



# Working Luncheon: How to optimize treatment in G4 patients? Treatment

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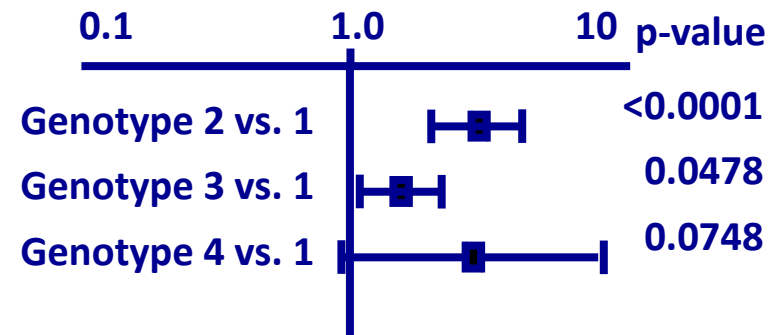
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# Background

- G4 considered “*difficult to treat*” with PEG-RBV
- Response was better than G1, less than G2&3
- With G1 effective DAAs, G4 became the “*most difficult to treat*”
- SOF approval for G4 changing outcome

Genotype 2, low VL	90%
Genotype 2, high VL	↑
Genotype 3, low VL	
Genotype 3, high VL	
Genotype 4, VL (?)	
Genotype 1, low VL	
Genotype 1, high VL	



# Outline

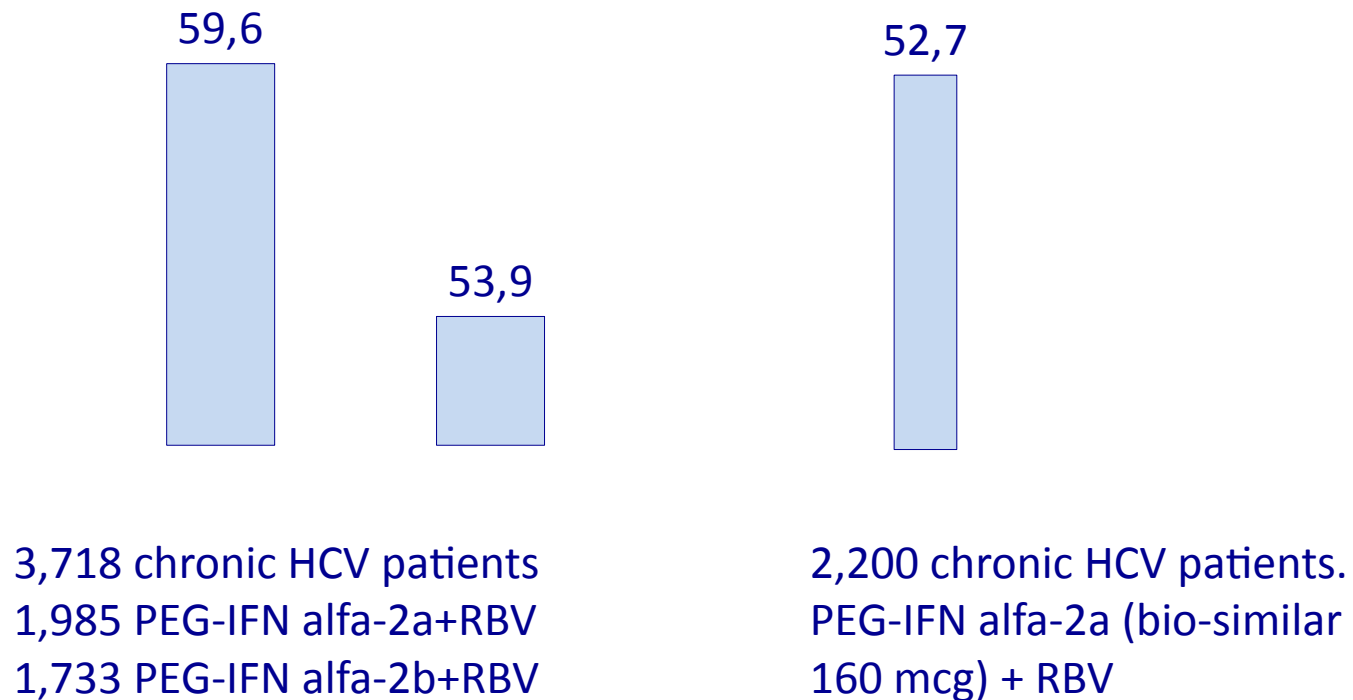
- Current status of therapy and predictors of response to PEG-RBV
- Response guided therapy?
- Can we improve outcome of PEG-RBV therapy?  
NTX, Vit D
- Direct acting antivirals



# G4 Real Life Response to PEG-RBV

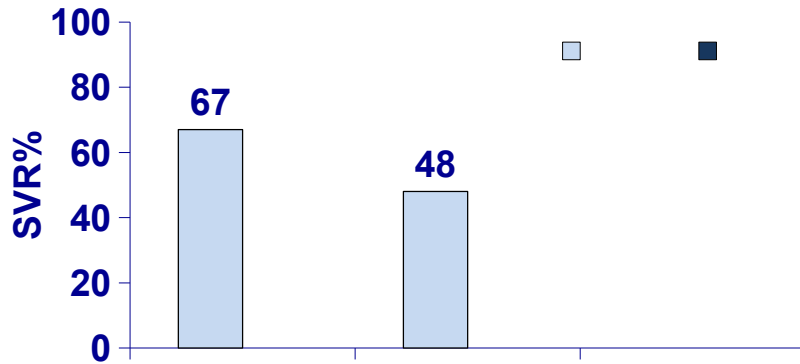
Egypt treatment program:

- MOH: 50-60,000/year since 2006
- HIO: ~5,000/ year since 2009
- ~350,000 treated patients in 6 years

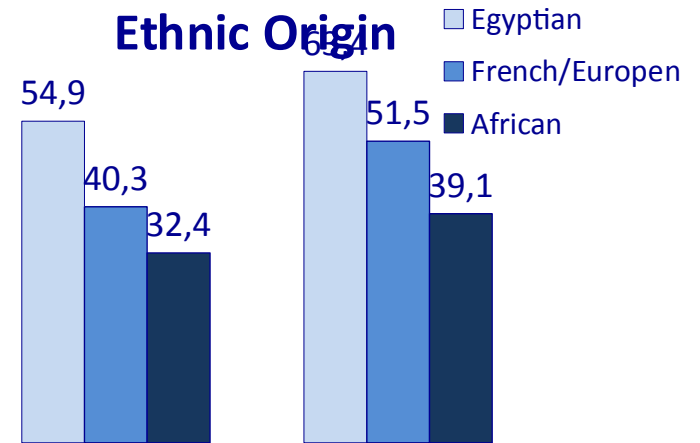


# G4 Predictors of Response to PEG-RBV

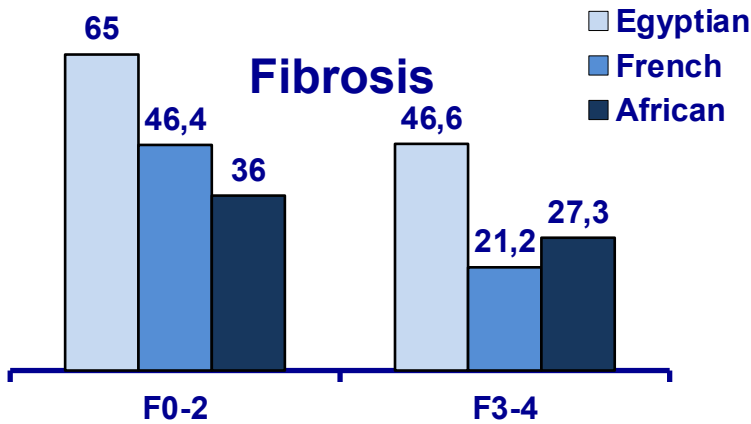
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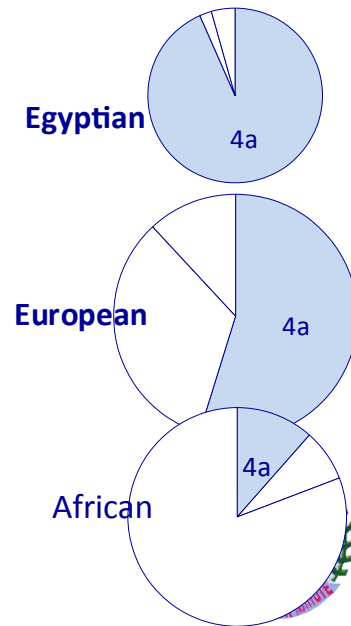
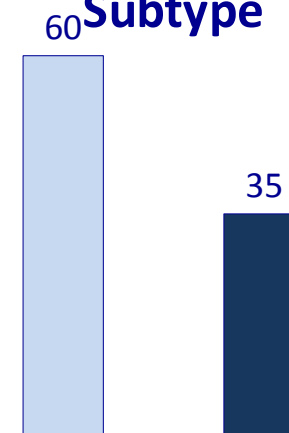
## Ethnic Origin



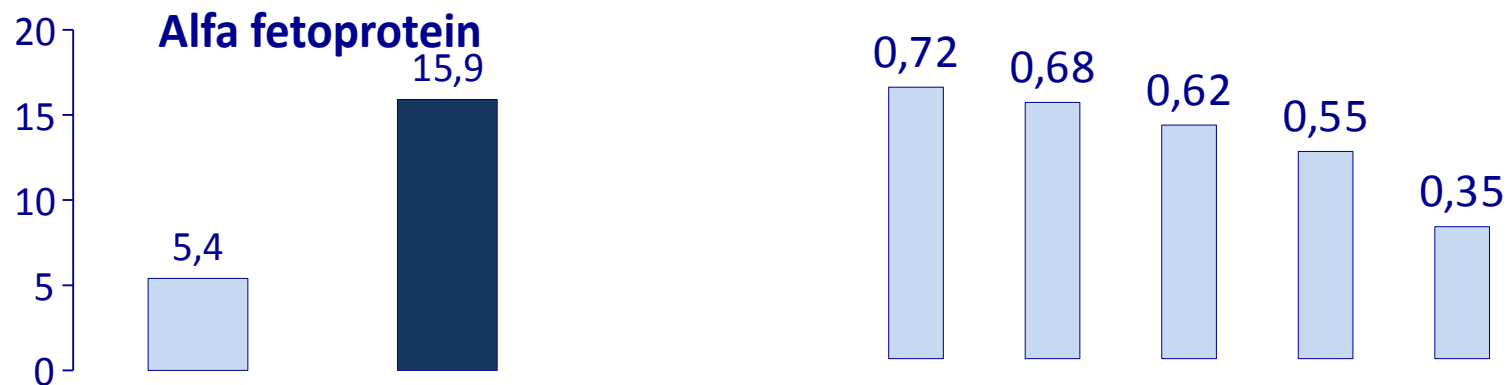
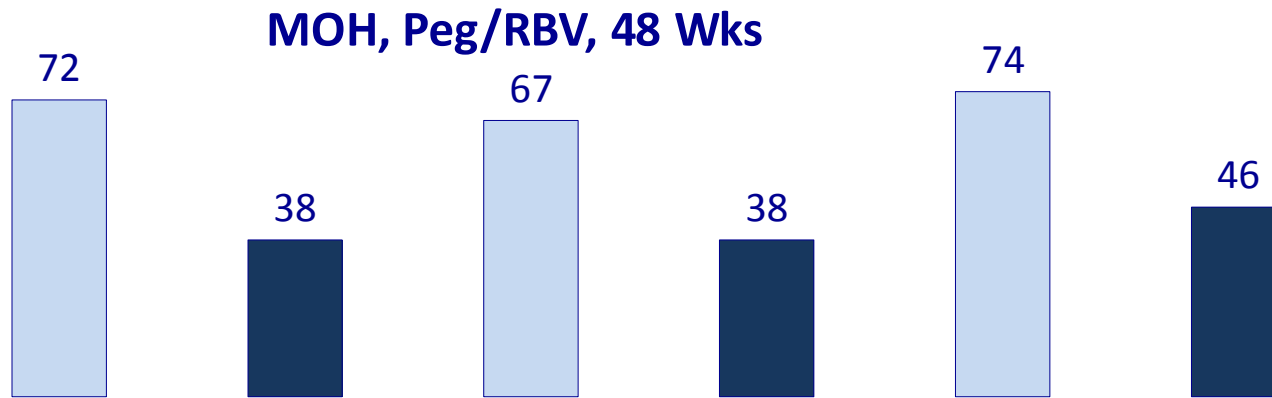
## Fibrosis



## Subtype

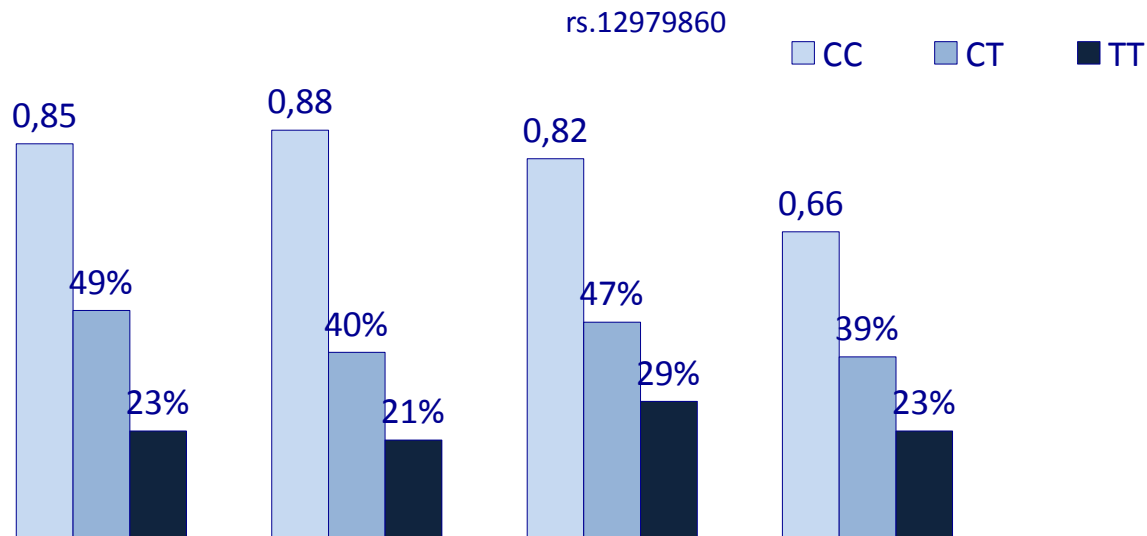


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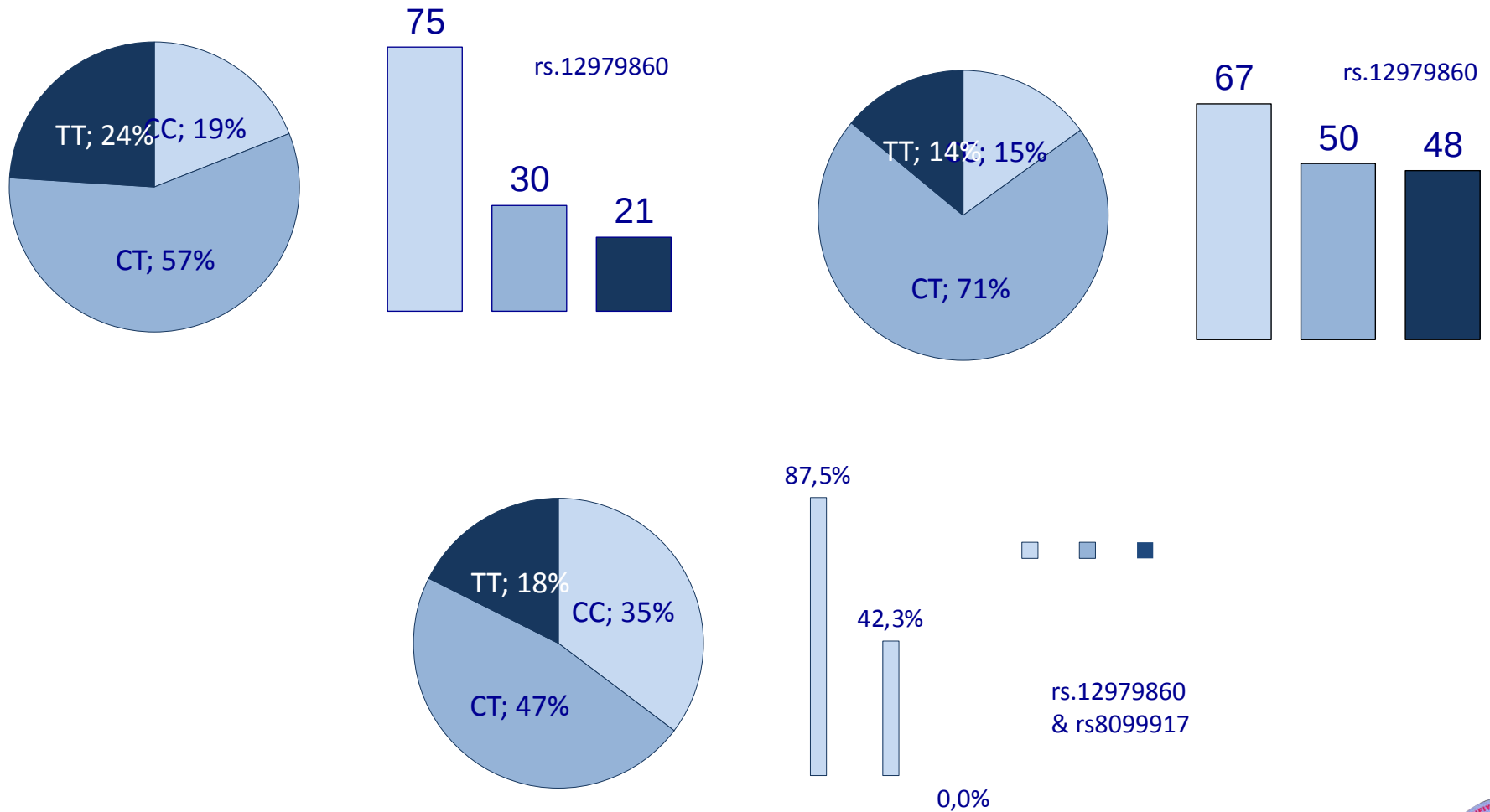
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## IL28B genotype



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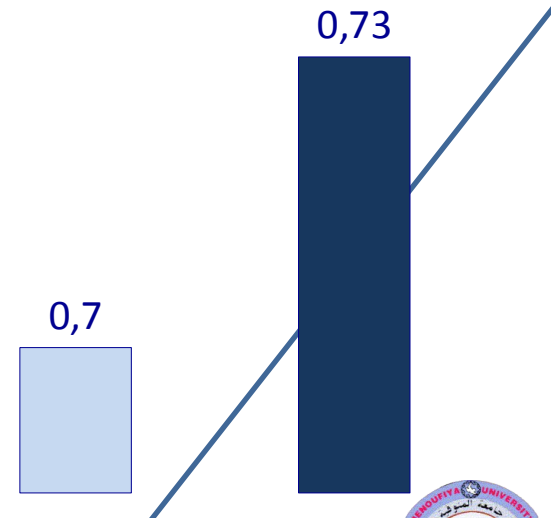
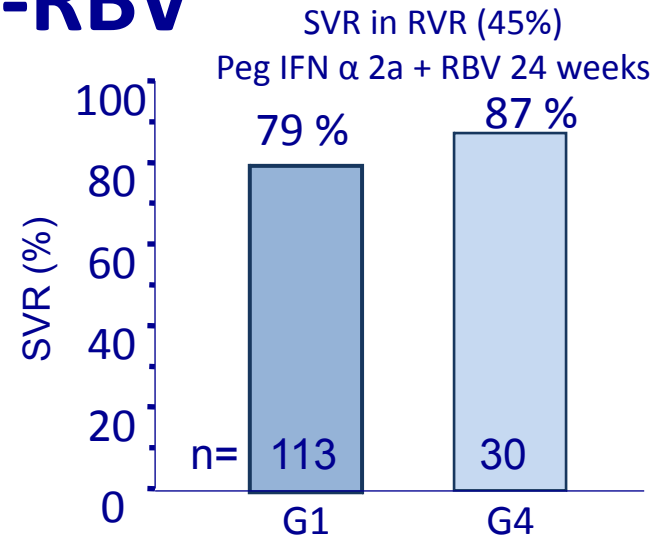
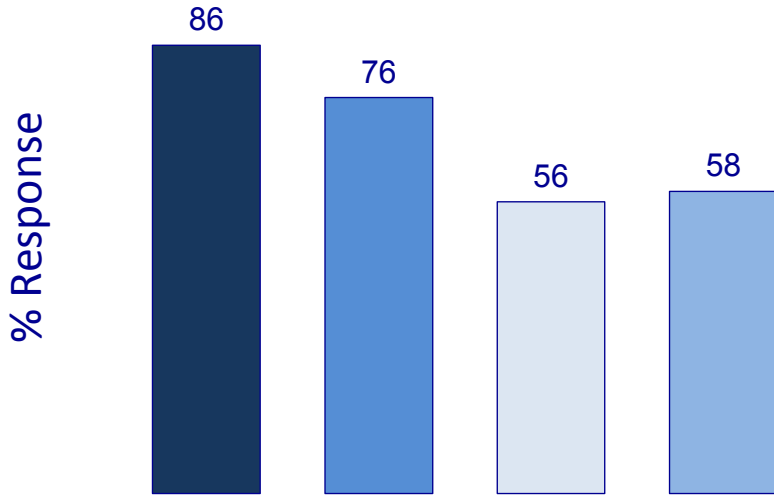
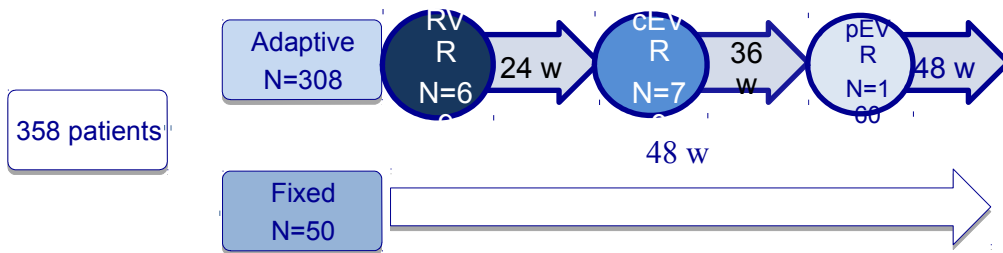
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# Response Guided Therapy in G4 treated with PEG-RBV

RVR, EVR guide for length of therapy



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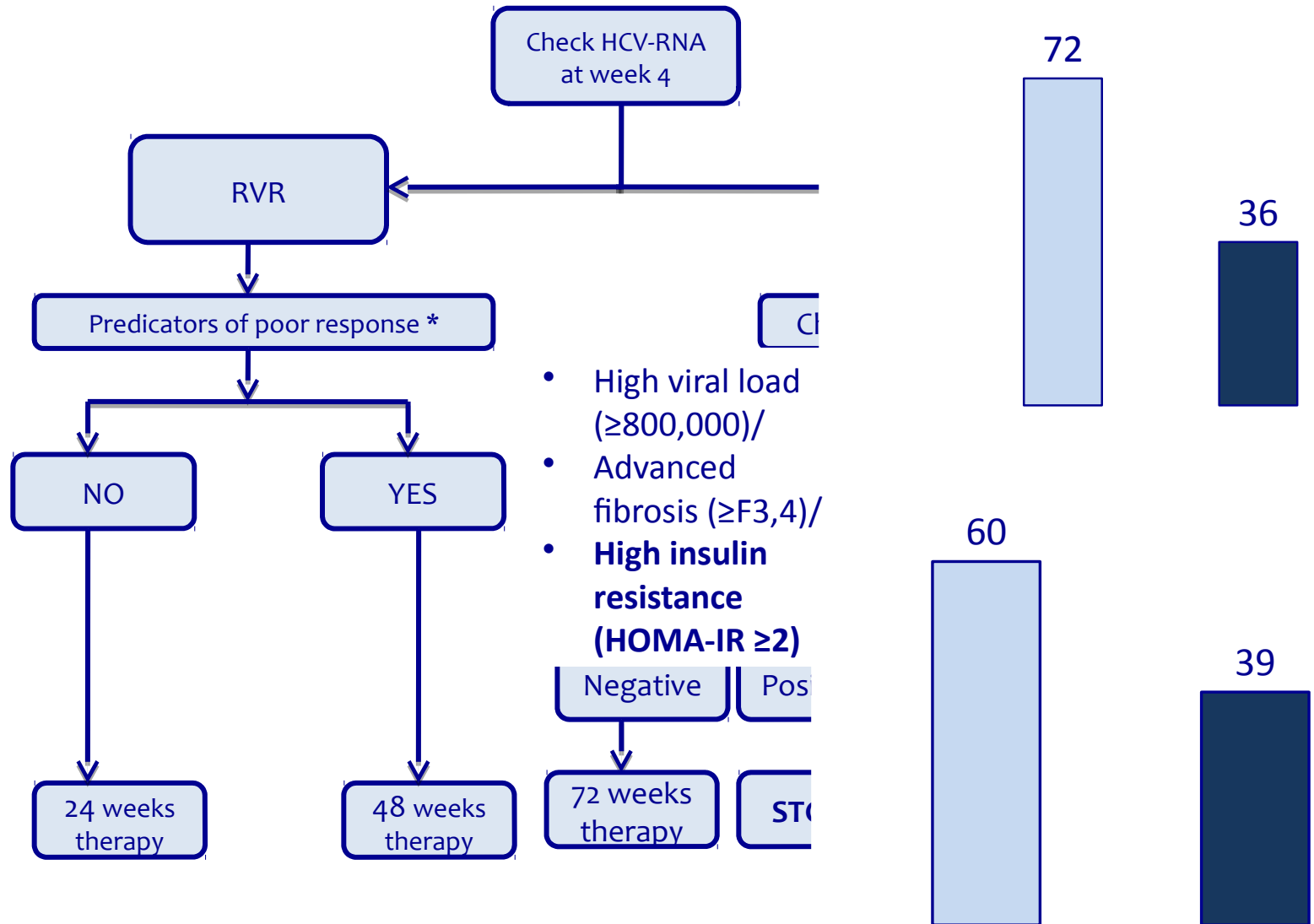
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Pts with low viral load (<600,000 IU/ml), no cirrhosis, RVR: 85%, 24 vs 48 wks



# International Expert Panel Algorithm

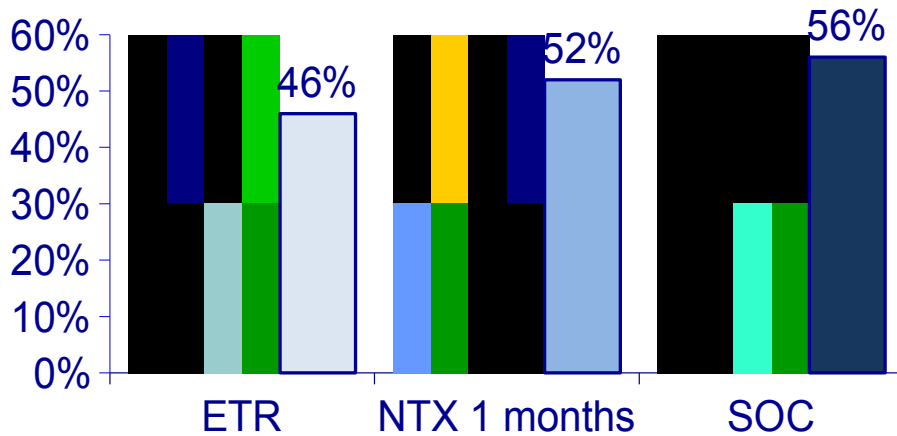


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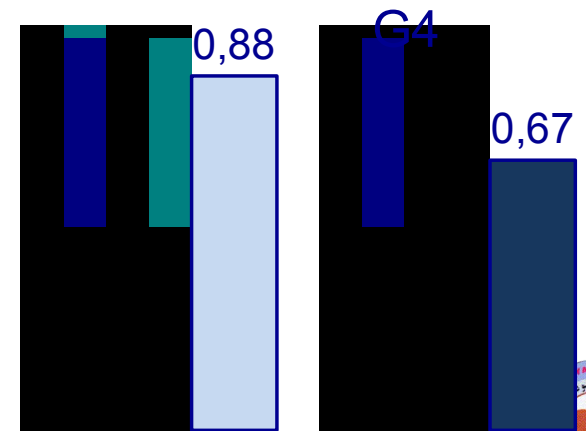
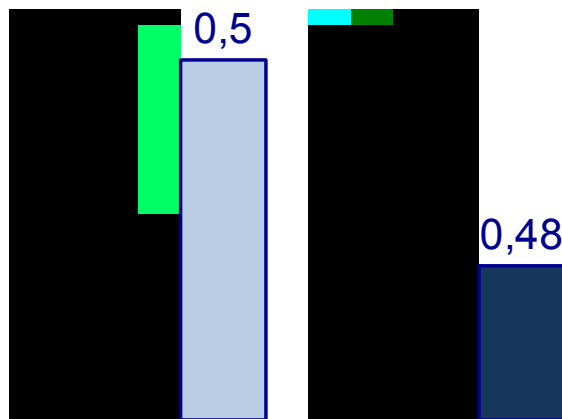
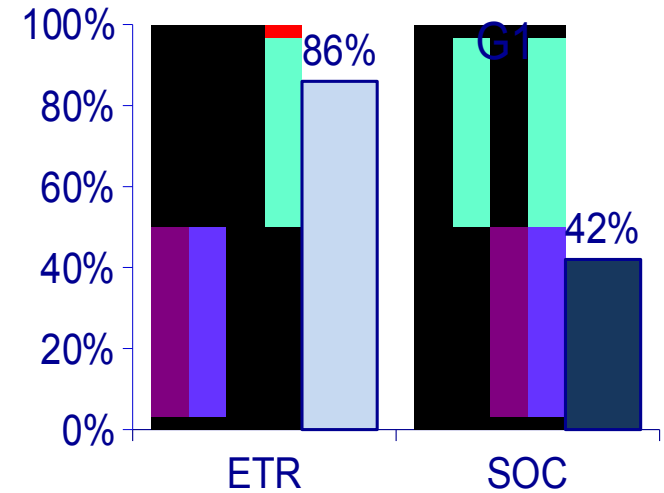


# Improving on Current Therapy

## NTX

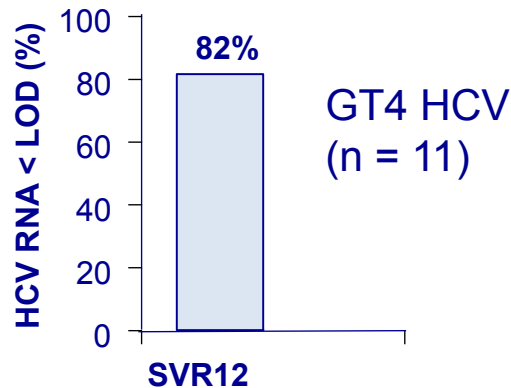


## Vit D



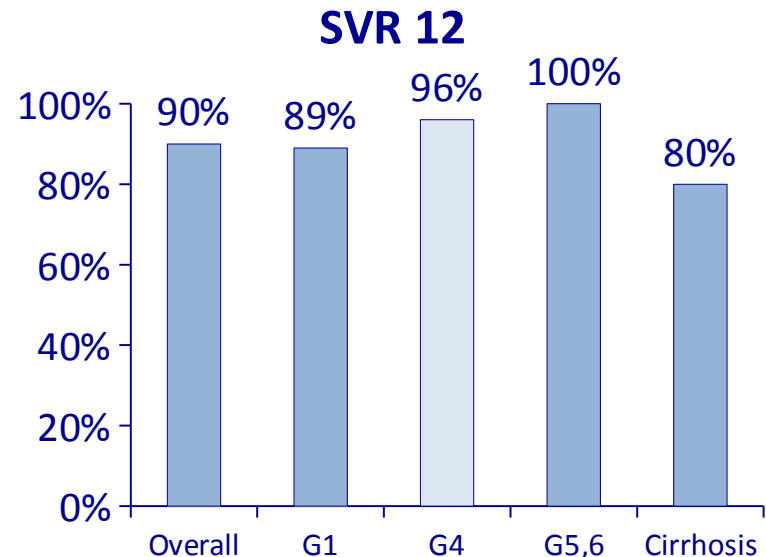
# Direct Acting Antivirals for G4 2nd Generation: Triple Therapy Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) + Peg/RBV

## Phase II, ATOMIC



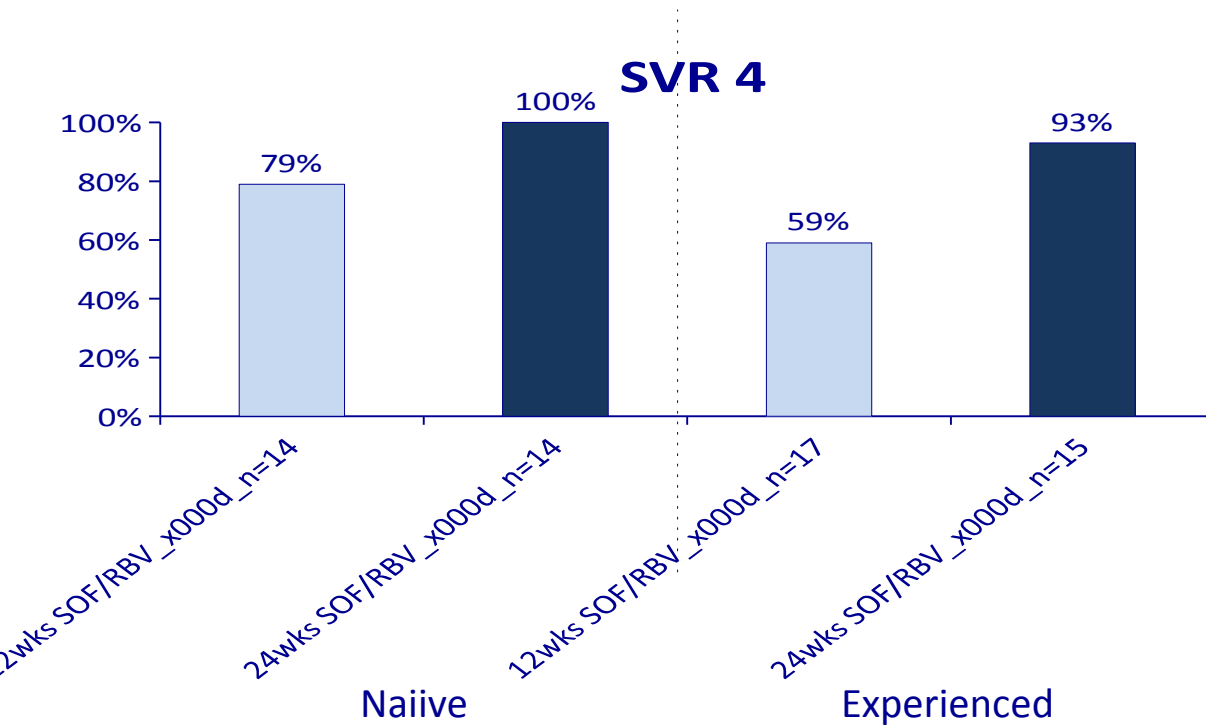
- 11/11 patients with genotype 4 HCV achieved RVR and EOT response
  - 2 LTFU without posttreatment data
- No relapse after SVR12 in either group

## Phase III, NEUTRINO



- 12 wks SOF 400 mg QD+ PEG-RBV
- 291 (89%) genotype 1
- 28 (7%) G4, 7 (2%) G5,or6

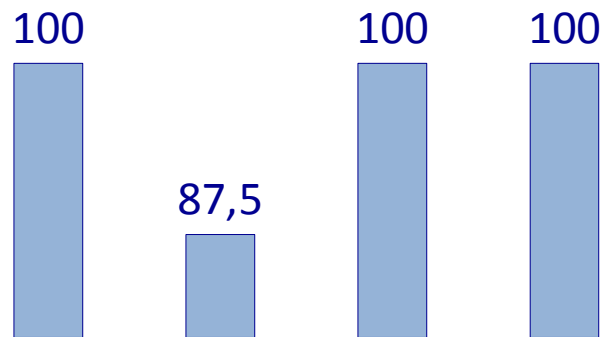
# Direct Acting Antivirals for G4 2nd Generation: Interferon Free Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) + RBV



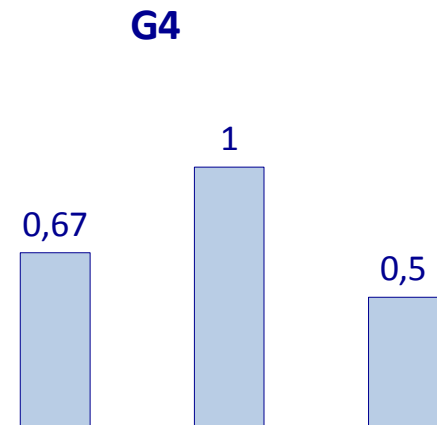
- IFN Free study in Egypt:
- 12 vs 24 wks SOF+RBV
  - Naive and experienced
  - LPLD in 2/2014
  - SVR 12 expected in 5/2014

# Direct Acting Antivirals for G4 2nd Generation: Phase II

**Danoprevir/ritonavir + Peg/RBV**  
Naïve, Phase II, DAUPHINE



**Daclatasvir + Peg/RBV**  
Naïve, Phase II, Command 1



- **ABT 450/r + ABT267 ± RBV: Pearl I: G4**
- **SMV + PRG/RBV (RESTORE) SVR4~90% in Naïve & Relapsers**
- **SMV + Samatasvir (IDX719) + RBV (Helix) ~80% in G1 and 4**



# Conclusions

- Patient selection can identify G4 patients with high possibility of cure (~80%)
  - Low viremia, low fibrosis
  - IL-28B CC
  - Low HOMA score
- RVR can select patients for shorter therapy
- Vit D can further increase response?
- DAA effective, will not be immediately available for all G4 patients everywhere
- In Egypt: cost of treatment for with PEG-IFN-RBV
  - <€1,500 per patient
- MOH budget for HCV: €70Million
  - 50,000 patients with IFN-RBV, 60% completing therapy
  - 50-55% SVR (25,000 SVR)
  - 2nd Generation DAAs: 3 months therapy: €50-70,000
  - ~1,000 patients with 2nd generation DAAs



# Case 1

- 26 Y male, HCV+ve on pre-employment
- Transfused at age 3 for hemolysis due to G6PD deficiency
  - ALT normal
  - RNA 2,500,000 IU/ml
  - G4d
  - Fibroscan 5 KPa
  - Bx A1F1
  - IL-28 TT





# Case 1

- Decision:
  - Treat Now?
  - FU and Wait for 2nd generation DAA
- What are his chances of achieving SVR with PEG/RBV therapy?
  - 15%
  - 25%
  - 40%
- Treated PEG/RBV 48 wks, EVR, ETR, relapsed
- What will be his chances of SVR with all oral combo:
  - 50%
  - 85%
  - 100%
- What is his risk of progressing to advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis (F3-4) in the next 5 years?



# Case 2

- 32 Y female, HCV+ve on travel check-up
- Transfused for PP-Hge 5 years earlier
  - ALT normal
  - RNA 400,000 IU/ml
  - G4a
  - Fibroscan 6 KPa
  - Bx A0F1
  - IL-28 CC



# Case 2

- Decision:
  - Treat Now?
  - FU and Wait for 2nd generation DAA
- What are her chances of achieving SVR with PEG/RBV therapy?
  - 25%
  - 55%
  - 80%
- Treated PEG/RBV
  - RVR
  - Continue 24 wks or 48 wks?
  - Continued for 48 wks, RBV dose reduction, EPO, SVR
  - What would have been her chances of achieving SVR with G4 effective all oral combo therapy?



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Thank You

