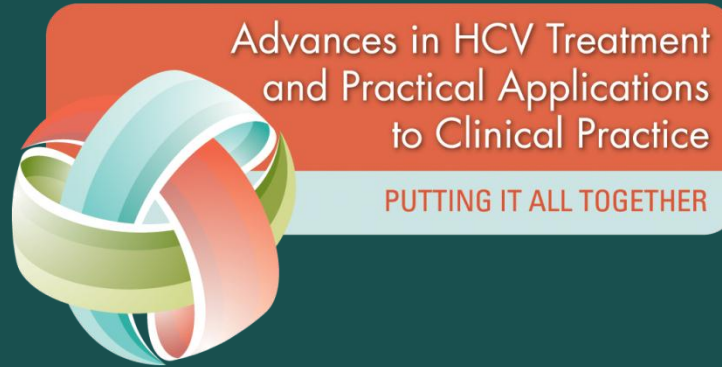


Advances in HCV Treatment and Practical Applications to Clinical Practice

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CASE:

Future Treatments for HCV Infection



Case: 42-Year-Old Man with HCV Genotype 1, Depression, and Relapsing Intravenous (IV) Drug Use

- 42-year-old man
- HCV genotype 1b, viral load 970,000 IU/ μ L; treatment-naïve
- Medical history
 - History of IV drug abuse (drug-free for 1 year); multiple relapses in past
 - Severe depression, worse when off IV drugs; 1 hospitalization 4 years ago; no suicidal ideation
 - Hashimoto's thyroiditis
 - No alcohol since his teens
- Unemployed and in halfway house



Case: 42-Year-Old Man with HCV Genotype 1, Depression, and Relapsing Intravenous (IV) Drug Use

- Physical examination normal
- Laboratory results
 - ALT 86 IU/L, AST 54 IU/L
- Liver biopsy 3 years ago: Stage 2, Grade 2
- Impaired renal function and mild anemia
- All else normal

“Doctor, should we start an antiviral therapy?”

ALT = alanine aminotransferase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase.



Whom Not to Treat?

- **Relative decision – needs individualization**
 - Mild disease F0–F1 fibrosis
 - RVR on lead-in: can you hold the PI?
 - Null responders and relapsers
 - Prior intolerance
 - Psychiatric disease: multidisciplinary team needed
 - Skin disorders: boceprevir preferred
 - HIV coinfection
 - Post-liver transplantation

RVR = rapid virologic response; PI = protease inhibitor.

Ghany MG et al. Hepatology 2009;49:1335-74; Ghany MG et al. Hepatology 2011;54:1433-44.



Whom Not to Treat?

- **ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATION**
 - Prior interferon (IFN) hypersensitivity
 - Concomitant severe cardiac, pulmonary, or other disease
 - Liver failure
 - Renal disease: creatinine clearance <50 mL/min
 - Anemia and hemoglobinopathies
 - Autoimmune disease sensitive to interferons or ribavirin



Why Should We Wait? Disadvantages of Current Treatment

Long treatment duration

- At least 24 weeks for HCV genotype 1
- Bad results for non-RVR patients after 48 weeks of treatment

Poor safety profiles

- Several interferon-related adverse events (AEs)
- New PIs: anemia, rash, etc

Low efficacy in certain patients

- Previous null response
- *IL-28B* TT genotype
- Cirrhosis



What Should We Wait For? Future Therapy Options

The second wave of PIs

- Better tolerability, safety profile
- Higher proportion of shorter duration: RGT

The second generation of PIs

- Higher efficiency
- Pangenotypic
- Better tolerability

NUCs

- Interferon-free regimens
- Better tolerability?
- Options for previous PI failure
- High barrier to resistance
- Pangenotypic

Non-NUCs

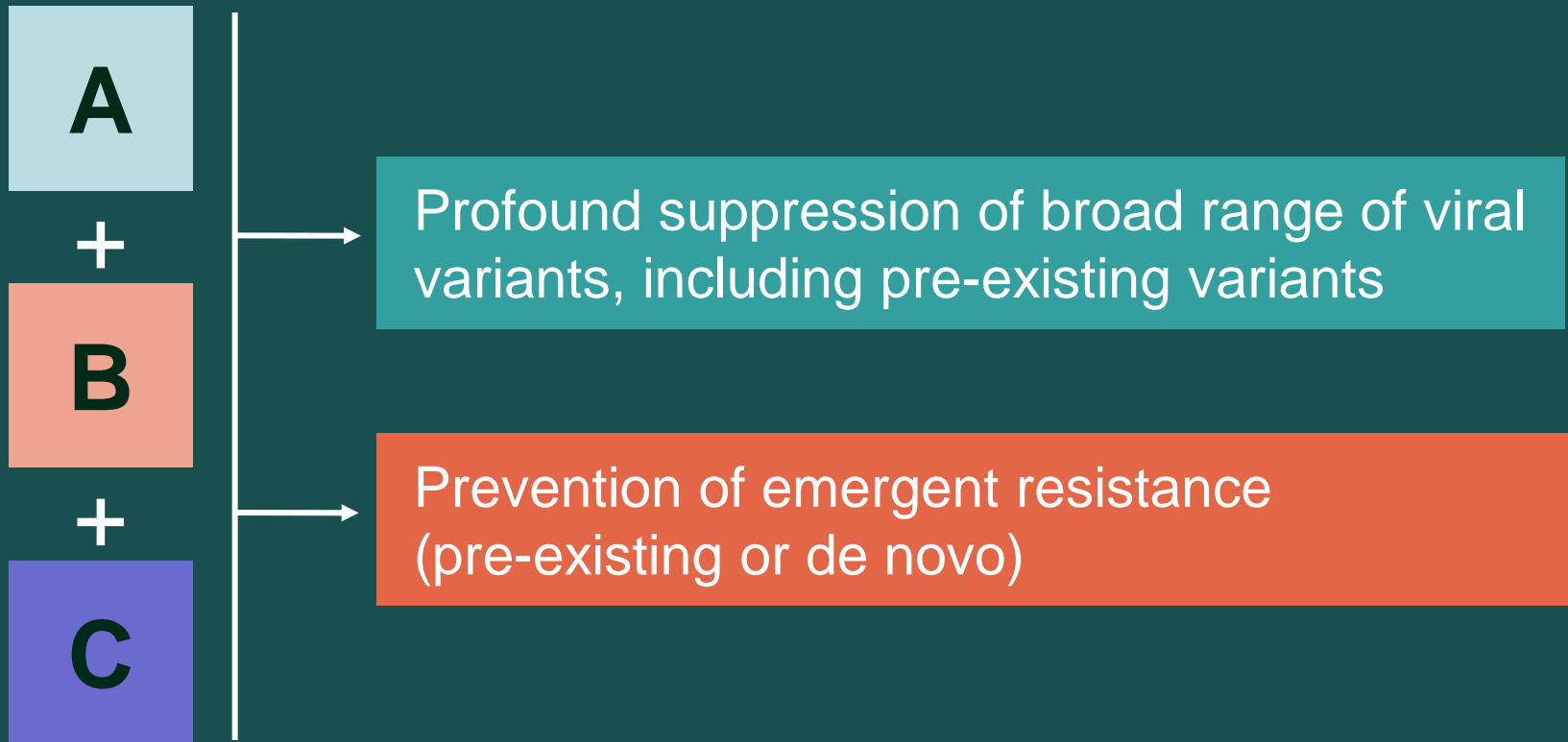
- Interferon-free regimens
- Options for previous PI failure ?

Host targeting agents

- Pangenotypic
- Different resistance profile
- Different safety profile

RGT = response-guided therapy; NUCs = nucleoside analogs.

The Goal of Combination Regimens



- Different drugs can contribute variably to each goal. Not all components must be direct-acting antivirals (DAAs).



Key for Waves of New Agents: DAAs and Host-Targeting Antivirals

DAAs

First Wave

1st

Telaprevir
Boceprevir

Second Wave

2nd

TMC435
BI 201335
BMS-790052 (daclatasvir)
GS-7977
Other NS5a inhibitors

Third Wave

3rd

BI 201335/BI 207127
Daclatasvir/BMS-650032
(asunaprevir)
MK-5172 (mericitabine)

Host-targeting antivirals (HTAs)

DEB025 (alisporivir)

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What's In Our Future? More Triple Therapy

- Single DAA plus IFN backbone plus ribavirin (RBV)
 - Second-generation PIs
 - Nucleoside polymerase inhibitors
 - Nonstructural protein (NS)5A inhibitors
- Considerations
 - RVR > 90%
 - Sustained virologic response (SVR): 80%
 - Tolerability and side effects
 - RGT
 - 12–16 weeks of therapy for *IL-28B* CC genotype

PILLAR: High SVR Rates with TMC435 at 24 Weeks; Attractive Safety Profile

- High Week 24 SVR rate with TMC435, but Δ remains low due to high placebo (PBO) response¹

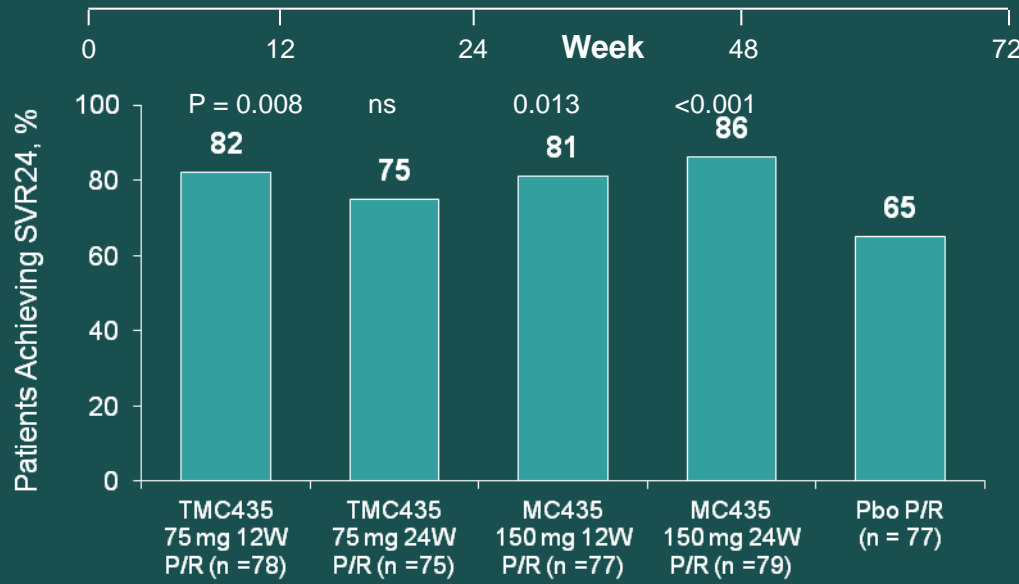
	ADVANCE		SPRINT-2		PILLAR	
	TPV	PBO	BOC	PBO	TMC	PBO
SVR, %	75	44	68	40	86	65
Δ, %	31		28		21	

- Low proportion of genotype 1a (38%)
- High SVR rates related to good compliance?
- Rate of AEs similar to that with placebo
- Breakthrough/relapse associated with emergent 168 and 155 variants
- TMC435 is pangenotypic

Fried M, et al. AASLD 2011, Abstract LB-5; Lenz O et al. AASLD 2011; Abstract 1329; Jacobson IM, et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364(25):2405-16; Poordad F, et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364(13):1195-206.

RGT: TMC435 arms only

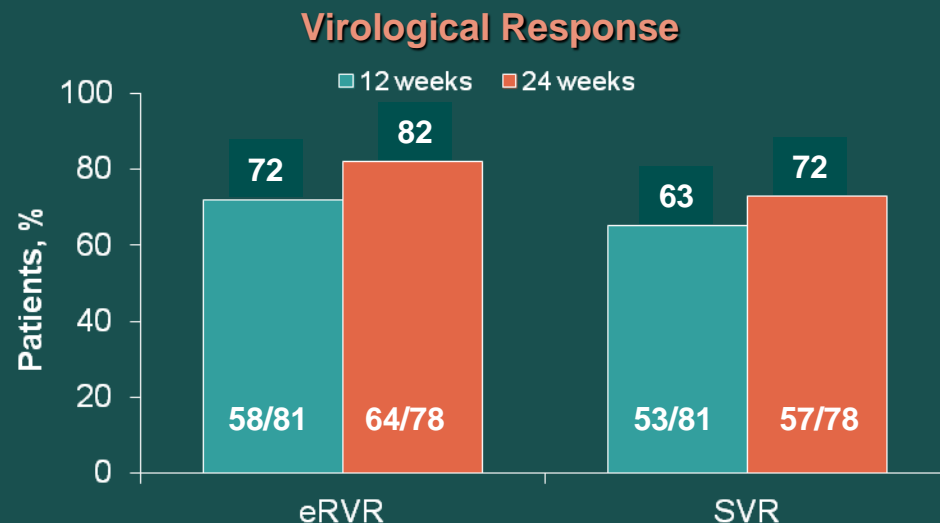
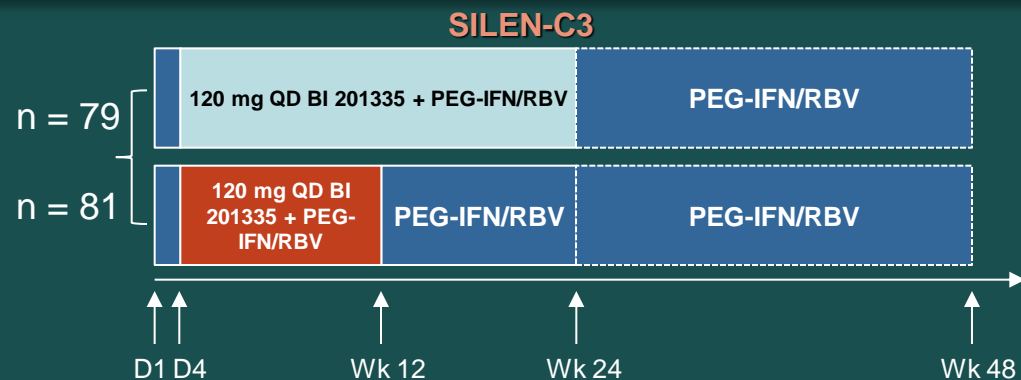
n = 78	TMC435 75 mg QD + PEG-IFN/RBV	Placebo + PEG-IFN/RBV	PEG-IFN/RBV	Post-therapy FU
n = 75	TMC435 75 mg QD + PEG-IFN/RBV		PEG-IFN/RBV	Post-therapy FU
n = 77	TMC435 150 mg QD + PEG-IFN/RBV	Placebo + PEG-IFN/RBV	PEG-IFN/RBV	Post-therapy FU
n = 79	TMC435 150 mg QD + PEG-IFN/RBV		PEG-IFN/RBV	Post-therapy FU
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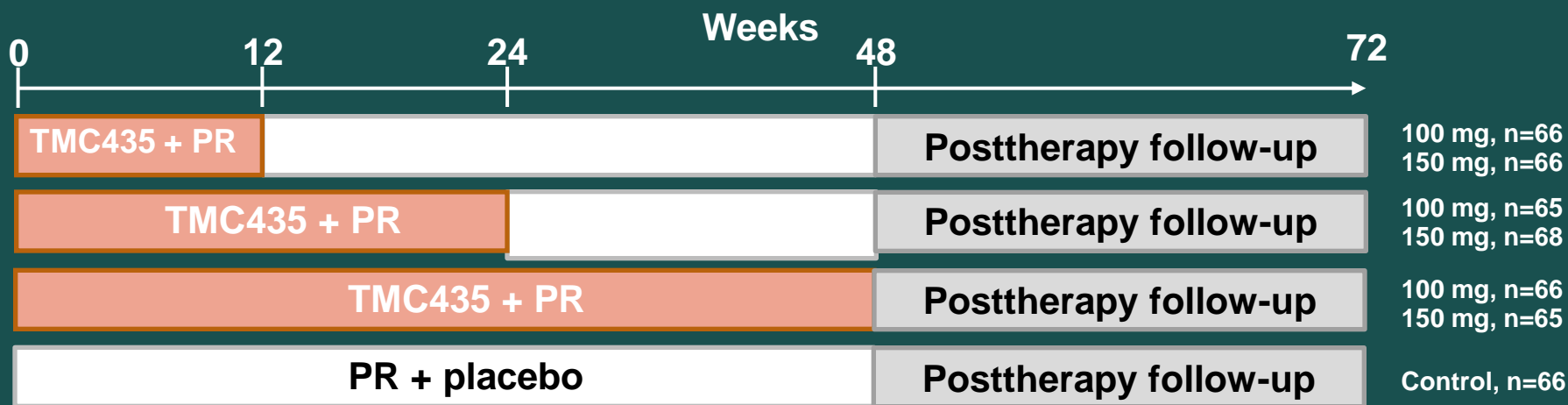
PEG-IFN = pegylated interferon; RBV = ribavirin; QD = once daily; FU = follow-up.

SILEN-C3: 69% SVR Rate with BI 201335 in Treatment-Naïve Patients

- Compared 12 vs. 24 wks of treatment
- All patients received PEG-IFN/RBV for ≥ 24 wks (48 wks if no extended RVR [eRVR])
 - 24-wk treatment similar to SILEN-C1 presented at EASL (71% SVR)
- Vomiting and rash seen after 24 wks; not reduced by shortening BI 201335 therapy
- Rebound in SILEN-C1 most often associated with 155 and 168 variants

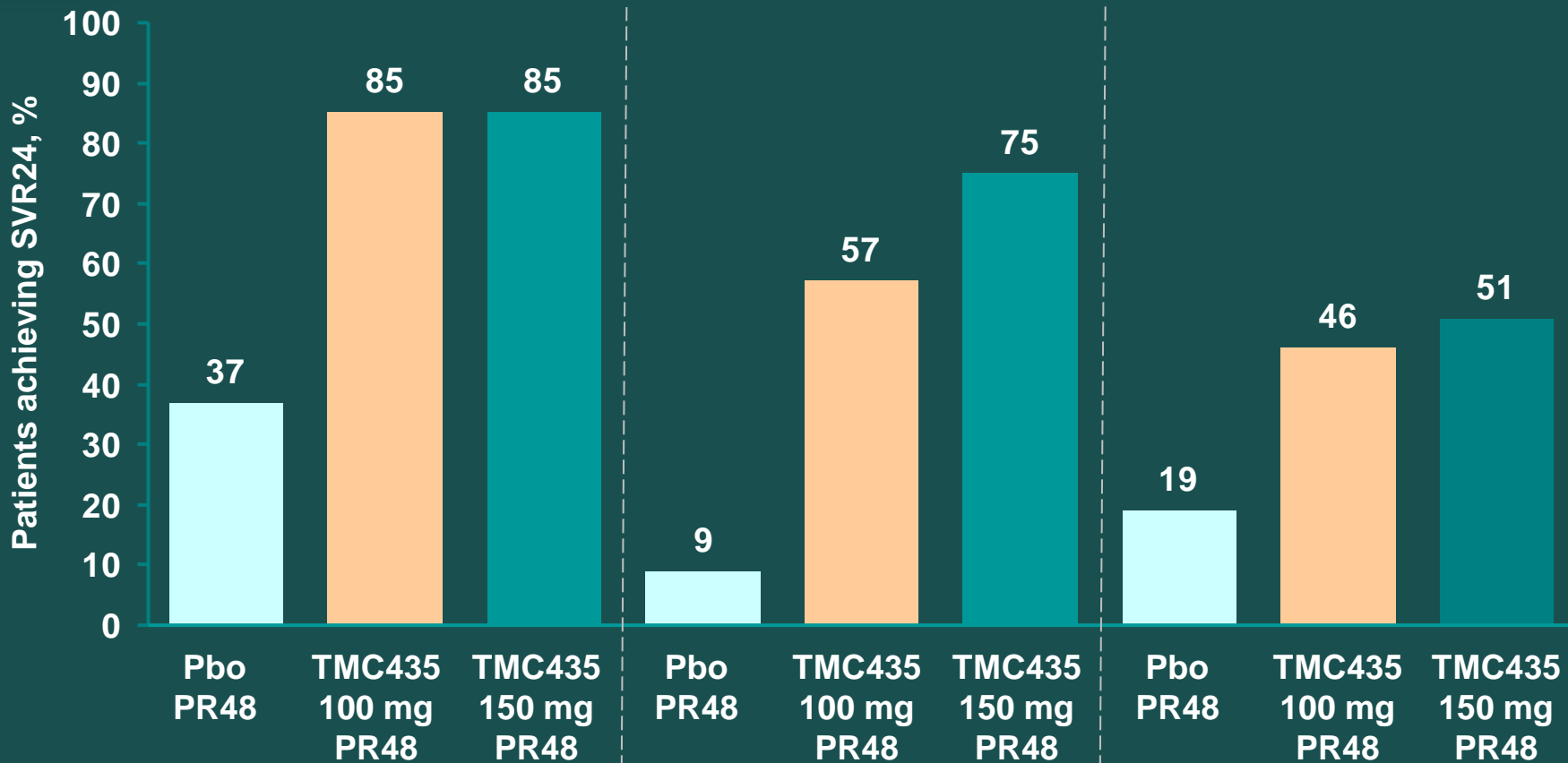


ASPIRE: TMC435 in HCV Genotype 1 Patients Who Have Failed Previous PR Therapy



■ TMC435 either 100 or 150 mg/d

ASPIRE: Proportion of Patients Achieving SVR24, by Prior Treatment Response



Pbo = placebo.

n= 27

Relapsers

79

79

Partial responders

23

68

69

Null responders

16

50

54

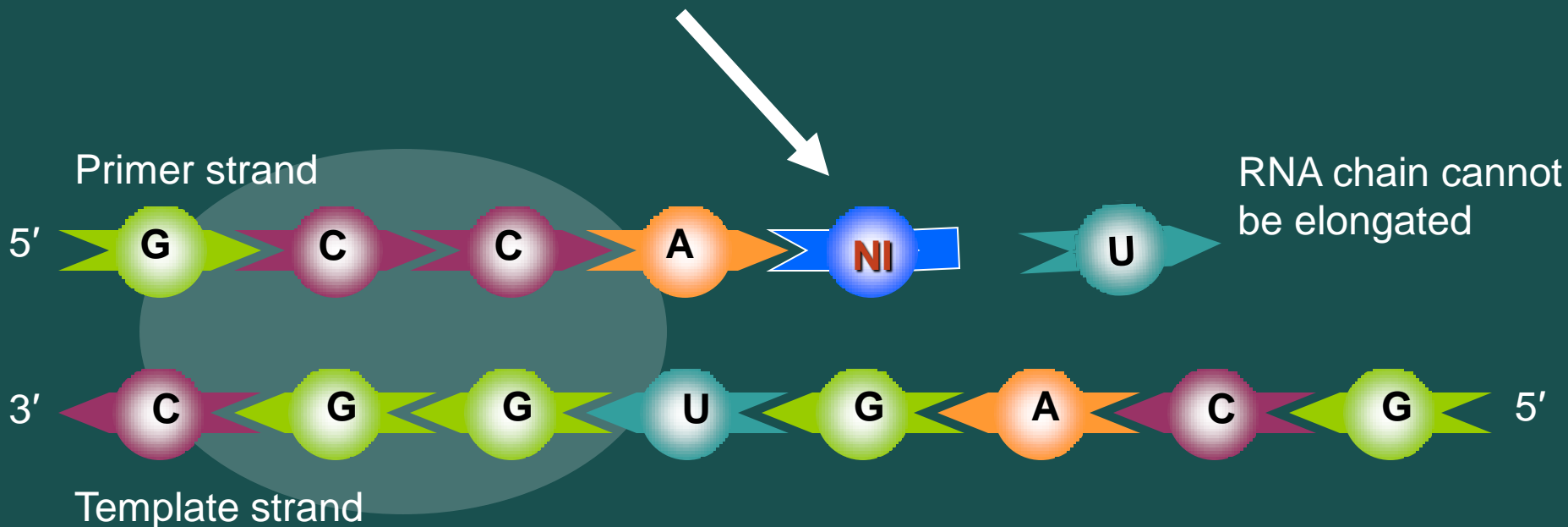


Nucleoside Inhibitors

- Advantages of nucleoside inhibitors
 - **N** No evidence of resistance mutations
 - **U** Urinary excretion (not hepatic): less risk of drug interactions
 - **C** Chain terminators: means greater pangenotypic potency
- No resistance: no S282T in treatment-naïve patients in trials to 12 weeks with mericitabine or 4 weeks with PSI-7977
- Urinary excretion: no evidence of hepatic metabolism via CYP enzymes, less risk of dose modification
- Chain terminators: homology of enzyme not required for antiviral activity

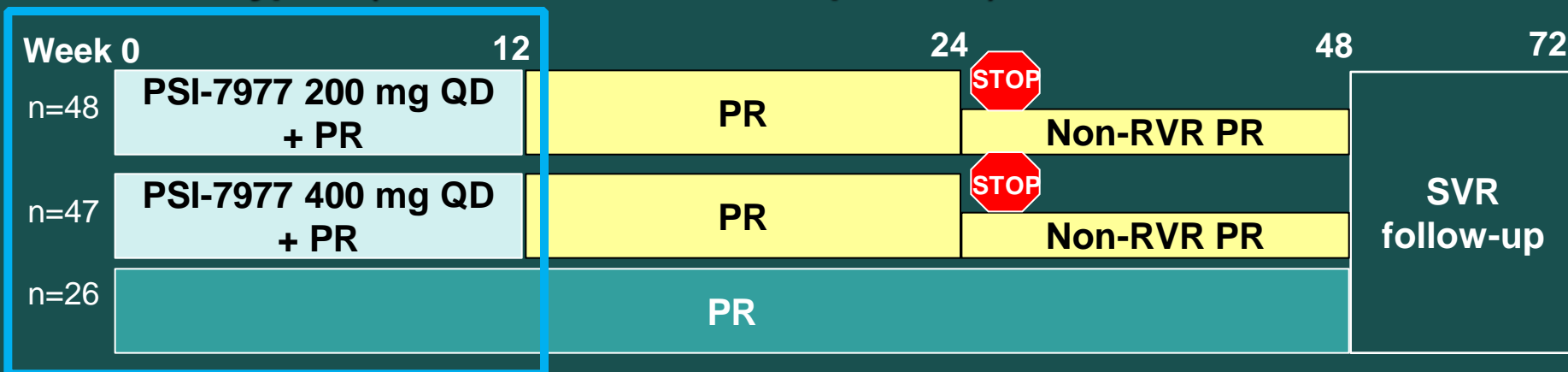
Nucleoside/tide Analog Polymerase Inhibitors are Chain-Terminators

Nucleoside/tide Inhibitor (NI) Chain-terminator



PROTON: Once-Daily PSI-7977 plus PEG-IFN and RBV in Treatment-Naïve Patients

HCV Genotype 1 (N=121 treatment-naïve patients)



HCV Genotype 2/3 (N=25 treatment-naïve patients)



PR = PEG-IFN plus ribavirin.

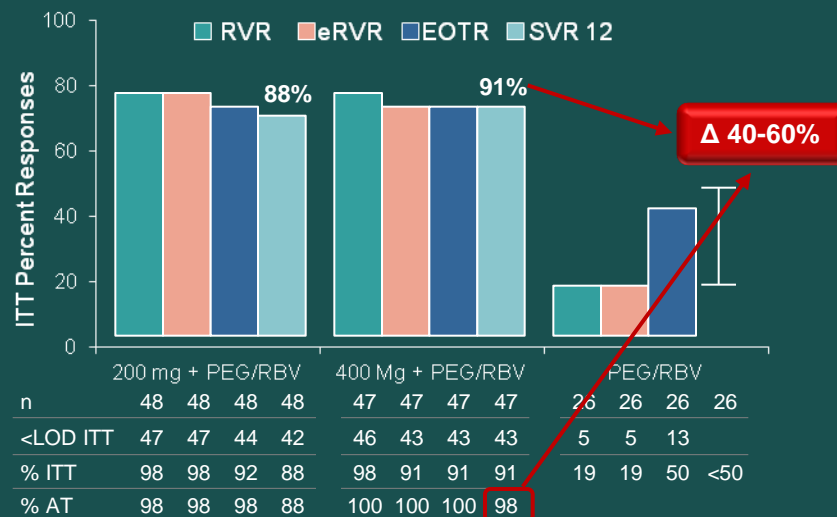
Nelson DR, et al. EASL 2011 Poster LB1372; Lalezari J, et al. EASL 2011 Oral #61.

PSI-7977: PROTON Genotype 1

- SVR at 12 weeks 91% with 400 mg PSI-7977/PR; 88% with 200 mg
 - Insomnia only notable AE; unknown severity/duration
- Data good, but ELECTRON arms required to support IFN-free regimen
 - Uncertain degree of fibrosis and rebounds also raise some questions
- Phase 3 program: 3 IFN-free studies
 - FISSION–12 weeks of tx in G2/G3 (3:1 bias for G3); started 12/2011
 - POSITRON–12 weeks of tx in G2/G3; started 3/2012
 - NEUTRINO–G1 IFN-unable; starting mid-2012. Design to be finalized based on ELECTRON and QUANTUM
- IFN-unable population defined as broad, real-world cohort

Week 12 SVR Rates

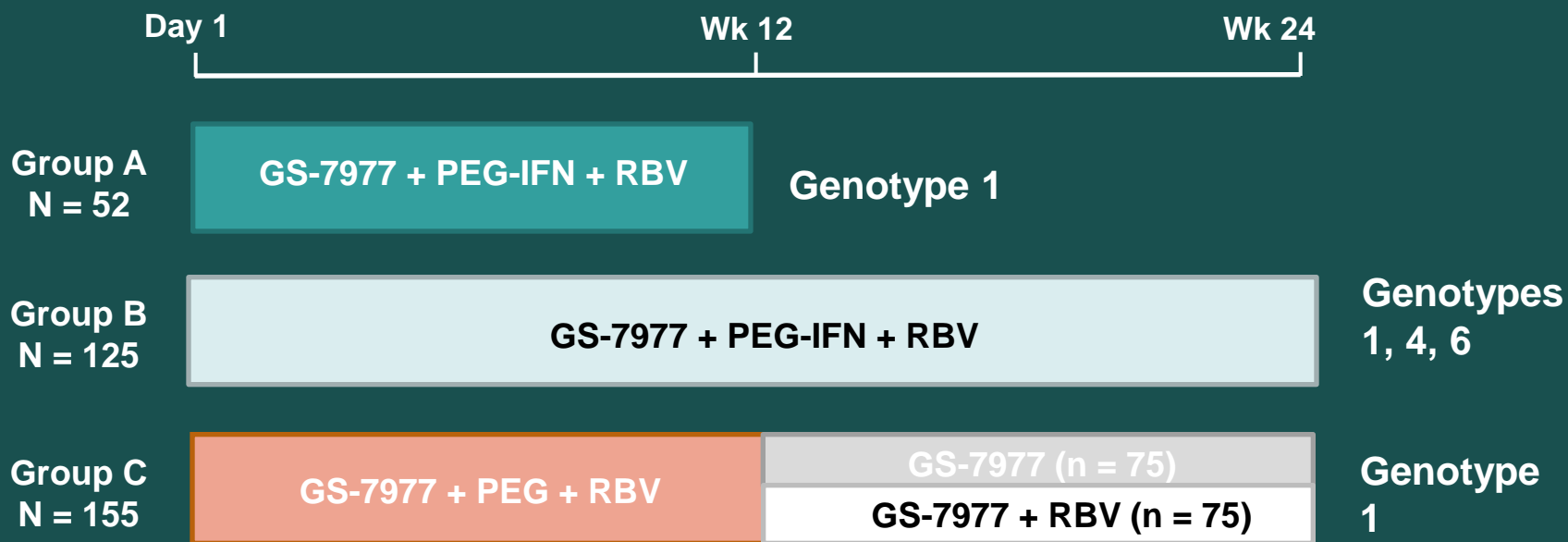
PSI-7977 400 mg QD + PR: **91%**
 Placebo/PR: **~35%–50%**



ITT: intent-to-treat cohort; AT: As treated--patients who received >8 wks PSI-7977.

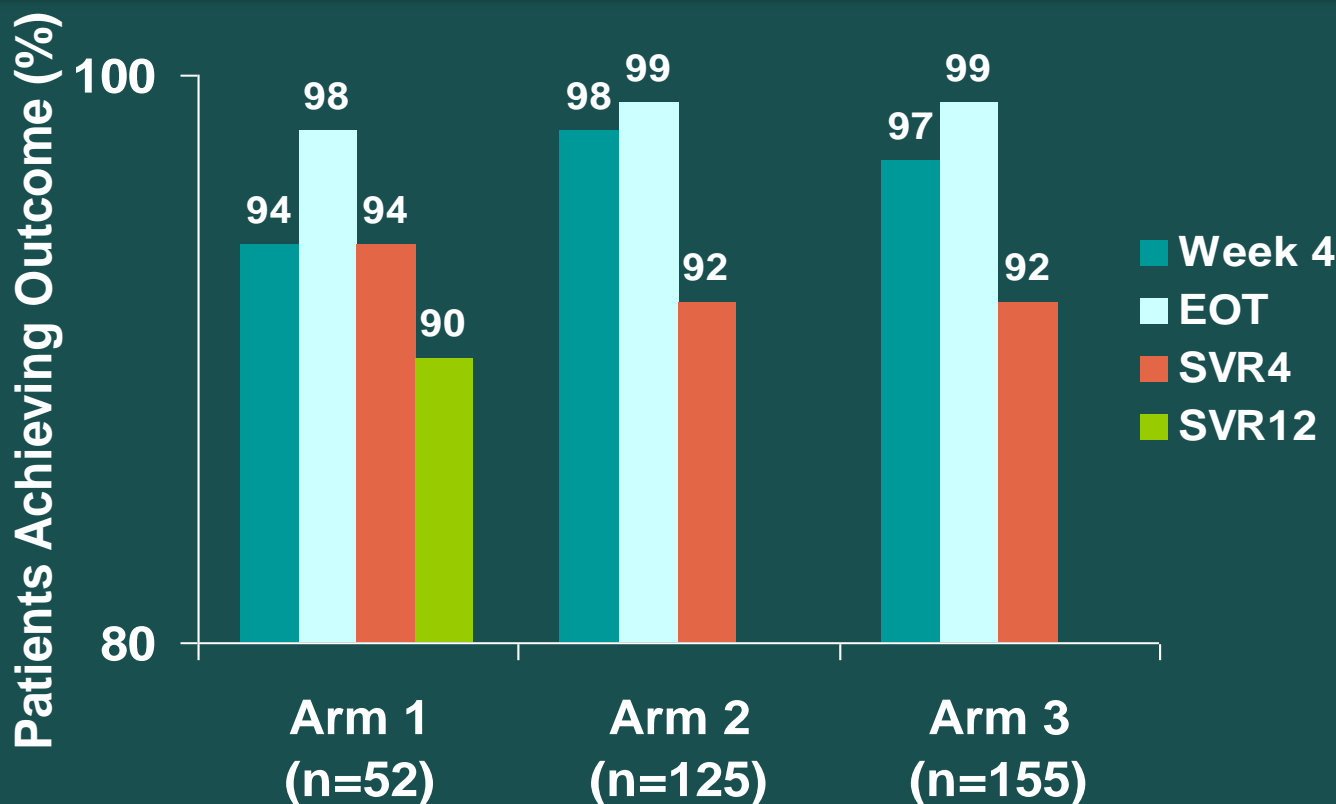
G1 = genotype 1; G2/3 = genotype 2 or 3;
 LOD = limit of detection.

ATOMIC: PR and GS-7977 Therapy in HCV Treatment-Naïve Patients

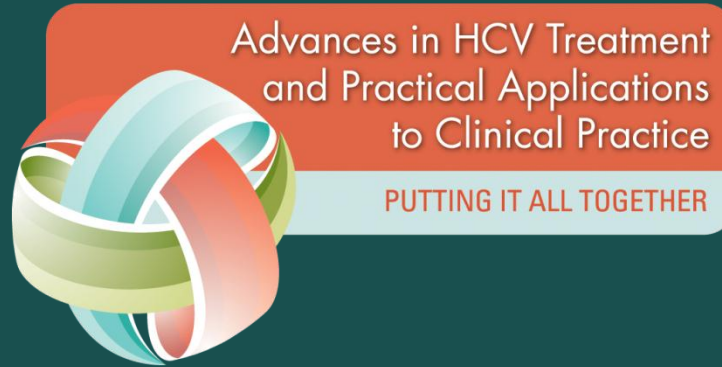


- HCV genotype 1 randomized 1:2:3 into 1 of 3 open-label arms
- Stratified by:
 - *IL-28B* genotype (CC vs non-CC)
 - HCV RNA at screening (\leq vs. $>800,000$ IU/mL)

ATOMIC: PR and GS-7977 Therapy in HCV Treatment-Naïve Patients



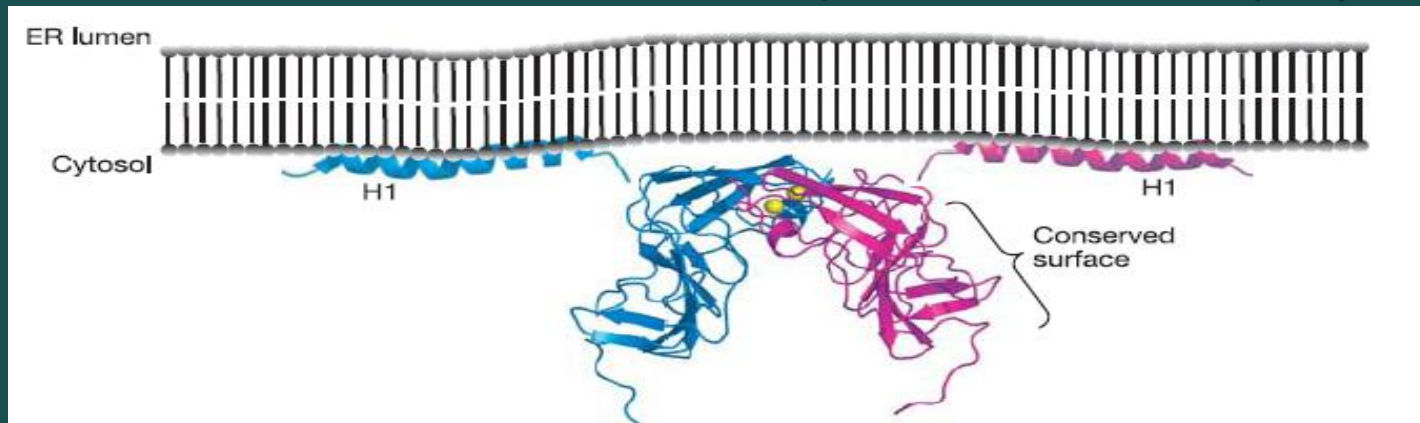
- 12 weeks of GS-7977 + PEG/RBV resulted in an SVR12 rate of 90% in Genotype 1 patients in intent-to-treat analysis



NS5A Inhibitors

Characteristics of HCV NS5A – Replication Complex

Structure of NS5A domain I (N-terminal) at 2.5-Å resolution associated with endoplasmic reticulum (ER)



- Large phosphoprotein
- Associates at least as a dimer
- Binds RNA
- Amphipathic helix (H) at amino terminus promotes membrane association
- Essential component of HCV RNA ER-membrane-associated replication complex
- Modulates cellular systems involved in IFN resistance



Characteristics of NS5A Inhibitors

- Daclatasvir (BMS-790052)
 - First in class
 - PK profile supports once-daily oral dosing
 - Picomolar in vitro potency against genotypes 1a and 1b
 - Well tolerated in Phase 1 studies
- PPI-461
 - Favorable preclinical profile
 - Plasma half-lives suggest once-daily dosing possible
 - Good oral bioavailability
 - Antiviral activity against all genotypes in replicon assays
 - $EC_{50} \leq 0.2$ nmol/L for genotypes 1a/1b; 0.1–9 nmol/L for other genotypes
 - Variants with high resistance generated (genotype 1a)

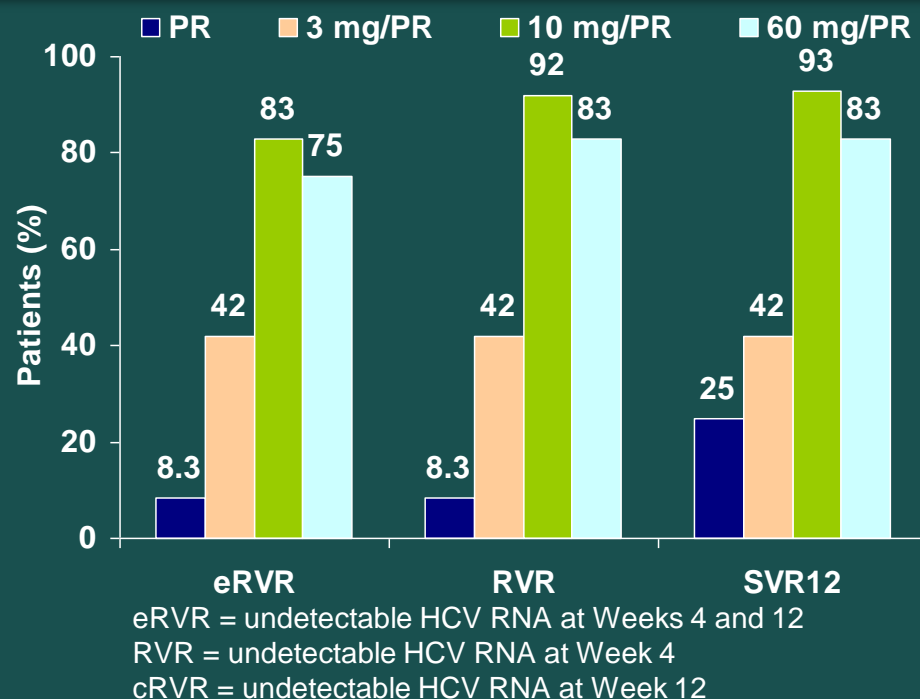
PK = pharmacokinetic; EC_{50} = 50% maximum effective concentration .

eRVR with Daclatasvir, an NS5A Inhibitor, in Treatment-Naïve Genotype 1 Patients

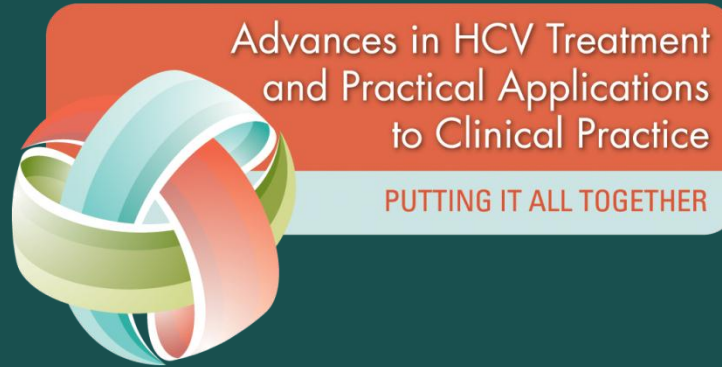
- Phase 2a trial with PR
- 48 weeks of triple therapy all arms
- 1:1:1:1 ratio (n=12 each group)

	PR
Daclatasvir	3 mg/PR
Daclatasvir	10 mg/PR
Daclatasvir	60 mg/PR

- No effect of *IL-28B* genotype
- AEs/serious AEs comparable across groups
- Discontinuations comparable
- 2 pts (3 and 60 mg) had Hgb <9 g/dL
- EPO use comparable
- 3 breakthroughs, 5 relapses with NS5A



Daclatasvir fulfils early promise from monotherapy studies; very attractive agent for further development with PR or in combination regimens



Cyclophilin Inhibitors

Alisporivir (DEB025) Has a Fundamentally Different Mechanism of Action from that of DAAs

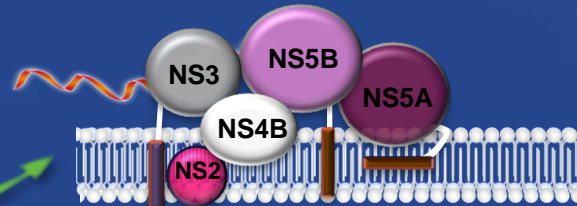
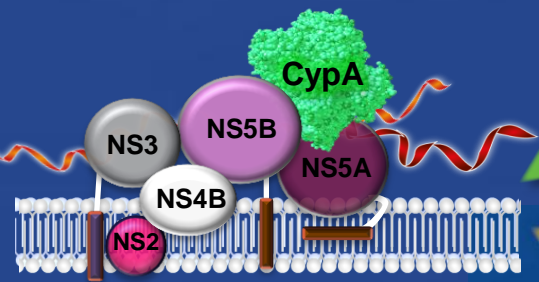
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HCV replication

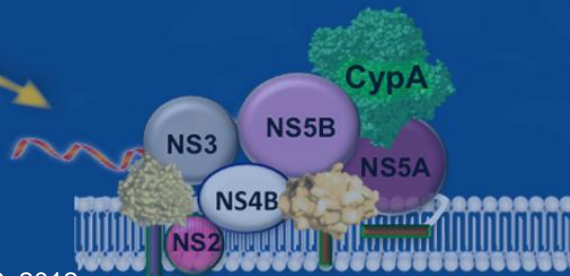
Alisporivir

HTA: targets host proteins

DAA: targets viral proteins



NS3 protease inhibitors NS5 inhibitors



Alisporivir Has a High Barrier to Resistance

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- Mutant HCV variants require cyclophilin A for replication
 - For high-level viral resistance to occur with the HTA alisporivir, the virus must acquire mutations that allow it to be less dependent on the essential host factor for replication

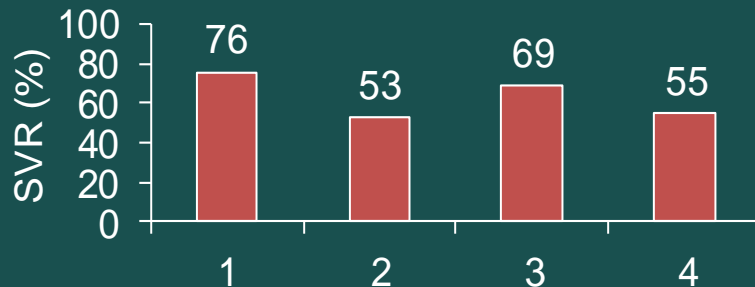
<i>In vitro</i> data	Cyclophilin inhibitors	NS3/NS5B inhibitors
Time needed for resistance selection	+++ (3–6 months)	- (2–3 weeks)
Level of resistance	Low (<5-fold)	High (>100-fold)
Number of mutations needed for high-level resistance	Multiple mutations at NS5A and other regions	Single mutation at NS3 or NS5B

By targeting host factors essential for HCV replication, alisporivir has a lower potential for viral resistance

Alisporivir + PR in Genotype Treatment-Naïve Patients

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- Cyclophilin inhibitor
- Potent pangenotypic activity
- Phase 2b study, 4 arms (N=288):
 1. DEB025 + PR x 48 weeks
 2. DEB025 + PR x 24 weeks
 3. DEB025 + PR RGT by RVR (24 vs. 48 weeks)
 4. PR x 48 weeks
- DEB025 600 mg BID first week, then 600 mg daily
- RVR lower than with PIs
- SVR 100% in *IL-28B* CC patients
- No null responses with DEB025 for 12 wks (n=196)
- Viral breakthrough 4.7% with DEB025 vs. 5.5% for PR
 - 2.8% had full dose of DEB025 at breakthrough
- Hyperbilirubinemia 33% with DEB025 vs 1.4% with PR
 - 4.2% of DEB025 patients had bilirubin ≥ 5 x ULN, reversible, no ALT elevations
 - 10% of patients had jaundice



- Alisporivir enhances SVR in G1 naïve and might be given as RGT; warrants further development.
- Hyperbilirubinemia and transporter effect are potential issues



What's In the Future? Interferon-Free?

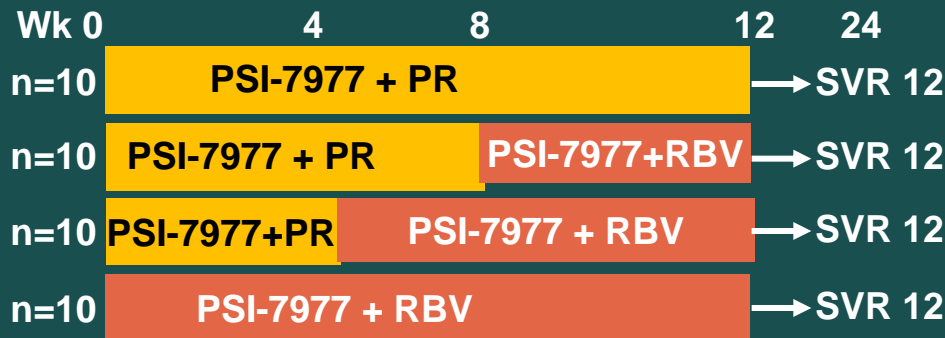
Polymerase backbone

- Highest resistance barrier
- Pangenomic
 - Second-generation PIs, NS5A inhibitors, nonnucleoside inhibitors, ribavirin
 - Cyclophilin inhibitor?
 - 3- or 4-drug regimens
 - SVR?



PSI-7977 QD + RBV: PEG-IFN Not Required for Complete RVR in Treatment-Naïve G2/G3 Patients

ELECTRON; n=40; G2 (40%); G3 (60%)



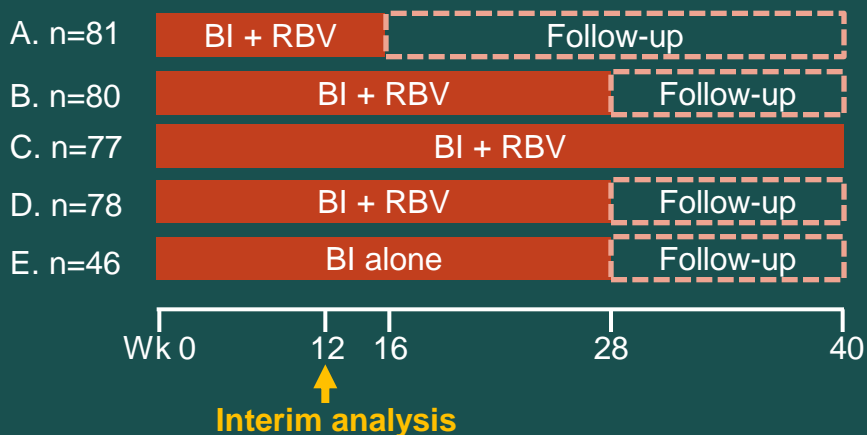
- 40%–50% of patients had *IL-28B* CC genotype
- Median HCV RNA: 6.4–6.7 logs
- AEs: Transition from 12 wk IFN to no IFN
 - AE frequency decreased from 72% to 40%
 - Grade 3 hematologic effects absent without IFN (vs. 64% Grade 3 neutropenia in controls)
- ALT normalized in all by Week 3
- Viral decay curves unchanged regardless of duration or presence of IFN
- Other trial: PSI-7977 monotherapy x 12 weeks results in similar suppression, but 4/10 relapse by 4 weeks later

Wk	PSI-7977 RBV 12 wks PEG		PSI-7977 RBV 8 wks PEG		PSI-7977 RBV 4 wks PEG		PSI-7977 RBV No PEG	
	n	% <LOD	n	% <LOD	n	% <LOD	n	% <LOD
0	11	0	10	0	9	0	10	0
4	11/11	100	10/10	100	9/9	100	10/10	100
12	11/11	100	10/10	100	9/9	100	10/10	100
SVR 12	11/11	100	10/10	100	9/9	100	10/10	100

- PSI-7977 + RBV achieves impressive results with or without IFN in a small trial in G2/3 patients (100% SVR)
- Relapse prevented with RBV
- Need to confirm results in larger controlled trials and investigate strategy in G1
- Game changer, if validated
- Could provide paradigm shift in field

IFN-Free Regimens of BI201335/207127 ± RBV in Treatment-Naïve G1 Patients: Week 12 Interim Results of SOUND-C2

Study Design



• Patient characteristics

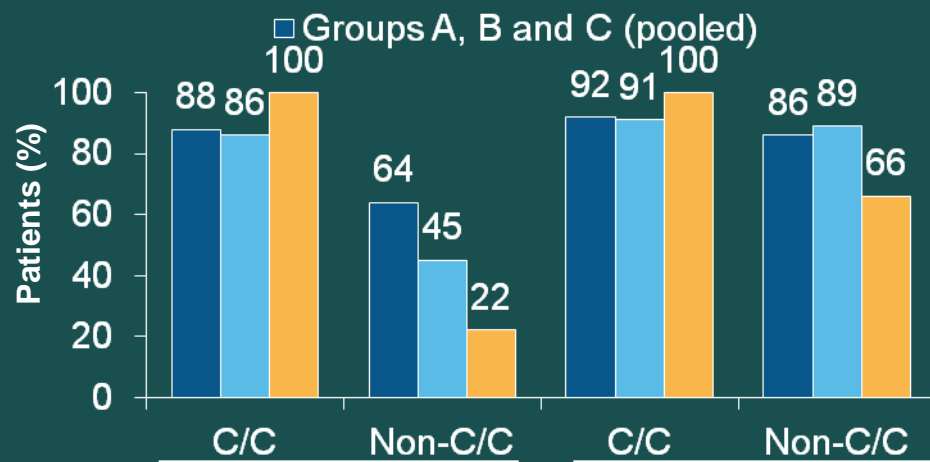
- 52% male, 98% white, 85% BL HCV RNA $\geq 800,000$ IU/mL, 38% G1a, 10% compensated cirrhosis, 26% *IL-28B* CC

• Most common AEs

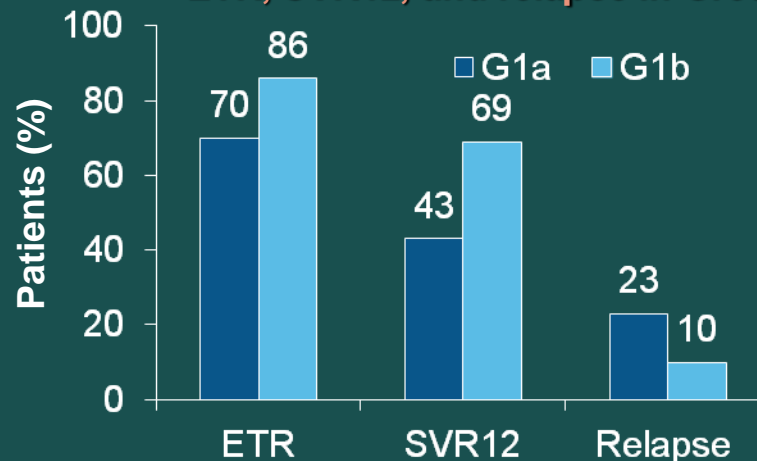
- Asthenia, pruritus, rash, photosensitivity, jaundice, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Combination has potent antiviral activity with high chance to achieve SVR in G1b-infected pts

Patients with HCV RNA <LLOQ at Week 12



ETR, SVR12, and relapse in Group A



Dual Oral vs. Quad Therapy: Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir ± PR

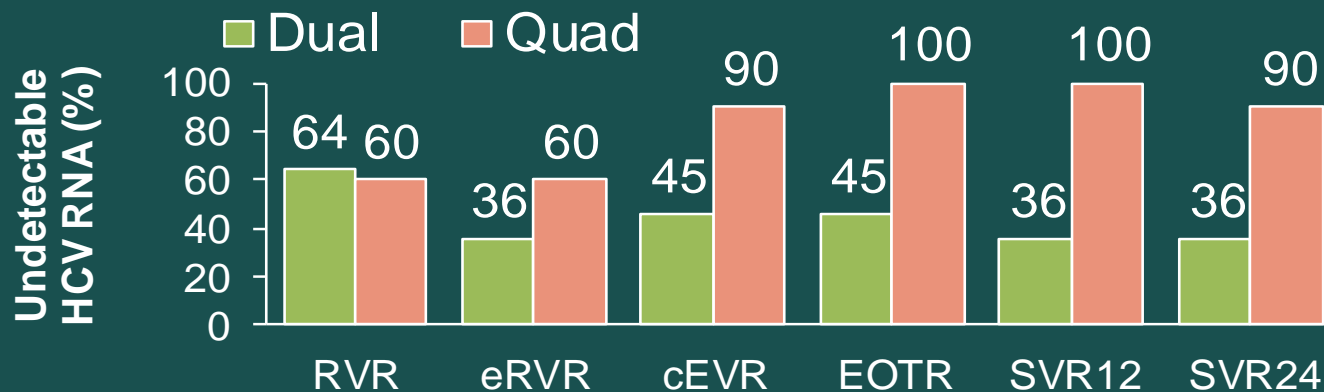
Group A	Daclatasvir 60 mg QD + Asunaprevir 600 mg BID (n=11)	Follow-up × 48 weeks
Group B	Daclatasvir (60 mg QD) + Asunaprevir (600 mg BID) + PR (n=10)	Follow-up × 48 weeks


24-week treatment

↑
Post treatment:
Week 24: SVR24

Phase 2a study (n=21)

- G1 null responders to 12 weeks of PR
 - 19 with *IL-28B* genotype CT/TT
- Daclatasvir: NS5A replication complex inhibitor
- Asunaprevir: NS3 PI





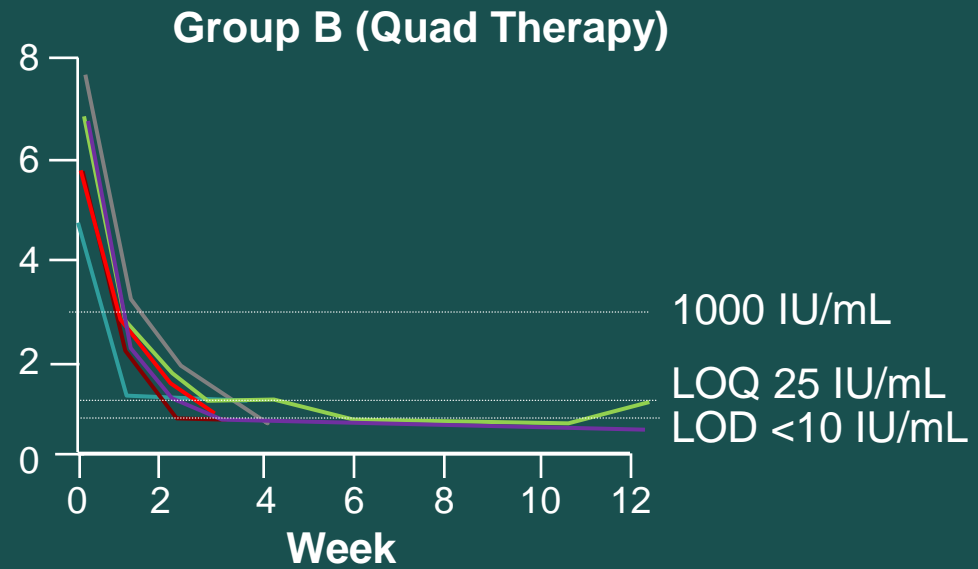
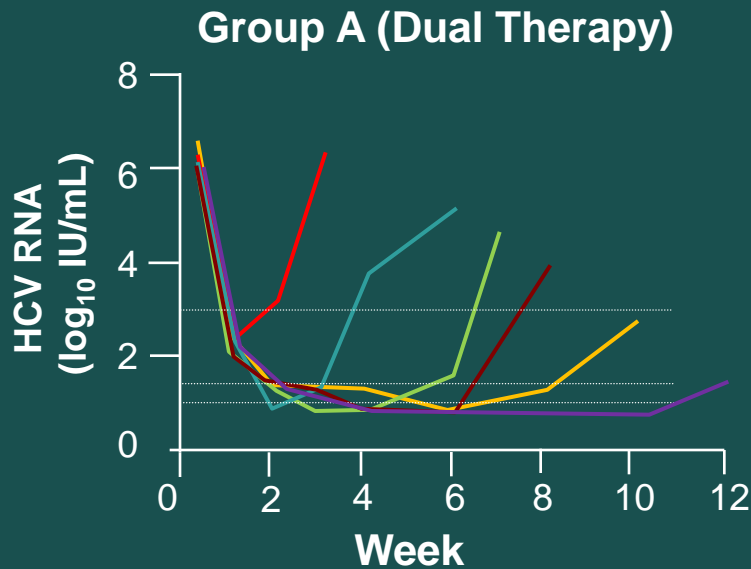
Dual Oral vs. Quad Therapy: Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir ± PR

- Dual: 36% with SVR24 (2/9 G1a and 2/2 G1b)
 - 6 pts (all G1a) with viral breakthrough on therapy, 1 relapse 4 weeks after therapy
- Quad therapy: 100% undetectable by Wk 6; 90% with SVR24 (1 pt had HCV RNA <LLOQ but detectable at Wk 24, was undetectable on repeat testing)
 - No viral breakthrough
- Resistance variants
 - NS5A: Q30E/R, L31V/M, and Y93C/N
 - NS3: R155K and D168A/E/T/V/Y
- Safety
 - Dual: Diarrhea 73%, fatigue 55%, headache 45%
 - Quad: Diarrhea 70%, fatigue 70%, headache 50%, nausea 50%
 - ALT elevations >3 × ULN in 6 pts (NS3 related)

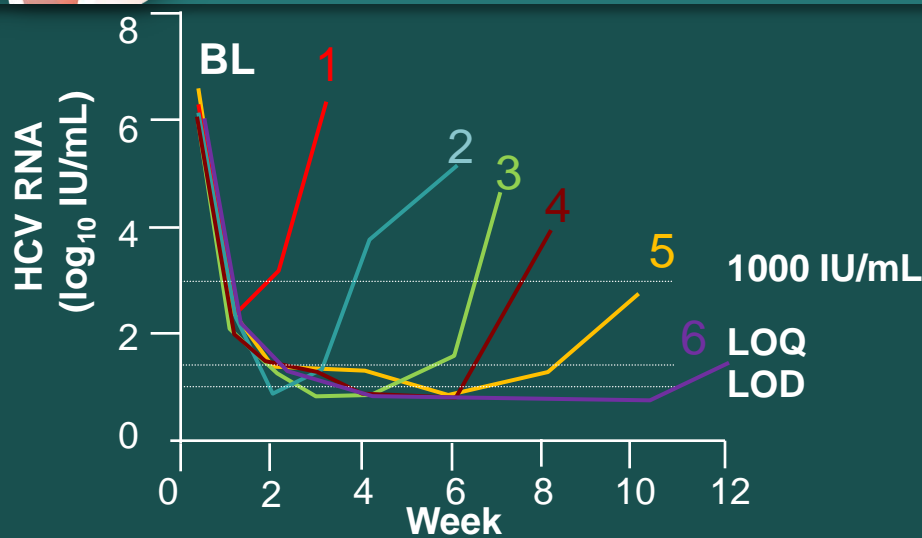
- HCV can be cured without IFN
- Quad therapy might yield superior SVR rates (vs triple therapy) after null response
- Combination DAA therapy may be sufficient for SVR in G1b; but G1a will either need additional or host-targeted agents to optimize SVR

Dual Oral vs. Quad Therapy: Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir ± PR: Virologic Escape

HCV RNA Levels over Time for Individual Patients



Dual-Therapy Group: Resistance Variants in Patients with Viral Breakthrough



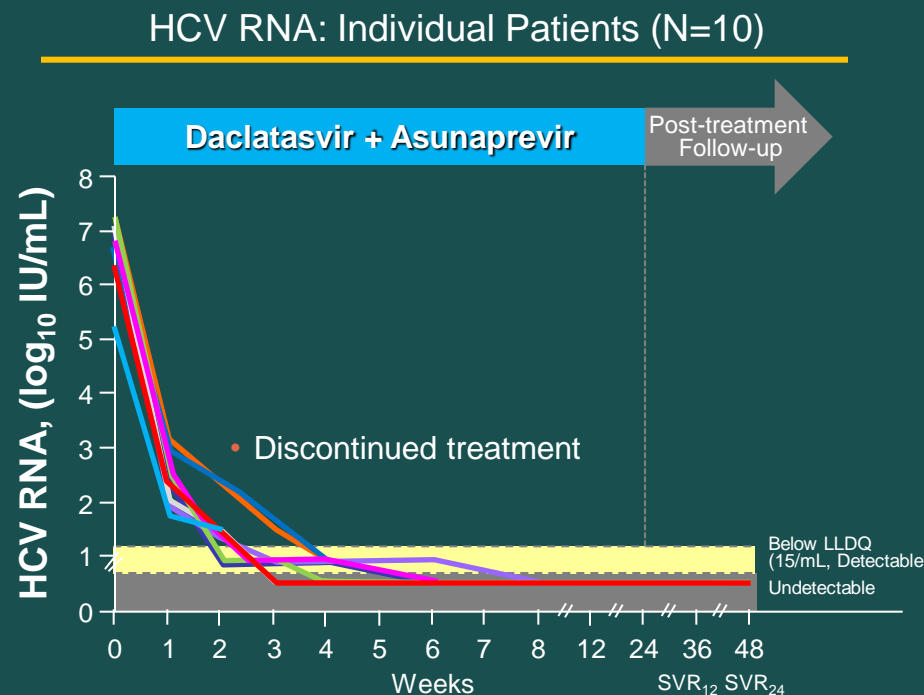
- Viral breakthrough in 6 of 11 pts: All G1a; no resistance variants detected at baseline
- NS3 protease and NS5A resistance variants detected after viral breakthrough
- Role of emerging variants confirmed by phenotypic analysis
 - NS3:30- to 525-fold resistance
 - NS5A: 3400- to >330,000-fold resistance

Patient #	1	2	3	4	5	6*
Week tested	2	4	7	8	10	12
NS3 protease variants (%)	D168Y (87) D168A (13)	R155K (100)	D168Y (100)	D168E (100)	R155K (100)	D168V
NS5A variants (%)	Y93N (100)	L31V (100)	Q30R (100) L31M (100)	Q30R (76) L31V (100) Y93C (17)	Q30R (45) L31V (77) H58P (39) Y93C (16) Y93N (13)	Q30R L31V H54Y Y93C

*Clonal analysis not performed on Patient 6

Daclatasvir/Asuneprevir: Success in Genotype 1b Prior Null Responders

- Data from small trial: 100% SVR at 24 weeks with daclatasvir/asuneprevir (IFN/RBV-free) in genotype 1b prior null responders
- Phase 3 trial began in 2012
- Quad therapy might be required for G1a
- Hard-to-treat G1a may be a target for PSI-7977/asuneprevir combo, as an alternative to daclatasvir/asuneprevir



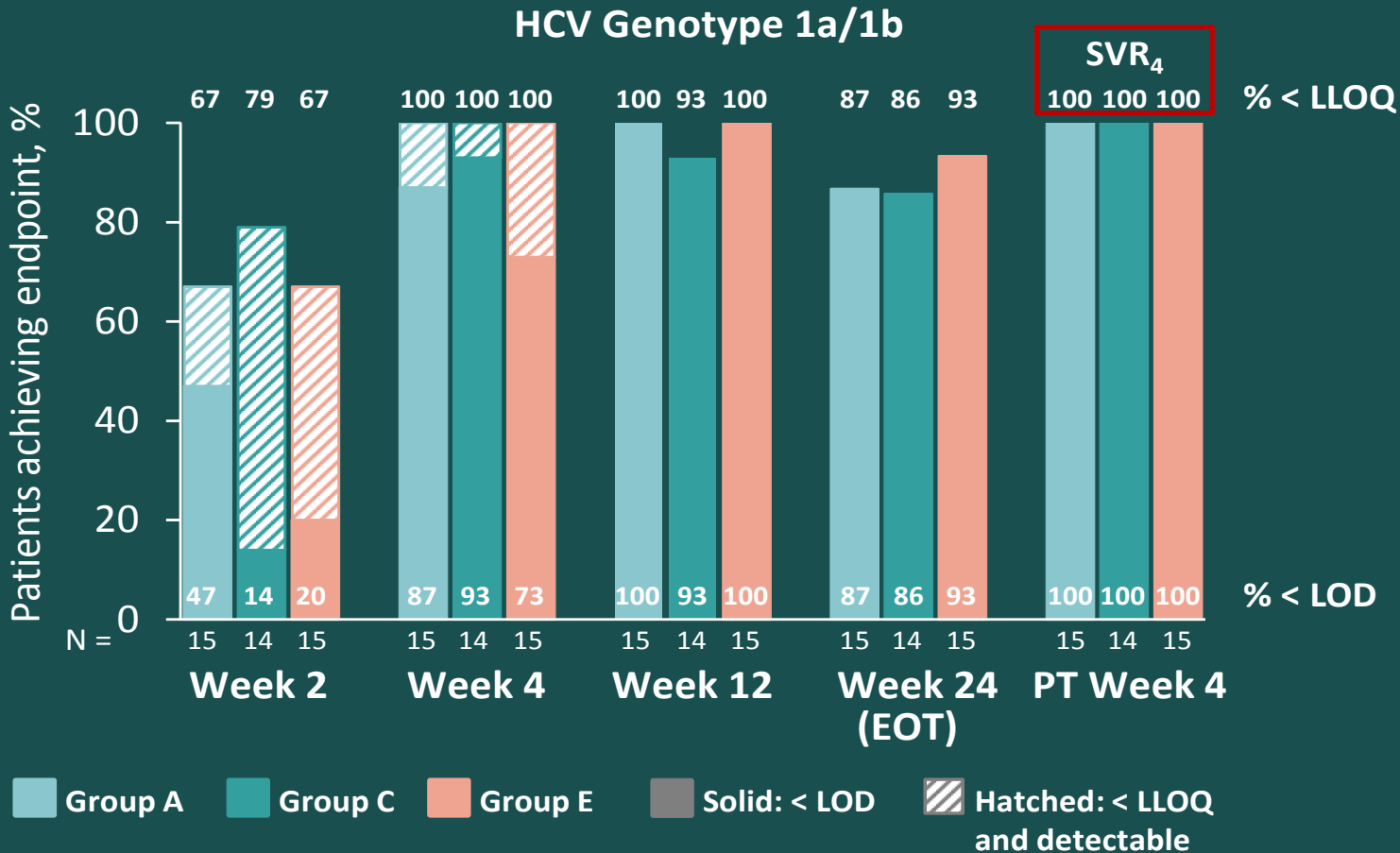
Study AI-444040: Daclatasvir and GS-7977, ± Ribavirin, in Treatment-Naïve HCV Genotype 1–3 Patients

- Open-label study in patients with HCV genotype 1 (n=44) and genotype 2 or 3 (n=44), no cirrhosis
- Randomized (1:1:1) to receive:
 - GS-7977 (400 mg/d) x 7 days, then DCV (60 mg/d)+ GS-7977 (400 mg/d) for 23 weeks
 - DCV + GS-7977 for 24 weeks
 - DCV + GS-7977 + ribavirin (1000–1200 mg/d for genotype 1; 800 mg/d for genotype 2/3) for 24 weeks
- Primary endpoint: undetectable HCV RNA at 12 weeks after treatment

DCV = *daclatasvir*.

Sulkowski M, et al. EASL 2012 Abstract 1422.

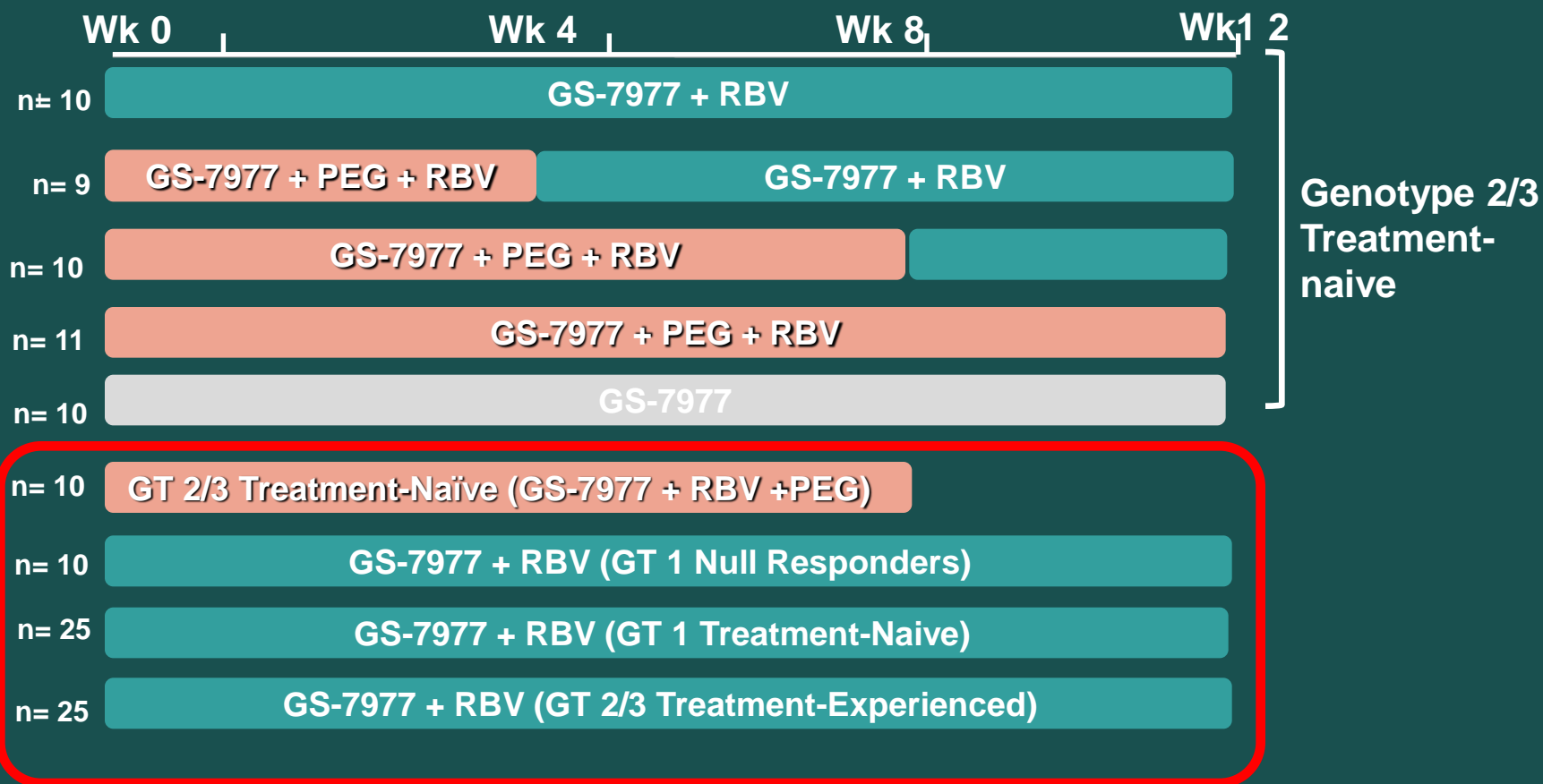
Study AI-444040: Incidence of Undetectable HCV RNA



LLOQ = lower limit of detection; LOD = limit of detection.

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ELECTRON: Once-Daily GS-7977 Plus Ribavirin in HCV Genotypes 1–3



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Patients with HCV RNA <LOD Over Time, n/N (%)

	Genotype 2/3 Treatment-naïve 8 wks (N=10)	Genotype 1 Null Responders 12 wks (N=10)	Genotype 1 Treatment-naïve 12 wks (N=25)	Genotype 2/3 Treatment- experienced 12 wks (N=25)
Week 1	6/10 (60)	1/10 (10)	7/25 (29)	8/25 (32)
Week 2	10/10 (100)	7/10 (70)	17/24 (71)	21/25 (84)
Week 4	10/10 (100)	10/10 (100)	25/25 (100)	25/25 (100)
EOT	10/10 (100)	9/9 (100)	25/25 (100)	21/21 (100)
SVR 4	10/10 (100)	1/9 (11)	22/25 (88)	12/15 (80)
SVR 8	10/10 (100)	1/9 (11)	–	–
SVR 12	10/10 (100)	–	–	–

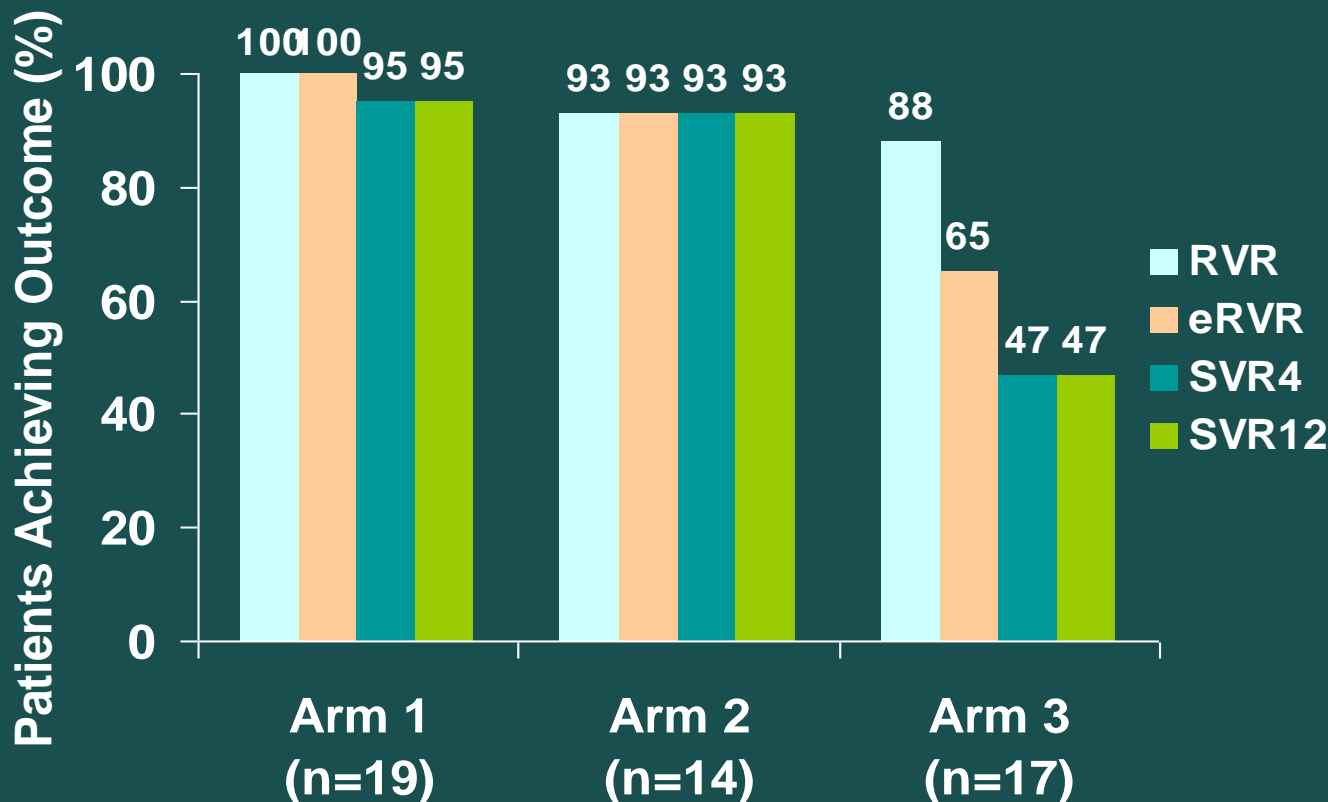
- No virologic breakthrough in any arm, suggesting high barrier to resistance

EOT = end of treatment.

CoPilot: ABT-450/r, ABT-333, and Ribavirin for HCV Genotype 1 Treatment-Naïve and Nonresponder Patients

- ABT-450: a potent NS3 HCV protease inhibitor (boosted with low-dose ritonavir, ABT-450/r)
- ABT-333: a nonnucleoside NS5B polymerase inhibitor
- Three treatment arms for noncirrhotic patients with HCV genotype 1 infection, all x 12 weeks:
 1. Treatment-naïve: ABT-450 250 mg/ritonavir 100 mg/d, ABT-333 400 mg/d, ribavirin 1000–1200 mg/d (in 2 divided doses)
 2. Treatment-naïve: ABT-450 150 mg/ritonavir 100 mg/d, ABT-333 400 mg/d, ribavirin 1000–1200 mg/d (in 2 divided doses)
 3. Prior PR nonresponders: ABT-450 150 mg/ritonavir 100 mg/d, ABT-333 400 mg/d, ribavirin 1000–1200 mg/d (in 2 divided doses)

CoPilot: Virologic Results



- ABT-450/r + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 weeks has the potential to produce SVR in a high proportion of subjects, without interferon



HCV — The Revolution Has Begun

Antiviral activity in all HCV genotypes

No selection of resistance

All-oral combination regimen

Short treatment duration

QD (or BID) dosing

Excellent safety and tolerability

Applicable in difficult-to-treat populations:

- **Transplant**
- **Coinfection**
- **End-stage renal disease, etc.**