

The Value of Genetics in Cardiovascular Risk Assessment: A Sex Specific Approach

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**Coronary Heart Disease is Pandemic,
being the Number One Cause of Death in
the world**

**One-third of all males and
females in the world die of
heart disease.**

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Premenopausal Primary Prevention of CAD

A premenopausal, asymptomatic 49
yr. old female on routine checkup
has LDL-C of 160 mg/dl
(4.0 mmol/l) with no other risk factors

GENETICS: PREDOMINANT RISK FACTOR FOR CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

Epidemiologists have
claimed for decades that
40% to 60% of risk for CAD
is due to genetics

A Common Allele on Chromosome 9 Associated with Coronary Heart Disease

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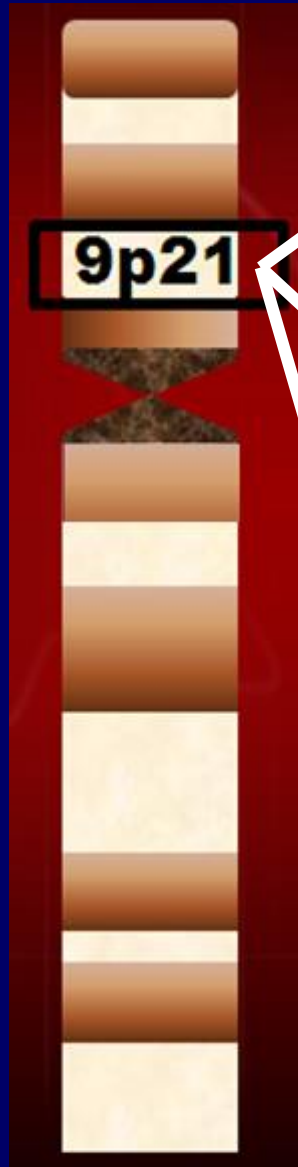
Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease

Genome-wide association study of 14,000 cases of seven common diseases and 3,000 shared controls

Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium

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9p21: First Genetic Risk Factor for CAD 2007



9p21 genetic risk variant is extremely common with one or two copies occurring in **75%** of the population

9p21 risk allele is estimated to be present in **4.5 billion people**

Homozygotes carry increased risk of **50%** for CAD

Heterozygotes carry increased risk of **25%** for CAD

International Consortium for Genome- Wide Association Studies of CAD

Coronary ARtery DIsease Genome-
wide Replication And Meta
Analysis

CARDIoGRAM

2019- 12 Years Later

Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease

- **200 genetic risk variants for CAD**
- **Genome wide significant**
- **Replicated in an independent population**

Common Genetic risk Variants for Coronary Artery Disease

1. Each genetic risk variant predisposing to CAD exerts minimal risk averaging a relative risk of only 8%
2. Risk variants are very common.
 - 50% are present in 50% of the population
 - 30% are present in 75% of the population

Coronary Artery Disease is Preventable

**Randomized clinical trials which
decreased plasma cholesterol
were consistently associated
with a decrease in cardiac
events by 30 to 40%**

Genetic Prediction of Cardiac Events

**The total genetic risk burden for CAD
can be conveniently expressed in a
single number referred to as the:**

Genetic Risk Score (GRS).

Genetic risk, coronary heart disease events, and the clinical benefit of statin therapy: an analysis of primary and secondary prevention trials

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Summary

Background Genetic variants have been associated with the risk of coronary heart disease. In this study, we tested whether or not a composite of these variants could ascertain the risk of both incident and recurrent coronary heart disease events and identify those individuals who derive greater clinical benefit from statin therapy.

Clinical Application of Genetic Risk Variants for CAD

- Sample size 48,421
- Microchip using 27 genetic risk variants for CAD
- Genetic Risk Score use to stratify risk for CAD

Clinical Application of Genetic Variants for CAD

Population Genotyped

Primary prevention clinical trial

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Secondary prevention clinical trial

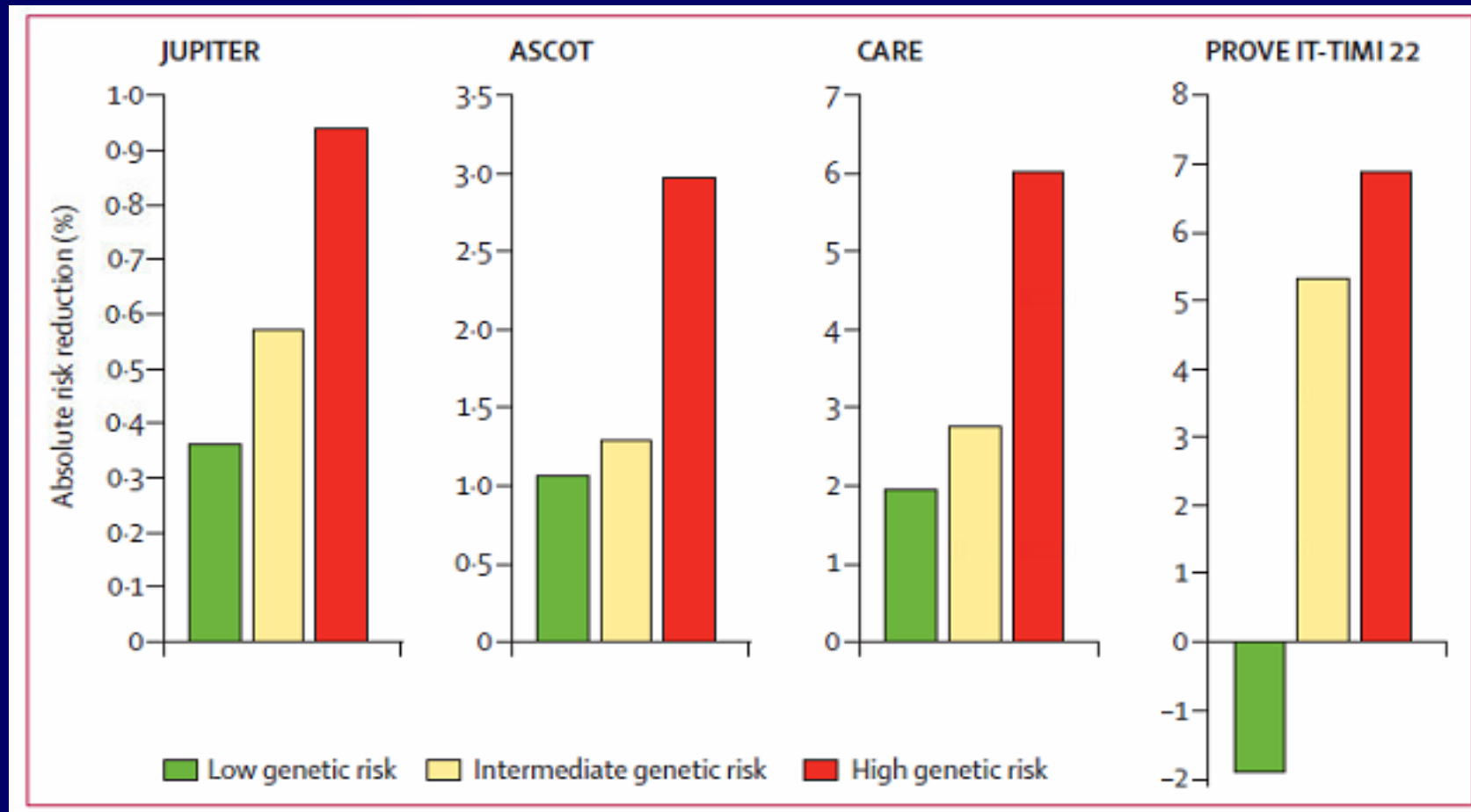
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Community cohort

Malmo diet and cancer study

Genetic Risk Variants Predict Response to Statin Therapy in Each Risk Group



Genetic Risk Score Selects those Who Will Receive the Greatest Therapeutic Benefit

Genetic Score

Prevention of Cardiac Event

(number to treat)

High risk

25

Intermediate risk

42

Low risk

66

West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study (WOSCOPS), Cardia, BioImage

- Sample size of 10,456
- Microchip using 57 genetic risk variants for CAD
- Genetic Risk Score used to stratify for risk of CAD

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Genomic Risk Prediction of CAD in Nearly 500,000 Adults

Early Screening and Primary Prevention



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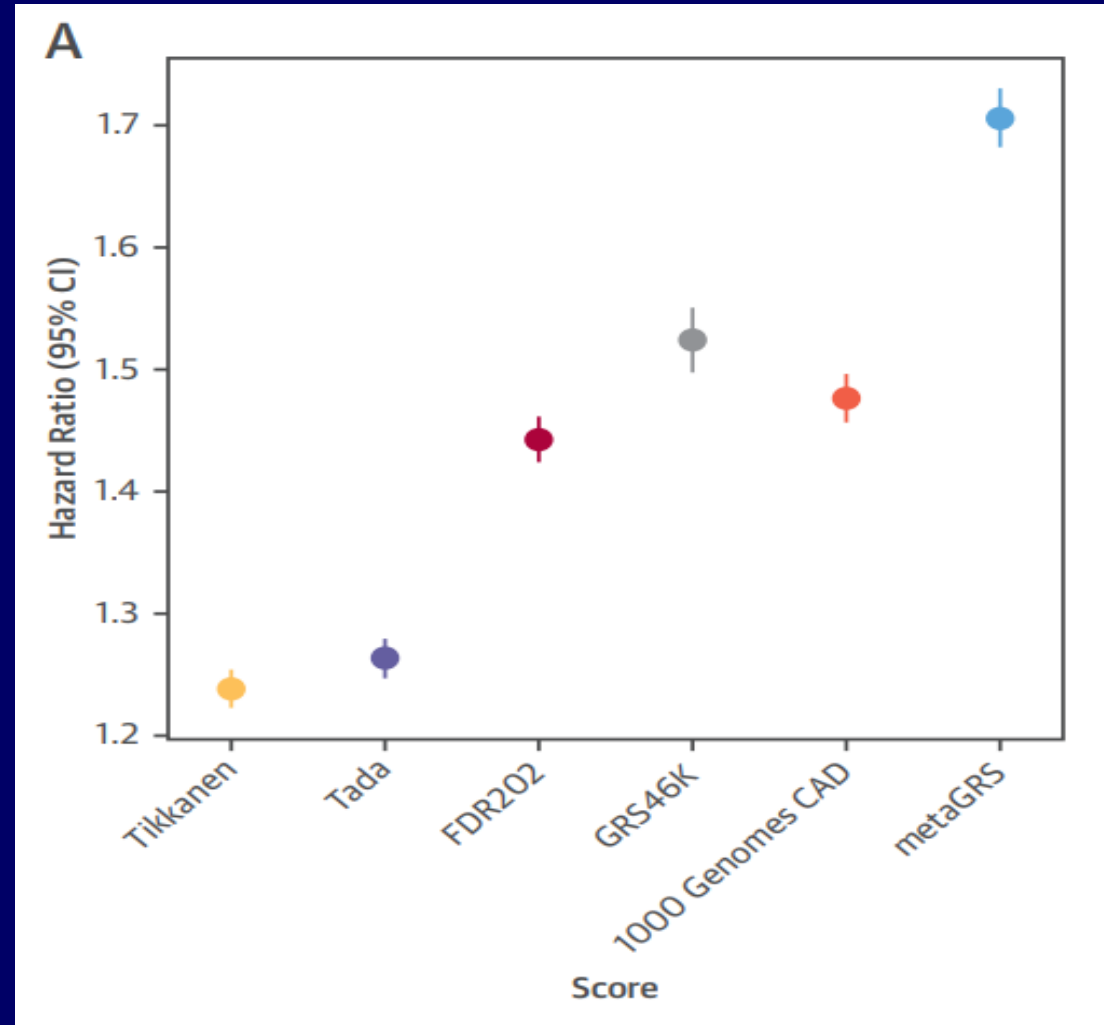
Genomic Risk Prediction of CAD in Nearly 500,000 Adults

- Sample size of 482,629
- Microchip using 1.7million genetic risk variants for CAD
- Genetic Risk Score used to stratify for risk of CAD

Genomic Risk Prediction of CAD in Nearly 500,000 Adults

- Individuals with a GRS in the top 20% had a 4-fold increased risk for CAD.
- GRS is relatively independent of conventional risk factors.
- GRS more potent than conventional risk factors in detecting individuals at risk for CAD.

Genetic Risk Score Based on 1.7 Million Variants Superior to Previous GRS Using Less Variants



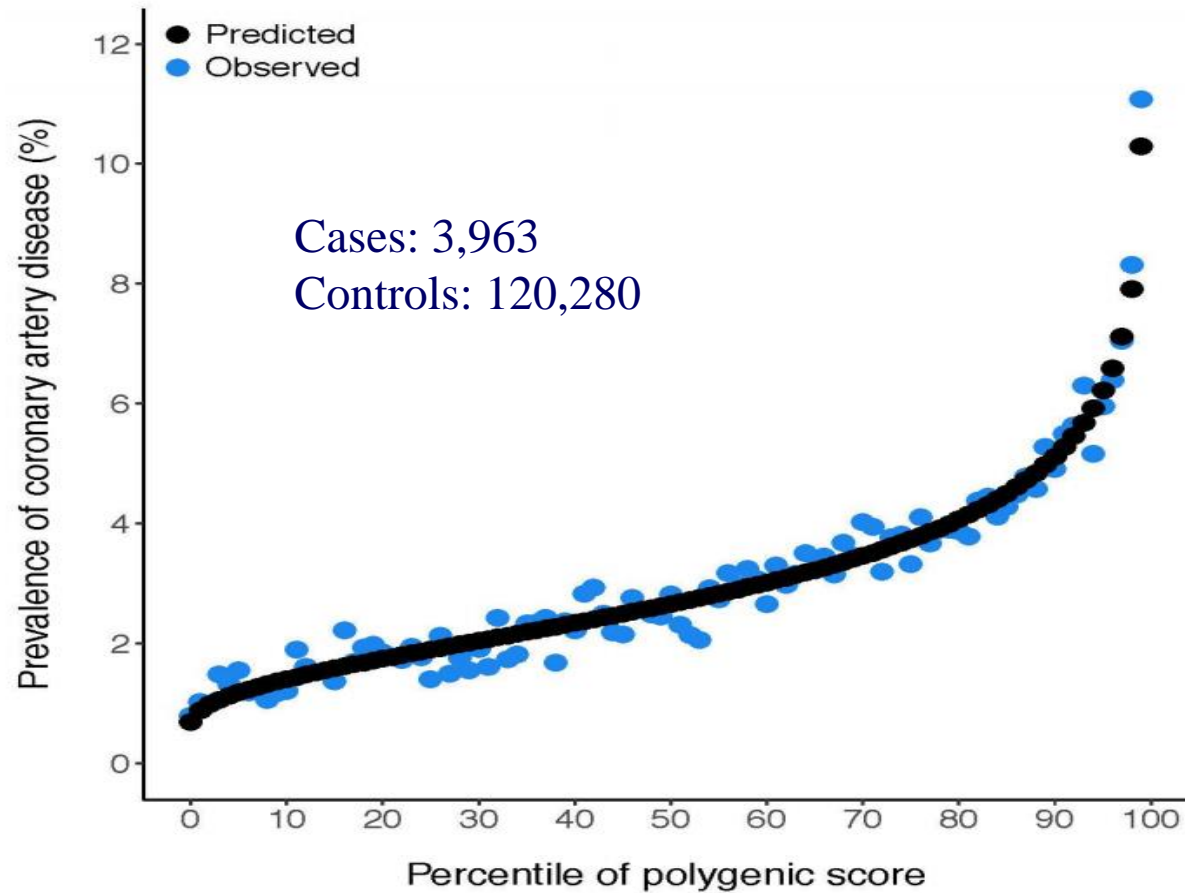
Genome-wide polygenic scores for common diseases identify individuals with risk equivalent to monogenic mutations

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Genetic Risk Stratification For Primary Prevention of CAD

- Sample size of 288,978
- 6,630,150 genetic risk variants for CAD
- Genetic Risk Score used to stratify for risk of CAD

Comparison of Predicted (GRS) vs. Observed Prevalence of CAD in Validation Dataset



Supplementary Figure 2

Predicted versus observed prevalence of coronary artery disease according to genome-wide polygenic score percentile.

For each individual within the UK Biobank testing dataset, the predicted probability of disease was calculated using a logistic regression model with only the genome-wide polygenic score (GPS) as a predictor. The predicted prevalence of disease within each percentile bin of the GPS distribution was calculated as the average predicted probability of all individuals within that bin. The shape of the predicted risk gradient was consistent with the empirically observed risk gradient, reflected by black and blue dots, respectively.

Genomic Risk Prediction of CAD using 6.6 Million Risk Variants

- GRS is relatively independent of conventional risk factors and much more potent in detecting individuals at risk for CAD.
- Individuals with a GRS in the top 20% had a 3-fold increased risk for CAD.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Genetic Risk, Adherence to a Healthy Lifestyle, and Coronary Disease

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Genetic Risk, Adherence to a Healthy Lifestyle, and Coronary Disease

A 50% lower incidence of cardiac events was observed in those individuals with high GRS and a favorable lifestyle

Premenopausal Primary Prevention of CAD

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yr. old female on routine checkup
has LDL-C of 160 mg/dl
(4.0 mm/l) with no other risk factors

Impact and Cost-Effectiveness of Statin Use for Primary Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke

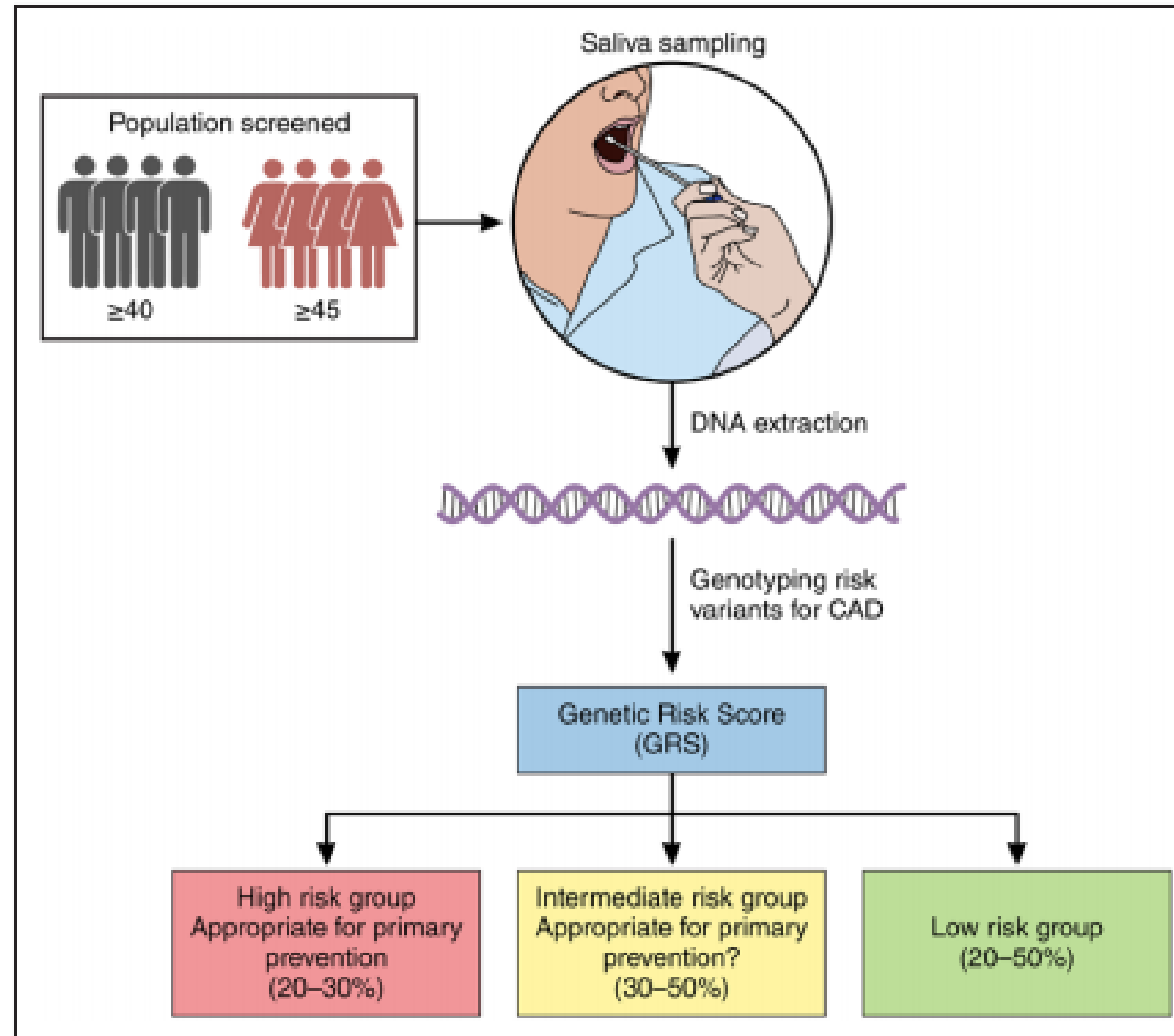
Recommendations:

- Statins for all men 45- 74 yrs.
- Statins for all women 55-74 yrs.
- Extends statin therapy to an additional 28.8 million Americans over current guidelines
- Cost billions of dollars per year

Worldwide Primary Prevention of CAD

- A Female or Male living A normal life Span in the US has a 50% chance of experiencing at least one cardiac event.

Genetic Risk Stratification For Primary Prevention of CAD



Microarray with 1.7 million genetic risk variants for CAD



**Genetic Risk Stratification For Primary
Prevention of CAD**

**Genetic Screening and Risk
Stratification for Primary
Prevention of CAD in
Premenopausal Women and
Asymptomatic Men**

Advantage of Genetic Variants over Conventional Biomarkers

**One saliva or blood sample per
lifetime**

**since one's DNA does not
change over one's lifetime**

Genetic Risk Score for CAD

- Risk stratification for CAD using the GRS has been confirmed in over 1 million cases and controls
- The GRS is relatively independent of conventional risk factors and has superior discriminatory power
- The GRS is independent of age and can be determined any time after birth

Worldwide Primary Prevention of CAD

- **Favorable lifestyle** has been shown to reduce the genetic risk for CAD
- **Statin therapy**, a safe and inexpensive therapy, has been proven to reduce the genetic risk for CAD

Primary Prevention of CAD

Utilizing the Genetic Risk Score to detect CAD risk will represent a **paradigm shift** in primary prevention of CAD

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PERSPECTIVE

Genetic Risk Stratification

**Tipping Point for Global Primary Prevention of Coronary
Artery Disease**

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Concerns for Clinical Application of GRS for Primary Prevention

- **Studies had the same population for Test and Validation- not so for clinical application.**
- **Studies involve primarily whites of European descent.**
- **Regional genetic differences.**

Genetic Risk Score for CAD

Weighted Multi-Marker Genetic Risk Scores for incident CAD among Individuals of African, Latino and East-asian Ancestry

Carlos Iribarren et al. Scientific Reports : 2018, 8, 6853.