

Clinical trials of niacin for cardiovascular prevention in all type of patients

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1 niacin

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
niacin vs control			
VA drugs , 1968 n=77/143 follow-up: 3.2 years	-	-	Parallel groups double blind
niacin vs placebo			
CDP niacin , 1975 n=1119/2789 follow-up: 6.2 years	niacin 3 mg/d versus placebo	Hommes, de 30 64 ans	Parallel groups double blind
niacin vs ezetimibe			
ARBITER 6-HALTS (niacin vs ezetimibe) , 2009 [NCT00397657] n=97/111 follow-up: 14 months	extended-release niacin 1 g/d, titrated to max tolerable dose up to 2 g/d (HDL-focused strategy) versus ezetimibe 10 mg/d (LDL-focused strategy)	patients with known coronary or vascular disease or coronary risk equivalents	Parallel groups open US

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2 niacin (on top statin)

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
niacin vs placebo (on top statin)			

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Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
AIM-HIGH , 2011 [NCT00120289] n=1718/1691 follow-up: 32 months	high-dose, extended-release niacin in gradually increasing doses up to 2000 mg daily (+ simvastatin) versus placebo	patients with a history of cardiovascular disease, high triglycerides, and low levels of HDL cholesterol	Parallel groups double blind US, Canada
HPS 2-Thrive [NCT00461630] n=12838/12835 follow-up: 3.9y (median)	2 g of extended-release niacin and 40 mg of laropiprant versus placebo	patients with vascular disease	Parallel groups double blind UK, Scandinavia, China
Oxford Niaspan Study , 2009 [NCT00232531] n=35/36 follow-up: 1 year	niacin 2g daily (added to statin therapy) versus placebo (statins alone)	patients with low HDL-C (<40 mg/dl) and either a type 2 diabetes with coronary heart disease or a carotid/peripheral atherosclerosis	Parallel groups double blind USA
ARBITER 2 , 2009 n=87/80 follow-up: 1 y	long-acting niacin target dose of 1 g/day (added to statin therapy) versus placebo	patients with known coronary artery disease and well controlled on statin therapy	Parallel groups double blind USA
HATS , 2001 n=73/73 follow-up: 3 y	simvastatin plus niacin versus placebo	patients with coronary disease, low HDL cholesterol levels and normal LDL cholesterol levels	Factorial plan double blind USA, Canada

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3 niacin in association

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niacin+colestipol vs control			
UCSF SCOR , 1990 n=72 follow-up: 26 months	Niacin 07.5 g colestipol 1520 g versus Conventional therapy	patients with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	
niacin+colestipol vs placebo			
FATS , 1990 n=48/54 follow-up: 2.5 years	niacin (1 g four times a day) and colestipol (10 g three times a day) versus placebo (or colestipol if the low-density lipoprotein [LDL] cholesterol level was elevated)	men no more than 62 years of age with apolipoprotein B levels greater than or equal to 125 mg per deciliter, documented coronary artery disease, and a family history of vascular disease	Parallel groups double-blind
strategy to increase HDL cholesterol vs placebo			
AFREGS , 2005 n=143 follow-up: 30 months	Niacin 0.253 g gemfibrozil 1.2 g cholestyramine 2 g versus placebo	military retirees younger than 76 years of age with low HDL cholesterol levels and angiographically evident coronary disease	Parallel groups double-blind
niacin+ezetimibe vs simvastatin+ezetimibe			
Guyton , 2008 n=NA follow-up: 24 weeks	Niacin 2 g ezetimibe 10 mg simvastatin 20 mg versus Ezetimibe 10 mg simvastatin 20 mg	patients with type IIa or IIb hyperlipidemia	Parallel groups double-blind

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4 other cholesterol lowering drugs

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
clofibtate+niacin vs placebo			

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Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
Carlson (Stockholm) , 1977 n=279/276 follow-up: 5 years	clofibrate, 1 g twice daily, and nicotinic acid 1 g three times daily versus control	survivors of a myocardial infarction below 70 years of age	Parallel groups open Sweden
colestipol-niacin vs placebo			
CLAS , 1987 n=NA follow-up: 65279;2 years	colestipol + niacin versus placebo	nonsmoking men aged 40 to 59 years with previous coronary bypass surgery	Parallel groups double blind

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