Cost- Benefit of treatment in F1 patients

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Cost-Benefits in F1

• Conflicts of interest

 Fees received from AbbVie, Gilead, GSK, Merck

Cost – Benefits in F1

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 - Cost per QALY, discounts, additional costs, additional benefits

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 - I will take the easy approach

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HCV will eventually cause liver damage



Disease outcomes in a cohort of women in Ireland infected by hepatitis C-contaminated anti-D immunoglobulin during 1970s

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HCV clearance stops liver complications



No. at risk Without SVB 4

Without SVR	405	393	382	363	344	317	295	250	207	164	135
With SVR	192	181	168	162	155	144	125	88	56	40	28

Hepatocellular carcinoma Hepatocellular Carcinoma, % P <.001 Without SVR With SVR Time, y No. at risk

Without SVR	405	390	375	349	326	294	269	229	191	151	122
With SVR	192	181	167	161	152	142	124	86	54	39	27



No. at risk Without SVR With SVR



No. at risk

Without SVR With SVR 192 180

Annual standardized incidence rates of LT wait-listing per 100,000 US population Indication for wait-listing



Etiology of liver disease

- Avoidance of liver complications
- Avoidance of non-liver complications

• Prevention of transmission

Patients with chronic HCV feel unwell



Foster et al Hepatology 1998

Age specific HCV mortality USA 1991-2003



Guiltman et al Am J Epidemiol 2008;167:743-50

HCV eradication reduces the occurrence of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) in hepatitis C cirrhotic patients

Predictors of MACE (MI, IHD, CVA, Peripheral arterial disease) in 878 patients with compensated HCV-related cirrhosis Multivariate Cox proportional hazards model

Features	HR	95% CI	P-value
Arterial hypertension	3.24	1.78–5.91	<0.001
Tobacco consumption	Ref		<0.001
Never	1.75	0.76–3.91	0.18
Past	4.20	2.11-8.64	<0.001
Ongoing			
Ethnic origin	Rof		<0.001
African	1 1/	0 36-2 80	0.80
Arrican	0 20	2 /6-	0.00
Asian	5.20	24.95	0.005
Serum albumin ≤35 g/I	2.78	1.30–5.56	0.009
SVR	0.35	0.09–0.97	0.044

SVR is associated with a reduced rate of cardiovascular events

• Avoidance of liver complications

- Avoidance of non-liver complications
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What happens if you don't treat early HCV?



Age distribution of newly reported confirmed cases of hepatitis C virus infection --- Massachusetts, 2002 and 2009

HCV is on the rise!



https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/statistics/index.htm

SIMPLIFY: Efficacy and safety of SOF/VEL in people with chronic HCV infection and recent injecting drug use

- International study of SOF/VEL for 12 weeks in persons with recent IDU (< 6 months)
- 19 sites (Australia/New Zealand, NA, Europe)

Characteristics n (%)	SOF/VEL (12			
Characteristics, II (70)	wks) n=103			
Age <40 years	25 (24)			
Female sex	29 (28)			
OST and injecting drug use (in	last month)			
No OST, no injecting	12 (12)			
No OST, injecting	33 (32)			
OST, no injecting	15 (15)			
OST, injecting	43 (42)			
HCV genotype				
1	36 (35)			
2	5 (5)			
3	60 (58)			
4	2 (2)			
Fibrosis stage (METAVIR)				
F0-F1	59 (62)			
F2–F3	27 (28)			
F4	9 (9)			
Grebely				



SOF/VEL for 12 weeks was effective in persons with recent IDU Additional follow-up is needed to define risk of reinfection

Trial of Grazoprevir/Elbasvir in Injecting drug users



AASLD 2015

Incidence of reinfection

Through FW12

Through >FW48

Through FW24

	From End of Treatment Through Observation Visit 1						
•	8 reinfections	 197.5 person years 4.0 reinfections per 100 person years (95% CI: 1.7, 8.0) 					
		From End of Treatment Through Observation Visit 1 Includes only those patients with persistent HCV RNA)					
•	5 reinfections	 199.0 person years 2.5 reinfections per 100 person years (95% CI: 0.8, 5.9) 					

- Avoidance of liver complications PROVEN (and avoids long term follow up costs)
- Avoidance of non-liver complications PROVEN

Prevention of transmission DATA SUPPORTED

Costs of therapy (drugs /admin) MINUS costs of follow up

Costs vary by country but in ALL countries drug price should no longer be rate limiting

Cost – benefits of treating mild disease

• Treating mild disease is always cost-effective

- Is it affordable?
- If treating mild disease is not affordable in your country then a focus on severe disease may be necessary

Cost – Benefits in Mild Disease

• Therapy in mild disease is always cheaper, easier and avoids long term follow up costs

- For most countries the drugs are priced so that therapy in mild disease is affordable
- If the drugs are not affordable then a focus on severe disease may be required