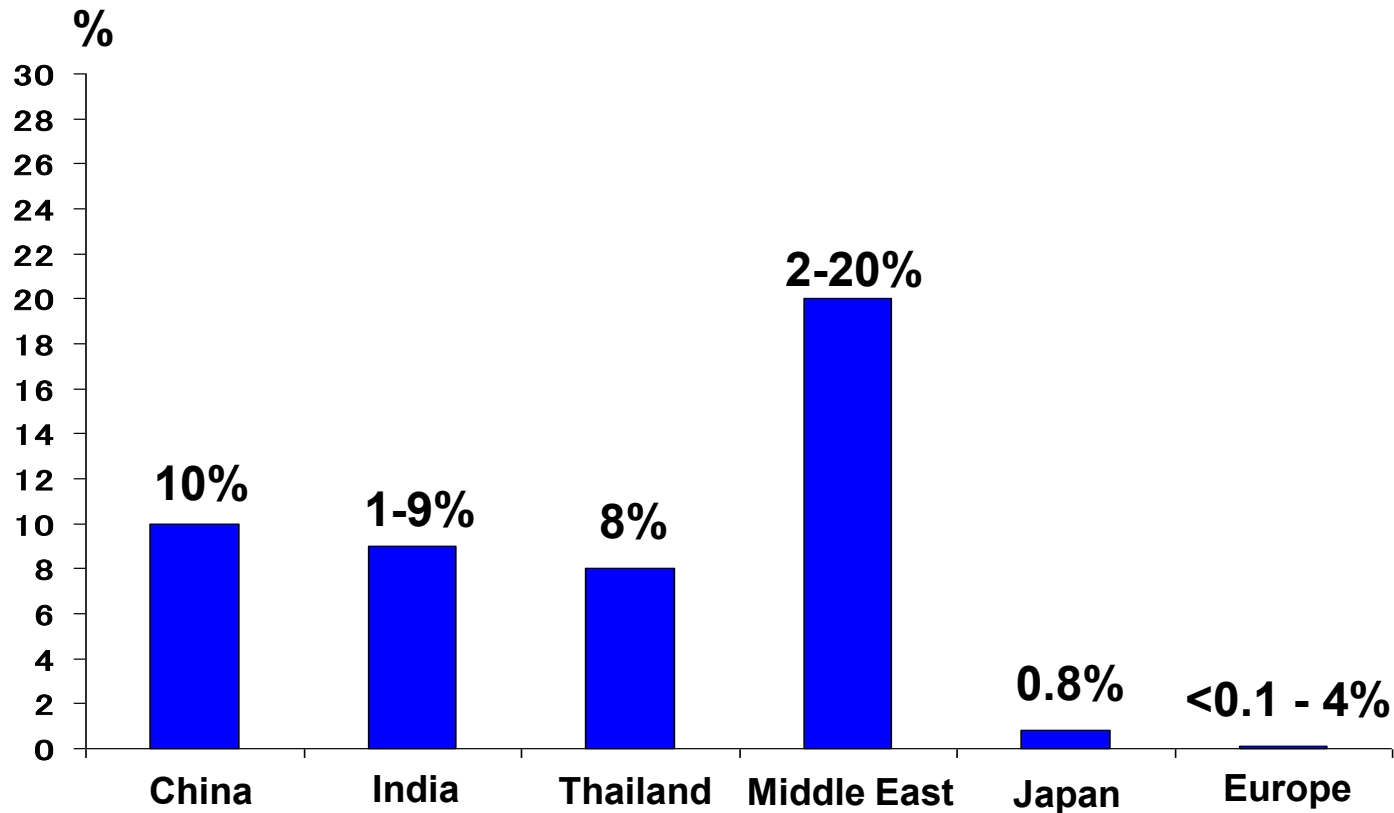


Management of Chronic Hepatitis B in Pregnancy

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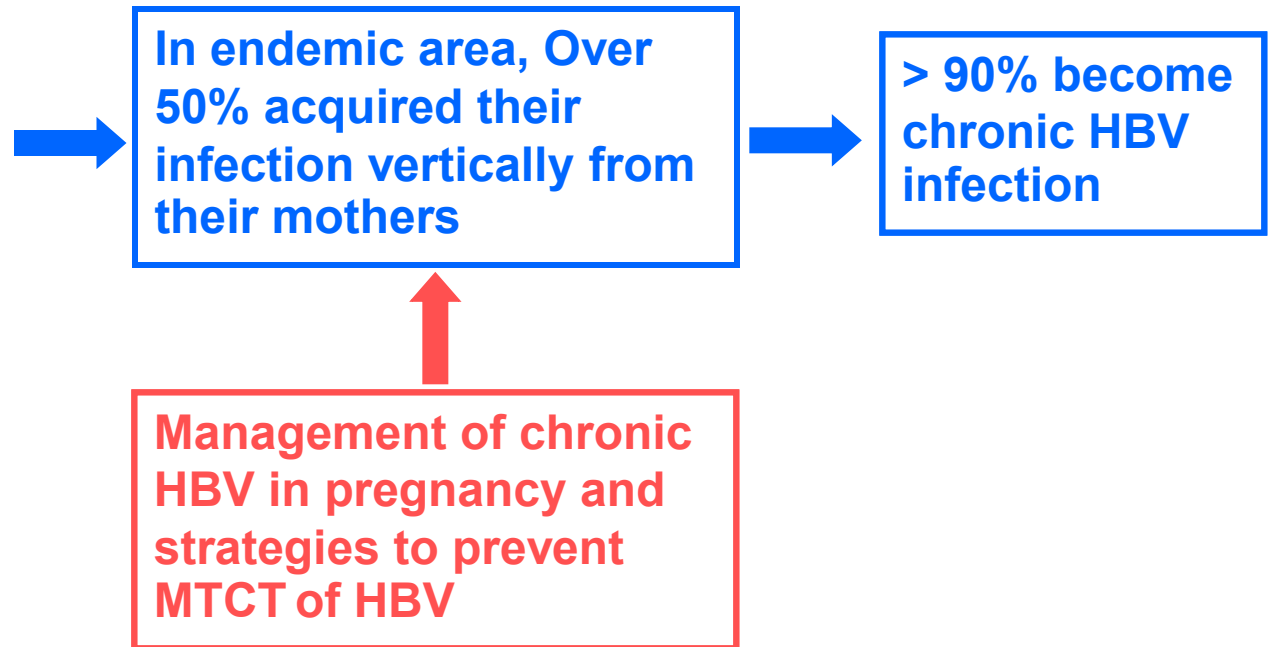
Prevalence of chronic HBV infection among pregnant women



Vertical transmission: **Key factor of HBV infection in endemic area**



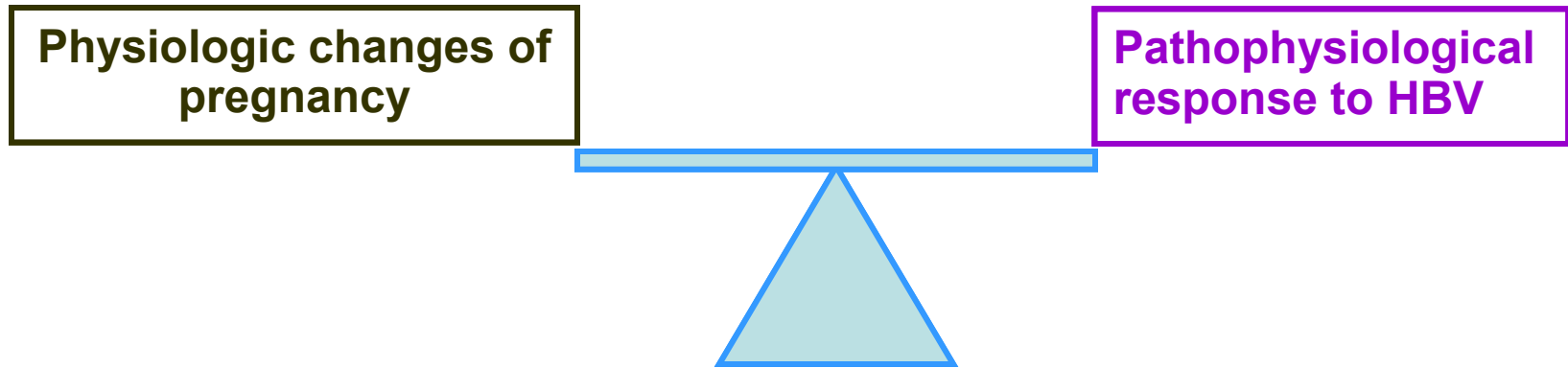
350 million people with chronic HBV infection



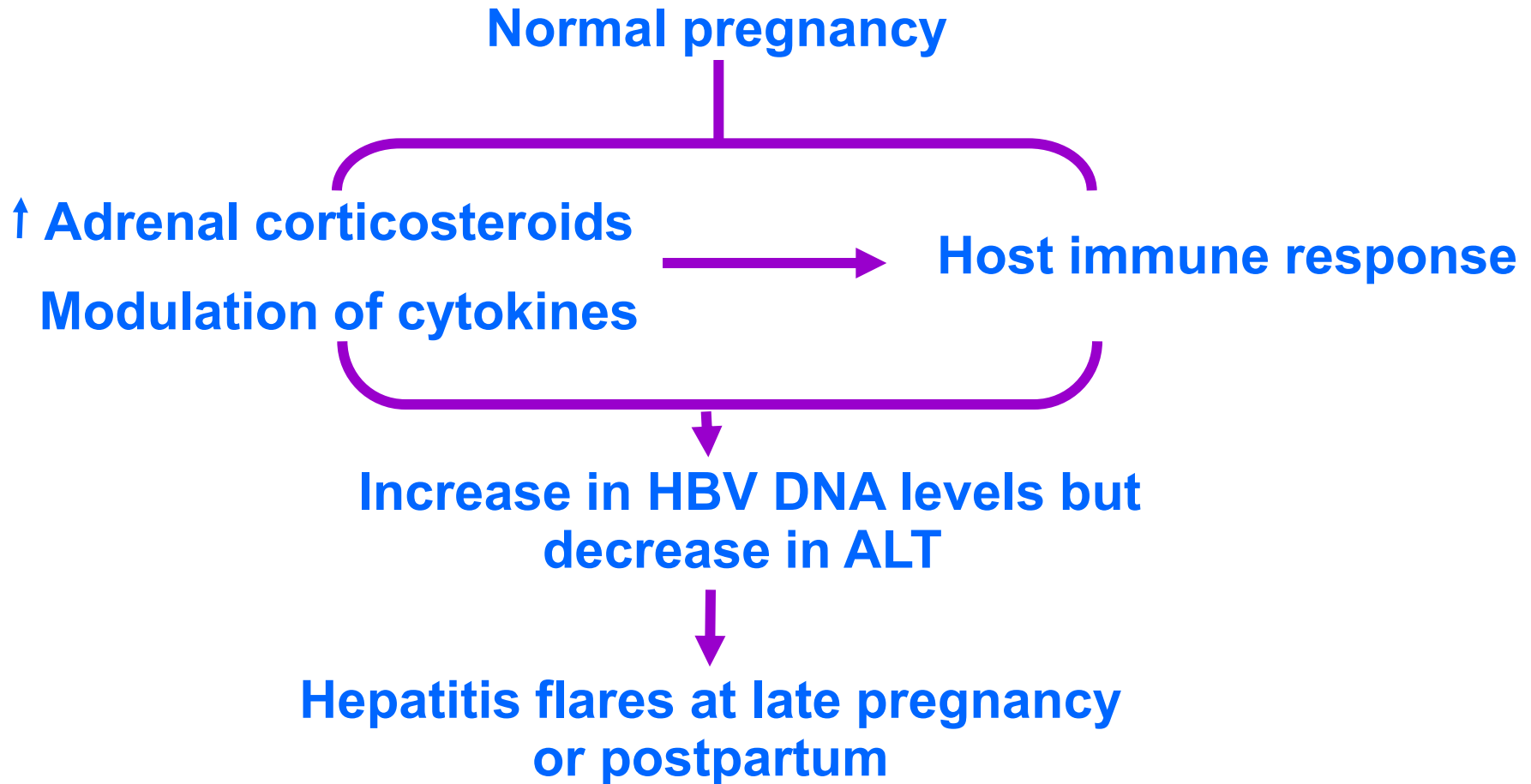
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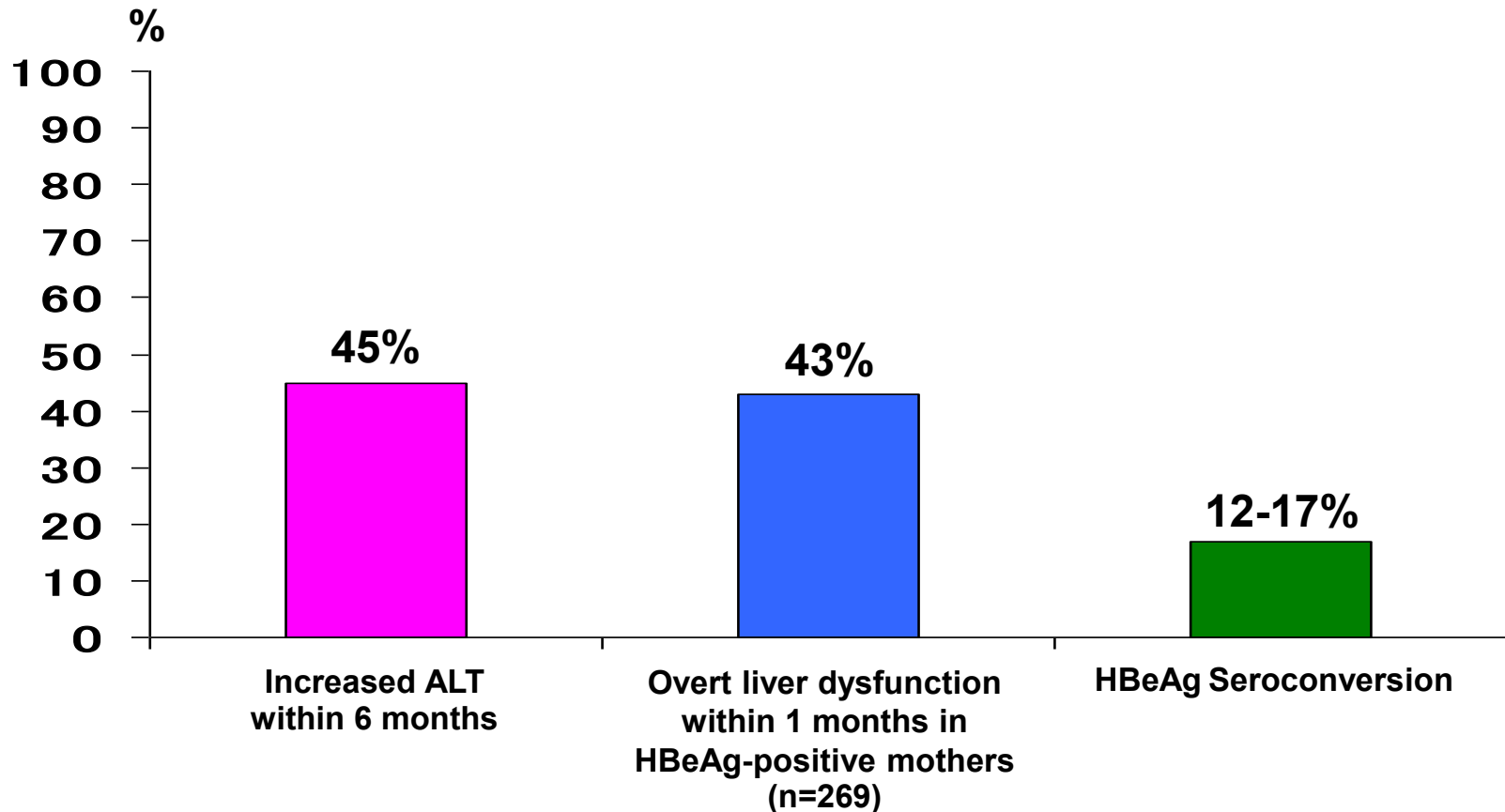
Chronic HBV infection in pregnancy



Effects of pregnancy on chronic HBV infection



Postpartum hepatitis flare in HBsAg-positive mothers

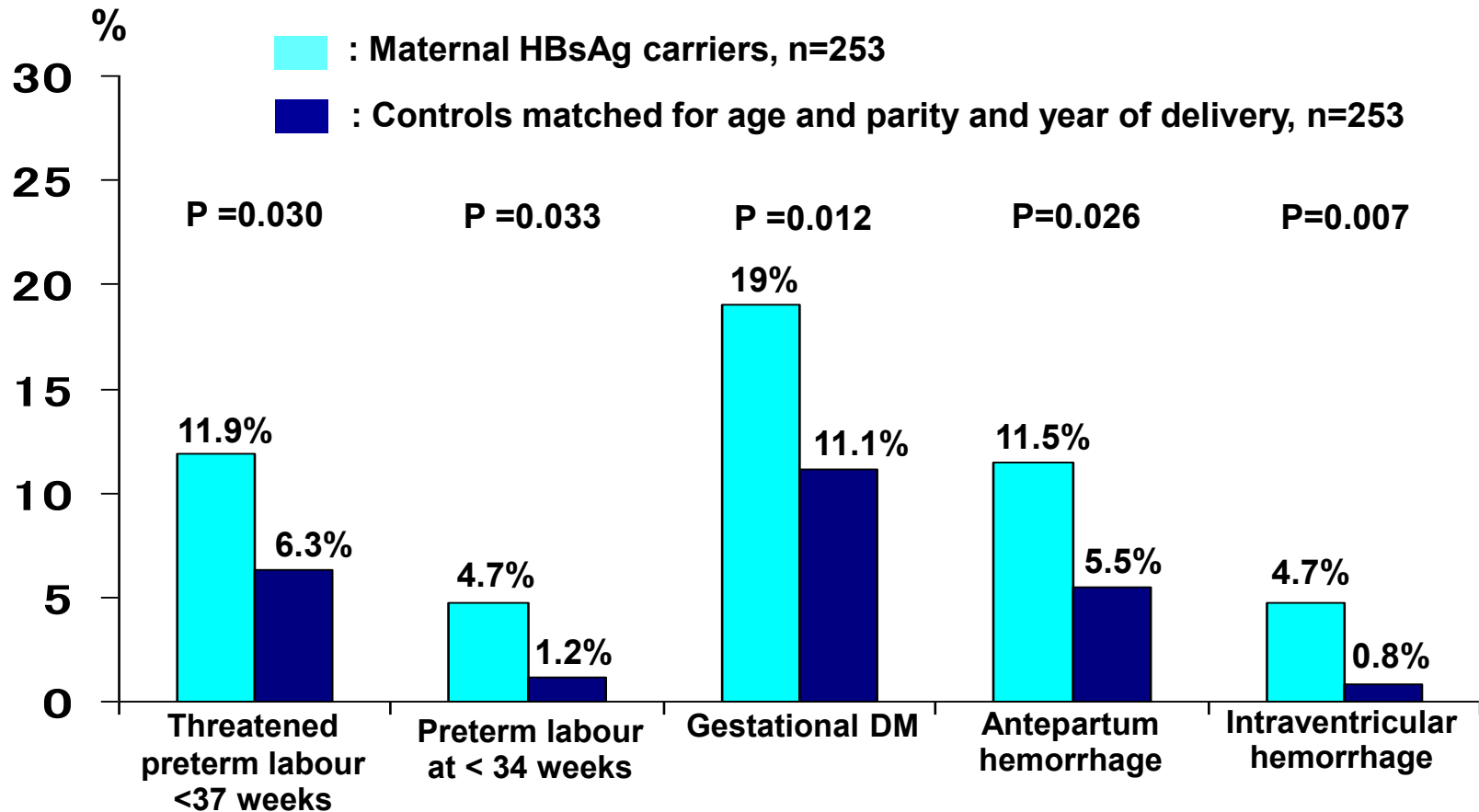


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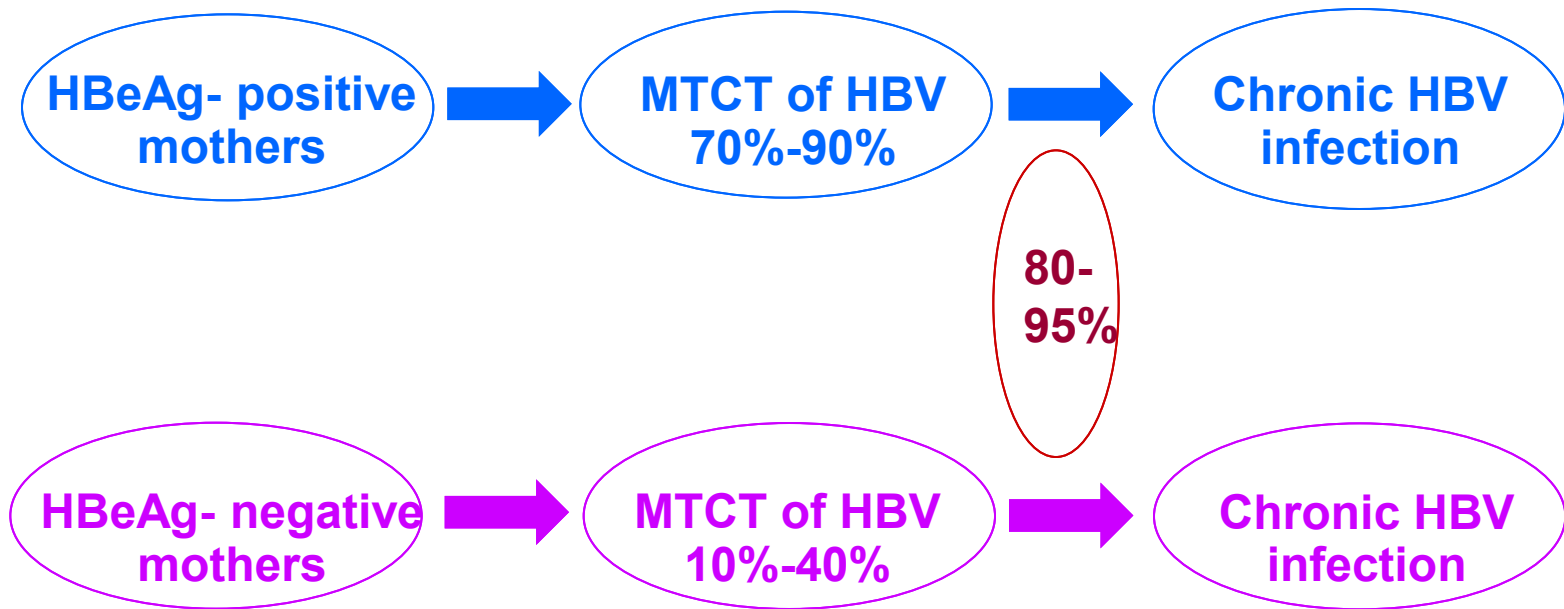
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The impact of maternal HBsAg carriers on pregnancy outcomes

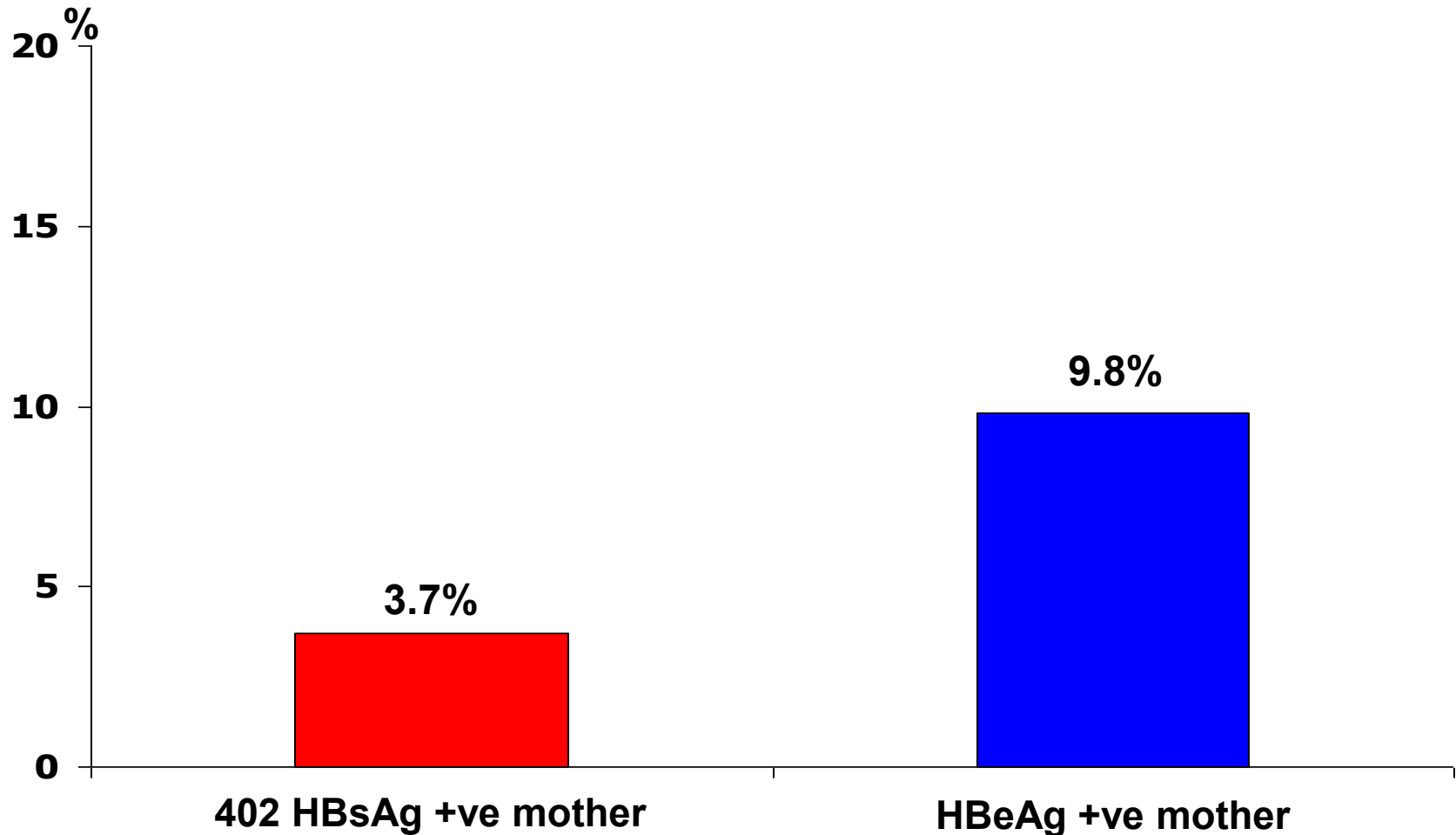


Multivariate analysis: threatened preterm labour, antepartum hemorrhage and gestational diabetes mellitus

Mother to child transmission of HBV



Intrauterine transmission of HBV : HBsAg or HBV DNA positive in neonatal blood within 24 h after births



Maternal HBV DNA $> 1.5 \times 10^5$ copies/ml is associated with intrauterine transmission

Pande C. DDW. 2008.

Xu DZ. et al. J Med Virol 2002; 67: 20-6.

Risk factors for intrauterine HBV infection

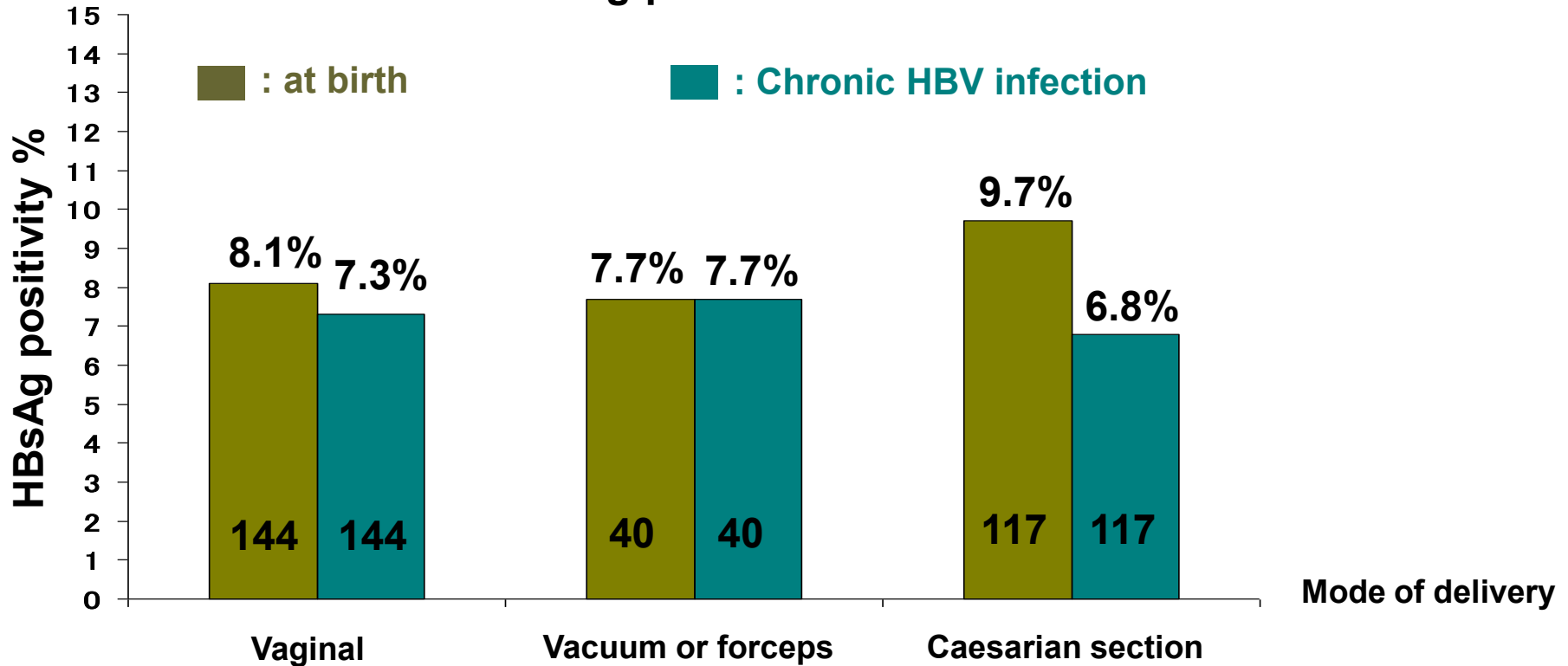
- **Maternal HBeAg positivity**
- **High maternal HBV DNA**
- **Threatened preterm labor**
- **Threatened abortion**

Degli Esposti S. et al. Gastroenterolo Clin North Am. 2011: 355-72.

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Mode of delivery: MTCT of HBV

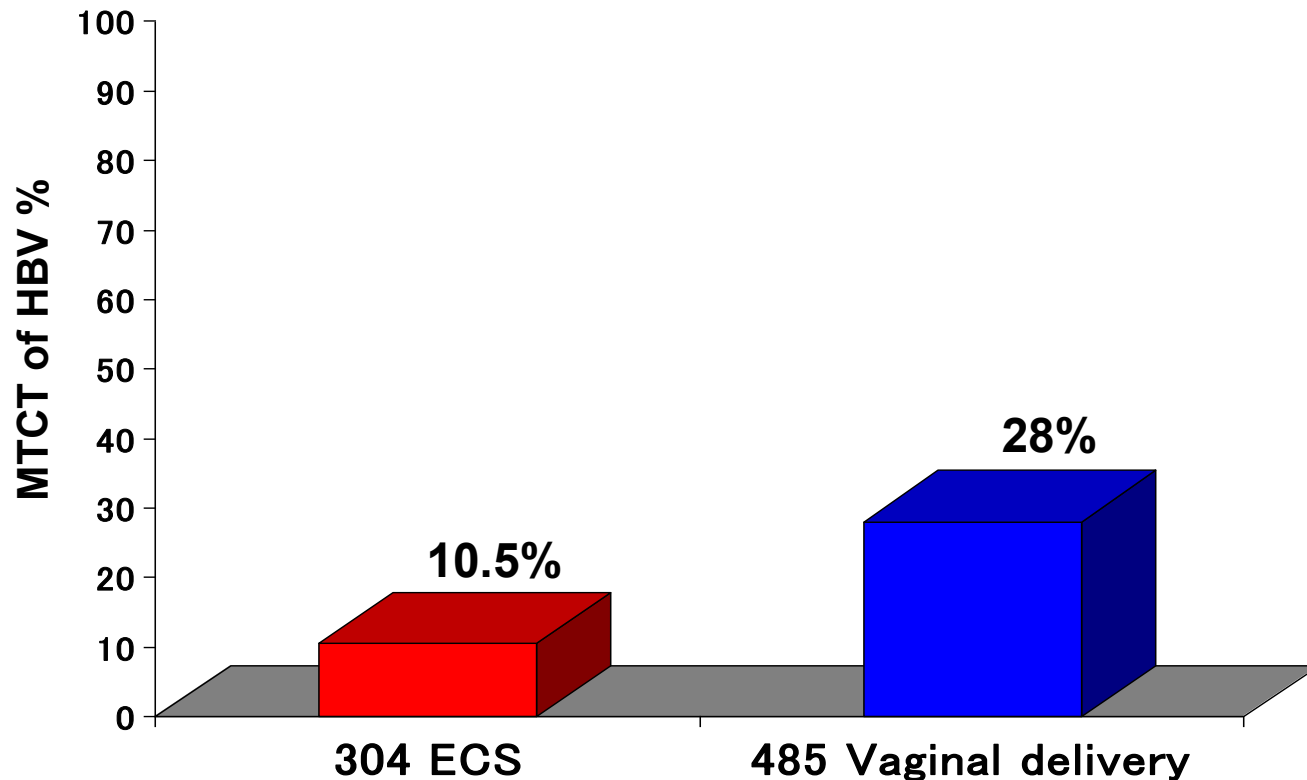
301 infants of HBsAg-positive mothers



All infants received HBIG and vaccine

Meta-analysis: Elective cesarean reduces the MTCT of HBV

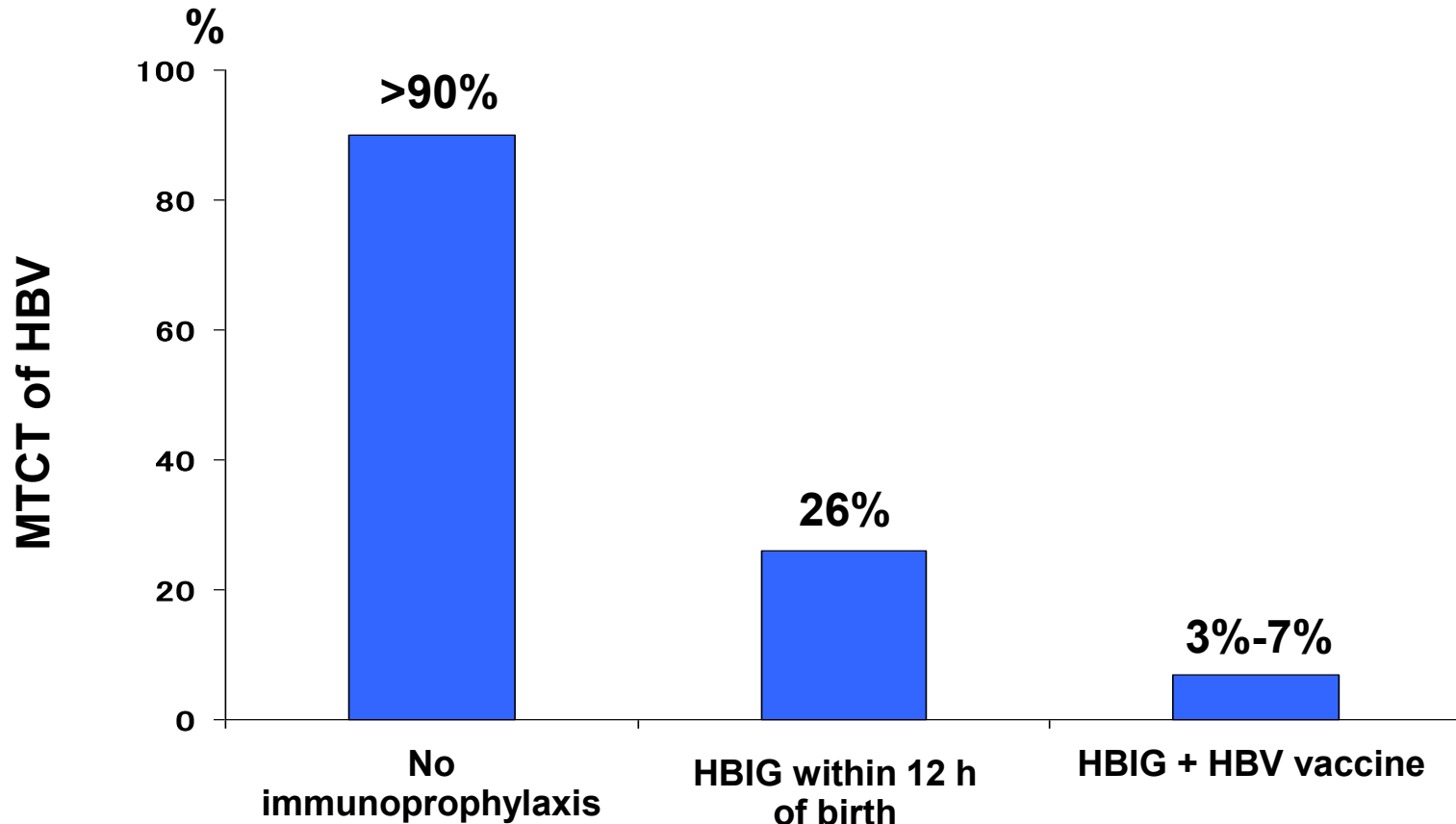
4 RCTs with 789 pregnant mothers



RR 0.41 , 95% CI 0.28 – 0.60

**Immunoprophylaxis for prevention of MTCT of HBV
in infants born to HBsAg-positive Mothers**

Immunoprophylaxis for prevention of MTCT of HBV in infants born to HBeAg-positive Mothers

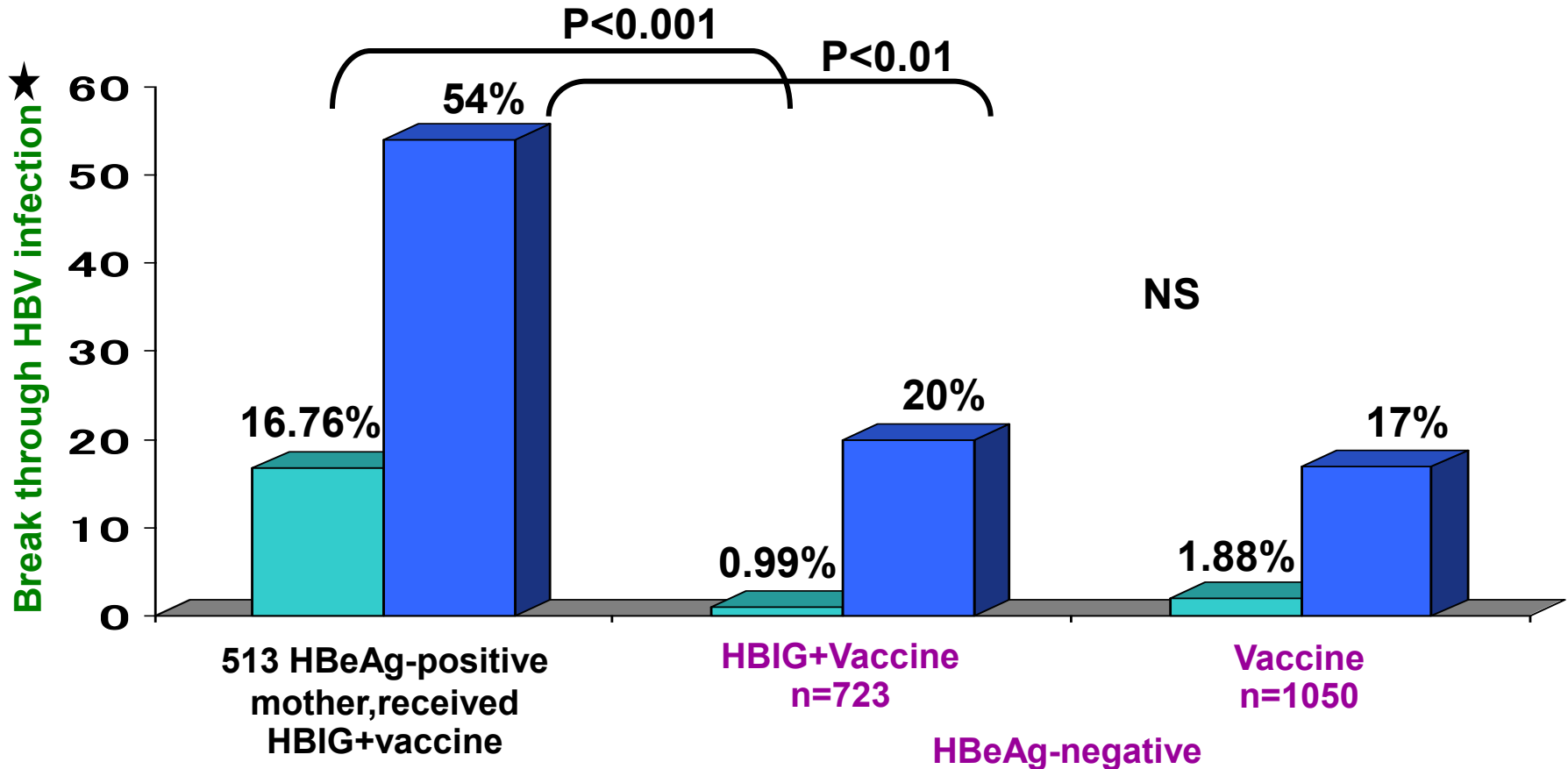


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Immunoprophylaxis to prevent MTCT of HBV : meta-analysis

Intervention	Relative Risk of neonatal HBV infection
HBV vaccine VS Placebo	0.28 (95% CI 0.2-0.4)
HBIG +HBV vaccine VS HBV vaccine	0.54 (95% CI, 0.41-0.73)

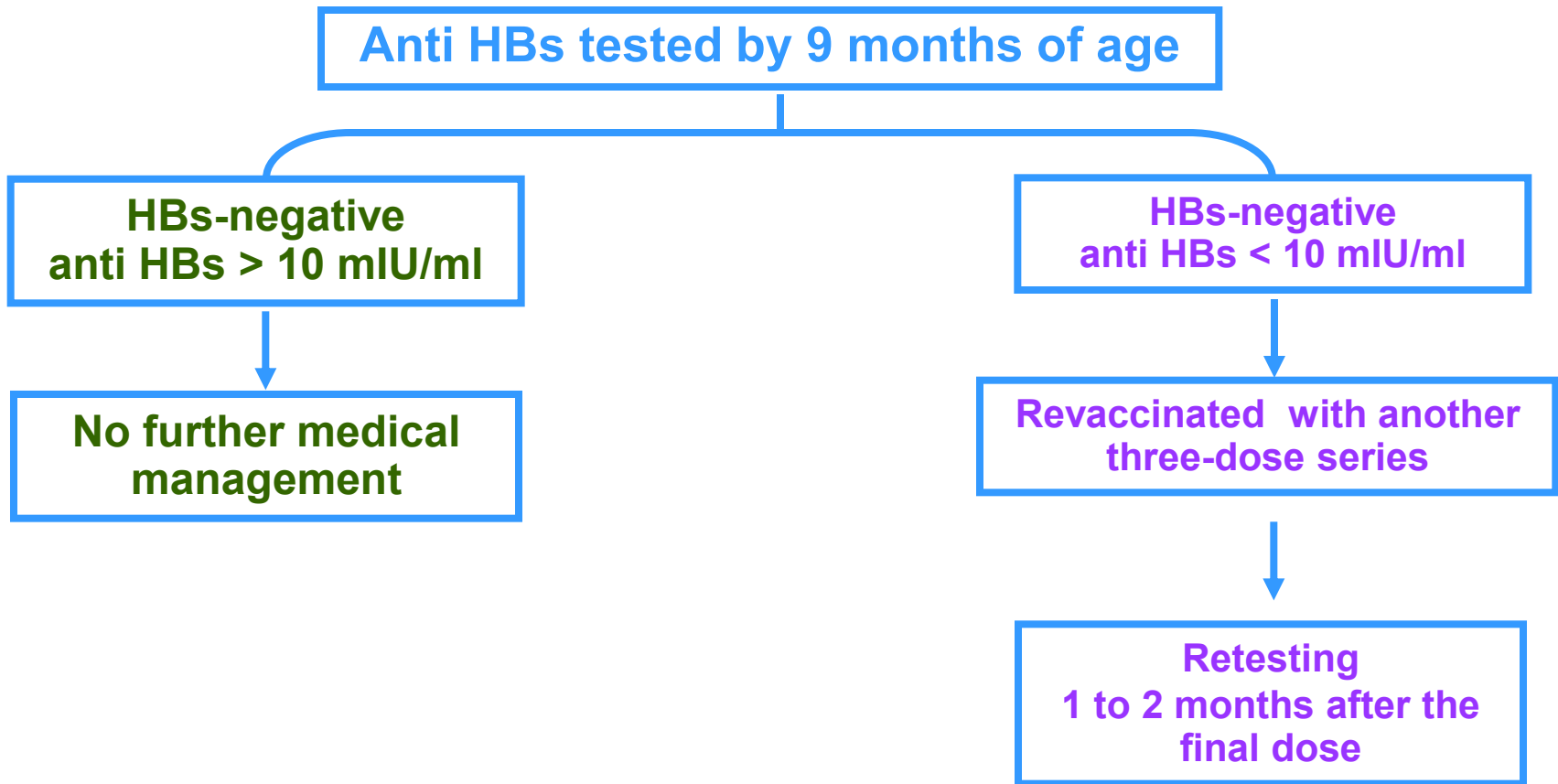
Universal Immunization to Prevent Mother-to-Infant Transmission of HBV



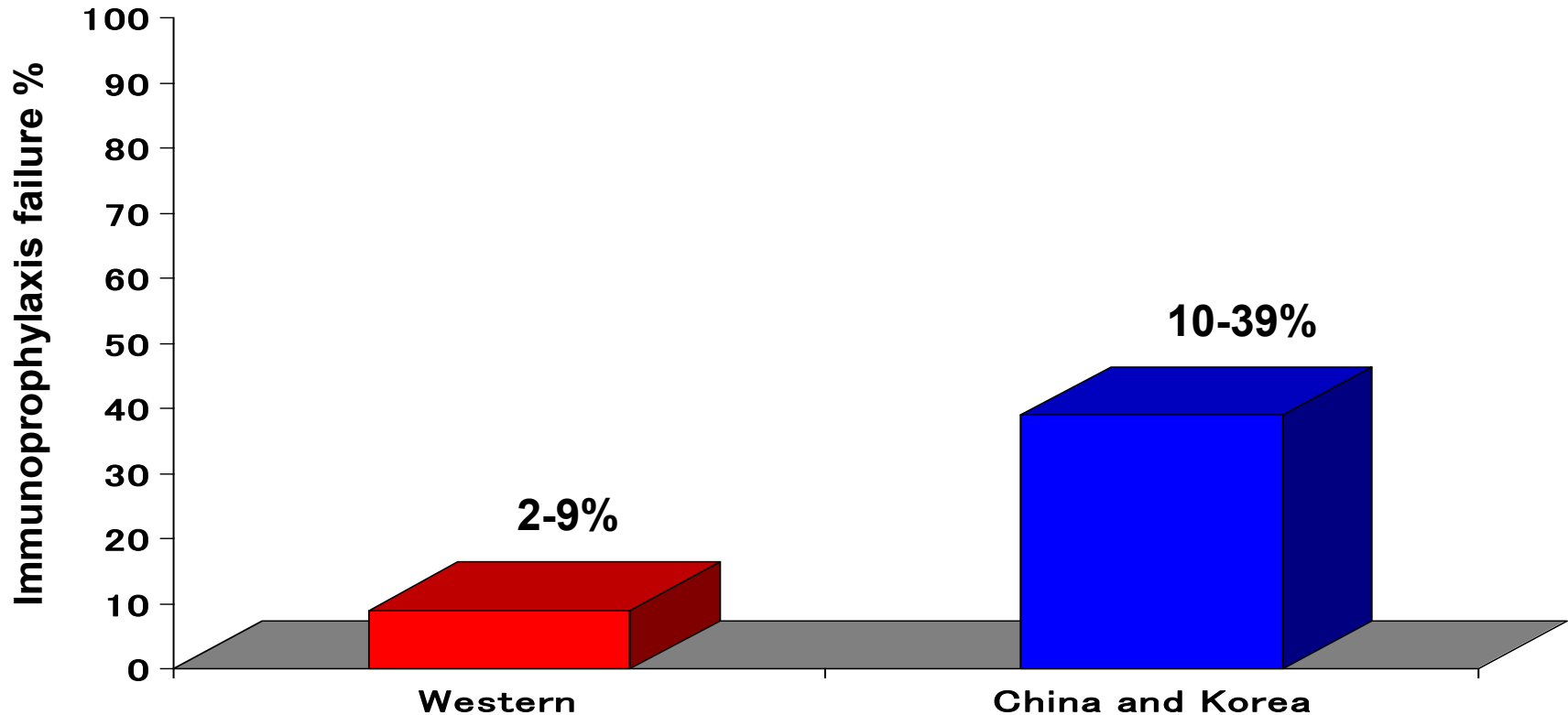
★ Anti HBc positive at more than 24 months of age

■ Chronicity rates : HBsAg positive rates among the anti HBC-positive Children > 24 months

Monitoring infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers after completion of HBV vaccination



Immunoprophylaxis failure in preventing MTCT of HBV



Wiseman E. et al. Med J Aust. 2009.

Plitt SS. et al. Can J Public Health. 2007.

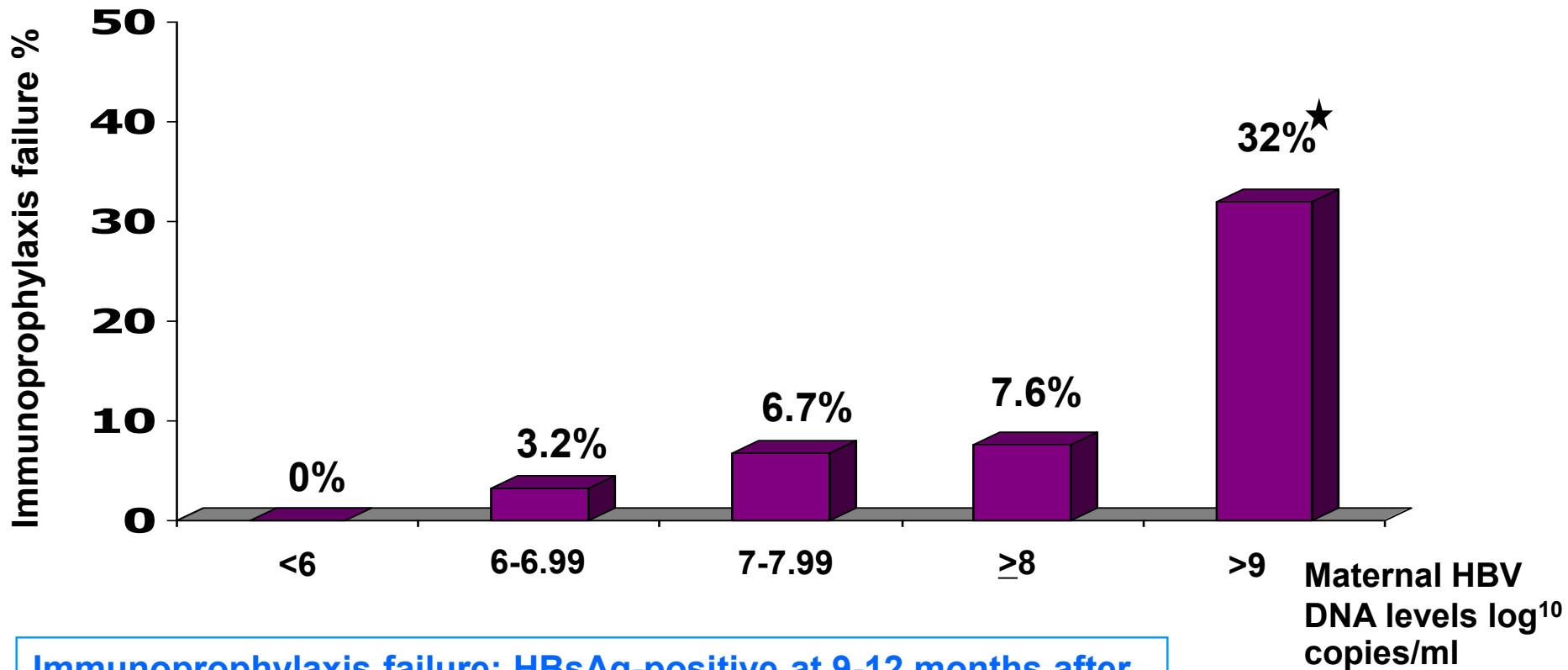
Andre FF. et al. J Med Virol. 1994.

Degli Esposti S. et al. Gastroenterol Clin North Am. 1994.

Wang Z. et al. J Med Virol 2003; 71(13): 360-6.

Maternal predelivery HBV DNA levels are associated with immunoprophylaxis failure

1043 mother-infant pairs
all infants received HBV vaccine and HBIG



Immunoprophylaxis failure: HBsAg-positive at 9-12 months after immunoprophylaxis or at infant age of 9-12 months

Zou H. etal. J Viral Hepat. 2011.

★ Shi Z. etal. Obstet Gynecol 2010; 116: 147-59.

Anti-HBV therapy during pregnancy

Pregnancy classification

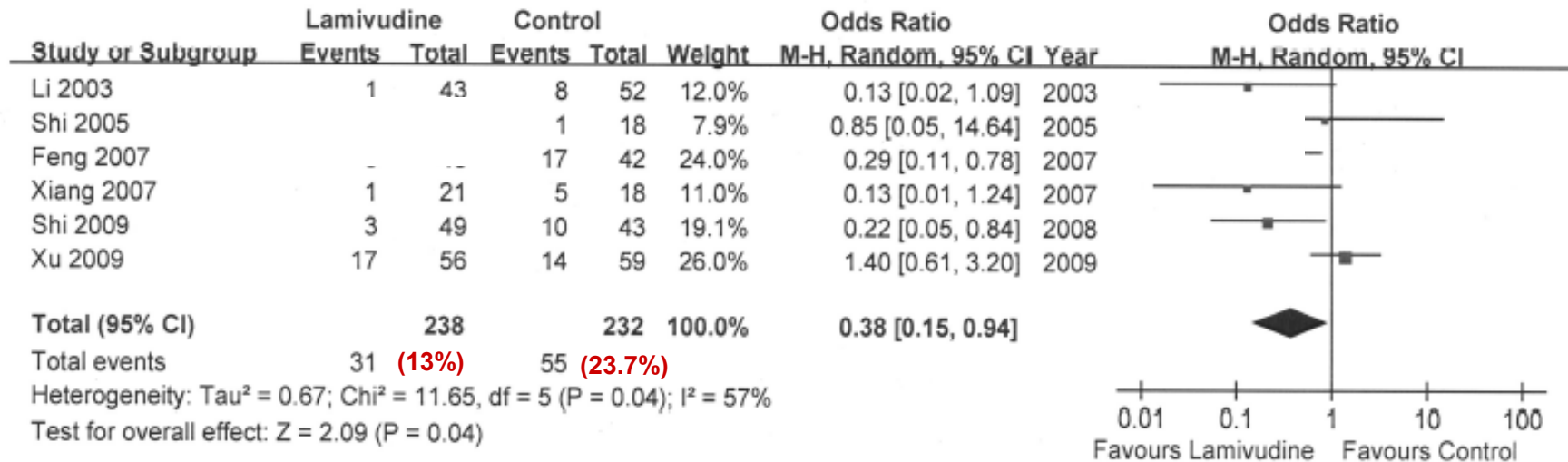
Drug	FDA pregnancy category ^a	Experience in pregnant HBV mothers	Risk of birth defects	Remarks
Lamivudine	C	Two meta-analyses that included >15 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) Two cost-effectiveness studies	No	Recommended
Telbivudine	B	Two RCTs	No	Recommended
Tenofovir	B	No studies	No	May be recommended
Entecavir	C	No studies	In animal studies	Not recommended
Adefovir	C	No studies	In animal studies	Not recommended

^a**Pregnancy category B:** Animal reproduction studies have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women, or animal studies have shown an adverse effect, but adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus in any trimester

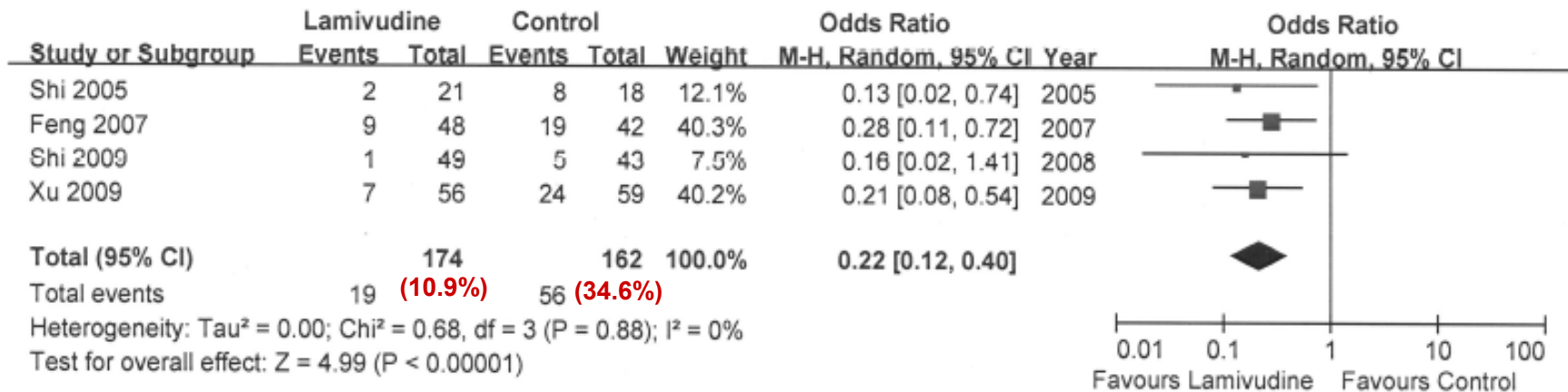
Pregnancy category C: Animal reproduction studies have shown an adverse effect on the fetus and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in humans, but potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite potential risks

Meta-analysis of Lamivudine treatment in late pregnancy to prevent MTCT of HBV (only RCTs were included)

Newborn HBsAg seropositivity

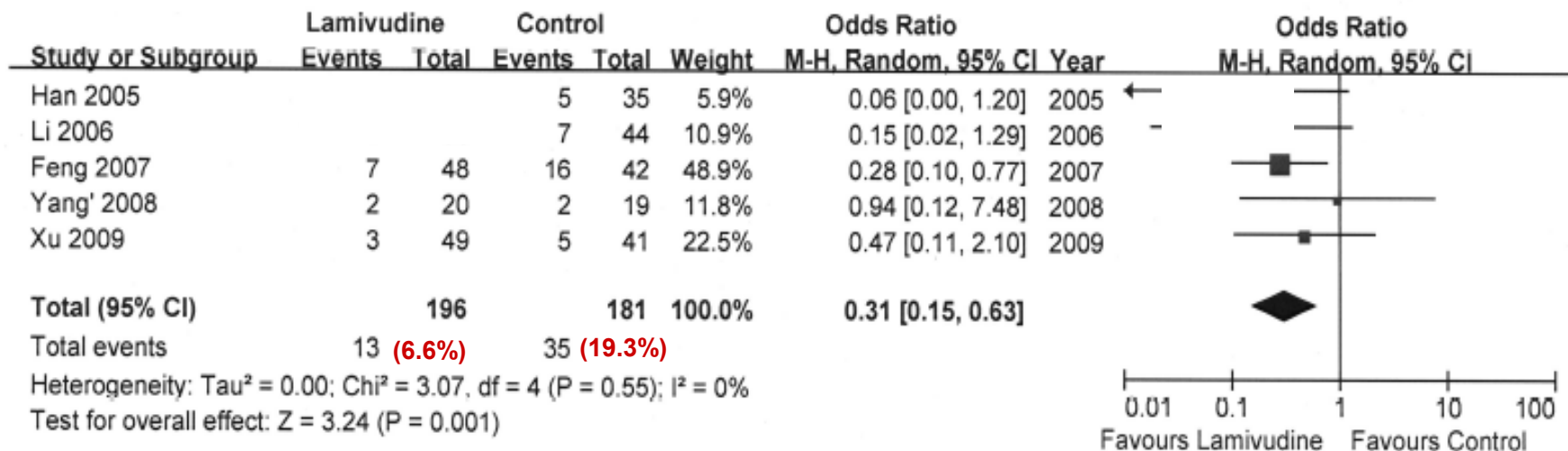


Newborn HBV DNA seropositivity

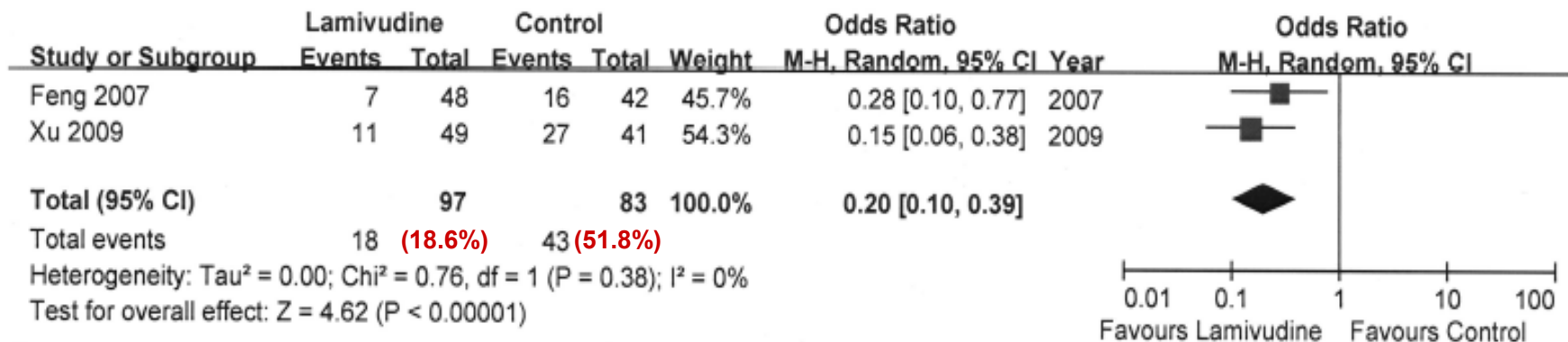


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Infant HBsAg seropositivity at age 9–12 months

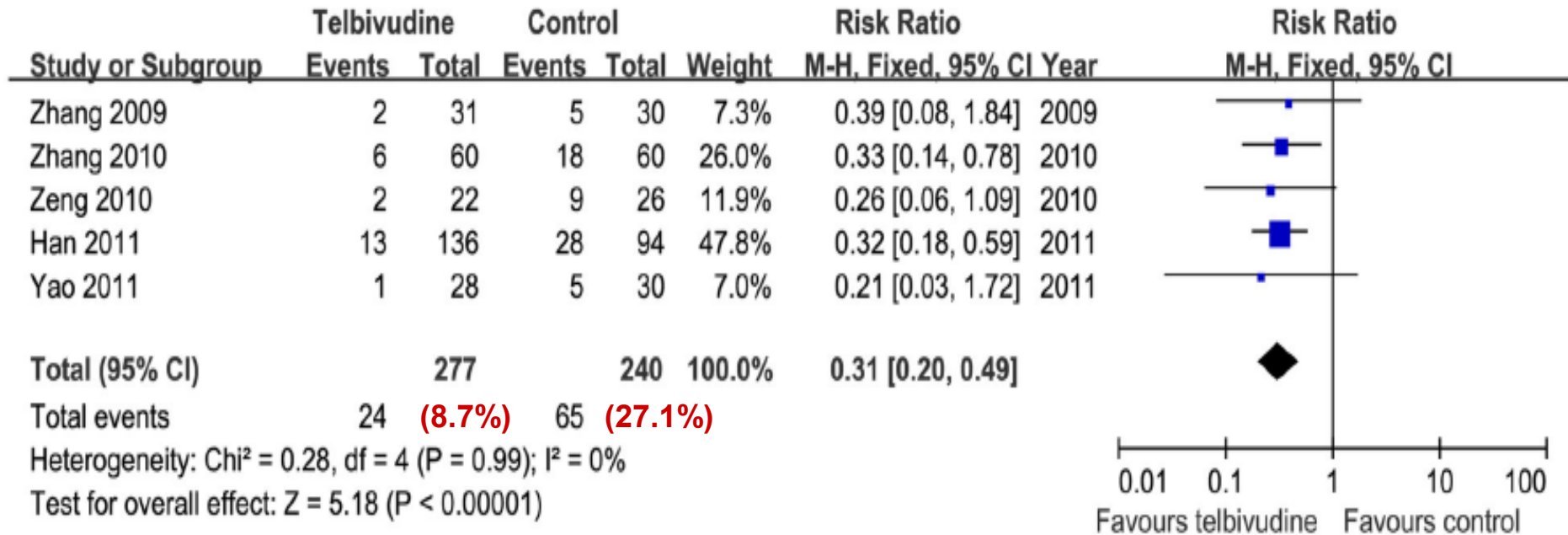


Infant HBV DNA seropositivity at age 9–12 months



Meta-analysis of Telbivudine treatment in HBsAg positive mothers for prevention of MTCT of HBV

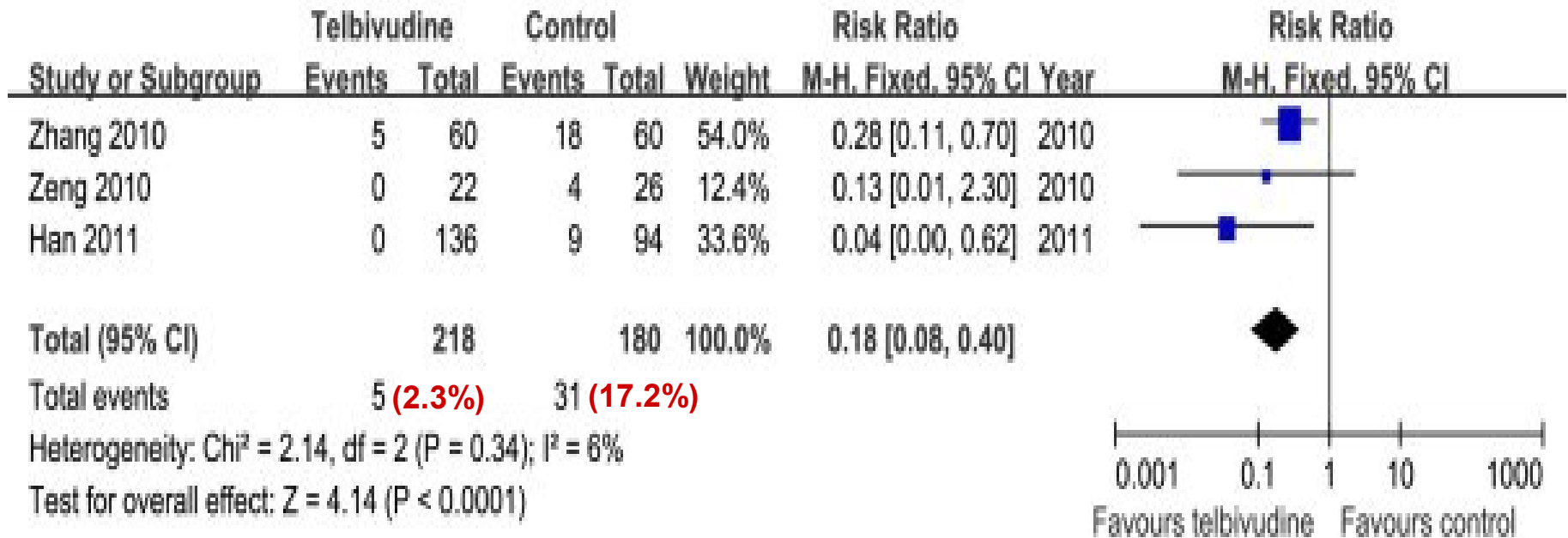
Infant HBsAg positive at birth



All infants received HBIG and HBV vaccine

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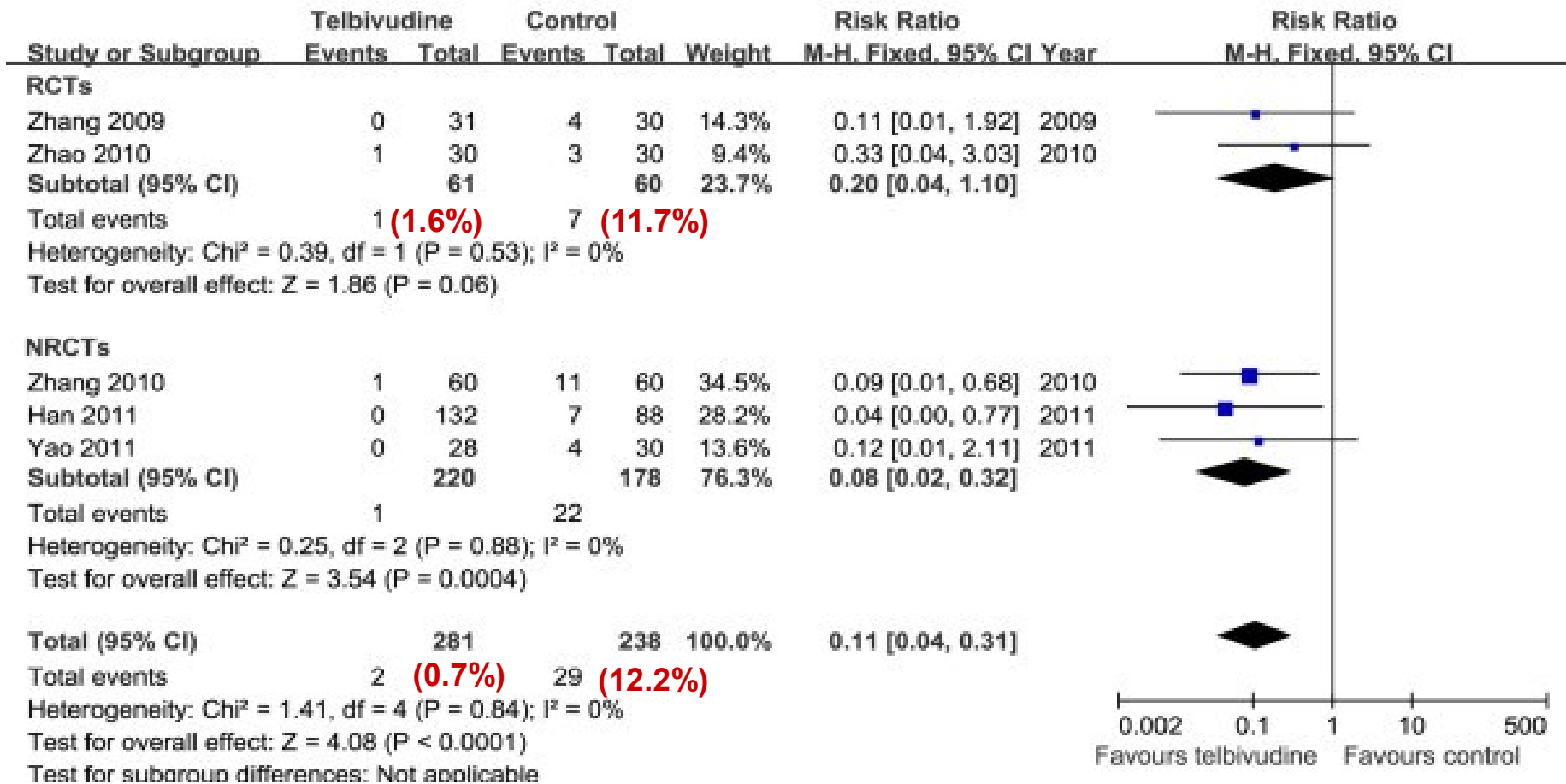
Infant HBV DNA-positive at birth



All infants received HBIG and HBV vaccine

Meta-analysis of Telbivudine treatment in HBsAg positive mothers for prevention of MTCT of HBV

Infant HBsAg-positive at 6-12 months



All infants received HBIG and HBV vaccine

Telbivudine treatment in mothers with Chronic Hepatitis B during pregnancy and postpartum

	Telbivudine (n = 53) *	Control (n = 35)	P
Prior to delivery			
ALT	23.00 (7.50–90.90)	36.70 (9.10–134.20)	.006
% ALT normal	46 (87%)	21 (60%)	<.001
HBV DNA (\log_{10} c/mL)	2.68 (0.84)	7.64 (0.72)	<.001
% HBV DNA <500 c/mL	28 (53%)	0 (0%)	<.001
HBeAg titer (S/CO)	892.69 (0.33–1638.00)	1213.50 (130.03–1731.00)	.001
HBeAg decline, n (%)	50 (94)	20 (57)	1.000
HBeAg seroconversion, n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1.000
Week 28 postpartum			
ALT	17.10 (5.60–92.50)	29.30 (9.10–320.00)	.016
% ALT normal	49 (92%)	25 (71%)	.008
HBV DNA (\log_{10} c/mL)	3.58 (2.46)	7.52 (0.75)	<.001
% HBV DNA <500 c/mL	31 (58%)	0 (0%)	<.001
HBeAg titer (S/CO)	54.46 (0.34–1679.00)	1278.00 (130.03–1731.00)	<.001
HBeAg titer decline, n (%)	48 (91%)	19 (54%)	<.001
HBeAg seroconversion	8 (15%)	0 (0%)	.020

NOTE. Data are median (range), except where otherwise noted.
S/CO, signal/cutoff.

All mothers had HBeAg positive, HBV DNA > 6 log copies/ml and elevated ALT at baseline

Telbivudine treatment started from 12 to 30 weeks gestation
13/53 mothers discontinued Ldt after delivery

Telbivudine treatment during pregnancy in mothers with Chronic hepatitis B

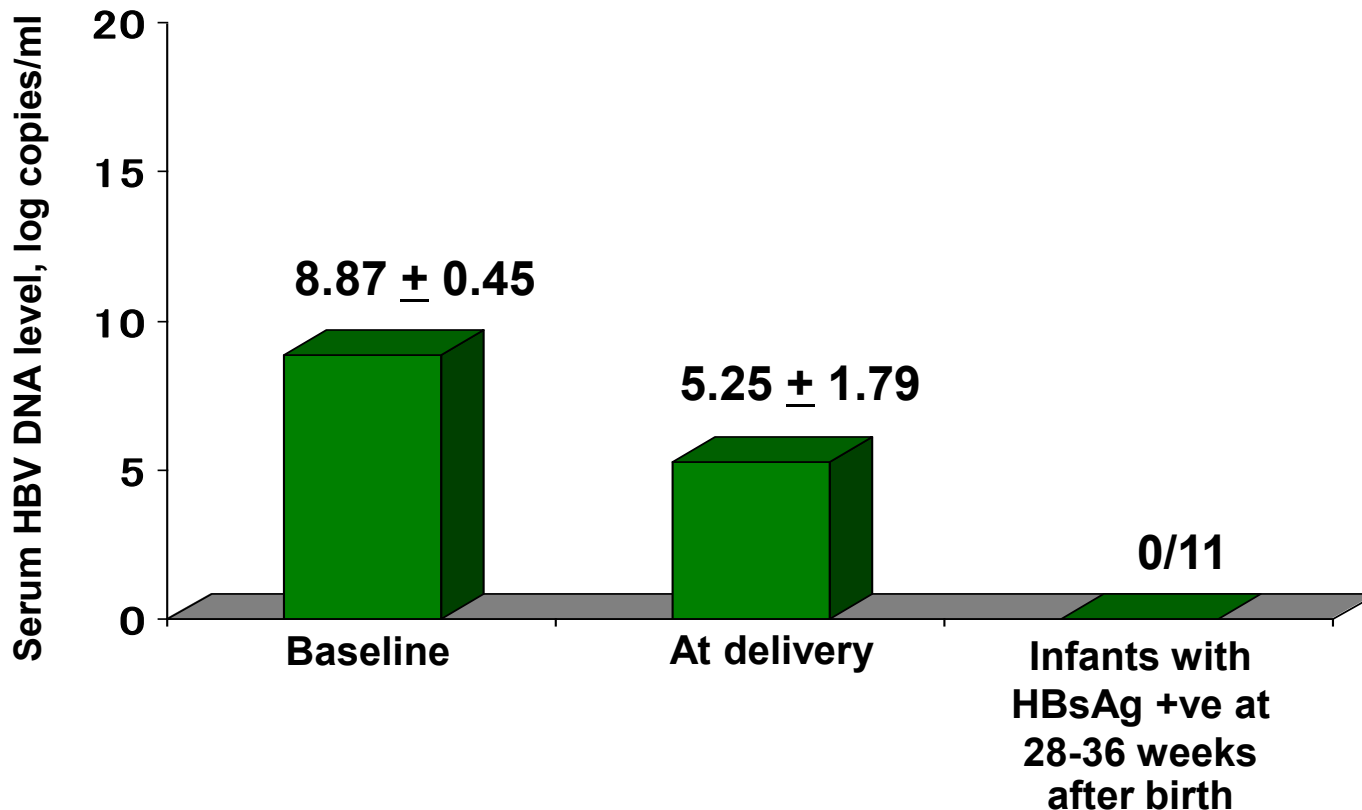
Number of infants	Infants from telbivudine group (n = 54) ^a	Infants from control group (n = 35)	t or χ^2	P
At birth				
HBeAg-positive	54 (100%)	35 (100%)		
HBsAg-positive	2 (4%)	8 (23%)	7.811	.012
HBV DNA detectable	0	3 (9%)	4.790	.029
At 28 wks				
HBeAg-positive	0	3	4.790	.029
HBsAg-positive	0	3	4.790	.029
HBV DNA detectable	0	3	4.790	.029
Sensitivity analysis	0% (0/54)	8.6% (3/35)	4.790	.029
ITT analysis	3.7% (2/54)	17.0% (6/35)	4.688	.030

NOTE. MTCT rate at 28 weeks.

^aA set of twins were included in the telbivudine group.

Tenofovir for prevention of MTCT of HBV in high HBV viremic pregnant women

11 Asian mothers received TDF at median gestational age of 29 (28-32) weeks



- No obstetric complication or birth defect
- 8/11 mothers discontinued TDF 0-12 weeks postpartum without severe ALT flare

Antiretroviral pregnancy registry data

Proportion of defects reported with an exposure to:	Earliest trimester of exposure	
	1st trimester birth defects/live births	2nd/3rd trimester birth defects/live births
Lamivudine	122/3966 (3.1%)	178/6427 (2.8%)
Tenofovir	27/1219 (2.2%)	15/714 (2.1%)
Telbivudine	0/28	0/323
Adefovir dipivoxil	0/43	0/0
Entecavir	1/30	0/2
Any NRTI	165/5582 (3.0%)	216/7772 (2.5%)
General population	2.7%	

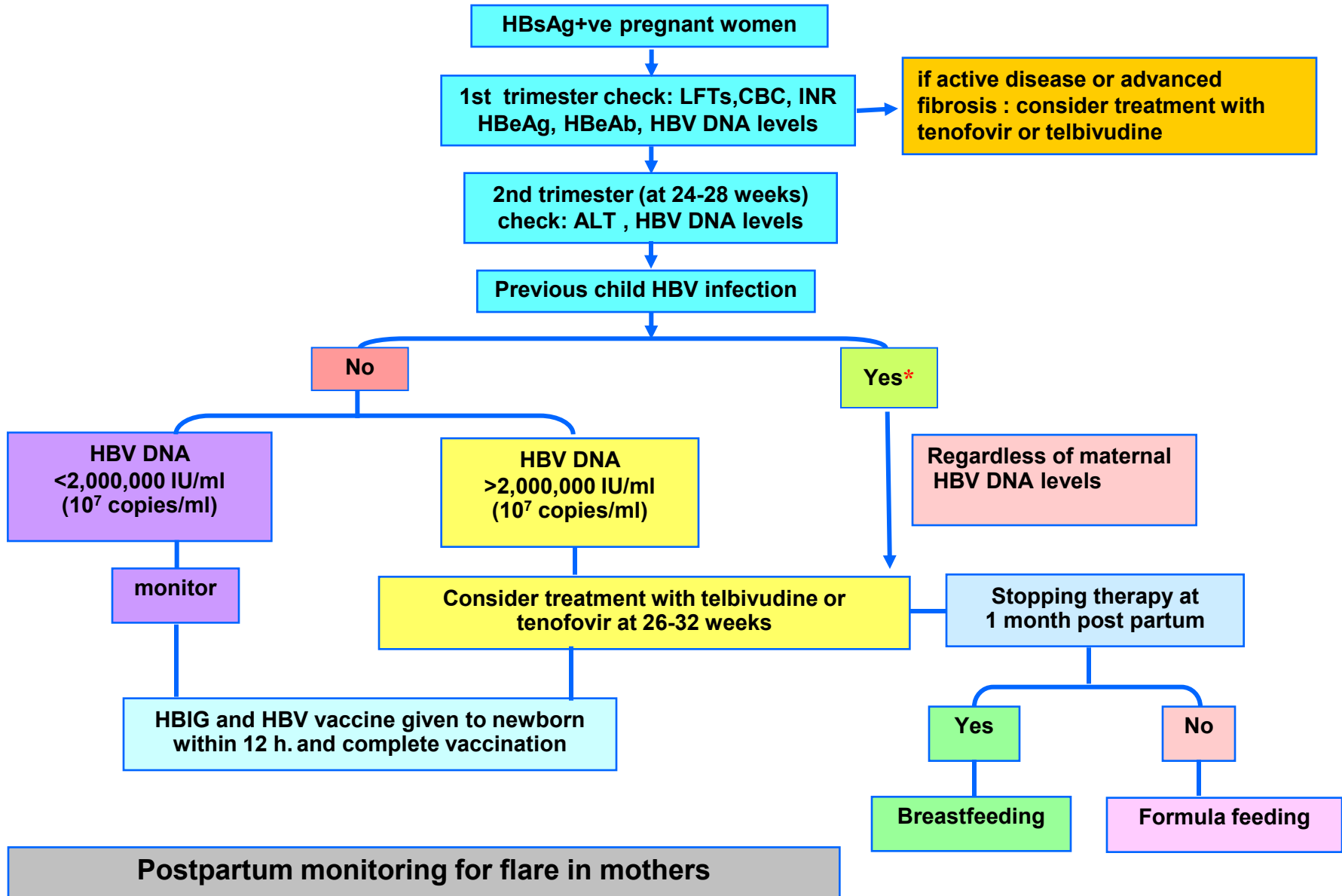
Nus in pregnancy safety data

Safety of breastfeeding in case of chronic hepatitis B virus infection of mothers

Author	No. of infants	Population	Prophylaxis	Infected or failed seroconversion to antiHBs		P
				BF (%)	FF (%)	
Beasley et al	147	USA, Taiwan (China)	No	53	60	NS
Tseng et al	170	Hong Kong (China)	HBIG + Vx	7	6	NS
De Martino et al	85	Italy	Vx	4.6	3.2	NS
Hill et al	369	USA	HBIG + Vx	0	3	0.06

BF: Breastfeeding; FF: Formula feeding; HBIG: Hepatitis B immune globulin; NS: Nonsignificant

Management of HBV during pregnancy



* Individual consideration after discussion about risk and benefits with mother



Thank you