

# Haga clic para modificar el estilo de Long term efficacy and safety of NUCs

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# Advantages and Disadvantages of the Current Nucleoside Analogues recommended for Hepatitis B treatment:

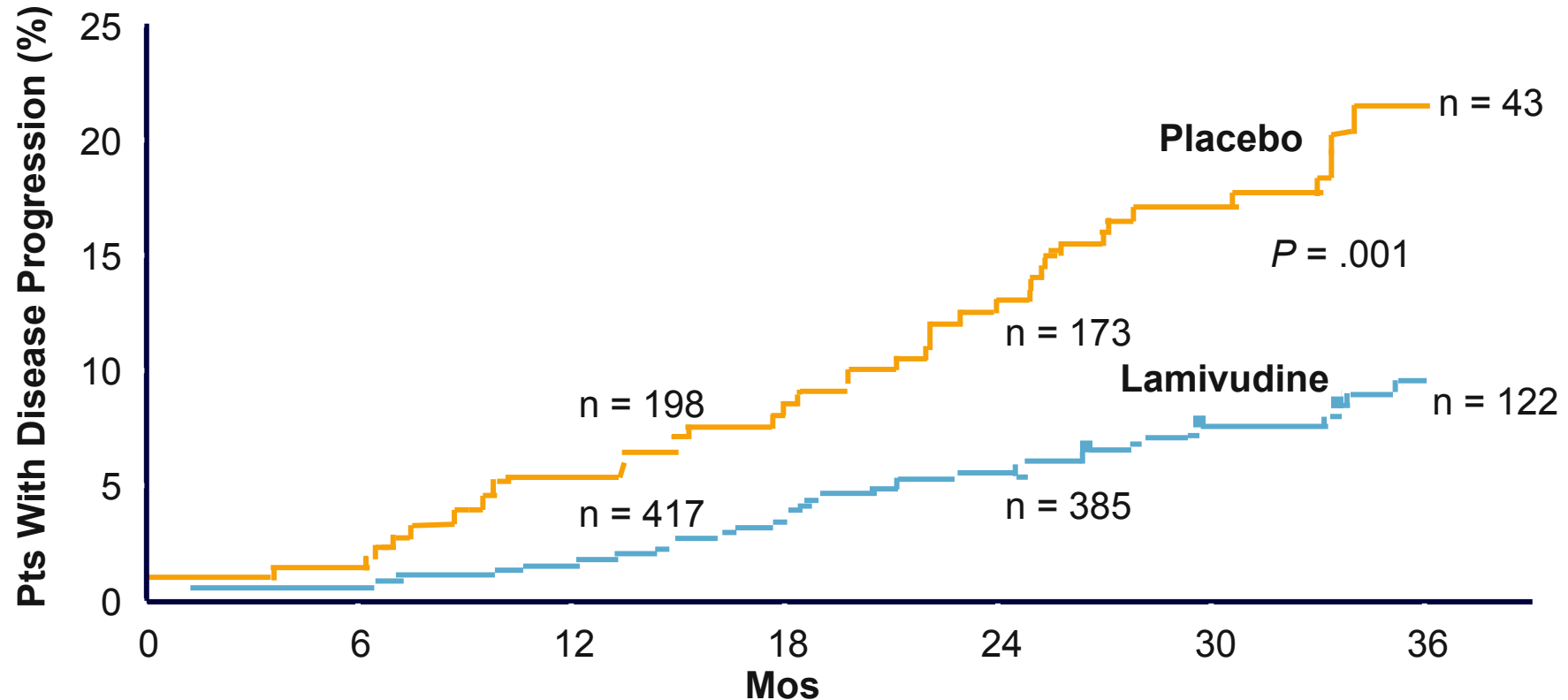
Features	ETV, TDF, TAF
Route of administration	Oral
Treatment duration	Long-term until HBsAg loss*
Tolerability	High
Long-term safety concerns	Probably not‡
Contraindications	None
Strategy	Inhibition of viral replication
Level of viral suppression	Universally high
Effect on HBeAg loss	Low in first year, moderate over long term
Effect on HBsAg levels	Low**
Risk of viral resistance	Minimal to none††

\*Stopping NAs after some years might be considered in selected cases; †Psychiatric, neurological, endocrinological; ‡Uncertainties regarding kidney function, bone diseases for some NAs; §Decompensated disease, comorbidities etc.; ‖Dose adjustments in patients with eGFR <50 ml/min are required for all NAs except for TAF (no dose recommendation for TAF in patients with CrCl <15 ml/min who are not receiving haemodialysis); ¶Depending on baseline characteristics; \*\*Slowly increases with treatment time in HBeAg-positive patients (a plateau in serological responses has been observed beyond treatment Year 4), usually very low in HBeAg-negative patients; ††So far no TDF or TAF resistance development has been detected  
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**Benefits of Achievement of Viral suppression have been proved in patients with HBV Cirrhosis and Decompensated Liver disease**

# HBV Treatment Reduces Risk of Disease Progression Including Decompensation

- Placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel group study of pts with chronic HBV infection and cirrhosis (F4) (N = 651) followed until HBeAg seroconversion or disease progression\*

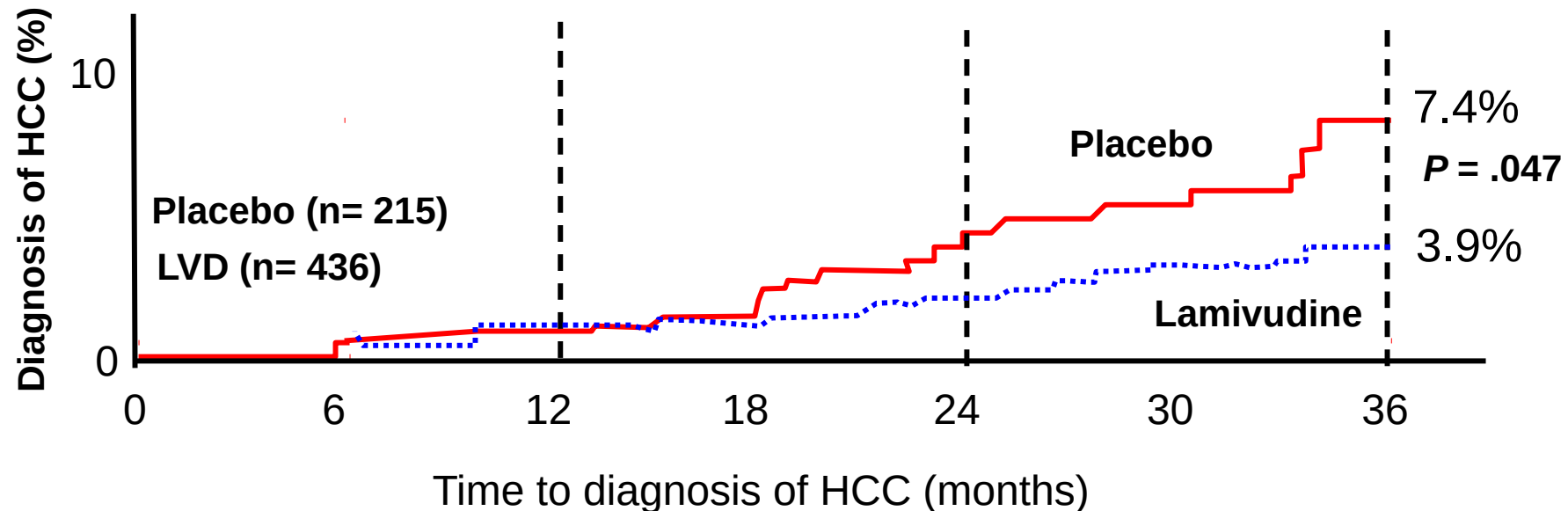


\*Hepatic decompensation, HCC, spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, bleeding gastroesophageal varices, or death related to liver disease.

# Effects of Lamivudine on HCC Incidence

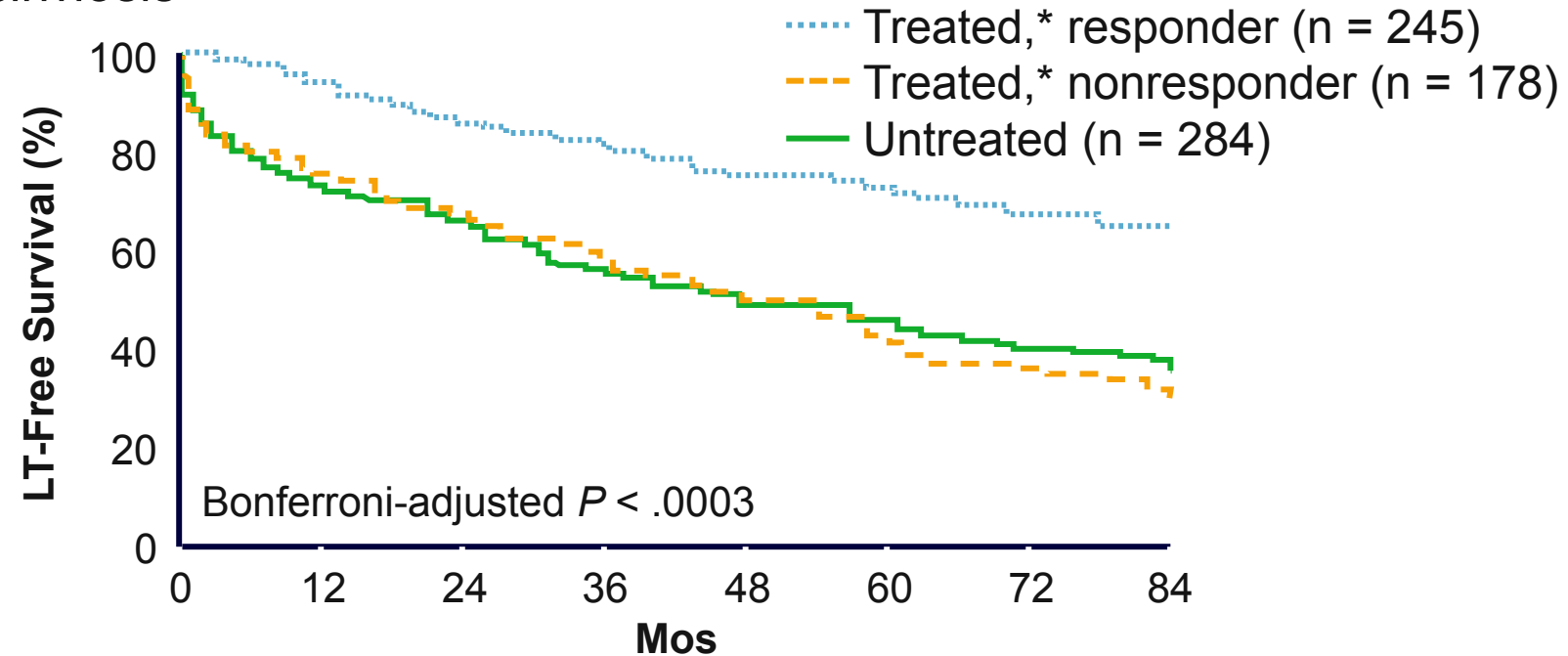
- Randomized controlled trial comparing lamivudine versus placebo In patients with advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis
  - Study terminated prematurely by DSMB (median Tx=32 mo)

Risk of HCC reduced by 51% ( $p=0.047$ )



# HBV Treatment Reduces Risk of Liver Transplant

- Prospective Multicenter cohort study in 707 pts with HBV and first-onset complications of decompensated cirrhosis



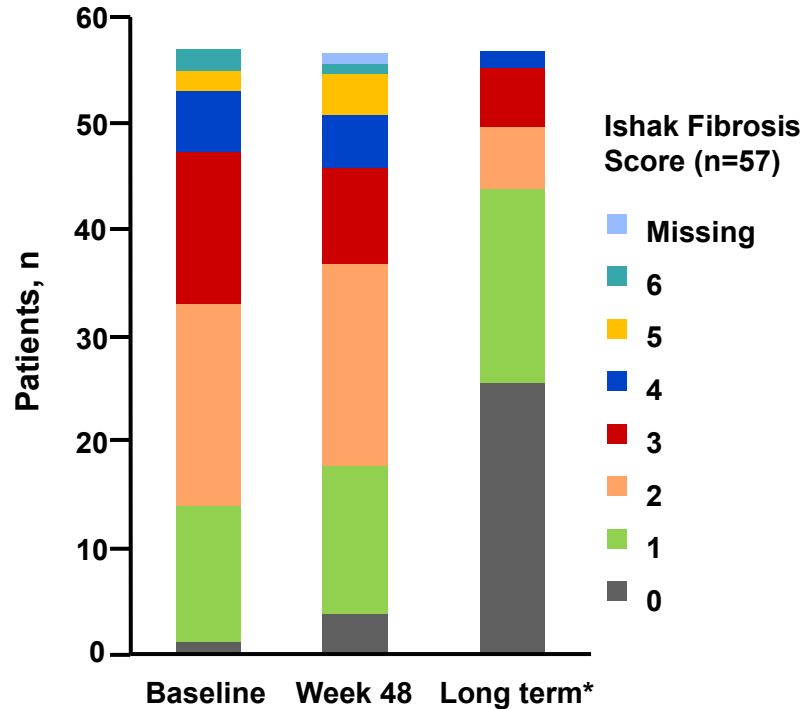
\*Treated predominantly with lamivudine (n = 203) or entecavir (n = 198).

- Antiviral therapy improved transplant-free survival over 5 yrs ( $P = .0098$  vs untreated)

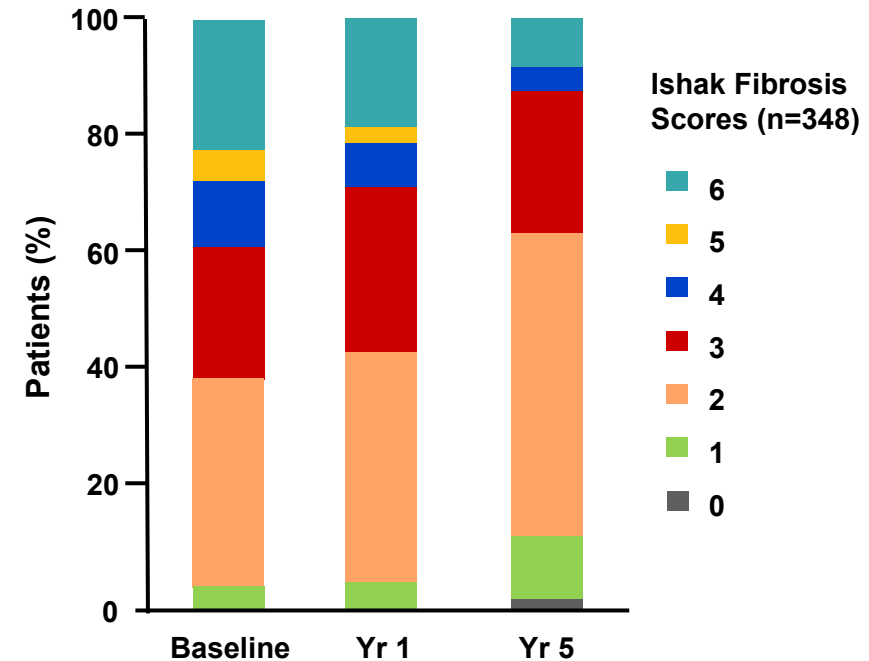
Benefits of Achievement of Viral suppression has been proved in patients with Chronic Hepatitis B



# Long-term ETV and TDF Is Associated with Reversal of Liver Fibrosis in patients with CHB



Regression of fibrosis in 88% of pts  
 Reversal of cirrhosis in 4/10 pts with  
 cirrhosis at baseline

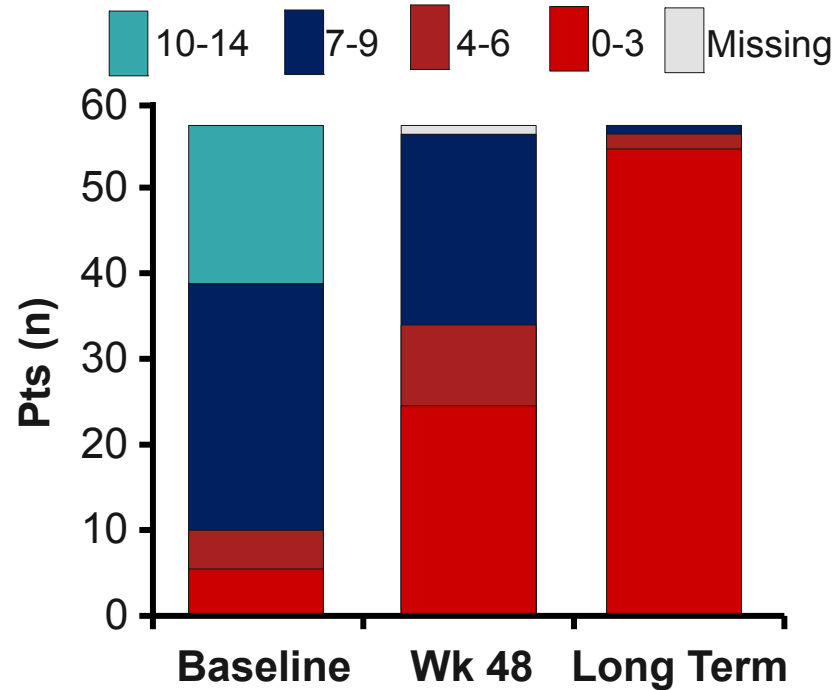


Regression of fibrosis in 51% of pts through 5 yrs  
 Reversal of cirrhosis in 74% (71/96) of pts with  
 cirrhosis at baseline

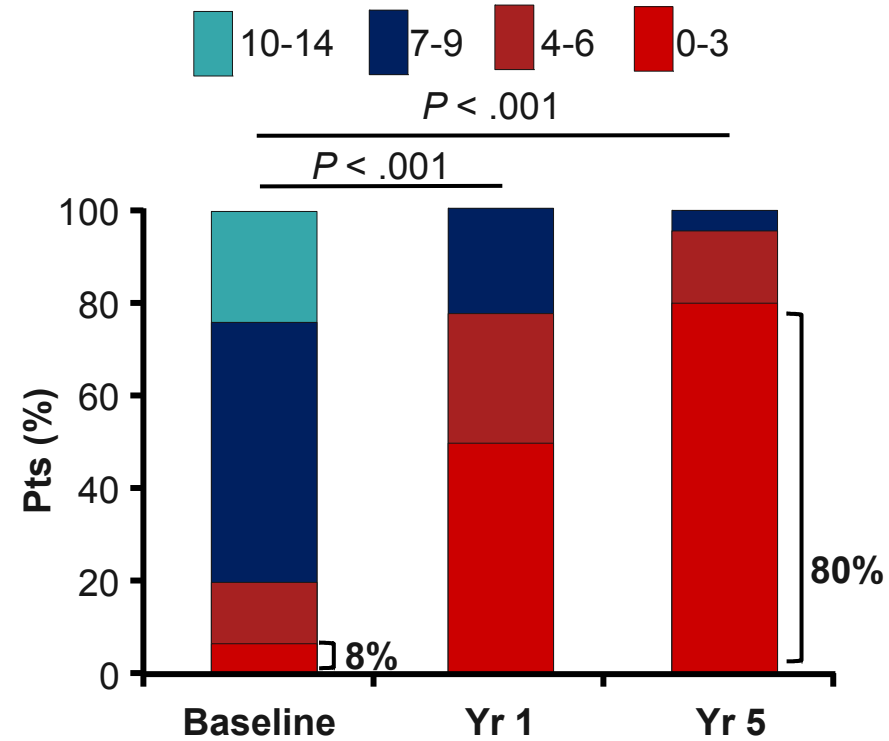
# Long-term ETV and TDF Is Associated with Reversal of Liver Inflammation in patients with CHB

## Knodell Necroinflammatory Score

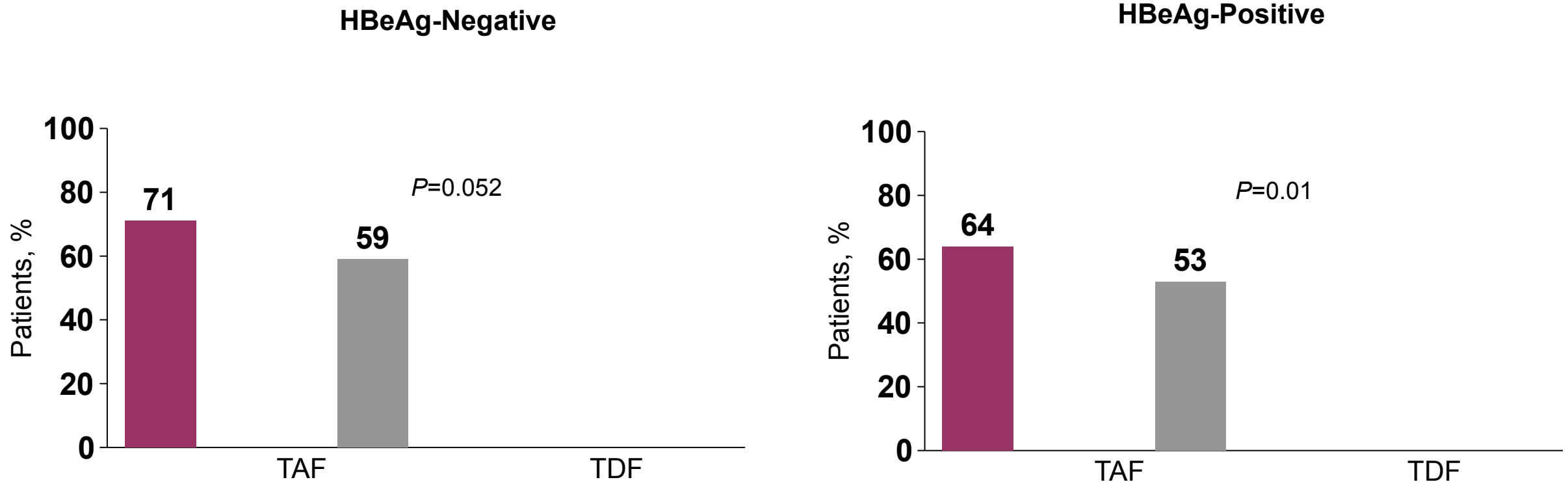
ETV in pts with chronic HBV hepatitis (N = 69)



TDF in pts with chronic HBV infection (N = 585)



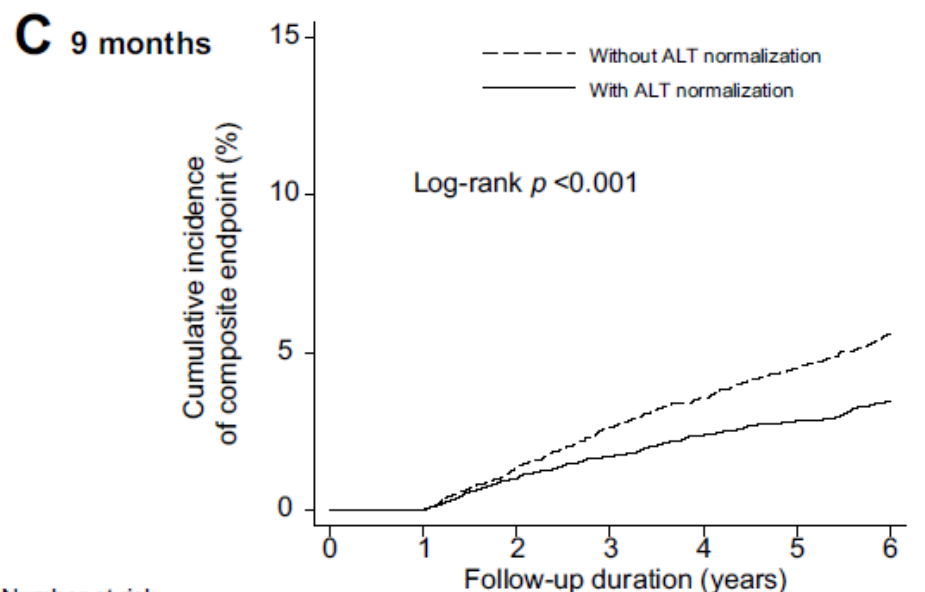
## ALT Normalisation (AASLD 2018 Criteria) at Week 144



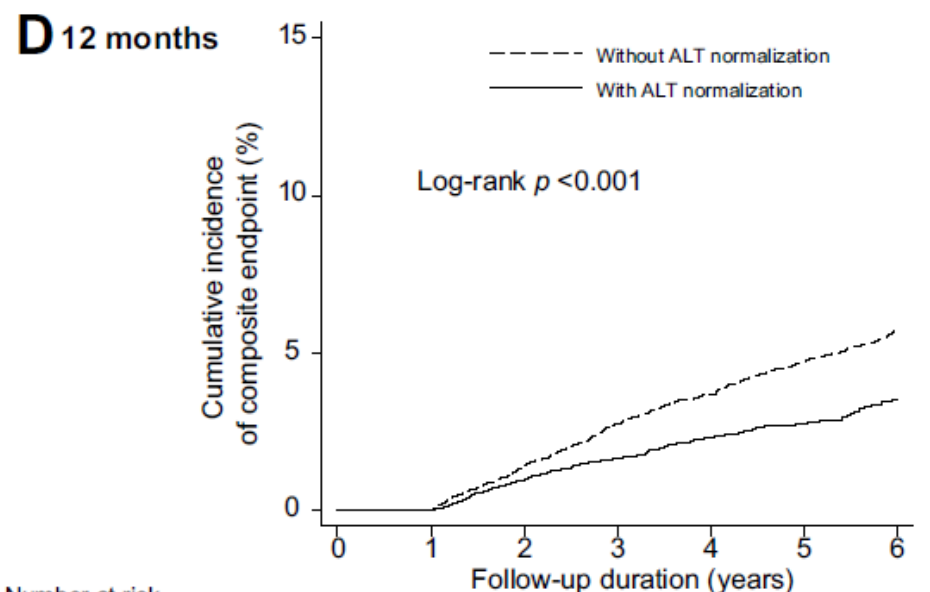
**There were higher rates of ALT normalisation by AASLD 2018 criteria in patients on TAF compared to TDF**

# Normal on-treatment ALT during antiviral therapy is associated with a lower risk of hepatic events in patients with chronic hepatitis B

Cumulative incidence of combined HCC or Hepatic Event in 21,182 CHB patients followed for 4±1.7 yrs



Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Without ALT normalization	11,581	11,581	9,469	7,500	5,984	4,604	3,247
With ALT normalization	9,601	9,601	7,840	6,056	4,851	3,608	2,419



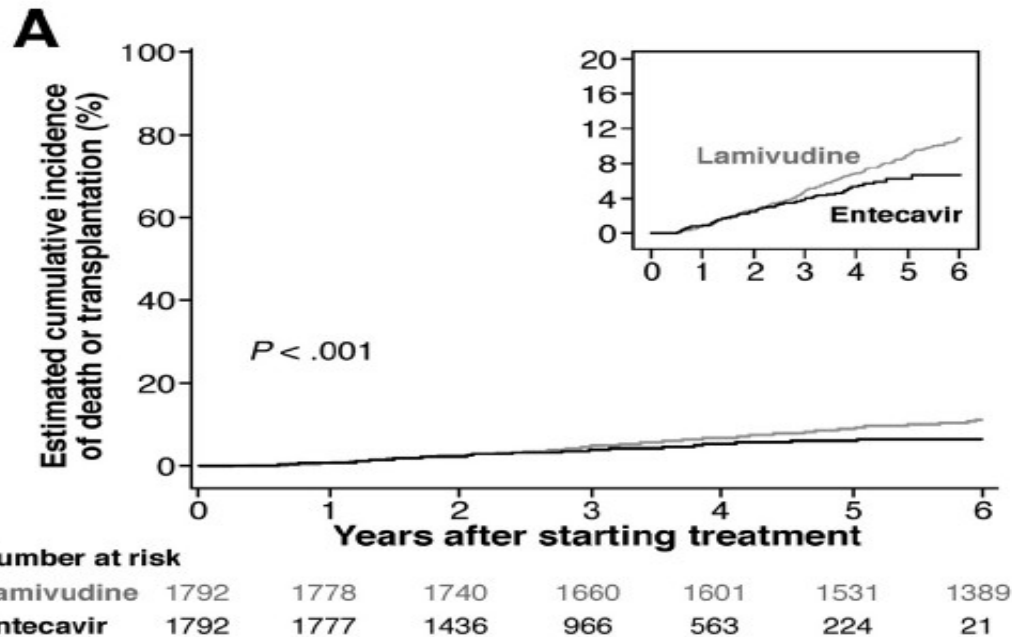
Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Without ALT normalization	10,745	10,745	8,756	6,911	5,493	4,228	2,969
With ALT normalization	10,437	10,437	8,553	6,645	5,342	3,984	2,697

Cumulative incidence of composite endpoint at 6 years (%) (95% CI)	Follow-up duration (years)			
	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Without ALT normalization	4.76 (4.34-5.21)	5.24 (4.76-5.77)	5.57 (5.04-6.16)	5.70 (5.15-6.32)
With ALT normalization	4.27 (3.54-5.15)	3.60 (3.07-4.21)	3.44 (2.98-3.97)	3.51 (3.06-4.02)

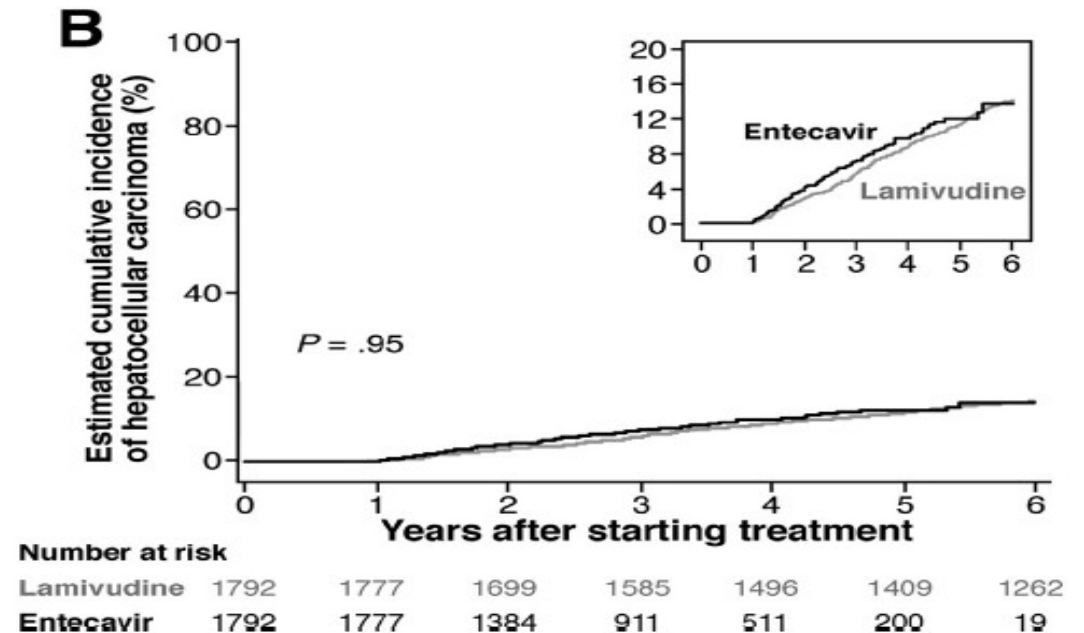
# Mortality, liver transplantation, and hepatocellular carcinoma among patients with chronic hepatitis B treated with entecavir vs lamivudine

Retrospective analysis on the clinical outcomes of 5374 consecutive CHB adult patients treated with ETV (n=2000) or LAM (n=3374) between 11/1/1999 and 12/31/2011

## Death or Liver Transplantation

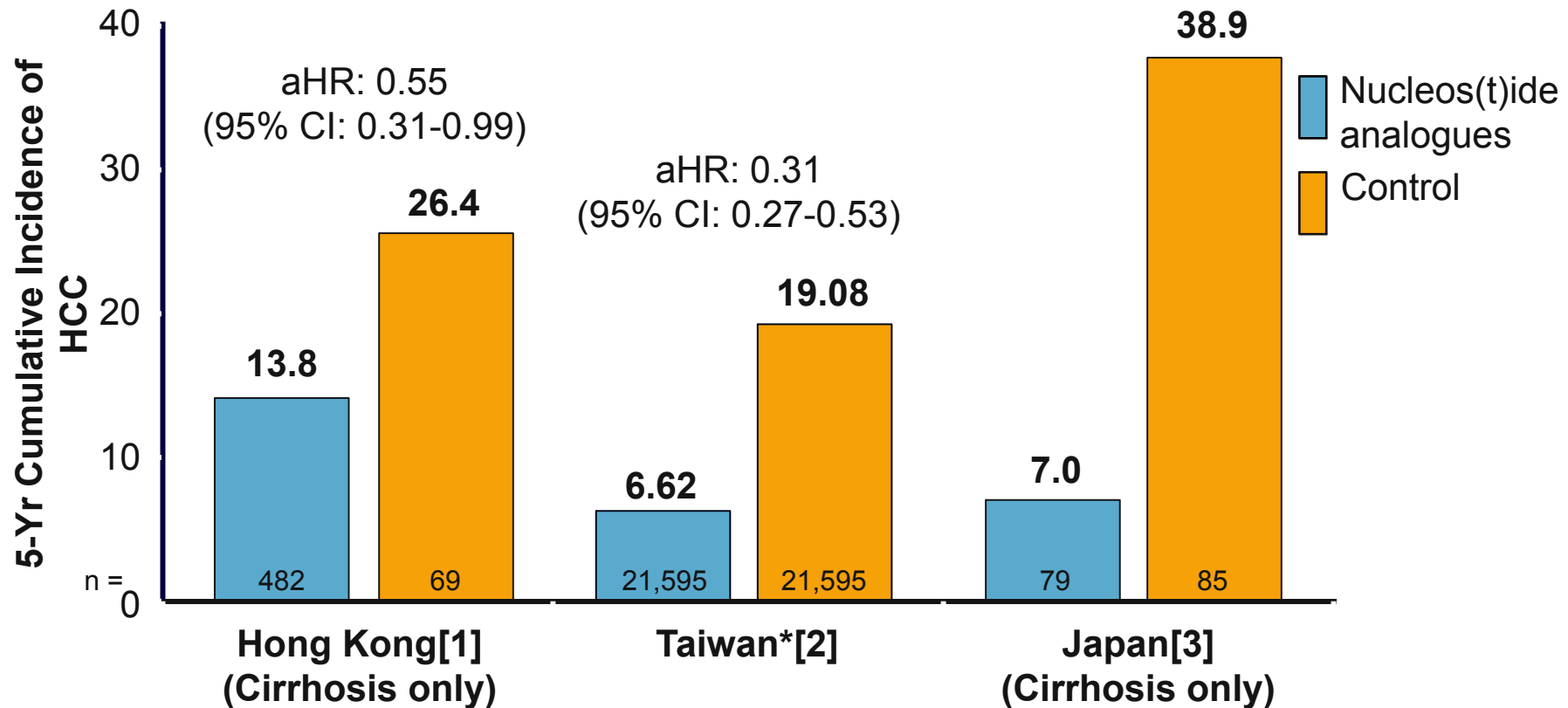


## Hepatocellular Carcinoma



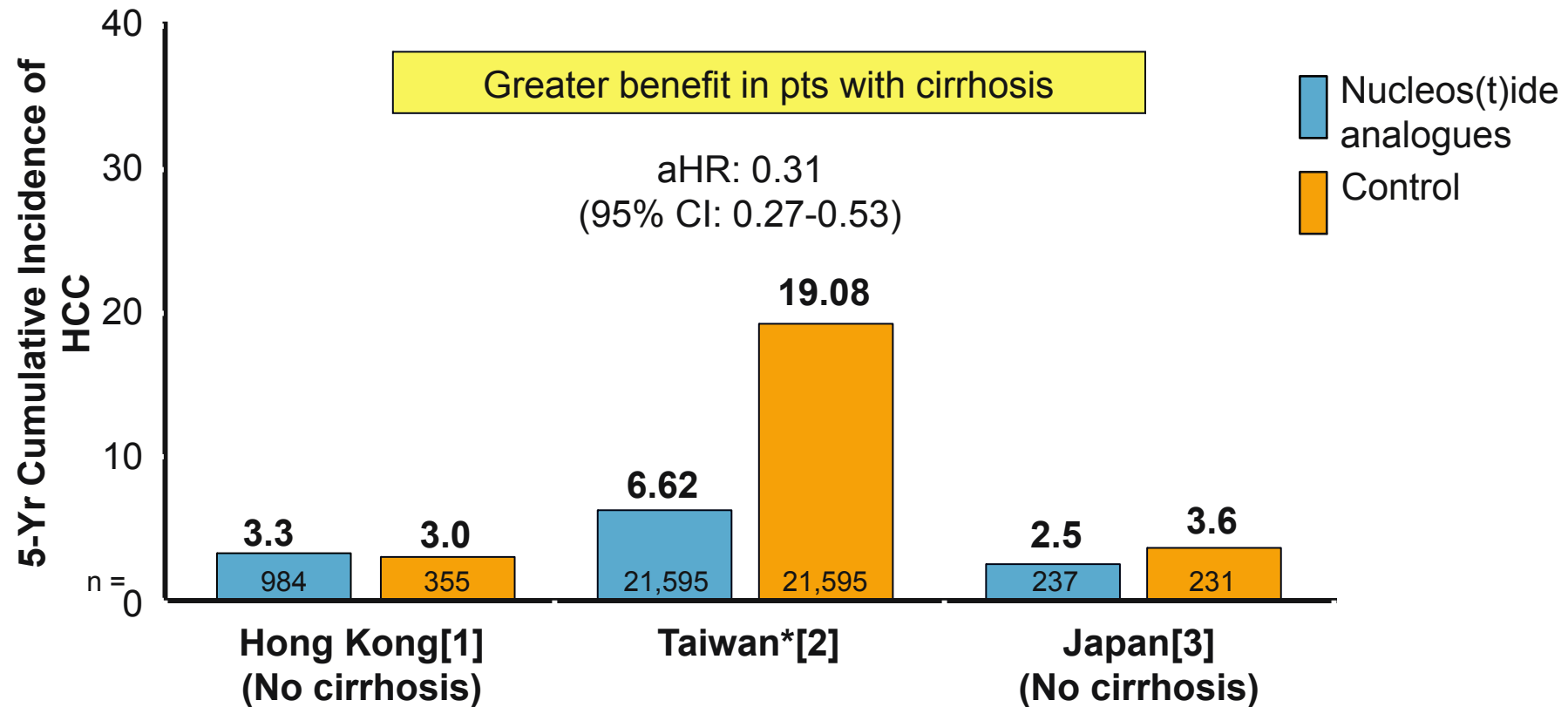
ETV was associated with lower risk of death or transplantation than LAM, but no difference in HCC risk

# HCC Incidence in Pts With Chronic HBV Infection



\*Incidence rates include cirrhotic pts (13.6% of pts had cirrhosis at baseline) and noncirrhotic pts.

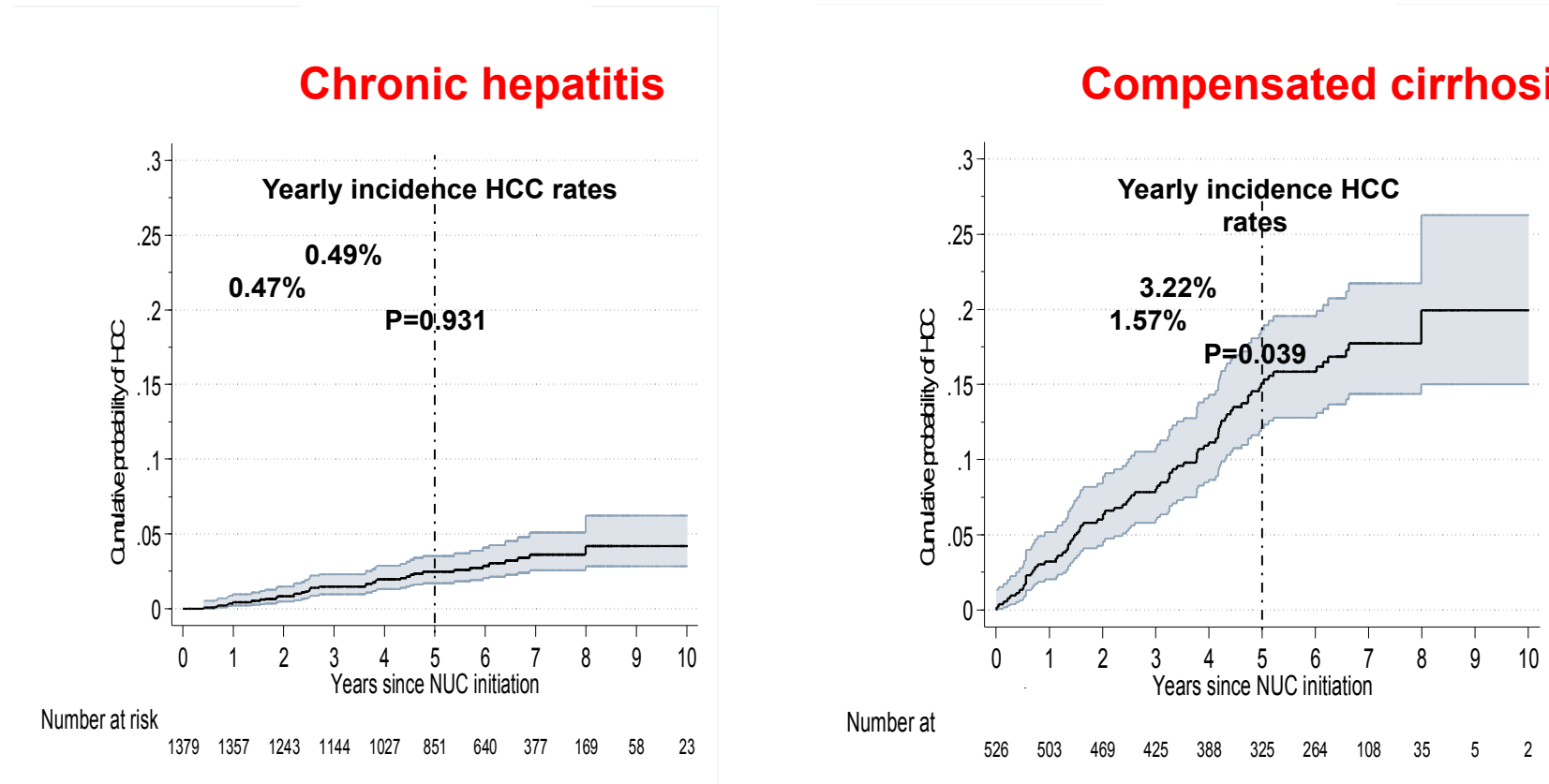
# HCC Incidence in Pts With Chronic HBV Infection but Without Cirrhosis



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# The PAGE-B study: HCC in ETV/TDF treated pts beyond year 5

1951 patients on ETV/TDF for 72 months



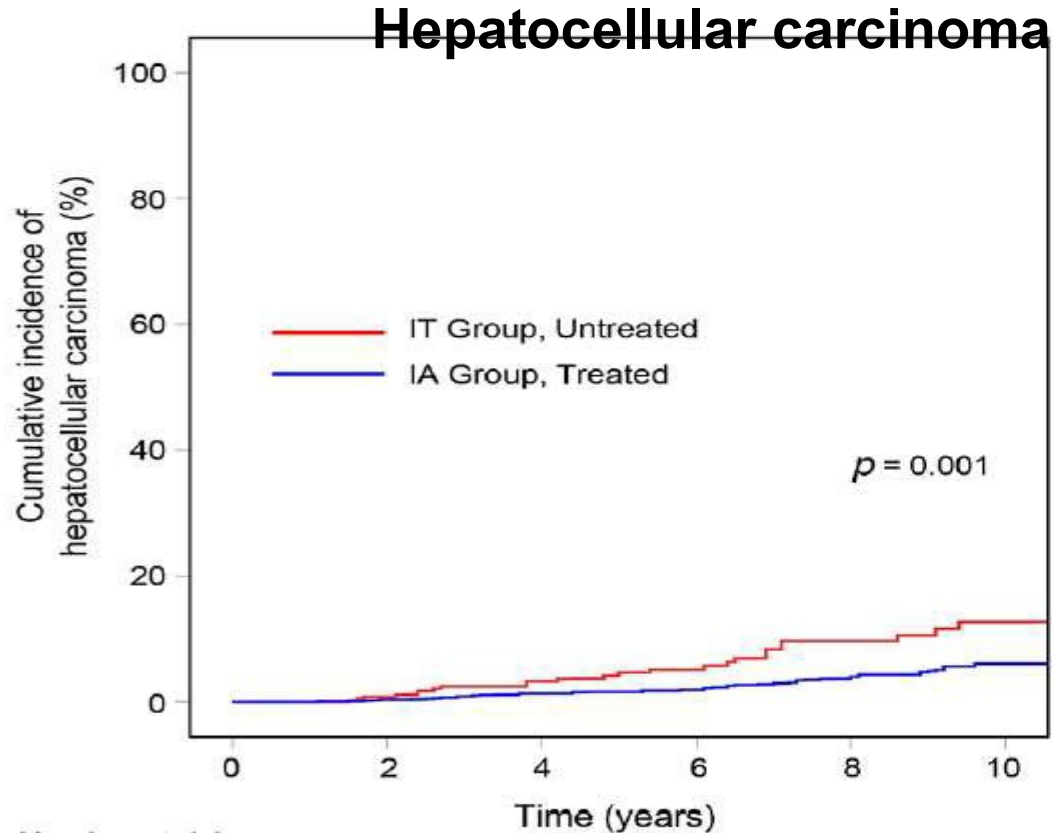
- The HCC risk decreases after the first 5 yrs of ETV/TDF therapy in patients with compensated cirrhosis at baseline but not in those with Chronic Hepatitis
- Older age, especially  $\geq 50$  yrs, and lower platelets represent the main risk factors for late HCC development.



Benefits of Achievement of viral  
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HBV Infection ?????

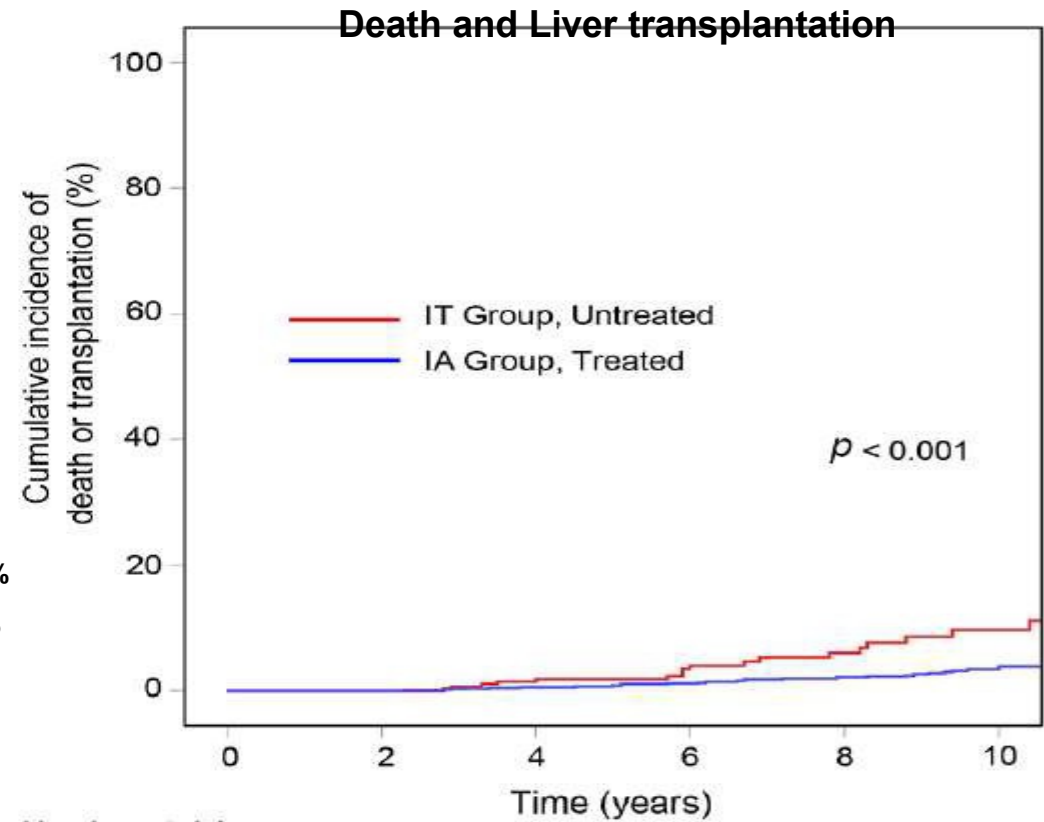
# Incidences of HCC and death or transplantation in the Immuno Tolerant phase vs Immuno Active patients

## A retrospective study in Korea



Number at risk

IT Group	413	331	233	169	111	58
IA Group	1497	1342	1075	823	605	408



Number at risk

IT Group	413	334	241	177	120	65
IA Group	1497	1347	1086	836	620	427

IT-phase: Immunotolerant; IA-phase: immunoactive CHB

# **Safety of Nucleos(t)ide Analogues**

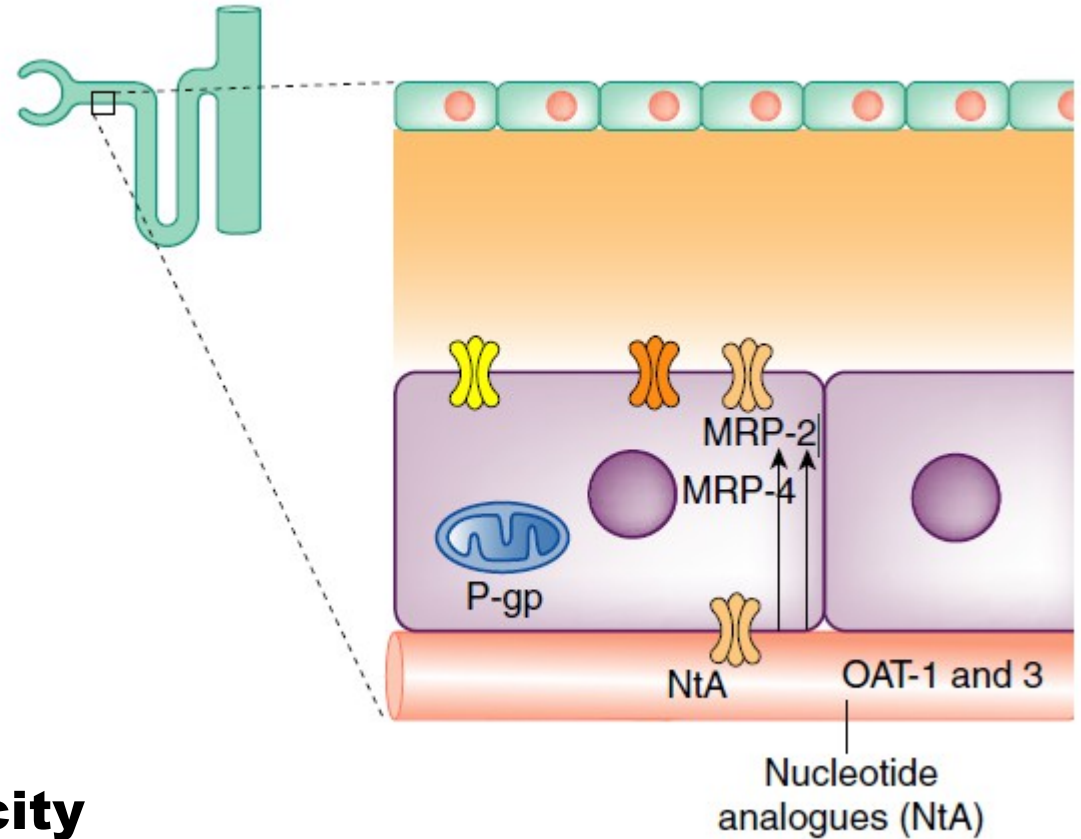
- Renal
- Bone
- Cancer
- Pregnancy

# Renal Safety

Chronic HBV infection increase the risk of chronic kidney disease

All NAs are renally excreted. Need to be adjusted to GFR

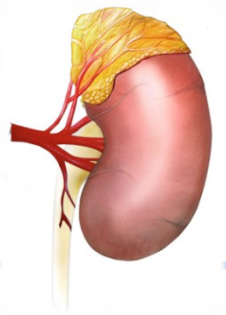
ADV and TDF have been associated with a small risk of nephrotoxicity (Increase creatinine 3% vs 1% at yr 5)



## Mechanisms of NA-associated Nephrotoxicity

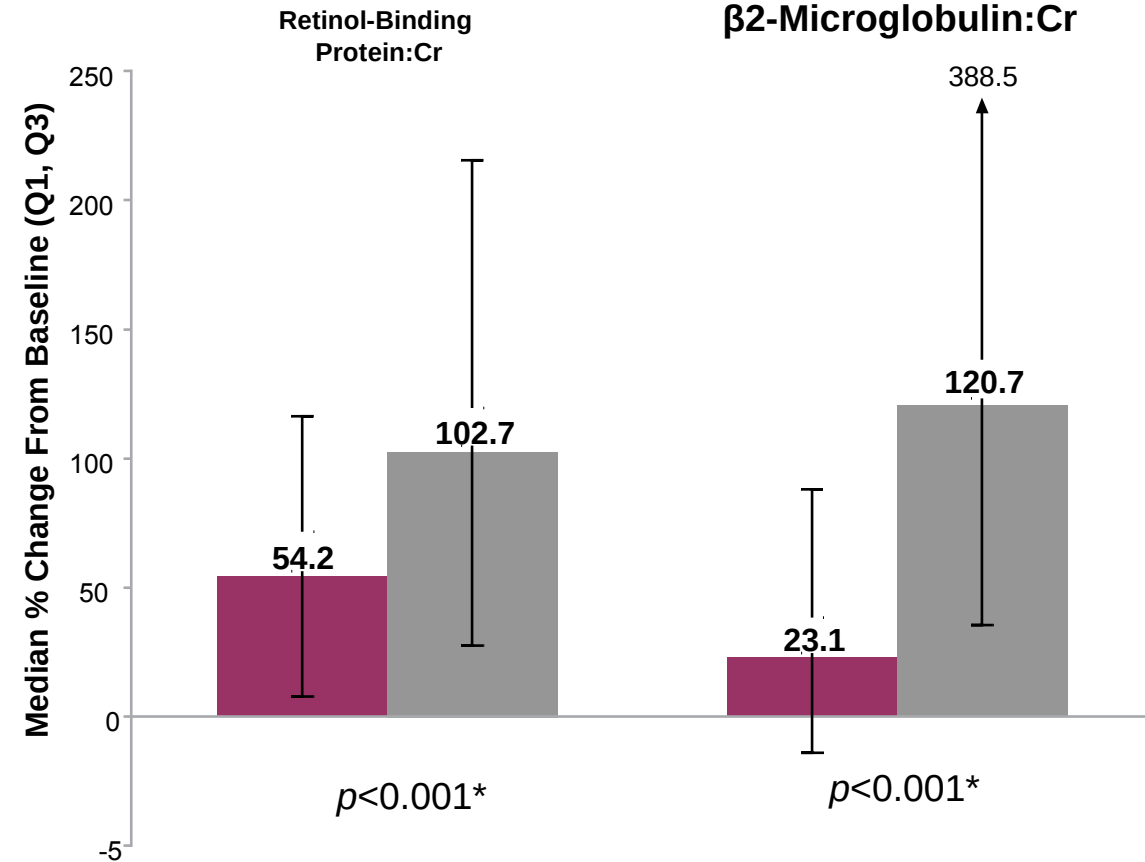
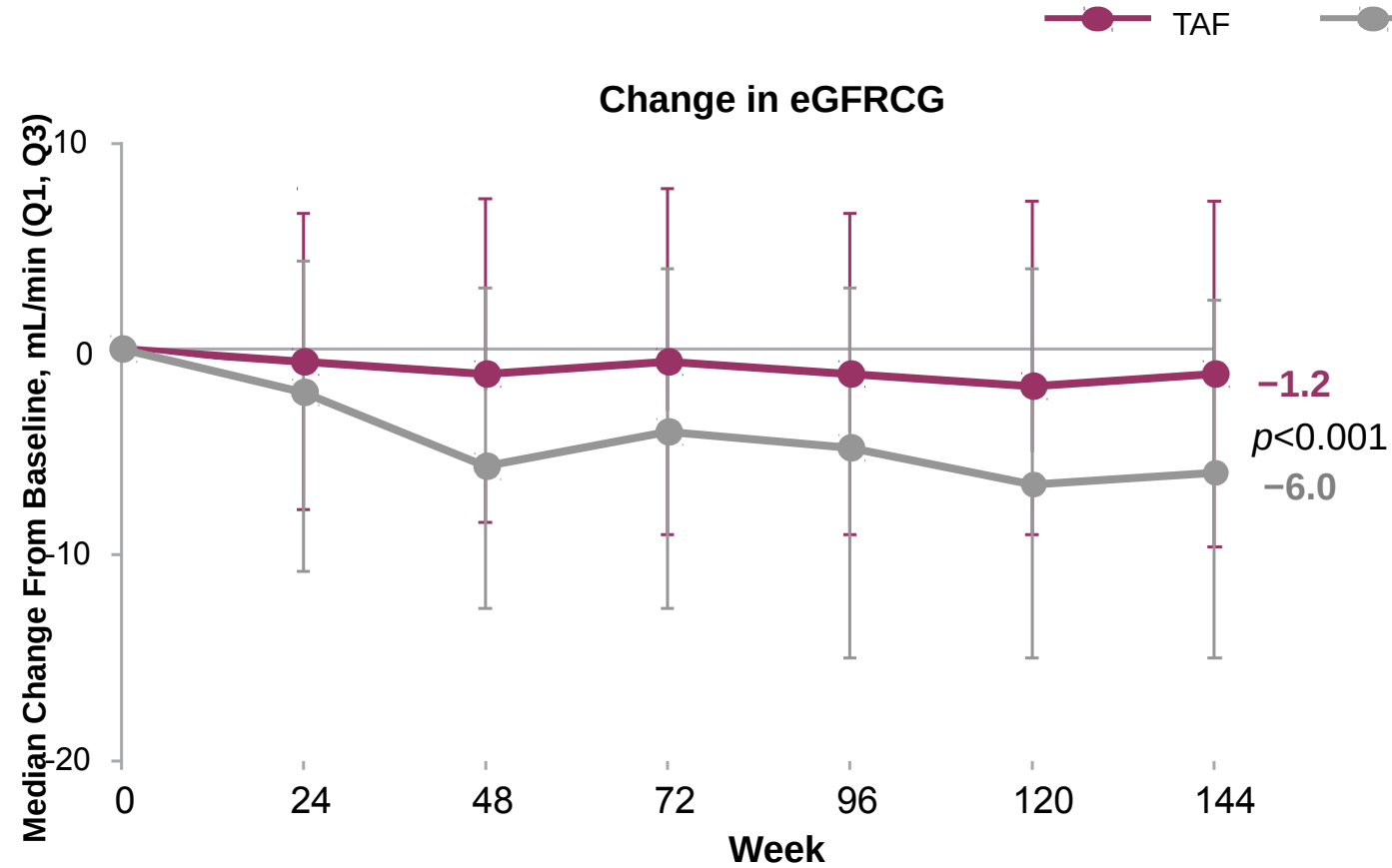
ADV and TDF are substrates of organic anion transporter (OAT)-1 and OAT-3; they are excreted by multidrug resistance protein (MRP)-4.

ADV and TDF would be actively transported by MRP-4 to the proximal tubule; when MRP-4 is saturated, ADV and TDF may accumulate in the intracellular environment leading to tubular damage



# Renal Safety

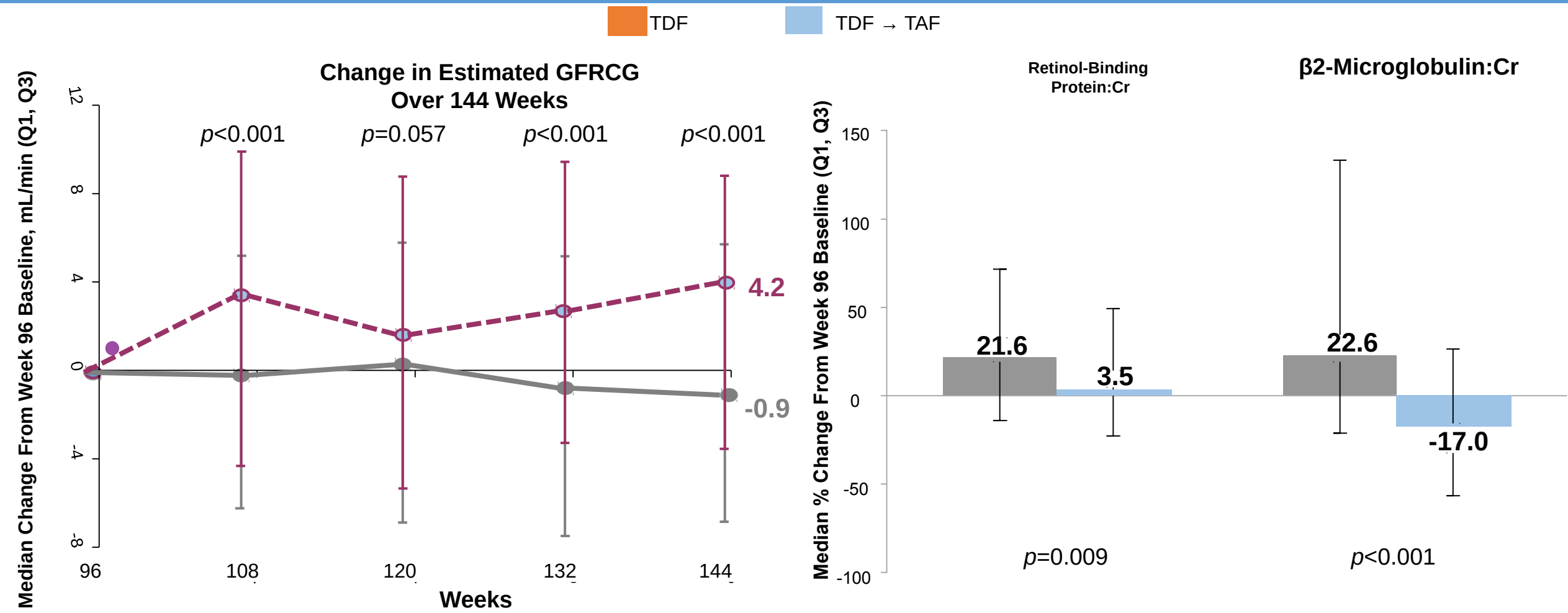
## Change in Renal Parameters Over 144 Weeks



**There were significantly smaller decreases in eGFR and smaller changes in proximal tubular markers with TAF compared to TDF at Week 144**

\*From 2-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test

## Change in Renal Parameters after switch from TDF to TAF



**48 wks after switch from TDF to TAF significant improvements in eGFRCG and in markers of renal tubular function were observed**

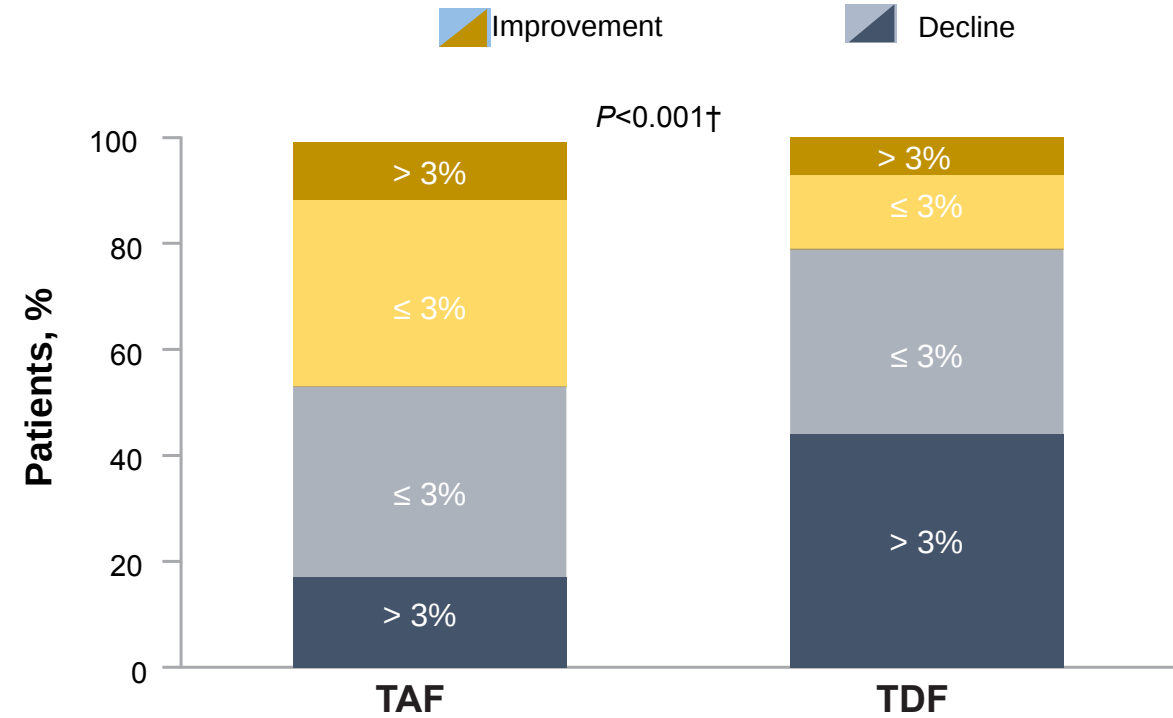
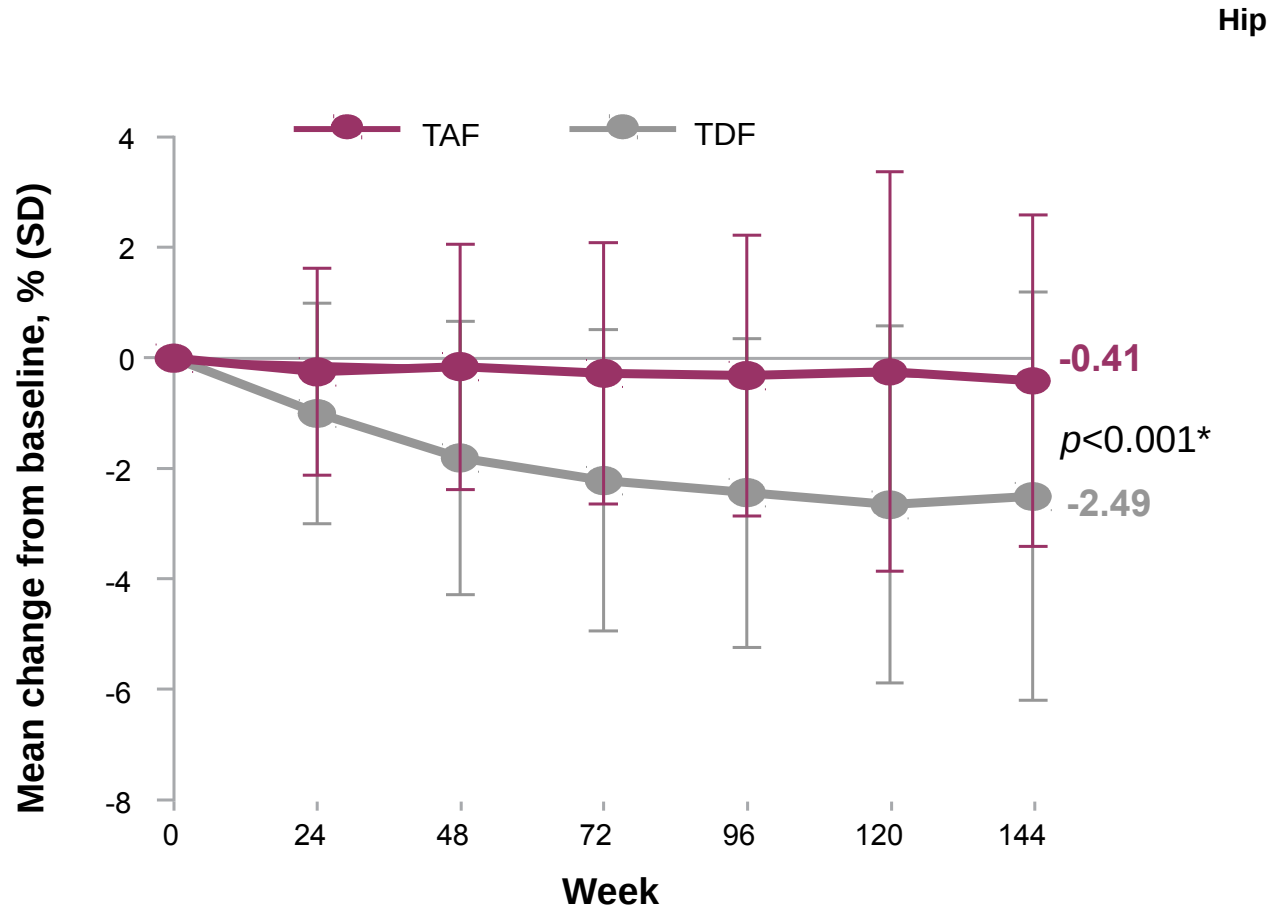
# Bone Safety

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- CHB by itself also affects the skeletal system
- Vitamin D deficiency was found in 35-82% of Chinese CHB patient
- Asian patients are particularly at risk of bone problems in view of low body-mass
- Bone safety closely related with renal Aes
  - Related to nucleoside analogue effect on renal proximal tubular and phosphaturia
  - Real-life data demonstrated increased risk of hip fracture in patients received adefovir but not TDF

# TAF vs. TDF for HBV: Bone Mineral Density

## Changes in Bone Mineral Density (BMD) in Patients Over 144



**There were significantly less declines in hip BMD in patients on TAF compared to TDF**

**The proportion of TAF patients with hip BMD improvement was significantly higher when compared to**

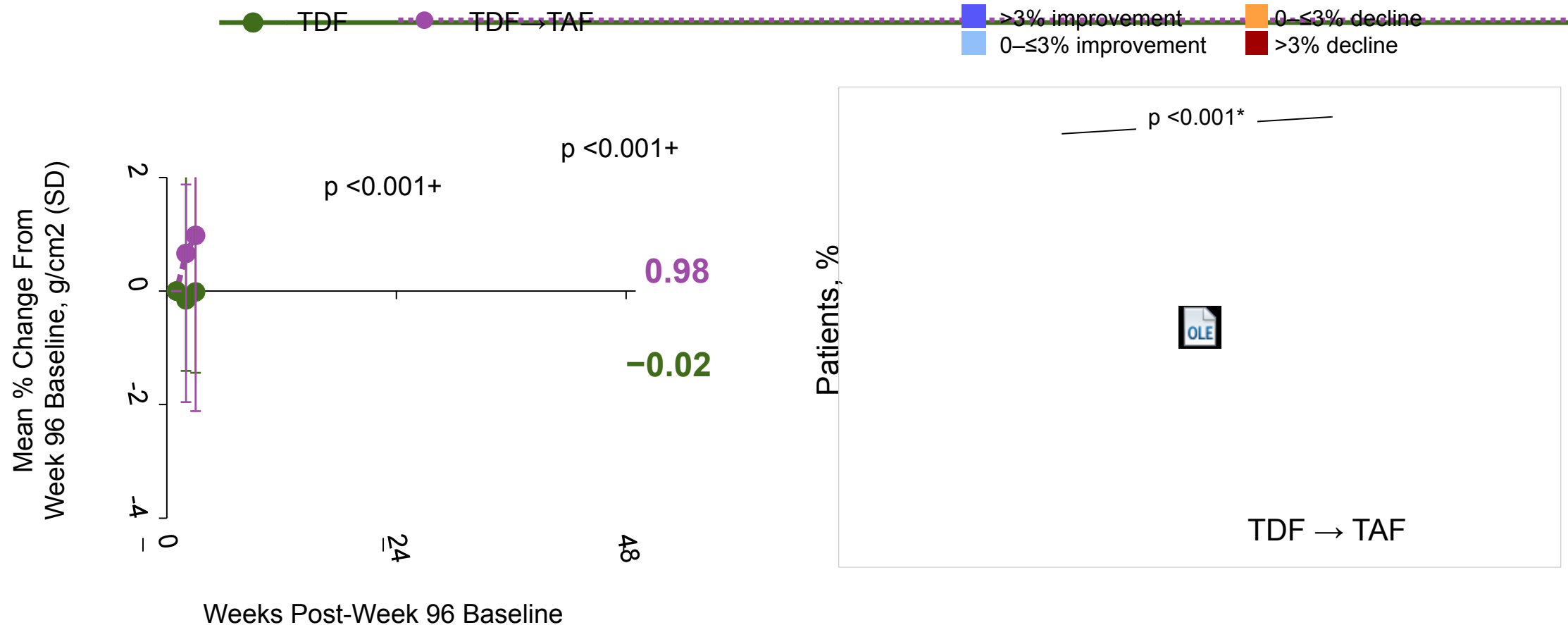
**TDF**

\*From analysis of variance model including treatment as fixed effect

† From Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for ordinal data (row mean scores differ statistic was used).



# Changes in Hip BMD From Week 96 Baseline to Week 144



- ◆ Greater proportions of TAF vs TDF patients showed improvements in BMD at Week 144

+From analysis of variance model including treatment as a fixed effect.

\*From Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for ordinal data (row mean scores differ statistic was used).

# EASL Clinical Practice Guidelines on the management of HBV infection

## Indications for selecting TAF or ETV over TDF

Age >60 years

Bone disease

Chronic steroid use or use of other medications that worsen bone density, history of fragility fracture, osteoporosis

Renal alteration

(eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; albuminuria; low phosphate; haemodialysis)

- ETV dose adjusted if eGFR <50 mL/min
- No dose adjustment of TAF is required in adults or adolescents\* with estimated CrCl ≥15 mL/min  
or in patients with CrCl <15 mL/min who are receiving haemodialysis

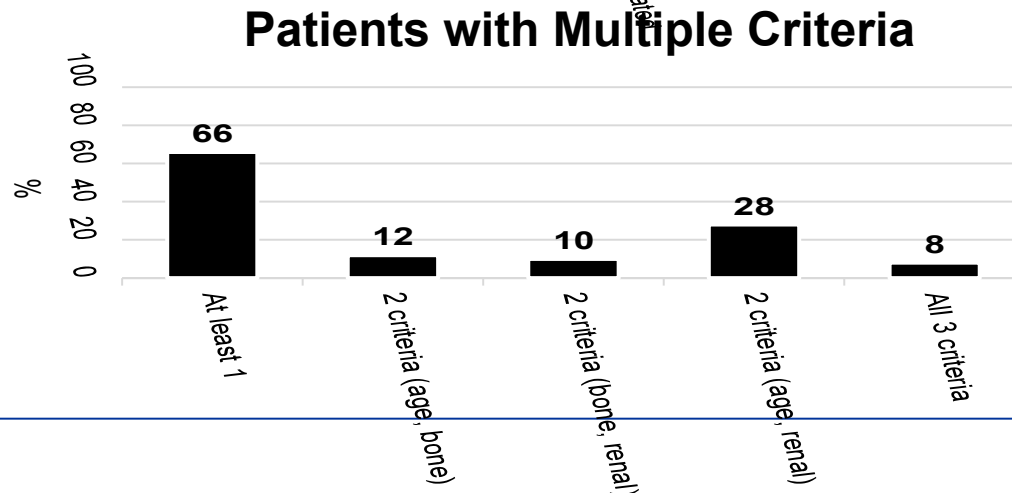
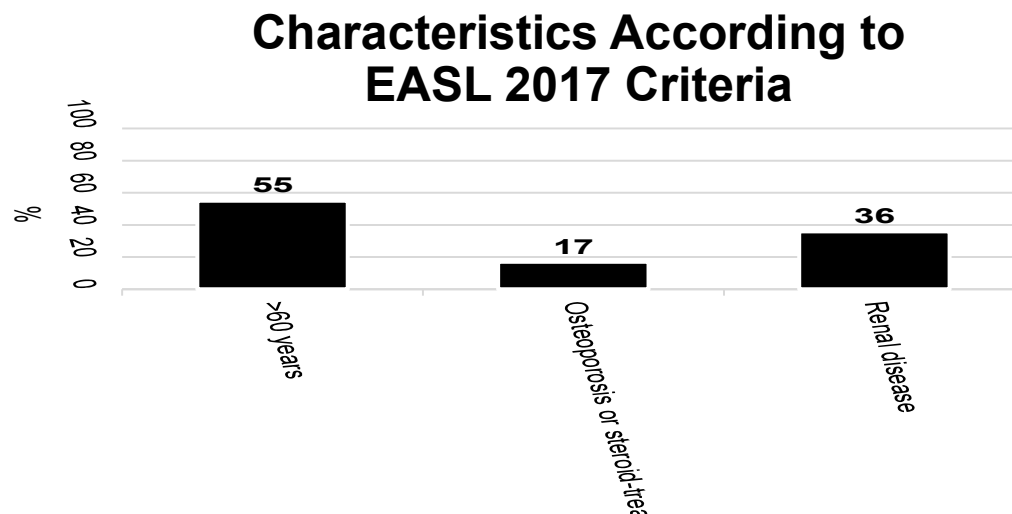
TAF preferred to ETV in patients with previous NA exposure

# Validation of EASL 2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines for Switching HBV Patients Treated with TDF to ETV or TAF

Cross-sectional study of patients treated with TDF in two EU centers that should be considered for TAF or ETV switch according to EASL Guidelines\*

Patient Characteristics	
Age, years (range)	62 (18-91)
Caucasian, %	92
HBeAg-negative, %	92
GT 3, %	77
Male, %	75
Cirrhosis, %	40
Diabetes, %	10
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	25 (16-46)
Undetectable HBV DNA, %	95
Normal ALT, %	91
Previous LAM or ADV, %	53

**A significant proportion of CHB patients on long-term TDF fulfill the EASL 2017 recommendations to switch to ETV or TAF**



# Cancer Risk

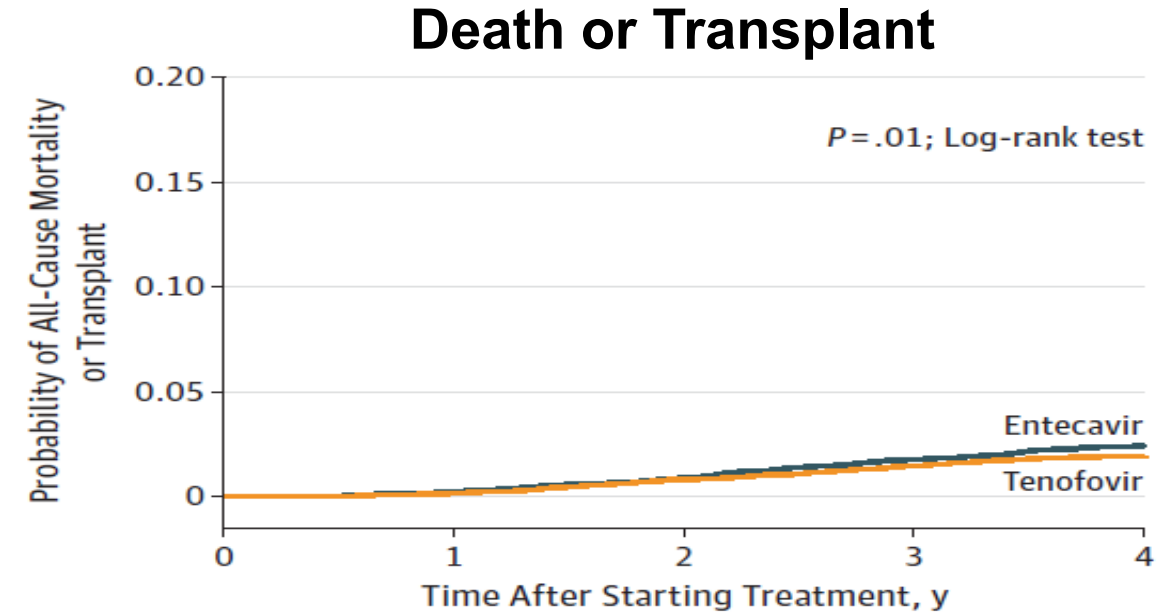
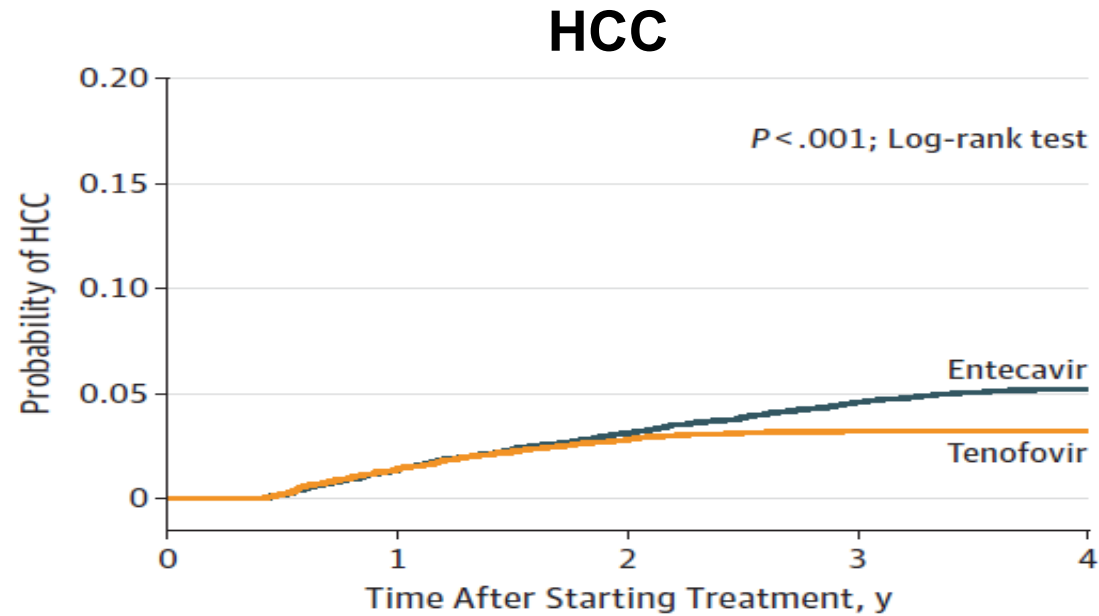
Concerns about the effect of antiviral treatment on the risks of non-liver cancers  
Entecavir at high doses shows potential carcinogenic effect in some early animal studies.

A population-based study of 44,494 subjects in Hong Kong showed that NA-treated patients had similar risks of various common malignancies when compared to untreated patients

	All	Male	Female	Entecavir <sup>a</sup>
All malignancies	1.01 (0.82-1.25)	0.98 (0.81-1.19)	1.31 (0.92-1.87)	1.07 (0.65-1.75)
HCC	0.90 (0.69-1.16)	0.90 (0.71-1.14)	1.17 (0.71-1.93)	1.48 (0.77-2.86)
Colorectal cancer	2.17 (1.08-4.36)	1.80 (0.82-3.96)	5.78 (1.81-18.42) <sup>b</sup>	2.43 (0.52-11.27)
Lung and pleural cancers	0.82 (0.52-1.31)	0.74 (0.43-1.27)	0.79 (0.29-2.12)	1.38 (0.39-4.88)
Urinary and renal malignancies	1.04 (0.38-2.81)	0.96 (0.35-2.62)	N.A.	N.A.
Cervical cancer	N.A.	N.A.	7.33 (1.72-31.17)	N.A.
Breast cancer	1.37 (0.44-4.28)	N.A.	2.02 (0.65-6.30)	N.A.
Lymphoma	1.63 (0.65-4.08)	1.46 (0.50-4.29)	2.50 (0.57-10.95)	N.A.

# Risk of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients Treated with Entecavir vs Tenofovir for Chronic Hepatitis B: A Korean Nationwide Cohort Study

## Outcomes in Propensity Score-Matched Nationwide Cohort



No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4
Entecavir	10923	10762	10542	10342	10246
Tenofovir	10923	10763	10574	10490	10458

No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4
Entecavir	10923	10897	10826	10728	10657
Tenofovir	10923	10904	10834	10764	10714

	Events	n	Events/100 patient-years	HR	P-value
ETV	567		1.07	Reference	<0.001
TDF	350		0.66	0.62 (0.54-0.70)	

	Events	n	Events/100 patient-years	HR	P-value
ETV	266		0.49	Reference	0.01
TDF	210		0.39	0.79 (0.66-0.94)	

# Safety in pregnancy and breastfeeding

- HBV is endemic in many Asian and African countries with high birth rates

	Crosses placenta	Breast milk excretion	Animal studies	Human studies—pregnancy	Human studies—breastfeeding
Lamivudine	Yes	Yes	Embryonic loss (rabbits) at doses comparable to clinical doses in humans	No increased risk for birth defects	No data
Adefovir	Unknown	Unknown	Embryo toxicity (rats) at doses comparable to 23 times human exposure	No data	No data
Telbivudine	Yes	Yes	No impaired fertility No harmful effects to foetal development	No increased risk for infant adverse events	No data
Entecavir	Unknown	Yes	Foetal malformations (rabbits) at doses comparable to 883 times in humans.	No data	No data
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Yes	Yes	No impaired fertility No harmful effects to pregnancy or foetal development	No increased risk for birth defects	Infant growth not affected up to 2 y
Tenofovir alafenamide	Yes	Unknown	No impaired fertility No harmful effects to foetal development	No data	No data

## Summary

- Long-term NAs therapy can:
  - Suppress HBV DNA
  - Reduce inflammation and fibrosis
  - Reduce the risk of HCC and liver-related events
  - Reduce liver related mortality
  
- Safety in long term therapy should be considered. TAF and ETV are recommended over TDF for patients with risk of renal and bone diseases