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Small dense LDL and dyslipidemia

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Roles of lipoproteins in human body

Knowledge about:

- metabolism of lipoproteins (Lp)
- lipoprotein families (relation to Classification of Lp)
- biological role of Lp in human body (which is multiple) and includes:
 - ✓ **Formation of cellular and subcellular structures, Sources of energy,**
 - ✓ **Synthesis of steroid hormones,**
 - ✓ **Vitamin D and bile acids,**
 - ✓ **Immuno-modulatory effects of Lp,**
 - ✓ **Electro-mechanical characteristics,**
 - ✓ **Transport of vitamins,**
 - ✓ **Role of Lp in starvation,**
 - ✓ **Cellular apoptosis,**
 - ✓ **Aging**

Role of lipoproteins in human body

Knowledge about:

- pathomechanisms of generation of metabolic diseases
- interaction between Lp \leftrightarrow vascular endothelium
- how Lp participate in creation and development of degenerative vascular diseases - their share in the atherogenic process
- atheroprotective characteristics of lipoproteins

Lipoproteins

- are the **transport system of lipids** in human body

Classes of Lp:

- **Chylomicrons**
- **VLDL** (very low density lipoproteins)
- **IDL** (intermediate density lipoproteins)
- **LDL** (low density lipoproteins)
- **Lp(a)** (lipoprotein (a))
- **HDL** (high density lipoproteins)

Risk factors of CVD development

The high level of cholesterol & cholesterol transporting Lp (LDL) are responsible for the development of CVD

- **Coronary heart disease - Myocardial infarction**
- **Stroke**
- **Peripheral artery diseases**

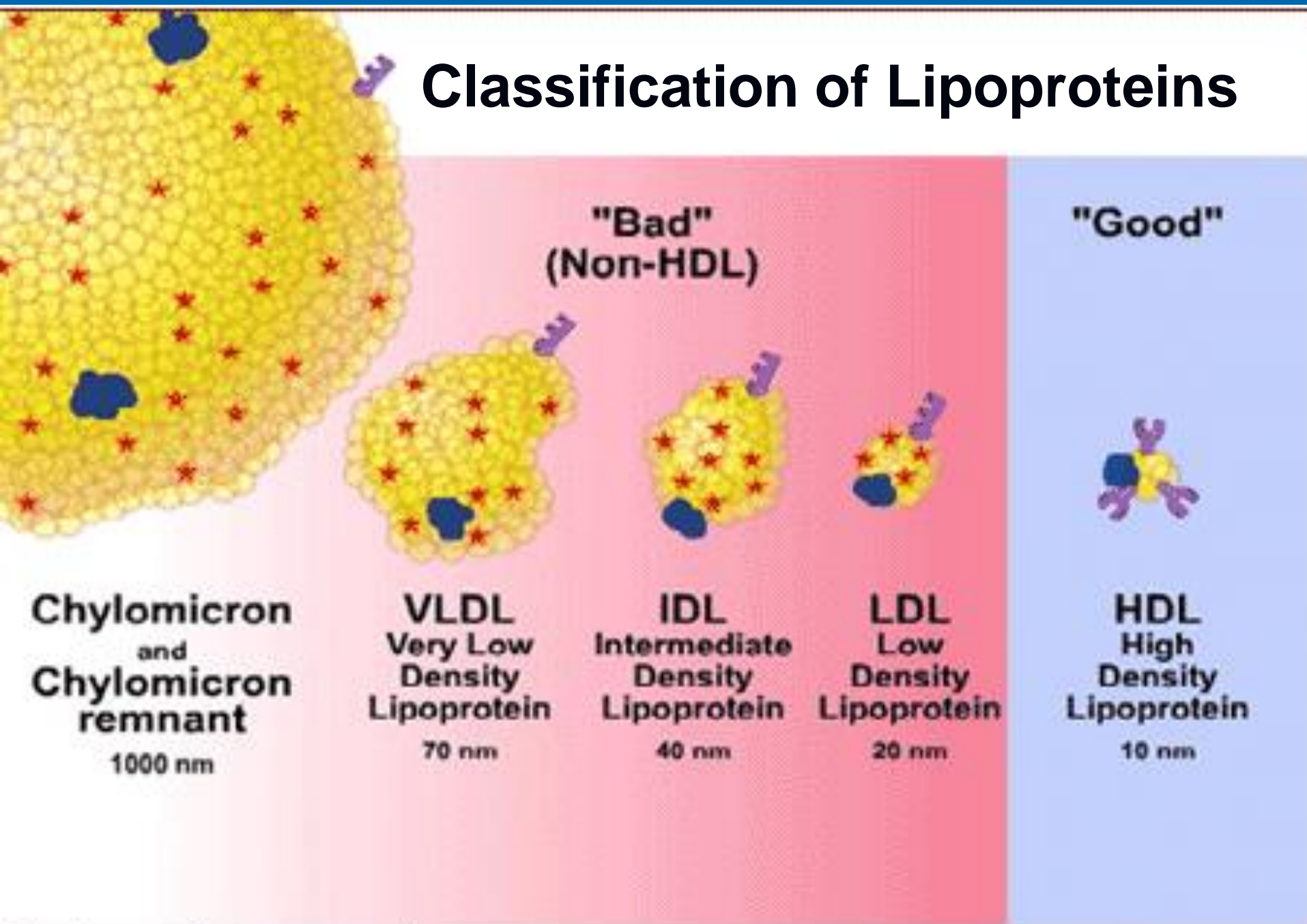
Risk factors of CVD development

Triglyceride-rich Lp and TG are considered to be atherogenic too:

- (Chylomicrons)
- **VLDL**
- **IDL**

HDL – high density lipoproteins
- protective role against the generation and development of degenerative vascular damage

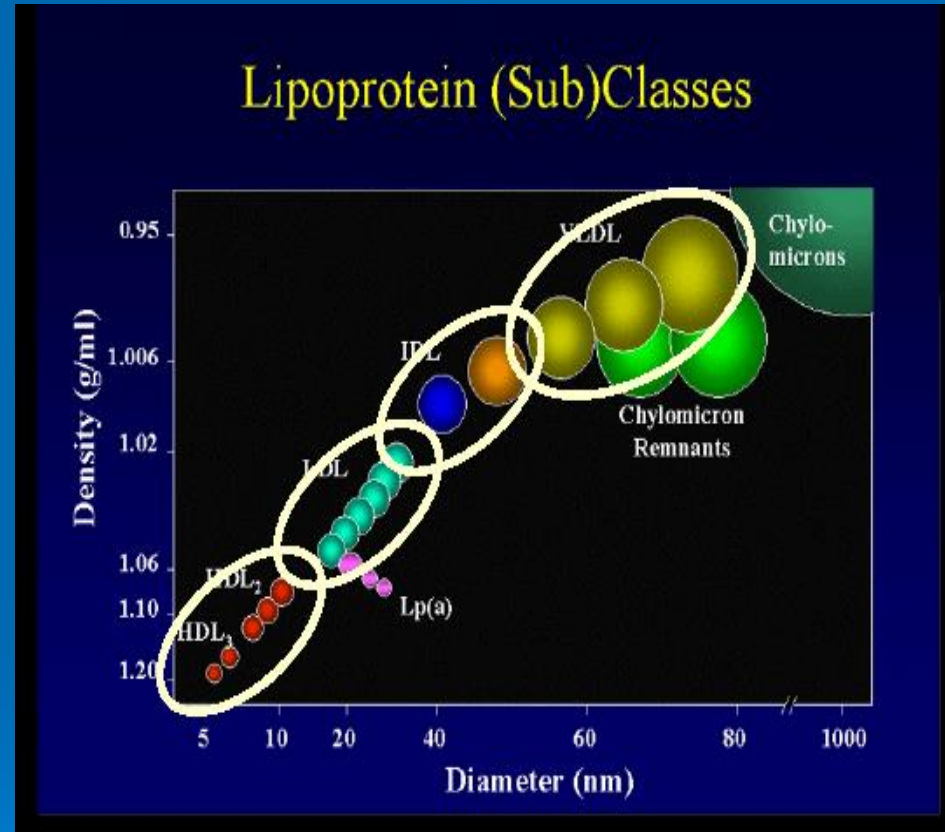
Classification of Lipoproteins

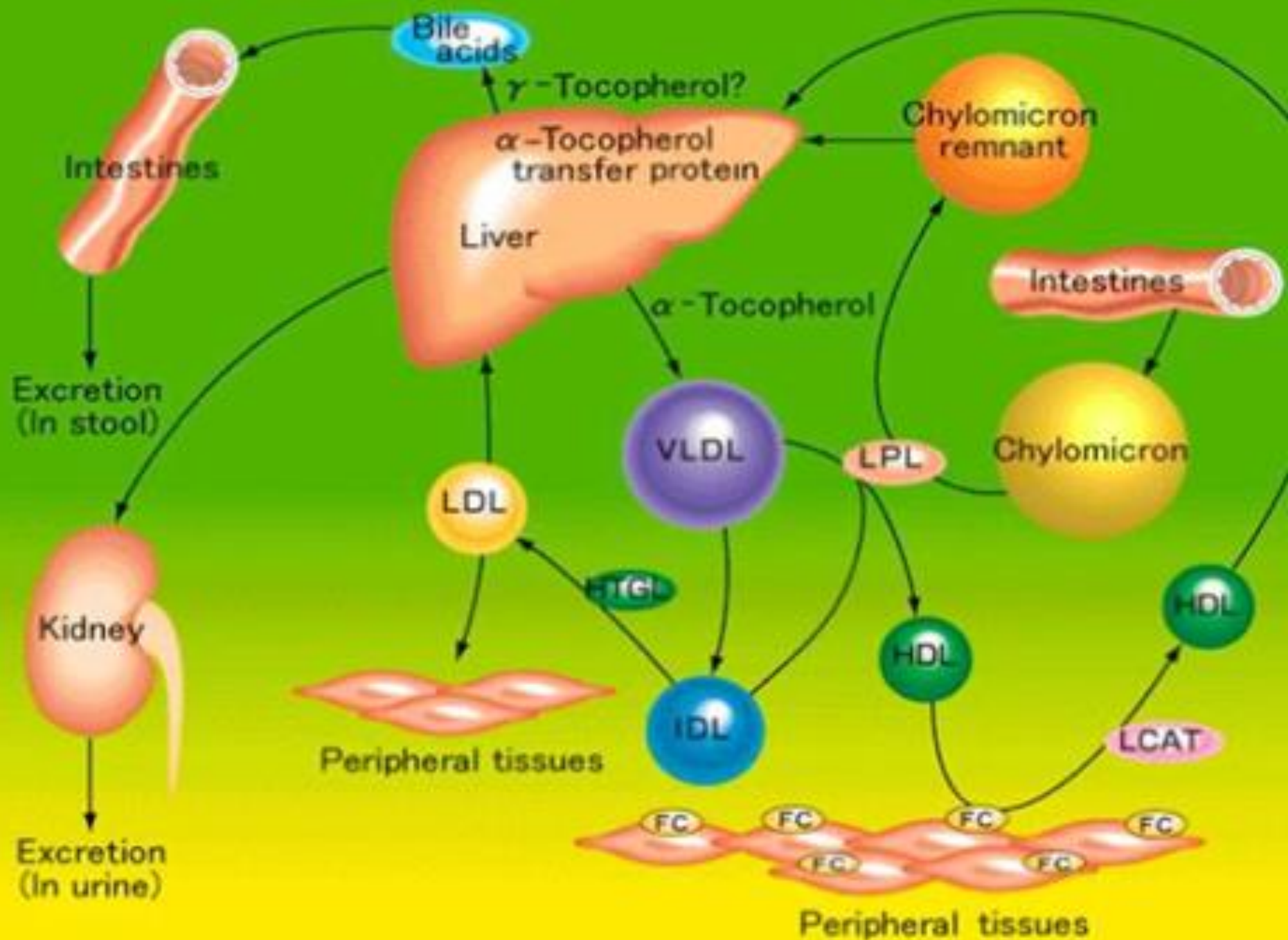


Heterogeneity of lipoprotein families

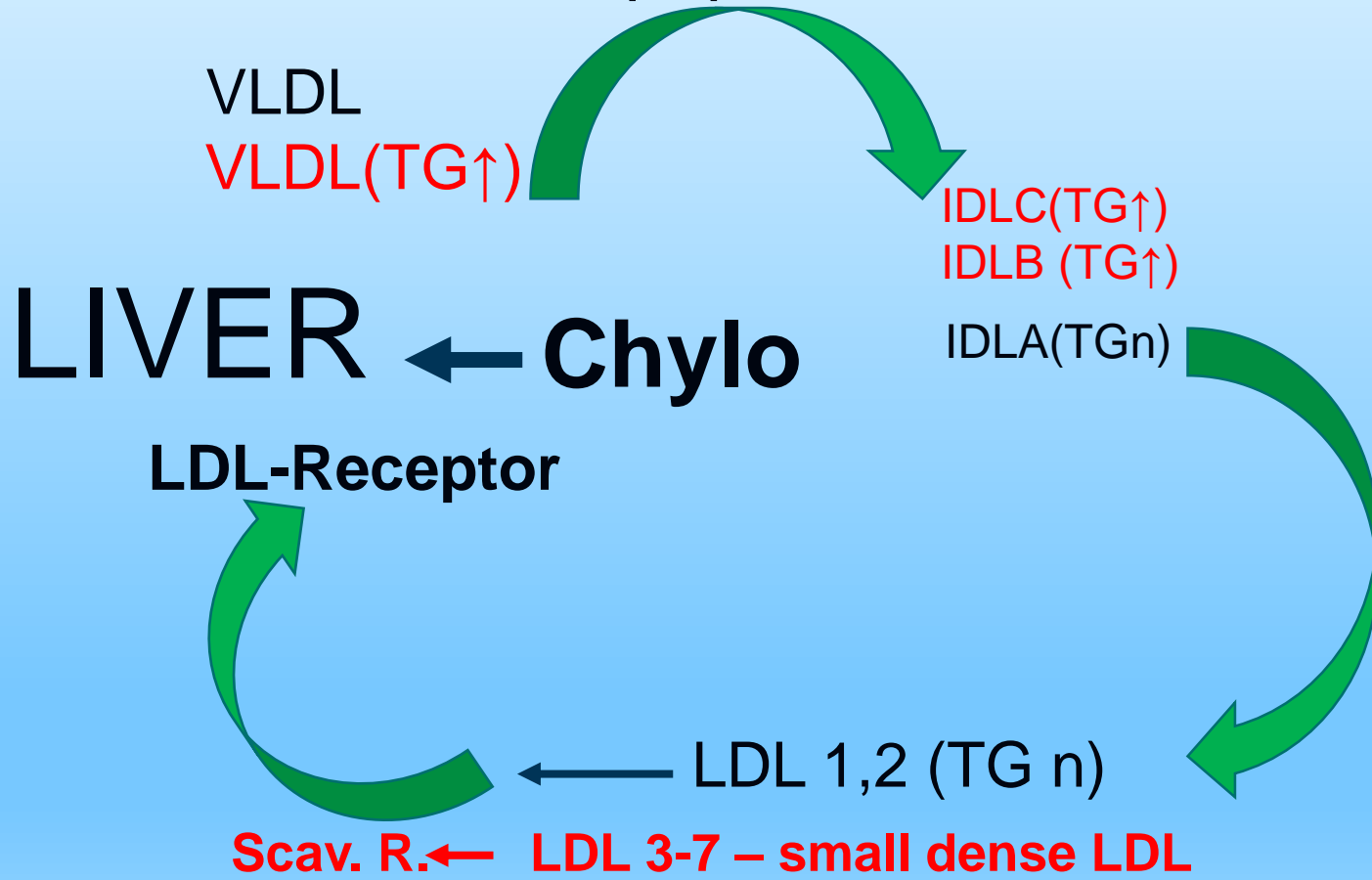
- **Chylomicrons, chylo-remnants**
- **VLDL:** 2-3 subfr
- **IDL:** 3 subfr
- **LDL:** 7 subfr
- **Lp(a):** 3 subfr
- **HDL:** 3-10 subfr

- Different physico-chemical characteristics,
- different biological role
- different atherogenic potencial





Metabolism of atherogenic lipoproteins

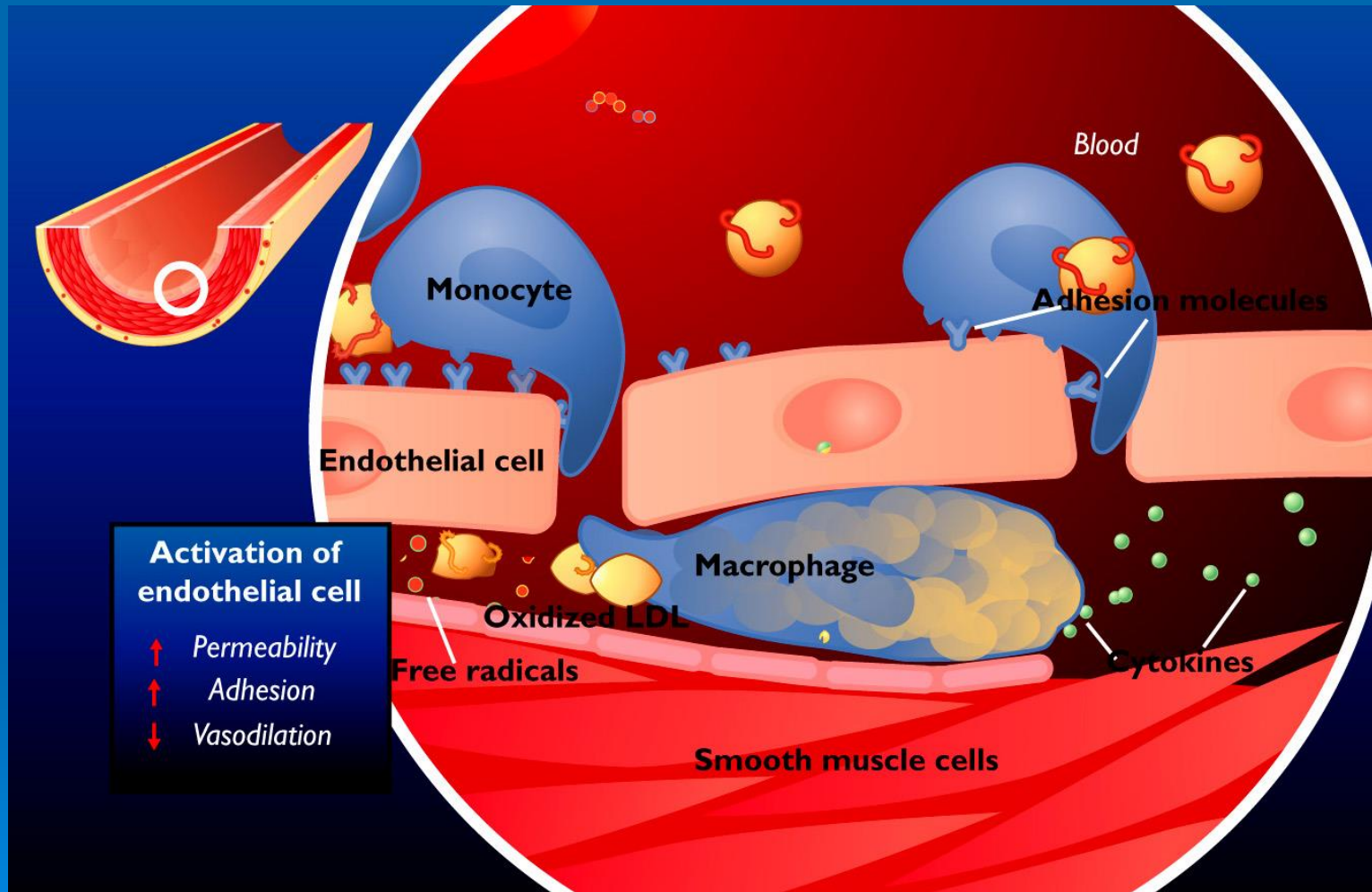


Small dense LDL are highly atherogenic

- Increased aptitude for trapping by macrophages
configuration alterations of Apo B →
decreased (low) recognition of LDL by LDL-receptors
- * Enhanced aptitude for oxidation* and acetylation →
oxid-LDL → release of pro-inflammatory cytokines
→ apoptosis of muscle cells & endothelial cells
oxid-LDL → release of metalloproteinases
→ collagen degradation (cause instable angina)
oxid-LDL → increased aptitude for trapping by macrophages
→ stimulation of foam cells formation
- * Easier penetration into the subendothelial space →
formation of cholesterol deposits
and atheromatous plaques

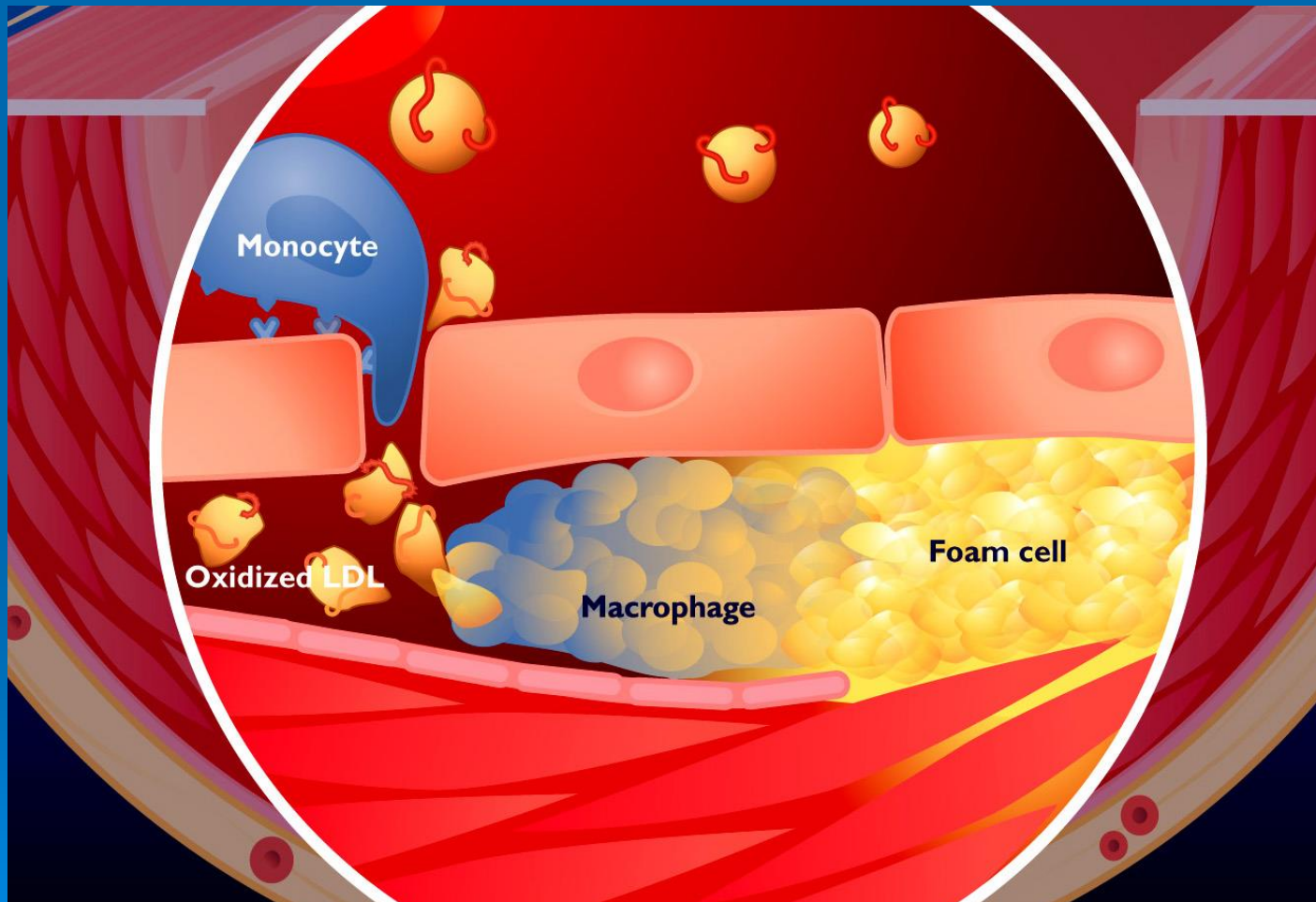
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Vascular endothelium modification in atherosclerosis



Plaque formation

Fatty streak



Small dense LDL

- **high predictive value in diagnostics of CVD:**
 - ✓ predictor of rise of **coronary heart disease**
 - ✓ predictor of rise of **cerebro-vascular event - stroke**
 - ✓ predictor of atherosclerotic impairment of arteries
in all organism

in normolipemic individuals too

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Lipoprint LDL System

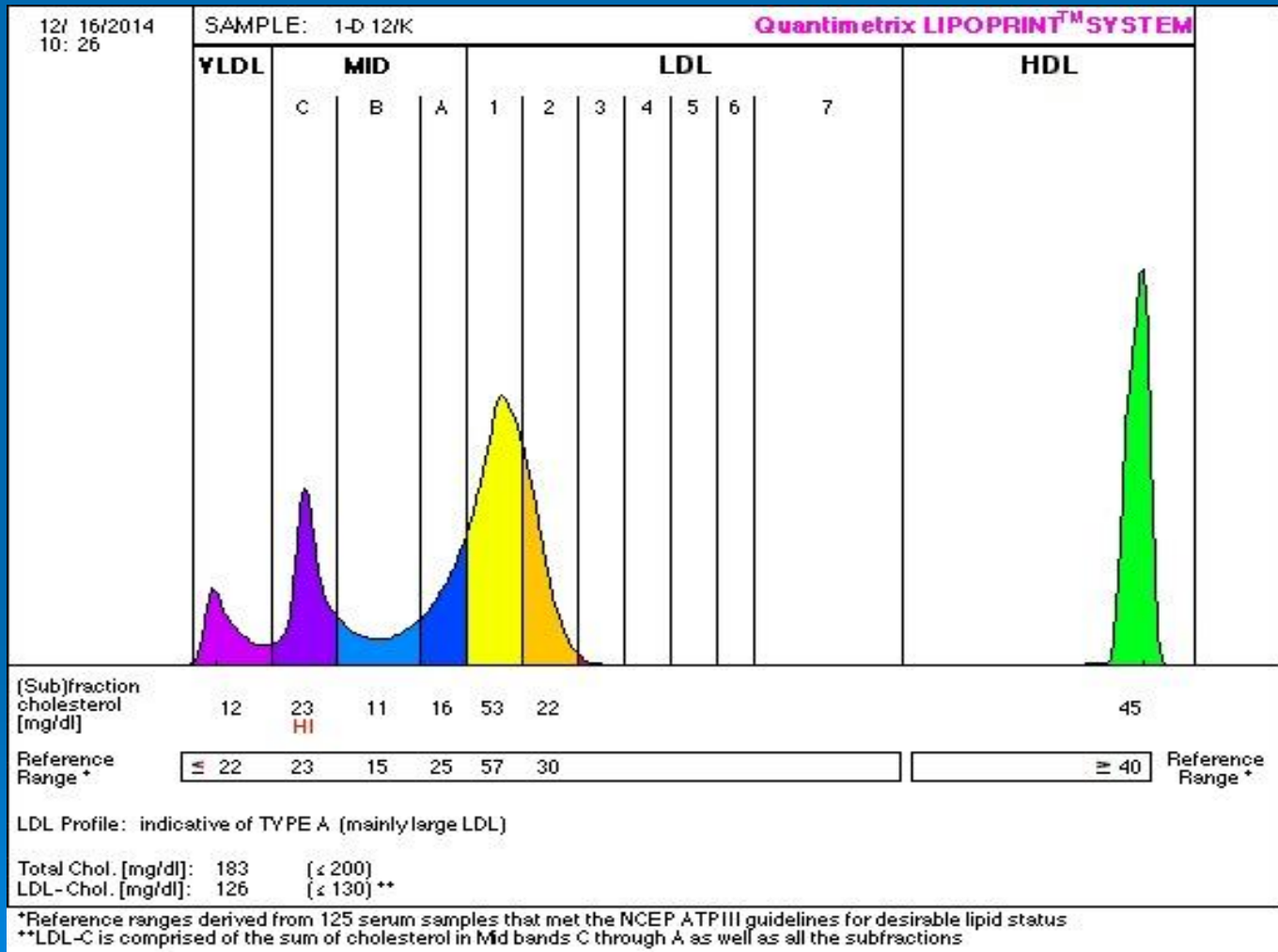


Electrophoretic analysis of plasma lipoproteins on polyacrylamide gel (PAG) according to the size of lipoprotein particles

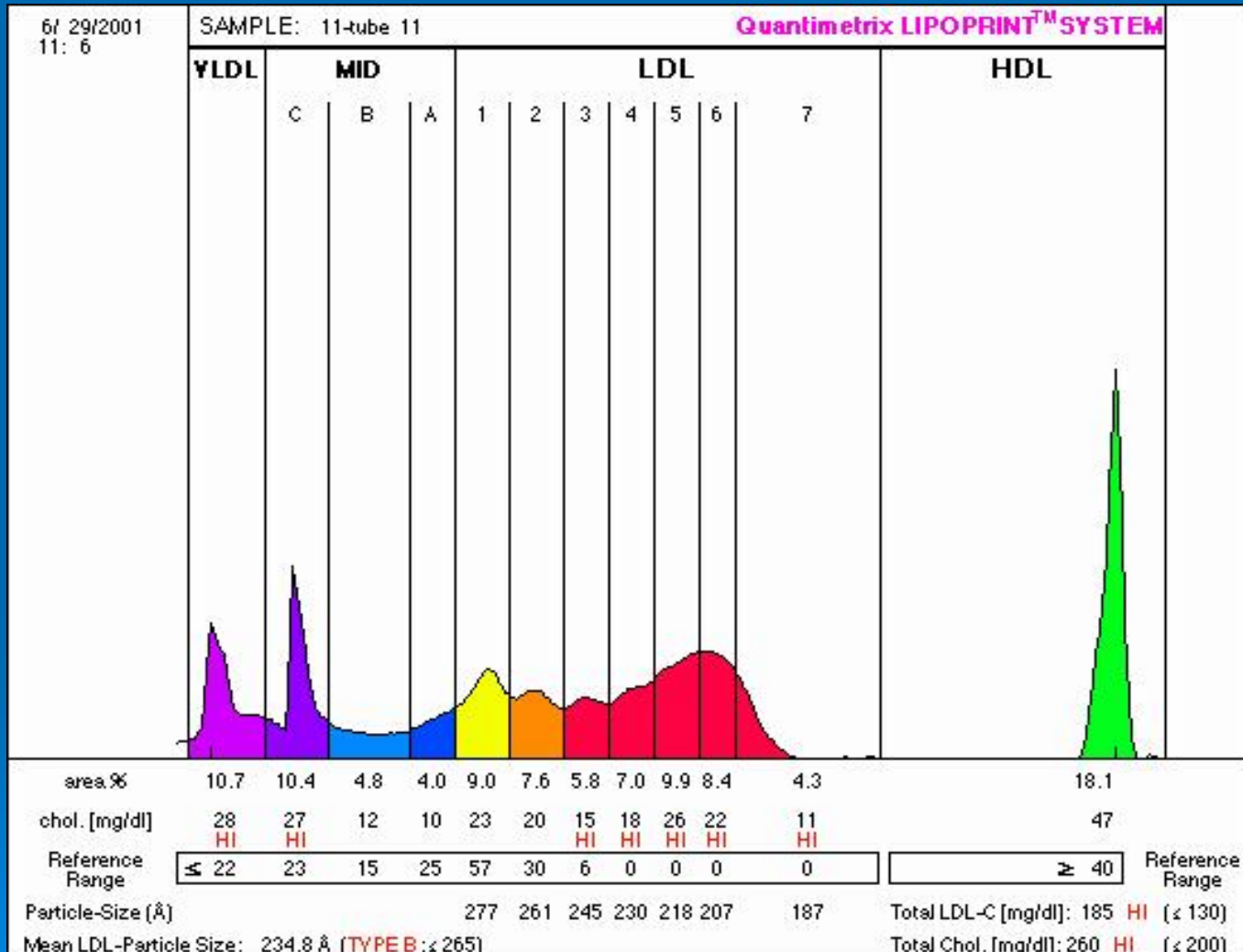
Milestone in laboratory analysis and clinical diagnostics, it helps to analyse up to **14 lipoprotein entities: i.e.** lipoprotein families and lipoprotein subfractions

VLDL, IDL 1 - 3, LDL 1 - 7, HDL 1 - 10

Nonatherogenic normolipemia



Atherogenic dyslipidemia



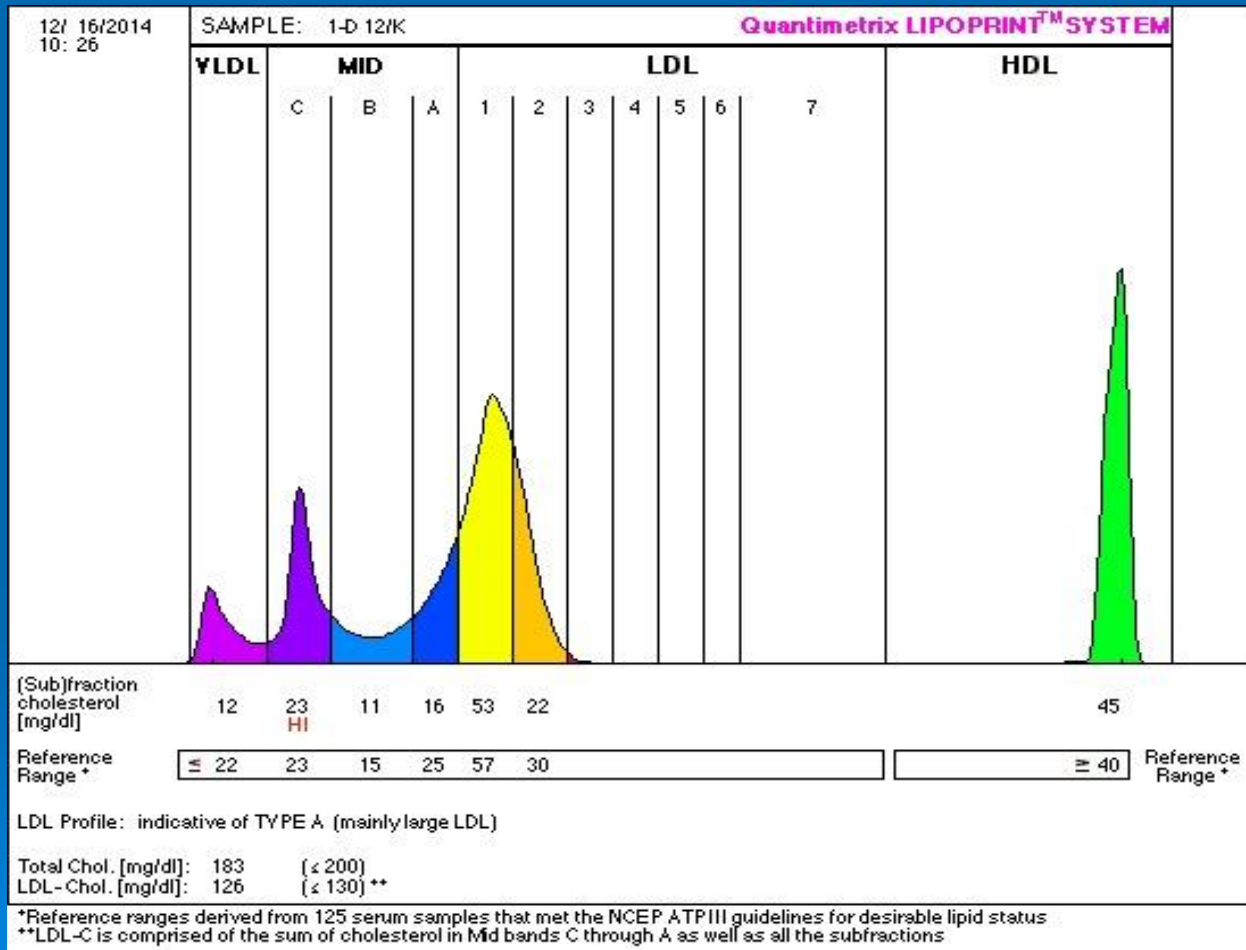
Clinical study

Identification of plasma Lp- profile

- * Control group – healthy probands
- * Arterial Hypertension
- * Coronary Heart Disease
- * Peripheral Artery Disease
- * Stroke
- * Hyper- β -lipoproteinemia LDL1,2
- * Gilbert syndrome (hypercholesterolemia, normolipemia)

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Control group - Nonatherogenic Normolipemia



Lipids and lipoproteins in the Control group (n= 165)

	Chol (mmol/l SD)	TAG	VLDL	LDL1,2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Score
Contr (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	1.30 ±0.24	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	36.1 ±20.6
Contr (nonatherogen. profile n= 155)	4.31 ±0.62	1.12 ±0.38	0.62 ±0.16	1.31 ±0.24	0.03 ±0.04	2.33 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	38.1 ±19.6
Contr (atherogen. profile n= 10)	4.37 ±1.14	1.63 ±1.34	0.72 ±0.14	1.22 ±0.15	0.25 ±0.31	2.37 ±0.34	1.27 ±0.36	5.3 ± 2.0

nonathero vs. athero

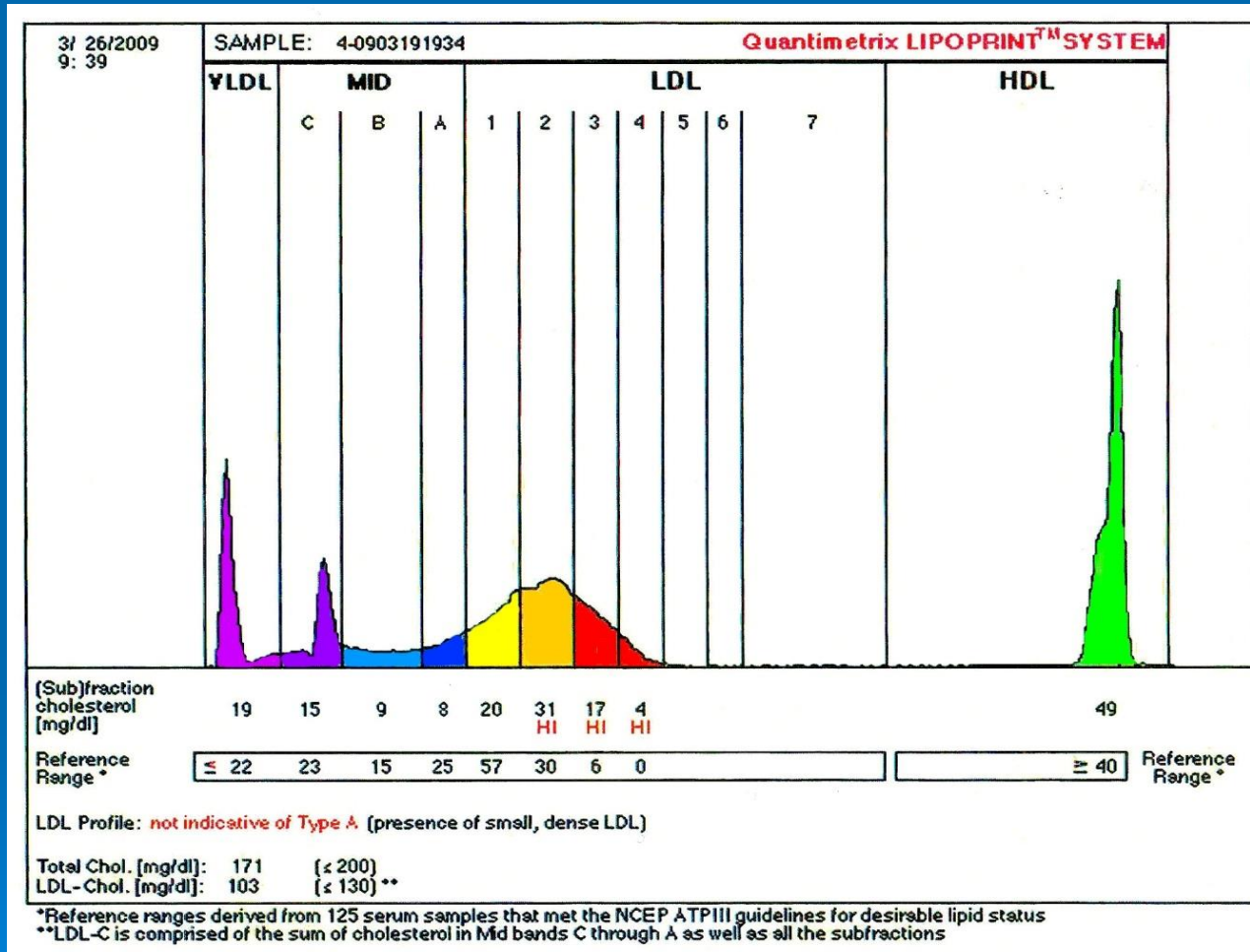
p<0.001

p< 0.0001

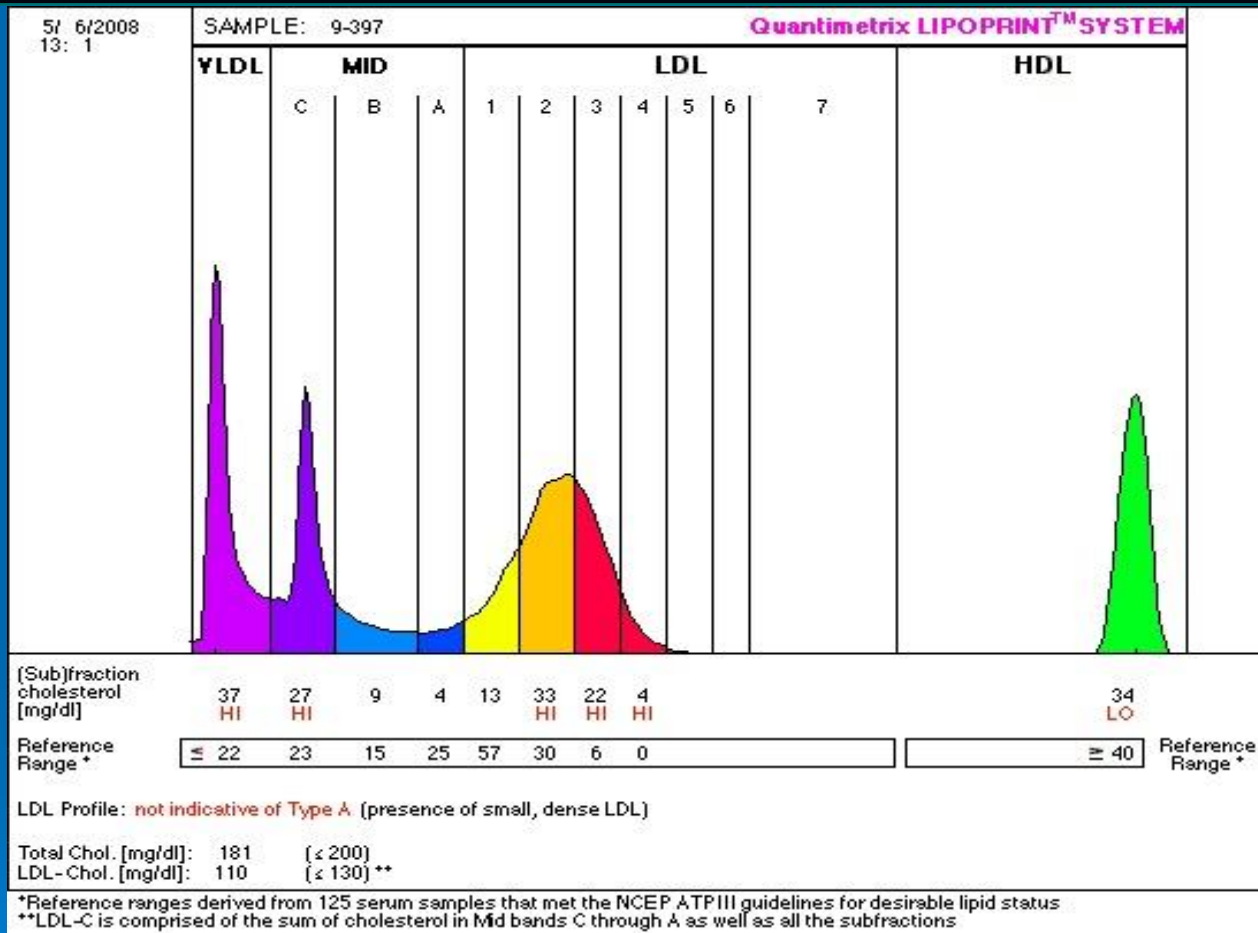
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Control - Atherogen. profile 6.6 %

Atherogenic Normolipemia



Arterial Hypertension



- increased TG, VLDL a VLDL-remnants
- small dense LDL are present in LDL 3,4 subfractions

Lipids and lipoproteins in Arterial Hypertension (n= 107)

	Chol (mmol/l SD)	TAG	VLDL	LDL1,2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Score
Contr (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	1.30 ±0.25	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	36.1 ± 20.6
AH (nonatherogen.profile n= 23)	5.32 ±0.98	1.56 ±0.55	0.84 ±0.31	1.78 ±0.44	0.03 ±0.04	3.02 ±0.71	1.49 ±0.34	24.2 ±13.6
AH (atherogen profile n= 84)	5.15 ±1.14	2.48 ±1.34	1.01 ±0.35	1.27 ±0.58	0.42 ±0.31	2.99 ±0.96	1.18 ±0.34	5.1 ± 2.0

nonathero vs. athero

p<0.001

p<0.01

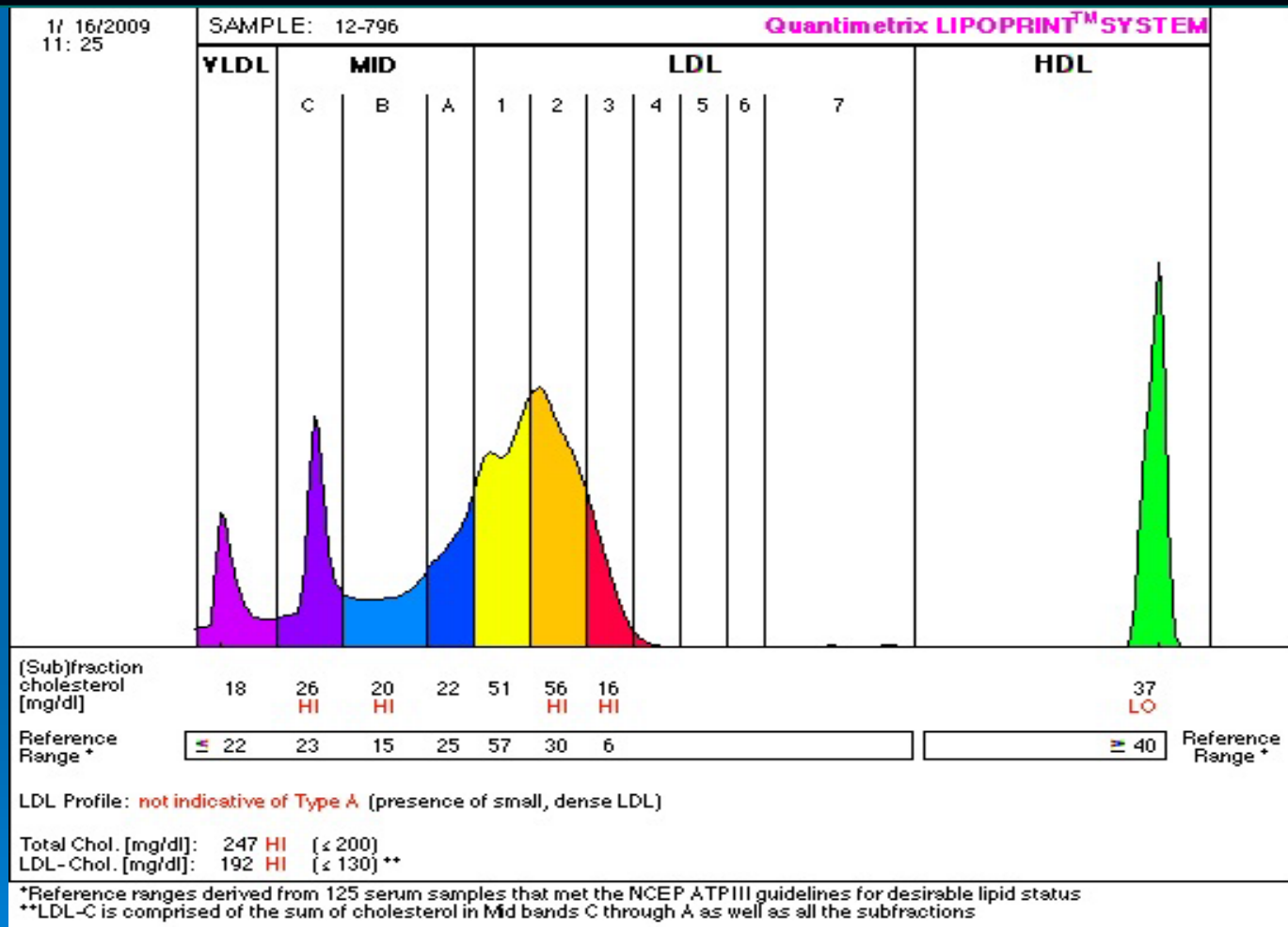
p< 0.0001

p< 0.001

p< 0.0001

AH - Atherogen. profile 78.5 %

Coronary Heart Disease – CHD



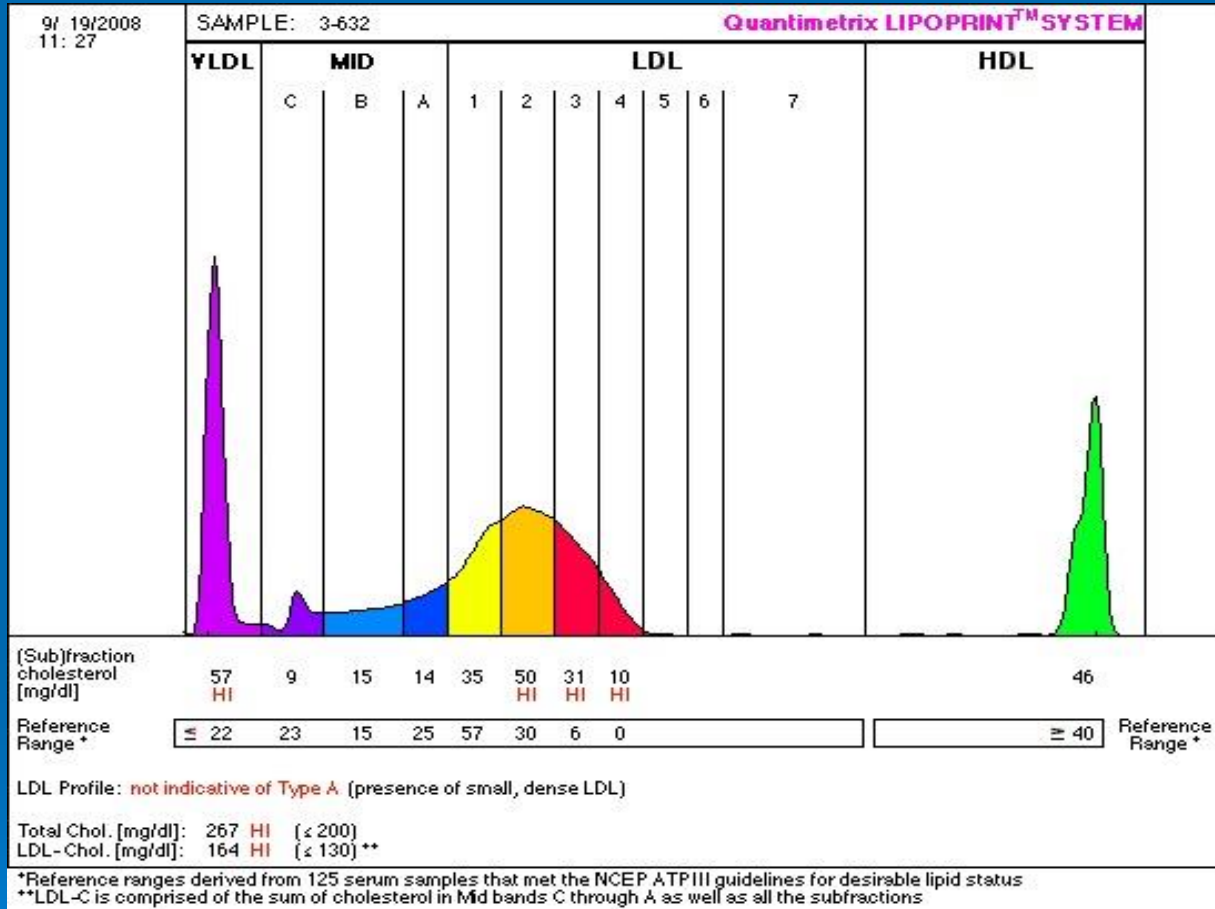
Hypercholesterolemia, increased conc. of atherogenic sdLDL

Lipids and lipoproteins in CHD (n= 104)

	Chol (mmol/l±SD)	TAG	VLDL	LDL1,2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Score
Contr (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	1.30 ±0.25	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	36.1 ± 20.6
CHD (nonatherogen. profile n=19)	5.24 ±0.99	1.44 ±0.50	0.82 ±0.27	1.73 ±0.49	0.13 ±0.06	3.11 ±0.80	1.29 ±0.31	12.7 ±5.1
CHD (atherogen. profile n= 85)	5.27 ±1.19	2.63 ±2.03	1.02 ±0.47	1.47 ±0.46	0.48 ±0.35	3.05 ±0.86	1.16 ±0.28	4.0 ±3.5
Nonathero vs. athero profile								
	p<0.01		p<0.05		p< 0.0001			p< 0.0001

CHD - Atherogenic Lp-profile 81.7%

Peripheral Artery Disease - PAD



combined HLP with a high conc. of VLDL and small dense LDL (LDL3,4 subfractions)

Lipids and lipoproteins in PAD (n=100)

	Chol (mmol/l±SD)	TAG	VLDL	LDL1,2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Score
Contr (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	1.30 ±0.25	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	36.1 ± 20.6
PAD (nonatherogen.profile n= 20)	5.37 ±0.95	1.81 ±0.51	0.86 ±0.26	1.82 ±0.54	0.10 ±0.03	3.18 ±0.82	1.33 ±0.29	17.4 ± 6.5
PAD (atherogen. profile n= 80)	5.28 ±1.28	2.31 ±1.18	0.98 ±0.39	1.52 ±0.50	0.46 ±0.34	3.09 ±0.99	1.18 ±0.32	4.6 ± 4.0

Neathero vs. athero

p<0,01

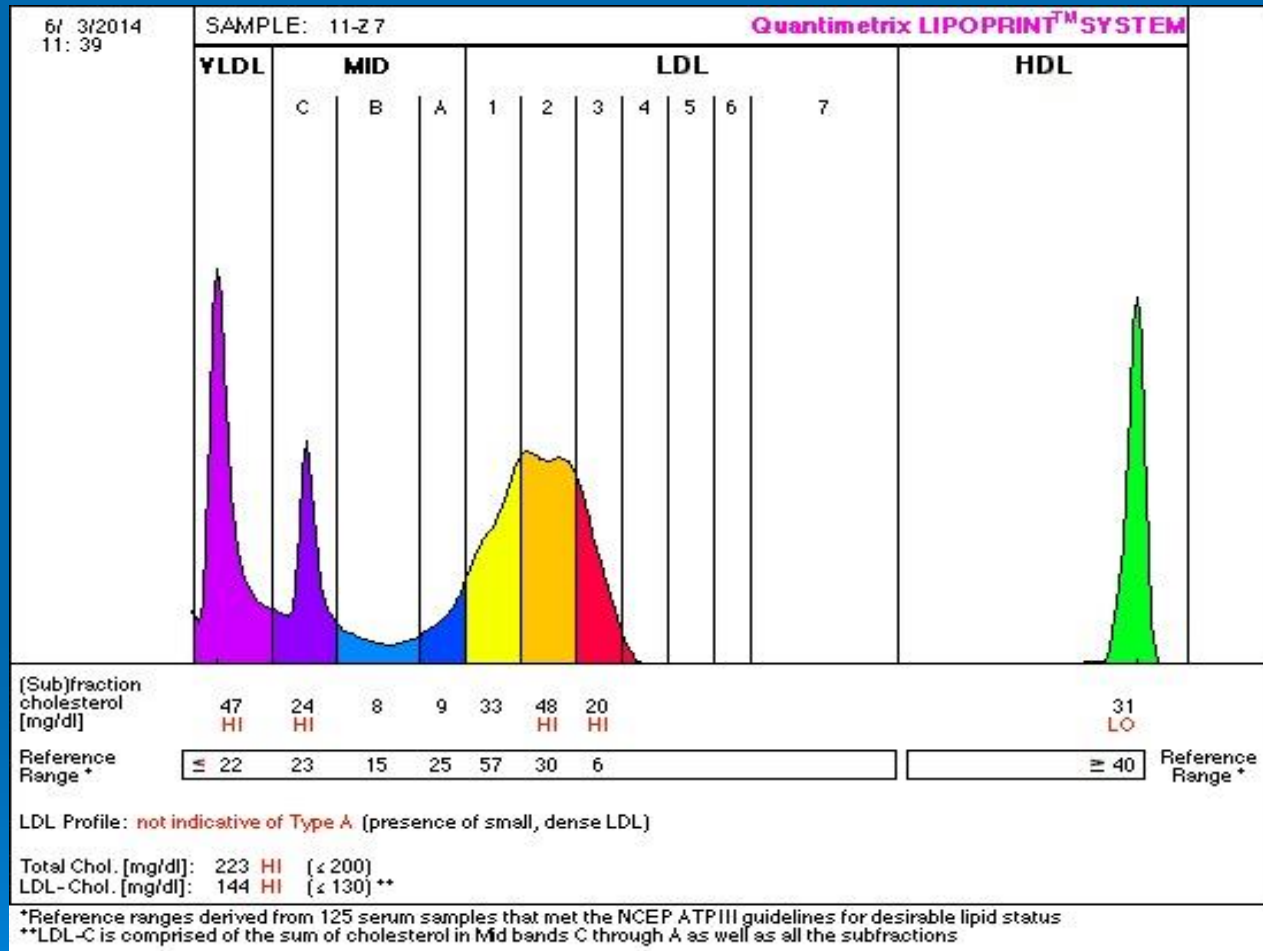
p<0,05

p< 0,0001

p< 0,0001

PAD – Atherogenic Lp-profile 80 %

Stroke



combined HLP with high conc. VLDL and sdLDL (LDL 3,4 subfractions)

Lipids, lipoproteins in patients surv. stroke (n=55)

Chol TAG VLDL LDL1,2 LDL3-7 LDL HDL Score LDL1 LDL2
(mmol/l±SD)

Contr (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	1.30 ±0.25	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	36.1 ± 20.6	0.89 ± 0.28	0.41 ± 0.21
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Stroke (nonatherogen. profile n= 8)	5.54 ±1.30	1.70 ±0.44	0.93 ±0.14	2.19 ±0.86	0.14 ±0.07	3.30 ±1.01	1.31 ±0.35	13.74 ±1.36	1.22 ±0.45	0.92 ±0.44
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Stroke (atherogen.profel n = 47)	5.14 ±1.11	2.29 ±0.94	1.11 ±0.37	1.48 ±0.41	0.31 ±0.23	2.86 ±0.72	1.06 ±0.29	5.33 ±3.32	0.72 ±0.26	0.76 ±0.26
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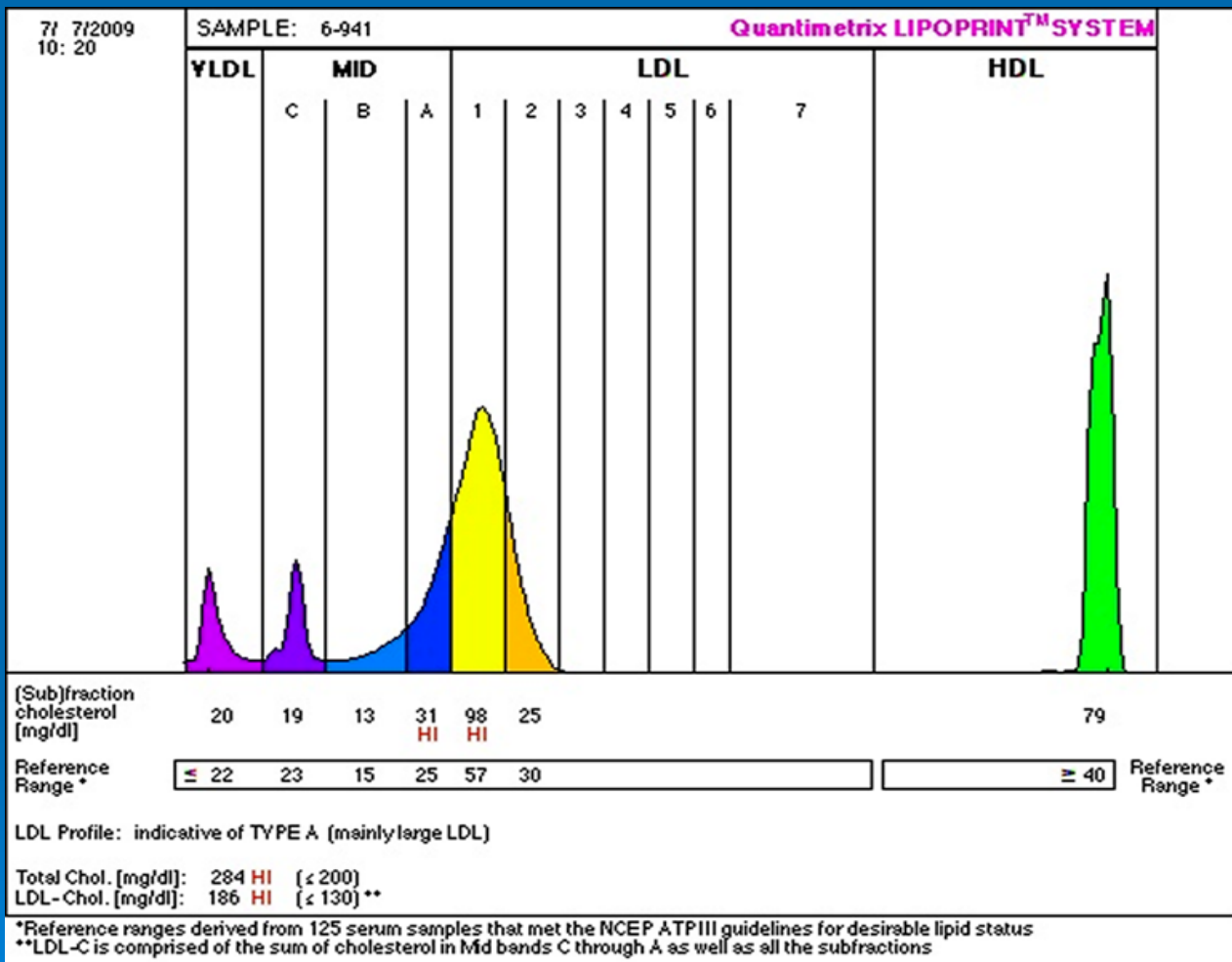
Nonathero vs.athero profile
p<0.002

p<0.001 p<0.001

p< 0.0001 p< 0.0001

Stroke – Atherogen. Lp-profile 85.5 %

Hyper- β -lipoproteinemia LDL1,2



- hypercholesterolemia without small dense LDL

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Lipids and lipoproteins in hyper- β -lipoproteinemia LDL1,2 (n=145)

	Chol (mmol/l \pm SD)	TAG	VLDL	LDL1	LDL2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Score
Contr (n=165)	4.31 ± 0.62	1.16 ± 0.39	0.62 ± 0.16	0.86 ± 0.26	0.39 ± 0.22	0.04 ± 0.04	2.34 ± 0.54	1.33 ± 0.32	36.1 ± 20.6
HβLP (nonatherogen. profile n= 145)	6.71 ± 0.90	1.29 ± 0.49	0.74 ± 0.21	1.68 ± 0.36	0.52 ± 0.29	0.01 ± 0.03	4.09 ± 0.82	1.88 ± 0.29	76.0 ± 6.5

Contr vs. H β LP
p<0.0001

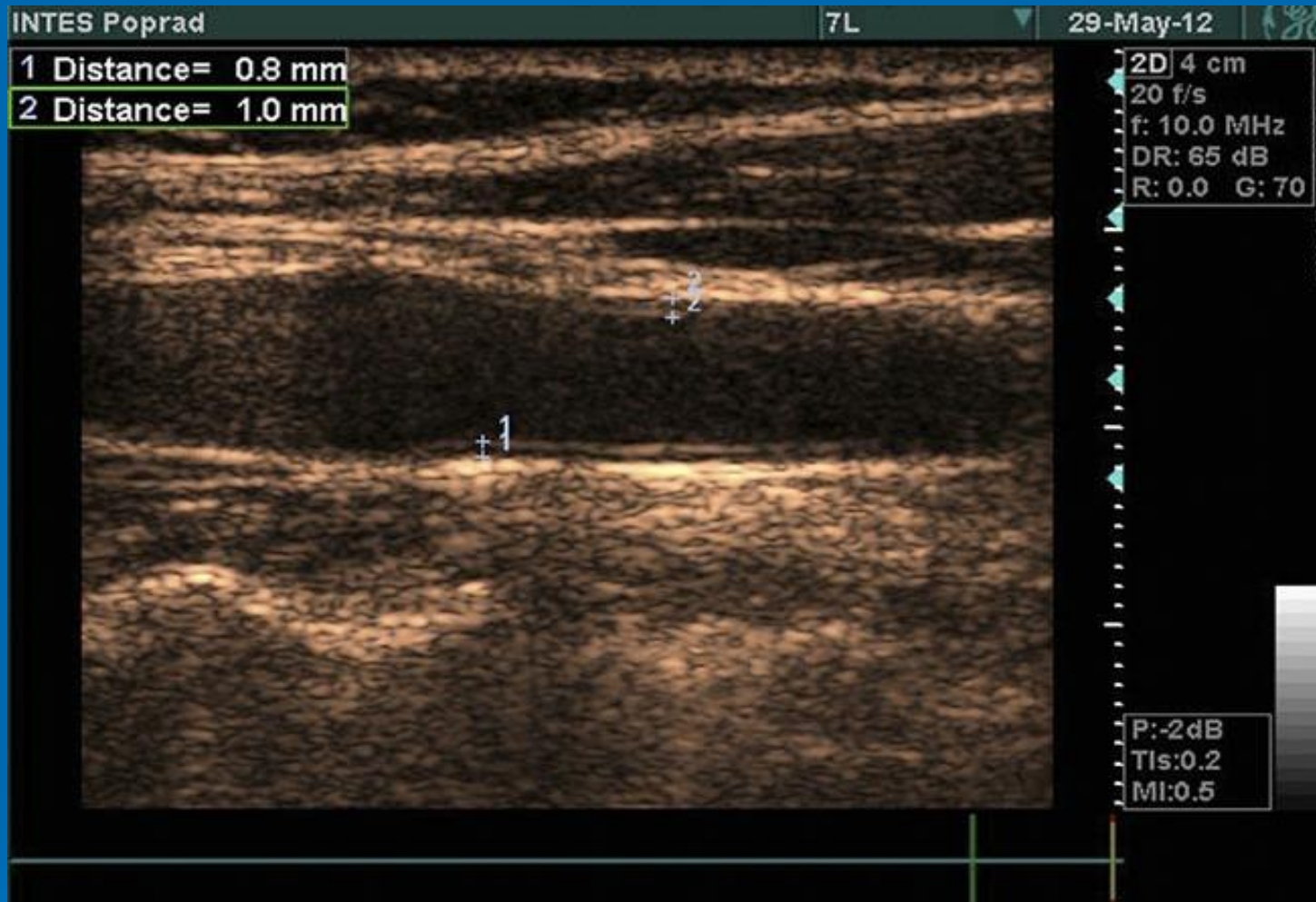
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H β LP Nonatherogenic Lp-profile

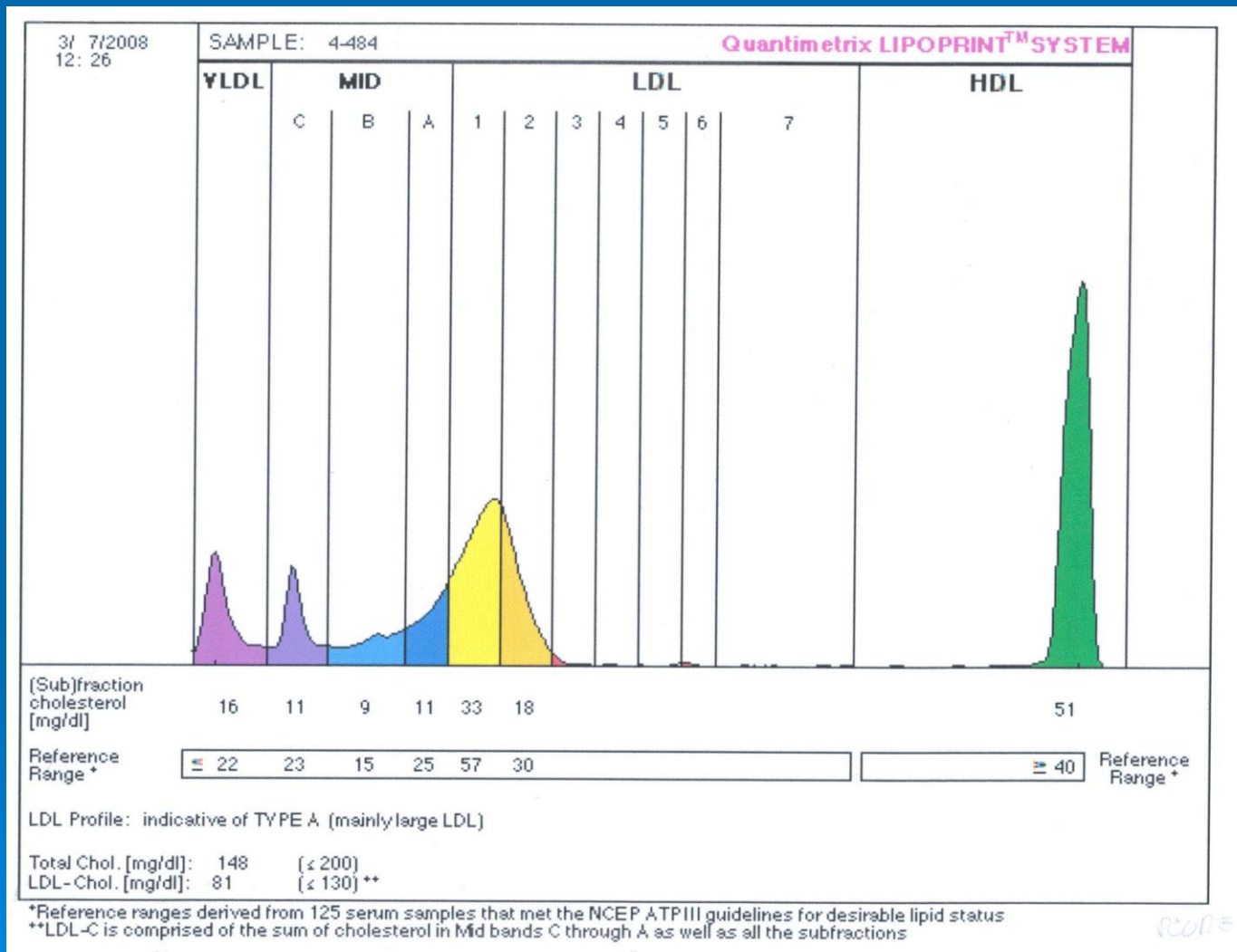


Discret changes in IMT in persons with **nonatherog. hyper- β -lipoproteinemia** do not correlate with an interpretation of hypercholesterolemia as an atherogenic risk factor.

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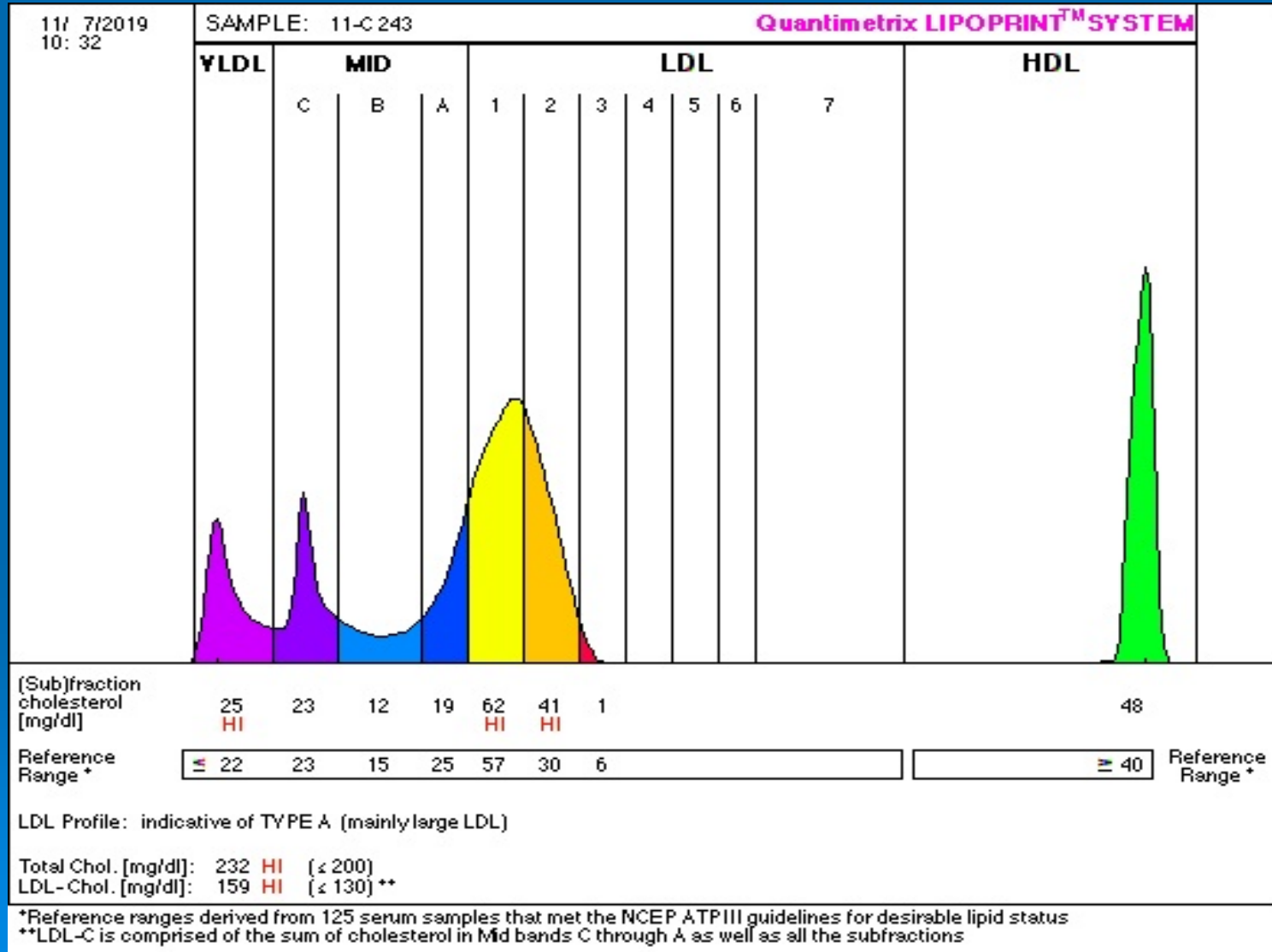
Gilbert syndrome

Normolipemia without sdLDL, high HDL



Gilbert syndrome

Hypercholesterolemia without sdLDL, high HDL



Lipids and lipoproteins and Bilirubin Gilbert syndrome (n=40)

	Chol (mmol/l±SD)	TAG	VLDL	IDL	LDL1,2	LDL3-7	LDL	HDL	Bi.t. (µmol/l±SD)	Bi.nk.
Contr. (n=165)	4.31 ±0.62	1.16 ±0.39	0.62 ±0.16	0.33 ±0.12	1.30 ±0.25	0.04 ±0.04	2.34 ±0.54	1.33 ±0.32	9.73 ± 4.60	4.89 ±8.26
Gil.sy. (n= 40)	4.49 ±0.82	1.01 ±0.47	0.51 ±0.19	0.93 ±0.25	1.72 ±0.47	0.01 ±0.02	2.66 ±0.60	1.32 ±0.30	25.91 ±12.8	16.23 ±10.05
GS vs.Kontr						p< 0,05			p< 0,001	p< 0,001

➤ **Gilbert sy** **Nonatherogenic Lp profile**

Biochemical parameters Gilbert syndrome (n=40)

	AST (ukat/l±SD)	ALT	GMT	ALP	Bi. tot. (μmol/l±SD)	Bi. konj.	Bi. nonkonj.
Contr. (n=165)	0.39 ±0.08	0.40 ±0.12	0.42 ±0.25	0.99 ±0.26	9.73 ± 4.60	8.84 ±3.11	4.89 ±8.26
Gil.sy. (n= 40)	0.41 ±0.14	0.46 ±0.27	0.35 ±0.19	0.92 ±0.26	25.91 ±12.80	6.98 ±1.44	16.23 ±10.05
					p< 0.001		p< 0.001

Conclusions

Small dense LDL (sdLDL):

- a regular part of Lp-spectrum in human plasma
- Identification of sdLDL in diagnostics of CVD
 - principal contribution
- lipoprotein profile: phenotype B / phenotype A
- Patients with CVD: High presence of sdLDL in Lp-profile

atherogenic lipoprotein profile
present in 80 – 86 %

◦ in Hypercholesterolemia:

Hyper- β -lipoproteinemia LDL1,2

Gilbert syndrome

- sdLDL - present in traces only

nonatherogenic lipoprotein profile, phenotype A

◦ **Confirmation of existence**

nonatherogenic hypercholesterolemia

and atherogenic normolipemia

in clinically healthy individuals

**THANK YOU
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