



La Saga PCSK9

de l'identification d'un gene aux données cliniques

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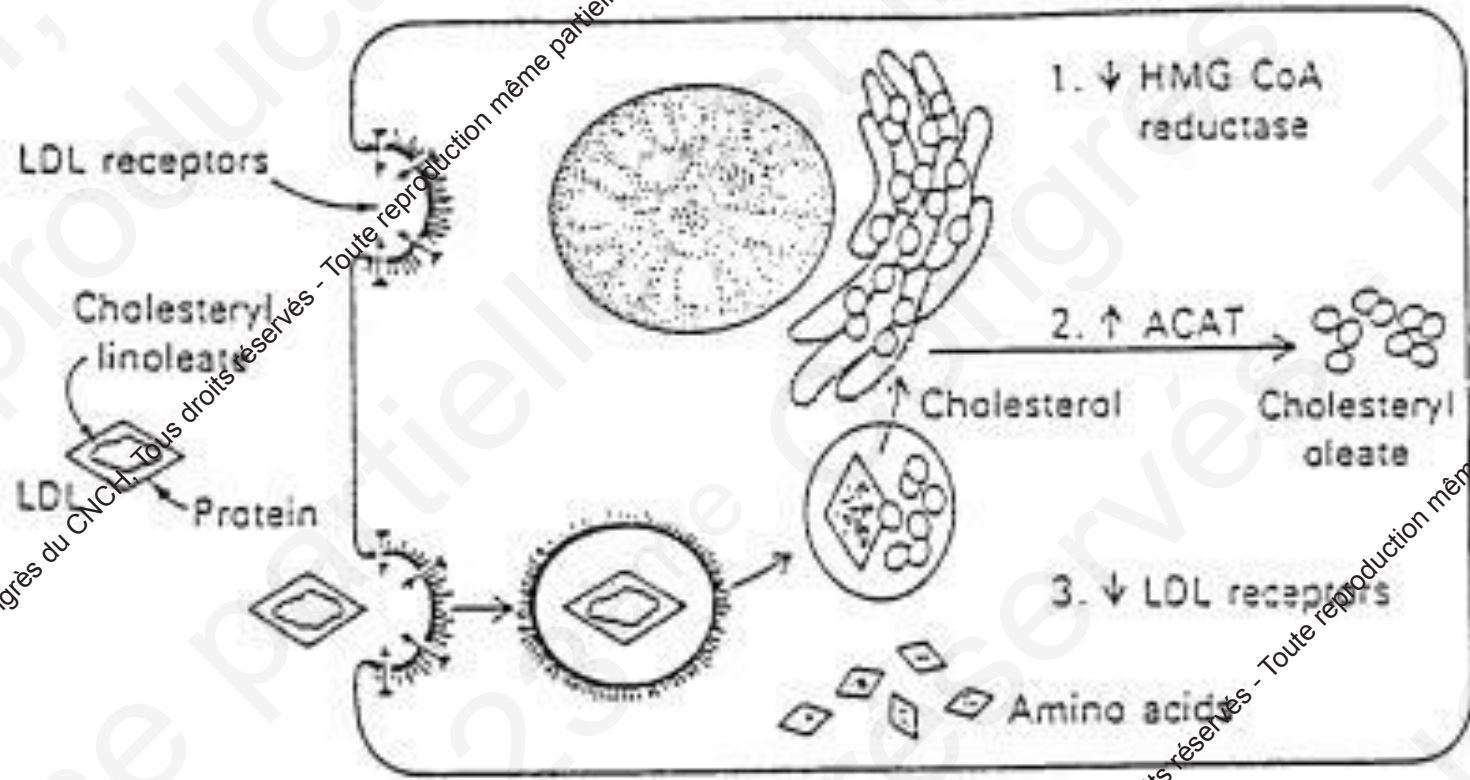
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Author(s):

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Title:

Binding and Degradation of Low Density Lipoproteins by Cultured Human Fibroblasts: Comparison of Cells from Normal Subjects and from Patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia

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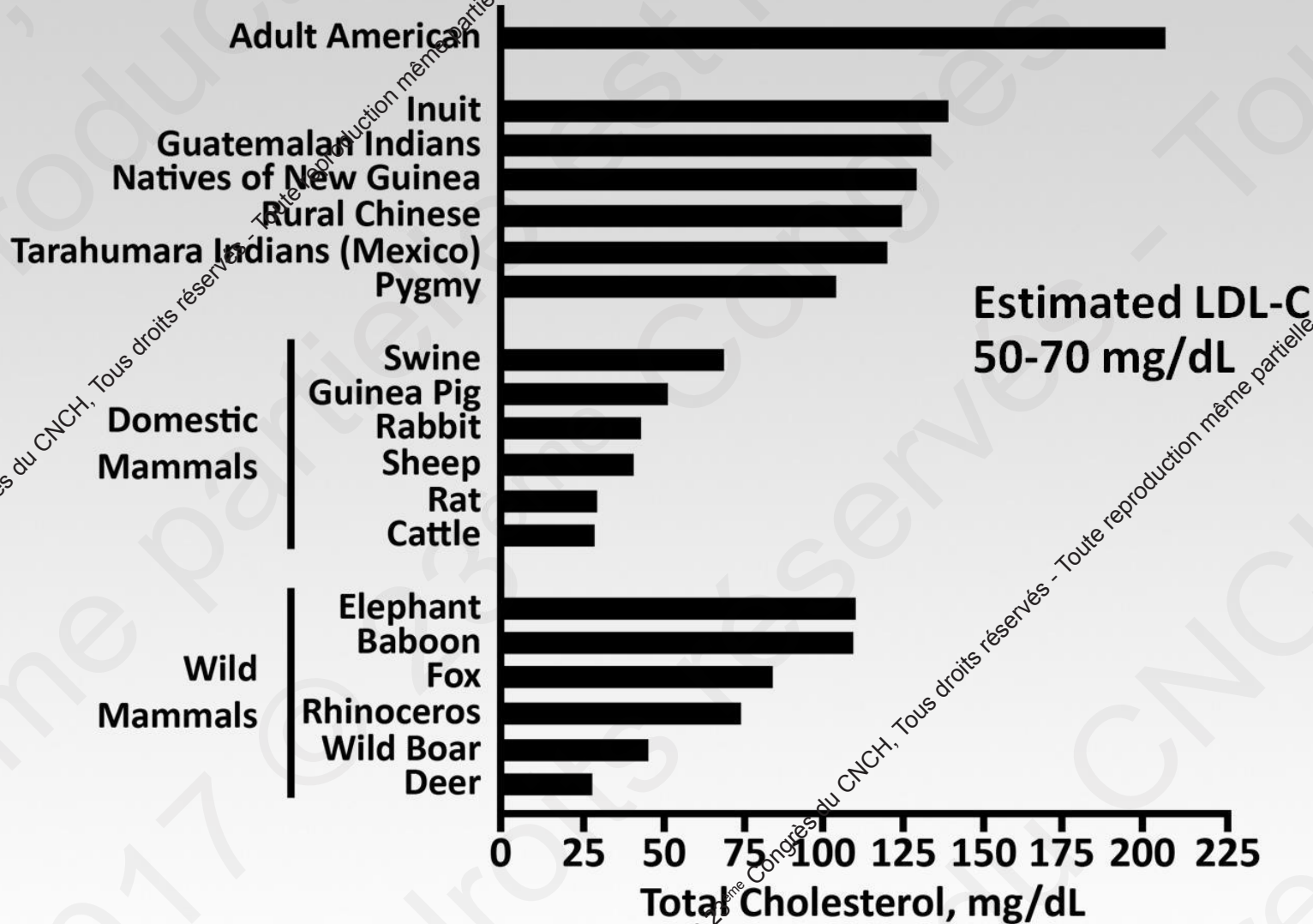
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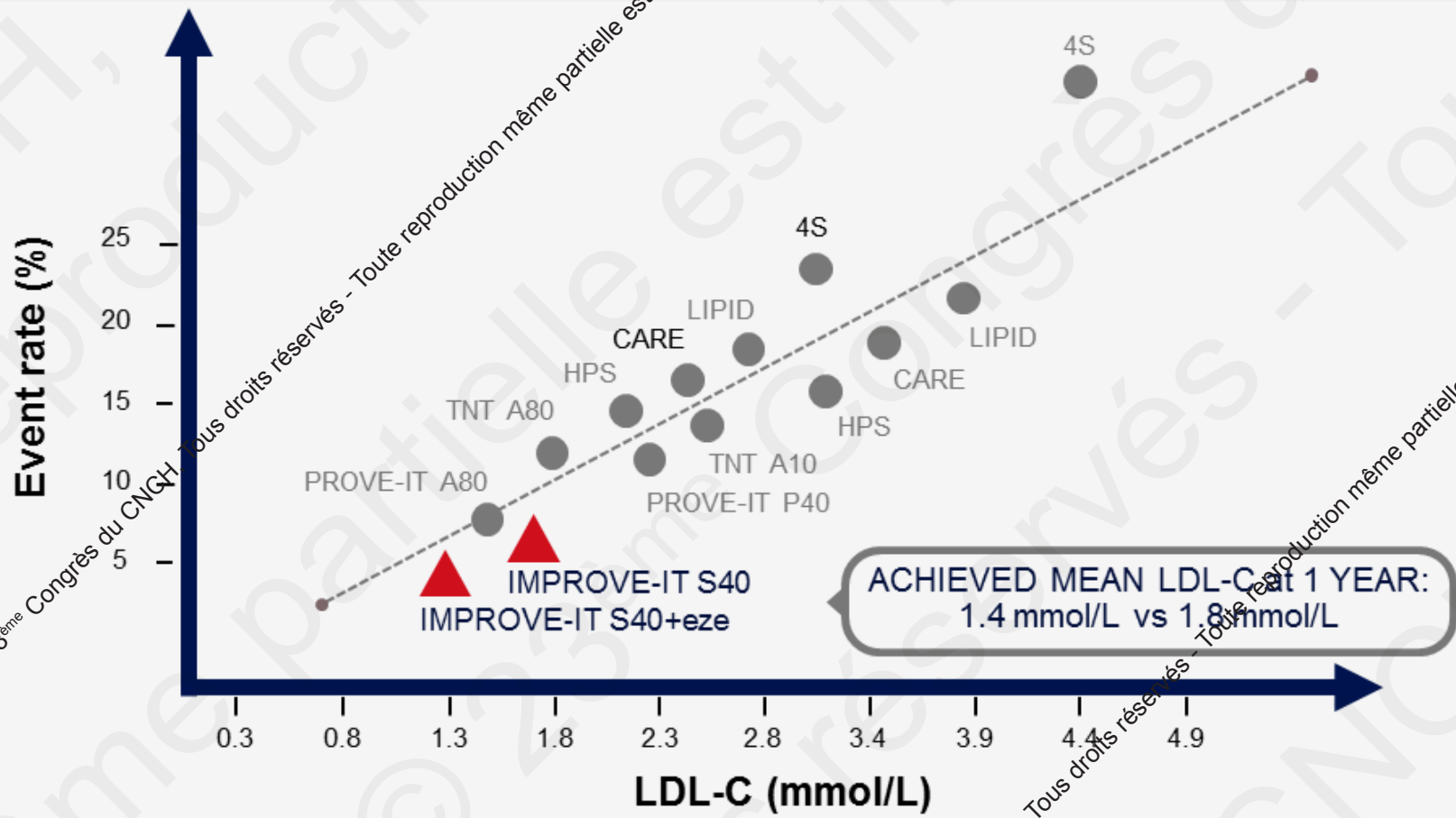
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Kresge N et al. J. Biol. Chem. 2006;281:e25

Lipid-Lowering Goals: Back to Nature?



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ACHIEVED MEAN LDL-C at 1 YEAR:
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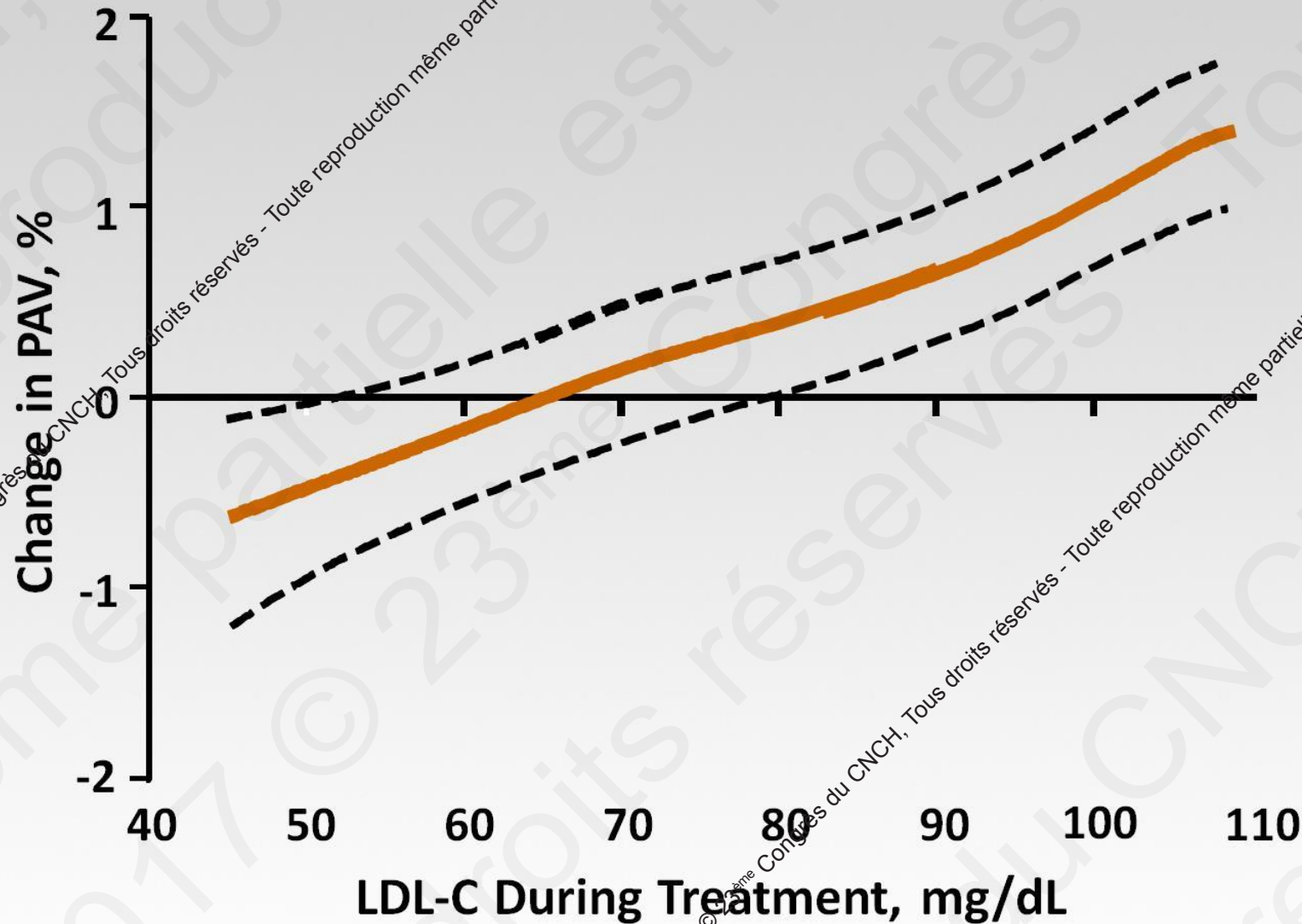
A80 = atorvastatin 80 mg
P40 = pravastatin 40 mg

A10 = atorvastatin 10 mg
S40 = simvastatin 40 mg

eze = ezetimibe 10 mg

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Impact of LDL-C on Plaque Progression



Statins for Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Adults

Evidence Report and Systematic Review for the US Preventive Services Task Force

Primary prevention

IMPORTANCE Cardiovascular disease (CVD), the leading cause of mortality and morbidity in the United States, may be potentially preventable with statin therapy.

OBJECTIVE To systematically review benefits and harms of statins for prevention of CVD to inform the US Preventive Services Task Force.

DATA SOURCES Ovid MEDLINE (from 1946), Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (from 1991), and Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (from 2005) to June 2016.

STUDY SELECTION Randomized clinical trials of statins vs placebo, fixed-dose vs titrated statins, and higher- vs lower-intensity statins in adults without prior cardiovascular events.

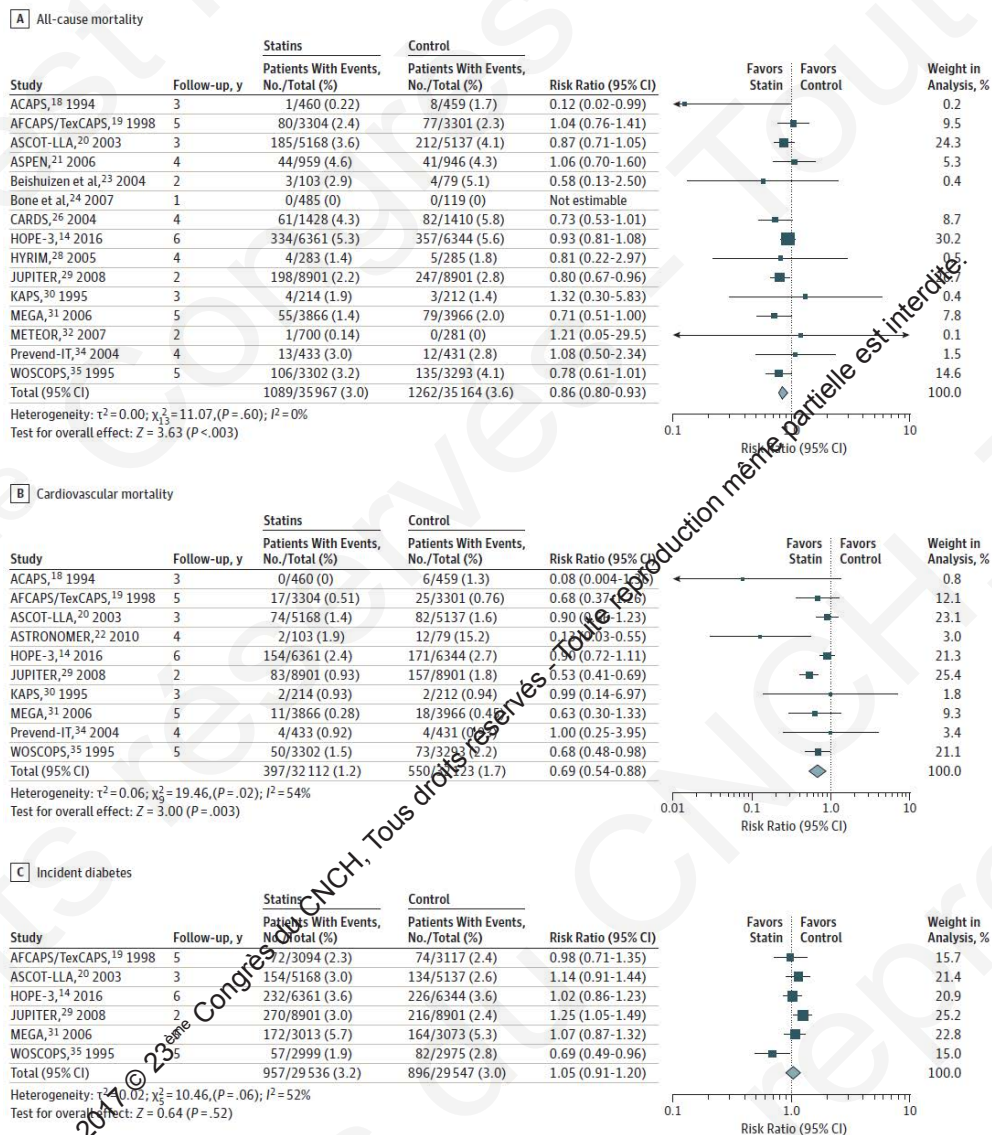
DATA EXTRACTION AND SYNTHESIS One investigator abstracted data, a second checked data for accuracy, and 2 investigators independently assessed study quality using predefined criteria. Data were pooled using a random-effects meta-analysis.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES All-cause mortality, CVD-related morbidity or mortality, and harms.

RESULTS Nineteen trials (n = 71 344 participants [range, 95-17 802]; mean age, 51-66 years) compared statins vs placebo or no statin. Statin therapy was associated with decreased risk of all-cause mortality (risk ratio [RR], 0.86 [95% CI, 0.80 to 0.93]; $I^2 = 0\%$; absolute risk difference [ARD], -0.40% [95% CI, -0.64% to -0.17%]), cardiovascular mortality (RR, 0.69 [95% CI, 0.54 to 0.88]; $I^2 = 54\%$; ARD, -0.43% [95% CI, -0.75% to -0.11%]), stroke (RR, 0.71 [95% CI, 0.62 to 0.82]; $I^2 = 0$; ARD, -0.38% [95% CI, -0.53% to -0.23%]), myocardial infarction (RR, 0.64 [95% CI, 0.57 to 0.71]; $I^2 = 0\%$; ARD, -0.81% [95% CI, -1.19 to -0.43%]), and composite cardiovascular outcomes (RR, 0.70 [95% CI, 0.63 to 0.78]; $I^2 = 36\%$; ARD, -1.39% [95% CI, -1.79 to -0.99%]). Relative benefits appeared consistent in demographic and clinical subgroups, including populations without marked hyperlipidemia (total cholesterol level <200 mg/dL); absolute benefits were higher in subgroups at higher baseline risk. Statins were not associated with increased risk of serious adverse events (RR, 0.99 [95% CI, 0.94 to 1.04]), myalgias (RR, 0.96 [95% CI, 0.79 to 1.16]), or liver-related harms (RR, 1.10 [95% CI, 0.90 to 1.35]). In pooled analysis, statins were not associated with increased risk of diabetes (RR, 1.05 [95% CI, 0.91 to 1.20]), although statistical heterogeneity was present ($I^2 = 52\%$), and 1 trial found high-intensity statins associated with increased risk (RR, 1.25 [95% CI, 1.05 to 1.49]). No trial directly compared titrated vs fixed-dose statins, and there were no clear differences based on statin intensity.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE In adults at increased CVD risk but without prior CVD events, statin therapy was associated with reduced risk of all-cause and cardiovascular mortality and CVD events, with greater absolute benefits in patients at greater baseline risk.

Figure 3. Meta-analysis: Statins vs Placebo and All-Cause Mortality, Cardiovascular Mortality, and Incident Diabetes



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Genome-Wide Scans for CAD and MI

	Ref	Study Population	Families	Age	1°Locus	Analysis Program	Gene
Pajukanta	4	Finnish	156	<55	2q21	MAPMAKER	ND
Francke	5	Mauritian	99	47	16p13	GENEHUNTER	ND
Broeckel	6	European	513	52	14	SOLAR	ND
Harrap	7	Australian	61	62	2q36	MAPMAKER	ND
Wang	8	American	428	44	1p34	SAGE	ND
Hauser	9	Euro-Amer	438	56	3q13	GENEHUNTER	ND
Helgadottir	10	Icelandic	296	--	13q12	ALLEGRO	ALOX5AP
Helgadottir	11	Icelandic	296	--	12q22	ALLEGRO	LTA4H
Brit Ht Found	12	British	1933	53	2p11	ALLEGRO	ND

Abbreviations: Brit Ht Found-British Heart Foundation, Euro-Amer-European-American, ND-not determined

(Lack of) Validation of Genetic Markers for CAD

 ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

Nonvalidation of Reported Genetic Risk Factors for Acute Coronary Syndrome in a Large-Scale Replication Study

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Context Given the numerous, yet inconsistent, reports of genetic variants being associated with acute coronary syndromes (ACS), there is a need for comprehensive validation of ACS susceptibility genotypes.

Objective To perform an extensive validation of putative genetic risk factors for ACS.

Morgan T et al. JAMA 2007;297:1551

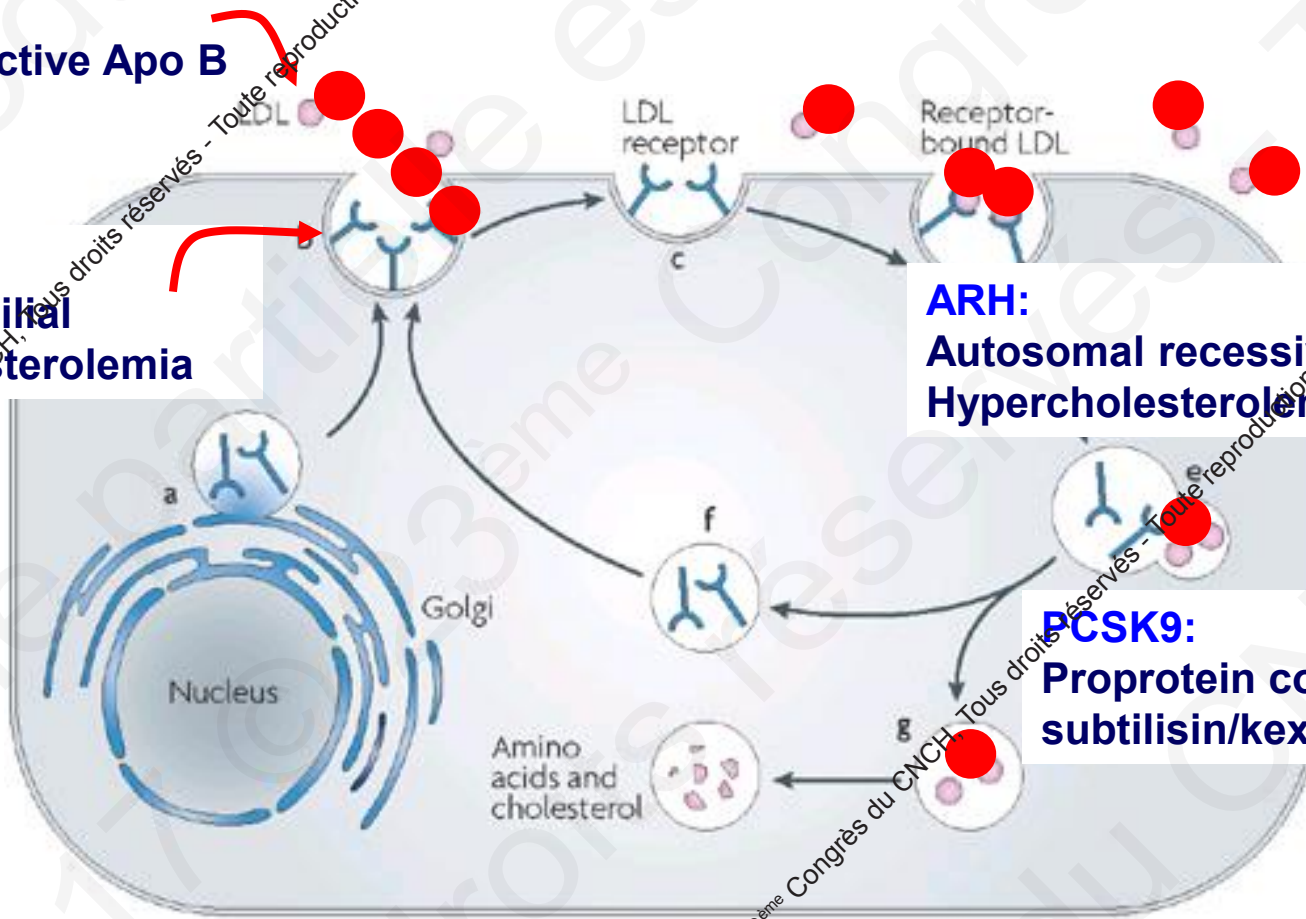
Molecular Causes of Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH)

ApoB:
Familial defective Apo B

LDL-R:
Primary familial
hypercholesterolemia

ARH:
Autosomal recessive familial
Hypercholesterolemia

PCSK9:
Proprotein convertase
subtilisin/kexin type 9



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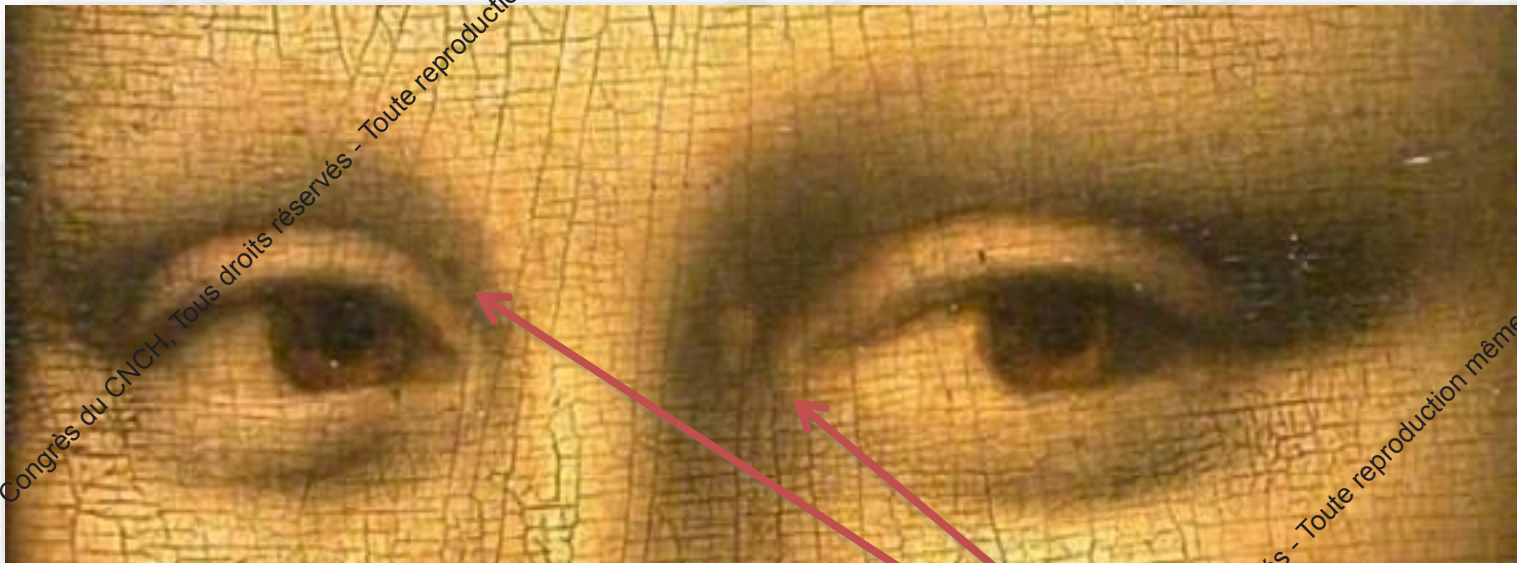


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REVIEW

Subtilases:
 The superfamily of subtilisin-like serine proteases

PCSK9

Subtilases

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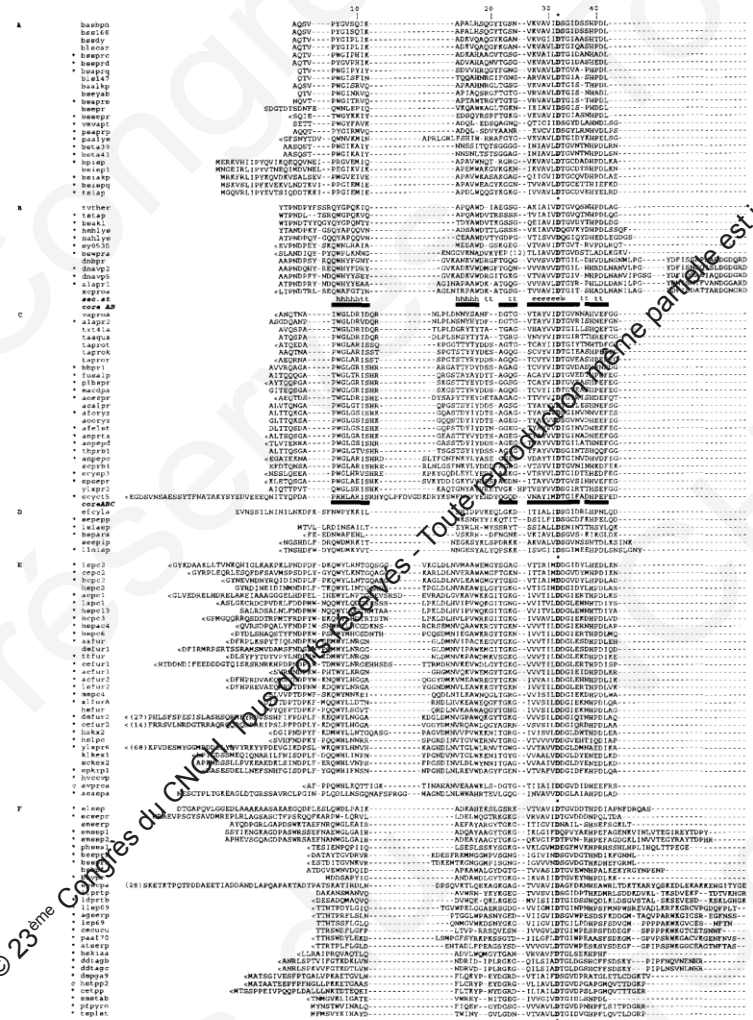
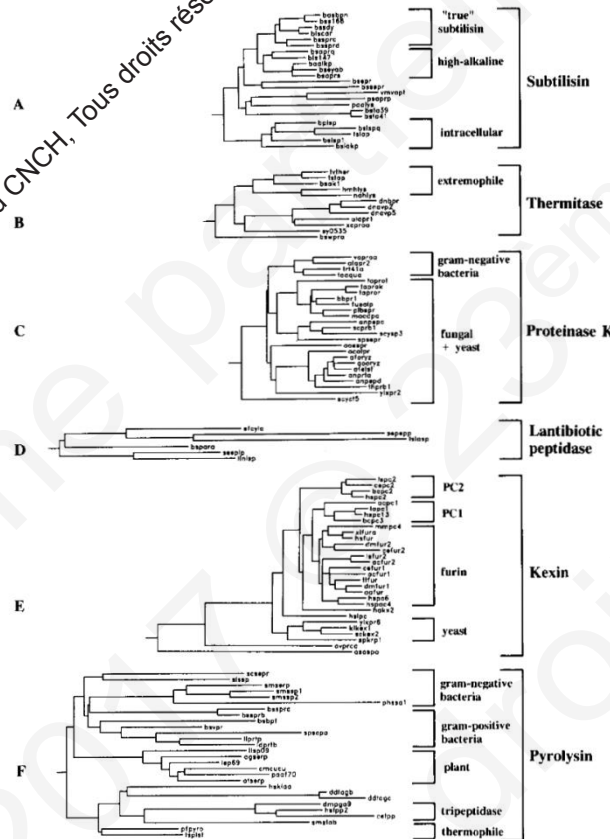
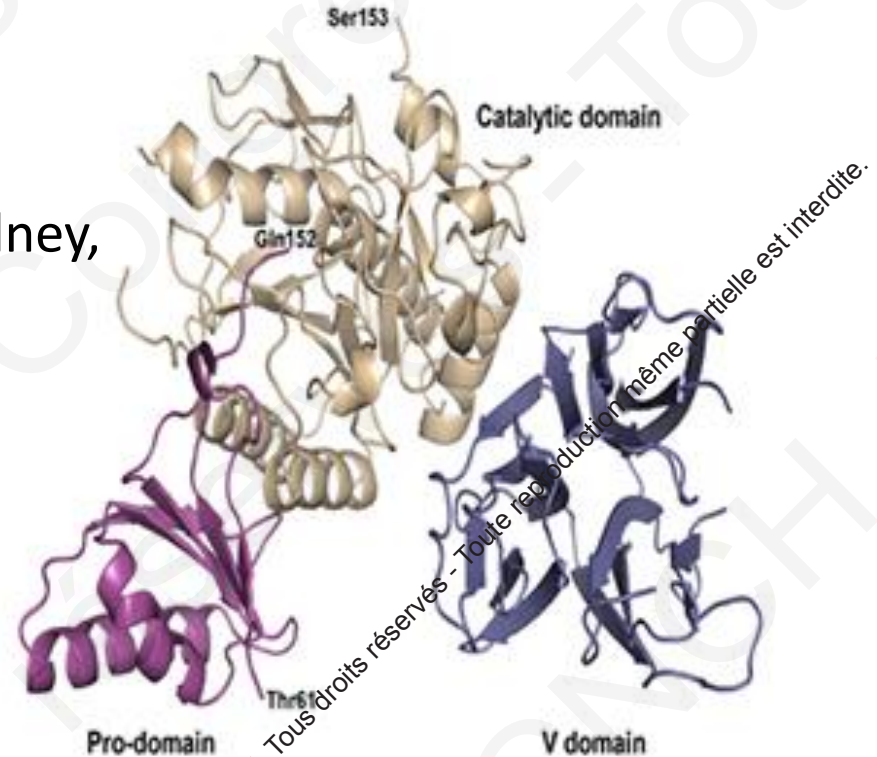
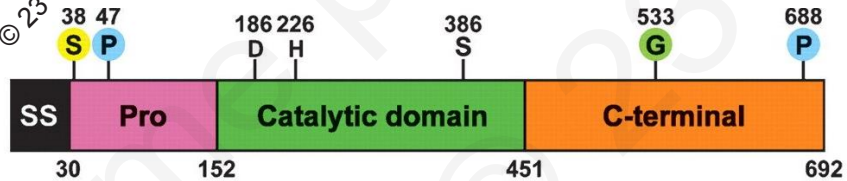


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PCSK9 = Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9

Human PCSK9 gene

- chromosome 1p32.3
- expressed in several organs (liver, kidney, intestine)

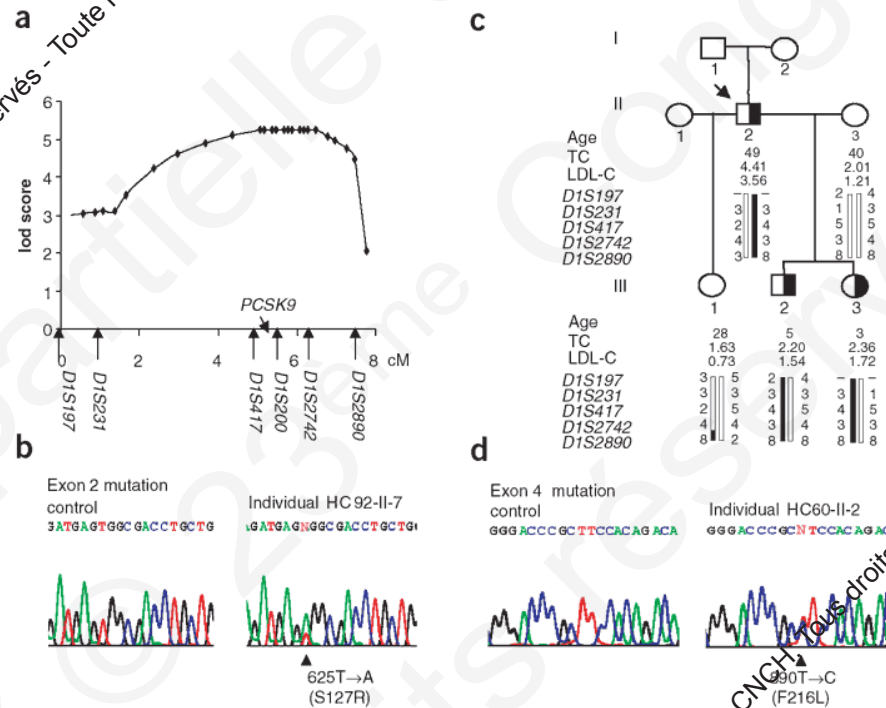


Piper DE, et al. *Structure*. 2007;15:545-552

Abifadel M, Varret M, Rabès JP, Allard D, Couguerram K, Devillers M, Cruaud C, Benjannet S, Wickham L, Erlich D, Derré A, Villéger J, Farnier M, Beucler I, Bruckert E, Chambaz J, Chanu B, Lecerf JM, Luc G, Moulin P, Weissenbach J, Prat A, Krempf M, Junien C, Seidah NG, Boileau C.

Mutations in PCSK9 cause autosomal dominant hypercholesterolemia.

Nat Genet. 2003 Jun;34(2):154-6.



... We report two mutations in the gene PCSK9 (encoding proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9) that cause ADH. PCSK9 encodes NARC-1 (neural apoptosis regulated convertase), a newly identified human subtilase that is highly expressed in the liver and contributes to cholesterol homeostasis.

ADH : autosomal dominant hypercholesterolemia

PCSK9 genetic overview

Gain of function



LDL
Mortality CAD

Loss of function



LDL
Mortality CAD

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Adenoviral-mediated expression of Pcsk9 in mice results in a low-density lipoprotein receptor knockout phenotype

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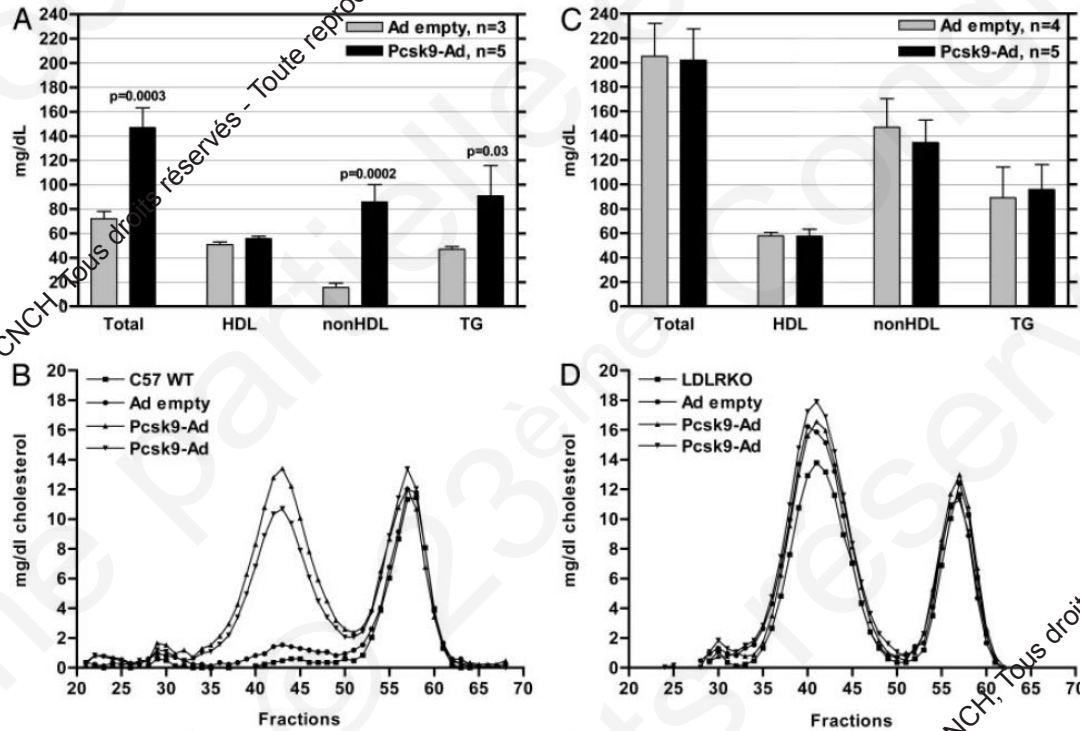


Fig. 2. Overexpression of Pcsk9 increases LDL cholesterol levels in an LDLR-dependent manner. (A) Plasma was isolated from wild-type male C57BL/6 mice injected with Ad empty and Pcsk9-Ad, and HDL and non-HDL plasma fractions were separated by ultracentrifugation. Cholesterol levels in these fractions were measured by enzymatic assay. Overexpression of Pcsk9 caused an increase in total and non-HDL cholesterol with no change in HDL cholesterol levels. (B) Plasma was pooled from at least two wild-type animals (C57 WT), animals injected with Ad empty, and animals injected with Pcsk9-Ad; plasma was fractionated by FPLC; and cholesterol was measured by enzymatic assay. Two runs of Pcsk9-Ad-injected mice are shown to demonstrate reproducibility. Wild-type mice and mice injected with Ad empty had mainly HDL-derived cholesterol (fractions 52–62). Mice injected with Pcsk9-Ad had similar levels of HDL-derived and very-low-density lipoprotein-derived cholesterol, but they had high levels of LDL-derived cholesterol (fractions 35–50). (C) LDLR knockout mice were injected with Ad empty and Pcsk9-Ad. LDLR knockout mice injected with Ad empty had elevated total cholesterol and non-HDL cholesterol with no change in HDL cholesterol levels. Overexpression of Pcsk9 did not cause a further increase in total or non-HDL cholesterol levels in LDLR knockout mice. (D) FPLC analysis demonstrated that the lipoprotein profile of LDLR knockout mice injected with Pcsk9-Ad was indistinguishable from that of uninjected LDLR knockout mice (LDLRKO) and LDLR knockout mice injected with Ad empty.

Sequence Variations in PCSK9, Low LDL, and Protection against Coronary Heart Disease

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

A low plasma level of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol is associated with reduced risk of coronary heart disease (CHD), but the effect of lifelong reductions in plasma LDL cholesterol is not known. We examined the effect of DNA-sequence variations that reduce plasma levels of LDL cholesterol on the incidence of coronary events in a large population.

METHODS

We compared the incidence of CHD (myocardial infarction, fatal CHD, or coronary revascularization) over a 15-year interval in the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities study according to the presence or absence of sequence variants in the proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 serine protease gene (*PCSK9*) that are associated with reduced plasma levels of LDL cholesterol.

RESULTS

Of the 3363 black subjects examined, 2.6 percent had nonsense mutations in *PCSK9*; these mutations were associated with a 28 percent reduction in mean LDL cholesterol and an 88 percent reduction in the risk of CHD ($P=0.008$ for the reduction; hazard ratio, 0.11; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.02 to 0.81; $P=0.03$). Of the 9524 white subjects examined, 3.2 percent had a sequence variation in *PCSK9* that was associated with a 15 percent reduction in LDL cholesterol and a 47 percent reduction in the risk of CHD (hazard ratio, 0.50; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.32 to 0.79; $P=0.003$).

CONCLUSIONS

These data indicate that moderate lifelong reduction in the plasma level of LDL cholesterol is associated with a substantial reduction in the incidence of coronary events, even in populations with a high prevalence of non-lipid-related cardiovascular risk factors.

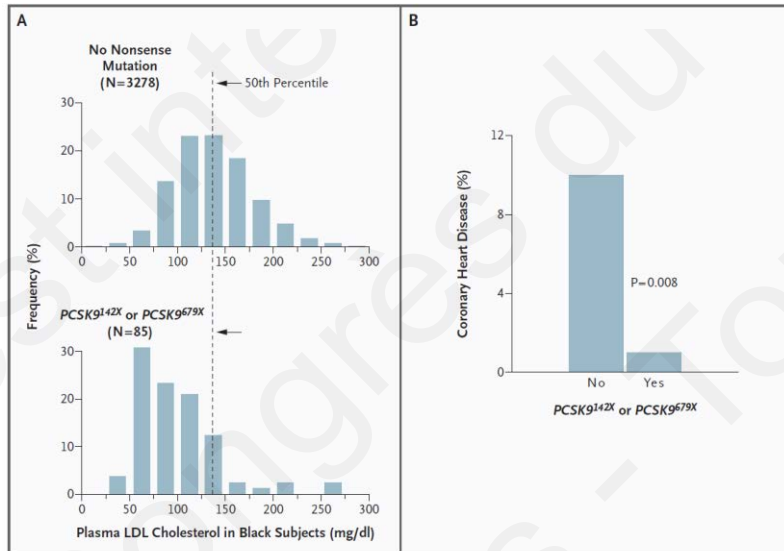


Figure 1. Distribution of Plasma LDL Cholesterol Levels (Panel A) and Incidence of Coronary Heart Disease (Panel B) among Black Subjects, According to the Presence or Absence of a *PCSK9*^{142X} or *PCSK9*^{679X} Allele.

In Panel A, the distribution of plasma LDL cholesterol levels at baseline among 3278 black subjects who did not have a *PCSK9*^{142X} or *PCSK9*^{679X} allele (top) is compared with the distribution of levels among the 85 black subjects who had one of these two alleles (bottom). Panel B shows the percentage of participants from these two groups who had no evidence of coronary heart disease at baseline and in whom coronary heart disease developed during the 15-year follow-up period. To convert values for LDL cholesterol to millimoles per liter, multiply by 0.02586.

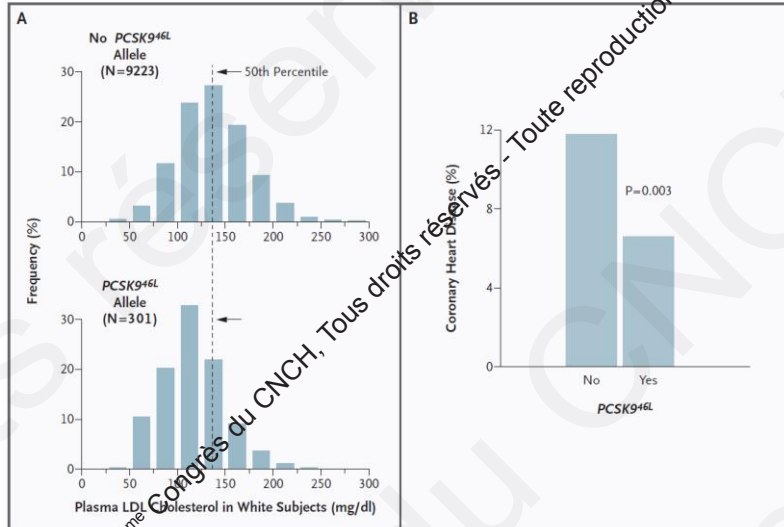
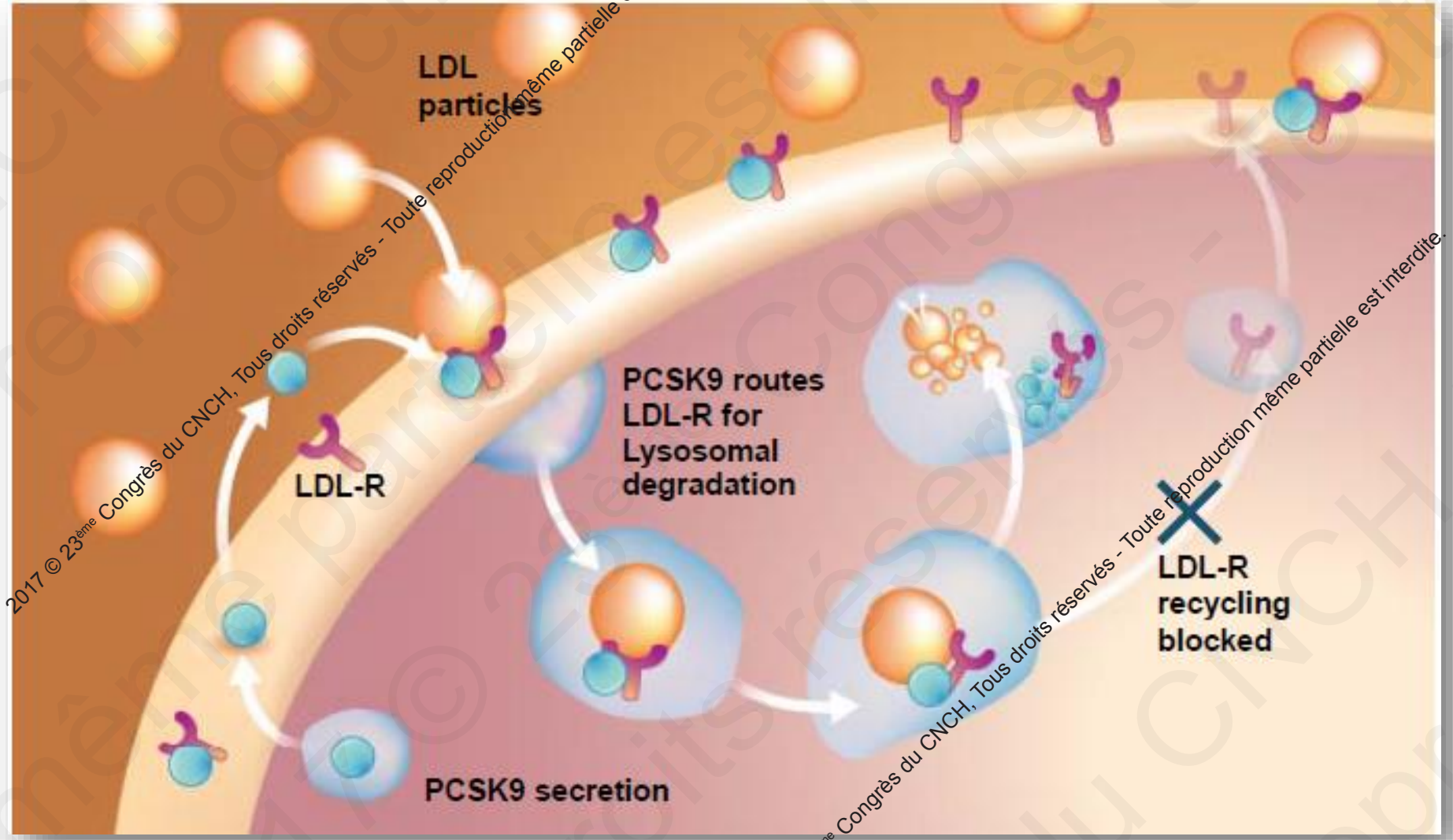


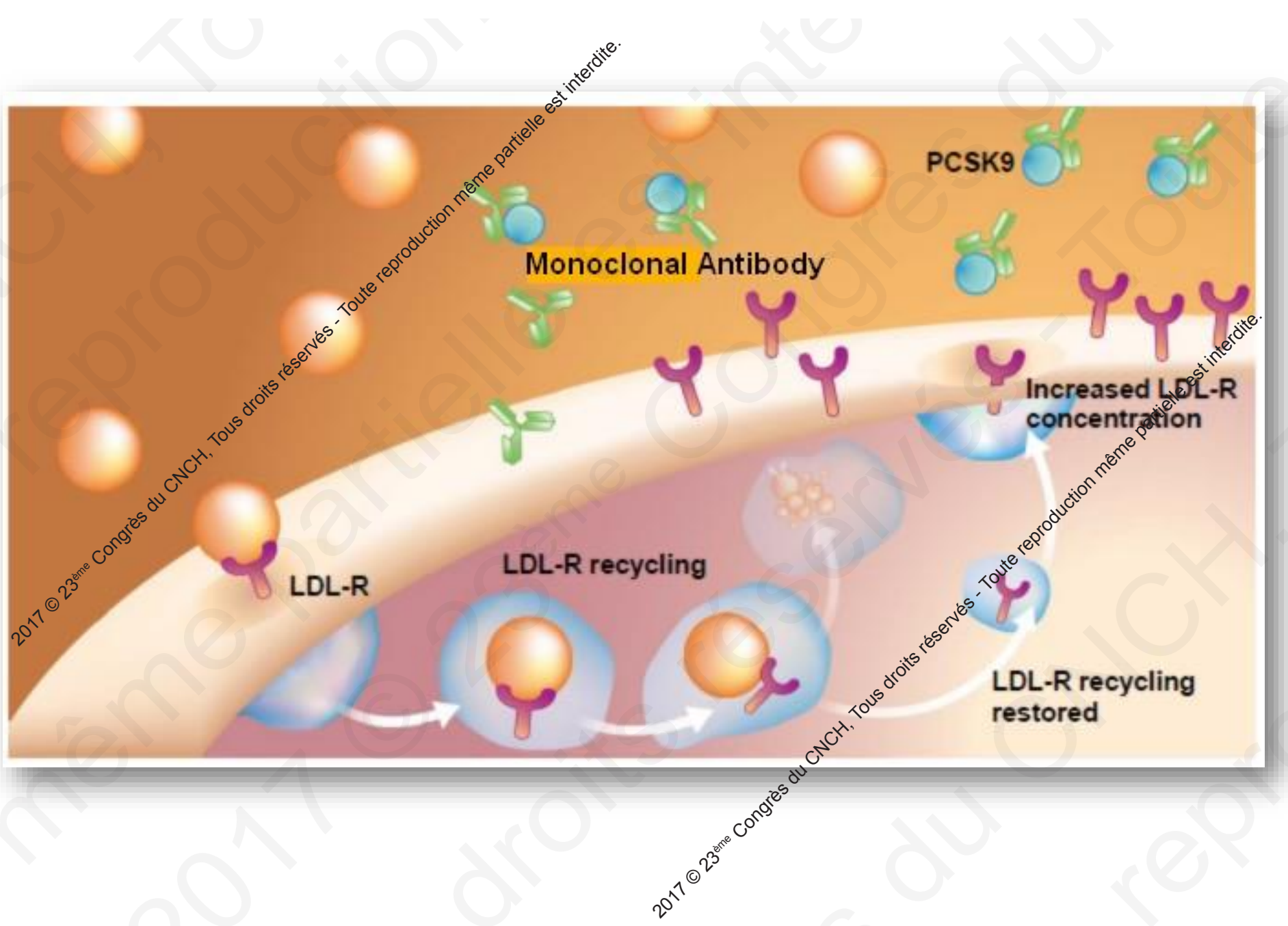
Figure 2. Distribution of Plasma LDL Cholesterol Levels (Panel A) and Incidence of Coronary Events (Panel B) among White Subjects, According to the Presence or Absence of a *PCSK9*^{46L} Allele.

In Panel A, the distribution of plasma LDL cholesterol levels at baseline among 9223 white subjects who did not have a *PCSK9*^{46L} allele (top) is compared with the distribution of levels among the 301 white subjects who were either heterozygous or homozygous for this allele (bottom). Panel B shows the percentage of participants from these two groups who had no evidence of coronary heart disease at baseline and in whom coronary heart disease developed during the 15-year follow-up period. To convert values for LDL cholesterol to millimoles per liter, multiply by 0.02586.



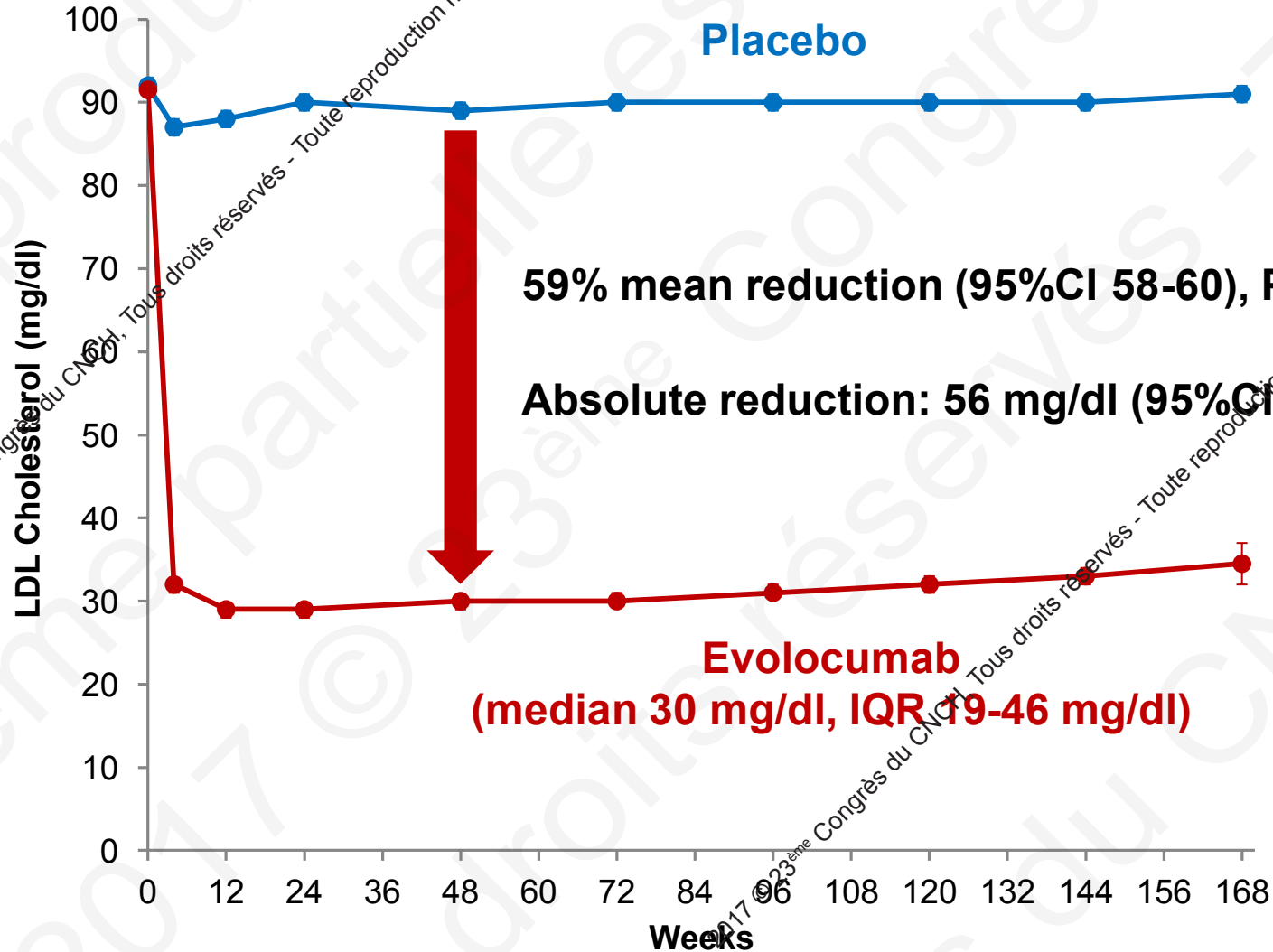
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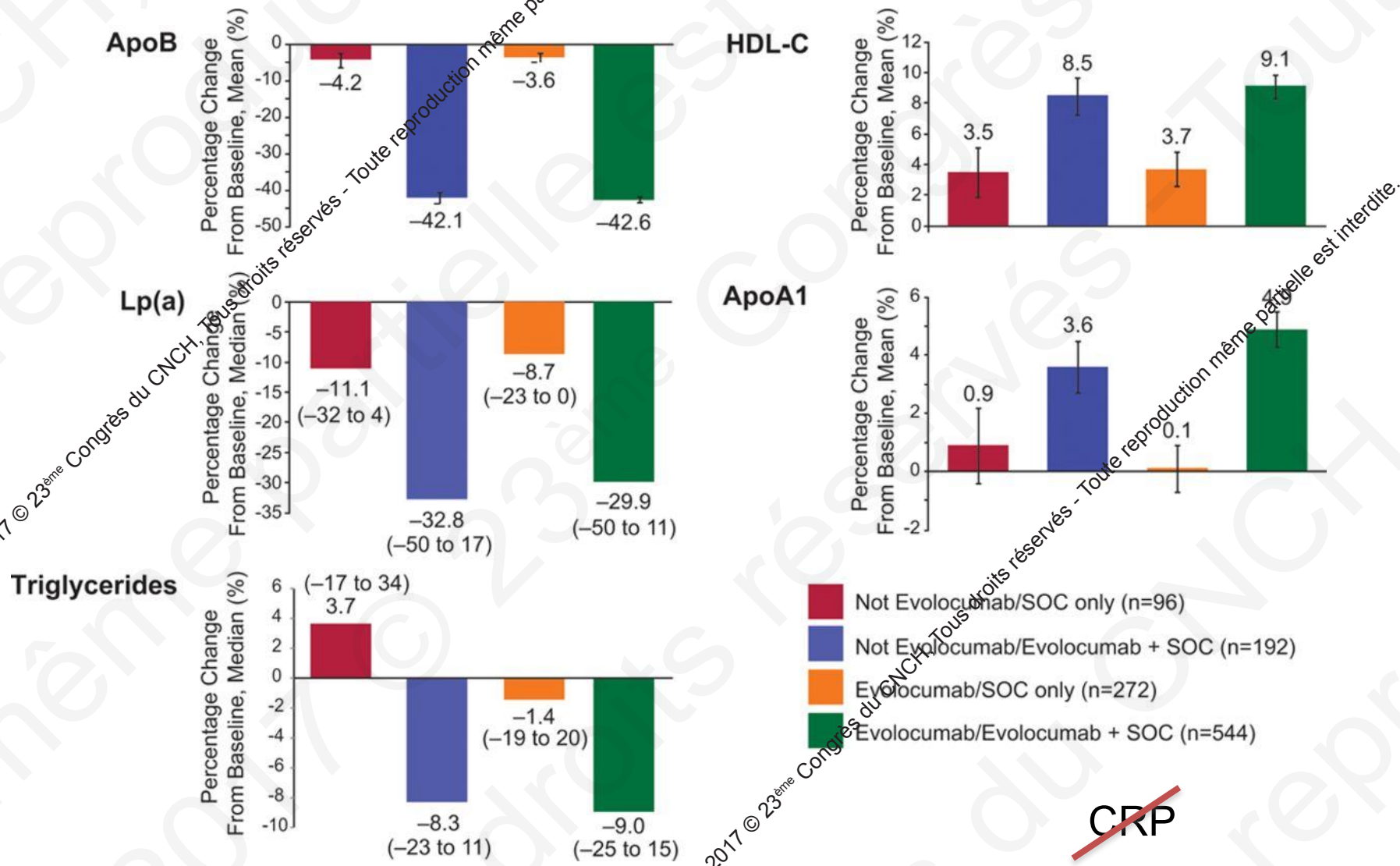




LDL Cholesterol



Percentage change from phase 2 parent study baseline at week 52 in apolipoprotein B (ApoB), lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)], triglycerides, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), and apolipoprotein A1 (ApoA1).



LDL and PCSK9 in JUPITER trial

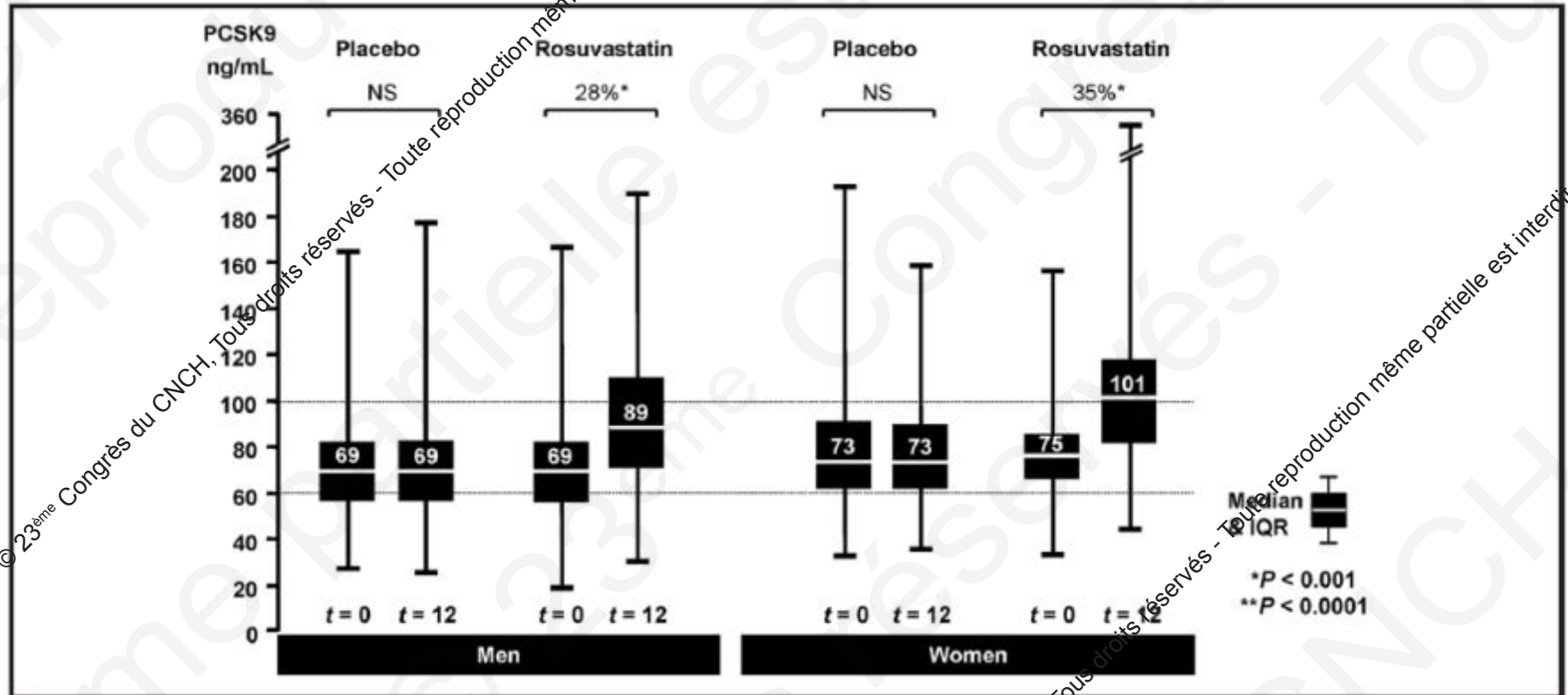
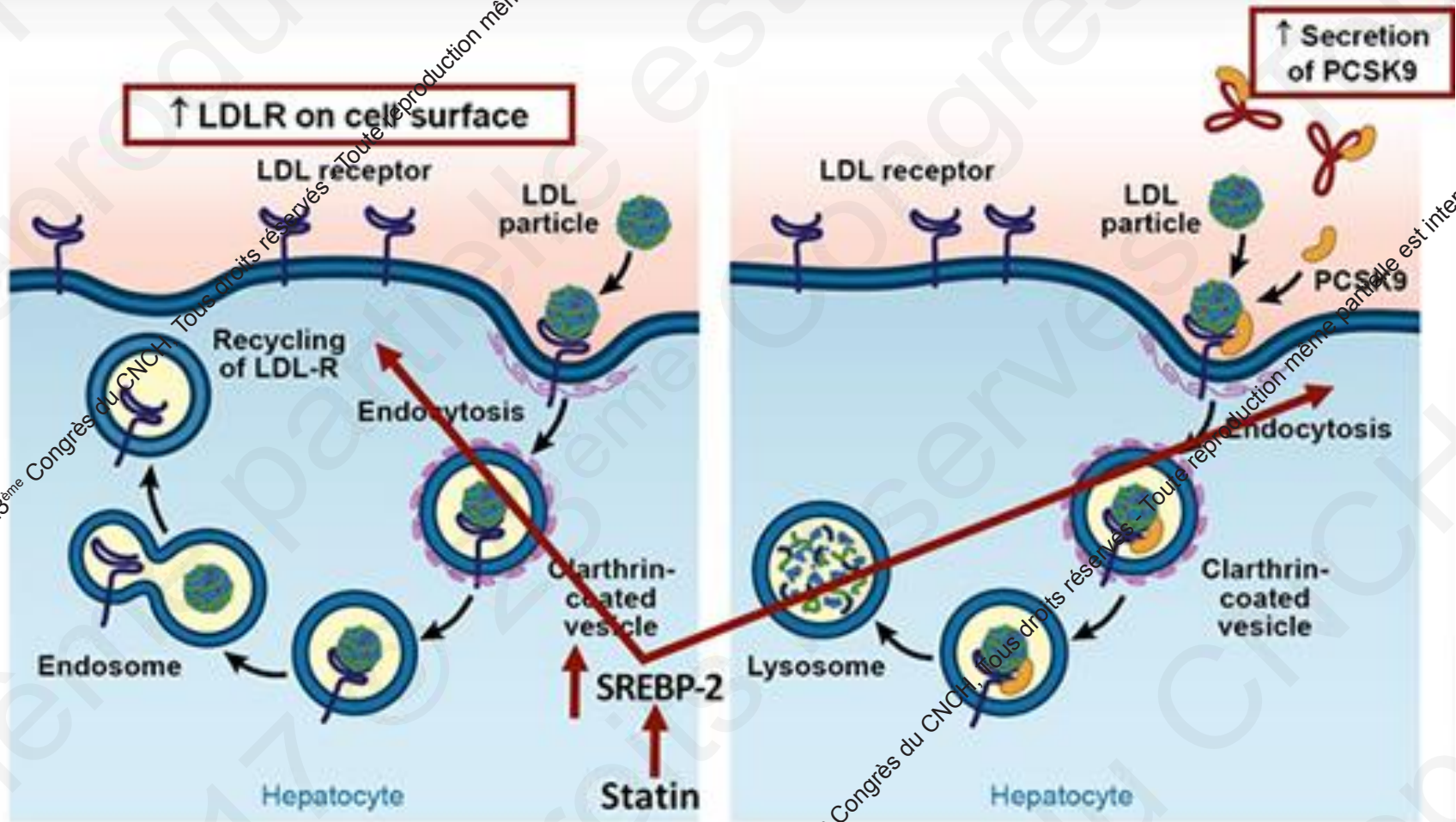


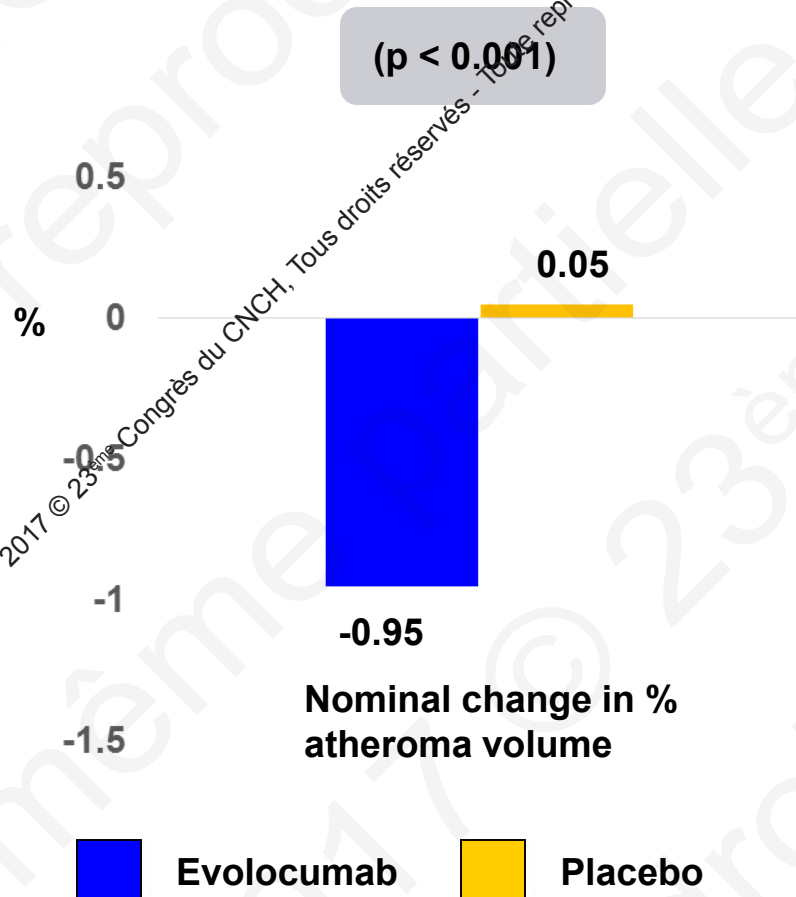
Figure 1. Stability of PCSK9 concentrations over 1 year in the JUPITER placebo arm vs the rosuvastatin arm. PCSK9 concentrations in men and women at baseline and over 1 year.

Vertical bars, minimum and maximum values; box, interquartile range (IQR); horizontal bar, median; NS, nonsignificant; t=0, baseline values; t=12, 1-year values. * $P < 0.001$.

Impact of Statin Therapy on PCSK9



Trial design: Patients with CAD and elevated LDL cholesterol on statin therapy were randomized to subcutaneous evolocumab (n = 484) vs. subcutaneous placebo (n = 486).



Results

- Nominal change in percent atheroma volume at 78 weeks: -0.95% in the evolocumab group vs. 0.05% in the placebo group (p < 0.001 for between-group comparison)
- Patients with plaque regression: 64.3% with evolocumab vs. 47.3% with placebo (p < 0.001)
- Major adverse cardiac events: 12.2% with evolocumab vs. 15.3% with placebo

Conclusions

- Among patients with angiographic evidence of CAD on chronic statin therapy, the PCSK9 inhibitor evolocumab resulted in a greater change in percent atheroma volume and a greater proportion of patients with plaque regression

Trial Design



**27,564 high-risk, stable patients with established CV disease
(prior MI, prior stroke, or symptomatic PAD)**

**Screening, Lipid Stabilization, and Placebo Run-in
High or moderate intensity statin therapy (\pm ezetimibe)**

**LDL-C \geq 70 mg/dL or
non-HDL-C \geq 100 mg/dL**

**RANDOMIZED
DOUBLE BLIND**

**Evolocumab SC
140 mg Q2W or 420 mg QM**

**Placebo SC
Q2W or QM**

Follow-up Q 12 weeks

Endpoints



- **Efficacy**
 - **Primary: CV death, MI, stroke, hosp. for UA, or coronary revasc**
 - **Key secondary: CV death, MI or stroke**
- **Safety**
 - **AES/SAEs**
 - **Events of interest incl. muscle-related, new-onset diabetes, neurocognitive**
 - **Development of anti-evolocumab Ab (binding and neutralizing)**
- **TIMI Clinical Events Committee (CEC)**
 - **Adjudicated all efficacy endpoints & new-onset diabetes**
 - **Members unaware of treatment assignment & lipid levels**

Baseline Characteristics



Characteristic	Value
Age, years, mean (SD)	63 (9)
Male sex (%)	75
Type of cardiovascular disease (%)	
Myocardial infarction	81
Stroke (non-hemorrhagic)	19
Symptomatic PAD	13
Cardiovascular risk factor (%)	
Hypertension	80
Diabetes mellitus	37
Current cigarette use	28

Median time from most recent event ~3 yrs

Pooled data; no differences between treatment arms

Lipid Lowering Therapy & Lipid Levels at Baseline



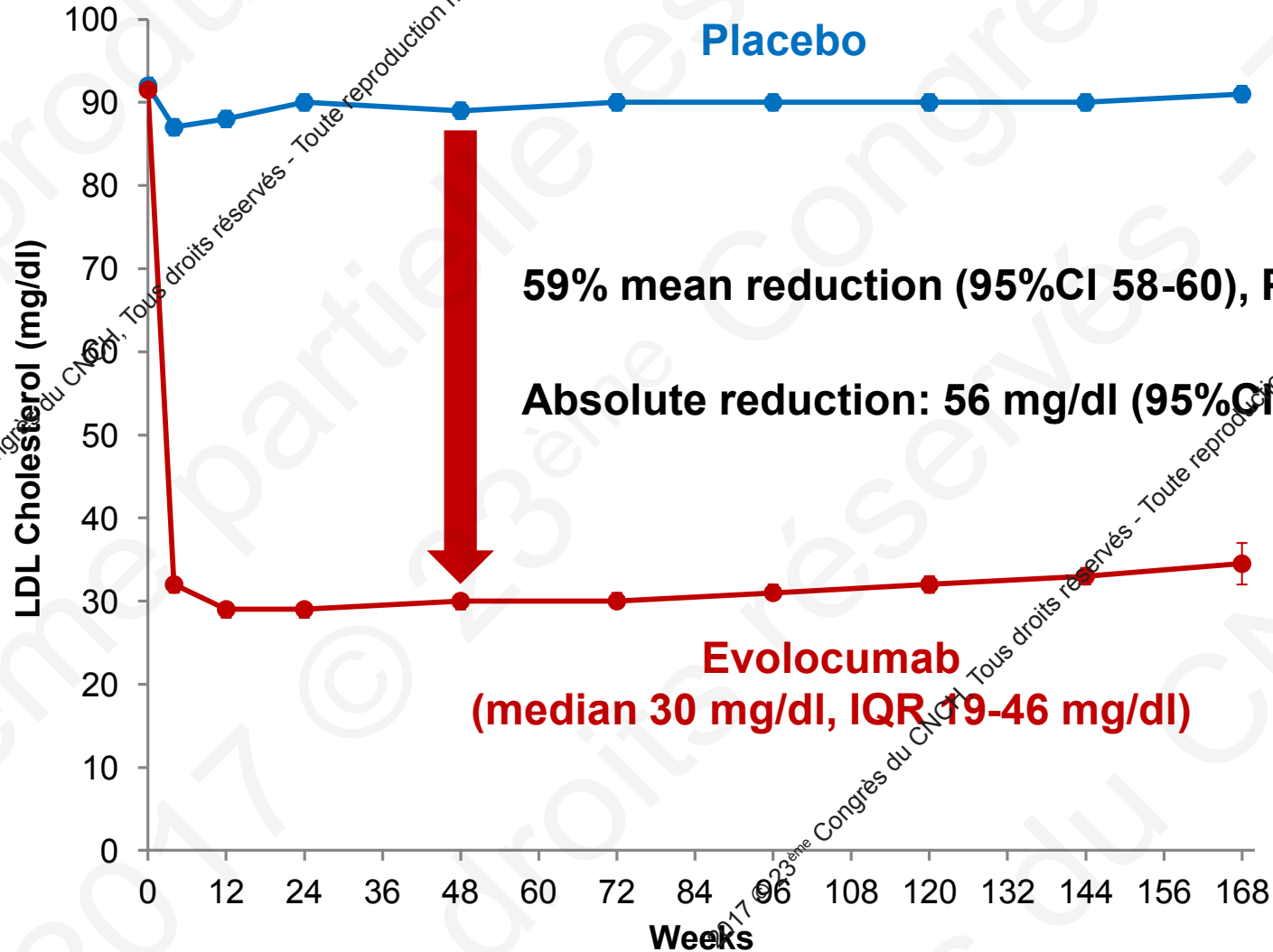
Characteristic	Value
Statin use (%) *	
High-intensity	69
Moderate-intensity	30
Ezetimibe use (%)	5
Median lipid measures (IQR) – mg/dL	
LDL-C	92 (80-109)
Total cholesterol	168 (151-189)
HDL-C	44 (37-53)
Triglycerides	133 (100-182)

*Per protocol, patients were to be on atorva ≥ 20 mg/d or equivalent.
1% were on low intensity or intensity data were missing.
Statin intensity defined per ACC/AHA 2013 Cholesterol Guidelines.

Pooled data; no differences between treatment arms

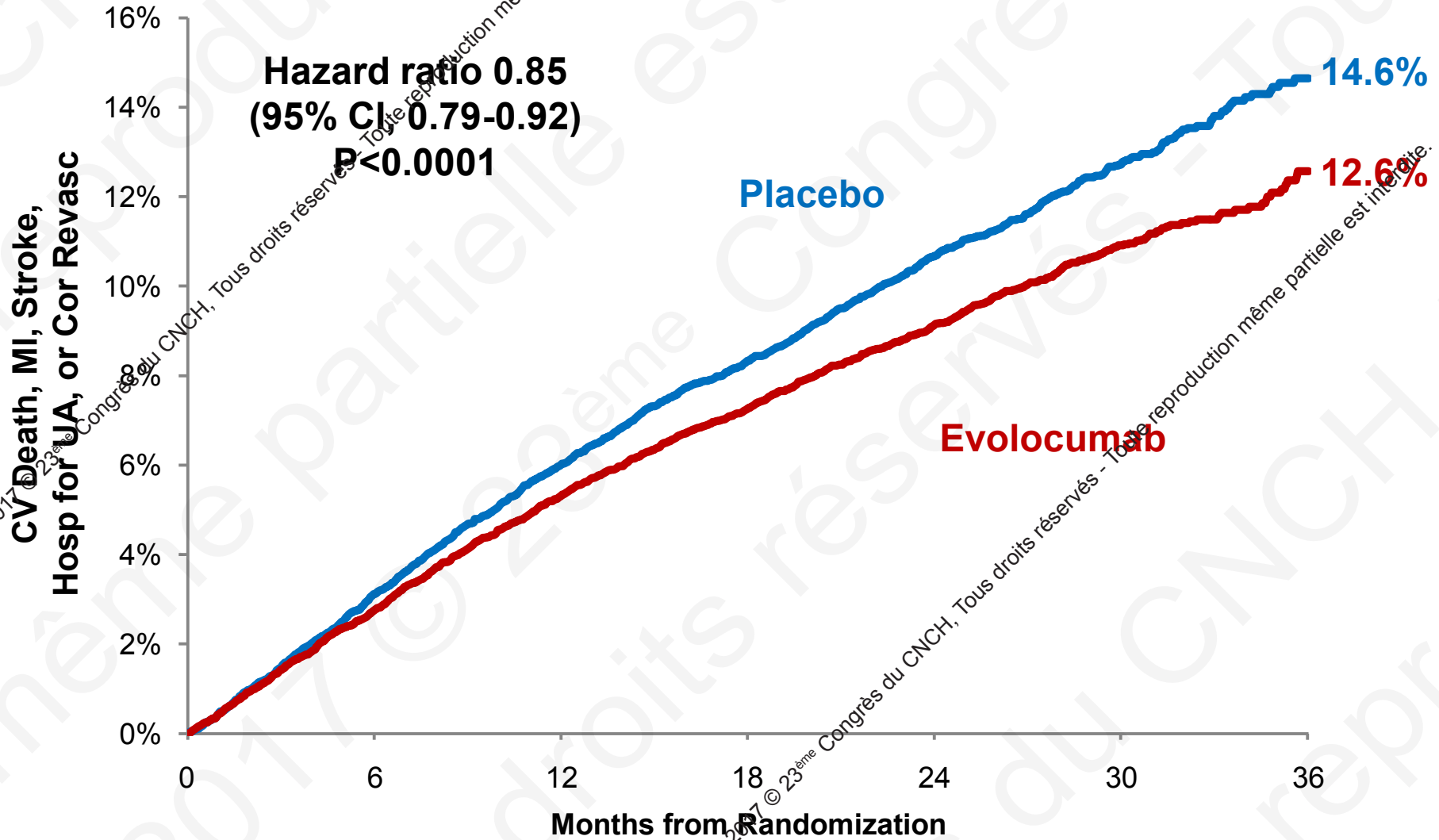


LDL Cholesterol





Primary Endpoint



Types of CV Outcomes



Endpoint	Evolocumab	Placebo	HR (95% CI)
	(N=13,784)	(N=13,780)	
	<i>3-yr Kaplan-Meier rate</i>		
CVD, MI, stroke, UA, or revasc	12.6	14.6	0.85 (0.79-0.92)
CV death, MI, or stroke	7.9	9.9	0.80 (0.73-0.88)
Cardiovascular death	2.5	2.4	1.05 (0.88-1.25)
MI	4.4	6.3	0.73 (0.65-0.82)
Stroke	2.2	2.6	0.79 (0.66-0.95)
Hosp for unstable angina	2.2	2.3	0.99 (0.82-1.18)
Coronary revasc	7.0	9.2	0.78 (0.71-0.86)
Urgent	3.7	5.4	0.73 (0.64-0.83)
Elective	3.9	4.6	0.83 (0.73-0.95)
Death from any cause	4.8	4.3	1.04 (0.91-1.19)

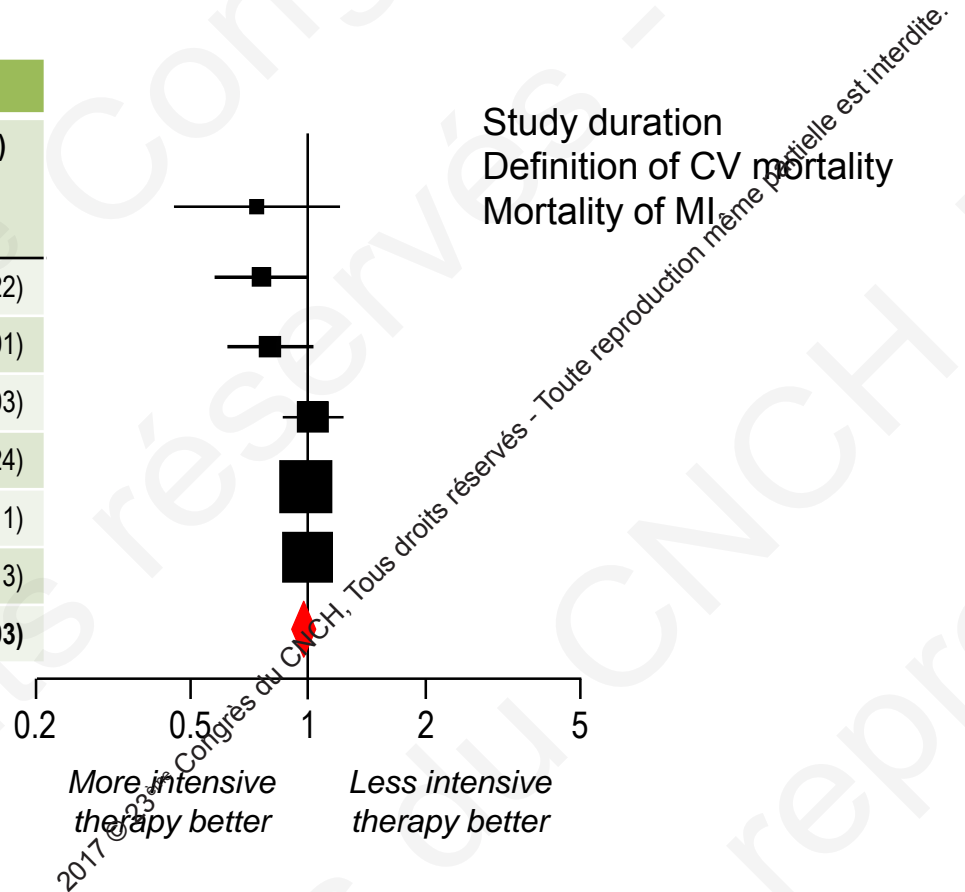
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More Intensive LDL-C Lowering & CV Death

No clear benefit on CV mortality

Trial	Year	# of CV Deaths		HR (95% CI)
		More Intensive Rx Arm	Less Intensive Rx Arm	
PROVE-IT TIMI 22	2004	27	36	0.74 (0.45-1.22)
A2Z	2004	86	111	0.76 (0.57-1.01)
TNT	2005	101	127	0.80 (0.61-1.03)
IDEAL	2005	223	218	1.03 (0.85-1.24)
SEARCH	2010	565	572	0.99 (0.88-1.11)
IMPROVE-IT	2015	538	537	1.00 (0.89-1.13)
Summary		1540	1601	0.96 (0.90-1.03)

NEJM 2004;350:1495-504
 JAMA 2004;292:1307-16
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Safety

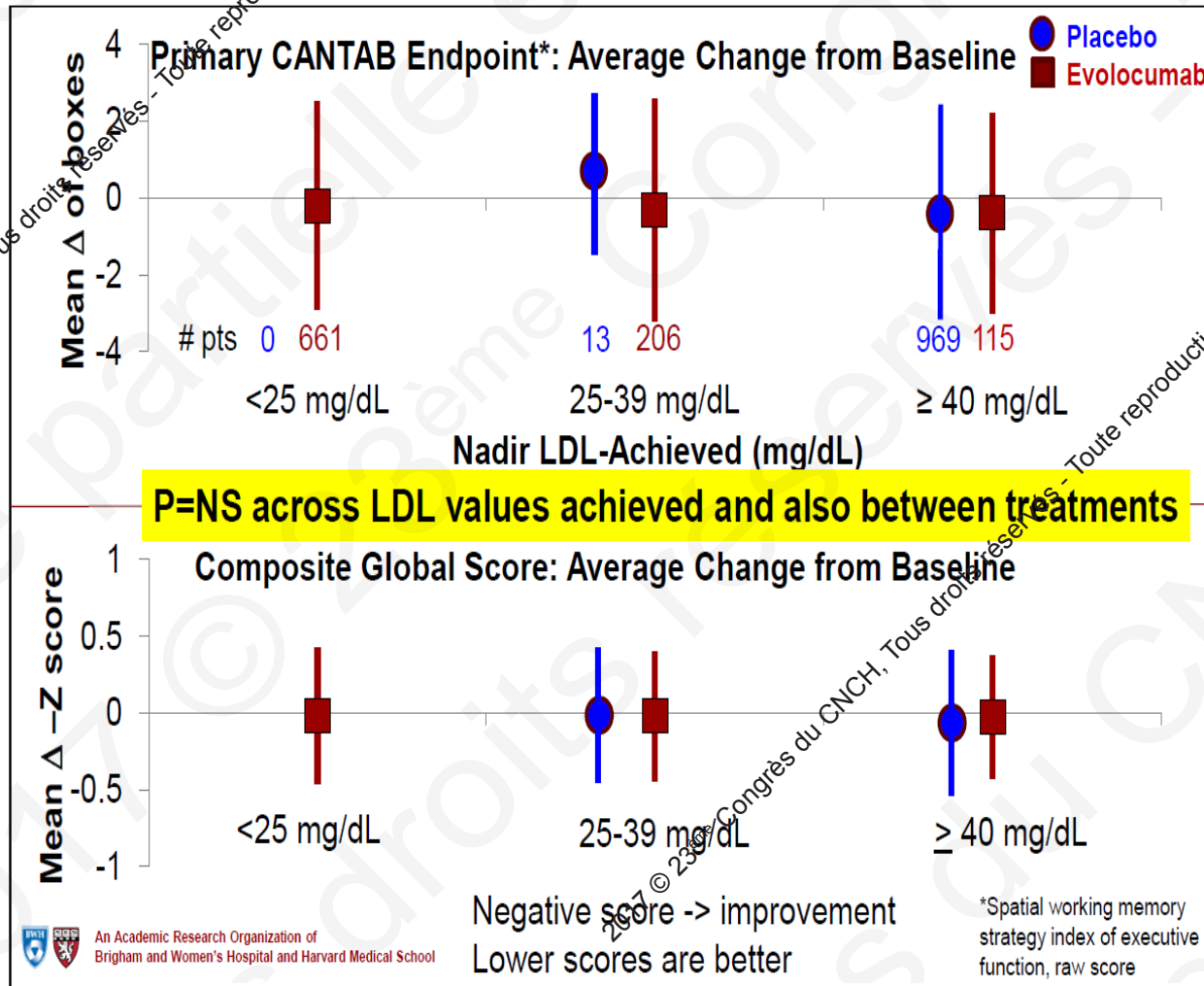


	Evolocumab (N=13,769)	Placebo (N=13,756)
Adverse events (%)		
Any	77.4	77.4
Serious	24.8	24.7
Allergic reaction	3.1	2.9
Injection-site reaction	2.1	1.6
Treatment-related and led to d/c of study drug	1.6	1.5
Muscle-related	5.0	4.8
Cataract	1.7	1.8
Diabetes (new-onset)	8.1	7.7
Neurocognitive	1.6	1.5
Laboratory results (%)		
Binding Ab	0.3	n/a
Neutralizing Ab	none	n/a

New-onset diabetes assessed in patients without diabetes at baseline; adjudicated by CEC

Un LDL-c très bas est associé à un déclin cognitif ?

- **Ebbinghaus**: absence de déclin cognitif décelable par le Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated Battery, en 2 ans, sur 770 pts, avec Evolocumab, quelque soit le niveau de LDL-C.



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Bocozizumab - Spire

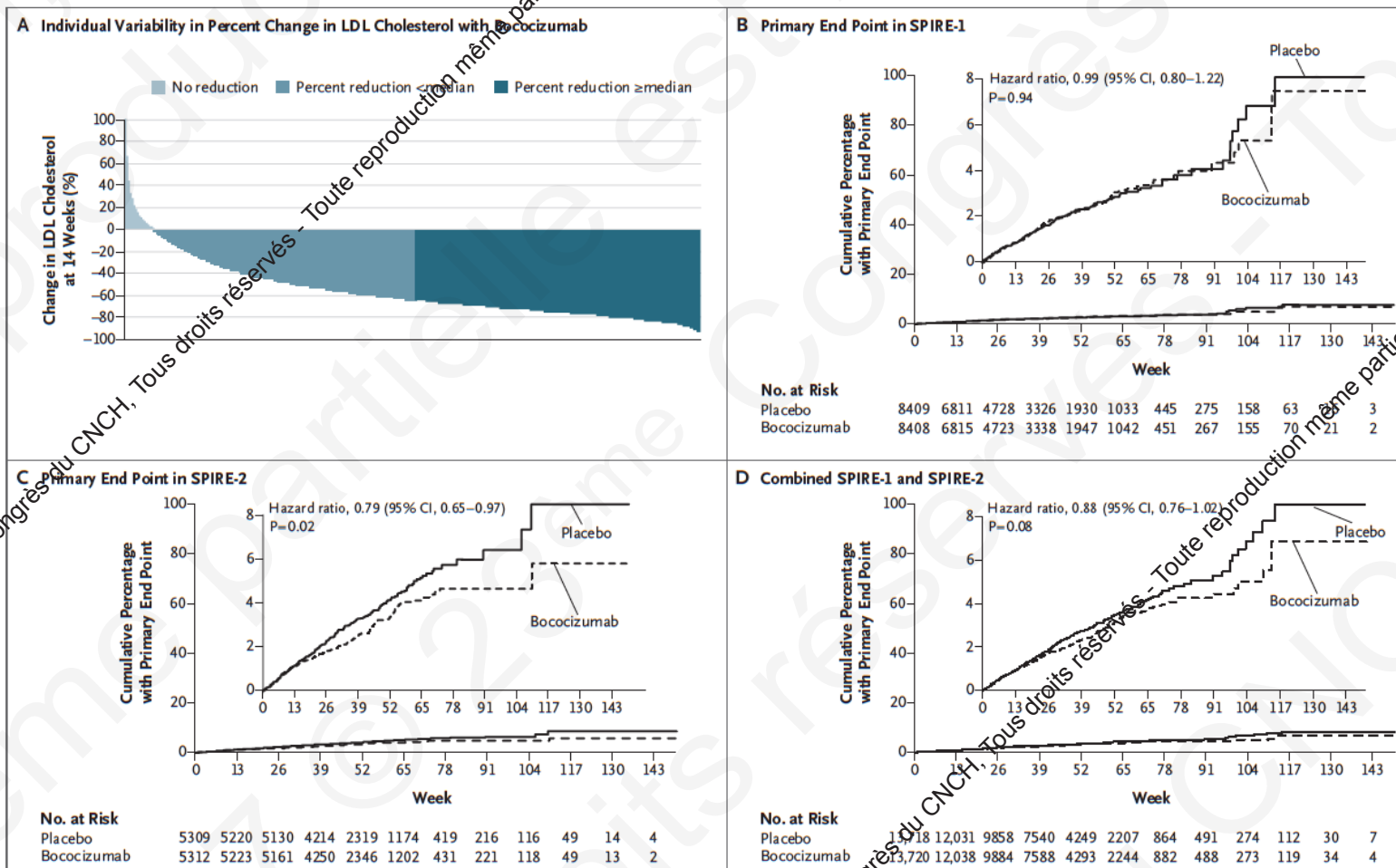
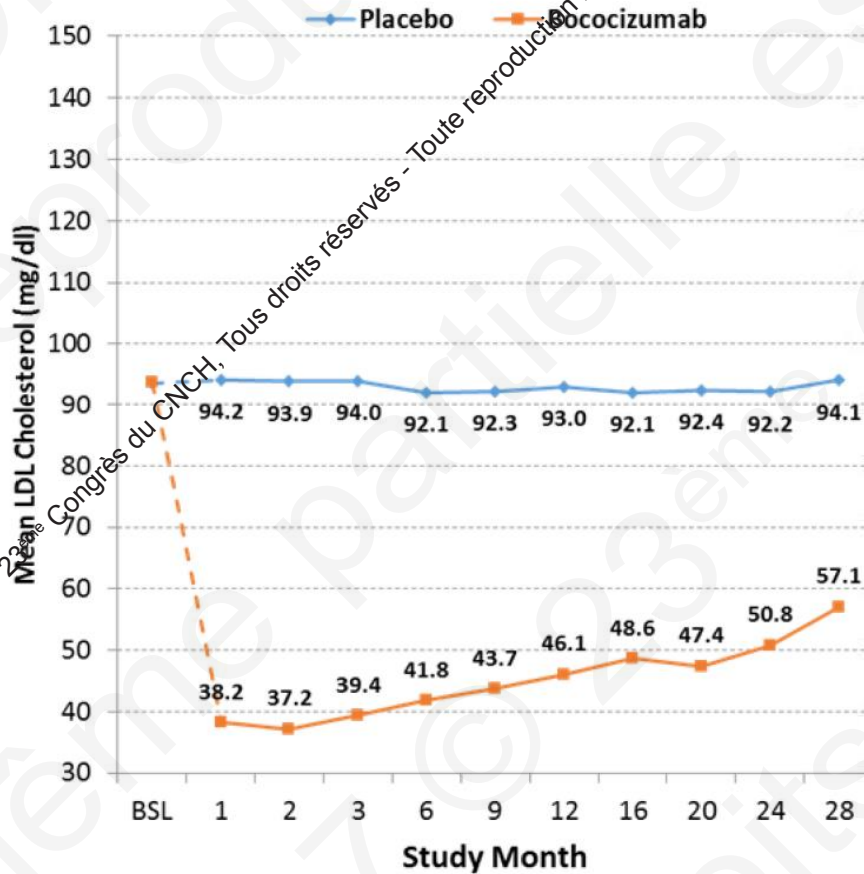


Figure 1. Percent Reduction in LDL Cholesterol and the Primary End Point in SPIRE-1 and SPIRE-2.

A waterfall plot shows wide variability in percent reductions in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels at 14 weeks for each patient in the bococizumab group in SPIRE-1 and SPIRE-2 combined (median reduction in LDL cholesterol levels from baseline at 14 weeks, 64% (Panel A)). Also shown is the cumulative incidence of the primary end point (nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, hospitalization for unstable angina requiring urgent revascularization, or cardiovascular death) in the bococizumab group and the placebo group in SPIRE-1 (Panel B), SPIRE-2 (Panel C), and the two trials combined (Panel D). In Panels B, C, and D, the insets show the same data on an enlarged y axis.

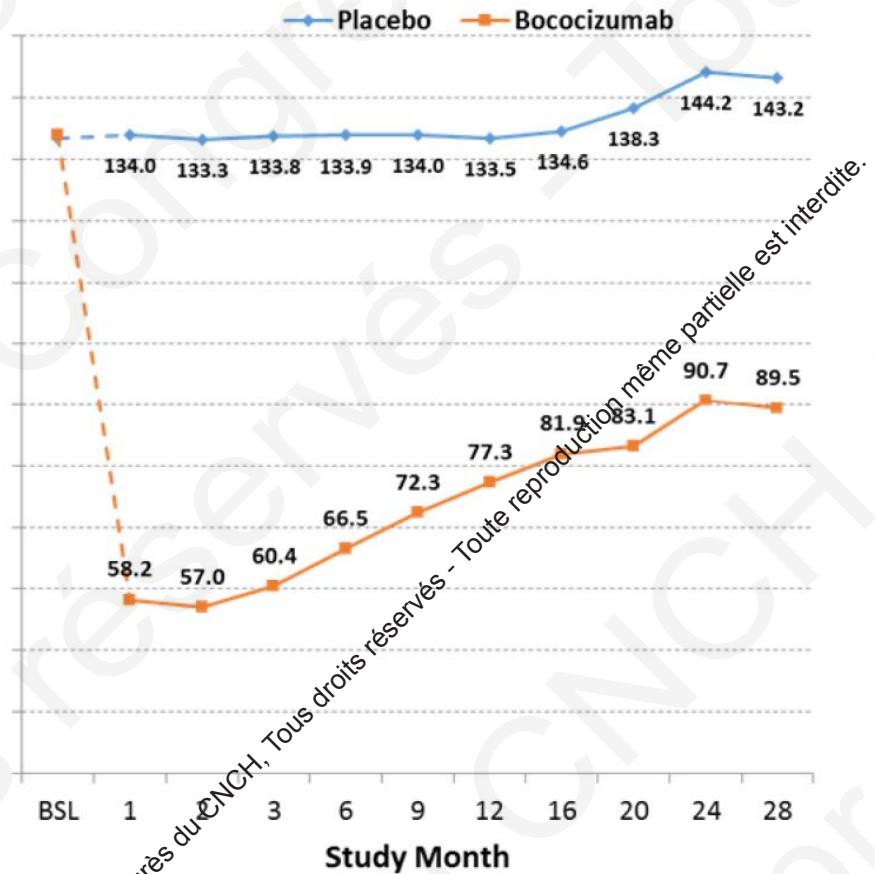
Bocozizumab - Spire

SPIRE-1



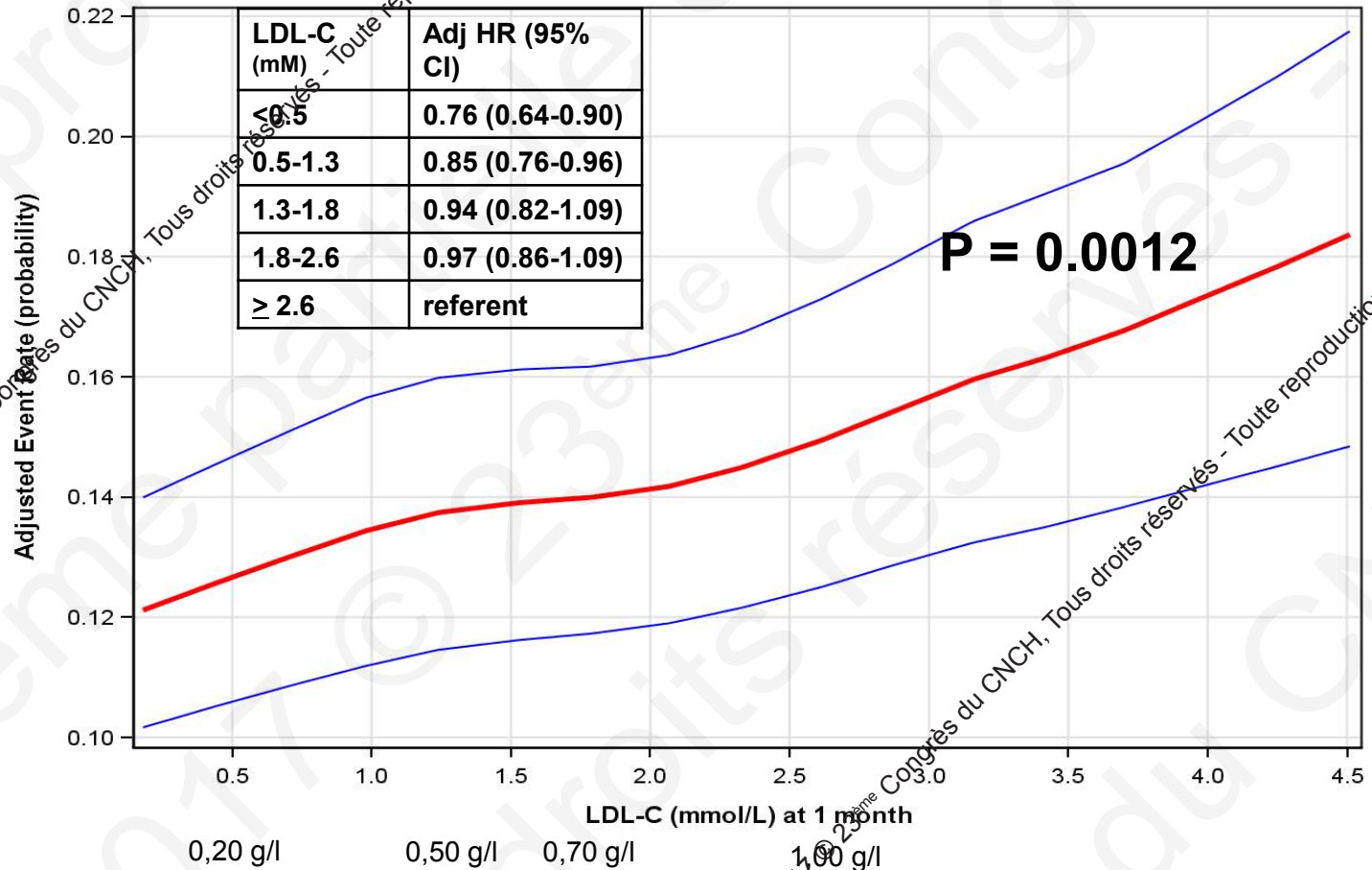
Placebo	8409	7417	7071	6464	5086	3437	2259	925	356	172	57
Bococizumab	8408	7392	7082	6452	5081	3429	2297	931	341	177	66

SPIRE-2



Placebo	5309	4743	4606	4734	4909	4320	2713	1027	301	132	42
Bococizumab	5312	4763	4609	4680	4908	4352	2798	1084	312	139	47

MACE / LDL at 4 weeks



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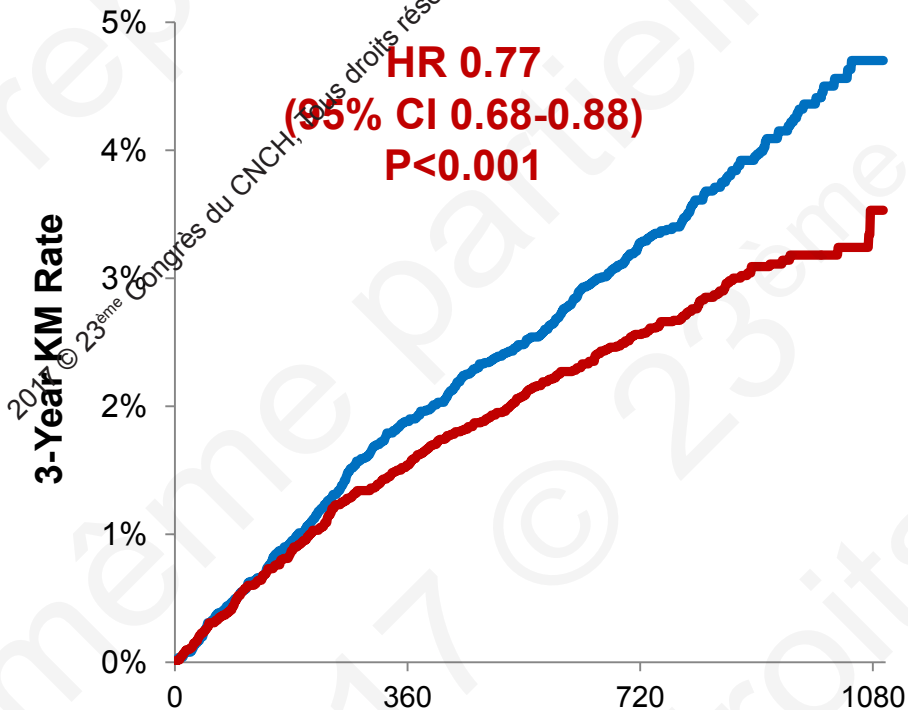
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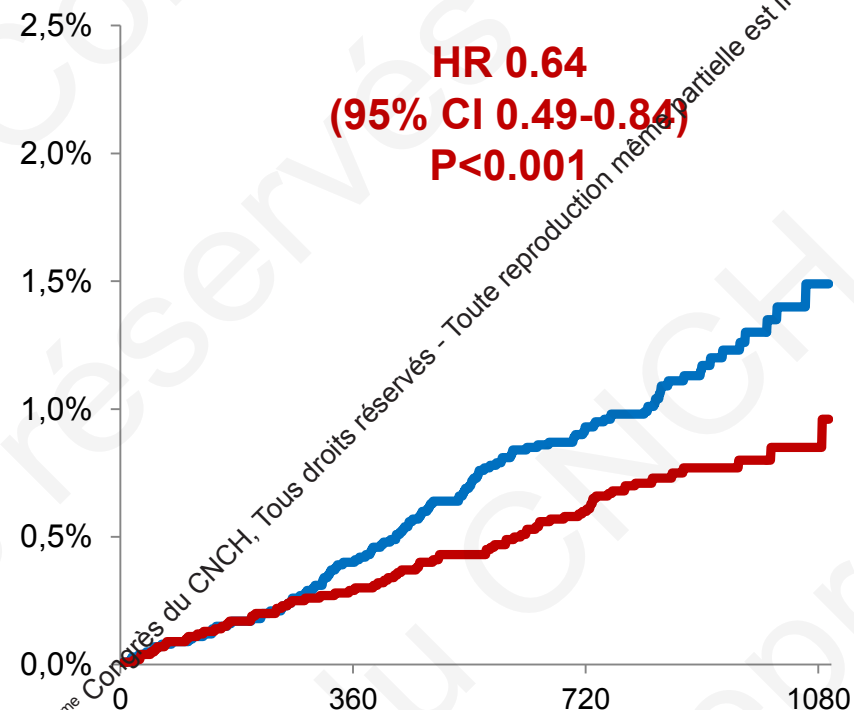
Effect of Evolocumab by MI Type: NSTEMI and STEMI



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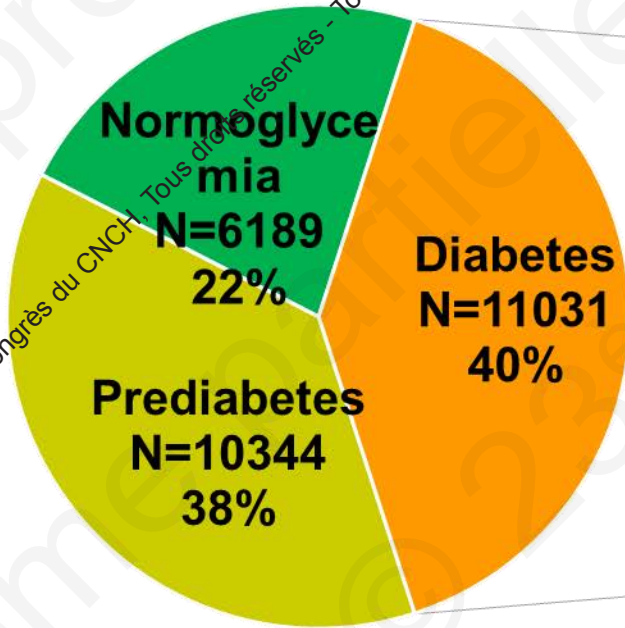


STEMI

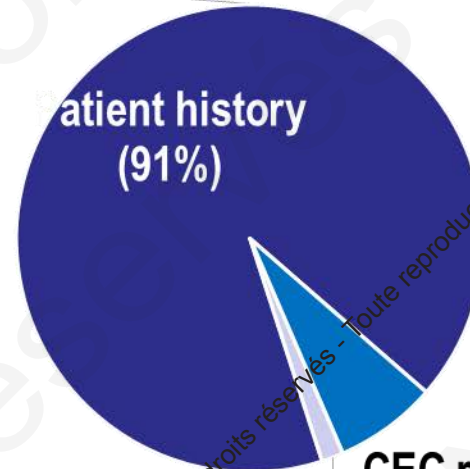




Diabetes at Baseline



Diagnosis of diabetes:



Median duration 5.7 y (IQR 1.9-11.9)

25% taking insulin

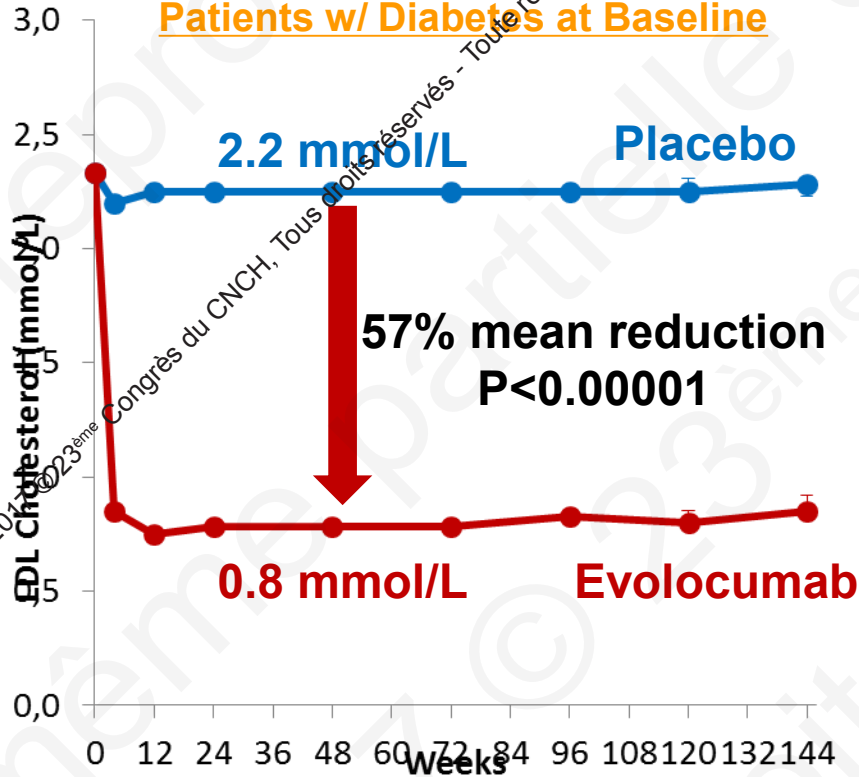




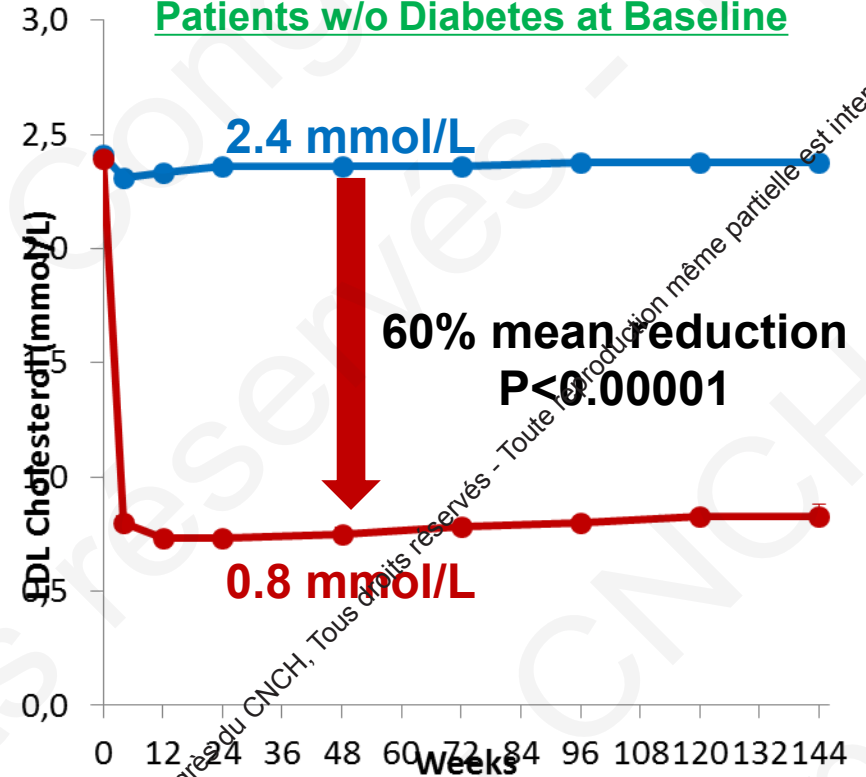
LDL-C Reduction with Evolocumab



Patients w/ Diabetes at Baseline

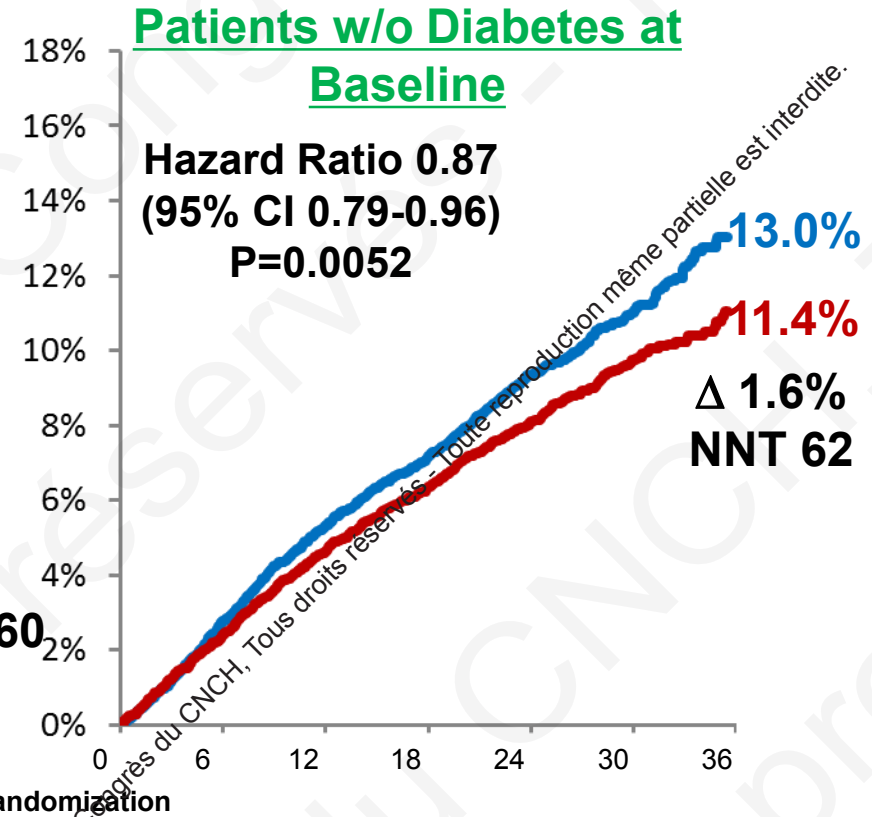
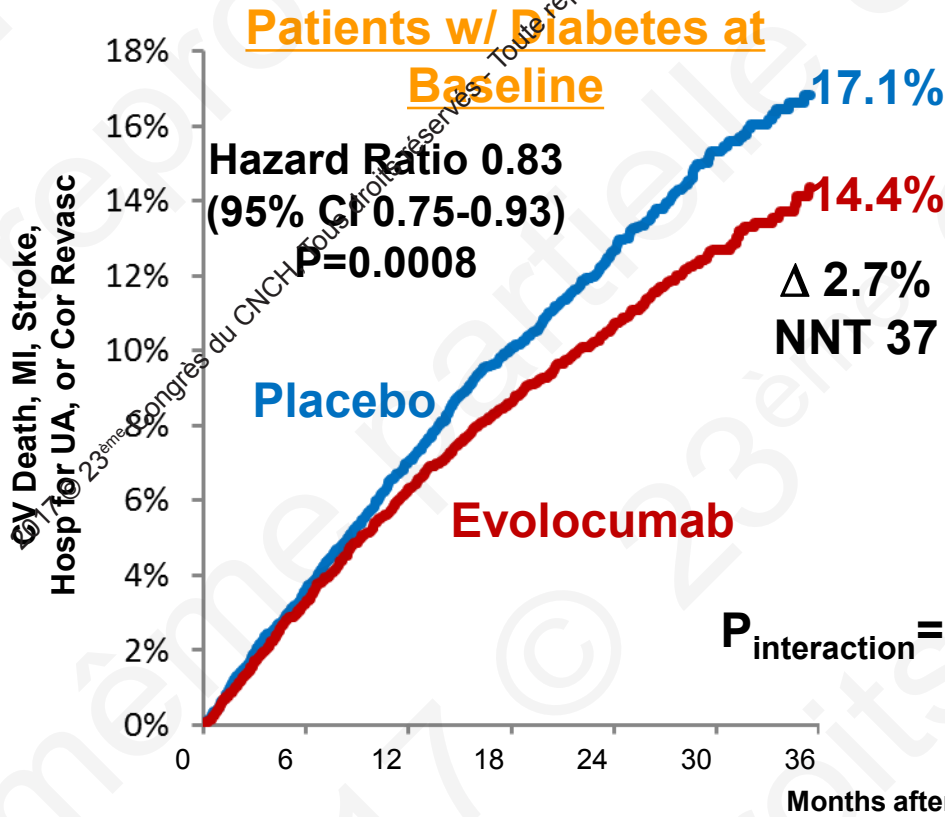


Patients w/o Diabetes at Baseline



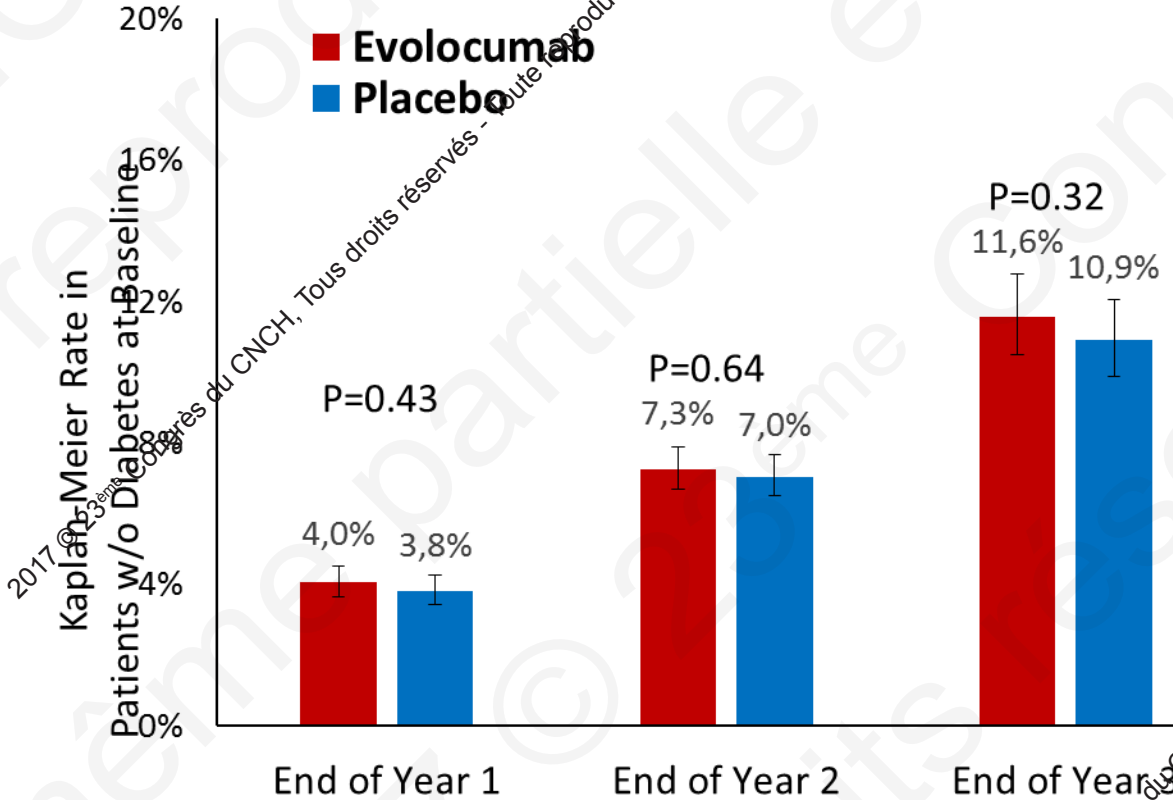


Effect of Evolocumab on Primary Endpoint





New-Onset Diabetes



In all patients w/o diabetes at baseline (1294 incident cases in 16,510 patients):

HR 1.05 (95% CI 0.94-1.17)

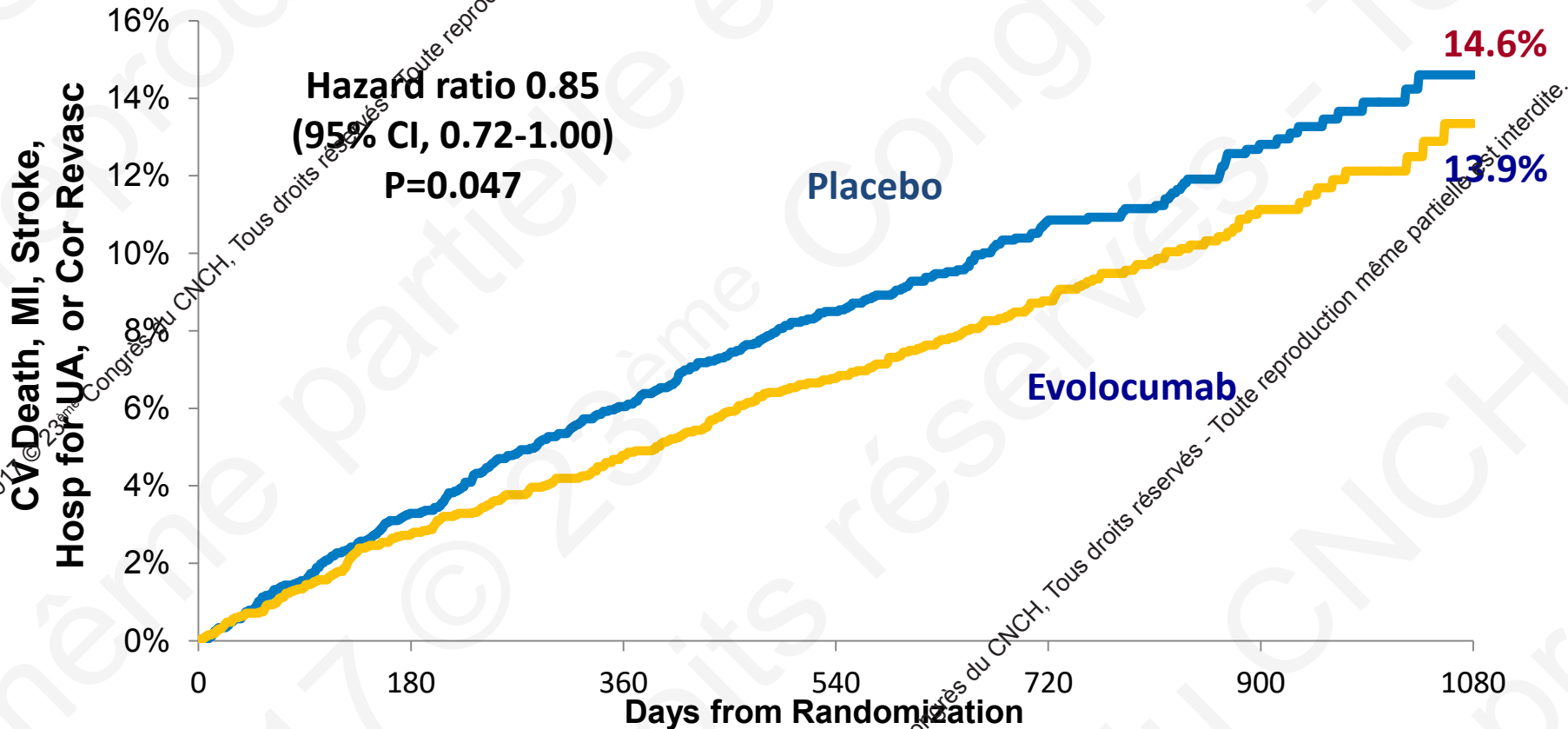
In patients w/ prediabetes at baseline (1163 incident cases in 10,338 patients):

HR 1.00 (95% CI 0.89-1.13)



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Hx Stroke Cohort: Primary Endpoint



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Safety in Cohort With Stroke

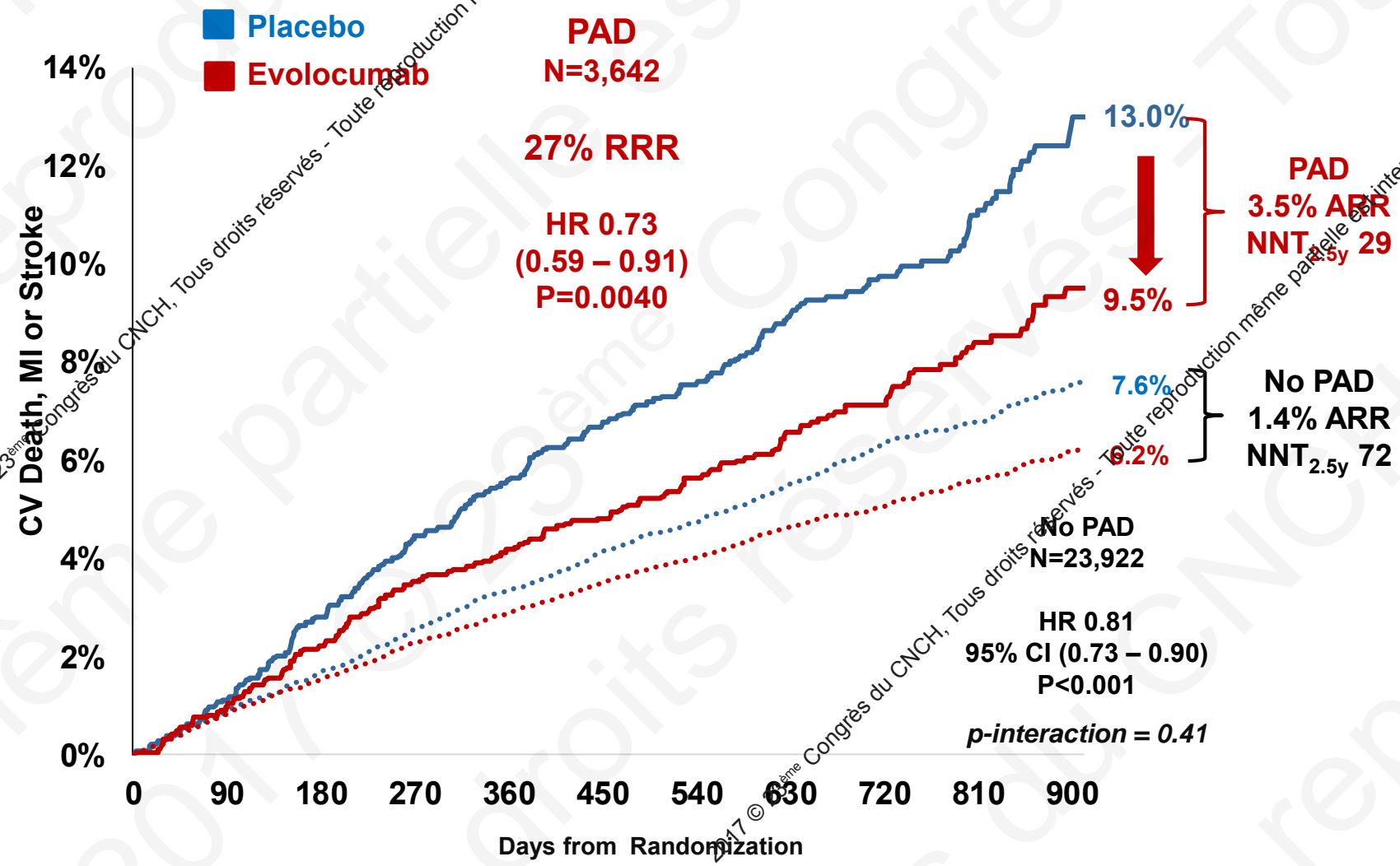


Event	Evolocumab n	Placebo n	p-value
Neurocognitive AE	53	53	0.942
Headache	93	115	0.097
Arthralgia	121	99	0.159
Fatigue	65	52	0.255
New onset diabetes	114	106	0.640
AST or ALT >3X ULN	36	44	0.339
Cataract	55	44	0.254

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CV Death, MI or Stroke in Patients with and without Peripheral Artery Disease



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