

**Title:** Real-world Insights into Evolocumab Use in Patients with Hyperlipidemia Across Five Countries: Analysis from the ZERBINI Study

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**Table S1: ZERBINI Study Investigators**

Country	Name	Institution and City
Canada	Hoag, Gordon, N	Discovery Clinical Services, Victoria
	Mancini, Giovanni Battista John	Centre for Cardiovascular Innovation - The University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver
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	Ahooja, Vineeta	Heart Health Institute, Scarborough
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	Gupta, Milan, K	Brampton Research Associates, Brampton
	McPherson, Phyllis Ruth	University of Ottawa - Heart Institute (UOHI) (Institut de Cardiologie de L'Université d'Ottawa), Ottawa
	Pandey, A. Shekhar	Cambridge Cardiac Care Centre, Cambridge
	Bergeron, Jean	Clinique des maladies lipidiques de Québec (CMLQ Inc.), Québec City
	Gaudet, Daniel	ECOGENE-21, Chicoutimi
Colombia	Hamet, Pavel	Clinique de recherche Medpharmgene, Montréal
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	Roman Gonzalez, Alejandro	Hospital Universitario San Vicente De Paul, Medellin
	Martinez, Erika	Colsanitas, Barranquilla
	Manzur Jattin, Fernando Gabriel	Centro de Diagnostico Cardiologico LTDA, Cartagena
	Hoyos Perez, Carlos Arturo	Asociacion IPS Medicos Internistas de Caldas, Manizales
	Burgos Martinez, Eduardo Antonio	FUNCENTRA IPS Fundacion centro de excelencia en enfermedades cronicas no transmisibles, Monteria
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	Roncancio, Heidy	Cardiocolombia, Bogota
	Trout Guardiola, Guillermo, O	T Y C Inversiones S A S, Santa Marta
	Marin Sanchez, Alejandro	Megacentro Pinares, Pereira
	Contreras Zuniga, Eduardo	Clinica Occidente Cali, Cali
Kuwait	Vesga, Carlos	Fundacion Valle del Lili, Cali
	Akbar, Mousa	Al Sabah Hospital, Safat
Kuwait	AlDashti, Rajaa	Al-Amiri Hospital (Sabah AlAhmed Cardiac Center), Kuwait City

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**Table S2: Reimbursement Criteria for Evolocumab per Country Included in the ZERBINI Study**

Country	Reimbursement in primary prevention patients (FH)	Reimbursement in secondary prevention patients (established ASCVD)
<b>Canada</b>	<p>HeFH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDL-C <math>\geq 2.0</math> mmol/L for secondary prevention or &lt;50% reduction from untreated baseline, after:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Maximally tolerated dose of statins + ezetimibe, OR</li> <li>◦ Ezetimibe for at least 3 months or documented statin intolerance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public access in all provinces and private reimbursement.</li> </ul> <p>HoFH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After last 2 lipid-lowering therapies.</li> <li>• Public (1/10 provinces) and private reimbursement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCVD on maximally tolerated dose of statins or with documented statin intolerance with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Covered by &gt;90% of private payers with no public access.</li> </ul>
<b>Mexico</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HeFH or HoFH on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Private and public (public limited at time of study).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCVD on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Private and public (public limited at time of study).</li> </ul>
<b>Colombia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HeFH (adults) and HoFH (since 13 years) with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Covered by health system when HMO approves its use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCVD on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Covered by health system when HMO approves its use.</li> </ul>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HeFH or HoFH on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Covered by both government and private payers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCVD on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal (private institutions) and &gt;100 mg/dL (Ministry of Health hospitals).</li> <li>• Covered by both government and private payers.</li> </ul>
<b>Kuwait</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HeFH or HoFH on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal.</li> <li>• Covered by both government and private payers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCVD on maximally tolerated dose of statins +/- ezetimibe with LDL-C not at goal and &gt;70 mg/dL.</li> <li>• Covered by both government and private payers.</li> </ul>

ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; HeFH: heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; HMO: Health

Maintenance Organization; HoFH: homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein

cholesterol.

**Table S3: Sensitivity Analysis of LDL-C Outcomes in Evolocumab Completers vs. the Full Cohort**

Median (IQR) LDL-C Concentration in Patients with Both Baseline & 1-12 Month Follow-up Measures	Completers <sup>a</sup>	Full Cohort <sup>b</sup>
	N=330	N=417
<b>Baseline</b>		
mmol/L	3.5 (2.8-4.4)	3.6 (2.8-4.4)
mg/dL	135.3 (108.3-170.2)	139.2 (108.3-170.2)
<b>1-12 months follow-up</b>		
mmol/L	1.3 (0.9-2.1)	1.0 (0.6-1.8)
mg/dL	50.3 (34.8-81.2)	38.7 (23.2-69.6)
<b>Median (IQR) LDL-C Concentration in Patients with Baseline, 1-6 Month &amp; 7-12 Month Follow-up Measures</b>	<b>N=170</b>	<b>N=215</b>
<b>Baseline</b>		
mmol/L	3.7 (2.9-4.6)	3.7 (2.9-4.5)
mg/dL	143.1 (112.1-177.9)	143.1 (112.1-174.0)
<b>1-6 months follow-up</b>		
mmol/L	1.3 (0.7-2.0)	1.1 (0.7-1.8)
mg/dL	50.3 (27.1-77.3)	42.5 (27.1-69.6)
<b>7-12 months follow-up</b>		
mmol/L	1.4 (0.8-2.1)	1.3 (0.8-2.2)
mg/dL	54.1 (30.9-81.2)	50.3 (30.9-85.1)

<sup>a</sup>Data represent patients who remained on evolocumab at the end of the 12-month study follow-up period, with an LDL-C measure at baseline (measured within 6 months prior to initiation of evolocumab) and their mean LDL-C measure during the indicated follow-up timeframes; <sup>b</sup>Data represent patients with an LDL-C measure at baseline (measured within 6 months prior to initiation of evolocumab) and their minimum LDL-C measure during the indicated timeframes over the 12-month follow-up period.

IQR: interquartile range; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

**Table S4: Lipid-lowering Therapy Usage at Baseline Across Studied Countries**

LLT n (%)	Overall (N=578)	North America		South America	Middle East	
		Canada (N=131)	Mexico (N=108)	Colombia (N=114)	Saudi Arabia (N=155)	Kuwait (N=70)
<b>Statin<sup>a</sup></b>	437 (75.6)	73 (55.7)	64 (59.3)	93 (81.6)	147 (94.8)	60 (85.7)
<b>Ezetimibe (without statin)</b>	39 (6.7)	19 (14.5)	3 (2.8)	13 (11.4)	3 (1.9)	1 (1.4)
<b>Ezetimibe + statin</b>	168 (29.1)	51 (38.9)	8 (7.4)	50 (43.9)	45 (29.0)	14 (20.0)
<b>Bile acid sequestrant</b>	16 (2.8)	14 (10.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
<b>Other LLT<sup>b</sup></b>	25 (4.3)	4 (3.1)	9 (8.3)	5 (4.4)	1 (0.6)	6 (8.6)
<b>Reported statin intolerance</b>	206 (35.6)	81 (61.8)	48 (44.4)	39 (34.2)	12 (7.7)	26 (37.1)
<b>Number of statins reported intolerant to:</b>	<b>(N=206)</b>	<b>(N=81)</b>	<b>(N=48)</b>	<b>(N=39)</b>	<b>(N=12)</b>	<b>(N=26)</b>
1	119 (57.8)	27 (33.3)	43 (89.6)	17 (43.6)	12 (100)	20 (76.9)
2	39 (18.9)	21 (25.9)	3 (6.3)	10 (25.6)	0 (0.0)	5 (19.2)
3	35 (17.0)	23 (28.4)	2 (4.2)	9 (23.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (3.8)
≥4	13 (6.3)	10 (12.3)	0 (0.0)	3 (7.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

<sup>a</sup>Any patient on a statin; <sup>b</sup>Other LLT included Epacor, Fibrates, and Niacin.

LLT: Lipid-lowering therapy.

**Table S5: LDL-C Measurement Incidence & Characteristics Over Study Period**

<b>Incidence of LDL-C Measurements</b>	<b>N=578 n (%)</b>
<b>Baseline LDL-C measurement<sup>a</sup></b>	
Yes	539 (93.3)
No	39 (6.7)
<b>≥1 follow-up LDL-C measurement<sup>b</sup></b>	
Yes	445 (77.0)
No	133 (23.0)
<b>Median (IQR) number of LDL-C measurements</b>	1 (1-2)
<b>Follow-up LDL-C Measurement Characteristics</b>	<b>N=445</b>
<b>Median (IQR) number of LDL-C measurements</b>	2 (1-3)
<b>Frequency of LDL-C measurements, n (%)</b>	
1	174 (39.1)
2 <sup>b</sup>	129 (29.0)
≥3 <sup>b</sup>	142 (31.9)
<b>Median (IQR) days from evolocumab initiation to LDL-C measurement, days</b>	
First measure	87 (46-148)
Last measure	247 (153-315)

<sup>a</sup>The last LDL-C measured within six months prior to initiation of evolocumab was regarded as the baseline LDL-C;

<sup>b</sup>In patients with multiple LDL-C measures during the 12-month follow-up period, their minimum value was used for analysis.

IQR: interquartile range; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

**Table S6: LDL-C Reductions from Baseline Over Study Period in the Full Study Cohort (N=417)<sup>a</sup>**

<b>LDL-C Reduction from Baseline</b>	<b>N=417 n (%)</b>
<b>≥30%</b>	372 (89.2)
<b>≥50%</b>	317 (76.0)
<b>≥80%</b>	115 (27.6)
<b>Any reduction</b>	406 (97.4)
<b>No reduction<sup>b</sup></b>	11 (2.6)

<sup>a</sup>Data represent patients with an LDL-C measure at baseline (measured within 6 months prior to initiation of evolocumab) and their minimum LDL-C measure during the 12-month study follow-up period; <sup>b</sup>Three of the 11 patients with no LDL-C reduction discontinued evolocumab and 1 patient missed 2 consecutive doses (28 days of no drug). 6 of the 11 patients had unknown FH status.

FH: familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

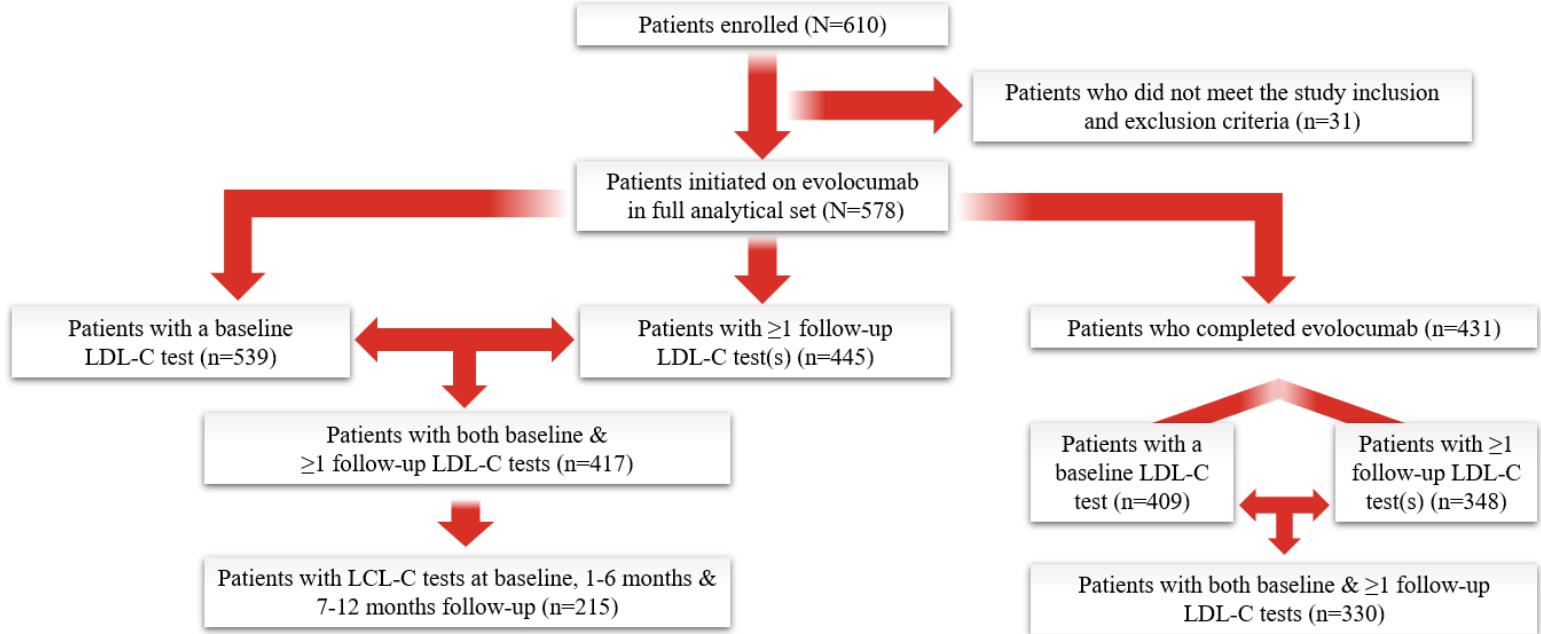
**Table S7: Treatment Emergent Adverse Drug Reactions by System Organ Class and Preferred Term in Descending Frequency (N=579)**

System Organ Class Preferred Term	Total (N = 579) n (%)
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>	<b>6 (1.0)</b>
Myalgia	3 (0.5)
Arthralgia	1 (0.2)
Back pain	1 (0.2)
Muscle discomfort	1 (0.2)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	<b>6 (1.0)</b>
Dizziness	4 (0.7)
Headache	3 (0.5)
Balance disorder	1 (0.2)
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>	<b>4 (0.7)</b>
Chest pain	1 (0.2)
Fatigue	1 (0.2)
Illness	1 (0.2)
Puncture site haematoma	1 (0.2)
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>	<b>4 (0.7)</b>
Catarrh	1 (0.2)
Dyspnoea	1 (0.2)
Sinus congestion	1 (0.2)
Throat irritation	1 (0.2)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>	<b>3 (0.5)</b>
Influenza	2 (0.3)
Sinusitis	1 (0.2)
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>	<b>3 (0.5)</b>
Pruritus	1 (0.2)
Rash	1 (0.2)
Skin lesion	1 (0.2)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	<b>2 (0.3)</b>
Dyspepsia	1 (0.2)
Nausea	1 (0.2)

**Table S8: Full List of Ethics Committees**

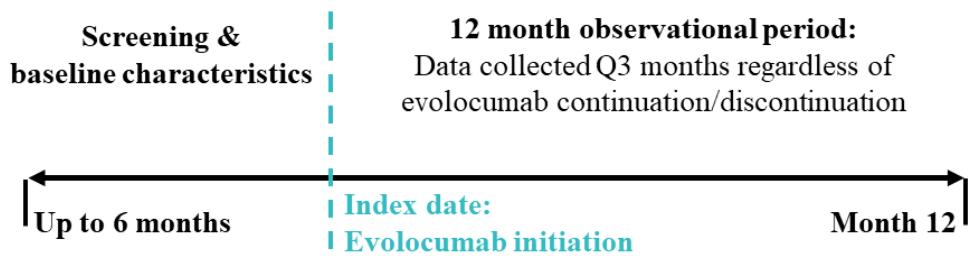
Site Country	PI Full Name	Site No	Site Member Organization	EC Full Name	Ethical Approval Numbers
Colombia	Burgos Martinez, Eduardo Antonio	32730001	FUNCENTRA IPS Fundacion centro de excelencia en enfermedades cronicas no transmisibles	Research Ethics Committee of the Mental Hospital of Antioquia E.S.E.	
Colombia	Gomez Lopez, Efrain Alonso	32730002	Fundacion Clinica Abood-Shaio / Fundacion Abbod Shaio	Research Ethics Committee Abood Shaio Foundation	
Colombia	Leal, Janeth	32730003	IPS Universitaria, Servicios de Salud, Universidad de Antioquia	Universitaria IPS Research and Ethics Committee	
Colombia	Roman Gonzalez, Alejandro	32730004	Hospital Universitario San Vicente De Paul	Research Ethics Committee San Vicente Paul Hospital Foundation	
Colombia	Vesga, Carlos	32730007	Fundacion Valle del Lili	Comite de Etica en Investigacion Biomedica of Fundacion Valle del Lili	
Colombia	Contreras Zuniga, Eduardo	32730010	Clinica Occidente Cali	Ethics Committee on Human Reasearch Angiografia de Occidente S.A.	
Colombia	Marin Sanchez, Alejandro	32730015	Megacentro Pinares	Comite Regional de Etica en Investigacion Clinica del Eje Cafetero (CREICEC)	
Colombia	Alberto Garcia, Angel	32730017	Hospital Universitario San Ignacio	Institutional Research and Ethics Committee of the Pontifical Xavierian University School of Medicine	
Colombia	Trout Guardiola, Guillermo, O	32730022	T Y C Inversiones S A S	Research Ethics Committee of the Mental Hospital of Antioquia E.S.E.	
Colombia	Manzur Jattin, Fernando Gabriel	32730023	Centro de Diagnostico Cardiologico LTDA	El Comite de Etica en Investigacion del Centro de Diagnostico Cardiologico para la investigacion biomedica	
Colombia	Martinez, Erika	32730024	Colsanitas	El Comite de Etica en Investigaciones del Oriente	

**Figure S1: ZERBINI Study Patient Sample Size Flowchart**

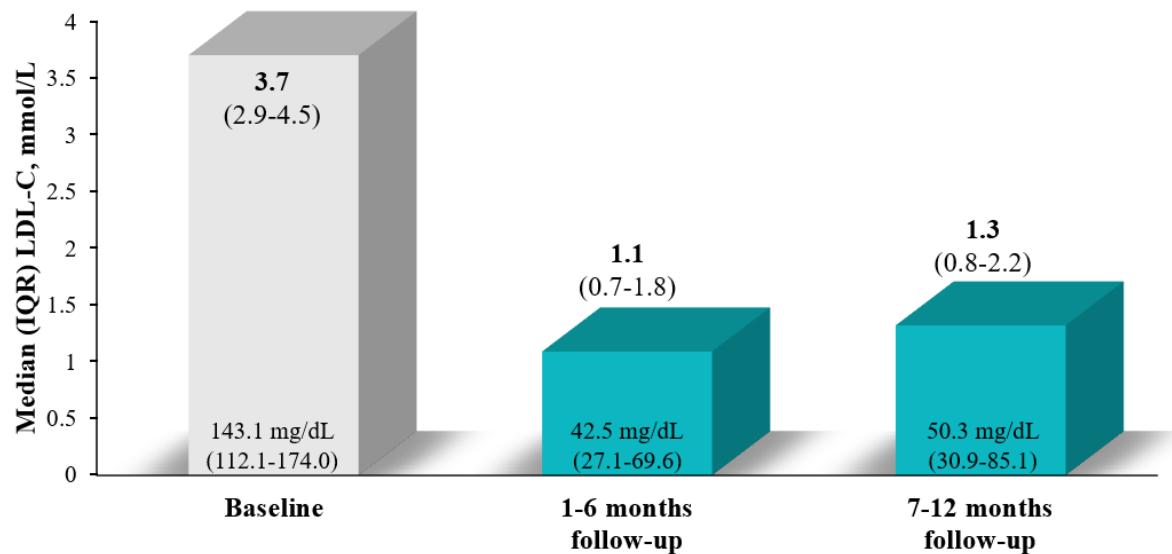


LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

**Figure S2: Study Schema**



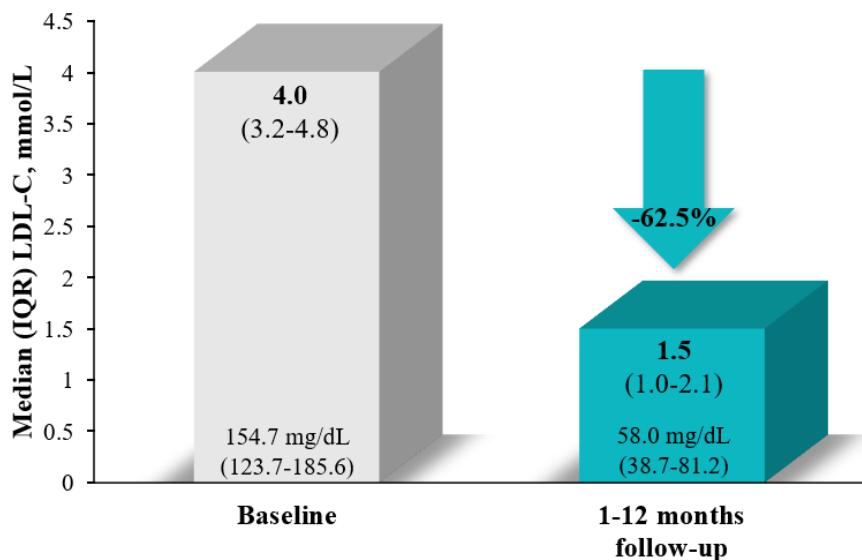
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IQR: interquartile range; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

**Figure S4: Median LDL-C Concentrations at Baseline and Follow-up in Patients on Evolocumab Monotherapy (N=63)\***



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