

# Alteration of lipids and the transcription of lipid-related genes in Imatinib-treated CML

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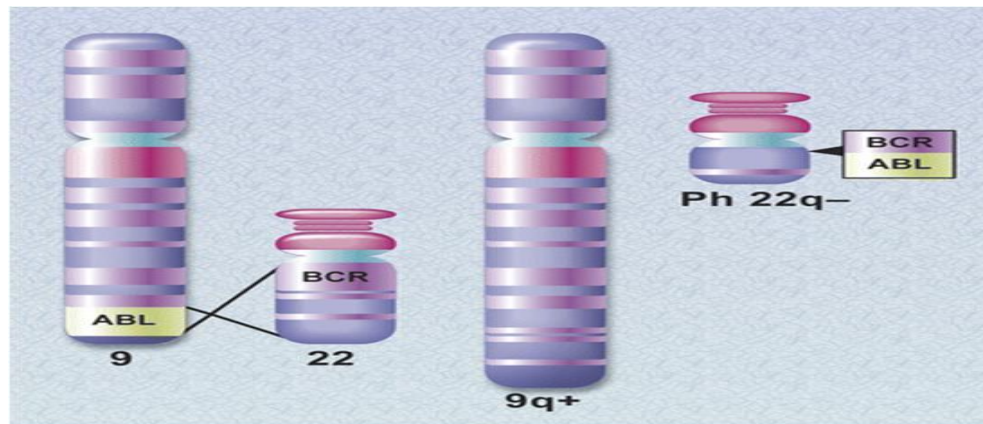
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# CML

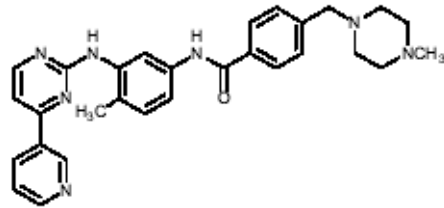
## Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

- Clonal myeloproliferative neoplasm
- Philadelphia chromosome
- BCR/ABL1 tyrosine kinase



# Imatinib

## X-Ray Structure of Abi-Tk/STI-571 (1IEP)



STI-571 (a.k.a. imatinib or Gleevec®)



## Metabolic effects

### Imatinib and Regression of Type 2 Diabetes

**TO THE EDITOR:** We report the case of a nulliparous, 70-year-old woman with long-standing type 2 diabetes mellitus who had regression of the disease during treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia with imatinib, an antineoplastic agent. Type 2 diabetes mellitus was diagnosed when the patient was 62 years of age and weighed 60 kg (body-mass index [the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters], 24.2) She was treated with diet for one year, oral agents for four years, and insulin thereafter. After the detection of leukocytosis and immature myeloid cells in the blood, chronic myeloid leukemia was diagnosed (in March 2004) and treatment with imatinib (400 mg per day) was

initiated. Hematologic remission was documented two months later. During treatment with imatinib, the patient's blood glucose level progressively declined, and insulin doses were titrated down. Insulin treatment was discontinued in June 2004. In July 2004, a standard oral glucose-tolerance test revealed the following plasma glucose values:

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### Tyrosine kinase inhibitors reverse type 1 diabetes in nonobese

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### Imatinib Attenuates Diabetes-Associated Atherosclerosis

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**Objective**—Diabetes is associated with accelerated atherosclerosis, the major factor contributing to increased mortality and morbidity in the diabetic population. The molecular mechanisms by which diabetes promotes atherosclerosis are not fully understood. Platelet-derived growth factor has been shown to play a major role in the pathology of vascular diseases, but whether it plays a role in atherosclerosis associated with diabetes remains unknown. The aims of this study were to assess whether platelet-derived growth factor–dependent pathways are involved in the development of diabetes-induced atherosclerosis and to determine the effects of platelet-derived growth factor receptor antagonism on this disorder.

**Methods and Results**—Diabetes was induced by injection of streptozotocin in 6-week-old apolipoprotein E knockout mice. Diabetic animals received treatment with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor that inhibits platelet-derived growth factor action, imatinib (STI-571, 10 mg/kg per day), or no treatment for 20 weeks. Nondiabetic apolipoprotein E knockout mice served as controls. Induction of diabetes was associated with a 5-fold increase in plaque area in association with an increase in aortic platelet-derived growth factor-B expression and platelet-derived growth factor- $\beta$  receptor phosphorylation as well as other proatherogenic and proinflammatory cytokines. Imatinib treatment prevented the development of atherosclerotic lesions and diabetes-induced inflammatory cytokine overexpression in the aorta.

**Conclusions**—Tyrosine kinase inhibition with imatinib appears to be a novel therapeutic option to retard the development of atherosclerosis, specifically in the context of diabetes. (*Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2004;24:935-942.)







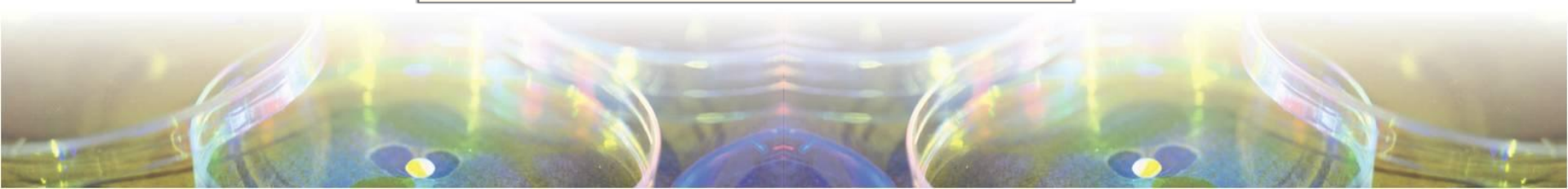
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## Imatinib and Hyperlipidemia

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**Table 1. Plasma Lipid Levels in Nine Patients Receiving Imatinib Therapy.\***

Patient	Underlying Disease	At Diagnosis	Day 30 of Imatinib Therapy		Last Follow-up Mo from Starting Imatinib
			Value	Value	
<i>mg per deciliter</i>					
Patient 1	HES				30
	Cholesterol	223	183	185	
	Triglyceride	154	64	75	
Patient 2	CML				27
	Cholesterol	282	181	174	
	Triglyceride	230	126	130	
Patient 3	CML				27
	Cholesterol	293	160	162	
	Triglyceride	230	126	128	
Patient 4	CML				25
	Cholesterol	240	187	174	
	Triglyceride	93	41	52	
Patient 5	HES				18
	Cholesterol	250	260	257	
	Triglyceride	230	240	245	
Patient 6	HES				17
	Cholesterol	233	174	165	
	Triglyceride	368	138	152	
Patient 7	CML				17
	Cholesterol	229	179	184	
	Triglyceride	145	81	97	
Patient 8	CML				14
	Cholesterol	249	160	158	
	Triglyceride	144	150	148	
Patient 9	CML				4
	Cholesterol	284	182	165	
	Triglyceride	150	127	115	



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## Study pitfalls

- Small study group (n=9)
- Heterogeneous cohort
- Limited lipid-profile
- No statistical analysis
- No *in-vitro* study



# Study aim

To confirm Imatinib beneficial lipid effect  
in a **larger-scale** group of CML patients

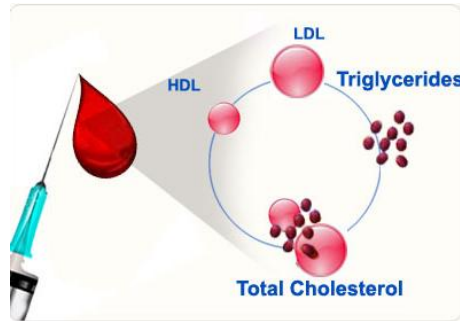


- 40 CML patients
- January 2005 - March 2015
- 3m of imatinib treatment

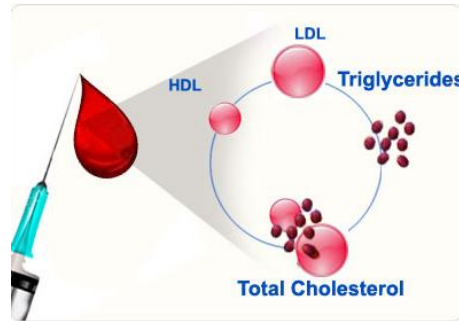




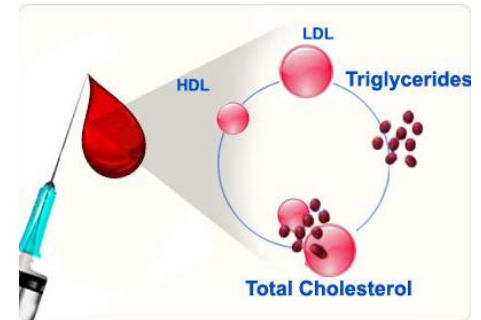
# Retrospective Follow-up



Baseline



3-12 months



>12 months



**Before**  
Imatinib



**After**  
Imatinib



# RESULTS



# Patient data

- 55% male
- Mean age 67.3
- Median time from diagnosis to imatinib –1m
- 47.5% prior treatment with statins



# Imatinib **improves** lipid profile

## Baseline:

	Sex	Age	T. Ch	Tg	HDL	LDL	Non HDL
#1	M	68	213.0	265.0	43.0	117.0	127.8
#2	F	57	195.0	144.0	39.0	127.0	98.2
#3	F	55	218.0	170.0	44.0	140.0	119.2
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#38	F	80	213.0	149.0	54.0	129.0	159.0
#39	M	68	204.0	184.0	59.0	108.0	96.0
#40	M	55	172.7	114.0	46.0	102.1	72.0
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## 3-12 months:

	Sex	Age	T. Ch	Tg	HDL	LDL	Non HDL
#1	M	68	202.3	258.0	42.0	104.3	160.3
#2	F	57	119.0	107.0	42.0	56.7	77.0
#3	F	55	205.0	116.0	41.0	140.8	164.0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
#38	F	80	203.9	89.0	74.0	110.9	129.9
#39	M	68	161.0	147.0	50.0	82.0	111.0
#40	M	55	133.0	74.0	44.0	74.0	89.0
<b>Avg.</b>			<b>157.3</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>109.8</b>
T-test			<b>0.0302</b>	<b>0.0016</b>	<b>0.0023</b>	<b>0.0144</b>	<b>0.0012</b>



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## >12 months:

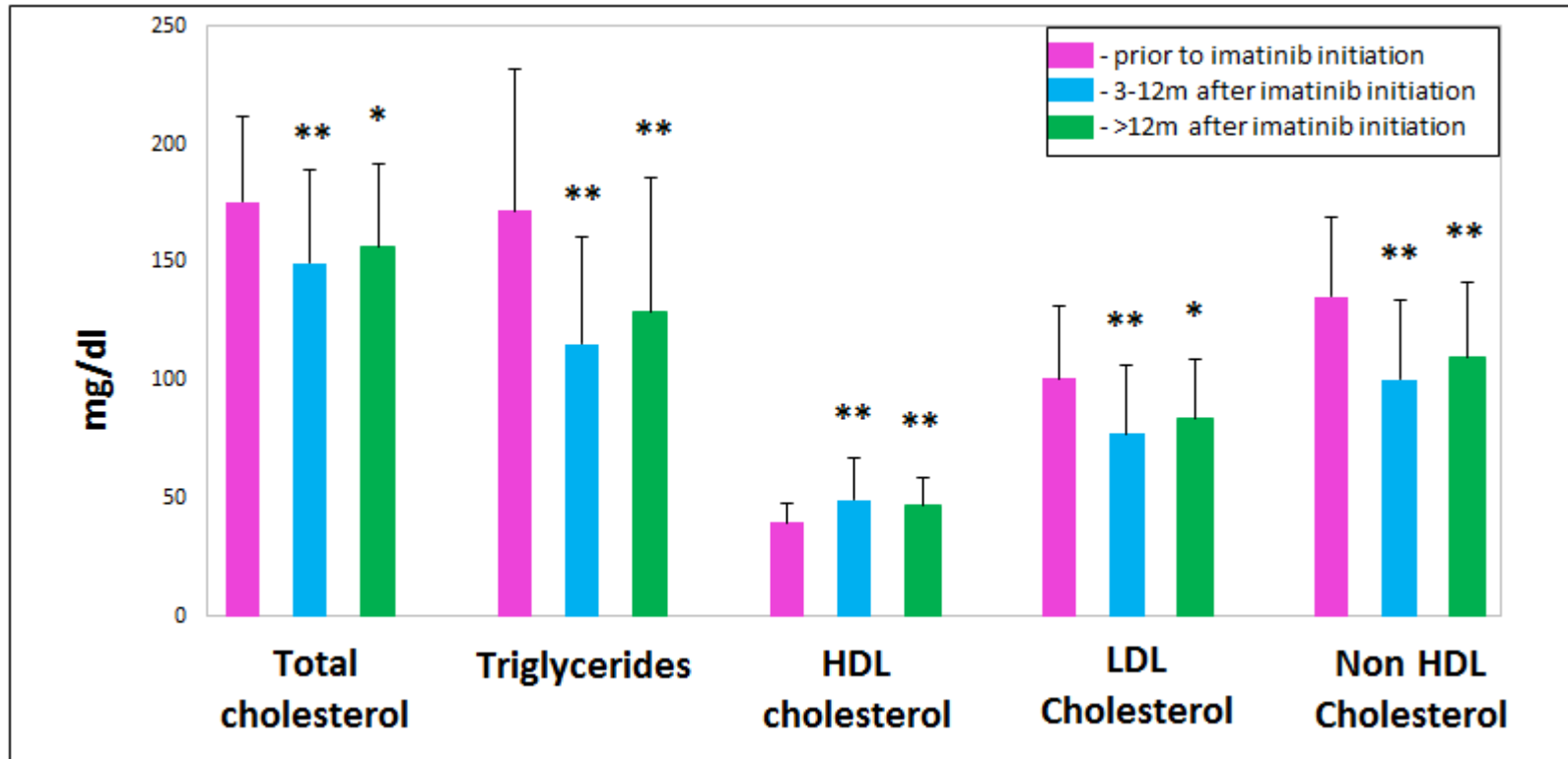
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#2	F	57	152.0	79.0	38.0	98.2	114.0
#3	F	55	187.0	134.0	41.0	119.2	146.0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
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#40	M	55	131.0	82.0	43.0	72.0	88.0
<b>Avg.</b>			<b>150.0</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>99.8</b>
T-test			<b>0.005</b>	<b>4.7E-06</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>2.4E-05</b>





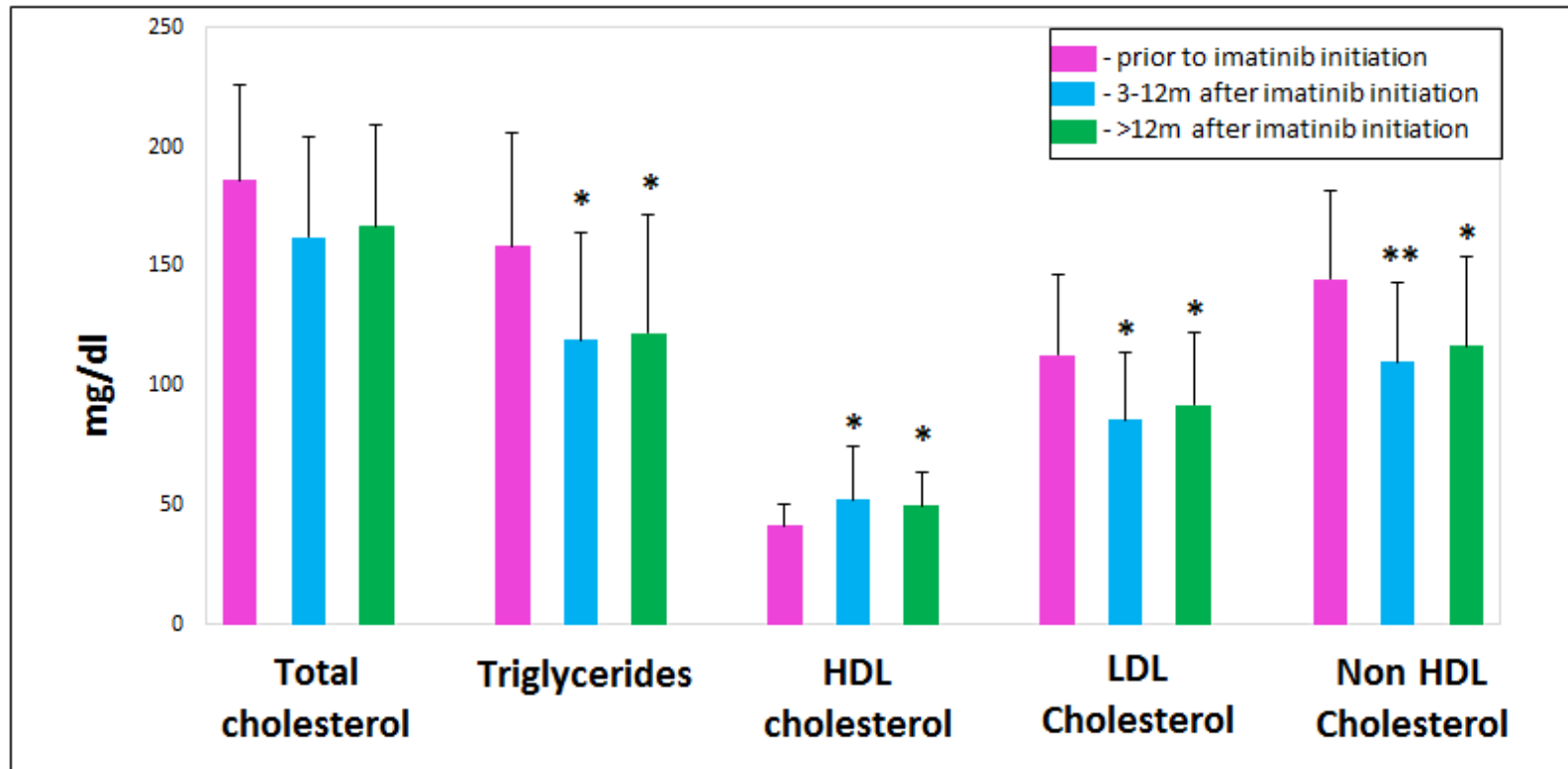
# Imatinib **improves** lipid profile

## All patients



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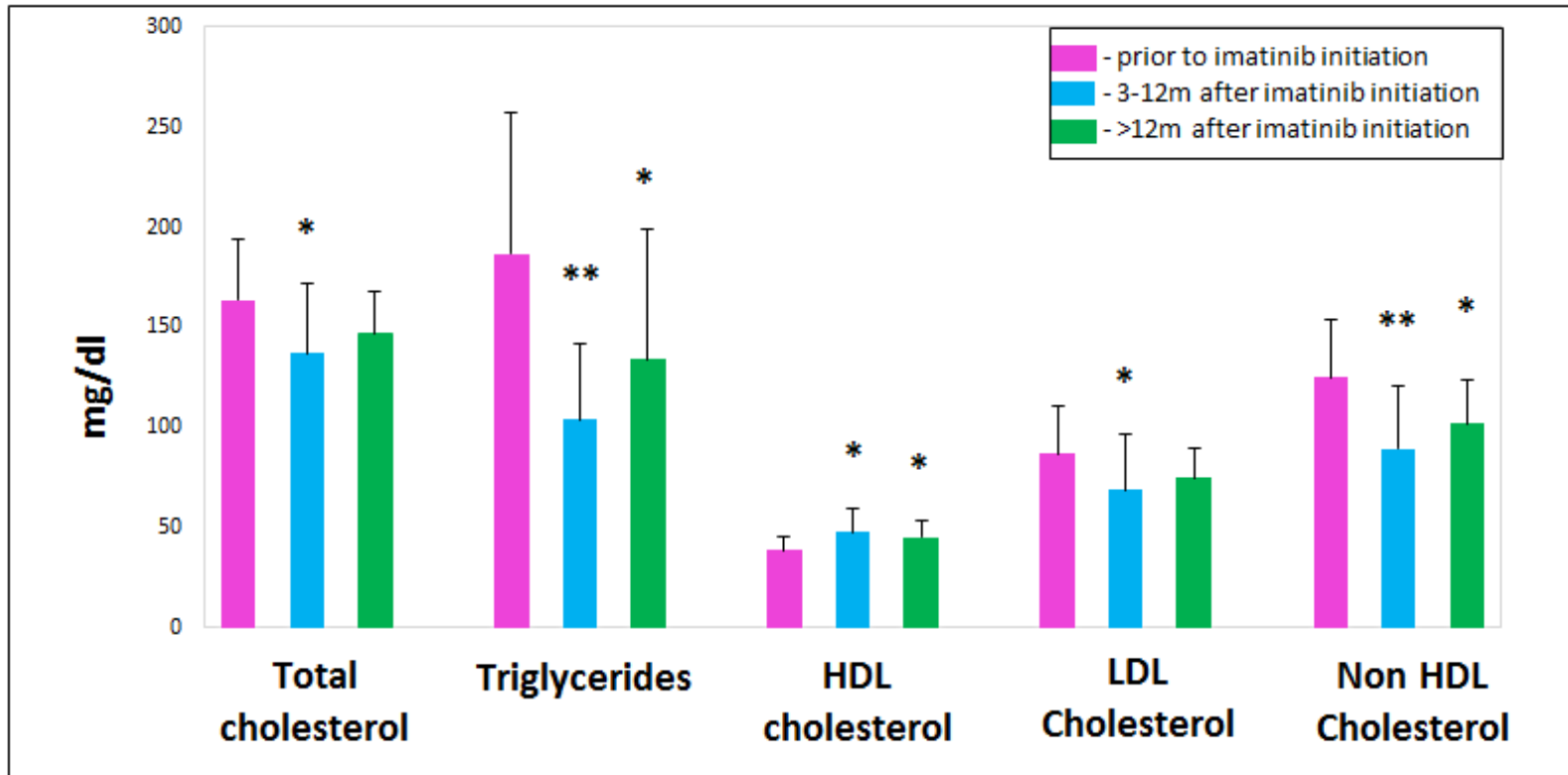
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Lipid profile without statins, n=21

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## With statins



Lipid profile with statins, n=19

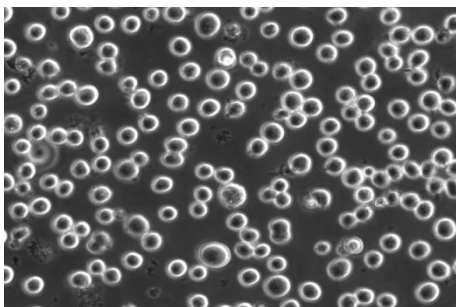
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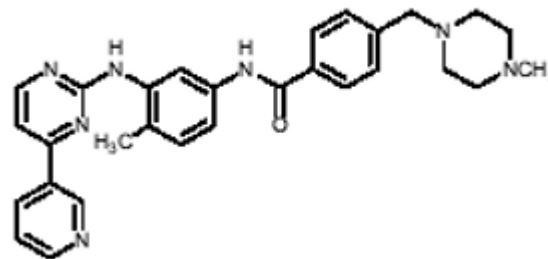
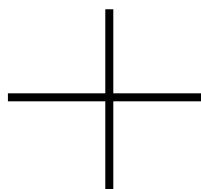


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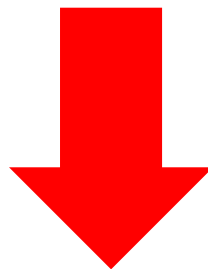
In vitro



K-562



Imatinib



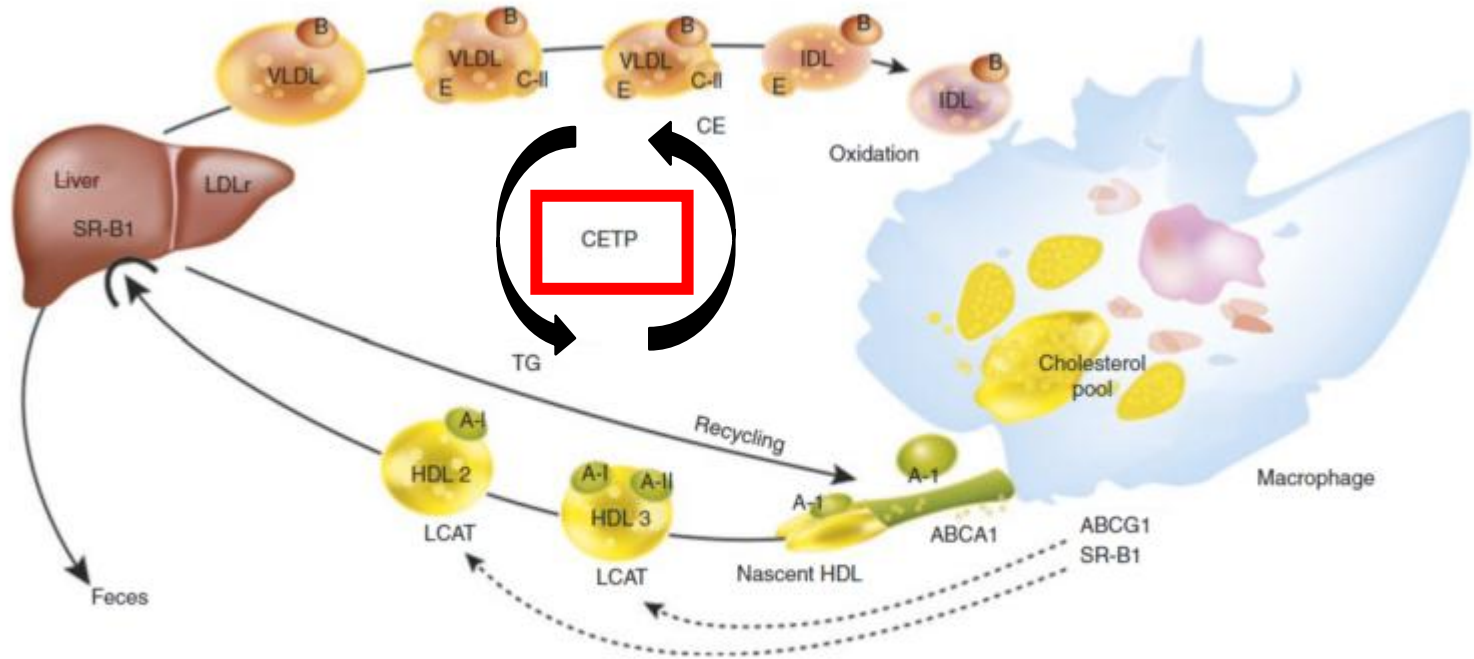
24h  
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72h  
96h

Lipid-related  
genes **transcription**

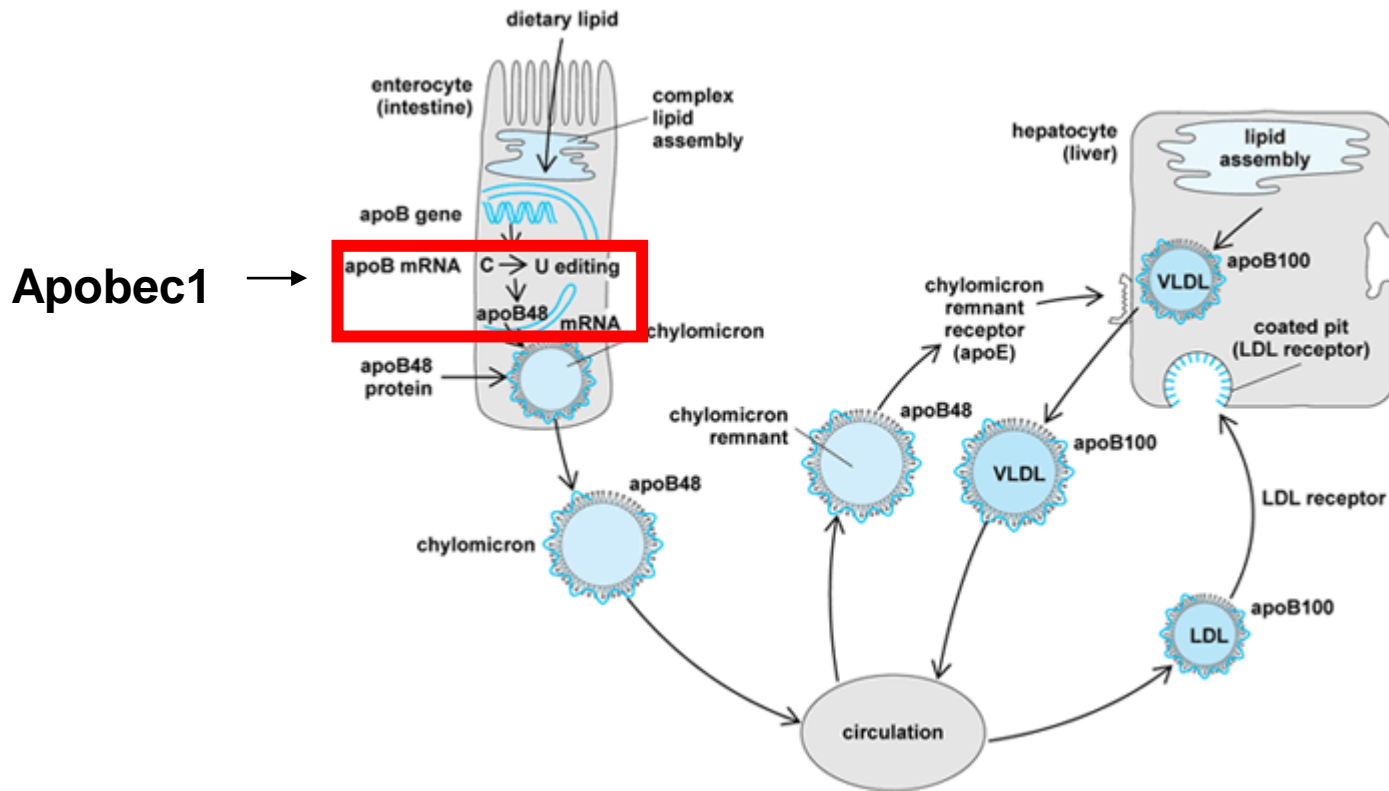




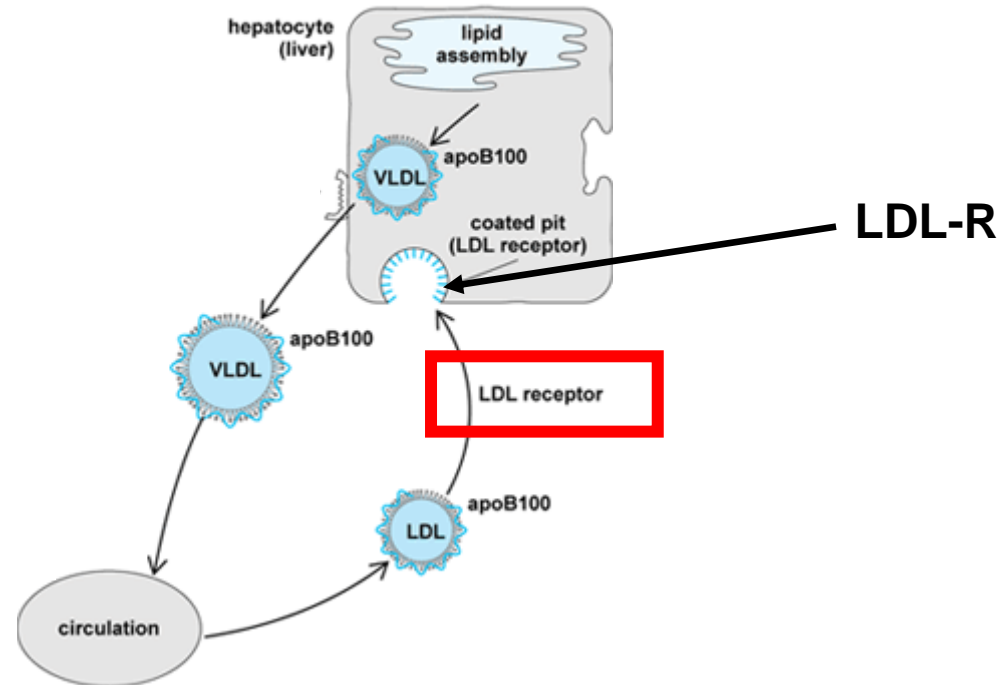
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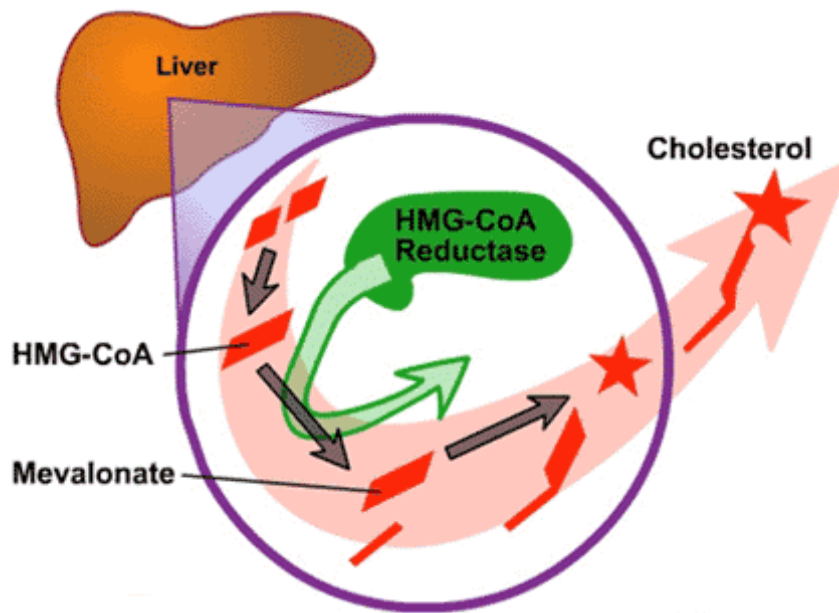
# Apobec1



# LDL Receptor



# HMGcoAR



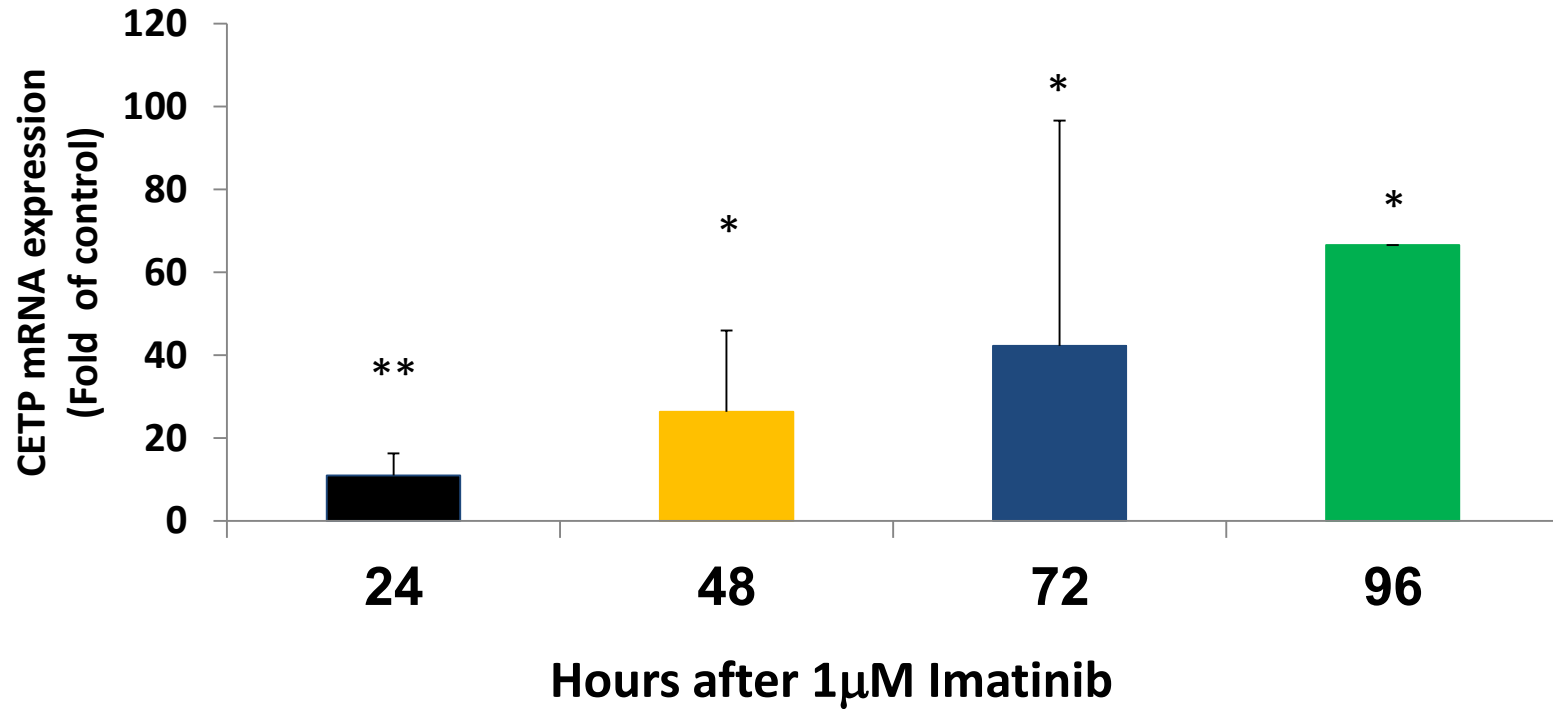
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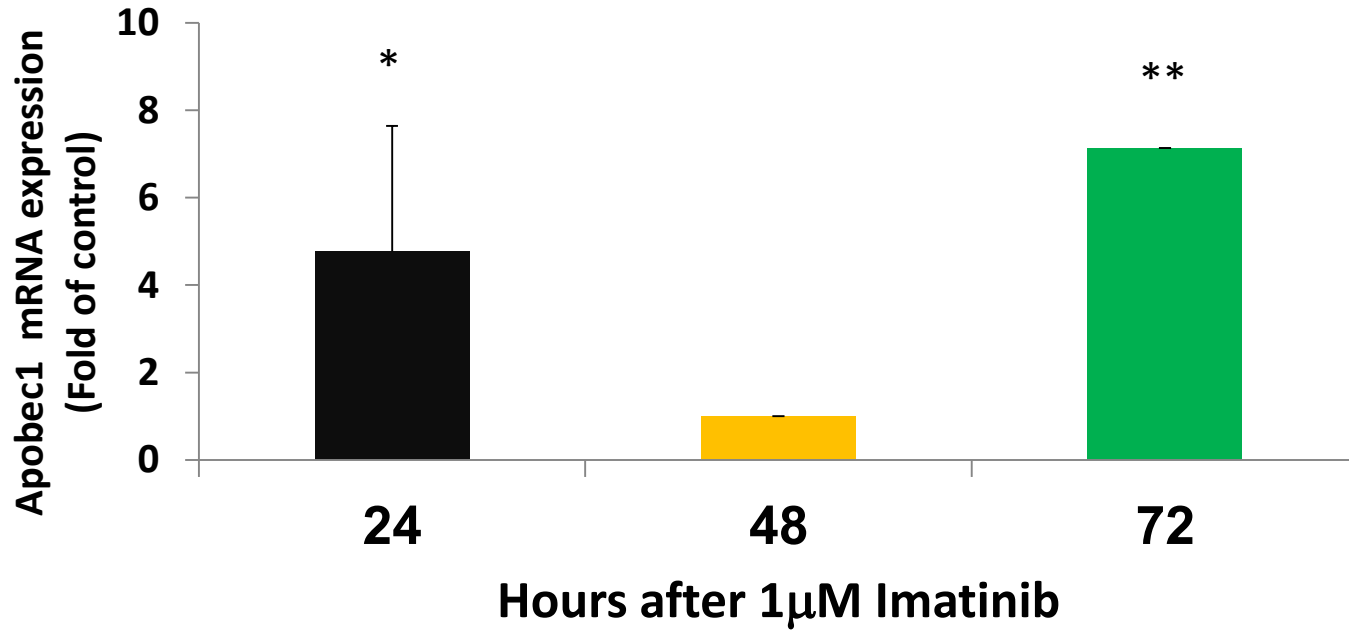


# Imatinib

## Induces CETP mRNA

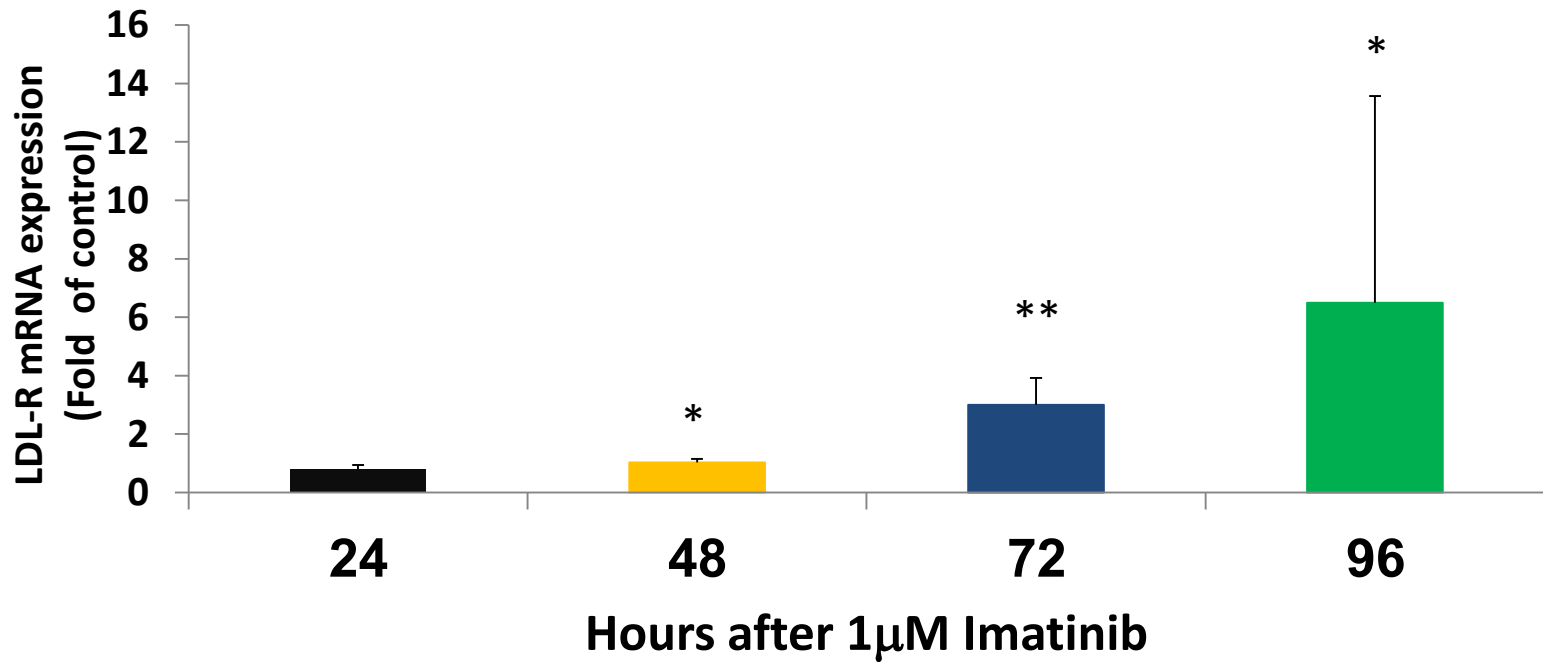


## Induces apobec-1 mRNA

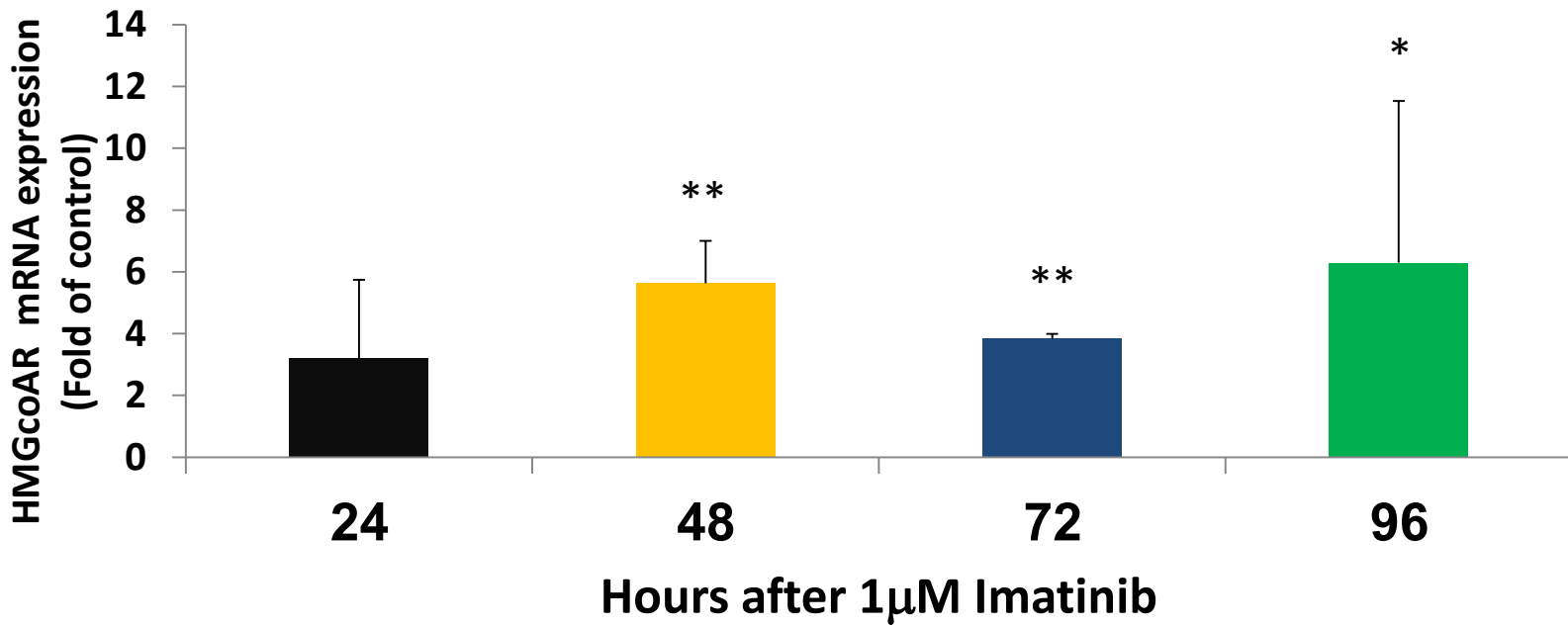


# Imatinib

## Induces LDL-R mRNA



## Induces HMGcoAR mRNA

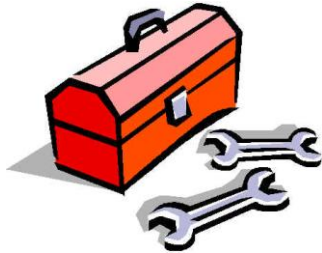
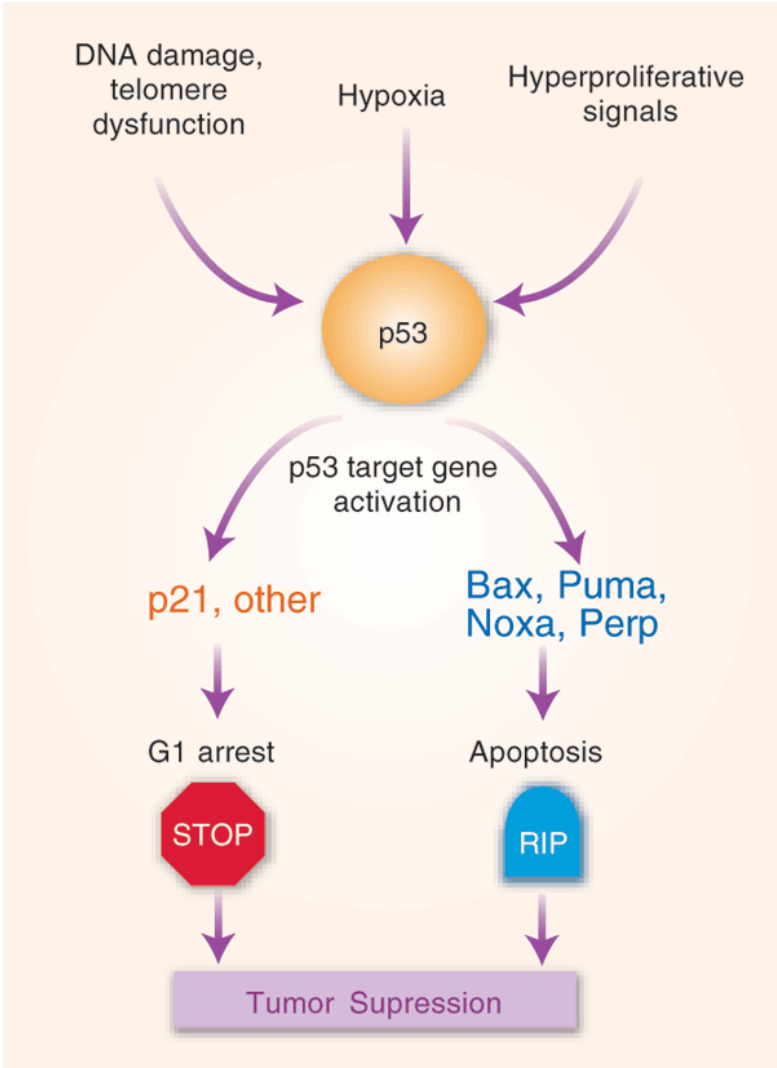


# How are lipid-genes regulated by imatinib?

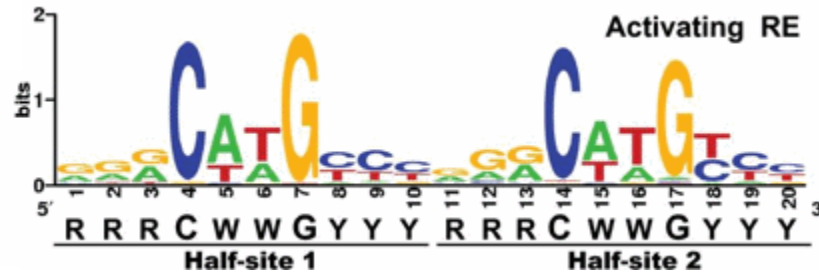


# p53

## Master Gene



# p53 regulated genes

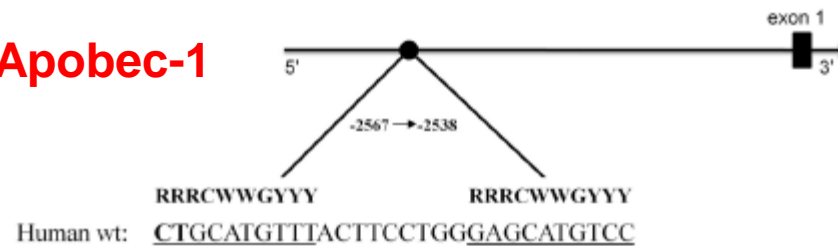




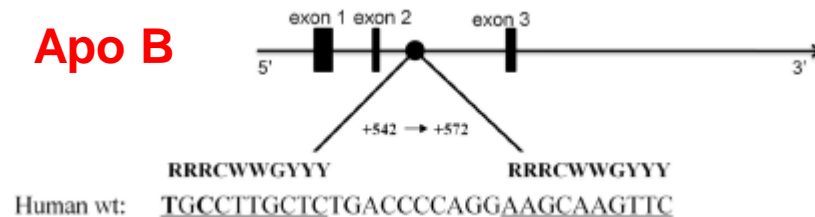
# Novel p53 regulated genes



## Apobec-1



## Apo B



# Novel p53 regulated genes



REPORT

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## apoB and apobec1, two genes key to lipid metabolism, are transcriptionally regulated by p53

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# Novel p53 regulated genes

Gene name	% response element score	Genomic location
Apobec1	92.47%	Promoter
Apo B	91.2%	Intron 2
LDL receptor	86.29%	Promoter
HMGCoA R	83%	Promoter
LRP1	89.1%	Promoter
Apo E	83.56%	Promoter
Apo A1	85.38	Promoter
Apo C-I (VLDL)	83%	Promoter
LCAT	83.4%	Promoter
Apo B48 receptor	88%	Promoter
Apo A2	86%-Two sites	Promoter
Apo A4	81-85%-Two sites	Promoter



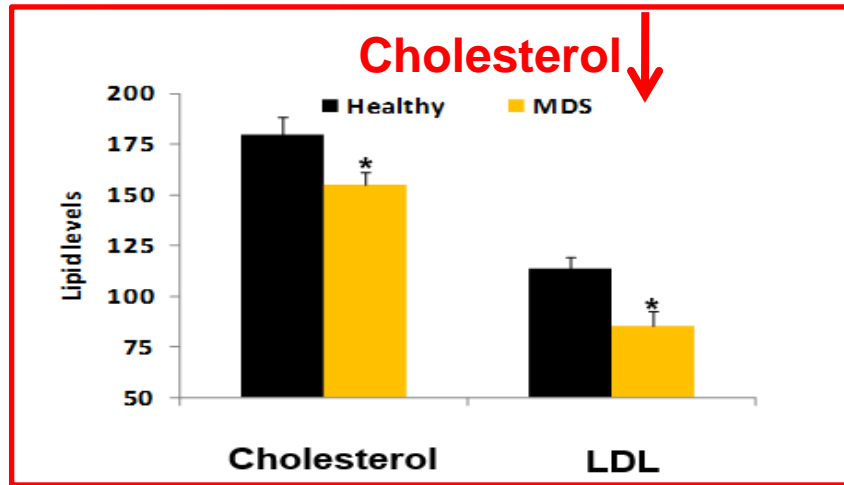
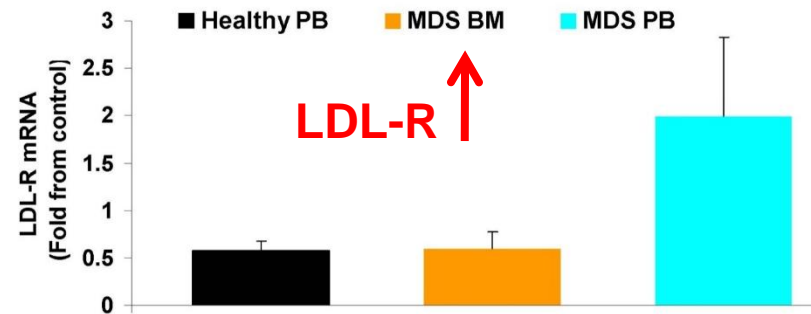
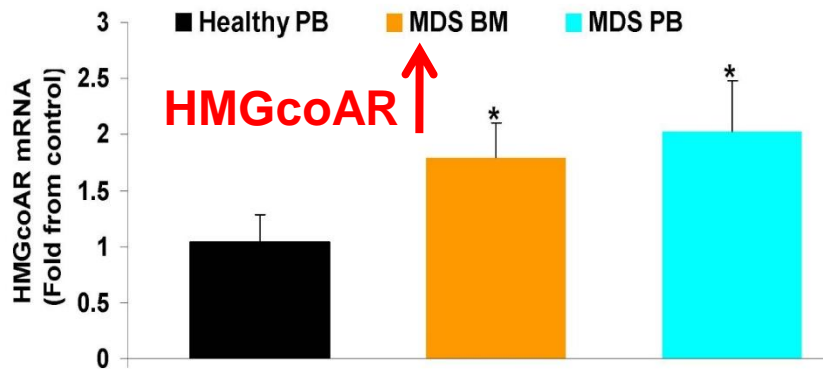


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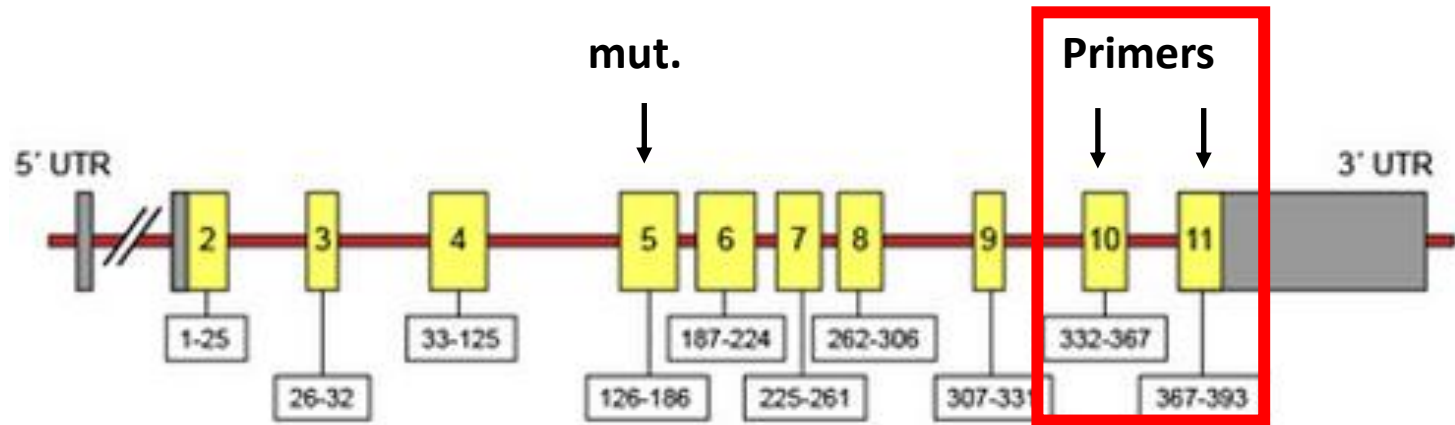
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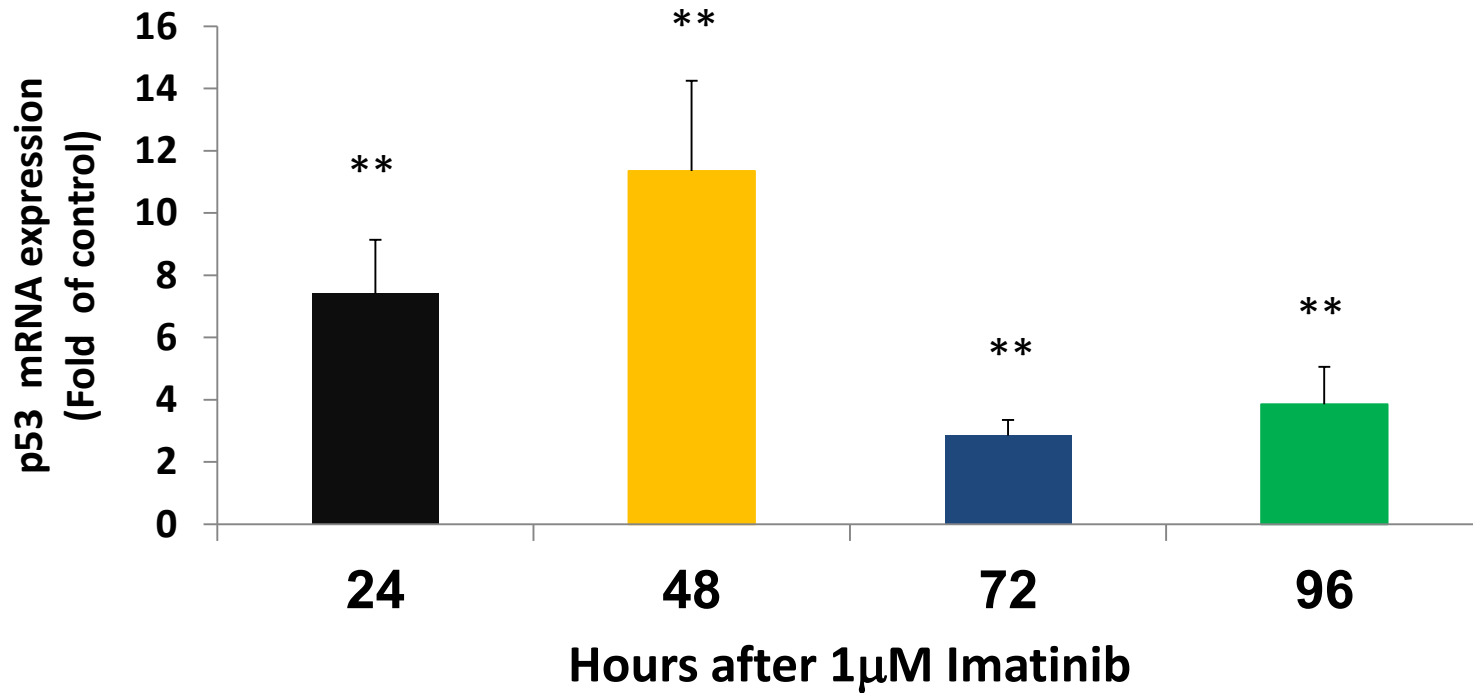
# Is the lipid-genes expression in K-562 p53-mediated?



# p53 mutation in K-562



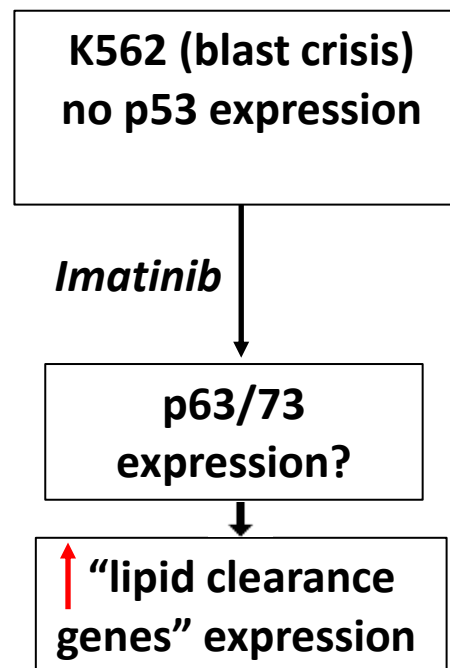
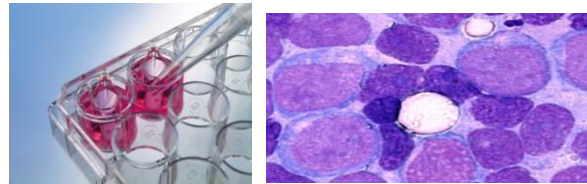
# p53 is induced by imatinib



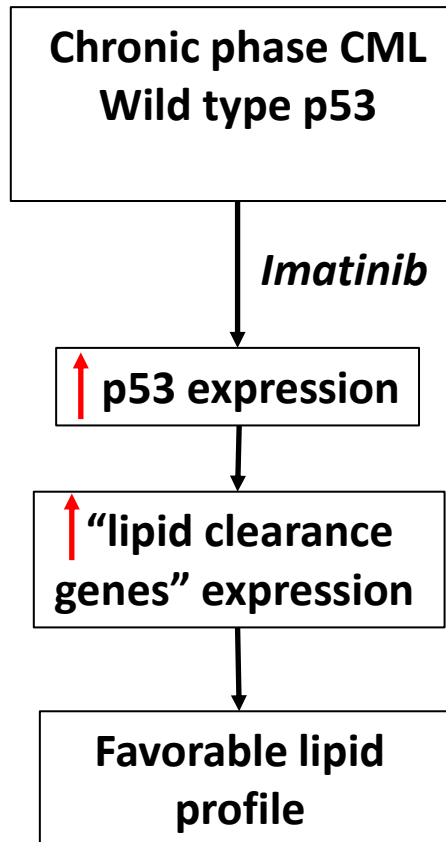
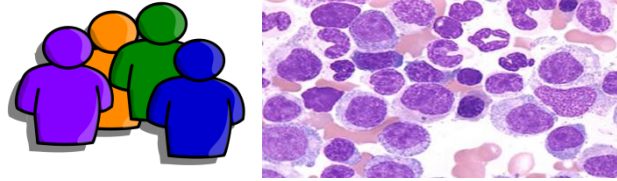


# CML

## In vitro



## Patients



# Summary

- A **favorable lipid profile** with Imatinib in CML patients
- Imatinib **induces lipid-clearing-genes** in vitro



# Future plans

## CML patients

- To prove the imatinib-lipid **molecular association** in cells collected before/after Imatinib
- To assess **p53 regulation**
- To assess **new generation TKI's** effect



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