΙΚΗΣ ΑΓΩΓΗΣ

PCSK9 inhibitors

+

ΣΤΑΤΙΝΗ

# EVOLOCUMAB VS EZETIMIBE IN HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIC SUBJECTS UNABLE TO TOLERATE EFFECTIVE STATINS DOSES GAUSS-2 TRIAL (n=307)

Evolocumab 140mg/2 εβδομάδες ή evolocumab 420mg/4 εβδομάδες vs ezetimibe 10mg

Evolocumab: ↓ LDL CHOL κατά 53-56%



Δ με ezetimibe κατά 37-39%

Muscle adverse events: evolocumab 12% vs ezetimibe 23%

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# A 52-Week Placebo-Controlled Trial of Evolocumab in Hyperlipidemia

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Ασθενείς υπό αγωγή με ATORVA (10 ή 80mg/d) ή συνδυασμό ATORVA (80mg/d) + ezetimibe (10mg/d)  
Evolocumab vs placebo  
(420mg/4 εβδομάδες), n=901

↓ LDL CHOL κατά 57%, p<0.001

Ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες: ρινοφαρυγγίτιδα, οσφυαλγία, γριπώδης συνδρομή

N Engl J Med 2014;370: 1809-1819

# REDUCTION IN LIPOPROTEIN (a) WITH PCSK9 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY EVOLOCUMAB (AMG 145)

n=1359 άτομα

Evolocumab (140mg/2 weeks)  $\Rightarrow$  ↓ Lp(a) κατά 29.5%

Evolocumab (420mg/4weeks)  $\Rightarrow$  ↓ Lp(a) κατά 24.5%

Η μείωση της Lp(a) συσχετίζονται με τις ποσοστιαίες μειώσεις της LDL CHOL

# EVOLOCUMAB (AMG 145) ΣΕ ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΜΕ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ (ΜΕΛΕΤΗ OSLER)

Μια μελέτη 52 εβδομάδων , n=1104,  
420mg /4 εβδομάδες

↓ LDL CHOL κατά 52.3%  
ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΣΦΑΛΗΣ ΑΓΩΓΗ

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ΑΓΩΓΗΣ ΣΕ ΑΤΟΜΑ ΥΨΗΛΟΥ ΚΙΝΔΥΝΟΥ

LAPLACE-TIMI 57 TRIAL

>90% των ασθενών πέτυχε το στόχο  
LDL CHOL <70mg/dl

# ΜΟΝΟΘΕΡΑΤΤΕΙΑ ΜΕ EVOLOCUMAB σΕ ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΜΕ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ

## ΜΕΛΕΤΗ MENDEL-2

n=614 , EVOLOCUMAB 120mg /2 εβδομάδες ή 420 mg / 4 εβδομάδες:

- ↓ LDL CHOL κατά 55-57% vs placebo
- ↓ LDL CHOL κατά 38% vs ezetimibe

**EVOLOCUMAB OR EZETIMIBE +  
STATIN THERAPY ΣΕ ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ  
ΜΕ ΥΠΕΡΧΟΛΗΣΤΕΡΟΛΑΙΜΙΑ  
LAPLACE -2 Randomized clinical trial**

**Evolocumab:**

- ↓ LDL CHOL κατά 66%-75% / 2 εβδομάδες
- ↓ LDL CHOL κατά 63%-75% / 4 εβδομάδες

## AMG-145: A PCSK9 INHIBITOR

- Χορηγείται υποδόρια κάθε 2/4 εβδομάδες
- Αποτελεσματική μείωση της LDL CHOL σε ασθενείς με ή χωρίς FH, ακόμα και σε ασθενείς με ομόζυγη FH
- Ιδιαίτερα αποτελεσματικό φάρμακο σε συνδυασμό με στατίνες ( $\pm$  ezetimibe)



*Clinical update*

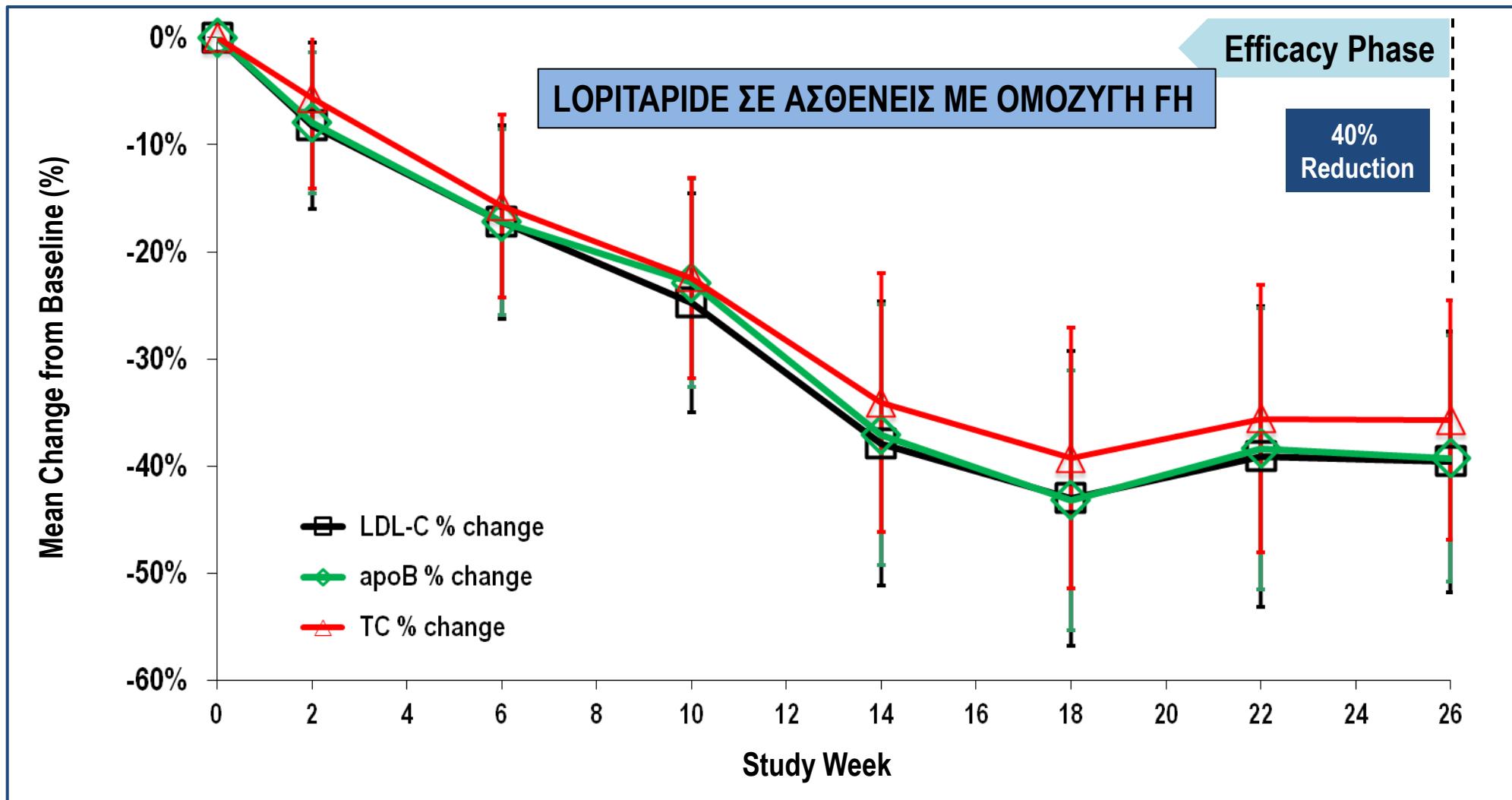
# **Homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia: new insights and guidance for clinicians to improve detection and clinical management. A position paper from the Consensus Panel on Familial Hypercholesterolaemia of the European Atherosclerosis Society**

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# Mean % Change in TC, LDL-C, and Apo B Through the Efficacy Phase (ITT, LOCF)



## Lomitapide should be approved for HoFH in Europe, EMA advised

### LOJUXTA, Aegerion Pharmaceuticals

London, UK - The Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended that the lomitapide preparation Lojuxta (Aegerion Pharmaceuticals) be approved "as an adjunct to a low-fat diet and other lipid-lowering medicinal products with or without low-density-lipoprotein apheresis in adult patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH)" [1]. Such recommendations are usually adopted officially by the EMA.

The "positive opinion" rendered by the CHMP follows FDA approval of the same company's lomitapide preparation Juxtapid for the same indication in December 2012, as reported by heartwire. The FDA's advisory panel had recommended its approval by a vote of 13 to 2.

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