



HCV Alert: New Data on Resistance to DAAs and Implications for Therapy

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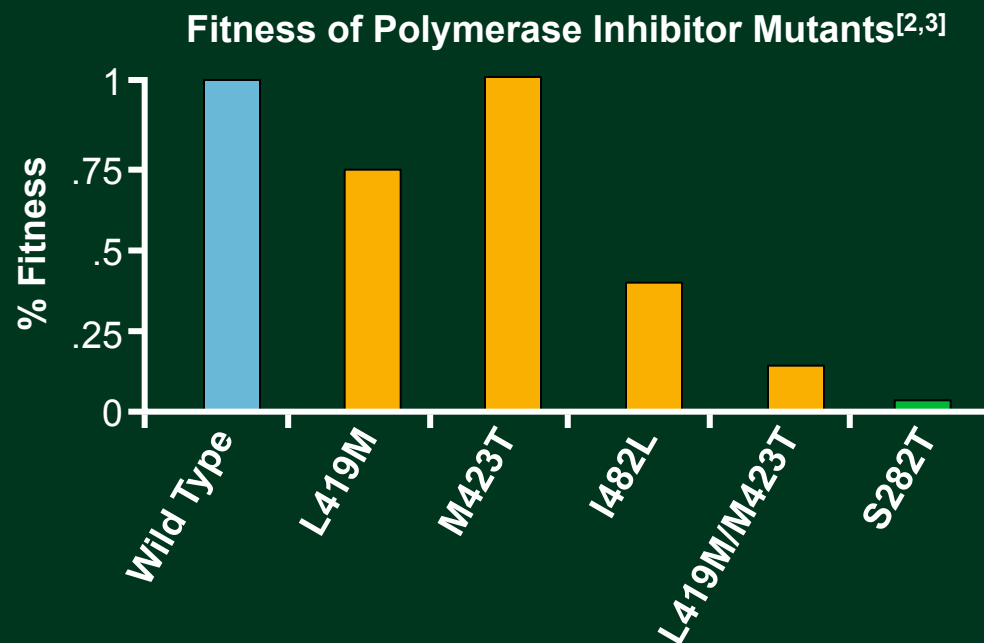
Virologic Barriers to Resistance

Genetic barrier

- Number and type of nucleotide changes required for a virus to acquire resistance to an antiviral regimen^[1]

Viral fitness

- Relative capacity of a viral variant to replicate in a given environment



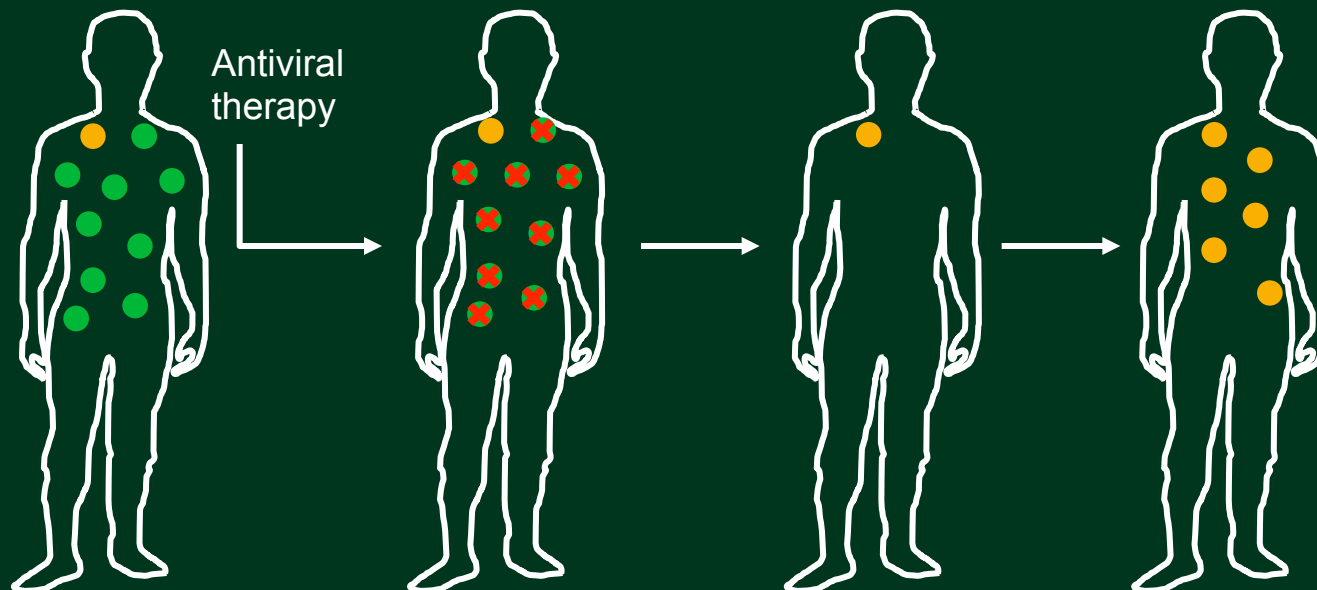
Resistant Variants Are Present Before and Can Be Selected During Treatment

- HCV is a mixture of related but distinct populations of virions in each pt^[1]
- Most resistant variants are unfit and may be undetectable prior to therapy^[2,3]

Antiviral therapy eliminates
sensitive variants

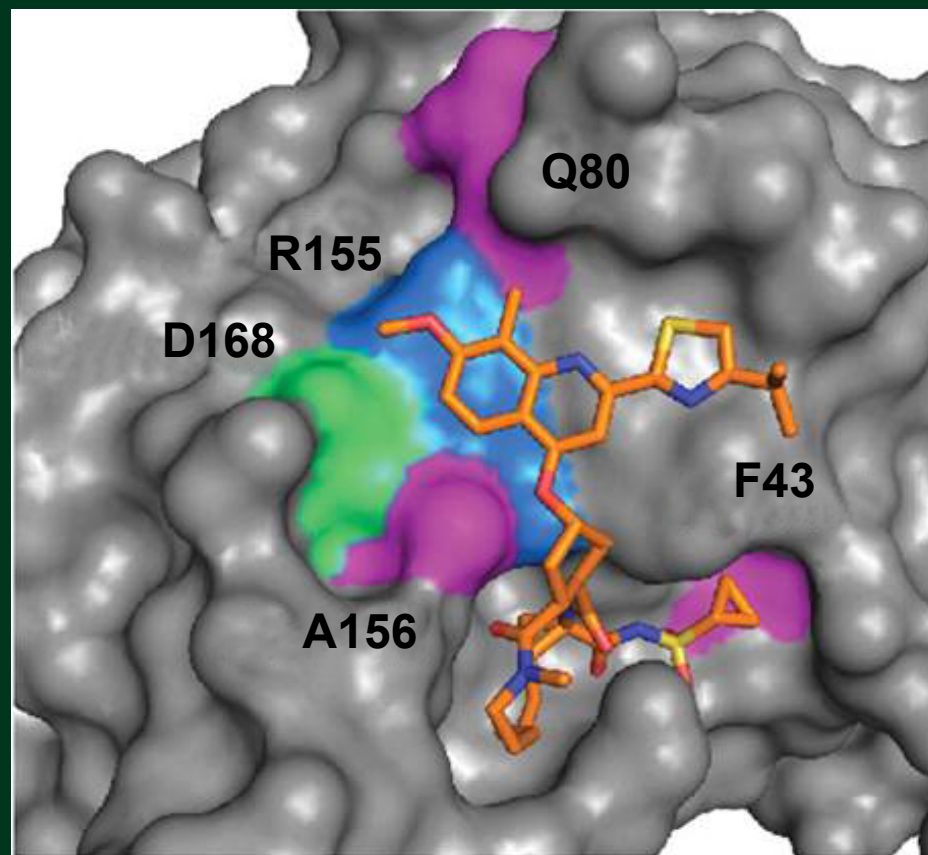
Resistant variants expand

- Sensitive virus
- Resistant virus



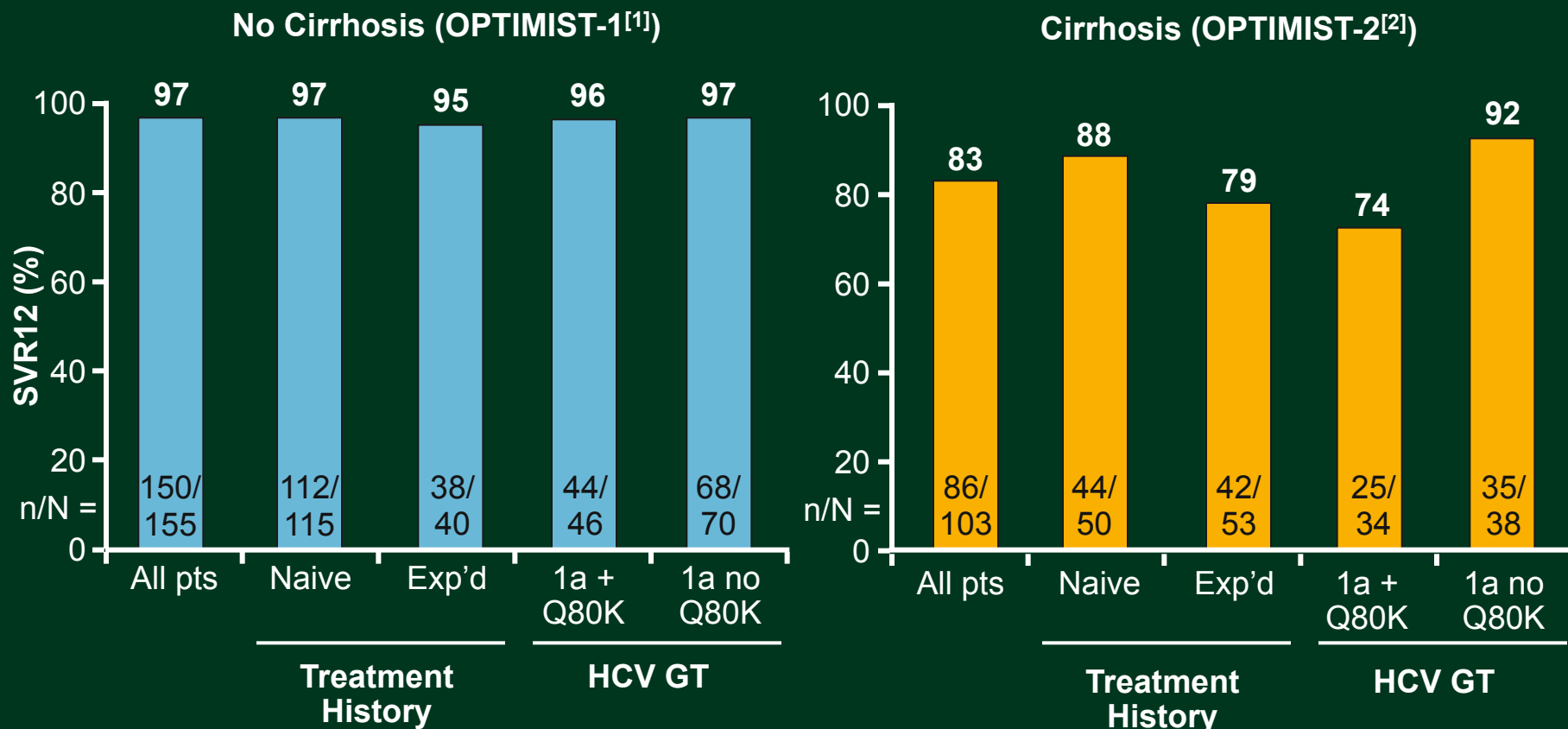
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HCV NS3/4A Protease Resistance



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Impact of Treatment Exp, Q80K Depends on Cirrhosis (12 Wks' SMV + SOF in GT1)



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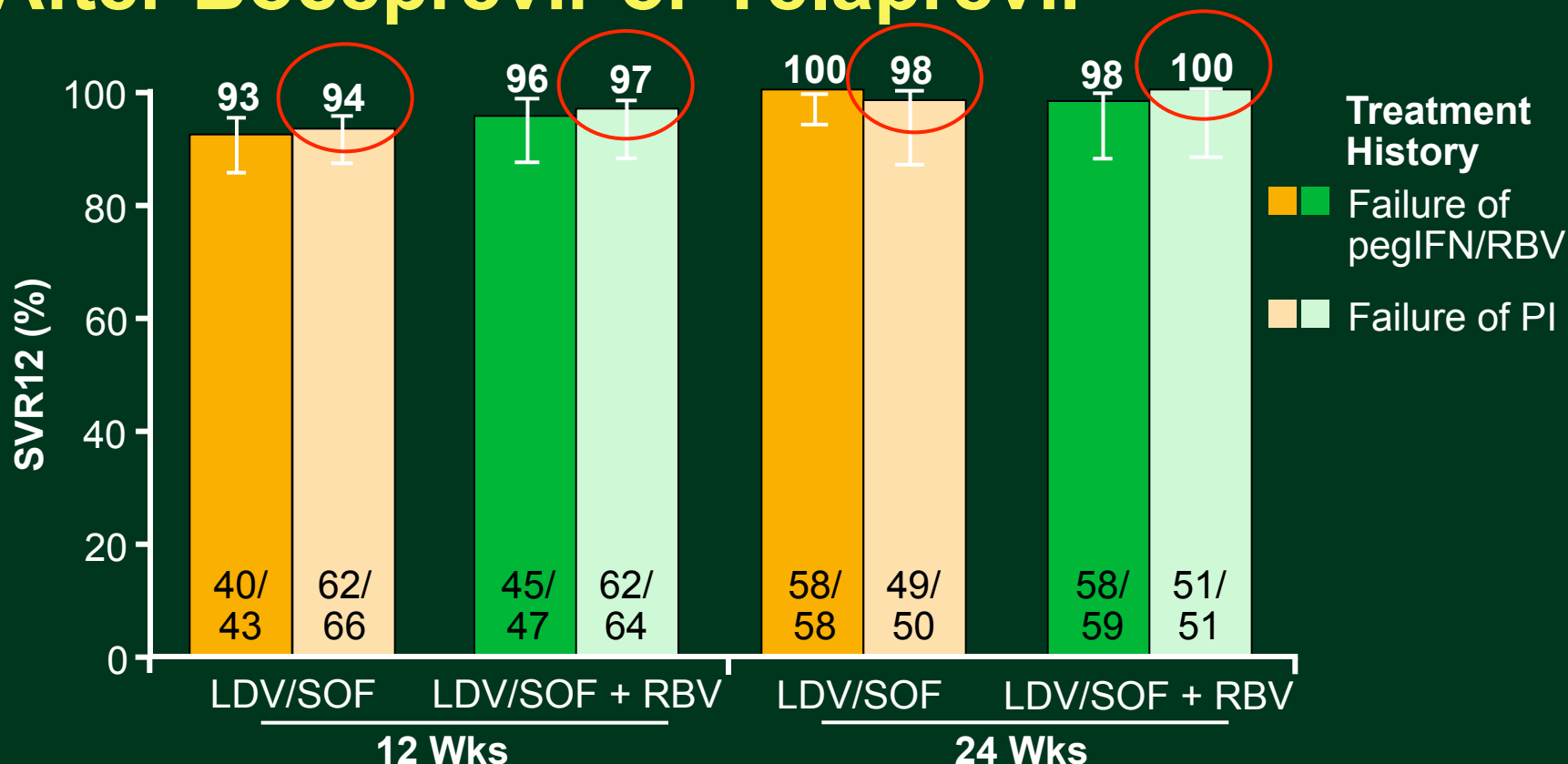
OPTIMIST-2: Resistance Analysis in GT1 Cirrhotics in Whom SMV + SOF Failed

- Treatment-emergent NS3 mutations detected in 79% (11/14) of evaluable pts who did not achieve SVR12
 - Observed at position 168, R155K, or combinations
- NS5B polymorphism S282T not detected at baseline or at time of treatment failure
- No NS3 baseline polymorphisms observed aside from Q80K

AASLD/IDSA Guidance for Resistance Testing When Considering SMV + SOF

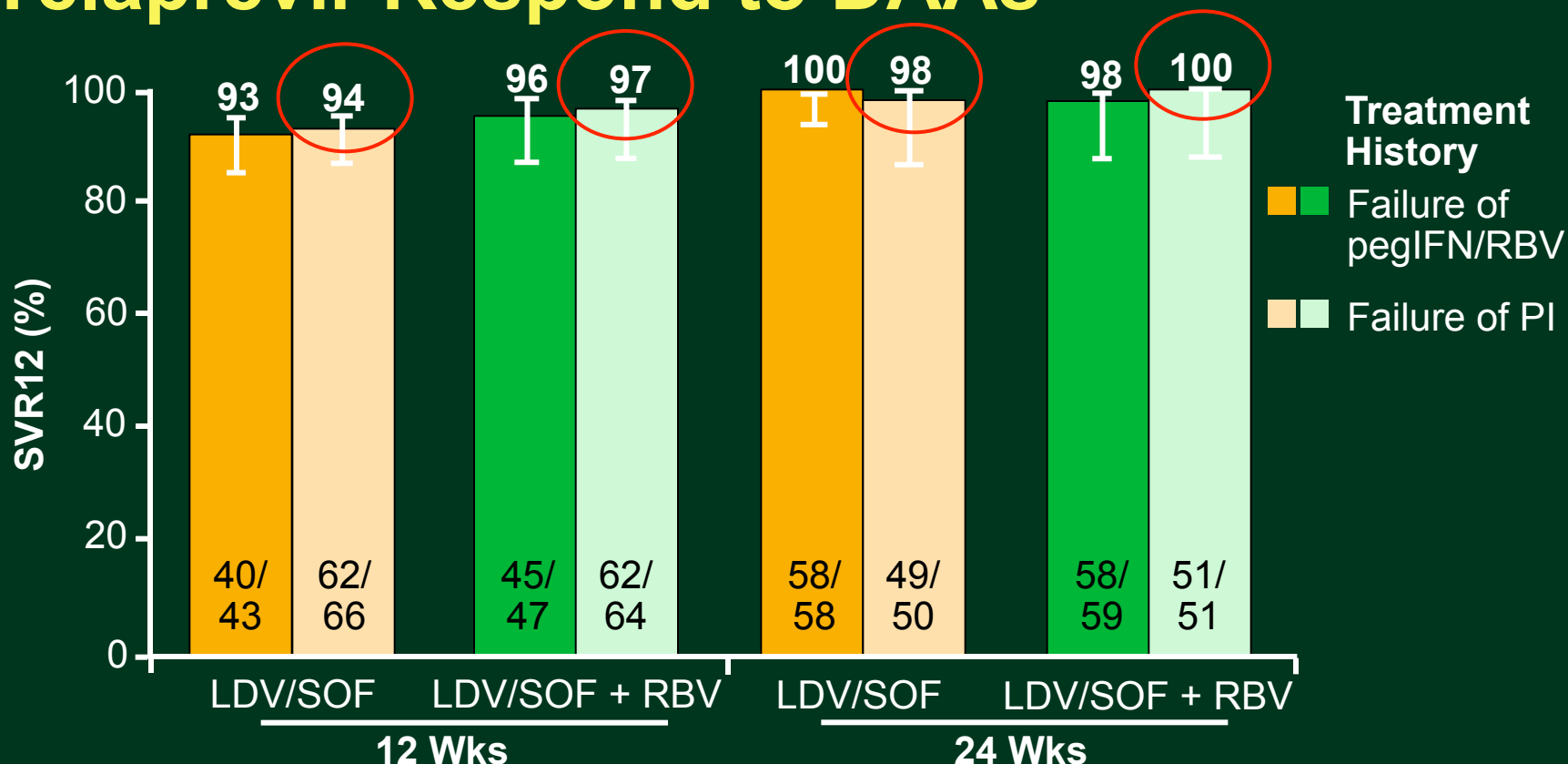
- In pts with both **genotype 1a HCV infection** and **compensated cirrhosis**, if considering SMV + SOF, test for Q80K polymorphism
 - If Q80K variant is present, consider a regimen other than SMV + SOF
- Applies to treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced pts
- Q80K testing not required for:
 - Pts with genotype 1b HCV infection
 - Pts without cirrhosis
 - Pts in whom you are considering other DAAs

ION-2: DAAs Effective Against NS3 RAVs After Boceprevir or Telaprevir



- Virologic failure: 1 breakthrough in 24-wk LDV/SOF + RBV due to nonadherence; 11 relapses (7 in 12-wk LDV/SOF, 4 in 12-wk LDV/SOF + RBV)
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Resistance Analysis of Select NS5A Inhibitors in Genotype 1 HCV

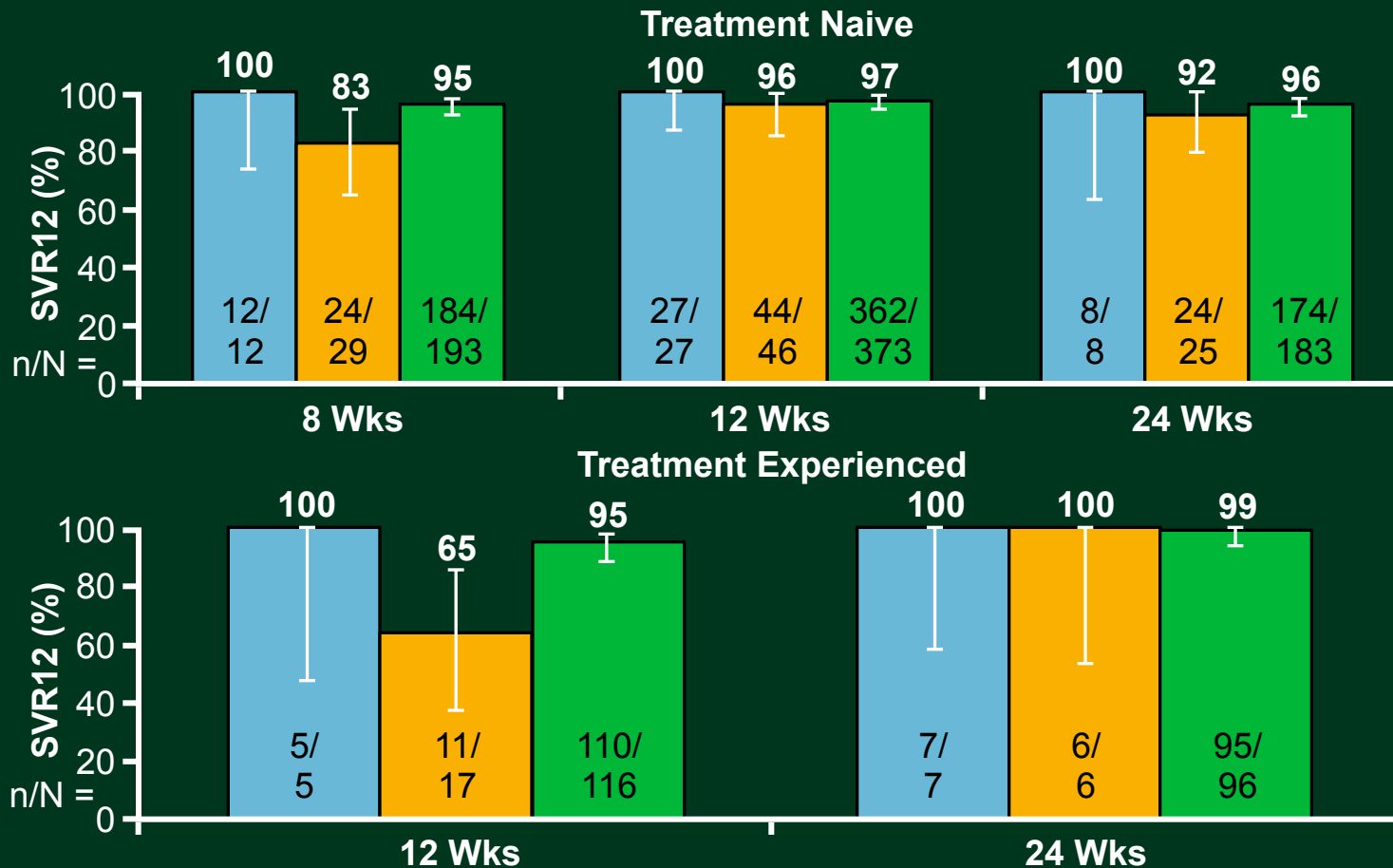
Fold-Change in EC50		Genotype 1a			Genotype 1b	
Position	M28T	Q30R	L31M/V	Y93H/N	L31V	Y93H/N
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Daclatasvir ^[1,3]	> 100 x	> 1000 x	> 100 x	> 1000 x	< 10 x	< 100 x
Ledipasvir ^[1]	20 x	> 100 x	> 100 x	> 1000 x		> 1000 x/?
Ombitasvir ^[2]	> 1000 x	> 100 x	< 3 x	> 10,000 x	< 10 x	< 100 x
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 < 3 x

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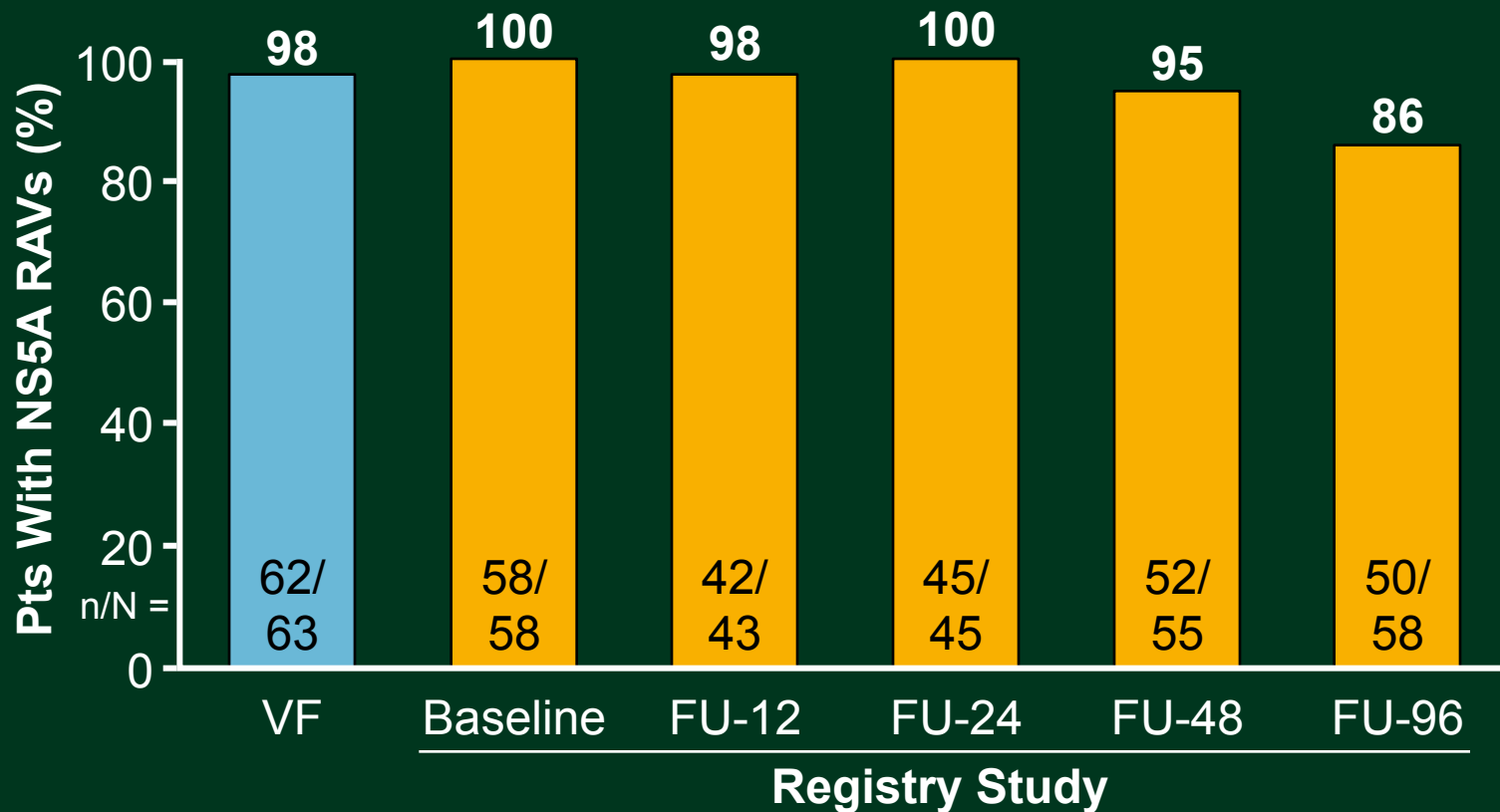
Impact of Duration of LDV/SOF on SVR12 in Pts With Baseline NS5A Resistance

■ NS5A RAVS with < 100 x resistance ■ NS5A RAVS with > 100 x resistance ■ No NS5A RAVs



Durability of Treatment-Emergent NS5A RAVs After Virologic Failure

- Study of pts not achieving SVR after receiving LDV without SOF

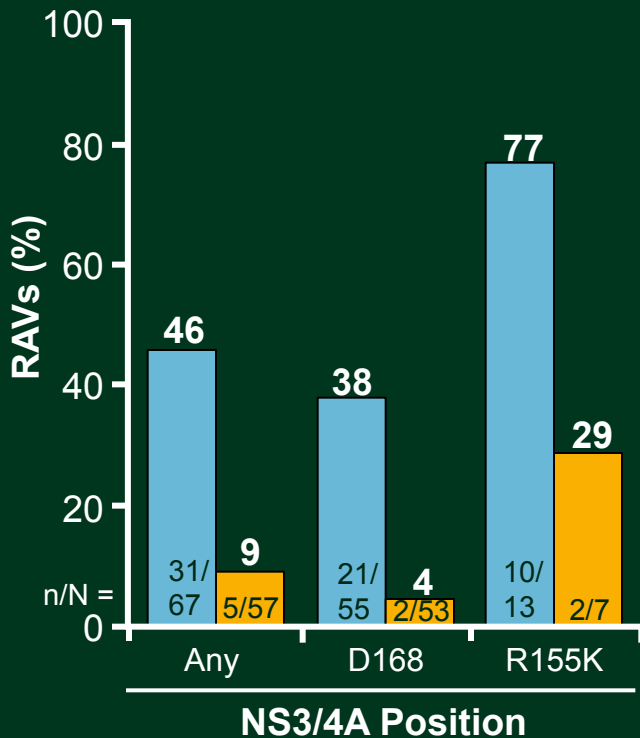


- NS5A RAVs persisted in majority of pts for 96 wks

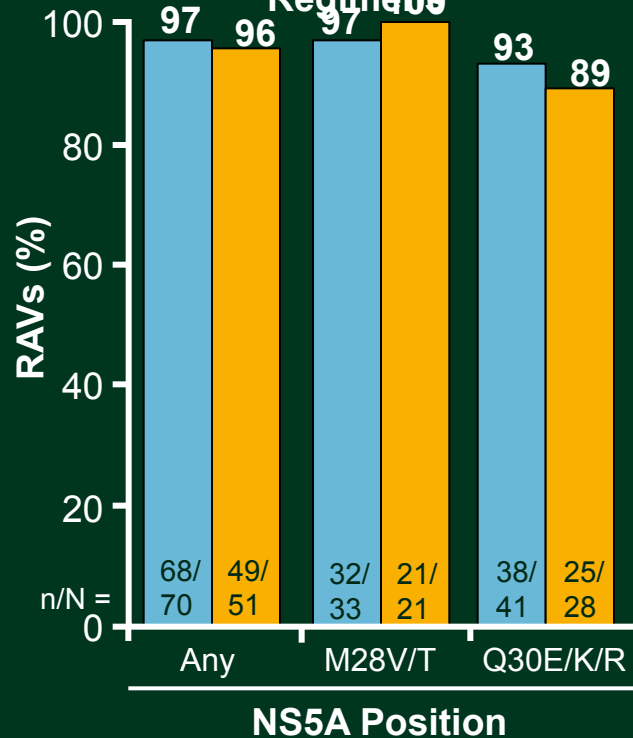
Pooled Analysis: RAV Persistence After Failure of PTV/RTV-, OMV-, DSV-Based Tx

■ Follow-up Wk 24 ■ Follow-up Wk 48

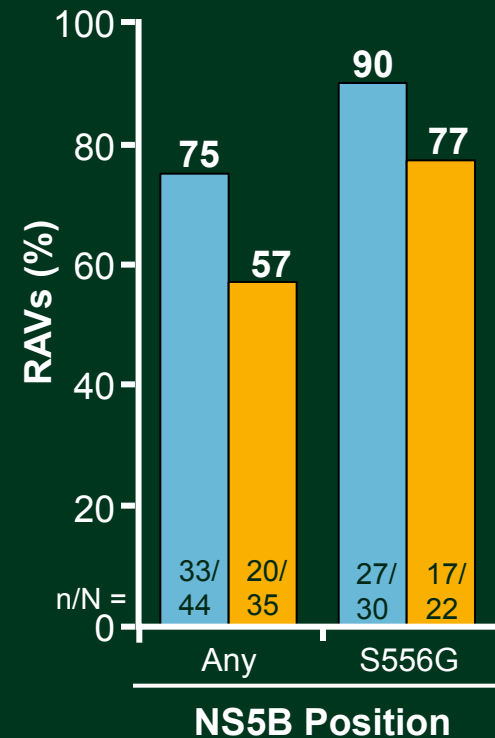
PTV-Containing Regimens



OMV-Containing Regimens

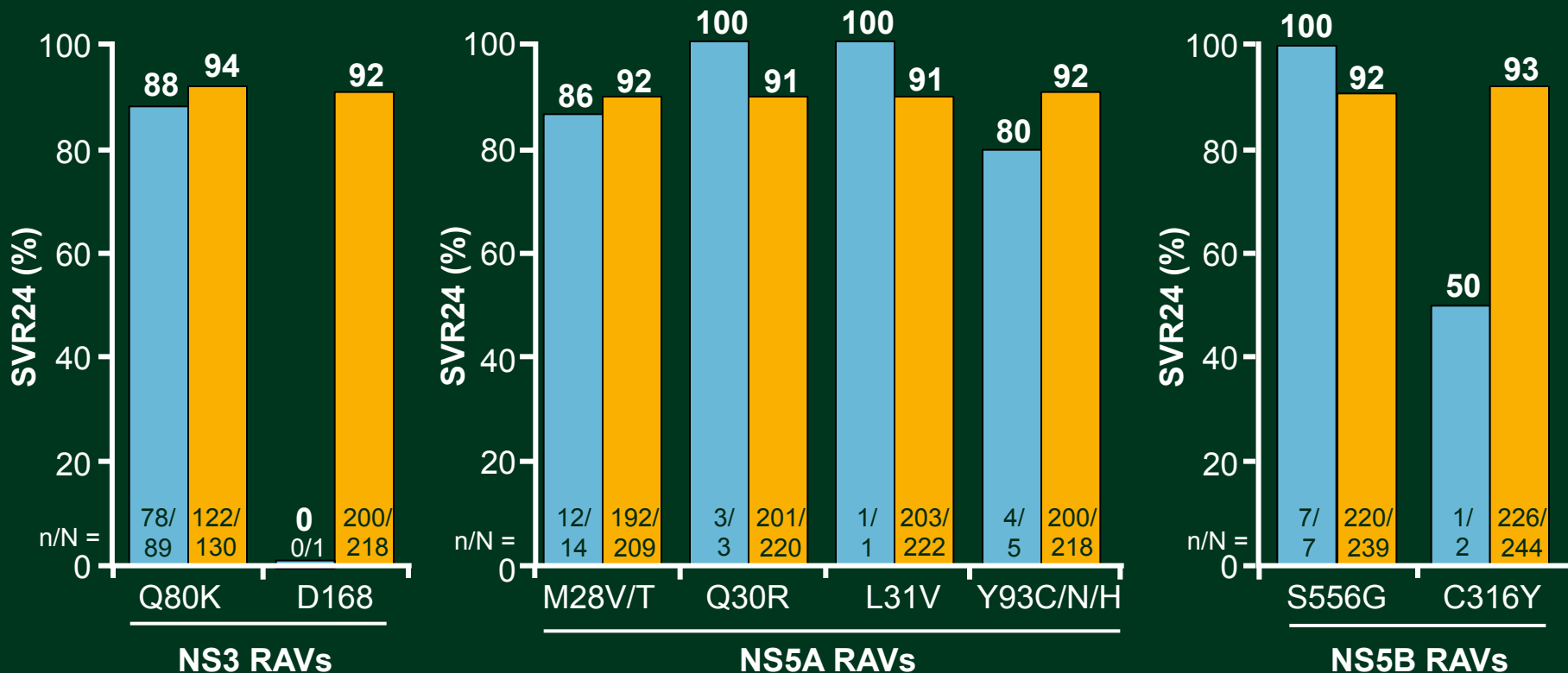


DSV-Containing Regimens



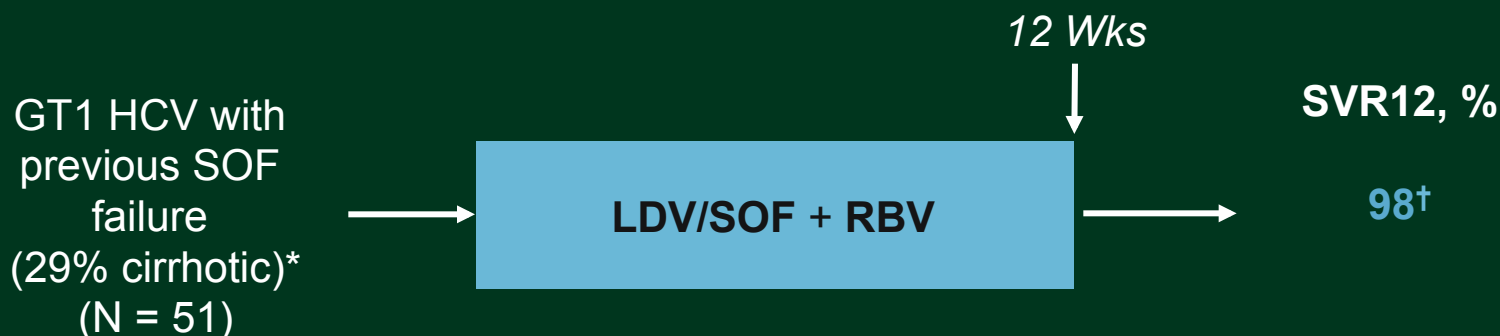
AVIATOR: No Impact of Baseline RAVs in GT1a Pts Treated With OMV/PTV/RTV + DSV

- Treatment naive pts or null responders to previous pegIFN/RBV
- All differences in SVR24 with vs without baseline RAVs were nonsignificant



LDV/SOF + RBV in GT 1 HCV Pts With Previous Failure on Sofosbuvir Regimens

- Phase II trial

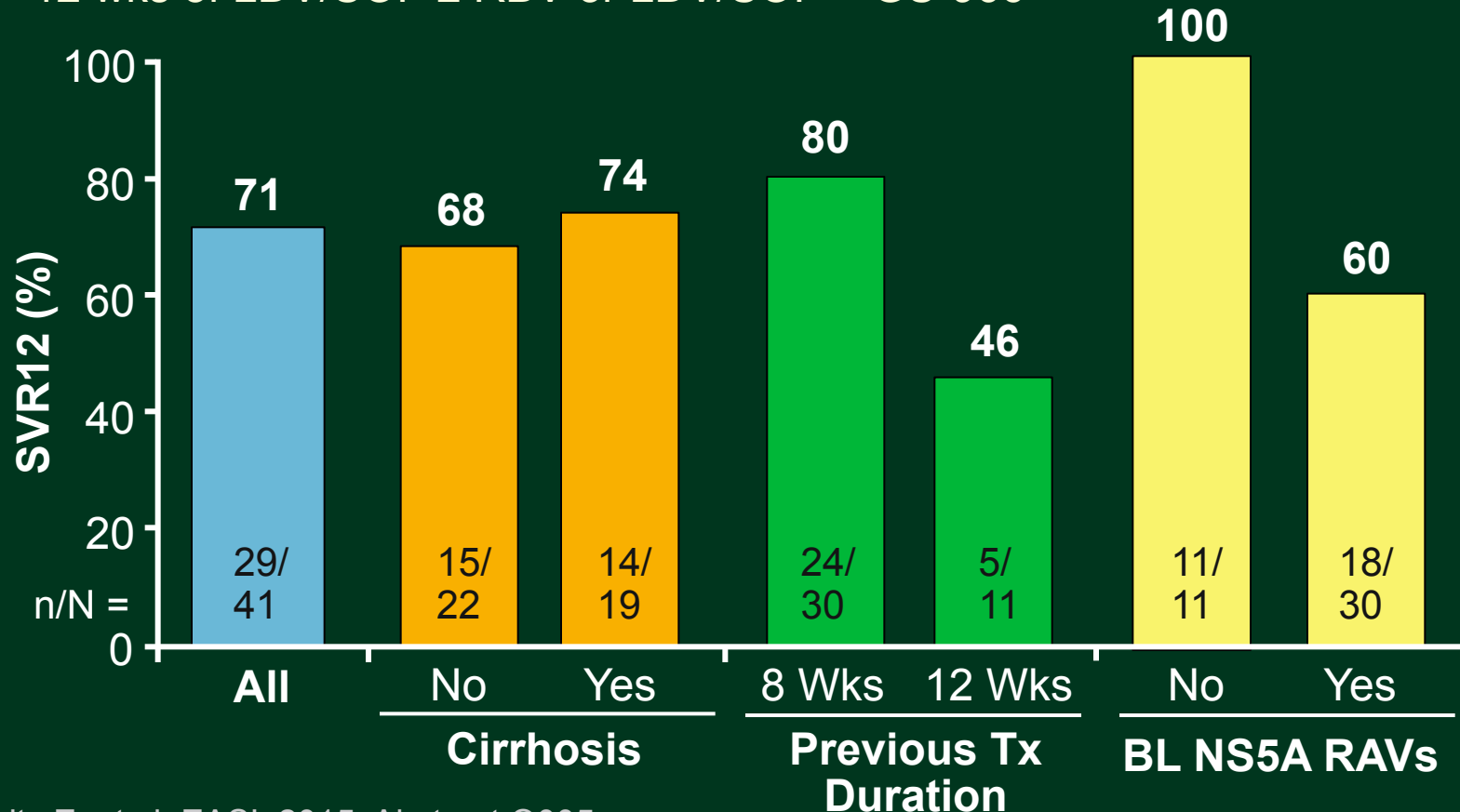


*25 pts (49%) were previously treated with SOF + pegIFN/RBV, 21 (41%) with SOF ± RBV, 5 (10%) with SOF placebo plus pegIFN/RBV or GS-0938 monotherapy, 1 (2%) with SOF monotherapy.

†1 pt who relapsed found to have GT3a HCV infection and enrolled in error.

24 Wks of LDV/SOF Retreatment After Failure of 8-12 Wks of LDV/SOF-Based Tx

- GT1 HCV–infected pts with and without cirrhosis previously treated with 8 or 12 wks of LDV/SOF ± RBV or LDV/SOF + GS-966



24 Wks of LDV/SOF After Failure of LDV/SOF-Based Tx: Effect of Baseline RAVs

SVR12 by Baseline NS5A RAVs, n/N (%)

LDV/SOF for 24 Wks

Number of RAVs

- | | |
|-------|-------------|
| ▪ 0 | 11/11 (100) |
| ▪ 1 | 11/16 (69) |
| ▪ ≥ 2 | 7/14 (50) |

Single NS5A RAV

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|----------------|-----------|
| ▪ Q30R or M28T | 5/5 (100) |
| ▪ L31M | 4/5 (80) |
| ▪ Y93H/N | 2/6 (33) |

- NS5B variants emerged during retreatment in 33% of pts (4/12) with virologic failure
 - **S282T: n = 2**; L159F: n = 1; **S282T + L159F: n = 1**

GT1 Pts With NS5A Failure: Who Needs Resistance Testing?

- If previous failure of any NS5A inhibitors (including **DCV** + SOF, **LDV**/SOF, **OMV**/PTV/RTV + DSV) and minimal liver disease, deferral preferred pending further data
 - If cirrhosis or other need for urgent treatment, test for NS3 and NS5A RAVs
- Applies to genotype 1a and 1b HCV infection
- NS3 and NS5A testing not required for:
 - Previous failure of NS3/4A PIs (including simeprevir, boceprevir, telaprevir)
 - Previous failure of NS5B inhibitors (sofosbuvir)
 - Tx-naive pts (unless considering SMV + SOF in cirrhotic GT1a)

Selecting Treatment Based on Resistance Testing Results

- If genotype 1a or 1b HCV infection and previous failure with any NS5A inhibitors and cirrhotic or other need for urgent treatment:

RAV Testing Result	Retreatment Regimen	Duration
No NS5A RAVs	Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir + ribavirin	24 wks
NS5A but no NS3 RAVs	Simeprevir + sofosbuvir + ribavirin	24 wks
NS5A and NS3 RAVs	Retreatment in a clinical trial setting	

Is Ribavirin Required for Pts With Cirrhosis?

- Integrated analysis of > 500 pts with cirrhosis treated with LDV/SOF ± RBV
- Treatment-experienced pts had previously received HCV PI

SVR12, %	Total (N = 513)	Treatment Naive (n = 161)	Treatment Experienced (n = 352)
Overall	96	98	95
12 wks ± RBV	95	97	94
24 wks ± RBV	98	99	98
Without RBV	95	96	95
With RBV	97	99	96
12 wks without RBV	92	96	90
12 wks with RBV	96	98	96
24 wks without RBV	98	97	98
24 wks with RBV	100	100	100

- Although NS5A resistance not measured, RBV overcomes shorter treatment duration in patients with HCV cirrhosis and prior treatment failure

Is Ribavirin Required for Pts With Cirrhosis and NS5A RAVs?

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SVR12, % (n/N) ¹⁸	With NS5A RAVs	Without NS5A RAVs
Overall	91 (86/94)	98 (407/417)
12 wks without RBV	88 (23/26)	95 (86/91)
12 wks with RBV	94 (32/34)	97 (164/169)
24 wks without RBV	85 (17/20)	100 (113/113)
24 wks with RBV	100 (14/14)	100 (44/44)

Personal Recommendations for Resistance in GT3 and GT4 HCV Infection

■ Genotype 3

- Treatment failures on daclatasvir should be tested for NS5A RAVs
- BOSON: Adding pegIFN to SOF/RBV appears to help overcome virologic failure due to resistance in GT3^[1]
 - Improved SVR12 vs SOF/RBV alone in both treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced pts, with or without cirrhosis

■ Genotype 4

- Resistance testing should be performed if considering retreatment after LDV/SOF failure
- Use SMV/SOF/RBV for NS5A RAVs

Summary

- Baseline RAVs (especially NS5A) are present in treatment-naive pts
- Treatment-emergent RAVs (including multidrug-resistant RAVs) seen in treatment failure and in all DAA classes and rarely with SOF
- NS3 RAVs have low replication efficacy and disappear over 9-18 mos
 - If considering SMV + SOF: In treatment-naive and treatment-experienced pts with both genotype 1a HCV infection and compensated cirrhosis, ensure no Q80K
- NS5A treatment-emergent RAVs persistent and a clinical challenge
 - If failure with any NS5A inhibitors (including DCV + SOF, LDV/SOF, OMV/PTV/RTV + DSV), and treatment is urgent, test for NS3 and NS5A RAVs
 - Use SMV + SOF + RBV if NS5A but no NS3 RAVs
 - Use LDV/SOF + RBV if no NS5A RAVs
 - Treat in clinical trial if both NS5A and NS3 RAVs present
- Resistance testing may be of benefit in treatment failures