

# Ο ρόλος των στατινών στην μη αλκοολική λιπώδη νόσο του ήπατος



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# ΜΑΛΝΗ

Κλινικο-παθολογικό σύνδρομο που περιλαμβάνει **ένα ευρύ φάσμα λιπώδους διηθήσεως του ήπατος (>5%)**

σε απουσία κατάχρησης αλκοόλ  
(2 ποτά ή λιγότερες ημερησίως)  
και άλλων αιτίων στεάτωσης  
(χρόνιες ηπατίτιδες).

# ΜΑΛΝΗ - Φάσμα εκδηλώσεων

Στεάτωση

Στεατοηπατίτιδα (NASH)

NASH με ίνωση

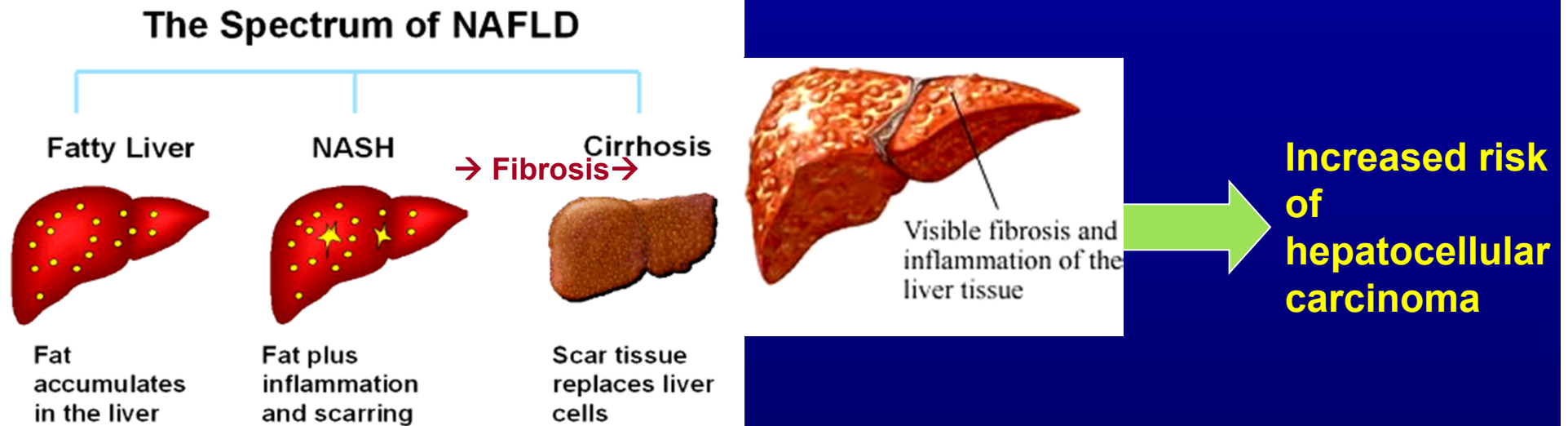
Κίρρωση

**ΜΑΛΝΗ**

The diagram illustrates the progression of liver disease. On the left, four stages are listed vertically: Στεάτωση (Steatosis), Στεατοηπατίτιδα (NASH) (Steatohepatitis), NASH με ίνωση (NASH with fibrosis), and Κίρρωση (Cirrhosis). A large white bracket on the right side of these stages groups them together, with the label ΜΑΛΝΗ (MAFLD) in yellow text to its right. The background is dark blue with wavy lines.

# Non-Alcoholic Liver Disease

model for the study of the secondary complications of obesity

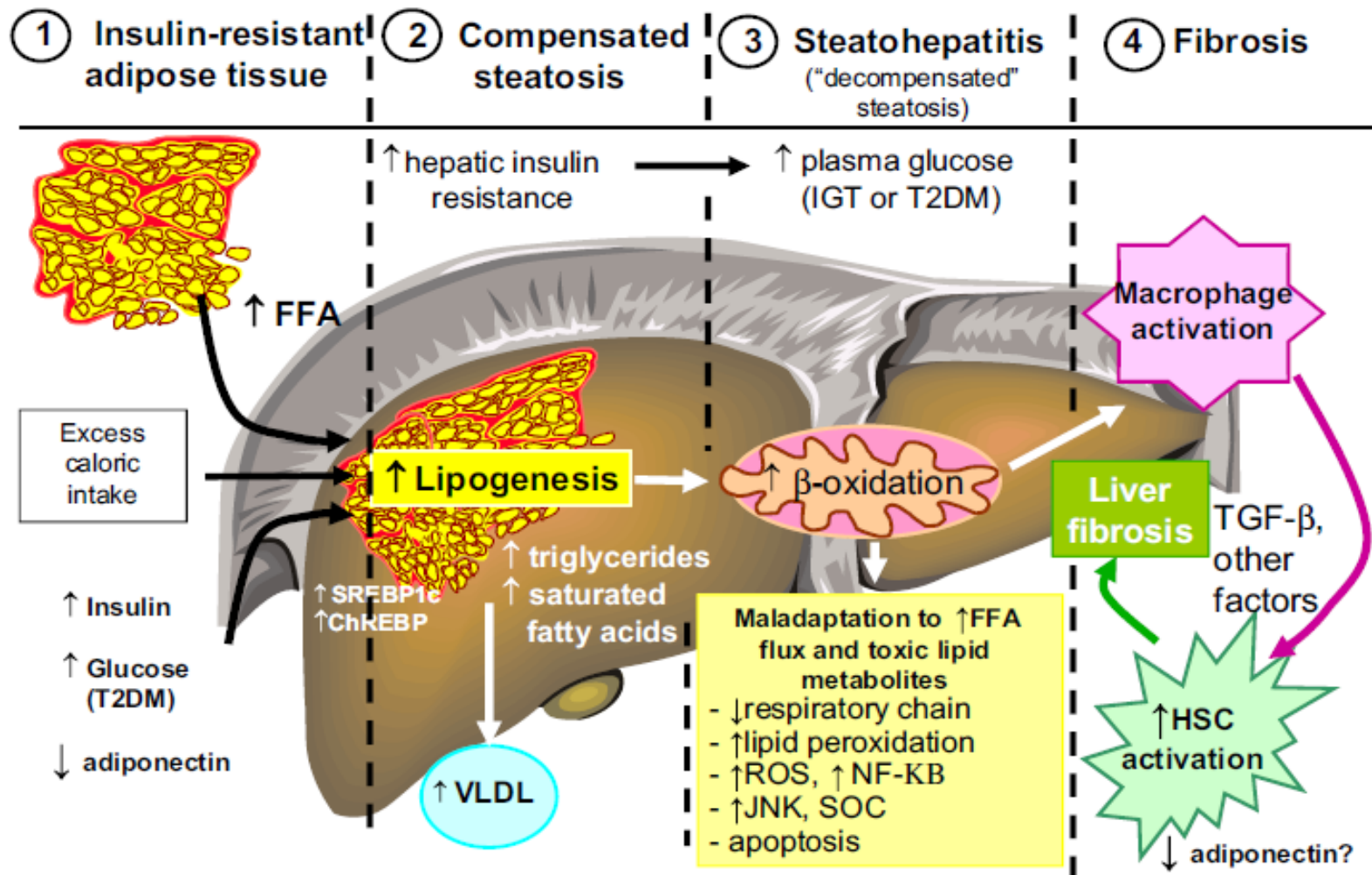


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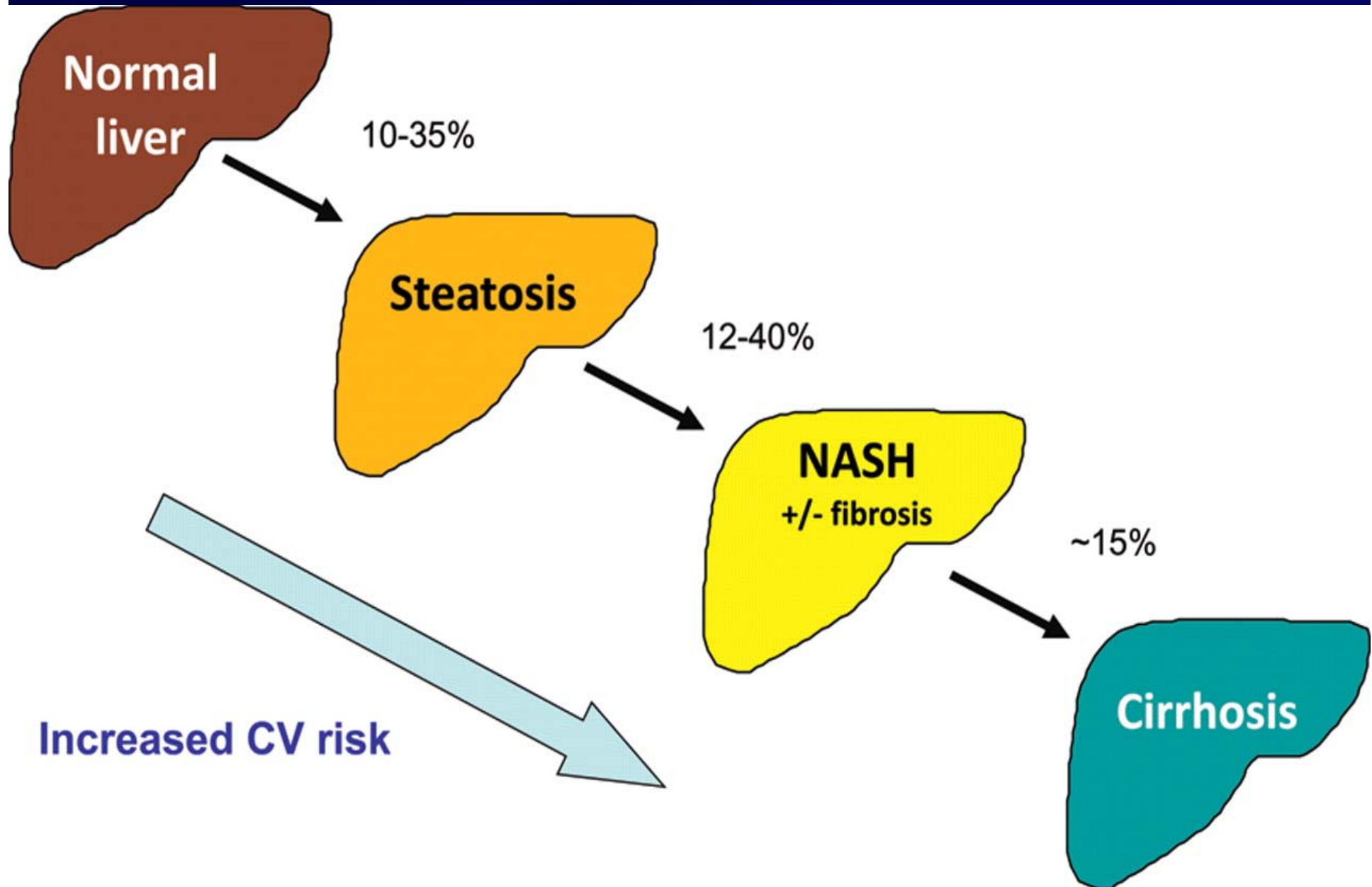
**NAFLD** affects up to 35 % of adults and nearly 5 % of children.

**NASH** → 5-7 % of adult Americans; up to 20 % of obese subjects.

The majority of individuals with NAFLD have no symptoms and a normal examination



# ΜΑΛΝΗ – Επιδημιολογία των ιστολογικών μορφών



# ΜΑΛΝΗ - Παθολόγηση

**First Hit**

**Insulin resistance**

**↑ Fatty acids**



**Steatosis**

**Second Hit**

**Lipid peroxidation**



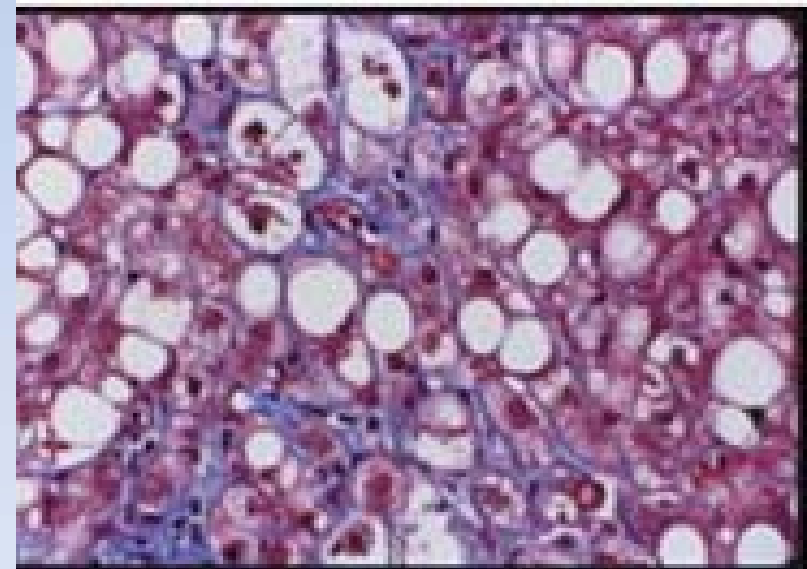
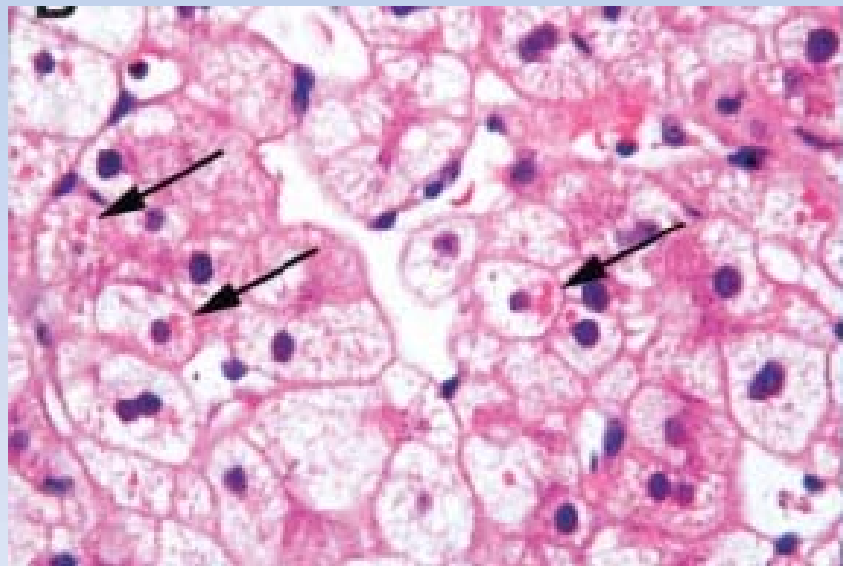
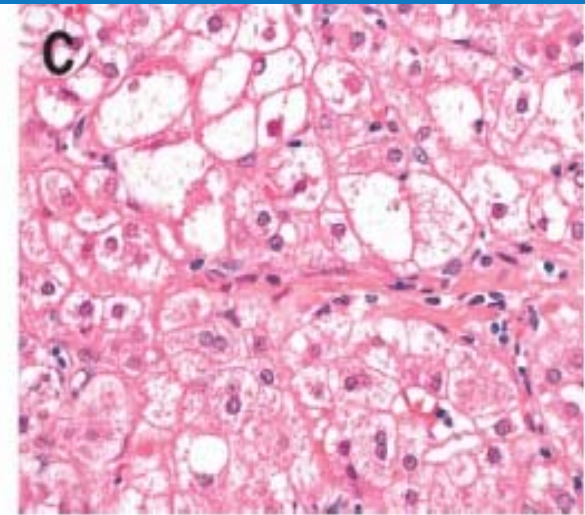
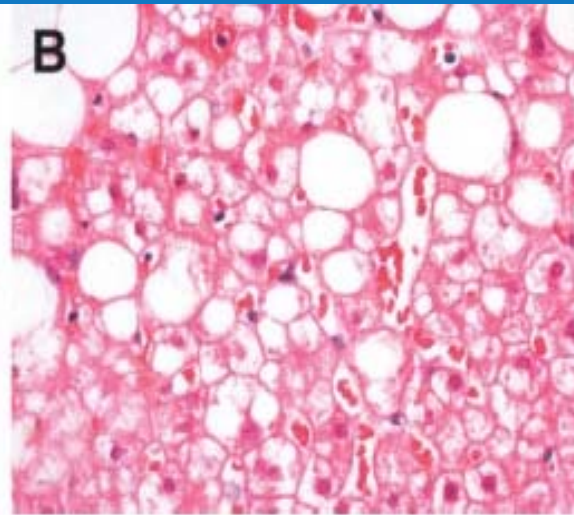
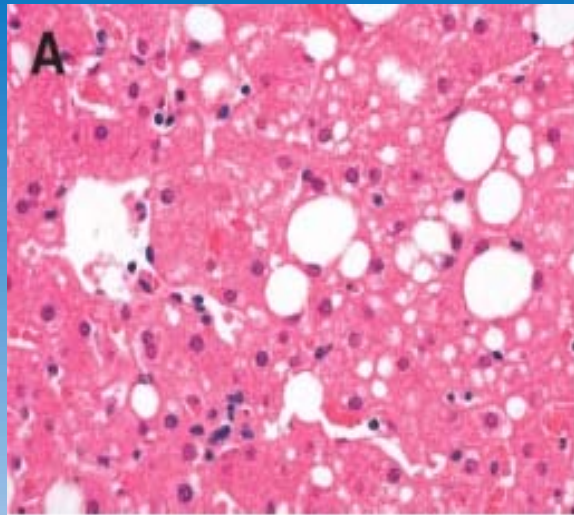
**NASH**

# ΜΑΛΝΗ - Απεικόνιση

- Υπέρηχος
- Αξονική τομογραφία
- Απεικόνιση μαγνητικού συντονισμού

Fibroscan μια μη επεμβατική μέθοδος που είναι σε θέση να ανιχνεύσει με την NASH με ίνωση.





# NAFLD activity score (NAS)

## Findings:

- Macrovesicular steatosis
  - Lobular inflammation
  - Hepatocyte ballooning
  - Perisinusoidal fibrosis
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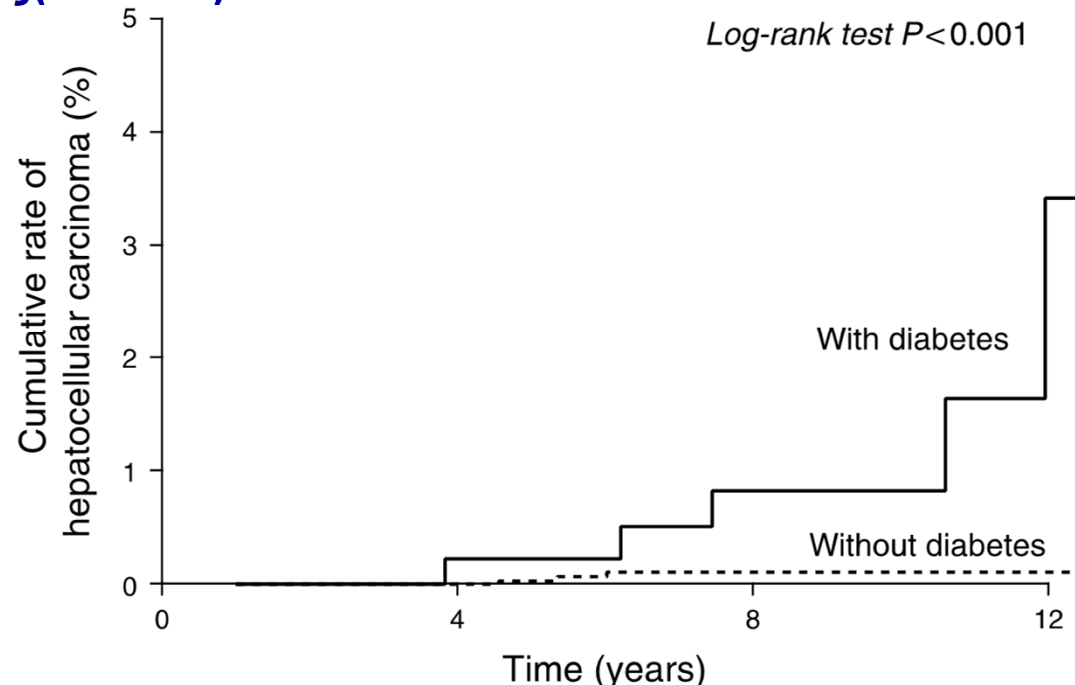
- Histologic scoring system
- Score 5 or greater is consistent with NASH
- Score 2 or less is consistent with simple fatty liver

# Προδιαθεσικοί παράγοντες για την εξέλιξη της ΜΑΛΝΗ

- 1) **Obesity** – Pt undergoing Bariatric surgery (90% steatosis, 30% NASH, 10% advanced fibrosis / cirrhosis)
- 2) **Metabolic conditions**
  - Type 2 DM – 66% will have US evidence of NAFLD
  - Polycystic ovarian syndrome – 50%
- 3) **Age** (may reflect longer standing undiagnosed NAFLD)
- 4) **Gender**
  - M>F** (?protective effect of oestrogen)
- 5) **Ethnicity**
  - Hispanics > Other white > African Americans
- 6) **Genetics**
  - PNPLA3 gene (Others include NCAN, GCKR, LYPLAL1)
- 7) **Other** (HCV/HIV)

# ΜΑΛΝΗ - Πρόγνωση

- Η αυξημένη συνολική θνησιμότητα συγκριτικά με τους αντίστοιχους πληθυσμούς ελέγχου.
- Συχνότερη αιτία θανάτου σε ασθενείς με NAFLD, NAFL και NASH είναι η καρδιαγγειακή νόσος, ιδίως επί υπάρξεως ηπατικής ίνωσης.
- Αυξημένα ηπατική θνητότητα - όλο και πιο κοινή ένδειξη για μεταμόσχευση ήπατος(15-20%).



Kawamura Y et al (2011). Large scale long term follow up study of Japanese patients with NAFLD for the onset of HCC. American Journal of Gastroenterology doi:10.1038/ajg.2011.327

# ΜΑΛΝΗ - ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ

**Insulin Sensitizers  
Antihyperlipidemics**



**First Hit**

**Antioxidants  
Cytoprotectants**



**Second Hit**

→ **Steatosis** → **NASH**

Insulin resistance  
↑ Fatty acids



**Weight Loss  
Diet/Exercise**

Lipid  
peroxidation



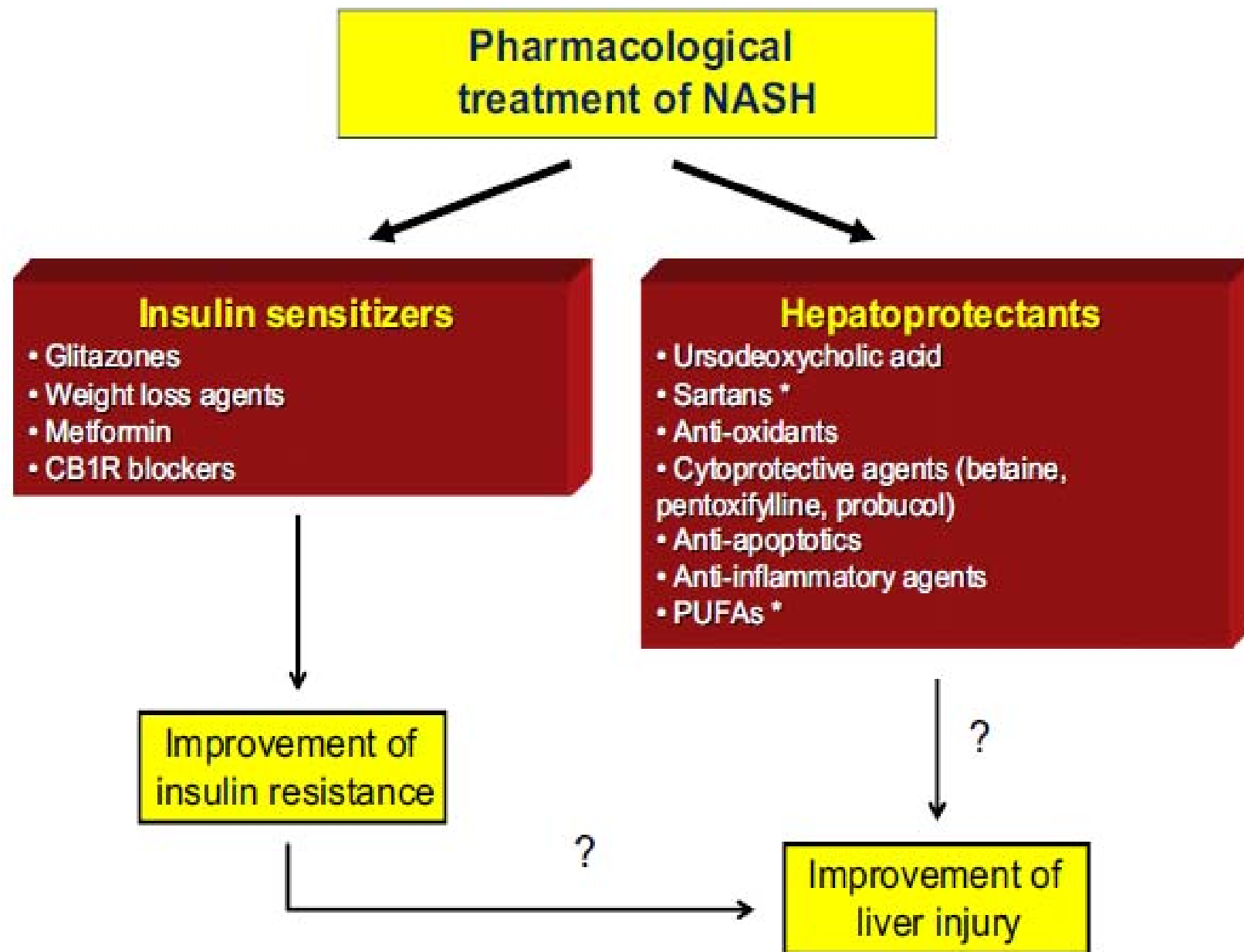
# NAFLD - Weight Loss/Exercise

## **Palmer et al. Gastroenterology 1990**

- 39 obese patients, no primary liver disease
- Retrospective analysis after weight loss
- Lower ALT seen in patients with >10% weight loss

## **Anderson et al. Journal Hepatology 1991**

- 41 obese patients with biopsy-proven NAFLD
- Low calorie diet (~400 kcal/d) x 8 months then re-biopsied
- Most improved, but 24% with worse fibrosis/inflammation
- Histological worsening associated with rapid weight loss



\* also have insulin sensitizing properties.

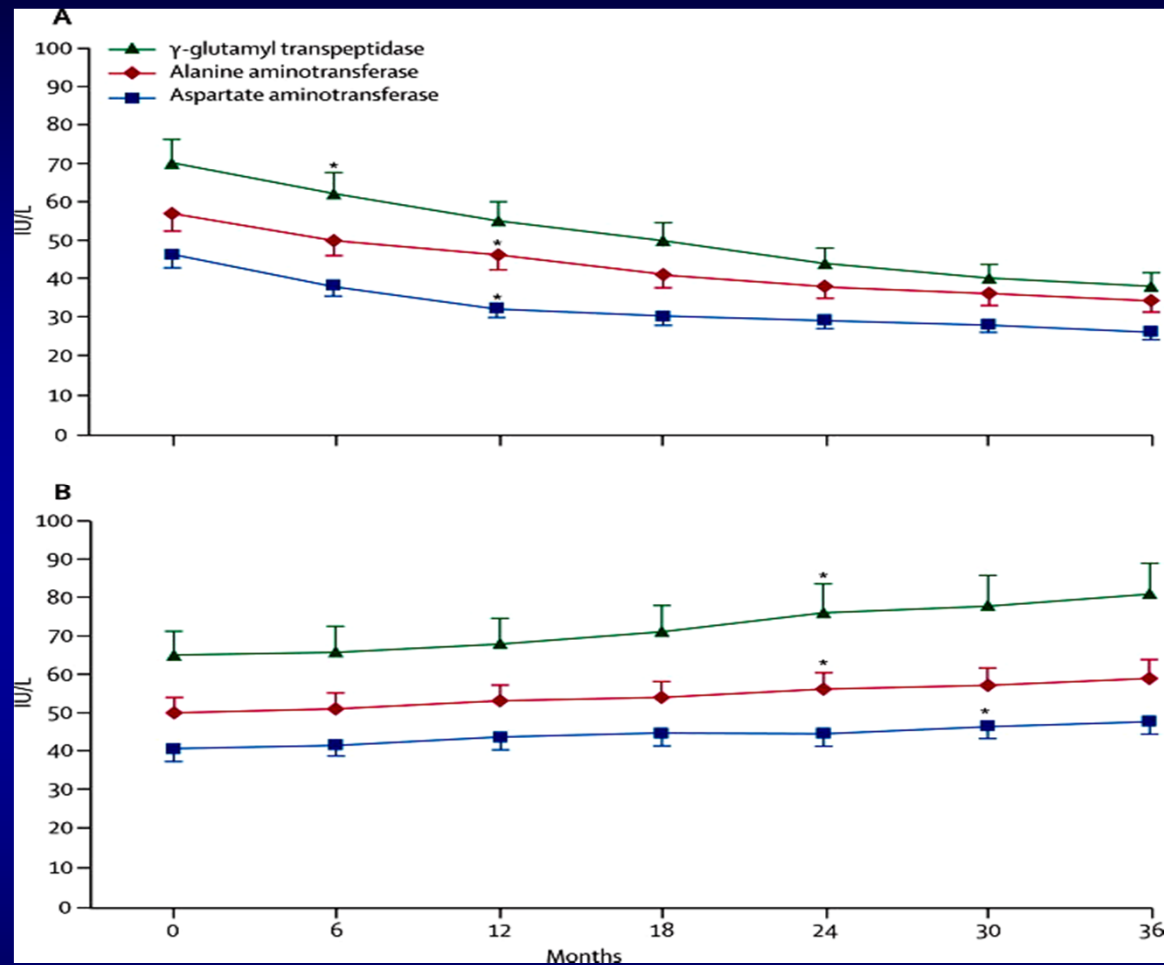
**THE LANCET**

**Safety and efficacy of long-term statin treatment for cardiovascular events in patients with coronary heart disease and abnormal liver tests in the Greek Atorvastatin and Coronary Heart Disease Evaluation (GREACE) Study: a post-hoc analysis**

**Athyros V.G, et al. Lancet 2010, December 10; DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)61272-X.**

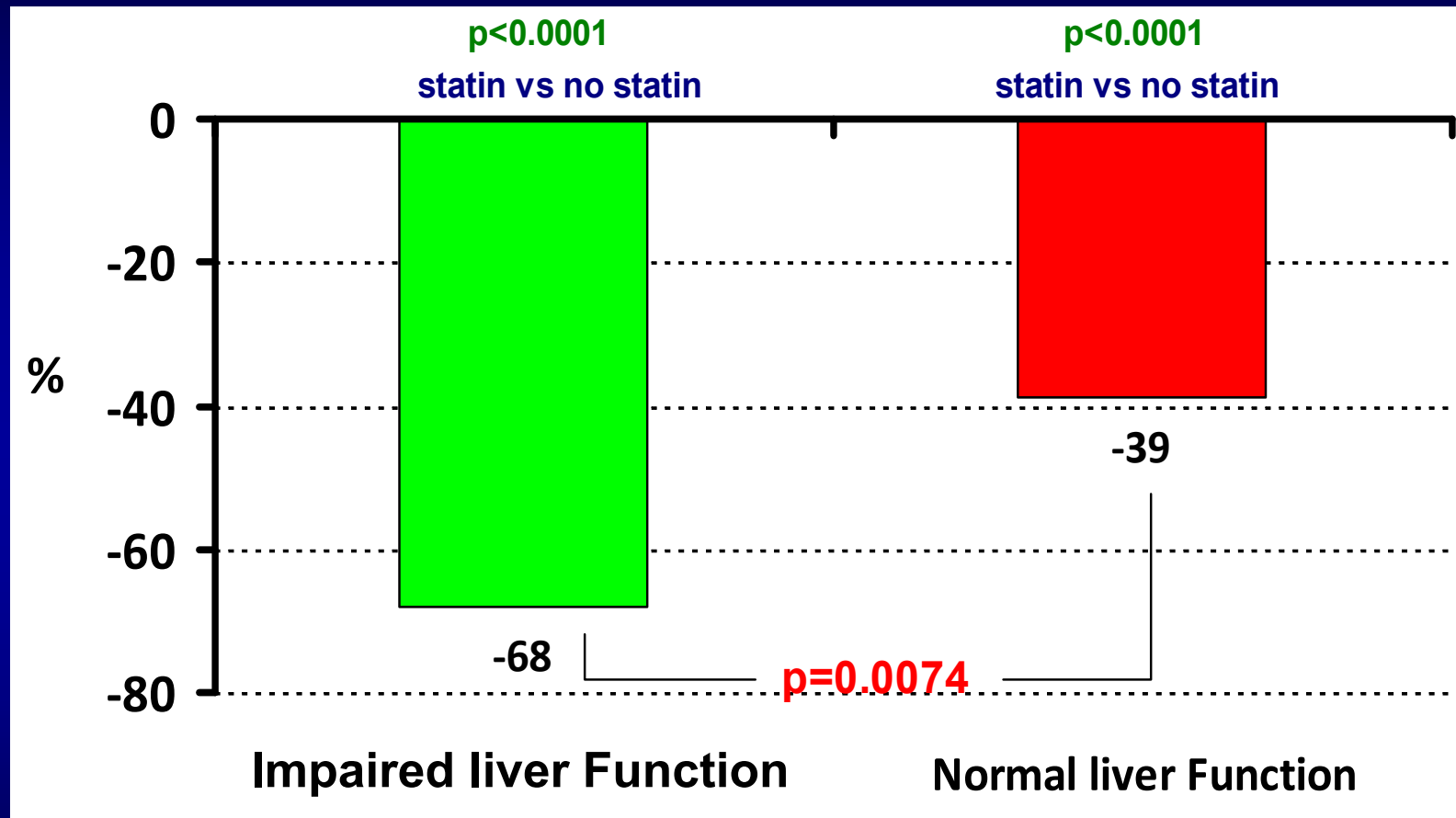


# Effect of statin treatment on liver function tests



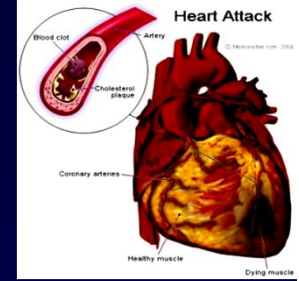
3-ετής παρακολούθηση των ηπατικών ενζύμων σε ασθενείς με αυξημένες τιμές (Α) Ασθενείς υπό αγωγή με στατίνη (n=227). (Β) Ασθενείς χωρίς στατίνη (n=210). ALT=alanine aminotransferase. AST=aspartate aminotransferase. GGT= $\gamma$ -glutamyl transferase. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, ανατρέξτε στα slide 4, 22,23.

# Cardiovascular Relative Risk Reduction within and between the Treatment Groups



Καρδιαγγειακά συμβάματα παρατηρήθηκαν σε 22 (10%) από τους 227 ασθενείς με διαταραγμένες ηπατικές εργαστηριακές εξετάσεις που λάμβαναν στατίνη (3.2 συμβάματα ανά 100 ανθρωπο-έτη) και σε 63 (30%) από τους 210 ασθενείς με διαταραγμένες ηπατικές εργαστηριακές εξετάσεις που δεν λάμβαναν στατίνη (10.0 συμβάματα ανά 100 ανθρωπο-έτη; 68% μείωση σχετικού κινδύνου,  $p < 0.0001$ ). Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, ανατρέξτε στα slide 4, 22, 23.

# ATTEMPT



## Assessing The Treatment Effect in Metabolic syndrome without Perceptible diabeTes (**ATTEMPT**).

A prospective-randomized study in middle aged men and women.

**Safety and impact on CVD events of long-term multifactorial treatment in patients with MetS and Abnormal liver function tests.**

Athyros VG, Giouleme O, Ganotakis ES, Elisaf M, Tziomalos K, Vassiliadis T, Liberopoulos EN, Theocharidou E, Karagiannis A, Mikhailidis DP.; for the Assessing The Treatment Effect in Metabolic Syndrome Without Perceptible diabeTes (**ATTEMPT**) Collaborative Group\*

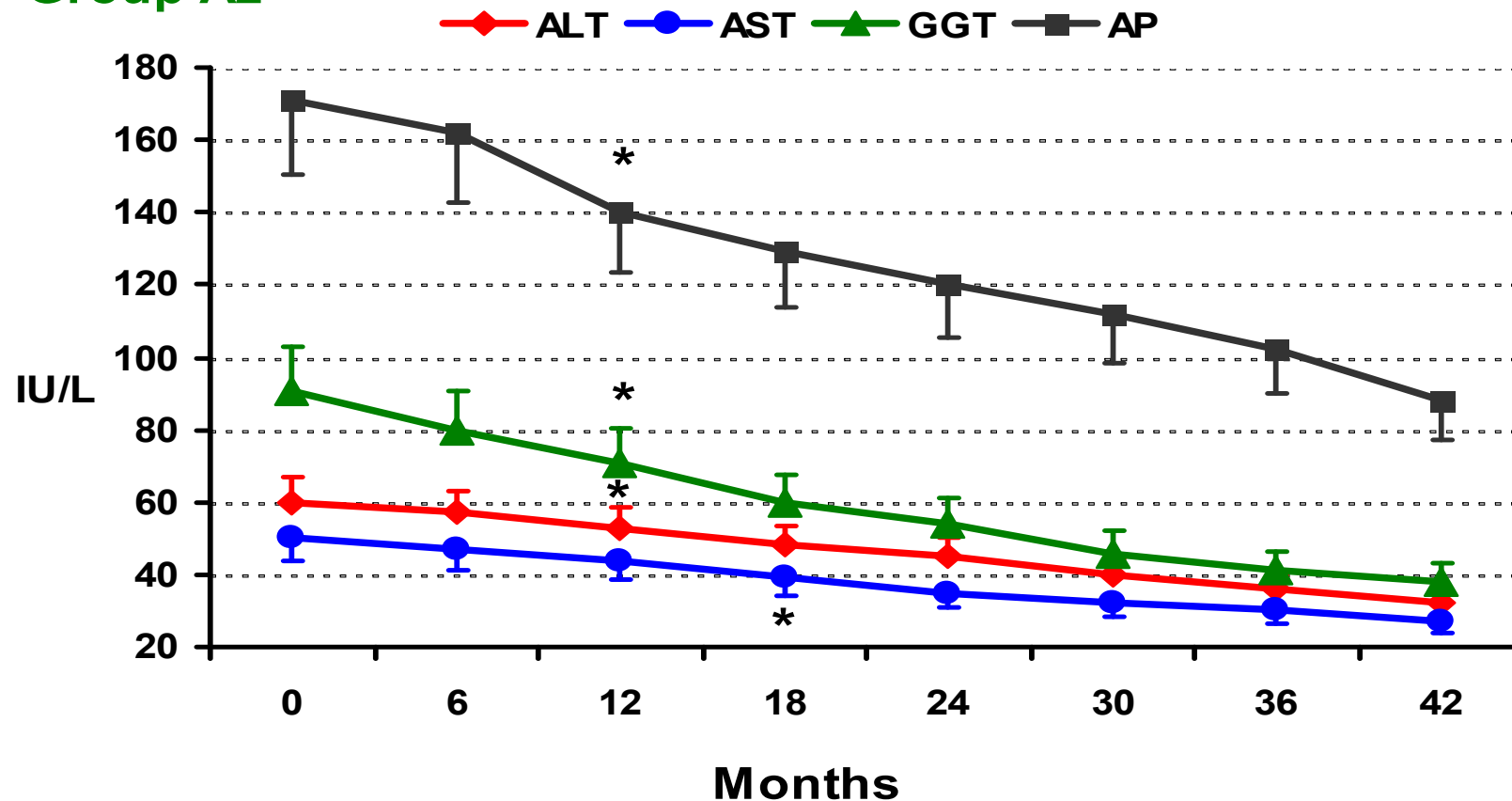
**Arch Med Sci 2011 Oct;7(5):796-805.**

# ATTEMPT Liver *post hoc* Analysis

## Effect of atorvastatin treatment on liver function tests in patients with MetS & NAFLD

Time course of AP, GTT, ALT, AST change in the statin treated patients with NAFLD

### Group A2

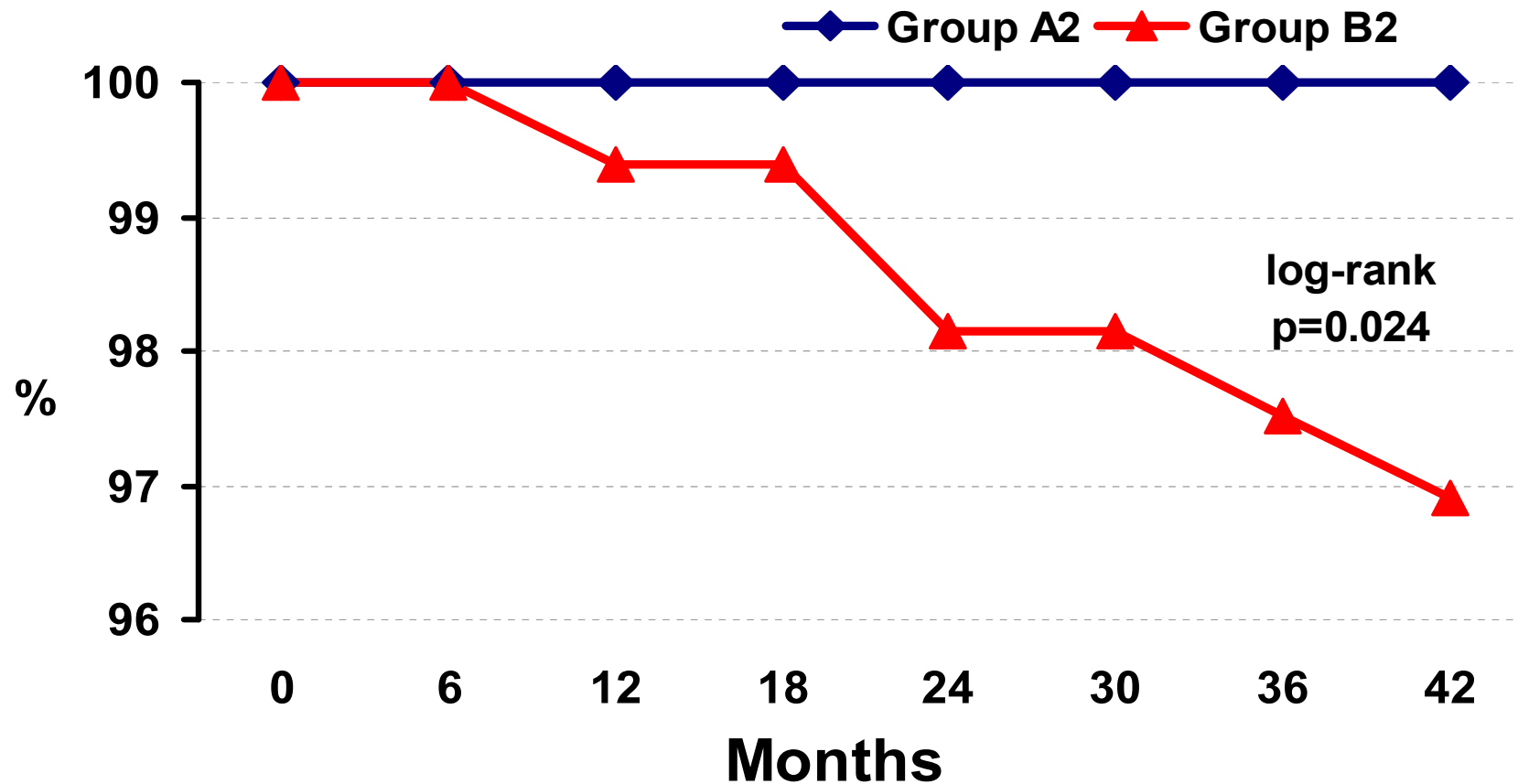


Athyros V, et al. Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics 2011 (in Press).

# ATTEMPT Liver *post hoc* Analysis

## Effect of atorvastatin treatment on Event free survival of A2 and B2

Time course of AP, GTT, ALT, AST change in the statin treated patients with NAFLD



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# IDEAL: Study design

## Patient population

- Enrolled at 190 sites
- History of MI (no restriction on time since MI)
- Men and women aged  $\leq 80$  years
- Eligible for statin therapy
- 9,689 screened
- Serum ALT levels  $< 2 \times$  the upper limit of normal (ULN)

8,888 Patients  
Randomised

Open-label period with blinded  
endpoint evaluations

Atorvastatin  
80 mg/day

Simvastatin  
20 mg/day

(titrated to 40 mg/day at week 24)\*

4.8 Year Follow-up

\* Simvastatin dose was increased to 40 mg/day at week 24 in patients whose plasma TC remained  $> 5.0$  mmol/L or whose LDL-C remained  $> 3.0$  mmol/L

# IDEAL Study: Post-hoc analysis in CVD patients with altered liver biochemistry

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Effect of intensive lipid lowering with atorvastatin on cardiovascular outcomes in coronary heart disease patients with mild-to-moderate baseline elevations in alanine aminotransferase levels

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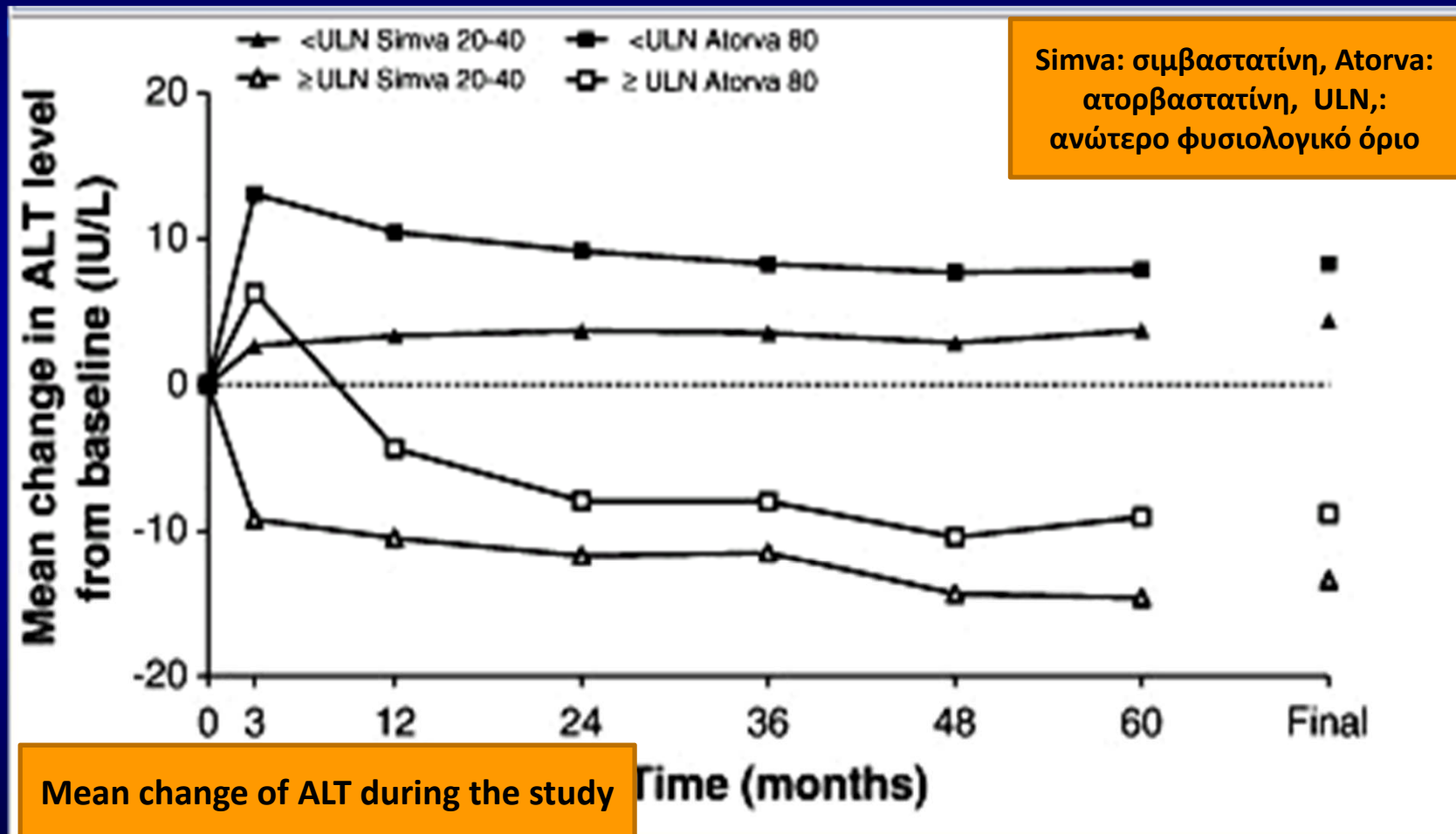
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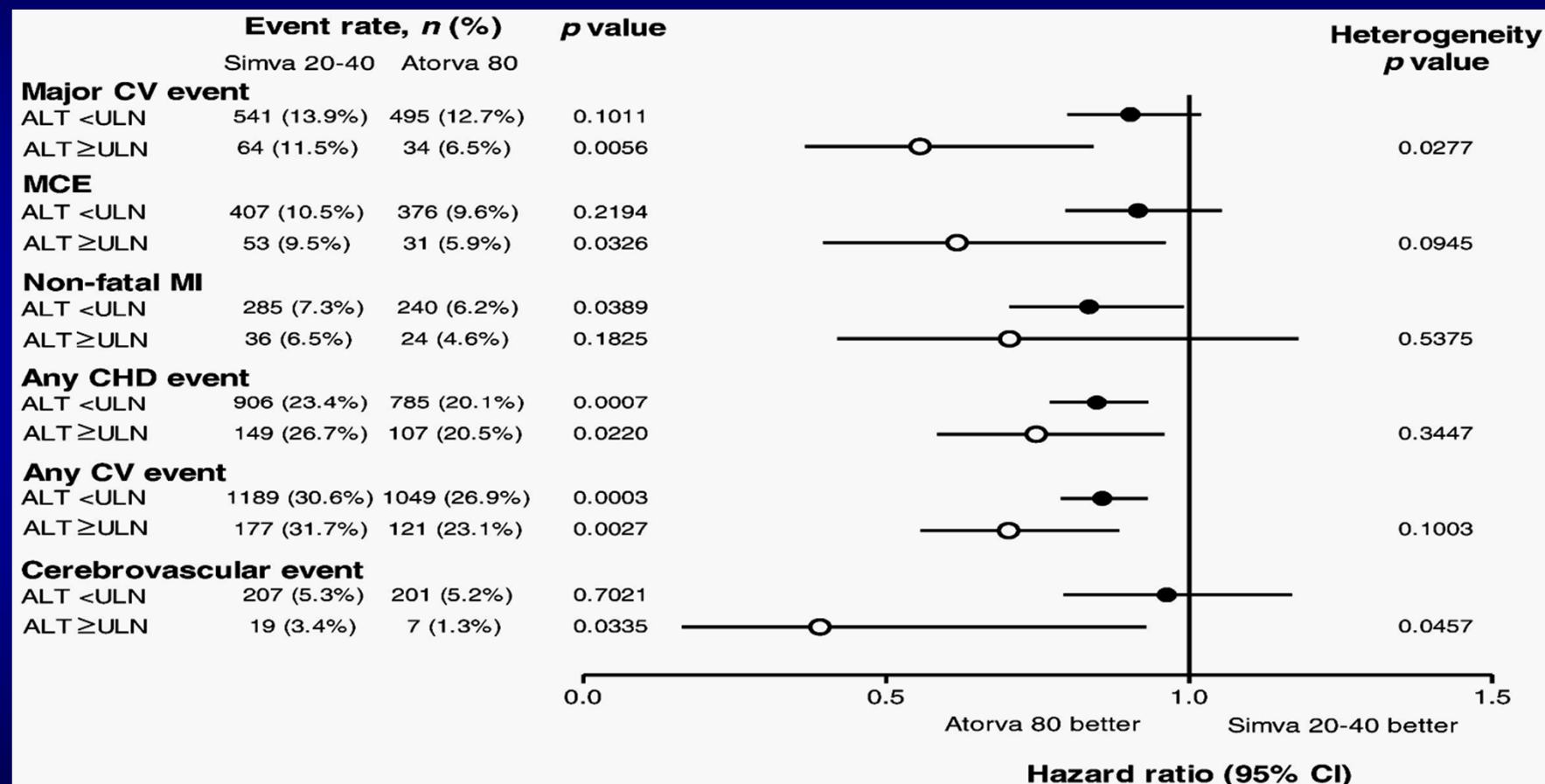
**Primary endpoint: reduction in recurrent CVD events**

## Change in ALT levels according to statin treatment





# Effect of therapy on CVD events in patients with increased or normal ALT levels



# Effect of rosuvastatin (10 mg) on non-alcoholic steatohepatitis in patients with metabolic syndrome and hypercholesterolaemia.

A preliminary report.



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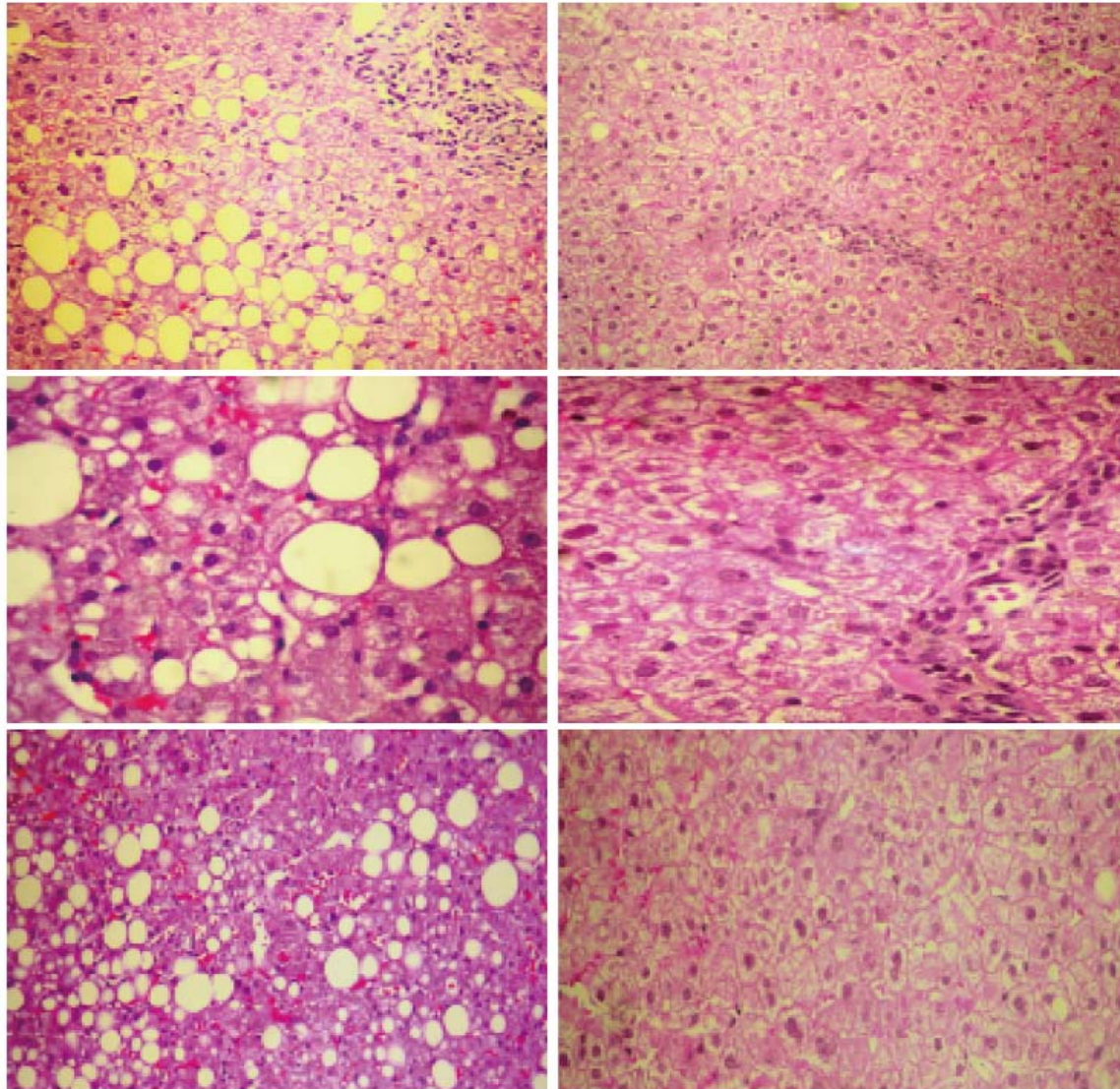
*ORIGINAL ARTICLE*

**Prospective Study**

## **Resolution of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis by rosuvastatin monotherapy in patients with metabolic syndrome**

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## Resolution of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis by rosuvastatin monotherapy in patients with metabolic syndrome



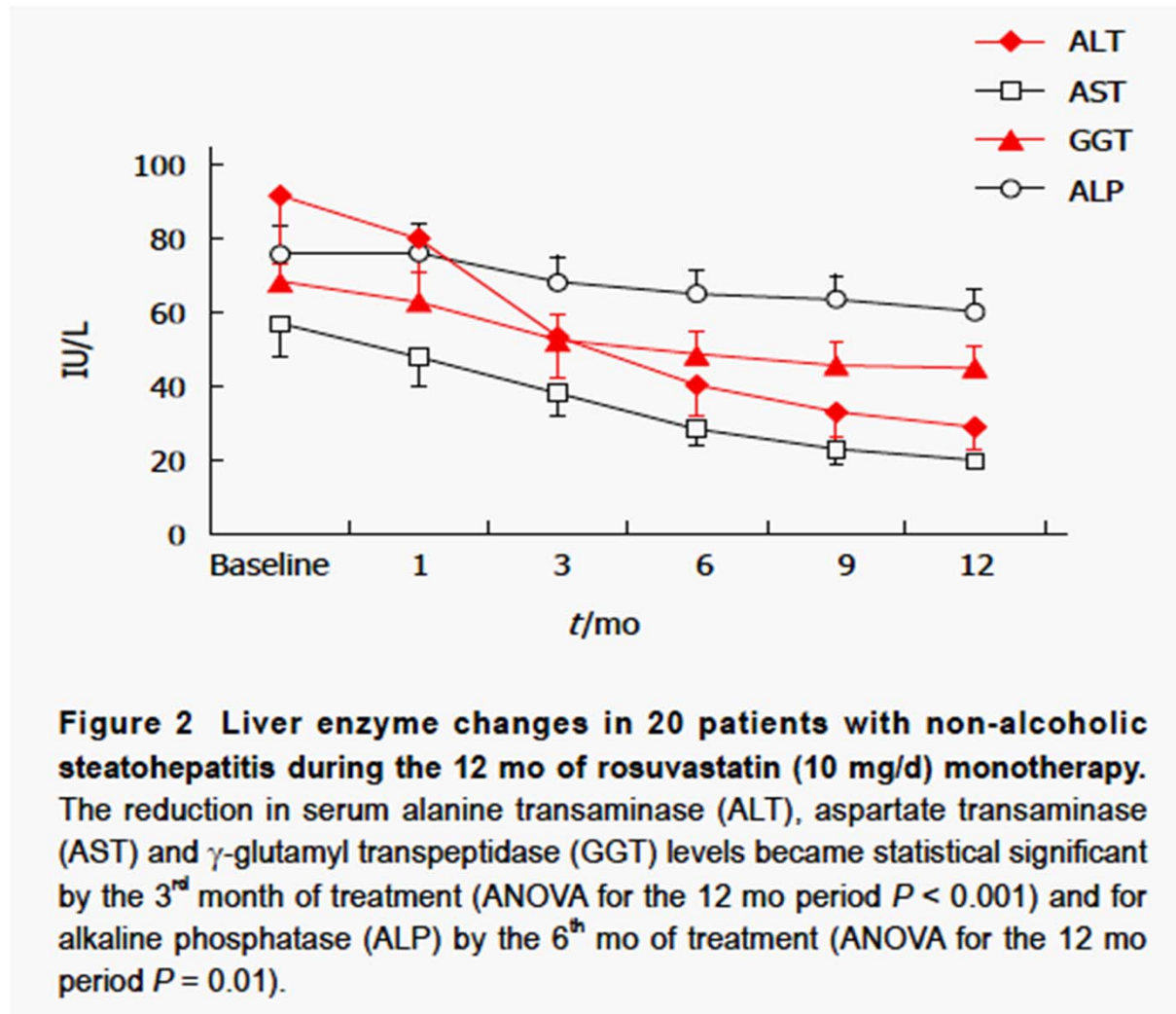


**Table 1** Changes in measured parameters during the study

Parameter	Baseline	1 <sup>st</sup> mo	3 <sup>rd</sup> mo	6 <sup>th</sup> mo	9 <sup>th</sup> mo	12 <sup>th</sup> mo	<i>P</i> value (ANOVA)
Age (yr)	40.5 ± 5.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gender (male)	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cigarette smoking	13	13	13	12	12	11	NS
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	31.5 ± 1.1	31.3 ± 1.0	31.4 ± 1.0	31.6 ± 1.1	31.6 ± 1.2	31.5 ± 1.2	NS
Waist circumference (cm)	110.5 ± 6.2	110.4 ± 6.0	109.9 ± 6.1	110.6 ± 6.3	110.7 ± 6.2	110.4 ± 6.2	NS
Total cholesterol (mg/dL)	251 ± 22	226 ± 17	192 ± 16	185 ± 12	181 ± 8	179 ± 9	< 0.001
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	187 ± 19	161 ± 20	143 ± 26	123 ± 11	121 ± 22	117 ± 18	< 0.001
HDL-cholesterol (mg/dL)	38 ± 5	40 ± 5	42 ± 7	42 ± 4	43 ± 3	44 ± 5	< 0.001
LDL-cholesterol (mg/dL)	180 ± 23	152 ± 15	121 ± 17	118 ± 14	114 ± 9	110 ± 11	< 0.001
Serum creatinine (mg/dL)	0.93 ± 0.2	0.92 ± 0.2	0.94 ± 0.2	0.92 ± 0.2	0.91 ± 0.2	0.90 ± 0.2	NS
hsCRP (mg/L)	4.2 ± 1.3	-	-	2.7 ± 0.8	-	1.6 ± 0.5	< 0.001
BUN (mg/dL)	34 ± 8	34 ± 8	35 ± 8	34 ± 7	33 ± 6	31 ± 6	NS
SUA (mg/dL)	5.5 ± 1.1	5.4 ± 1.0	5.2 ± 0.9	5.0 ± 0.7	4.9 ± 0.8	4.8 ± 0.9	0.016
Plasma glucose (mg/dL)	102 ± 8	101 ± 8	96 ± 6	93 ± 7	89 ± 5	87 ± 5	< 0.001
HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%)	5.3 ± 0.4	-	5.1 ± 0.4	5.0 ± 0.5	4.9 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 0.3	< 0.001
Metabolic Syndrome, <i>n</i>	20	20	18	9	0	0	< 0.001

Data are presented as mean ± SD. BMI: Body mass index; HDL: High density lipoprotein; LDL: Low density lipoprotein; NS: Not significant; BUN: Blood urea nitrogen; SUA: Serum uric acid; HbA<sub>1c</sub>: Glycosylated haemoglobin.

## Resolution of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis by rosuvastatin monotherapy in patients with metabolic syndrome



# ΜΑΛΝΗ - Συμπεράσματα

- Η ΜΑΛΝΗ επηρεάζει μέχρι και το 35% του πληθυσμού των ΗΠΑ
- Στεάτωση έχει σχετικά καλή πρόγνωση, αλλά η NASH έχει σημαντικό κίνδυνο νοσηρότητας/θνητότητας
- Η αντίσταση στην ινσουλίνη και οι κυτταρικές αλλοιώσεις είναι τα βασικά παθογενετικά αίτια
- Η συνεχής σταδιακή απώλεια βάρους και η άσκηση είναι σημαντικό στοιχείο της θεραπείας
- Ευαισθητοποιητές ινσουλίνης, κυτταροπροστατευτικά και αντιοξειδωτικά μπορεί να παίξουν
- Οι στατίνες μπορεί να αποτελούν μια πολλά υποσχόμενη λύση