

# Treatment of HCV : 100 % cure ?

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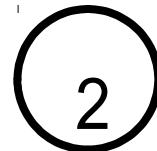
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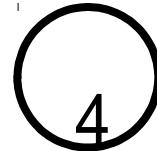
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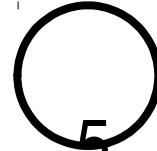
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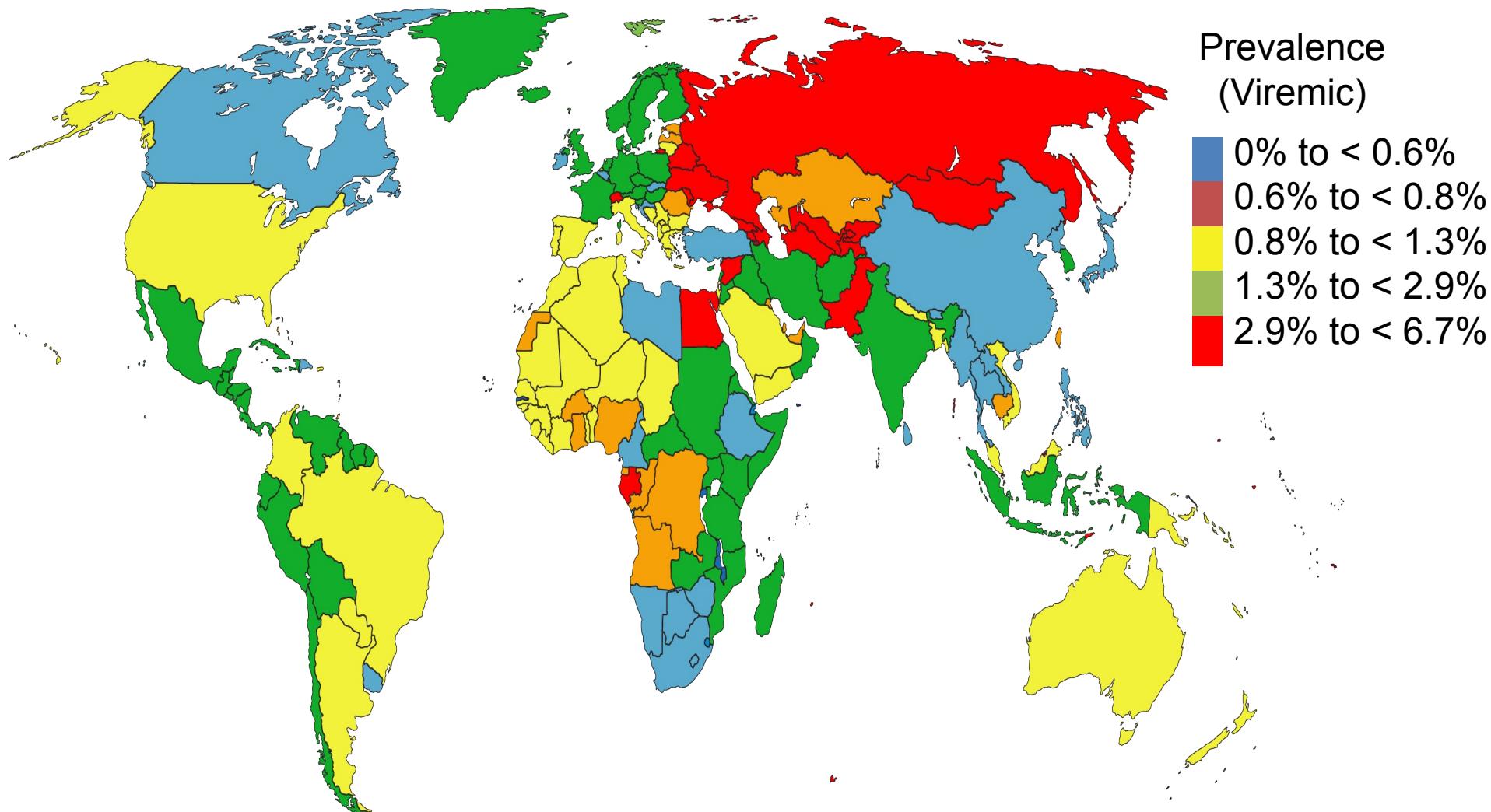


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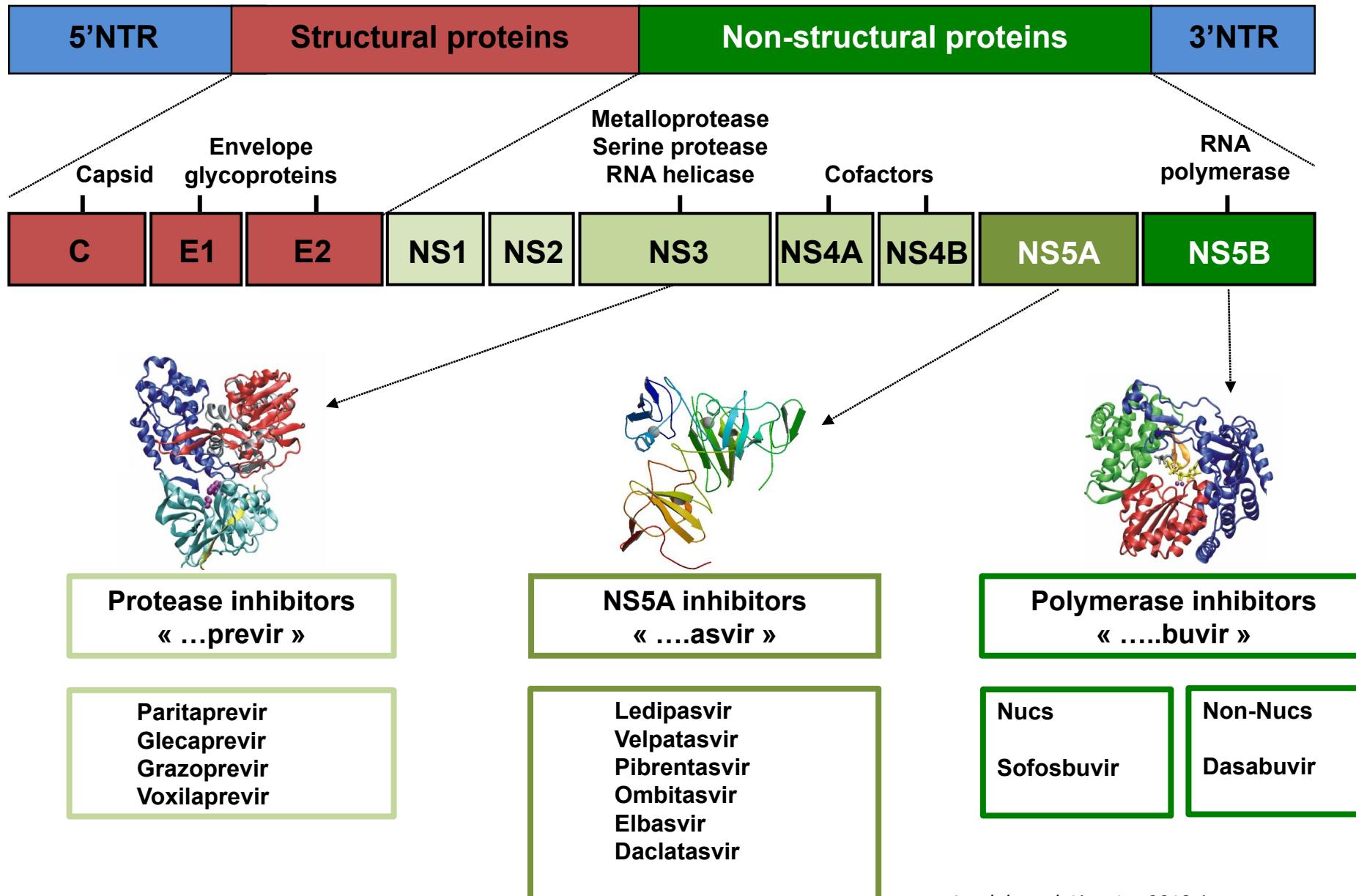


Challenges to achieve HCV elimination

# Estimated 70 Million Persons Living With HCV



# Direct-acting antivirals : a Revolution

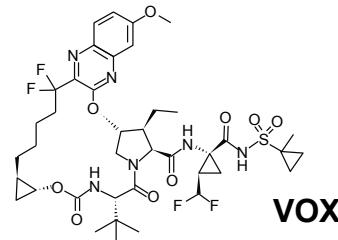


SOF



LDV

VEL



SOF + RBV  
12–24 weeks

SOF/LDV  
± RBV  
8†–24  
weeks

SOF/VEL  
± RBV  
12 weeks

SOF/VEL/VOX  
12 weeks

Jan 2014

May 2014

Sept 2014

Nov 2014

Jan 2015

July 2016

July 2017

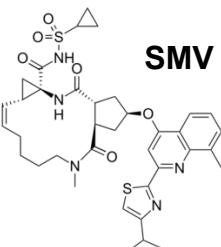
SOF + SMV  
± RBV  
12–24  
weeks

SOF + DCV  
± RBV  
12–24  
weeks

OMV/PTV/RTV  
± DSV ± RBV  
12–24 weeks

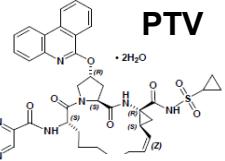
GRZ/EBV  
± RBV  
12–16  
weeks

GLE/PIB  
8–12 weeks

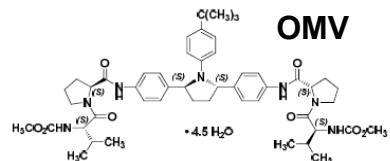


SMV

DCV



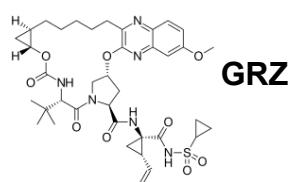
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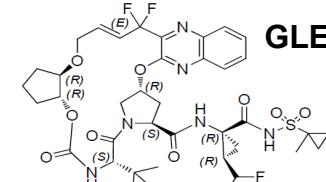
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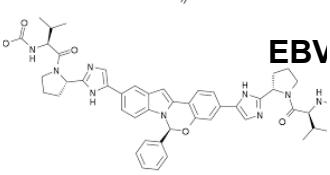
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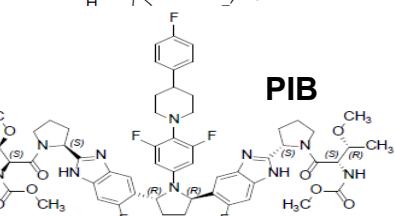
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GLE

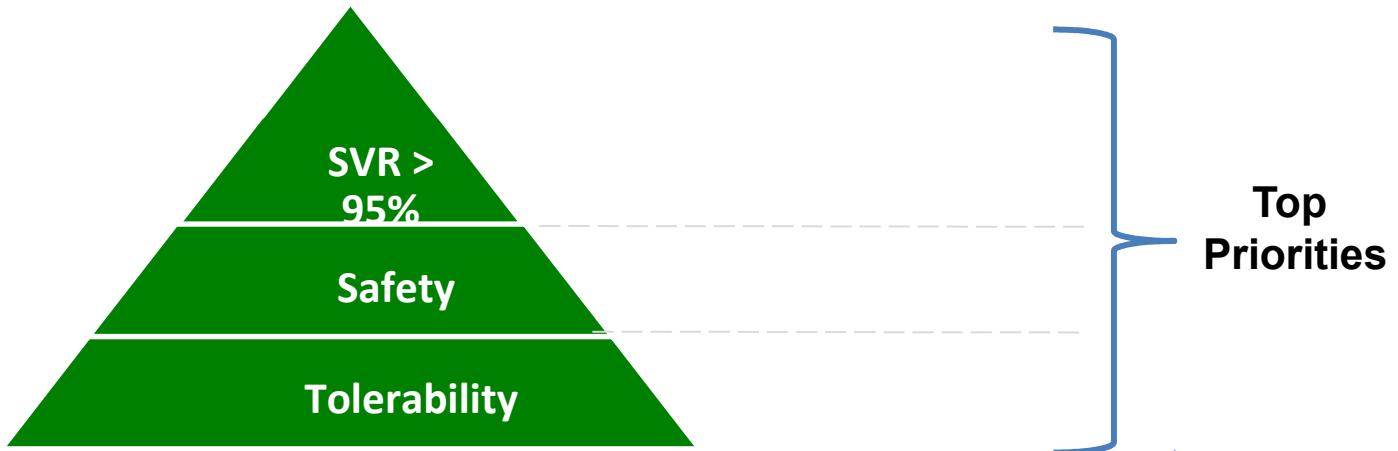


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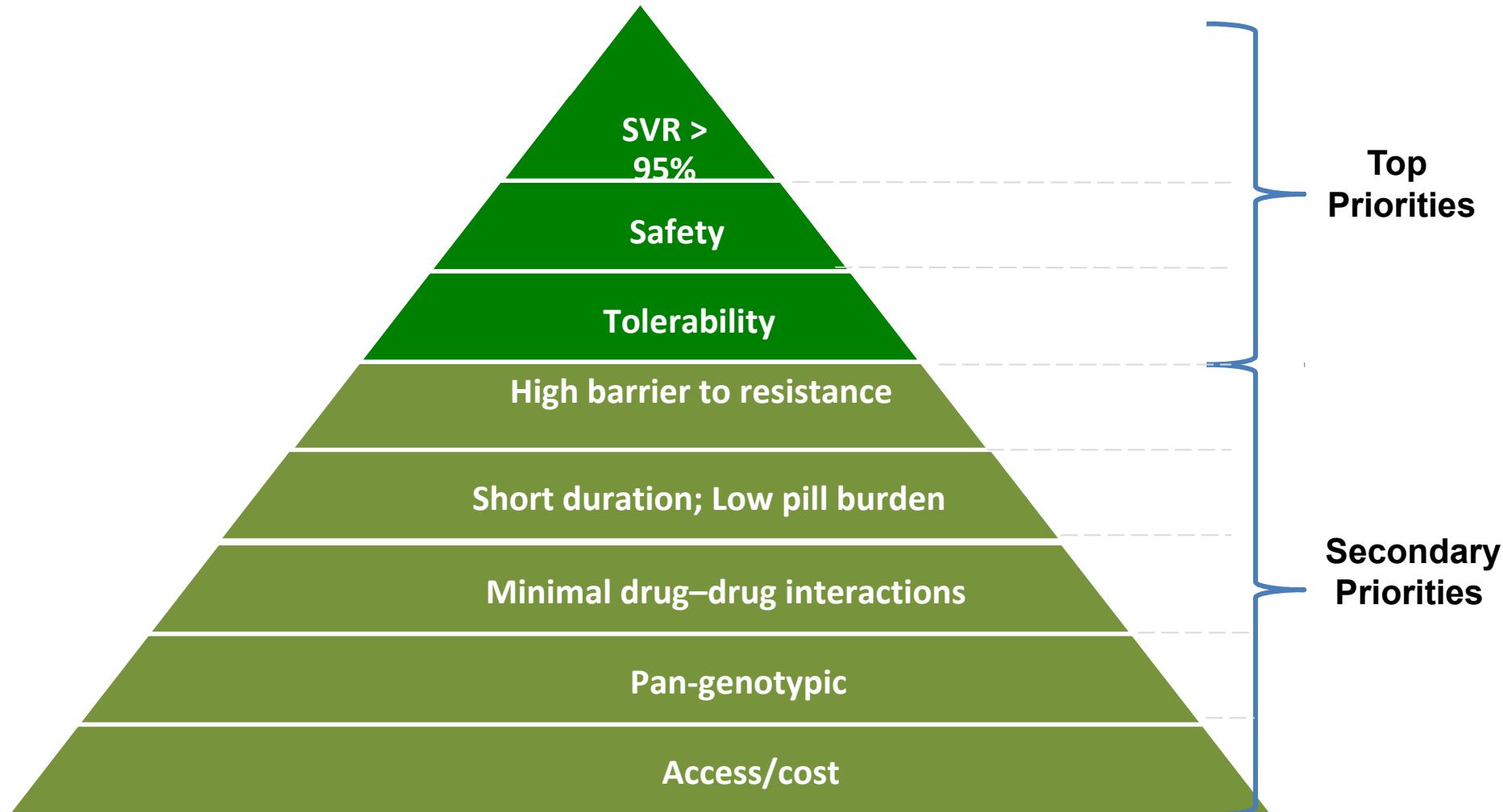


PIB

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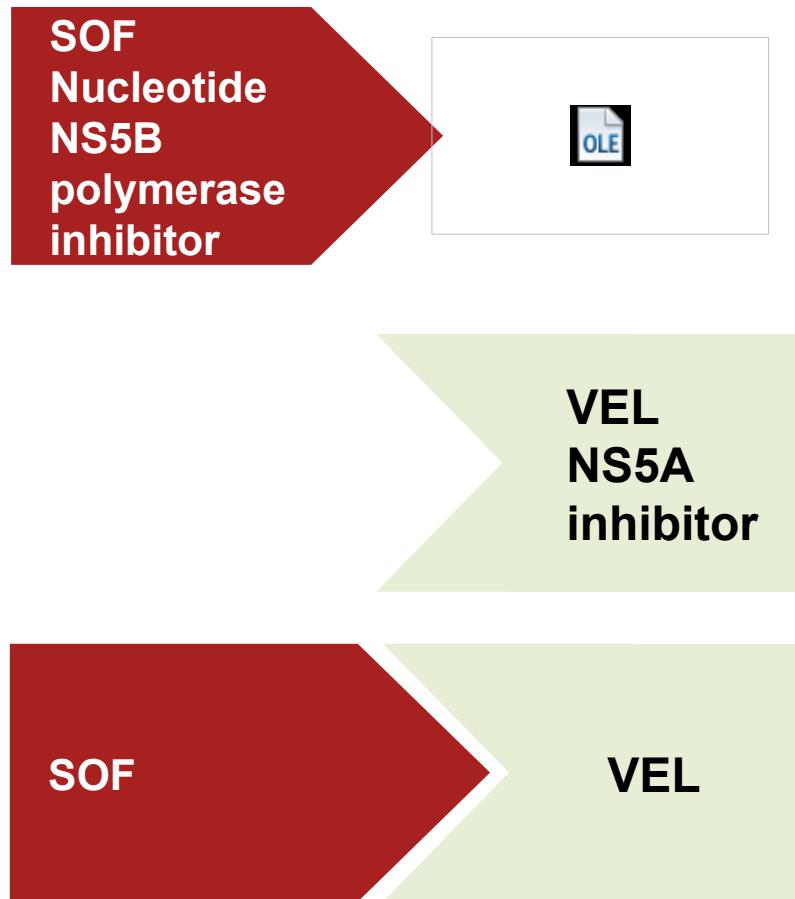


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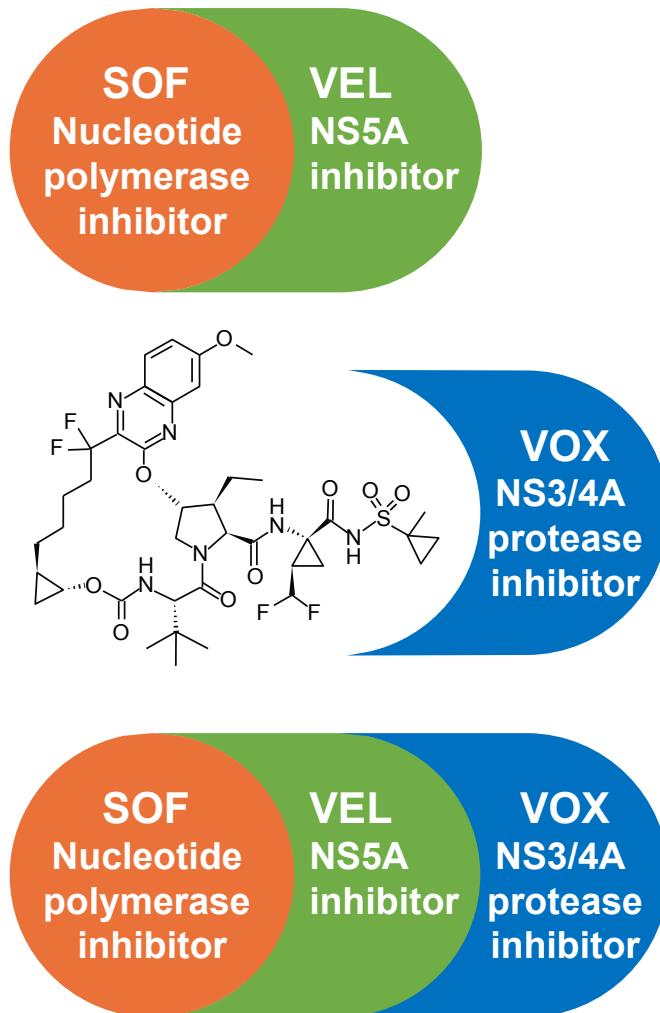
# Velpatasvir/Sofosbuvir: A Single Tablet Regimen (STR)



- ◆ **Sofosbuvir (SOF)1,2**
  - Potent antiviral activity against HCV GT 1–6
  - Once-daily, oral, 400-mg tablet
- ◆ **Velpatasvir (VEL; GS-5816)3-5**
  - Picomolar potency against GT 1–6
  - 2nd-generation inhibitor with improved resistance profile
- ◆ **SOF/VEL Single Tablet Regimen (STR)**
  - Once daily, oral, STR (400/100 mg)

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# Voxilaprevir/Velpatasvir/Sofosbuvir: STR



## Sofosbuvir (SOF)/Velpatasvir (VEL)

**SOF:** Nucleotide polymerase inhibitor with activity against HCV GT 1–6

**VEL:** Potent pangenotypic NS5A inhibitor

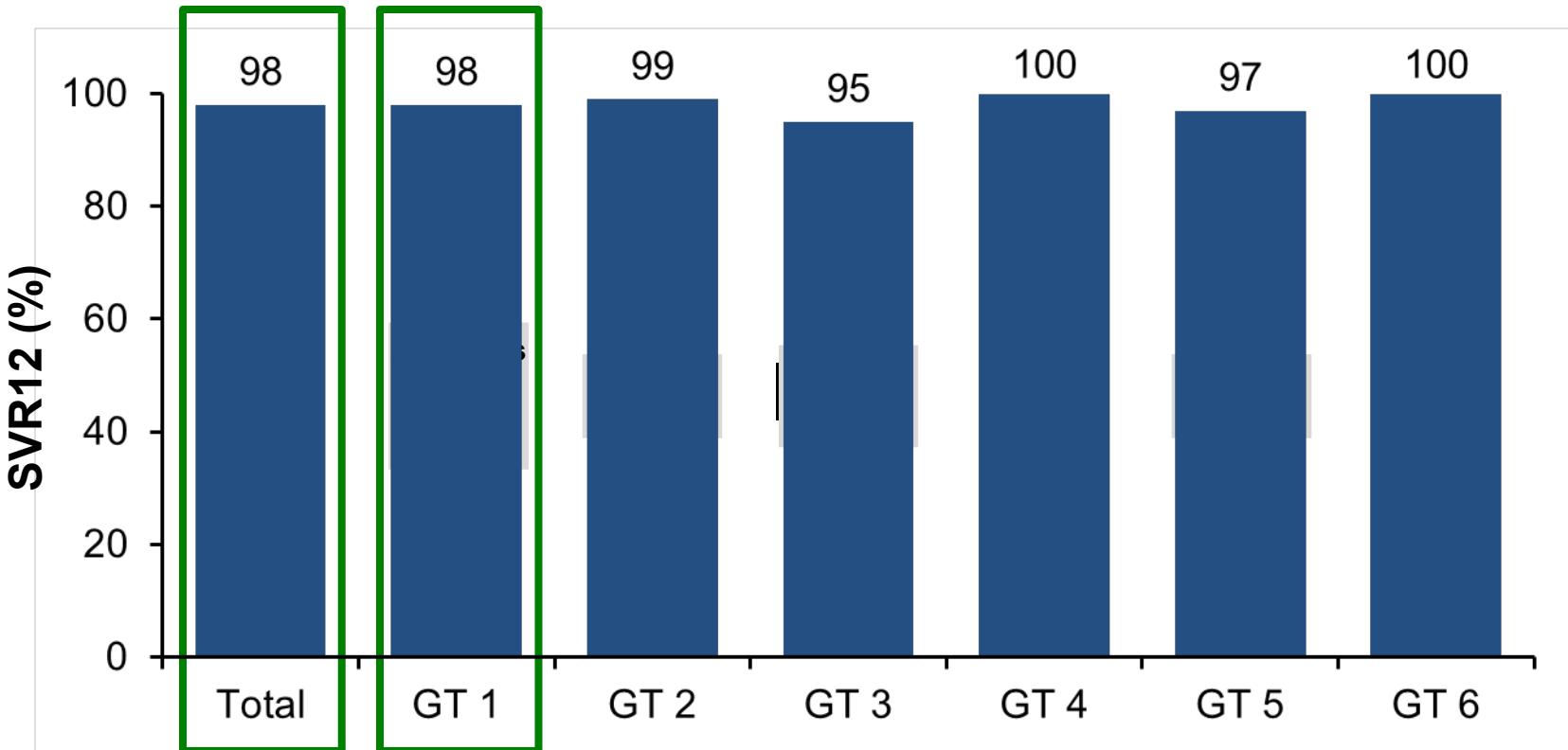
## Voxilaprevir (VOX)

HCV NS3/4A PI with potent antiviral activity against GT 1–6, including most RASs

## SOF/VEL/VOX

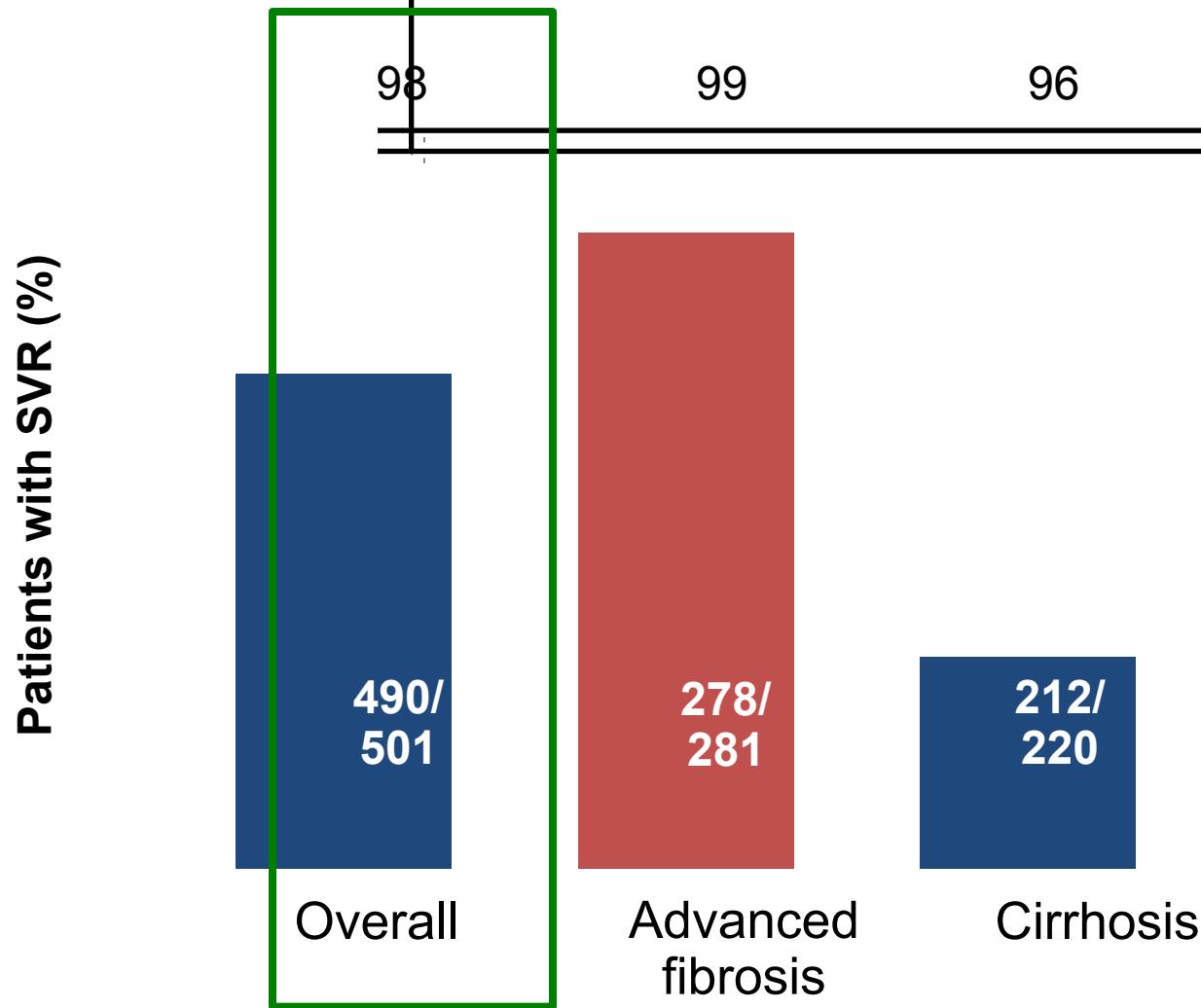
Once daily, oral, fixed-dose combination (400/100/100 mg) for GT 1–6

# Velpatasvir/Sofosbuvir (Epclusa®) for 12 weeks across all genotypes (ASTRAL-1, ASTRAL-2 and ASTRAL-3)



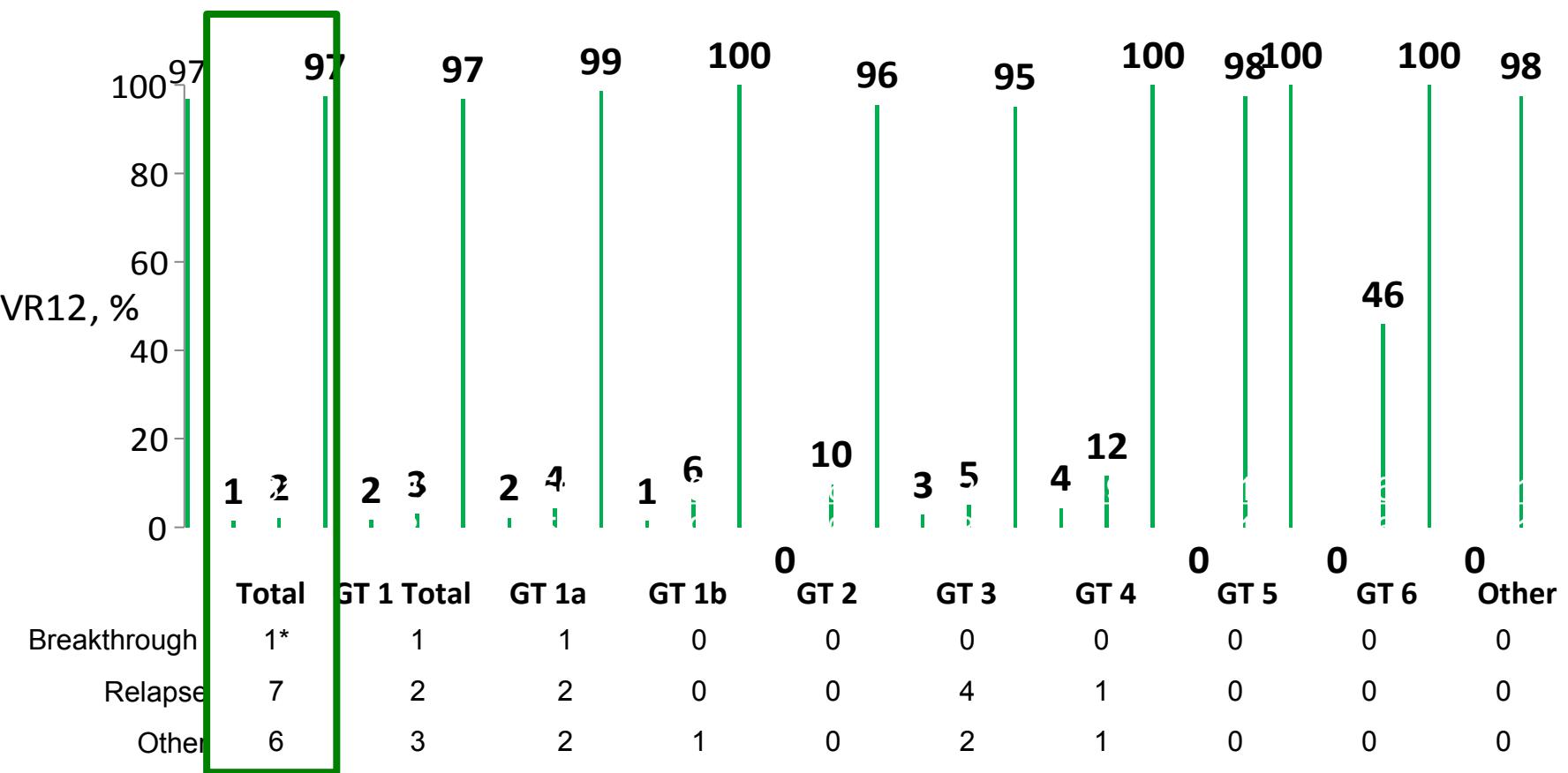
- 2% of patients experienced one or more SAE; no SAEs were considered study drug related
- 2 patients discontinued treatment due to AEs

# SOF/VEL (Epclusa®) is effective in patients with advanced fibrosis and cirrhosis (ASTRAL 1, 2 & 3)



# SOF/VEL/VOX for 12 Weeks in DAA-Experienced Patients

Integrated Efficacy Analysis of POLARIS-1 and -4



The SVR12 rate was 97% (431/445) in DAA-experienced patients treated with SOF/VEL/VOX for 12 weeks; Rates were similar regardless of genotype

\*Patient had drug levels consistent with nonadherence.  
Roberts, EASL 2017, SAT-280

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# Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Maviret®)

**Glecaprevir**  
(ABT-493)  
pangenotypic  
NS3/4A protease inhibitor

2nd generation3



**Pibrentasvir**  
(ABT-530)  
pangenotypic  
NS5A inhibitor

2nd generation3

Collectively: G/P

In vitro:1,2

- High barrier to resistance
- Potent against common NS3 polymorphisms (eg., positions 80, 155, and 168) and NS5A polymorphisms (eg., positions 28, 30, 31 and 93)
- Additive/synergistic antiviral activity

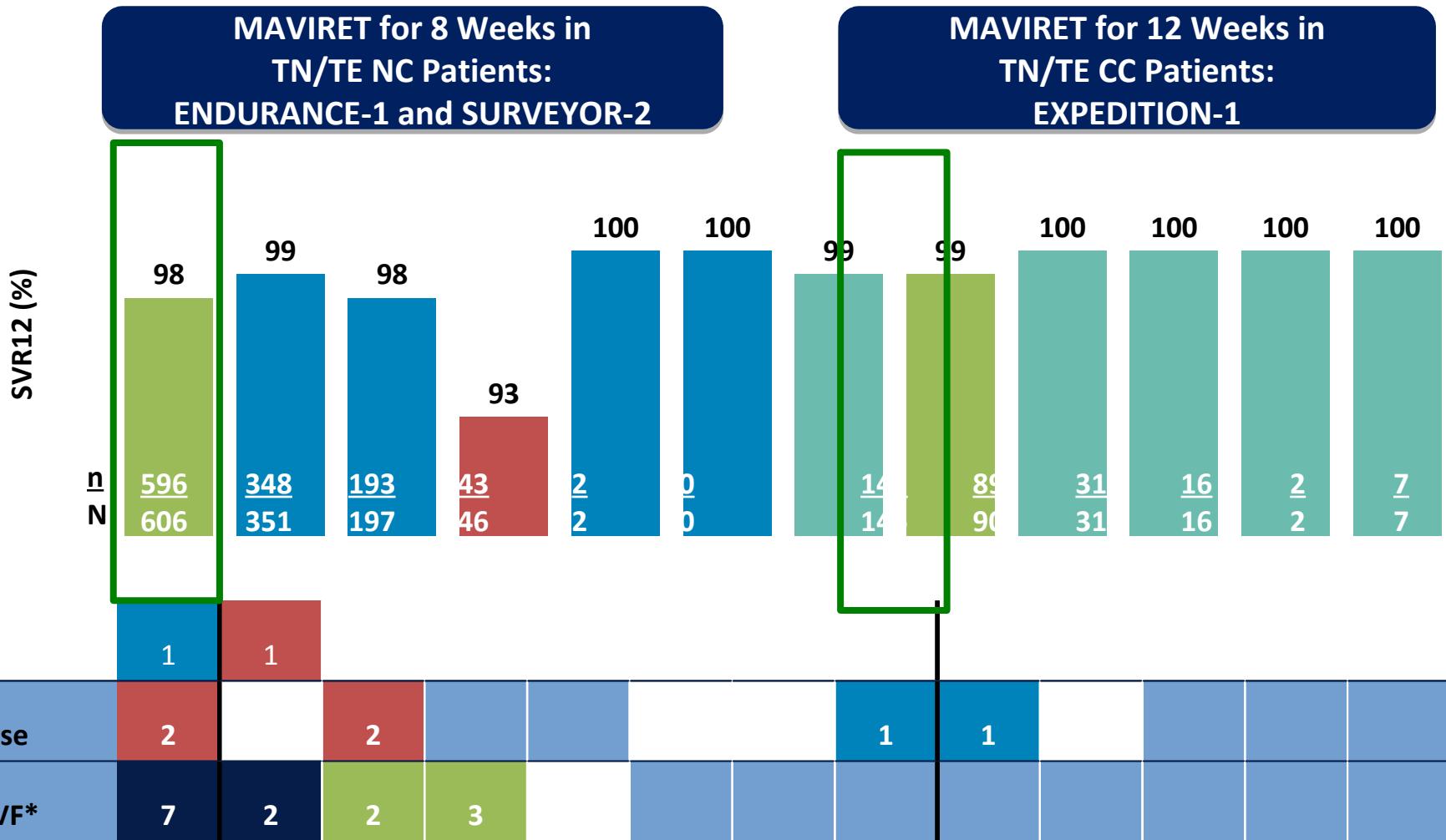
Clinical PK & metabolism:

- Once-daily oral dosing
- Minimal metabolism and primary biliary excretion
- Negligible renal excretion (<1%)

G/P is co-formulated and dosed once daily as three 100 mg/40 mg pills for a total dose of 300 mg/120 mg.  
Glecaprevir was identified by AbbVie and Enanta.

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# Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Maviret) in Patients with HCV GT1, 2, 4-6 Infection with or without Compensated Cirrhosis



All analyses are using the ITT population.

TN, treatment-naïve; TE, treatment-experienced with IFN or pegIFN ± RBV, or SOF + RBV ± pegIFN; NC, non-cirrhotic; CC, compensated cirrhotic; ITT, intent-to-treat; BT, breakthrough; VF, virologic failure.

\*Includes patients who discontinued due to adverse events, lost to follow-up, or withdrew.

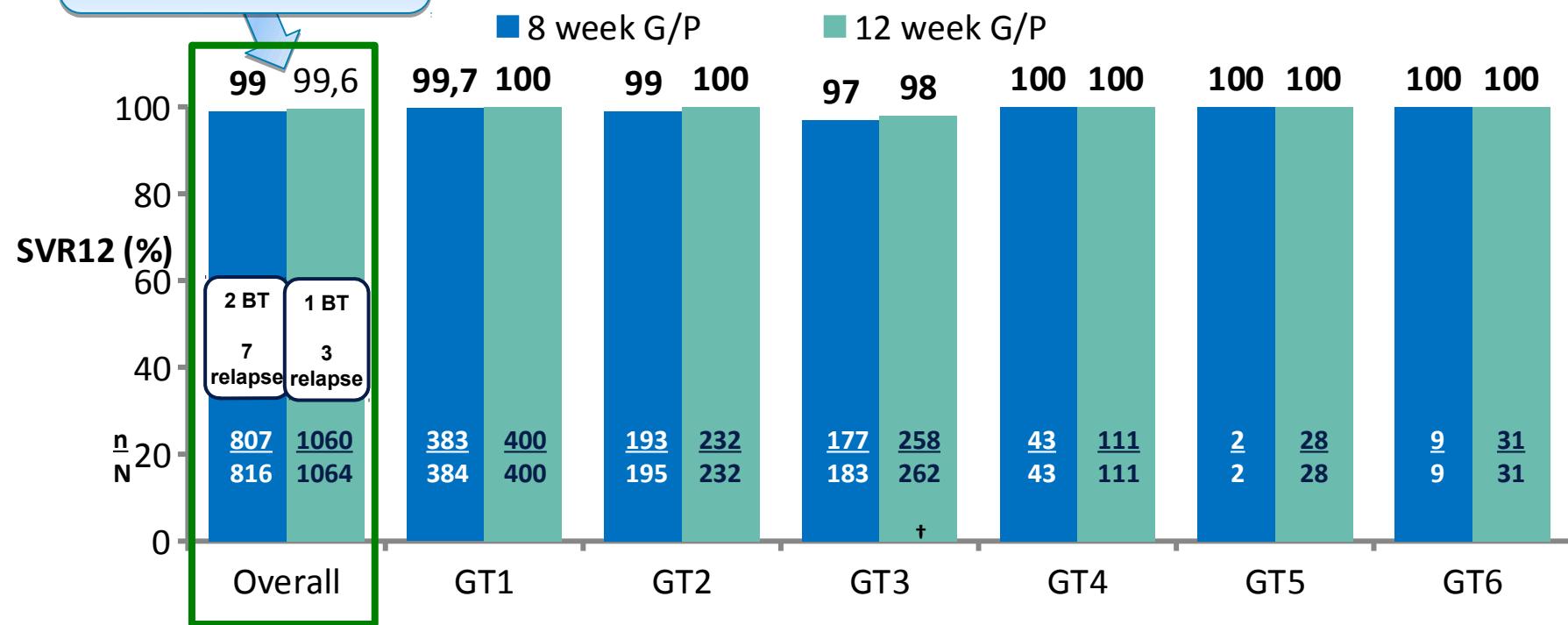
MAVIRET Summary of Product Characteristics; Accessed August 2017.  
Asselah T, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2017

# Integrated Efficacy Analysis: High SVR Rates with 8 and 12 Weeks of Glecacprevir/Pibrentasvir in GT1–6 Patients without Cirrhosis

Integrated efficacy analysis of 8- or 12-weeks Maviret treatment in non-cirrhotic patients with GT1–6 infection across seven phase 2 or 3 clinical trials

Failure rate was similar between 8 and 12 week Maviret®

TN/TE\* (mITT)



BT, breakthrough; mITT, modified intent-to-treat, (excludes non-virologic failures);

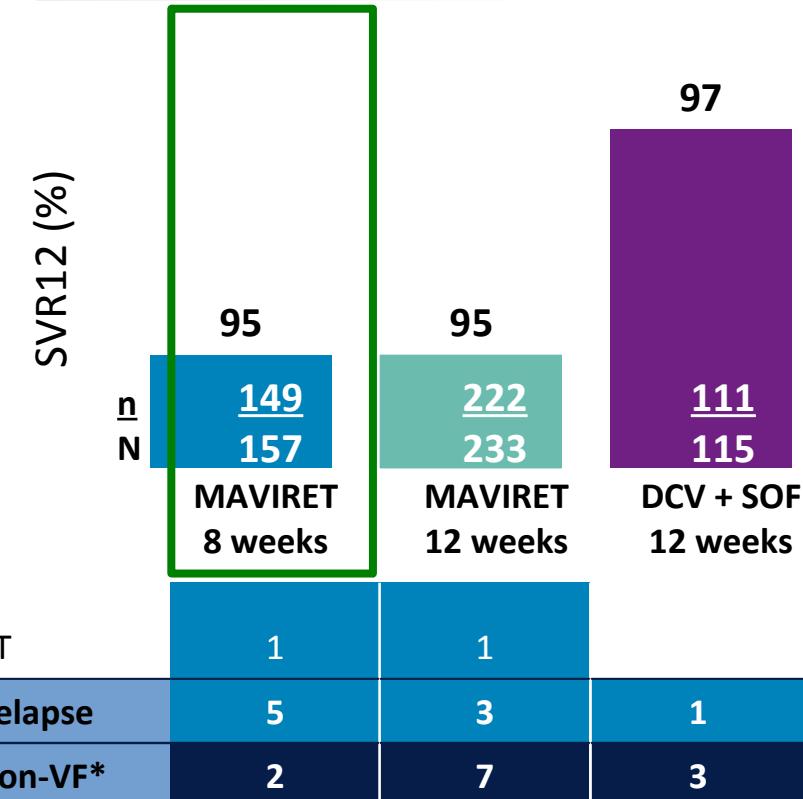
\*TE, treatment-experienced (includes patients with prior SOF use); TN, treatment-naïve

Includes patients with prior SOF use (8-week Maviret [n = 7] and 12-week Maviret [n = 9]);

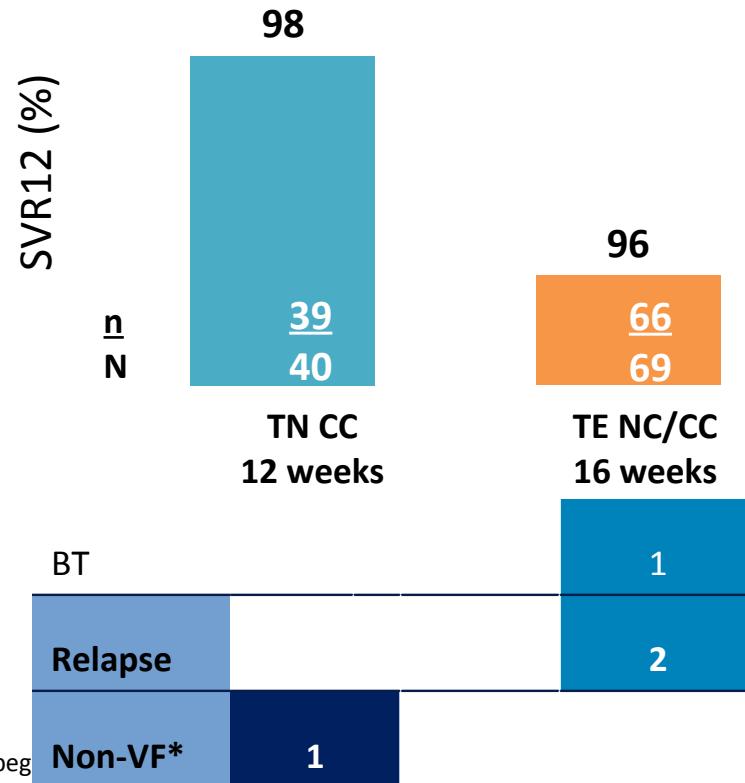
† All GT3 patients were treatment-naïve.

# Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Maviret) in Patients with HCV GT3 Infection with or without Compensated Cirrhosis

## MAVIRET for 8 or 12 Weeks in TN NC Patients: ENDURANCE-3



## MAVIRET for 12 Weeks in TN CC Patients, or 16 Weeks in TE NC/CC Patients: SURVEYOR-2 Part 3



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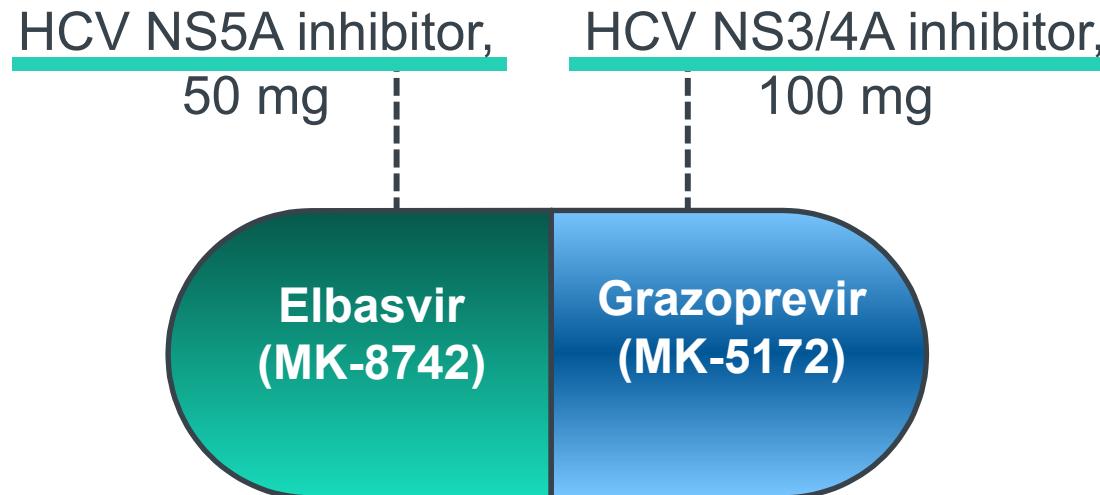
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# Elbasvir/Grazoprevir (Zepatier®)



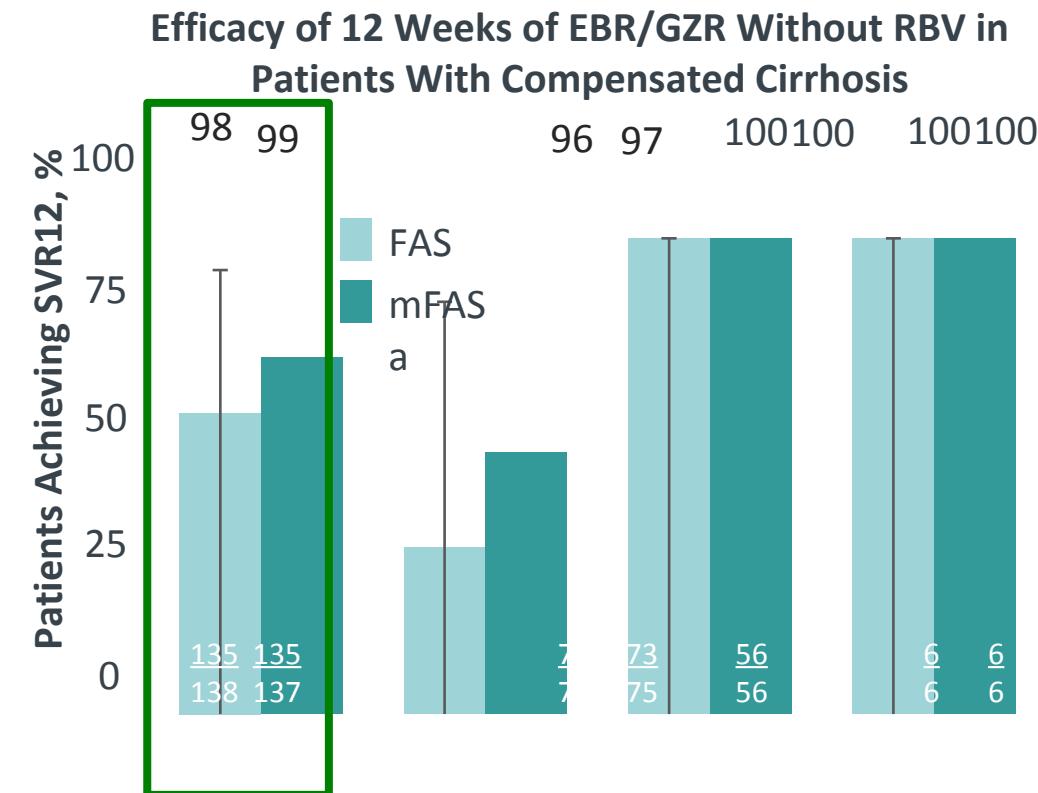
- High activity in vitro<sup>1–3</sup>
- Efficacious in GT1 & GT4 treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced cirrhotic and noncirrhotic patients with HCV, and in HIV/HCV coinfecte<sup>d</sup><sup>4–6</sup>
- All-oral, once-daily regimen

HCV = hepatitis C virus; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus.

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# EBR/GZR in Treatment-Naive Patients With Cirrhosis

- Integrated analysis of patients with cirrhosis from 6 clinical trials in the Phase 2/3 clinical program
- Patient population
  - Treatment-naive
  - With or without HIV-1 coinfection



|                            |    |    |   |   |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|---|
| LTFU/early discontinuation | 1b | 1b | 0 | 0 |
| Breakthrough               | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0 |
| Relapse                    | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0 |

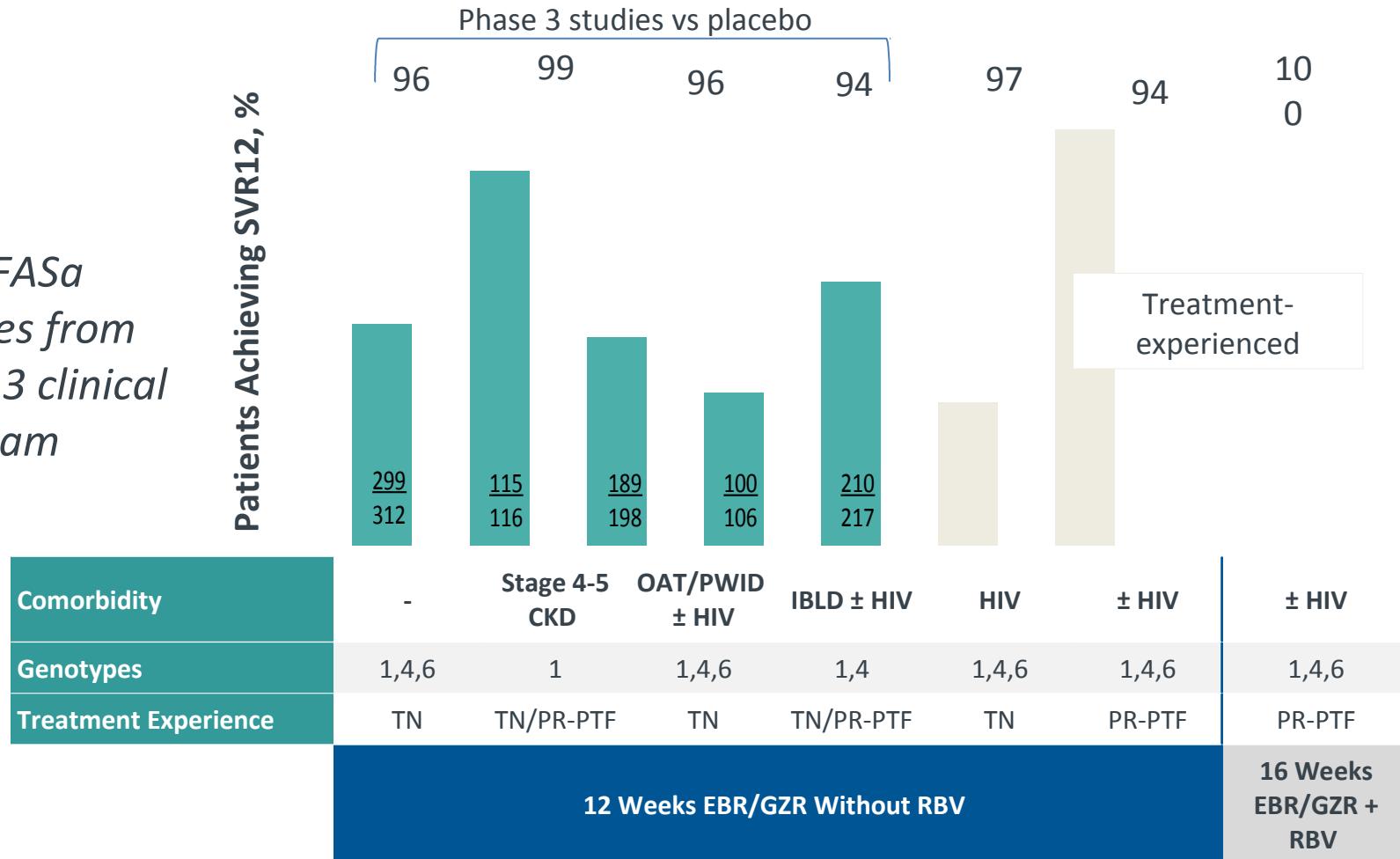
a mFAS excludes patients who discontinued treatment for reasons unrelated to study medication.

bDeath (coronary artery disease).

EBR/GZR = elbasvir/grazoprevir; RBV = ribavirin; FAS = full analysis set; SVR12 = sustained virologic response 12 weeks after the cessation of treatment; GT = genotype; LTFU = lost to follow up; mFAS = modified full analysis set.

# Elbasvir/Grazoprevir (Zepatier): Efficacy in Different Patient Populations

*Overall mFASa  
SVR12 rates from  
the Phase 3 clinical  
trial program*



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EBR/GZR = elbasvir/grazoprevir; SVR12 = sustained virologic response 12 weeks after the cessation of treatment; CKD = chronic kidney disease; OAT = opioid agonist therapy; PWID = people who inject drugs; IBLD = inherited blood disorders; TN = treatment naive; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus; TE = treatment experienced; RBV = ribavirin; PR = peginterferon + ribavirin; PTF = prior-treatment failure; mFAS= modified full analysis set.

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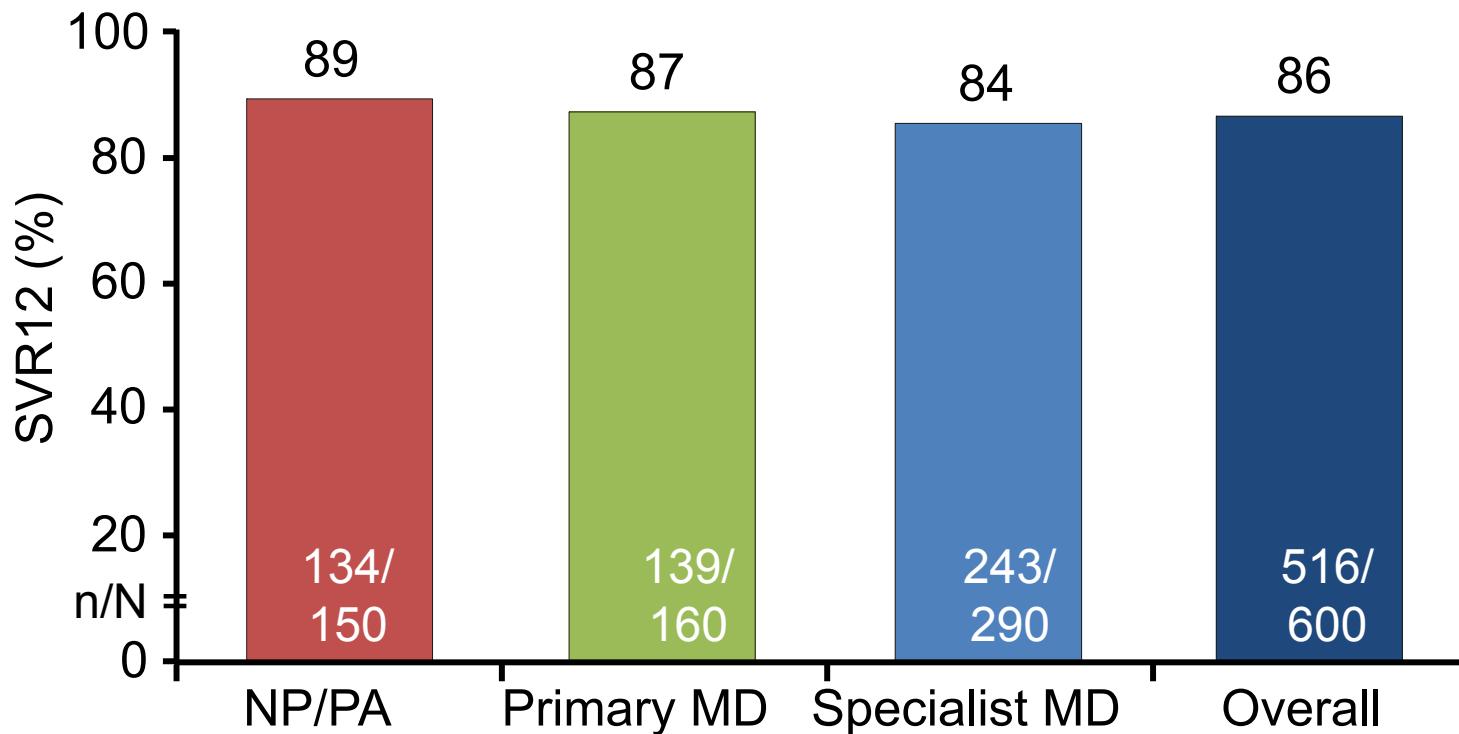
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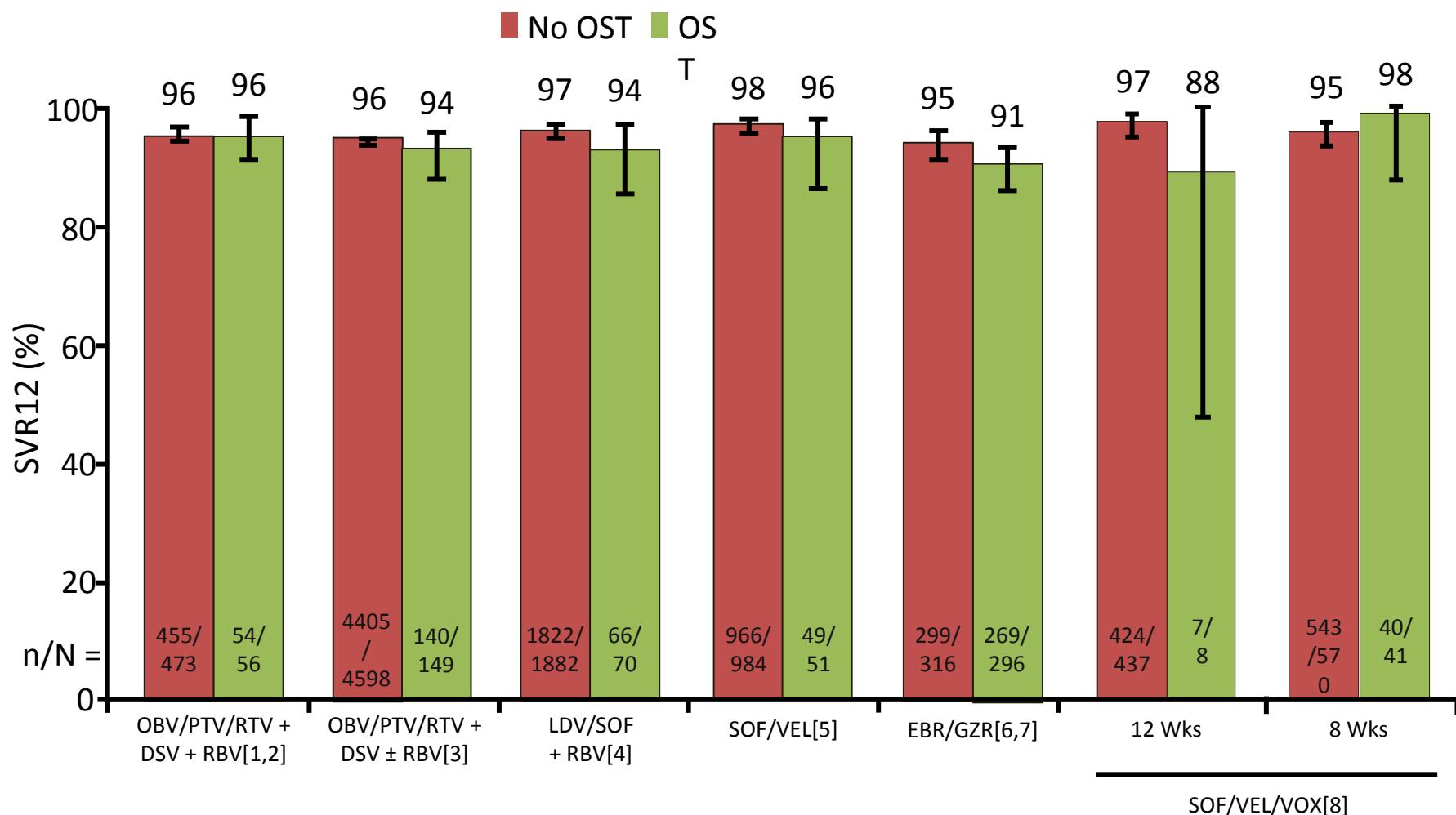
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# ASCEND: Nonrandomized Phase IV Trial of HCV Treatment Outcomes by DAA Prescriber Type

- Pts (N = 600) from 13 urban, FQHCs in DC, all treated with LDV/SOF per FDA prescribing info; all providers given 3-hr **training** in AASLD/IDSA HCV guidance

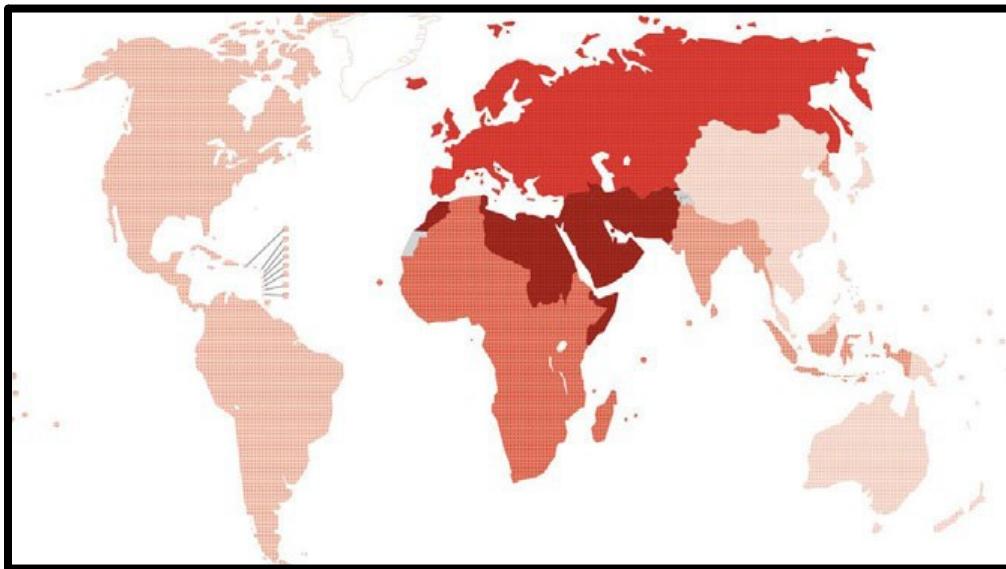


# IFN-Free DAA Therapy: Opioid Substitution Therapy vs No Opioid Substitution Therapy



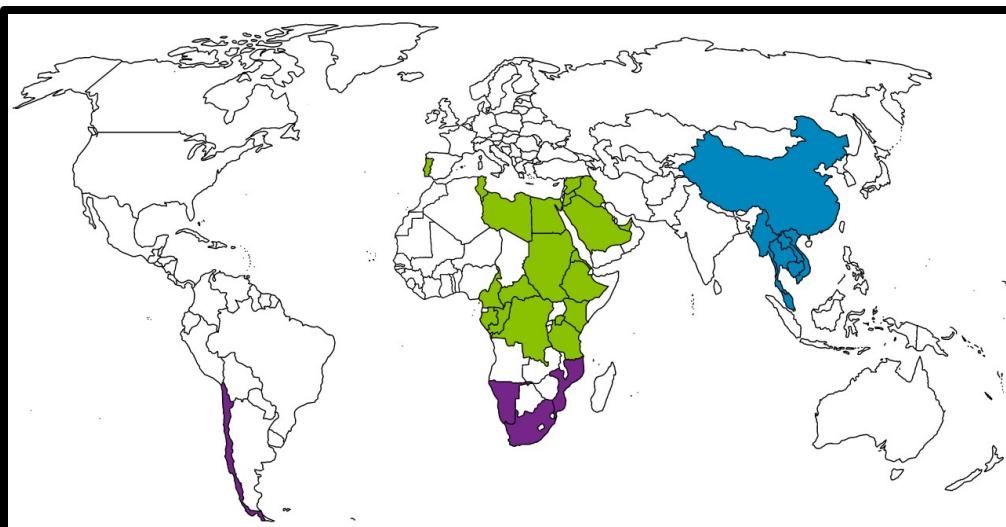
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# The need to cure of all HCV infected Patients, No patient left behind



| WHO region     | Map key | Best estimate |
|----------------|---------|---------------|
| Africa         |         | 31,0          |
| America        |         | 6,4           |
| Middle East    |         | 62,5          |
| Europa         |         | 61,8          |
| South Est Asia |         | 14,8          |
| West Pacific   |         | 6,0           |
| Total          |         | 23,7          |

Hutin J-F, Suisse, WHO, EASL 2017



GT4

GT5

GT6

Asselah et al. Eliminating Hepatitis C within  
Low Income Countries – the need to cure  
Genotypes 4, 5, 6. Journal of Hepatology, 2018 in press

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