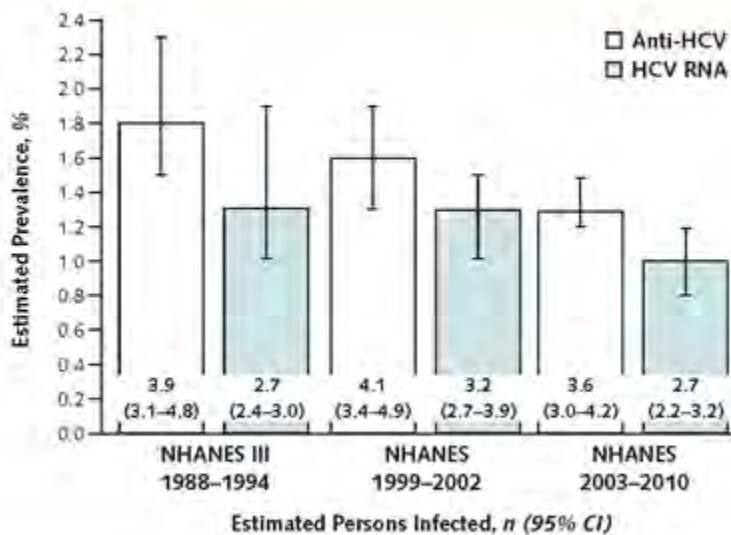


# New HCV Therapies

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# Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection in the United States, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2003 to 2010

*Figure.* Estimated prevalence of anti-HCV and HCV RNA in persons aged  $\geq 6$  y, according to NHANES III (1988–1994), NHANES 1999–2002, and NHANES 2003–2010.

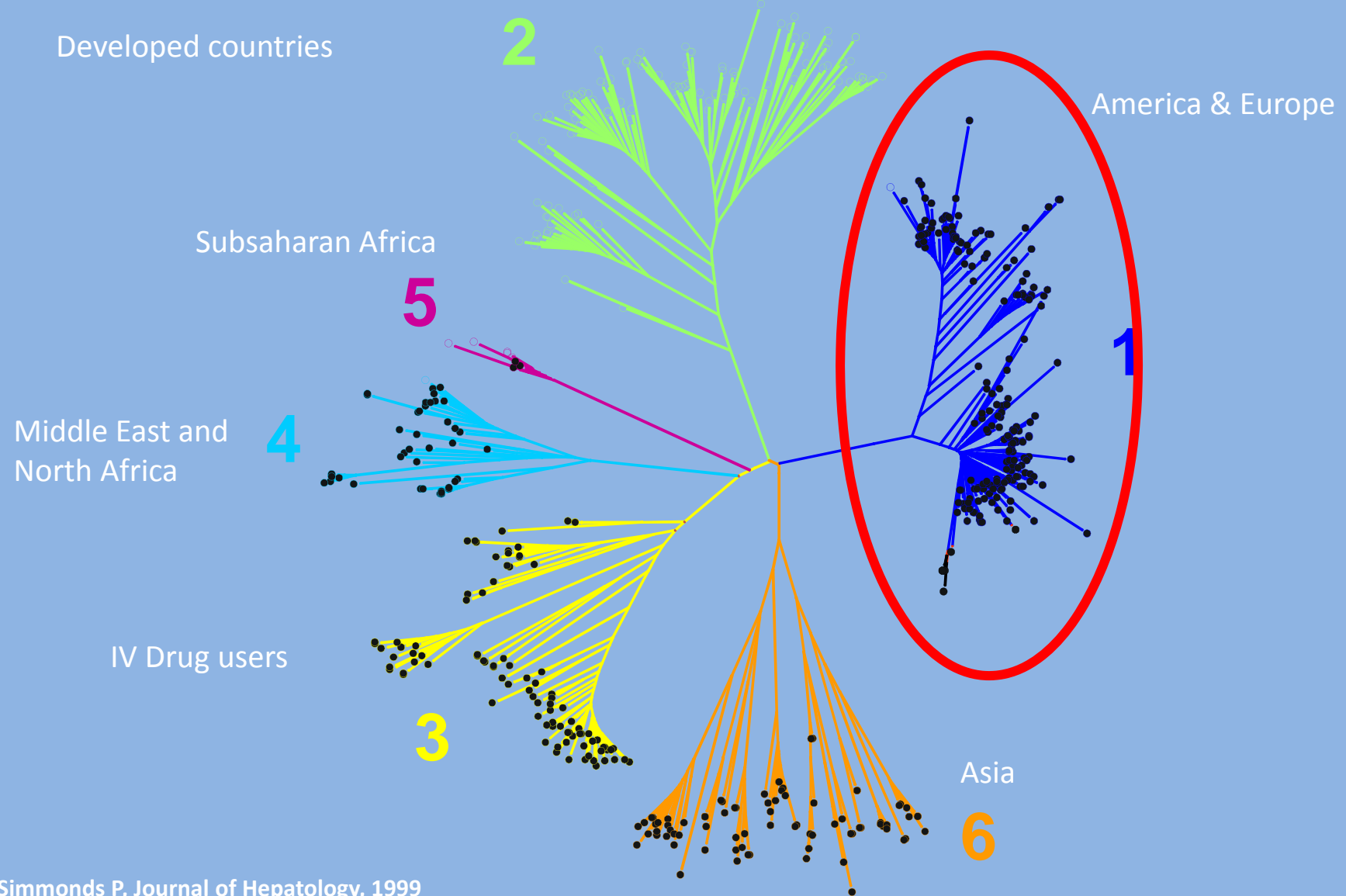


Estimated persons infected are reported in millions. Anti-HCV = antibody to HCV; HCV = hepatitis C virus; NHANES = National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

## Risk Factors OR

Age > 40	6-9.5
Male	1.6
Non-hispanic black	1.6
Low education	2
Family income	3.7
IVDU	8.7

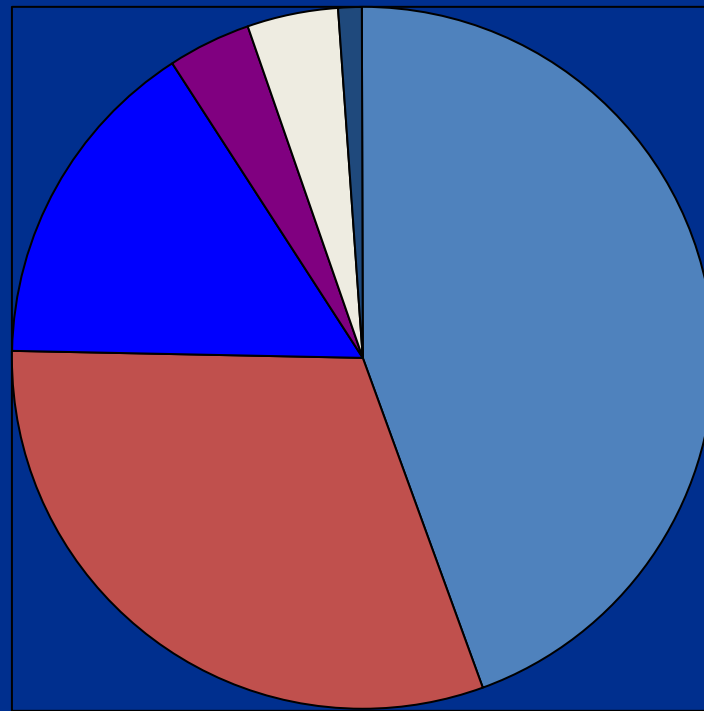
# HCV genotypes and subtypes



# HEPATITIS C

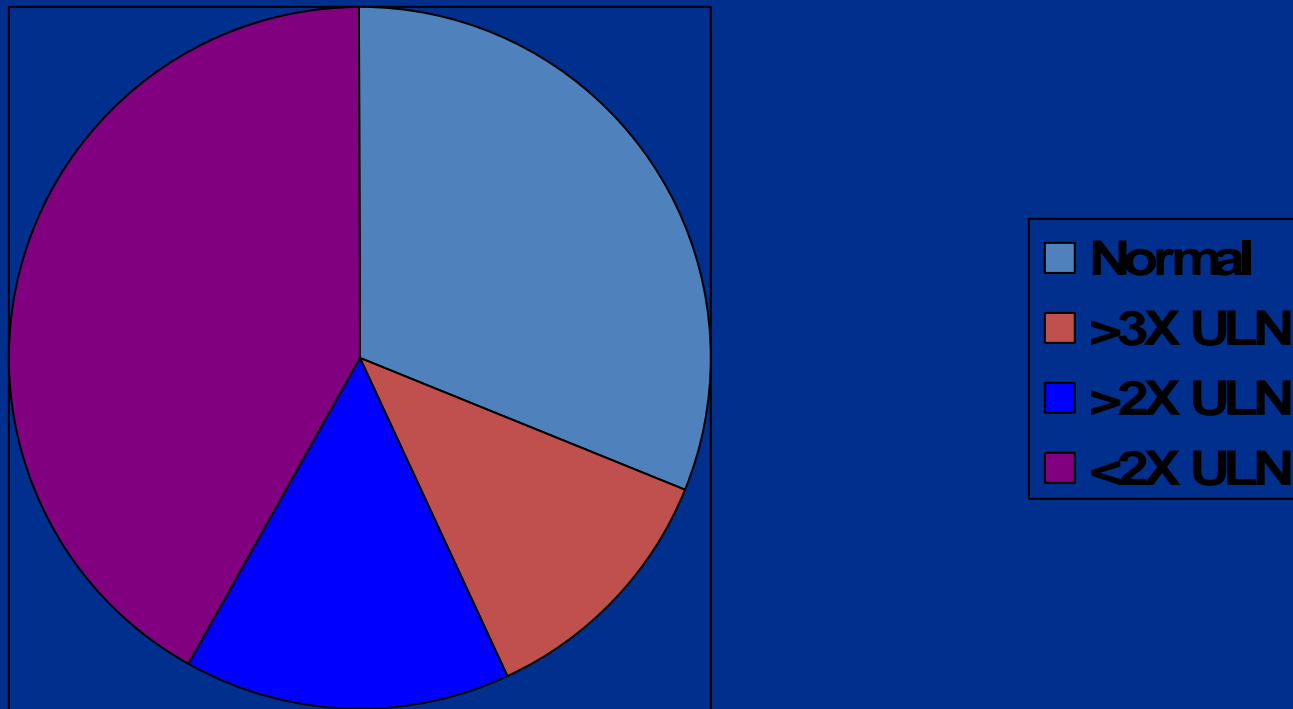
- Agent                    35 nm RNA
- Genotypes                1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Antibody                 HCV IgG
- Mortality                 3-8%
- Chronicity                90%
- Vaccine                  none

# Risk Factors for Hepatitis C

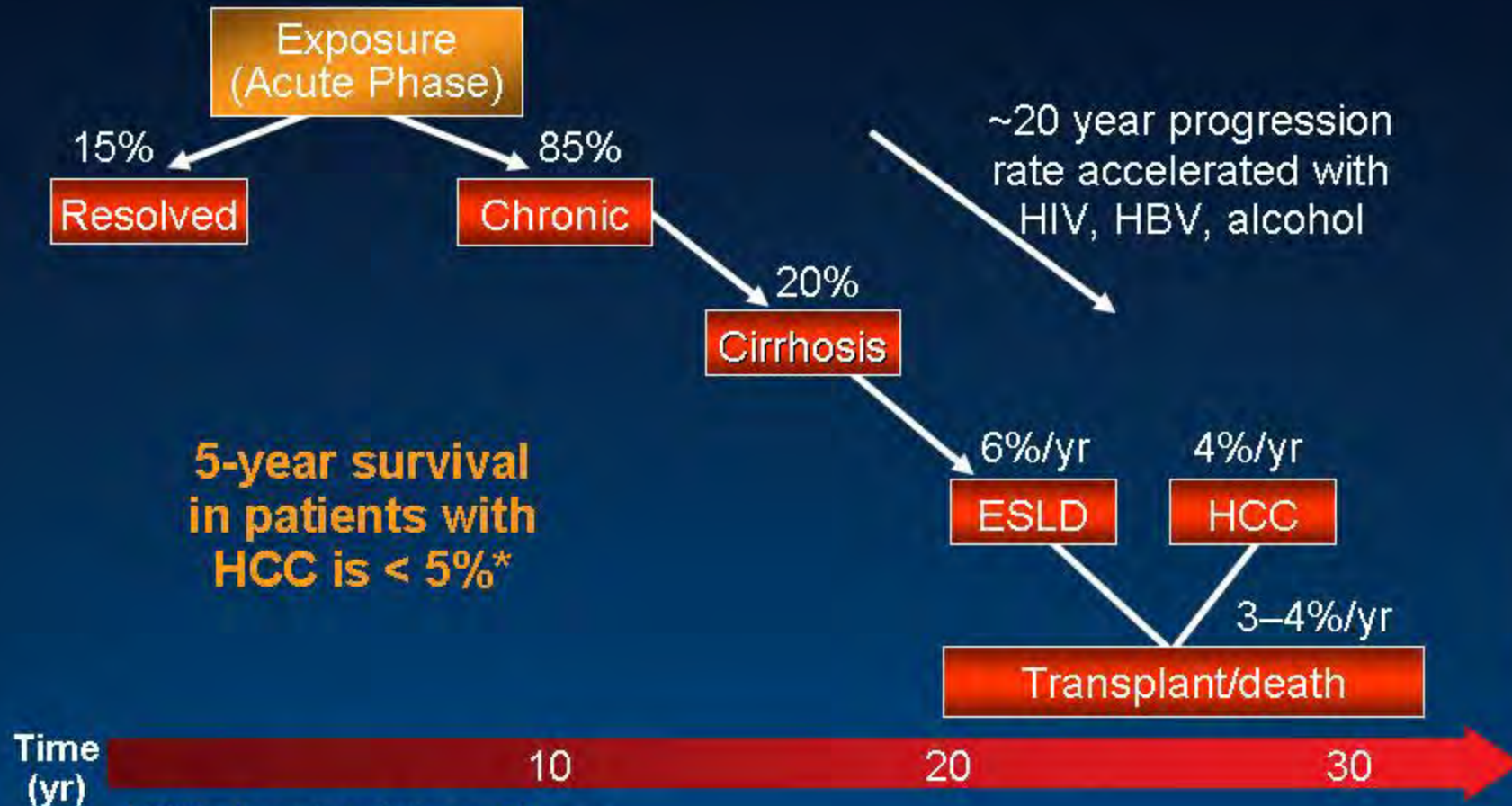


- IVDU
- High risk
- Sexual
- Blood
- Occupation
- Unknown

# Pattern of ALT Elevation



# Natural History of HCV Infection



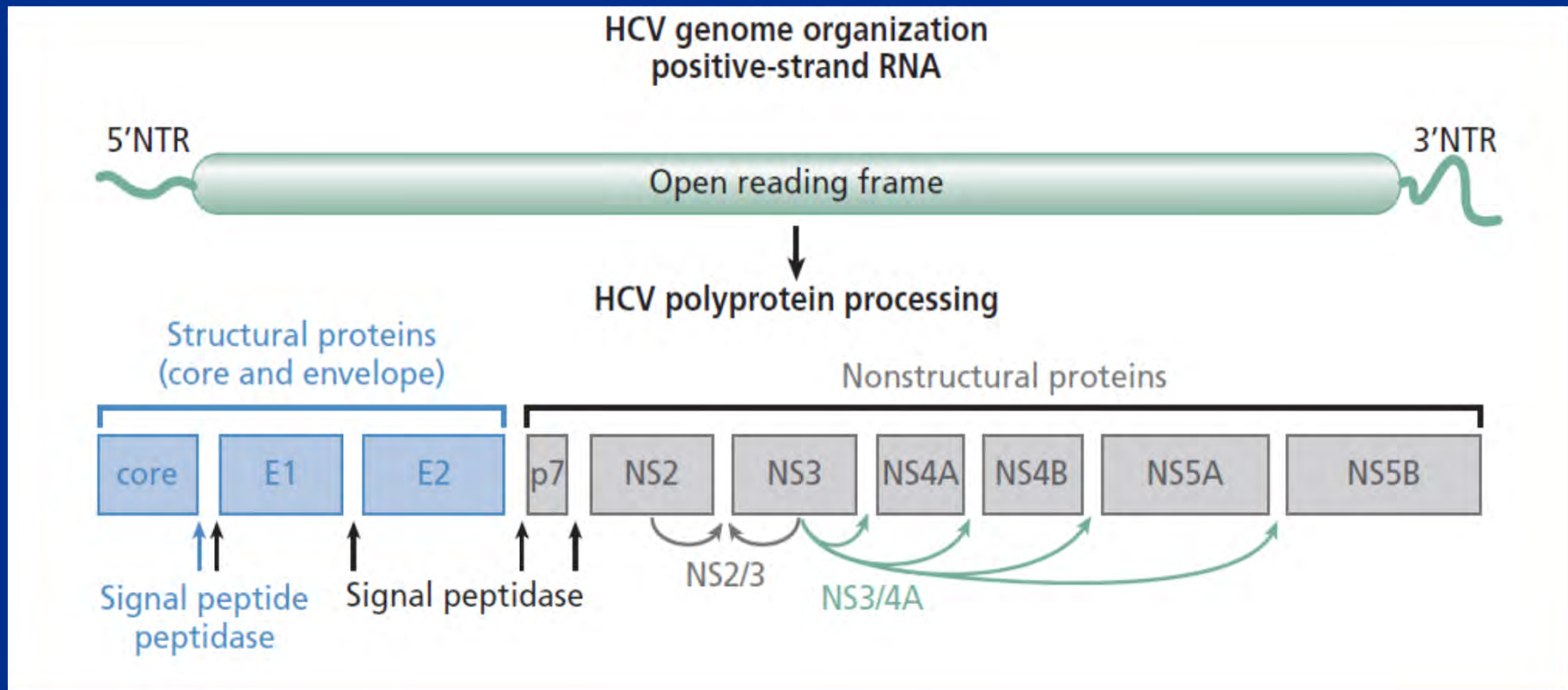
HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma  
ESLD = end-stage liver disease

\*NIH Consensus Statement. 2002.

Di Bisceglie A, et al. *Hepatology*. 2000;31:1014-1018.

# Hepatitis C

Identified in 1989 by the group of Michael Houghton as the cause of hepatitis non-A non-B-1

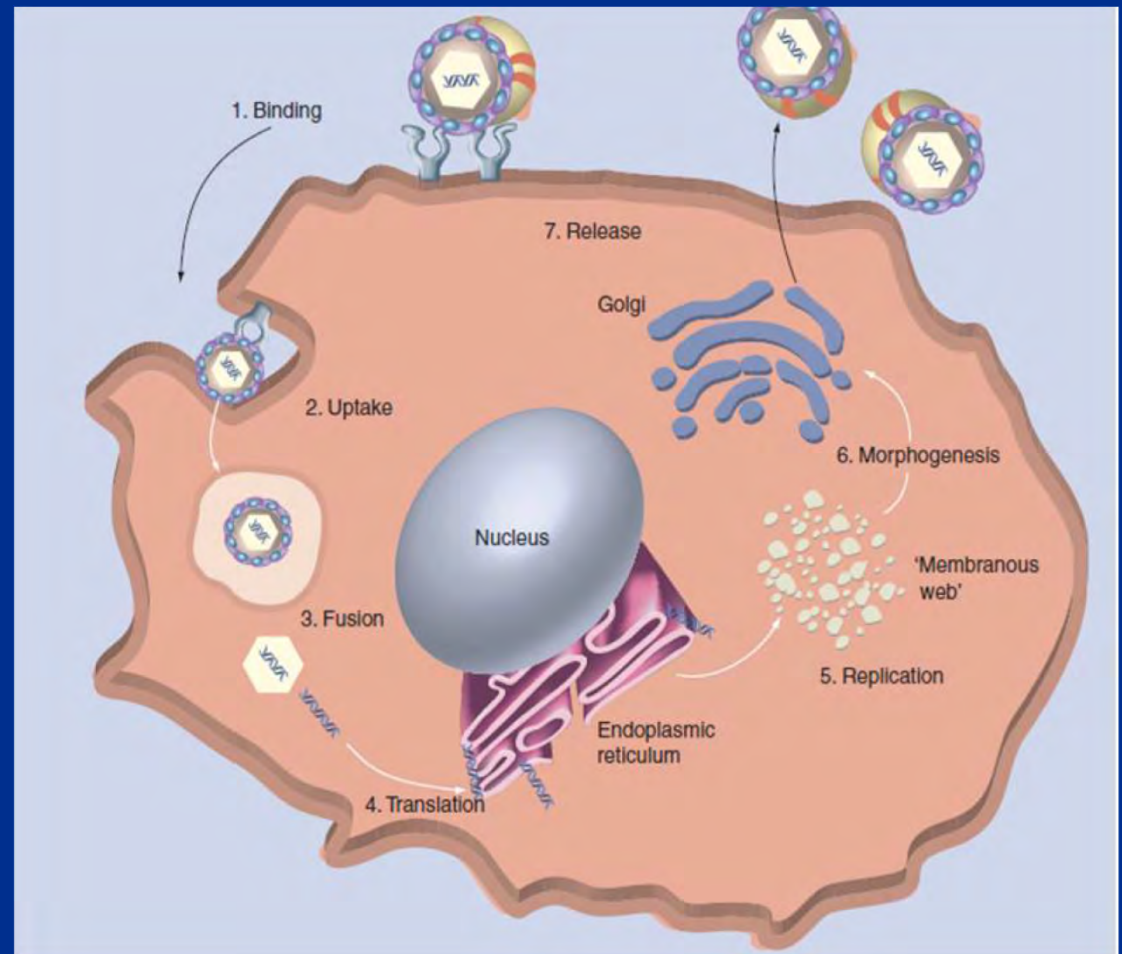




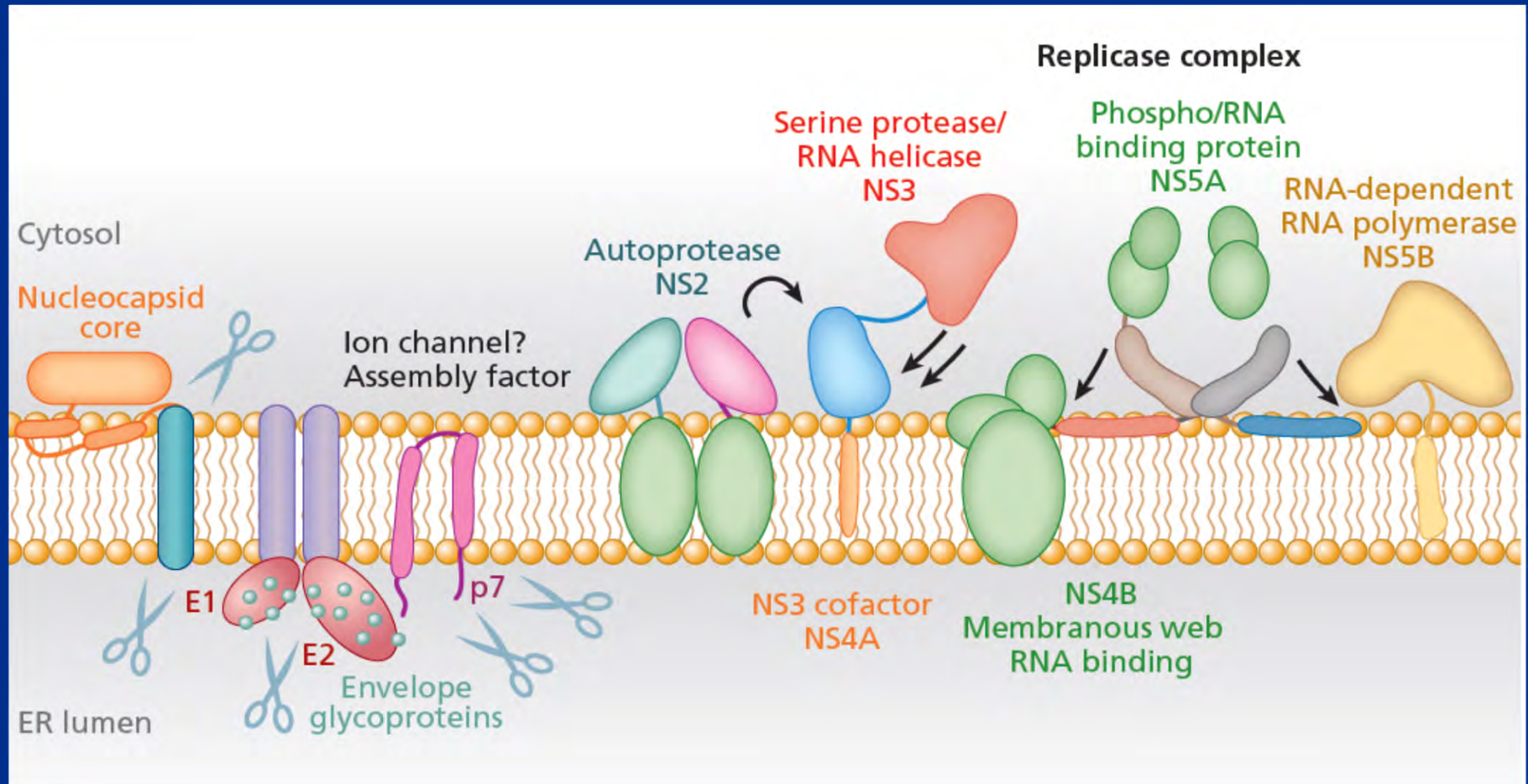
# Viral Replication Cycle

The viral replication cycle can broadly be divided into three phases:

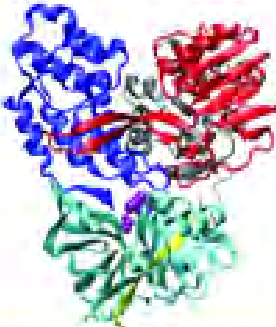

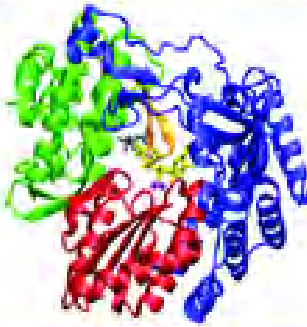
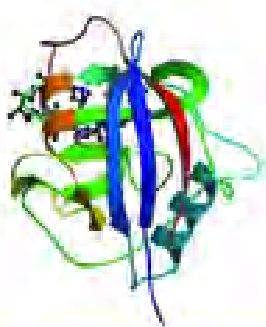
1. Entry into the host cell
2. Intracellular RNA replication
3. Assembly of new particles and their release into the blood



# Viral Targets of antiviral drugs



# Different classes of direct-acting antiviral drugs (DAAs)

Viral targets			Host targets
			
NS3	NS5A	NS5B	Cyclophilin A
The NS3/4A serine protease	Multifunctional phosphoprotein, component of the HCV-RNA replication complex	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase	Host protein interacting with NS5A and the NS5B
<b>Boceprevir</b> <b>Telaprevir</b> ABT-450/r, ACH-1625 Asunaprevir, TMC-435 (Simeprevir), BI-201335 Danoprevir/r, GS-9451 MK-5172	Daclatasvir GS-5885 ABT-267 PPI-668 MK	<u>Nucleos(t)ide analogue</u> GS-7977 (Sofosbuvir), Mericitabine, IDX-184 <u>Non-nucleoside analogue</u> BI-207127, ABT-333 ABT-072, BMS-791325 Tegobuvir, Setrobuvir VX-222, Fillbuvir	Alisporivir  SCY-635

**Table 1. DAAs and HTAs in Clinical Development at the Beginning of 2014**

Agent class	Generation	Compound	Manufacturer	Phase of clinical development	
NS3-4A protease inhibitors	First-wave, first-generation	Telaprevir	Vertex, Janssen, Mitsubishi	Approved	
		Boceprevir	Merck	Approved	
	Second-wave, first-generation	Simeprevir	Janssen	Approved	
		Faldaprevir	Boehringer-Ingelheim	III	
		Asunaprevir	Bristol-Myers Squibb	III	
		ABT-450/r	Abbvie	III	
		Danoprevir/r	Roche	II	
		Sovaprevir	Achillion	II <sup>a</sup>	
		Vedroprevir	Gilead	II	
		IDX320	Idenix	II	
	Second-generation	Vaniprevir	Merck	III (Japan)	
		MK-5172	Merck	III	
		ACH-2684	Achillion	II	
		ACH-2684	Achillion	II	
Nucleoside/nucleotide analogues	Nucleotide analogues	Sofosbuvir	Gilead	Approved	
		VX-135	Vertex	II <sup>a</sup>	
Non-nucleoside inhibitors of the HCV RdRp	Nucleoside analogue	Mericitabine	Roche	II	
		BMS-791325	Bristol-Myers Squibb	III	
	Thumb domain I inhibitors	TMC647055	Janssen	II	
		Lomibuvir	Vertex	II	
	Thumb domain II inhibitors	GS-9669	Gilead	II	
		Dasabuvir	Abbvie	III	
		ABT-072	Abbvie	II	
		Setrobuvir	Roche	II	
	NS5A inhibitors	First-generation	Daclatasvir	Bristol-Myers Squibb	III
			Ledipasvir	Gilead	III
Ombitasvir			Abbvie	III	
PPI-668			Presidio	II	
PPI-461			Presidio	II	
ACH-2928			Achillion	II	
GSK2336805			GlaxoSmithKline	II	
BMS824393			Bristol-Myers Squibb	II	
Samatasvir			Idenix	II	
Second-generation			MK-8742	Merck	II
		ACH-3102	Achillion	II	
		GS-5816	Gilead	II	

Table 2. All-Oral, IFN-Free HCV Therapeutic Agents in Clinical Development, 2014-2015

Strategy	Company	Nucleoside/ nucleotide analogue	NS3-4A protease inhibitor	NS5A inhibitor	Non-nucleoside inhibitor of HCV RdRp	Cyclophilin inhibitor	Ribavirin
Nucleoside/nucleotide analogue- based strategy	Gilead	Sofosbuvir		Ledipasvir			±
	Gilead	Sofosbuvir		GS-5816			±
	Gilead	Sofosbuvir		Ledipasvir	GS-9669		-
	Gilead	Sofosbuvir	Vedroprevir	Ledipasvir			-
	Gilead/Janssen	Sofosbuvir	Smeprevir				±
	Gilead/Bristol-Myers Squibb	Sofosbuvir		Daclatasvir			±
	Vertex	VX-135				Lomibuvir	-
	Vertex/Janssen	VX-135		Smeprevir			±
	Vertex/Bristol-Myers Squibb	VX-135			Daclatasvir		±
	Roche (emerging markets)	Mercitabine		Danoprevir <sup>r</sup>		Setrobuvir	±
Nucleoside-free triple combo strategy	Abbvie		ABT-450/r	Ombitasvir	Dasabuvir		±
	Bristol-Myers Squibb		Asunaprevir	Daclatasvir	BMS791325		±
	Boehringer-Ingelheim/Presidio		Faldaprevir	PP1-668	?		±
	Janssen/GlaxoSmithKline		Smeprevir	GSK2336805	TMO647055		±
	Janssen/Adenix		Smeprevir	Samatasvir	TMO647055		±
Nucleoside-free double combo strategy with a high-barrier-to- resistance drug	Merck		MK-5172	MK-8742			±
	Achillion		ACH-2684	ACH-3102			±
	Novartis					Alisporvir	±

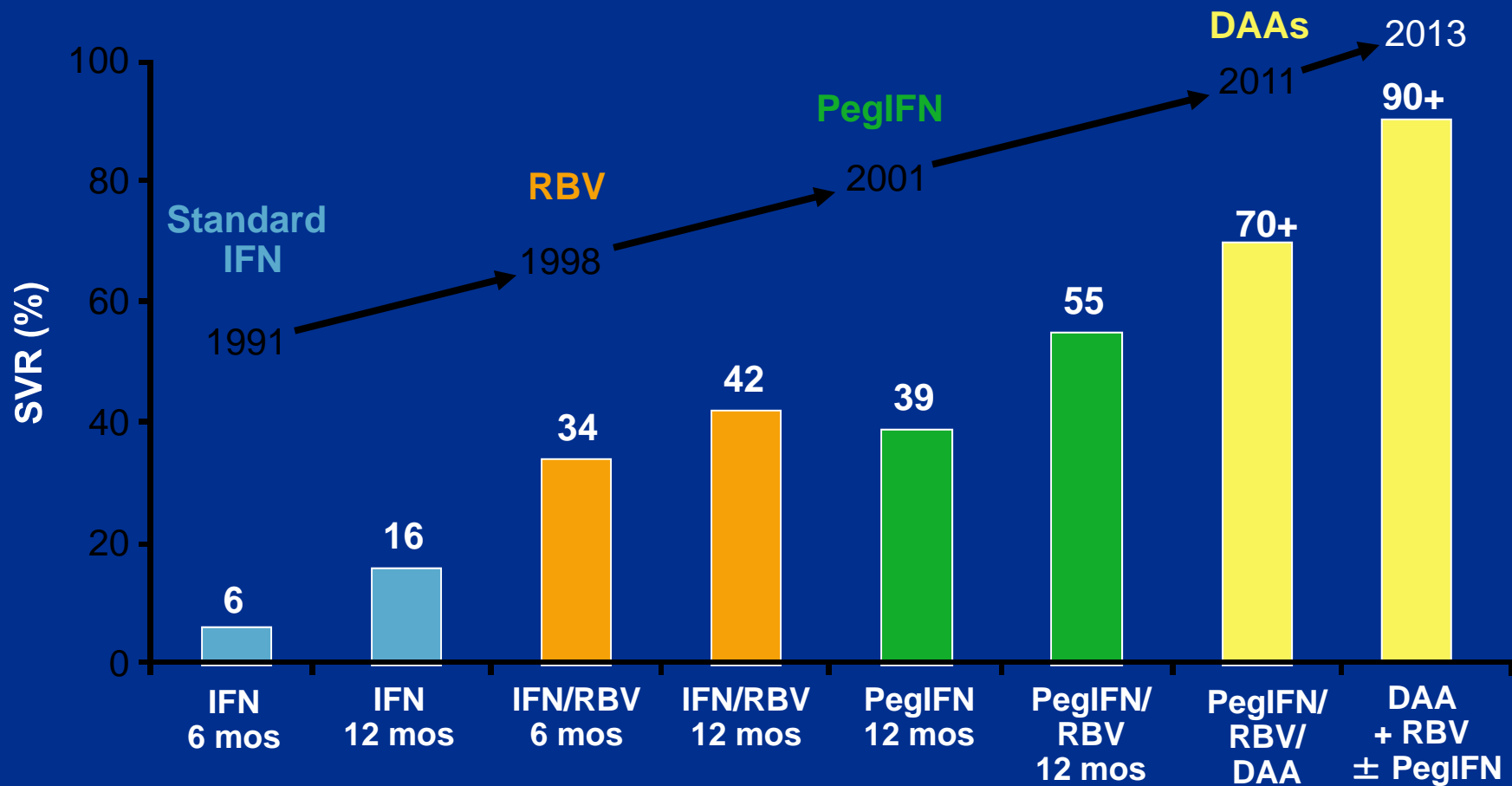
/r, ritonavir-boosted.

<sup>r</sup>Deleobuvir development was halted in January 2014 owing to digestive toxicity.

# Summary of Investigational HCV Agents

Class	Drug	Dosing
NS3/4A protease inhibitor	ABT-450/RTV	150/100 mg
NS3 protease inhibitor	Asunaprevir	200 mg BID
NS3/4A protease inhibitor	Faldaprevir	120 mg or 240 mg QD
NS3 protease inhibitor	GS-9451	200 mg QD
NS3/4A protease inhibitor	MK-5172	100 mg QD
NS3/4A protease inhibitor	Simeprevir	150 mg QD
NS5B nonnucleoside polymerase inhibitor	ABT-333	400 mg BID
NS5B nonnucleoside polymerase inhibitor	BMS-791325	75 mg or 150 mg BID
NS5B nonnucleoside polymerase inhibitor	Deleobuvir	600 mg BID
NS5B nonnucleoside polymerase inhibitor	GS-9669	500 mg QD
NS5B nucleotide polymerase inhibitor	Sofosbuvir	400 mg QD
NS5A inhibitor	ABT-267	25 mg QD
NS5A inhibitor	Daclatasvir	30 mg BID or 60 mg QD
NS5A inhibitor	Ledipasvir	90 mg QD
NS5A inhibitor	MK-8742	20 or 50 mg QD
NS5A inhibitor	PI-688	200 mg QD

# The Good News



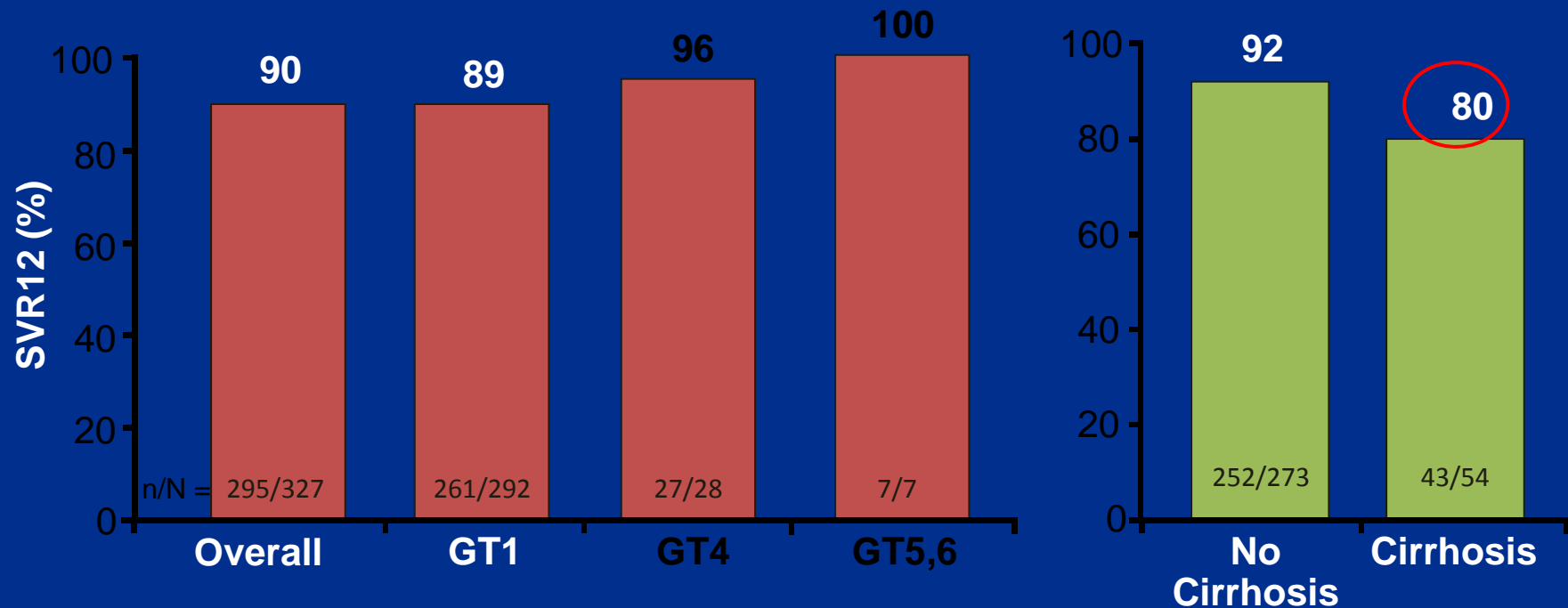
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**GENOTYPE 1**



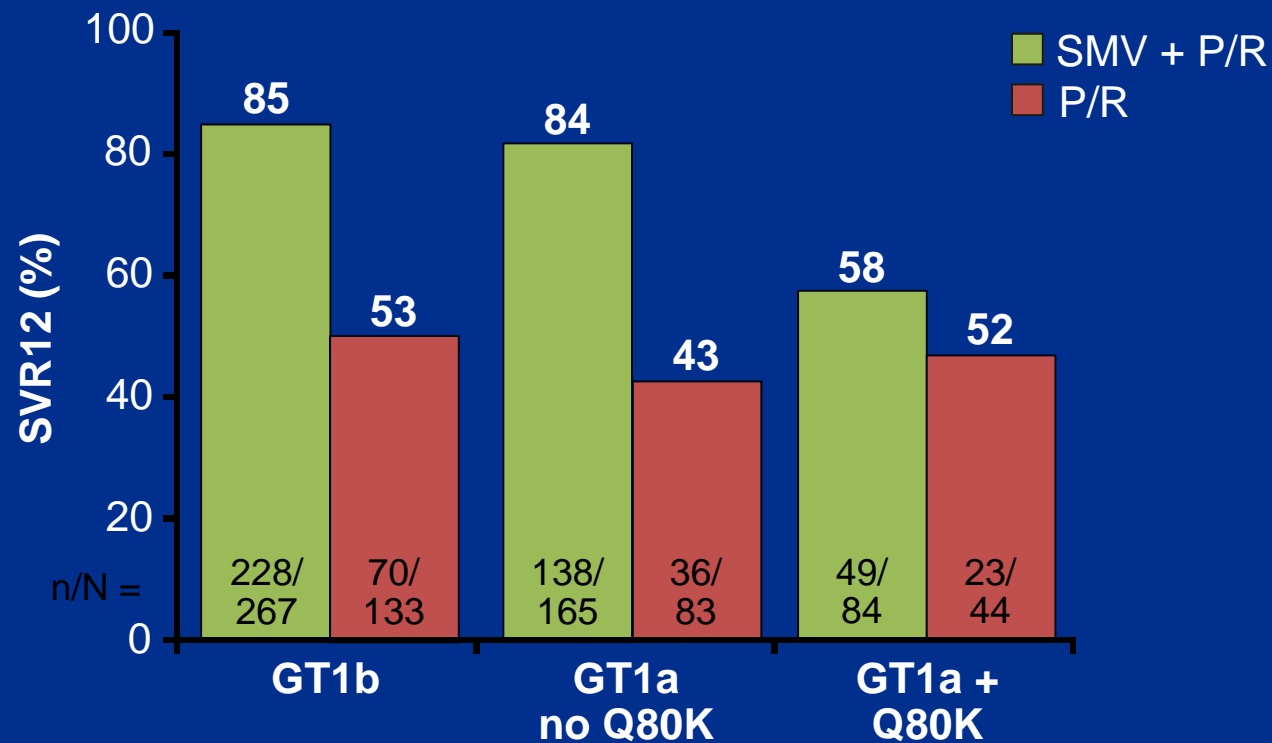
# NEUTRINO: Sofosbuvir + P/R for 12 Weeks in Treatment-Naive GT 1/4/5/6 HCV

- Open-label, single-arm study of sofosbuvir 400 mg QD + P/R for 12 weeks in treatment-naive patients with GT1/4/5/6 HCV
  - 17% cirrhosis; 89% GT1; 9% GT4; < 1% GT5; 2% GT6



Lawitz E, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;368:1878-1887.

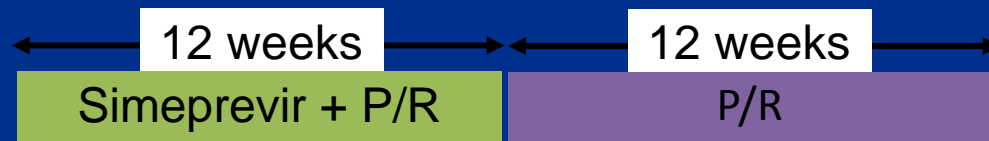
# QUEST: Simeprevir + P/R



Q80K present in 34% of GT1a patients  
No benefit of simeprevir if Q80K positive

# Simeprevir + P/R for GT1 HCV: Approved Indications

- Simeprevir 150 mg/day with food, administered with P/R
  - Fixed duration (no RGT)
- Treatment-naïve patients and relapsers (including cirrhotic patients)
- Previous partial or null responders (including cirrhotic patients)



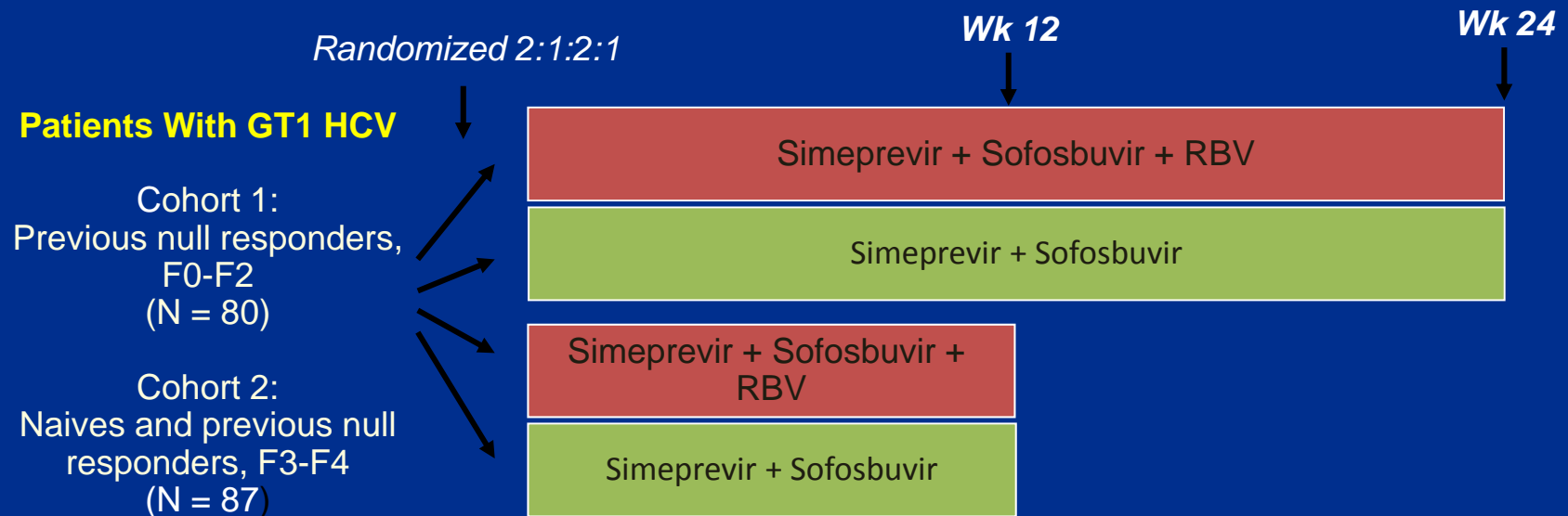
Treatment Wk	HCV RNA (IU/mL)	Action
4	≥ 25	Discontinue simeprevir, pegIFN, and RBV
12	≥ 25	Discontinue pegIFN and RBV (SMV stops at 12 wks)
24	≥ 25	Discontinue pegIFN and RBV

Simeprevir [package insert]. November 2013.

**INTERFERON FREE GENOTYPE 1**

# COSMOS: Simeprevir + Sofosbuvir ± RBV in Genotype 1 HCV Patients

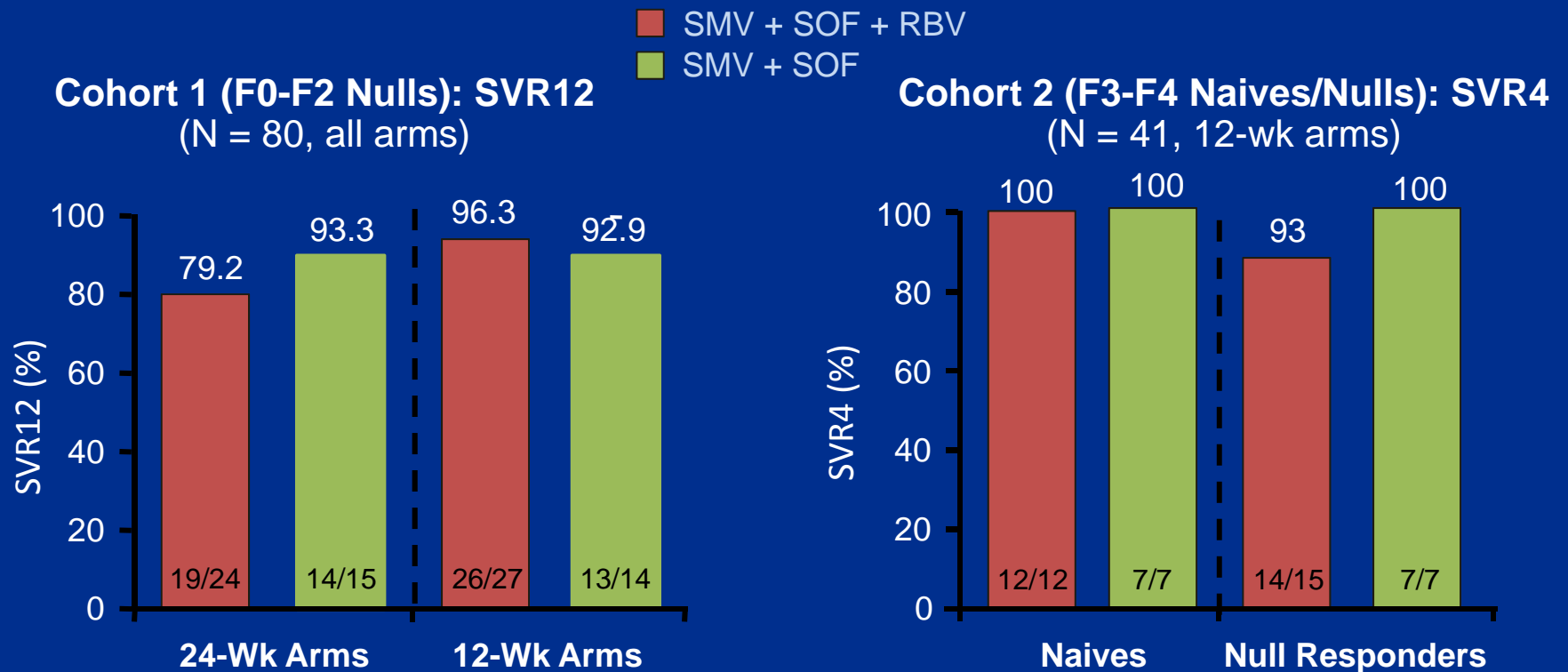
- Planned interim analysis of randomized phase IIa study
- 2 cohorts with same study design evaluating impact of duration and RBV
- Primary endpoint: SVR12



Simeprevir 150 mg QD; sofosbuvir 400 mg QD; weight-based RBV 1000-1200 mg/day.

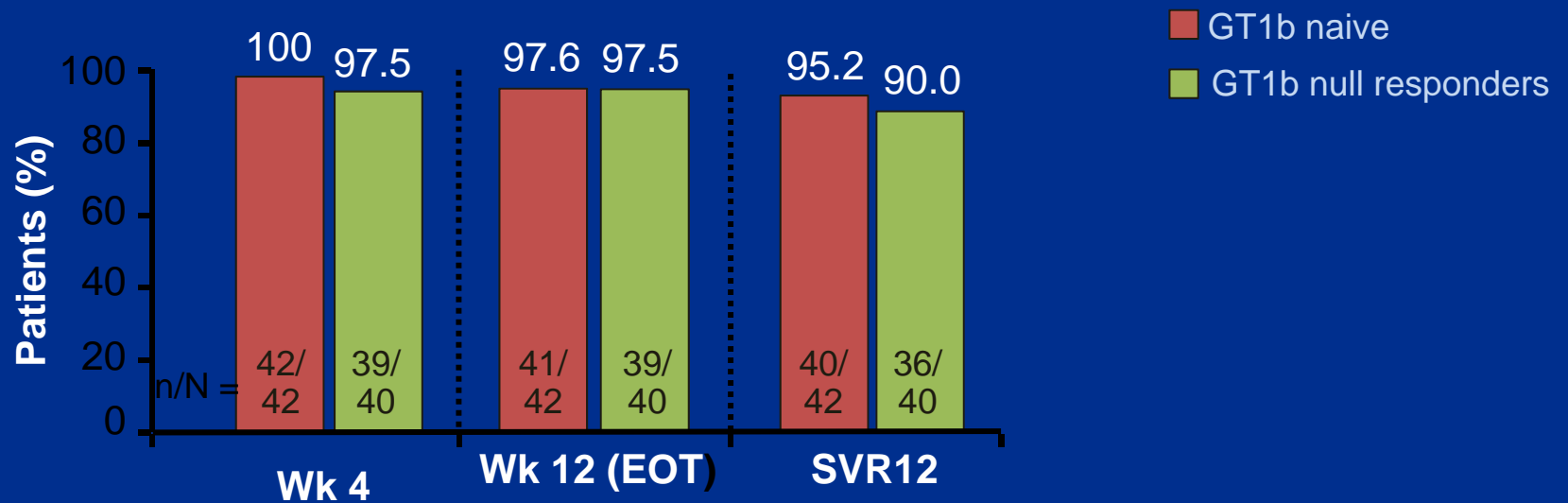
Jacobson I, et al. AASLD 2013. Abstract LB-3.

# COSMOS: SVR12 in F0-F2 Pts (All Arms) and SVR4 in F3-F4 Pts (12-Wk Arms Only)



- Relapse in 3 pts in Cohort 1 and 1 pt in Cohort 2; all with GT1a and Q80K polymorphism at BL
- AEs (anemia and indirect bilirubin increases) largely confined to RBV arms

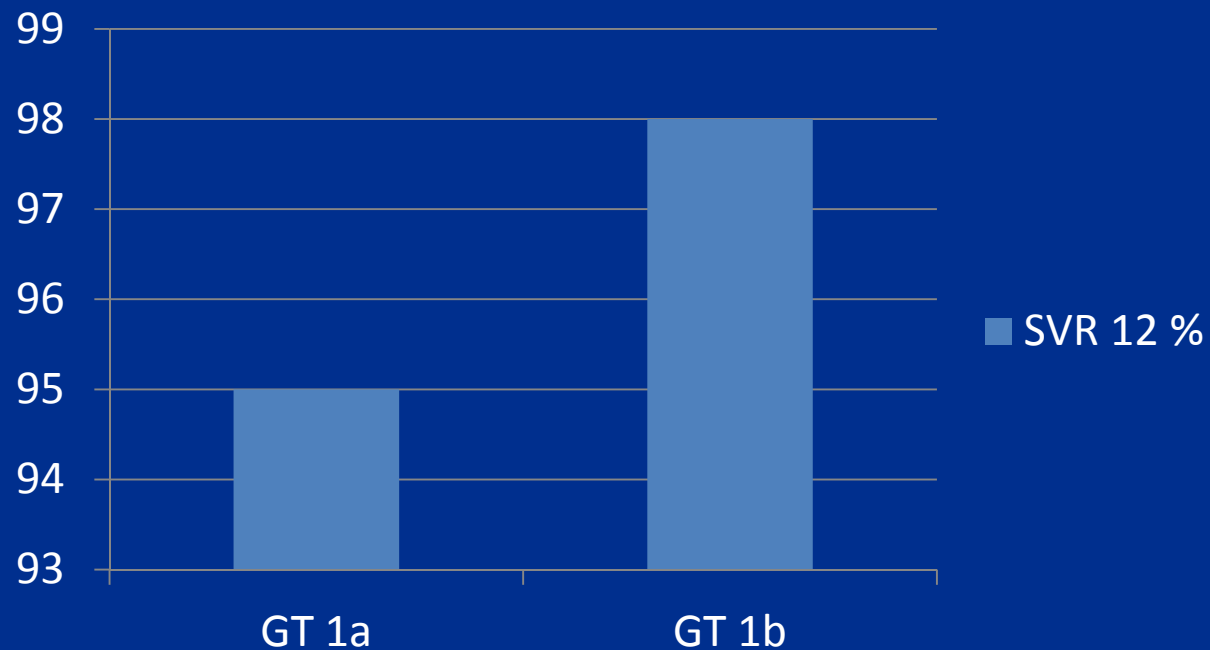
# PEARL-I: Virologic Response Rates With ABT-450/RTV + ABT-267 in GT1b Pts



- No discontinuations due to AEs or laboratory abnormalities
- No virologic failures in naive patients; 4 virologic failures in null responders (1 viral breakthrough and 3 relapses)

# Sapphire-1: ABT-450/RTV/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + Riba. GT1 Naïve Patients

SVR 12 %



ABT/RTV NS3/4A PI, Ombitasvir NS5A, Dasabuvir NS5B PI

N=473 pts, 57% males, 90% Cau

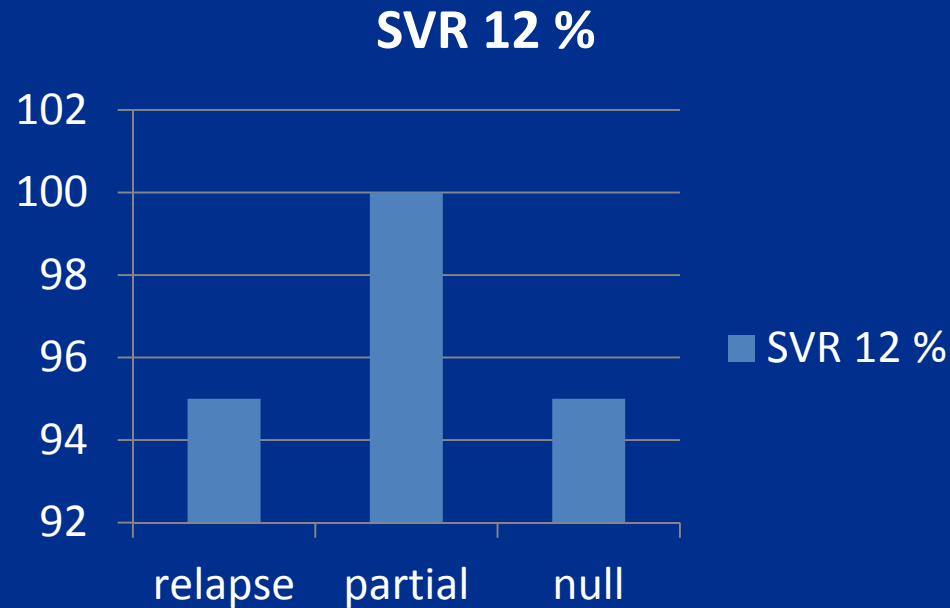
SVR and fibrosis 0-1 97%, F2 94%, F3 93%

SAE fatigue 34%, HA 33%

Feld JJ. EASL 2014



# Sapphire II: ABT-450/RTV/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + Riba. GT 1 Treatment Experienced



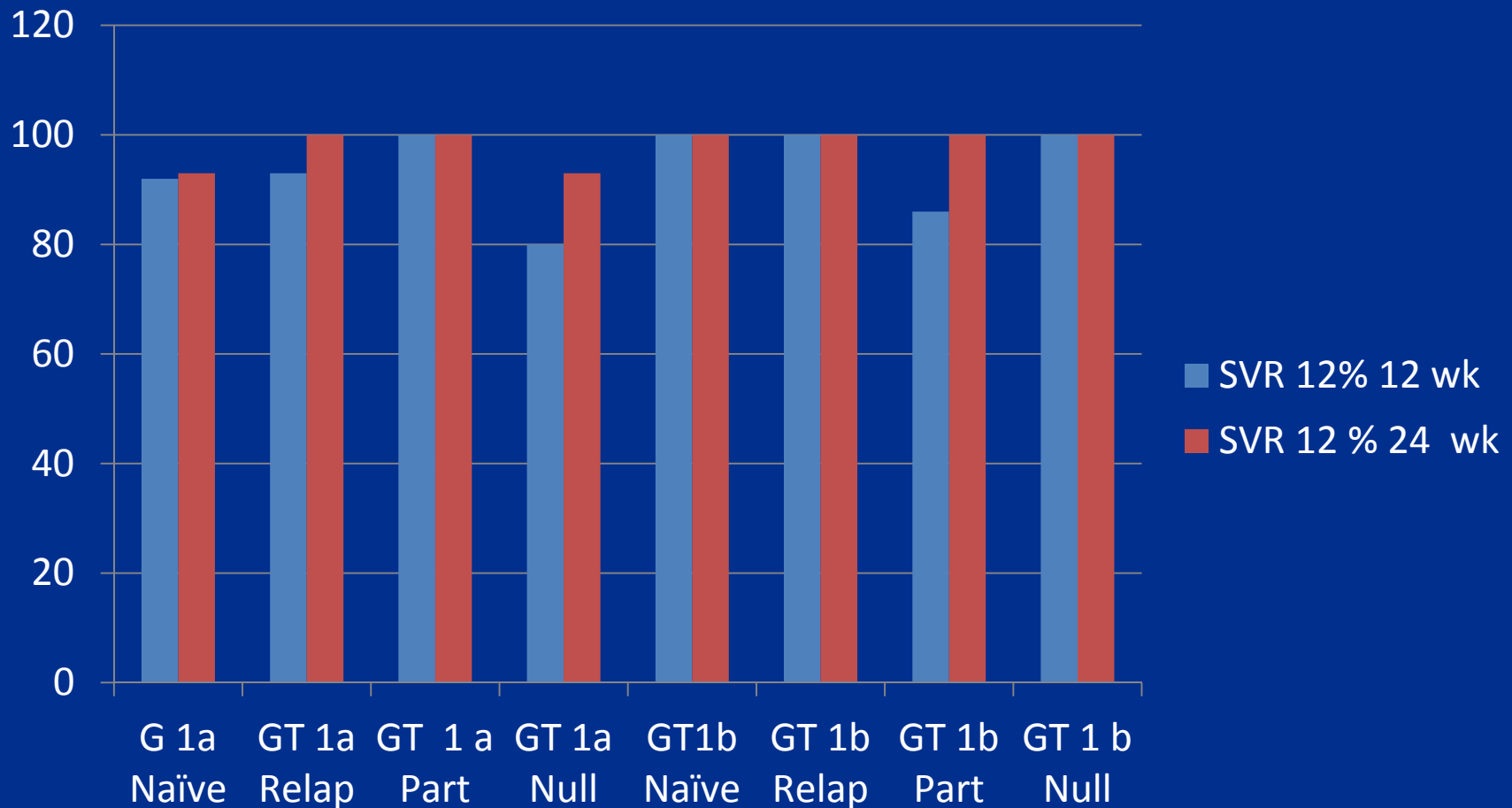
12 week treatment course, n=394 patients

Relapse 29%, Partial 22%, Null 49%

No difference in response in GT 1a or 1b.

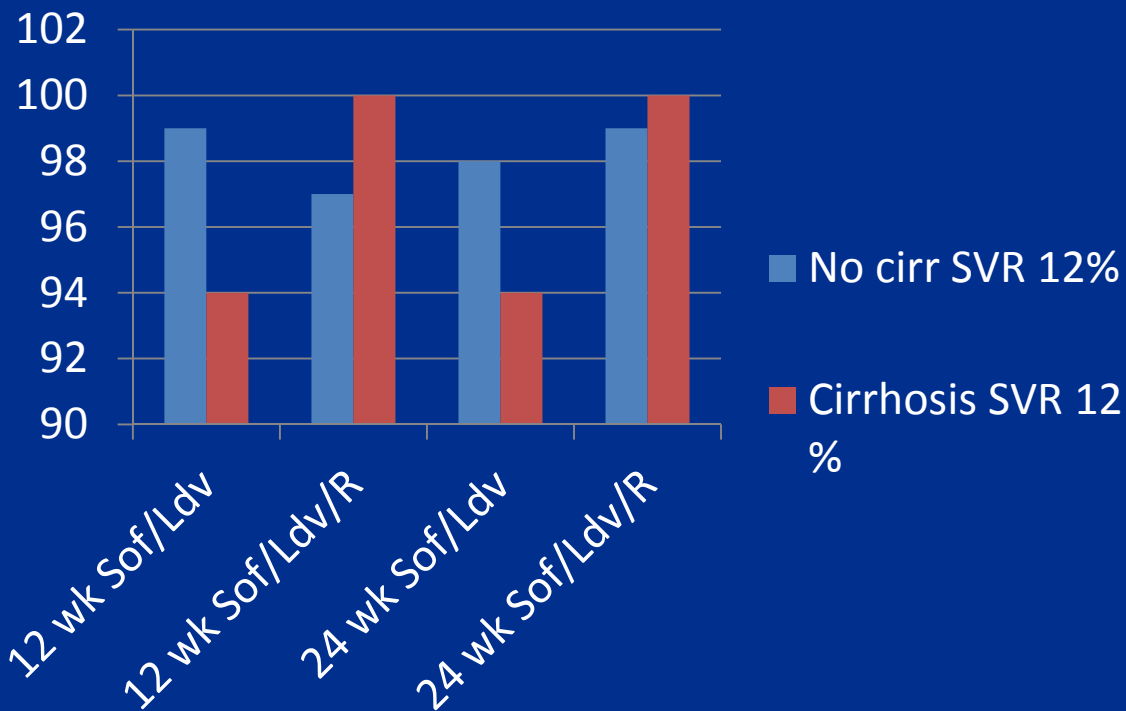
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# Turquoise II: Cirrhotic Genotype 1 Treated ABT 450/RTV/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + Riba



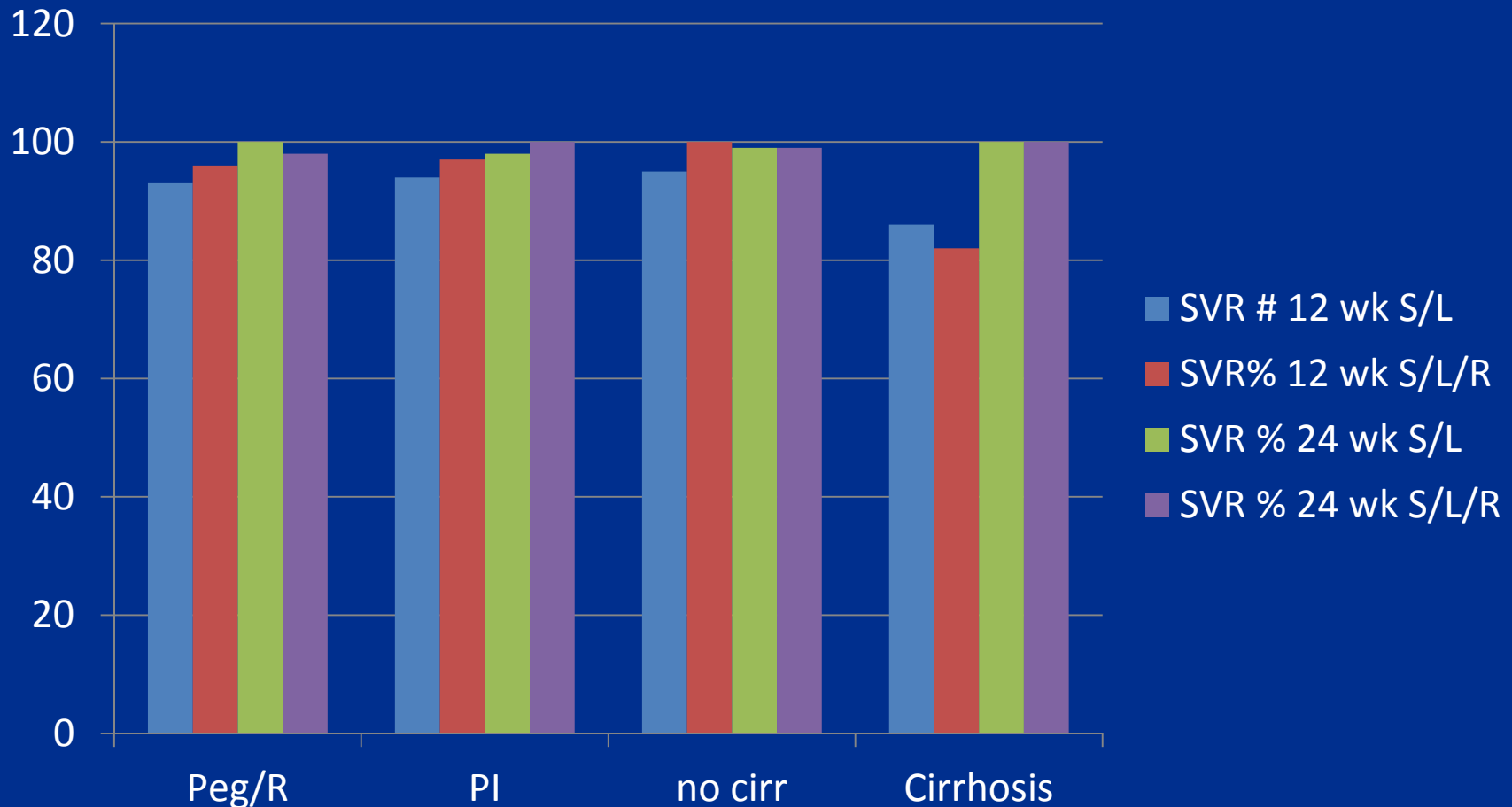
Naïve 42%, Relapse 13%, Partial 7%, Null 36%. Poordad F. EASL 2014

# ION 1: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir +/- Riba GT1 Naive



Sofosbuvir NS5B PI, Ledipasvir NS5A inhibitor  
12 Weeks of treatment, n=865 patients, 16% cirrhosis  
Fatigue 21-36%, Headache 23-30% SAE  
Mangia A, EASL 2014

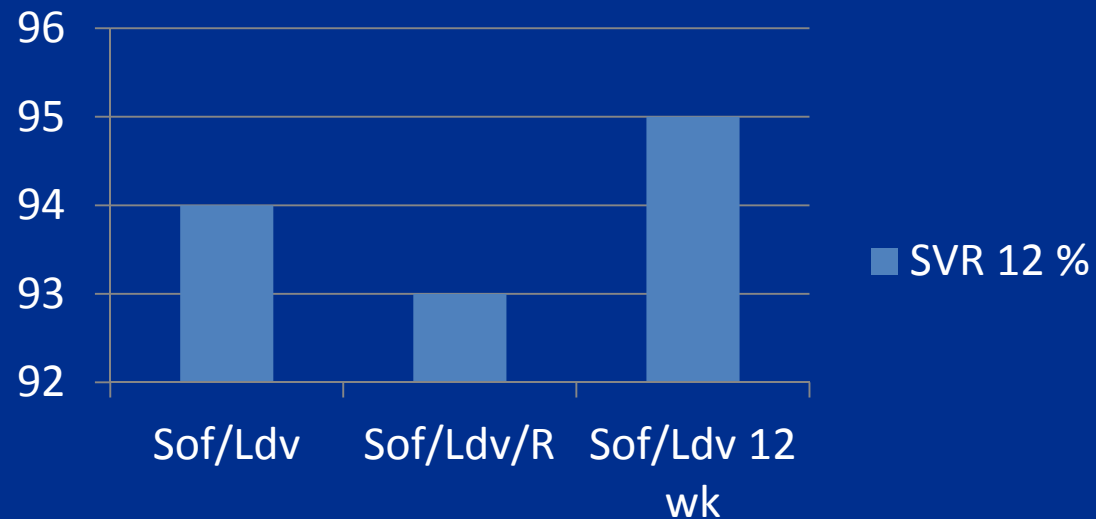
# ION 2: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir +/- Riba. Treatment Experienced GT 1



n=440 patients, nonresponder 45%, PI failure 46-61%, Cirrhosis 30%  
Afdhal N. EASL 2014

# ION 3: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir 8 wk GT1 Naive

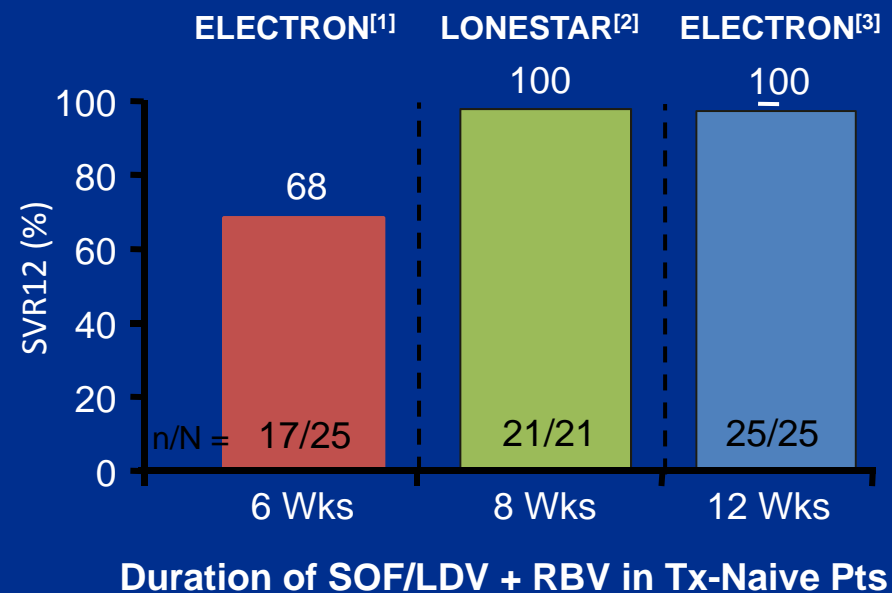
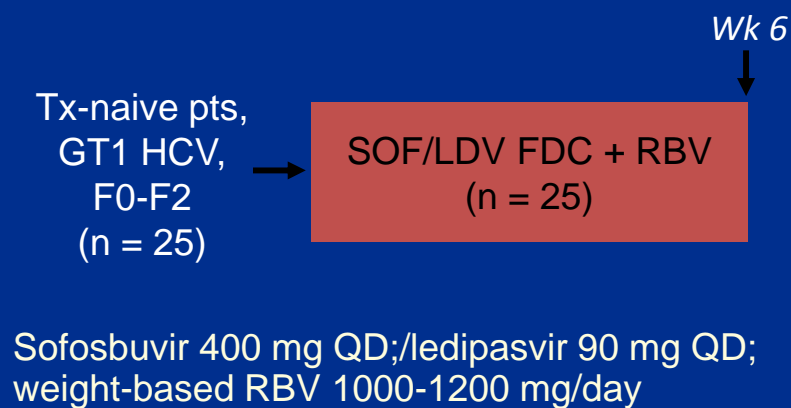
SVR 12 %



N= 647 patients, 8 week vs 12 week Sof/Ldv +/- R, noncirrhotic naïve  
Kowdley KV. EASL 2014.

# ELECTRON: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir FDC + RBV for 6 Wks in Naive GT1 HCV Pts

- Open-label phase II trial in GT1 HCV pts
- 68% SVR12 rate with 6 wks of SOF/LDV FDC + RBV lower<sup>[1]</sup> than SVR rates previously achieved with 8 wks<sup>[2]</sup> or 12 wks<sup>[3]</sup> treatment with this regimen

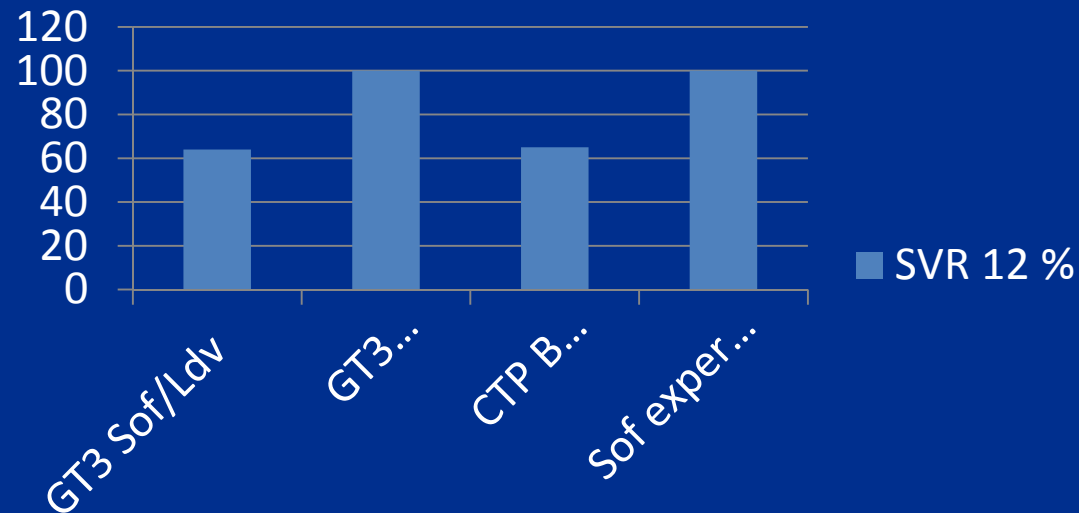


1. Gane EJ, et al. AASLD 2013. Abstract 73.

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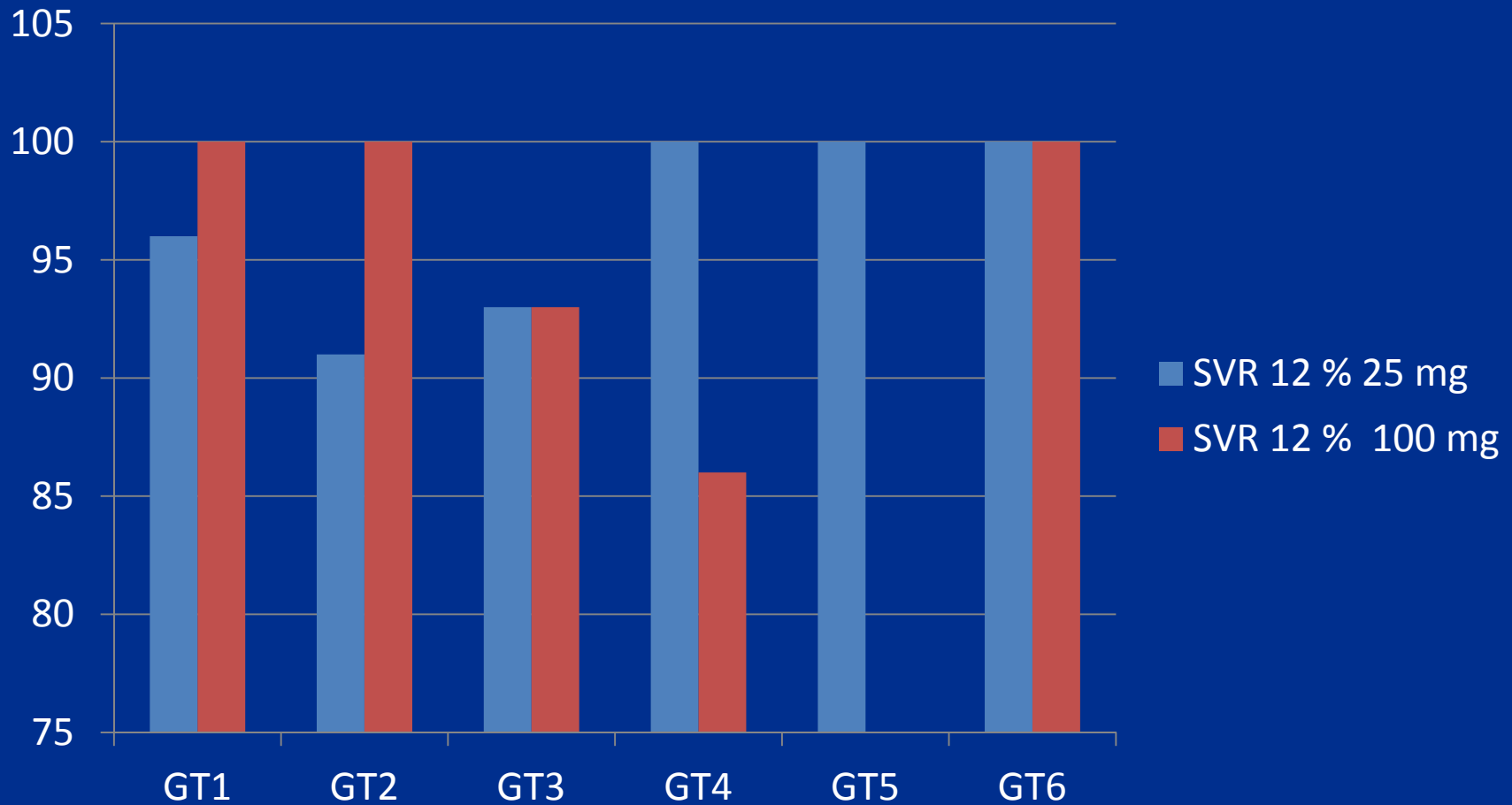
# ELECTRON 2: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir +/- Riba. Difficult to Treat Patients

SVR 12 %



GT3 n=51, GT1 CTP B n=20, Sof failure GT1 n=19  
Gane EJ. EASL 2014

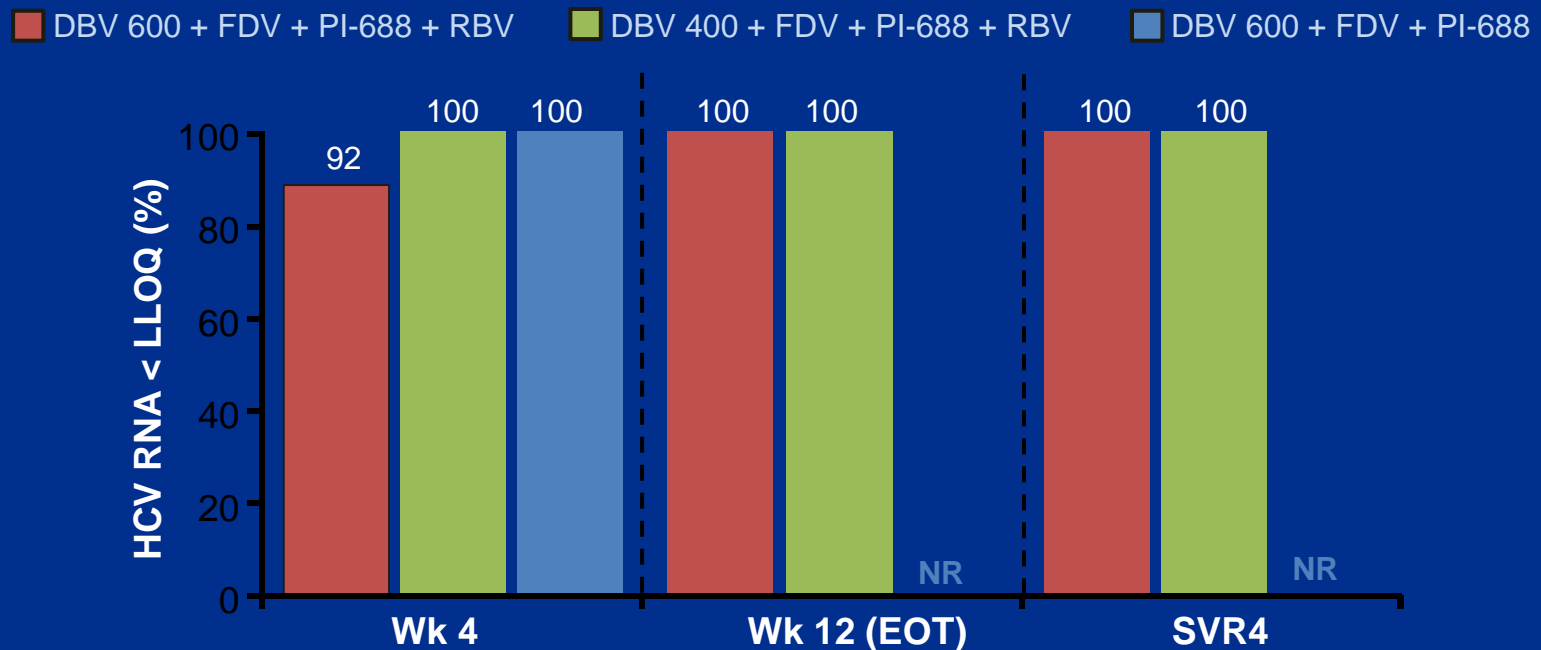
# Sofosbuvir + GS-5816 Genotype 1-6 Naive



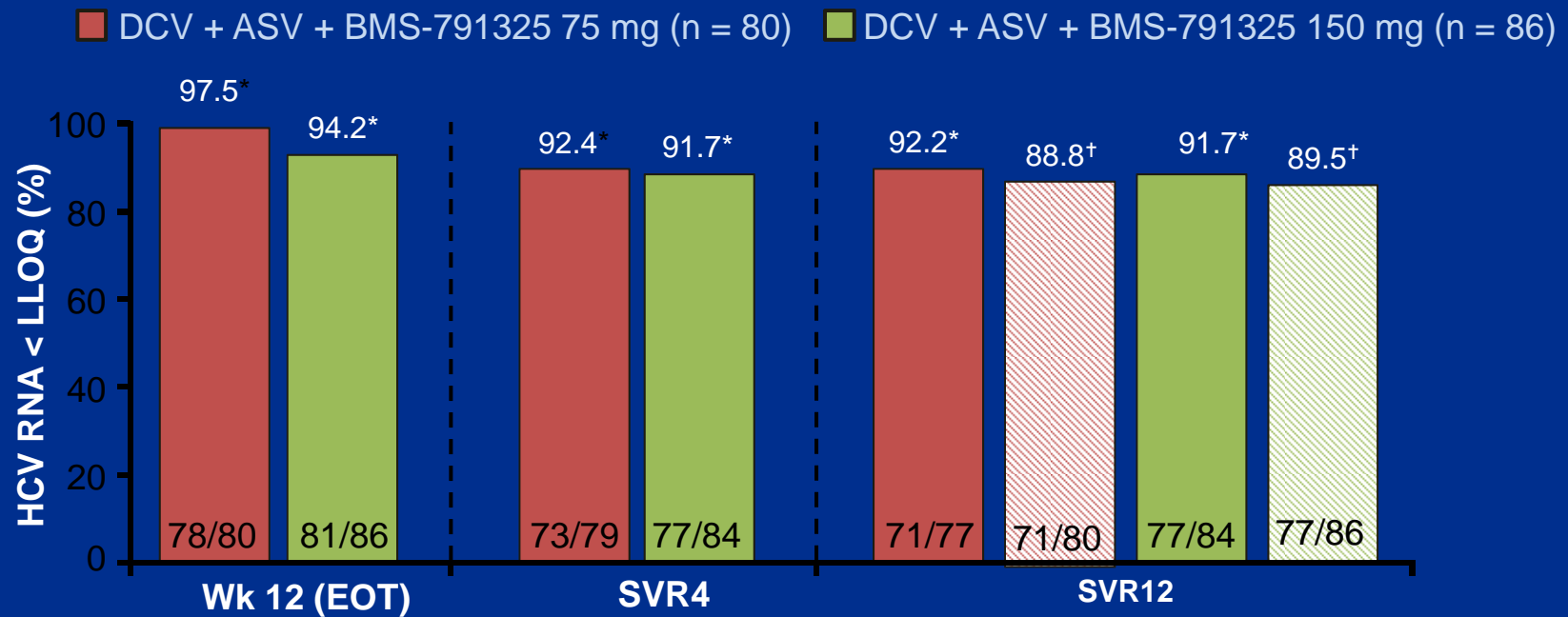


# Virologic Response Rates With Faldaprevir + Deleobuvir + PPI-688 ± RBV

- Very high early response rates with all-oral therapy with or without RBV
- Only 1 severe AE and 1 discontinuation for AE
- Frequent bilirubin elevations  $\geq$  grade 1, consistent with FDV inhibition of UGT1A1



# AI443-014: Virologic Response Rates With Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir + BMS-791325

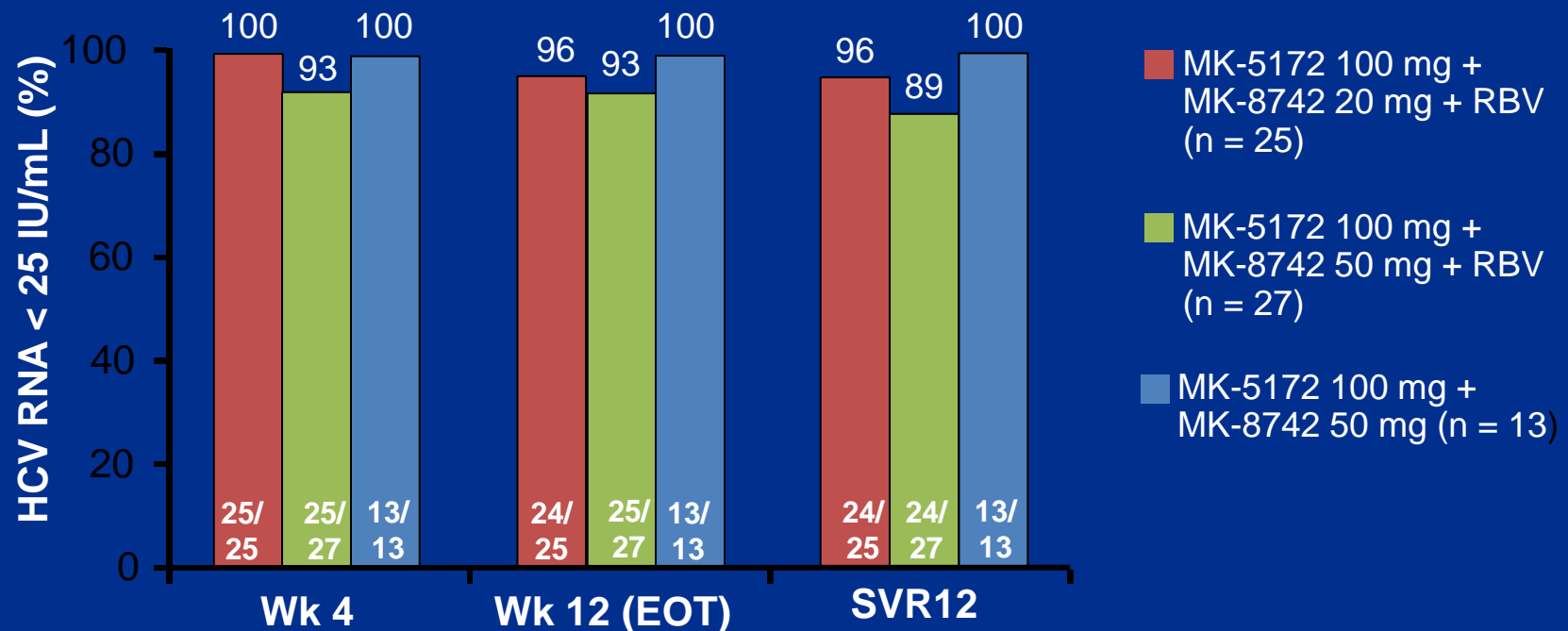


\*Observed analysis: breakthrough, relapse, or addition of P/R equals failure.

<sup>†</sup>Modified ITT analysis: missing data, breakthrough, relapse, or addition of P/R equals failure.

- 3 pts with virologic breakthrough in 150-mg arm
  - Both GT1a; 2 intensified treatment with P/R

# C-WORTHY: Virologic Response Rates With MK-5172 + MK-8742 ± RBV



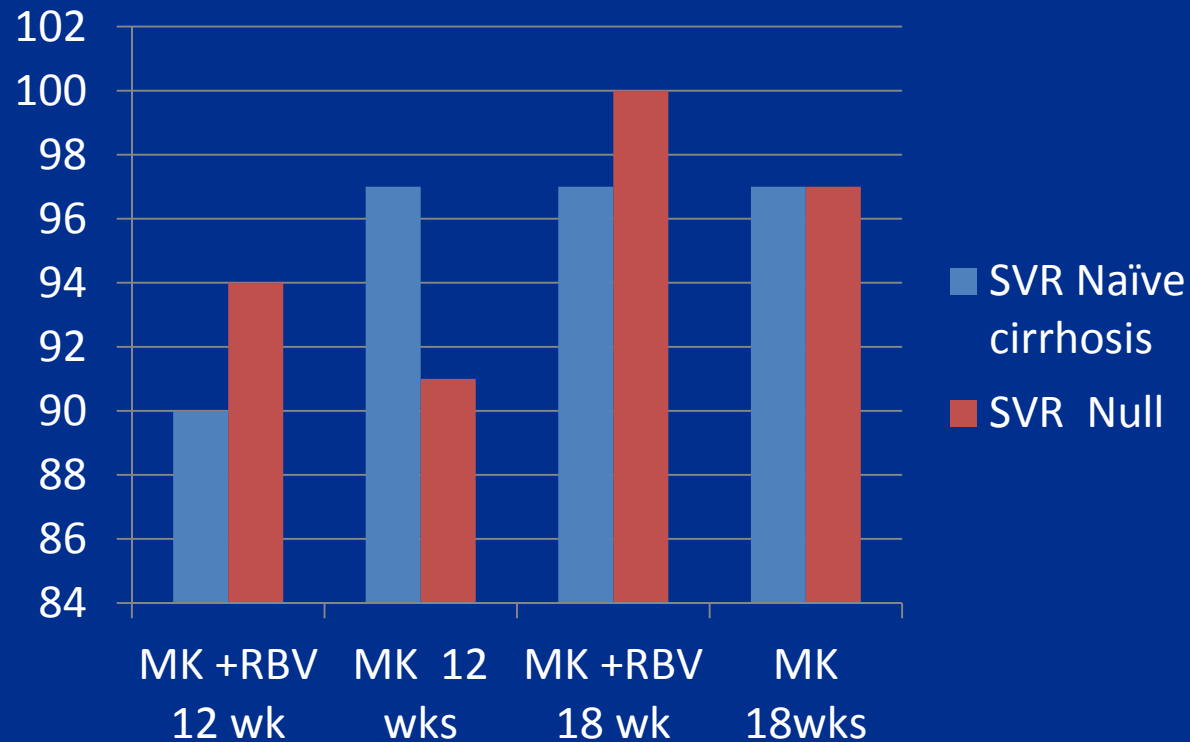
MK 5172 NS3/4A PI, MK8742 NS 5A inhibitor

All treatment regimens safe and well tolerated

No early discontinuations due to drug-related AEs

Lawitz E, et al. AASLD 2013. Abstract 76.

# C-WORTHY: MK 5172 + MK 8742 +/- RBV. GT1 +/- Cirrhosis and Null Responders



MK 5172 NS3/4 A PI, MK 8742 NS5a inhibitor

N=253 patients

SVR GT1a cirrotic naïve 94%, GT 1b 100%, Null cirrhotics GT1 a 94%, GT 1b 100%

Lawitz E. EASL 2014.

# Interferon Free trials for Genotype 1-treatment Naïve Patients

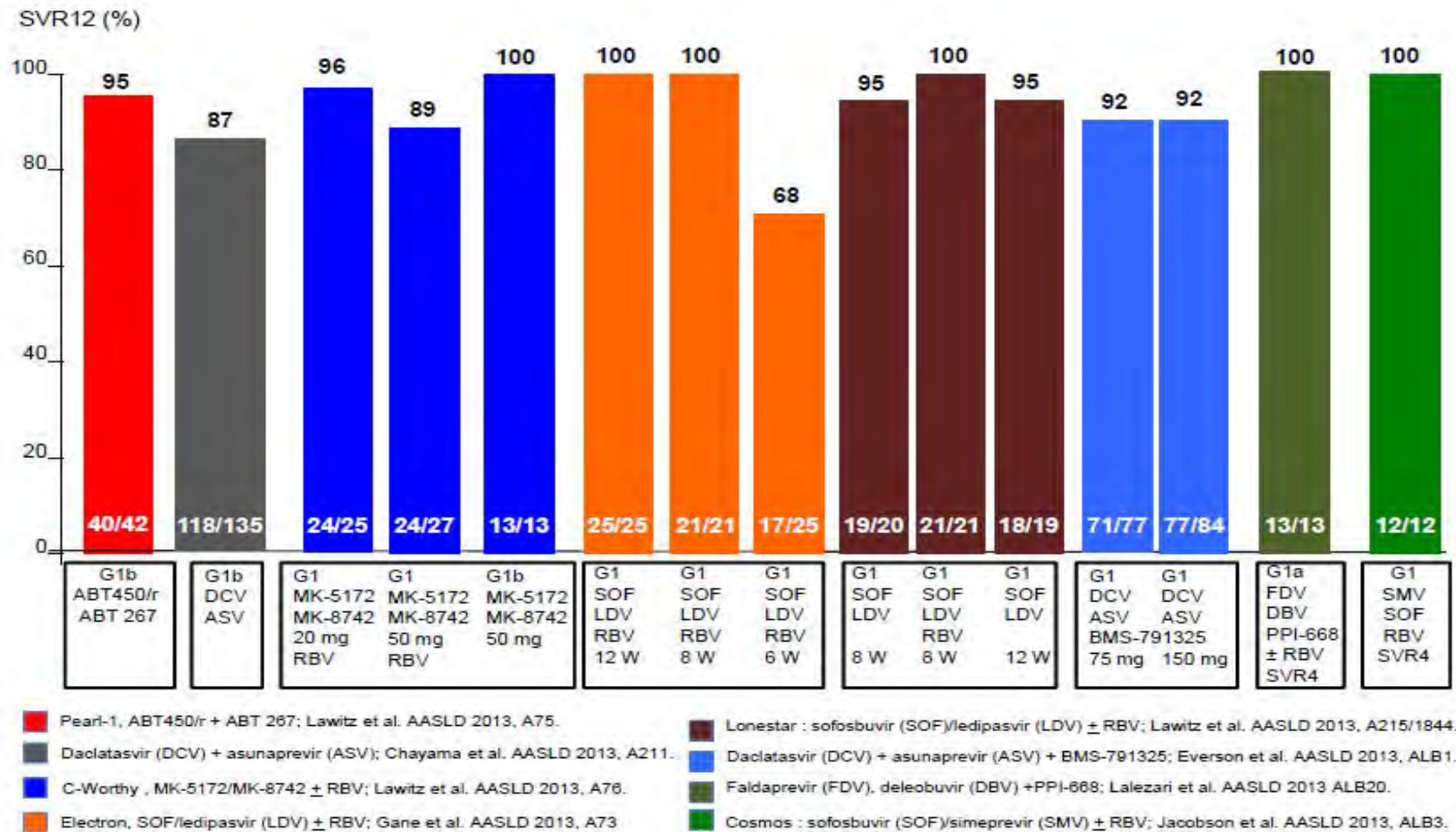


Fig. 2. IFN-free trials for genotype 1-naïve subjects.

# Interferon Free trials for Genotype 1-treatment experienced Patients

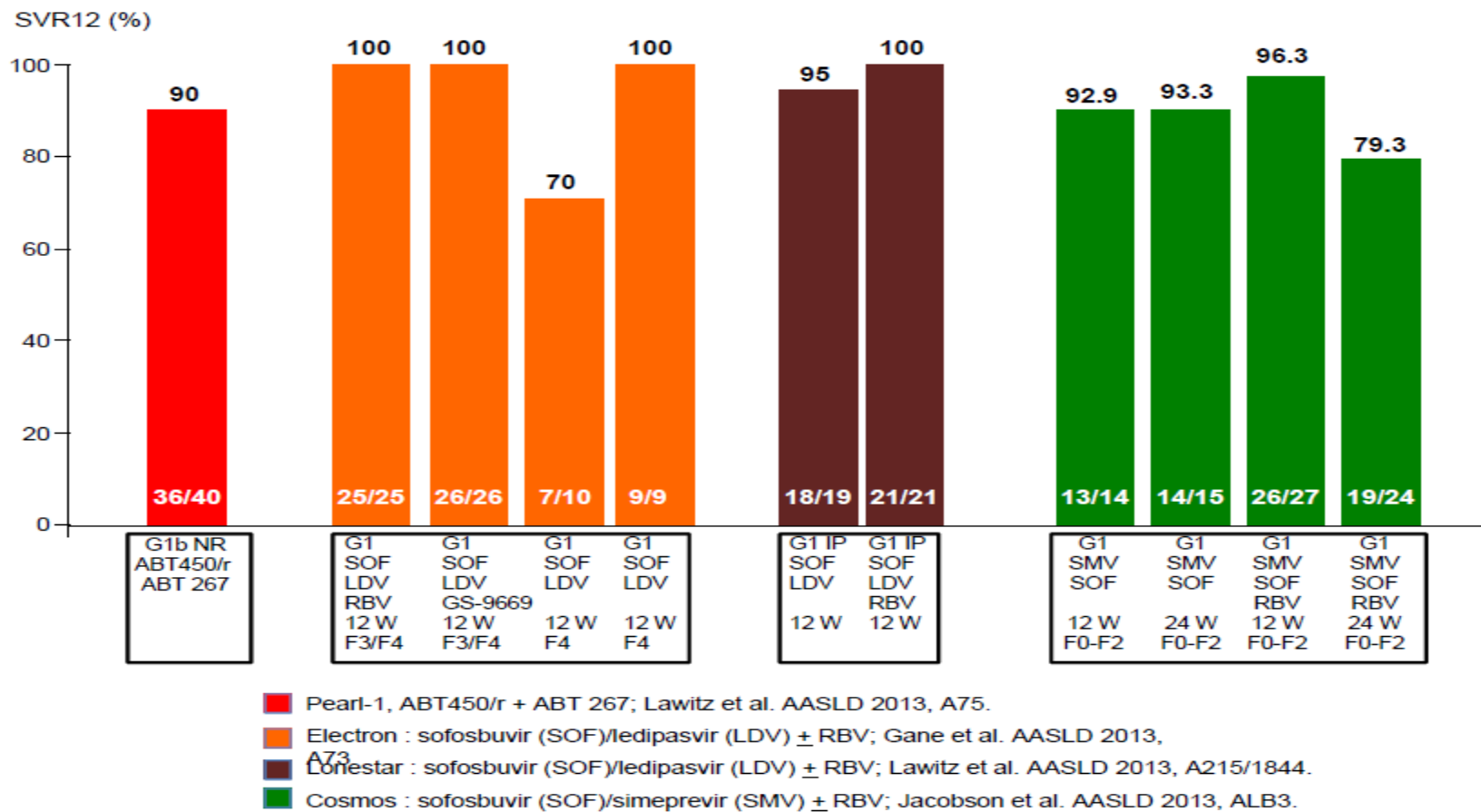
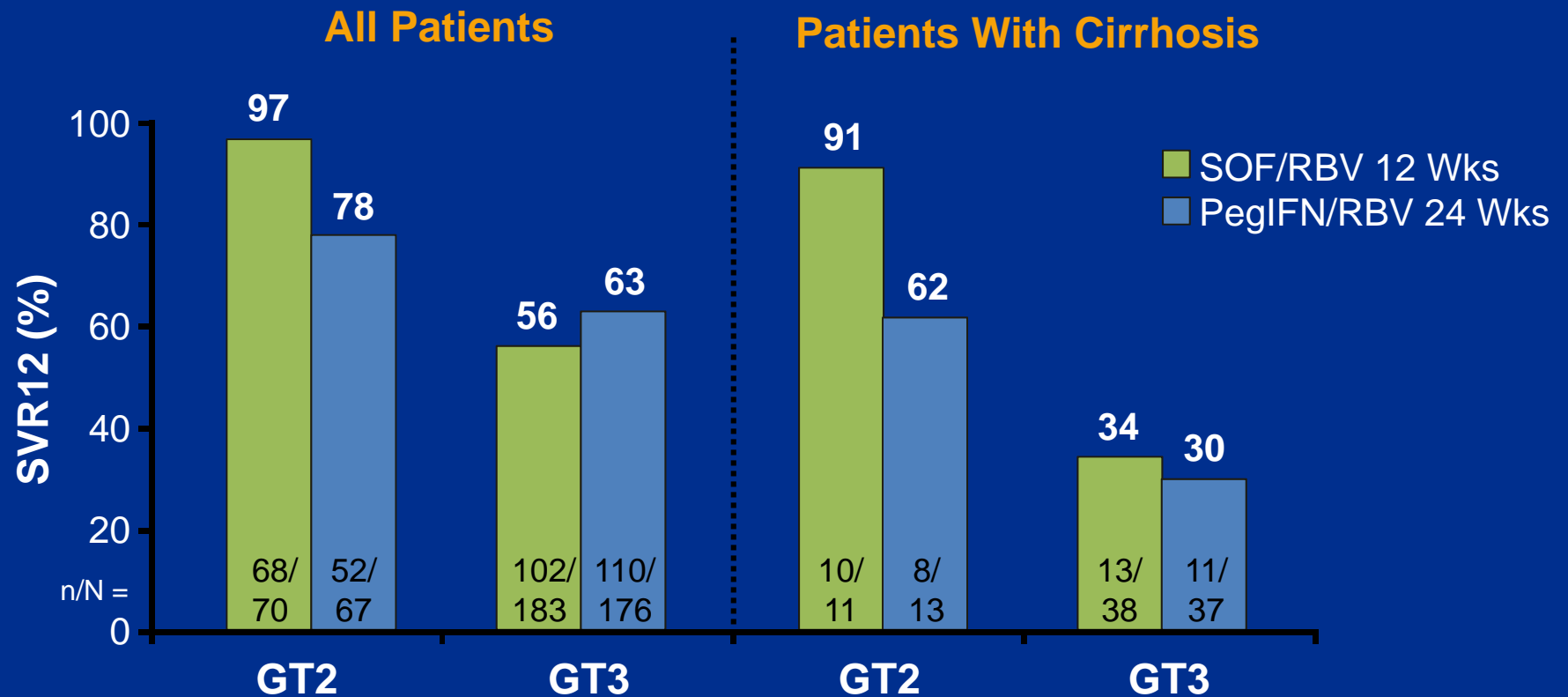


Fig. 3. IFN-free trials for genotype 1 experienced subjects.

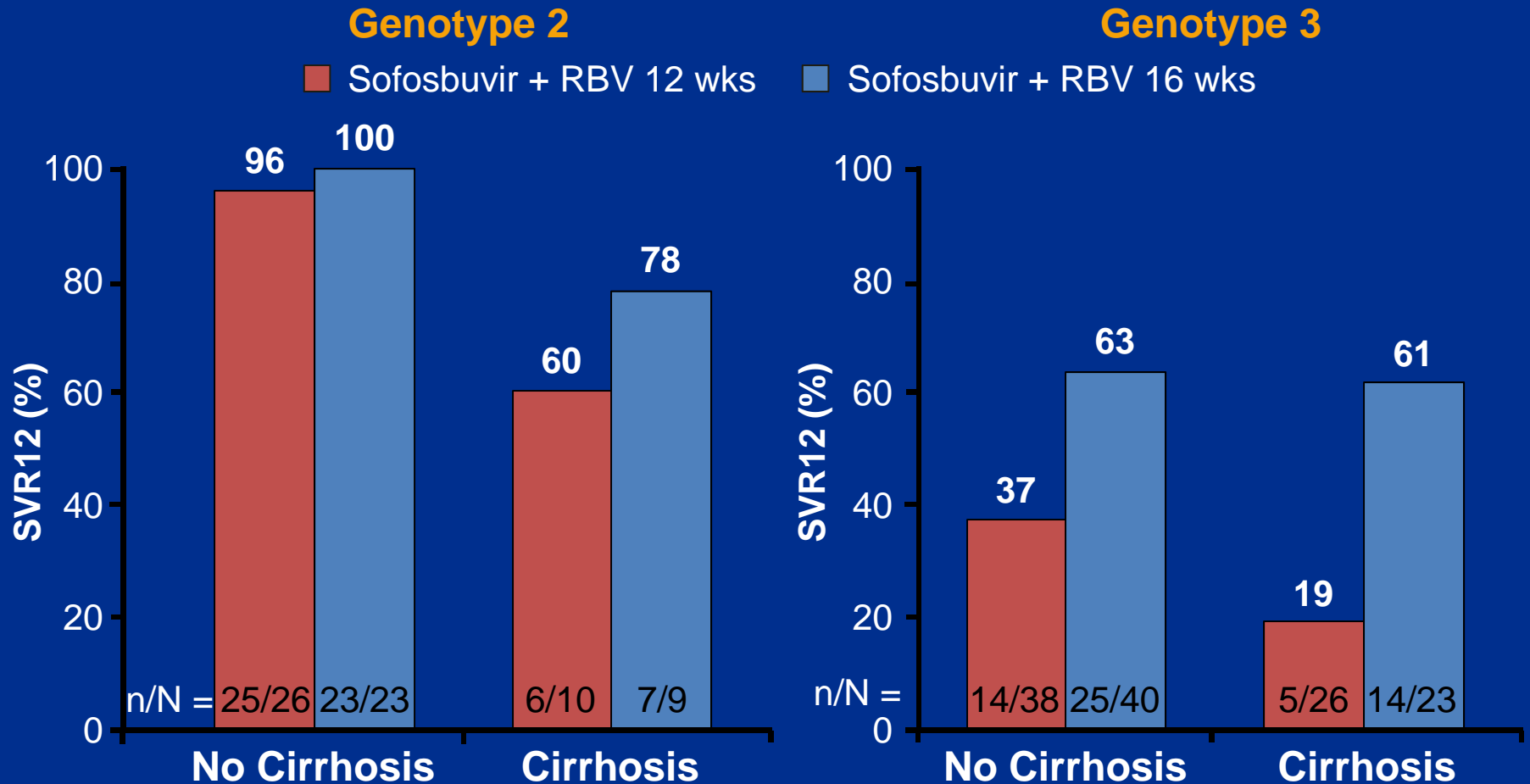
**GENOTYPE 2/3**

# Fission: SOF/RBV in GT2 and GT3 Naives



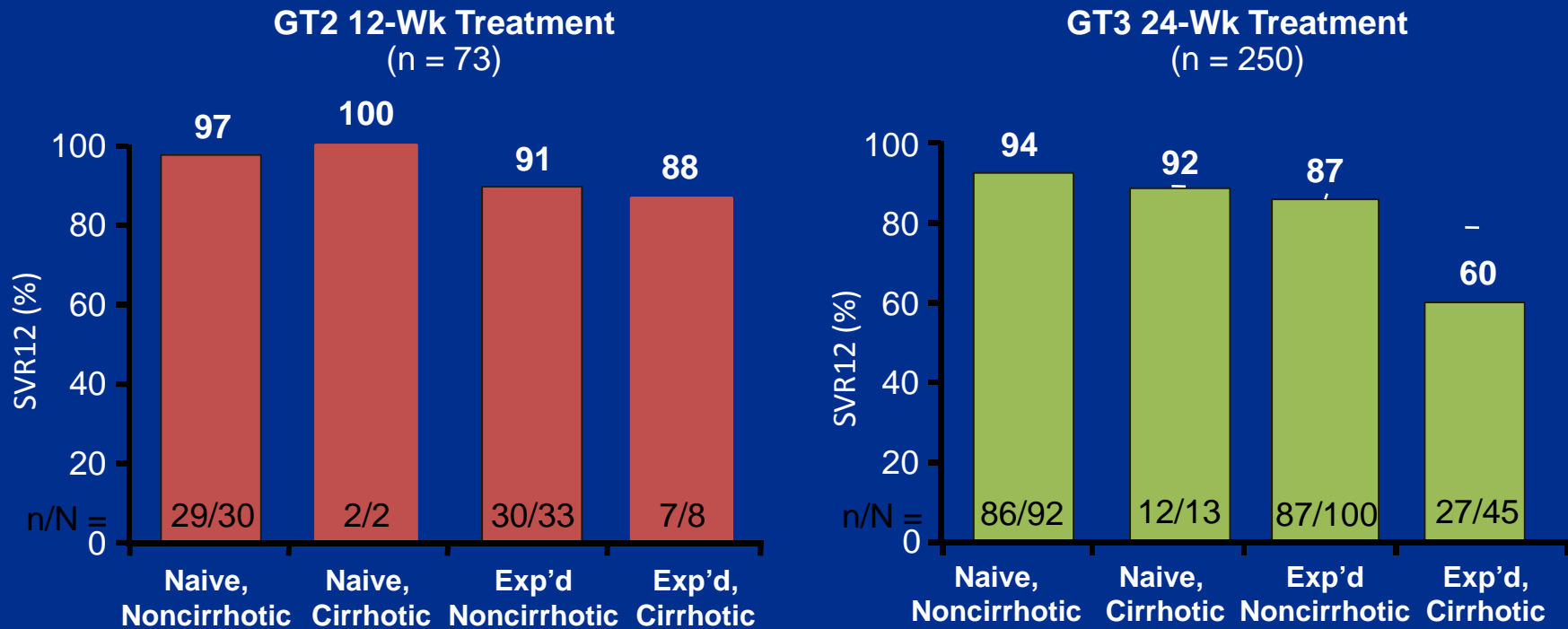


# FUSION: Impact of Cirrhosis and Duration on SVR Rates



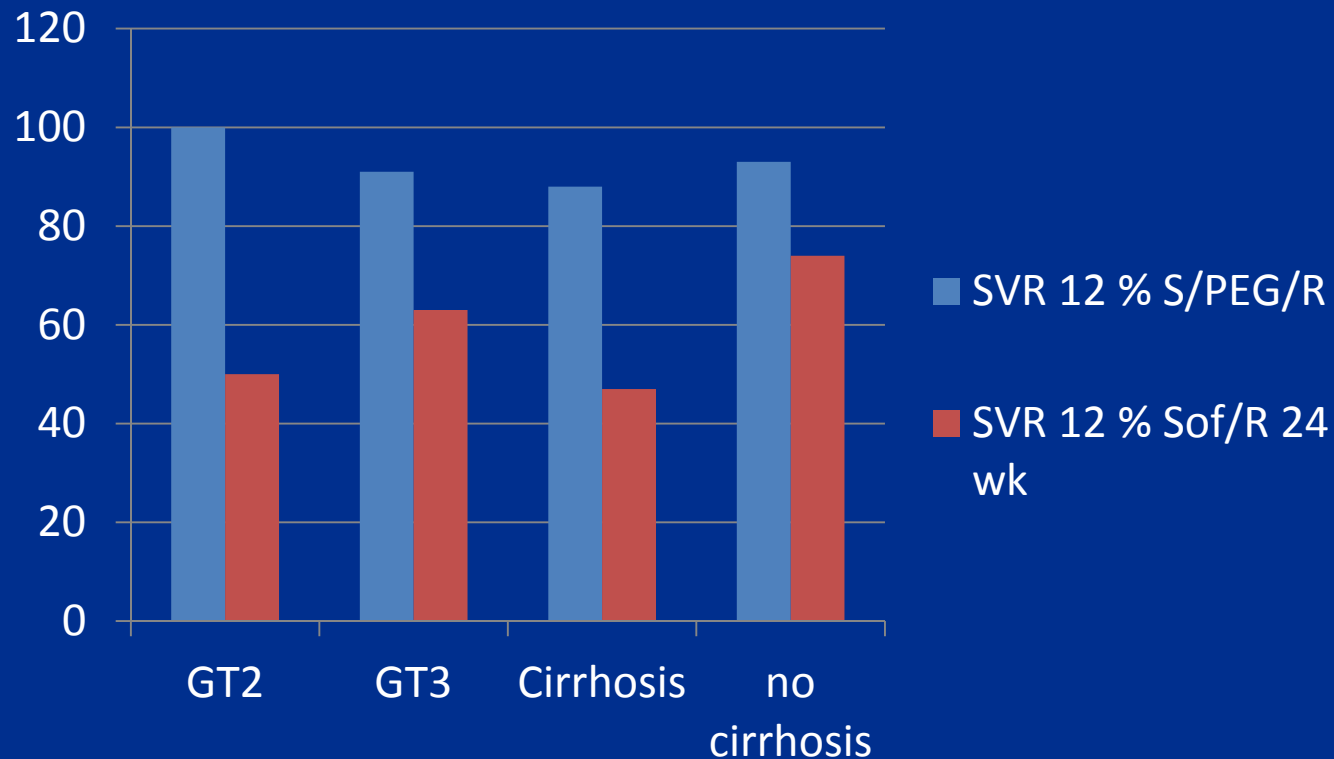
Jacobson IM, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;368:1867-1877.

# VALENCE: SVR12 With 12 or 24 Wks of SOF + RBV in GT2 and GT3 Pts



- No increase in AEs seen with longer duration treatment
  - AEs seen consistent with RBV

# Retreatment Sofosbuvir/RBV or add PEG INF GT2, 3 prior failure of Sofosbuvir/RBV



GT2 S/Peg/R 18%, GT3 82%, GT2 S/R 24 wks 7%, GT3 93%

Esteban R. EASL 2014

# INITIAL TREATMENT

Genotype	Recommended	Alternative	NOT Recommended
1	<p><b>IFN eligible:</b> SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks</p> <p><b>IFN ineligible:</b> SOF + SMV ± RBV x 12 weeks</p>	<p><b>IFN eligible:</b> SMV x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 24 weeks*</p> <p><b>IFN ineligible:</b> SOF + RBV x 24 weeks</p>	<p>TVR + PEG/RBV x 24 or 48 weeks (RGT)</p> <p>BOC + PEG/RBV x 28 or 48 weeks (RGT)</p> <p>PEG/RBV x 48 weeks</p> <p>Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA Do not treat decompensated cirrhosis with PEG or SMV</p>
2	SOF + RBV x 12 weeks	None	<p>PEG/RBV x 24 weeks</p> <p>Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA</p> <p>Any regimen with TVR, BOC, or SMV</p>
3	SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks	<p>PEG/RBV x 24-48 weeks</p> <p>Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA</p> <p>Any regimen with TVR, BOC, or SMV</p>
4	<p><b>IFN eligible:</b> SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks</p> <p><b>IFN ineligible:</b> SOF + RBV x 24 weeks</p>	SMV x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 24-48 weeks	<p>PEG/RBV x 48 weeks</p> <p>Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA</p> <p>Any regimen with TVR or BOC</p>
5 or 6	SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks	PEG/RBV x 48 weeks	<p>Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA</p> <p>Any regimen with TVR or BOC</p>

# Retreatment of Hepatitis C

Retreatment Box. Recommendations for Patients in Whom Previous PEG/RBV Treatment Has Failed†

Genotype	Recommended	Alternative	NOT Recommended
<i>Patients in whom previous PEG/RBV has failed*</i>			
1	SOF + SMV ± RBV x 12 weeks	SOF x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV 12 weeks  SMV x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 24 weeks**	PEG/RBV ± telaprevir or boceprevir Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA  Do not treat <b>decompensated cirrhosis</b> with PEG or SMV
2	SOF + RBV x 12 weeks	SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks	PEG/RBV ± telaprevir or boceprevir  Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a direct-acting antiviral agent  Do not treat <b>decompensated cirrhosis</b> with PEG
3	SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	SOF + PEG/RBV x 12 weeks	PEG/RBV ± any current protease inhibitor  Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA  Do not treat <b>decompensated cirrhosis</b> with PEG
4	SOF x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV 12 weeks  SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	SMV x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 24-48 weeks	PEG/RBV ± any current HCV protease inhibitor  Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA  Do not treat <b>decompensated cirrhosis</b> with PEG
5 or 6	SOF x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV 12 weeks	SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	PEG/RBV ± any current HCV protease inhibitor  Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA

# Retreatment of Hepatitis C

*Patients in whom previous treatment with PEG/RBV plus either telaprevir or boceprevir\*\*\* has failed †† †††*

1a	SOF x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 24 weeks	SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	PEG/RBV ± telaprevir or boceprevir or SMV  Monotherapy with PEG, RBV, or a DAA
1b	SOF x 12 weeks + PEG/RBV x 12-24 weeks	SOF + RBV x 24 weeks	Do not treat <b>decompensated cirrhosis</b> with PEG or SMV

†† A recommendation for simeprevir use for patients with previous telaprevir or boceprevir exposure not provided due to potential risk of preexistent resistance to protease inhibitor treatment.

# Monitoring During Treatment

- Follow usual monitoring with INF/R
- Without INF, no specific guideline
- Personal experience:
- Pre: genotype, HCV RNA level, TSH, Pregnancy testing, CBC, CMP
- During treatment: q 2 wks (CBC, Hepatic panel) ??? HCV level (2 wks)
- HCV 12 weeks post treatment

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Sofosbuvir
  - Rifampin and St Johns Wort (decrease SOF)



# Drug-Drug Interactions SMV

	Increase	decrease
Antibiotics/antifungal	↑ SMV	
Calcium Channel blockers	↑ Ca channel blocker level	
herbals	↑ SMV (milk thistle)	↓ SMV (St John wart)
HIV	↑ SMV	↓ SMV
HMG CO A	↑ HMG CO A levels	
Immunosuppression	↑ CSA	↓ FK
Midazolam/Triazolam	↑ drug levels	

# HCV Post Transplant RX

EOT HCV RNA Negative

Genotype	Peg/Sof/R	Sof + Sim	Sof + R
GT1	4/4 neg	2/2 neg	1/1 neg
	4 pending	14 pending	2 pending
GT 2			4/4 neg
GT 3 (24 wks)			
			4/4 pending

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# Future ??



# Future HCV Treatment?

