

VII CURSO  
AVANCES EN INFECCIÓN VIH Y HEPATITIS VIRALES

REGIMENES TERAPÉUTICOS DE LA HEPATITIS C,  
INTERFERÓN FREE

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## Problems associated with current triple therapy

- Phase III clinical trials have shown that  $\cong$  25-35% of G1 treatment-naïve patients and 50-60% patients who failed a previous treatment do not achieve SVR.
- New regimens are needed to cure these patients
  - Better tolerability
  - Reduced adverse events
  - Lower number of pills and dosages
  - With efficacy in difficult-to-treat populations

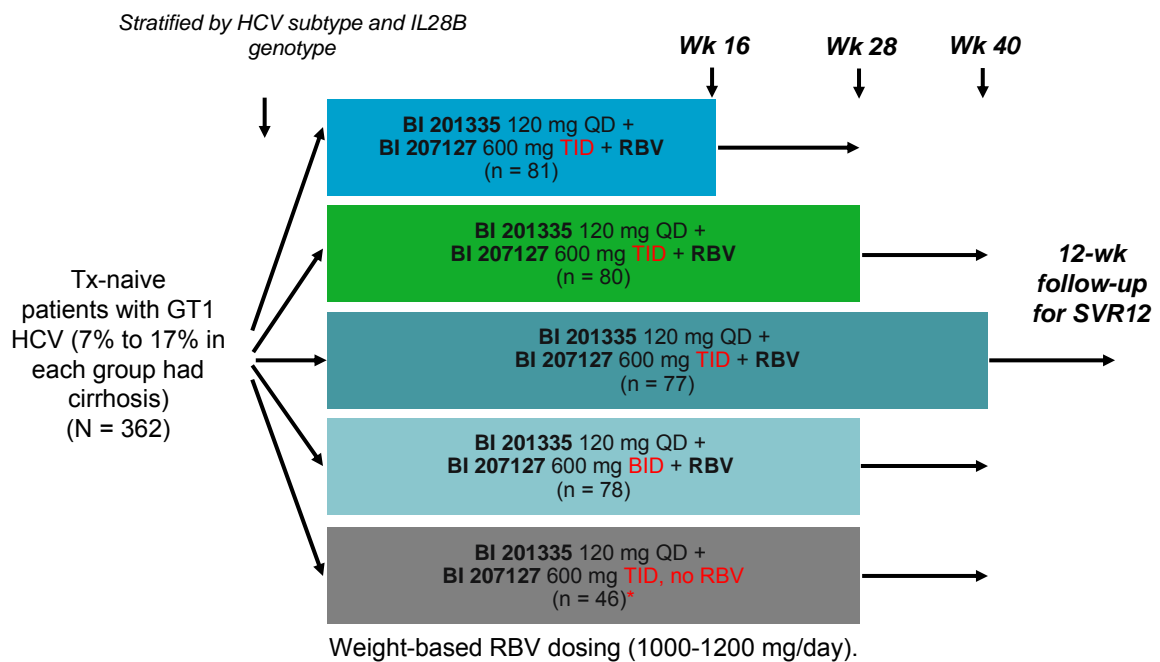
## Difficulties with new drug development

- 2<sup>a</sup> generation PIs may have cross-resistance with mutations observed in TPV or BOC.
- Diminished efficacy of the first generation PIs and other drugs in:  
HIV, Genotype 1a, Blacks, IL28B non-CC, Cirrhotics
- Side effects of ribavirin are attenuated when taken without IFN but still remain a problem. Ribavirin is needed as part of some oral regimens.
- Late viral relapse reported
- Convenience
- Unexpected side effects → suspension of some drugs in development
- Costs

## IFN-free clinical trials

SOUND C2	- Faldaprevir + BI 207127 ± RBV
	- Daclatasvir + Sofosbuvir ± RBV
ELECTRON	- Sofosbuvir ± RBV
	- Sofosbuvir + GS 5885 + RBV
NIH SPARE	- Sofosbuvir + RBV
CO-PILOT	- ABT-450/r + ABT-333 + RBV
PILOT	- ABT-450/r + ABT-072 + RBV
AVIATOR	- ABT-450/r + ABT-267 + ABT-333 + RBV
	- Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir + BMS 791325
	- Daclatasvir + Asunaprevir

## SOUND-C2: BI 201335 (Faldaprevir) + BI 207127(NNI) ± RBV inTx-Naive GT1 Patients – phase 2b

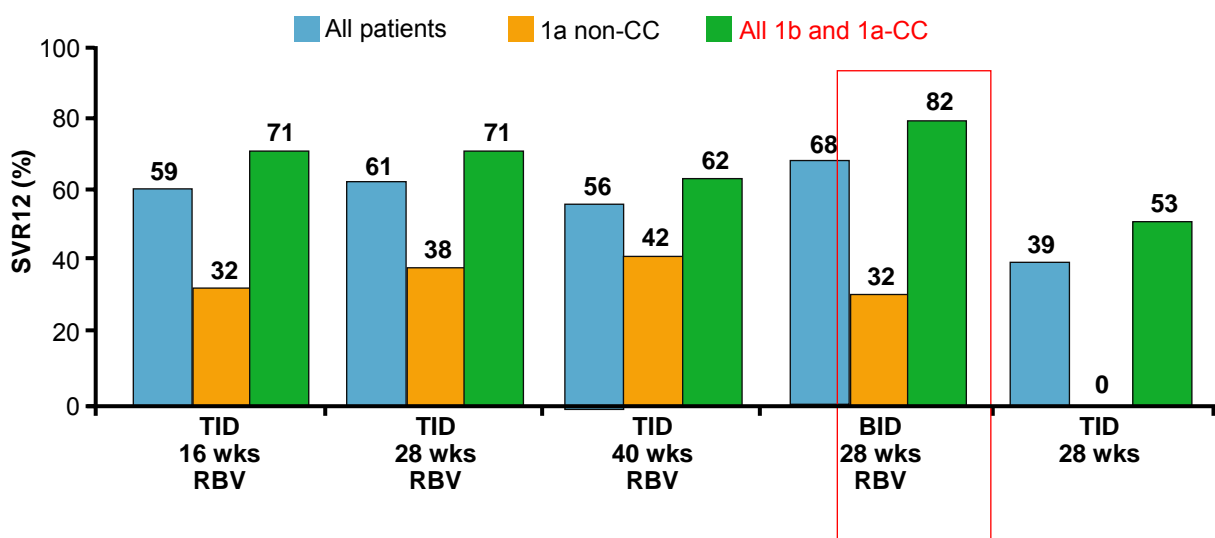


Zeuzem S, et al. EASL 2012.  
Abstract 101.

\*Randomization to this arm stopped early due to FDA concerns regarding lack of RBV.

# SOUND-C2: Efficacy According to Study Arm, HCV Subgenotype, and *IL28B*

SVR12 According to *IL28B* and HCV Subtype (ITT)



Zeuzem S, et al. EASL 2012. Abstract 101.

## SOUND C-2

Ribavirin was necessary to achieve high SVR rates

One relapse after SVR12

Combination relatively well tolerated particularly in arm with BI 207127 BID

Adverse events (most frequent): GI, skin reactions, hiperbilirubinemia

### Other outcomes:

Pts with compensated cirrhosis

SVR12 – 43 to 50% in genotype 1a

57 to 80% in genotype 1b

# DCV+GS-7977±RBV

Phase 2a

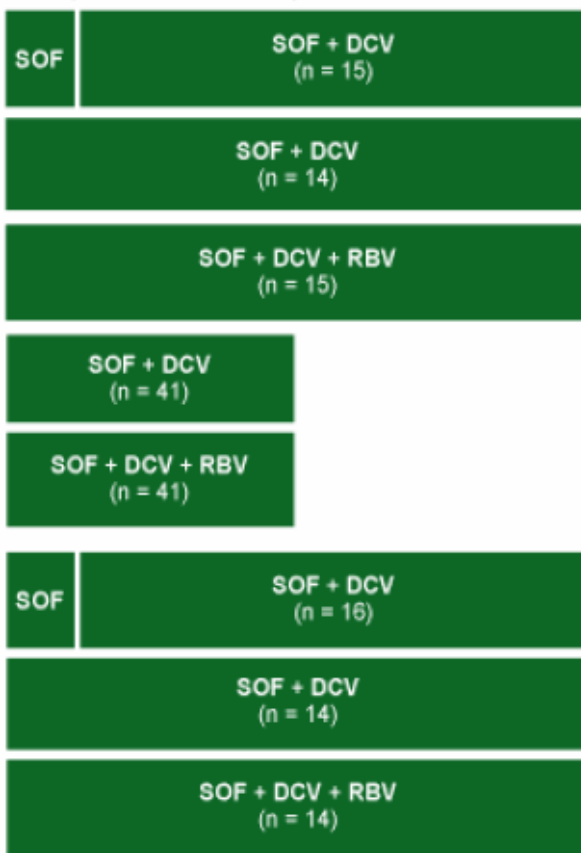
Treatment-naive noncirrhotic patients chronically infected with genotype 1 HCV (N = 126)

Treatment-naive noncirrhotic patients chronically infected with genotype 2 or 3 HCV (N = 44)

Wk 1

Wk 12

Wk 24

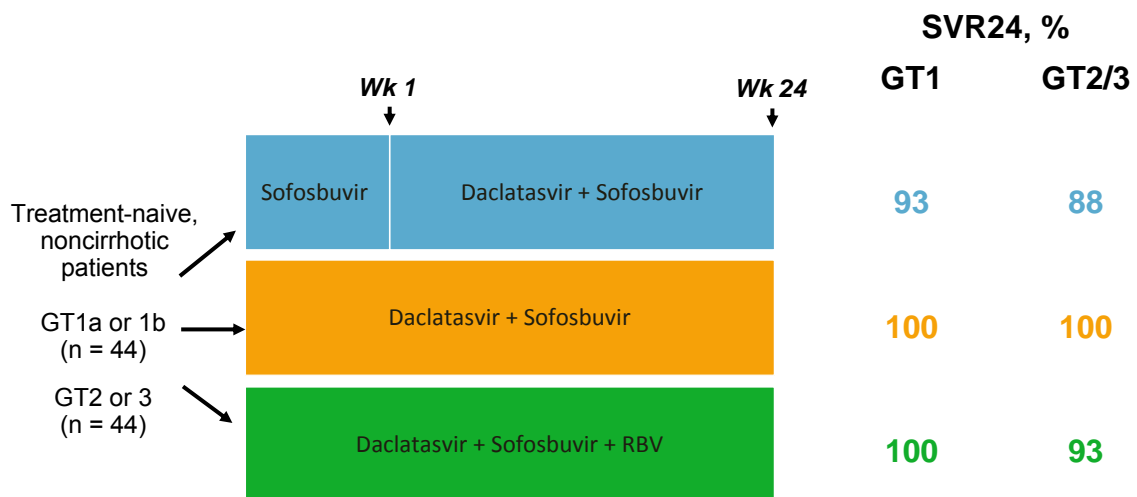


All patients followed for 48 wks posttreatment



## Daclatasvir Plus Sofosbuvir ± RBV in Treatment-Naive GT1 or 2/3 Patients

◆ No impact of RBV on viral response



Sofosbuvir dosed 400 mg QD. Daclatasvir dosed 60 mg QD. RBV dosed by body weight for GT1 patients (1000-1200 mg/day); 800 mg/day for GT2/3 patients.

Sulkowski MS, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract LB-2.

## Daclatasvir (NS5A) + Sofosbuvir (GS-7977) ± RBV

High sustained virologic response rates in non-cirrhotics treatment-naive pts.

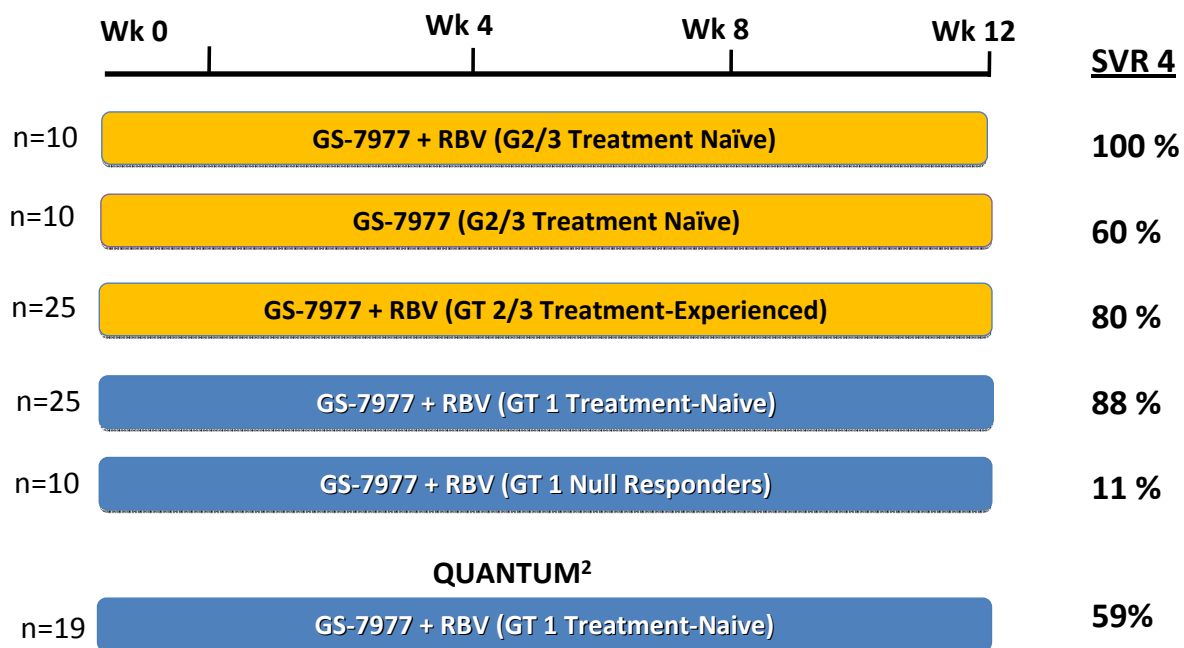
Ribavirin didn't influence the response

Low discontinuation

AEs: fatigue, headache, nausea

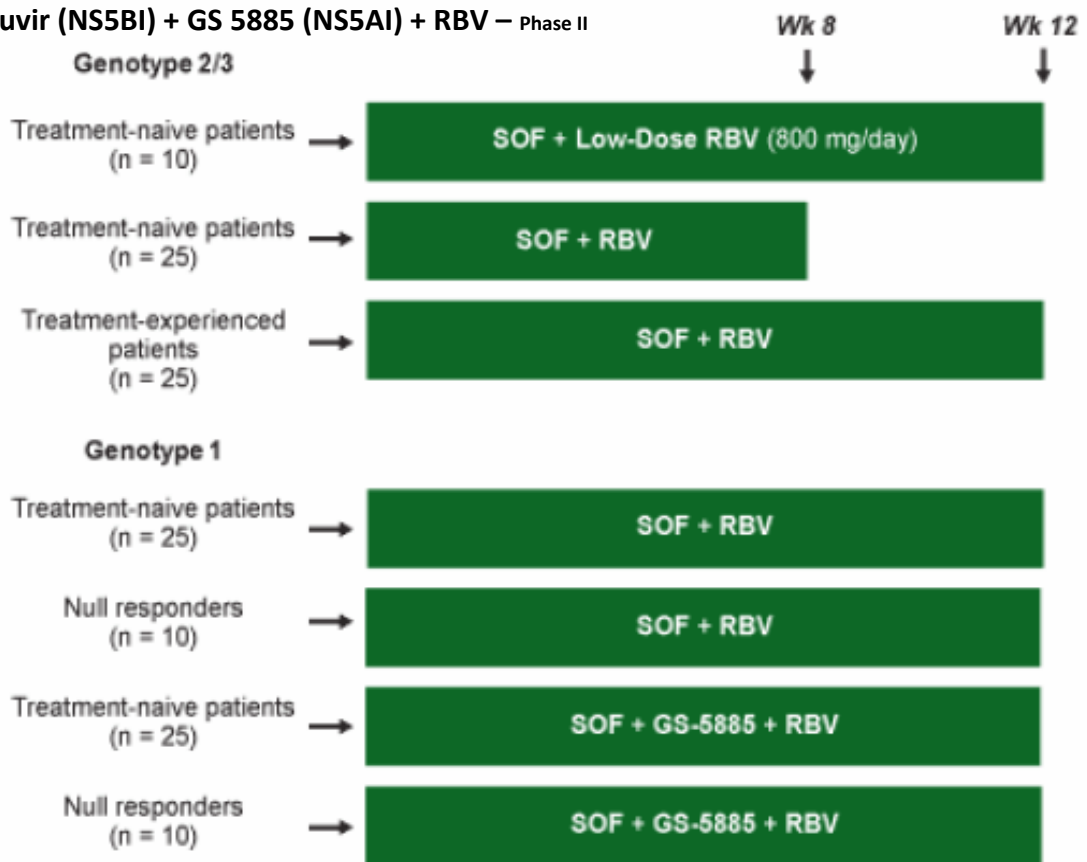
**No difference across all arms between gen 1a or 1b and between CC or non-CC**

## Electron<sup>1</sup> : IFN-free arms Impact of Ribavirin and IFN-responsiveness



1. Gane E, et al. AASLD 2011 and EASL2012; 2. Gilead press release April 2012

**Sofosbuvir (NS5BI) + GS 5885 (NS5AI) + RBV – Phase II**



SOF, sofosbuvir.

## Sofosbuvir (NS5BI) + GS 5885 (NS5AI) + RBV

HCV RNA < 15 UI/mL	SOF + RBV		SOF + GS-5885 + RBV	
	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 10)	Treatment naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 9)
Week 1	8/25 (32)	1/10 (10)	11/25 (44)	0/9 (0)
Week 2	17/25 (68)	7/10 (70)	22/25 (88)	4/9 (44)
Week 4	25/25 (100)	10/10 (100)	25/25 (100)	8/9 (89)
EOT	25/25 (100)	10/10 (100)	25/25 (100)	9/9 (100)
SVR4	22/25 (88)	1/10 (10)	25/25 (100)	9/9 (100)
SVR12	21/25 (84)	1/10 (10)	--	--

Gane et al. AASLD 2012 Press Release, 7  
January 2013, [gilead.com](http://gilead.com).

## Sofosbuvir (NS5BI) + GS 5885 (NS5AI) + RBV – Phase II

<i>Safety Outcome, %</i>	<i>Genotype 1 Treatment-Naive Patients</i>		<i>Genotype 1 Previous Null Responders</i>	
	<i>SOF + RBV (n = 25)</i>	<i>SOF + GS-5885 + RBV (n = 25)</i>	<i>SOF + RBV (n = 10)</i>	<i>SOF + GS-5885 + RBV (n = 9)</i>
Serious adverse events	4	8	0	0
Adverse event leading to treatment discontinuation	0	4*	0	0
Adverse events ≥ grade 2	40	48	30	22
• Anemia	0	20	10	0
• Headache	4	4	0	0
• Depression	0	8	10	0
• Ligament sprain	4	0	10	0

\*Not considered treatment related.

## **Sofosbuvir (NS5BI) + RBV – Phase II**

### **Outcomes in Genotypes 2 and 3**

- Among treatment-naive genotype 2/3 patients receiving sofosbuvir plus RBV, SVR rates lower than previously reported when treatment shortened to 8 weeks or when low-dose RBV used
  - SVR8 of 60% with low-dose RBV regimen
  - SVR12 of 64% with 8-week regimen
- Among treatment-experienced genotype 2/3 patients receiving sofosbuvir plus RBV, SVR rates lower than previously reported for treatment-naive genotype 2/3 patients receiving 12 weeks of therapy
  - SVR12 of 68% with 12-week regimen

## NIH SPARE: Interim Data on Sofosbuvir and RBV in Difficult-to-Treat GT1 Patients – Phase II

- Patients with poor prognostic indicators: GT1a (70%), male (63%), black (83%), *IL28B* CT/TT (80%), advanced liver disease (22%)
- Median BMI: 28; median HCV RNA: 6.4 logs

		Viral Response, %		
		EOT	SVR4	SVR12
<b>Part 1 (early-stage fibrosis)</b>	Wk 24 ↓			
Sofosbuvir + RBV 1000/1200 mg (n = 10)		<b>90*</b>	<b>90*</b>	<b>90*</b>
<b>Part 2 (all stages of fibrosis)</b>				
Sofosbuvir + RBV 600 mg (n = 25)		<b>88†</b>	<b>56†</b>	
Sofosbuvir + RBV 1000/1200 mg (n = 25)		<b>96*</b>	<b>72*</b>	

\*1 dropout at Wk 3.  
†3 dropouts by Wk 8.

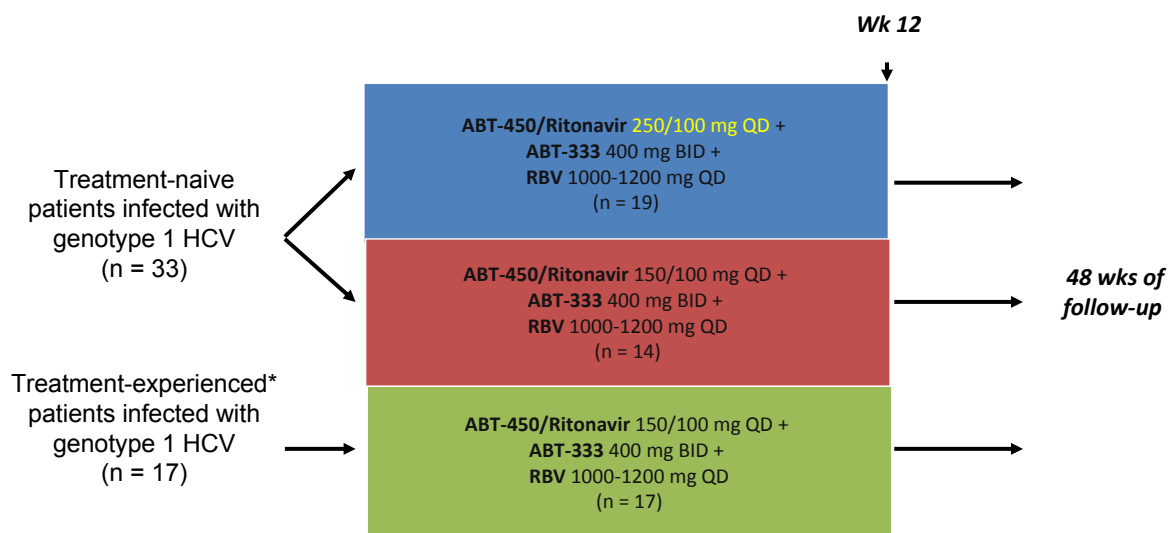
Trend to relapse: high VL, advanced fibrosis, low dose ribavirin

Osinusi A, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract LB-4.



## Co-Pilot: 12-Wk ABT-450/r (PI) + ABT-333 (NNI) + RBV in Tx-Naive and Tx-Experienced GT1 Patients

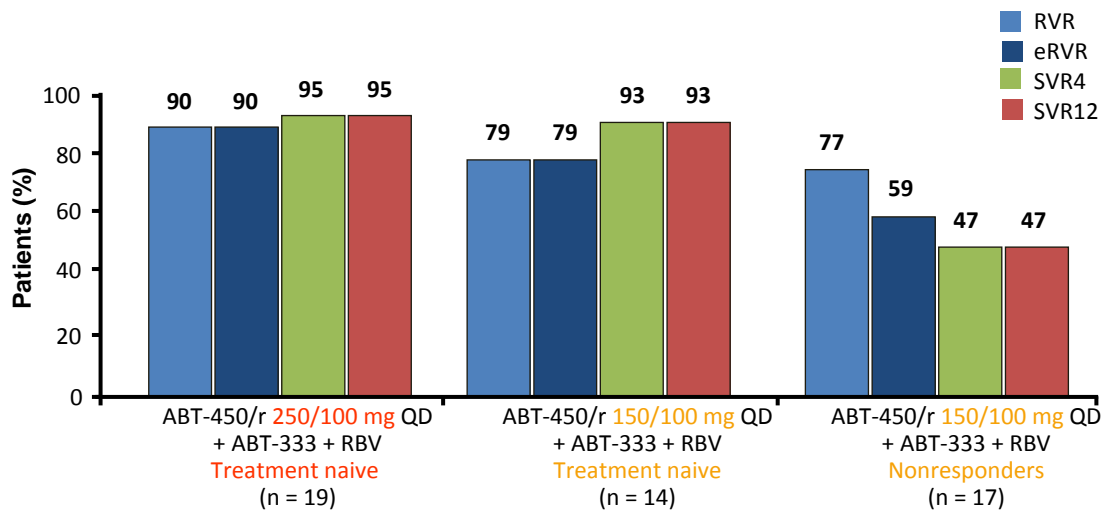
Interim analysis of nonrandomized, prospective, open-label phase II trial



\*Previous null response (< 2 log<sub>10</sub> decrease in HCV RNA by Wk 12) or partial response (HCV RNA above limit of detection during treatment)

# Co-Pilot: Virologic Outcomes

- SVR12 in 94% of treatment-naïve and 47% of treatment-experienced patients
  - Responses independent of *IL28B* genotype



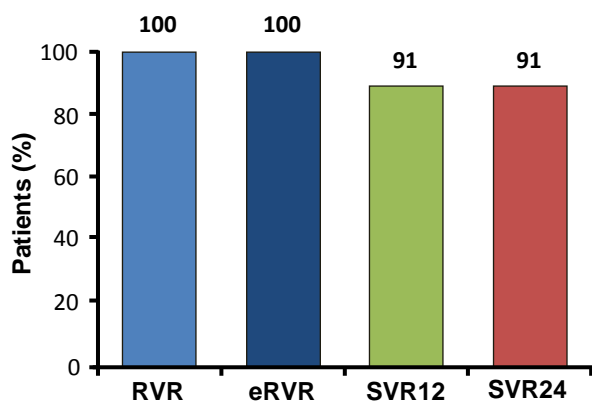
## Co-Pilot: Safety Outcomes

- **Most notable laboratory abnormalities: increased bilirubin and creatinine**
  - Hyperbilirubinemia consistent with known effect of ABT-450 on OATP1B1 bilirubin transporter
  - Both cases of increased creatinine resolved without ABT-450 or ABT-333 dose adjustment

Laboratory Abnormalities of Interest, %	Tx Naive, ABT-450/r 250/100 mg + ABT-333 + RBV (n = 19)	Tx Naive, ABT-450/r 150/100 mg + ABT-333 + RBV (n = 14)	Tx Experienced, ABT-450/r 150/100 mg + ABT-333 + RBV (n = 17)
Total bilirubin $\geq 2 \times$ ULN	15.8	21.4	0
Creatinine $\geq 1.5$ ULN*	10.5	0	0
CrCl $< 50$ mL/min*	10.5	0	0
ALT $\geq 5 \times$ ULN	5.3	0	0

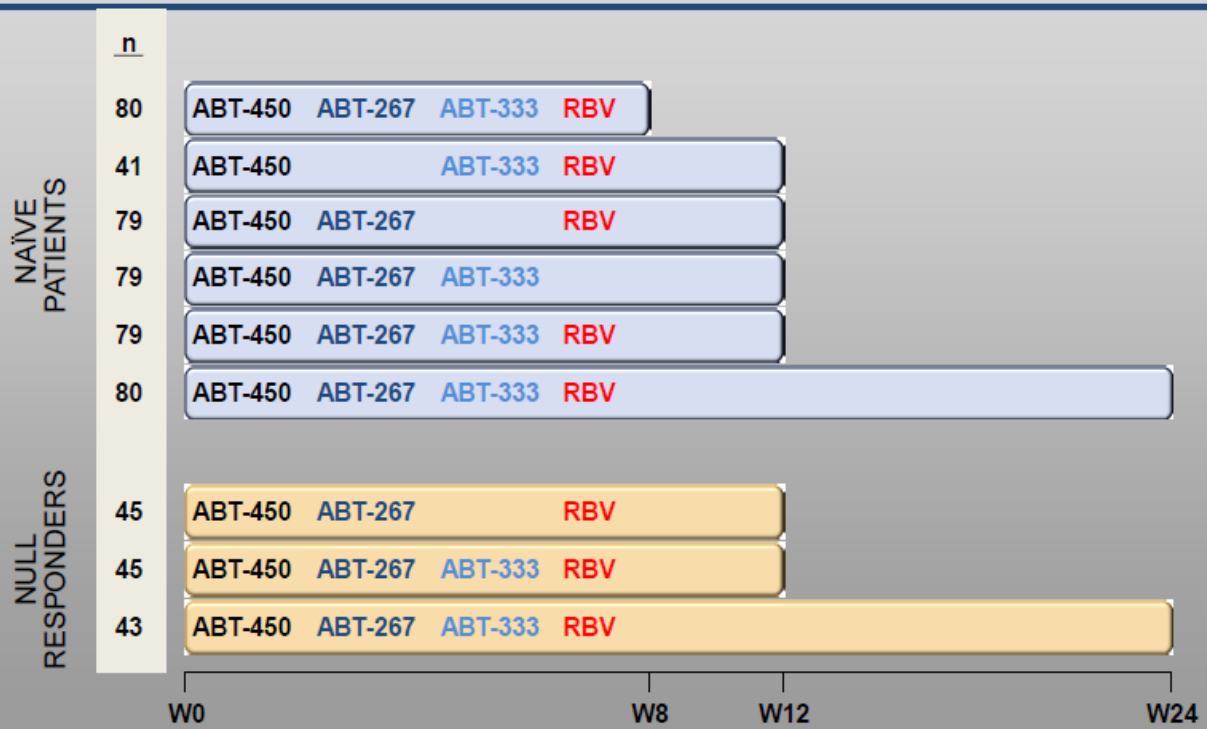
## Pilot: ABT-450/r + ABT-072 (NNI) + RBV in Treatment-Naive GT1 HCV, IL28B CC Pts

- Single-arm, open-label, pilot study: ABT-450/r 150/100 mg QD + ABT-072 400 mg QD + weight-based RBV 1000-1200 mg/day for 12 wks
- 100% of pts achieved primary endpoint of eRVR; 91% went on to SVR12 and SVR24

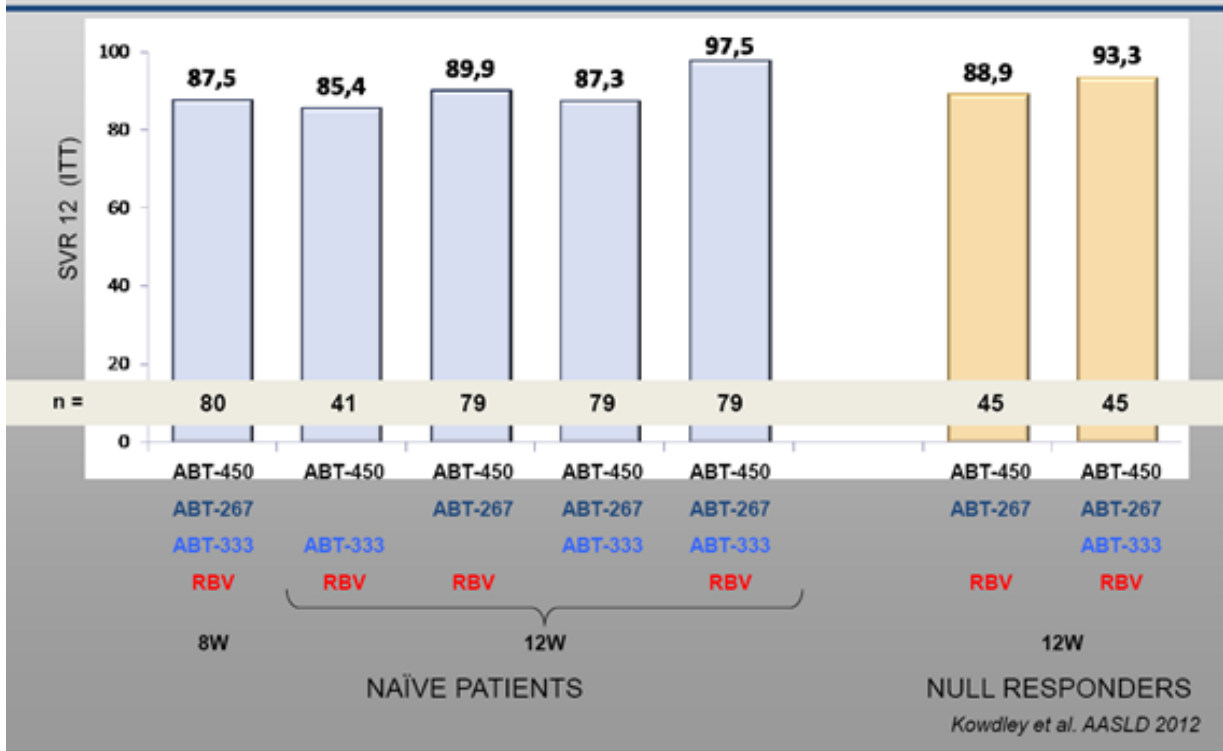


- 2 relapses posttherapy
  - 1 at posttreatment Wk 12; resistance variant observed only in protease
    - D168V variant observed in 36% of clones sequenced
  - 1 late relapse at posttreatment Wk 36; resistance variant observed only in polymerase
    - Y448H variant observed in 99% of clones sequenced

**ABT-450/r (PI) +/- ABT-333 (NS5AI) +/- ABT-267 (NS5BI) +/- RBV  
(Abbott)**



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(Abbott)**



## AVIATOR: Results by HCV-1 subgenotype

SVR12, %	Treatment-Naive Patients				Null Responders		
	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT- 333 + RBV for 8 wks (n = 80)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 41)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 79)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT-333 for 12 wks (n = 79)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 79)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 45)</i>	<i>ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 45)</i>
	ITT analysis	87.5	85.4	89.9	87.3	97.5	88.9
• Genotype 1a	84	79	85	83	96	81	89
• Genotype 1b	96	100	100	96	100	100	100
Observed-data analysis	88.6	87.5	92.2	92.0	98.7	88.9	93.3
• Genotype 1a	86	82	88	88	98	81	89
• Genotype 1b	96	100	100	100	100	100	100

## AVIATOR: Results by IL28B genotype

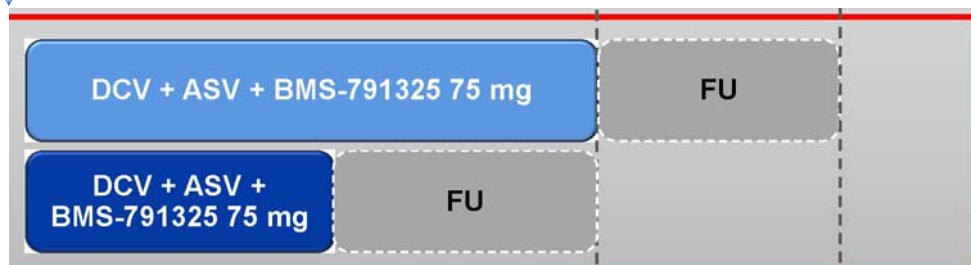
SVR12 According to IL28B Genotype (ITT Analysis), %	Treatment-Naive Patients				Null Responders		
	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT- 333 + RBV for 8 wks (n = 80)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 41)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 79)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT-333 for 12 wks (n = 79)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT-333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 79)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 45)	ABT-450/ Ritonavir + ABT-267 + ABT- 333 + RBV for 12 wks (n = 45)
CC	96	86	100	87	100	100	100
Non-CC	85	85	86	88	97	89	93



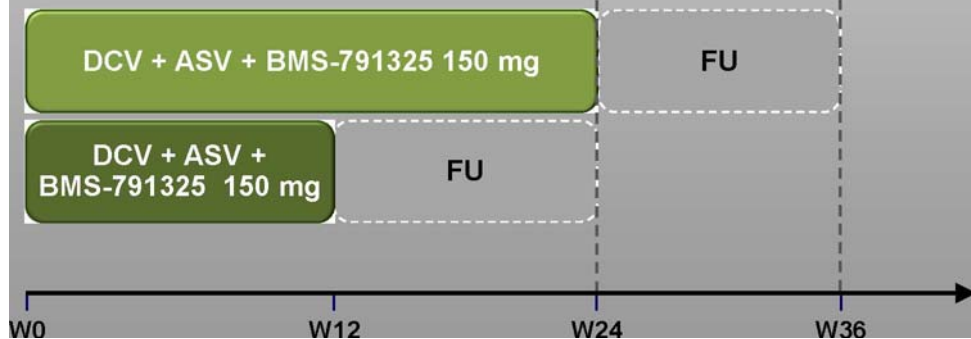
# Daclatasvir (NS5AI), Asunaprevir (PI), and BMS-791325 (NNI) in treatment-naïve genotype 1 (Phase II a)

Stratified by HCV genotype  
1a vs 1b

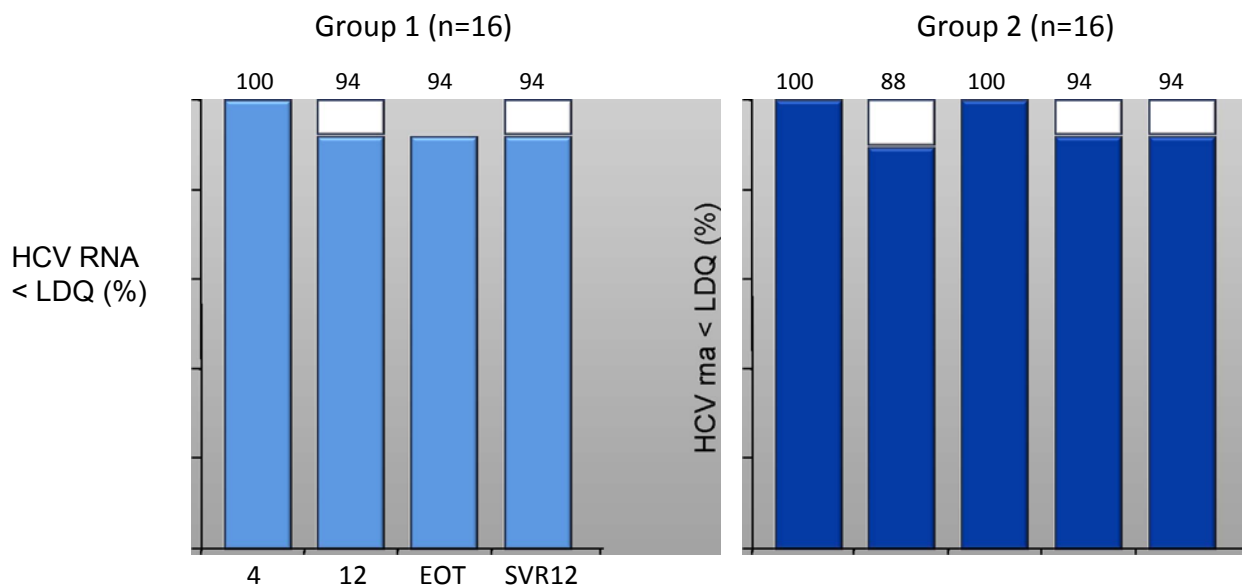
Part 1:  
Treatment-naïve  
noncirrhotic pts  
with genotype 1  
(n=32)



Part 2:  
Treatment-naïve  
noncirrhotic pts  
with genotype 1



## Daclatasvir (NS5AI), Asunaprevir (PI), and BMS-791325 (NNI) in treatment-naïve genotype 1 pts



### Conclusions:

SVR12 – 94% with 12 or 24 weeks of treatment

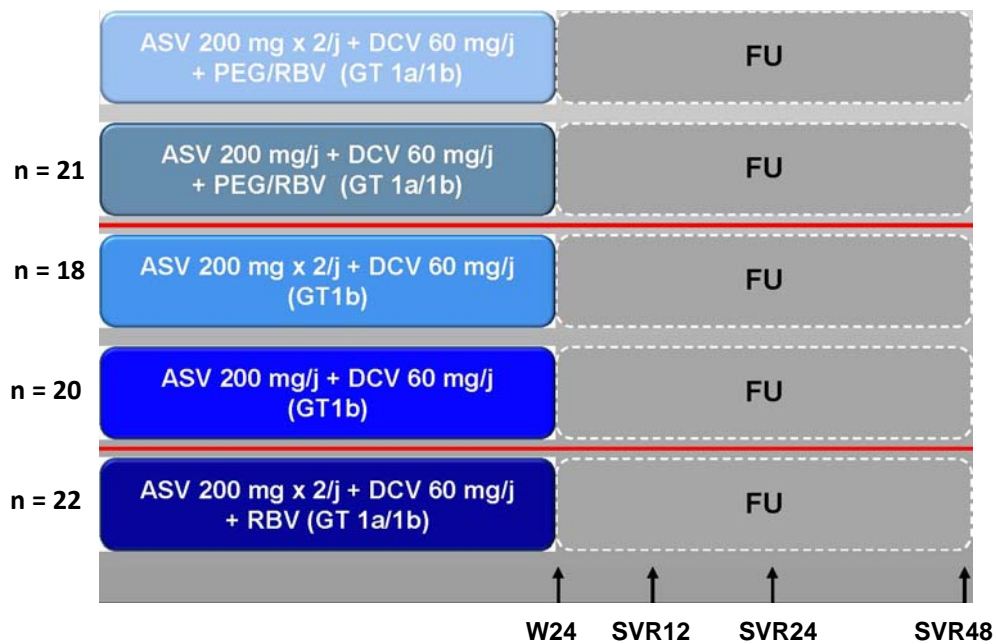
High rates of response in difficult-to-treat populations, including genotype 1a and IL28B non-CC

Part 2 – results not available

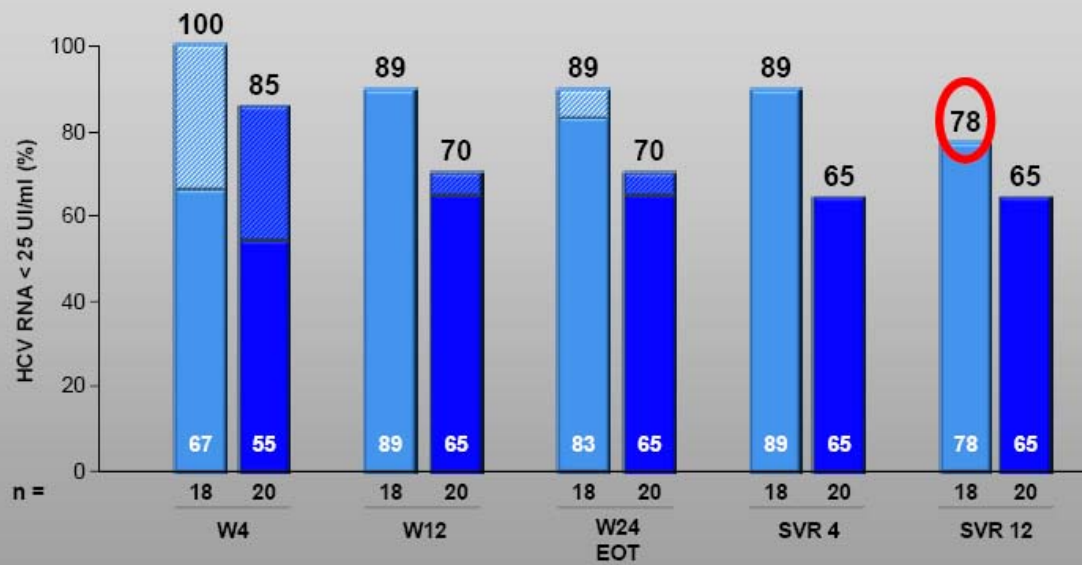
*Everson GT, et al. AASLD 2012, LB3*

## Asunaprevir (PI) + Daclatasvir (NS5AI)

A1 and A2: G1b Null responders, without cirrhosis

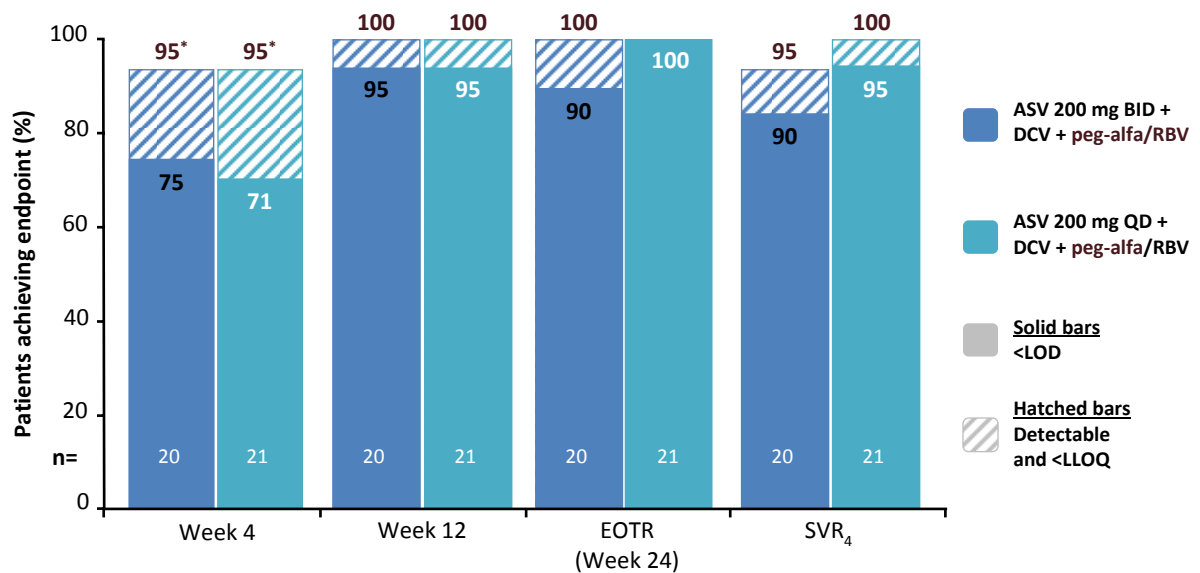


## Asunaprevir (PI) + daclastavir (NS5AI) (BMS)



# Quad therapy with DCV + ASV + PR

## Virological response rates

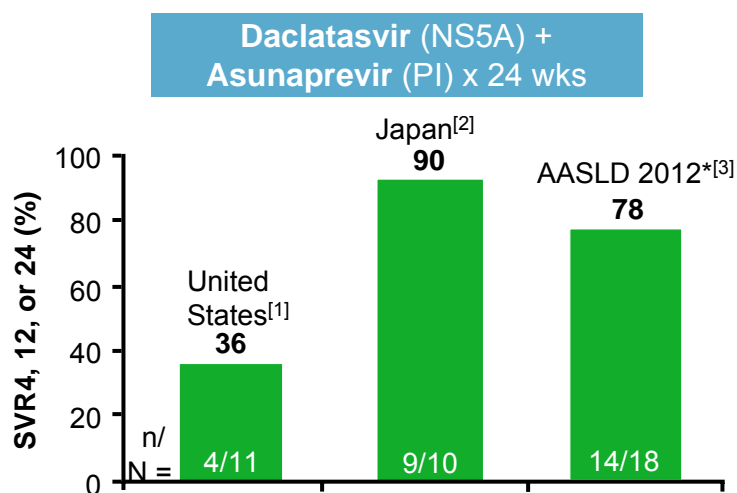


\*1 patient with missing HCV-RNA measurement

- ASV=asunaprevir; DCV=daclatasvir; EOTR=end-of-treatment response; LOD=lower limit of detection (~10 IU/mL); LLOQ=lower limit of quantitation (25 IU/mL); peg-alfa=pegylated interferon alfa-2a; RBV=ribavirin; SVR=sustained virological response

Adapted from Lok A, et al. EASL 2012. LB-1415.

## Previous Null Responders: IFN Free



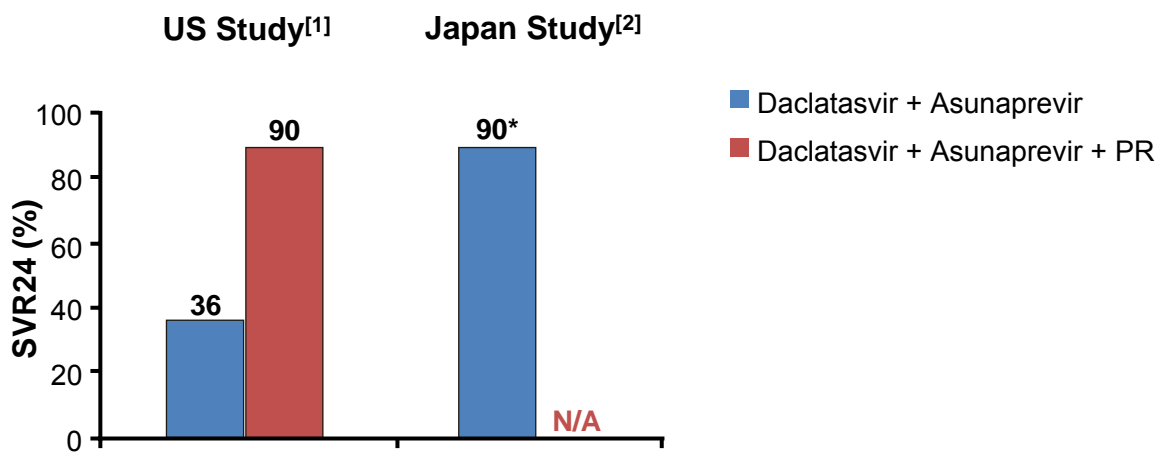
- First IFN-free SVRs in null responders
- Likely adequate for GT1b but not for GT1a
- No data in cirrhotics

\*Includes only asunaprevir BID dosing arm.

1. Lok AS, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:216-224. 2. Chayama K, et al. AASLD 2011. Abstract LB-4.  
3. Lok AS, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 79.

## Combination Therapy for Null Responders

- Daclatasvir (BMS-790052) QD (NS5A inhibitor) + asunaprevir (BMS-650032) BID (NS3 protease inhibitor) ± pegIFN/RBV for 24 wks



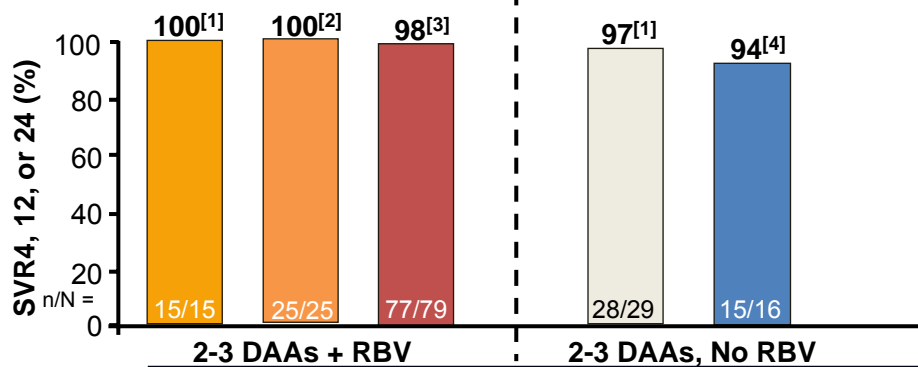
*\*all genotype 1b patients.*

1. Lok A, et al. EASL 2011. Abstract 1356.
2. Chayama K, et al. AASLD 2011. Abstract LB-4.

Adapted from CCO

## Potent IFN-Free DAA Regimens in Treatment-Naive Genotype 1

- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + daclatasvir (NS5A) + RBV x 24 wks
- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + GS-5885 (NS5A) + RBV x 12 wks
- ABT-450/r (PI) + ABT-333 (NNI) + ABT-267 (NS5A) + RBV x 12 wks
- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + daclatasvir (NS5A) x 24 wks
- Daclatasvir (NS5A) + asunaprevir (PI) + BMS 791325 (NNI) x 12 wks



■ Major caveats: small n, no/few patients with cirrhosis

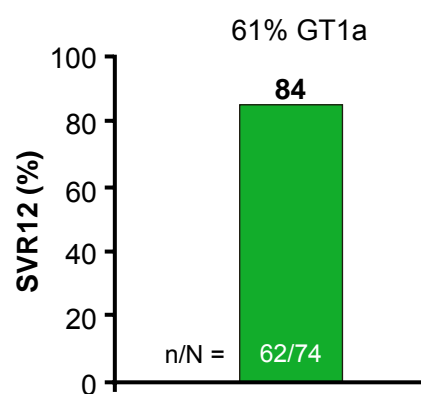
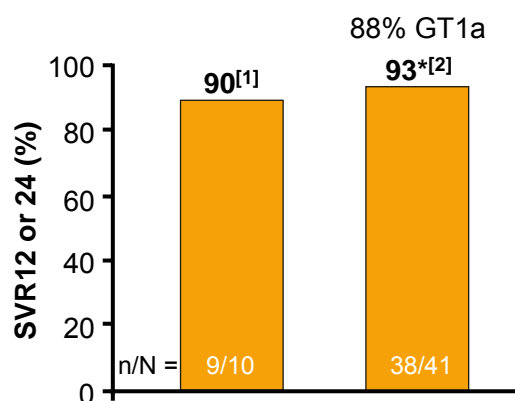
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## Previous Null Responders: Quad Therapy

Daclatasvir (NS5A) + Asunaprevir (PI)  
+ PegIFN/RBV x 24 wks (Quad)

Danoprevir/r (PI) + Mericitabine (Nuc)  
+ PegIFN/RBV x 24 wks (Quad)<sup>[3]</sup>



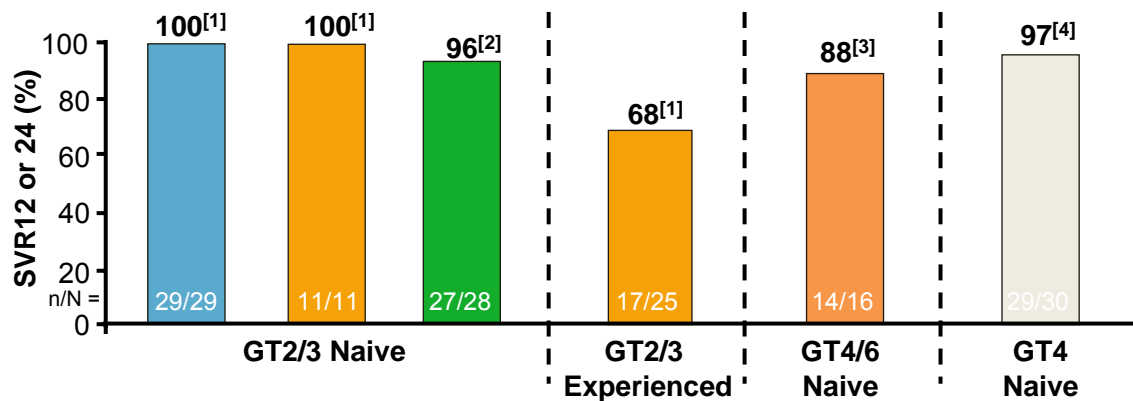
\*Asunaprevir QD and BID combined.

- **Quad therapy may be a good option for null responders**
- **Well tolerated BUT cirrhotics excluded**

1. Lok AS, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:216-224. 2. Lok AS, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 79.  
3. Feld JJ, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 81.

## Non-GT1: Options Increasing

- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + RBV x 12 wks + pegIFN x 4-12 wks
- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + RBV + pegIFN x 24 wks
- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + RBV x 12 wks
- Danoprevir (PI)/ritonavir + pegIFN + RBV x 12-24 wks
- Sofosbuvir (Nuc) + Daclatasvir (NS5A) ± RBV x 24 wks



■ Major caveat: no patients with cirrhosis included

1. Gane EJ, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 229. 2. Sulkowski M, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract LB-2. 3. Hassanein T, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 230. 4. Hezode C, et al. AASLD 2012. Abstract 760.

## CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Several IFN-free ongoing trials with promising results
- ✓ Combinations with good efficacy in GT1 patients
- ✓ Some of the new drugs are also active against HCV G2 and G3
- ✓ Some trials proved that we can make combinations to improve results in difficult-to-treat patients:  
HIV/HCV, blacks, G1a, cirrhotics, null responders
- ✓ The majority of the new drugs can be administered once or twice daily
- ✓ RBV must be used in some associations but, in many trials, the drug has no effect on SVR