New Pespective of Proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin 9 (PCSK 9) Inhibitor in CAD Patients

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Relationship Between LDL-C and CV Incidence



Mean Treatment LDL-C at Follow-up, mg/dL (mmol/L)

Atv = atorvastatin; Pra = pravastatin; Sim = simvastatin; PROVE-IT = Pravastatin or AtorVastatin Evaluation and Infection Therapy; IDEAL = Incremental Decrease in Endpoints through Aggressive Lipid Lowering; ASCOT = Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial; AFCAPS = Air Force Coronary Atherosclerosis Prevention Study; WOSCOPS = West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study Adapted from Rosenson RS. Expert Opin Emerg Drugs. 2004;9:269-279; LaRosa JC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2005;352:1425-1435; Pedersen TR, et al. JAMA. 2005;294:2437-2445.



- Statins are the cornerstone of cholesterol-lowering theraphy for the prevention of CHD.
- Recent meta-analysis, in individuals with 5-year risk of major vascular events lower than 10%, each 1 mmol/L (39 mg/dl) reduction in LDL cholesterol with statin therapy produced an absolute reduction in major vascular events of about 11 per 1000 over 5 years.

Statins Issues

- Despite the widespread use of statins, patients continue to experience residual risk.
- 16-53% of patients worldwide fail to achieve goal lipid targets, with even higher rate (79%) in patients with familial forms of hypercholesterolemia.
- 10-20% patients are unable to tolerate statins due to statin-related adverse events, particularly higher doses.

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Statins & PCSK9

- Interestingly, statin treatment increases the expression of LDLreceptor gene, in addition upregulates convertase subtilisin kexin 9 (PCSK9) mRNA expression, increased the expression of PCSK9 may attenuate the LDL-lowering effect of statins.
- In other words, blocking PCSK9, PCSK9 inhibitors would enhance the LDL-lowering effects of statins.

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Discovery of PCSK9

In 2003, Seidah et al. identified the ninth member of the proprotein convertase family-PCSK9.

Gain-of fucntion (GOF) mutation in PSCK9 was associated with mild to severe hypercholesterolemia and an increased risk of CHD.

In 2005, the first loss-of-function (LOF) described. (eg.Y142X and C679X) were associated with reduction in LDL-C and reduction in the risk of CHD.

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PCSK9 gene mutation associated with a GOF on protein activity

Nucleotide position	Protein position	PCSK9 protein domain
c332C>A		5′ UTR
c.10G>A	p.Val4lle	Signal peptide
c.94G>A	p.Glu32Lys	Pro-domain
c.161A>C	p.Glu54Ala	Pro-domain
c.381T>A	p.Ser127Arg	Pro-domain
c.385G>A	p. Asp129Asn	Pro-domain
c.386A>G	p. Asp129Gly	Pro-domain
c.644G>A	p. Arg215His	Catalytic
c.646T>C	p.Phe216Leu	Catalytic
c.654A>T	p. Arg218Ser	Catalytic
c.1070G>A	p.Arg357His	Catalytic
c.1120 G>T	p.Asp374Tyr	Catalytic
c.1120G>C	p.Asp374His	Catalytic
c.1274A>G	p.Asn425Ser	Catalytic
c.1405C>T	p.Arg469Trp	C-terminal domain
c.1486C>T	p.Arg496Trp	C-terminal domain
c.1540G>A	p.Ala514Thr	C-terminal domain
c.1564G>A	p.Ala522Thr	C-terminal domain
c.1658A>G	p.His553Arg	C-terminal domain
c.1863 + 6G>A		Intron 11
c.1870G>A	p.Val624Met	C-terminal domain

PCSK9 gene mutation associated with a LOF on protein activity

Nucleotide position	Protein position	PCSK9 protein domain
c.202delG	A68fsL82X	Pro-domain
c.230C>T	p.Thr77Ile	Pro-domain
c.277C>T	p.Arg93Cys	Pro-domain
c.290_292delGCC	p.Arg97del	Pro-domain
c.316G>A	p.Gly106Arg	Pro-domain
c.341T>C	p.Val114Ala	Pro-domain
c.426C>G	p.Tyr142X	Pro-domain
c.655C>G	p.Gln219Glu	Catalytic
c.706G>A	p.Gly236Ser	Catalytic
c.716C>A	p.Ala239Asp	Catalytic
c.757C>T	p.Leu253Phe	Catalytic
c.1061A>T	p. Asn354Ile	Catalytic
c.1171C>A	p. His391Asn	Catalytic
c.1284G>A	p.Trp428X	Catalytic
c.1300C>T	p.Arg434Trp	C-terminal domain
c.1355G>A	p.Gly452Asp	C-terminal domain
c.1384T>C	p.Ser462Pro	C-terminal domain
c.1660C>G	p.Gln554Glu	C-terminal domain
c.1847C>T	p.Pro616Leu	C-terminal domain
c.2004C>A	p.Ser668Arg	C-terminal domain
c.2037C>A	p.Cys679X	C-terminal domain

PCSK9-LOF (Y142X & C679X)



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.



PCSK9, as a newly discovered serine protease, directly interacts with the LDLR both within the cell and at the surface of the plasma membrane, caused the degradation of hepatic LDLR and thereby controls the level of LDL in plasma.

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LDL Receptor Function and Life Cycle



The Role of PCSK9 in the Regulation of LDL Receptor Expression



Introduction PCSK9 & Atherosclerosis



Figure 1. Direct relationship between atherosclerosis and proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 (PCSK9) in mice. C57BL/6 male mice that express no PCSK9 (knockout [KO]), normal levels (wild-type [WT]), and high levels of murine PCSK9 (transgenic [Tg]) were fed a Western diet for 12 months (n=5-6 mice per genotype). A. Plasma cholesterol. B. Fast protein liquid chromatography cholesterol profiles (pooled plasma); very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL), low-density lipoprotein (LDL), and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) fractions are indicated. C, Cholesteryl (Chol.) ester accumulation in the whole aorta. D, Representative en face preparations of aortic arches. E, Cumulative plaque size at the level of aortic valves and root. Bars and error bars represent mean±SD; by comparison with WT values, P (***P≤0.001) was obtained with a 2-tailed Student t test.

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Introduction PCSK9 inhibition

Including:

- (1) inhibition of PCSK9 synthesis by gene silencing agents (antisense oligonucleotides or small interfering RNA_siRNA)
- (2) inhibition of PCSK9 binding to LDLDR by monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), small peptides or adnectins.
- (3) inhibition of PCSK9 autocatalytic processing by small molecule inhibitors

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Introduction PCSK9 inhibitionhuman monoclonal antibodies

- Several mAbs targeting PCSK9 have been tested in preclinical studies to assess their disruption of the PSCK9-LDLR interaction or inhibition of PCSK9 internalization.
- Targeting PCSK9 in FH patients with novel anti-PCSK9 therapies will be useful in reducing cardiovascular risk in affected subjects.

Impact of PCSK9 inhibition on LDL Receptor Expression



PCSK9 Inhibition

Mechanism	Substances	Human data
Monoclonal	SAR 236553 (Sanofi)	available
antibody	AMG145 (Amgen)	available
	RN316/Rf04950615 (Pfizer)	available

- > Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia
- Statin intolerance
- > High-risk patients not at target levels

PCSK9-directed agents in development

Company	Drug name	Agent	Indication	Phase
Sanofi/Regeneron	REGN727/SAR236553	Monoclonal antibody	Hypercholesterolemia	
Amgen	AMG 145	Monoclonal antibody	Hypercholesterolemia	Ш
Pfizer/Rinat	RN316 (PF-04950615)	Monoclonal antibody	Hypercholesterolemia	Ш
Novartis	LGT-209	Monoclonal antibody	Hypercholesterolemia	I
Roche	RG7652	Monoclonal antibody	Metabolic syndrome	Ш
Eli Lilly	LY3015014	Monoclonal antibody	Cardiovascular disease	I
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	ALN-PCS02	siRNA oligonucleotide	Hypercholesterolemia	I
Adnexus Therapeutics/ Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMS-962476	Fusion protein using Adnectin technology	Cardiovascular disease	I
Santaris Pharma A/S	SPC5001	Antisense oligonucleotides	Familial hypercholesterolemia	Terminated
Isis pharmaceuticals/ Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMS-844421/ISIS-405879	Antisense oligonucleotide		Terminated

siRNA, small interfering RNA.

SAR236553/REN727 Phase III trial

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ODYSSEY LONG TERM	To evaluate the long-term safety and tolerability of SAR236553/REGN727 in patients with hypercholesterolemia at high cardiovascular risk or patients with HeFH inadequately controlled with their current lipid-modifying therapy	NCT01507831
ODYSSEY OUTCOMES	A cardiovascular outcomes trial which will enroll about 18,000 patients and evaluate the effect of SAR236553/REGN727 on the occurrence of cardiovascular events	NCT01663402
ODYSSEY CHOICE	To determine the efficacy and safety of alirocumab every 4 weeks compared with placebo in lowering cholesterol, if used alone or added to the participants' current cholesterol- lowering medication	NCT01926782
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AMG145 Phase III trial

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MENDEL-2	To evaluate the safety and efficacy of lipid-lowering monotherapy with AMG 145 in subjects with a 10-year Framingham risk score of 10% or less	NCT01763827
LAPLACE-2	To evaluate the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of AMG 145 on LDL-C in combination with statin therapy in subjects with primary hypercholesterolemia and mixed dyslipidemia	NCT01763866
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SAR236553/REN727 vs. Atorvastatin Phase II Trial Randomized Clinical Trial



Figure 1. Mean Percent Change from Baseline in Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Cholesterol Levels, According to Treatment Group.

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Adverse Events and Potentially Clinically Significant Abnormalities in the Safety Population \Rightarrow					
Event or Abnormality	Atorvastatin, 80 mg, plus Placebo (N=31)	Atorvastatin, 10 mg, plus SAR236553 (N=31)	Atorvastatin, 80 mg, plus SAR236553 (N=30)		
	ทเ	umber of patients (percer	it)		
Adverse events occurring during study treatment					
Any	19 (61)	14 (45)	18 (60)		
Any serious	0	0	1 (3)		
Resulting in death	0	0	0		
Resulting in permanent discontinuation of treatment	4 (13)	0	1 (3)		
Potentially clinically significant abnormalities					
Alanine aminotransferase >3× ULN	0	0	0		
Aspartate aminotransferase $>3 \times$ ULN	0	0	1 (3)		
Total bilirubin >1.5× ULN	0	0	1 (3)		
Creatine kinase >3× ULN	1 (3)	0	0		

☆The safety population included all patients who underwent randomization and who received at least one dose or partialdose of SAR236553 or placebo

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SAR236553/REN727 vs. Statin The ODYSSEY OPTIONS I and II



AMG145 (Evolocumab) DESCARTES Randomized Placebo-controlled Study



DESCARTES: LDL-C Goal Achievement



DESCARTES: Changes in Mean Levels of PCSK9



DESCARTES: Treatment Emergent Adverse Events

n (%)	Placebo N=302	Evolocumab N=599
Any Treatment Emergent Adverse Event	224 (74.2)	448 (74.8)
Serious	13 (4.3)	33 (5.5)
Death	0 (0.0)	2 (0.3)
Adjudicated events	2 (0.7)	6 (1.0)
Leading to discontinuation of study drug	3 (1.0)	13 (2.2)

DESCARTES: Treatment Emergent Adverse Events II

n (%)	Placebo N=302	Evolocumab N=599
Most Common Treatment Emergent AEs		
Nasopharyngitis	29 (9.6)	63 (10.5)
Upper respiratory tract infection	19 (6.3)	56 (9.3)
Influenza	19 (6.3)	45 (7.5)
Back pain	17 (5.6)	37 (6.2)
Neurocognitive AEs	2 (0.7)	1 (0.2)
Amnesia - Short-term memory loss	0 (0.0)	1 (0.2)
Dementia With Lewy Bodies	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)
Encephalopathy	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)

DESCARTES: Hepatic and Muscle Safety

n (%)	Placebo N=302	Evolocumab N=599
Liver function tests		
ALT or AST > 3 × ULN*	3 (1.0)	5 (0.8)
ALT or AST > 5 × ULN*	1 (0.3)	3 (0.5)
Muscle TEAEs and Laboratory Results		
Myalgia	9 (3.0)	24 (4.0)
CK > 5 × ULN*	1 (0.3)	7 (1.2)
CK > 10 × ULN*	1 (0.3)	3 (0.5)

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Summary

- CSK9 inhibitors, REGN727/SAR236553 or AMG145, whether combination with other lipidlowering agents or not, have significantly decreased LDL-C levels with well tolerance.
- Long-term clinical studies are required to define their roles in clinical practice.

Thank you for your attention.