Anderson and Salgado offer the hypothesis that increases in high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol may explain in part the benefit of statins that we observed in patients with extremely low low-density lipoprotein (LDL) values. Although we cannot answer the question directly, we have examined the association of HDL cholesterol levels and outcome in this cohort.1 We found that low HDL cholesterol remains a risk factor for death and ischemic heart disease events in this group with an LDL cholesterol <60 mg/dL. This association between HDL and outcome in patients with low LDL cholesterol was recently confirmed in a separate population.2 Thus, we agree that the likely benefit of statins in patients with low LDL cholesterol may be due in part to an increase in HDL cholesterol.

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None.

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