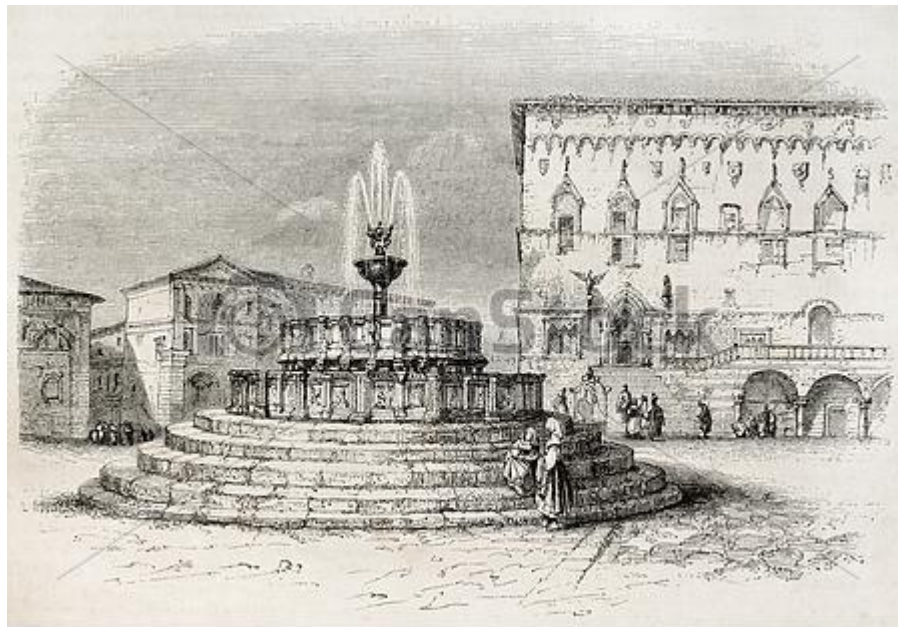


Quale monitoraggio clinico dopo il trattamento nel paziente cirrotico e non



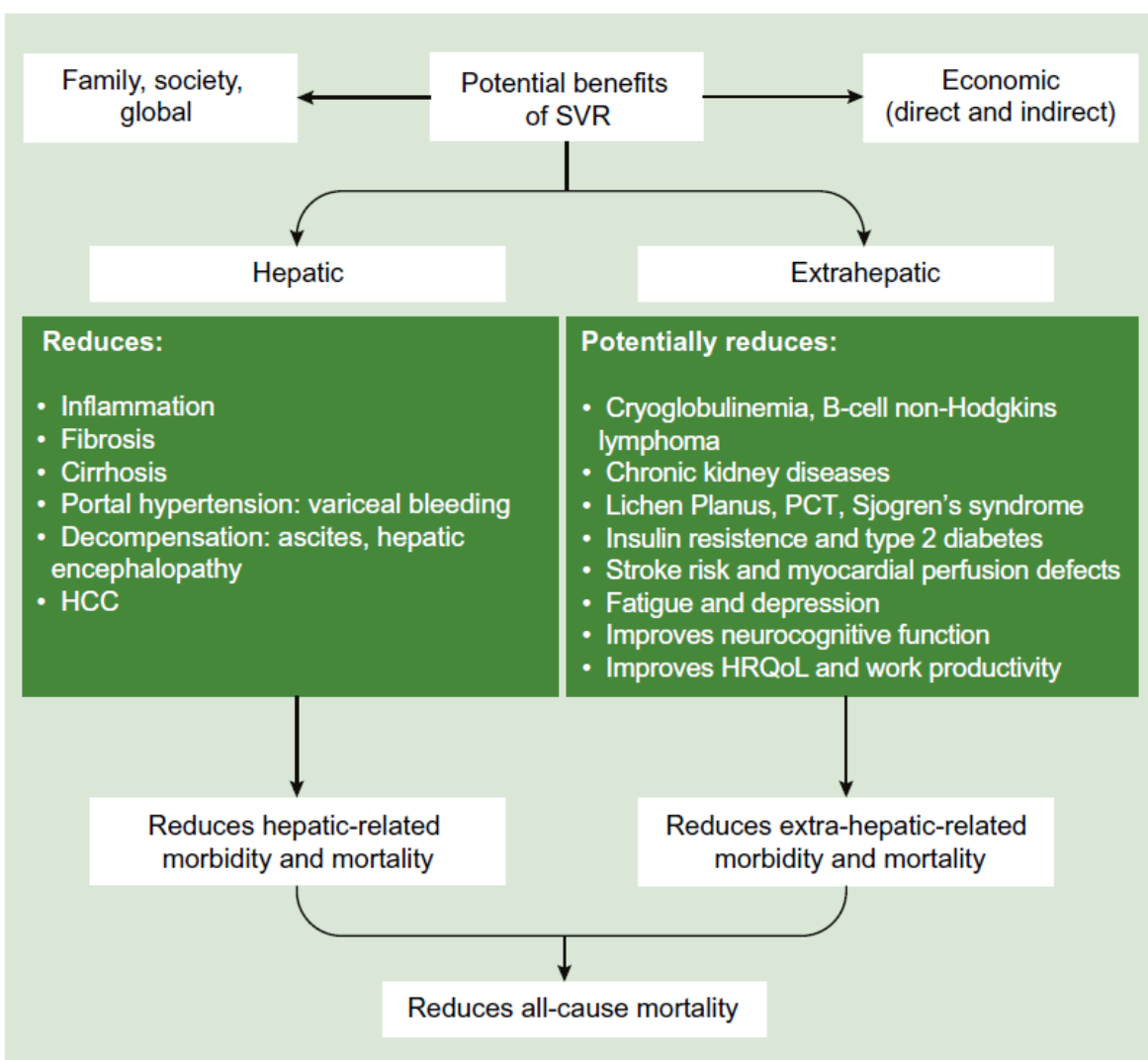
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Fig. 1. Potential benefits of achieving SVR. Multiple benefits of SVR are achievable, including improved quality of life, reduced risk of hepatic and extrahepatic complications and decrease in all-cause mortality. Benefits have been demonstrated for patients with all stages of fibrosis.

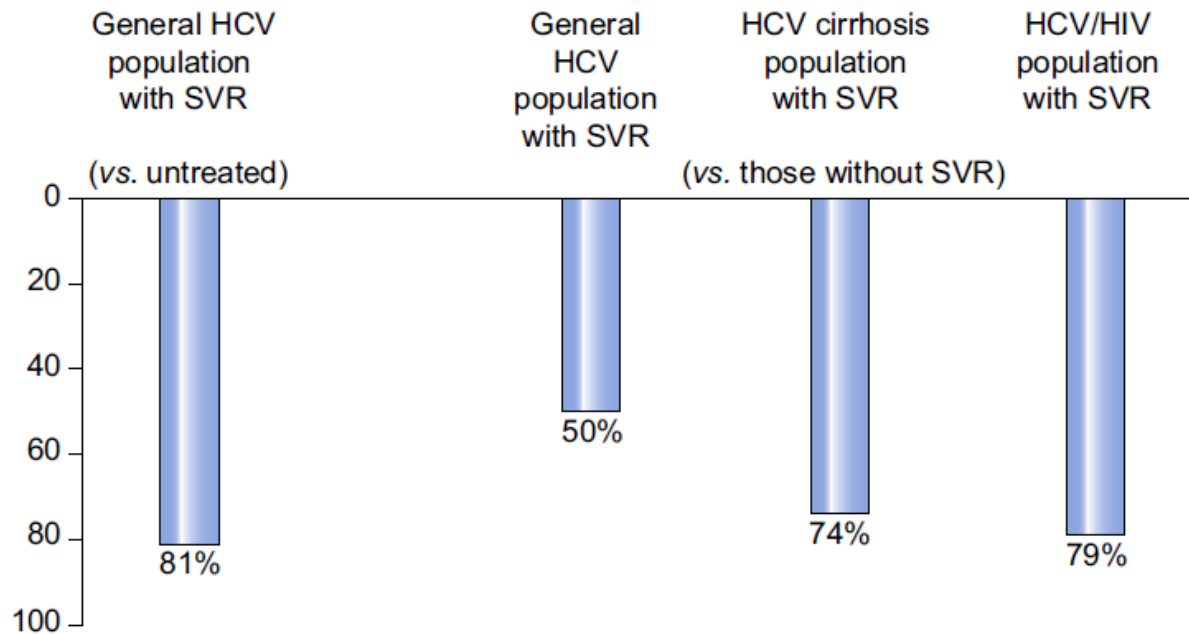


Fig. 2. Percent reduction in all-cause mortality in patients with SVR. Achievement of SVR results in significant reductions in all-cause mortality. This is seen in the general population of HCV-infected patients, as well as subgroups with cirrhosis and with HCV-HIV coinfection [14].



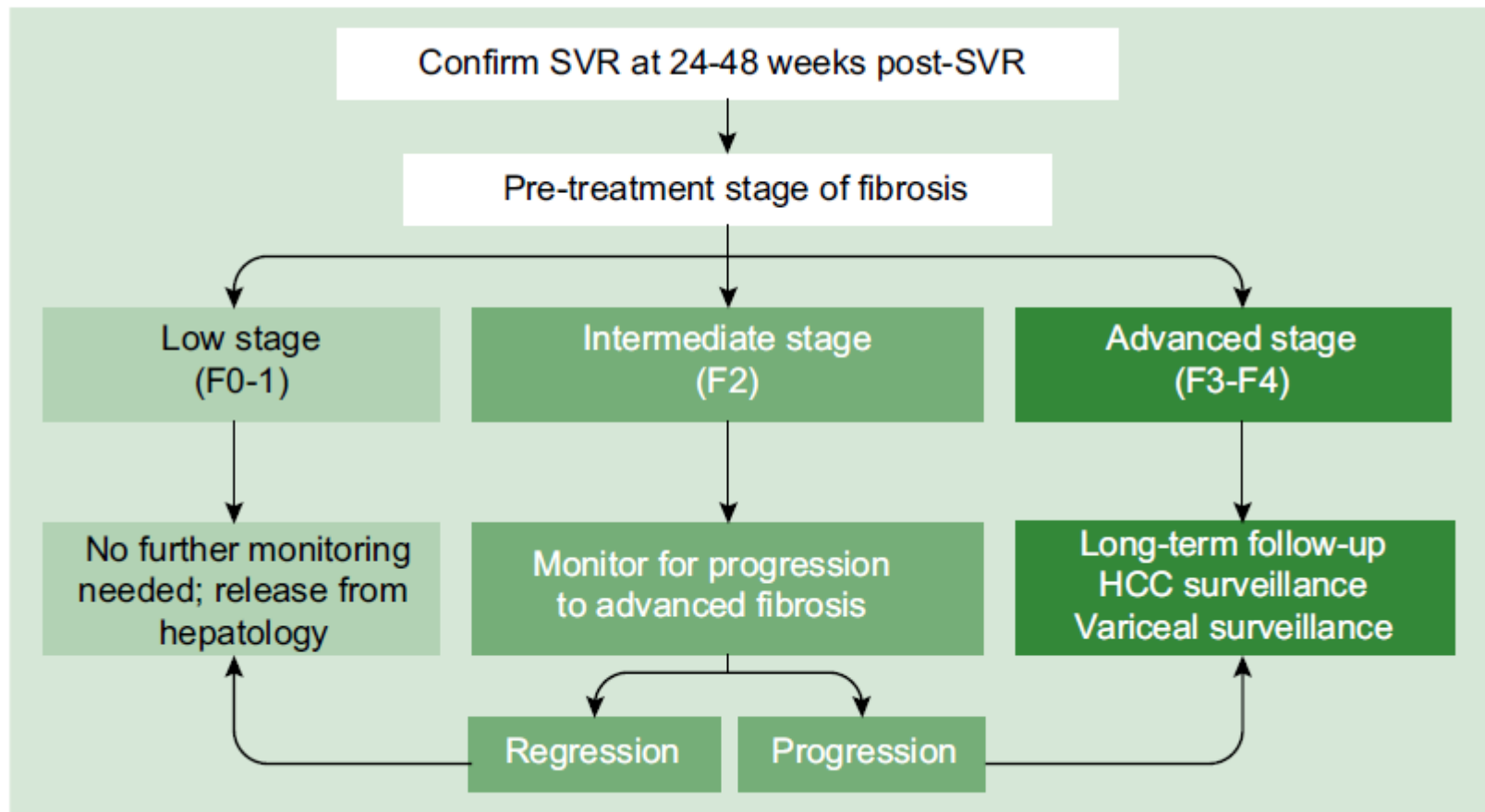


Fig. 3. Suggested algorithm for follow-up of patients with SVR. All patients should undergo confirmatory testing of SVR at or after week 24. The subsequent follow-up is based on the pre-treatment severity of fibrosis. For those with F0-1 fibrosis, continued specialty care is not needed. For those with intermediate stage of fibrosis (F2), follow-up for some years is prudent to insure no progression, especially if the patient has risk factors for progression. Patients with F3 or F4 fibrosis require continued hepatology/specialty care.

F0-F2

Table 1. Guidance for the follow-up and surveillance in patients after SVR.

Routine follow-up
F0, F1: no specialized follow-up needed
F2: clinic visits every 1 to 2 years, depending on risk factors for progression
F3 and compensated F4: clinic visits every 6 months
F4 decompensated every 3 months (or more often complications require)
Surveillance
For varices (if F4): every 1-3 years by upper endoscopy depending on the initial grade of varices [70]
For HCC (if F3/F4): every 6 months by ultrasonography with or without alpha-fetoprotein
For fibrosis progression or regression: every 1-2 years by hepatic elastography, serum fibrosis markers; there may be role for selective consideration of liver biopsy
For reinfection: yearly HCV-RNA testing in individuals with high risk behavior



Table 2. Factors influencing future risk of liver-related complications.

Well-established associations
Cirrhosis
Presence of portal hypertension/low platelet count
Likely (frequently reported associations)
Diabetes
Alcohol use
Older age
Possibly important (less consistent associations)
Obesity
Genotype 3
Elevated ALT level
Viral co-pathogens
Male gender

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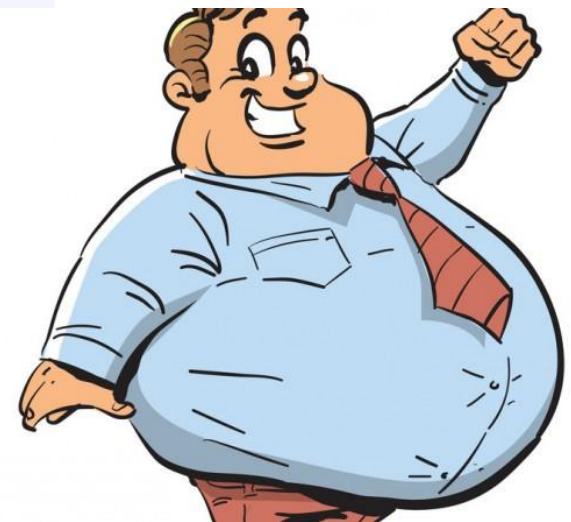


Table 3. Health and liver optimization after SVR.



Lifestyle changes:

Weight: Goal to maintain weight as close to normal value as possible using modification of diet and supplemental food [71]

Exercise: Exercise is an important component of weight optimization. Gentle exercise is recommended for cirrhotic patients to maintain musculoskeletal system and avoid sarcopenia and ameliorate osteopenia [72]

Nutrition: Optimizing nutrition requirements is based on metabolic comorbidities, and degree of liver dysfunction to promote liver regeneration and remolding, and to prevent the development of protein and energy malnutrition and to maintain healthy musculoskeletal system [73]

Supplements: Including vitamins, minerals, amino acids and herbs, should be accurately assessed, monitored and supplemented, if needed, under supervision of the treating physician [74]

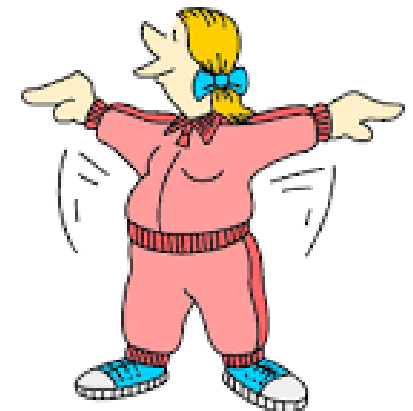
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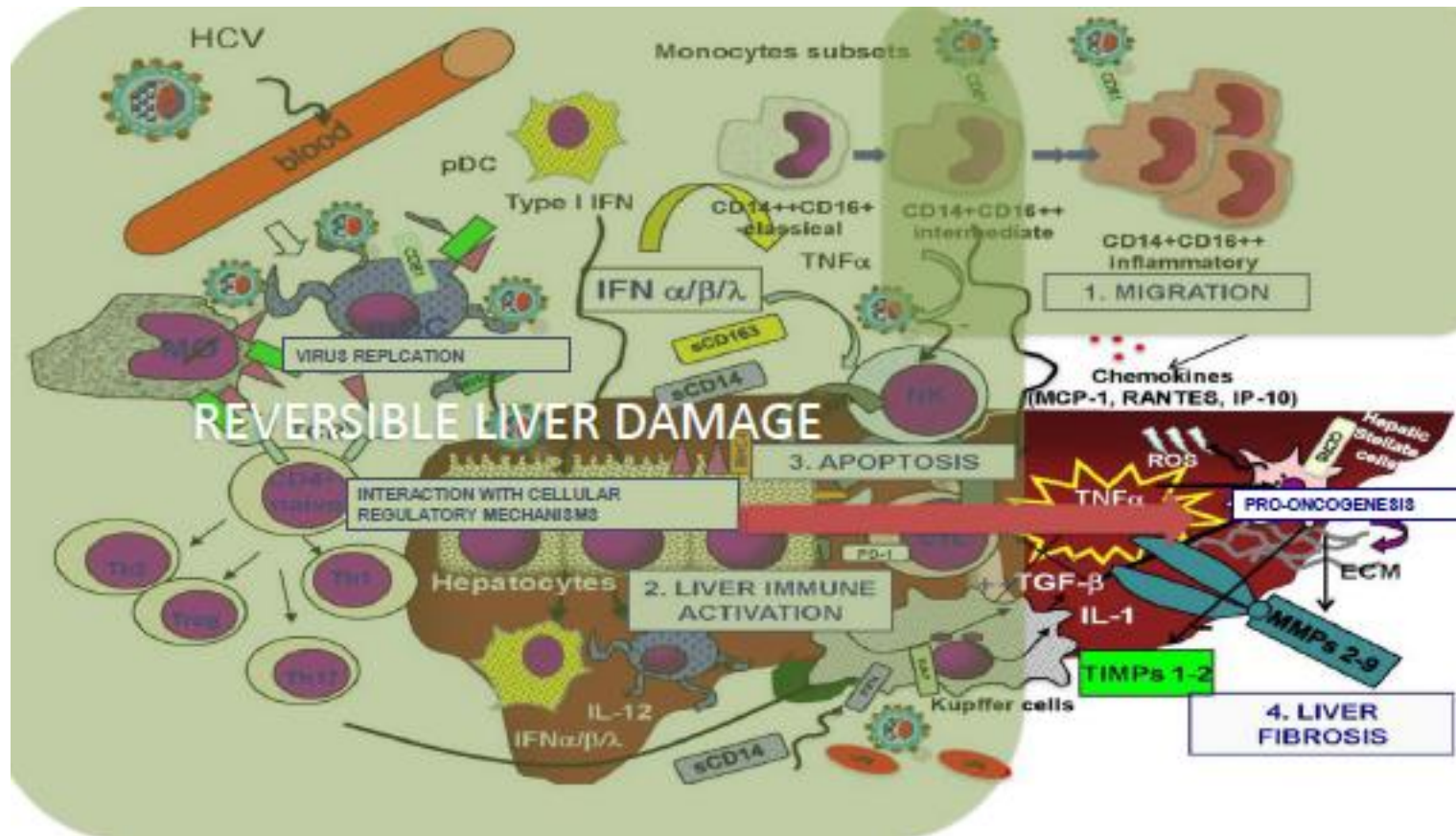
Alcohol use: Is prohibited for patients with cirrhosis [42]

Cigarette smoking: Is prohibited for patients with cirrhosis [75, 76]

Marijuana use: Daily use if not recommended in patients with fibrosis [77, 78]

Coffee: Is not prohibited for liver patients [79]





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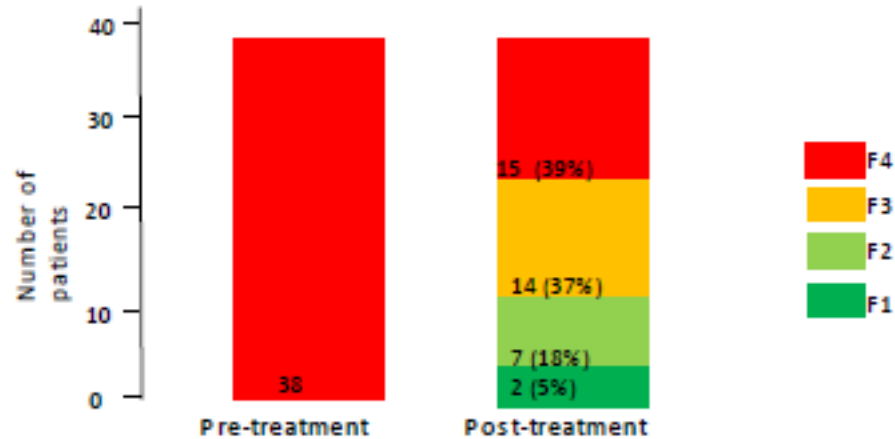
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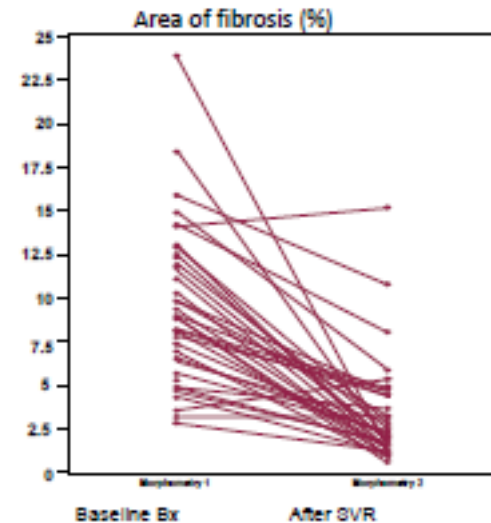
Distribution of Metavir fibrosis stages in pre-treatment and post-treatment liver biopsies

- 38 patients, Hepatitis C cirrhosis, Child-Pugh A
- 24/48 weeks standard bitherapy and SVR
- Paired biopsy, mean interval : 6 years



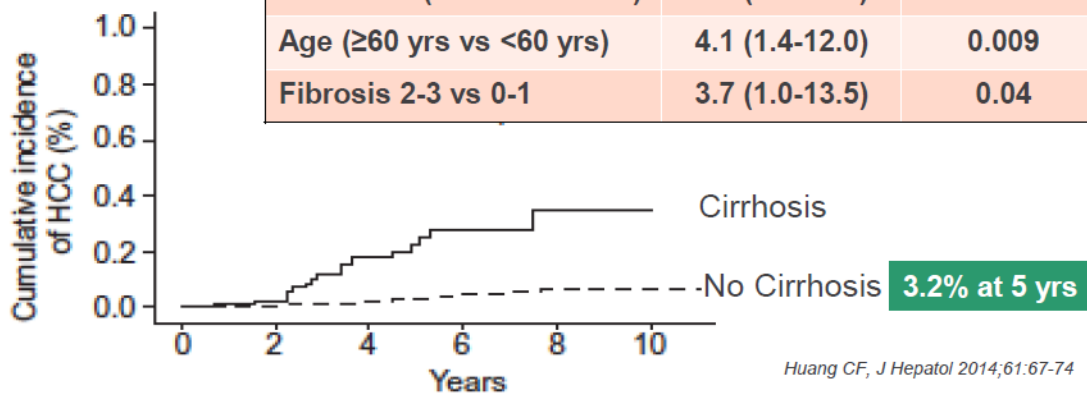
61% patients with F4 at baseline had cirrhosis regression to lower METAVIR stages

D'Ambrosio et al Hepatology. 2012



HCC Risk Among Non-Cirrhotic Patients With SVR

Variables	HR 95% CI	P Value
GGT level (≥ 75 U/L vs < 75)	5.8 (1.9-17.3)	0.002
Age (≥ 60 yrs vs < 60 yrs)	4.1 (1.4-12.0)	0.009
Fibrosis 2-3 vs 0-1	3.7 (1.0-13.5)	0.04



Cirrhotic patient (n, yr)

With HCC	1	2	8	11	13	15	15	16
At risk	76	66	51	38	30	21	14	7

Non-cirrhotic patient (n, yr)

With HCC	2	4	6	8	12	15	16	17
At risk	489	435	383	318	232	169	92	33

N=4 F1
N=8 F2
N=5 F3

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Key point

Achievement of SVR does not protect against reinfection so counseling messages to prevent reinfection should be provided to all those who remain at risk for HCV exposures.

RATES OF REINFECTION ARE IN ORDER
OF **1-8%** PER YEAR



F3-F4

Key point

Patients with advanced fibrosis (F3/4) and SVR have a substantially lower risk of decompensation and hepatocellular carcinoma but remain at risk, so monitoring and surveillance is essential.

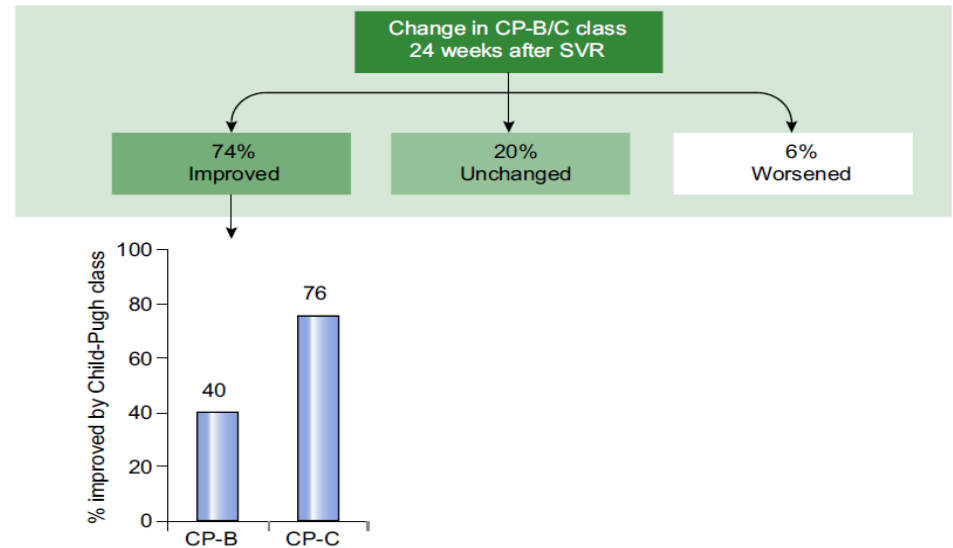


Fig. 4. Improvement in Child-Pugh score among patients with decompensated cirrhosis 24 weeks after SVR. In the combined results of the SOLAR studies (treated with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir plus ribavirin), 74% of patients had a reduction in Child-Pugh class when assessed 24 weeks after achieving SVR. Among those with improved Child-Pugh class, a greater proportion with CP-C improved than CP-B (76% vs. 40%).

F3 and compensated F4: clinic visits every 6 months

F4 decompensated every 3 months (or more often complications require)

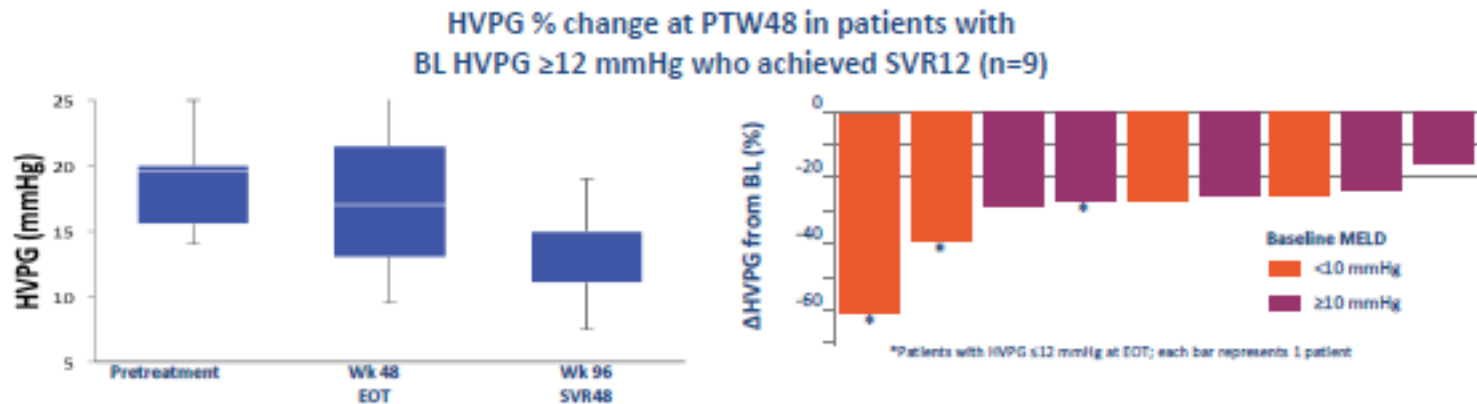
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HCV ERADICATION RESULTS IN REDUCTION OF HEPATIC VENOUS PRESSURE GRADIENT 48 WEEKS AFTER END OF TREATMENT; FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY OF SOF + RBV IN PATIENTS WITH CIRRHOSIS AND PORTAL HYPERTENSION

- 46 had paired HVPG at baseline and end-of-treatment
- 9 had follow-up HVPG at 48 weeks post-treatment



- ◆ Mean 29% decrease in HVPG
- ◆ HVPG <12 mmHg in 1/3 pts

- ◆ 8/9 had >20% ↓HVPG

*Patients with HVPG ≤ 12 mmHg at EOT; each bar represents 1 patient

SOF+RBV for 48 weeks in CTP-A/B + HVPG >6mmHg

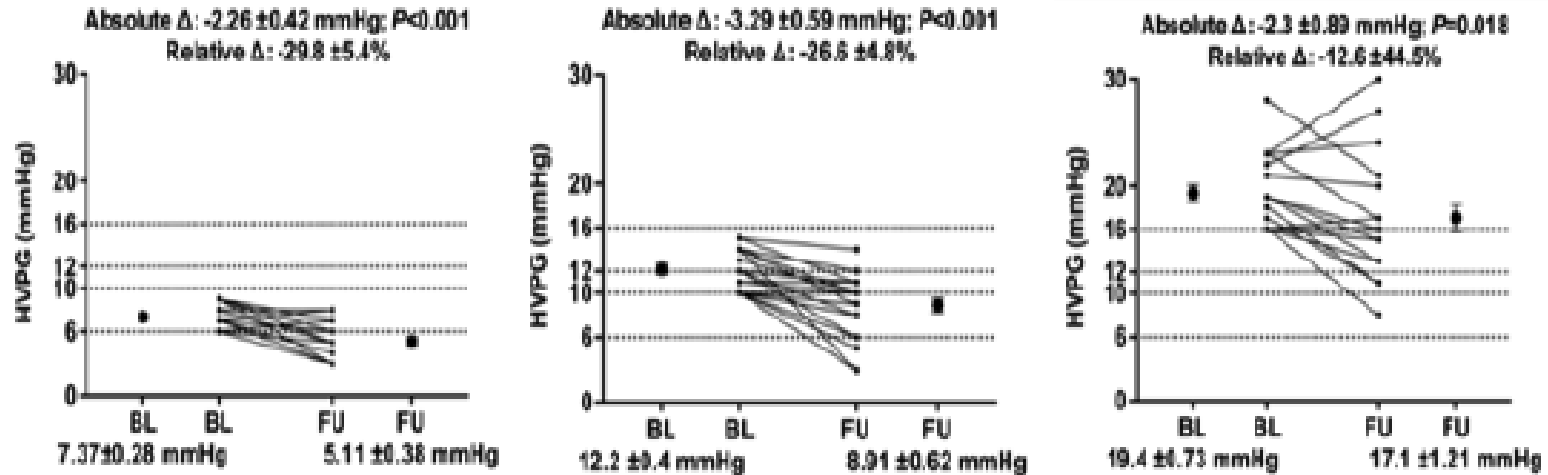
Afdhal, et al. EASL 2016; Poster #LBP610

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Sustained virologic response to interferon-free therapies ameliorates HCV-induced portal hypertension



Predictors of HVPG decrease

Univariate

- Child-Pugh class
- Relative change in liver stiffness

Multivariate

- Child-Pugh class B vs. A (HR 0.103; 95%CI: 0.002-0.514; $P = 0.006$)

Mandorfer M, et al. J Hepatol 2016.

Long term monitoring after SVR in HCV: Portal Hypertension

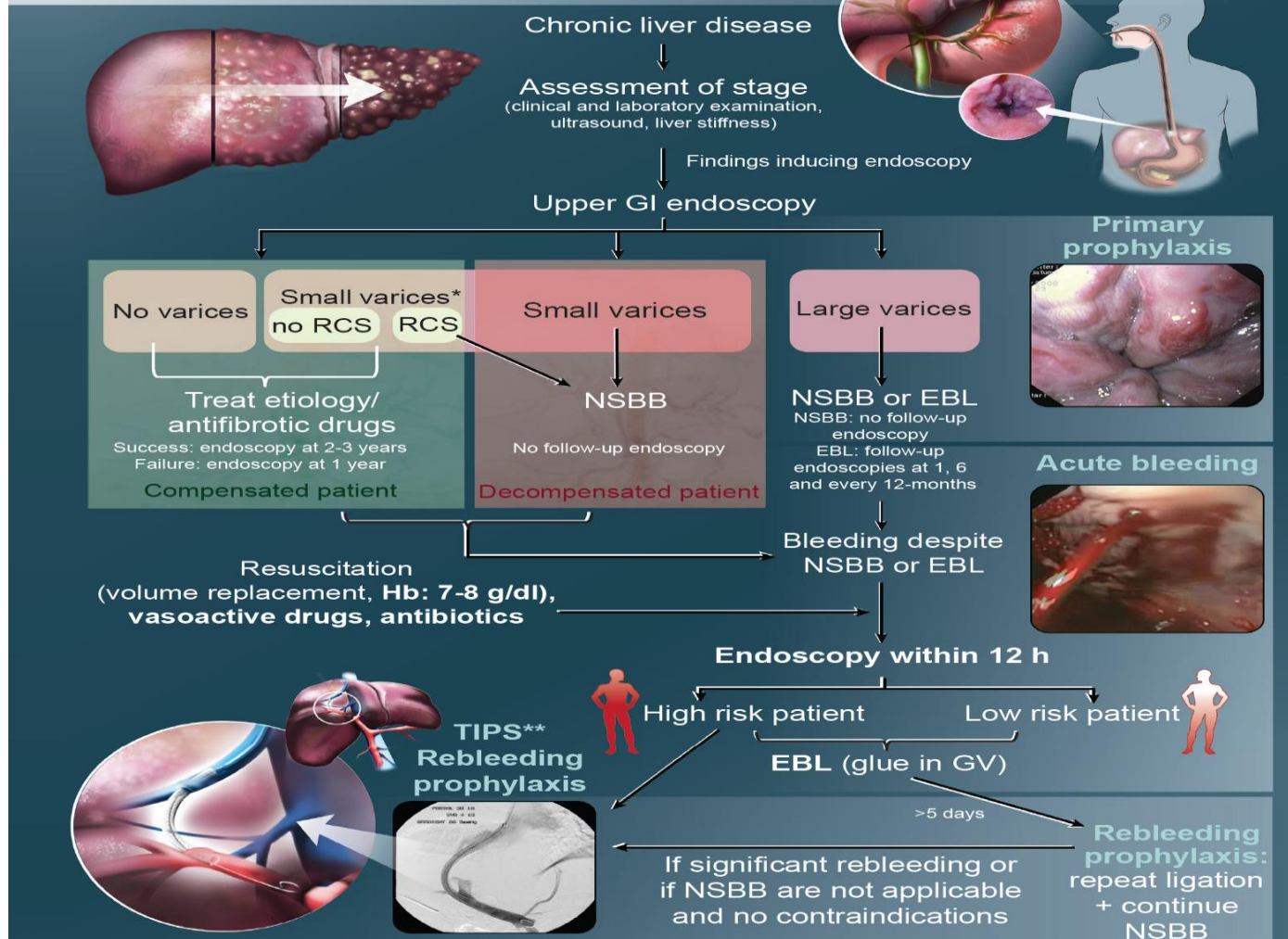
- Pre Tx liver stiffness <20 kPa and PLT >150,000 = low risk esophageal varices → yearly repetition of TE and platelet count
- Pre Tx liver stiffness > 20 Kpa and/or PLT < 150.000 → EGDS for varices before TX → if SVR
 - No varices at screening pre Tx endoscopy, → EGDS every three years
 - Small Varices at screening pre Tx → EGDS every two years (Non Selective Beta Blockers or Carvedilole optional if no red signs and Child C)
 - Medium- large varices → NSBB or Carvedilol or Band Ligation (NSBB not in ESLD)
 - Isolated gastric varices or large gastroesophageal varices type 2 consider cyanoacrilate



Esophageal varices: Stage-dependent treatment algorithm

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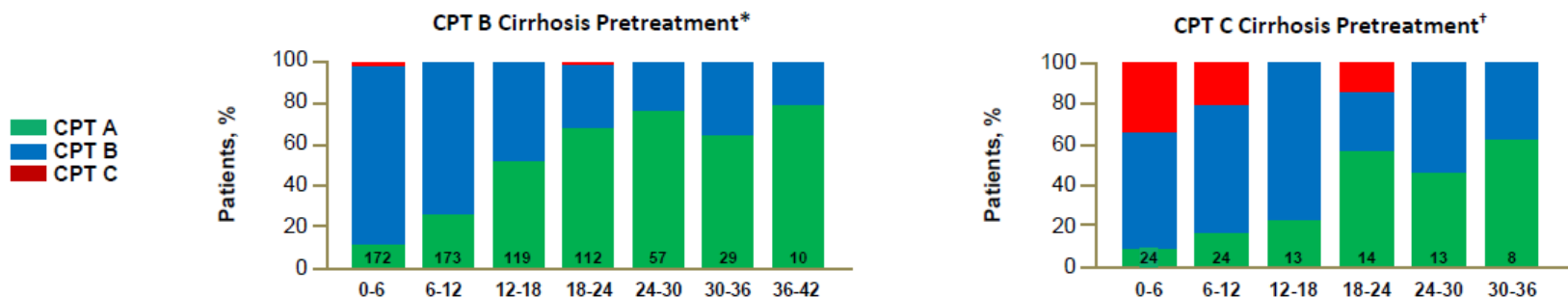
DAA Studies in Decompensated Cirrhosis (CTP-B/C)*

	SOLAR-1	SOLAR-2	ASTRAL-4	ALLY-1
	LDV/SOF+ RBV	LDV/SOF+ RBV	SOF/VEL± RBV	DCV+SOF+ RBV
Number with outcomes	93	81	250	39
Last Assessment	SVR4	SVR24	SVR12	SVR12
% CTP score improved	67%	77%	47%	76%
% CTP score worsened	8%	6%	11%	12%
% MELD score improved	67%	73%	54%	40%
% MELD score worsened	17%	16%	25%	40%
% MELD improved in CTP B	64%	65%	54%	43%
% MELD worsened in CTP B	0%	0%	25%	0%
% MELD improved in CTP C	70%	83%	–	67%
% MELD worsened in CTP C	18%	11%	–	0%

*Only SVR patients are included

Long-term Follow-up of >1,000 HCV Patients With Compensated or Decompensated Cirrhosis Who Achieved SVR Following Treatment With Sofosbuvir-Based Regimens

Shift in CPT Classification



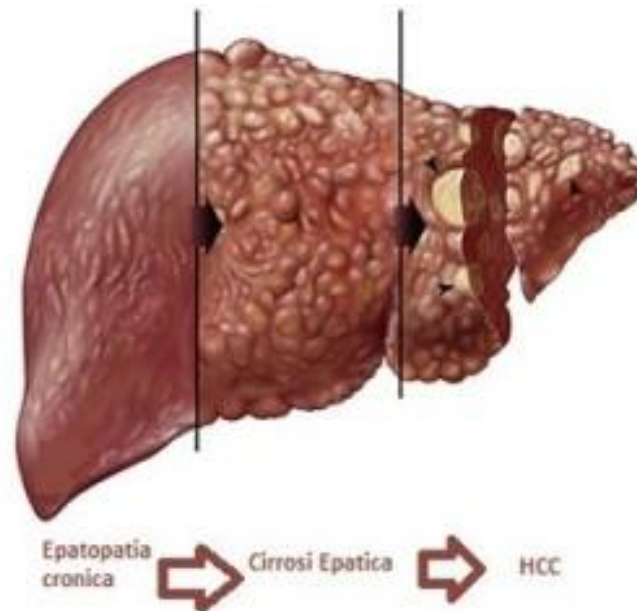
- Monitoraggio seriale CTP score e MELD (ascite, EE, bilirubina, albumina, INR creatinina)
 - The majority of patients maintained or improved their CPT category relative to pretreatment through up to 36 (CPT C) or 42 (CPT B) months relative to treatment start
 - Overall improvements in key laboratory components such as mean bilirubin and mean albumin were observed

*Only 1 patient with CPT B cirrhosis prior to treatment has reached >42 mo since start of treatment; this patient had CPT A cirrhosis at last assessment.

†Only 1 patient with CPT C cirrhosis prior to treatment has reached >36 mo since start of treatment; this patient had CPT A cirrhosis at last assessment.



- Development of HCC in HCV cirrhotic patients treated with DAA



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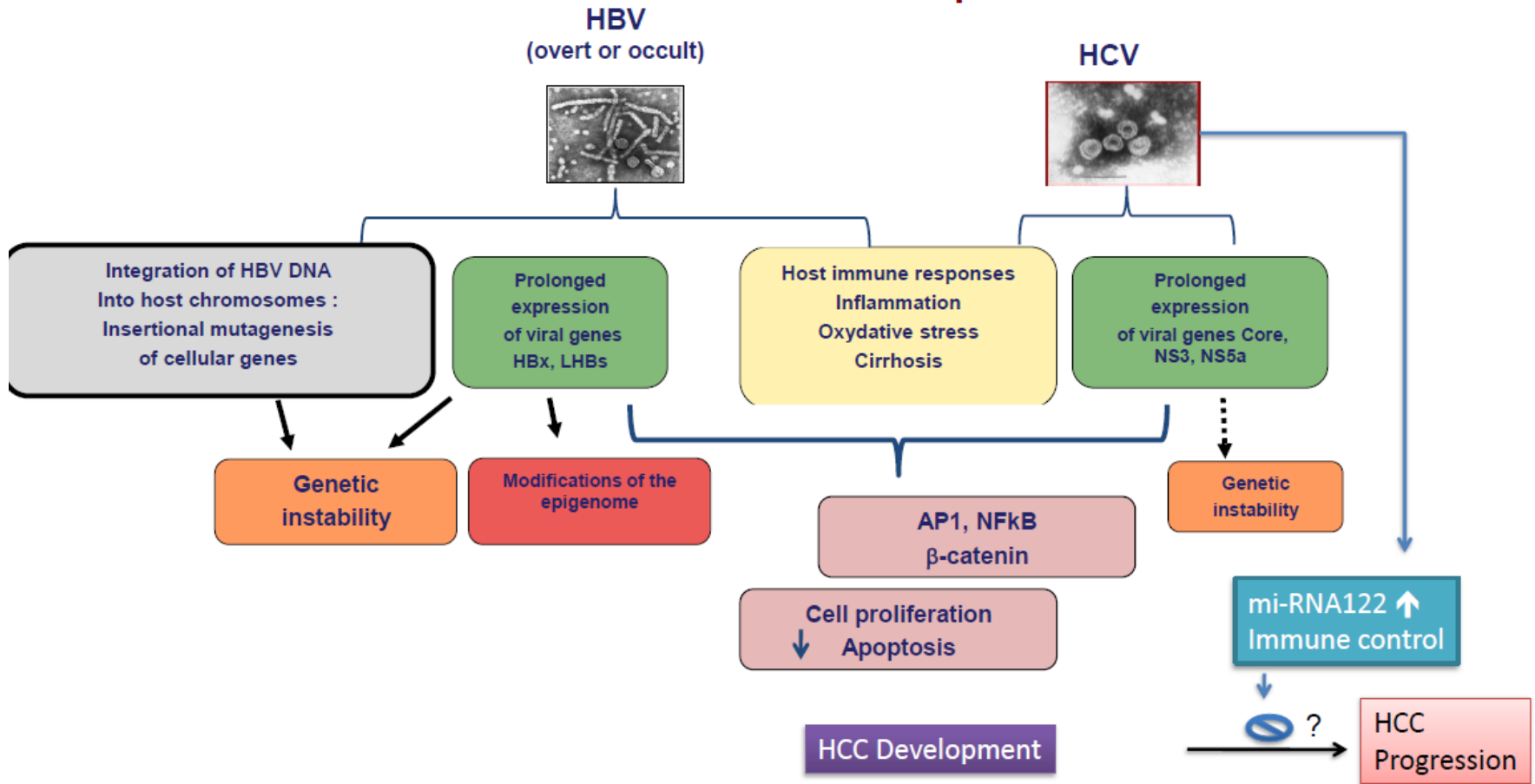
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HCC carcinogenesis

Direct and indirect roles of hepatitis viruses



Key Questions

- What is the risk of HCC in patients who achieve SVR?
- Is continued HCC surveillance indicated in this patient?
- If so, what is the optimal HCC surveillance strategy?



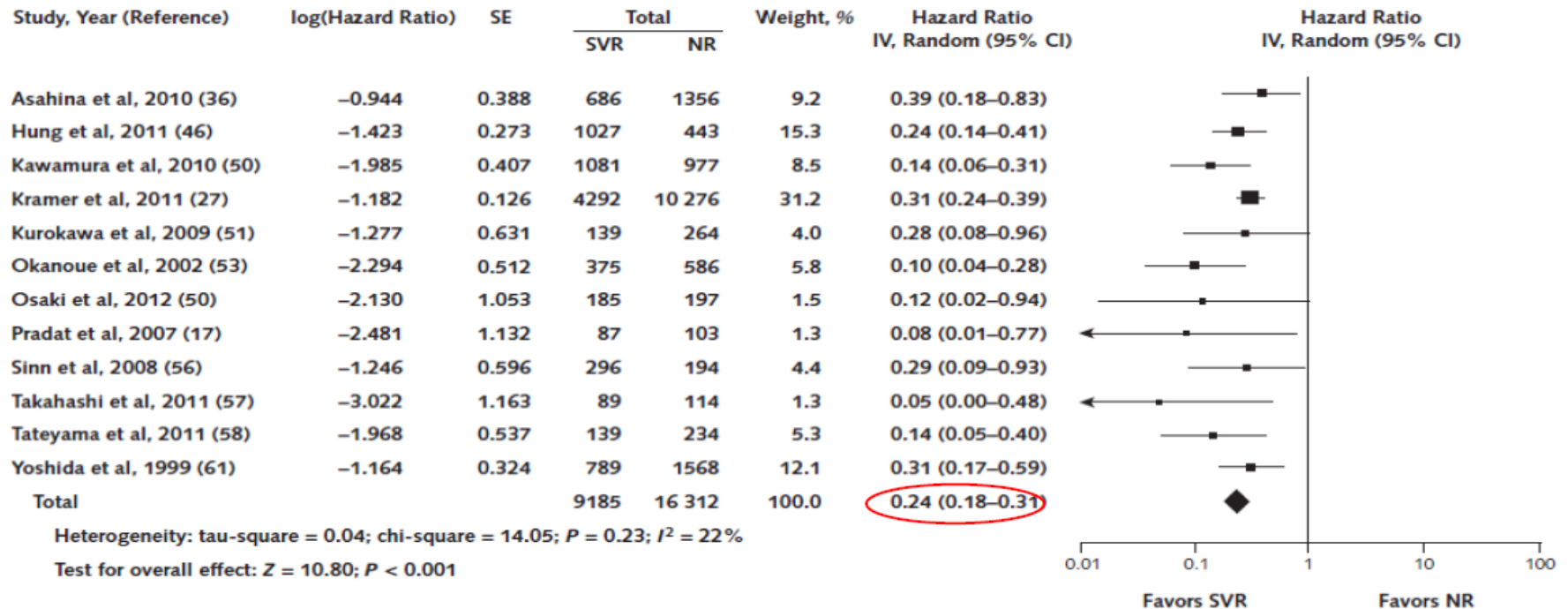
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Eradication of HCV and risk of HCC: a meta-analysis of IFN-based studies

Forest Plot Of Adjusted Hazard Effects In Persons At All Stages Of Fibrosis



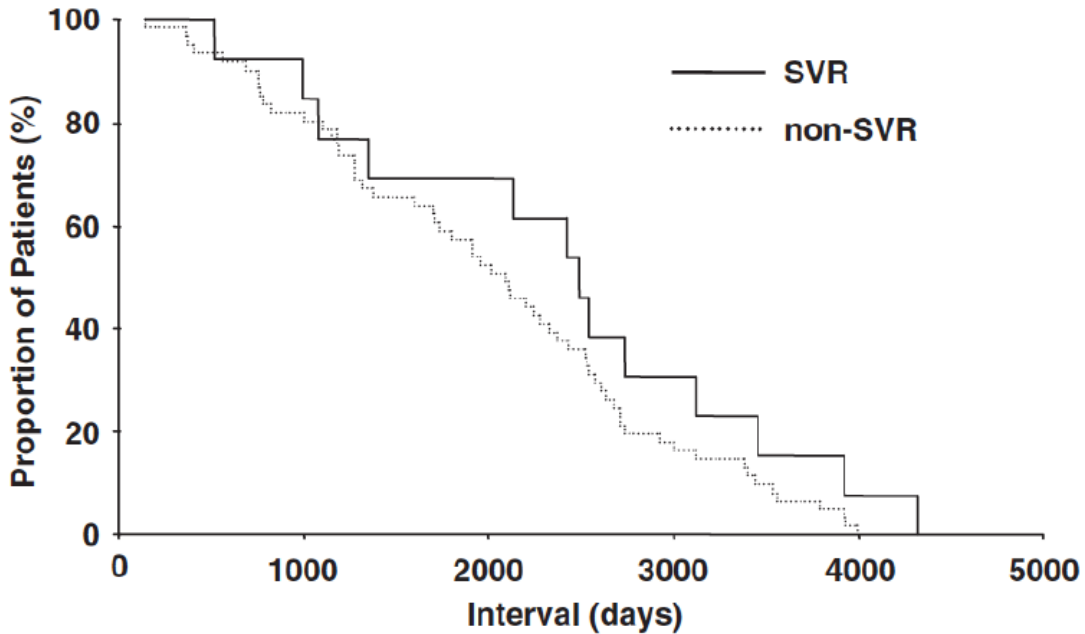
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However, HCC risk persists in patients post SVR



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Kobayashi et al. Liver Int 2007⁷

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Risk factors for HCC Development among SVR Patients

Study	SVR Patients with Cirrhosis	Median Follow-up	# Incident HCC	Risk Factors
Van der Meer 2012	843 (84%)	6.7 years	50 (5%)	Age
Chang 2012	339 (38.9%)	3.5 years	37 (4.2%)	Age, F3-F4, AFP, thrombocytopenia
Arase 2013	149 (7.8%)	8.1 years	44 (2.3%)	Male, age, alcohol, diabetes
Huang 2014	86 (13.4%)	4.4 years	33 (5.1%)	Age, F4 stage, GGT



HCC in HCV

Known risk Factors for HCC in HCV+ve Cirrhosis

- Older Age
- Older Age at Infection
- Male Gender
- Co-infections (HBV / HIV)
- Heavy Alcohol Consumption
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- HCV genotype



Risk persists for > 10 years after SVR despite potential fibrosis regression

Case No	Years after HCV treatment	Histology
1	18	F2
2	18	F1
3	11	F3
4	15	F3
5	> 10 years	F3

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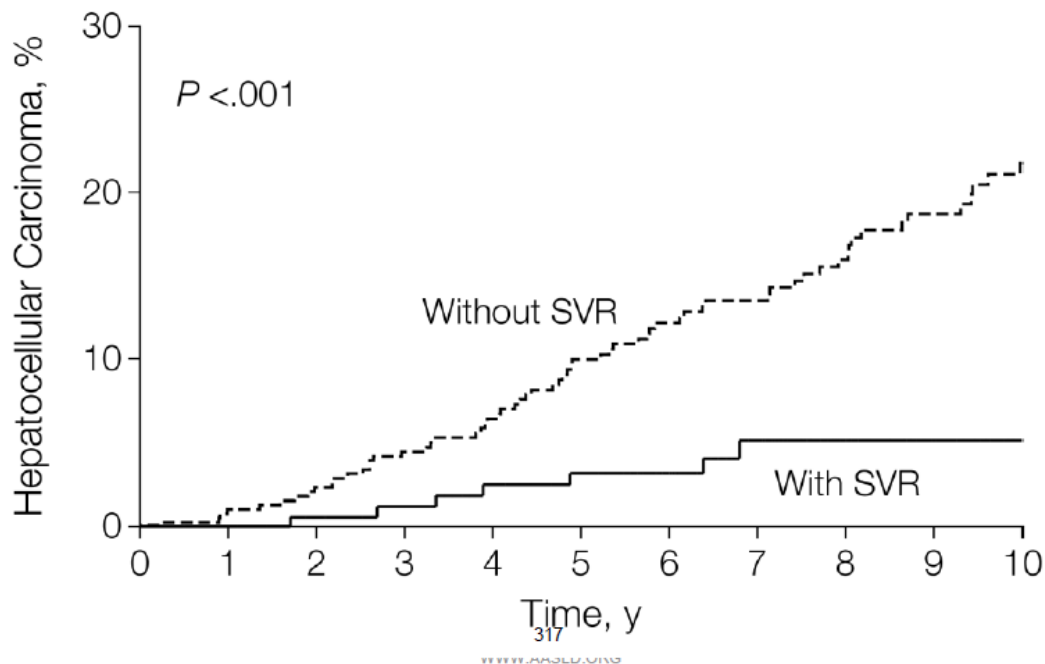
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SVR associated with with reduced risk of HCC but risk may plateau >7 years post SVR



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Van der Meer et al JAMA 2012

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Key Question

- What is the risk of HCC in patients who achieve SVR and is continued HCC surveillance indicated?
 - SVR reduces HCC risk, but patients remain at elevated risk (annual incidence 0.5 – 2%) so surveillance indicated
 - HCC risk prolonged (> 10 years) so surveillance may be needed indefinitely
 - HCC risk appears to plateau after first 6-7 years but unknown when falls below cost effectiveness threshold



Follow-up Question

- Does this recommendation change with new DAA agents compared to IFN-based treatments?

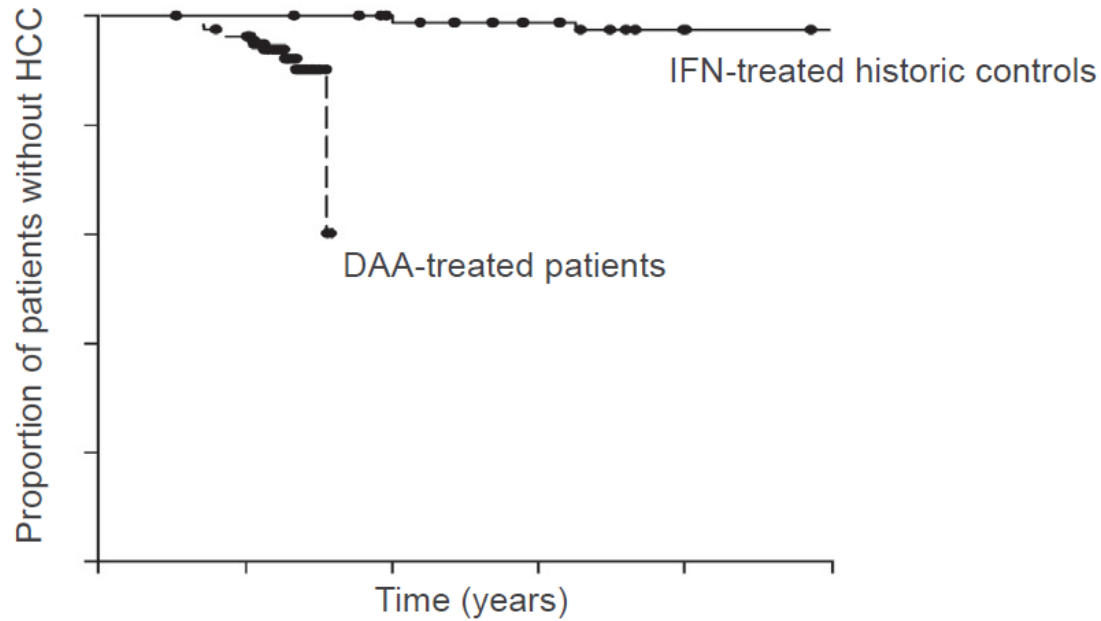


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HCC risk likely persists in patients post SVR with new DAA agents



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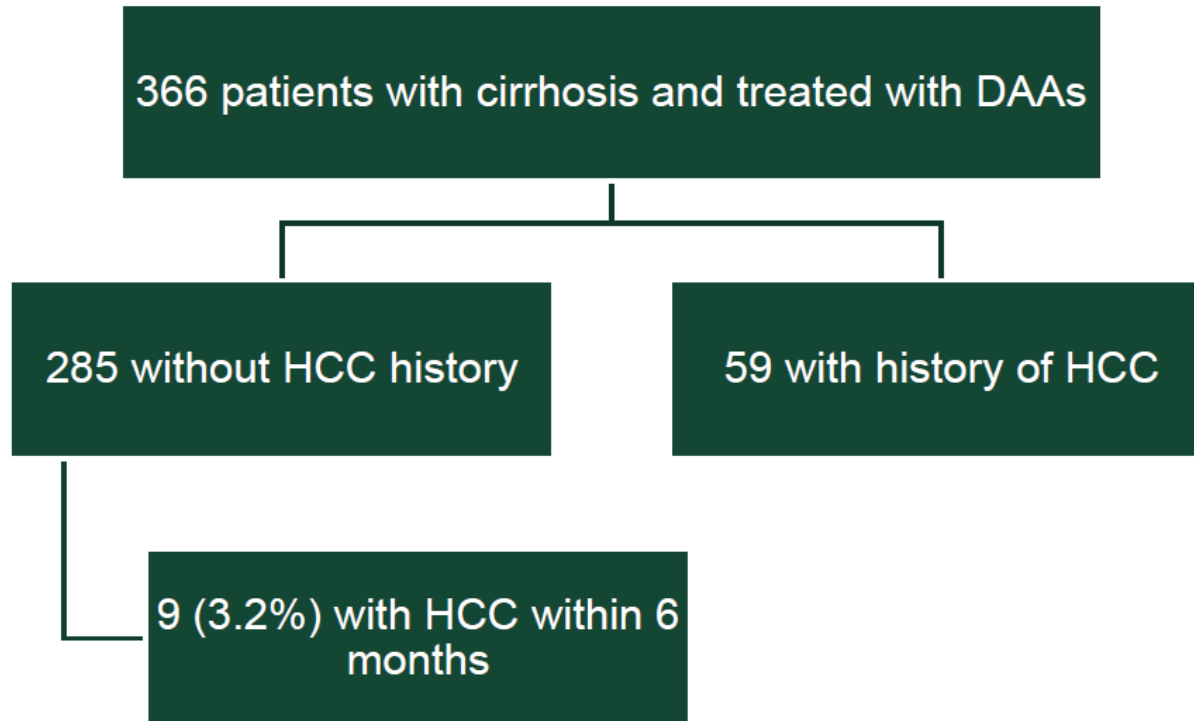
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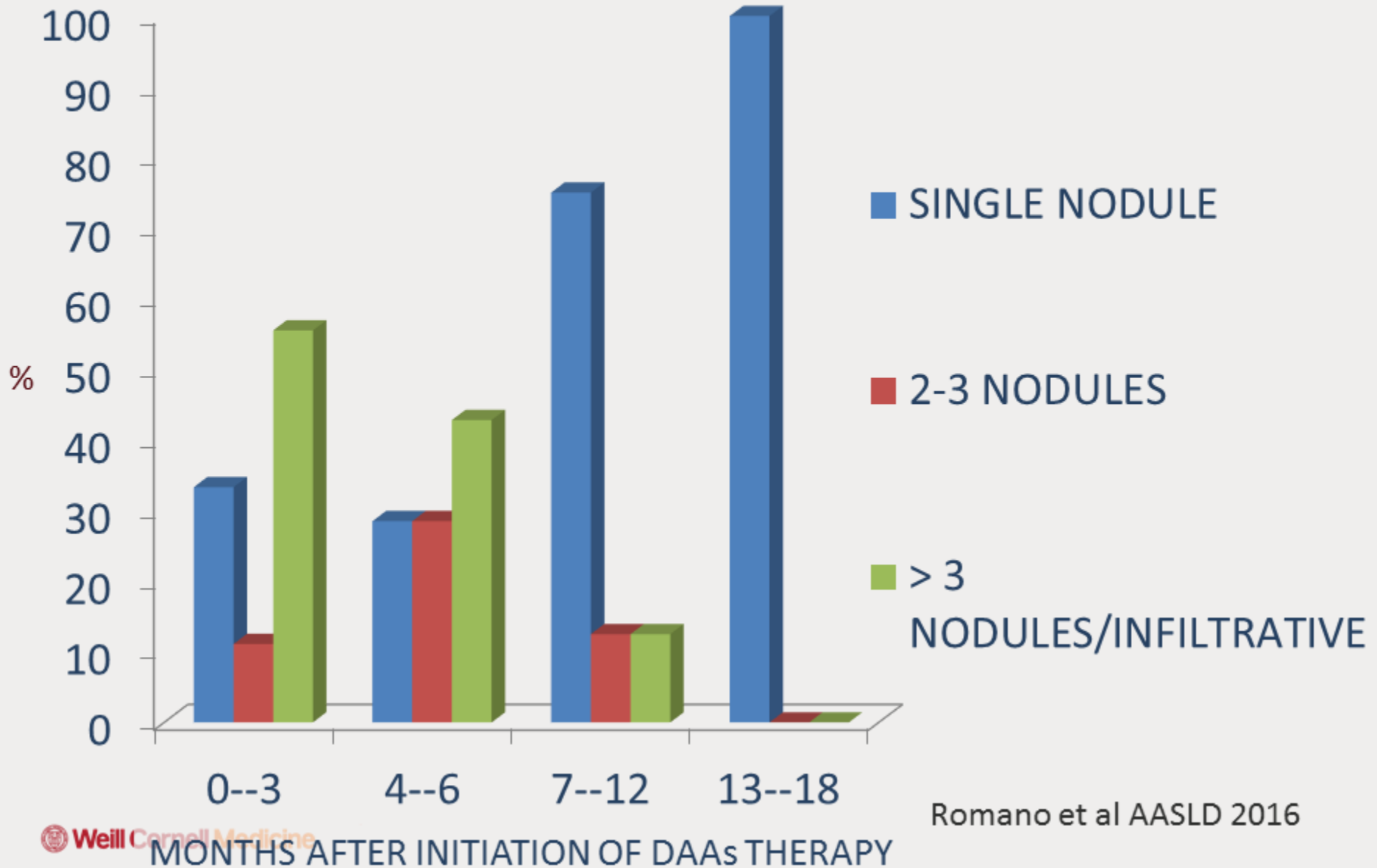


HCC PATTERNS IN RELATION TO SVR

27/2279 patients developed HCC (SVR 20/27)

overall calculated incidence x100 patient-years : 2.1 (95% CI : 1.40-3.10).

PATTERNS OF HCC DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO TIMING OF DAA TREATMENT

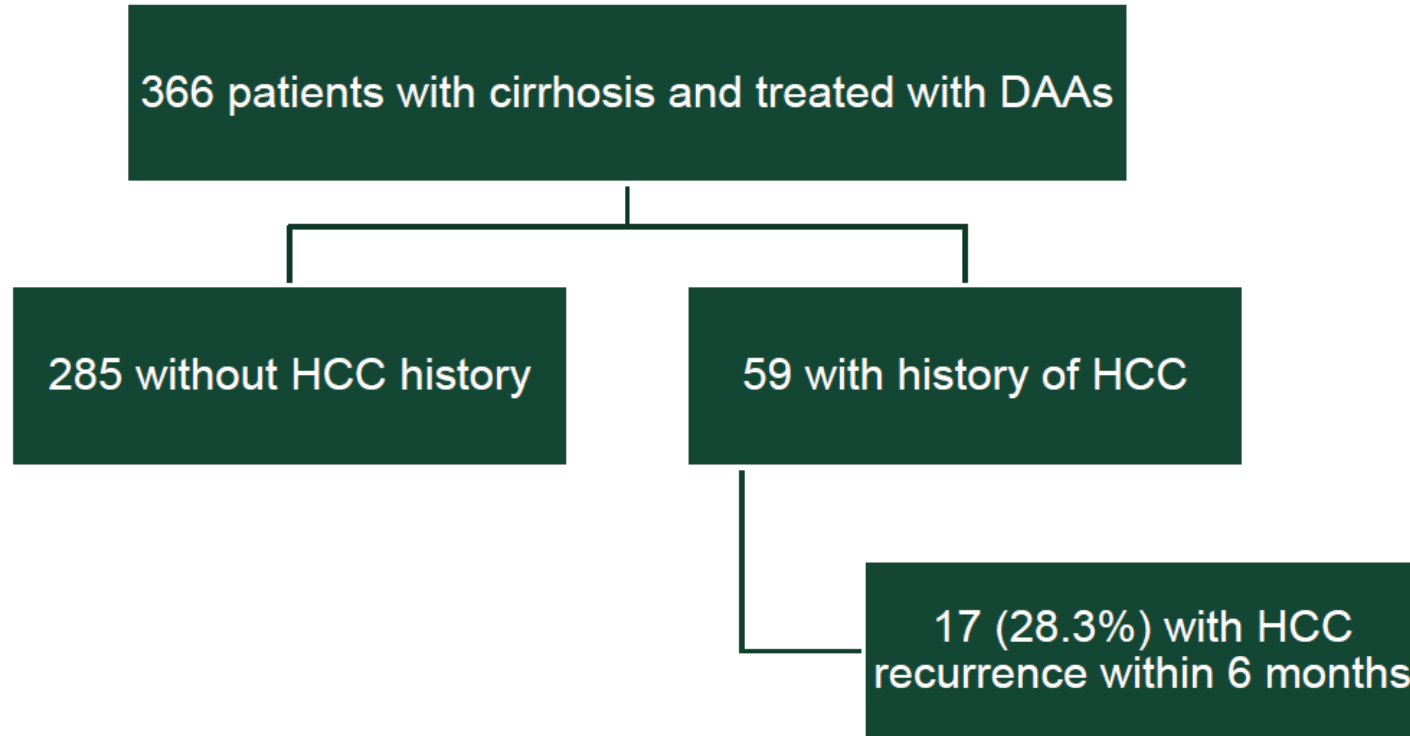


Romano et al AASD 2016

- The best baseline predictor of the HCC risk was **APRI**
- HCC risk increased linearly by 10% at each 1 point increase in APRI value.
- These results indicate that in cirrhotic patients the incidence of HCC during the first 6-9 months following initiation of DAAs therapy **is not different** from that expected in untreated patients according to historical controls.
- However, the **atypical HCC pattern** seen in about half of the cases deserves better understanding.



Recurrence of HCC may increase post SVR



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Recurrence of HCC may increase post SVR

- 58 HCC patients from 4 centers in Spain who had complete response after resection, ablation, or TACE
 - All underwent DAA therapy after complete response
- Recurrence occurred in 16 (27.6%)
 - Median time from HCC treatment to DAA treatment was 11.2 (3.6 – 23.2) months
 - Median time from DAA treatment to HCC recurrence was 3.5 (1.1 – 8) months
- Subgroup analysis: 41.2% recurrence if started DAA < 4 months of complete response vs. 21.9% if started > 4 months after complete response

Unexpected high rate of early tumor recurrence in patients with HCV-related HCC undergoing interferon-free therapy[☆]

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HCC DURANTE E DOPO TRATTAMENTO CON DAA: L'ESPERIENZA DELLA COORTE SCOLTA

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ABSTRACT
Background: Interferon (IFN)-free direct antiviral agents (DAAs) effectively eradicate hepatitis C virus (HCV) and rapidly improve liver residual functions. Recent data have suggested that hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) risk increases during and after DAA treatment, in HCV-infected patients with advanced liver disease, but no strong evidence exists.
Methods: The SCOLTA (Surveillance Cohort Long-Term Toxicity of Antiretrovirals/Antivirals)-HCV project is an observational, prospective, multicenter cohort study enrolling patients, either HCV mono- or HIV/HCV co-infected, who started DAA treatment. For HCV treatment and HCC surveillance, patients were followed according to Italian guidelines.
Results: Overall 1,154 pts were included in this study. Males were 69.2%; median age was 56.2 years. HIV/HCV co-infected were 392 (34.0%). Twenty-nine (2.5%) patients had a history of HCC (24, 3.2%, with HCV and 5, 1.3%, with HCV/HIV). At the time of this analysis, median follow-up from initiation of DAA therapy was 16.7 months (IQR 12.7-19.4). Twenty-seven patients developed HCC, as a first diagnosis in 21 cases and recurrence in 6; the incidence rate/100 patient-years was 1.44 (95% CI 0.92-2.16) and 16.61 (95% CI 6.73-34.55) respectively. HCC was diagnosed during DAA treatment in 10 patients (8 new diagnoses and 2 recurrences). All recurrences occurred in HCV mono-infected patients (0 with SVR 12 and 1 with relapse). Among 21 subjects with first HCC diagnosis, 4 were co-infected with HIV: the rate ratio in comparison with HCV mono-infected patients was 0.43 (95% CI 0.13-1.22, p=0.12). In a multivariate Cox model including age, sex, Metavir, HIV co-infection, HCV genotype, and outcome at 12 weeks, age (HR 1.06, 95% CI 1.01-1.12, by 1 year) and Metavir F4 (HR 4.70, 95% CI 1.08-20.44 as compared to F0-F3) were significantly associated to HCC.
Conclusions: In untreated historical controls, HCC incidence rate ranged between 1 and 3/100 patient-years. Our findings indicate that, in cirrhotic patients, the incidence rate of HCC during the first 16 months following initiation of DAA therapy is not different from that expected in untreated patients.

Table 1. Characteristics of 1155 patients on DAA treatment in the SCOLTA Cohort.

Variable	N (%)
Mean age (SD)	56.2 (10.8)
Males	799 (69.2)
Genotype	
1a	288 (25.0)
1b	402 (34.8)
2	89 (7.7)
3	213 (18.5)
4	162 (14.0)
Metavir	
F0-F3	428 (37.1)
F4	726 (62.9)
Previous diagnosis of HCC	29 (2.5)
HCV infection	392 (34.0)
DAA	
SOV+OPV	277 (24.0)
SOV+LOV	227 (19.7)
SOV	210 (18.3)
SOV+NS5A	183 (15.9)
SOV+NS3A	181 (15.9)
SOV	56 (4.9)
SOV+NS5B	22 (1.9)
SOV+NS5C	4 (0.4)
Outcome at 12 wks	
SVR 12	999 (89.7)
Failure	13 (1.2)
Relapse	44 (4.3)
Re-treatment	10 (0.9)
HCC diagnosis	
-during DAA treatment	27 (2.4)
-after DAA treatment	10 (0.9)
-recurrence (n=6)	17 (1.5)
-new diagnosis (n=11)	6 (20.7)
-new diagnosis (n=11)	21 (9.9)

Background

Interferon (IFN)-free direct antiviral agents (DAAs) effectively eradicate hepatitis C virus (HCV) and rapidly improve liver residual functions. Recent data have suggested that hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) risk increases during and after DAAs treatment, in HCV-infected patients with advanced liver disease, but no strong evidence exists.

Methods

The SCOLTA (Surveillance Cohort Long-Term Toxicity of Antiretrovirals/Antivirals)-HCV project is an observational, prospective, multicenter cohort study enrolling patients, either HCV mono- or HIV/HCV co-infected, who started DAA treatment. For HCV treatment and HCC surveillance, patients were followed according to Italian guidelines.

Results

Overall 1,154 pts were included in this study (table 1). Males were 69.2%; median age was 56.2 years. HIV/HCV co-infected were 392 (34.0%). Twenty-nine (2.5%) patients had a history of HCC (24, 3.2%, with HCV and 5, 1.3%, with HCV/HIV).

At the time of this analysis, median follow-up from initiation of DAA therapy was 16.7 months (IQR 12.7-19.4).

Twenty-seven patients developed HCC, as a first diagnosis in 21 cases and recurrence in 6; the incidence rate/100 patient-years was 1.44 (95% CI 0.92-2.16) and 16.61 (95% CI 6.73-34.55) respectively (Figure 2) HCC was diagnosed during DAA treatment in 10 patients (8 new diagnoses and 2 recurrences). All recurrences occurred in HCV mono-infected patients (5 with SVR 12 and 1 with relapse) (Figure 1)

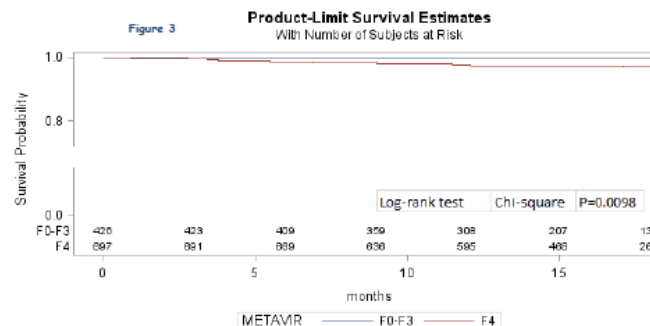
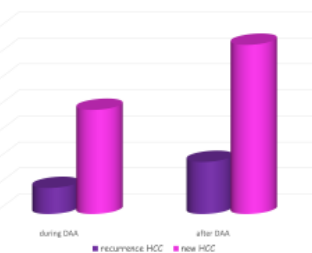
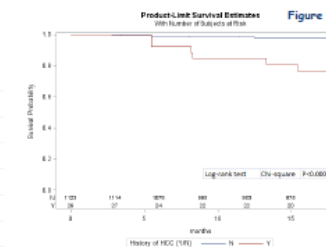


Figure 1



Among 21 subjects with first HCC diagnosis, 4 were co-infected with HIV: the rate ratio in comparison with HCV mono-infected patients was 0.43 (95% CI 0.13-1.22, p=0.12). In a multivariate Cox model including age, sex, Metavir, HIV co-infection, HCV genotype, and outcome at 12 weeks, age (HR 1.06, 95% CI 1.01-1.12, by 1 year) and Metavir F4 (HR 4.70, 95% CI 1.08-20.44 as compared to F0-F3) were significantly associated to HCC (Figure 3)



Conclusions

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HCC DURANTE E DOPO TRATTAMENTO CON DAA: L'ESPERIENZA DELLA COORTE SCOLTA

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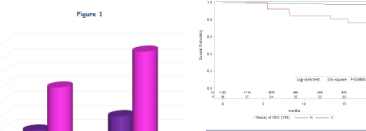
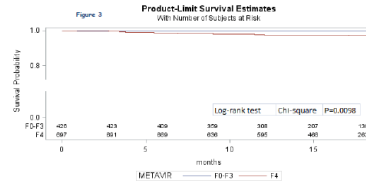
Table 1. Characteristics of 1155 patients in DAA treatment in the SCOLTA Cohort.

Characteristic	n (%)
Sex	
Male	789 (68.3)
Female	366 (31.7)
Age (years)	
Median	56.2 (56.2)
Range	19-87
History of HCC	
Yes	409 (35.4)
No	746 (64.6)
History of cirrhosis	
Yes	746 (64.6)
No	409 (35.4)
History of HIV	
Yes	477 (41.3)
No	678 (58.7)
History of HBV	
Yes	153 (13.3)
No	1002 (86.7)
History of alcohol consumption	
Yes	58 (5.0)
No	1097 (95.0)
History of smoking	
Yes	419 (36.3)
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Key Question

- What is the optimal HCC surveillance strategy in this patient?



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HCC surveillance associated with improved survival in patients with cirrhosis

Author	Lead Time	Survival Rates	Significance
El-Serag 2011	70 days	Median survival 298 vs. 130 days	OR 0.81 (95%CI 0.70 – 0.94)
Tong 2010	118 days	3-year survival 62.5% vs. 36.6%	p=0.007
Wong 2008	236 days	2-year survival 49.4% vs. 28.6%	p=0.035
Tanaka 2006	238 days	Median survival 6.3 vs. 5.3 years	p=0.016
Trevisani 2002	98 - 239 days	Median survival 30 vs. 20 months	p<0.001

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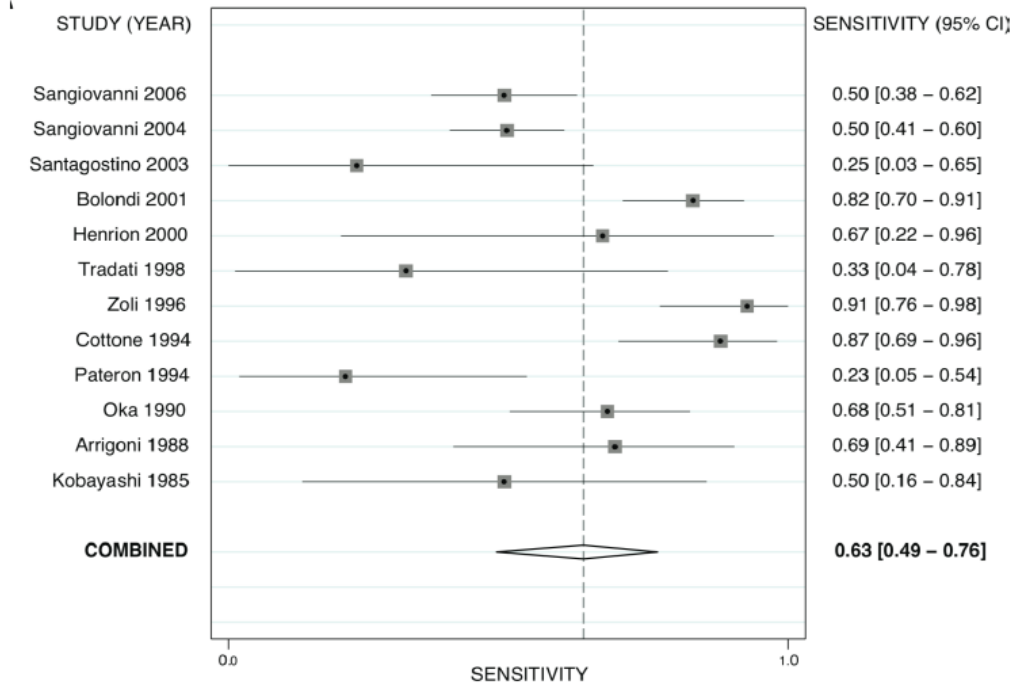


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Ultrasound is efficacious for HCC surveillance



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Potential limitations of Ultrasound

- Operator characteristics
 - Variable experience and training of ultrasound technicians
- Patient characteristics
 - Obesity
 - Liver nodularity and echogenicity
 - Presence of ascites



Limitations of Ultrasound Sensitivity

- Retrospective cohort of 1170 ITA.LI.CA database patients
- Ultrasound failure in 28.9% of patients
 - Decreased from 33% in 1987-1999 to 26% in 2000 – 2008

Variable	Multivariate analysis
Annual vs. semiannual	2.20 (1.55 – 3.11)
Child Pugh B	1.60 (1.16 – 2.20)
Alpha fetoprotein (AFP)*	1.00 (1.00 – 1.00)

* Marker of aggressive tumor biology



Limitations of Ultrasound Quality

- Retrospective cohort study of 941 patients with cirrhosis
- Ultrasound inadequate quality for surveillance in 134 (20.3%) patients

Variable	Multivariate analysis
Male gender	1.68 (1.14 – 2.48)
Child B or C cirrhosis	1.93 (1.32 – 2.81)
BMI category (BMI < 25 reference)	
Overweight (BMI 25 – 29.99)	2.29 (1.35 – 3.88)
Obesity class I (BMI 30-34.99)	2.95 (1.67 – 5.20)
Obesity class II (BMI 35-39.99)	6.37 (3.35 – 12.1)
Obesity class III (BMI ≥40)	8.22 (4.30 – 15.7)
Etiology (HCV reference)	
Hepatitis B	1.87 (0.79 – 4.39)
Alcohol-related	2.11 (1.33 – 3.37)
NASH	2.87 (1.71 – 4.80)

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Potential solutions to improve effectiveness

- Better imaging quality
 - Improved ultrasound quality
 - Contrast enhanced CT or MRI
- Combining with biomarkers
 - Alpha fetoprotein (AFP)
 - AFP-L3% and DCP
 - Others: GP73, osteopontin, etc.



CT not recommended for HCC surveillance

Variable	Ultrasound (n=83)	CT (n=80)	p-value
Number of HCC	8 (10.8%)	8 (10.0%)	0.86
Proportion BCLC A	5 (55.5%)	5 (62.5%)	0.93
HCC-related mortality	5 (6.0%)	7 (8.8%)	0.46
False positive imaging	3 (3.6%)	9 (5.6%)	0.06
Cost per HCC	\$17,041	\$57,383	

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MRI not recommended for HCC surveillance

- Prospective cohort study with 407 Child A-B patients
 - 1112 surveillance rounds over 1.5 years
 - Ultrasound and MRI done in all patients
- 35 patients with total of 40 HCC nodules
 - 26 patients had BCLC stage 0 and 8 BCLC stage A

Cohort	MRI	US	P-value
Sensitivity	97%	40%	P<0.001
Sensitivity for BCLC 0	96%	42%	P<0.001
Specificity	94%	90%	P=0.049

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Using AFP with ultrasound improves sensitivity for tumor detection in clinical practice

Surveillance Test	Sensitivity	Specificity
Ultrasound	92.0 (89.2 – 94.8)	74.2 (71.8 – 76.7)
AFP >20	52.9 (47.8 – 58.0)	93.3 (91.9 – 94.7)
Ultrasound and AFP >20	99.2 (98.2 – 100)	68.3 (65.7 – 70.9)
Ultrasound and AFP >20 and >2* from nadir	99.2 (98.2 – 100)	71.6 (69.0 – 74.0)

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Test	Efficacy		Effectiveness	
	Sensitivity	Sensitivity Early Stage	Sensitivity	Sensitivity Early Stage
AFP alone	35/51 (69%)	25/51 (49%)	27/41 (65.9%)	19/41 (46.3%)
Ultrasound alone	43/51 (84%)	32/51 (63%)	18/41 (43.9%)	13/41 (31.7%)
Ultrasound and AFP	47/51 (92%)	35/51 (69%)	37/41 (90.2%)	26/41 (63.4%)

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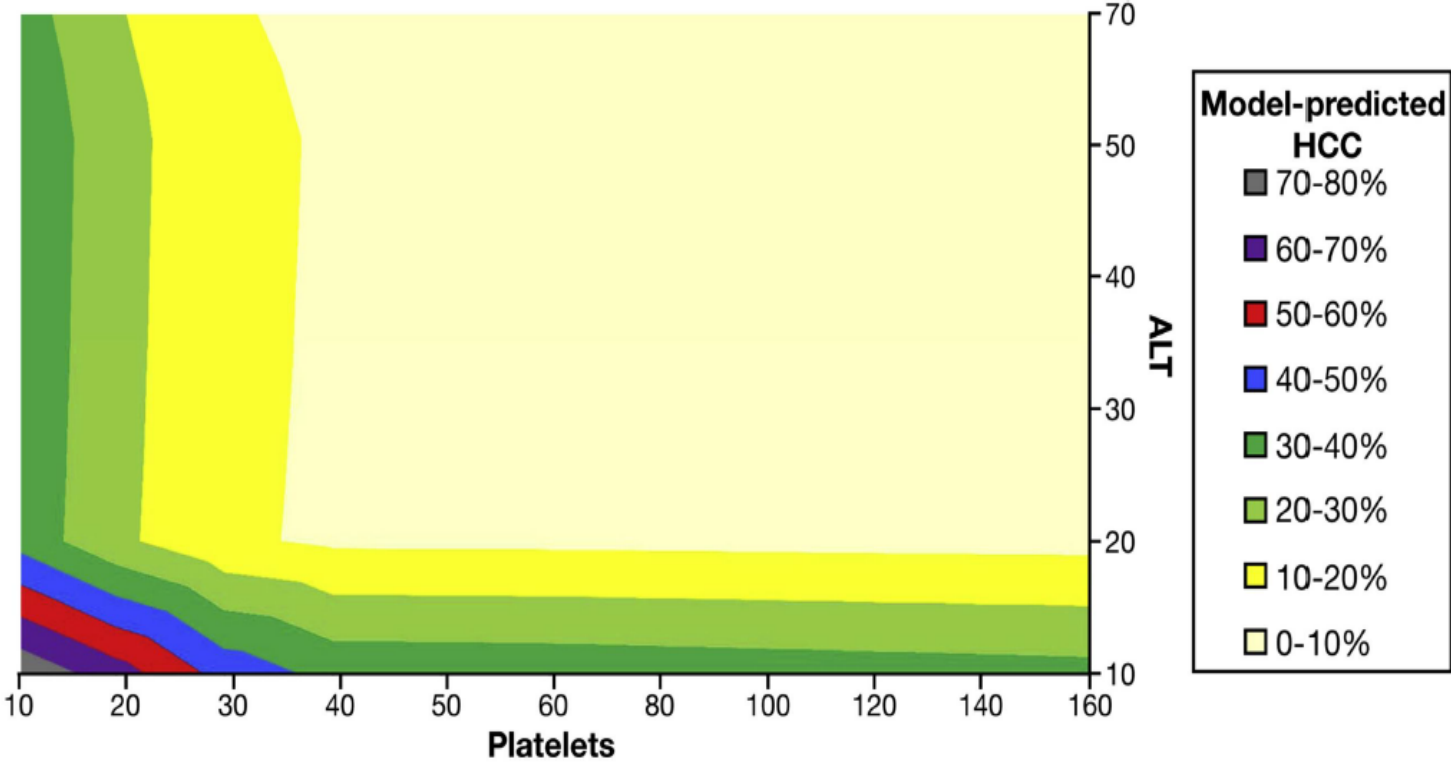
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AFP performance improved by adjusting for ALT



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Key Questions

- What is the optimal HCC surveillance strategy?
 - Although ultrasound can be efficacious, it may have lower effectiveness given its operator dependent nature and differences in patient characteristics
 - There are no data supporting routine use of CT or MRI for surveillance purposes
 - AFP can improve sensitivity for early tumor detection and a combination of ultrasound/AFP may be the optimal surveillance strategy





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