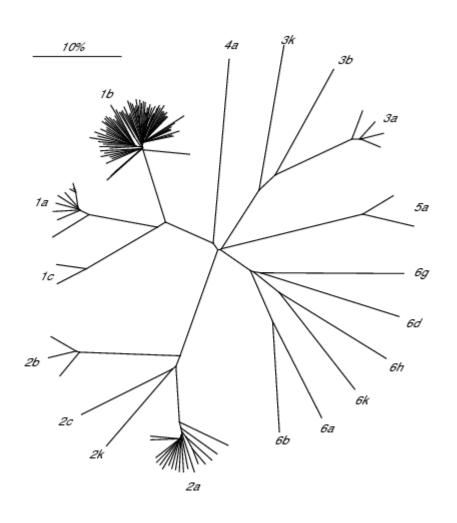
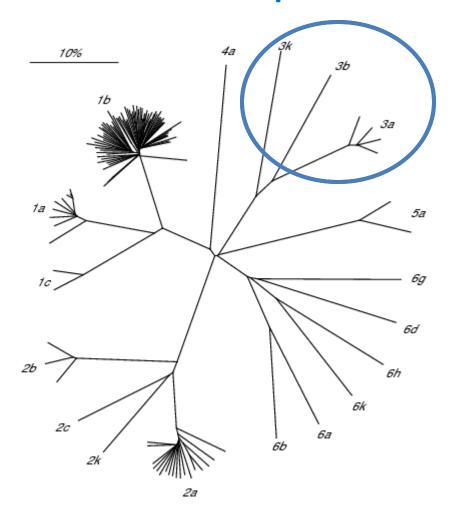
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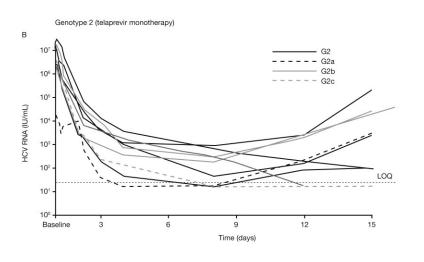
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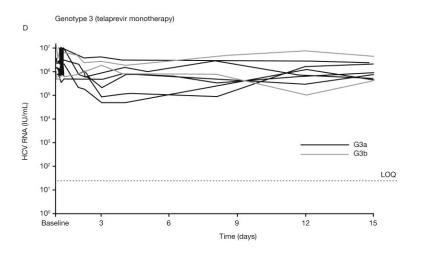
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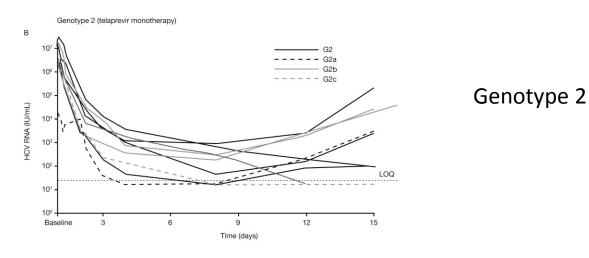


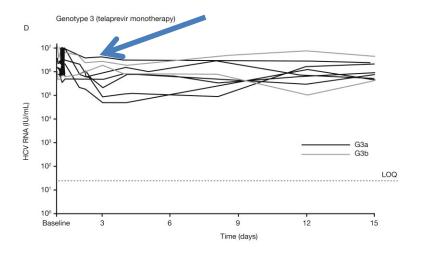
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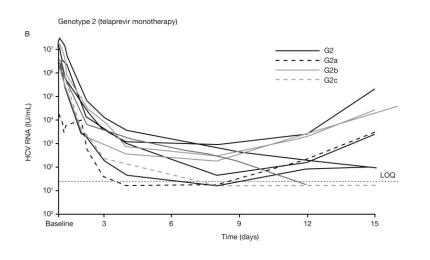
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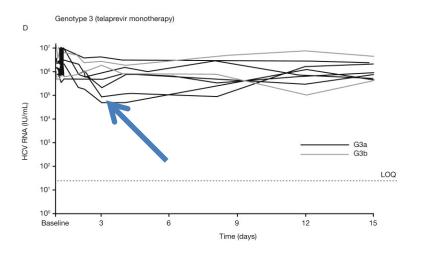


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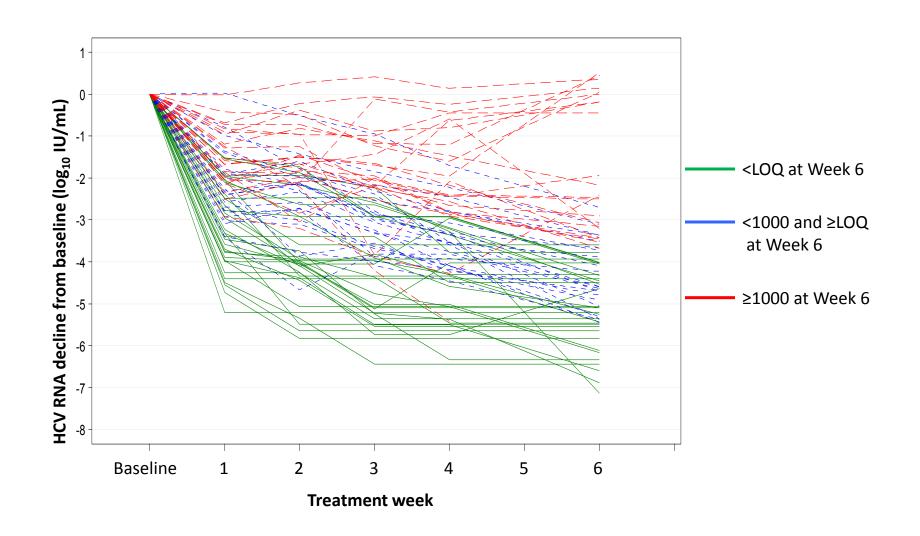


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## Individual plots of HCV RNA decline (Baseline to Week 6) in patients treated with IFN-free alisporivir 800 mg + RBV G2 and 3

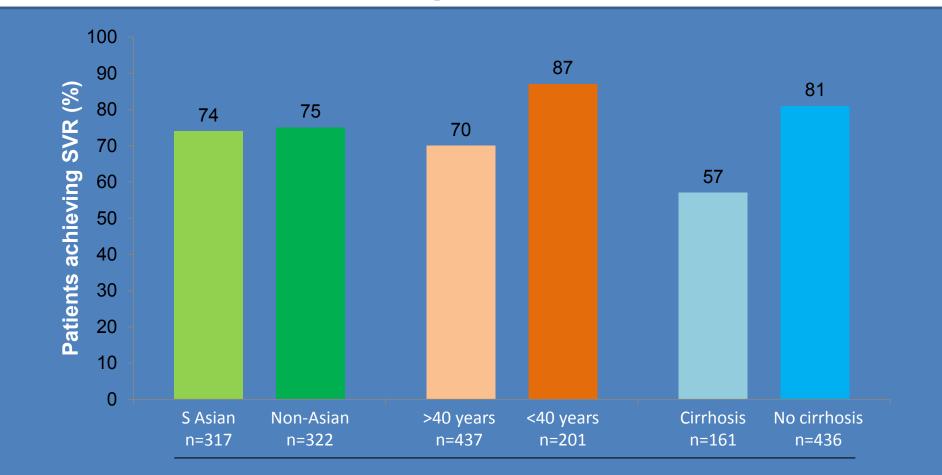


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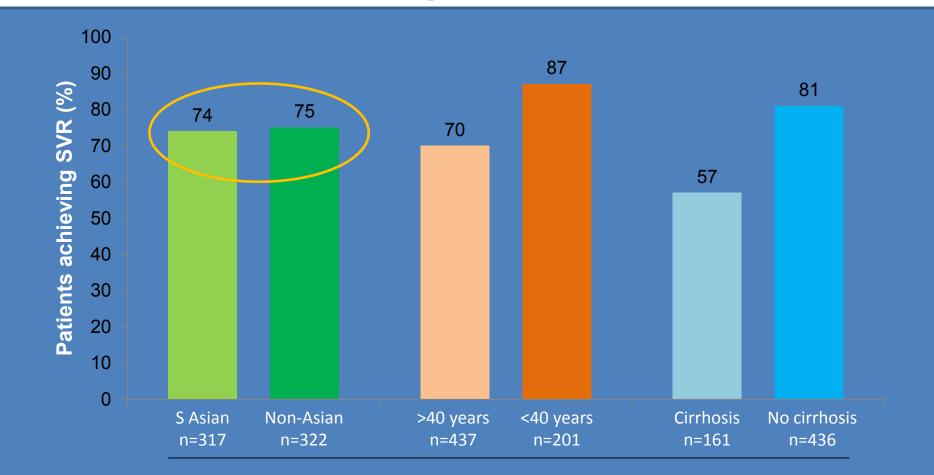
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# Response of HCV G3 patient subgroups to PegIFN/RBV



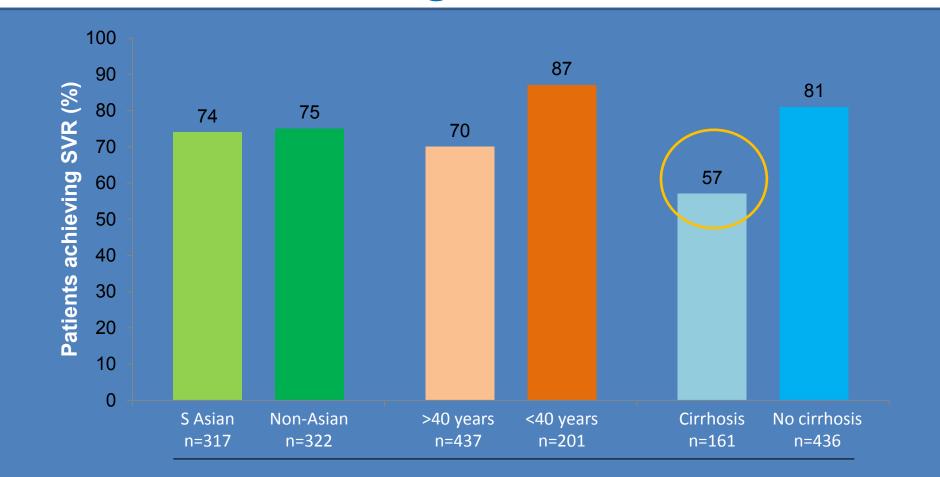
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### Optimising therapy for G3

Easy to treat G3 – short or long?

Hard to treat – what can we do?

#### Easy to treat G3

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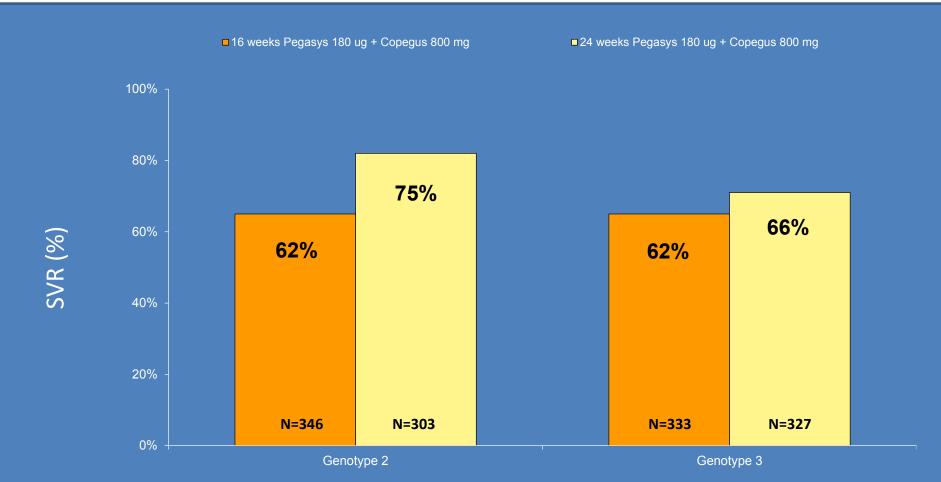
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#### **BUT**

ALL are underpowered studies for G3

# The ACCELERATE Study: SVR Rates by Genotype



Standard population; VR = HCV RNA < 50 IU/mL

Shiffman ML et al NEJM 2007 Jul 12;357(2):124-34.

# Reducing the duration of therapy in Genotype 3

 For 'easy to treat' G3 the evidence that therapy can be shortened is weak

I treat all my patients for 24 weeks

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#### NOT GOOD ENOUGH

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 G3 patients with cirrhosis randomised to 24 or 48 weeks therapy (STEPS)

Results due at EASL

### Tough to treat HCV

No clear answer

What about the new drugs?

#### DAAs for G3 HCV

Proteases - don't work

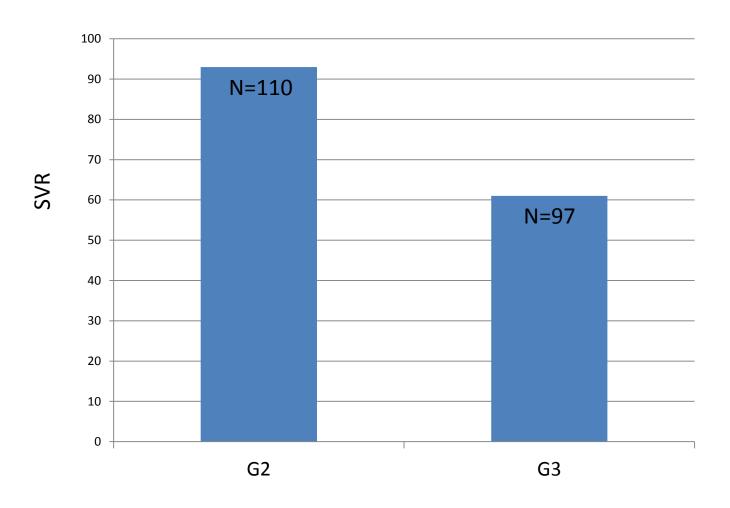
Non-nucs – don't work

- Nucs?
- NS5A?
- CyA inhibitors?

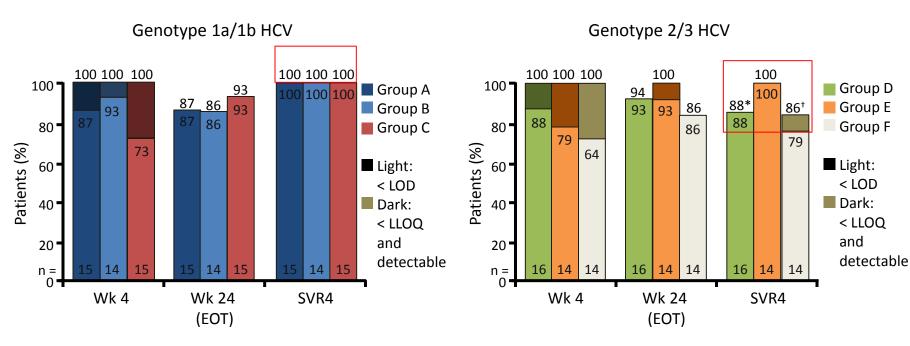
#### Nucleotides for G3

 ELECTRON showed 100% SVR with sofosbuvir + ribavirin

## Nucleotides for G3 – sofosbuvir+RBV POSITRON N = 207



# Daclatasvir + GS-7977 ± RBV: Efficacy Analysis According to Genotype



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<sup>\*1</sup> patient required addition of pegIFN-alfa/RBV (tx intensification), 1 patient with relapse at posttreatment Wk 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>2 patients lost to follow-up (following Wk 12 and 24 visits).

#### Nucleotides and NS5A inhibitors for G3

Nucleotides for 12 weeks are not enough

Nucleotides + NS5A ???

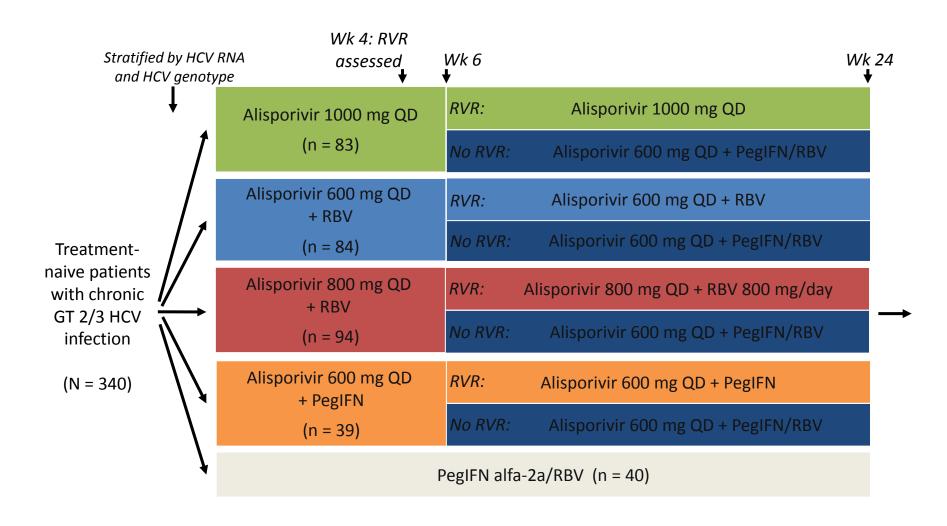
 What will the response rates be in patients with cirrhosis?

### Alisporivir G2 and 3

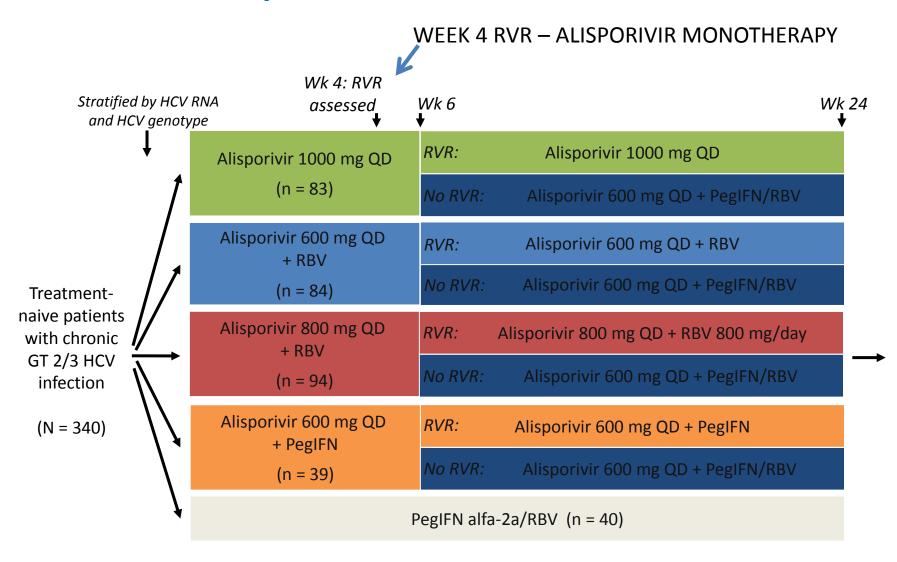
Alisporivir is a very potent inhibitor of G3 HCV

Early data suggested monotherapy may be viable!

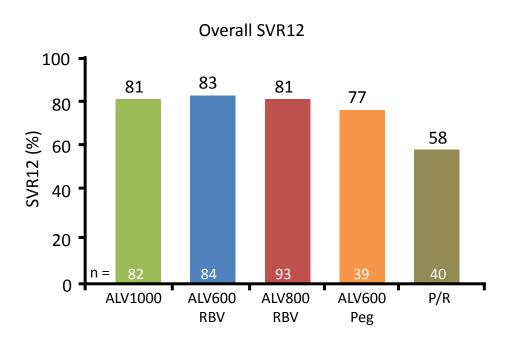
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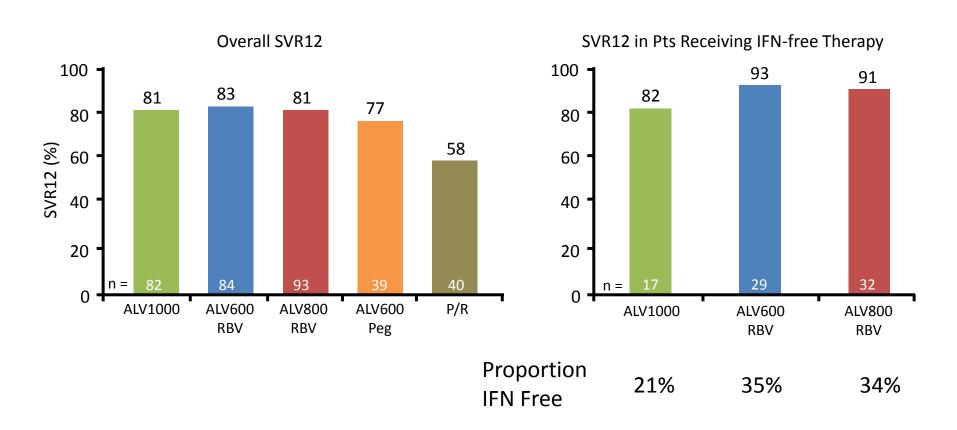
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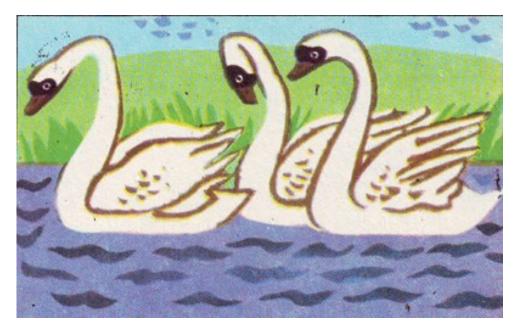


#### Alisporivir – the ugly duckling for G3



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Alisporivir currently on clinical hold with concerns about pancreatitis Is this a class effect?

Is this an interferon effect?

#### G3 HCV

Easy G3 patients respond well to Peg+ Riba

- Tough G3 patients are common
- Tough G3 patients are becoming more common

 Tough G3 patients are the REAL problem area in HCV eradication