

# **Liver Disease in HIV**

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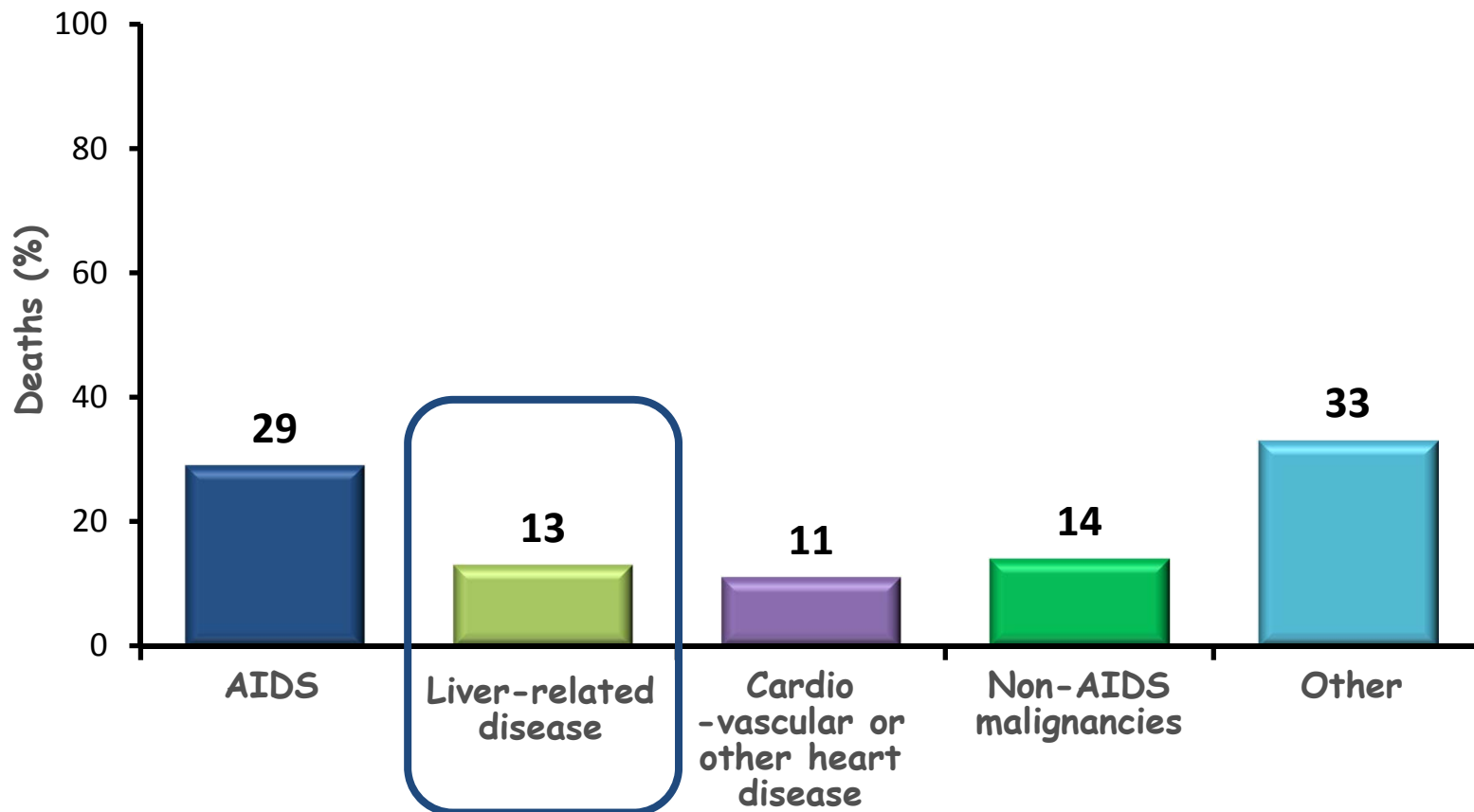
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# Outline

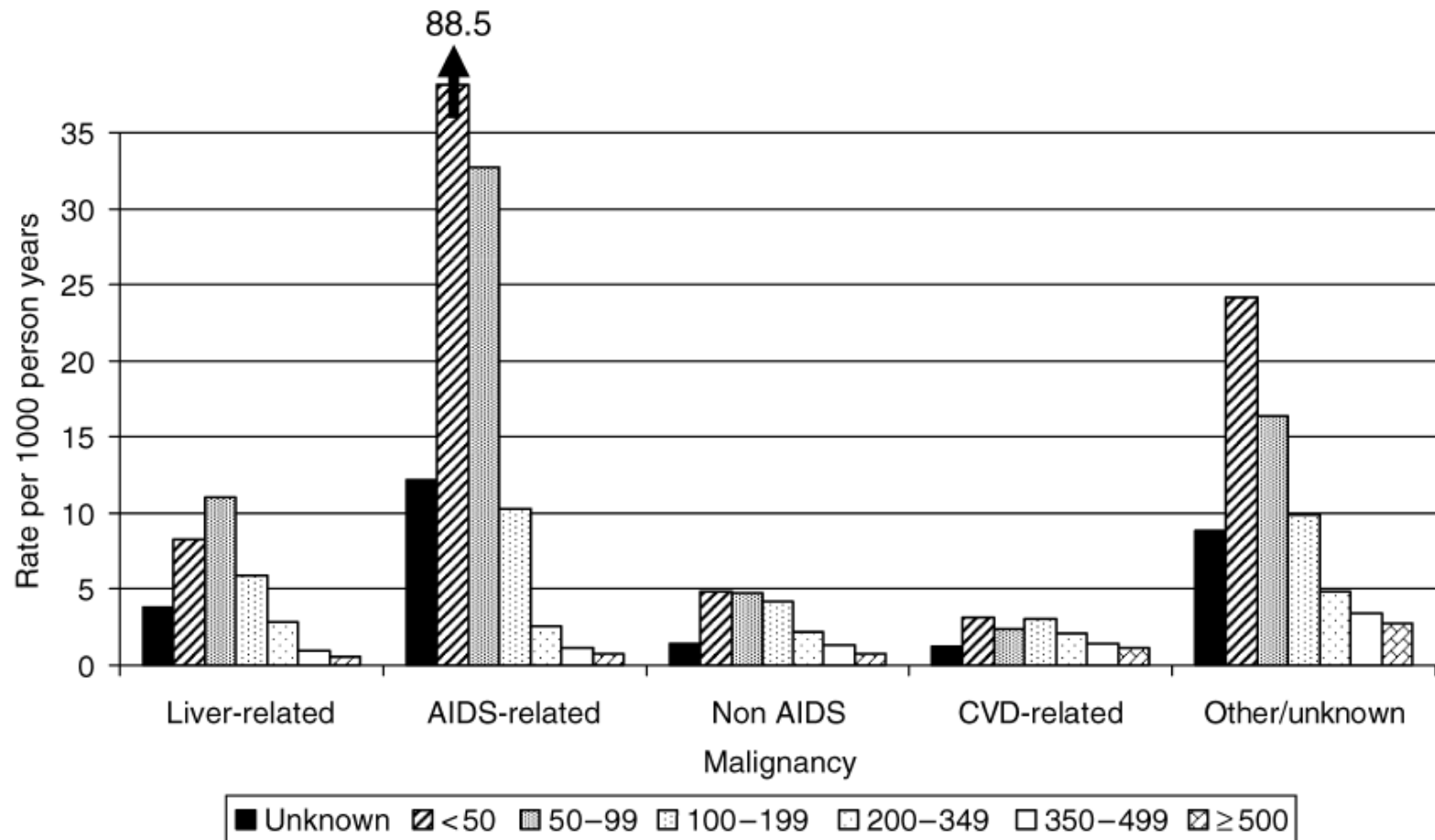
- Importance of liver disease in HIV
- Global burden of Viral Hepatitis and contribution to morbidity/mortality
- Drug-induced liver disease
- HBV
- HCV
  
- Case-based discussion (Sunday pm)

# D:A:D: Liver-related death is a frequent cause of non-AIDS death in HIV-infected patients

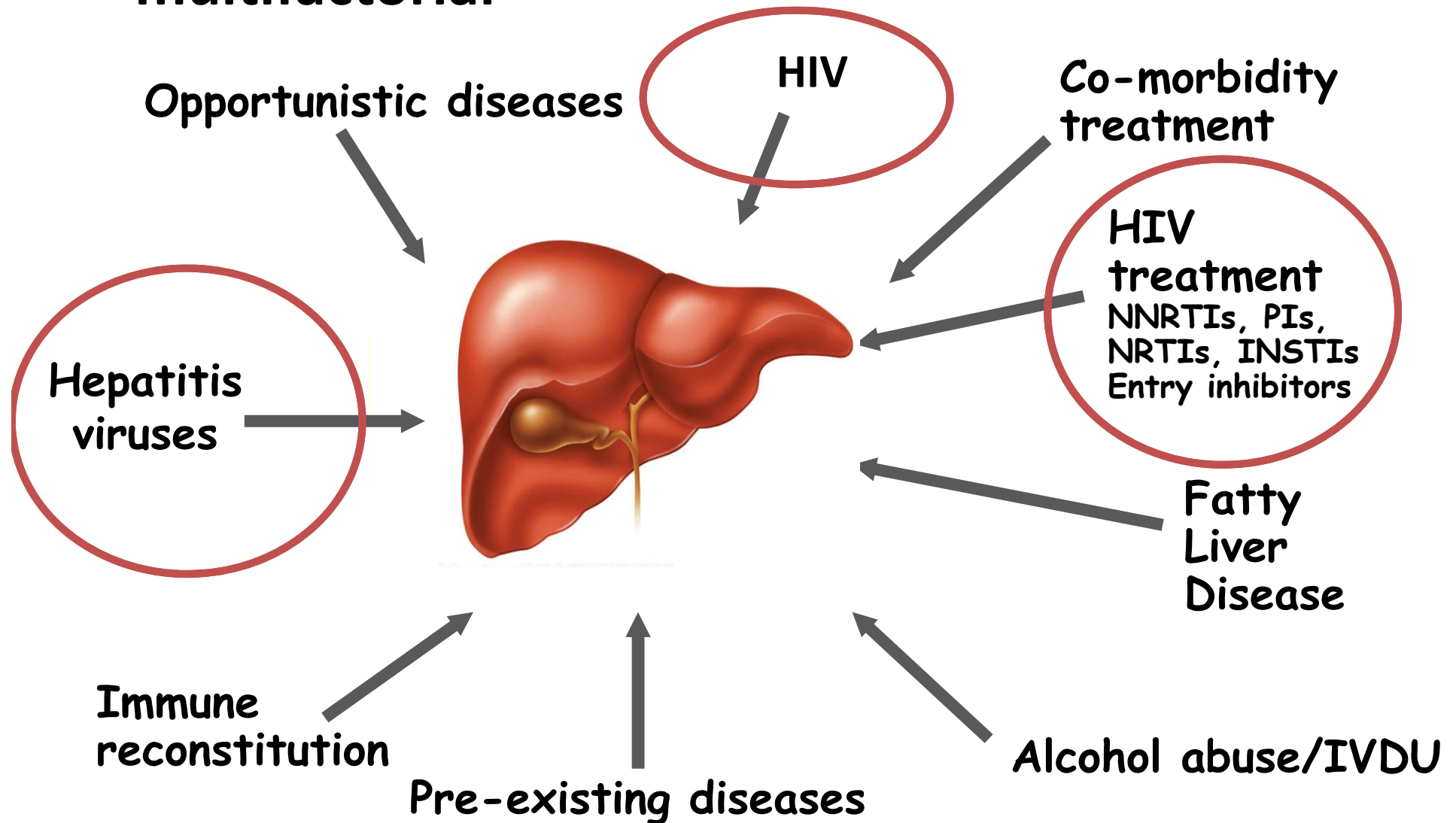
D:A:D Study: Causes of death in n=49,734 HIV-infected patients followed 1999–2011



# Liver-related death and CD4 count

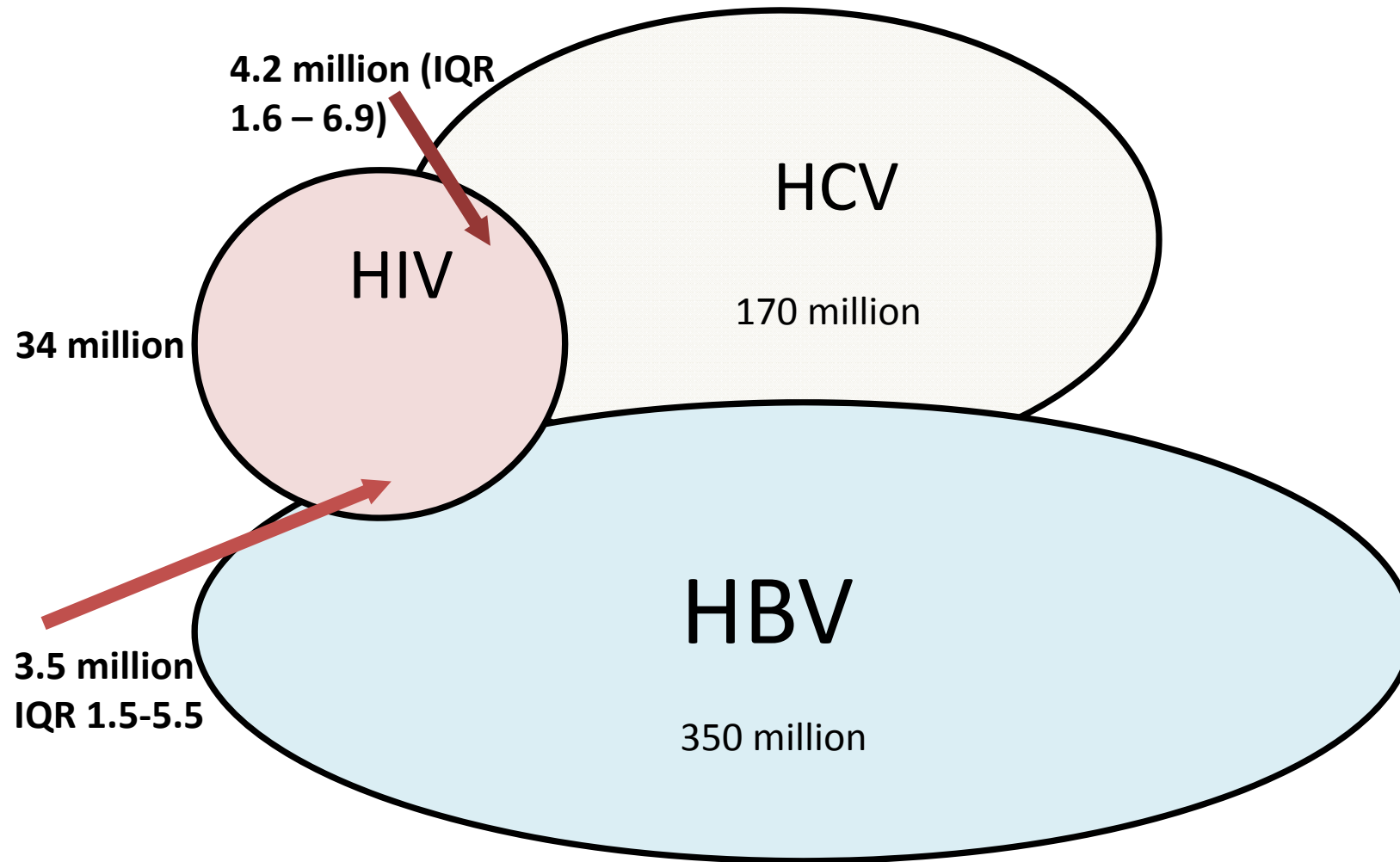


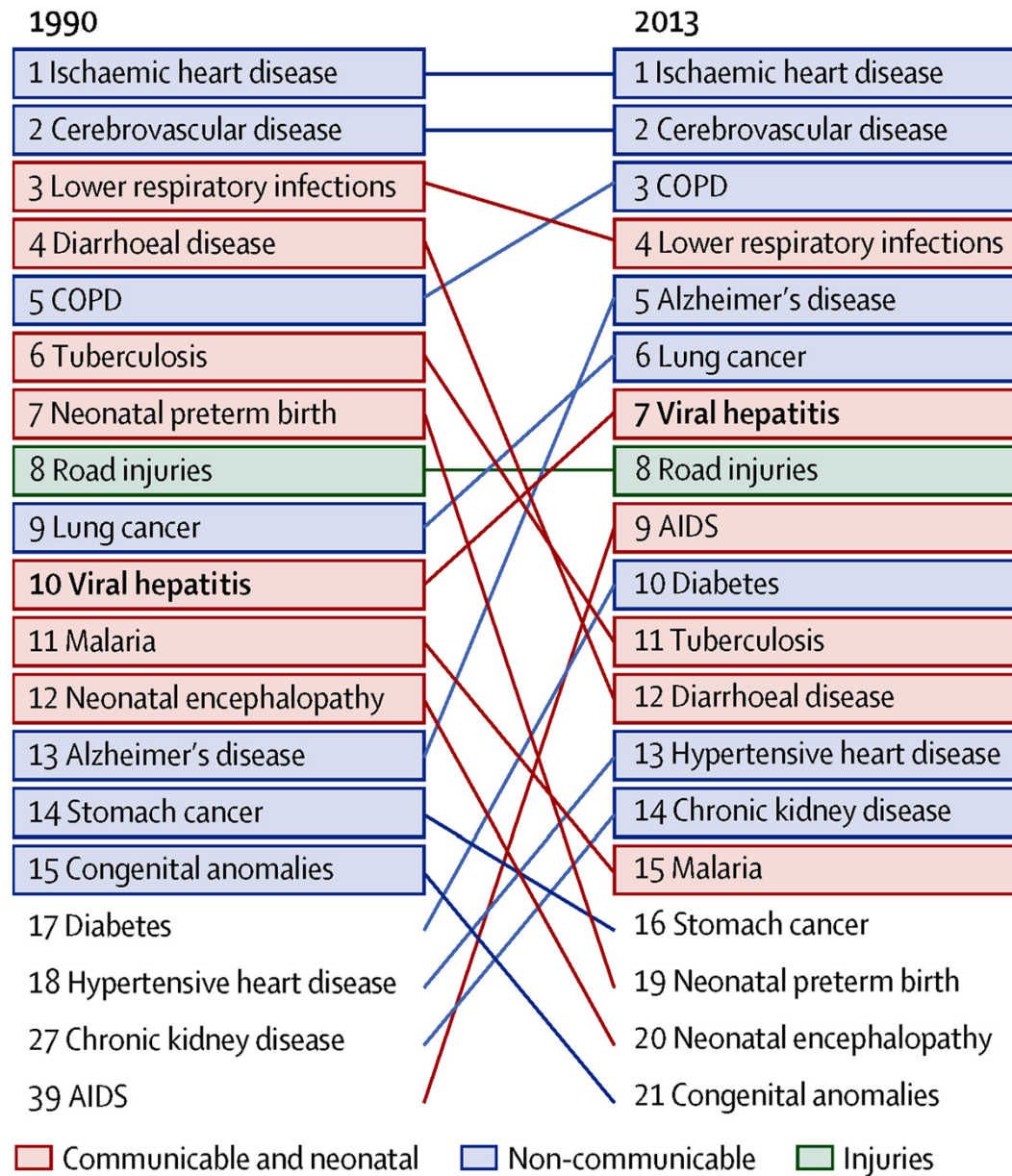
# Liver Disease in HIV-infected Patients - multifactorial

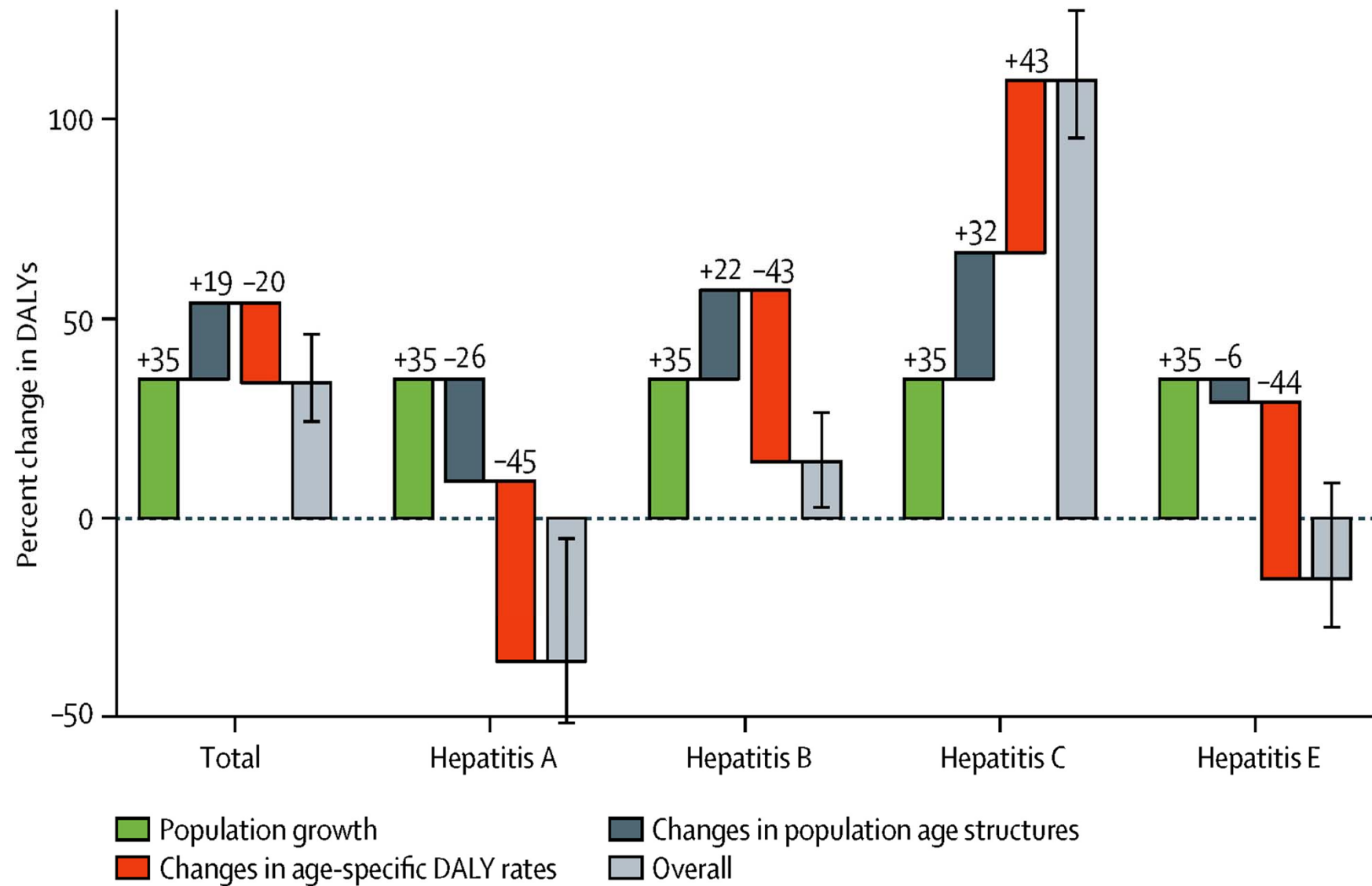


Sulkowski M. *et al.* Ann Intern Med. 2003;138:197-207 Guaraldi G *et al* Clin Infect Dis 2008 47(2): 250-257  
Greub G *et al.* Lancet 2000;356:1800-1805

# Overlapping epidemics – co-infections

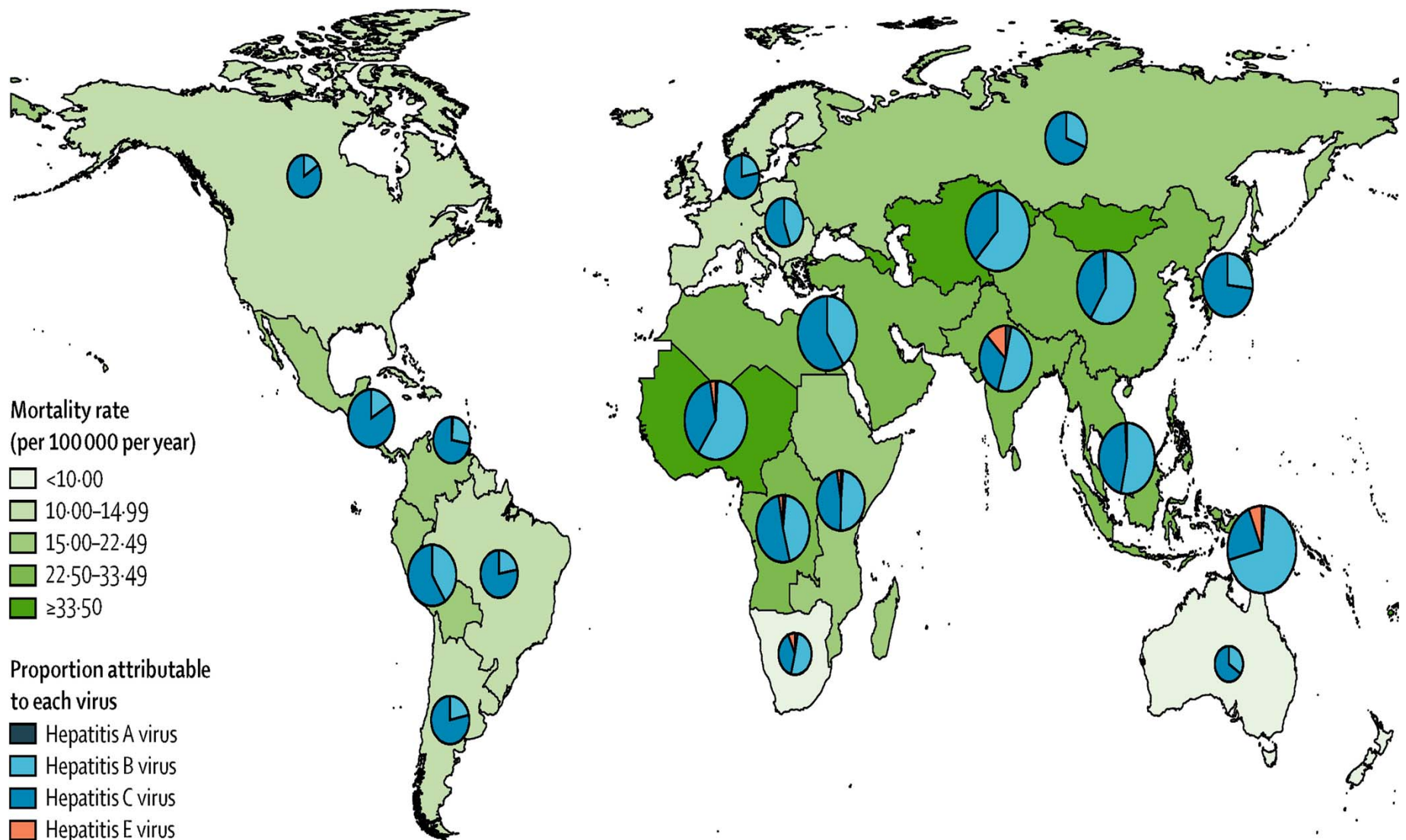






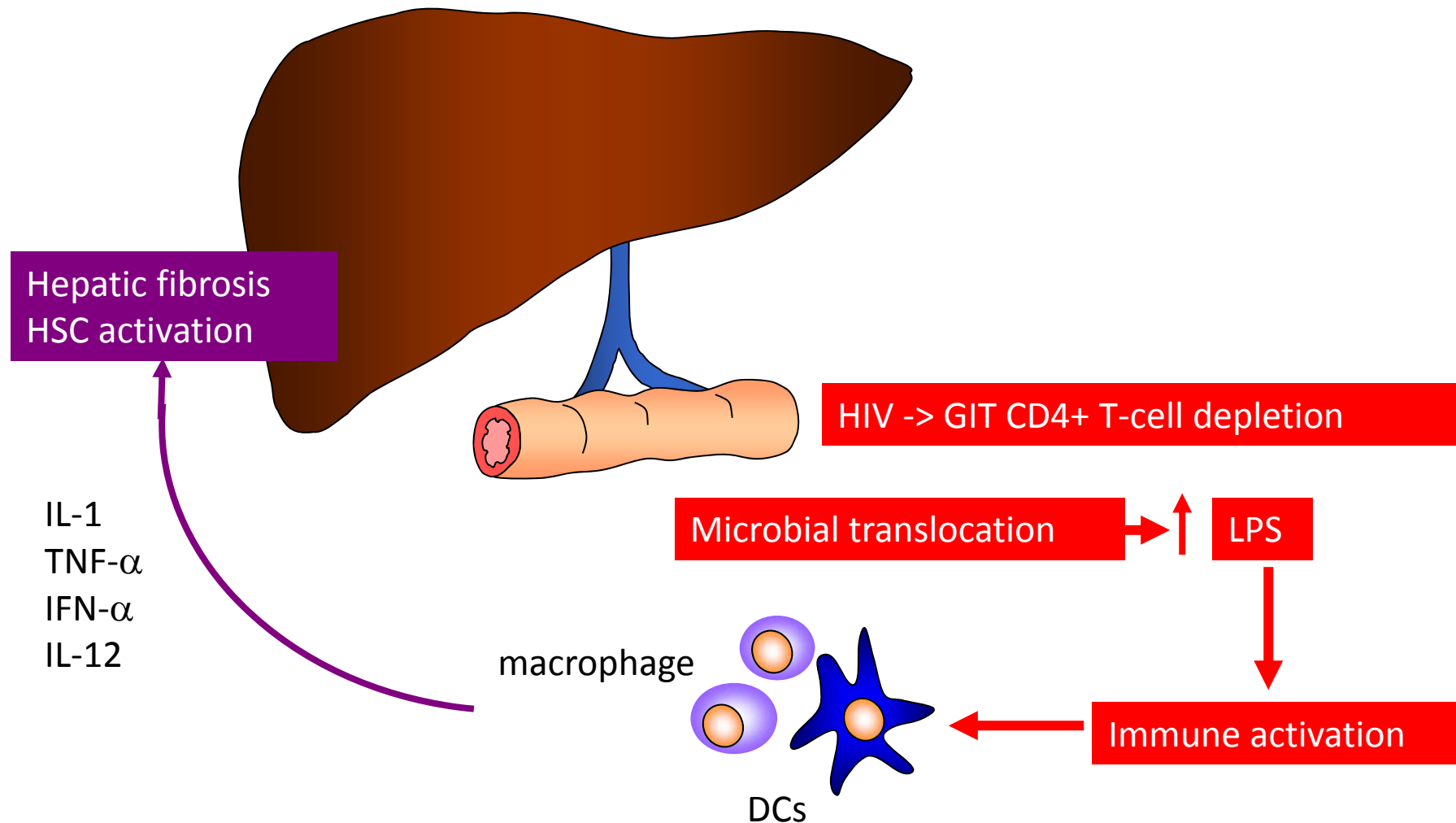
Stanaway, et al, Lancet 2016





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# HIV-associated Immune activation and liver disease

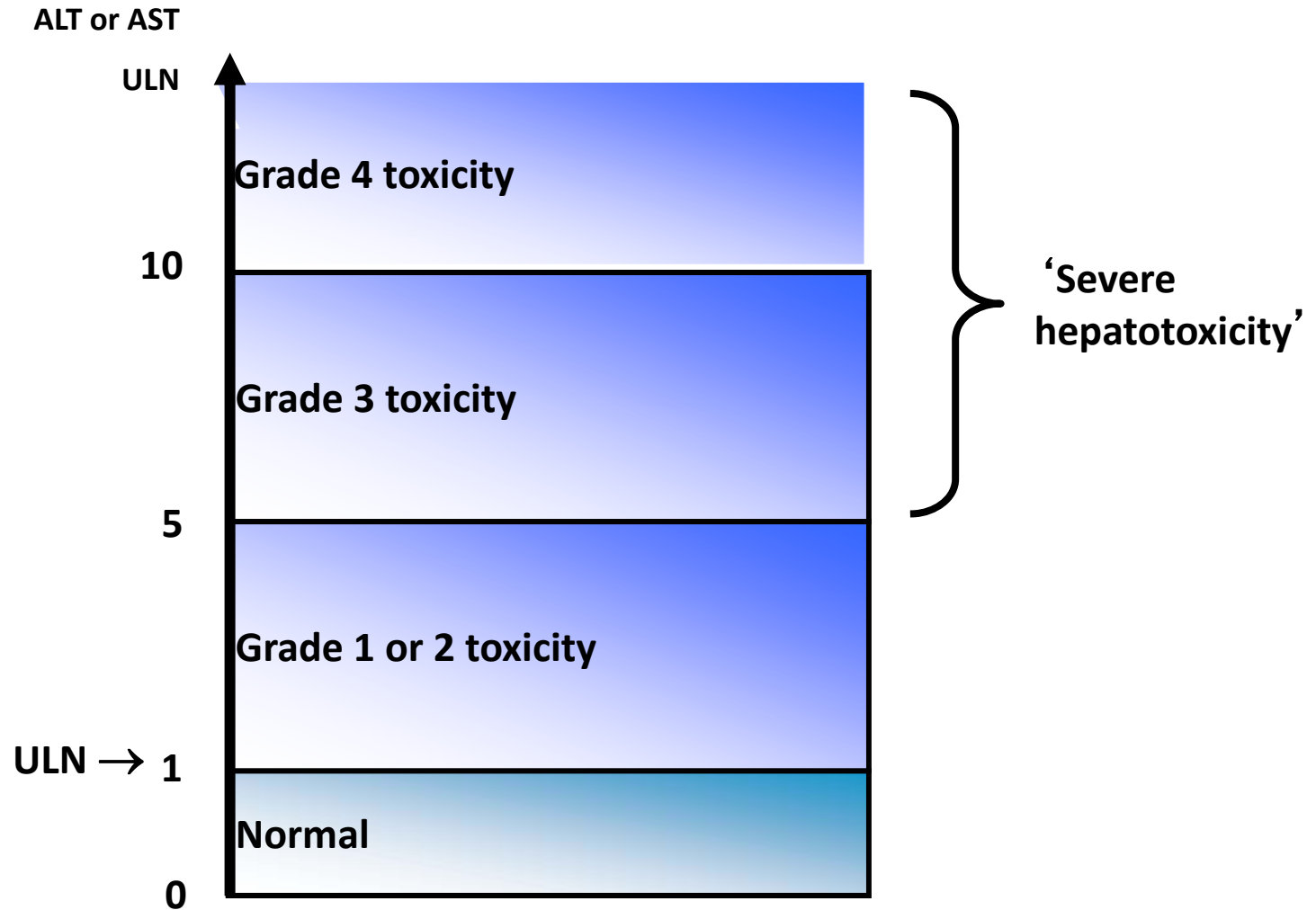


Mathurin et al., Hepatology 2000; 32:1008-1017; Paik et al., Hepatology 2003; 37:1043-1055;  
Balagopal et al., Gastroenterology 2008; 135:226-233..

# START liver fibrosis study (2014)

- Sub-study of 230 (4577) patients
- Baseline FibroScan, FIB-4, APRI
- 7.8% >F2 fibrosis by FibroScan (10% FIB-4, 8.6% APRI)
- Multivariate analysis
  - Significant Fibrosis associated with HIV RNA and ALT at baseline
  - Not associated with BMI or use of anti-lipid therapy

# Defining Hepatotoxicity



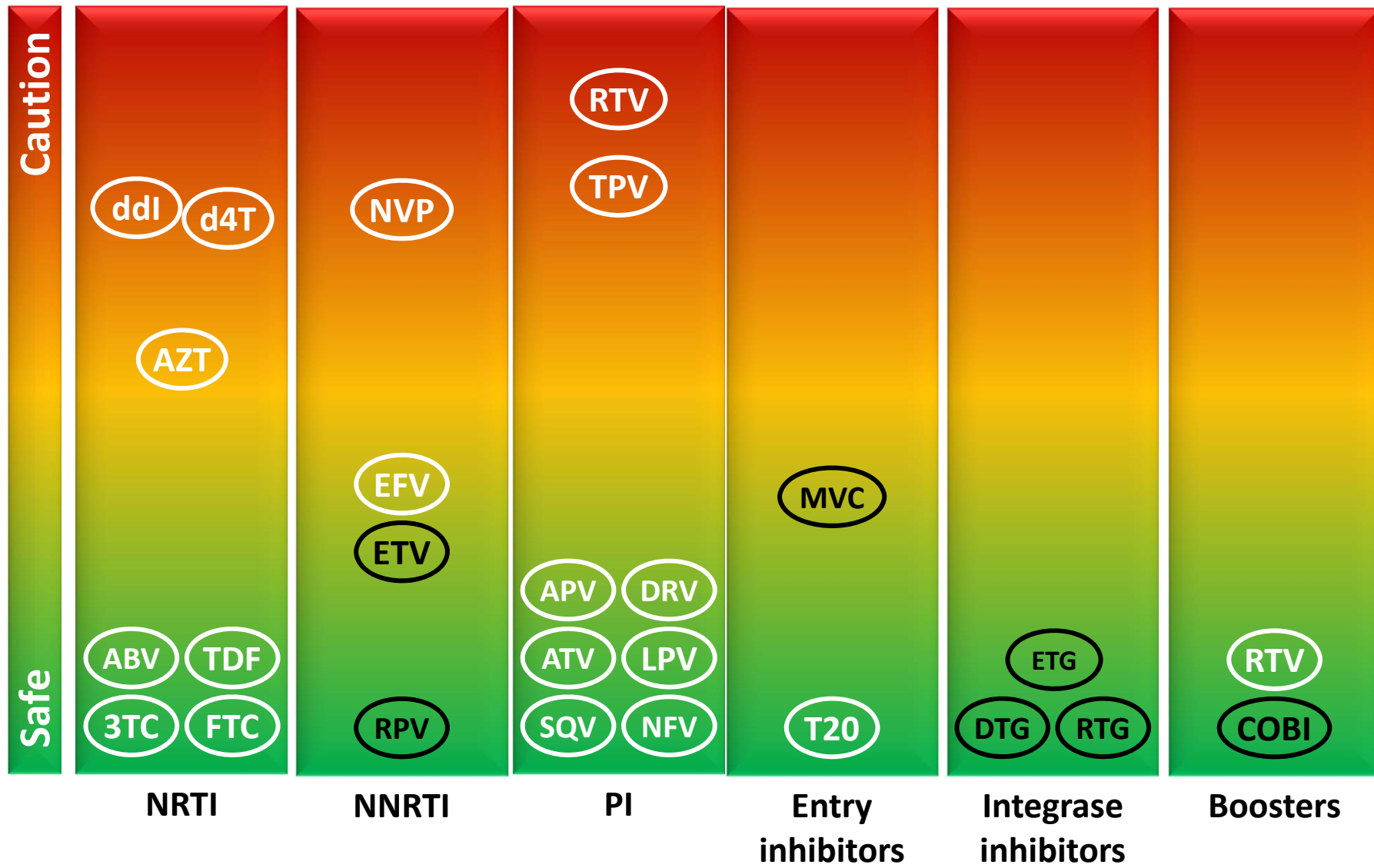
# Mechanisms of drug-related liver injury in HIV-infected patients

Mechanism	
Metabolic host-mediated (intrinsic and idiosyncratic)	NNRTIs and PIs Usually 2-12 months after initiation Occurrence can vary by agent Dose-dependence for intrinsic damage
Hypersensitivity	NVP>ABC>fosAPV Early, usually within 2-12 weeks Often associated with rash HLA-linked
Mitochondrial toxicity	NRTIs ddI>d4T>AZT>ABC=TDF=FTC/3TC
Immune reconstitution	Chronic Hepatitis B Chronic HCV? Within first few months More common if low CD4 count/large rise

# Non Cirrhotic Portal Hypertension

- Almost exclusively associated with didanosine (ddI) use
  - Related to duration of use
  - May present many years after discontinuation
- Histologically:
  - Nodular regenerative hyperplasia
  - Partial Nodular Transformation
  - Portal venopathy
  - May be normal
- Clinically: Portal hypertension
  - Variceal bleeding (*Scourfield et al, IJSA 2011*)
  - Ascites
- Association with SNPs in 5-nucleotidase and xanthine oxidase (*Vispo et al, CID 2013*)
- ? Role of screening for ddI exposed patients

# Hepatic Safety Profile of ARVs



*After Soriano et al. AIDS 2008; 22: 1-13*

# **Hepatotoxicity in HBV and HCV co-infected patients - mechanisms**

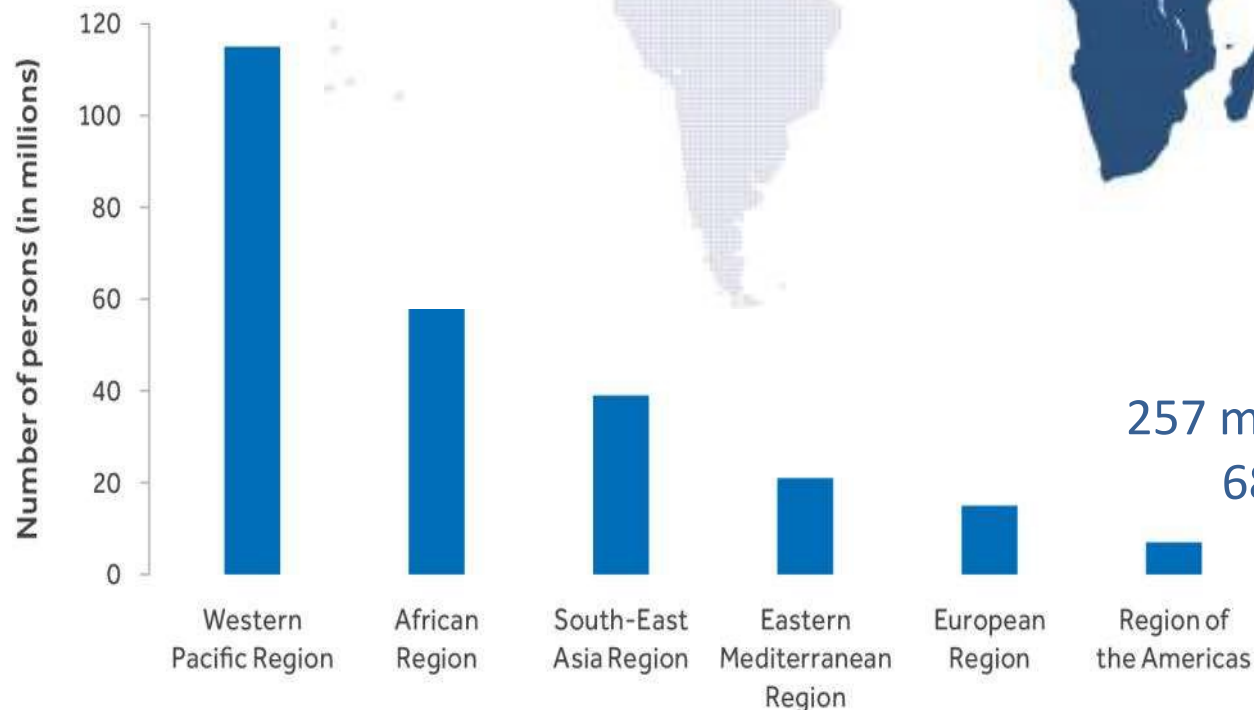
- Immune restoration - increase in CTL activity
- Direct hepatotoxicity – increased susceptibility of viral infected hepatocytes to metabolites
- Altered cytokine milieu in the presence of viral hepatitis
  - Increased risk of liver inflammation
  - Down-regulation of Cyp450 mediated drug metabolism with advancing liver disease



# GLOBAL STATUS OF HEPATITIS B

## Incidence:

Chronic HBV infection in children under 5 reduced from 4.7% to 1.3% (immunization)

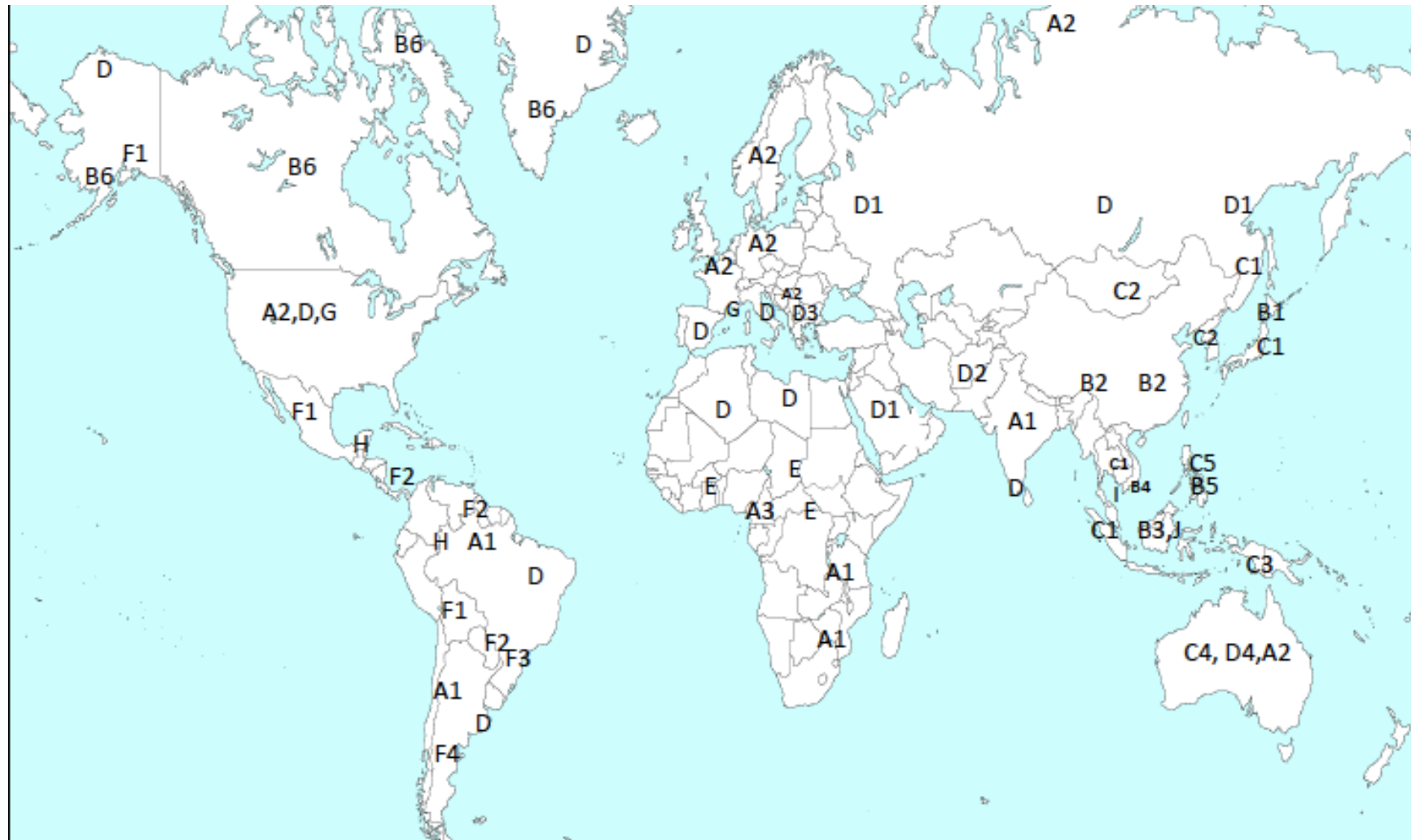


## Prevalence:

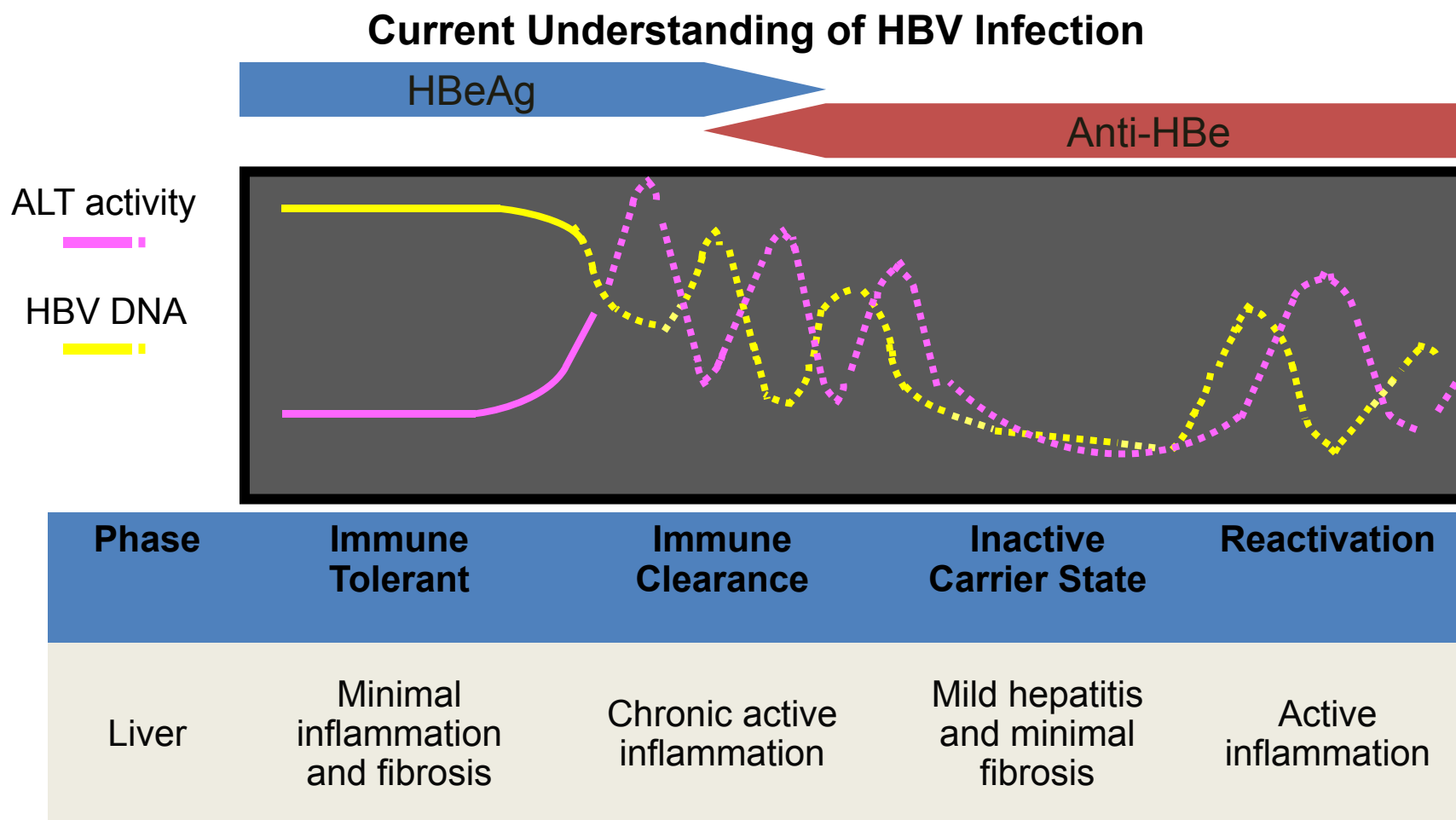
257 million people living with HBV  
68% in Africa /Western Pacific

WHO Global Hepatitis  
Report 2017

# Global distribution of HBV Genotypes

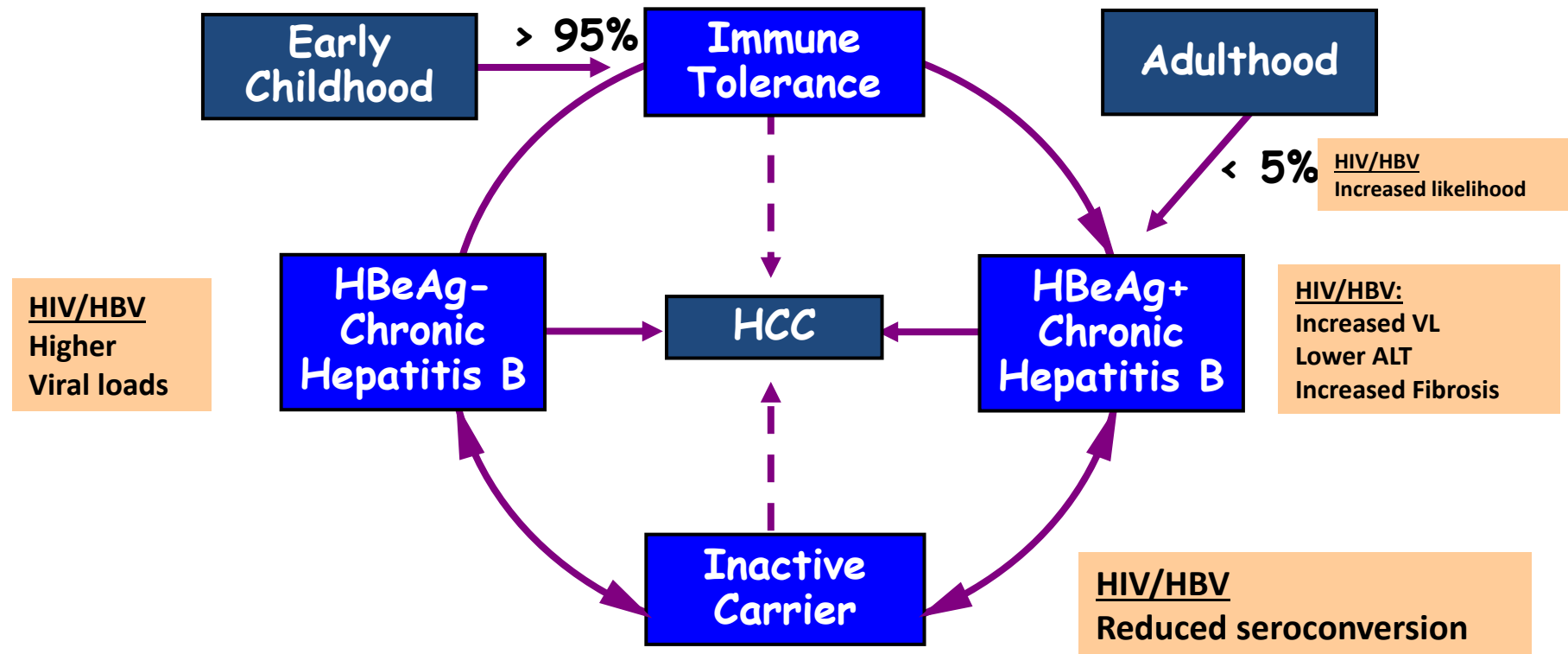


# 4 Phases of Chronic HBV Infection

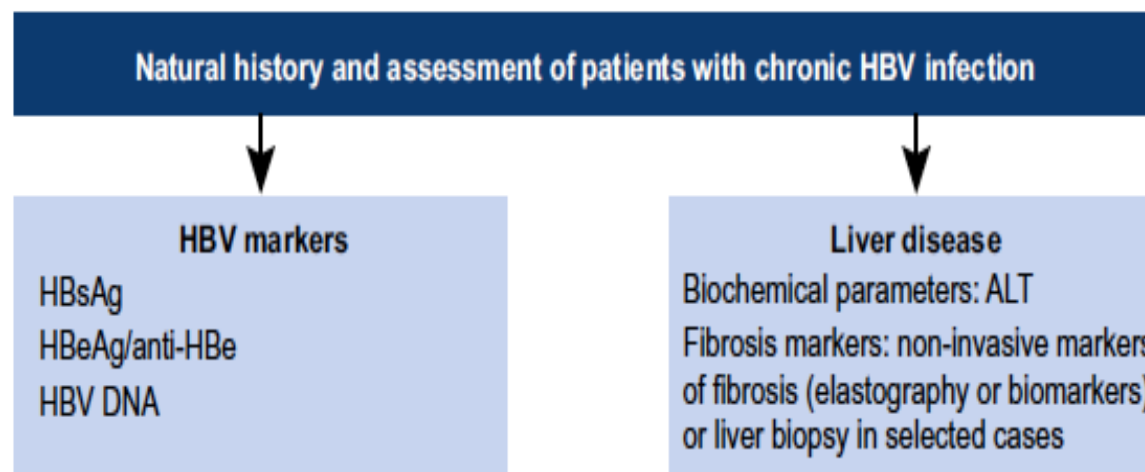


Yim HJ, et al. Natural history of chronic hepatitis B virus infection: what we knew in 1981 and what we know in 2005. *Hepatology*. 2006;43:S173-S181. Copyright © 1999–2012 John Wiley & Sons, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

# Natural history of HBV infection – where does HIV co-infection fit in?



# Do we really need all this complexity?



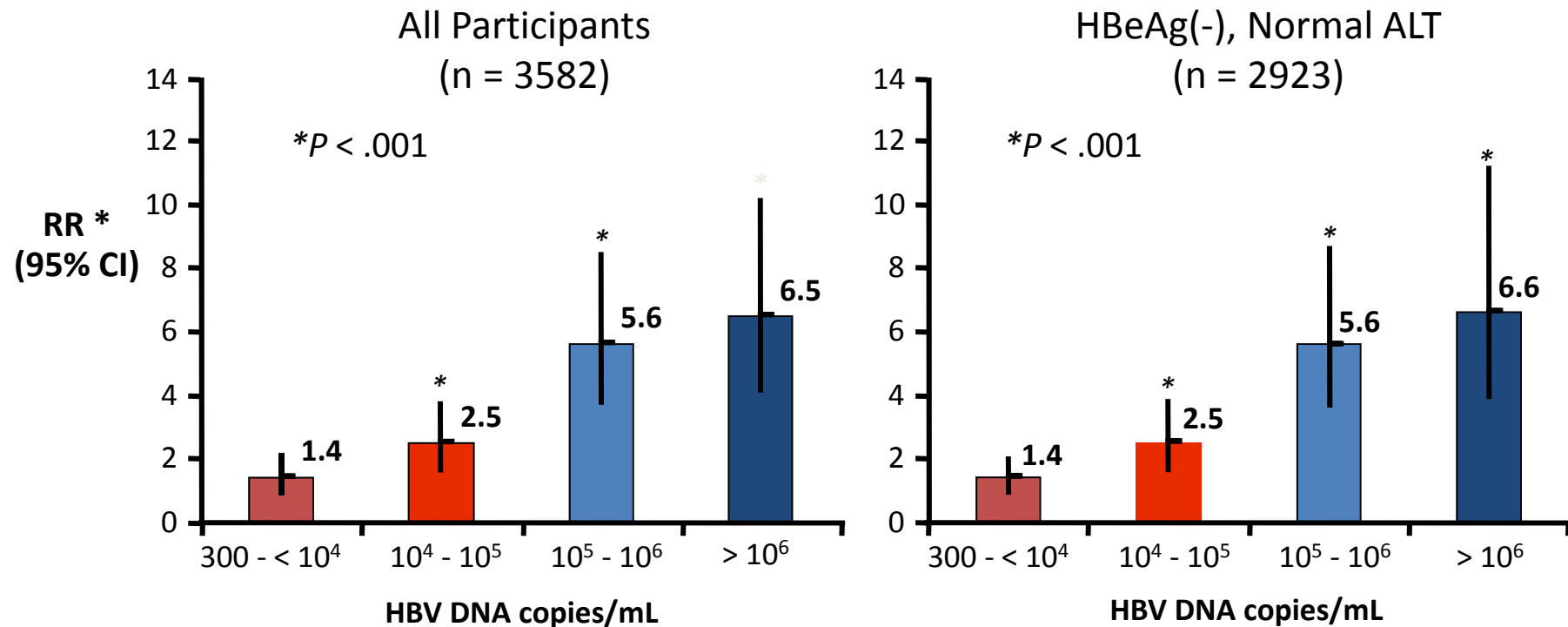
	HBeAg positive		HBeAg negative	
	Chronic infection	Chronic hepatitis	Chronic infection	Chronic hepatitis
HBsAg	High	High/intermediate	Low	Intermediate
HBeAg	Positive	Positive	Negative	Negative
HBV DNA	>10 <sup>7</sup> IU/ml	10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>7</sup> IU/ml	<2,000 IU/ml <sup>100</sup>	>2,000 IU/ml
ALT	Normal	Elevated	Normal	Elevated*
Liver disease	None/minimal	Moderate/severe	None	Moderate/severe
Old terminology	Immune tolerant	Immune reactive HBeAg positive	Inactive carrier	HBeAg negative chronic hepatitis

## **When do we need to Rx HBV?**

- Everybody with detectable HBV DNA?
- Based on HBV DNA levels?
- Those with evidence of significant liver disease?
  - Based on abnormal ALTs?
  - Histological activity/Fibrosis scores?

# Level of HBV DNA (c/ml) at entry & progression to cirrhosis and risk of HCC

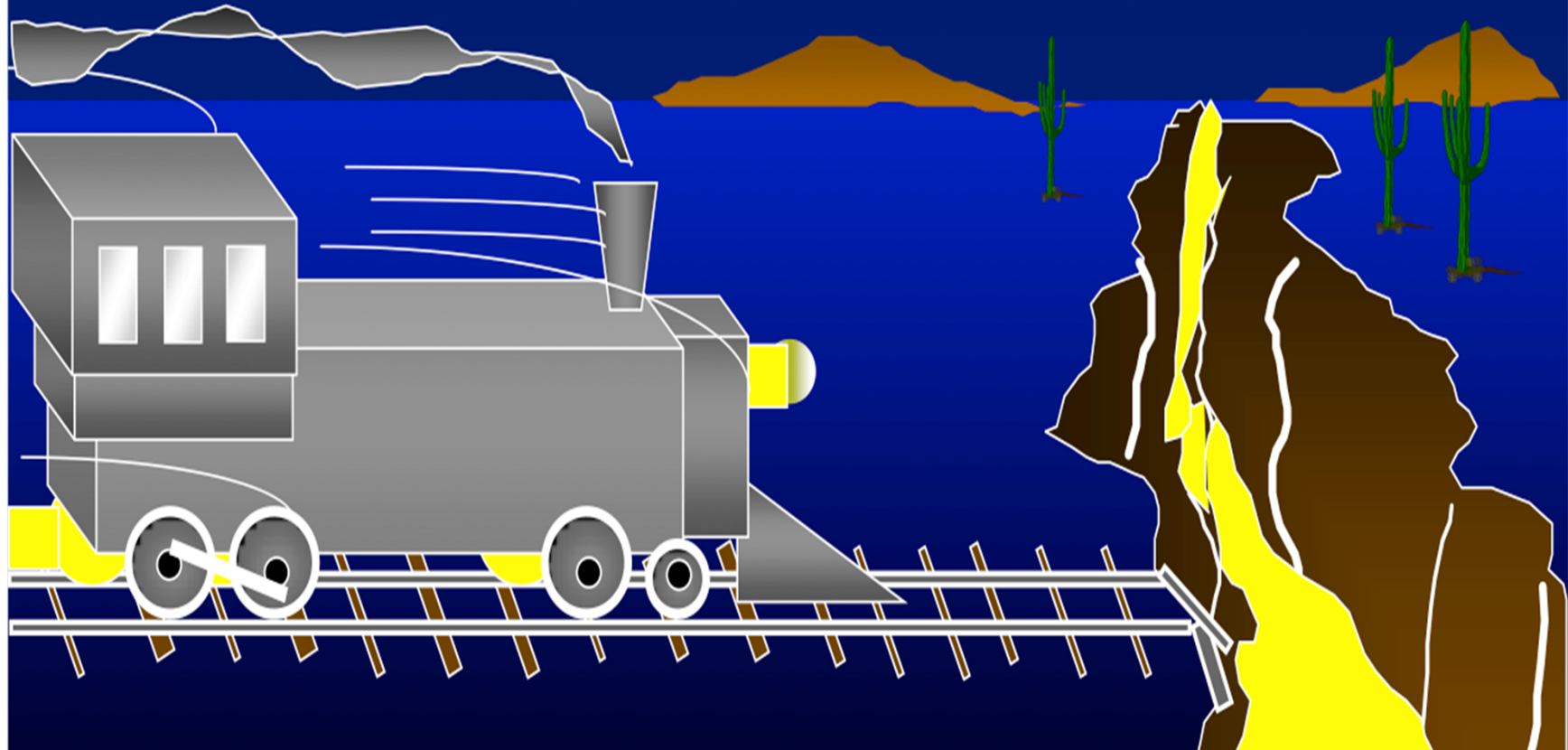
3582 HBsAg untreated asian carriers  
mean follow-up 11 yrs → 365 patients newly diagnosed with cirrhosis



\* Adjusted for age, sex, cigarette smoking, and alcohol consumption.

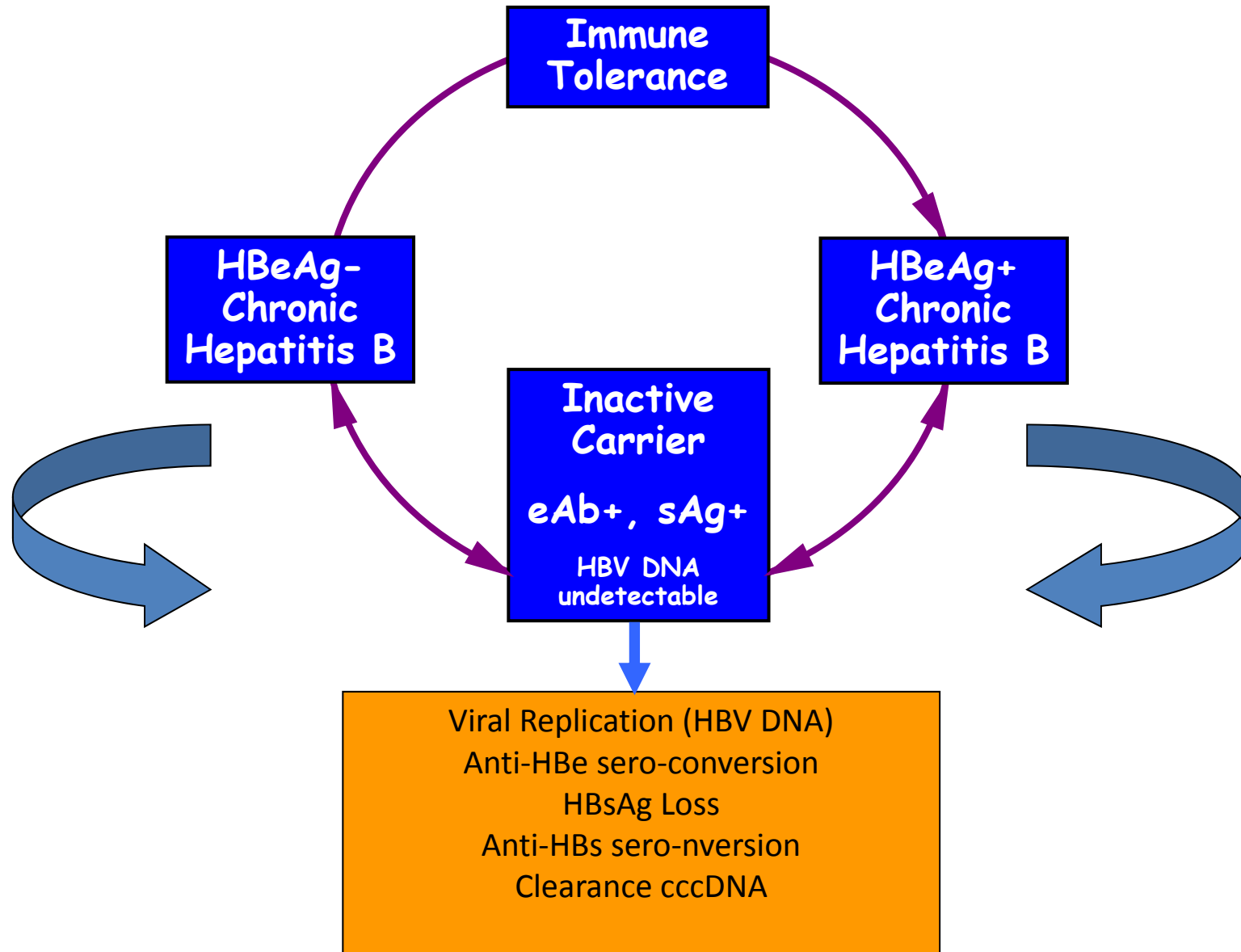
HBV-DNA viral load (> 10<sup>4</sup> cp/ml) strongest predictor of progression to cirrhosis independent of ALT and HBeAg status

HBV DNA and immune response = engine  
ALT/Histological Activity Index (inflammation) = train speed  
Fibrosis stage = distance from canyon





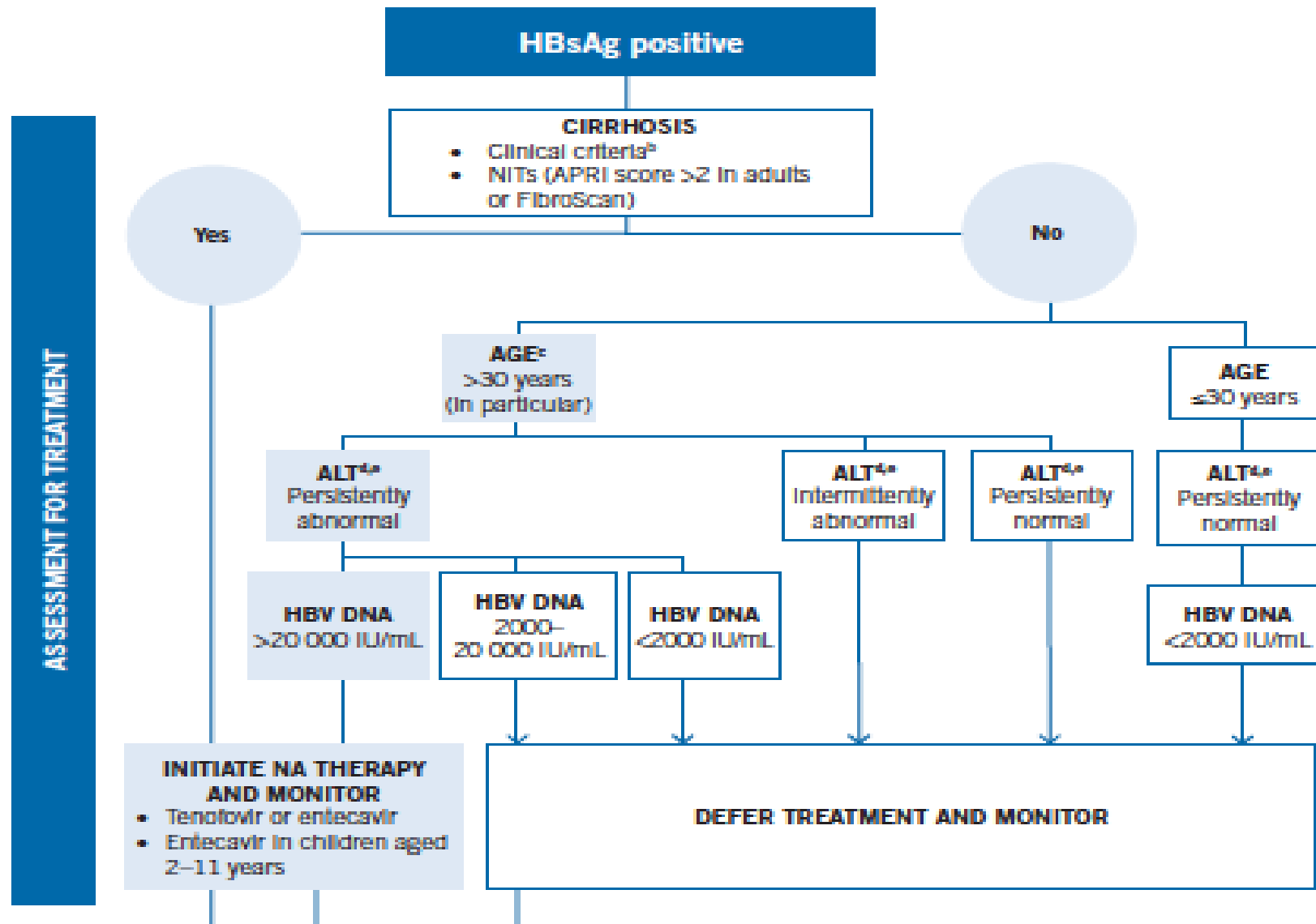
# What does Rx aim to achieve?



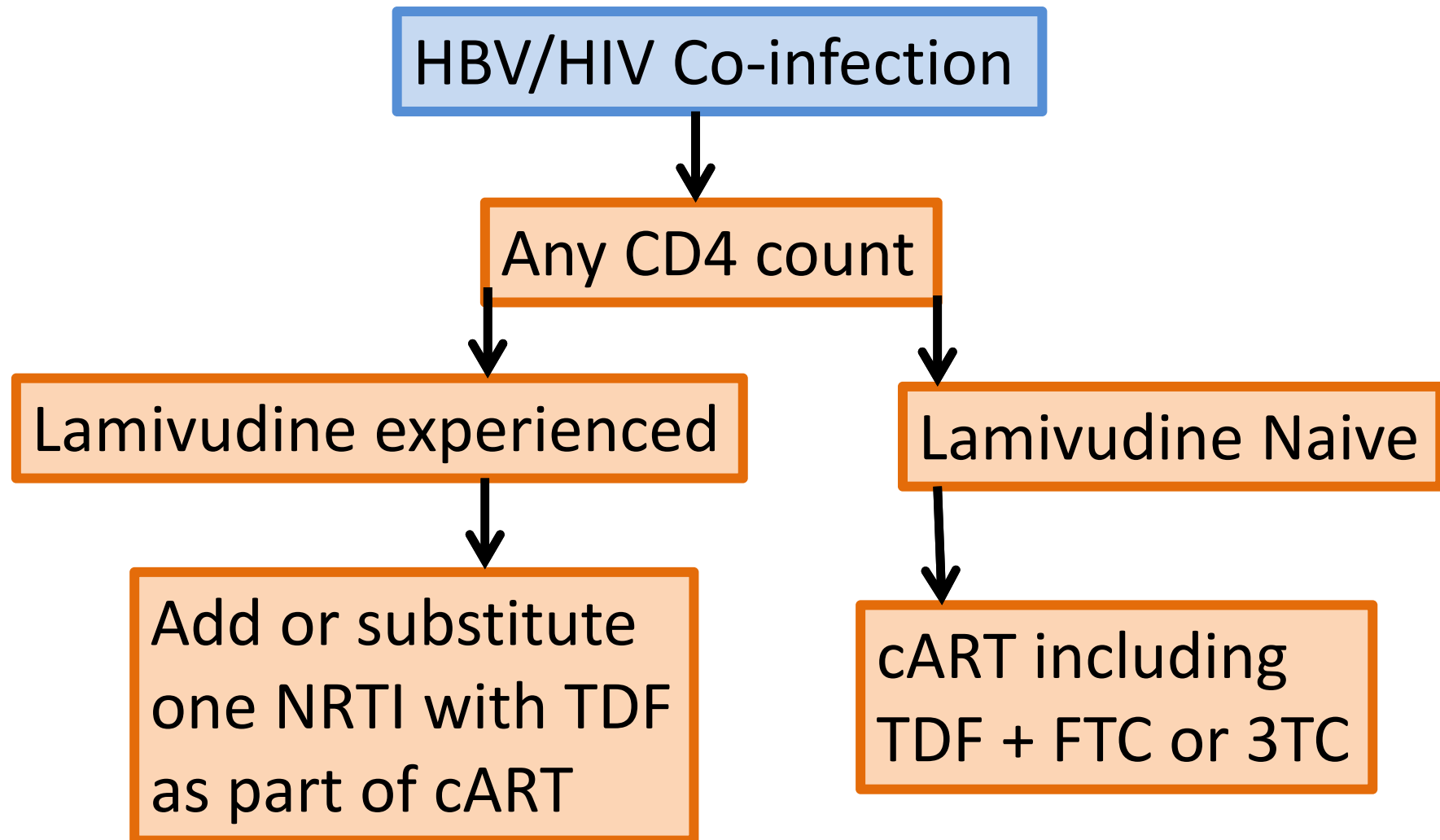
# Three key inter-linked factors in the decision to treat

- Age
  - <30yrs vs. >30yrs
  - FH of HCC
- Level of fibrosis/inflammation
  - Cirrhosis
  - F2+ fibrosis
  - Abnormal liver enzymes
- HBV DNA levels
  - >20 000 IU/ml

## ALGORITHM OF WHO RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PERSONS WITH CHRONIC HEPATITIS B INFECTION<sup>a</sup>

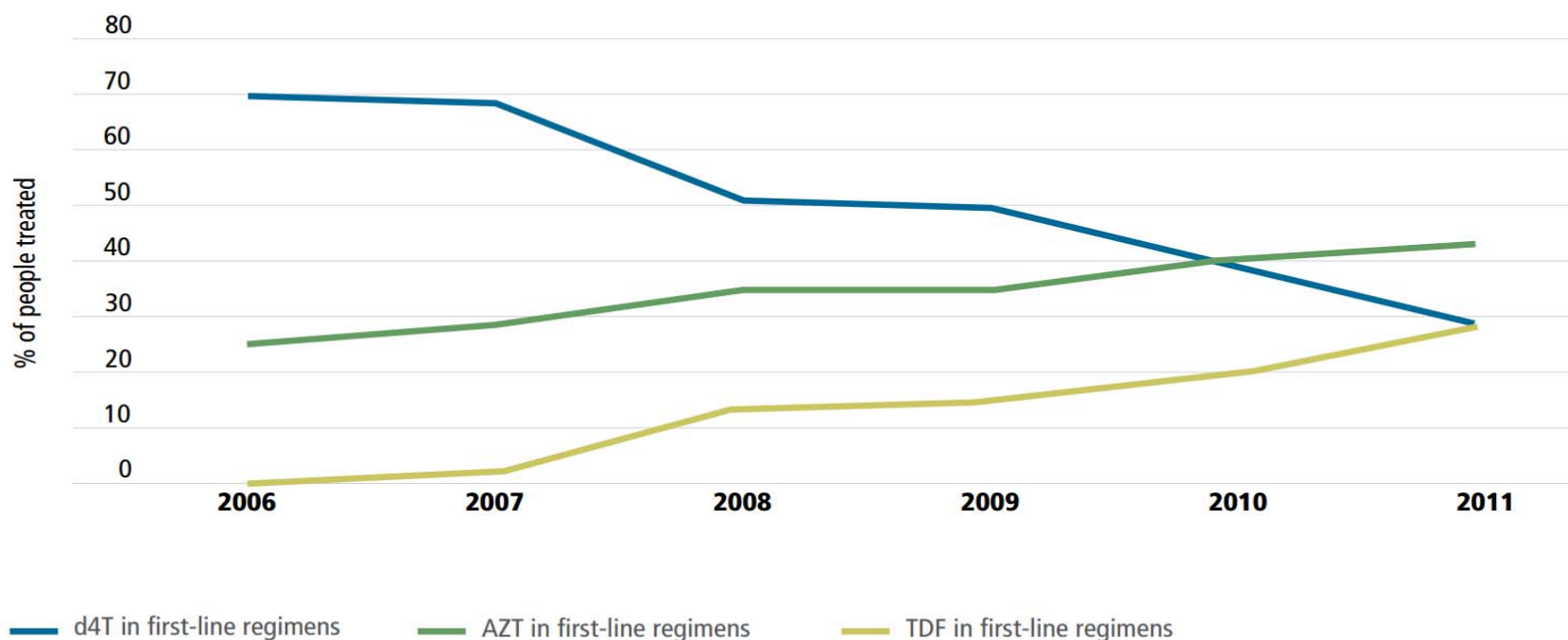


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# Although TDF use is improving, far from universal

Trends in d4T, AZT and TDF use in first-line antiretroviral therapy regimens for adults in low- and middle-income countries, 2006–2011

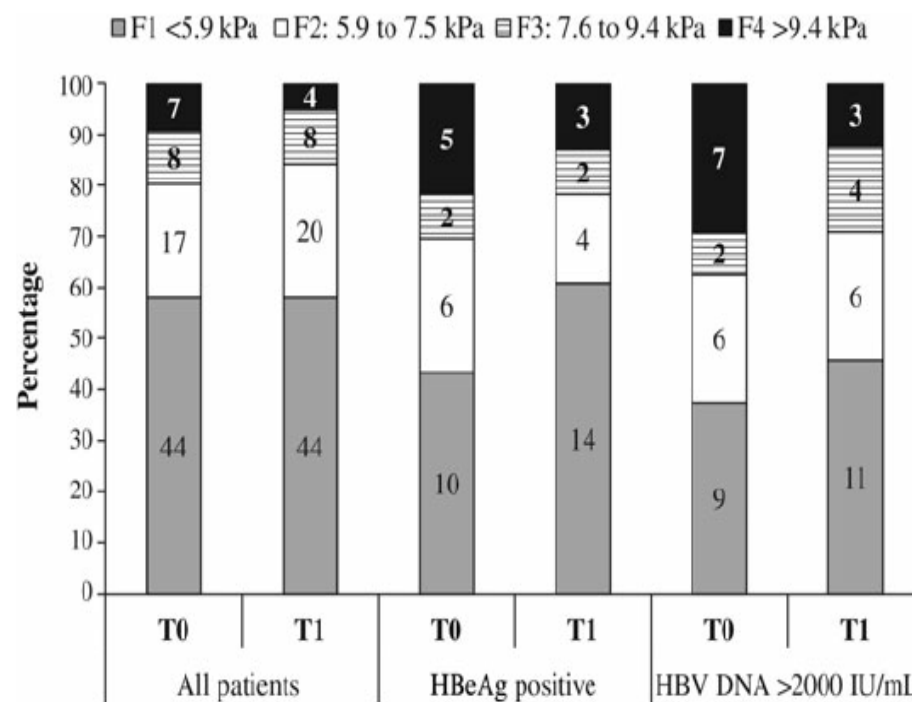
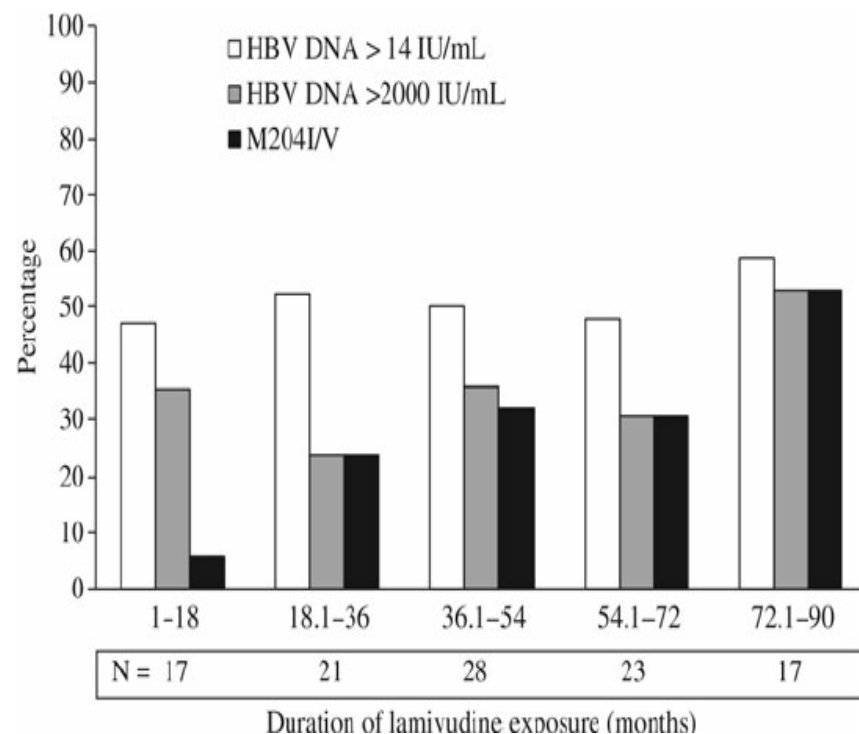


Source: *Use of antiretroviral medicines by December 2011 based on the WHO survey in low- and middle-income countries (77).*

Global update on HIV treatment 2013. WHO

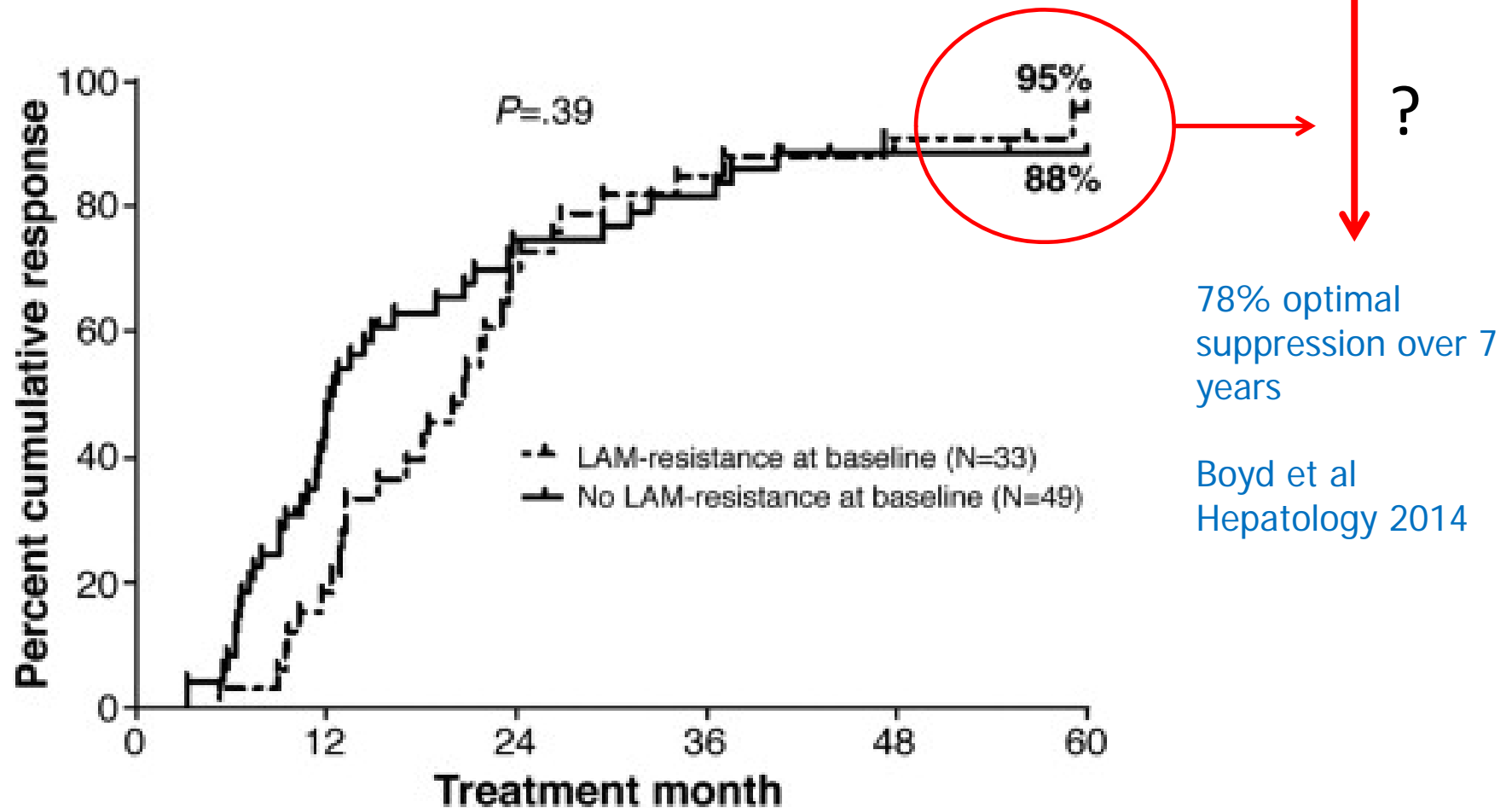
Tanzania: 3% HIV and 17% HIV/HBV on TDF regimen Hawkins IAC 2012

# Liver Fibrosis by Transient Elastography and Virologic Outcomes After Introduction of Tenofovir in Lamivudine-Experienced Adults With HIV and Hepatitis B Virus Coinfection in Ghana



# Efficacy is never 100%

8-10% remain viraemic on tenofovir



# Factors associated with detectable HBV DNA

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- On truvada based therapy at least 6 months
- Undetectable HIV RNA < 400 c/ml

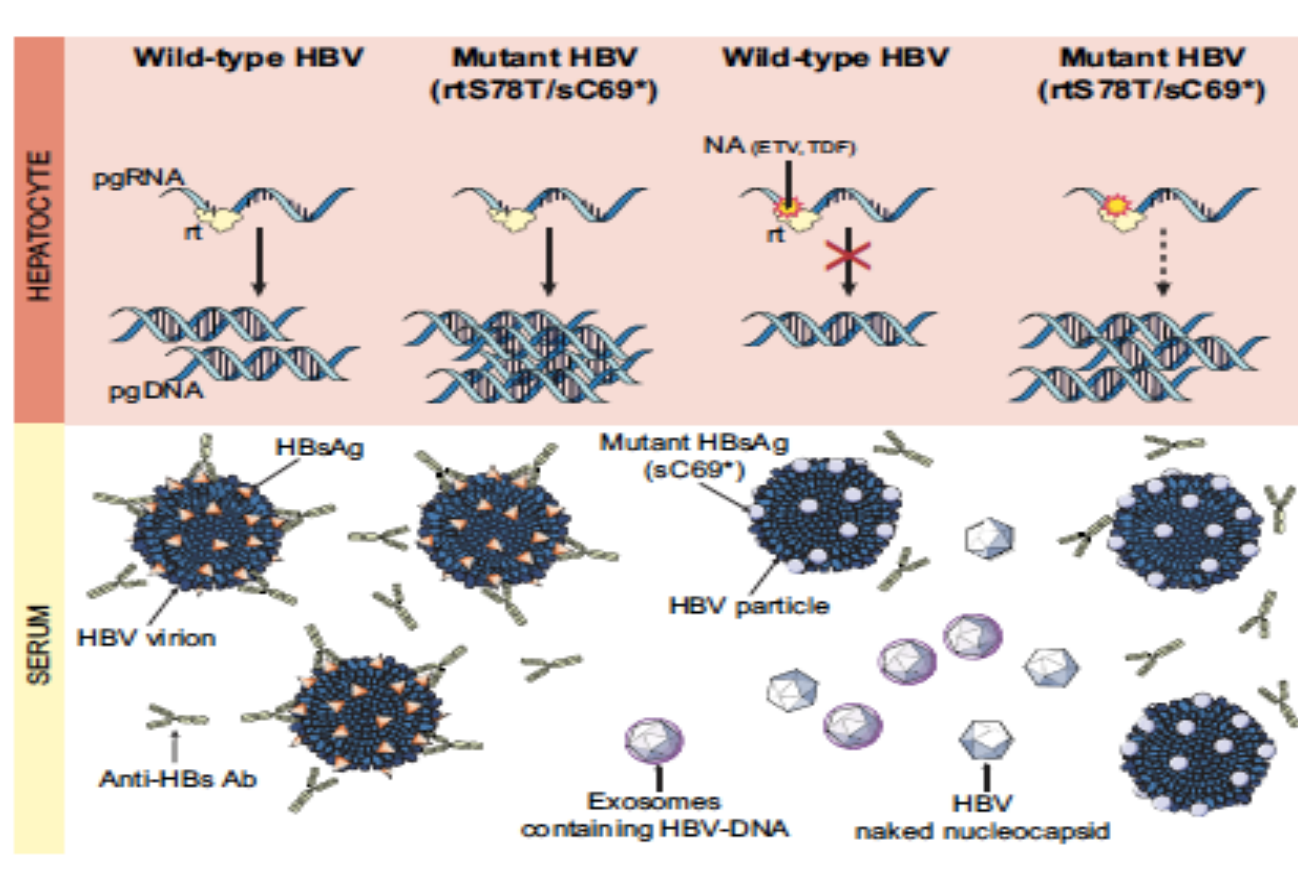
	OR	95% CI	p-value
Age (per 10 yrs)	0.90	0.48, 1.69	0.74
HBeAg positive	12.06	3.73, 38.98	<0.0001
<95% adherent	2.52	1.16, 5.48	0.02
HAART <2 yrs	2.64	1.06, 6.54	0.04
CD4 < 200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	2.47	1.06, 5.73	0.04

*Long term adherence is always a challenge*



# Drivers of HBV viraemia on TDF?

- Neither genotypic or phenotypic resistance have previously been described
- Replication or reservoir release?



# Prophylaxis Effect of TDF in Prevention of HBV Acquisition in HIV (+) Patients

- HIV infected; HBV uninfected MSM
- Patients were serologically evaluated for HBV infection stratified by NRTI-ART

## Frequency and Hazard Ratio of HBV Incident Infection

ART	Observation Period (Person-Years)	Incident Infection	HR (95% CI)	P-Value
No ART	446	30	1	
Other ART	114	6	.924 (.381-2.239)	.861
ART containing (LAM, TDF, or FTC)	1047	7	.113 (1.049-.261)	<.001
LAM-ART	814	7		
TDF-ART	233	0		

**TDF containing ART resulted in zero HBV infections<sup>1</sup>**

**Statistically longer HBV-free survival with TDF compared to 3TC or no treatment  
(p = 0.004 and 0.001) <sup>2</sup>**

1. Gatnana,H, et al., *CID* 2013;56 June 15

2. Heuft, M, et al. CROI 2013. Oral Abstract Session 9, paper 33

# Renal impairment with TDF

- 240 patients with a 3year-time follow-up, normal eGFR at baseline1
- >400 HIV+ patients receiving TDF

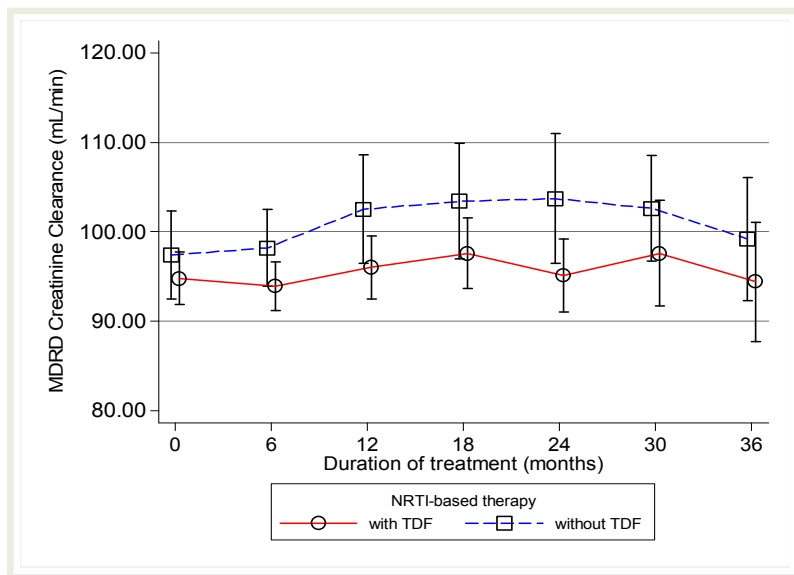
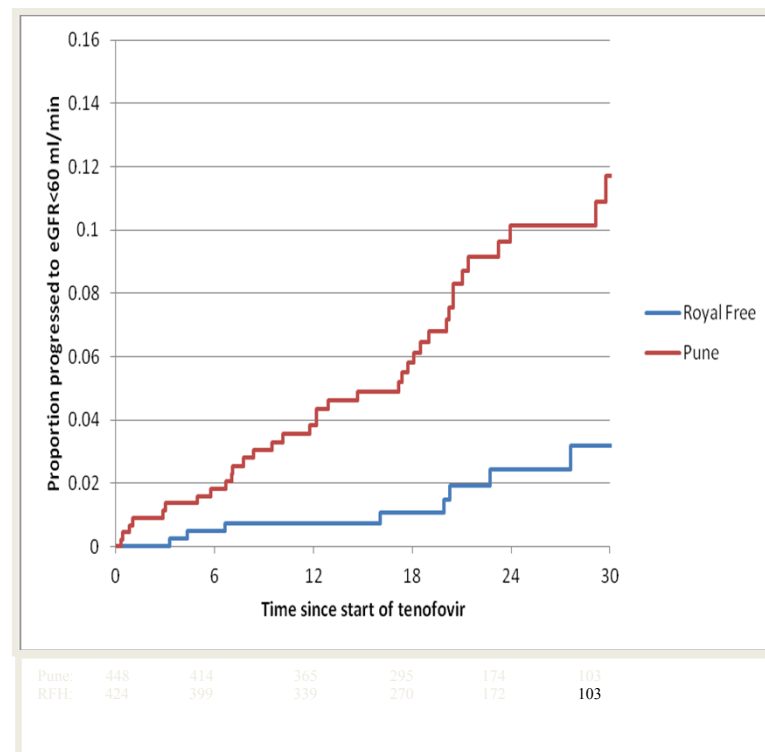


Figure 1: MDRD clearance over time



Pujari, et al, BMC Infect Dis 2014

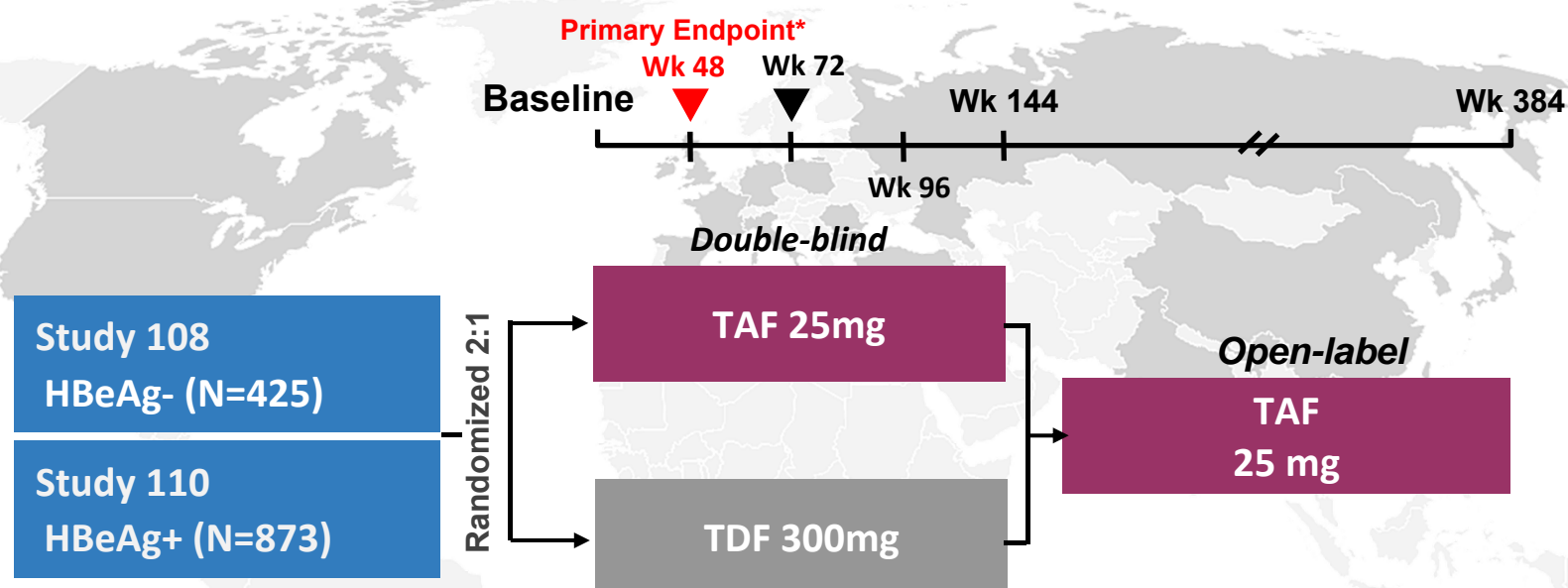
## Strategies when TDF is contra-indicated?

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- Reduce dose TDF
  - Switch to entecavir (caution if LAM-R)
  - Adefovir plus entecavir (?kidney disease)
  - Peg-interferon (?advanced liver disease)
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- Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF)

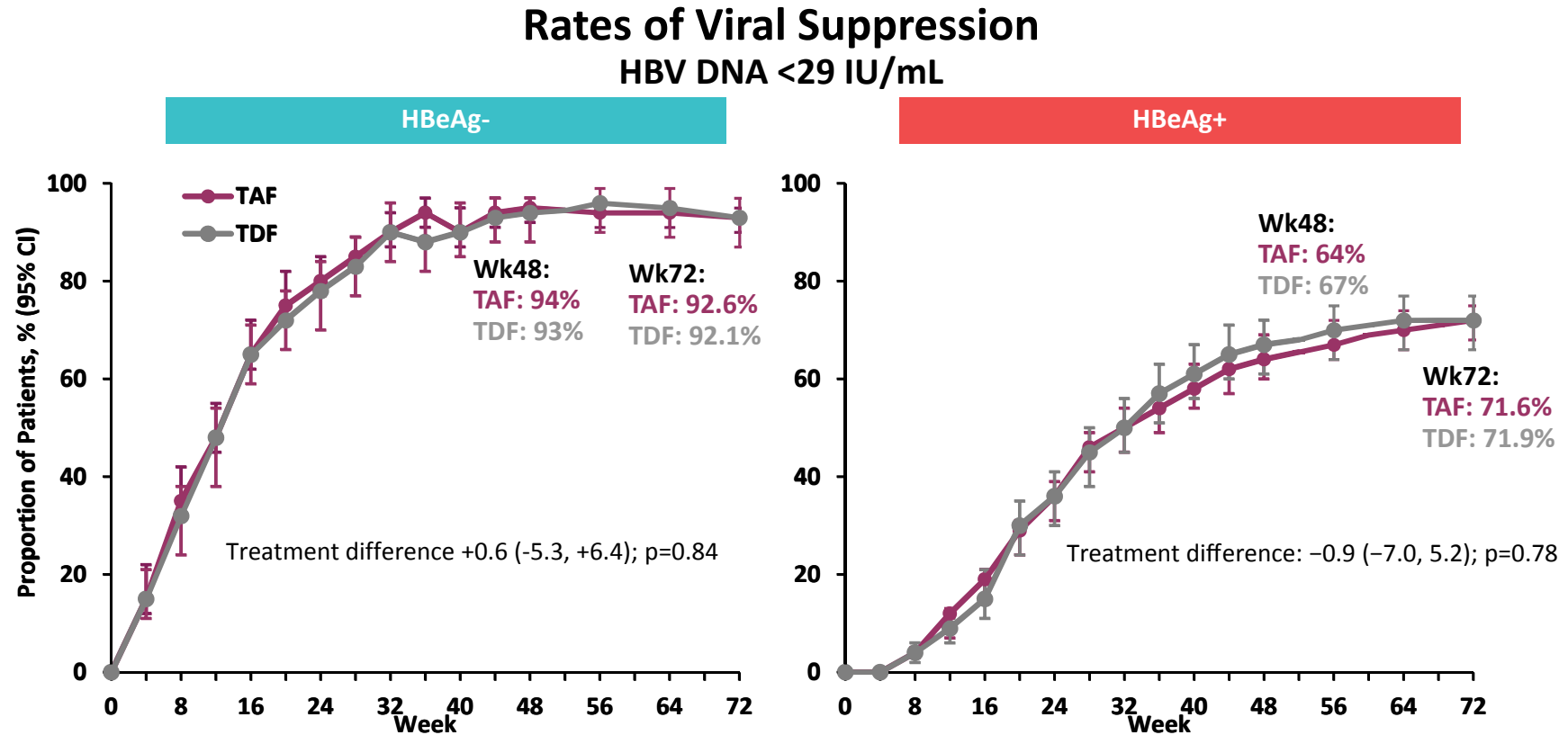
# TAF HBV Phase 3 Program

Two phase 3, randomised, double-blind studies



- **Primary endpoint** (non inferiority margin of 10%):
  - HBV DNA <29 IU/mL at Week 48
- **Key secondary endpoints**
  - ALT normalisation at Week 48
  - Renal parameters and bone mineral density at Week 48
- 95% retention rate through Week 48
- Inclusion criteria: HBV DNA  $\geq 20,000$  IU/mL; ALT >60 U/L (males), >38 U/L (females), eGFR<sub>CG</sub> >50 mL/min

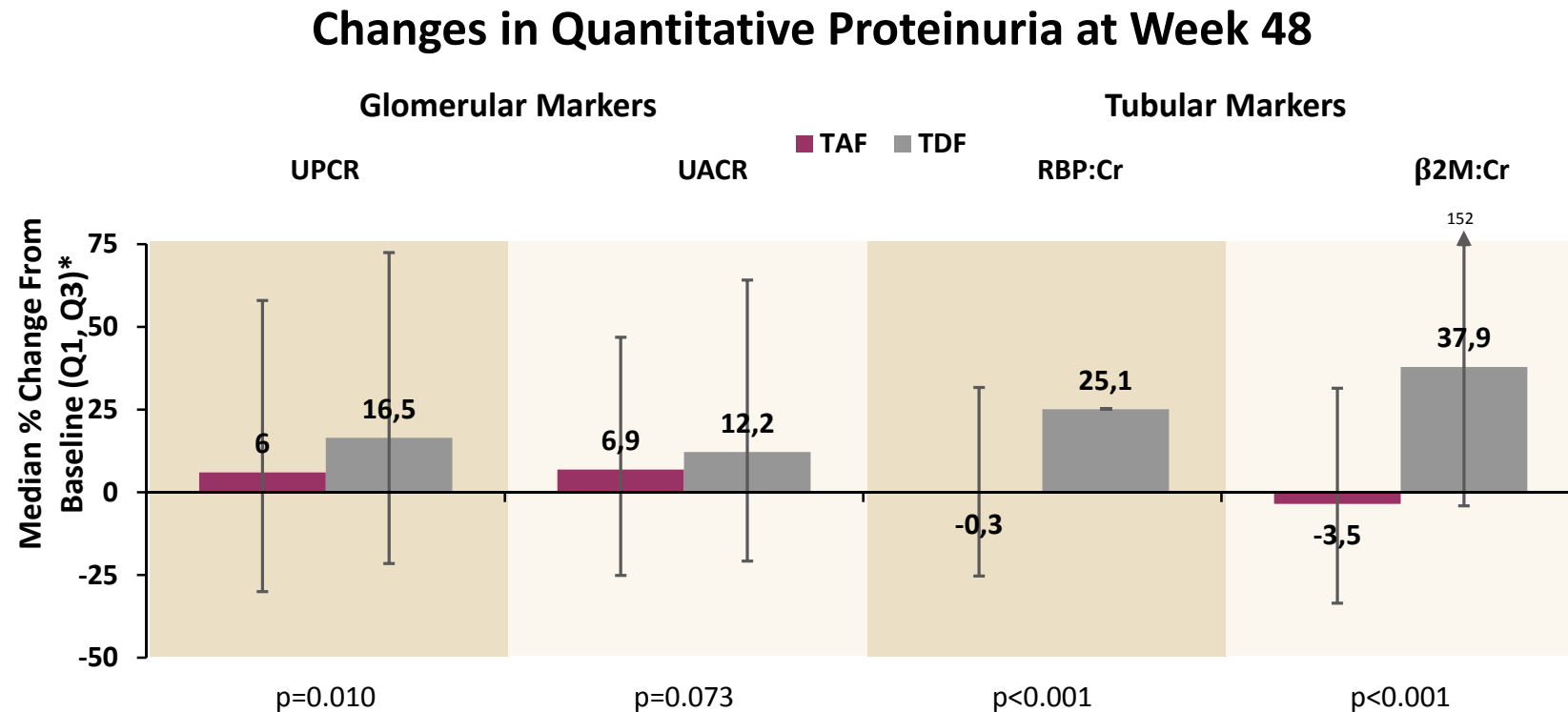
## Antiviral Efficacy of TAF and TDF at Week 72



- HBV DNA suppression rates were lower in HBeAg+ vs HBeAg- patients
- No significant difference between TAF and TDF
- No resistance was detected through 48 weeks

**HBV DNA suppression was comparable between TAF and TDF  
treatment up to Week 72**

## Changes in Urine Markers of Tubular Dysfunction During Treatment with TAF or TDF



**There were smaller changes in protein markers of kidney and proximal tubule function with TAF treatment compared to TDF**

\* p-values from 2-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test  
Lim, AASLD 2016, Poster 1901

# TAF in co-infected patients

(Galant et al, IAS 2015 WELBPE13)

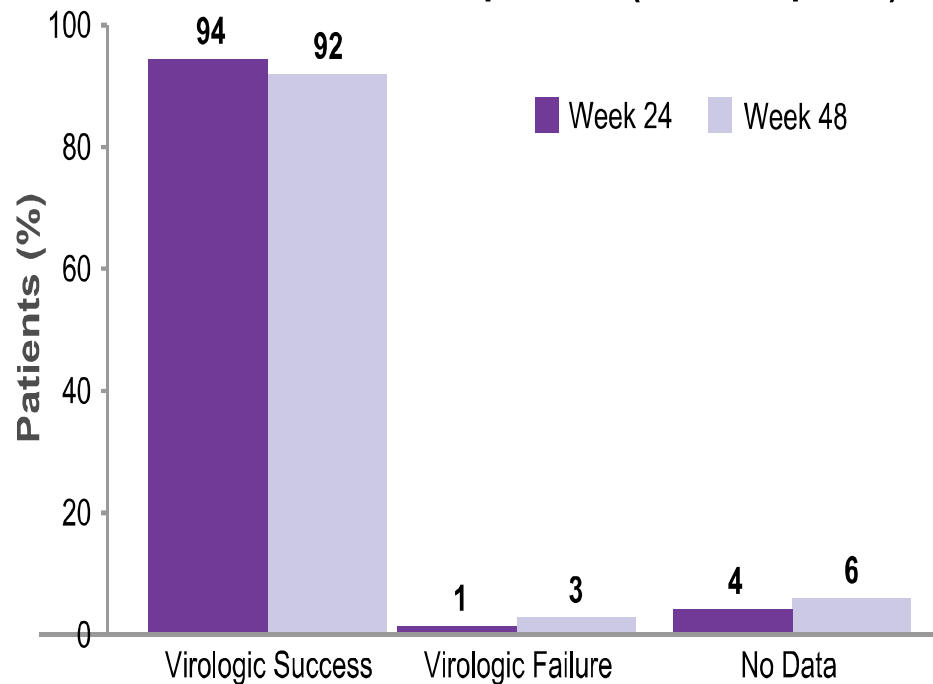
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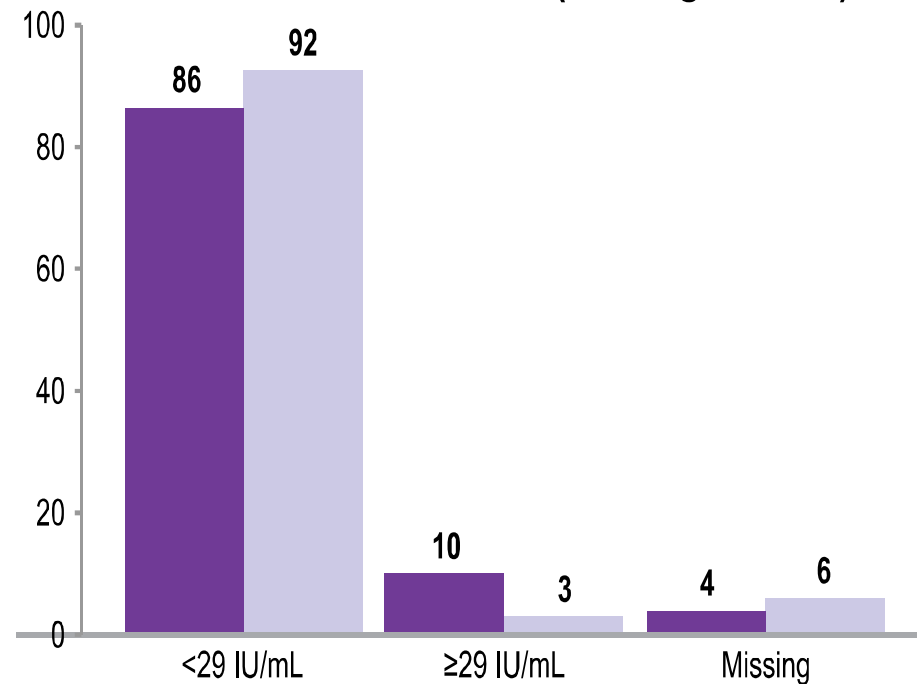
**HIV-1/HBV  
Coinfected  
Patients**

**Switch to E/C/F/TAF**

**HIV-1 RNA <50 Copies/mL (FDA Snapshot)**



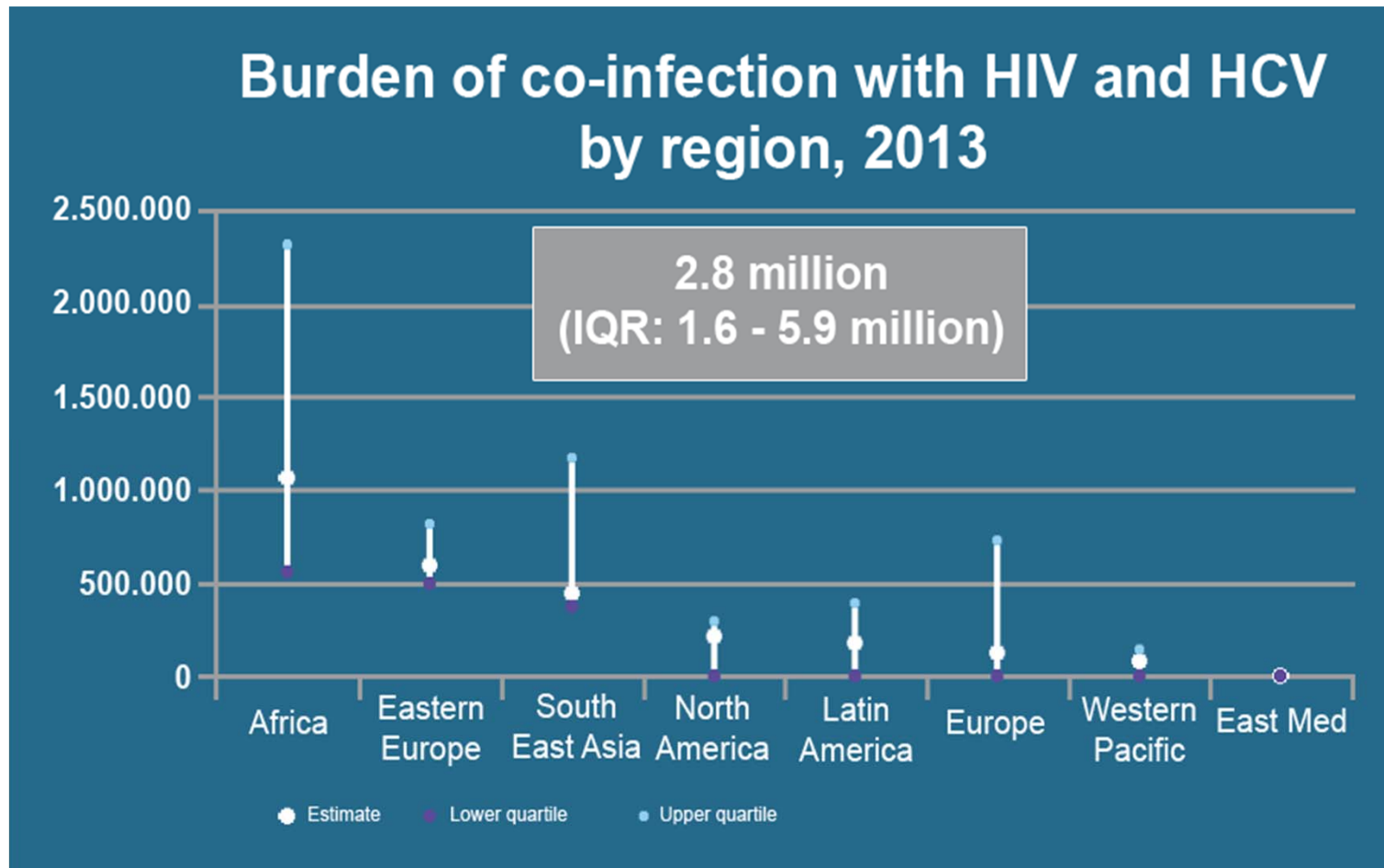
**HBV DNA <29 IU/mL (Missing=Failure)**



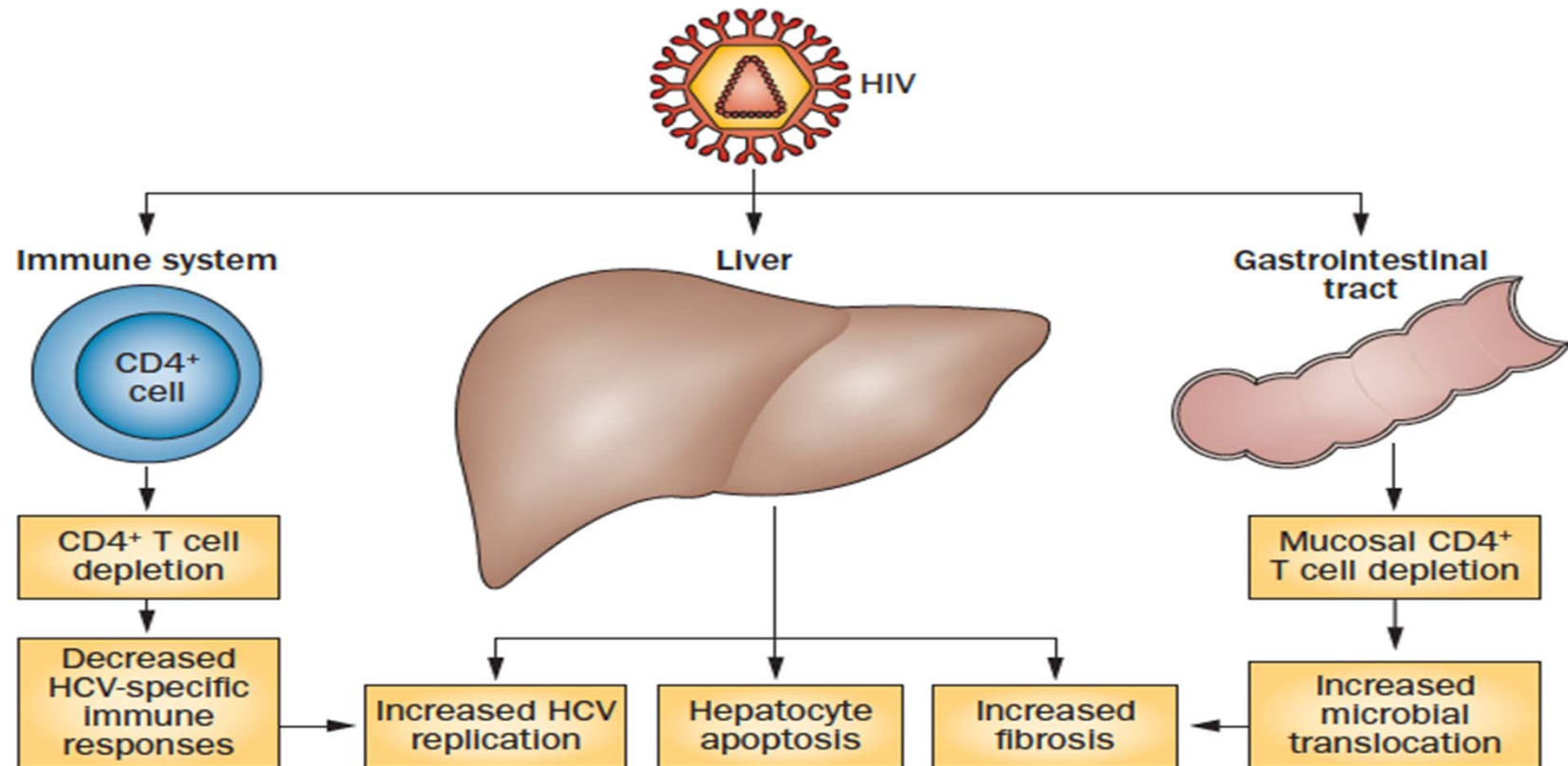


# Burden of HCV in HIV populations

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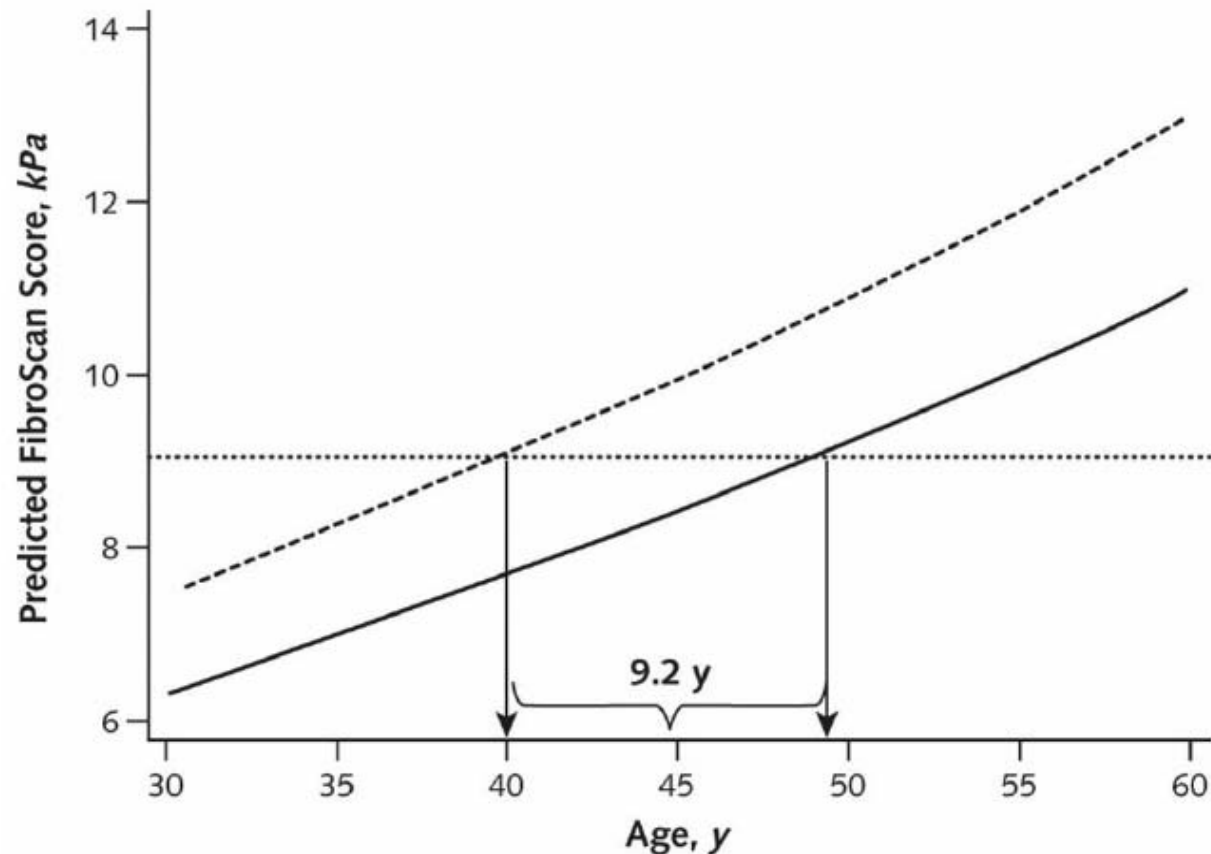


# HIV/HCV – double-trouble for the liver



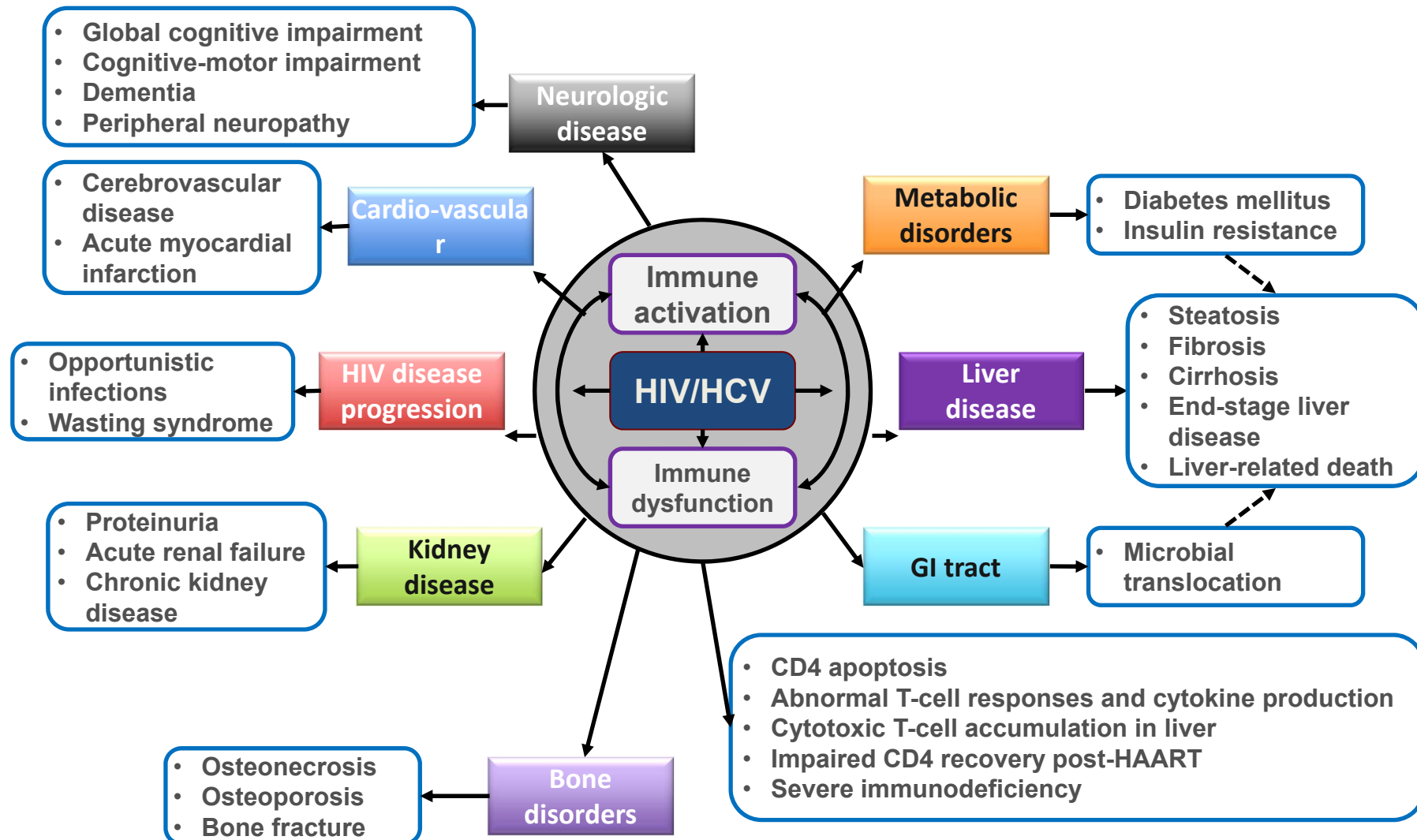
**Figure 1** | Driving factors underlying liver disease pathogenesis in HCV–HIV co-infection. HIV infection leads to an impaired immune response against HCV, increased HCV replication, hepatic inflammation and apoptosis, increased microbial translocation from the gastrointestinal tract and increased fibrosis.

## Faster progression even when controlling for alcohol and other co-morbidities



**Figure 3. Liver fibrosis and age among persons coinfecting with HIV and HCV (dashed line) and those with only HCV (solid line)**

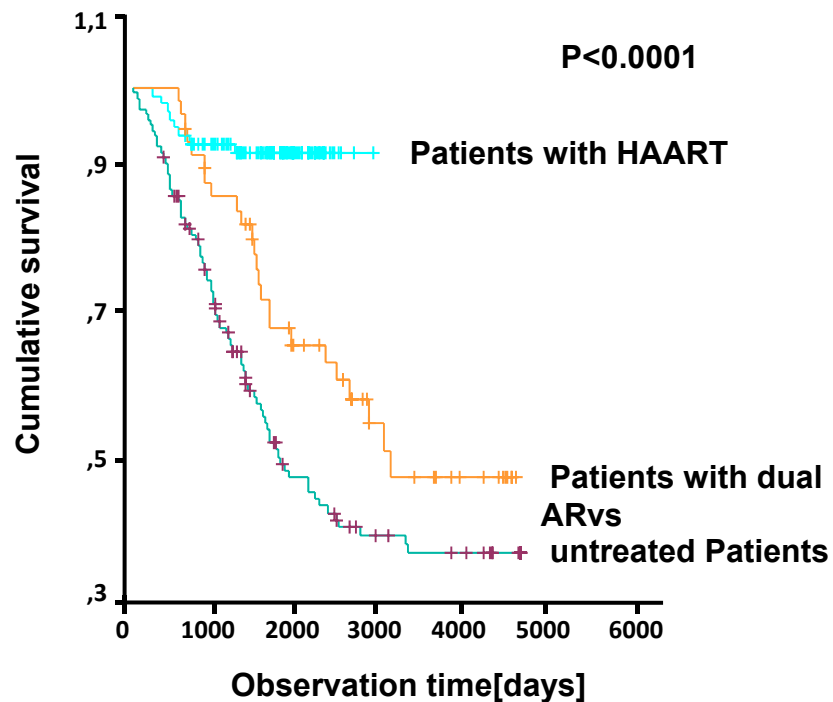
# HIV/HCV – a contribution to multiple organ dysfunction



Adapted from Operskalski EA and Kovacs A. Curr HIV/AIDS Rep 2011;8:12–22.

# Overall and Liver-related Mortality - effect of HAART

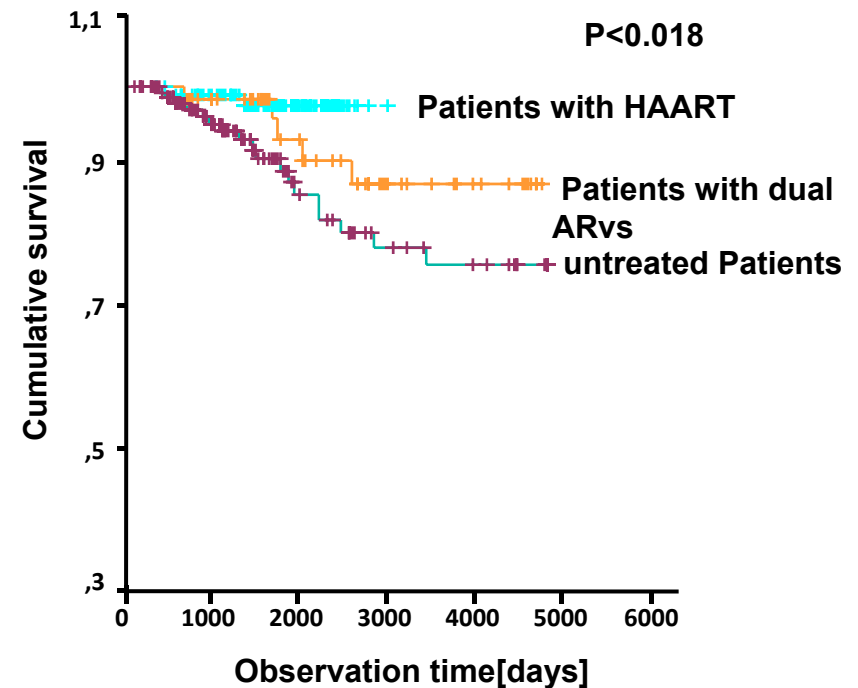
A) Overall-Mortality



Patients under observation:

HAART-group:	93	79	33	-	-	-
ART-group:	55	46	30	15	9	1
Untreated-group:	13794	49	37	32	27	

B) Liver-related-Mortality

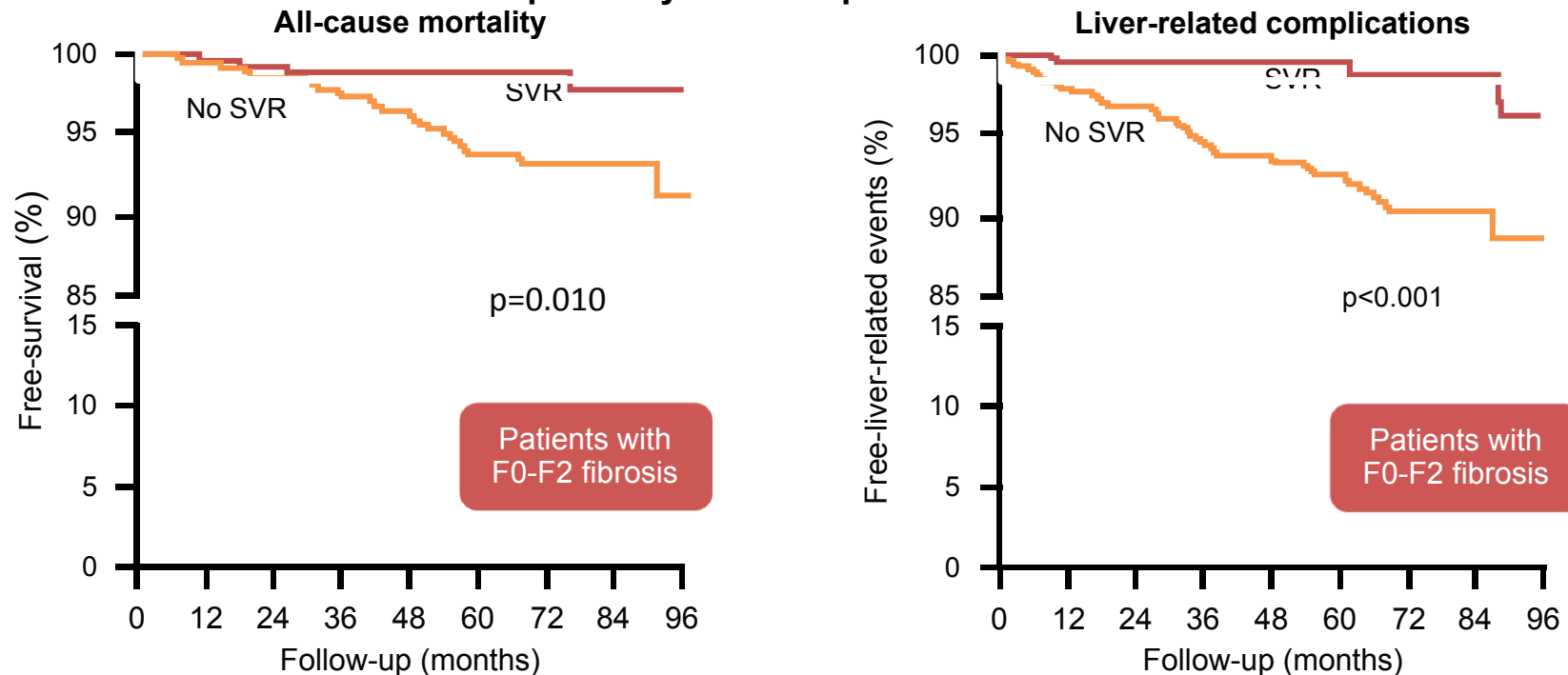


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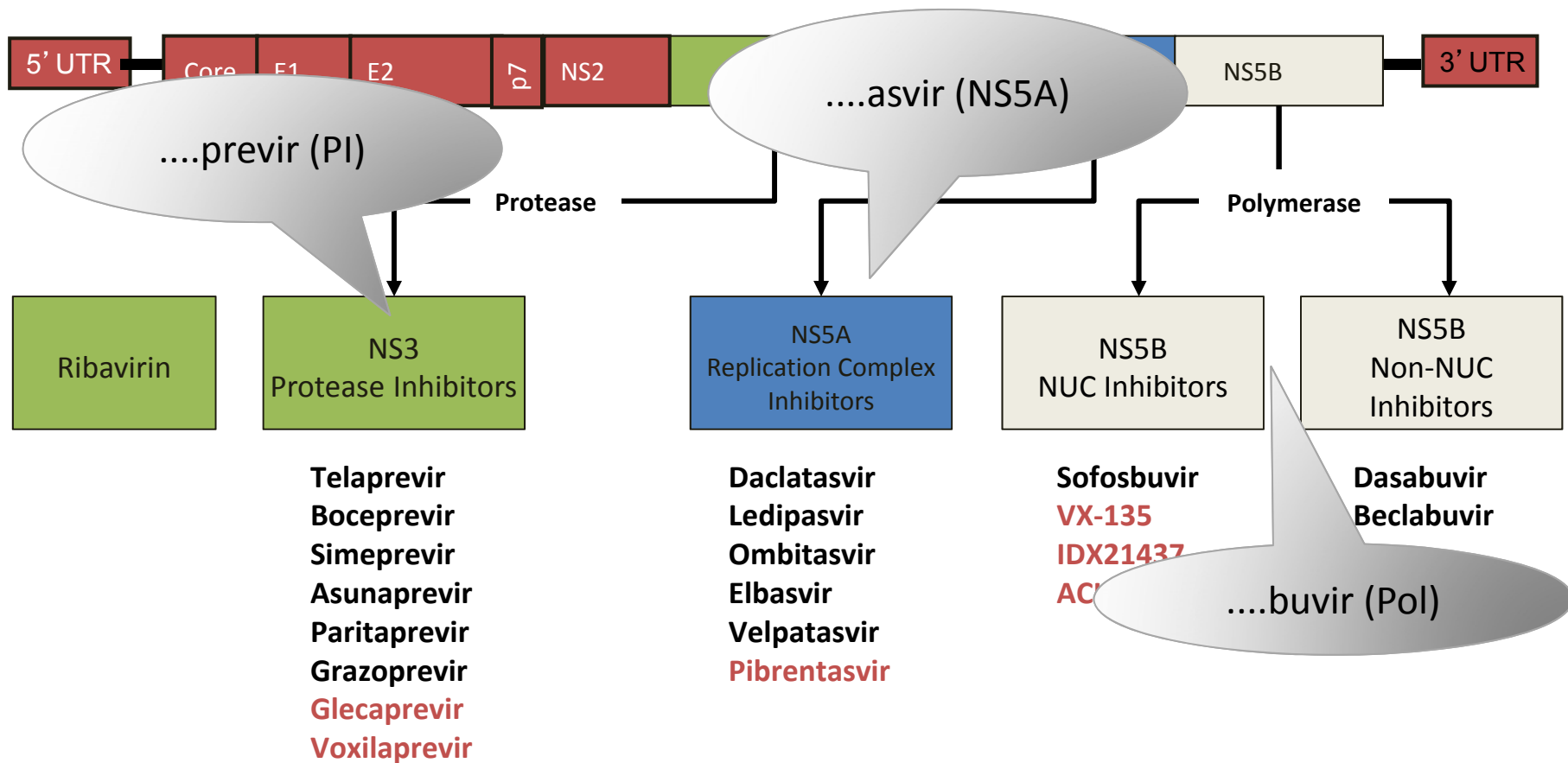
# SVR in HIV/HCV co-infected patients with mild Fibrosis

- A total of 695 HIV/HCV-co-infected patients were treated with IFN/RBV after a median follow-up of 4.9 years. 274 patients achieved an SVR























The achievement of an SVR after interferon-ribavirin therapy in patients co-infected with HIV/HCV and with mild Fibrosis reduces liver-related complications and mortality

# What are DAAs?



\*Representative list modified from CCO – updated 2016.

# Not All Direct-Acting Antivirals are Created Equal

Characteristic	Protease Inhibitor*	Protease Inhibitor**	NS5A Inhibitor	Nuc Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nuc Polymerase Inhibitor
Resistance profile					
Pangenotypic efficacy					
Antiviral potency					
Adverse events					



Good profile



Average profile

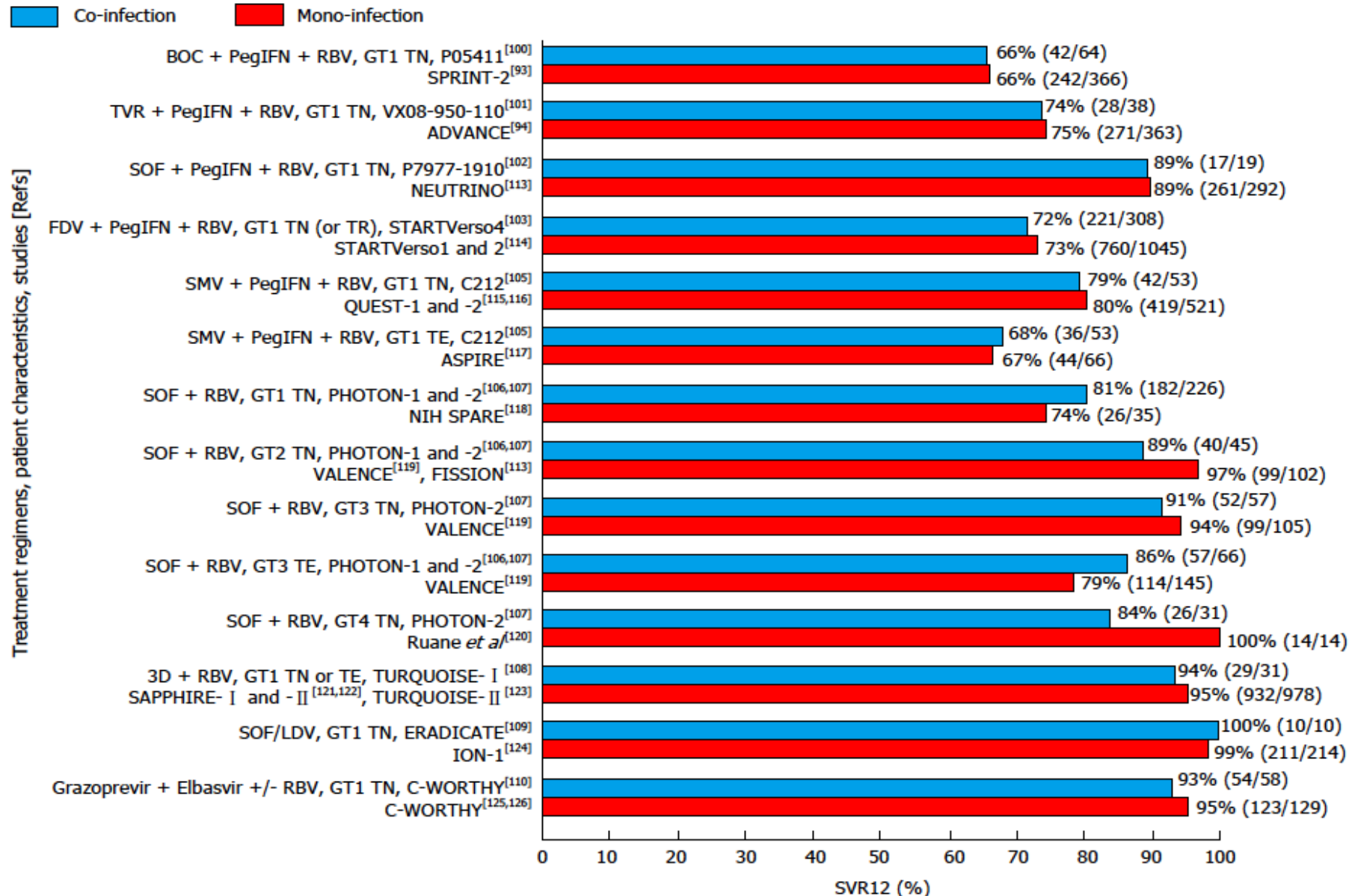


Least favorable profile

\*First generation. \*\*Second/next generation.



# Do HIV+ respond differently to mono-infected patients?



# DDIs between HCV drugs and HIV

	DCV	LED/ SOF	OBV/ PTV/r	OBV/ PTV/r +DSV	SMV	SOF
<i>Entry/Integrase Inhibitors</i>						
Dolutegravir	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Elvitegravir/cobicistat	■	■	●	●	●	◆
Maraviroc	◆	■	■	■	◆	◆
Raltegravir	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<i>NNRTIs</i>						
Delavirdine	■	◆	■	■	●	◆
Efavirenz	■	■	●	●	●	◆
Etravirine	■	◆	●	●	●	◆
Nevirapine	■	◆	●	●	●	◆
Rilpivirine	◆	◆	■	■	◆	◆
<i>NRTIs</i>						
Abacavir	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Didanosine	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Emtricitabine	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Lamivudine	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Stavudine	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Tenofovir	◆	■	◆	◆	◆	◆
Zidovudine	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<i>PIs</i>						
Atazanavir	■	◆	■	■	●	◆
Darunavir	◆	◆	■	■	●	◆
Fosamprenavir	■	◆	■	■	●	◆
Indinavir	■	◆	●	●	●	◆
Lopinavir	◆	◆	●	●	●	◆
Nelfinavir	◆	◆	■	■	●	●
Ritonavir	■	◆	●	●	●	◆
Saquinavir	■	◆	●	●	●	◆
Tipranavir	■	●	●	●	●	●

Charts revised April 2015.

NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor;

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[www.hep-druginteractions.org](http://www.hep-druginteractions.org) (Accessed August 2016).

# New online EASL HCV recommendations

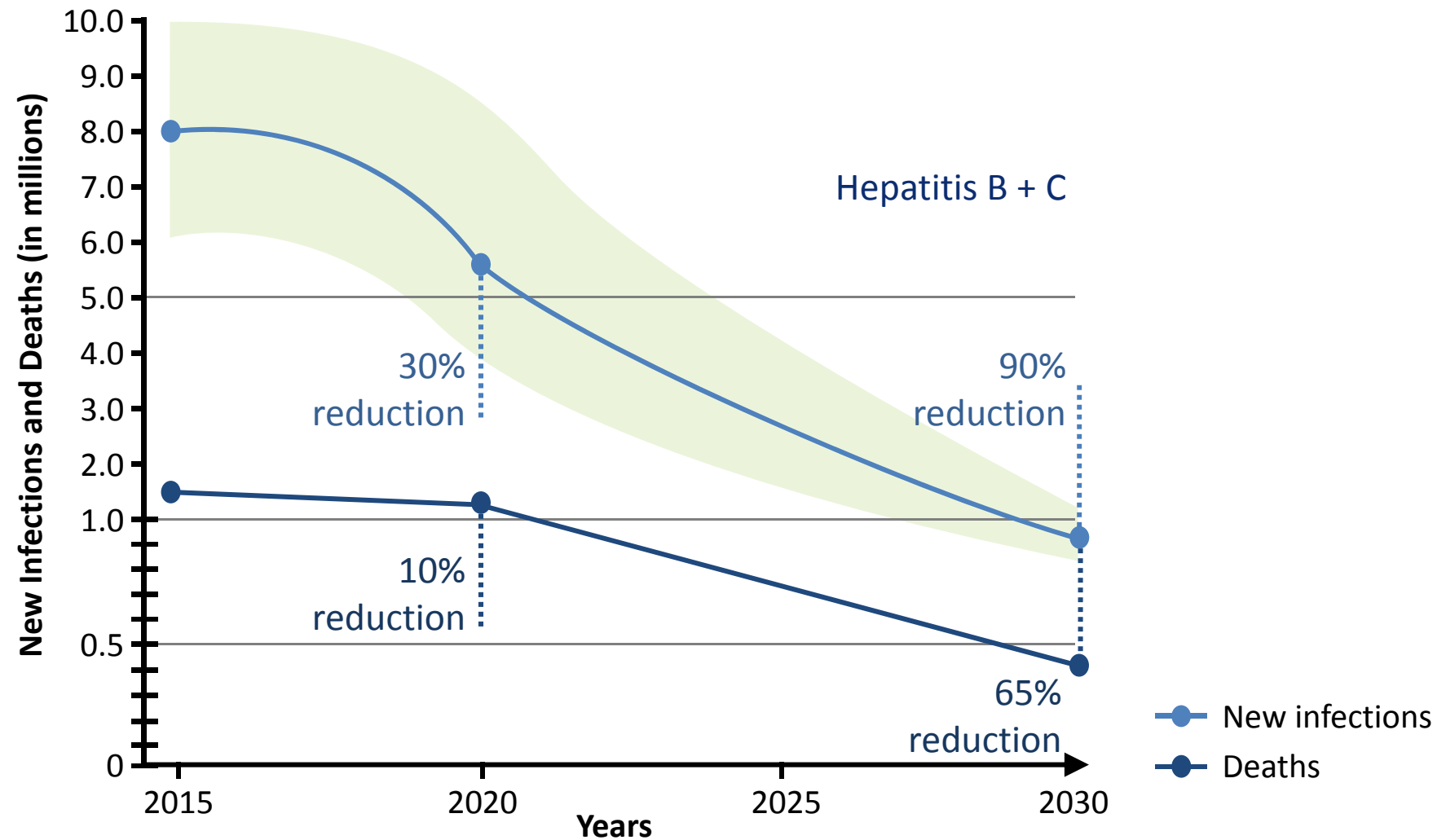


Same treatment regimens can be used in HIV/HCV patients as in patients without HIV infection, as the virological results of therapy are identical (A1)

# EACS HCV recommendations – treatment combination options

IFN-free HCV Treatment Options				
HCV GT	Treatment regimen	Treatment duration & RBV usage		
		Non-cirrhotic	Compensated cirrhotic	Decompensated cirrhotics CTP class B/C
1 & 4	SOF + SMP +/- RBV	GT 4 only: 12 weeks with RBV or 24 weeks without RBV <sup>(i)</sup>		Not recommended
	SOF/LDV +/- RBV	8 weeks without RBV <sup>(ii)</sup> or 12 weeks +/- RBV <sup>(iii)</sup>	12 weeks with RBV <sup>(iv)</sup>	
	SOF + DCV +/- RBV	12 weeks +/- RBV <sup>(iii)</sup>	12 weeks with RBV <sup>(iv)</sup>	
	SOF/VEL	12 weeks		12 weeks with RBV
	SOF/VEL/VOX	8 weeks	Not recommended	
	OBV/PTV/r + DSV	8 <sup>(v)</sup> -12 weeks in GT 1b	12 weeks in GT 1b	Not recommended
	OBV/PTV/r + DSV + RBV	12 weeks in GT 1a	24 weeks in GT 1a	Not recommended
	OBV/PTV/r + RBV	12 weeks in GT 4		Not recommended
	EBR /GZR	12 weeks <sup>(vi)</sup>		Not recommended
	GLE/PIB	8 weeks	12 weeks	Not recommended
2	SOF + DCV	12 weeks		12 weeks with RBV
	SOF/VEL	12 weeks		12 weeks with RBV
	SOF/VEL/VOX	8 weeks	Not recommended	
	GLE/PIB	8 weeks	12 weeks	Not recommended
3	SOF + DCV +/- RBV	12 weeks +/- RBV <sup>(vii)</sup> or 24 weeks without RBV	24 weeks with RBV	
	SOF/VEL +/- RBV	12 weeks +/- RBV <sup>(viii)</sup> or 24 weeks without RBV		24 weeks with RBV
	SOF/VEL/VOX	8 weeks		Not recommended
	GLE/PIB	8 weeks	12 weeks	Not recommended
5 & 6	SOF/LDV +/- RBV	12 weeks +/- RBV or 24 weeks without RBV <sup>(i)</sup>	12 weeks with RBV <sup>(iv)</sup>	
	SOF + DCV +/- RBV	12 weeks +/- RBV or 24 weeks without RBV <sup>(i)</sup>	12 weeks with RBV <sup>(iv)</sup>	
	SOF/VEL	12 weeks		12 weeks with RBV
	SOF/VEL/VOX	8 weeks	Not recommended	
	GLE/PIB	8 weeks	12 weeks	Not recommended

# WHO Vision: Reduction in HCV-related Deaths and New Infections by 2030



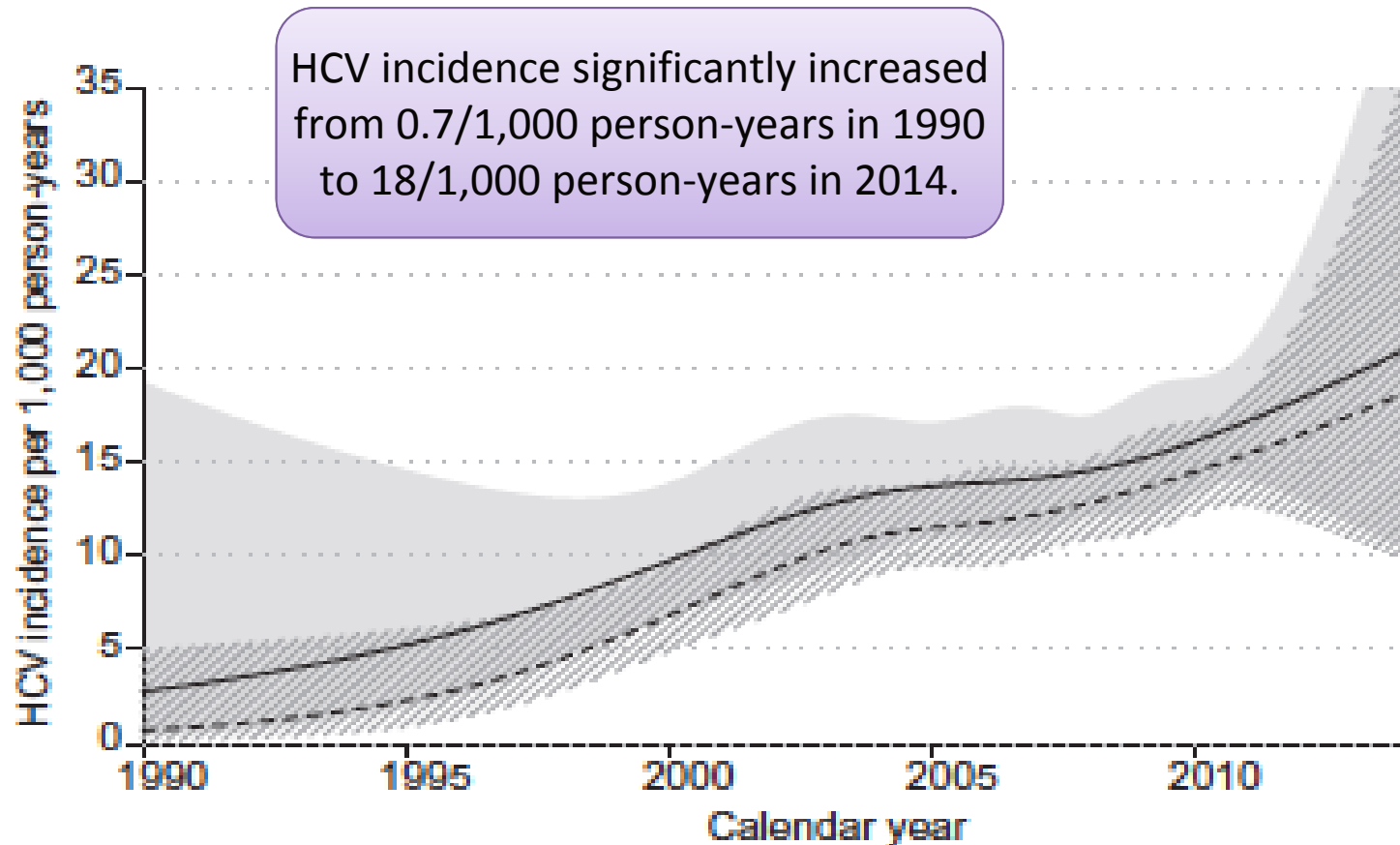
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# Control? Elimination? Eradication? Extinction?

Term	Definition	Continued intervention measures required?
Control	The reduction of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity or mortality to a locally acceptable level as a result of deliberate efforts	Yes
Elimination	Reduction to zero of the incidence of a specified disease in <i>a defined geographical area</i> as a result of deliberate efforts	Yes
Eradication	Permanent reduction to zero of the <i>worldwide</i> incidence of infection caused by a specific agent as a result of deliberate efforts	No
Extinction	The specific infectious agent no longer exists in nature or in the laboratory	No

# There Is An Increasing Incidence of HCV Infection in MSM

HCV incidence was measured among 5,941 HIV-positive MSM from the CASCADE Collaboration (1990–2014)

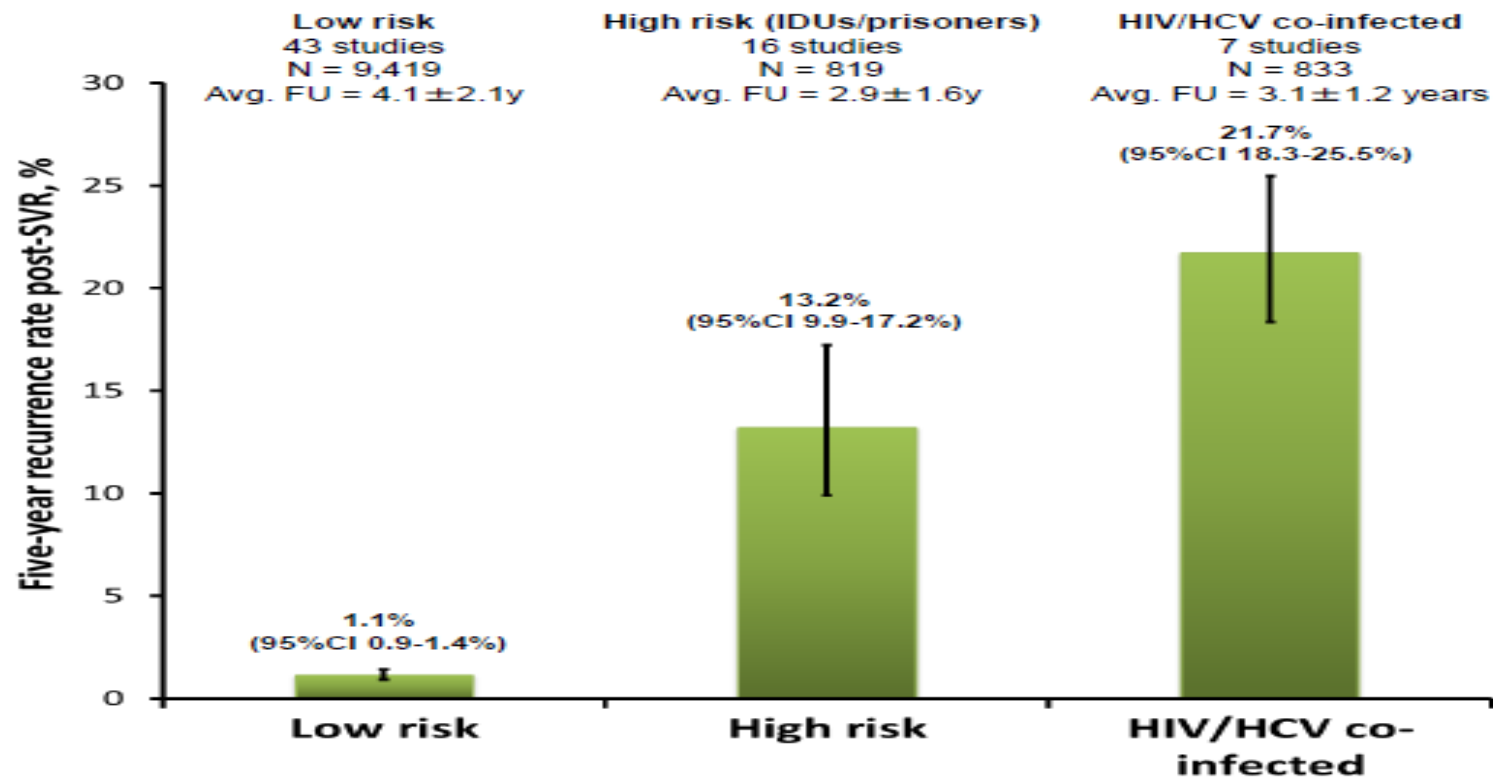


- MSM, men who have sex with men

- Katinka van Santen D, et al. *J Hepatol.* 2017 Epub ahead of print.

# The Risk of HCV Recurrence is High in HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients Compared to Mono-Infected Individuals

Meta-analysis of 66 studies in 11,071 patients, to determine the 5-year rate of HCV recurrence (late relapse/re-infection) post-SVR

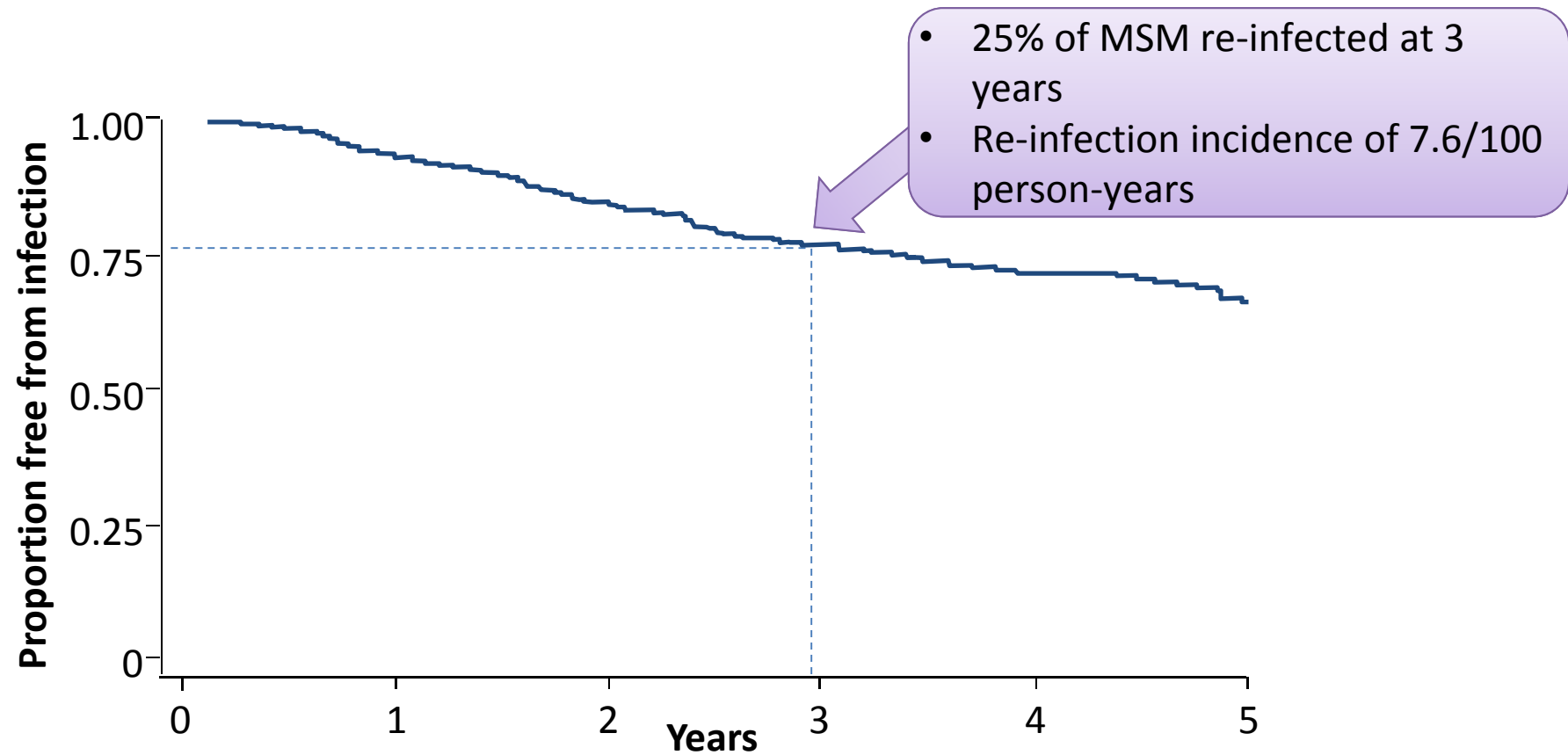


The large differences in event rates by risk group suggest that re-infection is significantly more common than late relapse

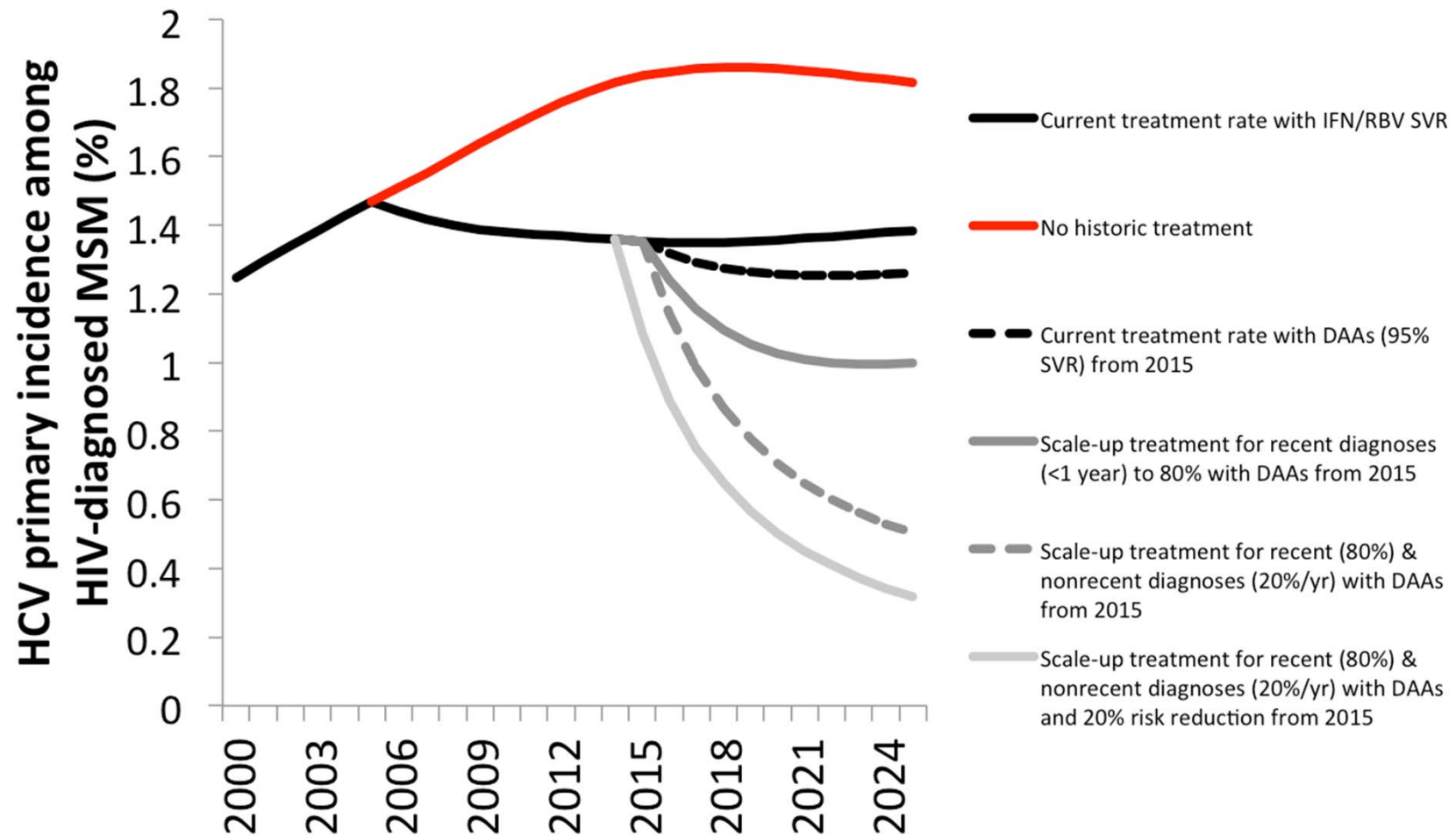


# High Risk of HCV Re-Infection in HIV-positive MSM in Western Europe

Data from the European AIDS Treatment Network (NEAT) consortium centres in Western Europe (UK, Germany, Austria and France)



# Treatment As Prevention in HIV/HCV



# Treatment of acute HCV infection for elimination in those with HIV – the Netherlands example

**2014**

A-HCV **n = 93**

Genotype 1= 75 (81%)

Genotype 4= 18 (19%)

PYFU **n = 8290**

**11.2/1000 PYFU**  
(95% CI 9-14)

**1.1% per year**



**2016**

A-HCV **n = 49**

Genotype 1= 34 (69%)

Genotype 4= 15 (31%)

PYFU **n = 8961**

**5.5/1000 PYFU**  
(95% CI 4-7)

**0,55% per year**

# Conclusions

- Liver disease is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in HIV+
- Key issues = cART, HBV, HCV and lifestyle
- HBV – key issues – diagnosis and management
  - Future strategies for HBV ‘cure’
- HCV
  - The era of DAA based therapy has arrived
  - IFN-sparing and IFN-free therapy a reality
  - Responses in HIV+ similar to HIV-
  - Beware DDIs
- Still a ‘Special Population’ – aggressive, multi-system disease, urgent need of Rx
- Need for improved cascade of care and access to Rx in order to ‘eliminate’ HCV