

**Table 16** Intervention strategies as a function of total cardiovascular risk and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol level

Total CV risk (SCORE) %	LDL-C levels				
	<70 mg/dL <1.8 mmol/L	70 to <100 mg/dL 1.8 to <2.5 mmol/L	100 to <155 mg/dL 2.5 to <4.0 mmol/L	155 to <190 mg/dL 4.0 to <4.9 mmol/L	>190 mg/dL >4.9 mmol/L
<1	No lipid intervention	No lipid intervention	Lifestyle intervention	Lifestyle intervention	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug if uncontrolled
Class <sup>a</sup> /Level <sup>b</sup>	I/C	I/C	I/C	I/C	IIa/A
≥1 to <5	Lifestyle intervention	Lifestyle intervention	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug if uncontrolled
Class <sup>a</sup> /Level <sup>b</sup>	I/C	I/C	IIa/A	IIa/A	I/A
>5 to <10, or high risk	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention
Class <sup>a</sup> /Level <sup>b</sup>	IIa/A	IIa/A	IIa/A	I/A	I/A
≥10 or very high risk	Lifestyle intervention, consider drug*	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and immediate drug intervention
Class <sup>a</sup> /Level <sup>b</sup>	IIa/A	IIa/A	I/A	I/A	I/A

Reference table.<sup>42</sup>

CV = cardiovascular; LDL = low-density lipoprotein.

<sup>a</sup>Class of recommendation.

<sup>b</sup>Level of evidence.

# Nutraceuticals

are concentrated forms of presumed bioactive substances originally derived from foods, but now present in non food matrix, and used to enhance health in dosages exceeding those obtainable in normal food

# Effects of nutraceuticals on prevalence of metabolic syndrome and on calculated Framingham Risk Score in individuals with dyslipidemia

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**Background** Nutraceuticals (NUTs) are forms of compounds with biological activity and are used to improve health in dosage largely exceeding those obtainable in food.

**Objectives** To investigate whether addition of NUTs to lifestyle management including diet counseling improves lipid profile and reduces cardiovascular risk and prevalence of metabolic syndrome (MetS).

**Methods** One thousand, three hundred and eighty, 18–80-year-old nondiabetic participants with dyslipidemia, with or without MetS not requiring pharmacological therapy were assigned to diet; after 2 weeks, 690 patients were also given NUT combination over other 8 weeks. Fasting plasma glucose and lipid compounds were measured by standard methods. Waist circumference, systolic and diastolic blood pressure (BP) were measured at each visit. MetS was defined according to ATP III guidelines. Ten-year risk of coronary heart disease was calculated using the Framingham Risk Score (FRS).

**Results** At baseline, NUT patients were older and more dyslipidemic than placebo, with no difference in other cardiovascular risk factors and prevalence of MetS. After 8 weeks, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol was increased and diastolic BP, waist girth, triglycerides, total and non-HDL cholesterol were significantly reduced in NUT

than in the placebo group, whereas systolic BP and fasting glucose did not change. Prevalence of MetS was also significantly lower in the NUT (36.1%) than in placebo (48.1%,  $P < 0.05$ ) and reduction in the FRS greater (73.3 vs. 52%, respectively;  $P < 0.0001$ ).

**Conclusion** In a large clinical sample of patients with moderate cardiovascular risk, combination of NUT with dietary counseling reduces central obesity, improves lipid profile, diastolic BP and FRS, and decreases prevalence of MetS. *J Hypertens* 28:1482–1487 © 2010 Wolters Kluwer Health | Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

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**Keywords:** cardiovascular risk, hypertension, metabolic syndrome

**Abbreviations:** FRS, Framingham Risk Score; MetS, metabolic syndrome; NUT, nutraceutical

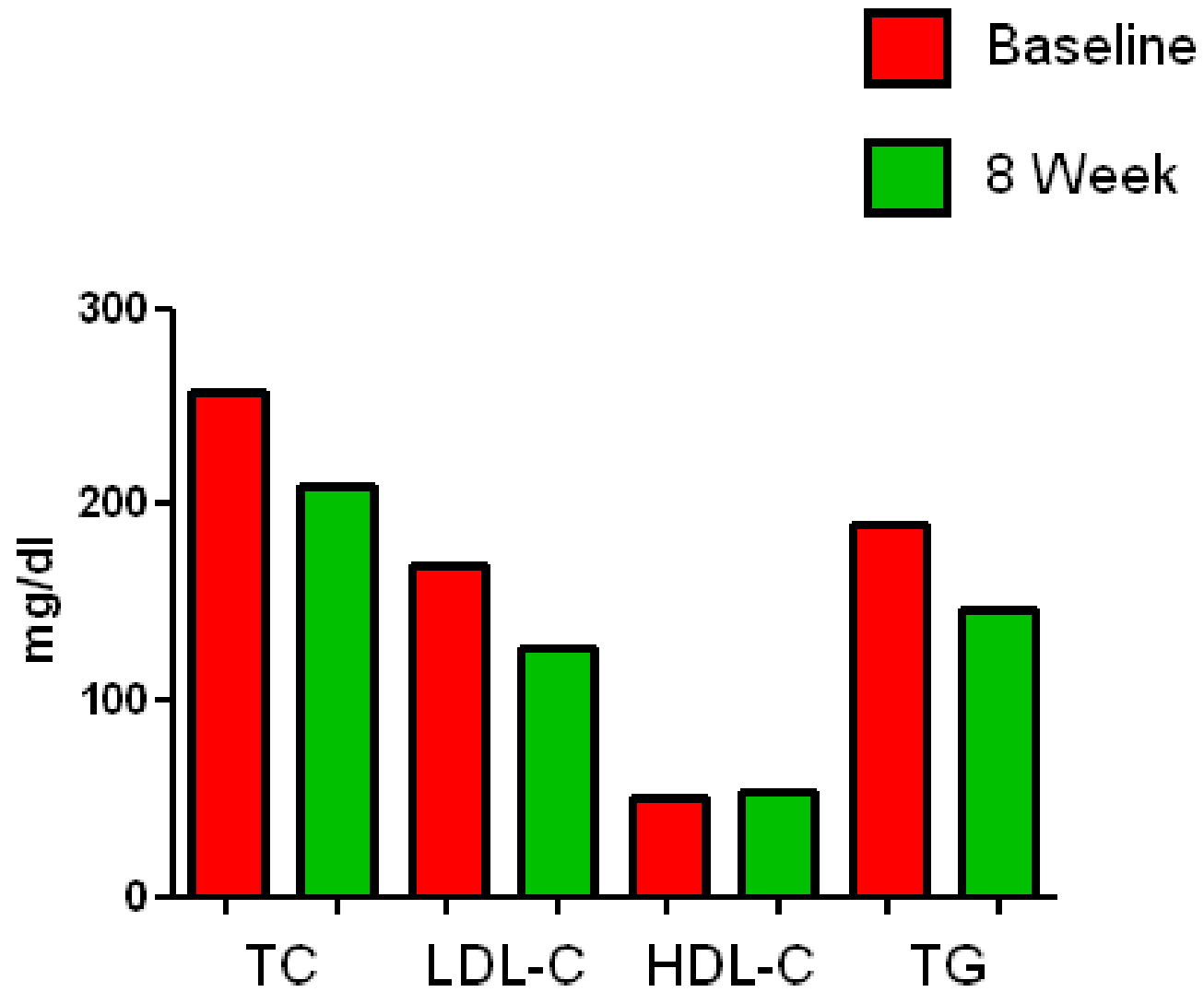
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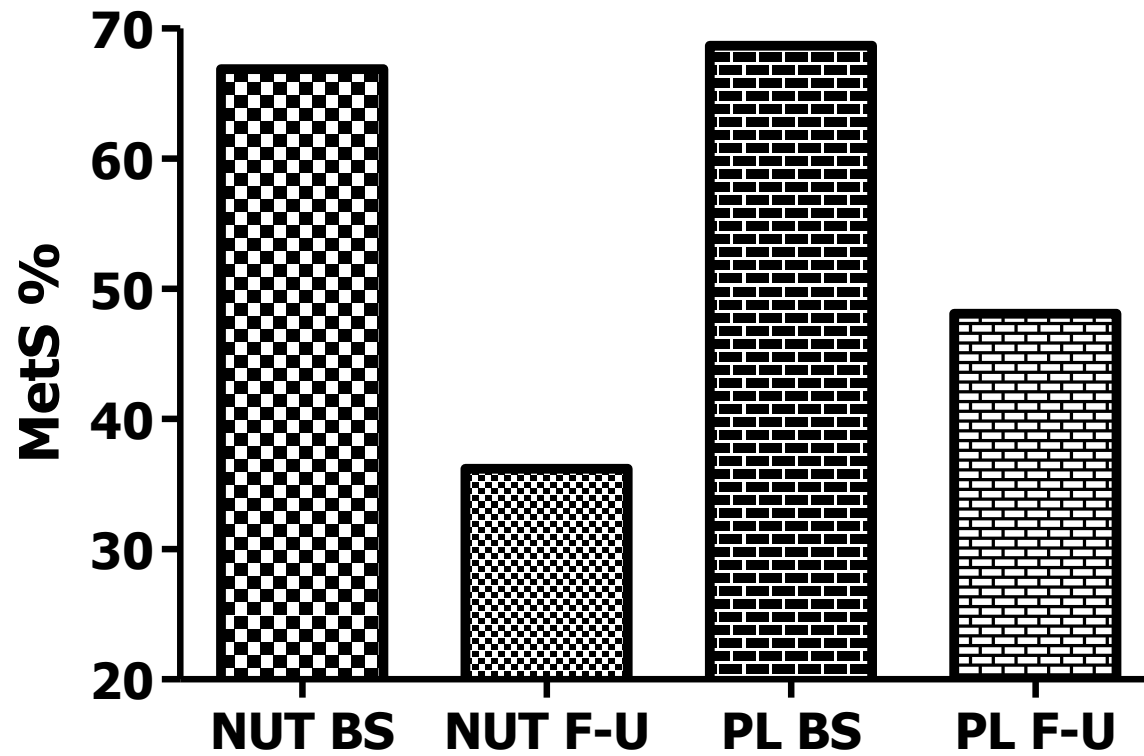
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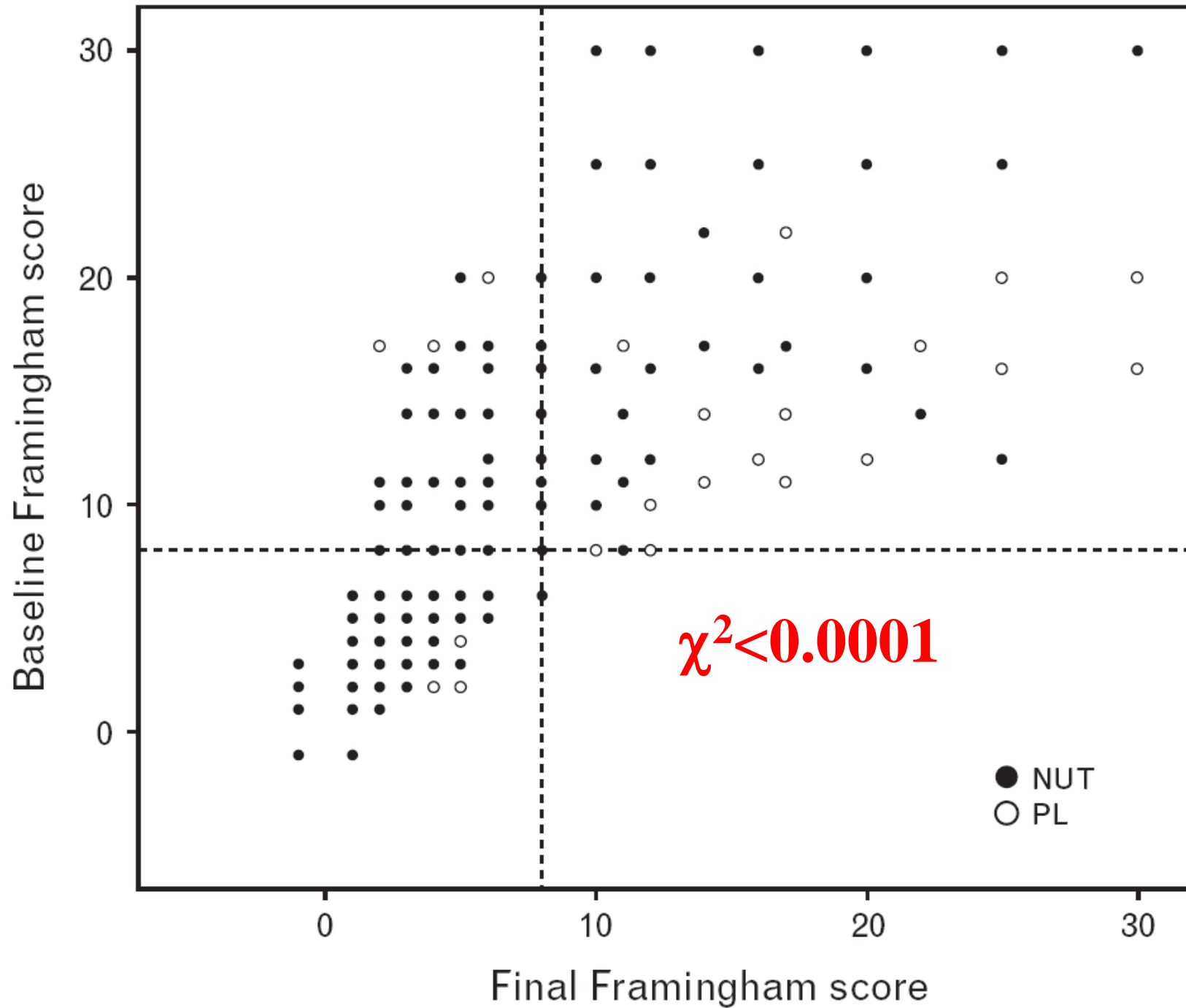
	Study group	Control group	<i>P</i>
Systolic blood pressure	-3.57 (-7.14 to 0.00)	-3.44 (-6.89 to 0.00)	NS
Diastolic blood pressure	-2.50 (-6.66 to 0.00)	0.00 (-6.25 to 0.00)	0.005
Heart rate	-0.55 (-5.00 to 2.56)	-1.23 (-5.26 to 2.77)	NS
Triglyceridemia	-18.51 (-31.81 to -9.64)	-10.02 (-20.38 to -2.58)	0.000
Cholesterolemia	-18.40 (-24.13 to -12.92)	-7.69 (-13.24 to -3.75)	0.000
HDL cholesterolemia	6.66 (0.00 to 17.64)	1.37 (-4.33 to 9.35)	0.000
No HDL cholesterolemia	-24.39 (-31.77 to -17.73)	-9.78 (-18.07 to -3.72)	0.000
Glycemia	-4.00 (-9.09 to 1.98)	-3.36 (-8.16 to 2.22)	NS
Waist measurement	-2.44 (-5.00 to -1.04)	2.00 (-3.96 to 0.00)	0.000

HDL, high-density cholesterol. <sup>a</sup> Mann-Whitney test.

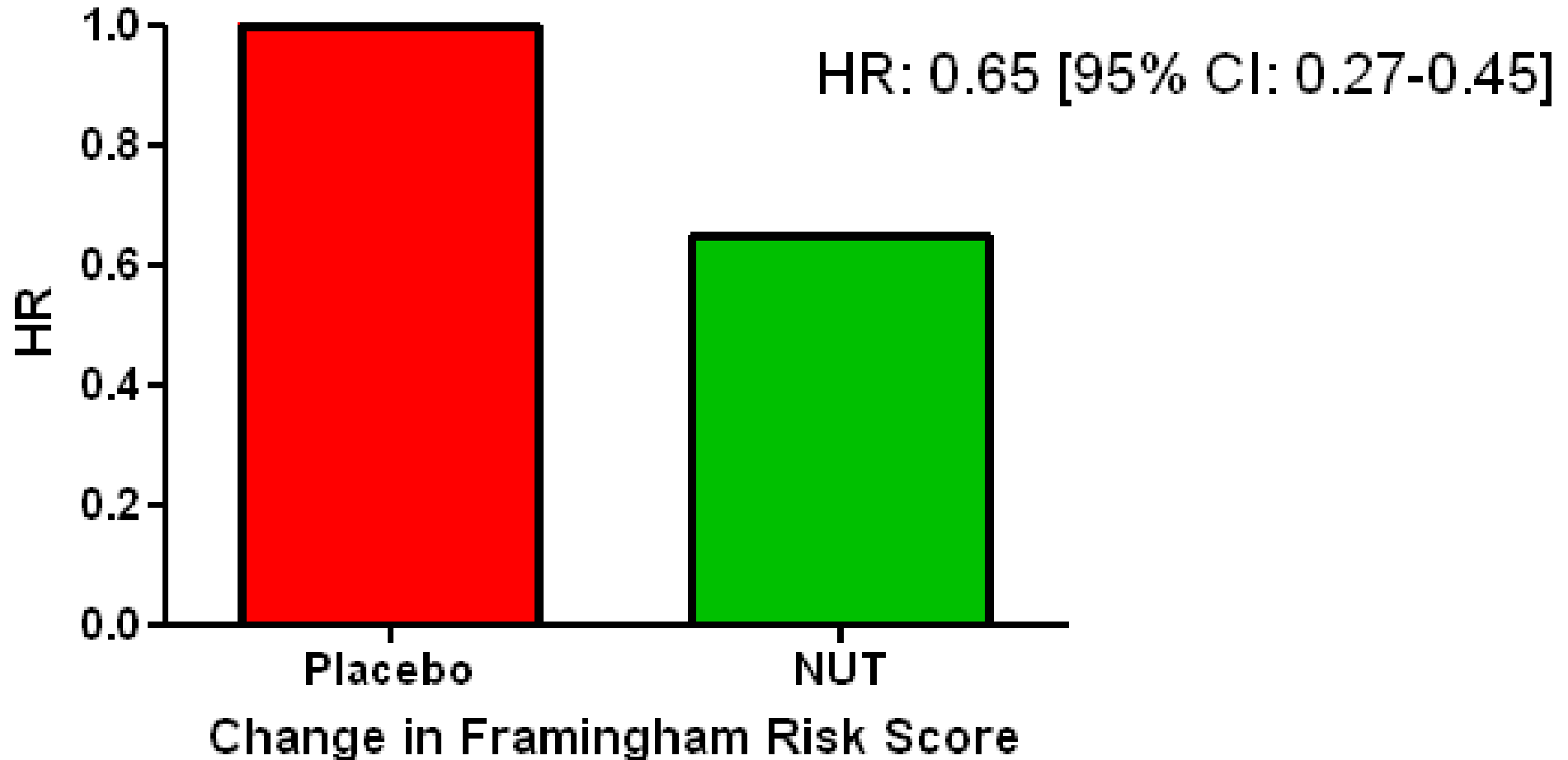




$p = \text{NS}$  (NUT BS vs PL BS)  
 $p < 0.0001$  (NUT F-U vs PL F-U)

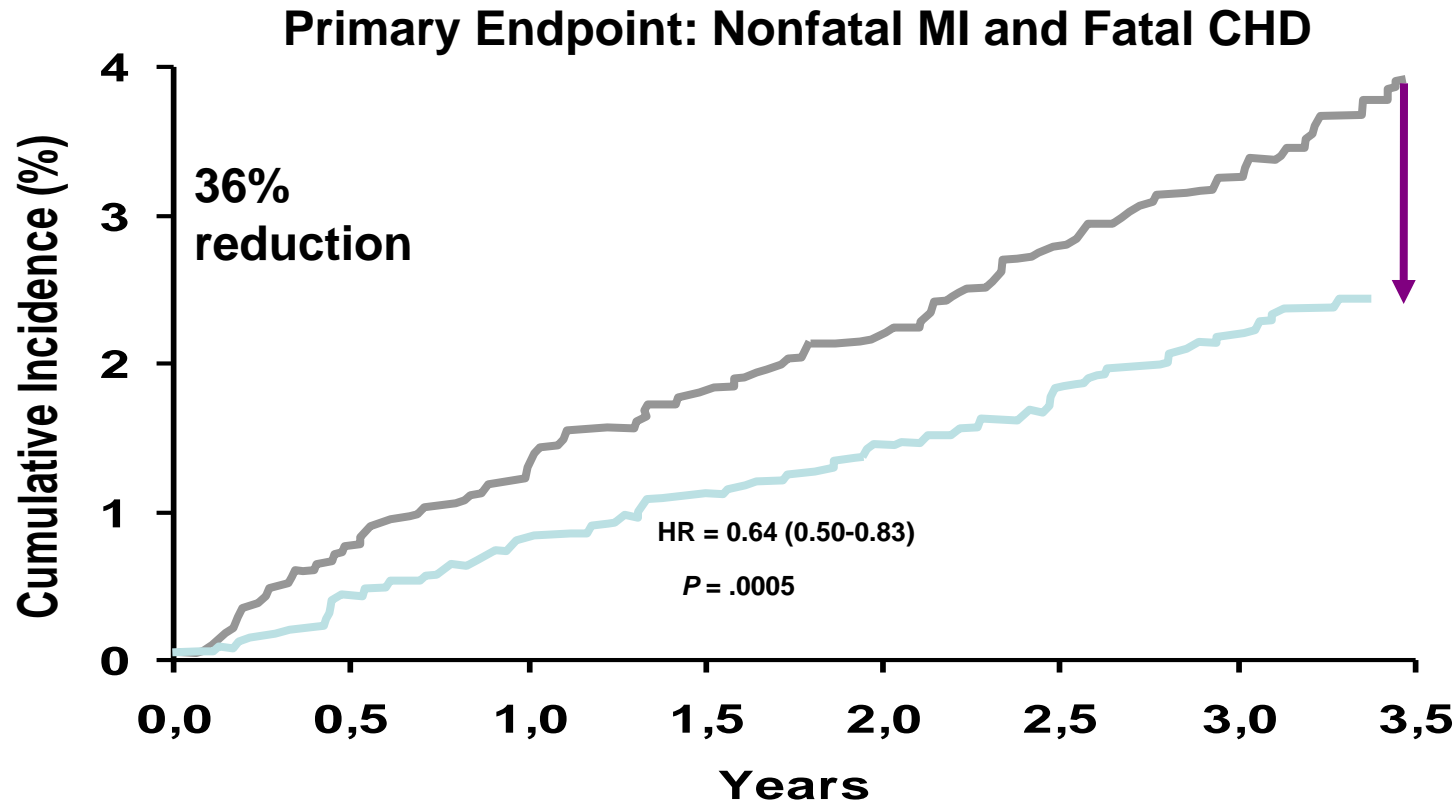


## Effects of NUT on calculated FRS



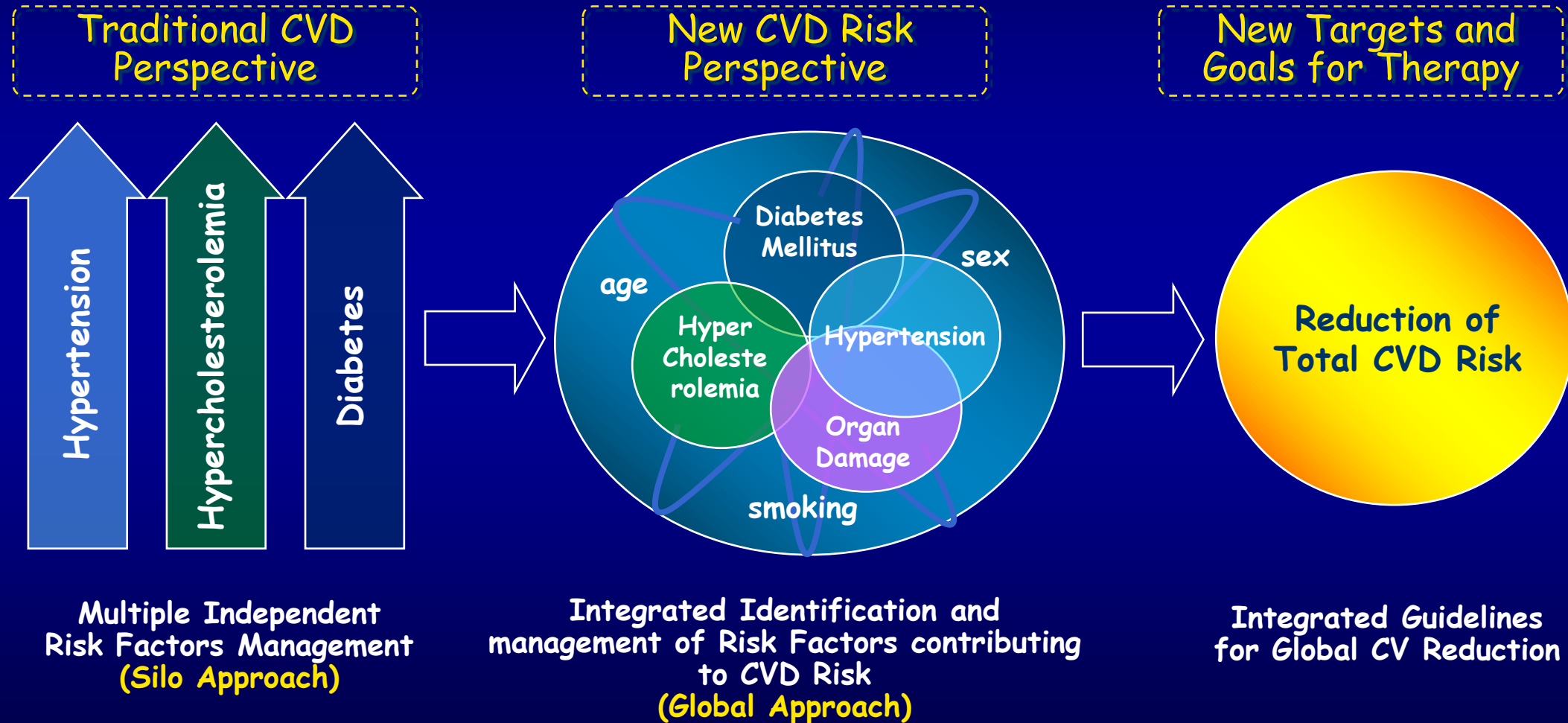


# 🌐 Prevention of coronary and stroke events with atorvastatin in hypertensive patients who have average or lower-than-average cholesterol concentrations, in the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial—Lipid Lowering Arm (ASCOT-LLA): a multicentre randomised controlled trial



— Atorvastatin 10 mg	Number of events	100
— Placebo	Number of events	154

# Modern Strategy for CVD Prevention



## **Two-hour glucose is a better risk predictor for incident coronary heart disease and cardiovascular mortality than fasting glucose**

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**Conclusion:** In subjects without a prior history of diabetes the association of 2-h glucose with coronary heart disease incidence and cardiovascular mortality is graded and independent. **The results of our study indicate that 2-h glucose is superior to fasting glucose in assessing the risk of future cardiovascular events.**

# Association of Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> with Cardiovascular Disease and Mortality in Adults: The European Prospective Investigation into Cancer in Norfolk

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**Background:** Increasing evidence suggests a continuous relationship between blood glucose concentrations and cardiovascular risk, even below diagnostic threshold levels for diabetes.

**Objective:** To examine the relationship between hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub>, cardiovascular disease, and total mortality.

**Design:** Prospective population study.

**Setting:** Norfolk, United Kingdom.

**Participants:** 4662 men and 5570 women who were 45 to 79 years of age and were residents of Norfolk.

**Measurements:** Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> and cardiovascular disease risk factors were assessed from 1995 to 1997, and cardiovascular disease events and mortality were assessed during the follow-up period to 2003.

**Results:** In men and women, the relationship between hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> and cardiovascular disease (806 events) and between hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> and all-cause mortality (521 deaths) was continuous and significant throughout the whole distribution. The relationship was apparent in persons without known diabetes. Persons with hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> concentrations less than 5% had the lowest rates of cardiovascular disease and mortality. An increase in hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> of 1 percentage point was associated with a relative risk for death from any cause of 1.24 (95% CI, 1.14 to 1.34;  $P < 0.001$ ) in men and with a relative risk of 1.28 (CI, 1.06 to 1.32;  $P < 0.001$ ) in women. These relative risks were indepen-

dent of age, body mass index, waist-to-hip ratio, systolic blood pressure, serum cholesterol concentration, cigarette smoking, and history of cardiovascular disease. When persons with known diabetes, hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> concentrations of 7% or greater, or a history of cardiovascular disease were excluded, the result was similar (adjusted relative risk, 1.26 [CI, 1.04 to 1.52];  $P = 0.02$ ). Fifteen percent (68 of 521) of the deaths in the sample occurred in persons with diabetes (4% of the sample), but 72% (375 of 521) occurred in persons with HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentrations between 5% and 6.9%.

**Limitations:** Whether HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentrations and cardiovascular disease are causally related cannot be concluded from an observational study; intervention studies are needed to determine whether decreasing HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentrations would reduce cardiovascular disease.

**Conclusions:** The risk for cardiovascular disease and total mortality associated with hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> concentrations increased continuously through the sample distribution. Most of the events in the sample occurred in persons with moderately elevated HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentrations. These findings support the need for randomized trials of interventions to reduce hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> concentrations in persons without diabetes.

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# Change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 3 years does not improve the prediction of cardiovascular disease over and above HbA<sub>1c</sub> measured at a single time point

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## Abstract

**Aims/hypothesis** HbA<sub>1c</sub> is an important risk factor for cardiovascular disease (CVD), with 1% higher HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels associated with a 10–20% increased risk of CVD. Little is known about the association between change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time and cardiovascular risk in non-diabetic populations. This study examined the association between change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time and cardiovascular risk in a non-diabetic British population.

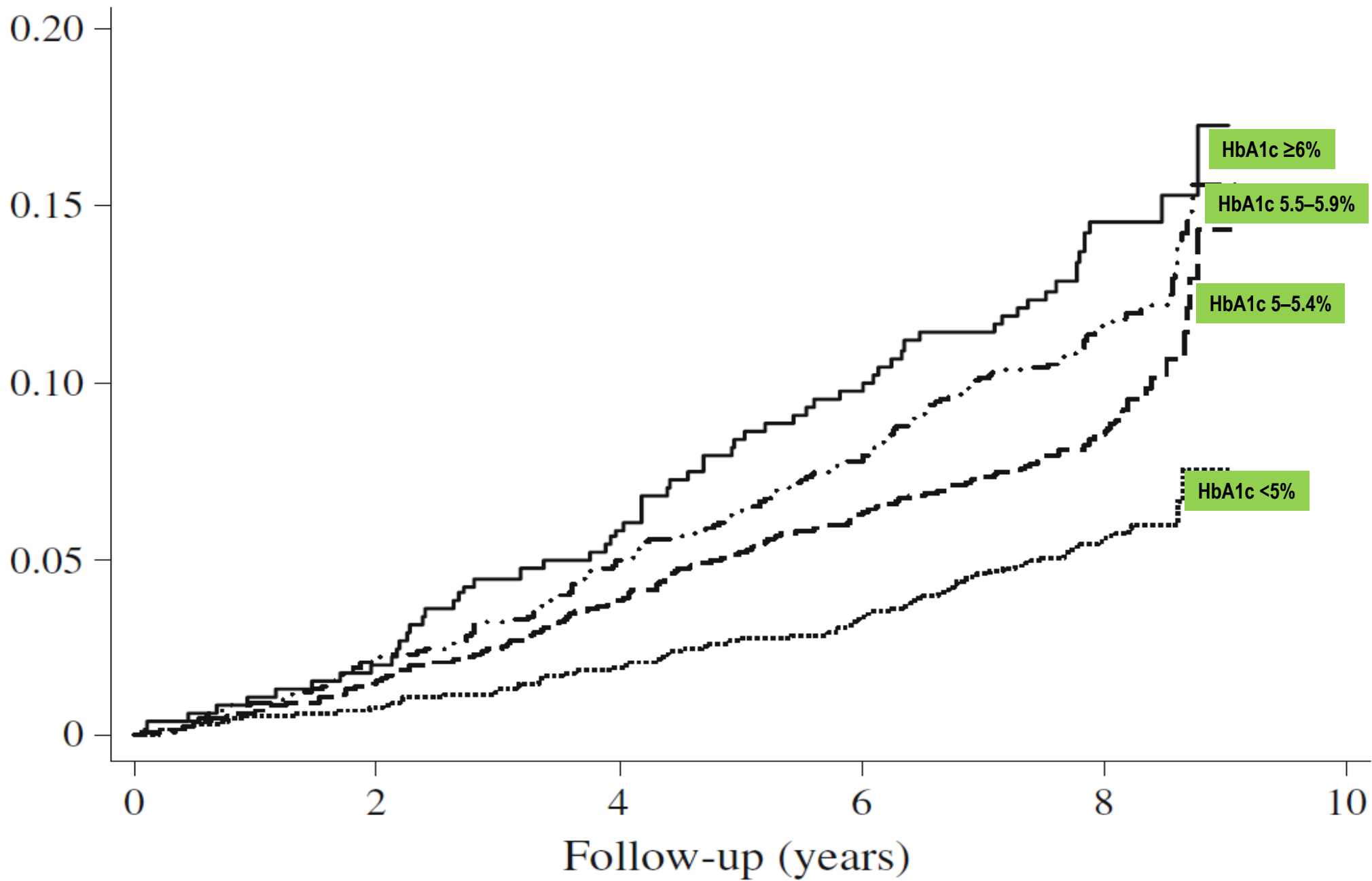
**Methods** We used data on HbA<sub>1c</sub> collected at baseline and at a second health examination 3 years later among a population of 5,790 non-diabetic men and women who participated in the European Prospective Investigation of Cancer (EPIC)–Norfolk. The association between change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 3 years and incident cardiovascular events over the following 8 years was examined using multivariate Cox regression. We also examined whether information on change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time improved prediction of cardiovascular events over a single measure of HbA<sub>1c</sub> by comparing the area under the receiver operating characteristic curves (aROC) and computing the net reclassification improvement.

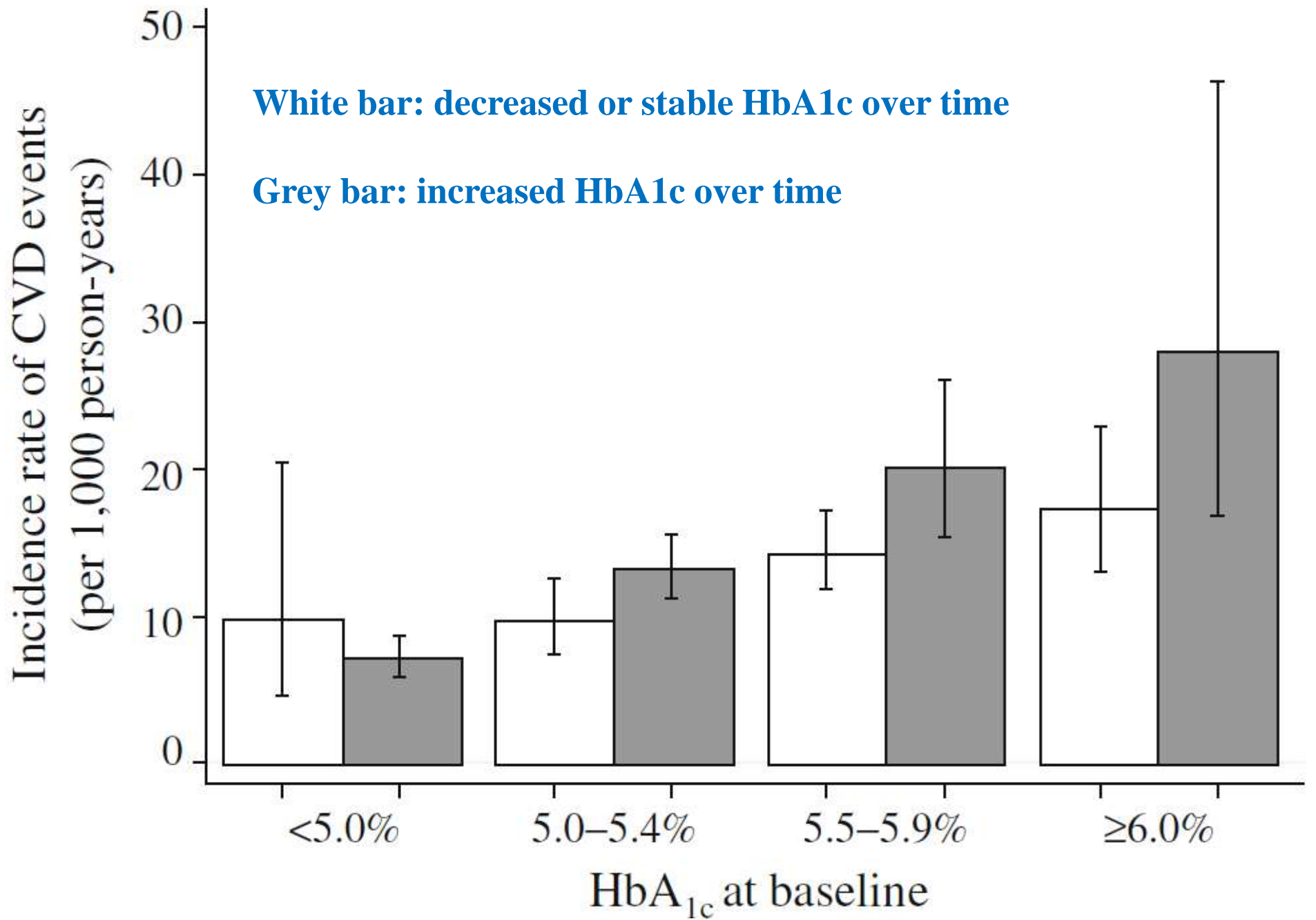
**Results** The mean change (SD) in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 3 years was 0.13% (0.52). During 44,596 person-years of follow-up, 529 cardiovascular events occurred (incidence 11.9 per 1,000 person-years). Each 0.5% rise in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 3 years was associated with a 9% increase in risk of a cardiovascular event (HR 1.09; 95% CI 1.01, 1.18) after adjustment for baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub> and other major cardiovascular risk factors. However, change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> was not associated with cardiovascular risk after adjustment for HbA<sub>1c</sub> at follow-up. Multivariate models with and without information on change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time showed a similar aROC of 0.78. Adding change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> to the model with HbA<sub>1c</sub> at follow-up did not improve risk classification.

**Conclusions/interpretation** Addition of information on change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 3 years did not improve the prediction of CVD over and above information on HbA<sub>1c</sub> and other major cardiovascular risk factors from a single time point.

**Keywords** Cardiovascular disease · Discriminatory ability · Glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) · Net reclassification improvement · Prediction · Risk factors · Temporal change

Probability of cardiovascular event







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# *In vitro* inhibitory effects of plant-based foods and their combinations on intestinal $\alpha$ -glucosidase and pancreatic $\alpha$ -amylase

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«Il gelso bianco è dimostrato essere capace di inibire la alfa-amilasi pancreatica, l'enzima secreto dal nostro pancreas che taglia gli zuccheri complessi in zuccheri semplici, i quali sono maggiormente e più velocemente assorbibili dal nostro intestino»

# AkP 01 Trial N°0

## Proof of Concept

- **Double Blind Vs Armolipid Plus (10 pat. Vs 10 pat.)**
- **Patients with mild Dyslipidemia and/or statin intolerant**
- **3 weeks treatment**

# Effects of a New Combination of Nutraceuticals with *Morus alba* on Lipid Profile, Insulin Sensitivity and Endotelial Function in Dyslipidemic Subjects. A Cross-Over, Randomized, Double-Blind Trial

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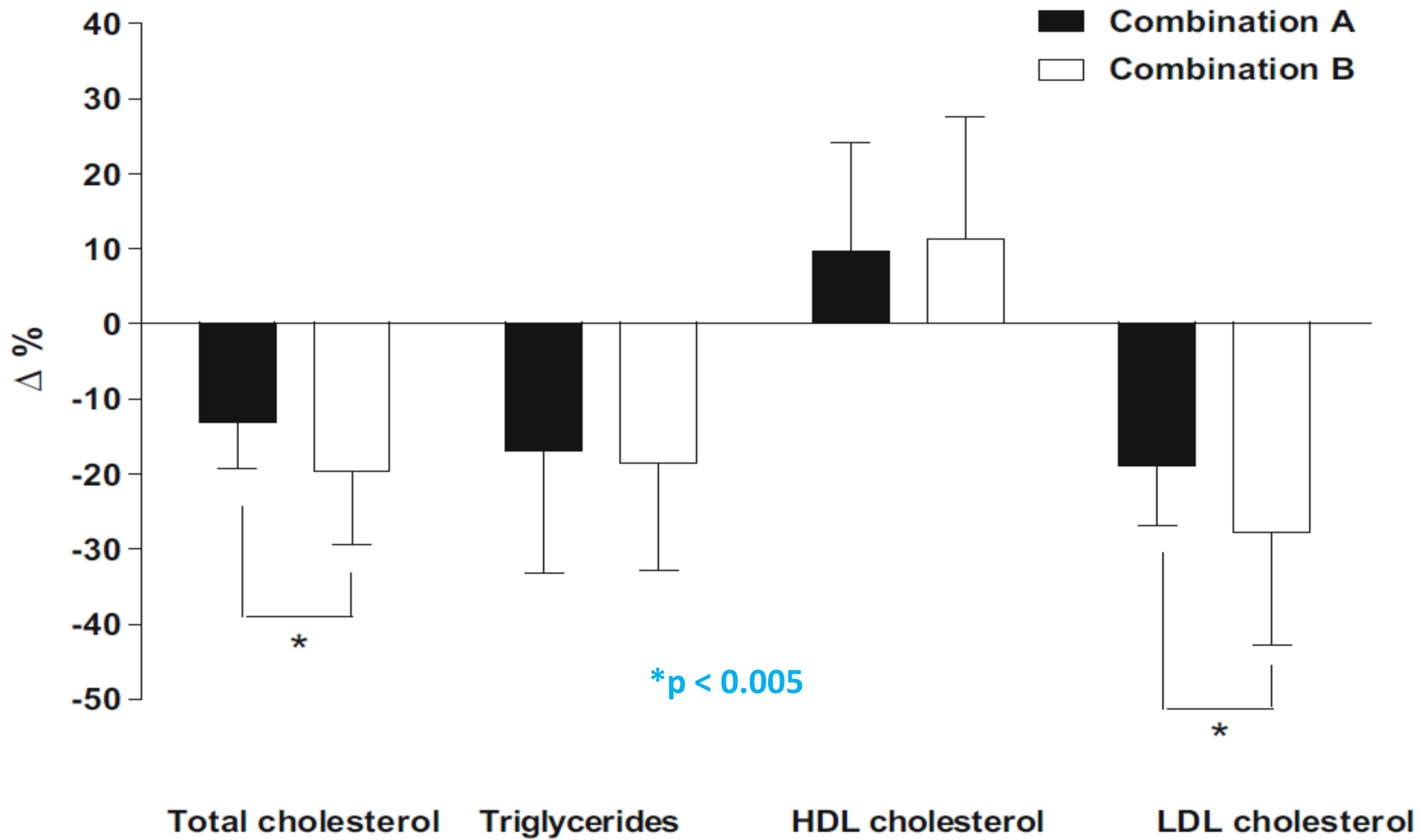
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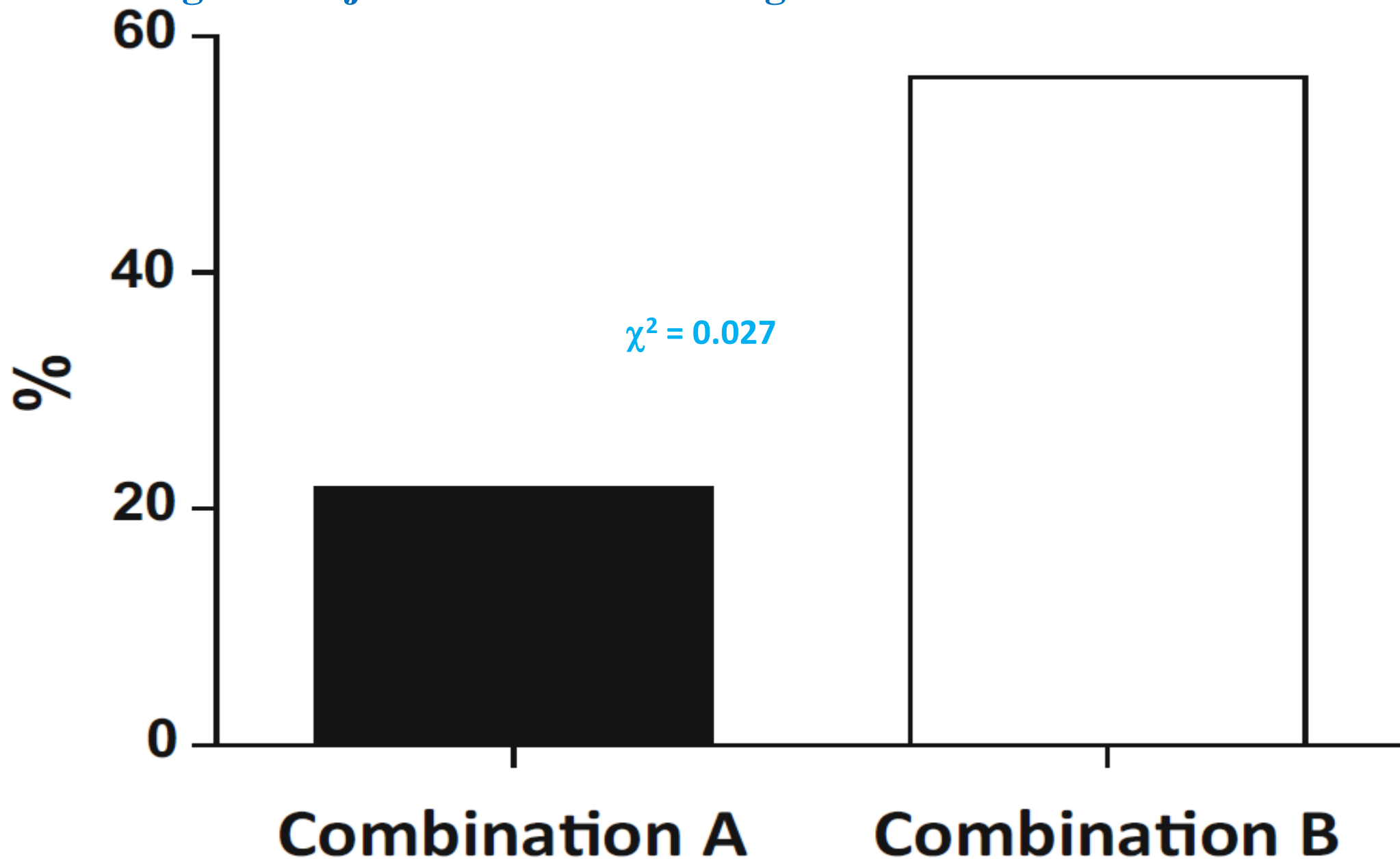
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Age (year)	59.5 ± 6.3
Gender (M/W %)	48/52
SBP (mmHg)	142.5 ± 14.1
DBP (mmHg)	85.5 ± 10.9
Waist circumference (cm)	95.4 ± 9.4
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	246.1 ± 15.1
HDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	47.4 ± 10.8
LDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	175.7 ± 13.4
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	114.9 ± 41.6
Fasting plasma glucose (mg/dl)	92.0 ± 7.53
BMI (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.8 ± 3.6
HbA1c ( %)	5.6 ± 0.4

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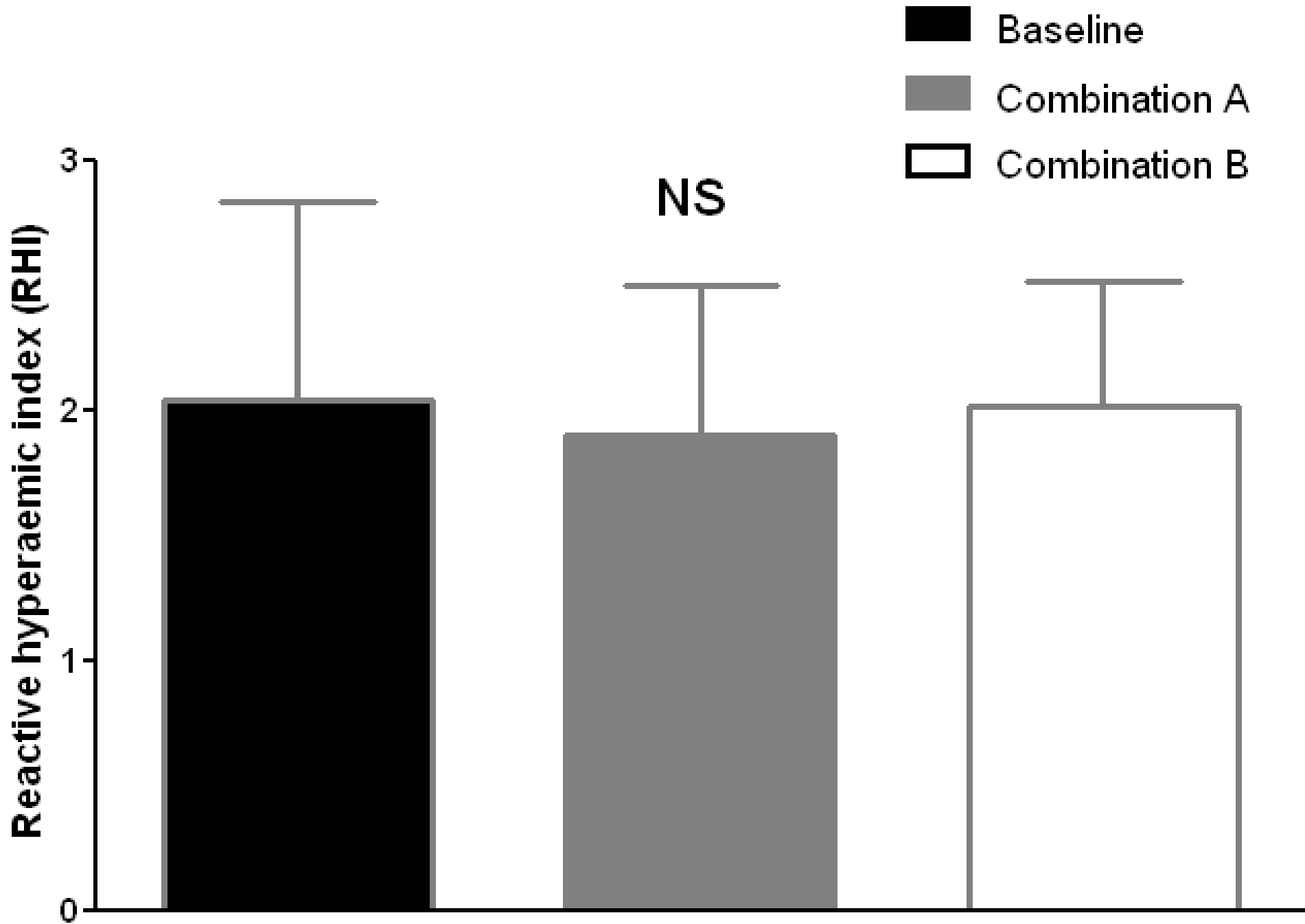


# Percentage of subjects with LDL<130 mg/dl at the end of active treatment

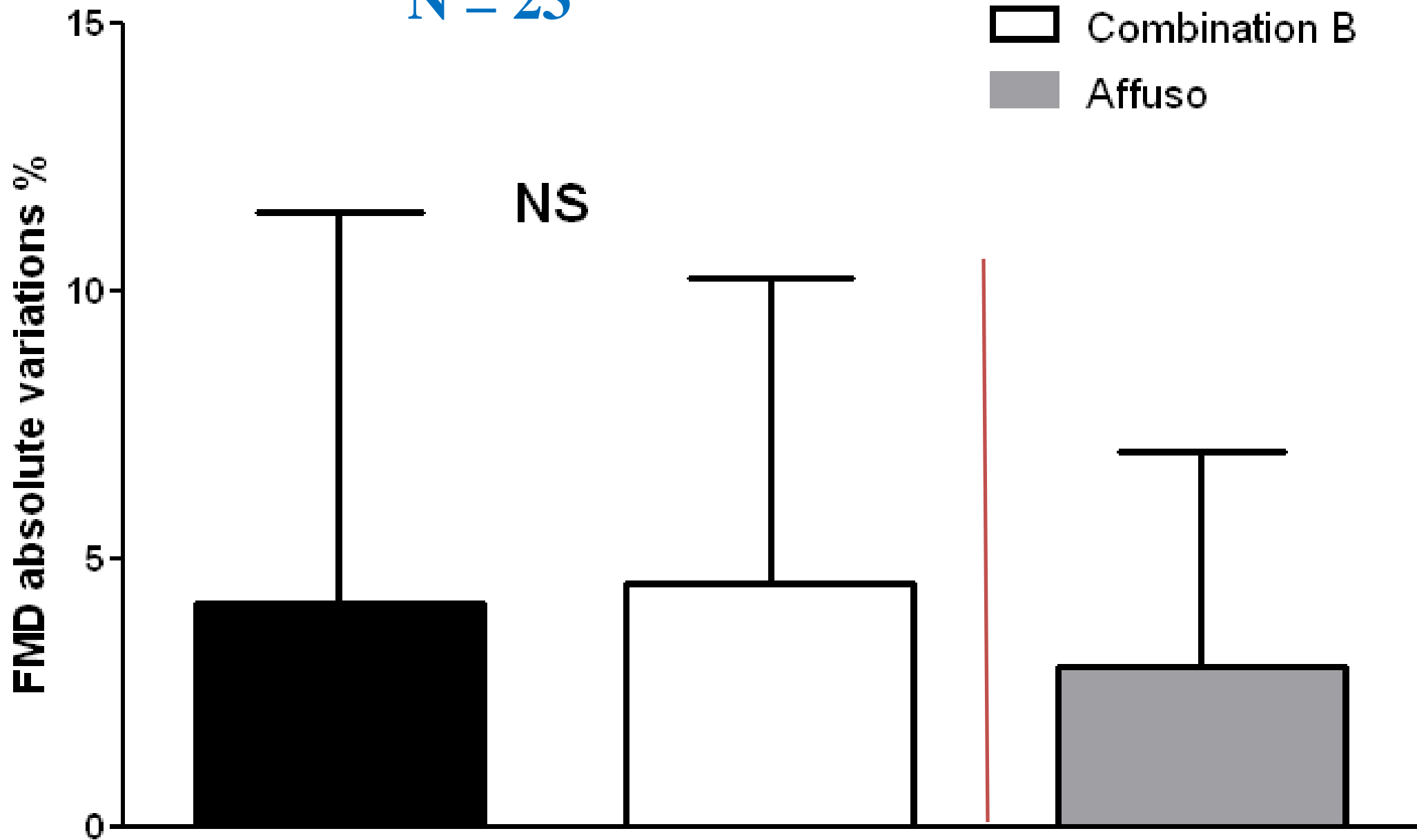


	Baseline	NUT A	NUT B	P < NUT A vs baseline	P < NUT B vs baseline	P < NUT B vs NUT A
Fasting plasma glucose (mg/dl)	92.00 ± 7.5	93.65 ± 13.7	84.35 ± 7.7	NS	0.0001	0.0001
Insulin (μU/ml)	10.1 ± 6.8	10.2 ± 6.6	7.9 ± 5.5	NS	0.006	0.02
HOMA index	2.33 ± 1.7	2.45 ± 1.7	1.66 ± 1.1	NS	0.006	0.002
HbA1c (mmol/mol)	38.00 ± 4.2	37.85 ± 4.1	37.22 ± 4.1	NS	0.002	0.03



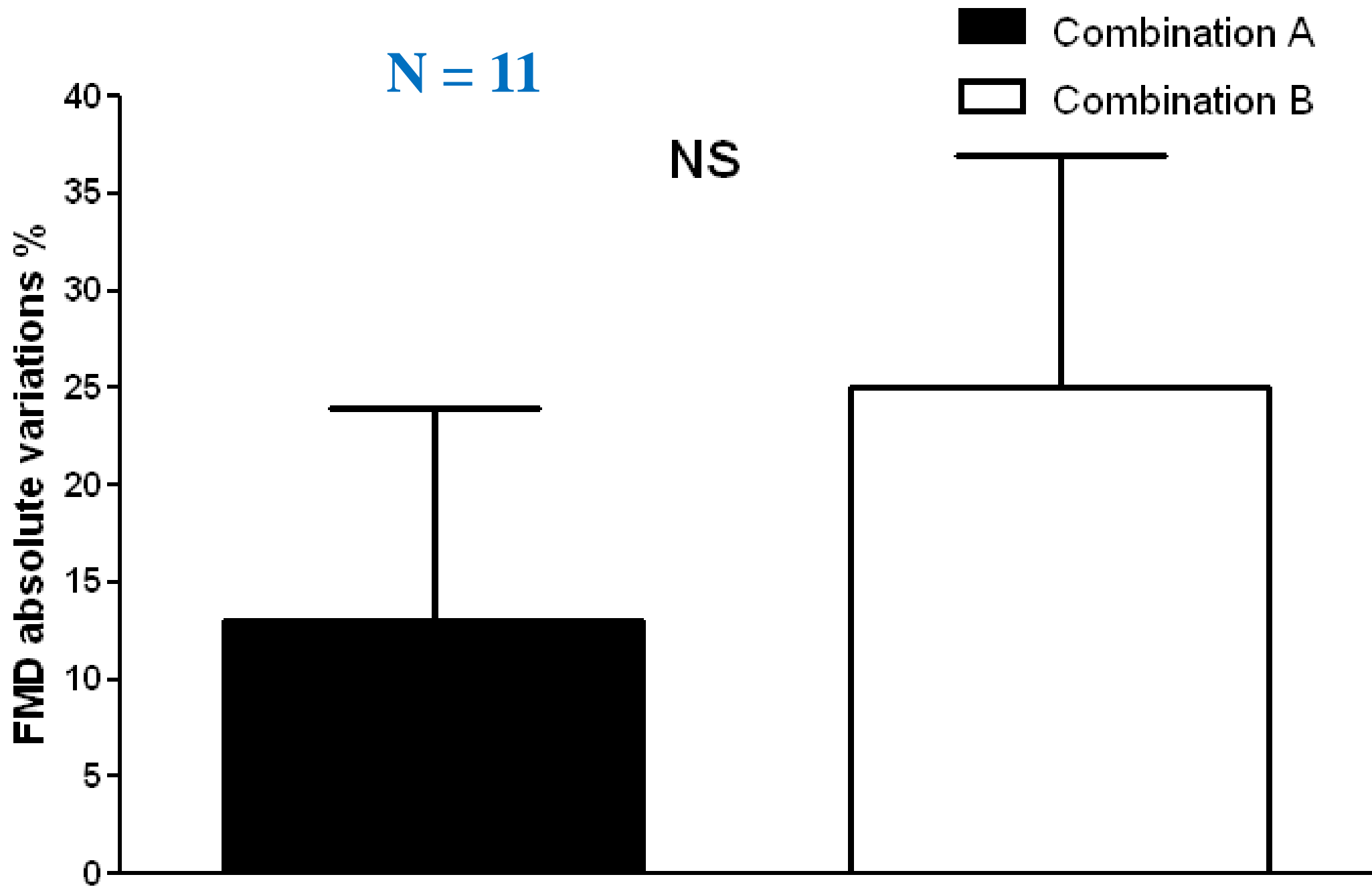


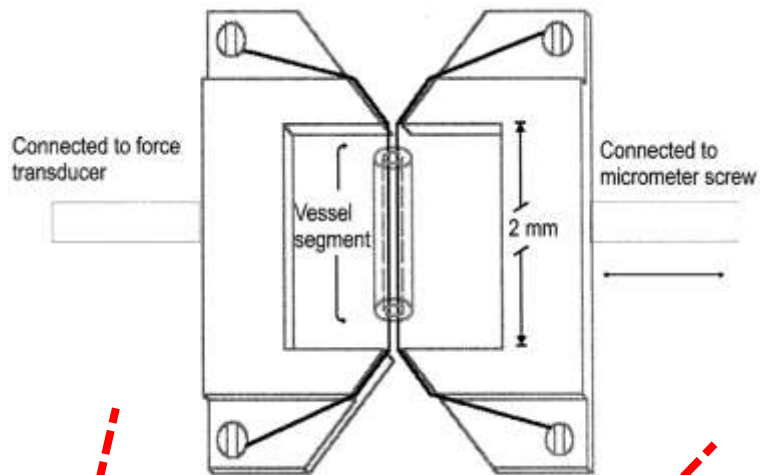
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- Combination A
- Combination B
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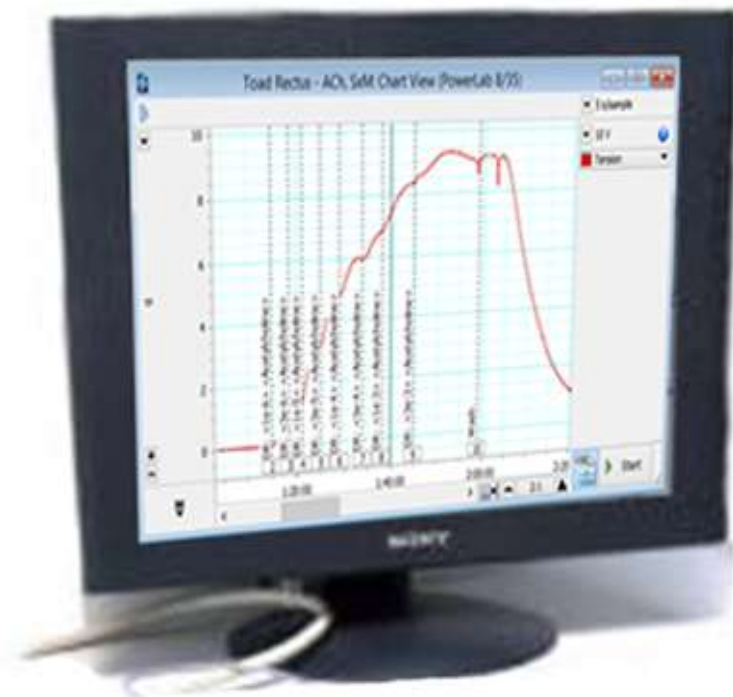




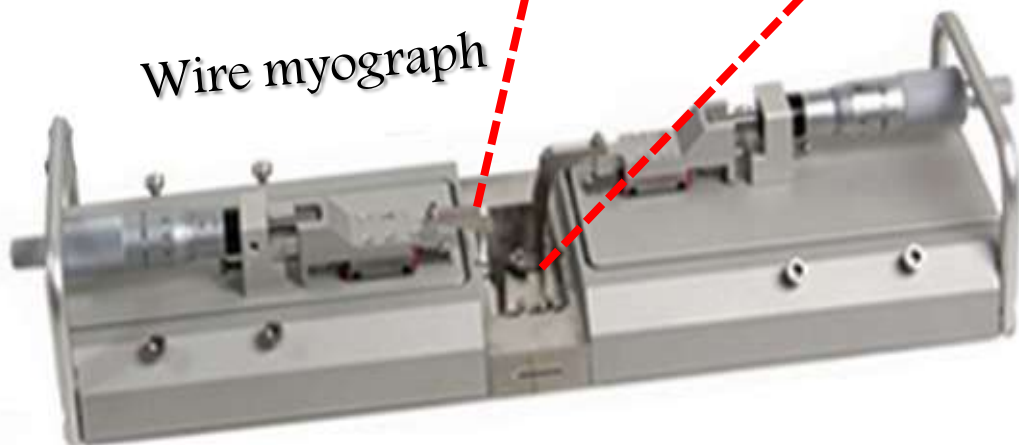
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Graphical results



Wire myograph



# Composizione

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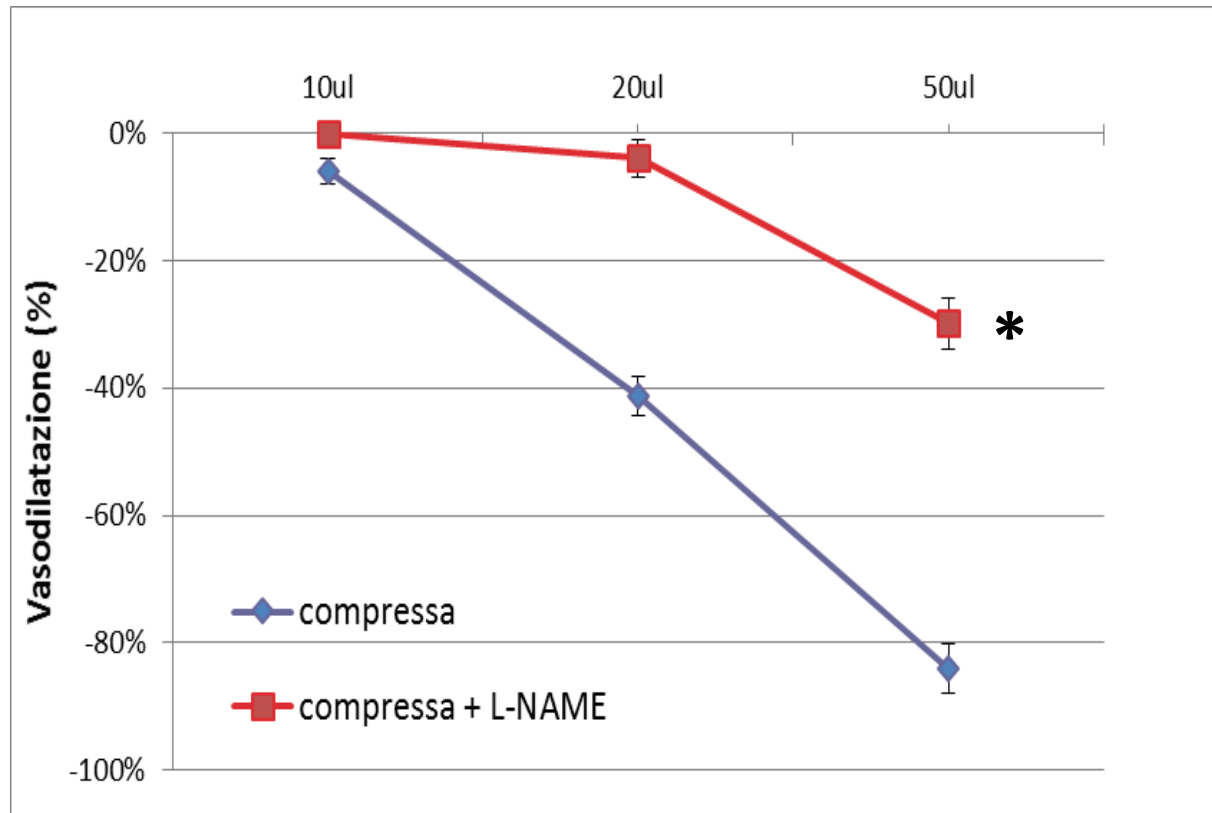
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Riso Rosso fermentato = 220 mg  
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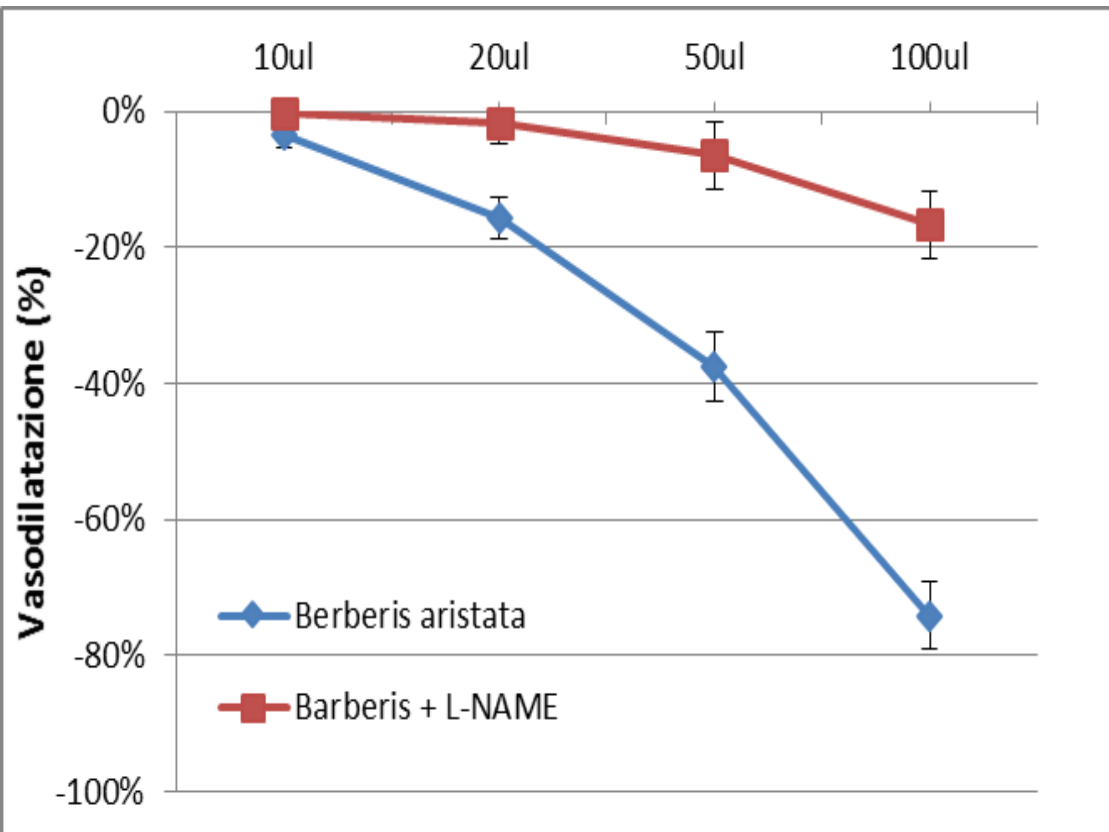
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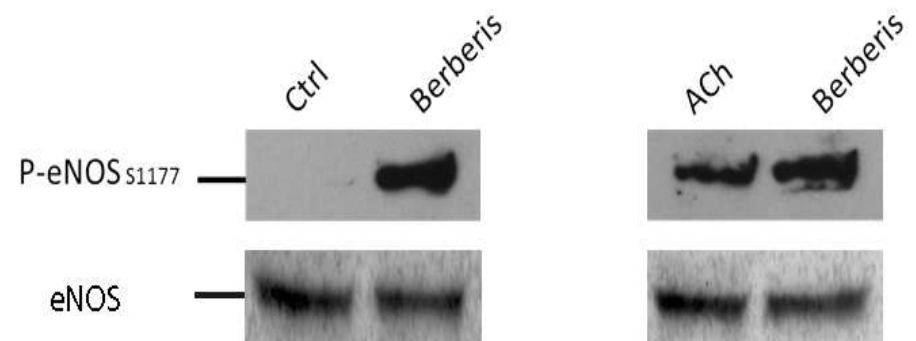
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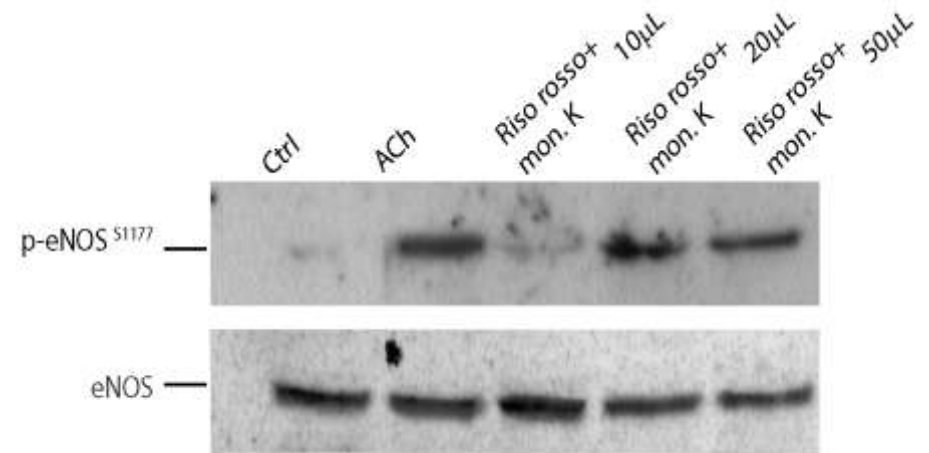
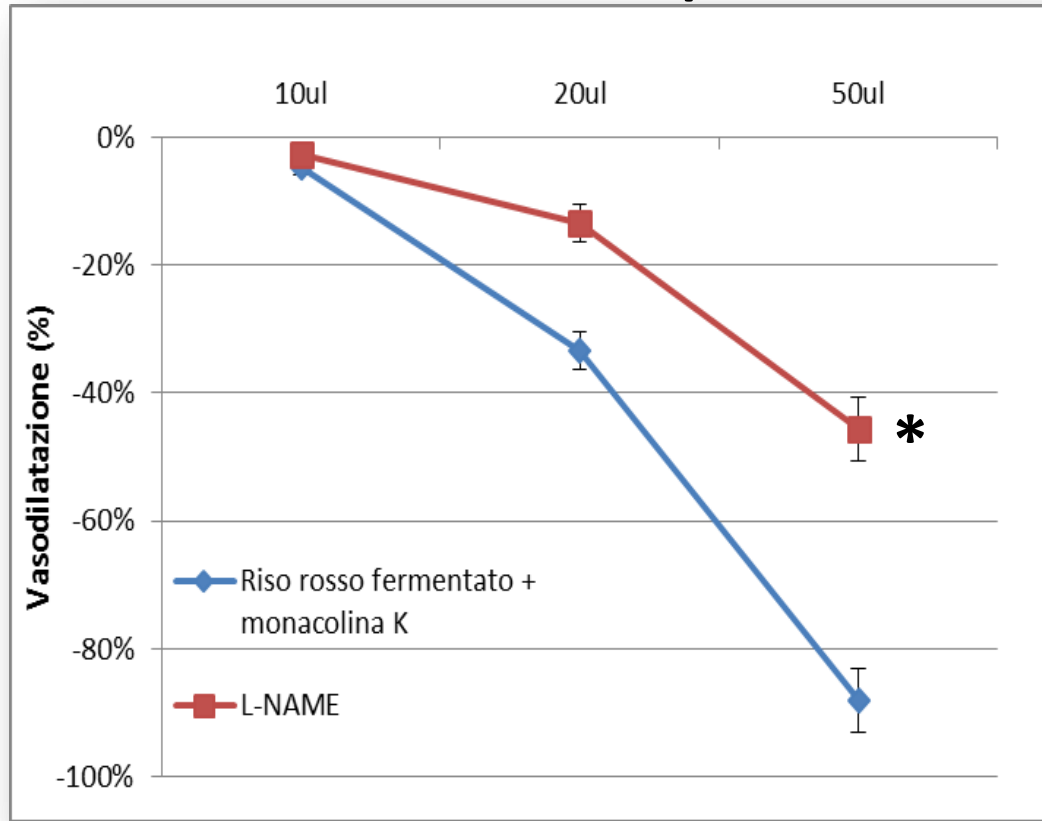
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## Western Blot



# Utilizzando il quantitativo della capsula



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