



The future's bright, the
future's orange....

the challenges of liver
disease now and in the
next 50 years

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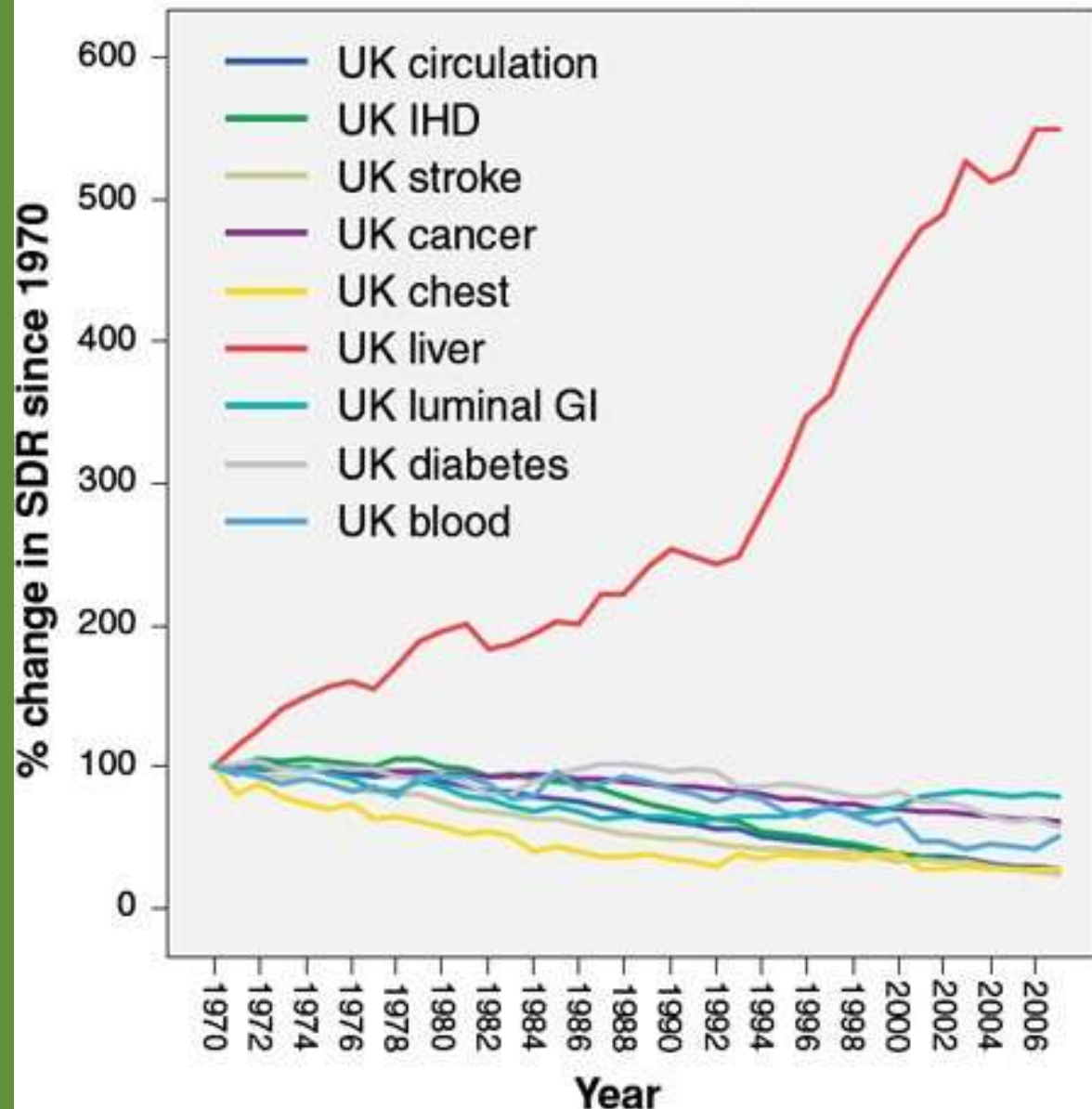


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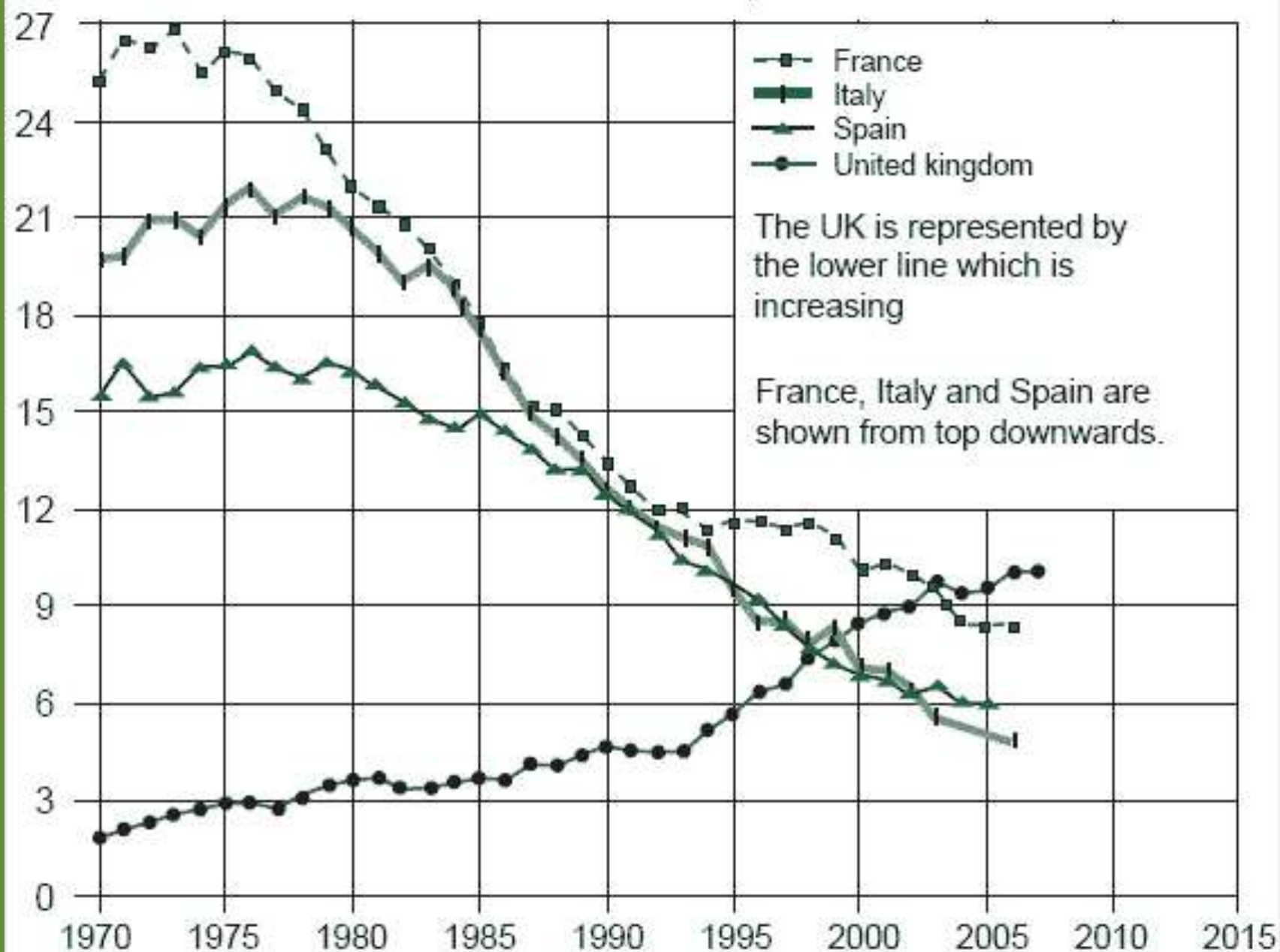


- The scale of the problem
- The main culprits
- What are we trying to look out for?
- How good are our tests?
- Is there anything better to use?

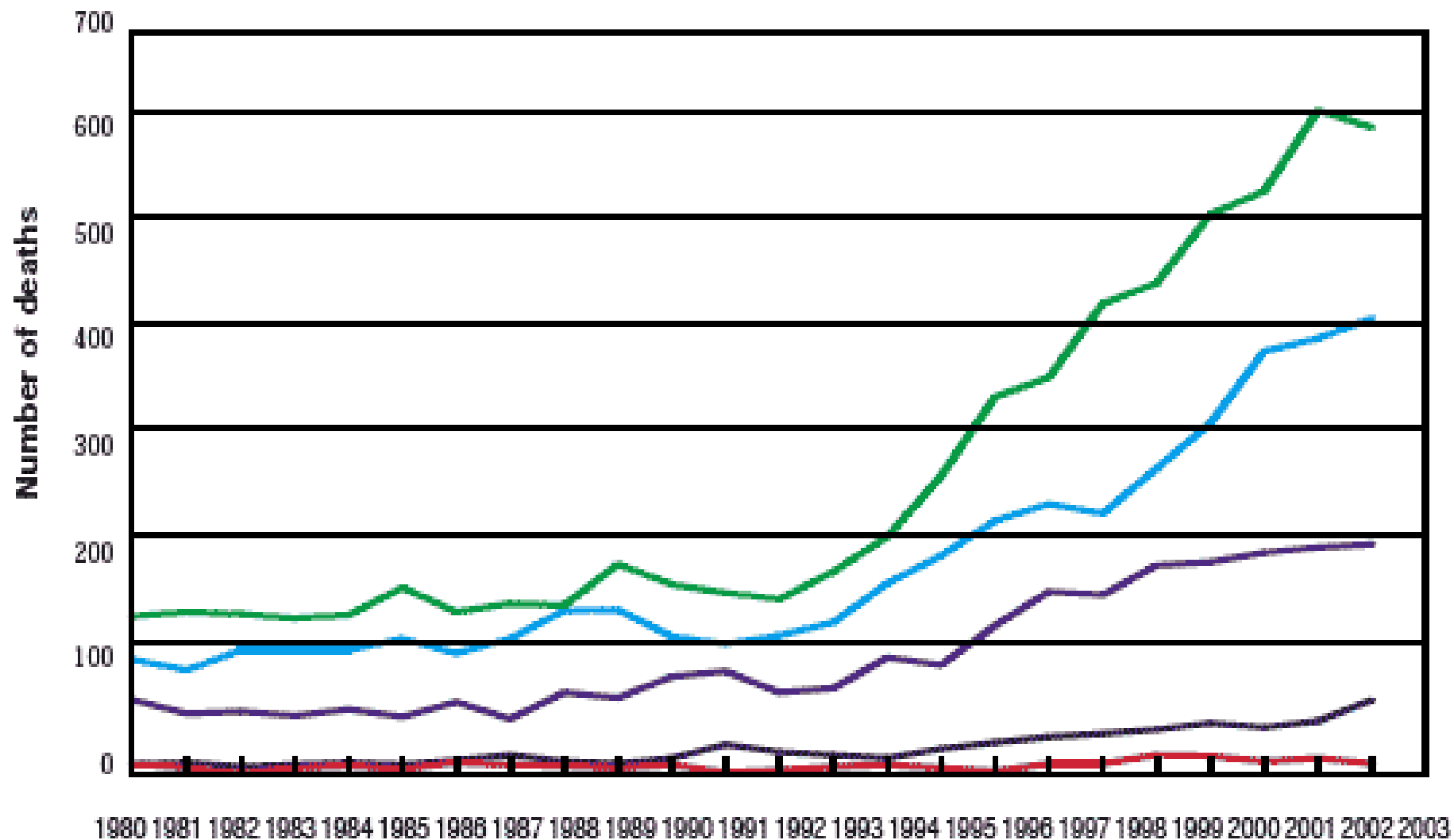
UK under 65 standard death rate for various diseases (1970 = 100%)



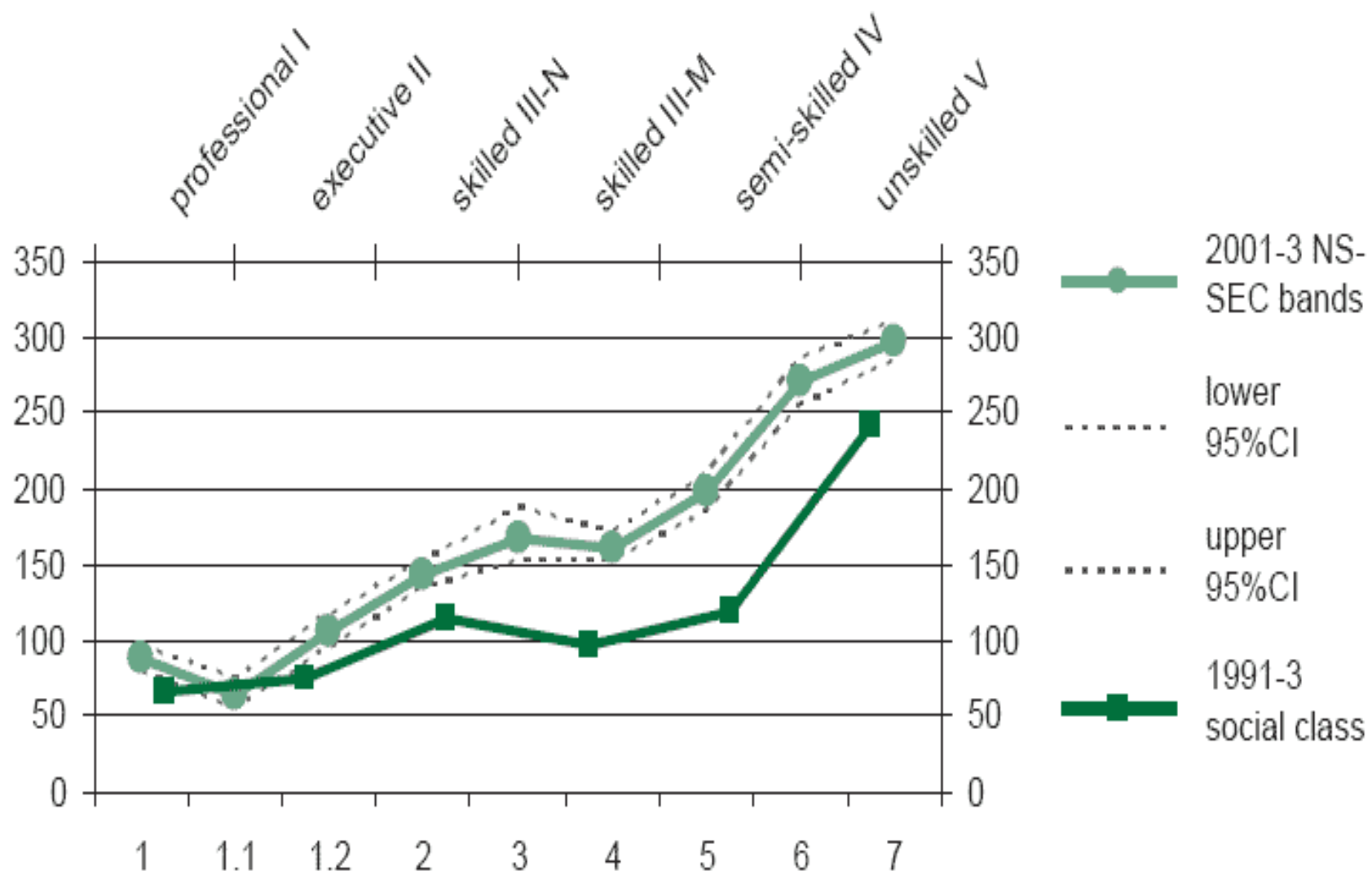
SDR, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, 0-64 per 100000

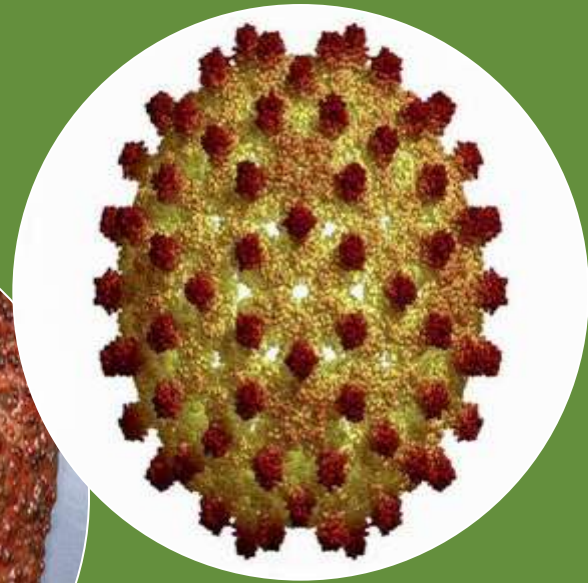


Source: WHO, Europe, European HPA Database, January 2009



under 30 30 to 44 45 to 59 60 to 74 75 and over





Heaviest drinking day in the week (2008) (for drinkers aged 16 and over)



Mon



Tue



Wed



Thu



Fri



Sat



Sun



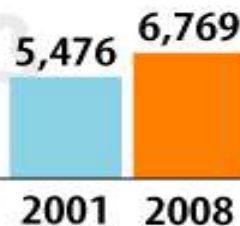
35%



65%



**GENDER OF
THE VICTIMS**



a 23.6%
increase

ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS in ENGLAND, BY GENDER (2001-2008)

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SOURCE: The Health and Social Care
Information Centre

Alcohol-related harm

Levels of harm:

Lowest levels

Grouping 1

Grouping 2

Grouping 3

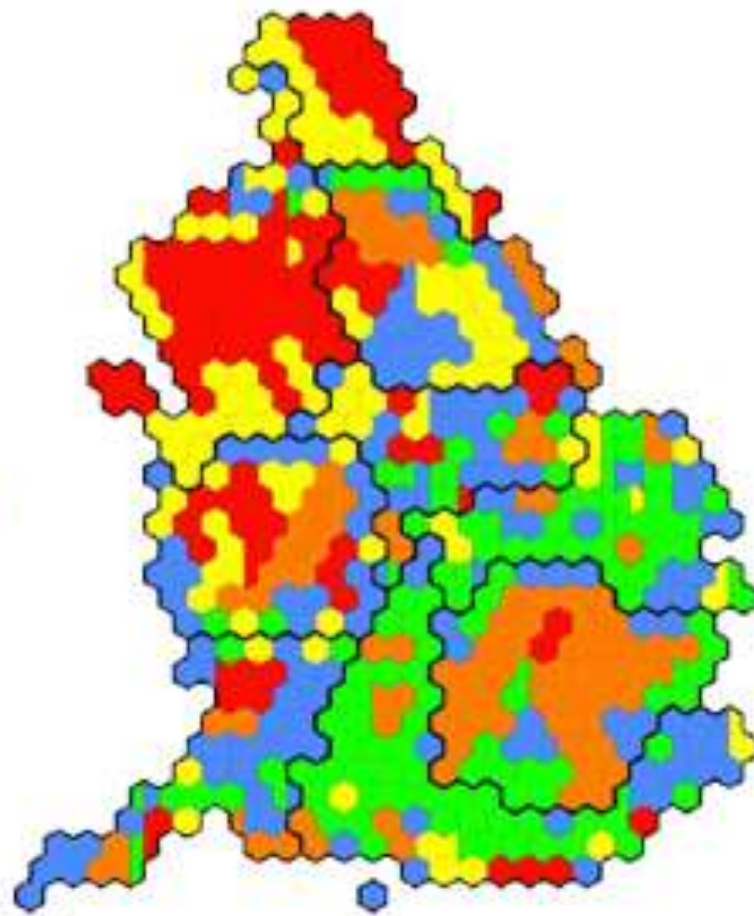
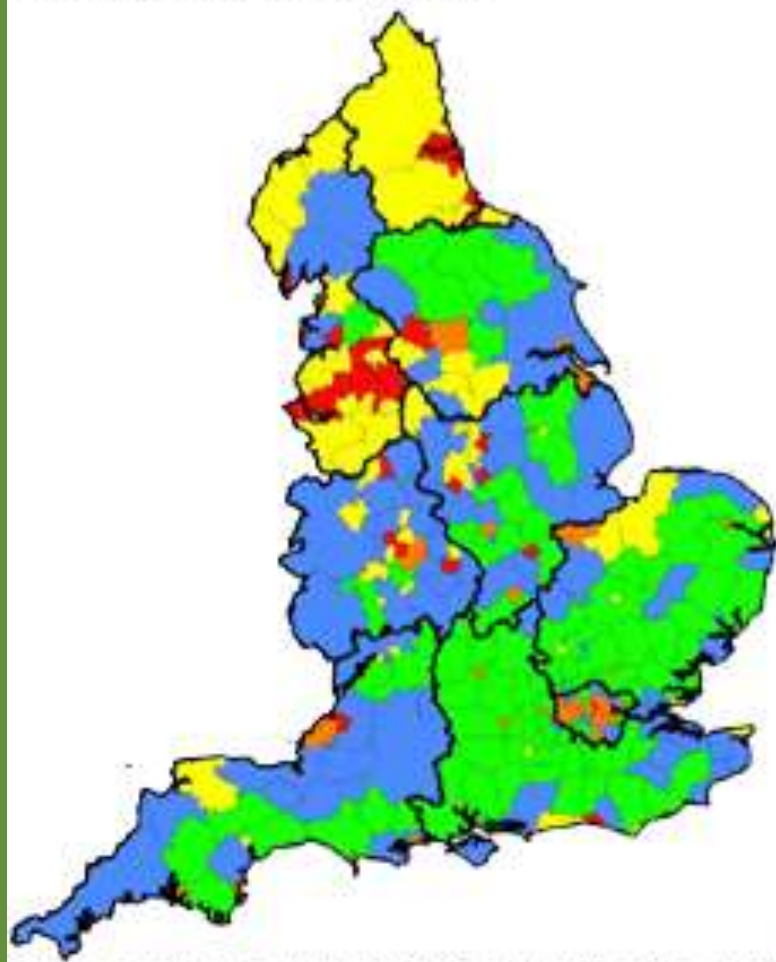
Grouping 4

Highest levels

Grouping 5

English local authorities

England by population size



Source: North West Public Health Observatory

Region	Deaths ^a		Years of life lost ^a		Number of disability-adjusted life-years lost ^a	
	Number of deaths (thousands)	Percentage of all deaths	Number (thousands)	Percentage of all years of life lost	Number (thousands)	Percentage of all disability-adjusted life-years lost
Global	2,123	3.7	38,177	4.1	64,975	4.4
Men	1,836	6.1	32,553	6.6	54,970	7.1
Women	287	1.1	5,625	1.3	10,006	1.4
African						
Men	184	3.4	4,165	3.0	5,757	3.2
Women	50	1.0	1,050	0.8	1,429	0.8
The Americas						
Men	277	8.7	5,616	14.1	12,026	15.2
Women	46	1.7	871	3.2	2,569	3.9
SE Asia						
Men	285	3.7	5,314	3.8	8,088	3.8
Women	28	0.4	586	0.5	867	0.4
European						
Men	532	10.8	9,085	17.8	14,017	16.7
Women	77	1.7	1,644	5.2	2,553	3.8
East Mediterranean						
Men	20	0.9	394	0.9	480	0.7
Women	3	0.2	57	0.1	77	0.1
Western Pacific						
Men	539	8.5	7,979	10.1	14,603	10.3
Women	82	1.5	1,417	2.3	2,511	2.1

Table 1. Global and regional burden of disease attributable to alcohol consumption, 2002

^a Adjusted for beneficial effects attributable to alcohol consumption.

- The global economic cost of the harmful use of alcohol in 2002
(Cost in US\$)
- This has been estimated to be between 210,000 million and 665,000 million:
- Illness 50,000-120,000 million
- Premature mortality 55,000-210,000 million
- Drink-driving 30,000-55,000 million
- Absenteeism 30,000-65,000 millio
- Unemployment 80,000 million
- Criminal justice 30,000-85,000 million
- Criminal damage 15,000-50,000 million
- The total equates to between 0.6% and 2.0% of global gross domestic product.
- The WHO assessment cautions that "due to current trends both in availability of alcohol and increases in alcohol consumption the detrimental impact of alcohol is expected to increase in the future if further interventions are not introduced."

Occupations with highest alcohol-related mortality, 2001-5

Men aged 20 – 64 Proportional mortality ratio*

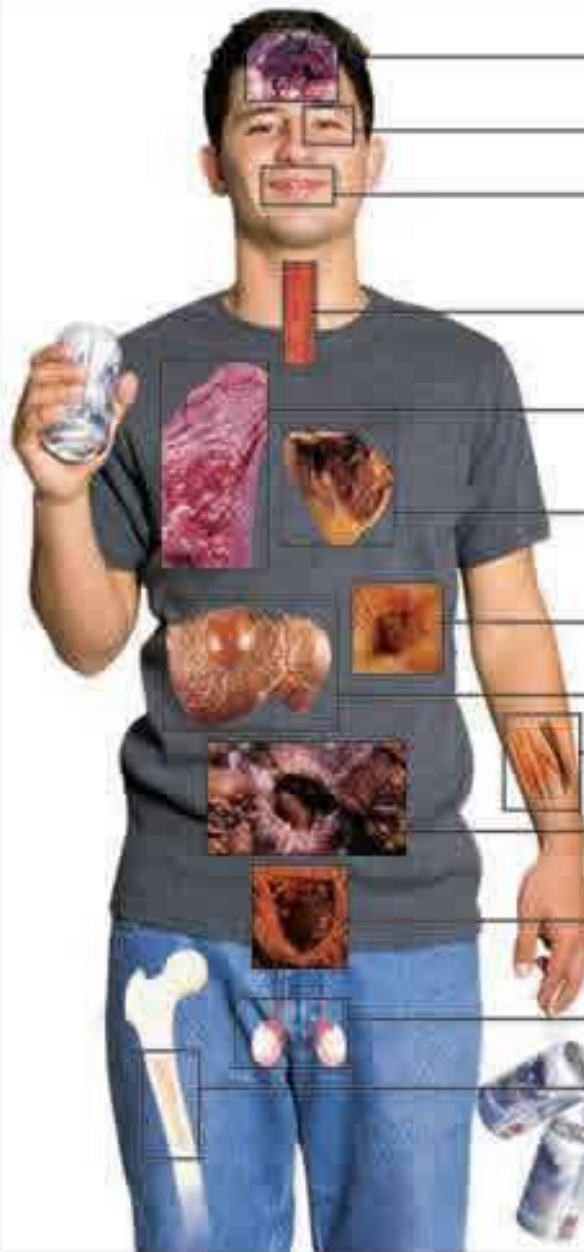
Bar staff	223
Seafarers (merchant navy), barge, lighter & boat operatives	216
Publicans and managers of licensed premises	202
Civil service executive officers	189
Musicians	156
NCOs and other ranks	136
Coal mine operatives	121

Women aged 20 – 64

Bar staff	203
Publicans and managers of licensed premises	193
Actors, entertainers	185
Hairdressers, barbers	146



ALCOHOL



HARMFUL EFFECTS

**BRAIN DAMAGE
ADDICTION &
STROKE**

**BLURRED
VISION**

**SLURRED
SPEECH**

**BLEEDING
THROAT**

**BREATHING
MAY STOP**

**HEART DISEASE
IRREGULAR
HEART BEAT**

**STOMACH
ULCERS**

**LIVER DISEASE
LIVER FAILURE**

**MUSCLE
WEAKNESS**

**INTESTINAL
CANCER**

**INTESTINAL
ULCERS**

**IMPOTENCE (MEN)
& INFERTILITY
(WOMEN)**

OSTEOPOROSIS



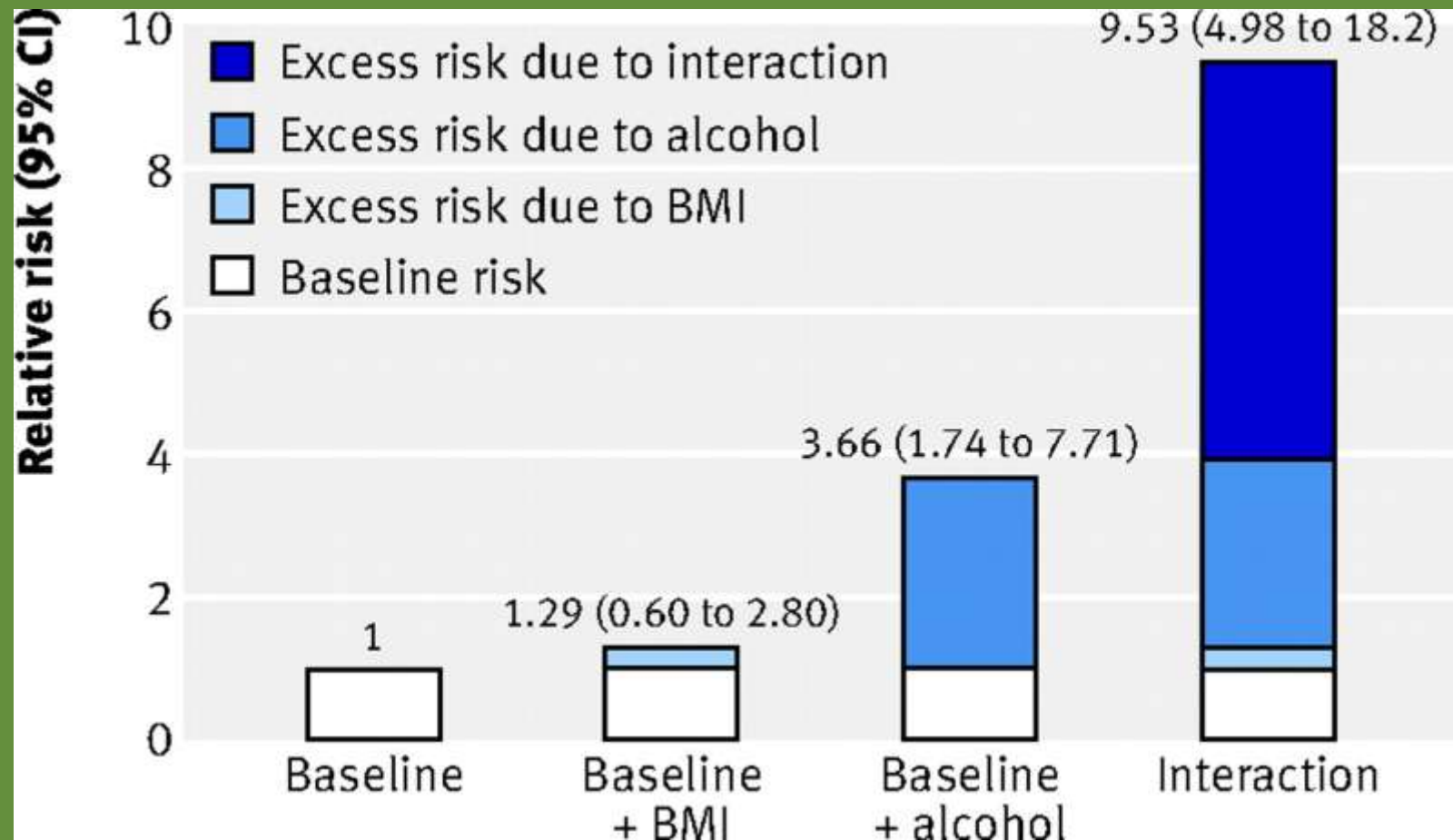


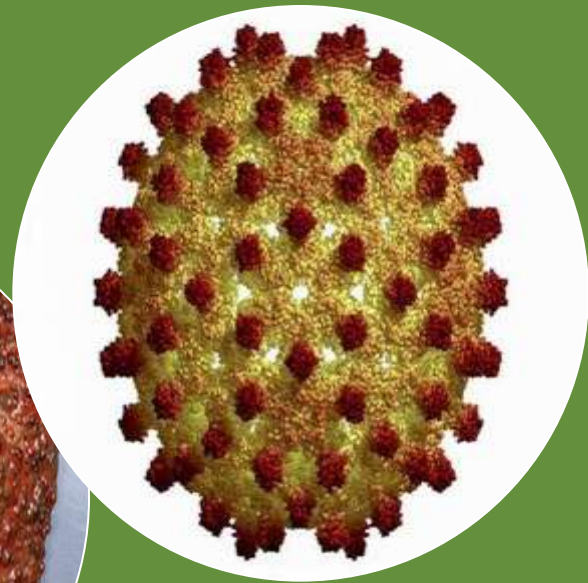
Women should drink no more than 2 to 3 units in a day

Men should drink no more than 3 to 4 units in a day

Don't save up several days 'allowance' and drink it all at once

Give your liver two days in a row without alcohol every week to reduce the impact that alcohol can have on your liver and break the habit of drinking every day.

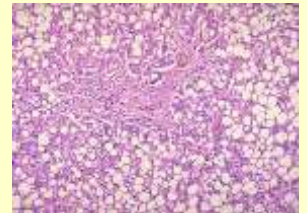
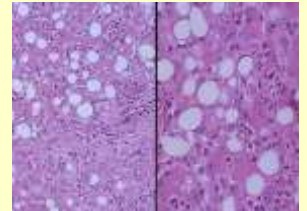
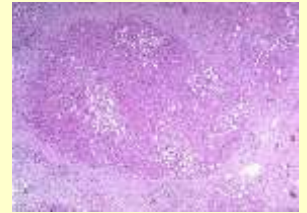
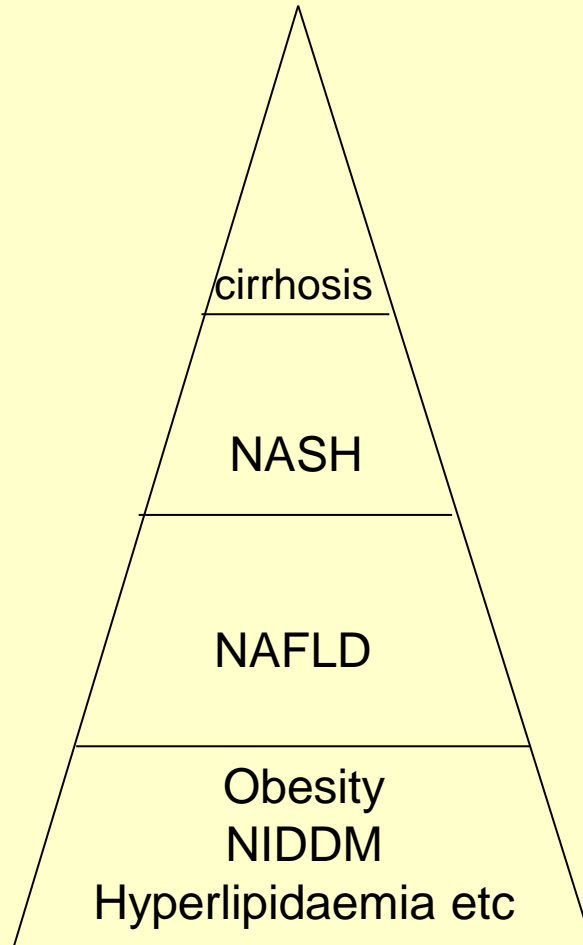






Metabolic

- NAFLD
- NASH



THE METABOLIC SYNDROME



HEART DISEASE



LIPID PROBLEMS



HYPERTENSION



TYPE 2 DIABETES



DEMENTIA



CANCER



POLYCYSTIC
OVARIAN
SYNDROME



NON-ALCOHOLIC
FATTY LIVER
DISEASE

OBESITY:

The percentage of the population older than 15 with a body-mass index greater than 30.

USA



31%

Mexico



24%

UK



23%

Slovak Republic



22%

Greece



22%

Australia



22%

New Zealand



21%

Hungary



19%

Czech Republic



15%

Canada



14%

Spain



13%

Ireland



13%

Germany



13%

Portugal



13%

Finland



13%

Turkey



12%

Belgium



12%

Poland



11%

Netherlands



10%

Sweden



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Denmark



10%

France



9%

Austria



9%

Italy



9%

Norway



8%

Japan



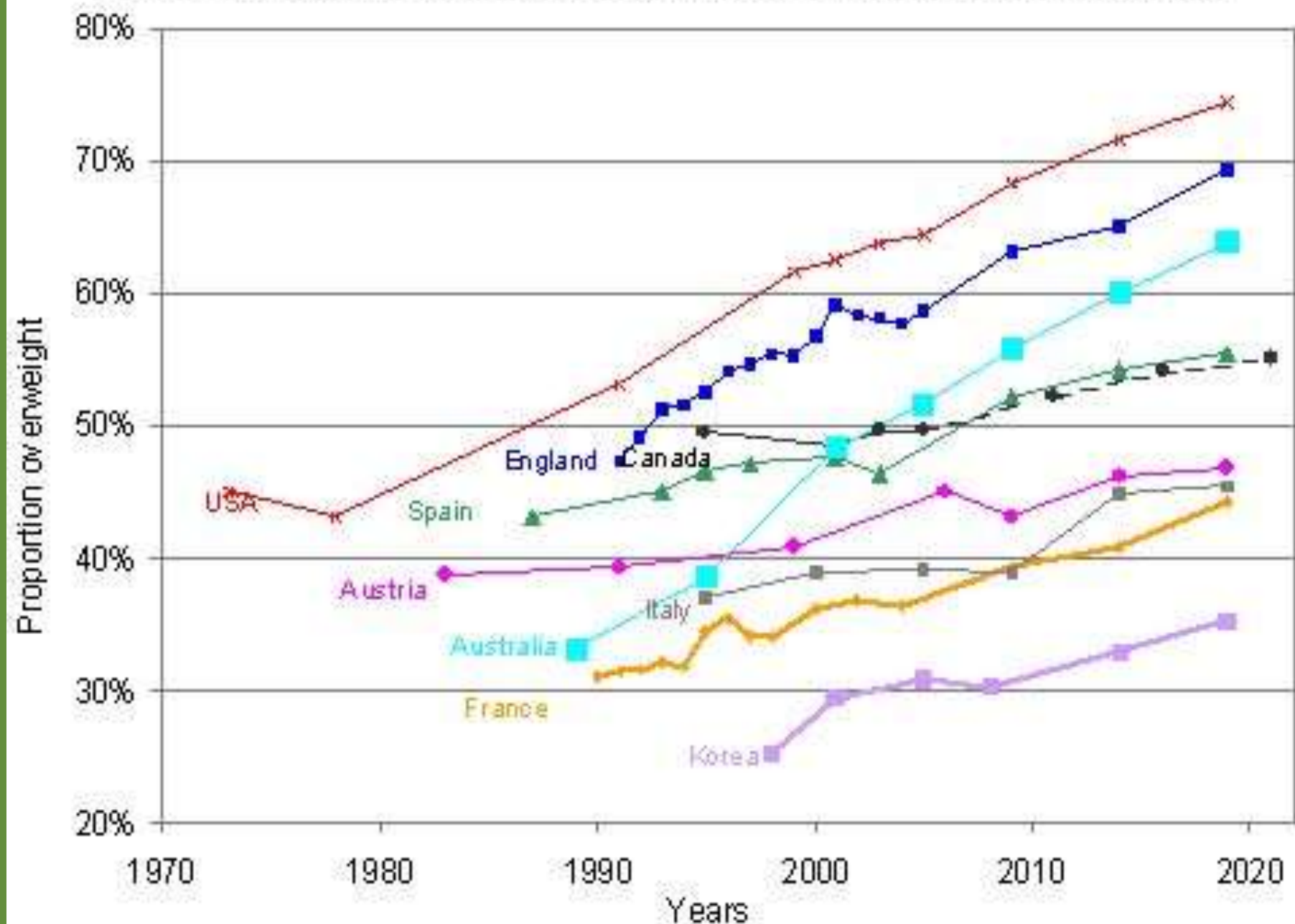
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Korea

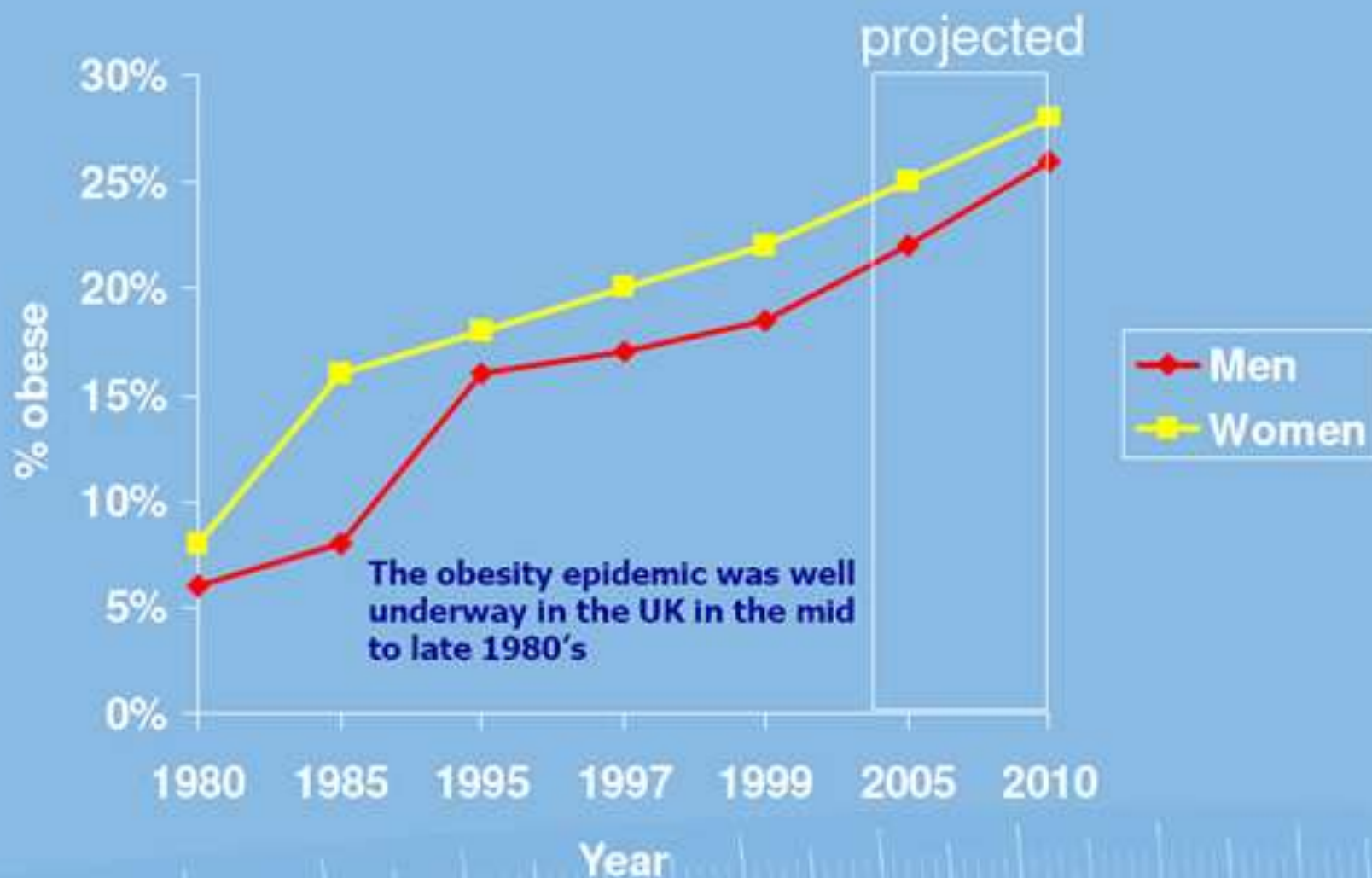


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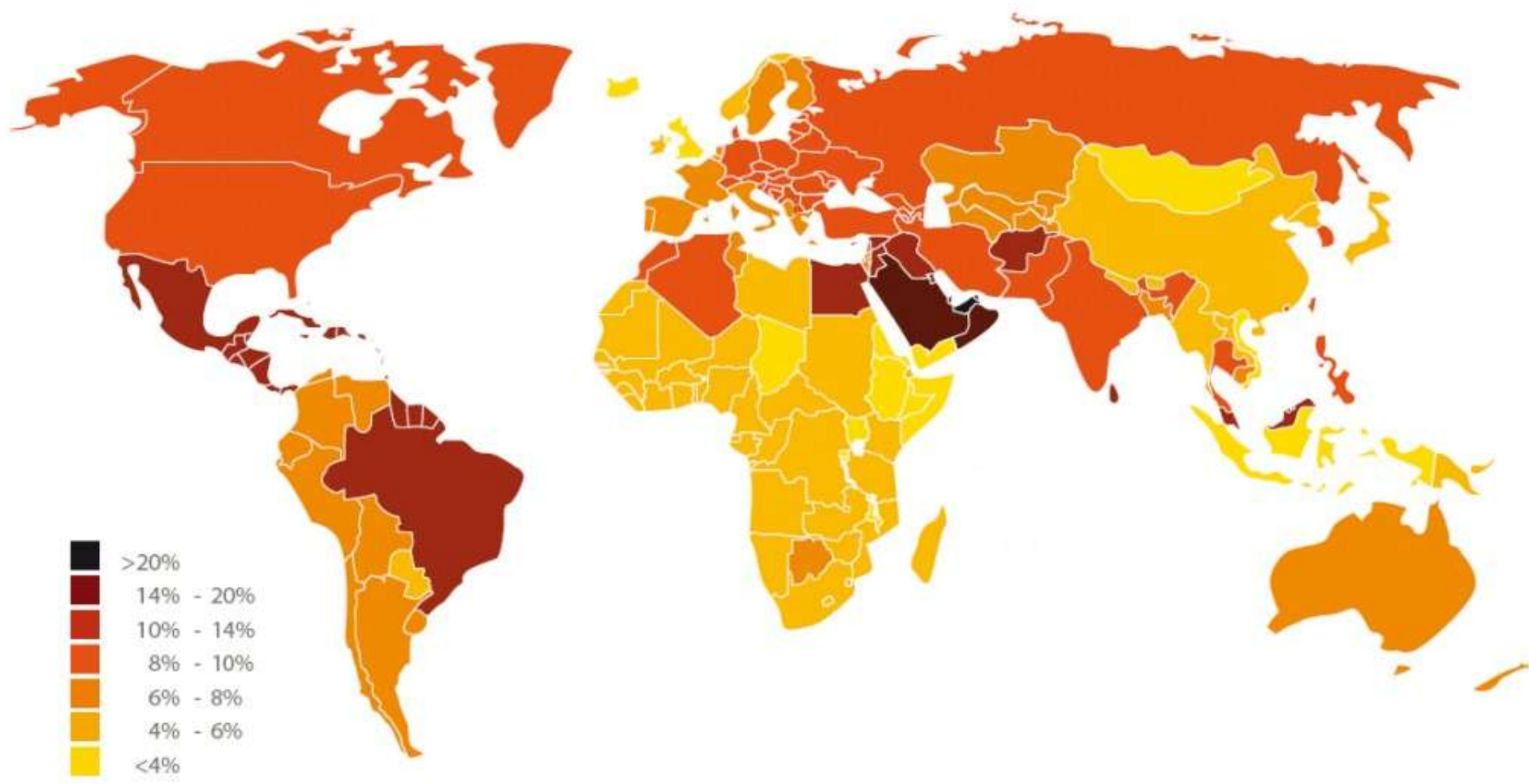
Past and projected future overweight rates in selected O.E.C.D. countries



Prevalence of obesity - UK

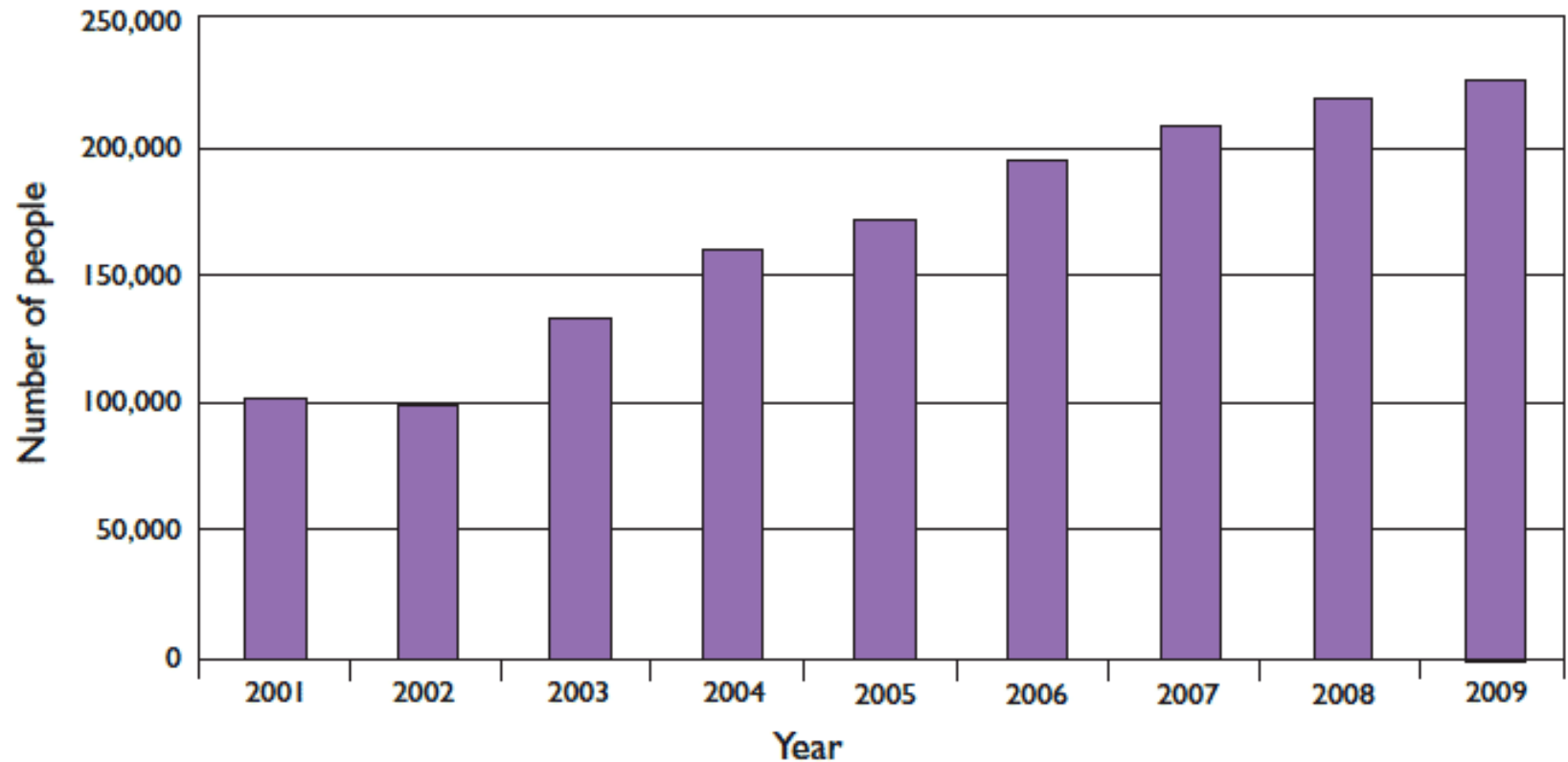


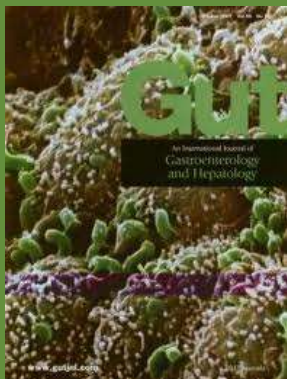
Prevalence estimates of diabetes, 2025



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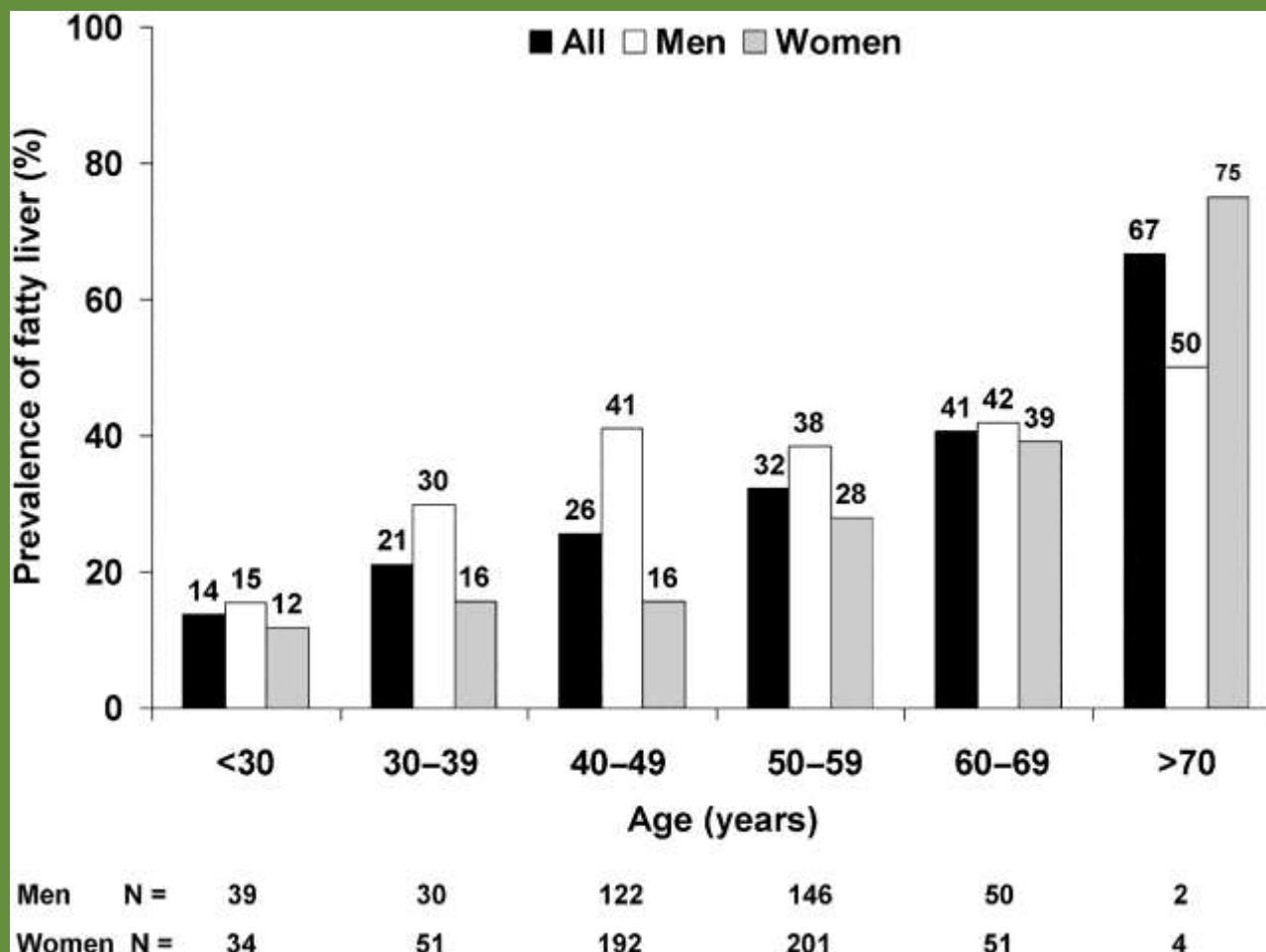
Increasing prevalence of diabetes in Scotland





Prevalence of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and advanced fibrosis in Hong Kong Chinese: a population study using proton-magnetic resonance spectroscopy and transient elastography

Gut 2012 61 p409-415





The natural history of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: a population-based cohort study.

Adams LA, Lymp JF, St Sauver J, Sanderson SO, Lindor KD, Feldstein A, Angulo P.

- Rochester Epidemiology Project
 - Olmsted county Minnesota
 - 95% residents have at least 1 health encounter in a 4 year period
 - 124,000 (81% urban 90.35 Caucasian)
 - Study Period 1980-2000



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Adams LA, Lymp JF, St Sauver J, Sanderson SO, Lindor KD, Feldstein A, Angulo P.

- 435 patients diagnosed with NAFLD
 - Age 49 ± 15
 - BMI 33.5 ± 6.5
 - Diabetes 26%
 - Abnormal ALT 66%
- Incidence 4.2/100,000 (1980-85)
- Incidence 38/100,000 (1995-00)



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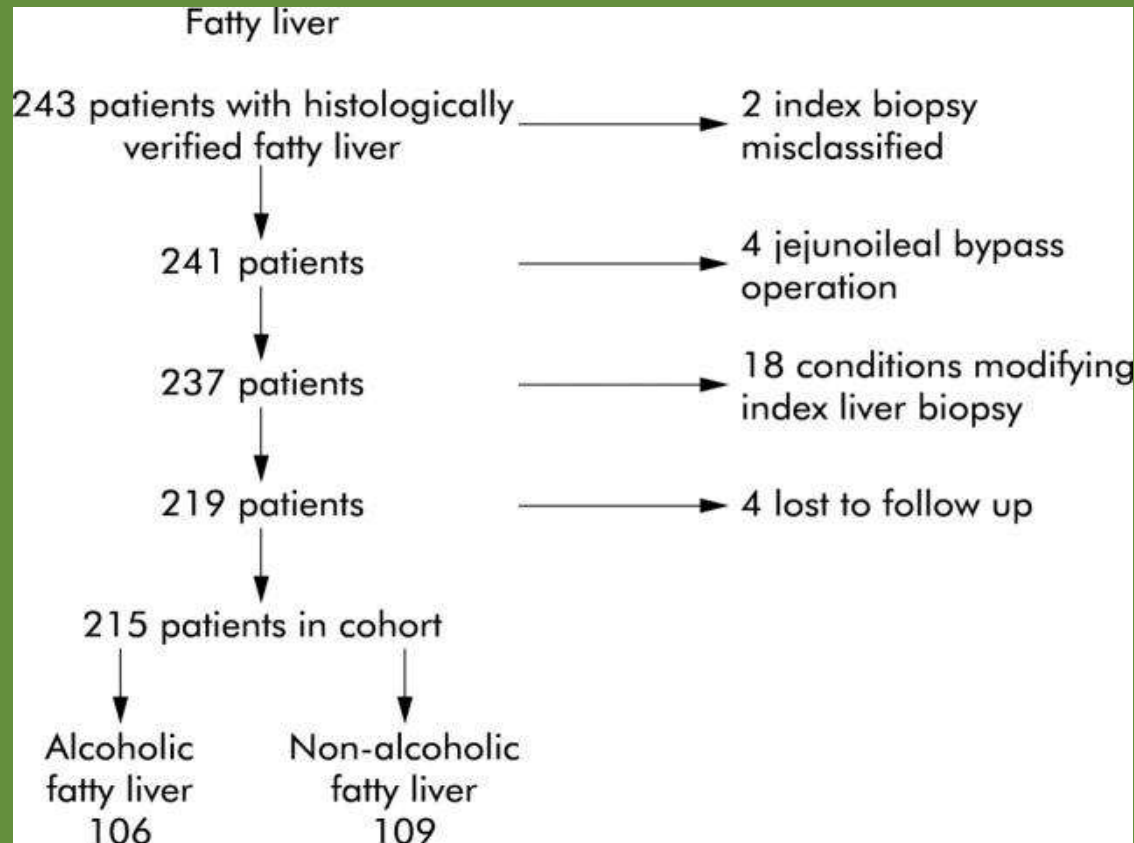
Adams LA, Lymp JF, St Sauver J, Sanderson SO, Lindor KD, Feldstein A, Angulo P.

- 435 patients diagnosed with NAFLD
 - Follow up for 7.6 years \pm 4
 - 12.6% died by end of follow up period
 - Malignancy 28%
 - Heart disease 25%
 - Liver disease 13% (<1% in general population)

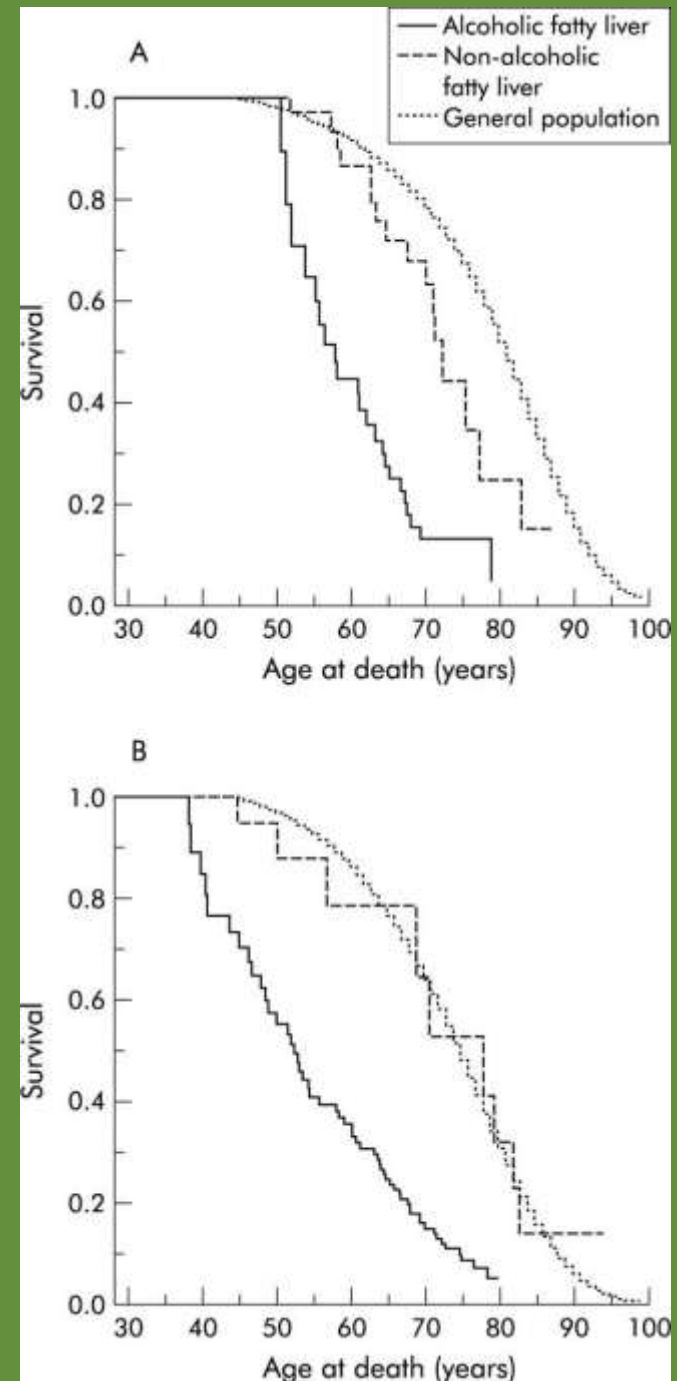
Long term prognosis of fatty liver: risk of chronic liver disease and death

S Dam-Larsen, M Franzmann, I B Andersen, P Christoffersen, L B Jensen, T I A Sørensen, U Becker, F Bendtsen

Gut 2004;53:750-755. doi: 10.1136/gut.2003.019984



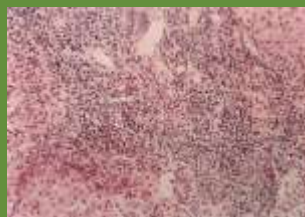
Median follow up 17 years
Only 1 patient developed cirrhosis



Clinical and histologic spectrum of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease associated with normal ALT values.

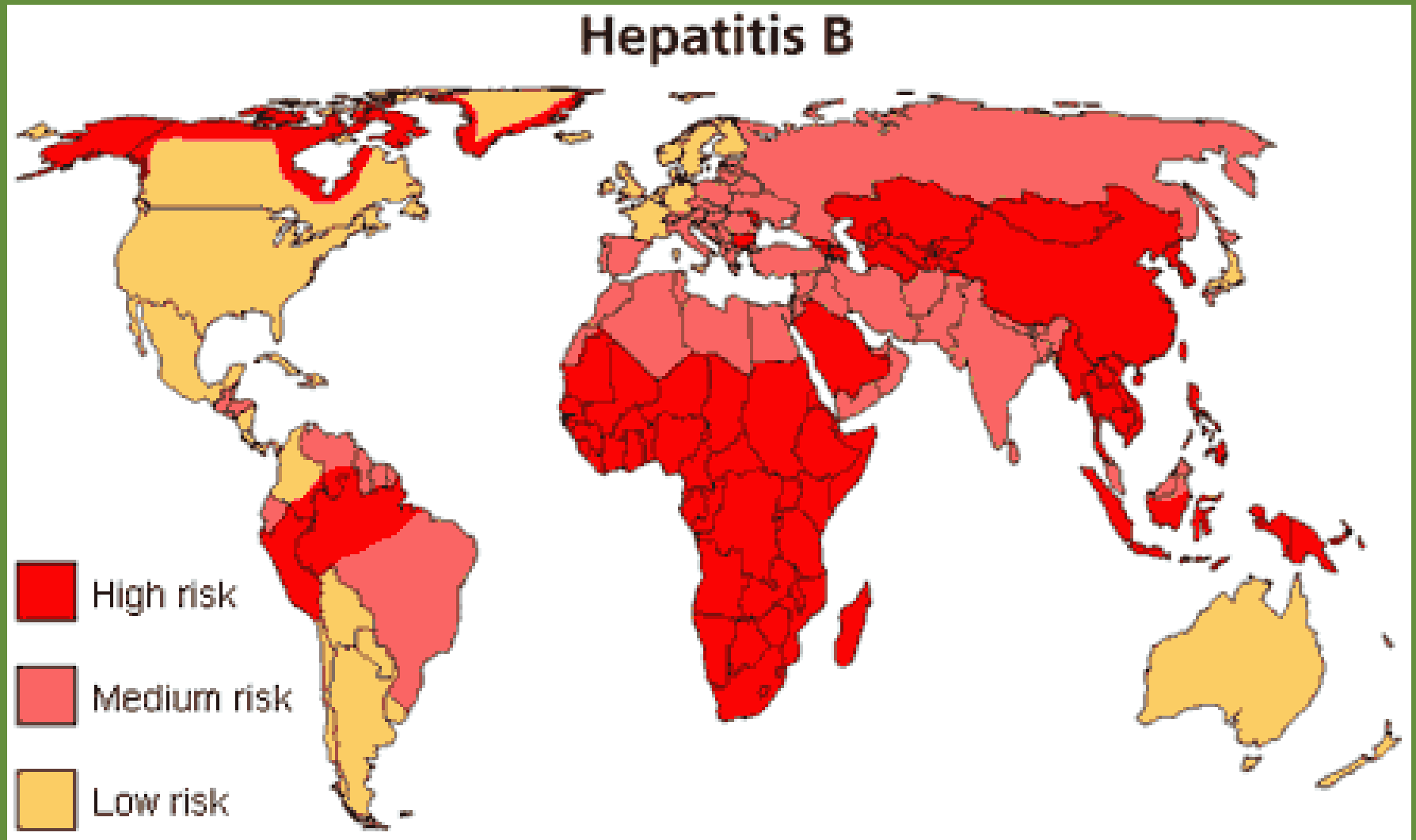
Mofrad P, Contos MJ, Haque M, Sargeant C, Fisher RA, Luketic VA, Sterling RK, Shiffman ML, Stravitz RT, Sanyal AJ.

- 51 subjects with liver biopsies confirming NAFLD with normal ALT
- Compared with 50 biopsies of patients with abnormal ALT
- No difference in the spectrum of liver disease (including cirrhosis) between groups





Countries with Moderate-High Risk of Chronic Hepatitis B





Immune tolerance

High levels of virus replication
Little cell damage and inflammation



Immune clearance

High levels of inflammation
Cell destruction
Viral clearance in short term
Chronic hepatitis and scarring in long term

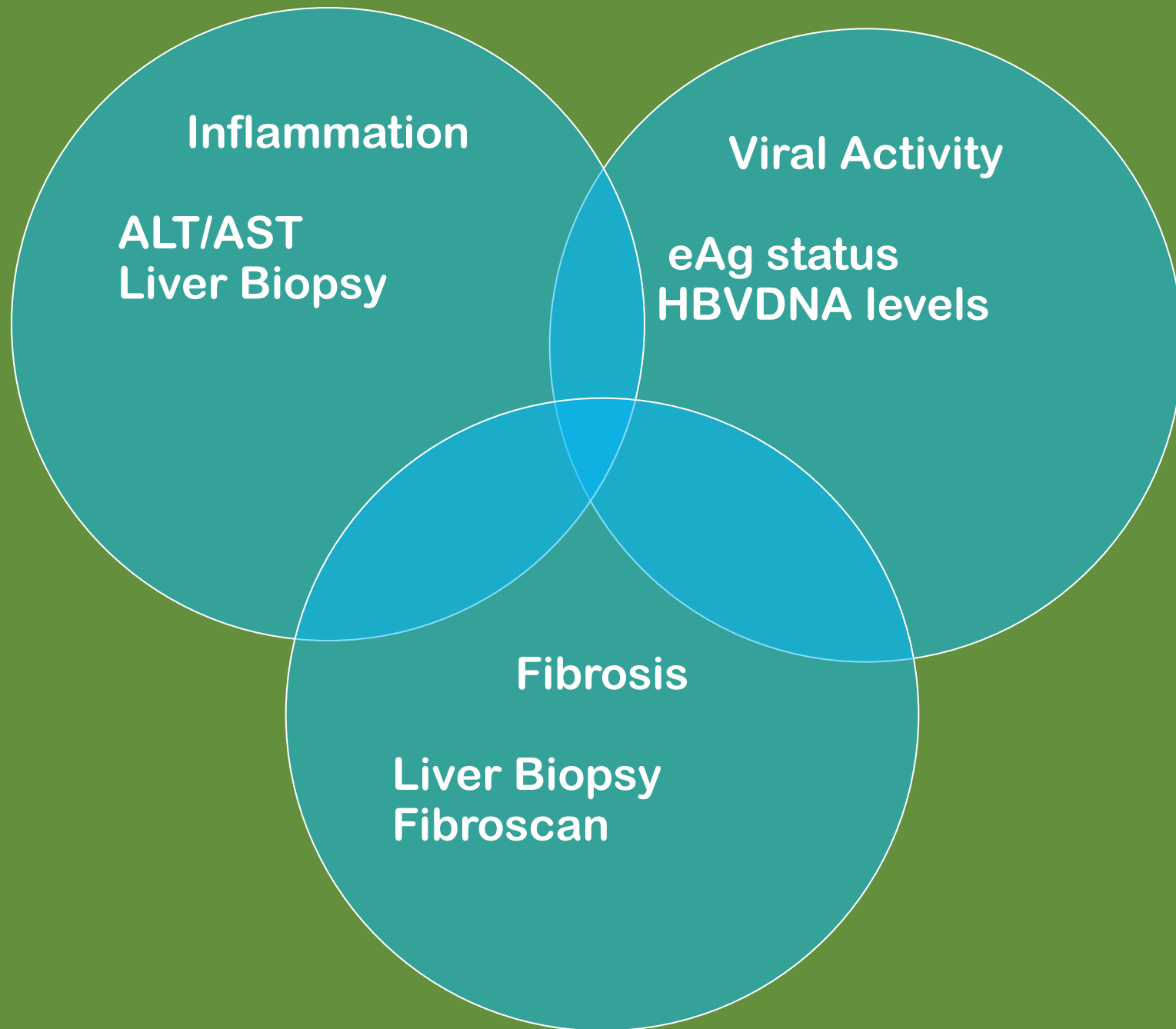


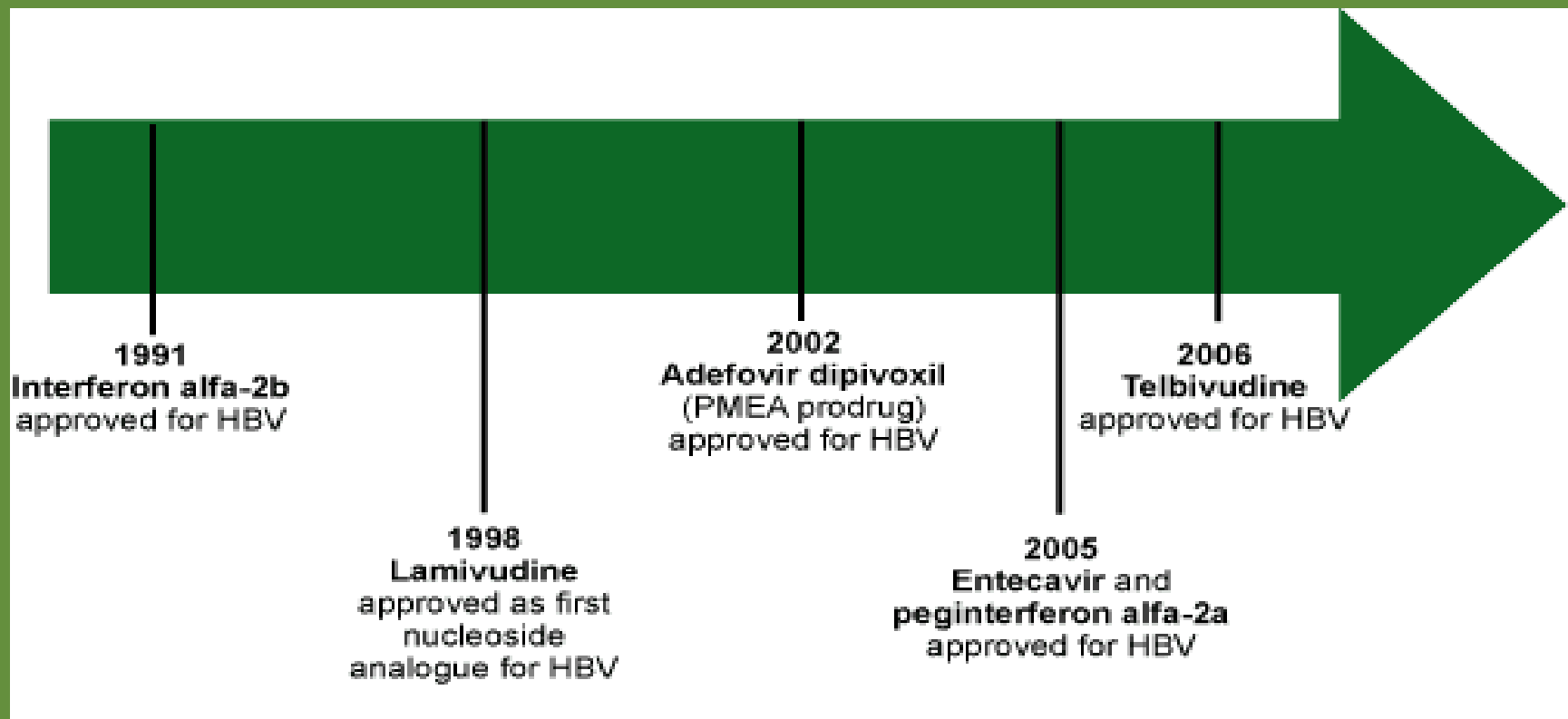
Immune control

Low levels of inflammation
Low level of viral replication
Little liver damage or scarring



	Immune tolerant	HBeAg-positive CHB [immune clearance]	Immune control [low or non-replicative]	HBeAg-negative CHB [immune escape]
HBeAg	Positive (2000–5000 PEIU/ml)	Positive (100–1000 PEIU/ml)	Negative	Negative
Anti-HBe				
HBsAg (log IU/ml)	4.5–5	4.0–4.5	2.9–3.0	3.3–3.9
Anti-HBs				
HBV DNA (IU/ml)	>20 000	>20 000	<2000	>2000
Viral diversity (PC/C ORF)				
Serum ALT level (U/l)	Persistently normal	Elevated (1–2X) and fluctuating	Normal	Elevated and fluctuating
Liver histology	Normal or mild hepatitis	Moderate to severe hepatitis	Normal to mild hepatitis. May have cirrhosis	Moderate to severe hepatitis. May have cirrhosis
Intra-hepatic HBV replicative intermediates	rcDNA/cccDNA (100–1000) >1 cccDNA/cell	rcDNA/cccDNA (10–1000) 1 cccDNA/cell (0.1–10/cell)	rcDNA/cccDNA (10–100) 0.1 cccDNA/cell (0.001–1/cell)	rcDNA/cccDNA (100–1000) 1 cccDNA/cell (0.1–10/cell)

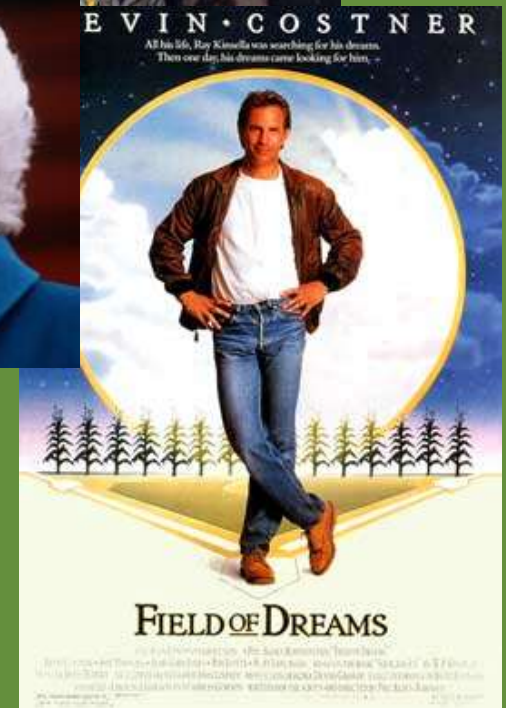




Aims of treatment:

Not cure but control of viral damage (and therefore risk of cirrhosis and cancer) either by boosting immune system (interferon) or suppressing viral replication

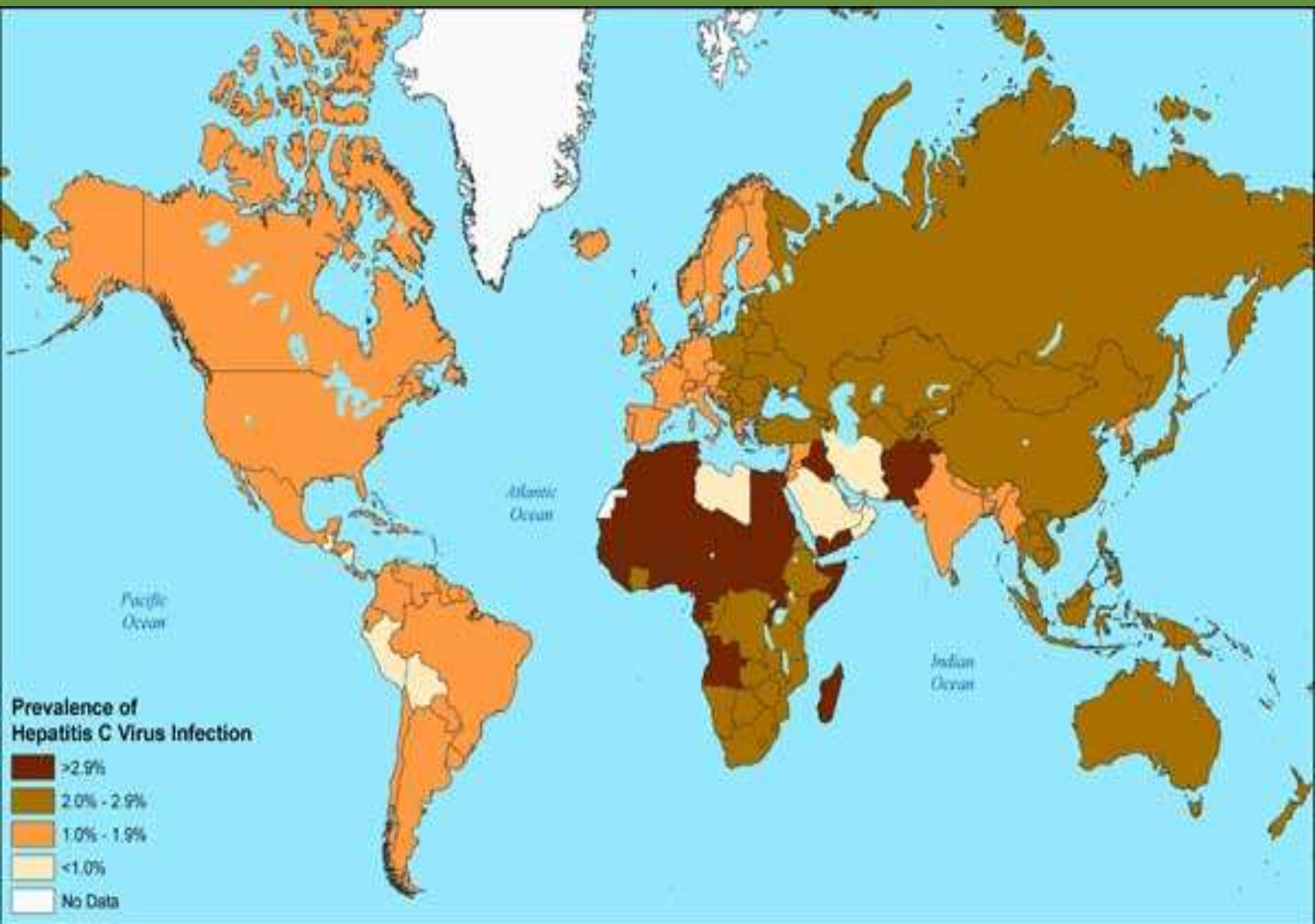
Real cure (loss of HBsAg) occurs spontaneously in about 1-2% of people and only a few more on long term treatment





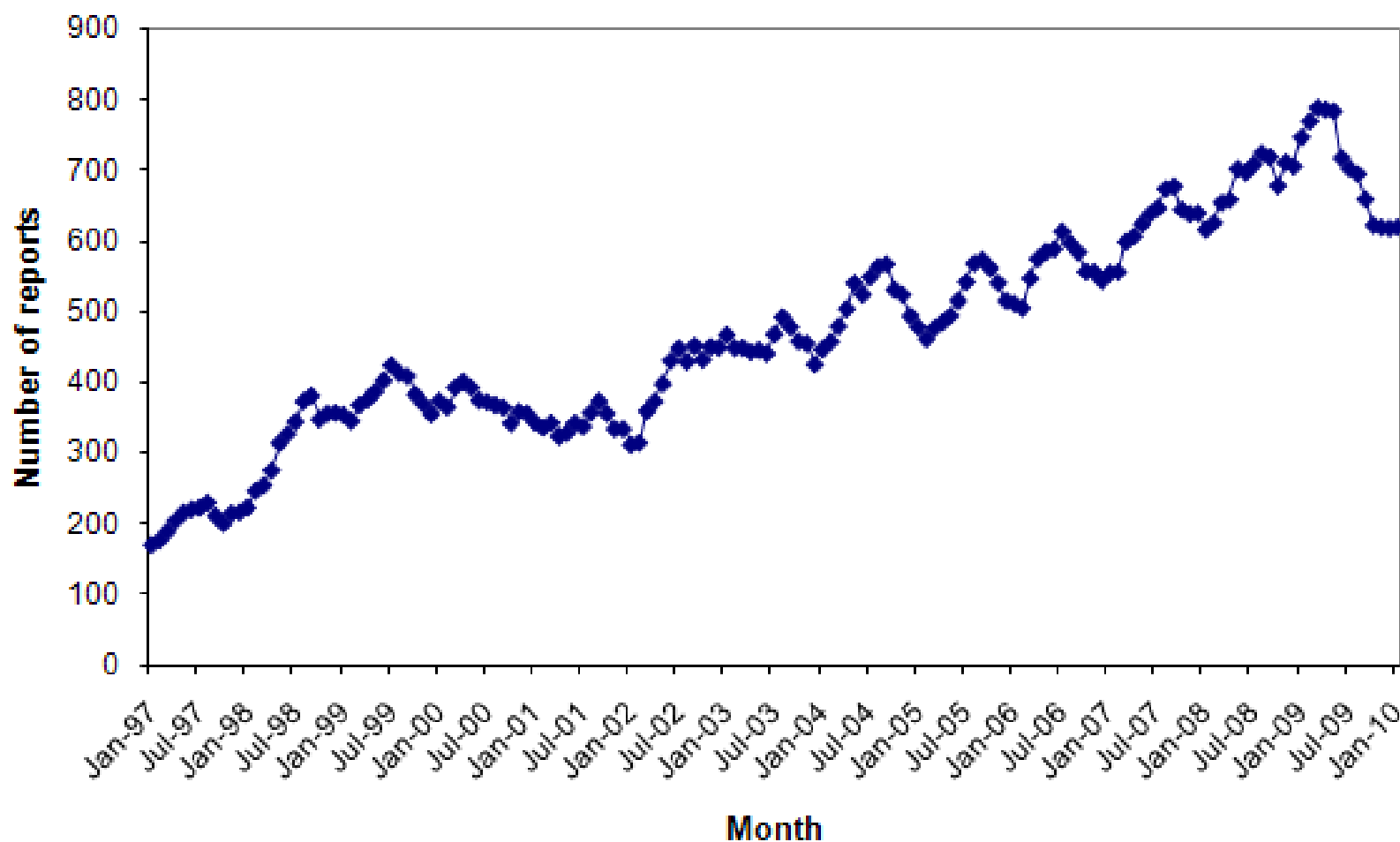
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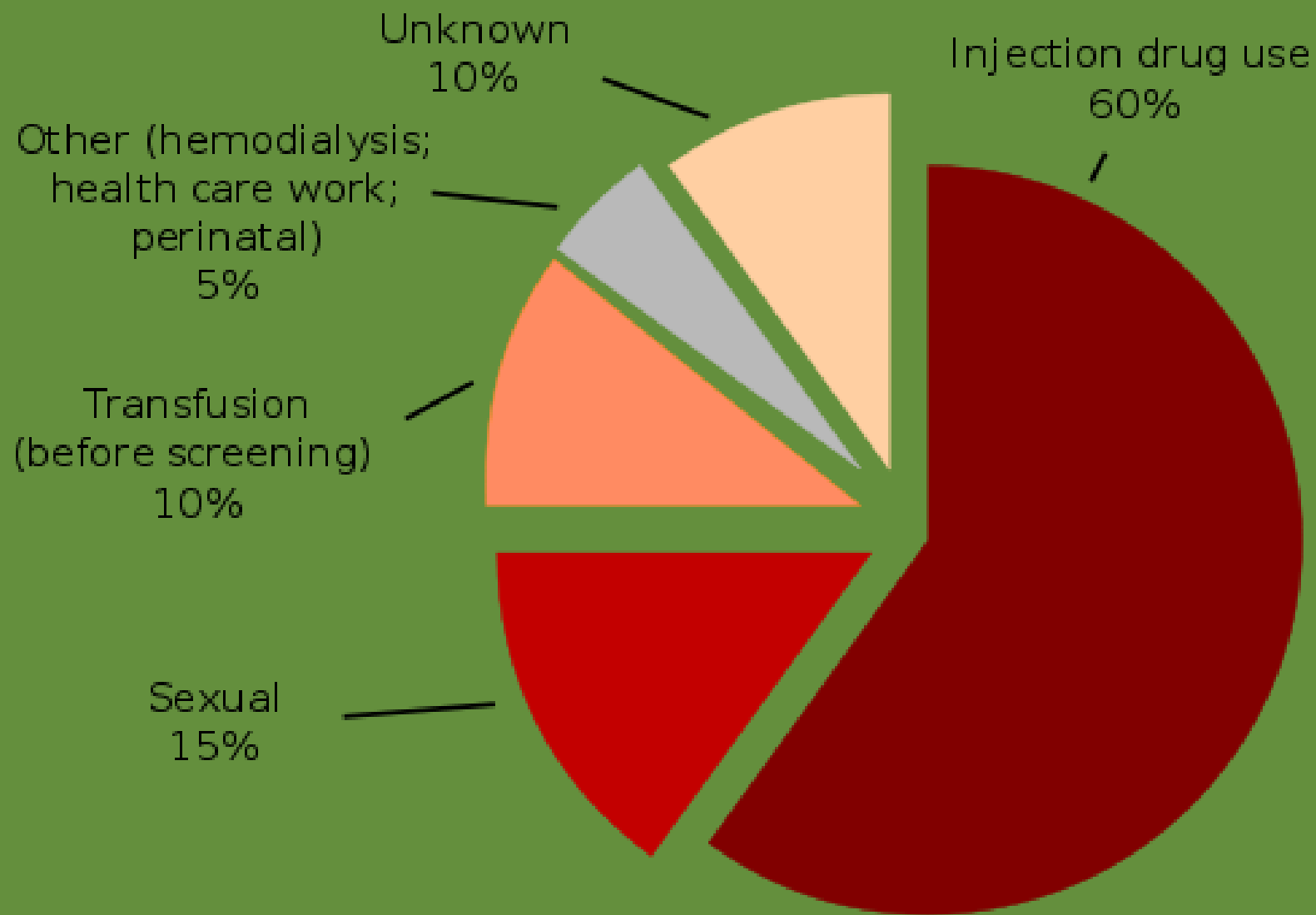




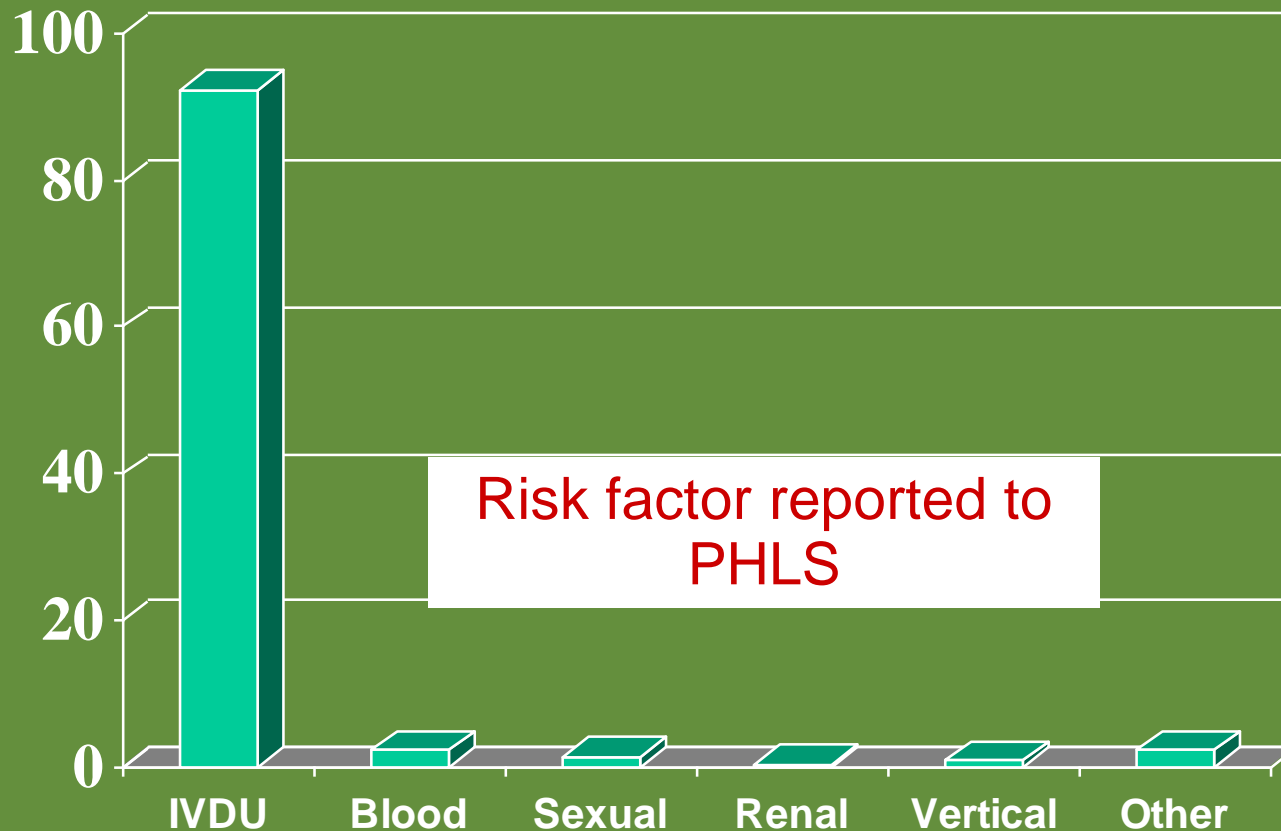


It is estimated that around 185,000 individuals in the UK are chronically infected with hepatitis C (HCV) and at least 130,000 of these are living in England





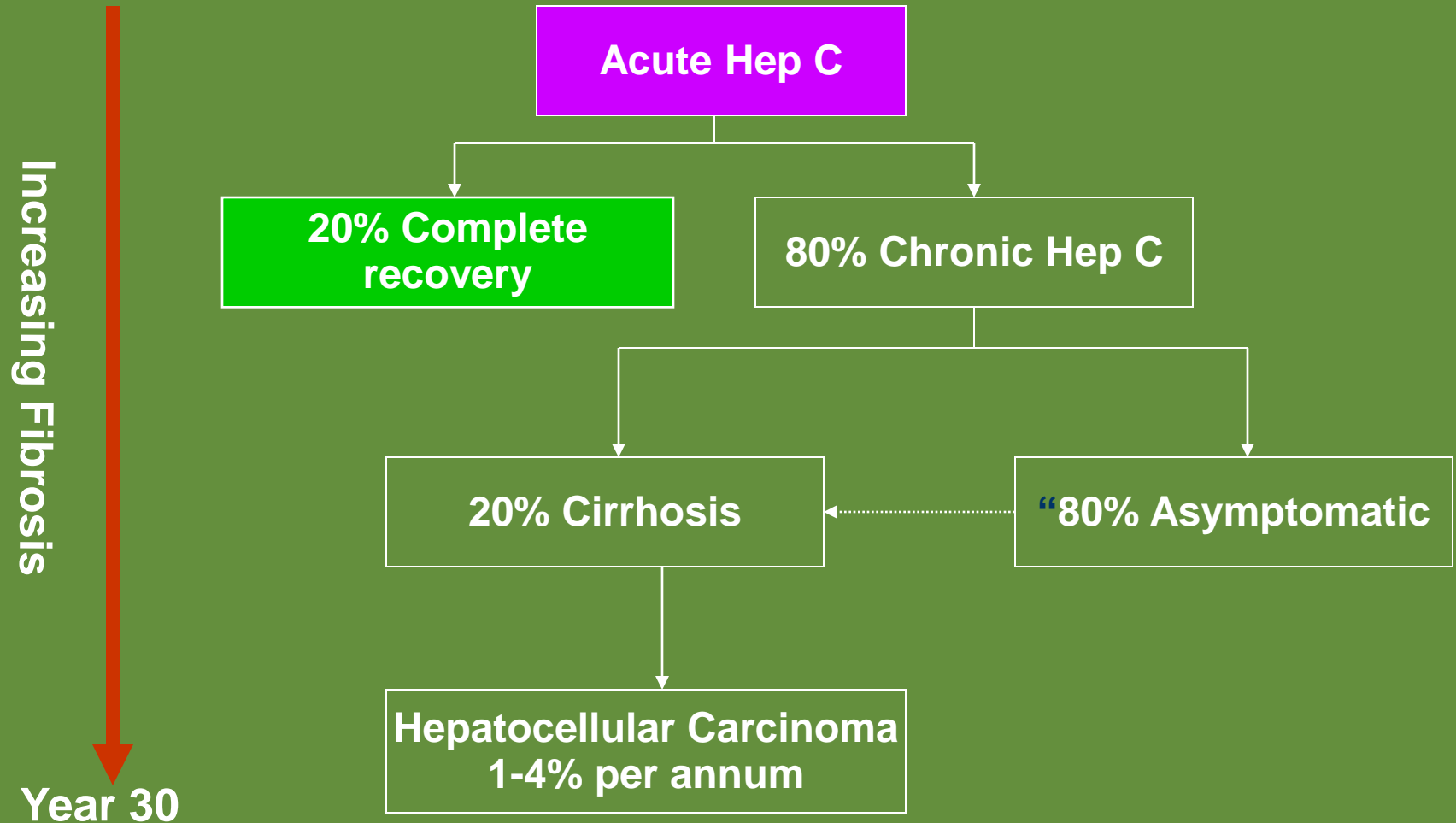
Transmission



- Mother-baby 6%
- Sexual transmission 5%

Clinical Outcomes

Year 0



Specific Tests for Hepatitis C

Serological tests: a measure of exposure now or in the past

anti-HCV antibody



Virological tests: these are direct measures of viral activity



Hepatitis C RNA (HCV RNA):

marker of viral replication



Active Hepatitis C

Aims of treatment:

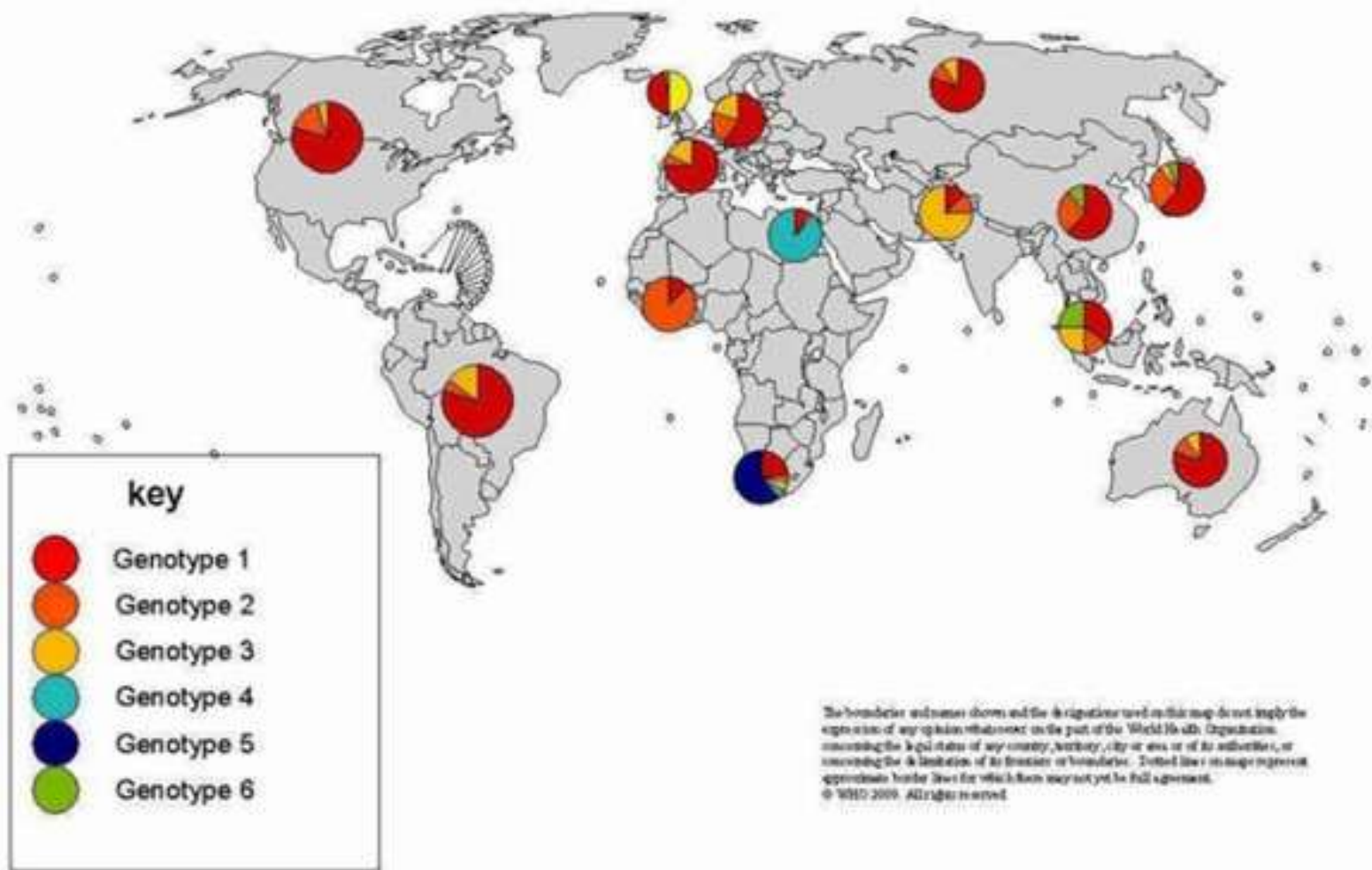
Sustained virological response (SVR)

no evidence of virus 6 months after end of treatment

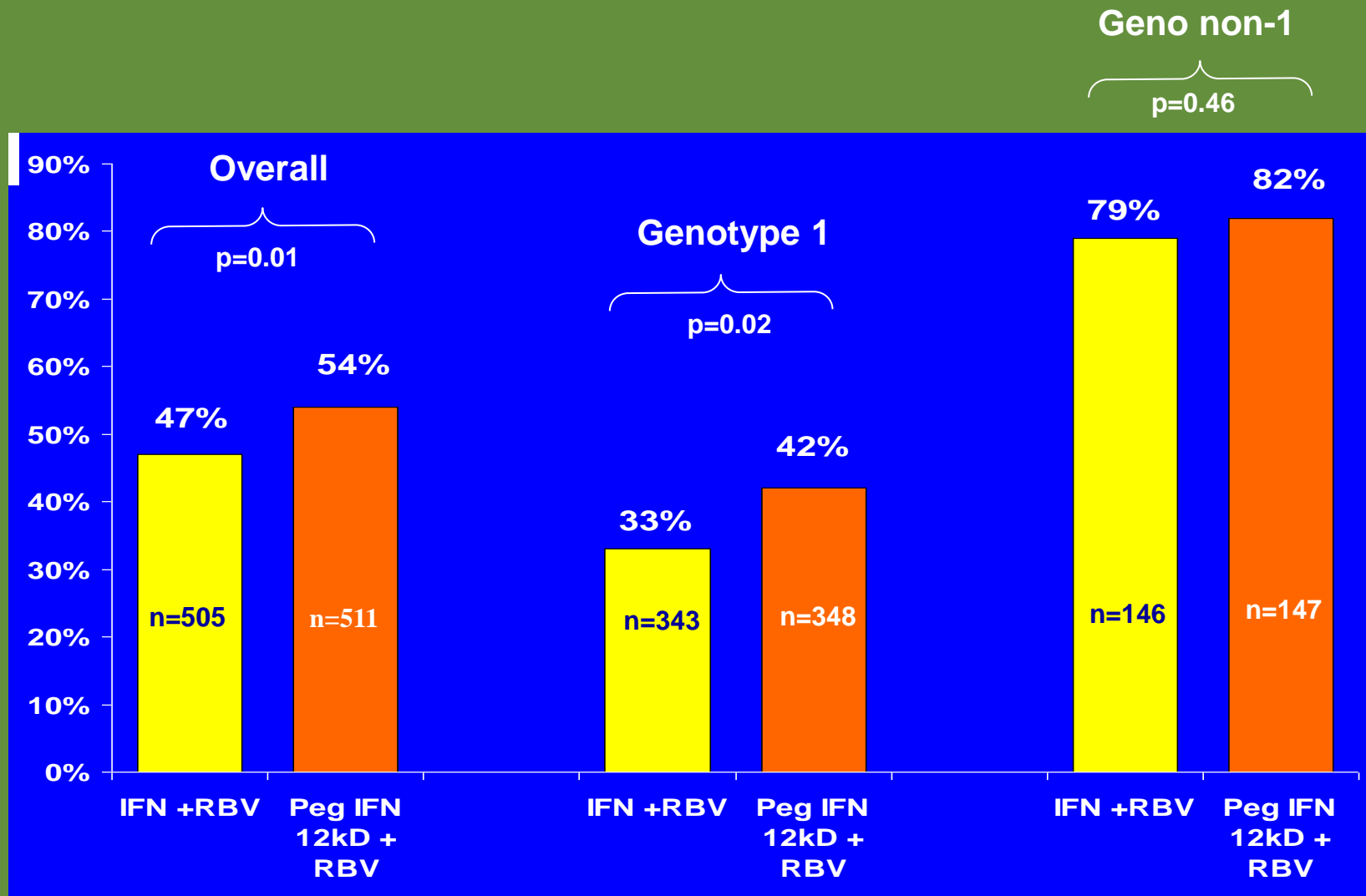
this is considered a cure and means no further progression (and possible regression) of liver disease

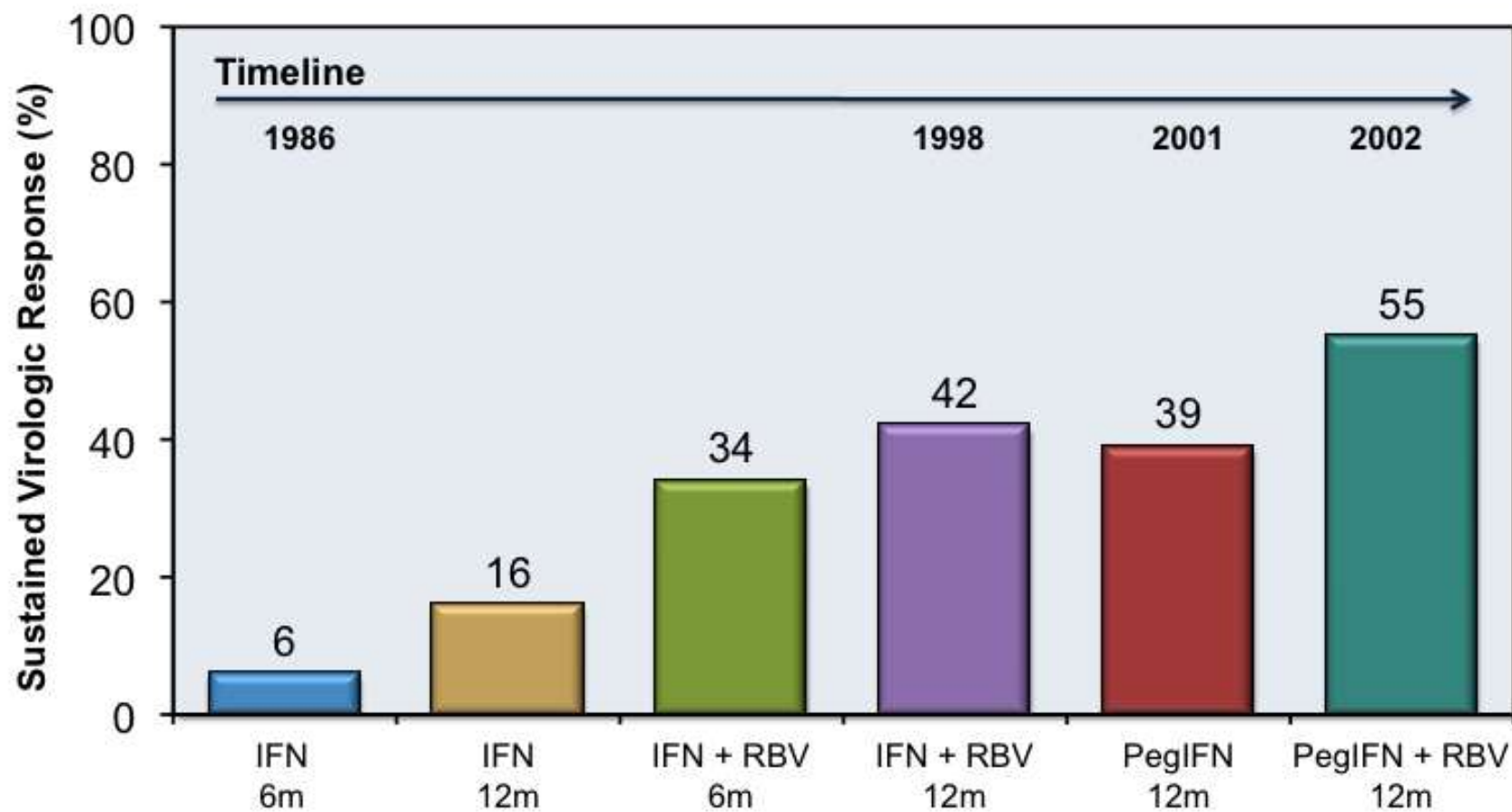
Can be re-infected

Global distribution of HCV genotypes

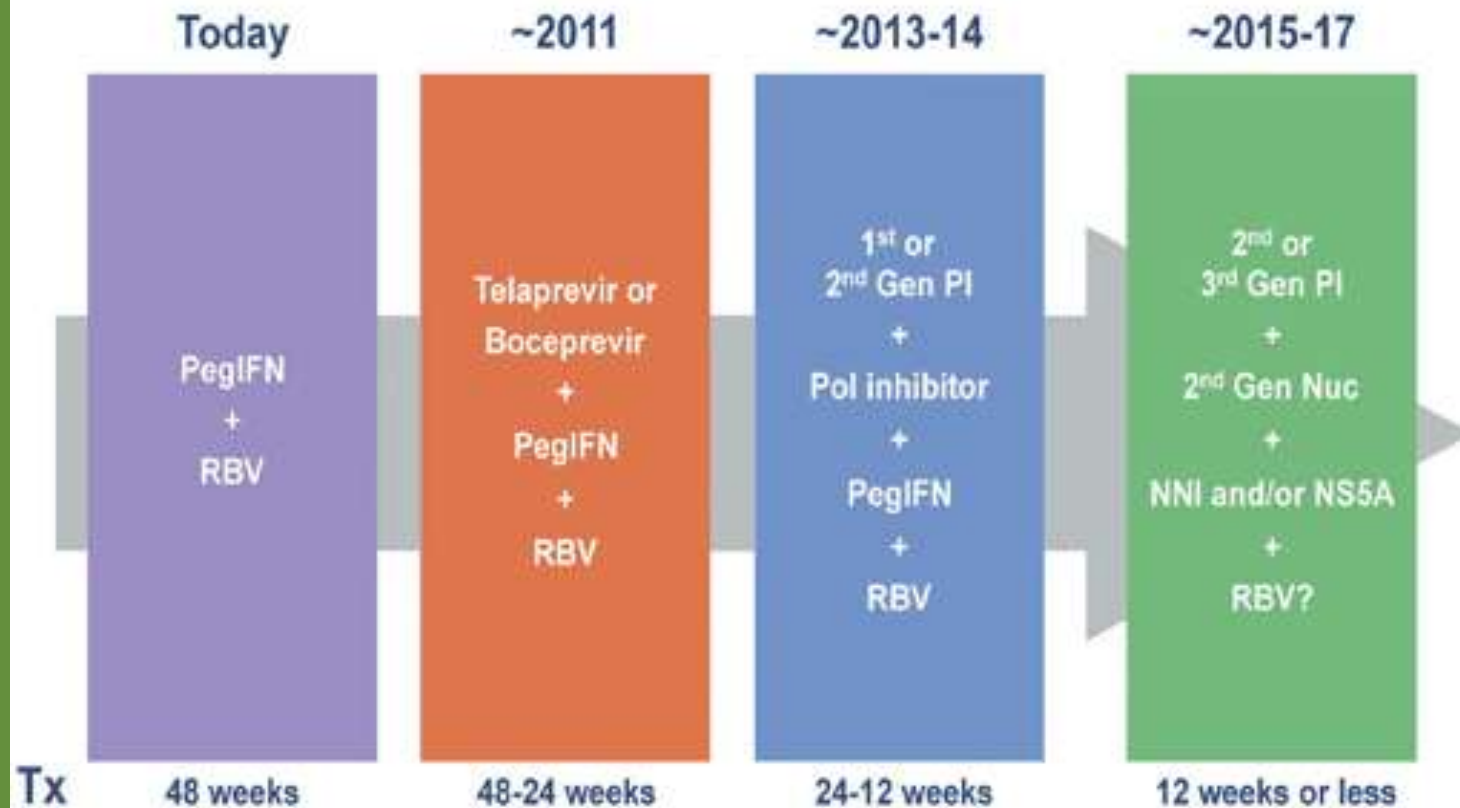


Peg IFN 12KD 1.5 µg/kg Sustained Viral Responses





A RAPIDLY EVOLVING HCV TREATMENT PARADIGM



- Nucleoside/tide and protease inhibitors should be preferred backbone due to distinct modes of action, complementary resistance profiles and broad genotypic activity
- Potent non-nucleosides and NS5A inhibitors as third/fourth components of DAA cocktail may replace interferon.

Source: Market research from MedPanel, LLC

Who to treat?:

Everybody with active HCV infection!



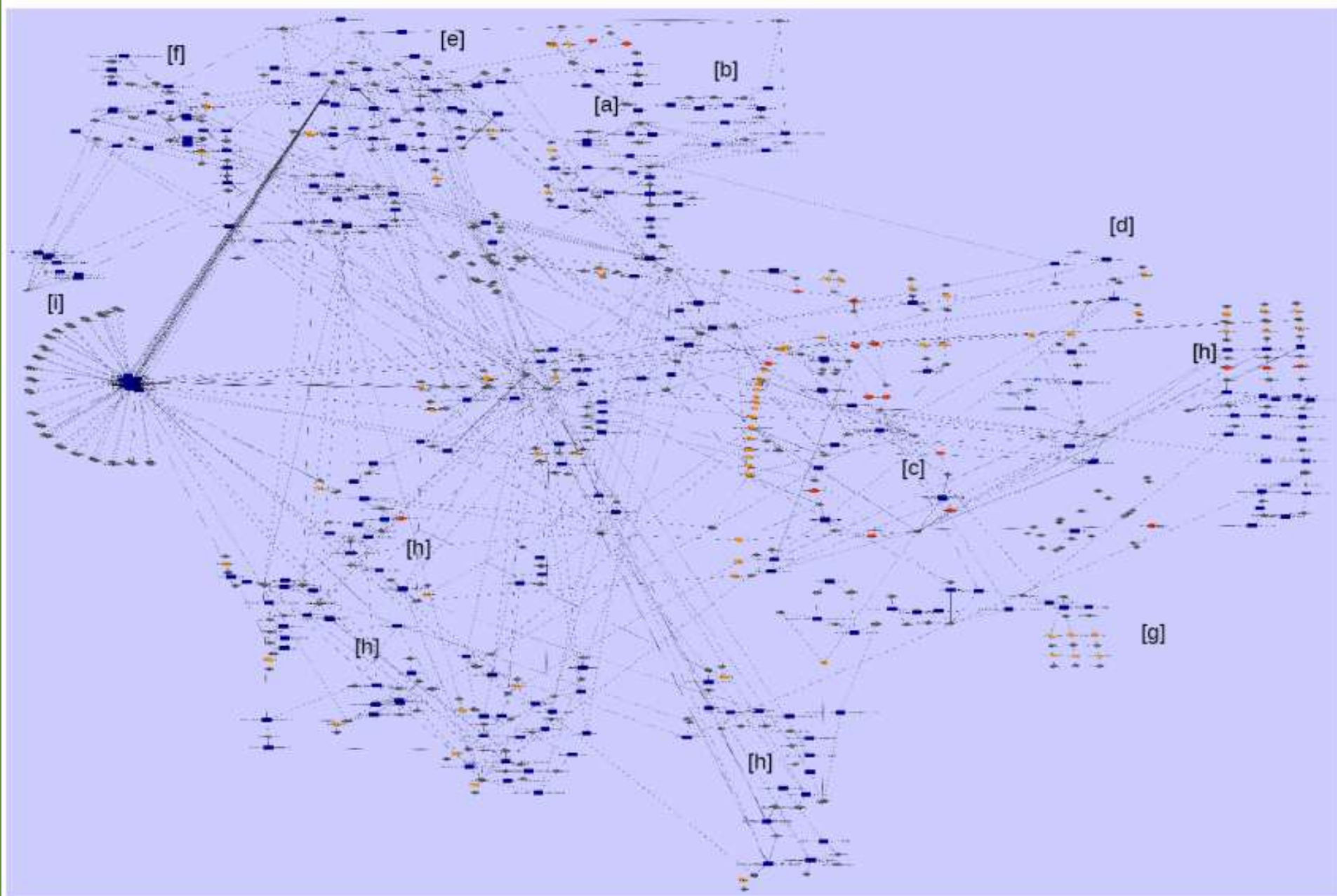
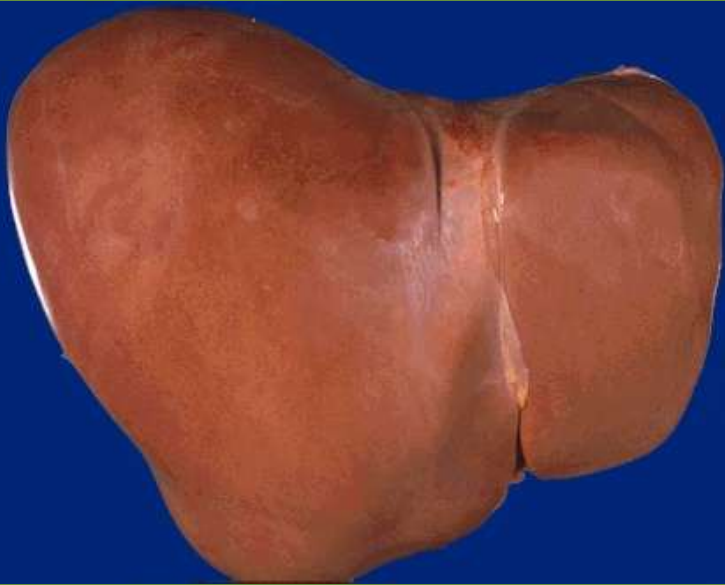


Fig.1: Reconstructed metabolic network of core Human Hepatocyte metabolism:
 Glycolysis and gluconeogenesis [a], pentose phosphate pathway [b], citrate cycle [c], urea cycle [d], purine metabolism [e], pyrimidine metabolism [f], ketone body synthesis [g], amino acid metabolism [h], protein synthesis [i]
reactions: blue rectangle, processes: red octagon, transporter: orange parallelogram, compounds: grey rhombus
regulations and flux objects not displayed, edges of compounds with highest degree not displayed



Produces

Proteins, clotting factors etc

Filters

Drugs, food

Changes

Drugs, hormones

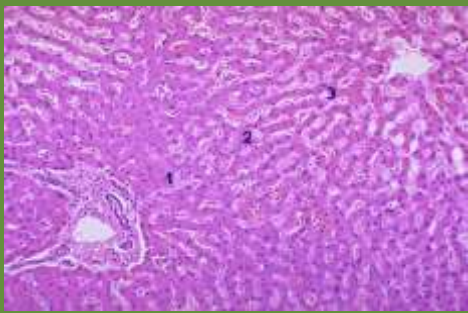
Chronic liver disease



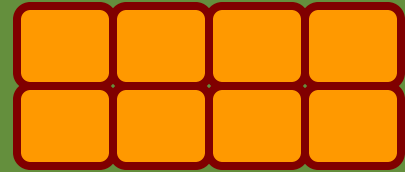
Less production

Filter clogged

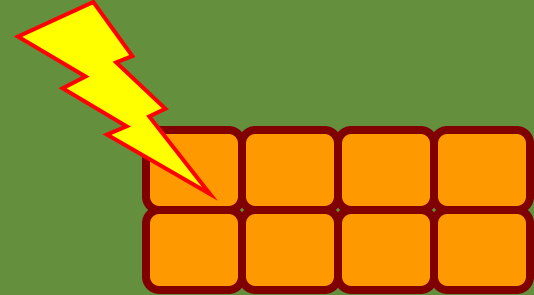
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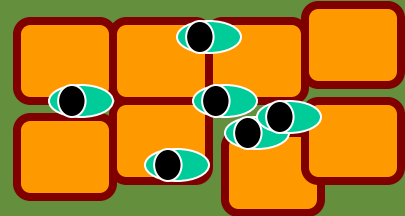
Normal liver



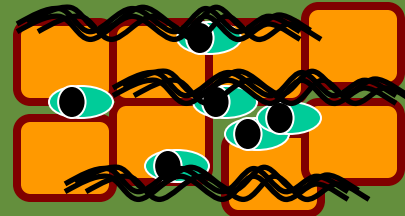
Liver disease



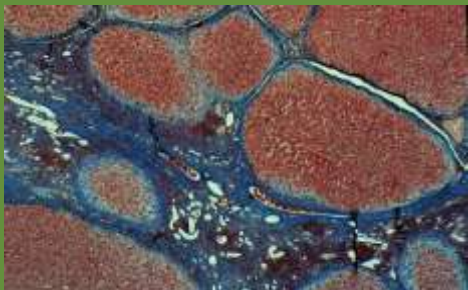
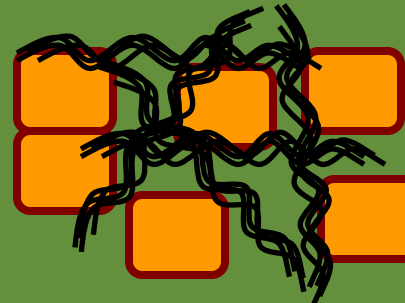
Inflammation



Scarring (fibrosis)



Loss of function (cirrhosis)









Abnormal Liver Function tests



Routine liver function tests

- Bilirubin
- Alkaline Phosphatase
- Transaminases (AST and or ALT)
- GGT
- Albumin
- Prothrombin time

The prevalence and etiology of elevated aminotransferase levels in the United States

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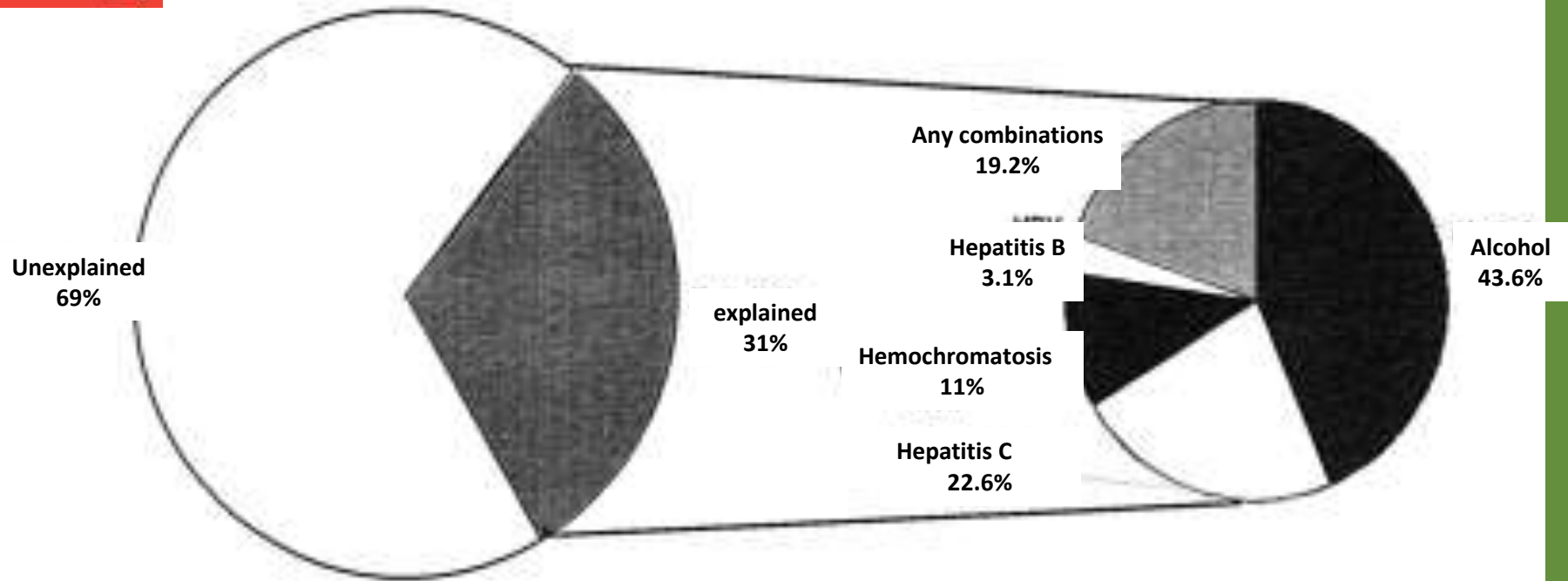
Characteristic	Population Distribution	Prevalence of Amino- transferase Elevation (%)	SE
Sex			
Male	(47.9)	9.3	0.7
Female	(52.1)	6.6	0.6
Race/ethnicity			
Non-Hispanic white	(76.9)	7.1	0.5
Non-Hispanic black	(10.5)	8.1	0.6
Mexican American	(5.2)	14.9	0.9
Others	(7.5)	10.2	1.5
Age (yr)			
<30	(26.6)	6.4	0.6
30-40	(22.7)	9.9	1.0
40-50	(18.4)	8.8	1.1
50-60	(12.1)	9.6	1.3
60-70	(10.6)	6.2	0.8
>70	(9.7)	4.9	0.6
Body mass index			
<18.5 kg/m ²	(2.5)	6.5	1.7
18.5-24.9 kg/m ²	(43.5)	5.3	0.5
25-29.9 kg/m ²	(32.2)	8.0	0.6
30-34.9 kg/m ²	(14.2)	10.9	0.9
35 kg/m ²	(7.6)	16.8	1.5

Table 1. Prevalence of Elevated Aminotransferase Levels in the United States Population by Various Demographic Characteristics and Body Mass Index

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Prevalence of aminotransferase elevation and likely etiologies in the United States (aminotransferase elevation defined as AST >37 IU/L or ALT >40 IU/L in men and AST or ALT >31 IU/L in women).

Abnormal LFTs in Primary Care

342 Abnormal results



185 no further tests required

157 needed further investigations

58% no further tests done

42% some further tests

Diagnostic test not acted on in 4%

(AMA+ve, High ferritin, Dilated CBD, SMA+ve)

Findings on investigation

23% normal LFTs on retesting

11% normal serology, declined
biopsy

27% alcoholic liver disease

17% NASH/fatty liver

18% viral/autoimmune
metabolic/biliary

Findings on Liver biopsy for abnormal LFTS

- Abnormal liver enzymes
- Negative diagnostic serology
- careful exclusion of alcohol

Again abnormal = 2x ULN

397 patients



43 declined biopsy

354 underwent biopsy

Stage of liver disease

Cirrhosis	6%
Bridging	9%
Portal	12%
None	73%

Causes of raised ALP

- Physiological

- Pregnancy (1st and 3rd trimester)
- Adolescents
- Benign familial (intestinal ALP)



- Pathological

- Biliary obstruction
- PBC/PSC
- Drugs
- Adult ductopaenia
- Metastatic liver disease
- Bone disease



Drugs associated with raised transaminases

NSAIDS

Statins (probably no good evidence for this)

Anti-epileptics

Anti-tuberculous therapy

Herbal remedies

Illicit drug use (cocaine, ecstasy)



GGT -gamma glutamyltransferase

- Cell membrane glycoprotein enzyme
- Maintains intracellular glutathione concentrations
- Found in kidney brain spleen and heart
- Only 30-50% excessive alcohol consumers in community have raised GGT
- PPV of GGT is only 32%!!

Causes of raised GGT

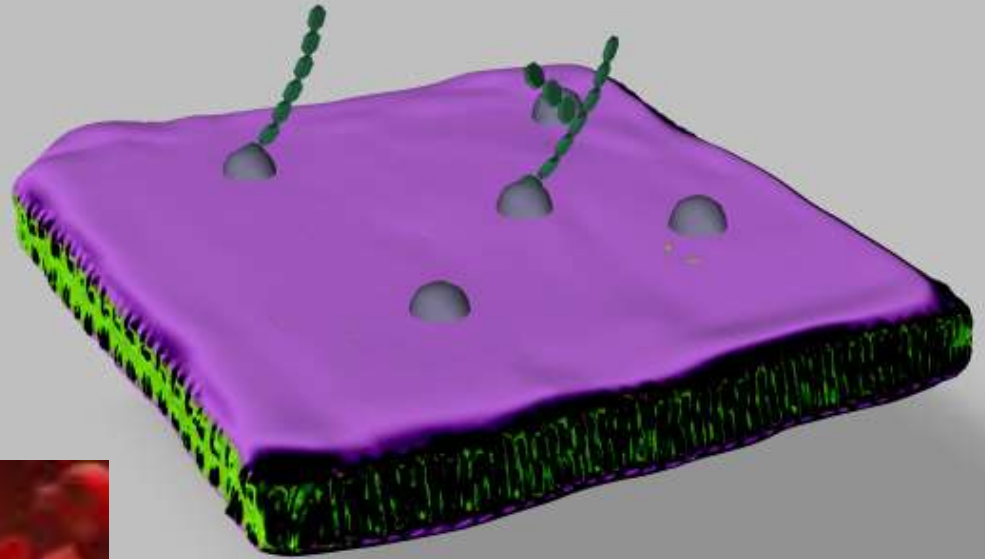
- Hepatobiliary diseases
- Pancreatic disease
- Alcoholism
- COPD
- Renal failure
- Diabetes
- Myocardial disease
- Drugs



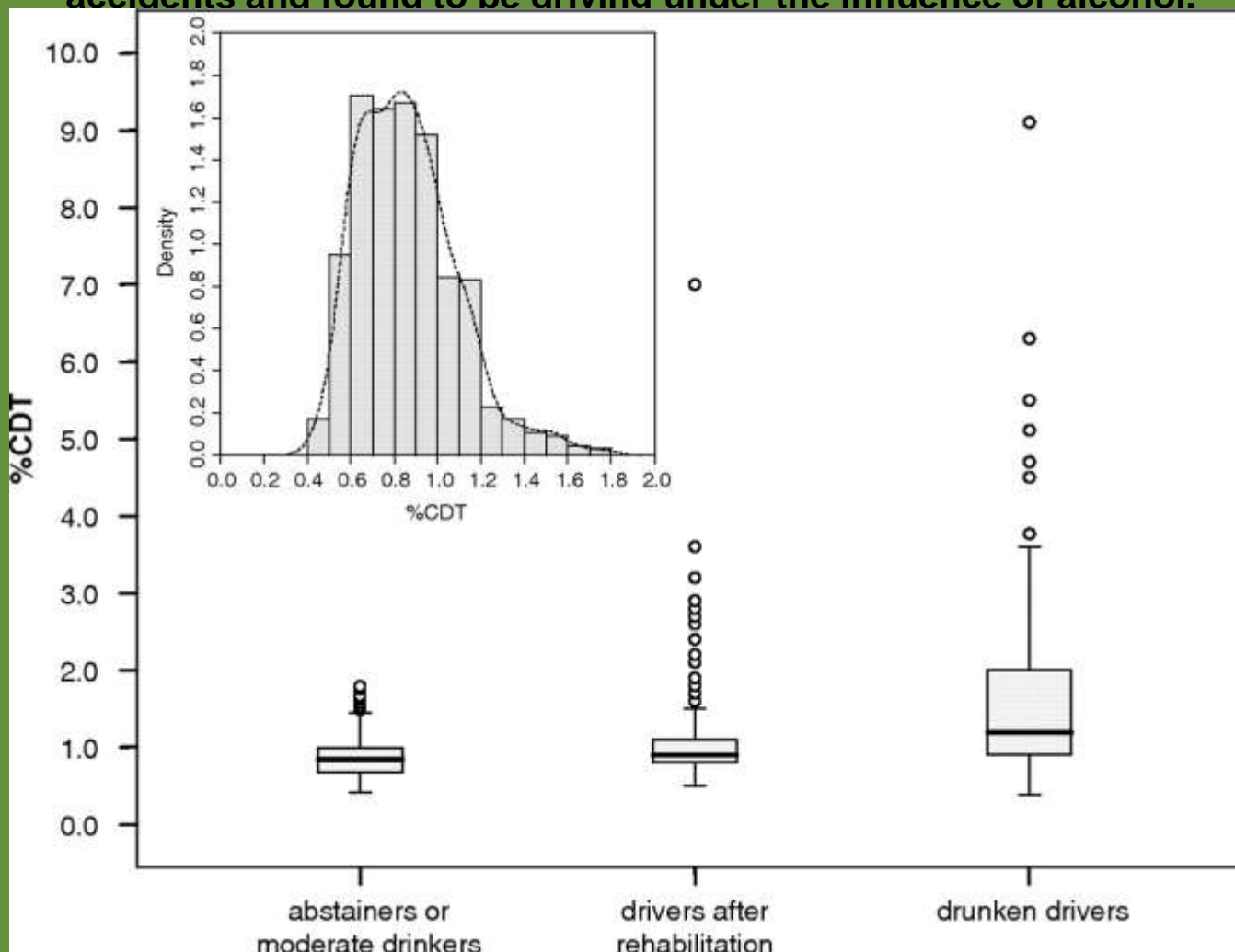
- 316 patients attending alcohol counselling services
 - 34% raised gamma GT
 - 18% raised AST
 - 7% raised alkaline phosphatase
- No correlation between abnormal LFTs and degree of current alcohol consumption

Marker	Sensitivity (percent)	Diagnostic Specificity (percent)	Possible or Current Use
Gamma-glutamyltransferase (GGT)	61 ¹	n/a	Chronic alcohol abuse
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	Method-dependent	n/a	Chronic alcohol abuse
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	56 ¹	n/a	Chronic alcohol abuse
Carbohydrate-deficient transferrin (CDT)	26–83 ^{2*}	92 ³	Heavy alcohol use**
N-acetyl-β-hexosaminidase	94 ²	91 ²	Heavy alcohol use
Whole blood–associated acetaldehyde (WBAA)	100 ⁴	95 ⁴	Recent alcohol consumption at all levels; monitoring abstinence
Mean corpuscular volume (MCV)	47 ¹	n/a	Heavy alcohol use
Apolipoprotein J	n/a	n/a	Heavy alcohol use
5-hydroxytryptophol (5-HTOL)	n/a	n/a	Monitoring sobriety
Salsolinol	n/a	n/a	Chronic alcohol consumption
Fatty acid ethyl esters (FAEE)	100 ⁵	90 ⁵	Recent heavy alcohol use
Ethyl glucuronide (EtG)	n/a	Method-dependent	Monitoring sobriety; forensics

Carbohydrate-deficient transferrin



Boxplots of %CDT values among 652 abstainers or moderate drinkers, 603 drivers applying for driving-license regranting after a rehabilitation programme and 105 drivers involved in car accidents and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.



Bianchi V et al. Alcohol and Alcoholism 2010;45:247-251

The ineffectiveness of traditional markers to screen for alcohol consumption in the general population has been recognized for many years. Sensitivity and/or specificity rates are far too low to propose their systematic use as screening tests in unselected medical populations.

A biochemical marker with 60% sensitivity and 98% specificity rate for heavy drinking, when applied to a population with a 7% prevalence of alcohol misuse, has a positive predictive value of 0.66. This means that, if a patient has a positive test result, there is a 66% chance that this patient is a heavy drinker and a 34% chance that this patient is a false positive, rather than a true positive. Despite moderate sensitivity and specificity rates, this biochemical marker is not a good screening candidate.

Tests with moderate diagnostic performance have serious drawbacks in employment, legal and insurance settings where false positive results can have serious consequences. However, if false positive results could be eliminated or greatly reduced, these tests might find greater acceptance and use in these settings.



MELD SCORE

$3.78 \times \log_e \text{ serum bilirubin (mg/dL)} +$

$11.20 \times \log_e \text{ INR} +$

$9.57 \times \log_e \text{ serum creatinine (mg/dL)} +$

6.43 (constant for liver disease etiology)

NOTES:

If the patient has been dialyzed twice within the last 7 days, then the value for serum creatinine used should be 4.0

Any value less than one is given a value of 1 (i.e. if bilirubin is 0.8, a value of 1.0 is used) to prevent the occurrence of scores below 0 (the natural logarithm of 1 is 0, and any value below 1 would yield a negative result)

- **Meld score**

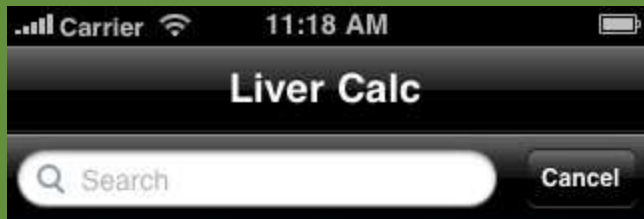
- >9	2.9%	3 month mortality
- 10-19	7.7%	
- 20-29	23.5%	
- 30-39	60%	
- >40	81%	

Points	1	2	3
Encephalopathy	None	Minimal	Advanced (coma)
Ascites	Absent	Controlled	Refractory
Bilirubin ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	< 34	34–51	> 51
Albumin (g/L)	> 35	28–35	< 28
Prothrombin (sec) *	< 4	4–6	> 6

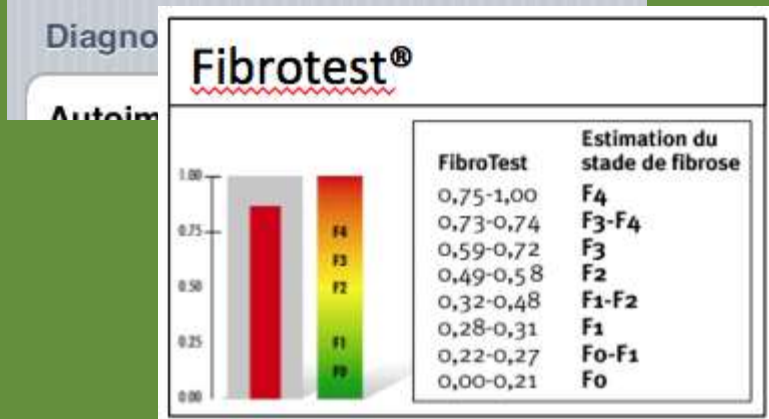
*Difference between the patient and the control. Differences of 4 to 6 seconds correspond approximately to a prothrombin ratio of ~50 to 40% of normal.

Source: Semin Liver Dis © 2008 Thieme Medical Publishers

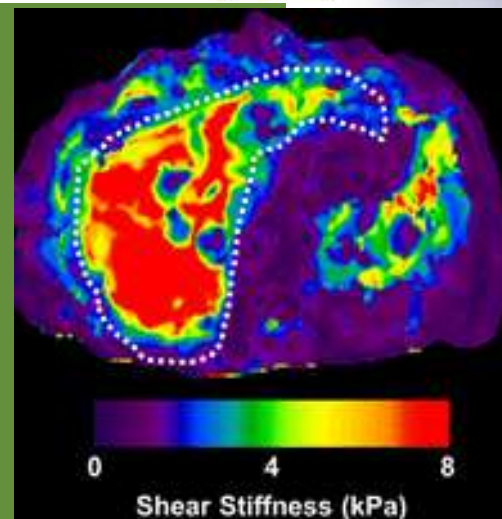
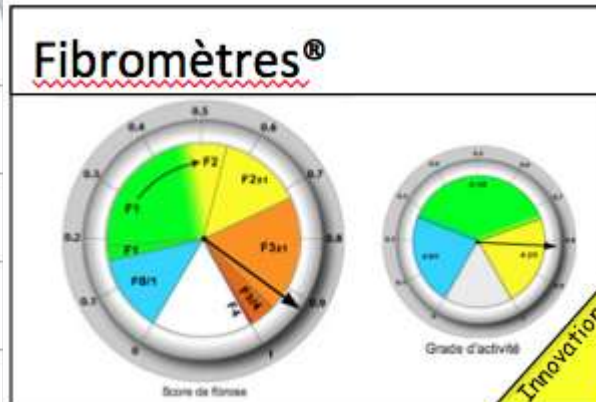
Points	Class	One year survival	Two year survival
5-6	A	100%	85%
7-9	B	81%	57%
10-15	C	45%	35%



- Progonstic Score**
- MELD >
 - MELDNa >
 - PELD >
 - Child-Pugh >
 - Maddrey Score (for Alocoholi... >
 - Mayo Score (for PBC) >



ELF Testing





Doh.....

Did I leave
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out??