

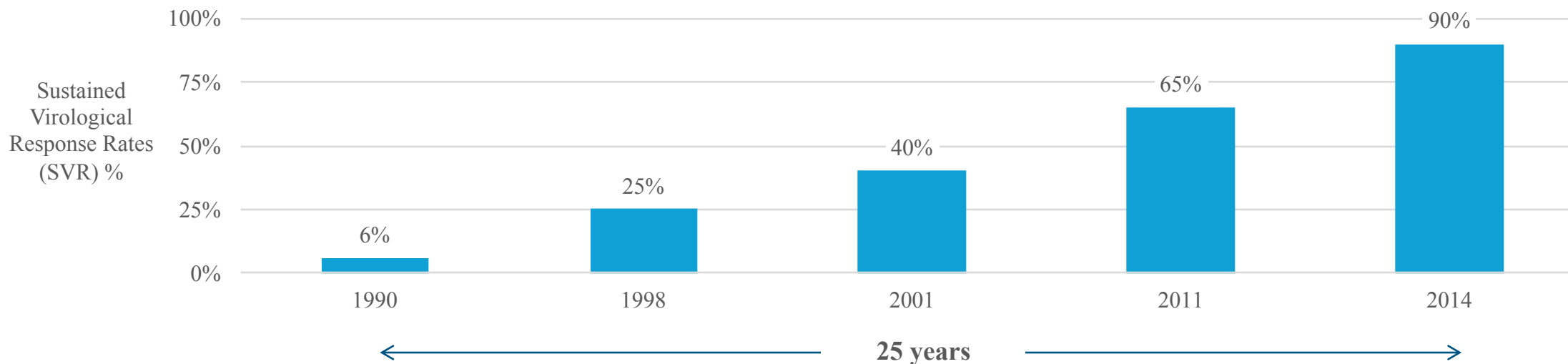
# HDV Approaches - Clinical and Regulatory

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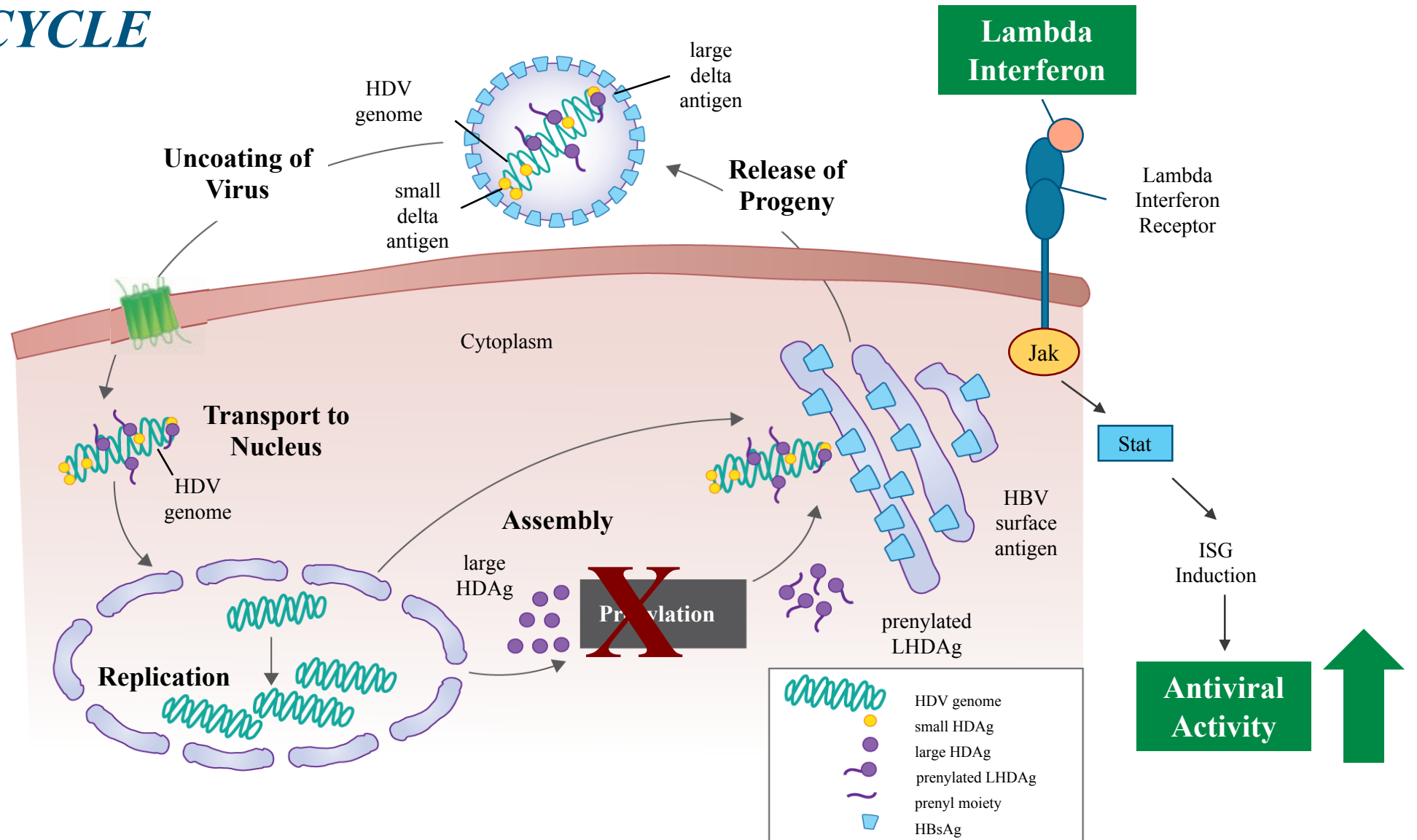
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# COMBINATION THERAPY MOST EFFECTIVE FOR HEPATITIS C

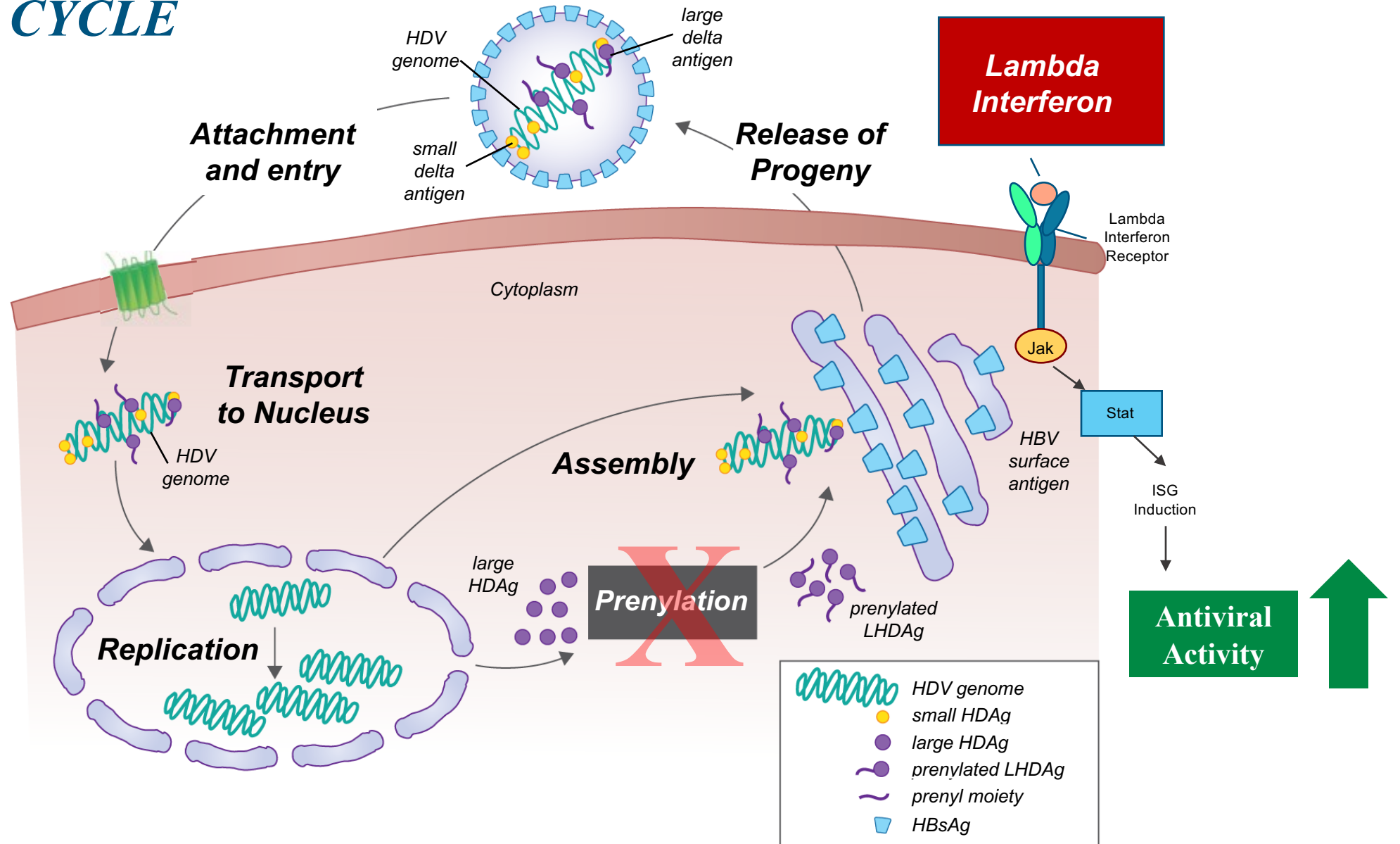


**We Believe Combination Therapy Will Benefit HDV Patients**

# HDV LIFE CYCLE



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# TWO COMPLEMENTARY ASSETS FOR HDV

## Multiple Treatment Options

### Lonafarnib

- Small molecule oral prenylation inhibitor
- >2000 patients previously dosed in oncology trials
- >120 HDV-patients dosed
- Dose regimens and endpoints defined

### Lambda

- Potential for **less** IFN-associated abnormalities\*
- >3000 patients previously dosed in HBV / HCV trials
- 33 HDV-patients dosing
- Interim data to be presented at AASLD 2017

Lonafarnib +  
Ritonavir  
*All Oral Rx*

Lonafarnib +  
Lambda +  
Ritonavir  
*Combination Rx*

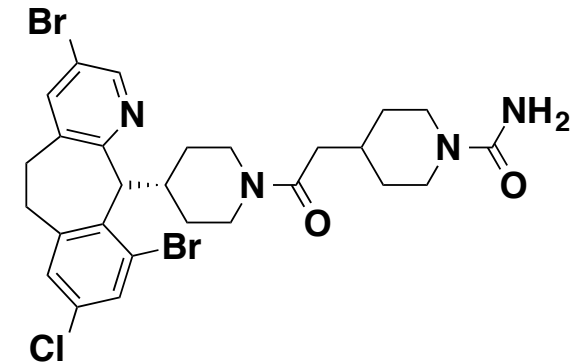
Lambda  
*Sub Q Rx*

\*Chan, HLY et al, J Hepatology 2016.

# ***LONAFARNIB FOR HDV***

## **Well-characterized Clinical Stage Lead Compound**

- Small molecule, oral, prenylation inhibitor
- Well-characterized through Phase 3
  - >2,000 patients dosed in oncology program by Merck (Schering)
  - Dose limiting toxicity is GI (class effect)
- Over 120 HDV patients dosed across international sites
- HDV Orphan Designation in US & EU, Fast Track in US
- Prenylation is a host target; potential barrier to resistance



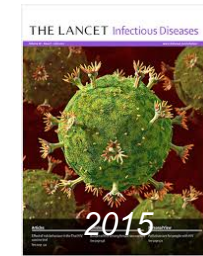
# LONAFARNIB PHASE 2 PROGRESS

Goal: Identify Dose and Regimen for Registration N=129

- **Proof of Concept**

- Monotherapy

N = 14



- **LOWR HDV – 1**

- ± RTV or PEG IFN-α

N = 21



Manuscript Submitted  
Hepatology

- **LOWR HDV – 2**

- Dose Finding ± PEG IFN-α

N = 58



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- **LOWR HDV – 3**

- QD Dose

N = 21



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- **LOWR HDV – 4**

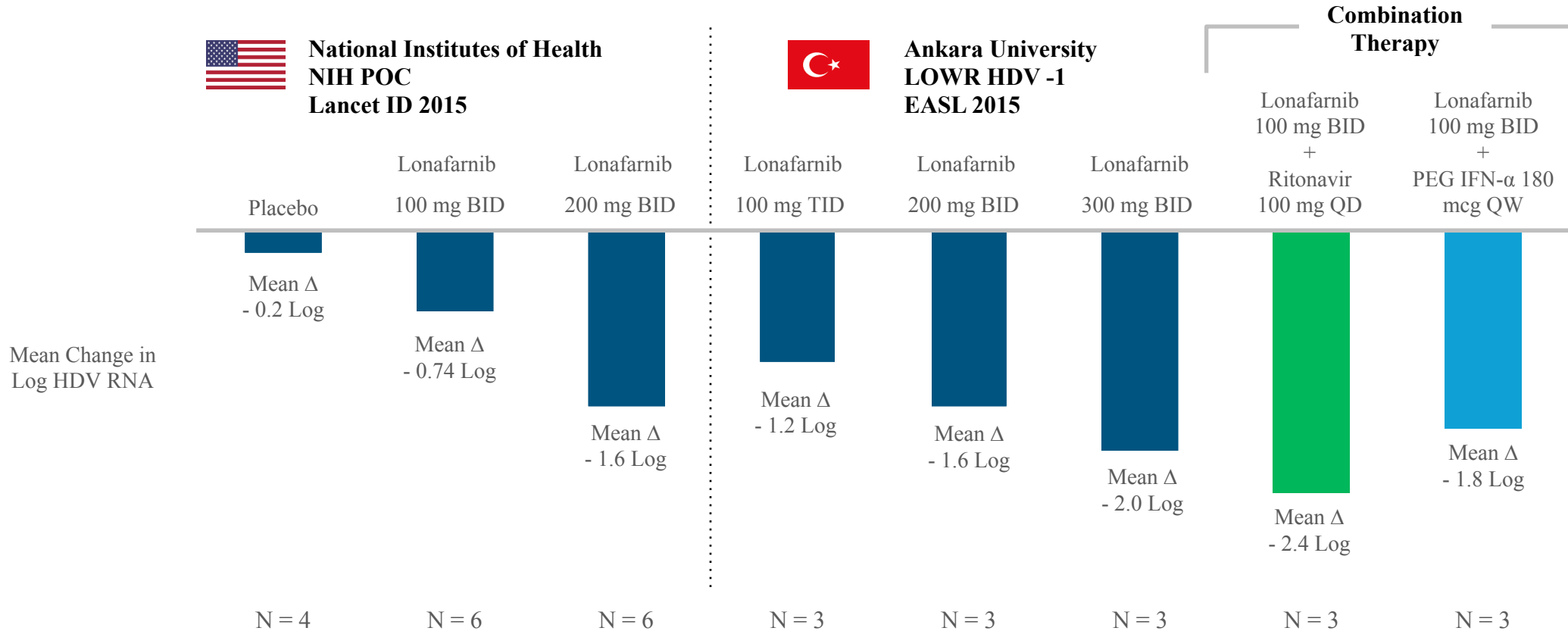
- Dose-Escalation

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# LONAFARNIB DECREASES HDV-RNA VIRAL LOAD

## 4 Week Reduction in HDV-RNA with Lonafarnib

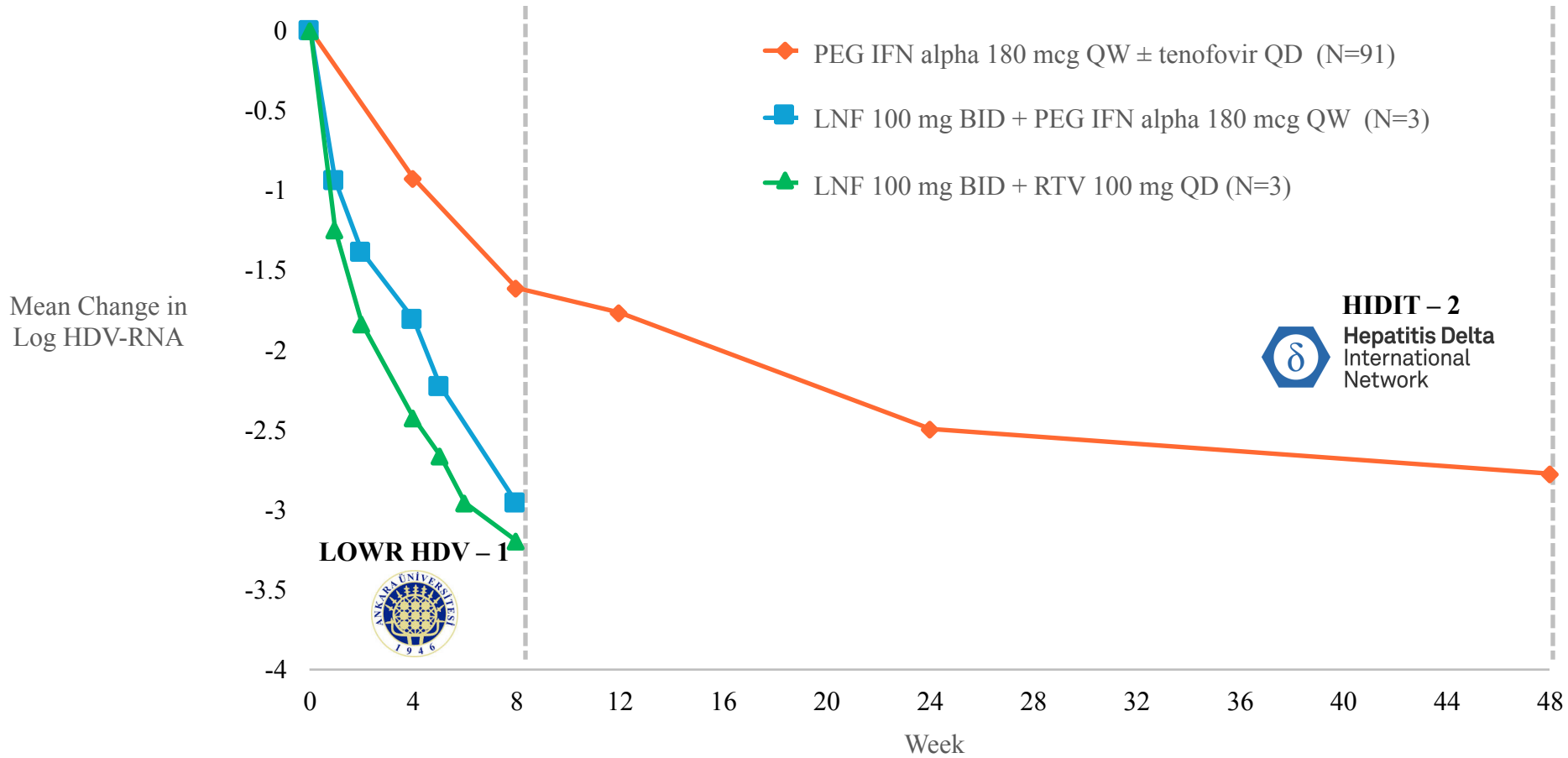


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LOWR HDV = LOnafarnib With Ritonavir in HDV; Yurdaydin, C. et al, EASL 2015 Abstract #O118



# RAPID DECLINE WITH LONAFARNIB COMBINATIONS



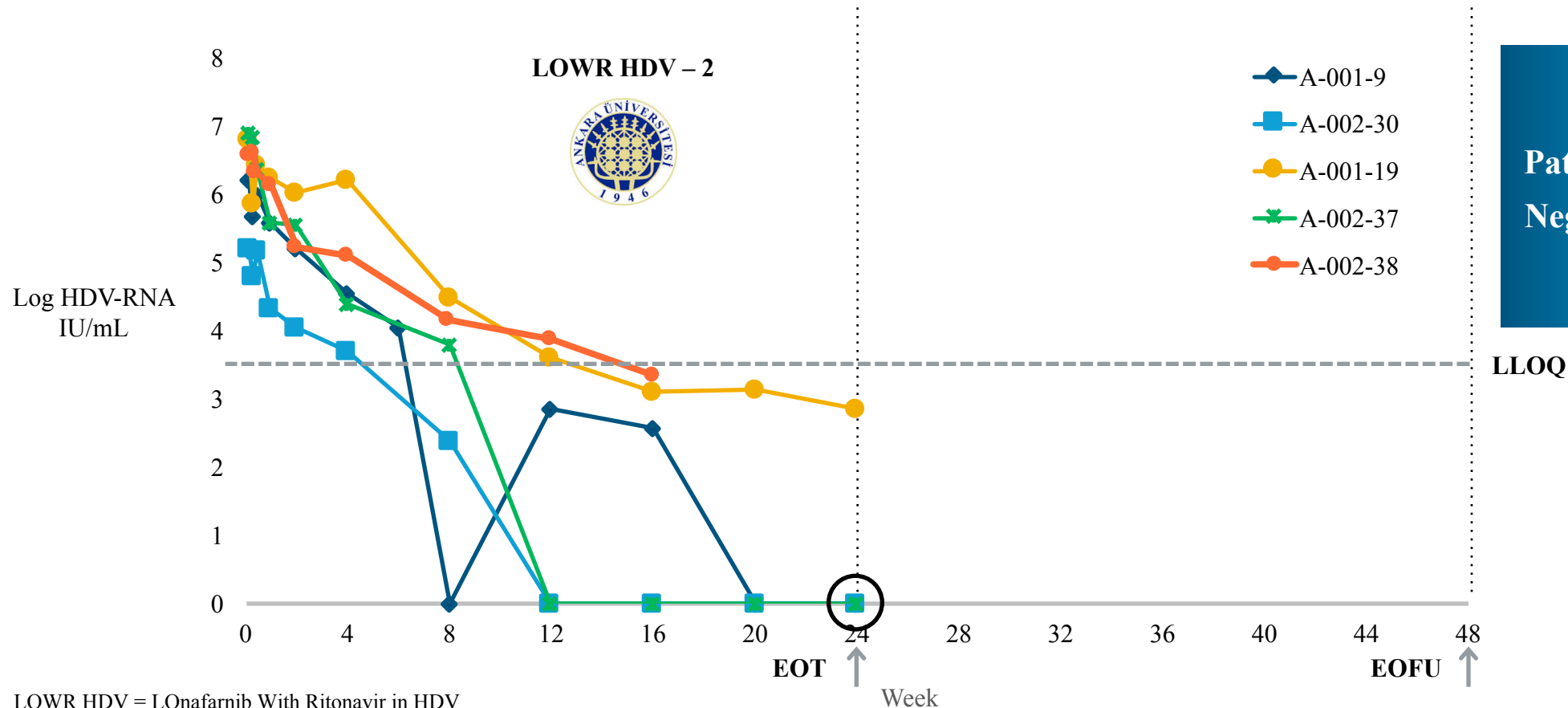
**Rapid Viral Load  
Decline After  
2 Months**

**Next steps:  
Explore dose-ranging,  
combinations,  
longer duration**

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Meta-analysis of LOWR HDV-1 and HIDIT-2 studies

# COMBINATION: HIGHEST RESPONSE RATES

**LNF 25 mg BID + RTV + PEG IFN  $\alpha$**



**Highest Percent of Patients Achieving PCR-Negative Levels @ Week 24**

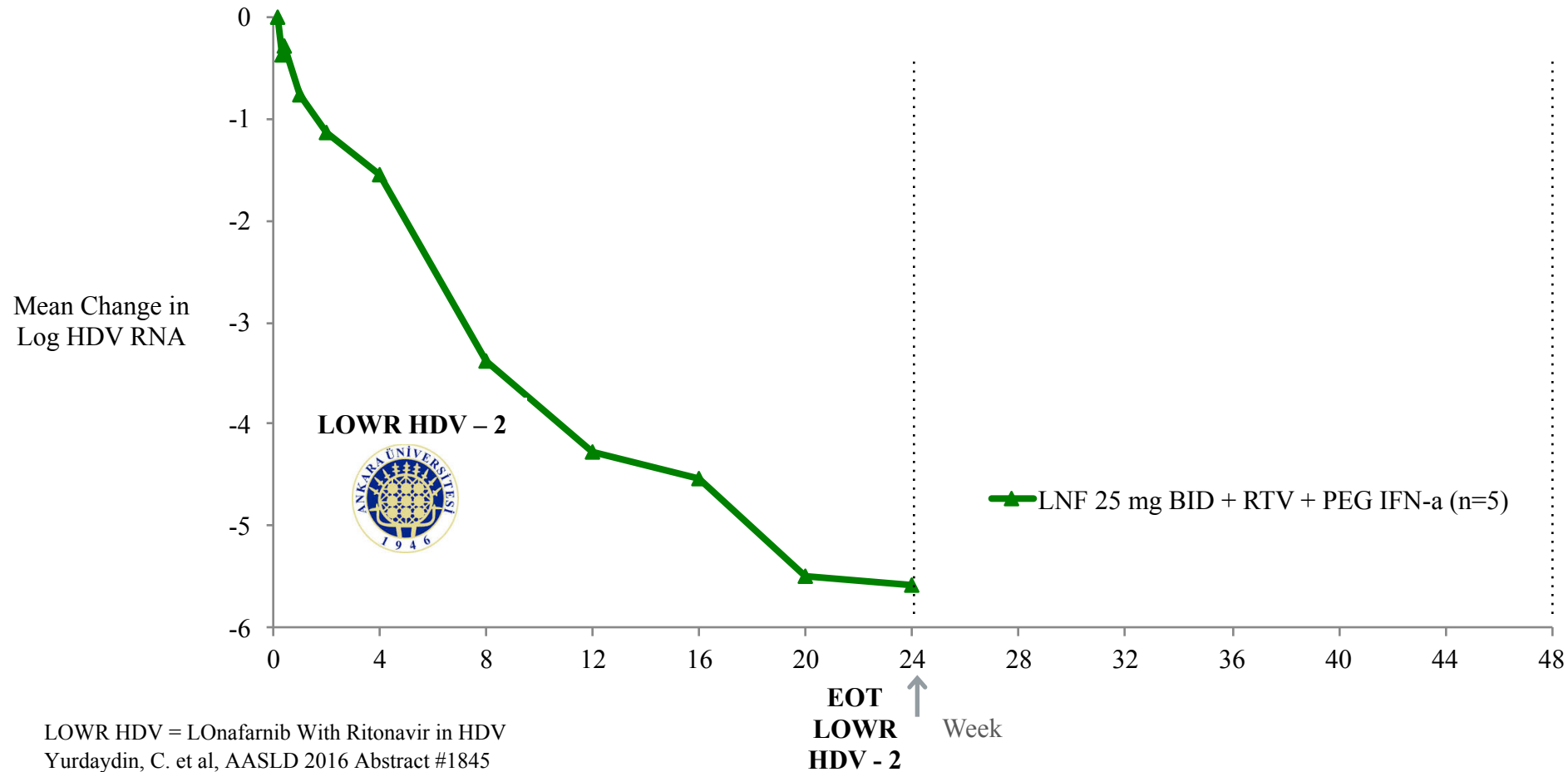
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Yurdaydin, C. et al, AASLD 2016 Abstract #1845



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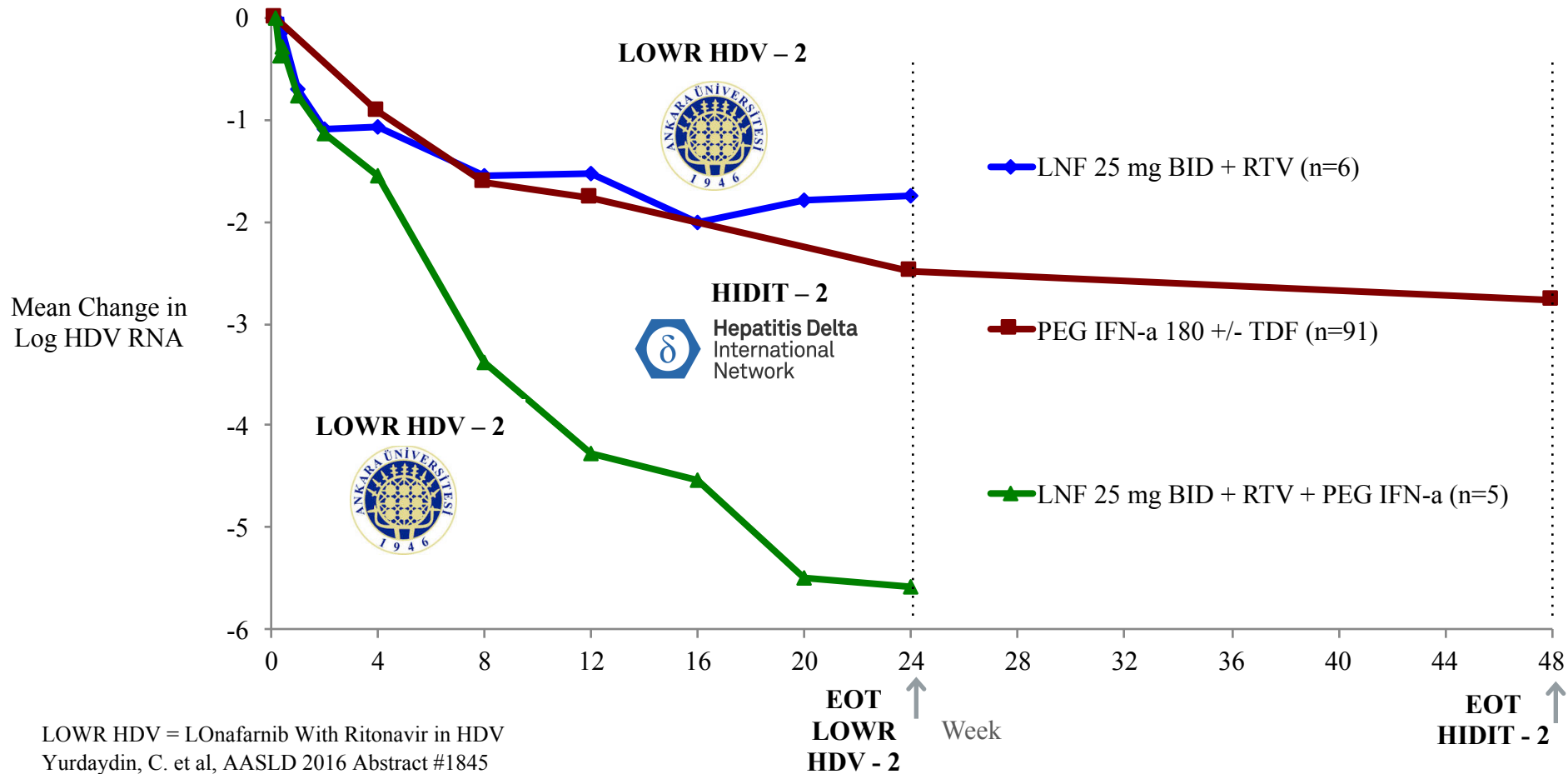
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## ***PHASE 2: LOWR HDV PROGRAM\****

### **Key Findings from EASL 2017**

- All-oral LNF + RTV suppresses HDV-RNA < LOQ
- Addition of PEG IFN  $\alpha$  to LNF 25 mg BID + RTV  
- results in highest response rates
- Majority of patients normalized ALT at Week 24
- GI AEs predominantly mild / moderate

**Goal: Define Dose Regimens  
and Endpoints**

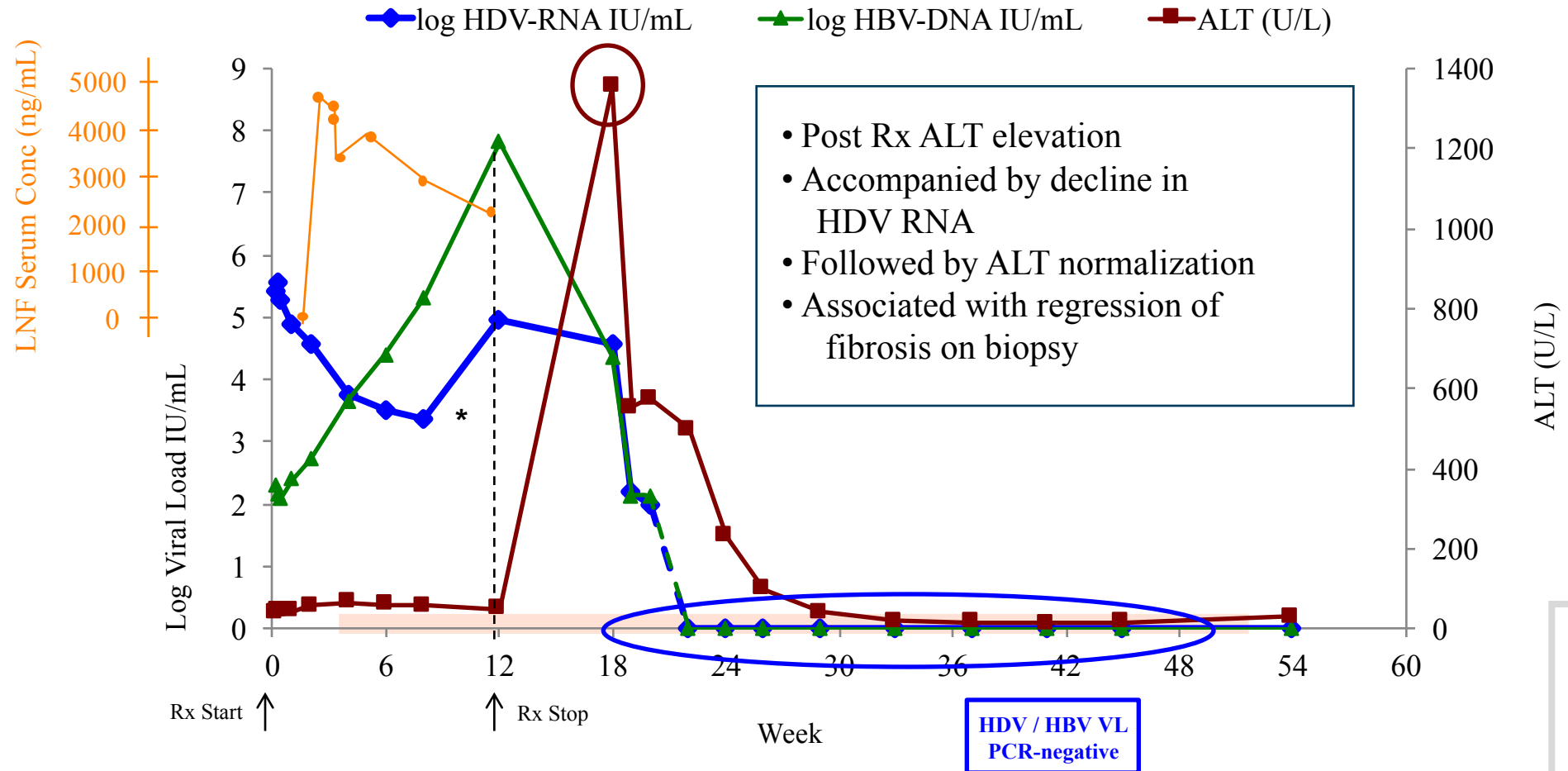
**Basis of Agency Discussions**

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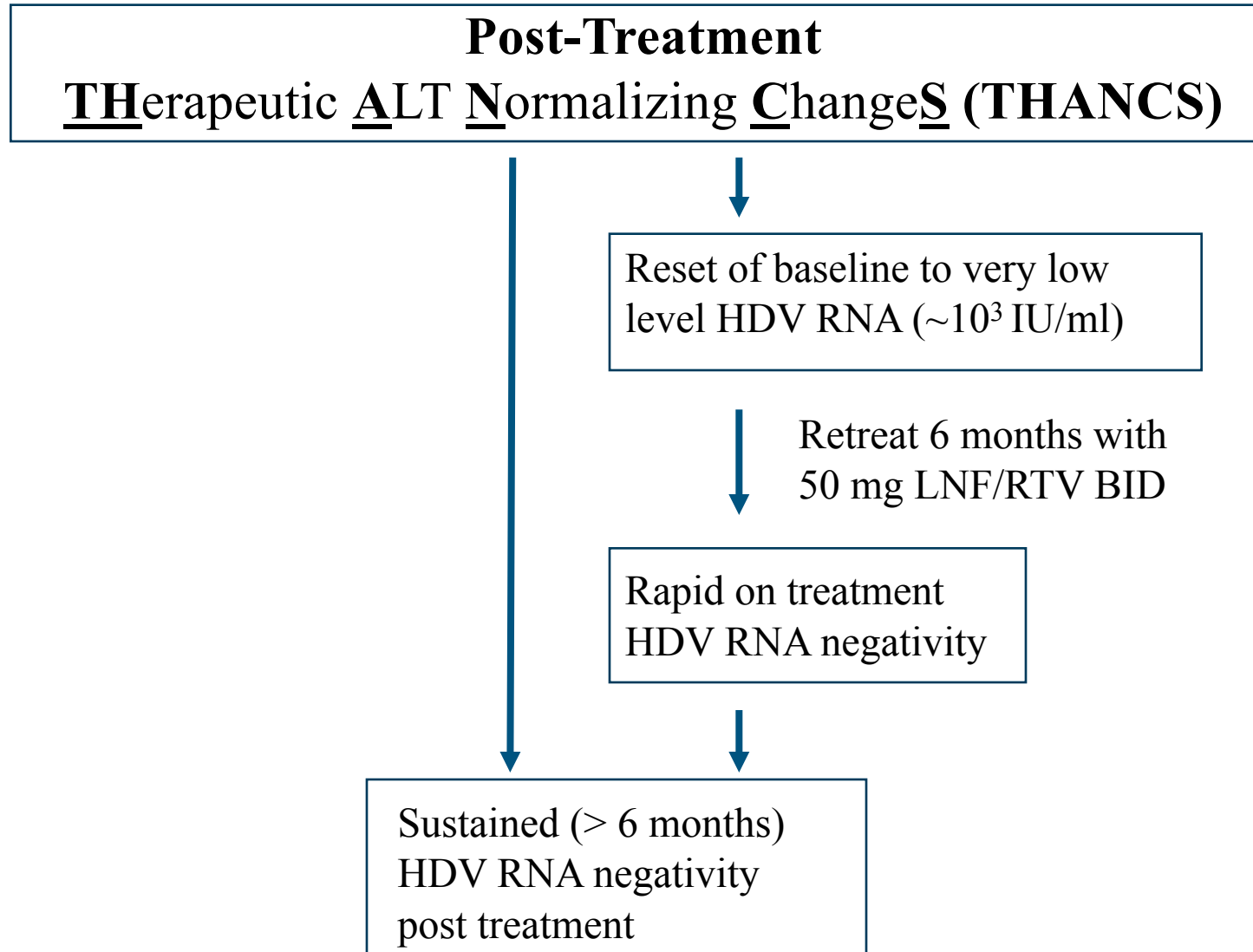
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# POST-TREATMENT: LNF 100 MG BID + RTV 50 MG BID

## Post-Treatment Therapeutic ALT Normalizing ChangeS (THANCS)

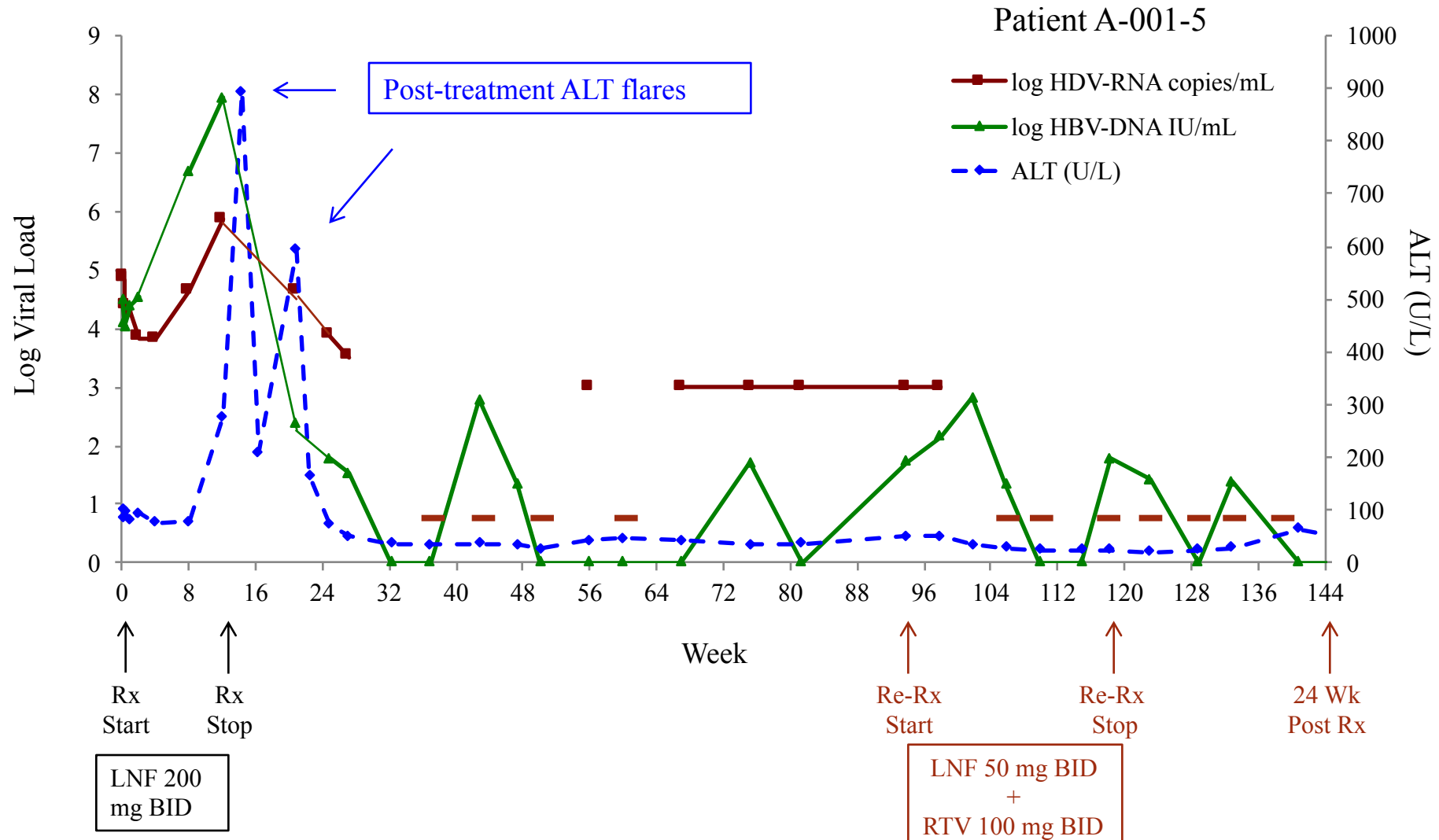


# TWO OUTCOMES OF THANCS REACTIONS



# POST-TREATMENT: LNF 200 MG BID

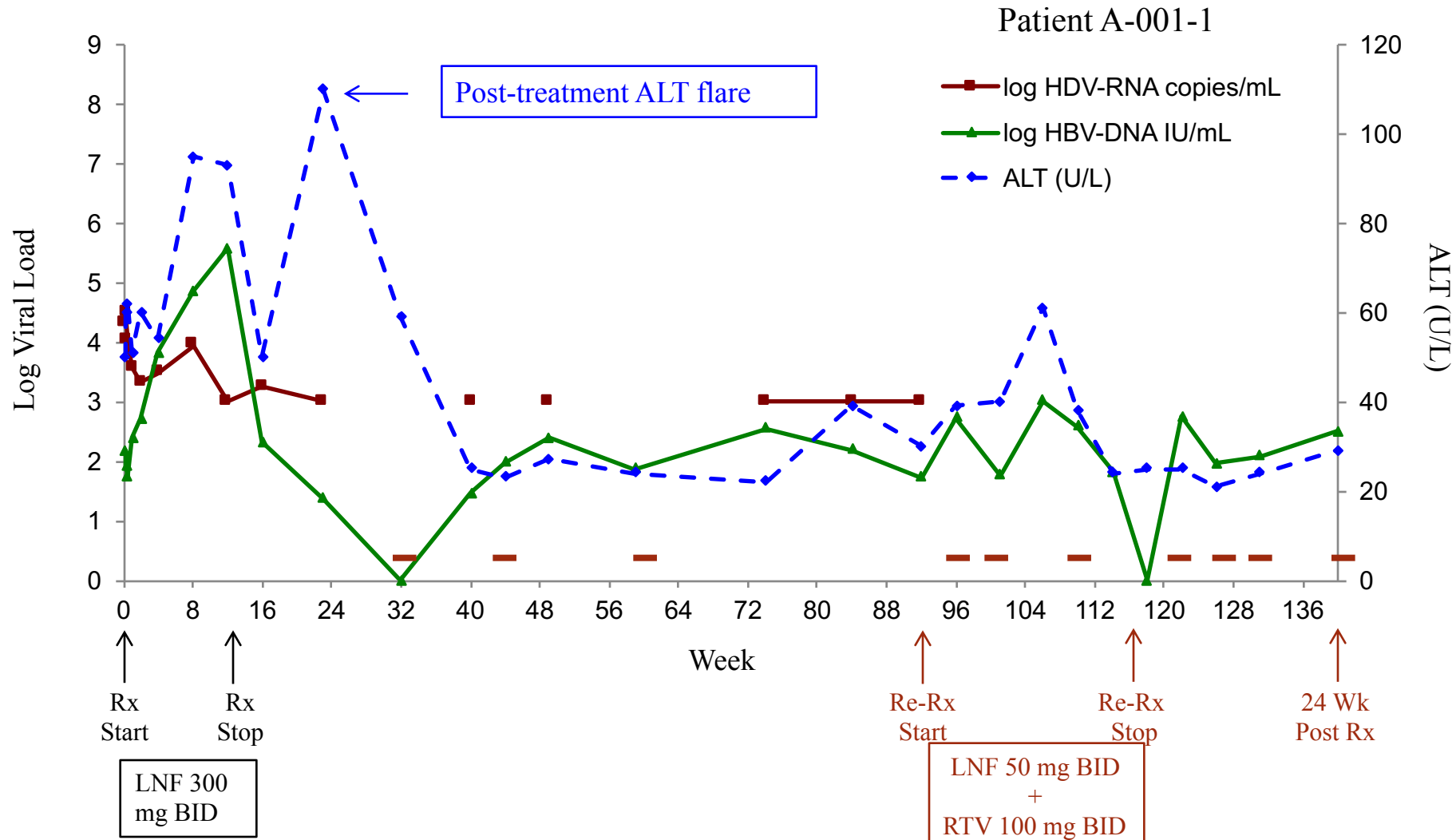
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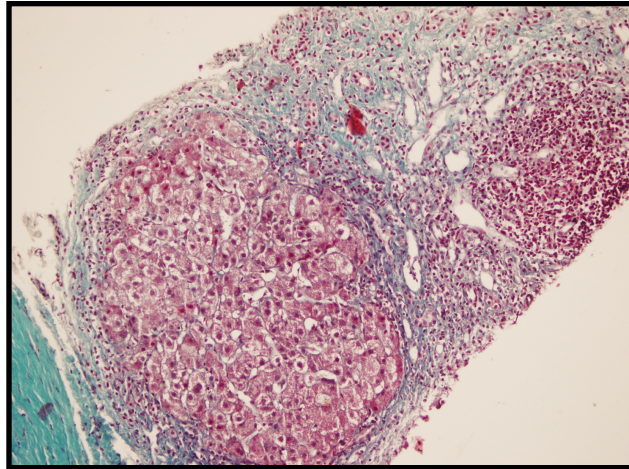
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## **2 POINT IMPROVEMENT IN FIBROSIS**

**Patient 3: LNF 50 mg BID + RTV 100 mg BID**

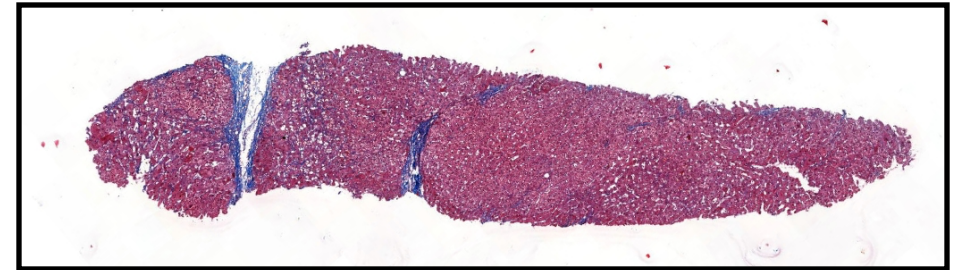
**Pre-Treatment**



**Baseline**

**Ishak Fibrosis Score 6**

**Post-LNF-Induced ALT Normalization**



**Week 84**

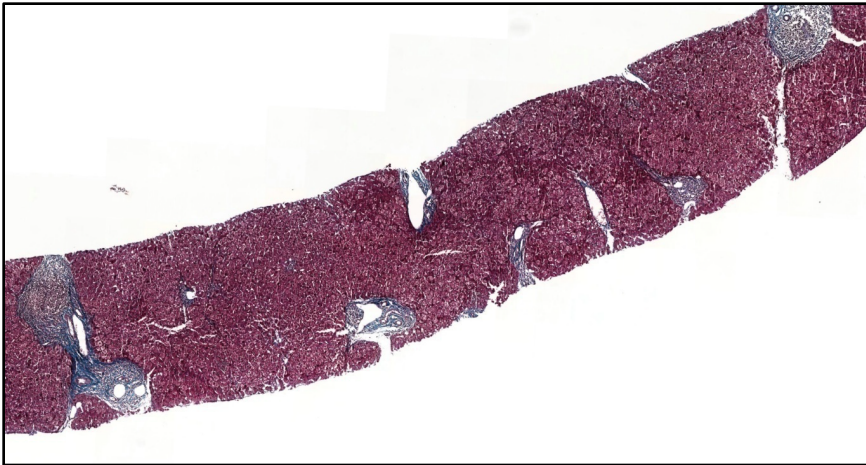
**6 months post-ALT normalization  
and  
HDV-RNA PCR-negative**

**Ishak Fibrosis Score 4**

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Patient 5: LNF 300 mg BID

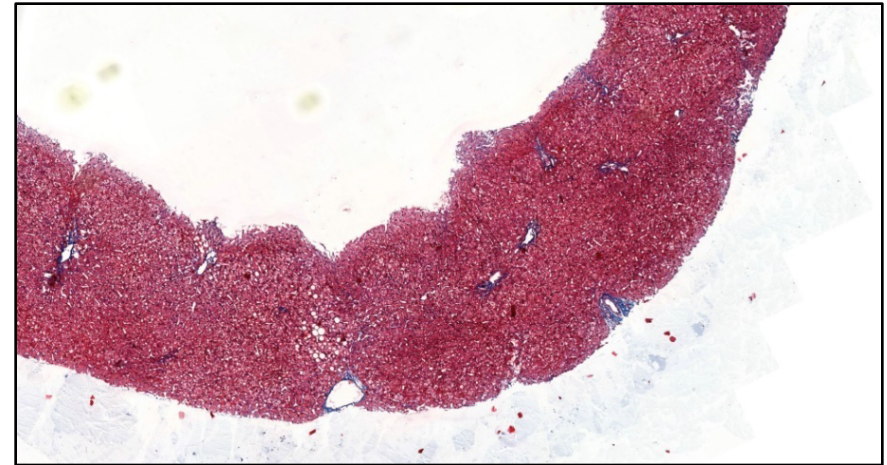
Pre-Treatment



Baseline

Ishak Fibrosis Score 2

Post-LNF-Induced ALT Normalization



Week 128

18 months post-ALT normalization  
and  
HDV-RNA PCR-negative

Ishak Fibrosis Score 0

# ***IMMUNE REACTIVATION IN HDV PATIENTS***

## **Potential New Mechanism for Viral Clearance**

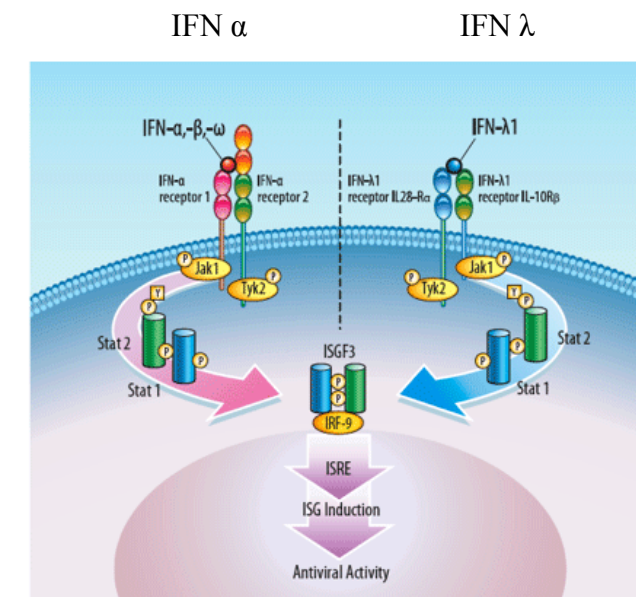
Two potential pathways for achieving HDV-RNA PCR-negativity with LNF therapy:

- On-treatment LNF-induced HDV-RNA suppression
  - More classical antiviral approach, e.g.  
LOWR HDV – 2, – 3, and – 4 studies
- Post-treatment LNF-induced **THANCS**

# PEGYLATED INTERFERON LAMBDA

## A Targeted Interferon for HDV

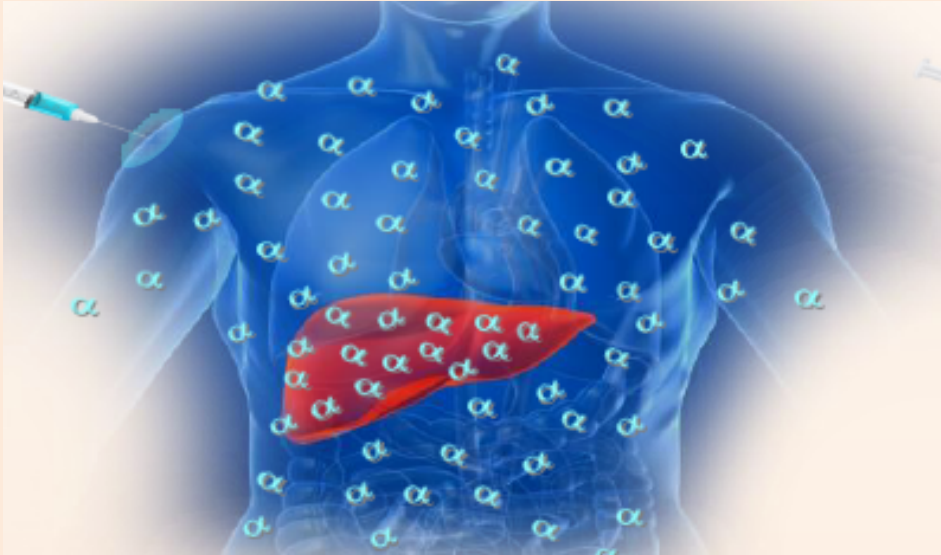
- A novel first in class Type III interferon
- Binds to a unique receptor versus Type I interferons
  - Highly expressed on hepatocytes
  - Limited expression on hematopoietic cells and CNS cells
- Uses similar downstream signaling pathway as Type I interferons
- Greater than 3,000 patients in 17 clinical trials (HCV / HBV)
- Comparable antiviral activity with less of the typical IFN alpha related side effects\*





# LIMITED EXTRA-HEPATIC LAMBDA RECEPTOR DISTRIBUTION

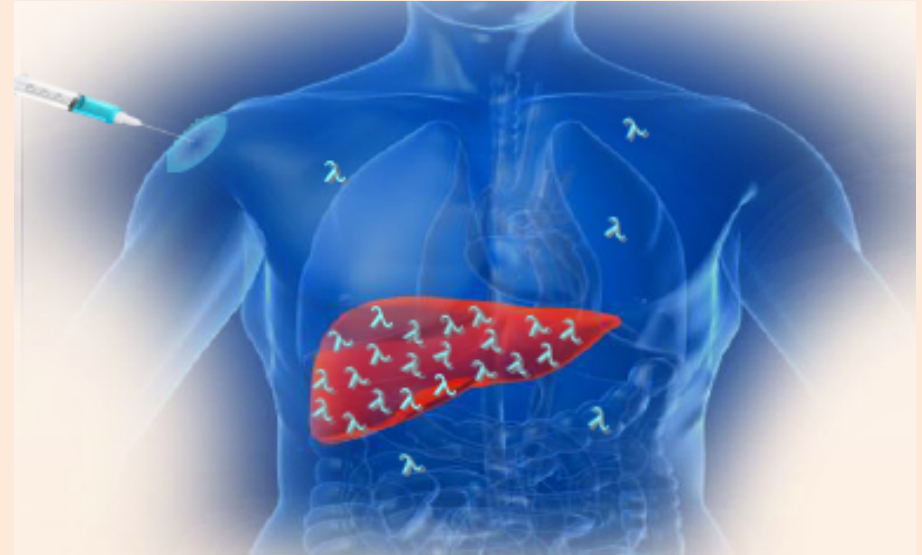
Alfa receptors **widely** distributed throughout body.



Potential for **MORE** IFN-associated abnormalities:

- ↑ Neutropenia
- ↑ Thrombocytopenia
- ↑ Flu-like Symptoms
- ↑ Musculoskeletal Symptoms

Lambda receptors **NOT widely** distributed throughout body.



Potential for **LESS** IFN-associated abnormalities:

- ↓ Neutropenia
- ↓ Thrombocytopenia
- ↓ Flu-like Symptoms
- ↓ Musculoskeletal Symptoms

# LAMBDA vs. ALPHA IN HBV PATIENTS

## On-treatment safety summary.

Patients, n (%)	Lambda 180 µg N = 80	Alfa 180 µg N = 83
Serious adverse events	7 (8.8)	5 (6.0)
Adverse events leading to discontinuation	6 (7.5) <sup>a</sup>	8 (9.6) <sup>b</sup>
Adverse events (any grade) in >15% in any group		
Pyrexia	8 (10.0)	38 (45.8)
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Fatigue	26 (32.5)	24 (28.9)
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Myalgia	3 (3.8)	18 (21.7)
Dizziness	5 (6.3)	13 (15.7)
Pruritus	7 (8.8)	13 (15.7)
ALT increased	15 (18.8)	8 (9.6)
Adverse event categories of special interest <sup>c</sup>		
Constitutional	28 (35.0)	26 (31.3)
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AST increases (>5 × ULN)	27 (33.8)	15 (18.3)
Hyperbilirubinemia (>2.5 × ULN)	3 (3.8)	0
Neutropenia (<750 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	2 (2.5)	17 (20.7)
Thrombocytopenia (<50,000 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	0	1 (1.2)
Hemoglobin <9 g/dl or ≥4.5 g/dl ↓ from baseline	0	0
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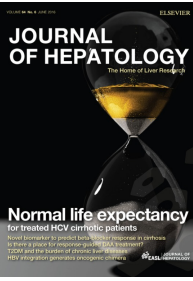
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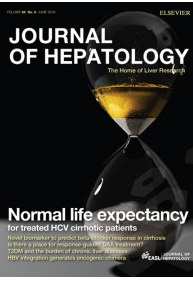
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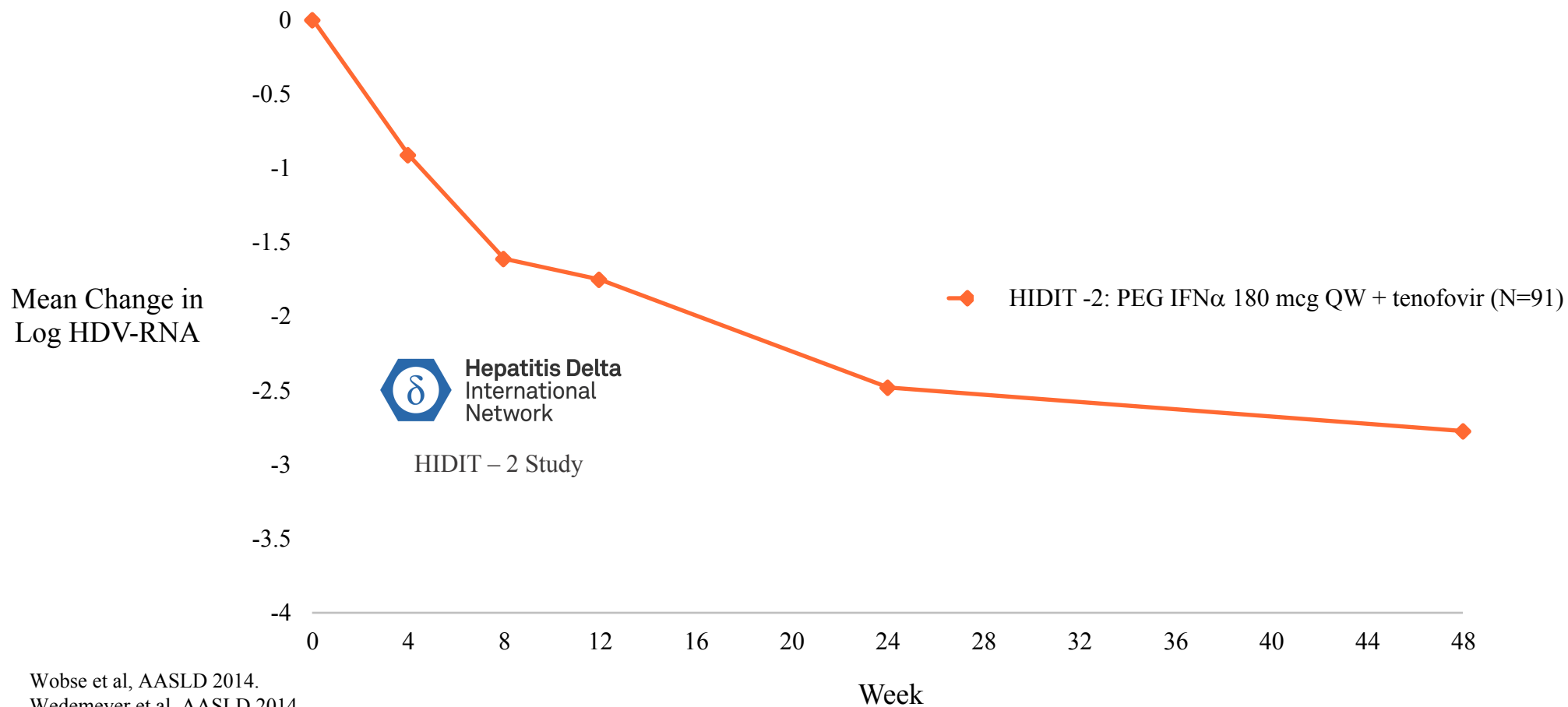


## *LAMBDA vs. ALPHA IN HBV PATIENTS*

- Comparable HBV antiviral activity at end of treatment
- Lambda was generally well tolerated
- Comparable rates of SAEs and discontinuations due to AEs (lambda vs alpha)
  - Lambda: related to hepatobiliary events
  - Alpha: related to cytopenias, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia or hepatic enzyme elevations
- Frequency of ALT flares<sup>1</sup> was higher with lambda than alpha
  - Most ALT flares were asymptomatic; no clinical or laboratory signs of hepatic impairment

# PEG IFN $\alpha$ DEMONSTRATES ACTIVITY IN HDV PATIENTS

Lambda Expected to Demonstrate Comparable Activity



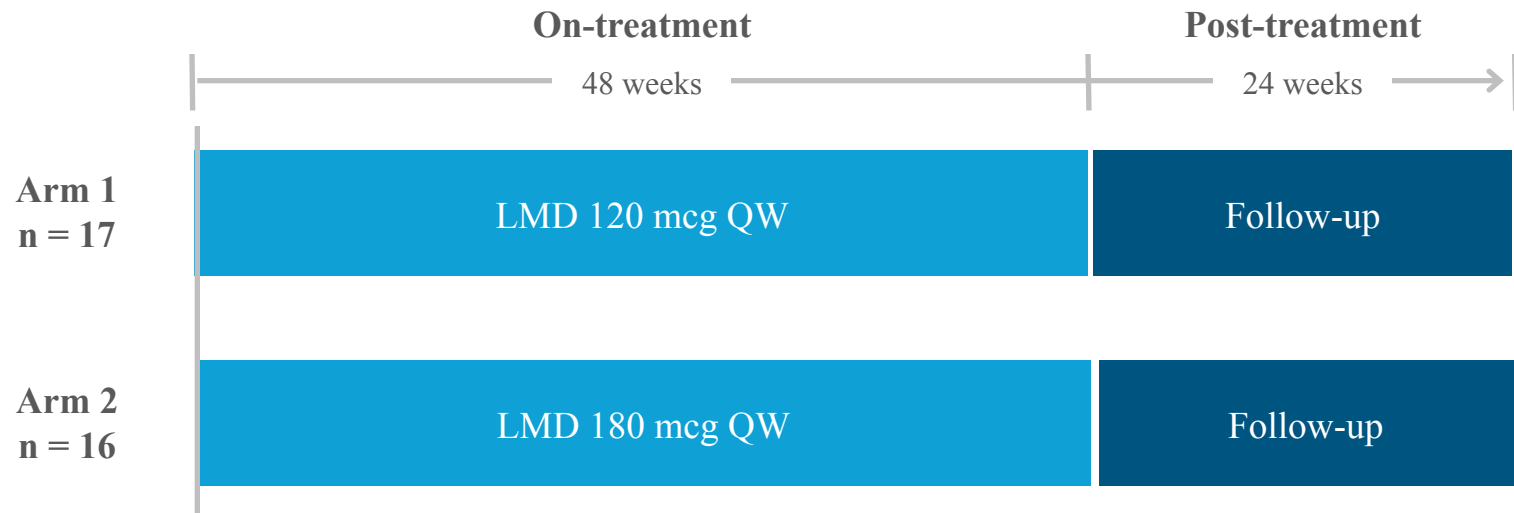
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# LIMT HDV “MONO”: PHASE 2 STUDY

## Lambda Interferon MonoTherapy Study in HDV

### Bridging to Registration: Supportive Study



- Safety / tolerability
- HDV-RNA negativity

Enrollment Completed  
N=33



To be presented at



2017

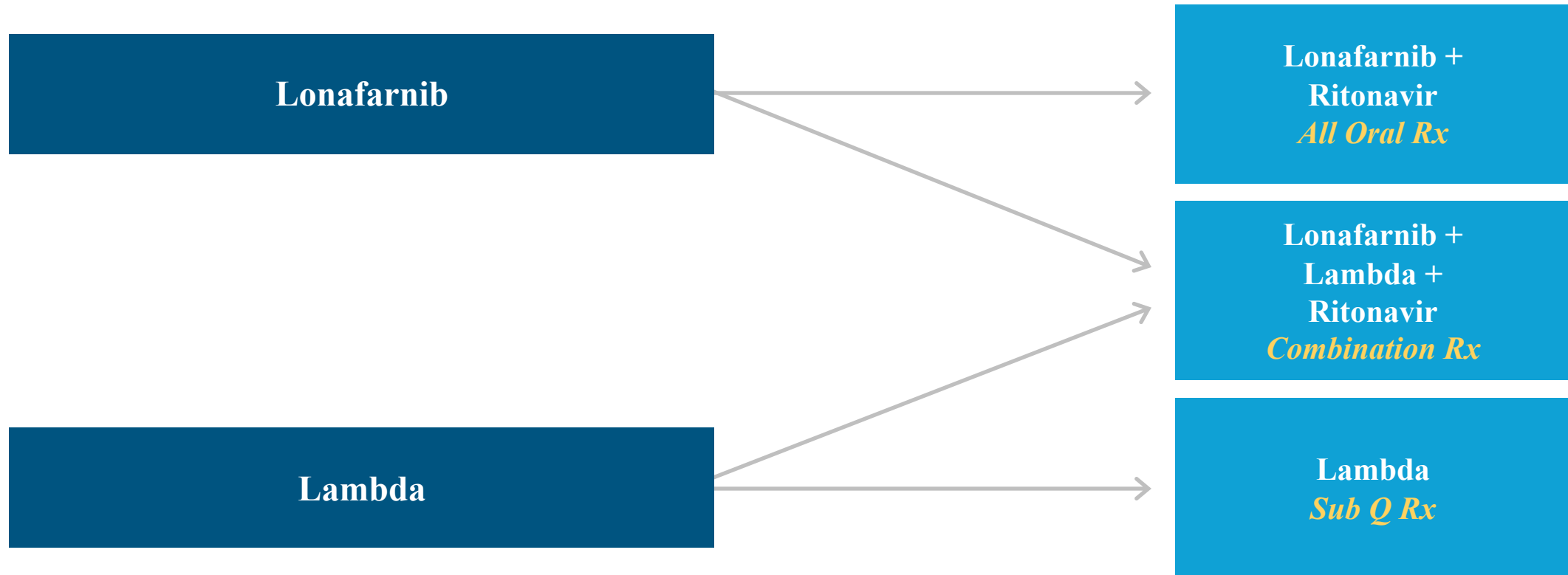
## ***2017 AASLD ABSTRACT: INTERIM 8-WEEK SUMMARY***

### **LIMT HDV Study**

- 20 of 33 patients enrolled at time of AASLD abstract submission
  - Baseline HDV RNA 4.5 log IU/mL (SD  $\pm$ 1.36)
  - 11 of 20 patients reached Week 8
- 6 of 11 (55%) patients had HDV RNA < LLOQ\*
- 3 of 11 (27%) were HDV-RNA PCR-negative
- Safety:
  - Three patients had Grade 3 elevations of ALT
  - Hyperbilirubinemia events in three patients responded to dose reduction or discontinuation
- Constitutional symptoms were less frequent and milder than historical data with PEG IFN-alpha
- Lambda was well-tolerated

# ***TWO COMPLEMENTARY ASSETS FOR HDV***

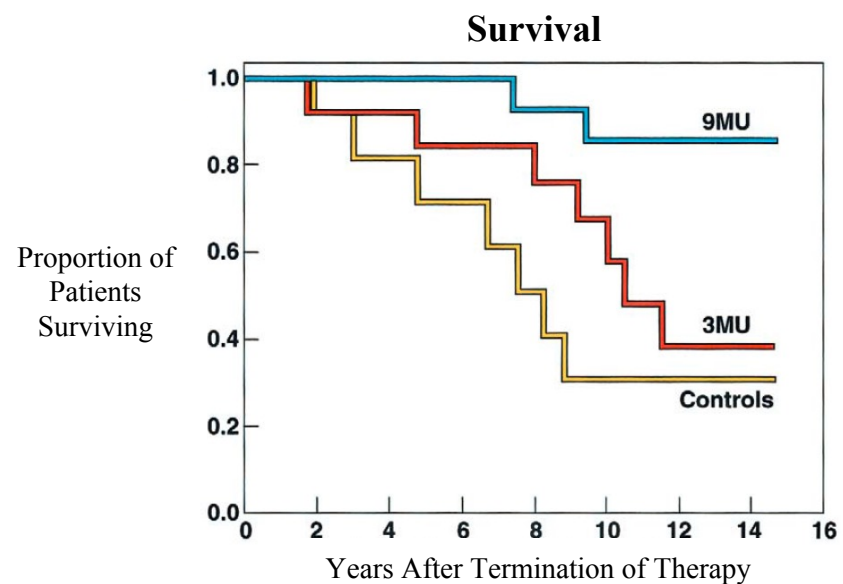
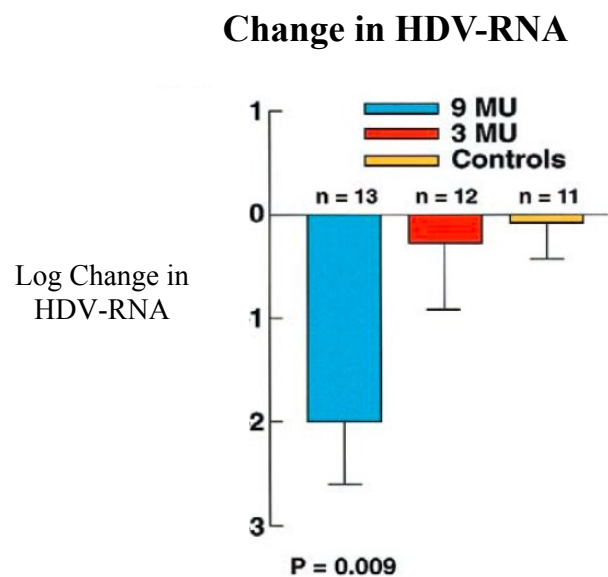
## **Multiple Treatment Options**



**Lambda to Replace Alpha in Next Studies**

# PROPOSED ENDPOINTS IN HDV

- Primary Endpoint:
  - $\geq 2$  Log Reduction in HDV RNA at EOT



# *PROPOSED ENDPOINTS IN HDV*

## Consensus endpoints for clinical trials in HBV/HDV coinfection

Endpoint	Parameter	Readout
Primary efficacy endpoint	HDV RNA decline of 2log (or PCR negativity if baseline viral load is <100 IU/ml) at end of therapy	HDV RNA (IU/ml) with a validated HDV RNA assay with sufficient sensitivity
Secondary efficacy - virological	off-treatment HDV RNA response (e.g. 24 weeks after end-of-therapy): HDV RNA decline of 2log (or PCR negativity if baseline viral load is <100 IU/ml) at end of therapy)	
Secondary efficacy - virological and immunological	HBsAg levels (log declines and loss) at end-of treatment and off treatment	validated quantitative HBsAg assay (IU/ml)
Secondary efficacy - biochemical	ALT improvements: 1 grade decline in CTC grade (or grade 0 if CTC grade 0 at baseline) at end-of treatment and off treatment	IU/L
Secondary efficacy – histological	Grading: improvement of HAI of at least 2 points Staging: no worsening of fibrosis	Ishak score
Secondary - safety	Drug-specific items	
Secondary – safety	HBV reactivation:	HBV DNA

White Paper to be submitted by  
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