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# Rimedi nutraceutici per le dislipidemie



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# Conflitti di interesse



Ai sensi dell'art. 3.3 sul conflitto di interessi, pag 17 del Regolamento Applicativo Stato-Regioni del 5/11/2009, dichiaro che negli ultimi 2 anni ho avuto rapporti diretti di finanziamento con i seguenti soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario:

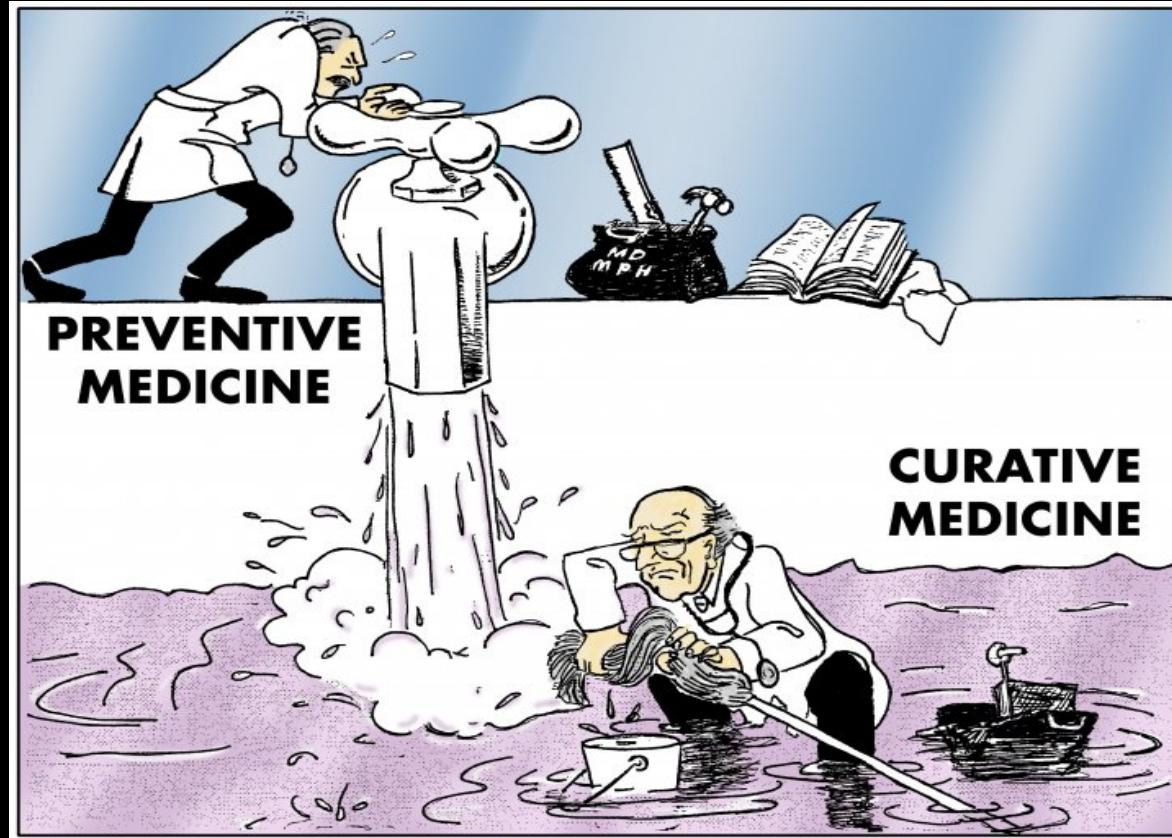
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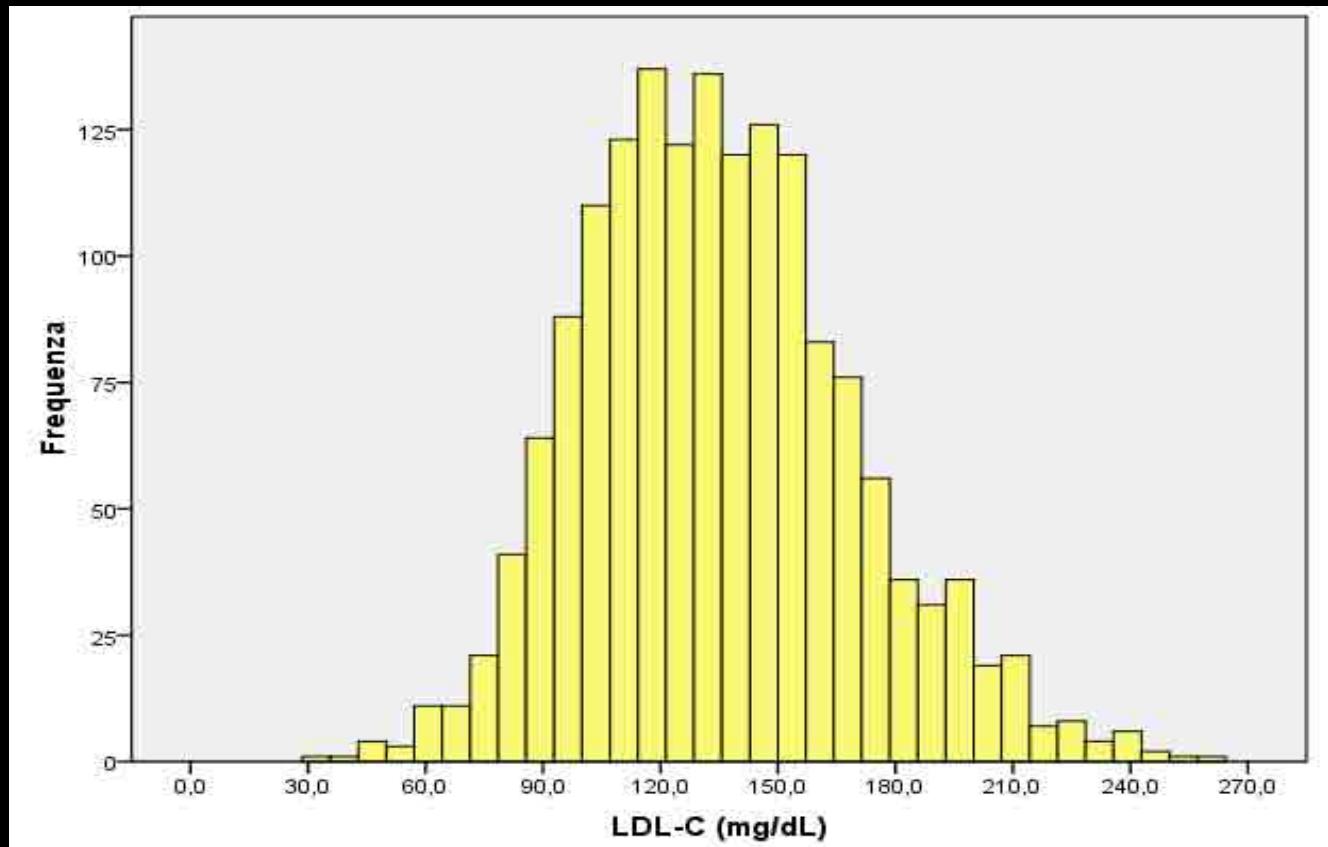




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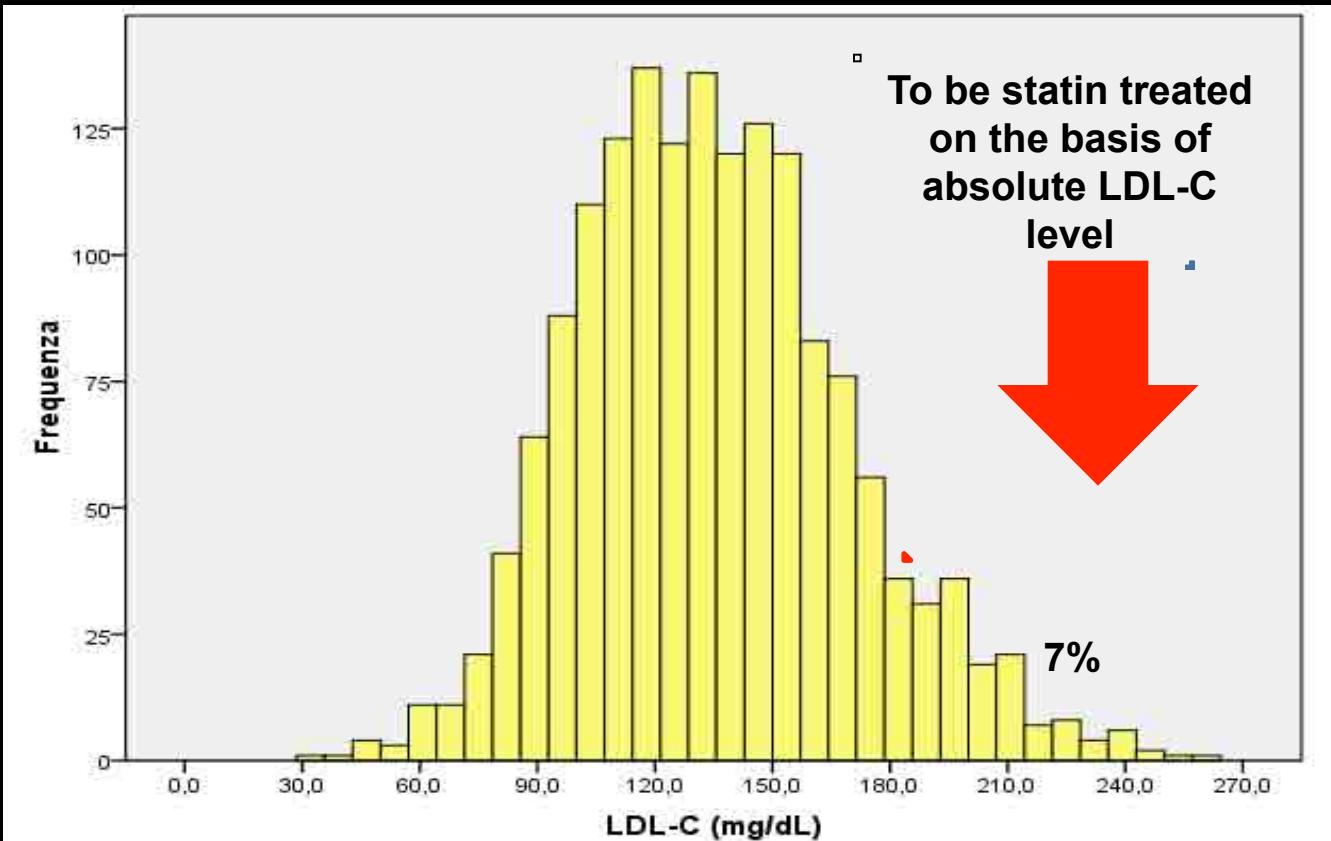


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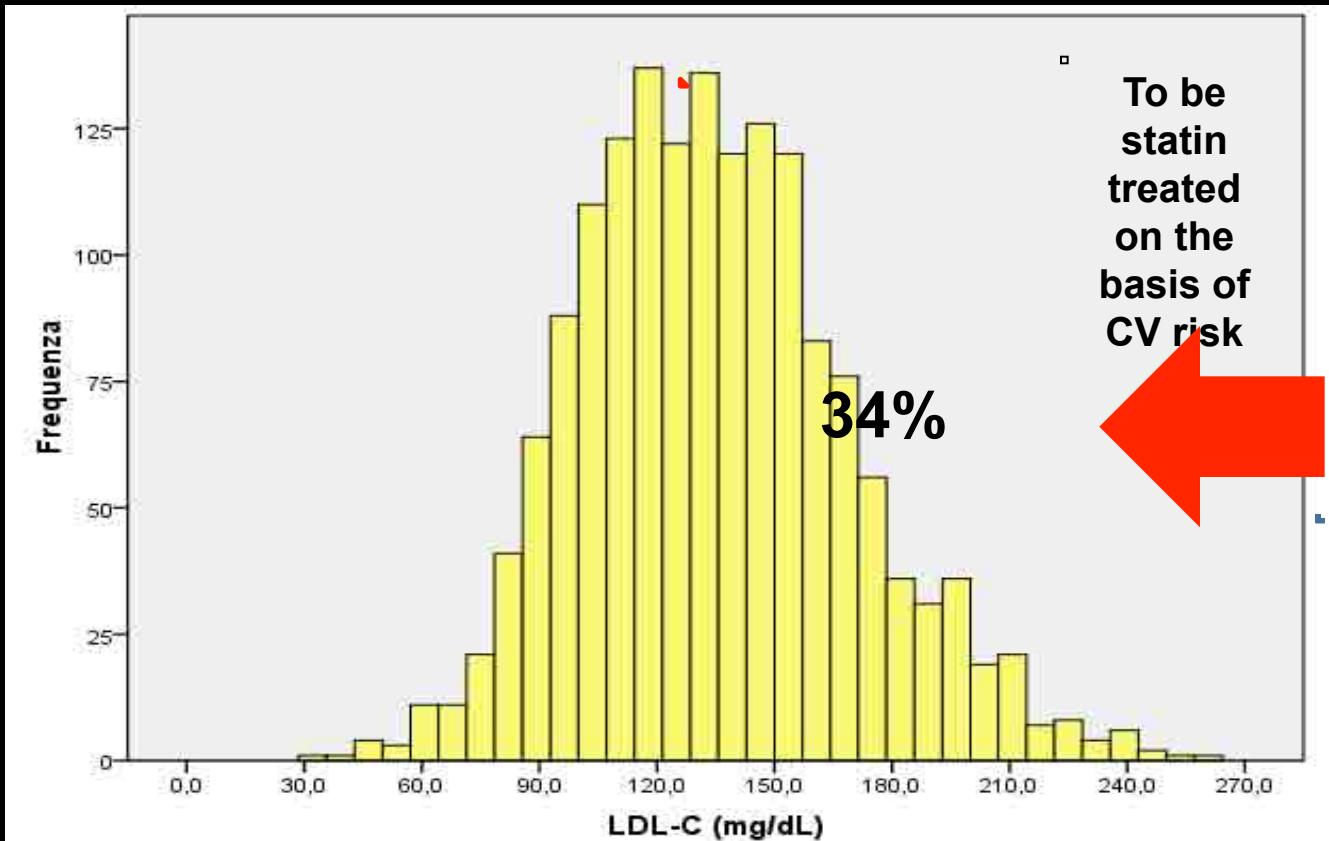


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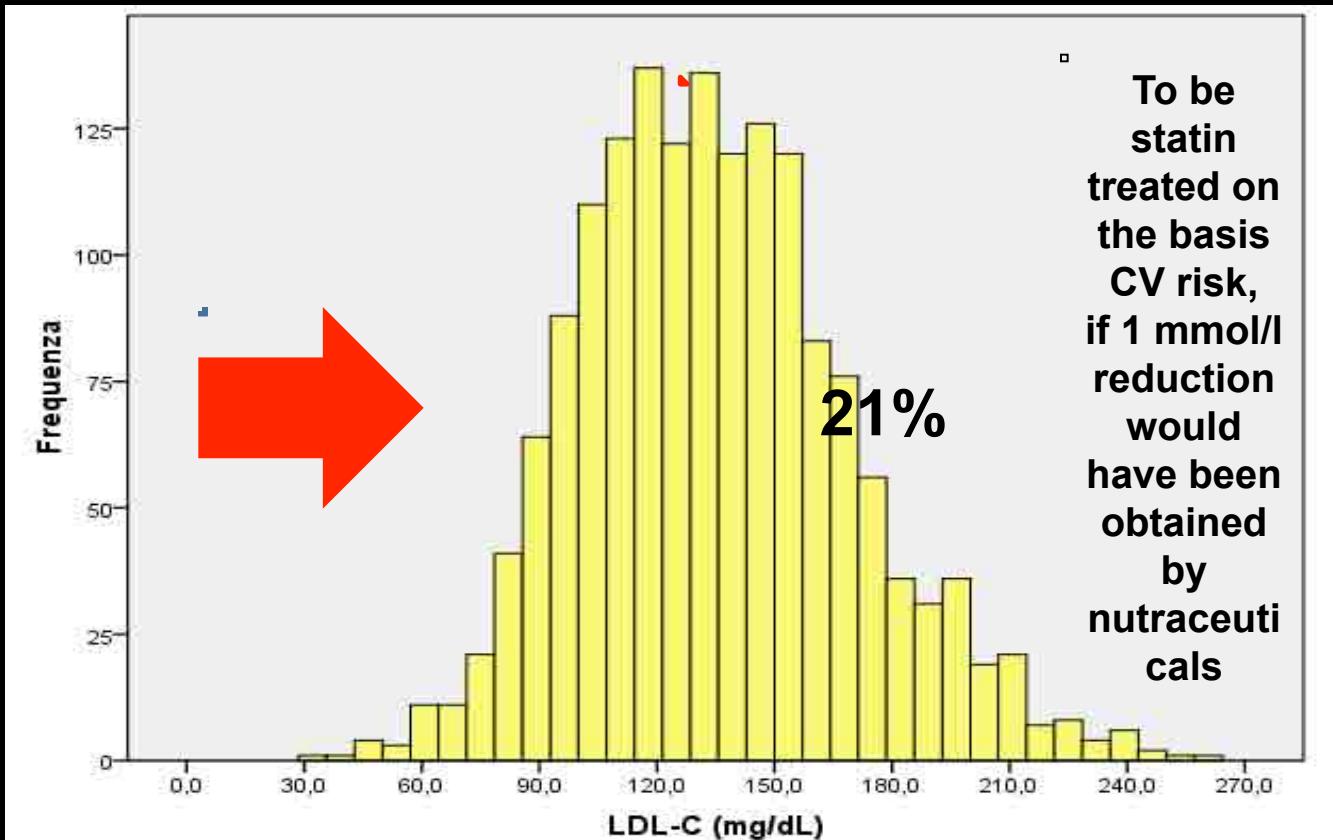


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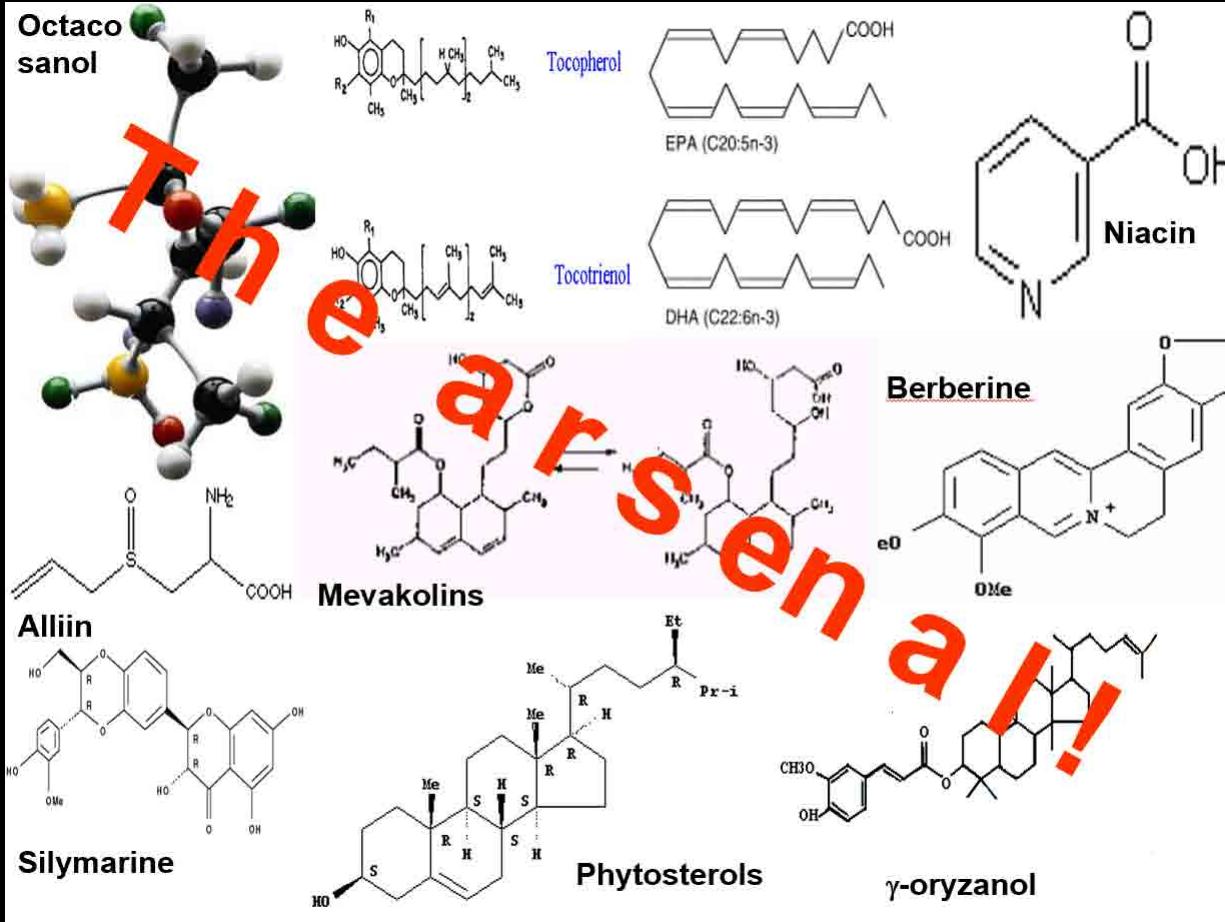




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# The consensus



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Nutr Rev. 2017 Sep 1;75(9):731-767. doi: 10.1093/nutrit/nux047.

## Lipid-lowering nutraceuticals in clinical practice: position paper from an International Lipid Expert Panel.

Cicero AFG<sup>1</sup>, Colletti A<sup>1</sup>, Bajraktari G<sup>2</sup>, Descamps O<sup>3</sup>, Djuric DM<sup>4</sup>, Ezhov M<sup>5</sup>, Fras Z<sup>6</sup>, Katsiki N<sup>7</sup>, Langlois M<sup>8</sup>, Latkovskis G<sup>9</sup>, Panagiotakos DB<sup>10</sup>, Paragh G<sup>11</sup>, Mikhailidis DP<sup>12</sup>, Mitchenko O<sup>13</sup>, Paulweber B<sup>14</sup>, Pella D<sup>15</sup>, Pitsavos C<sup>16</sup>, Reiner Ž<sup>17</sup>, Ray KK<sup>18</sup>, Rizzo M<sup>19</sup>, Sahebkar A<sup>20</sup>, Serban MC<sup>21</sup>, Sperling LS<sup>22</sup>, Toth PP<sup>23</sup>, Vinereanu D<sup>24</sup>, Vrablik M<sup>25</sup>, Wong ND<sup>26</sup>, Banach M<sup>27</sup>.

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### Abstract

In recent years, there has been growing interest in the possible use of nutraceuticals to improve and optimize dyslipidemia control and therapy. Based on the data from available studies, nutraceuticals might help patients obtain therapeutic lipid goals and reduce cardiovascular residual risk. Some nutraceuticals have essential lipid-lowering properties confirmed in studies; some might also have possible positive effects on nonlipid cardiovascular risk factors and have been shown to improve early markers of vascular health such as endothelial function and pulse wave velocity. However, the clinical evidence supporting the use of a single lipid-lowering nutraceutical or a combination of them is largely variable and, for many of the nutraceuticals, the evidence is very limited and, therefore, often debatable. The purpose of this position paper is to provide consensus-based recommendations for the optimal use of lipid-lowering nutraceuticals to manage dyslipidemia in patients who are still not on statin therapy, patients who are on statin or combination therapy but have not achieved lipid goals, and patients with statin intolerance. This statement is intended for physicians and other healthcare professionals engaged in the diagnosis and management of patients with lipid disorders, especially in the primary care setting.



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Class of recommendation	Definition	Suggested wording to use
<b>Class I</b>	Evidence and/or general agreement that a given treatment or procedure is beneficial, useful, effective	Is recommended/Is indicated
<b>Class II</b>	Conflicting evidence and/or a divergence of opinion about the usefulness/efficacy of the given treatment or procedure	
<b>Class IIa</b>	Weight of evidence/ opinion is in favour of usefulness/efficacy	Should be considered
<b>Class IIb</b>	Usefulness/efficacy is less well established by evidence/opinion	May be considered
<b>Class III</b>	Evidence or general agreement that the given treatment or procedure is not useful/effective and in some cases may be harmful	Is not recommended (no efficacy on lipid profile)



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Level of evidence	Definition
<b>Level A</b>	Data derived from multiple methodologically correct randomized clinical trials or their meta-analysis
<b>Level B</b>	Data derived from a single randomized clinical trial or large non-randomized clinical studies
<b>Level C</b>	Consensus or opinion of the experts and/or small studies, retrospective studies, registries



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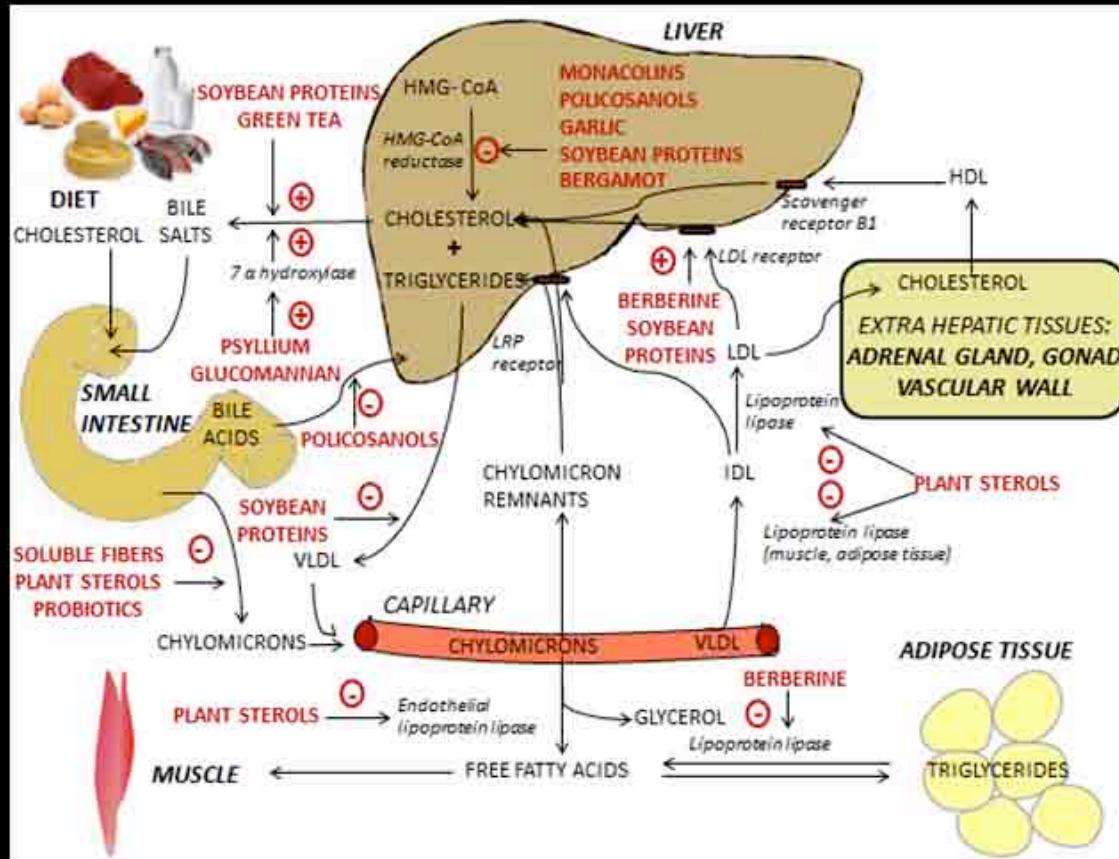


# Lipid-lowering nutraceuticals: sites of action



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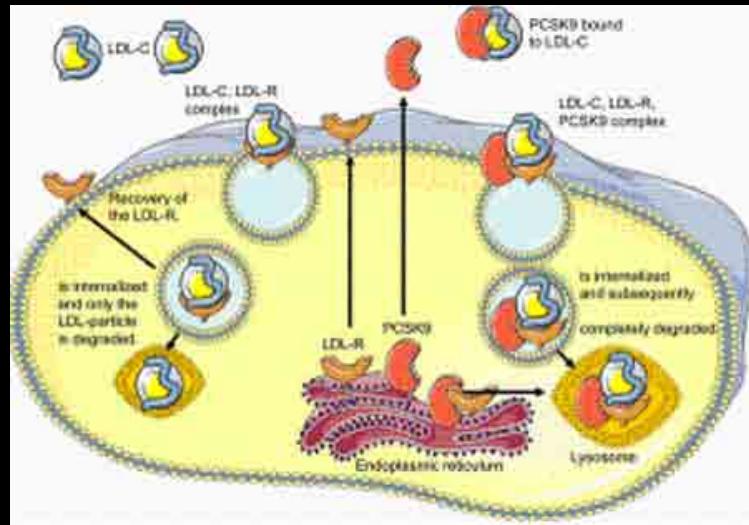
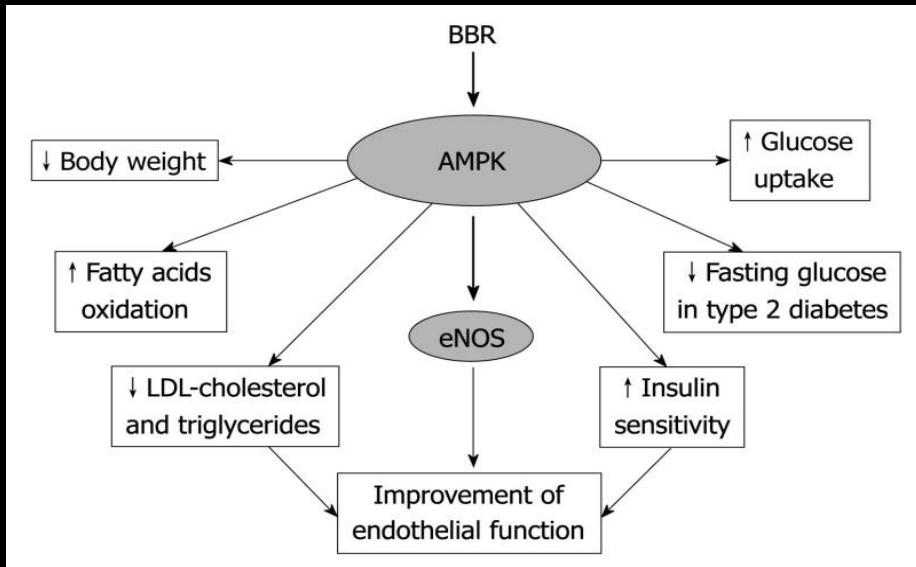
# Berberine:

# mechanisms of action



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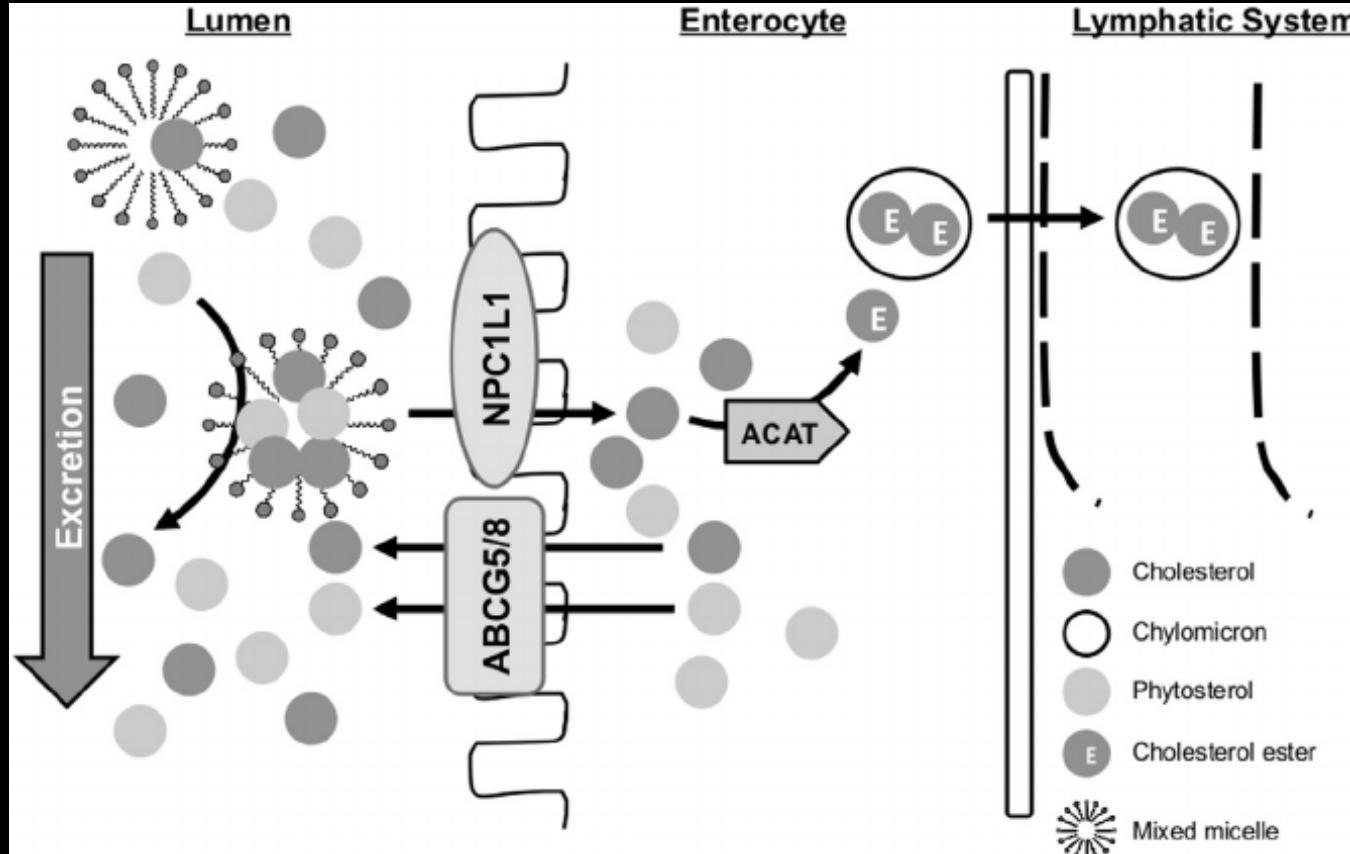
# Plant sterols:

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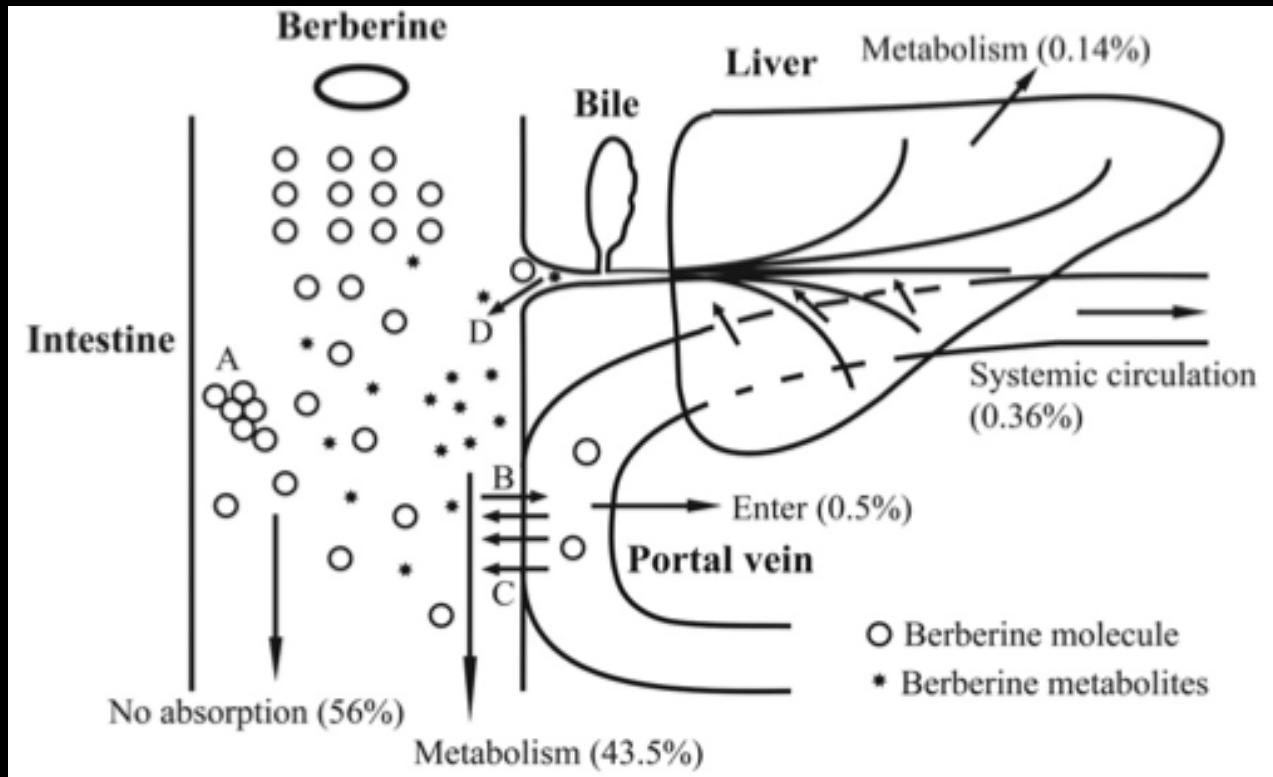


# Berberine bioavailability



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**BCS CLASS III (High solubility, Poor permeability)**

Chang-Shun Liu et al. Fitoterapia 109 (2016) 274–282



# Nutraceuticals in fed or fasted state?



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## Effect of Food on the Oral Bioavailability of Berberine and Monacolin Administered in Combination in Healthy Male Volunteers

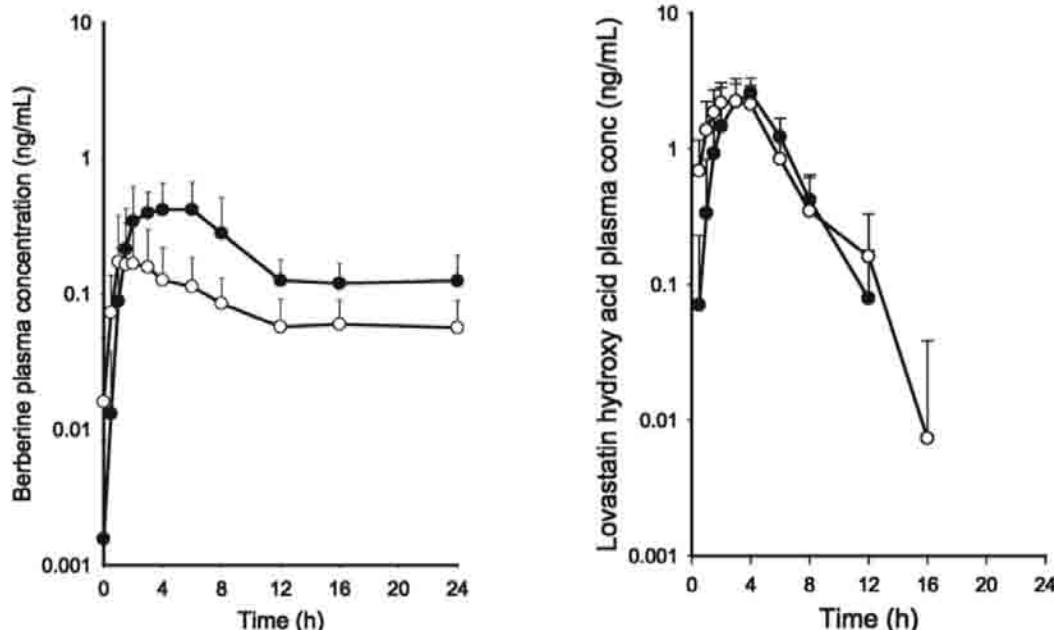


Fig. 1 Mean ( $\pm$ SD) plasma concentration-time profile of berberine and lovastatin hydroxy acid in fed condition (●) and fasted condition (○) in healthy subjects.

Persiani S et al. J Pharm Pharmacol 2014;2:703-712.

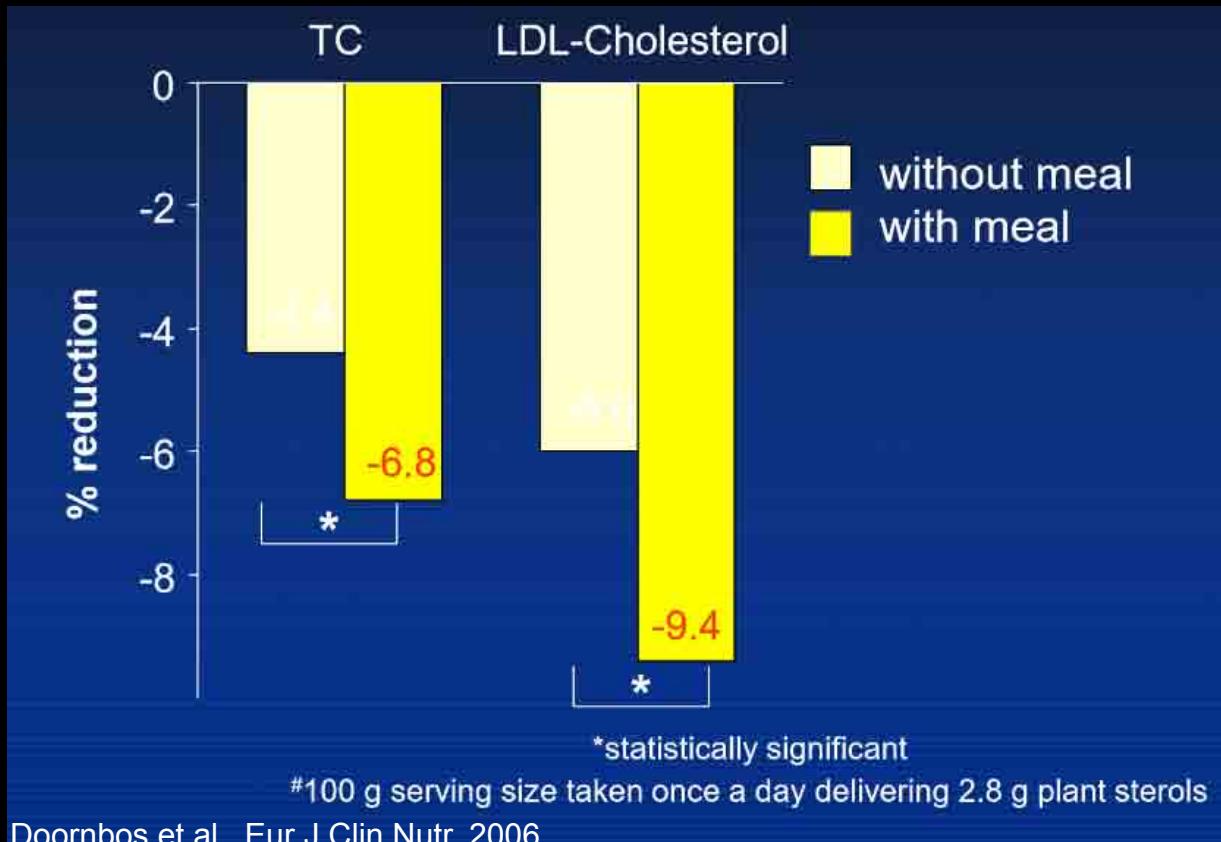


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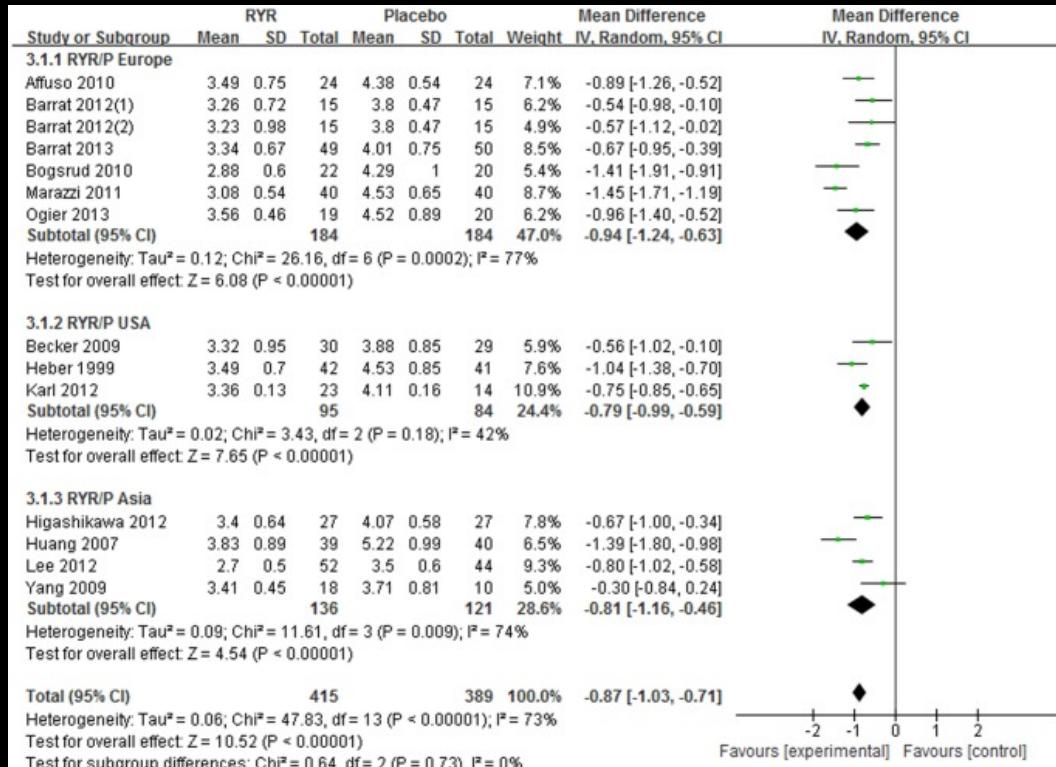
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# A Meta-Analysis of Red Yeast Rice: An Effective and Relatively Safe Alternative Approach for Dyslipidemia



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## EFFECTS ON LDL-C

PLoS One. 2014; 9(6): e98611.



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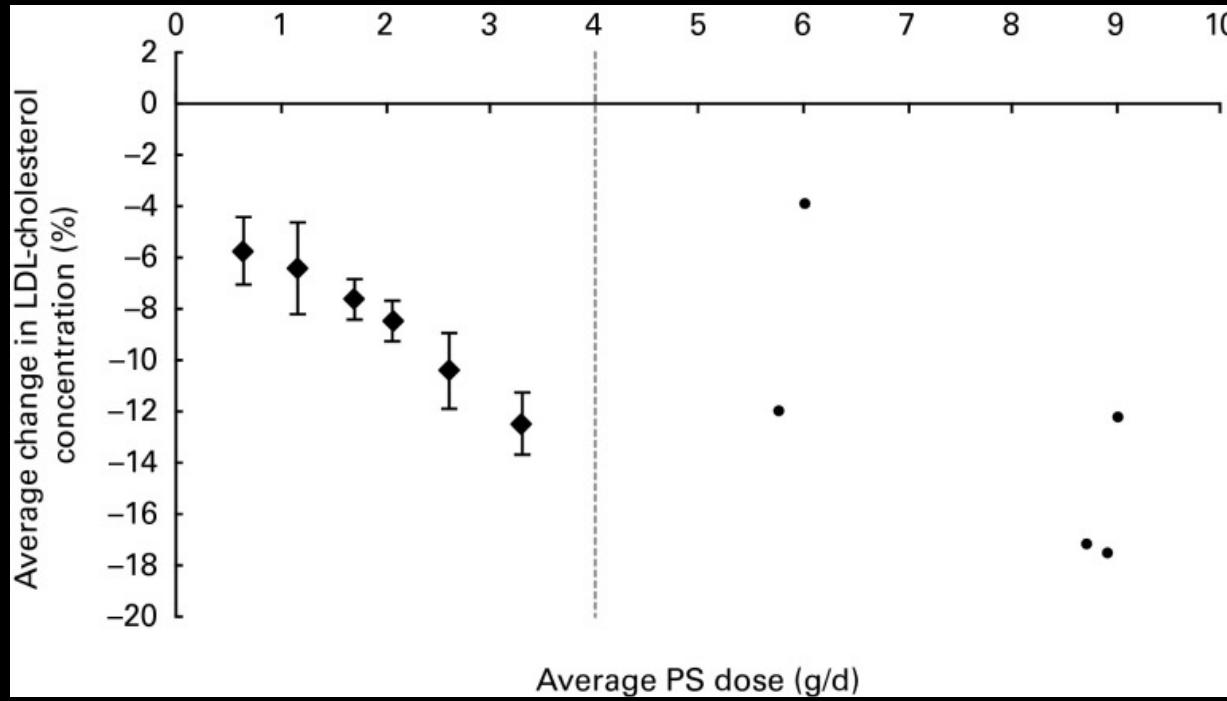
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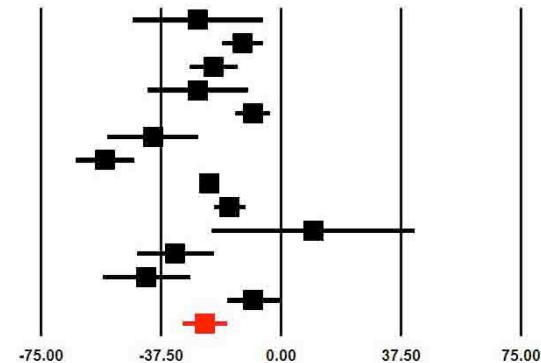
# Low-dosed red yeast-rice – berberine association: a meta-analysis of RCTs



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## LDL-cholesterol

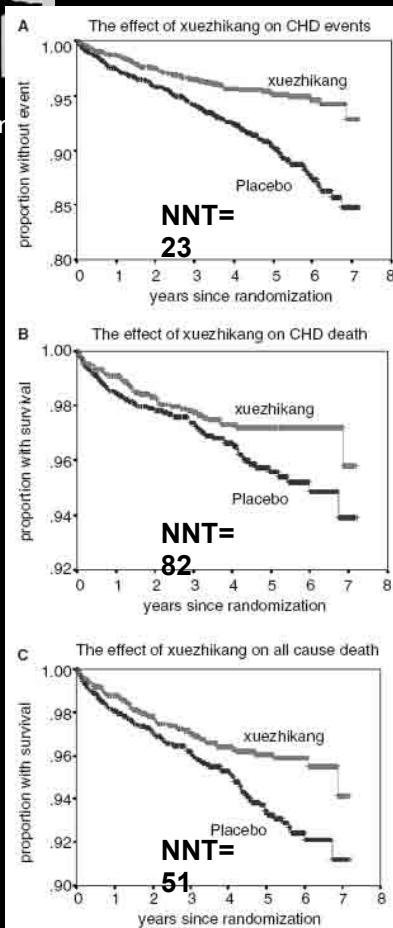
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Ruscica et al., 2014	-26.000	10.316	106.412	-46.218	-5.782	-2.520	0.012
Pisciotta et al., 2012	-12.000	3.164	10.013	-18.202	-5.798	-3.792	0.000
Cicero et al., 2012	-21.000	3.809	14.511	-28.466	-13.534	-5.513	0.000
Affuso et al., 2012	-26.000	7.912	62.594	-41.507	-10.493	-3.286	0.001
Cicero et al., 2007	-8.800	2.732	7.465	-14.155	-3.445	-3.221	0.001
Affuso et al., 2009	-40.000	7.191	51.708	-54.094	-25.906	-5.563	0.000
Marazzi et al., 2011	-55.000	4.572	20.900	-63.960	-46.040	-12.031	0.000
Trimarco et al., 2010	-22.500	1.505	2.265	-25.450	-19.550	-14.950	0.000
Marazzi et al., 2015	-16.000	2.404	5.780	-20.712	-11.288	-6.655	0.000
Gentile et al., 2015	10.100	16.141	260.536	-21.536	41.736	0.626	0.531
Pirro et al., 2013	-33.000	6.076	36.914	-44.908	-21.092	-5.431	0.000
Gonnelli et al., 2015	-42.050	6.892	47.500	-55.558	-28.542	-6.101	0.000
Sola et al., 2014	-8.660	4.168	17.373	-16.829	-0.491	-2.078	0.038
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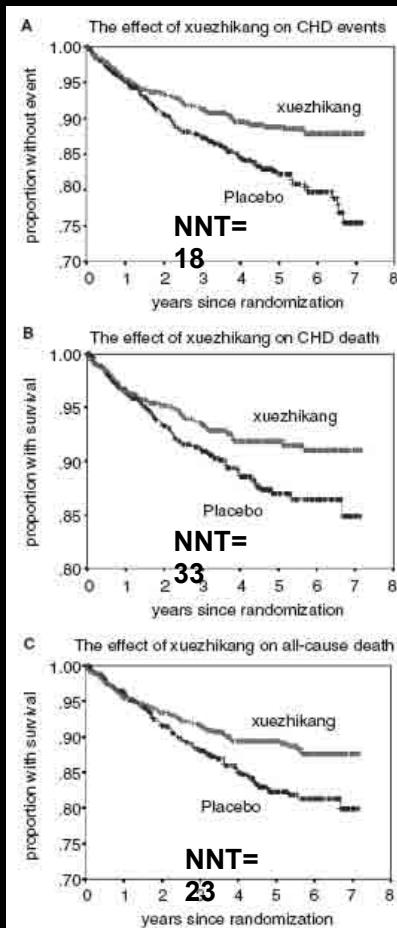


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Adult patients

NNT=number needed to treat



Elderly patients

# China Coronary Secondary Prevention Study



**4780 patients in secondary prevention  
1,445 aged 65 to 75  
7 years follow-up**

Eventi coronarici: - 36,9% (p=0.001)  
Morti per malattia coronarica - 31,0% (p=0.04)  
Morti per tutte le cause di mortalità -31,9% (p=0.01)

Ye et al. J Am Geriatr Soc 2007;55:1015–1022.



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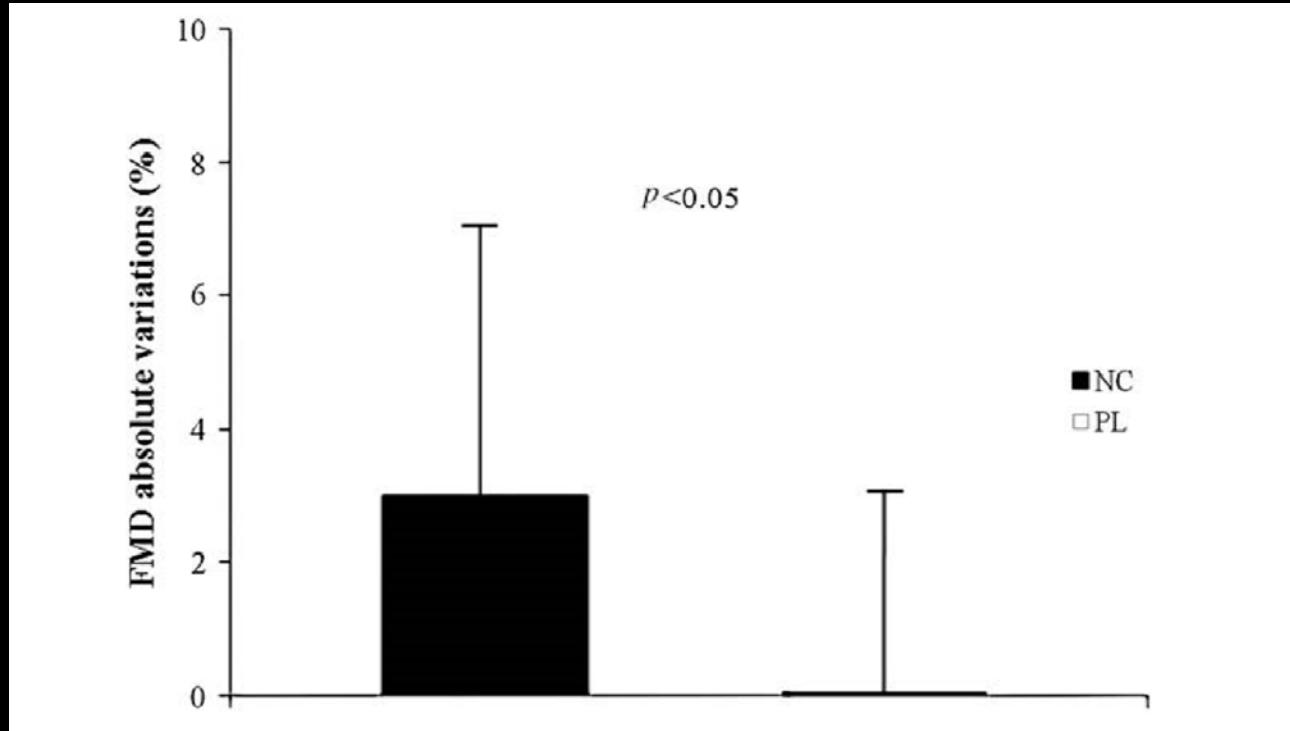


# Low-dosed red yeast-rice – berberine association effect on FMD



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Affuso F et al. Nutr Metab Cardiovasc Dis. 2010;20(9):656-61

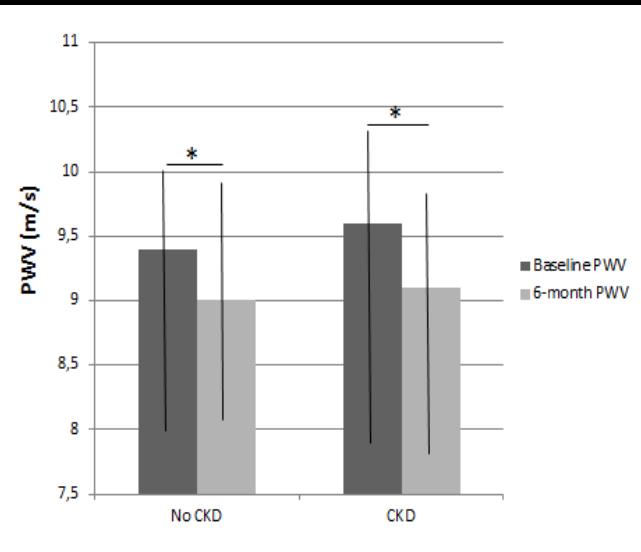
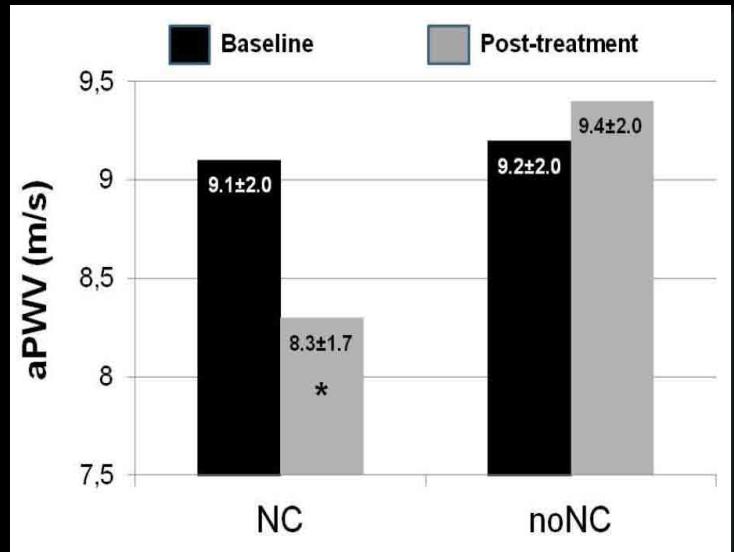


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# Low-dosed red yeast-rice – berberine association effect on PWV



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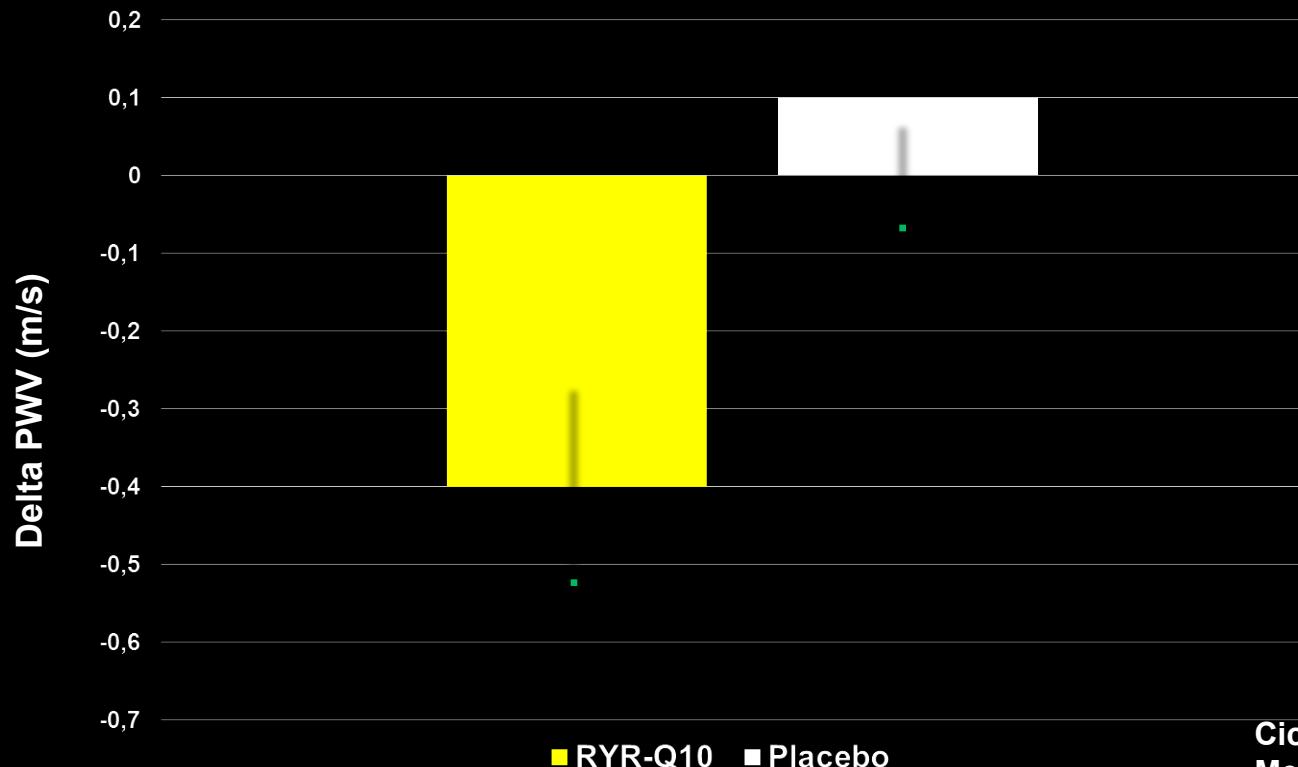


# RYR-CoQ10 middle-term effect on PWV



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Cicero et al. Ann Nutr Metab. 2016;68(3):213-9

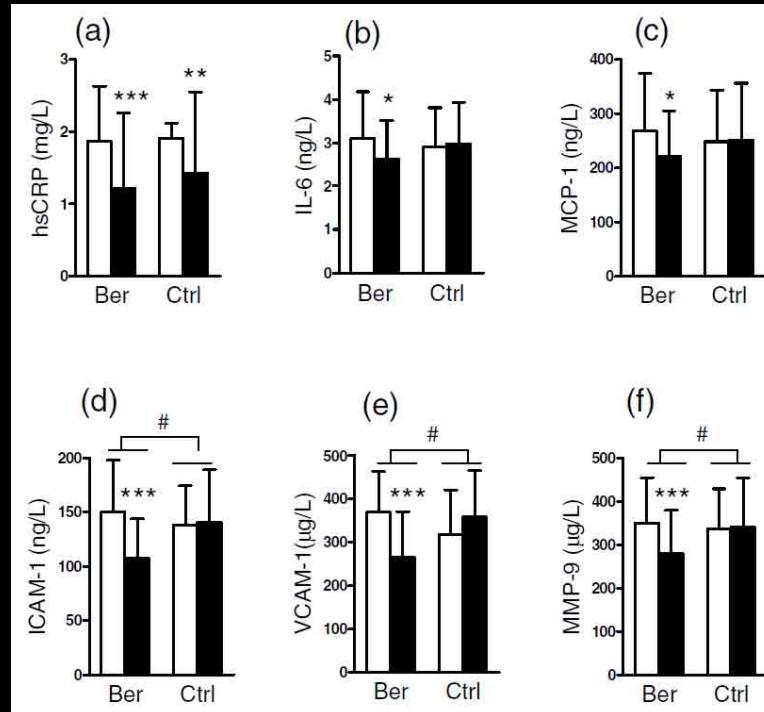


# Berberine ameliorates inflammation in patients with ACS following percutaneous coronary intervention

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Clin Exp  
Pharmacol  
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2012;39(5):  
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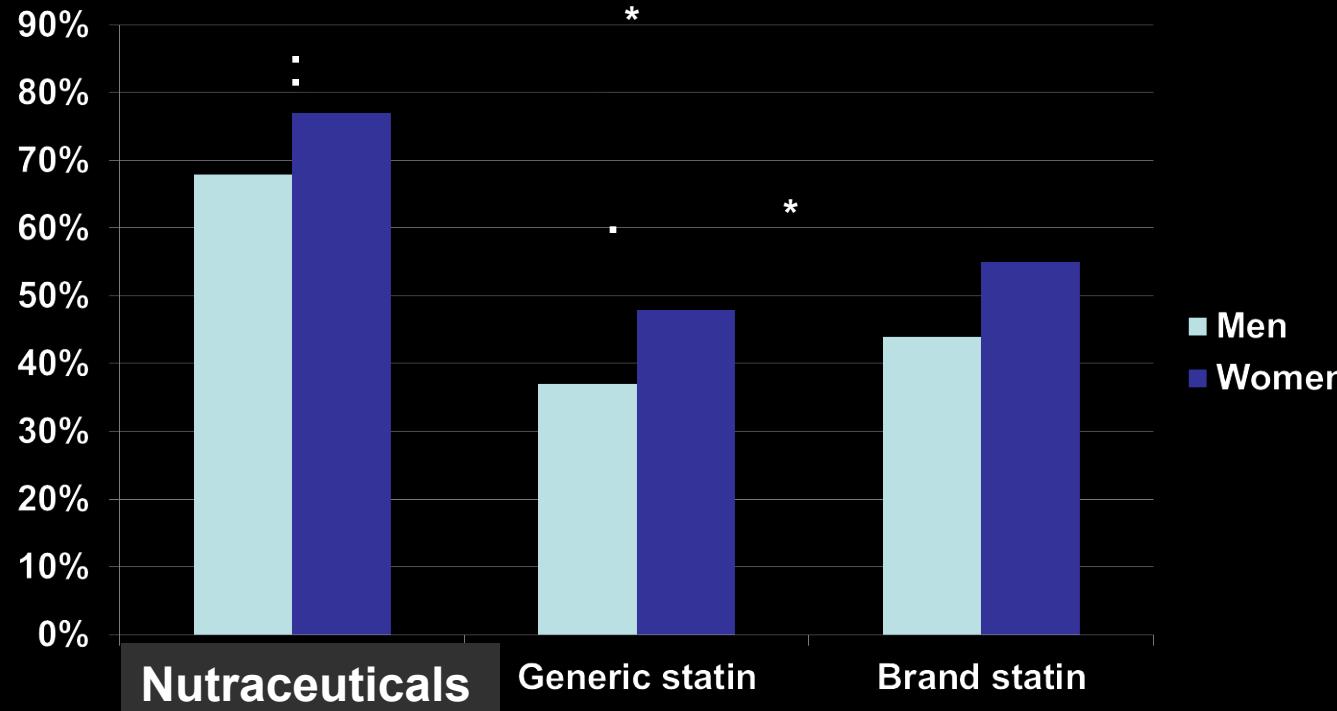


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# 2-years persistence in paid LDL-lowering treatment



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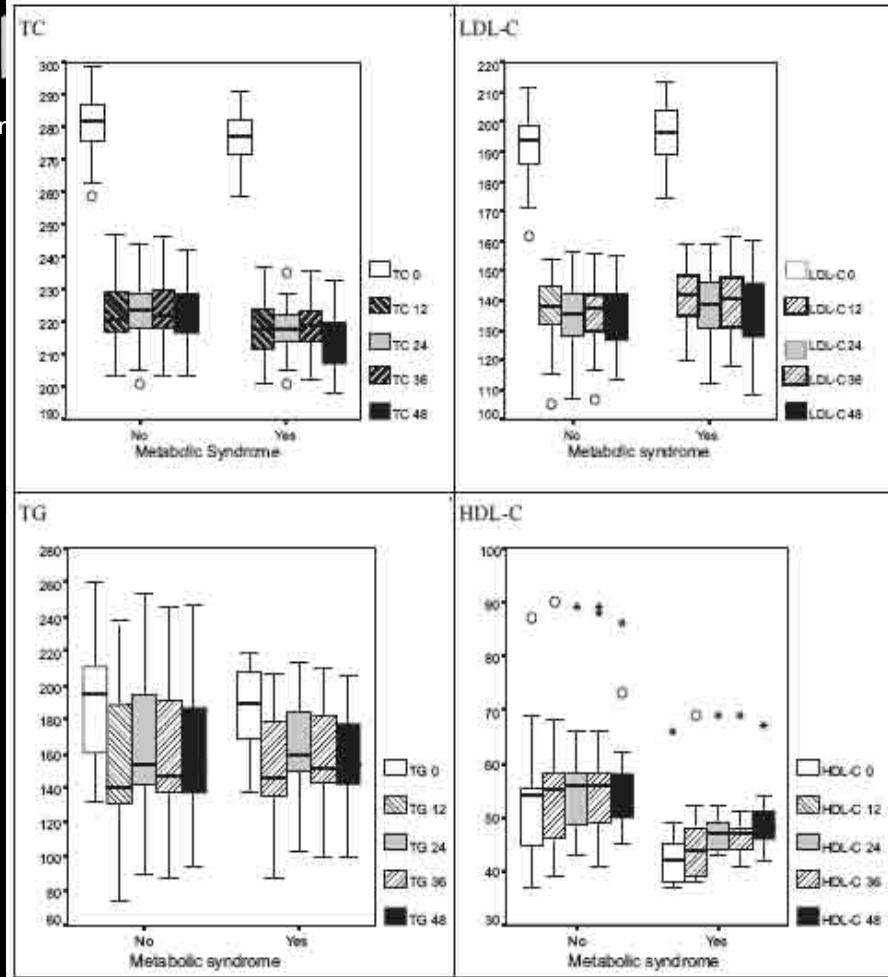




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## Long-term effectiveness and safety of a combined nutraceutical based approach to reduce cholesterolemia in statin intolerant subjects with and without metabolic syndrome

Cicero et al. Am J  
Cardiol. 2010;105(10):  
1504.



# PS + RYR



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Cicero et al. *Nutrition & Metabolism* (2017) 14:61  
DOI 10.1186/s12986-017-0214-2

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Effect of a short-term dietary supplementation with phytosterols, red yeast rice or both on lipid pattern in moderately hypercholesterolemic subjects: a three-arm, double-blind, randomized clinical trial



Arrigo F.G. Cicero\*, Federica Fogacci, Martina Rosticci, Angelo Parini, Marina Giovannini, Maddalena Veronesi, Sergio D'Addato and Claudio Borghi

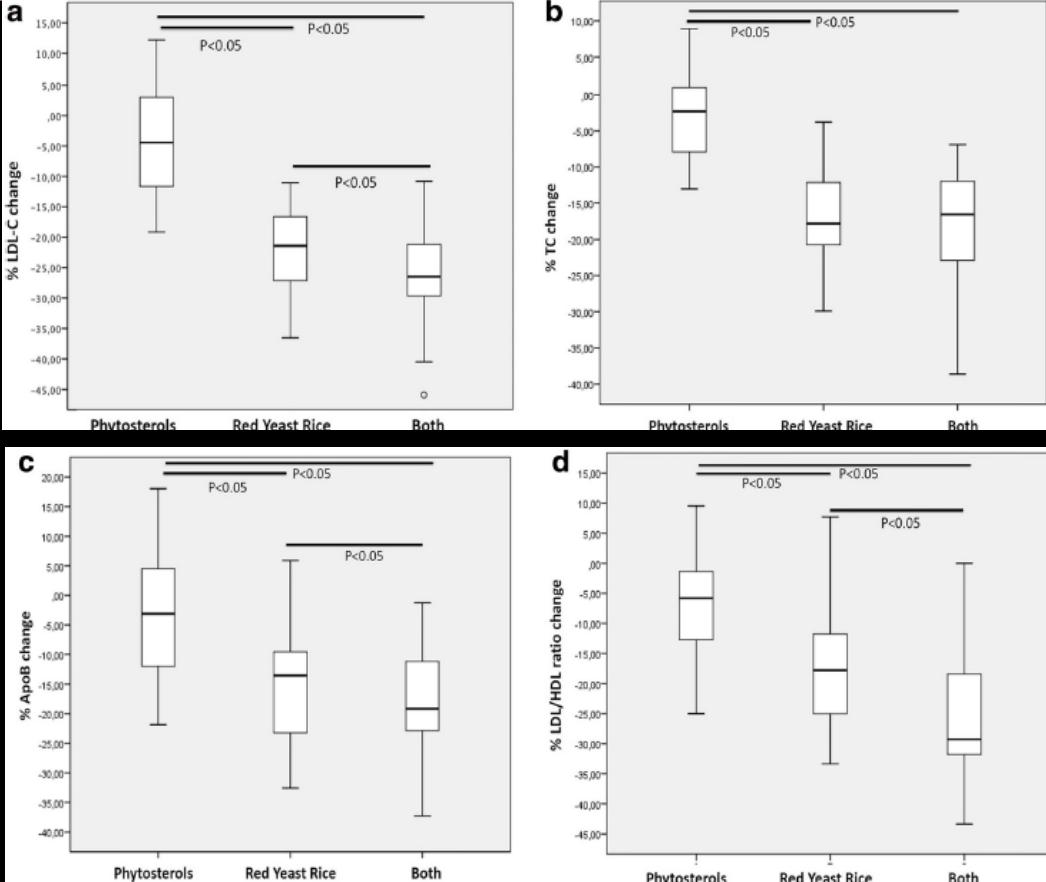


# PS + RYR



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In soggetti compliant:

**RYR: LDL-C -20.5% e ApoB -14.4%**  
vs. baseline

**RYR-PS: LDL-C -27% e ApoB -19%**  
vs. baseline



# PS + LLT

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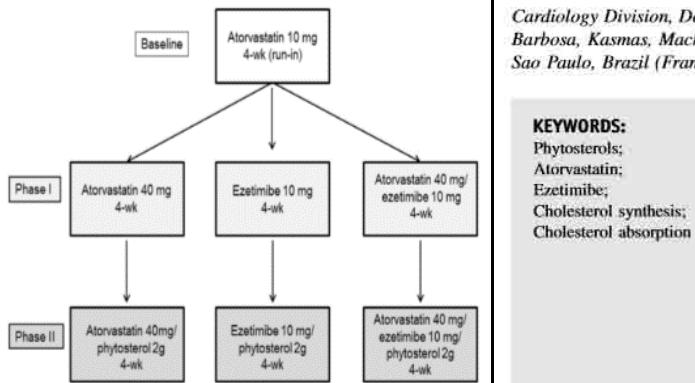
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## Additive effects of plant sterols supplementation in addition to different lipid-lowering regimens

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### KEYWORDS:

Phytosterols;  
Atorvastatin;  
Ezetimibe;  
Cholesterol synthesis;  
Cholesterol absorption

**OBJECTIVE:** Plant sterol (PS) supplementation has been widely used alone or combined with lipid-lowering therapies (LLTs) to reduce low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. The effects of PS added to high-intensity LLT are less reported, especially regarding the effects on cholesterol synthesis and absorption.

**METHODS:** A prospective, randomized, open-label study, with parallel arms and blinded end points was designed to evaluate the effects of addition of PS to LLT on LDL cholesterol, markers of cholesterol synthesis, and absorption. Eighty-six patients of both genders were submitted to a 4-wk run-in period with atorvastatin 10 mg (baseline). Following, subjects received atorvastatin 40 mg, ezetimibe 10 mg, or combination of both drugs for another 4-wk period (phase I). In phase II, capsules containing 2.0 g of PSs were added to previous assigned treatments for 4 wk. Lipids, apolipoproteins, plasma campesterol,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, and desmosterol levels were assayed at all time points. Within and between-group analyses were performed.

**RESULTS:** Compared with baseline, atorvastatin 40 mg reduced total and LDL cholesterol (3% and 22%, respectively,  $P < .05$ ), increased  $\beta$ -sitosterol, campesterol/cholesterol, and  $\beta$ -sitosterol/cholesterol ratios (39%, 47%, and 32%, respectively,  $P < .05$ ); ezetimibe 10 mg reduced campesterol and campesterol/cholesterol ratio (67% and 70%, respectively,  $P < .05$ ), and the combined therapy decreased total and LDL cholesterol (22% and 38%, respectively,  $P < .05$ ), campesterol,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, and campesterol/cholesterol ratio (54%, 40%, and 27%,  $P < .05$ ). Addition of PS further reduced total and LDL cholesterol by ~7.7 and 6.5%, respectively, in the atorvastatin therapy group and 5.0 and 4.0% in the combined therapy group ( $P < .05$ , for all), with no further effects in absorption or synthesis markers.

**CONCLUSIONS:** PS added to LLT can further improve lipid profile, without additional effects on intestinal sterol absorption or synthesis.

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**Dlvo 2004** e successive modifiche:

- “Si intendono per integratori alimentari i prodotti alimentari destinati ad **integrare** la comune dieta (...), aventi un **effetto nutritivo o fisiologico**”.



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