

# Retreatment of DAA failures: An issue but for how long?

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# What we won't talk about and why...

- Interferon treatment failures
  - Retreatment options are well defined and efficacious
- DAA + interferon failures
  - Well represented (PI + Peg/RBV failures) in DAA trials
  - DAA regimens efficacious in this setting
- Impact of RASs in non-DAA exposed patients (baseline RASs)

# Case 1: GJ

- 57 AA male HIV and HCV GT1a
  - Cirrhosis F5/6 (bx 3/14); no h/o decompensation
  - U/S negative 7/16; EGD w/o varices (2014)
  - Null responder to PEG/ RBV
  - Relapse after 12 weeks SOF + DCV (clinical trial)
    - No RBV
    - HCV RNA UD at week 4; relapse at SVR4 time point (250,000 IU/mL)
- HIV well controlled on DTG/ABC/3TC
- PMH
  - DMII; HTN
  - HBV and HAV immune

# Case 1: Labs (OCT 2016)

- Chemistry:
  - Cr. 1.3; AST/ALT 39/25; TB 0.5; ALB 4.1
- CBC:
  - Hg 14.3; plt 107; INR 1.1
- HCV RNA: 3,457,502 IU/mL
- APRI = 0.91; Fib 4 = 4.16
- CD4: 509 (33%)
- HIV RNA: 25 (<20 on 7/19/16)

Additional test?      What are his re-treatment options?

# Considerations for Pts Who Failed a DAA-Based Regimen

1. Was initial therapy suboptimal (or submaximal)?
  - IFN + DAA vs DAA failure
  - Duration and RBV use
2. Stage of liver disease/host characteristics
3. Indications of other problems
  - Adherence?
  - Significant drug interactions?
4. What does the drug resistance profile look like?
  - What medication classes were used in the failing therapy?

# Key HCV Resistance Concepts

1. HCV resistance associated substitutions (RASs) can be present without drug exposure
2. HCV RASs impacts treatment responses in specific situation
3. HCV is resistance is NOT absolute
4. Patient characteristics are just (if not more) important than RASs
5. Future regimens appear to obviate the need for most resistance testing
  - More from Professor Esteban

# Resistance Characteristics of HCV Antiviral Classes

Class	Antiviral Potency	Genotype Activity	Resistance Barrier	FDA Approvals
NS3 Protease Inhibitors	+++ to ++++	1, 4 (± 2, 3, 6)	Low to High ↓	<b>Simeprevir (2013)</b> <b>Paritaprevir (2014)</b> <b>Grazoprevir (2016)</b> Voxilaprevir (2017)* Glecaprevir (2017)*
NS5B Nucleotide	++++	1-6	Very High	<b>Sofosbuvir (2013)</b>
NS5B Nonnucleoside	++	1	Low	<b>Dasabuvir (2014)</b>
NS5A Inhibitors	++++	1, 4, 6 (± 2, 3)	Low To High ↓	<b>Ledipasvir (2014)</b> <b>Daclatasvir (2015)</b> <b>Ombitasvir (2014)</b> <b>Elbasvir (2016)</b> <b>Velpatasvir (2016)</b> Pibrentasvir (2017)*

\*patented US FDA approvals

# Resistance Testing Approaches

- Ultra-deep (or next-generation sequencing [NGS]) vs population (Sanger) sequencing
- What is broadly available:
  1. HCV NS5A drug resistance assay (LabCorp/Monogram Biosciences)
    - NGS with 10% detection level reported
  2. Hepatitis C viral RNA genotype 1/3 NS3/NS5 drug resistance assays (Quest Diagnostics)
    - RT-PCR with DNA sequencing
- Both assays now available for GT1 and GT3 HCV
  - GT1 assays are subtype specific

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



# Examples: NS5A Resistance Genotyping

	Drug		HCV GenoSure®		Assessment	Comments
	Generic Name	Brand/Regimen	Region	Drug Resistance Associated Variants* Detected	Drug	
NS5A	Daclatasvir		NS5A	M28V	DCV	Resistance Possible
	Elbasvir		NS5A	M28V	EBR	Resistance Possible
	Ledipasvir		NS5A	M28V	LDV	Resistance Possible
	Ombitasvir		NS5A	M28V	OBV	Resistance Possible

### Important Definitions

- **Resistance Possible** - Resistance Associated Variants (RAVs) detected that (a) represent naturally-occurring polymorphisms or treatment-emergent variants associated with reductions in sustained virologic response (SVR) rates, (b) emerge during direct-acting antiviral (DAA)-treatment or relapse, and/or (c) may confer reductions in susceptibility based on *in vitro* data. Refer to prescribing information for specific details regarding the impact of these variants on treatment response in defined patient populations and when administered in combination with other antiviral agents.
- **None/Undetermined** - None; no RAVs detected. Undetermined: variants detected that have a subtle or uncertain impact on DAA-treatment responses.

**Notes:**

- All mutations are reported relative to the HCV genotype/subtype specific reference H77
- Assessment of drug susceptibility is based on detected mutations and is interpreted using a rules-based algorithm (version 4)
- Naturally-occurring polymorphisms may impact the emergence of resistance, leading to failure of DAA combination therapy
- Naturally-occurring DAA resistance-associated polymorphisms identified at baseline may impact SVR if the treatment regimen, or adherence, is suboptimal. The impact of these polymorphisms may vary in treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced patients and with varying disease states (e.g. non-cirrhotic vs cirrhotic)
- Reduced susceptibility to any one component of a DAA-containing regimen may be overcome by the activity of the other components of the regimen and/or longer treatment duration
- Treatment emergent RAVs may persist for prolonged periods of time and may impact subsequent treatment regimens

Region	Genotype	Summary of All Variants Observed
NS5A	1a	M28V, F36L, K107T, D126D/E, S131T, I144V, E171D, E181D, M228V, A245T, E256A/T, D285D/E, P299A, A310T, R311P, V315I, V326L, T328A, K331R, T367L, L368I, S369S/P, S383P, I388V, N392D, T395S, P405S, V410A, L428L/F

Comments: NS5A RAVs at position(s) 28, 30, 31 or 93 DETECTED. If considering an NS5A inhibitor-containing regimen, please refer to the prescribing information, or current guidelines, to determine the appropriate treatment regimen and duration.

# Baseline versus selected RAVs

## Baseline

Single variants

Variable fold change

Variable prevalence in viral population

Any patient

## Selected

Multiple variants (w/ "linkage")

High fold change

High prevalence in viral population

"Difficult to treat" populations

# Why NS3 PI resistance is not a big deal

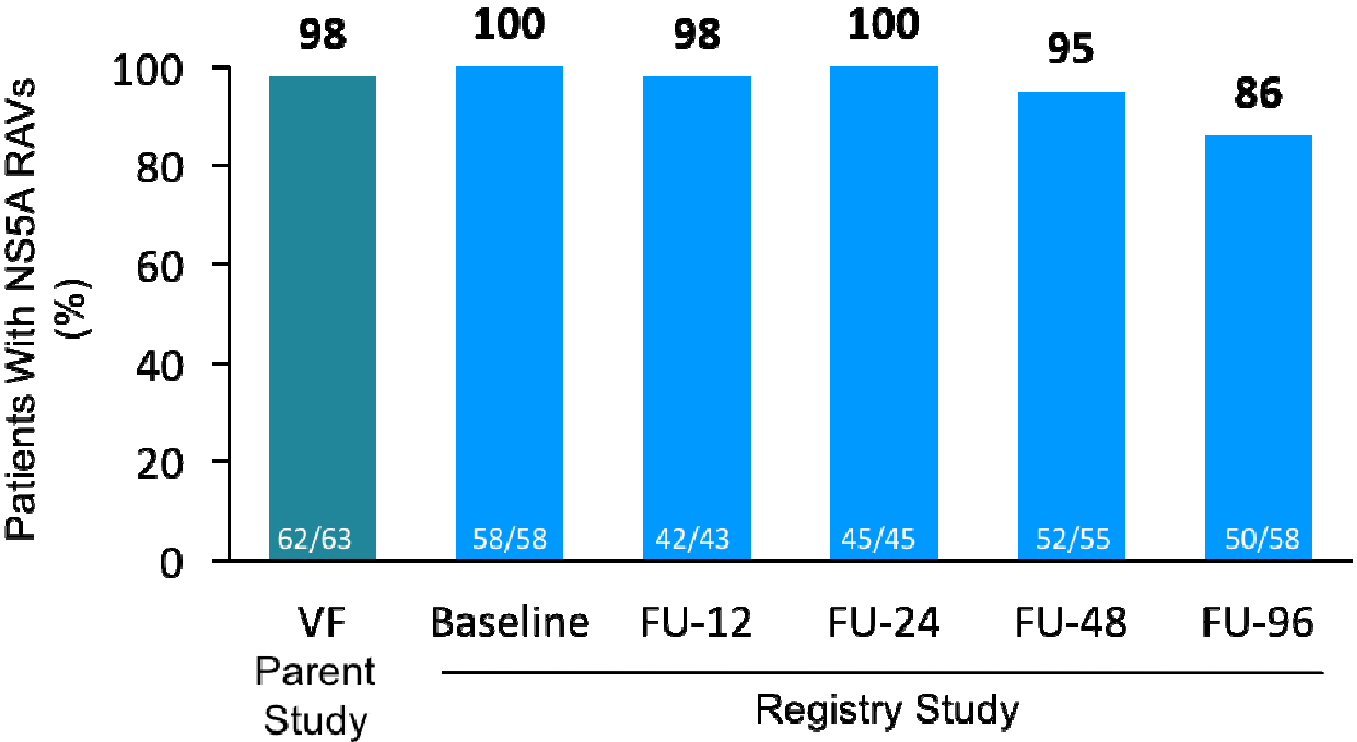
1. Baseline RASs are not a significant clinical issue
  - RASs at key PI positions (R155, A156, D168) are rare (<1%) without drug exposure
  - No evidence for impact of Q80K with *recommended* SOF+SMV regimens
2. After failure selected PI RASs are “lost” rather quickly
  - Do they still have an impact, even if no longer detectable?
3. Non-PI options are available for sequencing of treatment
  - Eliminates the issue of a persistent effect

# Rate of selection of NS5A resistance upon virologic failure

- Varies by regimen and duration
  - PI based
    - Vedoprevir + tegobuvir + LDV: >99%
    - GZR/EBR: 85%
    - 3D: 68%
  - Nucleotide based
    - SOF/LDV: 75%
      - 8 weeks: 65%
    - SOF/VEL: 93% (14/15; majority GT3 and with baseline RASs)
  - Nuc-based triple
    - SOF/5816/9857 ( $\leq 6$  weeks): 0% (n=15)
    - SOF + GZR/EBR ( $\leq 8$  weeks): 37% (n=30)

# Durability of Treatment-Emergent NS5A RAVs

- Study assessing NS5A RASs in pts failing LDV-containing regimens (non-SOF)



# Broad Cross-Resistance With “Early Generation” NS5A

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

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# When do the guidelines recommend RAS testing?

Definitely	Probably	Maybe
<p>All GT1a prior to EBR/GZR                      NS5A (EBR RASs)                      8#, Q30, L31, and Y93                      100% impacted                      Do not include M28V</p>	<p>Who: All GT1 DAA failure                      What: NS3 and NS5A</p>	<p>Who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GT1a treatment experienced</li> <li>• GT3 non-cirrhotic (SOF + DCV)</li> <li>• GT3 TE or cirrhosis (SOF/VEL)</li> </ul> <p>What: NS5A (LDV RAVS or GT3 Y93H)</p>
<p>Who:                      All GT1a                      Extend to 16 weeks <u>AND</u>                      Add RBV <u>OR</u>                      Consider other therapy</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select non-cross resistant therapy (if possible)</li> <li>2. Add RBV (regardless)</li> <li>3. Extend therapy</li> </ol>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GT1a-consider RBV with LDV                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24wks + RBV with F4</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. GT3- add RBV to SOF+DCV</li> <li>3. GT3 TE OR cirrhosis- add RBV to SOF/VEL ( if Y93H)</li> </ol>

# Back to our patient: HCV Genotypic Resistance Sequencing

Drug		HCV GenoSure <sup>®</sup> NS3/4A		Assessment	
Generic Name	Brand Name	Region	Drug Resistance Associated Mutations Detected	Drug	
Boceprevir		NS3	None	BOC	Sensitive
		NS4A	None		
Simeprevir		NS3	None	SMV	Sensitive
		NS4A	None		
Telaprevir		NS3	None	TVR	Sensitive
		NS4A	None		

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NS5B	1a	I11V, T19S, L36M, L47Q, K81R, V85I, V116I, H118H/R, R120S, A210S, C213N, A218S, R250R/K, A300S, C316H, V321I, E333A, A338V, K355Q, R510K, Q514R, K523R, S549G, L564V, F572I, M573W, W574L

Resistance possible: DCV, EBR, LDV, OBV, VEL

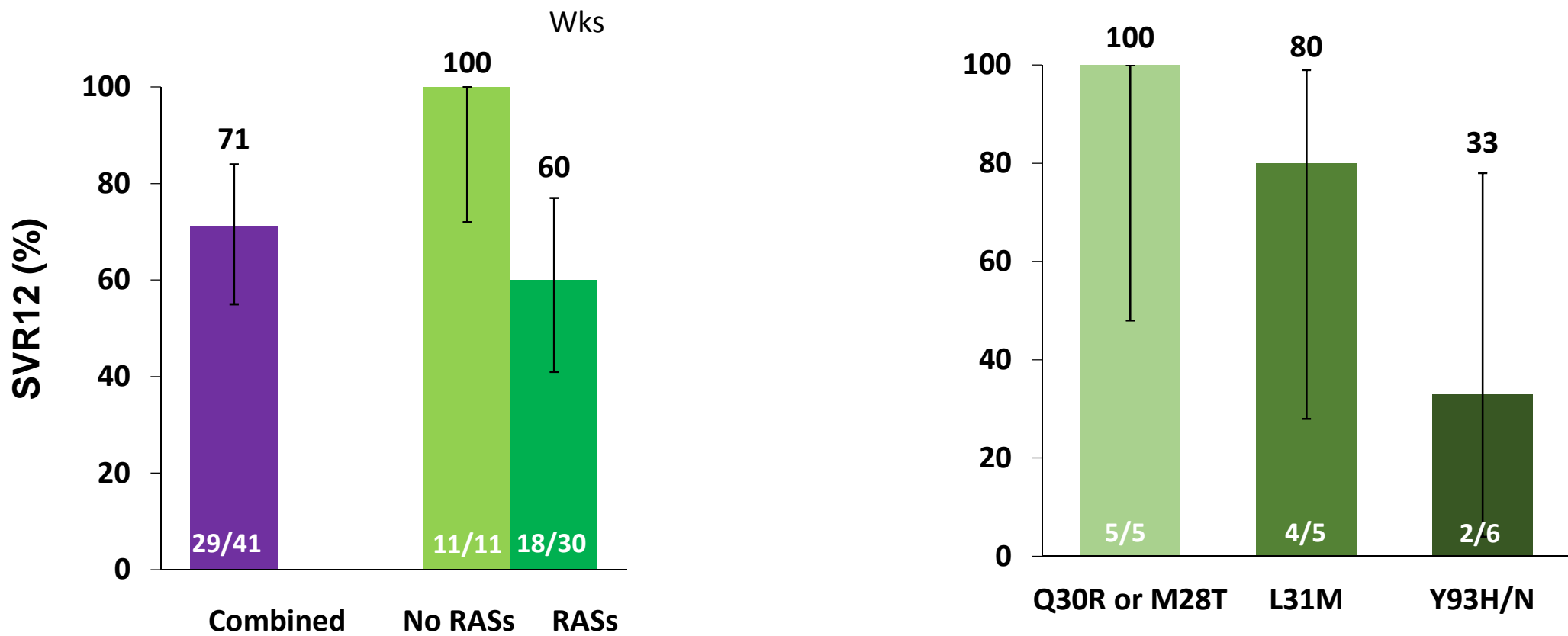
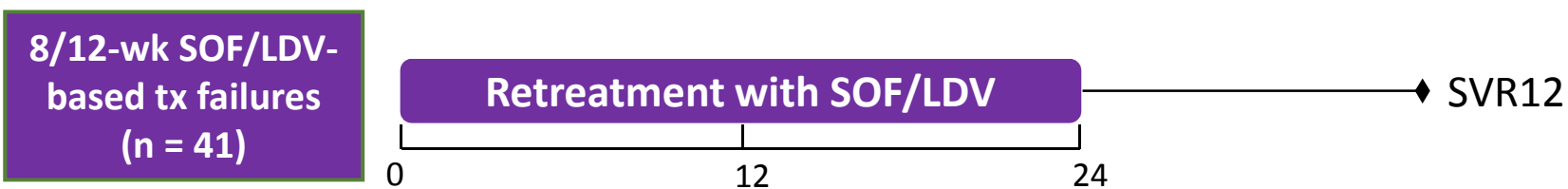


Based on his RAS testing how would you proceed?

1. Yikes, defer!
2. I don't know why I even sent the test: SOF/VEL + RBV for 24 weeks
3. Resistance is everything: SOF + SMV + RBV for 24 weeks
4. Kitchen sink 1: SOF + EBR/GZR + RBV 12 weeks
5. Kitchen sink 2: SOF + OBV/r/PTV + DSV + RBV 24 weeks

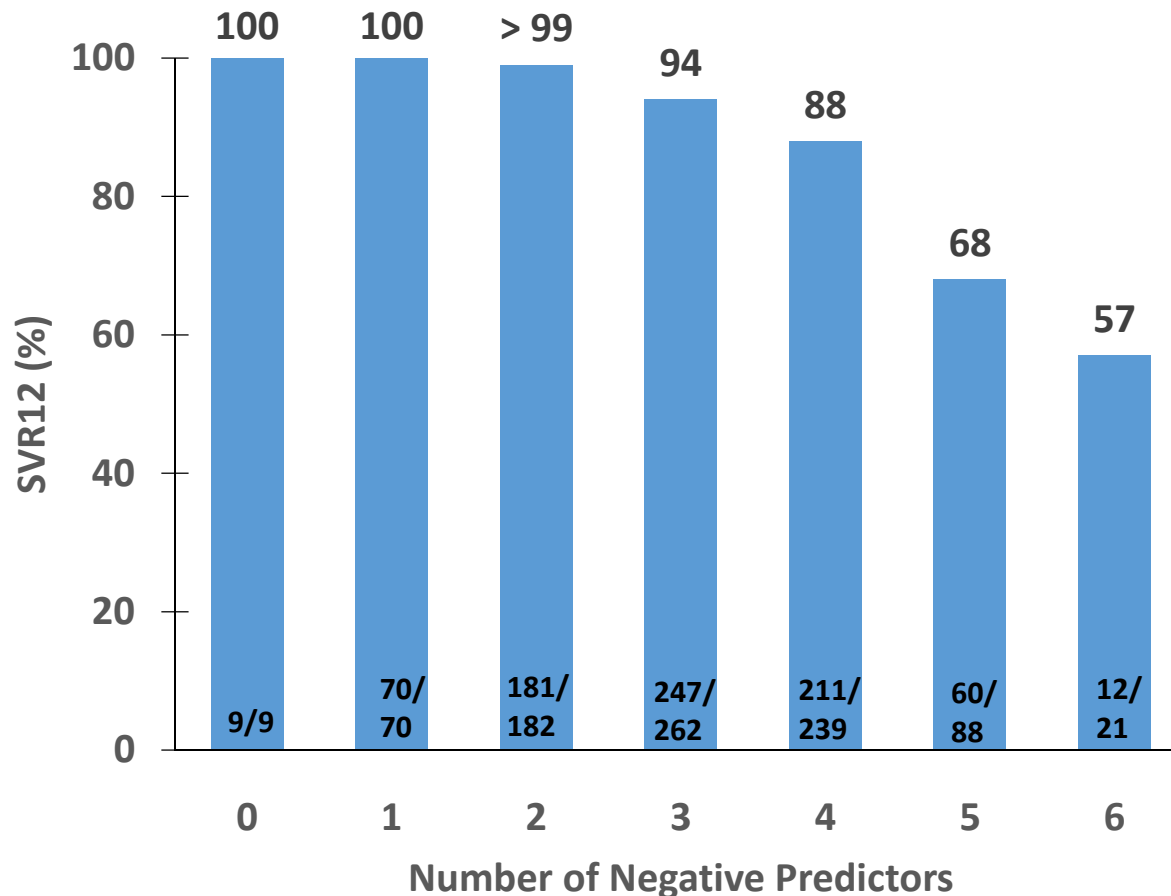
Retreatment of DAA failures

# NS5A RASs Are Associated With Retreatment Failure



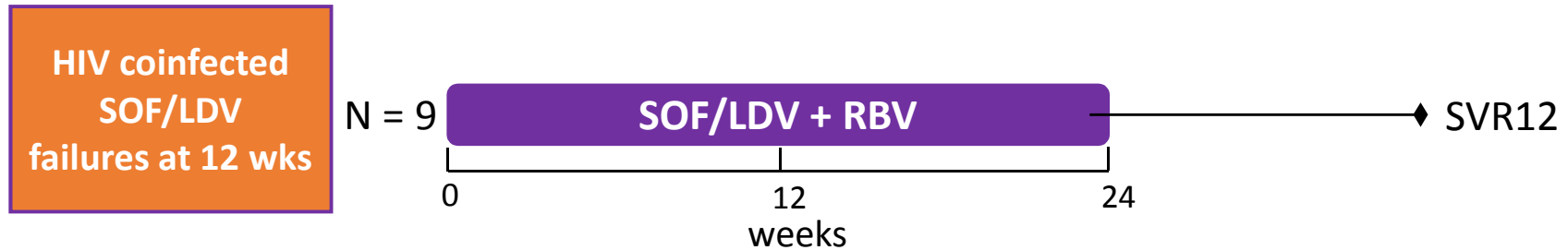
# Impact of Multiple Negative Predictors on Response

- Retrospective analysis of phase 2/3 studies of SOF + RBV ± PegIFN
- > 850 pts, genotypes 1, 2, and 3 HCV

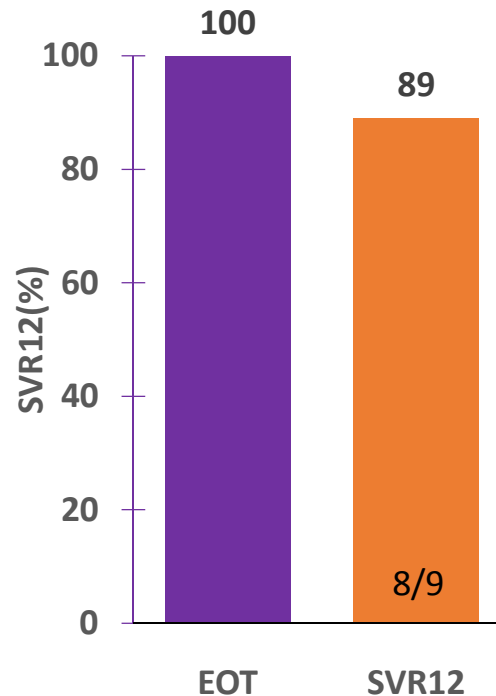


- Treatment experienced
- Cirrhosis
- HCV RNA\*
- Male
- ≥ 75 kg
- IL28B non-CC
- NS5A RASs?

# What Roles Do RBV and Duration Play in Overcoming Resistance and Optimizing Retreatment?

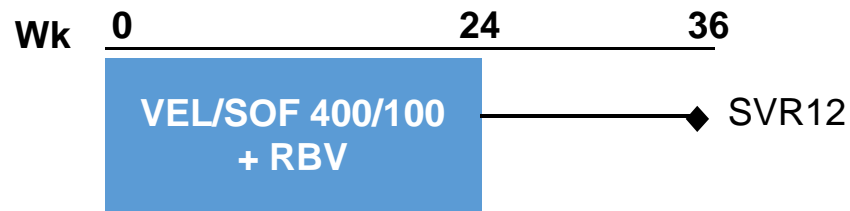


- Male: 78%
- 1a: 78%
- HCV RNA: 6.4 ( $\pm$  0.8)
- Black: 100%
- Non-CC: 100%
- Cirrhosis: 22%
- NS5A RAVs: 78%



Failure  
55-yr-old male  
GT1a  
No cirrhosis  
L31M

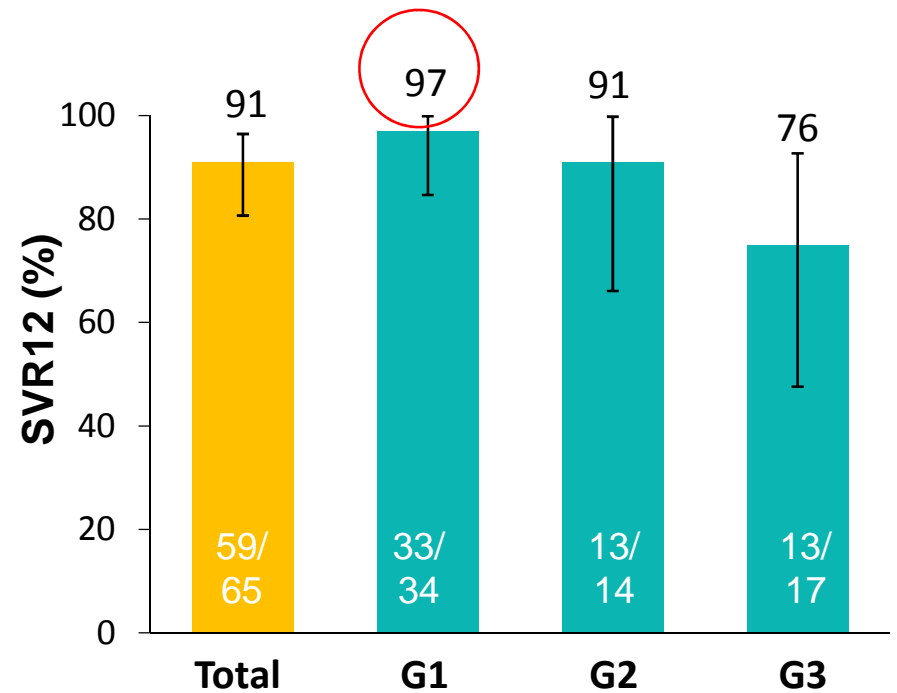
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N=69

- 26% cirrhosis
- 20% GT2
- 41% VEL 25mg
- 74% <12 weeks

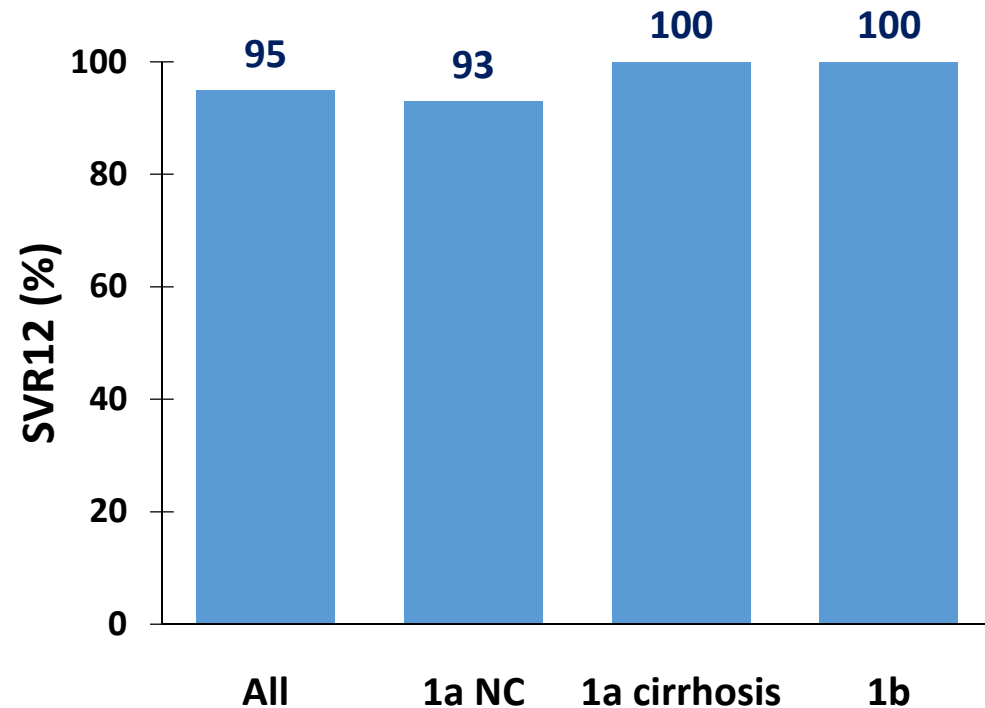
Only 18% of GT1 with NS5A RASs



4 pts pending SVR12

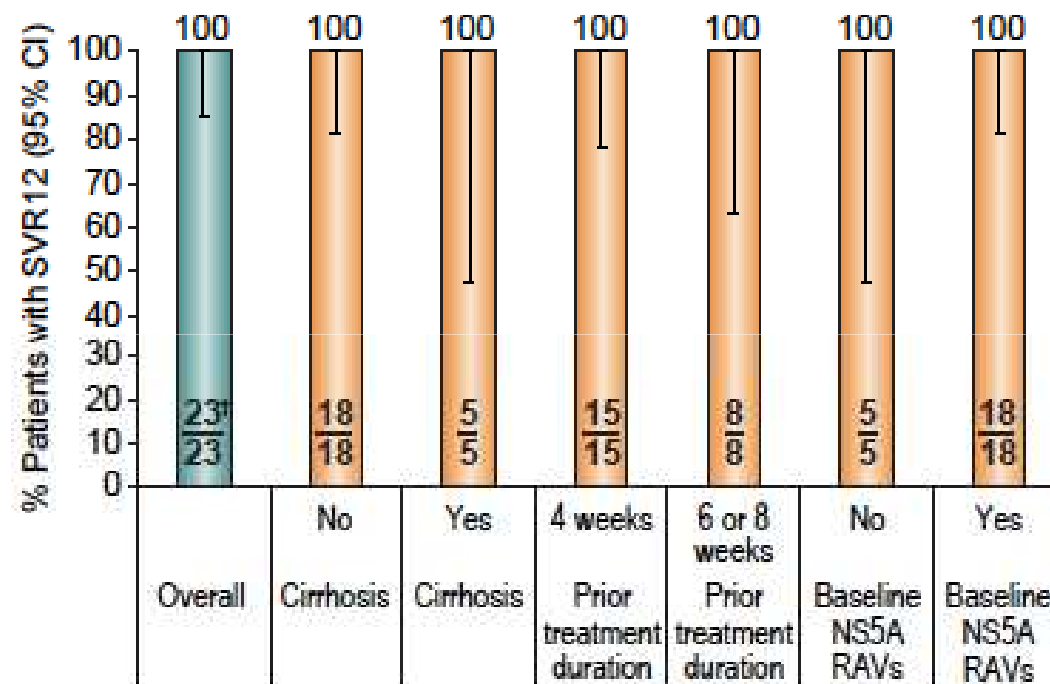
# Retreatment of DAA Failures with SOF + 3-D

- 22 DAA-treated pts
  - 20 GT1a, 2 GT1b HCV pts
    - 6/20 with cirrhosis
  - 14/20 GT1a pts failed OBT/PTV/RTV + DSV
  - No SOF/LDV failures
- BL RASs (n)
  - D168E/V (5)
  - Y93C/F/H (4); Q30E/H/R (12)
- SOF + OBT/PTV/RTV + DSV
  - RBV for all GT1a
  - **GT1a tx: 12 wks for noncirrhotics, 24 wks for cirrhotics**



# Retreatment of SOF + EBR/GZR Failures

- 25 pts who failed short course SOF + GZP/EBR (4-8 wks)
  - 22 GT1a, 3 GT1b
    - 20 failed 4 wks
  - 5 (20%) cirrhosis
  - 80% with NS5A RASs
  - 52% NS3 RASs
  - 44% NS3/NS5A RASs
- Received SOF + EBR/GZR + RBV for 12 wks



100% SVR12 (9/9) in pts with dual RASs



Consider waiting, even if cirrhotic

GT1  
DAA failures

Genotypic resistance testing

16/24 week failure?

New therapies  
Q2 2017:  
G/P  
SOF/VEL/VOX

SOF-based triple or quad regimens

Or  
Wait for  
G/P  
SOF/VEL/VOX

No NS5A RASs

NS5A RASs

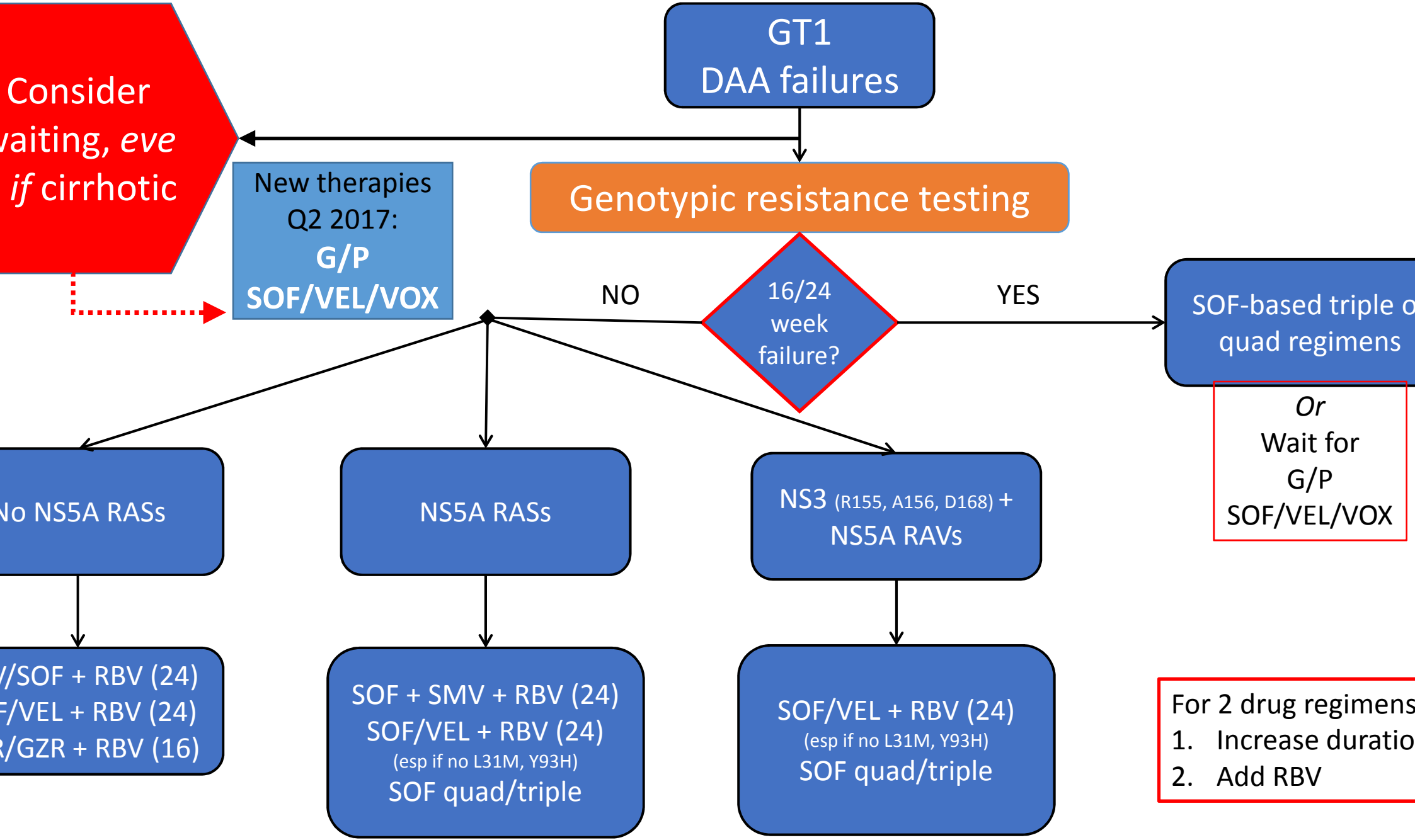
NS3 (R155, A156, D168) +  
NS5A RAVs

SOF/SOF + RBV (24)  
SOF/VEL + RBV (24)  
SOF/GZR + RBV (16)

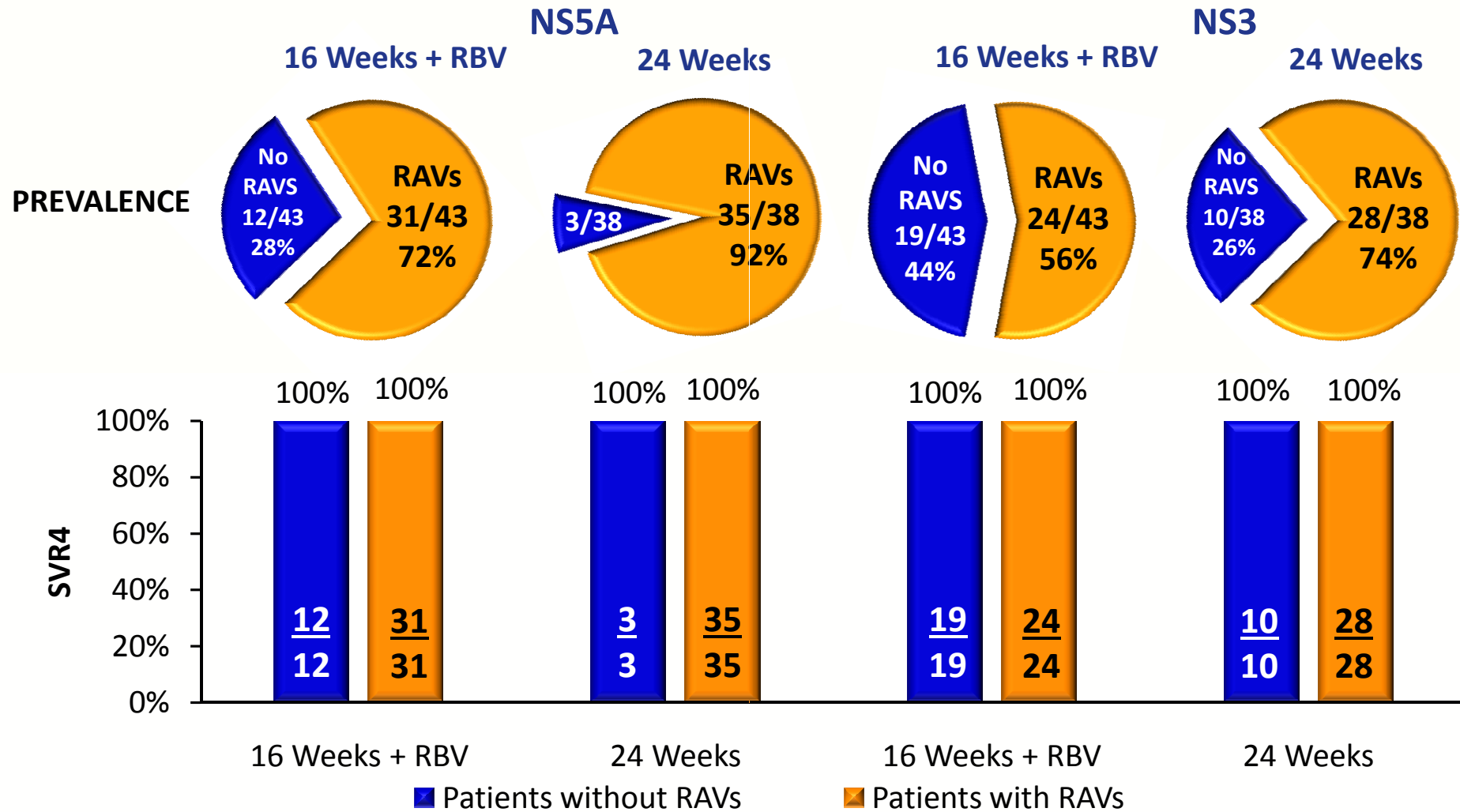
SOF + SMV + RBV (24)  
SOF/VEL + RBV (24)  
(esp if no L31M, Y93H)  
SOF quad/triple

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For 2 drug regimens  
1. Increase duration  
2. Add RBV



# No Impact of Baseline NS5A or NS3 RAVs on SVR4 (Resistance Analysis Population)



SVR4=proportion of patients with HCV RNA <15 IU/mL at 4 weeks after end of treatment.  
 \*RAVs detected by next-generation sequencing with 15% sensitivity; NS5A RAV: any change from wild-type at 4 positions (28, 30, 31, or 93); NS3 RAVs = any change from wild-type at 14 positions (36, 54, 55, 56, 80, 107, 122, 132, 155, 156, 158, 168, 170, or 175).  
 † Excludes 1 patient from the 16-week group who withdrew after receiving 3 doses of study medication;  
 ‡ Includes 22 of 40 patients who have completed follow-up week 4.

# Back to the case...

SOF + SMV + RBV was requested and approved.

- HCV RNA <15 IU/mL (detected) at week 4
- Undetectable at week 8
- Tolerated therapy well, no RBV dose reduction
  
- Pt late on refills
  - By week 24 still had ~3 weeks of meds left per pt
  
  - Stopped all therapy at week 28
  
- Achieved SVR 4 and 12

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