

Hepatitis C Post-OLT Who, What, When?

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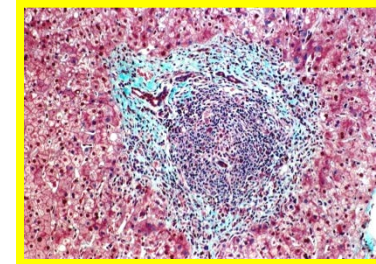
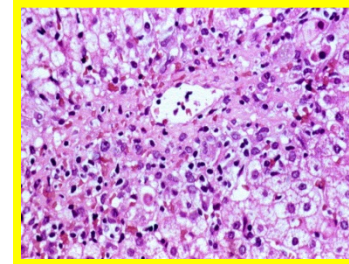
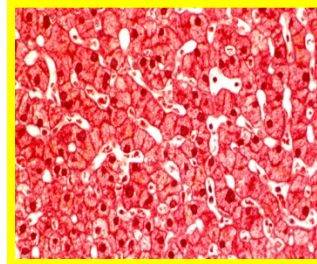
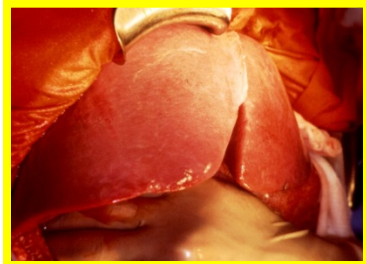
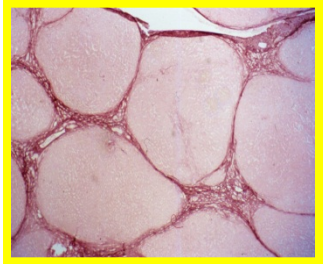
Recurrent HCV Infection Post-LT

When to treat?

Cirrhosis

Transplant

Normal
histology



Pre-LT

Preemptive

0

4-6 weeks

6 months

Years



Prevent
recurrent HCV

PHOENIX study showed no
benefit w/ PEG+RBV. No
studies of new DAA in this
setting.

Acute
hepatitis

Chronic
hepatitis



Established
recurrence

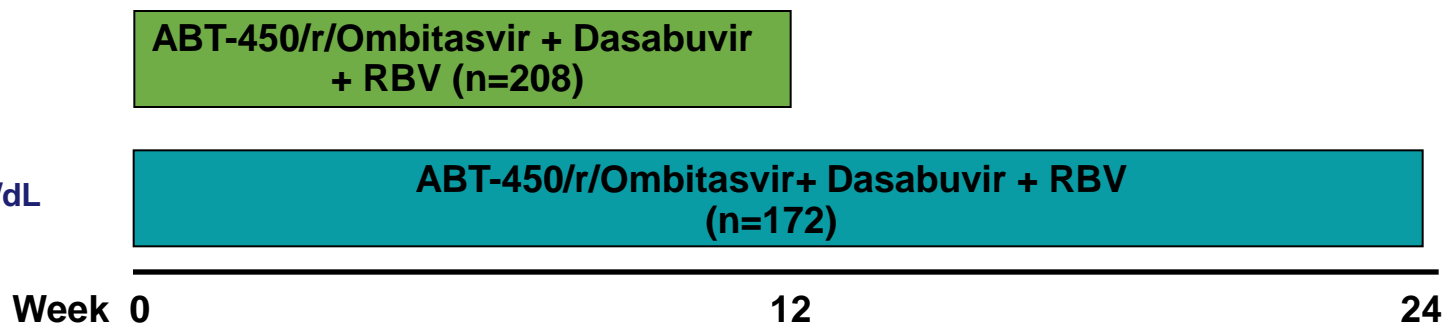
When/Who to Treat

- Will all patients be HCV RNA (-) going into OLT?
 - HCC upgrades, LDLT-Possible
 - Patients treated earlier with SVR who develop HCC
 - Decompensated, high MELD-Not at the current time, ?
Soon
- Will decrease risk of early recurrence but may have decreased response and access to HCV + livers

TURQUOISE-II: ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1, Compensated Cirrhotics

Phase 3

Open-label
Genotype 1
Treatment-naïve and
PR experienced
Child-Pugh A
Platelets: ≥ 60 K/mL
Serum albumin: ≥ 2.8 g/dL
Total bilirubin: < 3 g/dL
INR: ≤ 2.3
AFP: ≤ 100 ng/mL



ABT-450/ritonavir/ombitasvir 150/100/25 mg qd; dasabuvir 250 mg bid. RBV (1000-1200 mg). PR: pegIFN + RBV.
Primary endpoint: SVR12 versus historical control SVR rate: 43% and 54% for non-inferiority and superiority, respectively (telaprevir + PR).

Baseline demographics and disease characteristics:

Male: 70%; age: 57 years; black: 4%-6%.

Genotype 1a: 67%-70%.

IL28B non-CC: 80%-83%.

Treatment naïve: 41%-43%.

Prior PR response:

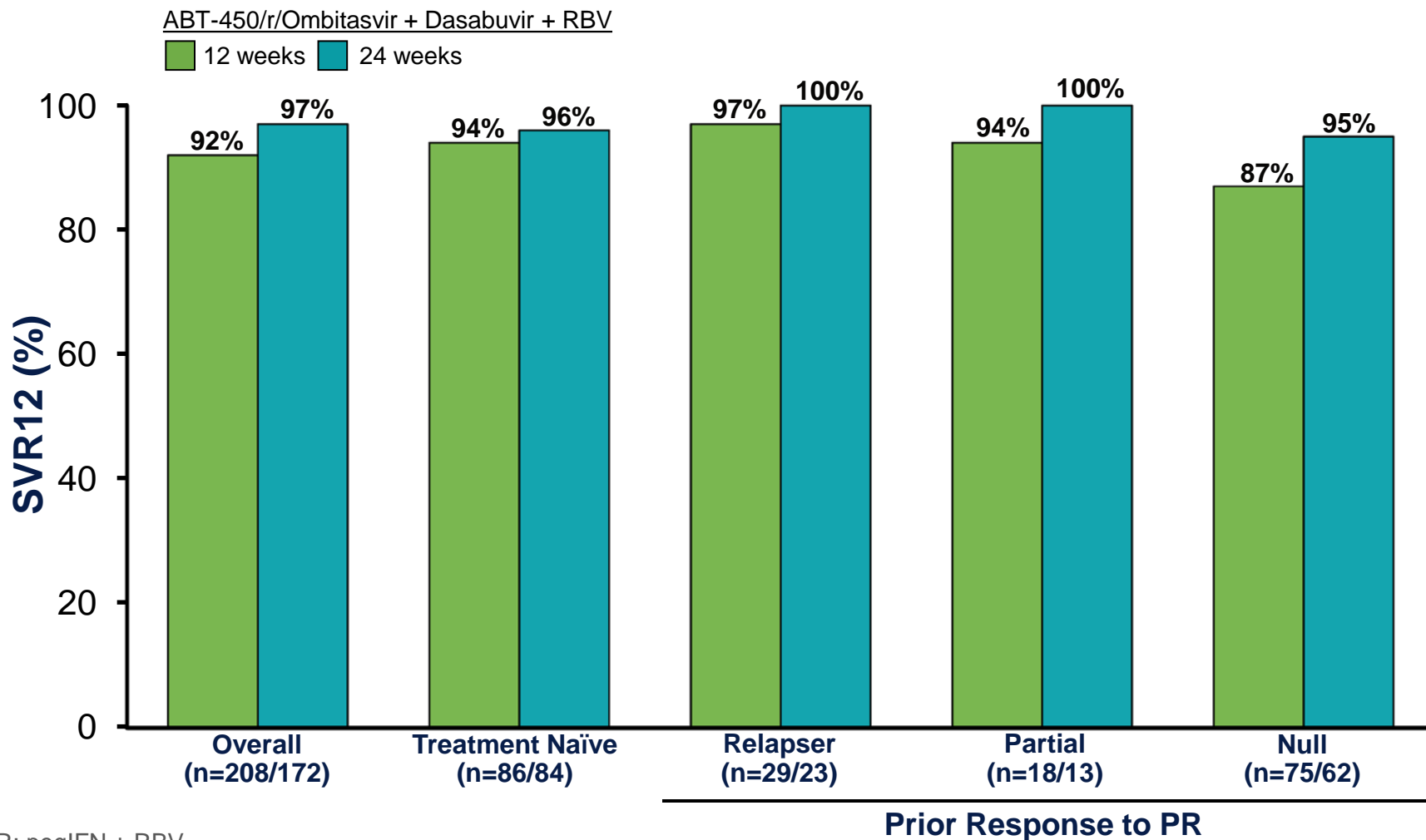
Relapse: 13%-14%.

Partial response: 8%-9%.

Null response: 36%.

Child-Pugh score > 5 : 18%-19%.

TURQUOISE-II: SVR12 Rates With ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1, Compensated Cirrhotics



PR: pegIFN + RBV.

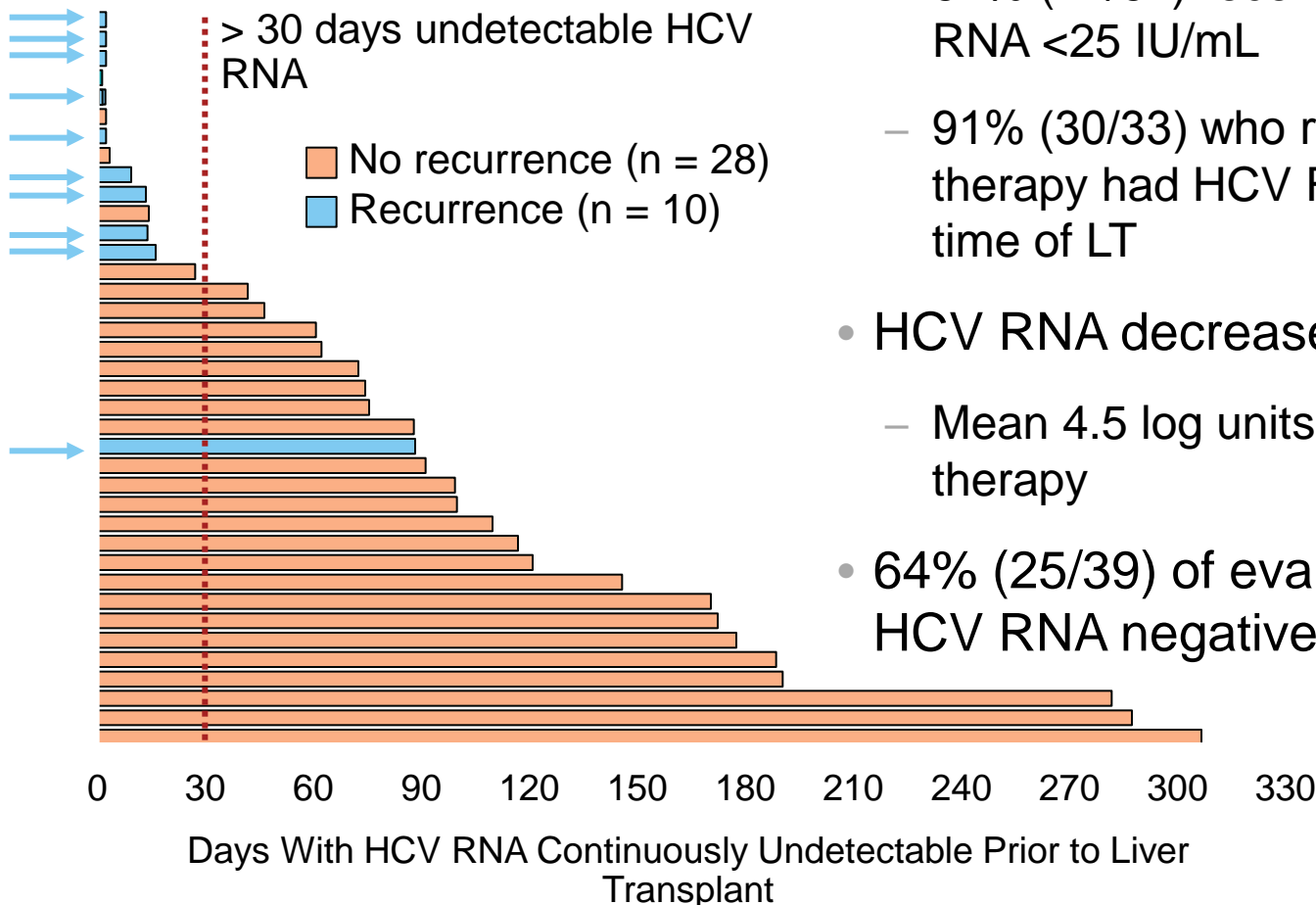
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Pre-LT Antiviral Therapy with Sofosbuvir + Ribavirin

- **Single-arm, open-label phase II study from 16 liver transplantation sites**
 - HCC with MELD upgrades
- **Excluded:**
 - LDLT
 - Decompensated cirrhosis (CTP >8)
 - Renal impairment (CrCl <60 cc/min)
- **Pre-LT therapy for 48 weeks or until LT:**
 - Sofosbuvir 400 mg/day
 - Ribavirin 1000-1200 mg/day
- **Post-LT immunosuppression:**
 - Tacrolimus (≥12 weeks)
 - Prednisone
 - MMF

Characteristic	SOF + RBV (N = 61)
Median age, yrs (range)	59 (46-73)
HCV genotype, %	
▪ 1a	39
▪ 1b	34
▪ 2	13
▪ 3a	12
▪ 4	2
Non-CC <i>IL28B</i> genotype, %	78
CTP score, %	
▪ 5-7	96
▪ 8	5
Previous HCV treatment, %	75

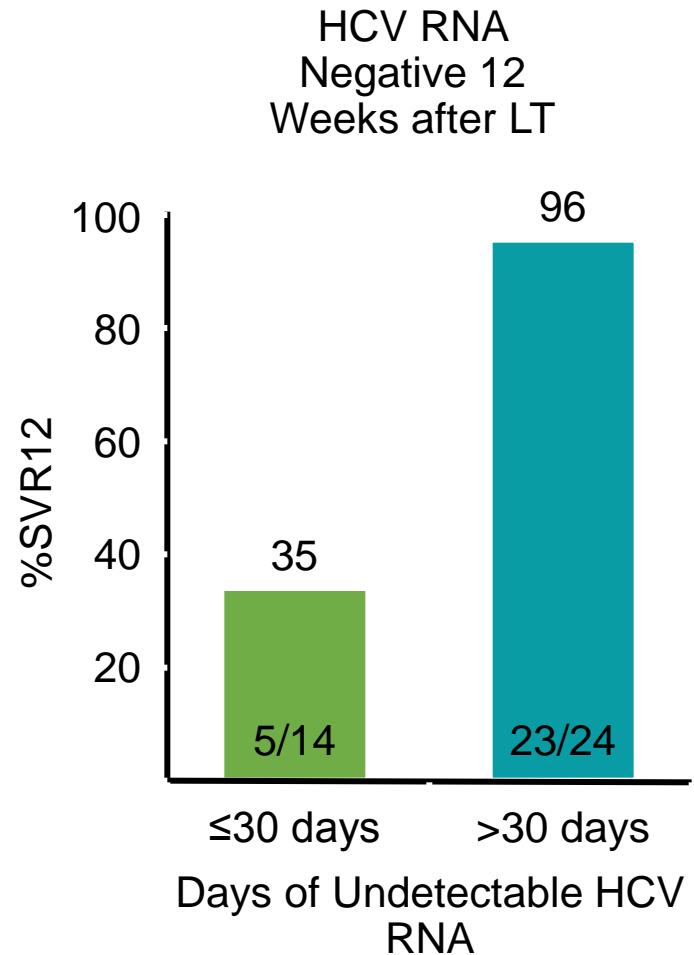
Pre-LT Sofosbuvir + Ribavirin to Prevent Post-LT HCV Recurrence



- 61 pts enrolled in study;
 - 67% (41/61) received LT with HCV RNA <25 IU/mL
 - 91% (30/33) who received ≥ 12 wks therapy had HCV RNA <25 IU/mL at time of LT
- HCV RNA decreased rapidly
 - Mean 4.5 log units after 2 weeks of therapy
- 64% (25/39) of evaluable pts had HCV RNA negative 12 wks post-LT

Duration of Undetectable HCV RNA Before Transplant Predicted Lack of Recurrence

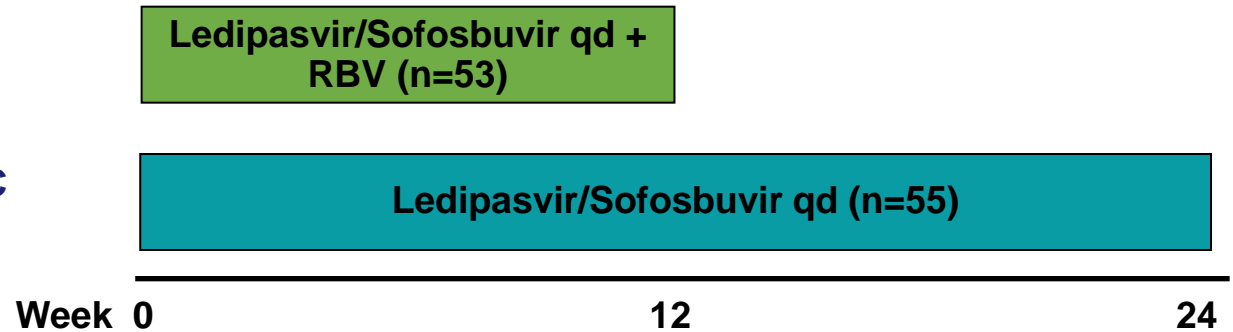
- Continuous days of undetectable HCV RNA pre-LT only factor predicting HCV recurrence in multivariate analysis
- Median days TND ($p < 0.001$)
 - No recurrence 95 days
 - Recurrence 5.5 days



Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1 or 4 with Decompensated Cirrhosis

Phase 2

Open-label
Genotype 1 or 4
CPT class B or C
Treatment-naïve or
experienced
No organ transplantation or HCC
Total bilirubin ≤ 10 mg/dL
Hemoglobin ≥ 10 g/dL
CrCl: ≥ 40 mL/min
Platelets: $>30K \times 10^3/\mu L$



CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.
PR: pegIFN + RBV.
Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir 90/400 mg qd + weight-based RBV(1000-1200 mg).
Primary endpoint: SVR12.
Baseline demographics:
Male: 61%-73%.
Mean age: 58-60 years
White: 90%-97%
Genotype 1a: 63%-76%.
HCV RNA (\log_{10} IU/mL): 5.6-5.9.
IL28B non-CC: 73%-87%.
BMI >30 kg.m²: 33%-57%.

Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1 or 4: Baseline Liver Status

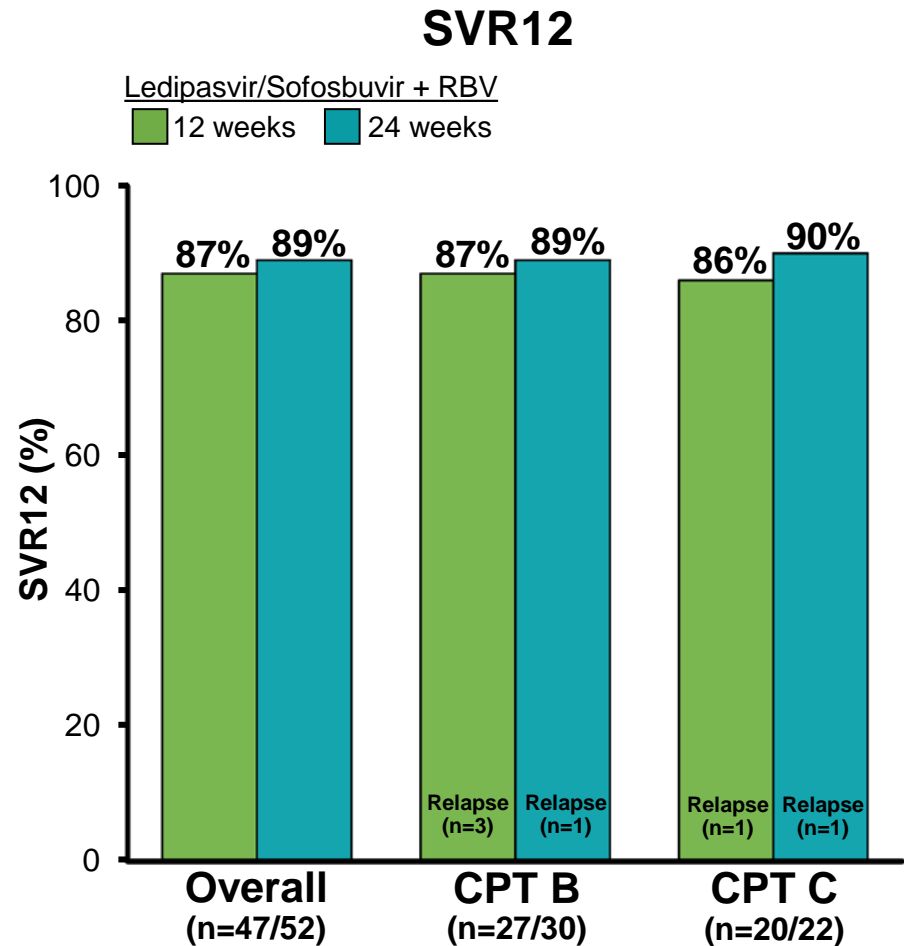
	CPT B		CPT C	
	12 Weeks (n=30)	24 Weeks (n=29)	12 Weeks (n=23)	24 Weeks (n=26)
MELD score (%)				
<10	20	28	0	0
10-15	70	55	70	50
16-20	10	17	30	46
21-25	0	0	0	4
Ascites (%)	57	59	96	96
Encephalopathy (%)	67	55	91	88
Median bilirubin (mg/dL)	2.0	1.4	2.9	3.8
Median albumin (g/dL)	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.6
Median INR	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Median platelets (x 10 ³ /μL)	88	73	81	71
Median hemoglobin (g/dL)	13.1	13	12.3	12.6
Median creatinine clearance (mL/min)	98	81	77	78

CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

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Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1 or 4: Preliminary Results

- High SVR12 rates in HCV patients with advanced liver disease
- CPT B and C patients at post-treatment week 4
 - Significant improvements in median total bilirubin and albumin
 - Change in CPT scores
 - Improved: 70%
 - Stable: 21%
 - Worsened: 9%
 - Change in MELD score (CPT B/C)
 - Improved: 64%/70%
 - Stable: 19%/13%
 - Worsened: 17%/18%



Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV in HCV Genotype 1 or 4: Preliminary Safety Summary

	CPT B		CPT C	
	12 Weeks (n=30)	24 Weeks (n=29)	12 Weeks (n=23)	24 Weeks (n=26)
Grade 3/4 adverse events (%)	7	28	26	42
Serious adverse events (%)	10	34	26	42
Treatment-related serious adverse event (%)	7	0	0	8
Treatment discontinuations due to adverse events (%)	0	3	0	8
Death (%)	3	7	9	4

CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

Treatment-related serious adverse events: anemia (n=2), hepatic encephalopathy (n=1), peritoneal hemorrhage (n=1).

Early discontinuations (n=1 for each): sepsis, hepatic encephalopathy, peritoneal hemorrhage.

Deaths: septic shock (n=2), multi-organ failure and shock (n=2), oliguric renal failure (n=1), cardiac arrest (n=1).

When/Who to Treat

- | **Pre-emptive/prophylactic post-OLT is ideal, but...**
 - No clear established regimen or duration
 - Higher levels of immunosuppression
 - Off-label
 - IMS and liver function is changing, DDI's will be more difficult and toxicity difficult to interpret (DILI, rejection, etc)
 - What is benefit vs waiting until stable?

When/Who to Treat

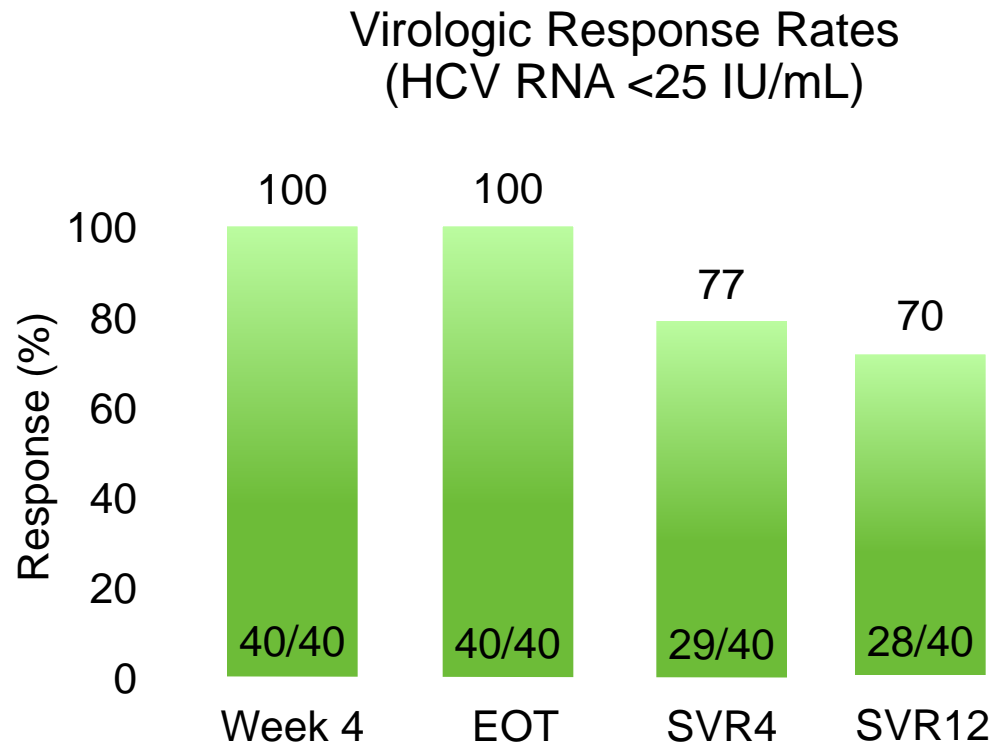
- Reactive post-OLT is current standard for most
 - Graft stabilized but VL higher
 - IMS lower and stable
 - Identifies those who can wait for better Rx or maybe may do not need Rx?
 - Histologic trigger may be milder as therapies improve--F2 any time? Any fibrosis in 1st year(s)?, ALT or grade on bx?
- As treatments improve earlier, universal Rx likely to be the rule

Sofosbuvir + RBV for Treatment of Post-LT HCV Recurrence

- Prospective, multicenter, single-arm, open-label pilot study
 - CTP ≤ 7 and MELD ≤ 17
 - 40% with compensated cirrhosis
- Treatment:
 - SOF 400 mg/day
 - RBV 400-1200 mg/day for ≤ 24 wks
 - RBV started at 400 mg/day and increased based on hemoglobin levels

Characteristic	SOF+RBV (N=40)
Median Age, yrs (range)	59 (49-75)
Male, %	78
White, %	85
Mean time from LT, yrs (range)	4.3 (1.02-10.6)
HCV genotype, %	
- 1a	55
- 1b	28
- 2	0
- 3	15
- 4	3
Non-CC IL28B genotype, %	67%
Mean HCV RNA, log ₁₀ IU/mL (range)	6.55 (4.49-7.59)
Previous HCV treatment, %	88
Fibrosis stage (F3-F4), %	63

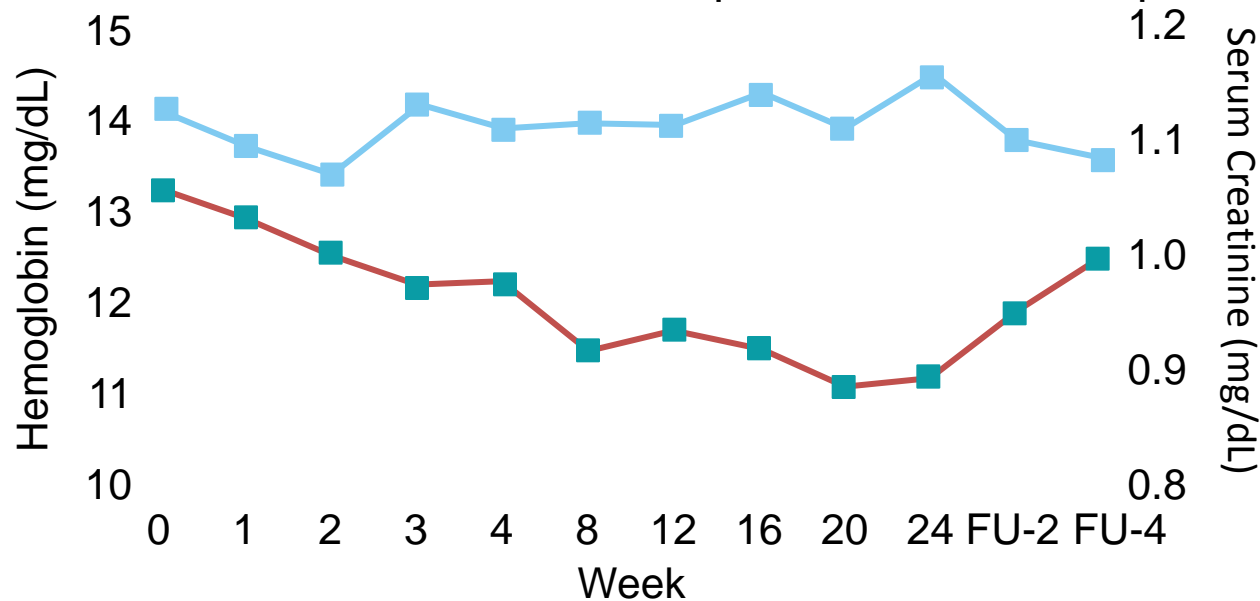
Sofosbuvir + RBV for Treatment of Post-LT HCV Recurrence



Baseline characteristics similar in patients with and without virologic relapse

Sofosbuvir + RBV for Post-LT HCV Recurrence: Safety Outcomes

- No deaths, graft loss, or rejection
- No drug–drug interactions with immunosuppressive agents
- RBV dose reduction in 28%; 20% received epoetin and/or blood products



Median RBV dose, mg/day 400 400 600 600 800 800 600 800 800

Real-World Use of Sofosbuvir-Based Regimens in Recurrent HCV Post-Liver Transplantation: HCV TARGET Study

- Ongoing longitudinal, observational study of DAA-based therapy in recurrent HCV post-liver transplant (n=245)
 - 38 academic and 15 community medical centers in the US, Germany, and Canada
 - HCV treatment is administered according local standard of care
 - Regimen selection made by health care provider
- Interim results for sequentially enrolled patients who started therapy with sofosbuvir-containing regimens
 - Genotype 1 (n=179): sofosbuvir + simeprevir + RBV (79.7%), sofosbuvir + PR (13.4%), sofosbuvir + RBV (7.3%)
 - Genotype 2 (n=20): sofosbuvir + RBV (100%)
 - Genotype 3 (n=19): sofosbuvir + RBV (94.7%), sofosbuvir + PR (5.3%):

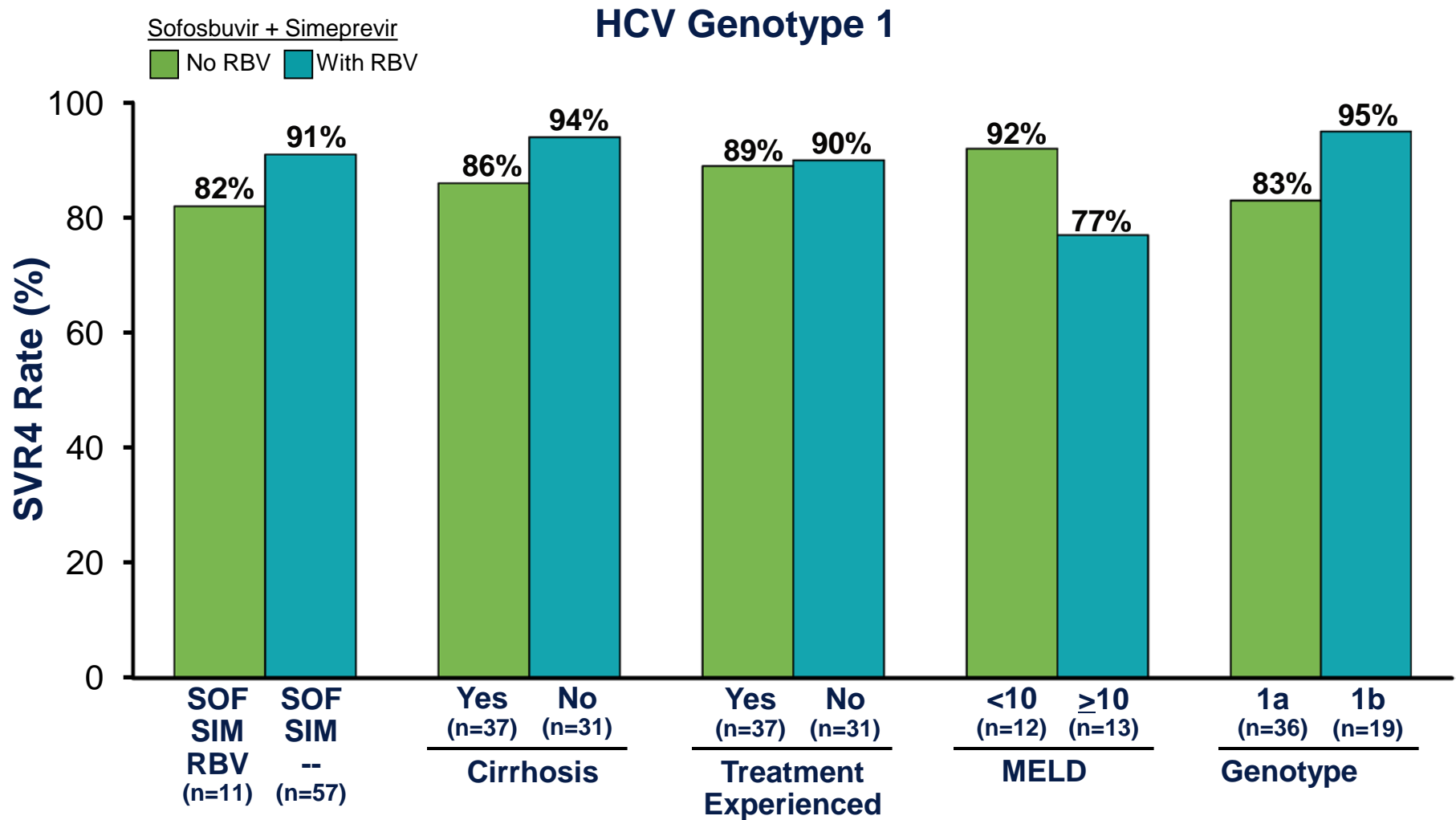
PR: pegIFN + RBV.

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Baseline Characteristics

	Patients (n=227)
Male (%)	73.6
Mean age (years)	60.0
≥65 years (%)	19.8
Black (%)	8.4
Treatment experienced (%)	
Naïve	42.7
Experienced	57.3
PI failure	11.5
Cirrhosis (%)	56.4
MELD >10 (%)	31.3
Immunosuppression (%)	
TAC	76.7
CSA	12.3
Everolimus/sirolimus	15.9
MMF/MPA	42.3

HCV TARGET Study (Interim Results): Crude SVR4 Rates With Sofosbuvir + Simeprevir \pm RBV in Recurrent HCV Post-Liver Transplantation



HCV TARGET Study (Interim Results): Treatment Outcomes With Sofosbuvir + Simeprevir \pm RBV in Recurrent HCV Post-Liver Transplantation

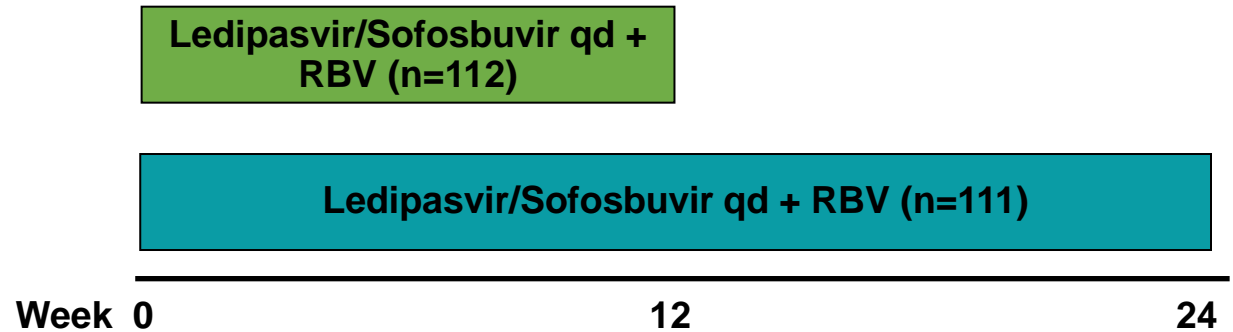
- Additional SVR4 rates
 - Sofosbuvir + PR: 83% (10/12 genotype 1); 100% (1/1 genotype 3)
 - Sofosbuvir + RBV: 90% (9/10 genotype 2), 60% (3/5 genotype 3)
- Predictors of SVR4 (adjusted for cirrhosis status, previous treatment, prior decompensation)
 - For: baseline hemoglobin, age
 - Against: baseline total bilirubin
- Safety
 - ≥ 1 adverse event (82%, most deemed mild in severity)
 - Discontinuations due to adverse events (2.2%)
 - Serious adverse events (8.5%)
 - No episodes of acute cellular rejection
 - Renal failure (n=3; sofosbuvir + simeprevir [2], sofosbuvir + simeprevir + RBV [1])

PR: pegIFN + RBV.

Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV for Post-Transplantation HCV Recurrence (Genotype 1 or 4)

Phase 2

Open-label
Genotype 1 or 4
CPT class A, B, or C
Treatment-naïve or
experienced
No HCC
Total bilirubin ≤ 10 mg/dL
Hemoglobin ≥ 10 g/dL
CrCl: ≥ 40 mL/min
Platelets: $>30K \times 10^3/\mu L$



CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir 90/400 mg qd.

RBV (F0-F3 and CPT A cirrhosis: weight based; CBT B and C: continuous dose escalation 600-1200 mg).

Primary endpoint: SVR12.

Baseline demographics:

Male: 80%-100%.

Mean age: 59-61 years

White: 80%-89%

Genotype 1a: 67%-78%.

HCV RNA (\log_{10} IU/mL): 6.3-6.6.

IL28B non-CC: 67%-85%.

Median time from orthotopic liver transplantation: 2.9-8.1 years

Prior HCV treatment: 78%-90%.

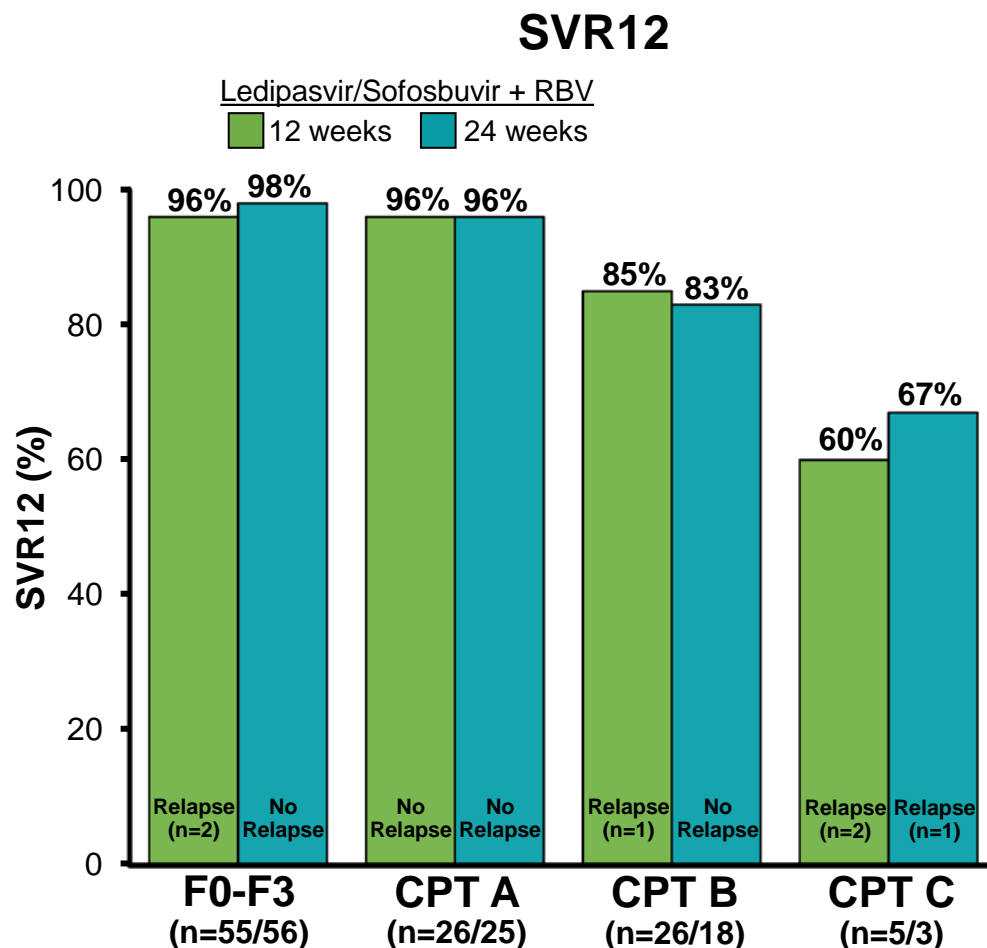
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV for Post-Transplantation HCV Recurrence (Genotype 1 or 4): Baseline Liver Status

	F0-F3 (n=111)	CPT		
		A (n=51)	B (n=52)	C (n=9)
MELD score (%)				
<10	--	55	25	11
10-15	--	39	63	56
16-20	--	6	8	22
21-25	--	0	4	11
Ascites (%)	2	4	77	100
Encephalopathy (%)	1	6	44	78
Median bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.7	0.8	1.2	2.1
Median albumin (g/dL)	3.8	3.7	3.2	2.4
Median INR	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Median platelets (x 10 ³ /μL)	146	108	93	79
Median hemoglobin (g/dL)	14.0	13.6	12.9	11.5
Median creatinine clearance (mL/min)	65	62	59	67

CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

Preliminary Outcomes: Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV for Recurrent HCV Post-Transplantation (HCV Genotype 1 or 4)

- High SVR12 rates in HCV patients with advanced liver disease
- CPT A and B patients at post-treatment week 4
 - Significant improvements in median total bilirubin and albumin
 - Change in MELD score (CPT A/B)
 - Improved: 42%/68%
 - Stable: 27%/12%
 - Worsened: 32%/20%



CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir + RBV for Post-Transplantation HCV Recurrence (Genotype 1 or 4): Preliminary Safety Summary

	F0-F3		CPT A		CPT B		CPT C	
	12 Weeks (n=30)	24 Weeks (n=29)	12 Weeks (n=30)	24 Weeks (n=29)	12 Weeks (n=30)	24 Weeks (n=29)	12 Weeks (n=23)	24 Weeks (n=26)
Grade 3/4 adverse events (%)	27	25	15	28	23	35	20	25
Serious adverse events (%)	11	21	12	16	19	42	20	100
Treatment-related serious adverse event (%)	4	2	8	8	0	4	0	0
Treatment discontinuations due to adverse events (%)	0	4	4	0	0	12	0	0
Death (%)	0	0	4	0	4	8	0	0

CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte.

Adverse events leading to discontinuation (n=1 for each): shortness of breath, hemoperitoneum, thoracic aorta aneurysm, seizure, elevated ALT/AST, dyspnea.

Treatment-related serious adverse events: anemia (n=4), hemolytic anemia (n=2), portal vein thrombosis (n=1), sick sinus syndrome (n=1), sinus arrhythmia (n=1).

Treatment emergent deaths (n=1 for each): progressive multifocal leukoencephalitis, thoracic aorta aneurysm, internal bleeding, complications of cirrhosis.

CORAL-I Study: ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir + Dasabuvir + RBV for HCV Genotype 1 After Liver Transplantation

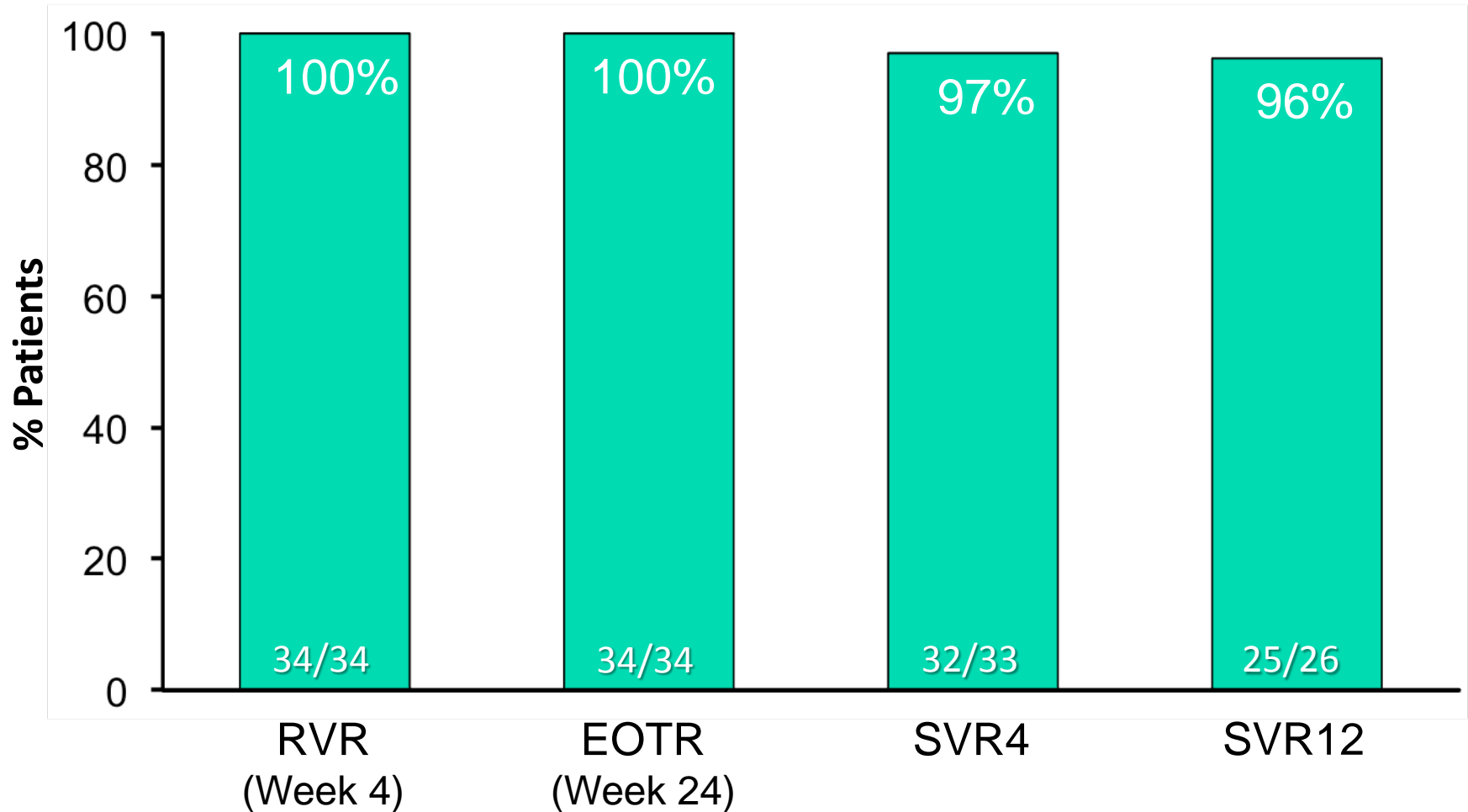
- Ongoing phase 2 study
 - HCV genotype 1 (n=34)
 - Liver transplantation due to HCV infection
 - PR permitted prior to transplantation
 - Treatment-naïve post transplantation
 - METAVIR \leq F2
- On stable immunosuppression
 - Tacrolimus (85%)
 - Cyclosporine (15%)
- Primary outcome: SVR12

Baseline Characteristics

	Patients (n=34)
Male (%)	79
Mean age (years)	59.6
Fibrosis stage (%) F0/F1/F2	18/38/44
Median time since liver transplantation (months)	39.5
Genotype 1a (%)	85
IL28B non-CC (%)	77
HCV RNA (log ₁₀ IU/mL)	6.6
Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	90.5
ALT/AST (U/L)	78.9/63.9

ABT-450/ritonavir/ombitasvir 150/100/25 mg qd; dasabuvir 250 mg bid. RBV (1000-1200 mg).
Tacrolimus: 0.5 mg once weekly or 0.2 mg every 3 days.
Cyclosporine: 1/5 of daily dose given once daily prior to HCV therapy.

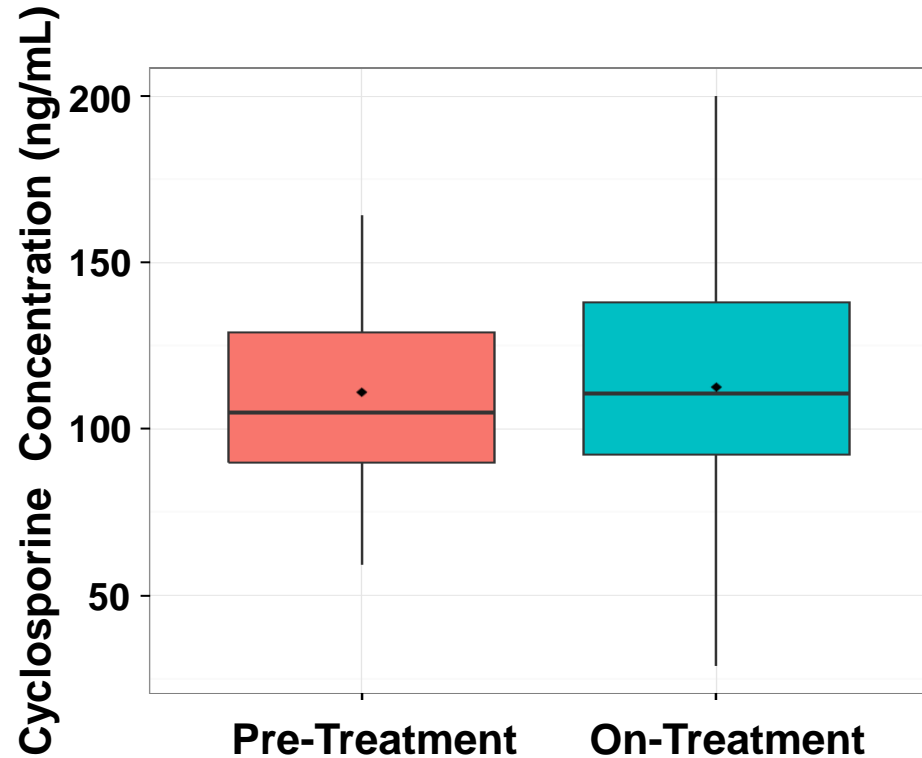
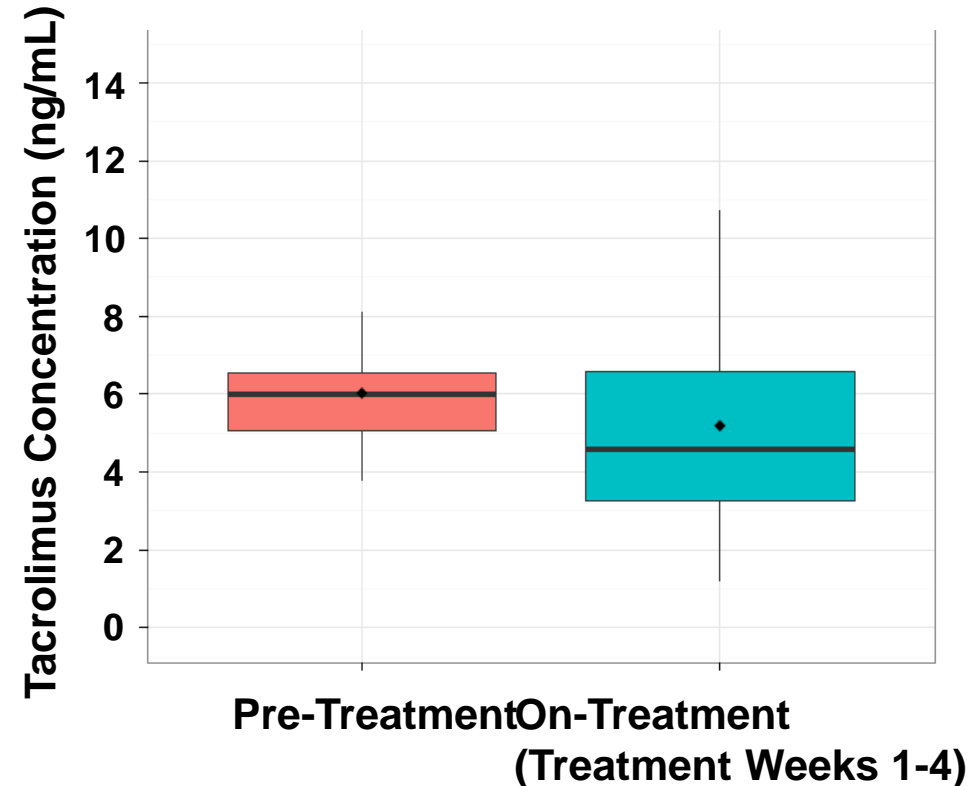
ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir+Dasavuvir+RBV for Treatment of Recurrent HCV GT1



CORAL-I Study: Treatment Outcomes

- SVR12 and SVR24: 97%
 - No virologic breakthroughs
 - Relapse (n=1)
 - Emergent RAVs at time of relapse: R155K, M28T+Q30R, G554S
- No deaths, graft losses, or episodes of acute or chronic rejection
- Discontinuations due to adverse events (n=1)
- Serious adverse events (n=2)
 - Hypotension and tachycardia associated with tamsulosin
 - Moderate peripheral edema and pain in extremities in a diabetic patient
- All patients who required RBV dose reduction achieved SVR12

ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir+Dasavuvir+RBV for Treatment of Recurrent HCV GT1



- TAC dose 0.5-1.0 mg at 1-2 week intervals for most
- 4 patients had TAC >15 ng/mL, all due to dosing errors

- CsA levels maintained within desired range in all 5 patients
- On treatment CsA dose was 1/5 of pre-treatment dose in these patients

Hepatitis C and Liver Transplantation

- Clearance of HCV post transplant is achievable with either a pre- or post-transplant approach
- DAA's offer high rates of viral clearance
- Major issues will safety and efficacy in advanced liver disease pre-OLT and DDI post-OLT
- The near-term future offers
 - Early clearance post-OLT with IFN-free, ? Riba free therapy for decompensated disease
 - Pretransplant clearance for LDLT and HCC as well as low MELD waiting list candidates
- Better treatment strategies are needed for CPT C patients particularly if it can stabilize/improve disease