

**Controvèrsies en el tractament de les comorbiditats de la  
DM2:**

**Quan cal començar el tractament i quin és el  
seu objectiu de la hipercolesterolèmia en la  
DM ?**

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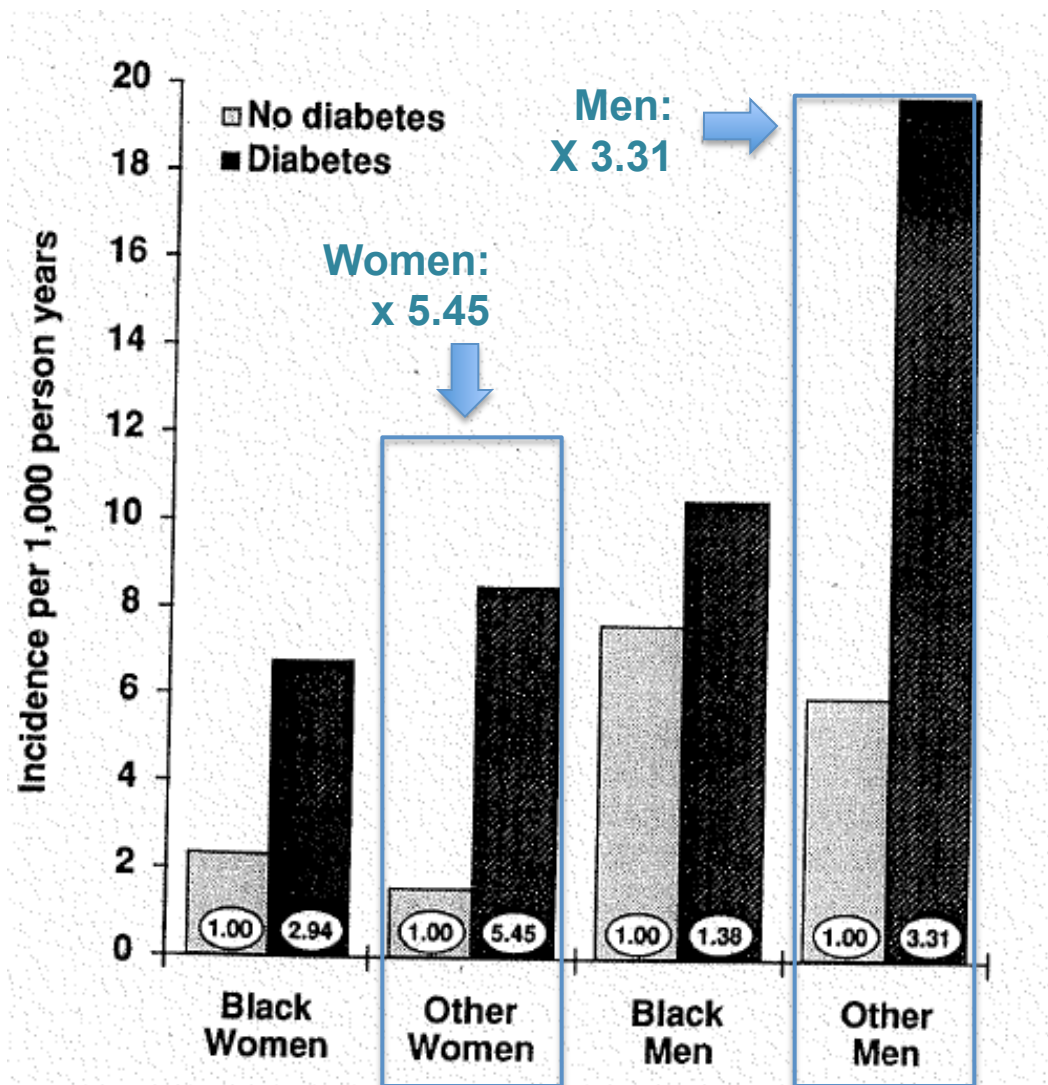
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# CHD in T2DM: The ARIC Study

Initiation: 1,987-89  
Population-based cohort study (45-64 yrs, no previous CHD); Jackson (NC); n=13,446, black and non-black.  
Follow-up: 4-7 yrs

**CHD incidence adjusted for race, sex and age**



# Control of CV risk factors in T2DM at primary care in Catalonia (Spain)

**Cross-sectional, retrospective, 2009, electronic clinical records, 286,791 T2DM subjects - 7.6% of a total population of 3,755,038 subjects aged 31-90 yrs). Only 63% T2DM subjects with all data available. No external quality control. Subjects with T1DM aged > 30 yrs are included. 78 % on drug therapy for DM. Diabetes duration was not accurate. A1c no standardized.**

	Total	Men	Women
A1C ≤7% (n = 214,867; women = 102,063; ≥65 years = 139,161)	56.1	55.8	56.5
A1C ≤8%	79.6	79.1	80.1
A1C >10%	5	5.2	4.7
BP ≤130/80 mmHg (n = 242,842; women = 114,493; ≥65 years = 159,838)	31.7	32.0	31.4
BP ≤140/90 mmHg	63.5	63.5	63.1
TC <200 mg/dL (n = 221,623; women = 91,627; ≥65 years = 126,014)	61.3	67.3	54.6
LDL-C <100 mg/dL (n = 199,586; women = 95,426; ≥65 years = 130,529)	37.9	41.3	34.2
LDL-C <130 mg/dL	72.4	75.2	69.4
TGs <150 mg/dL (n = 195,285; women = 91,627; ≥65 years = 126,014)	39.6	38.8	40.4
BMI <30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (n = 202,451; women = 94,777; ≥65 years = 130,851)	45.4	39.0	52.7
Nonsmoker (n = 195,632; women = 96,716; ≥65 years = 138,247)	65.9	45.1	88.8
Primary prevention: A1C ≤7%, BP ≤130/80 mmHg, and LDL-C <130 mg/dL (n = 145,605; women = 71,246; ≥65 years = 91,689)	12.9	13.3	12.7
Secondary prevention: A1C ≤7%, BP ≤130/80 mmHg, and LDL-C <100 mg/dL (n = 34,310; women = 12,200; ≥65 years = 27,386)	12.1	13.3	9.9

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# Risk functions in Spain

	Original Framingham	Calibrated REGICOR	SCORE
Age range to which it can be applied	35-74 years	35-74 years	40-65 years
Type of event considered	Morbidity and mortality	Morbidity and mortality	Mortality
Events considered	AMI, fatal or nonfatal; angina; silent AMI	AMI, fatal or nonfatal; angina; silent AMI	Death from coronary disease, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, heart failure, dissecting aortic aneurysm, and other
Data acquisition methodology	Cohort study	Calibration of a function based	Cohort study
Population from which relative risk was obtained	United States	United States	2.3%, Spain; 39.7%, southern and central Europe; 58%, northern Europe
Population from which baseline risk was obtained for the function for low-risk areas	–	Spain	6.1%, Spain; 93.9%, Italy, Belgium, and France (men only)
Assesses diabetic patients	Yes	Yes	No
Data on HDL-C used	Yes	Yes	No
Validated for Spain	Yes	Yes	No

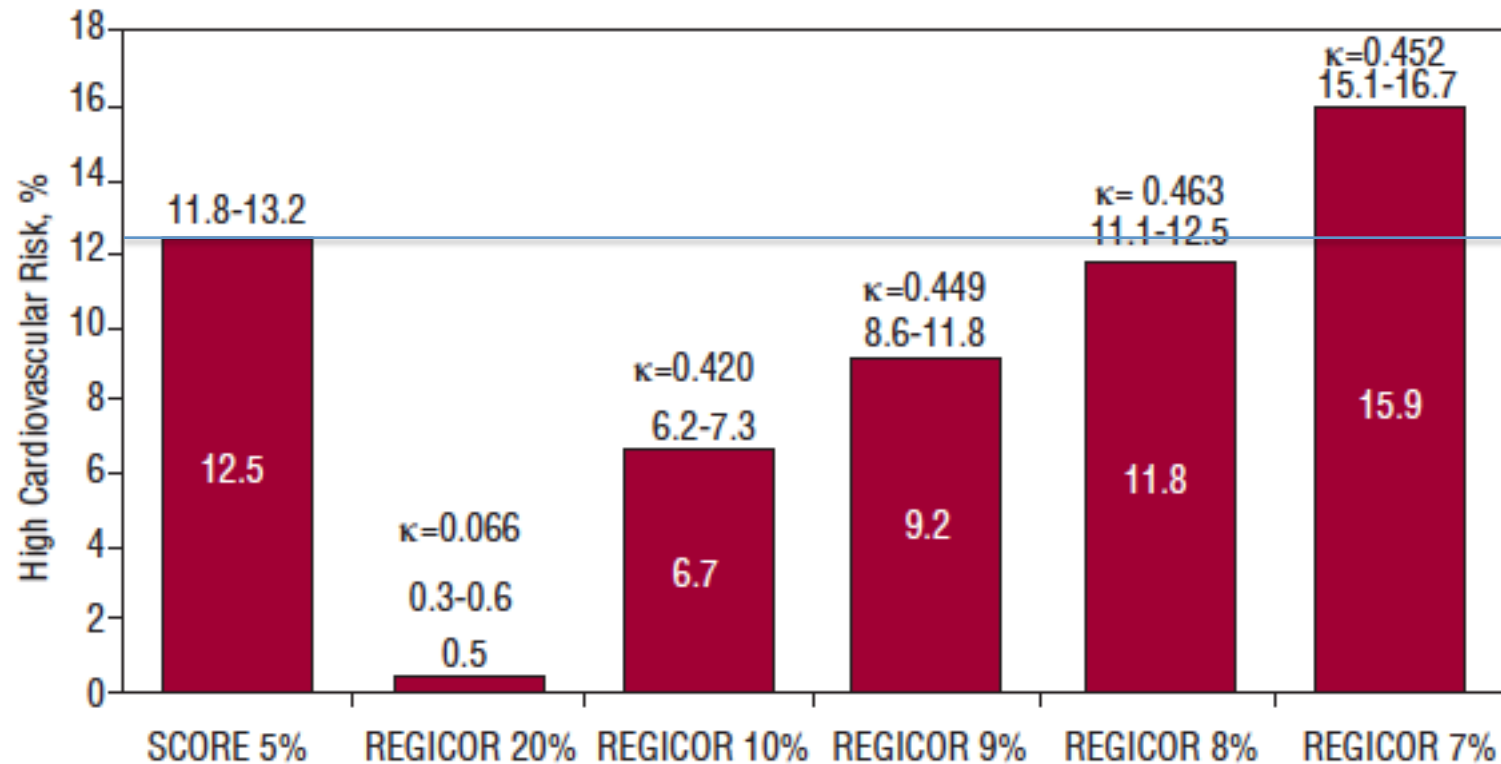
AMI, acute myocardial infarction; HDL-C indicates high-density lipoprotein cholesterol.  
Adapted from Ramos et al.<sup>35</sup>

**ONLY applicable for PRIMARY PREVENTION !!!!!!!!!!!**



# Agreement between REGICOR AND SCORE IN HIGH CV RISK (I)

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# Agreement between REGICOR AND SCORE IN HIGH CV RISK (II)

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Classification	High risk with SCORE but not with REGICOR	High risk with REGICOR but not with SCORE
SCORE / REGICOR		
N	711	198
Pts. with DM	191	0

191/322 = 59 % of subjects with DM not classified as having high CV risk with REGICOR

# Validity of the Framingham–REGICOR function in DM: The VERIFICA study

N= 5,732 (4,933 from a retrospective sample from 67 Spanish primary care willing to participate; 1,480 from a population randomly selected prospective cohort - 1,995-98)

Follow-up 5 yrs

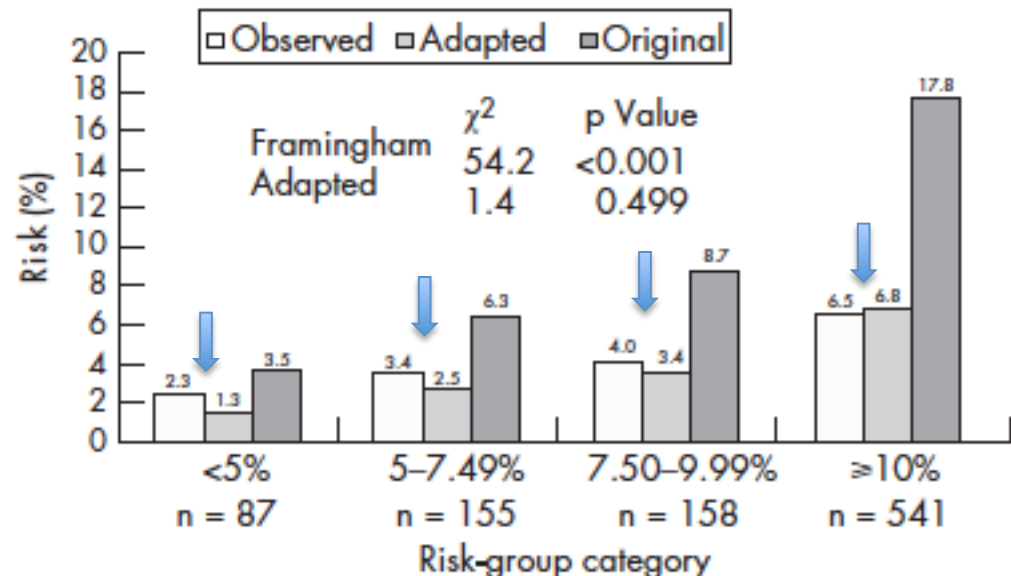
Sample size calculated for a likely observed CHD rate of 10 %.

Final observed CHD rates:

- Men: 4.0 %
- Women: 1.7 %
- All non-diabetics: 2.5 %
- All diabetics: 5.3 %

REGICOR is UNDERPOWERED

Data for all diabetics included

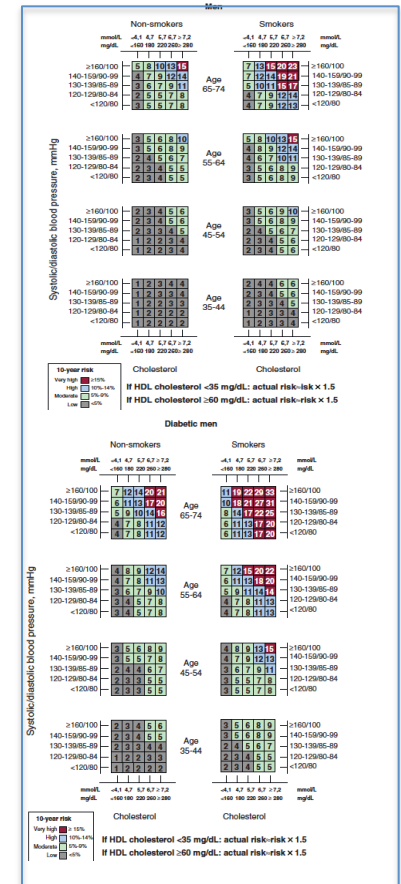
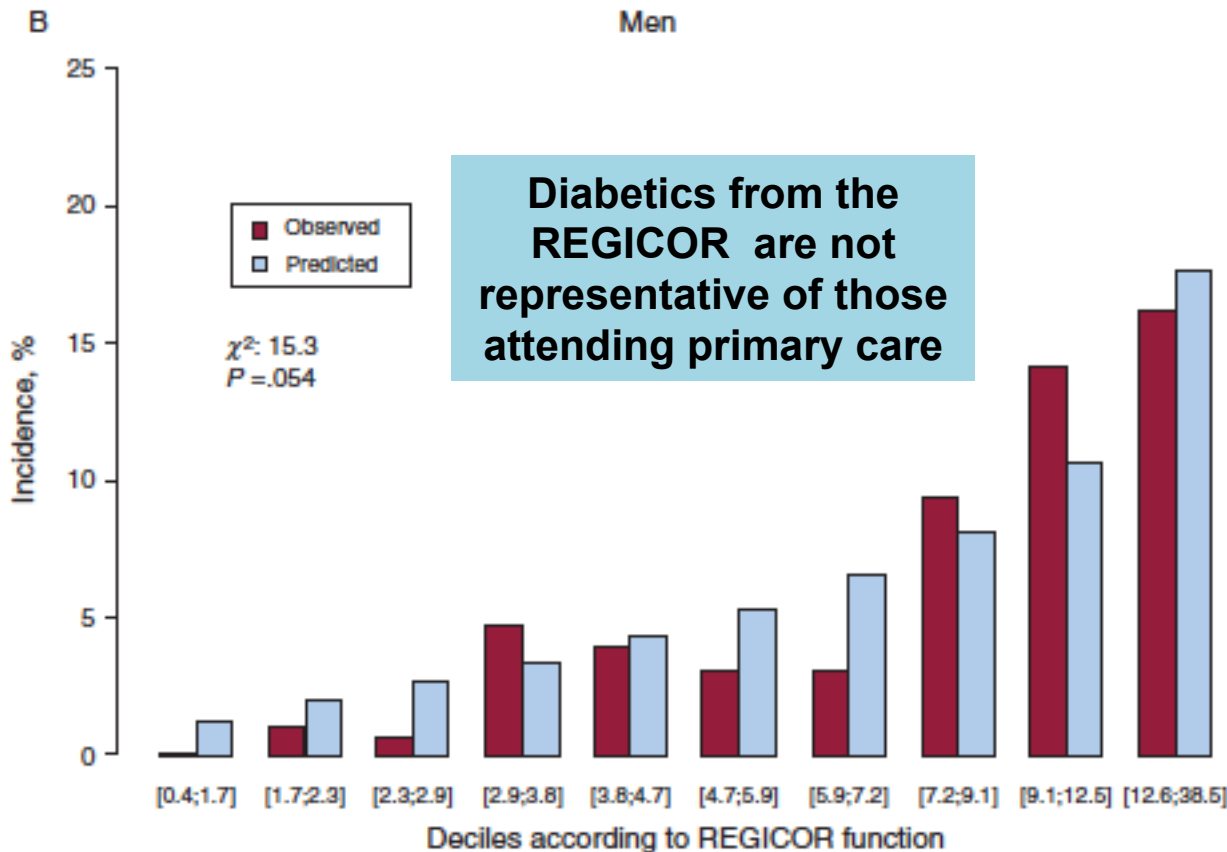


Framingham original function

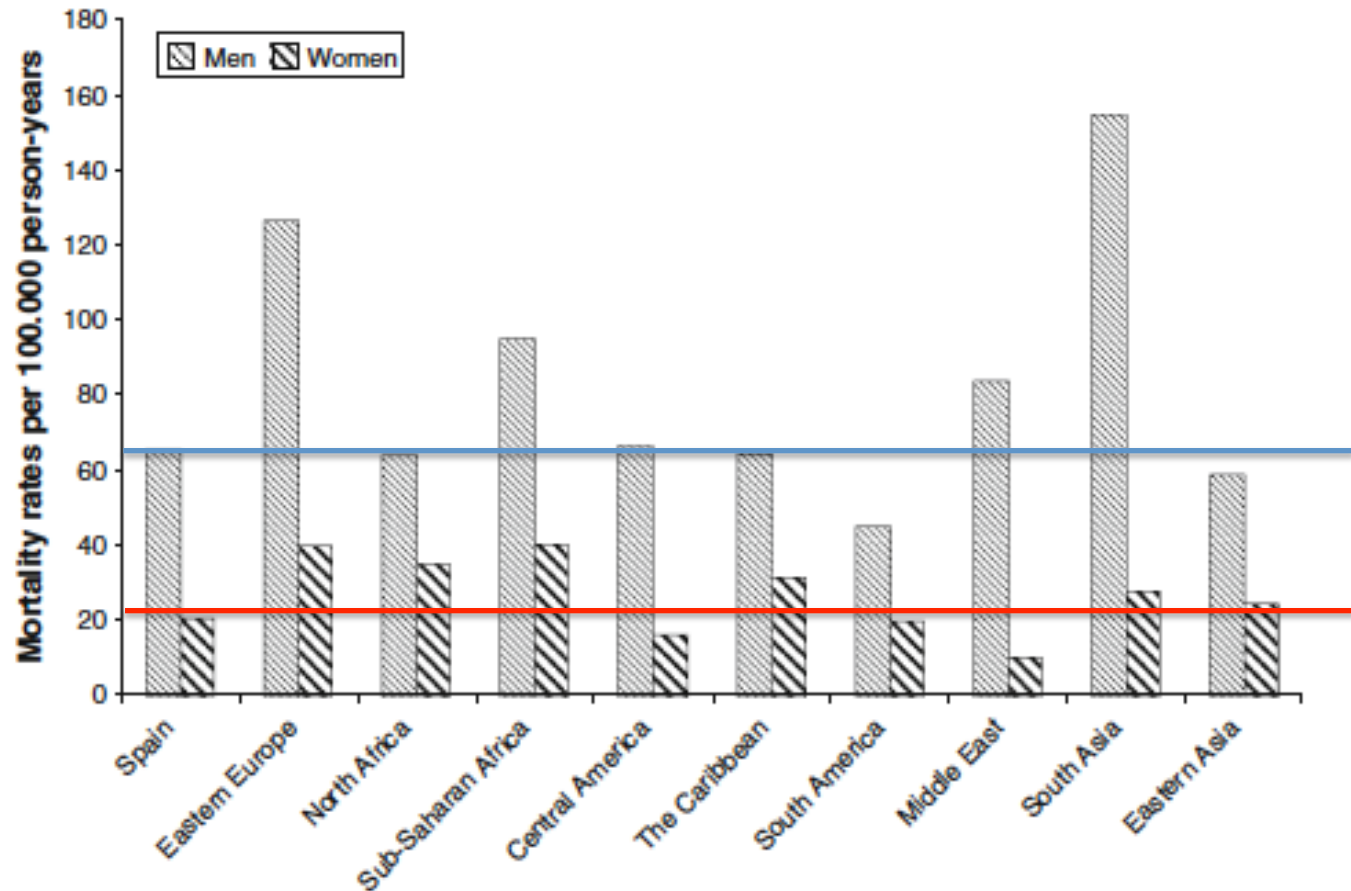
# REGICOR: Validity for a 10-yr CVD risk calculation

N = 3,848 people from Girona (randomly selected from 1991 and 2001 census). Mean follow-up 7.1(2.8) yrs. No history of previous CVD.

Diabetics: 537 (14 %); on drug treatment for DM: 158 (29 %)



# Birthplace and CVD mortality in Spain



Age-adjusted CVD mortality (20-65 yrs, 2001-2005) in residents in Spain

Data from Spanish Death Register and Municipal population Register (2,001-5): NIE

# Specific CV risk factors in T2DM not considered in REGICOR

## **Retinopathy Predicts Cardiovascular Mortality in Type 2 Diabetic Men and Women**

Juutilainen A. Diabetes Care 2007;30:292-299

Adjusted HR for CHD mortality and PDR: men: **2.5**; women: **5.0**

## **Microalbuminuria and Cardiovascular Autonomic Dysfunction Are Independently Associated With Cardiovascular Mortality: Evidence for Distinct Pathways**

The Hoorn Study

Beijers HJBH. Diabetes Care 2009;32:1698-1703

Adjusted HR for CVD mortality: Micro: **2.1**; CAN **1.7**

# Statins: Primary prevention in T2DM: CARDS

DB-RCT (n=2,838) with T2DM (40-75 yrs.), no previous CVD, LDL-C < 160, TGs < 600 and at least one of these: DR, micro-albuminuria, current smoking or HT.

Primary end-point (PEP): CHD events, coronary revascularization or stroke

Placebo vs. 10 mg atorvastatin

Intended follow-up: 5 yrs., STOPPED 2 YEARS EARLIER (median follow-up: 3.9 yrs.)

2,838 (64.5 yrs., LDL-C 116, BMI 29, DR 30%, albuminuria 17%, smokers 22%, HT 84%, A1c 7.8, T2DM duration 8 yrs., only on diet 16%)

Placebo (1,410)

127 pts with  $\geq 1$  major CV event

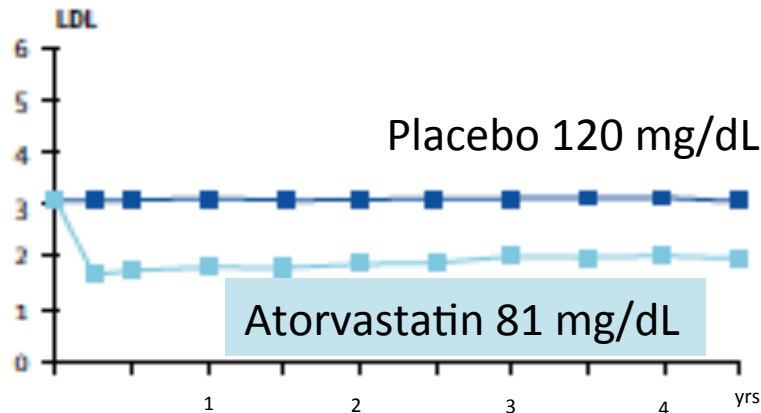
10 mg atorvastatin (1,428)

83 pts with  $\geq 1$  major CV event

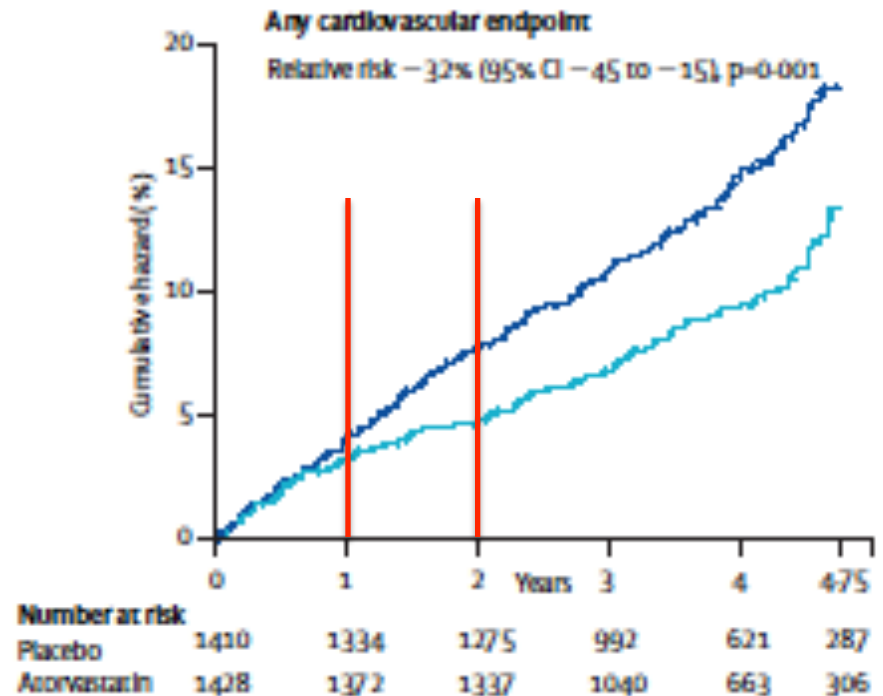
37 % reduction in PEP  
36 % reduction in acute CHD  
48 % reduction in stroke

**10 mg/d atorvastatin prevent at least 37 major CV events per 1000 pts with T2DM treated for 4 yrs.**

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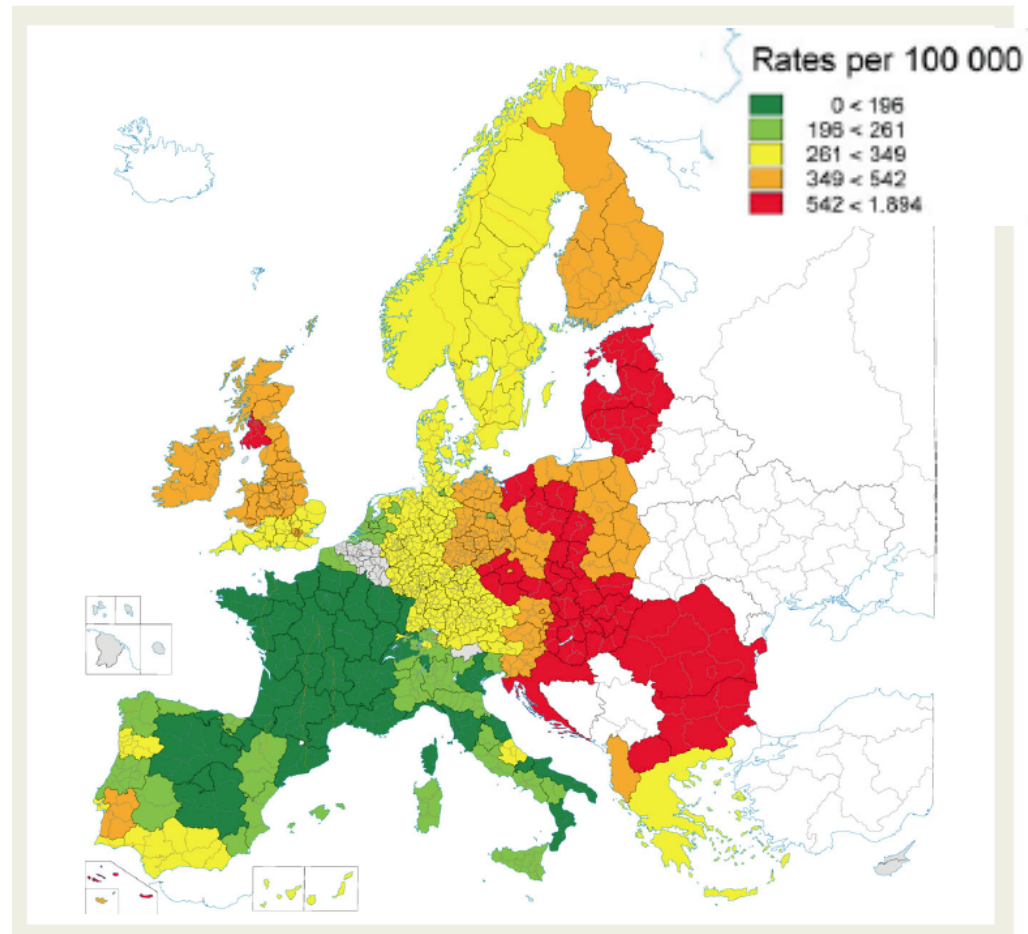
40 % reduction in LDL-C with atorvastatin



“The debate whether all people with this disorder warrant statin treatment should be now focus on whether any patients are at sufficiently low risk for this treatment to be withheld” (2,004)



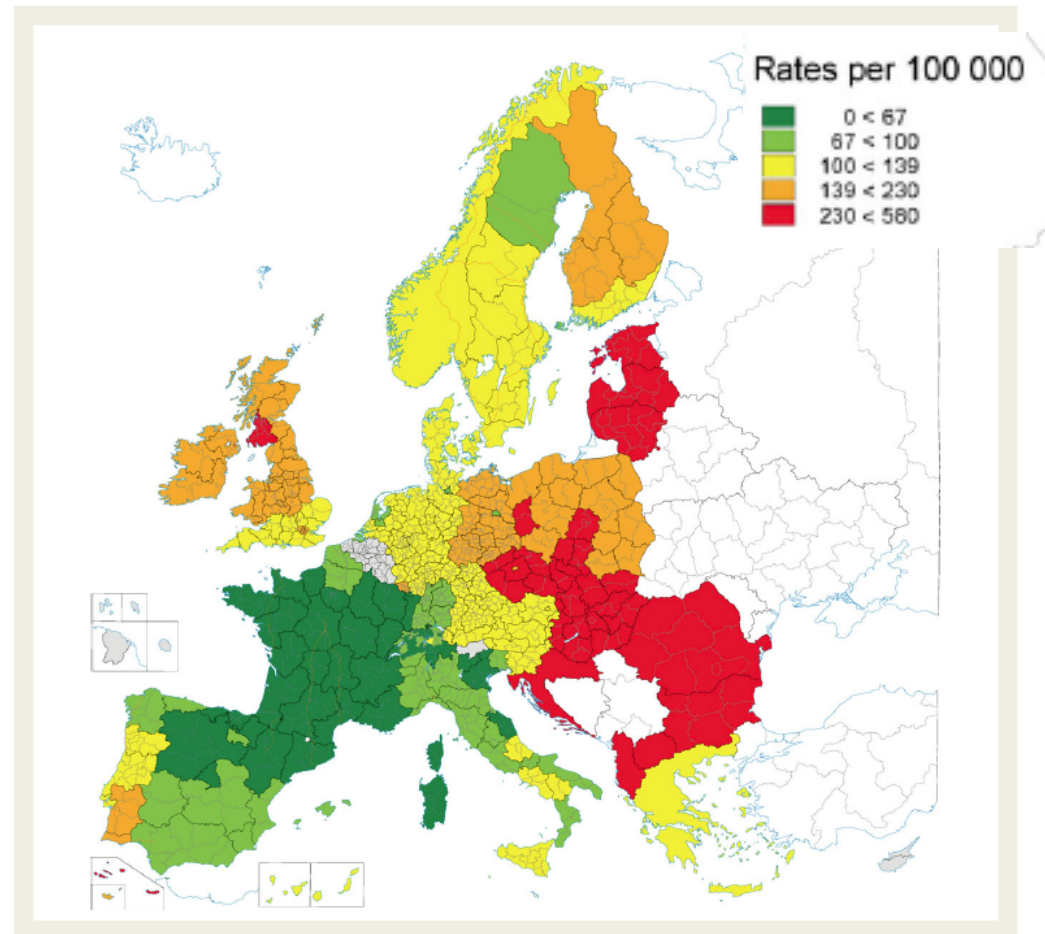
# CVD mortality gradient in Europe



Age-standardized rates in **MEN** (45-74 yr)

Data from Eurostat and National Statistical Offices (2,000)

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Age-standardized rates in **WOMEN** (45-74 yr)

Data from Eurostat and National Statistical Offices (2,000)

# Statins: Primary prevention in Japan: MEGA

OL-RCT (n=7,832 Japanese) with TC 219-269, no previous CHD or stroke  
Primary end-point (PEP): CHD events  
Diet vs. diet + 10-20 mg pravastatin (20 if TC was not < 219 with 10 mg)  
Mean follow-up: 5.3 yrs.

7,832 (58 yrs., CT 241, LDL-C 156, BMI 24, HT 42%  
**T2DM 21%**, smokers 20%, about 20% with 20  
pravastatin in the end of the study)

Diet (3,966)

**3.2%** reduction in LDL-C  
LDL-C: 150 mg/dL  
101 events

Diet + Pravastatin  
(3,866)

**18.0 %** reduction in LDL-C  
LDL-C: 127 mf/dL  
66 events

**33 %** reduction in CHD events  
No differences between patients  
with and without T2DM

# Statins: cost-effectiveness in primary prevention (general population)

## Systematic review PubMed up to 1/2/2011; USA

Study, 1 <sup>st</sup> Author	Year	Population	Drug Studied	Time Horizon	Outcome Measured
Prosser LA	2000	Age 35-84, LDL >159	Pravastatin	30 years	QALY
Caro JJ	2003	Age >45	Pravastatin	5 years	LYG
Pignone M	2006	45-year old men	Pravastatin	Lifetime	QALY
Pletcher MJ	2009	Age >35	All statins	30 years	QALY

Methodological differences among studies. QALY, quality adjusted life year; LYG, life year gained; LDL, low density lipoprotein cholesterol

### 10-yr CHD risk

- 10 %
- 5 %

### Cost-effectiveness threshold

- \$70/month (€53)
- \$50/month (€39)

### Increase CE

- Lower price of generics
- Add indirect costs
- Lifetime calculations
- Higher cost to treat acute CV events

### Decrease CE

- Adverse effects
- Non-adherence
- 10-yr calculation

# Lifetime cost-effectiveness of simvastatin (HPS, n=20.536)

**HPS: Pts. with CVD or diabetes (40-80yrs old). UK. 40 mg simvastatin vs placebo for 5 yrs.**

	Five year risk of major vascular event at start of treatment			
	5%	10%	20%	40%
<b>Cost (£) per life year gained</b>				
Age at start (years):				
35	450*	-360*	-1070*	-1610*
45	330*	-360	-940	-1240
55	400*	-210	-680	-830
65	660*	50	-380	-450
75	1180*	450	-40	-110
85	2460*	1280*	490*	310*
<b>Cost (£) per quality adjusted† life year gained</b>				
Age at start (years):				
35	580*	-460*	-1370*	-2060*
45	430*	-480	-1210	-1600
55	550*	-280	-900	-1070
65	930*	70	-510	-590
75	1740*	650	-50	-140
85	3740*	1870*	690*	420*

# Cost (“PVP”) of some statins in Spain

<b>Simvastatin EFG 40</b>	<b>28c</b>	<b>3.11-4.14 €</b>
<b>Atorvastatin EFG 10</b>	<b>28c</b>	<b>4.61 €</b>
<b>Atorvastatin EFG 20</b>	<b>28c</b>	<b>9.21 €</b>
<b>Atorvastatin EFG 40</b>	<b>28c</b>	<b>18.42 €</b>
<b>Atorvastatin EFG 80</b>	<b>28c</b>	<b>36.84 €</b>
<b>Metformin EFG1000</b>	<b>50c</b>	<b>2.28 €</b>

# Reasons for not using REGICOR in clinical practice

- 1. It was obtained for diabetics of the general population not for those attending primary care.**
- 2. It is underpowered and infraestimates CV risk in diabetics**
- 3. Do not take into account new ethnics minorities**
- 4. Do not take into account specific and non-specific CV risk factors for diabetics**
- 5. At least in diabetics, it does not make any sense its use if results of RCTs and cost-effectiveness analyses are considered.**

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**Review of evidence  
(RCTs, meta-analyses)**



**Evidence-based  
Guidelines for T2DM**



**Cost-effectiveness  
analyses**



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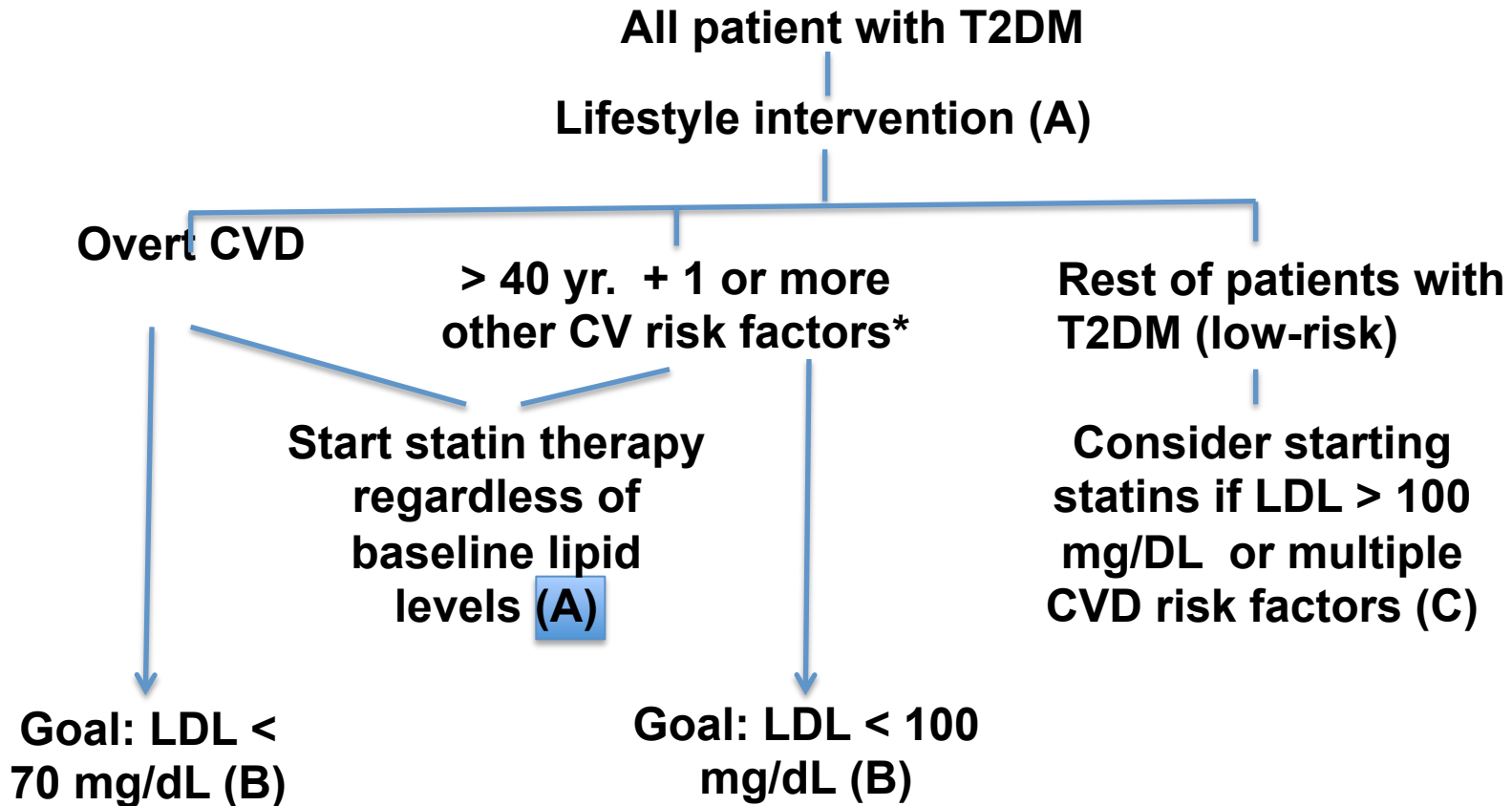
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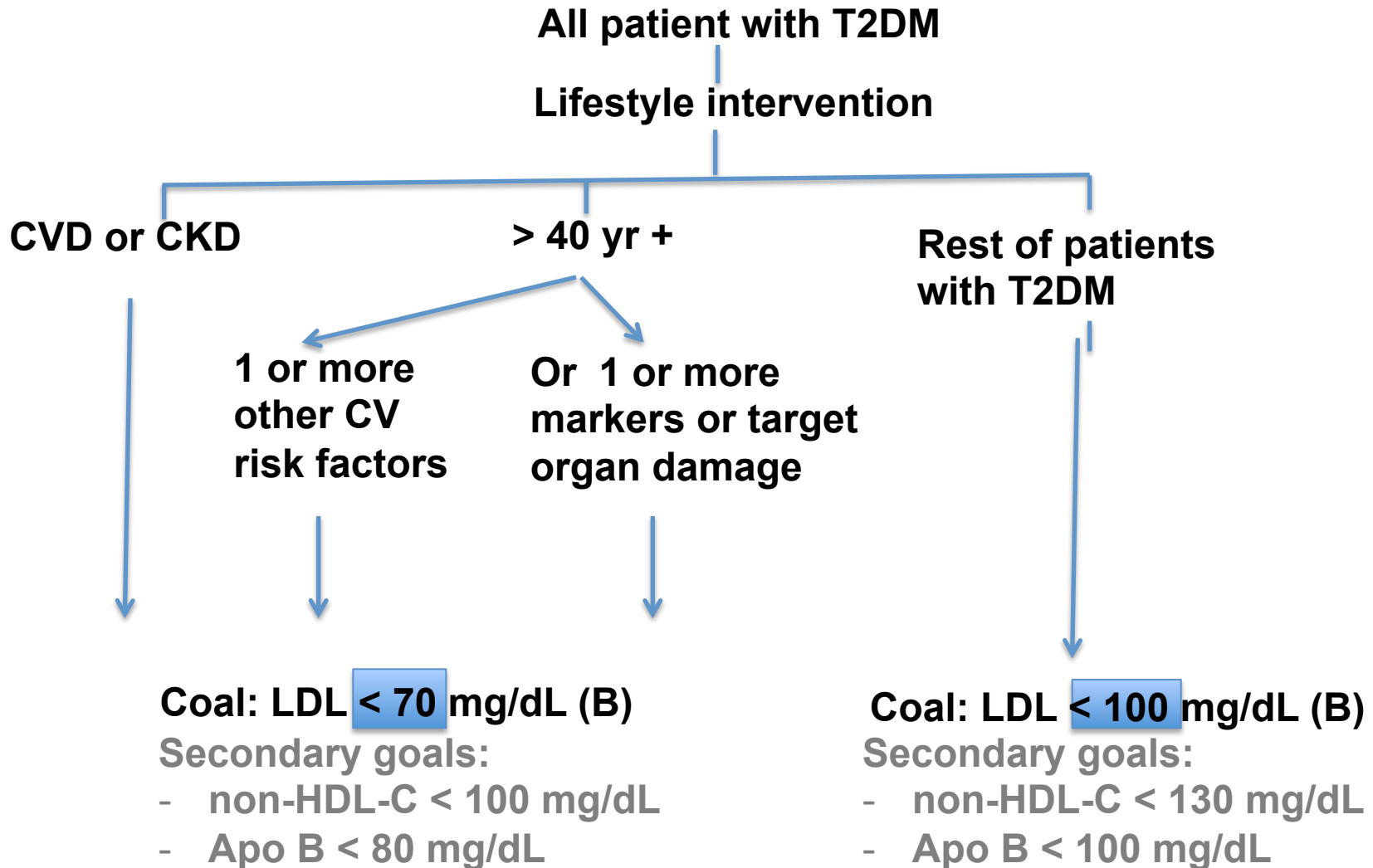
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# ADA: Dyslipidemia treatment



Alternative goal for statin-treated patients: ONLY reduction of 30-40% (B)

# ESC/EAS: Dyslipidemia treatment



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## 1.- Desirable goals (C)

- TG **< 150** mg/dL

- HDL-C: men **> 40**; women **> 50** mg/dL

**BUT LDL-C goals targeted with STATINS remain the preferred strategy (A)**

**2.- COMBINATION THERAPY do not provide additional CV benefits above STATIN THERAPY ALONE and is not generally recommended (A)**

**3.- Statins are contraindicated in pregnancy**

# ESC/EAS: Dyslipidemia treatment

**1.- “If targets are not achieved on maximally tolerated doses of STATINS, DRUGS COMBINATIONS may offer additional lowering of LDL-C but the evidence from OUTCOME studies is limited”**

# ESC/EAS: Dyslipidemia treatment

- 1.- **STATIN RCTs in T2DM:**  
5-yr incidence of major CVD events is reduced a **20% per 38.5 mg/dL** reduction in LDL-C
- 2.- **Meta-analysis:** This effect is **INDEPENDENT** of the initial LDL-C or other characteristics
- 3.- **Meta-analysis:** **Lower NNT in T2DM** because the RRR is similar in subjects with and without T2DM, but the **ABSOLUTE RISK** is higher in T2DM.

# Meta-analysis of STATINS RCTs in T2DM

1.-14 RCTs:

4S.

WOSCOPS

CARE

Post-CABG

AFCAPS/TextCAPS

LIPID

GISSI-P

LIPS

HPS

PROSPER

ALLHAT-LLT

ASCOT-LLA

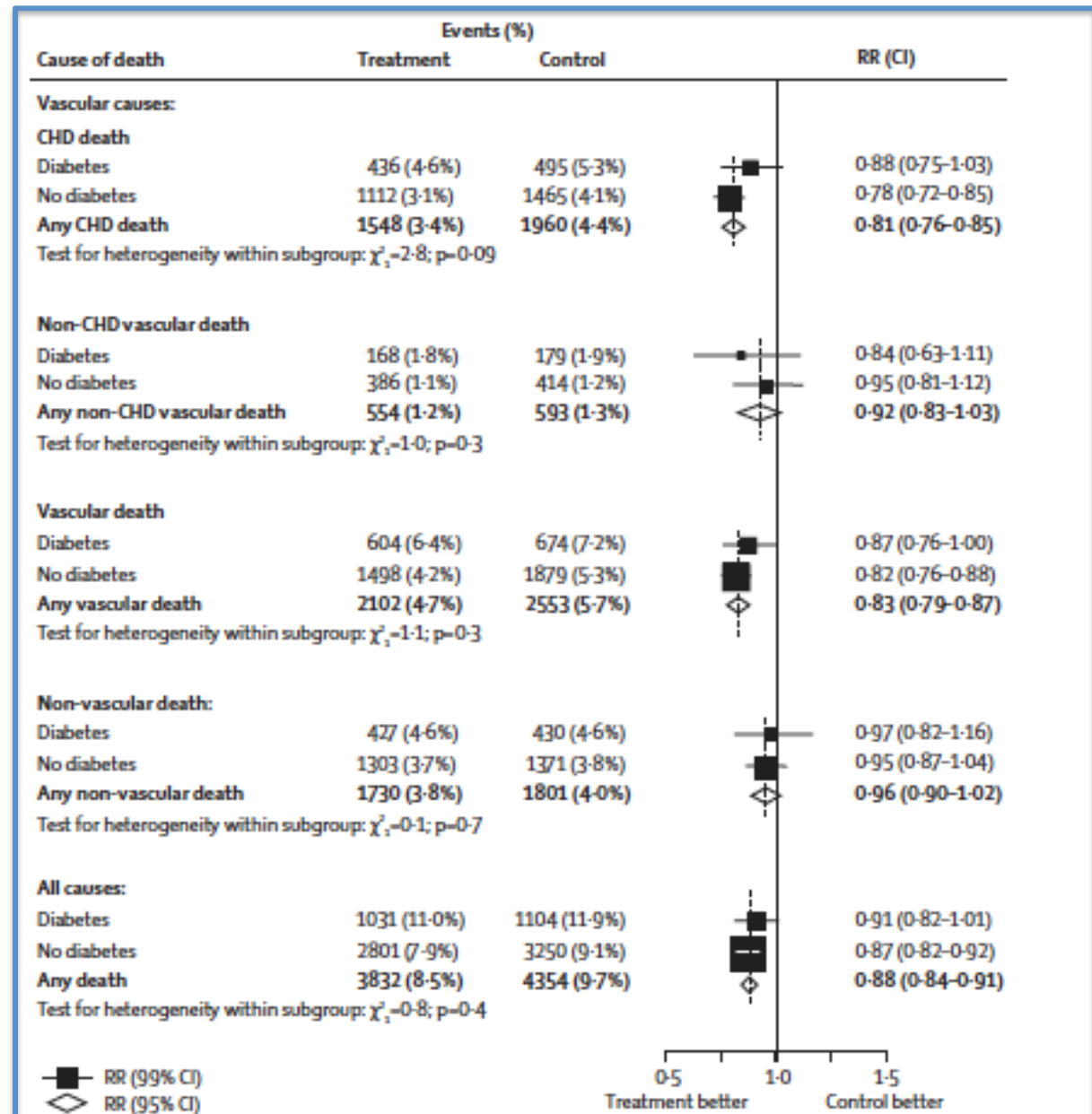
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CARDS

2.- 18.686 DM subjects

(1.466 T1DM) vs.

71.380 non-diabetics



# ESC/EAS: Dyslipidemia treatment

- 1.- Targeting TG and HDL-C in T2DM: FIELD study:  
Apo B/apoA1 ratio is as predictive of CVD events than non-HDL-C/HDL-C or TC/HDL-C ratios
- 2.- FIELD study  
**No significant 11 % reduction** with FENOFIBRATE in CHD events (CHD death or non-fatal MI = primary end-point)
- 3.- FIELD study: *post-hoc analysis*  
**Fenofibrate reduces CVD events by 27 %** if TGs > 200 mg/dL + reduced HDL-C (NNT=23)



# FIELD Study

AUS, NZ, FIN. Subjects with T2DM, 50-75 yrs

Starting date: 1.998-2.000. Duration: 5 yrs.

Fenofibrate (200 mg/d, n=4.895) vs. placebo (n=4.900)

Inclusion criteria: TC 116-251 mg/dL + TC/HDL-C > 4.0 or TGs 88.5-442.5.

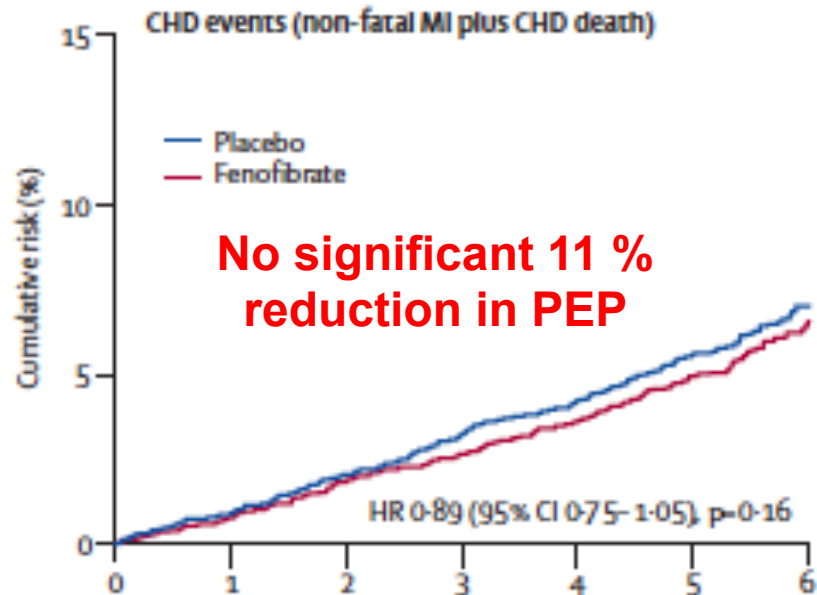
Exclusion. Cr > 1.47

Pts: T2DM duration: 5 yrs., BMI 29.8, BP 140/82, current smokers: 9 %, previous CVD

22 %, microvascular disease 20%, LDL-C 118 mg/dL, HDL-C 42.5 mg/d, TG 154 mg/

dL, A1c: 6.9 %, diet alone: 26 %, insulin alone 6 %,

Primary end-point: CHD events (non-fatal MI+CHD death)



#### Numbers at risk

Placebo	4900	4835	4741	4646	4547	2541	837
Fenofibrate	4895	4837	4745	4664	4555	2553	850

# Fibrates in T2DM: Meta-analysis of 6 RCTs

Meta-analysis of all long-term (> 1 yr) RCTs (fibrates vs. placebo) indexed in MEDLINE and Cochrane databases up to Dec-2007, which reported data on CVD events in subjects with DM. It also includes unpublished data.

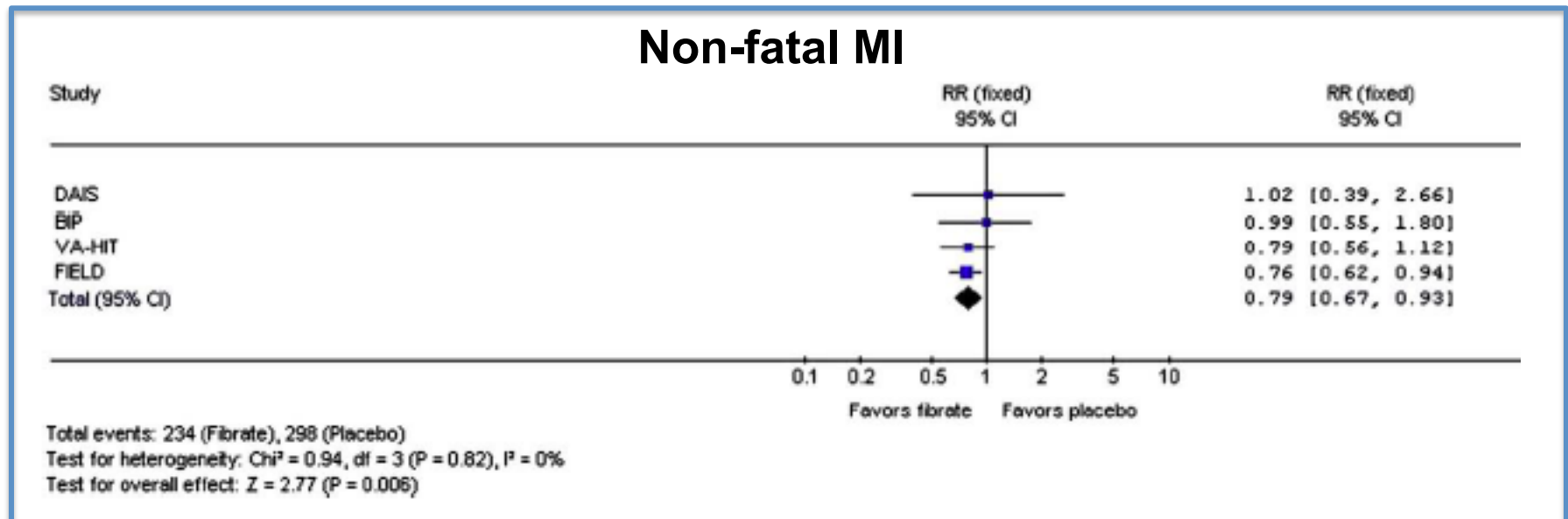
Studies included: HHS, VA-HIT, BIP, SENDCAP, DAIS, FIELD

Statistical analysis: fixed or random effects model as appropriate

## Main results:

**-DO NOT IMPROVE all-cause mortality, CHD mortality, stroke or unstable angina.**

**- REDUCE non-fatal MI by 21 %**



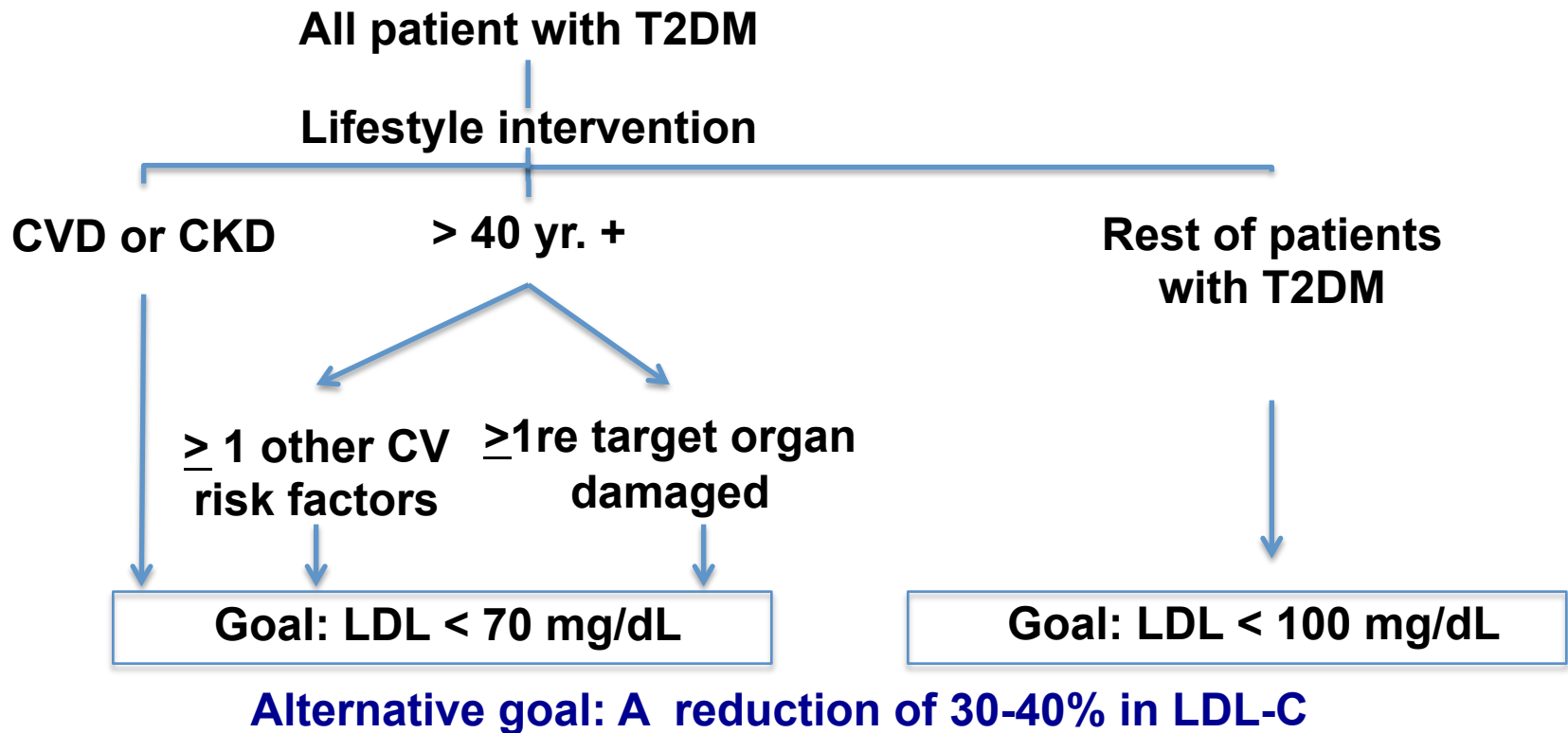
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1.- Please, do not use REGICOR in T2DM; use MBE

2.- When to start and objectives :



3.- **STATINS, STATINS, STATINS !!!**: Why this diabetic is not on statin therapy ?