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The arguments for treating promptly vs waiting for eligibility for DAAs



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A tale of two cities...

London



Glasgow



Treat promptly or wait for DAAs

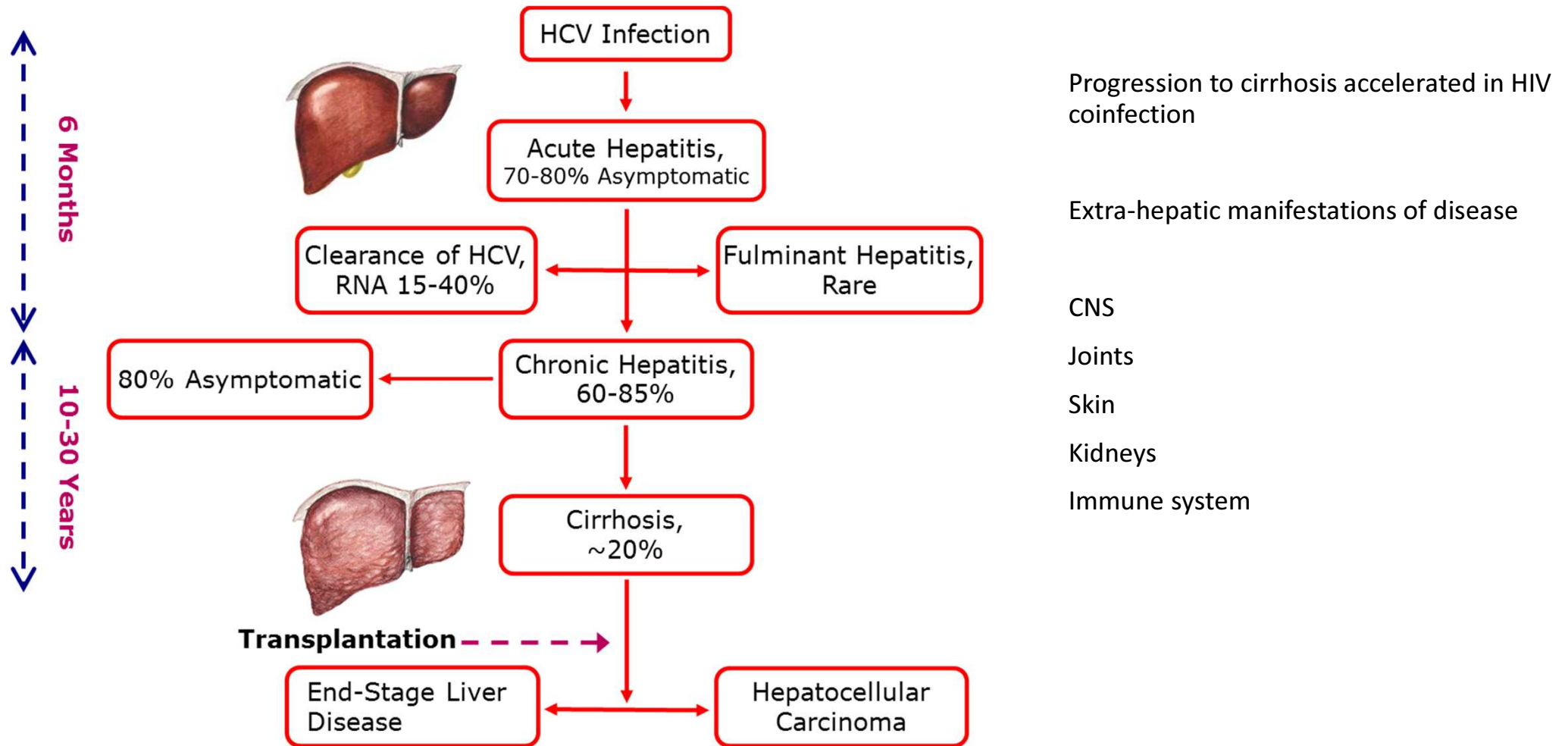
Early

- Treat early and avoid **disease**
- If **HIV** co-infected outcome is worse
- **Resistance** – RAVs have more impact in late infection
- Reduce **secondary** cases
- **Cost** – IFN is cheaper
- Treat early – **loss to follow-up**

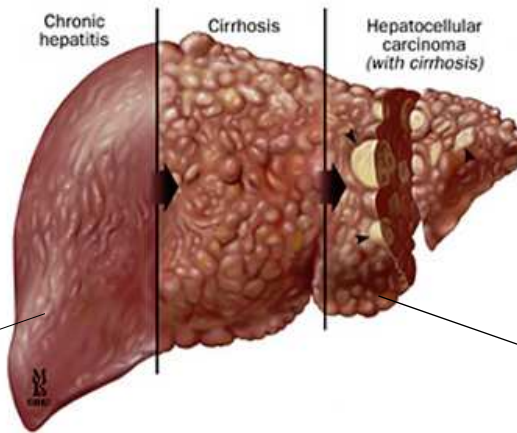
Delayed

- Not everyone progresses to severe **disease** - cost
- IFN is **toxic** so wait for DAAs
- Address behaviours first – may need to treat multiple times for **reinfection**
- Delay – **spontaneous clearance** may occur (early infection)

HCV is not a benign disease: Natural history of infection



Early treatment is more effective and less toxic than late treatment



Patients with mild-moderate fibrosis

SVR rates >90%

RAVs have very little impact

Shorter duration (8 weeks in eligible patients)

No need for RBV

Patients with cirrhosis

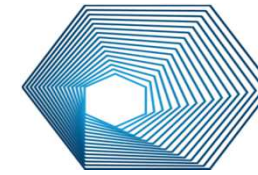
SVR rates lower, especially in genotype 3

Impact of RAVs higher

Longer duration (12-24 weeks)

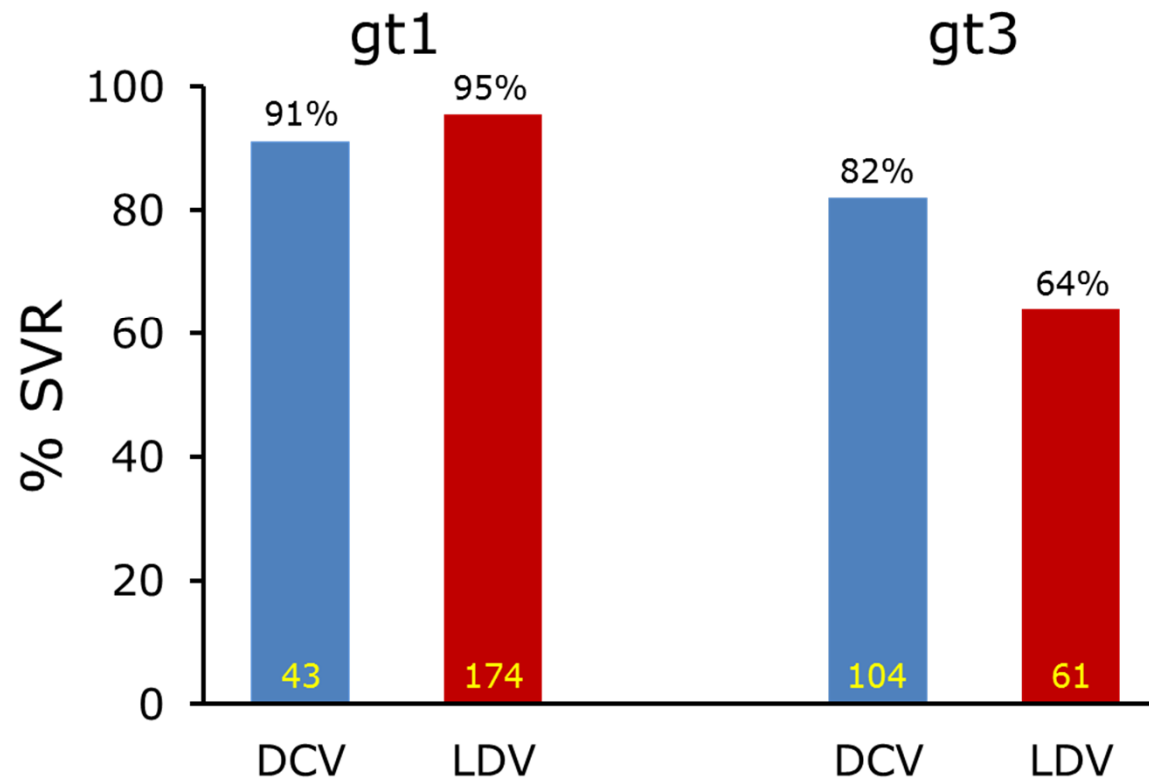
RBV may be used to maximise likelihood of SVR

Early Access Programme –treatment in cirrhosis results in lower SVR rates

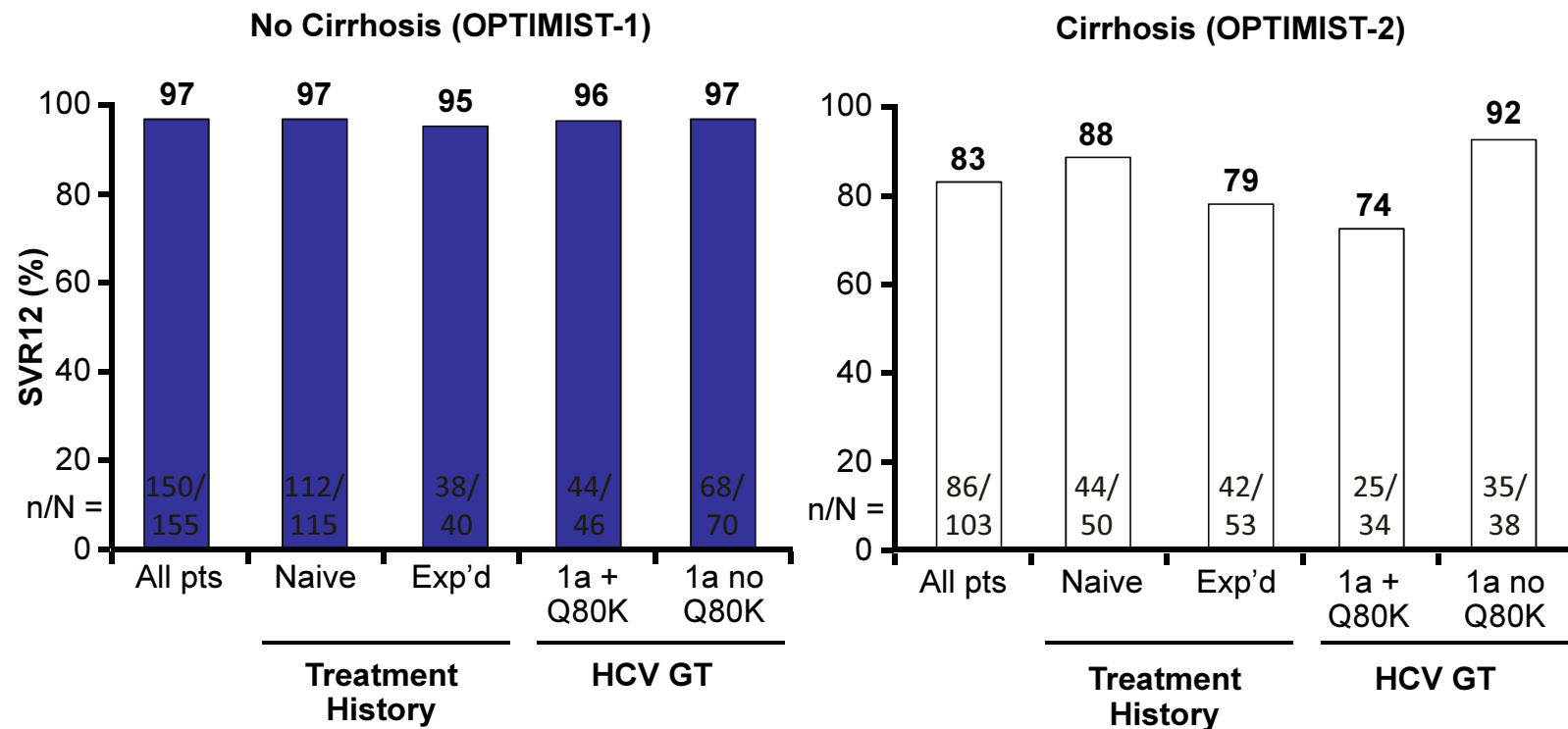
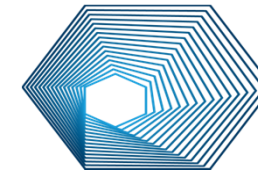


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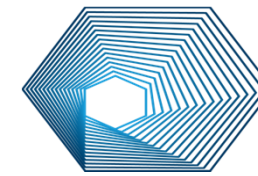
■ Sof/DCV +/- Ribavirin
■ Sof/LDV +/- Ribavirin



Impact of RAVs is worse in patients with cirrhosis
OPTIMIST: Baseline NS3 Q80K mutation lowers SVR rates in
cirrhotic patients treated with SIM/SOF



If we treat early, ribavirin can be avoided

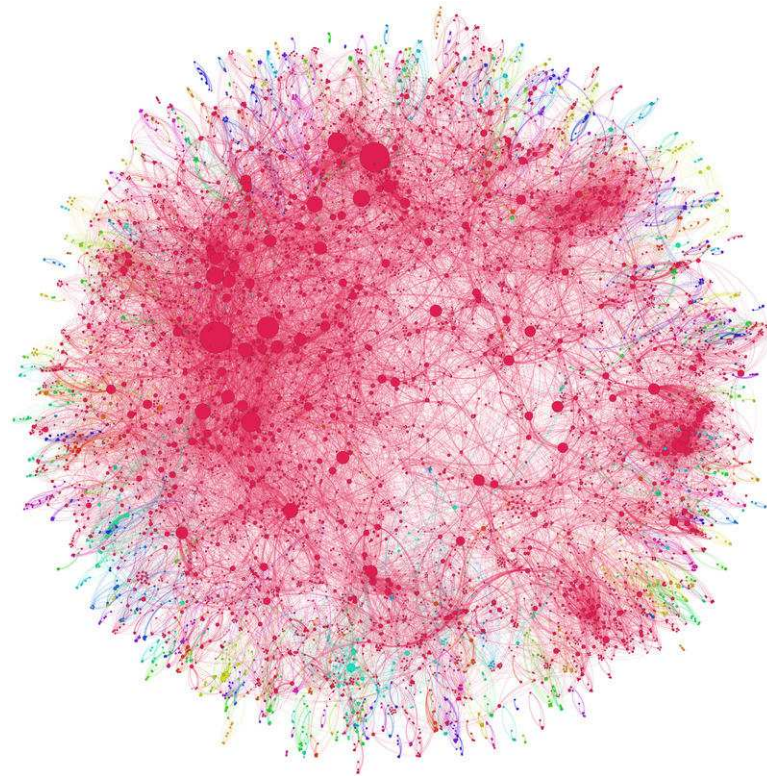
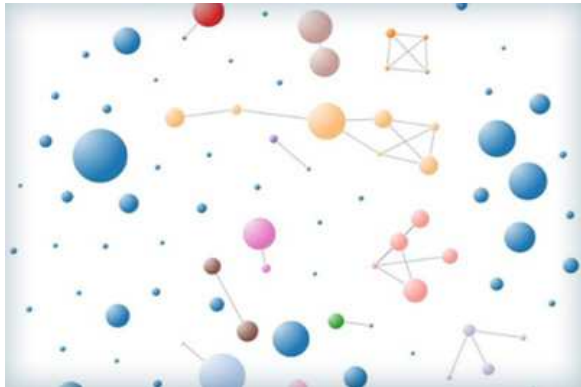


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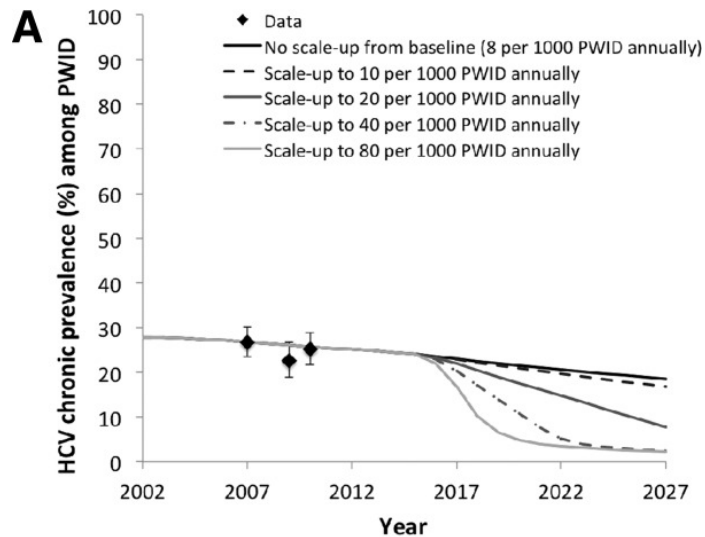
SVR12, %	Total (N = 513)	Treatment Naive (n = 161)	Treatment Experienced (n = 352)
Overall	96	98	95
12 wks ± RBV	95	97	94
24 wks ± RBV	98	99	98
Without RBV	95	96	95
With RBV	97	99	96
12 wks without RBV	92	96	90
12 wks with RBV	96	98	96
24 wks without RBV	98	97	98
24 wks with RBV	100	100	100

Reddy KR, et al. Hepatology. 2015;62:79-86.

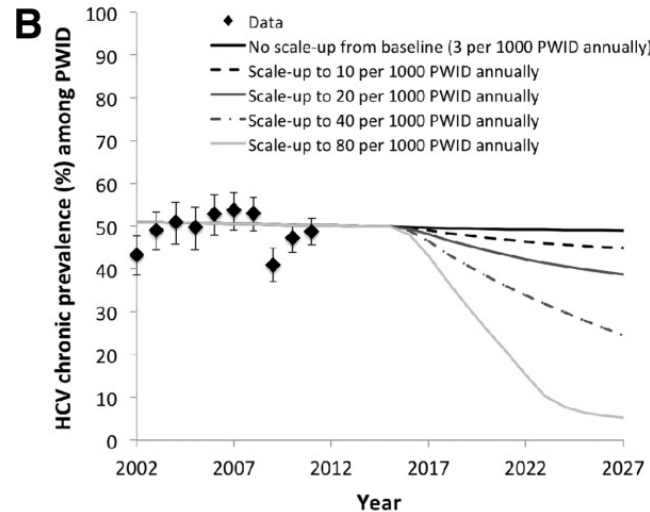
Treat early and stop transmission



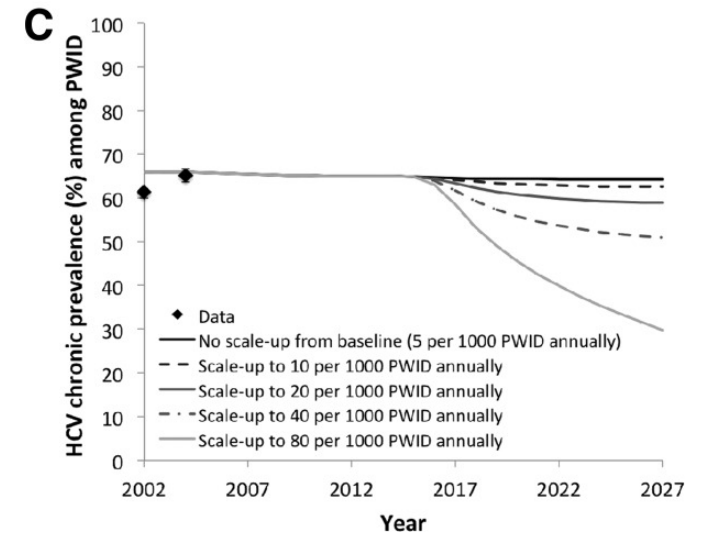
Treatment prevents onward transmission



Edinburgh

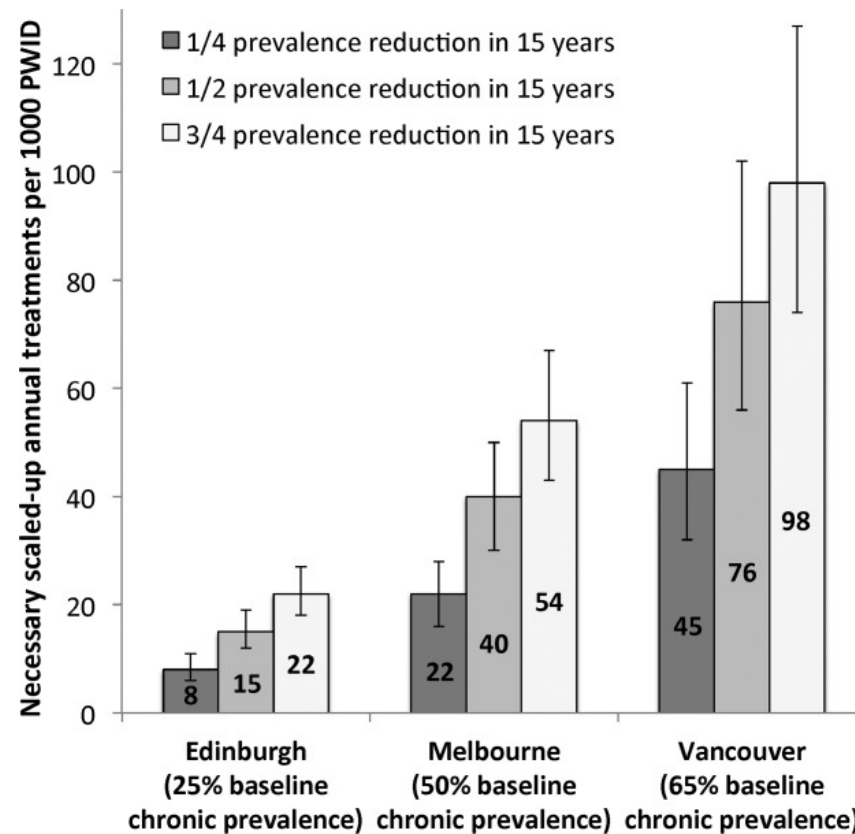


Melbourne



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Treating a small number of patients reduces prevalence



What about treating very early infection?

Acute HCV UK

T cell-mediated immunity to HCV

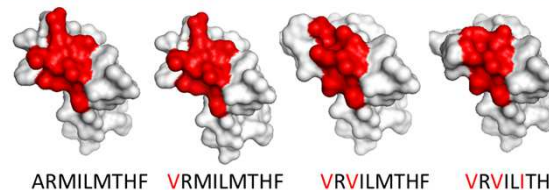
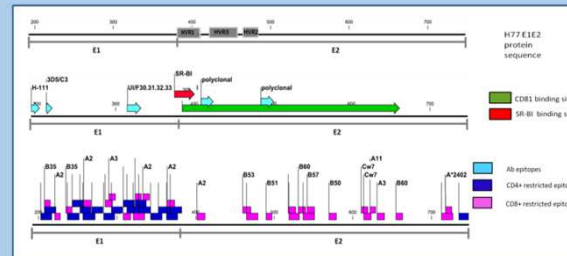
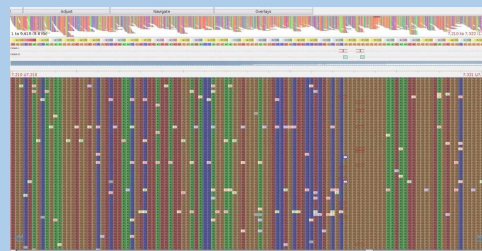
Acute HCV UK cohort



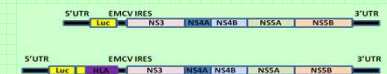
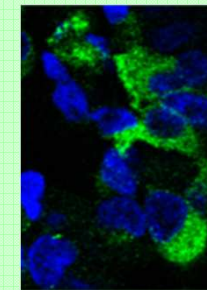
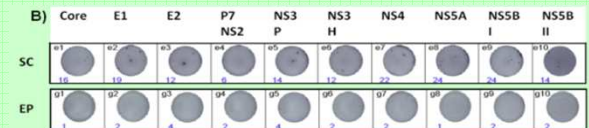
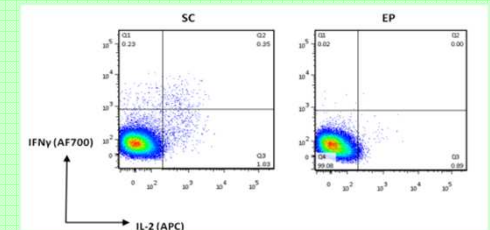
Wellcome Trust £1M

200/500 patients
2000 samples
PBMCs and plasma

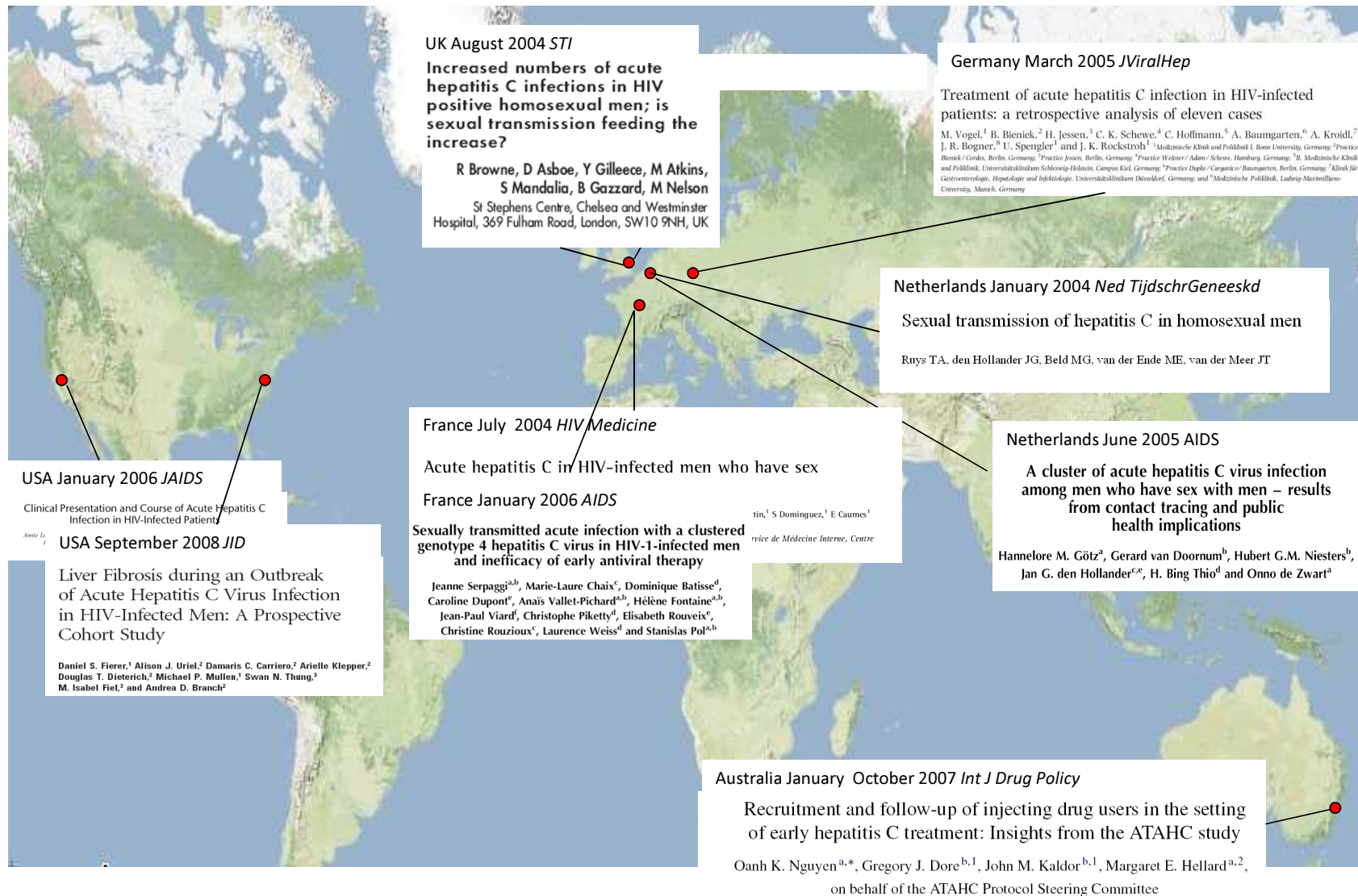
Whole genome sequencing



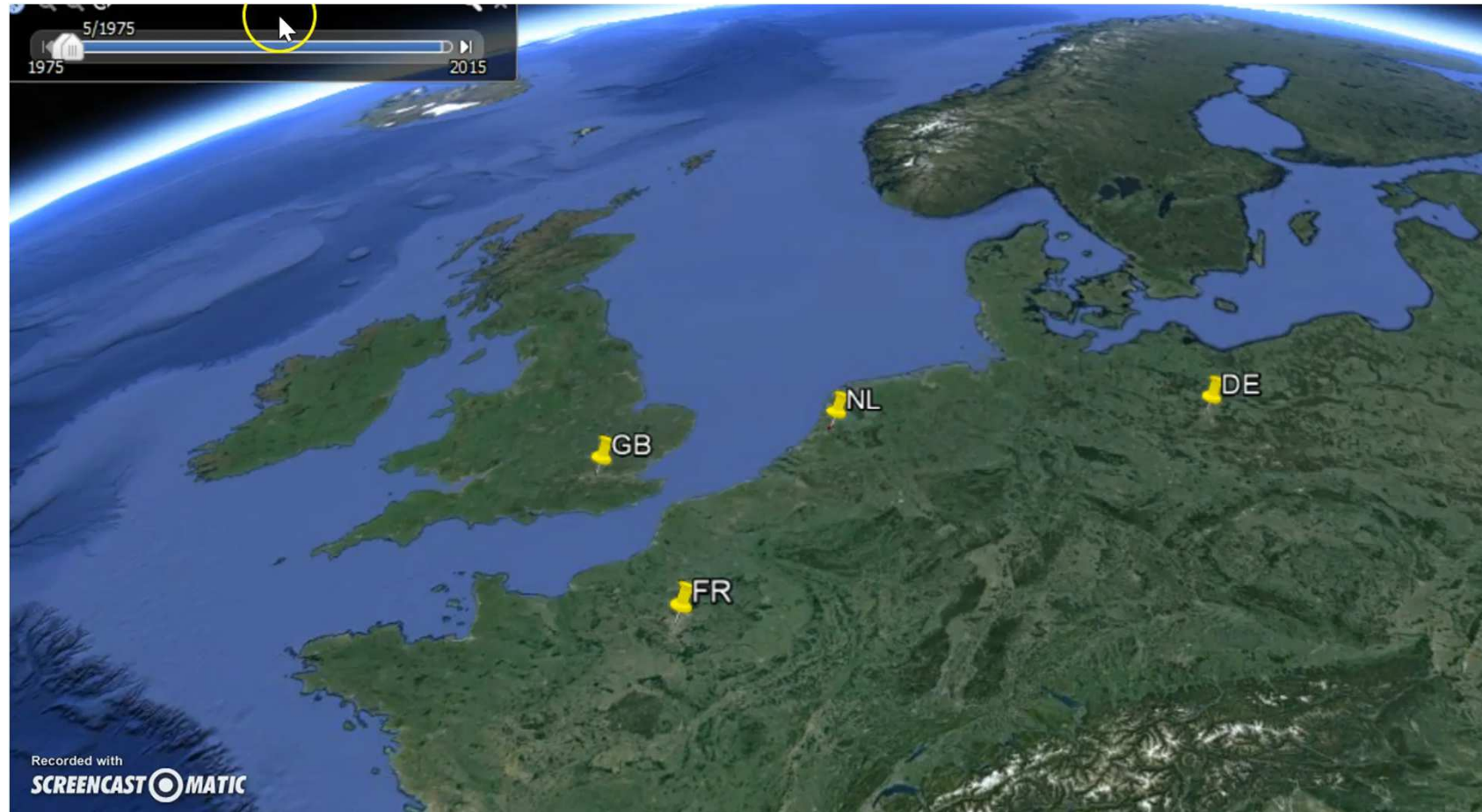
Functional T cell assays



Acute HCV in HIV-positive men: an emerging epidemic



Emergence of genotype 4d in HIV infected MSM



Acquisition of acute HCV is often associated with high risk behaviours

	Number participating (%)		P-value*
	Controls (%)	Cases (%)	
Sexual practice:			
Active oral sex (no ejaculation)	112 (94.1)	57 (96.6)	0.73
Active oral sex (ejaculation)	56 (47.1)	37 (62.7)	0.07
Active oral sex with condoms (safe)	12 (10.1)	5 (8.5)	0.94
Passive oral sex (no ejaculation)	109 (91.6)	52 (89.7)	0.89
Passive oral sex (ejaculation)	42 (35.3)	30 (50.9)	0.07
Passive oral sex with condoms (safe)	11 (9.2)	2 (3.4)	0.22
Receptive UAI (no ejaculation)	60 (50.4)	53 (89.8)	0.0001
Receptive UAI (ejaculation)	42 (35.3)	46 (78.0)	0.0001
Receptive AI with condoms (safe)	83 (69.8)	44 (74.6)	0.62
Insertive UAI (no ejaculation)	57 (47.9)	49 (83.1)	0.0001
Insertive UAI (ejaculation)	39 (32.8)	34 (57.6)	0.003
Insertive AI with condoms (safe)	82 (68.9)	40 (69.0)	1.00
Passive rimming	92 (77.3)	58 (98.3)	0.0007
Active rimming	92 (77.3)	54 (91.5)	0.03
Insertive fisting	31 (26.3)	44 (74.6)	0.0001
Receptive fisting	15 (12.6)	34 (57.6)	0.0001
Use of sex toys	51 (42.9)	46 (78.0)	0.0001
Lifetime sexually transmitted infection (%)	78 (78)	51 (92)	0.005
Group sex participation (group of > 2 individuals):	63 (52.5)	52 (88.1)	0.0001
Group sex practices			
Receptive UAI	26 (41.3)	49 (94.2)	0.0001
Insertive UAI	30 (47.6)	44 (84.6)	0.0001
Receptive fisting	9 (14.3)	29 (55.8)	0.0001
Insertive fisting	10 (15.9)	35 (67.3)	0.0001
Group sex by number of sex practices			
0-1	94 (78.3)	11 (18.6)	
2	14 (11.7)	15 (25.4)	
3-4	12 (10.0)	33 (55.9)	0.0001
*The proportions who have ever had each type of sex were compared using chi-squared tests (or Fisher's exact test if appropriate). anal intercourse (AI)Unprotected anal intercourse (UAI);			

Treatment failure – reinfection or recrudescence? Should we stop and reduce reinfection risk before treatment

Alarming incidence of hepatitis C virus re-infection after treatment of sexually acquired acute hepatitis C virus infection in HIV-infected MSM

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HCV reinfection incidence and treatment outcome among HIV-positive MSM in London

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Frequent HCV reinfection and superinfection in a cohort of injecting drug users in Amsterdam ☆

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High incidence of hepatitis C virus reinfection within a cohort of injecting drug users

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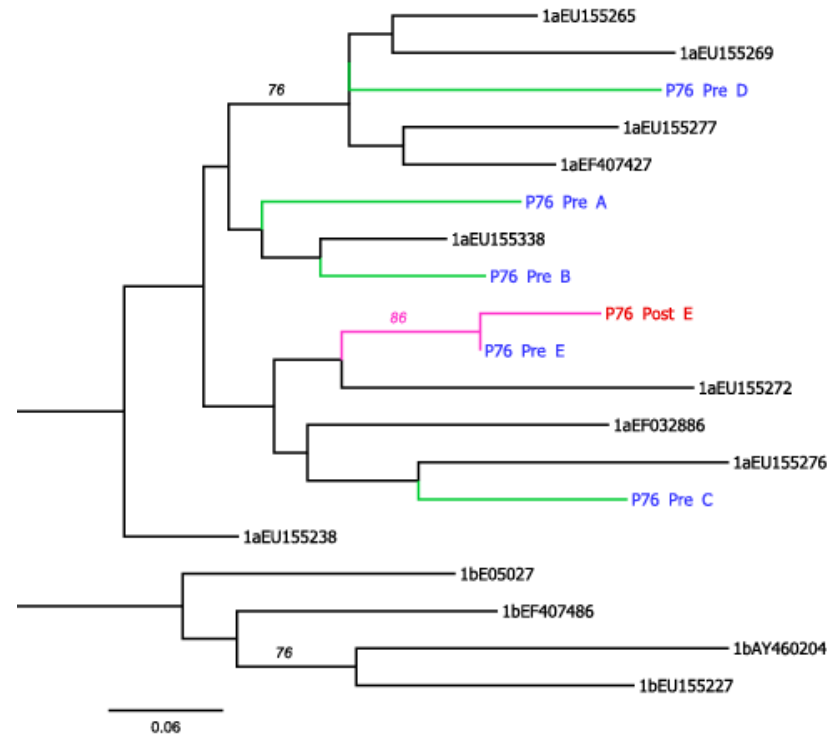
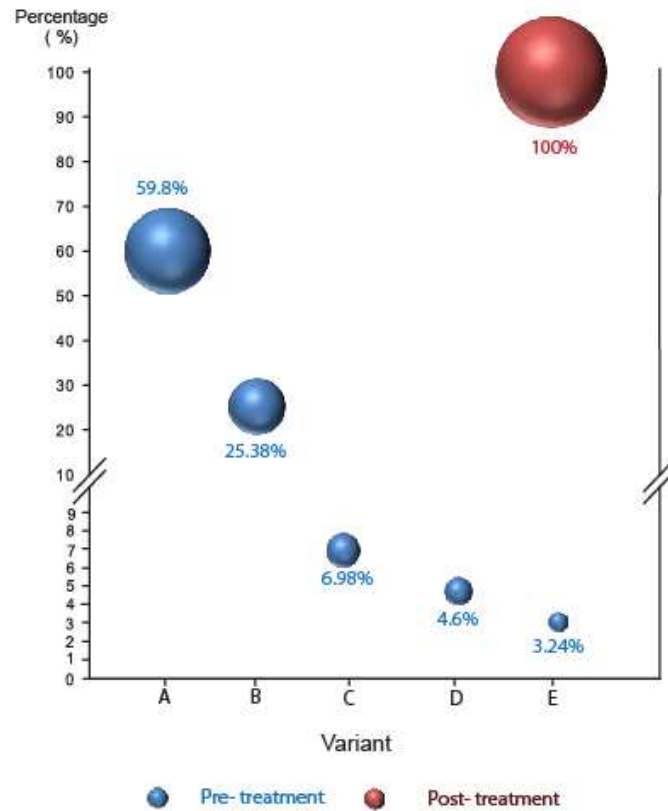
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Frequent Reinfection And Reactivation Of Hepatitis C Virus Genotypes In Multitransfused Hemophiliacs

Lisa M. Jarvis, Henry G. Watson, Fiona McOmish, John F. Peutherer,
Christopher A. Ludlam and Peter Simmonds

Relapse is not associated with reinfection but is associated with varying dominance of pre-existing strains – we are over-estimating reinfection risk



So should we treat early – in acute rather than chronic infection and can we reduce the duration of therapy?

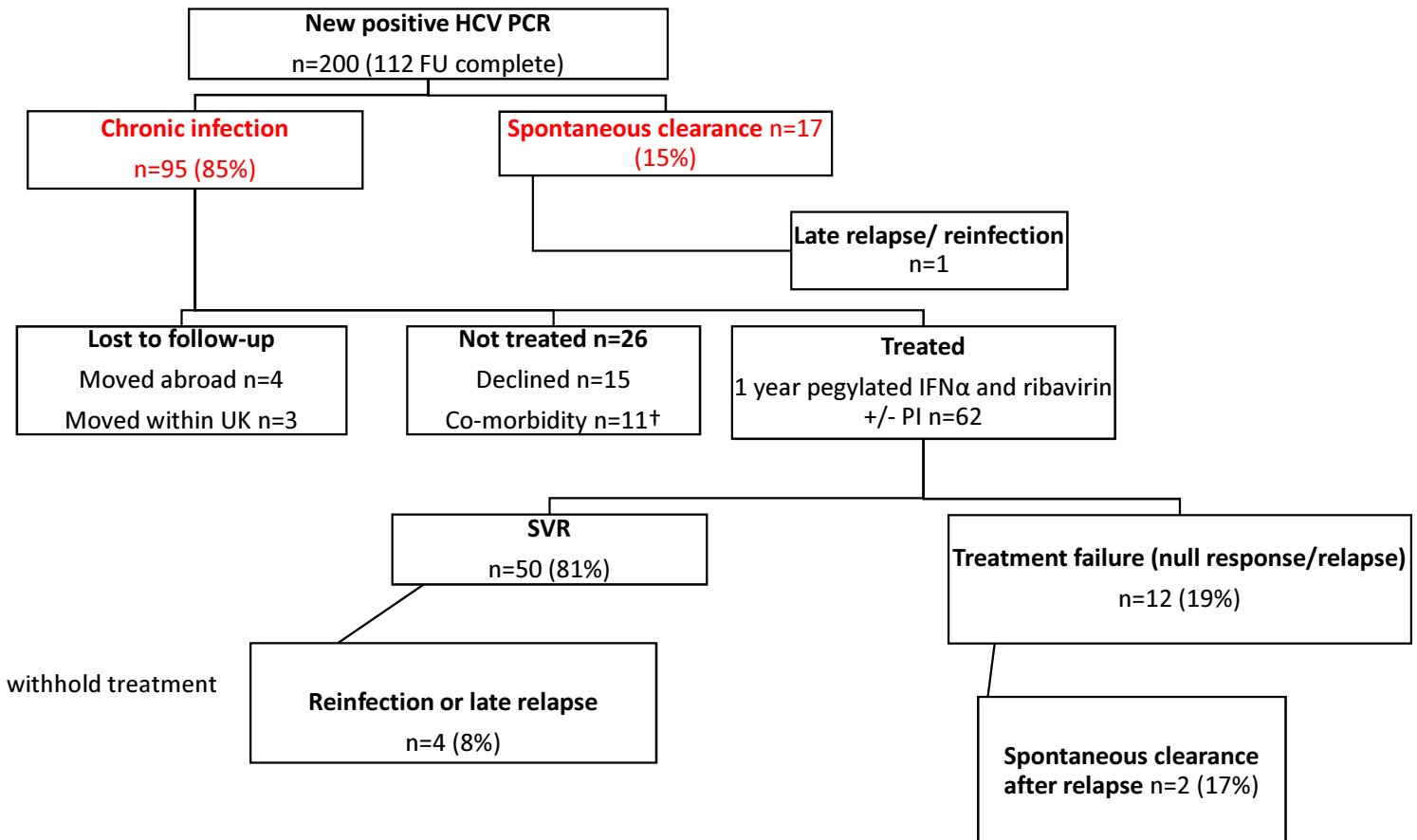
Study	DAA	Genotype	HIV	Duration	SVR
Dutch Acute HCV in HIV Study – DAHHS 57	BOC/IFN/RBV	1	Positive	12 weeks	86% RVR 100% No RVR 50%
Open label (Fierer et al) 36	TEL/IFN/RBV	1	Positive	12 weeks (RVR)	89%
SWIFT-C	SOF/RBV	Any	Positive	12	59%
DARE C II 16	SOF/RBV	Any	Mixed	6	SVR4 – 27%
SLAM C 29	SOF/LED 14 or SOF/SIM 15			4 weeks (SOF/LED) 8 weeks (SOF/SIM)	93% (BOTH ARMS)

Waiting for 3-6 months allows time for spontaneous clearance to occur

Diagnosis

3-6 months

1-2 years



† Co-morbidities resulting in decision to delay or withhold treatment

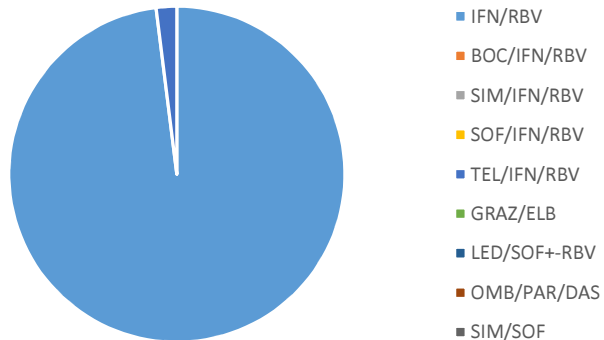
- Severe depression n=5
- Metastatic melanoma n=1
- Castleman's syndrome n=1
- Pulmonary Kaposi's sarcoma n=1
- Squamous cell cancer lung n=1
- Epilepsy n=1
- Pulmonary tuberculosis n=1

DAA treatment availability

London NICE guidance



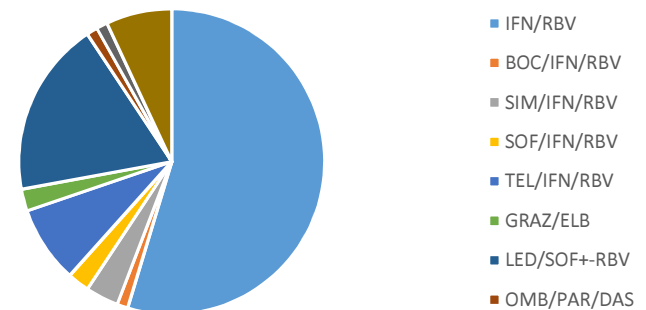
London 2003-2015



Glasgow SMC guidance

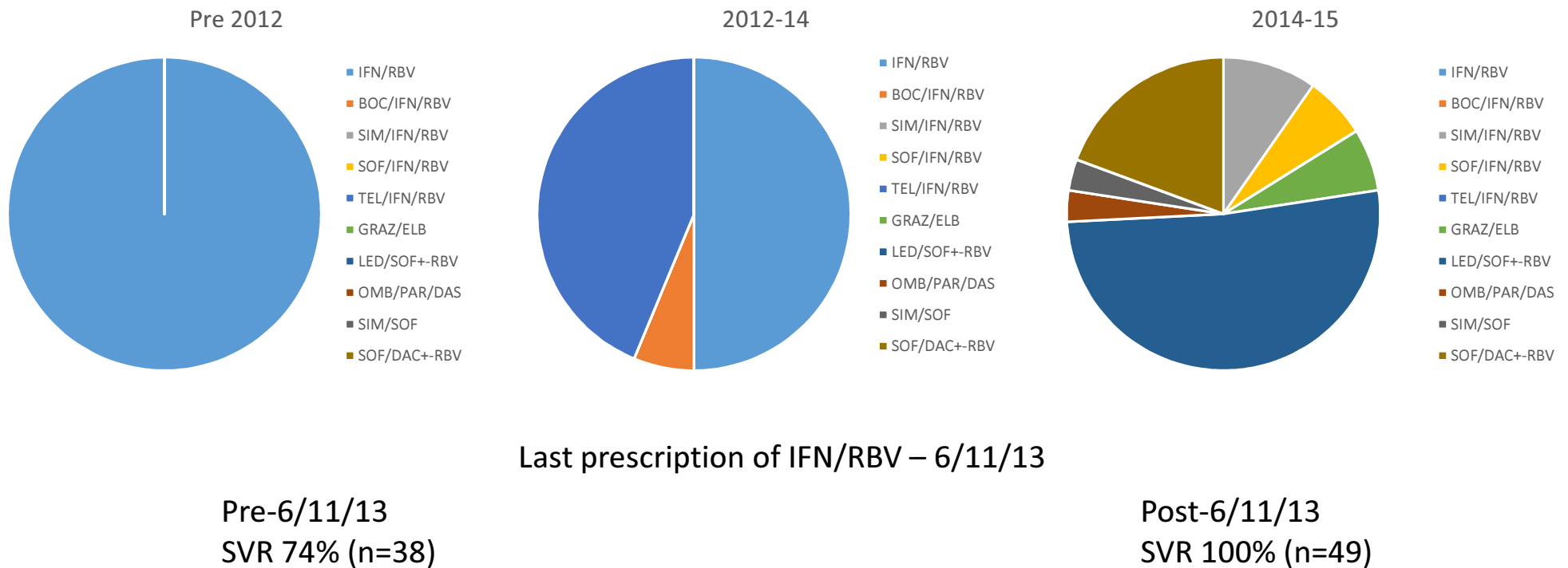


Glasgow - HCV treatment regimens 2001-2015



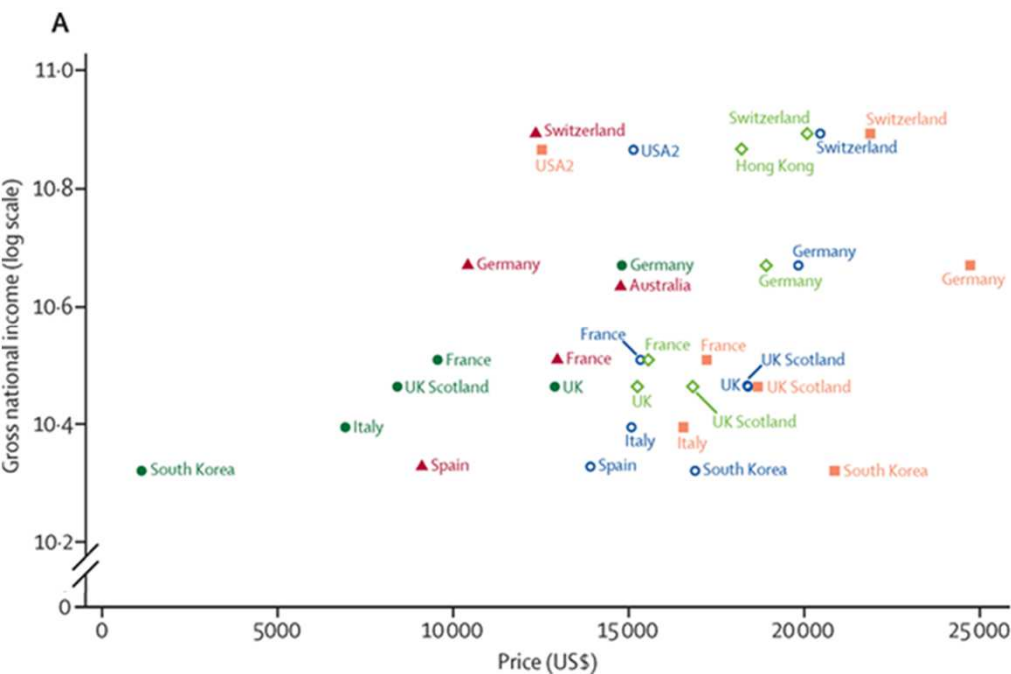
DAA treatment is highly effective in HIV-co-infected patients

The Glasgow Co-infected Cohort (GCC)

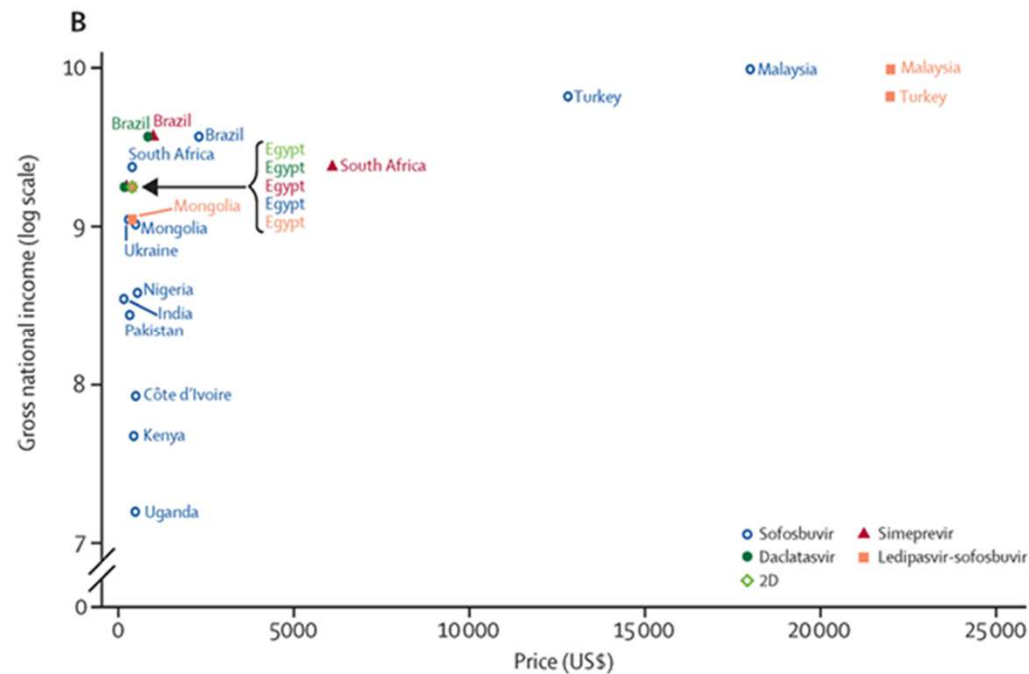


Disparity in market prices for HCV DAAs

High income countries



Middle and low income countries

Andrieux-Meyer *et al* The Lancet Global Health 2015

Hepatitis C drug maker puts profit ahead of patients

US Senate report

BMJ 2015;351:h6573

- Harvoni costs \$1000 a pill or \$84 000 (£56 000; €79 000)
- Senator Ron Wyden

“Over the eight months Gilead spent determining the price of Sovaldi, the company repeatedly made clear its primary focus was outmaneuvering potential competitors to ensure its drugs had the greatest share of the market, for the highest price, for the longest period of time.”

“Gilead pursued a calculated scheme for pricing and marketing its hepatitis C drug based on one primary goal, maximizing revenue, regardless of the human consequences”



- Gilead

“We stand behind the pricing of our therapies because of the benefit they bring to patients and the significant value they represent to payers, providers, and our entire healthcare system by reducing the long-term costs associated with managing chronic HCV. Enabling patient access to Sovaldi and Harvoni is a top priority for Gilead.”

- Gilead Company documents – Kevin Young

“Let’s not fold to advocacy pressure in 2014 ... Let’s hold our position whatever competitors do or whatever the headlines.”



Conclusions

- We should not have to wait for DAA availability and we should treat now
- Exceptions
 - Previous treatment failure with multiple RAVs
 - Acute HCV
- We need lower drug costs to make this happen – accessibility to treatment is vital