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## De la colchicine en prévention secondaire à l'étude COLCOT-T2D

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# Divulgations d'intérêts

Subventions: Boehringer-Ingelheim, Ceapro, DalCor Pharmaceuticals, Esperion, Ionis, Merck, Novartis, Novo-Nordisk, Pfizer

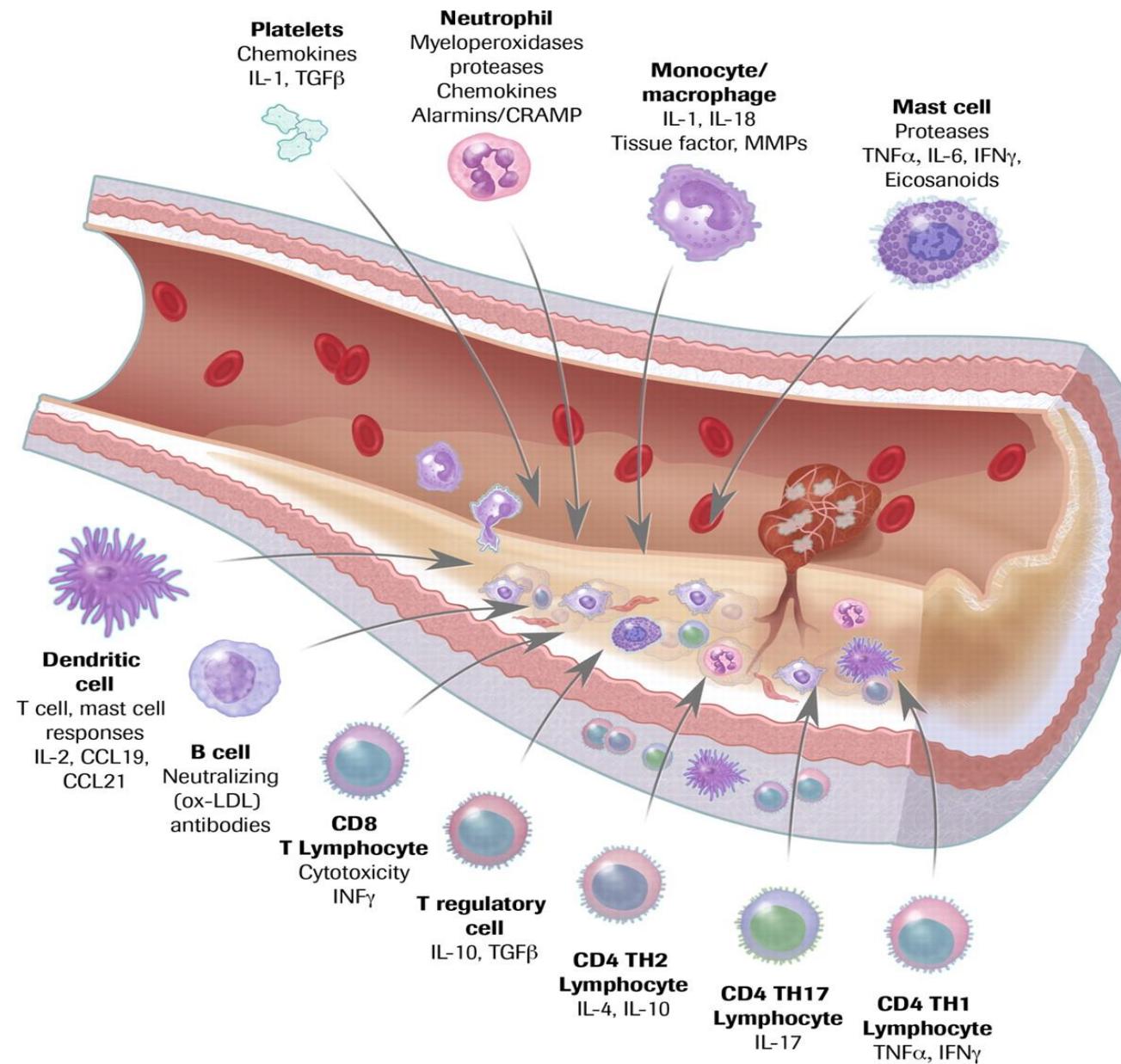
Honoraires: DalCor Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer

Actionnariat (mineur): DalCor Pharmaceuticals

Brevets: Pharmacogenomics-guided CETP inhibition  
Pharmacogenomics of responses to colchicine\*  
Use of colchicine after myocardial infarction\*

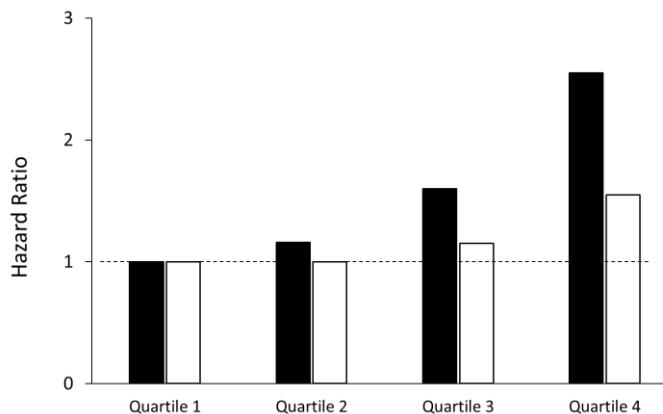
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# Inflammation and immunity in atherosclerosis

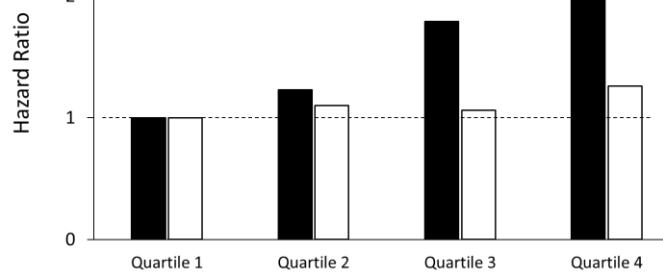


# Results – IV Hazard Ratios for Cardiovascular Death Among 31,245 Statin Treated Patients

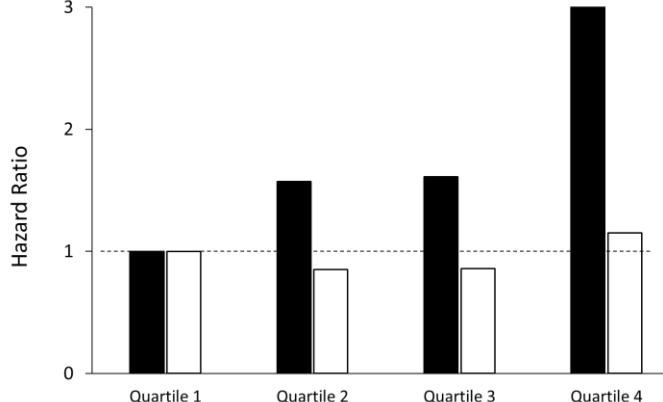
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(N = 9,988)



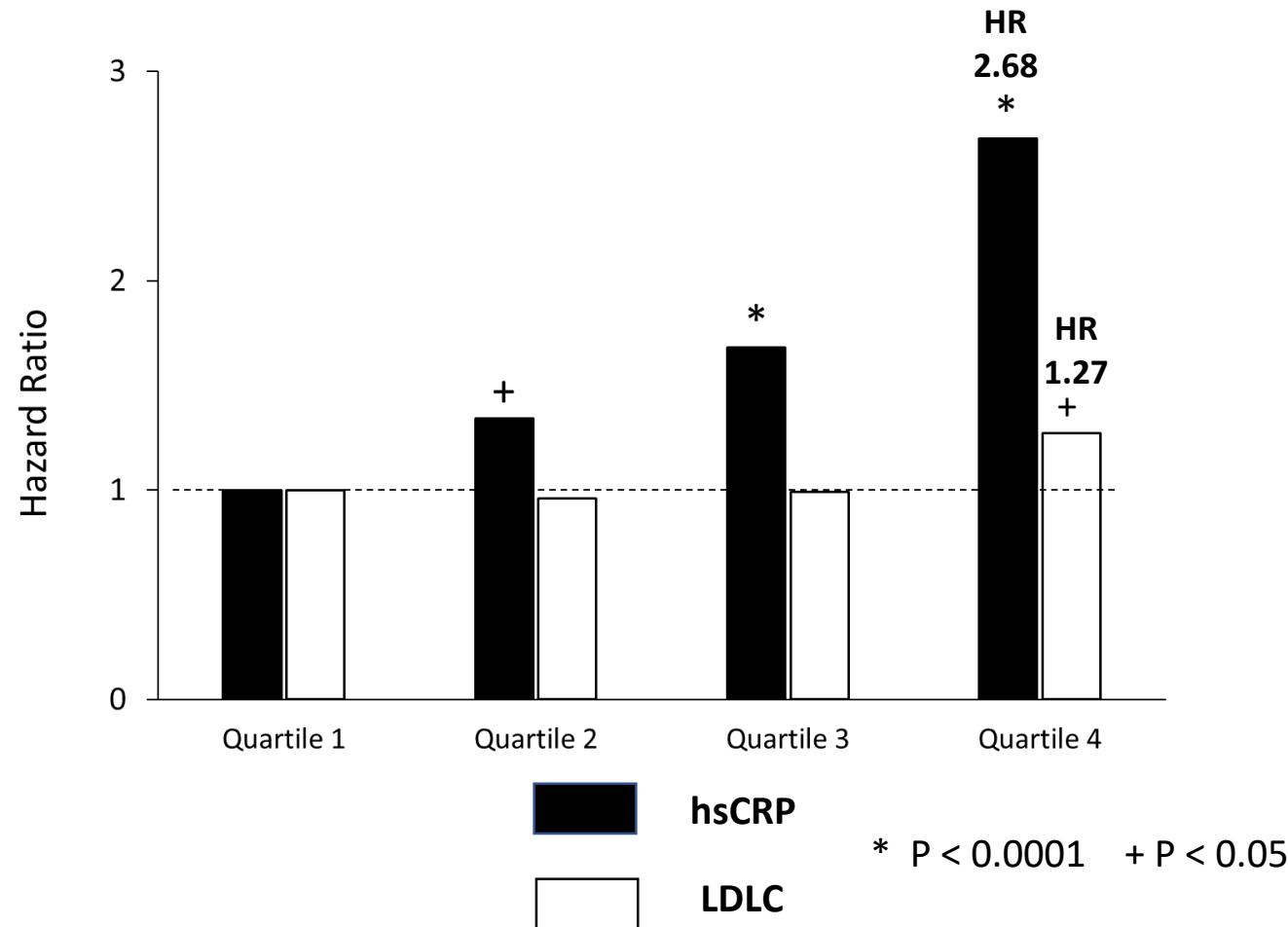
REDUCE-IT  
(N = 8,179)



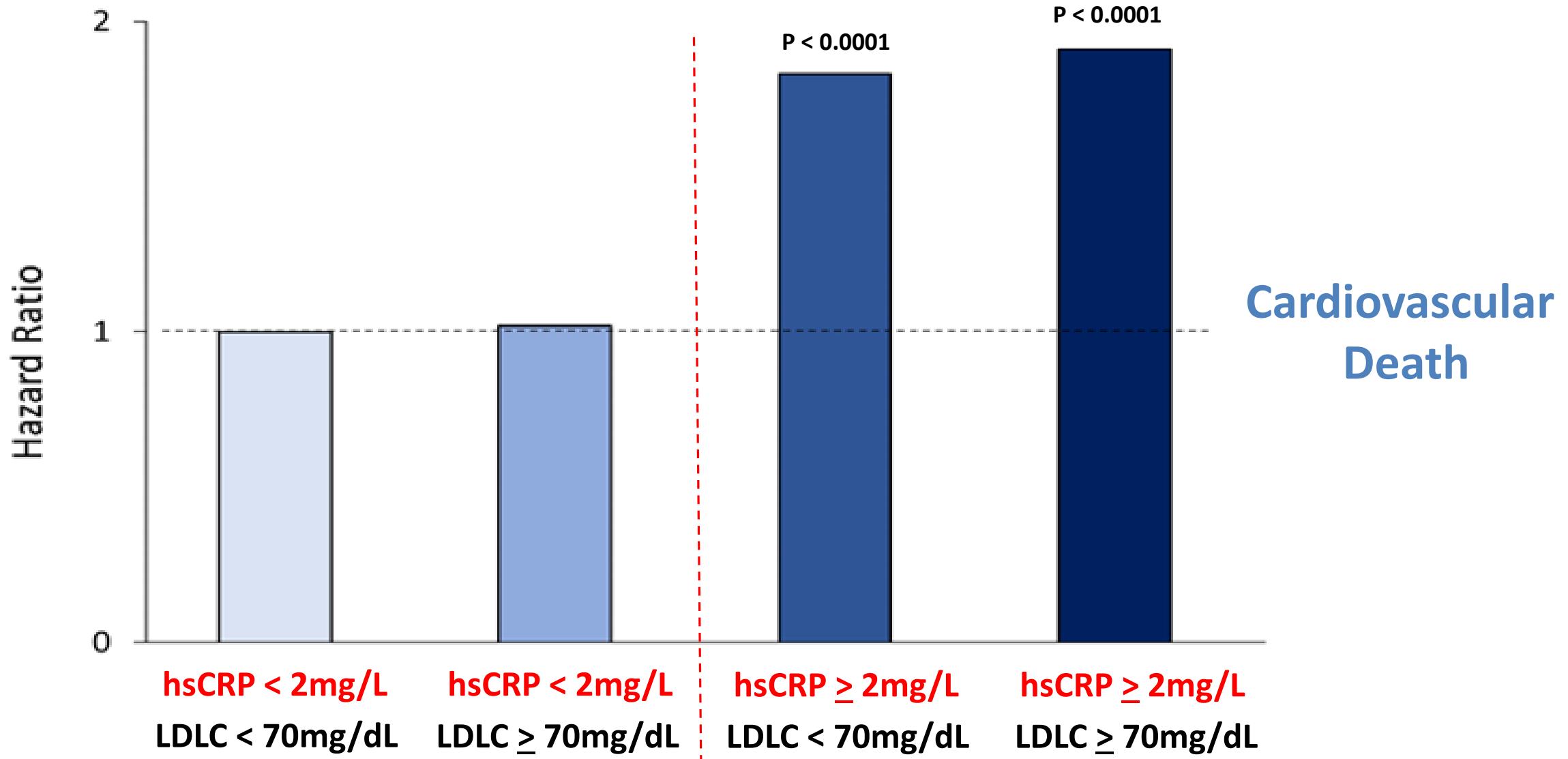
STRENGTH  
(N = 13,078)



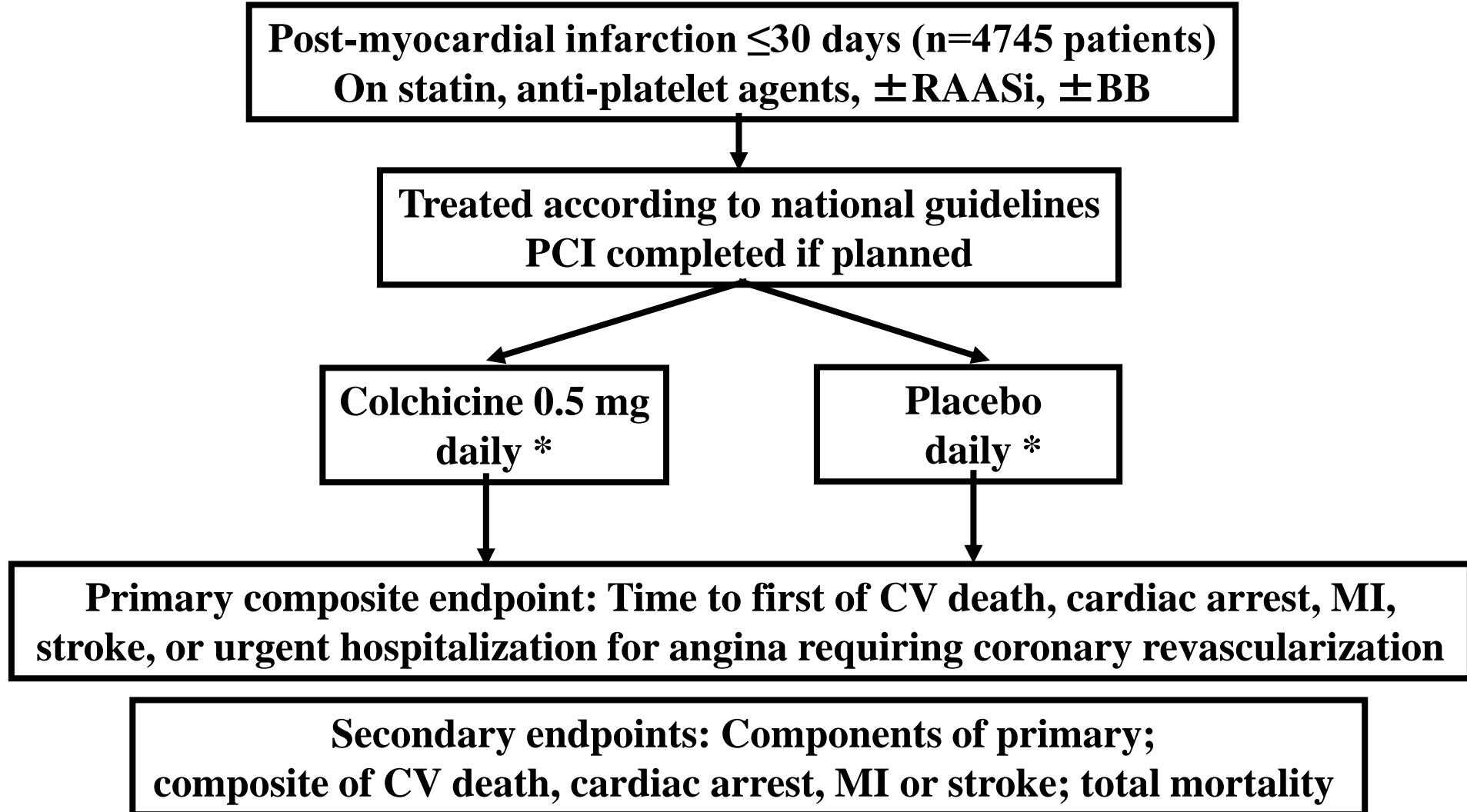
Pooled Data (N = 31,245)  
Cardiovascular Death



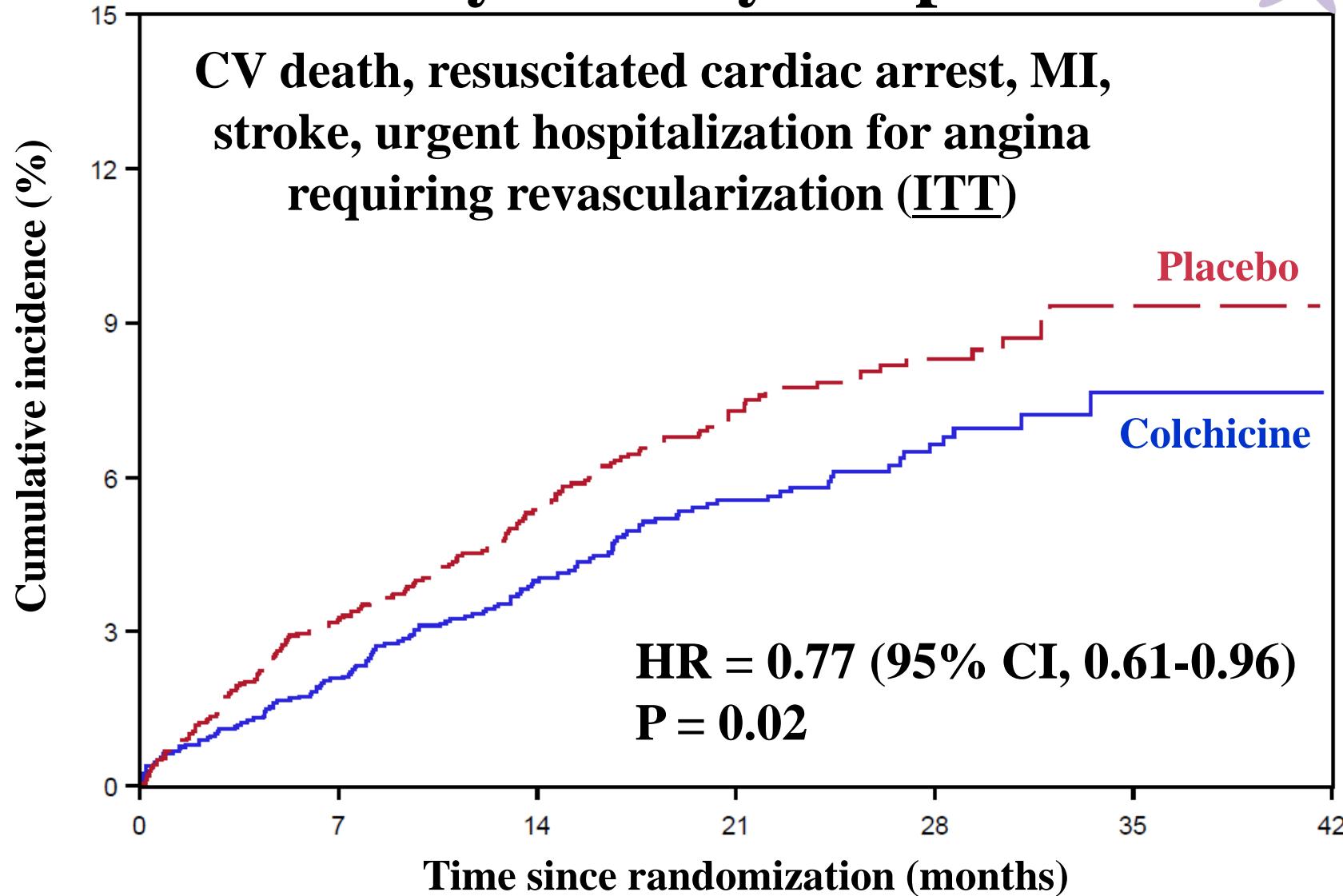
## Results – VI Interaction Analyses - hsCRP < or $\geq$ 2 mg/L and/or LDLC < or $\geq$ 70 mg/dL



# Study design



# Primary efficacy endpoint



## No. at Risk

Colchicine 2366  
Placebo 2379

2284  
2261

1868  
1854

1230  
1224

628  
622

153  
144

0  
0

# Total (First + Recurrent) Primary Endpoint Events (ITT)

Endpoint / Model		Colchicine <b>N=2366</b>	Placebo <b>N=2379</b>	Hazard / Rate <b>Ratio (95% CI)</b>
Total number of primary endpoint events		154	223	
Rate of primary endpoint events per 100 patient-months		0.29	0.42	
Negative binomial model				<b>0.66 (0.51; 0.86)</b>
Andersen-Gill model				0.69 (0.54; 0.88)
Wei-Lin-Wessfeld model	1 <sup>st</sup> event			0.77 (0.61; 0.96)
Wei-Lin-Wessfeld model	2 <sup>nd</sup> event			0.73 (0.48; 1.11)
Wei-Lin-Wessfeld model	3 <sup>rd</sup> event			0.64 (0.37; 1.10)
Wei-Lin-Wessfeld model	Average			0.77 (0.61; 0.96)

# Adverse events



Safety population	Colchicine (N=2330)	Placebo (N=2346)	P Value
Any related AE - no. (%)	372 (16.0%)	371 (15.8%)	0.89
Any SAE - no. (%)	383 (16.4%)	404 (17.2%)	0.47
Gastro-intestinal AE - no. (%)	408 (17.5%)	414 (17.6%)	0.90
Gastro-intestinal SAE – no. (%)	46 (2.0%)	36 (1.5%)	0.25
Diarrhea AE - no. (%)	225 (9.7%)	208 (8.9%)	0.35
Nausea AE - no. (%)	43 (1.8%)	24 (1.0%)	0.02
Flatulence AE - no. (%)	15 (0.6%)	5 (0.2%)	0.02
GI haemorrhage AE - no. (%)	7 (0.3%)	5 (0.2%)	0.56
Infection SAE - no. (%)	51 (2.2%)	38 (1.6%)	0.15
Pneumonia SAE - no. (%)	21 (0.9%)	9 (0.4%)	0.03
Septic shock SAE - no. (%)	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	0.99
HF hospitalization - no. (%)	25 (1.1%)	17 (0.7%)	0.21
Cancer - no. (%)	43 (1.8%)	46 (2.0%)	0.77
Anemia - no. (%)	14 (0.6%)	10 (0.4%)	0.40
Leukopenia - no. (%)	2 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	0.66
Thrombocytopenia - no. (%)	3 (0.1%)	7 (0.3%)	0.21

# Protocol

**Patients aged 35 – 82 years with coronary disease  
Clinically stable  $\geq 6$  months**

No advanced renal disease, heart failure or severe valvular heart disease

**30-day open label run-in of colchicine 0.5mg daily**

**Tolerant, clinically stable and willing**

**Colchicine**

**Placebo**

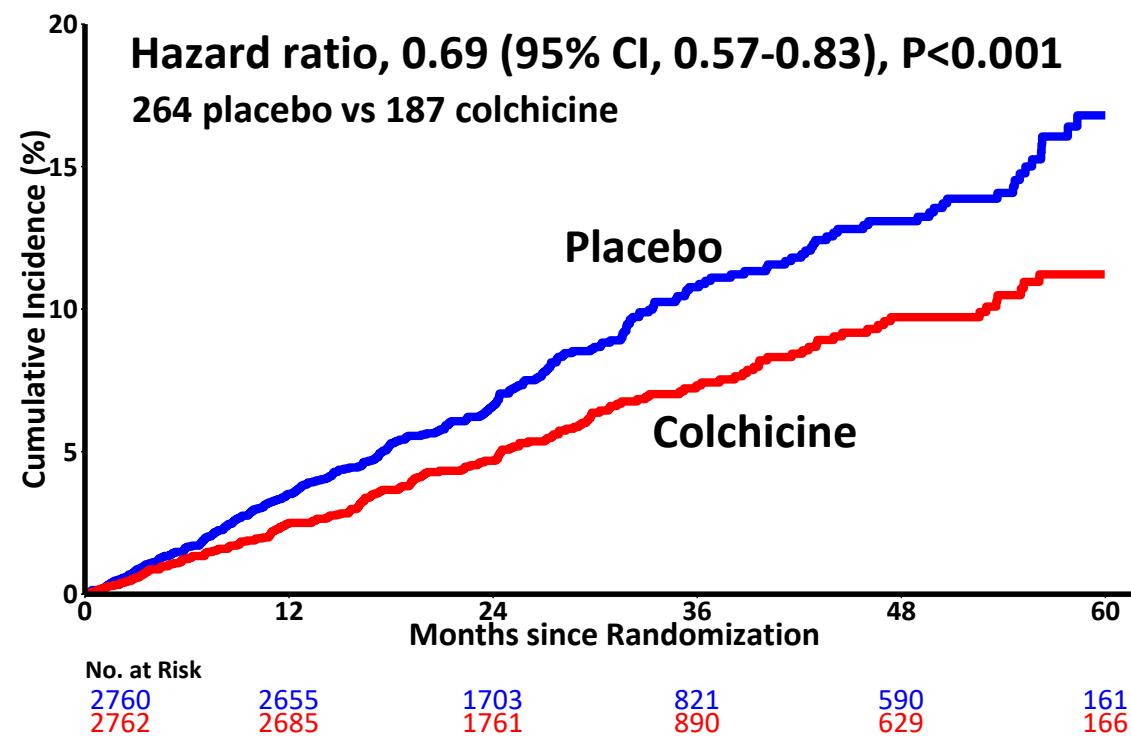
**Primary endpoint: Composite of CV death, MI, ischemic stroke or ischemia-driven coronary revascularization**

**Planned to begin close-out 12 months after the last participant had been randomized\***

*\* If 331 primary events had accrued – sufficient to detect a 30% effect of therapy with 90% power*

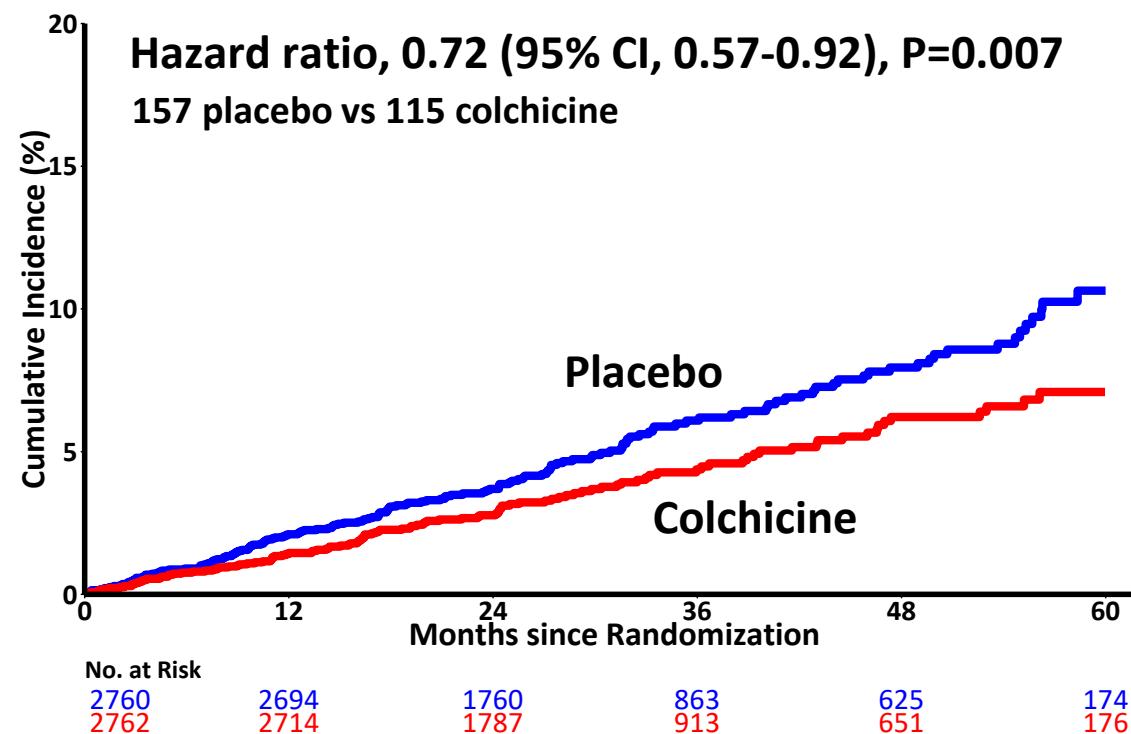
# Primary endpoint

Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke or  
ischemia-driven coronary revascularization



# Key secondary endpoint

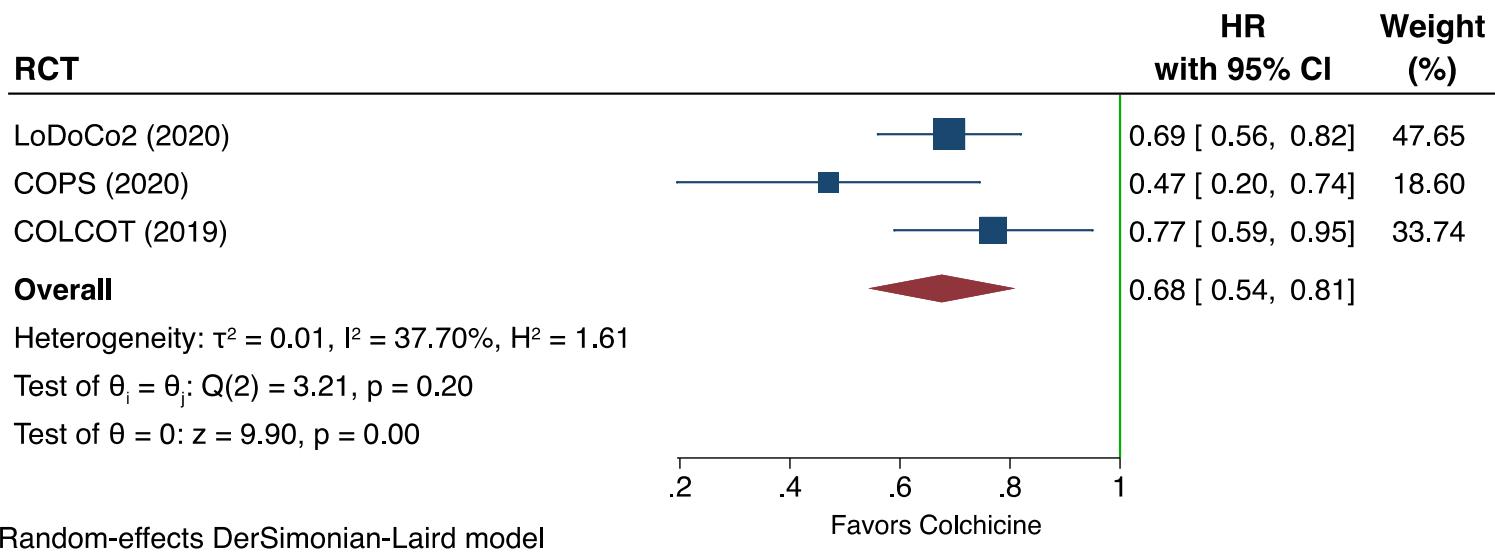
Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or ischemic stroke



# Serious adverse events

	<b>Colchicine (N = 2762)</b>	<b>Placebo (N = 2760)</b>
Non-cardiovascular death	53(1.9)	35(1.3)
Diagnosis of new cancer	120(4.3)	122(4.4)
Hospitalization for infection	137(5.0)	144(5.2)
Hospitalization for pneumonia	46(1.7)	55(2.0)
Hospitalization for gastro-intestinal reason	53(1.9)	50(1.8)
Neutropenia	3(0.1)	3(0.1)
Myotoxicity	4(0.1)	3(0.1)

# Meta-analysis of colchicine studies in CAD Primary composite endpoint



\*Primary composite endpoint includes cardiovascular mortality, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, and urgent coronary revascularization



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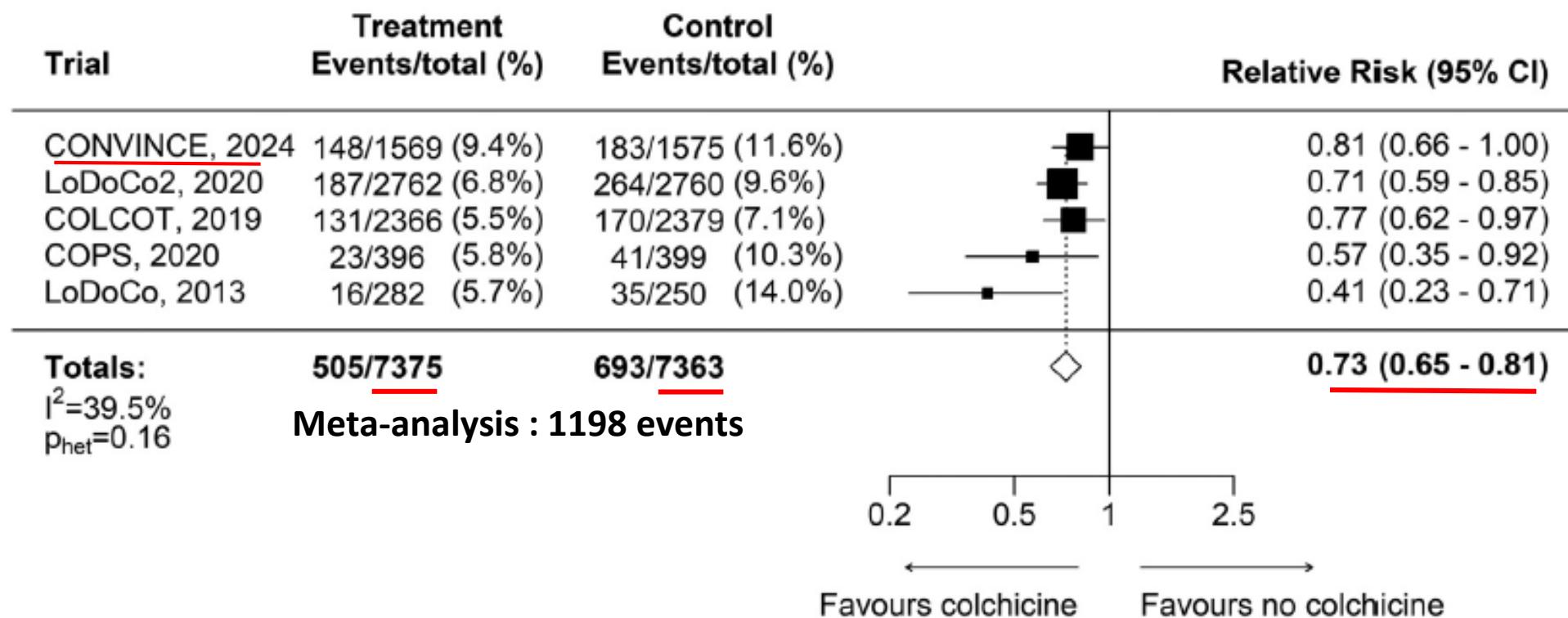
Samuel M, Tardif JC, et al. Can J Cardiol 2021;37:776-785.

# Approval of colchicine by US FDA for cardiovascular use in June 2023

- "**LODOCO (colchicine 0.5 mg once daily) is indicated to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, coronary revascularization, and cardiovascular death in adult patients with established atherosclerotic disease or with multiple risk factors for cardiovascular disease.**"
- "**Concurrent use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors or P-gp inhibitors with colchicine is contraindicated, including in patients with hepatic or renal impairment.**"
- "**Colchicine is contraindicated in patients with pre-existing blood dyscrasias, renal failure, and severe hepatic impairment.**"



# Meta-analysis estimate effect of colchicine on CV death, MI, ischemic stroke, and coronary revasc.



# Inflammation reduction therapy in 2024

## Guidelines and regulatory agencies

FDA: "LODOCO (colchicine 0.5 mg once daily) is indicated to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, coronary revascularization, and cardiovascular death in adult patients with established atherosclerotic disease or with multiple risk factors for cardiovascular disease."

HC: "MYINFLA (colchicine extended-release tablets) is indicated for the reduction of atherothrombotic events in adult patients with existing coronary artery disease, in addition to standard therapies, including LDL-C lowering and antithrombotic drug treatment."

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**Recommendation Table 20 — Recommendations for anti-inflammatory drugs in patients with chronic coronary syndrome (see also Evidence Table 20)**

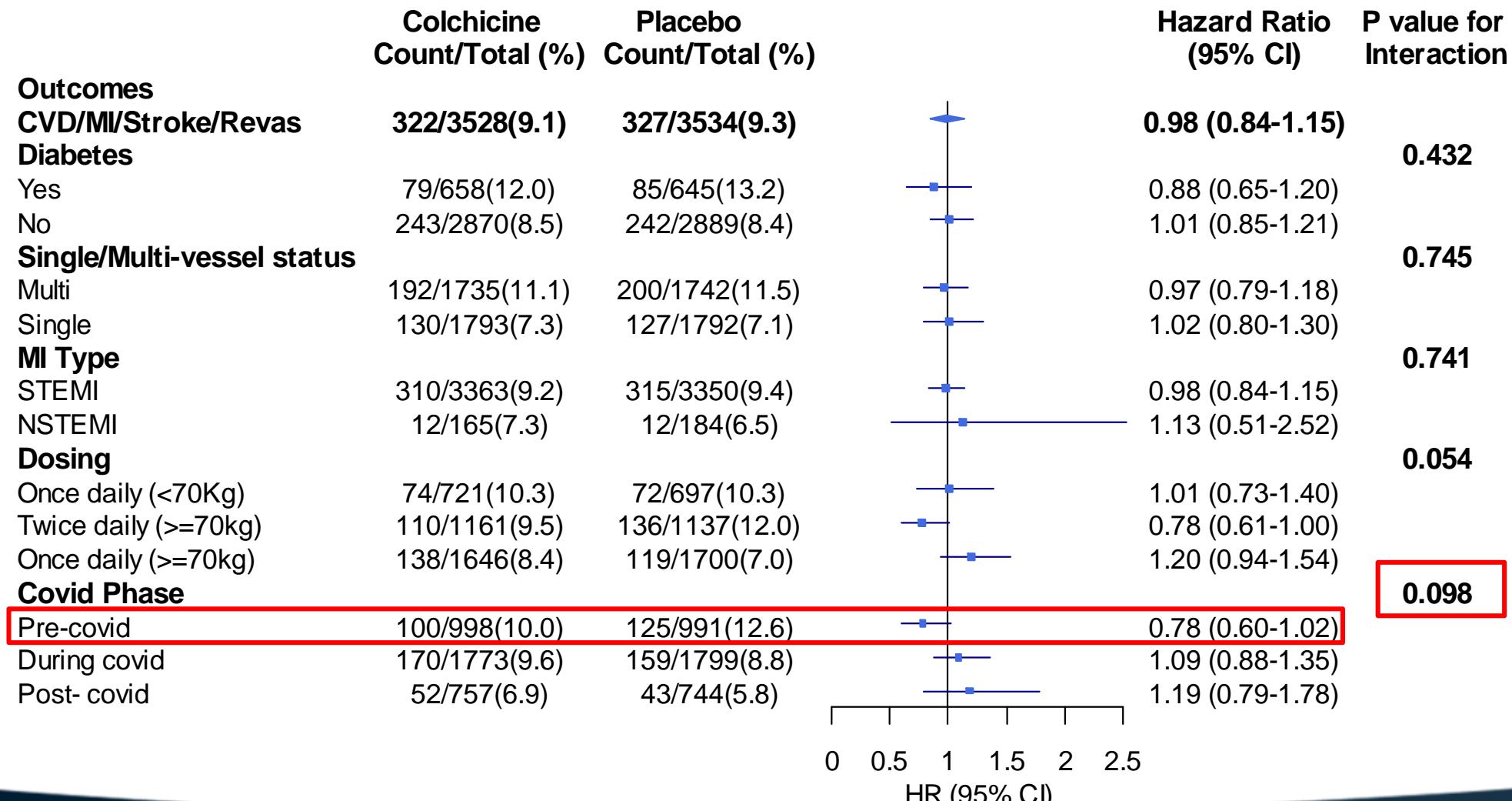
Recommendation	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
In CCS patients with atherosclerotic CAD, low-dose colchicine (0.5 mg daily) should be considered to reduce myocardial infarction, stroke, and need for revascularization. <sup>714–716</sup>	IIa	A

# Why were CLEAR-SYNERGY results neutral? *The outlier study*

- The inverted relationship between the incidence of non-fatal MI and all-cause deaths in CLEAR (MI/all-cause death ratio: 0.62) is consistent with the published impact of COVID-19 on cardiovascular clinical care and under-reporting of non-fatal events.
- Dal-GenE-1, IRONMAN and GUIDE-HF are other published trial results that were affected by COVID-19, with loss of statistical significance during the pandemic.
- Inflammation was not controlled in the colchicine arm of CLEAR with a least-squares mean hs-CRP of 3.0 mg/L (95% CI: 2.6-3.5 mg/L), in contrast to the on-treatment median values of 1.12 mg/L (IQR: 0.77, 2.10) in COLCOT and 0.94 mg/L (IQR: 0.53-1.93) in LoDoCo2.
- There was no benefit of colchicine on pericarditis in CLEAR.
- The neutral results of the spironolactone arm of CLEAR differ greatly from previous studies.



# CLEAR - Forest Plot of Primary Outcome in Pre-Specified Subgroups (II)



# CLEAR - Primary Outcome

	Colchicine (N=3528) (%)	Placebo (N=3534) (%)	HR	95% CI	p
CV death, MI, stroke or ischemia driven revascularization	9.1%	9.3%	0.99	0.85-1.16	0.93
CV death	3.3%	3.2%	1.03	0.80-1.34	
MI	2.9%	3.1%	0.88	0.66-1.17	
Stroke	1.4%	1.2%	1.15	0.72-1.84	
Ischemia driven revascularization	4.6%	4.7%	1.01	0.81-1.17	
CV death, MI or stroke	6.8%	7.1%	0.98	0.82-1.17	
All cause death	4.6%	5.1%	0.90	0.73-1.12	
Non-CV death	1.3%	1.9%	0.68	0.46-0.99	



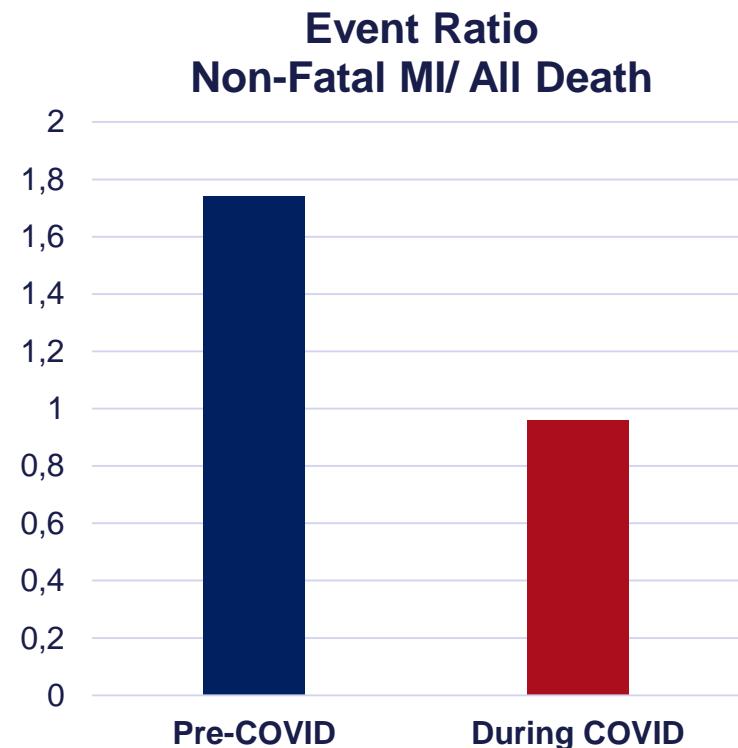
COMPLETE TRIAL

# Efficacy Outcomes

	Complete Revasc. N=2016		Culprit Lesion Only N=2025		HR (95% CI)	P value		
	N	(%)	N	(%)				
<b>Co-Primary Outcomes</b>								
CV death or MI	158	(7.8)	2.7	213	(10.5)	3.7	0.74 (0.60-0.91)	0.004
CV death, MI or IDR	179	(8.9)	3.1	339	(16.7)	6.2	0.51 (0.43-0.61)	<0.001
<b>Key Secondary Outcome</b>								
CV death, MI, IDR, unstable angina or class IV HF	272	(13.5)	4.9	426	(21.0)	8.1	0.62 (0.53-0.72)	<0.001
<b>Other Secondary Outcomes</b>								
MI	109	(5.4)	1.9	160	(7.9)	2.8	0.68 (0.53-0.86)	0.002
IDR	29	(1.4)	0.5	160	(7.9)	2.8	0.18 (0.12-0.26)	<0.001
Unstable Angina	70	(3.5)	1.2	130	(6.4)	2.2	0.53 (0.40-0.71)	<0.001
CV death	59	(2.9)	1.0	64	(3.2)	1.0	0.93 (0.65-1.32)	0.68
All-cause Death	96	(4.8)	1.6	106	(5.2)	1.7	0.91 (0.69-1.20)	0.51

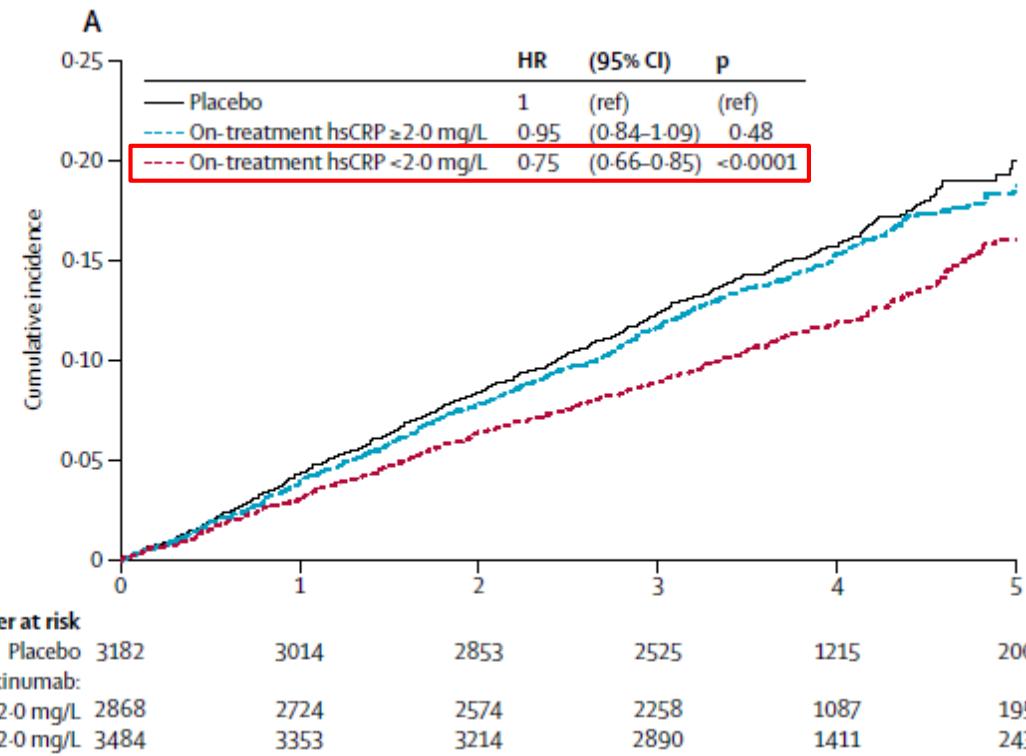
# Dal-GenE-1: Change in the expected relationship between fatal and non-fatal events during COVID-19

- The ratio of adjudicated non-fatal MI to all-cause death was higher pre-COVID than during-COVID because of the reduction of reported non-fatal MIs, combined with an increase in non-CV deaths.
- This abrupt change in the relationship between deaths and non-fatal MIs is consistent with the published impact of COVID-19 on CV clinical care with under-reporting of non-fatal CV events.

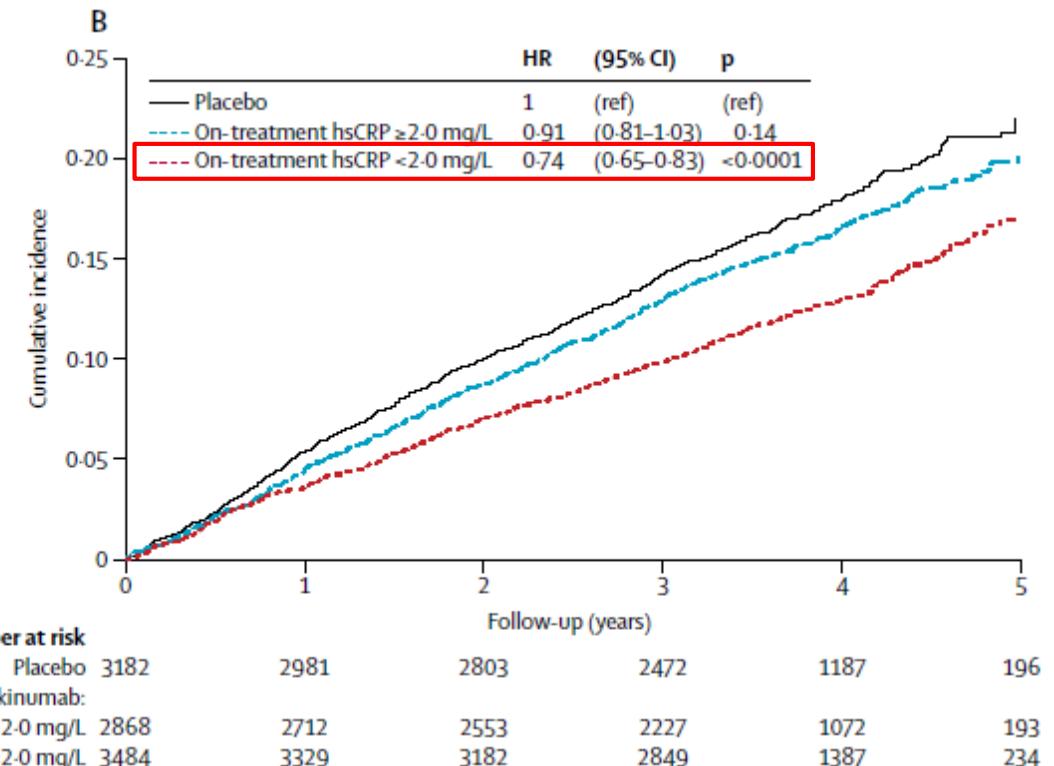


# CANTOS: Greater CV risk reduction with greater inflammation reduction

## CV death, MI, stroke



## CV death, MI, stroke, USA requiring revasc.



# Inflammation contributes to cardiovascular risk in patients receiving statin therapy

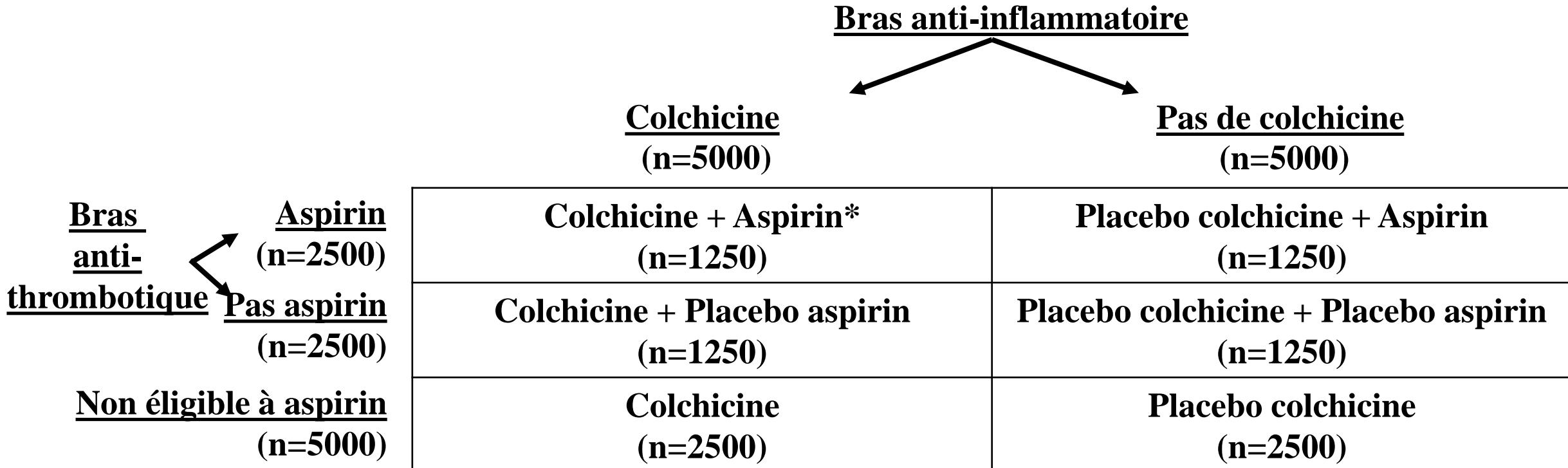
The issue of polypharmacy is sometimes mentioned by physicians as the reason for having to choose between further lipid-lowering treatment or inflammation-reducing therapy in patients receiving statin therapy. It is time to reconsider our answer to this apparent problem considering the worldwide burden of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and the cost-effectiveness of colchicine.<sup>13</sup> Serious consideration should be given to applying the successful model of four treatment pillars in heart failure to the multifaceted prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with coronary artery disease. Physicians should no longer consider intensive lipid lowering and inflammation reduction as mutually exclusive, but

rather as complementary approaches in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease who are already receiving statin therapy. The large-scale COLCOT-T2D trial (NCT05633810) is extending this concept to primary prevention and testing whether inflammation reduction with low-dose colchicine is associated with improved cardiovascular outcomes in 10 000 patients with type 2 diabetes who are already receiving intensive therapy to reduce LDLC according to national guidelines.

# Désign de l'étude



Diabète de type 2 sans maladie coronarienne (n=10,000 patients)



\*Colchicine 0.5 mg une fois par jour  
+ Aspirin sans enrobage entérique 40 mg 2 fois par jour

# Critères d'inclusion



- Hommes et femmes âgés de 55-80 ans
- Diabète de type 2 traité selon les guides thérapeutiques nationaux
- Pas d'antécédent d'évènement clinique lié à la maladie coronarienne
- Au moins une caractéristique de haut risque
- Femmes avec potentiel de procréer doivent avoir un test urinaire de grossesse négatif au screening et accepter d'utiliser une méthode efficace de contraception

# Critères d'efficacité



## Critère primaire:

- Temps au premier évènement de décès CV, arrêt cardiaque, infarctus, AVC, ou hospitalisation urgente pour angine requérant revascularisation coronarienne

## Critères secondaires:

- Trouble cognitif (MOCA) et démence
- Temps à chaque composante du critère primaire
- Temps au premier évènement de décès CV, arrêt cardiaque, infarctus ou AVC
- Fardeau total des évènements initiaux et subséquents du critère primaire

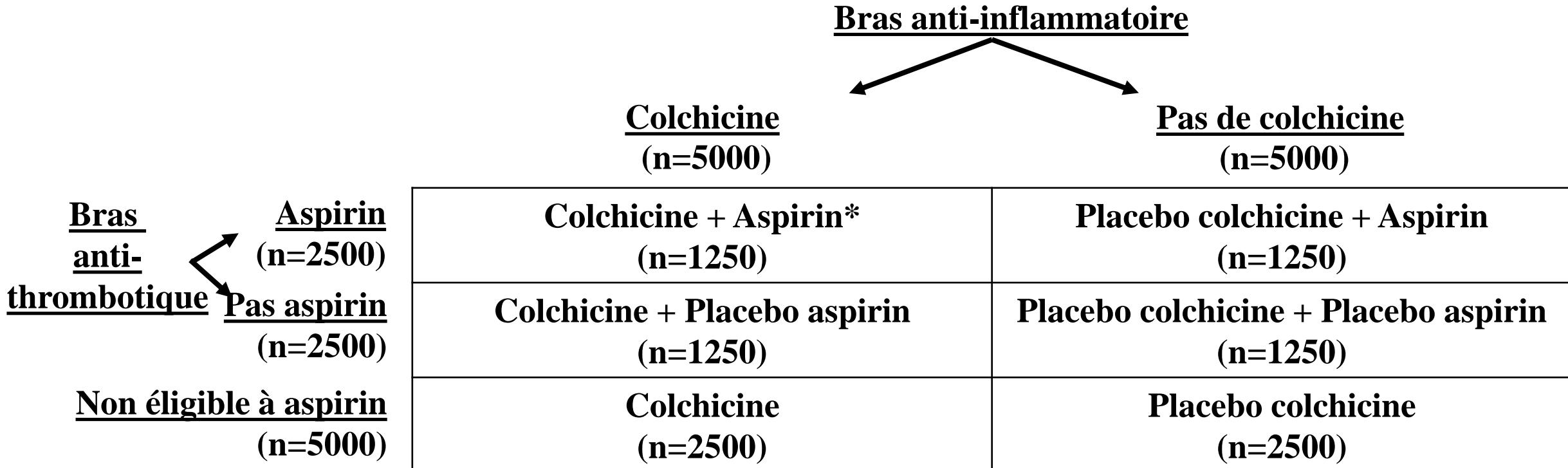
## Critères exploratoires:

- Temps à la fibrillation atriale, à l'hospitalisation pour insuffisance cardiaque, et à toute revascularisation coronarienne (urgente ou élective)
- Biomarqueurs génétiques; protéines sanguines et concentrations de méds

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