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# Managing HCV DAA Failure: Now and Later

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# Considerations for DAA Regimen Failure

## Previous Therapy

*DAA classes*  
*RBV*  
*Duration*

## Patient

*Cirrhosis*  
*BMI*  
*Renal disease*

## **Resistance**

## Others

*Adherence*  
*Drug interactions*

# Key Clinical Questions

- Should additional testing be done?
  - What is the role of resistance testing in retreatment?
- Can the pt take RBV?
- Should you wait and retreat once other treatment options are available?
  - What is the chance his/her liver disease will progress?
- What options are available to me (authorization considerations)?

# Case 1

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- Physical exam: BMI 32, no ascites, no edema, palmar erythema
- Cirrhosis confirmed by elastography in 2015 (22.6 kPa; IQR 11%)
- Treated in 2015 with LDV/SOF + RBV for 12 wks
  - Treatment Wk 4: HCV RNA < 15 IU/mL detected
  - Relapse at posttreatment Wk 4: HCV RNA 176,000 IU/mL

- Current medications: amlodipine, atorvastatin 40 mg, omeprazole 20 mg BID

Current Laboratory Parameter	Result
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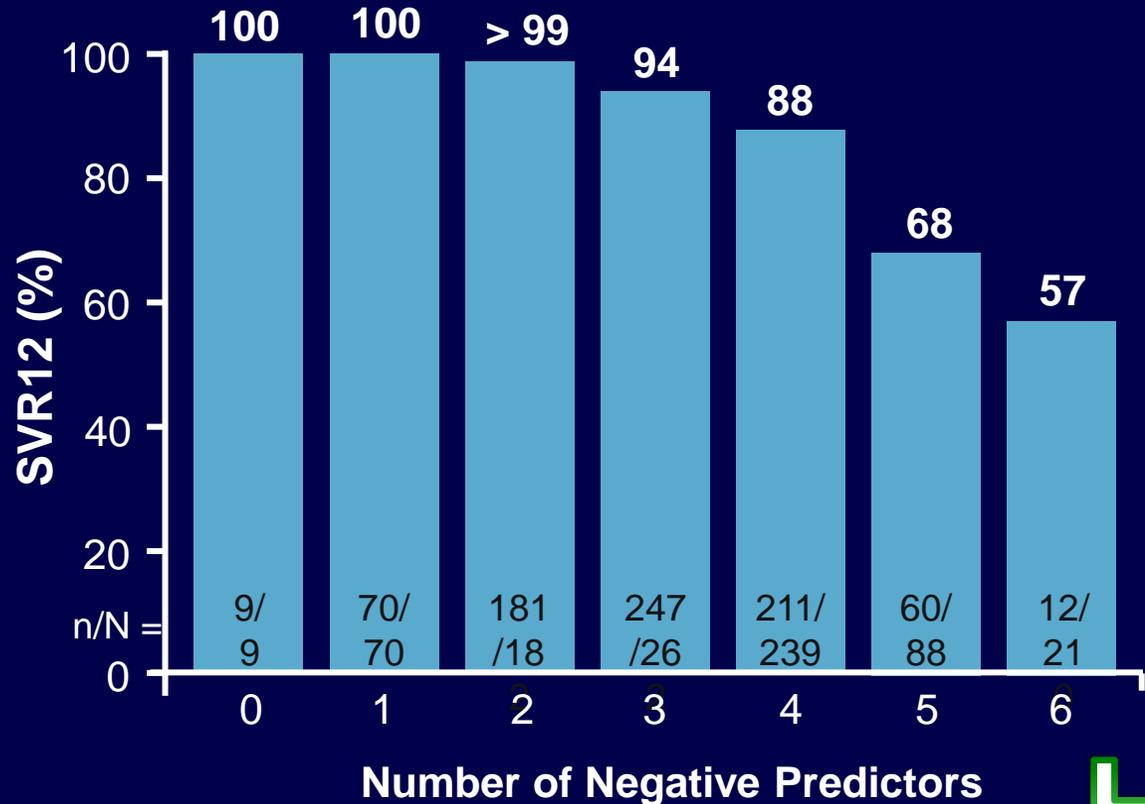


# Was Our Pt Set up for Treatment Failure?

- Negative predictors in our pt:
  - Black race and male
  - Treatment experienced
  - High BMI, diabetes (?)
  - Cirrhosis with portal HTN
  - Drug–drug interaction: omeprazole 20 mg BID and LDV

# Impact of Multiple Negative Predictors on Response

- Retrospective analysis of phase II/III studies of SOF + RBV ± pegIFN in pts with GT1-3 HCV (N = 871)



## Negative Predictors:

- Treatment experienced
- Cirrhosis
- HCV RNA
- Male
- ≥ 75 kg
- IL28B non-CC
- NS5A RASs?

# HCV TARGET: Predictors of HCV DAA Failure

- Prospective, observational cohort study of real-world clinical practice
  - N = 4099 pts with GT1 HCV treated with oral therapy including  $\geq 2$  DAAs
  - SVR: 93.7%; no SVR: 6.3%
- Factors independently associated with lack of SVR
  - Logistic linear regression: cirrhosis, time of treatment start
  - Multivariate logistic regression: cirrhosis, low albumin, low platelet count, high total bilirubin, male sex, older age
- Inverse probability weighting by propensity scores identified lower likelihood of SVR with SMV + SOF vs LDV/SOF or OBV/PTV/RTV + DSV (all  $\pm$  RBV)
  - Limited data available on Q80K presence
- 19 of 22 pts retreated with LDV/SOF or OBV/PTV/RTV + DSV  $\pm$  RBV achieved SVR

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# Key HCV Resistance Concepts

- HCV resistance-associated substitutions
  - Enriched in pts experiencing DAA treatment failure
  - Has an impact on treatment response in specific situations
- HCV resistance is NOT absolute
- Some pt characteristics are just as important as RASs
- Future regimens appear to obviate the need for most resistance testing

# Resistance Characteristics of HCV Antiviral Classes

Class	Antiviral Potency	GT Activity	Resistance Barrier	FDA Approvals
NS3 protease inhibitor <sup>[1]</sup>	+++ to +++++	1, 4 (± 2, 3, 6)	Low to high ↓	Simeprevir (2013) Paritaprevir (2014) Grazoprevir (2016) Voxilaprevir (2017*) Glecaprevir (2017*)
NS5B nucleotide <sup>[2]</sup>	+++++	1-6	Very high	Sofosbuvir (2013) Uprifosbuvir (2018?*)
NS5B nonnucleoside <sup>[2]</sup>	++	1	Low	Dasabuvir (2014)
NS5A inhibitor <sup>[3]</sup>	+++++	1, 4, 6 (± 2, 3)	Low to high ↓	Ledipasvir (2014) Daclatasvir (2015) Ombitasvir (2014) Elbasvir (2016) Velpatasvir (2016) Pibrentasvir (2017*) Ruzasvir (2018?*)

\*Anticipated FDA approvals.

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# Resistance Testing Approaches

- Ultradeep or next-generation vs population (Sanger) sequencing
- What is broadly commercially available:
  - HCV **GT1 NS3** and **GT1 and GT3 NS5A** drug resistance assays
    - NGS with 10% detection level reported (*LabCorp/Monogram Biosciences*)<sup>[1]</sup>
    - RT-PCR with DNA sequencing (*Quest Diagnostics*)<sup>[2]</sup>
- Both NS5A assays now available for GT1 and GT3 HCV
  - GT1 assays are subtype specific (1a vs 1b)

1. HCV NS5A Drug Resistance Assay Product Label. 2016.

2. Hepatitis C Viral RNA Genotype 1/3 NS3 and/or NS5 Drug Resistance Assay Product Labels. 2016.



# Comparing RAS Types

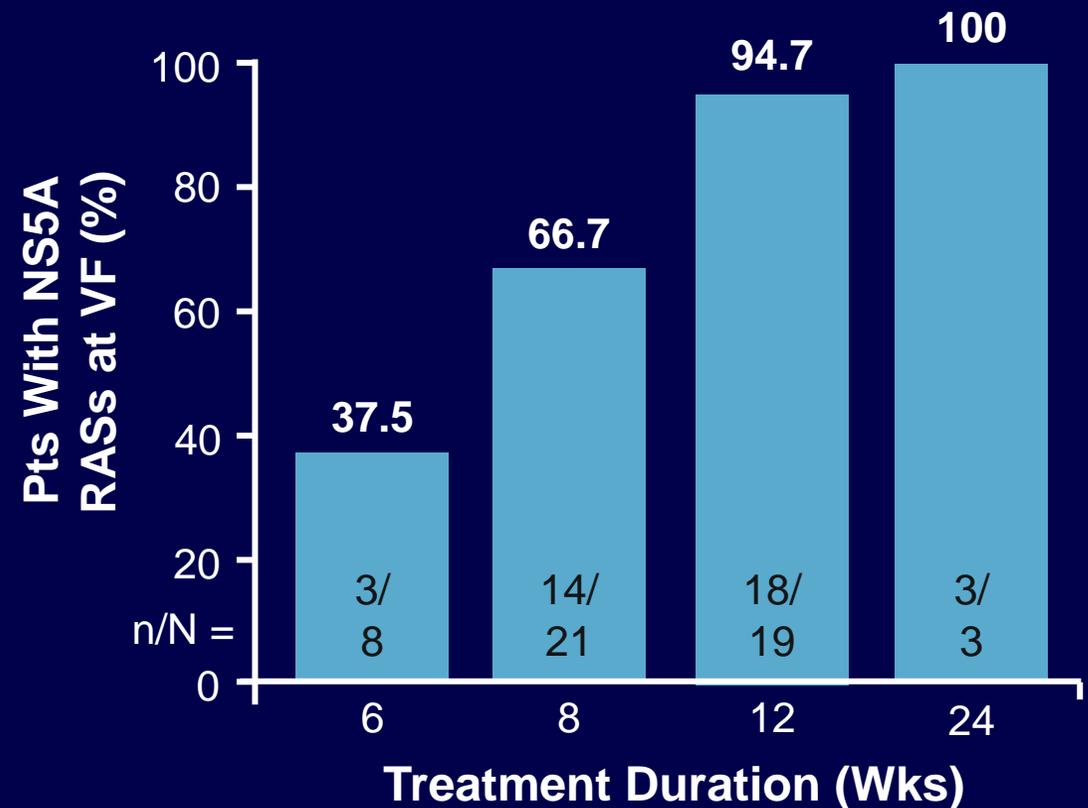
Characteristic	Baseline RASs	Selected RASs
Variants	Single	Multiple (with “linkage”)
Fold-change	Variable	High
Prevalence in viral population	Variable	High
Population	Any	Difficult to treat

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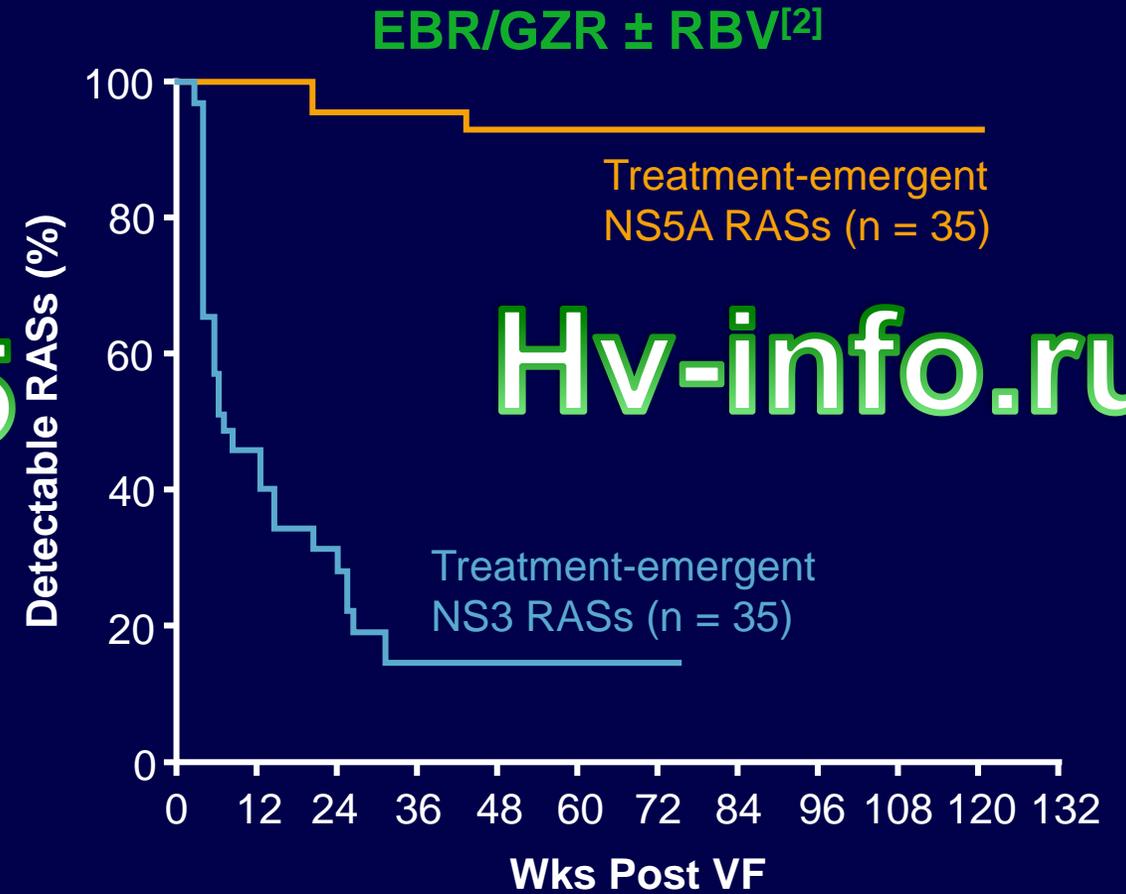
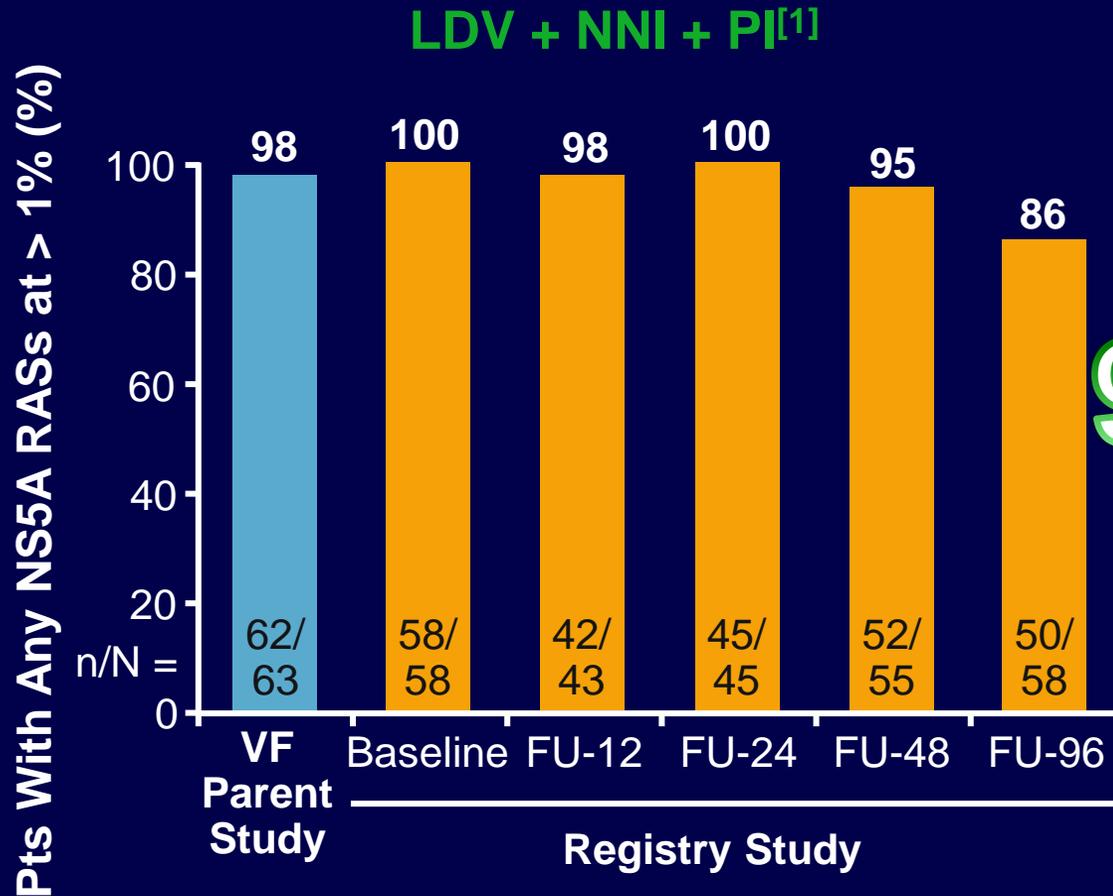
# NS5A Resistance Selection Rate Upon Virologic Failure

- Varies by regimen and duration
- PI based:
  - EBR/GZR: 94%<sup>[1]</sup>
  - OBV/PTV/RTV + DSV: 68%<sup>[2]</sup>
- Nucleotide based:
  - LDV/SOF: 75%<sup>[3]</sup>
  - SOF/VEL: 93% (14/15; majority GT3)<sup>[4]</sup>
  - SOF/VEL/VOX ( $\leq 6$  wks): 0% (n = 15)<sup>[5]</sup>
  - SOF + EBR/GZR ( $\leq 8$  wks): 37% (n = 30)<sup>[6]</sup>

NS5A RAS Detection Among Pts With VF in LDV/SOF Phase II/III Trials<sup>[3]</sup>



# Durability of Treatment-Emergent NS5A RASs



1. Dvory-Sobol H, et al. EASL 2015. Abstract O059.  
 2. Lahser F, et al. AASLD 2016. Abstract 61.

# Broad Cross-Resistance With “Early-Generation” NS5A Inhibitors

Fold Change	Genotype 1a				Genotype 1b	
	M28T	Q30R	L31M/V	Y93H/N	L31V	Y93H/N
Ledipasvir	20x	> 100x	> 100x/ > 100x	> 1000x/ > 10,000x		> 100x/--
Ombitasvir	> 1000x	> 100x	< 3x > 100x	> 10,000x/ > 10,000x	< 10x	20x/50x
Daclatasvir	> 100x	> 1000x	> 100x/ > 1000x	> 1000x/ > 10,000x	< 10x	20x/50x
Elbasvir	20x	> 100x	> 10x > 100x	> 1000x/ > 1000x	< 10x	> 100x/--
Velpatasvir	< 10x	< 3x	20x/50x	> 100x/ > 1000x	< 3x	< 3x/--
Pibrentasvir	< 3x	< 3x	< 3x	< 10x/< 10x	< 3x	< 3x/< 3x
Ruzasvir	< 10x	< 10x	< 10x	< 10x	< 10x	< 10x

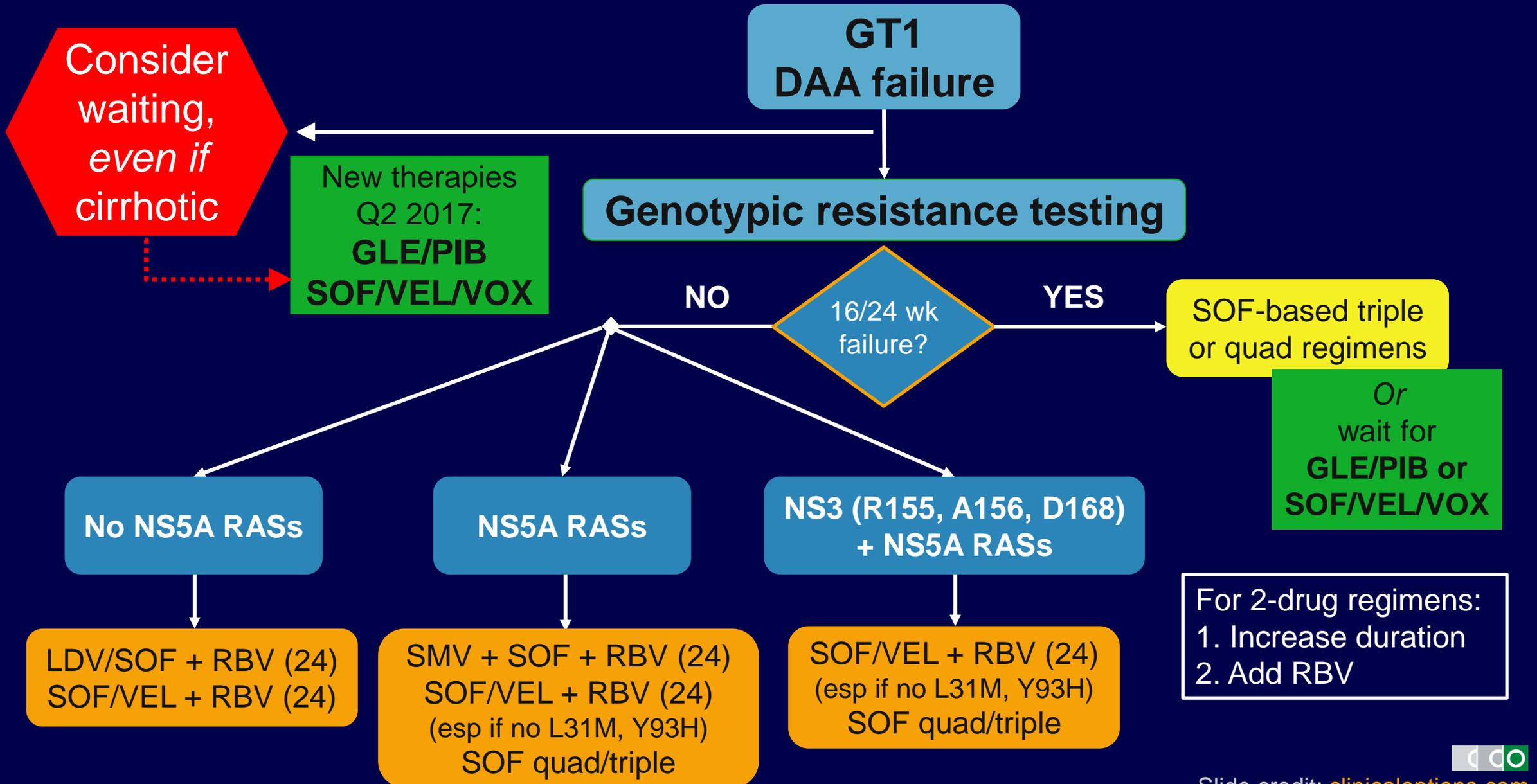


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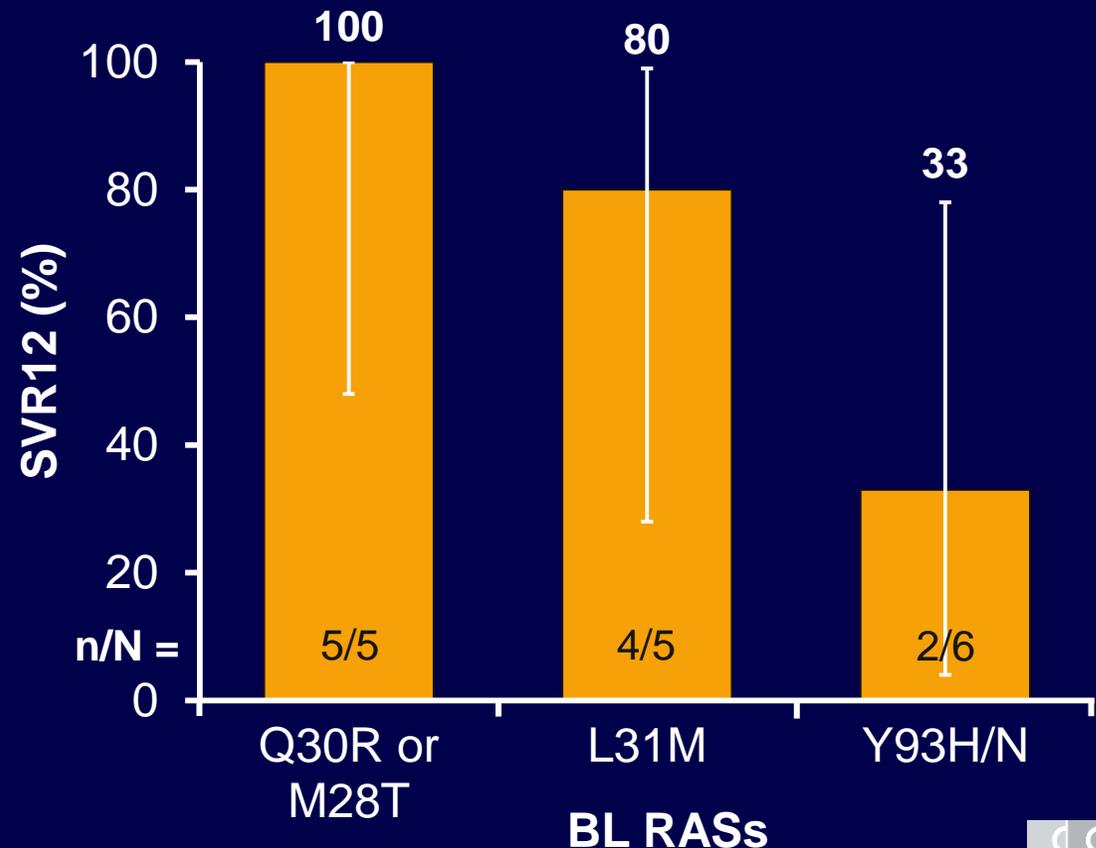
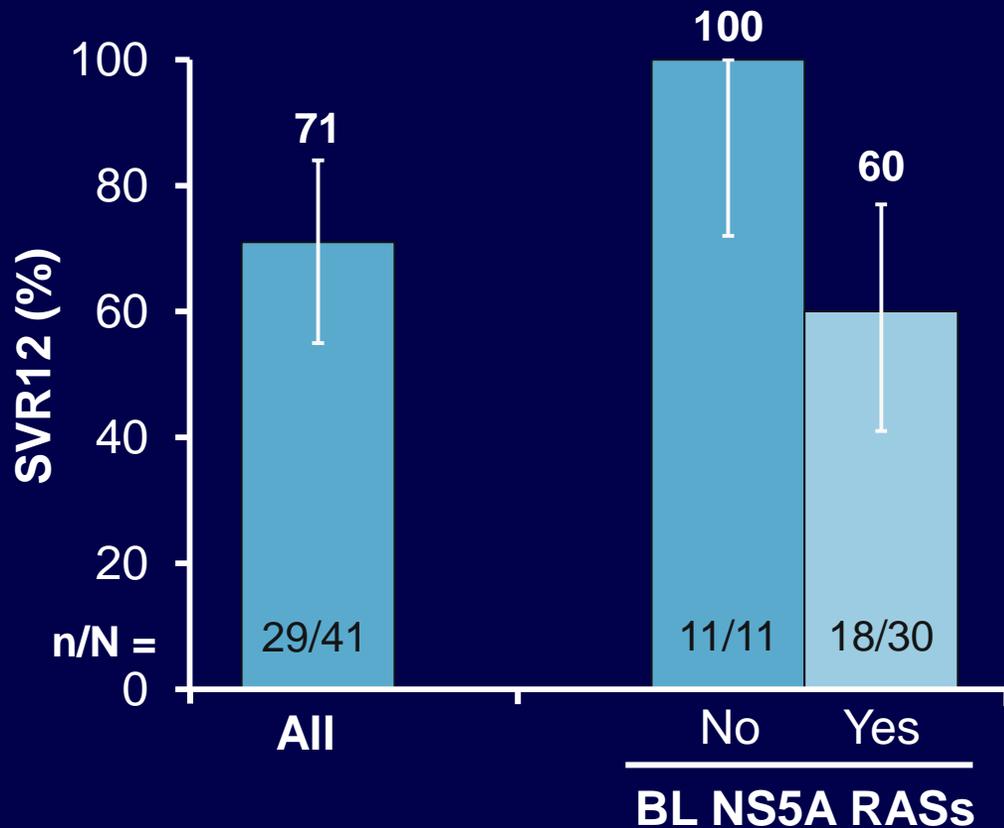
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# NS5A RASs Associated With Retreatment Failure With a Cross-Resistant Regimen

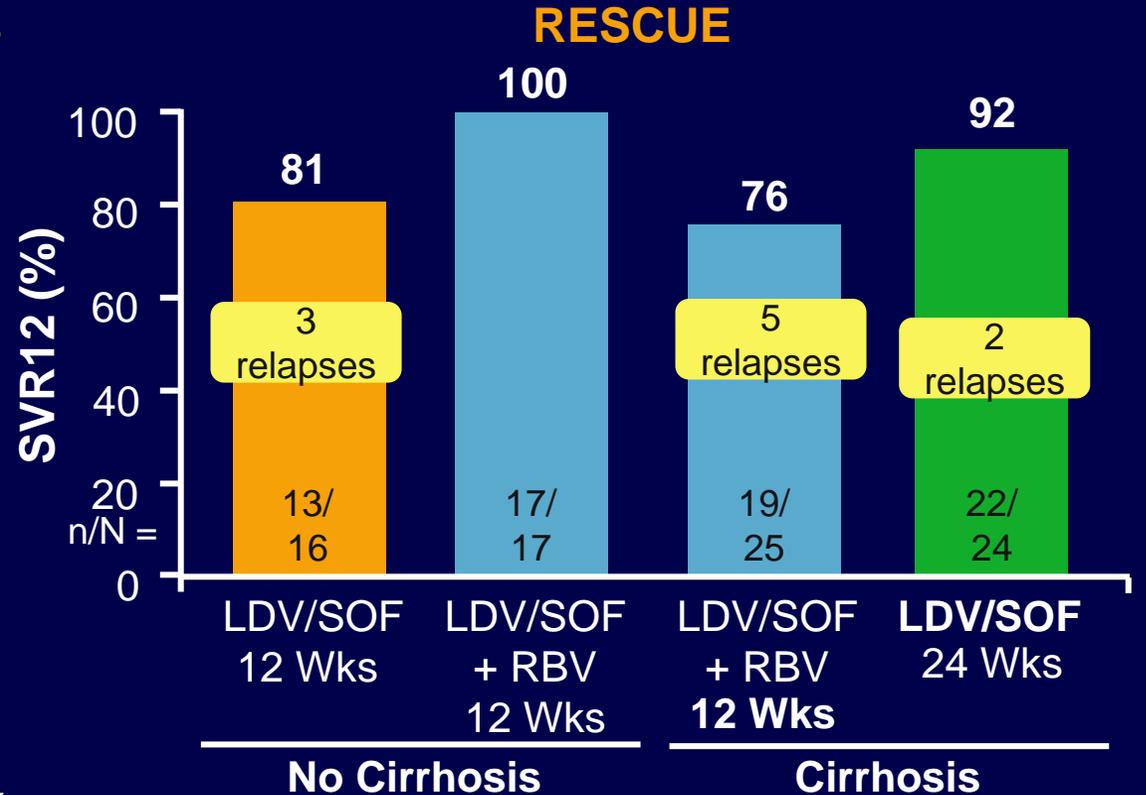
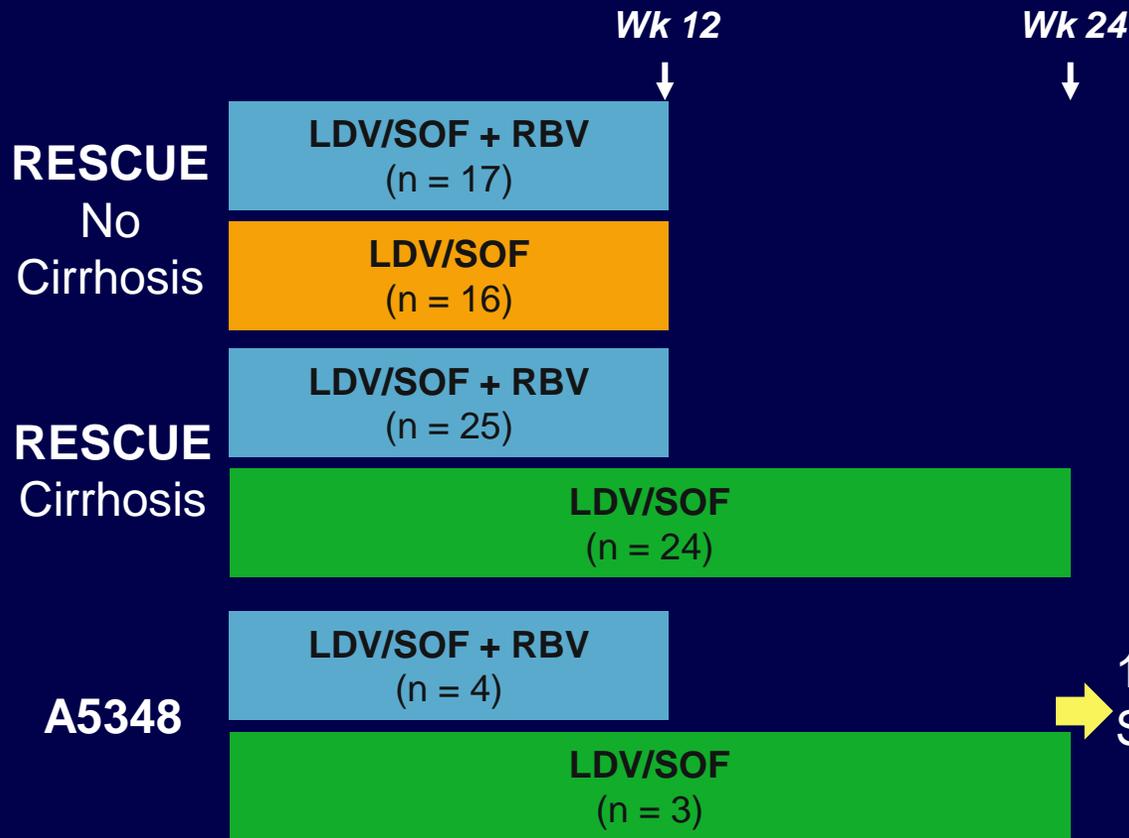
- 8-wk or 12-wk LDV/SOF-based treatment failures retreated with LDV/SOF for 24 wks (N = 41)



# RESCUE/A5348: RBV and Longer Tx Duration for Overcoming Resistance, Optimizing Retreatment

## Previous SOF Failure Without NS5A Exposure

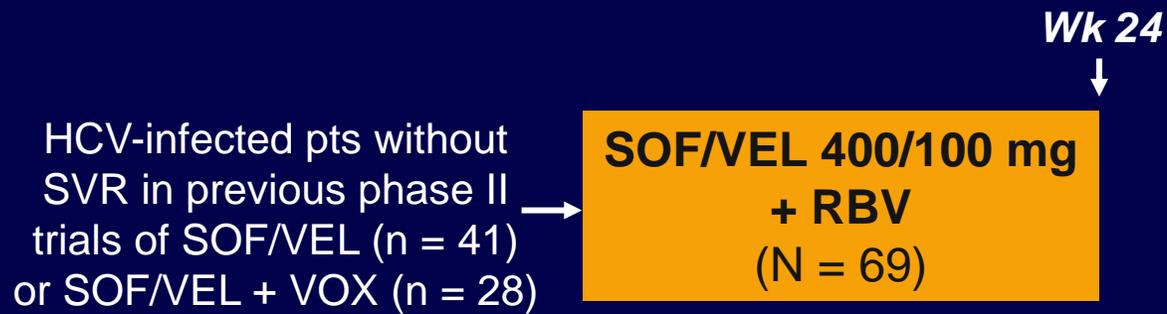
37% (30/82) with previous SMV + SOF failure



- 6/10 VFs SOF + SMV failures; 7/10 cirrhotic
- No impact of BL NS5A or NS5B RASs

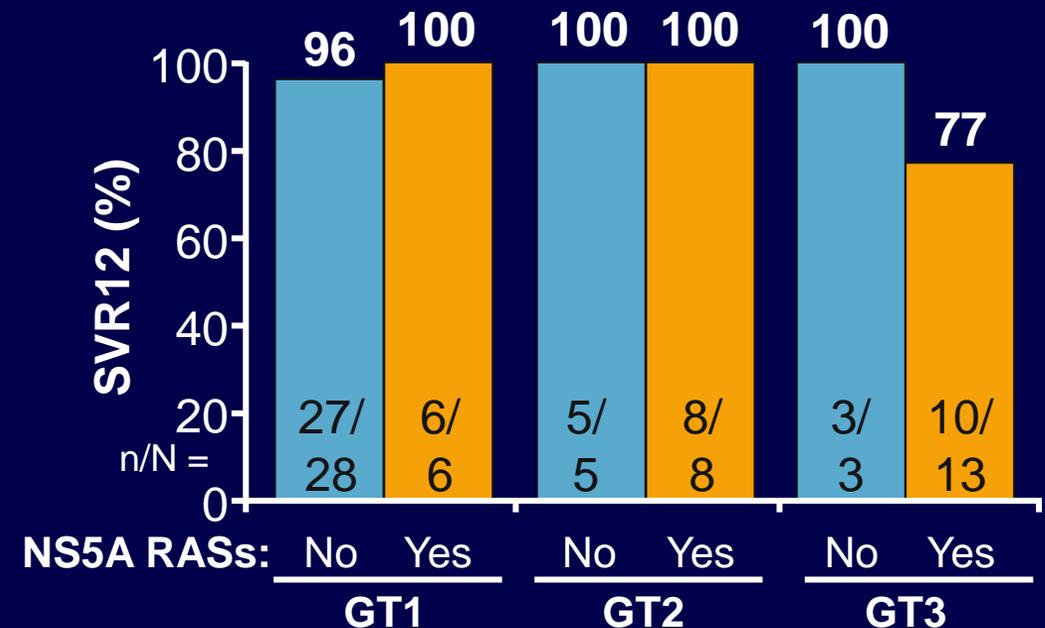
# Roles of RBV and Longer Tx Duration in Overcoming Resistance, Optimizing Retreatment

- Single-arm trial



- Cirrhosis: 26%; previous relapse: 99%
- 20% GT2
- Only 18% of GT1 with NS5A RASs
- Previous treatment: 41% VEL 25 mg, 74% < 12 wks

- Overall SVR12: GT1 (n = 34): 97%; GT2 (n = 14): 91%; GT3 (n = 17): 76%

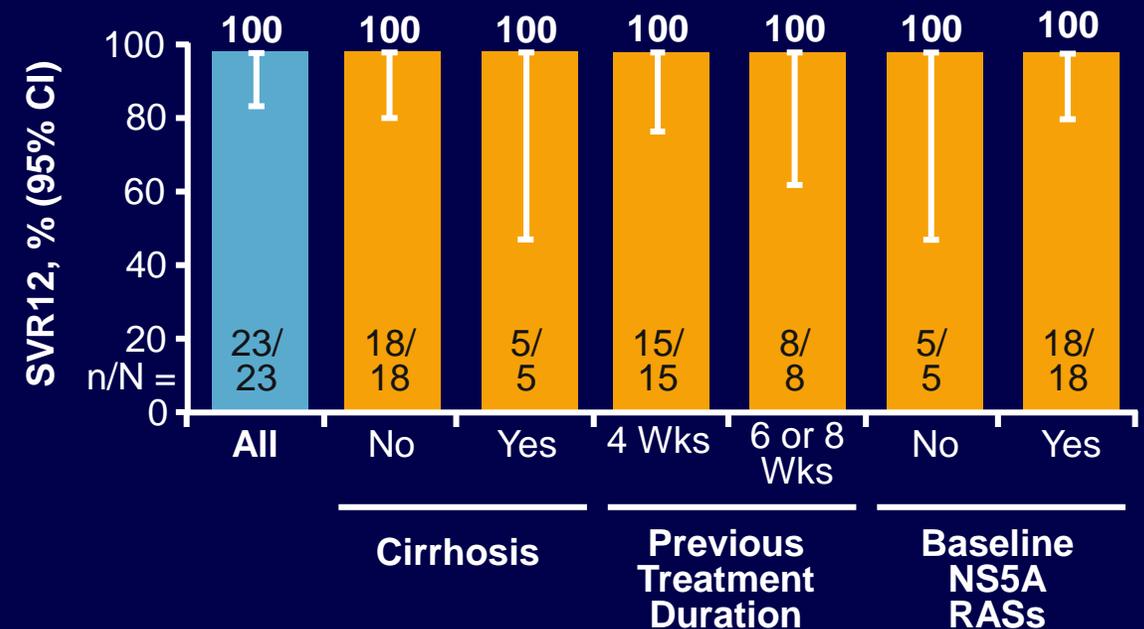


- 9/11 (82%) pts with GT3 HCV and Y93H achieved SVR12

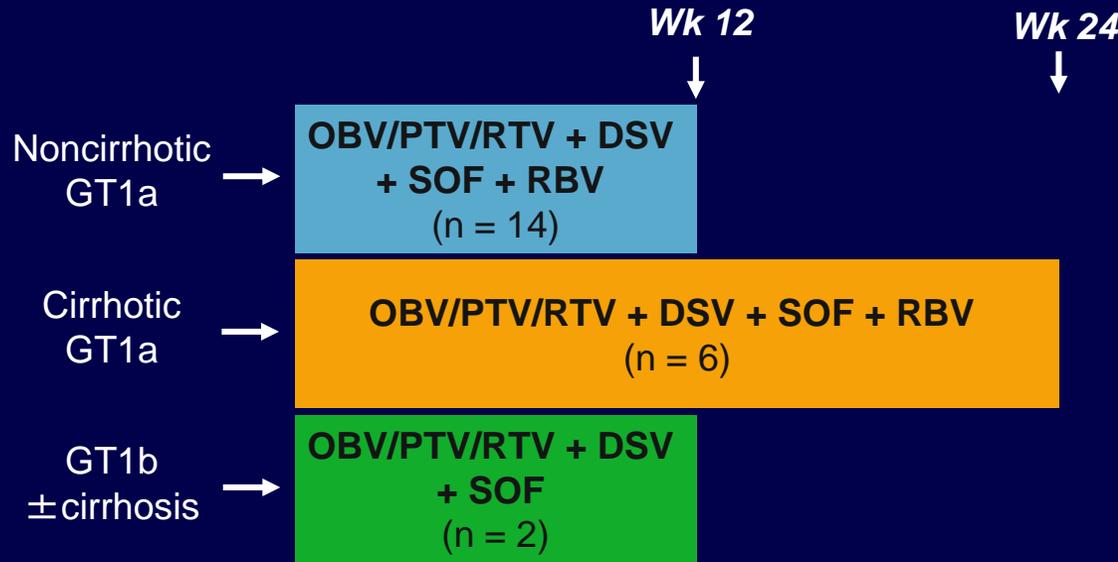
# Retreatment of Previous Short Duration SOF + EBR/GZR Failure

- 25 pts who experienced failure of short course SOF + EBR/GZR (4-8 wks)
  - 22 GT1a, 3 GT1b
    - 20 experienced failure with 4 wks
  - 5 (20%) cirrhosis
  - 80% with NS5A RASs
  - 52% NS3 RASs
  - 44% NS3/NS5A RASs

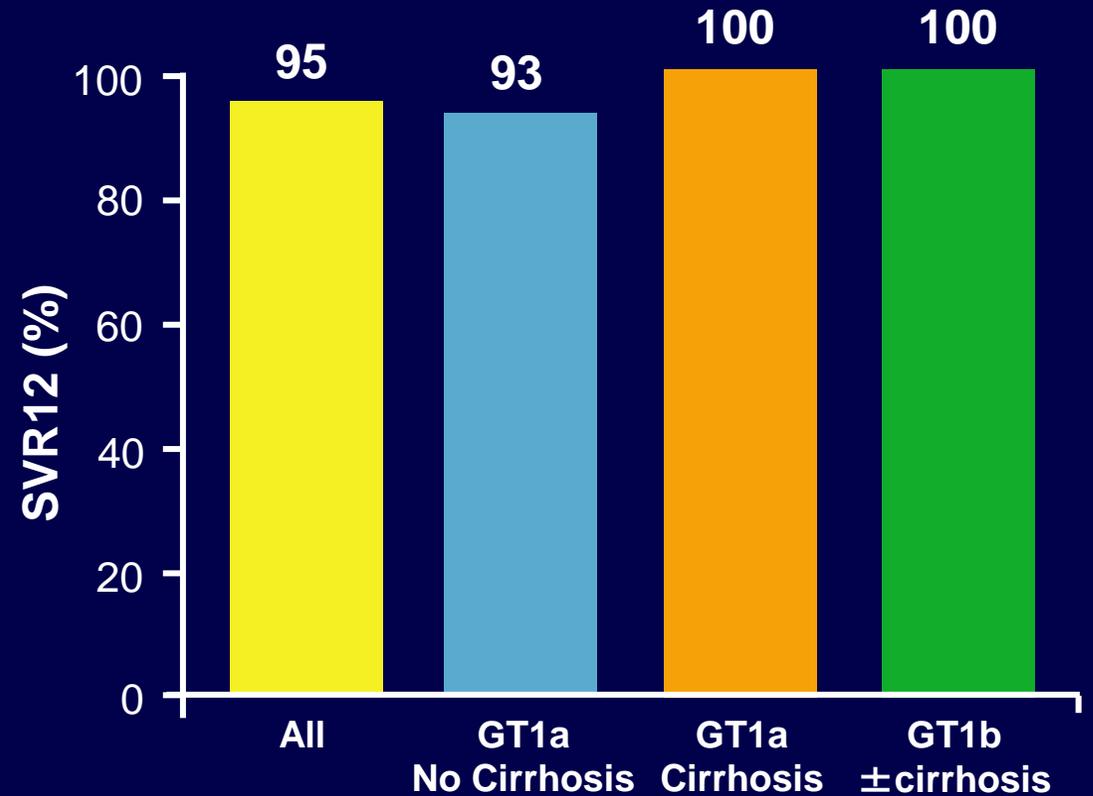
- Pts retreated with SOF + EBR/GZR + RBV for 12 wks
- 100% SVR12 (9/9) in pts with dual RASs



# QUARTZ-I: OBV/PTV/RTV + DSV + SOF ± RBV for DAA-Experienced Pts With GT1 HCV

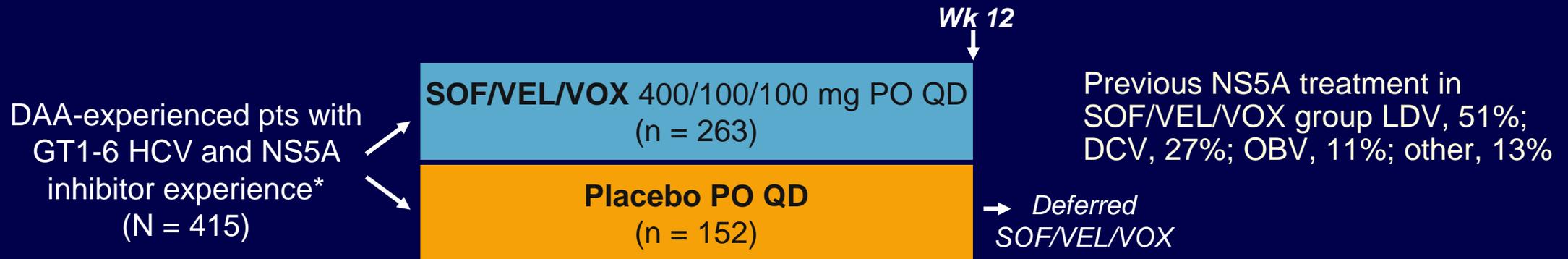


- Multicenter, open-label phase II study
- 14/20 GT1a had previous OBV/PTV/RTV + DSV failure; no previous LDV/SOF failure
- BL RASs: D168E/V (n = 5); Y93C/F/H (4); Q30E/H/R (n = 12)



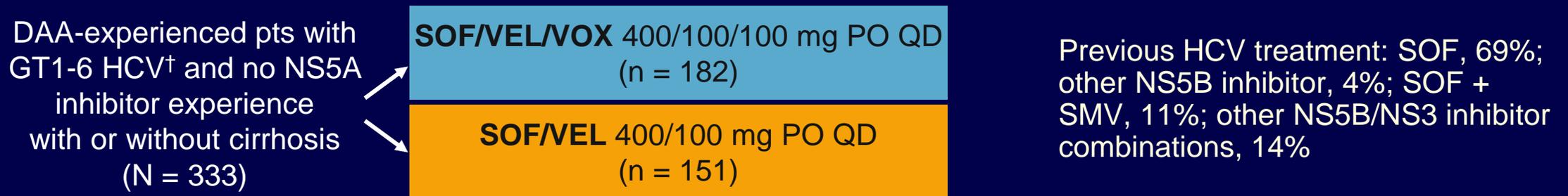
# POLARIS-1, -4: SOF/VEL/VOX for 12 Wks After DAA Failure in GT1-6 HCV

## POLARIS-1: randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase III trial<sup>[1]</sup>



\*Pts with GT1 HCV at screening equally randomized between arms; pts with GT2-6 HCV assigned to active treatment arm.

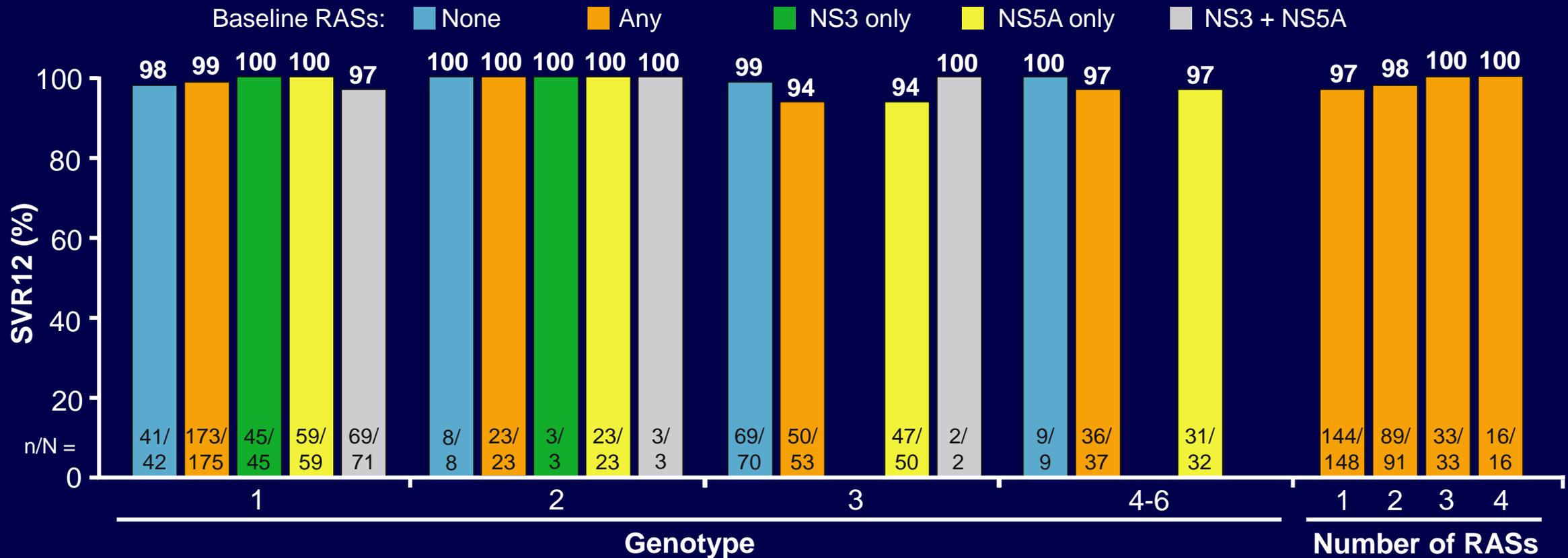
## POLARIS-4: randomized, open-label, active-controlled phase III trial<sup>[2]</sup>



<sup>†</sup>Pts with GT1-3 HCV randomized 1:1 between arms. Pts with GT4-6 HCV assigned to SOF/VEL/VOX.

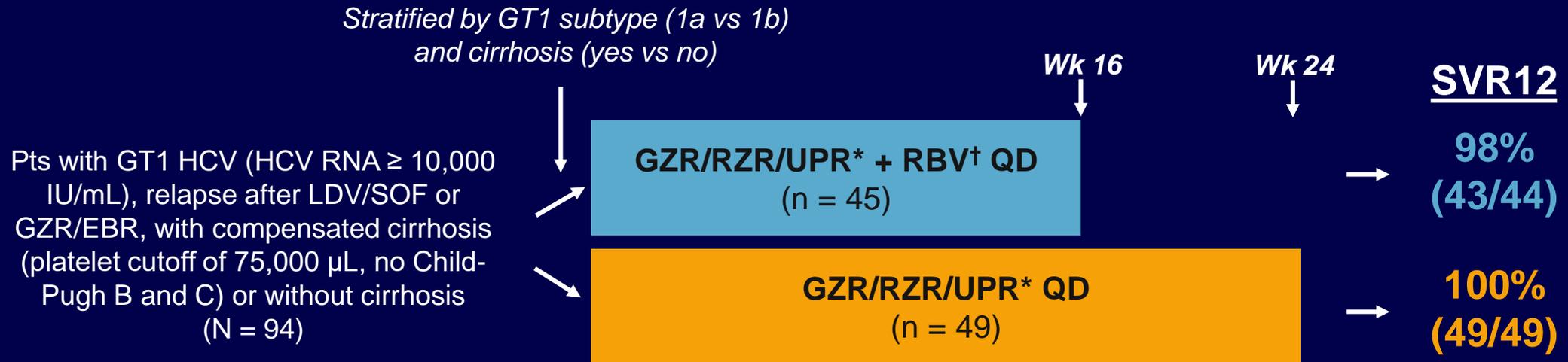
# POLARIS-1 and -4: Impact of Baseline RASs on 12-Wk SOF/VEL/VOX in DAA-Experienced Pts

- Integrated analysis of data from SOF/VEL/VOX arms of 2 phase III trials of DAA-experienced pts with (n = 263) and without (n = 182) previous NS5A inhibitors



# C-SURGE: Grazoprevir/Ruzasvir/Uprifosbuvir for GT1 HCV Pts Who Relapsed on DAA Therapy

- Randomized, open-label phase II trial



\*GZR/RZR/UPR, two 50/30/225-mg tablets.

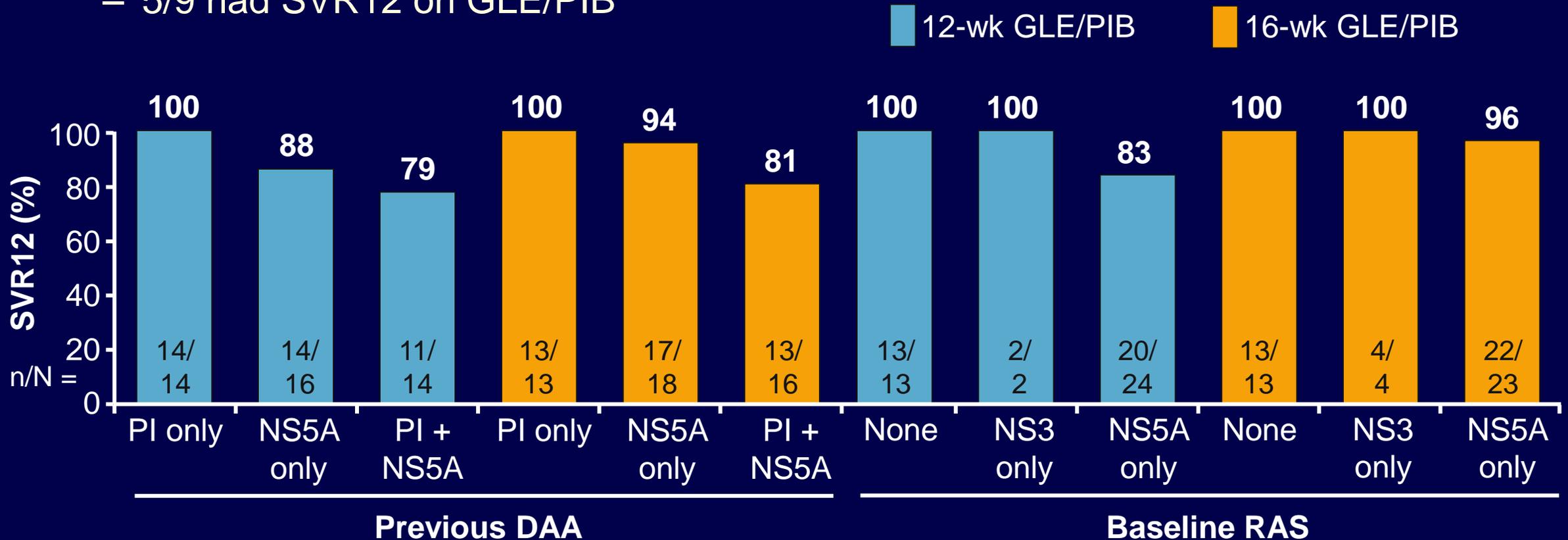
†Weight-based RBV, 800-1400 mg/day.

- Baseline characteristics

- Noncirrhotic, 56%; compensated cirrhosis, 43%; unknown, 1%
- **NS5A RASs, 84%; NS3 RASs, 65%; dual NS5A and NS3 RASs, 55%**

# MAGELLAN-1: Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir in GT1 or 4 HCV With Previous DAA Failure

- Of pts with NS3 and NS5a RASs, 9/9 had previous failure with PI + NS5A
  - 5/9 had SVR12 on GLE/PIB



# Back to the Original Case: While Waiting for New Therapies . . .

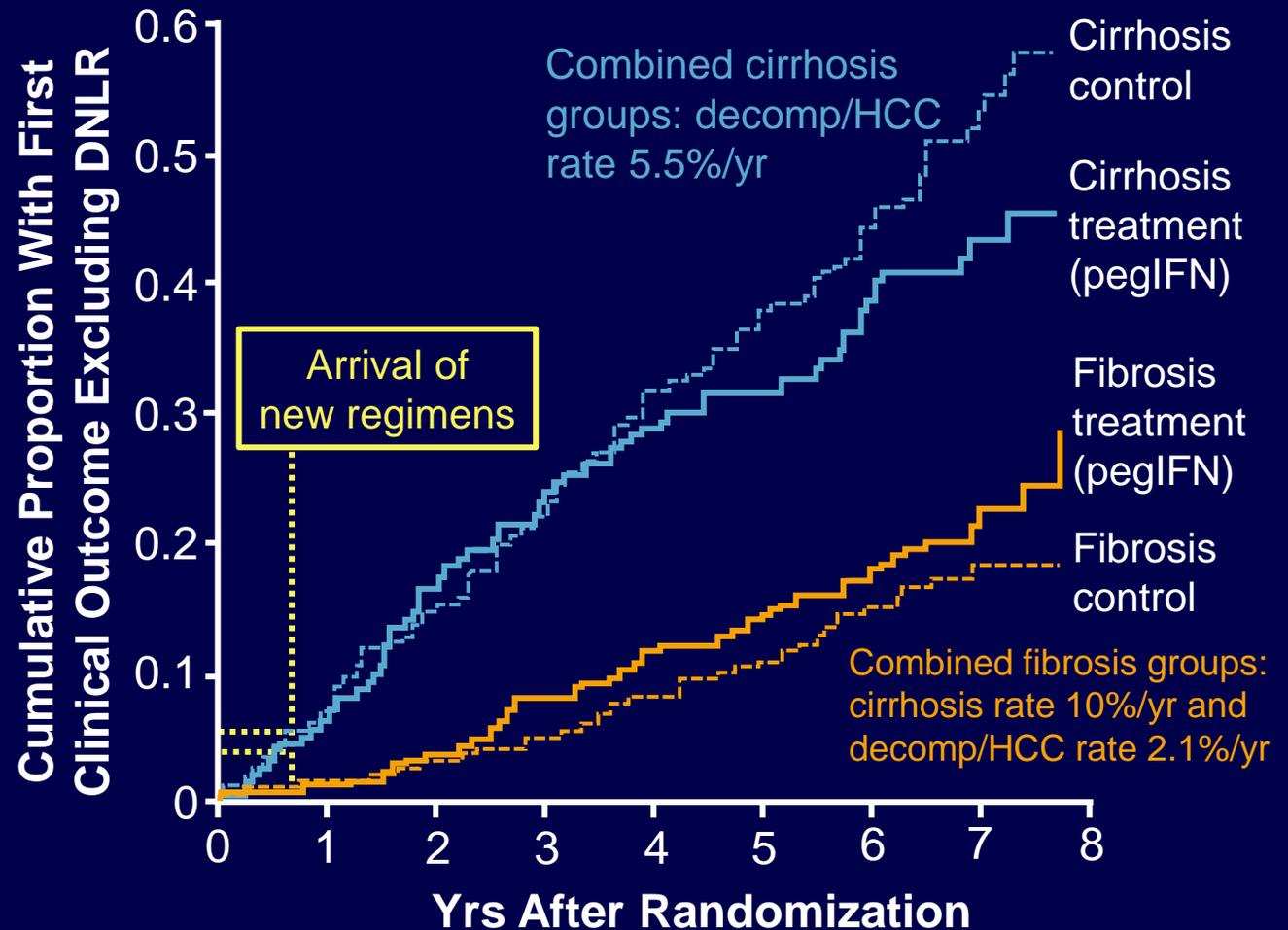
- Pt gains 25 lbs over 3 wks; wife reports pt intermittently confused
- Admitted: new ascites, edema, and encephalopathy
  - U/S shows no masses; tap without evidence of SBP
  - Responds to diuretics, Na<sup>+</sup> restriction, and lactulose
  - EGD with grade 2 varices, banded
  - CTP B9, MELD 17

- Black man with GT1a HCV and cirrhosis
- Previous pegIFN/RBV null response, relapse after LDV/SOF + RBV 12 wks
- **Dual NS5A RASs: Q30H, Y93H**



# Progression of Liver Disease and Decompensation

- Lower baseline platelet count associated with higher incidence of decompensation/HCC
  - < 100,000/mm<sup>3</sup>: 7.9%
  - ≥ 200,000/mm<sup>3</sup>: 1.3%



# Key Considerations for Genotype 1/4 Decompensated Cirrhosis

- Treatment options are more limited than for pts without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis
  - SVR rates are generally lower
- **Protease inhibitors are not recommended for CPT B or C**
- Continuing role for ribavirin
  - Low dose for CPT C; weight-based for CPT B with SOF/VEL
- Extend duration to 24 wks if RBV ineligible

# AASLD/IDSA Guidance for Pts With GT1 HCV and Decompensated Cirrhosis

- Refer to experienced HCV provider (ideally liver transplant center)

GT1 Population	DCV + SOF	LDV/SOF	SOF/VEL
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**But our case pt has experienced NS5A inhibitor failure and has NS5A RASs**

## Case 2

- 52-yr-old Hispanic woman with GT3 HCV, F3 fibrosis based on elastography in 2015 (10.8 kPa, IQR 17%)
  - Relapsed after DCV + SOF for 12 wks in 2015

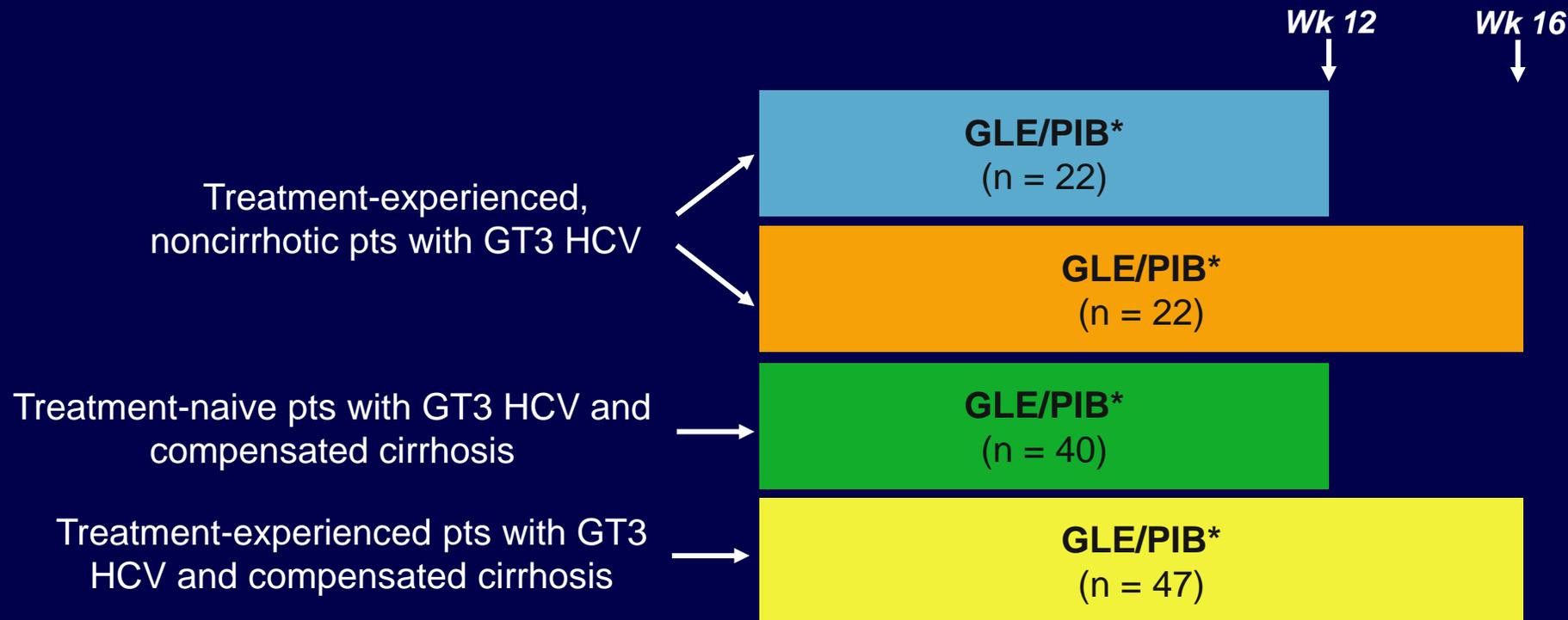
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# Retreatment of GT3 With Previous NS5A Inhibitor Failure

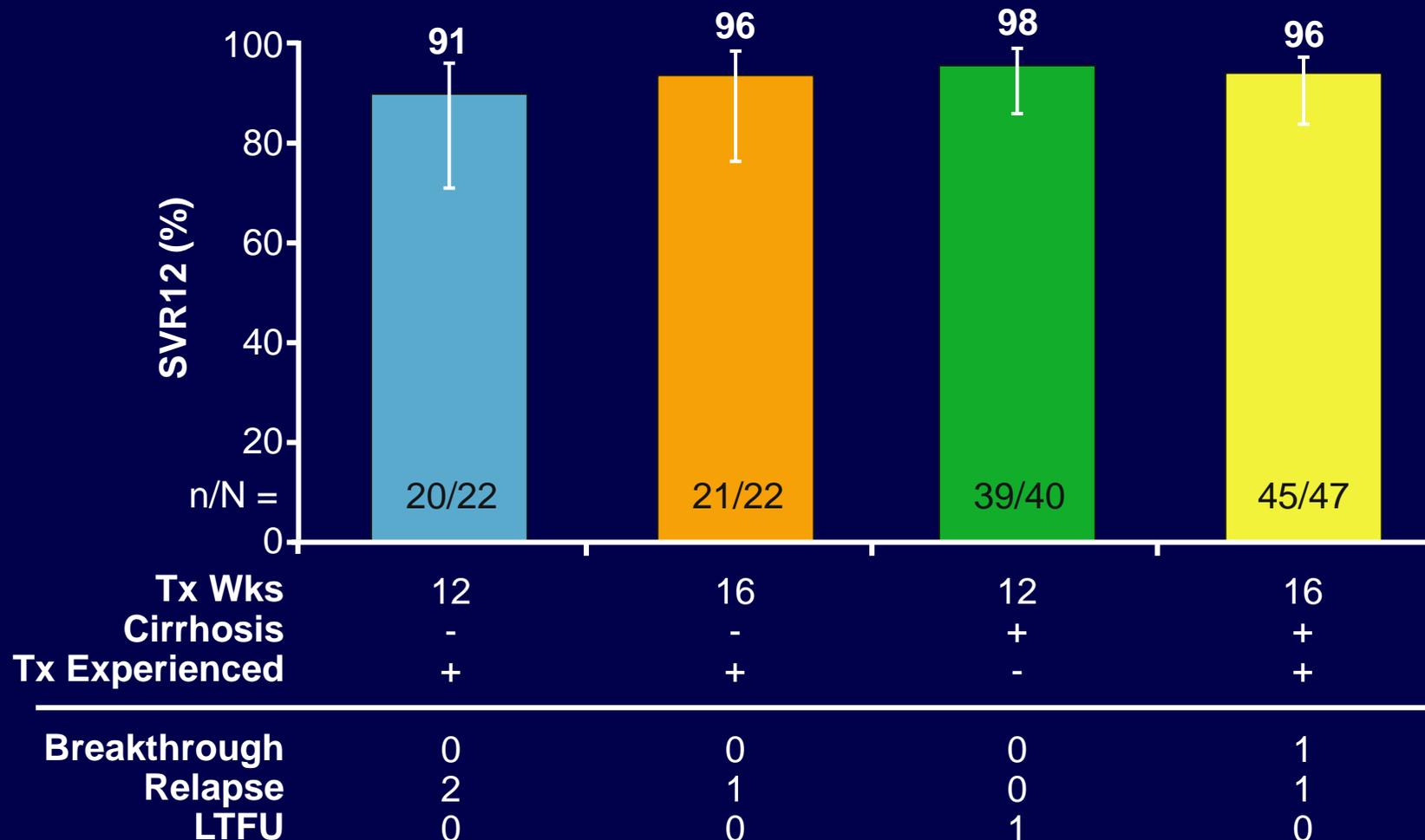
- Retreatment after failure of 4-12 wks of SOF/VEL<sup>[1]</sup>
  - SOF/VEL + RBV for 24 wks
  - SVR12 in GT3: 76% (13/17)
    - With NS5A RASs: 77%
    - Without NS5A RASs: 100%
- POLARIS 1: SOF/VEL/VOX for 12 wks after NS5A failure<sup>[2,3]</sup>
  - SVR12 in GT3: 95% (74/78)
    - With RASs: 94% (50/53)
    - Without RASs: 99% (69/70)
  - 4/6 viral relapses were GT3

# SURVEYOR-II, Part 3: GLE/PIB for Pts With GT3 HCV ± Cirrhosis

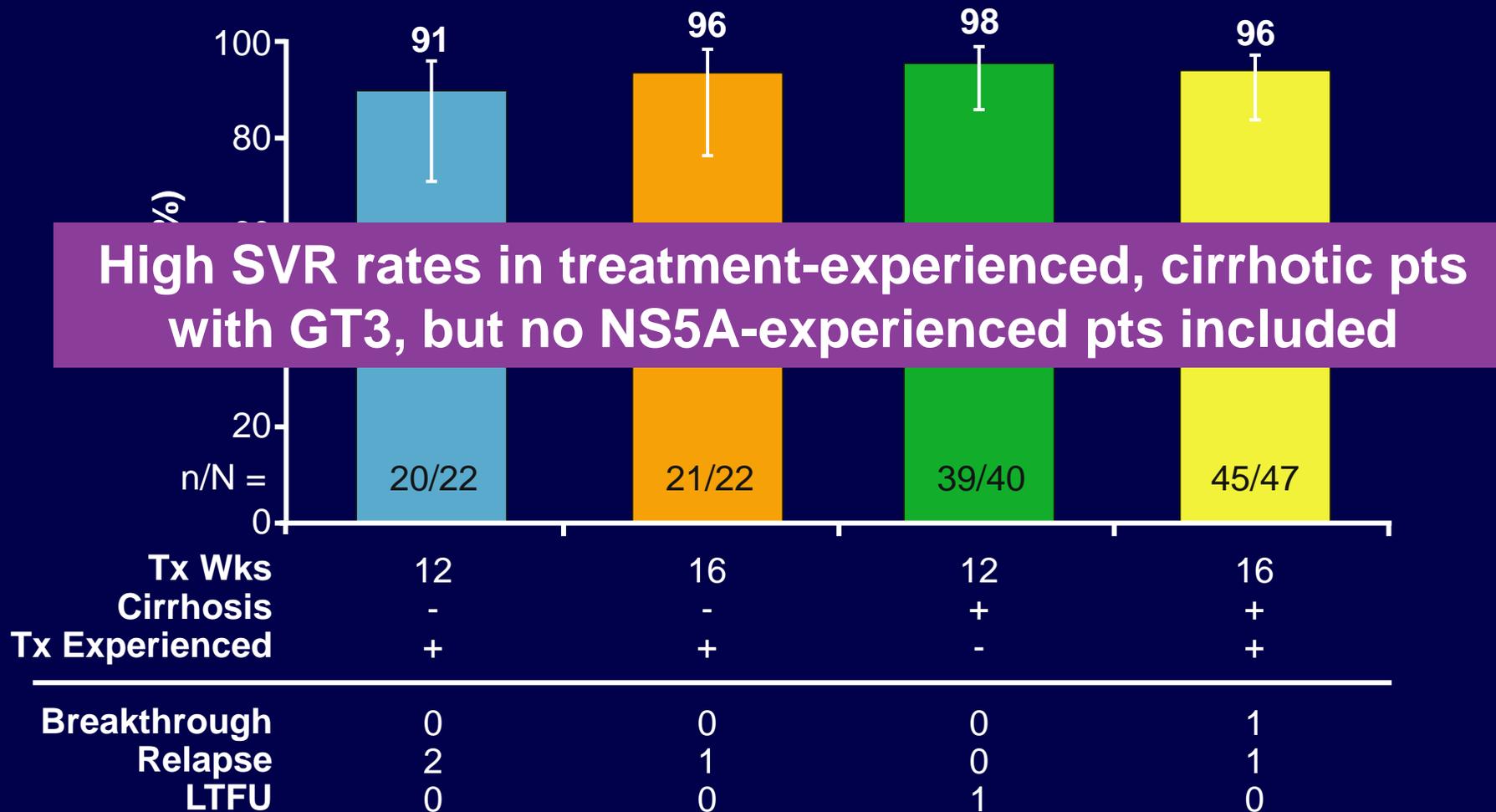
- Partially randomized, open-label phase II trial (N = 131)
  - Previous treatment experience: IFN or pegIFN ± RBV or SOF + RBV ± pegIFN



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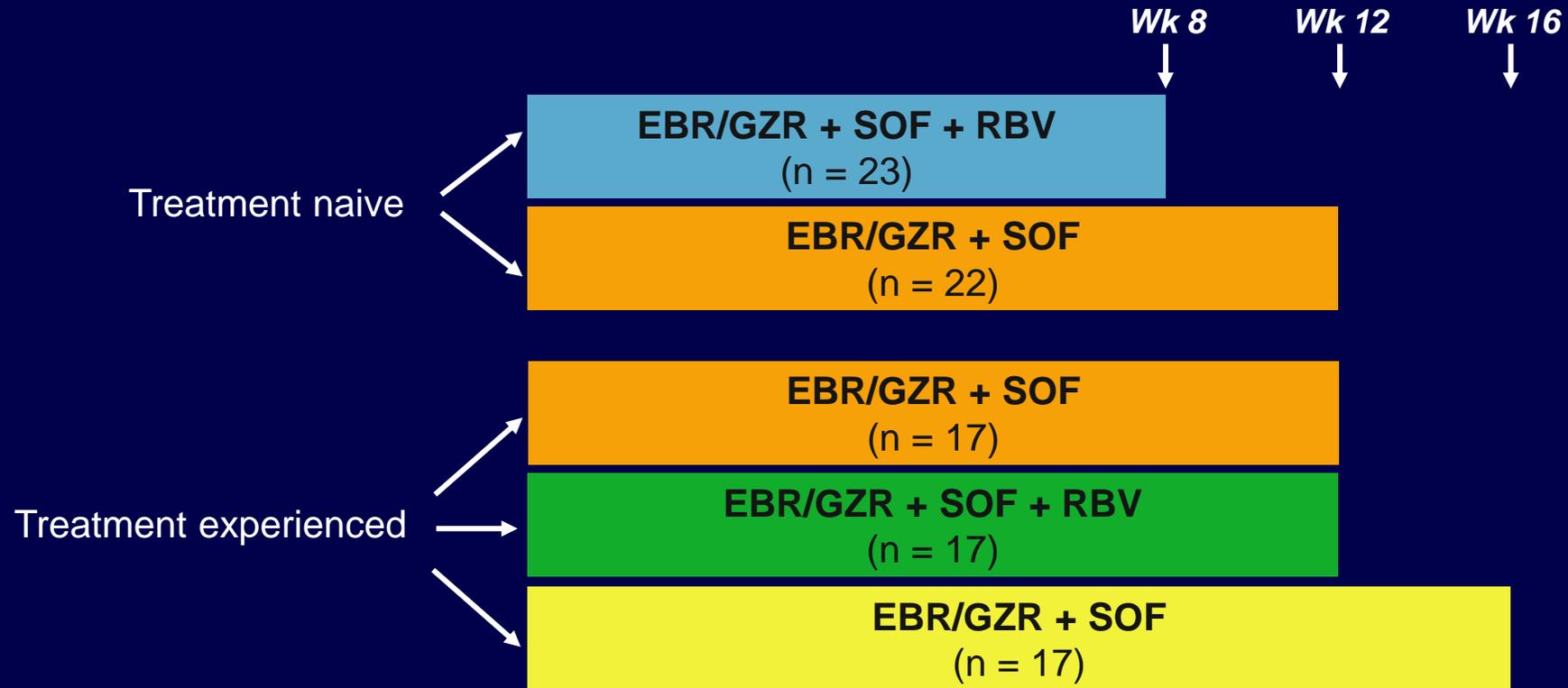


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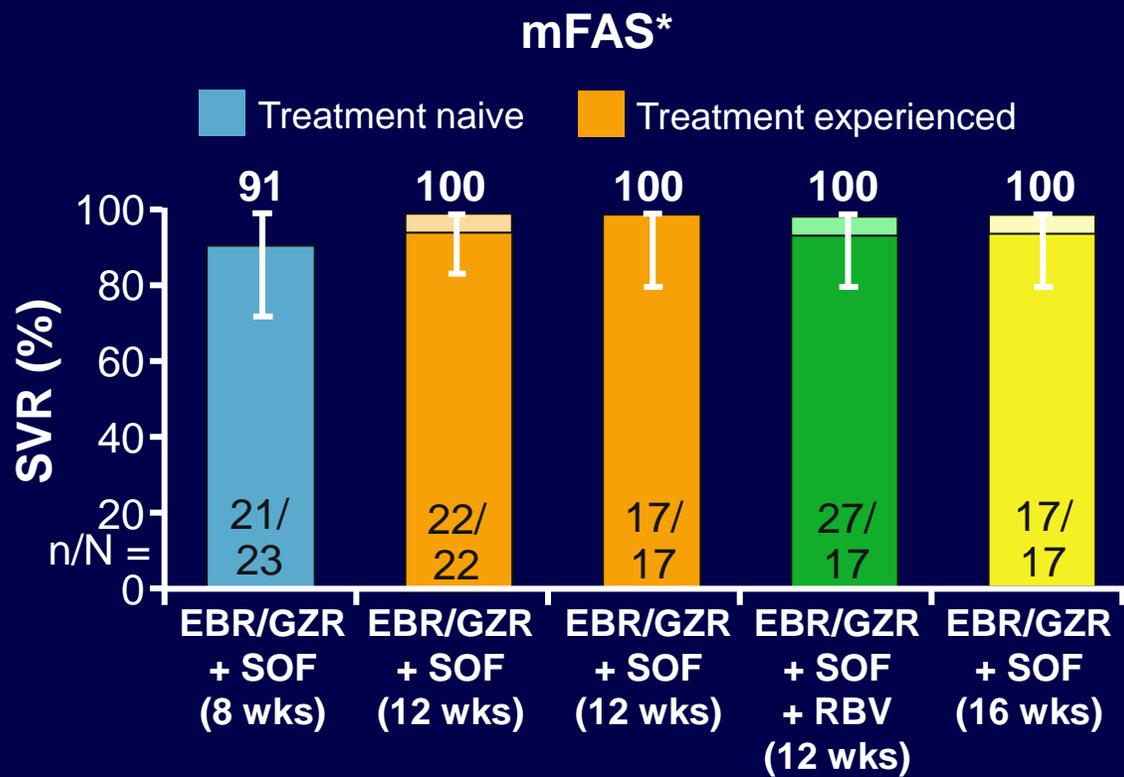


# C-ISLE: EBR/GZR + SOF ± RBV for GT3 HCV in Pts With Compensated Cirrhosis

- Randomized, open-label phase II trial for pts with GT3 HCV infection and compensated cirrhosis; treatment experience included pegIFN/RBV

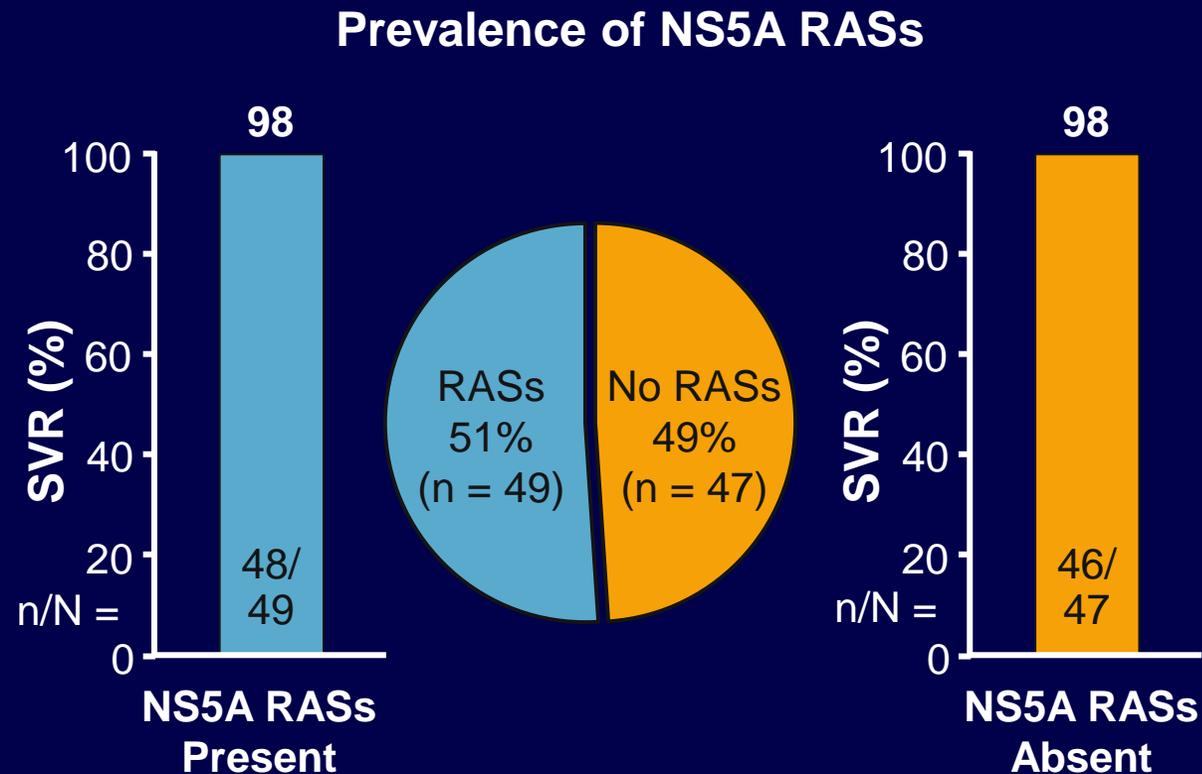


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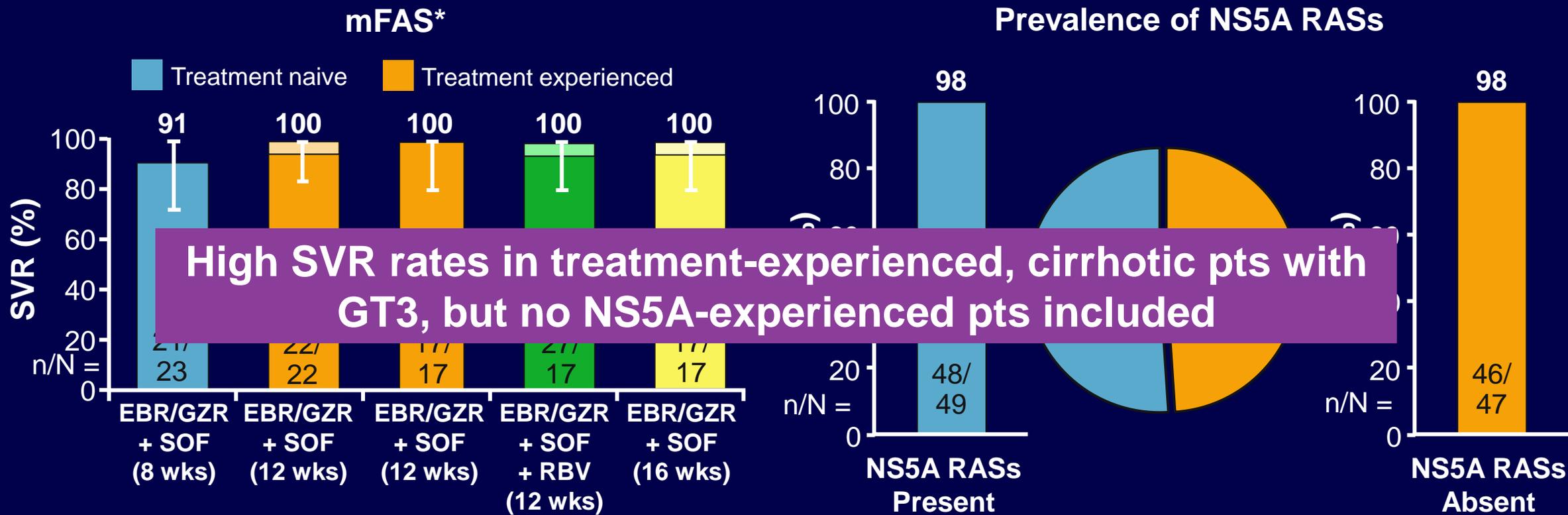


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