## Early Efficacy and Safety of Statin Therapy in Korean Patients with Hypercholesterolemia

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- Of 908 patients, atorvastatin and rosuvastatin were most frequently prescribed statins (63.1% and 29.3%, respectively).
- High intensity statins (atorvastatin 40 mg or rosuvastatin 20 mg) were prescribed in 24.7% of all patients and in 79.5% of high and very high risk groups for 8 weeks.

Parameters	Atorvastatin 40 mg
	(or Rosuvastatin 20 mg)
Total Cholesterol Reduction	-63.1 mg/dL
LDL-C Reduction	-54.9 mg/dL
Achievement of LDL-C goal in	
Low risk group	98.6%
Moderate risk group	95%
High risk group	88.1%
Very high risk group	42.1%

The efficacy of the usual starting dose of statins in daily practice was relatively insufficient in hypercholesterolemic patients with high or very high risks. Thus, high intensity statins should be prescribed in this population.