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Case 3: Genotype 1

Treatment Naïve

Case – Genotype 1, treatment-naïve

- A 54-year-old African-American male surgeon with recently diagnosed HCV genotype 1a
- Complains of moderate chronic fatigue, not sufficient to limit work hours but rests more than in the past on weekends
- PMH:
 - Hypertension, treated with lisinopril
 - Insulin resistance
- BMI 31
- No hepatosplenomegaly
- Labs:
 - ALT 82 U/L, AST 62 U/L
 - Bilirubin 0.6 mg/dL, albumin 4.4 gm/dL
 - Platelets 205,000
 - Fasting glucose 103 mg/dL
 - HA₁C 6.1
 - Creatinine 0.9 mg/dL
 - HCV RNA 5.8 million IU/mL (was 2.4 million IU/mL 5 years ago)
- Ultrasound: fatty infiltration, normal liver contour, normal spleen

How Would You Evaluate Hepatic Fibrosis?

1. FibroSURE or the equivalent serum test
2. FibroScan
3. MR elastography
4. Serum test + elastography (e.g., FibroSURE + FibroScan)
5. Liver biopsy
6. None of the above

Case – Genotype 1, treatment-naïve

The following results were obtained:

- a. FibroSURE 0.37
- b. FibroScan 6.4 kPa

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Would you obtain a liver biopsy?

**What is the role of liver biopsy in patients with hepatitis C?
Is it important to distinguish NAFLD from NASH in this case?**

Case – Genotype 1, treatment-naïve

How would you manage this patient?

1. Defer therapy until fibrosis progresses
2. PEG-IFN + RBV + sofosbuvir
3. Ledipasvir + sofosbuvir
4. Simeprevir + sofosbuvir
5. Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir +

Case – Genotype 1, treatment-naïve

If you selected ledipasvir and sofosbuvir, how long would you treat the patient?

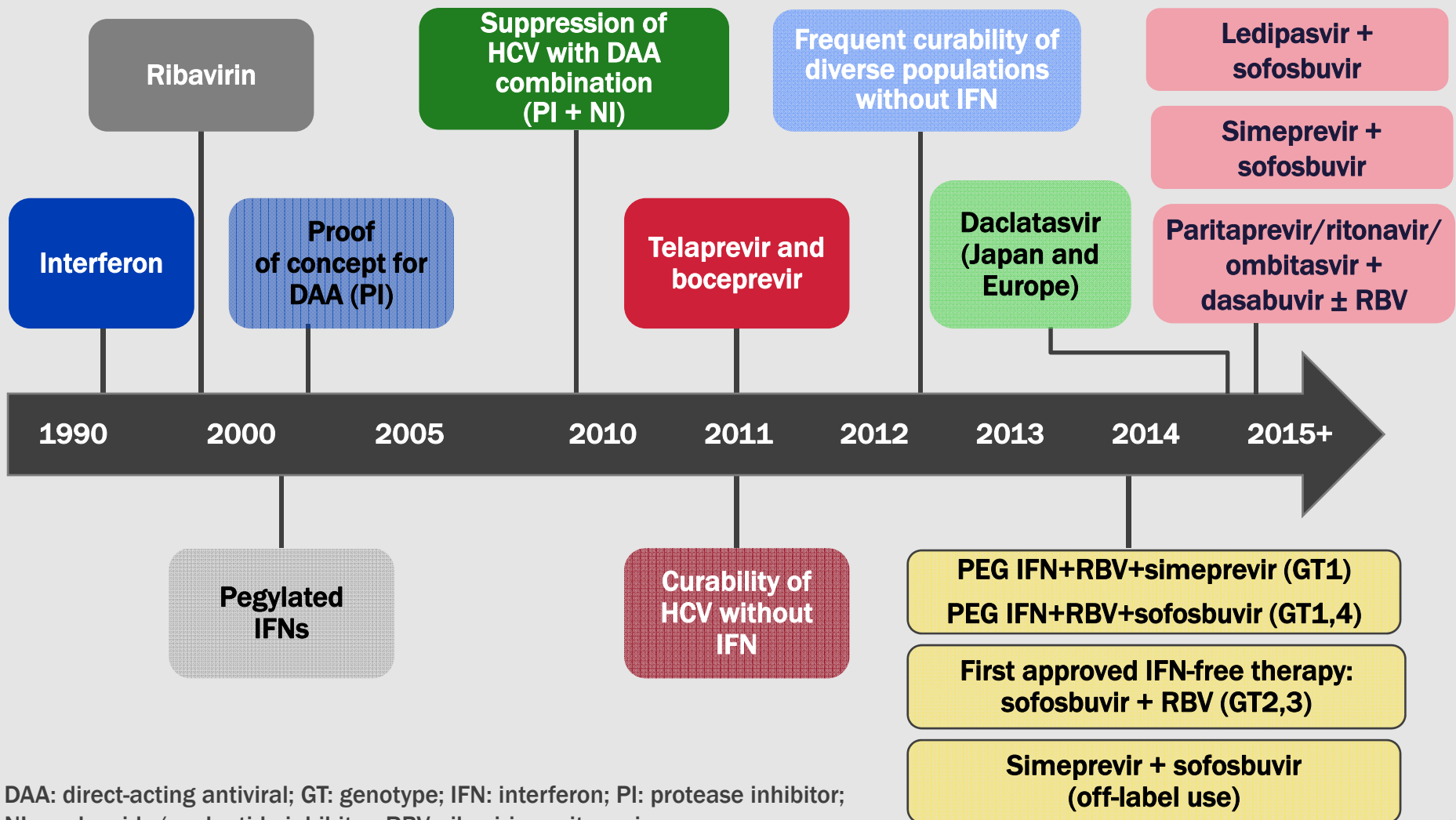
1. 8 weeks
2. 12 weeks
3. 24 weeks

Case – Genotype 1, treatment-naïve

The insurance company denies coverage because the patient does not have F3-4 fibrosis. Which of the following points would you include in your appeal?

1. The patient's occupation
2. The patient's chronic fatigue
3. The patient's prediabetic state
4. The patient's steatosis
5. All of the above

HCV therapy: Past, present, and future



DAA: direct-acting antiviral; GT: genotype; IFN: interferon; PI: protease inhibitor; NI: nucleoside/nucleotide inhibitor; RBV: ribavirin; r: ritonavir.

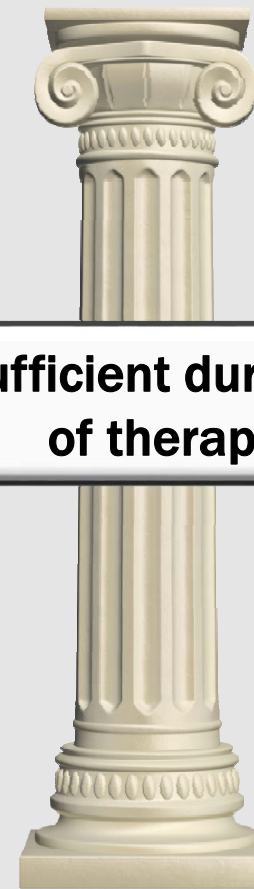
The pillars of HCV DAA therapy



**Viral
suppression**



**Prevention
of resistance**



**Sufficient duration
of therapy**

Approaches to erecting a high barrier to resistance with DAA therapy for HCV

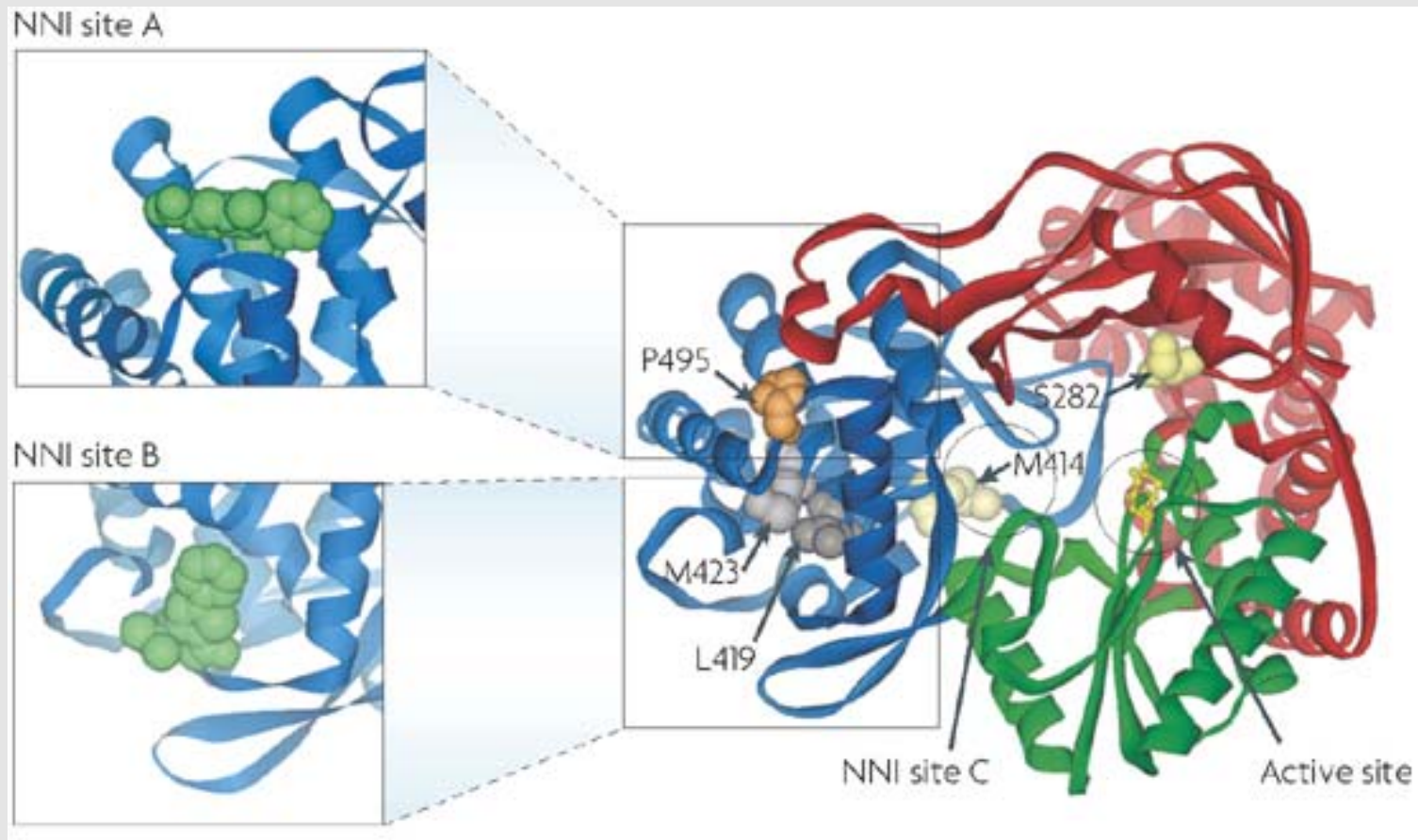


A combination of DAAs, each with a low resistance barrier, that collectively confer a high barrier to resistance on the regimen

A combination containing a DAA with a high resistance barrier that confers a high resistance barrier on the regimen

HCV RNA polymerase

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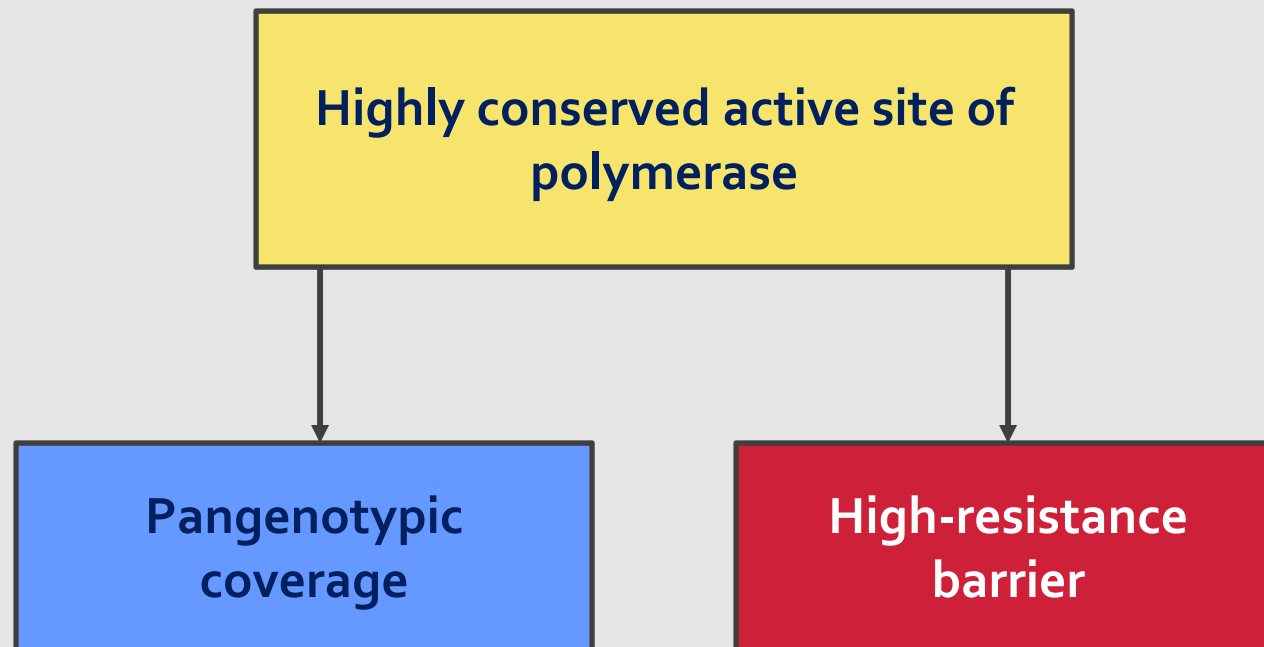
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The way forward in HCV treatment--finding the right path.

vfm, 12/8/2014

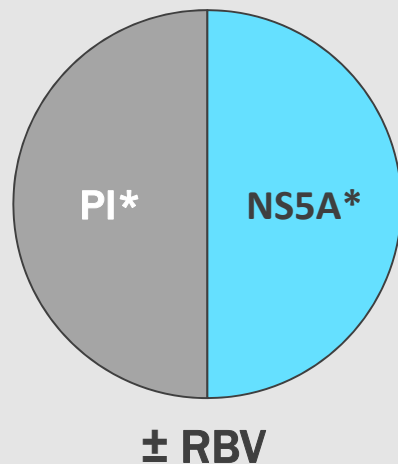
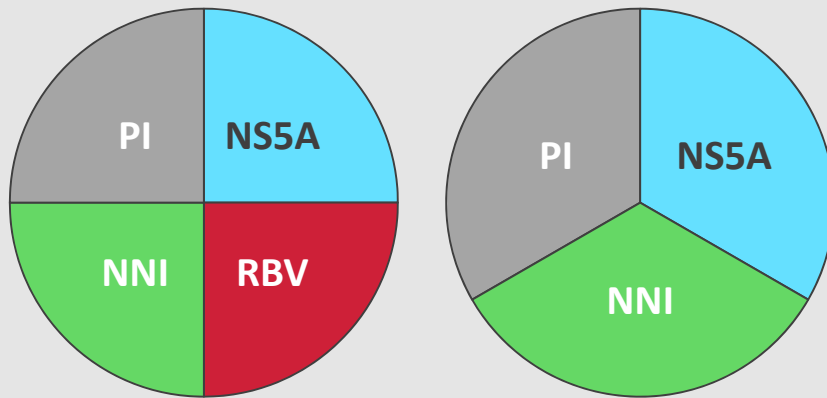
Nucleotide polymerase inhibitors



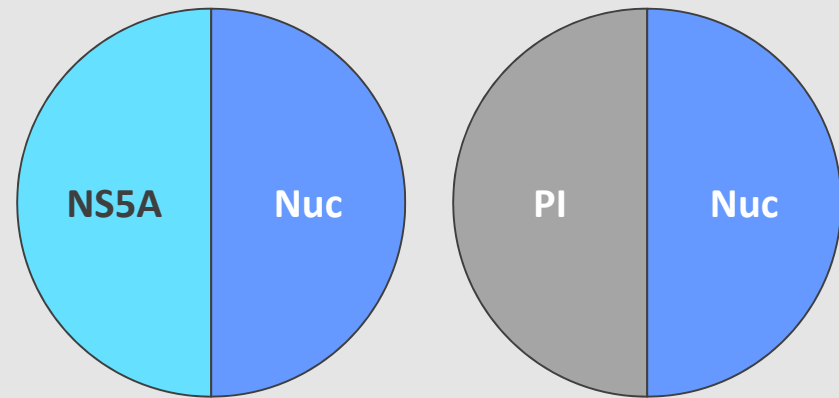
Oral regimens with $\geq 90\%$ SVR for GT1 patients

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No nucleotide

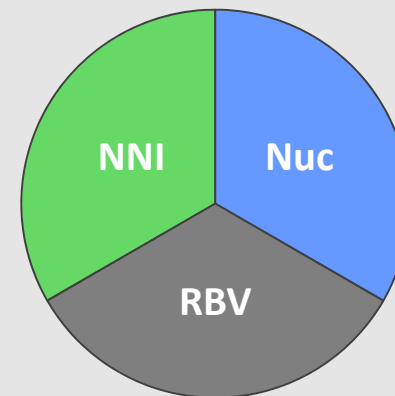


Nucleotide



\pm RBV

\pm RBV



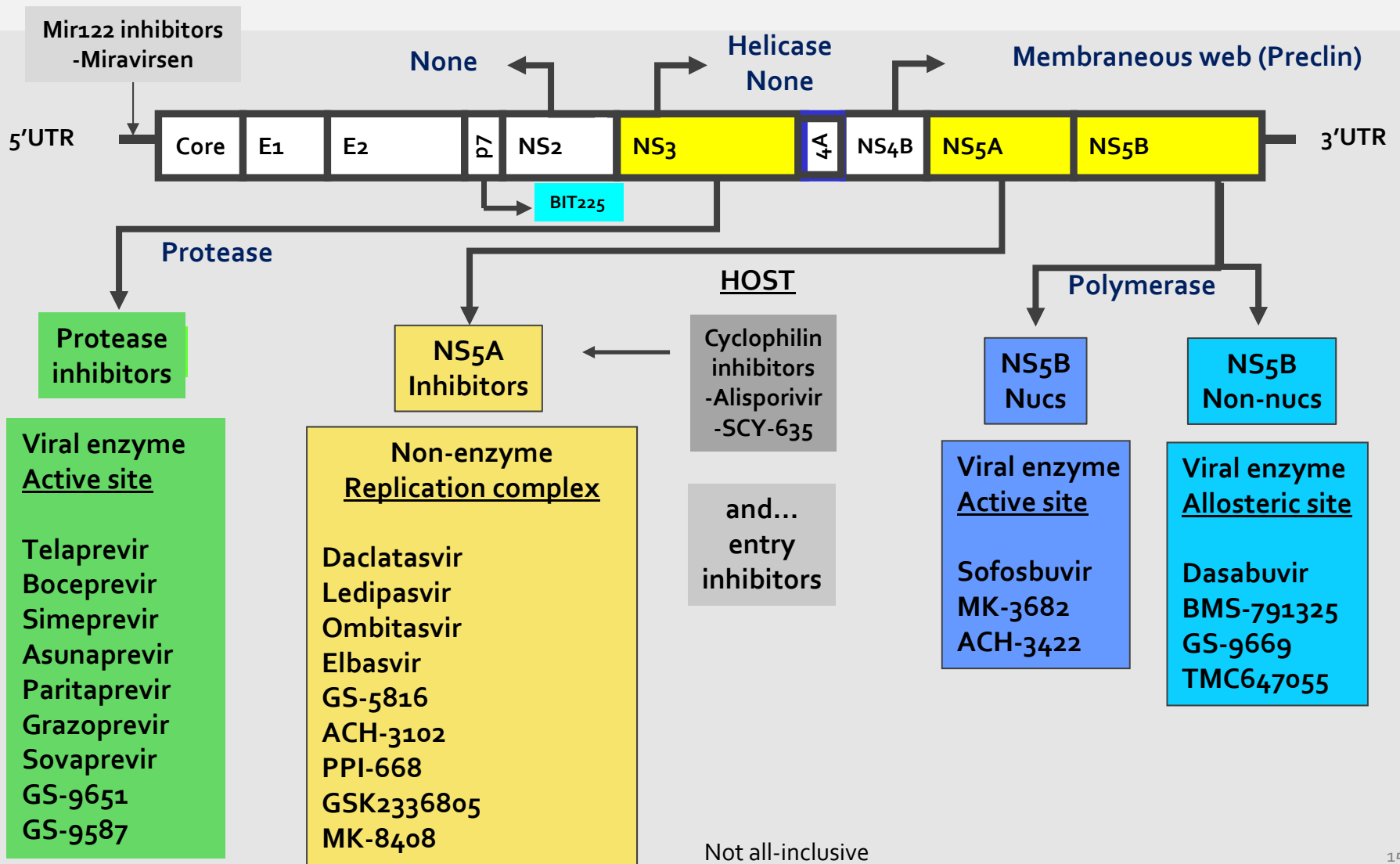
*"Second generation"

NNI, non-nucleoside inhibitor; Nuc, nucleotide inhibitor; PI, protease inhibitor

Multiple validated drug targets

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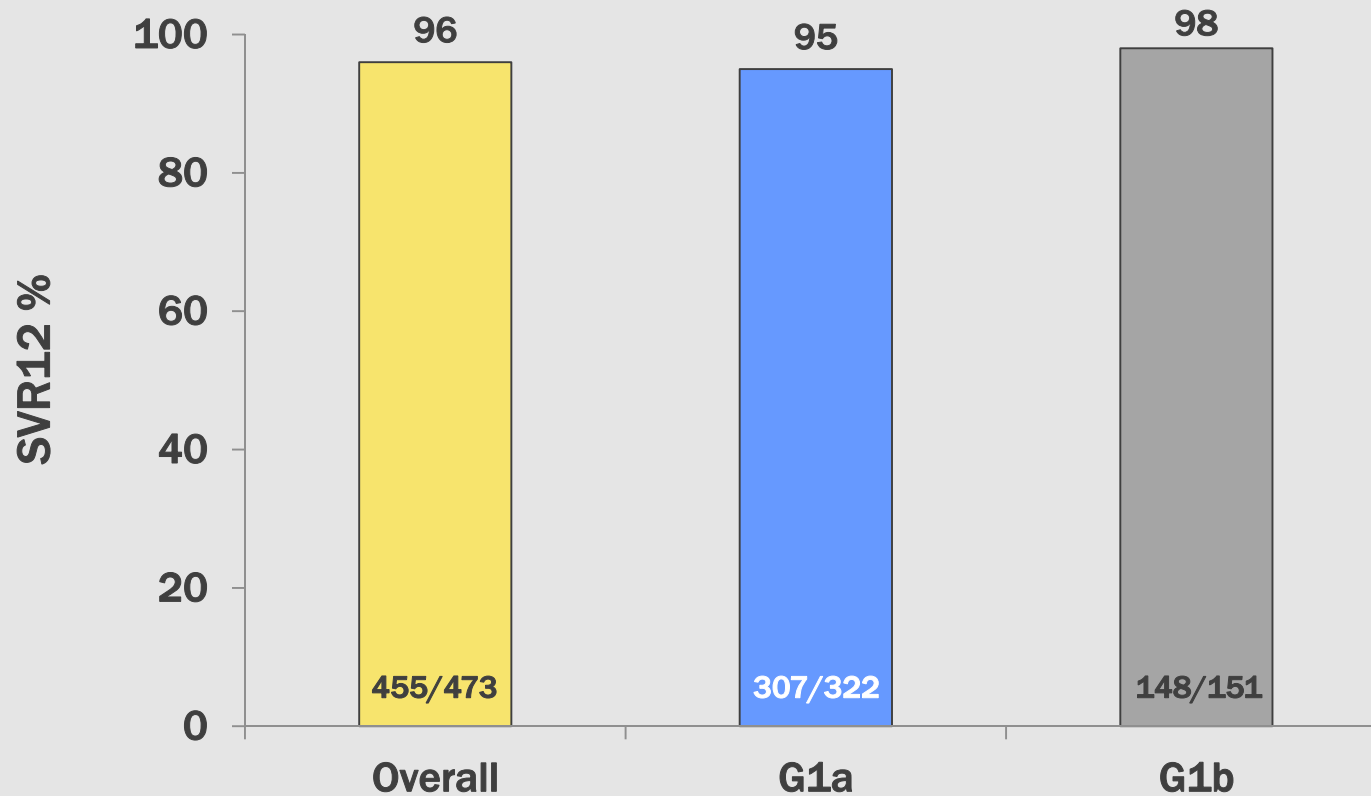
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Interferon-Free, Direct-Acting Antiviral Regimens for Genotype 1

No Nucleotide

Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir + RBV: SAPPHIRE-I

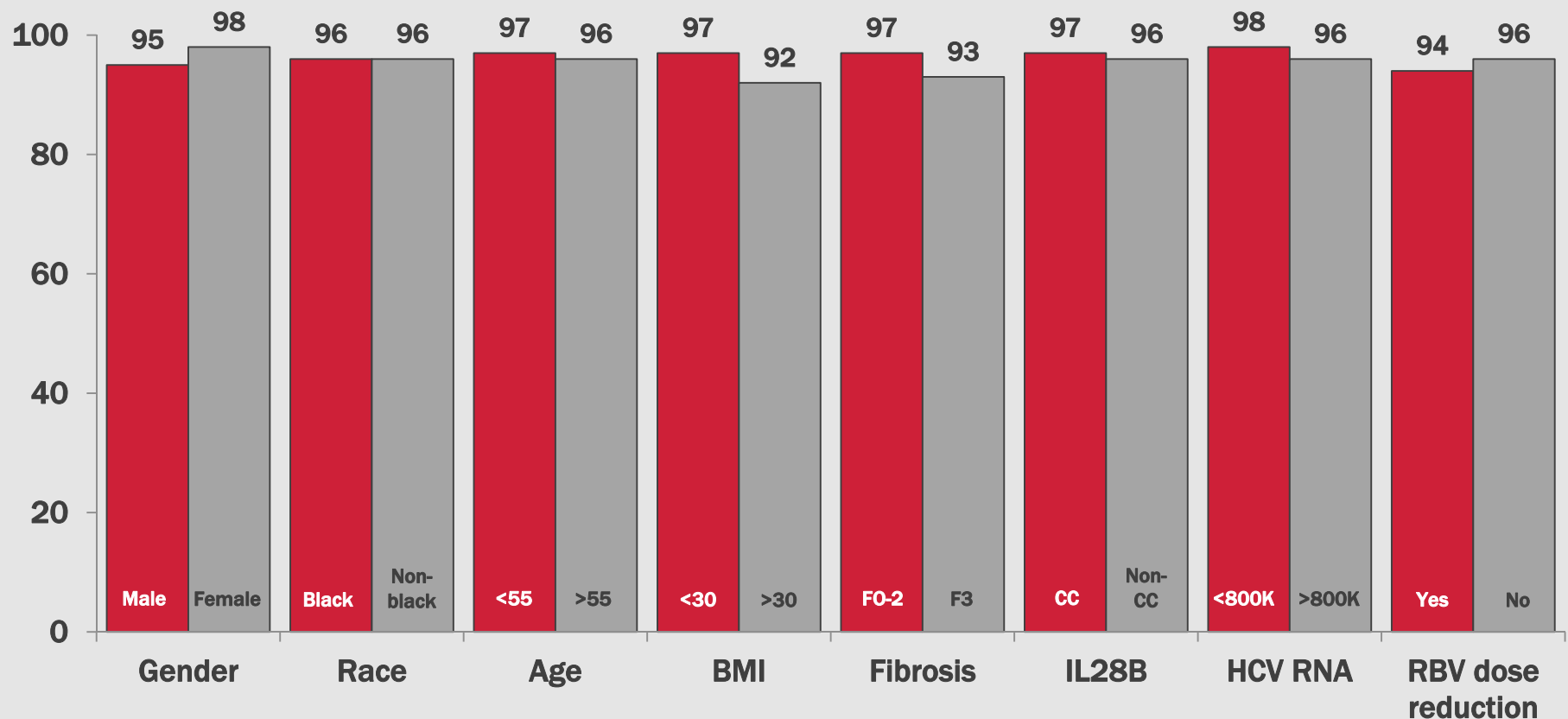
Genotype 1, treatment-naïve, non-cirrhotic, 12 weeks, n=473



ABT-450/r-ombitasvir + dasabuvir + RBV SAPPHIRE-I

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Genotype 1, treatment-naïve, 12 weeks, n=473



SAPPHIRE-I: Reasons for non-SVR12

Event, n/N (%)	3D + RBV (N=473)
SVR12	455/473 (96.2)
Non-SVR12	18/473 (3.8)
Virologic failure	
Breakthrough	1/473 (0.2)
Relapse	7/463 (1.5)
Prematurely discontinued study drug*	7/473 (1.5)
Lost to follow-up after completion of treatment	3/473 (0.6)

*Patients (n=7) who prematurely discontinued without breakthrough; 2 due to adverse events, 5 withdrew consent/lost to follow-up.

Adapted from the presentation by Jordan Feld at ILC/EAST on April 11, 2014.

SAPPHIRE-I: Adverse events occurring in >10% of patients in either group

Event, n (%)	3D + RBV (N=473)	Placebo (N=158)	P Value
Any AE	414 (87.5)	116 (73.4)	<0.05
Fatigue	164 (34.7)	45 (28.5)	NS
Headache	156 (33.0)	42 (26.6)	NS
Nausea	112 (23.7)	21 (13.3)	>0.05
Pruritus	80 (16.9)	6 (3.8)	<0.05
Insomnia	66 (14.0)	12 (7.6)	<0.05
Diarrhea	65 (13.7)	11 (7.0)	<0.05
Asthenia	57 (12.1)	6 (3.8)	<0.05
Rash	51 (10.8)	9 (5.7)	NS

AEs were generally mild.

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SAPPHIRE-I: Laboratory abnormalities

Event, n (%)	3D + RBV (N=469)
ALT >5X ULN	4 (0.9)
Ast >5x ULN	3 (0.6)
Alkaline phosphatase >5X ULN	0
Total bilirubin >3X ULN	13 (2.8)
Hemoglobin	
<10-8.0 g/dL	27 (5.8)
<8.0-6.5 g/dL	0
<6.5 g/dL	0

There were no discontinuations due to laboratory abnormalities.

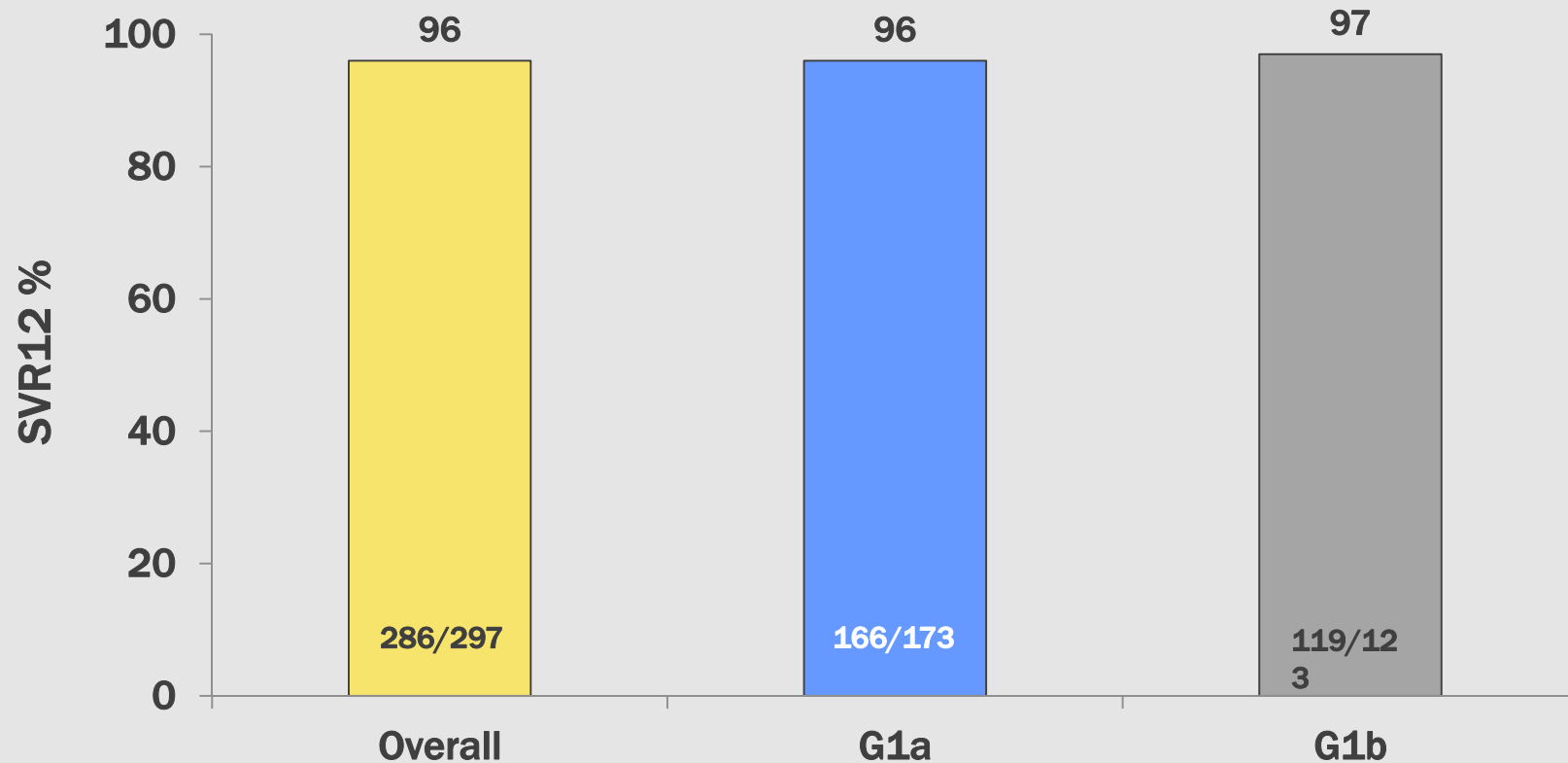
Elevations in total bilirubin were mainly transient and predominantly indirect bilirubin; no cases consistent with the Hy's law.

One patient received EPO; no patient was transfused.

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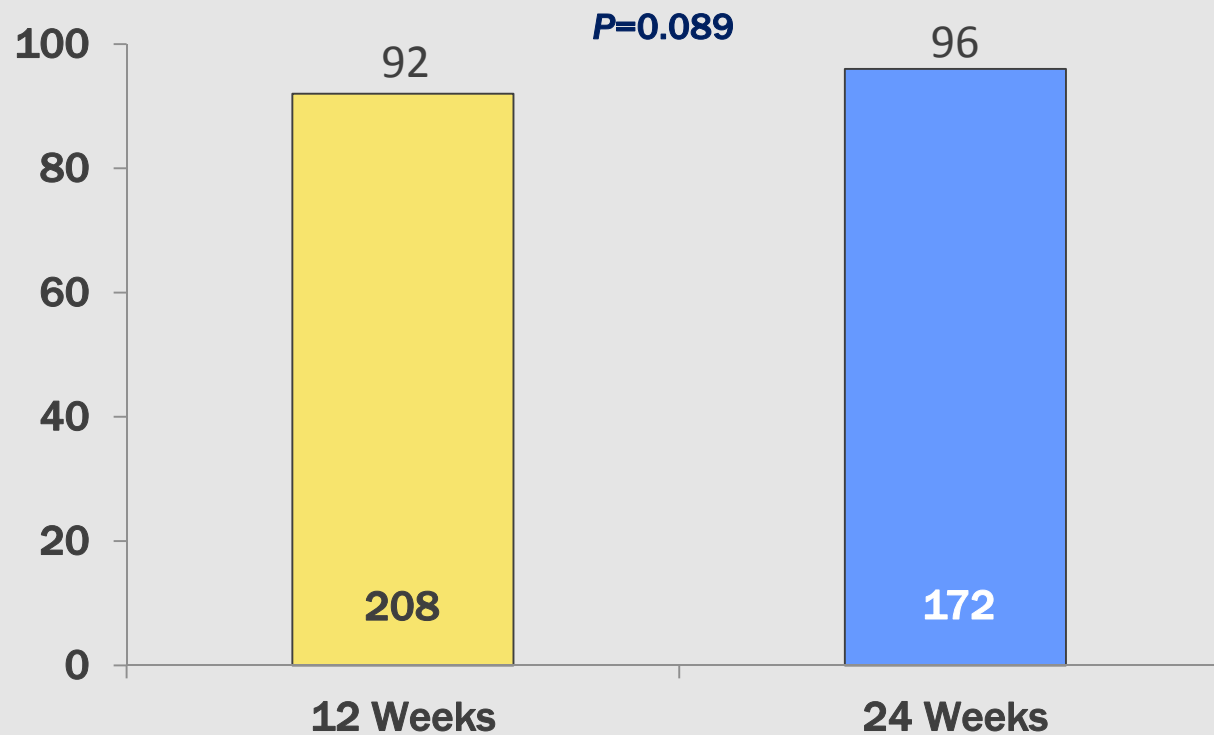
Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir + RBV: SAPPHERE-II

Genotype 1, treatment-experienced, non-cirrhotic, 12 weeks, n=394



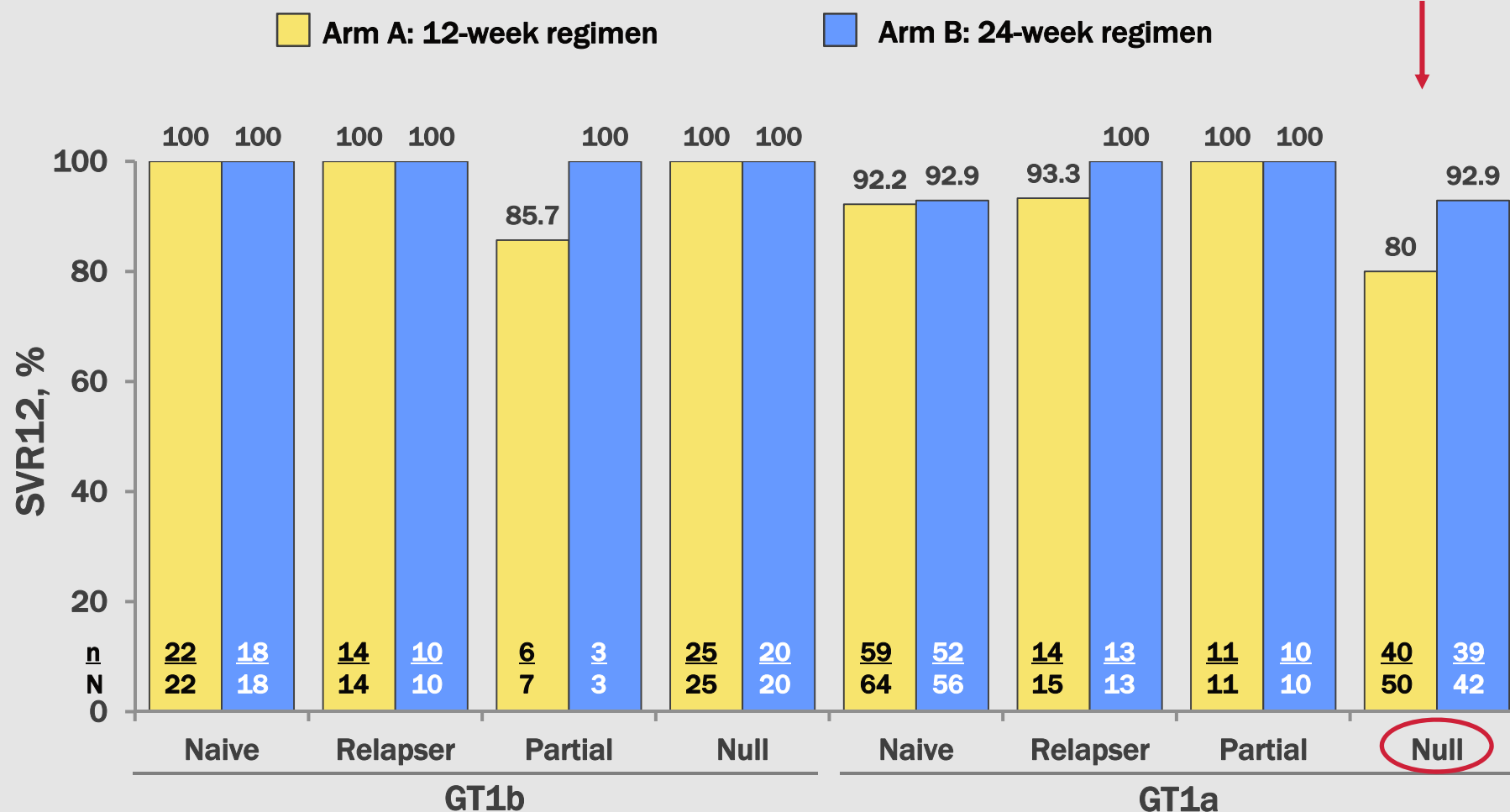
TURQUOISE II: ABT-450/r-ombitasvir + datasubuvir ± RBV

Genotype 1 patients, with compensated cirrhosis
Treatment-Naïve and Treatment-Experienced



- Relapse/viral breakthrough in 6% (12 weeks) and 2% (24 weeks)

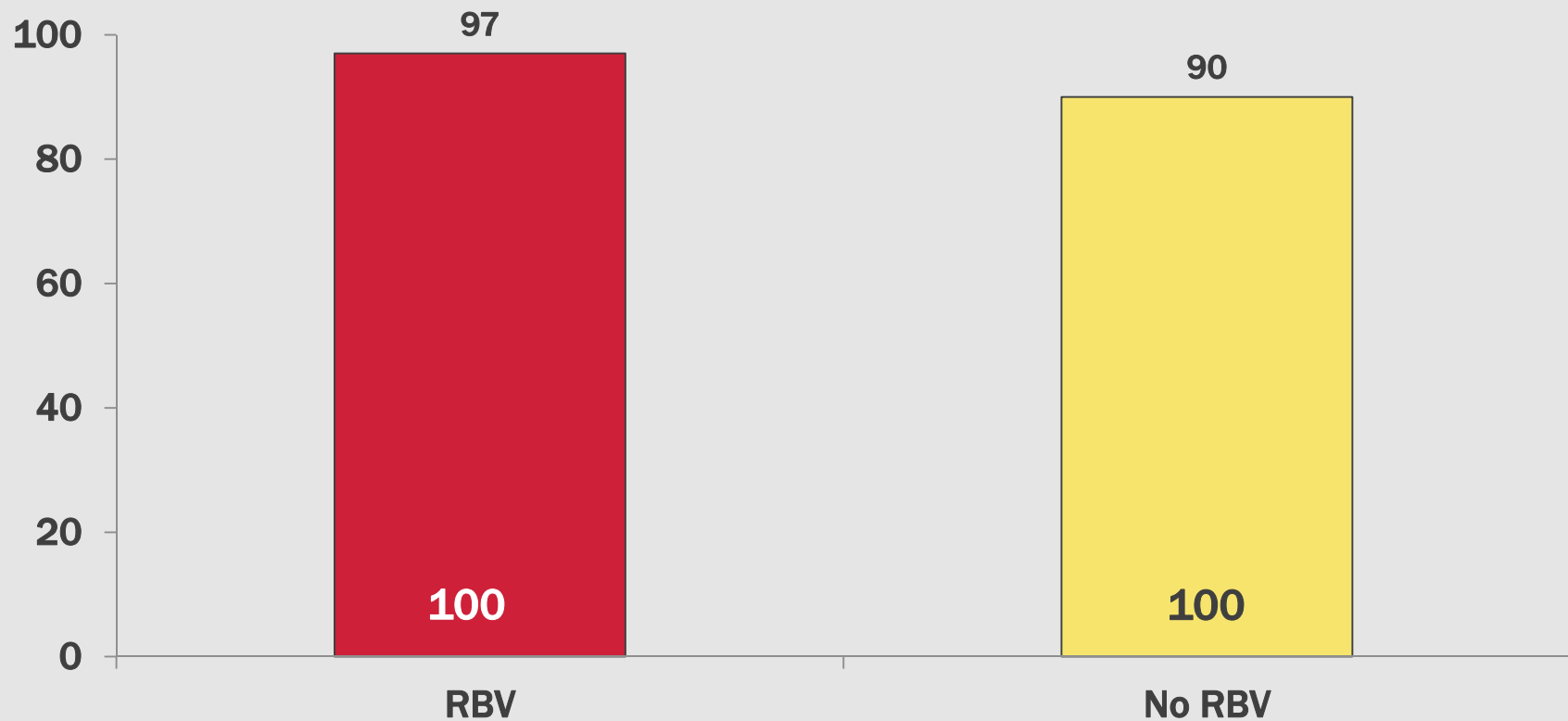
Which population drove the difference between 12 and 24 weeks in TURQUOISE-II?



Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir + ribavirin: PEARL-4

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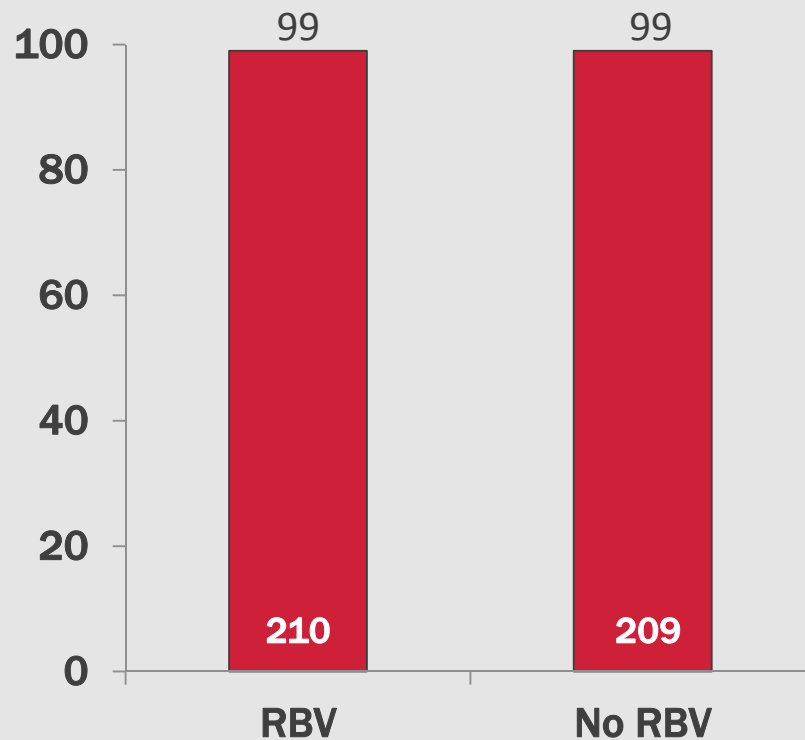
Genotype 1a, no cirrhosis, treatment-naïve, 12 weeks



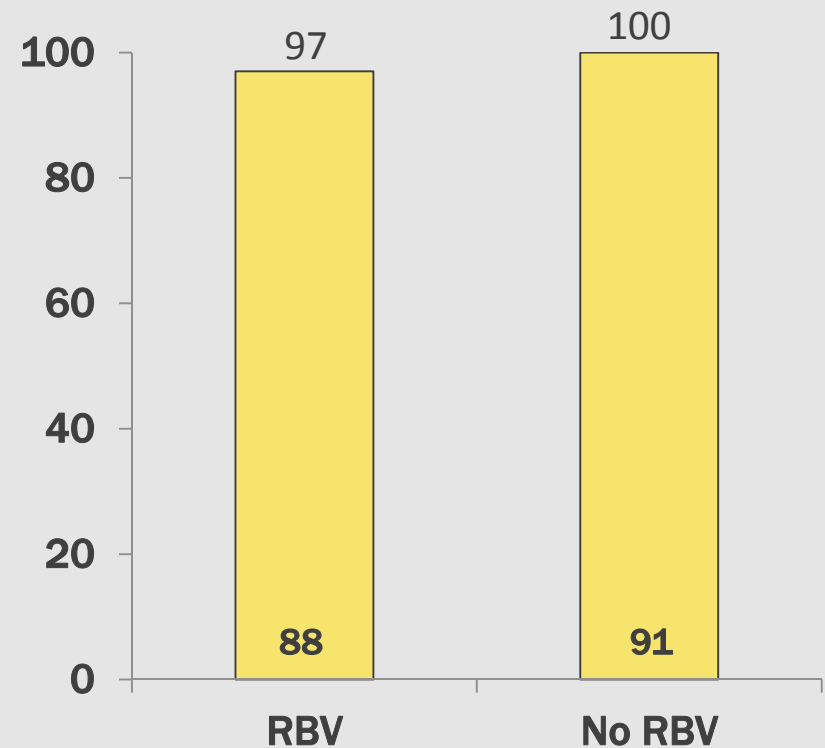
Paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir ± RBV in genotype 1b

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Genotype 1b, naïve, 12 weeks, non-cirrhotic (PEARL-III)



Genotype 1b, experienced, 12 weeks, non-cirrhotic (PEARL-II)



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Interferon-Free Direct-Acting Antiviral Regimens for Genotype 1

Nucleotide in Regimen

ION-1, ION-2, and ION-3 phase 3 studies: sofosbuvir/ledipasvir ± RBV in HCV genotype 1

ION-1:
treatment-naïve
ION-2:
treatment-
experienced

16-20% cirrhotic

SOF/LDV

SOF/LDV + RBV

SOF/LDV

SOF/LDV + RBV

ION-3:
Treatment-naïve,
non-cirrhotic

SOF/LDV

SOF/LDV + RBV

SOF/LDV + RBV

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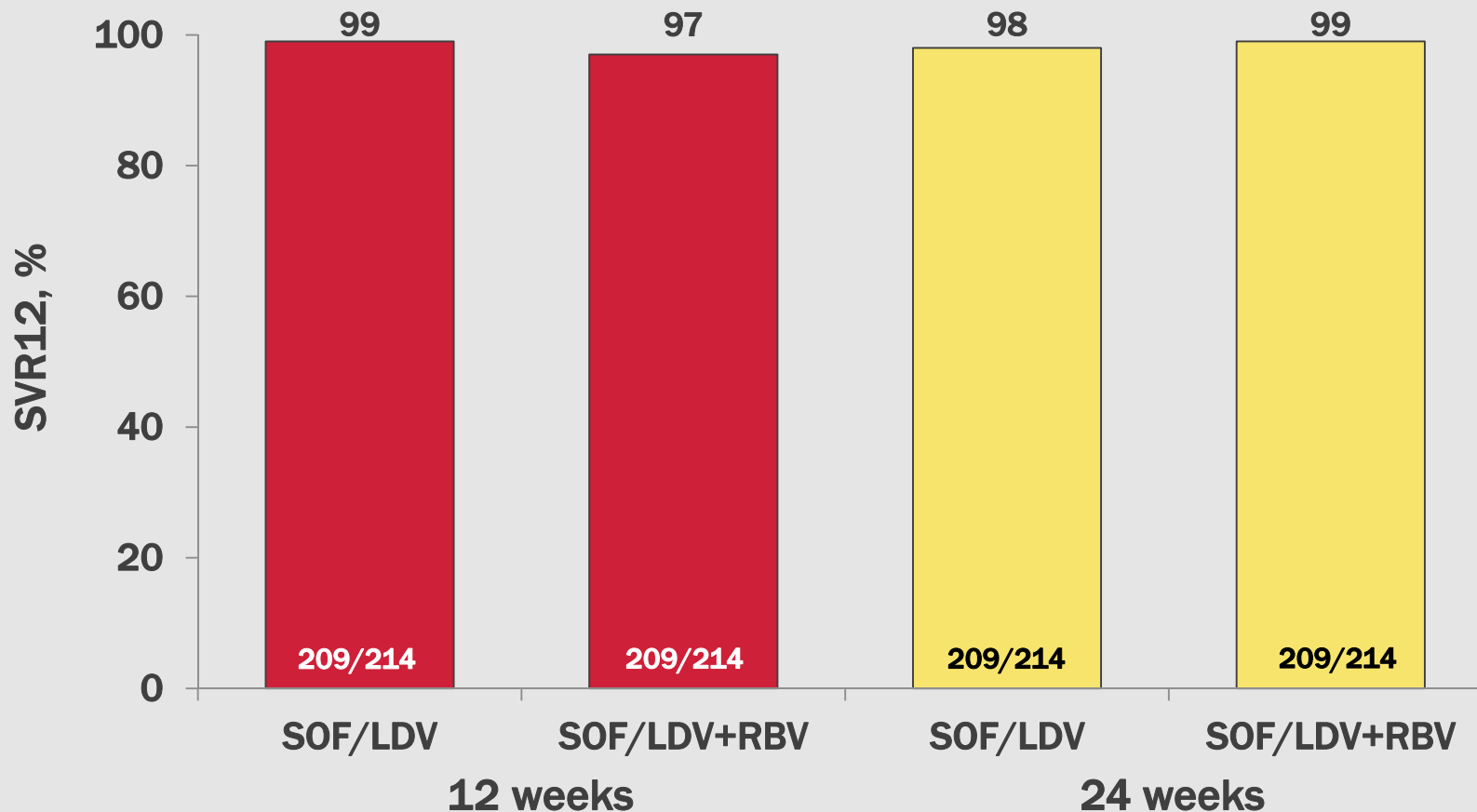
Sofosbuvir/ledipasvir 400/90 mg qd; RBV (weight-based 1000 or 1200 mg/day).

Afdhal N, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;370:1889-1898. Afdhal N, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;370:1483-1493.

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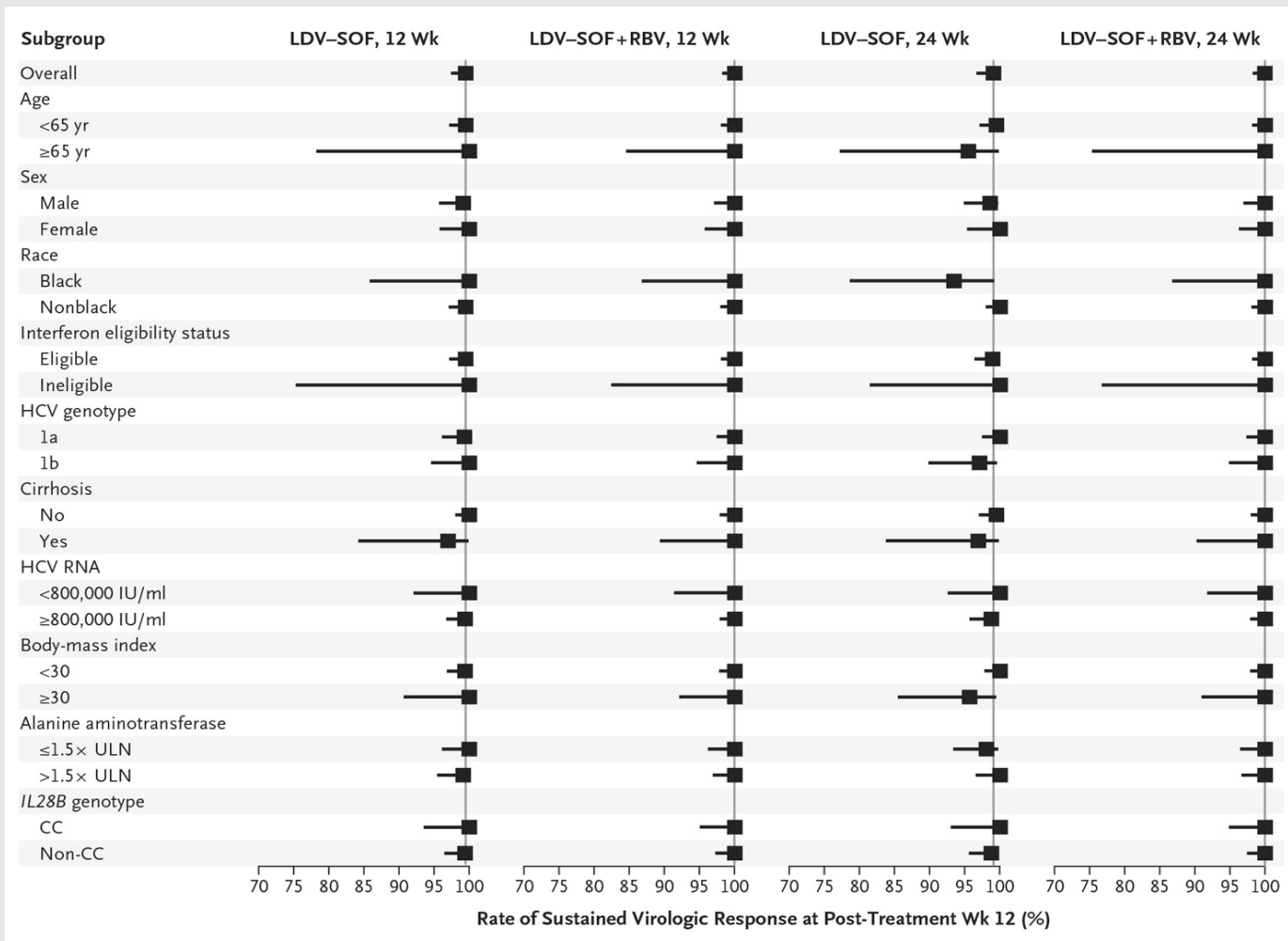
ION-1: Sofosbuvir + ledipasvir ± RBV genotype 1: treatment-naïve, n=865 Cirrhosis in 16%

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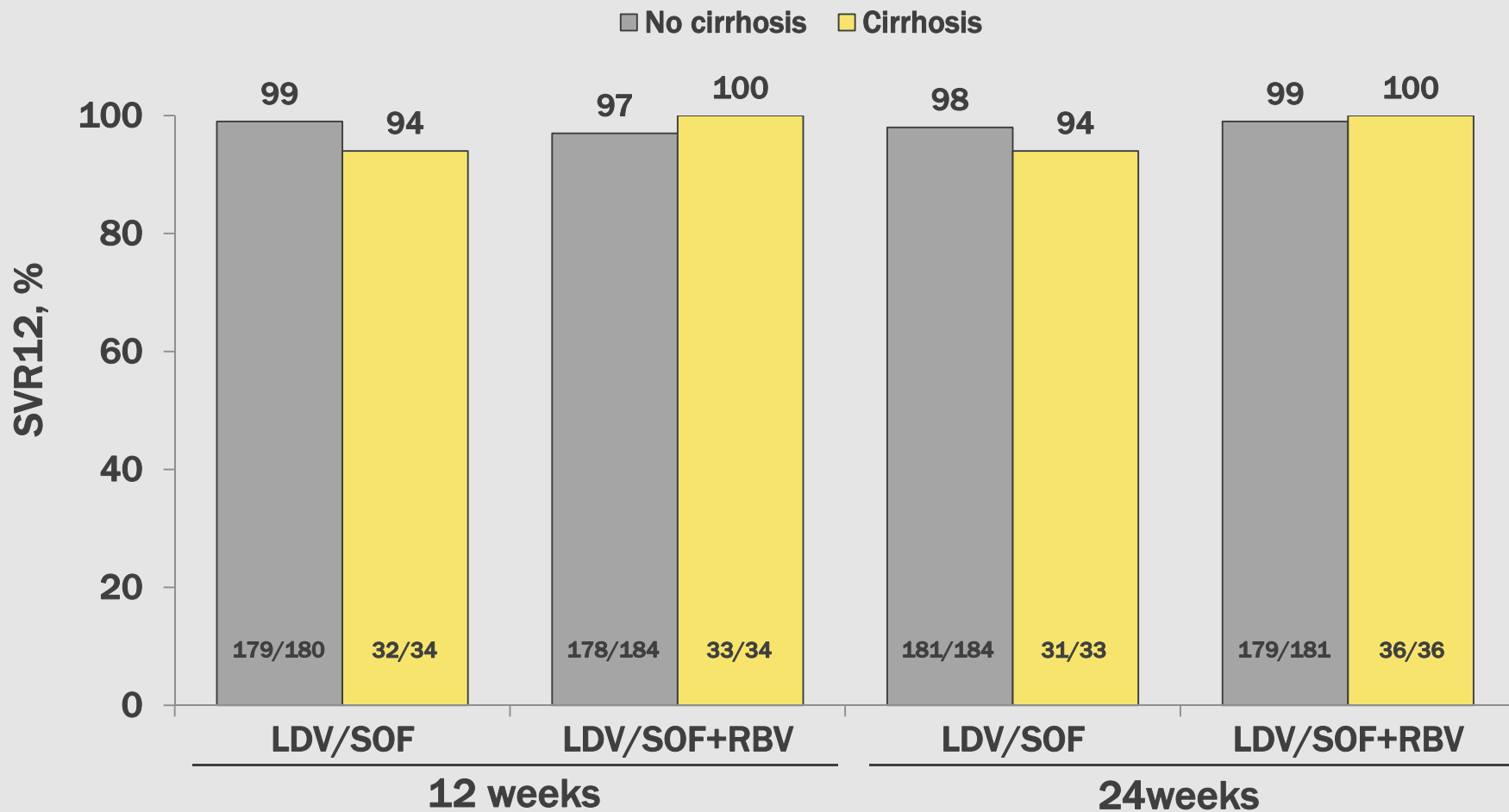


ION-1: Rates of sustained virologic response according to subgroup

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ION-1: Non-cirrhotic vs cirrhotic patients



Afdhal N, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;370:1889-1898
 Afdhal N, et al. 2014; EASL

ION-1: Reasons for failure to attain SVR

	12 Weeks		24 Weeks	
	LDV-SOF	LDV-SOF+RBV	LDV-SOF	LDV-SOF+RBV
On-treatment failure	0	0	1*	0
Relapse	1	0	1	0
Lost to follow-up	2	4	2	2
Withdrew consent	0	2	1	0

*Undetectable drug levels

ION-1: Safety and tolerability

	12 Weeks		24 Weeks	
	LDV-SOF (%)	LDV-SOF+RBV (%)	LDV-SOF (%)	LDV-SOF+RBV(%)
D/C for AEs	0	0	2	3
SAEs	<1	3	8	3
Fatigue	21	36	24	38
Headache	25	23	25	30
Insomnia	8	21	12	22
Nausea	11	17	13	15
Cough	3	10	7	12
Rash	7	10	7	12
Pruritus	5	10	4	9
Anemia	0	12	0	10
Hgb<10 gm/dl	0	9	0	7
Bilirubin>2.5x	0	4	<1	3

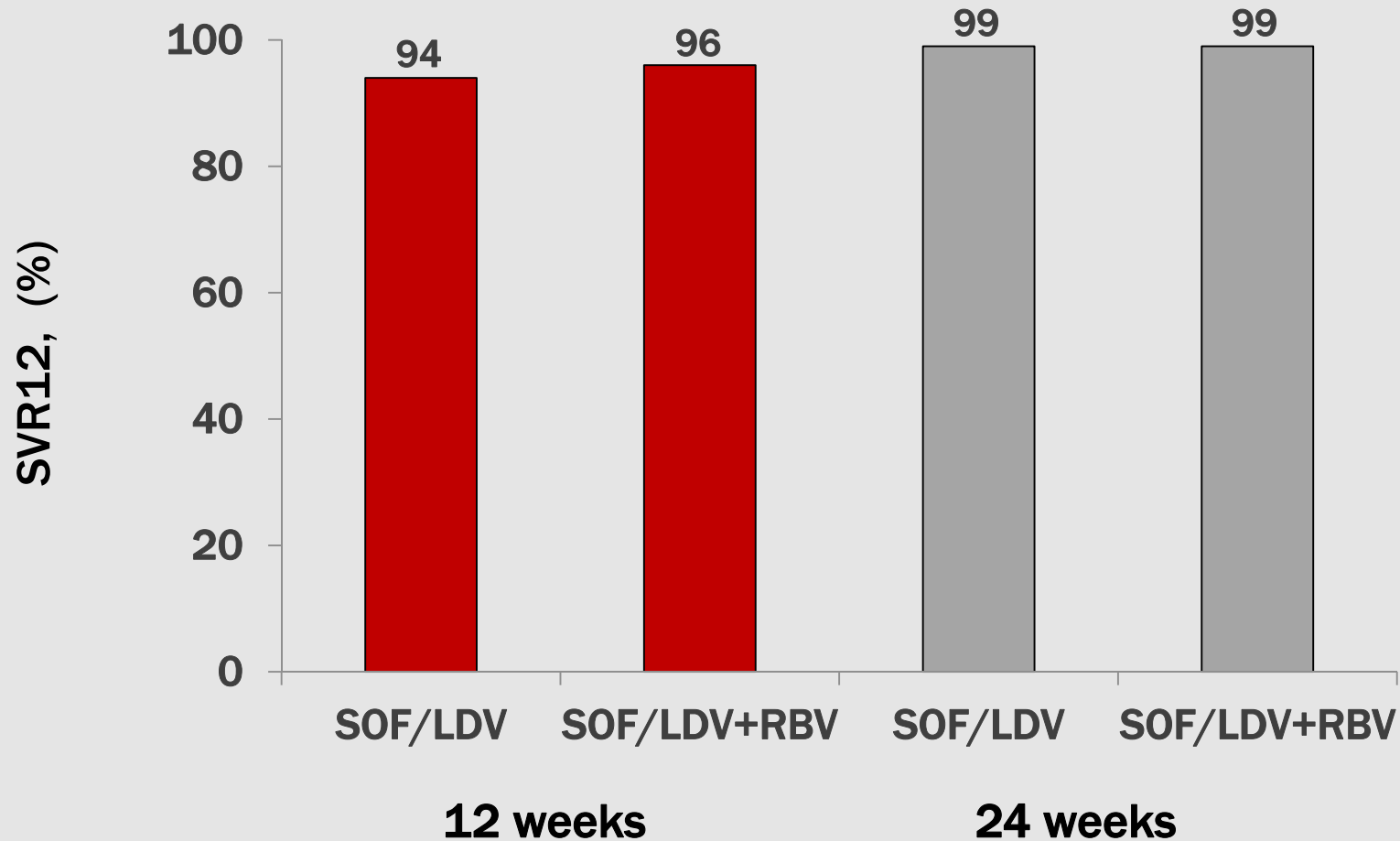
List of AEs is not all-inclusive

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ION-2: Sofosbuvir + ledipasvir ± RBV

Genotype 1, treatment-experienced: Cirrhosis in 20%

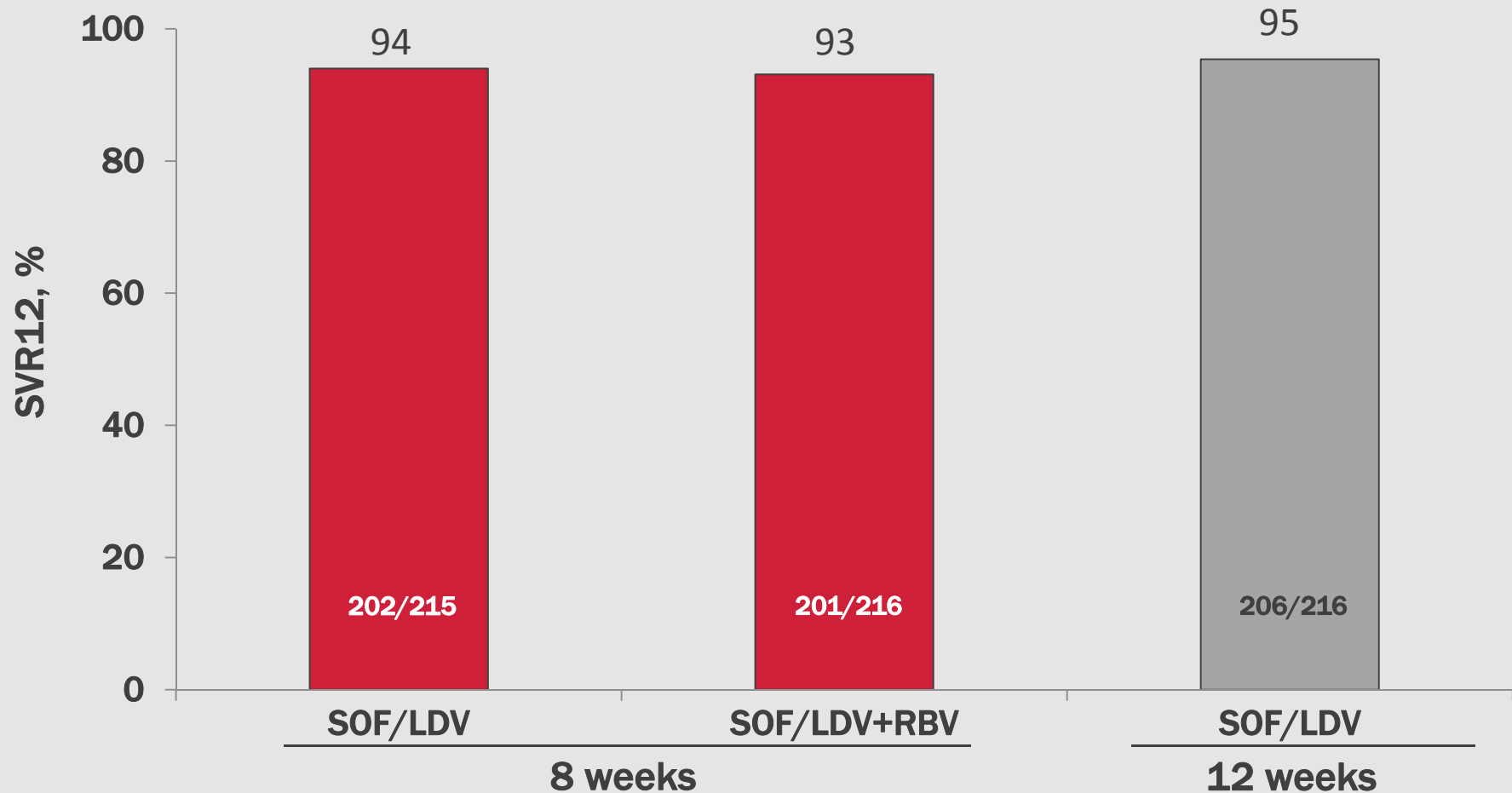
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ION-3: Sofosbuvir + ledipasvir + RBV

Genotype 1, treatment-naïve, non-cirrhotic: 8 weeks vs 12 weeks

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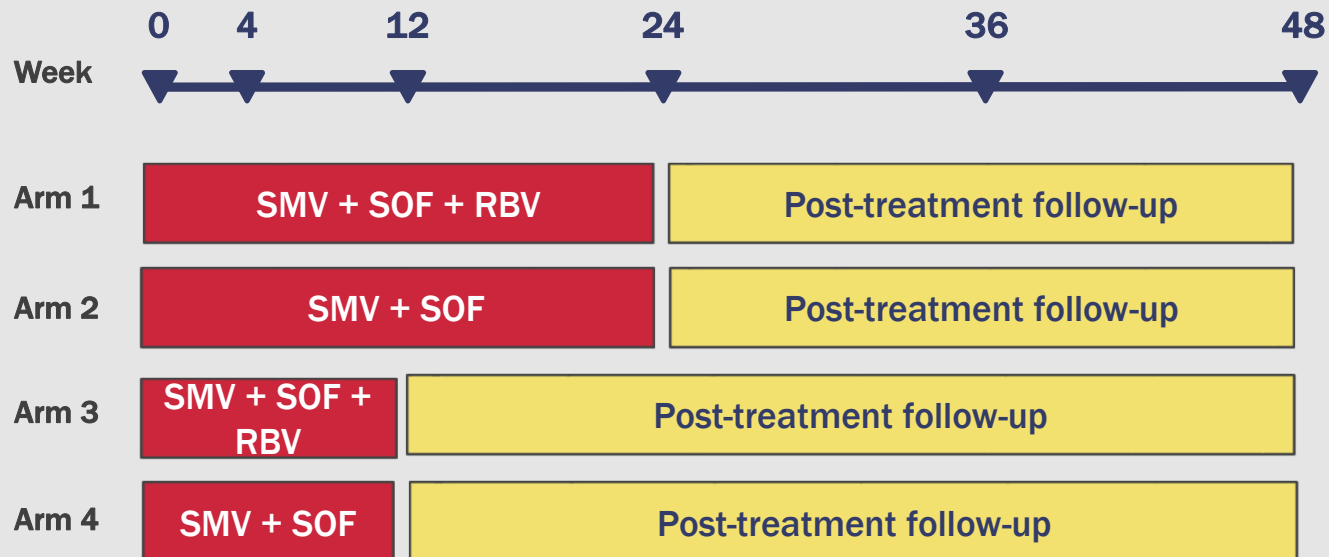


Does ION-3 establish 8 weeks as standard duration for G1 non-cirrhotic?

	LDV/SOF 8 weeks	LDV/SOF 12 weeks
SVR – overall	94% (202/215)	96% (208/216)
Relapse – overall	5% (11/215)	1% (3/216)
HCV RNA <6M	2% (2/123)	2% (2/131)
HCV RNA ≥6M	10% (9/92)	1% (1/85)

- ~60% of patients had baseline HCV RNA <6M IU/mL
 - Relapse rates identical
 - SVR12: 97% with LDV/SOF 8 weeks, 96% 12 weeks

Simeprevir + sofosbuvir + RBV for prior null responders and naïve patients (COSMOS)



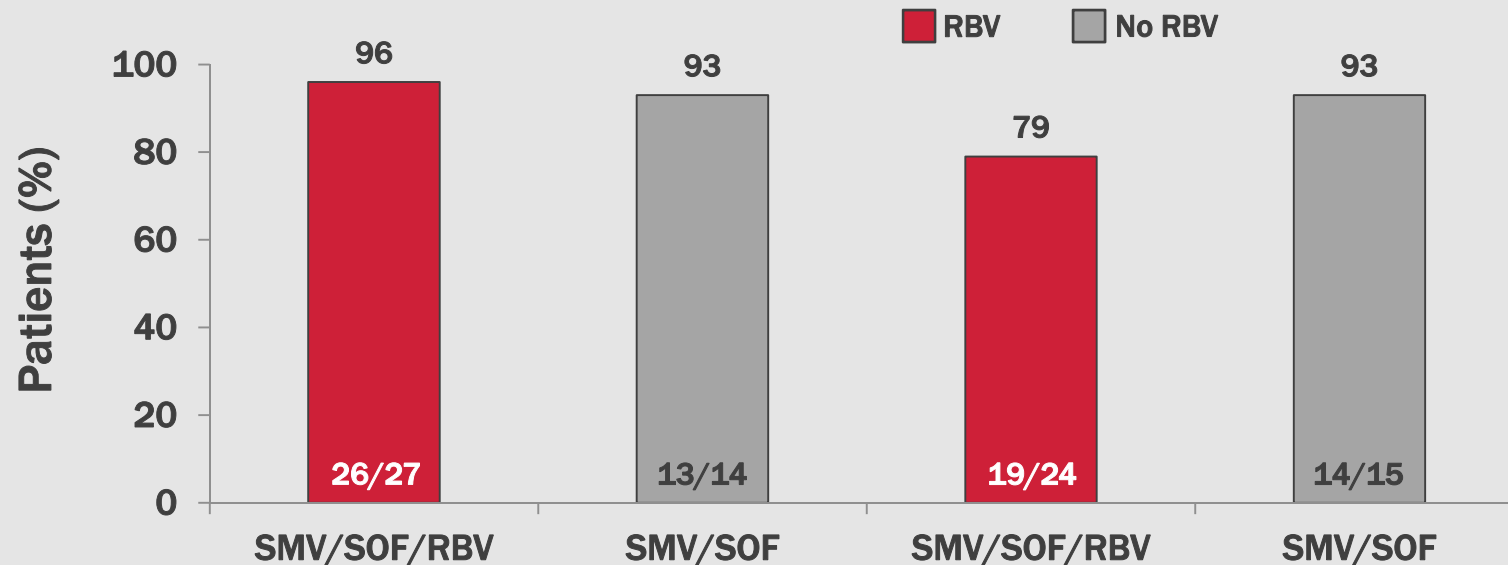
Enrollment ratio 2:1:2:1

- Cohort 1: Prior null responders (METAVIR F0-F2)
 - Final SVR12 for all arms
- Cohort 2: Treatment-naïve and prior null responders (METAVIR F3-F4)
 - Interim SVR4 for Arms 3 and 4
- Total n=167

COSMOS study: SMV + SOF ± RBV

Final results in cohort 1 (F0-2), n=80 (ITT)

- 80 null responders to PR with F0-2
- 61% male, 29% AA, 78% G1a (half with Q80K)

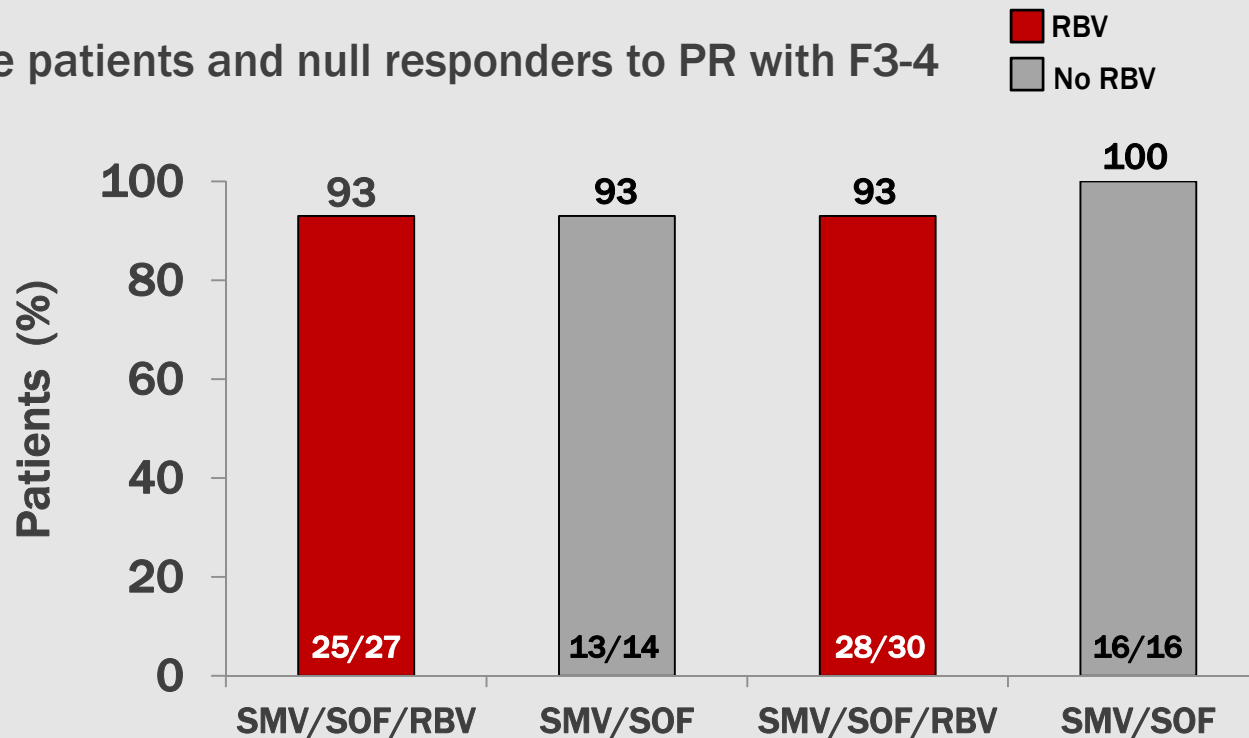


	12-week treatment		24-week treatment	
Relapse	1/27	1/14	1/24	0/15
Non-virologic failure	0/27	0/14	4/24	1/15

COSMOS Study: SMV + SOF ± RBV

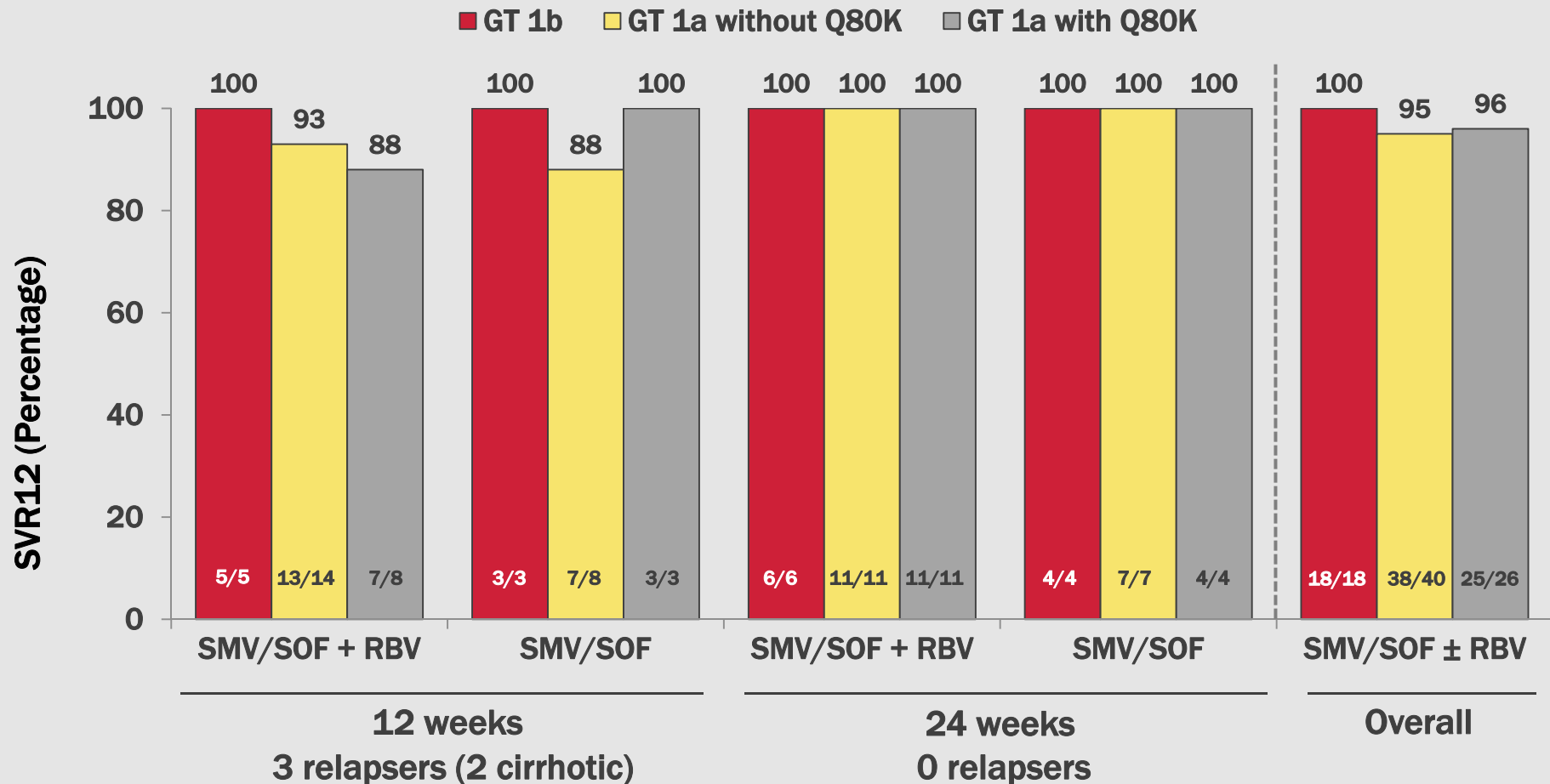
Final results in cohort 2 (F3-4), n=87 (ITT)

- 87 naïve patients and null responders to PR with F3-4



	12-week treatment		24-week treatment	
Relapse	2/27	1/14	0/30	0/16
Non-virologic failure	0/27	0/14	2/30	0/15

COSMOS: Final results in cohort 2 (Excludes non-virologic failures)



COSMOS study (cohort 2): Safety with simeprevir + sofosbuvir ± RBV

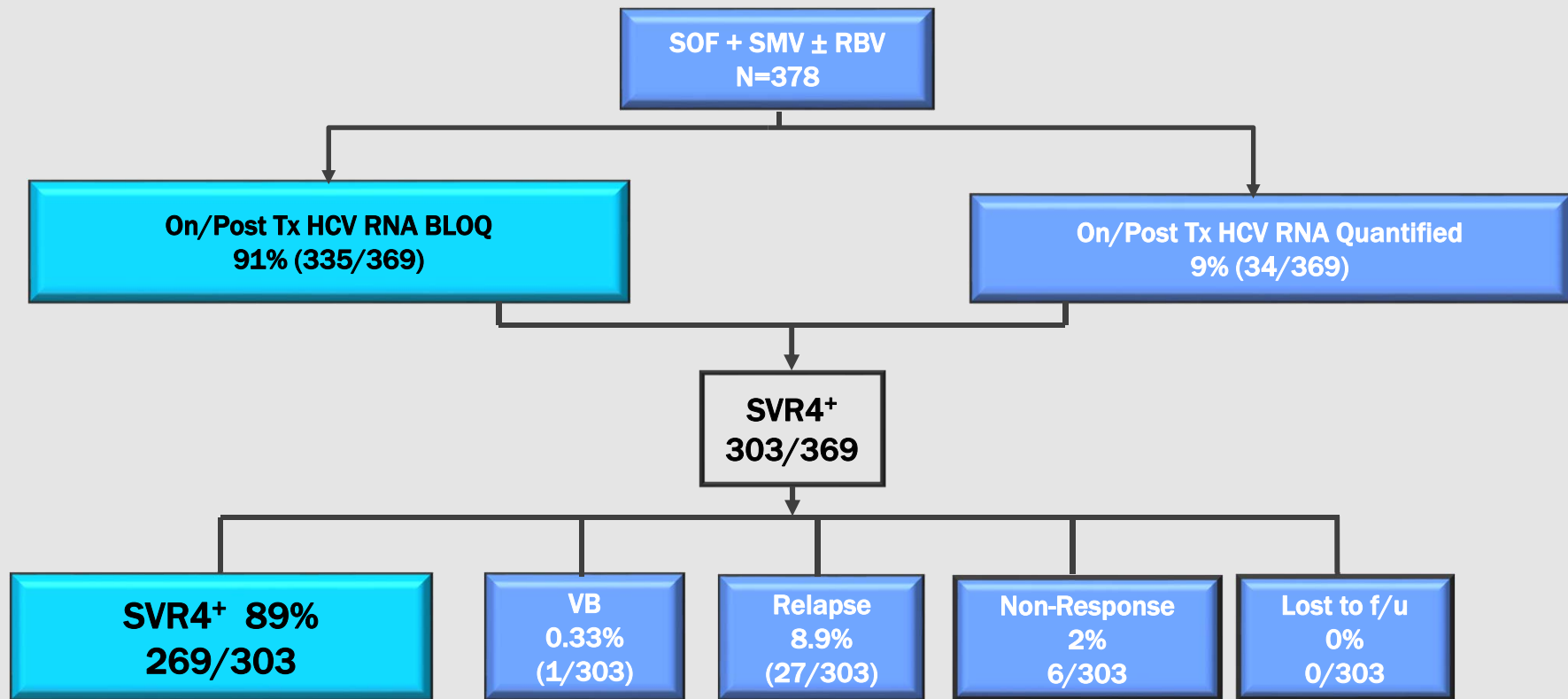
	12 Weeks		24 Weeks	
	Simeprevir Sofosbuvir RBV (n=30)	Simeprevir Sofosbuvir – (n=16)	Simeprevir Sofosbuvir RBV (n=27)	Simeprevir Sofosbuvir – (n=14)
Grade 3/4 events (%)				
Adverse events	16.7	12.5	3.7	7.1
Hyperbilirubinemia*	13.3	6.3	3.7	7.1
Discontinuations due to adverse events (%)	0	6.3	0	0
Common adverse events (%)				
Fatigue	50	38	33	21
Headache	23	18	19	14
Nausea	20	19	15	14
Anemia	23	6	11	0
Pruritus	17	6	11	14
Dizziness	13	19	11	7
Rash	13	0	19	7

*Simeprevir interacts with bilirubin transporters

Lawitz E, et al. *Lancet*. 2014;384:1756-1765.

HCV RNA outcomes for SOF/SMV+/-RBV: G1

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SVR4+

No cirrhosis: 92% (113/123)

Cirrhosis: 87% (156/180)

G1a: 89% (47/53)

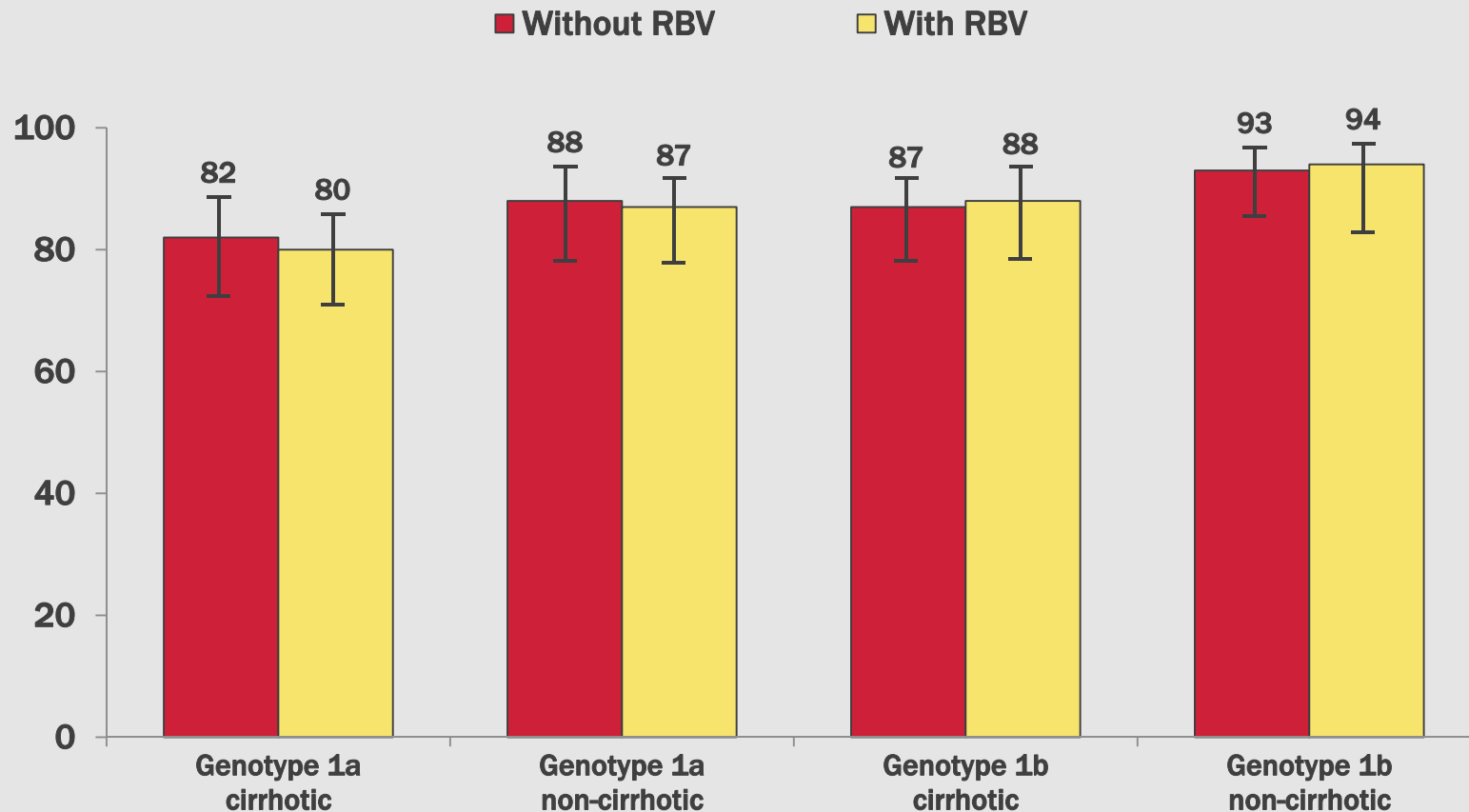
G1b: 95% (88/93)



Cohort of patients with treatment start on or before 4/15/14; BLOQ=below level of quantitation.
Sulkowski M, et al. 2014; AASLD

TARGET SIM/SOF

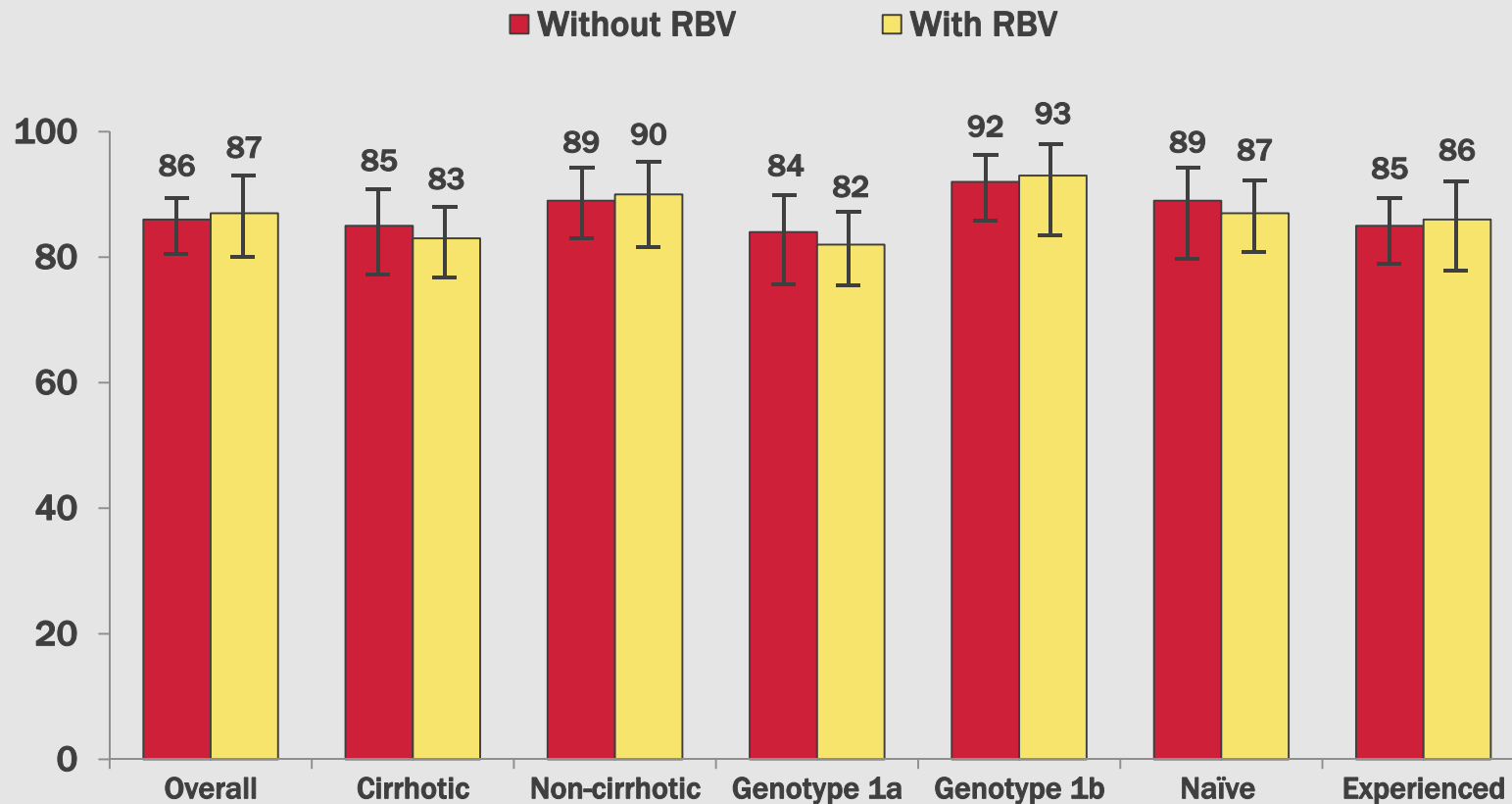
Adjusted SVR4 by RBV, G1 subtype, and cirrhosis



Is the difference between GT1a and 1b related to Q80K?

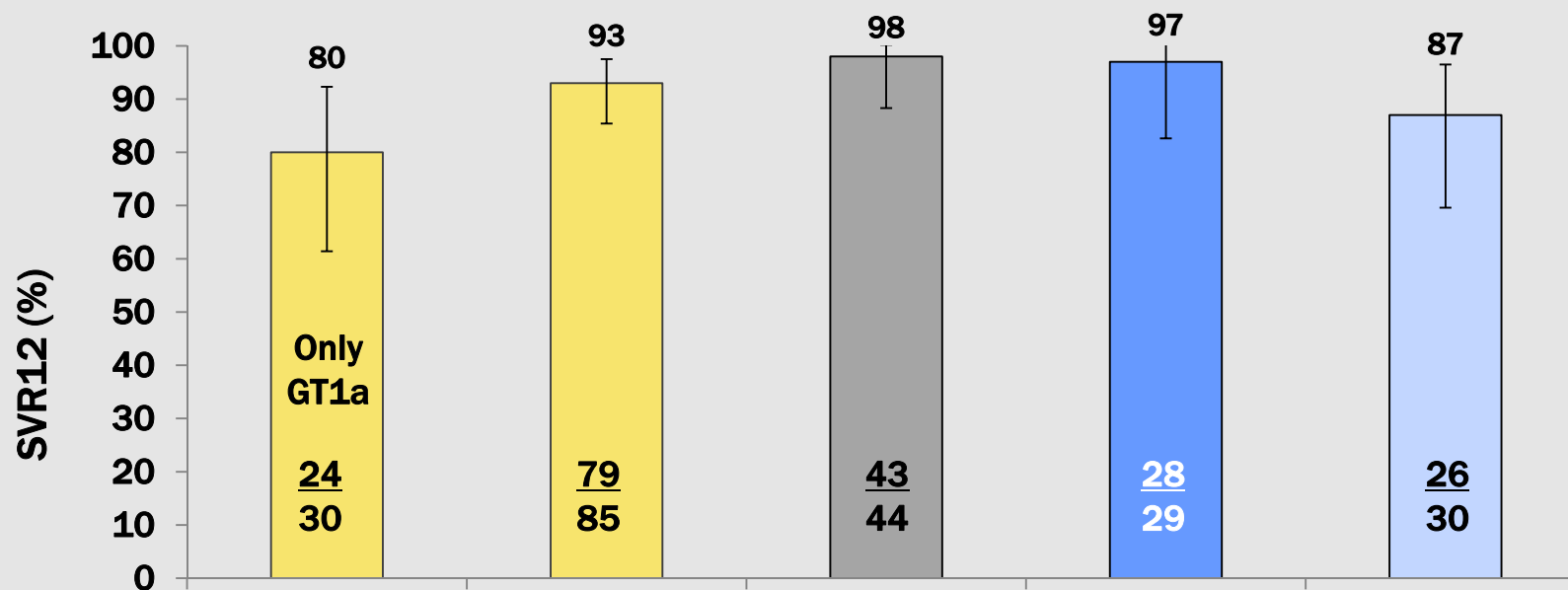
TARGET SIM/SOF

SVR4 rates by subgroups: No impact of ribavirin



Grazoprevir + elbasvir ± ribavirin in HCV mono-infected and HIV/HCV co-infected, treatment-naïve, non-cirrhotic patients with HCV GT1 infection: The C-WORTHY study

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Treatment Duration	HCV Mono-infected			HIV/HCV Co-infected	
	8 weeks	12 weeks	12 weeks	12 weeks	12 weeks
RBV	+ RBV	+ RBV	No RBV	+ RBV	No RBV
LTFU* or discontinued early not due to virologic failure	1	3	0	0	2
Breakthrough	0	1 [†]	0	0	2
Relapse	5	2 [‡]	1	1	0

*LTFU=Lost to follow-up; [†]Breakthrough was due to HCV GT2b (minor GT2b variant at baseline); [‡]One of the patients who relapsed did not receive grazoprevir and received only elbasvir + RBV for the first month of treatment. Regimens not yet FDA approved.

Sulkowski M, et al. *Lancet*. Available online November 11, 2014. DOI: [10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)61793-1t](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)61793-1t)

C-WORTHY STUDY: Adverse event and laboratory safety summary during treatment

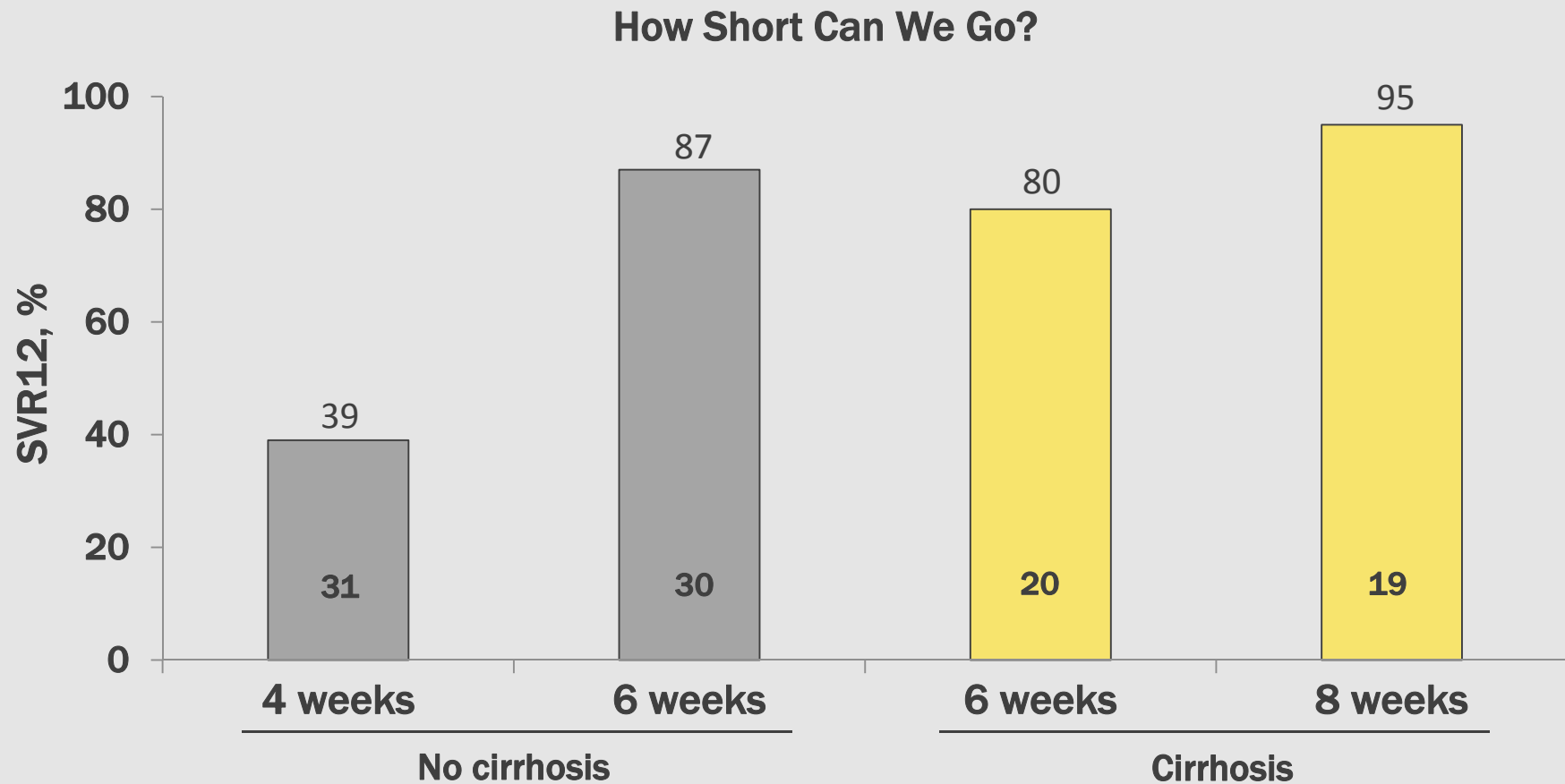
	HCV Mono-infected		HIV/HCV Co-infected	
	Grazoprevir + Elbasvir + RBV N=116*	Grazoprevir + Elbasvir (No RBV) N=43*	Grazoprevir + Elbasvir + RBV N=29	Grazoprevir + Elbasvir (No RBV) N=30
Serious adverse event	1 [†] (1%)	0 (0%)	1 [‡] (3%)	1 [§] (3%)
Death	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Discontinued due to AE	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Hemoglobin <10 g/dL	10 (9%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Total bilirubin >5xULN	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)
ALT/AST >2x to ≤5xULN after initial normalization	1 (1%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)
ALT/AST >5xULN after initial normalization	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Change in CD4 from baseline (cells/mm ³ , mean (SD))	N/A	N/A	-47 (176)	52 (178)
HIV breakthrough	N/A	N/A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

*One patient received RBV but was assigned the RBV-free arm. For the analysis of safety, this patient is in the + RBV group.

Serious AEs were: [†]nausea (related to study drug); [‡]asthenia (related to study drug);

[§] Staphylococcal infection (not related to study drug)

C-SWIFT study: Grazoprevir + elbasvir + sofosbuvir for 4, 6, or 8 weeks



Potential drivers of regimen choices in GT1 patients

