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# Which emerging treatments have the greatest potential to improve longevity

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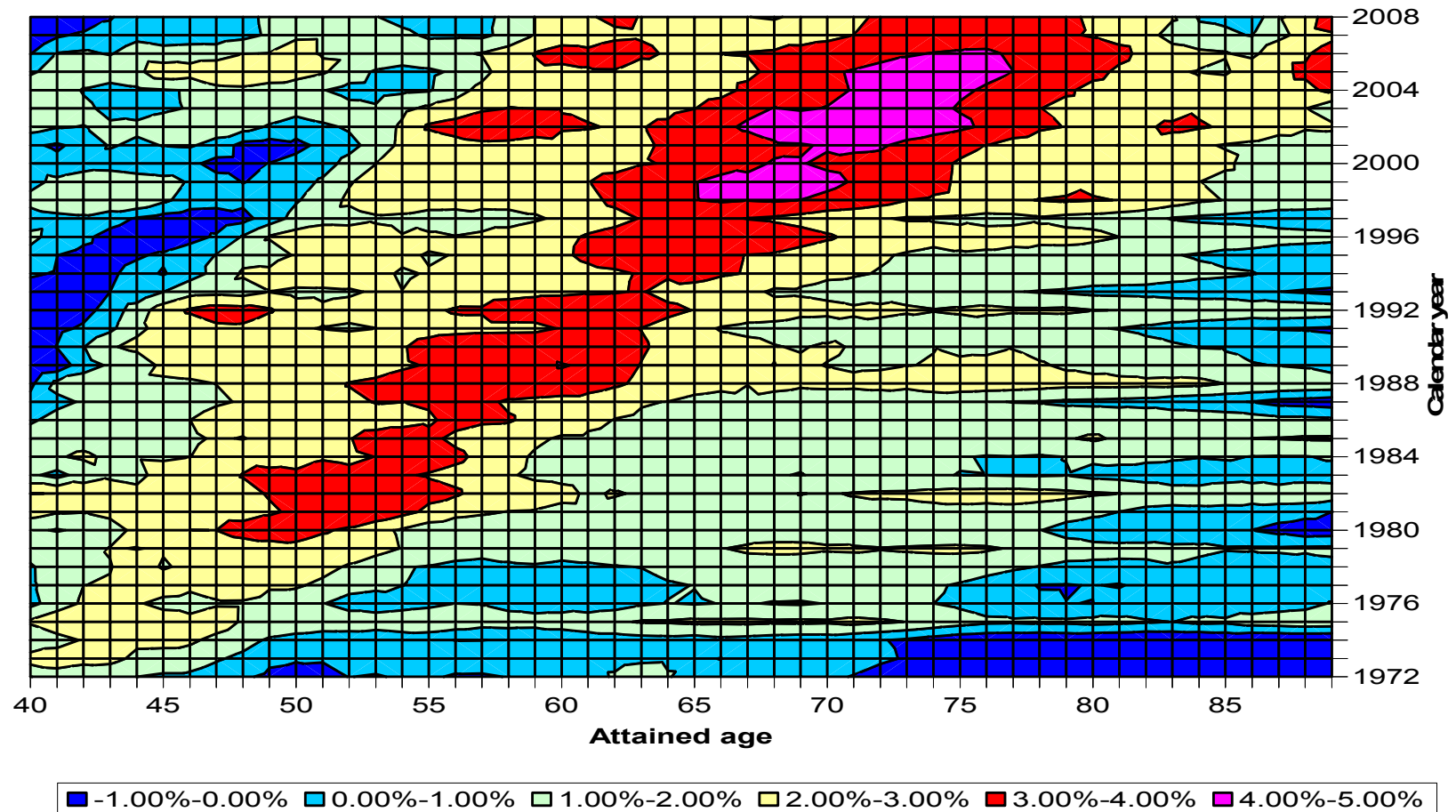
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# Overview

- Relative importance of risk factors & treatments
- Increases in life expectancy from treatments
- Current & emerging treatments
  - monoclonal antibodies
  - CETP inhibitors
  - vaccines for non-infectious diseases
- Alternative routes to assessment of impact

# Male mortality improvements

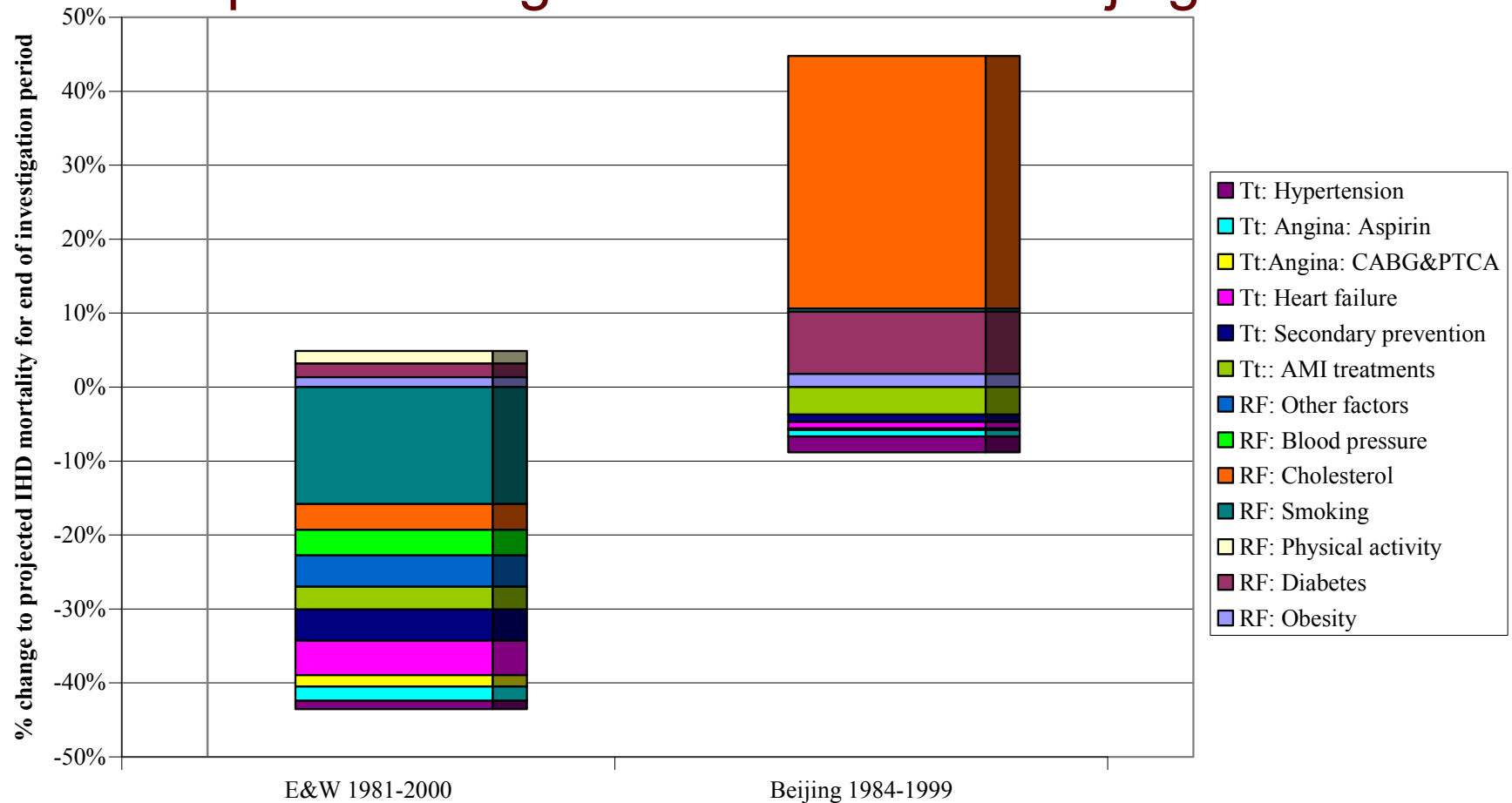
## England & Wales (1972-2008)



Source: Office for National Statistics

# Patterns to cardiovascular mortality

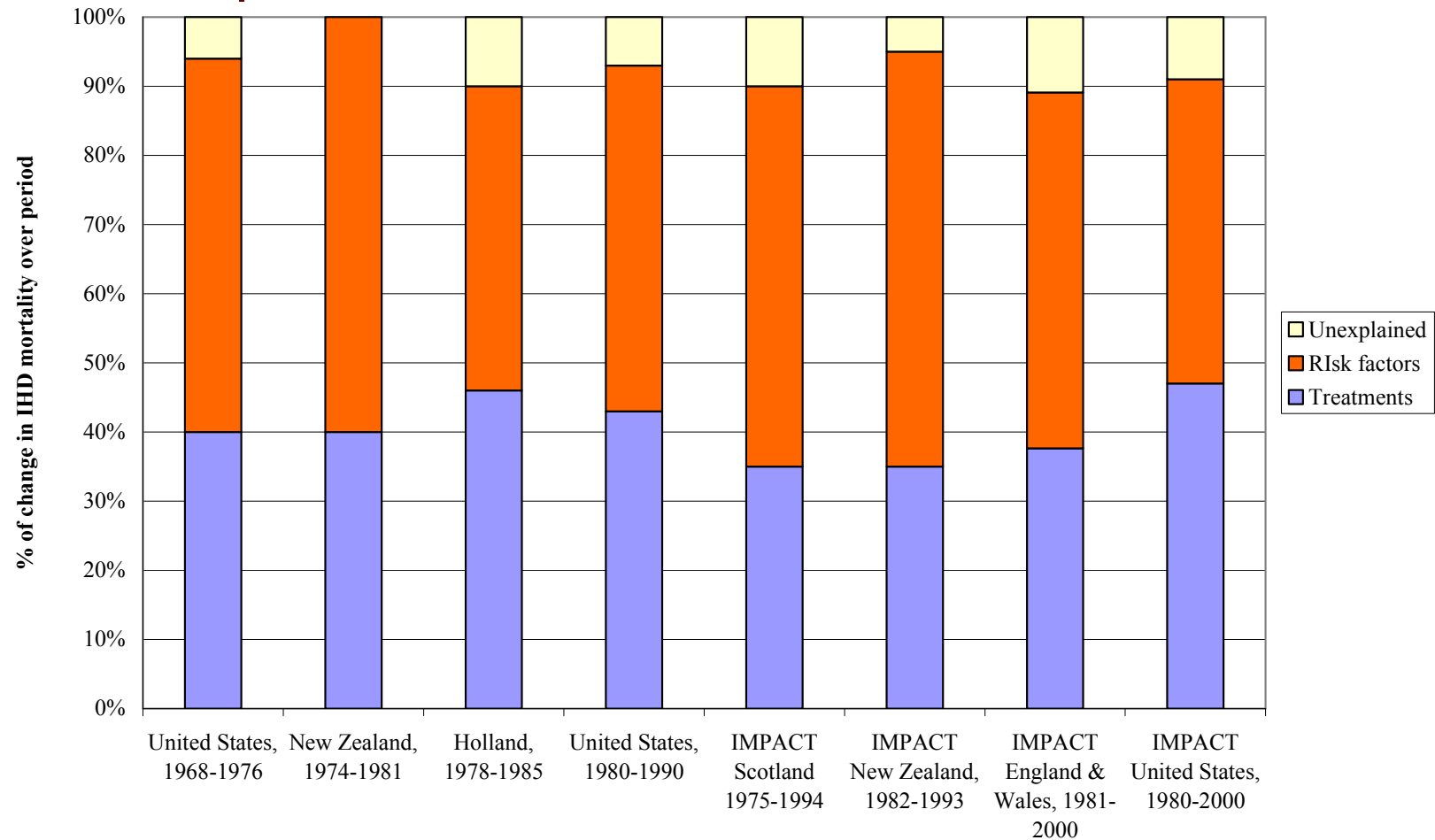
## CHD Impact for England & Wales vs. Beijing



Source: Circulation (2004): 110, 1236-1244

# Effect of risk factors vs. treatments

## CHD Impact & other studies



# Future impact of different treatments

## Life years gained from 2000

Prior history	Treatment	Life years gained	Cost-effectiveness (£/LYG)
<b>AMI</b>	Hospital CPR	9,118	408
	Thrombolysis	5,311	1,498
	Primary angioplasty	142	7,571
	ACE inhibitor	610	268
<b>Post-AMI</b>	Aspirin	18,176	885
	Beta blocker	16,390	502
	ACE inhibitor	7,535	3,398
	Statins	15,443	4,246
	Warfarin	1,102	1,075
<b>Revascularization</b>	CABG	20,530	3,926
	Angioplasty	7,785	4,512
<b>Stable angina</b>	Aspirin	45,289	1,706
	Statins	10,038	14,557
<b>Healthy</b>	Statins	6,252	27,828

Source: QJM (2007): 100, 5, 277-289

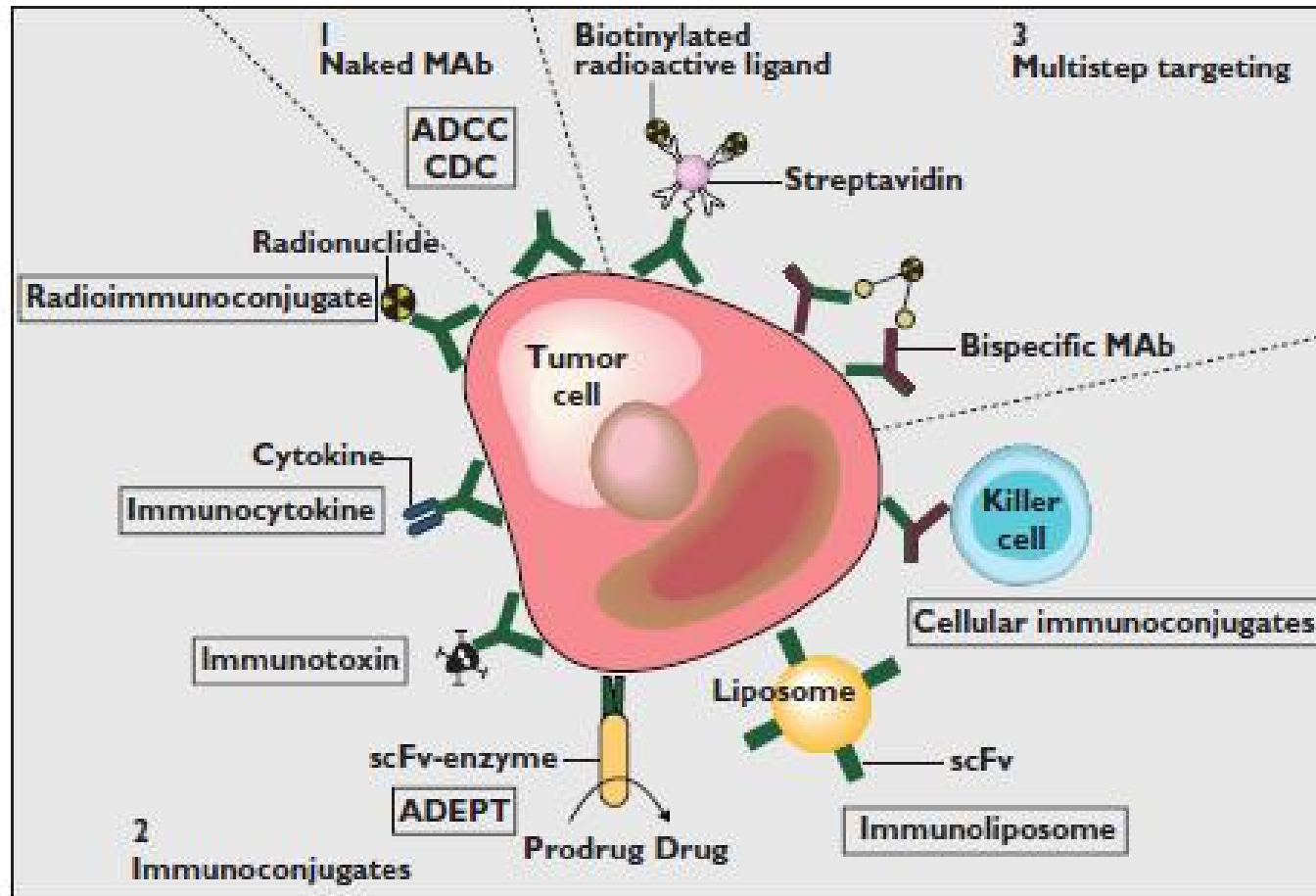
# Monoclonal antibodies

Approved by FDA for cancer treatment

- Targeted treatments using unique B-cell (murine -> chimeric -> human)
- Naked monoclonal antibodies
  - markers for destruction: rituximab, alemtuzumab
  - activation blockers: trastuzumab, cetuximab, panitumumab, bevacizumab
- Conjugated monoclonal antibodies
  - radiolabelled – ibritumomab, tositumomab
  - chemolabelled – under investigation
  - immunotoxin: gemtuzumab

# Monoclonal antibodies

## Illustration of different modalities



Source: British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology (2008); 66, 1, 6-19



# Monoclonal antibodies

## Recommended by NICE for cancer treatment

- £20,000 - £30,000 threshold for quality adjusted life year (QALY)
- Rituximab
  - lymphoma (TA65, TA110, TA137)
  - chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (TA174)
- Cetuximab
  - head & neck cancers (TA145) – 621 patients at cost of £3.7 million, assessed at £13,000 per QALY
  - colo-rectal cancer (TA176) – 1,420 patients at cost of £18.8 million, assessed at ~£30,000 per QALY
- Trastuzumab (TA107)
  - only monoclonal antibody to be approved for both early and late stage breast cancer
- Whereas bevacizumab rejected for colo-rectal cancer (TA 118), breast cancer (TA147), non-small cell lung cancer (TA148) & renal cell carcinoma (TA178)

# Monoclonal antibodies

## Breast cancer – NICE TA107 (August 2006)

- 36,800 breast cancers diagnosed each year
- 70% breast cancers diagnosed at early stage
- 20% of early breast cancers are HER2+
- 20% of these not suitable because of cardiac toxicity
- 4,500 breast cancers suitable for treatment
- 270 breast cancer recurrences prevented
- NICE Clinical Guideline 80 (February 2009)
- £86,300,000 cost based on herceptin administration and cardiac toxicity testing
- Increase in life expectancy of 6,750 years
- ~£13,000 per LYG

# Monoclonal antibodies

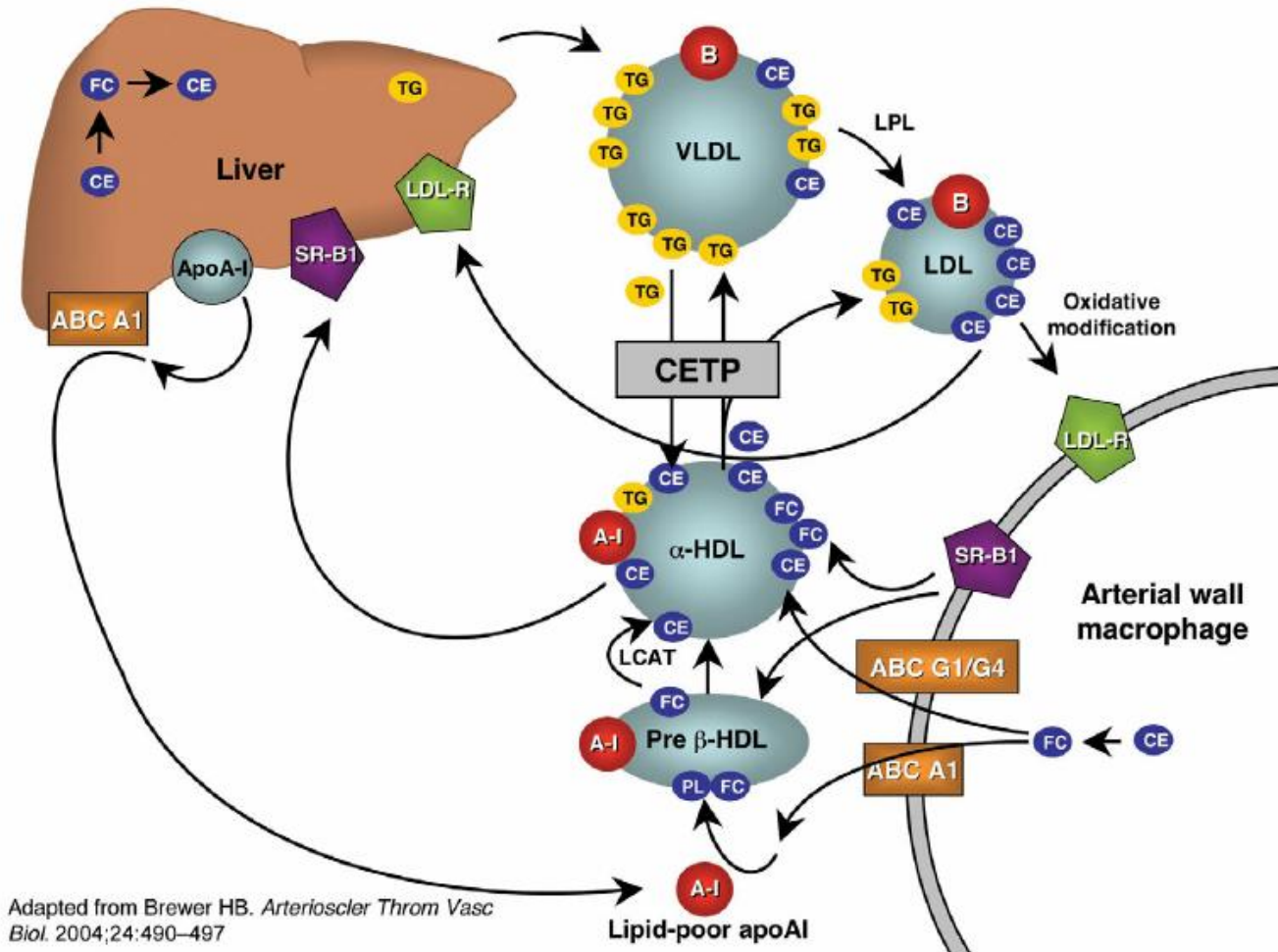
Recommended by NICE for non-cancer treatment

Technical appraisal	Treatment	Disease	Target patients	Net cost (£m)	Cost (£/LYG)
TA126	Rituximab	Rheumatoid arthritis	2,283 (adequate response) 1,230 (inadequate response)	16.7 6.0	£18,000
TA133	Omalizumab	Severe asthma	1,564	11.5	£39,000
TA146	Adalimumab	Psoriasis	7,086	10.6	£37,000
TA163	Infliximab	Ulcerative colitis	76,000 total in UK 2,300 with acute exacerbation annually Replace ciclosporin for 2%	Uncosted	Uncosted

# Modification of lipid metabolism

- 1% reduction in LDL cholesterol -> 1% reduction in IHD events
  - statins for cholesterol production
  - ezetimibe for cholesterol absorption
- 1% increase in HDL cholesterol -> 2-3% reduction in IHD events
  - nicotinic acid
- Central role for cholesterol ester transfer protein
  - CETP inhibitors

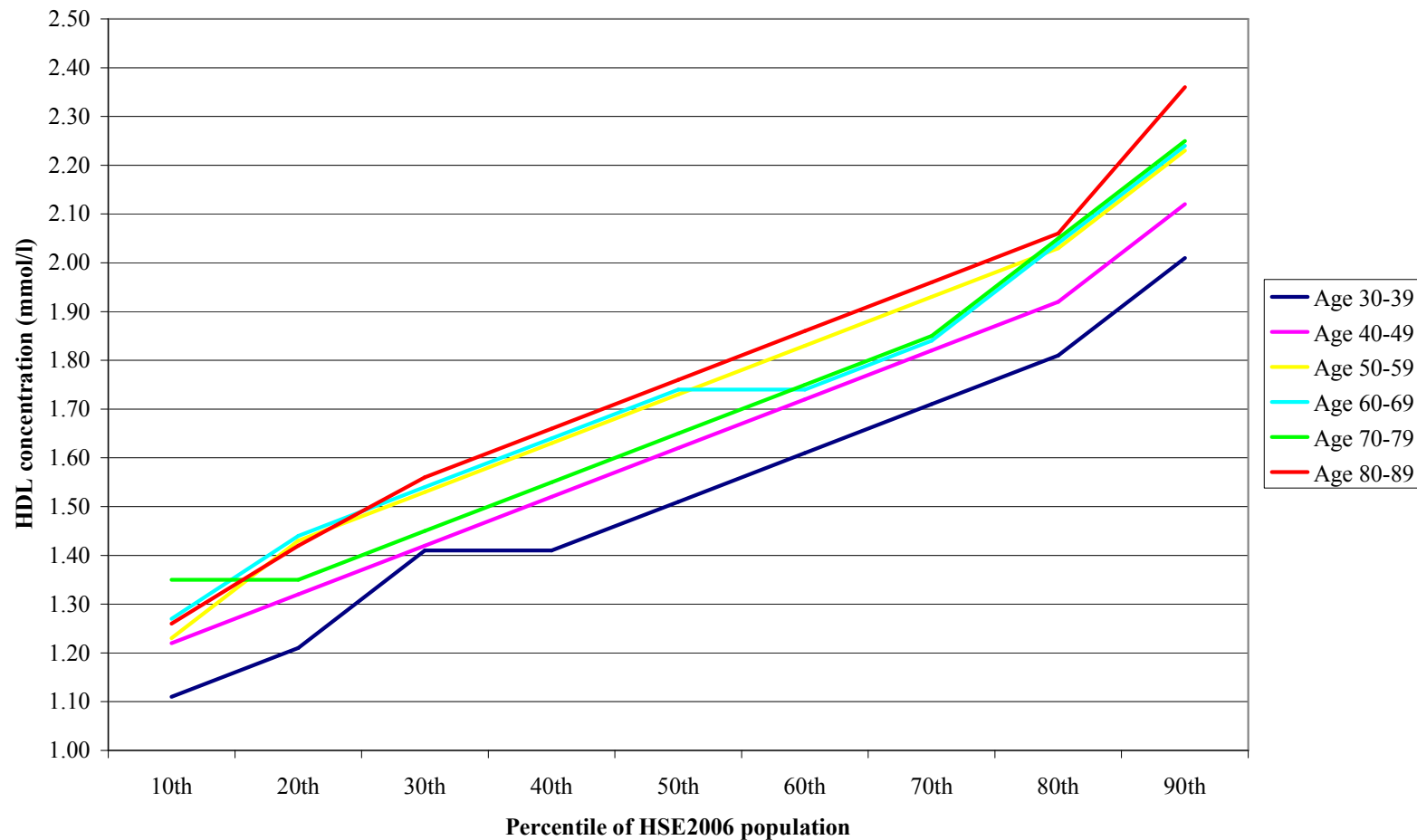
# CETP in reverse cholesterol transport



Source: European Heart Journal (2007): 28, 5-12

# Female distribution of HDL cholesterol

## Health Survey for England 2008



# CETP inhibitors in clinical trials

- Torcetrapib (Pfizer)
  - ILLUMINATE (Phase III) trial ended prematurely in December 2006
  - 72% increase in HDL-C, 24% reduction in LDL-C at 12 months
  - BUT 25% increase in cardiovascular events and increases in cancer and infectious deaths
  - off-target effect - aldosterone release caused increased blood pressure
  - ?Decreased reverse cholesterol transport
  - ?Impairment of immune response

# CETP inhibitors in clinical trials

- Anacetrapib (Merck)
  - analogue of torcetrapib but no evidence of pressor effect
  - 129% increase in HDL-C, 38% reduction in LDL-C at 2 weeks
  - DEFINE (Phase III) trial – April 2008 -> October 2010
- Dalcetrapib (Japan Tobacco / Roche)
  - 34% increase in HDL-C, 7% reduction in LDL-C at 4 weeks
  - dal-OUTCOMES (Phase III) trial – 15,000 patients with acute coronary syndrome



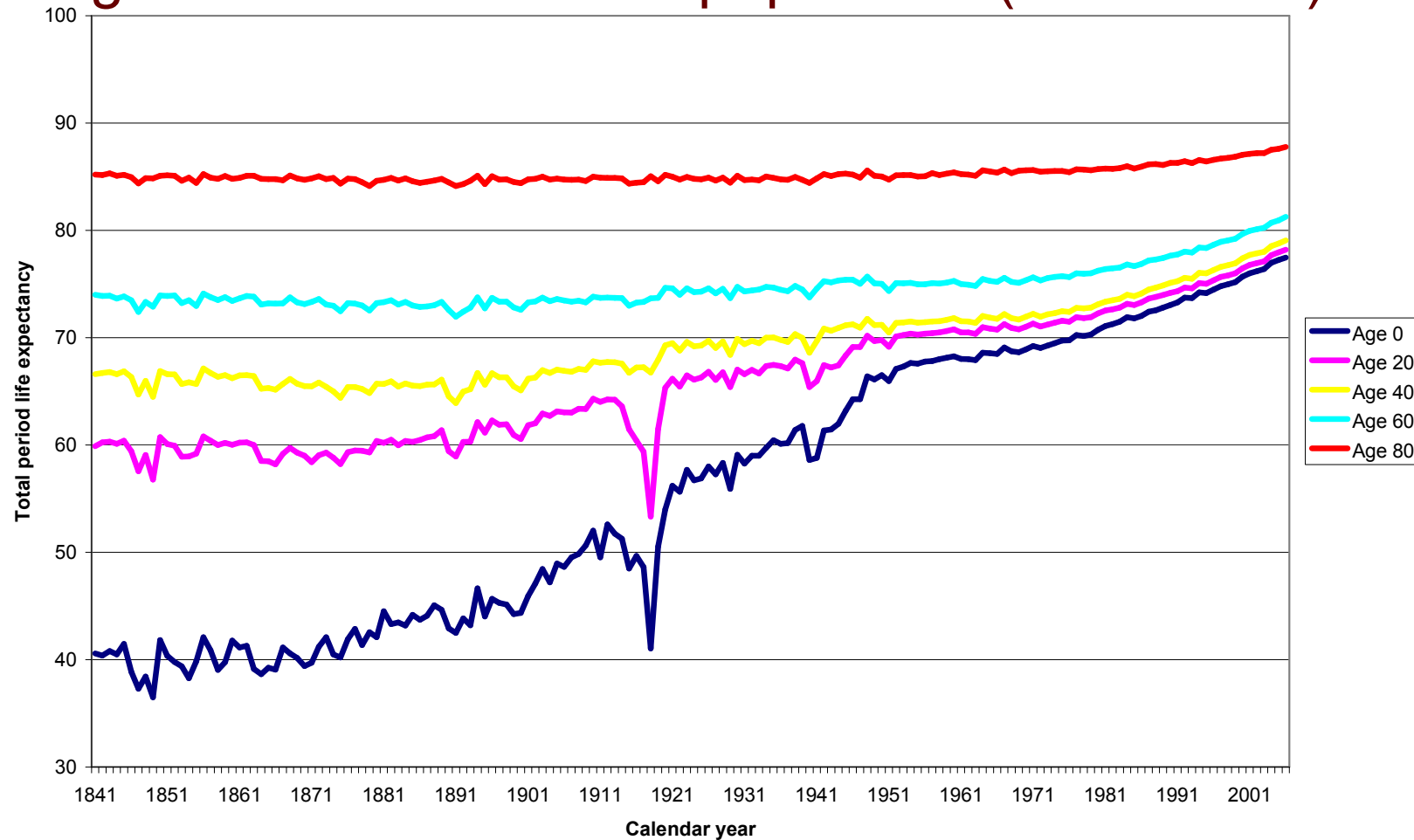
# Vaccines for infectious diseases

## Discovery timeline

- 1879 – Cholera
- 1890 – Tetanus
- 1896 – Typhoid fever
- 1923 – Diphtheria
- 1926 – Pertussis
- 1927 – Tuberculosis
- 1937 – Typhus
- 1945 – Influenza
- 1952 – Polio
- 1963 – Measles
- 1967 – Mumps
- 1970 – Rubella

# Male life expectancy by age

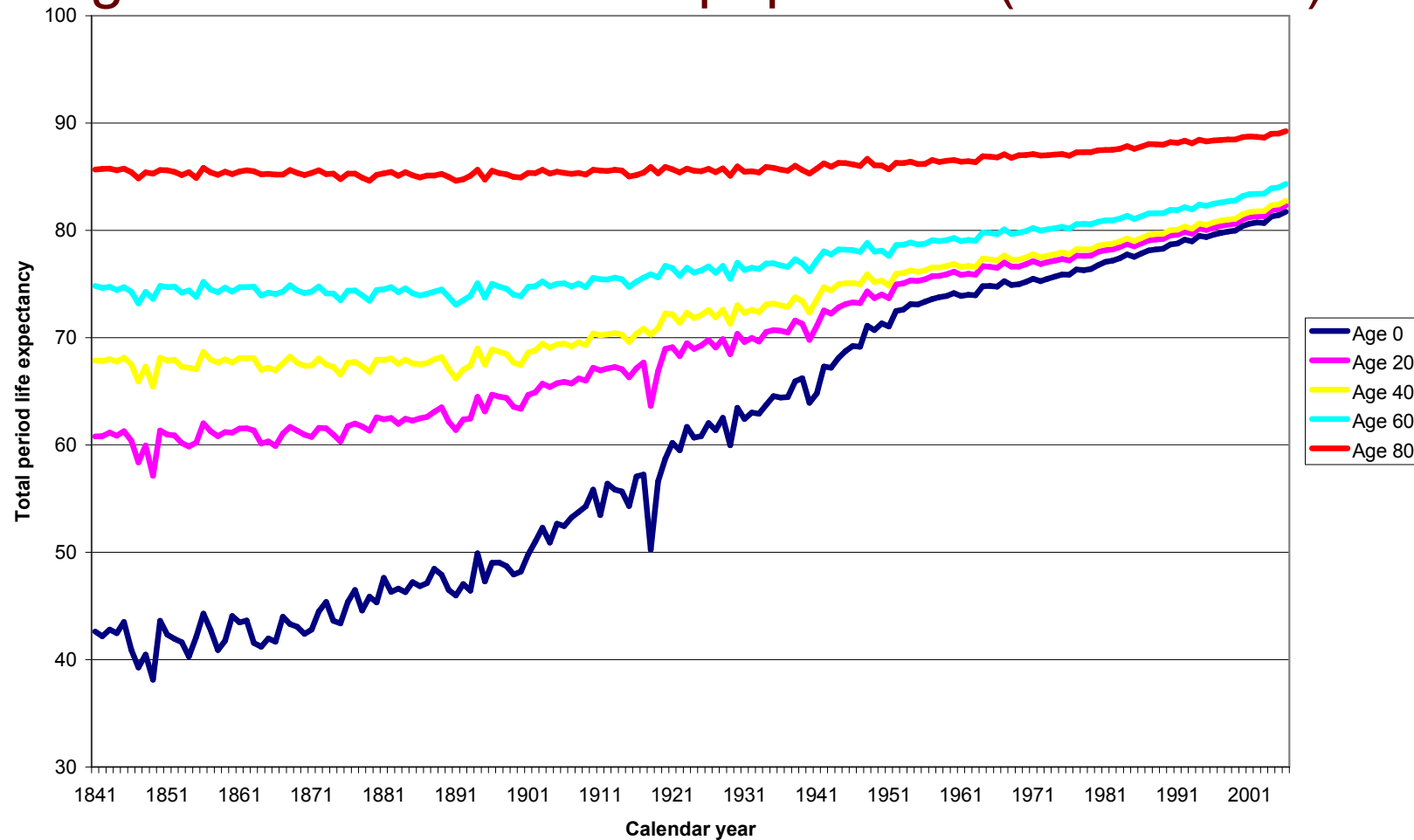
## England & Wales civilian population (1841-2006)



Source: Human Mortality Database

# Female life expectancy by age

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# Vaccines for non-infectious disease

- Advantages of vaccines
  - large target populations through primary prevention
  - low initial costs
  - no ongoing administration costs
  - long-term patient compliance
  - large target populations through primary prevention
- Enhance immune response by virus-like particles
- Suited to combination therapy or prevention of recurrence for cancer
- Level of public distrust

# Potential target areas for vaccines

- Smoking – NicVax (Nabi Biopharmaceuticals)
  - Phase IIb trial – 40% quit rate at 6 months vs 9% for placebo
  - British Doctor Study – smoking cessation at age 50 for 6 year gain
  - September 2009 – Initiation of Phase III trial with funding from National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
  - initial work on renin by Goldblatt in 1951
- Obesity via the hunger hormone ghrelin
- Atherosclerosis
  - inflammatory effects of LDL and oxidised LDL
  - influenza infection and plaque instability
- Cancers – progression from cervical & liver to melanoma & kidney

# Stormy seas of vaccine clinical trials

- CYTOS & Pfizer – research agreement for novel vaccines in August 2008 for CHF 150 million in upfront and milestone payments
- CYT006-AngQb (Cytos)
  - Phase IIa Study 1 – 9mmHg reduction in systolic blood pressure
  - Phase IIa Study 2 – 2.3mmHg reduction in systolic blood pressure
  - Study 2 used accelerated treatment regime – believed to have lead to higher antibody titres but lower affinities
  - Cytos reduces workforce of 135 by 57; Study 3 expected Q3 (2009)
- NIC002 (Novartis/Cytos)
  - No significant difference to placebo at midpoint, possibly because failed to induce sufficiently high antibody titres
  - Novartis to continue study for original 12 month period

# Alternative routes to assessment of impact

- Attainment of risk factor guidelines through combination therapy
  - JBS2 targets for different cholesterol
- Choice of comparable current treatment as lower threshold to survival advantage
- Comparisons between segmented populations
  - current smokers vs never smokers
- International experience

# Concluding thoughts

- Number of classes of treatments being tested for efficacy against different diseases
- Substantial costs associated with monoclonal antibodies and focused on more advanced cancers
- ILLUMINATE trial – a significant set back for CETP inhibitors with some continuing doubts to be addressed by phase III trials for anacetrapib & dalcetrapib
- Vaccines for non-infectious disease provide greatest potential based on target population and costs involved – BUT issues over public distrust & efficacy