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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
- Genotypes 6 and 4 originated 700 years and 350 years ago, and subtypes 1a and 1b < 100 years ago



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2: Pybus OG, Charleston MA, Gupta S, Rambaut A, Holmes EC, Harvey PH. The epidemic behavior of the hepatitis C virus. Science. 2001; 292:2323-5.

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

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Regulators of viral epidemiology in a human population



Principles of Virology, ASM Press



Estimated 70 Million Persons Living With HCV



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

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*



Stanaway, Lancet 2016; GBD Lancet 2015

The evolution of HCV therapy

Call



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

- VOX: pangenotypic NS3/4A protease inhibitor
- SOF/VEL/(VOX): once daily, oral, fixed-dose combination (400/100/(100 mg) for GTs 1-6

⁽⁶⁾ Pangenotypic, RBV-free DAAs for 8-12 weeks available for most HCV patients

Setting	EMA indications for pangenotypic, RBV-free regimens					
Cotting	GLE/PIB	SOF/VEL	SOF/VEL/VOX			
Treatment naive	GT1-6 No cirrhosis: 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	 GT1-6 No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	 GT1-6 No cirrhosis 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks (8 weeks may be considered in GT3 pts) 			
IFN/RBV * experienced	 GT1, 2, 4, 5, 6 No cirrhosis: 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks GT3 No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 16 wks 	 GT1-6 No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks 	 GT1-6 No cirrhosis 8 wks Compensated cirrhosis: 12 wks (8 weeks may be considered in GT3 pts) 			
DAA experienced	 Not indicated 	 Not indicated 	 GT1-6 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]



*For 18 mos of follow-up.

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

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

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



‡For 38,204 pt-yrs 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 unrelated
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)
Р	< 0.001	0.94	< 0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001





Liver-related mortality







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	eat
80%	Treated	
65%	Reduced Mortality	



Treatment of chronic Hepatitis C: new horizons

<u>Aim at individual level</u>

Abolishing liver disease progression Regression of the hepatic damage Reducing liver and non-liver complications

A<u>im at community level</u>



At individual level: treat infection/ liver disease

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



Curte and future HCV global scenario











http://polarisobservatory.org/polaris_view/hepC.htm accessed Jan 11, 2018

Progress Toward HCV Elimination Goals by Countries

2016

On Track for WHO Elimination Targets	Working Towards Elimination	Elimination Unachievable Given Present Policy		
Iceland Qatar Australia Georgia Japan Netherlands Egypt France Germany	United States Spain Austria Sweden Malta UK Korea Luxembourg Brazil Mongolia Norway Estonia Portugal Canada Lithuania Lebanon New Zealand Italy Slovenia Poland Iran Uzbekistan	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	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 Yemen Syria Madagascar	
http://polarisobservatory.org/polaris_view/hepC.h	ntm accessed Jan 11, 2018	Thailand	. toriya	

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



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



GLOBAL HEPATITIS REPORT, 2017

Cute and future HCV scenario: Europe



http://polarisobservatory.org/polaris_view/hepC.htm accessed Jan 11, 2018

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Cute and future HCV scenario: Europe





http://polarisobservatory.org/polaris_view/hepC.htm accessed Jan 11, 2018

Cut and future HCV scenario: USA



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Cut and future HCV scenario: USA



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Cute and future HCV scenario: Africa



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Cut and future HCV scenario: Africa



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- 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.[1-11] †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

Dealeran	Duration/RBV Inclusion		
Regimen	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



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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:
 - (AST/upper limit of normal)/platelet count (expressed as platelets x 109/L) x 100
- Modified APRI score:
 - [Age (yr) x (AST/upper limit of normal)]/
 [serum albumin (g/dL) x platelet count
 (expressed as platelets x 109/L) x 100]
- FIB-4:
 - Age (yr) x AST (IU/L)/[platelet count (x 109/L) x VALT (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





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



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

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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*



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



Simmons B, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2016:62:683-694.



AA polymorphisms and RASs in 5 patients with acute hepatitis C

Brancaccio et al.Clin Gastroent Hepatol. In press

		CORE		NS3	NS5A NS5B		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)	Ү93Н	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]

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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



Martin NK, et al. HIV/Viral Hepatitis Coinfection Mtg. Paris, France. 2017. Martin NK, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2016;62:1072-1080.



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



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

-- 2nd-generation DAAs and increased tx uptake (100%/yr)

Salazar-Vizcaya L, et al. Hepatology. 2016;64:1856-1869.

Use of DAAs to reduce global HCV burden





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

BARRIERS



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SOLUTIONS



