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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eAppendix. List of REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy Site Investigators

The following investigators participated in the REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy, listed by clinical site with numbers of participants enrolled:

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The study protocol was approved by the Mass General Brigham IRB, the AIDS Clinical Trials Group, and participating site regulatory bodies. Informed consent was obtained in writing from each participant prior to participation in the study. Oversight was accomplished via an independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board. Coronary CT angiography (CTA) was coordinated by the REPRIEVE CT core laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital. Data collection was overseen by Frontier Science Research Foundation (FSTRF) and monitored by the NIH Division of AIDS. Statistical analysis was accomplished according to the prespecified analysis plan by the Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research (CBAR),

A DSMB appointed by NHLBI met every 6 months to review safety and efficacy data and advised the NIH on the status of the study. DSMB meetings and calls were organized into Open, Closed, and Executive Sessions. The open session dealt with issues relating to the general conduct and progress of the study, such as accrual, retention, and safety and all data were presented pooled over treatment group. Following the Open Session and before the Closed Session, a restricted group including only the DSMB, the REPRIEVE NIH team, the REPRIEVE CCC PIs and statisticians reviewed aggregate primary events pooled across treatment groups to discuss trial feasibility and possible sample size adjustments. During the closed session, the DSMB, NHLBI Executive Secretary (ES) and NHLBI statistician, and unblinded REPRIEVE statisticians reviewed data presented by unmasked treatment group. Efficacy data by treatment group were not reviewed until adequacy of the study sample size assumptions was determined. The DSMB closed the meeting in executive session in which only the DSMB members and NHLBI ES were present. A DSMB Charter is available on request.

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eMethods.

Abridged inclusion and exclusion criteria for the REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy (A5333s) and the REPRIEVE trial (A5332) are listed below, with the full version provided in the protocol.

Eligibility Criteria

REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy (A5333s) Inclusion Criteria:

- Enrollment in the main REPRIEVE (A5532) study.
- Willingness to complete procedures required for the study.
- Signed informed consent.
- Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73m² or creatinine clearance (CrCl) ≥ 60 mL/min.

REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy (A5333s) Exclusion Criteria:

- Known allergy to iodinated contrast agent.
- Currently symptomatic asthma.
- Allergy to beta blockers.
- Contraindication to beta blockers (i.e., taking daily asthma medications).
- Positive pregnancy test within 24 hours prior to study entry.
- Any condition that prohibits the individual from completing the CCTA.
- Body mass index (BMI) ≥ 40 kg/m².
- Cardiac arrhythmia at enrollment precluding CCTA, such as atrial fibrillation with heart rate >80 beats per minute or frequent ectopic beats.

REPRIEVE (A5332) Inclusion Criteria:

- Documentation of HIV-1 infection by means of any one of the following:
 - Documentation of HIV diagnosis in the medical record by a licensed health care provider;
 - OR HIV-1 RNA detection by a licensed HIV-1 RNA assay demonstrating >1000 RNA copies/mL;
 - OR any licensed HIV screening antibody and/or HIV antibody/antigen combination assay confirmed by a second licensed HIV assay such as a HIV-1 Western blot confirmation or HIV rapid Multispot antibody differentiation assay.
- Combination antiretroviral therapy (ART) for at least 180 days prior to study entry.
- CD4+ cell count >100 cells/mm³ obtained within 180 days prior to study entry.
- Fasting LDL cholesterol as follows:
 - If ASCVD risk score $<7.5\%$, LDL cholesterol must be <190 mg/dL
 - If ASCVD risk score $\geq 7.5\%$ and $\leq 10\%$, LDL must be <160 mg/dL
 - If ASCVD risk score $>10\%$ and $\leq 15\%$, LDL must be <130 mg/dL
 - If LDL <70 mg/dL, participant is eligible regardless of 10-year ASCVD risk score in line with the ACC/AHA 2013 Prevention Guidelines.
- Fasting triglycerides <500 mg/dL.
- Hemoglobin >8 g/dL for female participants and >9 g/dL for male participants
- Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73m² or creatinine clearance (CrCl) ≥ 60 mL/min.
- ALT ≤ 2.5 x ULN.
- For persons with known chronic active hepatitis B or C, calculated FIB-4 score must be ≤ 3.25 .
- Female participants of reproductive potential (defined as women who have not been post-menopausal for at least 24 consecutive months, i.e., who have had menses within 24 months

prior to study entry, and women who have not undergone surgical sterilization, specifically hysterectomy or bilateral oophorectomy) must have a negative serum or urine pregnancy test within 48 hours prior to entry.

- For women of reproductive potential, willingness to use contraceptives as described in the product information for pitavastatin. Contraceptives must be used at least two weeks before initiation of study drug and must be continued 6 weeks after cessation of study drug. If participating in sexual activity that could lead to pregnancy, women must use a form of contraceptive. At least one of the following methods must be used appropriately:
 - Condoms (male or female) with or without spermicidal agent
 - Diaphragm or cervical cap with spermicidal agent
 - Intrauterine device (IUD)
 - Hormone-based contraceptive
 - Tubal ligation
 - Tubal micro-insertsWomen who are not of reproductive potential as defined above are eligible without the use of contraception.
- Men and women age ≥ 40 and ≤ 75 years of age.
- Ability and willingness of participant or legal representative to provide written informed consent.

REPRIEVE (A5332) Exclusion Criteria:

- Clinical ASCVD, as defined by 2013 ACC/AHA guidelines, including a previous diagnosis of any of the following:
 - AMI
 - Acute coronary syndromes
 - Stable or unstable angina
 - Coronary or other arterial revascularization
 - Stroke
 - TIA
 - Peripheral arterial disease presumed to be of atherosclerotic origin
- Current diabetes mellitus if LDL ≥ 70 mg/dL.
- 10-year ASCVD risk score estimated by Pooled Cohort Equations $> 15\%$
 - If LDL < 70 mg/dL, participant is eligible regardless of risk score in line with the ACC/AHA 2013 Prevention Guidelines.
 - See Fasting LDL Inclusion Criteria for LDL requirements by risk score.
 - Cardiovascular Risk Assessment Tool, for detailed instructions concerning access and use of the 10-year ASCVD risk score calculator (see Section 6.3.4 of Protocol).
- Active cancer within 12 months prior to study entry.
 - Exceptions:
 - Successfully treated non-melanomatous skin cancer
 - Kaposi sarcoma without visceral organ involvement
- Known decompensated cirrhosis.
- History of myositis or myopathy with active disease in the 180 days prior to study entry.
- Known untreated symptomatic thyroid disease.
- History of allergy or severe adverse reaction to statins.
- Use of specific immunosuppressants or immunomodulatory agents, including but not limited to tacrolimus, sirolimus, rapamycin, mycophenolate, cyclosporine, TNF-alpha blockers or antagonists, azathioprine, interferon, growth factors, or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG), in the 30 days prior to study entry. Use of oral prednisone ≤ 10 mg/day or equivalent dosage is allowed.
- Current use of erythromycin, colchicine, or rifampin.
- Use of any statin drugs, gemfibrozil, or PCSK9 inhibitors in the 90 days prior to study entry.
- Current use of an investigational new drug that would be contraindicated.

- Serious illness or trauma requiring systemic treatment or hospitalization in the 30 days prior to study entry.
- Known active or recent (not fully resolved within 30 days prior to study entry) systemic bacterial, fungal, parasitic, or viral infections (except HIV, HBV, human papillomavirus [HPV], or HCV).
- Current breastfeeding.
- Alcohol or drug use that, in the opinion of the site investigator, would interfere with completion of study procedures.
- Other medical, psychiatric, or psychological condition that, in the opinion of the site investigator, would interfere with completion of study procedures and or adherence to study drug.

Diet, Activity, and Smoking Cessation Guidance

Information on diet, activity, smoking cessation, adhering to antiretroviral therapy, and adhering to the study medications was given to participants at each annual visit. The guidance on lifestyle was based on the NHLBI's Management of Blood Cholesterol in Adults¹ and was included information on the topics listed below:

- Goals of Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC)
- Physical Activity
- TLC Diet: Daily Food Guide Food Groups
 - Fruits and Vegetables
 - Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Eggs, and Nuts
 - Fats and Oils
 - Breads, Cereals, Rice, Pasta, and Other Grains
 - Sweets and Snacks
- Recommendations on Quitting Smoking
- Recommendations on adhering to the HIV medications prescribed by your doctor
- Recommendations on adhering to the study medication (pitavastatin or placebo)

Handling of Missing Data

Missing data for CT scan outcomes arose via the following mechanisms:

- Missed visits
- Participant loss to follow-up or premature study discontinuation
- CT scan complications at the time of the visit
- Scans that were non-diagnostic for either qualitative (presence of plaque) or quantitative (plaque volume) assessment

The primary analysis used a complete case approach. In sensitivity analyses, all missing data (regardless of reason) were imputed using a multiple imputation algorithm. 50 imputed datasets were created and analyzed and the results combined using standard multiple imputation methodology.

Models for the imputation used fully conditional models using all available plaque outcomes across both time-points (including the calcium and Leaman scores) and natal sex, age, ASCVD risk score at REPRIEVE entry, race, and ethnicity as covariate effects. A two-step procedure was used that mirrored the process by which scans were read during the study.

- Step 1 first created 50 complete datasets for the qualitative assessments of the present of any plaque and any noncalcified plaque. Imputation for each data element in the imputation used an iterative process with models based on discriminant analysis with 20 burn-in iterations.

- In Step 2, each of the 50 imputed datasets were evaluated for participants with evidence of plaque at either time-point. Records for those with any evidence of plaque in either assessment were included in a second imputation process to complete missing data for the quantitative assessment. Missing quantitative assessments among those records with no evidence of plaque in either scan were derived as zero, consistent with the outcome derivation. Imputation in Step 2 used normal error regression analysis with predicted mean matching to ensure all missing outcomes were imputed within the range of the data. To ensure quantitative noncalcified plaque volume was constrained to be less than any imputed total plaque volume, imputation was performed for the percent of total plaque that is noncalcified. Log transformations were used for the total plaque, Agatson calcium score and Leaman score outcomes, a logit transformation was used for percent of noncalcified plaque. The iterative imputation was again used with 20 burn-in iterations, however, since the Step 1 imputation process had generated the framework for the 50 imputed datasets, only 1 imputation for each of the 50 input datasets was then needed.

Imputation used proc MI and proc MIANALYZE implemented in SAS 9.4M7.

eTable 1. Characteristics of Enrolled REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy and Overall REPRIEVE Trial Participants at Baseline*

| Characteristic | Overall REPRIEVE Trial (N = 7769) | REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy (N=804) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Age | | |
| Median (IQR) — yr | 50 (45–55) | 51 (47–55) |
| Distribution — no. (%) | | |
| 40–49 yr | 3730 (48.0%) | 346 (43%) |
| 50–59 yr | 3361 (43.3%) | 395 (49%) |
| ≥60 yr | 678 (8.7%) | 63 (8%) |
| Sex — no. (%)† | | |
| Female | 2419 (31.1%) | 139 (17%) |
| Gender identity — no. (%) | | |
| Cisgender | 7367 (94.8%) | 764 (95%) |
| Transgender | 127 (1.6%) | 16 (2%) |
| Not reported | 275 (3.5%) | 24 (3%) |
| Race — no. (%)‡ | | |
| Asian | 1138 (14.6%) | 10 (1%) |
| Black or African American | 3208 (41.3%) | 292 (36%) |
| White | 2704 (34.8%) | 425 (53%) |
| Other | 719 (9.3%) | 77 (10%) |
| Ethnic group in North America — no./total no. (%)§ | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | 698/3918 (17.8%) | 192 (24%) |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 3186/3918 (81.3%) | 601 (75%) |
| Unknown | 34/3918 (0.9%) | 11 (1%) |
| Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease risk score — %¶ | | |
| Median (IQR) | 4.5 (2.1,7.0) | 4.6 (2.6,7.0) |
| Distribution — no. (%) | | |
| 0 to <2.5 | 2156 (27.8%) | 184 (23%) |
| 2.5 to <5 | 2055 (26.5%) | 257 (32%) |
| 5–10 | 2995 (38.6%) | 311 (39%) |
| >10 | 563 (7.2%) | 52 (6%) |
| Nadir CD4 level | | |
| Distribution — no. (%) | | |
| <200 cells/per mm3 | 3801 (48.9%) | 400 (50%) |
| 200–349 cells/per mm3 | 2041 (26.3%) | 217 (27%) |
| ≥350 cells/per mm3 | 1665 (21.4%) | 159 (20%) |
| Unknown no. of cells/per mm3 | 262 (3.4%) | 28 (3%) |
| CD4 count — no. (%) | | |
| ≤500 cells/per mm3 | 2510 (32.3%) | 277 (34%) |
| >500 cells/per mm3 | 5259 (67.7%) | 527 (66%) |
| HIV-1 RNA — no./total no. (%) | | |
| <LLOQ copies/ml | 5250 (87.5%) | 696 (88%) |
| LLOQ to <400 copies/ml | 617 (10.3%) | 79 (10%) |
| ≥400 copies/ml | 130 (2.2%) | 17 (2%) |

* Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. HIV denotes human immunodeficiency virus, and IQR interquartile range. REPRIEVE Mechanistic Substudy participants were also enrolled in the main REPRIEVE trial.

† Race was reported by the participants. “Other” race includes participants who identified as native or indigenous to the enrollment region, as having more than one race, or as having an unknown race.

§ Ethnic group is reported according to the National Institutes of Health definition for participants in the United States (including Puerto Rico) and Canada only and is not applicable to other geographic regions.

¶ The 10-Year Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease risk score is calculated by assessing age, sex, race, systolic blood pressure, total and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, treatment for hypertension, smoking history, and presence of diabetes.

|| The level of HIV-1 RNA was measured if data were available through standard care. The assays that were used for testing varied, including assays with a lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) of 20 to 400 copies per milliliter.

Abbreviations: HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; RNA, ribonucleic acid; LLOQ, lower limit of quantification; REPRIEVE, Randomize Trial to Prevent Cardiovascular Events in HIV.

eTable 2. Baseline Characteristics of Participants Enrolled and With at Least 1 Evaluable Scan by Treatment Arm

| Characteristic | | Enrolled Participants | | mITT Analysis Participants | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Pitavastatin (N=402) | Placebo (N=402) | Pitavastatin (N=386) | Placebo (N=388) |
| Age (years) | Mean (SD) | 51 (6) | 51 (6) | 51 (6) | 51 (6) |
| | 40-49 | 161 (40%) | 185 (46%) | 155 (40%) | 177 (46%) |
| | 50-59 | 211 (52%) | 184 (46%) | 203 (53%) | 179 (46%) |
| | 60+ | 30 (7%) | 33 (8%) | 28 (7%) | 32 (8%) |
| Natal sex | Female | 70 (17%) | 69 (17%) | 64 (17%) | 66 (17%) |
| Gender identity | Cisgender | 379 (94%) | 385 (96%) | 366 (95%) | 374 (96%) |
| | Transgender Spectrum | 8 (2%) | 8 (2%) | 8 (2%) | 8 (2%) |
| | Not reported | 15 (4%) | 9 (2%) | 12 (3%) | 6 (2%) |
| Race ² | Asian | 5 (1%) | 5 (1%) | 5 (1%) | 5 (1%) |
| | Black or African American | 137 (34%) | 155 (39%) | 131 (34%) | 147 (38%) |
| | White | 210 (52%) | 215 (53%) | 203 (53%) | 209 (54%) |
| | Other | 50 (12%) | 27 (7%) | 47 (12%) | 27 (7%) |
| | Unknown | 5 (1%) | 6 (1%) | 4 (1%) | 6 (2%) |
| Ethnicity ³ | Hispanic or Latino | 103 (26%) | 89 (22%) | 101 (26%) | 85 (22%) |
| | Not Hispanic or Latino | 294 (73%) | 307 (76%) | 281 (73%) | 297 (77%) |
| | Unknown | 5 (1%) | 6 (1%) | 4 (1%) | 6 (2%) |
| ASCVD risk score (%) | Median (Q1,Q3) | 4.5 (2.6,6.8) | 4.6 (2.6,7.0) | 4.4 (2.6,6.7) | 4.6 (2.6,7.0) |
| | 0-<2.5 | 90 (22%) | 94 (23%) | 87 (23%) | 91 (23%) |
| | 2.5-<5 | 132 (33%) | 125 (31%) | 127 (33%) | 122 (31%) |
| | 5-10 | 153 (38%) | 158 (39%) | 147 (38%) | 150 (39%) |
| | >10 | 27 (7%) | 25 (6%) | 25 (6%) | 25 (6%) |
| | Unknown | 5 (1%) | 6 (1%) | 4 (1%) | 6 (2%) |
| Coronary artery calcium score ⁴ in Agatston units | 0 | 239 (59%) | 239 (59%) | 237 (61%) | 236 (61%) |
| | 1-100 | 92 (23%) | 91 (23%) | 91 (24%) | 90 (23%) |
| | 101-400 | 35 (9%) | 31 (8%) | 35 (9%) | 31 (8%) |
| | >400 | 5 (1%) | 9 (2%) | 5 (1%) | 9 (2%) |
| Smoking status | Current | 97 (24%) | 100 (25%) | 93 (24%) | 97 (25%) |
| | Former | 138 (34%) | 111 (28%) | 133 (35%) | 107 (28%) |
| | Never | 166 (41%) | 190 (47%) | 159 (41%) | 183 (47%) |
| Substance use ⁵ | Current | 10 (2%) | 8 (2%) | 10 (3%) | 8 (2%) |
| | Former | 197 (49%) | 199 (50%) | 187 (49%) | 191 (49%) |
| | Never | 194 (48%) | 193 (48%) | 188 (49%) | 187 (48%) |
| Use of antihypertensive medication | | 88 (22%) | 74 (18%) | 82 (21%) | 72 (19%) |
| Systolic blood pressure (mmHg) | Mean (SD) | 123 (13) | 123 (13) | 123 (13) | 122 (13) |
| Total cholesterol (mg/dL) ⁶ | Median (Q1,Q3) | 186 (163,205) | 183 (160,209) | 186 (164,205) | 183 (160,209) |
| HDL-C (mg/dL) ⁶ | Median (Q1,Q3) | 49 (40,60) | 48 (39,60) | 49 (41,61) | 48 (39,61) |
| LDL-C (mg/dL) ⁶ | Median (Q1,Q3) | 107 (87,125) | 108 (88,128) | 107 (87,125) | 107 (87,128) |

| Characteristic | | Enrolled Participants | | mITT Analysis Participants | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Pitavastatin (N=402) | Placebo (N=402) | Pitavastatin (N=386) | Placebo (N=388) |
| Triglycerides (mg/dL) ⁶ | Median (Q1,Q3) | 112 (79,165) | 112 (77,171) | 111 (78,165) | 111 (77,172) |
| Family history of premature CVD | Unknown | 12 (3%) | 11 (3%) | 10 (3%) | 11 (3%) |
| | | 102 (25%) | 77 (19%) | 98 (25%) | 77 (20%) |
| BMI (kg/m ²) | Mean (SD) | 27.3 (4.6) | 27.4 (4.4) | 27.2 (4.5) | 27.4 (4.4) |
| | <25 | 135 (34%) | 134 (33%) | 130 (34%) | 132 (34%) |
| | 25-29.9 | 167 (42%) | 157 (39%) | 164 (42%) | 150 (39%) |
| | 30+ | 100 (25%) | 111 (28%) | 92 (24%) | 106 (27%) |
| Prior statin use ⁷ | | 32 (8%) | 33 (8%) | 30 (8%) | 31 (8%) |
| Pre-existing diabetes mellitus | | 2 (<0.5%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (<0.5%) | 0 (0%) |
| Use of antidiabetic medication | | 1 (<0.5%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (<0.5%) | 0 (0%) |
| Use of ACE inhibitors or ARBs | | 57 (14%) | 48 (12%) | 54 (14%) | 47 (12%) |
| Use of antiplatelet therapy (including aspirin) ⁸ | | 31 (8%) | 28 (7%) | 29 (8%) | 28 (7%) |
| Use of non-statin lipid-lowering therapy | | 32 (8%) | 26 (6%) | 31 (8%) | 26 (7%) |
| Time since HIV diagnosis (years) | Median (Q1,Q3) | 15 (9,21) | 15 (9,22) | 15 (9,21) | 15 (9,22) |
| Nadir CD4 (cells/mm ³) | <50 | 82 (20%) | 91 (23%) | 80 (21%) | 86 (22%) |
| | 50-199 | 109 (27%) | 118 (29%) | 107 (28%) | 114 (29%) |
| | 200-349 | 115 (29%) | 102 (25%) | 109 (28%) | 100 (26%) |
| | 350+ | 80 (20%) | 79 (20%) | 76 (20%) | 77 (20%) |
| | Unknown | 16 (4%) | 12 (3%) | 14 (4%) | 11 (3%) |
| Total ART use (years) | <5 | 66 (16%) | 62 (15%) | 63 (16%) | 59 (15%) |
| | 5-10 | 102 (25%) | 108 (27%) | 98 (25%) | 107 (28%) |
| | 10+ | 234 (58%) | 232 (58%) | 225 (58%) | 222 (57%) |
| CD4 count (cells/mm ³) | Mean (SD) | 624 (268) | 640 (295) | 620 (266) | 638 (294) |
| | <350 | 59 (15%) | 58 (14%) | 58 (15%) | 56 (14%) |
| | 350-499 | 78 (19%) | 82 (20%) | 74 (19%) | 79 (20%) |
| | 500+ | 265 (66%) | 262 (65%) | 254 (66%) | 253 (65%) |
| HIV-1 RNA (copies/mL) | <LLQ | 350 (88%) | 346 (88%) | 337 (88%) | 337 (89%) |
| | LLQ -< 400 | 40 (10%) | 39 (10%) | 37 (10%) | 36 (9%) |
| | 400+ | 9 (2%) | 8 (2%) | 9 (2%) | 7 (2%) |
| Entry ART regimen class | NRTI + INSTI | 175 (44%) | 176 (44%) | 167 (43%) | 172 (44%) |
| | NRTI + NNRTI | 104 (26%) | 103 (26%) | 102 (26%) | 102 (26%) |
| | NRTI + PI | 77 (19%) | 61 (15%) | 73 (19%) | 56 (14%) |
| | NRTI-sparing | 11 (3%) | 17 (4%) | 10 (3%) | 15 (4%) |
| | Other NRTI-containing | 35 (9%) | 45 (11%) | 34 (9%) | 43 (11%) |
| Entry NRTI | TDF | 191 (48%) | 210 (52%) | 185 (48%) | 203 (52%) |
| | TAF | 112 (28%) | 107 (27%) | 109 (28%) | 106 (27%) |
| | ABC | 80 (20%) | 61 (15%) | 74 (19%) | 57 (15%) |
| | No NRTI | 14 (3%) | 20 (5%) | 13 (3%) | 18 (5%) |

| Characteristic | | Enrolled Participants | | mITT Analysis Participants | |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Pitavastatin (N=402) | Placebo (N=402) | Pitavastatin (N=386) | Placebo (N=388) |
| Entry INSTI | Other | 5 (1%) | 4 (1%) | 5 (1%) | 4 (1%) |
| | No INSTI | 187 (47%) | 173 (43%) | 180 (47%) | 166 (43%) |
| | DTG | 104 (26%) | 99 (25%) | 98 (25%) | 97 (25%) |
| | EVG | 82 (20%) | 85 (21%) | 79 (20%) | 82 (21%) |
| | RAL | 29 (7%) | 45 (11%) | 29 (8%) | 43 (11%) |

mITT population included participants with an evaluable entry CT, 2-year CT, or both CTs. Missing data for the remaining 30 participants are considered missing at random and ignored.

¹All statistics are calculated out of participants with data collected. Missing data: Smoking status (n=1); Substance use (n=1); HIV-1 RNA (n=3). ²'Other' race includes participants self-identifying as: native or indigenous to the enrollment region; more than one race (with no single race noted as predominant); or of unknown race. ³Ethnicity is presented per NIH definition. ⁴Missing coronary artery calcium score in Enrolled: Pitavastatin (n=31), Placebo (n=32). Missing coronary artery calcium score in MI analysis: Pitavastatin (n=18), Placebo (n=22). ⁵Substance use includes use of cocaine, methamphetamine, and intravenous drugs. ⁶Screening lipids presented. ⁷Prior statin use based on site report at Entry. ⁸Aspirin use in antiplatelet therapy is limited to chronic aspirin use defined as more than 60 days.

Abbreviations: mITT, modified intention to treat; ART, antiretroviral therapy; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; HDL, high density lipoprotein; LDL, low density lipoprotein; BMI, body mass index; CVD, cardiovascular disease; ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; RNA, ribonucleic acid; NRTI, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NNRTI, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; INSTI, integrase strand inhibitor; PI, protease inhibitor; TDF, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TAF, tenofovir alafenamide; ABC, abacavir; DTG, dolutegravir; EVG, elvitegravir; RAL, raltegravir; SD, standard deviation; LLQ, lower limit of quantification

eTable 3. Sensitivity Analysis: Multiple Imputation of Changes in Coronary Artery Plaque by Treatment Arm

| Outcome | Treatment arm | | Treatment effect |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Pitavastatin (N=386) | Placebo (N=388) | Estimated difference adjusted for baseline (95% CI) |
| Primary | | | |
| <i>Noncalcified plaque volume, mm³</i> | | | |
| Change from baseline, mean (95% CI) | -2.4 [-8.1, 3.31] | 4.02 [-1.8, 9.83] | -6.5 [-14.3, 1.30] |
| Fold-change from baseline (95% CI) | 0.94 [0.80, 1.11] | 1.24 [1.06, 1.46] | 0.74 [0.59, 0.93] |
| <i>Progression of NCP*</i> | 79 (20%) | 114 (29%) | 0.74 [0.58, 0.95] |

Noncalcified plaque defined as plaque voxels with attenuation <350 HU.

¹Within group effects present the mean with 95% confidence interval.

²For continuous outcomes the treatment effect is given as the mean difference between treatment groups; for binary outcomes it is a relative risk.

*n(%) with progression calculated as an average across the 50 imputations

Abbreviations: NCP, noncalcified plaque; CI, confidence interval

eTable 4. Sensitivity Analysis: Per-Protocol Changes in Coronary Artery Plaque by Treatment Arm

| Outcome | Treatment arm | | Treatment effect |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Pitavastatin (N=270) | Placebo (N=279) | Estimated difference adjusted for baseline (95% CI) |
| Primary | | | |
| <i>Noncalcified plaque volume, mm³*</i> | | | |
| Change from baseline, mean (SD) | -1.5 (24.7) | 3.8 (25.4) | -5.4 [-9.6, -1.0] |
| Fold-change from baseline (95% CI) | 0.96 (0.91-1.01) | 1.03 (0.99-1.06) | 0.93 [0.88, 1.00] |
| <i>Progression of NCP</i> | 49 (18%) | 78 (28%) | 0.68 [0.52, 0.90] |

Noncalcified plaque defined as plaque voxels with attenuation <350 HU.

* Change in noncalcified plaque volume could be assessed in a subset of 528 participants (260 pitavastatin and 268 placebo).

¹Within group effects present the mean with standard deviation unless otherwise noted. ²For continuous outcomes the treatment effect is given as the mean difference between treatment groups; for binary outcomes it is a relative risk. All treatment effects and associated p-values are adjusted for baseline value.

Abbreviations: NCP, noncalcified plaque; CI, confidence interval; SD, standard deviation

eTable 5. Coronary Artery Plaque Changes by Treatment Arm, Secondary Analysis in Subgroup With Plaque at Entry and Year 2 CT Available for Paired Analysis

| Outcome | Treatment arm ¹ | | Treatment effect ² |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Pitavastatin (N=139) | Placebo (N=148) | Estimated difference adjusted for baseline (95% CI) |
| Primary | | | |
| <i>Noncalcified plaque volume, mm³*</i> | | | |
| Baseline, mean (SD) | 117.5 (277.2) | 121.1 (132.3) | |
| Month 24, mean (SD) | 113.8 (276.9) | 126.1 (137.7) | |
| Change from baseline, mean (SD) | -3.7 (37.7) | 5.03 (39.0) | -8.8 [-17.9, 0.36] |
| Fold-change from baseline (95% CI) | 0.91 (0.81, 1.01) | 1.03 (0.96, 1.10) | 0.88 [0.77, 1.00] |
| Progression of NCP | 51 (37%) | 77 (52%) | 0.71 [0.55, 0.93] |
| Secondary | | | |
| <i>Total plaque volume, mm³</i> | | | |
| Baseline, mean (SD) | 151.3 (301.7) | 153.4 (164.4) | |
| Month 24, mean (SD) | 156.8 (310.9) | 167.6 (180.7) | |
| Change from baseline, mean (SD) | 5.52 (43.6) | 14.2 (45.9) | -8.6 [-19.4, 2.23] |
| Progression of total plaque | 73 (60%) | 90 (66%) | 0.92 [0.76, 1.11] |
| Exploratory | | | |
| <i>Low attenuation plaque volume, mm³</i> | | | |
| Baseline, mean (SD) | 7.47 (24.2) | 8.93 (21.2) | |
| Month 24, mean (SD) | 5.47 (14.3) | 8.75 (17.5) | |
| Change from baseline, mean (SD) | -2.0 (14.9) | -0.2 (11.9) | -2.4 [-4.7, -0.2] |

Noncalcified plaque defined as plaque voxels with attenuation <350 HU. Total plaque includes all plaque voxels (noncalcified + calcified). Low attenuation plaque defined as <30 HU.

* Change in noncalcified plaque volume could be assessed in a subset of 270 participants (129 pitavastatin and 141 placebo).

¹Within group effects present the mean with standard deviation unless otherwise noted.

²For continuous outcomes the treatment effect is given as the mean difference or relative fold change between treatment groups; for binary outcome of progression it is a relative risk. Treatment effects and associated p-values for continuous outcomes are adjusted for baseline value.

Abbreviations: NCP, noncalcified plaque; SD, standard deviation; CI, confidence interval

eTable 6. Distributions of Fasting Lipids (Entry, Month 4, and Month 24)

| | Entry | | Month 4 | | Year 2 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Pitavastatin | Pitavastatin | Pitavastatin | Placebo | Pitavastatin | Placebo |
| LDL Cholesterol, mg/dL | 105 (88, 124) | 107 (90, 129) | 69 (53, 84) | 105 (84, 126) | 75 (59, 93) | 108 (87, 128) |
| Change from Baseline | | | -35 (-51, -19) | -4 (-16, 9) | -29 (-49, -11) | 0 (-15, 16) |
| Change from Baseline, Mean (95% CI) | | | -35.5 [-38.4, -32.6] | -3.5 [-5.7, -1.3] | -28.5 [-31.9, -25.1] | -0.8 [-3.8, 2.2] |
| Non-HDL Cholesterol, mg/dL | 130 (111, 156) | 132 (111, 161) | 90 (74, 110) | 129 (106, 155) | 99 (81, 124) | 133 (109, 159) |
| Change from Baseline | | | -40 (-57, -20) | -2 (-17, 11) | -35 (-54, -12) | 2 (-16, 18) |
| Change from Baseline, Mean (95% CI) | | | -38.7 [-41.8, -35.5] | -2.9 [-5.4, -0.5] | -31.1 [-34.8, -27.5] | -0.1 [-3.4, 3.2] |

Data are reported for all of the enrolled participants with available biomarker results at each timepoint. Missing LDL values at entry were 5 for pitavastatin and 6 for placebo; at month 4, 53 for pitavastatin and 48 for placebo; at year 2, 58 for pitavastatin and 52 for placebo.

Non-HDL cholesterol had similar numbers of missing values.

Data presented correspond to median (Q1, Q3) unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations: LDL, low density lipoprotein; HDL, high density lipoprotein; CI, confidence interval

eTable 7. Distributions of Inflammatory and Immune Biomarkers (Month 4)

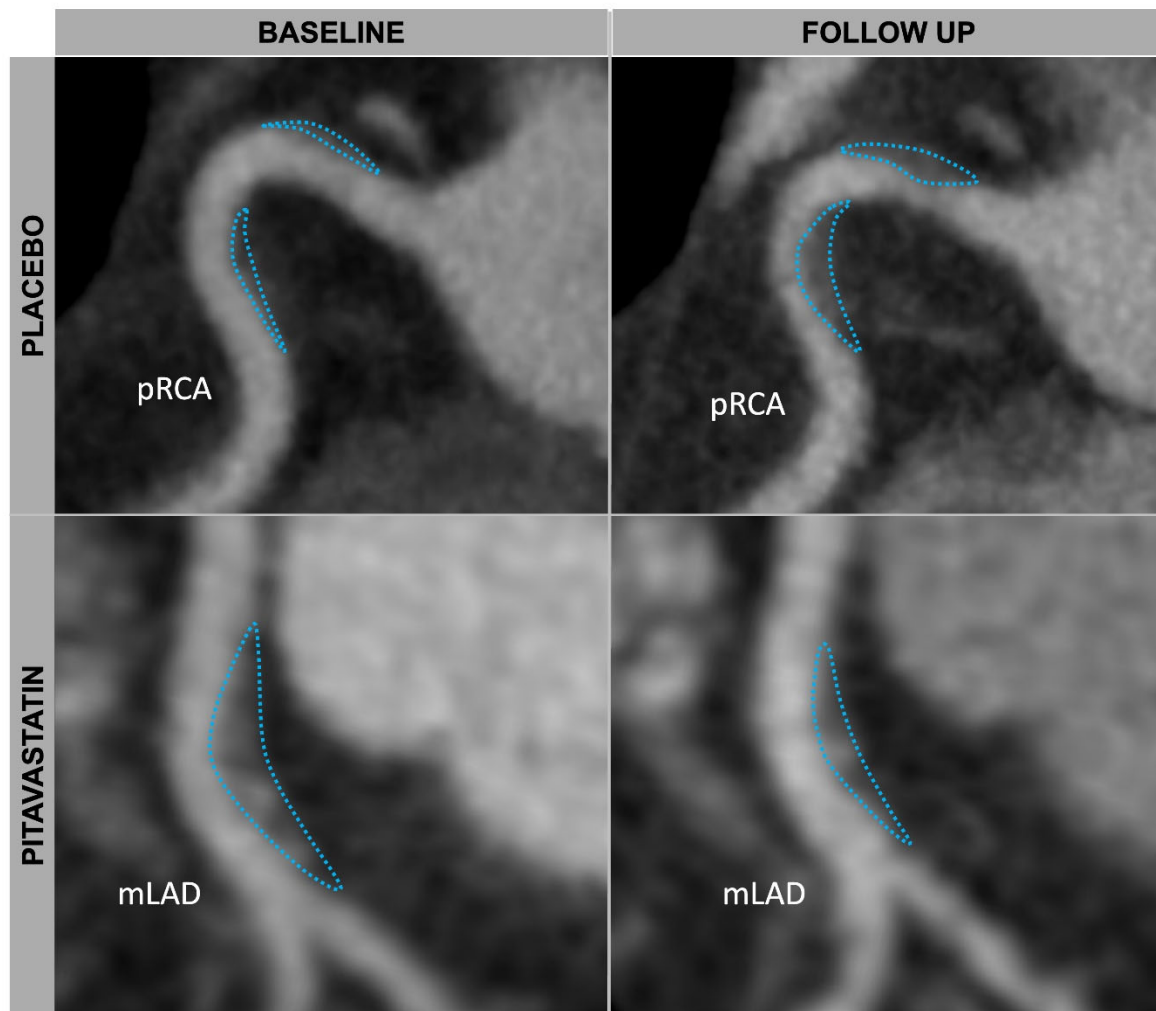
| | Month 4 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Pitavastatin | Placebo | P-Value |
| Inflammatory Markers | | | |
| Lp-PLA2 (ng/mL) | 112 (80.3, 145) | 141 (104, 183) | <0.001 |
| Change from Baseline | -13.9 (-39.2, 6.63) | 14.3 (-7.50, 36.2) | <0.001 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 0.88 [0.85, 0.91] | 1.11 [1.08, 1.14] | |
| oxLDL (U/L) | 56.9 (44.7, 70.5) | 73.6 (57.7, 91.4) | <0.001 |
| Change from Baseline | 3.29 (-12.2, 16.1) | 16.7 (2.58, 33.7) | <0.001 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 1.04 [1.00, 1.09] | 1.33 [1.28, 1.38] | |
| hs-CRP (mg/L) [†] | 1.50 (0.70, 3.00) | 1.80 (1.00, 3.50) | 0.010 |
| Change from Baseline | -0.10 (-1.20, 0.40) | -0.10 (-0.89, 0.70) | 0.07 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 0.84 [0.74, 0.94] | 0.99 [0.87, 1.12] | |
| Immune Markers | | | |
| MCP-1 (pg/mL) | 194 (151, 238) | 185 (150, 230) | 0.23 |
| Change from Baseline | 1.93 (-46.1, 43.8) | -1.19 (-46.3, 44.0) | 0.72 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 1.01 [0.97, 1.05] | 1.01 [0.97, 1.05] | |
| sCD14 (ng/mL) | 1675 (1416, 1998) | 1725 (1425, 2043) | 0.21 |
| Change from Baseline | -138 (-420, 156) | -88.5 (-389, 199) | 0.22 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 0.92 [0.89, 0.94] | 0.95 [0.92, 0.98] | |
| sCD163 (ng/mL) | 843 (634, 1172) | 875 (653, 1122) | 0.96 |
| Change from Baseline | 8.80 (-172, 220) | 31.8 (-175, 220) | 0.47 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 1.02 [0.97, 1.06] | 1.06 [1.01, 1.10] | |
| IL-6 (pg/mL) | 1.64 (0.96, 2.88) | 1.57 (1.03, 2.71) | 0.73 |
| Change from Baseline | 0.00 (-0.64, 0.66) | -0.01 (-0.70, 0.79) | 0.79 |
| Mean Fold Change [95% CI] | 1.02 [0.94, 1.11] | 1.05 [0.97, 1.14] | |

Data are reported for all of the enrolled participants with available biomarker results at each timepoint. Missing Lp-PLA2 values at month 4 were 54 for pitavastatin and 48 for placebo. Other biomarkers had similar numbers of missing values.

P-values test for distribution shifts between those on Pitavastatin versus Placebo, within timepoint. Data presented correspond to median (Q1, Q3) unless stated otherwise. For hs-CRP censored values below the assay limit are randomly imputed based on a uniform distribution, otherwise censored values below the assay limit are imputed as result-0.01, values above the assay limit are imputed as result+0.1.

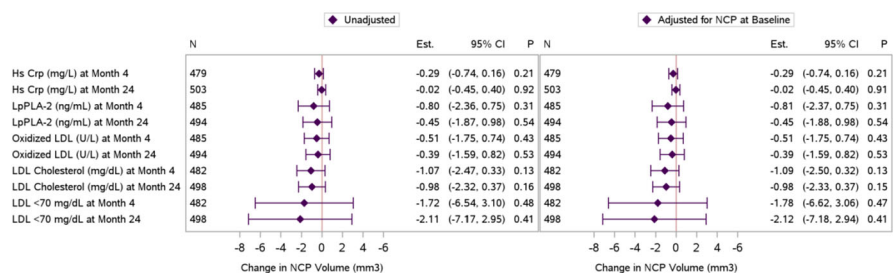
Abbreviations: Lp-PLA2, Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A2; oxLDL, oxidized low density lipoprotein; hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; MCP-1, monocyte chemoattractant protein-1; sCD14, soluble CD14; sCD163, soluble CD163; IL-6, interleukin-6; CI, confidence interval

eFigure 1. Example Baseline and 2-Year Follow-Up Coronary CTA Demonstrating Plaque Progression on Placebo (Top Row) and Plaque Regression on Pitavastatin (Bottom Row)



Abbreviations: CTA, Computed tomography angiography; pRCA, proximal right coronary artery; mLAD, mid left anterior descending coronary artery

eFigure 2. Effect of Individual Biomarkers on Change in Noncalcified Plaque Volume

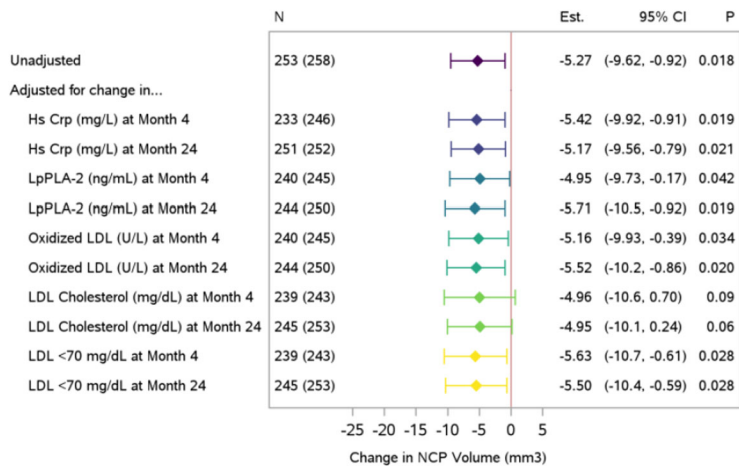


Effect size is per 25% decrease in the biomarker. The p-value tests for linearly increasing log RR.

Mechanistic analyses were limited to the per protocol population with paired biomarkers and plaque outcomes.

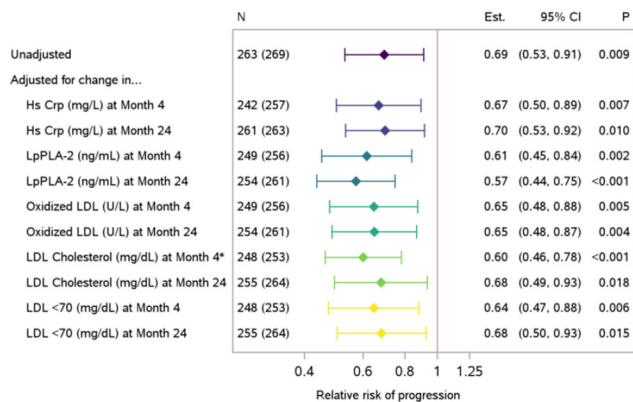
Abbreviations: Hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; LpPLA-2, Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A2; LDL, low density lipoprotein; CI, confidence interval; NCP, noncalcified plaque

eFigure 3. Effect of Treatment on Noncalcified Plaque Volume, Adjusted for Change in Individual Biomarkers



The effect of pitavastatin on noncalcified plaque volume persisted after adjustment for biomarkers. Mechanistic analyses were limited to the per protocol population with paired biomarkers and plaque outcomes. The first N corresponds to the number in the pitavastatin arm, and the (N) to the number in the placebo arm. Effect size is presented with placebo as reference. All analyses adjusted for noncalcified plaque at baseline. Abbreviations: Hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; LpPLA-2, Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A2; LDL, low density lipoprotein; CI, confidence interval; NCP, noncalcified plaque

eFigure 4. Effect of Treatment on Noncalcified Plaque Progression, Adjusted for Change in Individual Biomarkers



The effect of pitavastatin on noncalcified plaque volume persisted after adjustment for biomarkers.

Mechanistic analyses were limited to the per protocol population with paired biomarkers and plaque outcomes. The first N corresponds to the number in the pitavastatin arm, and the (N) to the number in the placebo arm.

Effect size is presented with placebo as reference. All analyses adjusted for noncalcified plaque at baseline. The p-value tests for a linearly increasing log RR.

Abbreviations: Hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; LpPLA-2, Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A2; LDL, low density lipoprotein; CI, confidence interval

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