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Insights in Managing Patients With HCV/HIV Coinfection

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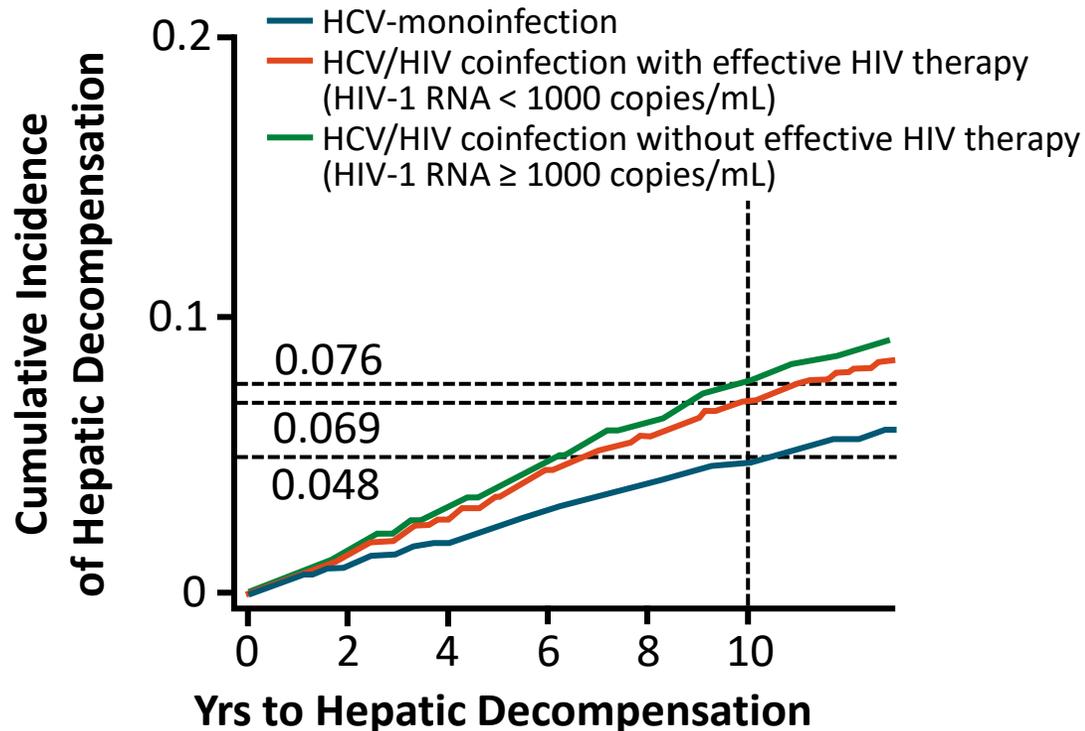
Treatment of HCV and HIV Infection in Persons With Coinfection

- All persons with HIV should be treated with **potent ART**, especially those with HIV/HCV coinfection^[1]
 - HIV infection is independently associated with HCV disease progression^[2]
- **HCV treatment** should also be a priority for persons with HCV/HIV coinfection^[2]
 - Efficacy and adverse event rates of HCV DAAs among those with HCV/HIV coinfection are similar to those observed with HCV alone
 - Cotreatment “requires continued awareness and attention to the complex drug–drug interactions that can occur between DAAs and antiretroviral medications”

Disease Progression in HCV Monoinfection vs HCV/HIV Coinfection With or Without HIV Suppression

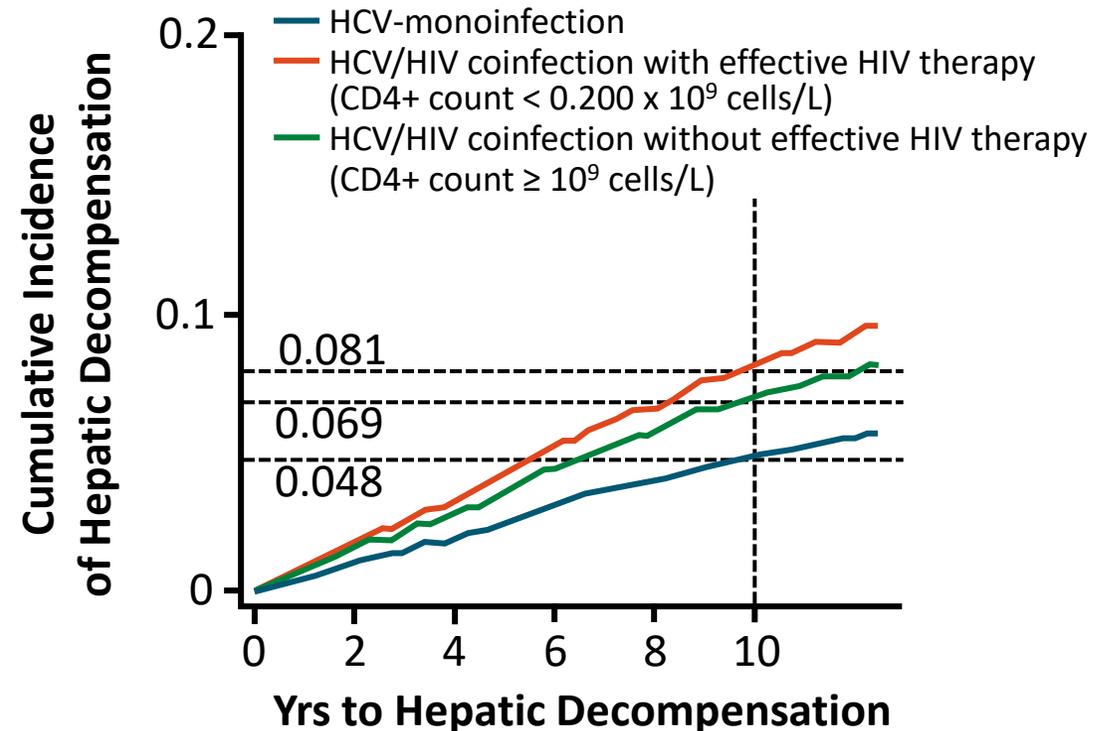
- Retrospective cohort study of HCV-infected, treatment-naive patients in the Veterans Health Administration (N = 10,359)

Time to Decompensation by Maintained HIV RNA Level



- If HIV-1 RNA < 1000 copies/mL: +65% excess risk
- If HIV-1 RNA ≥ 1000 copies/mL: +82% excess risk

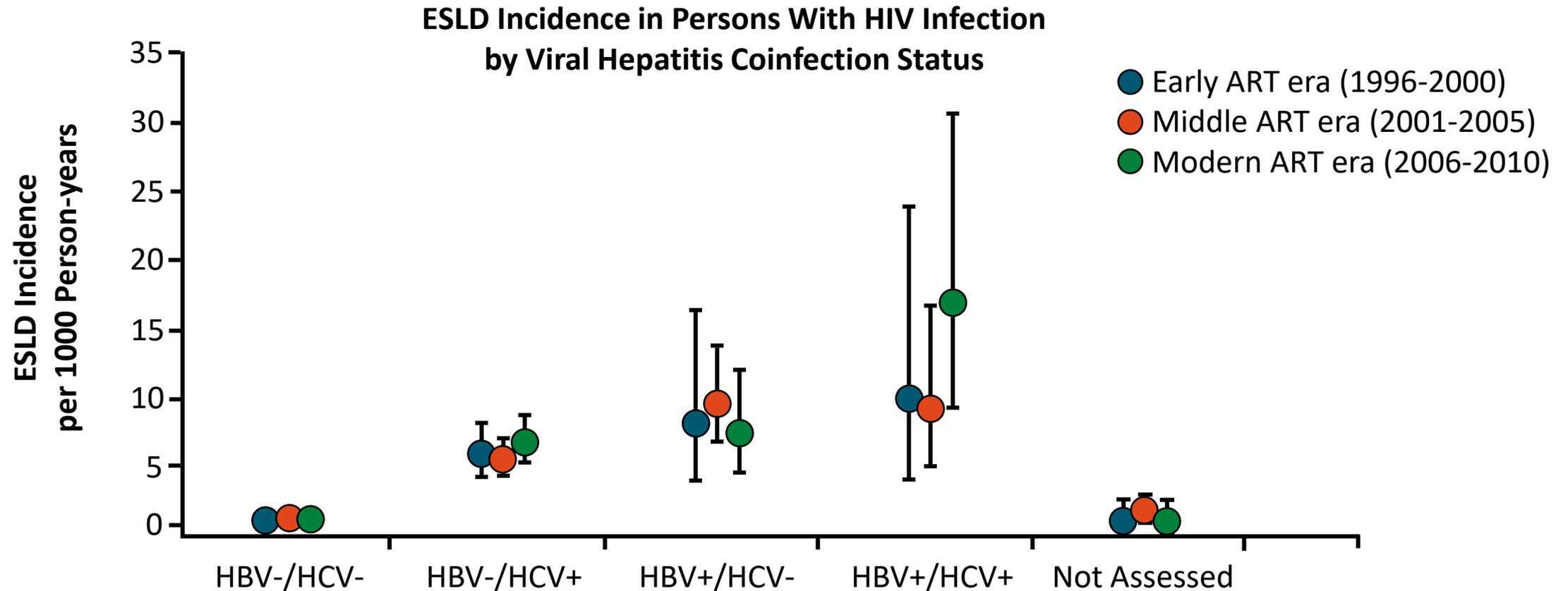
Time to Decompensation by Maintained CD4+ Cell Count



- If CD4+ < 200/mm²: +203% excess risk
- If CD4+ ≥ 200/mm²: +56% to 63% excess risk

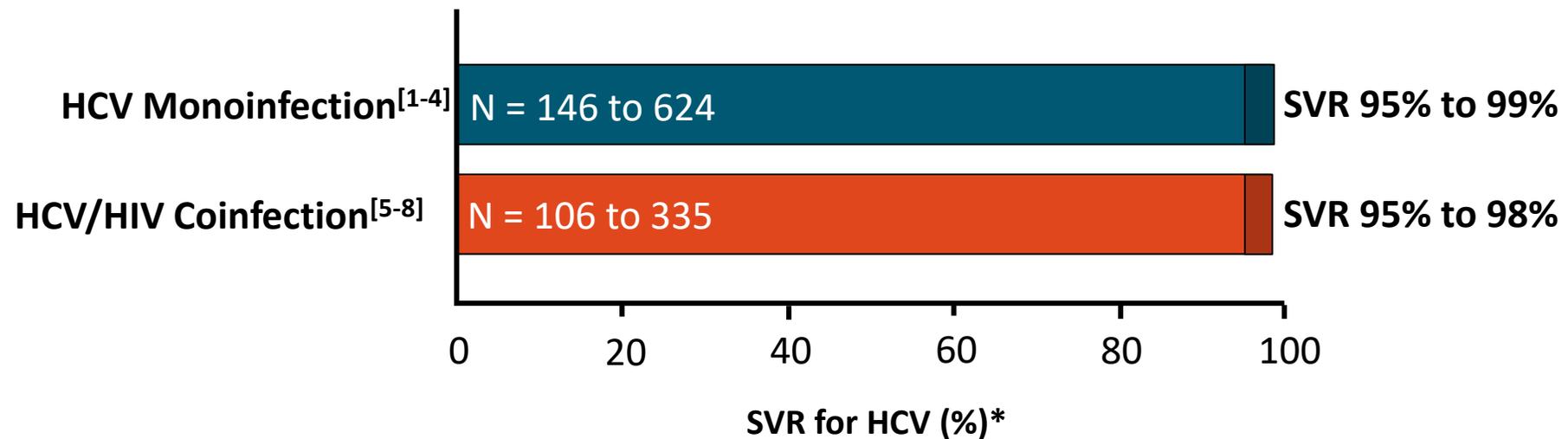
No Decline in ESLD Incidence in Persons With HCV/HIV Coinfection in the Modern ART Era

- 34,119 HIV-infected adults followed for 129,818 person-yrs; 380 incident ESLD outcomes occurred



HCV DAAs Have Similar Efficacy in Persons With and Without HIV Coinfection

Efficacy Across Separate Phase III Studies of GT1-6 HCV Infection
With GLE/PIB, GZR/EBR, SOF/LDV, or SOF/VEL



*Most data reported for these studies are from treatment-naive patients with GT1/4 HCV infection receiving 12-wk regimens.

HCV DAAs Target Steps of HCV Life Cycle

Inhibitor Class	Suffix	Examples
Targeting HCV Protein Processing		
NS3/4 Protease ^[1]	-PREVIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glecaprevir, grazoprevir, paritaprevir, simeprevir, voxilaprevir
Targeting HCV Protein Processing		
NS5B Polymerase ^[2]	-BUVIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nucleotide: sofosbuvir Nonnucleoside: dasabuvir
NS5A ^[3]	-ASVIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daclatasvir, elbasvir, ledipasvir, ombitasvir, pibrentasvir, velpatasvir

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 2. Eltahla AA, et al. Viruses. 2015;7:5206-5224.
 3. Gitto S, et al. J Viral Hepat. 2017;24:180-186.



AASLD/IDSA Recommendations for First-line HCV Treatment in HCV/HIV Coinfection

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5, 6	8	GLE/PIB	–	GLE/PIB [‡]
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- All options available QD

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DHHS Guidelines: Recommended Regimens for First-line ART

Class	Regimen
INSTI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BIC/TAF/FTC▪ DTG/ABC/3TC▪ DTG + (TAF or TDF)/FTC▪ EVG/COBI/(TAF or TDF)/FTC▪ RAL + (TAF or TDF)/FTC

Bold text identifies single-tablet regimens.

- Recommendations may differ based on BL HIV-1 RNA, CD4+ cell count, CrCl, eGFR, HLA-B*5701 status, HBsAg status, osteoporosis status, and pregnancy status
- All options available QD^[2] (except in pregnancy)

Cotreatment of HCV and HIV Coinfection: Factors to Consider

■ HCV workup if starting DAA

- HCV Genotype
- HCV RNA level
- Staging of liver disease
 - Child-Pugh score
 - Endoscopy?
 - HCC screening
- Previous DAAs, potential need for resistance testing
- HBV status

■ HIV workup if starting/switching ART

- HIV-1 RNA level
 - HLA*B-5701 status
 - CD4+ cell count
 - Resistance testing
- ## ■ All patients
- CrCl
 - Non-ART, non-DAA comedications
 - Comorbidities

Common Scenarios for the Cotreatment of HCV and HIV Infection

1. Persons taking ART with HIV RNA suppression who plan to initiate HCV DAA therapy

- Decisions:
 - Selection of HCV DAA regimen
 - Adjustment of ART to facilitate a specific DAA regimen

2. Persons not taking ART who plan to initiate HCV DAA therapy

- Decision:
 - Which infection to treat first, or whether to start both treatments simultaneously

Case 1: Stable ART initiating HCV DAA therapy

A 58-yr-old man with HIV and chronic HCV infection

■ HIV

- Stable on initial regimen of ATV/RTV + 3TC + TDF
- HIV-1 RNA < 20 copies/mL
- CD4+ cell count 800 cells/mm³
- HLA-B*5701 negative

■ HCV

- Treatment-naive GT1a
- HCV RNA 1.43 million IU/mL
 - No NS5A RASs
- Liver stiffness = 8.8 kPa (~ F2)
- eGFR = 65 mL/min
- HBsAg negative



HIV/HCV Drug–Drug Interactions

ARV(s)	GLE/PIB	GZR/EBR	SOF/LDV	SOF/VEL	SOF/VEL/VOX
ATV + (RTV or COBI)	X	X	✓*	✓*	X
DRV + (RTV or COBI)	X	X	✓*	✓*	✓*†‡
LPV + RTV	X	X	✓*	✓*	X
EFV	X	X	✓*	X	X
RPV	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓
BIC	–§	–§	✓†	✓†	✓†
DTG	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓
RAL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVG/COBI/FTC/TDF	✓*†	X	X	✓*	✓*†
EVG/COBI/FTC/TAF	✓†	X	✓	✓	✓†
3TC/ABC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TAF or TDF	✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*

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RPV	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓
BIC	✓	✓	✓	✓ [†]	✓ [†]
DTG	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓
RAL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVG/COBI/FTC/TDF	✓* [†]	X	X	✓*	✓* [†]
EVG/COBI/FTC/TAF	✓ [†]	X	✓	✓	✓ [†]
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TAF or TDF	✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*

Coadministration of HCV and HIV PIs not currently recommended

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Coadministration of LDV or VEL with TDF, but not TAF, requires liver monitoring



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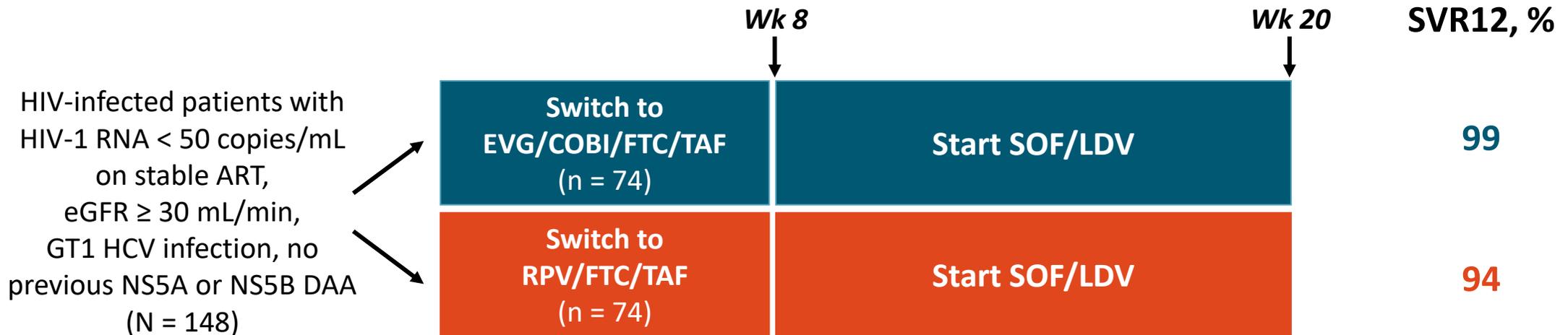
Principles of ART Regimen Switching in Virologically Suppressed Patients

- Review ART history for previous intolerance or HIV virologic failure
- Review HIV resistance test results
- If previous HIV resistance uncertain, consider a switch only if new regimen likely to maintain suppression of resistant virus
- In patients with HBV/HIV coinfection, continue ARVs active against HBV (even if not needed for HIV suppression)
 - (TAF or TDF) plus (3TC or FTC)
- Check HIV-1 RNA during first 3 mos after switch to ensure suppression
- Monotherapy with boosted PI or INSTI not recommended

My approach: Consider ≥ 4 -wk adjustment before starting HCV DAAs to ensure ART is tolerated and effective

GS-1992: SOF/LDV in HIV/HCV Coinfection After Switch to TAF-Based Regimens

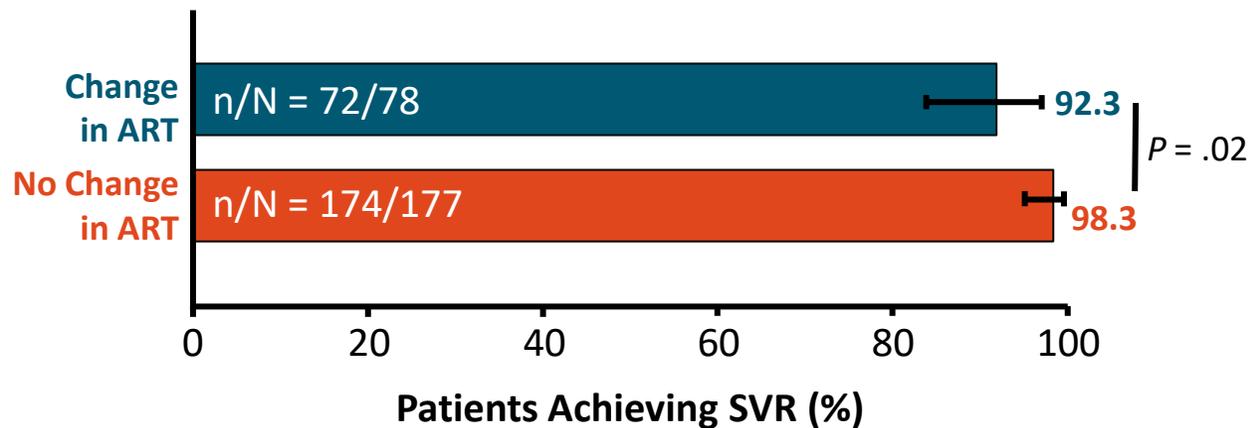
- Randomized, open-label phase IIIb trial



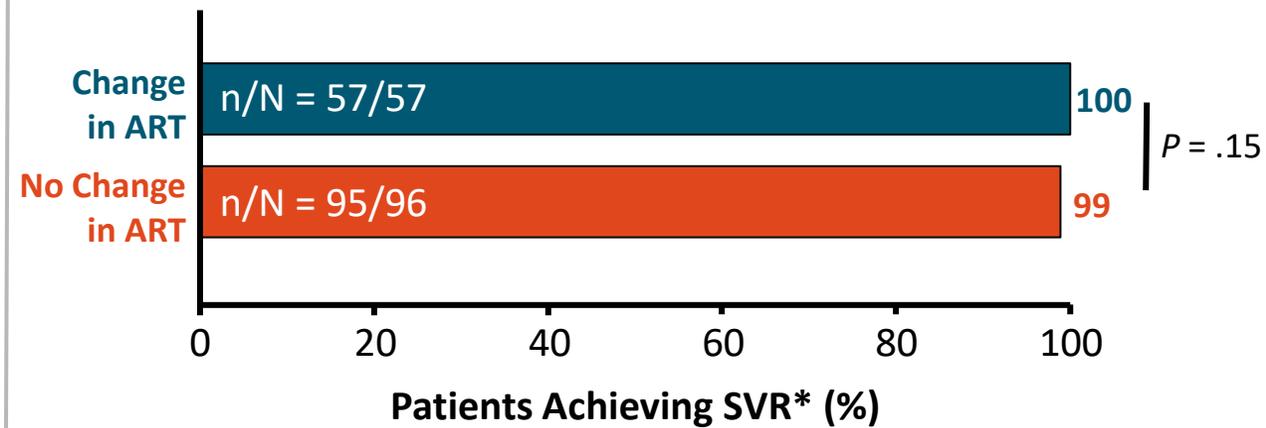
- Switch to TAF-based regimen maintained HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL in 95% of patients
 - D/C before Wk 8 for lack of efficacy (n = 1), no resistance to ART

Does Switching ART Affect Likelihood of HCV Cure?

- Real-world, single-center cohort study of HCV/HIV-coinfected patients treated with DAAs (N = 255)^[1]



- Observational, multicenter, 3-year study of HCV/HIV coinfecting patients treated with SOF/LDV (N = 166)^[2]



*In subgroup of N = 153 where SVR was reported.



Consider Potential for HBV Reactivation

- Test all patients initiating HCV DAA therapy for HBsAg, anti-HBc, and anti-HBs^[1]
- **HIV-infected patients with active HBV infection (HBsAg positive)** should receive dual NRTI therapy with anti-HBV activity^[2]
 - (TAF or TDF) plus (3TC or FTC), or entecavir if TAF or TDF not feasible
 - Initiate ART before DAA therapy owing to risk of HBV reactivation with DAAs
- **In patients positive for anti-HBc ± anti-HBs,^[1]** no consensus on approach
 - Risk of HBV reactivation is very low,^[3] but consider monitoring transaminases at Wks 4 and 8 following HCV DAA initiation
 - Insufficient data to inform HBV DNA monitoring

1. AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidelines. 2017.

2. DHHS Guidelines. 2017.

3. Belperio PS, et al. Hepatology. 2017;66:27-36.



Case 2: Cotreatment of both HIV and HCV infection

- A 38-year-old man with HIV and HCV infection who has re-established care
 - Injection heroin use; currently in a residential medication-assisted therapy program
 - eGFR 55 mL/min
- **HIV**
 - Out of care; previous HIV treatment with EFV/TDF/FTC
 - CD4+ count 385 cells/mm³ and HIV RNA 54,340 copies/mL
 - HLA-B*5701 negative
- **HCV**
 - HCV genotype 3a infection with HCV RNA = 1.5 million IU/mL
 - Liver elastography consistent with stage 3 fibrosis
 - HBsAg negative



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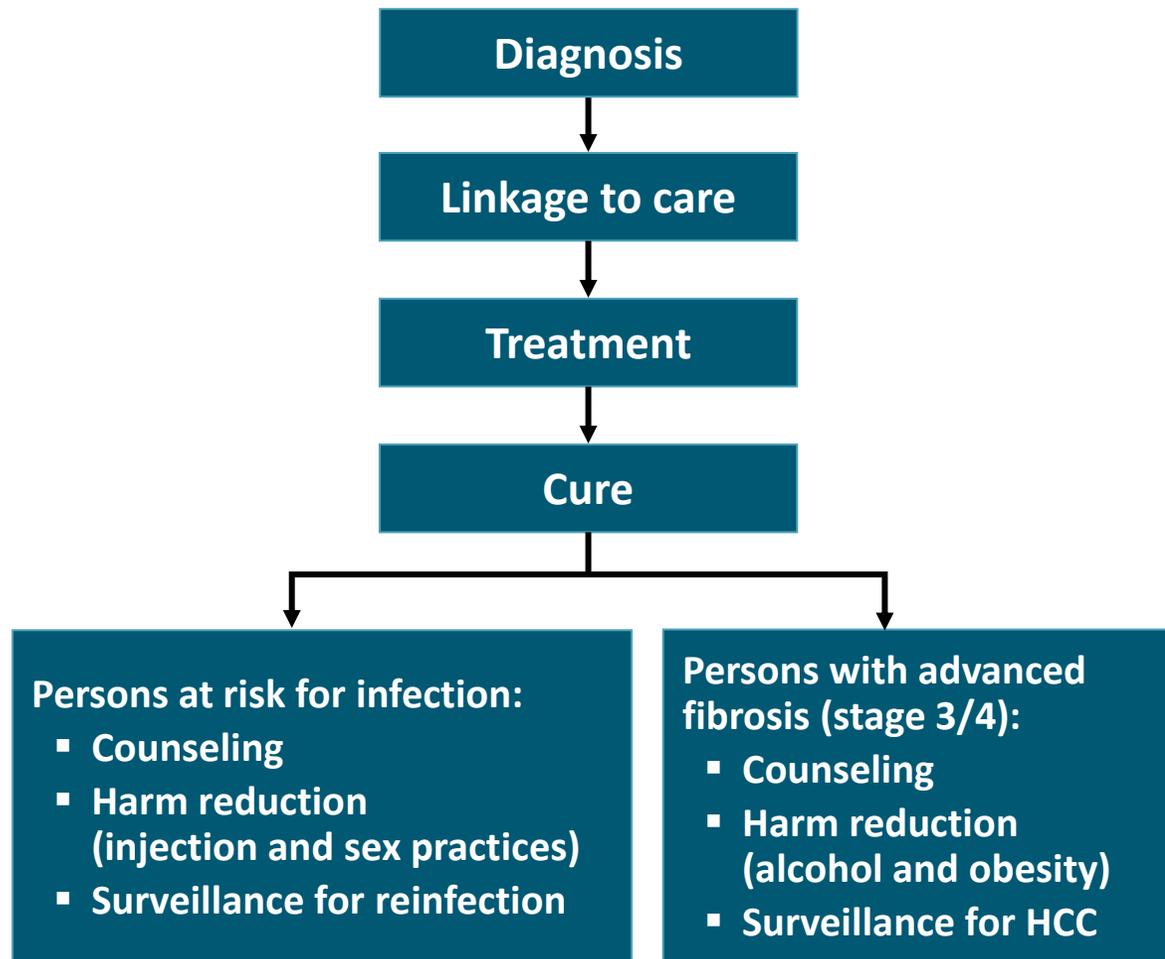
- For many patients, initiation of ART should be prioritized; however, HIV treatment and HIV-1 RNA suppression are not required before HCV DAAs
 - Treatment readiness for 8-12 wks of HCV DAAs may be different than for lifelong ART
 - HCV treatment and cure may serve to facilitate HIV care engagement
 - SVR may reduce the risk of drug-induced liver injury
- If ART is initiated first, consider delaying HCV DAAs for 4-6 wks to confirm tolerability and HIV-1 RNA response

Common DDIs With Non-ART, Non-DAA Comedications

- PPIs
- Statins
- Antiseizure drugs
 - Carbamazepine
 - Phenytoin
- Herbals (St John's wort)
- Over-the-counter medications (including antacids)



HCV Care Continues Past Achievement of SVR



Characteristic	Follow up After SVR
No advanced fibrosis (Metavir stage F0-F2), no or low risk of HCV reinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard medical care, as in someone without HCV
Advanced fibrosis (Metavir stage F3 or F4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultrasound surveillance for HCC every 6 mos ± AFP
Moderate to high risk of HCV reinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm reduction HCV RNA every 12 mos

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 - Cotreatment requires continued awareness and attention to the complex DDIs that can occur between DAAs and ARV medications

What do the guidelines recommend for HCV/HIV coinfection in patient scenarios that *you* specify?

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