HCV Care- Engaging the Infectious Diseases Community

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Objectives

- Epidemiology of HCV in Canada
- HCV Treatment Options
- Pediatrics
- Role of Infectious Diseases

Epidemiology



Cases of HCV in Canada



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Source: Public Health Agency of Canada (for details see full publication)

HCV Prevalence in Canada According to Exposure



*Other modes of transmission include sexual, occupational, nosocomial and vertical transmission.

IDU: injection drug use.

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Impact of the top 20 pathogens in health-adjusted life years in Ontario



Source: Kwong et al. Ontario Burden of Infectious Disease Study 2010 http://www.ices.on.ca/file/ONBOIDS_FullReport_intra.pdf HCV Burden of Disease in Canada: Significant Increase in Medical Burden Due to Continued Progression of Liver Deterioration



- Cirrhosis (**+89%**)

- Decompensated Liver Disease (+80%)
- Hepatocellular carcinoma (+160%)
- Liver transplantation (+205%)

New therapies can allow us to control the disease burden of HCV









Assumed higher treatment and cure rate (85-90%).

Eliminate HCV infections in Canada by 2025



Canadian Screening Policy



Canadian Task Force on Preventative Health Care

HCV Treatment Options



Reimbursement Criteria

- For treatment naïve or experienced adult patients with CHC infection who meet the following:
 - Tx prescribed by a Hepatologist, GI, or ID Specialist (or other physician experienced in treating patients with CHC)
 - Laboratory confirmed HCV Genotype
 - Two lab confirmed quantitative HCV RNA values taken at least 6 months while the first level may be at the time of the initial dx
 - F2 or greater (METAVIR scale or equivalent) OR <F2 with special criteria

Criteria

- <F2 and at least one of the following:
 - HIV or HBV co-infection
 - Co-existent liver disease with diagnostic evidence of FLD
 - Post organ transplant (liver or other)
 - Extrahepatic manifestations
 - CKD Stage 3,4,5 as defined by NKFKD outcomes Quality Initiative
 - Diabetes on tx
 - WOCB age planning pregnancy with the next 12 months

Key Direct Acting Antivirals



Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir



Sofosbuvir (SOF)^{1,2}

- Potent antiviral activity against HCV GT 1–6
- Once-daily, oral, 400-mg tablet

Velpatasvir (VEL; GS-5816)³⁻⁵

- Picomolar EC₅₀ against GT 1–6
- 2nd-generation NS5A inhibitor with improved resistance profile
- Long half-life of ~13-23 h supports once-daily dosing
- No food effect
- SOF/VEL Single Tablet Regimen (STR)
 - Once daily, oral, STR (400/100 mg)

MAA, marketing authorization application

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Efficacy Summary (ITT Analysis)



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SVR12 by Cirrhosis Status or Treatment History



SVR12 by Cirrhosis Status and Treatment History



^a One treatment experienced subject without cirrhosis treated with SOF/VEL had GT1a HCV infection at failure indicating HCV re-infection and is therefore excluded from this analysis

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SVR12



SOF/VEL + RBV resulted in highest SVR12 in patients with decompensated liver disease

^{*}Patient with nondetectable drug levels at time of virologic failure. Charlton M, et al., AASLD, 2015, #LB-13



- Fixed-dose combination tablet
- Broad activity against most HCV genotypes in vitro¹⁻³
- Efficacious in treatment-naive & treatment-experienced cirrhotic and noncirrhotic patients with HCV, and in HIV/HCV co-infected patients (C-WORTHy)^{4,5}
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EBR/GZR Treatment Algorithm

 Indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) genotypes 1, 3, or 4 infection in adults



with or without compensated cirrhosis

- * 8 weeks may be considered
 TN = Treatment Naive
 TE = Treatment Experienced
 R = Relapser
 OTF = On-treatment virologic failure
 PR = PegIFN-RBV
 PI = 1st generation PI (BOC, TVR, SMV)
 RBV = Ribavirin
 SOF = Sofosbuvir

MK2 Phase 2b and 3 Program

Study	GT	Sample Size	Cirrhosis	Tx History	Co- Morbidity	Regimen (Weeks)
C-EDGE TN	1, 4, 6	421	± Cirrhosis	TN		12, no RBV
C-EDGE TE	1, 4, 6	420	± Cirrhosis	PR-PTF	±HIV	12 or 16, ±RBV
C-Salvage	1	79	± Cirrhosis	PI/PR-PTF		12, + RBV
C-SURFER	1	237	± Cirrhosis	TN/PR-PTF	CKD 4-5	12, no RBV
C-WORTHY G1	1b	61	No Cirrhosis	TN		8 ±RBV
C-EDGE CO-INFXN	1, 4, 6	218	± Cirrhosis	TN	HIV	12, no RBV
C-SWIFT	3	41	± Cirrhosis	TN		8 or 12 + SOF
C-WORTHY G3	3	41	No Cirrhosis	TN		12 or 18 + RBV
C-EDGE CO-STAR	1, 4, 6	300	± Cirrhosis	TN	OST, ±HIV	12, no RBV
C-EDGE H2H	1	250	± Cirrhosis	TN/PR-PTF	±ΗΙV	12, no RBV
C-EDGE InhBD	1, 4, 6	300	± Cirrhosis	TN/PR-PTF	InhBD	12, no RBV

TN: Treatment Naïve PR-PTF: Failed Prior Peg-IFN/RBV InhBD = Inherited Blood Disorders CKD 4-5: Chronic Kidney Disease Grades 4-5 (incl. Hemodialysis) OST = Opiate Substitution Therapy

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Elbasvir–Grazoprevir to Treat Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Persons Receiving Opioid Agonist Therapy

A Randomized Trial

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Background: Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is common in persons who inject drugs (PWID).

Objective: To evaluate elbasvir-grazoprevir in treating HCV infection in PMD.

Design: Randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial. (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT02105688)

Setting: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Patients: 301 treatment-naive patients with chronic HCV genotype 1, 4, or 6 intection who were at least 80% adherent to visits for opioid-agonist therapy (OAT).

Intervention: The immediate-treatment group (ITG) received elbasvir-grazoprevir for 12 weeks: the deferred-treatment group (DTG) received placebo for 12 weeks, no treatment for 4 weeks, then open-label elbasvir-grazoprevir for 12 weeks.

Measurements: The primary outcome was sustained virologic response at 12 weeks (SVR12), evaluated separately in the ITG and DTG. Other outcomes included SVR24, viral recurrence or reintection, and adverse events.

Results: The SVR12 was 91.5% (95% CI, 86.8 to 95.0) in the ITG and 89.5% (95% CI, 81.5 to 94.8) in the active phase of the DTG. Drug use at baseline and during treatment did not affect SVR12 or adherence to HCV therapy. Among 18 patients with posttreatment viral recurrence through 24-week follow-up, 6 had probable reinfection. If the probable reinfections were assumed to be responses, SVR12 was 94.0% (CL 89.8 to 96.9) in the ITG. One patient in the ITG (1 of 201) and 1 in the placebo-phase DTG (1 of 100) discontinued treatment because of an adverse event.

Limitation: These findings may not be generalizable to PWID who are not receiving OAT, nor do they apply to persons with genotype 3 infection, a common strain in PWID.

Conclusion: Patients with HCV intection who were receiving OAT and treated with elbasvir-grazoprevir had high rates of SVR12, regardless of ongoing drug use. These results support the removal of drug use as a barrier to interferon-free HCV treatment for patients receiving OAT.

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EFFICACY: SUSTAINED VIROLOGIC RESPONSE MODIFIED FULL ANALYSIS SET (mFAS)



- In the mFAS, SVR was >94% at FW12 and 24 in both ITG and DTG

- In the FAS (where discontinuations were counted as failures), SVR12 was 91.5% in the ITG and 85.6% in the DTG, SVR24 was 89.5% in the ITG and 85.3% in the DTG.

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CO-STAR





ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR PLUS SOFOSBUVIR ± RIBAVIRIN IN TREATMENT-NAIVE AND TREATMENT-EXPERIENCED PATIENTS WITH HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPE 3 INFECTION AND COMPENSATED CIRRHOSIS: THE C-ISLE STUDY

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Sofosbuvir

Elbasvir Grazoprevir (MK-8742) (MK-5172)

PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

HCV Genotype 3

	Cirrhotic GT3-Infected Patients (n = 100)		
Male, n (%)	68 (68)		
Race, n (%) Asian White Other	29 (29) 69 (69) 2 (2)		
Age, mean (SD)	53.4 (8.7)		
BMI ≥30 kg/m², n (%)	28 (28)		
Cirrhosis diagnosis method Liver biopsy, n (%) FibroScan [®] , n (%) Mean FibroScan [®] score, kPa (SD)	16 (16) 84 (84) 25.4 (12.1)		
Prior treatment history, n (%) Naive PR-Experienced	47 (47) 53 (53)		
HCV RNA log ₁₀ IU/mL mean (SD)	6.2 (0.7)		
<i>IL28B</i> CC, n (%)	50 (50)		
Albumin, g/dL, mean (SD)	3.6 (1.2)		
Total bilirubin, mg/dL, mean (SD)	0.7 (0.4)		
Platelets × 10 ³ cells/µL, mean (range)	148 (46-396)		
Platelet count <100 × 10^3 cells/µL, n (%)	24 (24)		

BMI, body mass index; SD, standard deviation.







mFAS excluded patients who discontinued treatment for reasons unrelated to study medication.



ENDURANCE-1, 2, 4: GLECAPREVIR / PIBRENTASVIR for Tx GT1, 2, 4, 5, 6



ENDURANCE-2: randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase III trial^[2]



ENDURANCE-4: open-label, single-arm phase III trial^[3]

Noncirrhotic pts with GT4-6 HCV with or without IFN experience \rightarrow (N = 121)

GLE/PIB* (N = 121)

*Dosing: GLE/PIB given as 3 coformulated 100/40 mg tablets QD for a total dose of 300/120 mg. References in slidenotes. Slide credit: <u>clinicaloptions.com</u>



ENDURANCE Studies: Key Baseline Demographics

	ENDURA	NCE-1 ^[1]	ENDURANCE-2 ^[2]		ENDURANCE-4 ^[3]
Characteristic, %	GLE/PIB 8 Wks (n = 351)	GLE/PIB 12 Wks (n = 352)	GLE/PIB 12 Wks (n = 202)	PBO 12 Wks (n = 100)	GLE/PIB 12 Wks (N = 121)
Fibrosis stage					
■ F0-F1	85	85	76	85	86
■ F2	6	7	9	9	7
■ F3	9	8	15	6	7
Treatment experienced*	38	38	30	29	32
HIV coinfected	4	5	NA	NA	NA

*Pts could have treatment experience with IFN or pegIFN \pm RBV or SOF + RBV \pm pegIFN.

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Outcome	ENDURA (G	NCE-1 ^[1]	ENDURANCE-2 ^[2] (GT2)	ENDURANCE-4 ^[3] (GT4-6)
	GLE/PIB 8 Wks	GLE/PIB 12 Wks	GLE/PIB 12 Wks	GLE/PIB 12 Wks
SVR12, % (n/N)	99.1* (332/335)	99.7* (331/332)	99 [†] (195/196)	99 [‡] (120/121)
Relapse/ on-treatment failure, n	1§	0	0	0

*ITT-PS analysis: included all pts receiving \geq 1 dose of study drug; excluded pts with HIV coinfection or SOF experience. [†]ITT analysis: excluded pts with SOF experience. [‡]ITT analysis. [§]On-treatment virologic failure at Day 29 in pt with GT1a HCV.

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SURVEYOR-II, Part 3: GLE/PIB for Pts With GT3 HCV ± Cirrhosis

Partially randomized, open-label phase II trial (N = 131)



Prior treatment experience consisted of IFN or pegIFN \pm RBV or SOF + RBV \pm pegIFN

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*Dosing: GLE/PIB given as 3 coformulated 100/40 mg tablets QD for a total dose of 300/120 mg. Slide credit: clinicaloptions.com Wyles DL, et al. AASLD 2016. Abstract 113.

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HCV Resistance Testing

• Drug

- DAA Class
- Co-Administered DAAs
- Virus
 - Specific Mutation
 - Genotype
 - Resistance Assay Utilized
- Host
 - Concurrent Negative
 Predictors of DAA
 Success

 Complexity versus Capacity



Pediatric HCV



Pediatric HCV

• NHANES3

- 6-11 yo: 0.17% sero+
- 12-19 yo: 0.39% sero+
- 6600 CDN children
- Vertical transmission primary mode of infection
 - 5-7% / pregnancy
- Breast feeding does not promote transmission

- Diagnosis
 - HCV antibodies <18/12</p>
- Spontaneous Resolution- 25-40% (usually by M24)
- Manifestations
- Work-Up
- Treatment
 - FDA: SOF, Harvoni age 12-17

Role of Infectious Diseases



HCV Cascade of Care in BC, 2012



Janjua NZ et al EBioMedicine DOI: (10.1016/j.ebiom.2016.08.035)



Infectious Disease Expertise

- Virology
- Immunology
- Multisystem Disease
- Polypharmacy
- Side Effect Profile
- DDI



Population

- Concentration of Barriers to Engagement and Treatment Success
 - Diverse populations within the HCV community
 - Socioeconomic
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Abuse
 - Poverty
 - Remoteness
 - Stigma



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