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# Objetivo LDL si hemorragia cerebral previa: ¿igual o no que para el resto?

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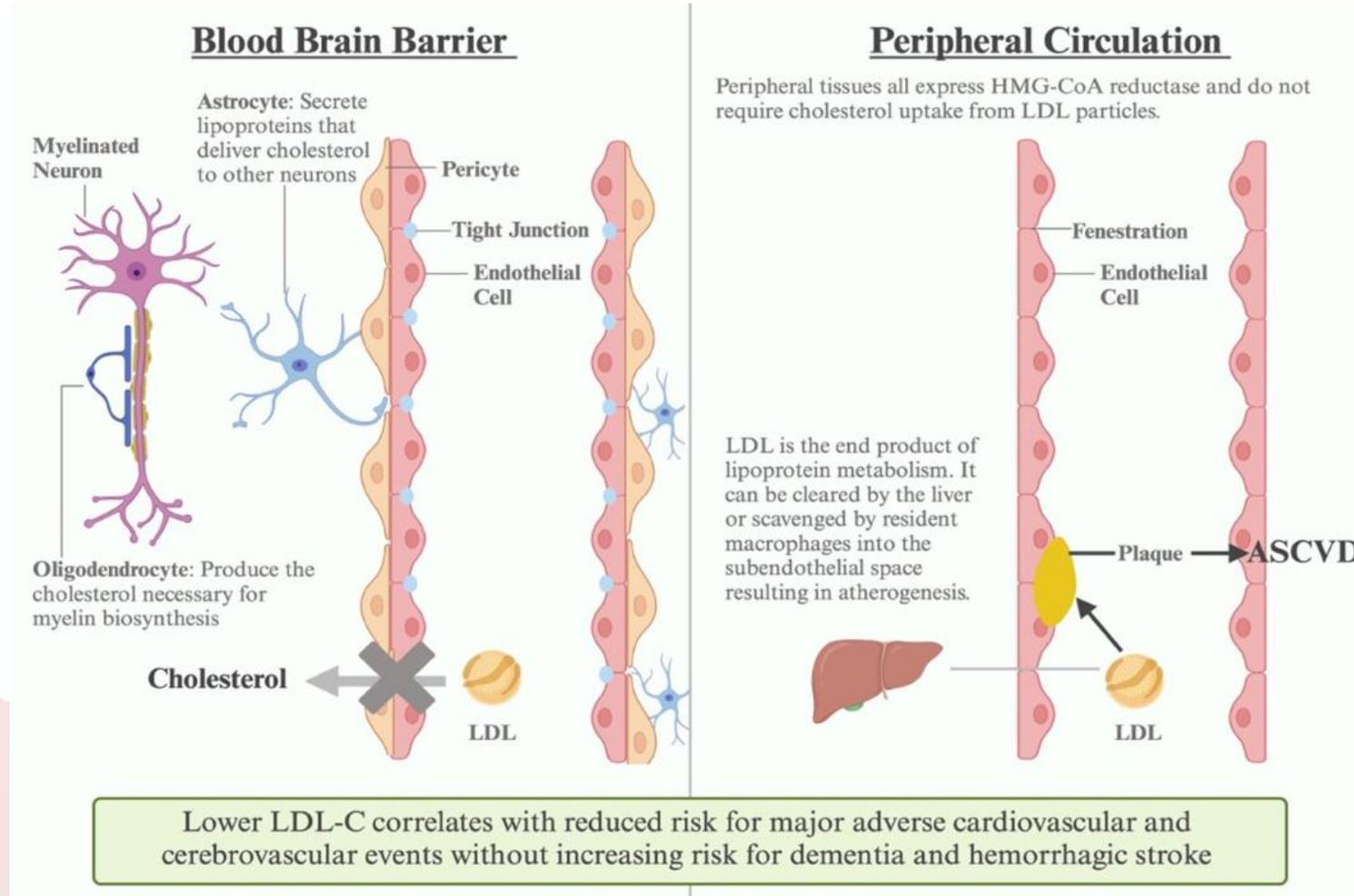
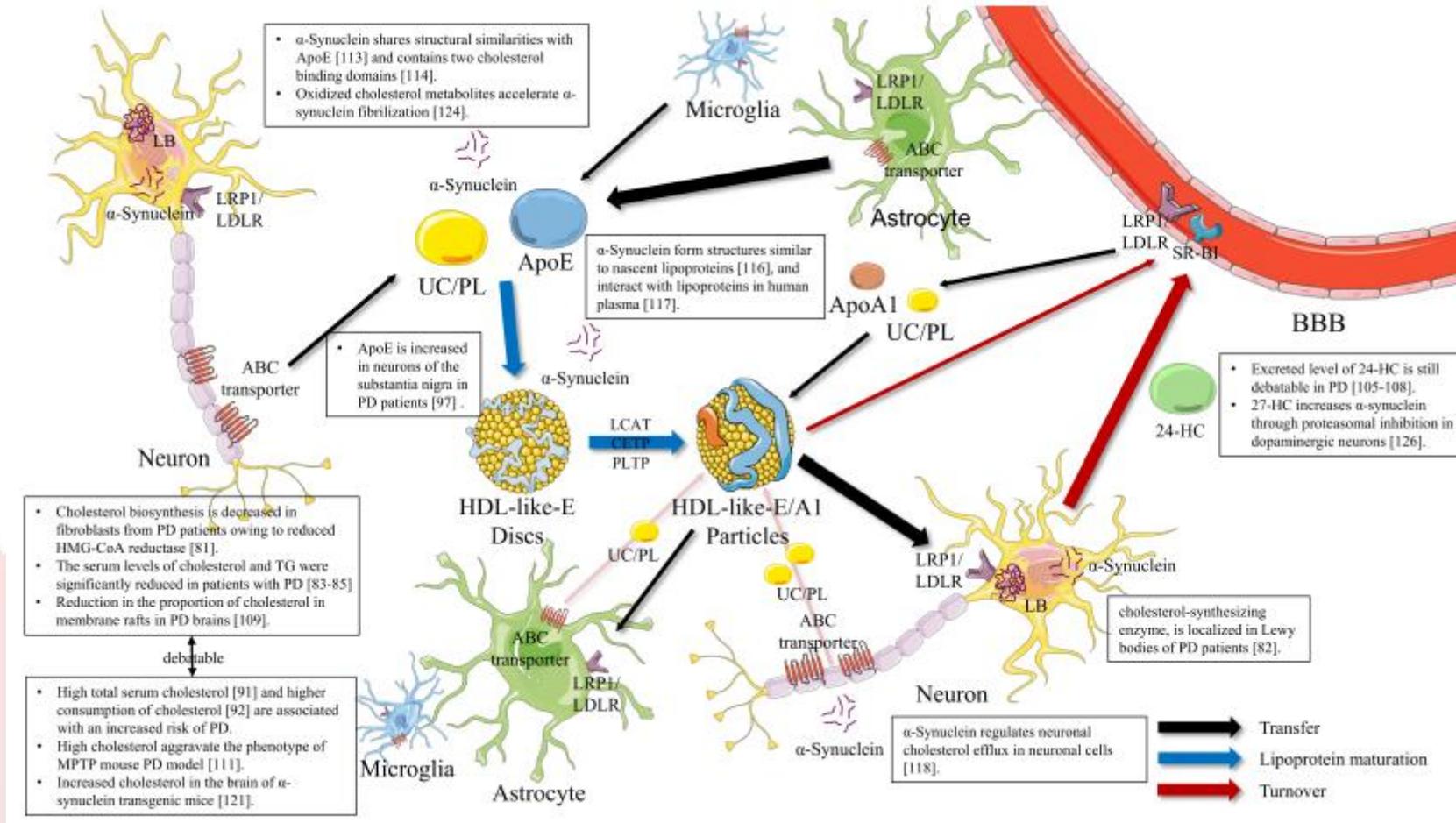


Figure 1: A Comparison of Transport of LDL-C in the Brain vs. the Peripheral Circulation. Courtesy of Bimal T, Hirsh BJ, Saeed A, Toth

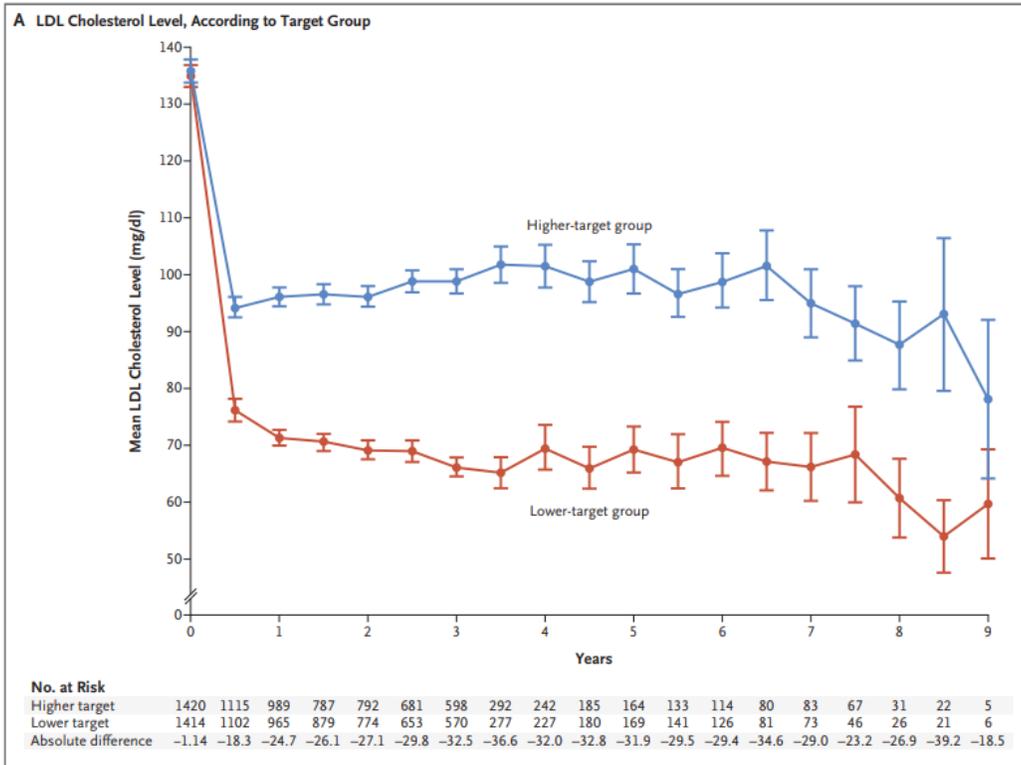
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Jin U, Park SJ, Park SM. Cholesterol Metabolism in the Brain and Its Association with Parkinson's Disease. *Exp Neurobiol.* 2019 Oct 31;28(5):554-567.

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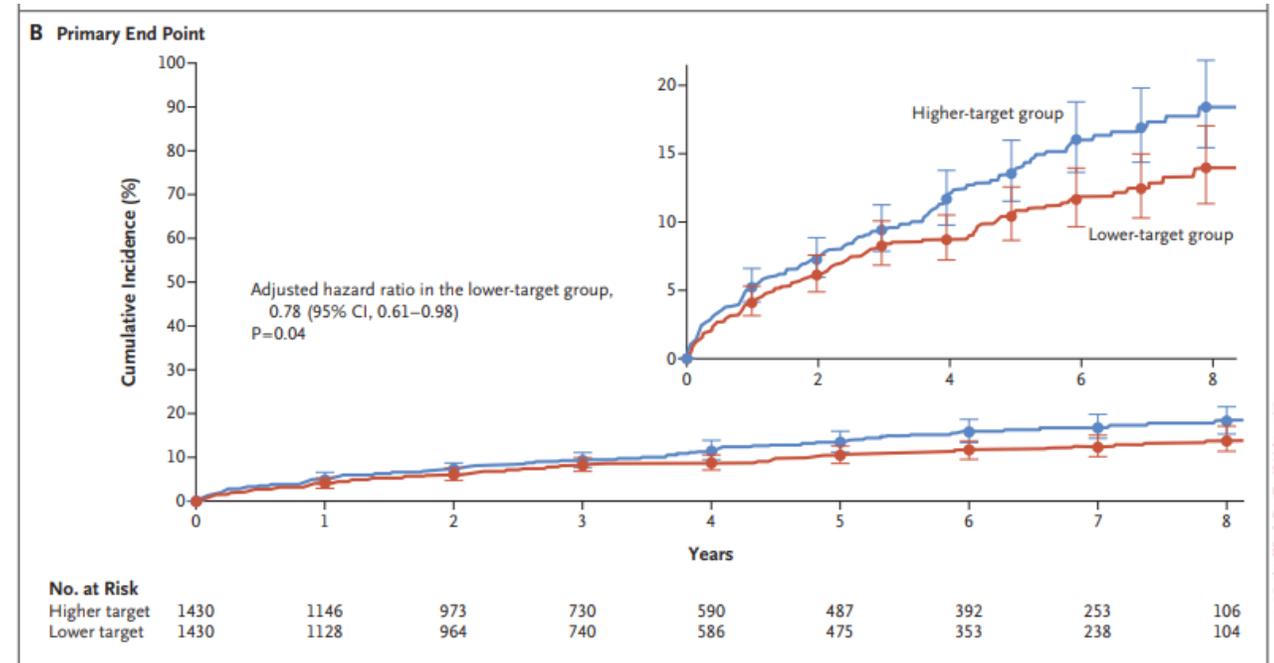


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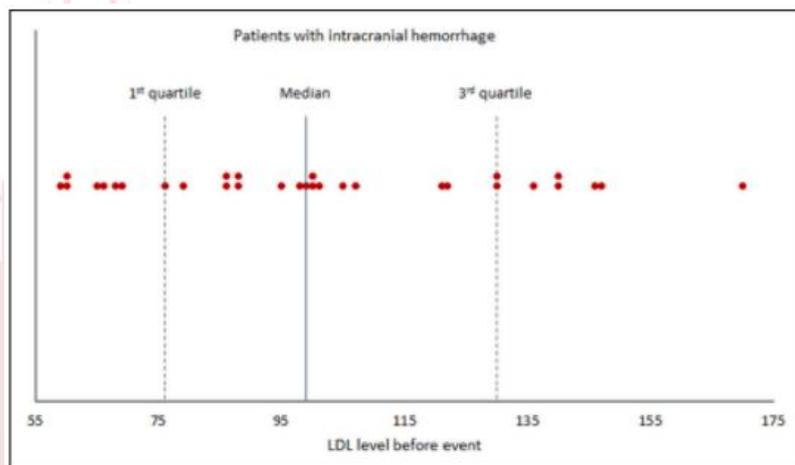
Intracranial hemorrhage — no. (%)	18 (1.3)	13 (0.9)	1.38 (0.68–2.82)
Newly diagnosed diabetes — no. (%)§	103 (7.2)	82 (5.7)	1.27 (0.95–1.70)

Randomized Controlled Trial > Stroke 2022 Feb;53(2):457–462.

doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.121.035846. Epub 2021 Dec 29.

## Intracranial Hemorrhage in the TST Trial

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Hemorragia intracraneal: 31

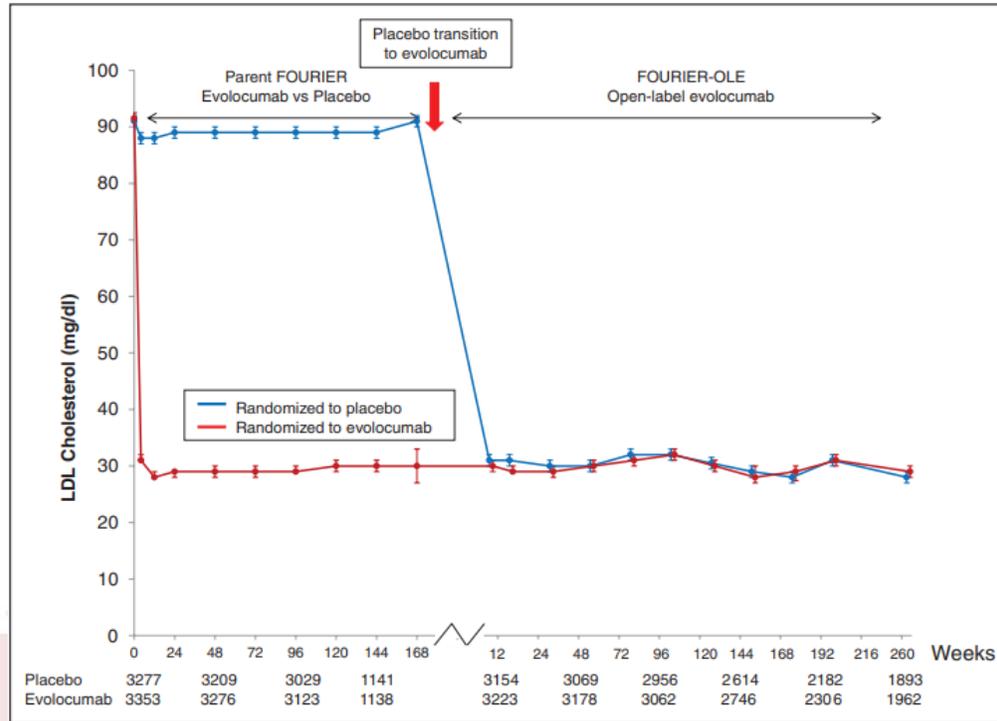
2,77/1000 pacientes/año (95% CI 1,68-3,86)

Characteristics	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Anticoagulant therapy	2.36 (1.00–5.62)	0.047
Dual antiplatelet therapy	1.12 (0.33–3.72)	0.86
Prehypertension	0.72 (0.33–1.58)	0.41
Stage 1 hypertension	1.45 (0.65–3.24)	0.36
Stage 2 hypertension	2.51 (1.01–6.31)	0.041
LDL-c		
≥90 mg/dL	1.00 (ref)	...
70–89 mg/dL	0.81 (0.28–2.30)	0.69
<70 mg/dL	0.84 (0.31–2.25)	0.73

# Objetivo c-LDL

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c-LDL medio 32 mg/dl (RIC 20-48 mg/dl)

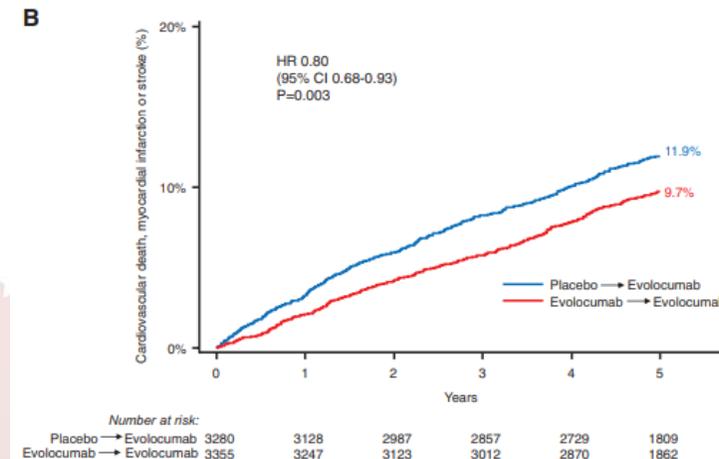
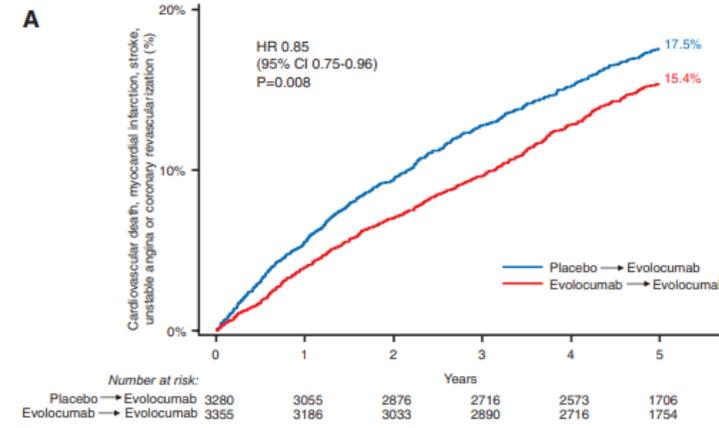


Randomized Controlled Trial > *Circulation*. 2022 Oct 11;146(15):1109-1119.

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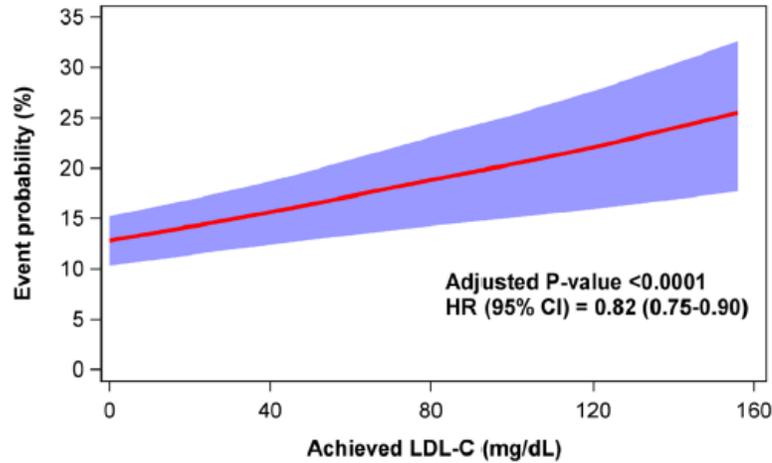
## Long-Term Evolocumab in Patients With Established Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease

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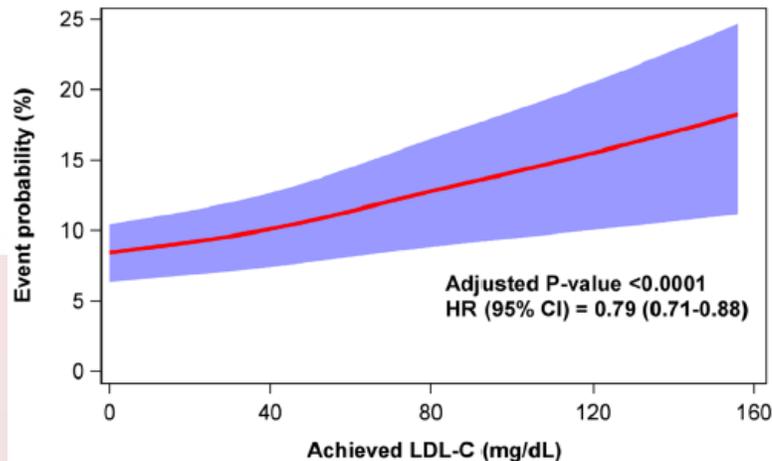


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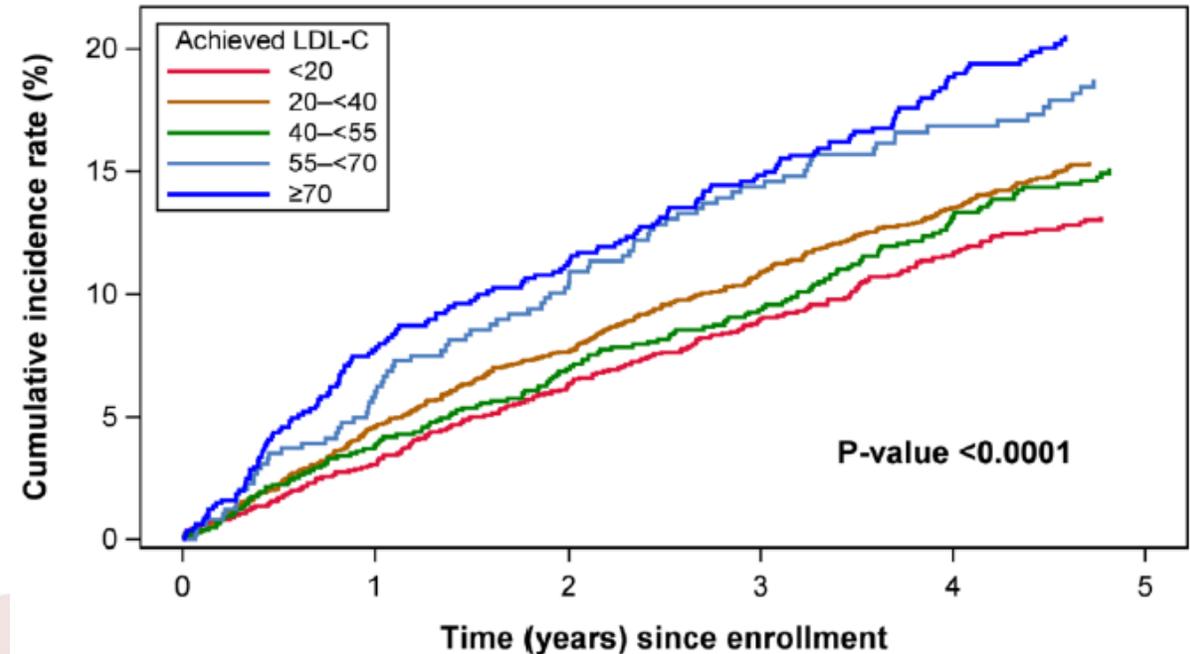
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**Table 4. Safety Outcomes According to Achieved LDL-C Level in FOURIER-OLE**

Safety outcomes	Achieved LDL-C level, mg/dL					Adjusted P trend
	<20 (n=1604)	20-<40 (n=2627)	40-<55 (n=1031)	55-<70 (n=486)	≥70 (n=811)	
Serious adverse events	12.15 (10.34, 14.27)	12.64 (10.89, 14.67)	12.65 (10.70, 14.97)	12.90 (10.63, 15.65)	12.18 (10.27, 14.43)	0.88
Neurocognitive events	0.50 (0.25, 0.98)	0.53 (0.28, 1.00)	0.53 (0.27, 1.07)	0.30 (0.12, 0.73)	0.43 (0.21, 0.89)	0.35
Cataract-related adverse events	0.82 (0.47, 1.44)	0.87 (0.51, 1.49)	0.91 (0.51, 1.62)	0.33 (0.14, 0.79)	0.64 (0.35, 1.20)	0.11
New or progressive malignancy	1.83 (1.26–2.66)	1.76 (1.23–2.50)	1.73 (1.17–2.57)	1.89 (1.21–2.96)	1.36 (0.89–2.10)	0.23
New-onset diabetes*	0.66 (0.32, 1.39)	0.52 (0.25, 1.05)	0.46 (0.20, 1.02)	0.45 (0.18, 1.12)	0.43 (0.20, 0.95)	0.13
Hemorrhagic stroke†	0.06 (0.02, 0.15)	0.09 (0.05, 0.17)	0.07 (0.02, 0.20)	–	0.06 (0.01, 0.23)	0.55
Muscle-related events	0.67 (0.38, 1.18)	0.62 (0.36, 1.07)	0.69 (0.38, 1.24)	0.76 (0.39, 1.46)	0.56 (0.30, 1.05)	0.84
Noncardiovascular death	1.33 (0.87, 2.04)	1.14 (0.76, 1.71)	1.65 (1.07, 2.56)	2.32 (1.46, 3.67)	1.49 (0.94, 2.36)	0.04
All-cause mortality	2.65 (1.98, 3.56)	2.87 (2.20, 3.76)	3.72 (2.77, 5.00)	4.30 (3.10, 5.98)	3.93 (2.92, 5.29)	0.0001

# c-LDL < 55, ¿es seguro?

Meta-Analysis > J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2021 Apr;30(4):105655.

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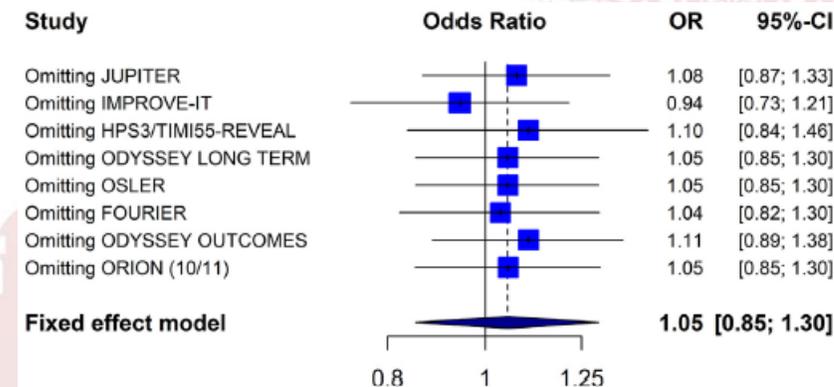
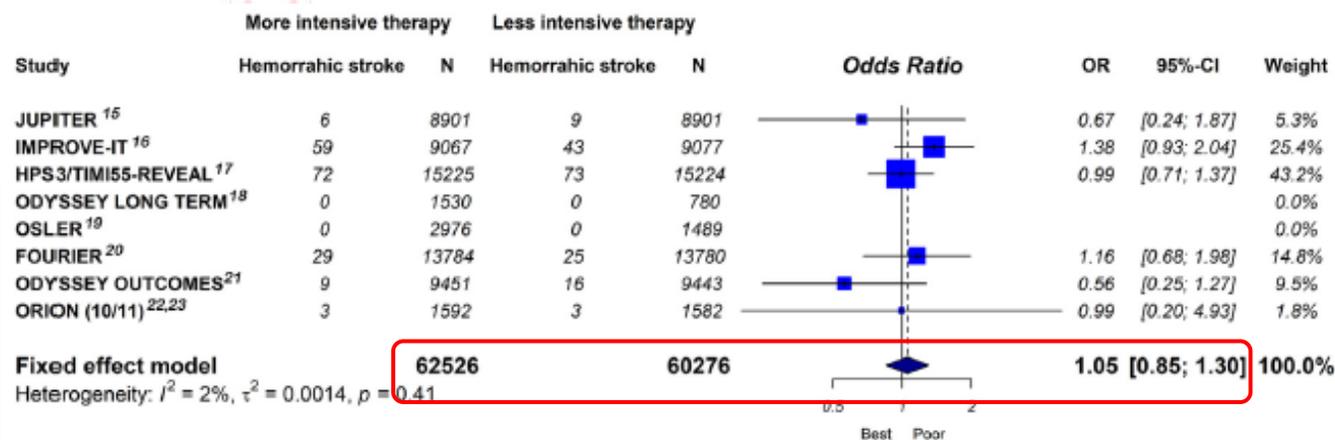
## LDL-C Levels Below 55 mg/dl and Risk of Hemorrhagic Stroke: A Meta-Analysis

Walter Masson<sup>1</sup>, Martín Lobo<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Siniawski<sup>3</sup>, Gerardo Masson<sup>4</sup>, Augusto Lavalle-Cobo<sup>5</sup>

**Table 1. Characteristics of the studies included in the analysis.**

Study	More intensive arm	N	LDL-C achieved (mg/dL)*	Control arm	N	LDL-C achieved (mg/dL)*	Population	Median follow-Up (months)
JUPITER <sup>5</sup>	Rosuvastatin	8901	54	Placebo	8901	108	Primary prevention, LDL-C < 130 mg/dL and CRP ≥ 2 mg/dL	21
IMPROVE-IT <sup>16</sup>	Ezetimibe	9067	54	Placebo	9077	70	ACS	84
REVEAL <sup>17</sup>	Anacetrapib	15225	53	Placebo	15224	63	ASCVD	49
ODYSSEY LONG TERM <sup>18</sup>	Alirocumab	1530	48	Placebo	780	119	Patients with high CV risk	17.5
OSLER <sup>19</sup>	Evolocumab	2976	48	Placebo	1489	121	HeFH ASCVD	12
FOURIER <sup>20</sup>	Evolocumab	13784	30	Placebo	13780	86	High CV risk	26
ODYSSEY OUTCOMES <sup>21</sup>	Alirocumab	9451	53	Placebo	9443	101	ASCVD	33.6
ORION (10/11) <sup>22,23</sup>	Inclisiran	1592	52	Placebo	1582	104	ASCVD or ASCVD equivalent	18

ACS: acute coronary syndrome; ASCVD: atherosclerosis cardiovascular disease; CRP: C-reactive protein; CV: cardiovascular risk; HeFH: heterocigotus familiar hypercholesterolemia.

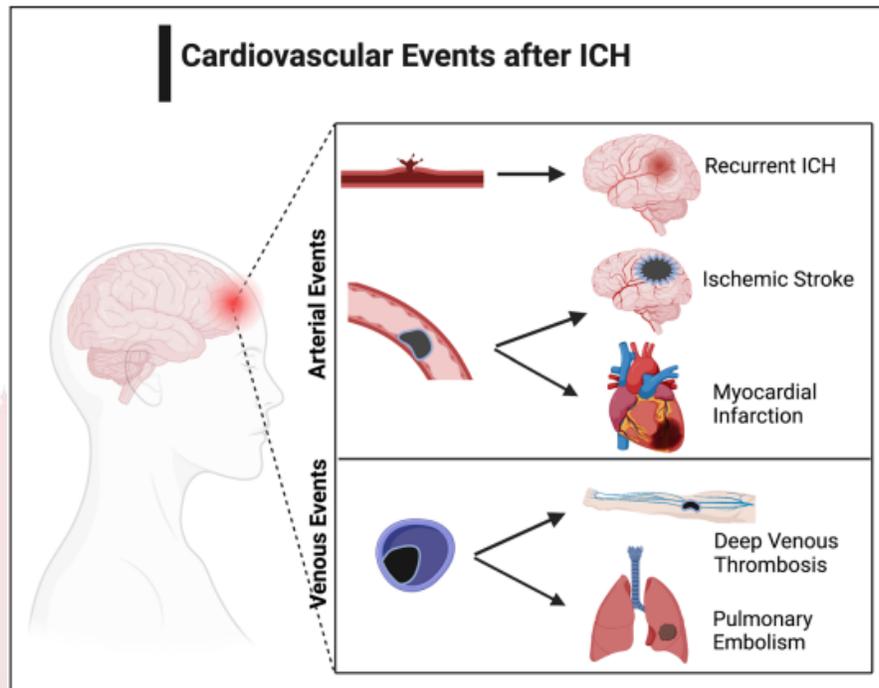


# Si hemorragia intracraneal previa, ¿Objetivo LDL?

Review > *Stroke*. 2022 Jul;53(7):2131-2141. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.122.036884.  
 Epub 2022 Jun 8.

## Cardiovascular Events After Intracerebral Hemorrhage

Linxin Li<sup>1</sup>, Santosh B Murthy<sup>2</sup>



> *Stroke*. 2021 Dec;52(12):3883-3890. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.120.032750. Epub 2021 Sep 9.

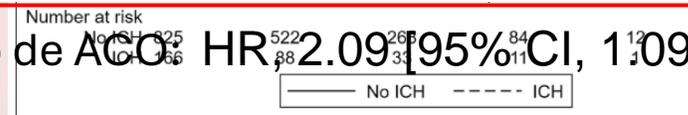
## Long-Term Survival, Causes of Death, and Trends in 5-Year Mortality After Intracerebral Hemorrhage: The Tromsø Study

Maria Carlsson<sup>1,2</sup>, Tom Wilsgaard<sup>3</sup>, Stein Harald Johnsen<sup>1,4</sup>, Liv-Hege Johnsen<sup>1,5</sup>,

Supervivientes HIC vs controles (219 vs 1095)  
 Mortalidad vascular (22.9% vs 9.0%;  $P < 0.001$ )

	HR (95% CI)
SBP, mm Hg	1.08 (0.94–1.24)
Diabetes (yes/no)	1.57 (0.93–2.64)
Daily smoking (yes/no)	1.59 (1.15–2.19)
Total cholesterol $\ddagger$ (mmol/L) in subjects with	
No ICH	0.94 (0.81–1.10)
ICH	1.39 (1.04–1.86)
ICH $\ddagger$ (yes/no) at total cholesterol level $\S$ , mmol/L	
4	0.69 (0.36–1.32)
6	1.22 (0.88–1.70)
8	2.17 (1.34–3.51)

Empleo de ACO: HR 2.09 [95% CI, 1.09–4.00]



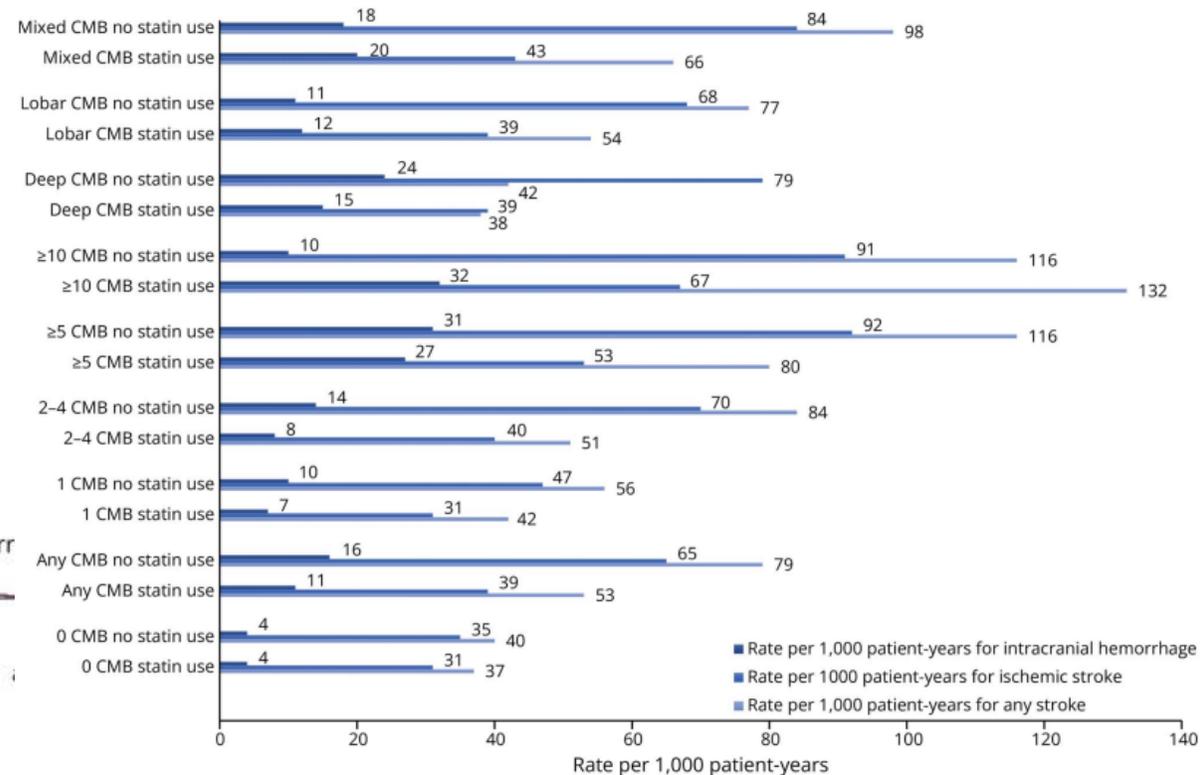
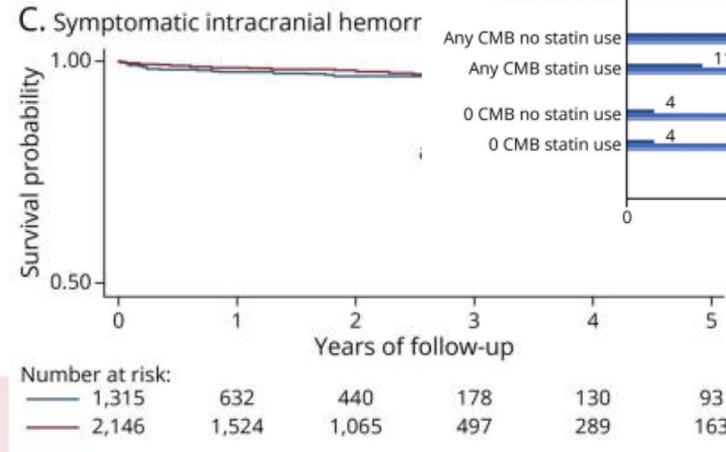
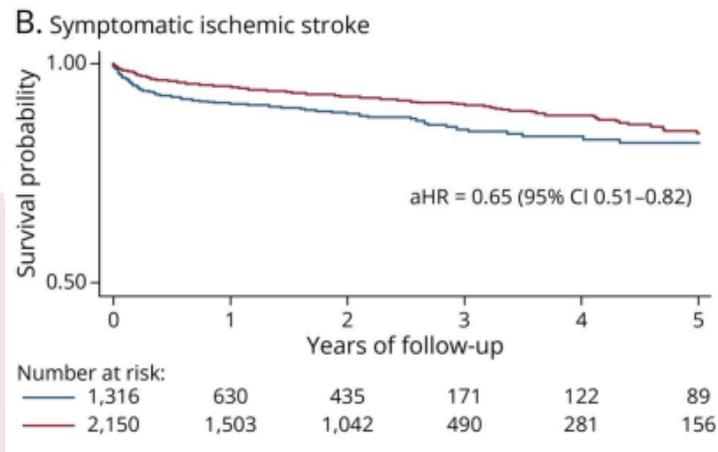
# Microsangrados, ¿aumentan riesgo hemorragia?

> *Neurology*. 2024 Apr 9;102(7):e209173. doi: 10.1212/WNL.000000000209173. Epub 2024 Mar 12.

## Statin Therapy for Secondary Prevention in Ischemic Stroke Patients With Cerebral Microbleeds

Luis Prats-Sanchez<sup>1</sup>, Pol Camps-Renom<sup>1</sup>, Philip S Nash<sup>1</sup>, Duncan Wilson<sup>1</sup>, Gareth Ambler<sup>1</sup>,

Estudio multicéntrico, observacional y prospectivo  
 N= 16373. Seguimiento 1,34  
 Estatina vs no estatina tras Ictus isquémico



# Resultados contradictorios

Review > [Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2023 Oct;43\(10\):e404-e442.](#)

doi: 10.1161/ATV.000000000000164. Epub 2023 Sep 14.

## **Aggressive LDL-C Lowering and the Brain: Impact on Risk for Dementia and Hemorrhagic Stroke: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association**

[Larry B Goldstein](#), [Peter P Toth](#), [Jennifer L Dearborn-Tomazos](#), [Robert P Giugliano](#), [Benjamin J Hirsh](#),

Prevención de eventos isquémicos >> riesgo hemorrágico

Resultados inconsistentes en asociación de c-LDL y riesgo hemorrágico

Hipolipemiantes con perfil de seguridad en hemorragia intracraneal

¿Es el riesgo de recurrencia hemorrágica dependiente de cohorte?, ¿dependiente del empleo de estatinas?

# ¿Estatina tras hemorragia intracraneal? SATURN

Ensayo clínico multicéntrico. N = 1456

Pragmatic, prospective, randomized, open-label, and blinded end-point assessment (PROBE).

Suspensión vs continuación de estatina previa tras hemorragia intracraneal

## Inclusion Criteria:

1. Age  $\geq$  50 years.
2. Spontaneous lobar ICH confirmed by CT or MRI scan
3. Patient was taking a statin drug at the onset of the qualifying/index ICH
4. Randomization can be carried out within 7 days of the onset of the qualifying ICH
5. Patient or legally authorized representative, after consultation with the statin prescriber, agrees to be randomized to statin continuation (restart) vs. discontinuation

## Exclusion Criteria:

1. Suspected secondary cause for the qualifying ICH, such as an underlying vascular abnormality or tumor, trauma, venous infarction, or hemorrhagic transformation of an ischemic infarct.
2. History of recent myocardial infarction (attributed to coronary artery disease) or unstable angina within the previous 3 months
3. Diabetic patients with history of myocardial infarction or coronary revascularization
4. History of familial hypercholesterolemia
5. Patients receiving proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin 9 (PCSK9) inhibitors

Estatinas hidrofílicas:  
-No atraviesan BHE  
-No aumento riesgo hemorrágico OR 0,67 (0,24-1,67)  
-EC Jupiter (Rosuvastatina)

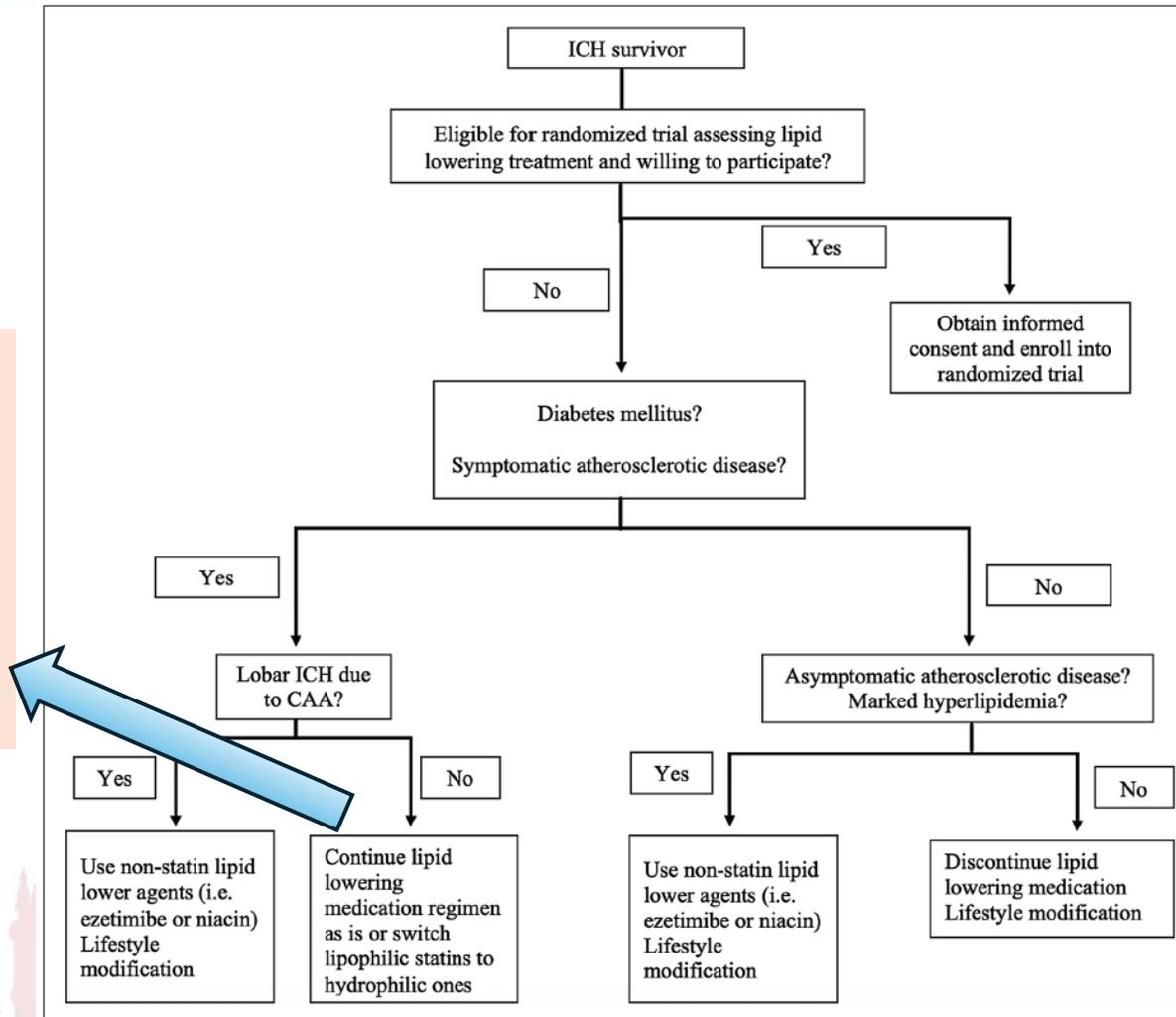


Figure. Proposed treatment algorithm for hyperlipidemia after intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) based on the totality of available evidence.

Shoamanesh A, Selim M. Use of Lipid-Lowering Drugs After Intracerebral Hemorrhage. Stroke. 2022 Jul;53(7):2161-2170.

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## Long-Term Cognitive Safety of Achieving Very Low LDL Cholesterol with Evolocumab

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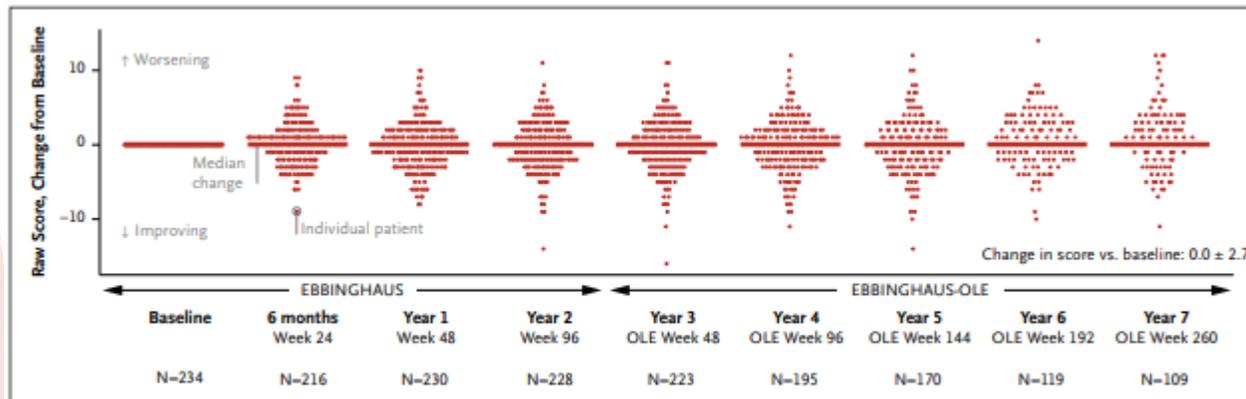
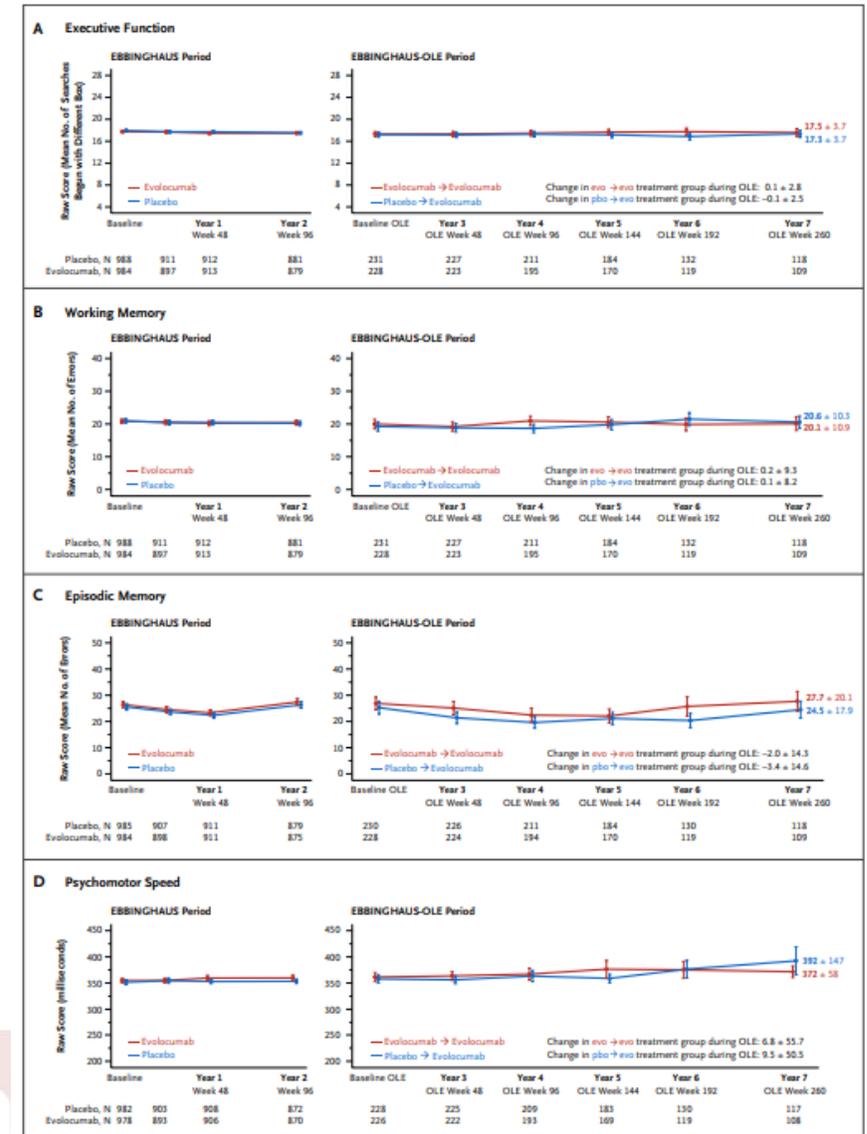


Figure 3. Long-term Change in Executive Function with Evolocumab.



## Quick Takes

# LDL Cholesterol Lowering: Is There a Risk for Dementia and Hemorrhagic Stroke?

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## Expert Analysis

hemorrhagic stroke associated with lowering LDL-C levels.

## Stroke

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## Lowering Cholesterol and Intracerebral Hemorrhage: There Won't Be Blood!

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