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# HDL raising as a new therapeutic intervention and Roche's CETP inhibitor R1658

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## **Agenda**

## HDL raising and Roche's CETP inhibitor

#### Introduction

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#### Metabolic Diseases Patterns and Market

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#### HDL raising: The new target

Prof. Dr. Philip Barter, Director, Heart Research Institute, Sydney

#### Safety data for Roche's CETP inhibitor

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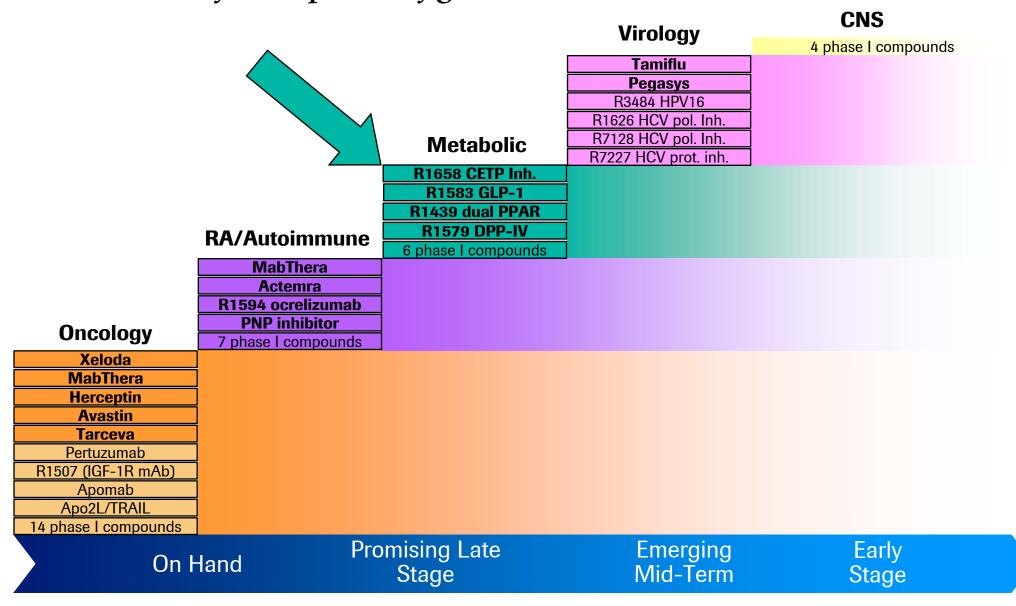
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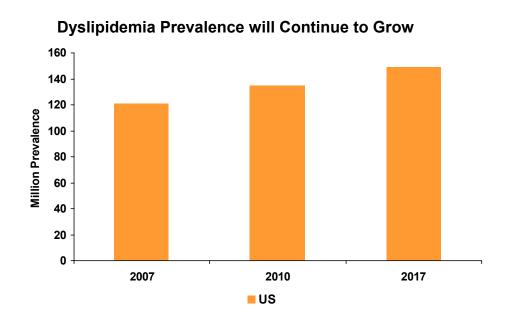
## Roche key therapeutic areas

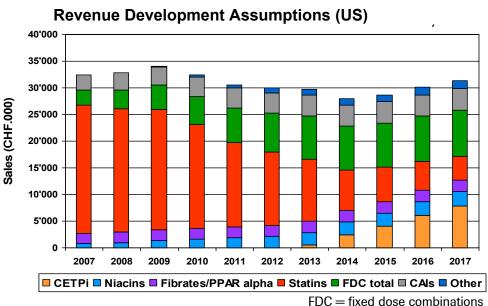
Current and future pillars of growth





# Dyslipidemia: Future growth driven by HDL treatment





**CETP** inhibitors and other HDL raising drugs will be responsible for the majority of market value



### **Metabolic diseases patterns and market**

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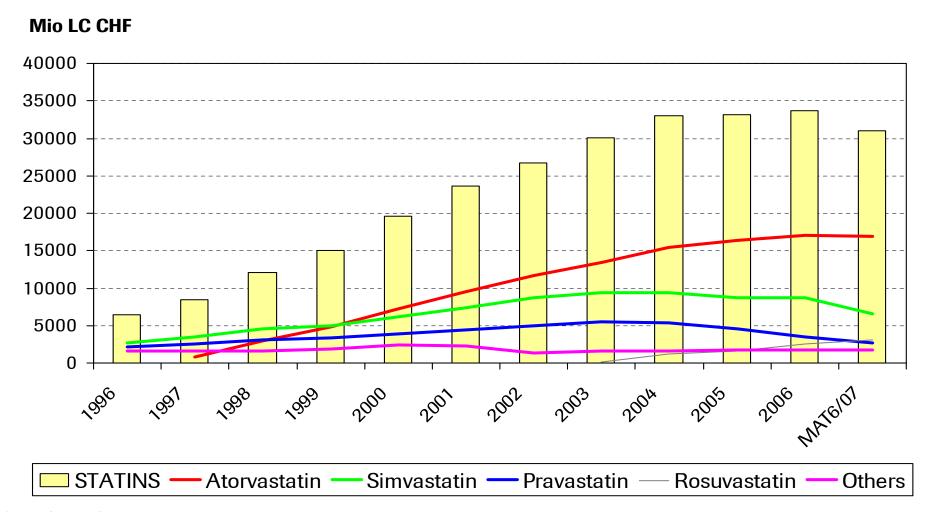
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### **Global Statin Market - CHF 31bn**





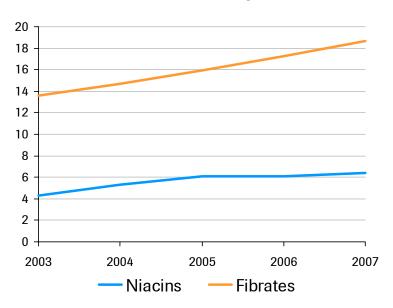
## The Market Today

## HDL as an emerging target in dyslipidemia

#### **Short Term**

- Currently 6 million TRx/year in the US
- Market growth will be driven by Niacin based combinations
  - Moderate to severe flushing occurs in more than 30% of patients

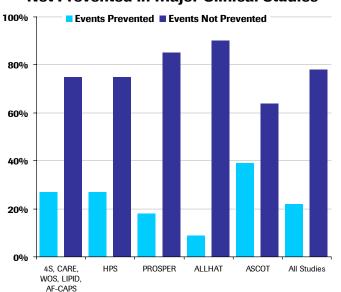
#### **US Niacin and Fibrate Scripts (MM TRx)**



#### **Medium Term**

- Entry of the CETPi class
- CETPi class will launch with M&M data in high risk populations
- CETPi are expected to be prescribed on top of statins to treat cardiovascular residual risk

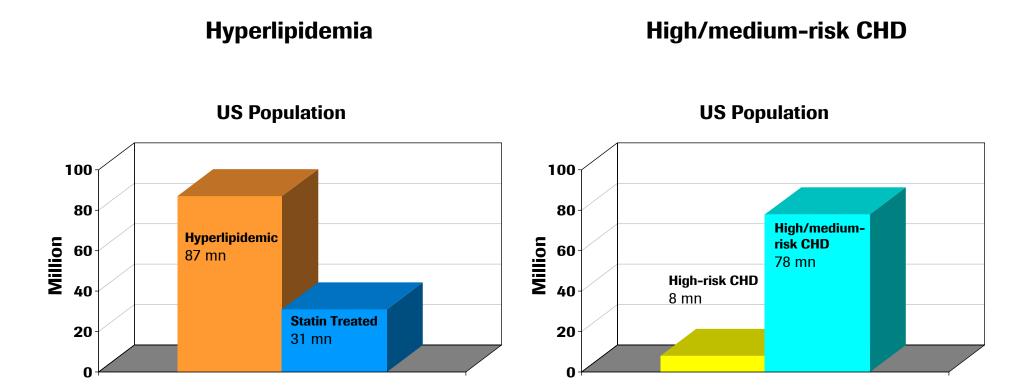
## Percentage of Cardiovascular Events Prevented or Not Prevented in Major Clinical Studies





## High / Medium-Risk CHD patients in US

# Patients potentially benefiting from HDL raising





## The Dyslipidemic Market

## Differences between LDL and HDL hypothesis

#### **LDL**

- Validated surrogate marker
- Established scientific understanding of the LDL particle
- M&M data is not a launch requirement for LDL compounds
- Mature market
- Generics (statins)

#### **HDL**

- Non-validated surrogate marker
- Evolving scientific understanding of the HDL particle
- M&M data is a launch requirement for CETP class
- Emerging market
- Few compounds to raise HDL in phase III clinical development



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### **HDL** raising: The new target

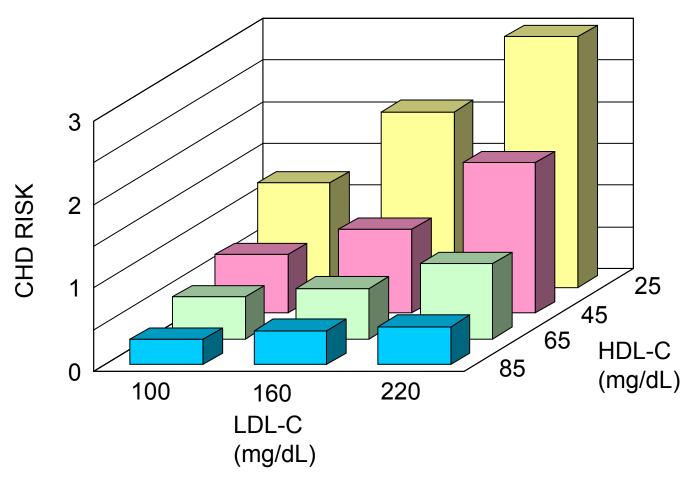
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# FRAMINGHAM: Low HDL-C is an independent factor of CHD risk even when LDL-C is low

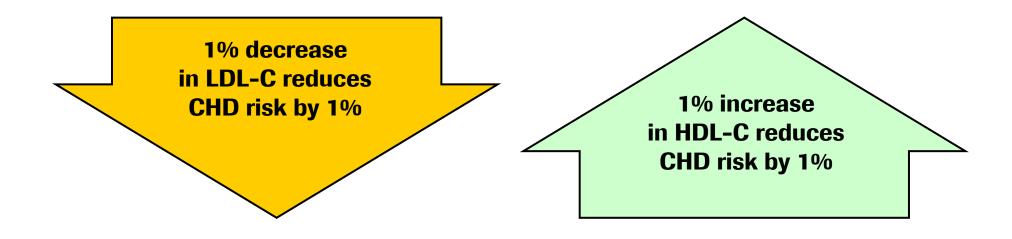


A highly significant correlation in more than 10'000 individuals, across two generations.

\* Men aged 50-70

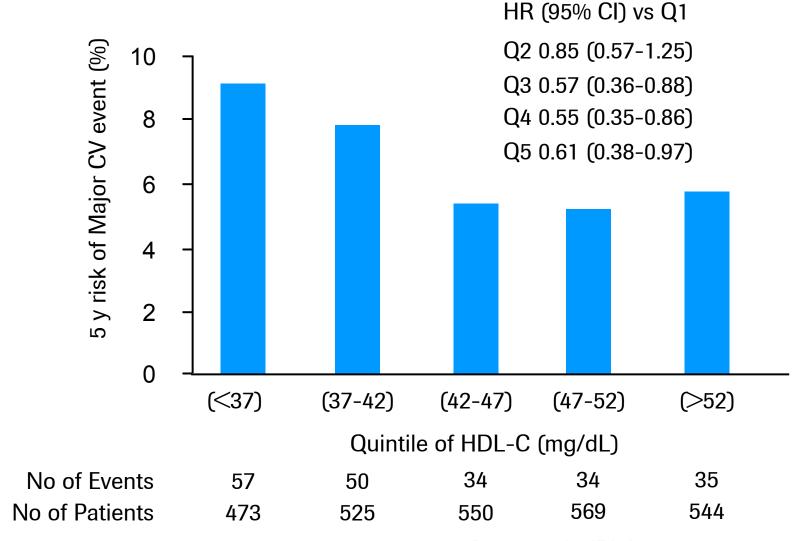


# Relationship Between Changes in LDL-C and HDL-C Levels and CHD Risk



# TNT Trial: Major Cardiovascular Event Frequency by HDL level in group with LDL-C < 70 mg/dL





## **Benefits of raising HDL**



#### **Animal studies**

 Raising HDL-C either by infusing HDL or by increasing the synthesis of apoA-I by genetic manipulation greatly inhibits the development of atherosclerosis in both mice and rabbits

#### **Human Studies**

- Raising HDL-C by treatment with either niacin or fibrates in intervention trials is associated with a slowing of progression of CAD and a reduction in CV events.
- Infusion of reconstituted HDL reduces the atherosclerosis burden as assessed by IVUS.

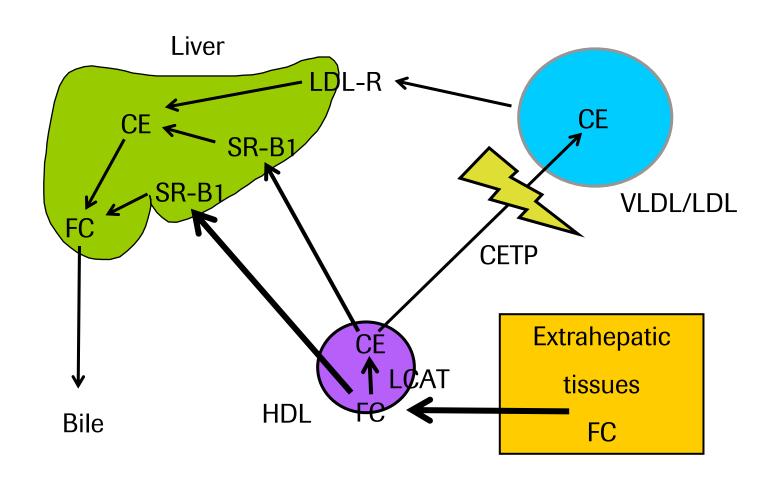




#### Promote cholesterol efflux from macrophages

- Anti-oxidant properties
- Anti-thrombotic properties
- Anti-inflammatory properties
- Improve endothelial function
- Promote endothelial repair
- Other

# Effect of CETP inhibition on plasma cholesterol transport





## Relationship between CETP and atherosclerosis

#### **Animal studies (Rodents)**

- Rodents naturally deficient in CETP
- Rodents naturally resistant to development of atherosclerosis
- Expression of CETP in transgenic mice and rats increases atherosclerosis in most (but not all) models

#### **Animal studies (Rabbits)**

- Rabbits have high level of activity of CETP
- Rabbits naturally highly susceptible to the development of atherosclerosis
- Inhibition of CETP in rabbits decreases atherosclerosis in all models



## Relationship between CETP and atherosclerosis

#### **Human studies**

- Torcetrapib inhibits CETP in humans and raises HDL-C by about 60% and lowers LDL-C by more than 20%
- In human studies torcetrapib had no effect on atherosclerosis in three imaging trials
- In human studies torcetrapib increased both mortality and major cardiovascular events in a large end-point trial



# Off-target pharmacological effects of torcetrapib unrelated to CETP inhibition

In patients receiving torcetrapib in the ILLUMINATE trial there was a significant:

- Increase in blood pressure
- Decrease in serum potassium
- Increase in serum bicarbonate
- Increase in serum sodium
- Increase in serum aldosterone

The adverse outcome in the ILLUMINATE trial may thus have been the consequence of an off-target pharmacology of torcetrapib unrelated to CETP inhibition.

## The changes in potassium and bicarbonate predicted (Roche) adverse outcome in the ILLUMINATE trial



Deaths by changes in K+ and HCO3- from baseline to month 1

#### **Decrease in serum potassium**

	Decrease ≥ Median (≥ 0.1 mmol/L)	Decrease < Median (< 0.1 mmol/L)	N/C*
Sample size	3709	3629	195
Deaths (%)	54 (1.46)	35 (0.96)	4 (2.05)

#### Increase in serum bicarbonate

	Increase > Median (> 0.7 mmol/L)	Increase ≤ Median (≤ 0.7 mmol/L)	N/C*
Sample size	3669	3695	169
Deaths (%)	54 (1.47)	35 (0.95)	4 (2.37)

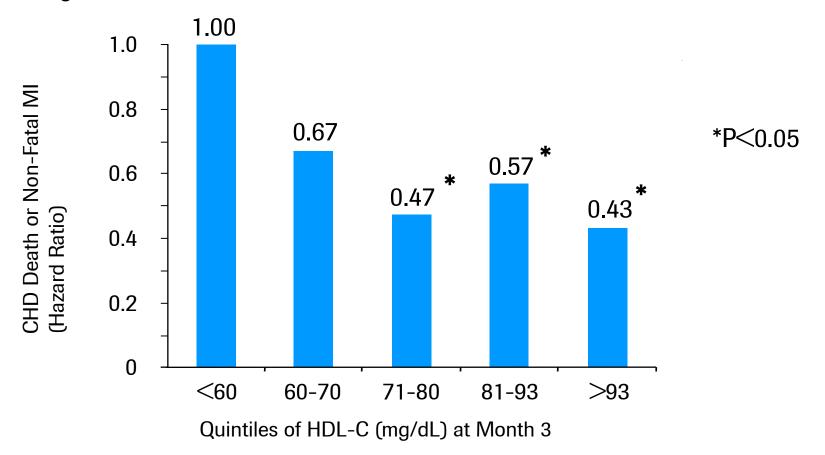
N/C = not classified due to missing value

### **ILLUMINATE** trial:



# The higher the achieved HDL-C in the torcetrapib treated patients, the lower the event rate

Hazard ratios for CHD Death or Non-Fatal MI by quintile of on-trial HDL-C (referent group is HDL-C < 60 mg/dL stratum)



Cox proportional hazard model adjusted for age, gender and baseline HDL-C. Excludes 265 patients with missing month 3 HDL-C.



# What is the future of CETP inhibition as an antiatherogenic strategy in humans?

#### Given:

- the powerful evidence in animal studies that inhibiting CETP is anti-atherogenic and
- that off-target effects of torcetrapib unrelated to CETP inhibition may have been responsible for the adverse outcome in the ILLUMINATE trial

There is a compelling case for further testing of the hypothesis that inhibiting CETP will be anti-atherogenic in humans so long as the hypothesis is tested with a CETP inhibitor that does not share the off-target pharmacology of torcetrapib.



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### **CETP Inhibitors**

## R1658 is a unique CETPi

- In contrast to the majority of other CETPi, R1658 has a different chemical backbone to Torcetrapib
- In patients treated with R1658, HDL is of normal composition
- In pre-clinical models and in clinical trials up to phase II, data showed that R1658 at therapeutic doses had a similar safety profile to placebo, including effects on blood pressure and RAAS activation

#### R1658

#### **Torcetrapib**



# Blood pressure and renin-angiotensin system genes

#### Stroes ESG et al, poster number 1021-204 presented at ACC 08

- Rat model to investigate the off-target toxicity of two CETP inhibitors
- Investigators reported
  - Torcetrapib dose-dependently increased blood pressure and the expression of reninangiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) genes involved in regulating blood pressure
  - R1658 did not change blood pressure, heart rate or RAAS gene expression
- In contrast to torcetrapib, R1658 was not associated with the off-target toxicity on RAAS gene expression
- In this model, R1658, unlike torcetrapib, did not change blood pressure

## **General safety profile of R1658**



#### Stein EA et al, poster number 1028-167 presented at ACC 08

- The safety profile of the CETPi R1658 was evaluated
  - data from five Phase 2 clinical trials
  - 561 patients received R1658; 277 received placebo
  - Treatment period of up to 12 weeks in duration
- There were no deaths in any of the studies
- Incidence of adverse events was similar in placebo and R1658 treatment groups
- Gastrointestinal side effects occur more frequently in R1658 treatment groups
- Incidence of adverse events did not increase with increasing dose
- Blood pressure remained stable over the study period
- R1658 was generally well tolerated in Phase 2 studies



## Cardiovascular (CV) safety profile of R1658

#### Steiner G et al, poster number 1028-166 presented at ACC 08

- Specific CV safety and tolerability were assessed in a detailed analysis
  - data from five phase 2 clinical trials
  - 561 patients received R1658; 277 received placebo
  - Treatment period of up to 12 weeks in duration
- CV adverse events occurred at a similar low frequency in placebo and R1658 groups
- Severity and causality of CV adverse events were not related to R1658 dose
- No clinically relevant changes in blood pressure was observed.
- R1658 was generally well tolerated in phase 2 trials



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## M & M Study

### Rationale

- Mortality and morbidity data: only true evaluation of the CV benefits of raising HDL-C by CETPi
- R1658 is being investigated to reduce CV risk on top of current recommended standard of care for CV risk factors
- Currently the only route to approval of CETPi

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## M&M Study

## Patient population

- Roche trial will focus on high-risk CHD patients, after a recent event
- M&M study population
  - Selected after thorough consultation with medical/scientific experts and health authorities
  - Have the highest likelihood to benefit from treatment with CETPi
  - Will be closely monitored to detect, as early as possible, clinically meaningful differences between treated and controlled groups



## **M&M Study Design**

## Trial in high-risk CHD patients, after a recent event

- Approx 15'600 patients considered to have stable disease after a recent event
- Randomized to active treatment or placebo
- Optimized background therapy to assess "real" effect of raising HDL-C
- Study to run until final adjudicated event occurs



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**Phase III M+M study** 

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## **CETPi – Development Plan**

## Step-wise investment – several key decision points

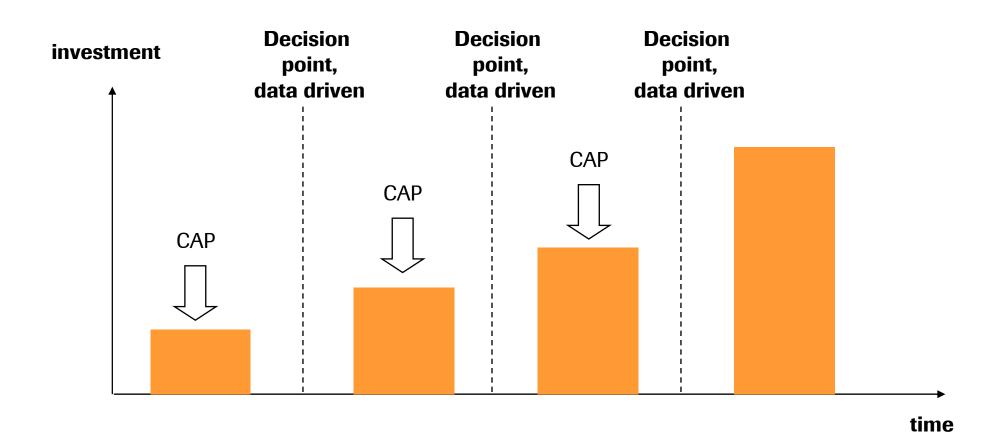
- Thorough, structured and step-wise phase III clinical programme implemented
- Strict safety monitoring through independent DSMB\*: rapid assessment of findings in all studies throughout the phase III programme
- Key decision points incorporated to determine clinical trials progression
- Ongoing investment decisions matched to key decision points

<sup>\*</sup> Data Safety Monitoring Board



## **CETPi – Development Plan**

Step-wise investment – several decision points



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### **Metabolic Portfolio**

# Promising Late-Stage Assets

- CETPi first phase III entry
- Compounds approaching phase III
  - GLP-1
  - DPP-IV
  - aleglitazar
- Update on Diabetes portfolio at ADA, June 2008



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