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**LUNCH WORKSHOP**  
30th January from 12:30 to 14:30  
**Future therapies for HBV and  
HDV:  
What can we expect?**

# **What can the challenges we face? HBV: Long term NUC treatment**

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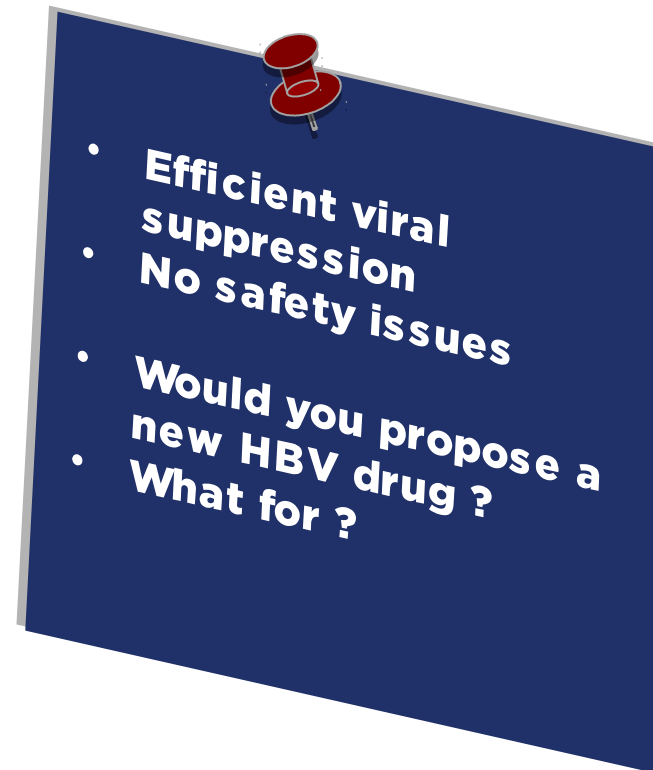
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- Efficient viral suppression
- No safety issues
- Would you propose a new HBV drug ?
- What for ?

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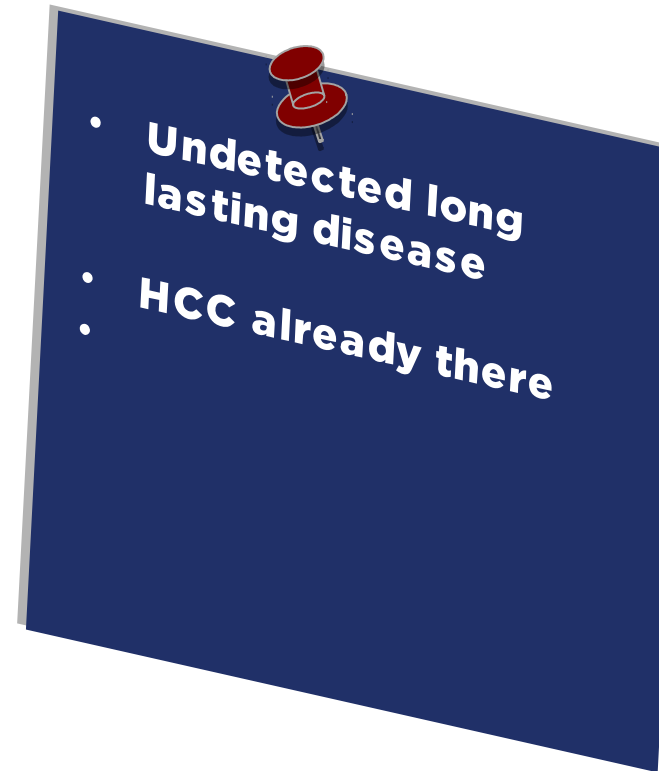
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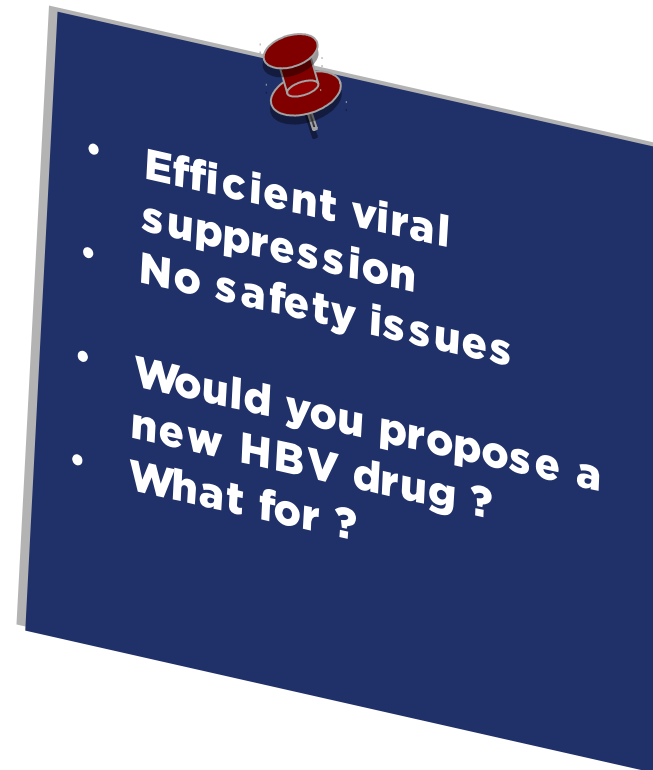
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Mr G, 48 years old, caucasian

No medical history except a major depression in 1984

Dec-1999 : diagnosis of **chronic hepatitis B**

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## Biochemistry:

- ALT : 256 IU/mL

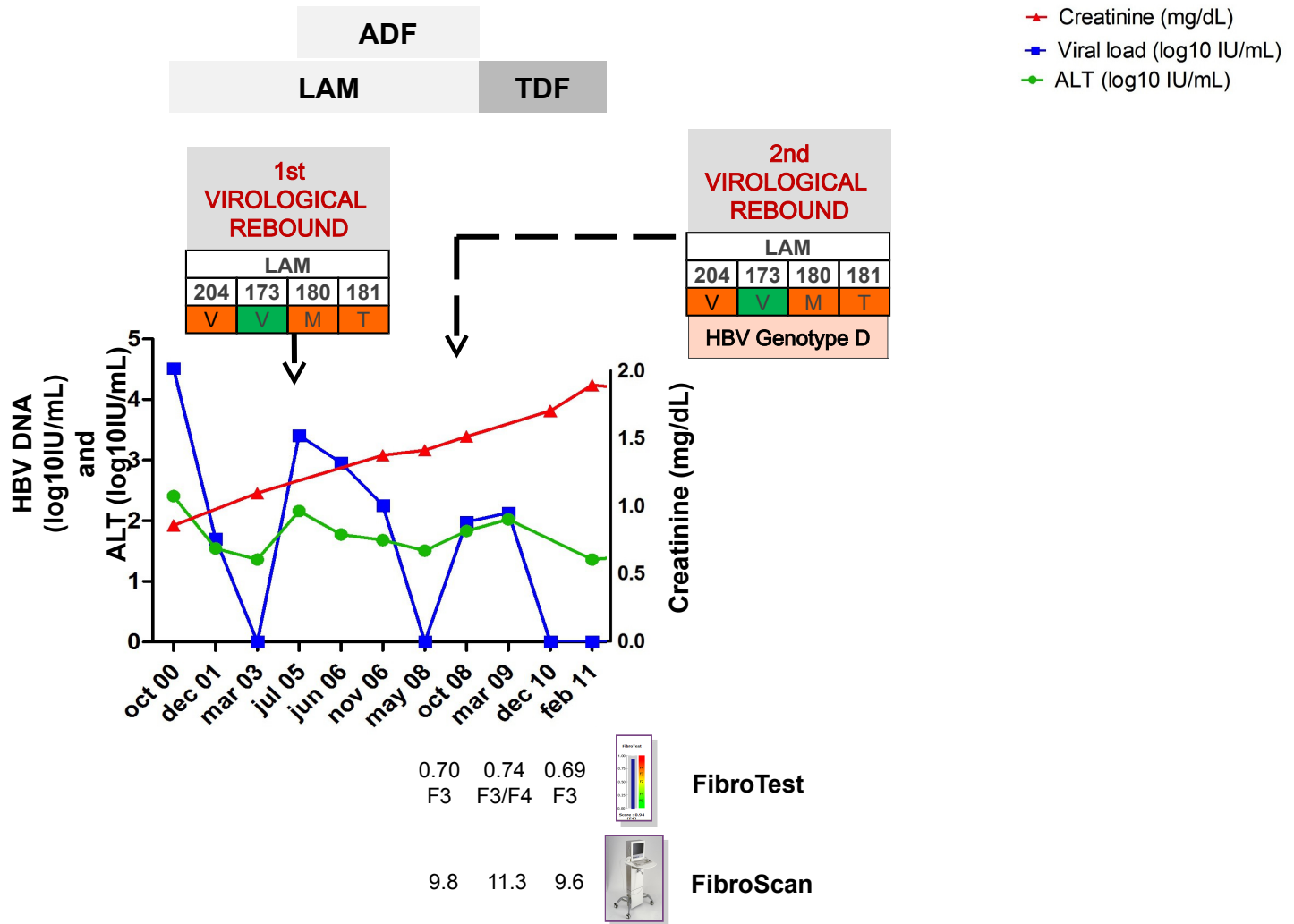
Jan-2000: **Liver biopsy**

Metavir score : stage F3, grade A2

## **Indication of treatment**

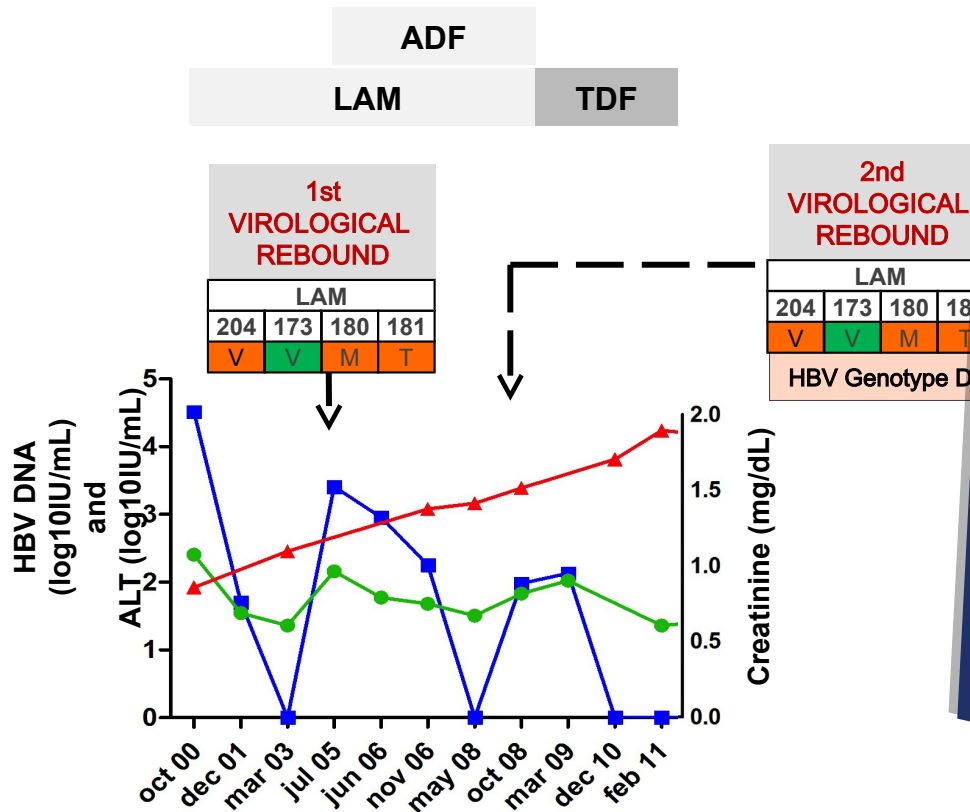
Feb-2000 : Start lamivudine

# Virological and Biochemical Follow-up:





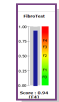
# Virological and Biochemical Follow-up:



**Virological rebounds and treatment adaptation**

**Progressive renal insufficiency**

0.70 0.74 0.69  
F3 F3/F4 F3



**FibroTest**

9.8 11.3 9.6



**FibroScan**

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• **C - Stop tenofovir and switch to entecavir 1 mg/day (adjusted to GFR)**

- Renal tubular toxicity → stop TDV and ADV
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  - The only option (at that time) is « double dose » ETV : 1 mg/d

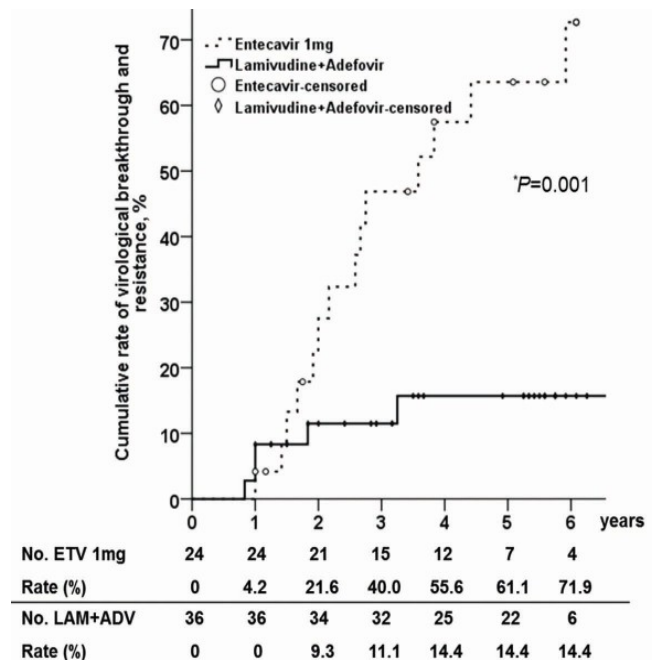
## ETV (1 mg) therapy for LAM R patients

- 286 patients treated with ETV 1 mg (n: 141) or continued LAM 100 mg (n:145).
- 77 ETV patients → 96 weeks
  - HBV DNA < 300 copies/ml: 40%
  - HBe seroconversion: 10%
  - ETV resistance: 6/77 patients

Sherman M. Hepatology 2008; 48: 99-108

## Long-term outcomes of two rescue therapies in LAM-R Pts: combined lamivudine and adefovir and 1 mg entecavir

Cumulative rate of virologic breakthrough and resistance



Ze EY et al; Clinical and Molecular Hepatology 2014; 20:267-73

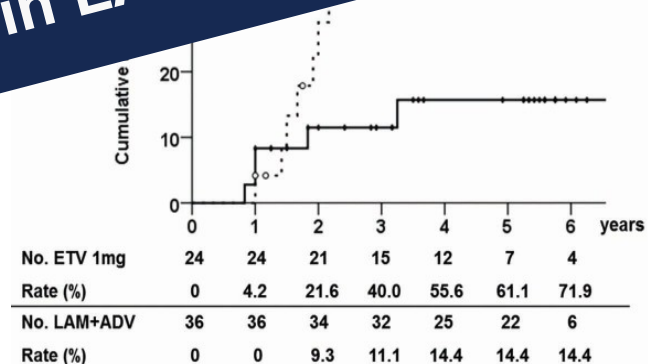
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**ETV monotherapy improves renal function in patients developing renal side effects during long-term TDF treatment without compromising virological response: a multicenter real-life study in 103 patients**

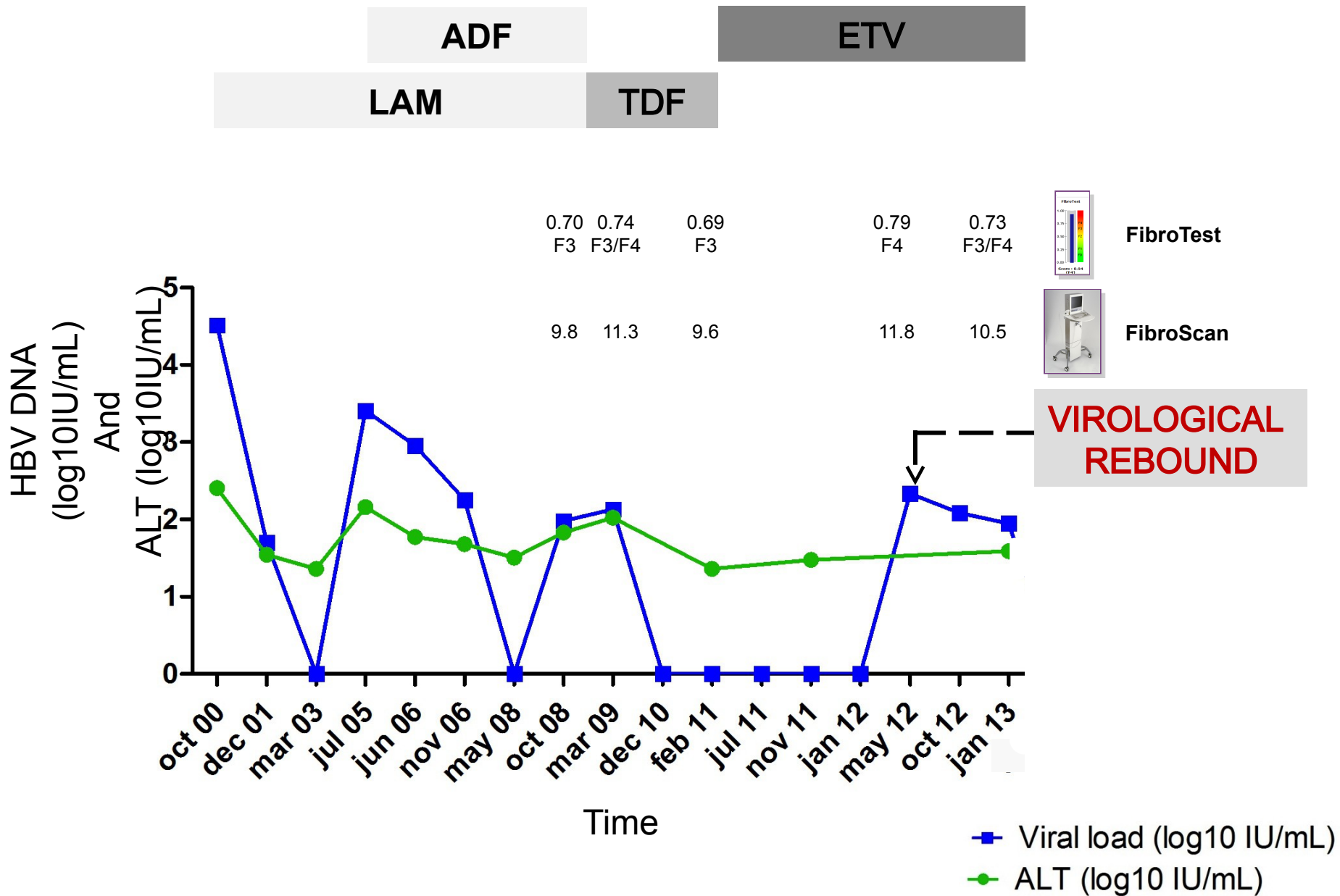
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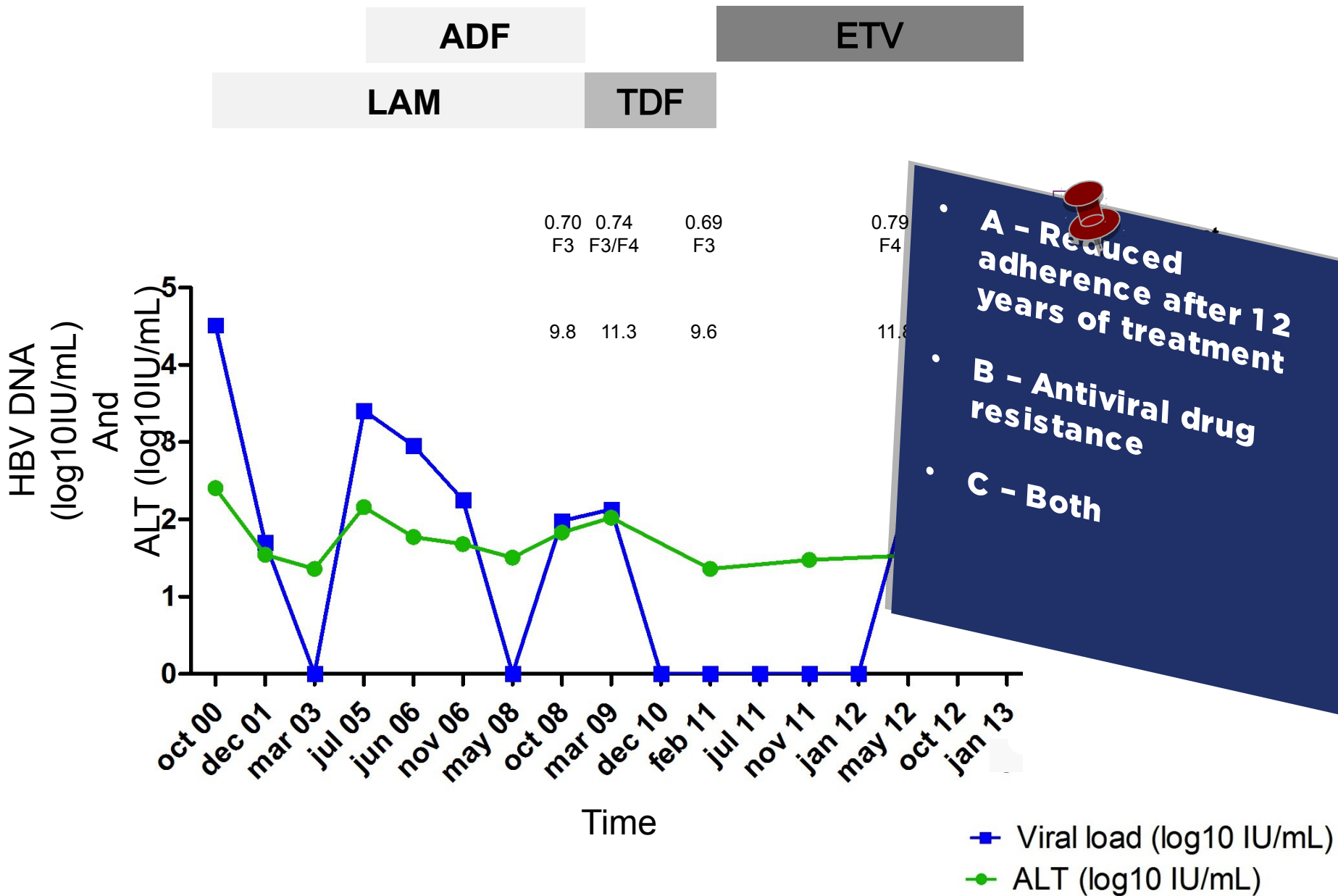
..... but 8% ETV-R in LAM-R group



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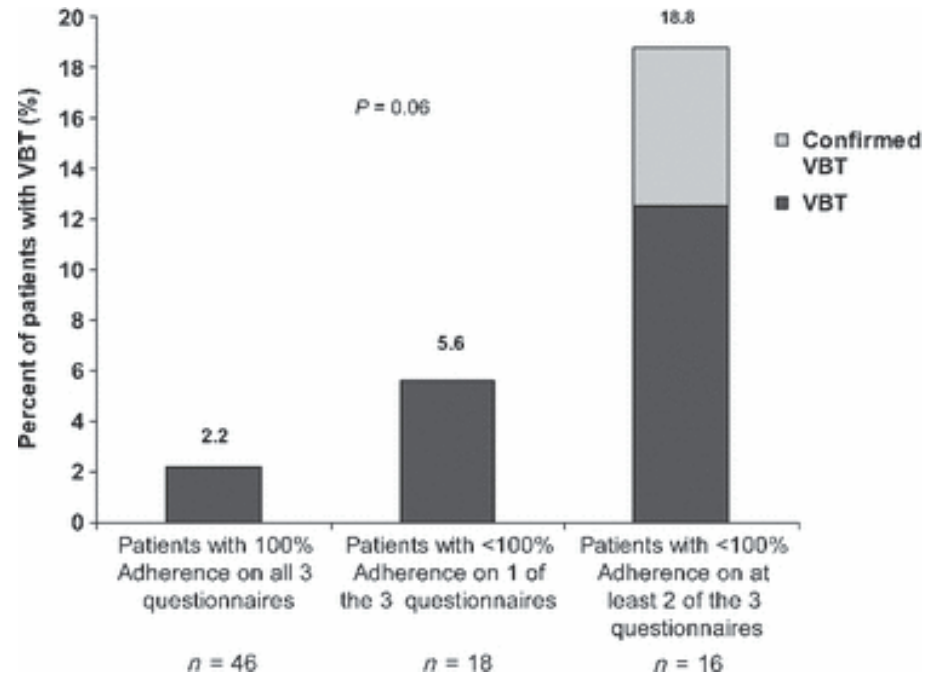
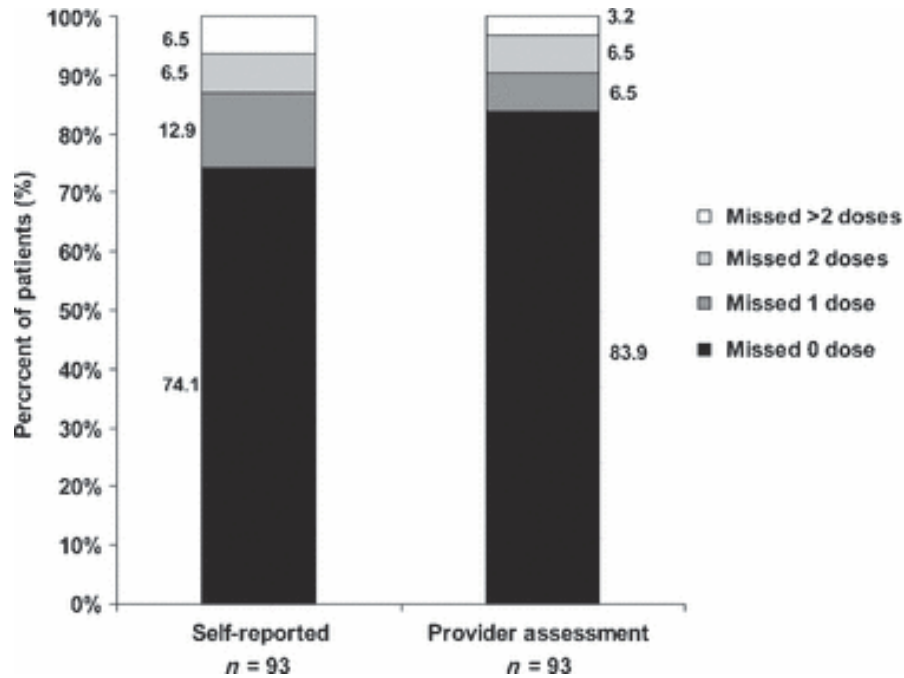


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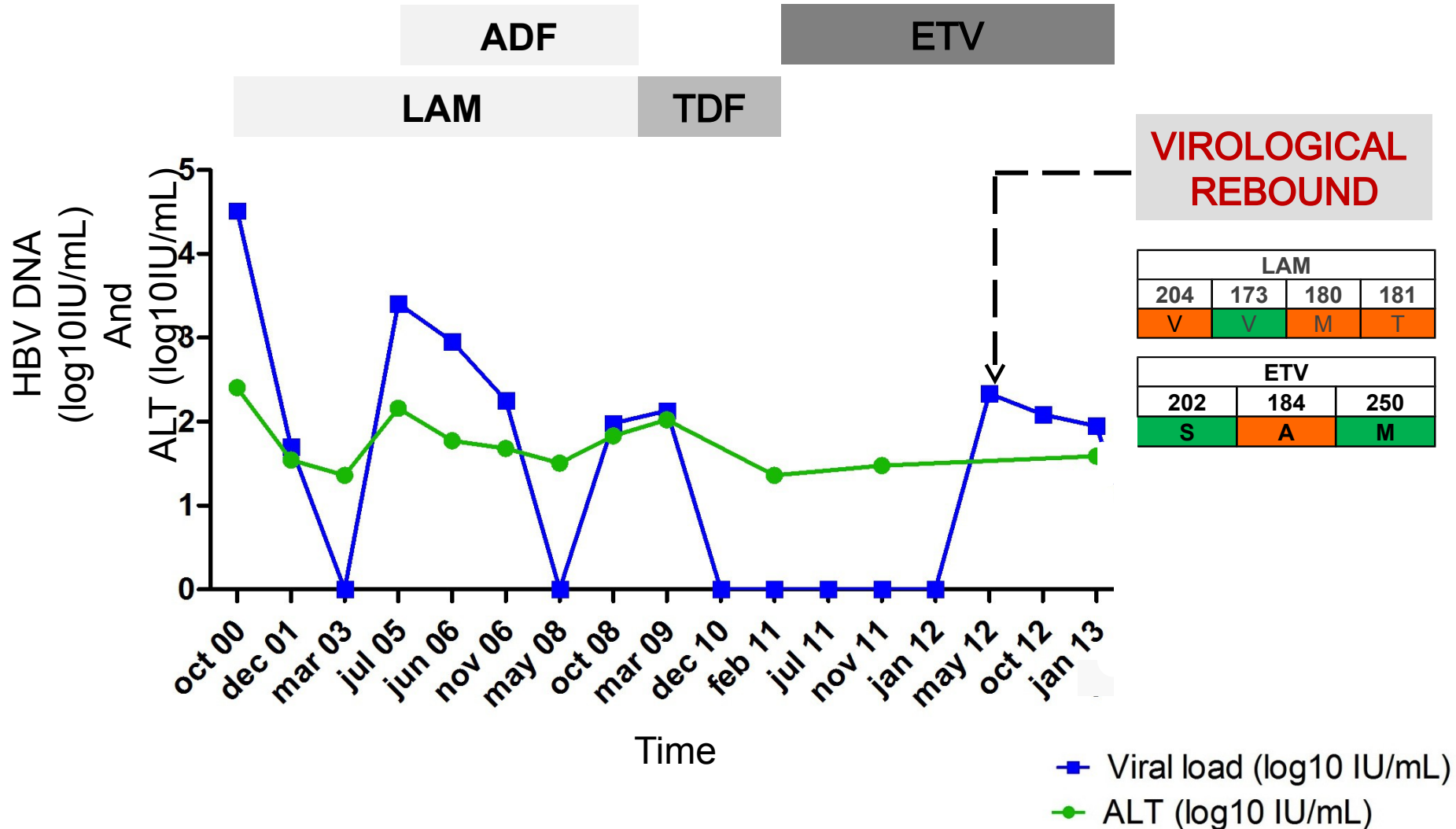




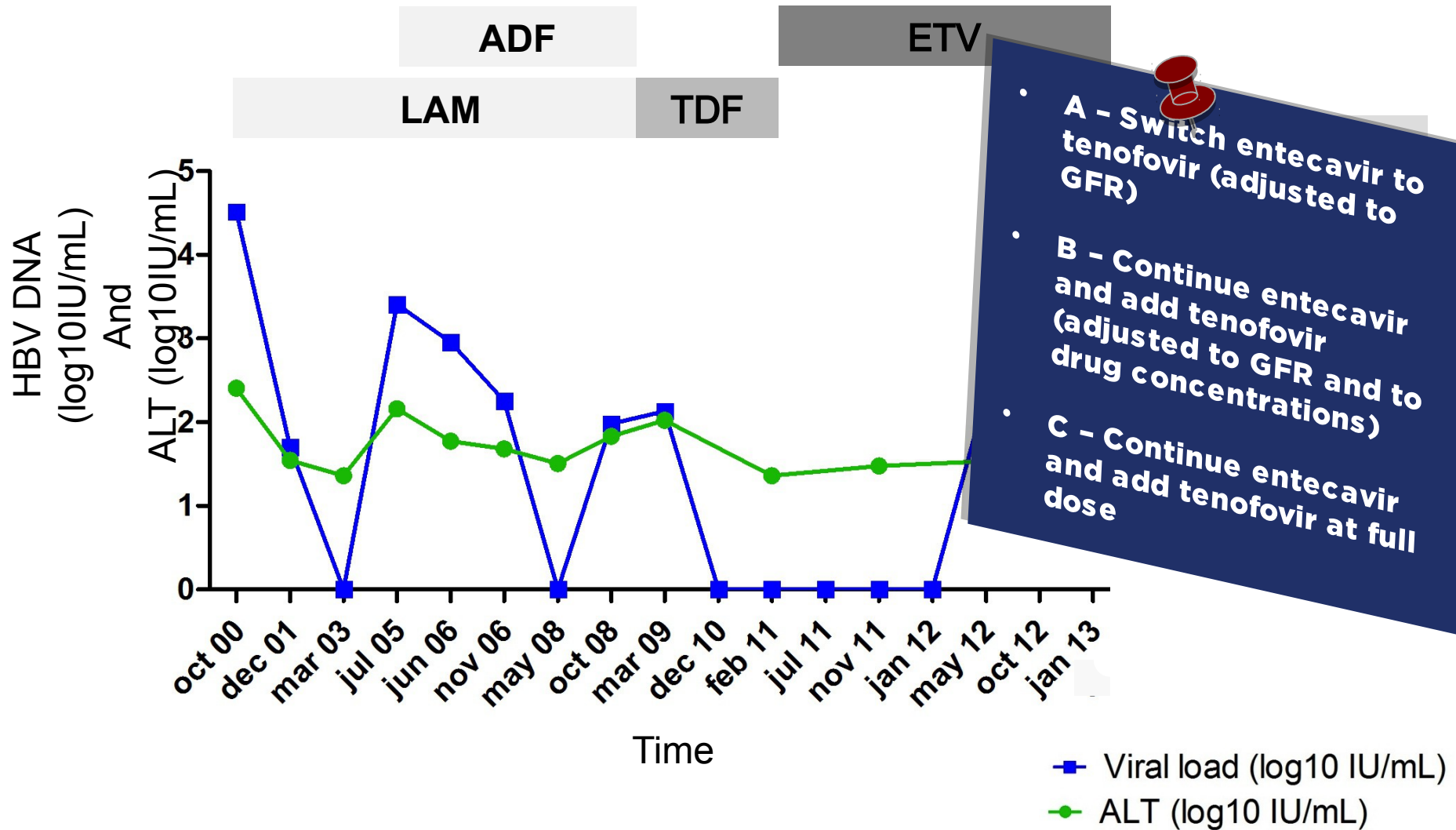
# Adherence to nucleos(t)ide analogues for CHB in clinical practice and virological breakthroughs



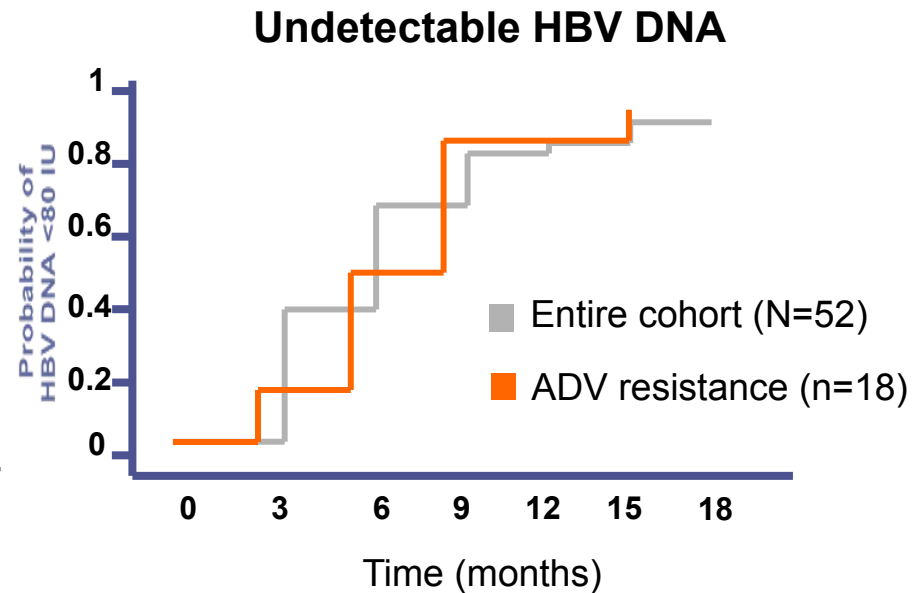
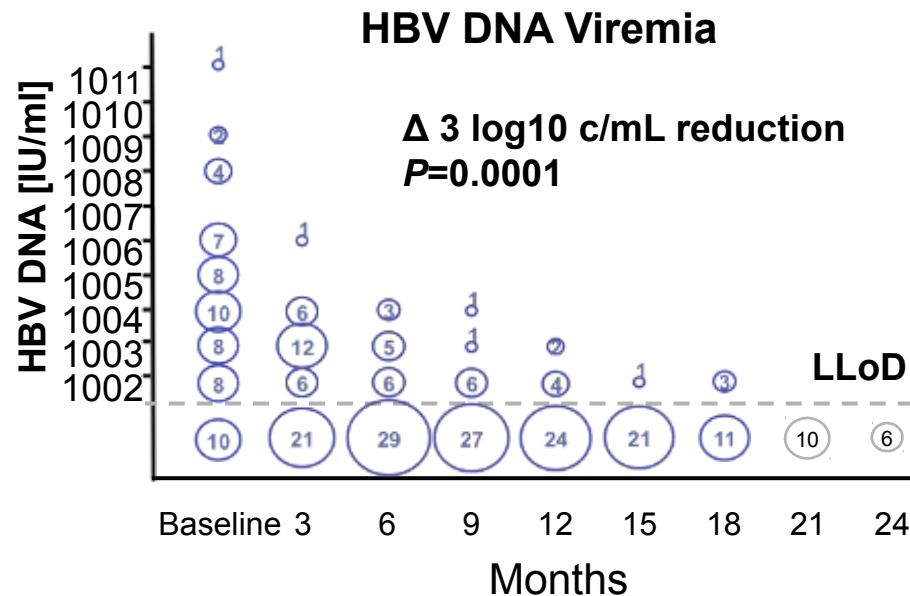
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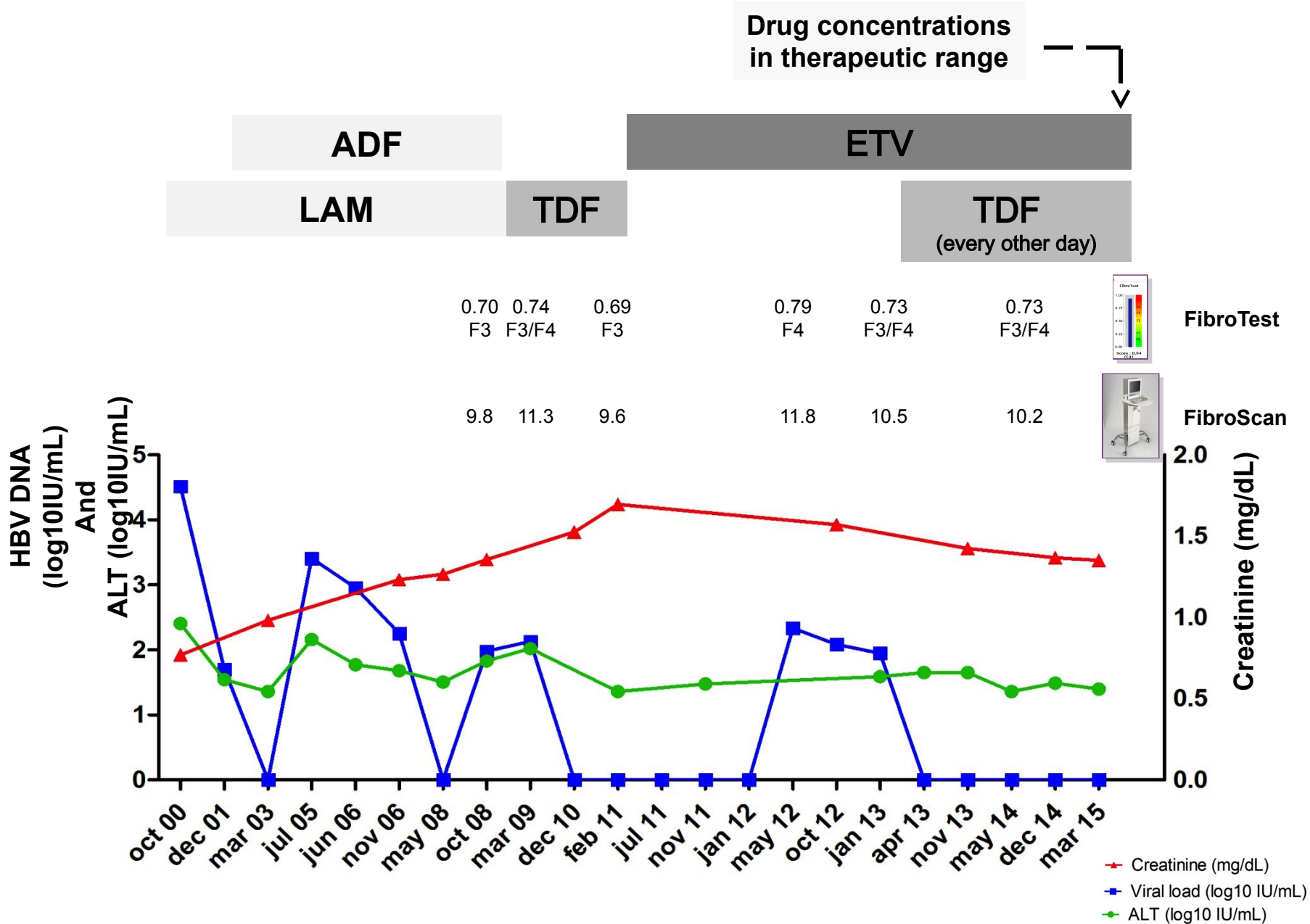
# ETV + TDF combination in patients with treatment failure



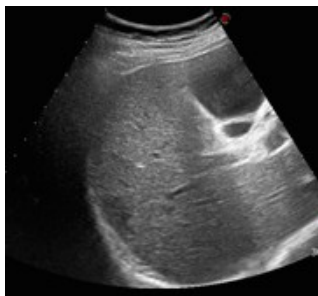
LLoD=Lower Limit of Detection

**Rescue therapy with ETV + TDF in CHB patients with advanced liver disease and complex viral resistance patterns or showing partial antiviral responses to preceding therapies (Virgil Network)**

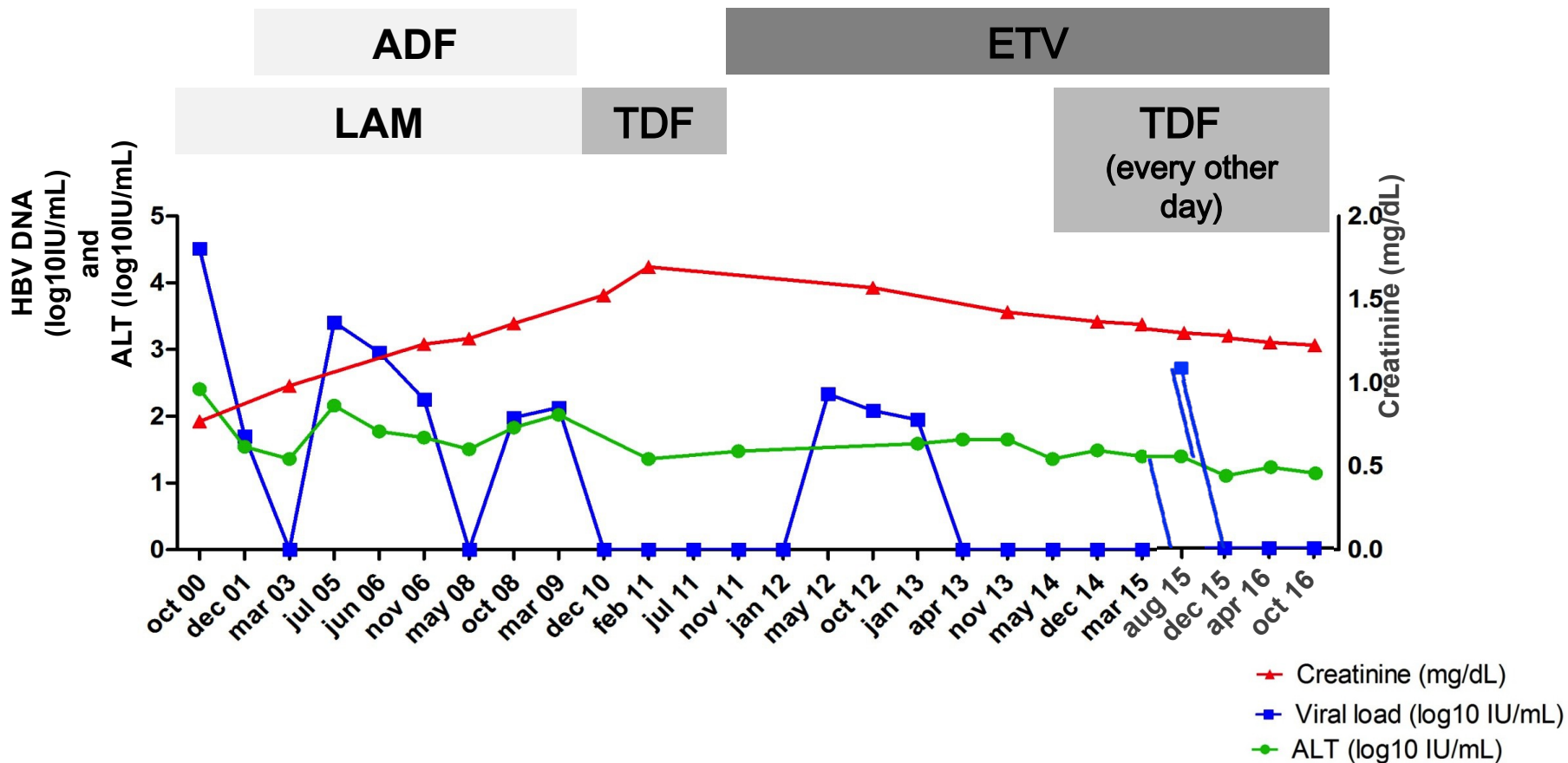
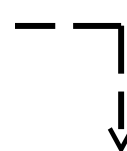
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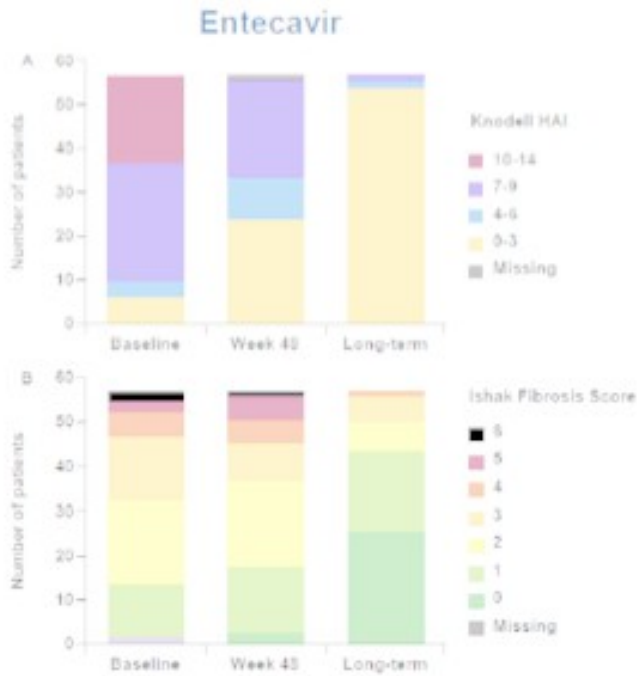
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US nodule



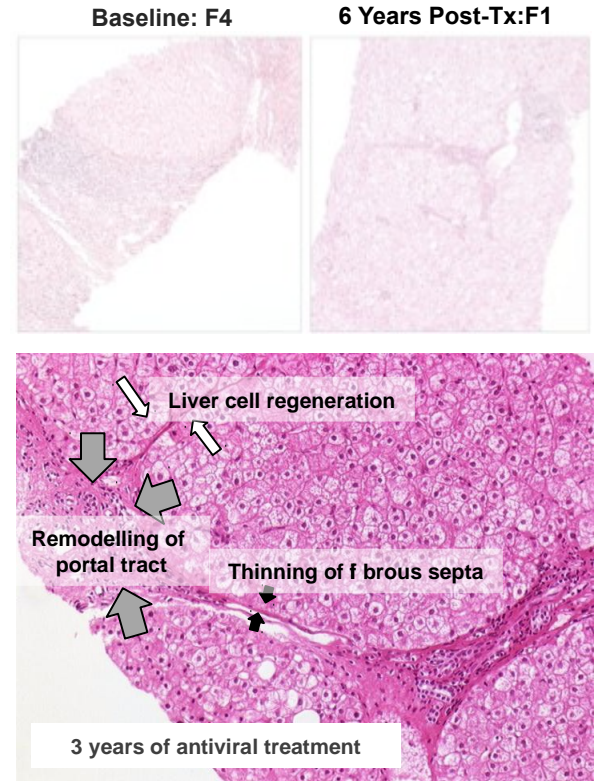
# Long term viral suppression reduces liver inflammation leading to fibrosis and cirrhosis regression



Chang et al Hepatology 2010



Marcellin et al Lancet 2013



Modified from P. Bedossa (2014)

## Long-term NUC and prevention of HCC Propensity score studies from Asia and US

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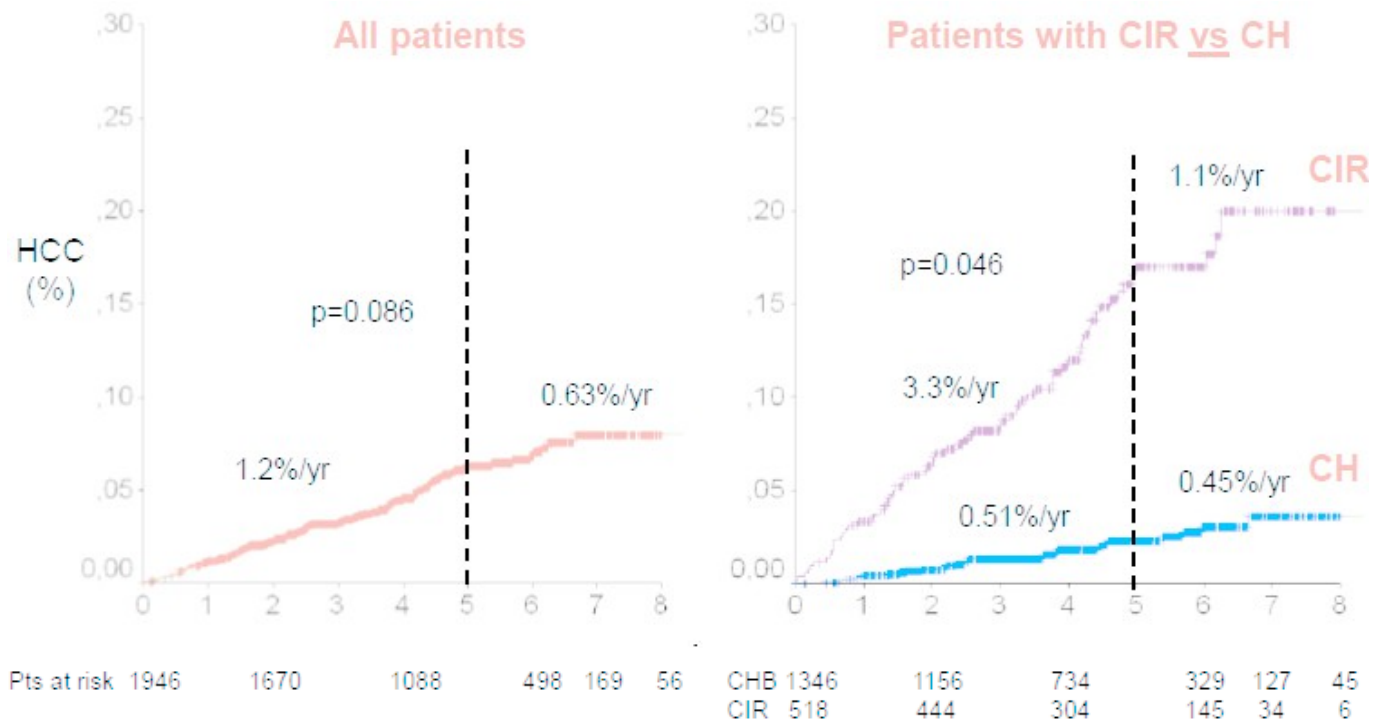
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# HCC in ETV/TDF treated pts beyond year 5



HCC beyond yr-5 associated only with older age (p=0.062) or age  $\geq 55$  at ETV/TDF onset (p=0.02)

*Papatheodoridis G, Lampertico P et al. AASLD 2015*

# Recommendations on HCC surveillance by regional guidelines

AASLD [49]	APASL [50]	EASL-EORTC [51]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asian males over age 40</li><li>• Asian females over age 50</li><li>• Family history of HCC</li><li>• African/North American blacks</li><li>• Cirrhosis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cirrhosis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cirrhosis</li><li>• Non-cirrhotic HBV carriers with active hepatitis</li><li>• Family history of HCC</li></ul>

\*The recommendations have been modified to focus on patients with chronic hepatitis B.

# Virological and Biochemical Follow-up:

## **Aug.2015 - Sep.2015**

- US nodule
- CT scan confirmation (single nodule, 2,5 cm)
- HBV DNA blip : 574 IU/ml
- $\alpha$ -feto protein 73 UI/ml
- ALT : 31 IU/mL
- Serum creatinine : 1.32 mg/dL (116  $\mu$ mol/L)
- Serum phosphate : 2.5 mg/dL (0.81 mmol/L)

## **Sep. 2015**

- Laparoscopic resection
- Histology:
  - Nodule: well differentiated HCC (G2)
  - Liver: inactive cirrhosis

# Risk factors of HCC in patients with chronic hepatitis B.

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Patient factors	Older age
	Male gender
	Family history of HCC
	Genetic factors
	Cirrhosis
	Smoking
	Alcohol consumption
	Diabetes mellitus
	Obesity
	Exposure to aflatoxin
Viral factors	High HBV DNA level
	Positive hepatitis B e antigen
	HBV genotypes
	HBV mutations
	Hepatitis B surface antigen level
	Co-infection with hepatitis C virus, hepatitis D virus or HIV

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HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma.

# Hepatocellular carcinoma prediction models

	IPM	CU-HCC	GAG-HCC	REACH-B	LSM-HCC	mREACH-B	PAGE-B
Full name	Individual Prediction Model	Chinese University-HCC	Guide with Age, Gender, HBV DNA, Core Promoter Mutations and Cirrhosis-HCC	Risk Estimation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Chronic Hepatitis B	Liver Stiffness Measurement-HCC	Modified Risk Estimation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Chronic Hepatitis B	
Calculation	Risk Index (RI) for HCC = $e^A$ , $A = -6.2543 + (1.7219 \times \text{liver cirrhosis}) + (1.3145 \times \text{old age over 40 yr}) + (1.2631 \times \text{chronic HCV infection}) + (0.8257 \times \text{AFP} > 20 \text{ ng/mL}) + (0.7754 \times \text{chronic HBV infection}) + (0.7339 \times \text{chronic hepatitis}) + (0.5840 \times \text{heavy alcoholics}) + (0.3 \times \text{man}) + (0.2830 \times \text{ALT} > 40 \text{ IU/L}) + (0.221 \times \text{unknown alcohol history})$	Age (> 50 yr = 3; ≤ 50 = 0) + albumin (≤ 35 g/L = 20; > 35 = 0) + bilirubin (> 18 μmol/L = 1.5; ≤ 18 = 0) + HBV DNA (< 4 log copies/mL = 0; 4-6 = 1; > 6 = 4) + cirrhosis (yes = 15; no = 0)	$14 \times \text{sex (male = 1; female = 0)} + \text{age (in years)} + 3 \times \text{HBV DNA (log copies/mL)} + 33 \times \text{cirrhosis presence} = 1; \text{absence} = 0$	Male sex: 2 points Age: 1 point for every 5 yr from 35 to 65 yr of age (0-6 points) ALT (IU/L): 15-<45 (1 point), ≥ 45 (2 points) Positive HBeAg: 2 points HBV DNA (log copies/mL): 4-<5 (3 points), 5-<6 (5 points), ≥ 6 (4 points)	Age (> 50 yr = 10; ≤ 50 = 0) + albumin (≤ 35 g/L = 1; > 35 = 0) + HBV DNA (> 200000 IU/mL = 5; ≤ 200000 = 0) + liver stiffness (≤ 8.0 kPa = 0; < 8.0-12.0 = 8; > 12.0 = 14)	Male sex: 2 points Age: 1 point for every 5 yr from 35 to 65 yr of age (0-6 points) ALT (IU/L): 15-<45 (1 point), ≥ 45 (2 points) Positive HBeAg: 2 points Liver stiffness values: < 8.0 kPa (0 point), 8.0-13.0 (2 points), > 13.0 kPa (4 points)	Age; < 30 (-4 points), 30-39 (-2 points), 40-49 (0 point), 50-59 (2 points), 60-69 (4 points), ≥ 70 (6 points) Male sex: 5 points Platelets (mm <sup>3</sup> ): ≥ 200 × 10 <sup>3</sup> (0 point), 100 × 10 <sup>3</sup> -< 200 × 10 <sup>3</sup> (6 points), < 100 × 10 <sup>3</sup> (11 points)

HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma; HBV: Hepatitis B virus; ALT: Alanine aminotransferase.

# Performance of HCC prediction models

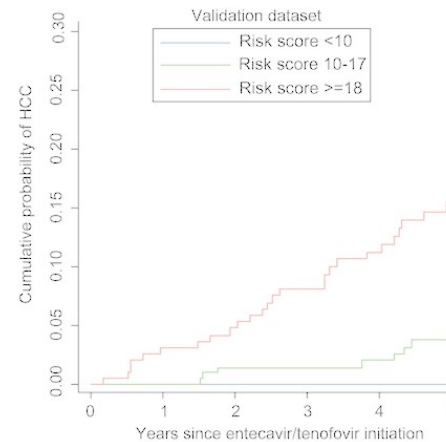
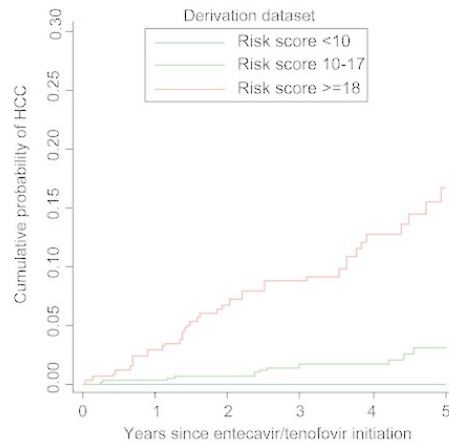
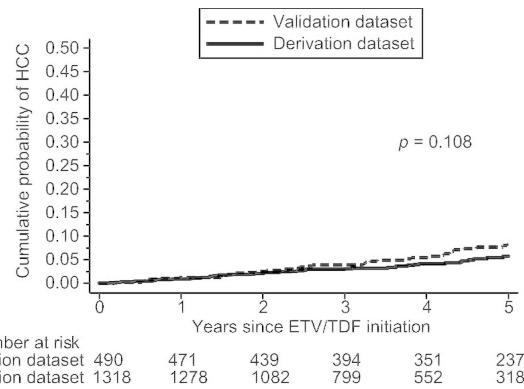
	IPM	CU-HCC	GAG-HCC	REACH-B	LSM-HCC	mREACH-B	PAGE-B
Number of patients	994	1005	820	3584	1035	1308	1325
Place of development	South Korea	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Taiwan	Hong Kong	South Korea	Europe
Race	Asian	Asian	Asian	Asian	Asian	Asian	Caucasian
Age (yr)		48	40.6	45.7	46	50	52
HBeAg-negative (%)			56.6	84.8	75	60.3	84
Cirrhosis (%)		38.1	15.1	0	32	17.8	20
Follow-up (yr)	2.7	9.94	5.62	12	5.8	6.3	3.6
Antiviral therapy (%)		15.1	0	0	38	64.8	100
HCC (%)	90 (0.1)	105 (10.4)	40 (4.9)	131 (3.7)	38 (3.7)	125 (9.6)	51 (3.8)
Components of the risk scores	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
	Male	Albumin	Male	Male	Albumin	Male	Male
	Platelet	Bilirubin	BCP mutation	ALT	HBV DNA	ALT	Platelet
	Cirrhosis	Cirrhosis	Cirrhosis	HBeAg-positive	LS value	HBeAg-positive	
	Albumin	HBV DNA	HBV DNA	HBV DNA		LS value	
	AFP						
	Heavy alcoholics						
Risk scores	Low (< 5)	Low (< 5)	Low (< 100)	Low (0-5)	Low (< 11)	Low (< 10)	Low ( $\leq$ 9)
	Intermediate (5-15)	Intermediate (5-19)		Intermediate (6-11)			Intermediate (10-17)
	High (> 15)	High (> 19)	High ( $\geq$ 100)	High (12-18)	High ( $\geq$ 11)	High ( $\geq$ 10)	High ( $\geq$ 18)
NPV (%)		97% at 10 yr	99% at 10 yr	98% at 10 yr	99.4% at 5 yr	96.8% at 5 yr	100% 5 yr

HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma; HBeAg: Hepatitis B e antigen; ALT: Alanine aminotransferase; HBV: Hepatitis B virus; LS: Liver stiffness; AFP:  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein; NPV: Negative predictive value.

# PAGE-B predicts the risk of developing hepatocellular carcinoma in Caucasians with chronic hepatitis B on 5-year antiviral therapy

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HCC: hepatocellular carcinoma



# Epidemiological, clinical, biological and virological factors influencing HCC occurrence and validation of predictive scores in 317 HBV-related cirrhotic patients.

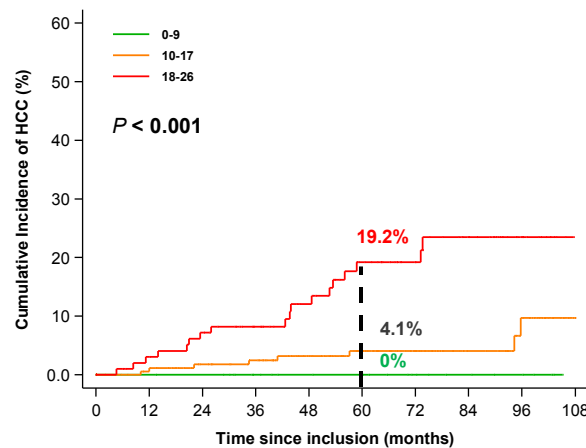
## Prospective study Cir-B nested in the ANRS CO12 CirVir cohort

### HCC predictive factors [multivariate analysis]

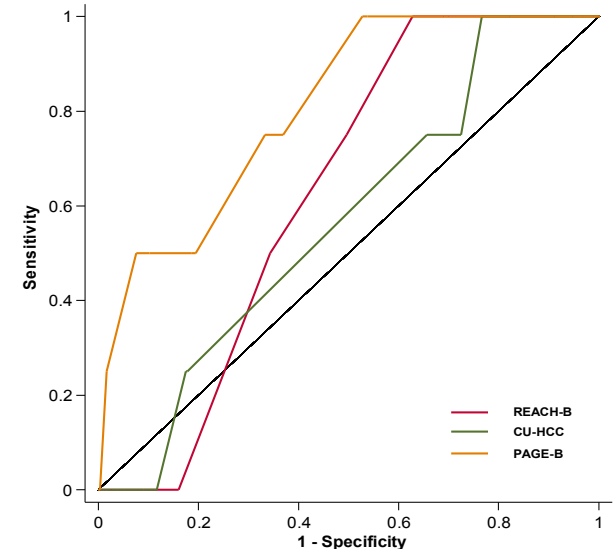
	HR	IC 95	p
<b>Age &gt; 50</b>	8.42	[1.97 ; 36.11]	<b>0.004</b>
<b>BMI &gt; 30</b>	2.67	[1.03 ; 6.92]	<b>0.043</b>
<b>Platelets &lt;150</b>	5.77	[2.15 ; 15.51]	<b>0.001</b>

PAGE-B Score	
<b>Platelets</b>	
≥200 000	0
100 000 – 199 999	+6
<100 000	+9
<b>Age</b>	
16-29	0
30-39	+2
40-49	+4
50-59	+6
60-69	+8
≥70	+10
<b>Gender</b>	
F	0
M	+6

Papatheodoridis, J Hepatol 2016

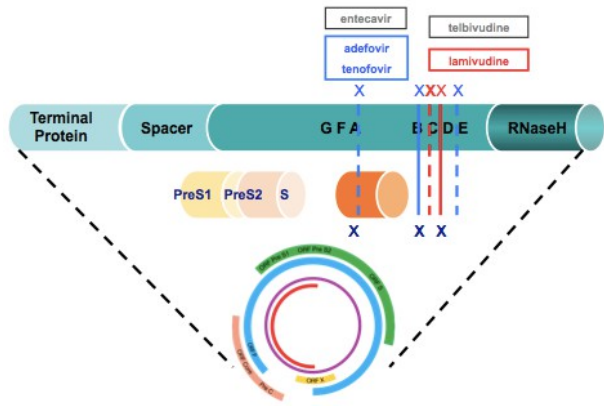


PAGE-B	Number at risk (events)																		
0-9	27	(0)	26	(0)	25	(0)	19	(0)	16	(0)	15	(0)	10	(0)	7	(0)	5	(0)	0
10-17	176	(1)	169	(2)	155	(1)	145	(1)	124	(1)	97	(0)	71	(0)	47	(2)	30	(0)	2
18-26	104	(3)	95	(4)	90	(1)	79	(3)	66	(5)	53	(0)	38	(2)	29	(0)	15	(0)	1



	AUC (1y)	AUC (3 yrs)
REACH-B	0,629	0,694
CU-HCC	0,568	0,617
PAGE-B	0,808*	0,728

# The rtA181T / sW172\* mutant has a dominant negative secretion defect

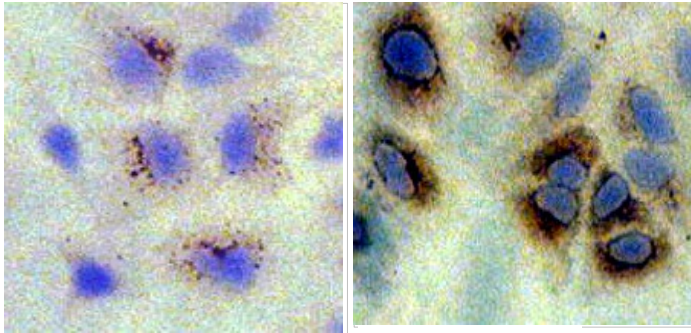


HBV WITH TERTIARY MUTATIONS RESISTANT TO ALL

hepatitis B

2011

A181T correlates with the onset of HCC in HBV genotype C patients



Warner et al, Hepatology 2008



# Virological and Biochemical Follow-up:


## **Oct. 2016**

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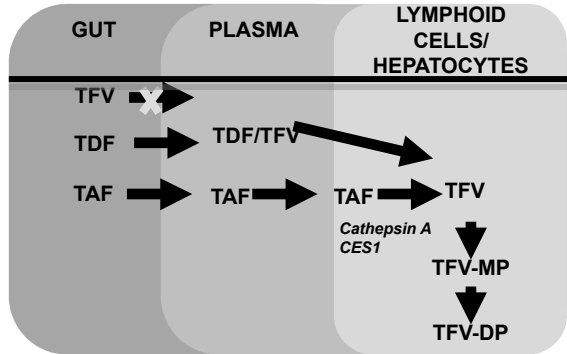
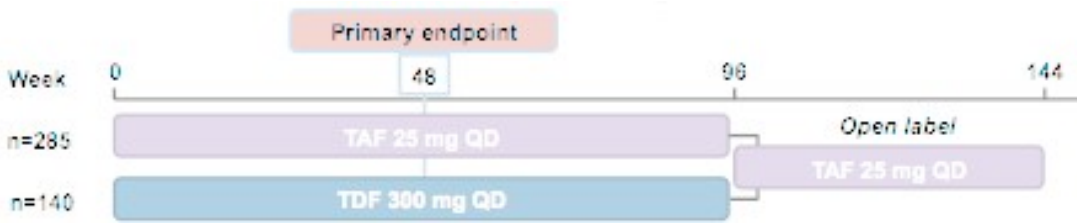
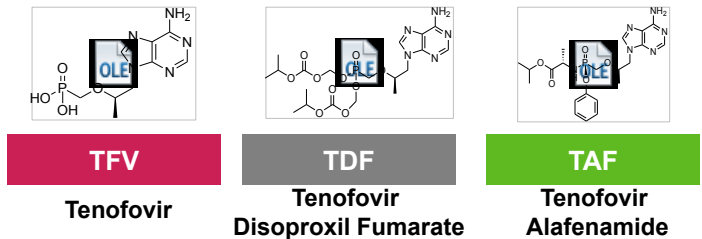
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- **A - Consider TAF**
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  - **C - Both**

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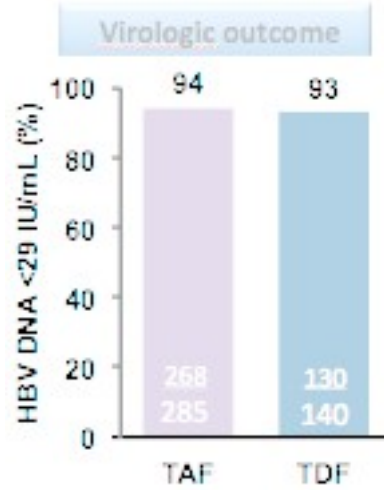
CES1 = carboxylesterase 1; DP= di-phosphate; MP= mono-phosphate.

- ◆ Improved stability in plasma:
  - Enhanced delivery of active form (TFV-DP) to hepatocytes
  - Lower doses are used; systemic exposures of TFV reduced

Agarwal K et al. AASLD 2013, Poster # 973  
Murakami E et al. HepDART 2013, Abstract 104

**HBeAg negative**

- Mean age ~47 years
- 259 (61%) males
- 306 (72%) Asian
- 91 (21%) treatment-experienced



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Renal safety (Wk 48)	TAF n=285	TDF n=140
sCr change, mg/dL	0.012 (0.091)	0.020 (0.103)
eGFR <sub>CRS</sub> change, mL/min	-1.4 (12.7)	-4.7 (12.0)*
No proteinuria, n/n (%)	221/282 (78)	114/140 (81)

Fewer TAF patients had >3% decreases in BMD

Spine: 22% TAF vs 39% TDF\*\*

Hip: 10% TAF vs 33% TDF\*\*

# Conclusion

- Antiviral therapy for CHB can achieve viral suppression in the most difficult to treat patients
- In TDF treated patients, kidney function should be monitored especially in patients previously treated with ADF cirrhotics and in case of co-morbidities
- Surveillance of HCC is mandatory even in case of viral suppression. Predictive scores require further refinement

# HBV life cycle and main classes of antivirals in development

