

La storia naturale della coinfezione HIV-HCV



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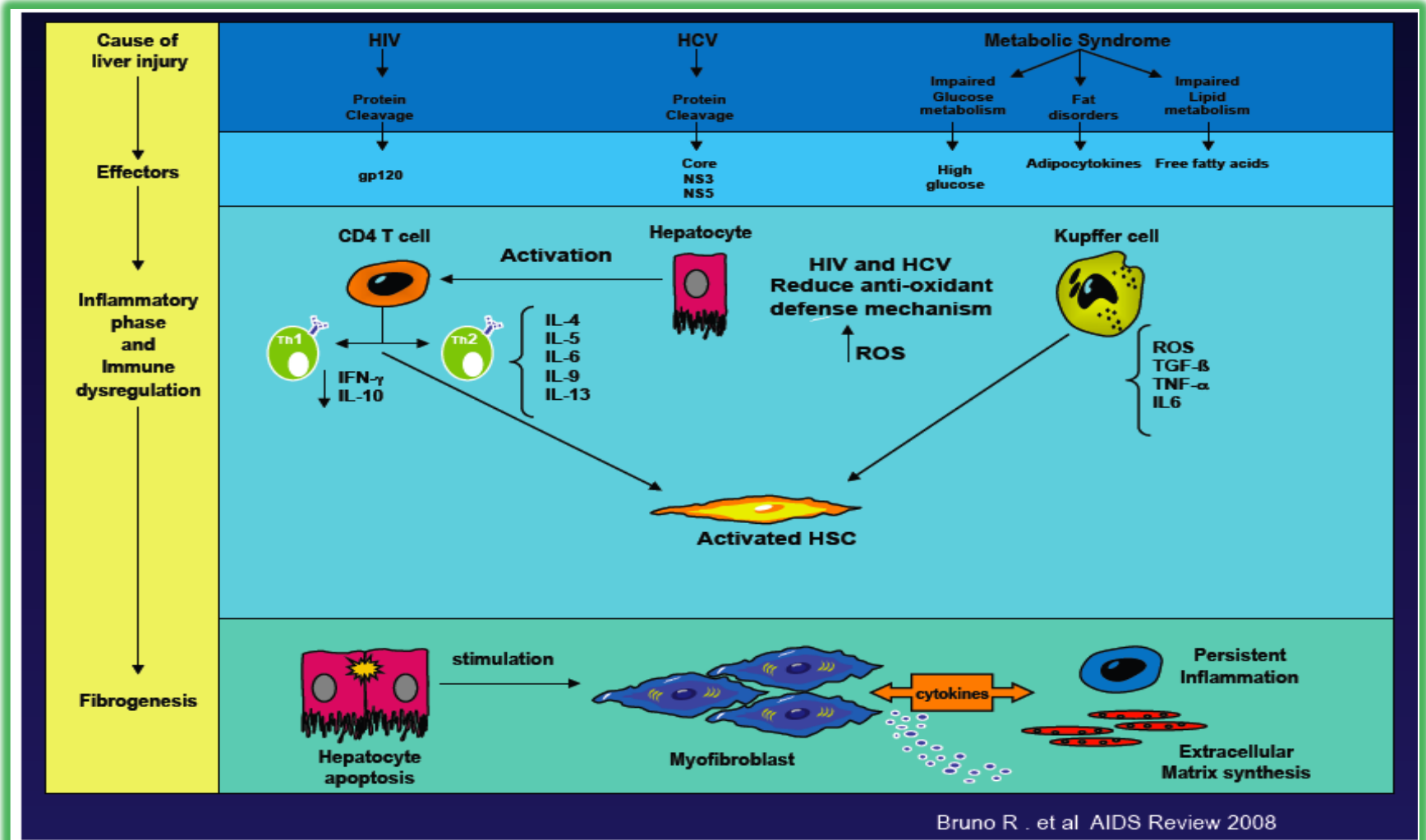
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HCV and Cofactors such as metabolic syndrome activate an inflammatory response and immune dysregulation which accelerates liver fibrosis by triggering Hepatic Stellate Cells (HSC)



Impaired CD4⁺ T cell stimulation of NK cell anti-fibrotic activity may contribute to accelerated liver fibrosis progression in HIV/HCV patients

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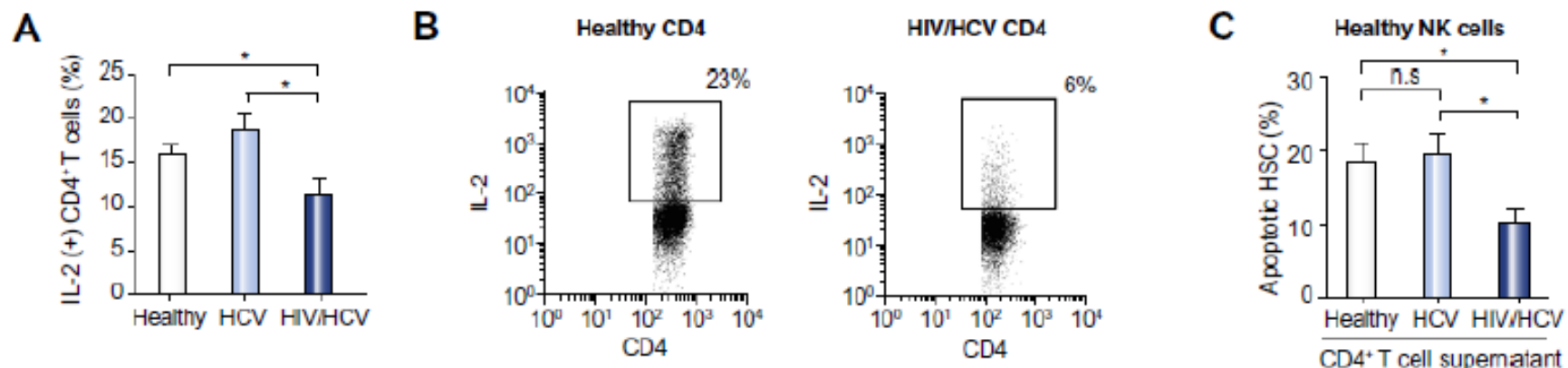
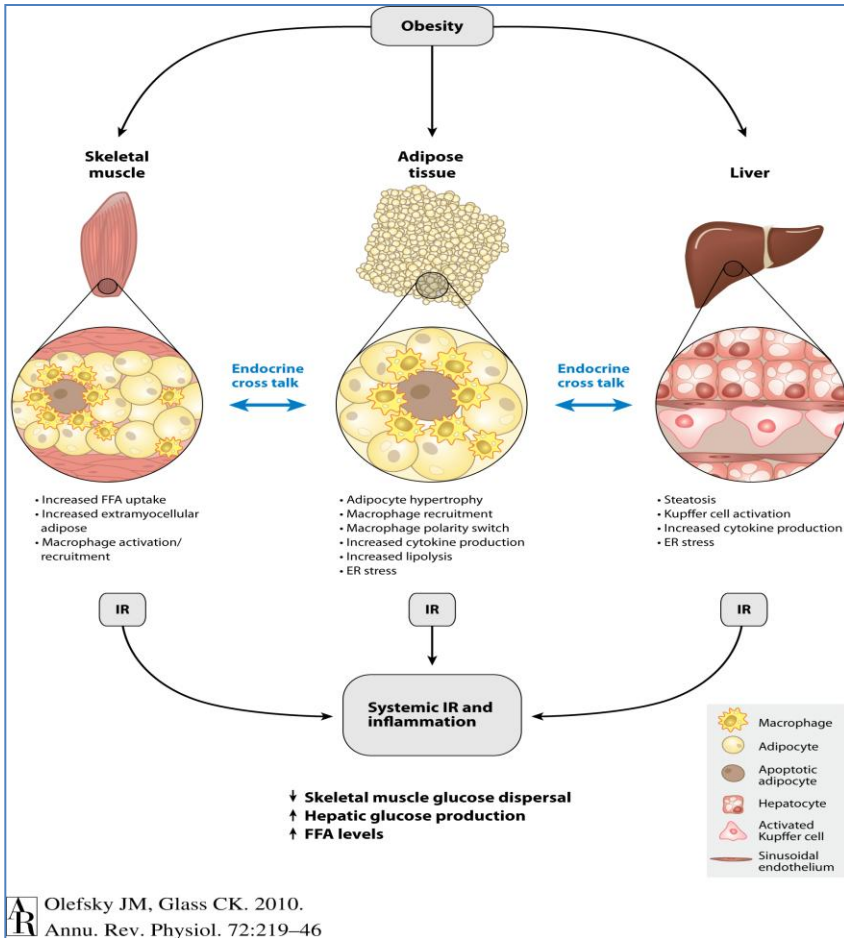


Fig. 4. CD4⁺ T cells from HIV/HCV co-infected patients display an impaired capability to induce anti-fibrotic activity of NK cells. (A) CD4⁺ T cells from HIV/HCV co-infected patients showed a reduced IL-2 secretion after stimulation with CD3/CD28-coated beads compared to healthy or HCV mono-infected patients ((healthy) = 13; (HCV) = 12; (HIV/HCV) = 9). (B) Representative dot plots from FACS measurements of IL-2 production in stimulated CD4⁺ T cells from healthy and HIV/HCV co-infected individuals, respectively. (C) NK cells from healthy persons were stimulated with the supernatant of CD4⁺ T cells obtained from HIV/HCV, HCV or healthy individuals (healthy: n = 9; HCV: n = 8; HIV/HCV: n = 8). Columns represent mean ± SEM; *p < 0.05; n.s., not significant.

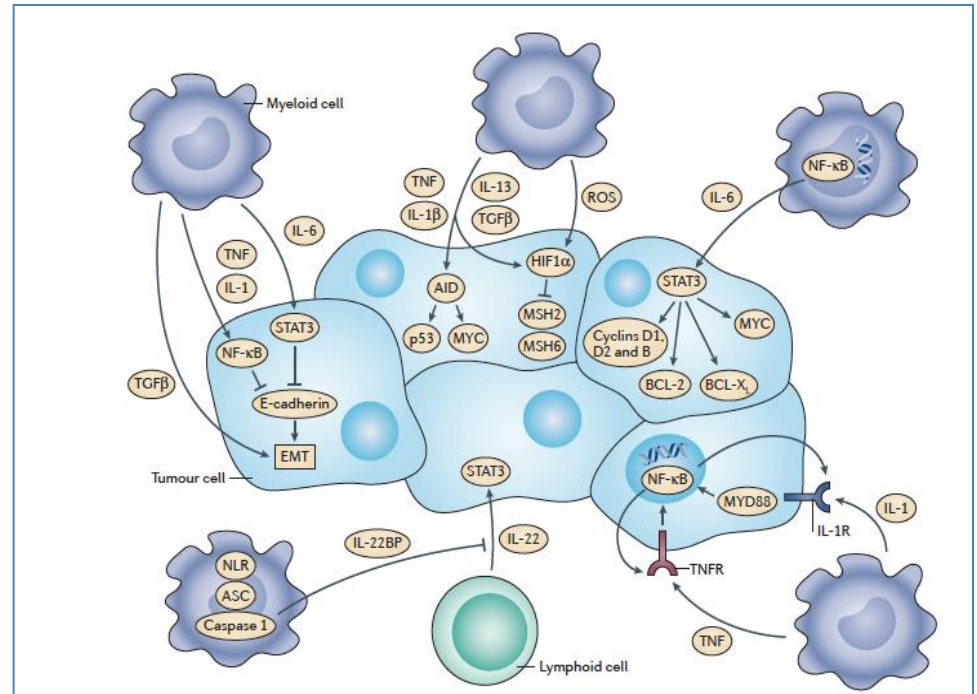
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Inflammation and insuline resistance

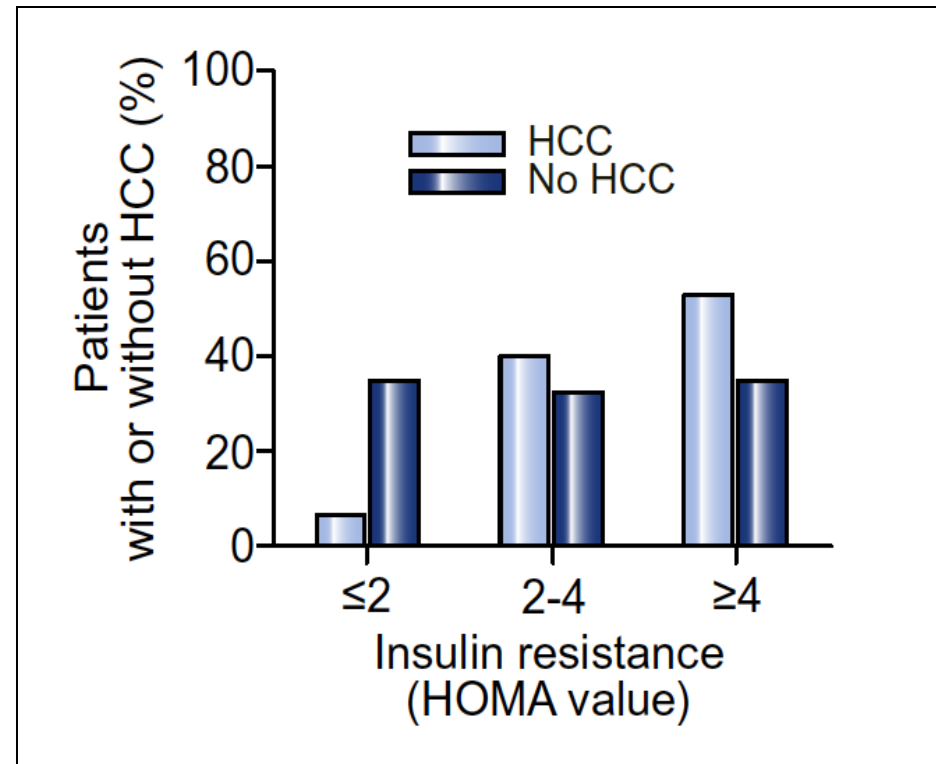


Influence of inflammatory signalling on carcinogenesis



Insulin resistance is associated with a higher risk of hepatocellular carcinoma in cirrhotic HIV/HCV-co-infected patients: Results from ANRS CO13 HEPAVIH

- 244 HIV/HCV with cirrhosis (clinically or histologically proven cirrhosis or Liver Stiffness ≥ 12.5 KPa)
- 21 (8.6%) developed HCC during a mean follow up of 2.6 years (95% CI 1.8-3.5)
- Predictors of HCC by multivariate analysis:
 - Age > 50 yrs (ARR 3.2 95% CI 1.2-9) p=0.02
 - HOMA > 3.8 (ARR 3.4 95% CI 1.1-10.3) p = 0.03

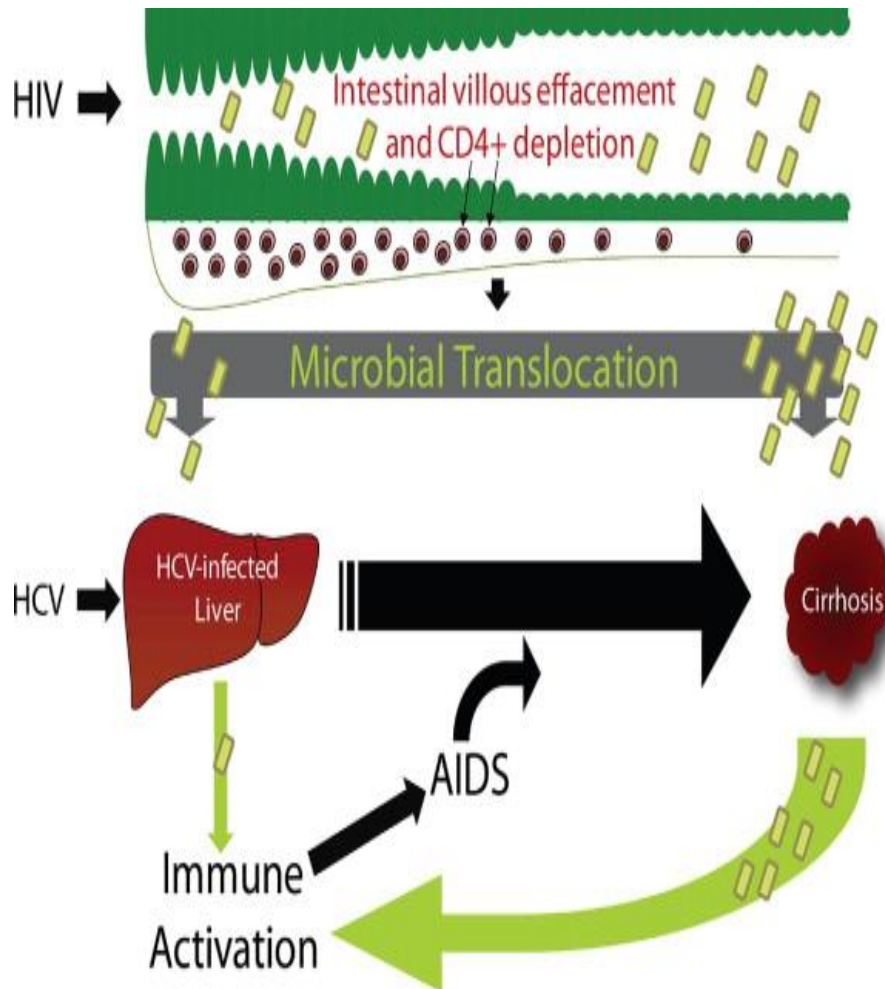


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Human Immunodeficiency Virus-Related Microbial Translocation and Progression of Hepatitis C

Balagopal et.al GASTROENTEROLOGY 2008;135:226-233



- ✓ HIV-related intestinal CD4+ lymphocyte depletion and microbial translocation contribute to HCV progression.
- ✓ An integrated model shows that microbial translocation is dependent on HIV-related CD4+ lymphocyte depletion. Microbial translocation is critical for the development of immune activation and AIDS, but liver disease develops only in HCV coinfection.
- ✓ Microbial translocation in the host with cirrhosis will lead to less clearance of bacterial products and increased immune activation



Correlation Between the Levels of TGF-beta 1, Foxp3+ lymphocytes, Bacterial Translocation Indexes and Liver Fibrosis Score in HIV+, HCV+, HIV+/HCV+ patients and Healthy Controls

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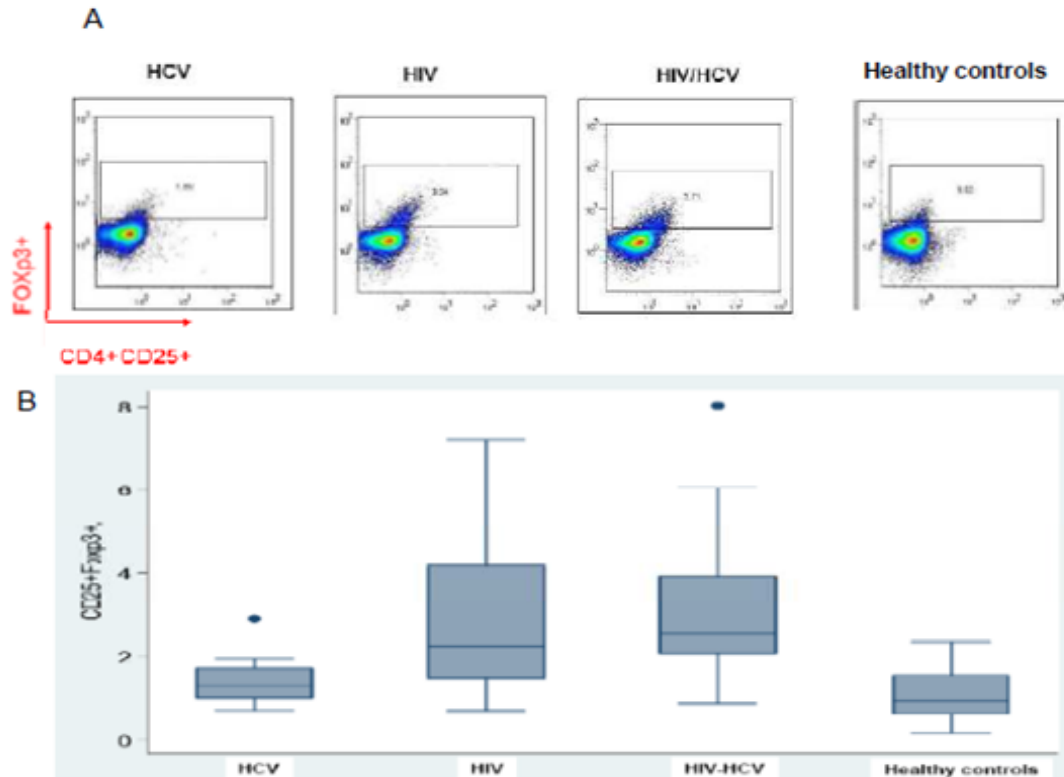
- A cross-sectional study was conducted on 80 subjects including HIV-monoinfected (n = 20), HCV monoinfected (n = 20) and HIV/HCV-co-infected (n = 20) patients, and healthy controls (n = 20) older than 18 years
- to investigate the correlation existing between blood levels of Foxp3, TGF-beta 1, IL-17, sCD14, bacterial-DNA products and liver fibrosis stage in HIV, HCV monoinfected, HIV/HCV coinfecting patients and age matched healthy controls.

Methods

- Foxp3⁺ and TGF-beta 1 levels were measured in peripheral blood and were correlated to liver fibrosis, measured either by biochemical score (FIB 4) or by elastometry

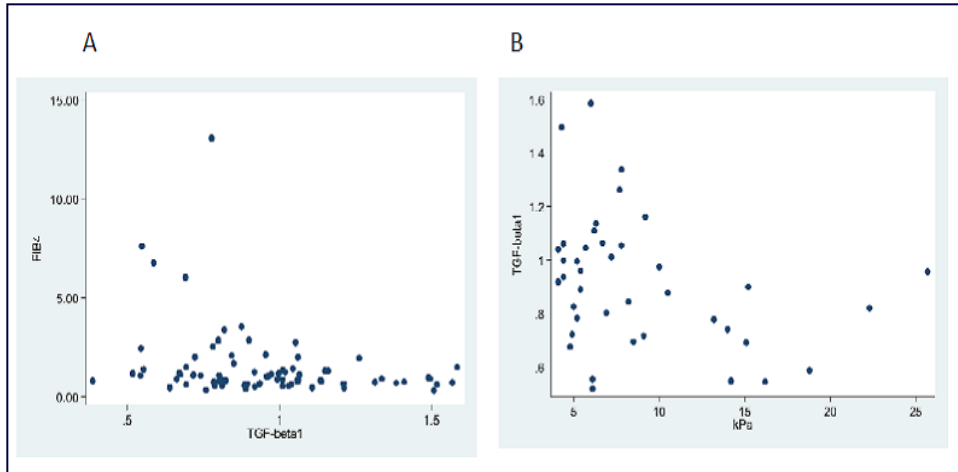
- CD4⁺CD25⁺Foxp3⁺ and sCD14T-cell levels, were measured by Flow Cytometric analysis, Circulating TGF-beta1 and IL-17 concentrations in plasma by a commercial enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay ELISA kit Quantikine (R&D Systems) and complete 23S rDNA sequences from 50 bacterial species by 23S rDNA real-time PCR.

Main Findings 1/3

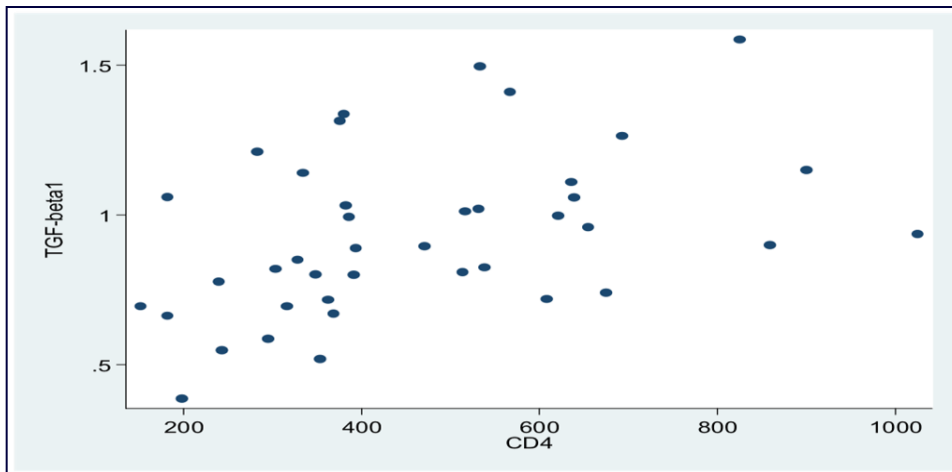


- Foxp3⁺ % levels were significantly higher in HIV⁺ and HIV⁺/HCV⁺ than in HCV⁺ and control group ($p < 0.0005$, Kruskal-Wallis test)

Main Findings 2/3

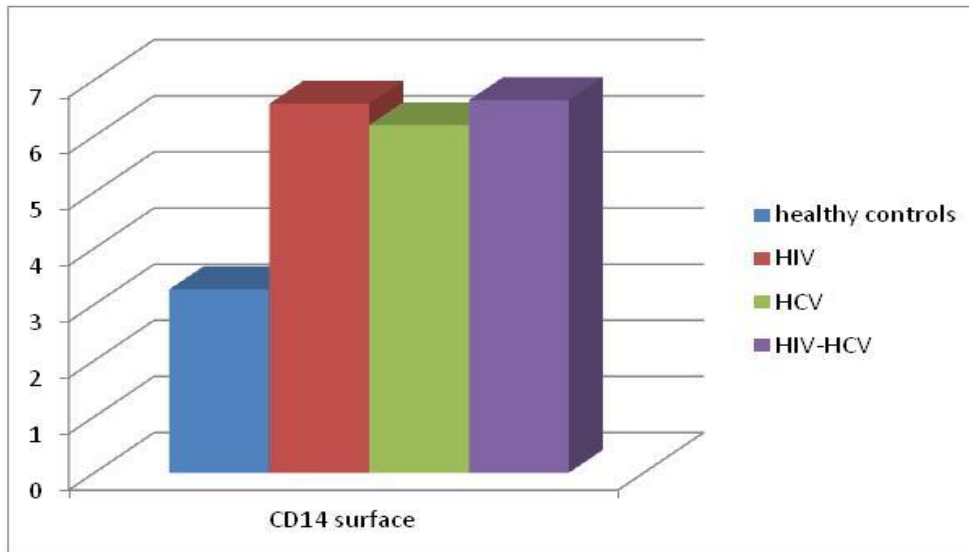


- FIB 4 values inversely correlated with TGF-beta1 (Rho -0.38; $p=0.0155$) as well as with liver stiffness values (Rho -0.31; $p=0.0498$)

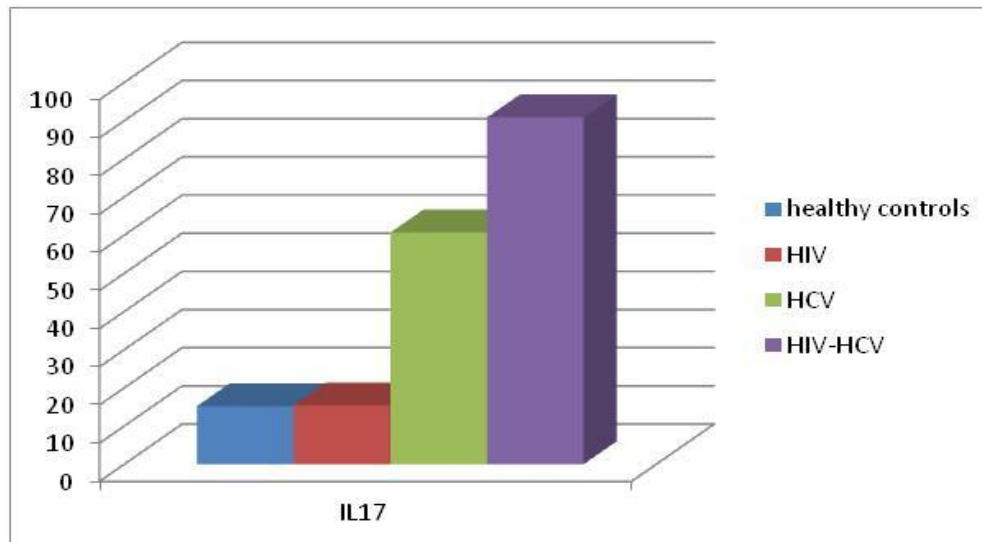


- TGF-beta1 levels directly correlated with CD4 cell count values in HIV and HIV/HCV coinfecting patients (Rho 0.4802; $p=0.0017$)

Main Findings 3/3



- CD14 (soluble and surface) levels were significantly different between HIV⁺ vs the healthy controls, HIV⁺/HCV⁺ vs the healthy controls, HCV⁺ vs HIV⁺/HCV⁺ ($p < 0.0001$)



- IL17 was significantly different between HCV⁺ vs the others 3 groups.

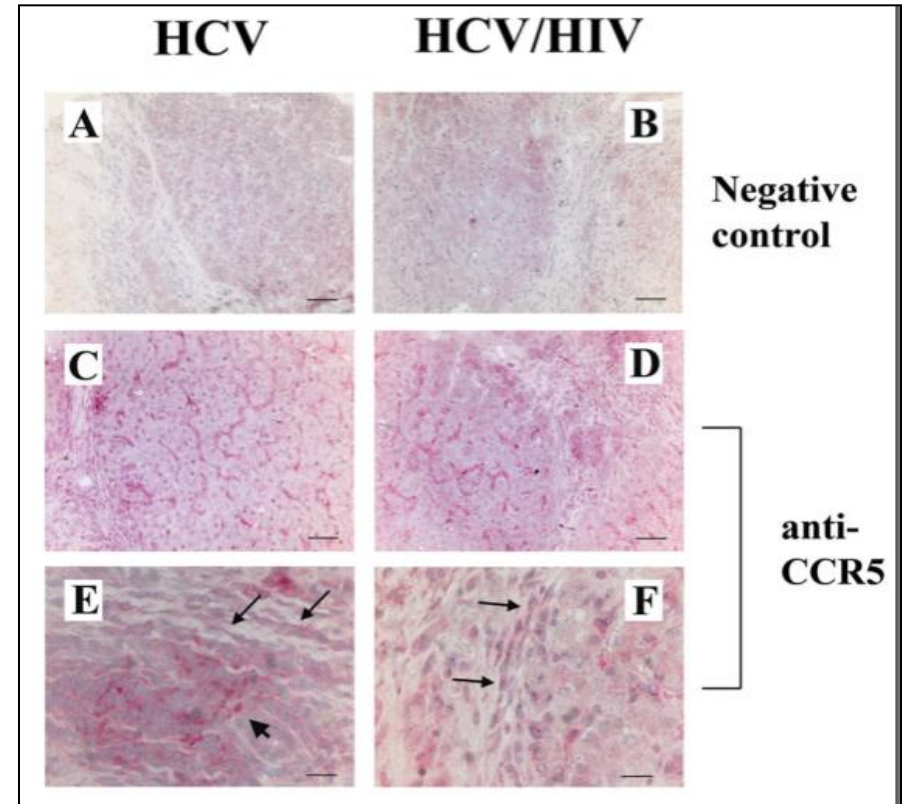
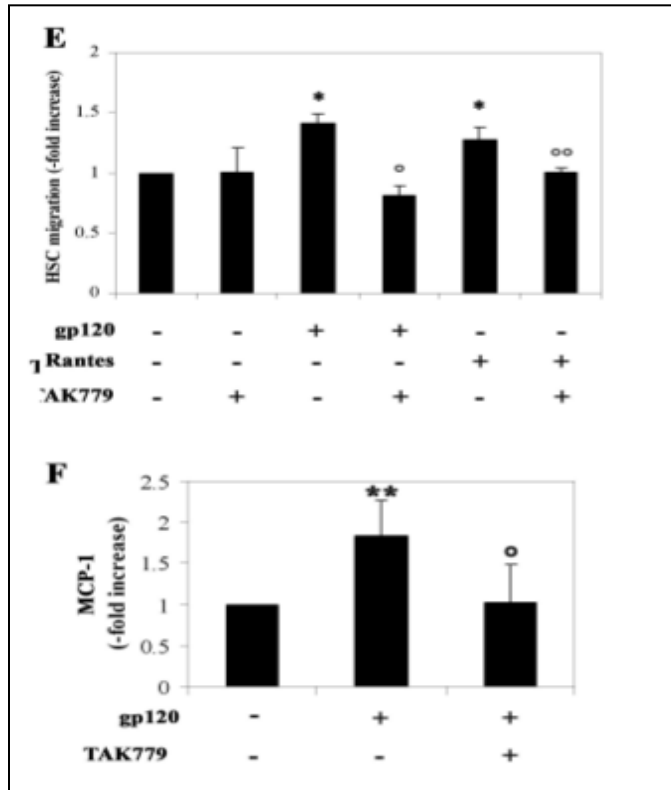
Conclusions

- Foxp3⁺ levels are higher in patients with HIV, but they do not influence liver fibrosis stages.
- TGF- β 1 levels inversely correlate with fibrosis and directly with CD4 cell count suggesting a protective effect of immune status against fibrosis.
- HIV⁺/HCV⁺ patients have increased levels of bacterial DNA, CD14 (soluble and surface) and IL17 as compared with the others groups.
- The correlation between the translocation indexes(CD14,IL17) and FIB4 suggests that fibrosis stage may depend on immunoactivation caused by bacterial translocation.

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The HIV Envelope Protein gp120 Modulates The Biology of Human Hepatic Stellate Cells

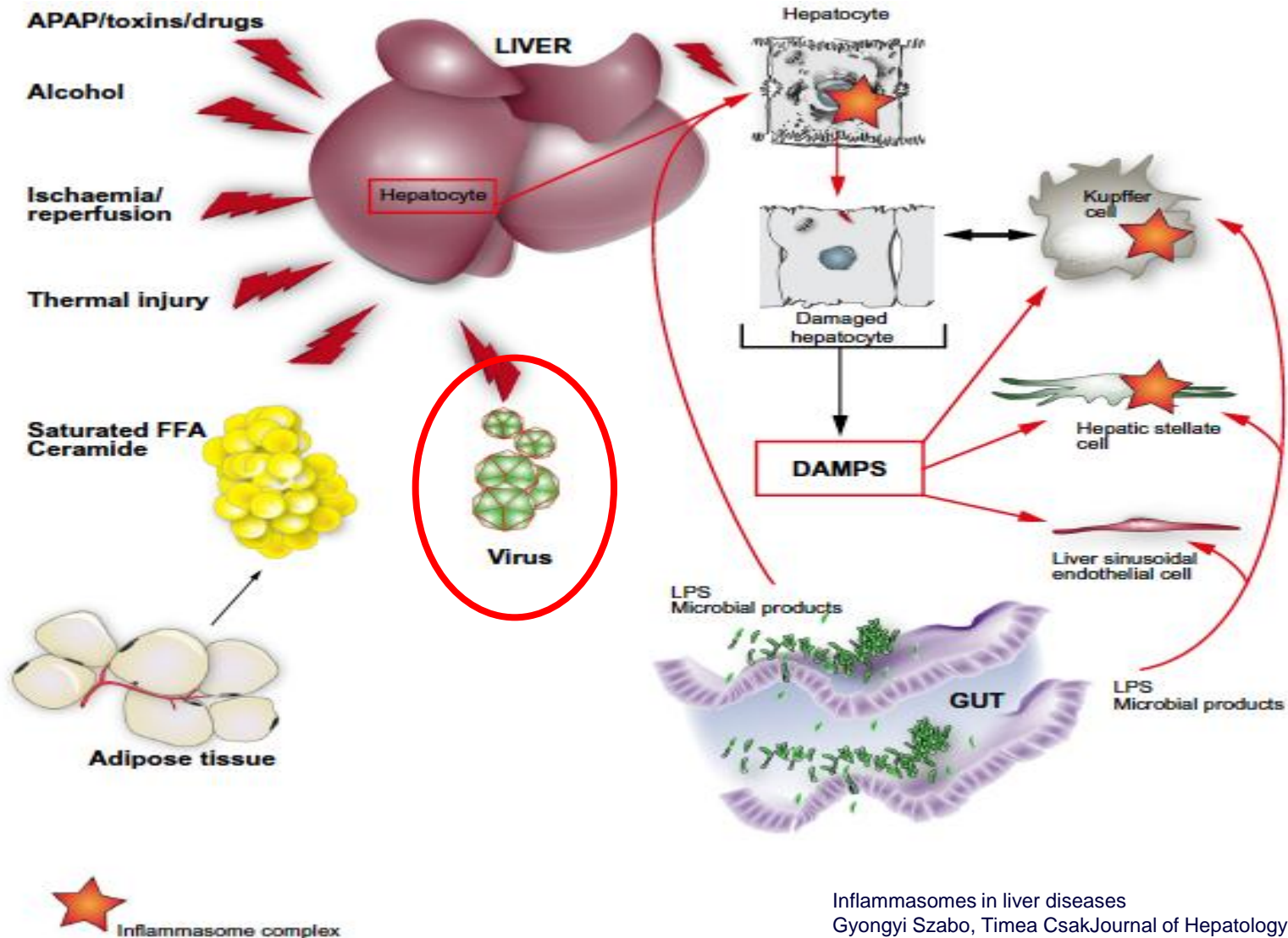


HIV-gp120 modulates different aspects of HSC biology, including directional cell movement and expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines by binding to CCR5r. These results identify a direct pathway possibly linking HIV infection with liver fibrogenesis via envelope proteins.

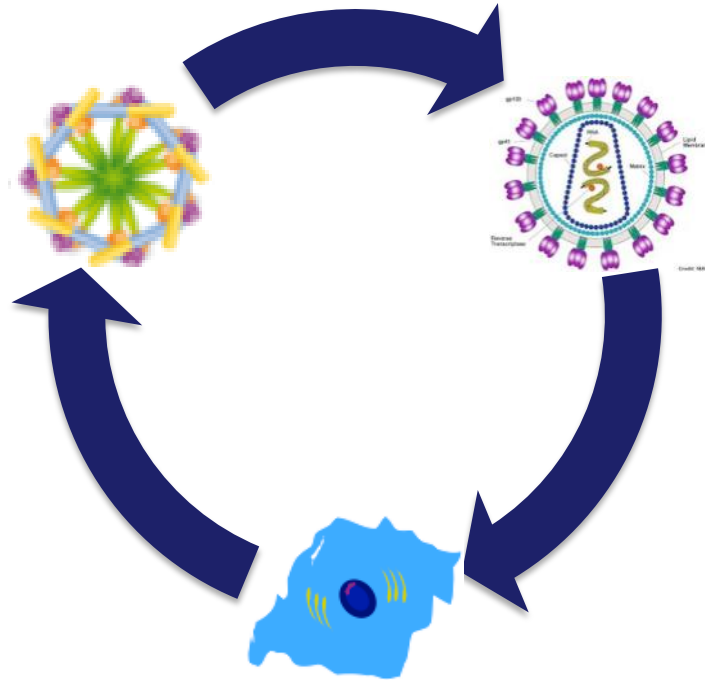
Inflammasome

- The inflammasome is a multiprotein oligomer consisting of caspase 1, PYCARD, NALP and caspase 5.
- It is expressed in myeloid cells and is a component of the innate immune system. The exact composition of an inflammasome depends on the activator which initiates inflammasome assembly,
- The inflammasome promotes the maturation of the inflammatory cytokines Interleukin 1 β (IL-1 β) and Interleukin 18 (IL-18).
- The inflammasome is responsible for activation of inflammatory processes, and has been shown to induce cell pyroptosis, a process of programmed cell death distinct from apoptosis.

Triggers of inflammasome activation in liver diseases.



NALP3 inflammasome and HIV



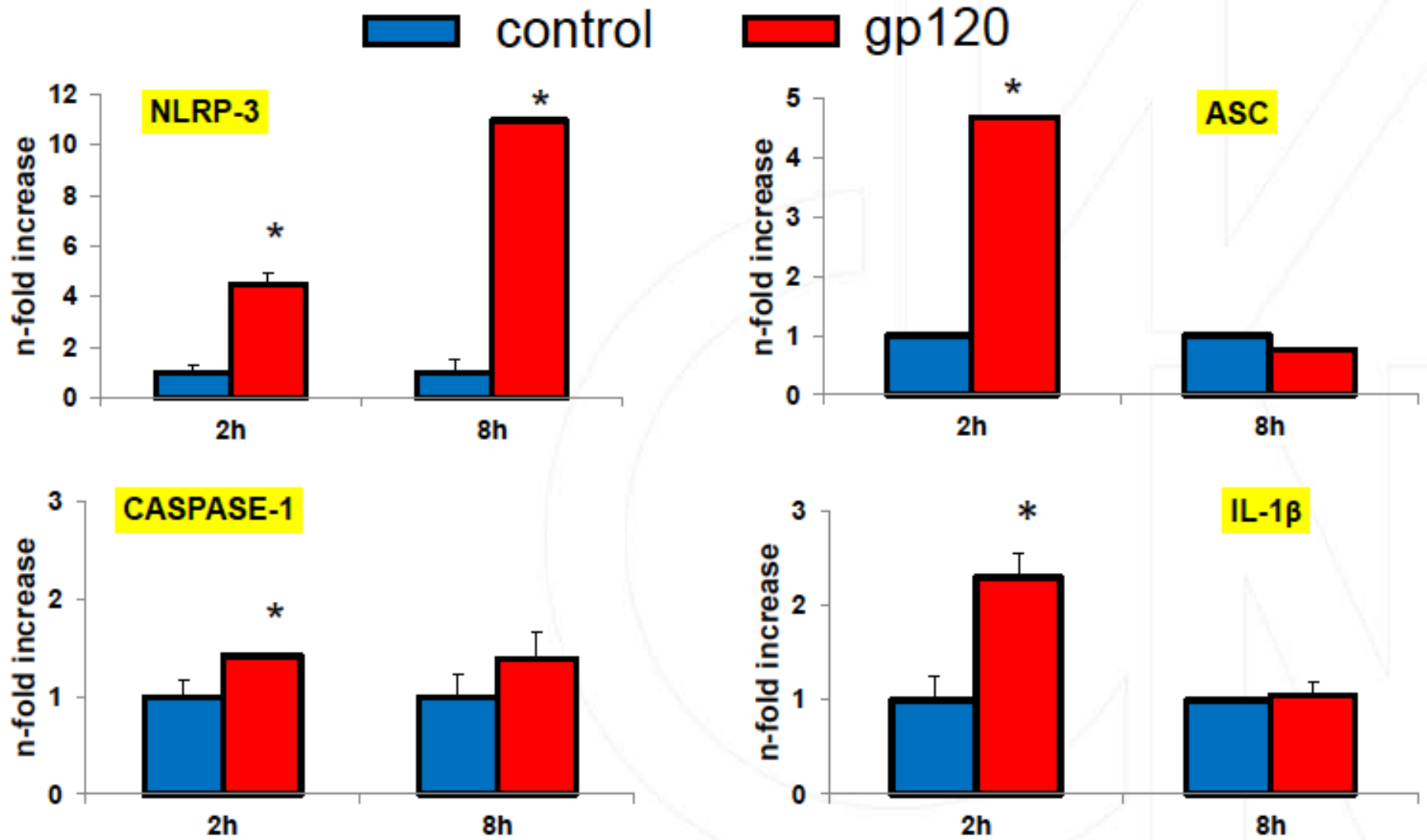
- A possible direct link between the inflammasome and HIV proteins is under evaluation
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HIV-Envelope Protein Gp120 Activates the Nalp3-Inflammasome Through the Engagement of CCR5 Receptor in Human Hepatic Stellate Cells

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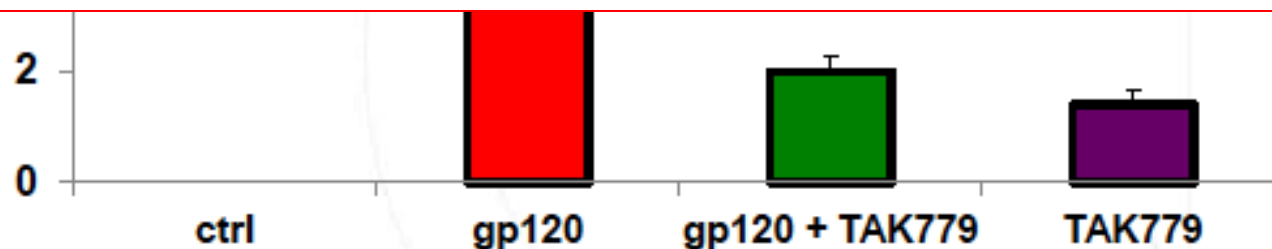
gp120 induces expression of inflammasome components and IL-1 β production in PBMC



GP120 activates the inflammasome pathway through engagement of CCR5 in PBMCs



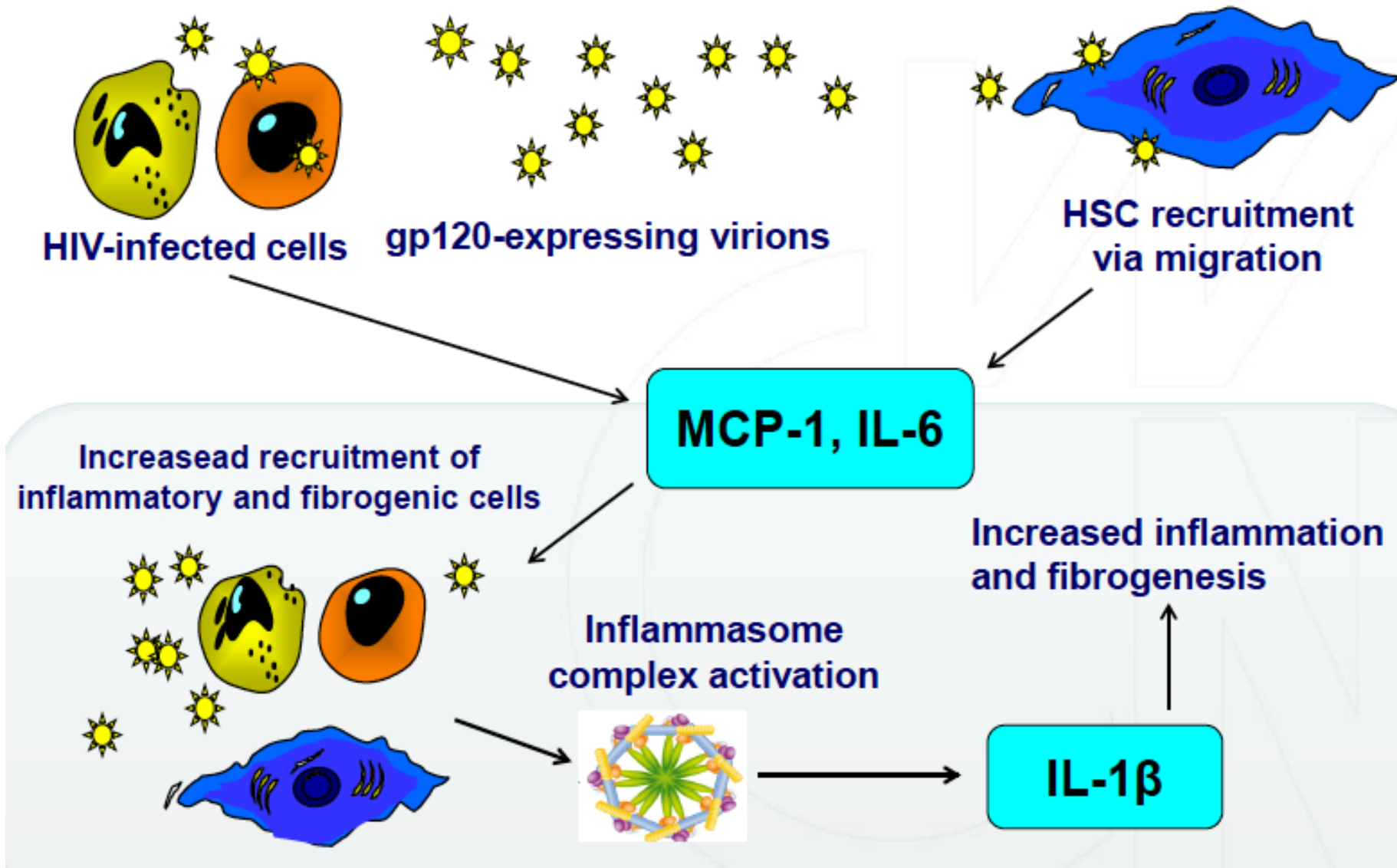
Conclusions: HIV-gp120 significantly increased the expression of components of the NALP3 inflammasome in human HSC and PBMC, through activation of CCR5. These data identify a novel mechanism by which HIV-gp120 may directly influence hepatic necroinflammation and fibrosis during HCV/HIV coinfection, through increased production of IL-1 β . Even more this is the first time that a chemokines receptor is demonstrated to have a role in activation of inflammasome' complex in hepatic stellate cells.



*P<0.05 vs control; ^ P<0.05 vs gp120

Cappon A et al AASLD 2013

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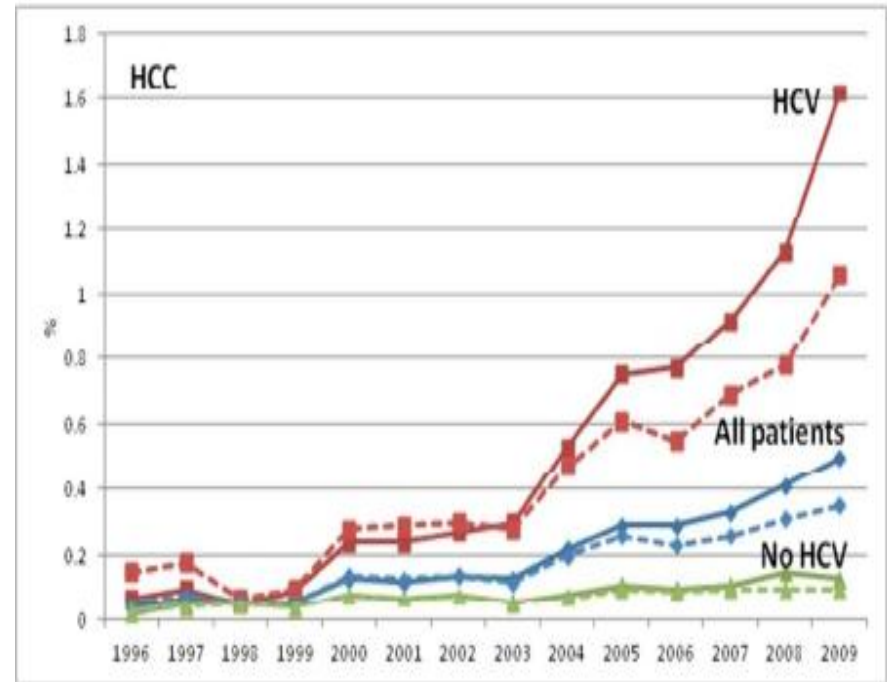
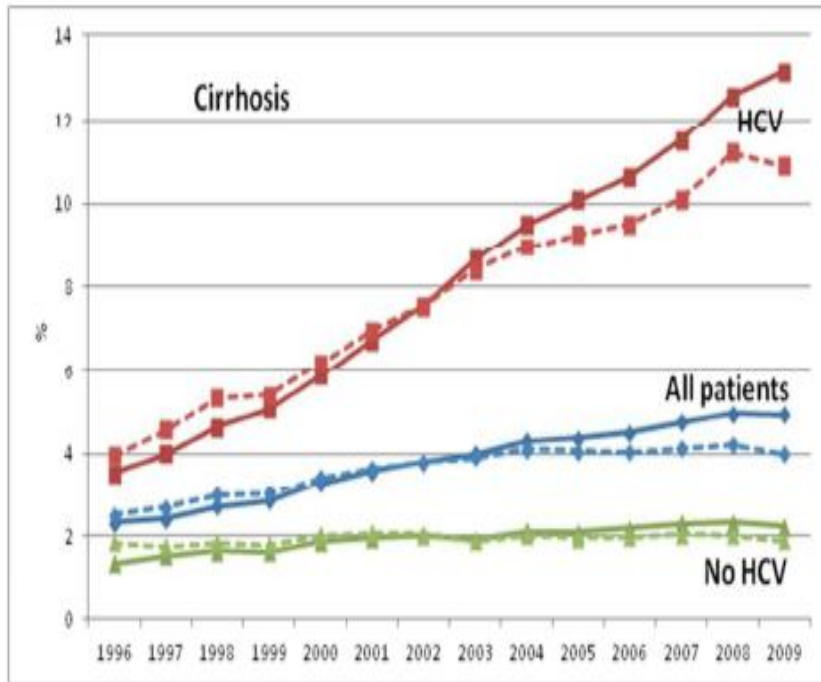


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The prevalence of cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with HIV infection

Patients received care in the Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare system - 1996-2009 n=24,040

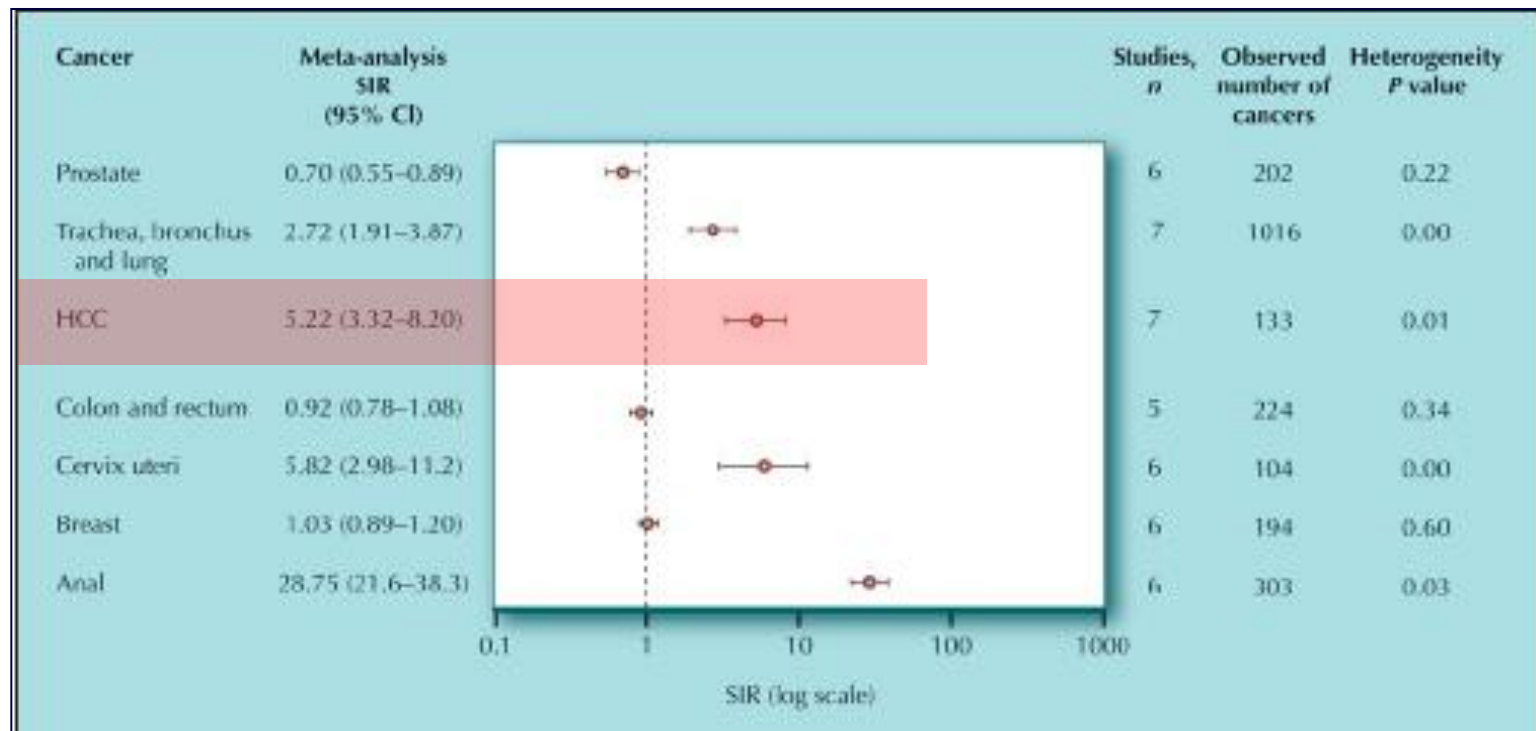


The prevalence of cirrhosis and HCC has increased dramatically among HIV-infected patients driven primarily by the HCV epidemic.

Screening HIV-Infected Patients for Non-AIDS-Defining Malignancies

Adrienne A. Phillips, MD, MPH, and Jessica E. Justman, MD

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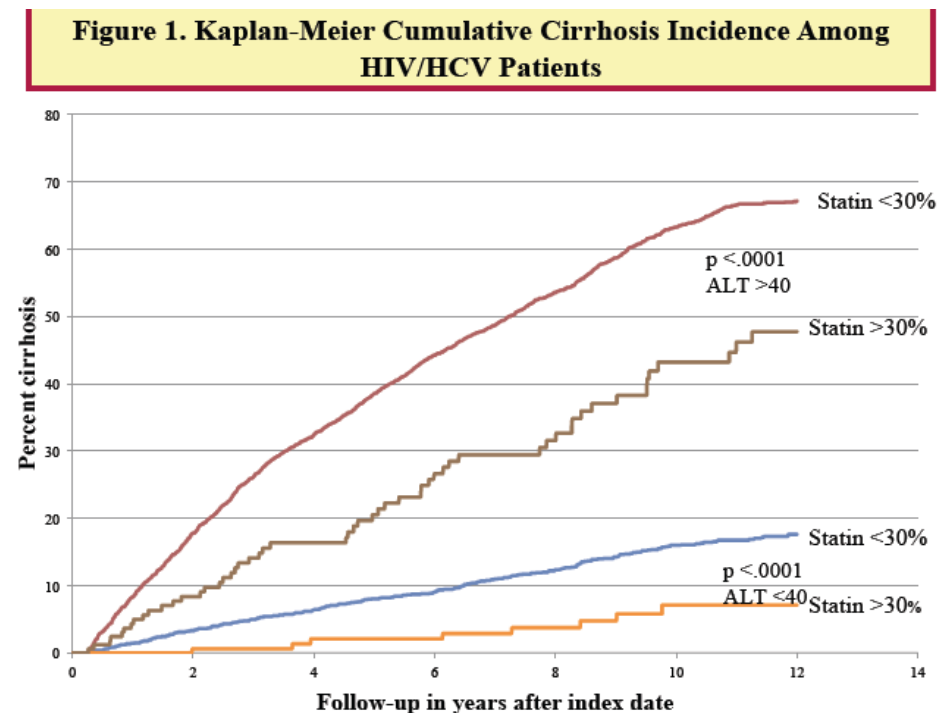
Incidence of HCC is higher in persons living with HIV with a ratio of 5.22 ranking second after cervix uterus neoplasia among non-AIDS defining cancers.

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Statin Use and the Impact on Cirrhosis Progression in a HIV/HCV Co-infected Population

- 5985 VA HIV/HCV coinfecting patients 273 (ALT < 40 IU/mL) and 1992 ALT > 40
- Although not used frequently in patients with underlying chronic liver disease (12.5% with ALT >40), among those with less severe liver disease (ALT < 40), statins have a significantly protective effect in the development of cirrhosis (p = 0.04), but loses significance for ALT>40 (may be due to small numbers on statins).
- Metabolic risk factors including low-HDL and diabetes are significantly associated with increased risk of cirrhosis among those with ALT > 40 .
- Hypertension was also associated with a non-significant increased risk.
- Older age, poorer HIV control with CD4 count <200 and less time with undetectable HIV VL confer significantly greater risk

	ALT* <40 IU/L N = 273		ALT* >40 IU/L N = 1992	
	HR (CI)	P-value	HR (CI)	P-value
Statin by 30% increment* (Point estimate)	0.68 (0.47-0.98)	-	0.95 (0.83-1.01)	-



Protective Effect of Coffee Intake on Mortality of French HIV-HCV Infected Patients (ANRS CO13 HEPAVIH Cohort)

- N=1,035 patients eligible for this study
- Median [interquartile range] follow-up duration: 5 [3.9-5.8] years, representing 4,693 person-years
- 77 deaths → Mortality incidence rate [95% confidence interval]: 1.64 [1.31-2.05] per 100 person-years

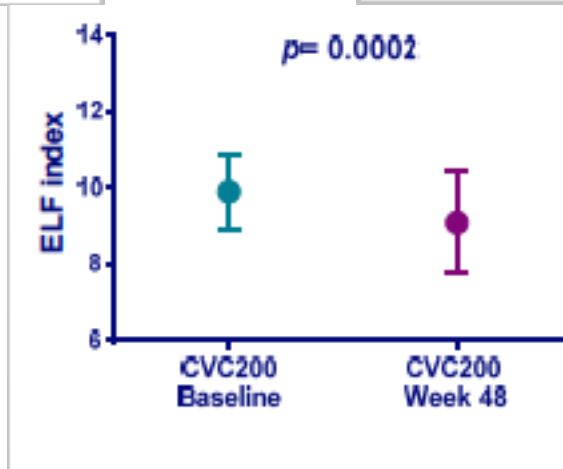
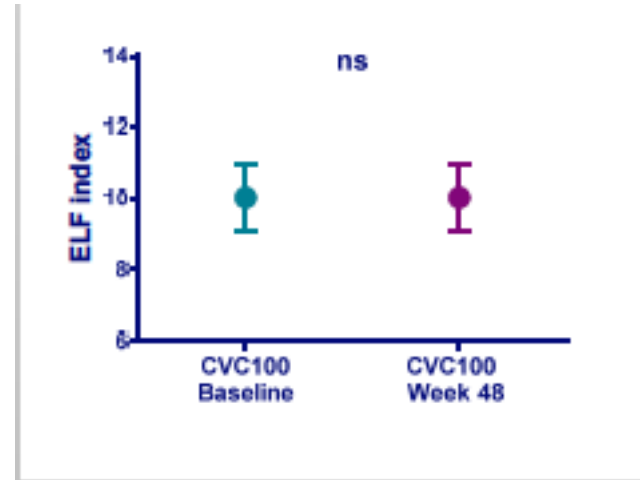
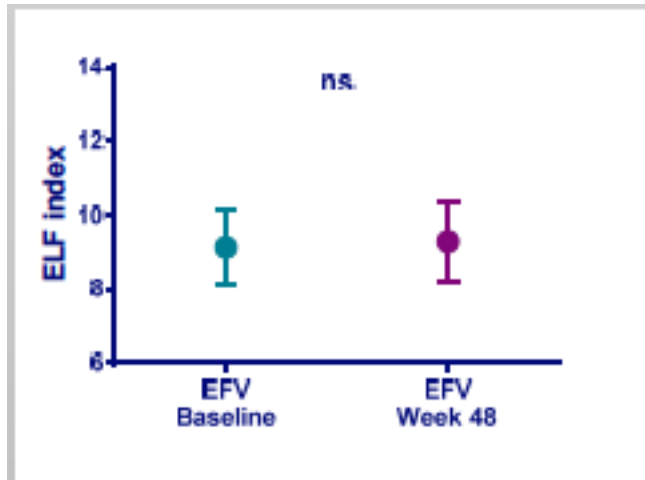
	N (%) §	n deaths	AHR [95% CI]	P-value
Gender				
Male	726 (70.1)	61	1	
Female	309 (29.9)	16	0.6 [0.3-1.0]	0.060
Having a steady partner §				
No	399 (38.5)	40	1	
Yes	631 (61.0)	37	0.6 [0.3-0.9]	0.014
Precarious housing §				
No	1,013 (97.9)	71	1	
Yes	18 (1.7)	6	3.7 [1.9-7.2]	<10 ⁻³
HCV treatment status §				
Not yet treated	551 (53.2)	58	1	
Ongoing treatment	73 (7.0)	7	0.9 [0.4-1.9]	0.753
Treated and not cured	163 (15.7)	8	0.7 [0.3-1.4]	0.289
Treated and cured	248 (24.0)	4	0.2 [0.1-0.6]	0.004
HIV stage §				
1	462 (44.6)	18	1	
2	269 (26.0)	21	2.0 [1.0-4.0]	0.036
3	301 (29.1)	37	3.2 [1.8-5.7]	<10 ⁻³
CD4+ cell count/mm³ ≤ 200 §				
No	951 (91.9)	58	1	
Yes	84 (8.1)	19	3.2 [1.9-5.5]	<10 ⁻³
Tobacco consumption §				
Past/current	905 (87.4)	73	1	
Never	122 (11.8)	3	0.3 [0.1-0.9]	0.039
Alcohol consumption § (AU/day)				
No consumption	325 (31.4)	27	1	
Low (≤ 1)	477 (46.1)	25	0.5 [0.3-0.9]	0.033
Moderate (> 1 and ≤ 4(3) for men(women))	161 (15.6)	14	0.7 [0.3-1.3]	0.228
Elevated (> 4(3) for men(women))	61 (5.9)	9	1.0 [0.4-2.4]	0.912

	N (%) §	n deaths	AHR [95% CI]	P-value
Coffee consumption §				
< 3 cups/day	762 (73.6)	65	1	
≥ 3 cups/day	272 (26.3)	12	0.5 [0.3-1.0]	0.045

Risk factors for liver fibrosis progression in HIV/HCV

- 156 HIV/HCV fibrosis progression by LSM (Fibroscan) → HLA B18
- 168 HIV/HCV with liver biopsies
 - 68 HCV G3: PNPLA3 variants (I/M+M/M vs. I/I) and the CD4+ cell count were identified as the only predictors of severe steatosis for those with HCV-genotype non- 3
 - Cannabinoid Receptor 2 63 variant associated with more severe Hepatitis Activity Index

Assessment of Hepatic Antifibrotic Effect of Cenicriviroc in Patients With HIV



Eradication of HCV and Extrahepatic Comorbidities in HIV/HCV Coinfection

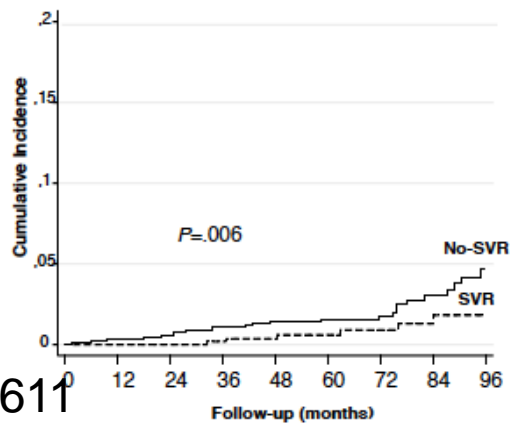
Hazard ratio of events during FU Responders vs Non-responders

	Univariate analysis ^a		Multivariate analysis ^{a,b}	
	HR (95% CI)	P	HR (95% CI)	P
Overall deaths	0.35 (0.24 - 0.52)	<.001	0.37 (0.25 - 0.56)	<.001
	sHR (95% CI)		sHR (95% CI)	
Cause-specific deaths				
Liver-related deaths	0.12 (0.05 - 0.28)	<.001	0.13 (0.06 - 0.30)	<.001
Non-liver-related deaths	0.69 (0.43 - 1.1)	.119	0.73 (0.45 - 1.21)	.225
AIDS-related deaths	0.45 (0.09 - 2.22)	.325	0.36 (0.09 - 1.41)	.143
NLR-NAR deaths	0.73 (0.44 - 1.19)	.204	0.80 (0.47 - 1.36)	.406
New AIDS-defining events	0.34 (0.16 - 0.72)	.004	0.37 (0.17 - 0.80)	.011
Liver-related events				
Liver decompensation	0.09 (0.04 - 0.2)	<.001	0.10 (0.05 - 0.22)	<.001
Hepatocarcinoma	0.12 (0.03 - 0.5)	.004	0.13 (0.03 - 0.50)	.003
Liver transplantation	0.10 (0.01 - 0.77)	.027	0.12 (0.02 - 0.79)	.027
NLR-NAR events				
Diabetes mellitus	0.53 (0.33 - 0.84)	.007	0.56 (0.34 - 0.90)	.018
Cancer	0.91 (0.6 - 1.38)	.650	0.90 (0.57 - 1.43)	.665
Cardiovascular event	1.41 (0.93 - 2.13)	.105	1.56 (1 - 2.43)	.052
Sepsis requiring hospitalization	0.55 (0.33 - 0.92)	.024	0.90 (0.57 - 1.43)	.665
Bone event	1.39 (0.82 - 2.35)	.225	1.27 (0.69 - 2.33)	.442
Renal event	0.39 (0.16 - 0.95)	.038	0.38 (0.15 - 0.98)	.046

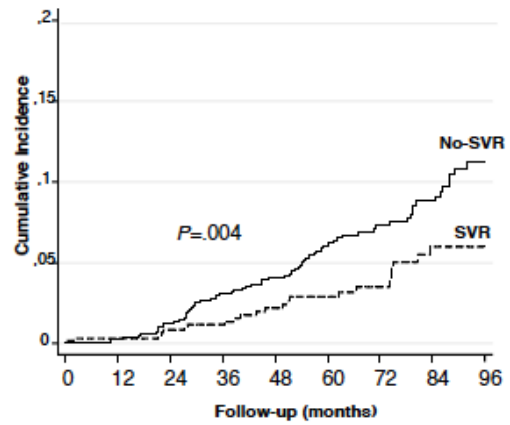
^aCox regression for comparison of the HR of overall death. Fine and Gray regression for comparison of the sHR of events, in the presence of competing risks.

^bAdjusted for age, sex, prior AIDS-defining conditions (yes vs. no), HIV-transmission category (injection drug users vs. non-injection drug users), nadir CD4+ cell count, cART (yes vs. no), undetectable HIV-RNA at baseline (yes vs. no), FIB-4 ≥3.25 (yes vs. no), genotype (3 vs. other genotypes). **Abbreviations:** HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; sHR, subhazard ratio.

Renal event



Diabetes mellitus



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