

# Hepatitis C virus infection: a systemic disease with the possibility to cure

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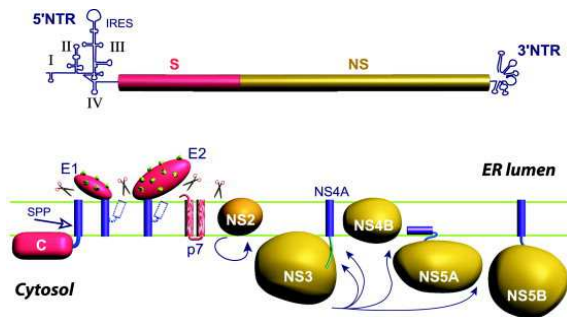
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- How to treat?



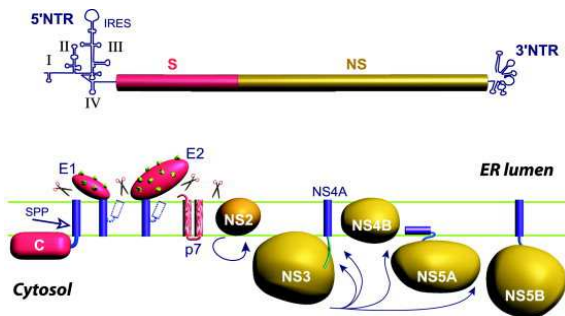
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- Why to treat?

- Hepatic manifestations

- Extra-hepatic manifestations

- **Cryoglobulinemic** vasculitis or lymphoma

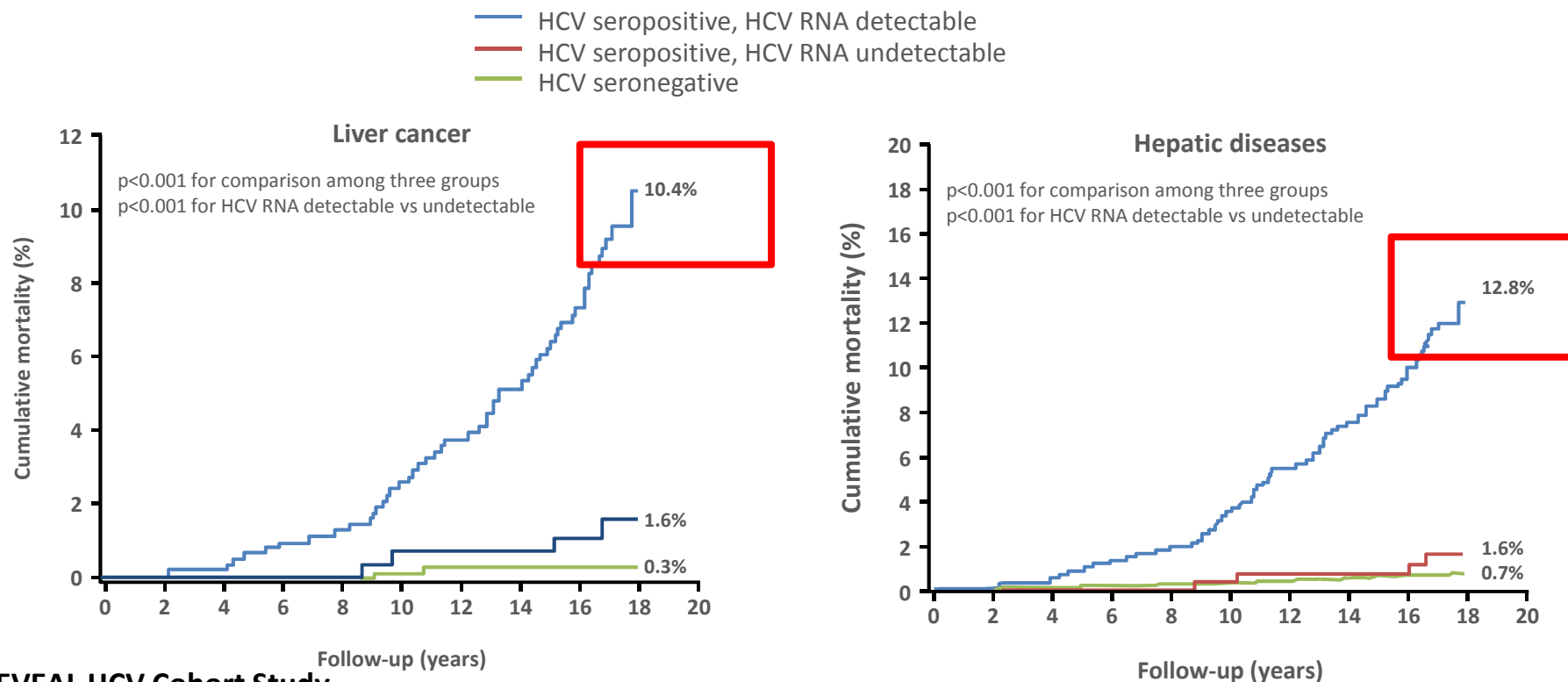


But also general manifestations related to

- “**Lymphocytic activation**”

associated with chronic infection

# Persisting detectable HCV RNA is a risk factor for liver-related mortality



## The REVEAL HCV Cohort Study

23 820 adults, Taiwan

1095 anti-HCV positive; 69.4% with detectable HCV RNA

Lee M-H et al, J Infect Dis 2012;206:469–477

# Chronic HCV increases morbi-mortality from non-hepatic diseases

## Significant association between HCV and:

- **diabetes** (OR = 1.8)
- **cardio-vascular morbidity** (OR=2.37)
- **cerebro-vascular mortality** (OR= 2.7)
- **renal disease** (HR for ESRD < 59 y= 7.8 vs. 3.2)
- **extra-hepatic** (breast: OR=2) **cancers**

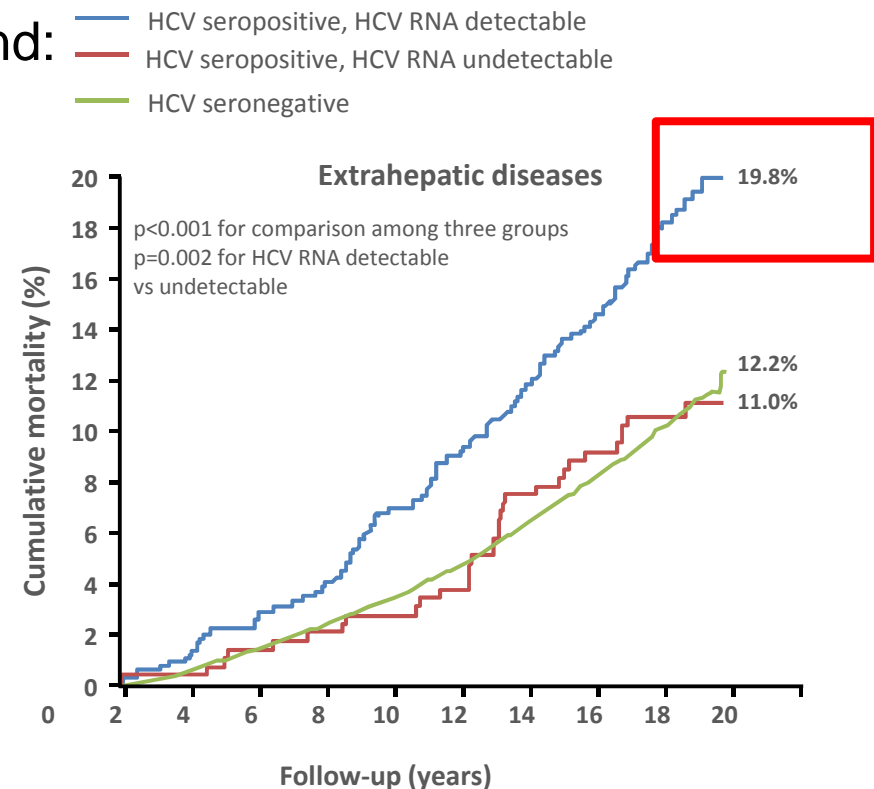
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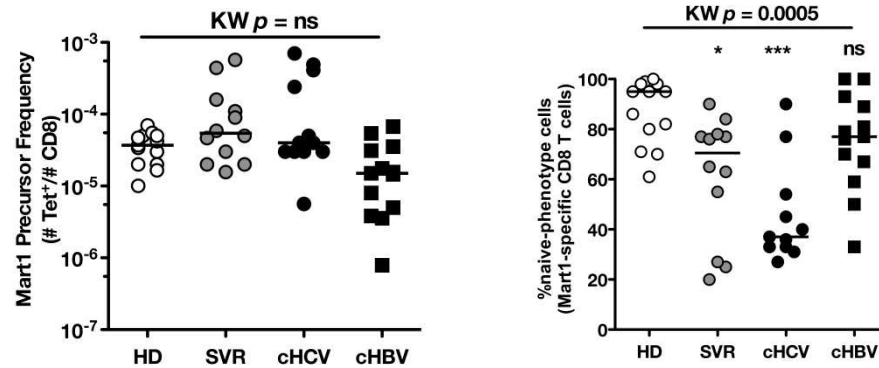
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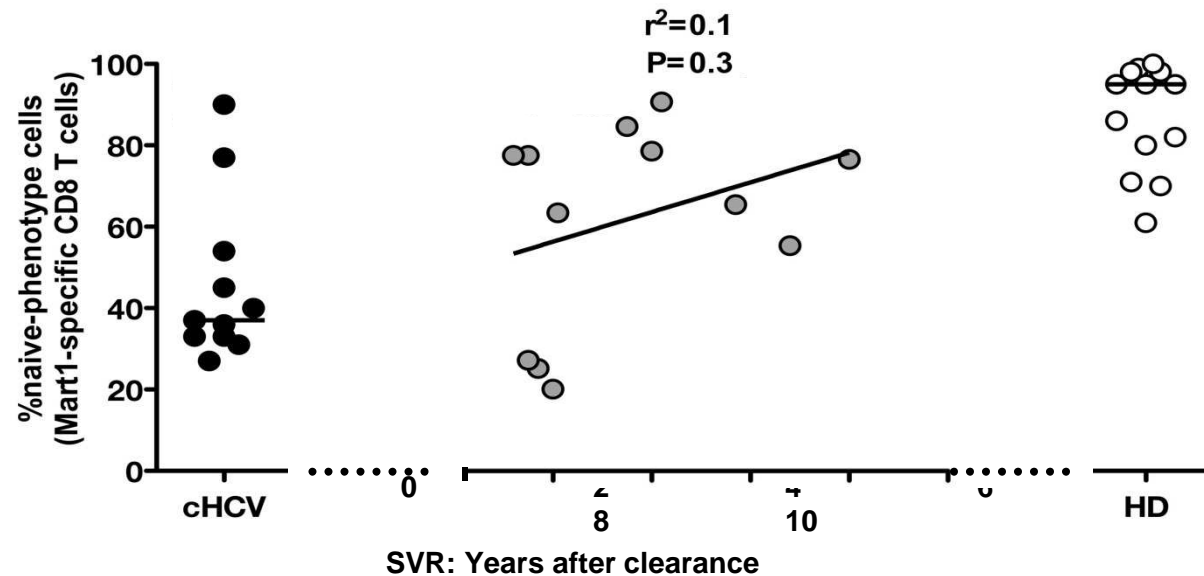
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# The preimmune repertoire in HCV



**Antigen-inexperienced CD8 T cell populations show a memory-phenotype**

**Qualitative alterations of the preimmune repertoire are slowly reversible**



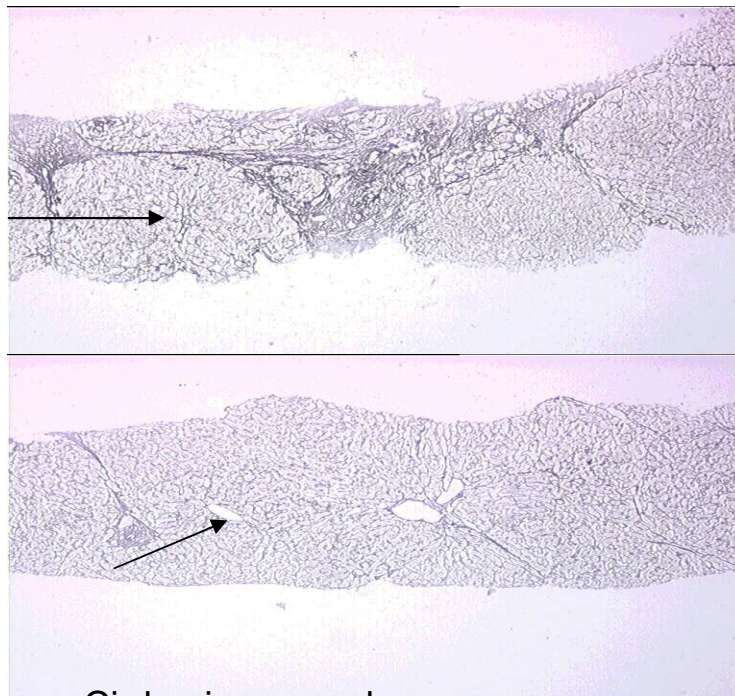
# Sustained virologic response (SVR) is the objective of therapy

- HCV is the only chronic viral infection which may be cured (no reservoir, no genomic integration): SVR = no HCV RNA in the serum (and liver/PBMCs) 12weeks after treatment discontinuation
- No viral relapse in patients achieving SVR over time (out of reinfection)
- No viral relapse in transplant (liver and/or kidney) patients who achieved SVR before transplantation

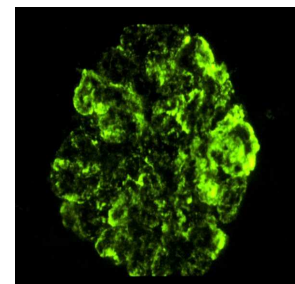
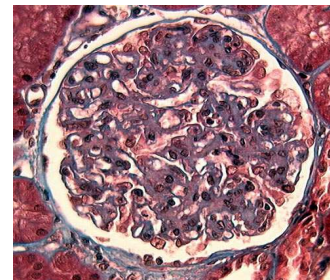


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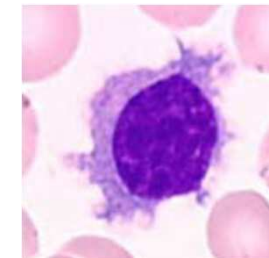
- SVR= virologic cure
- Most of HCV-related manifestations are mainly reversible



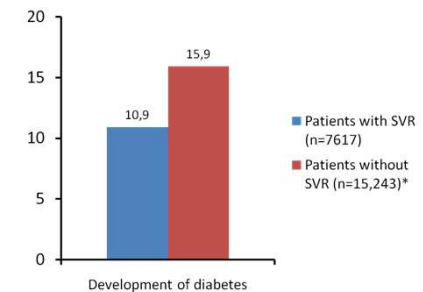
Cirrhosis reversal



Glomerulonephritis reversal

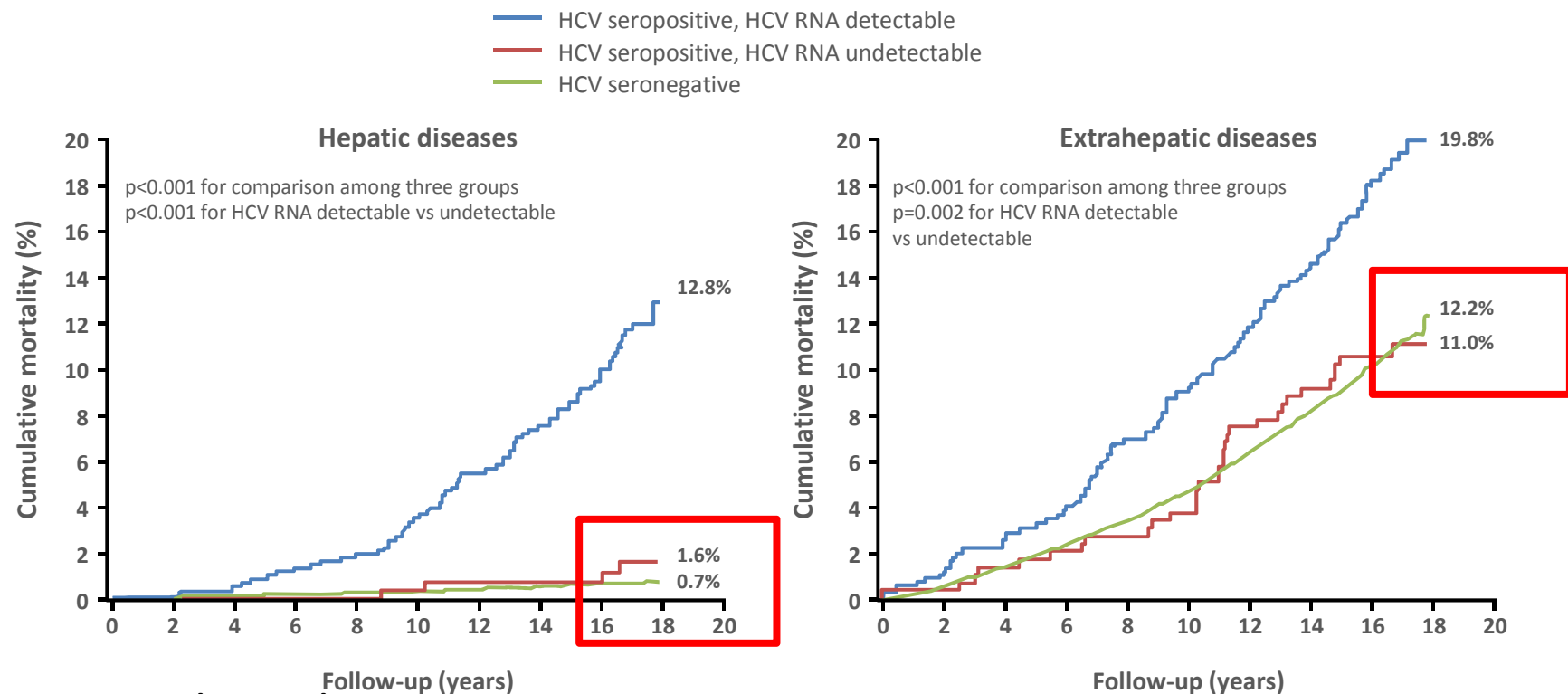


Lymphoma remission



Diabetes improvement

# HCV cure decreases mortality from both hepatic and non-hepatic diseases



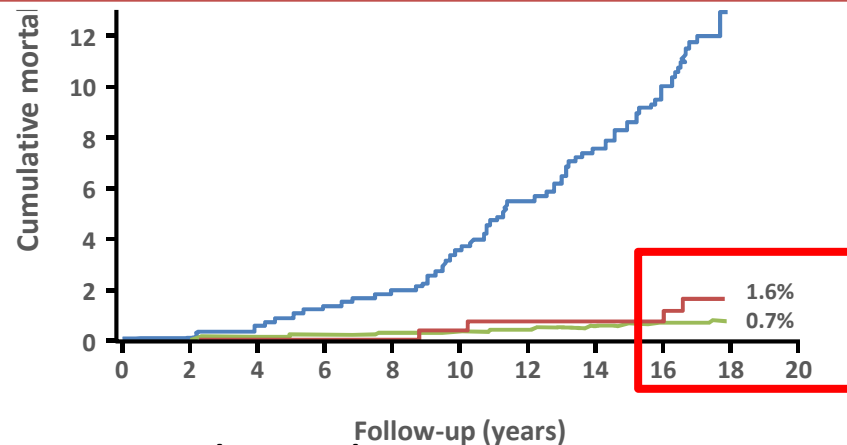
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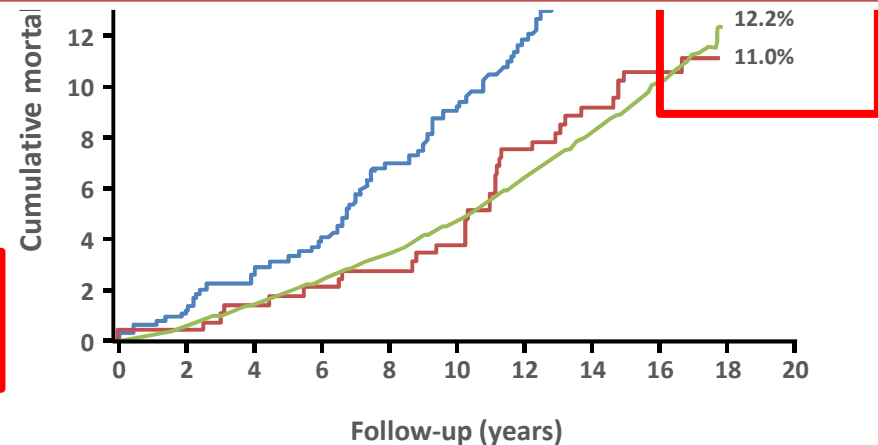
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# HCV cure decreases mortality from both hepatic and non-hepatic diseases

Such a benefit (SVR-related reversal of hepatic and extra-hepatic disease) has to be offered in theory to any HCV-infected patient



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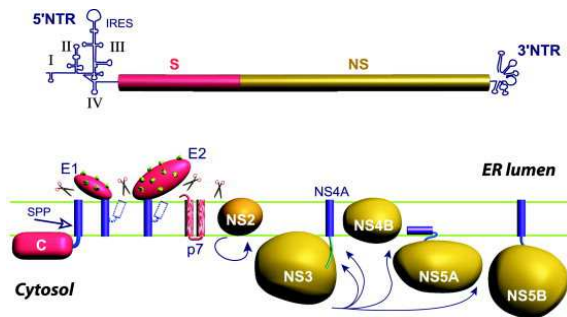


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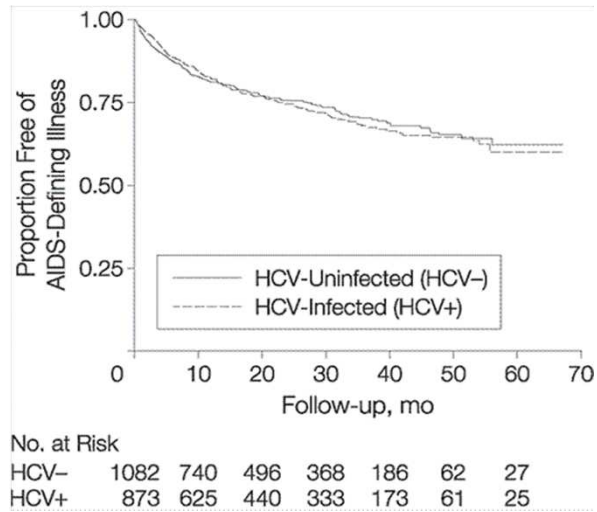
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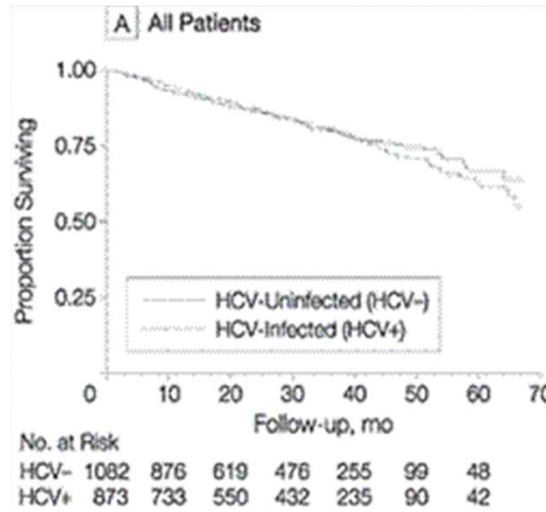
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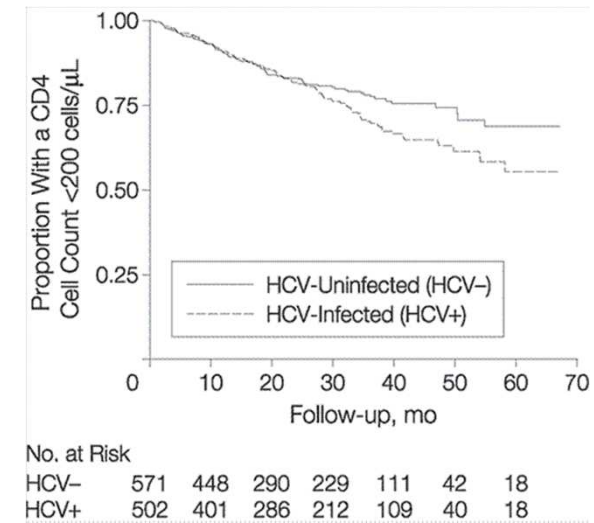
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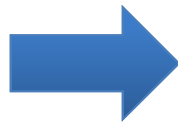
HR 1.03 (0.86-1.23)



HR 1.05 (0.85-1.30)



HR 1.28 (0.98-1.68)



No modification related to HCV

# HIV/HCV Co-infection: harmful impact of HIV

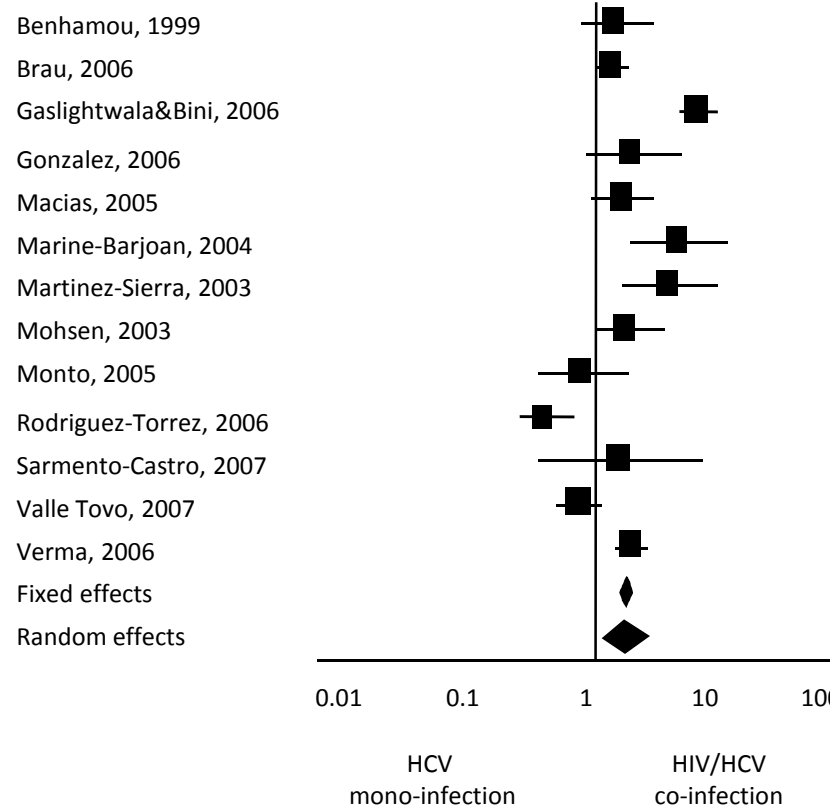
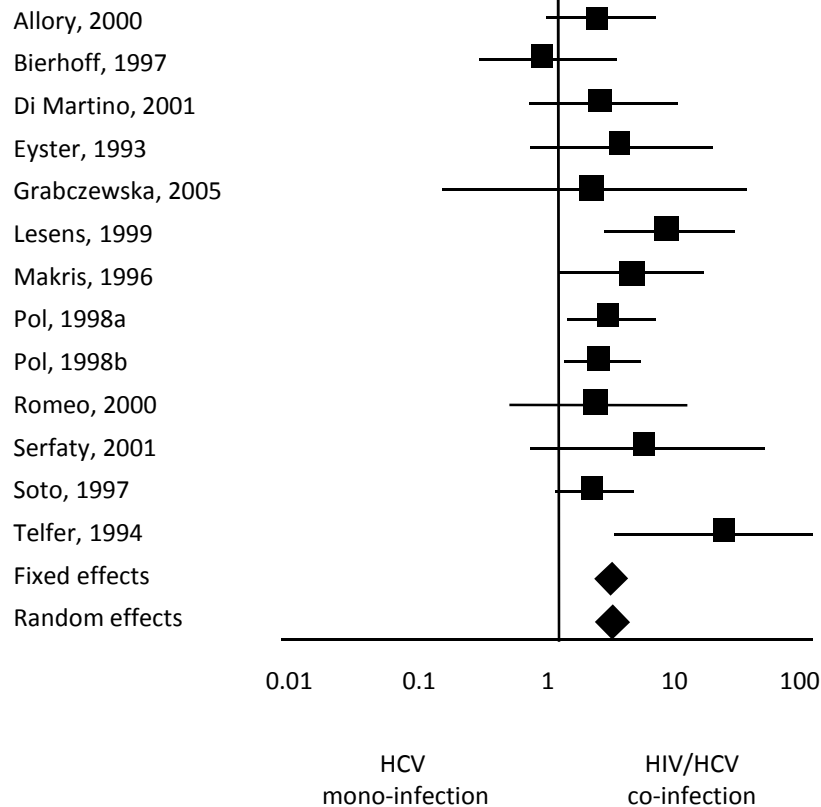
## Meta-analysis of 26 studies

### No HAART

### HAART

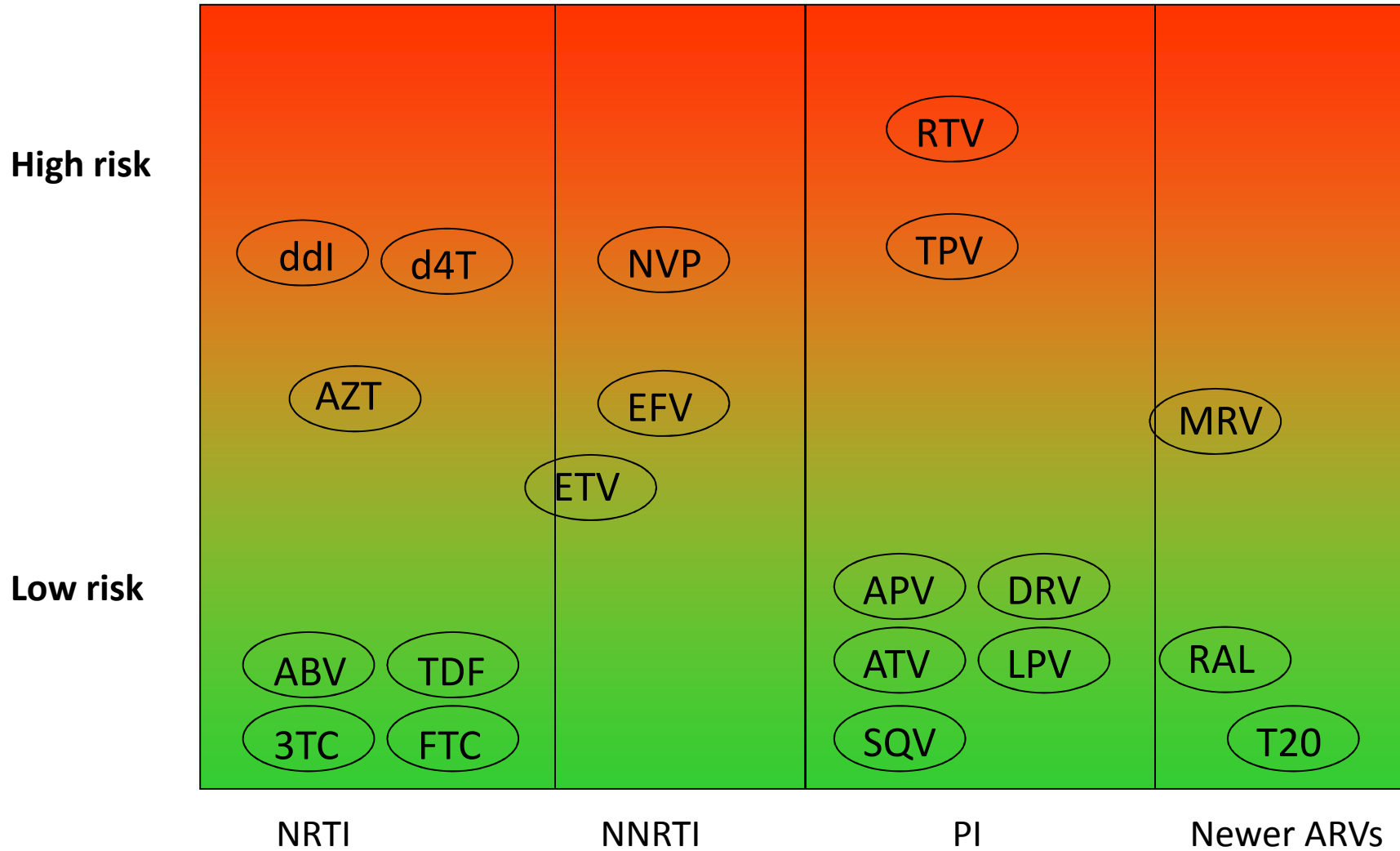
Risk ratio (95% CI)

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HAART: highly active antiretroviral therapy

# ARV liver toxicity

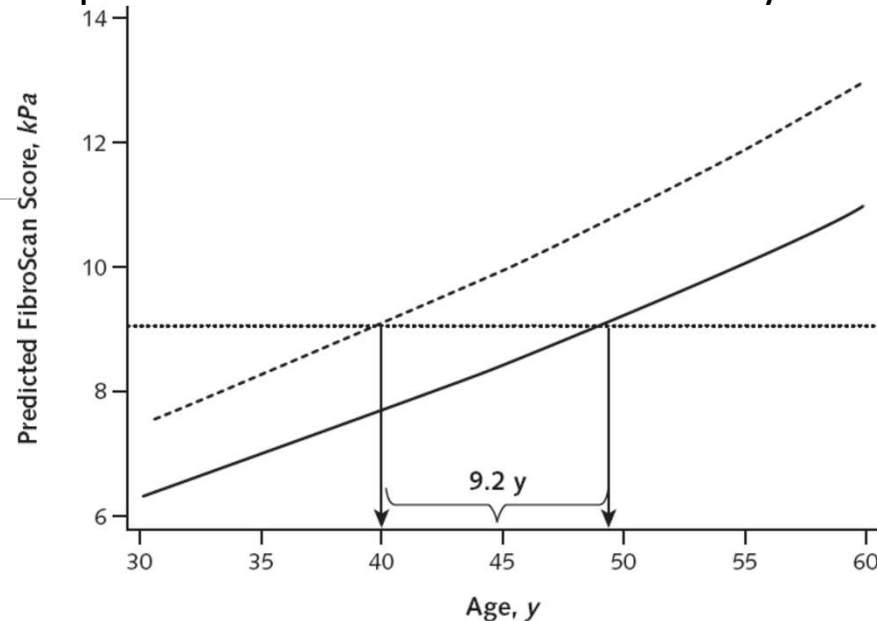


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## Annals of Internal Medicine

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From: HIV, Age, and the Severity of Hepatitis C Virus–Related Liver Disease: A Cohort Study



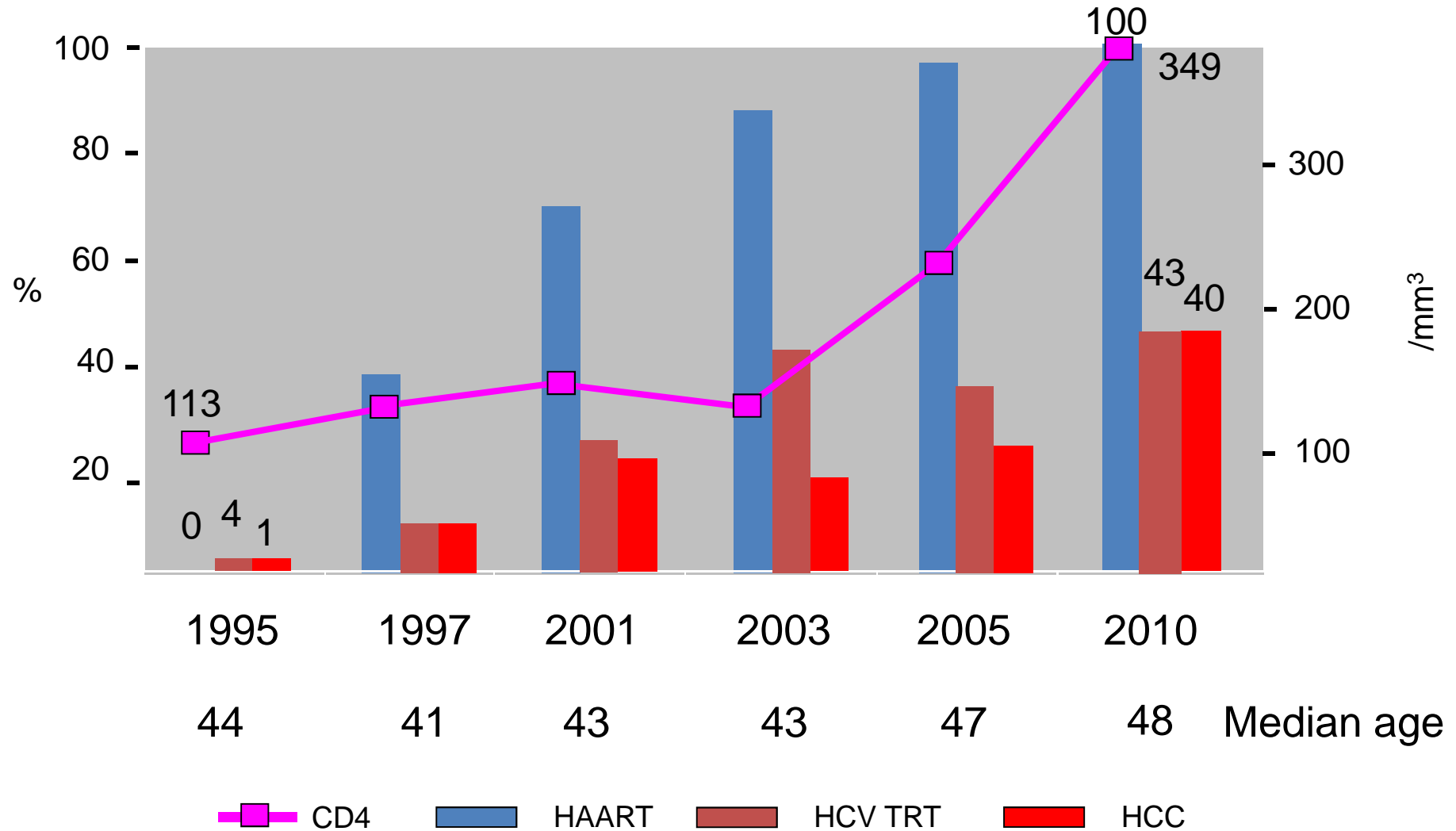
### Figure Legend:

Liver fibrosis and age among persons coinfecting with HIV and HCV and those with only HCV.

For each age, predicted liver fibrosis scores were calculated using a regression equation that included the race, sex, alcohol use, body mass index, hepatitis B virus surface antigen level status, and HCV RNA level values for a representative participant (black overweight male who has no regular alcohol use, is hepatitis B virus surface antigen–negative, and has high HCV viral load) for persons coinfecting with HIV and HCV (dashed line) and for persons with only HCV (solid line). For example, a 40-year-old HIV and HCV coinfecting person with these characteristics was calculated to have a predicted FibroScan score of 9.04 kPa. For this same degree of fibrosis, the predicted age in a similar person but with only HCV was 49.2 years. Over the entire age range, the average difference in estimated age between persons coinfecting with HIV and HCV and those with only HCV was 9.2 years (90% coverage limit, 5.2 to 14.3 years). HCV = hepatitis C virus.

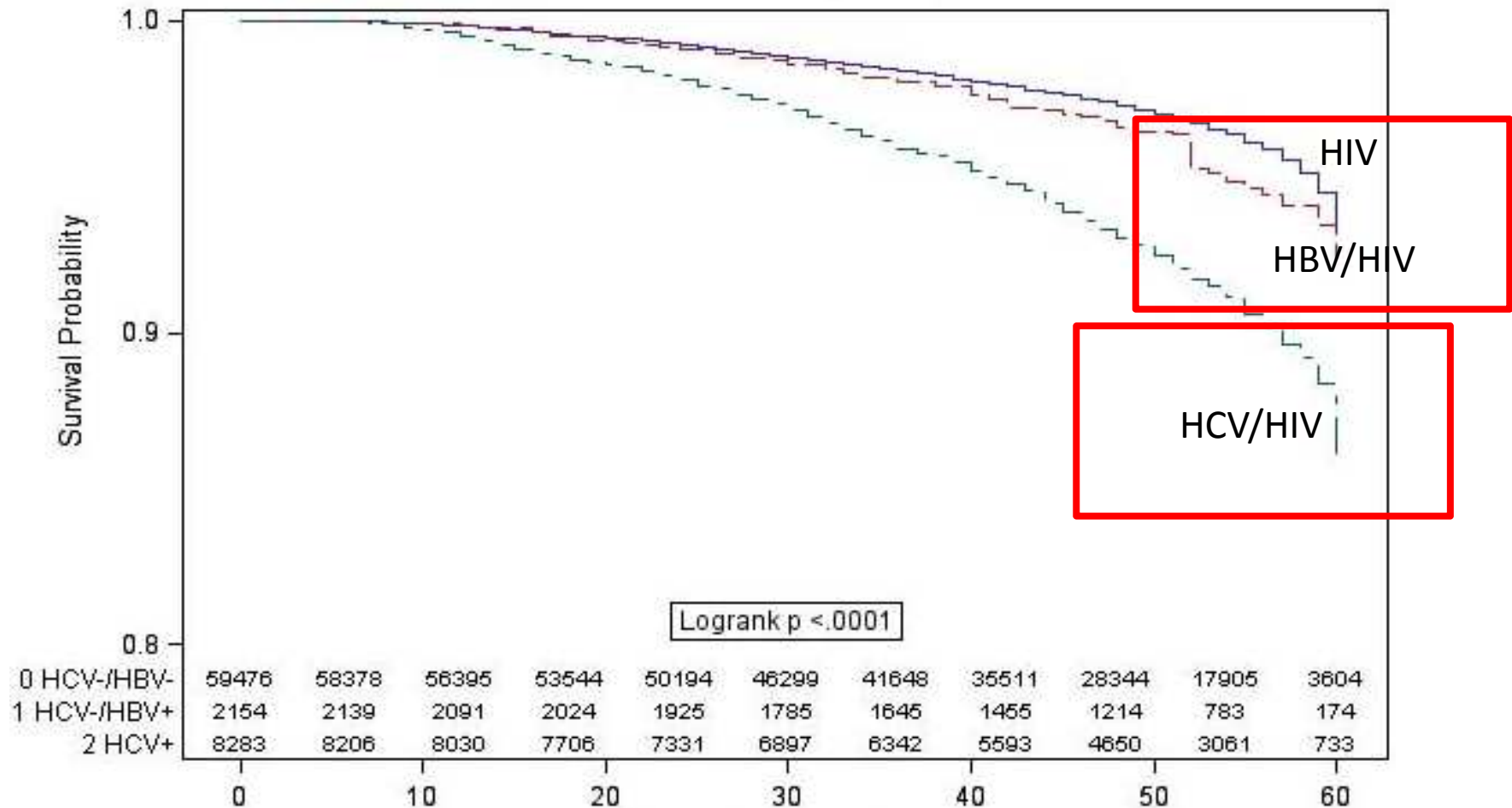


# Liver-related mortality in PLWHIV



# HCV infection is a severe disease in PLWHIV

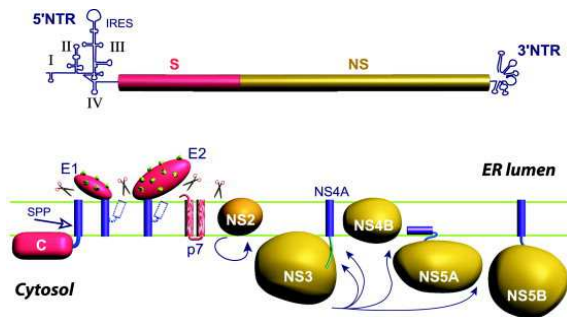
Mortality of 69.913 french PLWHIV (2008-2012)



Adjusted on age, gender, alcohol, decompensated cirrhosis, AIDS

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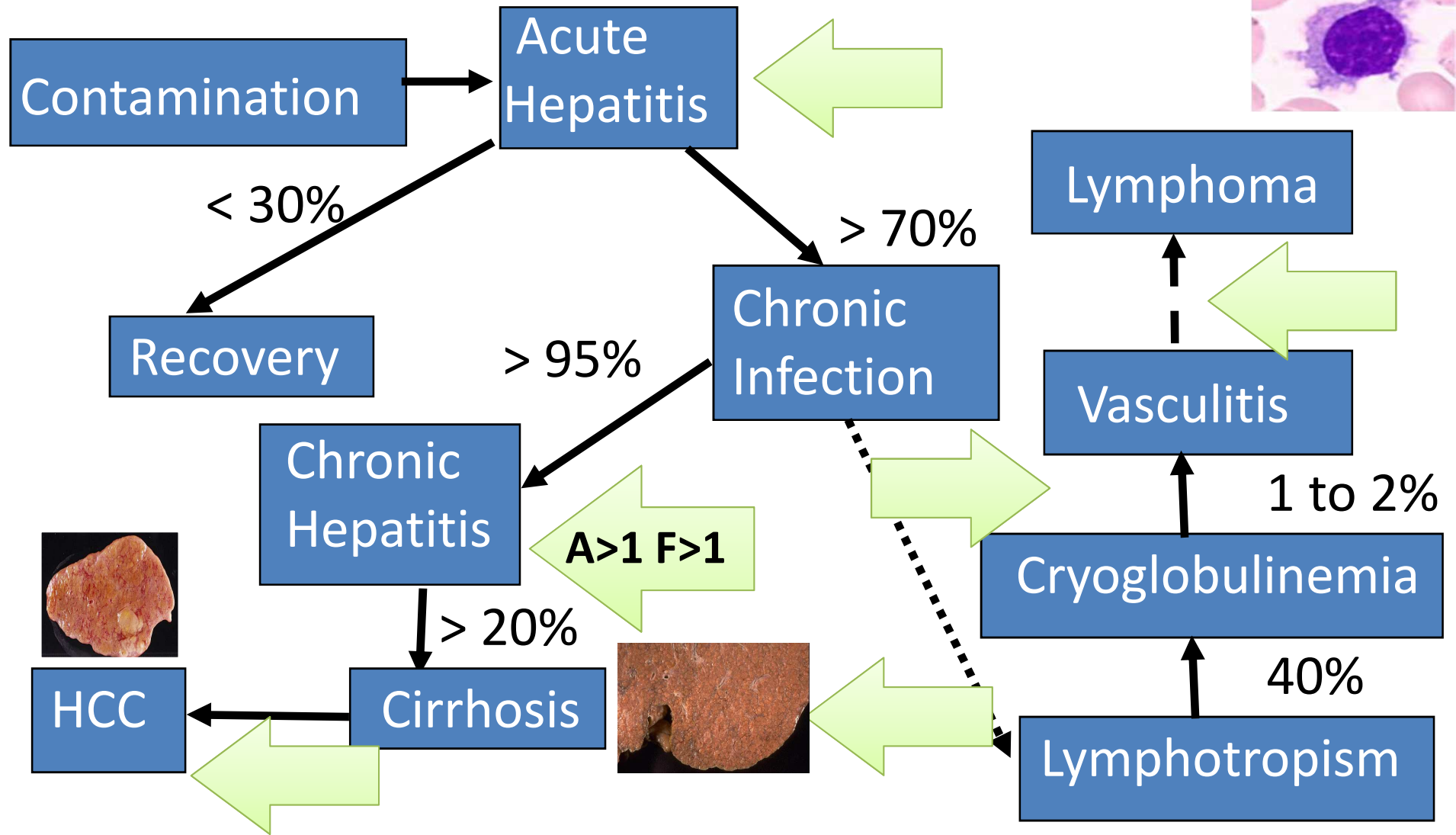
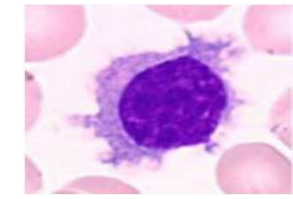
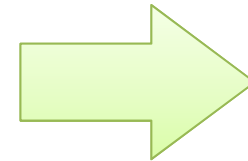
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# Treatment of HCV infection

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## Times to treat



# Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

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**Combination PEG-IFN – RBV**

**Treatments with IFN**

# Four pivotal Peg-IFN/RBV studies in HIV/HCV co-infected patients

Characteristic	APRICOT <sup>1</sup>	ACTG 5071 <sup>2</sup>	RIBAVIC <sup>3</sup>	Barcelona <sup>4</sup>
Number enrolled	868	133	412	95
Peg-IFN	2a	2a	2b	2b
RBV	800 mg	600 mg up to 1 g	800 mg	800 mg up to 1.2 g
HIV and CD4 status	>200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> or 100–200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> if HIV- RNA <5000 copies/mL	>100 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> + HIV-RNA <10,000 copies/mL or >300 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> , tx naïve + not starting ART during trial	>200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	>250 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> and HIV-RNA <10,000 copies/mL
ALT	“elevated”	NA	NA	>1.5x ULN
Genotype 1, %	60–61	77–78	48	49
Bridging fibrosis or cirrhosis, %	15–16	9–11 (cirrhosis)	39	30
<b>Genotype 1 Peg-IFN/RBV SVR rate, n/N (%)</b>	51/176 (29)	7/51 (14)	21/123 (17)*	22/59 (38)*

\*Genotype 1 or 4

ART: ARV therapy; Peg-IFN: peginterferon; RBV: ribavirin

SVR: sustained virologic response; tx: treatment; ULN: upper limit of normal

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2011-2014

**Combination PEG-IFN – RBV**

**« 2011 » DAAs**

**Treatments with IFN**

**SVR in GT1**

45%

60-75%

# Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

2011-2013



## Treatments with IFN

SVR in GT1

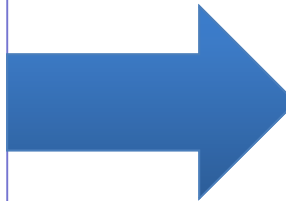
45%

75%



75-95%

Sofosbuvir	1Q14
Simeprevir	2Q14
Daclatasvir	3Q14

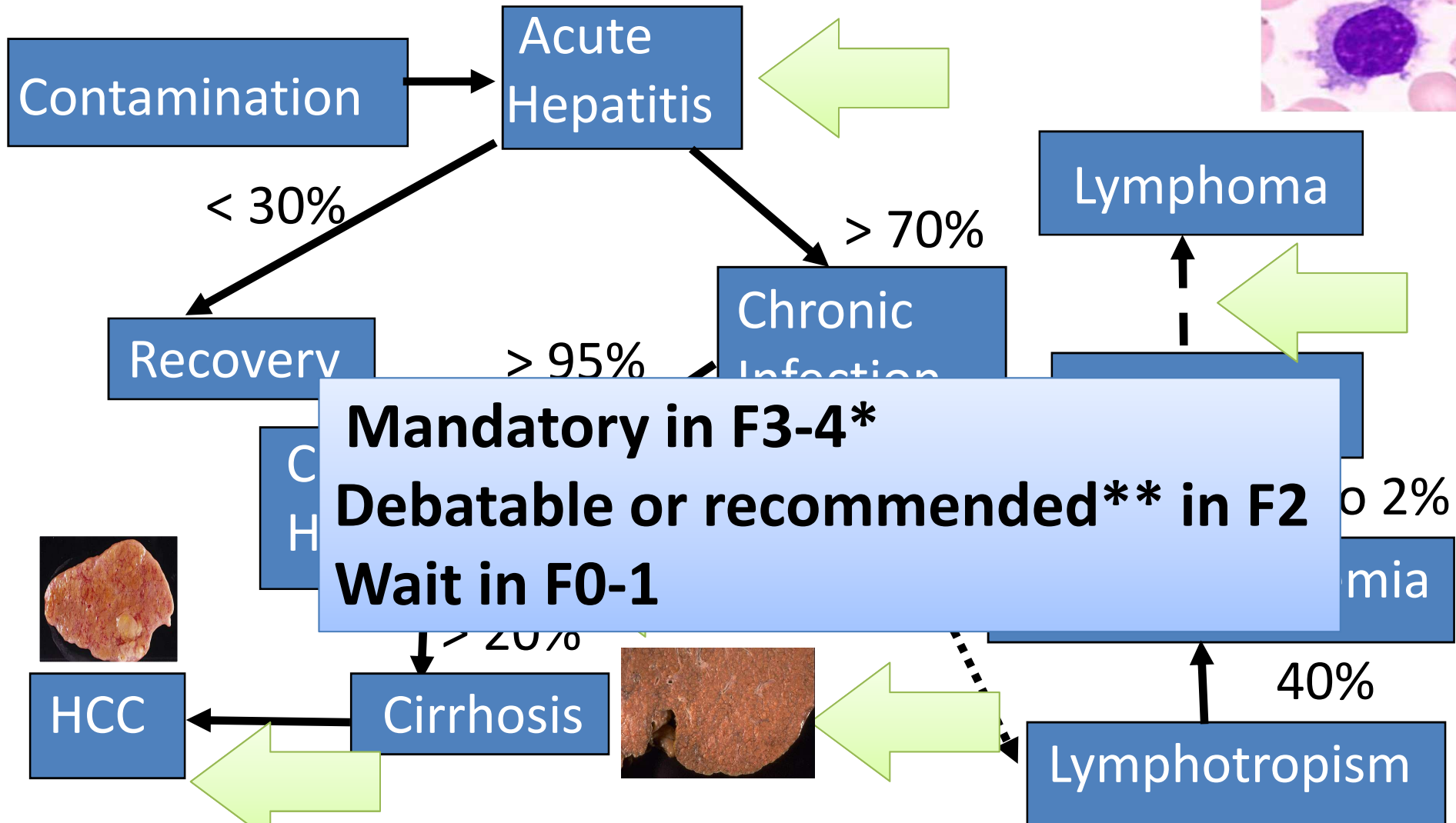
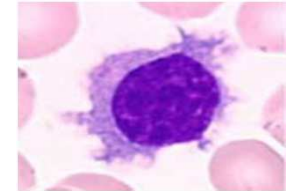


- Better efficacy (pan-genotypic)
- Better tolerability
- Reduction of duration
- Easier dosing schedule
- Reduced pill burden



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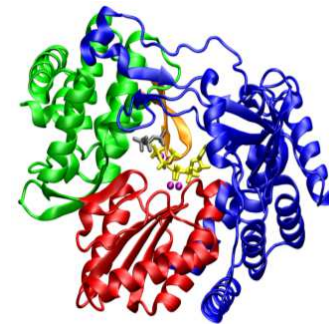
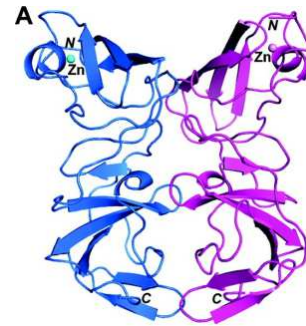
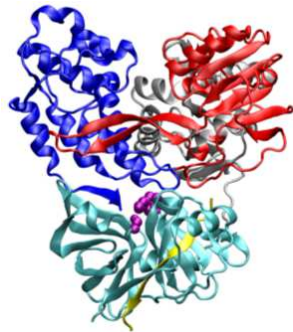
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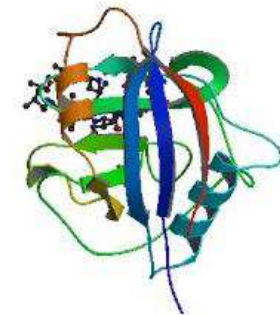
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# Understanding of HCV life cycle revealed several potential innovative drug targets

## Viral targets



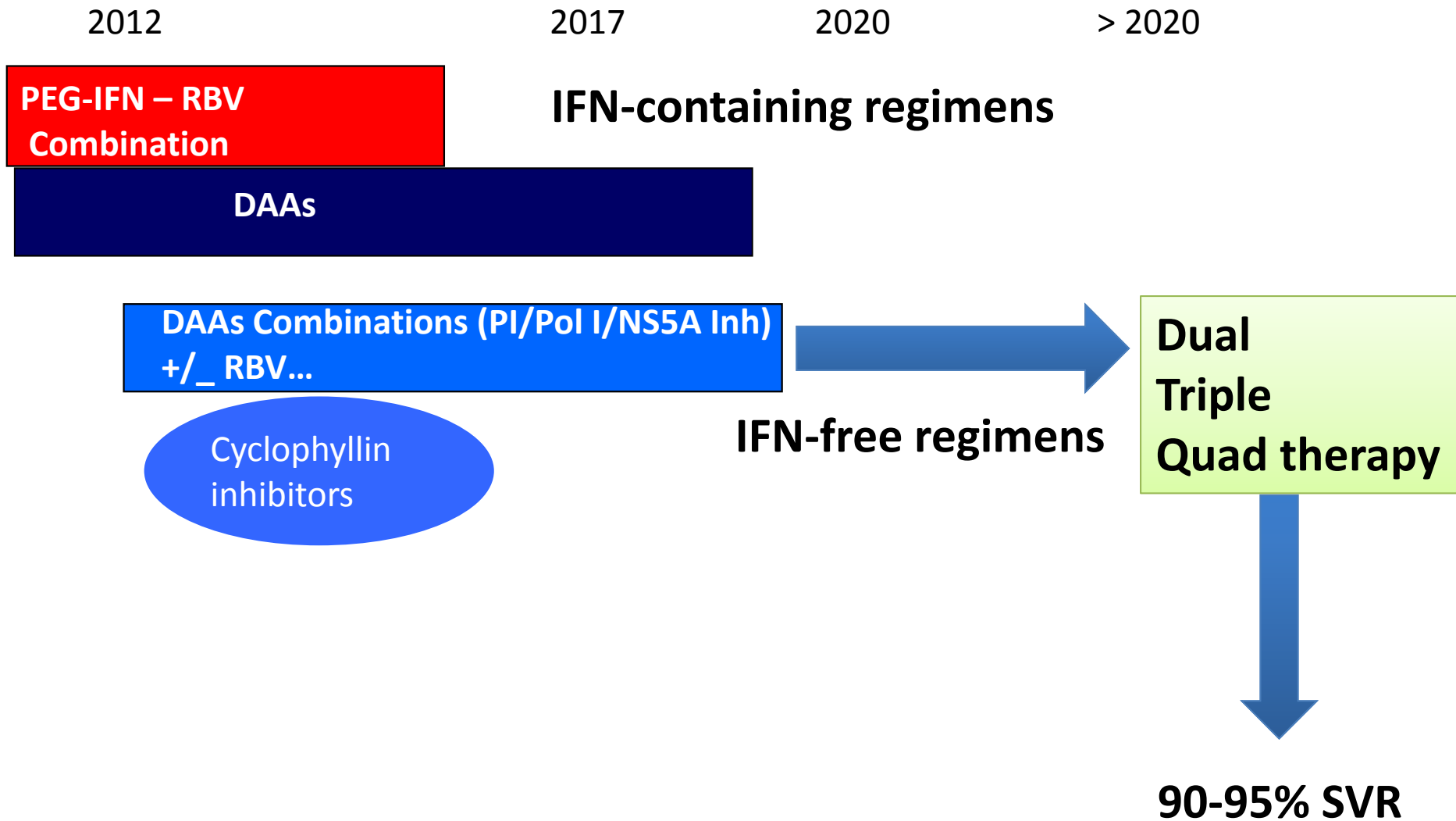
## Host targets



NS3	NS5A	NS5B	Cyclophilin A
The NS3/4A serine protease is essential for post-translational processing of HCV polyproteins <sup>1</sup>	Multifunctional membrane-associated phosphoprotein essential component of the HCV-RNA replication complex <sup>2,3</sup>	NS5B is an HCV-specific, RNA-dependent RNA polymerase <sup>1</sup>	Host protein involved in HCV replication through interaction with NS5A and the HCV polymerase <sup>4</sup>
<b>Boceprevir</b> <b>Telaprevir</b> ABT-450/r, ACH-1625 Asunaprevir, <b>Simeprevir</b> , BI-201335 Danoprevir/r, GS-9451 MK-5172	<b>Daclatasvir</b> GS-5885 ABT-267 PPI-668	<u>Nucleos(t)ide analogue</u> <b>Sofosbuvir</b> , Mericitabine, IDX-184* <u>Non-nucleoside analogue</u> BI-207127, ABT-333 ABT-072, BMS-791325 Tegobuvir, Setrobuvir VX-222, Filibuvir	Alisporivir** SCY-635

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# An almost universal virologic cure

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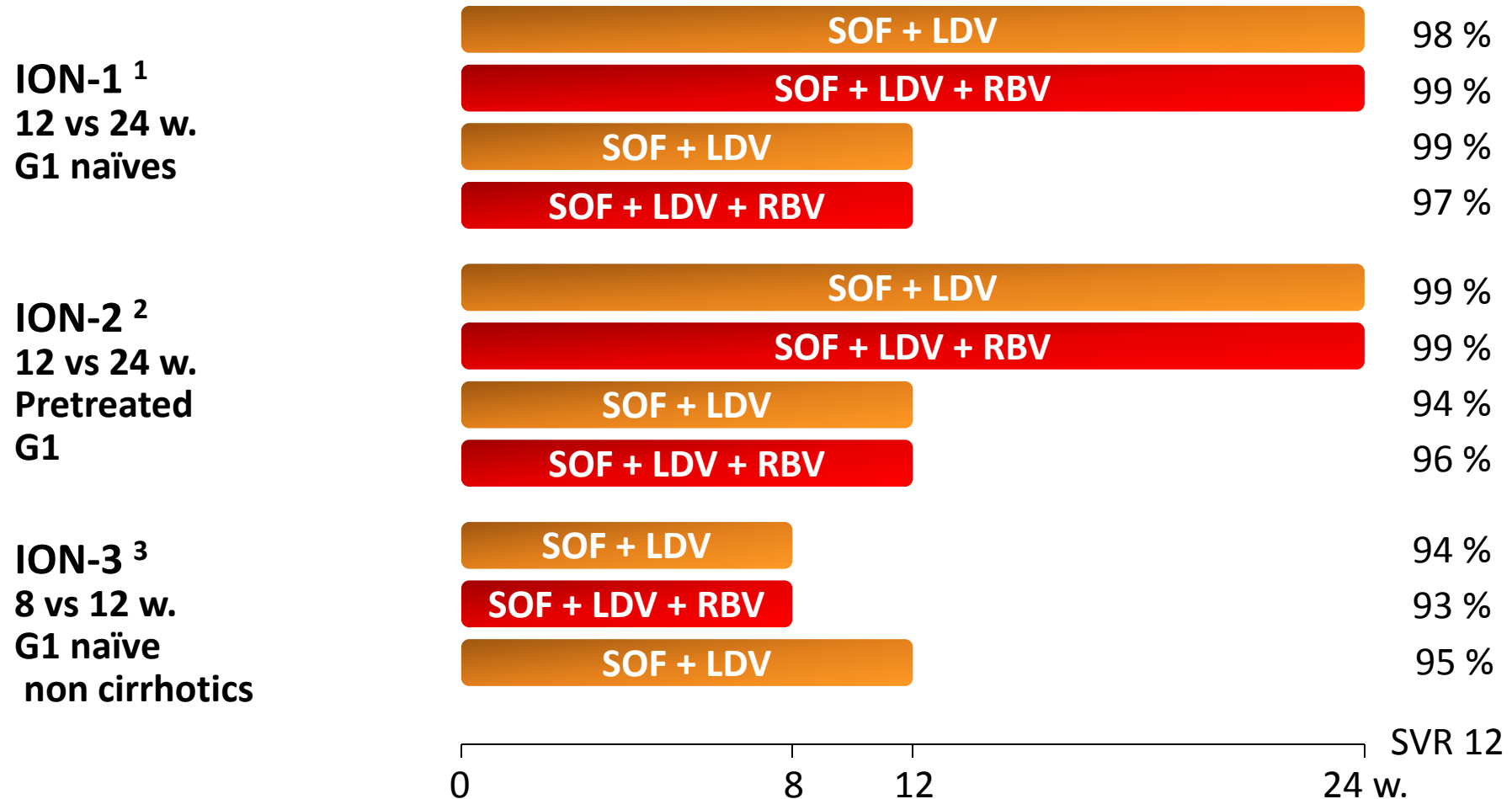
Phase III studies of the combination by ABT450/r, ombitasvir (ABT 267) & dasabuvir (ABT 333)(3D) in G1

Study	Patients profile	Treatment	SVR12
SAPPHIRE-I (12 weeks)	Treatment Naïve patients (n = 631)	3D + RBV (n = 473)	96 %
SAPPHIRE-II (12 weeks)	Experienced patients (n = 394)	3D + RBV (n = 297)	96 %
PEARL-II (12 weeks)	GT1b Experienced patients (n = 179)	3D + RBV (n = 88)	96 %
		3D (n = 91)	100 %
PEARL-III (12 weeks)	GTb1 Treatment Naïve patients (n = 419)	3D + RBV (n = 210)	99 %
		3D (n = 209)	99 %
PEARL-IV (12 weeks)	GT1a Treatment Naïve patients (n = 305)	3D + RBV (n = 100)	97%
		3D (n = 205)	90%
TURQUOISE-II (12 & 24 weeks)	GT1 with compensated cirrhosis (n = 380)	3D + RBV, 12 w. (n = 208)	92 %
		3D + RBV, 24 w. (n = 172)	96 %

3D = ABT-450/ritonavir (150/100 mg) co-formulated with ombitasvir (ABT-267) (25 mg) QD and dasabuvir (ABT-333) (250 mg) BID with or without weight-based ribavirine

# An almost universal virologic cure

## Summary of sofosbuvir/ledipasvir $\pm$ RBV studies



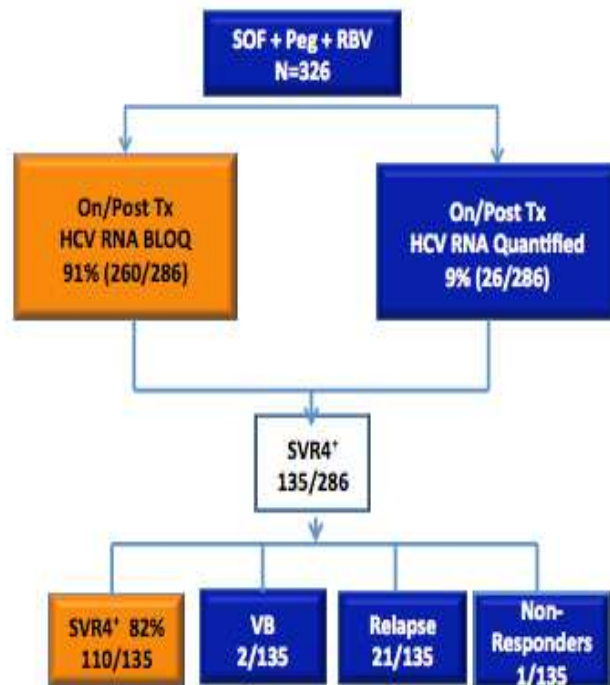
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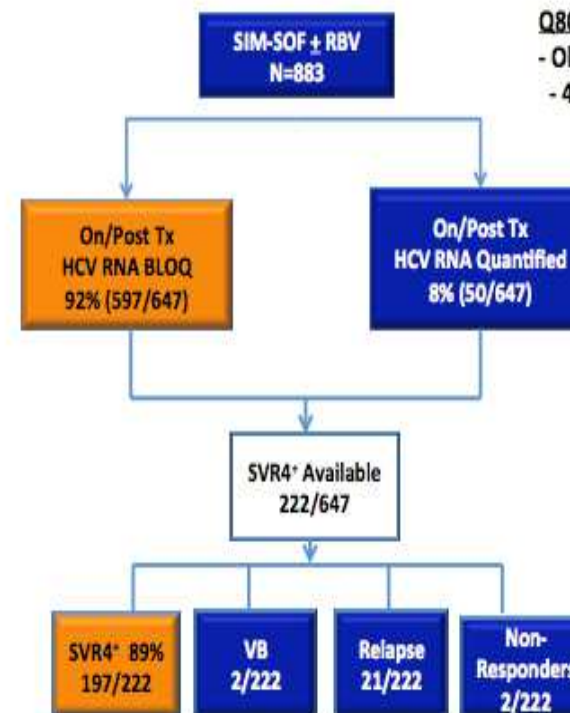
## HCV-Target 2.0 study

HCV RNA Outcomes for Sofosbuvir + Peg-RBV: HCV RNA Outcomes for Sofosbuvir + Simeprevir +/- RBV: G1



**SVR4+**  
No cirrhosis: 90% (80/89)  
Cirrhosis: 67% (30/45)

Based on available data as of 9/10/14; BLOQ=Below Level of Quantitation;



**Q80K testing**  
- Obtained in 10% pts on SMV  
- 46% have Q80K present

**SVR4+**  
No cirrhosis: 93% (n=98) G1a: 85%  
Cirrhosis: 85% (n=124) G1b: 98%

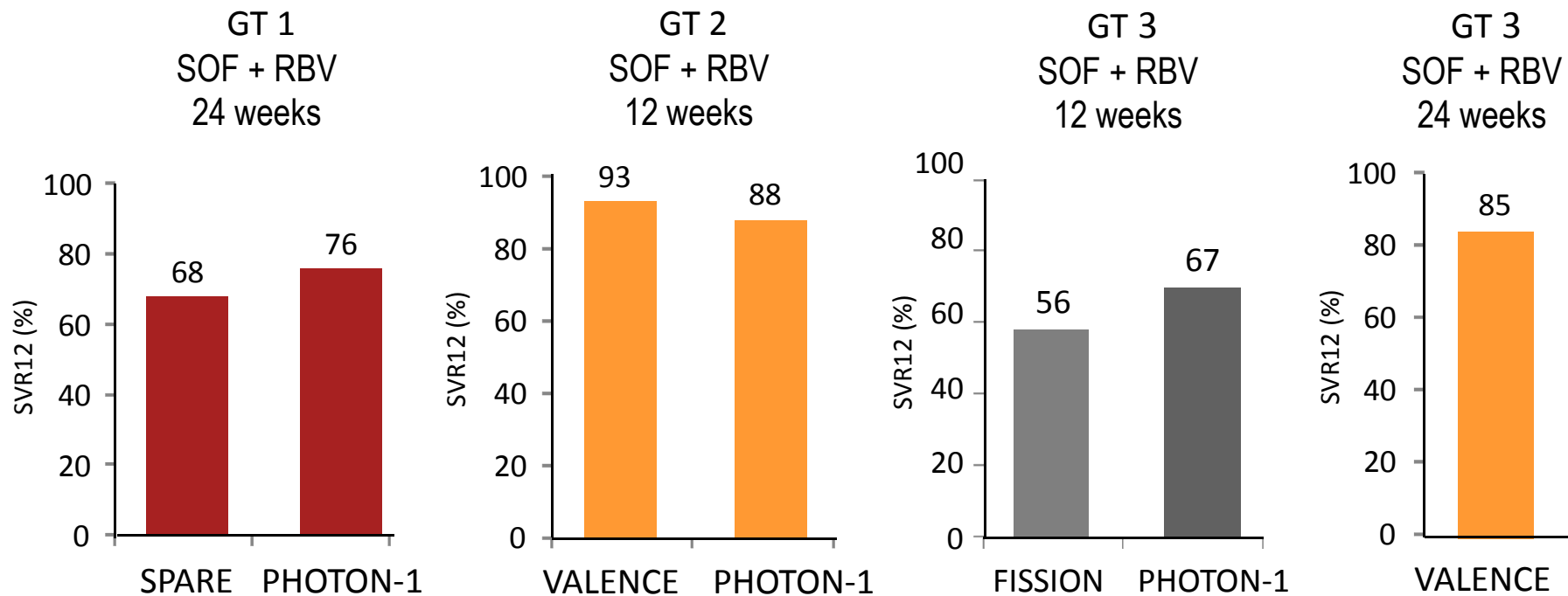
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## SOF + RBV: Comparison HCV mono- vs. HCV/HIV co-infected



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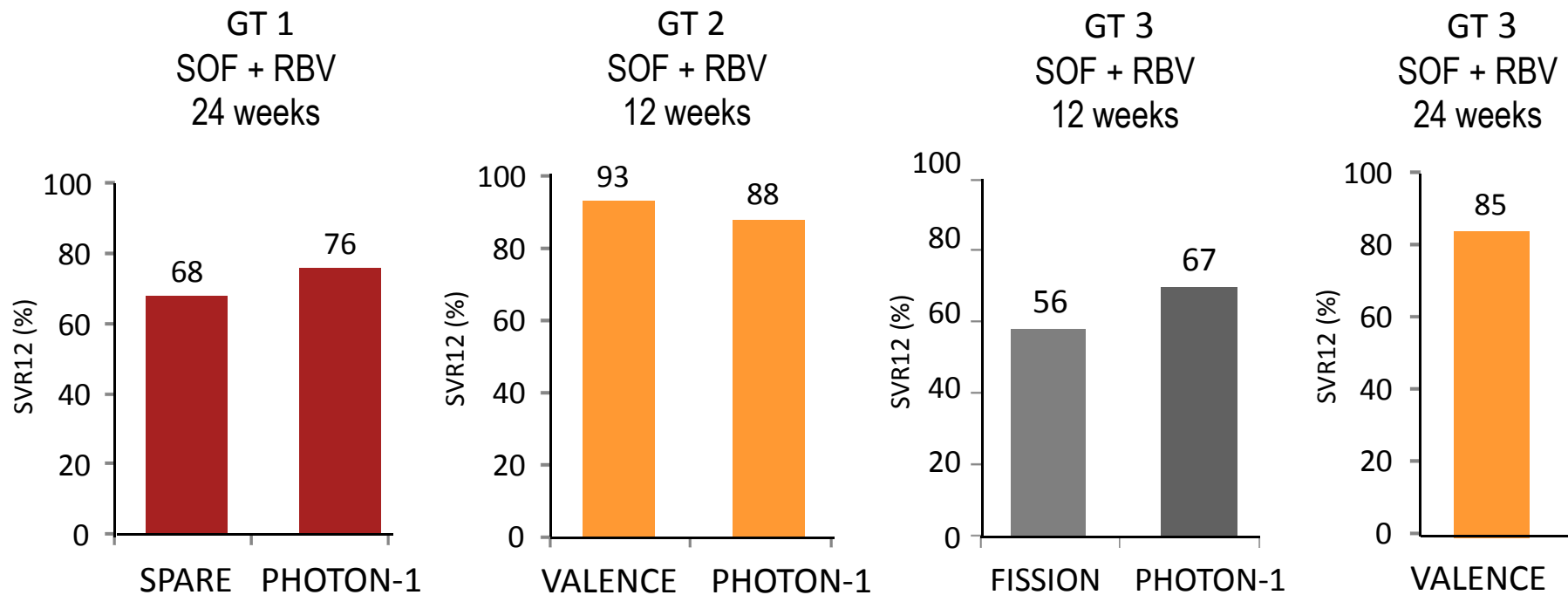
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## SOF + RBV: Comparison HCV mono- vs HCV/HIV coinfectd



The concept of difficult-to-treat population has been removed by the antiviral potency of DAAs

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## Summary

- A large number of regimens containing combinations of DAAs ( $\pm$  peg-alfa/RBV ) are currently being investigated, appear likely to address many of the current unmet medical needs of HCV patients, especially those who were “difficult-to-treat”
- Dual, Triple or Quad regimen should be tailored to the host- and virus-related factors (subtype, fibrosis, prior therapies, viral resistance and tolerance, co-morbidities, DDI): the best “à la carte” combination
- New therapies should be given to severe patients (F3-4 patients, symptomatic vasculitis, pre- and post-transplant) in priority, but probably should be considered for all patients in the next future