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## Updates on Current Status of HCV Therapy

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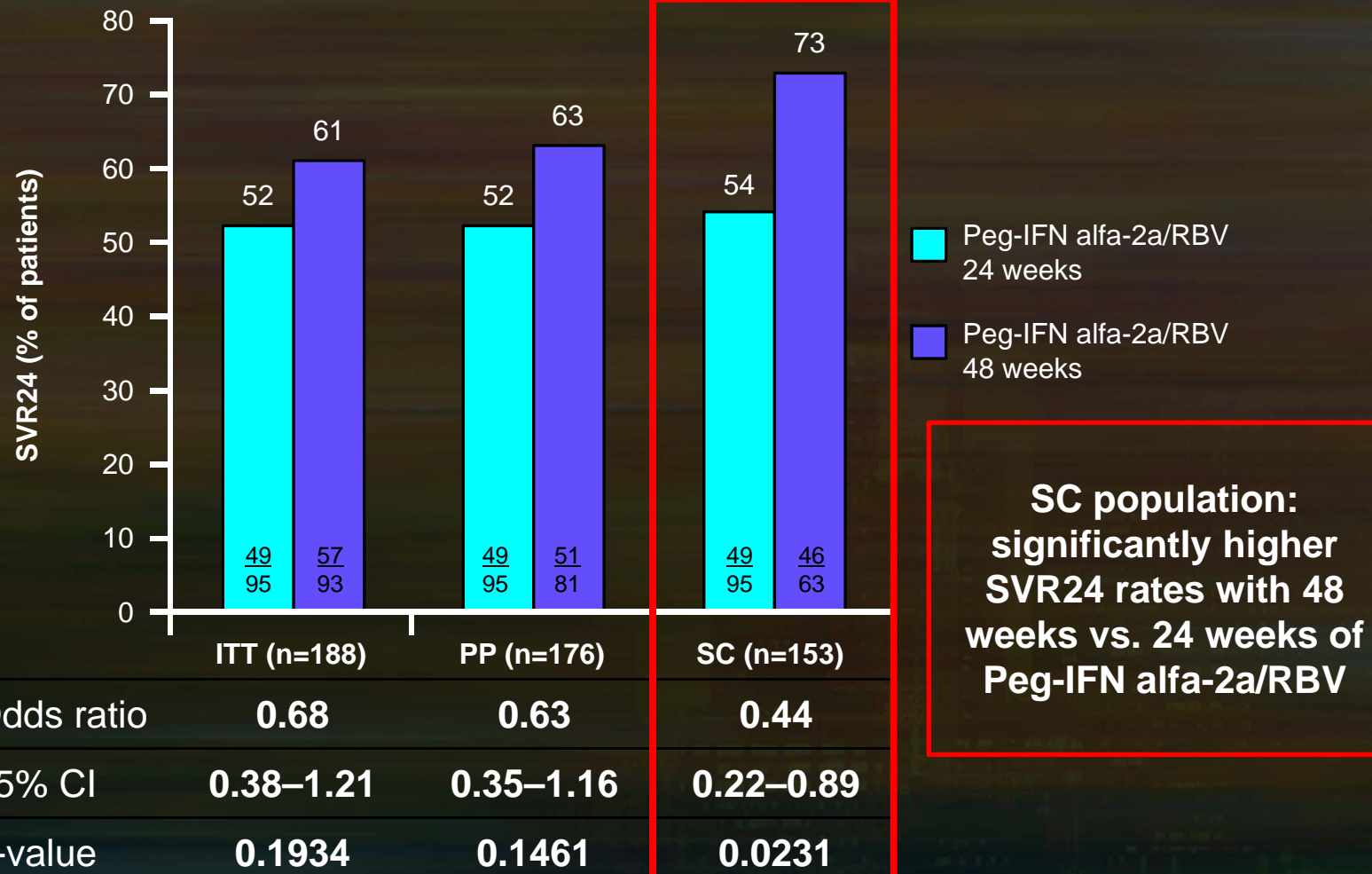




# Cost-Effectiveness of Screening for Chronic HCV Infection in the US

- Markov Model to simulate natural H/O HCV disease progression
- Base case US population
  - 78 % Caucasian, 13 % African American, 9 % Hispanic, mean age 46 years
- Guideline based treatment (boceprevir or telaprevir as the DAA)
  - Boceprevir costs \$ 47,276 per QALY gained
  - Telaprevir costs \$ 44,074 per QALY
- Below prevalence of 0.84 %; marginal Cost-Effectiveness Ratio (mCER)
- **Conclusion: Targeted Screening is “cost-effective” when prevalence of HCV exceeds 0.84 %**

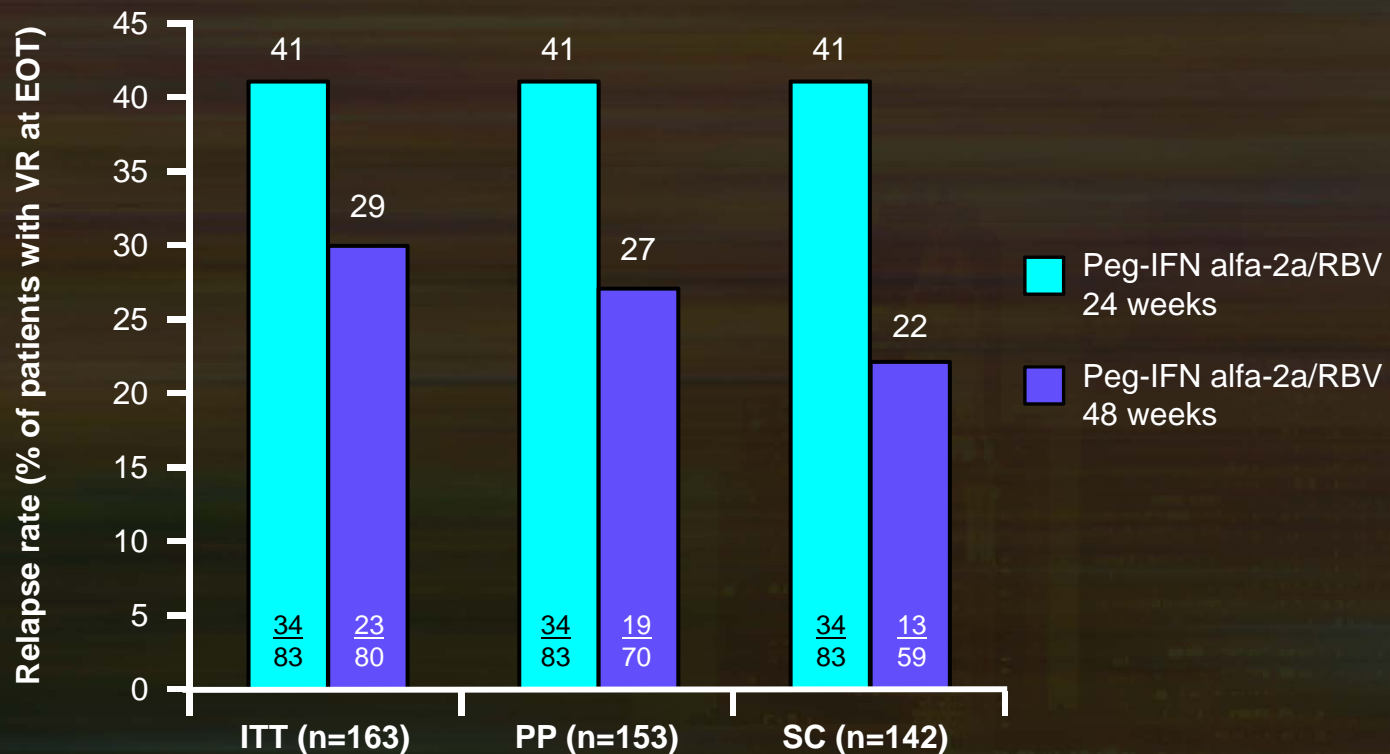
# The N-CORE study: Efficacy - SVR24 rates



CI = confidence interval; SVR24 = sustained virological response  $\geq 140$  days after end of treatment.

# The N-CORE study: Efficacy - relapse rates

- Lowest relapse rates in SC population, 48 weeks

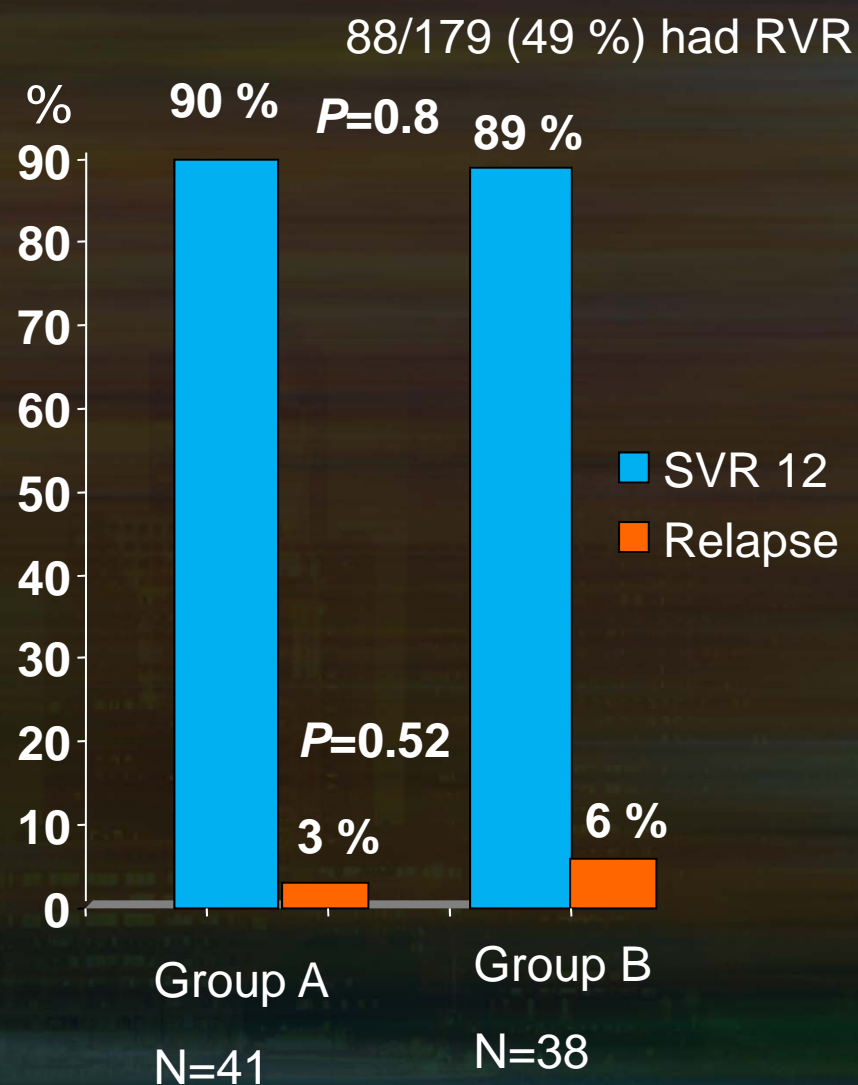


Relapse rates calculated as percentage of patients to relapse from those that achieved a virological response at end of treatment.

No *P*-values are available as the study was underpowered.

# HCV Low Viral Load and RVR: Pegylated Interferon, RBV and Boceprevir Vs. Pegylated Interferon and RBV

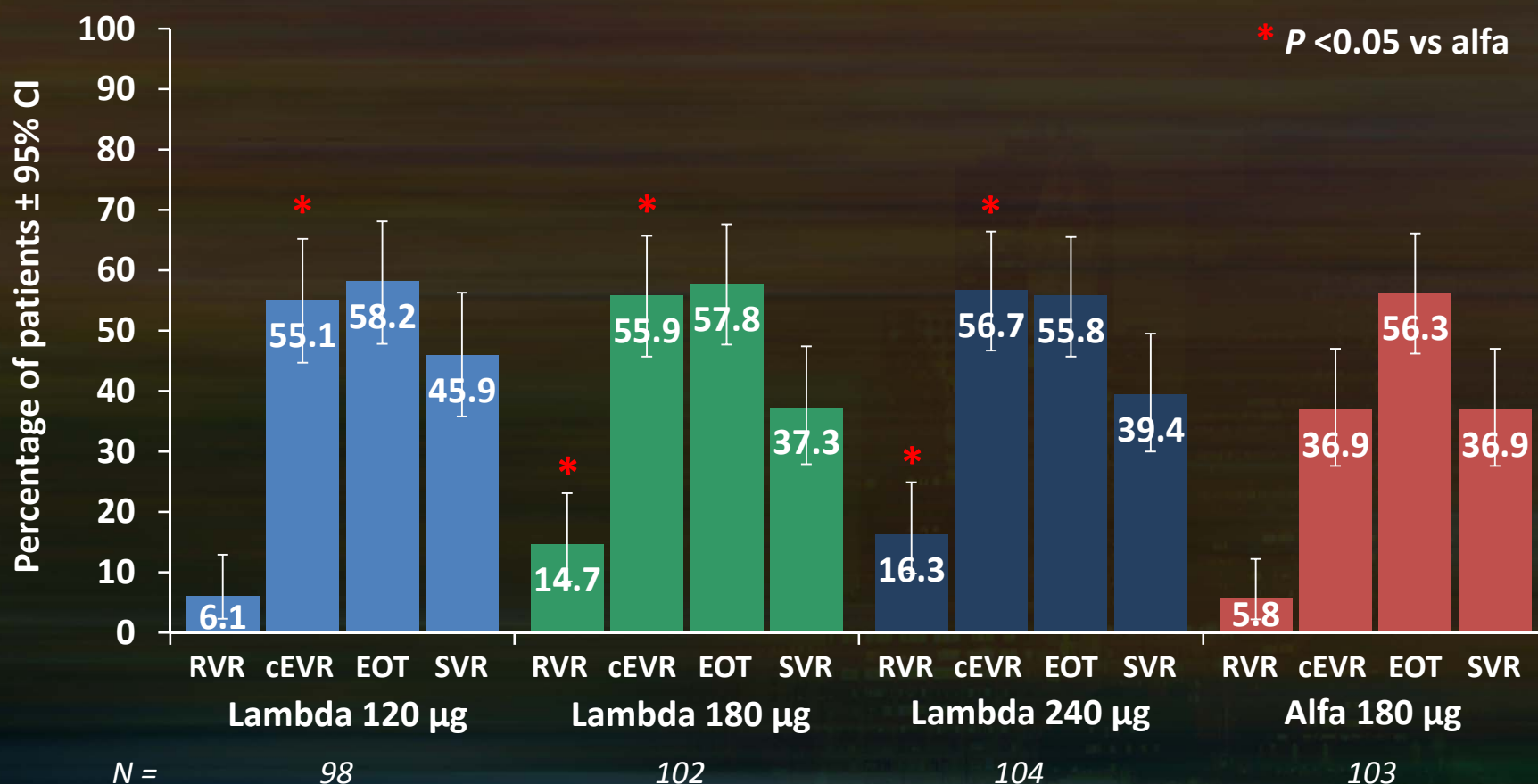
- Randomized Study
- LVL (<600,000IU/mL)
- Treatment naïve
- PEG-IFN alfa 2b plus RBV
- RVR patients randomized to PEG-IFN/RBV/BOC for 28 weeks(Group A) vs. PEG-IFN/RBV for 28 weeks (Group B)





# Undetectable HCV RNA at Week 4 (RVR), Week 12 (cEVR), Week 48 (EOT), and Week 72 (SVR<sub>24</sub>)

- The 180 µg dose selected for Phase 3 exhibited more rapid achievement of virologic response, with similar SVR and relapse rates compared with alfa



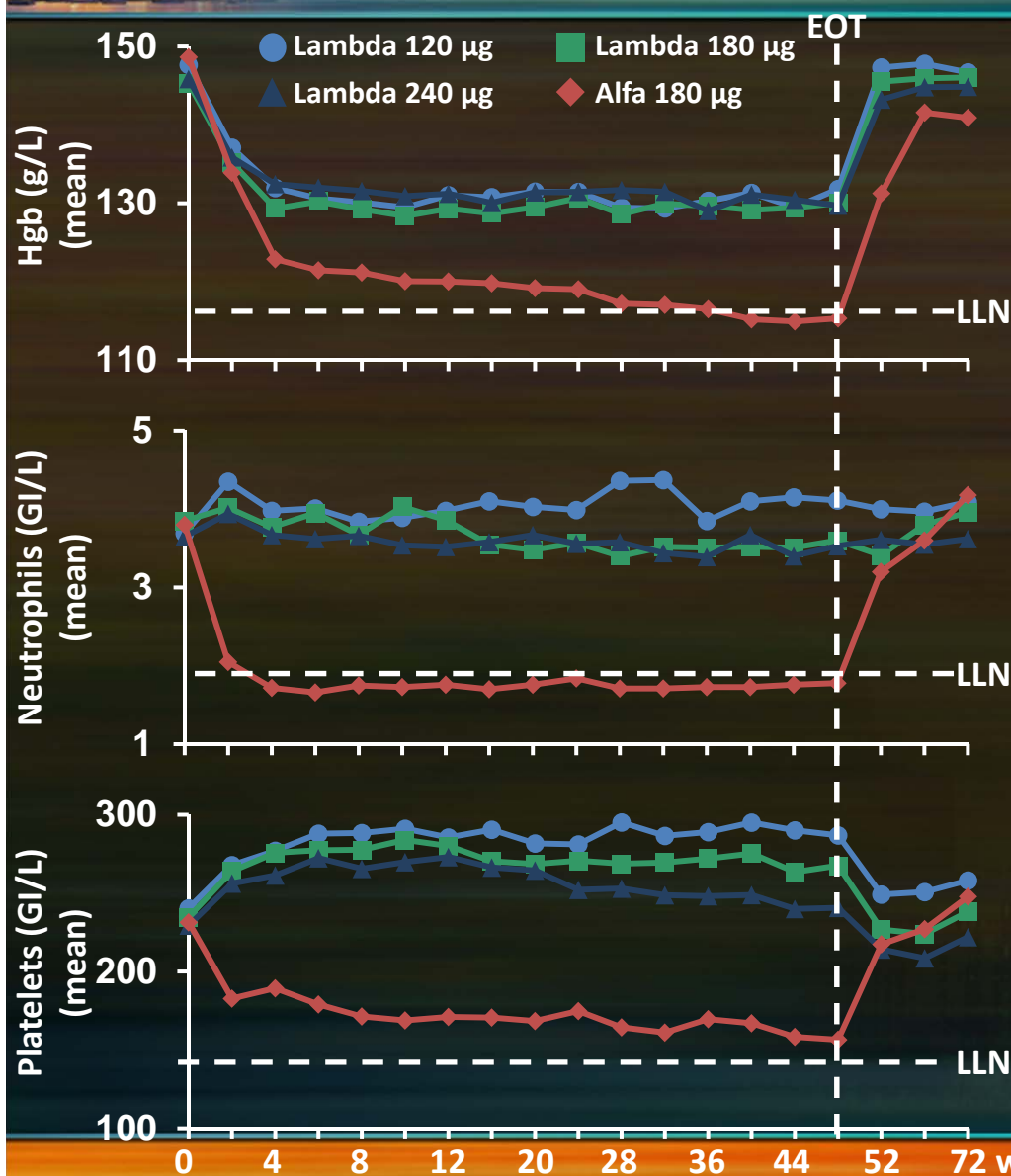
# AEs (Any Grade) Occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of Patients in Any Treatment Group

Preferred term	Lambda			Alfa
	120 $\mu\text{g}$ (N = 98)	180 $\mu\text{g}$ (N = 102)	240 $\mu\text{g}$ (N = 104)	180 $\mu\text{g}$ (N = 103)
AE (any grade), %	87.8	<b>88.2</b>	91.3	<b>97.1</b>
Fatigue	37.8	<b>46.1</b>	37.5	<b>42.7</b>
Headache	26.5	<b>27.5</b>	27.9	<b>41.7</b>
Myalgia	10.2	<b>5.9</b>	12.5	<b>33.0</b>
Pyrexia	12.2	<b>7.8</b>	4.8	<b>33.0</b>
Nausea	25.5	<b>21.6</b>	31.7	<b>30.1</b>
Pruritus	19.4	<b>17.6</b>	27.9	<b>29.1</b>
Insomnia	31.6	<b>17.6</b>	22.1	<b>25.2</b>
Rash	13.3	<b>14.7</b>	11.5	<b>24.3</b>
Chills	4.1	<b>3.9</b>	1.9	<b>21.4</b>
Arthralgia	14.3	<b>5.9</b>	9.6	<b>20.4</b>

**> 2-fold difference in frequency, Lambda 180  $\mu\text{g}$  vs alfa 180  $\mu\text{g}$ .**



# Changes in Hematologic Parameters Over Time and Hematology-Associated Dose Reductions



**Hgb low**  
 $< 9 \text{ g/dL OR } \Delta \geq 4.5 \text{ g/dL}$

**RBV reduction**  
 (Hgb-associated)

**Neutrophils low**  
 $< 750/\text{mm}^3$

**Platelets low**  
 $< 50,000/\text{mm}^3$

**PegIFN reduction**  
 (hematologic  
 abnormality)

Lambda 180 µg (N = 102)	Alfa 180 µg (N = 103)
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5.9%	31.1%
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0%	23.3%
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1.0%	20.4%
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0%	1.9%
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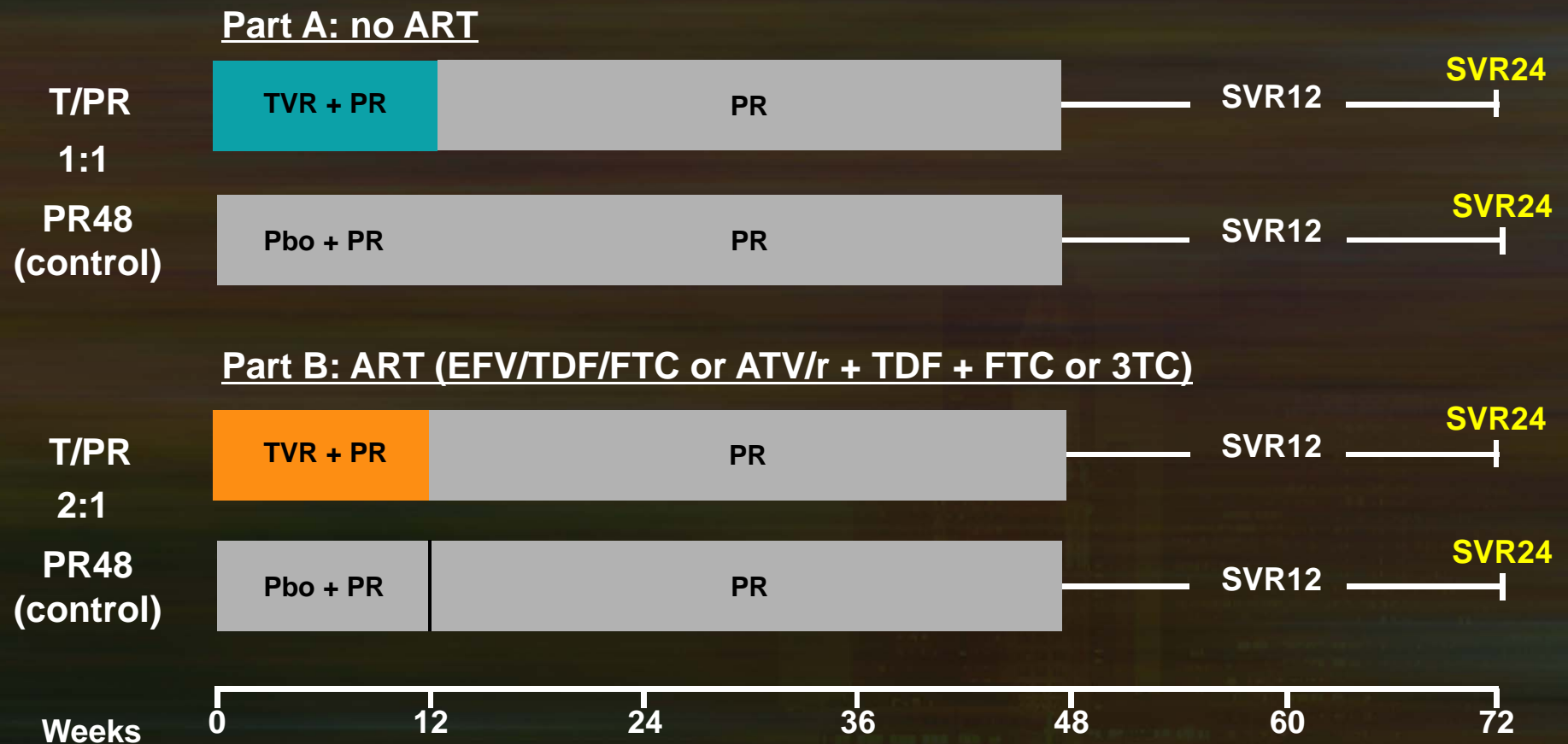
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## Boceprevir and Telaprevir

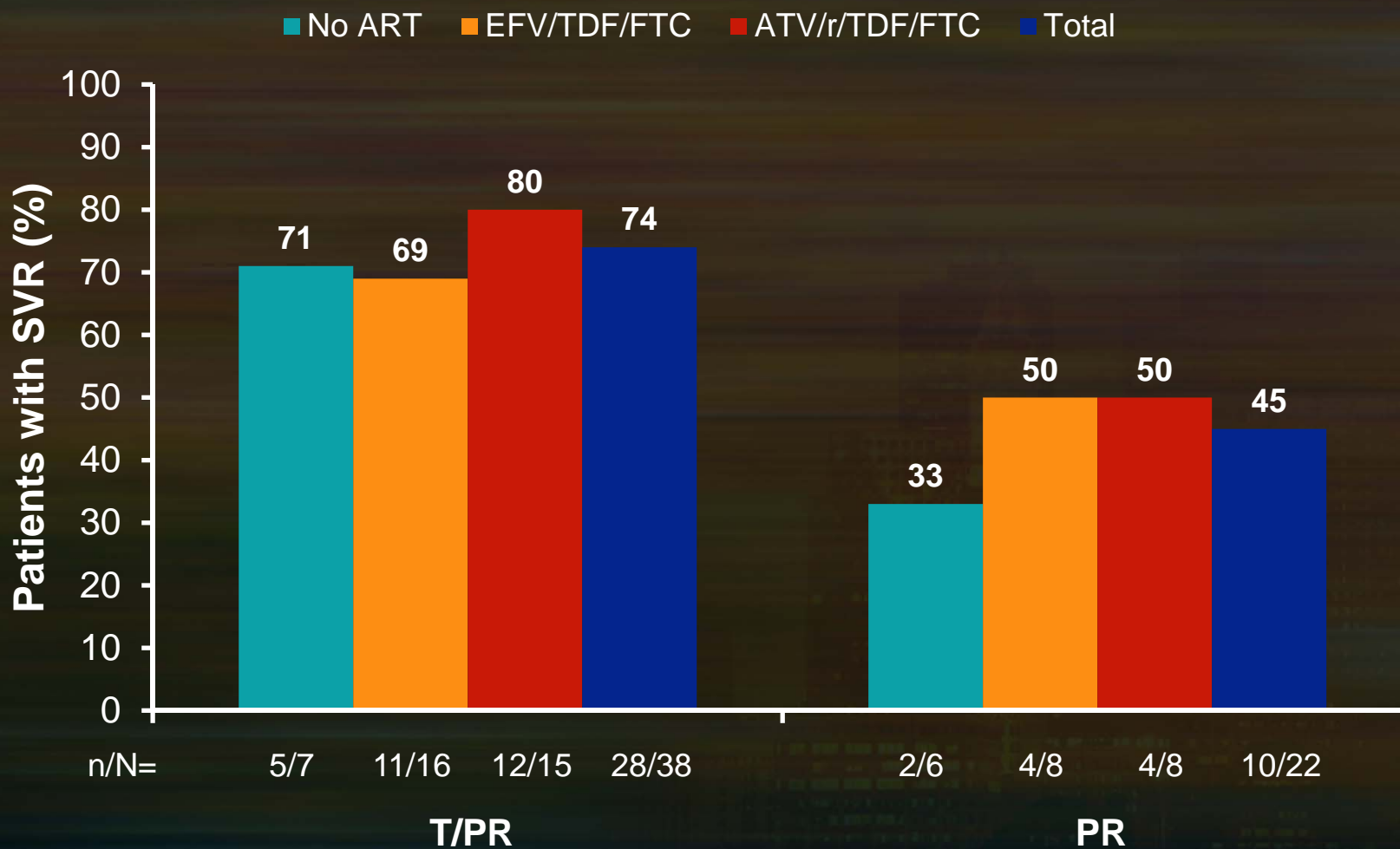
**Fred Poordad, MD**



# Study Design: Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Trial



# SVR at post-treatment week 24 (SVR<sub>24</sub>)





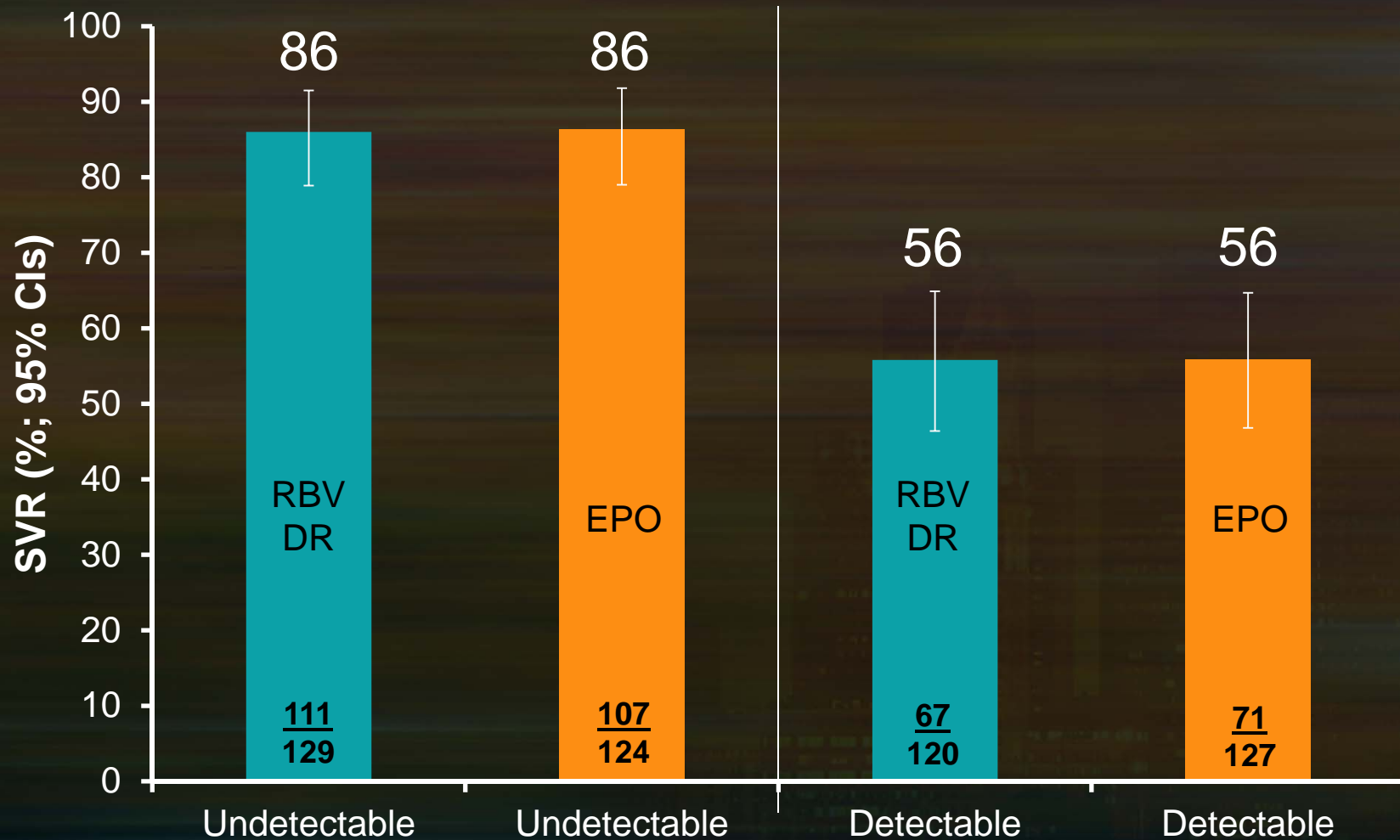
# Events of Special Interest: Overall Treatment Phase

n (%)	T/PR N=38	PR N=22
Severe rash	0 (0)	0 (0)
Mild and moderate rash	13 (34)	5 (23)
Any anemia (hemoglobin <10g/dL)	7 (18)	4 (18)
Severe anemia (hemoglobin 7.0-8.9 g/dL or decrease from baseline $\geq$ 4.5 g/dL)	11 (29)	5 (23)
Use of erythropoietin stimulating agent	3 (8)	1 (5)
Blood transfusions	4 (11)	1 (5)
Discontinuation due to AE	3 (8)	0 (0)

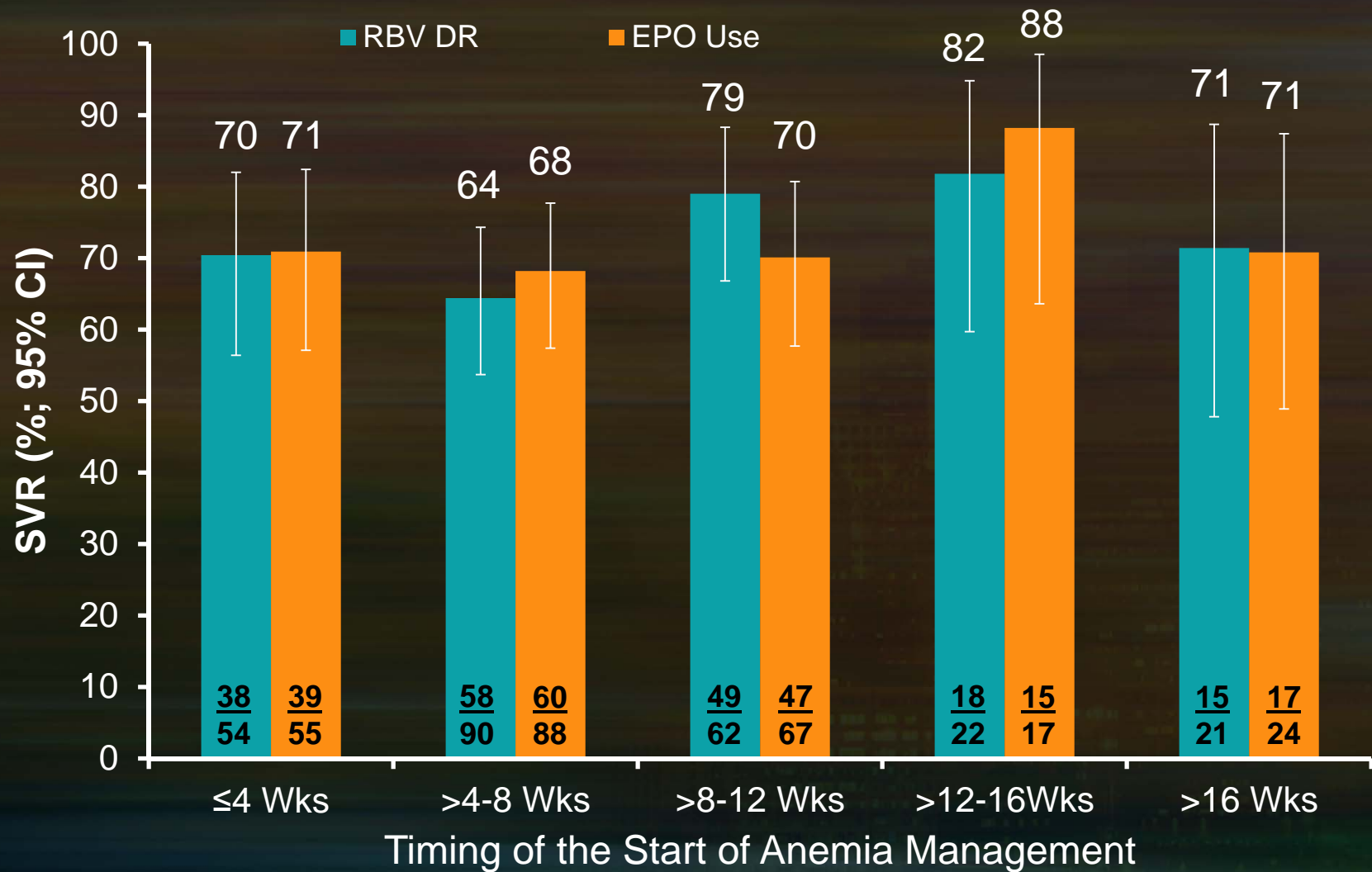
- No HIV breakthrough; CD4 counts declined in T/PR and PR groups; CD4% unchanged
- 3 T/PR patients discontinued due to adverse event (3 T/PR)



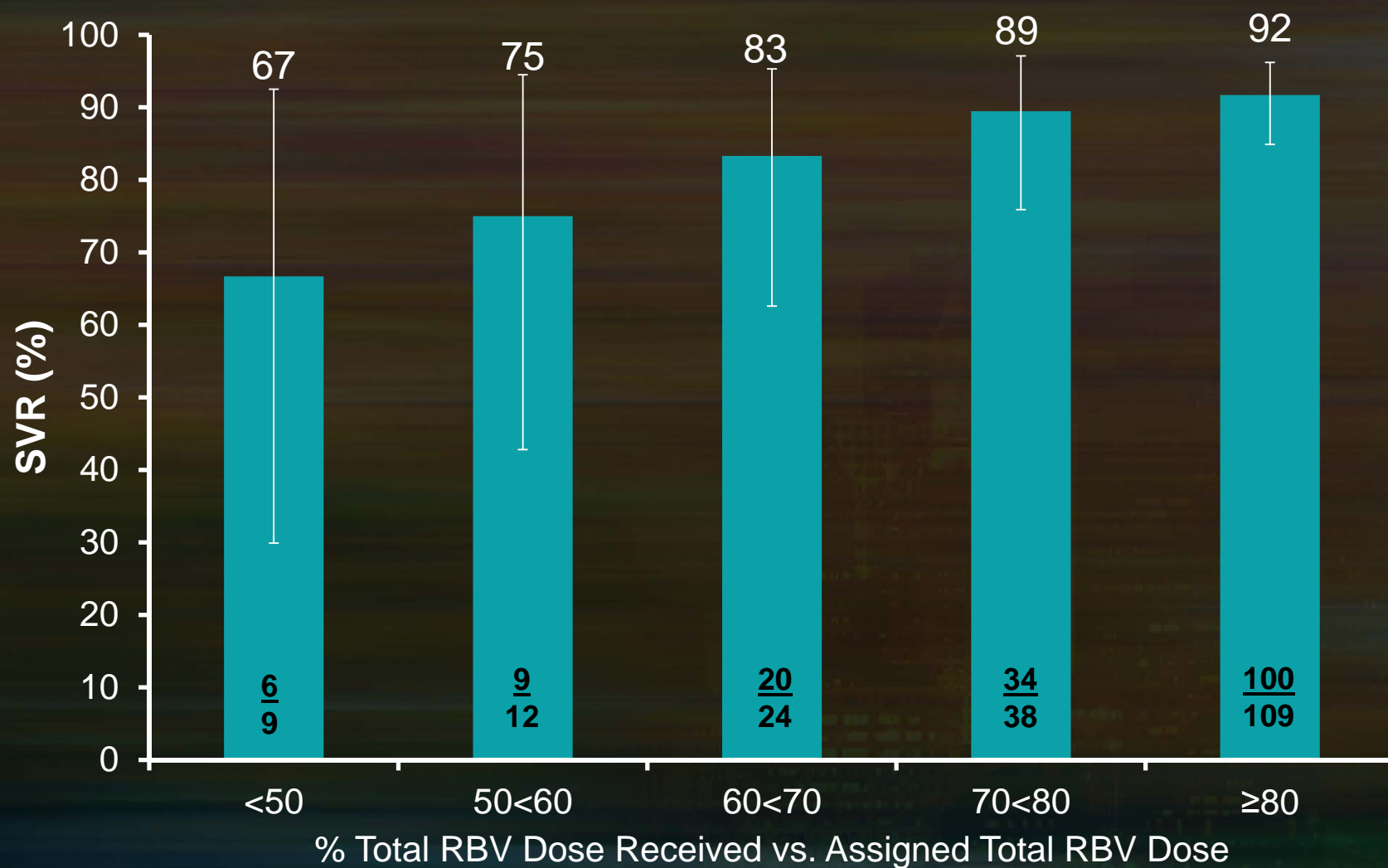
# SVRs Were Higher if Undetectable HCV RNA at Start of Primary Anemia Management



# SVR Rates Did Not Vary with the Start Time of Anemia Management



# SVR by Percent Total RBV Dose Received in Patients Who Received $\geq 80\%$ of Treatment Duration



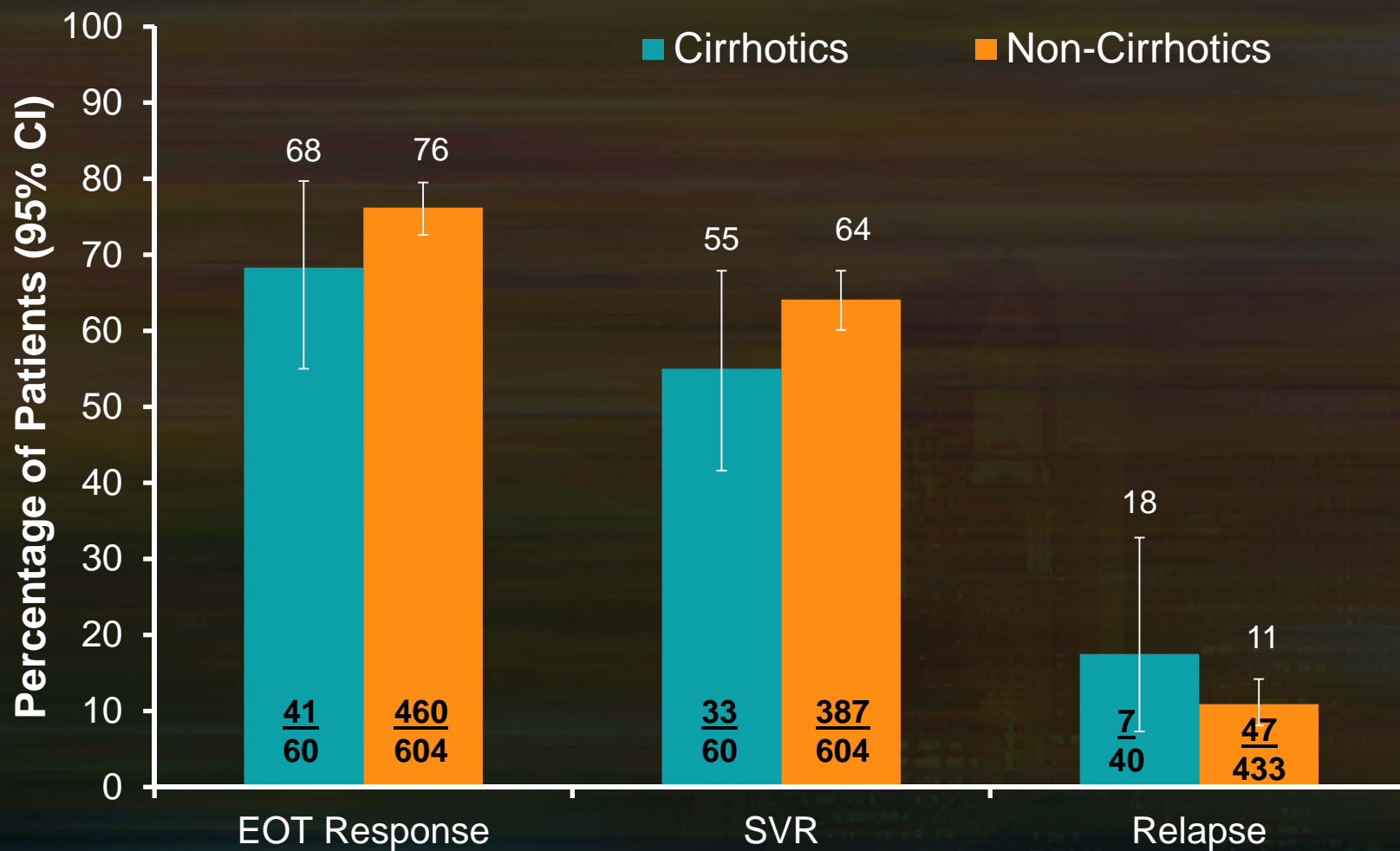




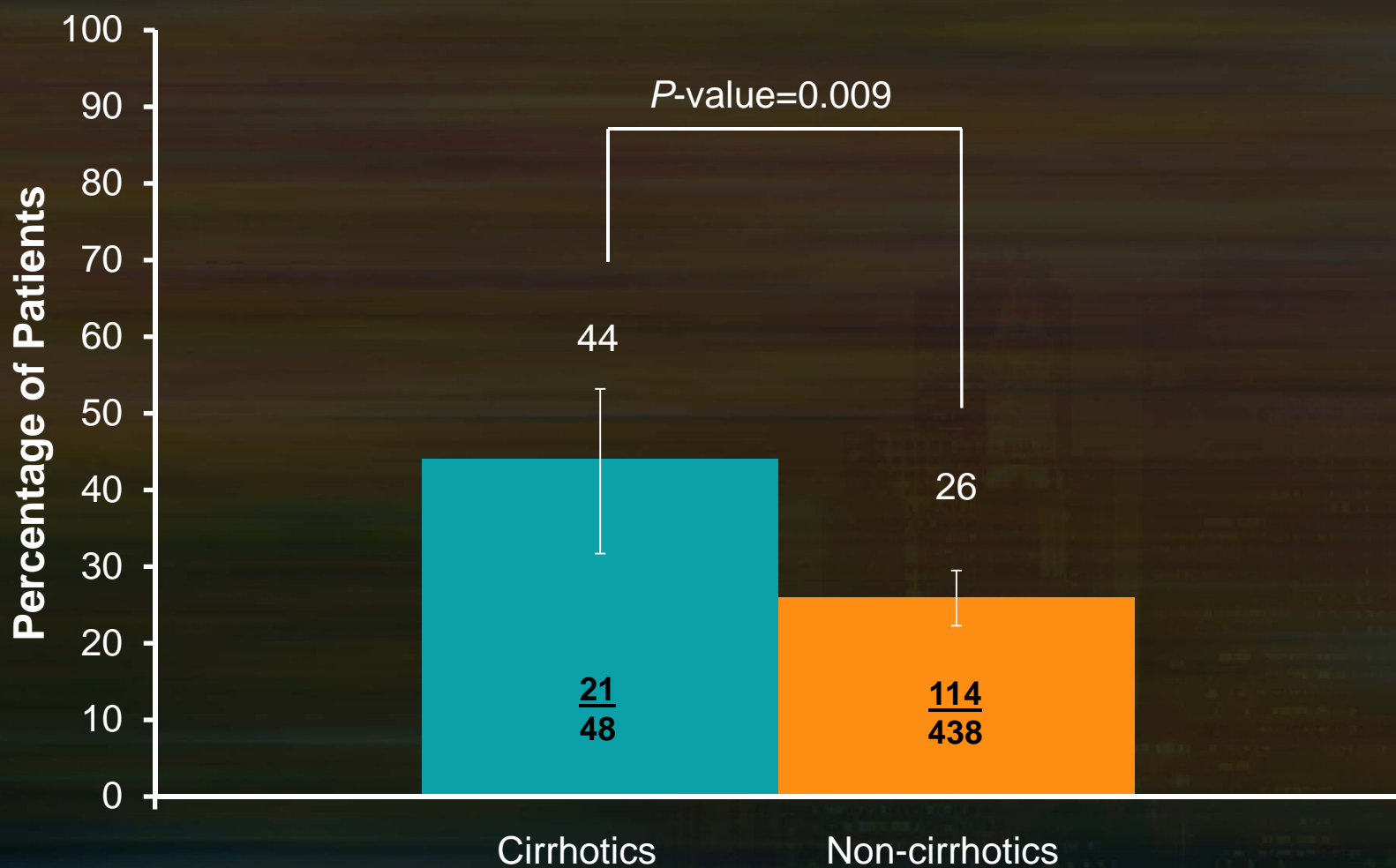
# Predictors of Anemia by Logistic Regression

Effect	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P-value
Baseline Hemoglobin (continuous variable)	0.62	0.49 – 0.79	<0.0001
Normal ITPA Activity <sup>†</sup>	1.96	1.28 – 3.00	0.0019
Age (>40 vs ≤40)	1.98	1.19 – 3.28	0.0084
Baseline Fibrosis (3/4 vs 0/1/2)	2.02	1.03 – 3.98	0.0421

# Efficacy Results in Cirrhotics and Non-Cirrhotics



# A Higher Percentage of Cirrhotics Received Secondary Anemia Intervention Compared to Non-Cirrhotics



Excludes patients who were treated and not randomized to anemia management

Lawitz E, et al. 63rd AASLD; Boston, MA; November 9-13, 2012. Abst. 50.



# Week 24 and EOT Response for DAA Therapy in Veterans with HCV: Results

Demographic and clinical characteristics of entire cohort (n=859)

	BOC	TVR		BOC	TVR
Age (years)	57 ± 6	58 ± 5	Cirrhosis	24%	41%
Sex, male	95%	97%	Diabetes	23%	29%
Race/ethnicity			Naïve	59%	49%
Black	25%	30%	Prior null responder*	10%	19%
Hispanic	6%	6%	Prior partial responder	11%	14%
White	60%	58%	Prior relapser	18%	17%

HCV RNA undetectable rates at week 24 (n=859)

	BOC w24 (n/N)	TVR w24 (n/N)	P value
Overall	69%(457/661)	64%(126/198)	0.15
<b>Subgroups of interest:</b>			
Naïve non-cirrhotic	74% (231/314)	60% (36/60)	0.03
All cirrhotic	64% (103/161)	60% (49/81)	0.60
<b>Prior treatment response (including cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic):</b>			
Prior null responder	44% (28/64)	53% (20/38)	0.39
Prior partial responder	69% (50/72)	67% (18/27)	0.79
Prior relapser	76% (91/119)	88% (29/33)	0.15

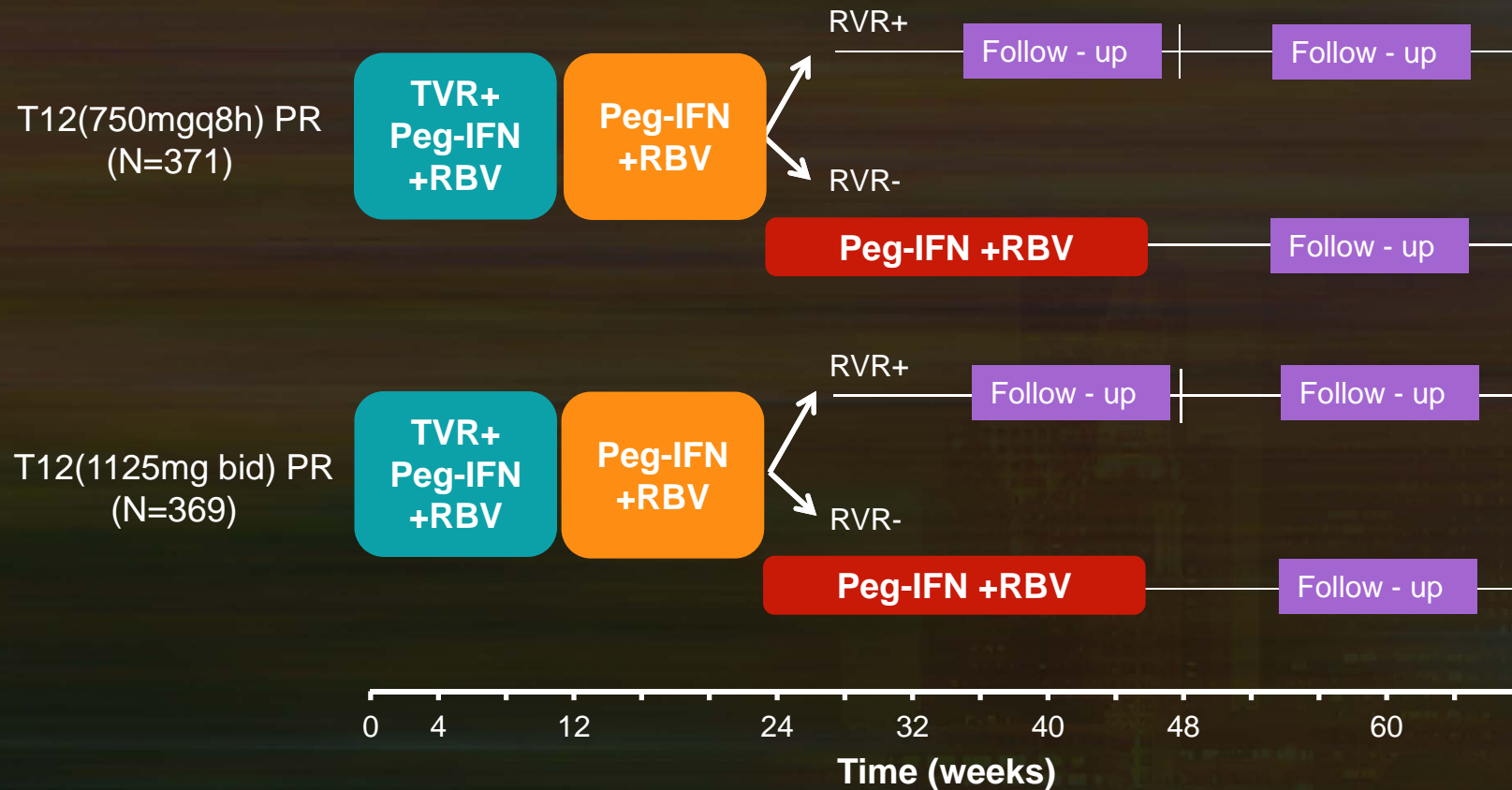


# Week 24 and EOT Response for DAA Therapy in Veterans with HCV: Results

HCV RNA undetectable rates at EOT (n=692)

	BOC EOT (n/N)	TVR EOT (n/N)	<i>P</i> value
Overall	60%(320/532)	55%(88/160)	0.25
<b>Subgroups of interest:</b>			
Naïve non-cirrhotic	66% (179/270)	60% (31/52)	0.35
All cirrhotic	49% (55/112)	45% (26/58)	0.60
<b>Prior treatment response (including cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic):</b>			
Prior null responder	19% (9/48)	26% (8/31)	0.46
Prior partial responder	59% (32/54)	62% (13/21)	0.83
Prior relapser	67% (64/95)	85% (22/26)	0.08

# OPTIMIZE Study: Study Design

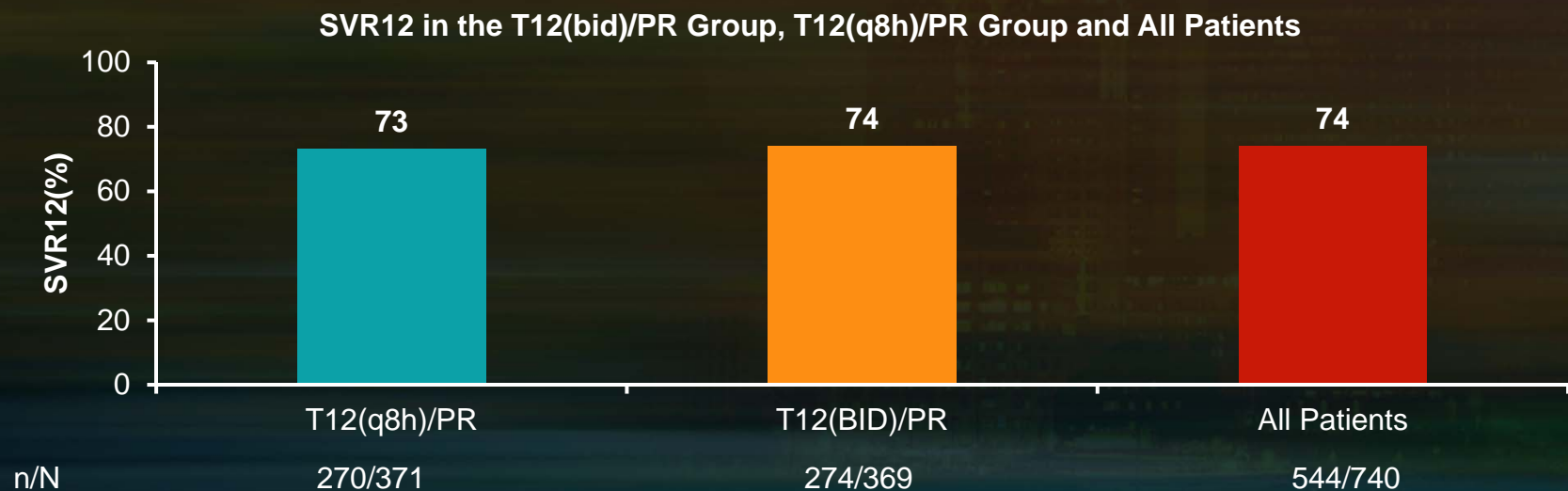


RVR+ = patient achieved HCV RNA <25 IU/mL, target not detected at Week 4 of treatment. All study drugs were stopped if HCV RNA levels were >1000 IU/mL at Week 4 or 25 IU/mL at Weeks 12, 24, 32 or 40. Randomization was stratified by liver fibrosis status (F0-F2; F3-F4) and IL28B subtype (CC, CT, TT). Peg-IFN alfa-2a 180 µg/week; RBV 1000-1200 mg/day; RVR = rapid virologic response.



# OPTIMIZE Study: Efficacy

- SVR12 was 74% in the T12(bid)/PR group versus 73% in the T12(q8h)/PR group
  - The difference between T12(bid)/PR and T12(q8h)/PR was 1.5% with a 95% CI: –4.9 to 12.0
  - The lower limit of the 95% CI (–4.9%) was well above the predetermined noninferiority margin of –11% and thus establishes the noninferiority of T12(bid)/PR to T12(q8h)/PR. Per-protocol analysis further supported the noninferiority (76% versus 75% in SVR12 for T12(bid)/PR and T12(q8h)/PR, respectively)



# OPTIMIZE Study: SVR12 in the T12(bid)/PR Group, T12(q8h)/PR Group and All Patients by a) IL28B Status and b) Liver Disease Status





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Novel Therapies and  
Strategies with interferon

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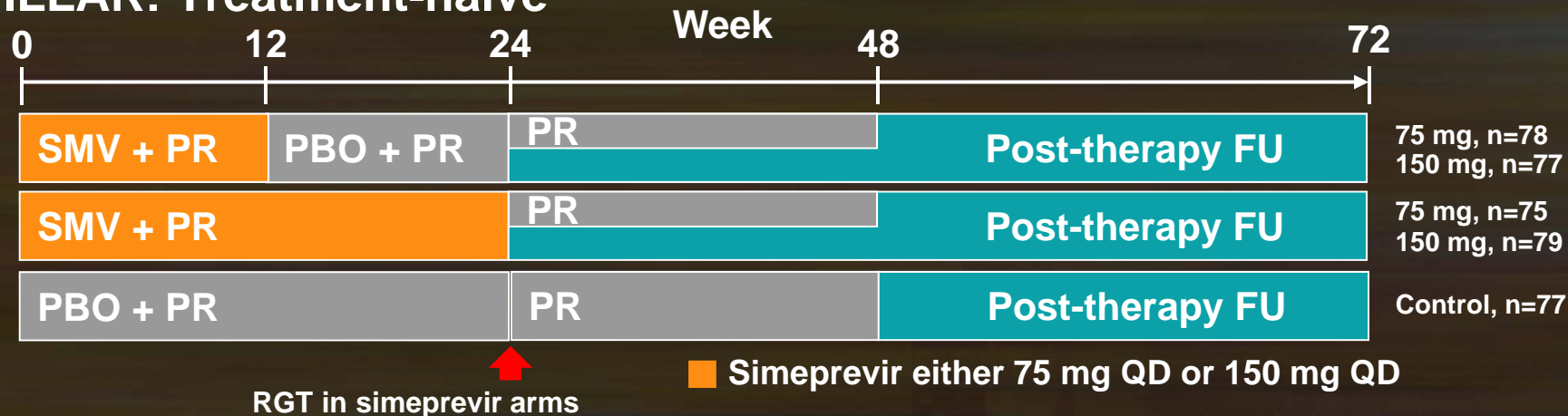
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# Interferon Plus Multiple DAAs

- Expectations
  - RVR >80%
  - SVR 70-80%
  - Improved tolerability and side effects
  - RGT strategy
  - 6-12 week therapy for easy-to-treat patients
  - Increased efficacy in null responders

# PILLAR and ASPIRE Studies: Study Design

## PILLAR: Treatment-naïve



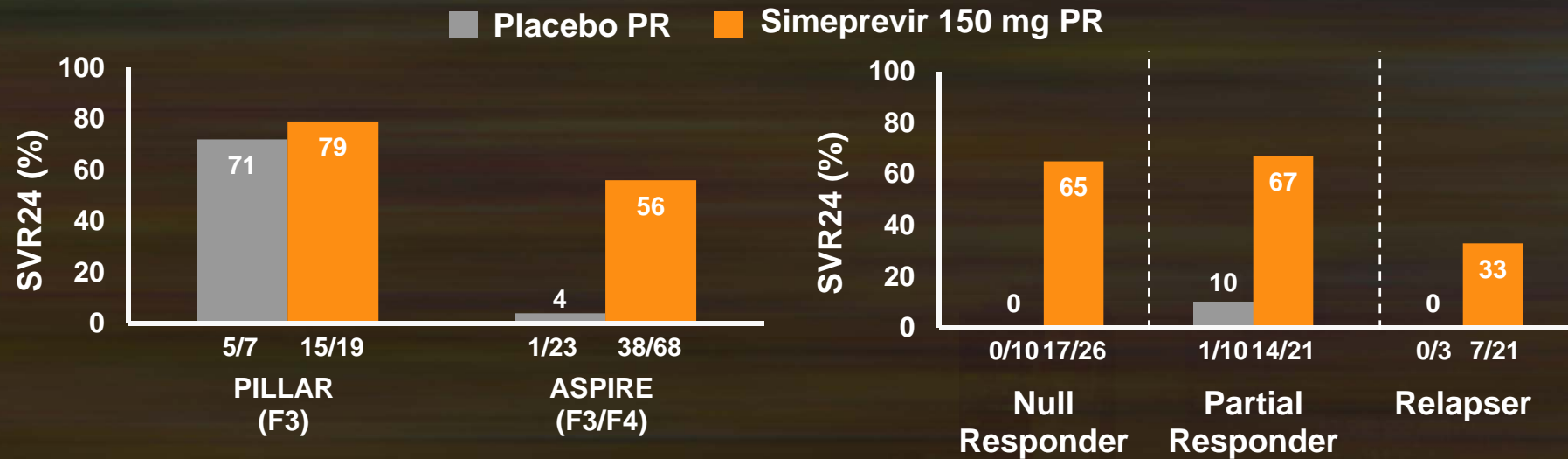
## ASPIRE: Treatment-experienced



G1a=49–58%



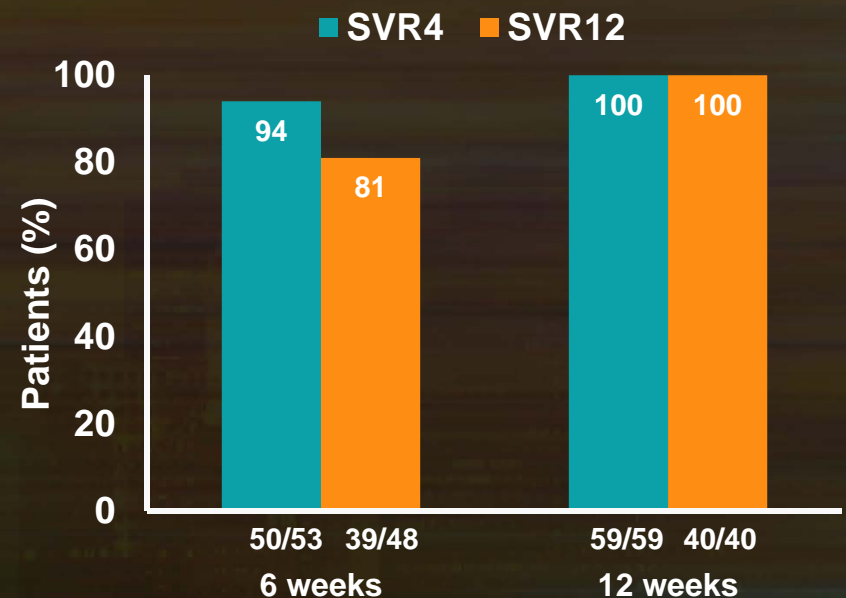
# PILLAR and ASPIRE Studies: Results



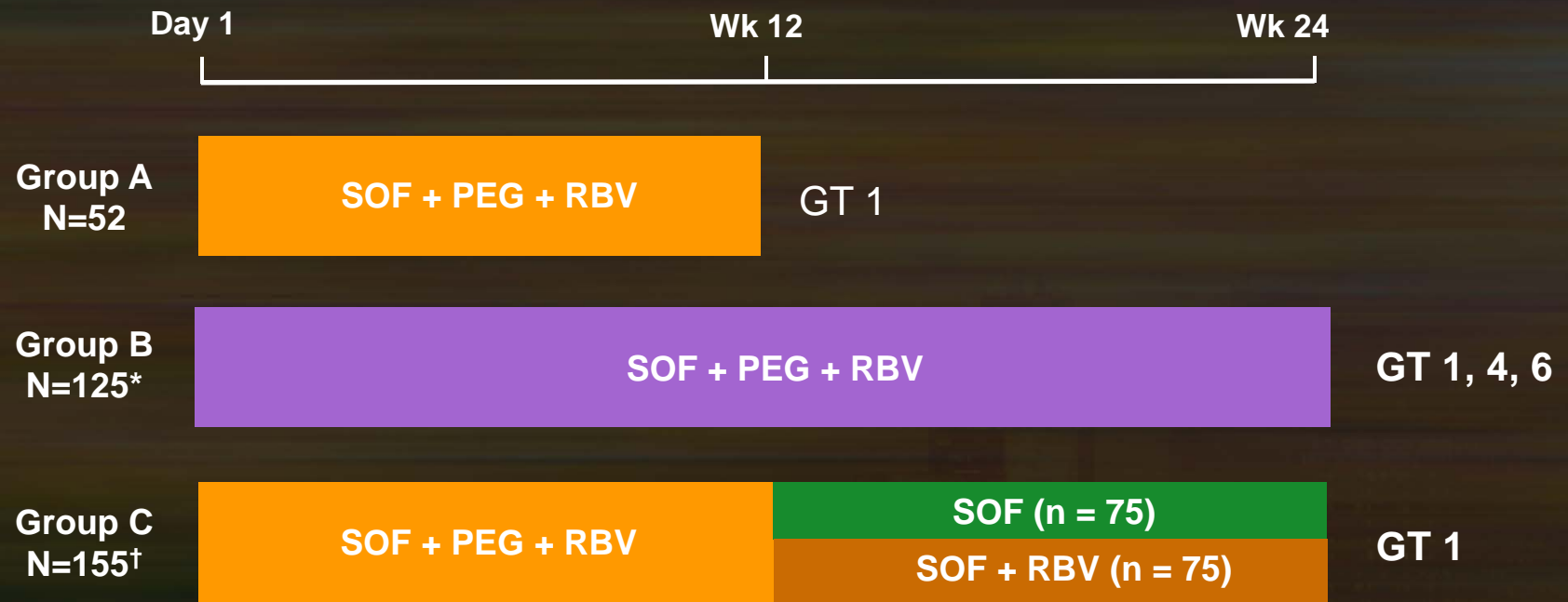
- Short therapy in cirrhotics
  - 16/19 (84%) qualified for 24 weeks
  - 15/16 (94%) achieved SVR24
- Safety profile consistent with PEG-IFN
- Frequency of grade 3/4 bilirubin elevation was higher in cirrhotics
  - Hematologic changes were not exacerbated by simeprevir

## Six Weeks of (GS-5885), (GS-9451) + (PR) Achieves High SVR4 Rates in genotype 1 IL28B CC Treatment Naïve HCV Patients

- Interim Results of a Prospective, Randomized Trial
- PR+GS-5885+GS-9451 (Arm 1) vs PR (Arm 2)
- Arm 1: If HCV RNA <LLQ (vRVR) at Week 2 with Week 4 RVR, re-randomized to receive 6 or 12 weeks
- Arm 2: If HCV RNA <LLQ at Week 4, received 24 weeks of PR
- Quad therapy for 24 weeks for vRVR failures in Arm 1, RVR failures in Arm 2



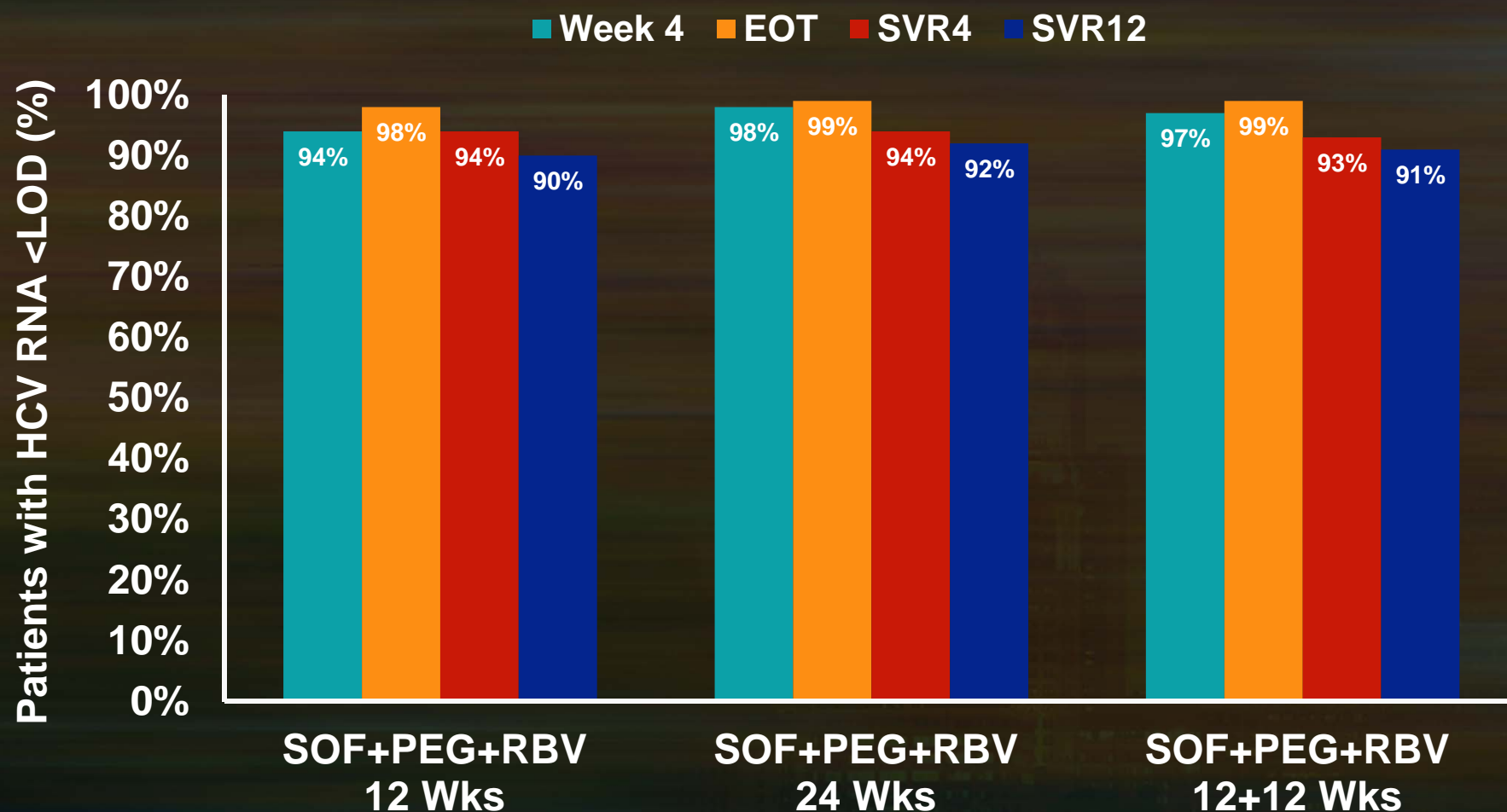
# ATOMIC Study Design



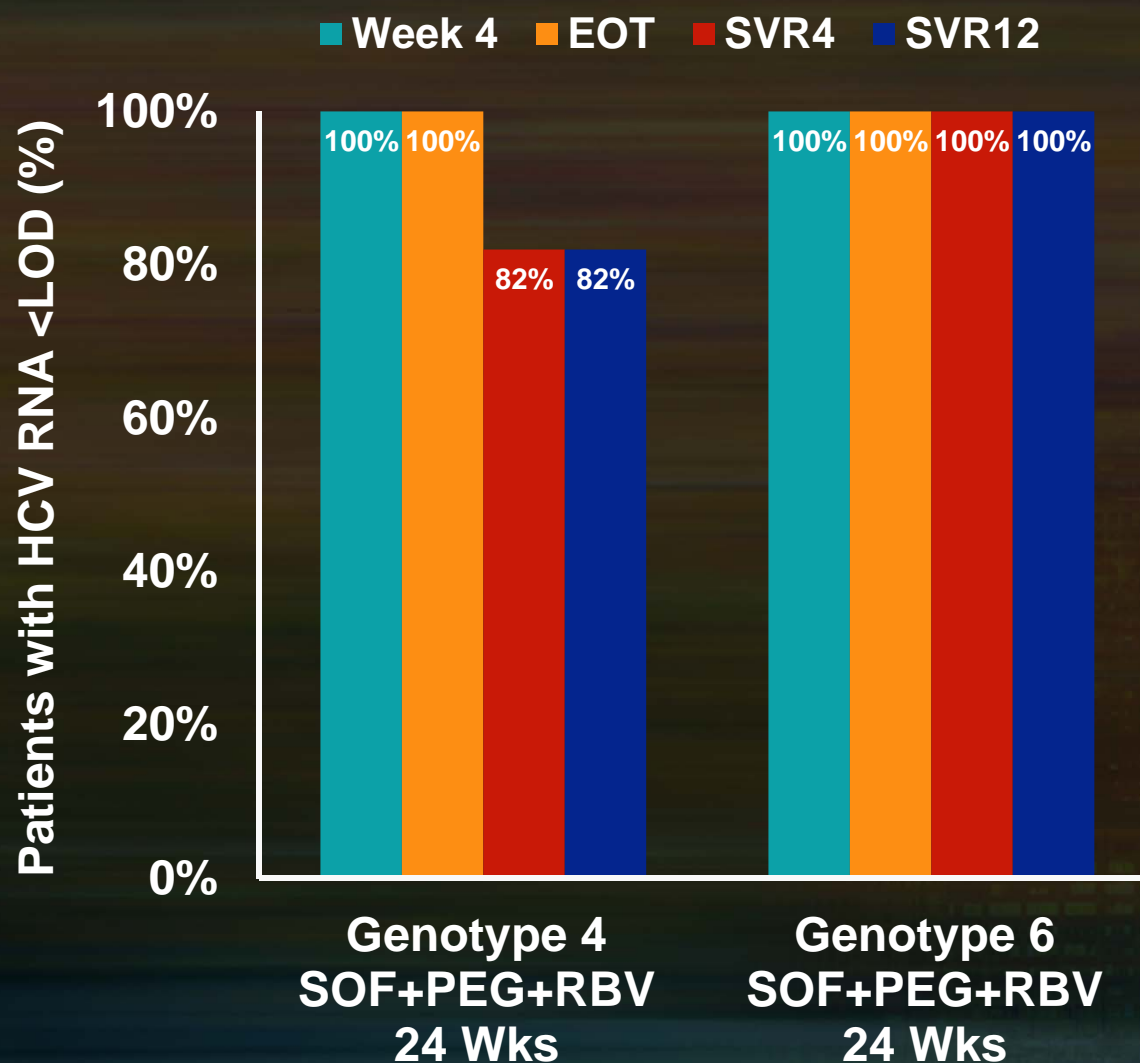
- Non-cirrhotic, treatment-naïve patients with HCV genotype 1 were randomized 1:2:3 into open-label arms
- HCV RNA analyzed by TaqMan<sup>®</sup> HCV Test 2.0 (LOD: 15 IU/mL)



# 90% of Patients Achieved SVR12: Sofosbuvir + PEG + RBV 12-Week Regimen

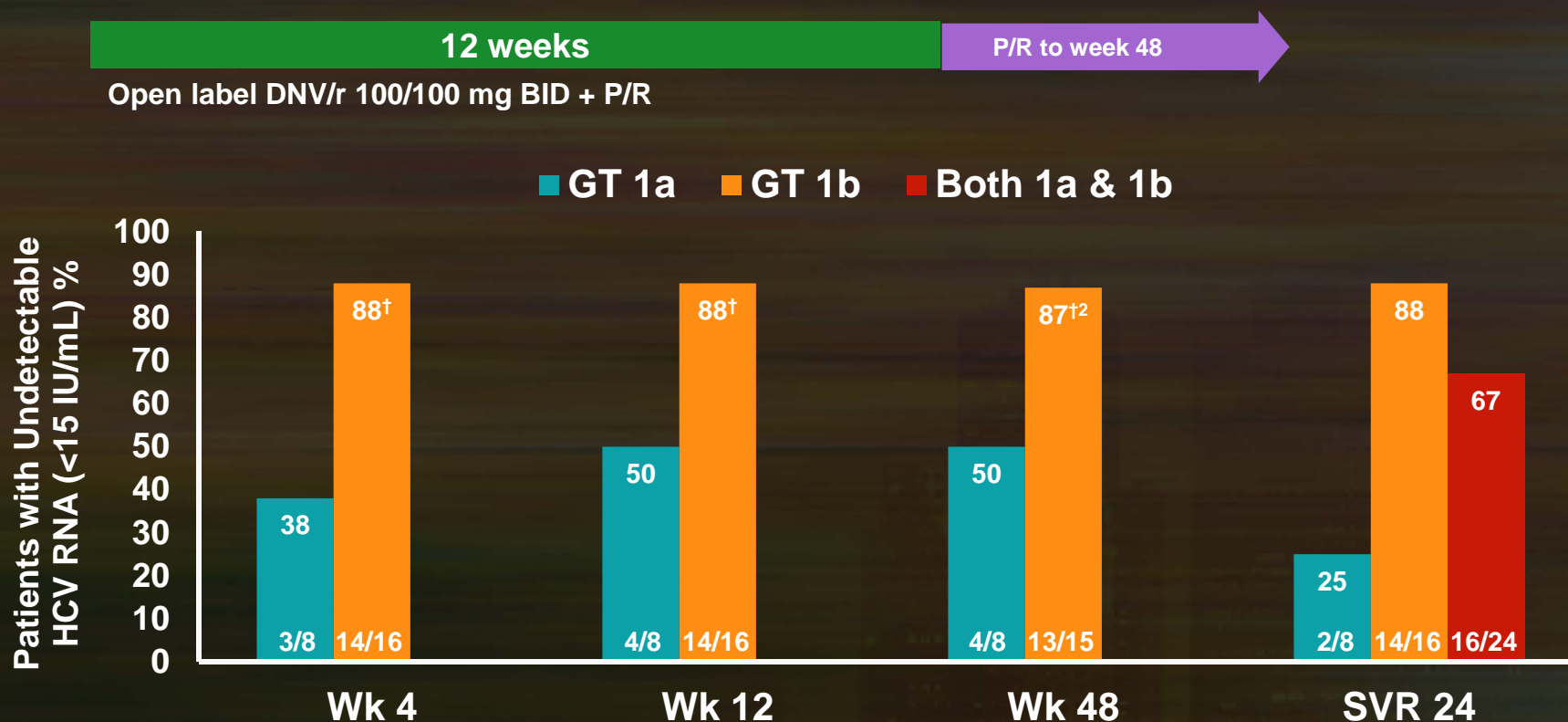


# High Efficacy in GT-4 and GT-6



- 11 patients with HCV GT-4 achieved RVR
- None had virologic failure
- Two were LTFU without post-treatment data
- All 5 patients with HCV GT-6 achieved SVR24

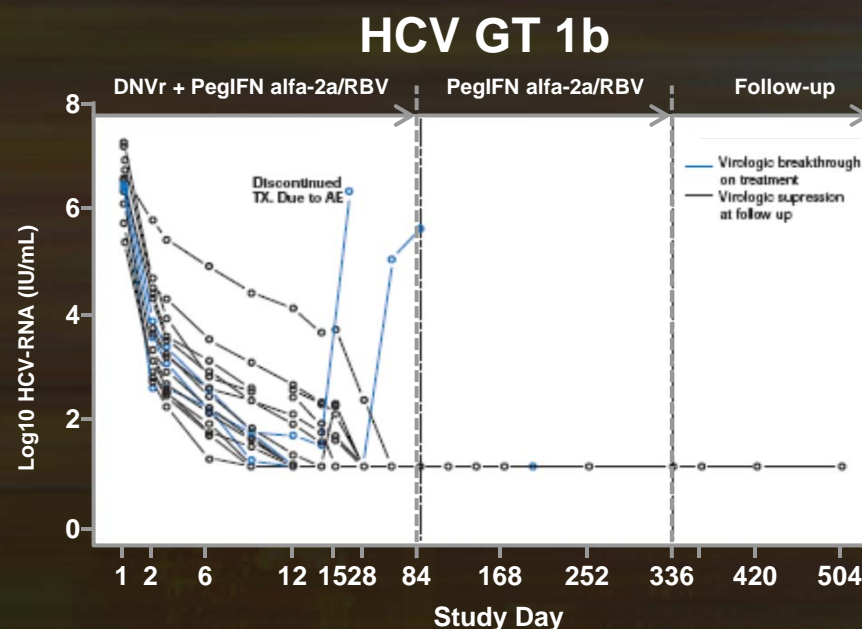
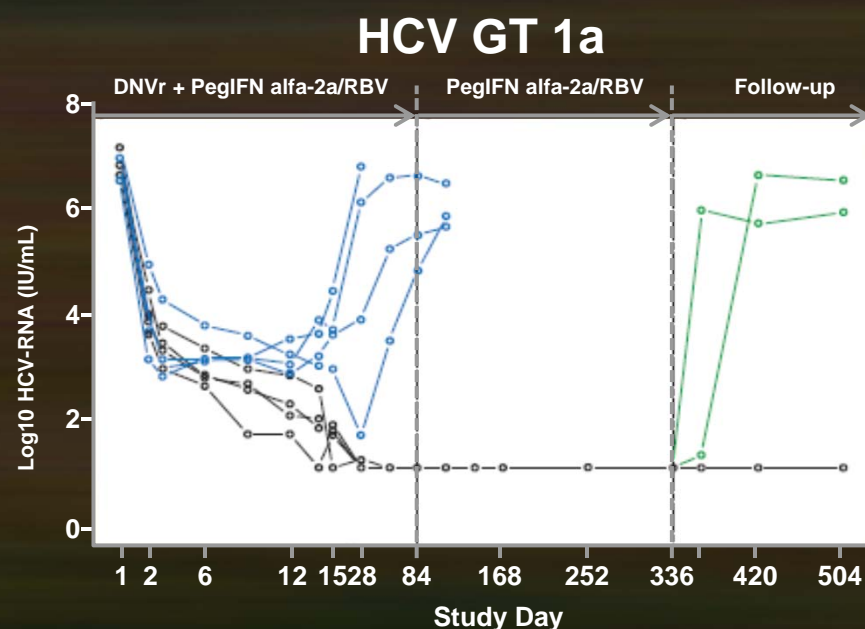
# Safety and Efficacy of 12 Weeks RTV-boosted DNV/PR followed by 36 Weeks PR in GT 1 Non-Cirrhotic Prior Null Responders



Enrolment of G1a was stopped after first 8 patients due to high breakthrough rate



# RTV-boosted DNV/PR Followed by 36 Weeks PR in GT 1 Non-cirrhotic Prior Null Responders

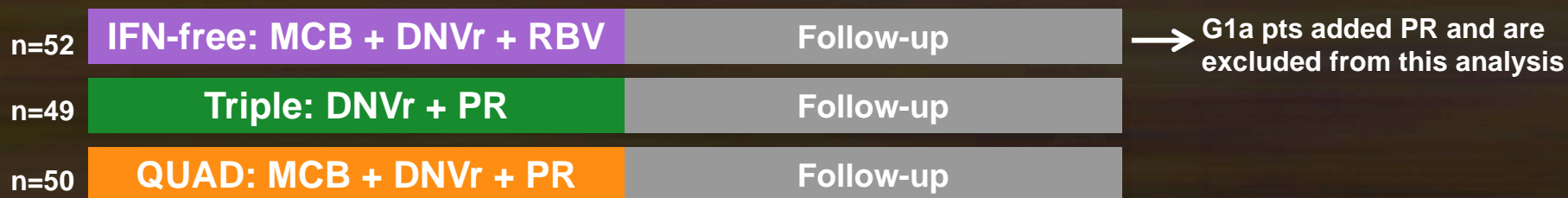


- 7 Treatment failures
- 5 breakthroughs all occurred by Wk 8 (4 1a , 1 1b)
- 2 relapses occurred by Wk 4 f/u (2 1a, no 1b)
- R155K resistance mutation was detected in all 7

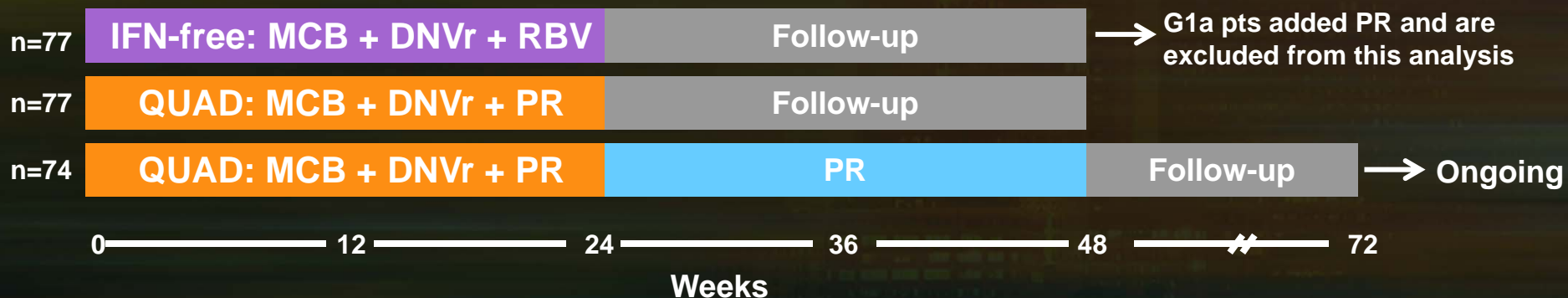
# MATTERHORN Study: Phase II Study Design

- Randomized (1:1:1), open-label, multicentre, parallel study of 2 cohorts
- Stratification: G1a/G1b

## Cohort A: G1 Prior Partial Responders

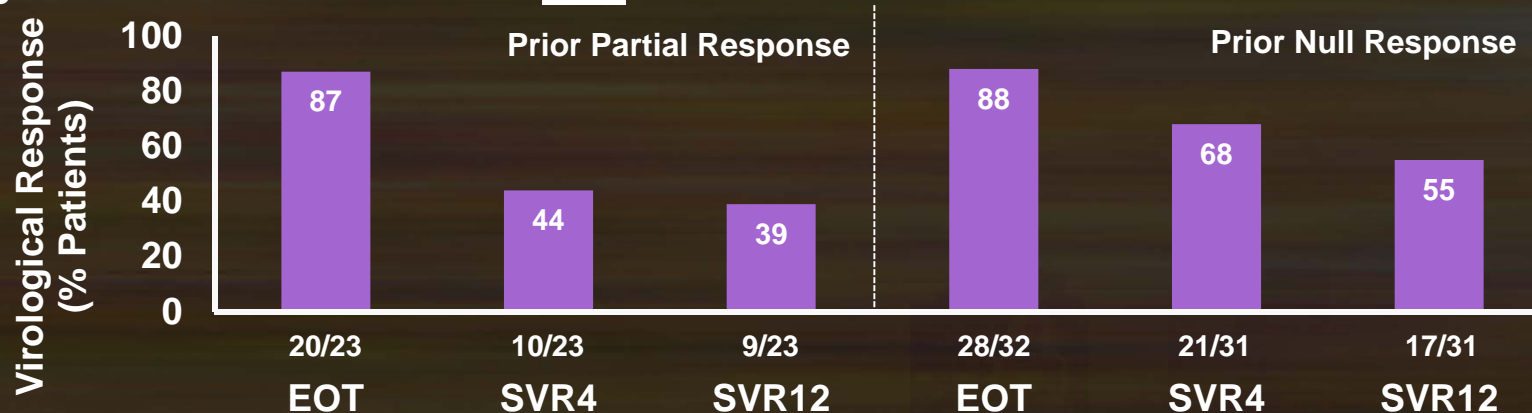


## Cohort B: G1 Prior Null Responders

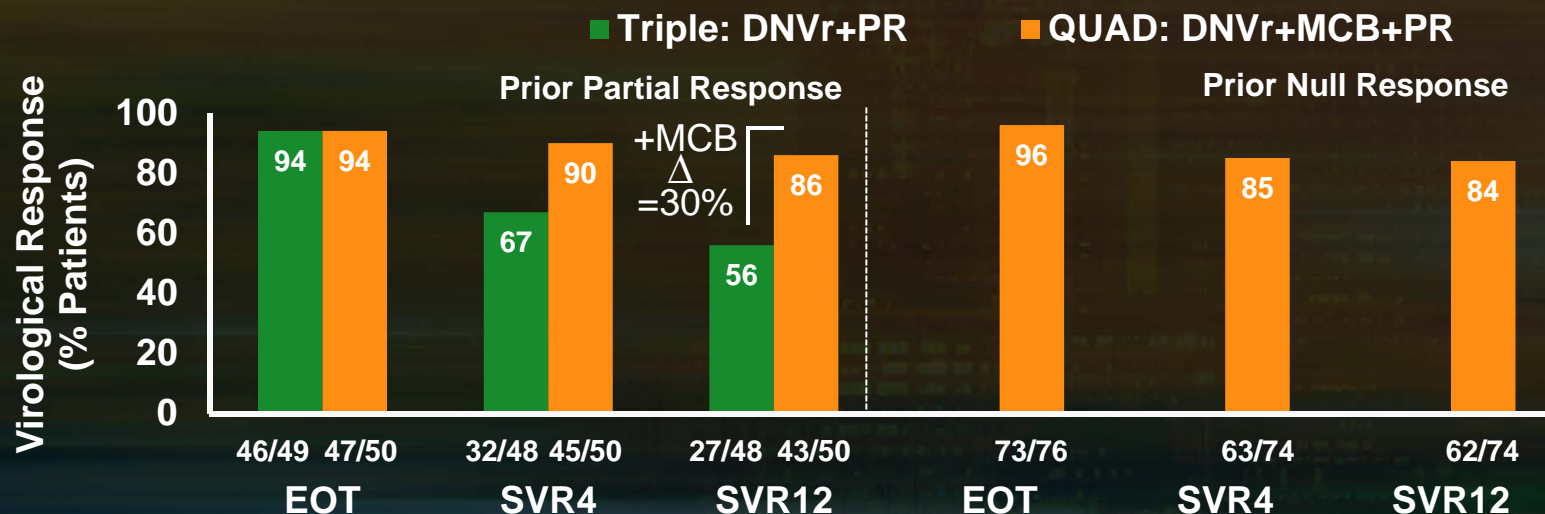


# MATTERHORN Study: High SVR in Genotype 1 Null responders

## Efficacy of IFN-free Treatment for G1b

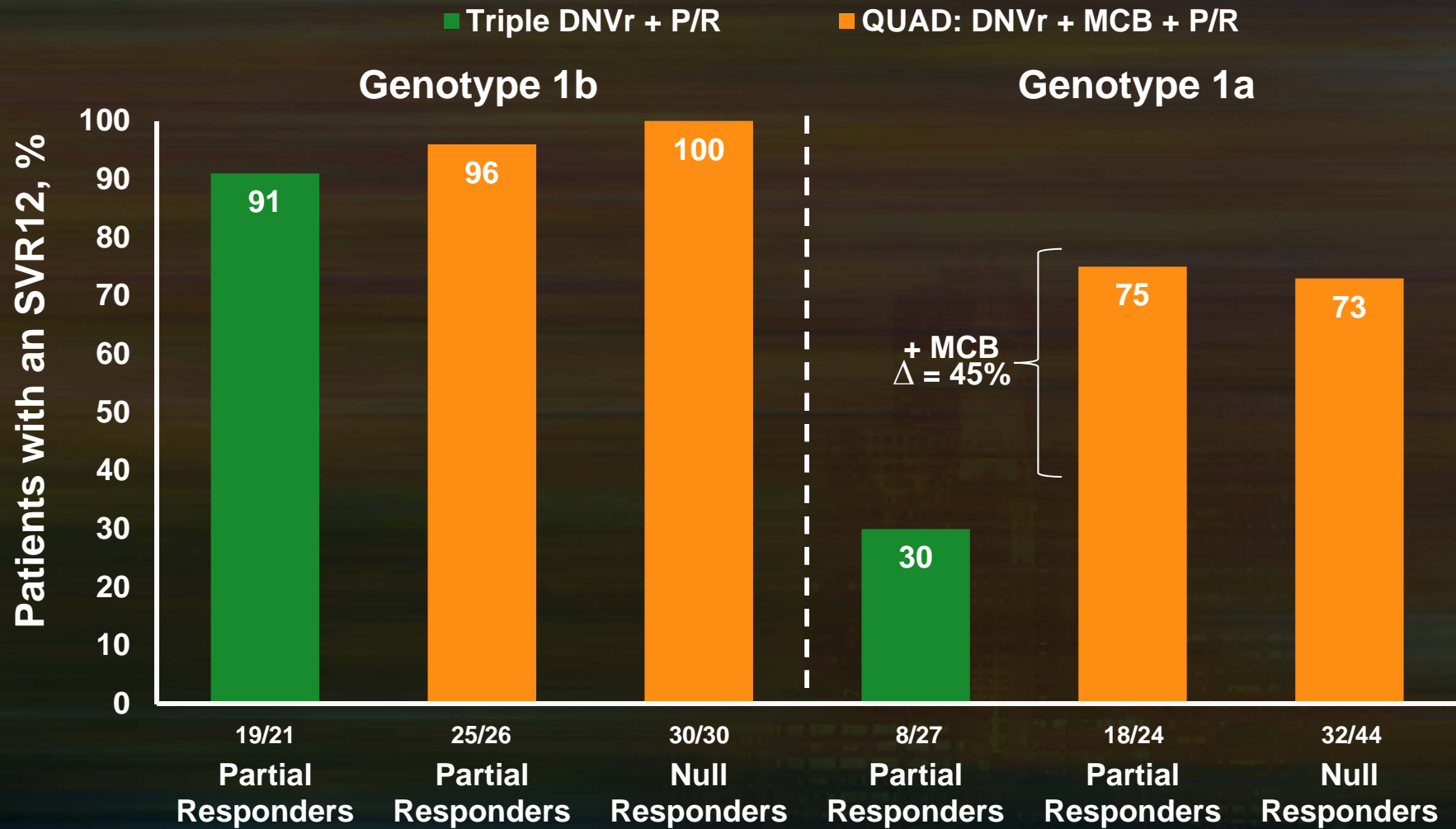


## Efficacy of DNVr +PR and QUAD for 24 Weeks



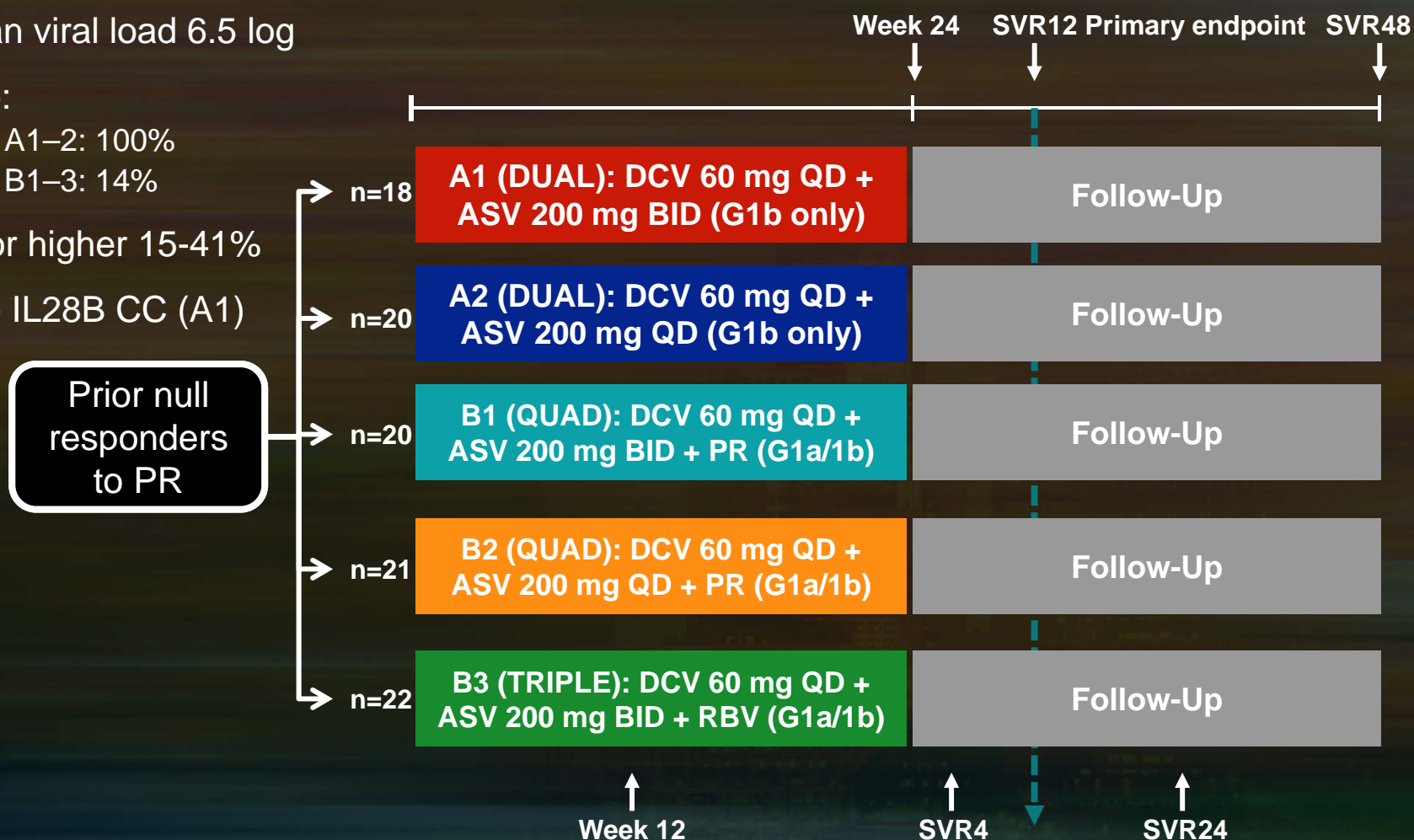


# SVR12 by Subtype: Addition of MCB Improves SVR12 in G1a by 45%

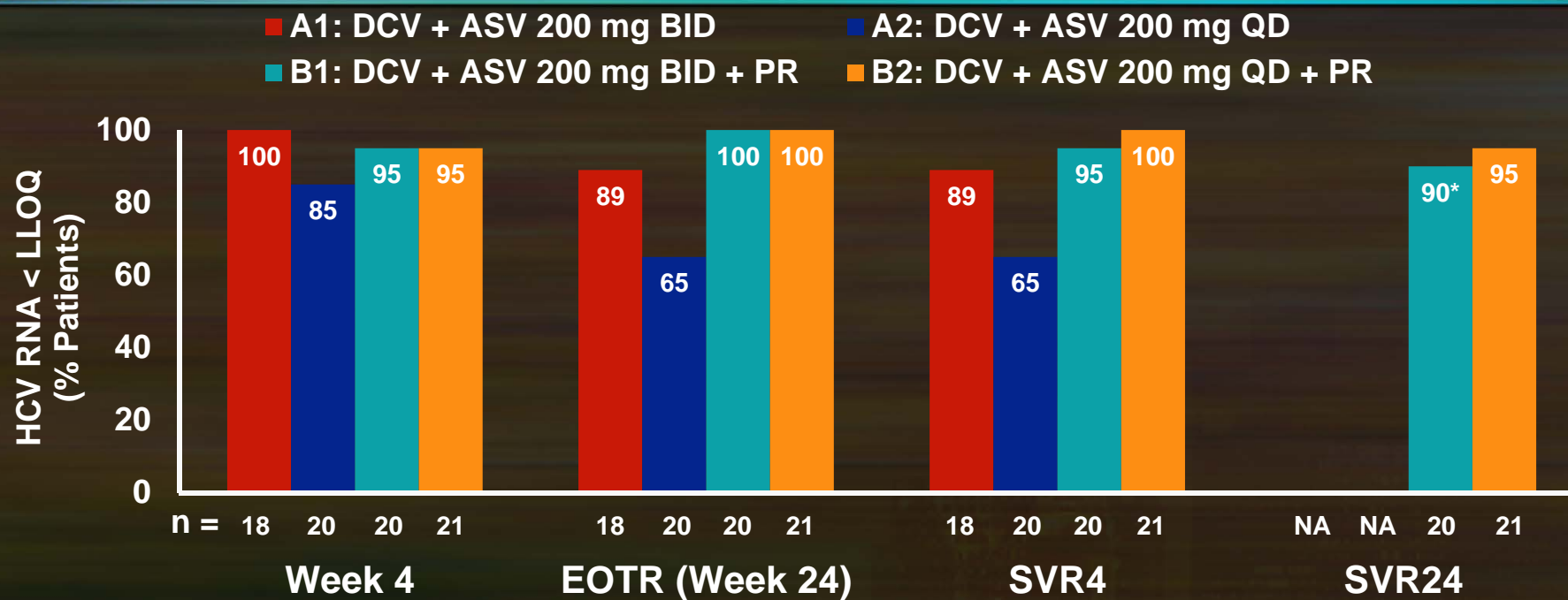


# SVR in G1 Null Responders with Combination of DCV (NS5A) and ASV (NS3) $\pm$ PR

- N=101 null responders
- Mean viral load 6.5 log
- G1b:
  - A1–2: 100%
  - B1–3: 14%
- F3 or higher 15-41%
- One IL28B CC (A1)



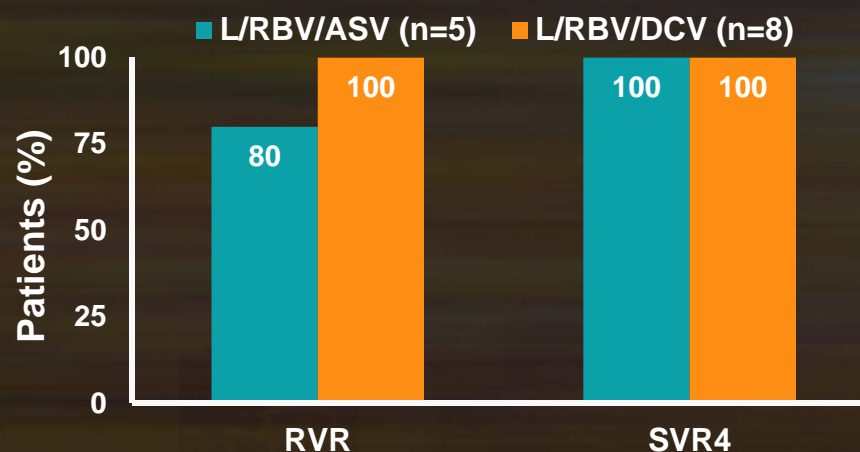
# DUAL and QUAD Therapy



- 2 patients relapsed — 1 at PT Week 4 (B1); 1 at PT Week 12 (B2)
- Safety
  - DUAL: Headache and diarrhea most common AEs
  - QUAD: Addition of IFN AEs
- Resistance: Failure results in dual class (NS5A and NS3) resistance

# First Report of PEG-IFN Lambda/RBV in Combination with Daclatasvir or Asunaprevir in G1 Japanese Patients: SVR4 Results from the D-LITE Japanese sub-study

- 21 treatment-naive patients
- All HCV G1b
- Assigned to
  - PEG-IFN lambda (L) / RBV / DCV
  - L / RBV / ASV
  - PEG-IFN alfa-2a / R / placebo
- Lambda and alfa dosed at 180 µg QW; DCV 60 mg QD; ASV 200 mg BID; RBV weight-based BID
- Only DAA recipients with PDR had post-treatment data through Week 4
- L/RBV/DCV better tolerated than L/RBV/ASV



PDR+ Subjects, n (%)	L/RBV/ASV (n=5)	L/RBV/DCV (n=8)
SAEs	1 (20)	0
AE-related discontinuations	2 (40)	0
Grade 3-4 AEs	4 (80)	1 (14)
Grade 3-4 hemaglobin	1 (20)	0
Grade 3-4 ALT	3 (60)	0
Grade 3-4 AST	4 (80)	0
Grade 3-4 total bilirubin	1 (20)	0





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Interferon-free, oral direct  
acting antiviral regimens

**Mark Sulkowski, MD**





# Multiple Regimens in Clinical Trials

- Nucleotide analogue polymerase inhibitor alone or plus NS5A inhibitor
  - Sofosbuvir + ribavirin
  - Sofosbuvir + daclatasvir  $\pm$  ribavirin
  - Sofosbuvir + GS5885 + ribavirin
- Protease inhibitor + NS5A inhibitor  $\pm$  non-nucleoside polymerase inhibitor  $\pm$  ribavirin
  - ABT450/r + ABT267 + ABT333  $\pm$  ribavirin
  - Asunaprevir + daclatasvir  $\pm$  BMS-325
  - Faldaprevir + BI7227 + ribavirin



# ELECTRON : Sofosbuvir + GS5885 and/or RBV: New Zealand

Treatment	Population	Response
Sofosbuvir + ribavirin 800 mg for 12 weeks	GT 2/3 treatment-naïve	60% (6/10) SVR8
Sofosbuvir + GS5885 + RBV for 12 weeks	GT 1 treatment-naïve	100% (25/25) SVR4



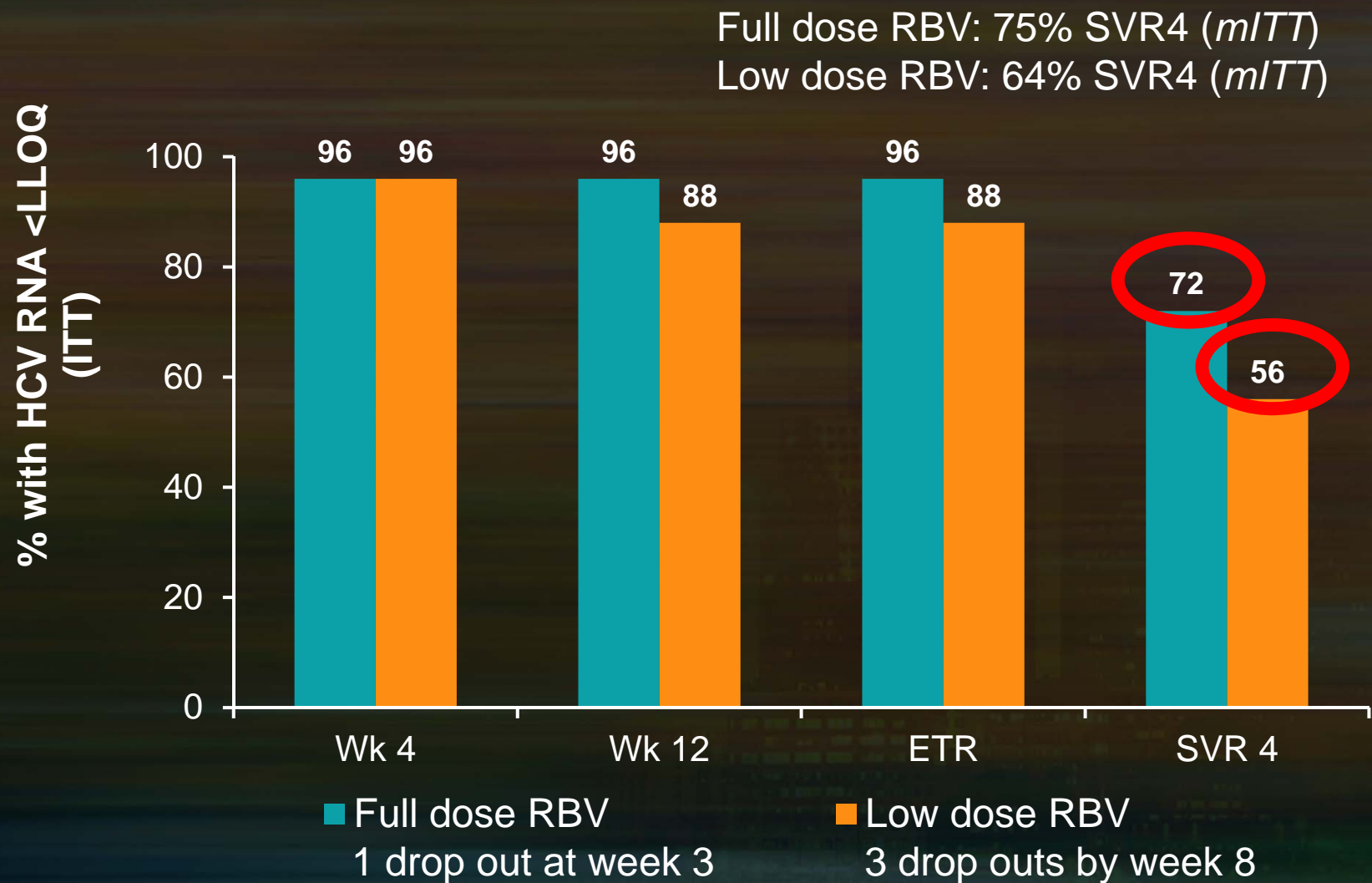


# NIAID Study: Sofosbuvir + RBV in Washington DC

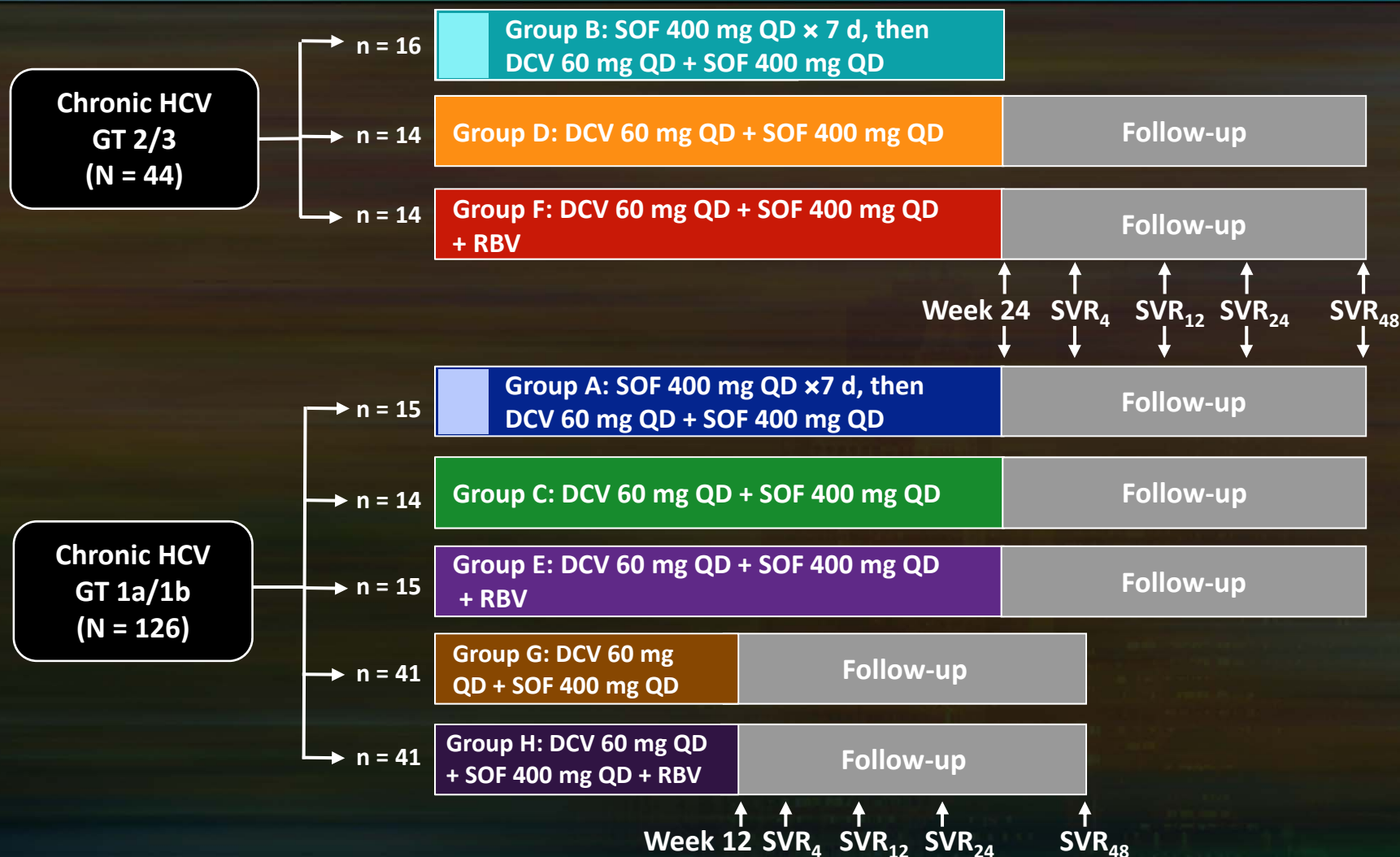
## Baseline Demographics

	GS-7977+Full dose RBV N=10	GS-7977+Full dose RBV N=25	GS-7977+Low dose RBV N=25
Median age (range)	54 (30-65)	54 (30-65)	55 (26-78)
Male sex(%)	4 (40%)	20 (80%)	14 (56%)
Genotype 1a(%)	6 (60%)	20 (80%)	16 (64%)
African American (%)	9 (90%)	18 (72%)	23 (92%)
Median BMI (range)	26 (22-43)	18 (72%)	23 (92%)
IL28B CT/TT (%)	6 (67%)	21 (84%)	21 (84%)
Median HCV RNA log (IQR)	6.85 (5.80-7.21)	6.16 (5.37-6.41)	6.05 (5.49-6.36)
Advanced fibrosis (%)	0	6 (24%)	7 (28%)

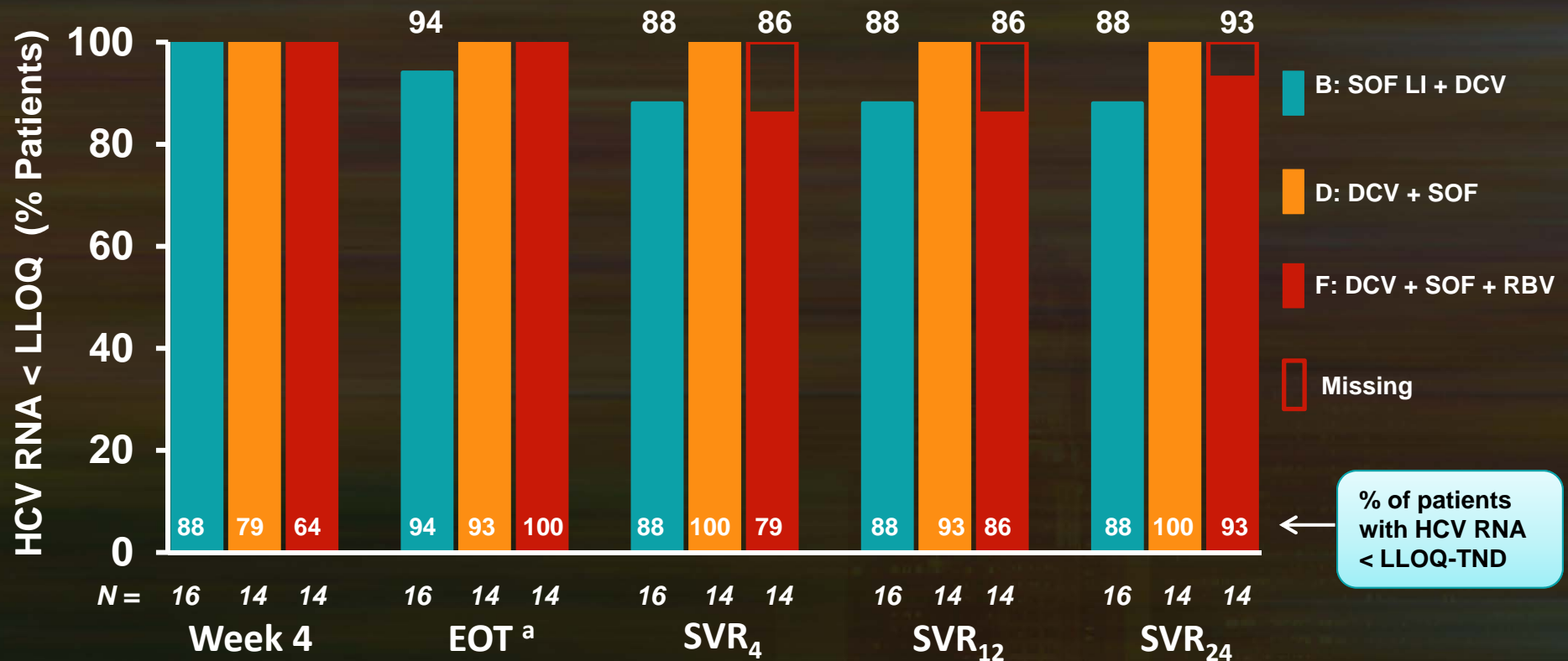
# Treatment Response: Part 2



# Daclatasvir + Sofosbuvir with or without Ribavirin in HCV genotype 1, 2 or 3



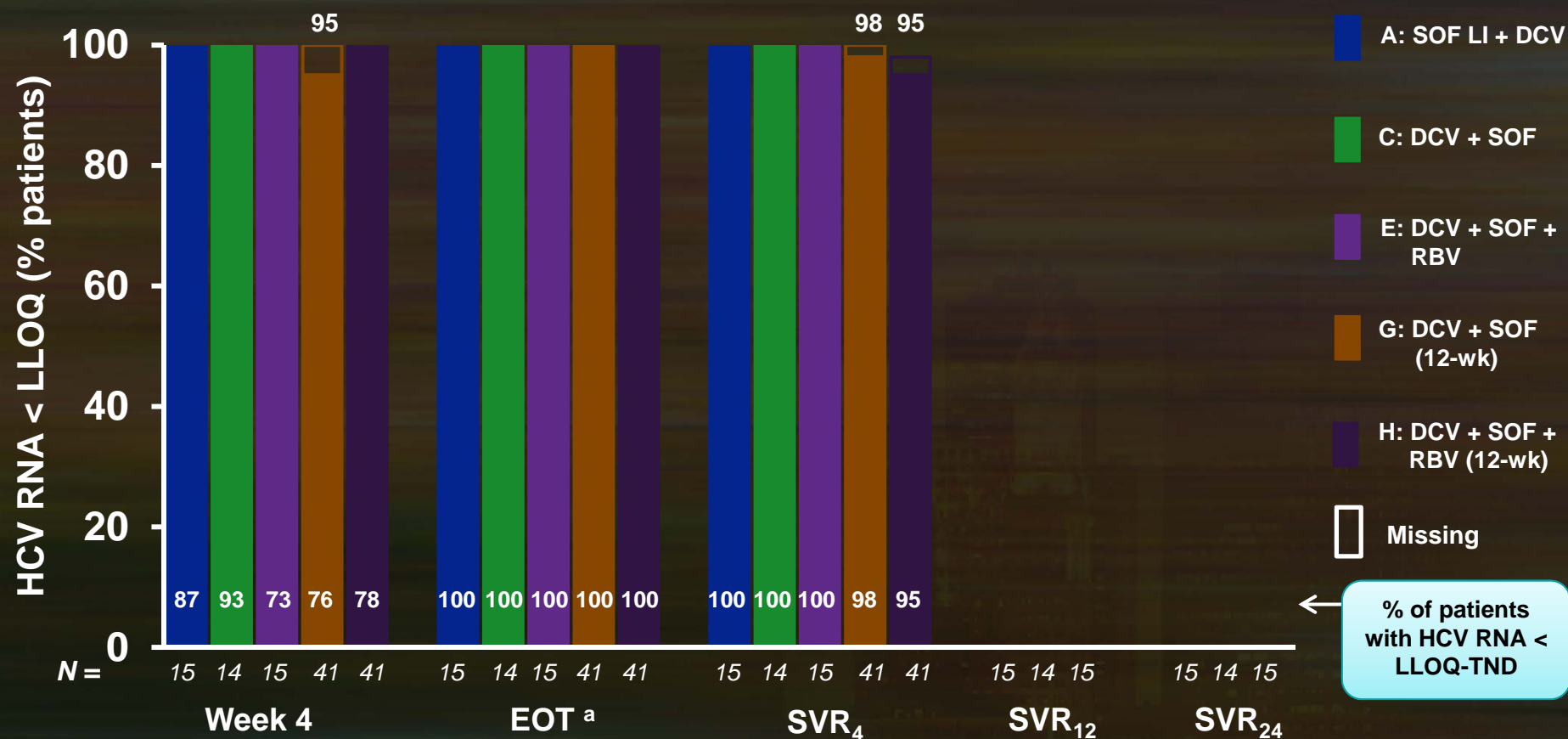
# Genotype 2/3: Virologic Response During and After Treatment (mITT)



- Group B:** 1 patient (GT3) relapsed; NS5A-A30K polymorphism (associated with DCV resistance) detected at baseline and PT Week 4. 1 patient (GT3) met protocol definition of virologic breakthrough; added pegIFN alfa/RBV – achieved SVR<sub>24</sub>
- Group F:** 2 lost to follow-up after EOT; 1 returned at PT Week 24 with HCV RNA < LLOQ-TND

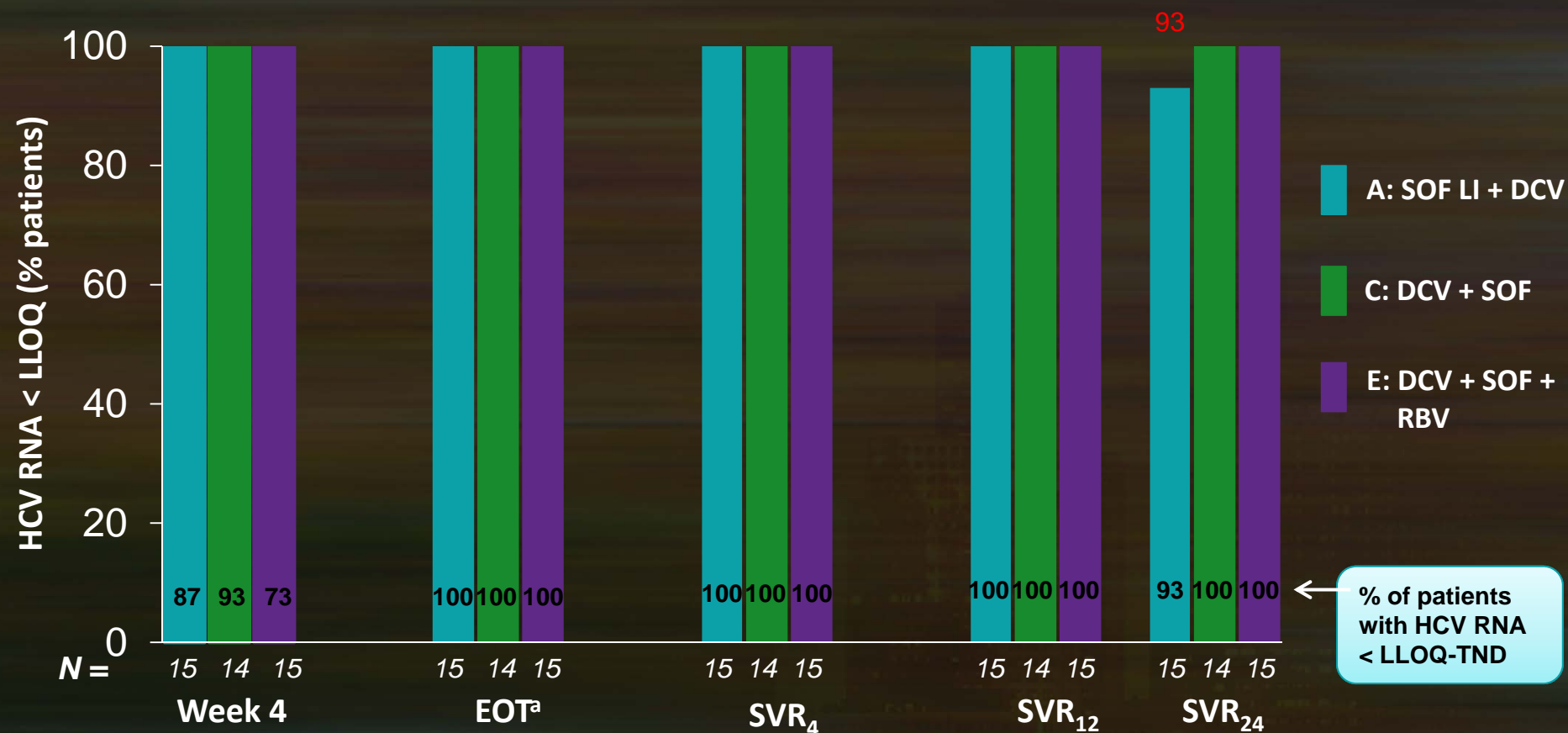


# Genotype 1: Virologic Response During and After Treatment, 12- and 24-Week Groups (mITT)



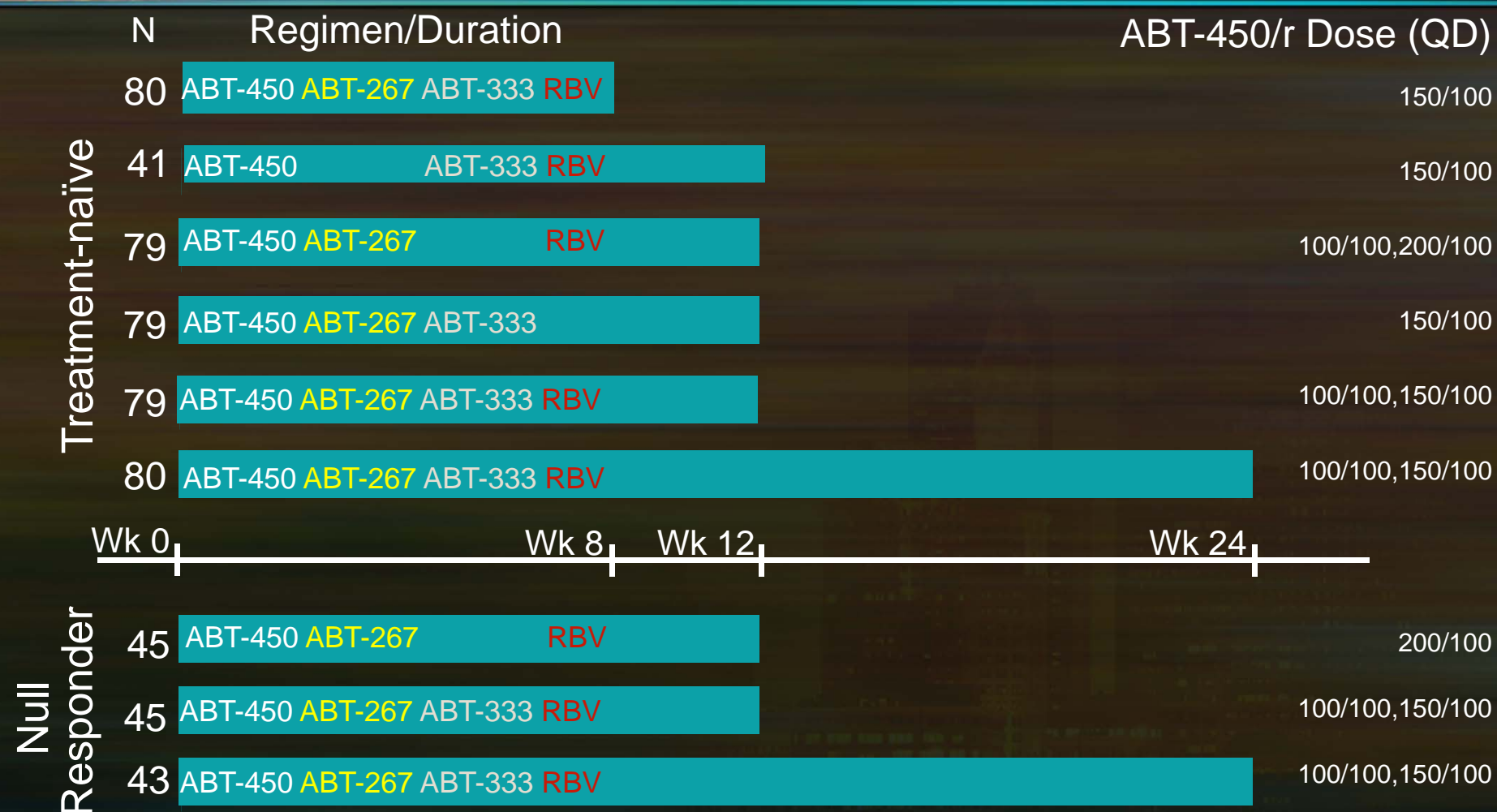
- 12-week Groups (G and H)**
- 2 patients missing at PT Week 4—both achieved SVR<sub>12</sub>; 1 patient undetectable at PT Week 2 and with HCV RNA detected at PT Week 4 (not confirmed)—achieved SVR<sub>12</sub>
  - 68 patients have reached PT Week 12—all 68 have achieved SVR<sub>12</sub>

# Genotype 1: Virologic Response During and After Treatment, 24-Week Groups (mITT)



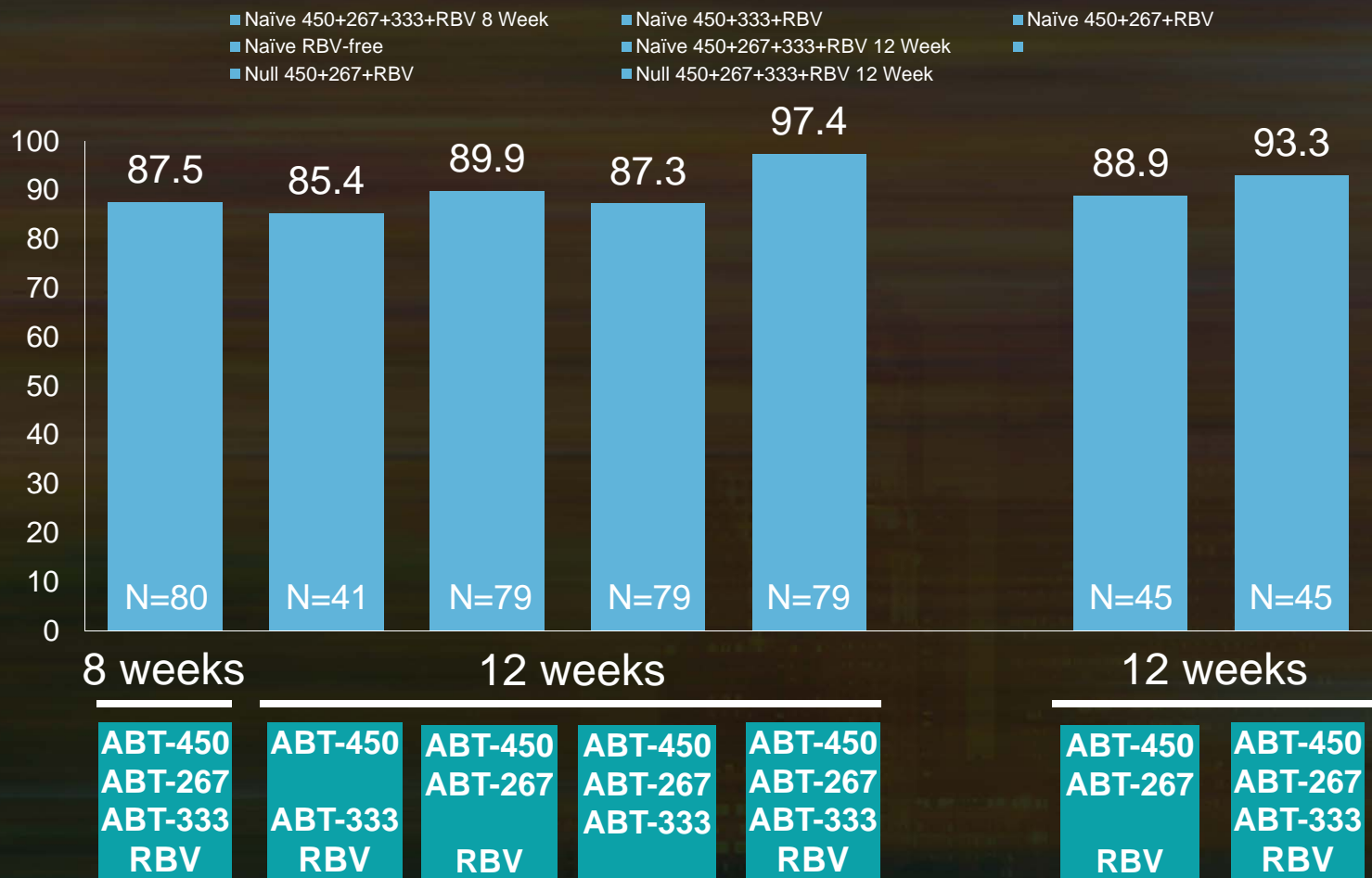
- Group A:** 1 patient with history of IDU became viremic at PT Week 24: posttreatment viral sequence clearly different from pretreatment virus, consistent with reinfection

# ABT450/r (PI) + ABT267 (NS5A)+/- ABT333 (NNI) +/- RBV in Treatment and Prior Null Responders



# SVR12 Rates (ITT) for 8- and 12-Week Arms

Percentage of patients (ITT) achieving SVR<sub>12</sub>



Treatment-naïve Patients

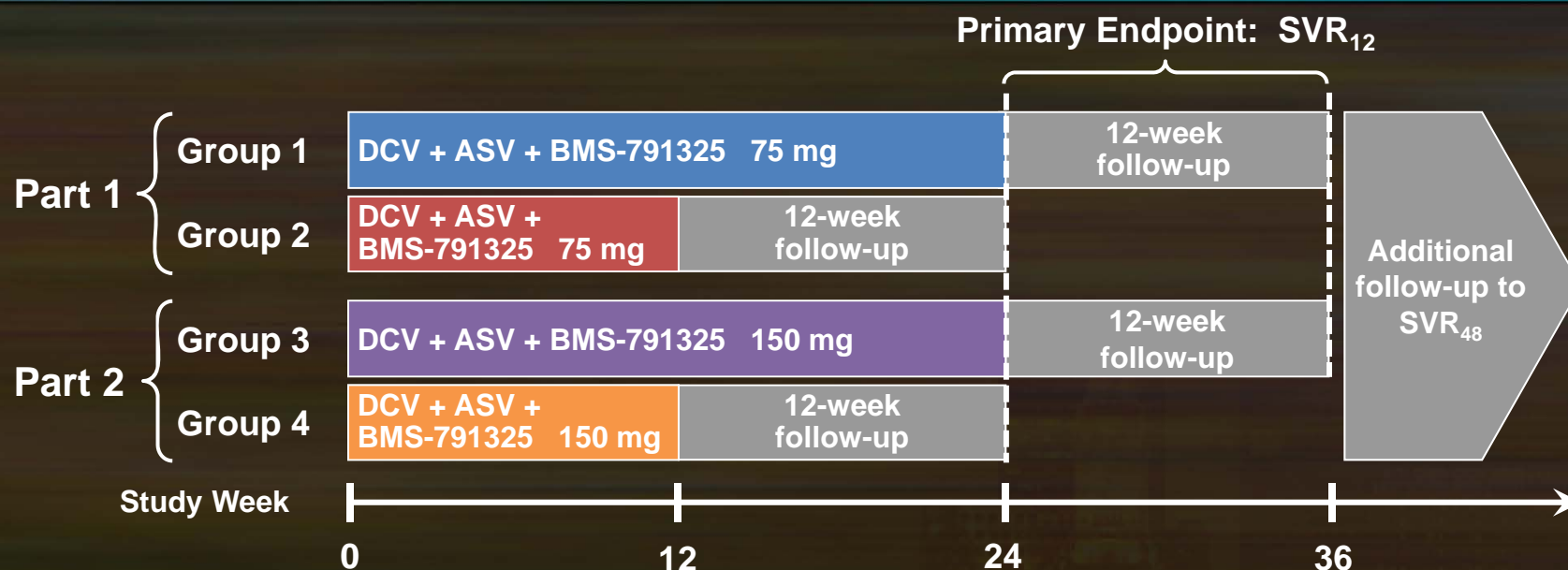
Null Responders



# Response Rates

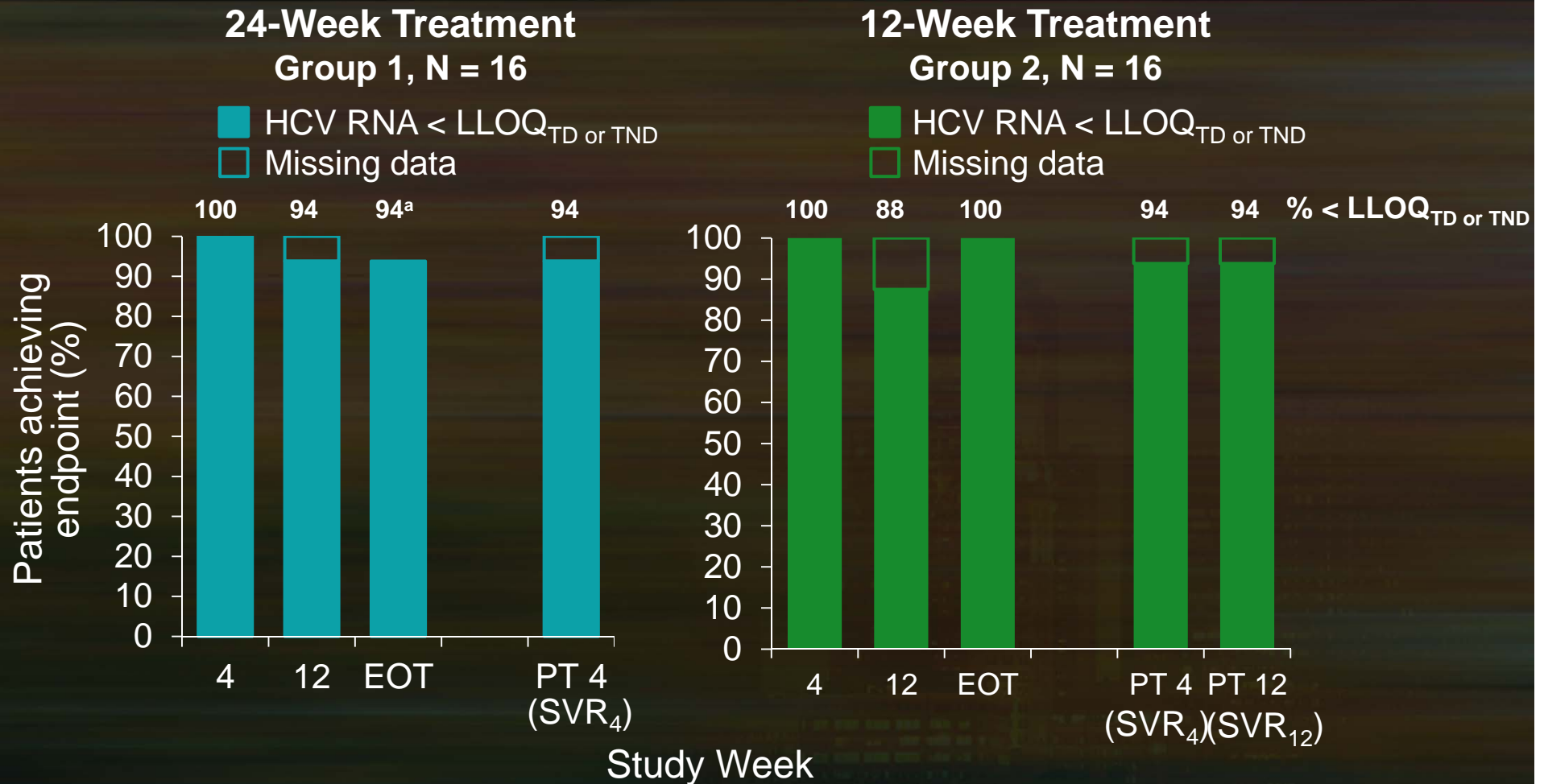
Duration	Treatment-naïve Patients				Null Responders		
	8 wks		12 wks		12 wks		
Regimen	450/r 267 333 RBV	450/r 333 RBV	450/r 267 333 RBV	450/r 267 333 RBV	450/r 267 333 RBV	450/r 267 333 RBV	450/r 267 333 RBV
Number dosed	80	41	79	79	79	45	45
Breakthroughs (N)	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Relapses (N)	9	4	5	5	1	5	0
Lost to follow-up or withdrawn consent prior to SVR <sub>12</sub>	1	1	2	4	1	0	0
SVR <sub>12</sub> rate (ITT), % (n/N)	87.5% (70/80)	85.4% (35/41)	89.9% (71/79)	87.3% (69/79)	97.5% (77/79)	88.9% (40/45)	93.3% (42/45)
SVR <sub>12</sub> rate (Observed data), % (n/N)	88.6% (70/79)	87.5% (35/40)	92.2% (71/77)	92.0% (69/75)	98.7% (77/78)	88.9% (40/45)	93.3% (42/45)

# Daclatasvir (NS5A) + Asunaprevir (PI) + Non-nucleoside polymerase inhibitor (no ribavirin)

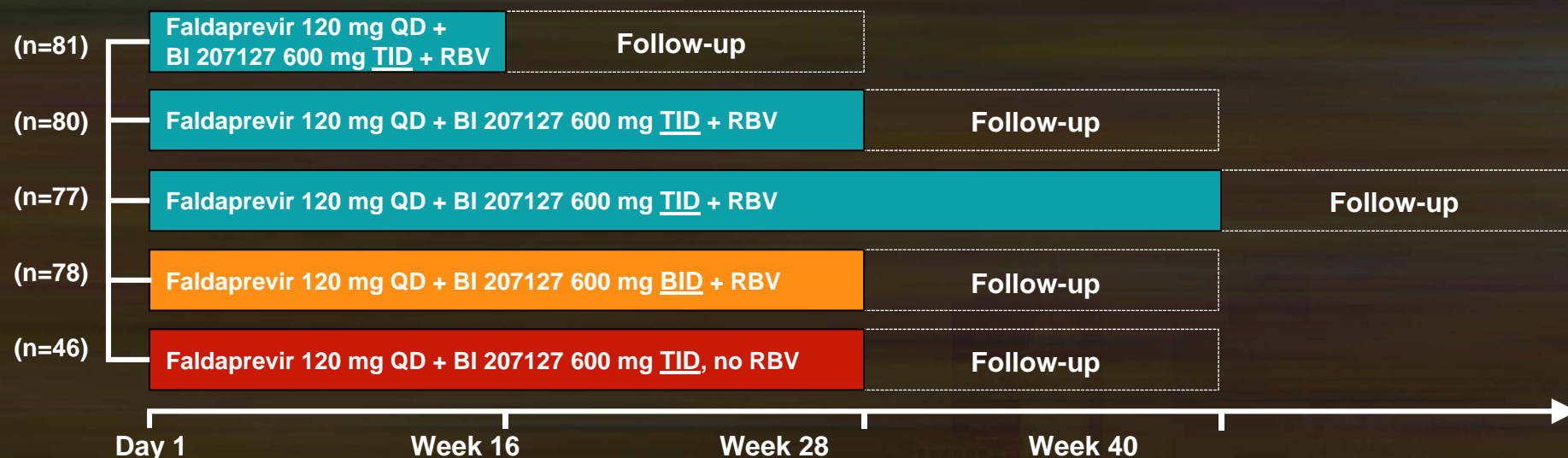


- Patients: treatment-naïve, non-cirrhotic, HCV GT 1 stratified by subtype 1a/1b
- Treatment: DCV 60 mg QD + ASV 200 mg BID + BMS-791325 either 75 mg BID (Part 1) or 150 mg BID (Part 2)
- HCV RNA endpoints: per FDA guidance, HCV RNA < LLOQTD = target detected but below the assay lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ; 25 IU/mL); LLOQTND = below LLOQ and target not detected (previously referenced as HCV RNA undetectable or < LOD; ≈ 10 IU/mL for this study)
- Primary endpoint: HCV RNA < LLOQ 12 weeks post treatment (SVR<sub>12</sub>)
  - Modified intent-to-treat analysis: missing, breakthrough, or relapse = failure
- Interim analysis: Part 1 results reported through post treatment week 4 (Group 1; SVR<sub>4</sub>) or post treatment week 12 (Group 2; SVR<sub>12</sub>); Part 2 enrolled and ongoing, results not yet available

# HCV RNA Endpoints: Modified Intention-to-Treat Analysis



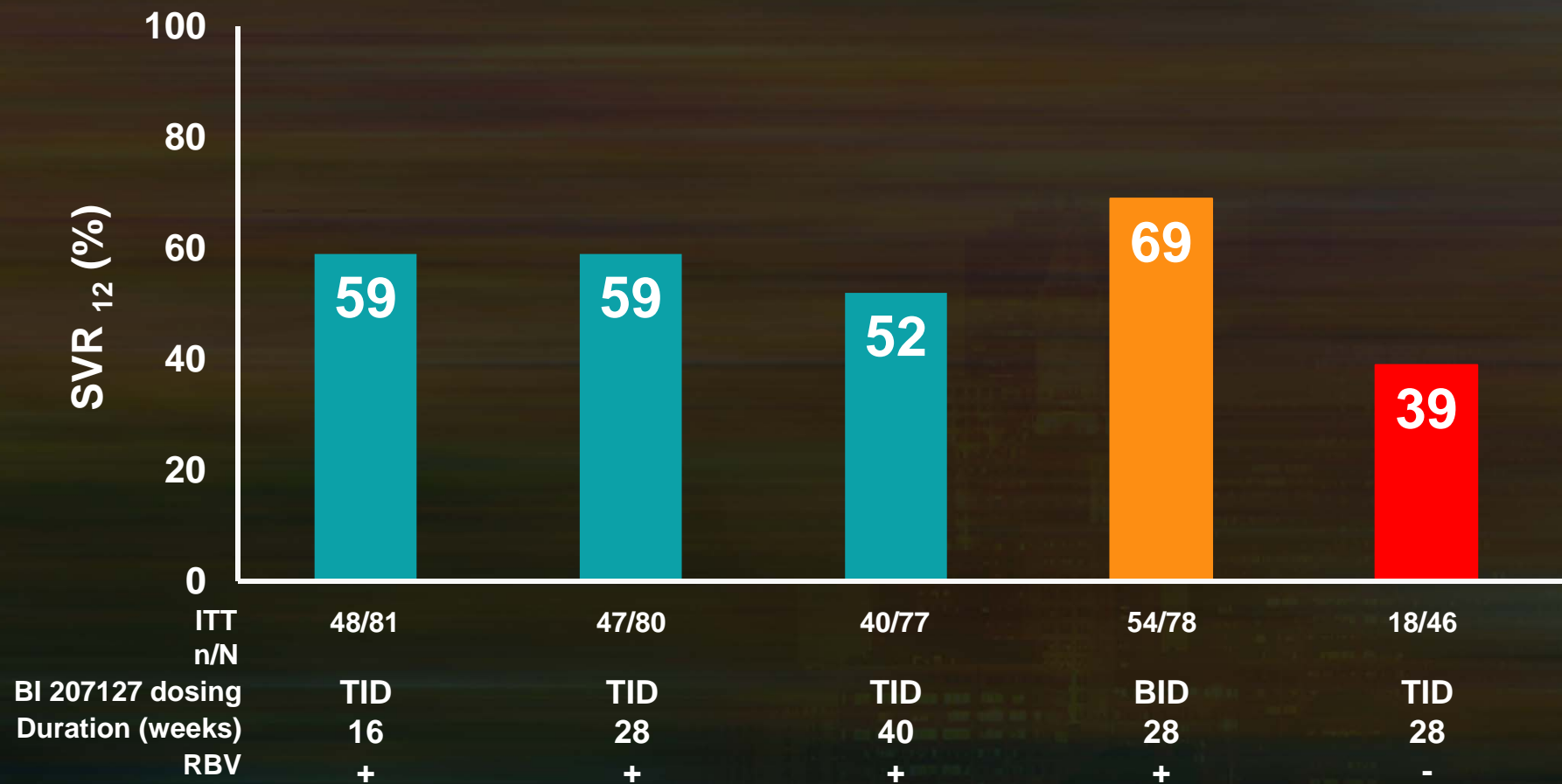
# Faldaprevir (PI) + Non-nucleoside polymerase inhibitor with or without ribavirin



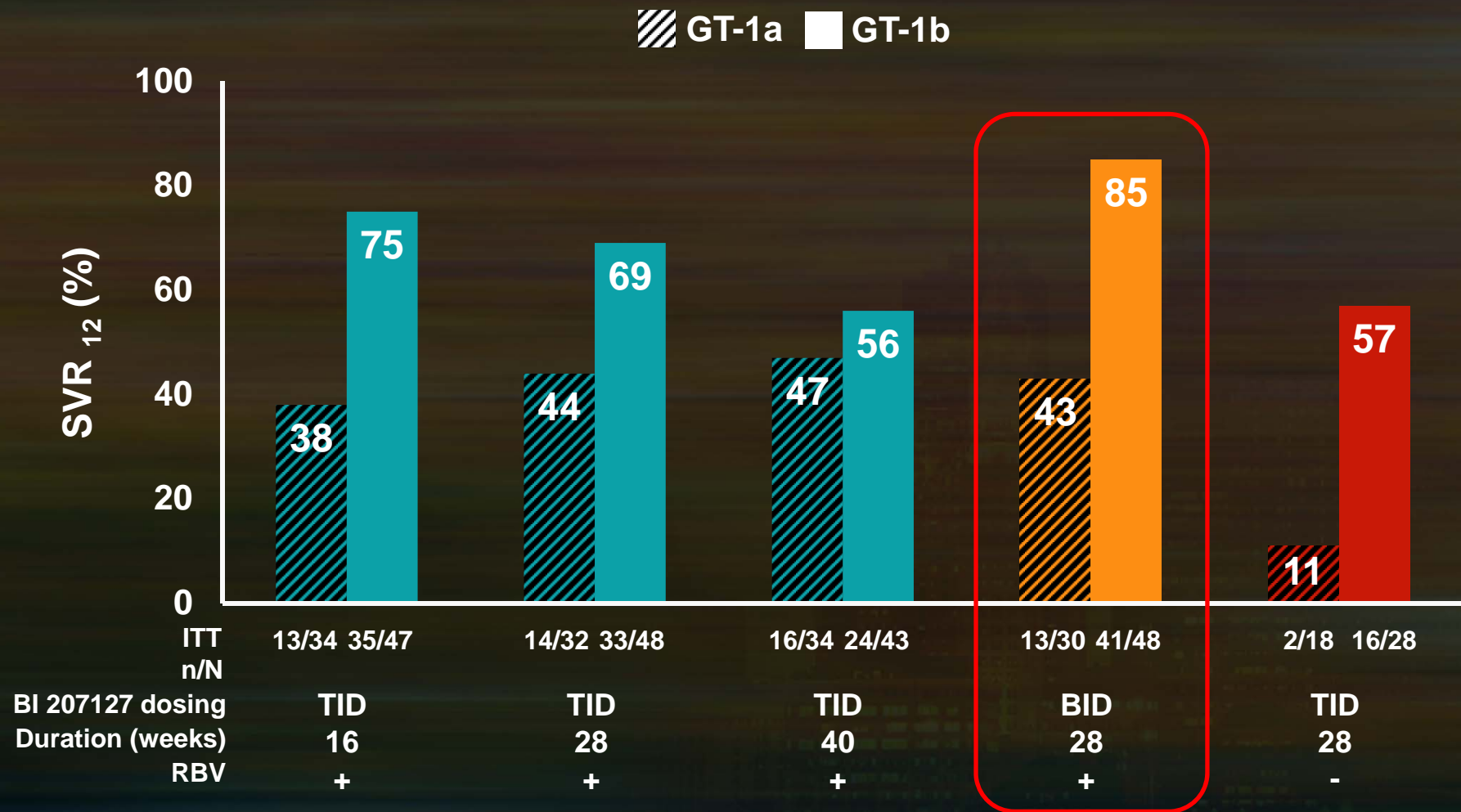
- Phase IIb, multicenter, open-label, randomized (1:1:1:1:1)<sup>a</sup>
  - Treatment-naïve patients with chronic HCV GT-1
- Stratified by GT-1 subtype (1a vs 1b) and IL28B (CC vs non-CC)
- Compensated cirrhosis included, 18–75 years of age, HCV RNA >100 000 IU/mL
- Stopping rule: HCV RNA detectable between Weeks 6 and 8
- Primary endpoint: SVR 12 weeks after treatment completion



# Primary Endpoint: SVR12 (ITT)

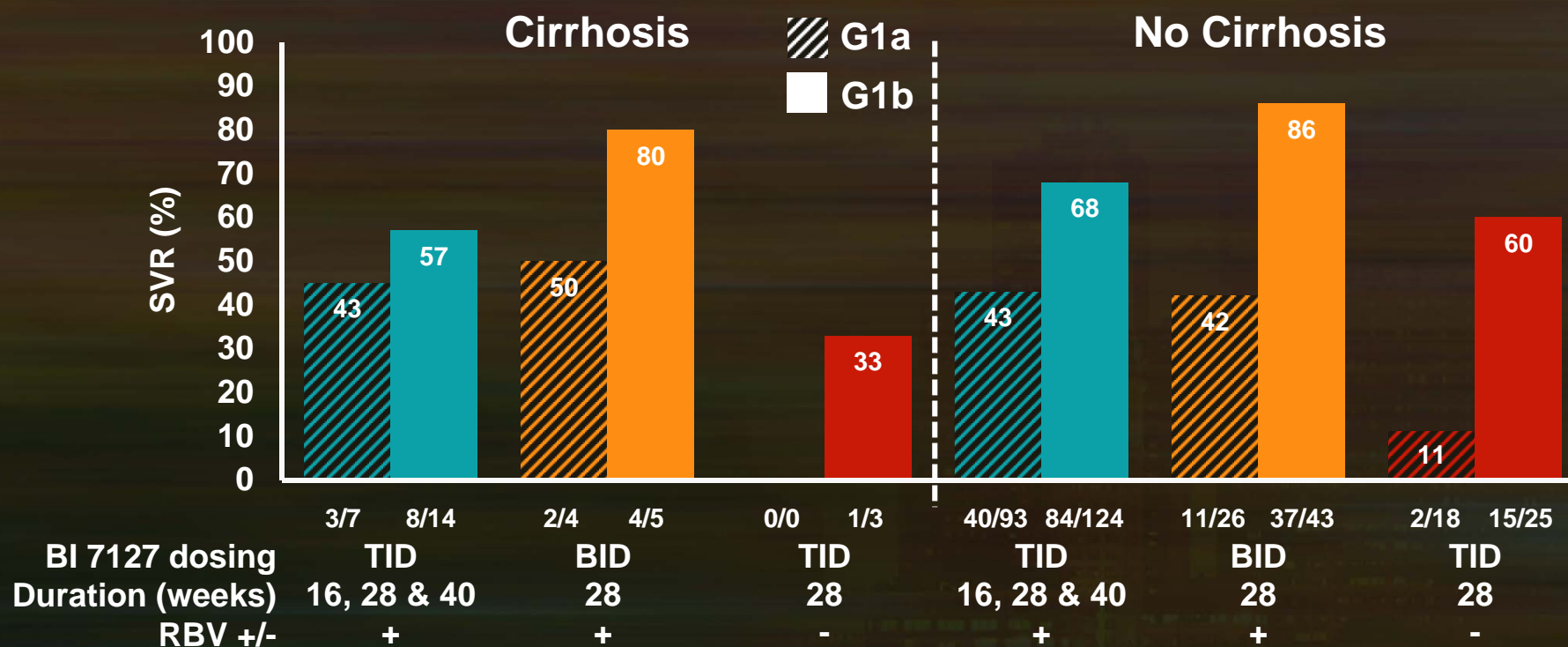


# SVR12 According to HCV Subtype (ITT)



# SOUND-C2 Study sub-analysis: Efficacy and Safety of the IFN-free Combination of BI 201335 + BI 207127 ± RBV in Treatment-naïve G1 Patients with Compensated Liver Cirrhosis

- SOUND-C2 (N=362); 33 patients (9%) had liver cirrhosis (liver biopsy or Fibroscan)
- Pooled data from pts who received BI 207127 TID + RBV (TID16W, TID28W and TID40W)



- Safety and tolerability profile good – did not differ significantly in cirrhotics vs non-cirrhotics
- Plasma exposure of faldaprevir and BI 207127 higher in cirrhotics (less apparent in BID arm)



# Interferon-free Oral Therapy

- Several regimens have emerged from phase 2 clinical trials with high SVR rates
  - Sofosbuvir + GS5885 (coformulated) QD with and without RBV BID x 12 or 24 weeks
    - in phase 3
  - ABT450/r + ABT267  
(Coformulated + ABT333 + RBV BID x 12 weeks)
    - In phase 3
  - Other regimens are also moving ahead
- Encouraging data in cirrhotic patients and null-responders but limited





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