

Post EASL 2012

HCV/Koinfektionen



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Cost-Effectiveness of HCV Treatment

Impact of treatment and disease severity on health care costs

- **Analysis of Private Health Insurance Claims Database:**
 - **Inclusion criteria: > 2 year follow-up
(between 2001-2010)**
 - **Patients stratified according to stage of the disease**
 - **Mean all cause, follow-up direct health care costs
per-patient-per-month (PPPM 2010 US\$) for treated
vs. non-treated**

Cost-Effectiveness of HCV Treatment

Impact of treatment on health care costs

Characteristics	Treated (N=4.116)	Non-treated (N=29.334)
Male	64%	61%
Mean age in years	50	50

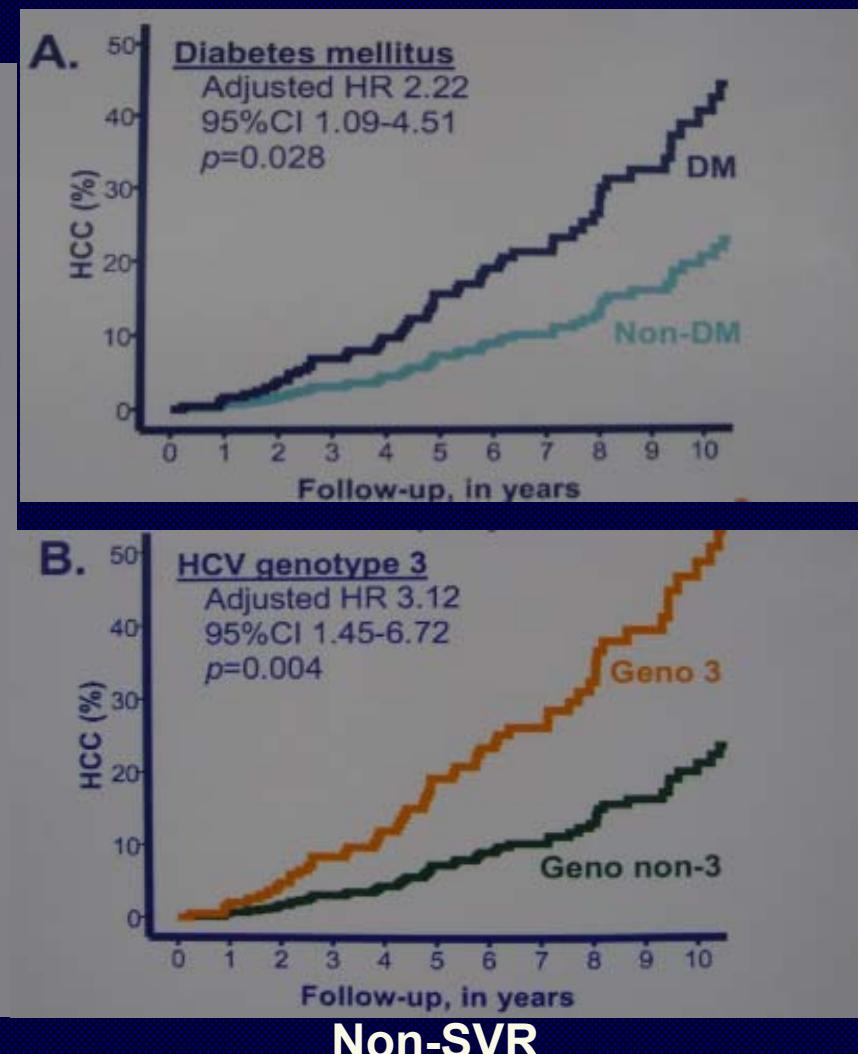
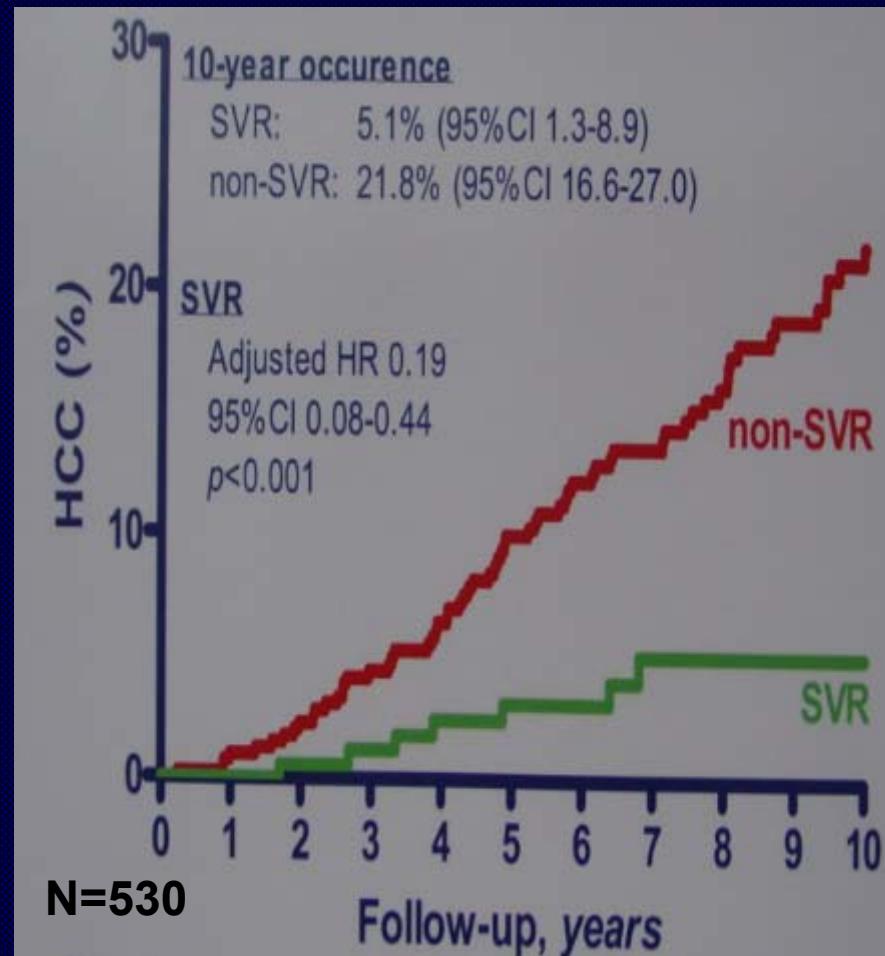
82% of US patients with health care insurance did not receive any antiviral treatment

Cost-Effectiveness of HCV Treatment Impact of treatment on health care costs

Mean follow-up PPPM health care costs (2010 US\$)	Treated (N=4.116)	Non-treated (N=29.334)	P-value
All patients	1.509	1.943	<0.001
Non-cirrhotic	918	1.375	<0.001
Cirrhotic	1.400	1.793	0.068
End-stage liver disease (ESLD)	3.634	5.077	<0.001

**All cause health care costs appr. 4 fold higher in treated
patients with ESLD vs. non-cirrhotic disease**

HCC Inzidenz für Patienten mit fortgeschrittener Leberfibrose (Ishak Stadium 4-6)



Van der Meer EASL 2012 abstract 932

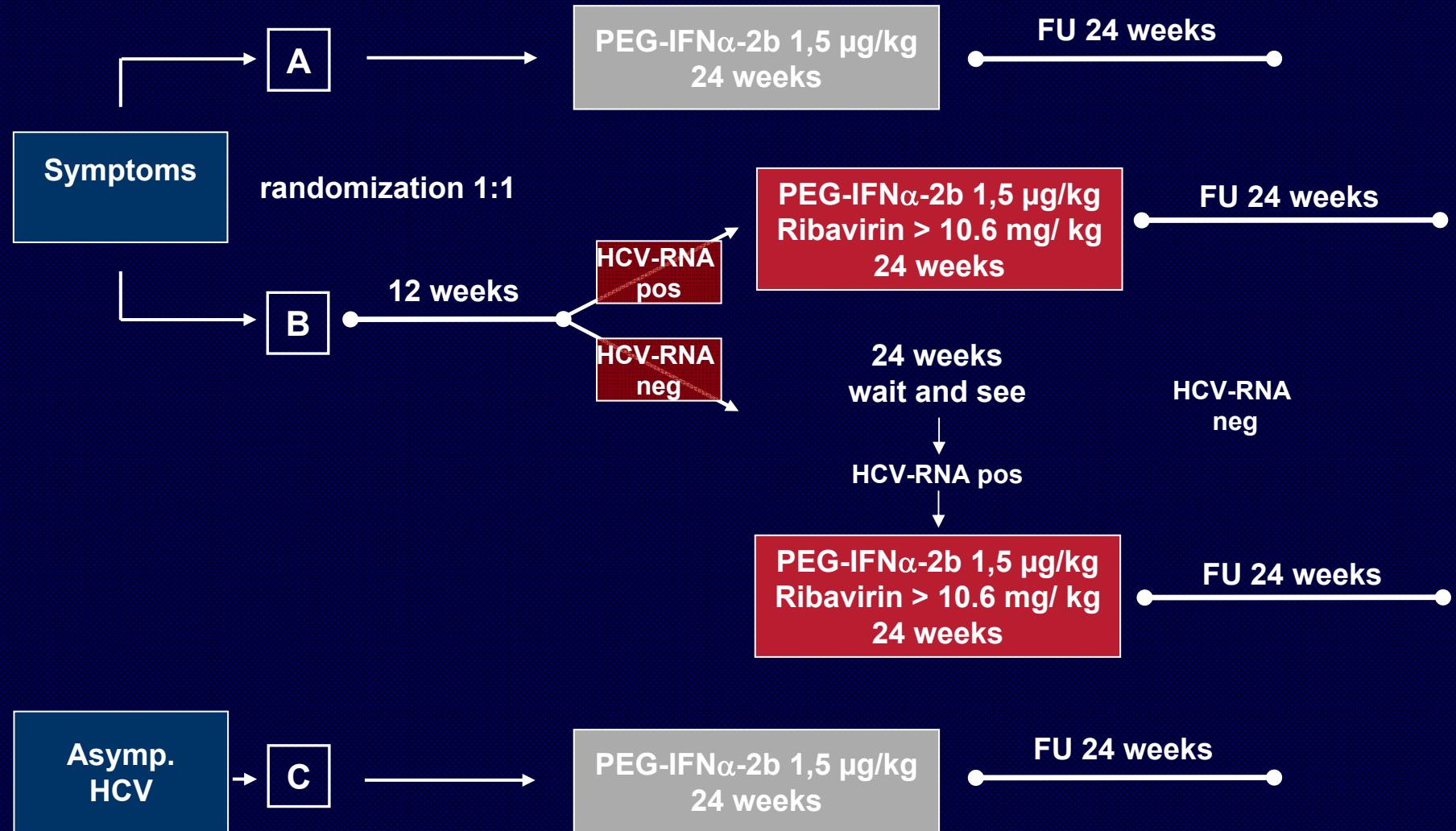
Early versus delayed treatment of acute hepatitis C: The German HEP – NET Acute HCV – III Study

- a randomized controlled trial -

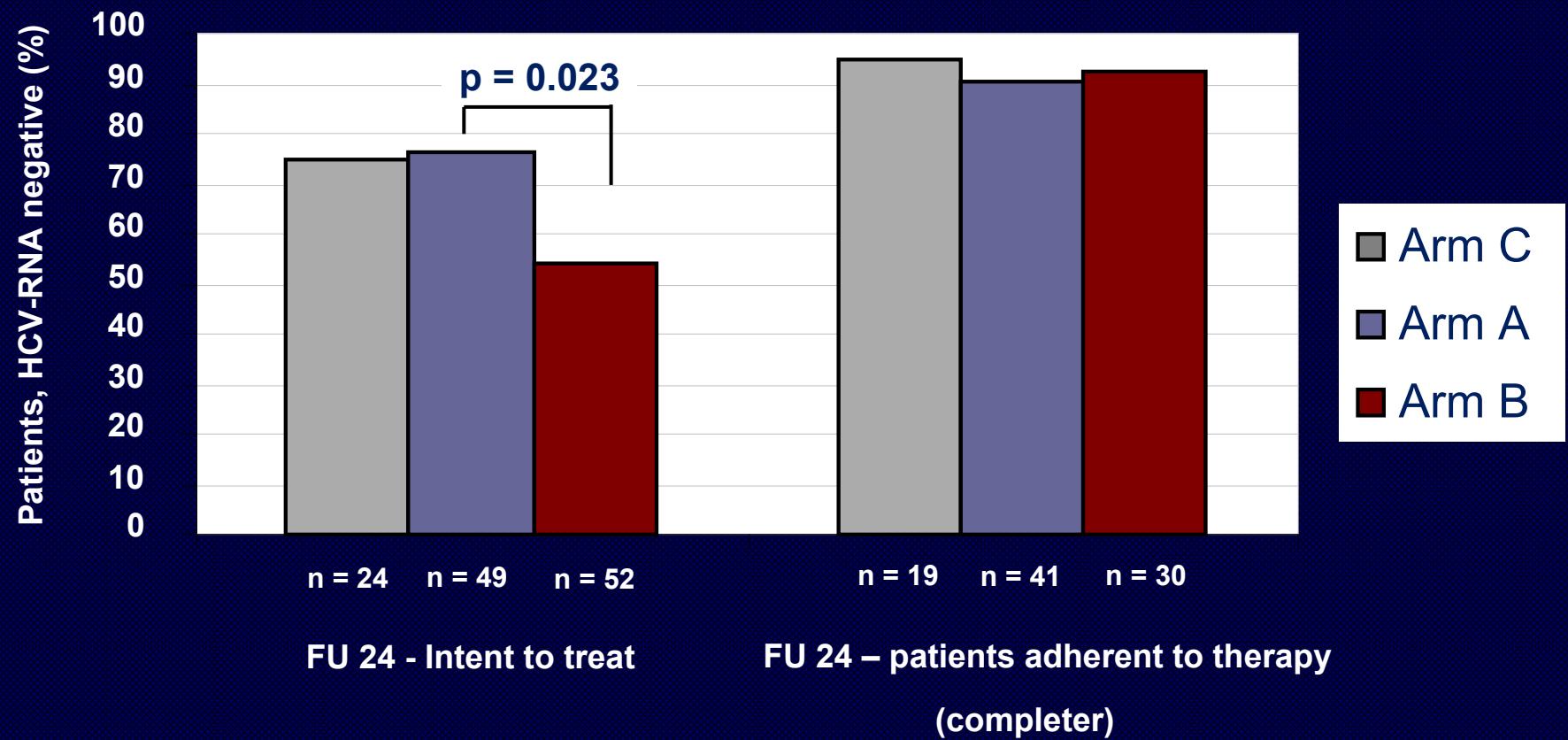
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Study design – acute HCV – III Study



Acute Hepatitis C III Study: SVR Rates – Arm A, Arm B, Arm C



SELECTION OF HCV GENOTYPE 1 PATIENTS FOR DUALTHERAPY WITH PEGINIFERON ALFA- 2A/RIBAVIRIN WITH A HIGH PROBABILITY OF SUSTAINED VIROLOGIC RESPONSE ACCORDING TO BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS ALONE

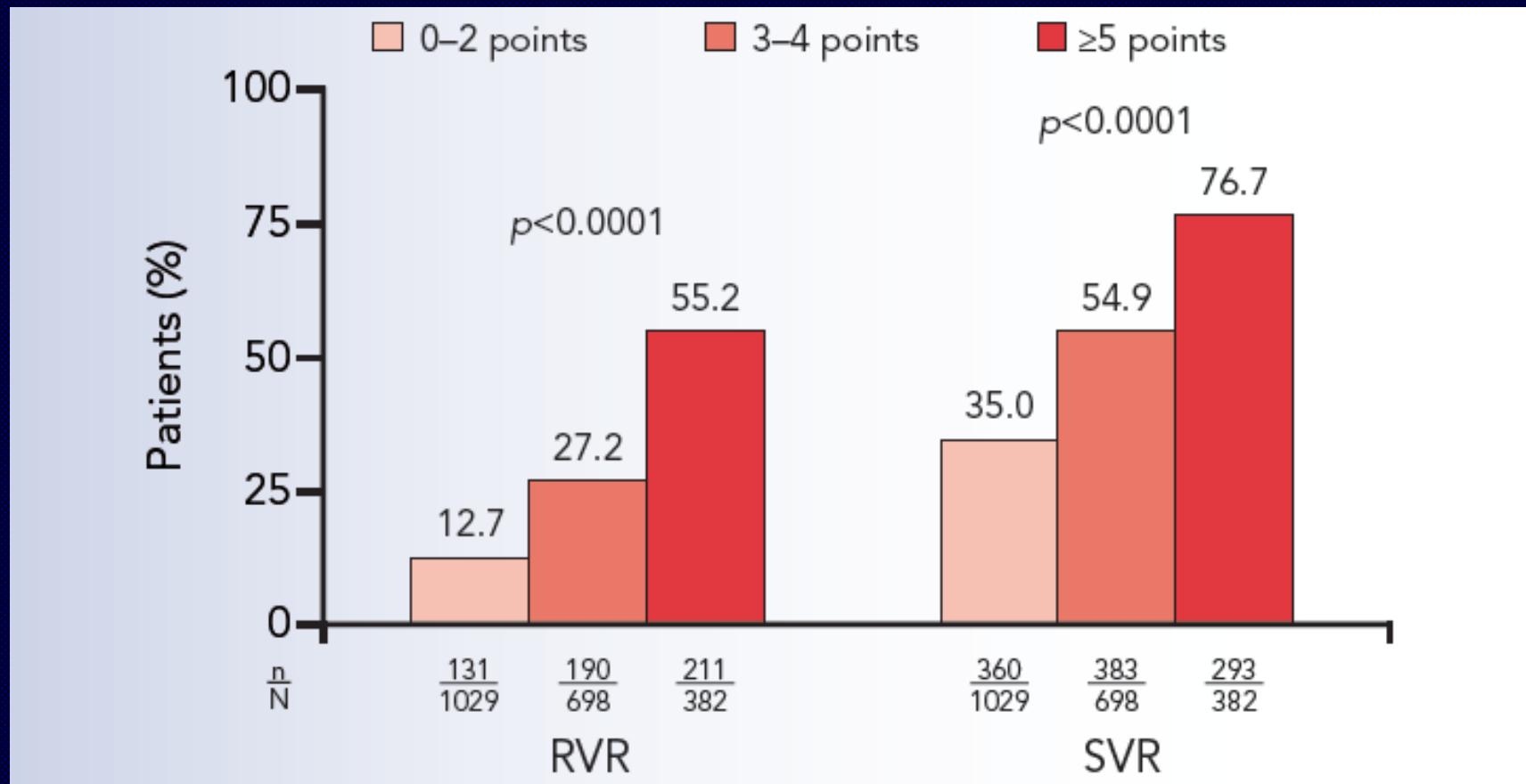
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Gschwantler⁷, D. Larrey⁸, L. Tallarico⁹, M. Schmitz¹⁰, F. Tatsch¹¹, D. Ouzan**

Scoring system (HCV Type 1)

Table 2. PROPHESYS scoring system

Predictor		Score
Age, years	≤35	2
	>35 but ≤45	1
	>45	0
BMI, kg/m ²	≤20	2
	>20 but ≤22	1
	>22	0
HCV RNA, IU/mL	≤100 000	3
	>100 000 but ≤400 000	2
	>400 000 but ≤800 000	1
	>800 000	0
Platelet count, ×10 ⁹ /L	>150	1
	≤150	0
ALT/ULN*	>3	1
	≤3	0
AST/ULN*	≤1	1
	>1	0

SVR according to scoring categories



Treatment options for naïve genotype 1 patients

TRIPLE THERAPY	CONSIDER DUAL THERAPY IN
 Primary treatment option in CT/TT or F3–F4 	<u>France</u> : ≤F2 with CC and LI RVR+ if CC + ≤F2 with LI RVR–, add PI <u>Italy</u> : ≤F2 with CC
 Primary treatment option	No advanced fibrosis with CC, VL <600-800K IU/ml and LI RVR+
 Primary treatment option in F2 with CT/TT or F3-F4	F0–F1 or F2 with CC regardless of RVR
 Primary treatment option (TVR recommended over BOC)	Peg-IFN 2a/RBV if CC, mild fibrosis, VL<600K IU/mL, <40 years, absence of metabolic syndrome, IP10 <150pg/mL If LI RVR–, add PI or watchful waiting
 Primary treatment option	≤F2 with viral load <400K IU/mL and RVR+
 Primary treatment option	<F4 with VL<400-800K IU/mL and LI RVR+

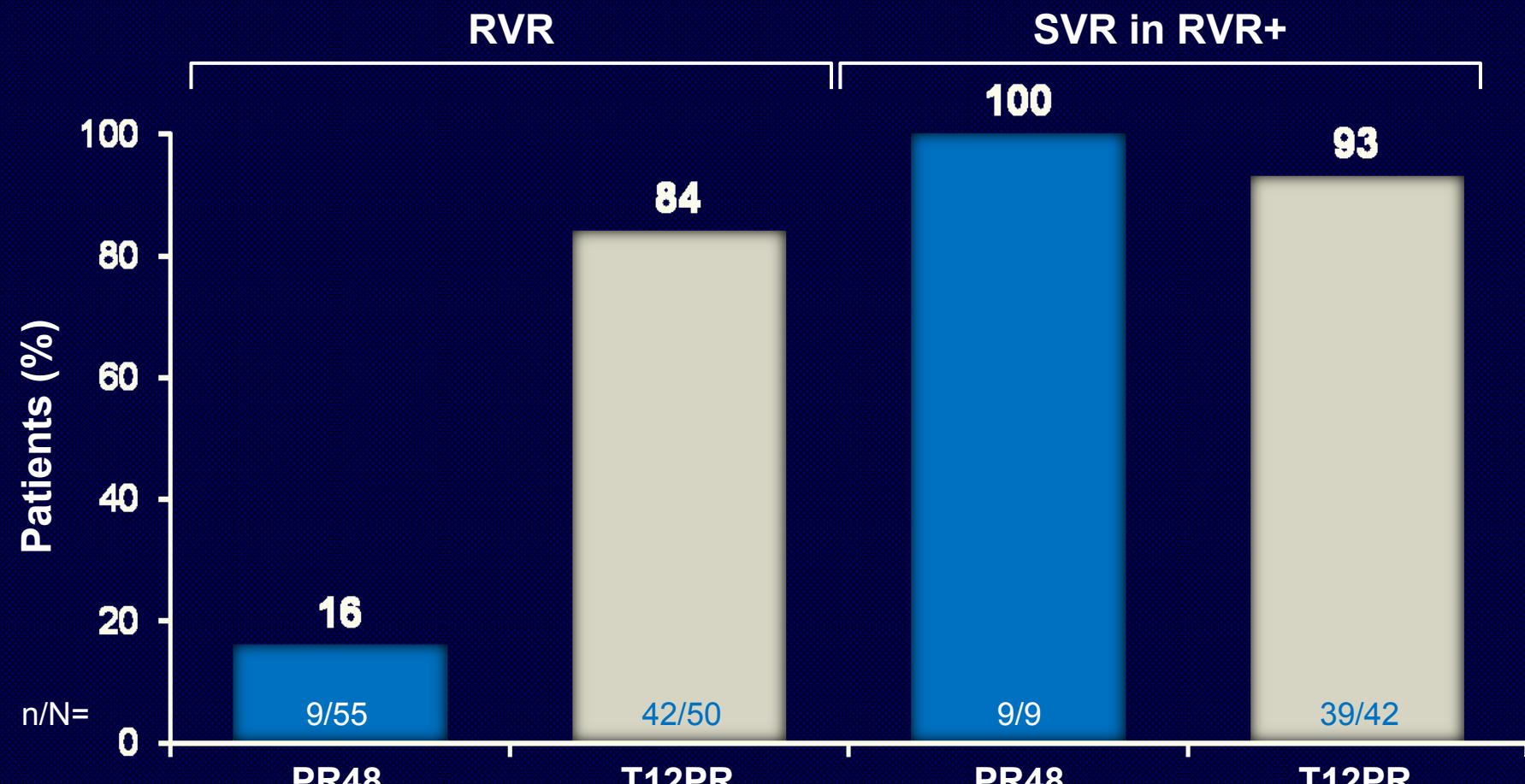
Heilungschancen bei HCV Typ 1: Duale vs. Triple Therapie A Systematic Review

- **Unvorbehandelt**
 - **Duale Therapie: N=1545**
 - **Triple-Therapie: N=1634**
- **Relapse/partial Response**
 - **Dual: N=539; Triple: N=719 Triple**
- **Nonresponse**
 - **Dual: N=255; Triple: N=386**

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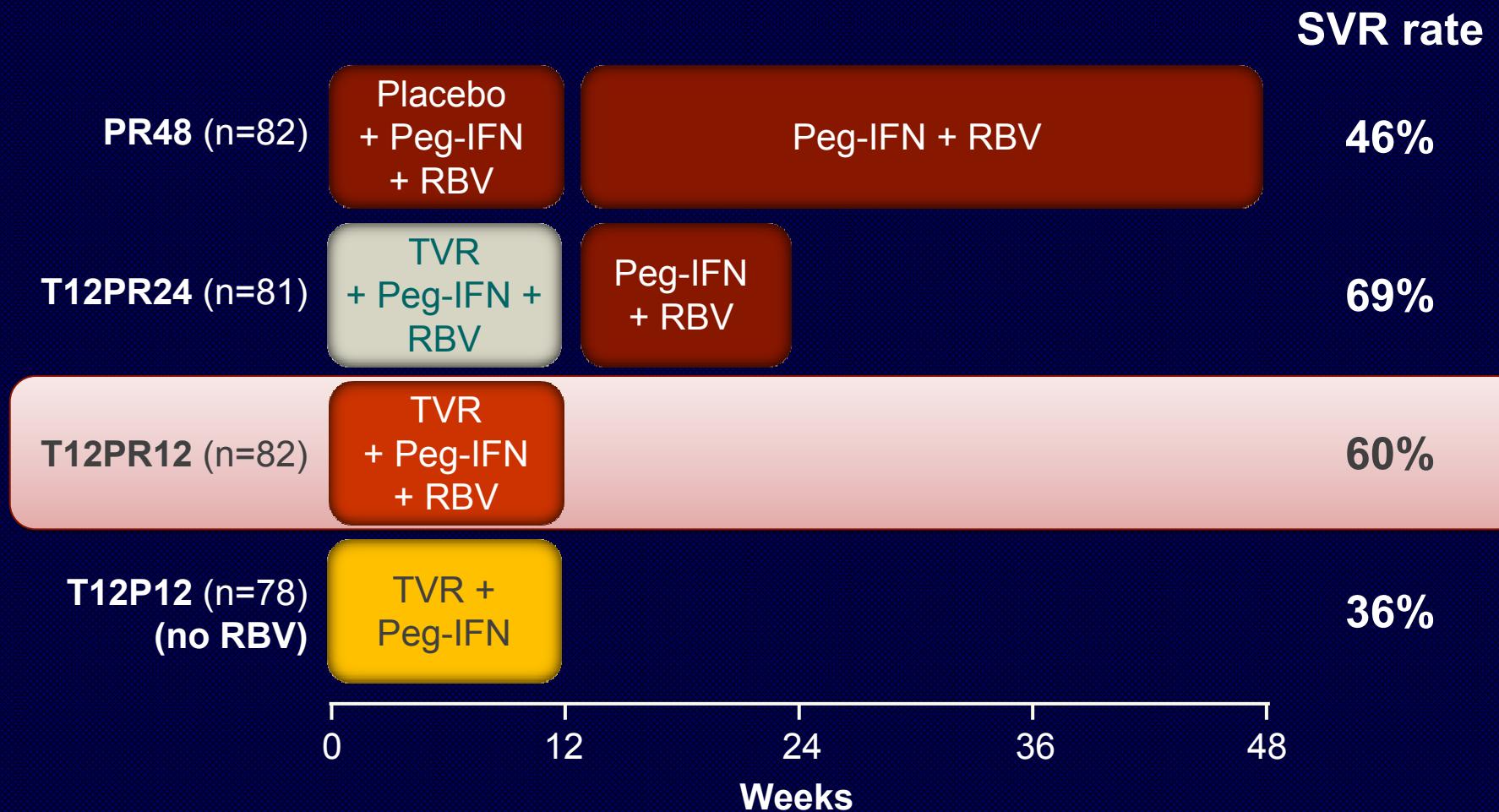
Group	SVR DUAL	SVR Triple	Diff.
Naive	39%	68.5%	2-fach
Relapse/ Partial Resp.	26%	73%	3-fach
Nonresponse	7.5%	44%	6-fach

Telaprevir (ADVANCE): RVR and SVR in patients with *IL28B* CC genotype

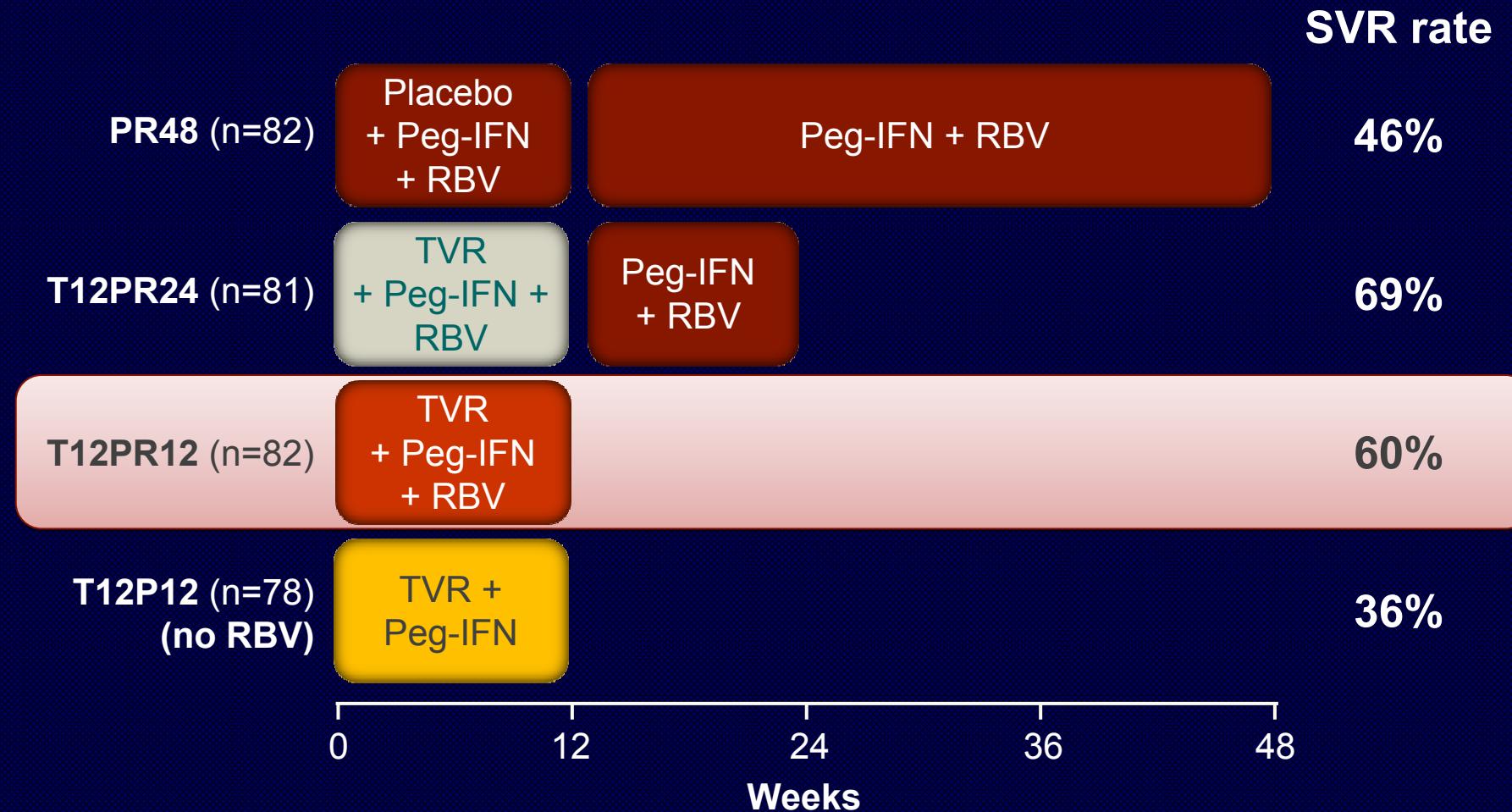


78% of CC patients in the T12PR arm were treated with 24 weeks of treatment

PROVE2: SVR Rates

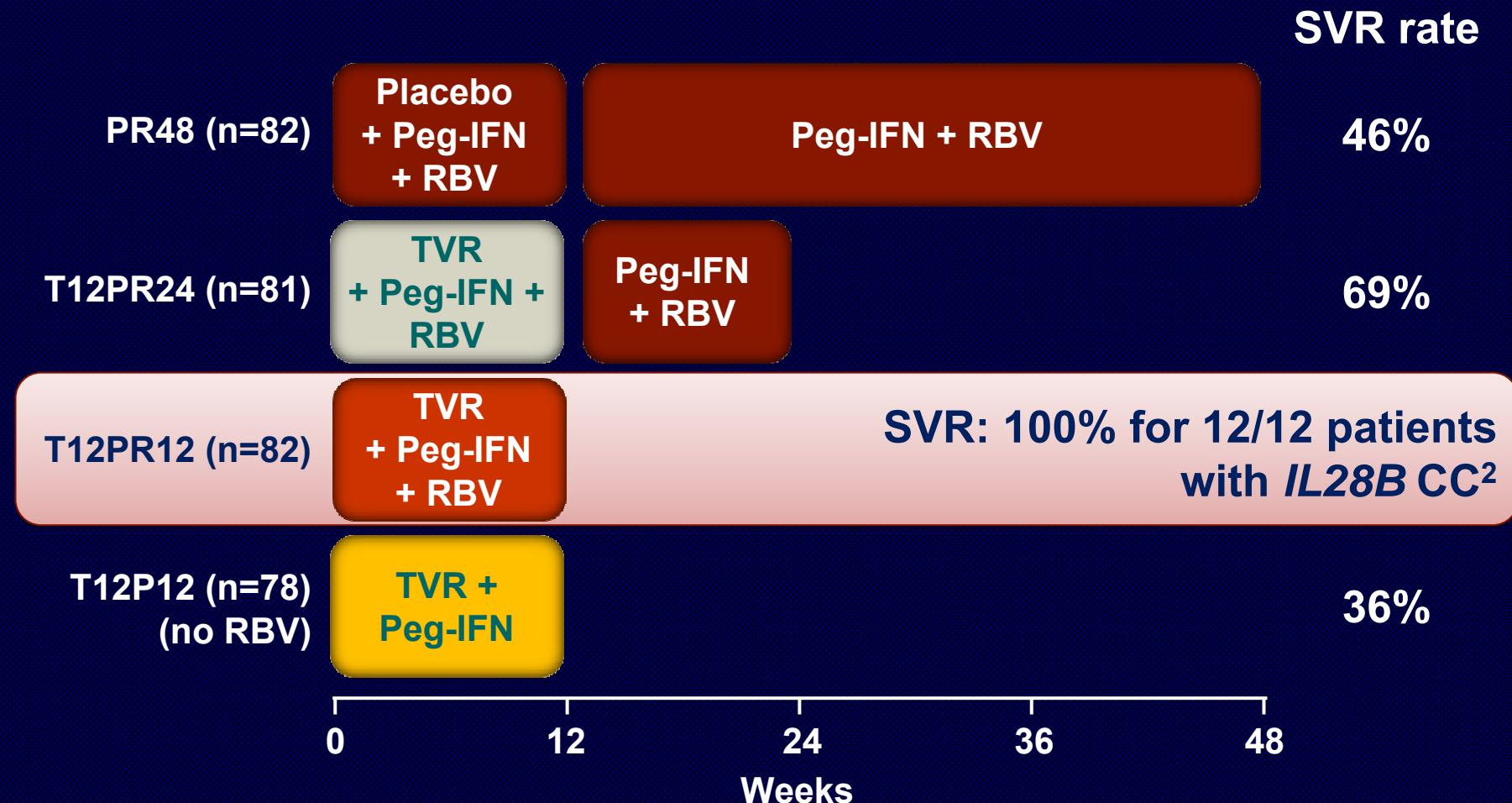


PROVE2: SVR Rates



- ▶ The *IL28B* genotype at polymorphic site rs12979860 was determined in specimens at the PROVE2 French sites

What to expect if treatment is discontinued? Lessons from PROVE2¹



Personalisierte Medizin Biomarker und Prädiktoren.....

- Zuverlässigkeit der Diagnostik
- (V. Gonzalez: Evaluation of accuracy of HCV Typing (Innogenetics vs. Abbott Assay, EASL 2012; #1114 (S439))

Quantifying and Detecting HCV RNA Levels in Phase 3 Trials

Telaprevir^{2,3}

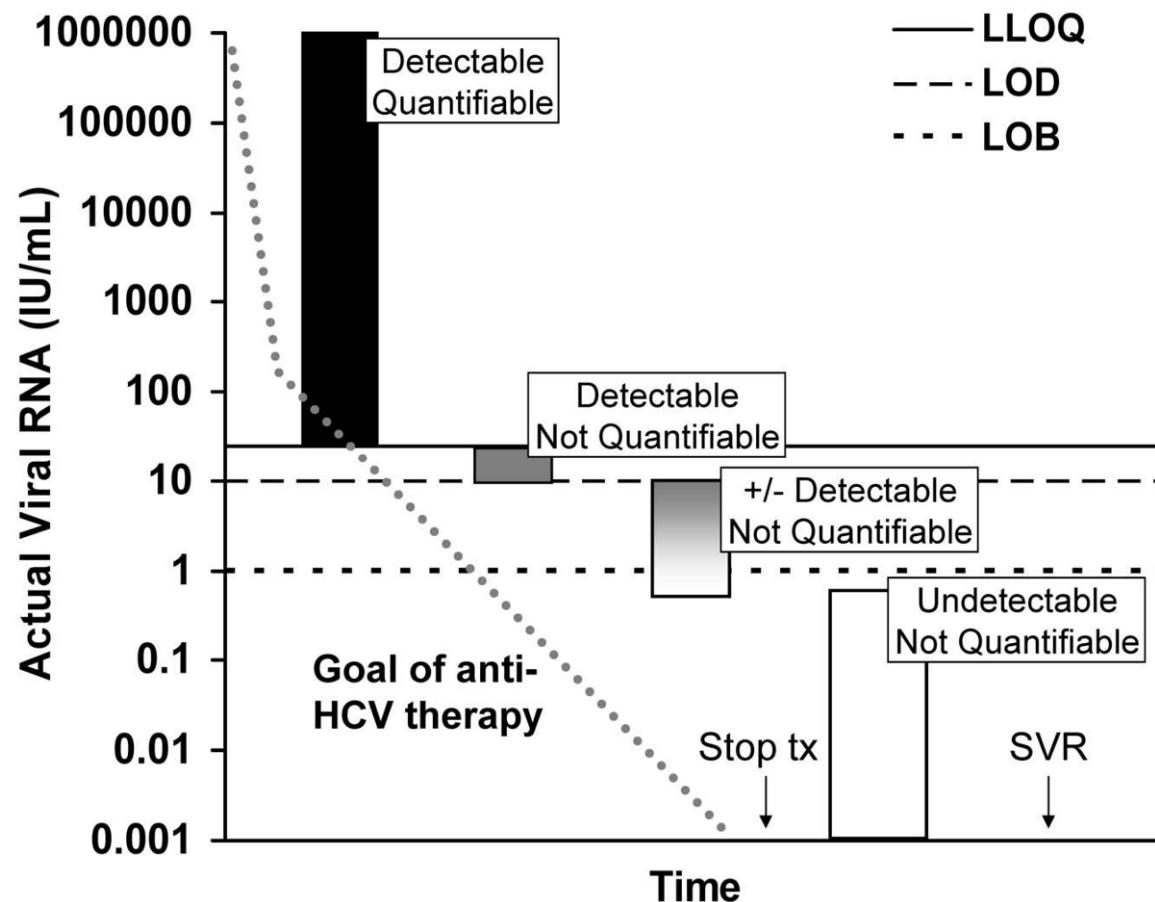
- LLOQ: 25 IU/mL
- HCV RNA values <25 IU/mL were reported as <25 IU/mL detectable or <25 IU/mL undetectable

Boceprevir⁴

- LLOQ: 25 IU/mL
- LLOD: 9.3 IU/mL claimed

1. http://molecular.roche.com/diagnostics/virology/products_virology_17.html; 2. Jacobson IM, et al. Hepatology 2010;52(Suppl.):427A
3. Sherman KE, et al. Hepatology 2010;52(Suppl.):401A; 4. Poordad F, et al. Hepatology 2010;52(Suppl.):402A

HCV RNA Quantification 2012 LLOQ - „the tip of the iceberg“?

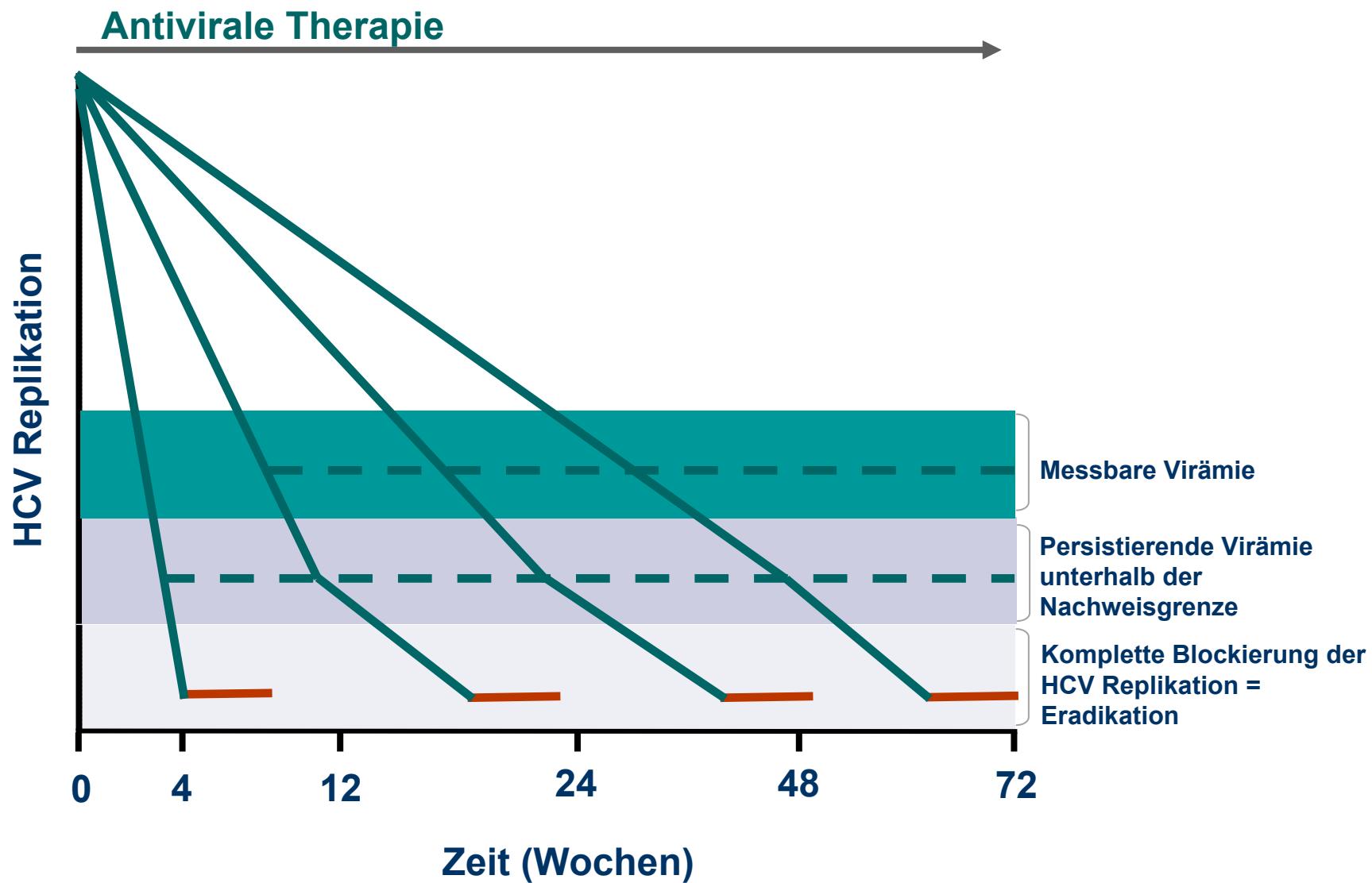


LLOQ = lower limit of quantification (< 25 /ml)

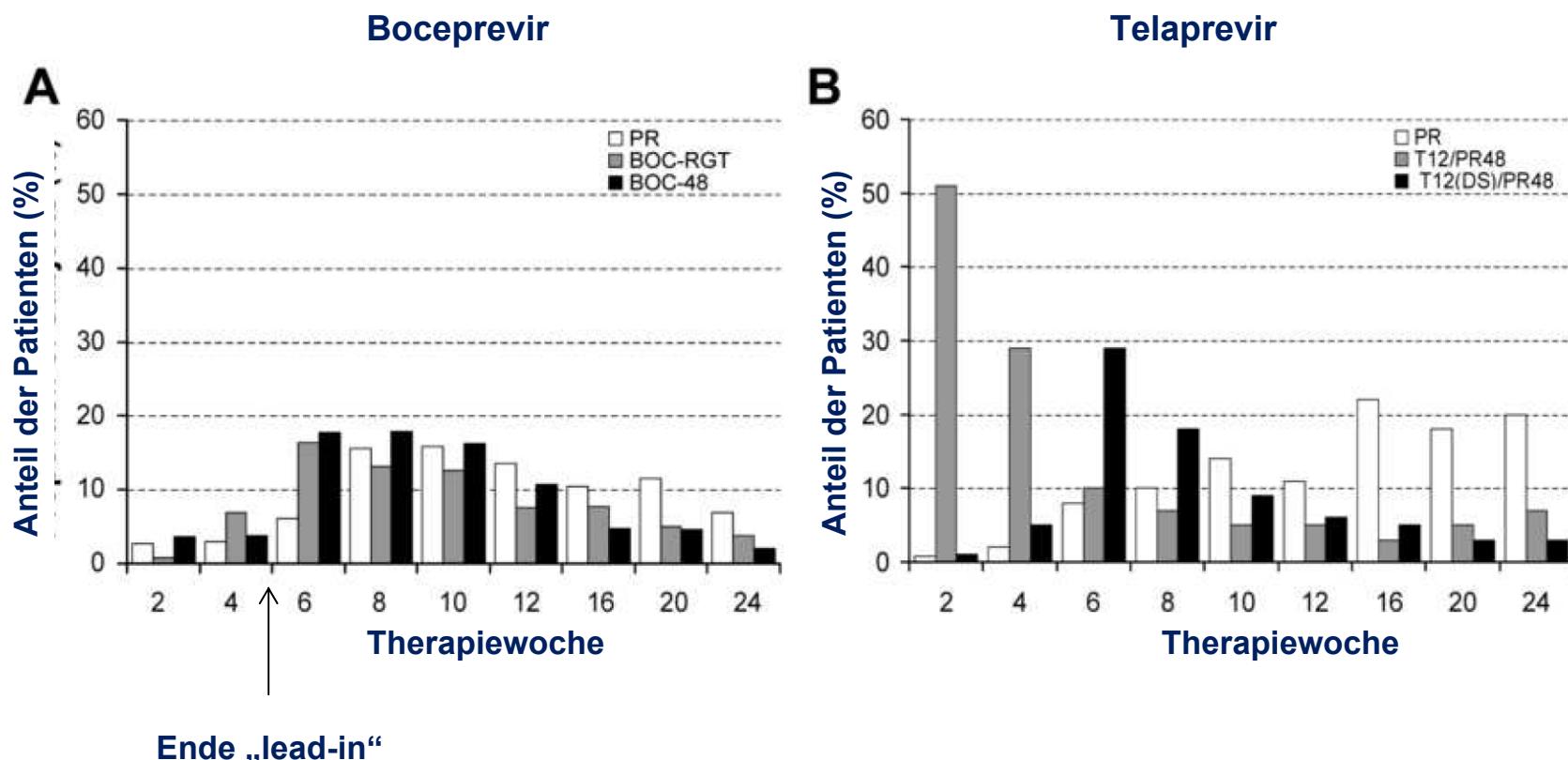
LOD = lower limit of detection

Harrington PR et al. Hepatology 2012

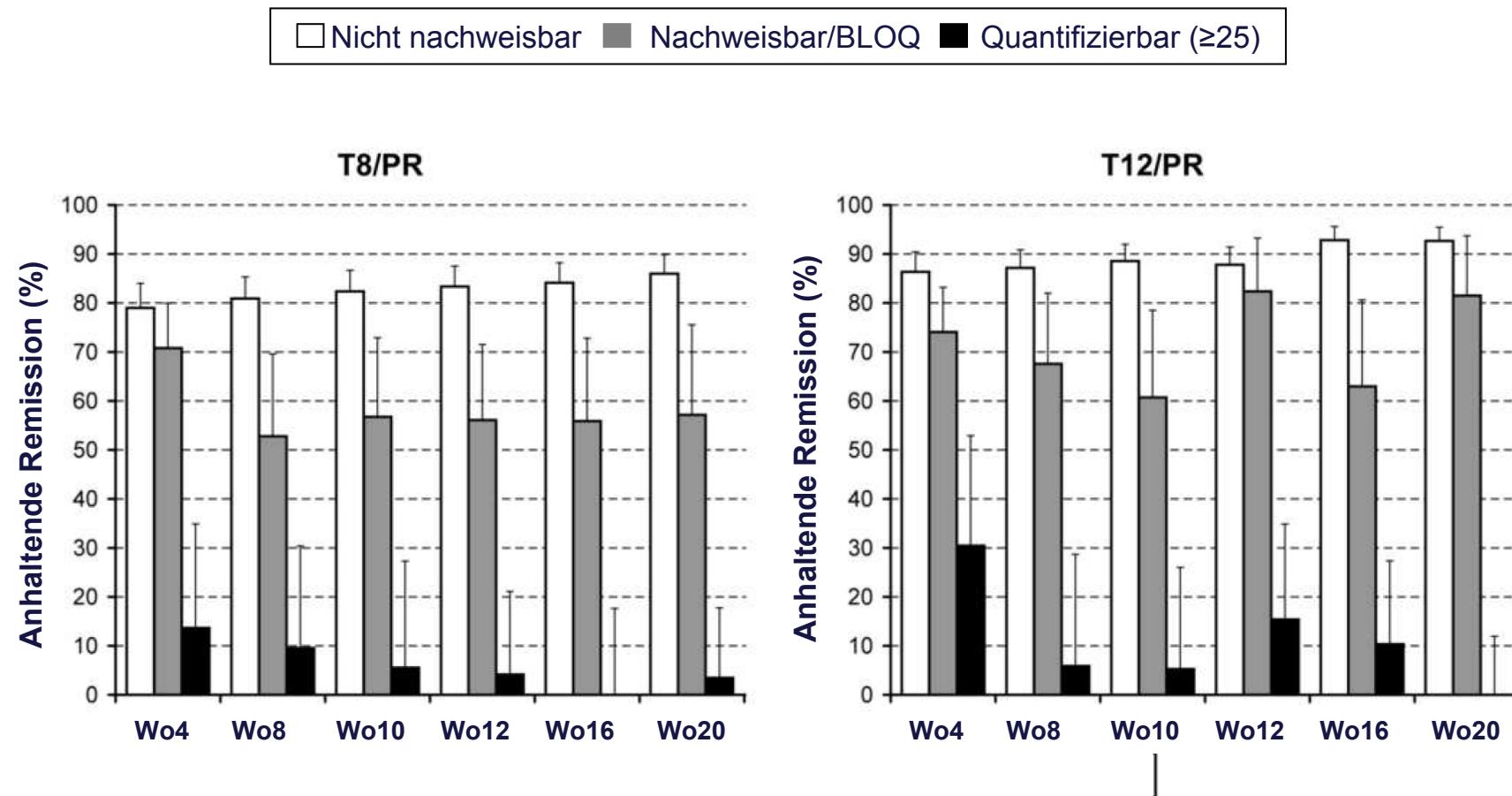
New concept of response-guided therapy?



Minimale Restvirämie unter Tripletherapie (< 25 IU/ml, aber HCV RNA +)



Bedeutung der minimalen Restvirämie für die SVR-Rate - Telaprevir-Triple

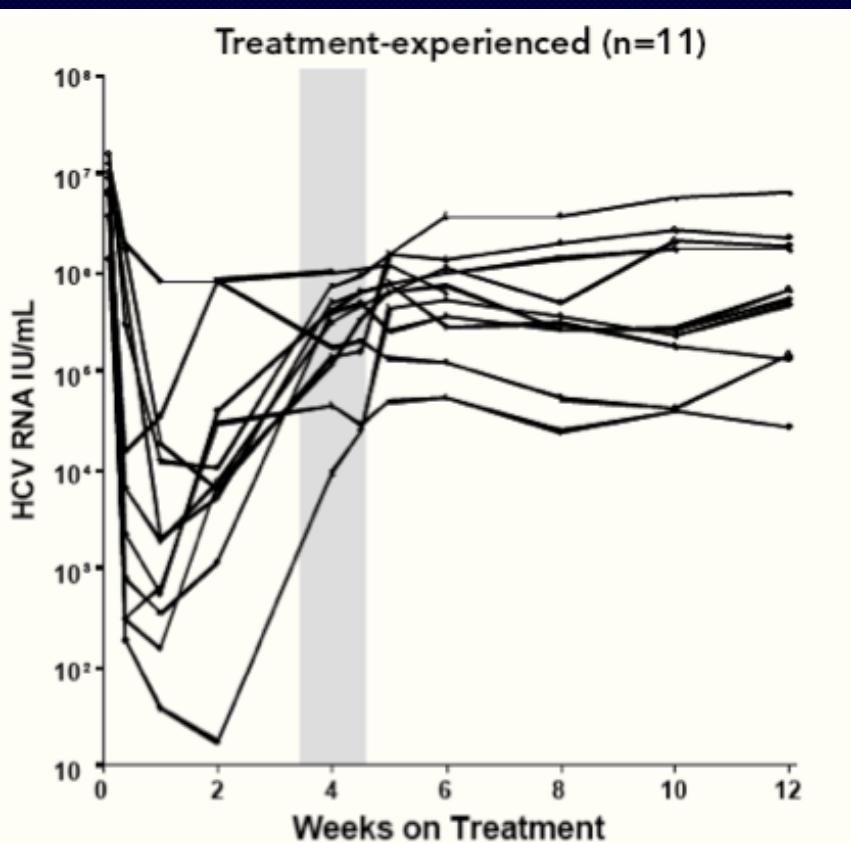
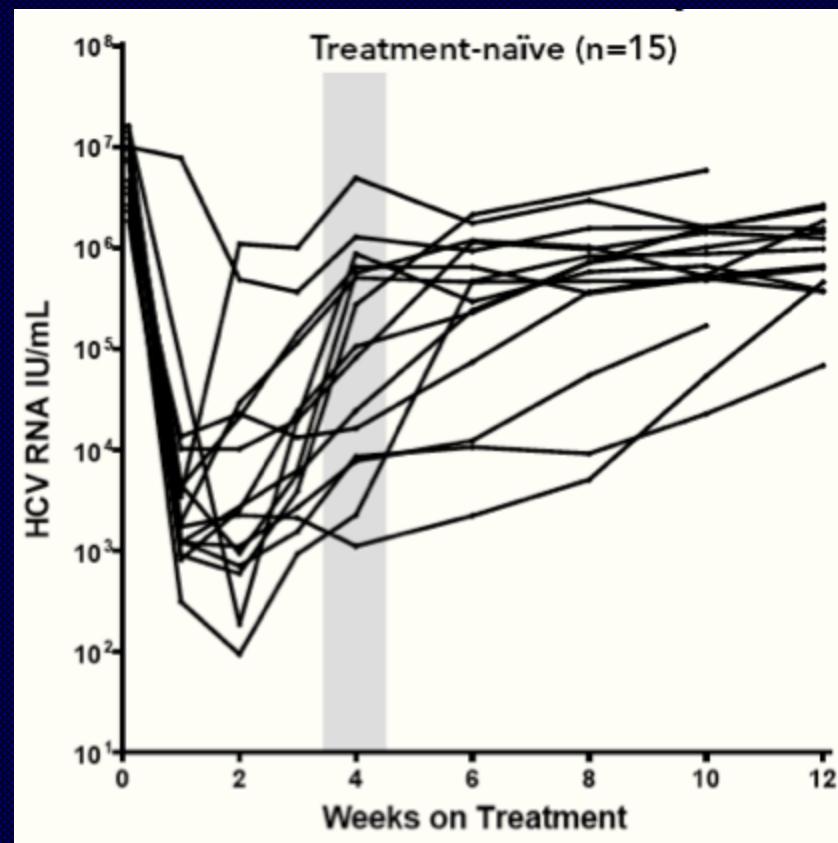


Re-Evaluation der Stopping Rules zu Woche 4 bei Telaprevir-Triple Therapie

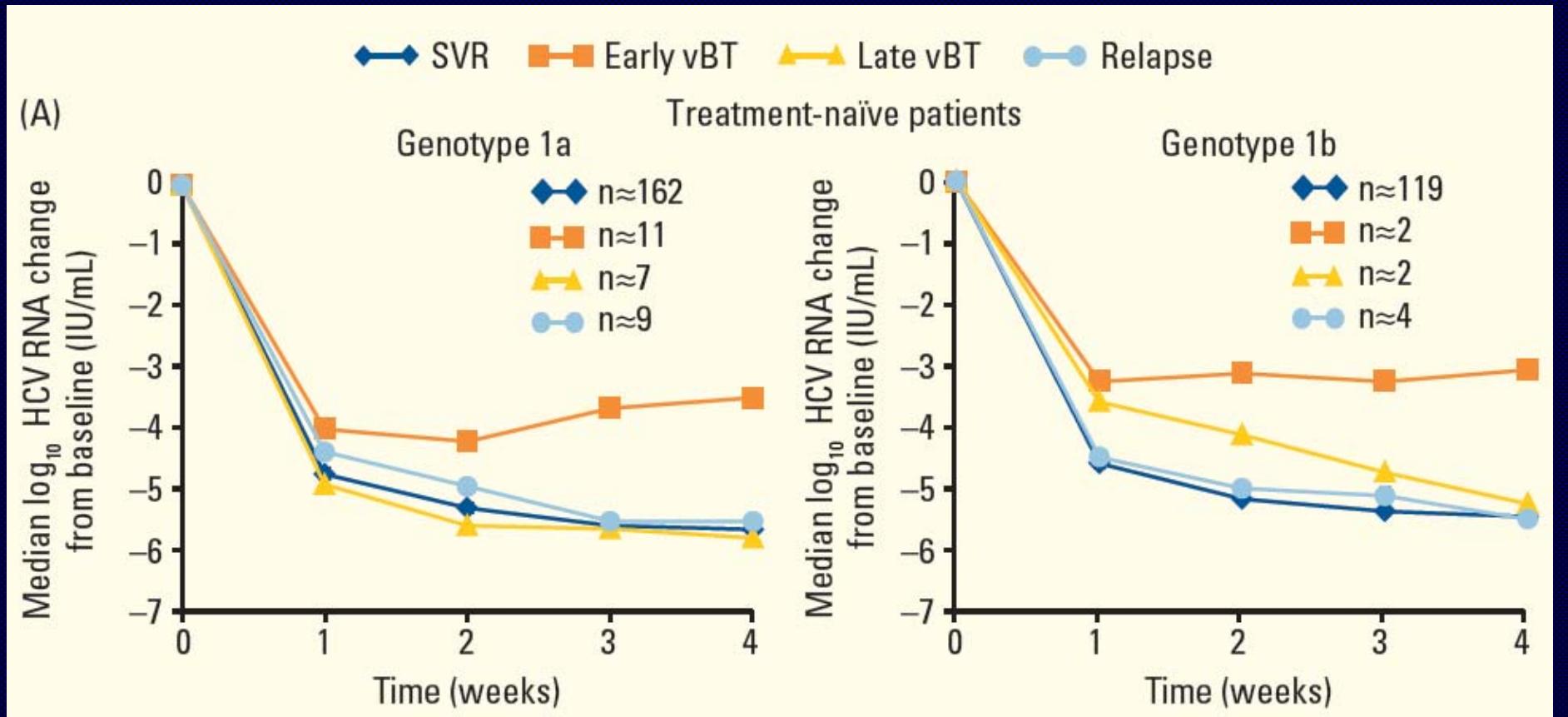
W4 HCV-RNA	Frequenz*	SVR
100 - <1000 IU/ml	1.9%	25% (4/16)
> 1000 IU/ml	1.7%	0%

*Unvorbehandelte Patienten

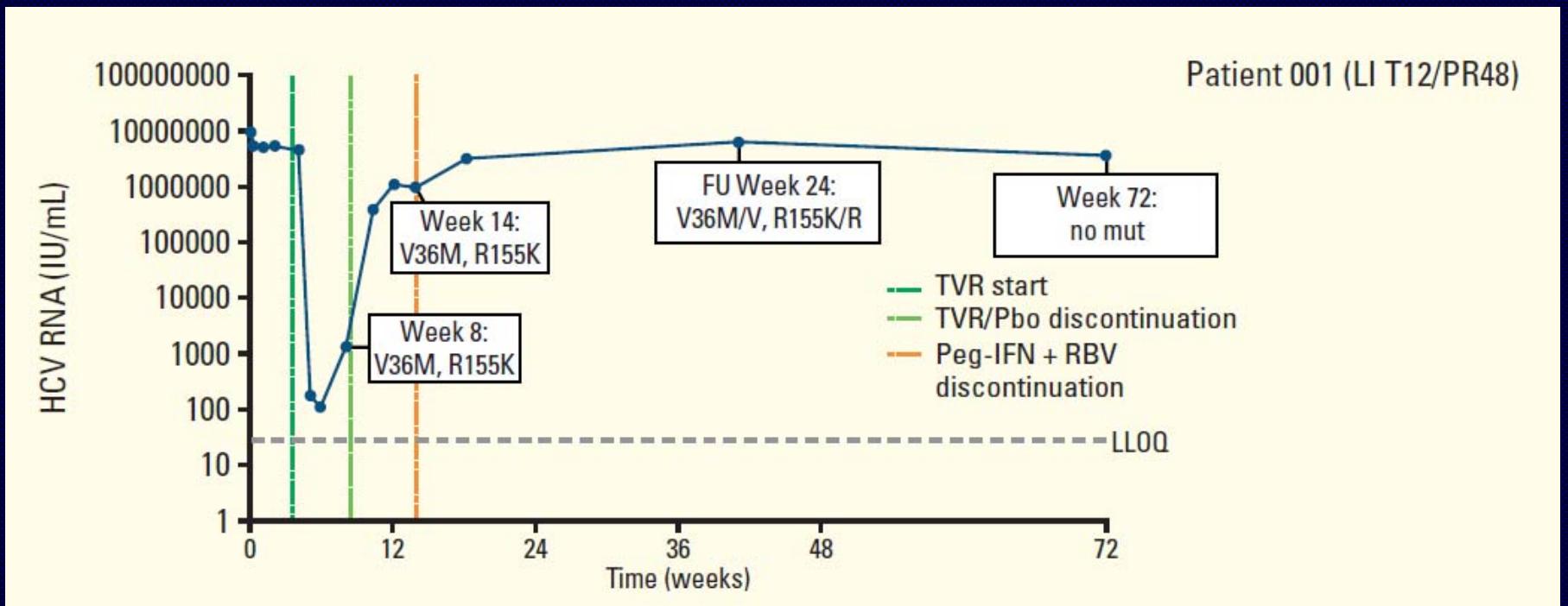
Viral kinetics in patients fulfilling early stopping rules on telaprevir



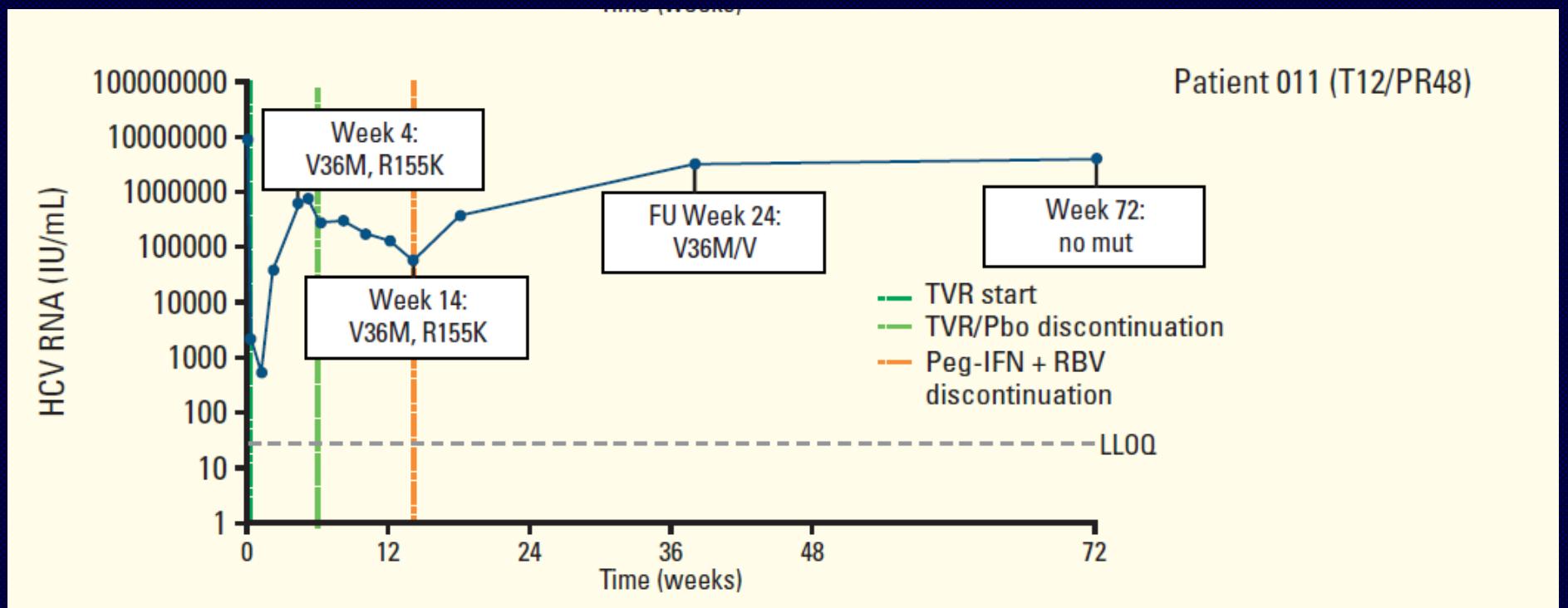
HCV-RNA Profile unter Telaprevir-Triple Therapie



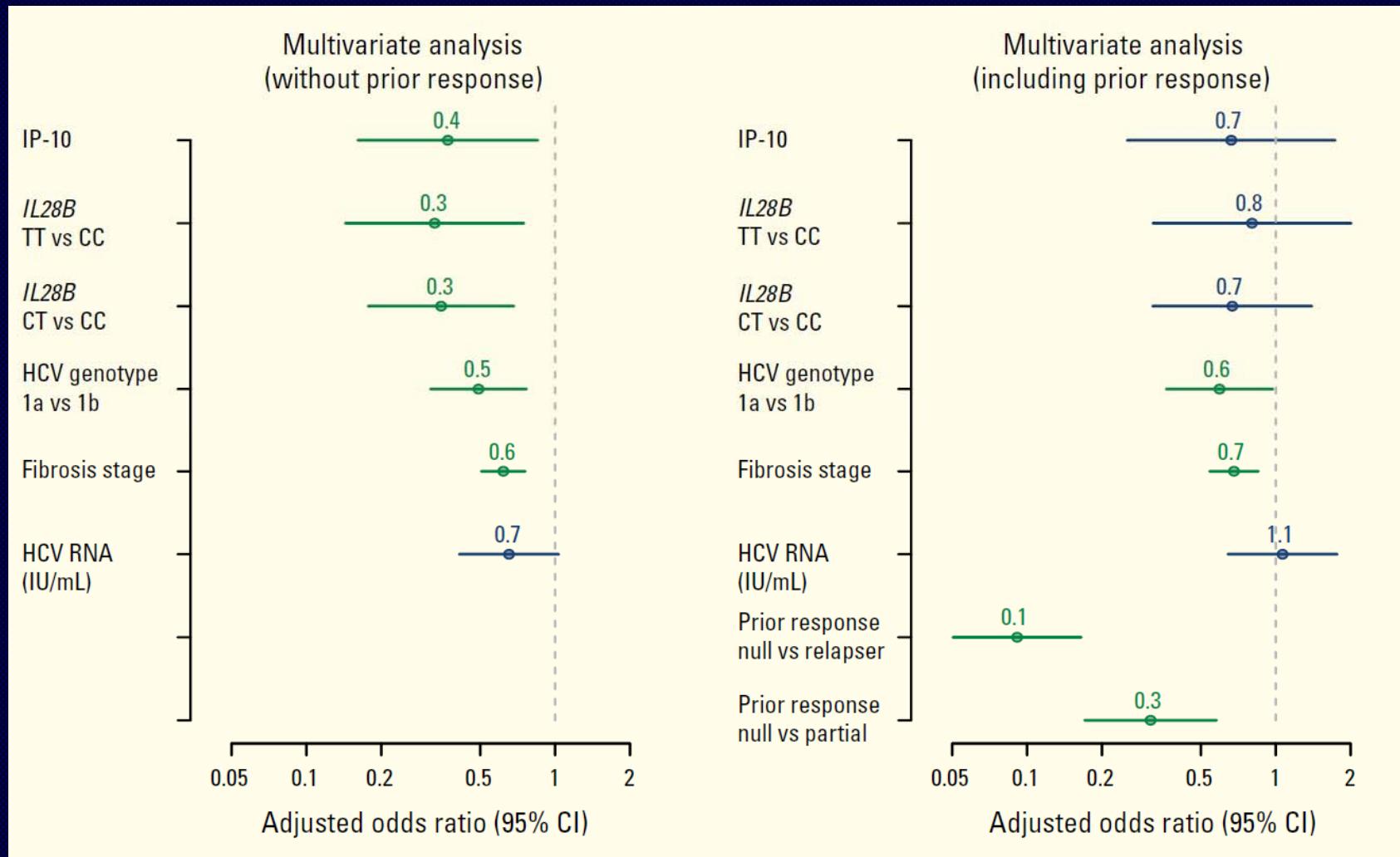
HCV Deep Sequencing in treatment failure patients from REALIZE



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SVR Prädiktion bei Telaprevir-Triple Therapie (REALIZE): Relevanz von IL28B und IP10



SVR12 vs. SVR24: wie sicher ist die Vorhersage?

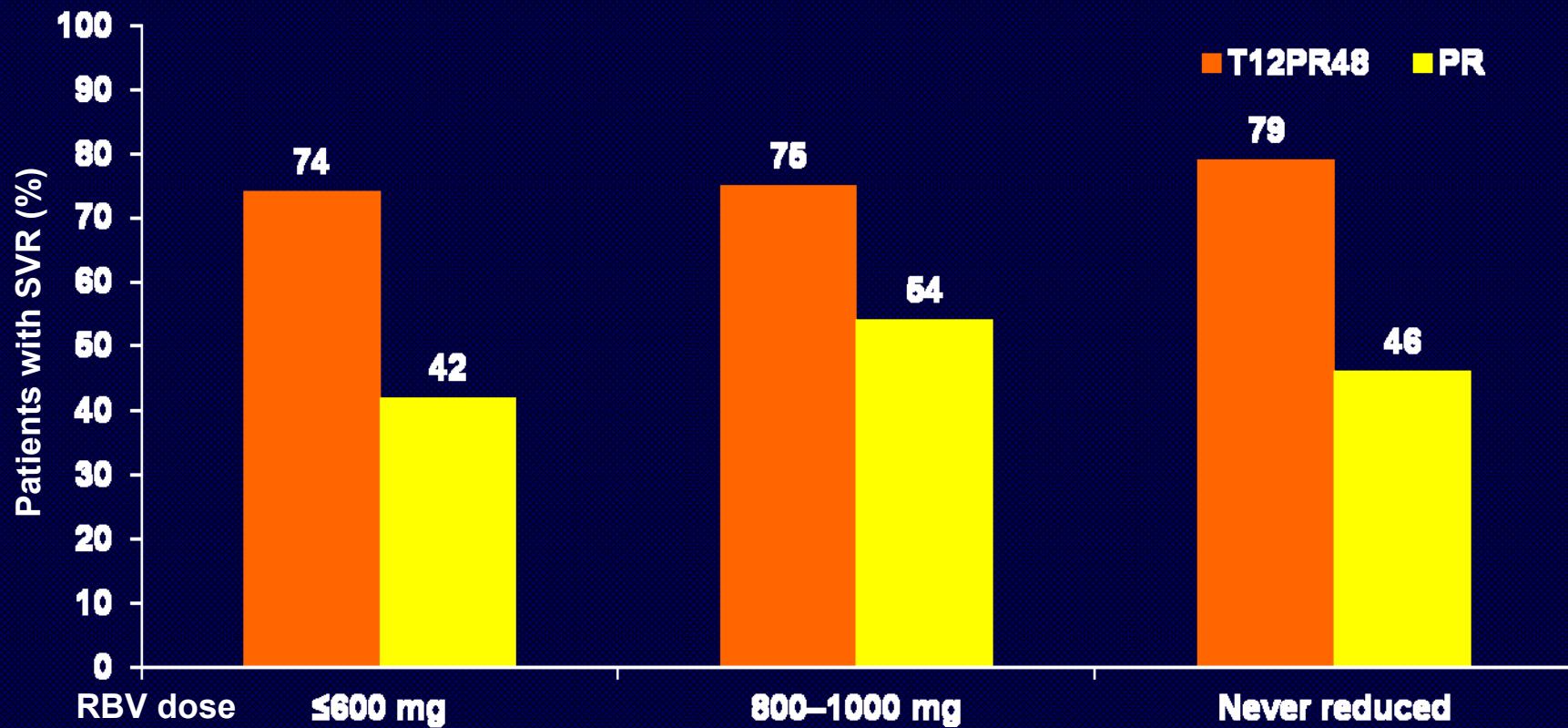
Group	SVR12	SVR24	Diff.
ADVANCE	73%	72%	1.2% (9/727)
ILLUMINATE	92%	90%	1.9% (6/322)
REALIZE	86% (Rel) 60% (Partial) 33% (Null)	86% 57% 31%	1.3% (7/530)

Ribavirin dose modification in treatment-naive and previously treated patients who received telaprevir combination treatment: No impact on sustained virologic response in Phase 3 Studies

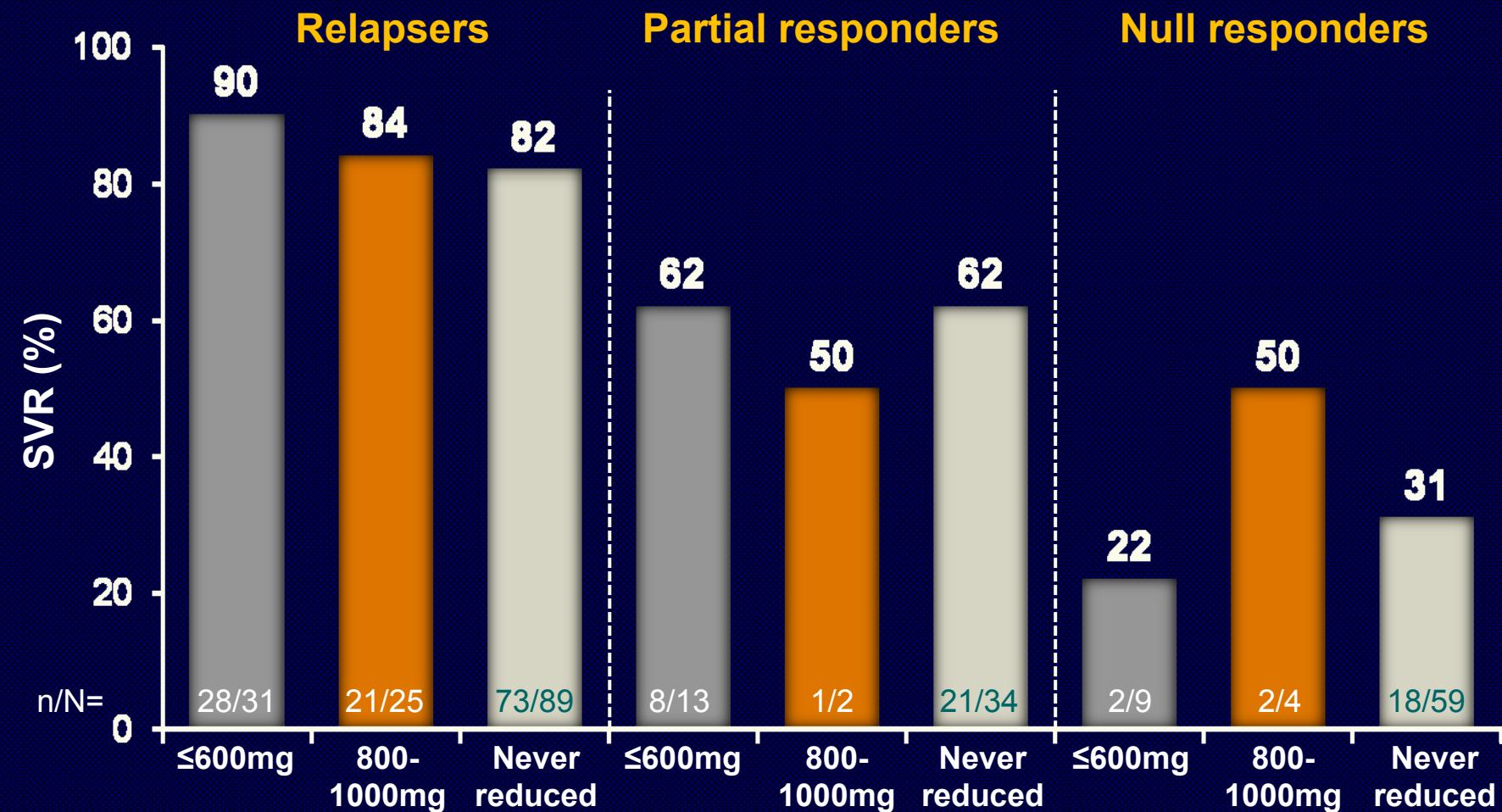
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No impact of RBV dose modifications on SVR in treatment-naive pts in telaprevir phase III studies

Treatment-naive pts from ADVANCE and ILLUMINATE



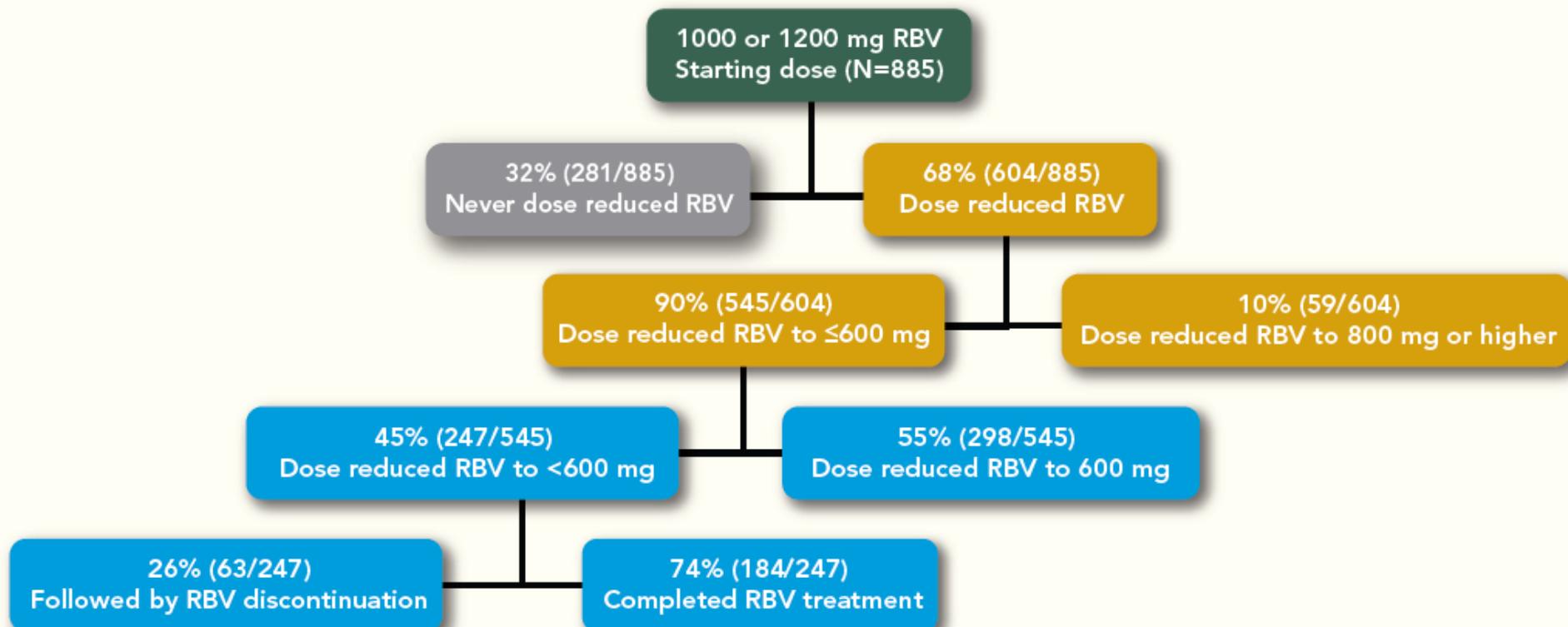
No impact of RBV dose reduction on SVR with telaprevir (REALIZE: T12PR48)



Sulkowski MS, et al. EASL 2012. Abstract 1162.
Poster to be presented on Saturday 21st April

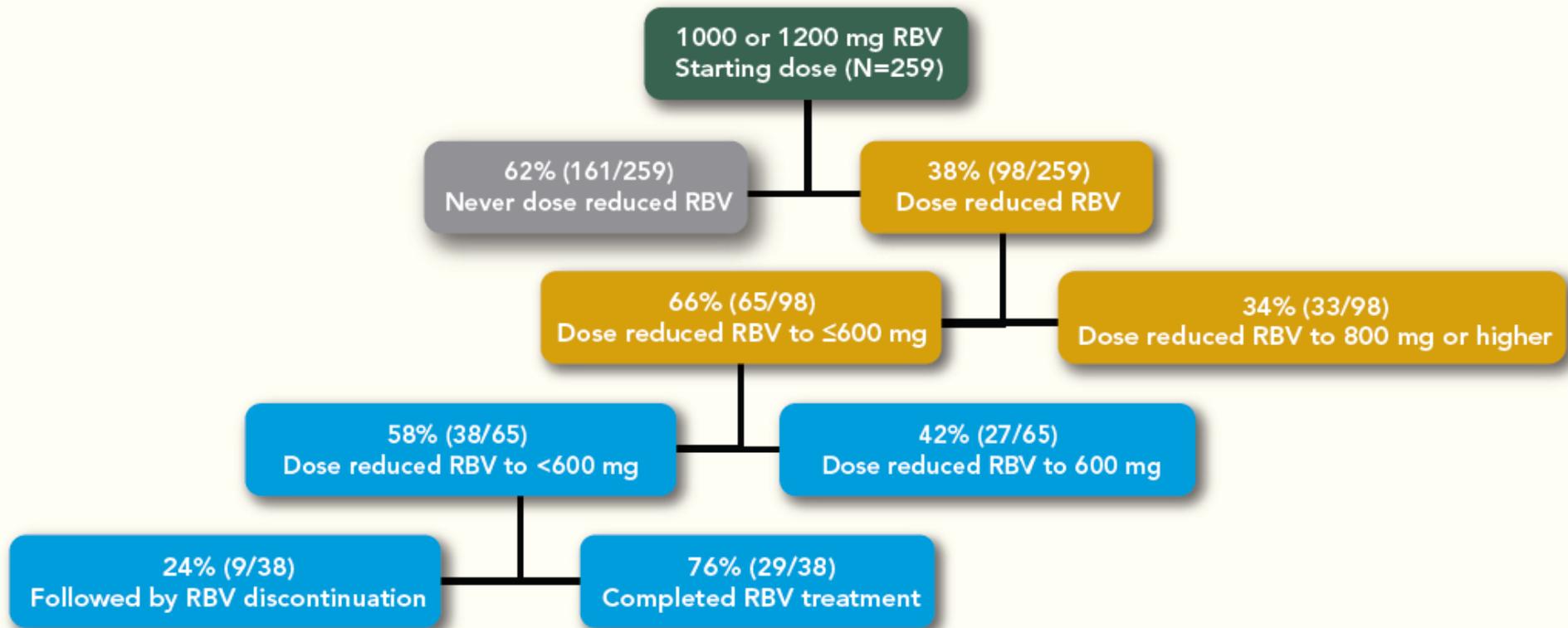
Ribavirin Dosisreduktion unter Telaprevir-Triple Therapie bei unvorbehandelten Patienten

(A) ADVANCE and ILLUMINATE (T12PR, N=885)



Ribavirin Dosisreduktion unter Telaprevir-Triple Therapie bei vorbehandelten Patienten

(B) REALIZE (T12PR48, N=259)

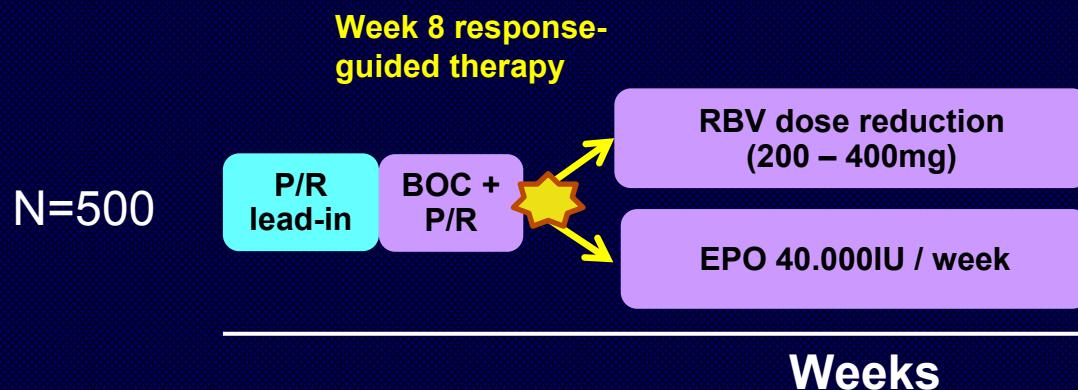


A randomized trial comparing ribavirin dose reduction versus erythropoietin for anemia management in previously untreated patients with chronic hepatitis c receiving boceprevir plus peginterferon/ribavirin

F.F. Poordad, E.J. Lawitz, K.R. Reddy, N.H. Afdhal,
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R.S. Brown, Jr, A. Craxi, H. Wedemeyer, W. Deng,
K. Koury, N. Boparai, L.D. Pedicone, M. Burroughs,
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Study design

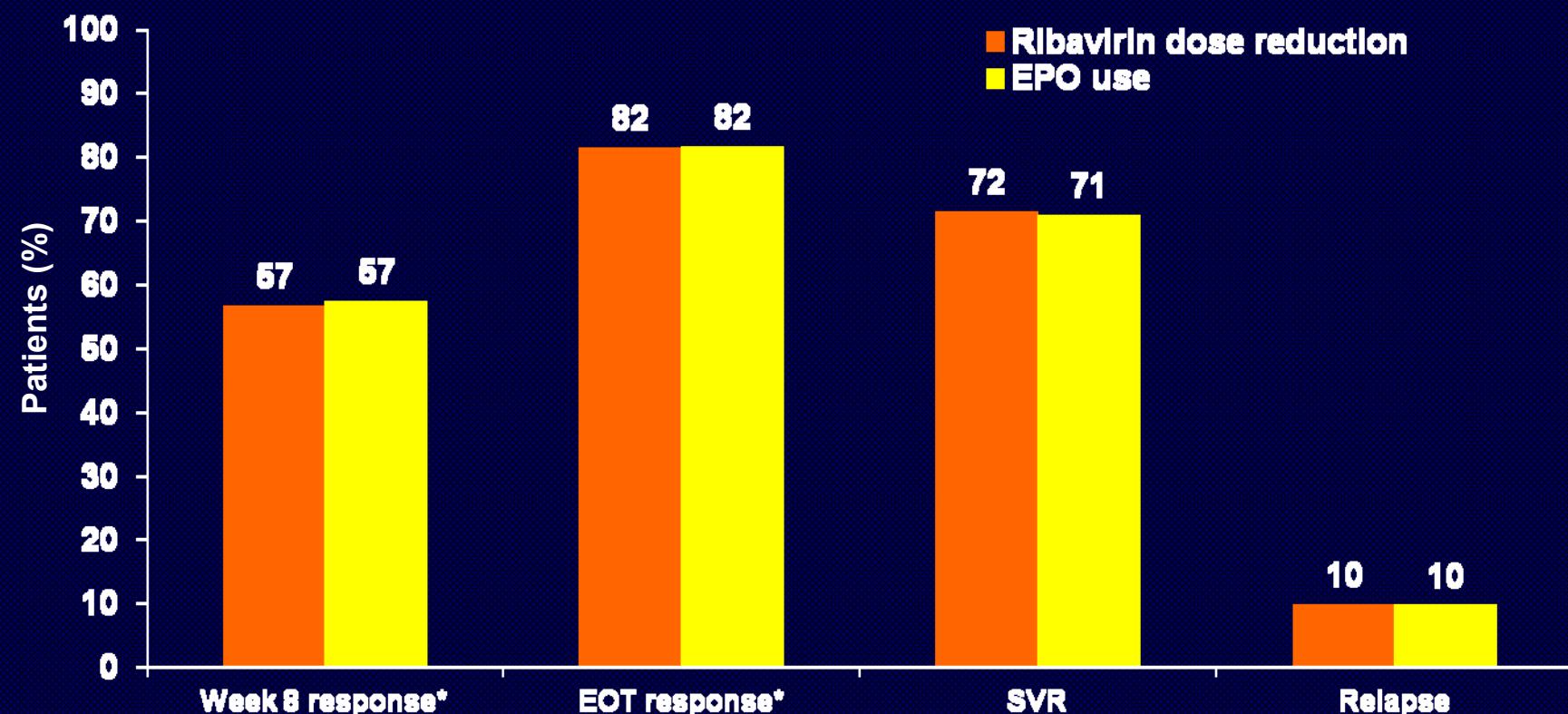
- Design: Multinational, open-label trial
- Population (N=687):
 - Treatment-naive GT1 pts
 - Baseline Hb: 12–15 g/dL (female) and 13–15 g/dL (male)
- Treatment:



Randomization of patients with Hb<10g/dl

RBV dose reduction vs. epo use in naive G1 pts receiving BOC + peginterferon alfa-2b + RBV

- A total of 500 patients developed anemia and were randomised to receive RBV dose reduction (by 200–400 mg/d) or EPO (40,000 units/wk sc)



*Undetectable HCV RNA

Safety in Cirrhotics (CUPIC)

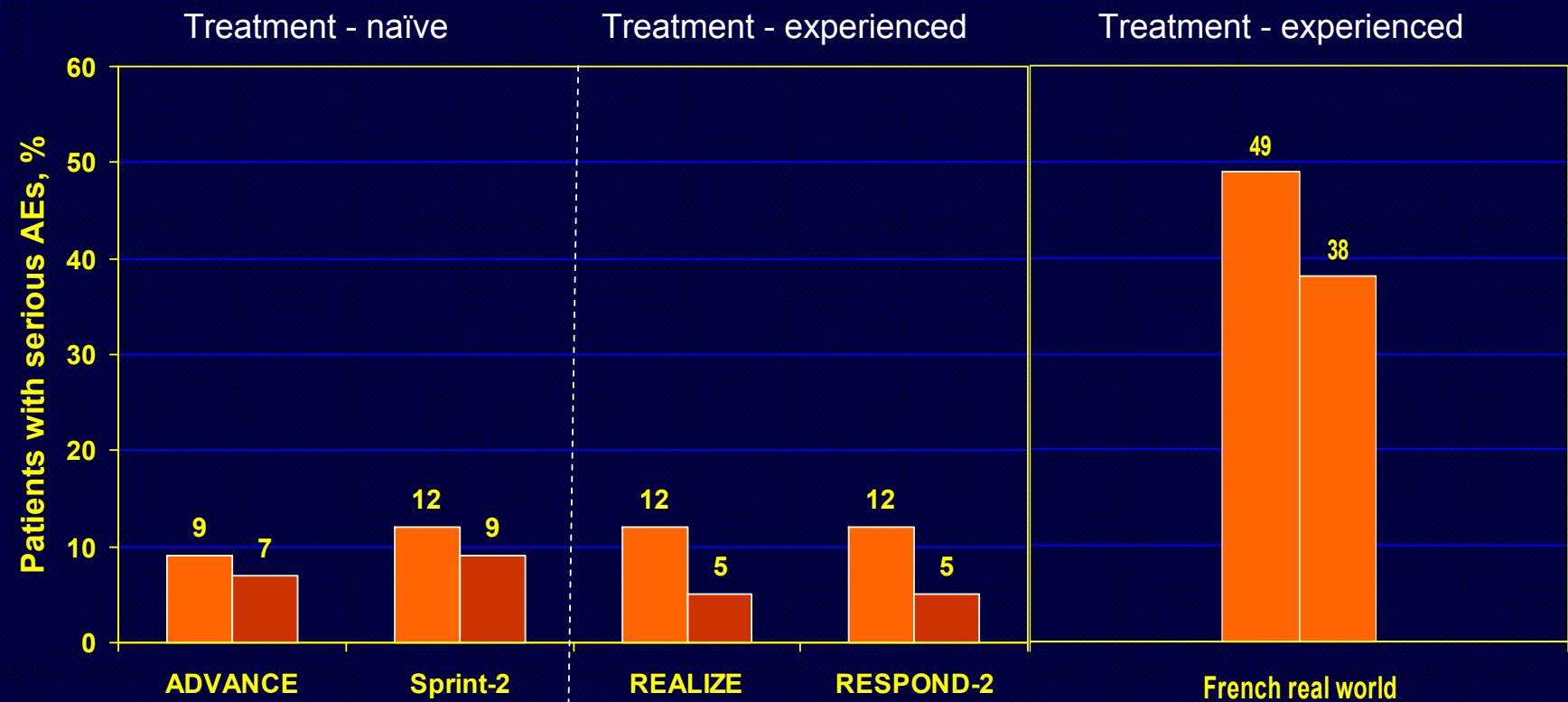
Patients (at week 16)	Telaprevir (n = 296) [%]
Serious adverse events (SAEs)	48.6
Premature discontinuation	26.0
Premature discontinuation due to SAEs	14.5
Death Septicemia, septic shock, pneumopathy, variceal bleeding, encephalopathy, lung carcinoma	2.0 (6 cases)
Anemia Grade 2 (8.0 - <10.0 g/dl) Grade 3-4 (<0.8 g/dl) EPO use Blood transfusion	19.6 10.1 56.8 15.2

Clinical Trials vs Real World

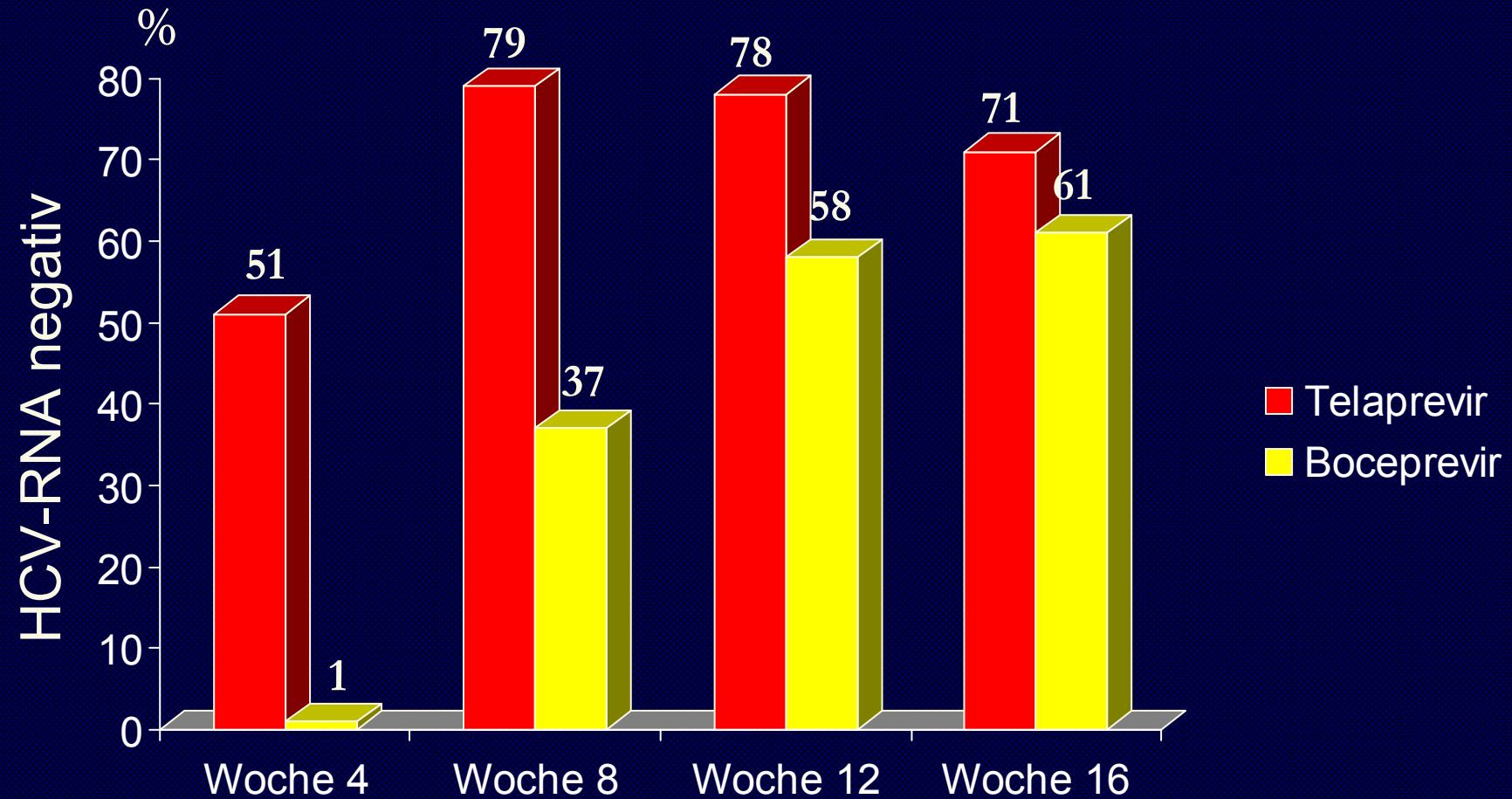
- Telaprevir
- Boceprevir
- Peg-IFN/RBV

**Clinical trials
(including cirrhotics)**

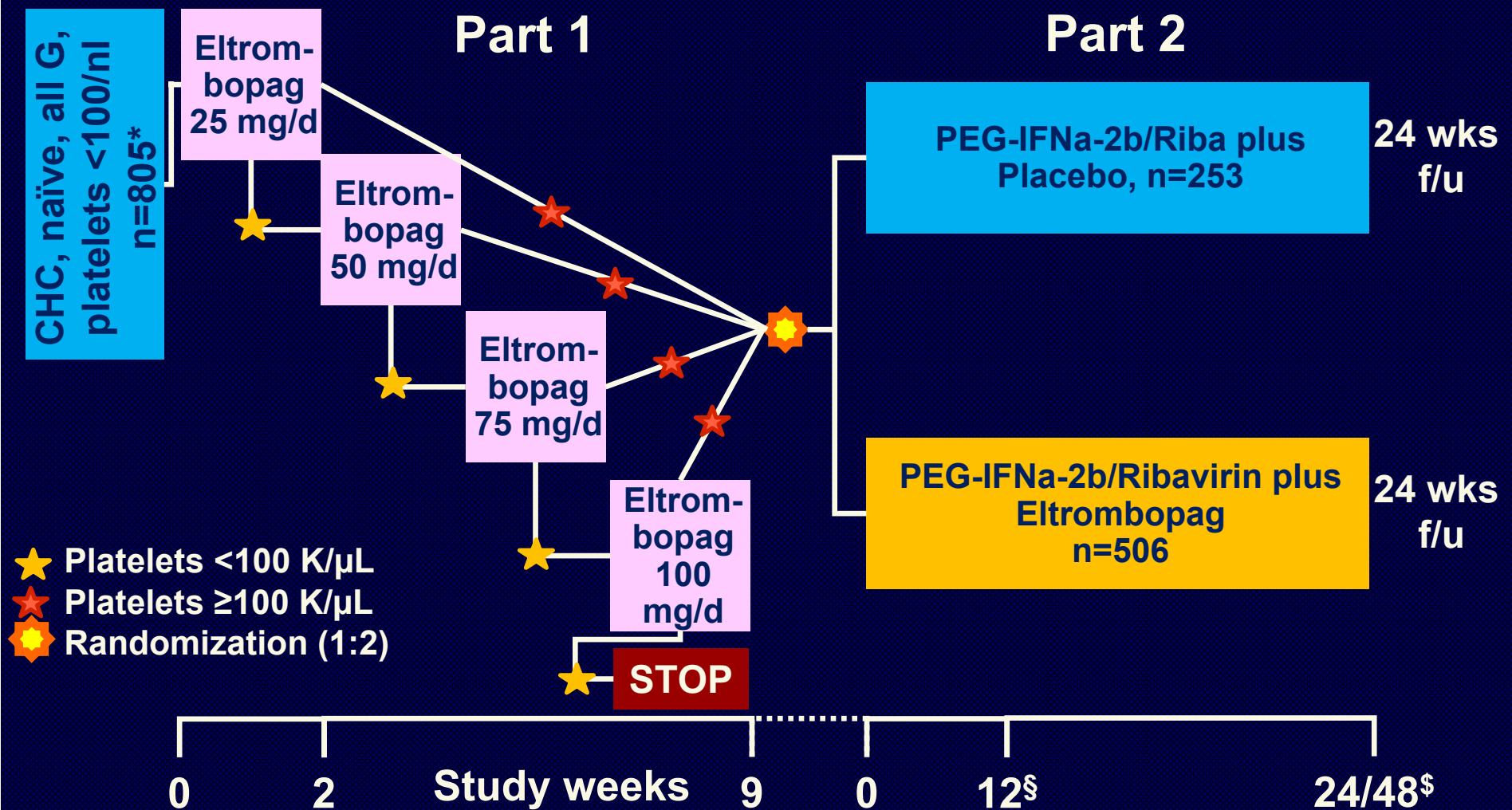
**Real world
(cirrhotics only)**



Virologisches Ansprechen ITT-Analyse



ENABLE 2 – Eltrombopag in Thrombocytopenic Subjects with HCV – Phase III Study



§ Discontinuation if no EVR ($>2 \log_{10}$ drop)

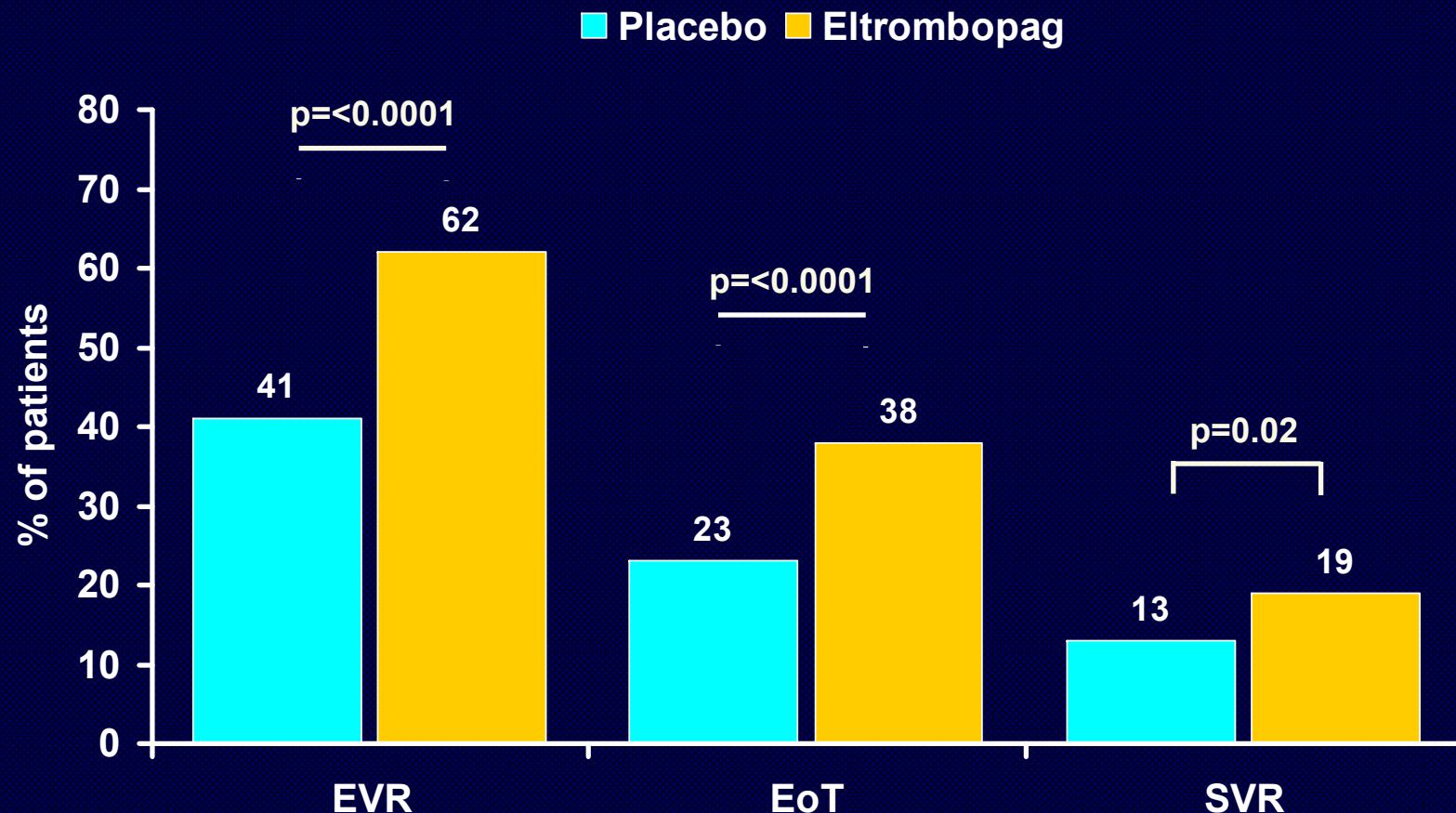
\$ RBV dose and tx duration depending on genotype

Dusheiko G et al, EASL 2012; #60

ENABLE-2 Phase III Study: Eltrombopag and Peg-IFNa-2b in HCV patients with thrombocytopenia

- N=805
- Thrombozyten < 75/nl (mittel 59/nl)
- 94% erreichten unter Eltrombopag > 100/nl und erhielten einen antivirale Therapie
- 2:1 Randomisierung
 - N=506 Eltrombopag
 - N=253 Placebo

ENABLE 2 – Final Results (all Genotypes)



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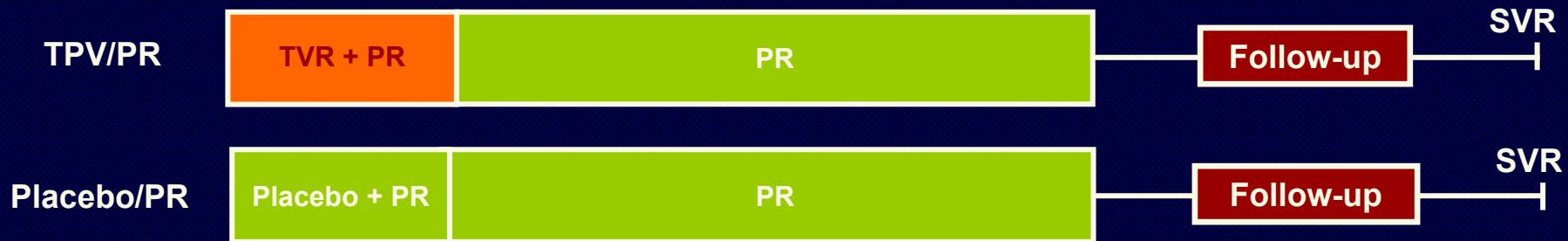
AE	Placebo	Eltrombopag
Dekompensation	8%	15%
Thrombose	<1%	4%
Tod	2%	4%

Triple Therapie bei HIV-HCV Koinfektion

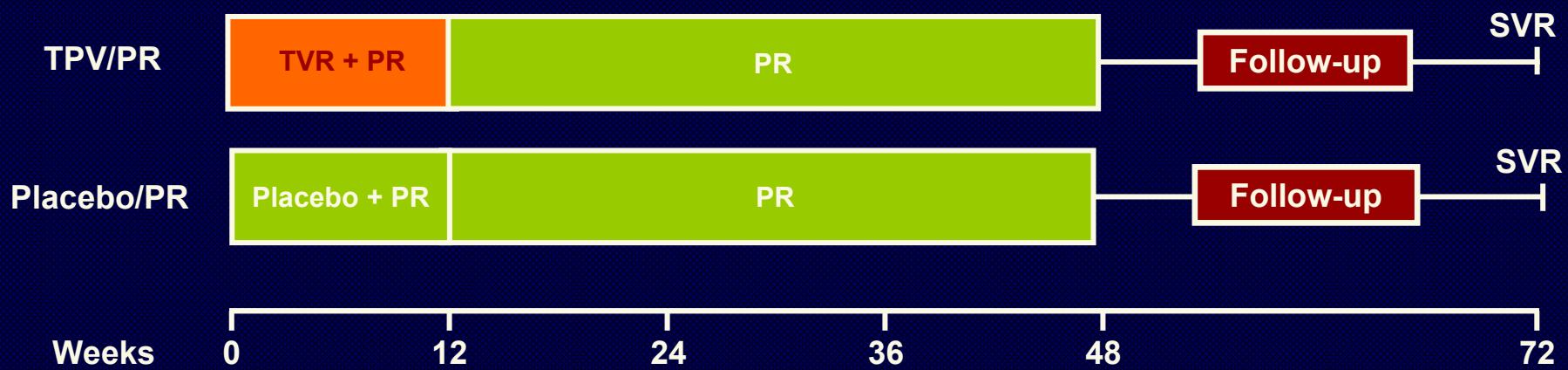
Telaprevir study 110

HIV/HCV koinfizierte Patienten - Studiendesign

Part A: no ART



Part B: ART (EFV/TDF/FTC or ATV/r + TDF + FTC or 3TC)



EFV, efavirenz; TDF, tenofovir; FTC, emtricitabine; ATV/r, ritonavir-boosted atazanavir; 3TC, lamivudine; TVR, telaprevir 750 mg q8h or 1125 mg q8h (with Efavirenz); PR, pegylated interferon alfa-2a (40 kDa) 180 µg/wk plus ribavirin 800 mg/day or weight-based (1000 mg/day if weight < 75 kg, 1200 mg/day if weight ≥ 75 kg; France, Germany) Roche COBAS® TaqMan® HCV test v2.0, LLOQ of 25 IU/mL (pts with values below 25 IU/mL were reported as < 25 detectable or undetectable)

Sulkowski et al. CROI 2011, abstract 146LB.

Telaprevir + PEG-IFNa-2a + Ribavirin in Naïve HIV HCV Co-Infected G1 – Week 24 Interim Results

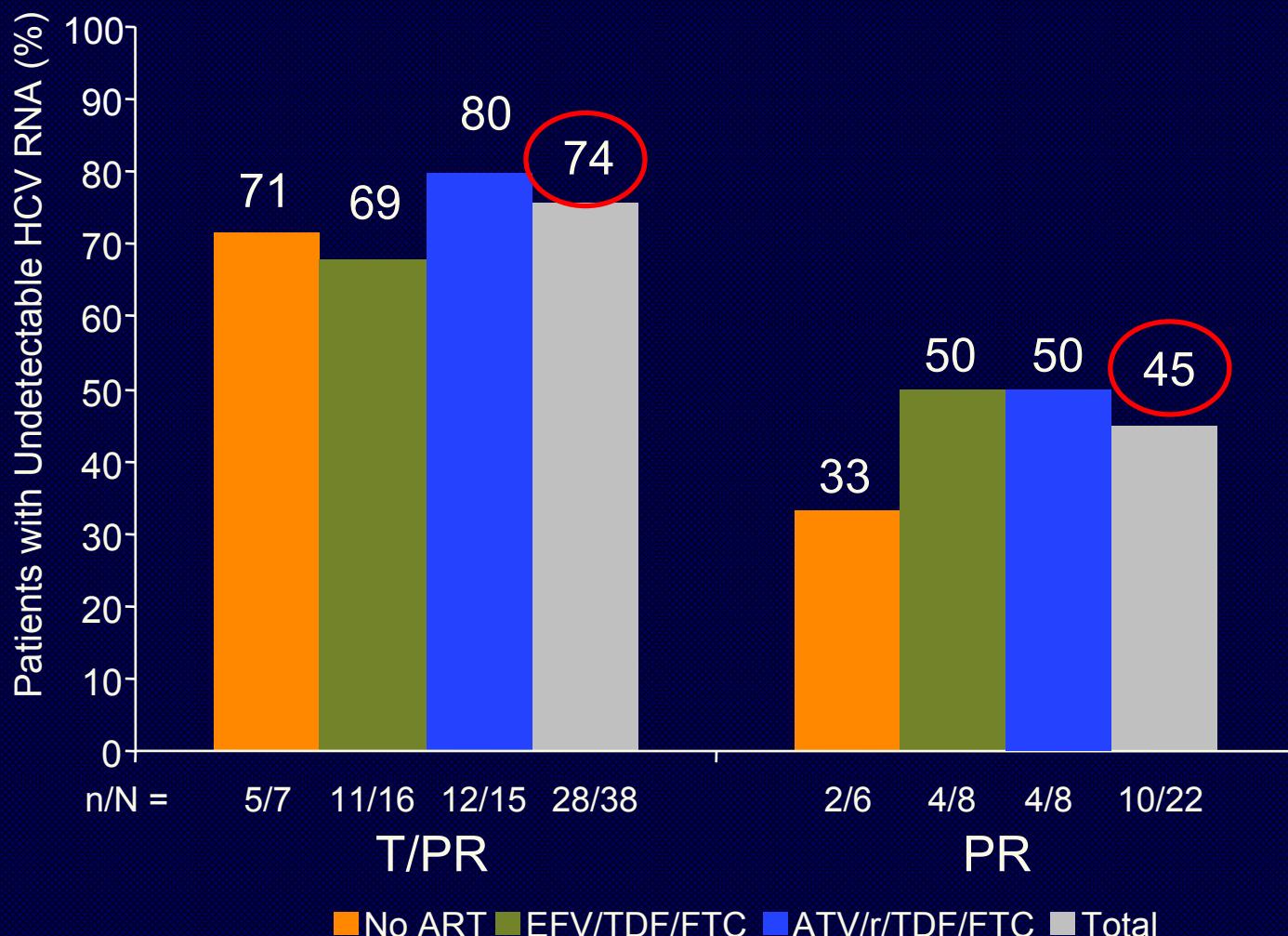
n, %	Part A		Part B		Part B ATV/r + TDF + FTC		Total	
	No ART		EFV/TDF/FTC				TPR N=38	Control N =22
	T/PR N=7	Control N=6	T/PR N=16	Control N=8	T/PR N=15	Control N=8	TPR N=38	Control N =22
Undetectable HCV RNA* at wk 4 (RVR)	5 (71)	0 (0)	12 (75)	1 (12)	9 (60)	0 (0)	26 (68)	1 (4.5)
Undetectable HCV RNA* at wk 12 (cEVR)	6 (86)	2 (33)	14 (88)	2 (25)	11 (73)	3 (38)	31 (82)	7 (32)
Undetectable HCV RNA* at wk 24	6 (86)	2 (33)	12 (75)	4 (50)	10 (67)	6 (75)	28 (74)	12 (55)

* Roche Taqman® v2, LLOQ of 25 IU/mL, LOD of <10-15 IU/mL

Sherman et al, AASLD 2011, poster (LB-8)

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Therapieerfolg - SVR 12



*Patient was defined as SVR12 if HCV RNA was < LLOQ in the visit window

Dieterich D, et al. 19th CROI; Seattle, WA; March 5-8, 2012. #46

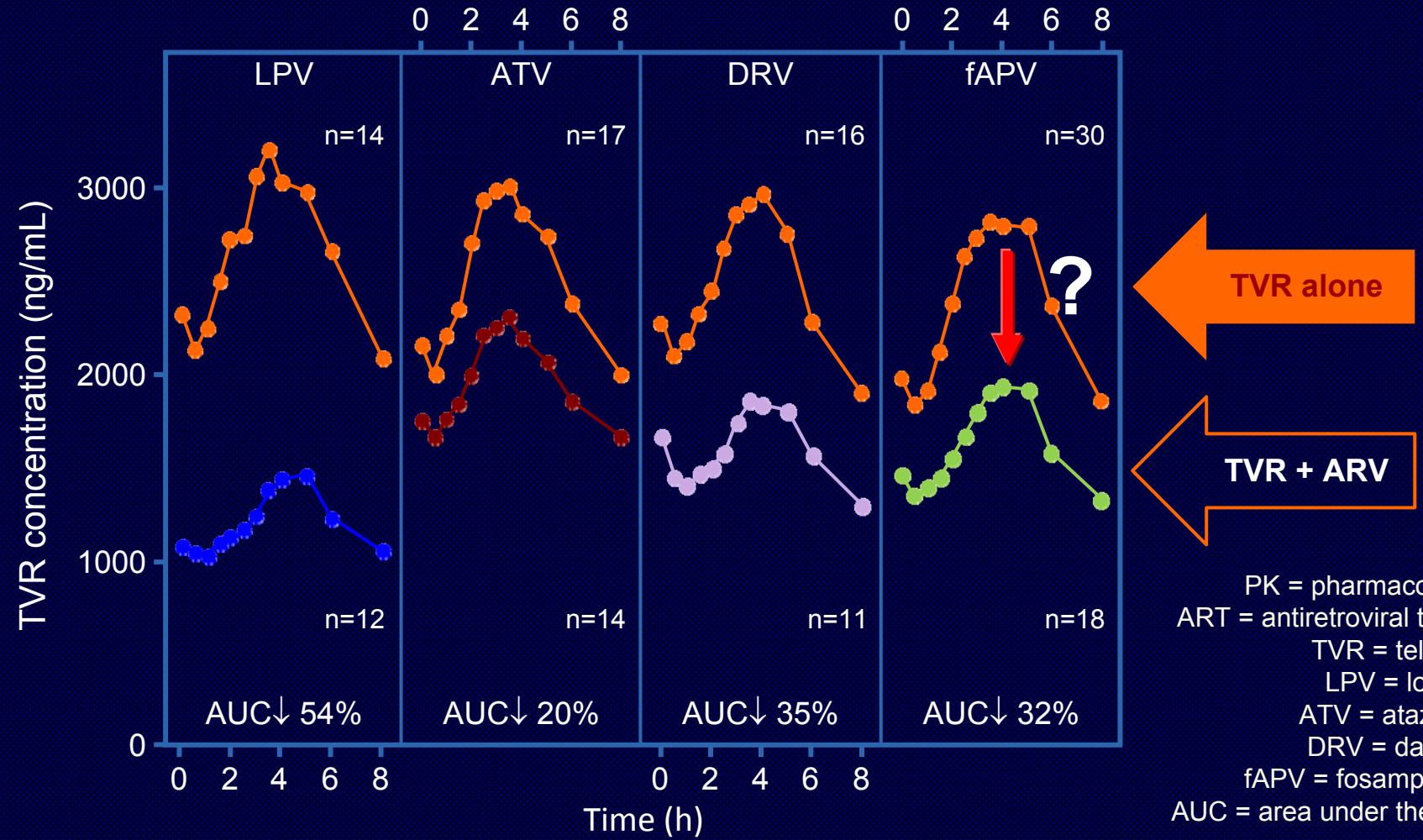
Telaprevirkonzentrationen

Parameter	ART Drug Regimens	In HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients	
		Ref Conc (no ART)	Conc Ratio to Ref (%)
		Mean (ng/mL)	Mean (90% CI)
C_{\min}	EFV	1984	93 (56, 156)
	ATV/r		131 (77, 222)
C_{avg}	EFV	2830	97 (64, 146)
	ATV/r		107 (70, 165)
C_{\max}	EFV	3718	101 (72, 143)
	ATV/r		98 (69, 140)

EFV = efavirenz-based ART regimen; ATV = atazanavir/ritonavir-based ART regimen

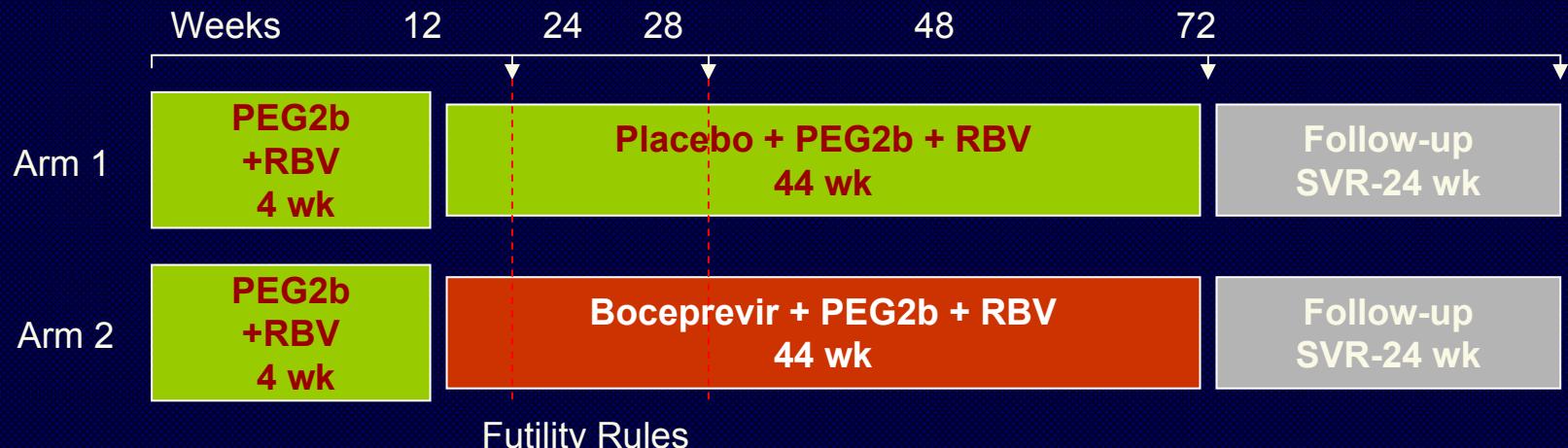
Medikamenteninteraktionen

Telaprevir und HIV-PIs



Van Heeswijk et al. CROI 2011, abstract 119.

Boceprevir Phase II (HIV/HCV-koinfiziert): Studiendesign



Futility Rules

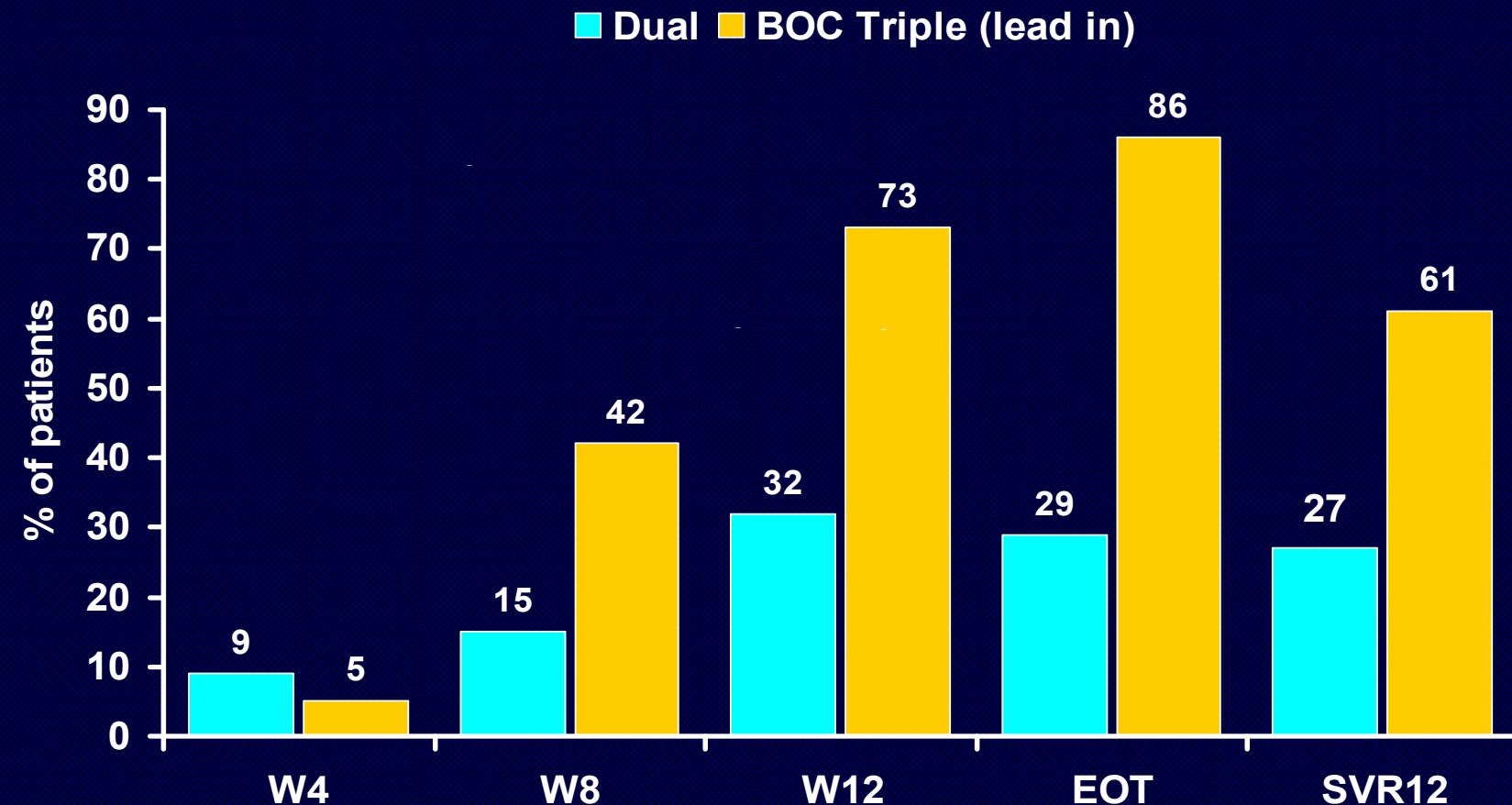
	PR	B/PR
Any*	34 (100)	64 (100)
HIV protease inhibitors†	31 (91)	54 (84)
ATV/r	13 (38)	20 (31)
Lopinavir/r	10(29)	16 (25)
Darunavir/r	7 (21)	12 (19)
NRTIs††	33 (97)	60 (94)
Integrase inhibitors	4 (12)	11 (17)
CCR5 antagonists	1 (3)	1 (2)

* To maintain blinding in this continuing study, data is only shown where at least 1 patient in each treatment group is represented.

† HIV PIs included ATVr, DRV/r, LPV/r, fAMP/r, SAQ/r

†† NRTIs included TDF, ABC, 3TC, FTC

Triple Therapie bei HCV HIV Koinfektion



Unerwünschte Ereignisse

	PR (N=34)	B/PR (N=64)
Any AE	34 (100)	63 (98)
Serious AEs	7 (21)	11 (17)
Death	0	0
Treatment-related treatment-emergent AEs	34 (100)	61 (95)
Study discontinuation due to an AE	3 (9)	13 (20)
Any drug modification due to an AE	8 (24)	18 (28)

All data shown as number (%) of patients.

Unerwünschte Ereignisse

	PR (N=34)	B/PR (N=64)
Anemia	26%	41%
Pyrexia	21%	36%
Asthenia	24%	34%
Decreased appetite	18%	34%
Diarrhea	18%	28%
Dysgeusia	15%	28%
Vomiting	15%	28%
Flu-like illness	38%	25%
Neutropenia	6%	19%

HIV Durchbrüche unter B/PR

- Overall, 7 patients had HIV breakthrough (>50 copies HIV RNA at 2 consecutive visits): 3/64 randomized to B/PR, and 4/34 to PR

Regimen	HIV RNA (copies/mL)						
	BL	TW4	TW12	TW24	TW36	EOT	FW4
ATV/r	<50	<50	---	659	---	53	2990
[†] LPV/r	<50	<50	<50	55	59	67	68
ATV/r	<50	<50	<50	<50	243	---	7870

ATV/r, atazanavir/ritonavir; LPV/r, lopinavir/ritonavir

[†]The only subject to change ART. LPV/r changed to ATV/r at TW42; ATV/r to DRV/r at FW24.

BOC Wechselwirkung mit ATV/RTV

Table 1. PK Interactions Among BOC, ATV, and RTV

PK Parameter	N	GM	N	GM	GMR	90% CI	rMSE ^a
ATV PK	ATV/RTV MD		BOC MD + ATV/RTV MD		(BOC + ATV/RTV)/(ATV/RTV)		
AUC _{0-last} ^b (ng•hr/mL)	12	39,900	11	26,000	0.65	(0.55, 0.78)	0.23
C _{max} ^b (ng/mL)	12	3,610	11	2,700	0.75	(0.64, 0.88)	0.21
C _{min} ^b (ng/mL)	12	693	11	357	0.51	(0.44, 0.61)	0.22
BOC PK	BOC MD		BOC MD + ATV/RTV MD		(BOC + ATV/RTV)/(BOC)		
AUC _{0-t} ^b (ng•hr/mL)	13	4,840	11	4,610	0.95	(0.87, 1.05)	0.12
C _{max} ^b (ng/mL)	13	1,450	11	1,350	0.93	(0.80, 1.08)	0.20
C _{min} ^b (ng/mL)	13	106	11	86.6	0.82	(0.68, 0.98)	0.25
RTV PK	ATV/RTV MD		BOC MD + ATV/RTV MD		(BOC + ATV/RTV)/(ATV/RTV)		
AUC _{0-t} ^b (ng•hr/mL)	12	9,270	11	5,980	0.64	(0.58, 0.72)	0.14
C _{max} ^b (ng/mL)	12	1,470	11	1,080	0.73	(0.64, 0.83)	0.17
C _{min} ^b (ng/mL)	12	35.8	8	19.8	0.55	(0.45, 0.67)	0.21

BOC Wechselwirkung mit LPV/RTV

Table 2. PK Interactions Among BOC, LVR, and RTV

PK Parameter	N	GM	N	GM	GMR	90% CI	rMSE [†]
LPV PK	LPV/RTV MD		BOC MD + LPV/RTV MD		(BOC + LPV/RTV)/(LPV/RTV)		
AUC _{0-^{last}} [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	13	117,000	13	77,000	0.66	(0.60, 0.72)	0.13
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	13,300	13	9,370	0.70	(0.65, 0.77)	0.12
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	6,730	13	3,800	0.57	(0.49, 0.65)	0.19
BOC PK	BOC MD		BOC MD + LPV/RTV MD		(BOC + LPV/RTV)/(BOC)		
AUC ₁ [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	13	6,040	13	3,310	0.55	(0.49, 0.61)	0.15
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	1,770	13	878	0.50	(0.45, 0.55)	0.15
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	91.9	12	39.8	0.43	(0.36, 0.53)	0.27
RTV PK	LPV/RTV MD		BOC MD + LPV/RTV MD		(BOC + LPV/RTV)/(BOC)		
AUC ₁ [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	12	5,440	13	4,270	0.78	(0.71, 0.87)	0.15
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	990	13	869	0.88	(0.72, 1.07)	0.28
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	13	155	13	90.5	0.58	(0.52, 0.65)	0.16

BOC Wechselwirkung mit DRV/RTV

Table 3. PK Interactions Among BOC, DRV, and RTV

PK Parameter	N	GM	N	GM	GMR	90% CI	rMSE [†]
DRV PK	DRV/RTV MD		BOC MD + DRV/ RTV MD		(BOC + DRV/RTV)/ (DRV/RTV)		
AUC _{0-last} [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	11	60,300	11	33,500	0.56	(0.51, 0.61)	0.12
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	11	8,090	11	5,190	0.64	(0.58, 0.71)	0.13
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	10	3,220	11	1,320	0.41	(0.38, 0.45)	0.11
BOC PK	BOC MD		BOC MD + DRV/ RTV MD		(BOC + DRV/RTV)/ (BOC)		
AUC _T [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	12	5,350	11	3,650	0.68	(0.65, 0.72)	0.072
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	12	1,560	11	1,180	0.75	(0.67, 0.85)	0.16
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	12	94.7	11	61.5	0.65	(0.56, 0.76)	0.20
RTV PK	DRV/RTV MD		BOC MD + DRV/ RTV MD		(BOC + DRV/RTV)/ (BOC)		
AUC _T [‡] (ng•hr/mL)	11	4,830	10	3,530	0.73	(0.68, 0.79)	0.092
C _{max} [‡] (ng/mL)	11	776	11	677	0.87	(0.76, 1.00)	0.18
C _{min} [‡] (ng/mL)	11	155	11	86.1	0.55	(0.52, 0.59)	0.077

BOC, boceprevir; CI, confidence interval; DRV, darunavir; GM, geometric least-squares mean; GMR,

SVR in Abhängigkeit von der ART

	PR	B/PR
Atazanavir/r	8/13 (62%)	12/18† (67%)
Lopinavir/r	0/10 (0%)	10/15†† (67%)
Darunavir/r	0/5 (0%)	8/12 (67%)
Other PI/r*	0/3 (0%)	4/7 (57%)
Raltegravir**	1/3 (33%)	3/7 (43%)
Other†	0	0/2 (0%)

† Excludes 2 patients not yet at FW12 but undetectable at FW4.

†† Excludes 1 patient not yet at FW12 but undetectable at FW4.

*Includes saquinavir, fosamprenavir and tipranavir; **Raltegravir without concurrent HIV PI/r

†other ARV's were maraviroc and efavirenz

Mögliche ART simultan zur Therapie der HCV-Koinfektion

Limited choice of antiretrovirals

Telaprevir

- NRTIs
- raltegravir
- atazanavir/r
- (efavirenz: dose increase of TPV to 1125 mg tid)

Boceprevir

- NRTIs
- raltegravir
- (atazanavir: ATV AUC – 35%, BCV +5%)

Expert view: Management of HIV/HCV GT1-coinfected patients (chronic) according to prior treatment outcome

	Naive	Relapser	Nonresponder
F0F1	Individual decision	Individual decision/triple therapy	defer
F2F3	Triple therapy	Triple therapy	defer*
F4	Triple therapy	Triple therapy	Triple therapy

*monitor fibrosis stage annually, preferably with two established methods. Treat with triple therapy, if rapid progression.

DHHS Guidelines: Use of ARVs in HIV/HCV coinfected patients

- Given the substantial heterogeneity in patient populations and drug regimens, comparison of hepatotoxicity rates for individual ARV agents across clinical trials is difficult.
- Initial combination regimens preferred for the ARV-naïve patient with HCV/HIV are the same as for persons without HCV infection (TDF/FTC + ATV/r, DRV/r, EFV or RAL)
- The highest incidence rates of Grade 3 or 4 elevations in liver enzyme levels have been observed during therapy with d4T, NVP, full-dose RTV or TPV/r. These drugs should be used with caution
- Cirrhotic patients should be carefully monitorized. Overall, PIs and RAL are not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Antiretrovirals and efficacy of hcv therapy

Table 3. SVR after pegylated interferon plus ribavirin according to the different NRTI backbones including only patients with G1 or 4 and HCV RNA >500000 IU/mL

NRTI backbone	n	% SVR	AOR ^a	95% CI	P
TDF+3TC/FTC	172	20.9	reference	—	—
3TC+d4T	104	19.2	0.84	0.44-1.61	0.594
AZT+3TC overall	157	18.5	0.83	0.46-1.50	0.542
AZT+3TC without ABC	89	18.0	0.76	0.37-1.55	0.444
AZT+3TC with ABC	68	19.1	0.94	0.44-2.04	0.880
3TC+ABC without AZT	54	25.9	1.20	0.53-2.70	0.660
ddI+d4T	21	9.5	0.43	0.09-1.97	0.278
ddI+3TC/FTC	23	17.4	0.87	0.27-2.77	0.810

TDF, tenofovir; 3TC, lamivudine; FTC, emtricitabine; d4T, stavudine; AZT, zidovudine; ABC, abacavir; ddI, didanosine; AOR, adjusted odds ratio.

^aAdjusted for CDC clinical category and ribavirin dose (mg/kg/day).

Table 4. SVR after pegylated interferon plus ribavirin according to the third drug used in the HAART regimen (NNRTI or protease inhibitor)

HAART regimens	N	% SVR	AOR ^a	95% CI	P
2 NRTIs+1 NNRTI	682	39.1	reference	—	—
2 NRTIs+1 unboosted PI	172	40.7	1.09	0.72-1.64	0.684
2 NRTIs+1 boosted PI	244	30.7	0.72	0.40-1.32	0.289
2 NRTIs+other	37	29.7	0.42	0.16-1.09	0.075
Other combinations	566	38.5	0.94	0.71-1.24	0.637

AOR, adjusted odds ratio; PI, protease inhibitor.

^aAdjusted for HCV genotype, HCV RNA level, CDC clinical category, ribavirin dose (mg/kg/day) and use of zidovudine+lamivudine.

Factors associated with sustained virological response to HCV therapy in HIV patients

Host	Virus	Treatment
Genetic (white ethnicity) IL28B (in GT1)	Genotypes 2/3	Adequate peginterferon dose
Younger age	Low baseline HCV RNA	Weight-based ribavirin dose
Minimal liver fibrosis	Undetectable HCV-RNA at week 4	Good adherence
Lower BMI		No concurrent didanosine or zidovudine
Lack of insulin resistance		
Higher CD4 count		
No psychiatric disease		