#### Clinical cases



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## Diagnosis of liver fibrosis

- Liver biopsy
- Blood markers
- Liver stiffness

### **Blood markers**

- Hepascore
- Fibrotest
- Fibrometer
- ELF
- APRI
- □ FIB4



### Liver stiffness measurement







FibroScan - ARFI - SSI

## **FibroScan**



#### FibroScan examination: screen



CAP: 100 to 400 dB/m E: 2 to 75 kPa

#### Case 1. Female, 47 yrs, manager

- HBV infection
- □ BMI 27 kg/m²
- No alcohol
- « inactive carrier » since 2004
- HBV-DNA between 614 & 2712 IU/ml
- Liver stiffness between 3.8 & 7 kPa
- November 2011
  - Normal ALT level
  - HBV-DNA 7538 IU/ml
  - Liver stiffness 4.5 kPa

## What do you think?

- 1. LB to be performed
- 2. New evaluation in 6 months
- 3. Fibrotest or Fibrometer

## What do you think?

1. LB (EASL guidelines)

#### Case report

- □ LB in March 2012
  - 29 mm
  - A1F0
  - Steatosis < 5%
  - NAS 1
- □ Liver stiffness 5.9k Pa

#### Cut-offs according to the disease (significant fibrosis)

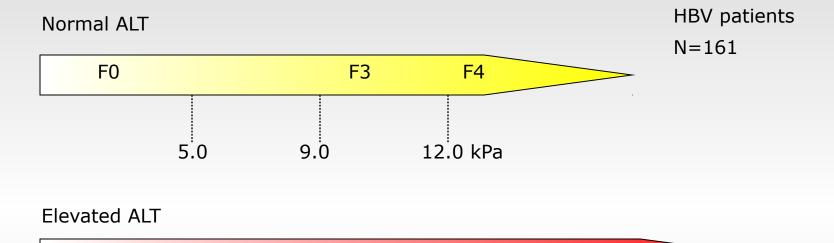
	Cutoff (kPa)	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	AUROC
HCV	≥7.1	.68	.89	.88	.70	.86
HBV	≥7.2	.74	.88	.82	.82	.86
PBC	8.8	.67	1.00	1.00	.75	.91
PSC	8.6	.72	.89	.85	.78	.84
NAFLD	7	.76	.80	.75	.78	.80
HCV+HIV	7.2	.88	.66	.75	.88	.83

Abbreviations: NPV, negative predictive value; PBC, primary biliary cirrhosis; PPV, positive predictive value; PSC, primary sclerosing cholangitis.

#### Interpretation

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7.5



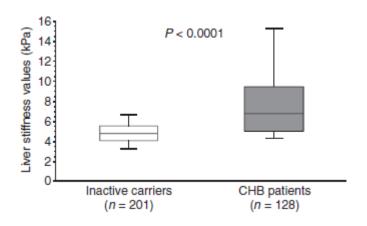
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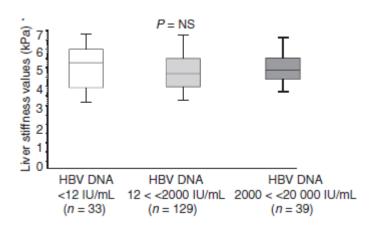
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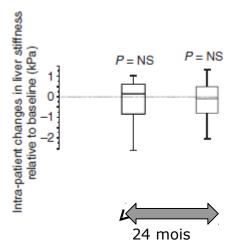
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13.4 kPa

#### Liver stiffness in inactive carriers

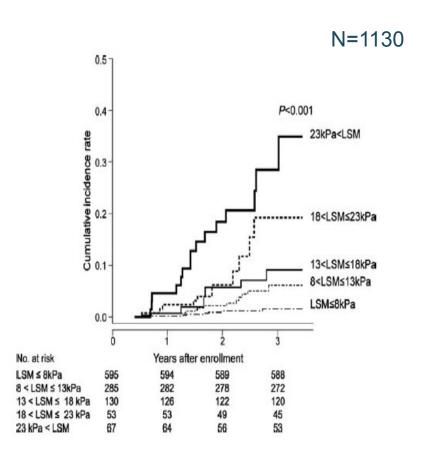






#### Liver stiffness and risk of HCC

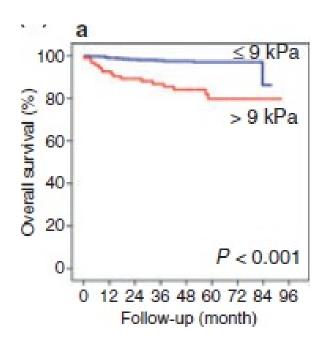
- Incidence HCC
- 1 130 HBV patients
- Follow-up 31 months

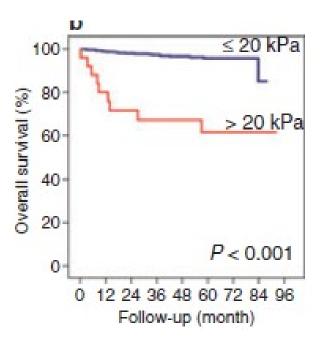


## Non-invasive tests for fibrosis and liver stiffness predict 5-year survival of patients chronically infected with hepatitis B virus

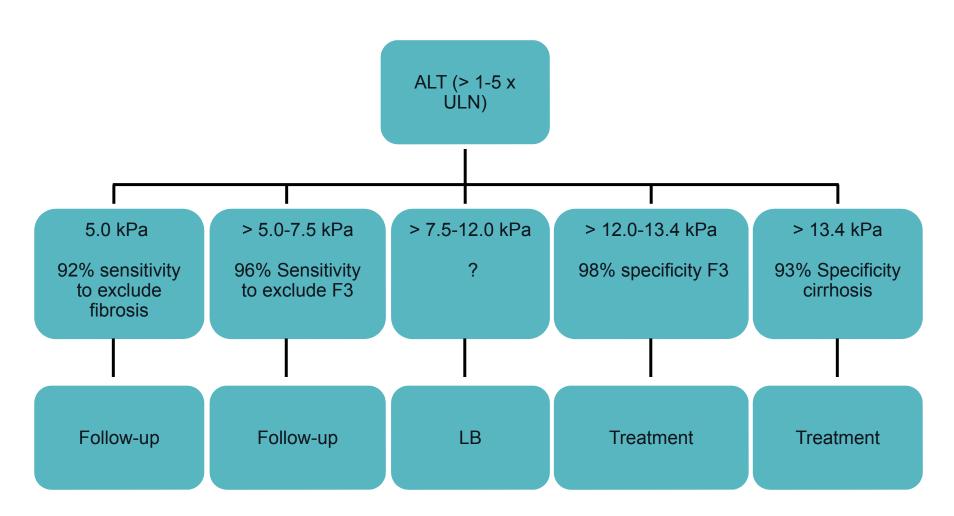
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- □ 600 HBV patients
- ☐ Follow-up 50 months





#### Liver stiffness and elevated ALT level



Chan HL, et al. J Viral Hepat. 2009;16:36-44.

## Take home message

- Liver stiffness is associated with inflammation
- Not compare cut-offs between HCV and HBV infection
- Inactive carrier must have normal values

#### Case 2. Henri, 60 years old

- □ Genotype 1b HCV infection
- □ Contamination: transfusion 1984
- □91 kg 1.73 m (BMI 30 kg/m²)
- □ Hypertension (bisoprolol)
- No alcohol
- □ Liver biopsy (2002) : A2F2
- ■No response to PEG-IFN + Ribavirin treatment

## Evolution of liver stiffness

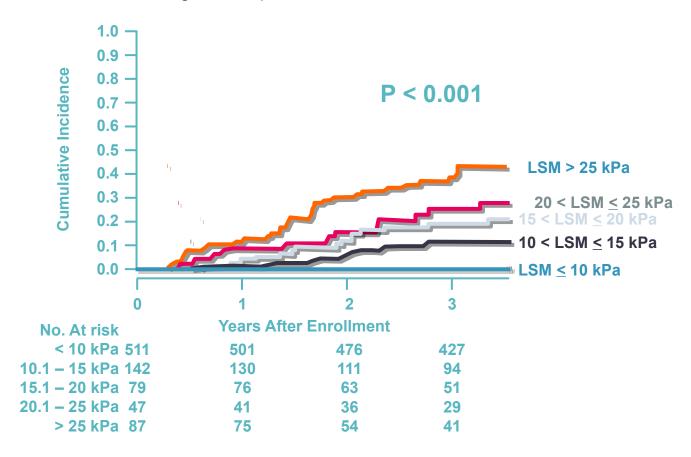


## What do you think?

- There is a cirrhosis.
- No need for an endoscopy. He does not have any oesophageal varices (liver stiffness < 20 kPa).</li>
- 3. No need for HCC screening. He does not have a cirrhosis.

#### Liver stiffness and hepatocellular carcinoma

- 866 patients with HCV infection, 3-year follow up
- Hepatocellular carcinoma during follow-up: 77



## **Evolution of Fibrotest**

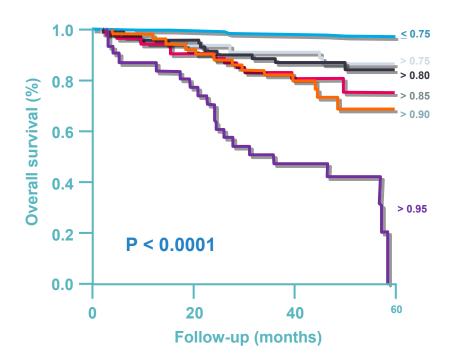


#### Liver stiffness and survival

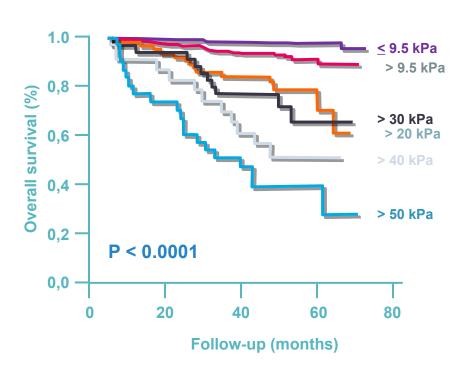
□ 1457 HCV patients; Follow-up: 5 years

Overall survival: 91.7%

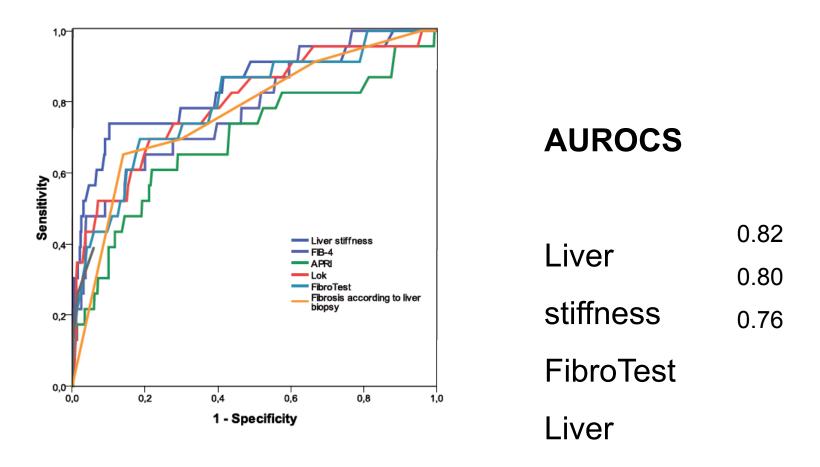
#### **Fibrotest**



#### **FibroScan**

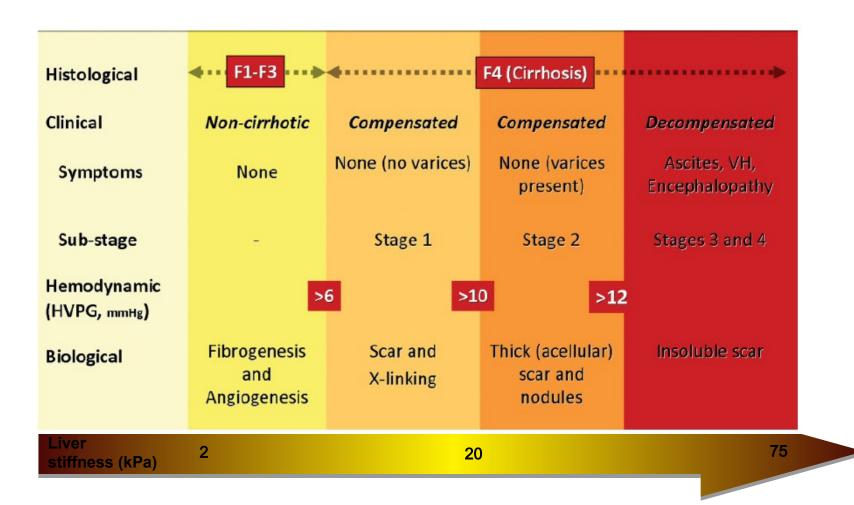


#### Prediction of overall survival



FibroScan and Fibrotest are better predictors it is in the second of the

## Natural history of liver fibrosis

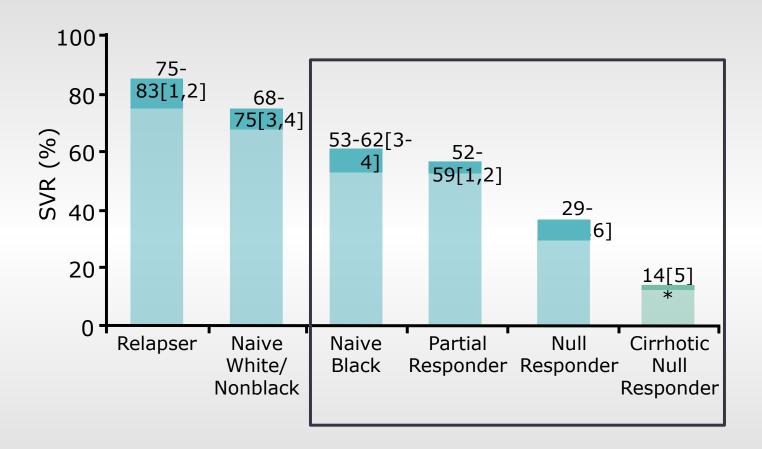


Foucher J, et al. Gut 2006;55:403-8

## Henri, May 2011

- Liver stiffness: 15.1 kPa
- No oesophageal varices
- No hepatocellular carcinoma
- Child A
- HCV-RNA: 6,426,000 UI/ml
- Do we need Telaprevir?

## What do we expect? Telaprevir and Boceprevir SVR by Patient Type



<sup>\*</sup>Pooled TVR arms of REALIZE trial.

<sup>1.</sup> Zeuzem S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;364:2417-2428. 2. Bacon BR, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;364:1207-1217. 3. Jacobson IM, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;364:2405-2416. 4. Poordad F, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;364:1195-1206. 5. Zeuzem S, et al. EASL 2011. Abstract 5. 6. Vierling JM, et al. AASLD 2011. Abstract 931.

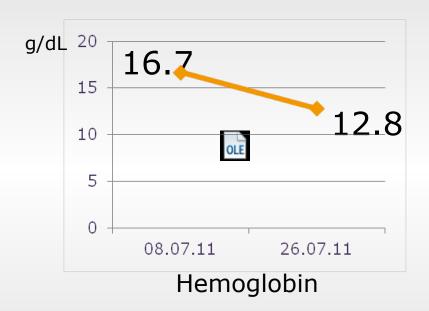
## July 8th, 2011

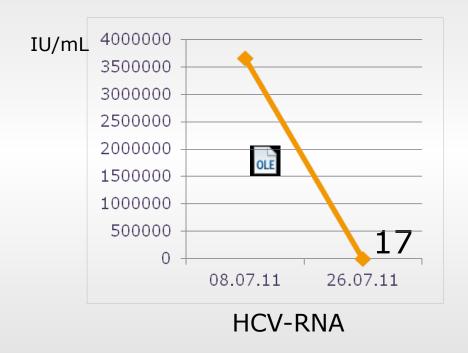
- Henri starts the treatment
  - Pegasys® 180 µg per week
  - Ribavirin 1200 mg per day
  - Telaprevir 750 mg every 8 hours

## July 26th (day 18)

- Fatigue
- Irritability
- Dyspnea

## Blood sample (day 18)





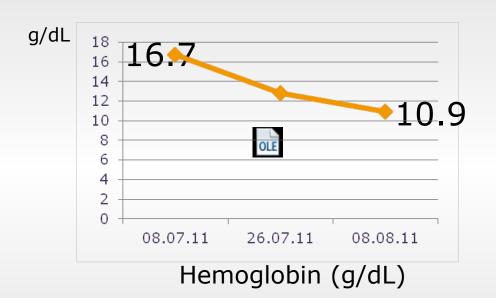
## What is your decision?

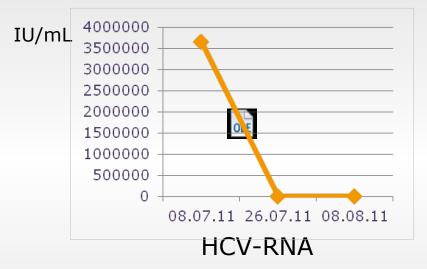
- 1. No change
- 2. Stop Ribavirin
- 3. Decrease Ribavirin dose
- 4. Stop Telaprevir

# No change.... August 8th (week 4)

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Dyspnea
- Diarrhea

### Blood sample at week 4





Neutrophils 1650/mm3 Platelets 109 G/L

## What is your decision?

- 1. No change
- 2. Decrease Ribavirin dose
- 3. EPO (epoetin alfa)
- 4. Stop Telaprevir

#### Henri at week 4

- EPO started
- A week 8
  - Fatigue
  - Dyspnea
  - Cought
  - Anorectal symptoms

Anal pruritus well managed. At week 8

- Rash for 7 days
- Legs and arms





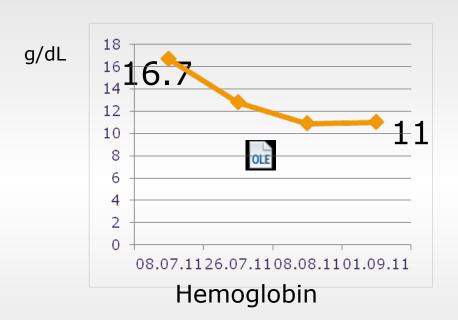
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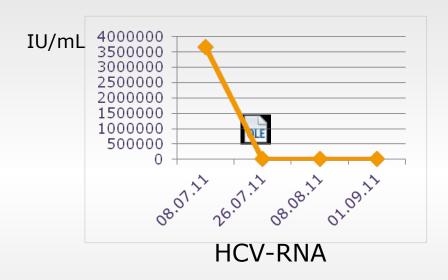
- Stop Telaprevir
- 2. Ask a dermatologist to see him next week
- 3. Emollients, anti-histamines and topical corticosteroids

### Treatment of Henri at week 8

- Emollient
- Topical steroidal ointment: betamethasone
  - Twice daily, 10 days
  - Once daily, 10 days
  - Once every other day, 10 days
- Desloratadine (non-prohibited systemic antihistamine)
- Triple therapy was continued

### At week 8





Neutrophils 2150/mm3 Platelets 166 G/L

# At week 8, Henri is busy....

- PEG-IFN
- Ribavirin
- Telaprevir
- EPO
- Treatment of anal pruritus
- Treatment of rash

# At week 10, emergency....





# Week 10





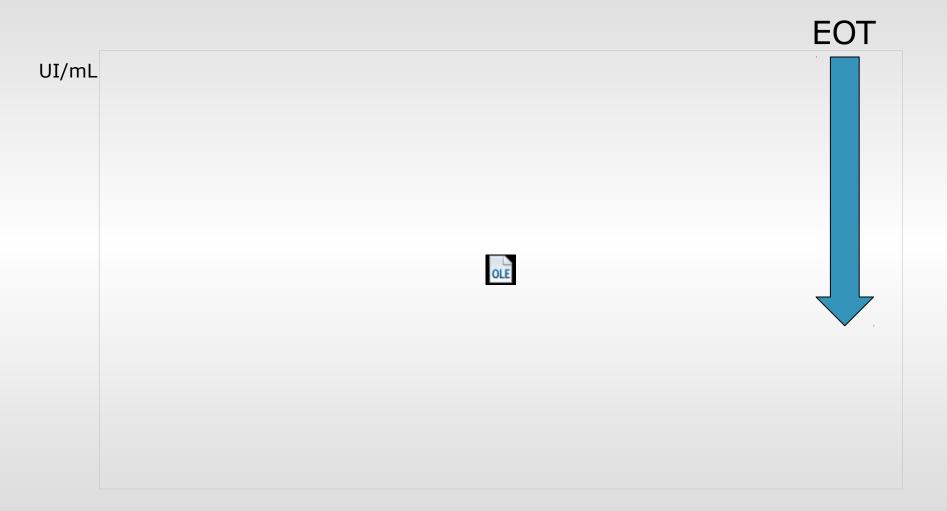
## What do you do?

- 1. Hospitalization in dermatology unit
- 2. Same treatment for rash
- 3. Stop Telaprevir
- 4. Stop Telaprevir and PEG-IFN and Ribavirin

## At week 10, Telaprevir stopped.

- During the follow-up:
  - Resolution of rash
  - Resolution of anal pruritus
  - EPO always needed
- PEG-IFN + ribavirin until 08-Jun-2012

#### **HCV-RNA** evolution



# Henri, end of 2012

- Virological relapse.....
- □ Sofosbuvir is not available....
- Wait... and see!

## Evolution of liver stiffness

kPa

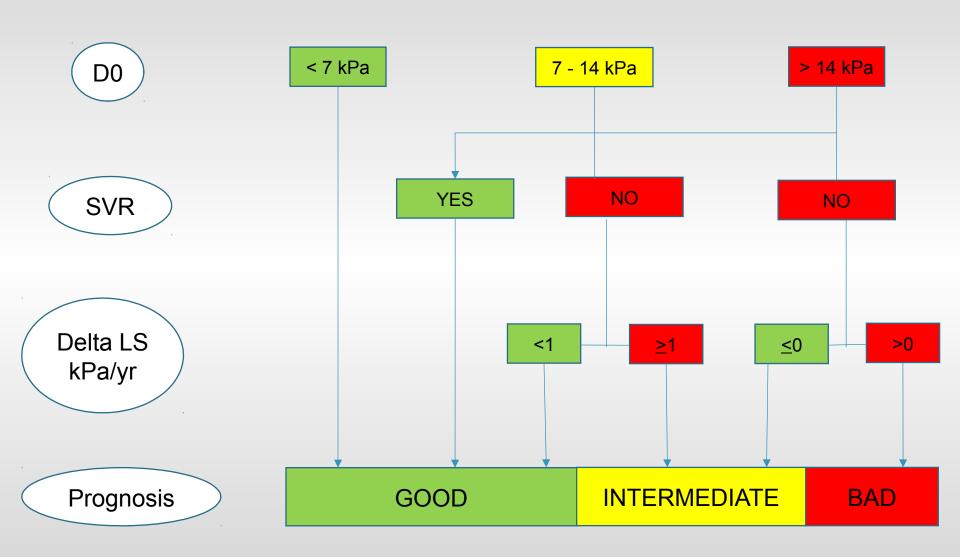
## Henri, oct 2013

- Clinical Trial
- SIRIUS study
- Sofosbuvir + Ledipasvir: 21-Oct-2013 to 07-Apr-2014
- SVR...

# Evolution of liver stiffness

kPa

### Liver stiffness and SVR in HCV patients



# Take home message

- □ Liver stiffness is associated with the severity of cirrhosis
- Liver stiffness offers a mean for rapid discrimination of different steps of progression within the stage of compensated cirrhosis.
- □SVR and no increase of LS are associated with good prognosis

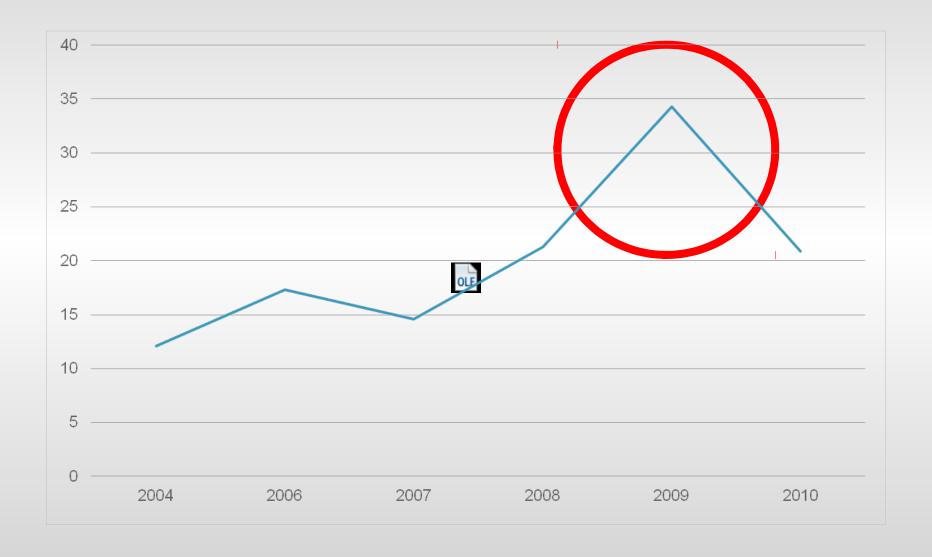
### Case 3. Anne

- □ Birthdate: sept 1945
- □ BMI 33 kg/m²
- HCV infection, Genotype 1b
- Transfusion
- □ Diagnosis: 2004
- No alcohol
- Endoscopy: oesophageal varices 2 (Propranolol)
- □ US: no CHC

### Anne

- □ Treatement PEG-IFN + ribavirin (Jul 2005 Jan 2006)
  - No response
- □ Follow-up using liver stiffness until 2010

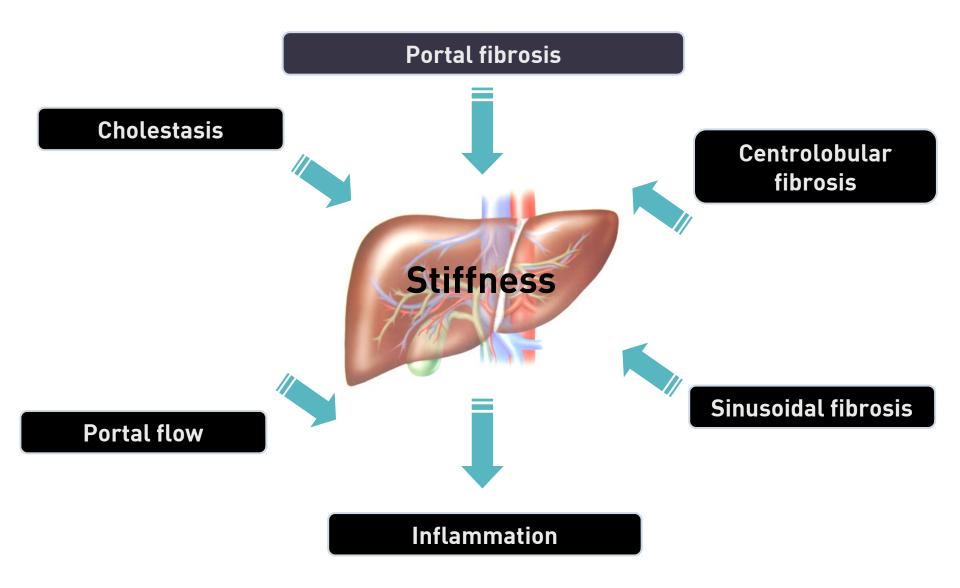
## Anne – Liver stiffness



# Fibroscan interpretation

		LSM (kPa)		
		< 7.1	7.1 – 12.5	≥ 12.5
IQR/LSM	≤ 0.10	Excellent		
	0.10 - 0,30	Moderate		
	> 0.30	Bad		

#### Factors associated with Liver Stiffness



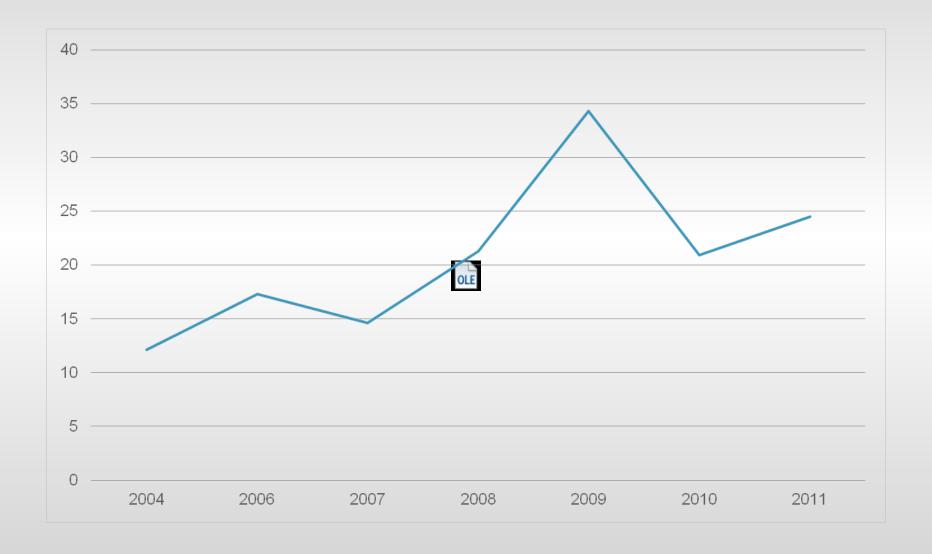
## Anne

- □ Sept 2010: HCC 3 cm
  - Treatment by radiofrequency

### Anne – 2nd treatment

- Child B cirrhosis
- PEG-IFN + ribavirin (18-Mar-2011 to 28-Apr-2011)
- Then Boceprevir added
- Intolerance to treatement
- Stop treatment 07-May-2011
- November 2011 : new nodule 13 mm
- AFP: 18 ng/mL
- Waiting for liver transplantation

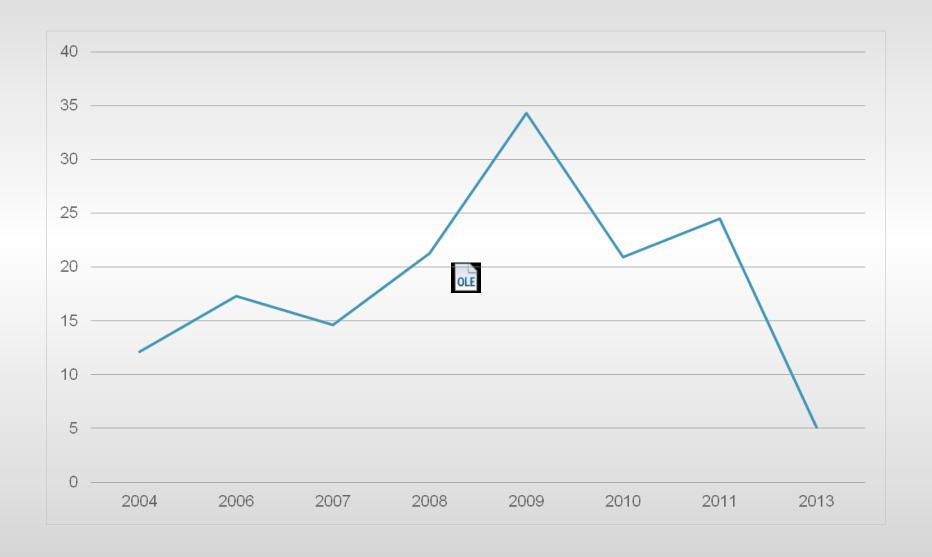
## Anne – Liver stiffness



## Anne – Liver transplantation 11-Nov-2011

- Treatment
  - Tacrolimus
  - Mycophenolate
  - Hypertension treatment

## Anne – Liver stiffness

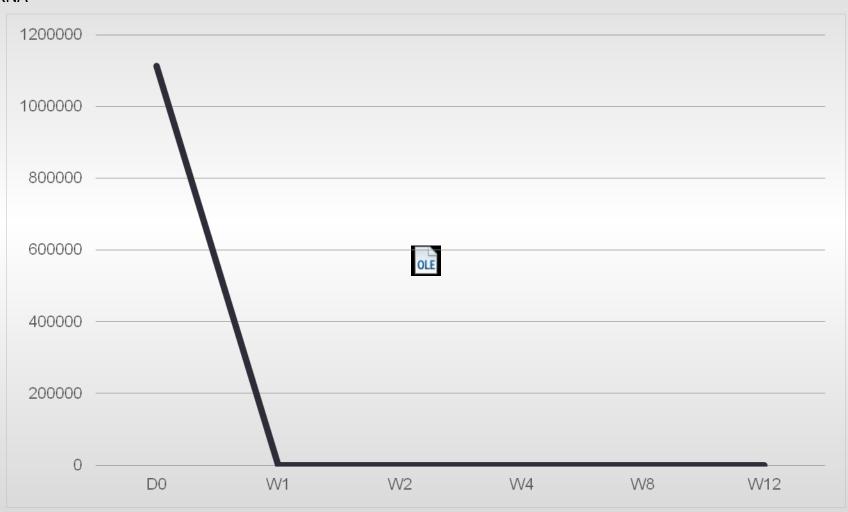


### Anne – 3rd treatment

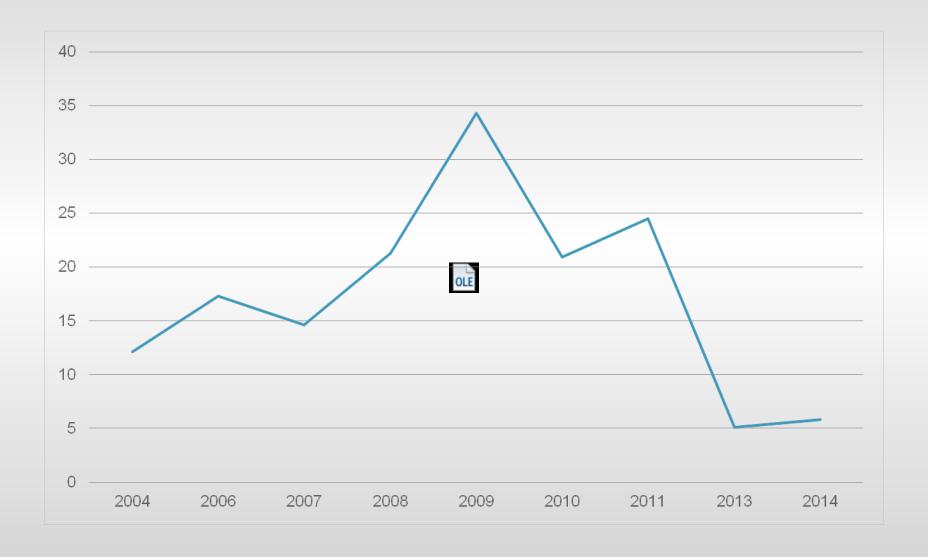
- HCV recurrence after liver transplantation
- Sofosbuvir + Daclatasvir
  - 23-Sep-2014 to 16-Dec-2014

## Anne – Viral load with SOF-DCV





## Anne – Liver stiffness



# Anne – Follow-up...

□ FU4 scheduled on 13-Jan-2015....

# Take home message

- □ Adequate liver stiffness measurement
  - 10 measurements
  - IQR/LS < 30%
- □ Interaction HCV NASH?

## What the clinician needs to know...

#### Chronic Hepatitis C

- · Cutoffs to know:
  - 7.3 kPa suggests significant fibrosis
  - 12.5 kPa suggests cirrhosis

#### Chronic Hepatitis B

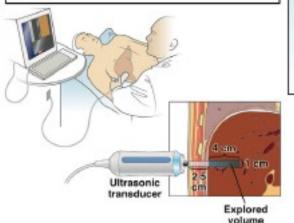
- · Must know: HBV DNA
- · Cutoffs to know:
  - 11.7 kPa suggests cirrhosis
  - If normal ALT: consider treating at 9.0 kPa

#### NAFLD

- · Cutoff to know:
  - 10.3 kPa suggests cirrhosis
- Consider performing CAP assessment
- Consider XL probe for obese patients

#### Transient elastography: what the clinician needs to know

- 1. What is the underlying disease?
- Other evidence of advanced liver disease? (e.g., perform a physical exam and check serological tests for fibrosis)
- 3. What can affect the test?
  - a. Is the patient fasting?
  - b. What is the body mass index?
  - c. What is the burden of inflammation? (e.g., check ALT)
  - d. Is the patient actively drinking alcohol?
  - e, Is there evidence of cholestasis?



#### Alcoholic liver disease

- · Must also know: drinking status
- · Cutoffs to know:
  - 22.7 kPa suggests cirrhosis if drinking
  - 12.5 kPa suggests cirrhosis if abstinent

#### Biliary liver disease

- Must also know: alkaline phosphatases
- · Cutoff to know:
  - 17.9 kPa suggests cirrhosis

#### Portal hypertension in cirrhotic patients

- · Cutoffs to know:
  - 20.0 kPa suggests HVPG ≥ 10
  - 50.7 kPa suggests high risk of variceal bleeding

### **Thanks**

