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# **Current Role of PCSK9 Inhibitors**

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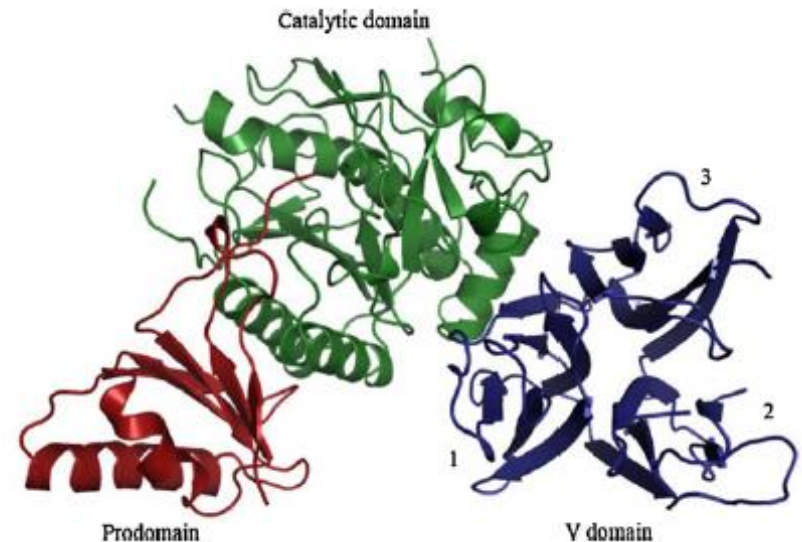
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# Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin-Kexin Type 9

- Secreted serine protease
- Targets the LDL-receptor for degradation
  - May also influence Apo B synthesis and TG secretion
- Gain of function mutation → higher LDL-C
- Loss of function mutation → lower LDL-C



# FDA Approval August 2015

## **Alirocumab (Praluent)**

- Adjunct to diet and maximally tolerated statin to treat adults with HeFH or clinical ASCVD who need more LDL-C reduction

### **Alirocumab Dose**

- Initiate 75 mg SQ every 2 weeks
- May ↑ dose to 150 mg every 2 weeks

## **Evolocumab (Repatha)**

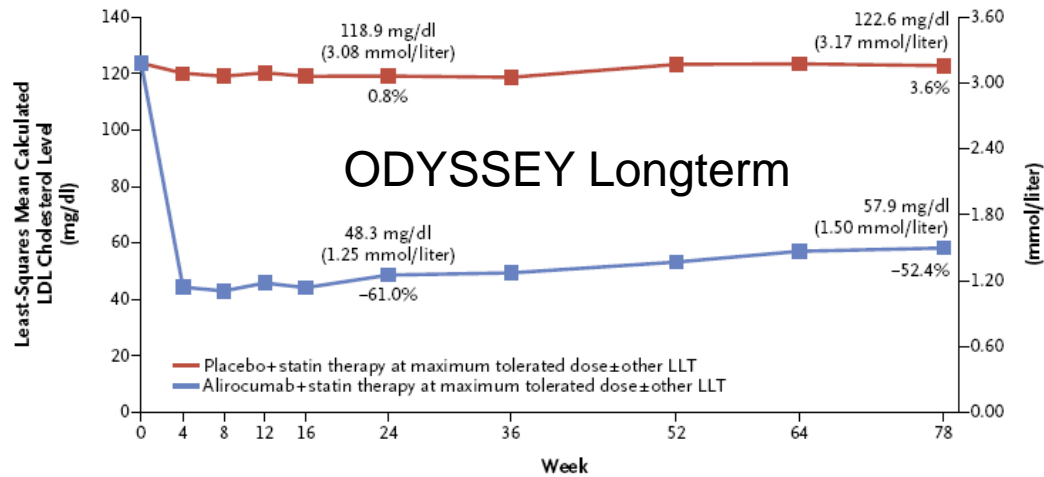
- Adjunct to diet and maximally tolerated statin to treat adults with HeFH or clinical ASCVD who need more LDL-C reduction
- Adjunct to diet and other LDL-lowering Rx (e.g., statins, ezetimibe, LDL apheresis) in patients with HoFH who need more LDL-C reduction

### **Evolocumab Dose**

- ASCVD or HeFH  
140 mg SQ every 2 weeks or  
420 mg SQ monthly
- HoFH  
420 mg SQ monthly



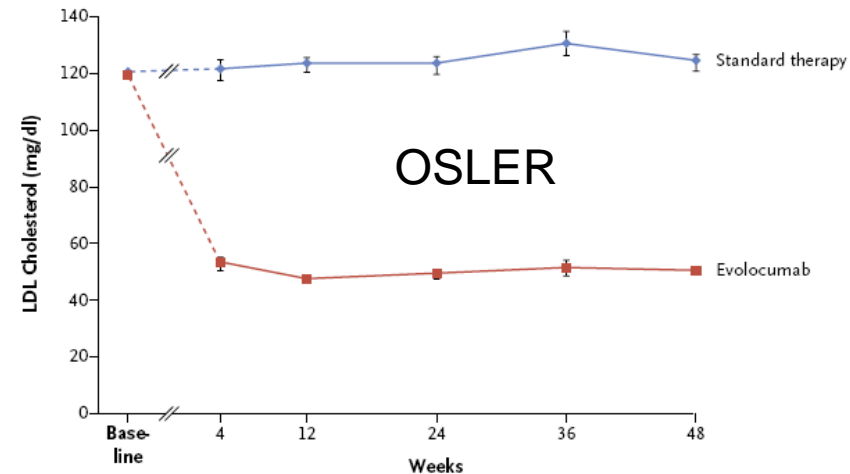
# LDL-C Effects on Statin Background



No. of Patients  
with Data  
Available

Placebo	780	754	747	746	716	708	694	676	655
Alirocumab	1530	1473	1458	1436	1412	1386	1359	1349	1324

**Evolocumab**



No. at Risk

Standard therapy	1489	394	1388	1376	402	1219
Evolocumab	2976	864	2871	2828	841	2508

Absolute reduction (mg/dl)

45.3	60.9	70.4	72.7	70.5
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Percentage reduction

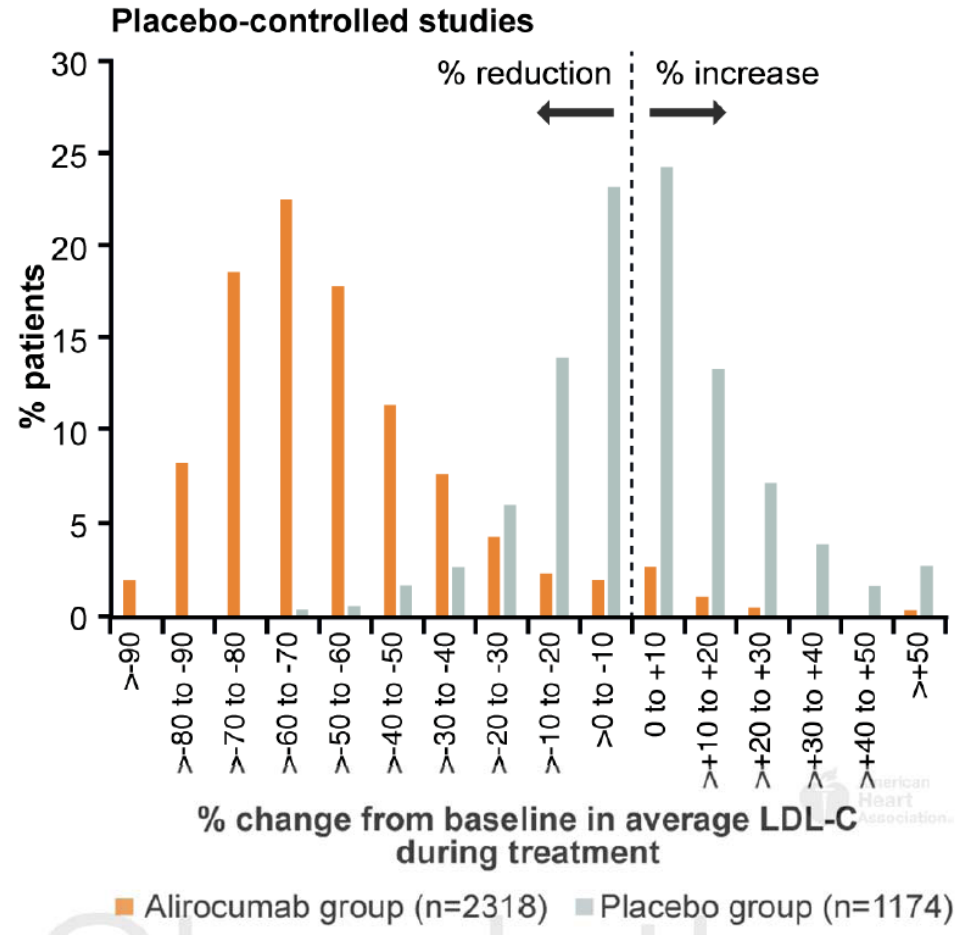
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P value

Sabatine et al. NEJM 2015;372:1500-9  
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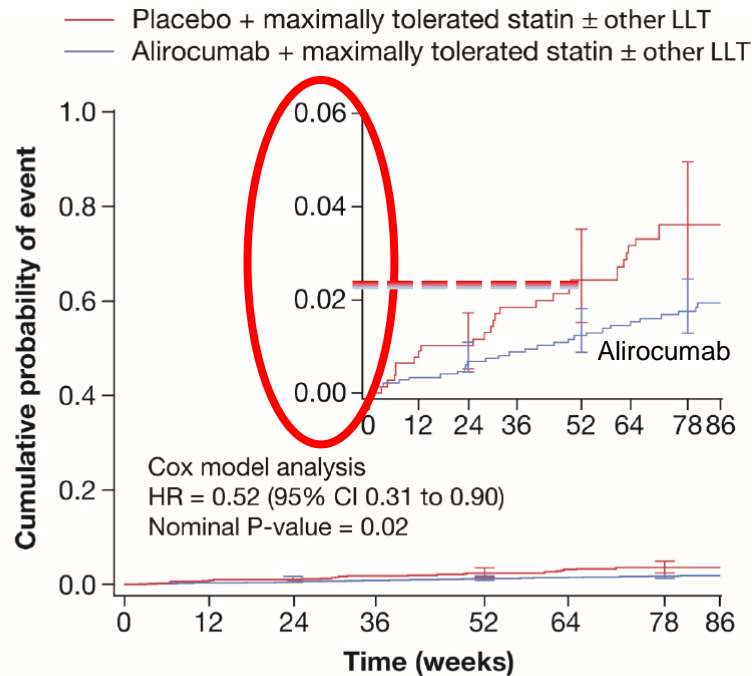
# Heterogeneity of Response to PCSK9 Inhibition

- Pooled data from 10 trials in the Phase 3 ODYSSEY Program
- Treatment for 24-104 weeks
- 52% of alirocumab treated individuals achieved LDL-C <50 mg/dL in placebo-controlled studies



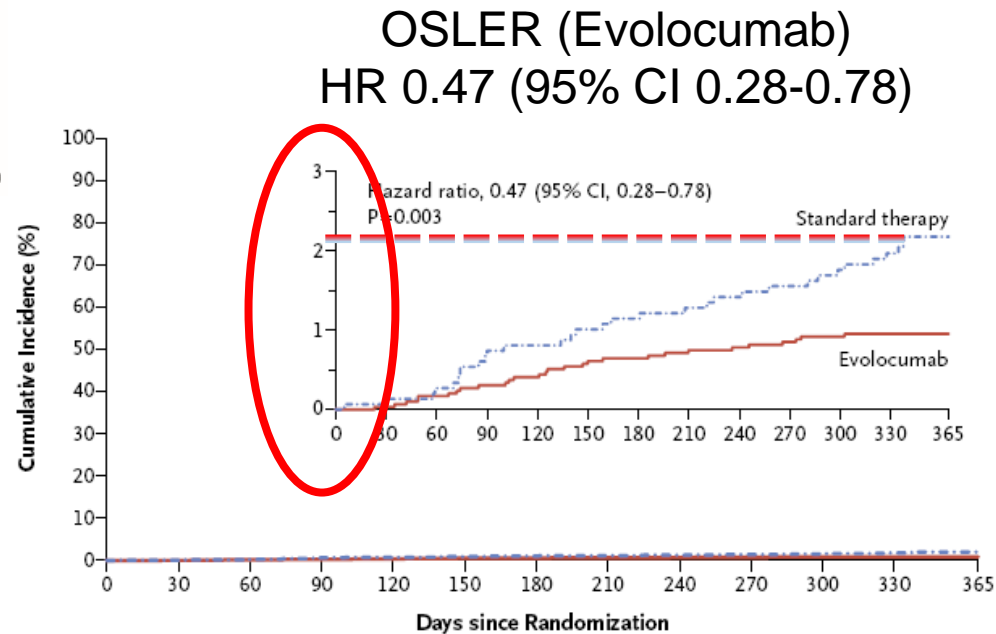
# Post-hoc Data on CV Outcomes

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No. at risk								
Placebo	788	776	731	700	670	653	644	597
Alirocumab	1550	1533	1445	1392	1342	1306	1266	1170

ODYSSEY Longterm (Alirocumab)  
HR = 0.52 (95% CI 0.31-0.90)



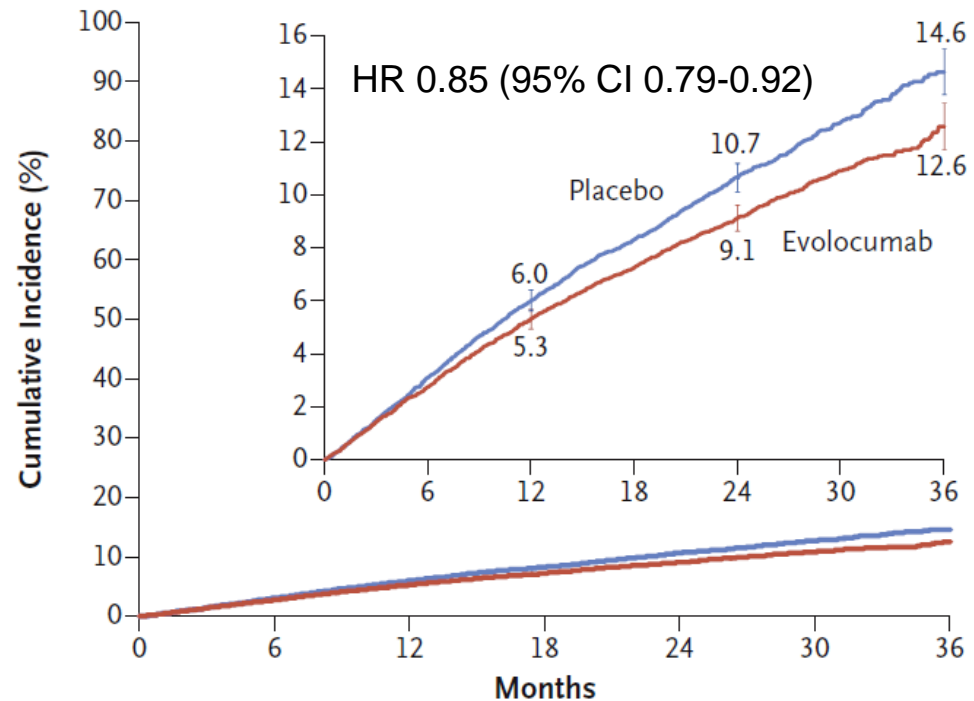
No. at Risk													
Standard therapy	1489	1486	1481	1473	1467	1463	1458	1454	1447	1438	1428	1361	407
Evolocumab	2976	2970	2962	2949	2938	2930	2920	2910	2901	2885	2871	2778	843



# FOURIER Trial

- N=27,564
  - ASCVD
  - LDL-C  $\geq 70$  mg/dL\* on statin therapy
- Median F/U 2.2 years
- Evolocumab vs placebo
- LDL-C reduction 59% (90 --> 30 mg/dL)
- 1° EP: CV death, MI, stroke, hospitalization for UA, or coronary revascularization
- 2° EP: CV death, MI, or stroke

## FOURIER Primary Endpoint



### No. at Risk

Placebo	13,780	13,278	12,825	11,871	7610	3690	686
Evolocumab	13,784	13,351	12,939	12,070	7771	3746	689

Sabatine et al. NEJM 2017;376:1713-1722

\*1.8 mmol/L



# FOURIER Adverse Events

Outcome	Evolocumab (N = 13,769)	Placebo (N = 13,756)
Adverse events — no. of patients (%)		
Any	10,664 (77.4)	10,644 (77.4)
Serious	3410 (24.8)	3404 (24.7)
Thought to be related to the study agent and leading to discontinuation of study regimen	226 (1.6)	201 (1.5)
Injection-site reaction*	296 (2.1)	219 (1.6)
Allergic reaction	420 (3.1)	393 (2.9)
Muscle-related event	682 (5.0)	656 (4.8)
Rhabdomyolysis	8 (0.1)	11 (0.1)
Cataract	228 (1.7)	242 (1.8)
Adjudicated case of new-onset diabetes†	677 (8.1)	644 (7.7)
Neurocognitive event	217 (1.6)	202 (1.5)

# Cost

Listed price in US:  $\approx$  \$14,000 / year

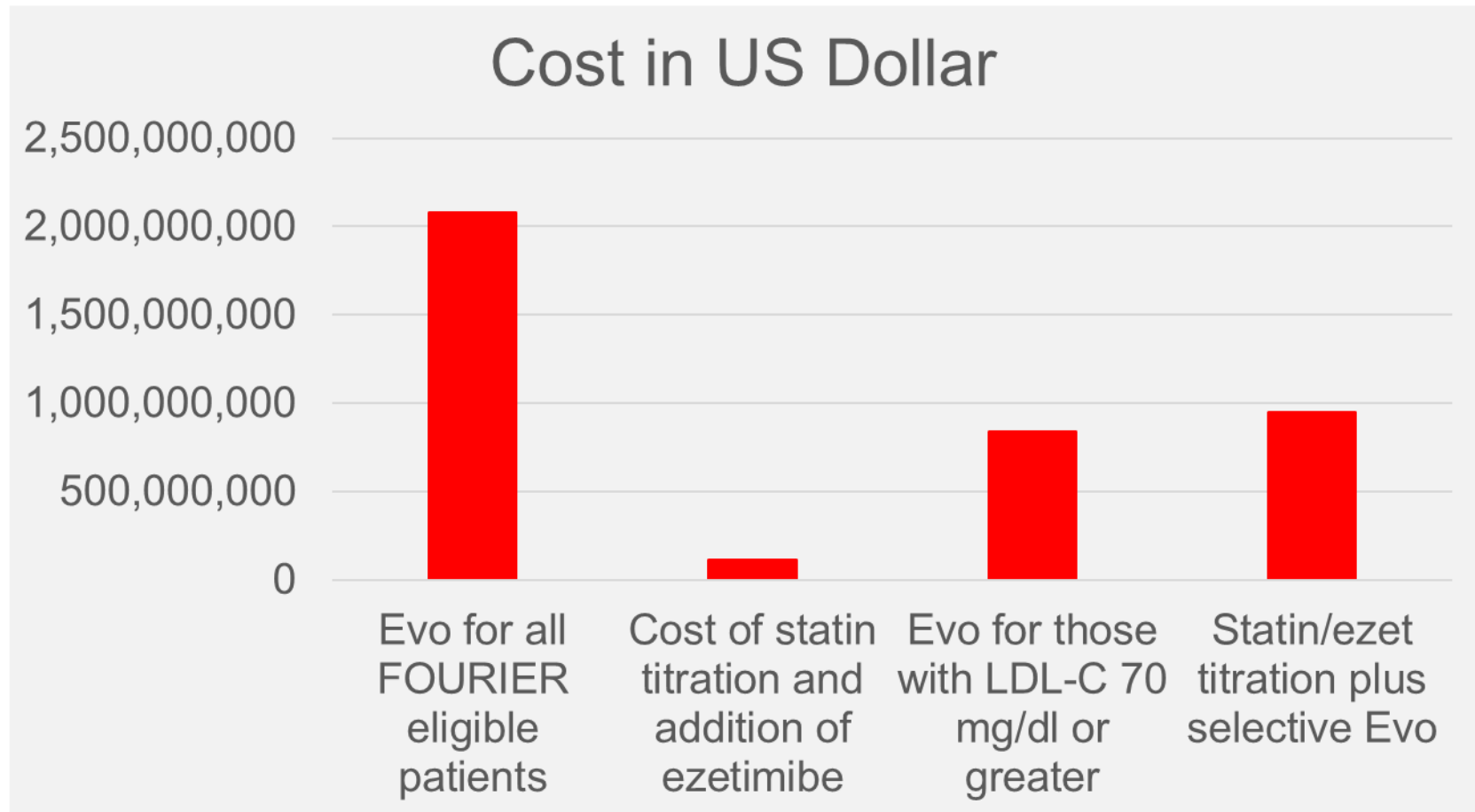
## Primary Endpoint

- Absolute RR 1.5%  $\rightarrow$  NNT 74 (for 2 years)
- Cost for 2 years of treatment to prevent 1 event: \$ 2,072,000

## Secondary Endpoint

- Absolute RR 1.3%  $\rightarrow$  NNT 77 (for 2 years)
- Cost for 2 years of treatment to prevent 1 event: \$ 2,156,000

# Applying FOURIER to the VA Population



# Take Home Points

- PCSK9 Inhibitors are powerful LDL-C lowering agents.
  - Response to PCSK9-inhibition is heterogeneous
- Evolocumab reduced events in the FOURIER trial and there was no major safety signal
  - Event reduction less robust than estimated from the pooled post-hoc analyses
  - Follow-up was very short
- PCSK9 inhibitors are expensive
  - Intensification of statin and addition of ezetimibe can reduce the need for PCSK9 inhibition and significantly reduce costs





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