# Understanding the role of triglycerides in the assessment of residual risk

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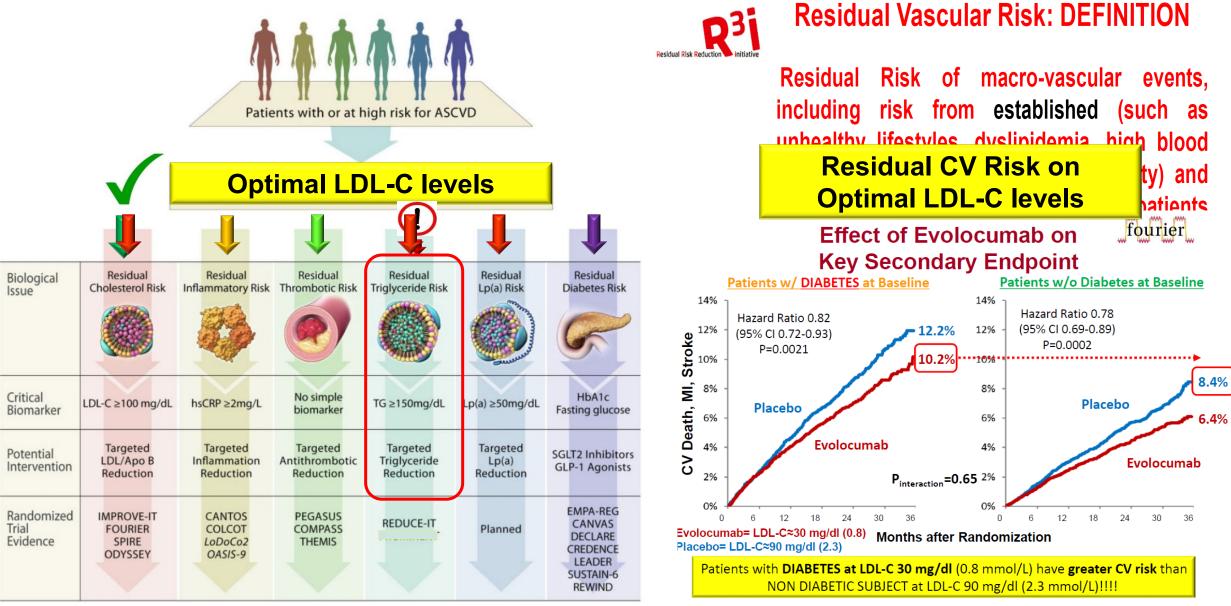
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# **Residual CV Risk: A Multifaceted Clinical Challenge**



Lipid values are expressed in mg/dl (mmol/L)



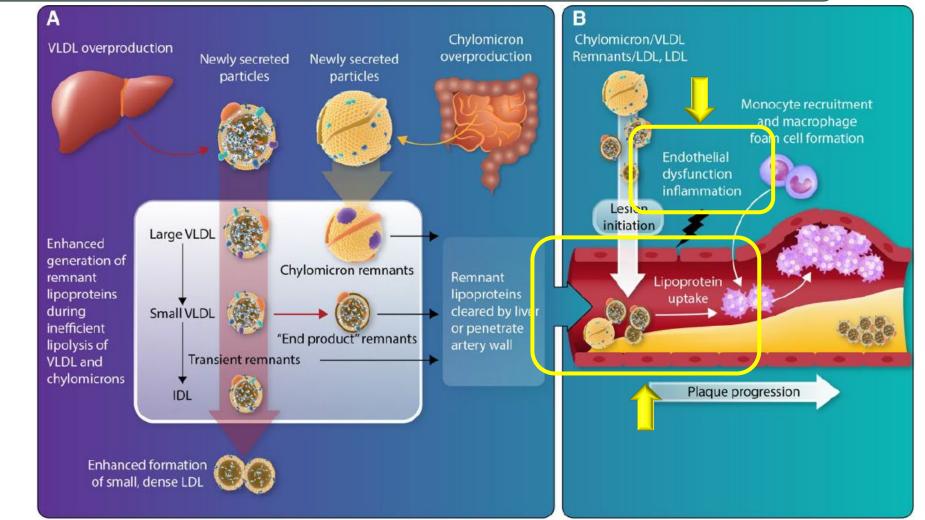
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of Cardiology Lale Tokgozoglu (1<sup>\*</sup>, Carl Orringer (1<sup>°</sup>, Henry N. Ginsberg (1<sup>°</sup>, and Alberico L. Catapano (1<sup>°</sup>)<sup>4</sup>

# The year in cardiovascular medicine 2021: dyslipidaemia

Triglyceride-Rich Lipoprotein (TGRL) are CAUSAL in Promoting The Atherothrombotic Process
<u>1 TG-RICH LIPOPROTEIN IS AS ATHEROGENIC AS 1 LDL PARTICLE</u>

**ROBUST, RECENT EVIDENCE** supports a CAUSAL association **between** triglyceride-rich lipoproteins, and TRIGLYCERIDE-**RICH LIPOPROTEIN REMNANTS** WITH CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS. **Overproduction and inefficient** lipolysis, such as in TYPE 2 **DIABETES**, mainly in the postprandial phase, of both very lowdensity lipoprotein and chylomicrons lead to increased remnant formation. Triglyceride-rich lipoprotein remnants contribute to the initiation and progression of atherosclerotic lesions.



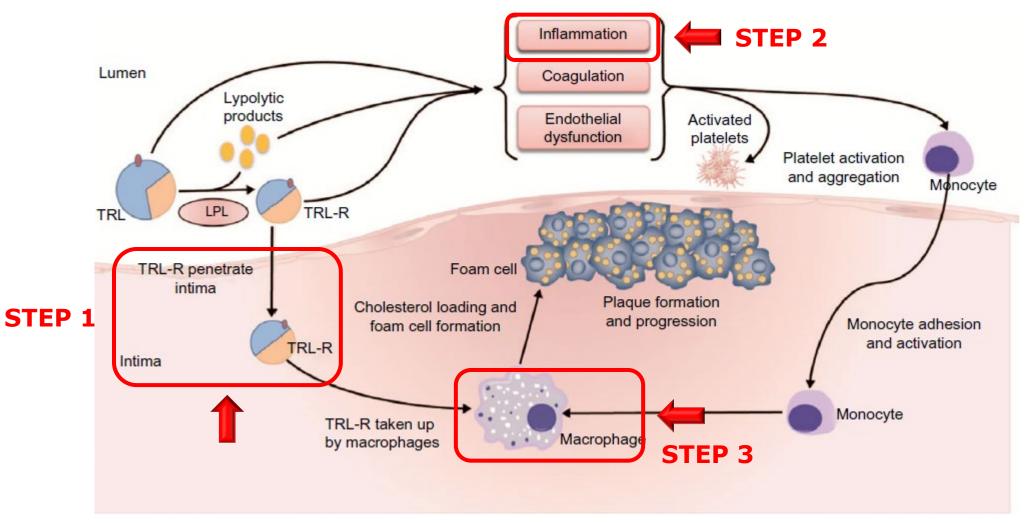
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# Pathophysiology of TG-rich lipoproteins in the progression of atherosclerosis



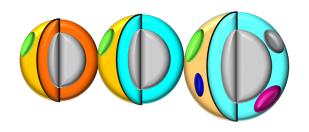
LPL, lipoprotein lipase; TRL, triglyceride-rich lipoproteins; TRL-R, triglyceride-rich lipoprotein remnants.

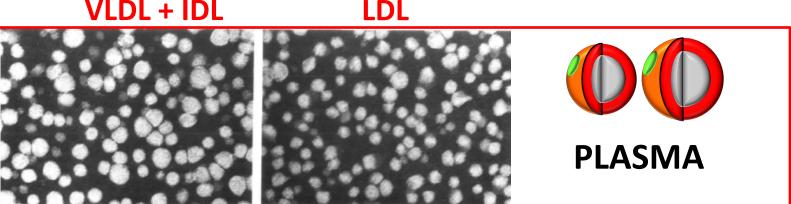
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# **Triglyceride-Rich Lipoproteins Isolated From Human**

# **Coronary Atherosclerotic Plaque** - EVIDENCE FROM THE PAST - 1994

#### VLDL + IDL

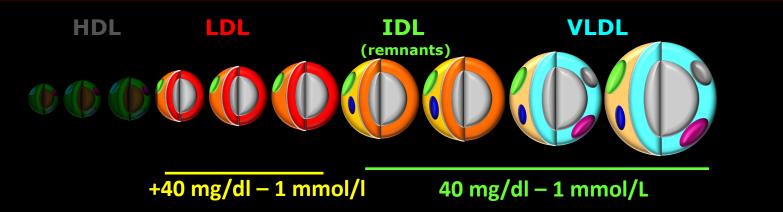




Photomicrographs show negatively stained lipoproteins from a single patient: Left pictures show very-low-density lipoprotein+ intermediatedensity lipoprotein; Right pictures, low-density lipoprotein. Top, Serum; middle, plaque extract

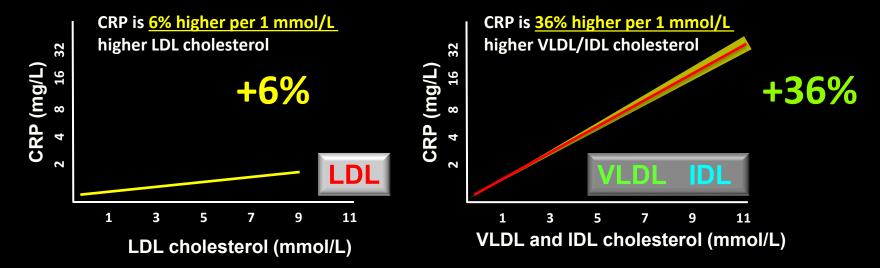
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Association of nonfasting IDL and VLDL cholesterol (**right**) and LDL-C (**left**) with C-reactive protein (CRP) in 48 250 participants from the Copenhagen General Population Study.

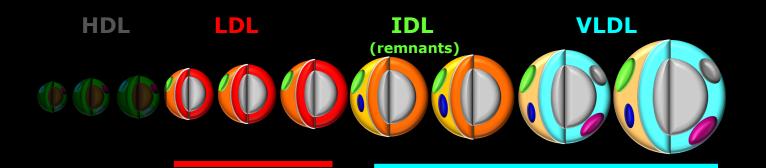


#### Multivariable adjusted association CRP and LDL-C and IDL/VLDL-C

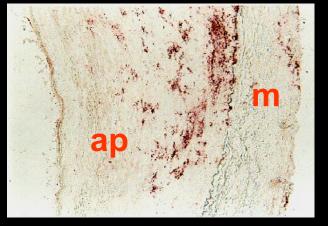
Age, sex, lipid-lowering therapy, smoking, hypertension, diabetes, menopause, and HRT

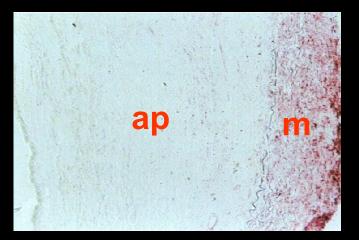


# Correlation between LDL-C, TG-Rich Lipoproteins Cholesterol and Carotid Plaque Composition



Association between Lipoproteins and Macrophage Plaque Content





Association between Lipoproteins and Smooth Muscle Cell Plaque Content

 LDL-C
 r= 0.11, p=ns

 TG-Rich lipoproteins
 r= 0.62, p<0.01</th>

r=0.15, p=ns r= -044, p<0.05





Adipose tissuevisceral or ectopic Infectious agents/ Microbiome Clonal

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Some nontraditional risk factors drivers of arterial inflammation Arson in the Artery: Who Set the Atheroma Aflame? **Peter Libby** Trends in Cardiovascular

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#### **ORIGINAL RESEARCH**

Association of Hypertriglyceridemia with All-Cause Mortality and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Events in a Low-Risk Italian Population: The TG-REAL Retrospective Cohort Analysis

Marcello Arca, MD; Chiara Veronesi, PhD; Laura D'Erasmo, MD, PhD; Claudio Borghi, MD; Furio Colivicchi, MD; Gaetano Maria De Ferrari, MD; Giovambattista Desideri, MD; Roberto Pontremoli, MD; Pier Luigi Temporelli, MD; Valentina Perrone, PhD; Luca Degli Esposti, PhD; on the behalf of Local Health Units Group\*

# **CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE**

#### What Are the Clinical Implications?

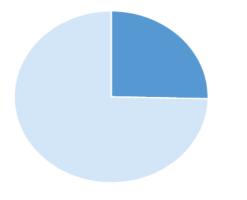
• The main clinical implication of our findings is that they further support the concept that triglyceride measurement must be considered an important part of the routine evaluation for all patients (including those estimated to be at low risk) to manage cardiovascular risk.

- n= 158 042 individuals
- Normal TG < 150 mg/dl
- High TG: 150-500 mg/dl
- Very High > 500 mg/dl

\*age, sex, hypertension, diabetes, chronic kidney disease (CKD), previous cardiovascular hospitalizations, antidiabetic medication, statin, antihypertensive, anticoagulants, total cholesterol, and HDL-C. ESC European Heart Journal (2019) 00, 1–9 European Society doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz767

Real-world risk of cardiovascular outcomes associated with hypertriglyceridaemia among individuals with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and potential eligibility for emerging therapies Patrick R. Lawler, Gynter Kotrri, Maria Koh et al.

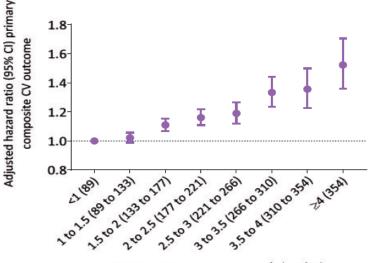
Approximately 1 in 4 patients with ASCVD in the general population may have hypertriglyceridemia and controlled LDLc\*



\*defined as triglyceride 1.52-5.63 mmol/L (135-499 mg/dL) and LDLc 1.06-2.59 mmol/L (41-100 mg/dL)

Mean LDL-C 68 mg/dl

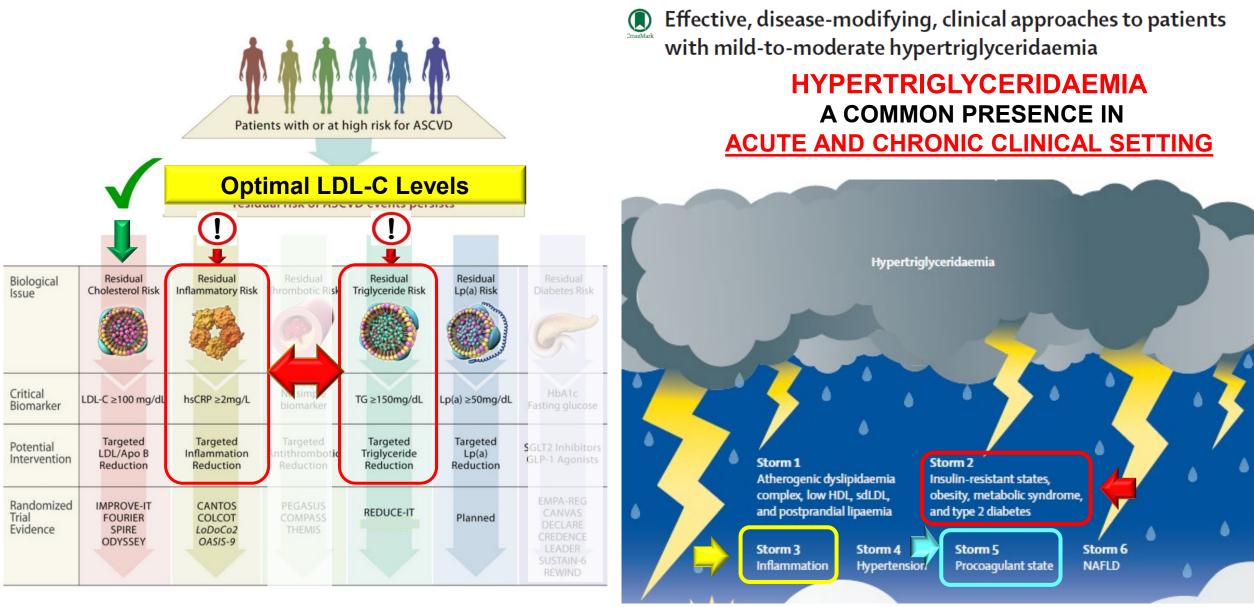
Risk of ASCVD events associated with triglyceride level among 196,717 patients with prevalent ASCVD in the population



Triglyceride category, mmol/L (mg/dL)

Models were adjusted for age, sex, income, LDL cholesterol, baseline diabetes and hypertension

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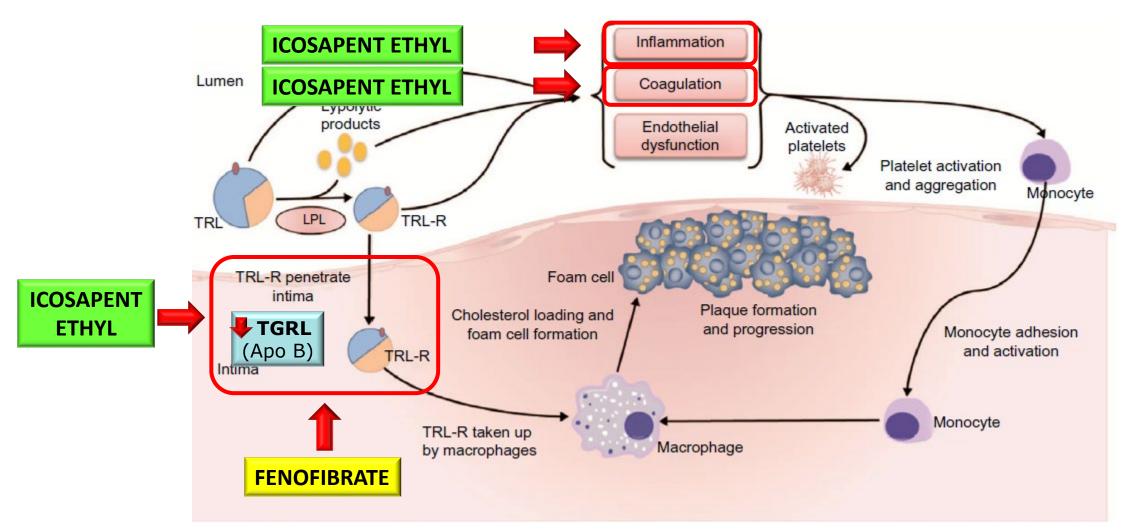
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# Current Triglyceride Lowering Approaches to reduce CVD Risk: More than Just TG ?



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