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Is global HCV eradication realistic?



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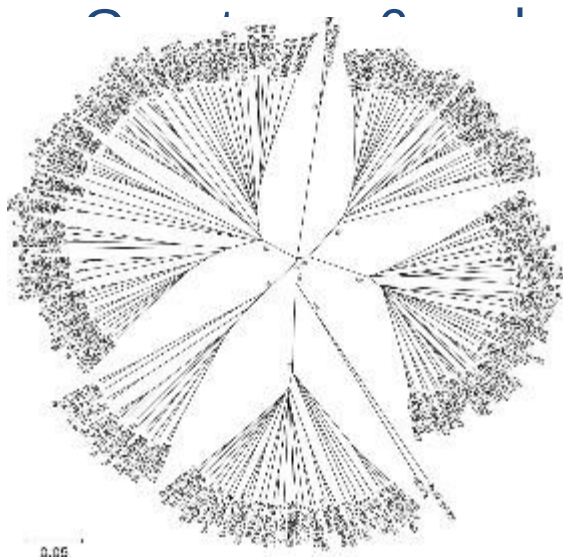
Fighting an infection: the semantics

- **Eradication:** permanent reduction to zero of the worldwide incidence of infection; intervention measures no longer needed
 - Only 1 example: smallpox
- **Elimination:** reduction to zero of incidence in a defined geographical area as a result of deliberate efforts; continued intervention measures required
- **Control:** reduction in the incidence, prevalence, morbidity, or mortality of an infectious disease to a locally acceptable levels; continued intervention measures required

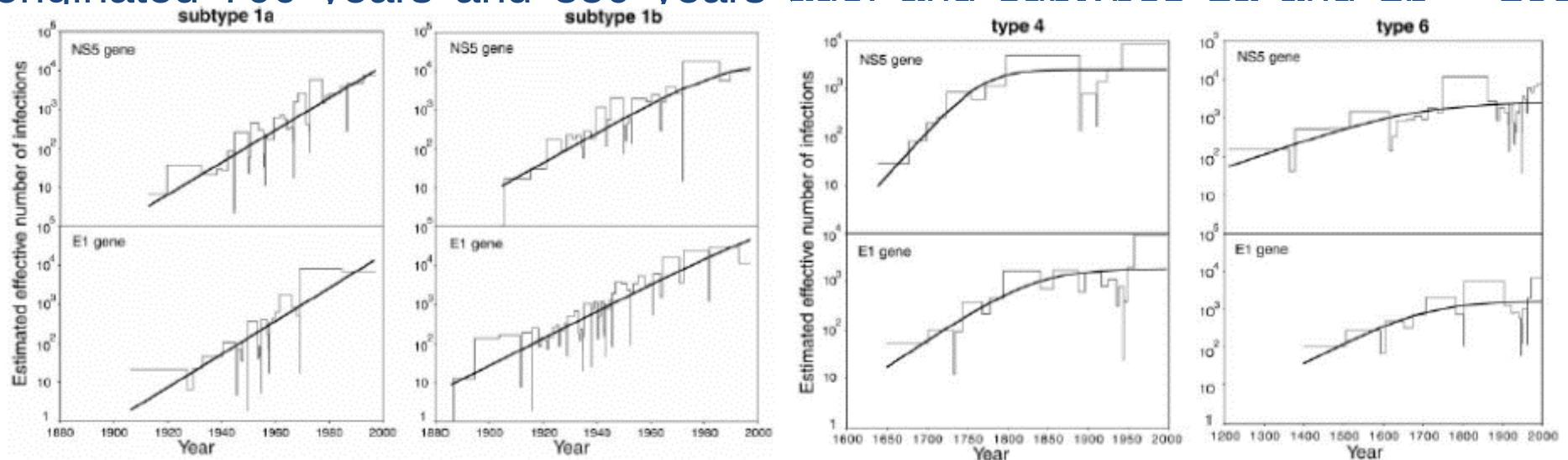


HCV: an old foe

- The origin of primate Flaviviridae is as ancient (35 million years) as the differentiation of primate species
- HCV co-evolved with human populations migrating out of Africa within the past 100-150,000 years
- The HCV genotype / subtype hierarchy encompassing at least 86 classified subtypes is much more recent



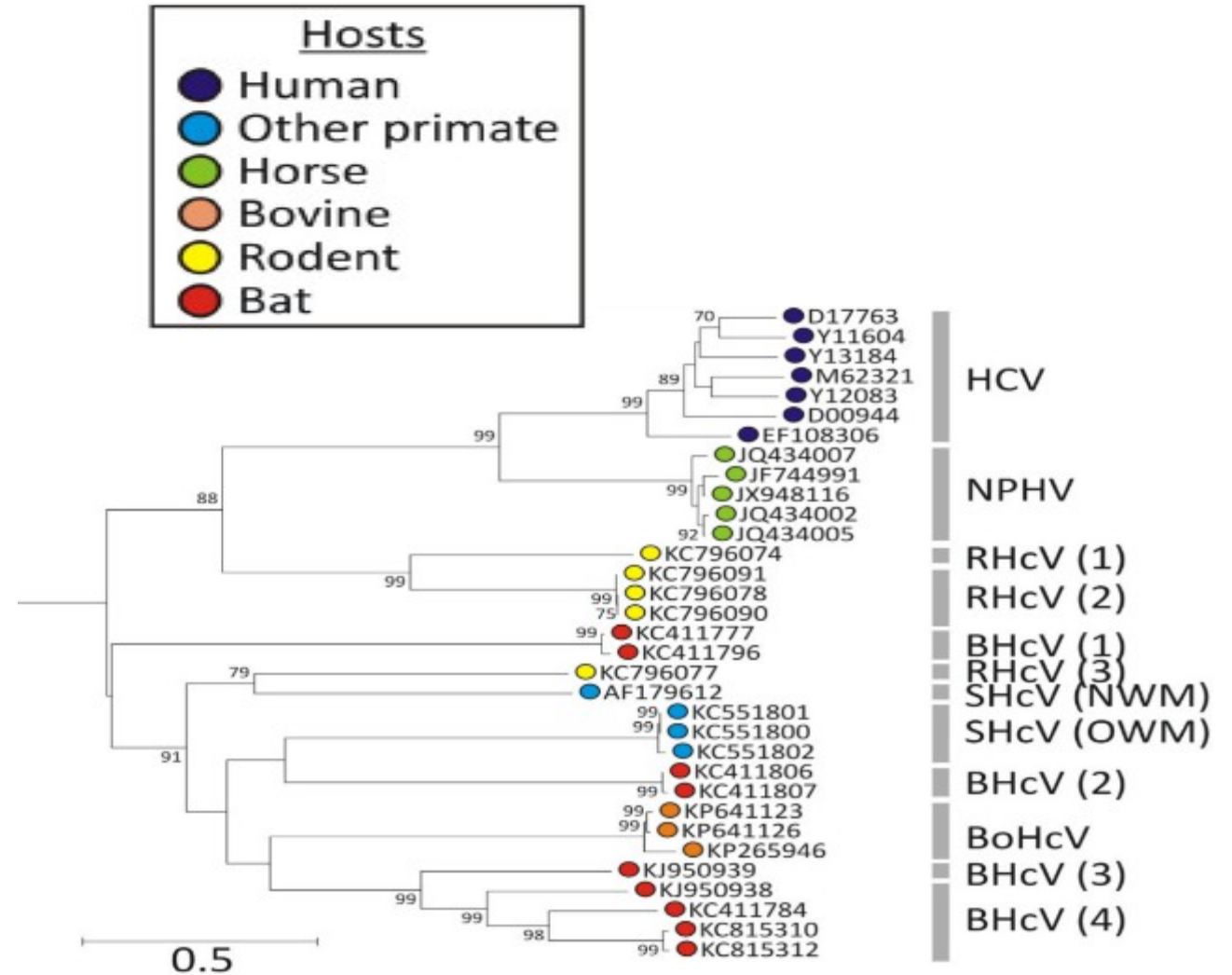
4 originated 700 years and 350 years ago, and subtypes 1a and 1b < 100





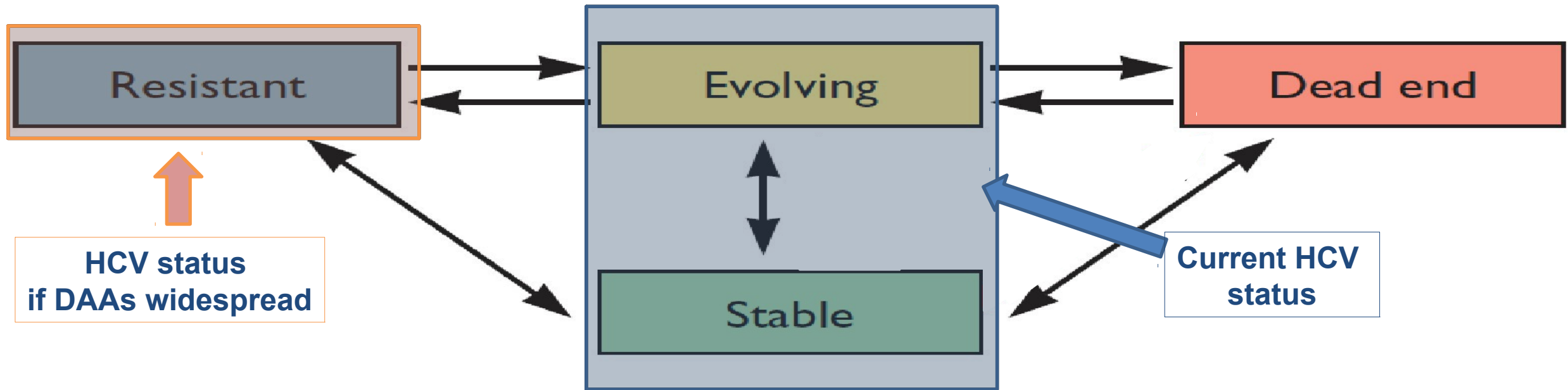
The expanded *Hepacivirus* genus

- Highly diverse variants
- Several candidate new species
- Variable and highly erratic distribution in different mammalian species
- No association between host and virus phylogenies
- Evidence for cross-species transmission
- Limited species barriers consistent with a zoonotic origin of HCV in humans





General interactions of hosts and viruses

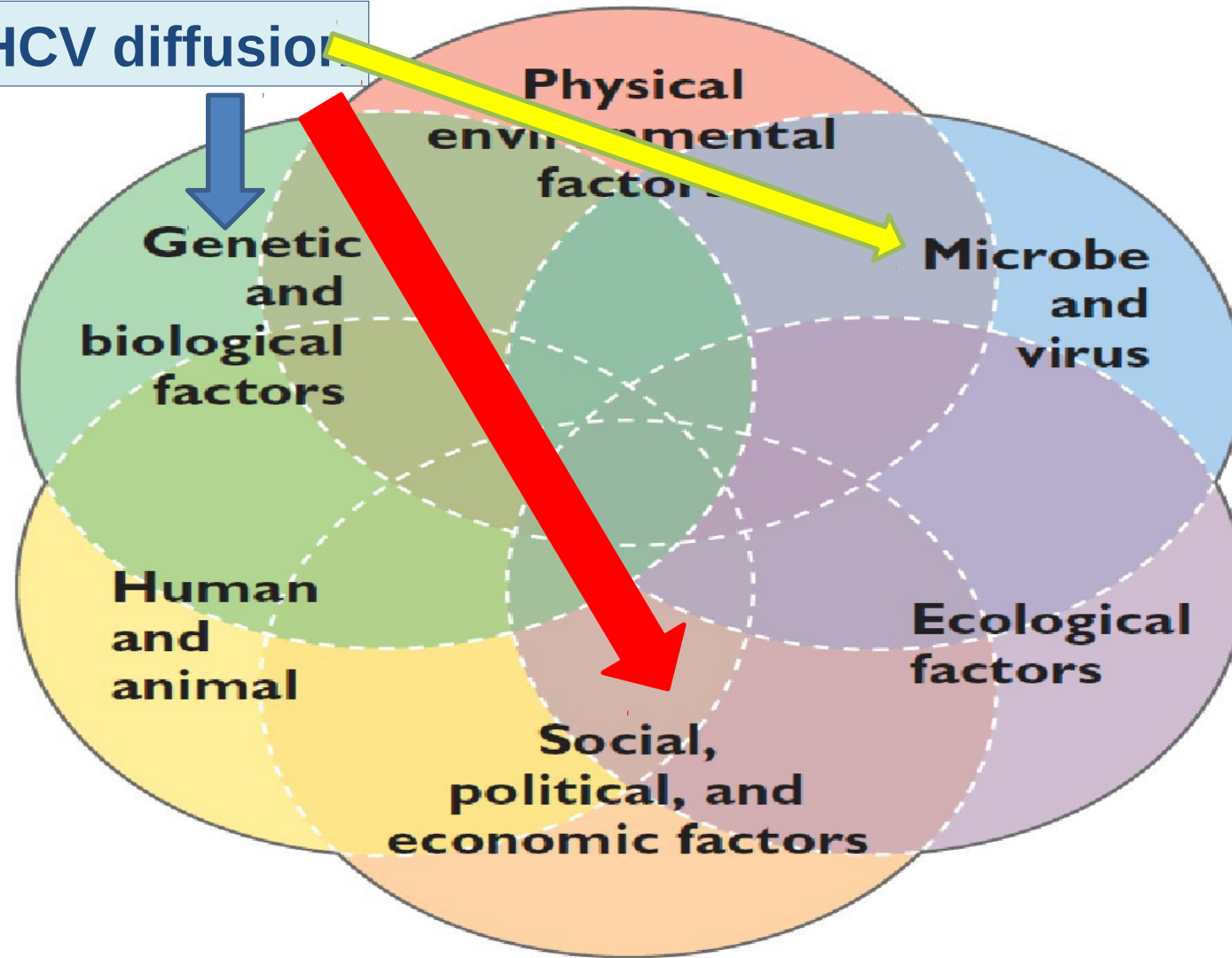


- **Stable:** maintains virus in ecosystem
- **Evolving:** passage of virus to naive population
- **Dead---end:** one way to different species
- **Resistant host:** infection blocked



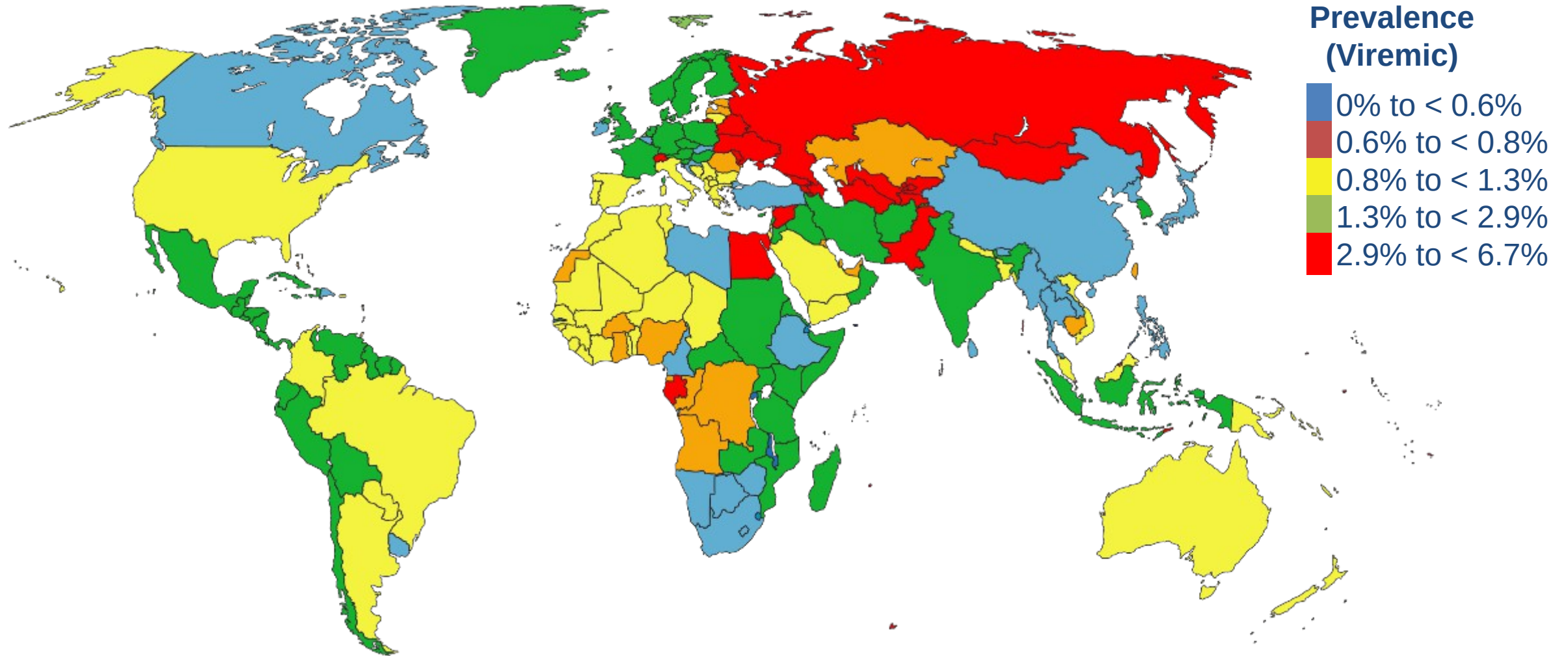
Regulators of viral epidemiology in a human population

Main drivers of HCV diffusion



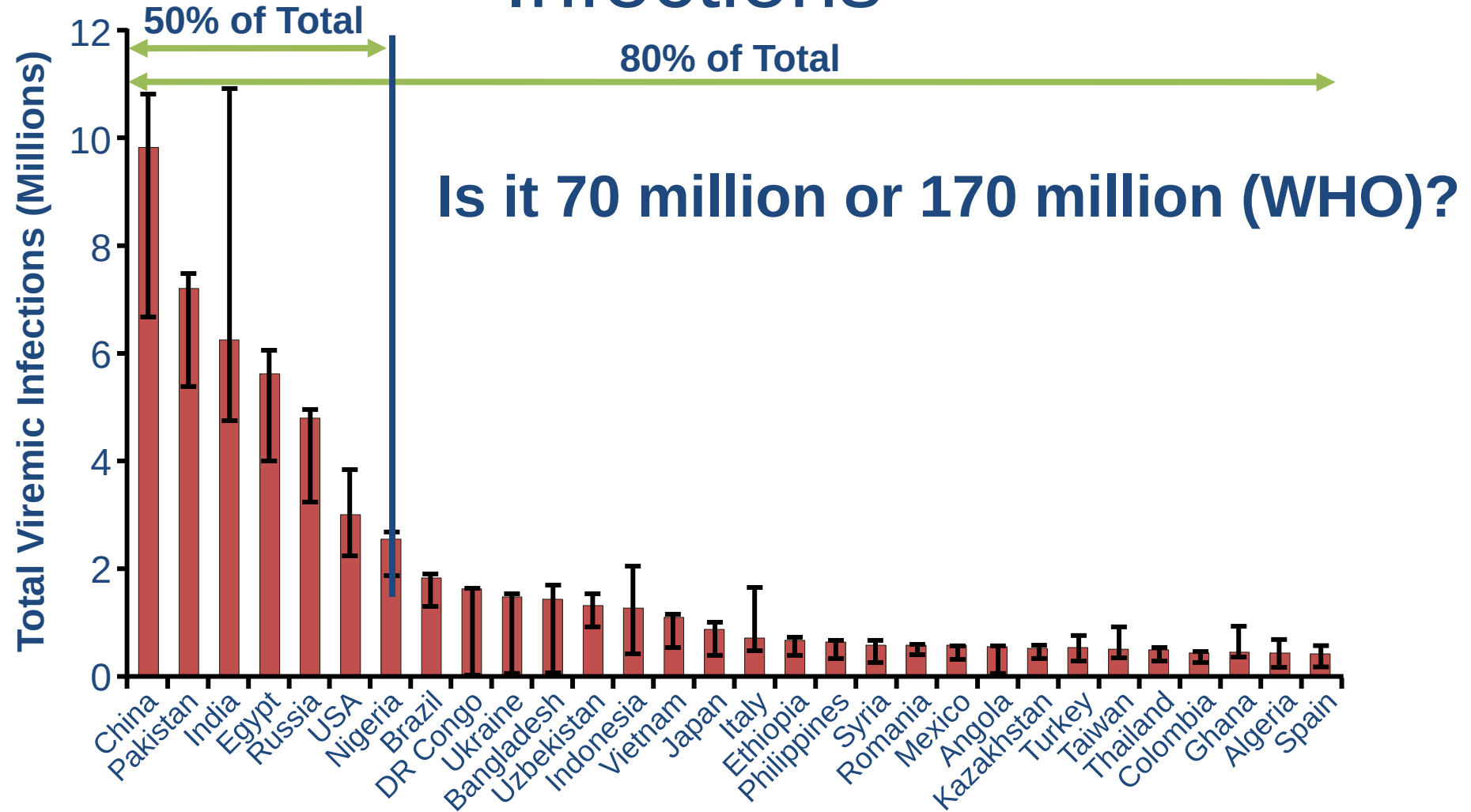


Estimated 70 Million Persons Living With HCV





30 Countries Account for 80% of HCV Infections



Polaris Observatory HCV Collaborators. Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2017;2:161-176.

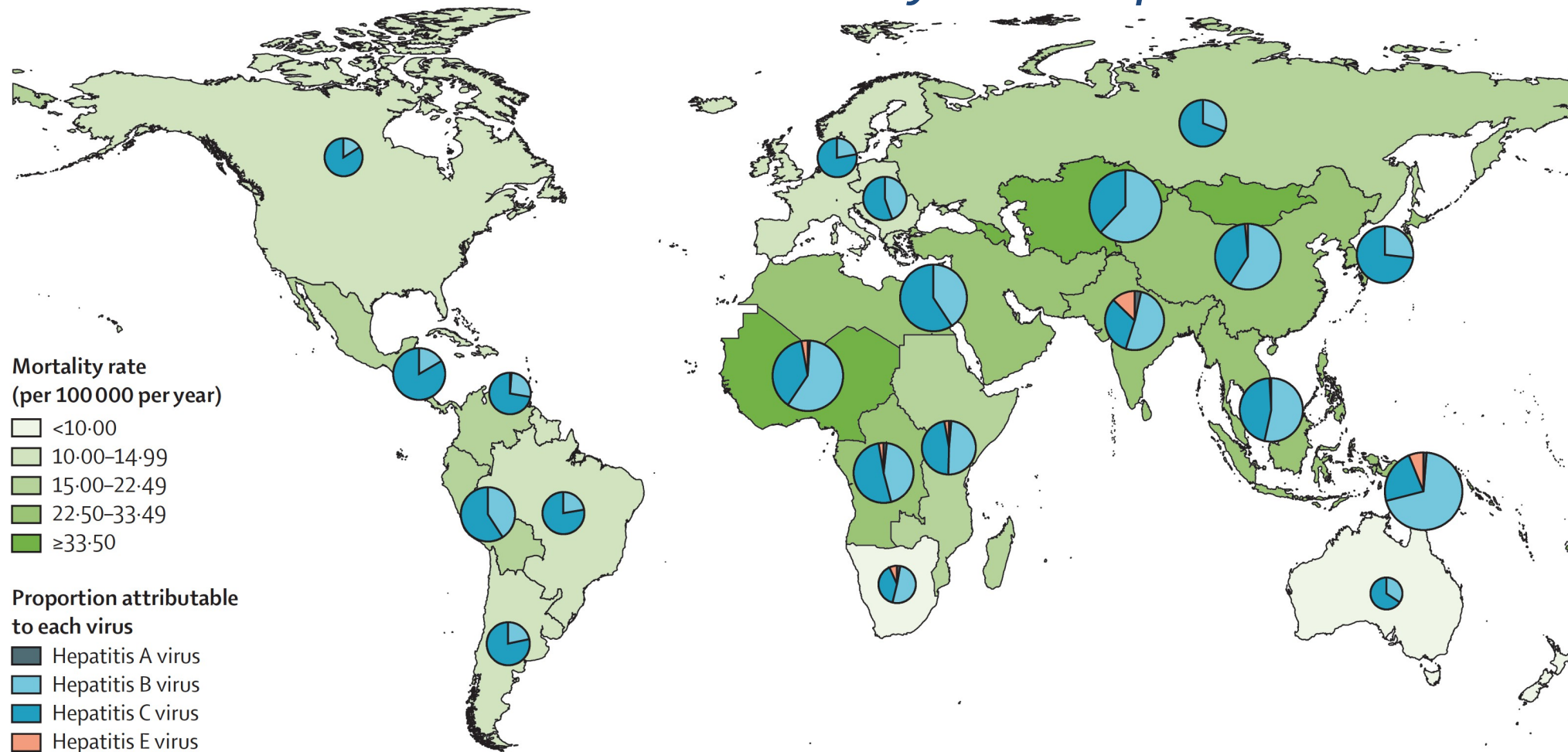
Blach S, et al. AASLD 2016. Abstract 753.



In 2013 HCV infection caused an estimated 700,000 deaths

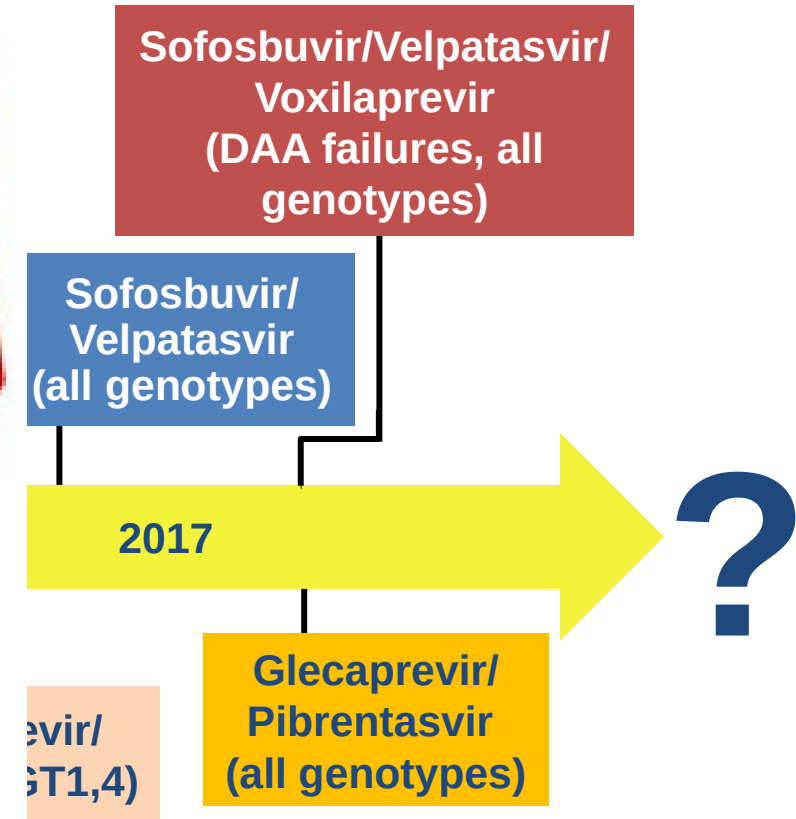
vs 1990: 67% higher cirrhosis and 291% HCC

Regional distribution of deaths shown by size of pie charts



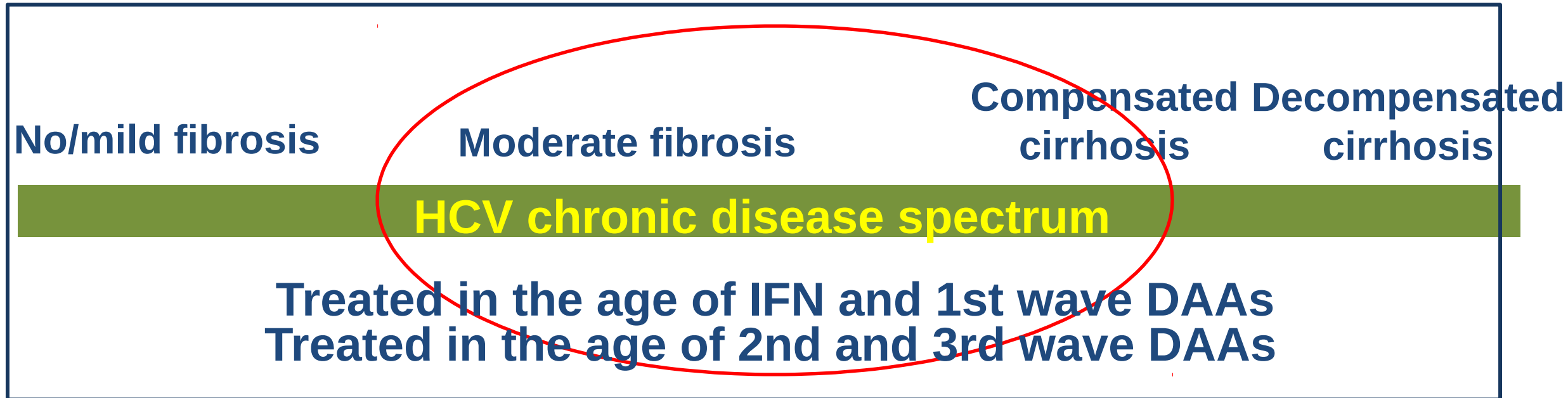


The evolution of HCV therapy





Current DAAs allow treating all HCV patients



- by enrolling patients at all stages of disease and comorbidities (CKD, HIV)
- by pangenotypic/subtypic activity
- by lifting restrictions due to tolerability and DDIs



Third (and last) wave HCV drugs

- GLE: pangenotypic **NS3/4A** protease inhibitor
- PIB: pangenotypic **NS5A** inhibitor
- **GLE/PIB**: once daily, oral, fixed-dose combination (300/120 mg) for GTs 1-6

All third wave compounds are more potent and have a higher barrier to resistance as compared to former DAAs

- **SOF/VEL/(VOX)**: once daily, oral, fixed-dose combination (400/100/(100 mg) for GTs 1-6



Pangenotypic, RBV-free DAAs for 8-12 weeks available for most HCV patients

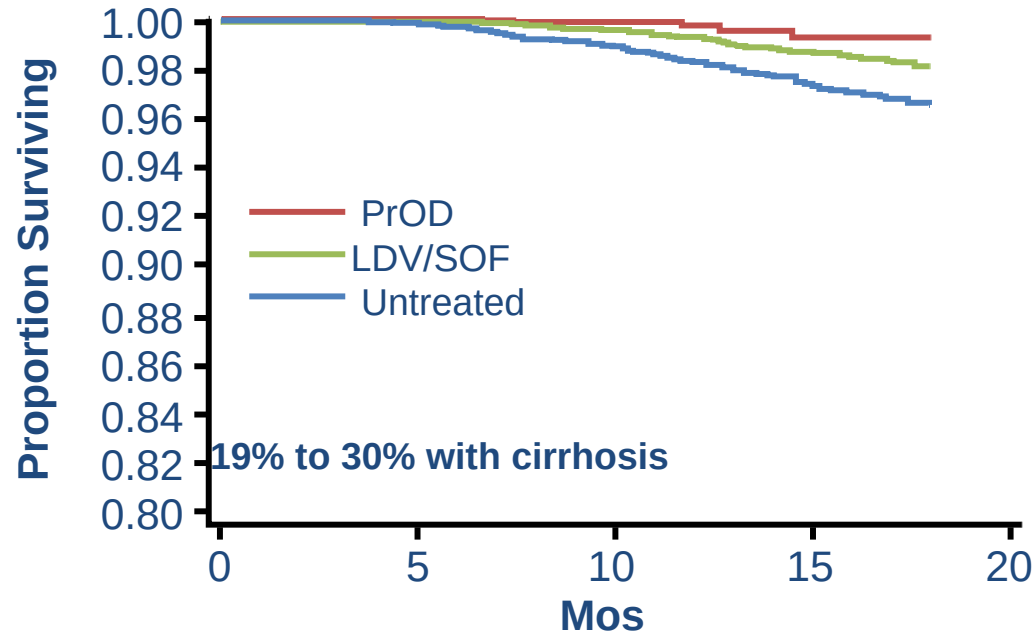
Setting	EMA indications for pangenotypic, RBV-free regimens		
	GLE/PIB	SOF/VEL	SOF/VEL/VOX
Treatment naive	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis: 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks (8 weeks may be considered in GT3 pts)
IFN/RBV * experienced	GT1, 2, 4, 5, 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis: 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks GT3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 16 wks 	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks (8 weeks may be considered in GT3 pts)
DAA experienced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not indicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not indicated 	GT1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks

*Includes PR ± SOF for GLE/PIB and PR ± BOC, SMV, or TVR for SOF/VEL.



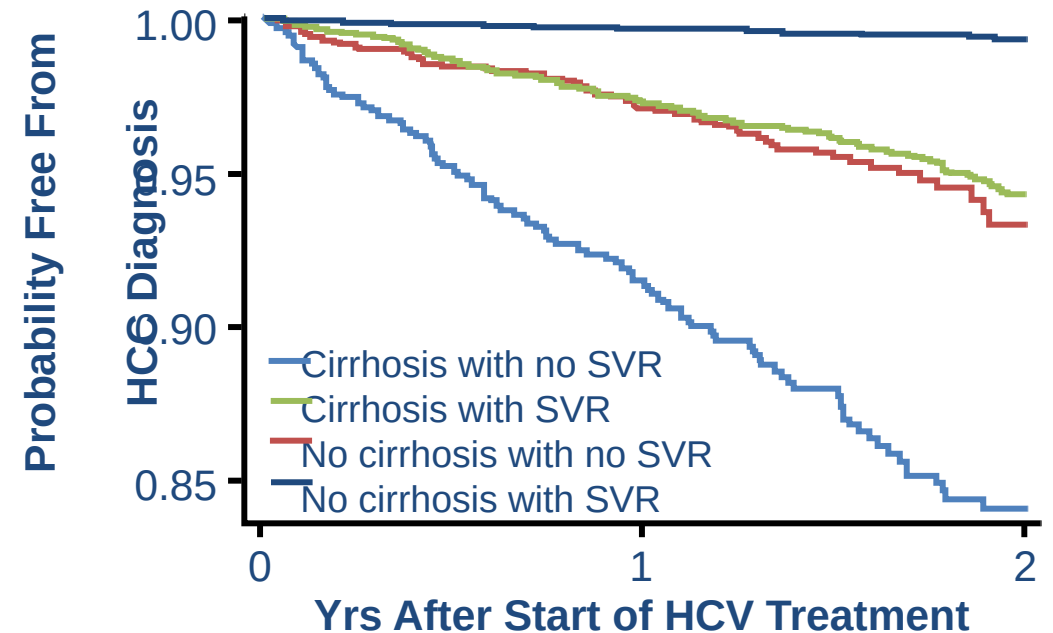
Mortality Reduction Achieved by HCV Cure

Survival in ERCHIVES Veterans (N = 13,940*†)[1]



DAA-induced SVR is associated with a 43% reduction in mortality

HCC Risk in DAA-Treated Veterans (n = 25,424‡)[2]



DAA-induced SVR is associated with a 71% reduction in HCC risk

*For 18 mos of follow-up.

†BL cirrhosis: PrOD, 24.9%; LDV/SOF, 29.4%; untreated, 19.4%.

1. Butt AA, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2017;65:1006-1011.
2. Ioannou GN, et al. J Hepatol. 2017;[Epub ahead of print].

‡For 38,204 pt-yr of follow-up.

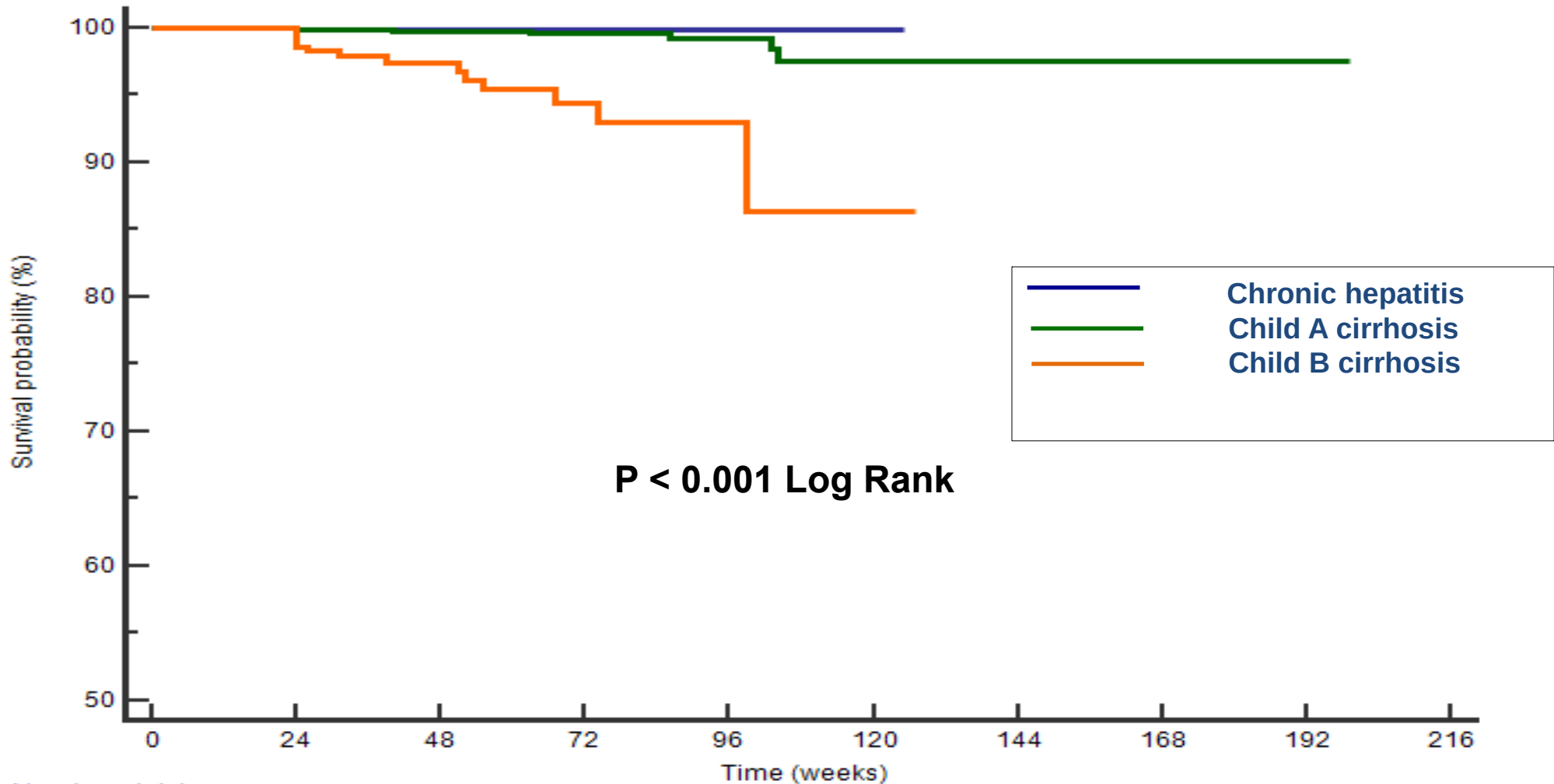


Features and outcomes of 4.147 patients included in RESIST-HCV cohort and treated with DAAs

	Mean age	Gender Males %	Liver Complication	SVR % 3766(90.8%)	Death	Liver related	Liver unrelate d
Chronic hepatitis 934 (22.5%)	62.2 ±12.7	533(57.1)	0	834 (89.3)	6 (0.6)	1 (0.1)	5 (0.5)
Cirrhosis Child-Pugh A 2851 (68.7%)	66.8±10.9	1646(57.7)	95 (3.3%)	2643 (92.7)	24 (0.8)	10(0.4)	14(0.5)
Cirrhosis Child-Pugh B 362 (8.7%)	65.5±11.9	208(57.5)	50 (13.8%)	289 (79.8)	25 (6.9)	14(3.9)	11(3.0)
P	< 0.001	0.94	< 0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001



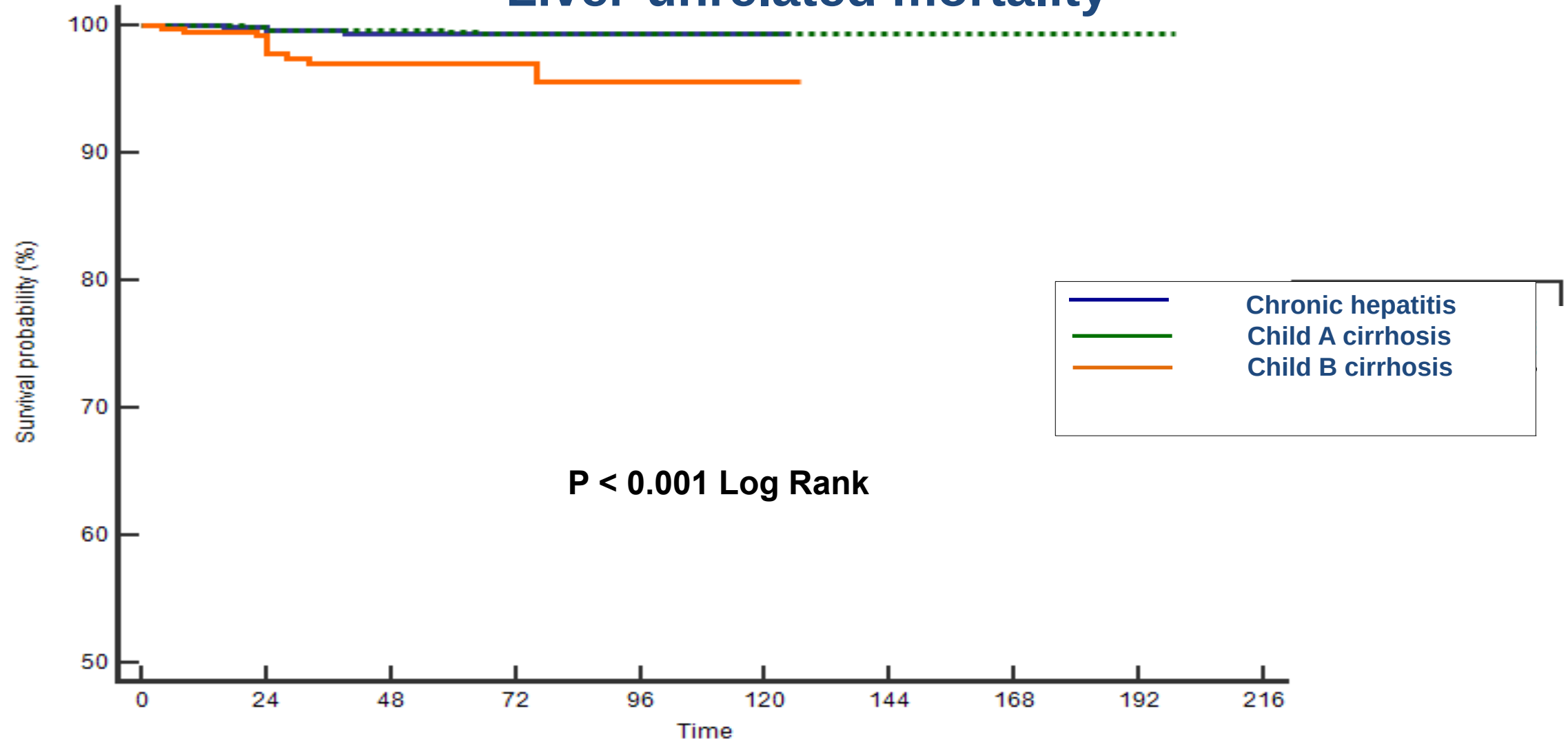
Liver-related mortality



	0	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216
Number at risk										
Group: 0	934	760	361	123	25	3	0	0	0	0
Group: 1	2851	2513	1262	617	163	31	1	1	1	0
Group: 2	362	318	157	75	15	2	0	0	0	0



Liver-unrelated mortality



Number at risk

Group: Chroni hepatis

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Group: Child A cirrhosis

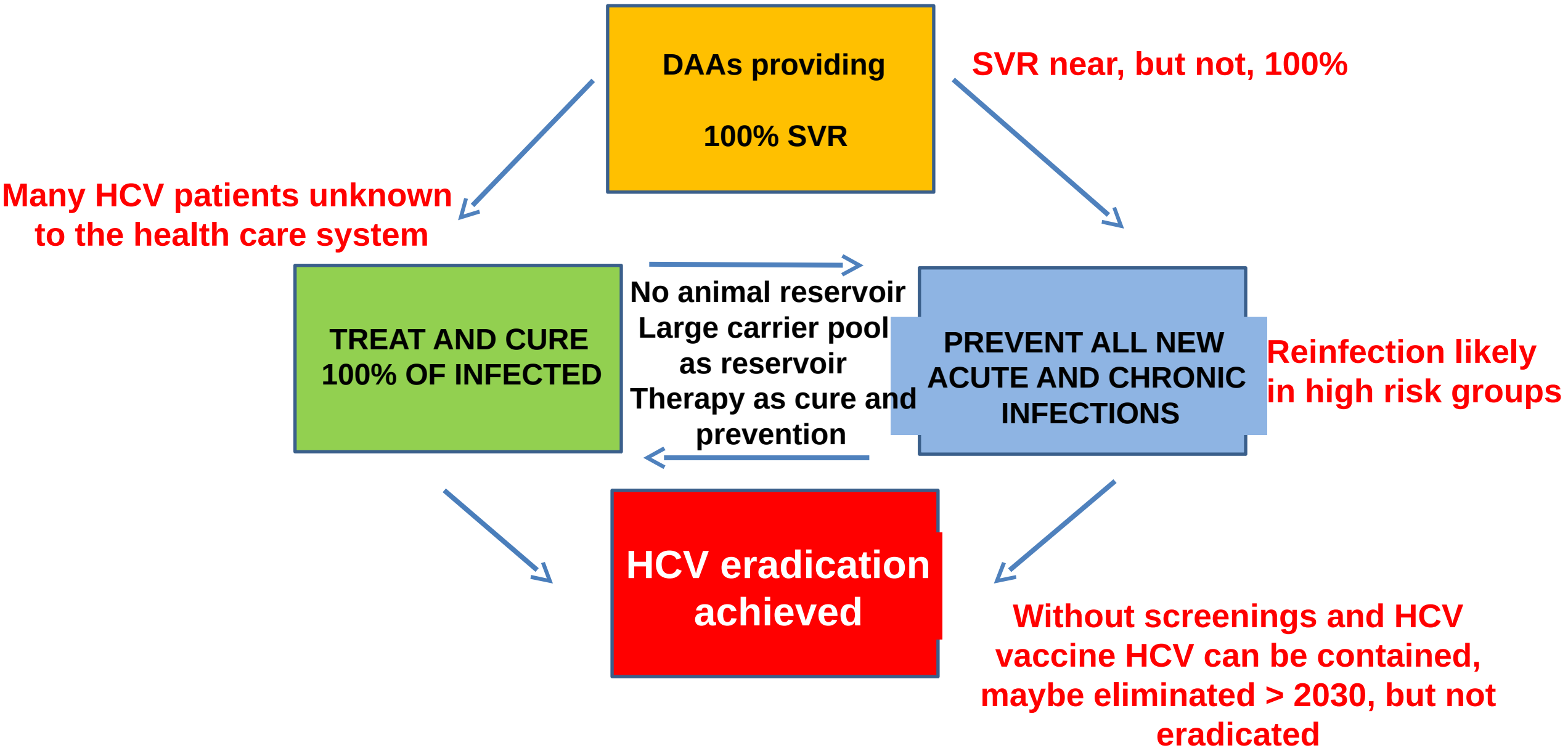
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Group: Child B cirrhosis

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Disease Eradication vs Elimination vs Control





WHO: Elimination of HCV as a Public Health Threat

- Defined as achievement of measurable global targets in relation to infection and burden of disease
- Intensity of interventions required will vary by setting
 - Setting-specific model required to determine what is necessary to achieve the impact targets

- **2030 Targets**
 - 90%** Diagnosed
 - 80%** Treated
 - 65%** Reduced Mortality



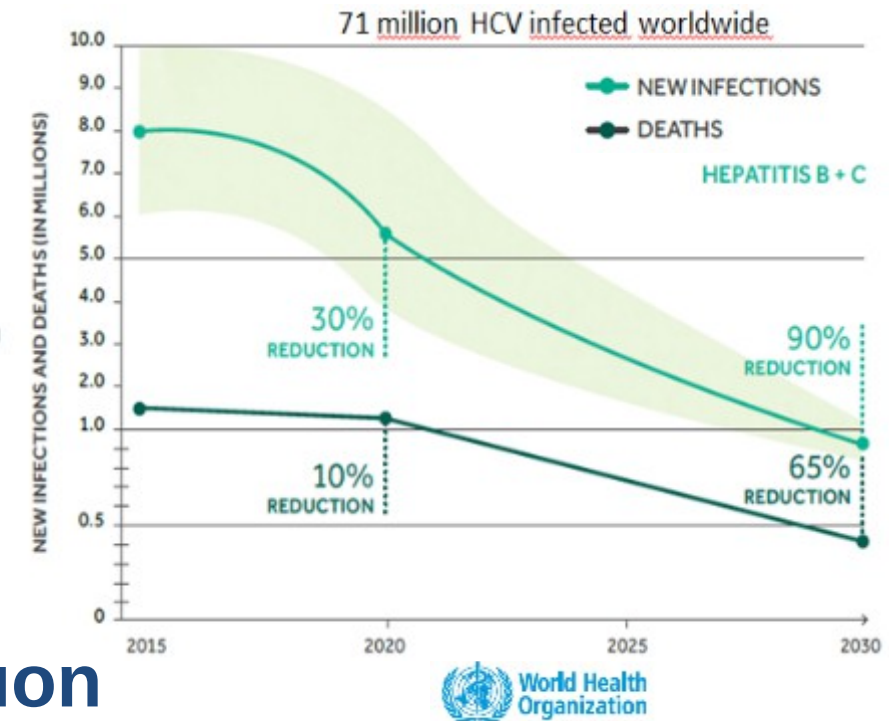
Treatment of chronic Hepatitis C: new horizons

Impact at individual level

Slowing liver disease progression
Prevention of the hepatic damage
Reducing liver and non-liver complications

Impact at community level

Reduce (abolish) the spread of HCV infection
Reduce direct and indirect costs



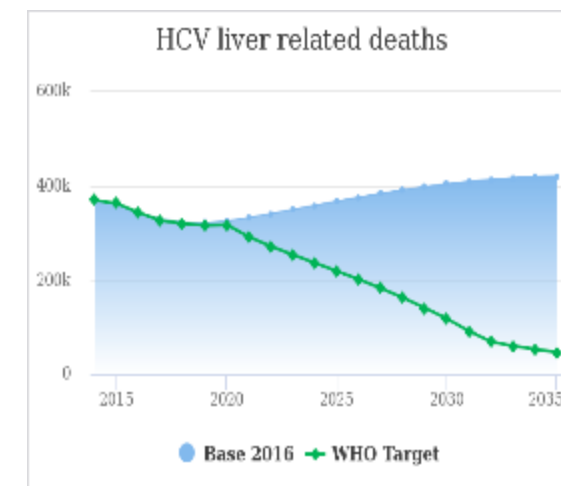
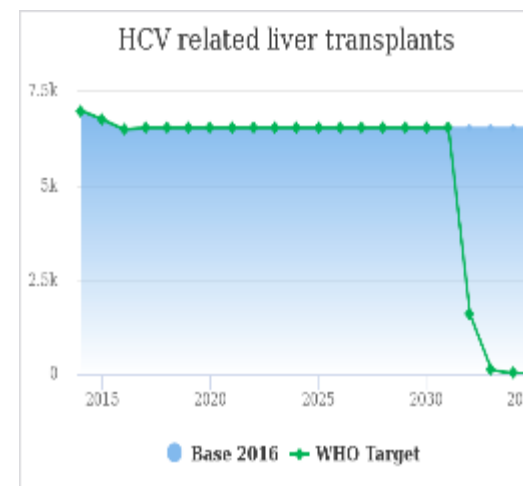
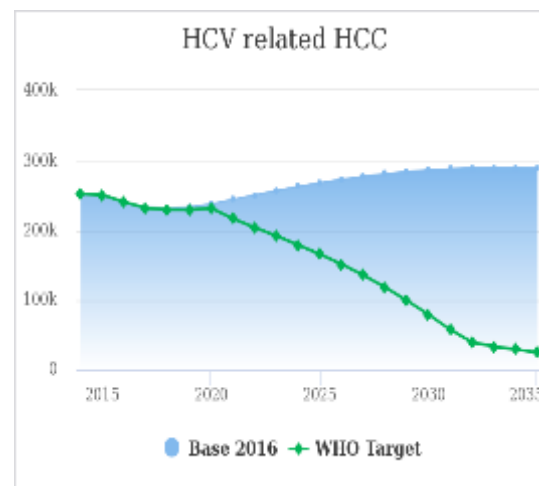
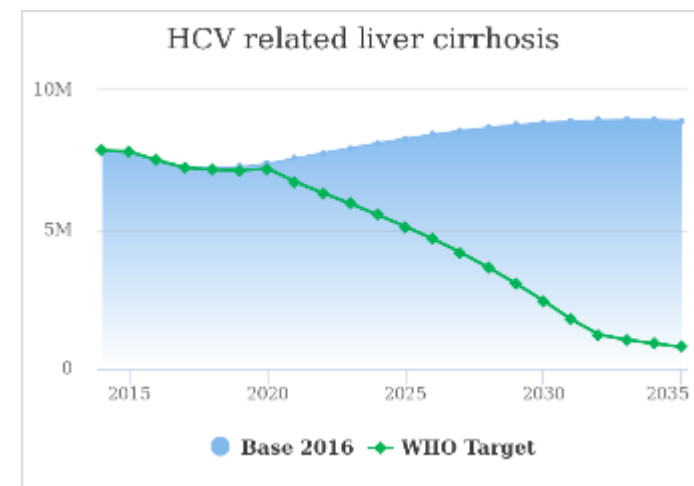
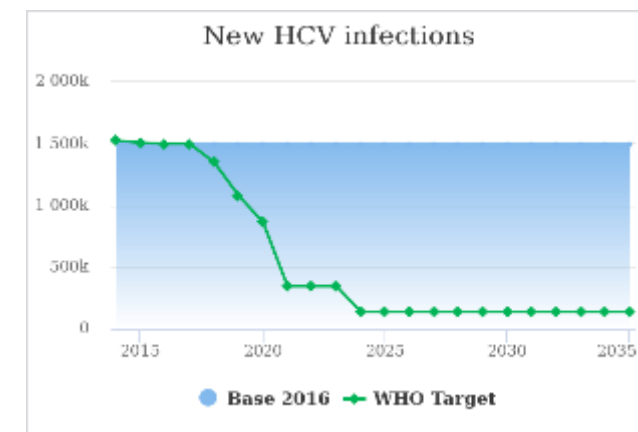
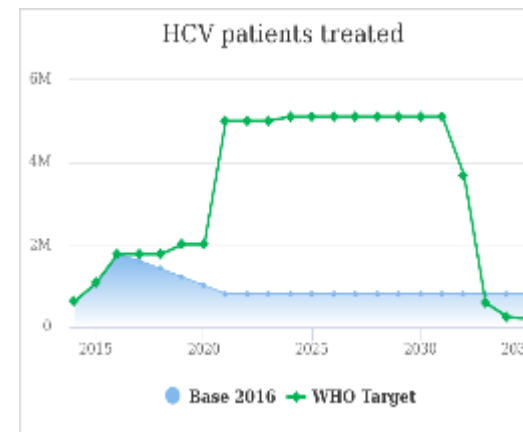
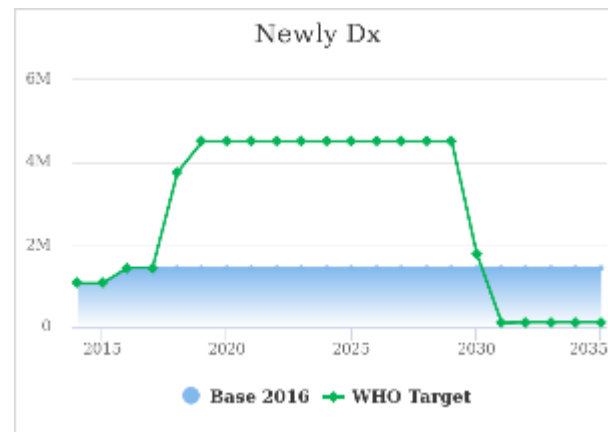
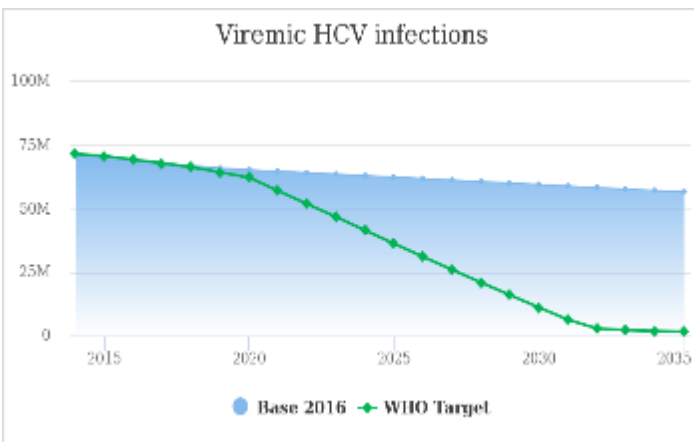
At individual level: treat infection/ liver disease

At community level: treating infection; those with high potential for transmission; reduce disease burden



Current and future HCV global scenario

Polaris
Estimate



Progress Toward HCV Elimination Goals by Countries

2016

On Track for WHO Elimination Targets

Iceland
 Qatar
 Australia
 Georgia
 Japan
 Netherlands
 Egypt
 France
 Germany

Working Towards Elimination

United States
 Spain
 Austria
 Sweden
 Malta
 UK
 Korea
 Luxembourg
 Brazil
 Mongolia
 Norway
 Estonia
 Portugal
 Canada
 Lithuania
 Lebanon
 New Zealand
 Italy
 Slovenia
 Poland
 Iran
 Uzbekistan

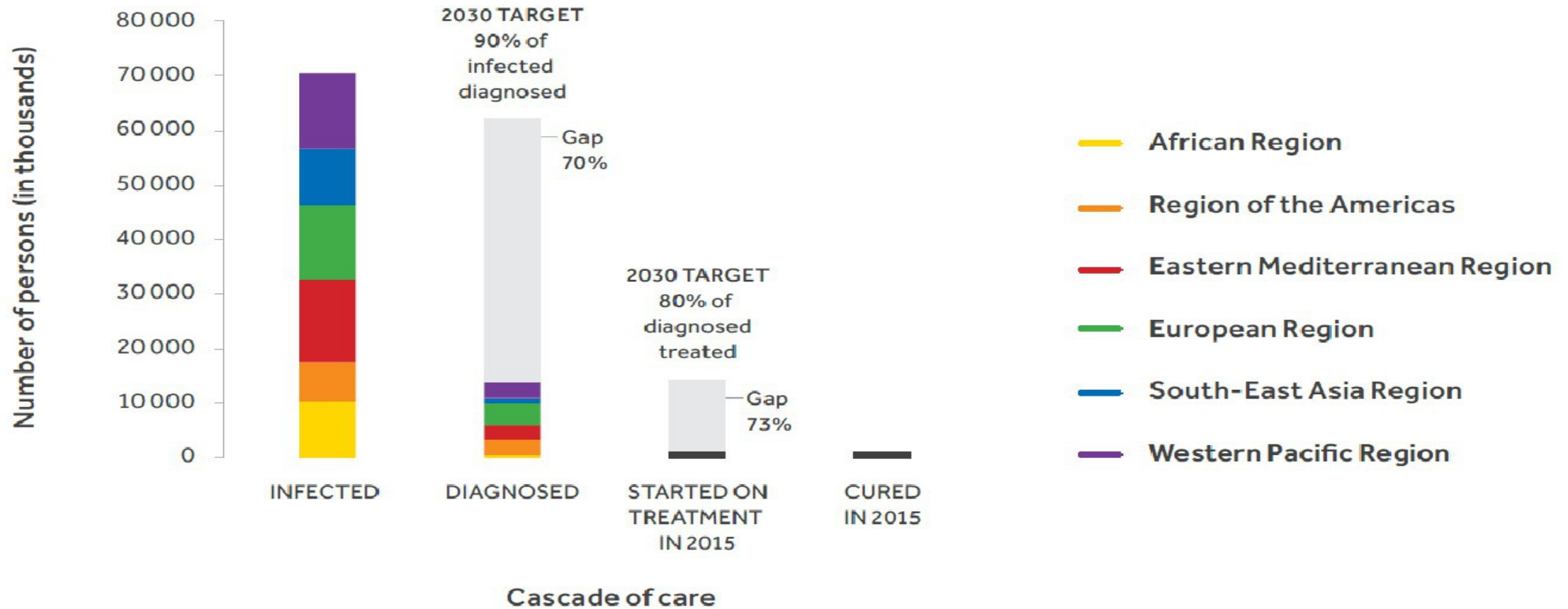
Elimination Unachievable Given Present Policy

Ireland
 Hungary
 Saudi Arabia
 Latvia
 Morocco
 Switzerland
 Denmark
 Pakistan
 Hong Kong
 India
 Chile
 Belgium
 Romania
 Israel
 Czech Republic
 Finland
 Algeria
 China
 Oman
 Slovakia
 Tunisia
 Peru
 Bahrain
 Puerto Rico
 Greece
 Iraq
 Papua New Guinea
 Libya
 Taiwan
 Cameroon
 Dominican Republic
 Thailand

Kyrgyzstan
 Croatia
 Venezuela
 Kazakhstan
 Viet Nam
 Jordan
 Bulgaria
 Argentina
 UAE
 Ethiopia
 Cuba
 Burundi
 Malaysia
 Colombia
 Russia
 Azerbaijan
 Philippines
 Mexico
 Cambodia
 Indonesia
 Panama
 Turkey
 El Salvador
 South Africa
 Nigeria
 Afghanistan
 Ghana
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 Madagascar
 Kenya

● On Track ● Working Towards

Cascade of care for HCV infection, by WHO region, 2015



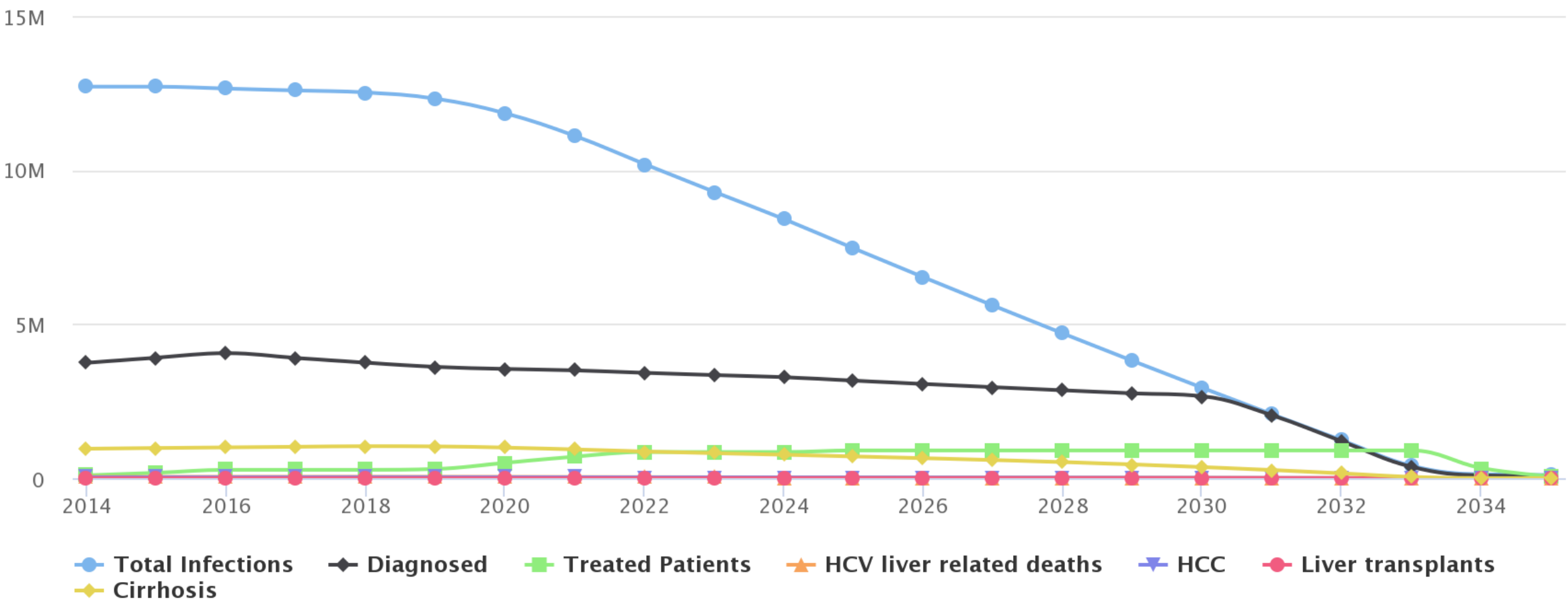
Source: WHO estimates, conducted by the Center for Disease Analysis. See Annex 2.



Current and future HCV scenario: Europe

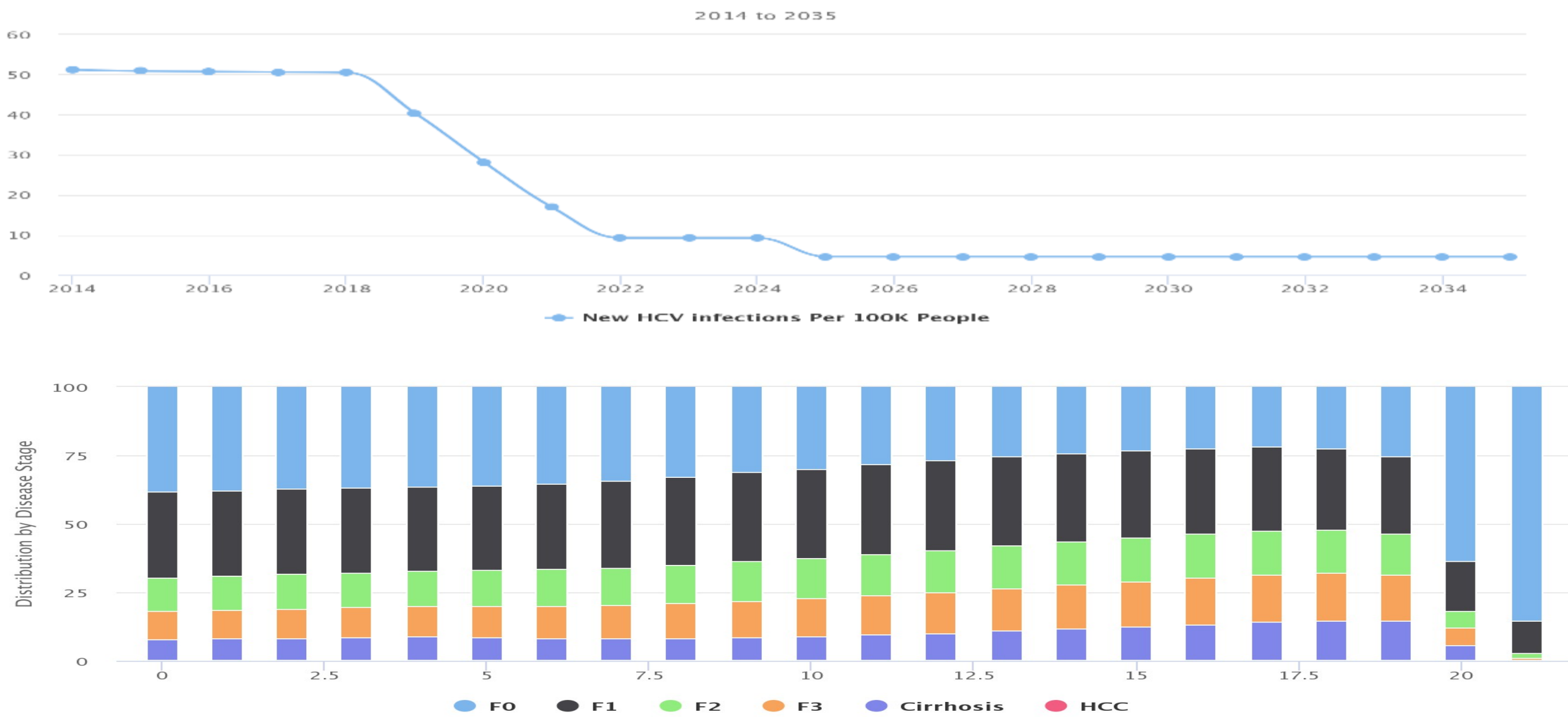
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Estimate

2014 to 2035





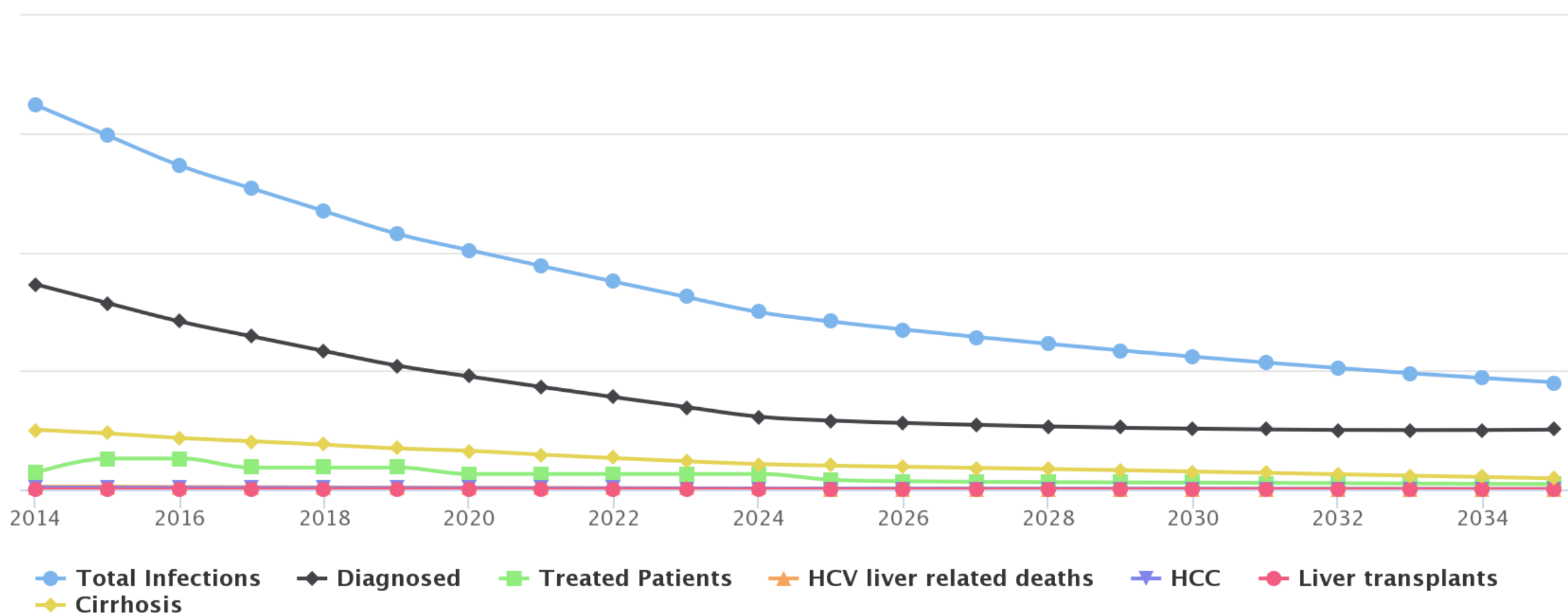
Current and future HCV scenario: Europe





Current and future HCV scenario: USA

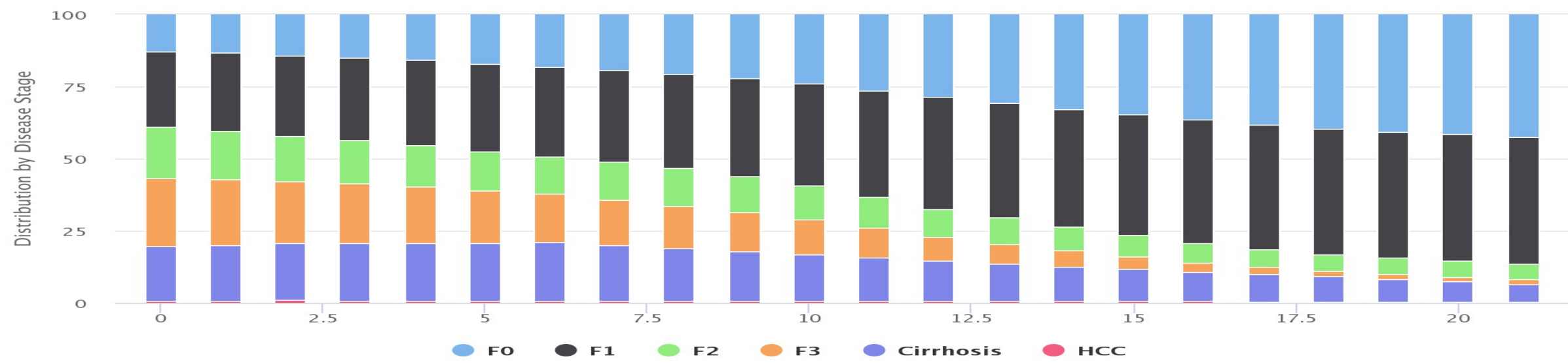
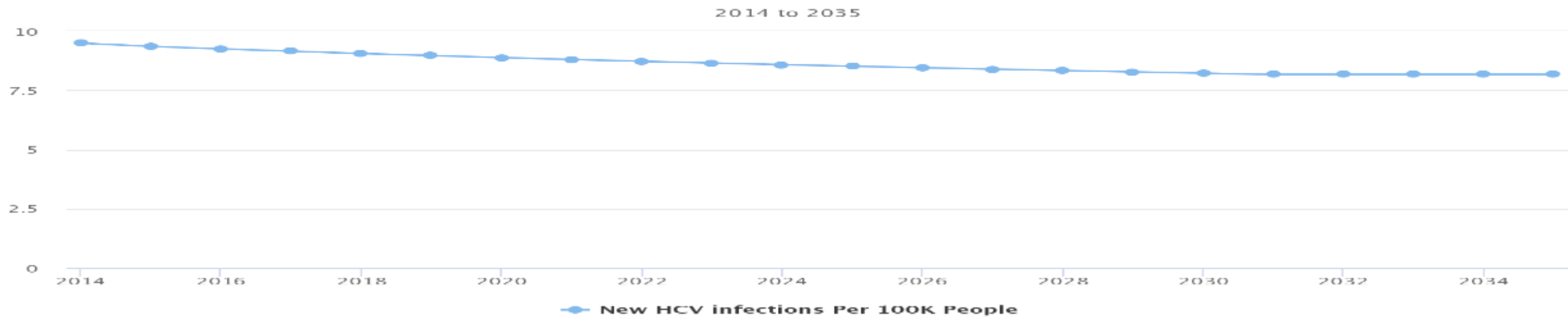
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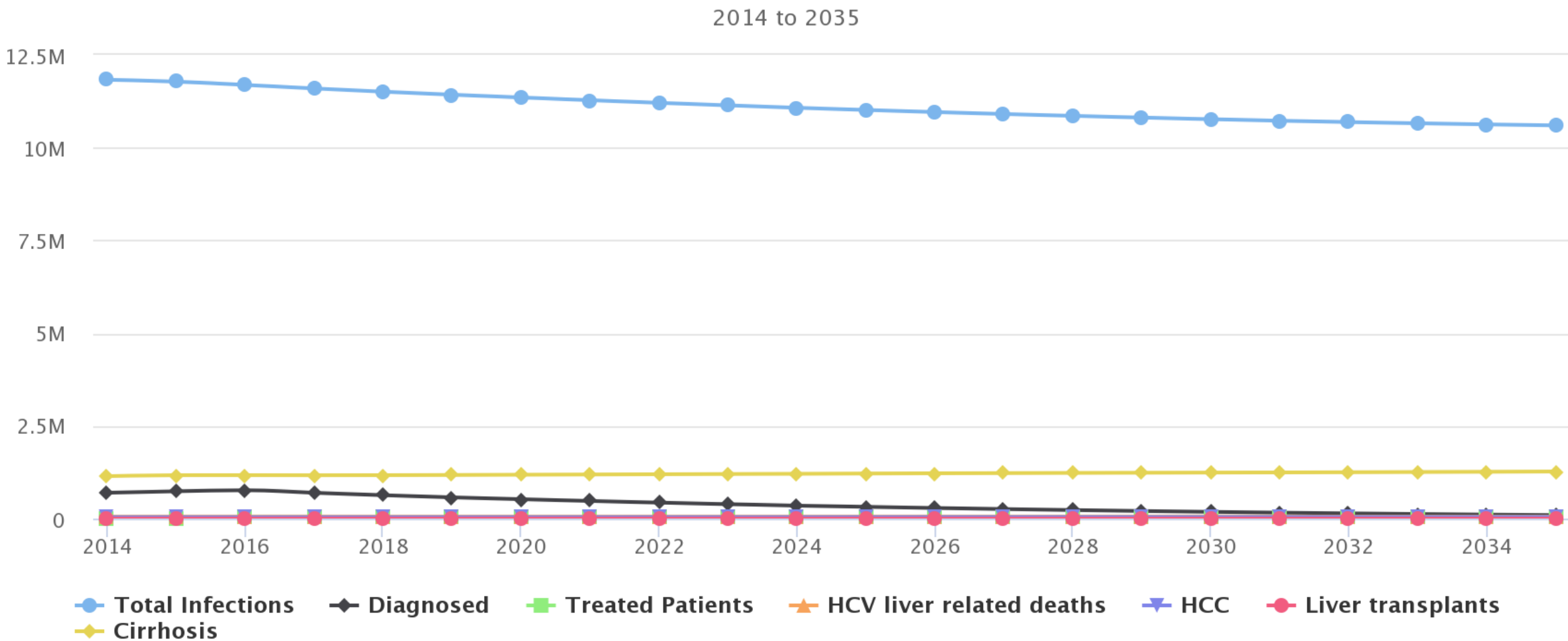
Current and future HCV scenario: USA

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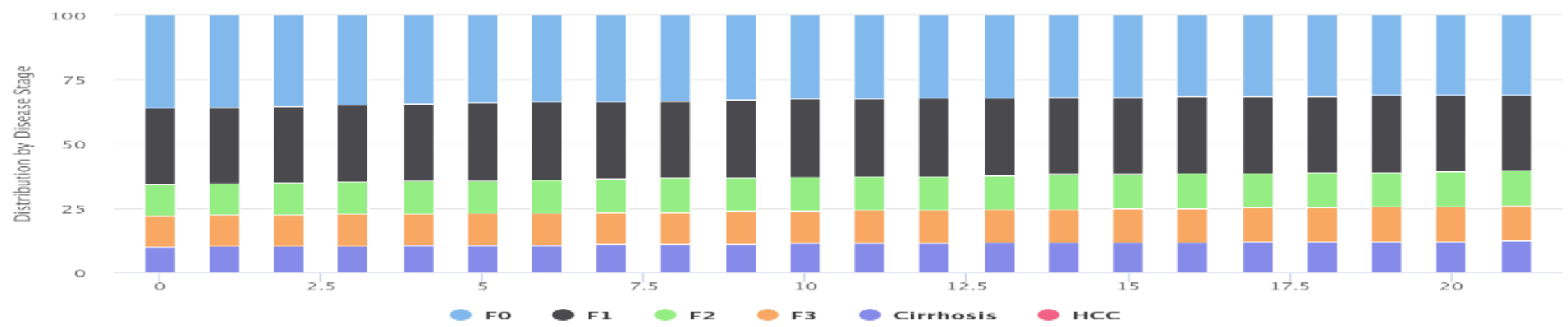
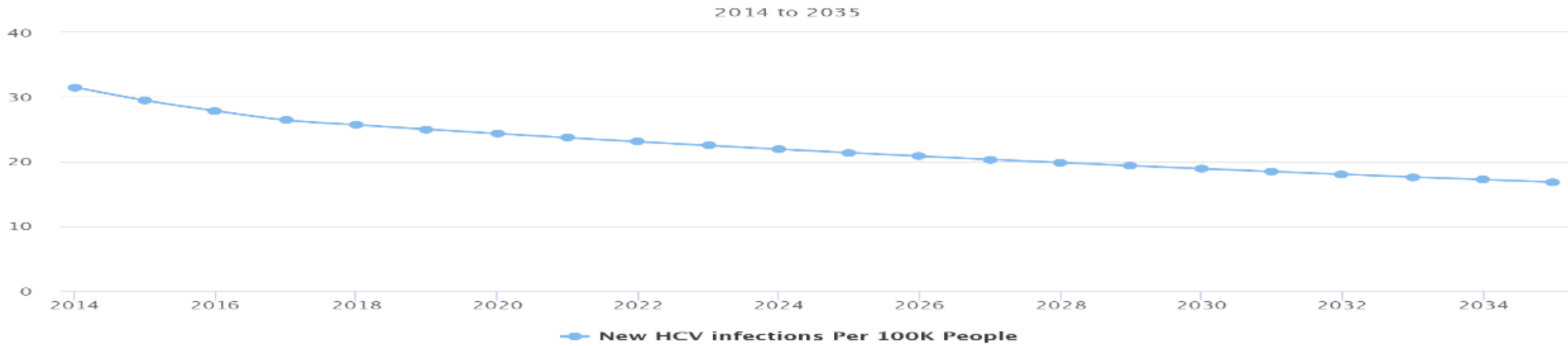


Current and future HCV scenario: Africa





Current and future HCV scenario: Africa





Disease Eradication vs Elimination vs Control

**DAA's providing
100% SVR**

SVR near, but not, 100%

DAA's make efficacy - >95%

their job

Safety – very few serious AE; low rates of discontinuation

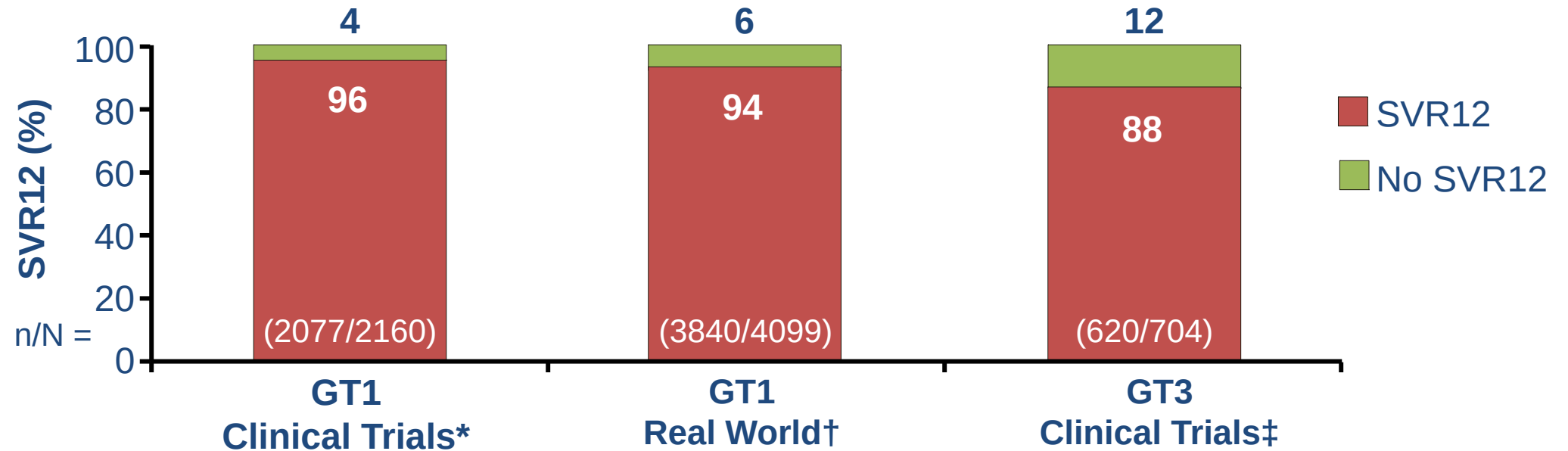
Simplification

- Short treatment duration
- Once daily dosing
- No baseline resistance testing
- No or minimal AEs
- Kidney friendly
- Pangenotypic

**Costs are decreasing
and availability
increasing**



Failures mostly occur with 1st and 2nd wave DAA regimens (*but some also with 3rd wave....*)



*Clinical trials with GZR/EBR, PTV/RTV/OBV + DSB, SOF + DCV ± RBV, SOF/LDV, SOF + SIM ± RBV, SOF/VEL.[1-14]

†Data from the HCV TARGET study; pts treated with varied regimens that included ≥ 2 DAAs.[12]

‡Clinical trials with SOF + DCV, SOF + RBV, SOF/VEL.[13,14]

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Decompensated Cirrhosis

- Treatment options are more limited than for pts without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis
 - SVR rates are generally lower; treatment remains controversial
 - **Protease inhibitors are not recommended for CPT B or C**
- Continuing role for ribavirin, extended treatment duration
 - No options for **CPT B or C** patients with severe renal impairment

Regimen	Duration/RBV Inclusion	
	RBV Eligible	RBV Ineligible
SOF/VEL	12 wks + RBV†	24 wks

Initial RBV dose: 600 mg/day, increase as tolerated. †Weight-based RBV; low initial dose for CPT C.

Third wave regimens not relevant in this setting



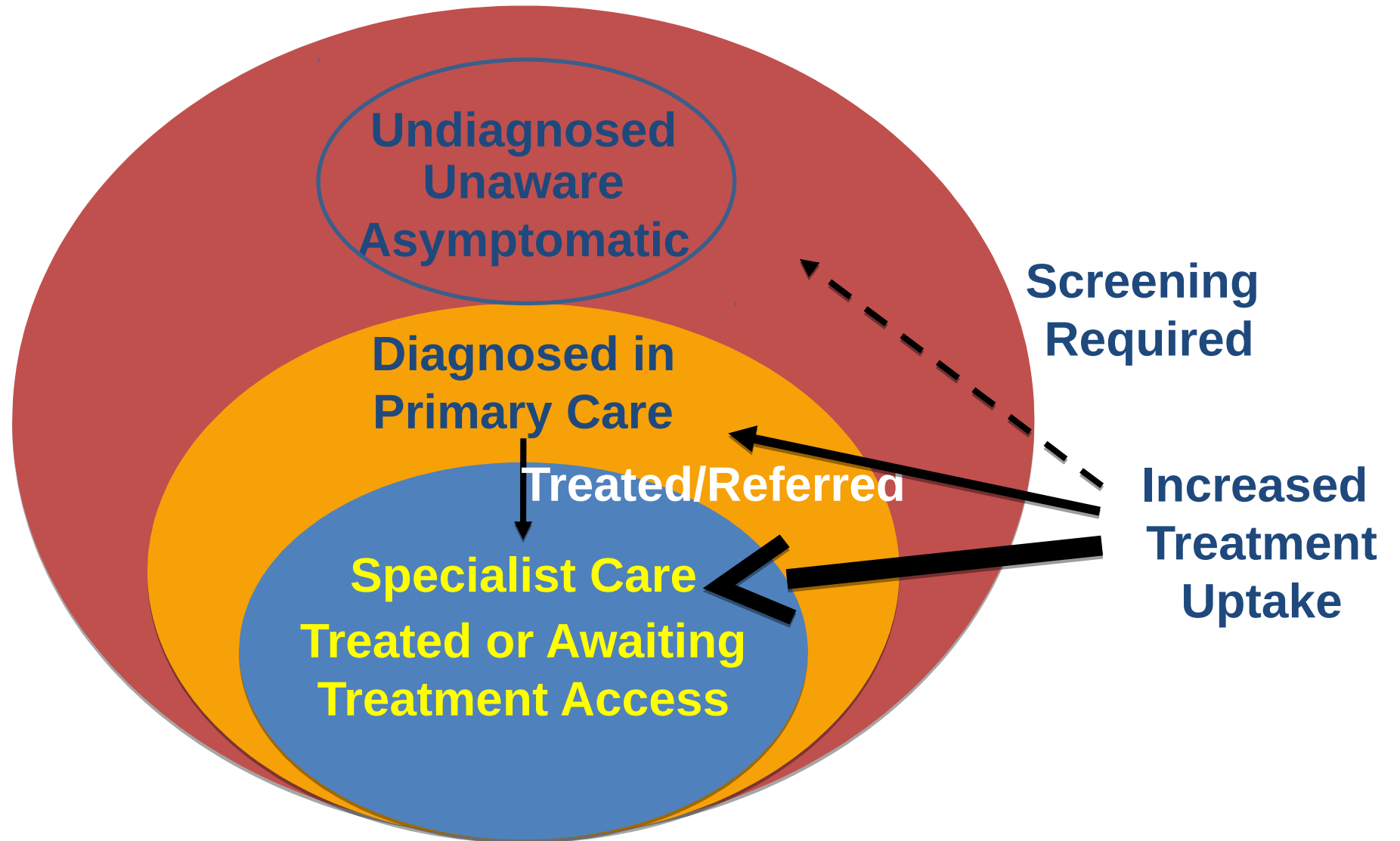
Disease Eradication vs Elimination vs Control

Many HCV patients unknown
to the health care system

**TREAT AND CURE
100% OF INFECTED**



HCV Population





Screening Approaches

■ Risk-based

- Identify and test only those with risk factors

■ Pros:

- High yield
- Cheaper

■ Cons:

- Contact with HC system
- **Must** know & discuss risk factors
- Test **may be** stigmatized
- **Miss those without RFs**

■ Population-based

- Test a segment of the population eg. baby boomers, immigrants

■ Pros:

- High coverage rate
- Easy to implement

■ Cons:

- Need to choose the pop'n
- Low yield, expensive
- May be stigmatizing to pop'n – eg. immigrants

Not mutually exclusive

Improving screening - New technologies



**Saliva or blood
rapid antibody test**



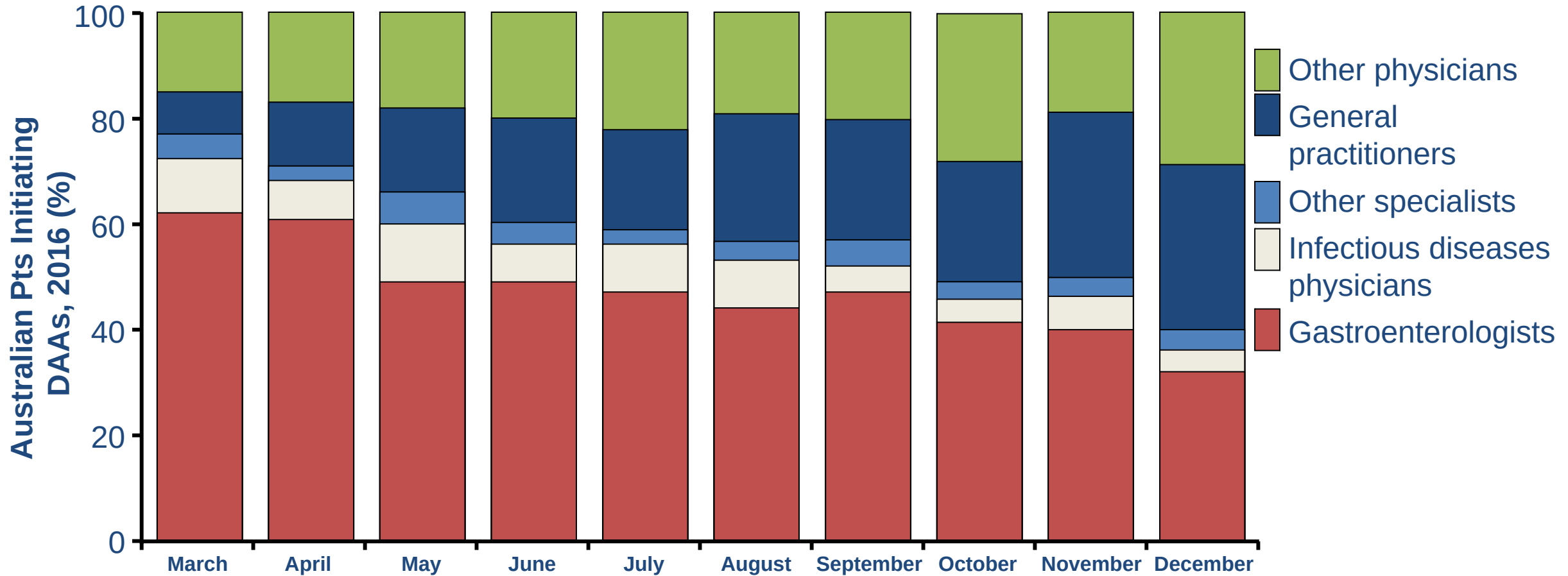
**Point-of-care
PCR test**



Dried Blood Spot



Nonspecialists Can Effectively Treat HCV



Dore G - Kirby Institute 2017 (<http://kirby.unsw.edu.au/research-programs/vhcrp-newsletters>)

The Kirby Institute. Monitoring hepatitis C treatment uptake in Australia (Issue 7). Available at: <https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/report/monitoring-hepatitis-c-treatment-uptake-australia-issue-7-july-2017>.



Cirrhosis Determination Feasible in Primary Care

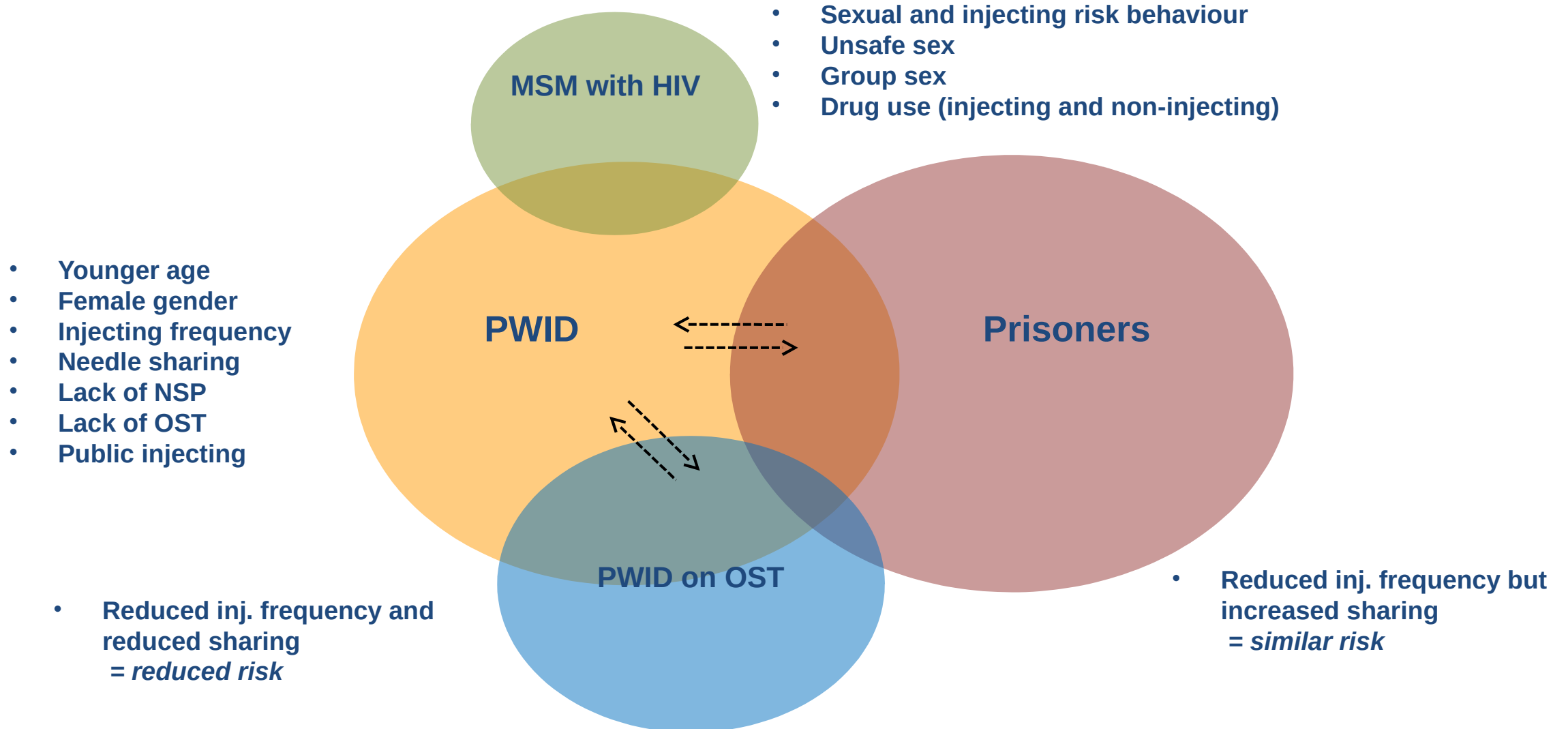
- AAR (AST/ALT ratio):
 - AST/ALT
- APRI (AST platelet ratio index) score:
 - $(\text{AST}/\text{upper limit of normal})/\text{platelet count}$ (expressed as platelets $\times 10^9/\text{L}$) $\times 100$
- Modified APRI score:
 - $[\text{Age (yr)} \times (\text{AST}/\text{upper limit of normal})]/$
 $[\text{serum albumin (g/dL)} \times \text{platelet count}$ (expressed as platelets $\times 10^9/\text{L}$) $\times 100]$
- FIB-4:
 - $\text{Age (yr)} \times \text{AST (IU/L)}/[\text{platelet count (x } 10^9/\text{L)} \times \sqrt{\text{ALT (IU/L)}}]$

Critical to assess for advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis

- Informs when specialist referral needed
- **Indicates need for post-SVR HCC monitoring**
- **Affects HCV regimen selection**

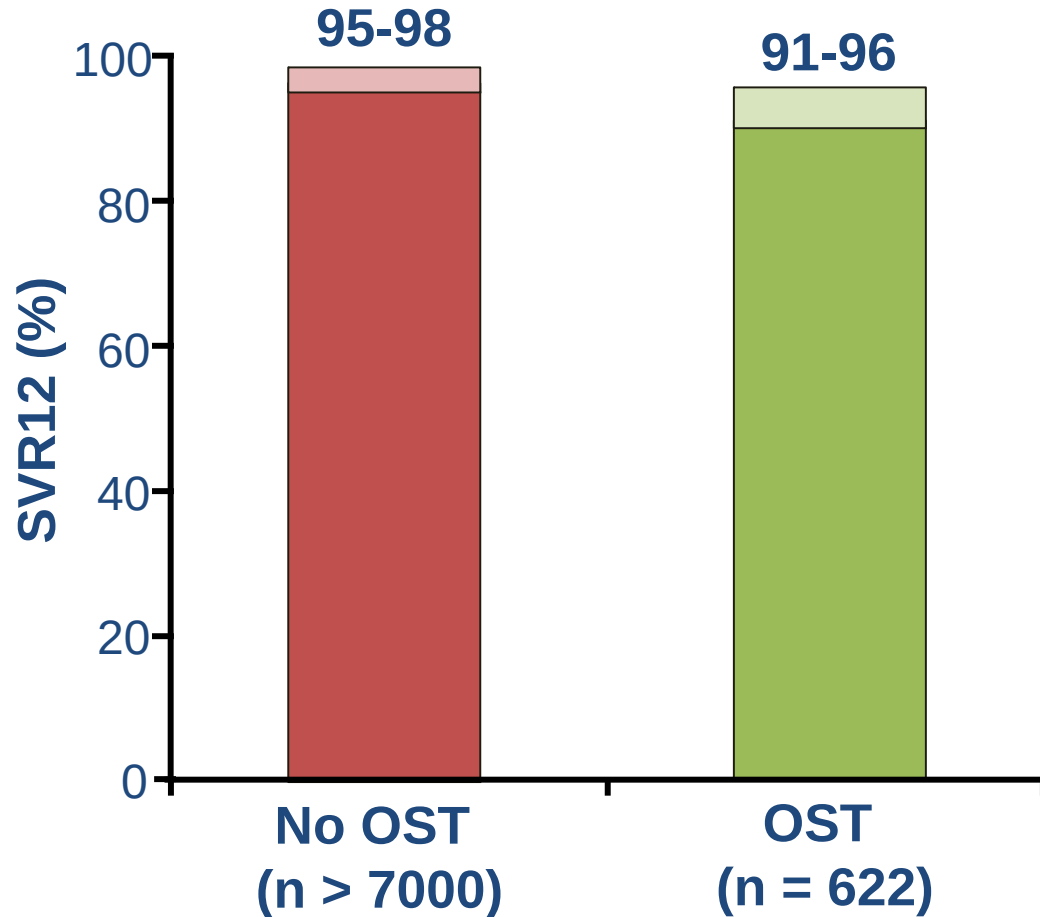


High risk populations for HCV





HCV DAA Therapy Highly Effective in PWIDs



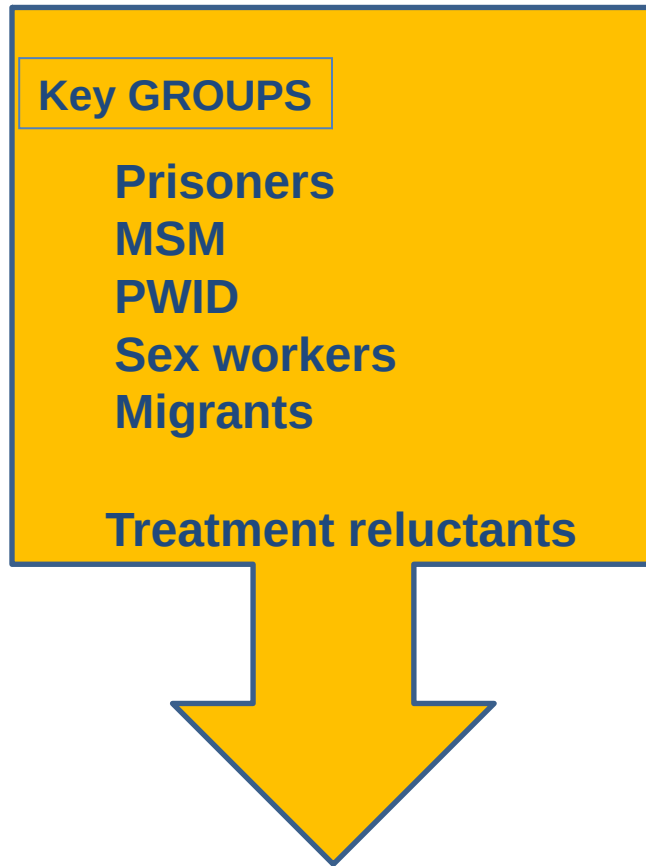
SVR12 rates also > 90% among pts with current/recent IDU

- 90.4% in C-EDGE CO-STAR (n = 136)
- 94% in SIMPLIFY (n = 102)
- 98% in pooled analysis from 6 phase III trials (mITT; n = 63)

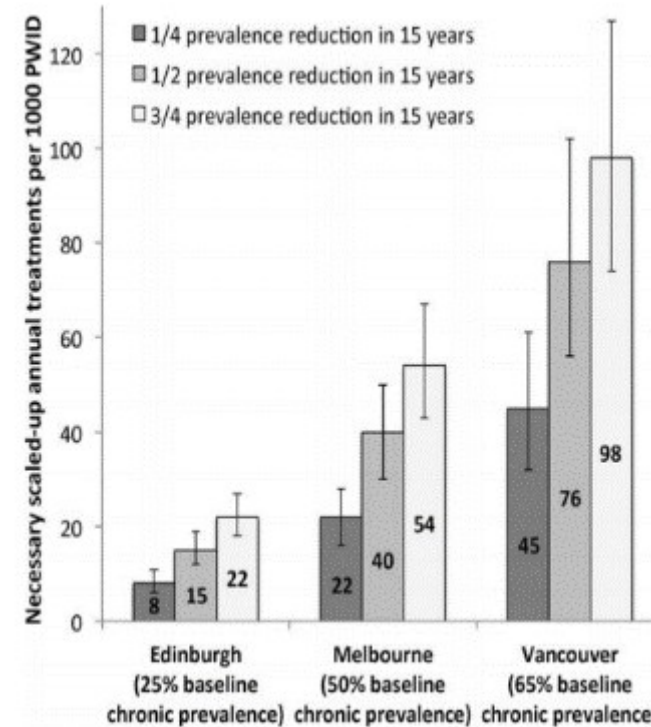
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Hard-to-reach groups are also high transmitters of HCV



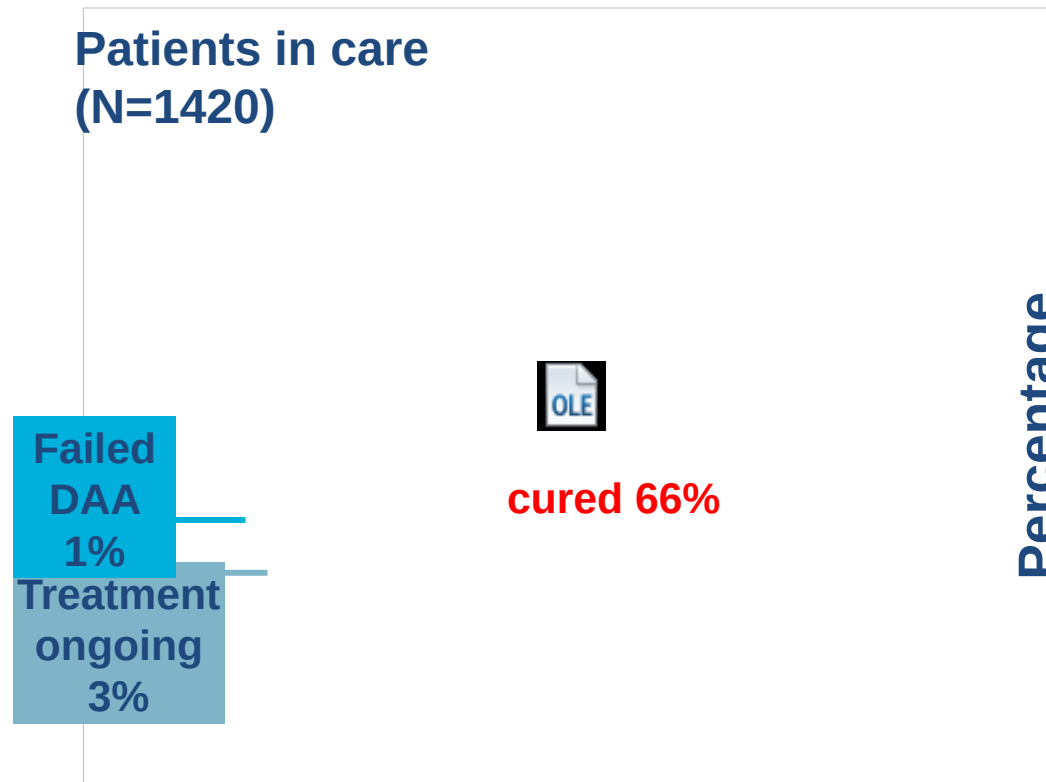
Dedicated screening programs
Counseling
Link to care



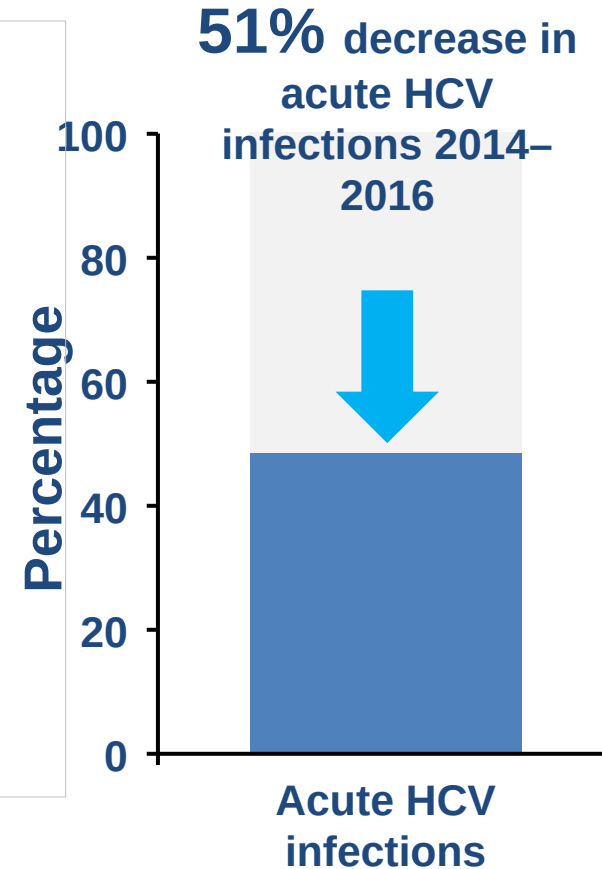
Modest rates of HCV treatment among active injecting drug users could effectively reduce transmission



HIV/HCV co-infection in The Netherlands – the outcomes



2/3 of the known HIV/HCV co-infected population have now been cured



Treatment as prevention appears effective

- Boerekamps A, et al. CROI 2016; Oral #136; Rijnders B, et al. CROI 2016 Oral #137LB



Road to Cure is Long for People Who Inject Drugs and Prisoners

- ~8,000,000 of 16 million PWID infected
 - 48-92% prevalence
- 1,546,500 of 10 million prisoners infected
 - E. Europe and Central Asia ~20.2%
 - USA and W. Europe ~15.4%
 - "Able" to test and treat*

***WHO recommendation**



Disease Eradication vs Elimination vs Control

**PREVENT ALL NEW
ACUTE AND CHRONIC
INFECTIONS**

**Reinfection likely
in high risk groups**



The 'Anna Karenina principle'

“All happy families look alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way”

Patients with chronic HCV present patterns consistent with Anna Karenina effect

Treated or on treatment

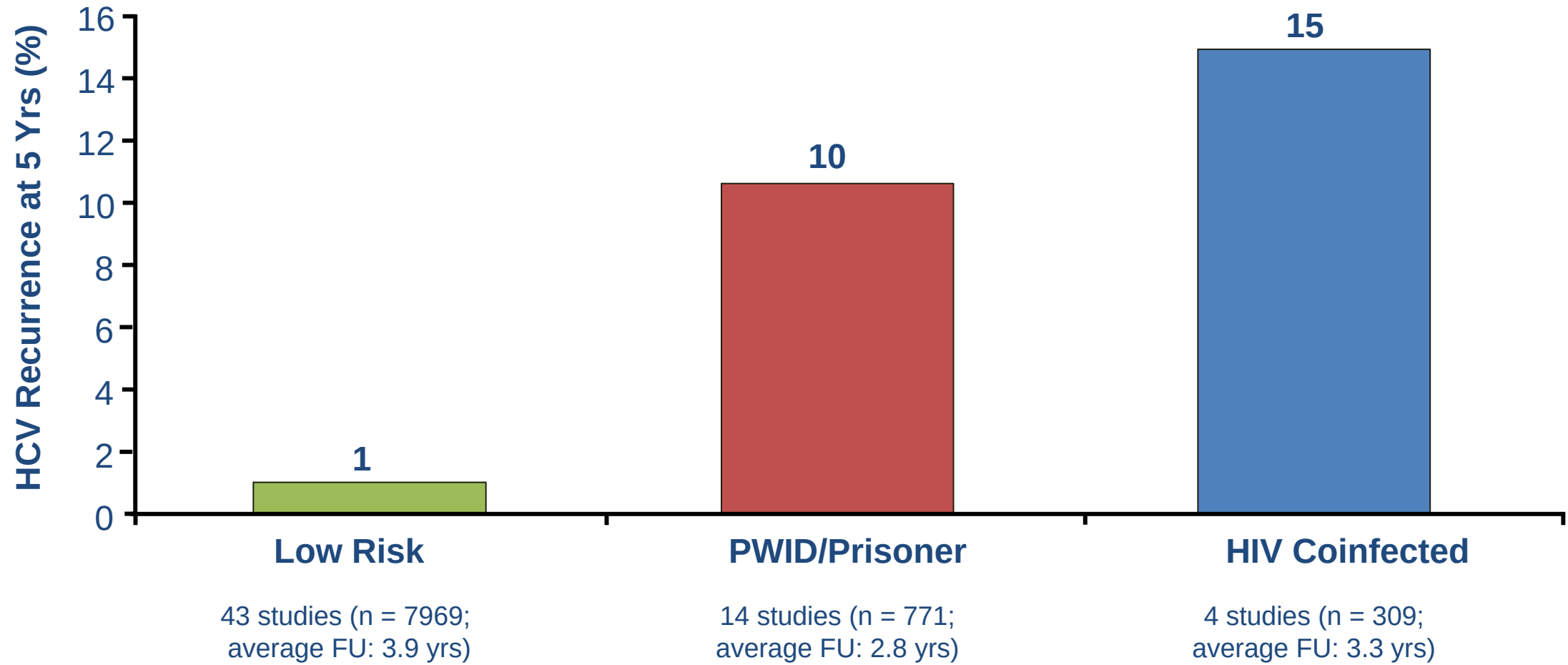
They all showed willingness to be treated, link to care, adherence to treatments

Difficult-to-treat

Heterogeneous group, with poor willingness to be treated and difficult link to care



HCV Reinfection Over 5 Yrs by Study Population





AA polymorphisms and RASs in 5 patients with acute hepatitis C

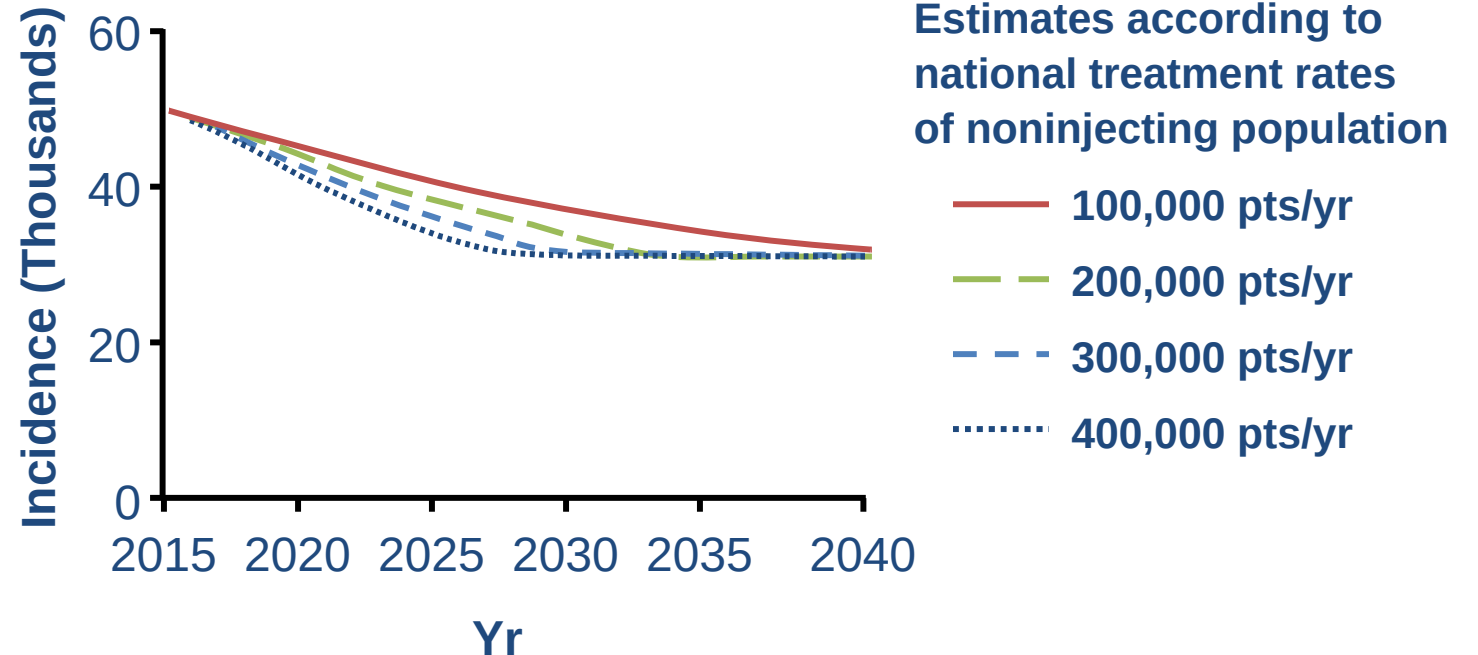
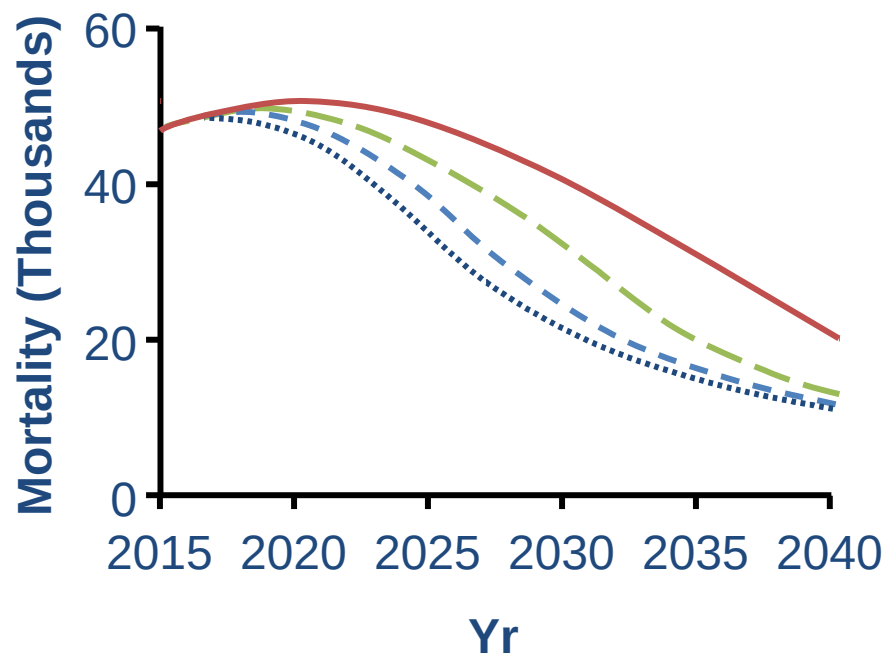
Brancaccio et al. Clin Gastroent Hepatol. In press

		CORE	NS3		NS5A		NS5B		
Pts	SOF/LDV treatment	Natural polymorphisms	RASs	Natural polymorphisms	RASs	Natural polymorphisms	RASs	Natural polymorphisms	
Clustered patients									
1	12 weeks	T75A*, T110N*	S122T	S7A, L14F, S61A, T72TI, D103ND, R118RW (1-181aa)	None	G2DG, K6R, S17T, L34V, L37F, T83M, V138I, V164A, V174T, A197T, del-225(1-447aa)	V321I	T19S, L31IV, L36M, L47Q, N117R, R120N, T130N, T132S, F162Y, G198K, E202D, A207T, A210S, A218S, N231S, A300S, E333A, K355Q, Q464E, V499T, R510K, S549G, del-571 (1-592aa)	
2	8 weeks	T75A*, T110N*	S122T	S7A, V48I, S61A(1-181aa)	A92T	K6R, S17T, L34V, L37F, T56TI, T83M, T135A, V138I, V164A, V174T, del-187 (1-447aa)	V321I	A16TA, T19S, L36M, L47Q, R98K, N117R, R120N, , T130N, E131EG, T132S, F162Y, G198K, E202D, A207T, A210S, A218S, N231S, C242S, A300S, E333A, K355Q, K441Q, Q464E, V499T, R510K, S549G, del-570 (1-592aa)	
3	12 weeks	T75A*, L97LF, T110N*	S122T	S7A, L14F, S61A(1-181aa)	Y93H	K6R, S17T, L34V, L37F, T55TA, T83M, P89PL, H128HY, V138I, V164A, V174T, A197T, del-207 (1-447aa)	V321I	T19S, L36M, L47Q, N117R, R120N, T130N, T132S, G198K, E202D, A207T, A210S, A218S, N231S, A300T, E333A, K355Q, E437KE, Q464E, V499T, R510K, Q514R, S549G, del-580 (1-592aa)	
4	8 weeks	T75A*, T110N*	S122T	S7A, L13LF, L14F, S42SF, S61A, S93SF, S133SF(1-181aa)	None	K6R, S17T, L37F, T83M, V138I, V174T, A197T, del-229 (1-447aa)	V321I	A16T, T19S, L36M, L47Q, R98K, N117R, R120N, T130N, T132S, F162Y, T181N, G189K, E202D, A207T, A210S, A218S, N231S, A300S, G328EG, E333A, K335Q, K441Q, Q464E, V499T, R510K, S549G, W574L, L588S, del-589 (1-592aa)	
Out cluster patient									
6	12 weeks	K67R, R70Q*, T75A*, L178LF	Y56F	I18V, V48I, I71TI, A87S, A150V, V132I, V170I (1-181aa)	P58PL	K6R, S17T, L37F, K44R, M133I, V164A, K166R, V174T, del-222 (1-447aa)	None	T19S, L31IV, L36M, L47Q, K81KR, V116I, R120N, K124E, E131V, F162Y, A210S, K212KR, N231S, R254KR, A300S, E333A, A338V, K355Q, I412IM, Q461L, R510K, T520N, Q544R, S549G, R566P, del-580 (1-592aa)	



Modeling: HCV Elimination in US Requires Enhanced Screening of High-Risk Populations

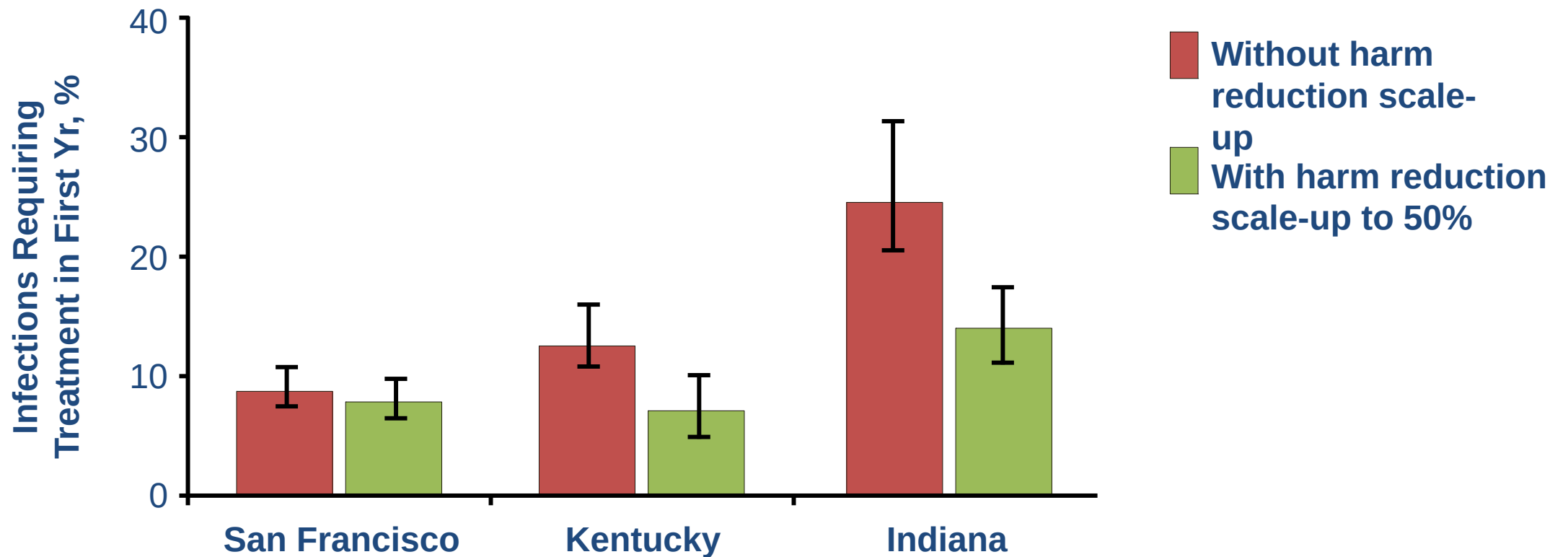
- Mortality reduction possible with treatment scale-up alone
- Incidence reduction requires **both** treatment scale-up and increased screening





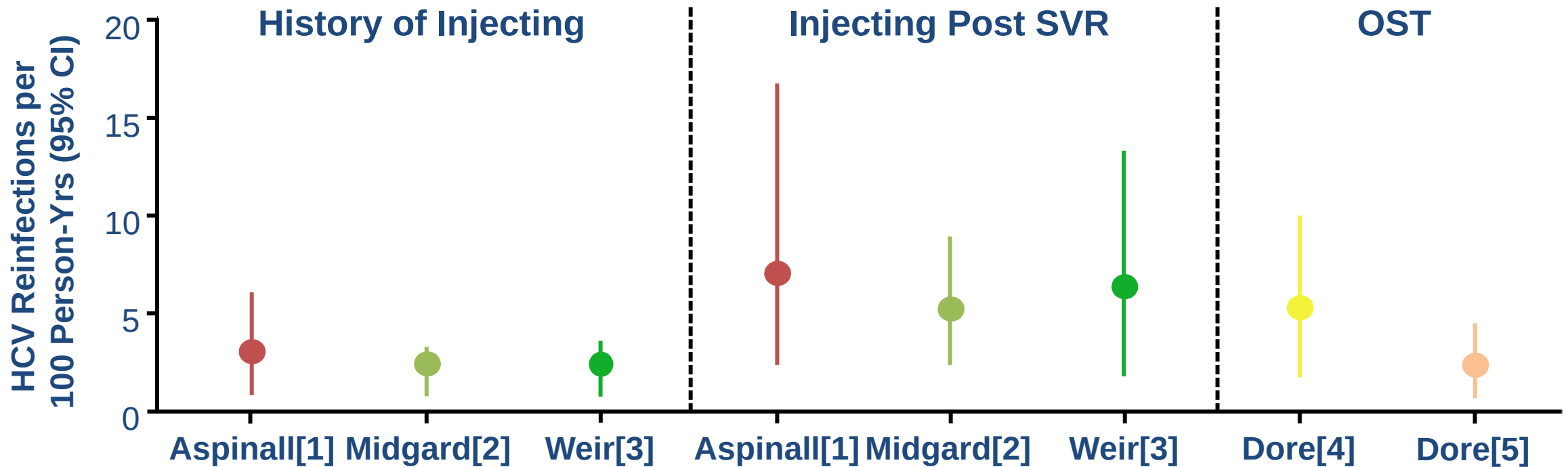
Modeling: Level of Scale-up Needed Depends on Existing Service Levels

% of HCV-Infected PWID Requiring HCV Tx to Achieve 90% Reduction in Incidence and Prevalence by 2030





What About HCV Reinfection in PWID?



Among 28 pts who completed HCV treatment in urban methadone clinic with follow-up viral testing, no reinfections identified through 1 yr posttreatment follow-up[6]

1. Aspinall EJ, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2013;57(suppl 2):S80-S89. 2. Midgard H, et al. J Hepatol. 2016;64:1020-1026. 3. Weir A, et al. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2016;165:53-60. 4. Dore GJ, et al. Ann Intern Med. 2016; 2016;165:625-634. 5. Dore GJ, et al. AASLD 2017. Abstract 195. 6. Sylvestre DL, et al. AASLD 2017. Abstract LB-18.



Multiple Prevention Strategies Are Needed

Among PWID: **harm reduction** efficacy estimates against HCV

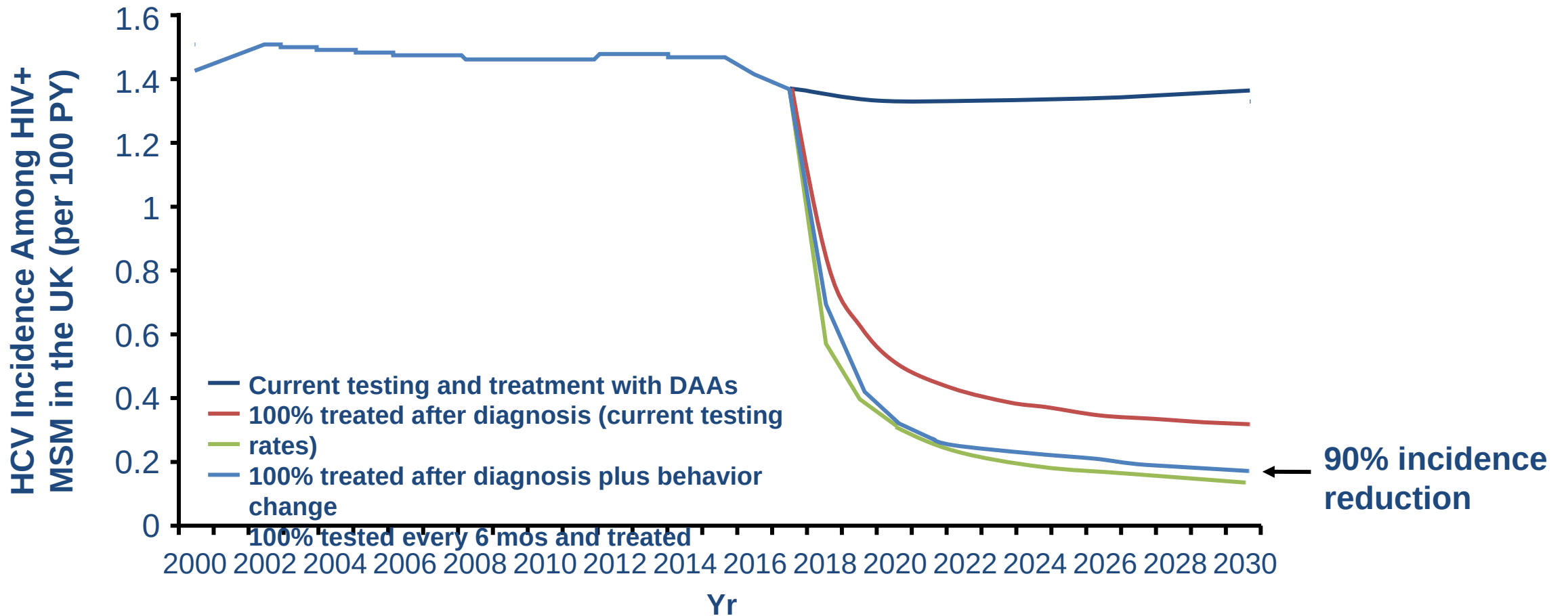
Current OST reduces risk of acquiring HCV by 50%

High-coverage NSP reduces HCV acquisition risk by ~ 21%, although effect was stronger in Europe (56%)

In combination, both high-coverage NSP and OST can reduce risk of acquiring HCV by ~ 76%



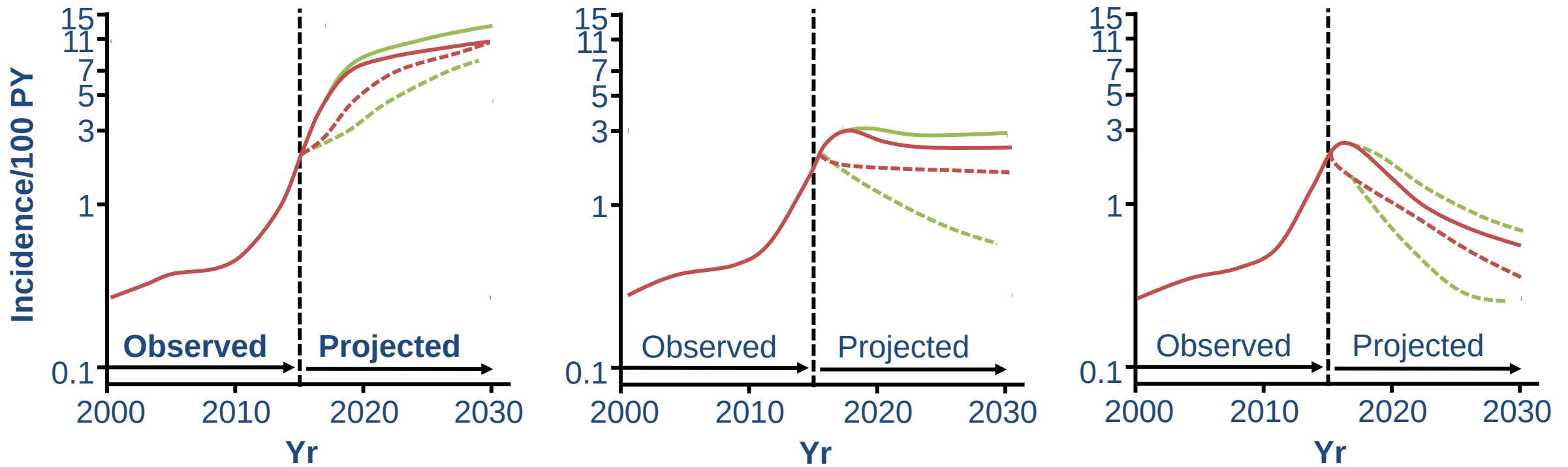
HIV+ MSM in UK Model: Elimination Will Require High Treatment + More Testing or Harm Reduction





HIV+ MSM in Swiss Model: Any Incidence Decrease Not Possible Without Harm Reduction

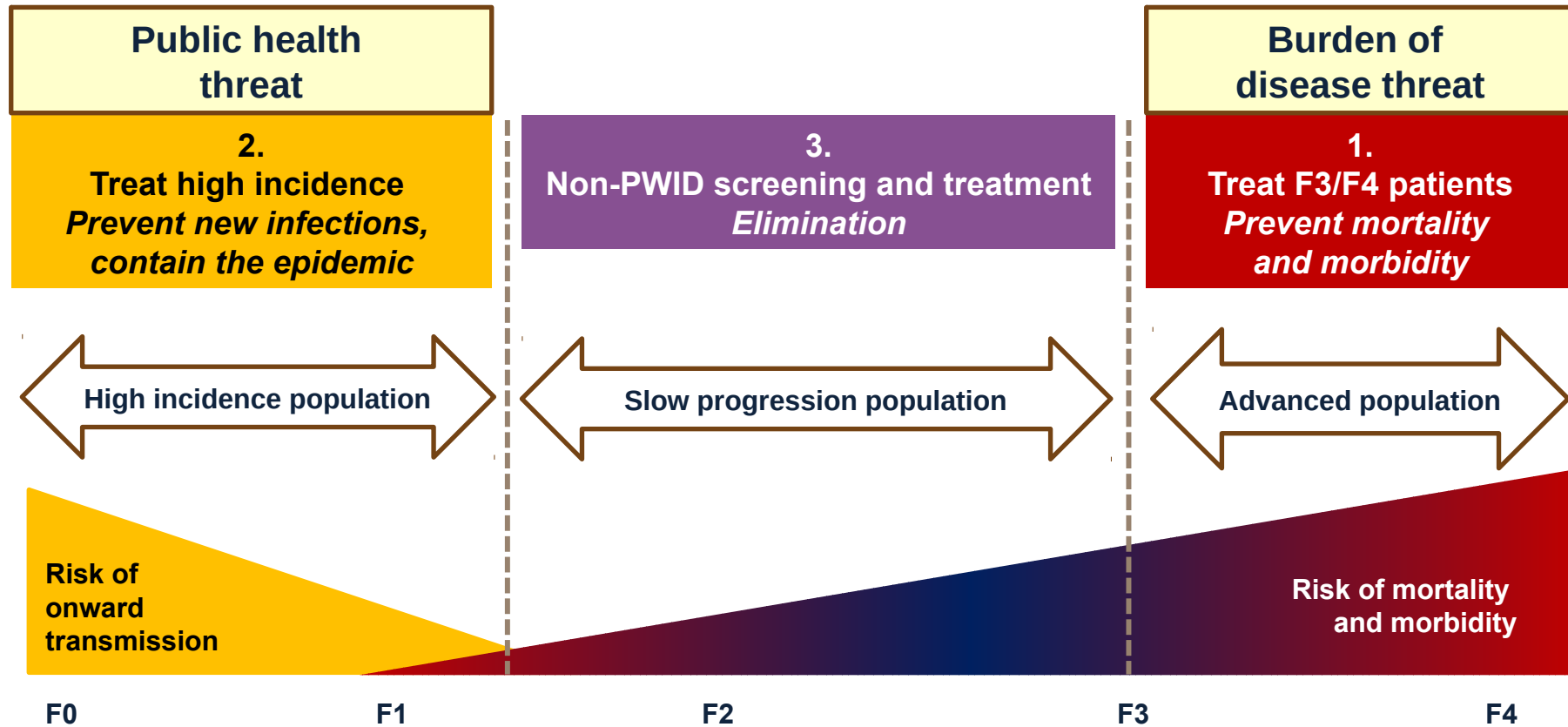
Pessimistic Scenario: Increasing Size of High-Risk Group **Intermediate Scenario:** Stable Size of High-Risk Group **Optimistic Scenario:** Decreasing Size of High-Risk Group



— IFN based and current tx uptake (22%/yr) - - IFN based and increased tx uptake (100%/yr)
— 2nd-generation DAAs and current tx uptake (22%/yr) - - 2nd-generation DAAs and increased tx uptake (100%/yr)



Use of DAAs to reduce global HCV burden



⇒ **One approach does not fit all**



HCV care cascade and path to disease eradication: barriers and potential solutions

