

# Treatment of HCV in Patients with HIV Coinfection



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# Lecture Outline

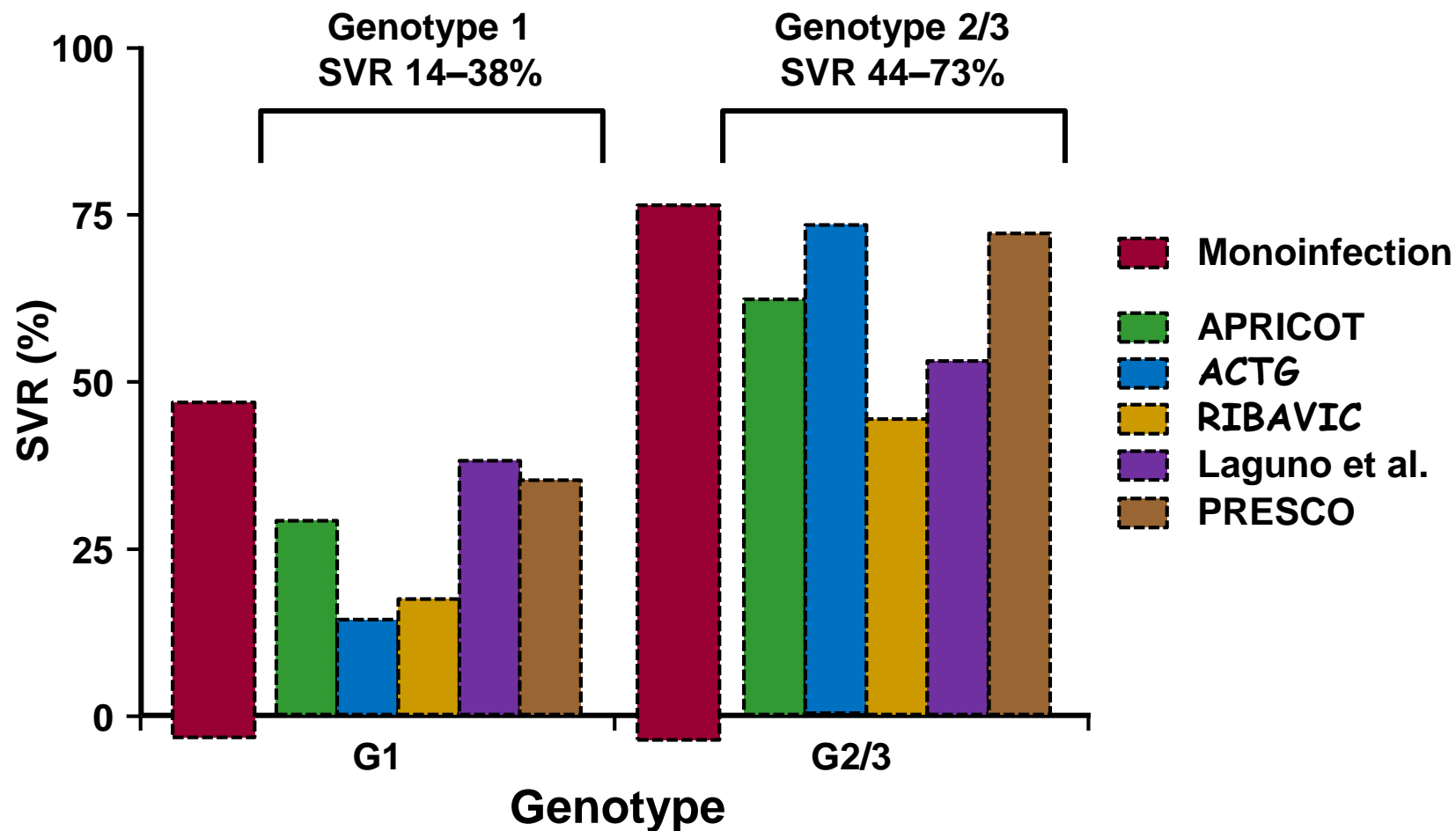


- Evolution of HCV Treatment in Patients with HIV Coinfection
- Timing of Treatment
  - Patient Evaluation and Selection
- Important Drug-Drug Interactions
  - Therapy Considerations for Patients on HIV ART
- Summary of Current AASLD/IDSA/IAS-USA Treatment Recommendations



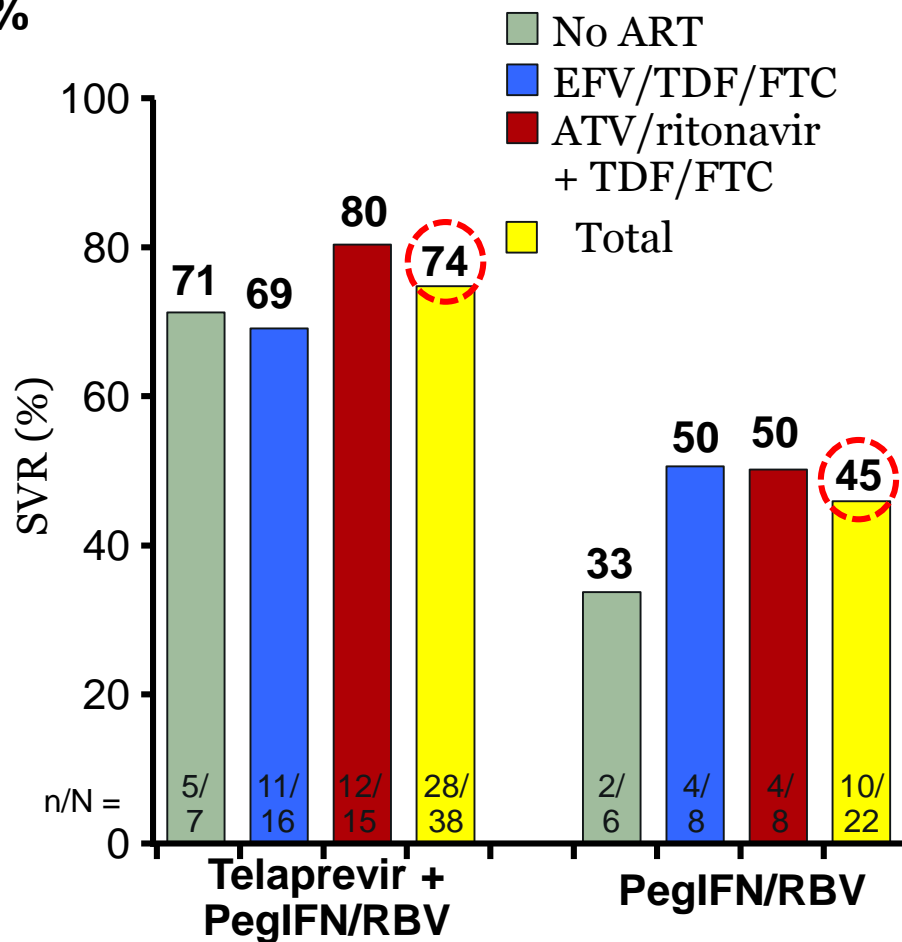
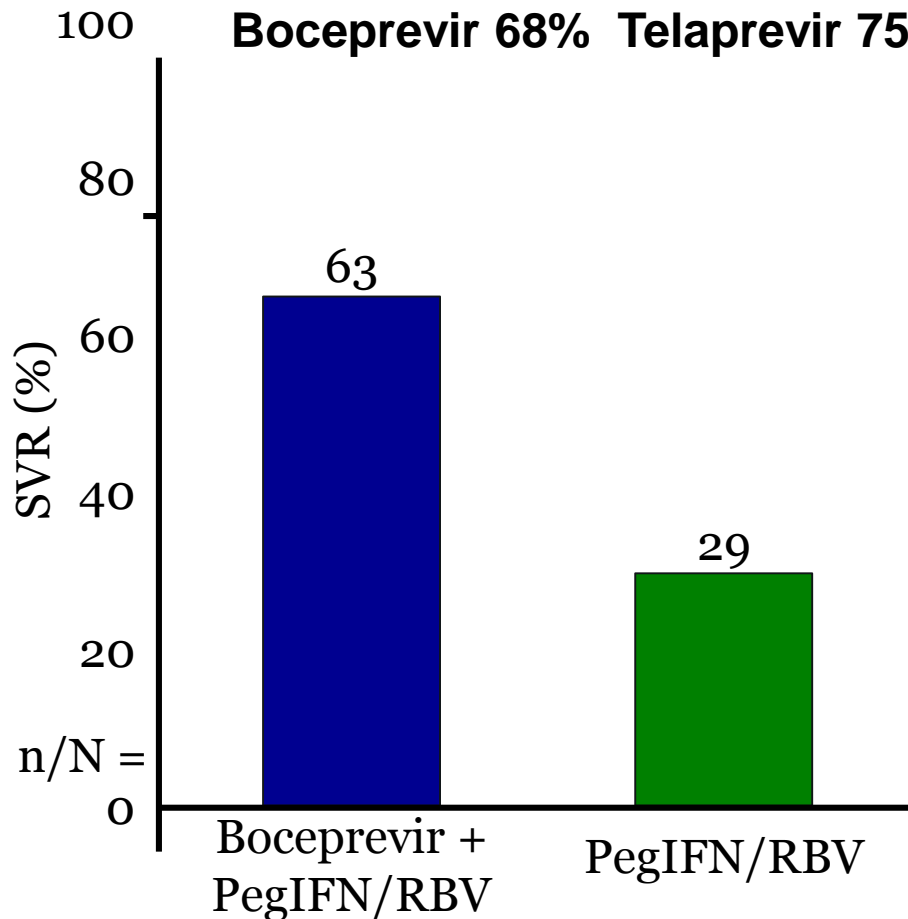
# Evolution of HCV Treatment in HIV Coinfection

# HCV/HIV Treatment Outcomes: PegIFN plus RBV



# First Generation HCV Protease Inhibitors plus PegIFN/RBV in GT 1 Coinfection

**SVRs comparable to GT1 HCV-monoinfected patients:  
Boceprevir 68% Telaprevir 75%**



# Recently Released DAAs



## Simeprevir

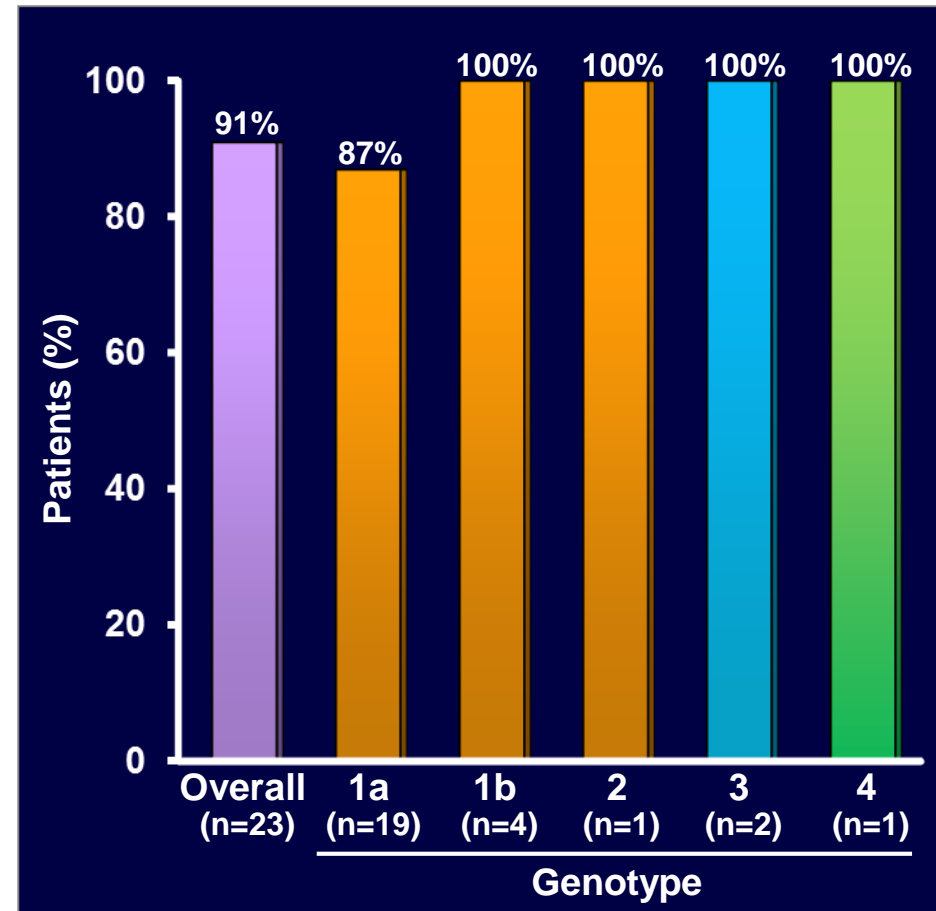
- Multi-genotypic NS3/4A PI
- QD dosing
- Second Wave PI
- Low barrier to resistance
- + DDI with ARVs
- Rash, photosensitivity
- HIV not a special pop

## Sofosbuvir

- Pan-genotypic NS5B
- QD dosing
- Nucleotide analogue
- Exceptional barrier to resistance
- No significant DDI
- No AE
- Approved for HIV/HCV as special population

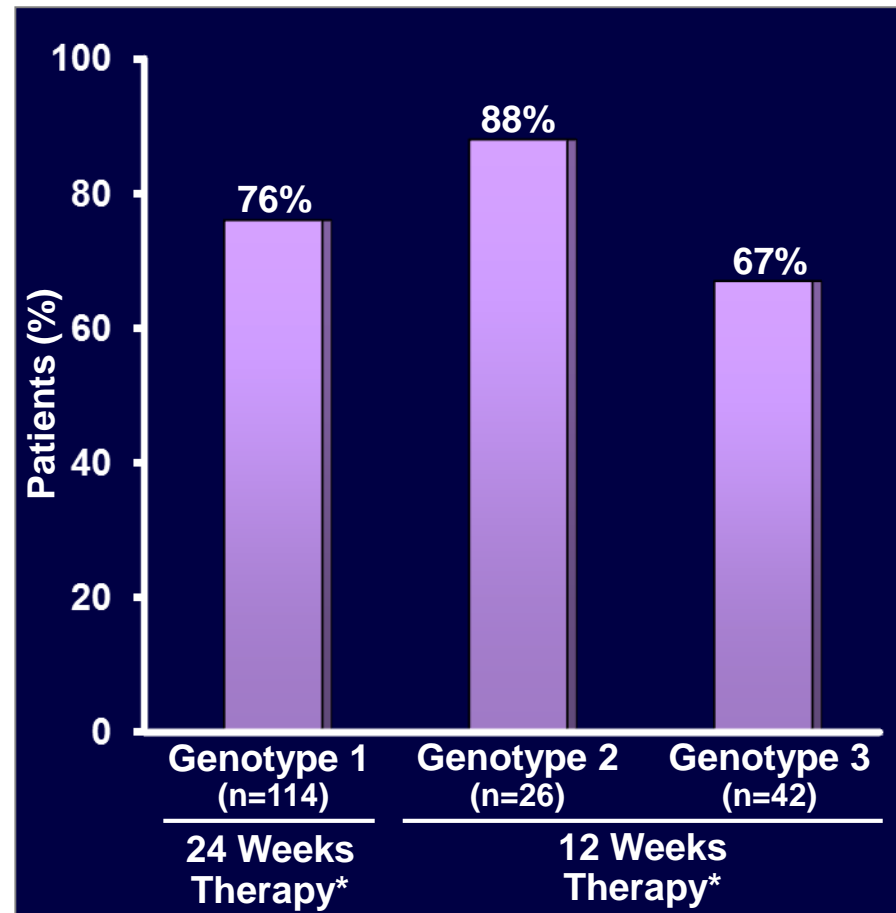
# Sofosbuvir + PR for 12 weeks in HCV/HIV Coinfection: Treatment Outcomes

- No change in ART regimens
- SVR12 rates by ART regimen
  - PI: 93%
  - NNRTI: 91%
  - Raltegravir: 100%
- No on-treatment breakthroughs
- Relapse (n=1)
- HIV breakthroughs (n=2)
- Discontinuations due to adverse events: 9%
- Most common adverse events
  - Anemia (52%), fatigue (35%), neutropenia (17%), thrombocytopenia (17%), myalgia (13%)
  - Hyperbilirubinemia (17%)



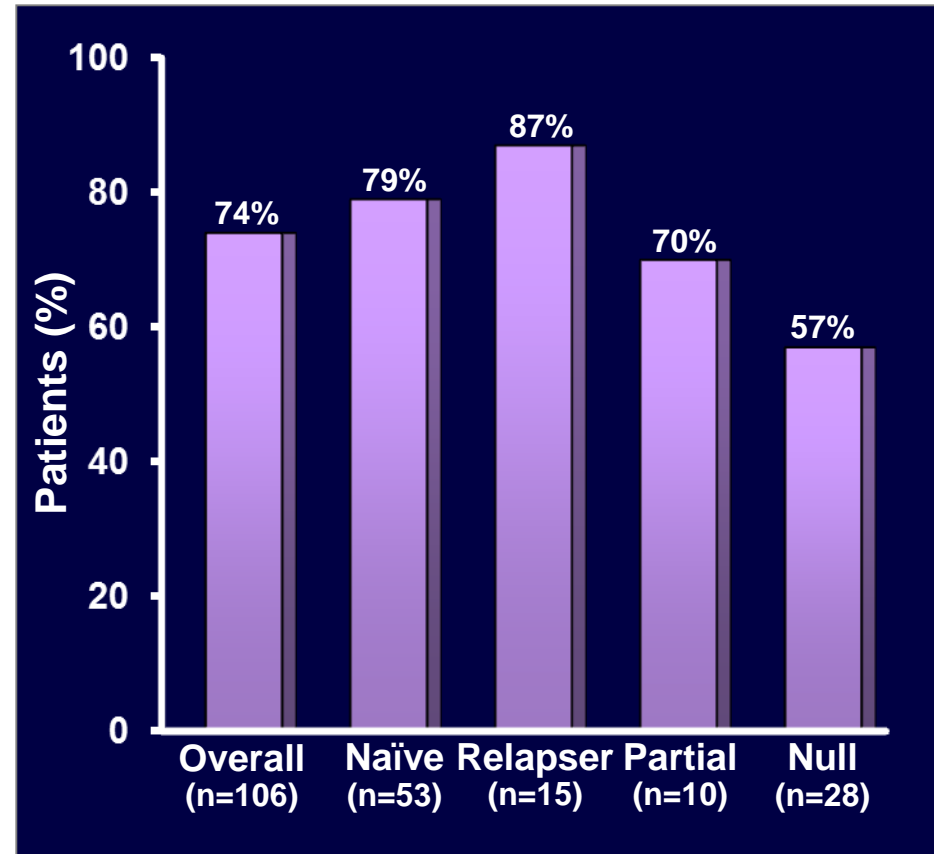
# PHOTON-1 Study: Treatment Outcomes

- SVR12 rates in genotype 1
  - Similar regardless of baseline HCV RNA, IL28b genotype, presence of cirrhosis, age, gender, race
  - Lower in genotype 1b versus 1a
- No resistance (deep sequencing) detected in virologic failures
- HIV breakthroughs (n=2)
- Discontinuations due to AEs: 3%
- Most common adverse events
  - Fatigue, insomnia, headache, nausea
  - Grade  $\geq 3$  hyperbilirubinemia in patients receiving atazanavir versus no atazanavir (13% versus 1%)
- SVR in treatment experienced pts receiving 24 weeks of therapy: 92% GT2 and 88% GT3



# Study C212: Simeprevir + PR in HCV/HIV Infection: GT 1

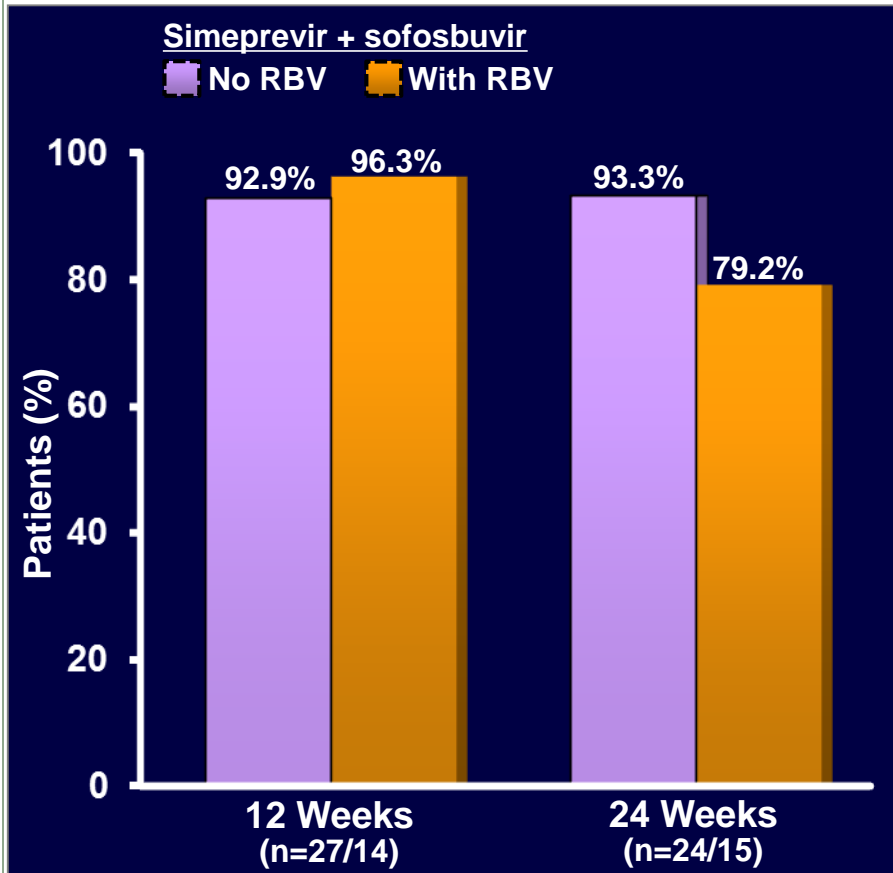
- Phase III open label. Naïve/Relapse (RGT arm) and PR null/partials (48 week tx)
- SVR12 rates in HCV/HIV coinfectd were similar to HCV monoinfected trials
  - SVR12 rates were high, regardless of baseline METAVIR fibrosis score
  - SVR12 67% GT1a + Q80k vs. 89% GT1b
- Safety profile similar to monoinfected patients
  - Pruritus and photosensitivity in 20% and 2%, respectively
- Grade 3/4 hemoglobin: 1.9%



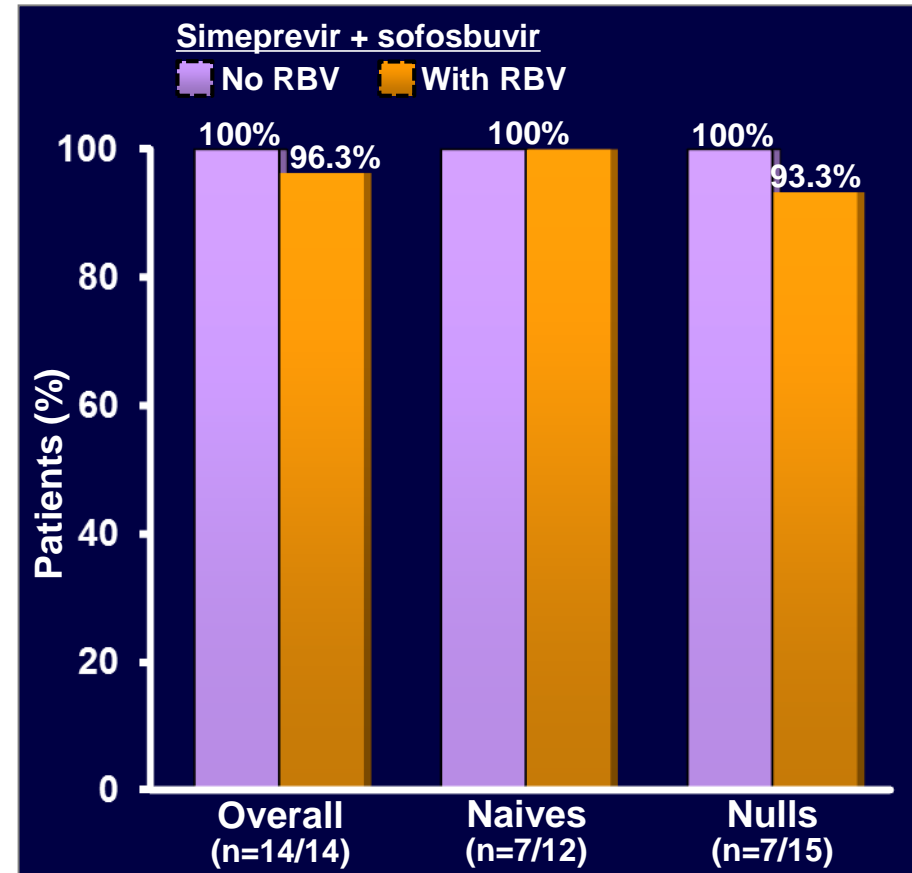
# COSMOS Study: Interim Results With Simeprevir + Sofosbuvir ± RBV in HCV Monoinfection



## SVR12: No Cirrhosis (F0-F2) (Prior PR Null Responders)



## Cirrhosis (F3-F4)\* (Naives and Prior PR Null Responders)





# Timing of Treatment

# HIV/HCV Coinfection: Who to Treat



- All HCV/HIV coinfecting patients are candidates for HCV therapy
- Consider comorbid conditions that limit life expectancy or increase the risks associated with HCV therapy
- HCV cure may decrease risk of ART-associated liver injury
- HIV disease should be stable with or without ART
- IFN-based regimens
  - Defer HCV treatment if CD4 <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>
  - Interferon can exacerbate pre-existing mental illness
    - ✦ Evaluate patients with underlying psychiatric disease before initiating HCV treatment
- Decompensated cirrhosis
  - Refer to medical practitioner with expertise
- Substance abuse
  - Active substance abuse is not a contraindication
  - Associated with high rates of treatment nonadherence and may compromise treatment outcomes

# Specific Risks of Deferring Therapy in HIV/HCV-Coinfected Patients



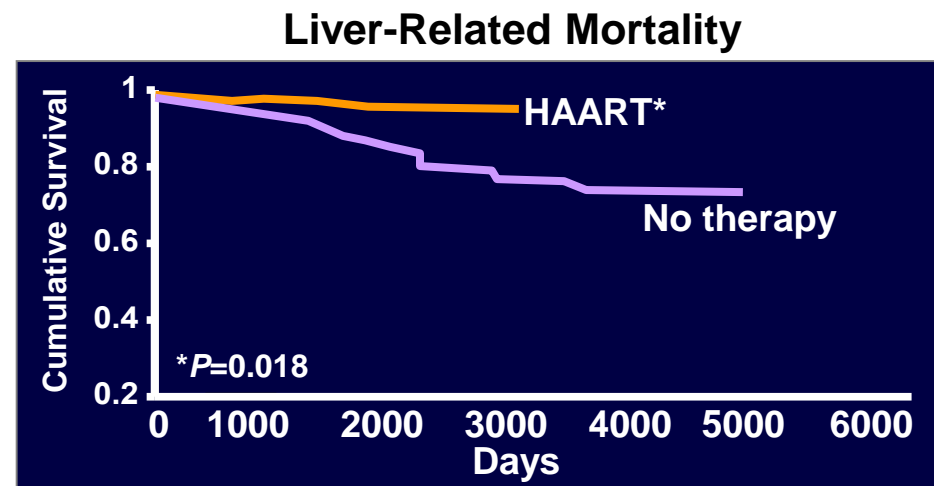
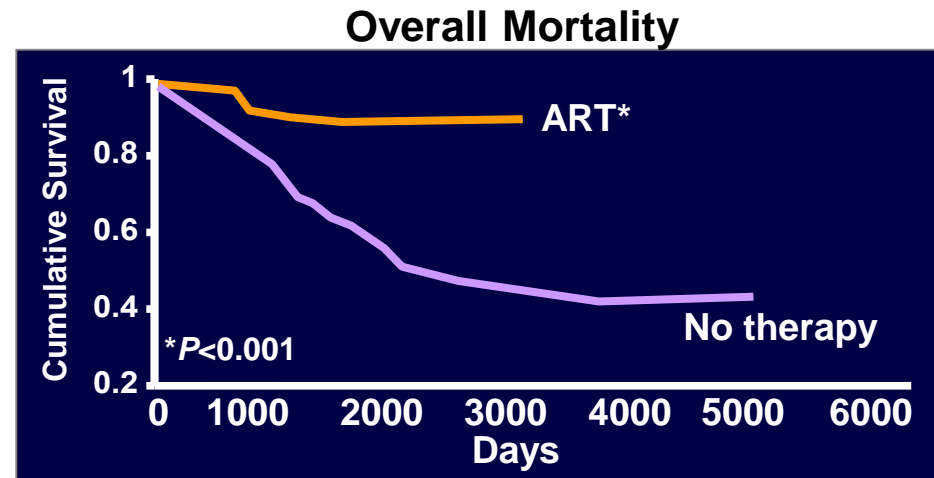
- Accelerated rate of HCV-related hepatic fibrosis progression in coinfecting patients with increasing immune deficiency
  - Progression to cirrhosis risk 3-fold higher in coinfecting vs HCV-monoinfected patients
  - Relative risk of decompensated liver disease 6-fold higher in coinfecting vs HCV-monoinfected patients
  - HCC occurs earlier and more aggressive
- Coinfecting patients have reduced access to liver transplantation and reduced survival
- ART may delay liver disease progression

Taylor LE, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2012;55(suppl 1:S33-42). DHHS Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. February 2013. Naggie S, et al. Gastroenterology. 2012;142:1324-1334.

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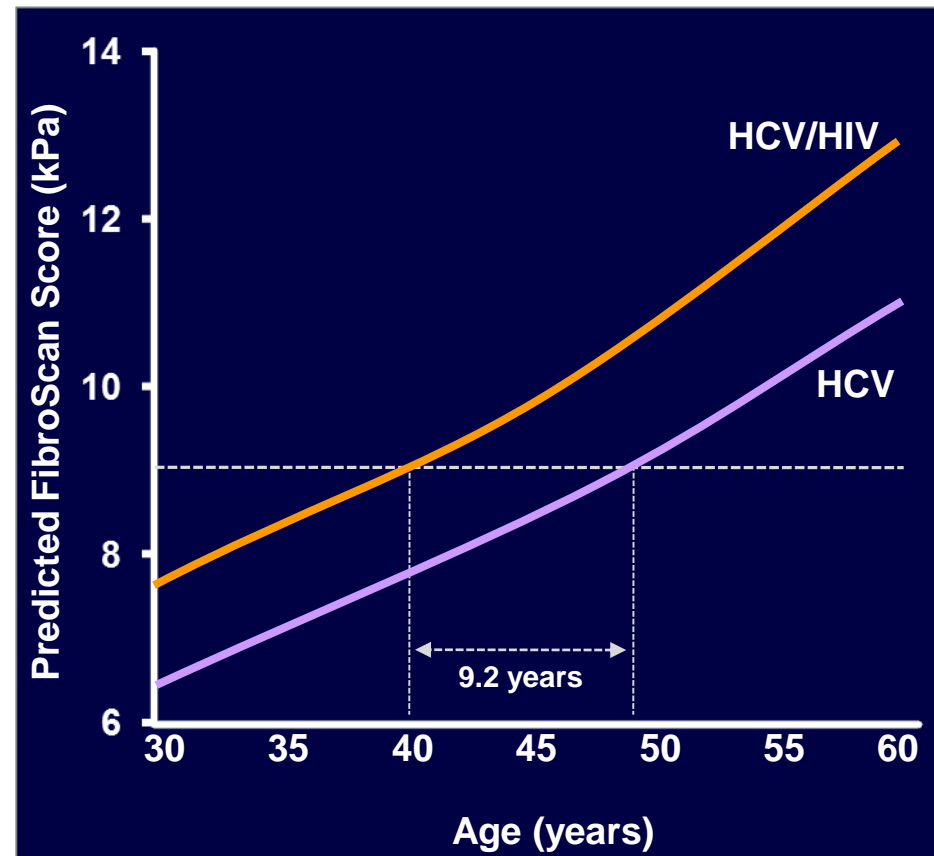
# Bonn Cohort: Benefits of ART on Mortality in HCV/HIV-Coinfection

- HCV/HIV-coinfected patients (n=285)
- Liver-related mortality rates (per 100 person-years)
- With ART: 0.45
  - No ART: 1.70
  - Predictors for increased liver-related mortality
- No ART
  - Low CD4 cell count
  - Increasing age
- ART therapy can slow fibrosis progression and decrease mortality in coinfection



# ALIVE Study: HIV, Age, and Severity of HCV-Related Liver Diseases

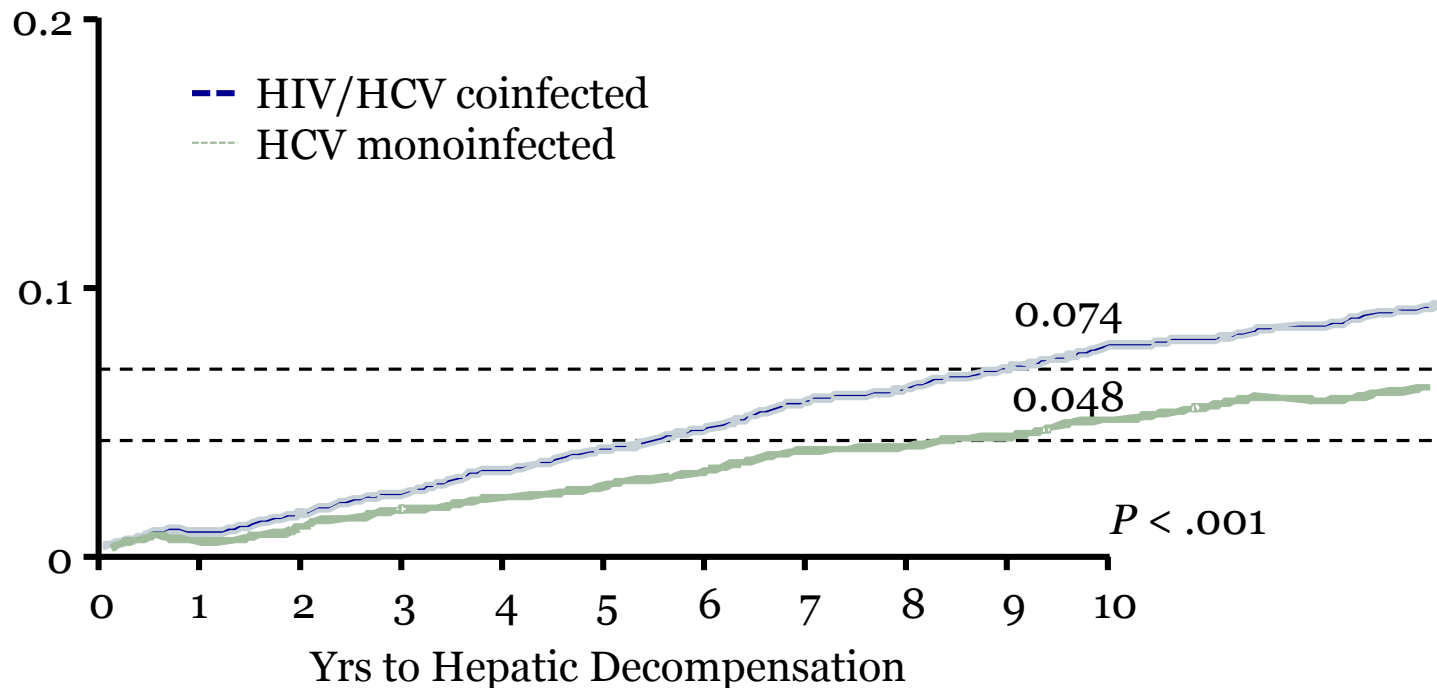
- Prospective cohort of HCV-infected IDUs (2006-2011) (n=1176)
  - HIV co-infected (n=394)
  - Baseline and semi-annual elastography
- Fibrosis was significantly greater in HCV/HIV co-infected versus HCV mono-infection ( $P<0.001$ )
  - No cirrhosis (12.9% versus 9.5%)
  - With cirrhosis (19.5% versus 11.0%)
  - Independently associated with increasing age and HIV infection
- HCV/HIV patients have liver fibrosis similar to HCV mono-infected patients who are nearly 10 years older



# HCV Coinfection vs Monoinfection: Cumulative Incidence of Decompensation



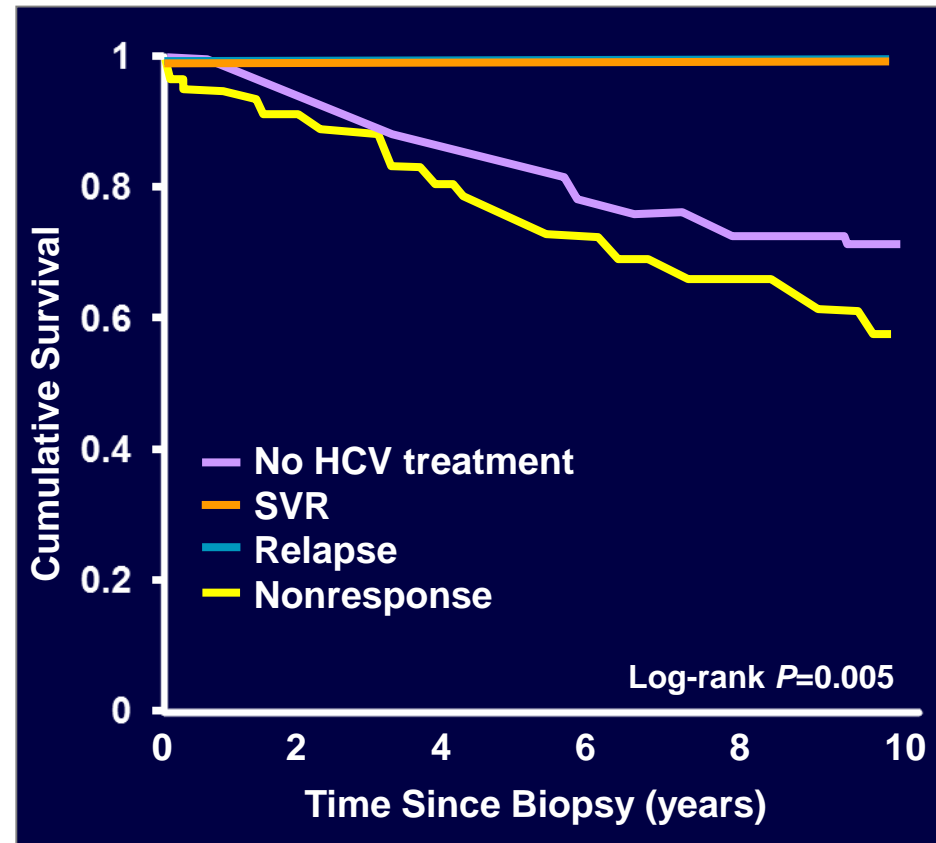
- 10-year hepatic decompensation risk 83% higher in coinfecting patients
  - Adjusted HR 1.83 (95% CI: 1.54-2.18)



# HCV Treatment and Incidence of ESLD, HCC, and Death



- Prospective US cohort (1993-2011) (n=638)
  - Liver biopsy at baseline
  - 35% underwent HCV treatment with PR
- Baseline  $\geq$ F2 versus  $<$ F2 fibrosis
  - Higher treatment rates: 54% versus 28% ( $P<0.001$ )
  - Similar SVR rates: 17% versus 16%
- No clinical events (ESLD, HCC, and death) among patients achieving SVR



# Assessing HIV+ Patients for Immediate or Deferred HCV Therapy



## HCV Therapy in HIV/HCV-Coinfected, HCV Treatment-Naive Patients

Liver Fibrosis	Consider HCV Therapy	Eligible to Defer HCV Therapy
No/minimal fibrosis (F0-F2)		●
Advanced fibrosis (F3-F4); cirrhosis <sup>†</sup>	●	

- Antiretroviral therapy for HIV treatment-naive HIV/HCV-coinfected patients
  - CD4+ cell count < 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>: initiate antiretroviral therapy for HCV treatment optimization
  - CD4+ cell count > 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>: may defer antiretroviral therapy until HCV therapy completed

# Staging of Liver Disease



- Staging is disease assessment with meaningful information for patients and providers
- Liver stage is the CD4 count of HCV
- Who and When to treat (i.e. now or later?)
- Screening for HCC and varices
- Modalities:
  - Liver biopsy
  - Blood markers,
  - Elastography,
  - Combination

# Noninvasive Serum-Based Tests for Detection of Fibrosis



- ***FibroTest***
  - Combines 5 markers:  $\alpha_2$ -macroglobulin, haptoglobin, GGT, total bilirubin, and apolipoprotein A1
- ***FibroSpect II***
  - Combines 3 markers:  $\alpha_2$ -macroglobulin, hyaluronic acid, and tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase-1
- **APRI**
  - AST-to-platelets ratio index
- **Forns fibrosis index**
  - Age, platelet count, GGT, cholesterol
- **FIB-4**
  - Combines 4 markers: platelets, ALT, AST, and age

# Validity of Noninvasive Methods of Detecting Cirrhosis

Test	% Sens	% Spec	AUROC	Pos LR	Neg LR
Fibrotest <sup>1</sup> >.56	85	74	.86	3.3	0.2
Fibrotest > .73	56	81	-	2.9	0.54
FIB4 <sup>2</sup> , >1.45	90	58	.87	2.1	0.17
APRI <sup>3</sup> , >1.0	77	75	0.73	3.1	0.31
Forns <sup>4</sup> , >4.2	98	27	.87	1.3	0.07

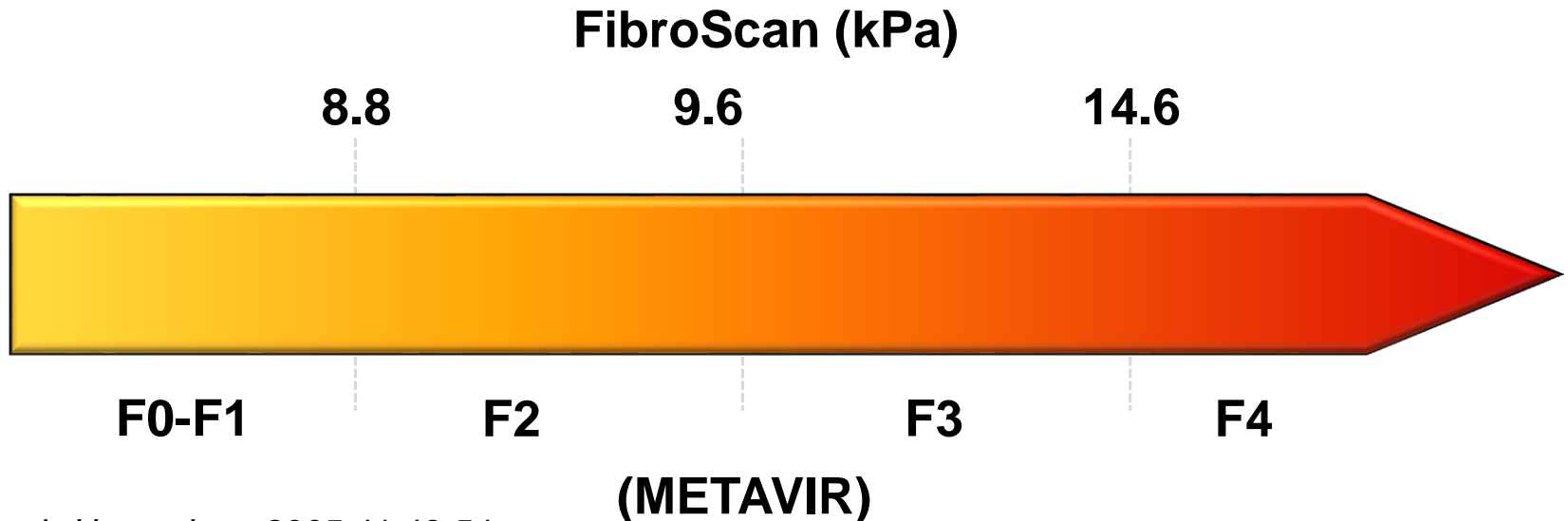
# FibroScan (Elastography)



- **The probe induces an elastic wave through the liver**  
**The velocity of the wave is evaluated in a region located from 2.5 to 6.5 cm below the skin surface**

**Diagnostic accuracy:**

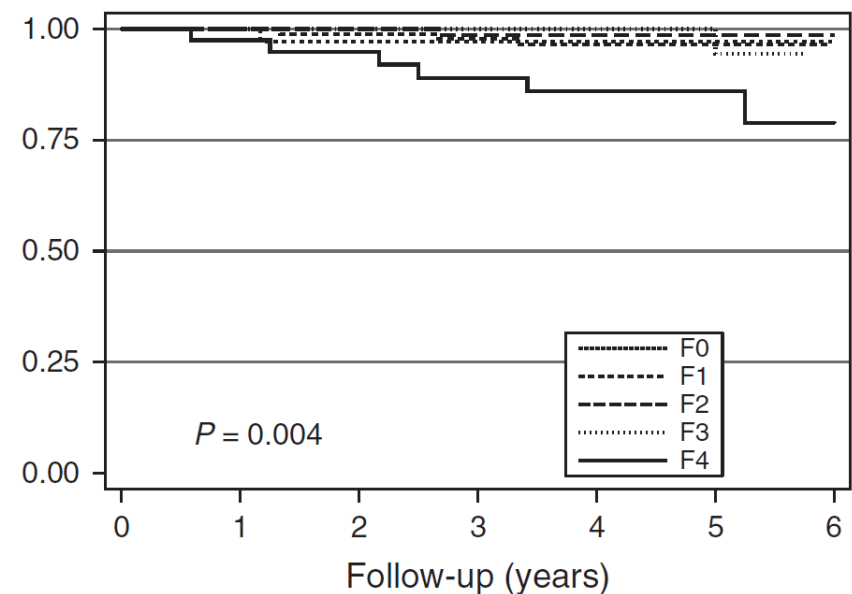
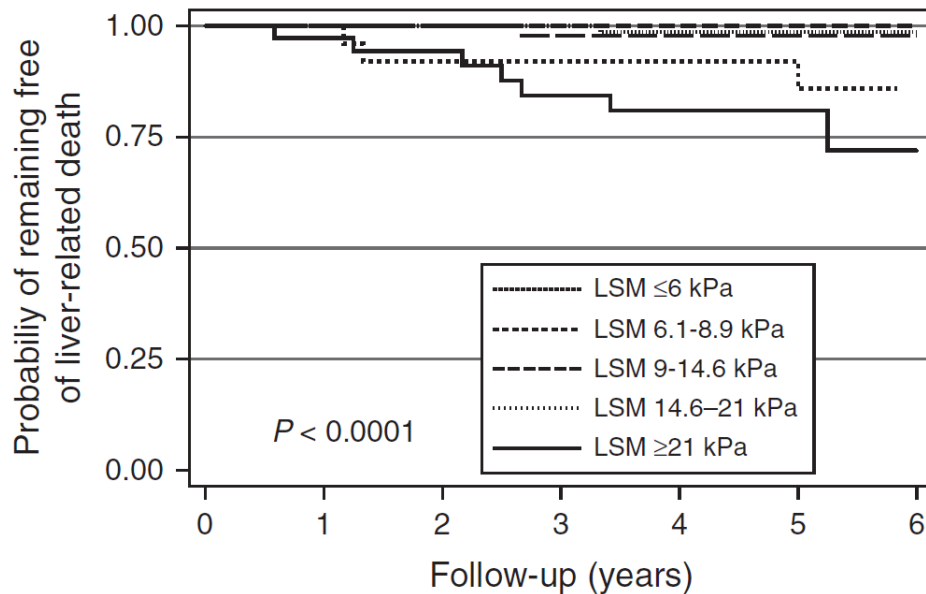
- **Significant fibrosis: 0.79**
- **Advanced fibrosis: 0.91**
- **Cirrhosis: 0.97**



# Which staging test should be done?



- 297 HIV/HCV coinfecting patients with Liver Stiffness Model and biopsy within 12 months Dec 2005-Dec 2011.
- LSM-based models performed 8.4% better than liver biopsy prediction survival and liver-decompensation



# Which staging test should be done?



- Elastography provides the most, currently useful information when valid
- Elastography and noninvasive can confidently rule out cirrhosis when concordant
- Serum alone may confidently rule out cirrhosis
- Biopsy done by specialists and when discordance or other questions
- Do something

# Drug-Drug Interactions



# DAA Drug Interactions



ARV	BOC	TPV	SMV	SOF*	DCV	FDV
ATV/r	CAUTION	STAND	CONTRA	STAND	↓ DCV	↓ FDV
DRV/r	CONTRA	CONTRA	CONTRA	STAND	N/A	↓ FDV
EFV	CONTRA	↑ TPV	CONTRA	STAND	↑ DCV	↑ FDV
RPV	STAND	CAUTION	STAND	STAND	STAND	N/A
ETV	CAUTION	CAUTION	CONTRA	STAND	N/A	N/A
RGV	STAND	STAND	STAND	STAND	STAND	STAND
DGV	N/A	N/A	CAUTION	STAND	N/A	N/A
MVC	↓ MVC	↓ MVC	STAND	STAND	STAND	STAND

\*Tipranavir CONTRA with SOF

Ouwerkerk-Mahadevan et al. IDSA 2012 Abstract #49;  
 Hulskotte et al. Clin Infect Dis 2013; de Kanter et al.  
 CROI 2012; Bifano et al. CROI 2012; Kirby et al. AASLD  
 2012

# AASLD and IDSA Guidelines: Preferred HCV Regimens in HCV/HIV Coinfection

## Genotype 1

HCV treatment-naïve and prior PR relapsers

IFN eligible

IFN ineligible

Sofosbuvir + PR 12 weeks

Sofosbuvir + RBV 24 weeks

Sofosbuvir + simeprevir<sup>†</sup> + RBV 12 weeks

HCV treatment experienced\*

Sofosbuvir + simeprevir<sup>†</sup> + RBV 12 weeks

## Genotype 2

Regardless of HCV treatment history

Sofosbuvir + RBV 12 weeks

## Genotype 3

Regardless of HCV treatment history

Sofosbuvir + RBV 24 weeks

## Genotype 4

Regardless of HCV treatment history

IFN eligible

IFN ineligible

Sofosbuvir + PR 12 weeks

Sofosbuvir + RBV 24 weeks

## Genotypes 5 or 6

Regardless of HCV treatment history

Sofosbuvir + PR 12 weeks

**Allowable ART:** Sofosbuvir: all except the NRTIs didanosine and zidovudine.

Simeprevir: INSTI (raltegravir); NNRTI (rilpivirine); Entry/Fusion Inhibitor (maraviroc, enfuvirtide);  
NRTIs (tenofovir, emtricitabine, lamivudine, abacavir).

# AASLD and IDSA Guidelines: Alternative HCV Regimens in HCV/HIV Coinfection

## Genotype 1

HCV treatment-naïve and prior PR relapsers

IFN eligible

IFN ineligible

Simeprevir<sup>†</sup> 12 weeks + PR 24 weeks

None

HCV treatment experienced\*

IFN eligible

IFN ineligible

Sofosbuvir + PR 12 weeks

Sofosbuvir + RBV 24 weeks

## Genotypes 2 or 3

HCV treatment-naïve and prior PR relapsers

None

HCV treatment experienced\*

IFN eligible

IFN ineligible

Sofosbuvir + PR 12 weeks

None

## Genotypes 4, 5, or 6

None

\*Prior PR non-responders.

<sup>†</sup>For genotype 1a, baseline resistance testing for Q80K should be performed and alternative treatments considered if present.

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NRTIs (tenofovir, emtricitabine, lamivudine, abacavir).

# AASLD and IDSA Guidelines: HCV Regimens Not Recommended in HCV/HIV Coinfection

## Genotype 1

Telaprevir + PR 24 or 48 weeks (RGT)  
Boceprevir + PR 28 or 48 weeks (RGT)  
PR 48 weeks  
Simeprevir 12 weeks + PR 48 weeks

## Genotypes 2 or 3

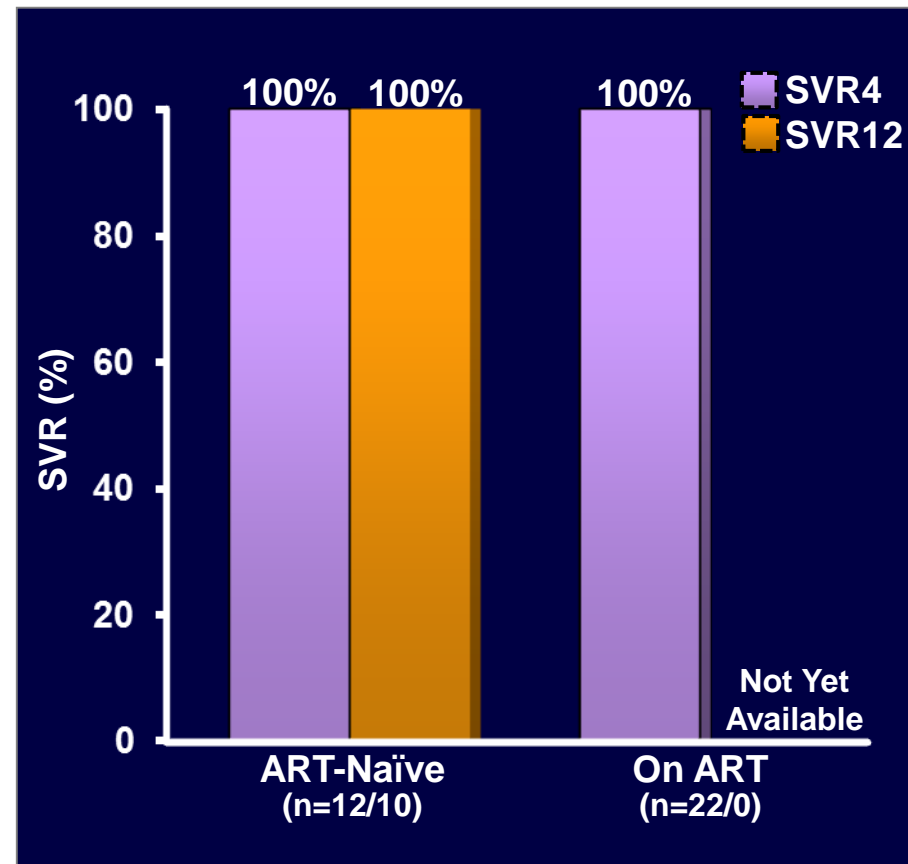
Any regimen with telaprevir, boceprevir, or simeprevir  
PR 24 to 48 weeks

## Genotypes 4, 5, or 6

Any regimen with telaprevir, boceprevir, or simeprevir  
PR 48 weeks

# NIAID ERADICATE Study: Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir in HCV Genotype 1 With HIV Coinfection (Interim Analysis)

- No change within groups
  - CD4 counts or CD4 T-cell percentages
  - Serum creatinine or estimated GFR
- HIV RNA status during HCV treatment
  - ART-naïve: no clinically significant change
  - On ART: transient HIV RNA breakthrough (missed ART for 4 days), re-suppressed
  - No change within groups
- Sofosbuvir/ledipasvir was well tolerated
  - No deaths, grade 4 adverse events or discontinuations due to adverse events
  - Laboratory abnormalities
    - ✦ Grade 3: neutropenia (n=1), AST (n=1)
    - ✦ Grade 4: creatinine phosphatase (n=1)



# HCV/HIV Coinfection: Summary



- Liver disease is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality
- Controlling HIV with ART may slow progression of HCV-related liver disease
- All HIV patients should be screened for HCV
- First-generation PIs + PR regimens present significant challenges and limitations
- Newer, once-daily DAAs
  - Simplify and shorten duration of regimens
  - Improve SVR rates with fewer adverse events
  - Minimize drug-drug interactions