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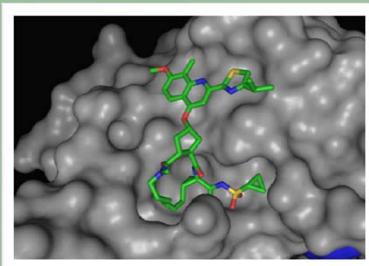
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## TMC435 with peginterferon and ribavirin in treatment-experienced HCV genotype 1 patients: the ASPIRE study, a randomized Phase IIb trial

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Abstract #2

## TMC435



Investigational, one-pill, once-daily,  
oral HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor

- Potent antiviral activity in patients infected with HCV genotype 1, with antiviral activity demonstrated against genotypes 2, 4, 5, and 6 isolates<sup>1-4</sup>
- Favourable safety profile<sup>1-4</sup>

### ■ ASPIRE (TMC435-C206)

- Phase IIb study to assess efficacy and safety of TMC435 administered once-daily in combination with PegIFN/RBV, in patients infected with HCV genotype 1 who have failed previous PegIFN/RBV treatment

EC50, half maximal effective concentration; PegIFN/RBV, pegylated interferon and ribavirin

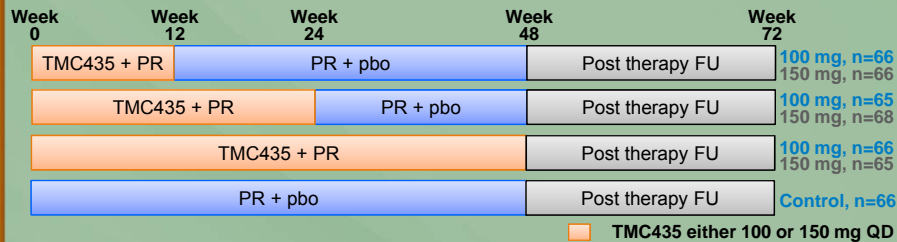
<sup>1</sup>Reesink HW et al. Gastroenterology 2010;138:913-921

<sup>2</sup>Moreno C et al. J Hepatology 2012; in press

<sup>3</sup>Fried MW et al. Oral presentation at AASLD 2011

<sup>4</sup>Zeuzem S et al. Poster LB-2998 presented at EASL 2011

# ASPIRE Study: International, Phase IIB, Randomised, Double-blind Clinical Trial



- Prior relapser: HCV RNA undetectable EOT and detectable within 24 W of FU
- Prior partial responder:  $\geq 2$  log<sub>10</sub> HCV RNA reduction from baseline at W12 and detectable EOT
- Prior null responder:  $< 2$  log<sub>10</sub> HCV RNA reduction from baseline at W12
- Primary endpoint: SVR24 (HCV RNA  $< 25$  IU/mL undetectable at W72)
- Key secondary endpoints: Virologic response at other time points, viral breakthrough and relapse rates, safety and tolerability

D, day; EOT, end of treatment; FU, follow-up; pbo, placebo; PR, 180 µg pegylated interferon α-2a + 1000-1200 mg ribavirin; QD, once daily; W, week  
 Stopping rules: all treatment stopped if HCV RNA  $< 1$  log<sub>10</sub> reduction from baseline (W4),  $< 2$  log<sub>10</sub> reduction from baseline (W12), confirmed detectable  $\geq 25$  IU/mL (W24 or W36), increased by  $> 1$  log<sub>10</sub> compared to nadir or  $> 100$  IU/mL with previously being  $< 25$  IU/mL detectable or undetectable, on treatment (confirmation required) (D1-W48)

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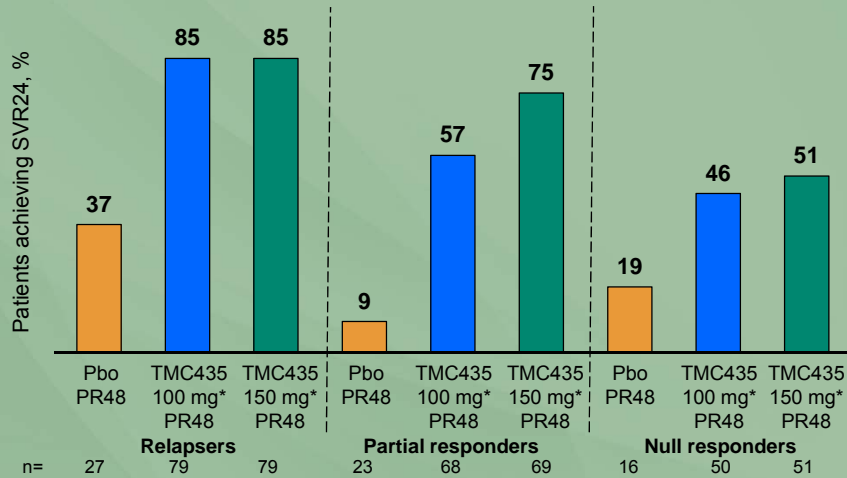
# ASPIRE Study: Baseline Demographics And Disease Characteristics

	TMC435 100 mg* PR48 n=197	TMC435 150 mg* PR48 n=199	Pbo PR48 n=66
<b>Patient demographics</b>			
Male, %	68	68	64
Race, white, %	92	93	94
Age, years, median (range)	50.0 (20-69)	50.0 (20-69)	50.5 (22-66)
Body weight, kg, median (range)	80.0 (43-138)	80.5 (50-125)	84.8 (53-112)
IL28B genotype CC†, %	17 (n=136)	17 (n=142)	22 (n=50)
<b>Disease characteristics</b>			
HCV subtype (NS5B) 1a‡, %	41	42	41
HCV RNA $\geq 800$ 000 IU/mL at baseline§, %	89	85	83
Metavir score, F3 / F4, %	23 / 18	15 / 20	20 / 16
<b>Prior response to PegIFN/RBV</b>			
Relapser, %	40	40	41
Partial responder, %	35	35	35
Null responder, %	25	26	24

\*Duration groups combined; †IL28B, polymorphism on chromosome 19 s12979860; data available for patients who consented to DNA research only;  
 ‡NS5B sequence-based assay; §Roche COBAS TaqMan HCV assay v2; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; PR, 180 µg pegylated interferon α-2a + 1000-1200 mg ribavirin; pbo, placebo

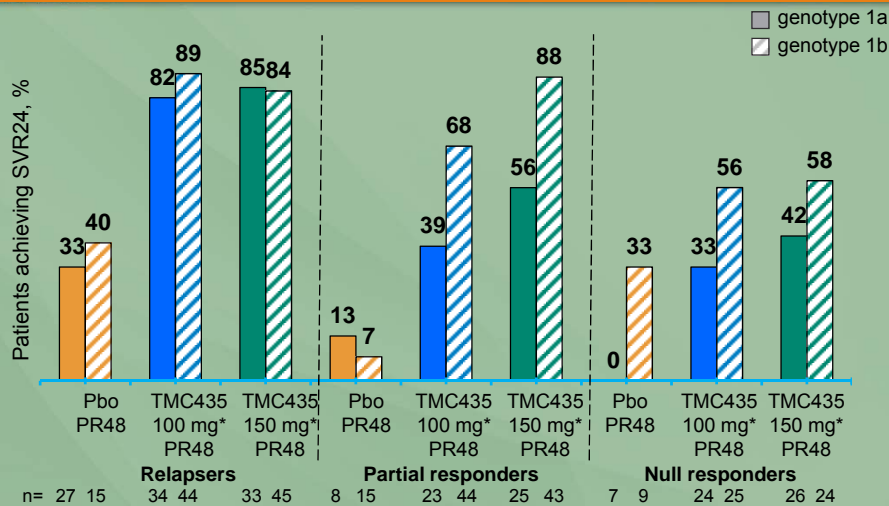
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# ASPIRE Study: Proportion Of Patients Achieving SVR24 By Prior Response



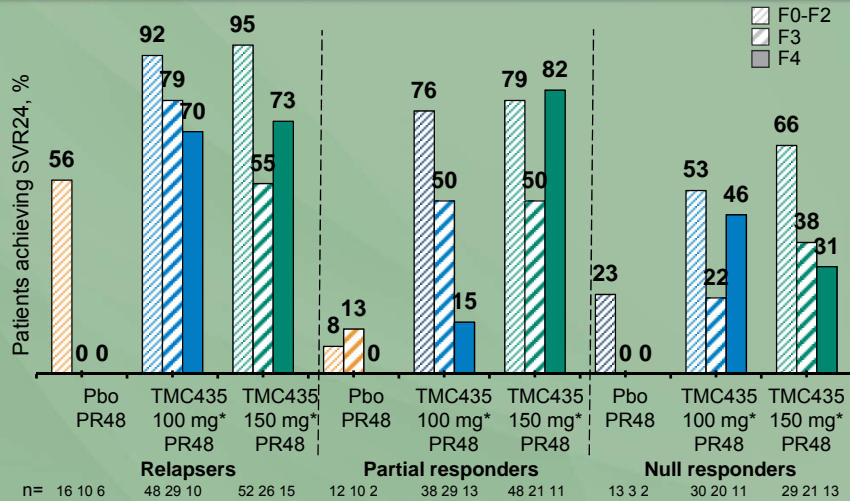
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Pbo, placebo; PR, 180 µg pegylated interferon α-2a + 1000-1200 mg ribavirin;  
SVR24, HCV RNA <25 IU/mL undetectable 24 weeks after planned end of treatment  
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# ASPIRE Study: SVR24 By Prior Response And HCV Genotype Subtype



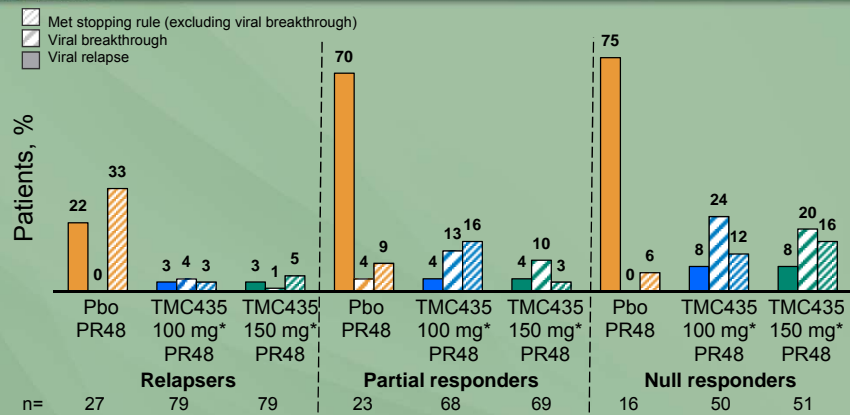
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# ASPIRE Study: SVR24 By Prior Response And Metavir Score



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# ASPIRE Study: Proportion Of Patients Experiencing Failure (ITT Population)



■ Viral breakthrough and relapse was usually associated with emerging mutations at NS3 amino acid positions 80, 122, 155, and/or 168 (Lenz et al. Hepatitis C Therapy session, 19 April, EASL 2012)

\* Duration groups pooled; Pbo, placebo; PR, 180 µg pegylated interferon α-2a + 1000-1200 mg ribavirin;  
Virologic stopping rule: all treatment stopped if HCV RNA <1 log<sub>10</sub> reduction from baseline (W4), <2 log<sub>10</sub> reduction from baseline (W12), confirmed detectable (W24 or W36)  
Breakthrough: confirmed HCV RNA >1 log<sub>10</sub> increase compared to nadir, or confirmed >100 IU/mL in subjects previously <25 IU/mL  
Relapse: confirmed detectable HCV RNA during follow-up in subjects <25 IU/mL at end of treatment  
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# ASPIRE Study: Adverse Events\*

	TMC435 100 mg <sup>‡</sup> n=197	TMC435 150 mg <sup>‡</sup> n=199	Pbo PR48 n=66
Grade 3-4 AEs	28	36	26
Serious AEs, %	6	10	6
AEs leading to TMC435/Pbo discontinuation, %	7	9	5
<b>AEs most frequently reported in TMC435 groups (&gt;25% of patients), %</b>			
Headache	31	40	36
Fatigue	47	41	44
Influenza-like illness	35	24	20
Pruritus	34	35	17
<b>AEs of interest (regardless of severity or causality), %</b>			
Hepatobiliary disorders †	5	10	5
Rash (any type) ‡	23	30	18
Rash (any type), Grade 3	0.5	0.5	0
Photosensitivity AEs	2	6	2

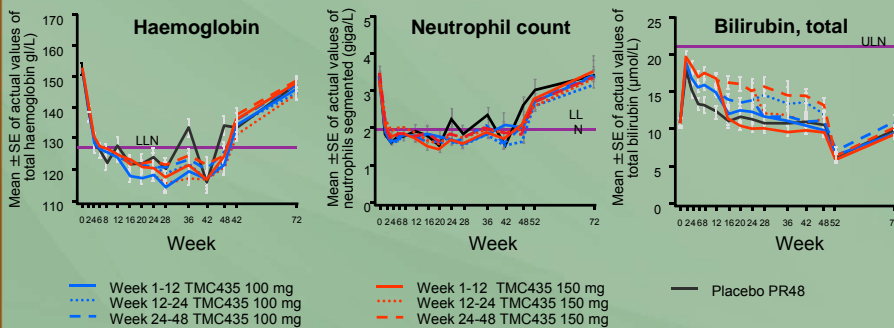
\*Potential confounding factor: mean PegIFN/RBV exposure higher for patients in TMC435/PegIFN/RBV groups (41 weeks) compared with placebo/PegIFN/RBV group (27.9 weeks)

‡Duration groups combined; † Mainly increased bilirubin; ‡ Combines all types of reported rash  
AE, adverse event; pbo, placebo; PR, 180 µg pegylated interferon α-2a + 1000-1200 mg ribavirin

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# ASPIRE Study: Laboratory Parameters Over Time

- Decreases in haematological parameters comparable to placebo in all TMC435-treated groups
- Mild and reversible increases in bilirubin with TMC435, not accompanied by changes in other liver parameters\*



SE, standard error; LLN, lower limit of normal; ULN, upper limit of normal;  
\*Studies indicate that TMC435 inhibits OATP1B1 and MRP2 transporters (Huisman M et al. Poster 278 presented at AASLD 2010)  
1.5% (N=6) of patients in TMC435 arms used ESA during trial compared with 1.5% with placebo (N=1)

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## ASPIRE Study: Summary

- In HCV genotype 1 patients who previously failed PegIFN/RBV treatment, once-daily TMC435 administered with PegIFN/RBV was significantly more effective than PegIFN/RBV/placebo
- With TMC435 150 mg in combination with PegIFN/RBV:
  - 85% of prior relapsers achieved SVR24
  - 75% of prior partial responders achieved SVR24
  - 51% of prior null responders achieved SVR24
  - 31-82% in patients with cirrhosis
- Once-daily TMC435 was well tolerated in this population
- Phase III clinical trials for TMC435 150 mg are ongoing

PegIFN/RBV, peginterferon  $\alpha$ -2a + ribavirin; SVR24, HCV RNA <25 IU/mL undetectable 24 weeks after planned end of treatment

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