

Hepatitis aguda C en pacients VIH

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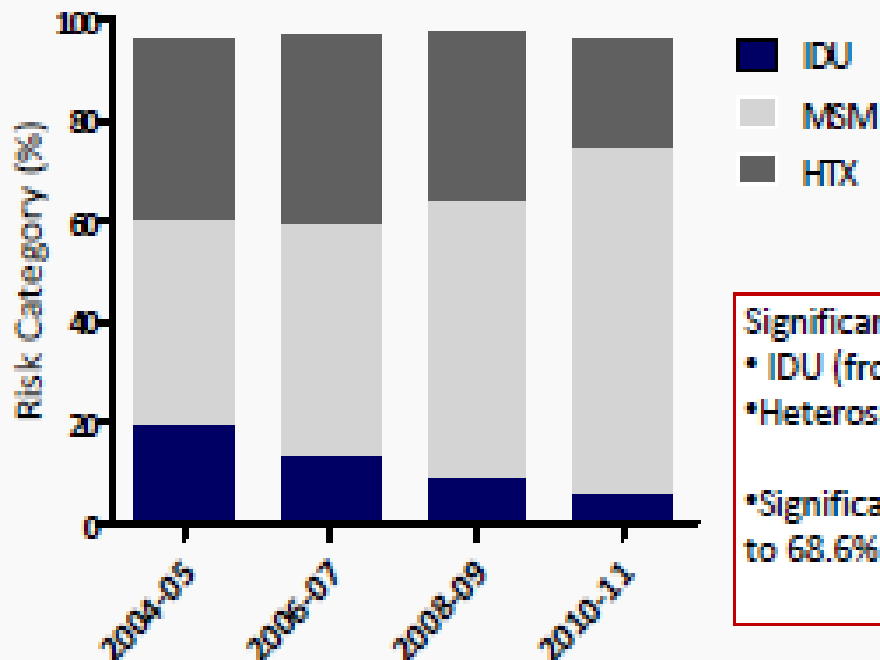
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The incidence of HCV superinfection in Icona cohort

Changes in risk behaviors for HIV/HCV acquisition during the study period



Significant decreases in the prevalence of:

- IDU (from 19.2% to 5.6%)
- Heterosexual (from 36.4% to 21.9%)

• Significant increase in MSM (from 40.6% to 68.6%).

Epidemiologia

- Un número crecient de casos de hepatitis aguda por el VHC han sido reportados en los últimos 10 años.



Epidemiologia

- Estudios longitudinales de cohortes han confirmado un aumento en la incidencia de VHC entre los pacientes HSH

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- Factores relacionados con el aumento de incidencia HAC en el colectivo HSH - VIH

- Mayor CV VHC en sangre y semen
- Mayor susceptibilidad mucosa rectal del paciente VIH
- Presencia de otras ETS ulcerativas
- HAART disminución de la percepción de riesgo
- Uso de drogas recreativas: disminución percepción riesgo, mayor número de parejas sexuales, prácticas sexuales más agresivas.
 - Chemsex ?
 - Slamming ?

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Sospecha y evaluación clínica

- Sospecha:
 - Pacientes con clínica sugestiva de hepatitis aguda
 - Aumento inexplicable del valor enzimas hepáticas >1,5 veces límite superior normalidad en control rutinario
 - Proctitis por LUES o LGV
- Evaluación:
 - Estudio serológico y virológico
 - Comportamiento sexual y factores de riesgo clásicos para el contagio

Diagnóstico y Seguimiento

- Diagnóstico HAC:
 - Clínica compatible o elevación de transaminasas
 - Seroconversión de Ac-VHC
 - Presencia ARN-VHC
 - Conductas de riesgo
- Seguimiento: Visita cada 3-4 semanas.
 - Control clínico.
 - Transaminasas.
 - Caída ARN-VHC

Clínica

Período de incubación variable (15-160 días)

- Presentación clínica similar a la de la población mono infectada

Características propias de los pacientes coinfectados:

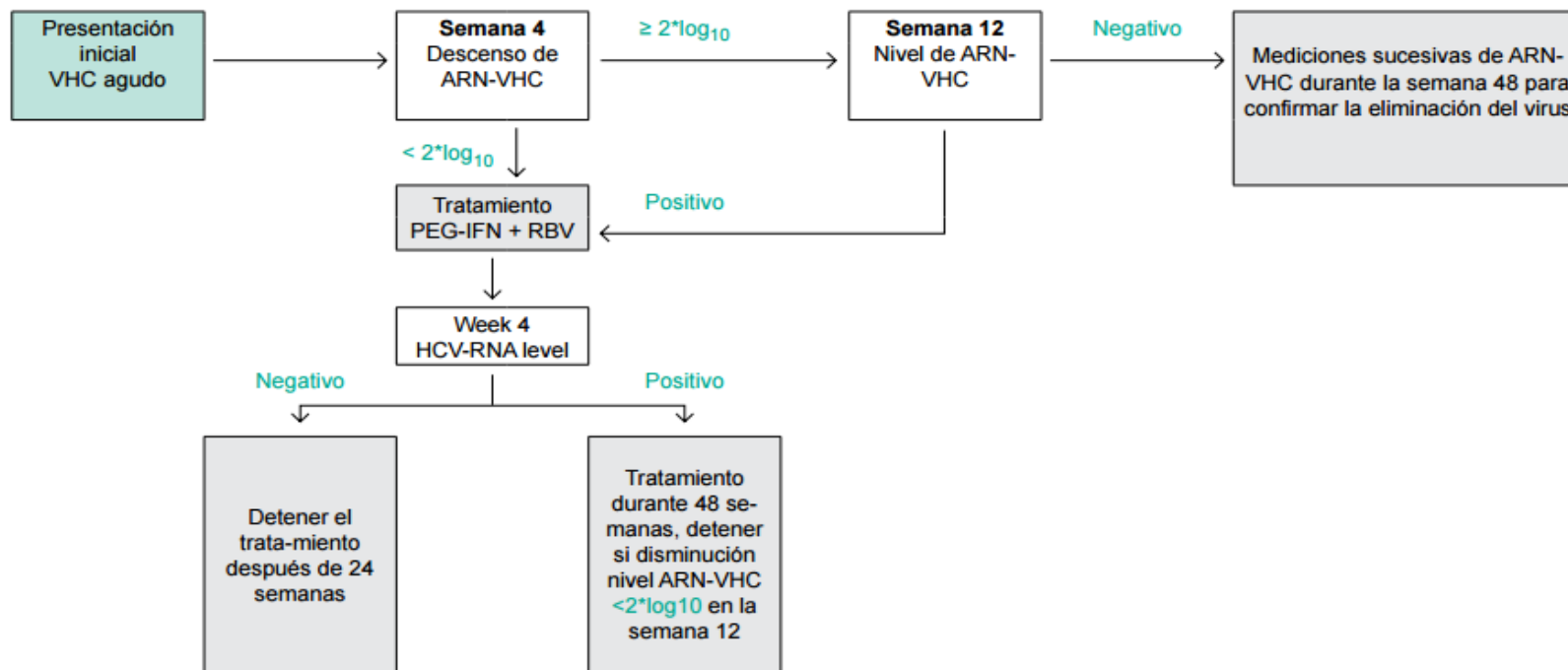
- inferior presencia de signos y síntomas de hepatitis
- elevaciones más discreta de ALT sérica

Evolución

- Evolución a infección crónica hasta en el 85% de los casos.
- La eliminación espontánea del virus (15% de pacientes) suele ocurrir dentro de las 12 semanas después del diagnóstico
 - Factores favorables para la eliminación vírica
 - HAC sintomática
 - ALT basal elevada
 - Descenso rápido de ARN-VHC
 - IL28B C/C
 - Factores de riesgo para la persistencia
 - Infección asintomática
 - VIH+
 - Sexo masculino
 - Raza negra









Tratamiento

Algoritmo terapéutico de la infección aguda por VHC en pacientes infectados por el VIH



Tratamiento con pINF/RBV en HAC en pacientes HIV/HSH

HIV+ MSM: Hypothesis

Study	Rx	Duration (wk)	SVR rate
 Gilleece 2005, London	pIFN+RBV	24	16/27 (59%)
 Vogel 2006, Germany	pIFN+RBV	24-48	22/36 (61%)
 Dominguez 2006, France	pIFN+RBV	24	10/14 (71%)
 Matthews 2009, Australia	pIFN+RBV	24	16/22 (73%)
 Piroth 2010, France	pIFN+RBV	24-48	32/39 (82%)
 Lambers 2011, Amsterdam	pIFN+RBV	24-48	38/50 (76%)
 Obermeier 2011, Germany	pIFN+RBV	24-48	93/175 (53%)
 Fierer 2013, (unpublished) New York City	pIFN+RBV	24-48	29/46 (63%)
TOTAL:	pIFN+RBV	24-48	256/409 (63%)

Telaprevir in the Treatment of Acute Hepatitis C Virus Infection in HIV-Infected Men

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Background. There is an international epidemic of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection among human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-infected men who have sex with men. Sustained virologic response (SVR) rates with pegylated interferon and ribavirin treatment are higher in these men during acute HCV than during chronic HCV, but treatment is still lengthy and SVR rates are suboptimal.

Methods. We performed a pilot study of combination therapy with telaprevir, pegylated interferon, and ribavirin in acute genotype 1 HCV infection in HIV-infected men. Men who were treated prior to the availability of, or ineligible for, telaprevir were the comparator group. The primary endpoint was SVR12, defined as an HCV viral load <5 IU/mL at least 12 weeks after completing treatment.

Results. In the telaprevir group, 84% (16/19) of men achieved SVR12 vs 63% (30/48) in the comparator group. Among men with SVR, median time to undetectable viral load was week 2 in the telaprevir group vs week 4 in the comparator group, and 94% vs 53% had undetectable viral loads at week 4. Most patients (81%) who achieved SVR in the telaprevir group received ≤12 weeks of treatment and there were no relapses after treatment. The overall safety profile was similar to that known for telaprevir-based regimens.

Conclusions. Incorporating telaprevir into treatment of acute genotype 1 HCV in HIV-infected men halved the treatment duration and increased the SVR rate. Larger studies should be done to confirm these findings. Clinicians should be alert to detect acute HCV infection of HIV-infected men to take advantage of this effective therapy and decrease further transmission in this epidemic.

Keywords. acute HCV; treatment; HIV infection; men who have sex with men; telaprevir.



SVR12 Results after 12w Boceprevir+ P/R in the Dutch Acute Hepatitis C in HIV Study

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Background

The international epidemic of acute hepatitis C virus (AHCV) continues to spread within HIV+ MSM, with incidence rates between .08 and 1.75%. 24wks of peginterferon(P) (+/- ribavirin(R)) cures 60-70% of them.

The addition of a direct-acting anti-viral drug (DAA) may increase cure rates and allow a shorter treatment. The efficacy and role of the old and new DAA in the treatment of AHCV has not been studied. Furthermore, given the costs of new DAA, almost all European countries currently restrict the use of newer DAA to patients with severe fibrosis or cirrhosis.

This Dutch nationwide study evaluates the efficacy and tolerability of 12w boceprevir+P/R in acute HCV genotype-1 HIV-infected patients.

Methods

- HIV positive MSM were tested for HCV RNA if they presented with an ALAT > upper limit of normal

- Infection date was calculated by retesting stored plasma samples. (CAP/CTM V2, Roche diagnostics)

- HCV genotype 1 infected patients were included and treatment started within 26 weeks after infection

- Boceprevir +P/R were given for 12 weeks, without P/R lead-in

- Virological response was defined as HCV RNA < 15 copies/target not detected

Baseline characteristics (n=57)

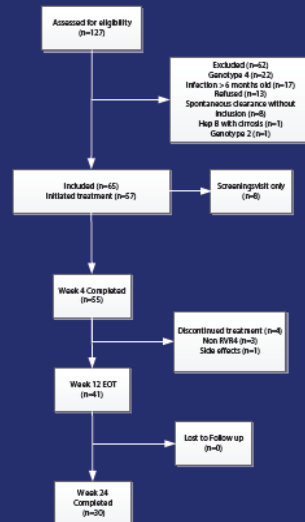
Gender	Male	100 %
Race	Caucasian	93 %
	non-Caucasian	7 %
Genotype	1 a	95 %
	b	5 %
	IL28B RS1297	
	CC	42,5 %
	CT	50 %
	TT	7,5 %
Age	median	40 years (IQR 34-47)
CD4 count	median	0,66 E9/l (IQR 0,45-0,79)
Interval infection-treatment	median	22 weeks (IQR 16,5-25)
Baseline HCV Load	median	200.000 IU/ml (IQR 8.375-3.230.000)

Primary endpoint:

Sustained virological response (SVR) 12 weeks after the end of therapy in the RVR4 population

Secondary endpoint:

SVR12 in the intention to treat (ITT) population



Incidence of AHCV in 2014 in the study centers

8304 HIV+ and HCV- MSM were in care
91 AHCV infections were diagnosed

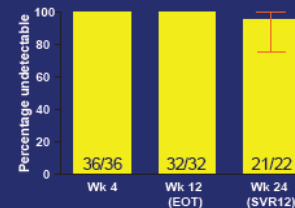
The estimated minimum incidence was therefore
91/8304=11/1000 PYFU (95% CI 8.9-14)

Results

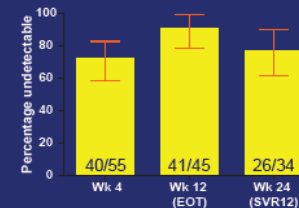
The study is ongoing but fully enrolled with 65 patients included of which 8 cleared HCV spontaneously and 57 started therapy. 34 patients have reached the SVR12 evaluation endpoint.

Three SAE have been reported; 1 myocardial infarction (not related); 1 transient ischemic attack (not related), 1 grade 4 anemia (related). Median amount of AE per patient: grade 1=4, grade 2=1.5 and grade 3=1.

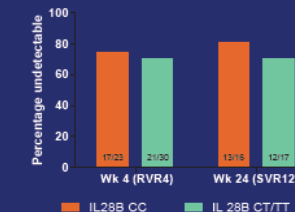
Virological response in RVR4 patients



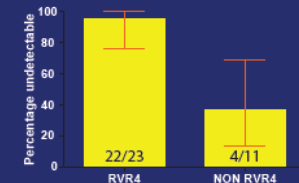
Virological response in ITT patients



Virological response according to IL 28B



SVR12 rate according to week 4 result (ITT)



Conclusion

- Addition of boceprevir to P/R halves therapy duration of acute HCV to 12 weeks
- 95% SVR in RVR4 patients (95% CI 75%-99%)
- 76% SVR in ITT population (95% CI 58%-89%)
- IL28 RS1297 nor RS809 genotype had impact on SVR12 results
- No unexpected side effects were observed
- The DAHHS network allows for a fast evaluation of DAA for the treatment of AHCV



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Tratamiento con DAAs

Study name	Coordinator	DAAs	HCV genotype	Duration (weeks)	HIV Status
DAHHS	Erasmus MC	BOC + pegIFN + RBV	1	12	pos
CHAT	UKB	TPV + pegIFN + RBV	1	12	pos
SWIFT-C	ACTG	SOF + RBV	all	8 vs. 12	pos
DARE C III	Kirby Institute	SOF + RBV	all	6	neg + pos
SOL	UKB	SOF + LDV	1, 4	6	pos
Hep-Net Acute HCV	MHH	SOF + LDV	1	6	neg

SWIFT-C (ACTG 5327):
SOF + RBV for 12 wks in AHC coinfection



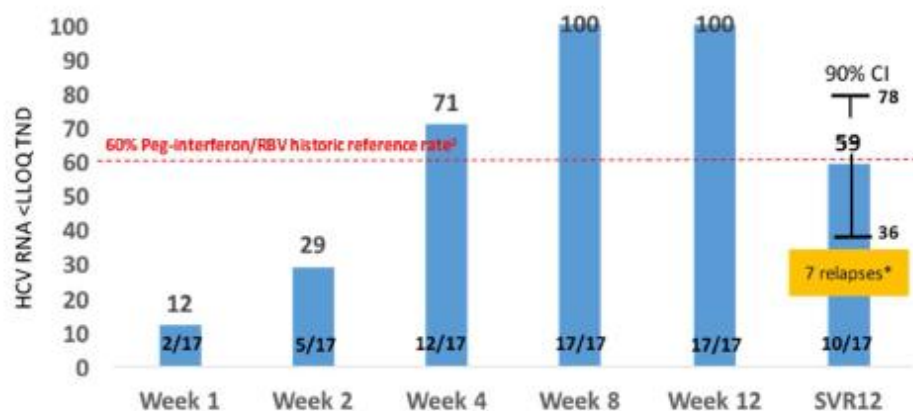
	SOF/RBV 12 weeks N=17
Median age, y (quartiles)	45 (41, 47)
Male, n (%)	17 (100)
White, n (%)	6 (35)
Hispanic or Latino, n (%)	11 (65)
IV Drug Use Ever, n (%)	4 (24)
IL28B CC, n (%)	4 (24)
GT 1, n (%)	15 (88)
First HCV infection, n (%)	17 (100)
Mean HCV RNA, log ₁₀ IU/mL ± SD	5.63 ± 1.76
Median time (days) from first evidence of infection (quartiles)	140 (121, 151)
Median CD4, cells/μL (quartiles)	498 (387, 612)
HIV RNA <50 copies/mL, n (%)	15 (88)
Median ALT, mg/dL (quartiles)	181 (165, 284)
Median AST, mg/dL (quartiles)	106 (69, 159)
Median Tbili, mg/dL (quartiles)	0.70 (0.60, 0.80)

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SWIFT-C (ACTG 5327):
SOF + RBV for 12 wks in AHC coinfection



Results: Viral Suppression Rates

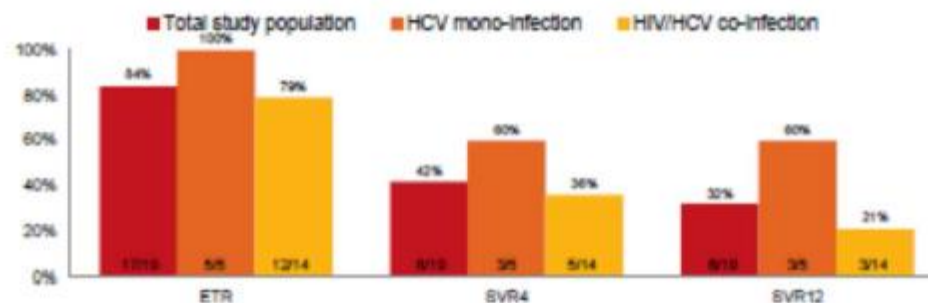


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DARE-C II: SOF + RBV for 6 wks in AHC mono- and coinfection

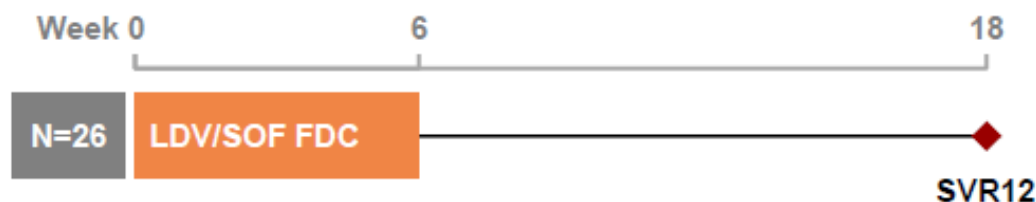


- Mean age 42 years, 89% male (n=17), 74% HIV positive
- 68% GT1a (n=13), 26% GT3a infection (n=5)
- Injecting drug use (n=10, 53%), sexual exposure with a partner of the same sex (n=8, 42%)
- Median HCV RNA at screening 5.7 log₁₀ IU/mL (IQR 5.0-6.3)



Martinello et al, AASLD 2015 #1083

Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir for 6 Weeks in HIV-Infected Patients with Acute HCV Infection



- ◆ Patients with chronic HIV and acute HCV infection
 - HCV GT 1 or 4 N=19 GT1a; N=7 GT4
 - ART consistent with LDV/SOF co-administration with HIV <200 copies/mL or not receiving ART with no plans to start
- ◆ Acute HCV infection with detectable HCV RNA (Roche COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® TaqMan® version 2.0, LLOQ=15 IU/mL) for <24 weeks, defined by
 - HCV RNA-positive and negative anti-HCV antibody/HCV RNA test within last 6 months or
 - Elevated ALT/AST >2.5 x ULN in past 6 months with normal LFTs in past year, and other causes excluded
- ◆ **5 sites in Germany and UK**

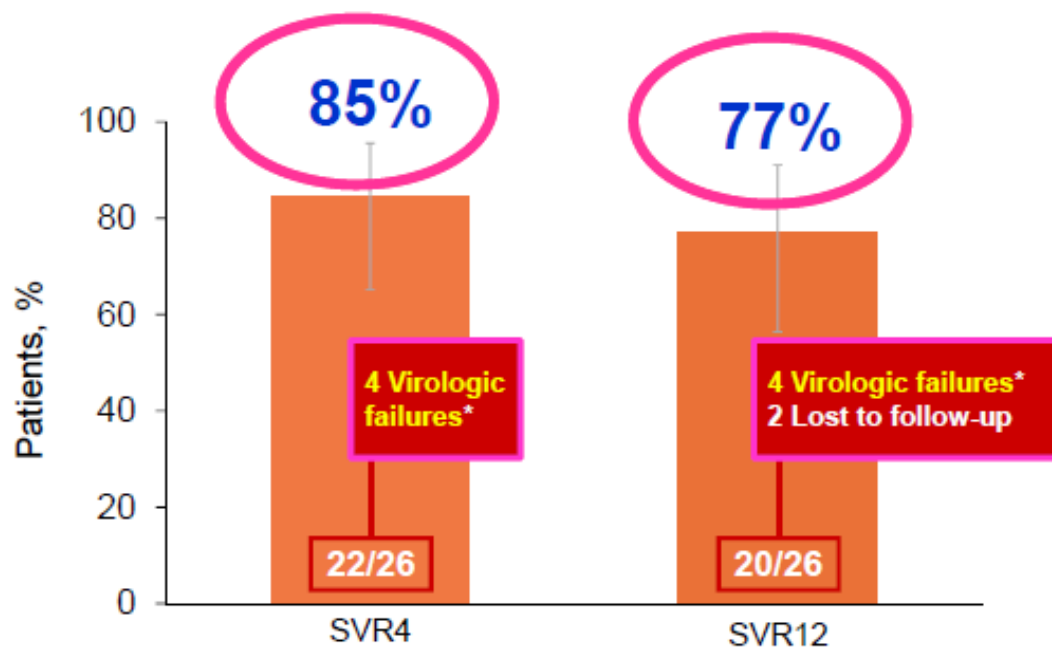
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Results: SVR4 and SVR12 (ITT)

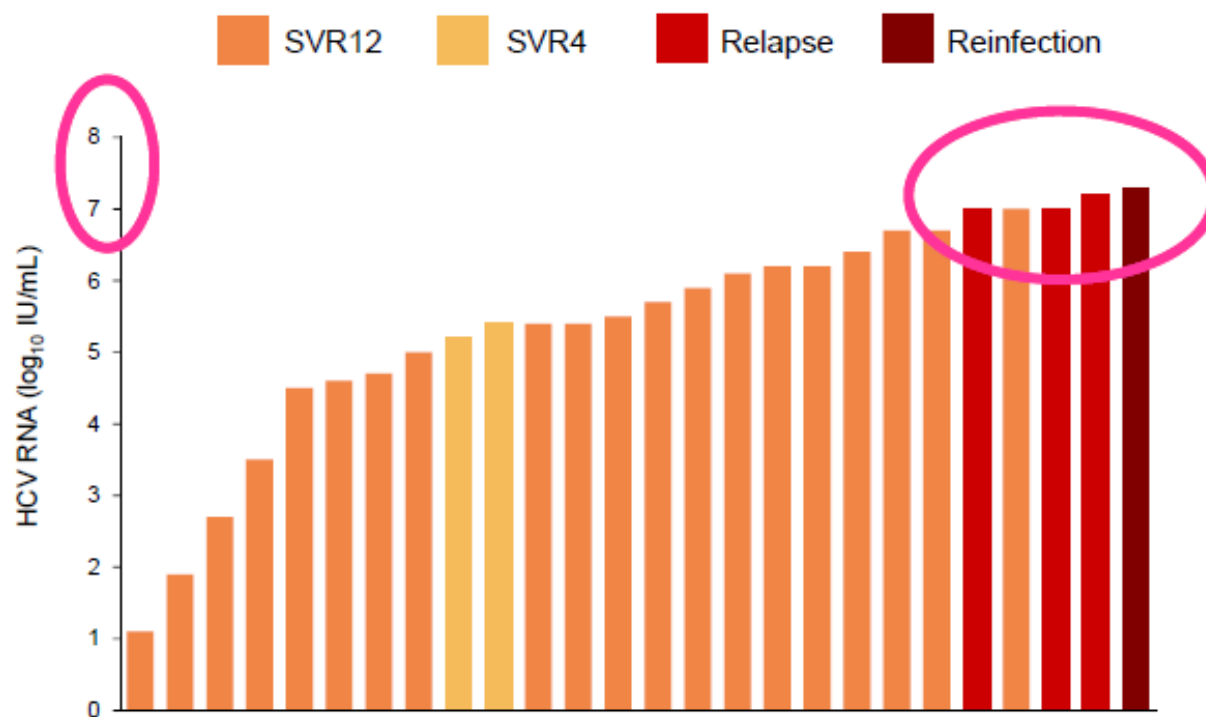


*3 patients relapsed, 1 was reinfected (GT 1a at baseline, 4d in post-treatment).
Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

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Results: Baseline HCV RNA and Treatment Outcome (SVR)



- ◆ The 3 relapses had BL VL >7 log₁₀ IU/mL: GT 1a (2) and 4 (1). No new NS5A or NS5B RAVs were observed

**Six weeks of sofosbuvir/ledipasvir (SOF/LDV) are sufficient to treat
acute hepatitis C virus genotype 1 mono-infection:
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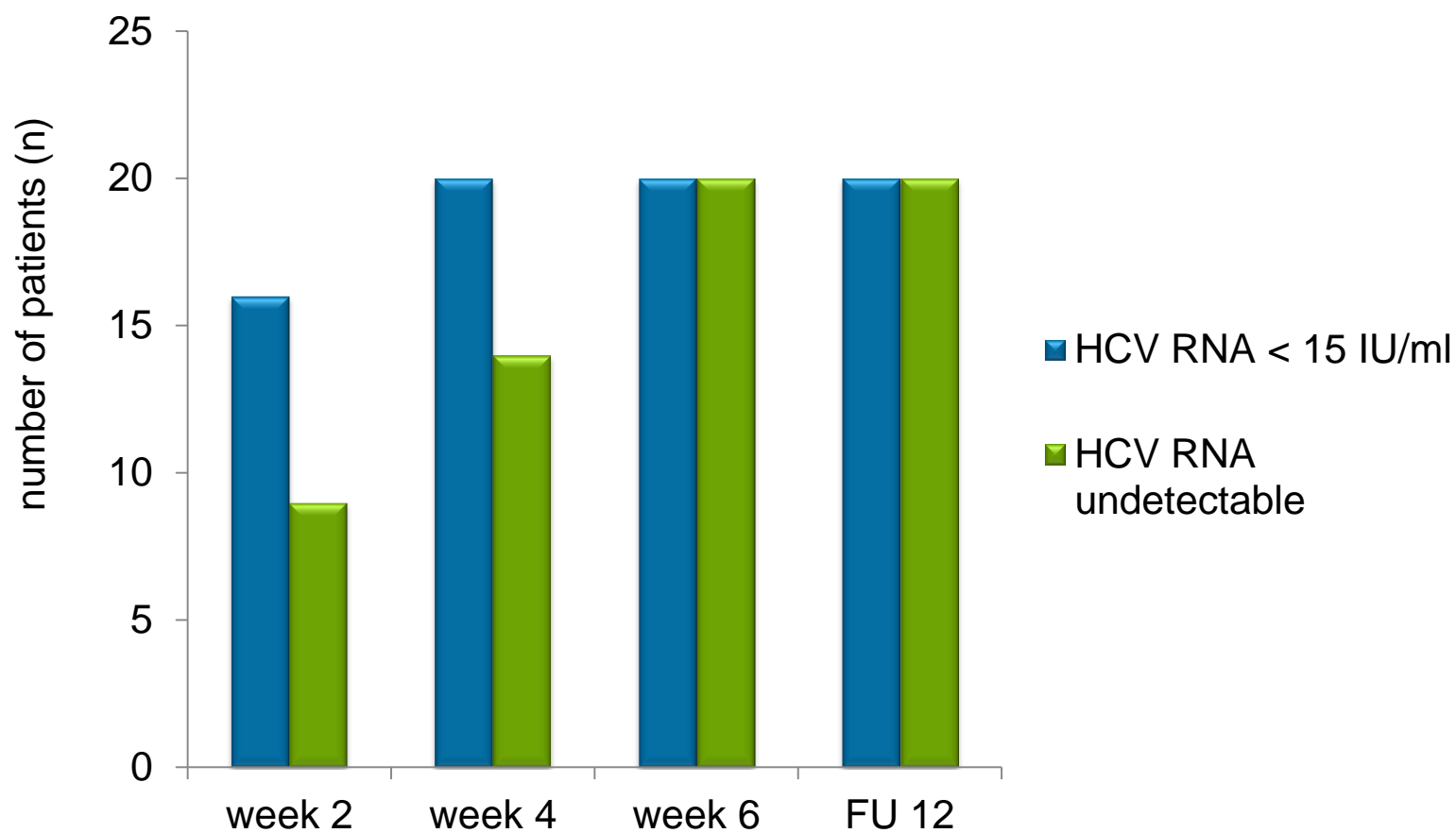


Baseline characteristics

	Study cohort
Patients (n)	20
Male, n (%)	12 (60%)
Age (years), mean (range)	46 (23 – 63)
HCV - Genotype	
- Genotype 1a, n (%)	11 (55%)
- Genotype 1b, n (%)	9 (45%)
Risk factors for infection	
- Sexual transmission, n (%)	11 (55%); including 5 men having sex with men
- Medical procedures/needle stick injury, n (%)	5 (25%)
- Nail treatment, n (%)	1 (5%)
- Unspecified, n (%)	2 (10%)
ALT (U/l), mean (range)	463 (32 – 2716)
Bilirubin (mg/dl), mean (range)	24 (5.13 – 111)



Virological response



SLAM C: SOF + LDV or SMP in AHC monoinfection



- Group A (n=14): SOF 400 mg + LDV 90 mg (once daily) for 4 weeks
- Group B (n=15): SOF 400 mg + SIM 150 mg (once daily) for 8 weeks
- All patients GT 1 infection (7/7 GT1a/1b in group A and 7/8 GT1a/GT1b in group B, respectively)
- Mean viral load was 1,200 k in the SOF + LDV group and 1,600 k in the SOF + SIM group

Undetectable	Group A SOF + LDV N=14	Group SOF + SIM N=15
Day 7, n, %	13/14, 92.9%	13/15, 86.67%
4 Weeks, n %	14/14, 100% (ETVR)	14/15, 93.3% (1 dropped started IV drug use)
8 Weeks, n, %	14/14, 100%	14/15, 93.3% (ETVR)
16 Weeks, n, %	14/14, 100%, SVR12	14/15, 93.3%
20 Weeks, n, % (per protocol)	(1 dropped, transferred to the prison)	13/13, 100%, SVR12 (one was lost to follow-up-homeless)
Retention	13/14, 92.9%	13/15, 86.67%

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- Poques dades AAD en HAC monoïnfectats i coïnfectats per VIH
- Període de tractament més curt en HAC?

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Low Rate of Sustained Virological Response in an Outbreak of Acute Hepatitis C in HIV-Infected Patients

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Abstract

Recent reports have suggested an increased risk of acute hepatitis C (AHC) infection in homosexual HIV-infected men and that early treatment with interferon-alfa, alone or associated with ribavirin, significantly reduces the risk of chronic evolution. A retrospective analysis of 38 HIV-infected patients who were consecutively diagnosed as developing AHC, defined by both seroconversion of anti-hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibodies and detection of serum HCV-RNA in those with previous negative results.

Thirty-six patients were men with history of unprotected sexual intercourse with men and two were women with sexual and nosocomial risk factors. AHC infection was asymptomatic in 26 patients; asthenia and jaundice were the most frequent symptoms. HCV genotype 1 was present in 19 patients and genotype 4 in 14 patients. Thirty-five patients received early antiviral treatment with pegylated interferon-alfa associated with ribavirin; 15 of the 32 patients who completed the follow-up (47%) achieved a sustained virological response, as defined by undetectable HCV-RNA 6 months after the end of therapy. There is a risk of sexual transmission of HCV in HIV-infected men who have sex with men. In our experience, early treatment of AHC with pegylated interferon-alfa plus ribavirin in HIV patients achieves poor results.



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RESUMEN

Introducción: Estudios recientes confirman un aumento de la incidencia de infección aguda por el virus de la hepatitis C (HAC) en hombres que tienen sexo con hombres (HSH) infectados o no por el VIH. El tratamiento temprano con interferón-alfa, solo o asociado a ribavirina, reduce significativamente el riesgo de evolución a la cronicidad.

Métodos: Estudio retrospectivo que incluye todos los pacientes VIH diagnosticados de HAC en nuestro centro desde junio del 2003 a marzo del 2013, definida la HAC por la seroconversión de anticuerpos contra el VHC y la detección de ARN-VHC sérico.

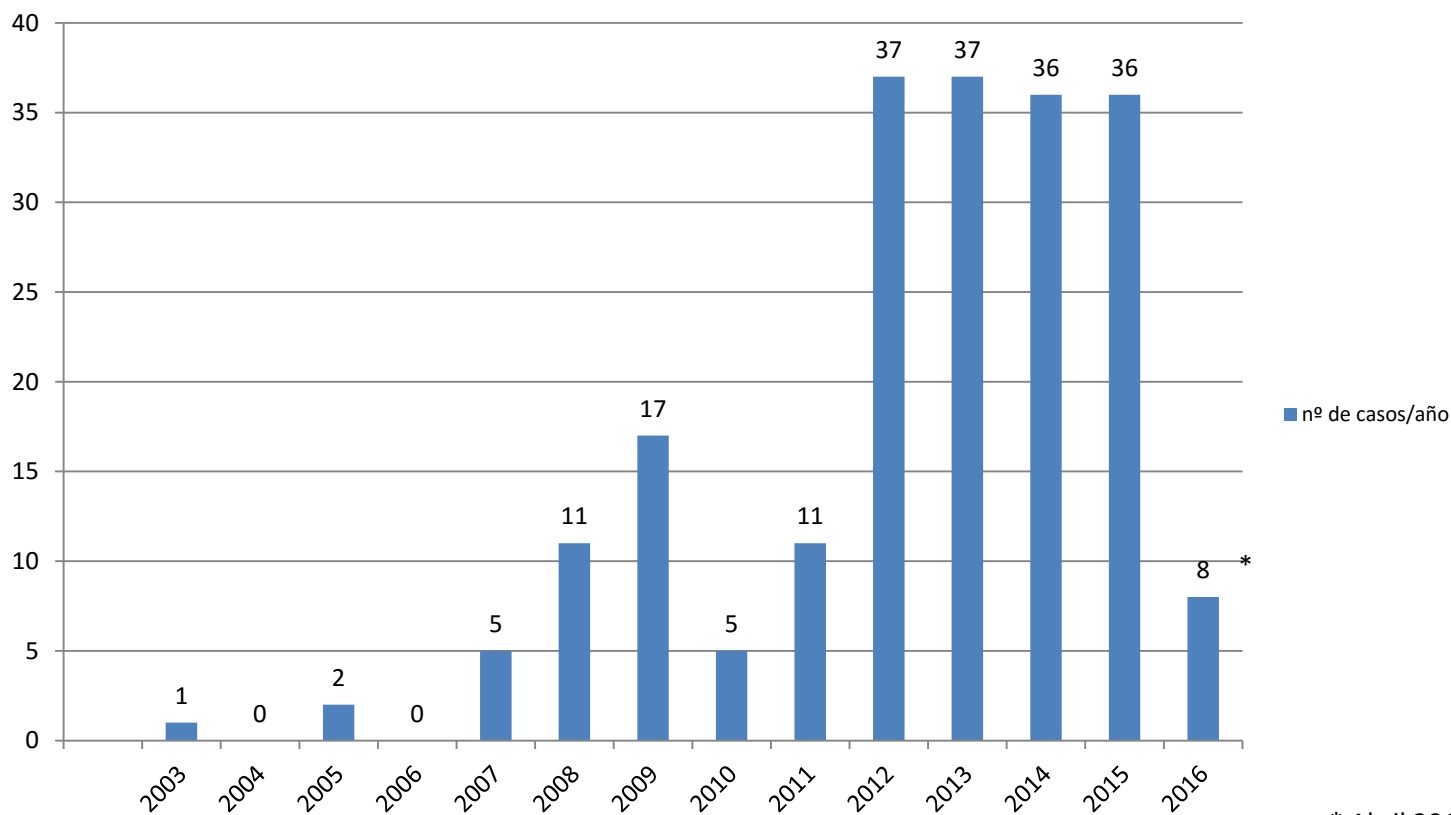
Resultados: Se diagnosticaron 93 episodios de HAC en 89 pacientes. Excepto en 3 casos todos eran HSH con antecedentes de prácticas sexuales de riesgo. Treinta y 7 (40%) pacientes presentaban otra enfermedad de transmisión sexual asociada. El 29% (27) presentaron algún síntoma sugestivo de HAC. El genotipo 4 del VHC fue el más frecuente (41%), seguido del genotipo 1. En 70 casos se inició tratamiento con interferón-alfa y ribavirina ajustada a peso. En la actualidad 46 han finalizado el tratamiento y el seguimiento, alcanzando 26 de ellos (56,5%) una respuesta viral sostenida.

Conclusiones: La incidencia de HAC en los pacientes VIH HSH de nuestro centro ha aumentado de forma exponencial en los últimos años, siendo la transmisión sexual la vía principal de infección. El tratamiento precoz con interferón-alfa y ribavirina consigue una respuesta moderada en estos pacientes.

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Enero '03-Marzo '13: N= 93 casos en 89 pacientes

Incidença de Hepatitis aguda C en el Hospital Clínic de Barcelona: nº casos /any



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Característiques Clínicas

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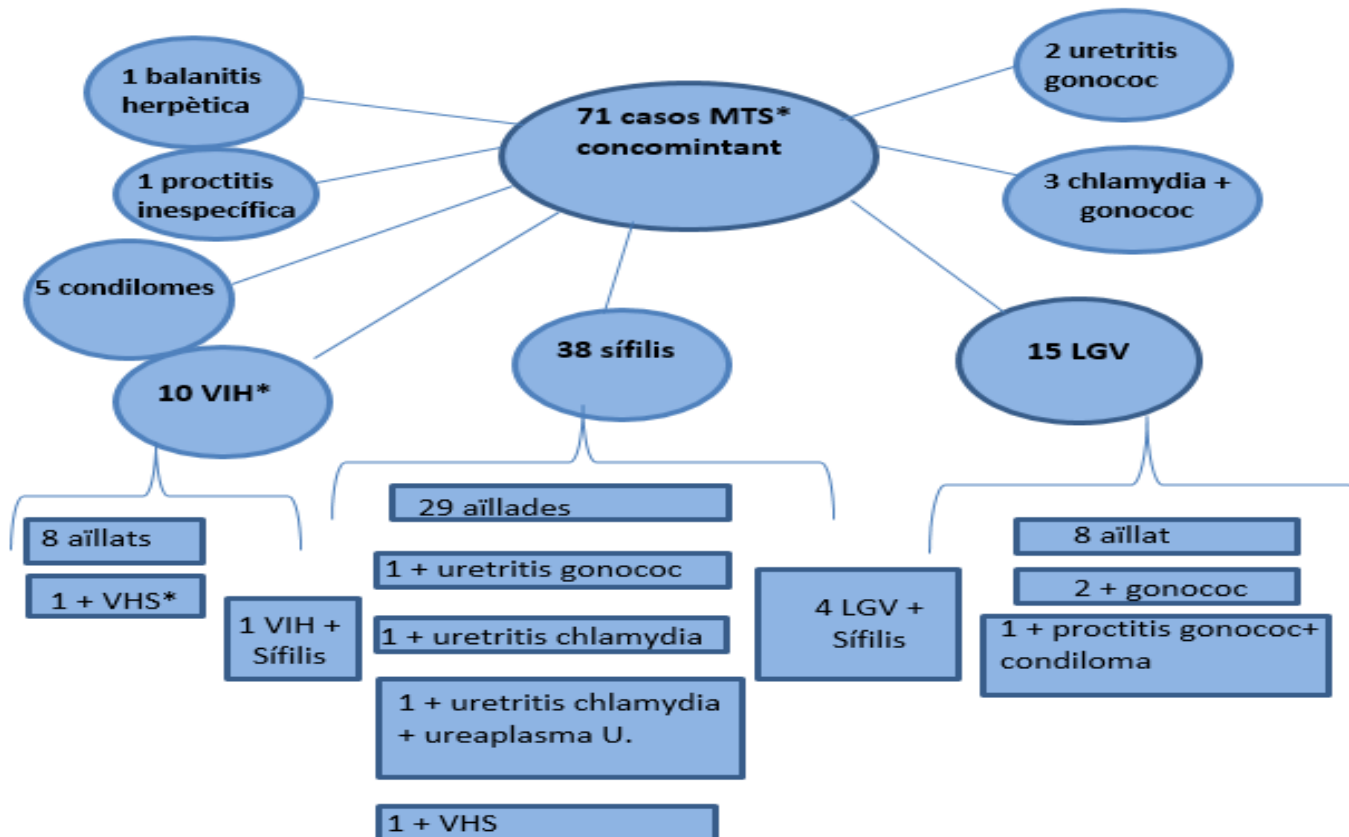
- n: **206 casos** en **186 pacientes**
 - 182H (HSH)
 - 1 H (ADVP)
 - 3 M (1 het, 1 nos, 1 ADVP)
- Edad media 39 años (DS 7)
- IL28B (n: 105 pac)
 - CC: 40%
 - CT: 49%
 - TT: 11%

Característiques Clínicas

- Hepatitis aguda sintomática: 31% símptomes:
 - 15 MEG+Colúria
 - 8 Astenia
 - 5 Molestias Digestivas/Dolor en HD/Nauseas
 - 7 Fiebre
 - 5 Ictericia
- H. asintomática 69%: ↑ GOT/GPT
- 12 casos aclaramiento espontáneo (6.1%)
- 19 pacients reinfectados
Tasa de reinfección: 9,2%

Característiques Clínicas

- Co-infecció amb altres ETS (45%): (N: 161 episodis. Enero 2003-Nov 2014)



Característiques Víricas

■ Genotipo VHC:

Gen 4: 52%

Gen 1: 43%

1a: 29%

1b: 14%

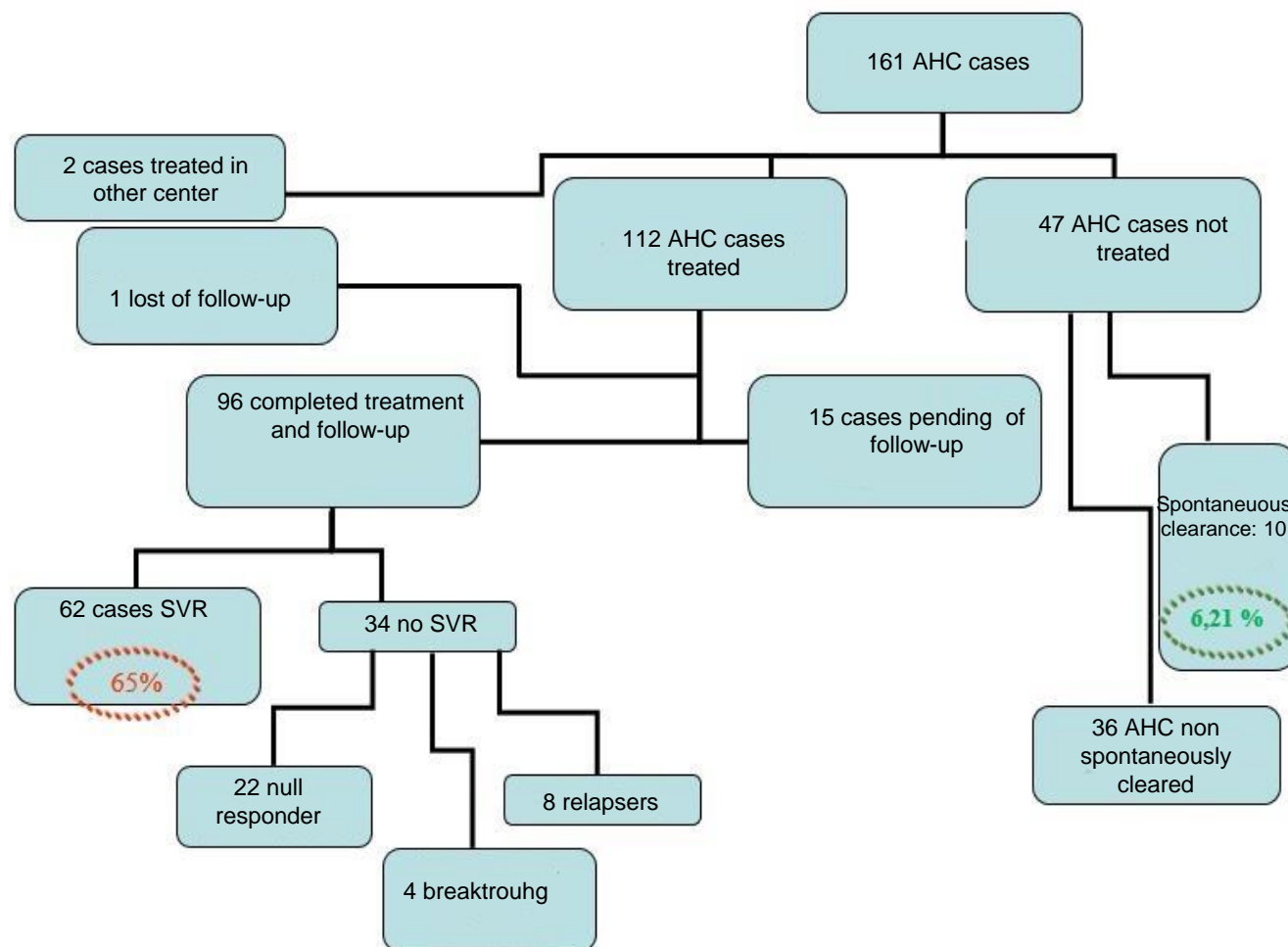
Gen 2: 1 pac

Gen 3: 3 pac

Gen 1 y 4: 1 paci

No tipables: 2 pac

Evolució i tractament



Respuesta al tto

- RVS: 65%
- Factores asociados a la RVS:
 - Variables basales: RNA-VHC pre-tto bajo y ALT alta ($p < 0.0234$ i $p < 0.0464$)
 - Variables de respuesta al tto: RVR, RVP ($p < 0.05$).
 - Analisis de regresión múltiple: RVR y RNA-VHC pre-tto

Filogenia y HAC

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Evidence of a Large, International Network of HCV Transmission in HIV-Positive Men Who Have Sex With Men

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Hepatitis C virus NS3/4A quasispecies diversity in acute hepatitis C infection in HIV-1 co-infected patients

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- El anàlisi filogenètic de les cepes del VHC, demostró la aparició de casos agrupats conforme a la transmissió dentro de una red social y sexual de pacients HSH coinfectats per el VIH que se extiende a nivel nacional e internacional

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Phylogenetic analysis of an epidemic outbreak of acute hepatitis C in HIV-infected patients by massive sequencing.

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BACKGROUND

The incidence of acute hepatitis C among HIV-infected men who have sex with men (MSM) has significantly increased in recent years¹⁻³. This increase may be due to factors such as high HCV viral load in blood and semen, sex with risk of mucosal damage, a higher number of sexual partners, presence of concomitant ulcerative sexually transmitted diseases and the use of recreational drugs^{1,4}.

OBJECTIVE

To investigate the dynamics of HCV transmission in an outbreak of acute hepatitis C in HIV-positive MSM in Barcelona.

MATERIALS & METHODS

Between 2008 and 2013, 113 cases of acute hepatitis C in HIV-infected MSM were diagnosed in the Infectious Diseases Unit, Hospital Clínic, Barcelona.

Phylogenetic analysis of the HCV NS5B gene was performed in a total of 80 patients. Viral RNA was extracted from serum samples collected from each patient at the time of acute hepatitis C diagnosis.

Massive sequencing was performed using the Roche 454 GS Junior platform, as previously described⁵.

NS5B region → 328-bp fragment
 Positions 8280-8618 (ref. H77)
 Mean coverage → 1236 reads per sample

To define possible transmission networks, phylogenetic trees were constructed from genetic distance (d_{ij}) matrices. For comparison purposes, we included 37 HCV-infected local controls in the phylogenetic analysis: genotype 4d n=15, genotype 1a n=11, and genotype 1b n=11.

1. Patients Characteristics

Number of patients amplified in the study	80
Age (years)	38 (25-51)
Baseline CD4 (cells/ μ l)	923
Undetectable HIV viral load	55 (69%)
Antiretroviral therapy	61 (76%)
HCV viral load (Log IU/ml)	6.37 (5.70-6.99)
HCV treatment (pegIFN + RBV)	61 (76%)
SVR	40 (66%)

Quantitative variables are shown as median (range)
 Qualitative variables are shown as n (%)

2. Prevalence of genotypes

Genotype 4d	51 % (n=41)
Genotype 1a	41 % (n=33)
Genotype 1b	6 % (n=5)
Genotype 3a	1 % (n=1)

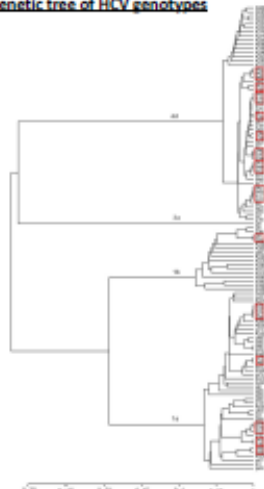
The more prevalent genotype is 4d, despite the prevalence of this genotype in our geographic area is 7%⁶.

This is consistent with the observations made in other European studies in Amsterdam, London and France⁶; several sources suggest that the genotype 4d was introduced through an intravenous drug user belonging to the group⁷.

RESULTS

3. Characterization of the transmission of acute hepatitis C in the cohort of patients coinfecting with HIV

Phylogenetic tree of HCV genotypes

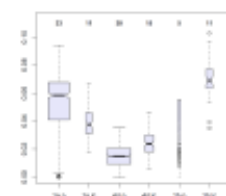


HIV-infected patients are identified consecutively from p1 to p84 and local controls as a K followed by a number. We have highlighted in red clusters of patients sharing the dominant haplotype, which indicates HCV transmission.

As shown in the phylogenetic tree, patients are grouped by genotype. We observed that the genetic distances of patients with genotype 4d are shorter than the genetic distances from other genotypes (phylogenetic tree and boxplot).

We have identified 14 clusters: 5 of genotype 1a, 1 of genotype 1b and 8 of genotype 4d.

Genetic distance analysis



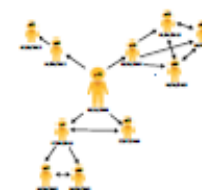
Comparison	P
$d_{ij}(4d) + d_{ij}(4d)$	<0e-50
$d_{ij}(1a) + d_{ij}(1a)$	0.0002
$d_{ij}(1b) + d_{ij}(1b)$	<2.2e-16
$d_{ij}(4d) + d_{ij}(1a)$	<2.2e-16
$d_{ij}(4d) + d_{ij}(1b)$	0.008
$d_{ij}(1a) + d_{ij}(1b)$	0.0006

d_{ij} = genetic distance
 p = patient in our cohort
 K = local control

Intrapopulation genetic distances between HIV-infected patients and their respective local controls are significantly different. Molecular analysis shows that, in our cohort of HIV-infected patients, the genetic distances between genotype 4d viruses are significantly lower than those of the subtypes 1a and 1b. This result may suggest the existence of a single source of infection for genotype 4d and different sources for subtypes 1a and 1b in our study cohort.

Predicted network of infection in genotype 4d patients

By monitoring common mutations in the quaspecies and taking into account the date of acute hepatitis C diagnosis, we can suggest a transmission network for genotype 4d virus. Each dummy represents one patient with an assigned number and the date of HCV infection detection.



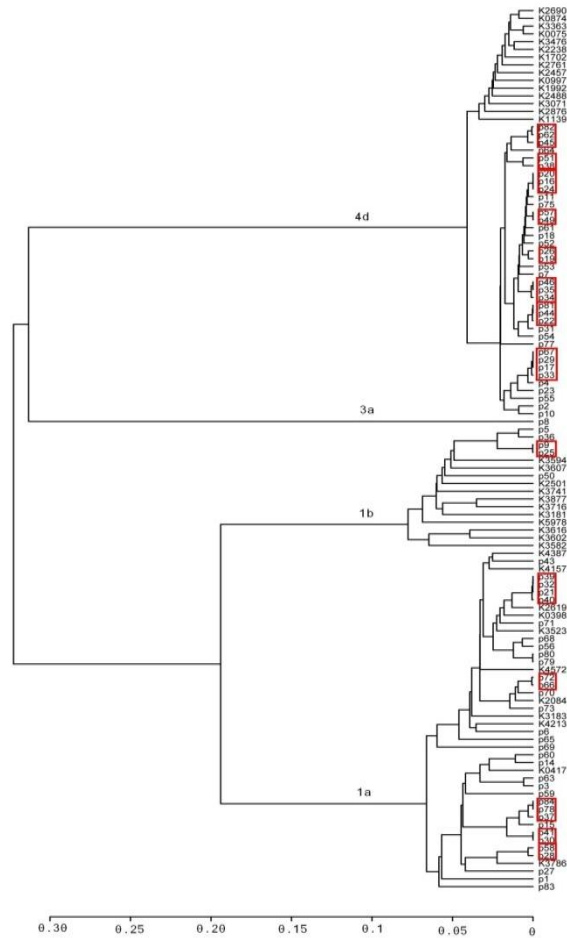
CONCLUSIONS

- HCV infection spreads rapidly among HIV-positive MSM through a local transmission network in Barcelona.
- The most prevalent HCV genotype in this cohort of HIV-coinfected MSM patients is genotype 4d.
- We have identified 14 monophyletic groups (5, 1a, 1, 1b and 8, 4d), suggesting a possible direct transmission of HCV infection.
- The low genetic distance among genotype 4d infected patients suggests a single source of infection for this genotype 4d cohort.

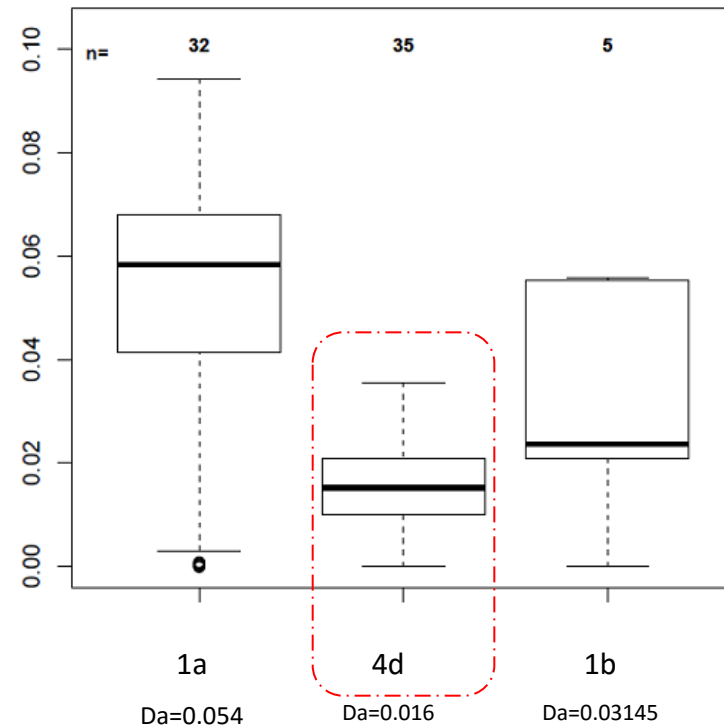
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Phylogenetic tree of HCV genotype



Genetic distance analysis



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Efficacy of GZR/EBR in Early Chronic Hepatitis C in HIV/HCV co-infected patients.

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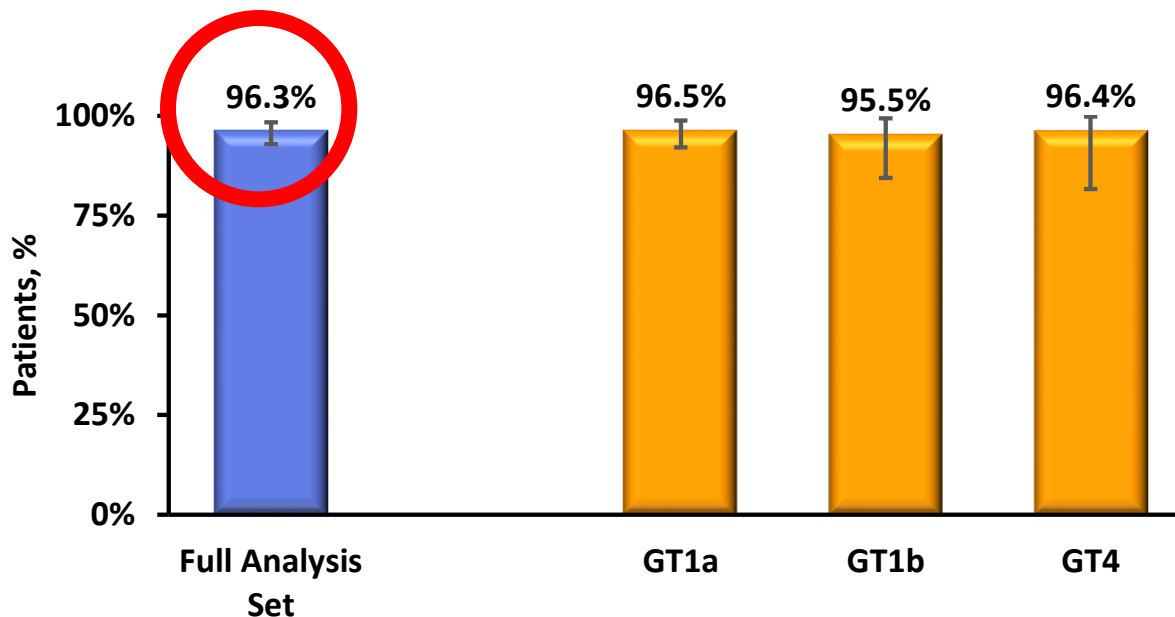
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Efficacy and safety of grazoprevir (MK-5172) and elbasvir (MK-8742) in patients with hepatitis C virus and HIV co-infection (C-EDGE CO-INFECTION): a non-randomised, open-label trial

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SVR12: FULL ANALYSIS SET*



	All GT [†] 210/216	GT1a 139/144	GT1b 42/44	GT4 27/28
SVR12	96.3%	96.5%	95.5%	96.4%
Relapse, n (%)	5 (2.3)	4 (2.8)	0 (0)	1 (3.6)
Other Failure Criteria, n (%)	3 (1.4)	1 (0.7)	2 (4.5)	0 (0)
Reinfection, n	2	1	1	0
LTFU or discontinued unrelated to VF, n	1‡	0	1	0

*Full analysis set includes all patients who received ≥1 dose of study medication

†2 patients with GT6 infection were also included; both patients achieved SVR12.

‡Reason for discontinuation: prohibited concomitant medication (nevirapine)

Rationale:

Treat and cure these patients with early chronic hepatitis C has a double interest for us in Spain:

- 1.- Cure the patient and avoid the liver disease progression and
- 2.- Avoid new HCV infection from patients with high risk of transmission.

We would like to propose a study in HIV/HCV co-infected individuals with F0-F1 fibrosis to receive a DAA combination therapy for a shortened duration of 8-12 weeks as this particular patient group should be very easy to treat (see study design below).

Early chronic hepatitis C is defined as chronic hepatitis C with known episode of AHC within the last 3 years including those who failed to PEG/RBV or those who never received therapy for AHC

Objectives:

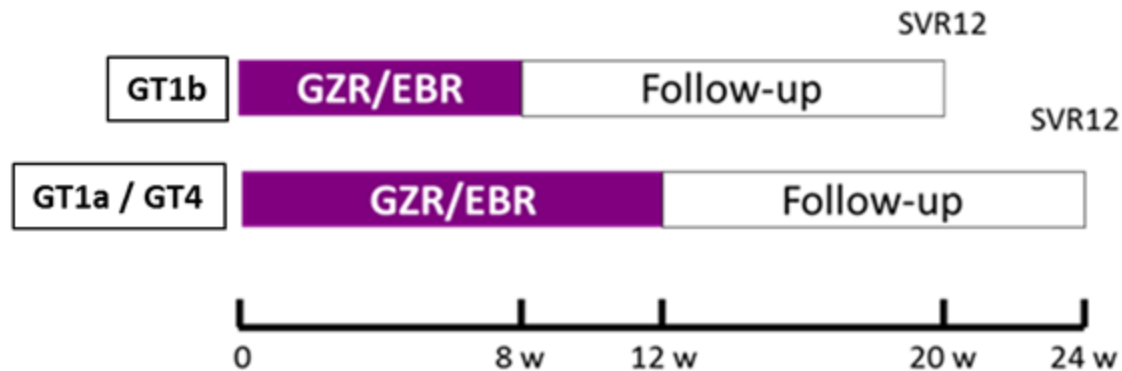
- To evaluate the efficacy of 12 or 8 weeks treatment with Grazoprevir + Elbasvir in Early Chronic Hepatitis C GT1,4 in HIV co-infected patients
- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of Grazoprevir + Elbasvir in HIV-HCV co-infected patients

Hypotesis:

- The proportion of Early Chronic Hepatitis C GT1,4 HIV co-infected patients achieving SVR 12 weeks after the end of all study therapy will be superior to 90%

Study design/Clinical plan

- Multicenter (2 centers), single arm study according to HCV genotype.
- The trial will enroll approximately 60 non-cirrhotic, Early Chronic Hepatitis C HCV Genotype 1, 4.
 - HCV-HIV co-infected patients.



Conclusions

- HAC en VIH HSH es una comorbiditat important. ETS
- Tenir presents factors de risc per fer diagnòstic
- Focus de manteniment de l'epidèmia del VHC
- Tractament efectiu per disminuir la incidència