

## Long-term effects of fenofibrate on VLDL and HDL subspecies in participants with type 2 diabetes mellitus

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An incorrect conversion factor was used by the authors resulting in values given in g/l being ten times higher than they should have been. The corrected sections of Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 are reproduced below.

In addition there are two text corrections:

The last paragraph of the Abstract should have read:

*Conclusions/interpretation* Fenofibrate markedly reduced large VLDL particles and produced a clear shift in HDL subspecies towards smaller particles. The HDL3-C increase in conjunction with unchanged apoA-I levels is a dilemma with regard to cardiovascular disease.

The last sentence of the subsection on ‘Impact of homocysteine levels on HDL’ in the Results should have read:

In patients with low homocysteine levels ( $n=42$ ), HDL-C and apoA-I levels were slightly increased by fenofibrate ( $\Delta=0.05$  mmol/l for HDL-C and  $\Delta=0.034$  g/l for apoA-I), whereas in patients with high homocysteine levels ( $n=42$ ) HDL-C and apoA-I levels decreased ( $\Delta=-0.04$  mmol/l for HDL-C and  $\Delta=-0.014$  g/l for apoA-I) ( $p=0.028$  for both the differences in  $\Delta$ HDL-C and  $\Delta$ apoA-I between the low and high homocysteine groups).

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**Table 1** Basic lipid panel and lipid transfer protein activities before and during Fenofibrate treatment

	Baseline	Fifth year		<i>p</i> value
		Difference of change between the groups		
apoB (g/l)				
Placebo	0.96 (0.82–1.07)	1.00 (0.89–1.17)		
Fenofibrate	1.00 (0.91–1.12)	0.84 (0.70–0.98)	–24.7 (–18.4, –31.0)	<0.001

**Table 2** Triacylglycerol, cholesterol and particle mass concentration of VLDL 1, VLDL 2 and IDL in type 2 diabetic patients

	Baseline	Second year		Fifth year		<i>p</i> value
		Difference of change between the groups		Difference of change between the groups		
VLDL1 particle mass (g/l)						
Placebo	0.88 (0.50–1.44)	0.85 (0.51–1.20)	–39.4 (–25.6, –53.6)	0.81 (0.51–1.26)	–43.5 (–29.5, –59.4)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.85 (0.49–1.42)	0.47 (0.25–0.73)		0.38 (0.22–0.85)		
VLDL2 particle mass (g/l)						
Placebo	0.60 (0.42–0.78)	0.60 (0.41–0.80)	–32.1 (–19.2, –44.8)	0.54 (0.42–0.80)	–32.5 (–20.0, –45.3)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.58 (0.39–0.78)	0.36 (0.24–0.52)		0.38 (0.23–0.60)		
IDL particle mass (g/l)						
Placebo	0.39 (0.30–0.50)	0.39 (0.30–0.46)	–5.7 (2.6, –14.5)	0.40 (0.32–0.47)	–12.0 (–2.0, –21.5)	0.019
Fenofibrate	0.38 (0.30–0.49)	0.33 (0.26–0.43)		0.32 (0.25–0.46)		

**Table 3** Cholesterol concentration, particle mass of HDL2 and HDL3, and concentrations of apolipoproteins and apoA-containing lipoproteins in type 2 diabetic patients

	Baseline	Second year		Fifth year		<i>p</i> value
		Difference of change between the groups		Difference of change between the groups		
HDL2 Particle mass (g/l)						
Placebo	0.89 (0.72–1.20)	0.89 (0.71–1.22)	–20.0 (–12.5, –28.0)	0.97 (0.71–1.41)	–23.1 (–13.6, –32.2)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.95 (0.72–1.29)	0.73 (0.55–0.96)		0.76 (0.61–1.02)		
HDL3 Particle mass (g/l)						
Placebo	2.13 (1.93–2.35)	2.32 (2.16–2.58)	7.7 (2.8, 12.8)	2.41 (2.26–2.65)	12.5 (7.2, 17.9)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	2.14 (1.92–2.28)	2.50 (2.24–2.71)		2.69 (2.44–2.94)		
apoA-I (g/l)						
Placebo	1.34 (1.21–1.51)	1.32 (1.21–1.48)	–0.7 (–4.2, 2.8)	1.34 (1.23–1.51)	–0.5 (–3.9, 3.7)	NS
Fenofibrate	1.36 (1.25–1.45)	1.32 (1.21–1.46)		1.34 (1.25–1.50)		
apoA-II (g/l)						
Placebo	0.34 (0.31–0.37)	0.34 (0.31–0.39)	22.9 (18.2, 28.1)	0.31 (0.27–0.37)	26.9 (19.6, 34.4)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.33 (0.30–0.37)	0.40 (0.37–0.46)		0.42 (0.35–0.48)		
LpA-I (g/l)						
Placebo	0.48 (0.41–0.61)	0.46 (0.37–0.59)	–20.4 (–13.4, –27.5)	0.48 (0.39–0.65)	–21.1 (–12.7, –30.0)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.49 (0.41–0.59)	0.35 (0.30–0.42)		0.39 (0.31–0.45)		
LpAI-AII (g/l)						
Placebo	0.83 (0.75–0.90)	0.86 (0.78–0.95)	10.6 (5.5, 16.0)	0.83 (0.77–0.96)	11.5 (5.3, 17.3)	<0.001
Fenofibrate	0.83 (0.77–0.92)	0.96 (0.89–1.06)		0.97 (0.88–1.07)		

**Table 4** The baseline HDL panel in the groups of low and high homocysteine levels

	Lowest quartile ( <i>n</i> =56)	Highest quartile ( <i>n</i> =60)	<i>p</i> value
apoA-I (g/l)	1.37 (1.21–1.55)	1.29 (1.19–1.43)	0.131
apoA-II (g/l)	0.34 (0.30–0.38)	0.32 (0.31–0.36)	0.040
LpA-I (g/l)	0.51 (0.41–0.65)	0.48 (0.41–0.61)	0.904
LpAI-AII (g/l)	0.85 (0.79–0.93)	0.81 (0.74–0.87)	0.017