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“Prophylaxis in HBV & occult HBV for the Immunocompromised”

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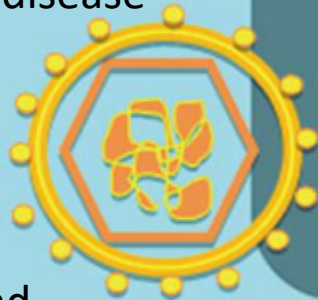
Risk factors for hepatitis B reactivation in patients with current/past hepatitis B infection

Host

- Male
- Young
- Elevated ALT before IS
- Underlying disease:
 - Solid vs haem malignancy
 - Autoimmune disease
 - Transplant

Viral

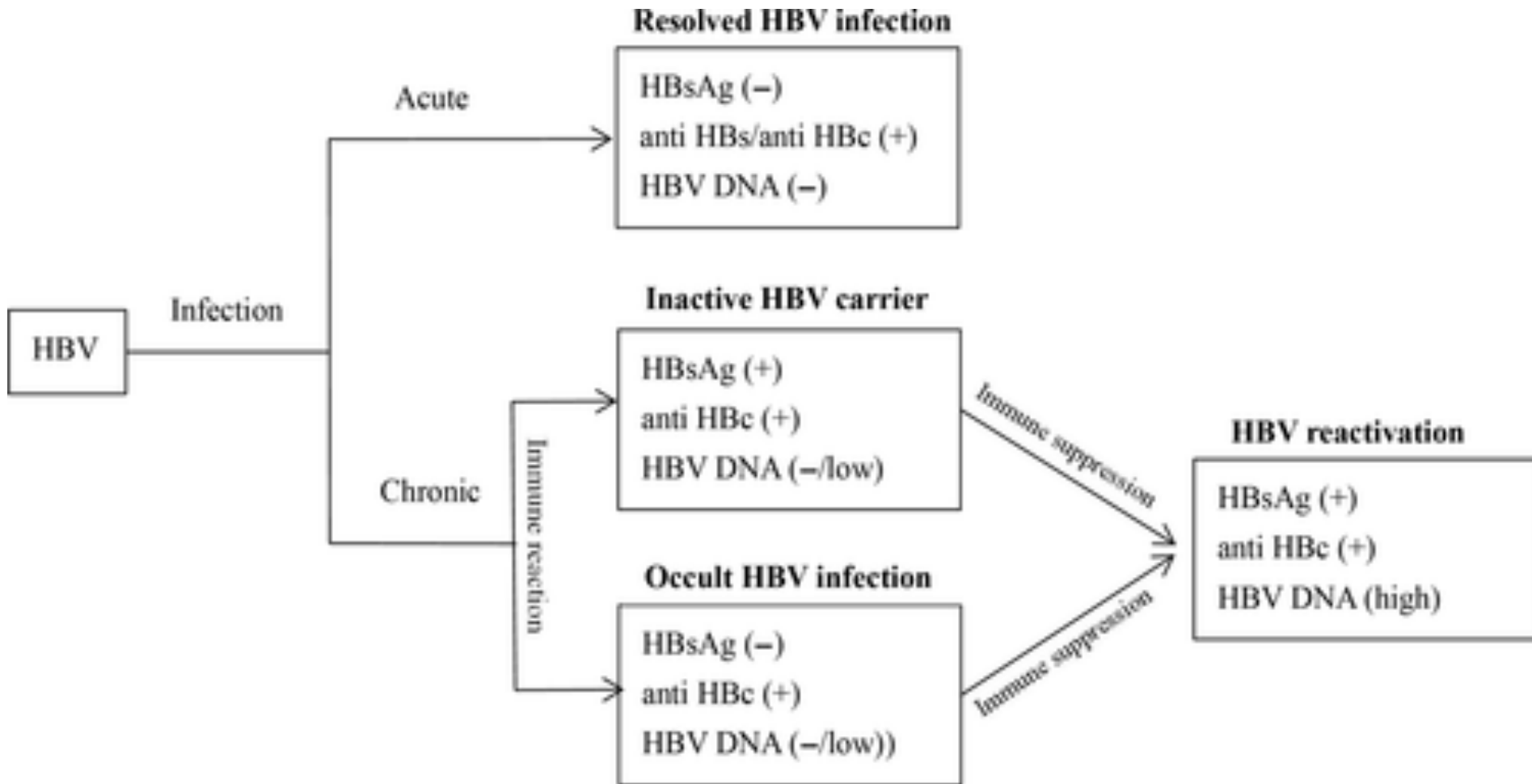
- High HBV DNA load
- HBsAg positive
- HBeAg positive
- Precore mutant
- Core promoter mutant
- Low antiHBs titres (in occult/resolved)



Drugs: type of immune suppression

- Intensity and duration of IS
- Biologics & Rituximab
- High dose steroids
- Anthracycline
- Stem cell transplantation

Patients at risk of reactivation



Definitions of Occult HBV Infection (OBI)

- Gold standard: HBV DNA in liver tissue
- Acceptable: Highly sensitive HBV DNA in serum
- Surrogate: anti-HBc positive

Occult HBV Infection (OBI)

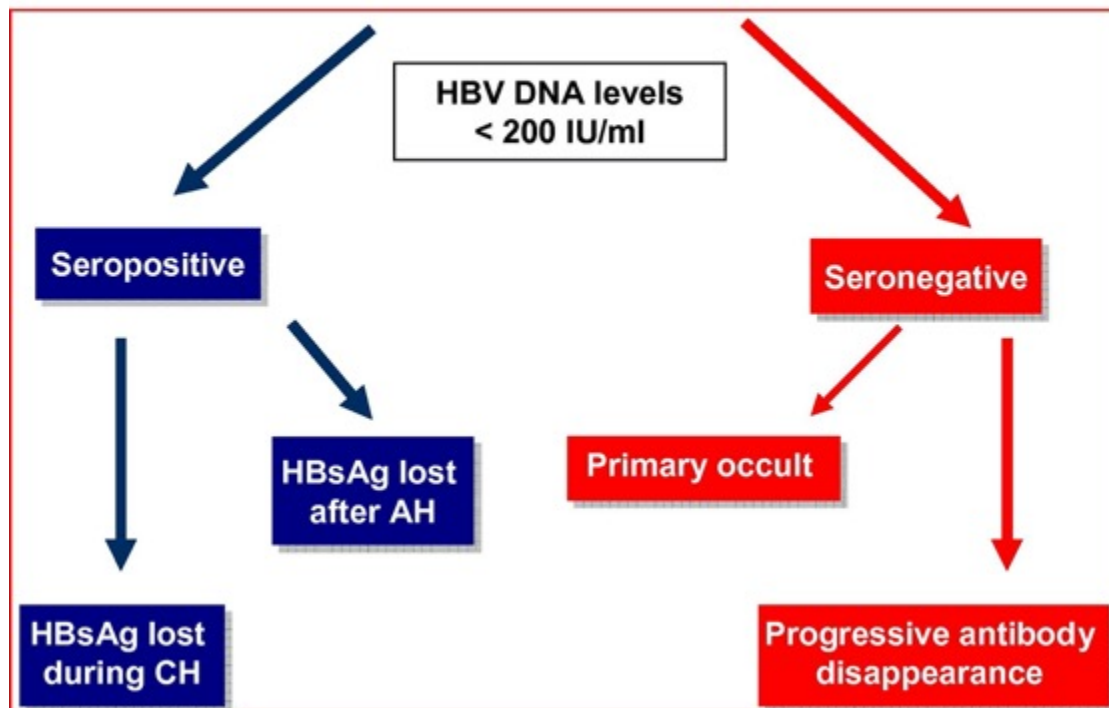
Seropositive

- Anti-HBc or anti-HBs positive

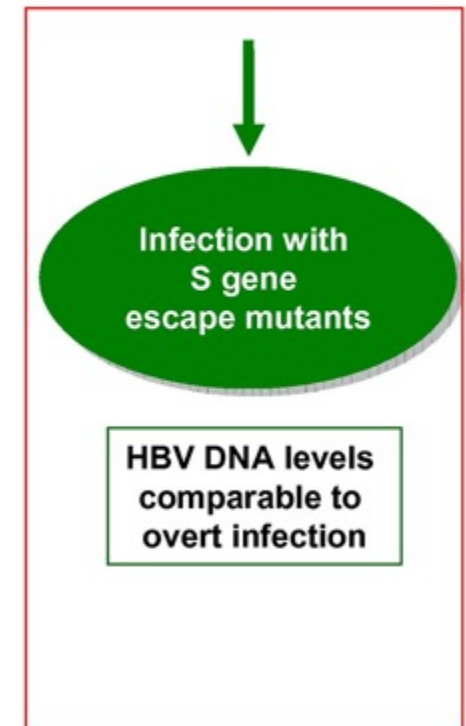
Seronegative

- Anti-HBc and anti-HBs negative

OBI



"false" OBI



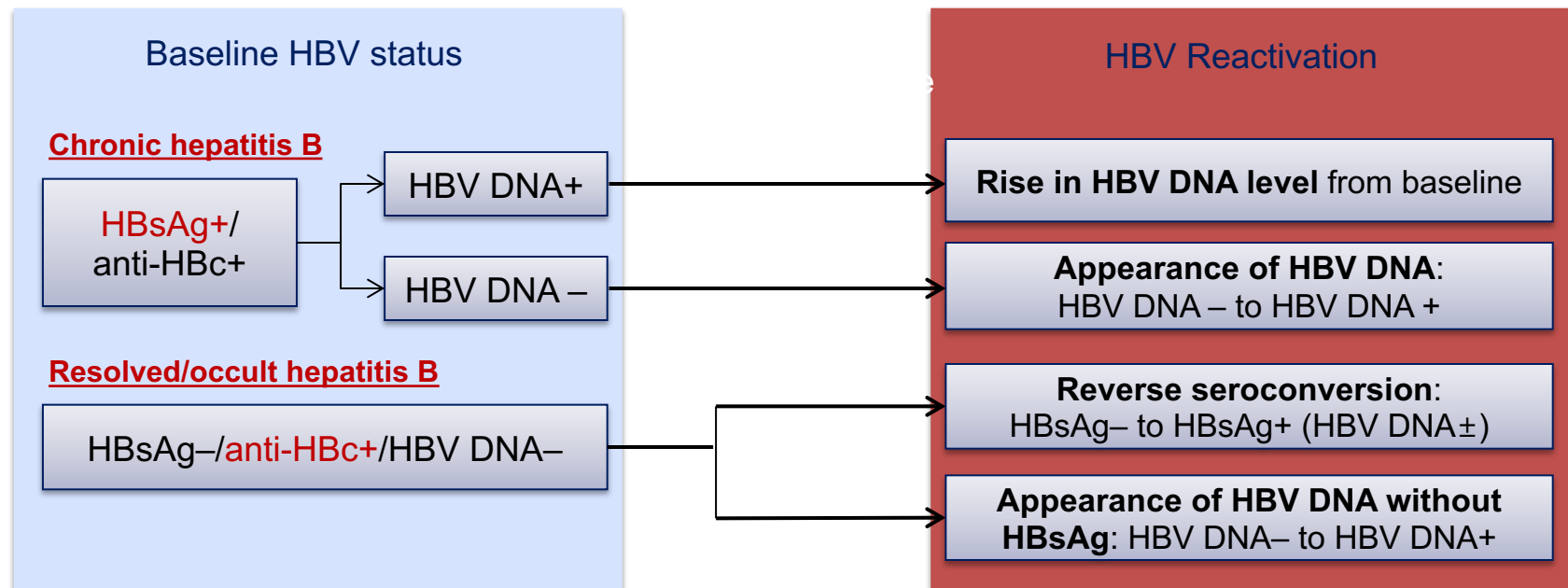
Overview of OBI

Prevalence

- High risk populations
 - Chronic liver disease (cryptogenic)(20-30%)
 - HCV+ (up to 50%)
 - IVDU (45%)
 - Hemophilia (51%)
 - HIV (41%)
- General populations
 - Canada (18%)
 - China (45%)
 - Taiwan (11% in HBV vaccinated children)
- Prevalence rates depend on the definition
- <20% of anti-HBc positive patients are HBV DNA positive, hence anti-HBc status may over-estimate OBI

Definition and Types of HBV reactivation

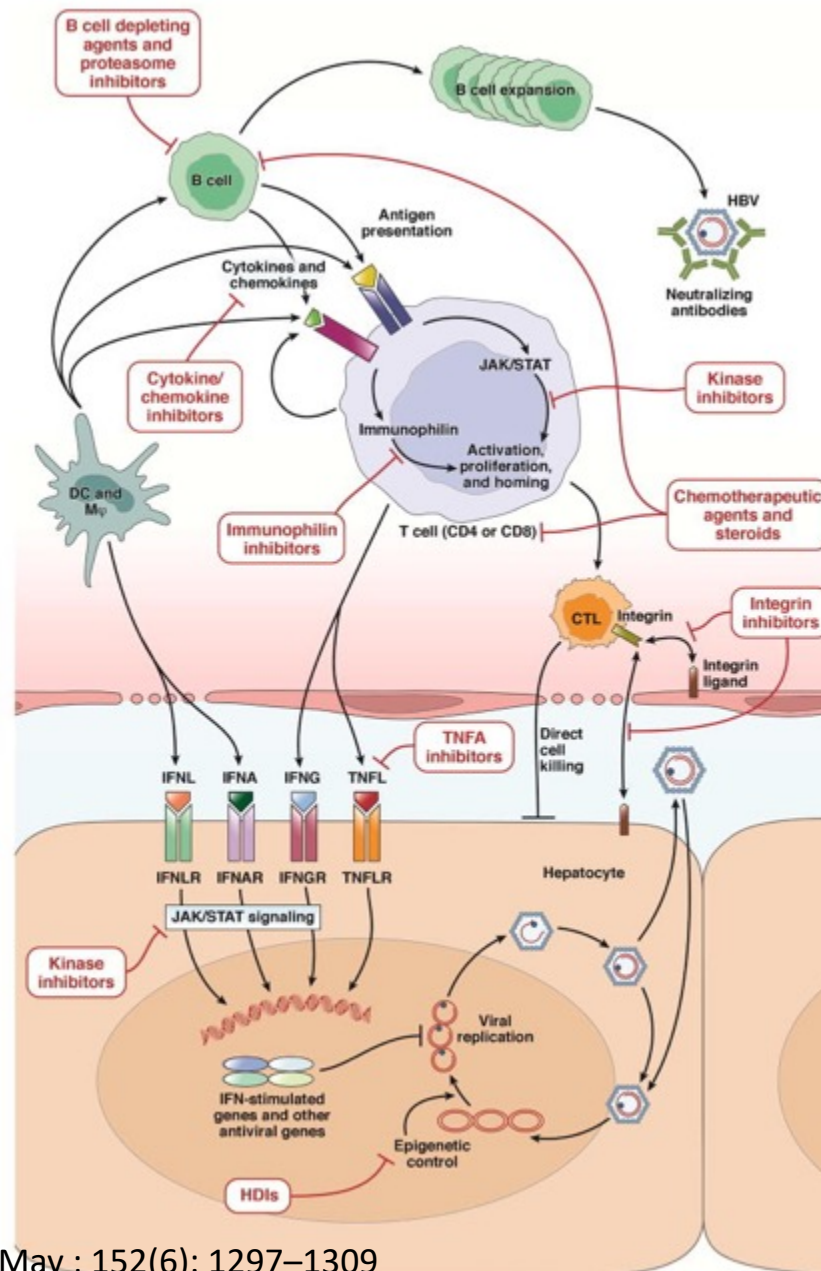
- Definition: a marked increase in HBV replication ($\geq 2 \log_{10}$ increase in HBV DNA levels from baseline levels or a new appearance of HBV DNA to a level of ≥ 100 IU/mL) in a person with previously stable or undetectable levels
- **Types:** “exacerbation of chronic hepatitis B” or “reactivation of past hepatitis B”



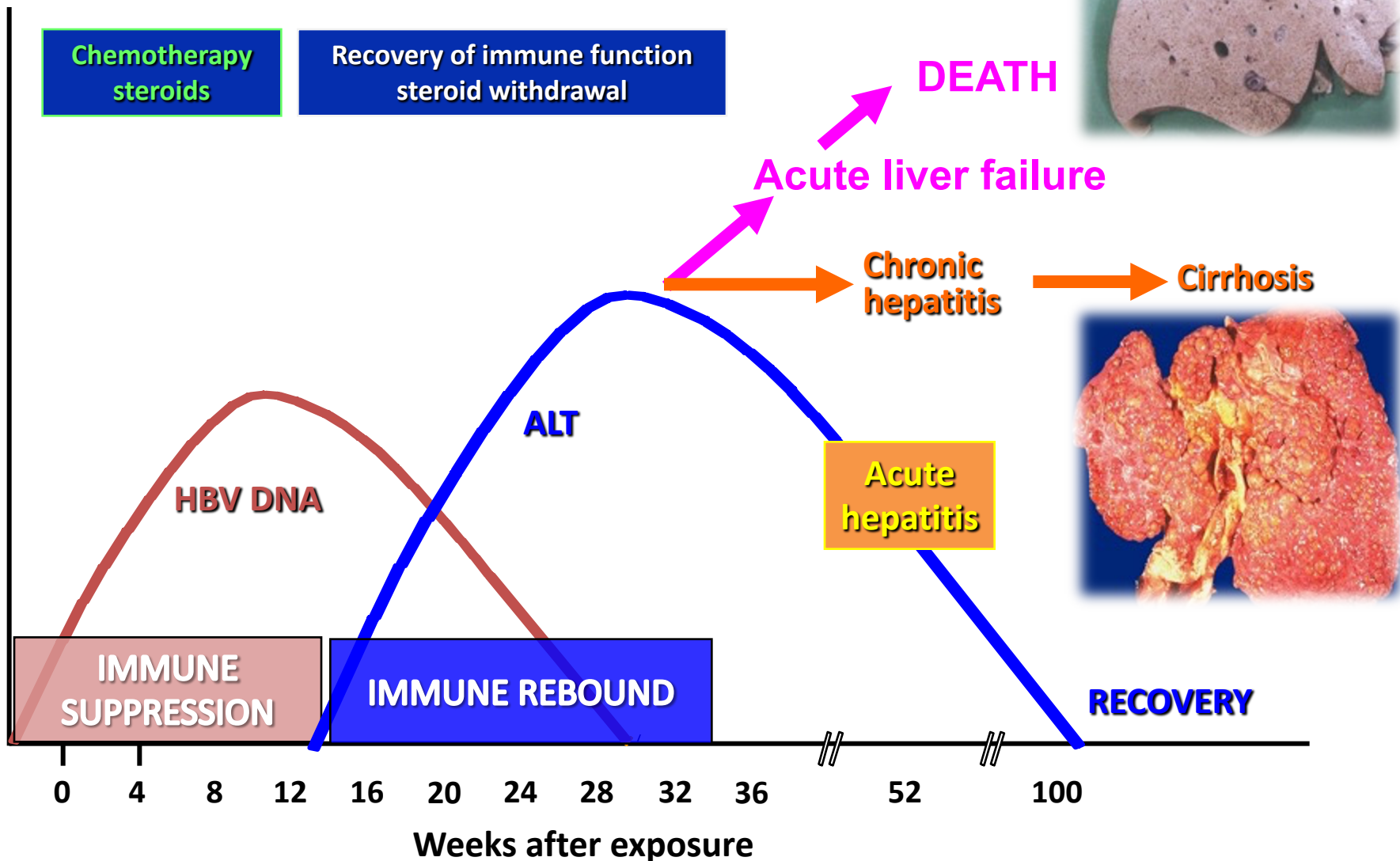
Definitions of HBV Reactivation Based on Society Guidelines

	Reactivation of CHB	HBV Flare	Reactivation of Resolved HBV
Baseline serologies	HBsAg(+), anti-HBc(+)		HBsAg(-), anti-HBc(+)
AASLD 2018 guidelines	Unknown DNA baseline: $\geq 10,000$ IU/mL	ALT ≥ 3 x ULN & HBV DNA ≥ 100 IU/ml	Detectable DNA
	Known DNA baseline, previously undetectable: $\geq 1,000$ IU/mL		OR
	Known DNA baseline, previously detectable: ≥ 100 -fold \uparrow		Detectable HBsAg
AGA 2015 guidelines	Unknown DNA baseline: not explicitly defined	Not stated	Detectable DNA
	Known DNA baseline, previously undetectable: <i>de novo</i> detectable DNA		OR
	Known DNA baseline, previously detectable: ≥ 10 -fold \uparrow		Detectable HBsAg
			OR
			Detectable HBeAg
APASL 2016 guidelines	Unknown DNA baseline: $\geq 20,000$ IU/mL	ALT ≥ 5 x ULN	Detectable DNA
	Known DNA baseline, previously undetectable: ≥ 100 IU/mL	Severe: Abn ALT + coagulopathy (INR > 1.5)	OR
	Known DNA baseline, previously detectable: ≥ 100 -fold \uparrow		Detectable HBsAg
EASL 2017 guidelines	Not explicitly defined	Not stated	Not explicitly defined

Pathways involved in HBV reactivation



Natural history of HBV reactivation during chemotherapy

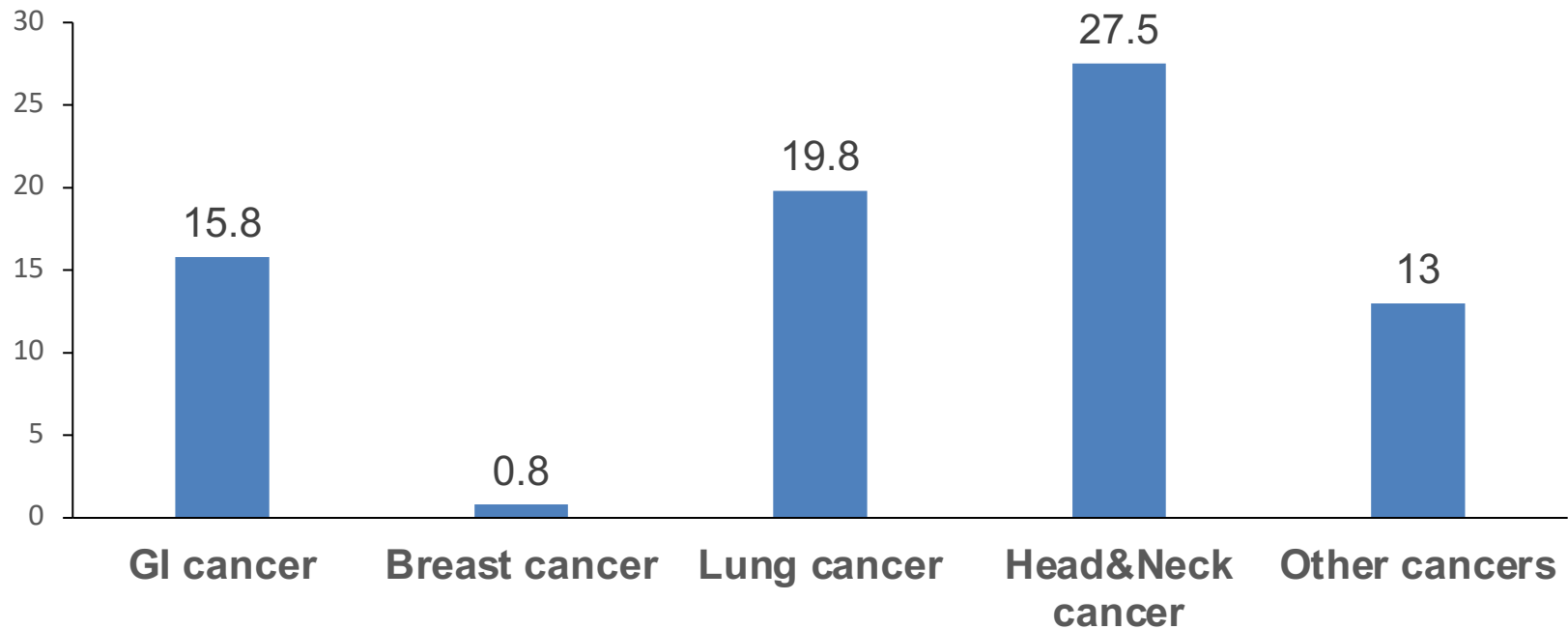


Risk of HBV reactivation

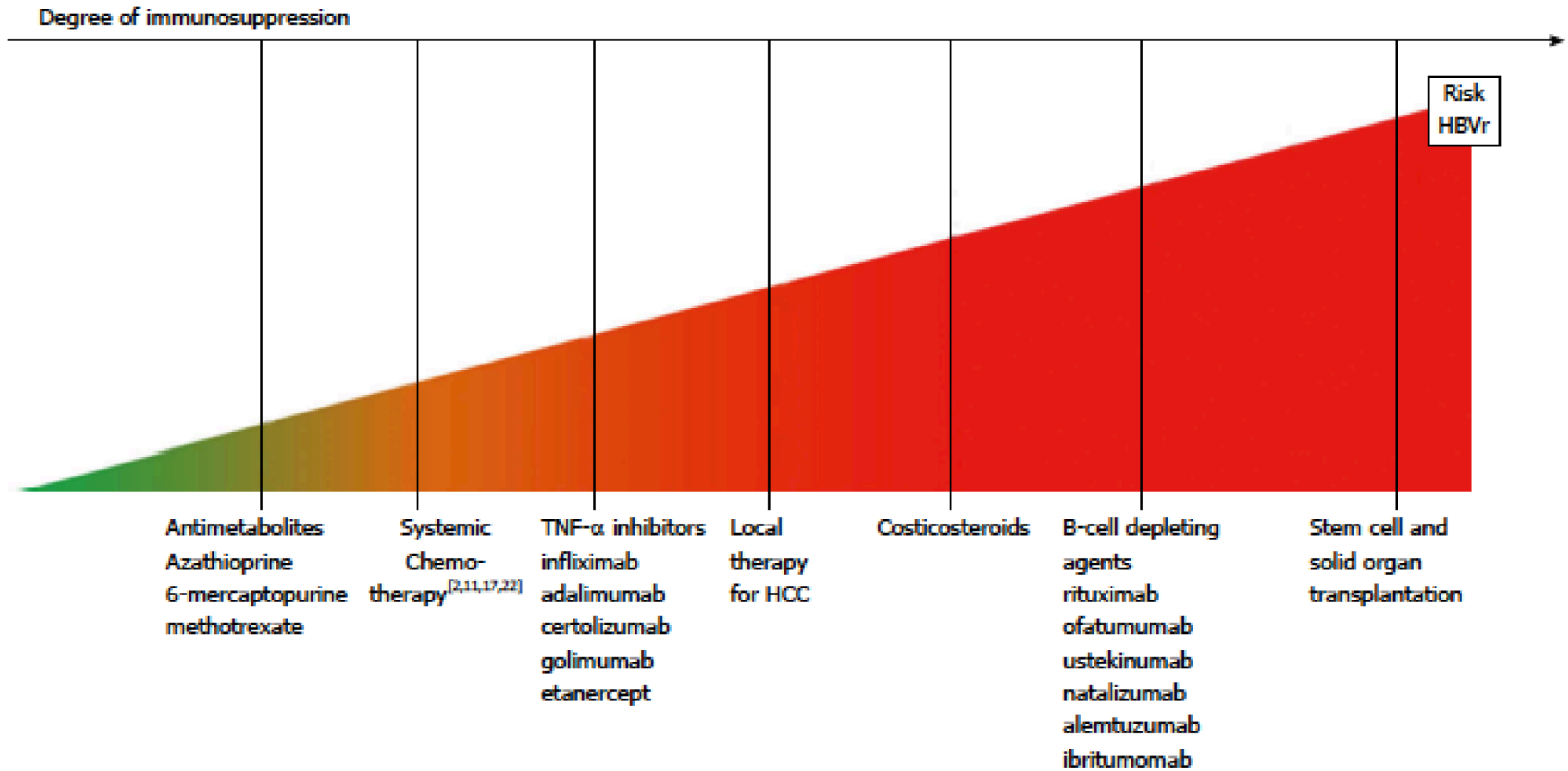
By type of disease

By type of immune suppression

Risk of HBV reactivation by solid tumour type: meta analysis



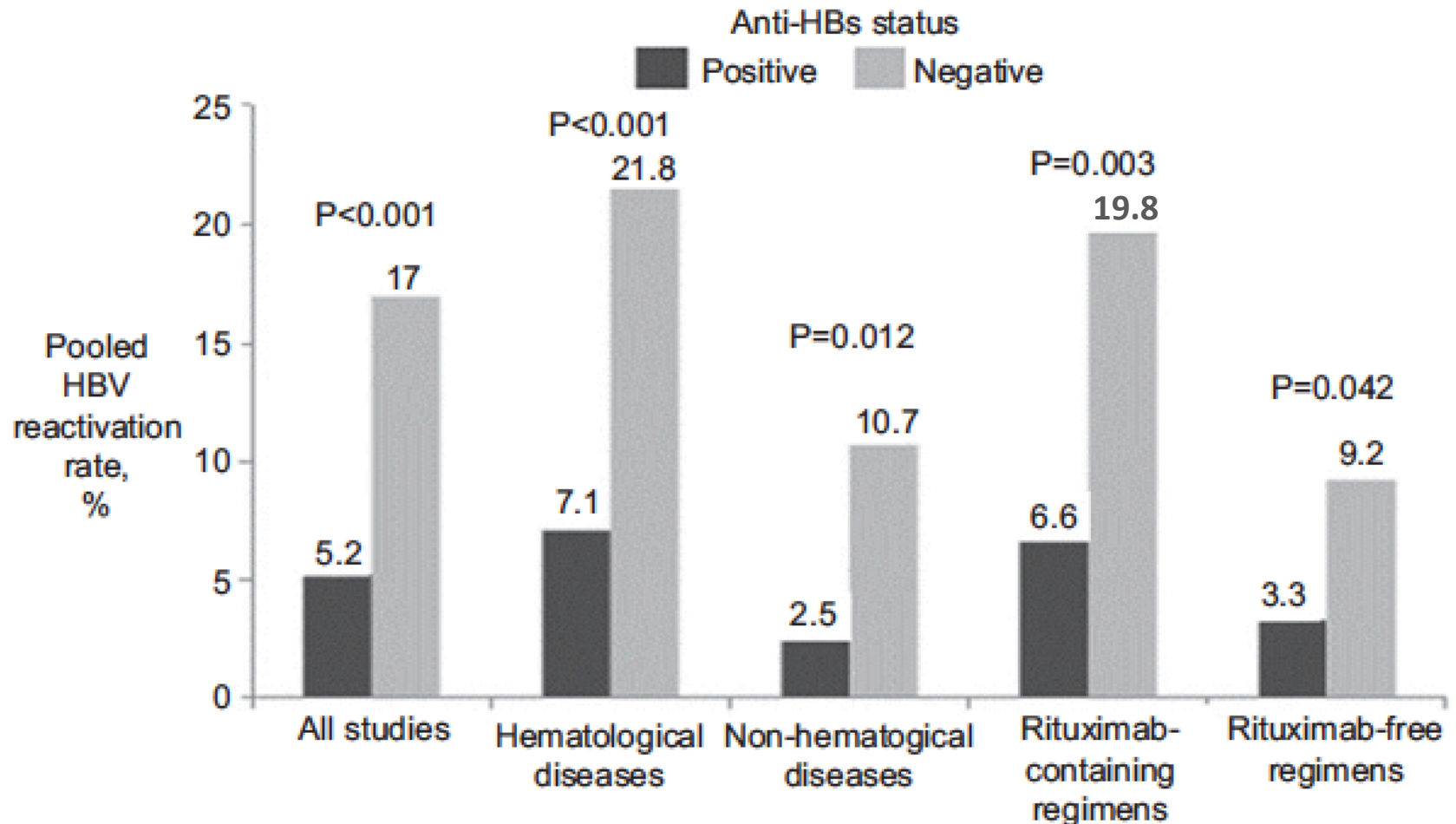
Risk of reactivation with different classes of immune suppression & chemotherapy



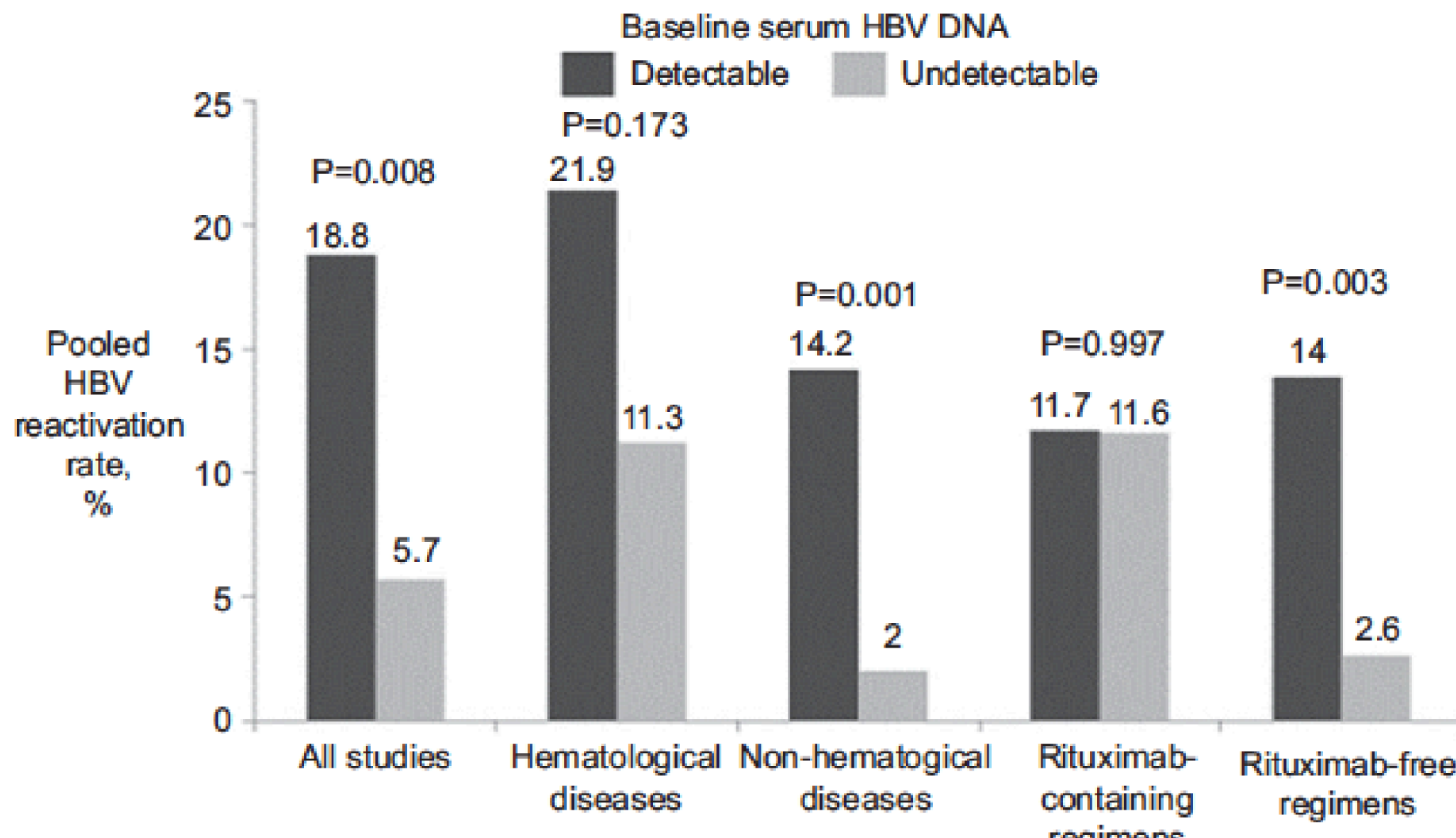
Immunosuppression drug classes and risk of HBV reactivation: AGA Technical Review (Systematic Review)

Drug class	Drug	Risk of reactivation	
		HBsAg pos	HBsAg neg/anti-HBc pos
B-cell depleting agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rituximab (anti-CD20) • Ofatumumab (anti-CD20) 	High (30%-60%)	High (> 10%)
TNF- α inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infliximab • Etanercept • Adalimumab 	Moderate (1%-10%)	Moderate (1%)
Cytokine inhibitors and integrin inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abatacept (anti-CD80, -86) • Ustekinumab (anti-IL-12, -23) • Natalizumab (binds α4-integrin) • Vedolizumab [binds integrin α4β7 (LPAM-1)] 	Moderate (1%-10%)	Moderate (1%)
Tyrosine kinase inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imatinib • Nilotinib 	Moderate (1%-10%)	Moderate (1%)
Anthracycline derivatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxorubicin • Epirubicin 	High (15%-30%)	High (> 10%)
Corticosteroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High dose, e.g., prednisone \geq 20 mg for \geq 4 wk 	High (> 10%)	NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate dose, e.g., prednisone < 20 mg for \geq 4 wk 	Moderate (1%-10%)	Moderate (1%-10%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low dose, e.g., prednisone for < 1 wk 	Low (< 1%)	Low (<< 1%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intra-articular corticosteroids 	Low (< 1%)	Low (<< 1%)
Traditional immunosuppression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azathioprine • 6-mercaptopurine • Methotrexate 	Low (< 1%)	Low (<< 1%)

HBV reactivation in those HBsAg neg, based on anti-HBs status



HBV reactivation in those HBsAg neg, based on HBV DNA



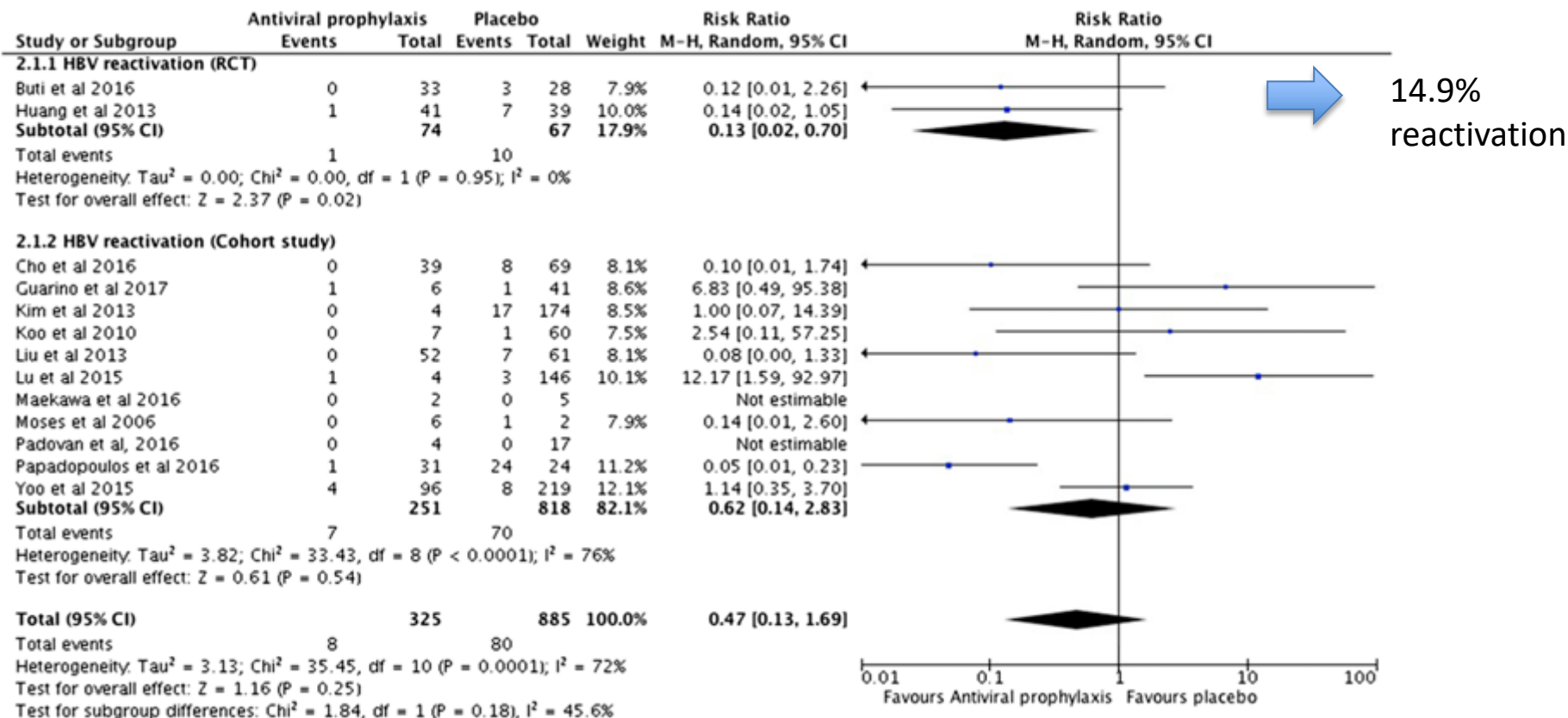
Biologics and risk of HBV reactivation: HBsAg positive

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TNF-a inhibitors			Infliximab, Adalimumab, Certolizumab, Etanercept, Golimumab
Agents targeting B cells Anti-CD20 Anti-CD38 Anti-CD30 Inhibit B-cell activating factor			Rituximab, Ofatumumab Ocrelizumab, Obinutuzumab, Ibritumomab, Daratumumab, Brentuximab, Belimumab
Direct T-cell activation Anti-CD80/86 Anti-CD2 IL-23 inhibitors IL-17 inhibitors			Belatacept, Abatacept Alefacept, Ustekinumab Guselkumab, Tildrakizumab, Secukinumab, Ixekizumab, Brodalumab
Direct T-cell inhibition and agents targeting T-cell migration and chemotaxis Blocking alpha4-integrin Anti-CD52		Natalizumab Vedolizumab	Alemtuzumab
Interleukin inhibitors IL-1 inhibitors IL-6 inhibitors		Anakinra, Tocilizumab Canakinumab, Rilonacept, Sarilumab	
Checkpoint inhibitors	Ipilimumab, Atezolizumab, Durvalumab, Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab, Cemiplimab, Avelumab		
Tyrosine kinase inhibitors for heme malignancies Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors Small-molecule Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase inhibitors		Ibrutinib, Acalabrutinib, Imatinib, Nilotinib Dasatinib, Bosutinib Ponatinib, Bafetinib	
EGFR inhibitors and other tyrosine kinase inhibitors for solid tumors EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors EGFR inhibiting monoclonal antibody Other tyrosine kinase inhibitors VEGF inhibitors VEGF and FGFR inhibitors	Cetuximab, Panitumumab Sorafenib, Sunitinib Bevacizumab Lenvatinib	Gefitinib, Erlotinib Osimertinib, Afatinib Dacomitinib	Ogawa et al, Infect Dis Clin N Am 34 (2020) 341–358
Targeting JAK-STAT signaling and complement pathway JAK inhibitors C5 inhibitors	Eculizumab Ravulizumab	Ruxolitinib, Tofacitinib, Baricitinib	

Biologics and risk of HBV reactivation: HBsAg(-) anti-HBc(+)

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HBV reactivation in HBsAg negative, anti-HBc Ab positive patients with Rituximab Therapy



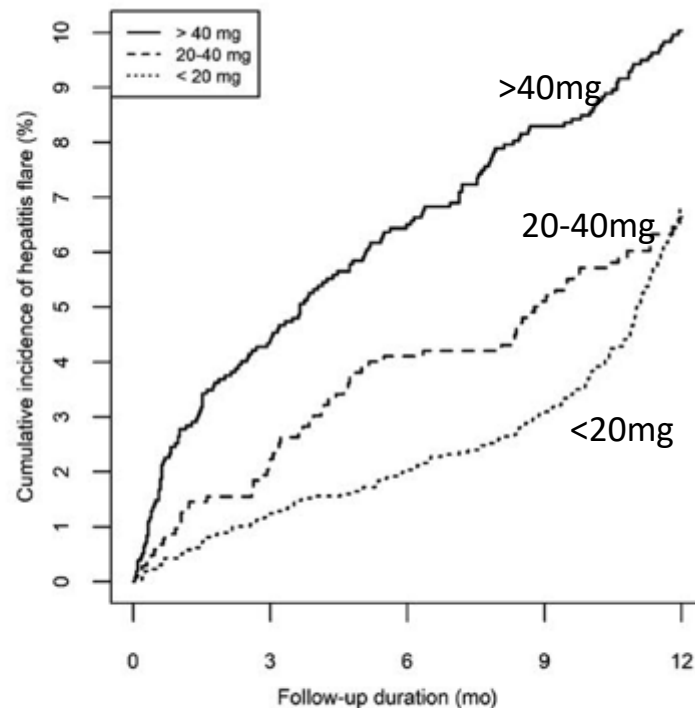
- Blocking B cell function leads to HBV reactivation in ~15% of HBsAg negative patients

Corticosteroids

Dose and duration of corticosteroids on risk of HBV Flare

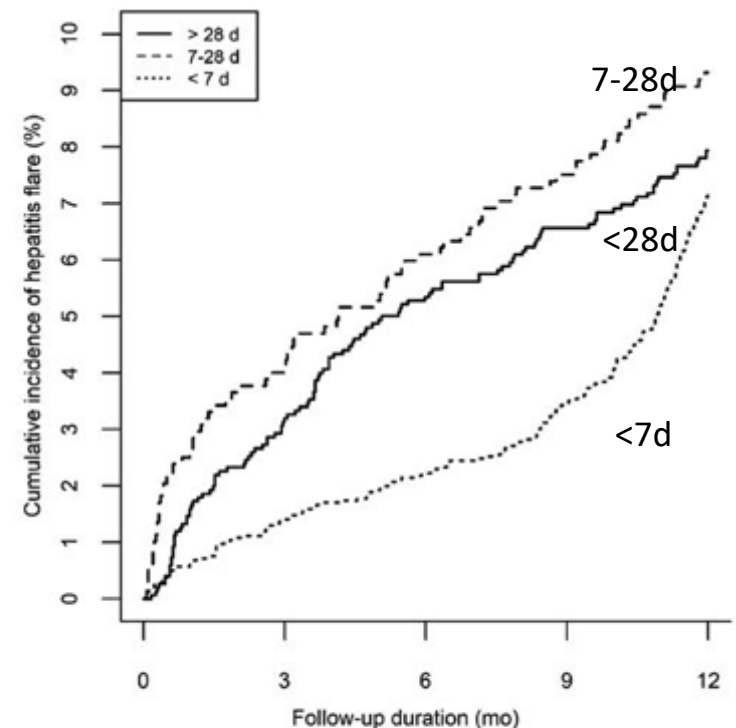
- 5254 patients evaluated from HK Hosp Authority database from 2001-2004 (before lamivudine era)
- Highest risk of HBV flare was in those treated with prednisolone >40mg (HR 1.64) and those treated from 7-28d & >28d (HR 1.90, 1.64 respectively)

(B)



Number at risk (> 40 mg)	1567	1462	1420	1378	1337
Number at risk (20-40 mg)	1045	995	968	945	900
Number at risk (< 20 mg)	2642	2506	2443	2370	2181

(C)



Number at risk (> 28 d)	1517	1447	1403	1371	1333
Number at risk (7-28 d)	890	827	803	779	741
Number at risk (< 7 d)	2847	2689	2625	2543	2344

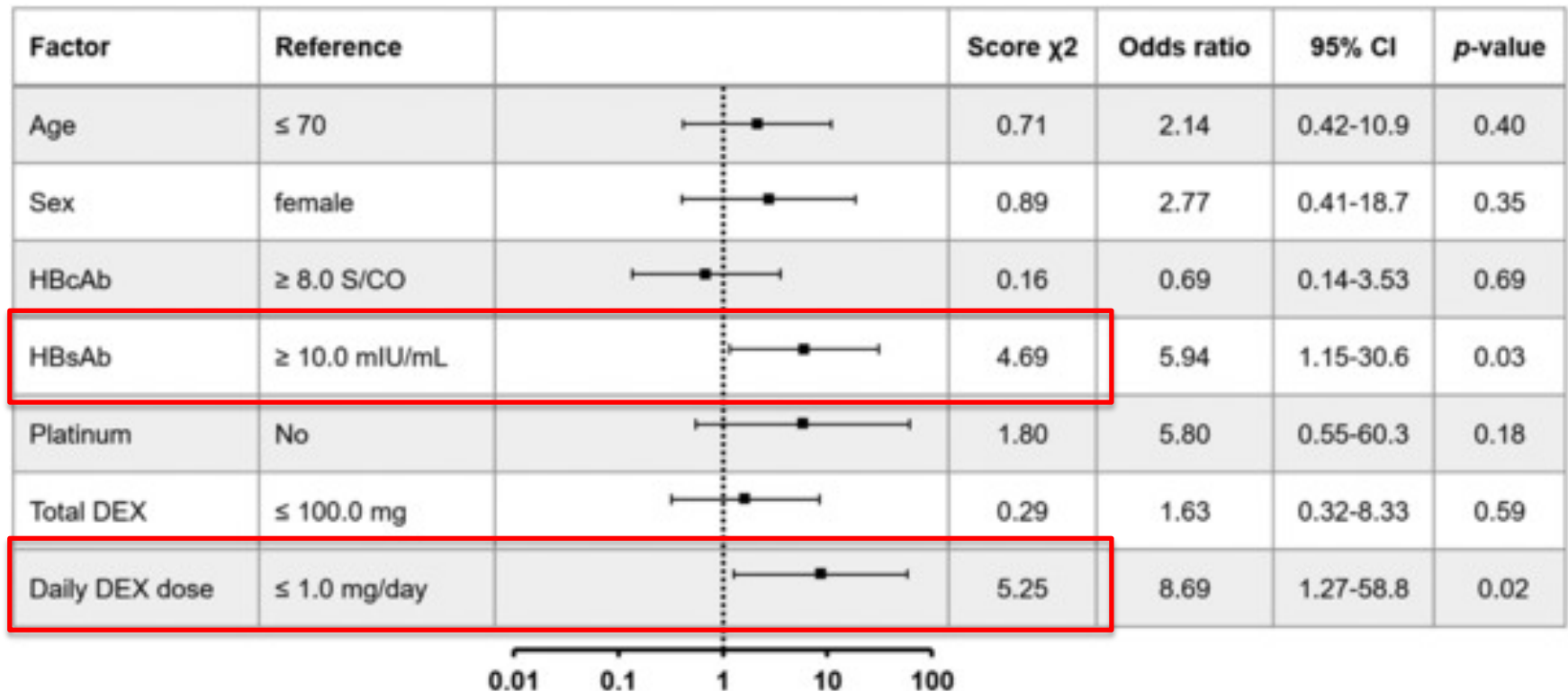
HBV reactivation with oral prednisone in HBsAg+ patients

- No systematic reviews of HBV reactivation in corticosteroid therapy
 - » Clinical studies show reactivation with prednisolone >30mg, >12w → reactivation 30-70%

Hwang J and Lok AS. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2014;11(4):209–19.

- What is a safe steroid dose? Low risk group:
 - » Low dose (<10 mg/day)
 - » Short course (<4 weeks)
 - » Inhaled
 - » Intra-articular

Risk factors for HBV reactivation in resolved HBV (HBsAg neg, anti-HBc pos) treated for solid tumours

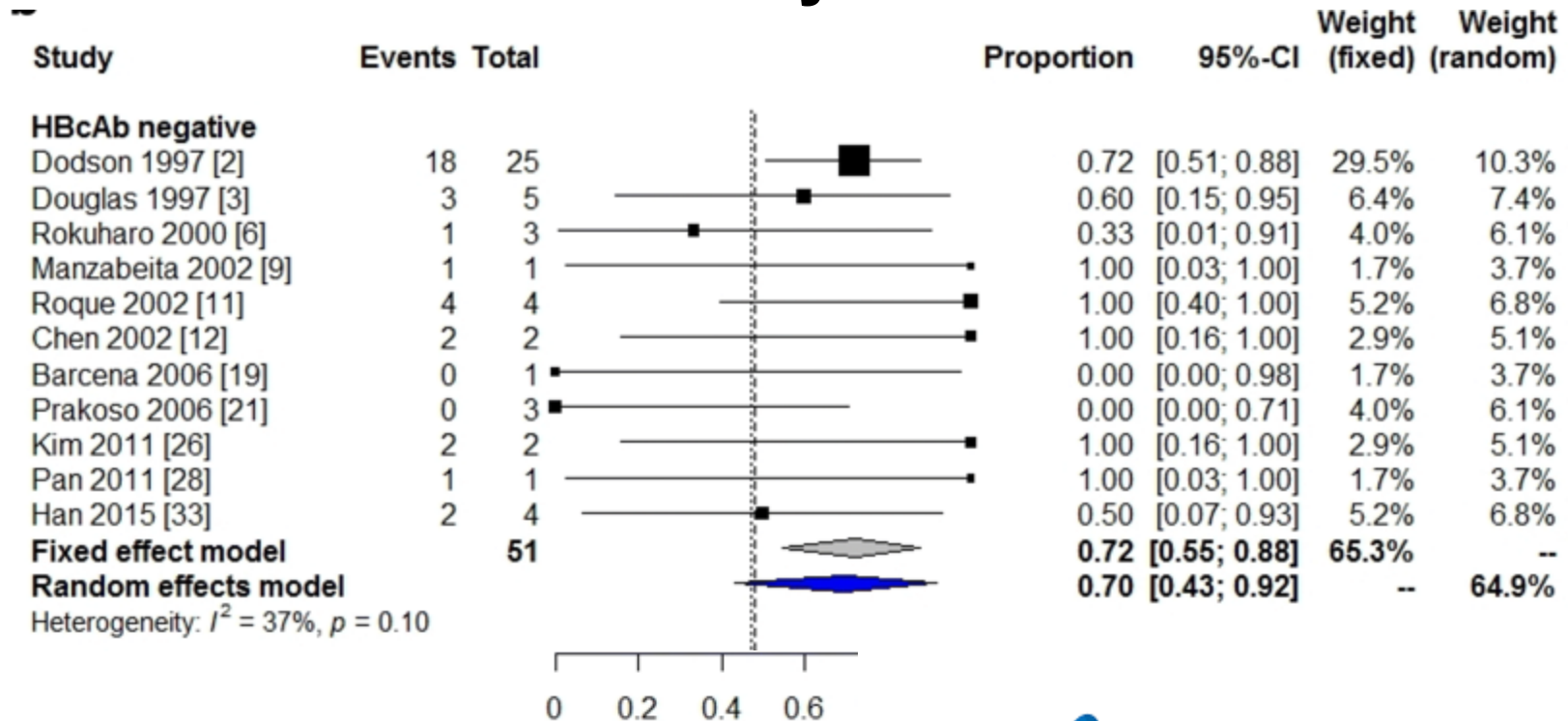


251 patients had resolved HBV infection (negative for HBs antigen and positive for anti-HBc antibody and/or positive for anti-HBs antibody)

- Cancer types: lung (33%), GI (27%), Gynae (14%), urology (13%), breast (6%)
- Chemotherapy: Platinum based (66.3%), anthracycline based (10%), Dex (83%)

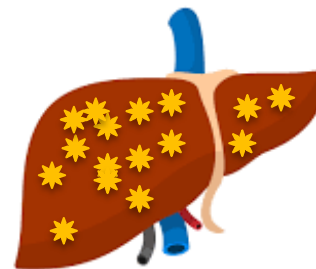
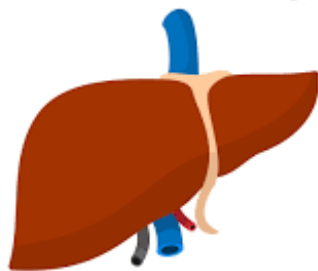
Transplantation

De novo HBV post Liver Transplant: meta analysis



Liver Transplant
Donor

HBsAg neg
Anti-HBc pos

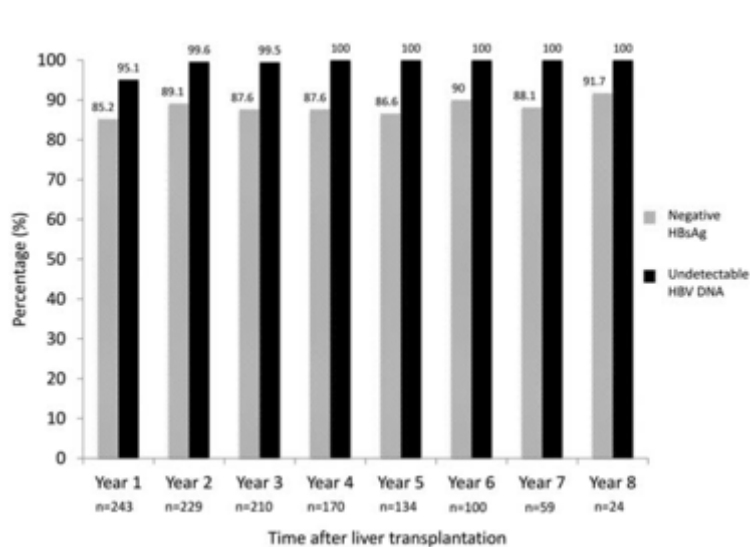


Liver Transplant
Recipient

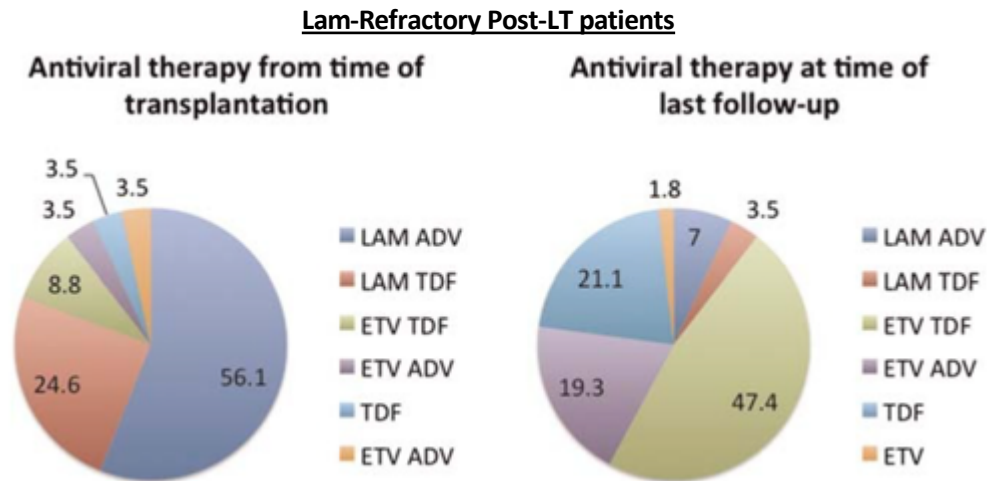
Up to 72% De Novo HBV
In anti-HBc neg recipient

HBV Prophylaxis after Liver Transplantation without HBIg

- Long-term antiviral prophylaxis is required after liver transplantation for patients with chronic HBV infection to prevent reactivation



J Fung et al. Hepatology 2017



J Fung et al. Transplantation. 2017

Guideline recommendations

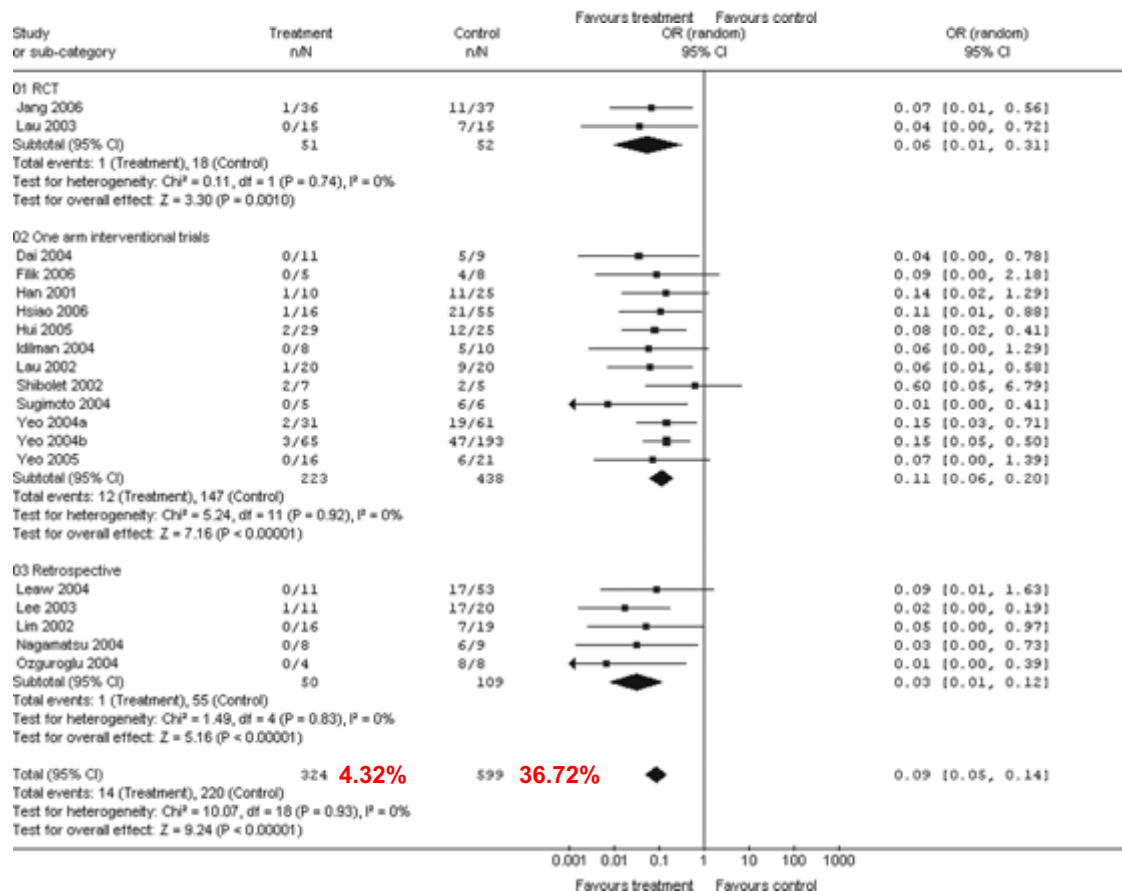
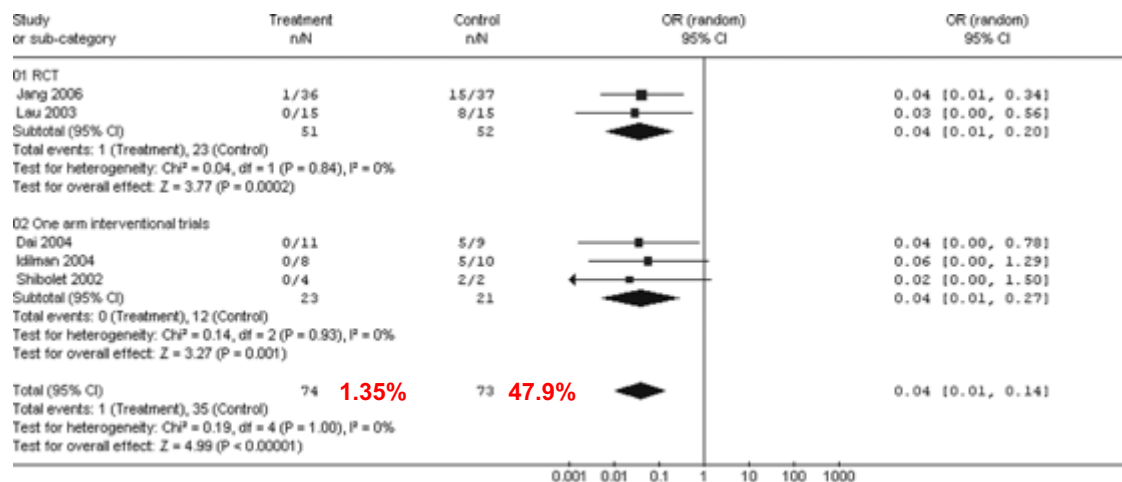
Guideline Recommendations for HBV Screening and Antiviral Prophylaxis

	HBV Screening		Routine Antiviral prophylaxis		
	Population	Tests	Population	Duration of prophylaxis	Antivirals
AASLD ¹	High risk of HBV infection	HBsAg, anti-HBc	HBsAg+* (regardless of HBV DNA levels)	During tx + 6-12 months after cessation of therapy (12m for those on anti-CD20)	• High genetic barrier drugs: ETV, TDF, TAF
			HBsAg-Ant-HBc+	Only those with lymphoma on anti-CD20 Treatment should be during Tx and 12m after stopping therapy	• High genetic barrier drugs: ETV, TDF, TAF
EASL ²	All candidates for chemo- and Immunosuppressive therapy	HBsAg, anti-HBc, HBV DNA	HBsAg+ (regardless of HBV DNA levels)	During Tx + 12 months after cessation of therapy	• High genetic barrier drugs: ETV, TDF, TAF
			HBsAg-/Anti-HBc+/HBV DNA+**	Those receiving anti-CD20 or stem cell transplant During Tx + 18 months after cessation of therapy	• High genetic barrier drugs: ETV, TDF, TAF
APASL ³	All candidates for chemo- and Immunosuppressive therapy	HBsAg, anti-HBc	HBsAg+	During Tx + 12 months after cessation of therapy	Nucleoside Analogues
			HBsAg-Ant-HBc+	For BM or Stem Cell Transplant – duration uncertain No recommendation for anti-CD20 (monitoring or antivirals unclear)	Nucleoside Analogues

*HBsAg-/anti-HBc+(regardless of anti-HBs) - Monitoring and **pre-emptive therapy** when HBV DNA becomes detectable.

** HBsAg-/anti-HBc+/HBV DNA- (regardless of anti-HBs) – Monitoring and **pre-emptive therapy** upon confirmation of HBV reactivation before ALT elevation.

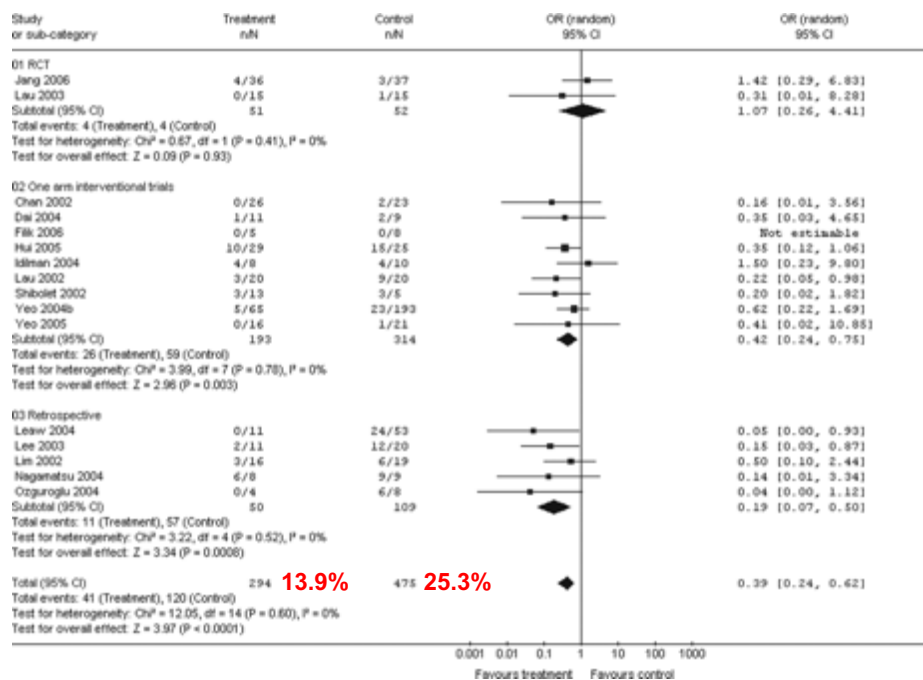
Outcomes of HBV reactivation



LAM prevents viral & clinical reactivation in immunosuppressed CHB

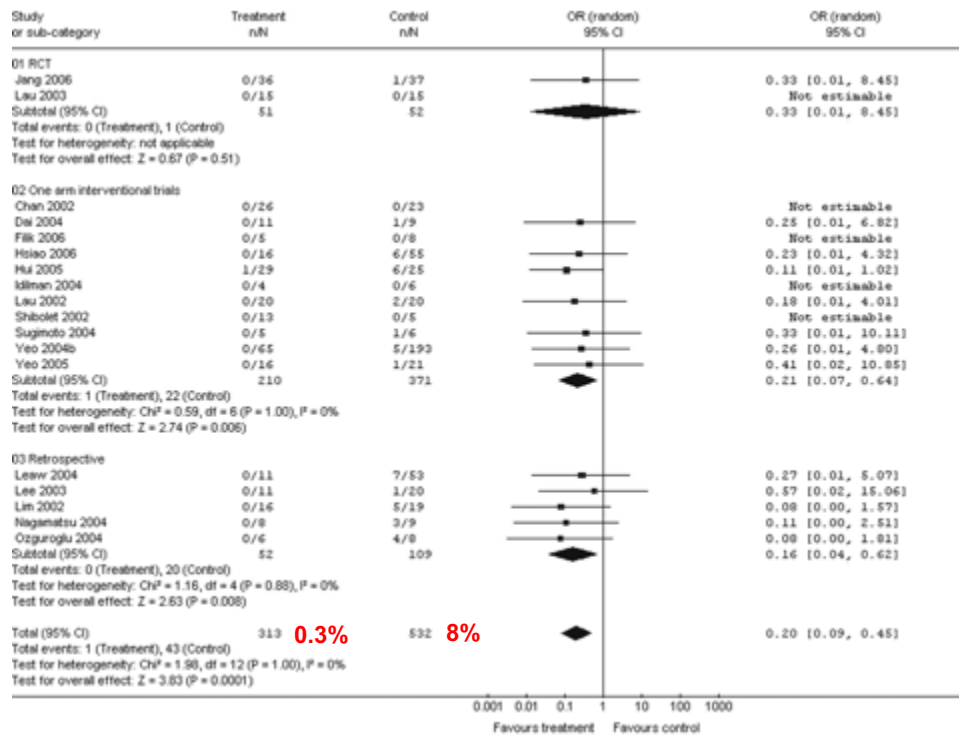
**Viral reactivation
97.2% reduction**

**Clinical reactivation
88.2% reduction**



LAM reduces overall & HBV related mortality

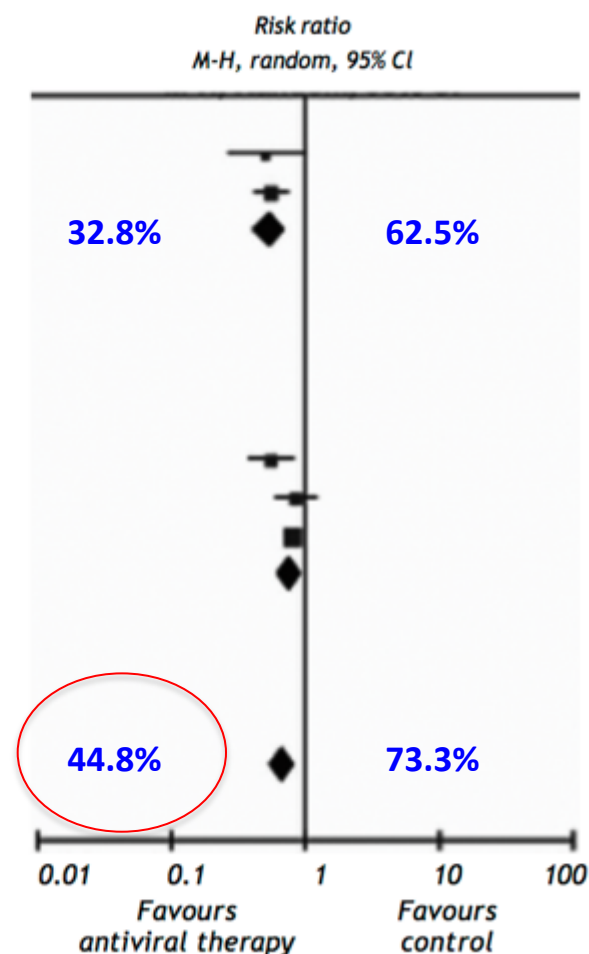
LAM reduces overall mortality by 45%



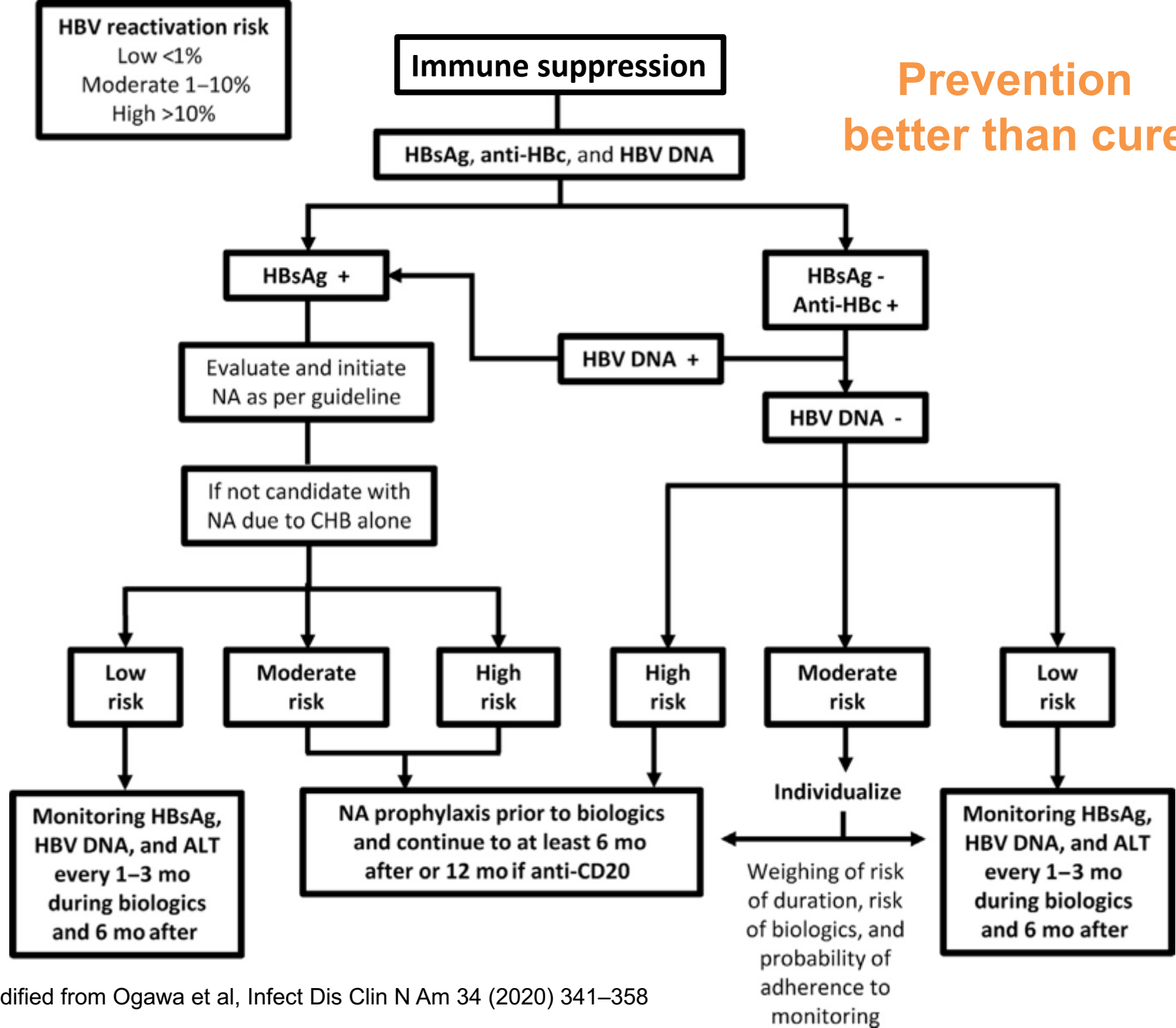
LAM reduces HBV related mortality by 96%

Anti-viral therapy in treatment of HBV induced ACLF

Study of subgroup	Antiviral therapy		Control		Weight	Risk ratio
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, random. 95% CI
1.12.1 RCT						
Garg 2011	6	14	11	13	8.8%	0.51 (0.27, 0.97)
Hu 2010	70	218	34	59	22.6%	0.56 (0.42, 0.75)
Subtotal (95% CI)		232		72	31.4%	0.55 (0.42, 0.72)
Total events	76		45			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 0.07$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.79$); $I^2 = 0\%$.						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 4.43$ ($P < 0.00001$)						
1.12.2 Retrospective cohort						
Chen 2011	26	72	22	34	16.9%	0.56 (0.38, 0.83)
Cui 2010	34	67	22	37	18.9%	0.85 (0.60, 1.22)
Sun 2009	86	124	109	127	32.8%	0.81 (0.70, 0.93)
Subtotal (95% CI)		263		198	68.6%	0.76 (0.62, 0.93)
Total events	146		153			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.01$; $\chi^2 = 3.34$, $df = 2$ ($P = 0.19$); $I^2 = 40\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.62$ ($P = 0.009$)						
Total (95% CI)		495		270	100.0%	0.68 (0.54, 0.84)
Total events	222		198			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.03$; $\chi^2 = 9.66$, $df = 4$ ($P = 0.05$); $I^2 = 59\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.49$ ($P = 0.0005$)						
Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 3.63$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.06$), $I^2 = 72.4\%$						



**Prevention
better than cure**



Conclusions



- Risk for HBV reactivation can be categorised to high ($>10\%$), moderate ($1-10\%$) or low risk ($<1\%$)
- Using HBsAg neg anti-HBc pos as a surrogate for OBI, antiviral prophylaxis should be given for those who are moderate or high risk
- Antiviral prophylaxis generally should use high genetic barrier drugs and for an additional 6-12m after end of immunosuppression
- All patients need to be monitored regularly for potential reactivation
- Reactivation of HBV can rapidly lead to acute on chronic liver failure may not be able to be rescued with antiviral therapy (44% mortality with antiviral therapy)
- If in doubt, risk/benefit ratio is to give prophylaxis as benefit far outweighs the risks.



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