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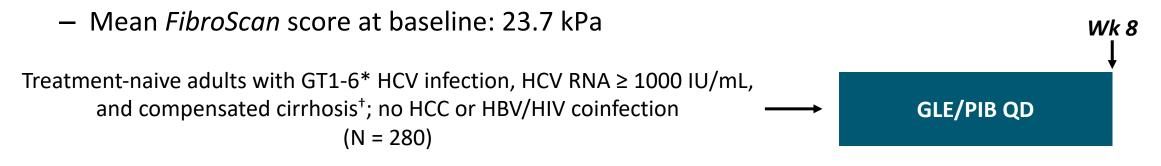
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### **Treatment of HCV Infection**



# EXPEDITION-8: GLE/PIB for 8 Wks in Patients With GT1-6 HCV and Compensated Cirrhosis

- Multicenter, open-label, single-arm phase IIIb study
  - 83% HCV GT1; 90% CP5, 9% CP6, 1% CP7; 17% with platelet count < 100 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells/L



\*GT3 added in protocol amendment with enrollment ongoing; excluded from current analysis. \**FibroTest*  $\geq$  0.75 and APRI > 2, *FibroScan*  $\geq$  14.6 kPa, or biopsy at screening.

- Primary endpoint: SVR12
  - ITT: includes all patients receiving ≥ 1 study drug dose; PP: excludes ITT patients with virologic breakthrough or discontinuation before Wk 8, missing data in SVR12 window

### **EXPEDITION-8: Efficacy and Safety With 8-Wk GLE/PIB**

 In ITT and PP analyses, lower bounds of 95% CIs exceeded predefined efficacy thresholds

No virologic failures

SVR12, % (n/N)	GLE/PIB
ITT	98 (274/280)*
PP	100 (273/273)*

\*Missing SVR12 data, n = 5 (all undetectable at last visit); premature d/c, n = 1. <sup>+</sup>Excludes ITT nonresponders, n = 6; patient achieving SVR12 with < 8 wks GLE/PIB, n = 1.

No unexpected safety events

 No deaths, HCC, d/c for AEs, single AE in ≥ 10% of patients, notable ALT/AST or bilirubin elevations

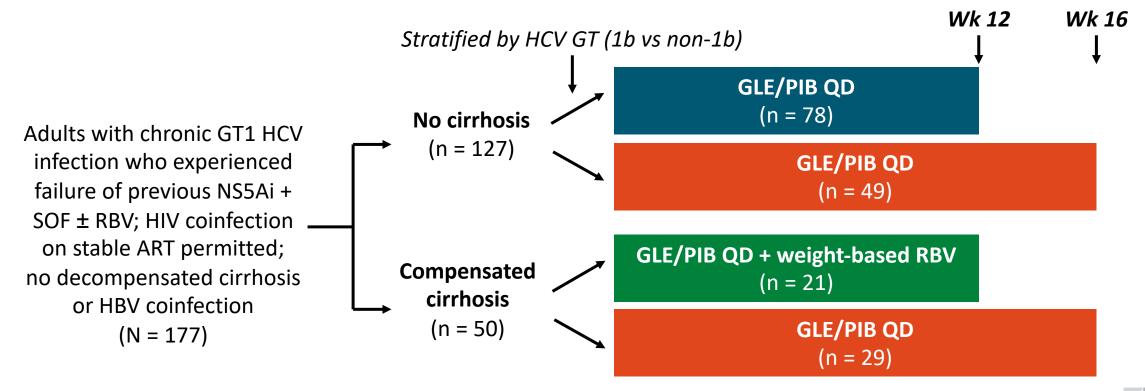
AE	GLE/PIB (N = 280)
Any AE, n (%)	134 (48)
Serious AEs, n (%)	6 (2)*
AEs in 5% to < 10% of patients, %	
Pruritus	9.6
<ul> <li>Fatigue</li> </ul>	8.6
Headache	8.2
Nausea	6.4

\*Atrial fibrillation, bronchitis, duodenal ulcer hemorrhage, peripheral edema, pneumonia, pyelonephritis; none related to treatment.

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# GLE/PIB ± RBV for GT1 HCV After Failure of NS5A Inhibitor + SOF ± RBV

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase IIIb study
  - Primary endpoint: SVR12



# Efficacy and Safety of GLE/PIB ± RBV for GT1 HCV After Failure of NS5A Inhibitor + SOF ± RBV

	12-\	Vk GLE/PIB ±	RBV	16-Wk GLE/PIB			
Virologic Outcome	All (n = 99)	GT1b (n = 21)	GT1a <sup>†</sup> (n = 78)	All (n = 78)	GT1b (n = 13)	GT1a (n = 65)	
SVR12, %	89	95	87	95	100	94	
Relapse, n	4	0	4	3	0	3	
Breakthrough, n	5	0	5	1	0	1	
Reinfection, n	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Death, n	1	1*	0	0	0	0	

\*HCC, not drug related. <sup>+</sup>Includes n = 4 non-GT1 patients.

- No VF in GT1b; VF in GT1a associated with treatment-emergent RASs
- RBV associated with increased toxicity but not increased efficacy

# VA HCV Case Registry: SOF/VEL/VOX in DAA-Experienced Patients With GT1-4 HCV

- Observational ITT cohort analysis of DAA-experienced patients with GT1-4 HCV initiating SOF/VEL/VOX in any VA center with EOT by March 31, 2018 (N = 573)
  - Primary endpoint: SVR where HCV RNA < LLOQ at least 12 wks after EOT</li>

SVR,* % (n/N)		GT1	GT2	GT3	GT4
Overall		90.7 (429/473)	90.0 (18/20)	91.3 (42/46)	100 (12/12)
Cirrhosis	<ul><li>No</li><li>Yes</li></ul>	91.5 (289/316) 89.2 (140/157)	92.9 (13/14) 83.3 (5/6)	91.3 (21/23) 91.3 (21/23)	100 (5/5) 100 (7/7)
History of decompensation	<ul><li>No</li><li>Yes</li></ul>	90.5 (391/432) 92.7 (38/41)	88.9 (16/18) 100 (2/2)	91.7 (33/36) 90.0 (9/10)	100 (11/11) 100 (1/1)
Duration of SOF/VEL/VOX	<ul><li>&lt; 12 wks</li><li>12 wks</li></ul>	46.5 (20/43) 95.1 (409/430)	100 (1/1) 89.5 (17/19)	0 (0/1) 93.3 (42/45)	 100 (12/12)

\*n = 22 patients excluded from analysis for lack of HCV RNA measurement  $\geq$  12 wks after EOT.

# VA HCV Case Registry: Efficacy in Patients Receiving Full 12-Wk Course of SOF/VEL/VOX by Prior Treatment

SVR With 1	2-Wk SOF/VEL/VOX, % (n/N)	GT1	GT2	GT3
Class of prior treatment	<ul> <li>NS3/4A</li> <li>NS5A</li> <li>NS5B</li> <li>NS3/4A + NS5A</li> <li>NS5A + NS5B</li> <li>PegIFN/RBV</li> </ul>	94 (148/158) 95 (409/430) 95 (352/370) 95 (134/141) 96 (261/272) 95 (37/39)	100 (1/1) 89 (16/18) 90 (17/19) 100 (1/1) 88 (15/17) 100 (4/4)	 93 (37/40) 93 (42/45)  93 (37/40) 100 (3/3)
Prior regimen	<ul> <li>GZR/EBR</li> <li>LDV/SOF ± RBV</li> <li>OBV/PTV/RTV/DSV ± RBV</li> <li>SOF/VEL*</li> <li>SOF + SMV</li> </ul>	96 (68/71) 95 (286/300) 96 (67/70) 82 (14/17) 83 (5/6)	 67 (2/3) 100 (1/1) 86 (12/14) 	 94 (16/17)  85 (11/13) 

\*P < .05

 In analysis restricted to patients receiving full 12 wks of SOF/VEL/VOX, lower SVR rates in GT2 with prior NS5A and/or NS5B experience, in GT1-3 with prior SOF/VEL

# French Compassionate Use Study: SOF/VEL/VOX in Patients With DAA Failure, Compensated Cirrhosis

- Real-world cohort of adults with GT1-5 HCV, compensated cirrhosis, and prior DAA failure of an NS5A inhibitor and/or PI receiving 12-wk SOF/VEL/VOX ± RBV (N = 44)
  - SVR12: 95% (38/40)
  - Serious AEs: n = 2 (liver decompensation, HCC in 1 patient with baseline Child B8 score)
  - Relapse: n = 2, both in patients with prior SOF + DCV

Pt With Relapse*	Age, Yrs	<i>FibroScan,</i> kPa	HCV GT	Baseline RASs	SOF/VEL/VOX	HCV RNA at EOT, IU/mL	Relapse RASs
Male	59	13	1a	NS3, NS5A	12 wks	< 15	Pending
Male	53	16	3a	Y93H	12 wks + RBV	< 12	Pending

\*Among n = 40 with  $\geq$  12 wks of follow-up after d/c of treatment.

### Additional Data on Real-World Efficacy of SOF/VEL/VOX

- Trio Health: examination of SOF/VEL/VOX initiation (± RBV) from July 2017 to April 2018 in US patients with chronic HCV infection (N = 196)<sup>[1]</sup>
  - 88% treatment experienced
  - 73% male, 60% GT1a HCV, 42% cirrhotic

SVR12 by Prior Regimen, % (n/N)	PP	ІТТ
LDV/SOF ± RBV	99 (88/89)	96 (88/92)
SOF/VEL ± RBV	95 (19/20)	95 (19/20)
GZR/EBR ± RBV	100 (17/17)	89 (17/19)
OBV/PTV/RTV/DSV	100 (10/10)	91 (10/11)
Other (SOF-based)	100 (16/16)	94 (16/17)

- DHC-R: examination of SOF/VEL/VOX retreatment (± RBV) as of February 2018 in German patients with chronic HCV infection and prior DAA failure (N = 86)<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Prior treatment experience
    - OBV/PTV/RTV/DSV ± RBV, 31%
    - LDV/SOF ± RBV, 30%
    - SOF/VEL ± RBV, 14%
  - 86% male, 64% GT1 HCV, 24% cirrhotic
- SVR12: 100% in 52 evaluable patients

# SHARED 2: LDV/SOF Without On-Treatment Laboratory Monitoring in Rwandan Patients With GT4 HCV

- Prospective, open-label, single-arm, single-site study in Rwanda
  - Primary endpoints: SVR12, grade 3/4 AEs, early d/c for AEs

DAA-naive adults with GT4 HCV infection, HCV RNA > 1000 IU/mL; no decompensated cirrhosis, HCC, active HBV/uncontrolled HIV  $\longrightarrow$  LDV/SOF QD (N = 60)

Laboratory Assessment	Screen	Entry	Wk 4	Wk 8	Wk 12	Wk 24
HCV GT, HCV/HIV Ab, HBsAg	Х					
HCV RNA	Х		X		X	Х
CBC, CMP	Х		X	X	X	X
PT/INR/albumin		Х				

**X** = study physician blinded to results; labs reviewed in real time by independent monitor to ensure trial safety.

Wk 12

### SHARED 2: Efficacy and Safety

- SVR12: 88% (53/60)
  - Failures: n = 7 (all relapse)
  - Lower SVR12 rate (56%) in subtype
     GT4r due to more frequent RASs
- Adherence ≥ 90% by pill count at Wks 4, 8 in 58 evaluable patients
- In 3 cases, independent monitor released labs to study physician
  - Labs normalized without intervention

 No d/c for AEs or lab abnormalities, grade 4 AEs, or deaths

Grade 3 AE, n	LDV/SOF
Any	11*
<ul> <li>Hypertension</li> </ul>	6
Insomnia	2
<ul> <li>Hyperglycemia</li> </ul>	1
Knee pain	1
Weakness	1

\*Occurring in 7 patients; none drug related.

# ANCHOR: SOF/VEL in PWID With Chronic HCV and Ongoing Injection Drug Use

- Single-center study at harm reduction organization in Washington, DC
  - 76% men, 93% black, 33% cirrhotic, 58% injected drugs at least daily

Patients with chronic HCV infection, opioid use disorder, and opioid injection in last 3 mos; no decompensated cirrhosis or contraindicated DDIs (N = 100)



- Primary endpoint: SVR12
- Adherence assessments: Wk 4 HCV RNA, treatment interruptions, completion of study drugs, EOT timing vs Wk 12

### **ANCHOR: Efficacy and Adherence**

- SVR12 in ITT population: 78% (73/93)
  - Virologic success unaffected by BL demographics such as frequency of drug use, housing stability, MAT
- Through Wk 12 in full study population (N = 100)

Adherence Measure in	ITT Population	SVR12, %	<i>P</i> Value
Wk 4 HCV RNA < 200 IU/mL	<ul> <li>Yes (n = 80)</li> <li>No (n = 8)</li> </ul>	86 25	.0005
No treatment interruptions	<ul> <li>Yes (n = 76)</li> <li>No (n = 12)</li> </ul>	86 67	.22
Completed 2 or 3 of 3 SOF/VEL bottles	<ul> <li>Yes (n = 87)</li> <li>No (n = 6)</li> </ul>	84 0	.0001
Finished SOF/VEL on time (vs late)	<ul> <li>Yes (n = 20)</li> <li>No (n = 43)</li> </ul>	95 88	.65

- SOF/VEL prescriptions dispensed: 92% to 97%
- Visit attendance: 70% to 88%

### **HCV Continuum of Care**



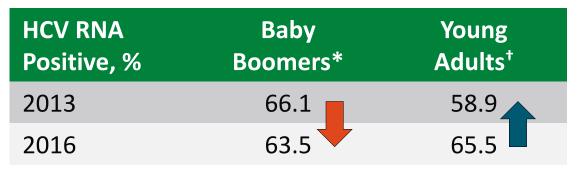
### HCV Linkage to Care in the United States: 2013 vs 2016

- Analysis of real-world demographic data, clinical test results from 2 large commercial labs in the United States
  - Limited to patients who underwent HCV antibody screening
- From 2013-2016, proportion with follow-up HCV RNA test increased

Care Step in HCV Ab+ Patients	2013 (N = 179,144)	2016 (N = 287,130)
HCV RNA test performed, %	45.0	76.5
Positive result, %	63.8	63.9
<ul> <li>Saw a specialist,* % (n)</li> </ul>	21.2 (10,903)	17.4 (24,358)

\*Gastroenterology, hepatology, infectious disease.

# HCV Linkage to Care in the United States: Baby Boomers vs Young Adults



\*48-71 yrs of age. <sup>+</sup>18-39 yrs of age.

- From 2013-2016, treatment rates rose in both groups, with highest increases in baby boomers across provider types
- In 2016, specialist vs PCP visit associated with greater likelihood of treatment

Dationts Engaging in		Linked to S	Specialist	Linked to PCP		
Patients Engaging in Care Step by Yr, %		Baby Boomers*	Young Adults <sup>†</sup>	Baby Young Boomers* Adults <sup>+</sup>		
Saw provider	<ul><li>2013</li><li>2016</li></ul>	25.4 23.4	17.1 9.2	37.7 40.9	32.6 40.3	
Received treatment after provider visit	<ul><li>2013</li><li>2016</li></ul>	10.6 32.0	15.4 22.6	2.9 8.1	4.2 4.5	

# Age-Stratified Examination of HCV Continuum of Care for PWID in Philadelphia

- From 2013-2017, N = 29,820
   HCV Ab+ labs reported to the Philadelphia Dept of Public Health
  - Subset interviewed as part of routine surveillance: n = 5184, 46% of whom self-identified as PWID
  - 76% white in younger cohort; 41% black, 40% white in older cohort
- Linkage to HCV care, treatment rates significantly lower in younger vs older cohort

Care Step in HCV Ab+ PWID, %	≤ 35 Yrs (n = 1239)	> 35 Yrs (n = 1151)
HCV RNA test performed	81	90
HCV RNA positive	75	85
Initiated HCV care* <sup>+</sup>	41	66
HCV tx initiated or infection resolved <sup>+</sup>	8	25

\*Saw a specialist or had a subsequent HCV RNA measurement > 180 days after initial result.  $^{+}P < .0001$  for difference between groups.

#### **Posttreatment HCV Outcomes**



# C-EDGE CO-STAR: Assessment of HCV Reinfection Risk in Patients on OAT Who Received GZR/EBR

- Part A: GZR/EBR for 12 wks in patients with HCV GT1, 4, or 6 on OAT (N = 296)
  - SVR12: 91% in full analysis set; 97% of patients had > 95% adherence
- Part B: observational follow-up study in patients who received ≥ 1 dose of GZR/EBR; HCV reinfection, drug use assessed (n = 199)
- 10 reinfections during 36 mos following end of HCV treatment
  - Occurred in first 6 mos post-treatment, n = 6
  - Spontaneous clearance, n = 2; persistent viremia, n = 8 (4/8 cleared with retreatment)

Parameter at	All Patients	Ра	rt B*
Posttreatment Mo 36	(n = 296)	IDU (n = 80)	No IDU (n = 119)
Reinfection rate/100 PY (95% CI)	1.8 (0.8-3.3)	2.8 (1.0-6.2)	0.3 (0-1.8)
*IDU self-reported after completion of HC	CV treatment.		$\triangleleft$

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# C-EDGE CO-STAR: Assessment of Drug Use Behavior in Patients on OAT Who Received GZR/EBR

• Stable drug use patterns through Mo 30 with 15% to 26% reporting IDU

Reported D	Drug Use in	Part B, %	Mo 6 (n = 191)	Mo 12 (n = 17			vlo 24 = 155)	Mo 30 (n = 148)
Injection	<ul><li>Previo</li><li>Previo</li></ul>	us mo us 6 mos	21 25	19 26		7 1	15 20	16 22
Non- injection	<ul><li>Previo</li><li>Previo</li></ul>	us mo us 6 mos	39 45	38 40	-	2 2	39 38	36 39
		Part A	Part B					
Urine Drug	Screen, %	Day 1 (n = 199)	Day 1 (n = 199)	Mo 6 (n = 190)	Mo 12 (n = 177)	Mo 18 (n = 172)	Mo 24 (n = 152)	Mo 30 (n = 142)
Any positiv	e*	59	60	59	62	59	59	53

\*Excludes buprenorphine, methadone.

## HCC Recurrence Rate After HCV DAA Therapy Among Patients With HCC Complete Response

- Retrospective multicenter cohort study in North American patients achieving CR after ablation, radiation therapy, resection, or TACE/TARE for HCV-related HCC between January 2013 and December 2016 (N = 795)
  - Exclusion criteria: extrahepatic HCC, HCV DAAs before initial HCC, recurrent HCC within 30 days of CR, unknown HCC response
- Primary analysis: association between HCV DAA therapy and time to HCC recurrence by Cox regression
- Significant BL differences between HCV DAA-treated vs DAA-untreated cohorts in type (P < .001) and number (P = .04) of HCC treatments leading to CR, Child-Pugh at CR (P < .001)</li>

### **HCC Recurrence After DAA Therapy: Outcomes**

- HCC recurrence with median follow-up of 10.4 mos<sup>[1]</sup>
  - DAA treated: all, n = 128; early, n = 52
  - DAA untreated: all, n = 289; early, n = 228

HCC Recurrence <sup>[1]</sup>	aHR (95% CI)			
	Overall	Early		
Time-dependent exposure*	0.90 (0.70-1.16)	0.96 (0.96-1.33)		
DAA start time after	HCC CR			
■ ≤ 6 mos ■ > 6 mos	0.90 (0.67-1.21) 0.90 (0.64-1.27)	1.04 (0.74-1.47) 0.55 (0.22-1.38)		
Adjusted for age, sex, site, CP, AFP, tumor burden, HCC therapy.				

- No increased risk of HCC recurrence (early or overall) in patients receiving DAA therapy after CR for HCV-related HCC<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Finding consistent across predefined subgroups
- In a separate, prospective evaluation of 163 Sicilians with HCV cirrhosis and CR by resection or ablation after early HCC<sup>[2]</sup>
  - No difference in HCC recurrence, improved OS (P = .03) and rate of hepatic decompensation (P = .02), with DAA initiation vs matched, DAA-untreated controls

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\*Stratified by receipt of DAA therapy.

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### **HCV D+R- Transplantation**



### **HCV D+R- Liver Transplantation**

- Retrospective analysis of liver transplantation from April 2014 to January 2018 in the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients; HCV treatment status unknown (N = 16,858)
- Increasing use of HCV NAT+ donors
  - 2014: 8 D+R+, 0 D+R- vs 2017: 269 D+R+, 46 D+R-
- Similar graft survival rates in HCV-negative pts receiving D+ vs D- livers

Graft Survival, %	D+R+ (n = 753)	D+R- (n = 87)	D-R+ (n = 4748)	D-R- (n = 11,270)
Yr 1	94.3	92.8	92.9	92.6
Yr 2	89.7	85.7	88.0	88.3

### **Preemptive DAAs in HCV D+R- Cardiac Transplantation**

- Open-label, single-center, proof-of-concept trial in HCV-negative patients awaiting cardiac transplantation and willing to receive an HCV-positive donor heart (N = 25)
  - NAT+ donor heart, n = 20
  - VAD as bridge, n = 16; long-term inpatients, n = 13
- Pan-genotypic DAA therapy initiated preemptively immediately prior to transplantation if BL NAT+ or with return of HCV RNA if BL NAT-
  - GLE/PIB for 8 wks
  - All patients monitored to Wk 52 for HCV Abs, HCV RNA, and LFTs

# Efficacy of Preemptive DAAs in HCV D+R- Cardiac Transplantation

 Viral suppression achieved by posttransplant Day 9 in all NAT+ recipients

Median HCV RNA, IU/mL	NAT+ Heart Recipients (n = 20)
Donor	3,000,000
Peak recipient	500

- As of November 10, 2018, 12/25 patients have reached the SVR12 time point
  - HCV RNA undetectable in all

- No HCV/DAA-related AEs or serious AEs
- No lapse in or d/c of DAAs for drug reactions or interactions
- Reduced time to transplantation resulted in an estimated \$3.4 million in cost savings

Outcome	HCV Protocol	Standard Protocol
Median pretransplant wait time,* days (IQR)	11.5 (5-35)	113.0 (40-366)
* <i>P</i> = .0001		

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### **HCV D+R- Lung Transplantation**

- Prospective study of single or bilateral lung transplantation from HCV NAT+ donors to HCV- recipients (N = 20)
  - Ex vivo lung perfusion for 6 hrs to reduce HCV RNA; postoperative HCV RNA monitoring; SOF/VEL for 12 wks if HCV RNA > 1000 IU/mL
- 90-day survival: 100%
- 19/20 recipients infected with HCV within 1 wk after transplantation
  - Median time to DAAs: 21 days
  - Viral relapse after SVR12: 25% (2/8)

### **Managing HBV Infection**



### **HBsAg Seroclearance in Untreated Patients With CHB**

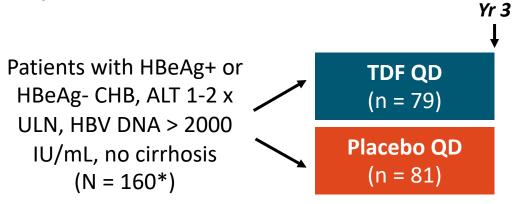
- Retrospective cohort study of untreated patients with CHB in North America (n = 1635) and Asia (n = 8979)
- Male sex, higher age or ALT level, HBeAg negativity predicted spontaneous HBsAg seroclearance in multivariable analysis
- Annual HBsAg seroclearance rate: 1.33% (95% CI: 1.26% to 1.40%)
  - CIR: 4.92% at 5 yrs, 11.27% at 10 yrs, 19.36% at 15 yrs, 25.42% at 20 yrs

BL Chara	octeristic	aHR* (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
Sex	<ul><li>Female</li><li>Male</li></ul>	1 1.17 (1.04-1.33)	.012
Age, yrs	<ul> <li>&lt; 35</li> <li>35-44</li> <li>45-54</li> <li>&gt; 55</li> </ul>	1 1.25 (1.06-1.48) 1.52 (1.28-1.80) 1.79 (1.49-2.15)	.009 < .001 < .001
HBeAg status	<ul><li>Negative</li><li>Positive</li></ul>	1 0.25 (0.19-0.32)	< .001
ALT	<ul> <li>Every 10 U/L increase</li> </ul>	1.01 (1.00-1.01)	< .001

\*Adjusted for age, sex, race, study setting, BL cirrhosis, ALT level, and HBeAg status.

## TDF vs Placebo for Patients With HBsAg-Positive CHB and Mild ALT Elevation

 Multicenter, randomized, triple-blind phase IV trial



\*Results for 132 patients completing treatment with paired biopsy; last patient to finish in December 2018.

 Primary endpoint: histological progression of liver fibrosis, resolution of necroinflammation

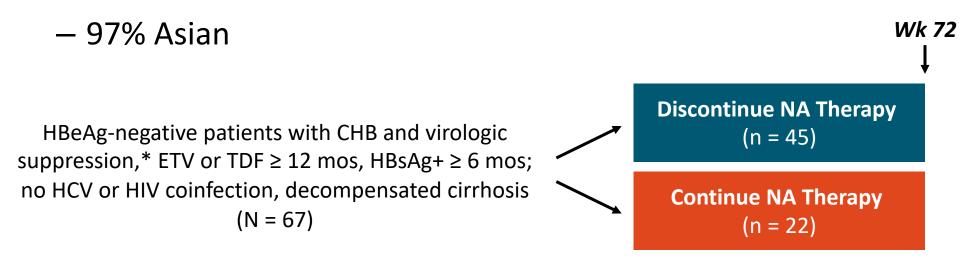
Baseline Characteristic	TDF (n = 65)	Placebo (n = 67)
Fibrosis stage, %		
• 0	9.2	10.5
<b>■</b> 1	43.1	34.3
■ 2	35.4	28.4
■ 3	9.2	13.4
<b>4</b>	3.1	13.4
HBeAg positive, %	20.0	26.9
Median HBsAg, log IU/mL (IQR)	3.03 (2.39-3.61)	3.15 (2.61-3.84)

# TDF vs Placebo for Patients With HBsAg-Positive CHB and Mild ALT Elevation: Key Findings

Outcome at Yr 3	TDF (n = 65)	Placebo (n = 67)	P Value
<ul> <li>Progression, n (%)</li> <li>In fibrosis stage*</li> <li>To cirrhosis<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	15 (23.1) 2 (3.1)	30 (44.8) 9 (13.4)	.01 .05
Inflammation score, n (%) Median (IQR) Decrease	2 (1-2) 34 (52.3)	3 (2-4) 29 (43.3)	.0004 .38
Undetectable HBV DNA, <sup>‡</sup> %	81.5	13.4	< .0001
ALT normalization, %	75.4	52.2	.007
Entecavir given for clinical flare, n	2	10	NR
HCC, n	2	1	1.0
HBsAg loss, n	0	1	1.0
HBeAg loss in HBeAg-positive patients, n/N (%)	2/13 (15.4)	5/18 (27.8)	.67
*RR: 0.52 (95% CI: 0.31-0.85). <sup>†</sup> RR: 0.23 (95% CI: 0.06-0.88) AASLD 2018. Abstr 264.	). <sup>‡</sup> < 6 IU/mL.		Slide credit: <u>clinicaloptions</u>

# STOP: Nucleos(t)ide Analogue Cessation in HBeAg-Negative Patients With CHB

Prospective, randomized, controlled, open-label phase IV trial



\*If HBeAg+ at NA start, HBeAg seroconversion + undetectable HBV DNA ≥ 12 mos; if HBeAg-, undetectable HBV DNA ≥ 36 mos.

Primary endpoint: HBV DNA < 2000 IU/mL at Wk 48</p>

Patients retreated for HBeAg seroreversion, HBV DNA > 2000 IU/mL + (ALT > 5 x ULN at 2 consecutive visits or > 15 x ULN at any visit), or HBV DNA > 20,000 IU/mL at 2 consecutive visits; ALT ULN: 40 IU/mL.

### **STOP: Virologic and Safety Outcomes**

Outcome, n (%)	Stop (n = 45)	Continue (n = 22)
HBV DNA < 2000 IU/mL	11 (24) 12 (27)	21 (95) NR
ALT ■ Grade 3 (> 5 x ULN) ■ Grade 4 (> 20 x ULN)	22 (49) 7 (16)	0 0

\*Primary endpoint.

 Limited HBsAg decline across arms

	Stop (n = 45)				
Wk 0	Wk 24	Wk 48	Wk 72		
0	27	29	38		
0	7	4	13		
0	33	40	20		
100	31	24	27		
0	2	2	2		
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<sup>+</sup>HBV DNA > 2000 IU/mL + ALT > 1.5 x ULN. <sup>‡</sup>Lone HBV DNA > 2000 IU/mL. <sup>§</sup>HBeAg negative + HBV DNA < 2000 IU/mL + ALT < 1.5 x ULN.

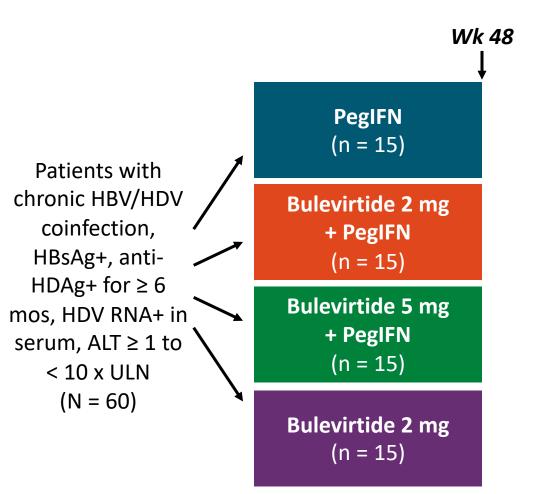
### **Predictors of Relapse After NA Cessation in CHB**

- Unmet need for biomarkers to assess risk of treatment withdrawal
  - Data from multiple small prospective studies support use of HBcrAg and/or HBsAg to predict risk of relapse

Prospective Study	Findings
(N = 135) <sup>[1]</sup>	<ul> <li>HBcrAg, HBsAg independently predict off-treatment clinical relapse, can be combined with age, ALT, and TDF use in novel risk score</li> </ul>
DARING-B (N = 60) <sup>[2]</sup>	<ul> <li>HBsAg loss associated with lower levels of HBsAg at ETV/TDF d/c</li> <li>HBcrAg levels at d/c, 1 mo before retreatment predict probability of retreatment</li> </ul>
(N = 103) <sup>[3]</sup>	<ul> <li>Significantly lower HBV reactivation rate in patients with BL HBsAg ≤ vs &gt; 10 IU/mL</li> <li>Lower BL HBcrAg level associated with reduced HBV reactivation rate in patients with BL HBsAg &gt; 20 IU/mL</li> </ul>
(N = 15) <sup>[4]</sup>	<ul> <li>HBcrAg or pregenomic HBV RNA at TDF d/c may predict significant ALT flares necessitating retreatment</li> </ul>

# MYR203: Bulevirtide ± PegIFN in Patients With Chronic HBV/HDV Coinfection

- Interim analysis of randomized, multicenter, open-label phase II study
  - Bulevirtide: first-in-class, investigational HBV/HDV entry inhibitor
    - Synthetic peptide that blocks bile salt transporter NTCP
    - Self-administered SC QD
- Primary endpoint: undetectable HDV RNA at Wk 72



### MYR203: Efficacy and Safety

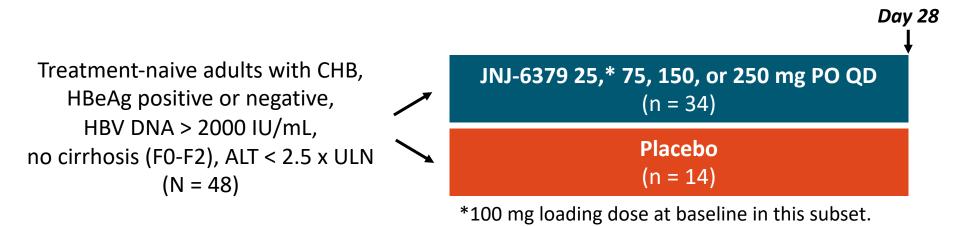
Wk 48 Outcome	PegIFN (n = 15)	Bulevirtide 2 mg + PegIFN (n = 15)	Bulevirtide 5 mg + PegIFN (n = 15)	Bulevirtide 2 mg (n = 15)
Median $\Delta$ from BL in HDV RNA, $\log_{10}$	-1.14	-3.62	-4.48	-2.84
Undetectable HDV RNA, n	2	9	6	2
ALT normalization, n	4	4	7	10
Combined treatment response,* n	2	4	6	8
HBsAg response, <sup>+</sup> n	0	7	2	0
Asymptomatic rise in bile salts, %	67	60	87	53

\*Undetectable or  $\geq$  2 log<sub>10</sub> IU/mL decline in HDV RNA + normal ALT. <sup>+</sup>Undetectable or  $\geq$  1 log<sub>10</sub> decline.

- 95% (57/60) completed 48 wks of treatment; 13.6% (6/44) missed bulevirtide doses
- Most bulevirtide-related AEs were mild to moderate (none serious, none causing d/c), not dose dependent, resolved without intervention or sequelae

#### JNJ-6379 in Treatment-Naive Patients With CHB

- Phase I dose-escalating study in the European Union and Asia/Pacific
  - JNJ-6379: investigational capsid assembly modulator



Main endpoints including: safety, PK, antiviral activity

### JNJ-6379 in CHB: Safety and Efficacy

- No drug-related serious AEs; 1 d/c for AEs (grade 4 ALT, grade 3 AST elevation at Day 8 in 150-mg group)
- Mean HBV DNA and RNA levels declined with JNJ-6379, regardless of dose
  - No relevant changes observed in HBsAg or HBeAg
- Dose-proportional pharmacokinetics, with similar clearance between doses

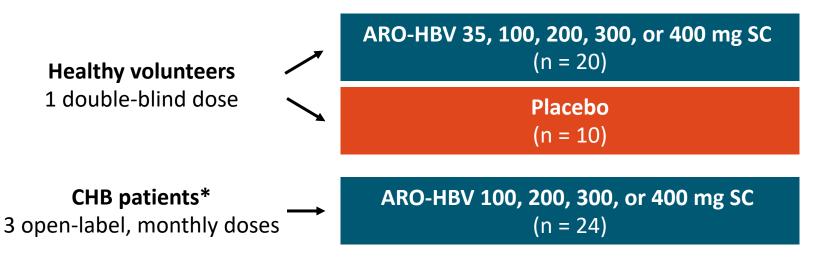
Outcome		Placebo			
Outcome	25 mg (n = 8)	75 mg (n = 8)	150 mg (n = 9)	250 mg (n = 9)	(n = 14)
≥ 1 AE, n (%)	5 (63)	4 (50)	6 (67)	4 (44)	9 (64)
Mean ∆ from BL at Day 28 ■ HBV DNA, log <sub>10</sub> IU/mL (SD) ■ HBV RNA, log <sub>10</sub> c/mL (SD)	-2.16 (0.49) -2.30 (0.59)	-2.89 (0.48) -1.85 (1.42)	-2.70 (0.53) -1.83 (0.93)*	-2.70 (0.33) -1.43 (1.13)	-0.11 (0.36) 0.02 (1.10)

\*n = 8 evaluable.

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## **AROHBV1001: RNAi in Healthy Volunteers, Patients** With CHB

- Interim analysis of phase I/IIa dose-escalating study
  - ARO-HBV: 2 siRNAs directly conjugated to N-acetyl galactosamine



\*HBeAg positive or negative, treatment naive or experienced at BL; untreated patients began daily nucleos(t)ide therapy on Day 1.

Main endpoints including: safety/tolerability, HBsAg reduction

### **AROHBV1001: Safety and Efficacy**

Safaty Outcome a	Healthy V	CHB Patients	
Safety Outcome, n -	ARO-HBV (n = 20)	Placebo (n = 10)	
Any AE in > 1 individual	39	17	22
Injection-site reactions	2*	0	7*

\*Bruising, tenderness. \*Erythema, bruising/hematoma, rash, tenderness.

- No serious AEs
- 12% of subcutaneous injections in CHB patients accompanied by an AE
  - All were mild in severity

- Mean nadir HBsAg reduction:
   -1.9 log<sub>10</sub> (range: -1.3 to -3.8)
  - Similar responses across CHB dose cohorts, regardless of previous treatment experience or HBeAg status

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