



Why don't I treat my patients with mild hepatitis

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Links of interest

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Abbvie, BMS, Gilead, Janssen, MSD

DAAs available in France



EASL recommendations in 2015



« Because not every HCV-infected patient can be treated within the next year or so, prioritization is necessary »

« The timing and the nature of therapy for patients with minimal or no fibrosis (METAVIR score F0-F1) and no severe extra-hepatic manifestation is debatable, and informed deferral can be considered »

EASL recommandations on treatment of chronic hepatitis C. J Hepatol 2015;63:199-236

French guidelines in 2015



« Based on the prioritisation approach, treatment should be proposed to patients with at least moderate fibrosis (F2 or F3 or F4 according to METAVIR score »

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The value of liver stiffness measurement predicts survival in HCV patients



Prognosis according to liver stiffness measurement and SVR in HCV patients



HCV genotype 3 infection is associated with rapid fibrosis progression

Progression to Fibrosis Stage F3-F4



Infected

Markov modeling of biopsies and genotypes in 1189 patients from the Swiss Hepatitis C Cohort Study

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Evolution of patient management with DAAs during the last 2 years in practice

Man 54 years old HCV GT 1b Treatment-naïve Mild disease FS: 5.8 kPa HCV RNA: 6.1 log IU/mL

Let's look at how treatment options have during this period











Efficacy of 3D-Abbvie without RBV for 12 weeks in GT1 patients without cirhosis





3D without RBV for 12 weeks is recommended for GT1b patients without cirrhosis



HCV-TARGET real-world cohort: SOF/LDV for 8 or 12 weeks in treatment-naïve, non-cirrhotic GT1 patients



Efficacy of SOF/VEL/GS-9857 for 4 or 6 weeks in GT1 patients



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Modeling of the prevalence of HCV infection in France





Years

*Requested by French national report Daniel Dhumeaux

By courtesy of Françoise Roudot-Thoraval

In summary

•The first step is to prioritise access to antiviral treatment according to severity of fibrosis, the risk of progression to more advanced disease and the presence of severe extra-hepatic manifestations related to HCV

 Antiviral treatment can be deferred in patients with mild disease, except in genotype 3 patients

- Excellent short-term prognosis
- Optimisation of the antiviral regimen (short duration, simplification, etc...)
- Sequential decrease of the cost of the therapy (save money, more patients treated)

•However, universal access to treatment is a short-term objective with the aim of eradicating the hepatitis C epidemic in the next future