



AstraZeneca 

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AZD0780 (oPCSK9) Phase IIb PURSUIT

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Driving next-wave of innovation with novel mechanism to address dyslipidaemia

Dyslipidaemia at a glance

Elevated LDL-C is a key risk factor for cardiovascular disease and the occurrence of major cardiovascular events. Despite current treatment options, the global burden of dyslipidaemia continues to increase, and there remains a vast unmet need among high-risk patients for additional, efficacious treatment options.

In dyslipidaemia, PCSK9 causes LDL Receptor degradation, resulting in increased LDL-C levels. AZD0780, an oral PCSK9 inhibitor, binds to PCSK9 and, through its unique mechanism of action, allows the recycling of LDL Receptors back to a cell's surface which ultimately leads to increased LDL Receptor levels and lowered plasma LDL-C levels.

Our ambition

At AstraZeneca, our ambition is to eliminate LDL-C as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

c.2bn

suffering from dyslipidaemia globally¹

4.4m

annual deaths caused by elevated LDL-C worldwide²

70% 

of patients with cardiovascular disease not at LDL-C target, despite high-intensity statins^{3,4,5}

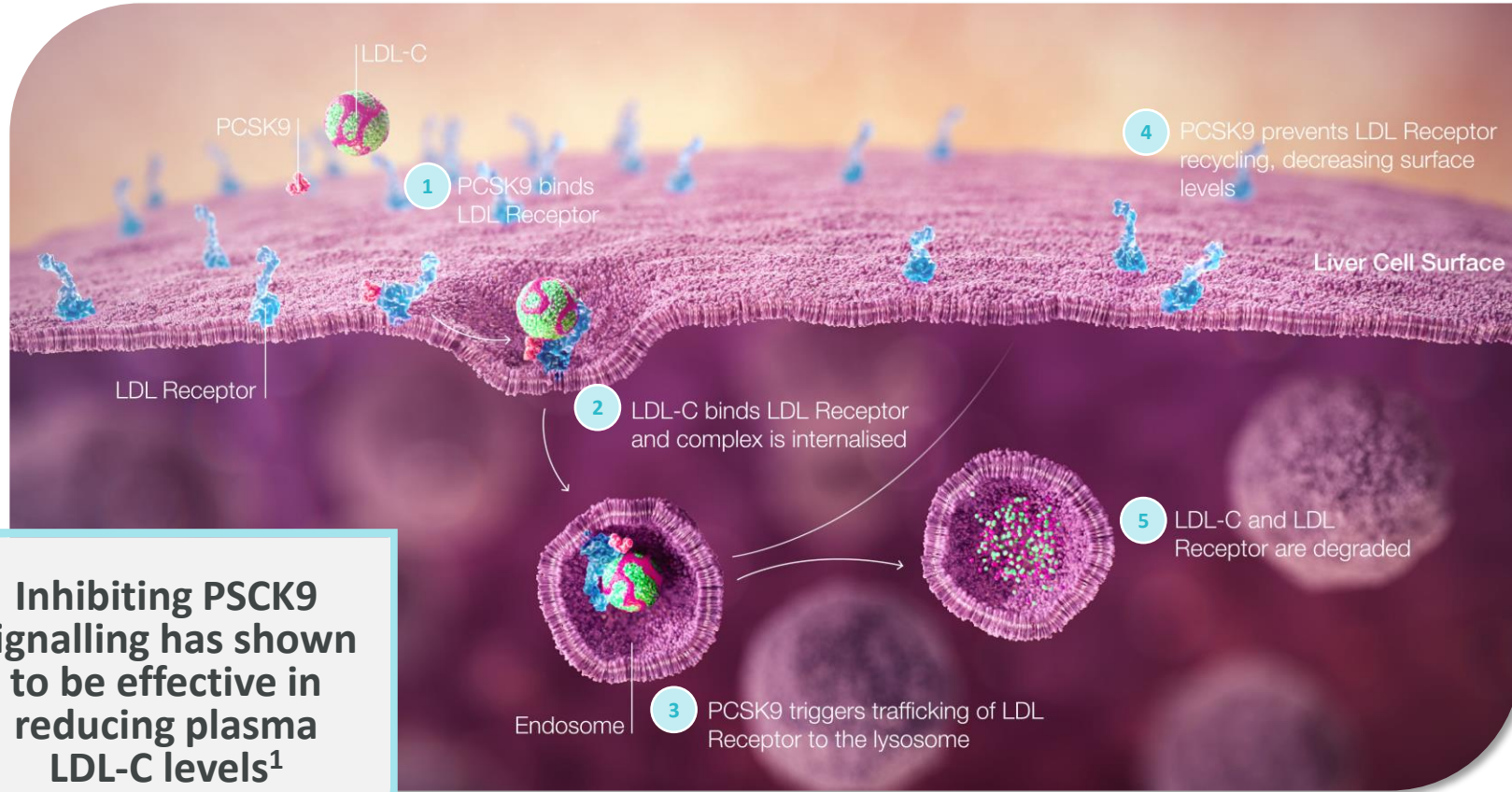


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EVP, BioPharmaceuticals R&D

“ Our work in dyslipidaemia builds on our strong heritage in cardiovascular, renal and metabolic diseases, where we are advancing novel therapies, alone or in combination with other molecules in our extensive portfolio, that could redefine treatment standards and patient outcomes. ”

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PCSK9, a well-known and validated target in LDL-C metabolism



Inhibiting PCSK9 signalling has shown to be effective in reducing plasma LDL-C levels¹

1 PCSK9 binds LDL Receptor

2 LDL-C binds LDL Receptor and complex is internalised

3 PCSK9 triggers trafficking of LDL Receptor to the lysosome

4 PCSK9 prevents LDL Receptor recycling, decreasing surface levels

5 LDL-C and LDL Receptor are degraded

AZD0780, a potential best-in-class oral PCSK9 inhibitor and simple add-on to standard-of-care

Differentiated profile

with high bioavailability, no observed food effect or fasting requirement and no permeability enhancer required

≥50% LDL-C reduction

in addition to standard-of-care statins

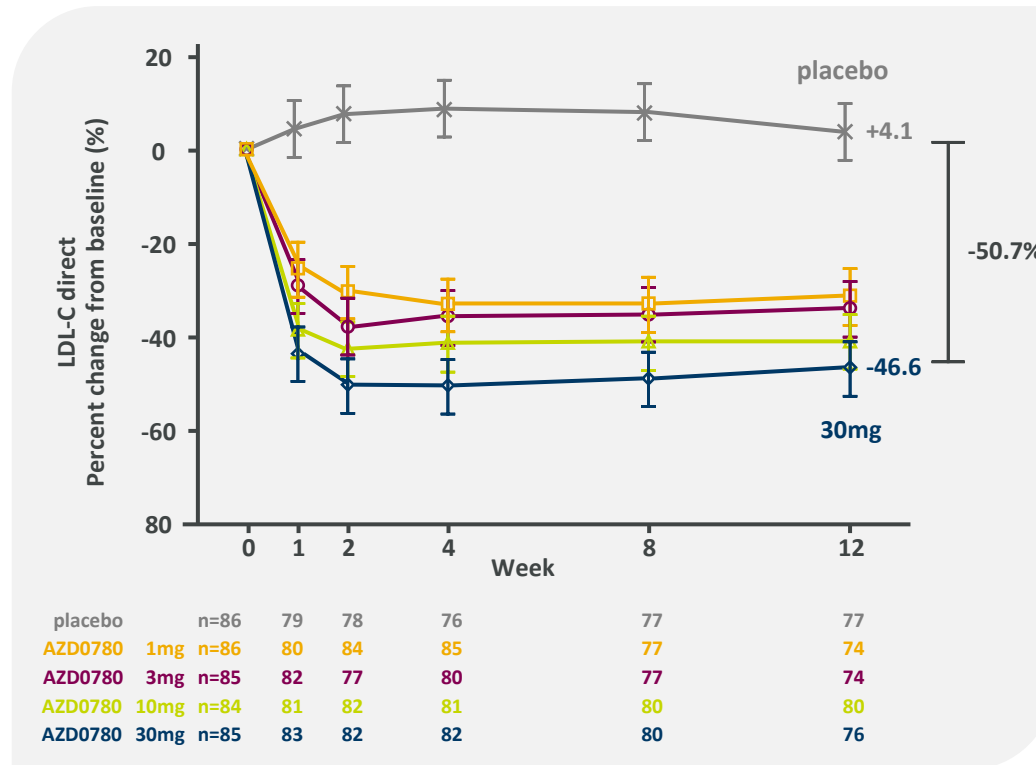
~80% LDL-C reduction

from untreated baseline

Oral small molecule

enabling combinations with other oral small molecules across portfolio

Phase IIb PURSUIT: AZD0780 demonstrated statistically significant LDL-C reduction when administered on top of standard-of-care statins vs. placebo¹



Robust efficacy and favourable tolerability profile:

- 50.7% LDL-C reduction at 12 weeks^{3,4}
- Similar efficacy observed regardless of moderate- or high-dose statin
- Well-tolerated following once-daily administration without any fasting or food requirements

84% of patients met AHA/ACC guideline-recommended LDL-C target (<70 mg/dL)^{1,2}

1. Koren M, Agrawal N, Vega RB, Xu Y, Barbour AM, Rosenmeier JB. Efficacy and safety of AZD0780, an oral small molecule PCSK9 inhibitor for treatment of hypercholesterolemia: Results from a Ph2b randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial. Presented at: American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Session (ACC 2025); 2025 Mar 29-31; Chicago, IL. 2. Koren MJ, Vega RB, Agrawal N, Xu Y, Barbour AM, Yu H, et al. An oral, small molecule PCSK9 inhibitor for treatment of hypercholesterolemia: The PURSUIT randomized trial. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2025; <https://www.jacc.org/doi/10.1016/j.jacc.2025.03.499>. 3. With once-daily AZD0780 (30mg) taken in addition to standard-of-care statins. 4. 95% CI: -59.0%, -42.4%, p<0.001. PCSK9 = protein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; AHA = American Heart Association; ACC = American College of Cardiology.

\$5bn+ potential with oral AZD0780 add-on and combination opportunities

Addressing c.70% of dyslipidaemia patients not reaching LDL-C goals

oPCSK9 add-on AZD0780 + statin

Proven broad efficacy
with 50.7% LDL-C reduction regardless of statin dose (~80% reduction from untreated baseline) which can eliminate LDC-C as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease in the vast majority of patients via once-daily oral tablet with no food effect

Maximising cardiovascular benefit with complimentary lipid-lowering combinations

oPCSK9 combination AZD0780 + lipid-lowering therapy

Revolutionising standard-of-care
with potential to achieve best-in-class efficacy with simplified treatment regime

oPCSK9 + oLp(a) AZD0780 + pre-clinical asset¹

Novel mechanism
with potential lipid-lowering benefit in a range of cardiovascular indications

Potential to reduce residual cardiovascular risk with novel combinations

oPCSK9 + oGLP-1 RA AZD0780 + AZD5004

Potential to reduce cardiovascular disease
by addressing modifiable risk factors of LDL-C, T2D and overweight/obesity

Future potential combination opportunities