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### Role of DAAs therapy in HCC



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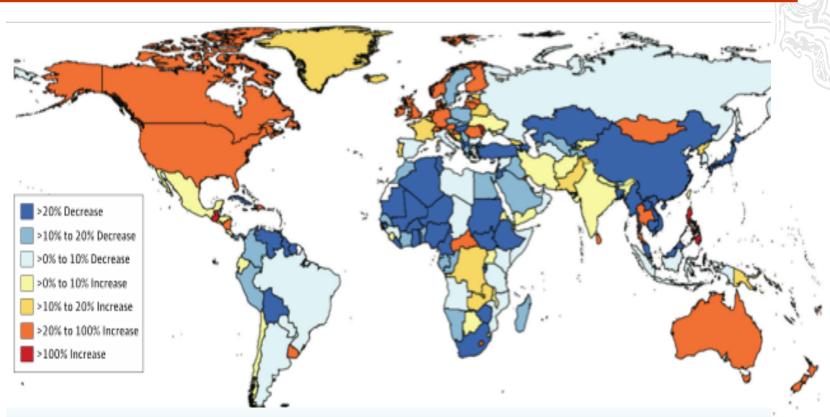


## Background





# Increase in Age-Standardized Liver Cancer Mortality Between 1990 and 2015 for Both Sexes in 195 Countries/ Territories



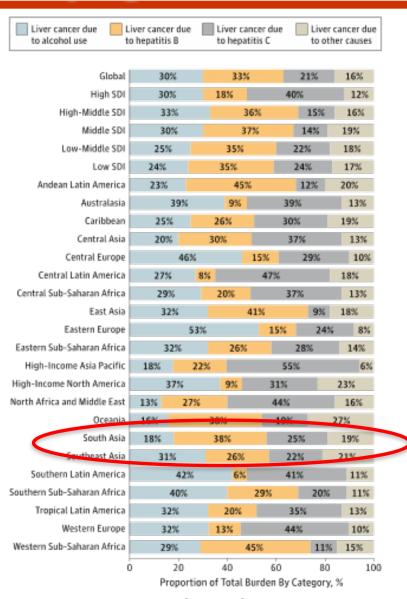
Cases of incident liver cancer increased by 75% between 1990 and 2015

47% -changing population age structures 35%- population growth



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# Substantial variation between countries in the underlying causes on Absolute Liver Cancer Deaths



### Liver cancer deaths

- > HBV 265 000 (33%)
- > Alcohol- 245 000 (30%)
- > HCV- 167 000 (21%)
- Other causes- 33 000

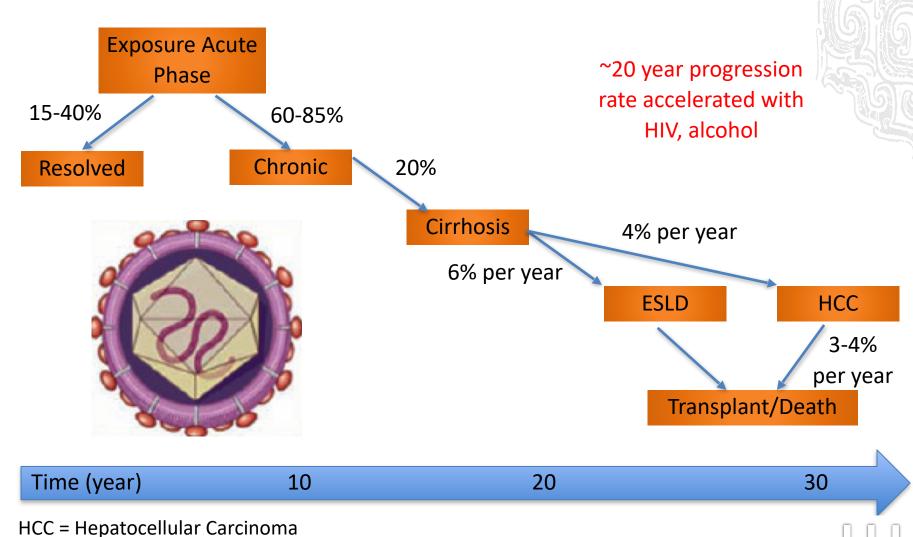
(16%)





## **Natural History of CHC**

ESLD = End Stage Liver Disease



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### HCC in CHC with SVR with IFN-based therapy

- 30 studies comprised 31528 participants from 17 countries
- SVR after treatment among HCV-infected persons at any stage of fibrosis is associated with reduced HCC
- RR for all persons- 0.24 [95% CI, 0.18 to 0.31] moderate-quality evidence
- ❖ RR for advanced liver disease HR 0.23 [CI, 0.16 to 0.35], moderate-quality evidence



### **Current recommendation for CHC GT1-6**

## 8-24 weeks pan-oral DAAs

### All registration study exclude HBV patients

- Omata M, Kanda T, Wei L, et al. APASL consensus statements and recommendation on management of hepatitis C. Hepatol Int. 2016
- 2. Hepatitis C Guidance 2018 Update: AASLD-IDSA Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C Virus Infection. CID 2018
- EASL Recommendations on Treatment of Hepatitis C –Final update of the series. J Hepatol 2020



## Risk of HCC after HCV SVR by DAAs

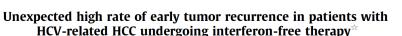


### Does DAA therapy really increase the risk of HCC?

Research Article







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HCC under complete response without "non-characterized nodules" before starting DAA treatment (n = 65)

58 HCC patients median fu=5.7mon

No radiological follow-up after starting DAA treatment (n = 7)

Confirmed HCC radiological assessment after starting DAA treatment (n = 58)

HCC recurrence (n = 16) HCC complete response (n = 42)

HCC recurrence=27.6%

J Hepatol.2016;65(4):719-26.

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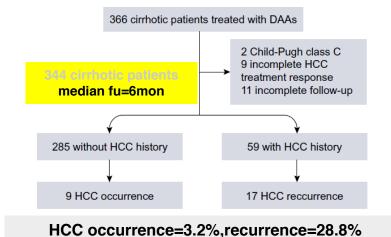


#### Early occurrence and recurrence of hepatocellular carc HCV-related cirrhosis treated with direct-acting ant

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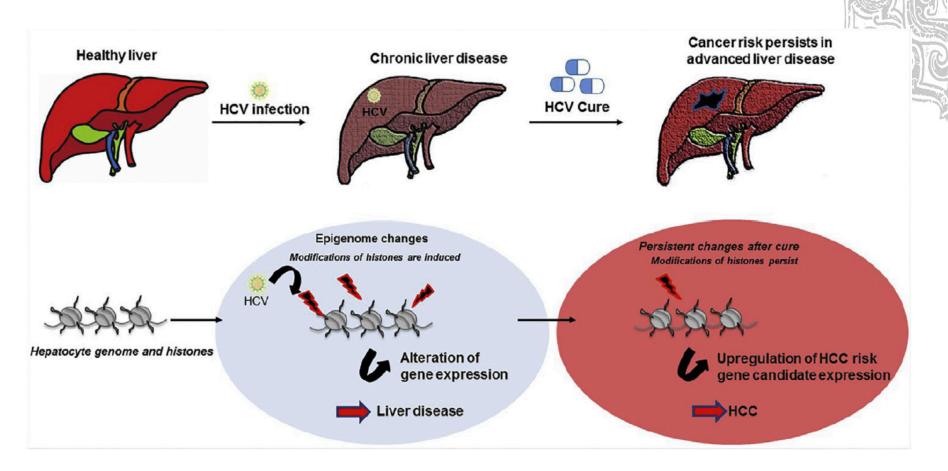
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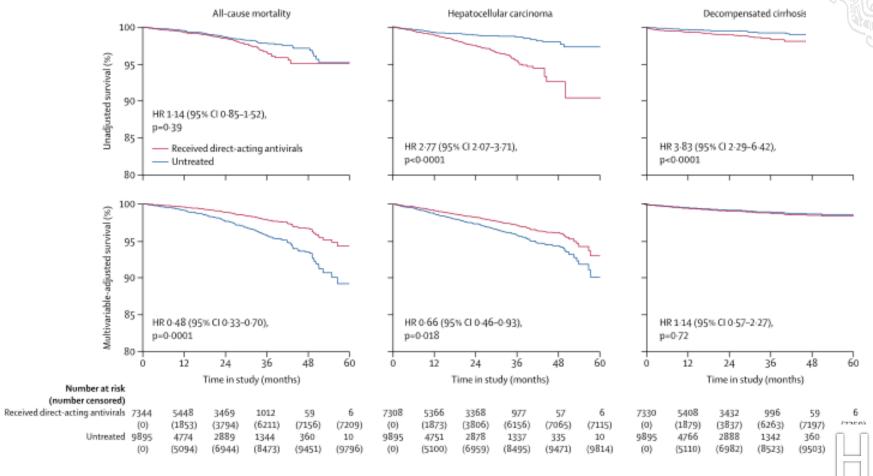
# HCV-Induced Epigenetic Changes Associated With Liver Cancer Risk Persist After Sustained Virologic Response





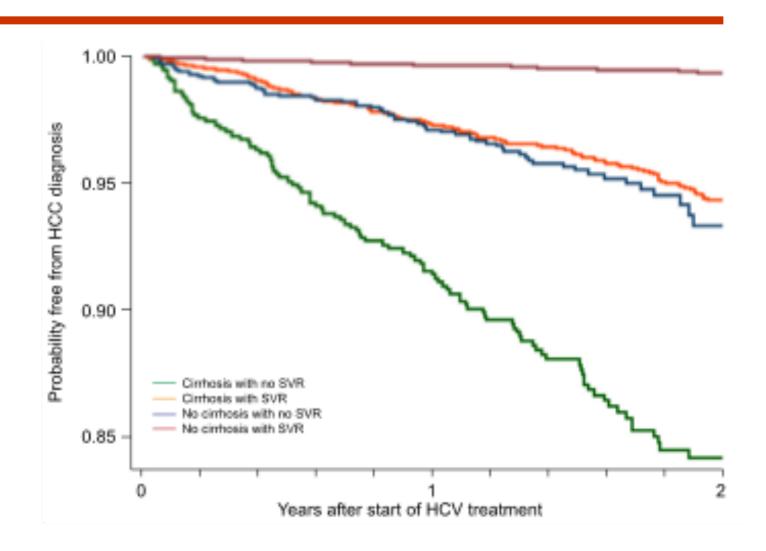
# DAAs is associated with reduced risk for mortality and HCC - French ANRS C022 Hepather cohort

After adjustment for age, sex, body-mass index, geographical origin, infection route, fibro HCV treatment-naive, HCV genotype, alcohol consumption, diabetes, arterial hyperter biological variables, and MELD score in patients with cirrhosis



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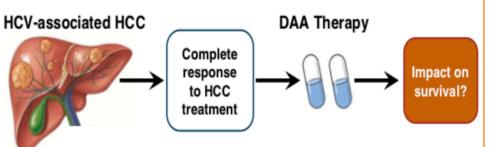
# DAA-induced SVR is associated with a 71% reduction in HCC risk





# Direct-Acting Antiviral Therapy is Associated with Improved Survival in Patients with a History of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Multicenter North American Cohort Study

## Does DAA therapy improve survival in patients with a history of complete response to HCC treatment?



### Design:



31 centers in North America including 797 patients with HCV-associated HCC with complete radiographic response

- 383 (48.1%) received DAA therapy
- 414 (51.9%) untreated

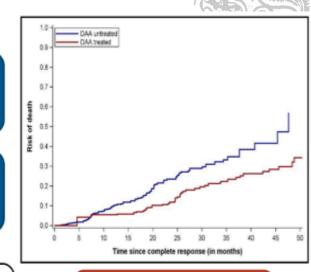
### Results:

DAA Treated: 4.6 deaths per 100 person-years follow-up

DAA Untreated: 19.6 deaths per 100 person-years follow-up

### Multivariable analysis

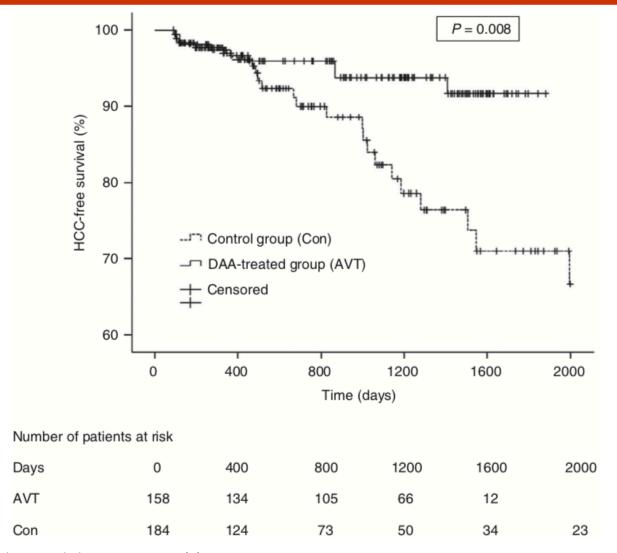
 Adjusted for site, age, sex Child Pugh score, AFP, tumor burden and HCC treatment modality



DAA therapy associated with lower mortality: HR: 0.54; 95%CI: 0.33 – 0.90



# 5-year long-term follow-up study after DAA treatment confirms a reduced HCC risk in a central European cohort of HCV patients with liver cirrhosis





### CHC with SVR - Long-term (≥2 yrs) FU studies

Country	Cohort	Design of study	DAAs (n)	Median FU (mon)	Risk factors of HCC Occurence
Japan <sup>1</sup>	Tokyo University	Retrospective	752	46	<ul><li>AFP &gt; 5.4 ng/ml</li><li>WFA-H2BP</li></ul>
USA <sup>2</sup>	VA patients	Retrospective	21,948	24	DAAs same as IFN
USA <sup>3</sup>	VA patients	Retrospective	29,033	48	• FIB-4 scores ≥3.25
USA <sup>4</sup>	VA patients	Retrospective	25,232	35.2	<ul> <li>Persistently high FIB-4 &gt;3.25/APRI &gt;1.5</li> <li>Alcohol</li> <li>older age</li> <li>HCV genotype 3</li> </ul>
France <sup>5</sup>	ANRS CO22 HEPATHER	Prospective	9,895	33.4	<ul> <li>Age ≥ 50</li> <li>Fibrosis scoring (F3,F4)</li> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Albumin &lt; 30 g/L</li> <li>Platelet count &lt; 100 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>AFP ≥ 5.5 ng/mL</li> </ul>
China <sup>6</sup>	302(Beijing)- H&H(HK)	Prospective	1,241	48	<ul> <li>DAAs</li> <li>Age ≥ 55</li> <li>AFP ≥ 20 ng/mL</li> <li>NAFLD</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>LSM &gt; 14.6 kPa or cirrhosis</li> </ul>

<sup>2.</sup> Ioannou GN, et al. J Hepatol 2018



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<sup>5.</sup> Carrat F, et al. Lancet 2019

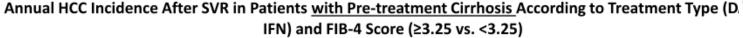
<sup>6.</sup> D Ji, et al. 2021. (submitted)

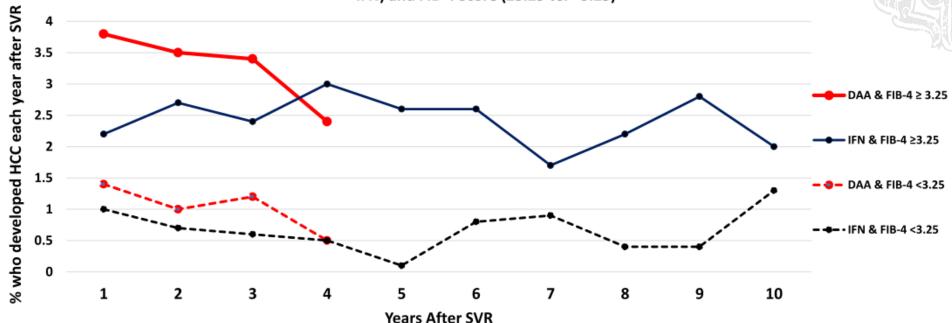
# Predictors of HCC after HCV SVR by DAAs





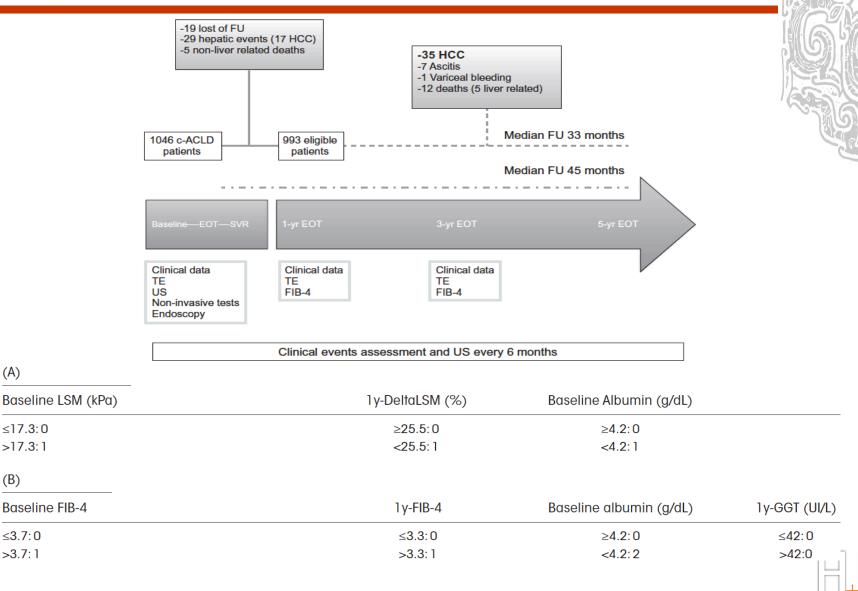
# Increased Risk for HCC Persists Up to 10 Years After HCV Eradication in Patients with Baseline Cirrhosis or High FIB-4 Scores



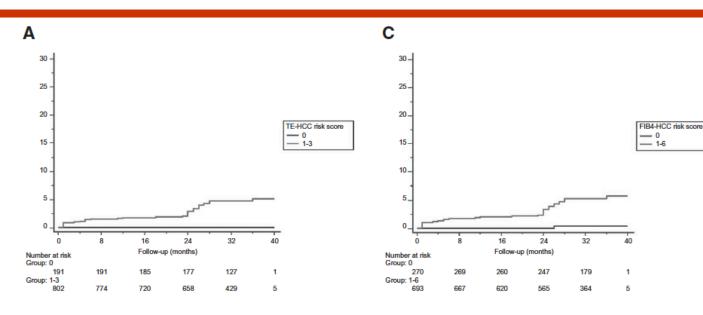


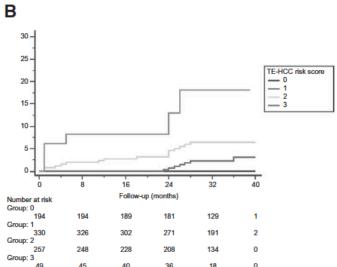


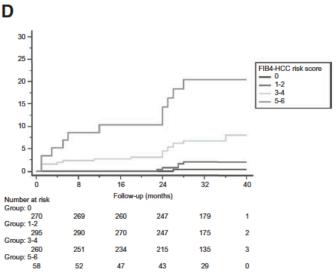
# A risk models based on baseline and dynamic changes in LSM and noninvasive biomarkers



# Cumulative risk of HCC at 3 years according to scores of both LSM and noninvasive biomarkers

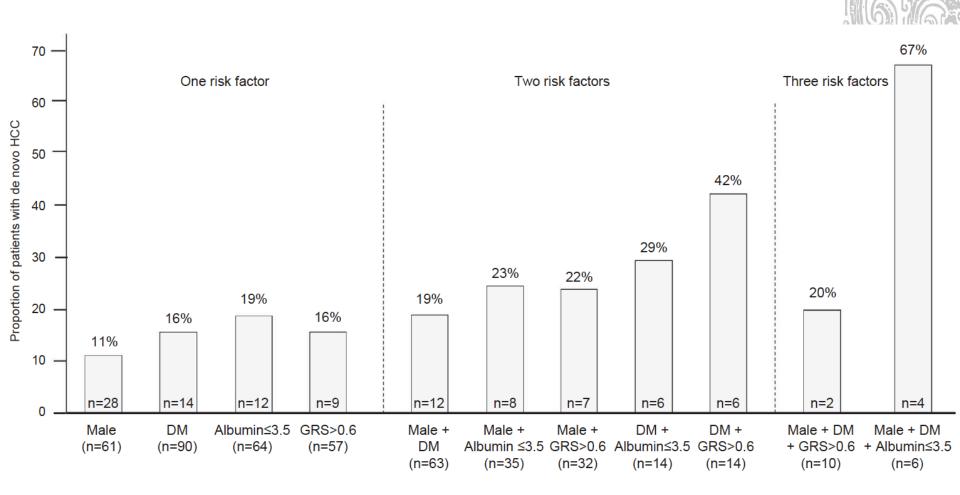








# Hepatic Fat-genetic risk score (GRS) predicts de novo HCC in cirrhotic HCV treated with DAAs





## **DAAs in Chinese - 2021**





# Special HCV Clinic (Beijing 302 Hospital, China)











# Occurrence of HCC after SVR in CHC patients: a prospective four years follow-up study

### Treatment naïve Chinese CHC patients (n = 1735)

- Eligible for both DAAs and PR therapy
- Received the treatment between Oct 2015 and May 2017

Patients treated with DAAs (n = 533)

Patients treated with PR (n = 1202)

### Patients excluded (n = 49) due to:

- Baseline HCC (n = 6)
- Non-SVR (n = 14)
- Patients developed HCC before SVR or within 3 months after SVR (n = 5) (0.94%)
- Loss of follow-up (n = 24)

### Patients excluded (n = 445) due to:

- Baseline HCC (n = 11)
- Non-SVR (n = 385)
- Patients developed HCC before SVR or within 3 months after SVR (n = 11) (0.92%)
- Loss of follow-up (n = 38)

Long-tem follow-up by Augest 2020

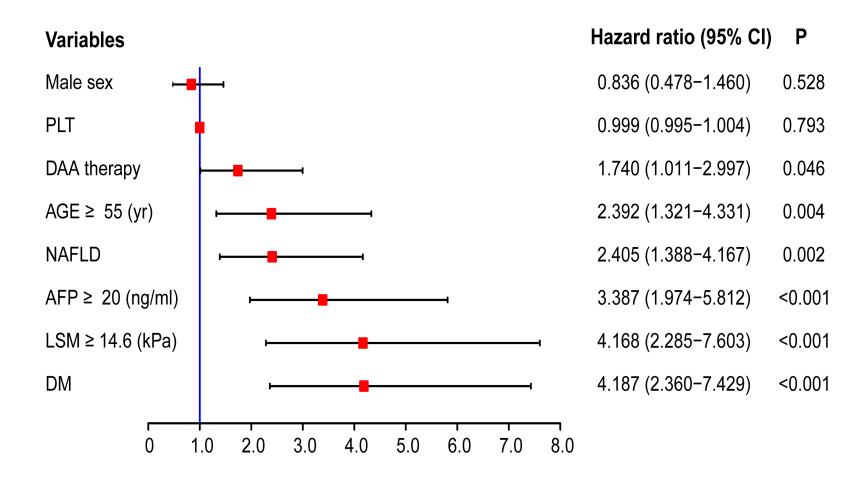
$$(n = 1241)$$

DAAs group (n = 484) vs. PR group (n = 757)

- Survival analysis (Kaplan-Meier method and bootstrap resampling validation)
- High risk factors determination (multivariable Cox proportional regression)
- Preoperative estimation (Nomogram prediction, discrimination and calibration)



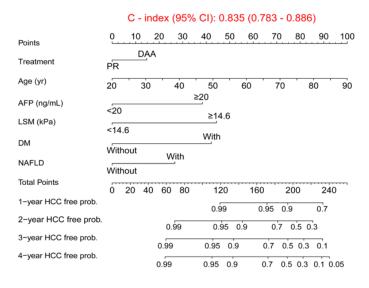
## **Current Risk factors associated with development of HCC in patients with HCV who achieved SVR**



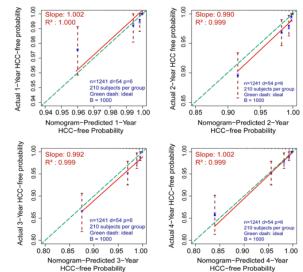


# Nomogram to estimate the risk of HCC incidence in patients with HCV who achieved SVR

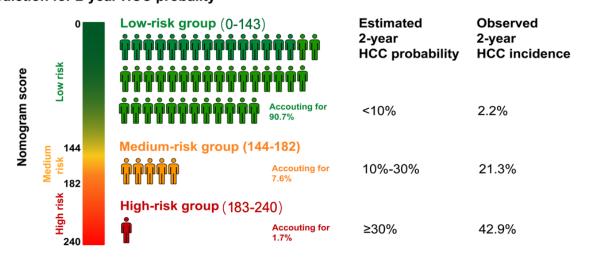
### A. Nomogram



#### B. Calibration curve



#### C. Prediction for 2-year HCC probality



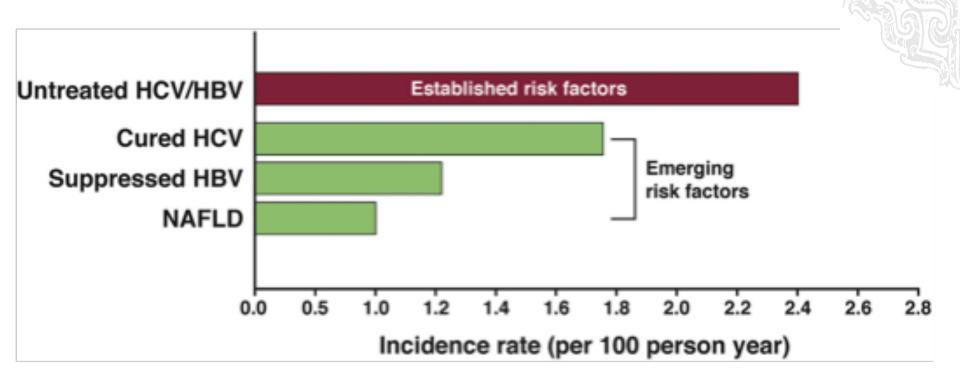


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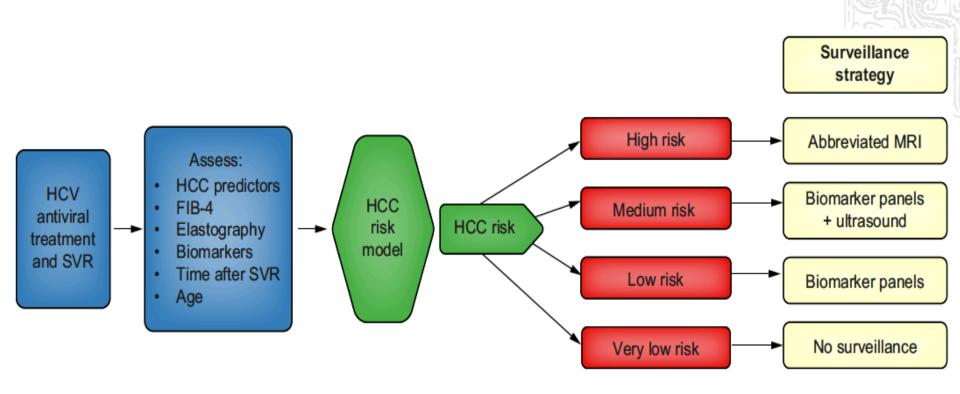


## Annual risk of HCC in cirrhosis patients





# HCC risk stratification and risk-based surveillance in patients who achieve SVR





### Questions to be answered

- ❖ Not all HCC after SVR has advanced liver fibrosis or cirrhosis
- End-points used
  - > HCC occurrence or recurrence
  - > HCC staging
  - > Survival
- Other more sensitive imaging or molecular testing
- Asian Vs Caucasian



### **OUR TEAMS**



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