

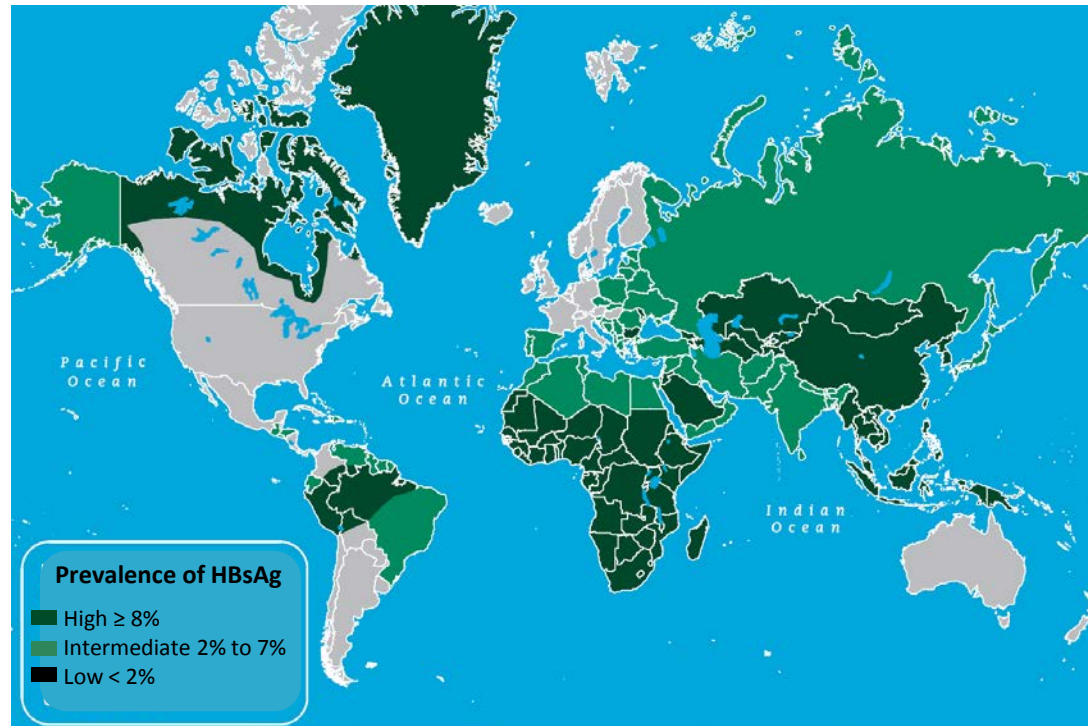
Using Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Quantification to the Management of Hepatitis B

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Hepatitis B: Epidemiology

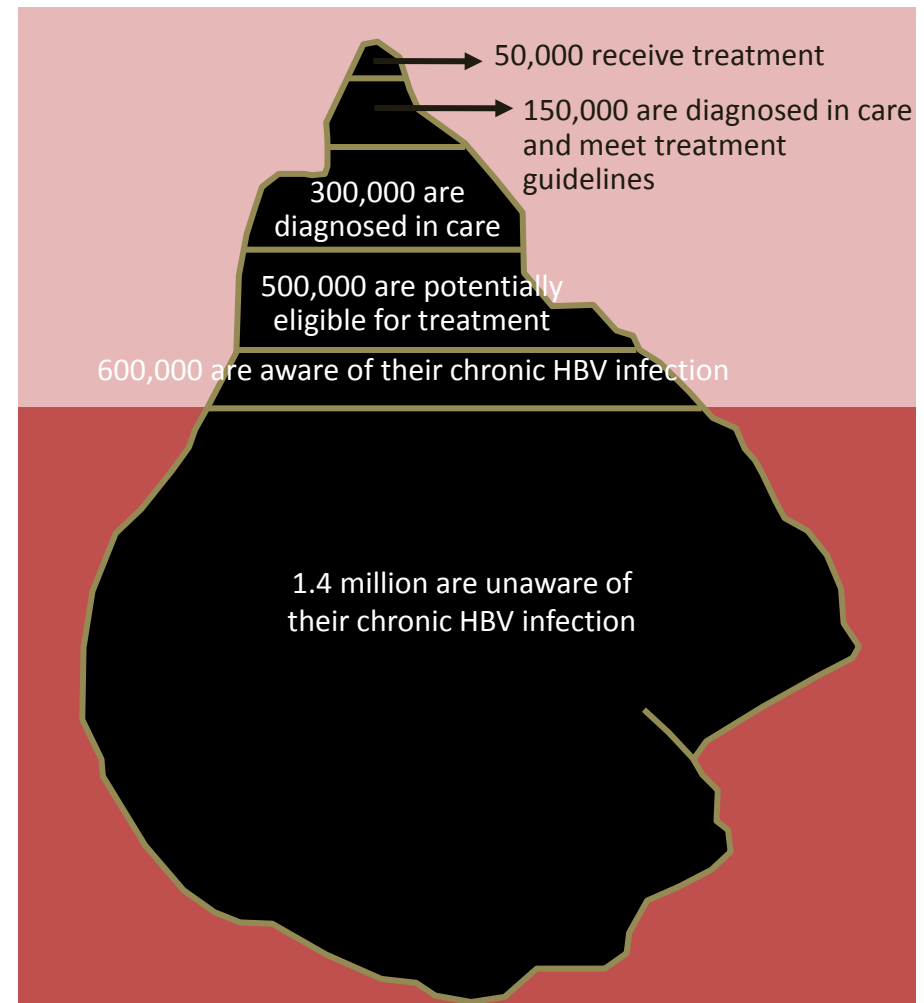


- 350 million people chronically infected
- 2 billion with evidence of past or present infection
- Country of origin is THE major risk factor

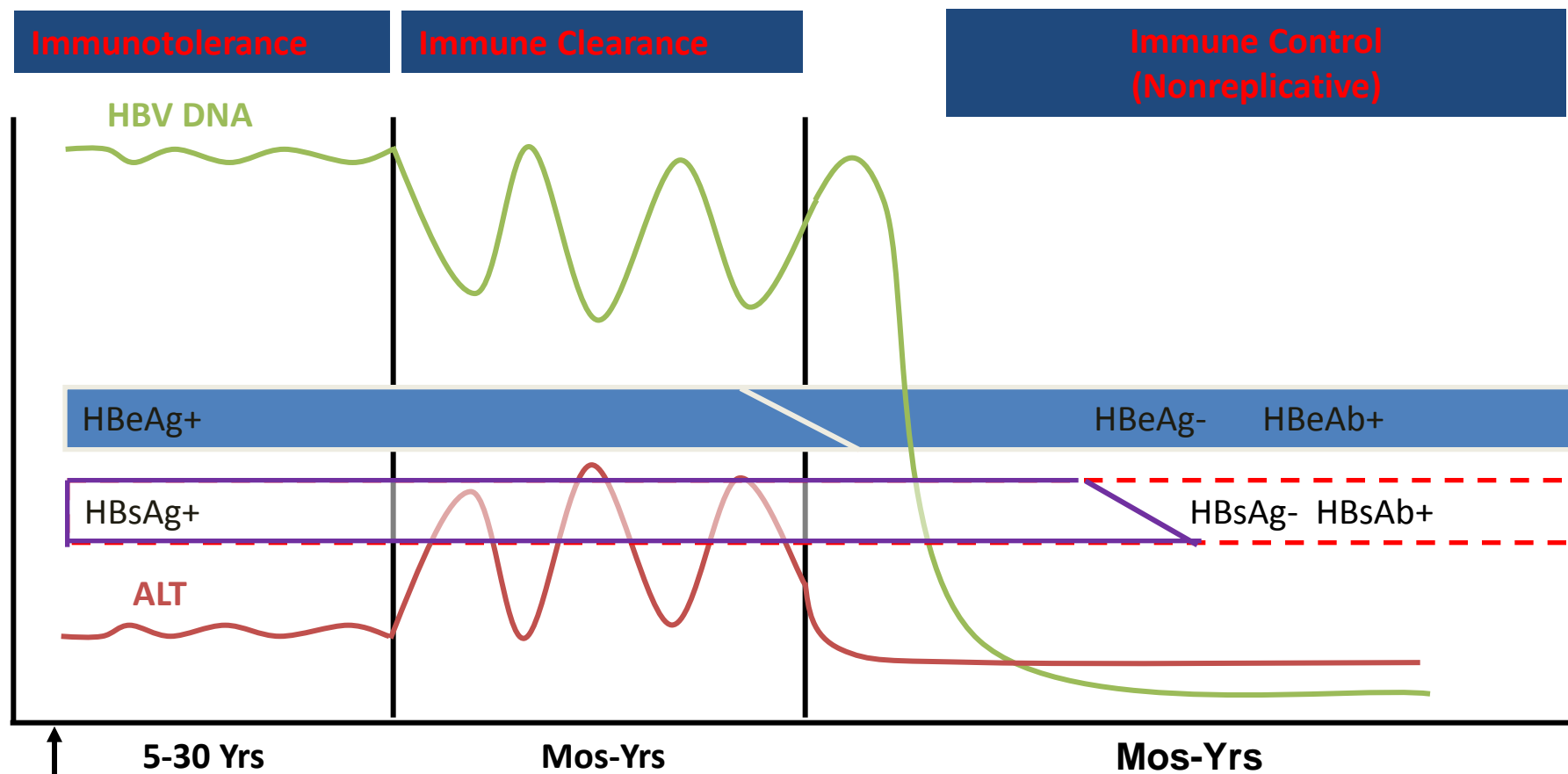
The HBV Iceberg

- Clinical populations are the tip of the iceberg
- Individuals in treatment are the tip of the tip
- Population-based studies allow us to look at the whole iceberg
 - Asia has been the place for these

2 million individuals in the US have chronic HBV infection

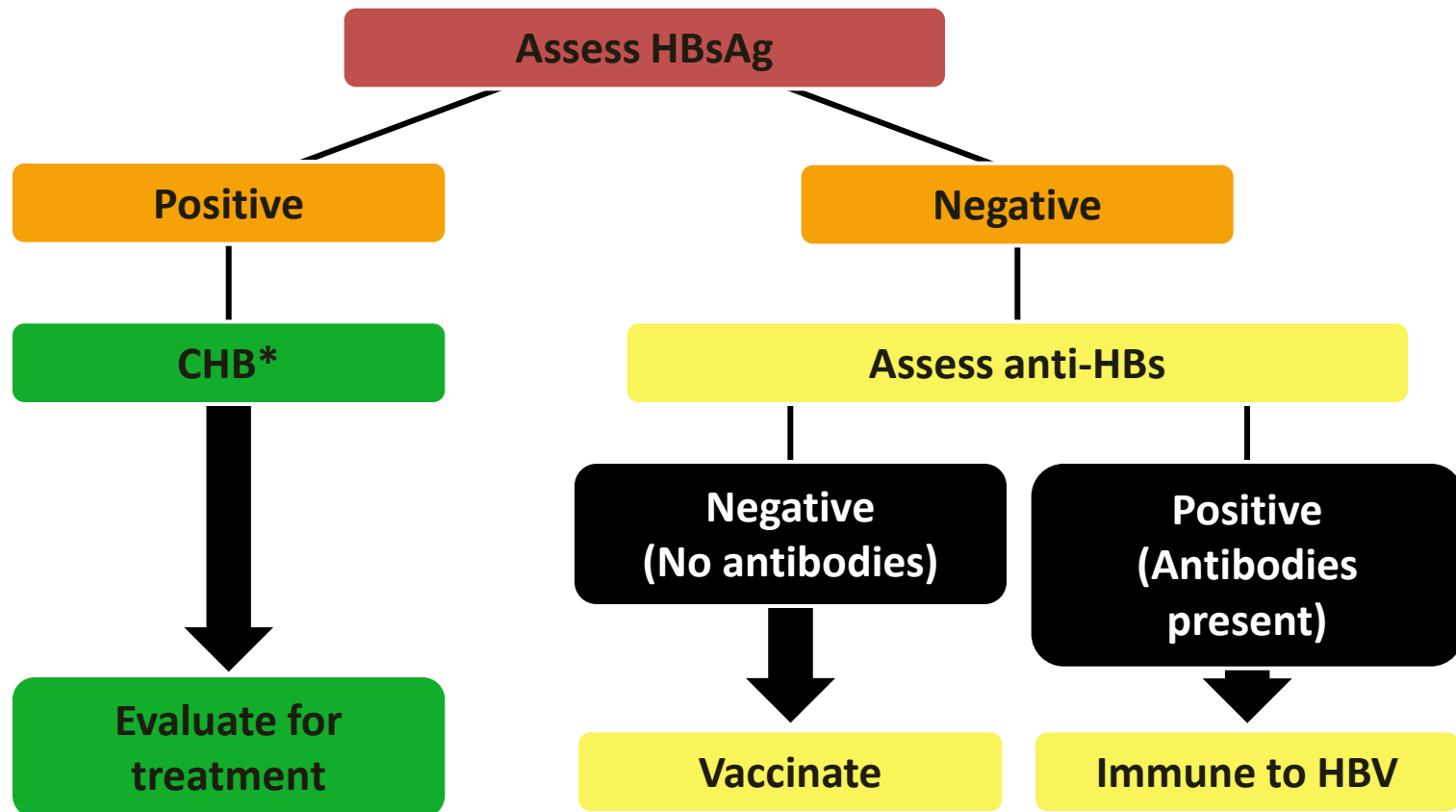


Natural History of Chronic HBV Infection



Infection

HBV Screening Algorithm



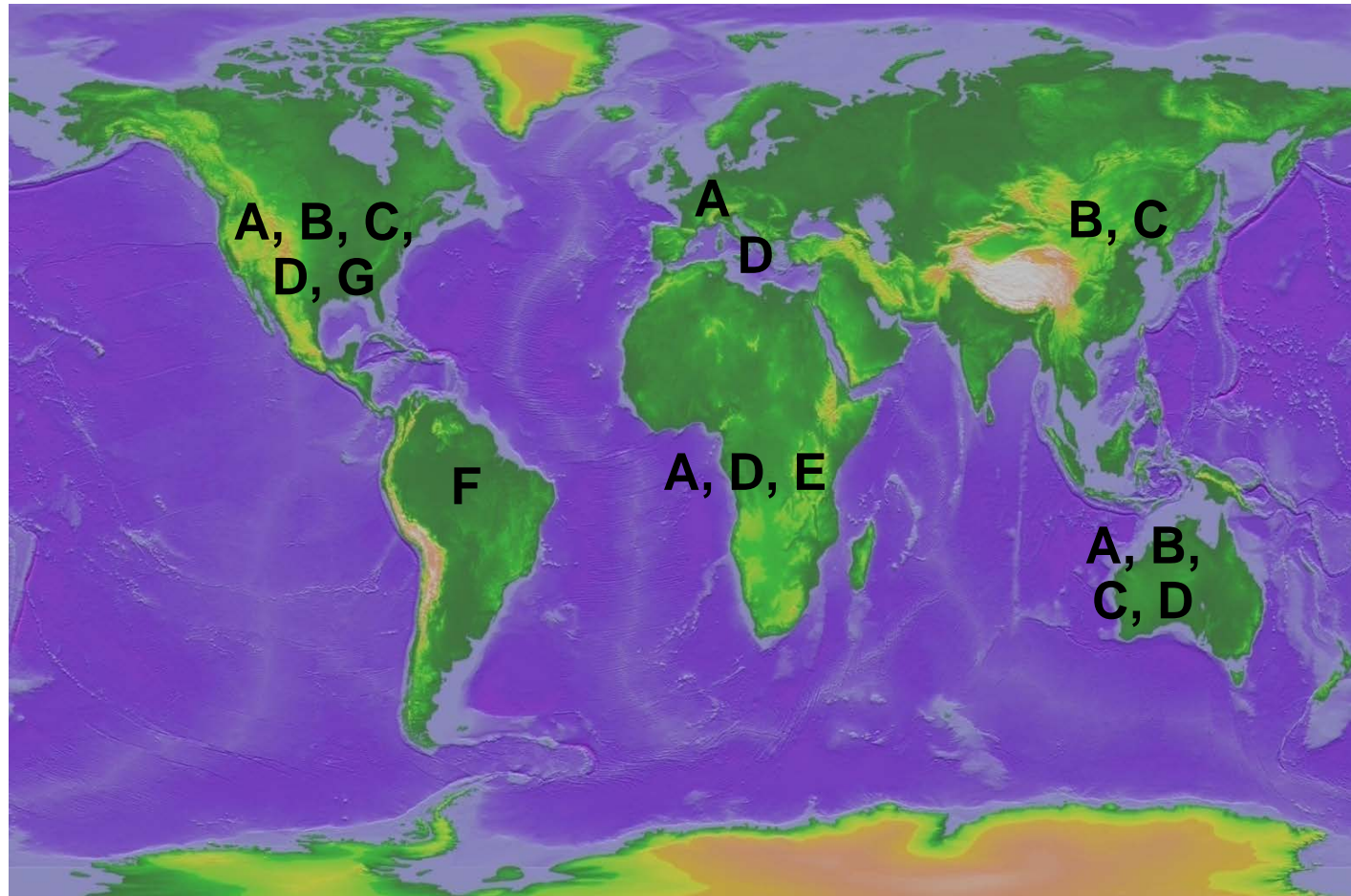
*Time from positive HBsAg test to diagnosis of CHB is 6 mos.



Hepatitis B Serology: First Phase Testing

- AASLD guidelines recommend HBsAg and anti-HBs testing for all patients
 - HBsAg
 - Protein on surface of HBV detected during acute or chronic HBV infection
 - Presence indicates an individual is **INFECTED OR INFECTIOUS**
 - Anti-HBs
 - Presence indicates recovery and **IMMUNITY** from HBV infection
 - Also develops following vaccination against hepatitis B
- Total anti-HBc can be used as alternative; those testing positive should be tested for HBsAg and anti-HBs
 - Appears at the onset of symptoms in acute hepatitis and persists for life
 - Presence indicates **EXPOSURE** (previous or ongoing infection with HBV)

Geographic Distribution of HBV Genotypes



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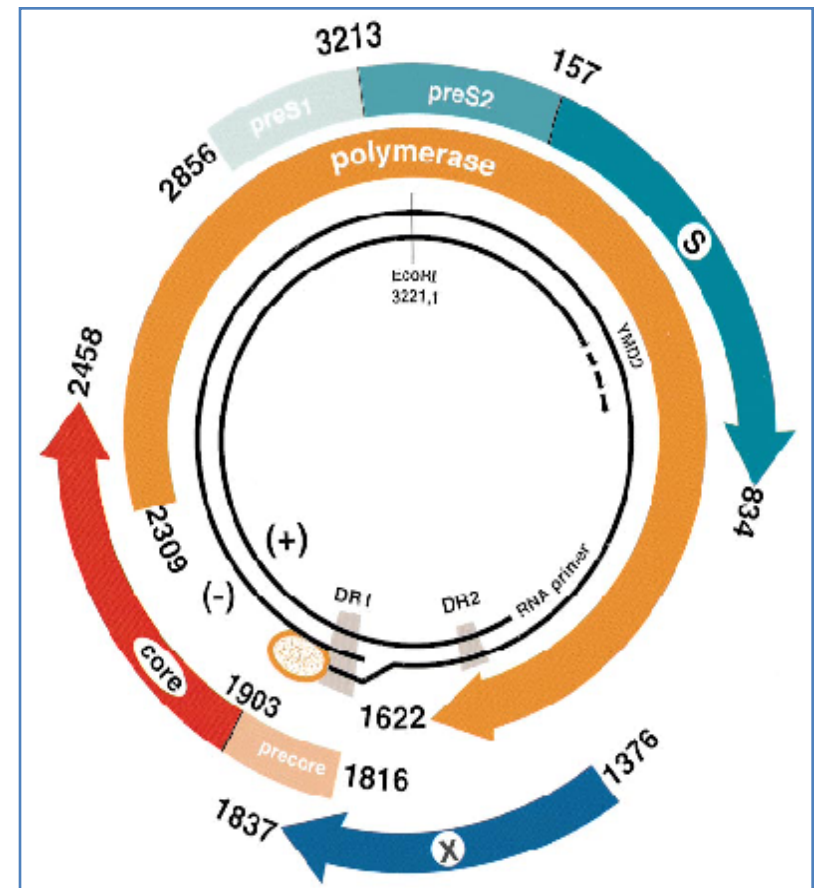
HBV Classified Into 10 Genotypes

Genotype	Geographic distribution
A	North America, northern Europe, India, and Africa
B and C	Asia
D	Southern Europe, Middle East, and India
E	West Africa and South Africa
F	Central and South America
G	United States and Europe
H	Central America and California
I	Vietnam
J	Japan

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HBV Variants

- Wild type
 - Unmutated HBeAg-positive hepatitis
 - Mixed infection with
 - Basal core promoter mutations (44% of US patients)^[1,2]
 - Precore mutations (27% of US patients)^[2]
- Precore and core promoter mutations^[3]
 - Eventually abolishes HBeAg production (HBeAg-negative CHB)
- Genotypes
- Treatment-induced mutations



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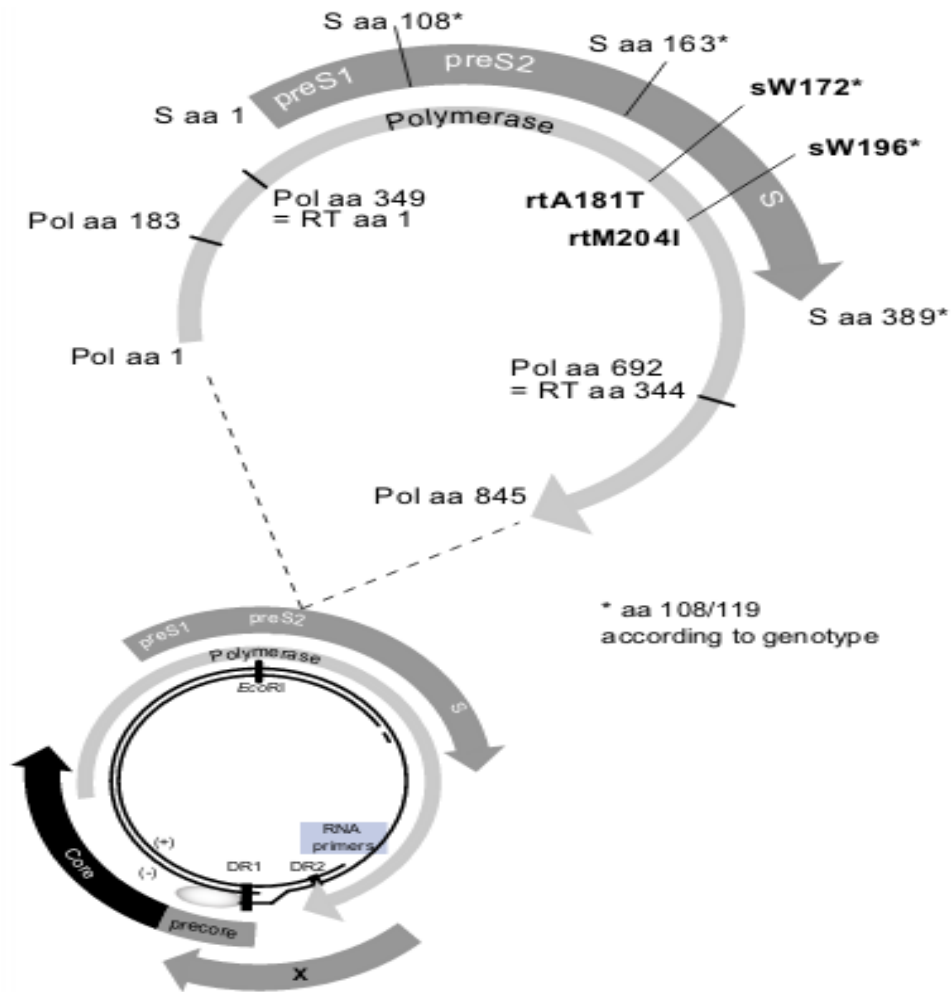



Fig. 1. The HBV open reading frames (ORF), highlighting the overlapping relationship between the envelope ORF and the HBV polymerase ORF.



High Risk of Cirrhosis in Asians & Patients With Vertically Transmitted Disease

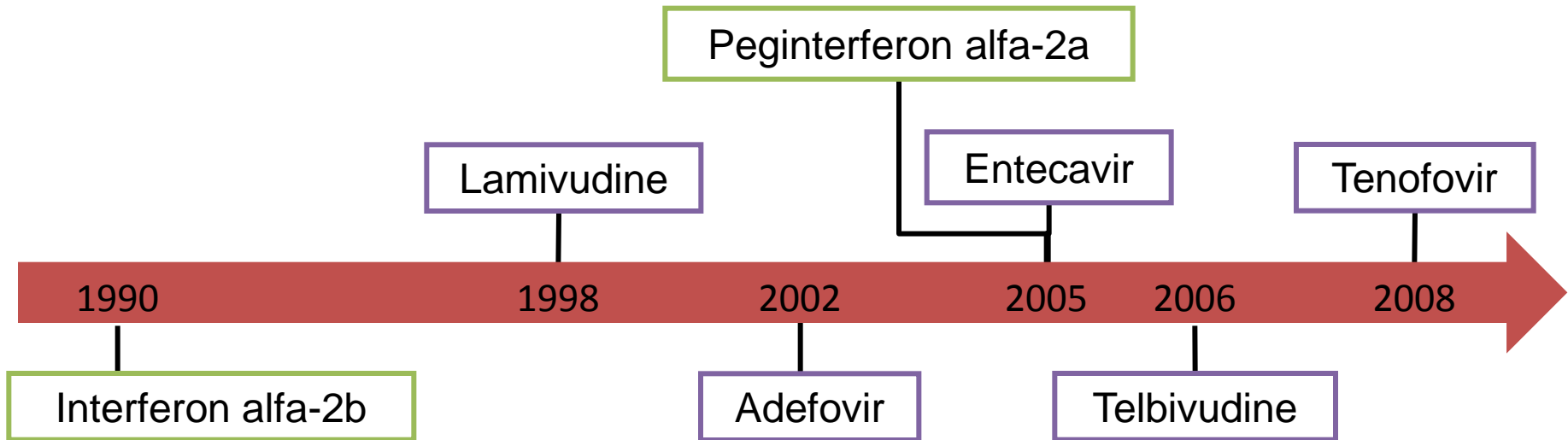
- The lifetime risk of cirrhosis or cancer in a person who is HBsAg positive is 20% to 30%
 - Risk is lower for women
 - Risk is highest for men



Why Test for HBV Genotype?

- Differences in natural history and treatment responsiveness
 - B is associated with less active disease, slower progression, and lower incidence of HCC than C
 - C has higher risk of HCC and cirrhosis
 - A and B respond better to IFN than C and D
 - F is associated with fulminant liver disease; rare

HBV Treatment Landscape in 2010



HBV life cycle

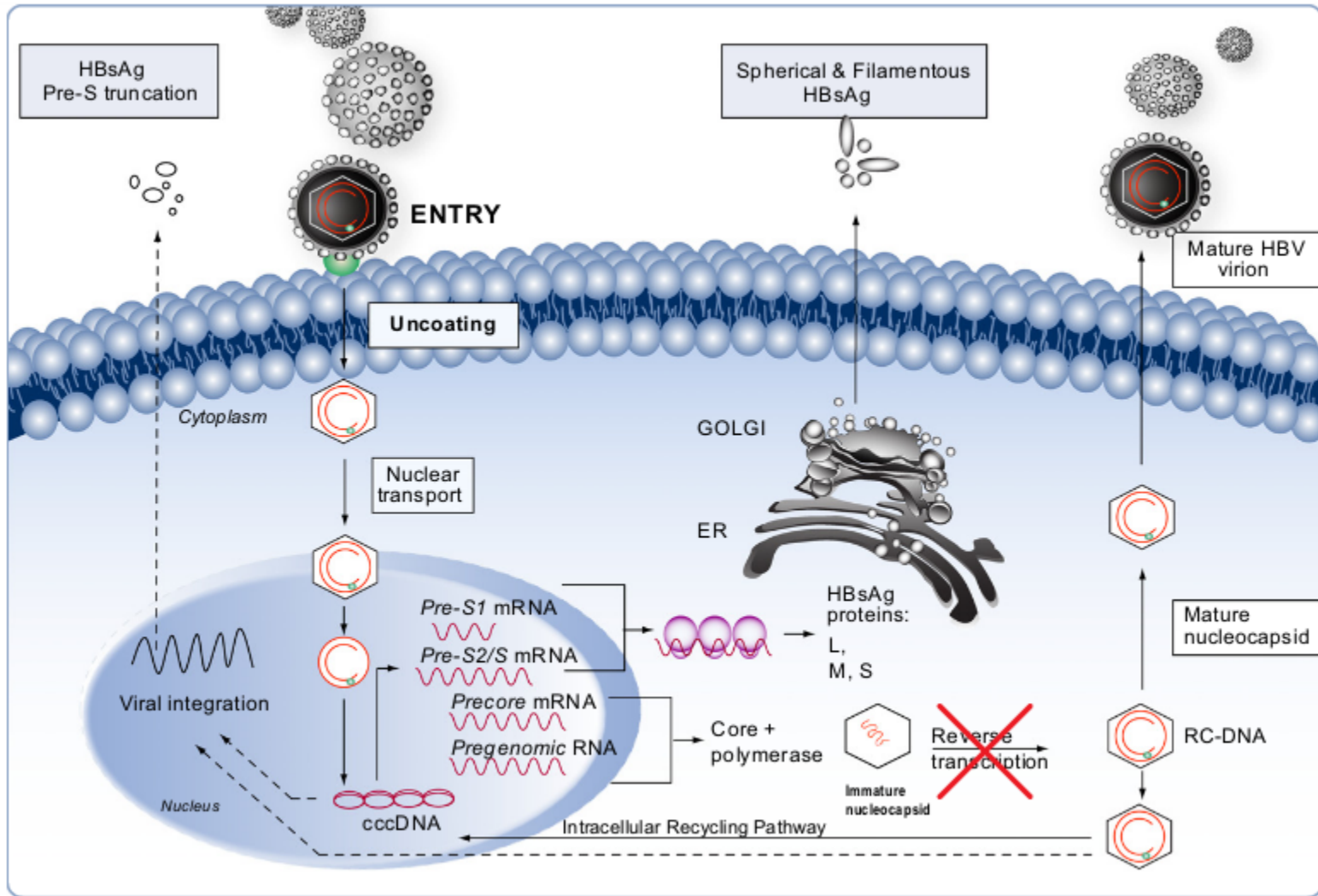


Fig. 2. HBV life cycle. The lifecycle of HBV, highlighting: (i) the nuclear reservoir, covalently closed circular (ccc) DNA, which is the transcriptional template for the virus; (ii)

Natural history : HBsAg level

Serum Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Levels Predict Surface Antigen Loss in Hepatitis B e Antigen Seroconverters

Table 3. Univariate and Multivariate Analysis of Factors Associated With HBsAg Loss by Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Model

	Patient-years of follow-up	Annual incidence rate (per 100 patient-years)	Crude HR (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	P value
Sex						
Female	829.8	1.1	1.0		1.0	
Male	2060.7	0.4	0.4 (0.1–0.9)	.033	0.4 (0.1–1.2)	.111
Age at HBeAg seroconversion (y)						
Younger than 40	2617.5	0.6	1.0		1.0	
40 and older	273.0	1.1	2.5 (0.7–9.0)	.155	4.8 (1.1–21.1)	.040
Serum ALT level ^a (U/L)						
<40	2514.2	0.7	1.0		1.0	
40–79	376.4	0.3	0.4 (0.1–3.3)	.429	1.1 (0.1–9.4)	.902
Serum HBV DNA level ^a (IU/mL)						
≥2000	1200.9	0.1	1.0		1.0	
200–1999	604.3	0.7	6.0 (1.0–80.5)	.050	20.7 (2.0–211.1)	.010
<200	1085.4	1.2	14.6 (1.9–111.6)	.010	8.8 (1.1–75.0)	.046
Serum HBsAg level ^a (IU/mL)						
≥1000	2514.5	0.3	1.0		1.0	
100–999	260.4	1.2	4.4 (1.1–17.0)	.032	5.1 (1.1–23.8)	.041
<100	115.7	6.9	24.3 (8.7–67.5)	<.001	20.8 (5.7–76.7)	<.001
HBV genotype						
B	2176.3	0.5	1.0		1.0	
C	555.2	0.7	1.6 (0.5–5.1)	.442	2.3 (0.6–8.2)	.215
Undetermined ^b	158.2	1.9	3.4 (0.9–12.5)	.063	1.4 (0.3–6.3)	.653

HBsAg less than 100 IU/mL with a higher rate of HBsAg loss

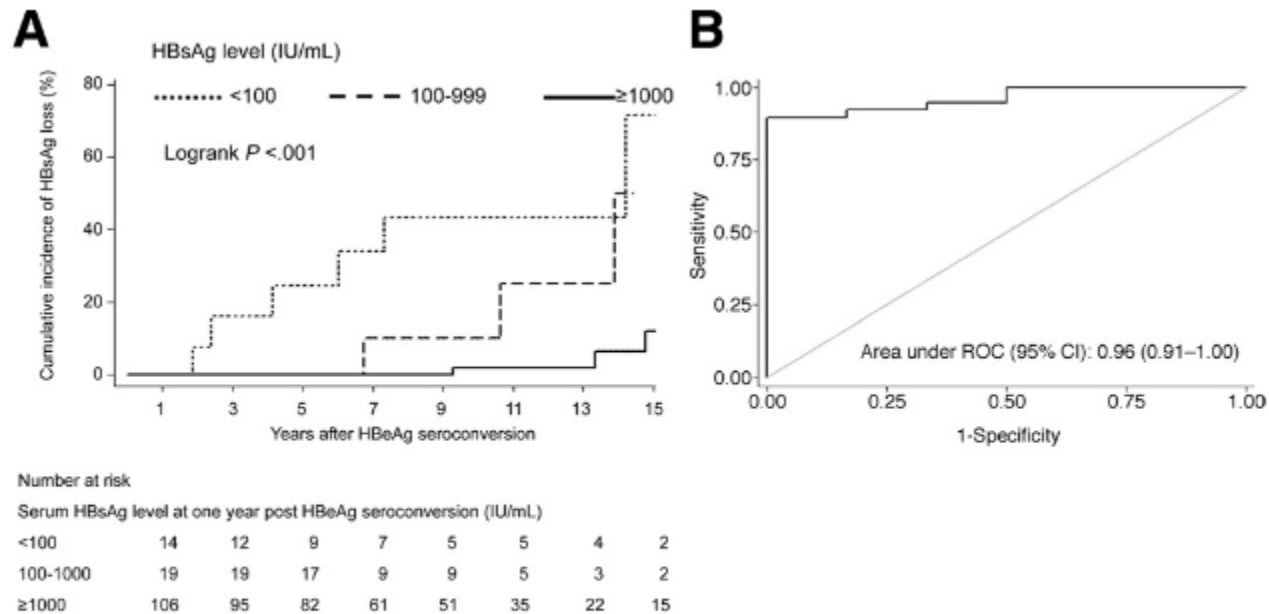
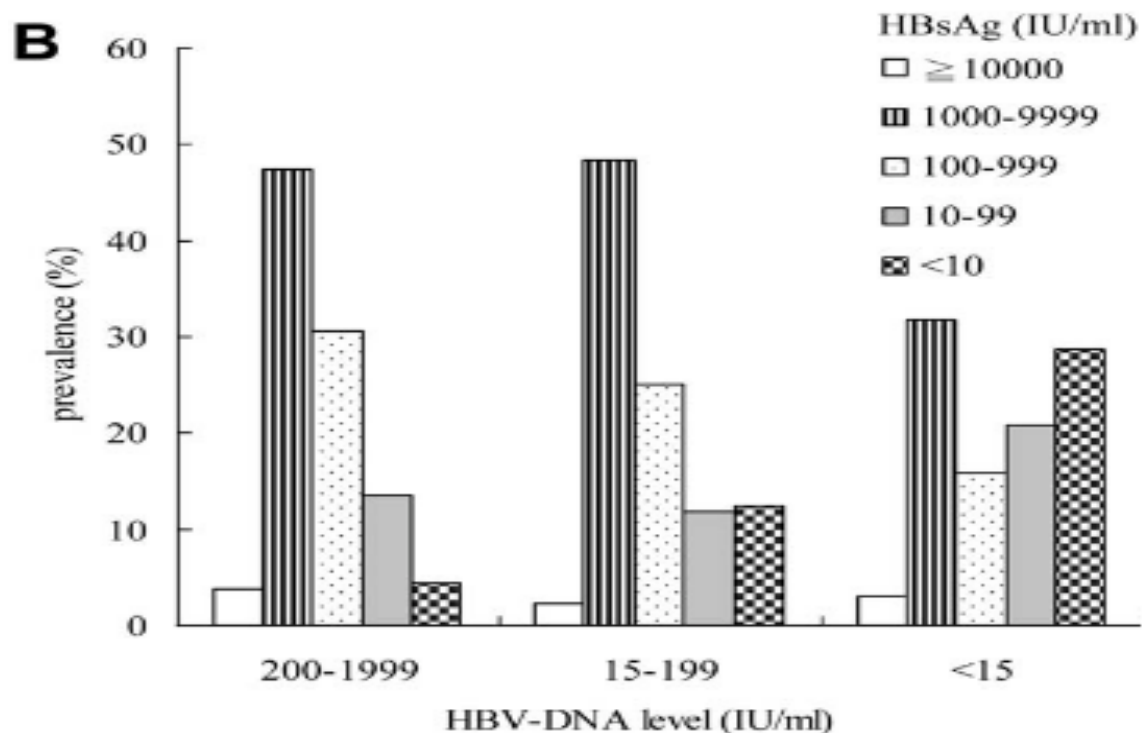


Figure 3. Serum HBsAg levels were associated with HBsAg loss in patients with HBV DNA levels <200 IU/mL. (A) A lower HBsAg level was associated with a higher cumulative incidence of HBsAg loss. (B) The ROC curve of serum HBsAg levels for the prediction of HBsAg loss within 6 years of follow-up.

Determinants of Spontaneous Surface Antigen Loss in Hepatitis B e Antigen–Negative Patients with a Low Viral Load



HBsAg level less than 10 IU/mL is strong predictor of HBsAg loss

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Characteristic	P-yrs of Follow-Up	Annual Incidence Rate (per 100 P-yrs)	Crude HR (95% CI)	P Value	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	P Value
Sex						
Female	3642.3	1.3	1.0	-	1.0	-
Male	4363.6	1.9	1.5 (1.1-2.2)	0.021	1.7 (1.2-2.5)	0.004
Age at enrollment (years)						
28-39	4558.3	1.4	1.0	-	1.0	-
40-49	2350.5	1.6	1.1 (0.7-1.6)	0.742	0.9 (0.6-1.3)	0.520
≥50	1097.1	2.5	1.9 (1.2-3.1)	0.004	1.3 (0.8-2.1)	0.214
Serum ALT level (U/L)						
≤40	6983.0	1.7	1.0	-	1.0	-
>40	1022.9	1.4	0.9 (0.5-1.5)	0.604	0.7 (0.4-1.2)	0.231
Serum HBV DNA level (IU/mL)						
15-1999	6916.3	1.5	1.0	-	1.0	-
<15	1089.6	2.5	1.7 (1.1-2.6)	0.013	1.0 (0.6-1.6)	0.972
Serum HBsAg level (IU/mL)						
≥1000	4102.3	0.7	1.0	-	1.0	-
100-999	2264.4	1.8	2.5 (1.6-4.0)	<0.001	2.6 (1.6-4.1)	<0.001
10-99	1110.2	1.9	2.8 (1.6-5.0)	<0.001	2.8 (1.6-5.0)	<0.001
<10	529.0	7.4	13.2 (8.1-21.5)	<0.001	13.2 (7.8-22.1)	<0.001

P-yrs, person-years.

HBV DNA level less than 2000 IU/ml with HBsAg level less than 10 IU/ml related HBsAg loss

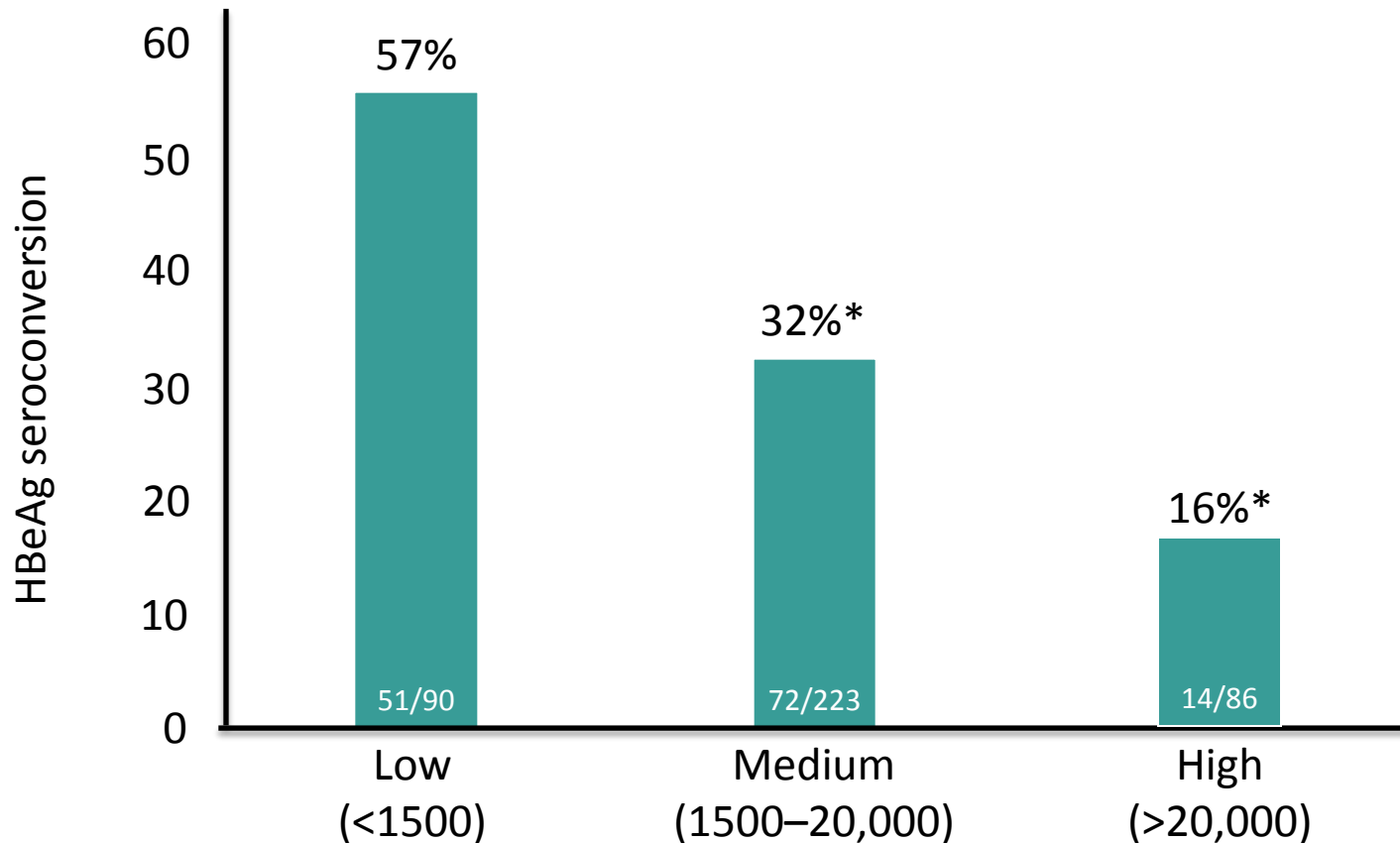
	Immune tolerance	Immune clearance	Inactive carrier state		HBsAg loss
			Detectable HBV-DNA	Undetectable HBV-DNA	
HBeAg/ Anti-HBe	HBeAg		Anti-HBe		Anti-HBe
ALT (U/L)	low	elevated	low		low
HBV-DNA level (IU/mL)	> 200,000	> 20,000	15-1999	<15	<15
HBsAg level (IU/mL)	> 10,000	>1000	10-10,000	<10,000	<0.05
% of HBsAg <10 IU/mL	<1%	<1%	6.8%	28.7%	

(7.0% per year)

Peginterferon treatment

Lowest HBsAg levels at week 12 are associated with highest rate of sustained immune control

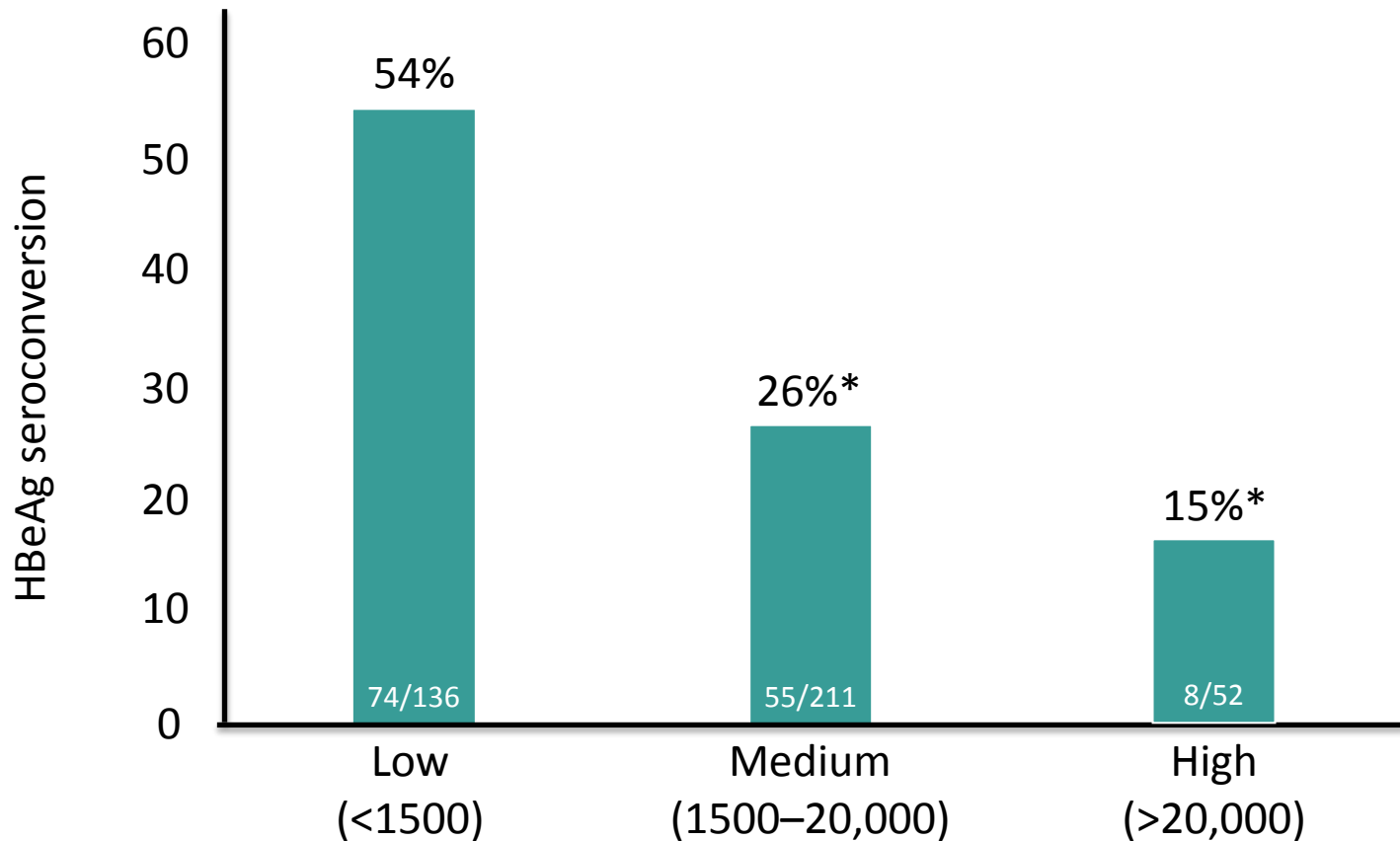
HBeAg-positive patients (N=399) treated with Peginterferon alfa-2a ± lamivudine



* P<0.0001 vs <1500 IU/mL

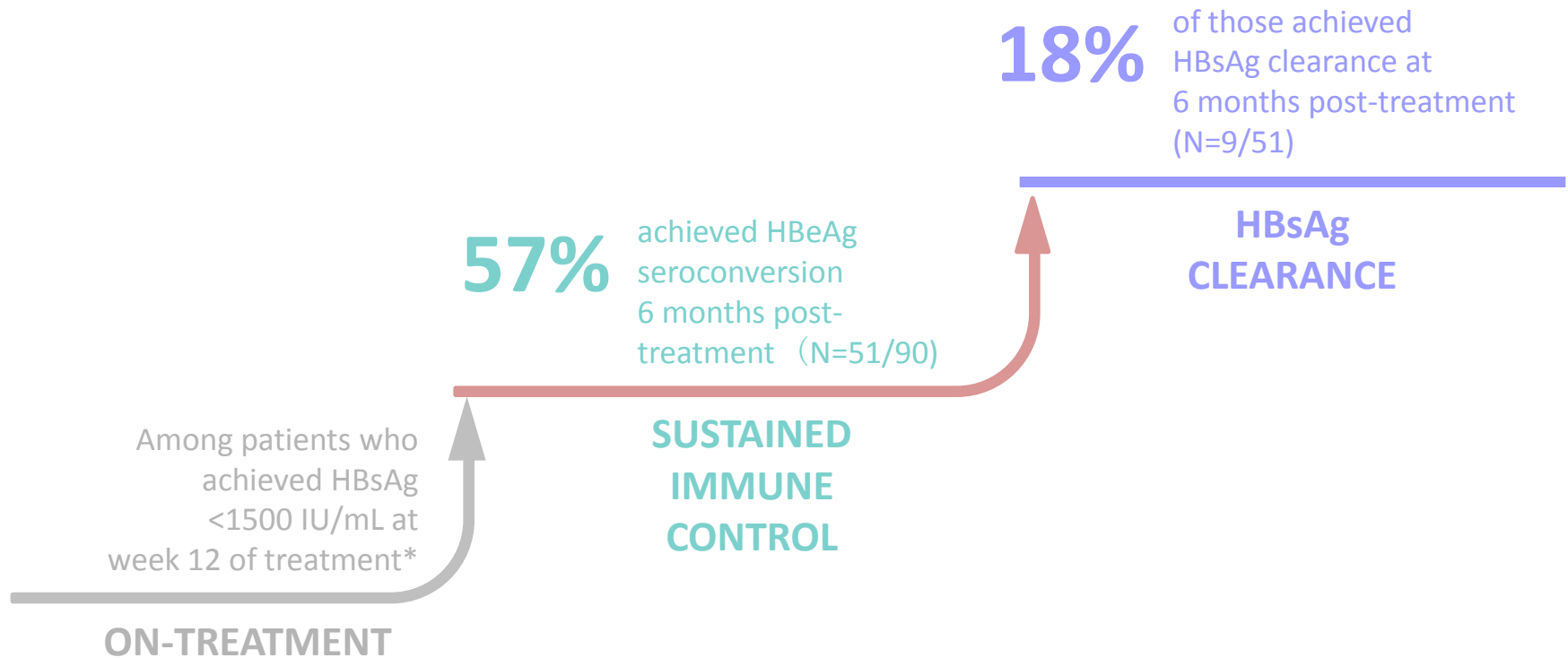
Lowest HBsAg levels at week 24 are associated with highest rate of sustained immune control

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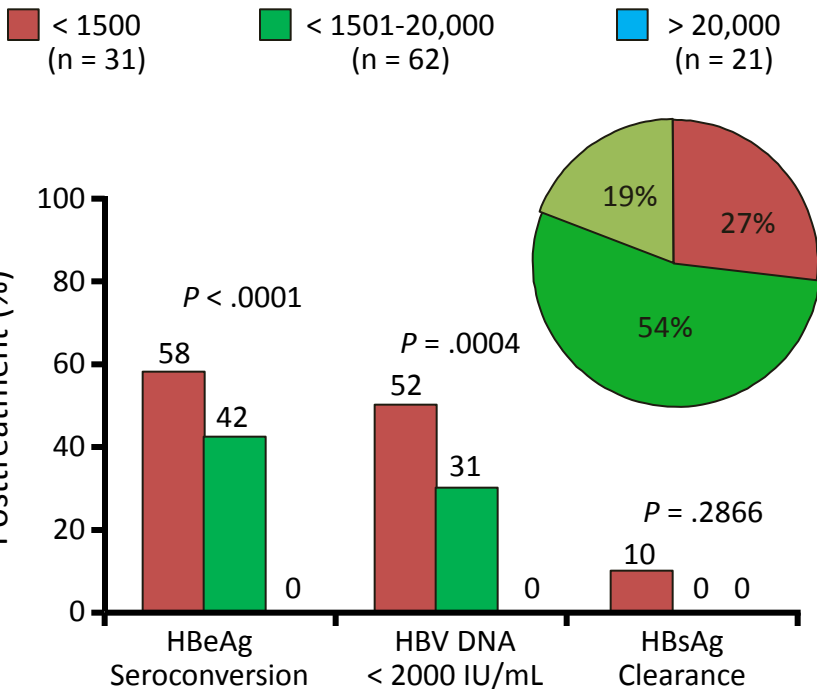
HBsAg decline at week 12 is an early sign of future HBsAg clearance



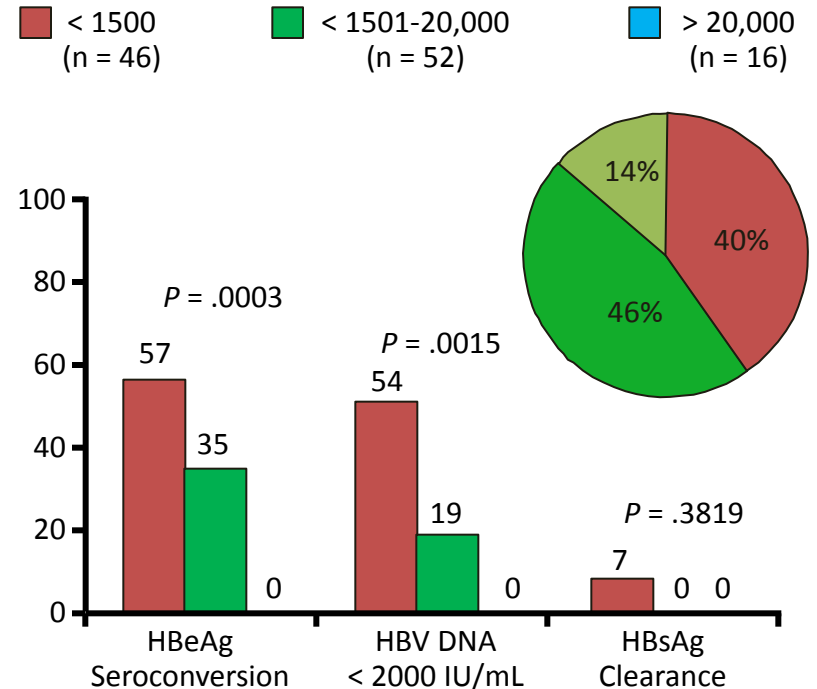
NEPTUNE: On-Treatment HBsAg Level as Marker of Response to PegIFN

- HBeAg-positive patients: pegIFN alfa-2a 180 µg/wk for 48 wks
 - HBsAg analyzed at baseline and every 12 wks

HBsAg levels (IU/mL) at Wk 12

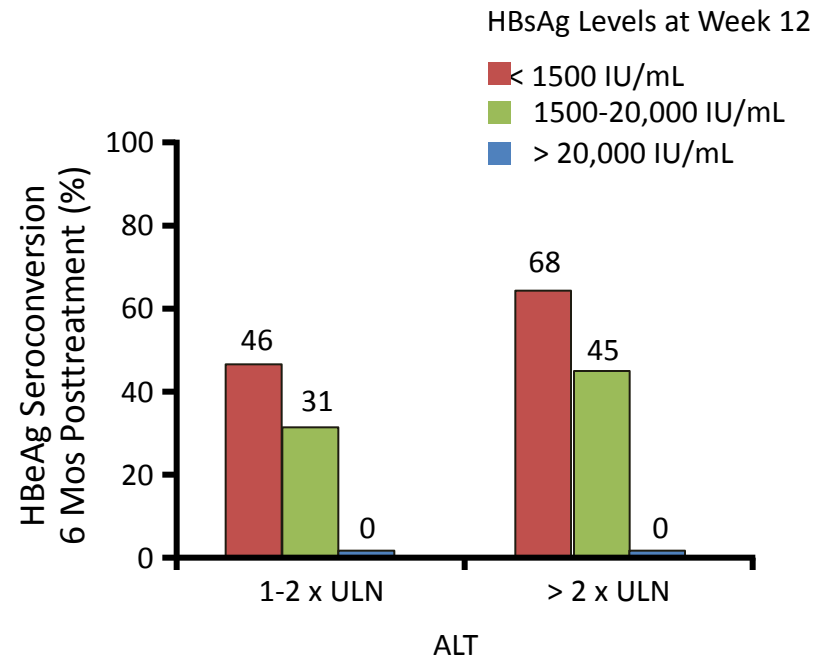
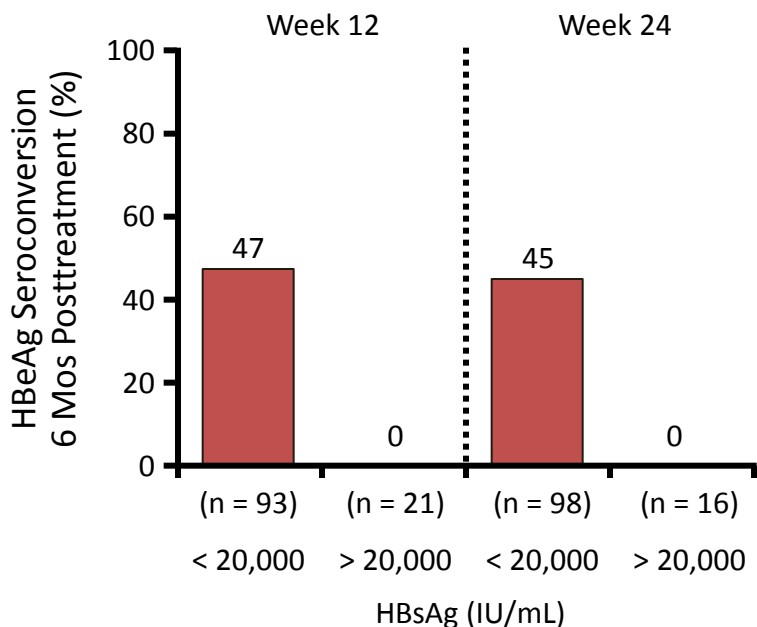


HBsAg levels (IU/mL) at Wk 24



NEPTUNE: On-Treatment HBsAg as Marker of Response to PegIFN

- HBsAg < 20,000 IU/mL identified as key marker of response
- HBsAg > 20,000 IU/mL at Week 12 or 24 predicts lack of HBeAg seroconversion
 - Negative predictive value: 100%
- Combination of ALT level and HBsAg decline improves positive predictive value



HBsAg level as predicted at week 12 and week 24

Review

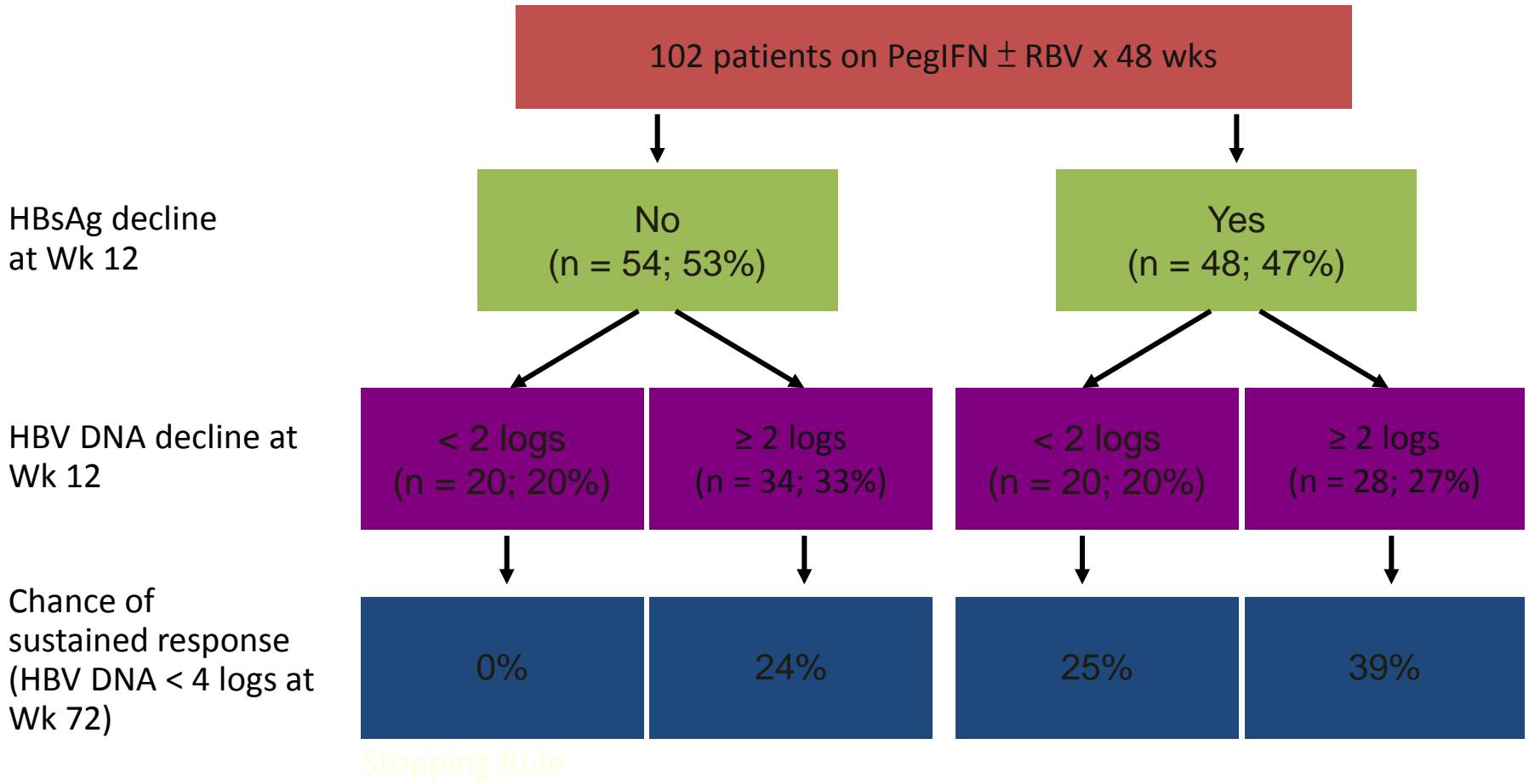
Table 1. Proportion of HBeAg-positive patients with sustained virological response (SVR) as predicted by serum HBsAg at week 12 and 24 of treatment. In general, poor HBsAg response at week 12 can predict non-responders and good HBsAg response at week 24 can predict good responders to peginterferon therapy.

Author	[Reference]	HBsAg	Prediction at week 12		Prediction at week 24	
			% patient	% SVR	% patient	% SVR
Sonneveld	[53]	No decline	31	3	25	8
Piratvisuth	[54]	No decline	24	18	NA	NA
Lau	[51]	>20,000 IU/ml	22	16	13	15
Gane	[52]	>20,000 IU/ml	18	0	14	0
Lau	[51]	<1500 IU/ml	23	57	34	54
Gane	[52]	<1500 IU/ml	27	58	40	57
Chan	[49]	<300 IU/ml	NA	NA	23	62
		<300 IU/ml and	NA	NA	13	75
		>1 log decline				

NA = not available.



Quantitative HBsAg and HBV DNA Predict SVR in HBeAg-Negative CHB on PegIFN



HBsAg decline : HBeAg-negative patient

Table 2. Prediction of treatment response by HBsAg decline at different phases of peginterferon therapy for HBeAg-negative chronic hepatitis B in the phase III trial of peginterferon alfa-2a [56,59].

Time (week)	HBsAg decline	n	Response (n, %)	Definition of response
12	≥10%	53	25 (47)	HBV DNA <4 log at year 1
	<10%	67	11 (16)	
	≥10%	53	12 (23)	HBsAg loss at year 5
	<10%	67	5 (7)	
24	≥10%	67	29 (43)	HBV DNA <4 log at year 1
	<10%	53	7 (13)	
	≥10%	67	15 (22)	HBsAg loss at year 5
	<10%	53	3 (4)	
48	>1 log	43	13 (30)	HBsAg loss at year 3
	≤1 log	155	4 (3)	

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Predictors of Serum HBsAg Decline in Chronic Hepatitis B Patients Undergoing Entecavir Therapy

慢性B型肝炎病患接受貝樂克治療血清B型肝炎表面抗原濃度下降的
預測因子

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Background

- On-treatment decline in quantitative serum hepatitis B surface antigen (qHBsAg) levels are predictors of therapeutic efficacy in chronic hepatitis B (CHB) patients treated with peginterferon

Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2012 ;35:458-68

Hepatology 2009;49:1141-1150

Hepatology 2009;49:1151-1157

- The decline in qHBsAg level and its predictors in CHB patients undergoing entecavir (ETV) therapy remain unclear

Hepatology 2011;53:1186-1193

Table 3 | Multivariate analysis of baseline and on-treatment factors associated with sustained response

Factors	OR	95% CI	P value
Baseline factors*			
HBsAg ≤2.71 vs.>2.71log ₁₀ IU/mL	3.5	(0.8, 15.2)	0.0952
HBV DNA ≤4.3 vs.>4.3log ₁₀ copies/mL	7.0	(1.3, 36.2)	0.0203
On-treatment factors*			
HBsAg at week 12 ≤2.15 vs.>2.15log ₁₀ IU/mL	31.9	(4.8, 209.6)	0.0003
HBsAg at week 24 ≤2.05 vs.>2.05log ₁₀ IU/mL	8.8	(2.0, 38.0)	0.0035
HBsAg at week 48 ≤1.91 vs.>1.91log ₁₀ IU/mL	13.5	(2.8, 65.0)	0.0011

Methods

Between **Jun 2006 and Nov 2011**,
299 **treatment-naïve** CHB patients
have been treated with Entecavir for at least 1 year

Exclude

1. Acute Decompensation (N=31)
2. Decompensated Cirrhosis (N=23)

245 HBV patients:

1. HBeAg(+): N=86; HBeAg(-): N=159
2. Treatment duration:
 - (1) Mean: 36.5 months
 - (2) ≥ 2 Year (N=208); ≥ 3 Year (N=127)

Factors associated with VR in CHB patients at year 1

	VR(-)	VR(+)	p ^{uni}	p ^{multi}	OR(95%CI)
Total patients	N=24	N=221			
HBeAg			<0.001	0.003	
-	5(20.8)	154(69.7)			7.491(1.948-28.813)
+	19(79.2)	67(30.3)			1.000
BL HBV DNA: Log₁₀ copies/mL			<0.001		
<8	6(28.6)	167(77.0)			
≥8	15(71.4)	50(23.0)			
BL HBsAg: Log₁₀ IU/mL			<0.001	0.024	
<3.7	7(35.0)	167(80.3)			3.429(1.180-9.968)
≥3.7	13(65.0)	41(19.7)			1.000
HBeAg(+)	N=19	N=67			
ALT: IU/L			0.041	0.005	
<110	14(73.7)	31(46.3)			1.000
≥110	5(26.3)	36(53.7)			7.275(1.817-29.126) ^a
BL HBsAg: Log₁₀ IU/mL			0.043	0.005	
<3.7	5(29.4)	37(56.9)			6.520(1.738-24.455) ^a
≥3.7	12(70.6)	28(43.1)			1.000
BL HBV DNA: Log₁₀ copies/mL			0.022	0.004	
<8	3(17.6)	31(48.4)			8.038(1.931-33.457) ^b
≥8	14(82.4)	33(51.6)			1.000
BL-3M HBsAg decline			0.023	0.006	
<10%	15(88.2)	35(57.4)			1.000
≥10%	2(11.8)	26(42.6)			10.118(1.966-52.079) ^b

Factors associated with HBeAg loss after 3 years of treatment

Median or N(%)	HBeAg loss (-) N=35	HBeAg loss (+) N=23	p-value
Genotype			0.030
B	23(65.7)	8(36.4)	
C	12(34.3)	14(63.6)	
PT: seconds prolonged	0.42	1.45	0.020
AFP: ng/mL			0.017
<8.0	25(80.6)	10(45.5)	
≥8.0	6(19.4)	12(54.5)	
BL HBV DNA: Log₁₀ copies/mL	8.250	8.27	0.099
VR (6M)			0.028
-	21(60.0)	7(30.4)	
+	14(40.0)	16(69.6)	
HBsAg (6M): Log₁₀ IU/mL			0.020
<2.8	3(8.8)	8(34.8)	
≥2.8	31(91.2)	15(65.2)	

Cox regression analysis of factors associated HBeAg loss

Variable	HR(95% CI)	p-value
Genotype (C)	3.141(1.226-8.004)	0.017
VR 6M (+)	2.572(1.025-6.457)	0.044
HBsAg 6M: (<2.8 Log₁₀ IU/mL)	4.124(1.604-10.606)	0.003

Factors associated with HBsAg decline in HBeAg(+) patients (BL-3M)

Characteristics Median or N(%)	BL-3M <10% (N=50)	BL-3M ≥10% (N=28)	p-value
Age: year			0.026
<40	19(38.0)	18(64.3)	
≥40	31(62.0)	10(35.7)	
Genotype			0.019
B	21(42.9)	20(71.4)	
C	28(57.1)	8(28.6)	
Cirrhosis			<0.001
No	32(64.0)	28(100)	
Yes	18(36.0)	0(0)	
ALT: IU/L			<0.001
< 120	41(82.0)	5(17.9)	
≥120	9(18.0)	23(82.1)	
Total bilirubin: mg/dL	0.87	1.44	<0.001
AFP: ng/mL			0.004
<8	37(78.7)	13(46.4)	
≥8	10(21.3)	15(53.6)	
BL HBV DNA: Log ₁₀ copies/mL	7.90	8.47	0.011
BL HBsAg: Log ₁₀ IU/mL			0.059
<3.7	29(58.0)	10(35.7)	
≥3.7	21(42.0)	18(64.3)	

Multiple logistic regression analysis of factors associated HBsAg decline in HBeAg(+) patients

Variable	OR(95% CI)	p-value
AFP: ≥8 ng/mL	4.936(1.677-14.528)	0.004
BL HBsAg: ≥3.7 Log ₁₀ IU/mL	2.952(1.026-8.496)	0.044

Factors associated with HBsAg decline in HBeAg(-) patients (BL-12M)

Characteristics Median or N(%)	BL-12M<10% (N=112)	BL-12M ≥ 10% (N=33)	p-value
ALT: IU/L			<0.001
<120	85(75.9)	12(36.4)	
≥120	27(24.1)	21(63.6)	
Inflammatory activity			0.004
0-1	59(69.4)	9(37.5)	
2-3	26(30.6)	15(62.5)	
Fibrosis stage			0.012
0-2	41(47.7)	19(76.0)	
3-4	45(52.3)	6(24.0)	
BL HBV DNA: Log₁₀ copies/mL	5.86	6.56	0.003
BL HBsAg: Log₁₀ IU/mL			<0.001
<3.7	108(96.4)	20(66.7)	
≥3.7	4(3.6)	10(33.3)	

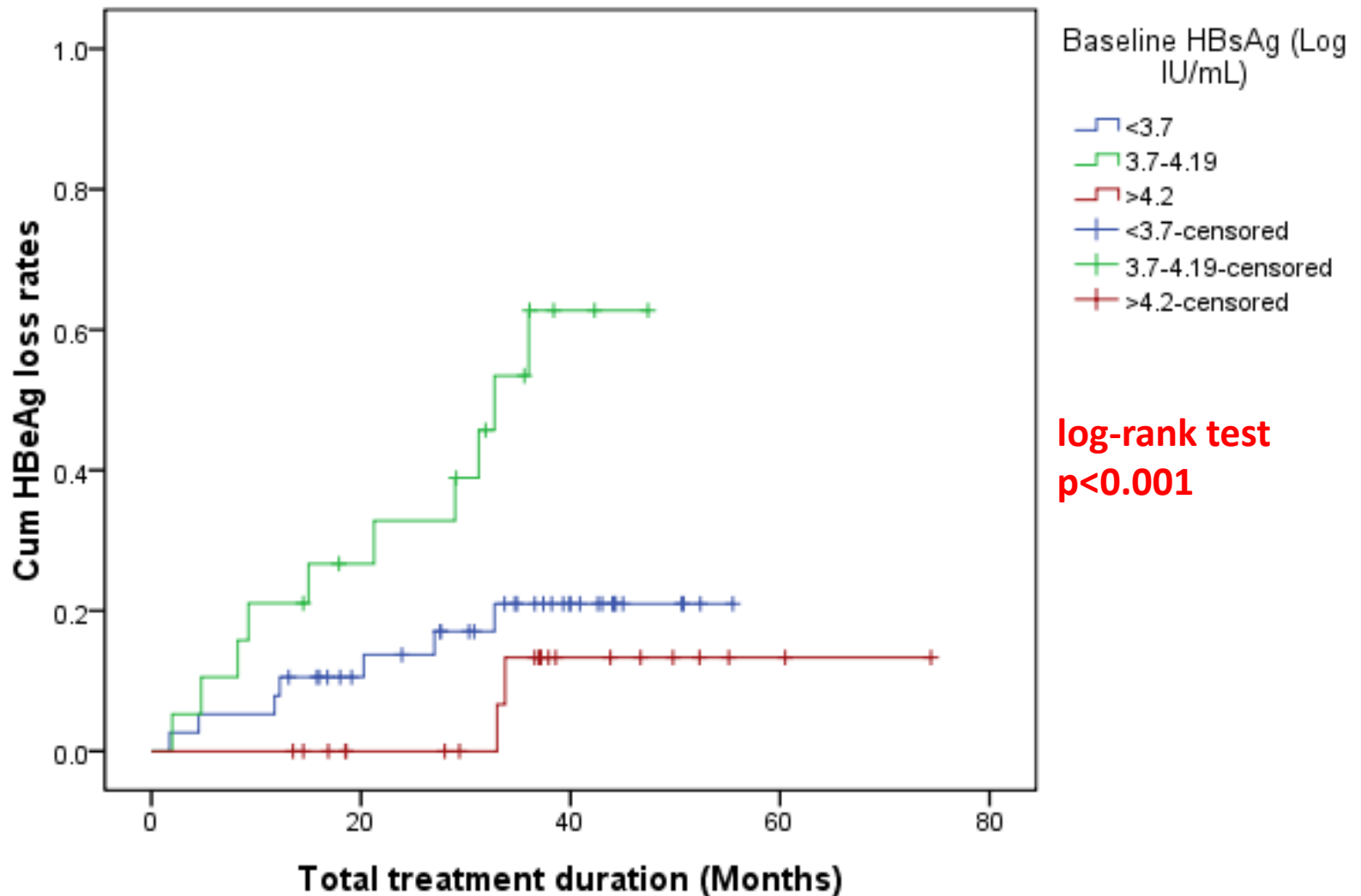
Multiple logistic regression analysis of factors associated HBsAg decline in HBeAg(-) patients

Variable	OR(95% CI)	p-value
ALT: ≥120 IU/L	4.980(1.964-12.629)	0.001
BL HBsAg: ≥3.7 Log ₁₀ IU/mL	12.018(3.149-45.869)	<0.001

Univariate and multivariate analyses of characteristics predicting serum HBsAg $\leq 2 \text{ Log}_{10} \text{ IU/mL}$ after three years therapy

	HBsAg>2	HBsAg ≤ 2	p ^{uni}	p ^{multi}	OR(95%CI)
HBeAg(+)	45	4			
BL HBsAg: Log₁₀ IU/mL	3.85	3.05	0.079	NA	
HBsAg BL-3M			0.019	NA	
<10%	26(66.7)	0(0)			
$\geq 10\%$	13(33.3)	4(100)			
HBeAg(-)	67	20			
BL HBsAg: Log₁₀ IU/mL	3.11	1.95	<0.001	<0.001	0.403 (0.273-0.594)
HBsAg BL-12M			<0.001	0.001	
<10%	52(85.2)	8(44.4)			1.000
$\geq 10\%$	9(14.8)	10(55.6)			3.730(1.370-10.155)

Kaplan-Meier analysis of HBeAg clearance for HBeAg positive patients



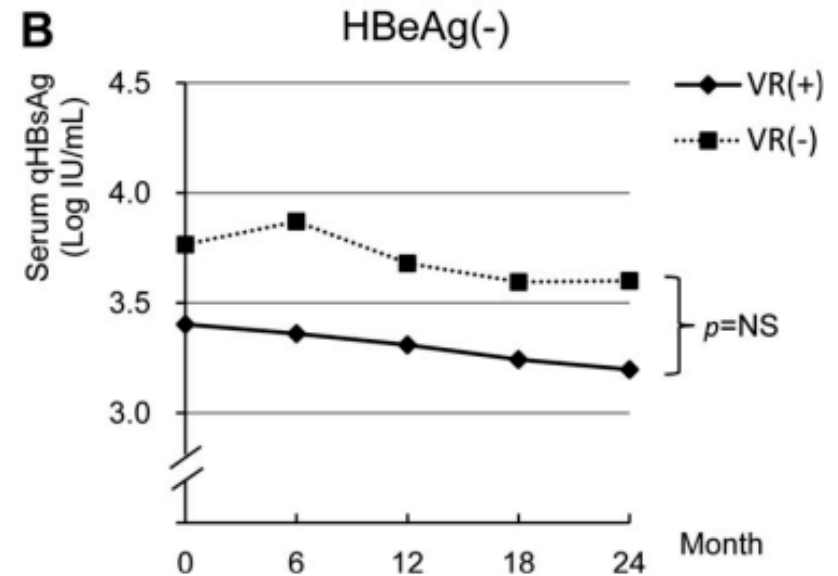
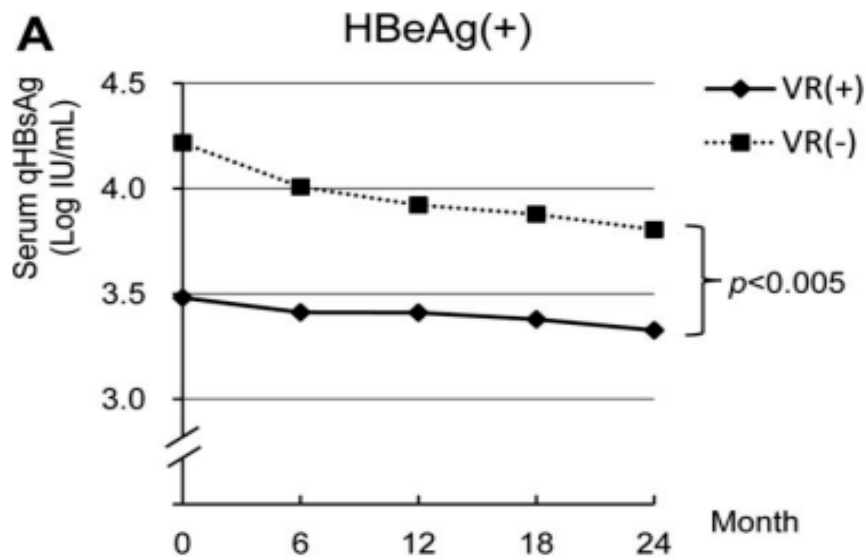
Factors Associated with VR in HBeAg(+) CHB Patients at Year 2

Table 2. Univariate and Multivariate Analyses and AUROC Values of Baseline Characteristics Predicting VR in HBeAg(+) Patients

Characteristic	VR(+) (n = 38)	VR(-) (n = 19)	Univariate P Value	Multivariate P Value	AUROC for VR
Age, years (mean \pm SD)	46.3 \pm 9.1	44.7 \pm 8.5	0.531	–	–
Male sex [n (%)]	25 (65.8)	14 (73.7)	0.572	–	–
ALT, IU/L (mean \pm SD)	91.5 \pm 72.2	61.9 \pm 36.0	0.099	0.013	0.619
HBV DNA, log copies/mL (mean \pm SD)	6.68 \pm 1.10	7.92 \pm 1.14	<0.001	0.040	0.812
qHBsAg, log IU/mL (mean \pm SD)	3.48 \pm 0.65	4.22 \pm 0.68	<0.001	0.033	0.823
qHBeAg, log PE IU/mL (mean \pm SD)	1.11 \pm 1.04	2.11 \pm 0.65	<0.001	0.130	–

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Serial values of HBsAg divided into VR(+) and VR(-) patients



Conclusions

- Baseline HBsAg level $< 3.7 \log_{10}$ IU/mL, and HBeAg negativity are predictors of VR at 1 year
- Genotype C, VR at 6 months, and HBsAg $< 2.8 \log_{10}$ IU/mL at 6 months are predictors of HBeAg loss after 3 years of treatment
- Baseline AFP ≥ 8 ng/mL and HBsAg $\geq 3.7 \log_{10}$ IU/mL are predictors of HBsAg decline $\geq 10\%$ at 3 months for HBeAg-positive CHB
- Baseline ALT ≥ 120 IU/L and HBsAg $\geq 3.7 \log_{10}$ IU/mL are predictors of HBsAg decline $\geq 10\%$ at 12 months for HBeAg-negative CHB

Conclusions

- Baseline HBsAg and decline of HBsAg are the predictors of achieving serum HBsAg $\leq 2 \text{ Log}_{10} \text{ IU/mL}$ after three years of therapy
- Patients with baseline HBsAg between $\text{Log}_{10} 3.7$ to 4.19 IU/mL have the highest cumulative rate of HBeAg loss at 3 years

Summary

- qHBsAg level predict HBsAg loss in nature course (HBsAg <100 IU/ML)
- qHBsAg level can predict the outcome of treatment during Peginterferon and NA treatment

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