## Current Therapy of Hepatitis B Planning for 2014 and beyond

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#### Hepatitis B: The Facts

- Hepatitis B is the world's most common serious liver infection and is a widespread global health issue
  - HBV is not curable but controllable and suppressible
  - HBsAg clearance is a "functional cure"
  - HBV is 100 times more infectious than HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)<sup>2</sup>
  - 10 times more infectious than hepatitis C<sup>3</sup>
- The virus is transmitted via the blood and bodily fluids<sup>1</sup>
  - Hepatitis B progresses slowly over time
  - Complications generally involve vague symptoms or none at all, and are often



undetected for many years

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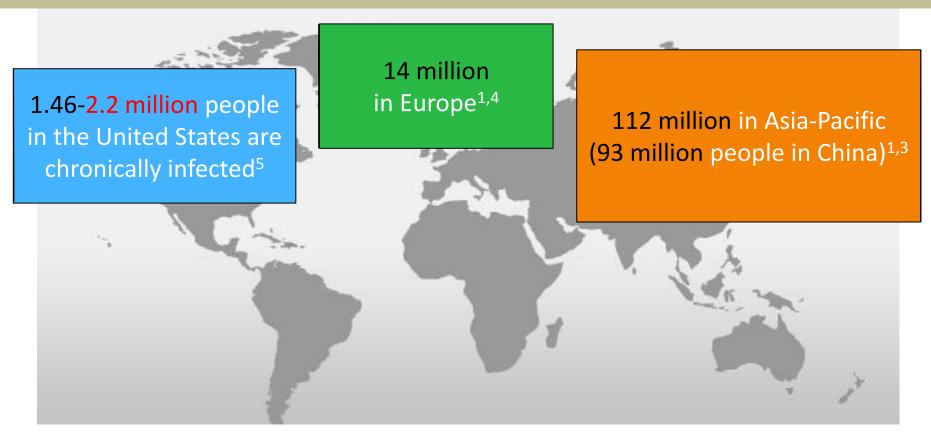
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#### Hepatitis B: By The Numbers

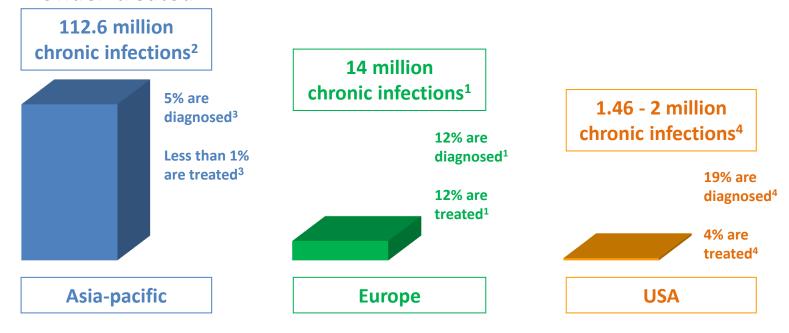
More than 350 million or 1 in 20 people worldwide have chronic hepatitis B infection<sup>1</sup> (Compared with the 33 million living with HIV<sup>2</sup>)



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#### An Unmet Medical Need

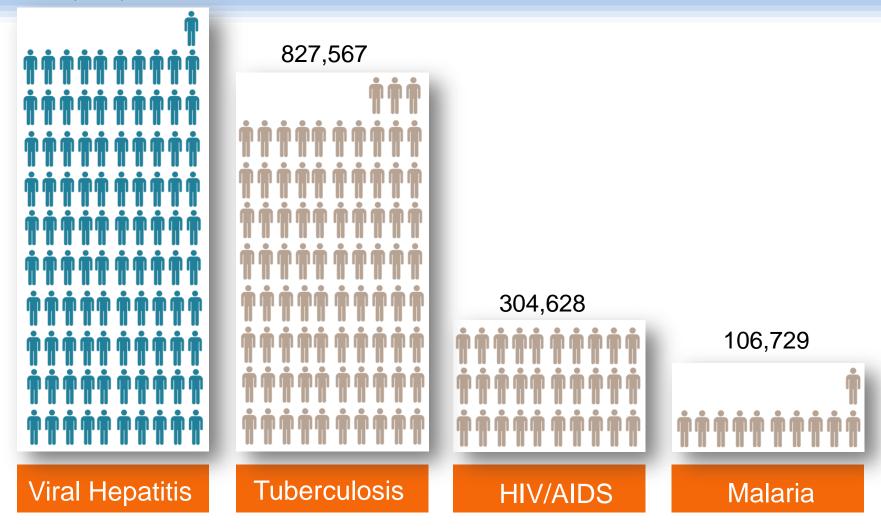
- Worldwide, hepatitis B is significantly
  - Under-diagnosed
  - Under-treated<sup>1</sup>



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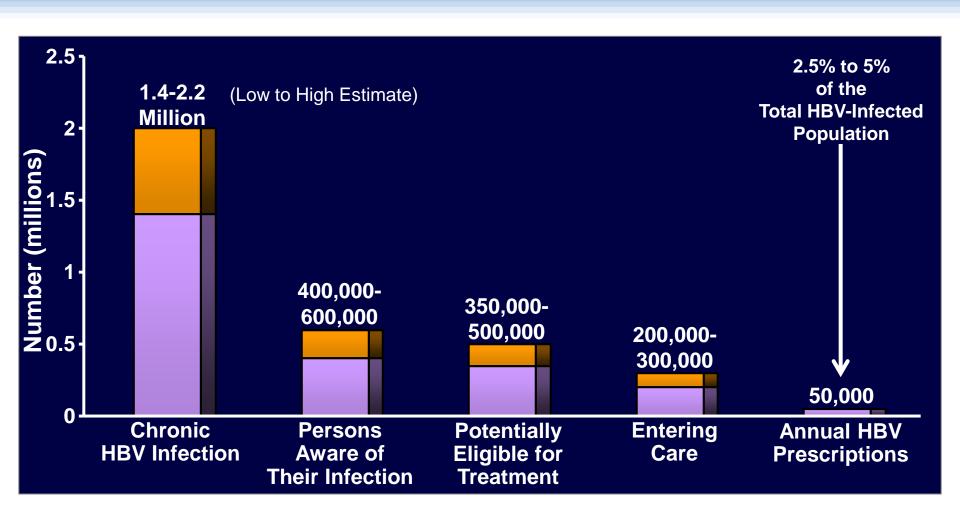
## New figures from Global Burden of Disease Survey 2010: number of people infected

1,012,873



Attribution: Seng Gee Lim AASLD 2013

### HBV Infection, Diagnosis, and Care in the United States



#### Historical/ Current

#### **CDC Recommendations for Routine HBV Testing**

	Populations	
Increased HBsAg Prevalence	<ul> <li>Persons born in regions with high or intermediate prevalence of HBV infection (HBsAg prevalence ≥2%)</li> <li>U.Sborn persons not vaccinated as infants whose parents were born in regions with high prevalence of HBV infection (HBsAg prevalence ≥8%)</li> </ul>	
Manage Exposures	<ul> <li>All pregnant women</li> <li>Infants born to HBsAg+ women</li> <li>Injection drug users</li> <li>Men who have sex with men</li> <li>Household, needle-sharing, or sex contacts of persons known to be HBsAg+ persons</li> <li>Source of blood/body fluid exposures (e.g., needlestick, sexual assault)</li> </ul>	
Prevent Nosocomial Infection	<ul> <li>Donors of blood, plasma, organs, tissue, or semen</li> <li>Hemodialysis patients</li> </ul>	
Increased Risk of Medical Consequences	HIV+ persons     Persons with immunosuppressive therapy     Persons with elevated ALT or AST of unknown etiology	

## 2014

What has the USPHSTF changed and going to recommend?

Foreign Born: from endemic regions

MSM

IVDU

High risk behavior

#### **HBV: Phase I Tests**

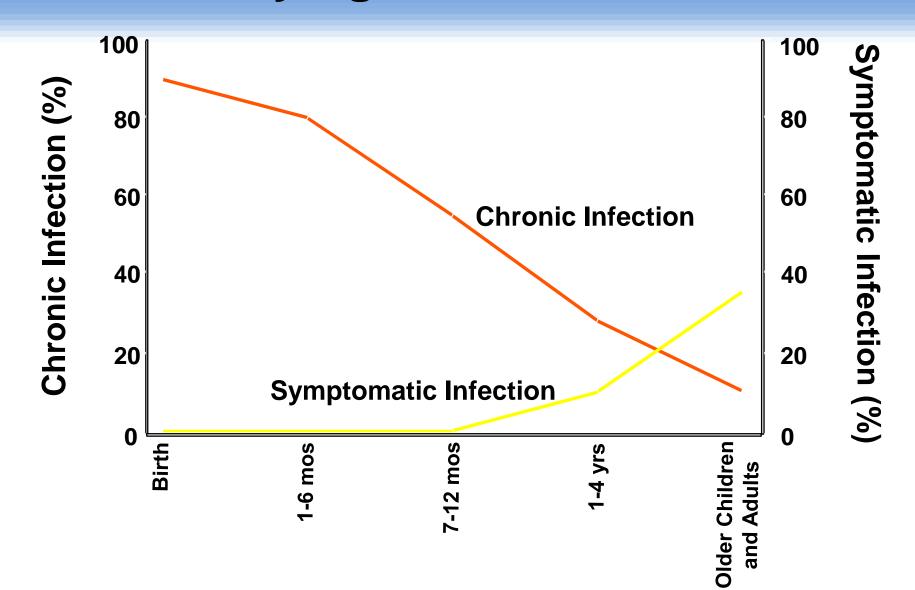
- HBsAg = infection
- Anti-HBs = immunity
   —if anti-HBc is negative
- Anti-HBc = exposure

#### **HBV**

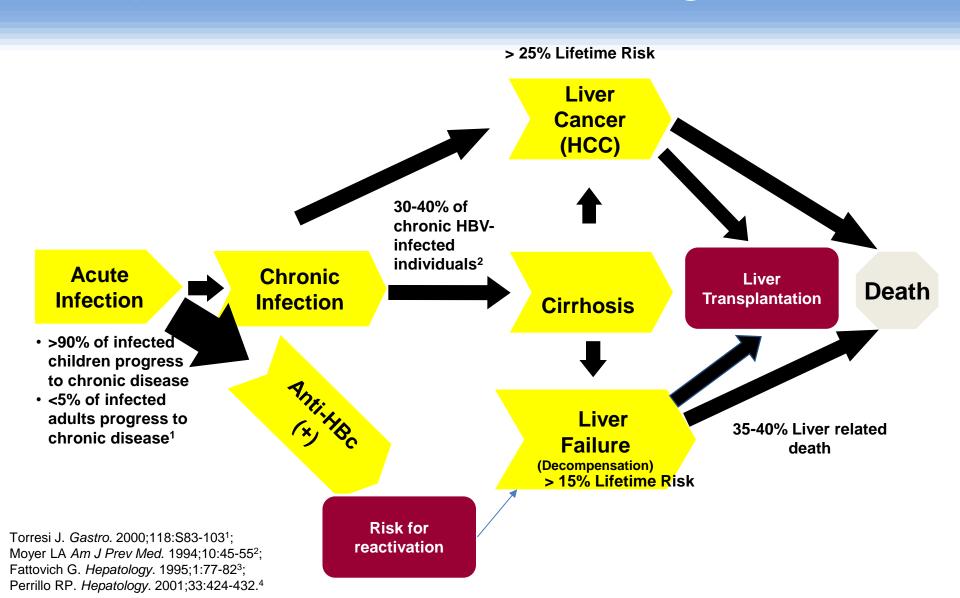
• Is not curable

- New term: (oxymoron) "functional cure"
  - When HBsAg becomes negative

# Outcome of Hepatitis B Virus Infection by Age at Infection



### Hepatitis B Disease Progression



### **HBV** Diagnostic Markers

Serologic Marker Results				
HBsAg	Total Anti- HBc	IgM Anti-HBc	Anti- HBs	Interpretation
-	-	-	-	Never infected and no evidence of immunization
+	+	+	-	Acute infection
+	+	-	-	Chronic infection
-	+	-	+	"Recovered" from past infection and not immune, low level carrier
-	-	-	+	Immune (immunization)

HBeAg- High infectivity HBeAb- Low infectivity

Weinbaum CM, et al. MMWR Recomm Rep. 2008;57(RR-8):1-20.

#### **Testing Paradigm**

Always test: anti-HBc

- If anti-HBc + > does not need vaccination
  - >>> risk for reactivation

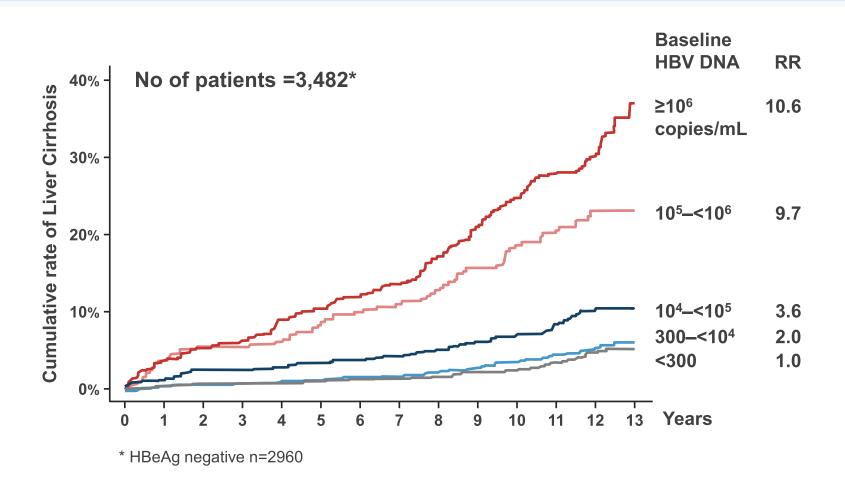
### Hepatitis B: By The Numbers

- If it is not treated, in 1/3 of patients, hepatitis B can cause liver damage leading to cirrhosis and liver cancer<sup>1</sup>
- Hepatitis B is responsible for 80% of primary liver cancer globally, which is almost always fatal<sup>2</sup>
  - Historically: Liver cancer was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest cause of death by cancer in men<sup>3</sup>
  - Now 2014: Liver cancer is the 2<sup>rd</sup> highest cause of caner death worldwide<sup>3</sup>
  - Without appropriate treatment or monitoring, 1 in 4 persons with chronic hepatitis B will die of liver cancer or liver disease

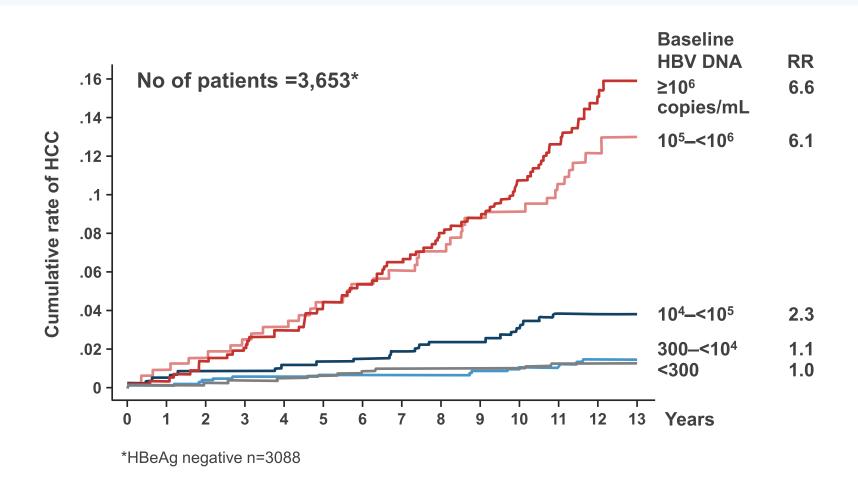
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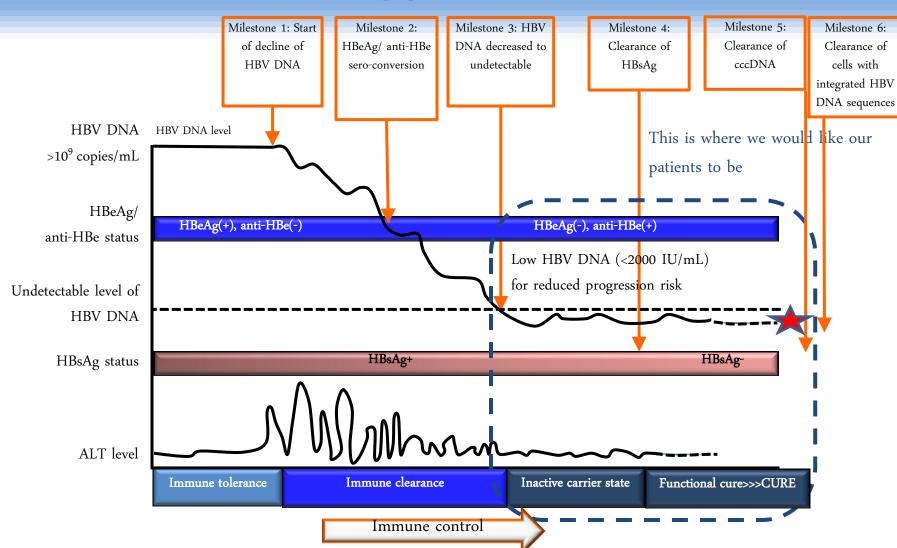
#### HBV DNA vs. Liver Cirrhosis: REVEAL data



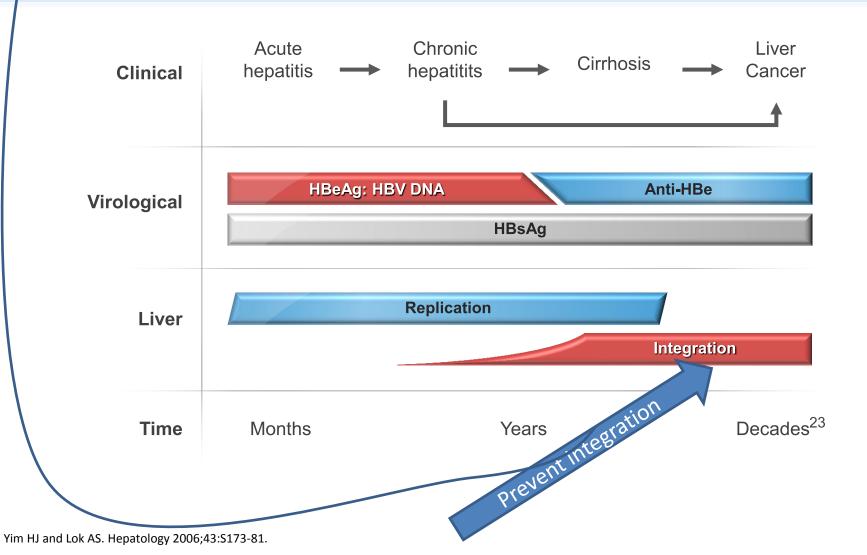
#### HBV DNA vs. HCC: REVEAL Data



## Aiming for True Inactive Carrier Status and CURE



# Why treat early? Natural History of Chronic HBV Infection



#### Next Steps in HBV Management

- Use the right NUC to control HBV for the right patient
  - Personalized medicine
- Help Stop oral (NUC) therapy, current Rx is indefinite
- Choose the correct Nuc for your patient
  - Pregnancy, Drug resistance, Management, Lactic Acidosis
- Safe use of each medicine
- Use combination therapy when appropriate
- Permanent clearance of HBV
  - HBsAg clearance: 10% rate now reported with TDF at 5 years of follow up
    - cccDNA clearance and integrated HBV DNA clearance or preventation
      - CURE?

# Endpoints of Antiviral Therapy Compensated Cirrhosis

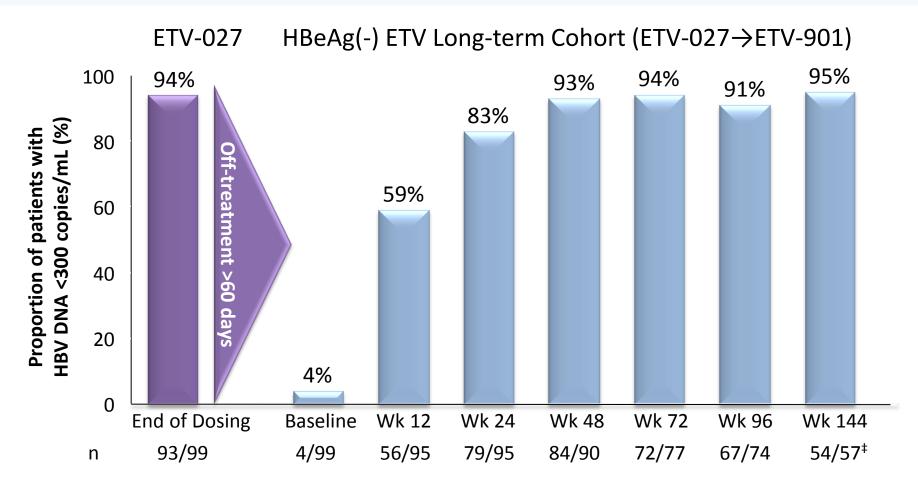
- Clinical endpoints similar to those for HBeAg-positive and HBeAg-negative CHB patients
- No liver failure
  - Now
    - Decreased rate of HCC
    - Falling rates of liver transplant
    - Lower death rates due to HBV
  - Future
    - Clear sAg in all patients
    - No ccc DNA remaining in liver cells
    - Cure- Functional >>> real cure

## US FDA dates of Approved Therapies for CHB

Nucleosides/Nucleotides									
Tenofovir	VIREAD®	Gilead Sciences	2008						
Telbivudine	TYZEKA™	Idenix / Novartis	2006						
Entecavir	BARACLUDE™	Bristol-Myers Squibb	2005						
Adefovir dipivoxil	HEPSERA™	Gilead Sciences	2002						
Lamivudine	EPIVIR-HBV®	GlaxoSmithKline	1998						
Interferons									
Peginterferon alfa-2a	PEGASYS®	Roche Laboratories	2005						
Interferon alfa-2b, recombinant	INTRON® A	Schering / Merck	1992						

Preferred therapies – AASLD Guidelines

### ETV 3-year Clinical Trial HBV DNA Suppression HBeAg-negative Patients

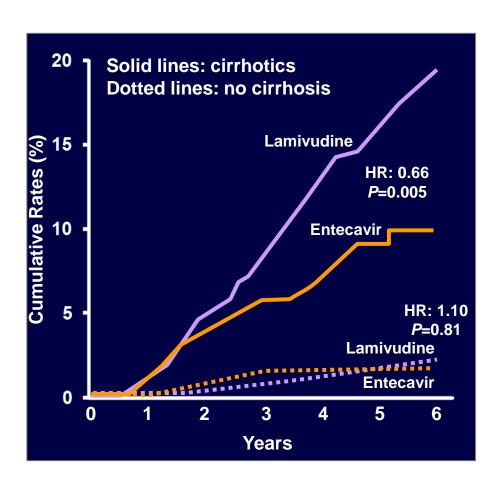


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>In the randomised controlled study (ETV-027), patients received 0.5mg ETV. In the 901 rollover study, patients received 1mg ETV <sup>‡</sup> 10 patients who remained on treatment at Week 144 of ETV-901 visit had missing PCR samples Shouval D, et al. AASLD 2008; poster 927.

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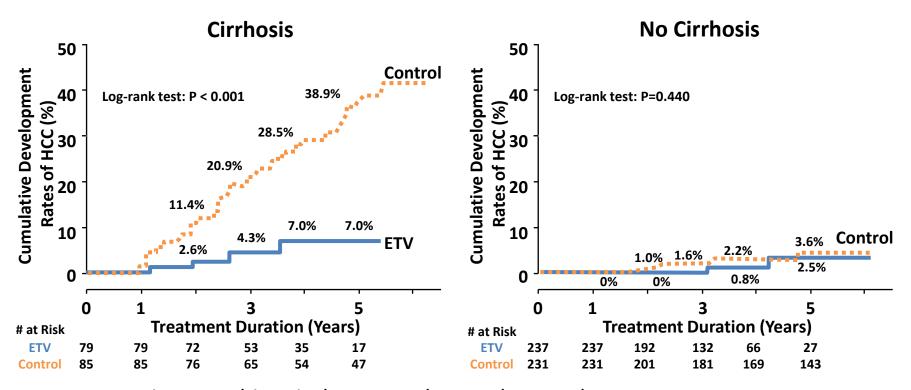
### Korean Cohort: Impact of Entecavir and Lamivudine on Survival in HBV (1999-2011)

- Single-center cohort of chronic HBV (n=9615 treatment-naïve)
  - Entecavir 0.5 mg/day or lamivudine 100 mg/day
  - >20 years of age; no prior HCC, transplant, HCV, HDV, or HIV; HBV DNA
     >2000 IU/mL
- Treatment with entecavir was associated with
  - Minimal risk of drug resistance 1.5% verus 50.8%; P<0.001)</li>
  - Minimal need for rescue therapy (1.8% verus 39.3%; P<0.001)</li>
  - Significantly lower risk of death or transplantation (adjusted hazard ratio 0.42; P<0.001)</li>



# HCC Incidence in Patients Treated with Long-term ETV

After propensity score matching, significant difference of treatment effect between groups was seen in patients with cirrhosis (P<0.001), but not in patients without cirrhosis (P=0.440)



 In comparison to a historical untreated control group, long-term ETV treatment reduces the incidence of HCC, especially in cirrhotic CHB patients

# Studies 102/103: Virologic Suppression With TDF at Year 6

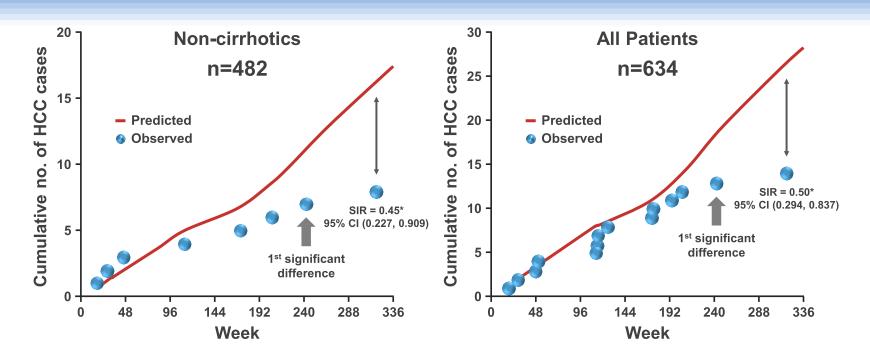
Response	HBeAg- I (Study		HBeAg+ Patients (Study 103)	
	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6
HBV DNA < 400 copies/mL Intent-to-treat*, % (n/N)	<b>83</b> (291/350)	<b>81</b> (281/345)	<b>65</b> (160/248)	<b>63</b> (157/251)
HBV DNA < 400 copies/mL On treatment <sup>†</sup> , % (n/N)	<b>99</b> (292/295)	<b>99.6</b> (283/284)	<b>97</b> (170/175)	<b>99</b> (167/169)

<sup>\*</sup> LTE-TDF (missing = failure/addition of FTC = failure)

- 80% of 585 patients entering the open-label phase remained on study at Year 6;
   73% of enrolled patients remained on study
- HBeAg loss/seroconversion rates of 50% and 37%, respectively, through 6 years
- 11% of HBeAg+ patients had confirmed HBsAg loss (8% with seroconversion)
- No resistance to TDF was detected through 6 years

<sup>†</sup> Observed (missing = excluded/addition of FTC = included)

## Studies TDF 102/103: Observed vs. Predicted HCC Cases



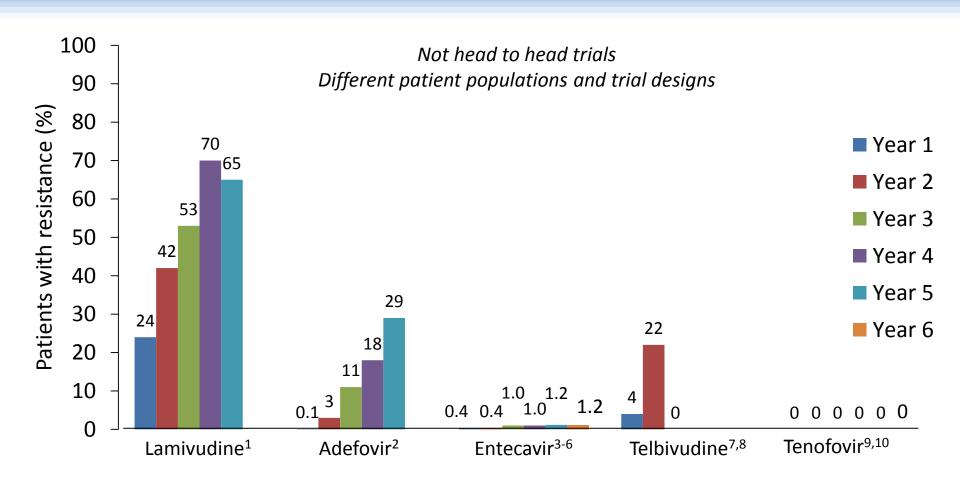
- Incidence of HCC in patients on TDF in studies 102/103 was lower than predicted by the REACH-B model
- In non-cirrhotic patients, the effect of TDF becomes noticeable between 2-3 years of therapy and became statistically (55% reduction) at 6 years of therapy

Kim WR, et al. EASL 2013. Oral 43.

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<sup>\*</sup>Statistically significant at nominal  $\alpha$ -level of 0.05.

### Differences in Development of Resistance with Long-term Treatment in Nuc-naïve Patients



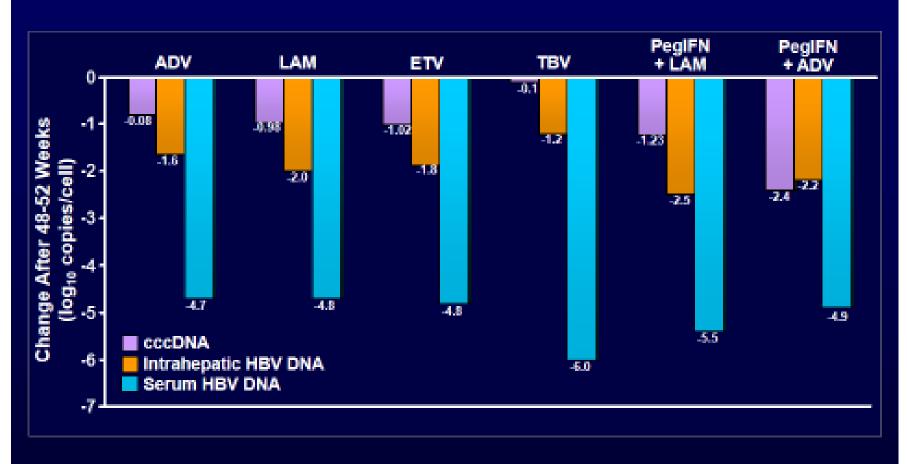
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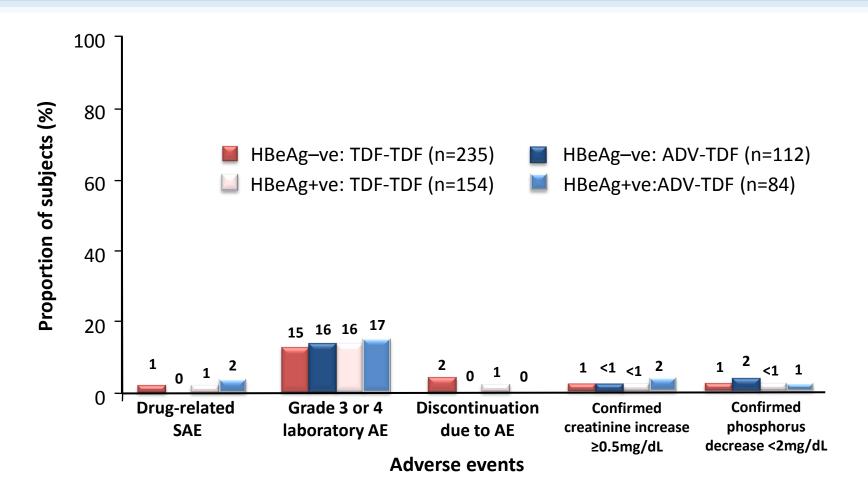
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## Change in cccDNA Levels After 48-52 Weeks of Antiviral Therapy



Doo EC, et al. Clin Liver Dis. 2010;14:397-408.

# TDF has a favourable clinical trial safety profile up to and beyond 192 Weeks\*



<sup>\*</sup>On/After week 72, patients with confirmed HBV DNA ≥400 copies/mL were eligible to add FTC in a fixed dose combination tablet

# Protocol for Dose Reductions for Oral HBV Medications if Changes in Renal Function

- Recommended GFR >>> dose adjustments, although each hepatologist was free to use their own interpretation of the guidelines in the package insert
  - >70 mL 7 tablets per week
  - 60-69 mL 6 tablets per week
  - 50-59 mL 5 tablets per week
  - 40-49 mL 4 tablets per week
  - 30-39 mL 3 tablets per week
  - 20-29 mL 2 tablets per week
  - 10-19 mL 1 tablet per week

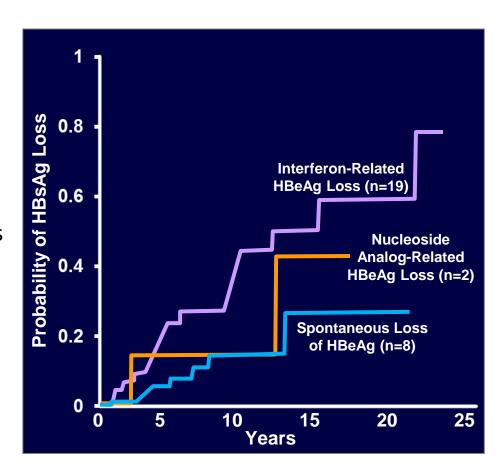
Gish R, et al. J Clin Gastro Hep 2012

#### Interferon

- Short fixed duration therapy
- No Renal toxicity
- Ideal for patients with high ALT and medium to low DNA
- Has stopping rules and "continuation" rules
- Chance of DNA suppression long-term is less than 20%
- HBsAg loss is 10%
  - Same as with Nuc therapy
- HBsAg quant is best stopping (test) rule, but not available in the US

# NIDDKD Cohort: HBsAg Loss by Mode of HBeAg Clearance

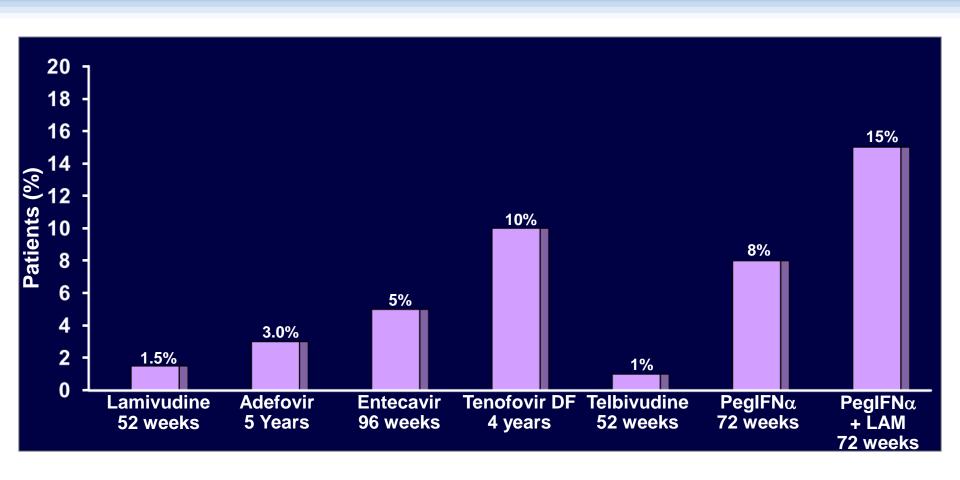
- Treatment-induced HBeAg clearance (n=51)
  - Interferon related: 86%
- Cumulative incidence of HBeAg loss per year (P=0.02)
  - Spontaneous: 1.6%
  - Nucleoside analog induced: 4.4%
  - Interferon induced: 6.3%
- Most significant predictors of HBsAg loss
  - Mode of HBeAg loss
  - Race



NIDDKD: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

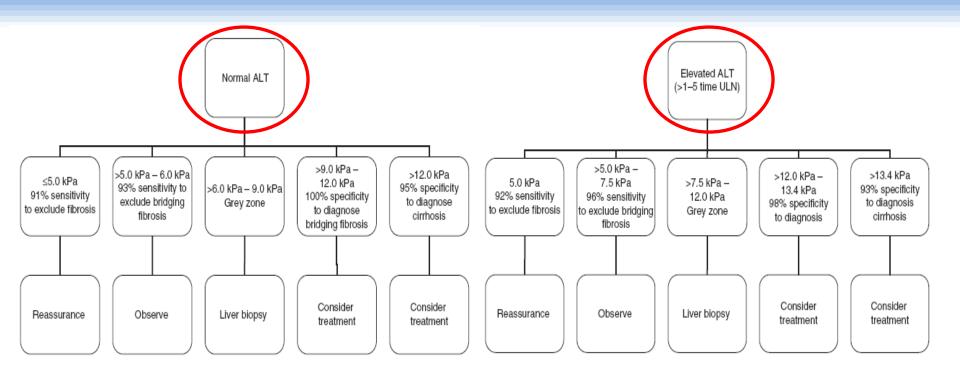
Abdalla A, et al. *Hepatology*. 2013;58(suppl 1):627A. Abstract 883.

## HBsAg Loss in HBeAg-Positive and HBeAg-Negative Patients



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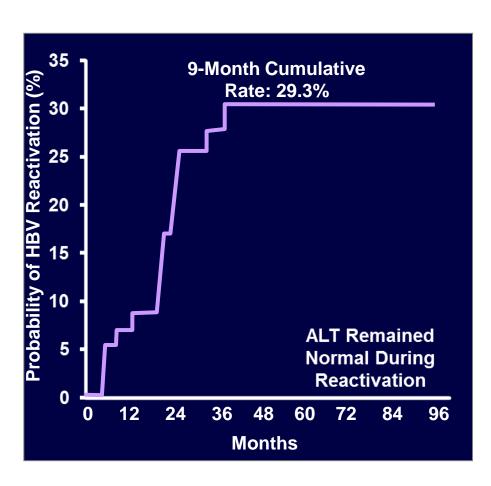
### FibroScan: Enhancing Performance to Predict Cirrhosis in HBV Patients using Different Cut-off Values



In this way, <u>liver biopsy can be avoided</u> in approximately 62% of patients with normal ALT and 58% of patients with elevated ALT

# HBV Reactivation Following Rituximab-Containing Chemotherapy

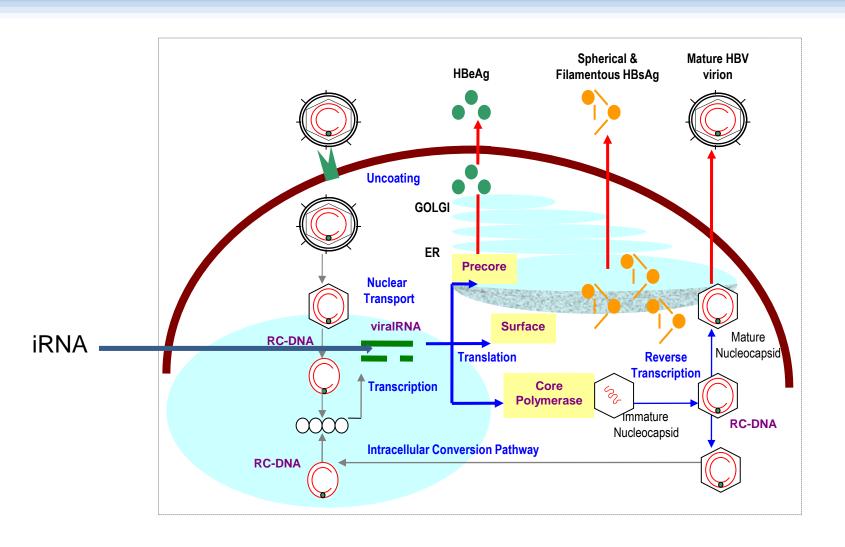
- Single-center cohort with a variety of hematologic diagnoses (n=62) (2011-2013)
  - HBsAg negative, anti-HBc positive
  - HBV DNA <10 IU/mL</li>
  - No concomitant liver disease or prior HBV treatment
  - Reactivation: HBV DNA >10 IU/mL regardless of HBsAg status
  - Follow-up: 36.6 months
- High rate of reactivation
  - Majority occurred within the first 6 months (86.7%)
  - Presence of low anti-HBs levels was not protective against HBV reactivation



#### Specific Populations: For the Panel

- Immune tolerant patients: NNT is too high with current data to justify treatment
- Occult HBV (defined as anti-HBc (+) and HBsAg(-)
  - Risk of cancer: no intervention yet justified
  - Risk of reactivation: high risk demanding prophylaxis
    - Rituximab, StCTx, BMTx, ablative therapies
- Children
  - Use of INF and approved nucleos(t)ides to treat selected patients
- Pregnancy
  - Use first line, category B drugs (TDF) during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester if HBV DNA >10<sup>6</sup>
- FHF or AoC: treat HBV with oral therapies while waiting for HBV DNA
- Test all "at risk" patients for delta hepatitis
  - Advanced liver disease
  - IVDU or sexual transmission as risk for HBV

## We Need Therapies to Attack: HBV Replication: @ cccDNA Pathway



#### New therapies en-route

- Anti-Sense: DNA like molecules ISIS
- iRNA: Modified RNA Arrowhead
- Uptake inhibitors blocking entry Myclurdex
- Capsid formation inhibitors: block release and cccDNA formation Various
- Block RNAaseH Various
- Block histone modifications Various

### VACCINATE!

#### **Concluding Points**

- There are currently 7 approved therapies for CHB and determination of which therapy to use includes careful consideration of duration of treatment, stopping rules, drug efficacy, side effects, and potential for antiviral resistance with the nucleos(t)ide analogs
- There is no cure: so what is next?
  - Functional "cure" ? S Ag clearance
  - New treatments: clear capsid and cccDNA
    - iRNA
    - Capsid inhibitors
    - Anti-Sense
    - Entry inhibitors
    - RNAase H target

#### TEST VACCINATE TREAT SURVEILLANCE

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