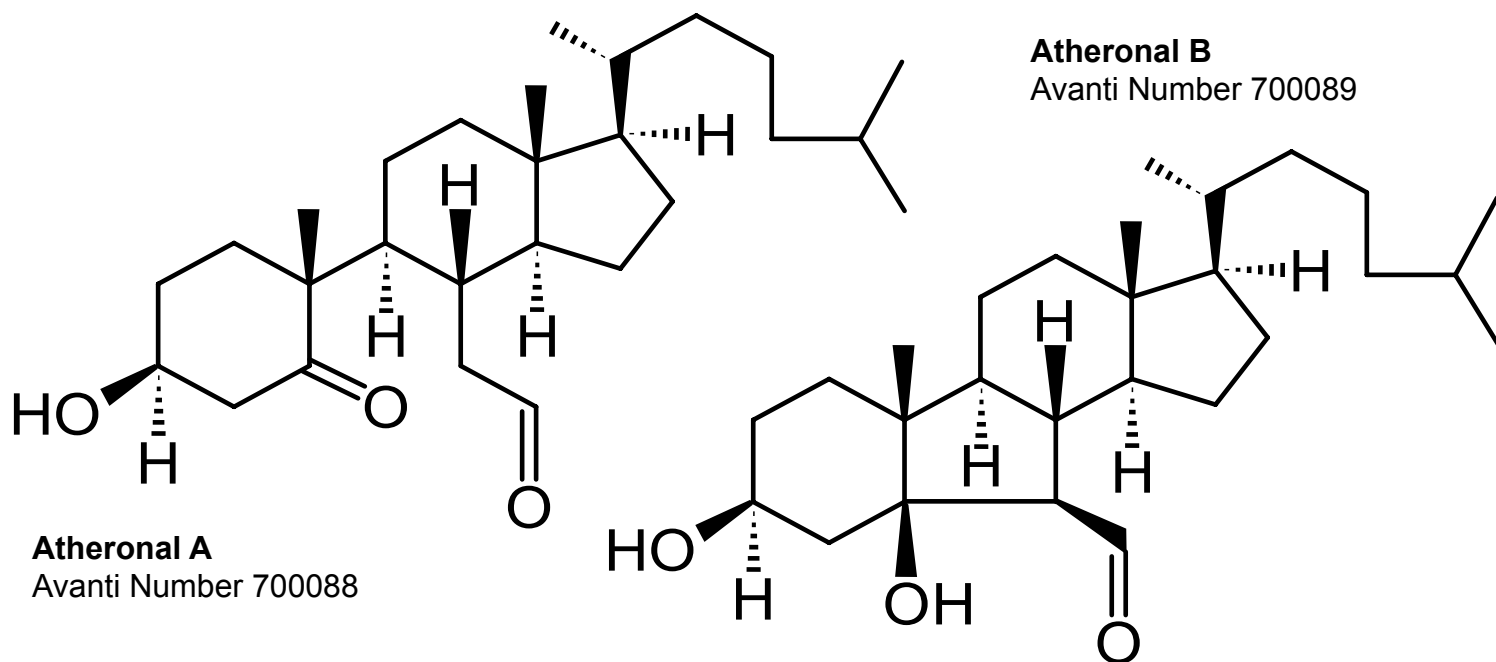


# The Lipid Lowdown

## NEW STEROLS LINKED TO ATHEROSCLEROSIS



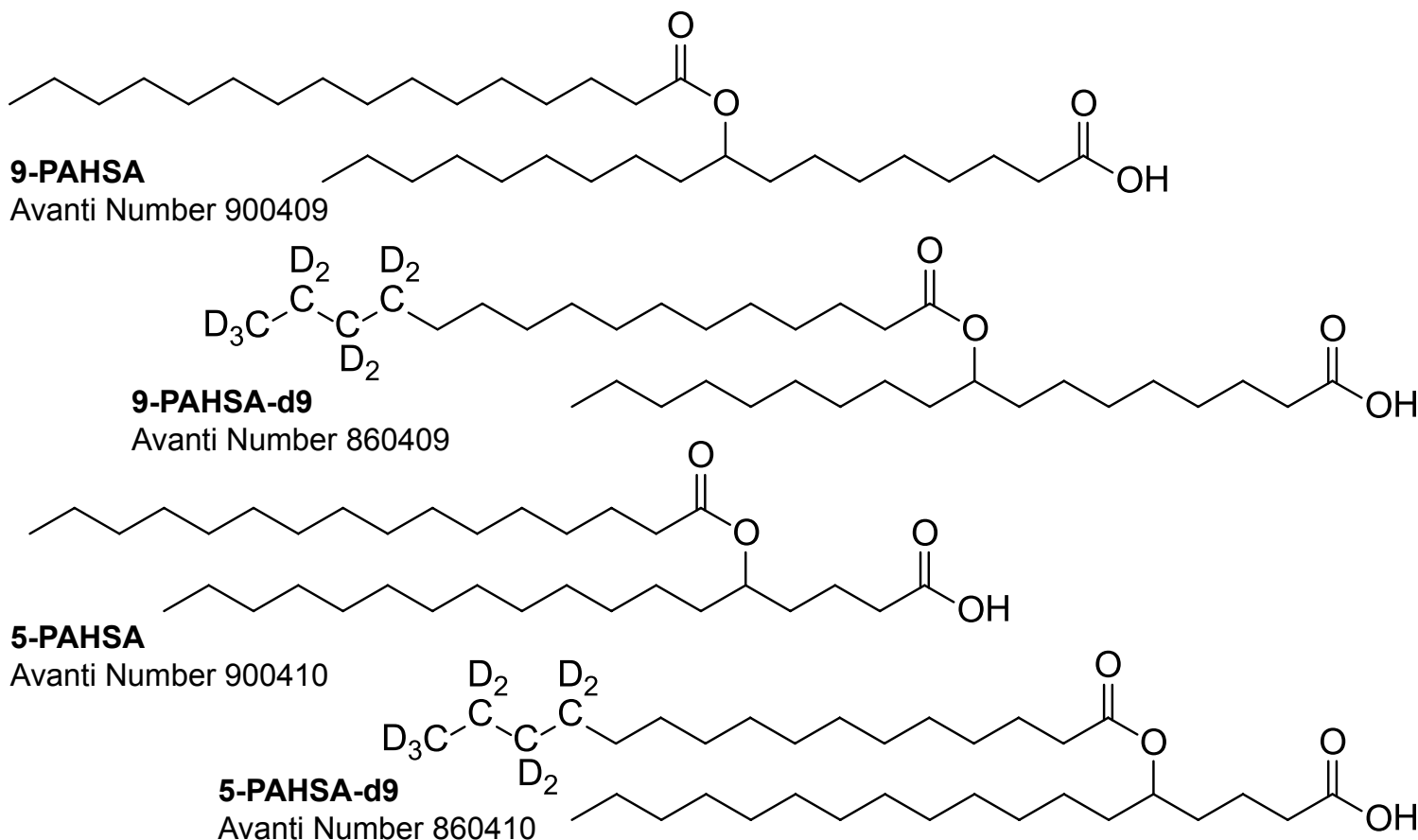
The proatherogenic properties of the cholesterol 5,6-secosterols (atheronal-A and atheronal-B), recently discovered in atherosclerotic arteries, have been investigated in terms of their effects on monocyte/macrophage function. A fluorescent analogue of atheronal-B, when cultured in either aqueous buffer or in media containing fetal calf serum, is rapidly taken-up into cultured macrophage cells and accumulates at perinuclear sites..... When complexed with LDL, atheronal-A (but not atheronal-B) induces a dose-dependent upregulation of the cell-surface adhesion molecule endothelial (E)-selectin on vascular endothelial cells. LDL complexed atheronal-B but not atheronal-A induces cultured human monocytes (THP-1) to differentiate into macrophage cell lineage. When these *in vitro* data are taken together with the already known effects of cholesterol 5,6-secosterols on foam cell formation and macrophage cytotoxicity, the atheronals possess biological effects that if translated to an *in vivo* setting could lead to the recruitment, entrapment, dysfunction, and ultimate destruction of macrophages, with the major leukocyte player in inflammatory artery disease. As such, the atheronal molecules may be a new association, in the already complex inter-relationship, between inflammation, cholesterol oxidation, the tissue macrophage, and atherosclerosis.

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**PAHSA levels correlate highly with insulin sensitivity and are reduced in adipose tissue and serum of insulin-resistant humans. In adipocytes, PAHSAs signal through GPR120 to enhance insulin-stimulated glucose uptake. Thus, PAHSAs are endogenous lipids with the potential to treat type 2 diabetes.\***



\*Reference: Yore, M.M., I. Syed, P.M. Moraes-Vieira, T. Zhang, M.A. Herman, E.A. Homan, R.T. Patel, J. Lee, S. Chen, O.D. Peroni, A.S. Dhaneshwar, A. Hammarstedt, U. Smith, T.E. McGraw, A. Saghatelian, and B.B. Kahn. (2014). Discovery of a class of endogenous mammalian lipids with anti-diabetic and anti-inflammatory effects. *Cell* 159:318-32.

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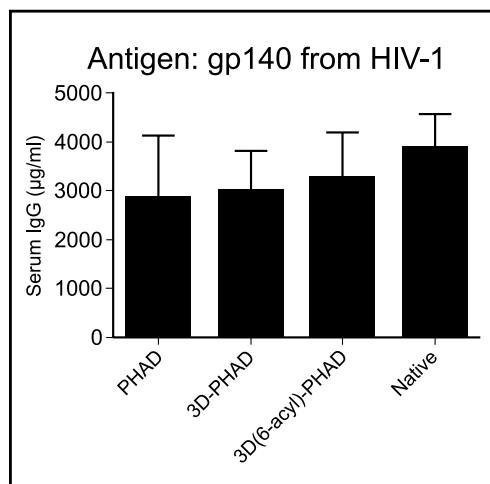
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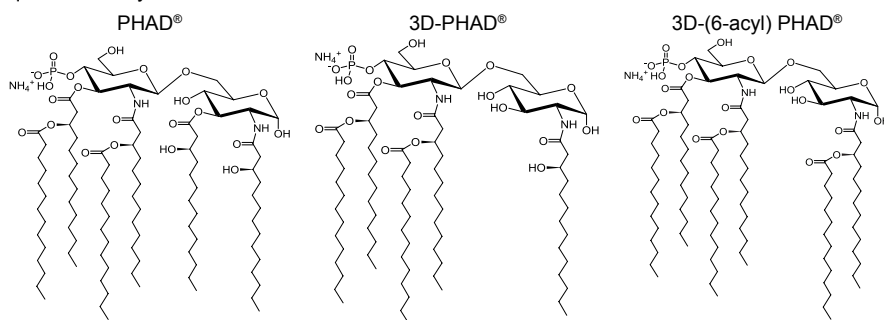


Data kindly provided by Dr. Carl R. Alving, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

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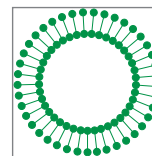
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