

**I NUOVI FARMACI PER HCV:
FREQUENZA DELLA PATOLOGIA, EVIDENZE DI
EFFICACIA E SICUREZZA, STRATEGIE DI GESTIONE**

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La prognosi nel paziente con epatite C

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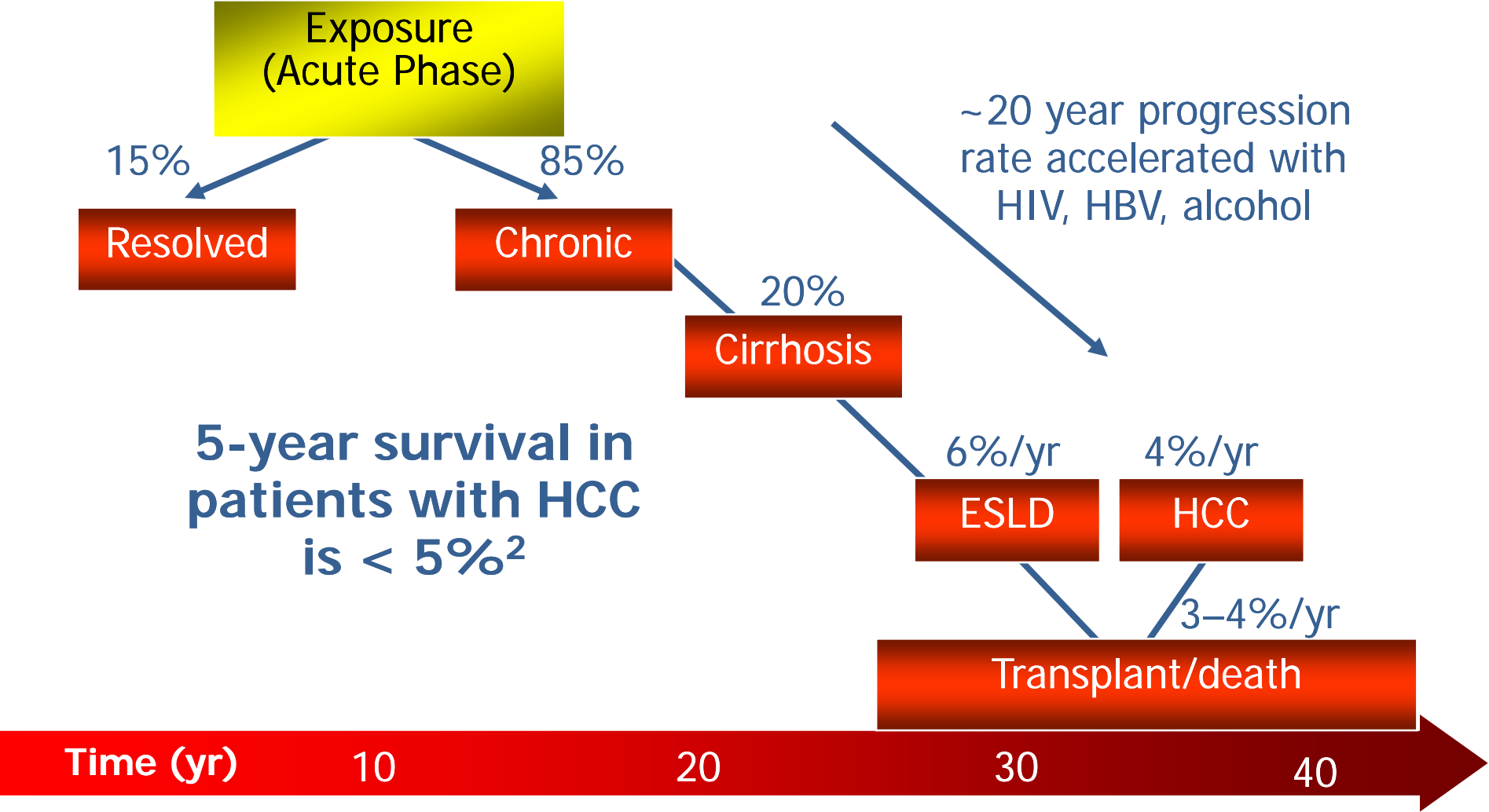
Epidemiology provides data for policy and action

	HIV ¹	HCV ^{2,3}	HBV ⁴
Prevalence	34M	185M	400M
Incidence	2.5M	4M	?
Mortality	1.7M	0.35M	0.62M

**4-5M coinfecting patients,
depending on location and routes of transmission**

¹UNAIDS Global Report 2012; ²HANAFIAH *et al*, Hepatology 2013
³PERZ *et al*, J Hepatol 2006; ⁴GOLDSTEIN *et al*, Int J Epidemiol 2005

Natural History of HCV Infection



5-year survival in patients with HCC is < 5%²

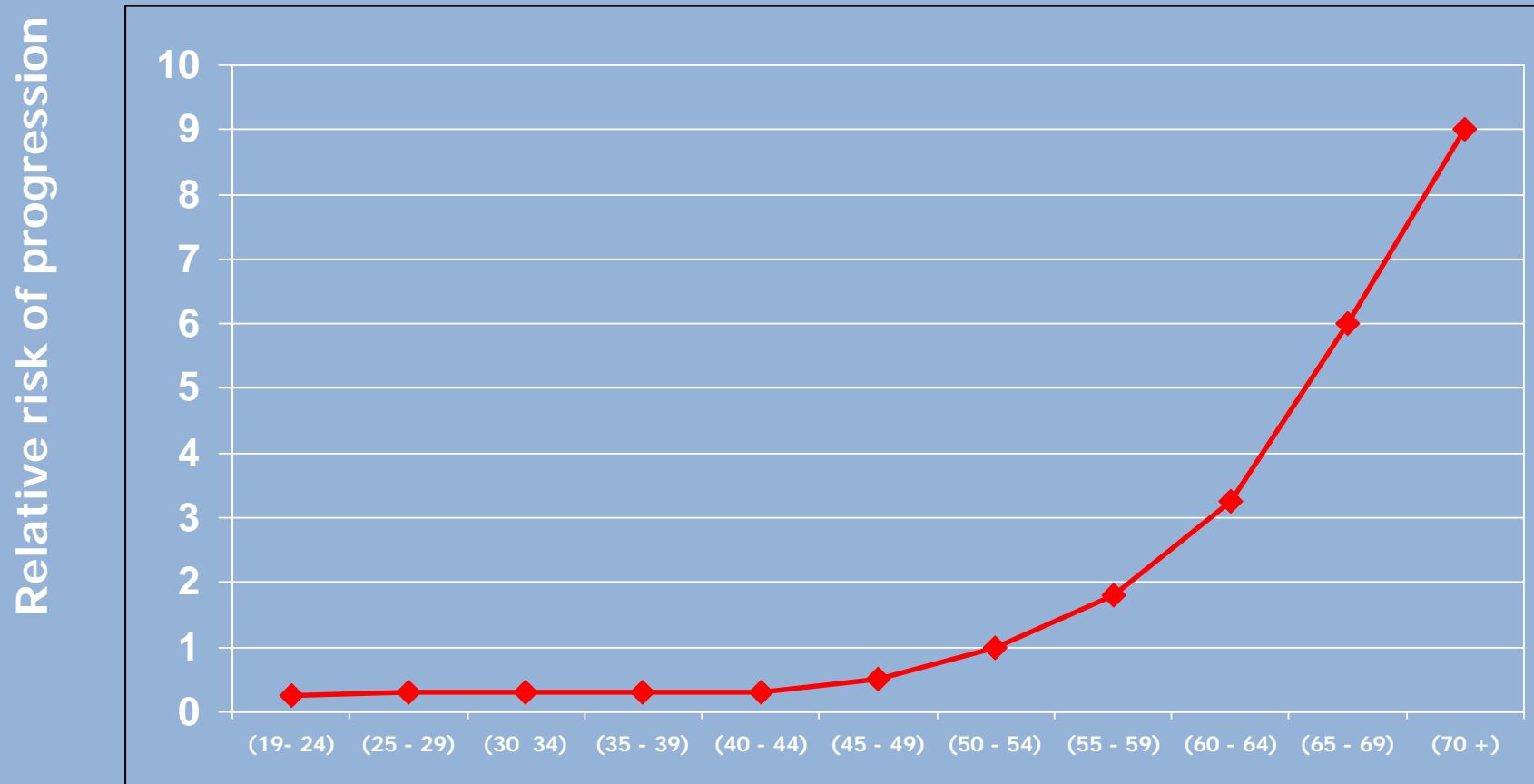
HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma
 ESLD = end-stage liver disease

Di Bisceglie A, et al. *Hepatology*. 2000;31:1014-1018.

Factors Associated with Advanced Fibrosis

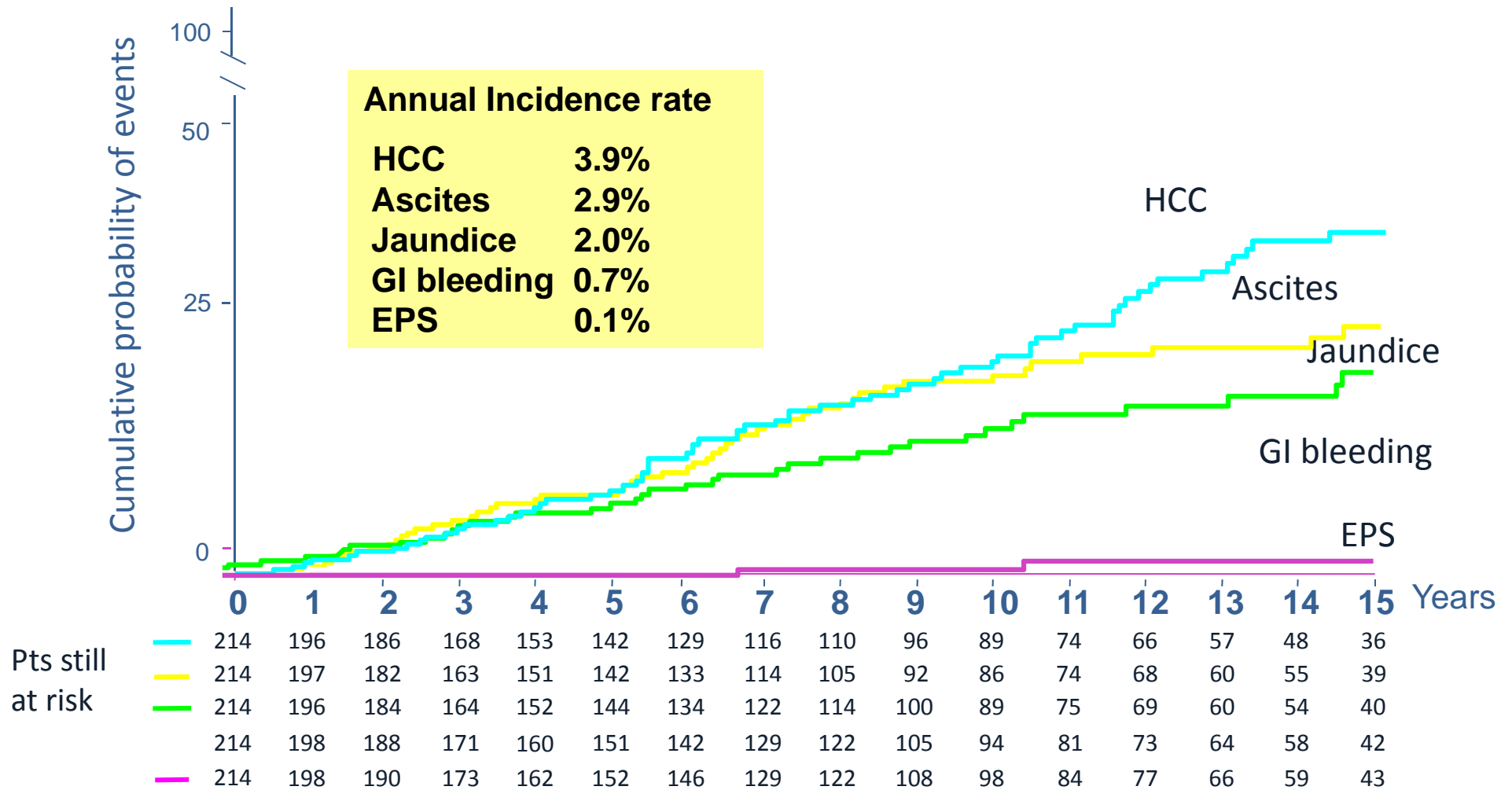
Type of Factor	Well Established Factors
Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age at infection• Duration of infection• Male gender• Baseline fibrosis
Viral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV infection• HBV infection
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy alcohol use

Risk of Fibrosis Progression Increases with Age

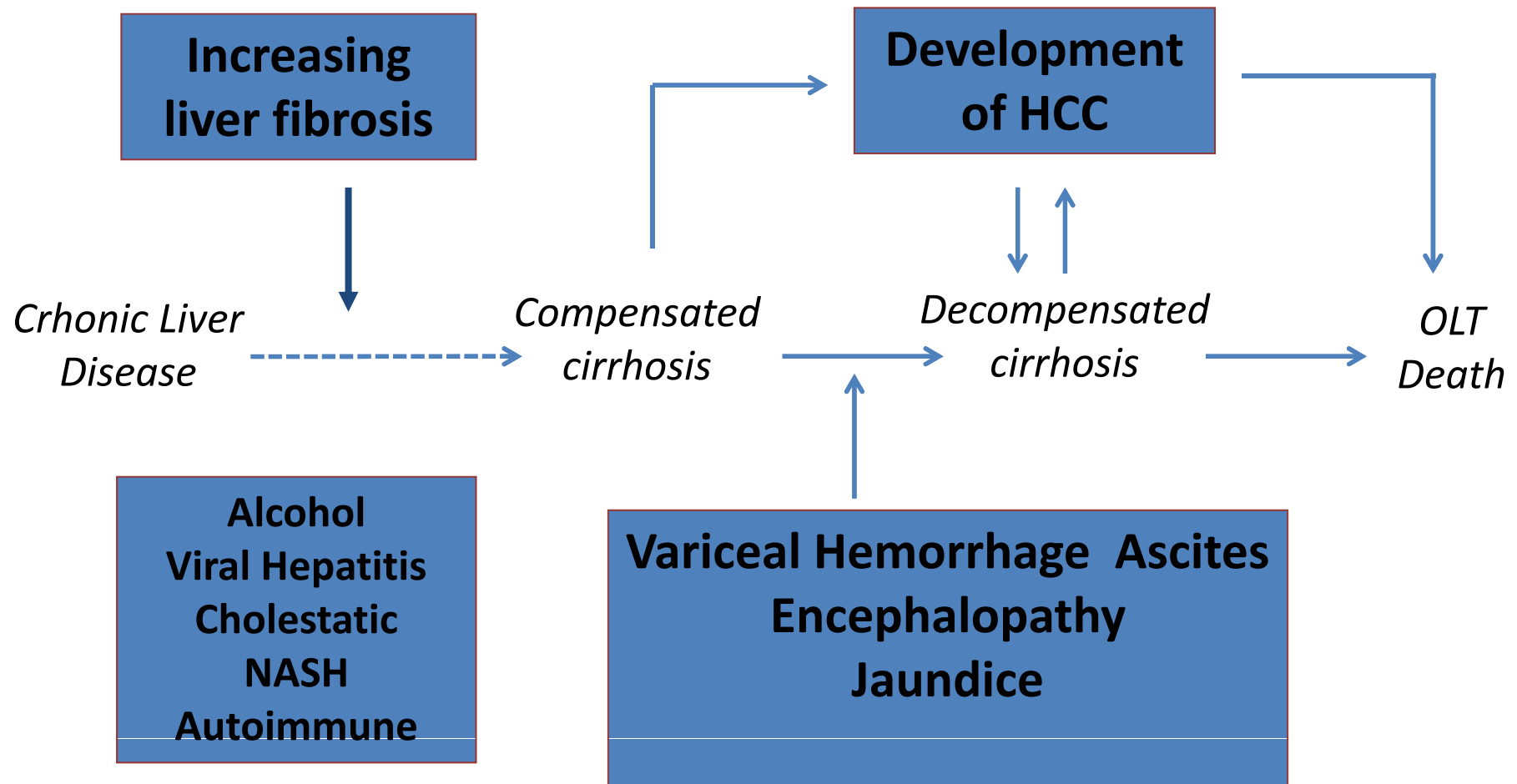


Ryder S et al. *Gut* .2004;53:451-55.

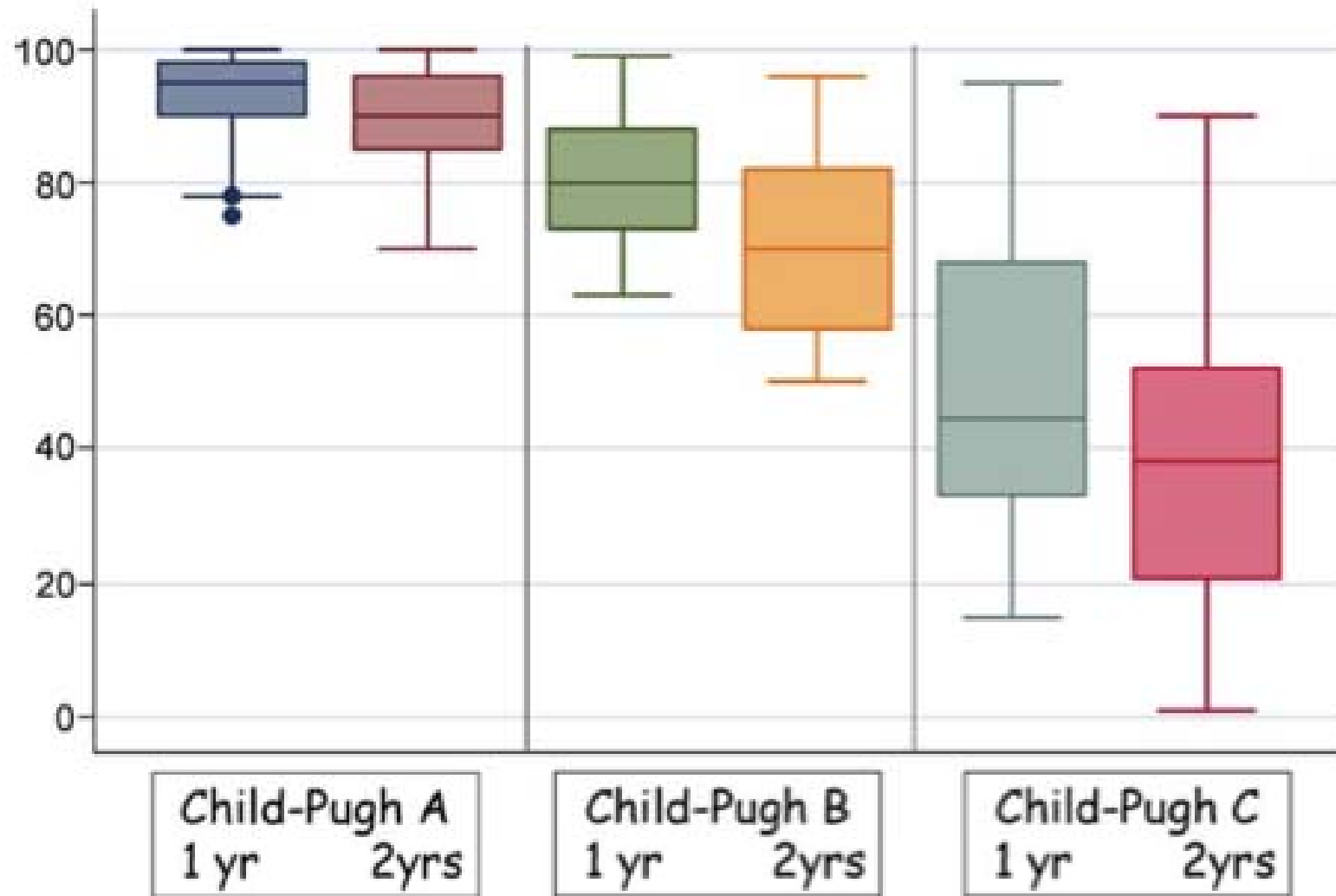
The long-term outcome of HCV compensated cirrhosis: a 17-yr follow-up of 214 Pts



The natural history of liver disease: a simplified view



Box plots of one and two-year survival rates in Child-Pugh class A, B and C



(D'Amico G et al, J Hepatol 06)

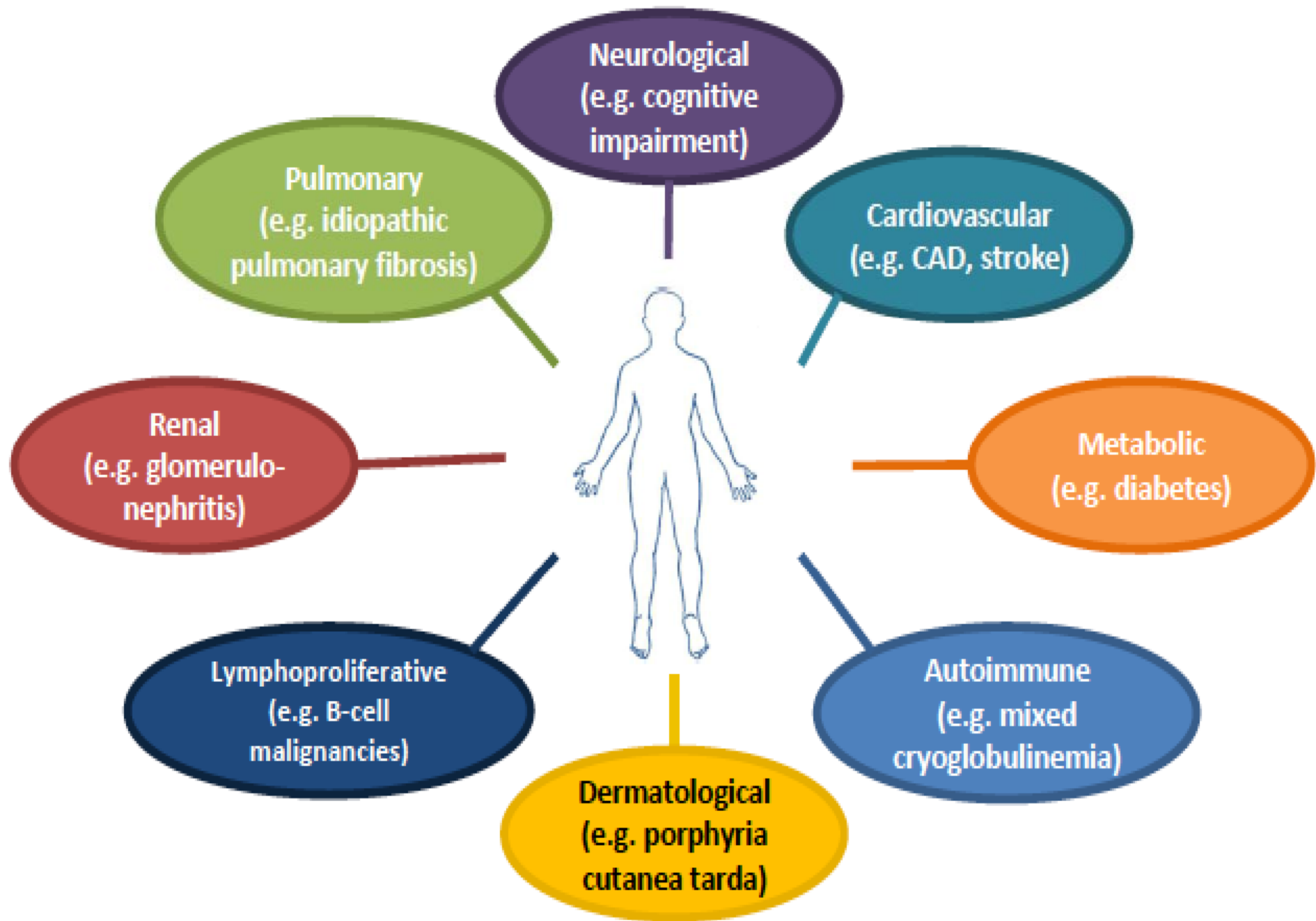
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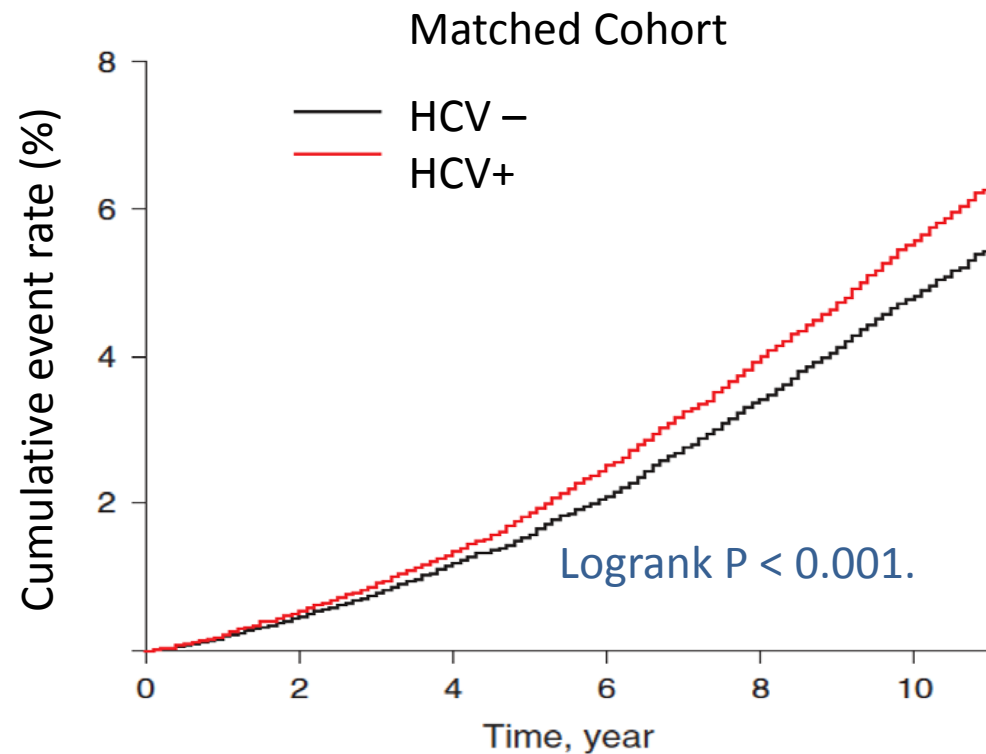


Prevalence of extrahepatic manifestations in HCV

Extrahepatic manifestation		Estimated prevalence
Autoimmune	Mixed cryoglobulinaemia (MC)	19–54%
	Sjögren's syndrome	6–26%
	Thyroid disorders	10–25%
	Arthritis	<5%
Neurological	Peripheral neuropathy	9%
	Fatigue	35–54%
Dermatological	Most frequent: porphyria cutanea tarda, lichen planus, pruritus	15–20%
Cardiovascular	Vasculitis	4–40%
Cardiovascular/renal	Polyarteritis nodosa	8%
Metabolic	Diabetes mellitus	21%
Lymphoproliferative	B-cell malignancies (e.g. non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)	11% of MC
Renal	Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis	10–60%

Monaco S, et al. *Clin Dev Immunol* 2012; Himoto T and Masaki T. *Clin Dev Immunol* 2012
 Carvalho-Filho RJ, et al. *World J Gastroenterol* 2012;18:188–191; Ramos-Casals M, et al. *J Rheumatol* 2009;36:1442–1448
 Ali A, Zein NN. *Cleve Clin J Med.* 2005;72:1005–1019; Ramos-Casals M, et al. *Rheumatology* 2003;42:818–828

Kaplan–Meier curves of cumulative event rate of dementia in the groups with and without HCV infection from matched 11-year HCV cohorts



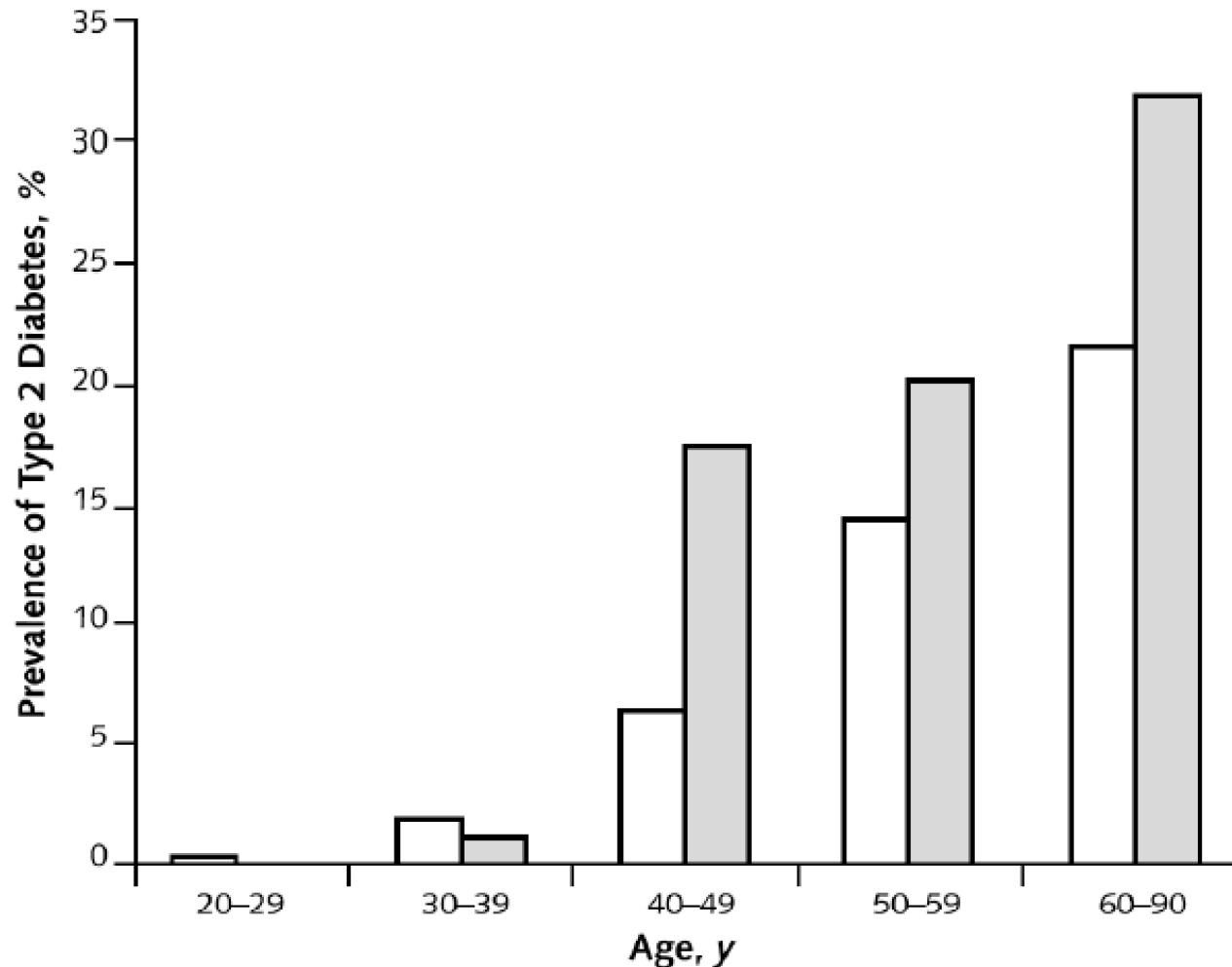
No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10
HCV(+)	58 525	56 525	53 436	49 522	42 931	36 298
HCV(-)	58 525	56 525	53 436	49 522	42 931	36 298

58,570 pairs matched with a 1:1 ratio by: sex, age, income, urbanization, diabetes, Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and depressive disorder.

(Chiu et al. *European J Neurology* in press)

Prevalence of type 2 diabetes in HCV+ vs. HCV- according to different classes of age

(The Third NHANES Survey, 1988-1994)



HCV patients without T2D have higher IR than controls

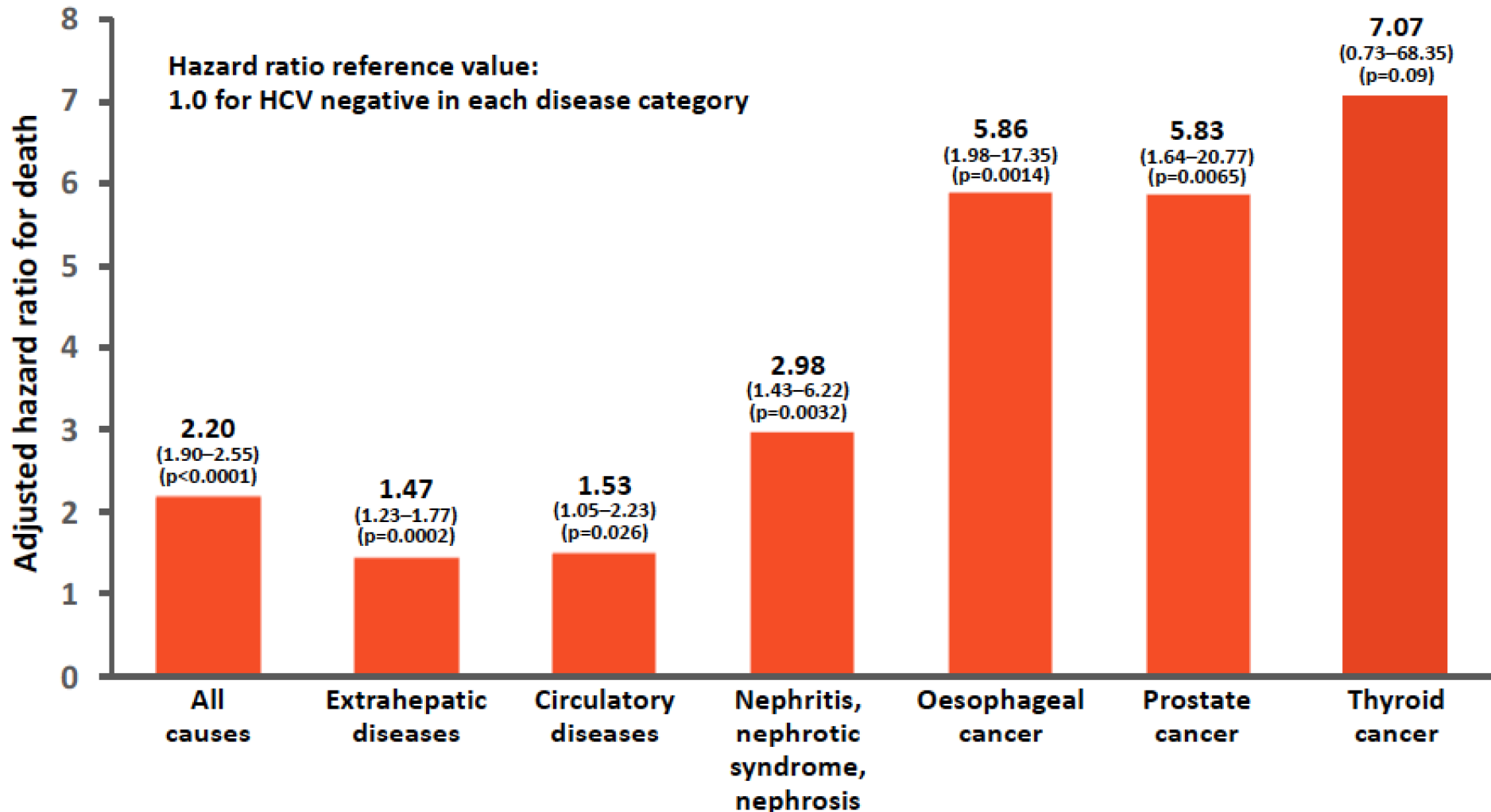
	HCV (n=121)	Controls (n=137)	<i>P</i>
Age	37.9 ± 8.9	41.8 ± 12.7	NS
Males	74 (61%)	74 (54%)	NS
BMI	26.5 ± 4.7	26.2 ± 4.6	NS
Waist-to-hip ratio	0.89 ± 0.08	0.88 ± 0.1	NS
C-peptide	826 ± 421	557 ± 298	<.001
HOMA-IR	2.4 ± 1.3	1.9 ± 1.2	.002

HUI et al, *Gastroenterology* 2003;125:1695-1704

Is HCV more than a liver disease?

Increased mortality 'beyond' the liver

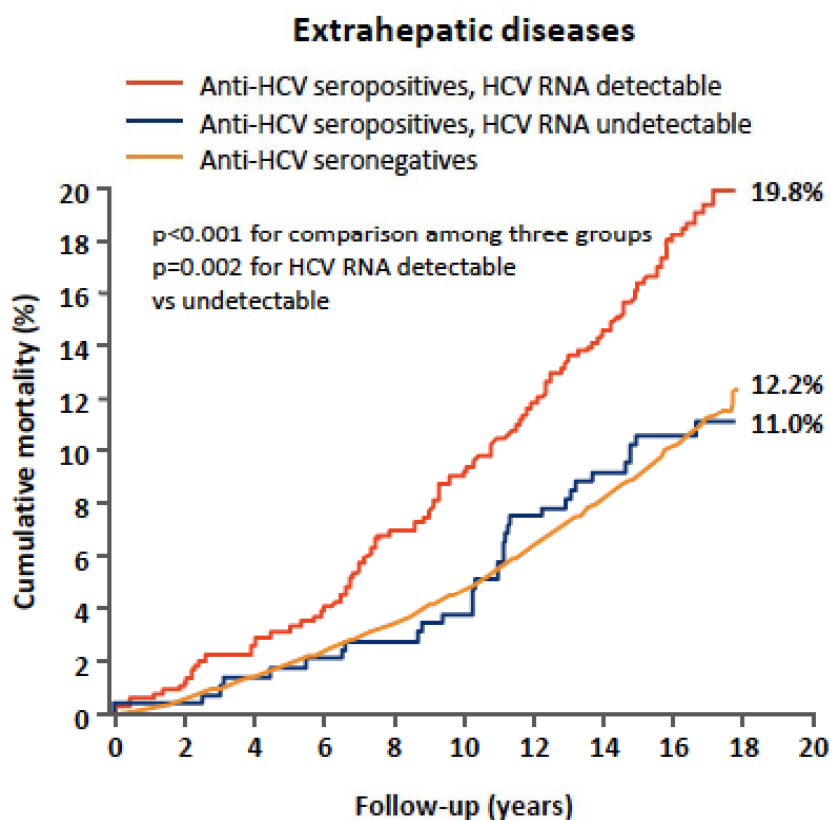
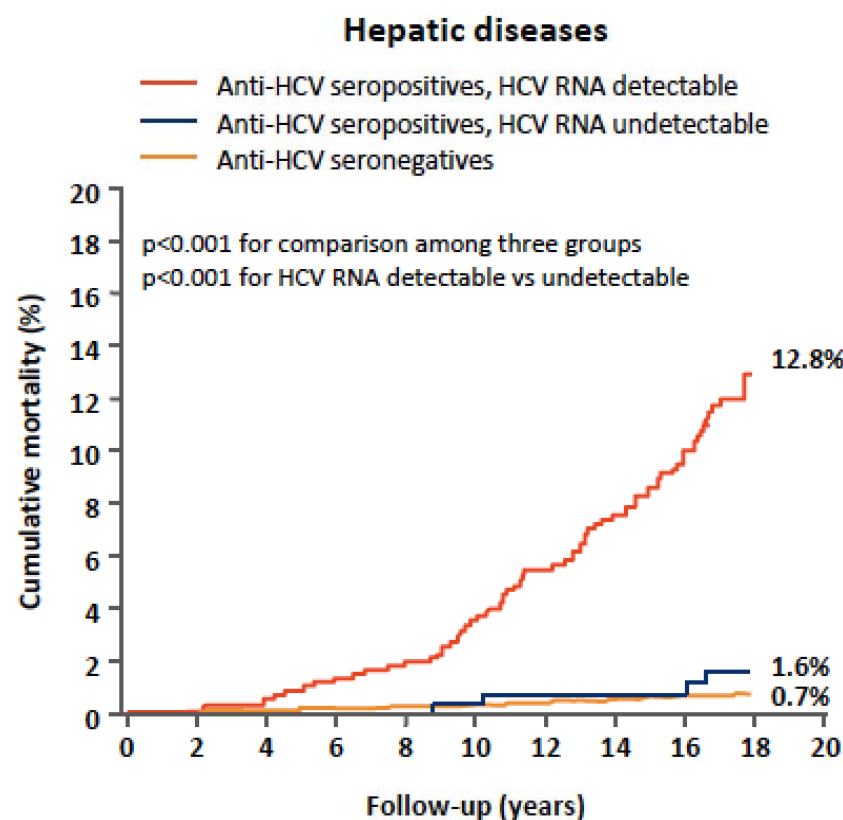
The REVEAL HCV Cohort Study



Chronic HCV increases mortality from hepatic and non-hepatic diseases

The REVEAL HCV Cohort Study

- 23 820 adults in Taiwan prospectively followed since 1991/2
- 1095 were anti-HCV positive; 69.4% had detectable HCV RNA



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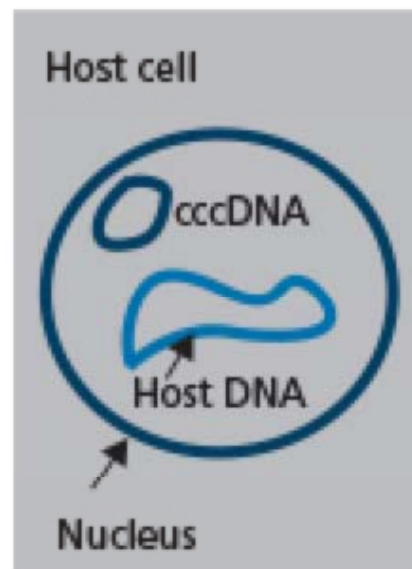
Differentiating Viral Strategies on a DNA or RNA Level

HCV



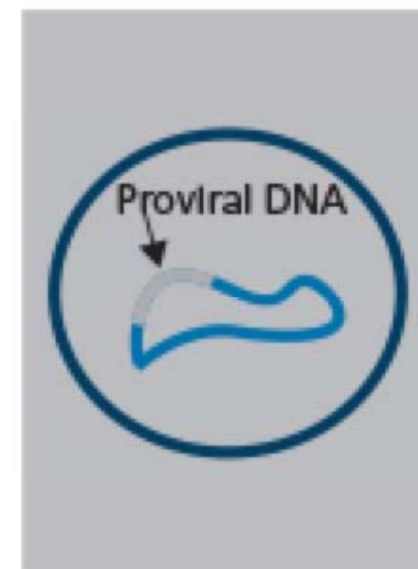
Definitive viral clearance
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SVR possible for HCV

HBV



Long-term reduction of
viral replication to lowest
possible level

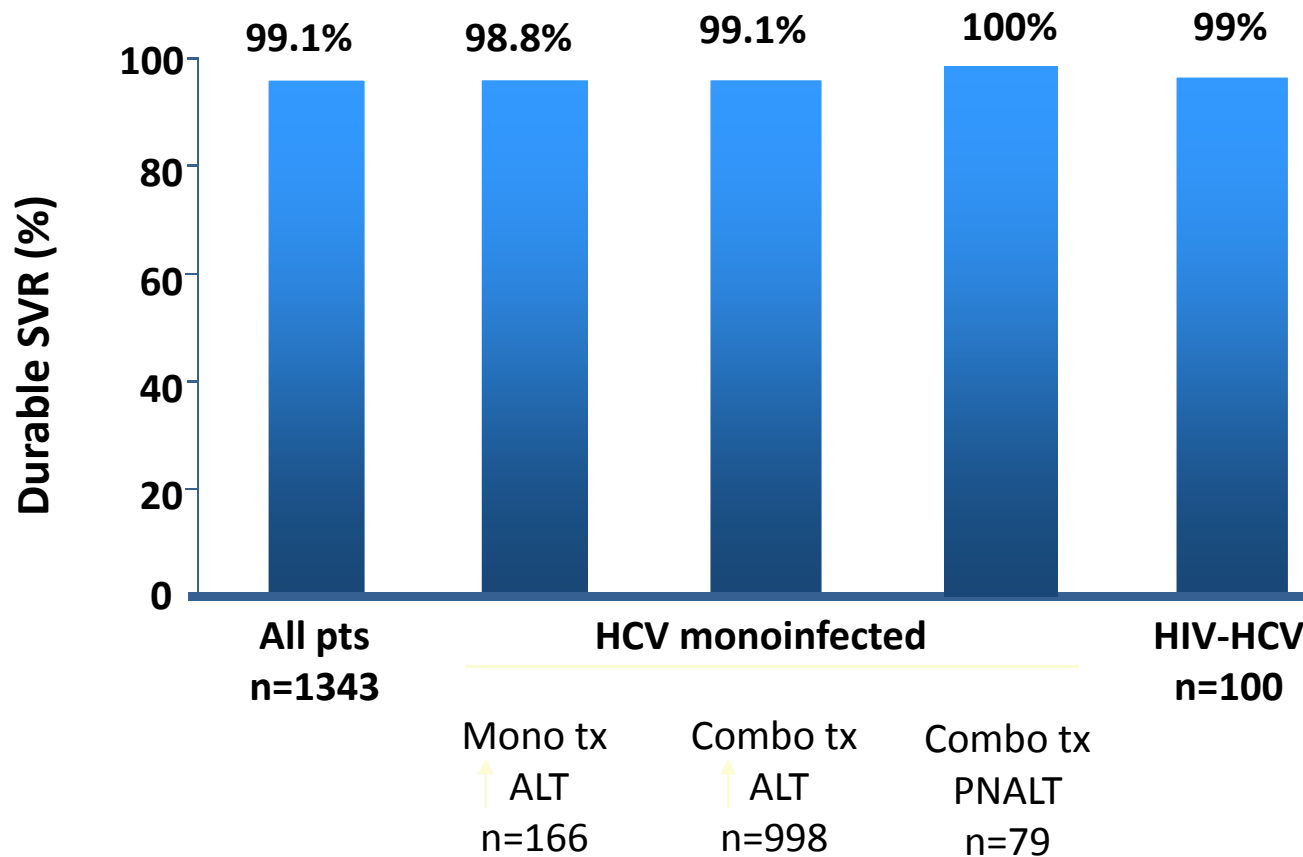
HIV



Lifelong suppression of
viral replication

A SVR is Durable in Patients with HCV Infection Treated with PegIFNalpha2a and Ribavirin

Patients outcomes 4 years after therapy



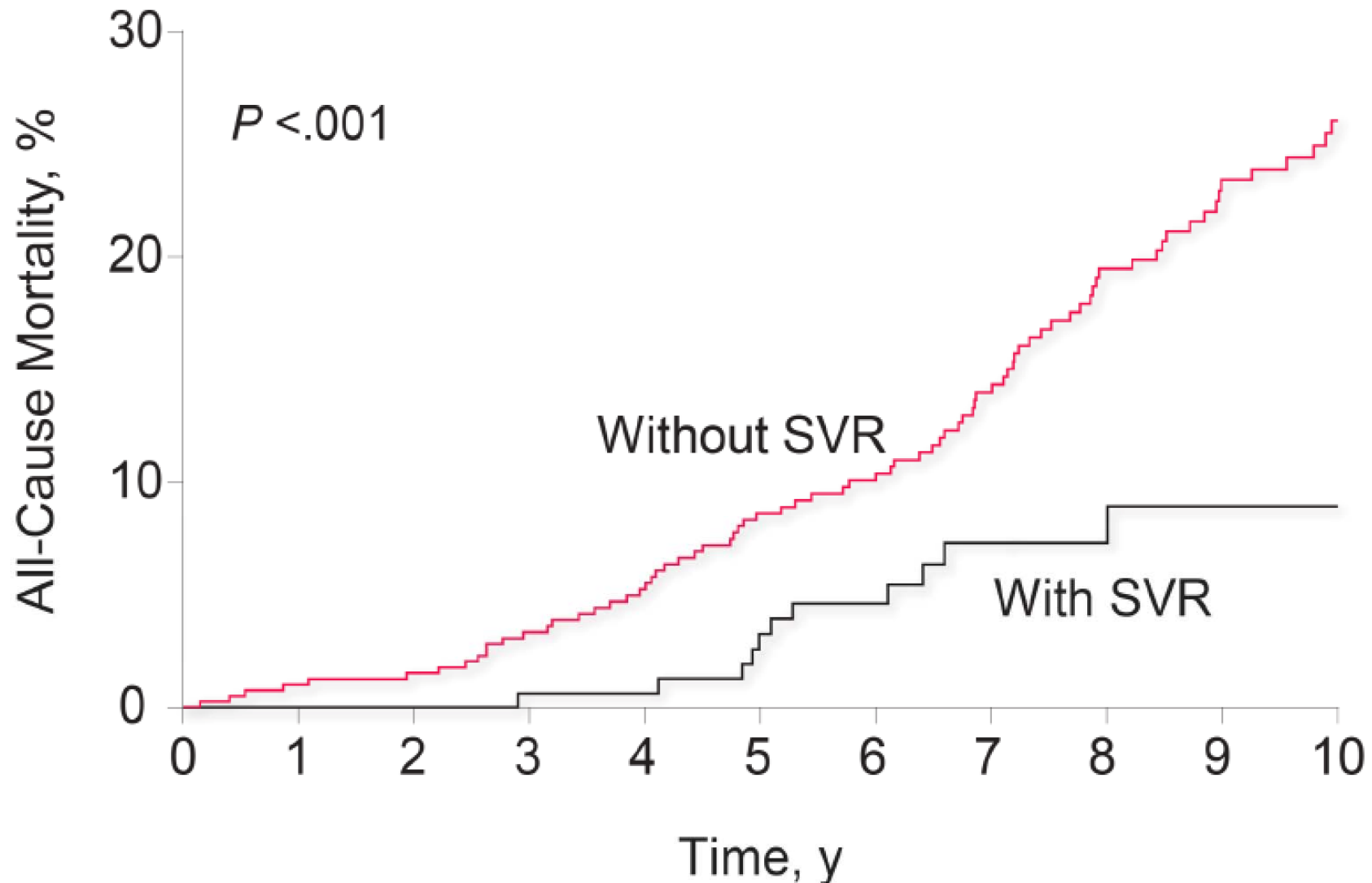
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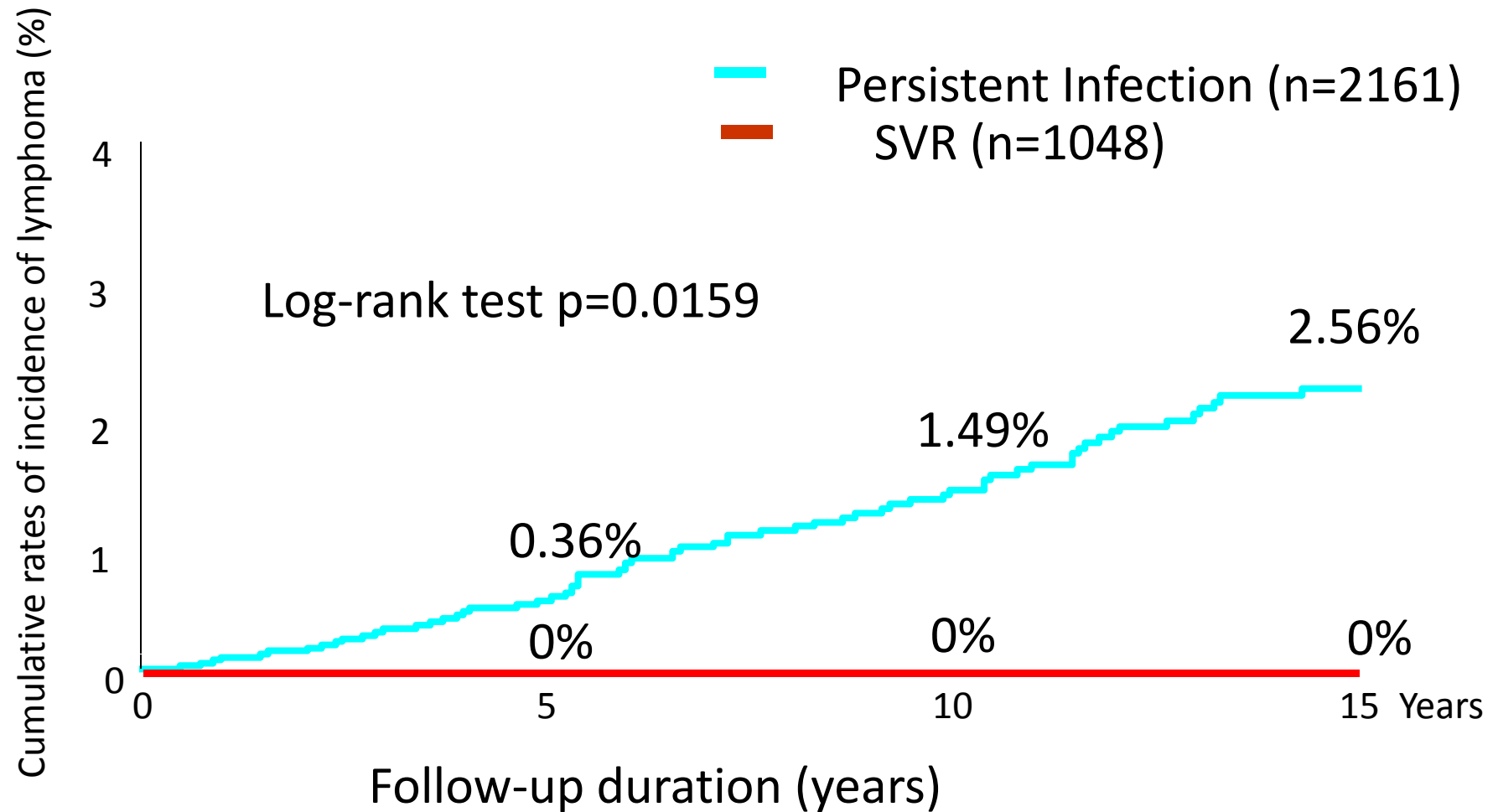
Mortality ratio of 2889 patients with chronic hepatitis C Followed for 65 months (1986-1998)

<u>Patients</u>	Overall deaths		Liver-related deaths		Liver-unrelated deaths	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>SMR</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>SMR</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>SMR</u>
Untreated	30	1.9 (1.3-2.8)	23	13.5 (8.6-20.3)	7	0.5 (0.2-1.0)
Interferon treated						
→ All	56	0.9 (0.7-1.1)	35	4.7 (3.3-6.5)	21	0.4 (0.2-0.6)
SVR	7	0.4 (0.1-0.7)	2	0.8 (0.1-3.0)	5	0.3 (0.1-0.7)
Non SVR	49	1.1 (0.8-1.5)	33	6.5 (4.5-9.1)	16	0.4 (0.2-0.7)

SVR is associated with a reduction in all-cause mortality

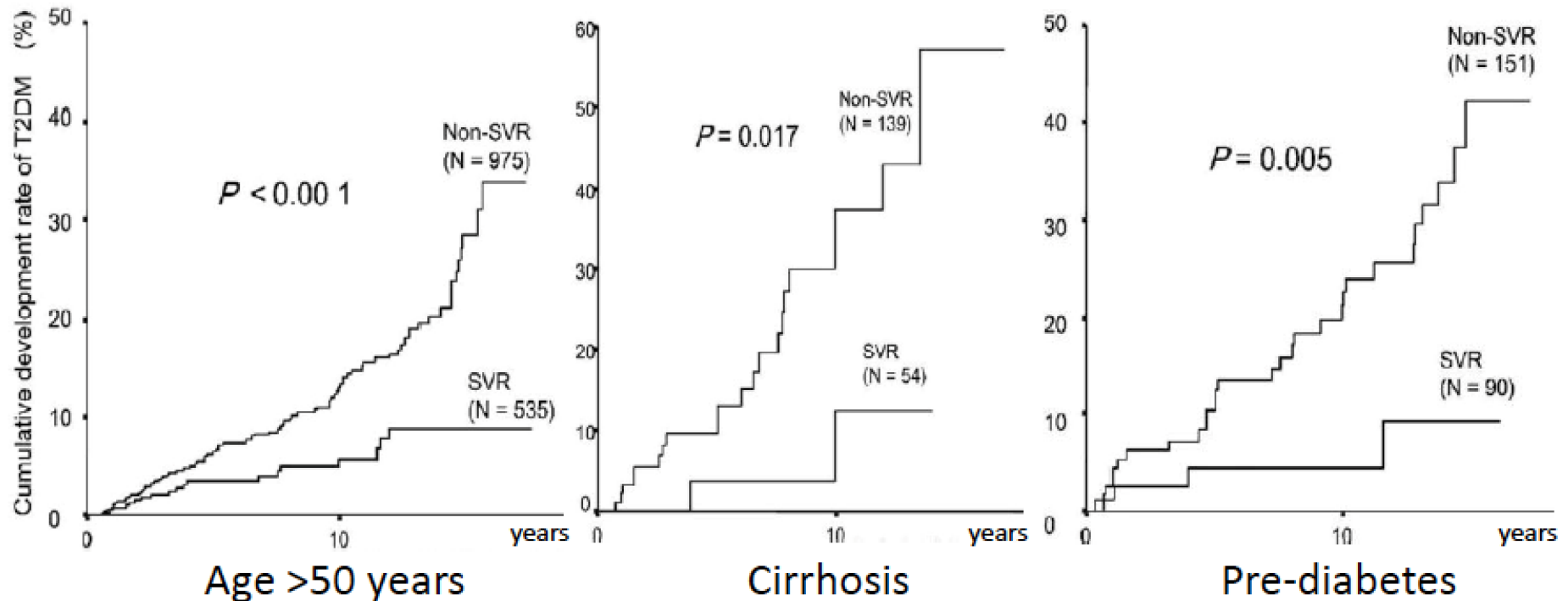


HCV Elimination Reduces The Incidence of Malignant Lymphoma



Cumulative incidence of type 2 diabetes in chronic hepatitis C: SVR vs non-SVR

Annual incidence of T2D in hepatitis C: 0.8-1.0%



Cure of HCV reduces the risk of developing T2D by more than two thirds

Interferon-based therapy reduces risk of stroke in chronic hepatitis C patients: a population-based cohort study in Taiwan

C.-S. Hsu^{*†}, J.-H. Kao^{‡,§,¶,***}, Y.-C. Chao^{*†}, H. H. Lin^{*†}, Y.-C. Fan^{††}, C.-J. Huang^{†,††,‡‡} & P.-S. Tsai^{§§,¶¶}

- 3,113 anti-HCV+ (208 treated)
- 12,452 uninfected controls from the Taiwan National Health Insurance Program Database
- HCV infection was associated with a 23% increase of the risk of stroke (after correction for risk factors)
- Antiviral treatment decreased this risk by ~60%

The impact of SVR on histological outcome of HCV-induced cirrhosis

	Post-treatment				
Pre-treatment	F0	F1	F2	F3	F4
F0	1	2	0	0	0
F1	14	16	7	0	0
F2	7	23	12	2	4
F3	0	5	12	7	4
F4	0	1	2	6	5

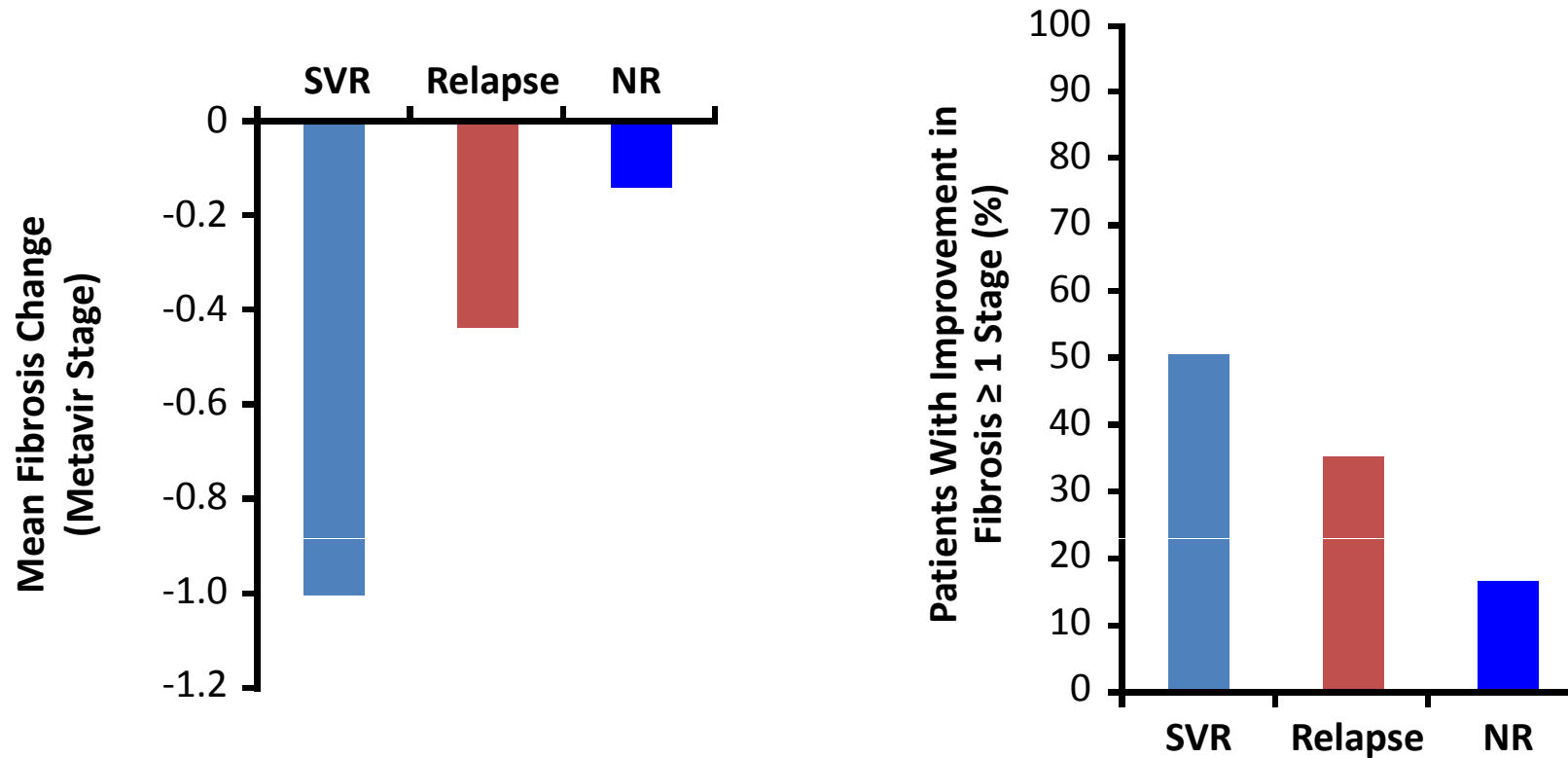
Post-treatment specimens were collected a median of 6 months after treatment cessation

Comparison of liver fibrosis stage between pre-treatment and post-treatment paired liver biopsy in 126 patients

Maylin S et al Gastroenterology 2008

Improvement in Fibrosis at Week 72 Following Start of HCV Therapy

Varied With Response to Treatment



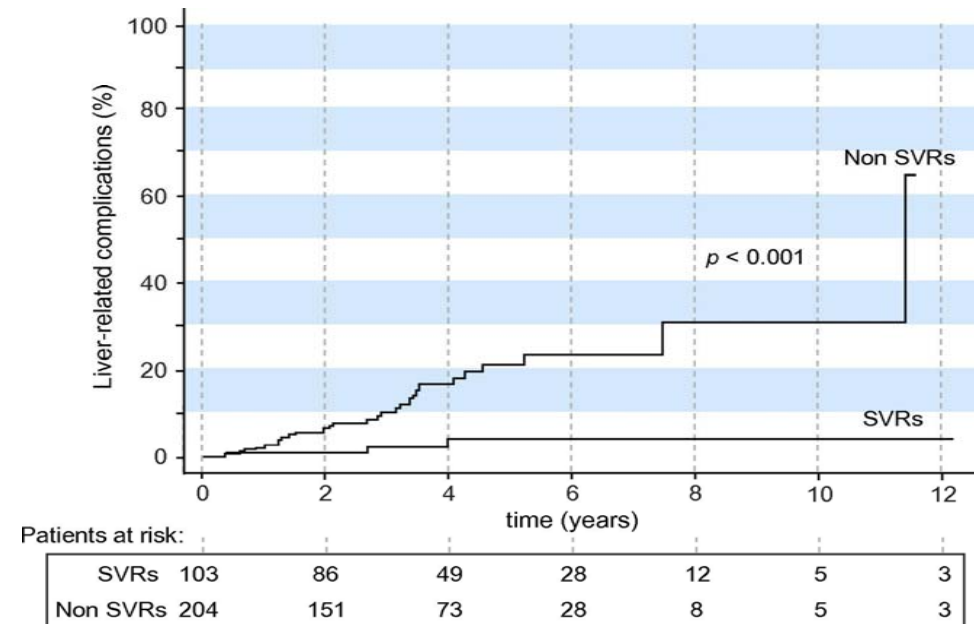
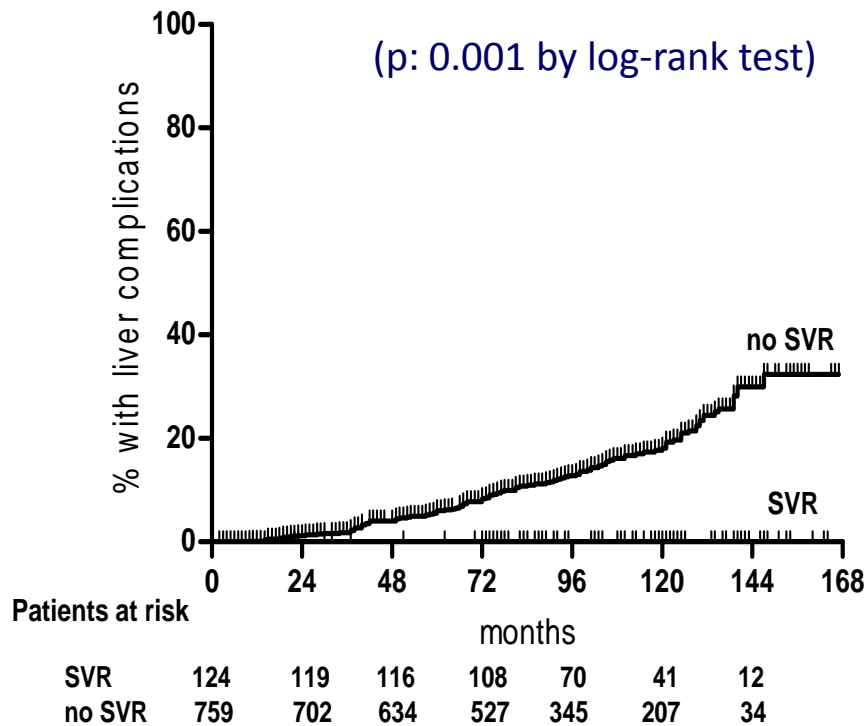
SVR AND PORTAL HYPERTENSION IN PATIENTS WITH COMPENSATED CIRRHOSIS

218 EV free cirrhotics	SVR 22.8%
Endoscopy every 3 ys	FU 11.4 ys

	% developing esophageal varices
SVR	0%
No SVR	39.1%
Untreated	31.8%

Impact of SVR on long-term outcome in 848 patients with HCV-related histologically-proven cirrhosis (stage 1) treated with IFN MT

CUMULATIVE INCIDENCE OF LIVER-RELATED COMPLICATIONS 307 cases with F3 or F4



liver-related complications

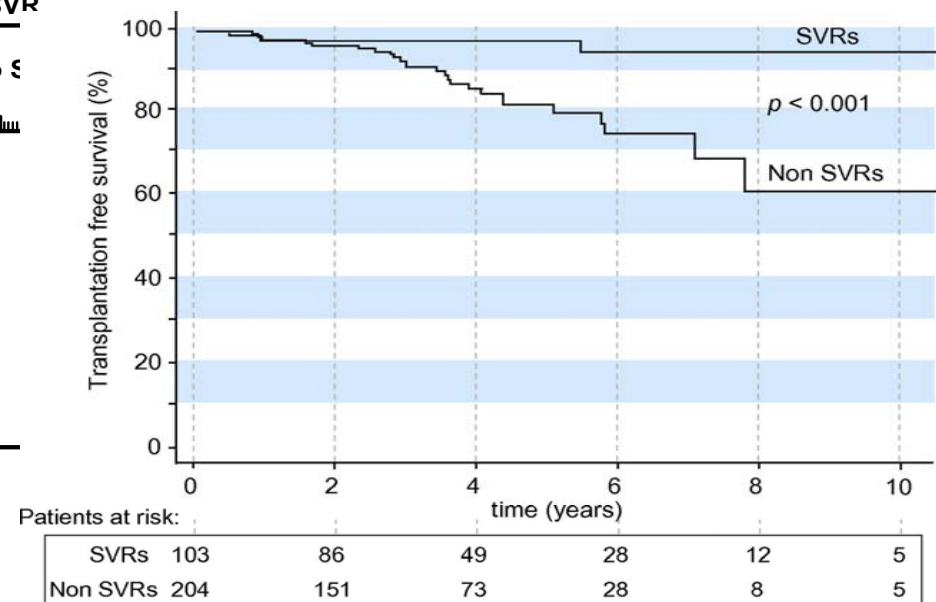
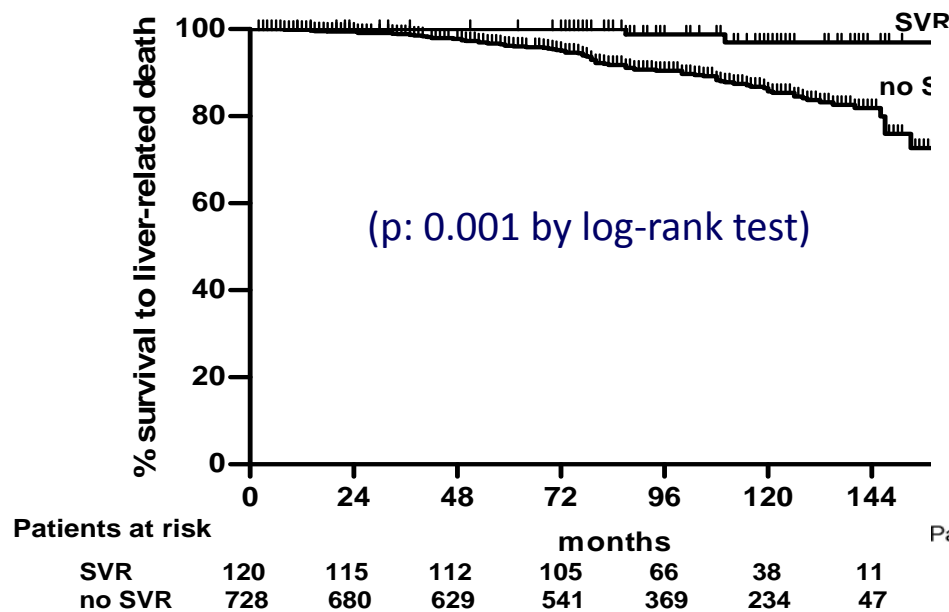
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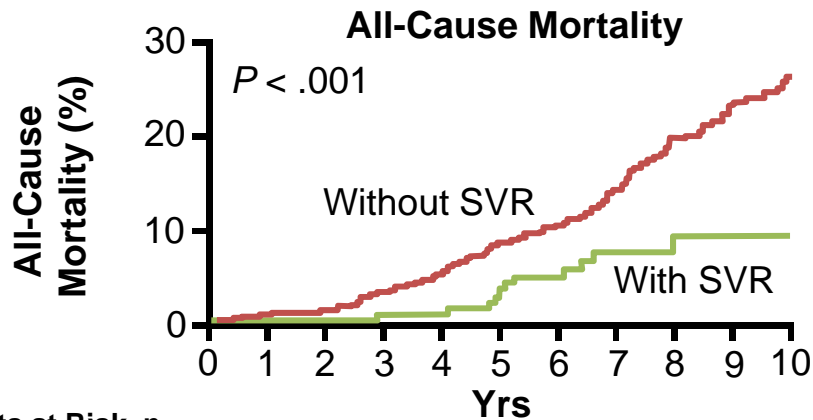


LIVER MORTALITY

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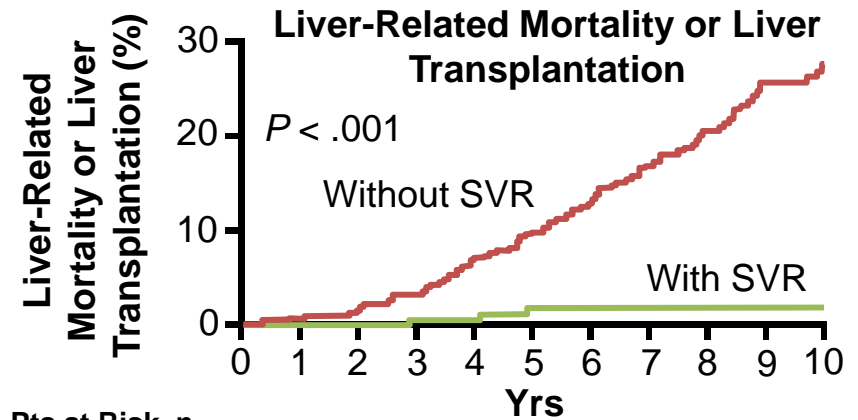
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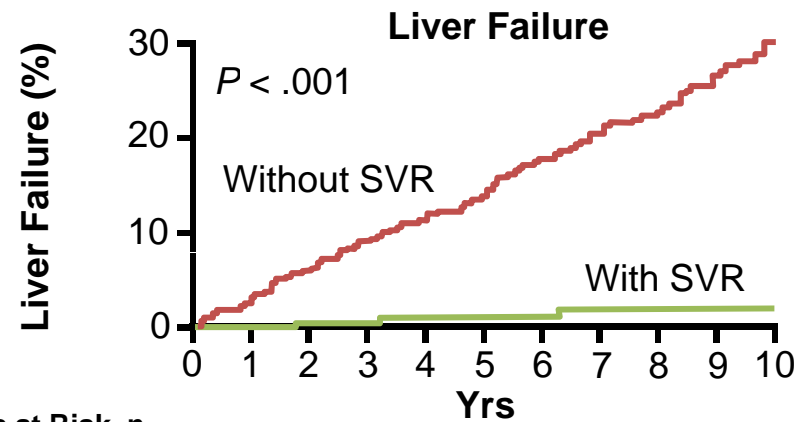
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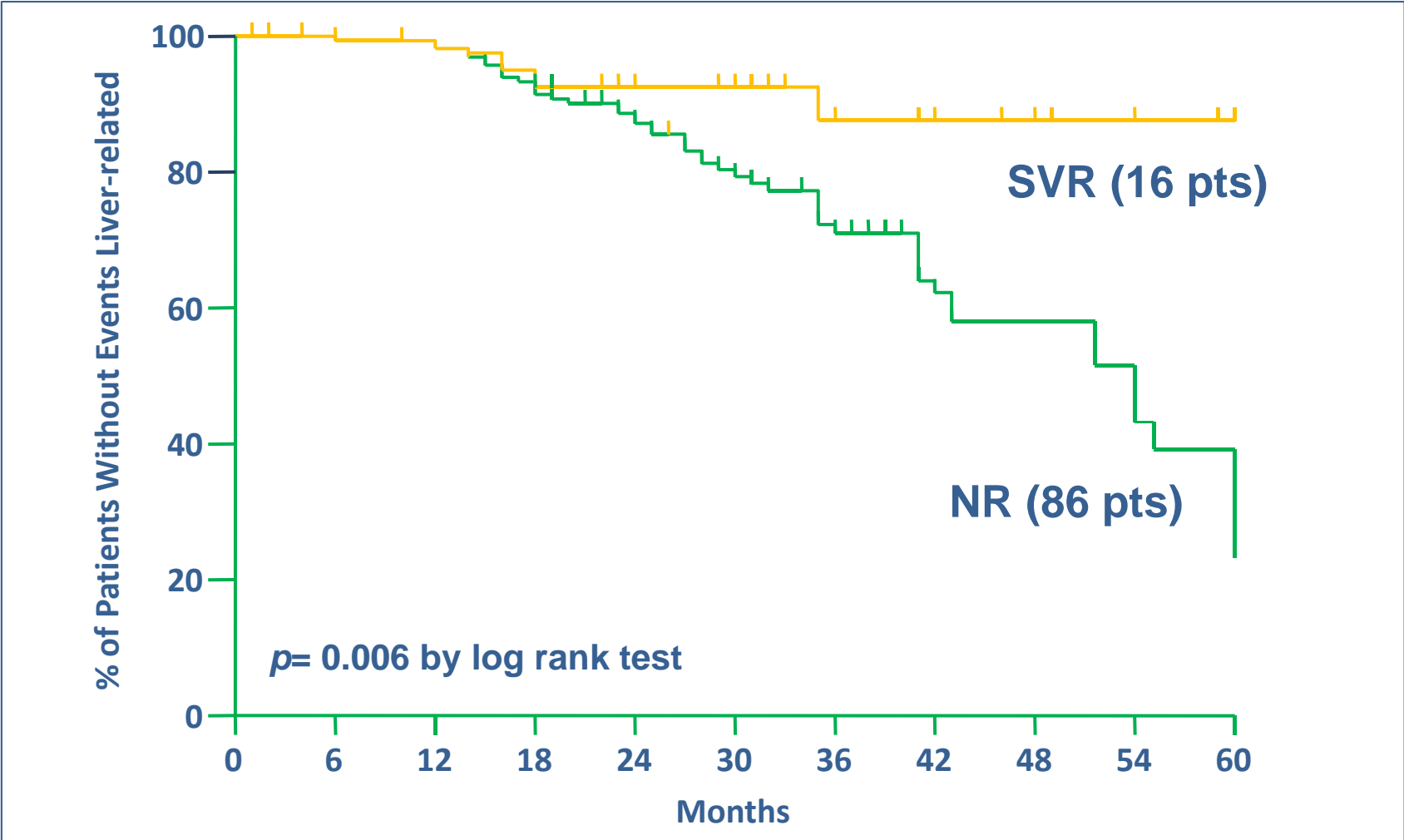
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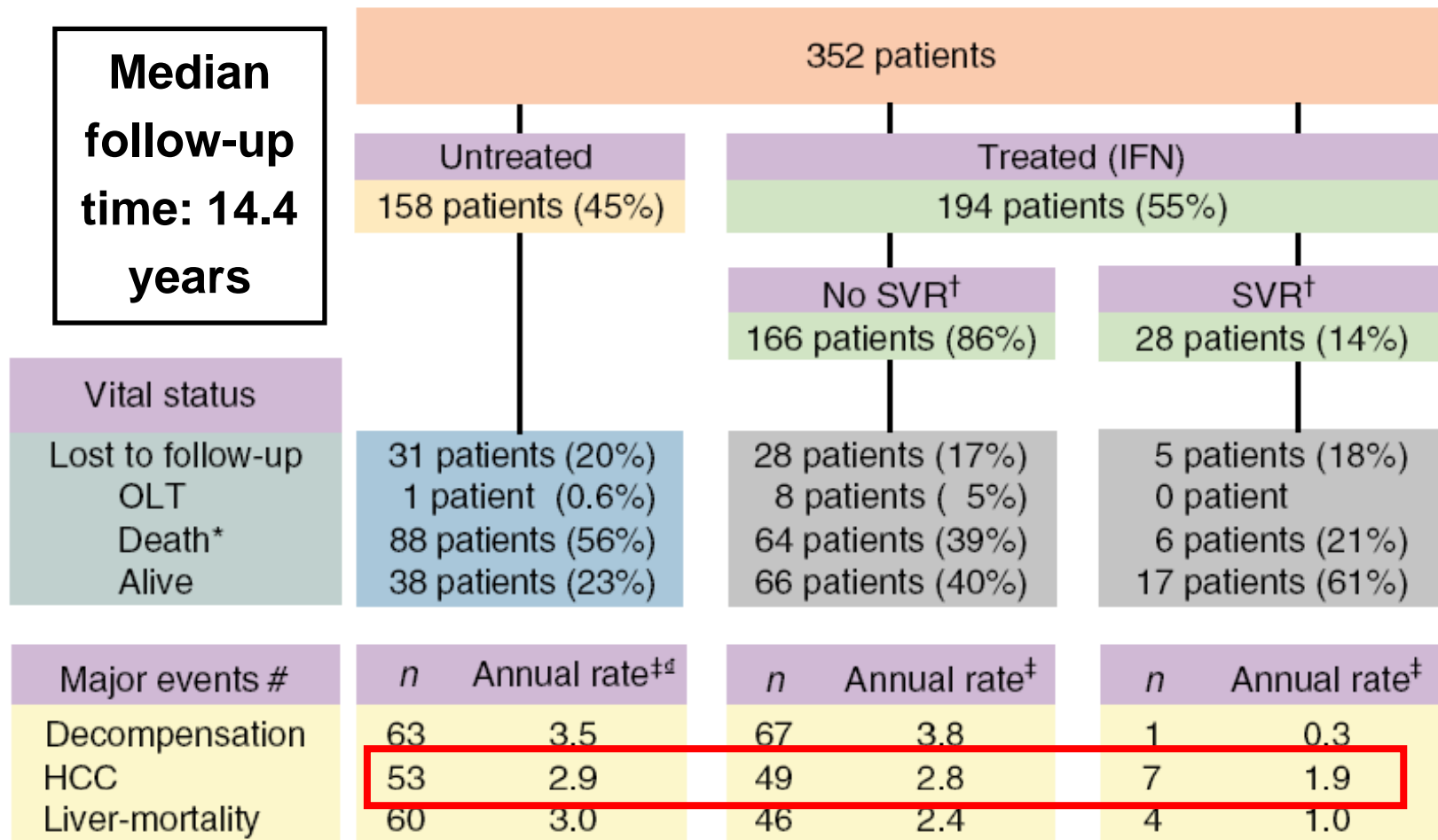
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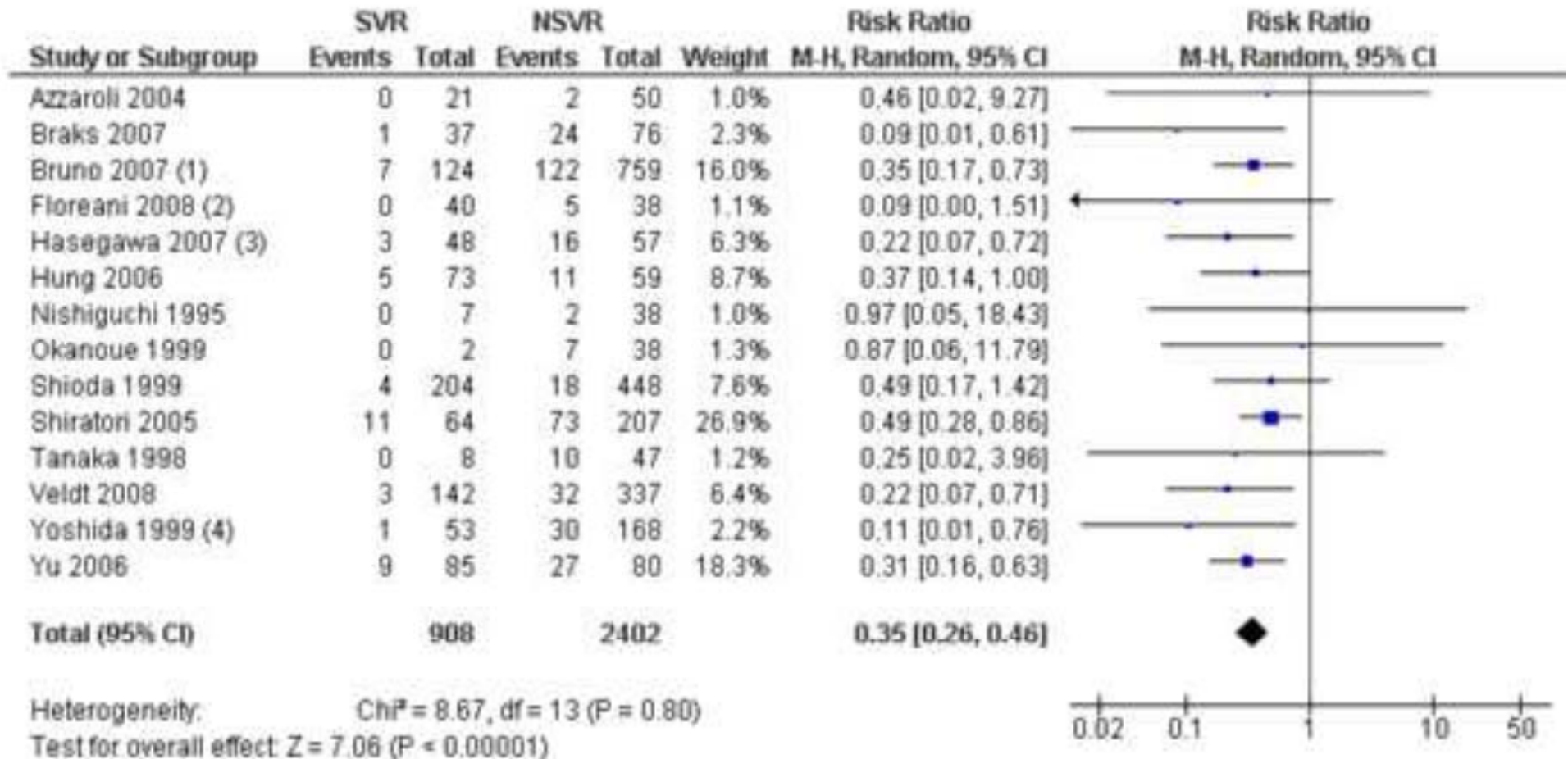
Event-free survival according to response to therapy in 102 patients with HCV-induced cirrhosis and portal hypertension (stage 2)



Annual rate of HCC occurrence (% person-years) in patients with HCV-related cirrhosis according to IFN treatment

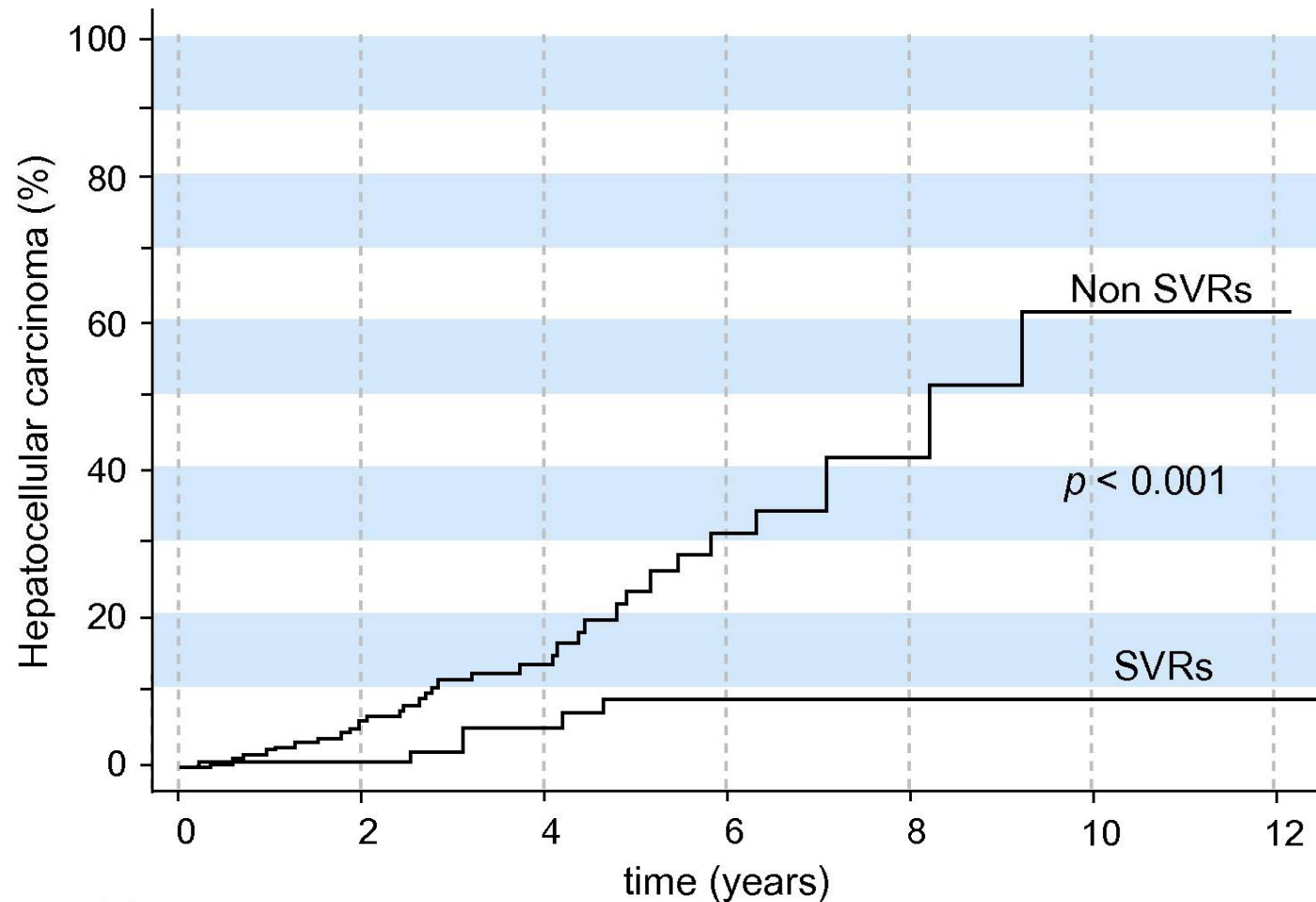


HCC occurrence in patients with HCV-related cirrhosis according to SVR



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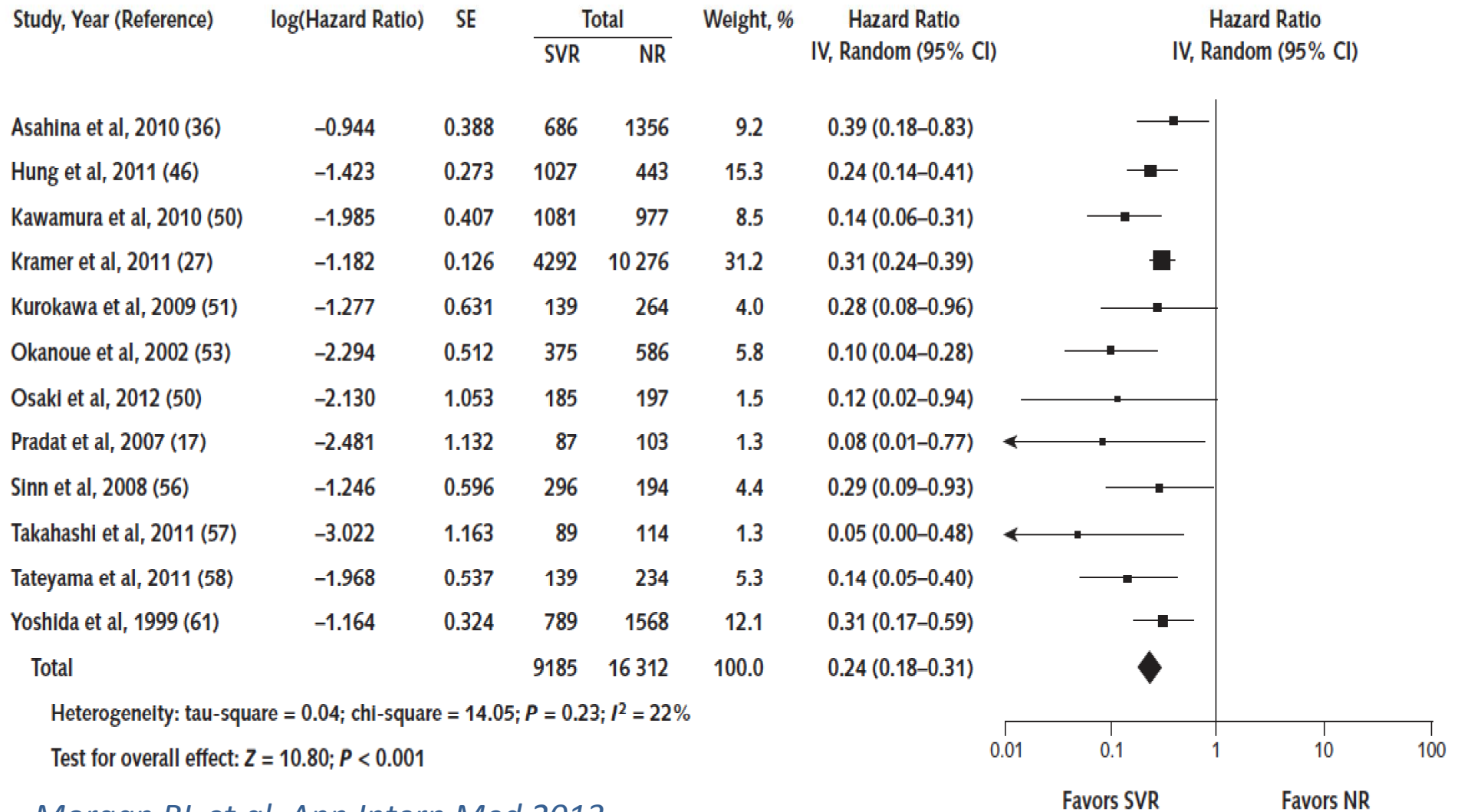


Patients at risk:

SVRs	103	86	49	28	12	5	3
Non SVRs	204	151	73	28	8	5	3

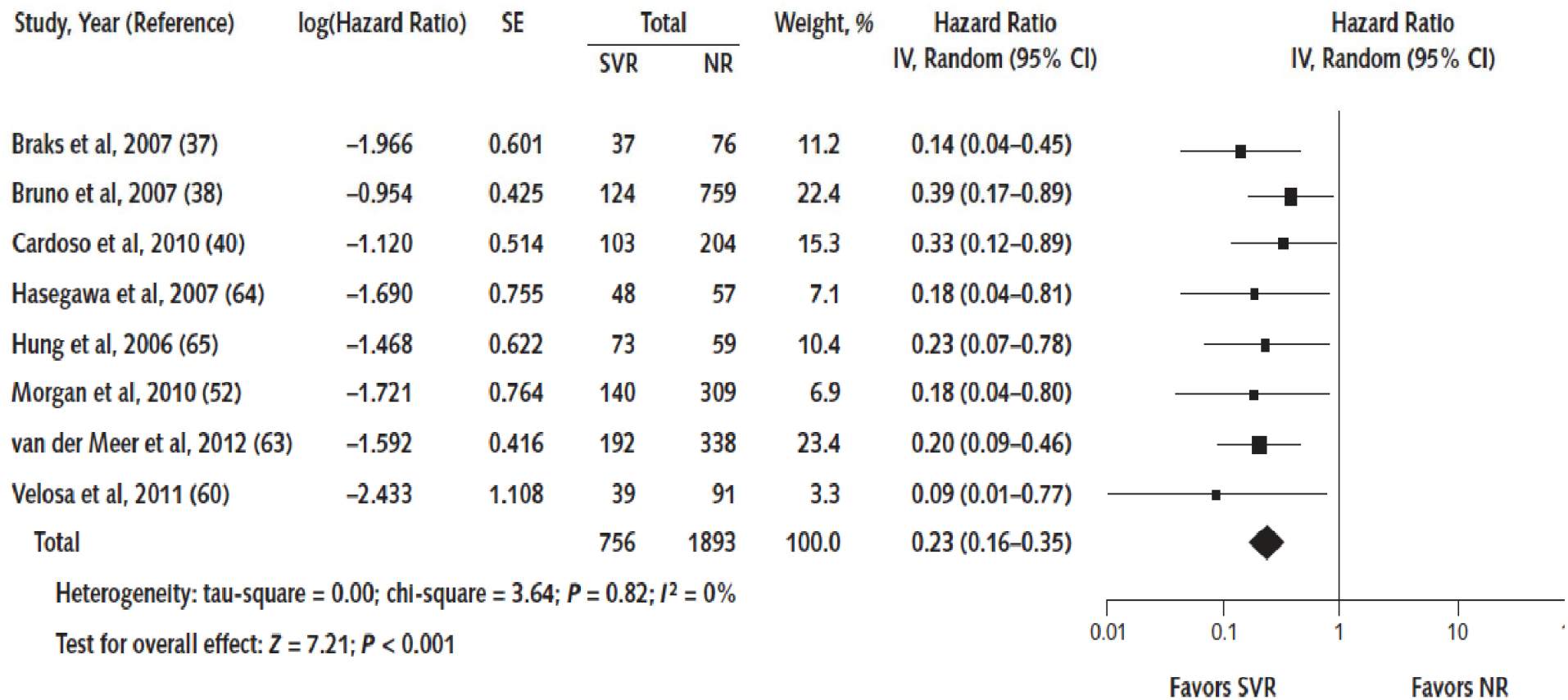
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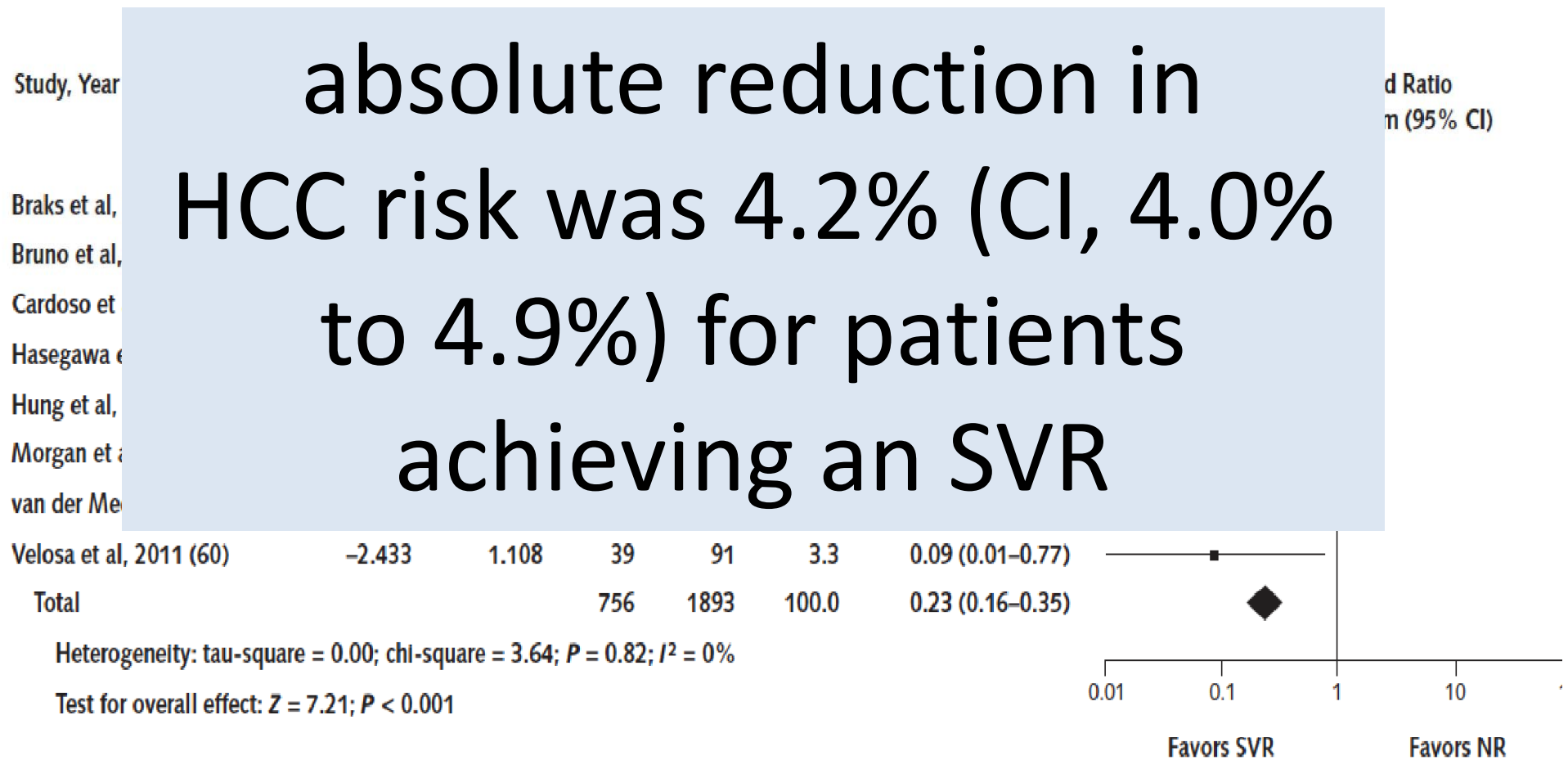
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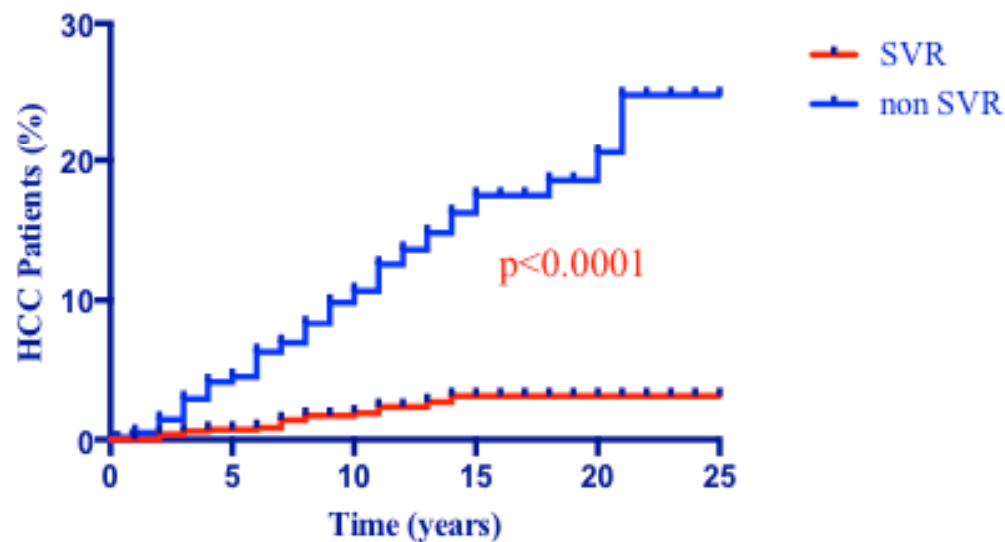
HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC) INCIDENCE IN CHRONIC HEPATITIS C PATIENTS (CHC) ACCORDING TO SUSTAINED VIROLOGIC RESPONSE (SVR)

HCC incidence – SVR /non-SVR



1371 patients
Diagnosed 1989-2011
Treated

SVR group = 1.8% vs. Non-SVR = 12.1%, $p < 0.0001$



HCC-incidence

F4/SVR: 7.7%

F4/non-SVR 21.9%

($p = 0.003$)

F3/SVR : 1.4%

non-SVR: 5.6%

($p = 0.04$).

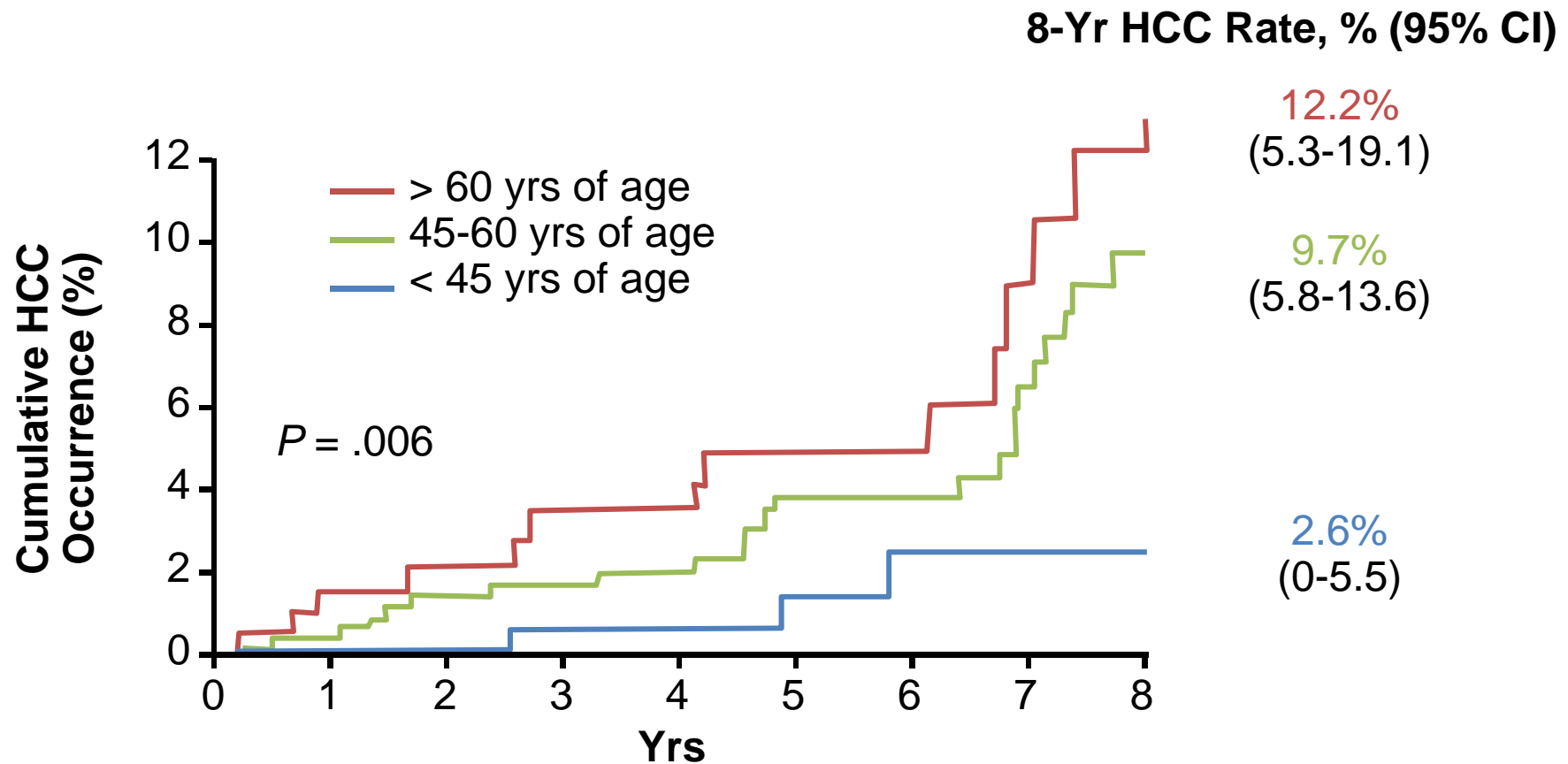
F0–2/SVR 0.2%

Non-SVR 2.9%

($p = 0.01$).

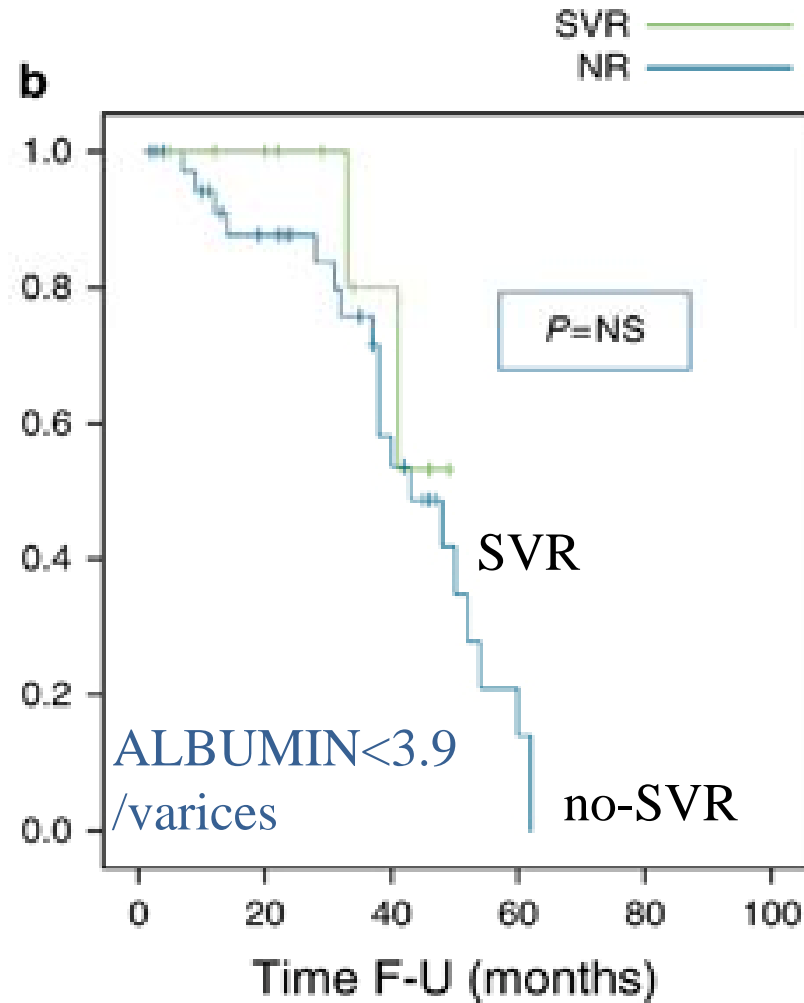
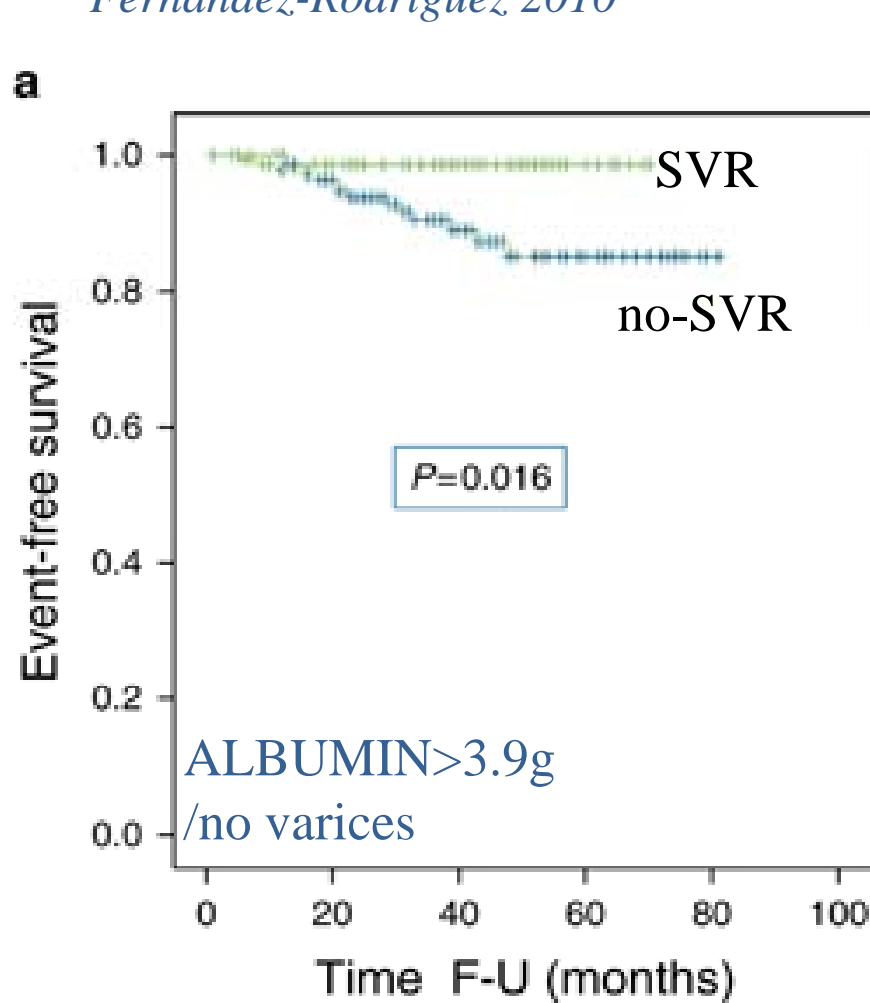
Age as a Risk Factor for HCC Following SVR in HCV Pts With Advanced Fibrosis

- HCC risk increased with age; highest for those > 60 yrs



LIVER EVENT-FREE SURVIVAL ACCORDING TO STAGE OF CIRRHOSIS AT THE TIME OF ANTIVIRAL THERAPY

Fernandez-Rodriguez 2010



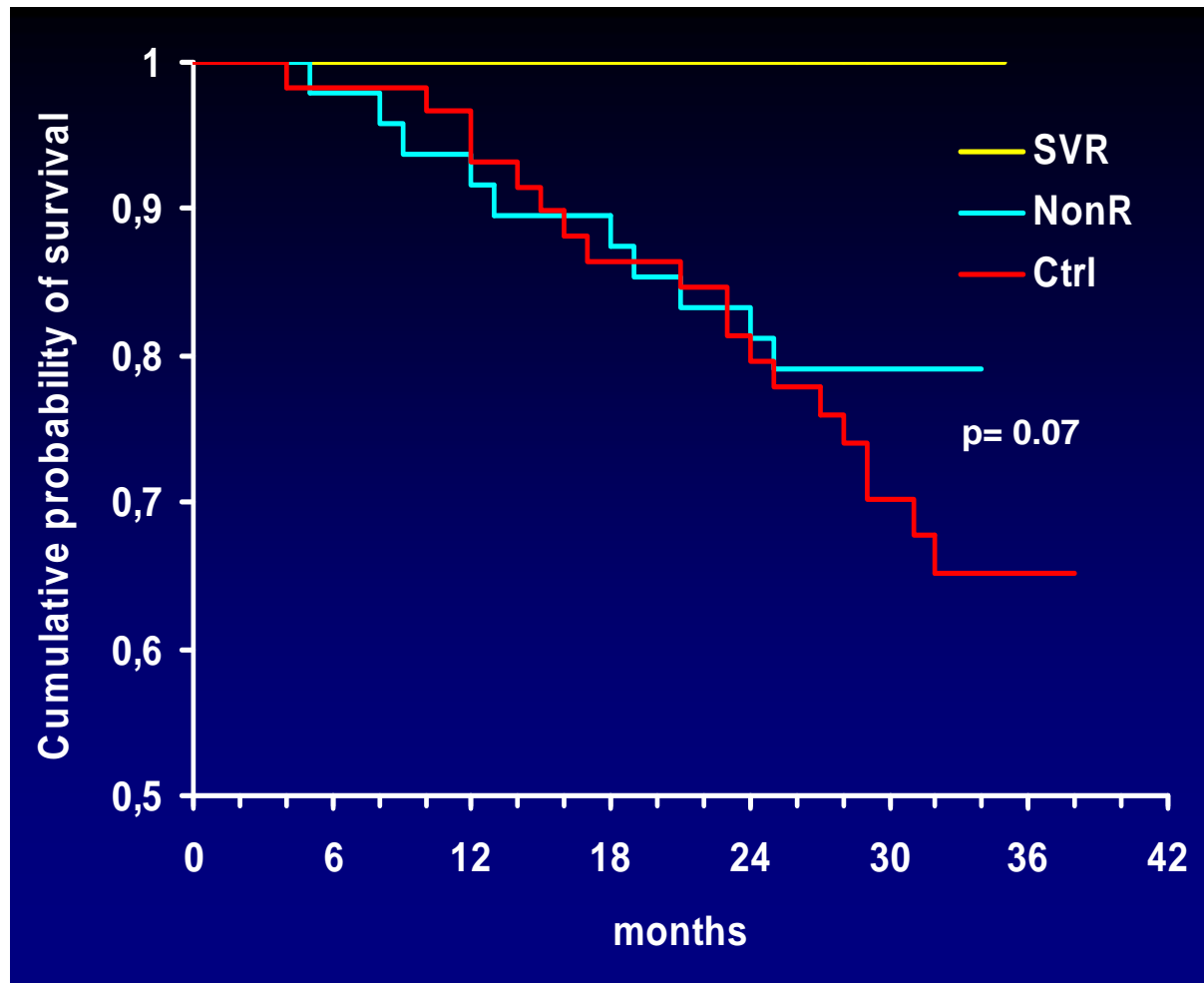
Subjects at risk

	0	20	40	60	80
NR	146	127	107	87	67
SVR	73	54	34	14	0

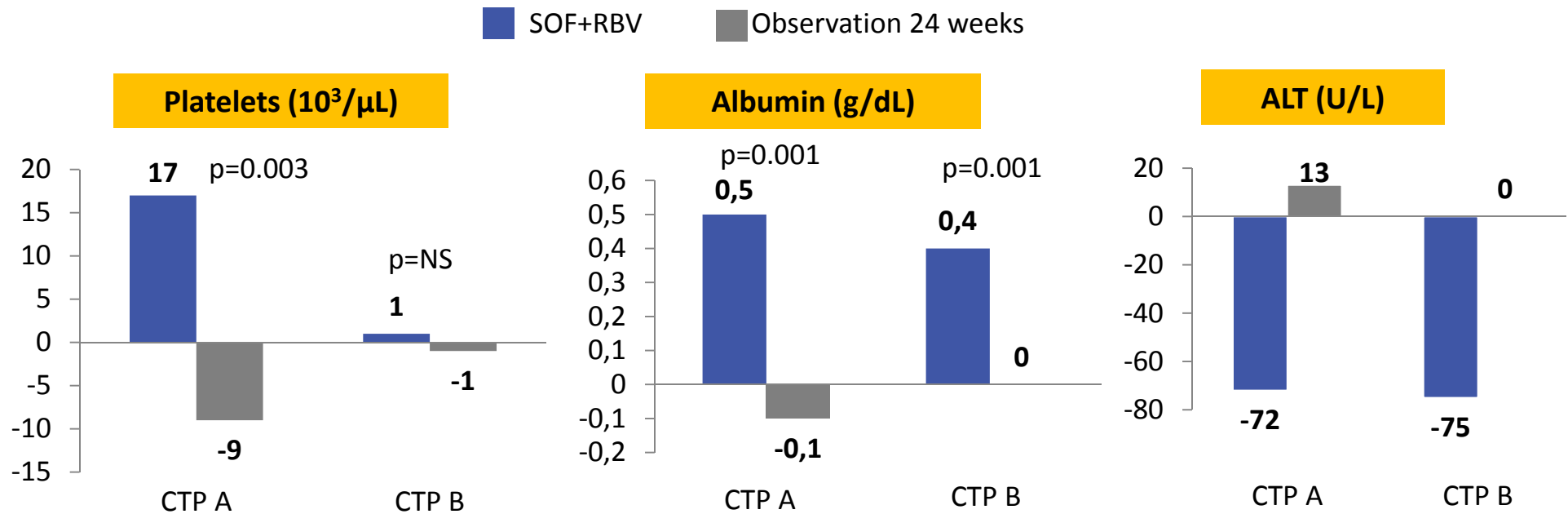
Cumulative events

	0	20	40	60	80	100
8A	14	14	14	14	14	14
8B	20	20	20	20	20	20

Cumulative probability of survival of SVRs versus Non SVRs and controls in patients with **Decompensated HCV cirrhosis**

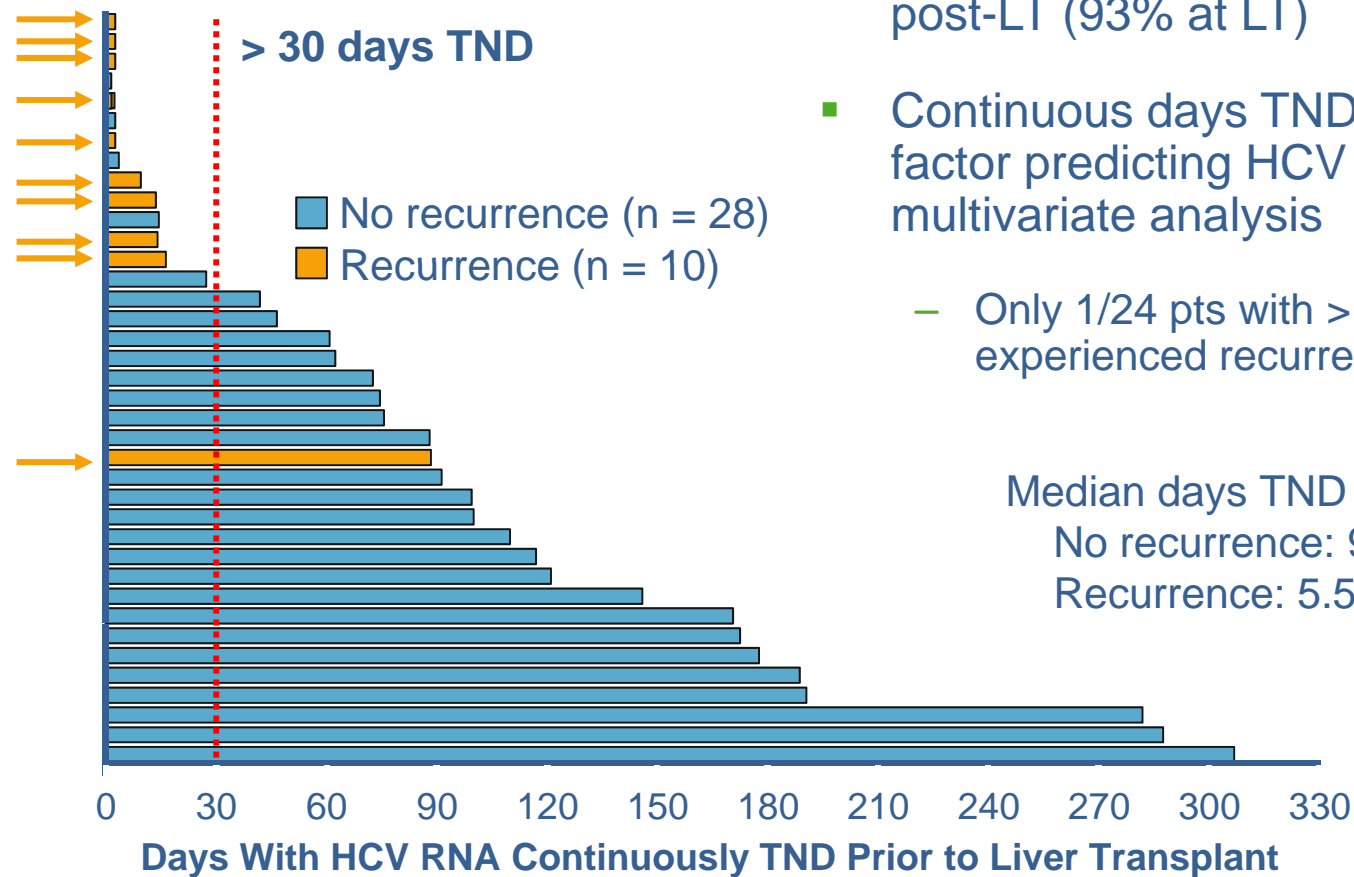


Laboratory and Clinical Event Changes



	Ascites		Hepatic Encephalopathy	
	SOF + RBV n=25	Observation n=25	SOF + RBV n=25	Observation n=25
Baseline	6	9	5	2
Week 12	5	8	3	3
Week 24	0	7	0	4

Duration of Undetectable HCV RNA Before Transplant Predicted Lack of Recurrence



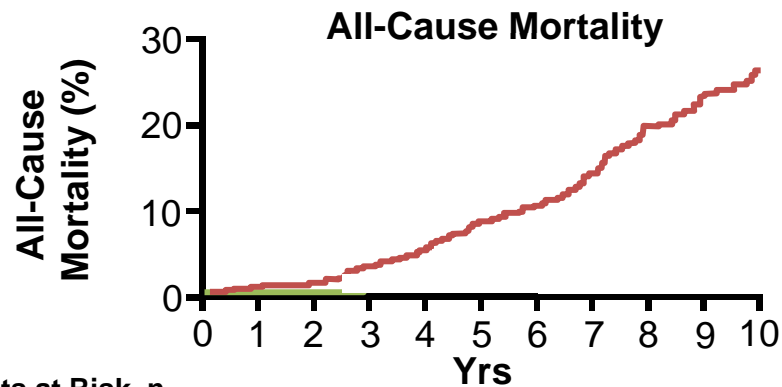
- 64% of pts HCV RNA negative 12 wks post-LT (93% at LT)
- Continuous days TND pre-LT only factor predicting HCV recurrence in multivariate analysis
- Only 1/24 pts with > 30 days TND experienced recurrence

Median days TND ($P < .001$)
 No recurrence: 95
 Recurrence: 5.5

Conclusions

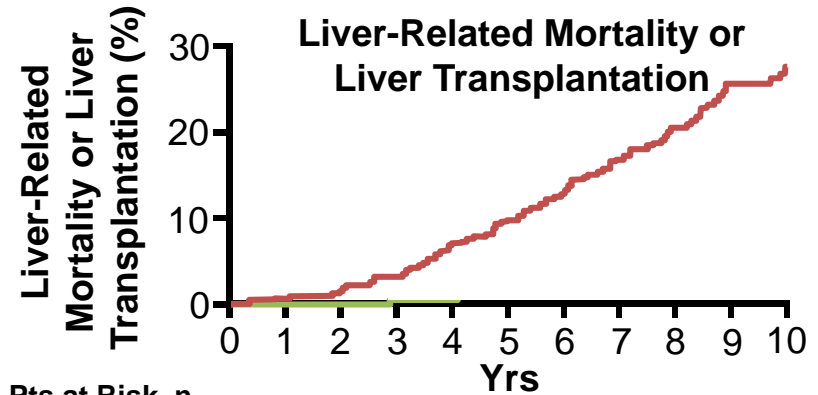
- HCV multiorgan, curable disease
- Natural history multifaceted
- Antiviral treatment potentially capable of reverting hepatic and extra-hepatic damage
- HCC surveillance in advanced fibrosis

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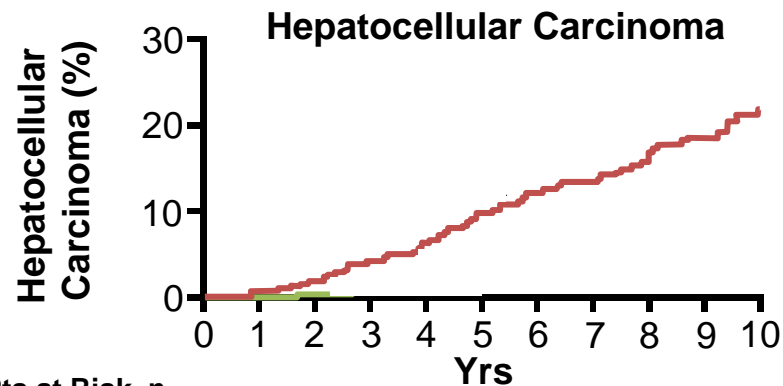
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