

NAFLD in HIV

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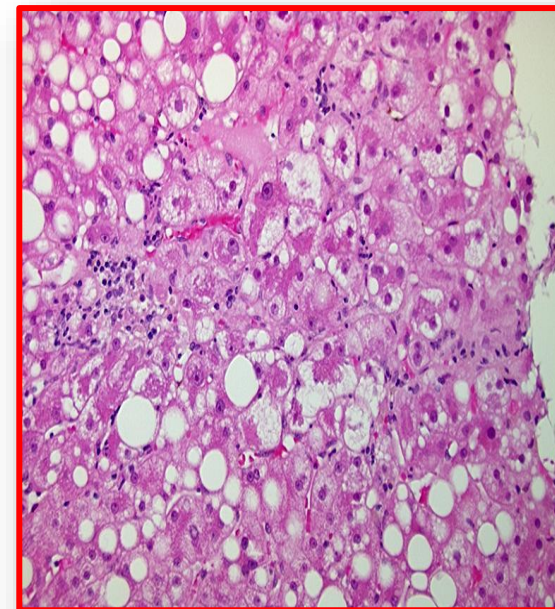
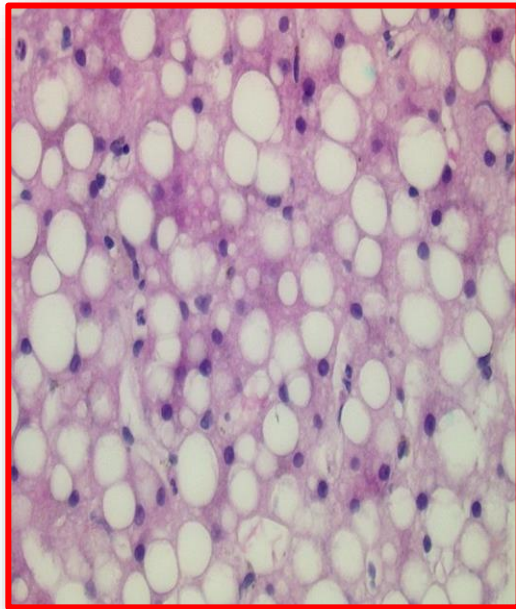
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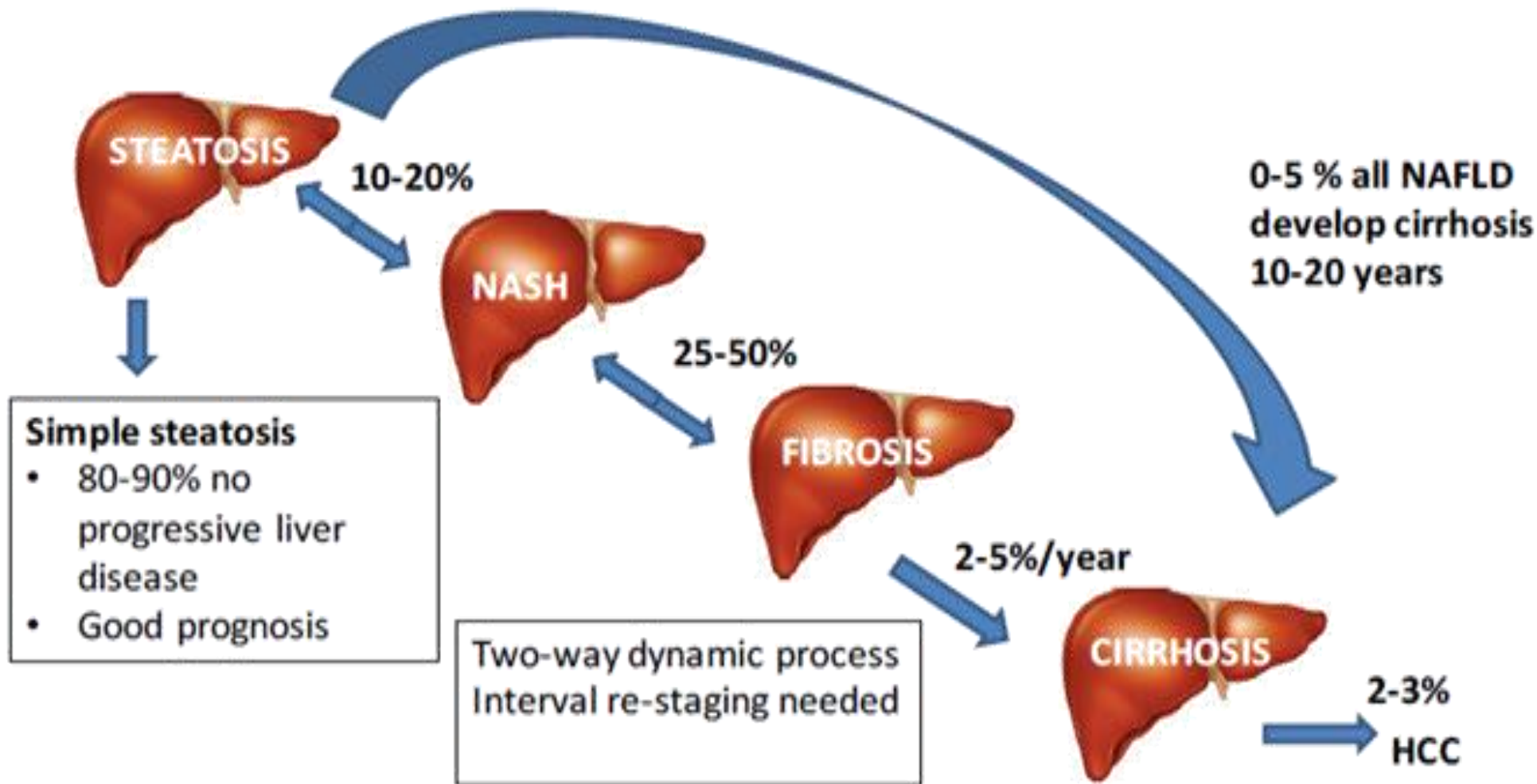
NAFLD - Definition

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is a spectrum of disorders characterized by macrovesicular hepatic steatosis occurring in the absence of significant alcohol consumption

NAFLD is the hepatic expression of insulin resistance



NAFLD - Definition



Diabetes



Cardiov. Disease



Kidney Disease

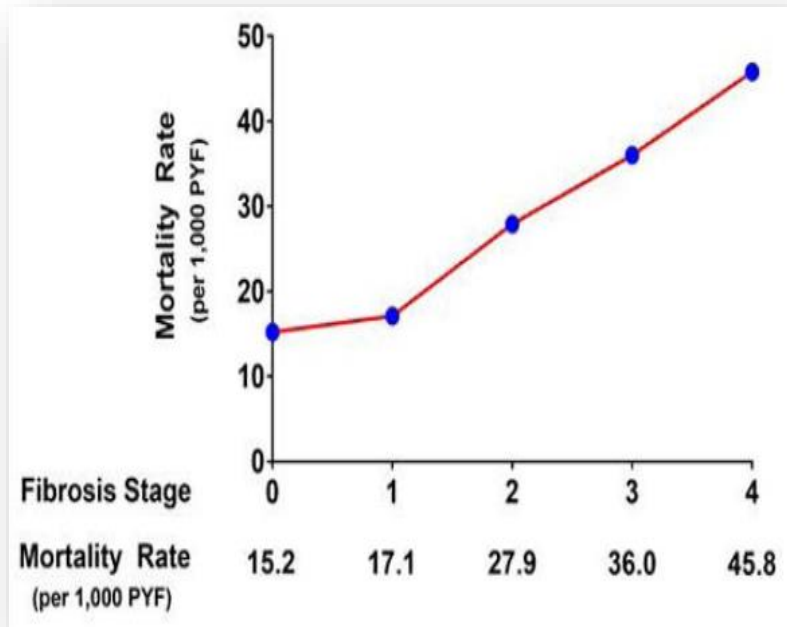


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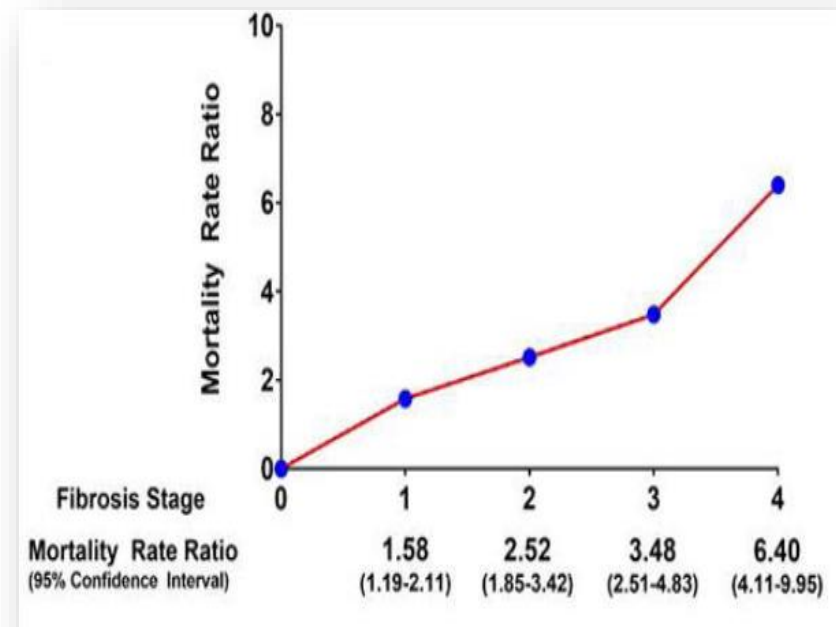


Fibrosis and NAFLD outcomes

All Cause Mortality



Liver-related Mortality



Questions for Clinicians

1. *Whether the patient has NAFLD*
2. *Whether the patient is likely to have underlying NASH*
3. *Whether the patient has any fibrosis*
4. *Whether the patient has any advanced fibrosis?*

Original Research

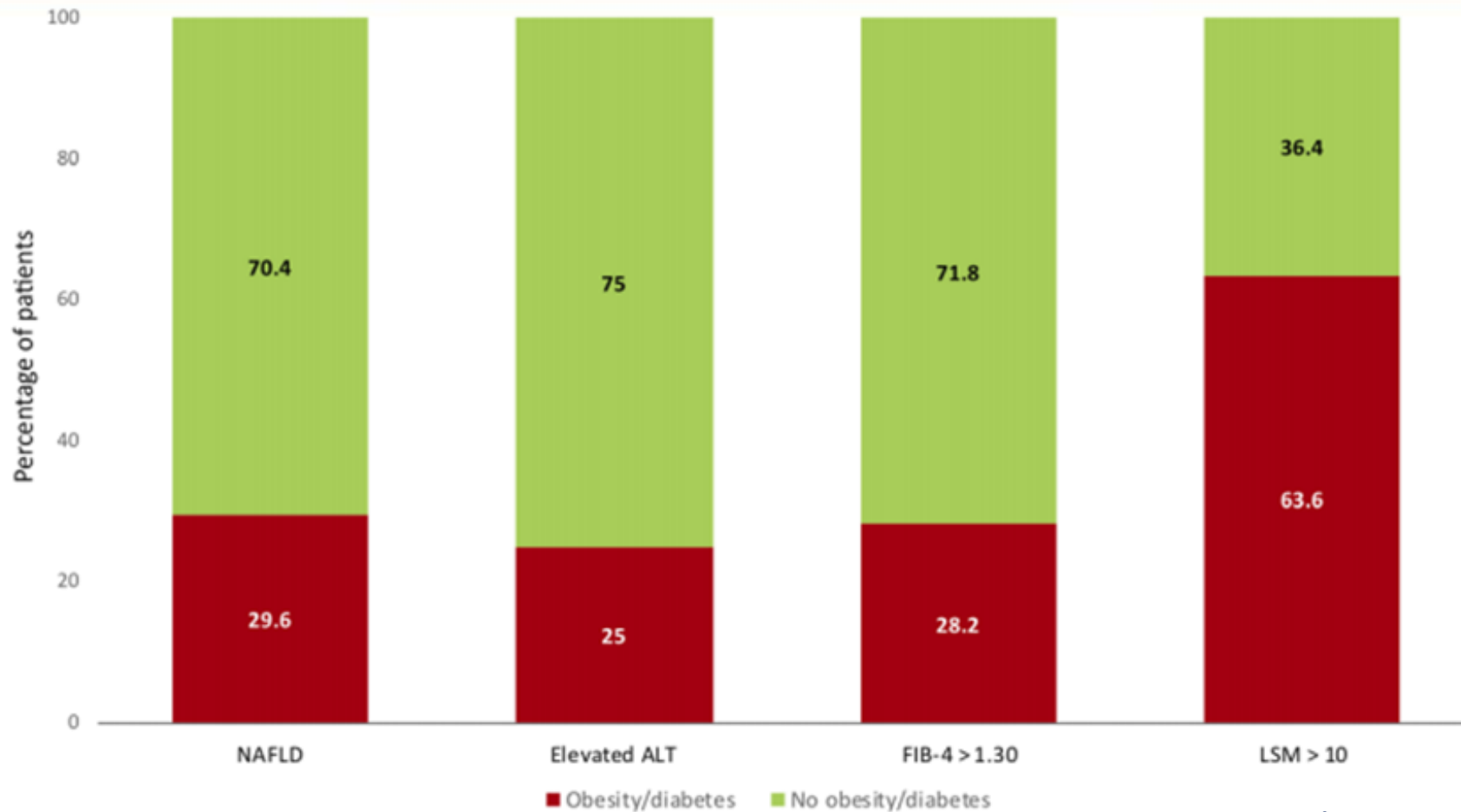
Application of guidelines for the management of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in three prospective cohorts of HIV-monoinfected patients*

G Sebastiani, S Cocciolillo, G Mazzola, A Malagoli, J Falutz, A Cervo, S Petta, T Pembroke, P Ghali, G Besutti, I Franconi, J Milic, A Cascio and G Guaraldi

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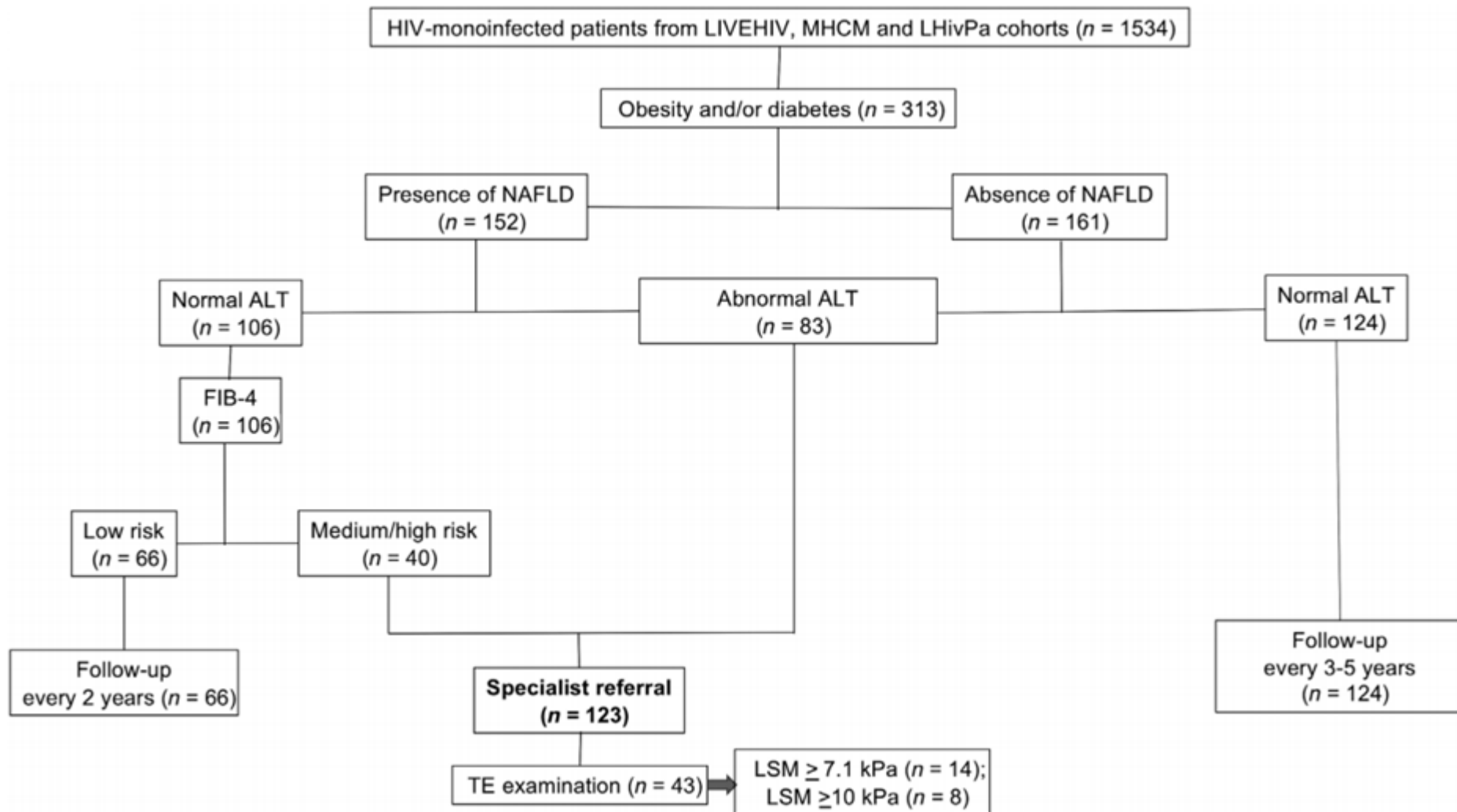
Application of Guidelines in HIV



G. Sebastiani HIV Medicine 2019

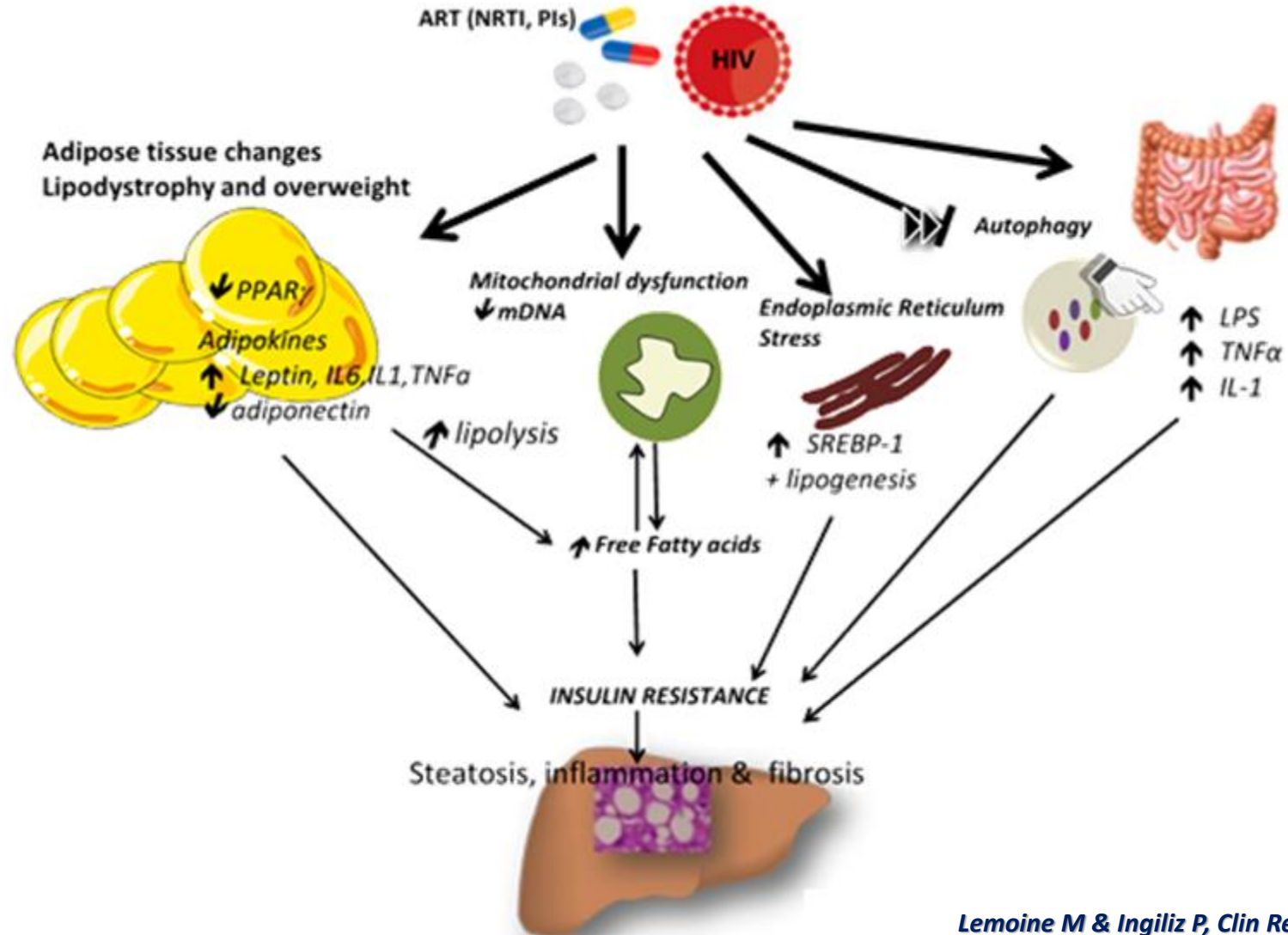
Proportion of patients with and without **obesity/diabetes** in those with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), elevated alanine aminotransferase (ALT), fibrosis-4 (FIB-4) > 1.30 and liver stiffness measurement (LSM) > 10 kPa

EASL/EACS diagnostic algorithm applied to 1534 HIVmonoinfected patients

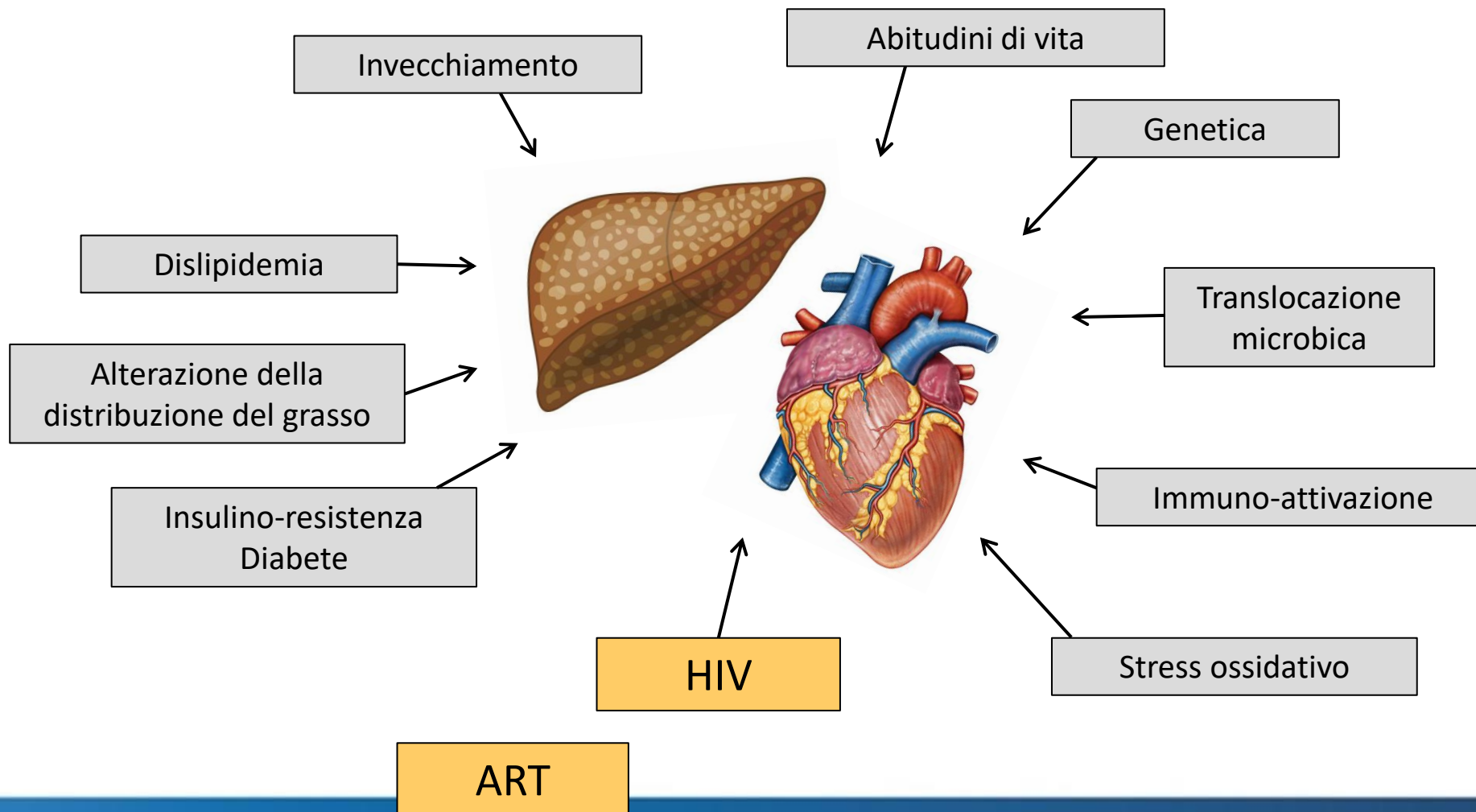


NAFLD pathogenesis in HIV infected patients

HIV and risk of NAFLD/NASH



NAFLD in HIV: Patogenesi



Genetic and NAFLD

GWAS

CANDIDATE GENES STUDIES



ADIPOQ
ENNP1
IRS-1

PPARGC1A
PPARγ
APOE
APOC3
MTTP
LPIN1

PNPLA3
TM6SF2
MBOAT7

UCP2
MTHFR
HFE
TM6SF2
KLF6
TGF-β1
ATII
AGTR1

MODULATION
OF GLUCOSE
METABOLISM

INDUCTION OF
STEATOSIS

OXIDATIVE
STRESS
INFLAMMATION
FIBROGENESIS

CARCINOGENESIS

Cardiovascular Risk

PNPLA3

TM6SF2
PNPLA3




Cirrhosis and HCC



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Genetic polymorphisms associated with fatty liver disease and fibrosis in HIV positive patients receiving combined antiretroviral therapy (cART)

Leona Dold , Carolin Luda, Carolynne Schwarze-Zander, Christoph Boesecke, Cordula Hansel, Hans-Dieter Nischalke, Philipp Lutz, Raphael Mohr, Jan-Christian Wasmuth, Christian P. Strassburg, Jonel Trebicka, Jürgen Kurt Rockstroh, Ulrich Spengler

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117 HIV-positive patients on cART, with Steatosis evaluated by CAP
No genetic parameters risk factors for hepatic steatosis

NAFLD prevalence in HIV infected persons

Two-fold higher chance of liver steatosis with HIV

Presence of steatosis in HIV and non-HIV individuals paired by the nearest neighbor propensity score with a caliper of 0.05

	OR (95% CI)	p value
HIV infection	2.1 (1.49-2.95)	< 0.001

Logistic regression-based scores were used for matching and balance between groups was checked with usual procedures

The Epidemic of NAFLD in HIV

	Patient population	Number of patients with HIV mono-infection	NAFLD diagnostic assay	NAFLD prevalence in patients with HIV mono-infection	Predictors of NAFLD in patients with HIV mono-infection
Hadigan et al (2007) ¹⁹	Consecutive patients with HIV who did not abuse alcohol	33	MRS	42.0%	High HOMA-IR, visceral adiposity, high BMI, and high plasma ALT and triglyceride concentrations
Guaraldi et al (2008) ²⁰	Patients with HIV who did not abuse alcohol or have viral hepatitis	225	Liver-to-spleen attenuation on CT	36.9%	Male sex and large waist circumference
Ingiliz et al (2009) ²¹	Patients with chronic elevation in liver test results that had no genetic cause and had no HCV, HBV, or autoimmune disease	30	Liver biopsy	Of the total patient cohort, 60.0% had steatosis and 53.0% had NASH	High fasting plasma glucose concentration
Crum-Cianflone et al (2009) ²²	Patients with HIV who did not have HCV or HBV	267	Ultrasound and 55 liver biopsies	31.0% of patients assessed by ultrasound had NAFLD; 36.0% of patients assessed by biopsy had NAFLD and 20.0% had NASH	Large waist circumference, and high plasma triglyceride and LDL concentrations
LiVecchi et al (2012) ²³	Patients with HIV mono-infection or HIV-HCV co-infection	57	Ultrasound and transient elastography	54.0% ←	Lipodystrophy, high plasma triglyceride concentration, metabolic syndrome, high plasma cholesterol concentration, and ART use for more than 1 year
LiVecchi et al (2013) ²³	Patients with HIV mono-infection or HIV-HCV co-infection	69	Ultrasound and transient elastography	46.3%	High plasma triglyceride concentrations and diabetes
Sterling et al (2013) ²⁴	Patients with HIV who did not have HCV or HBV, did not abuse alcohol, and did not have diabetes mellitus or elevated liver test results	14	Liver biopsy	Of the total patient cohort, 65.0% had steatosis and 26.0% had NASH	High HOMA-IR and serum GGT concentrations, which predict steatosis
Nishijima et al (2014) ²⁵	Patients with HIV who did not have HBV or HCV, and did not abuse alcohol	435	Ultrasound	31.0%	High BMI and dyslipidaemia
Price et al (2014) ²⁶	Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study: patients with HIV who did not abuse alcohol	465	Liver-to-spleen attenuation on CT	13.0% ←	PNPLA3 genotype and cumulative dideoxynucleoside exposure
Macias et al (2014) ²⁷	Patients with HIV in a walk-in clinic	505	Transient elastography with CAP	40.0%	High BMI, and high fasting plasma glucose and plasma triglyceride concentrations
Sulyok et al (2015) ²⁸	Outpatients with HIV mono-infection or HIV-HCV co-infection	136	Transient elastography with CAP	49.5%	High BMI, diabetes, and hypertension
Morse et al (2015) ²⁹	Patients with HIV who had elevated serum ALT concentrations for 6 months, were on ART, and did not have chronic liver disease	62	Liver biopsy	Of the total patient cohort, 55.0% had NASH and 18.0% had bridging fibrosis	Diabetes, obesity, and PNPLA3 genotype
Lui et al (2016) ³⁰	Patients with HIV who did not have HBV or HCV	80	Transient elastography and MRS	28.7%	High BMI, metabolic syndrome, high fasting glucose and serum triglyceride concentrations

The burden of liver steatosis in HIV

Authors	Country	N	Gold standard	Prevalence	Factors
Morse et al <i>CID 2015</i>	USA	62	Liver biopsy	73%	-
Mohr et al <i>Medicine 2015</i>	Germany	341	-	-	-
Lombardi et al <i>Dig Liver Dis 2016</i>	UK	125	US	55%	Male sex, age, HOMA-IR, GGT
Liu et al <i>AP&T 2016</i>	China	80	MRI	29%	Triglycerides
Macias et al <i>HIV Med 2016</i>	Spain	326	CAP	37%	-
Sebastiani et al <i>J Hepatol 2017</i>	Canada	538	CAP	36%	BMI, triglycerides
Lemoine et al <i>AIDS 2017</i>	France	405	-	-	-
Perazzo et al <i>IAS 2017</i>	Brazil	395	CAP	35%	MS, cumulative use of D-drugs



Prevalence of NAFLD/NASH in HIV+: a meta-analysis

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Prevalence and risk factors of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in HIV-monoinfection

James Maurice;Ameel Patel;Alasdair Scott;Krish Patel;Mark Thursz;Maud Lemoine;

AIDS. 31(11):1621-1632, JULY 17TH, 2017

OBJECTIVE: To identify the prevalence and risk factors of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) and fibrosis in HIV-monoinfected patients.

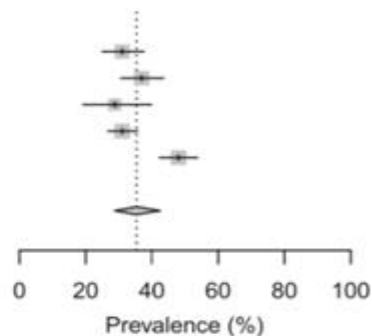
DESIGN : **Systematic review and meta-analysis.**

Prevalence of NAFLD/NASH in HIV+: a meta-analysis

NAFLD Prevalence

Study	Events	Total	Prevalence (%)	95% CI	Weight
Crum-Cianflone	67	216	31.02	[24.92; 37.65]	20.2%
Guaraldi	83	225	36.89	[30.57; 43.56]	20.7%
Lui	23	80	28.75	[19.18; 39.95]	15.1%
Nishijima	135	435	31.03	[26.71; 35.62]	22.3%
Vuille-Lessard	144	300	48.00	[42.22; 53.82]	21.8%
Random effects model	1256		35.32	[28.80; 42.45]	100%

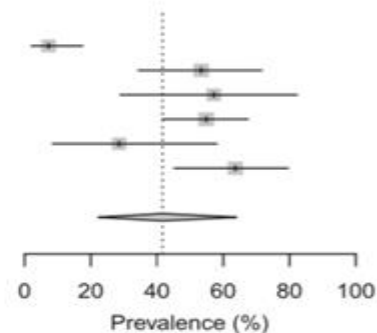
Heterogeneity: $I^2=85.3%$, $\tau^2=0.0947$, $P<0.0001$



NASH Prevalence

Study	Events	Total	Prevalence (%)	95% CI	Weight
Crum-Cianflone	4	55	7.27	[2.02; 17.59]	15.8%
Ingiliz	16	30	53.33	[34.33; 71.66]	17.5%
Lemoine	8	14	57.14	[28.86; 82.34]	15.6%
Morse	34	62	54.84	[41.68; 67.52]	18.6%
Sterling	4	14	28.57	[8.39; 58.10]	14.9%
Vodkin	21	33	63.64	[45.12; 79.60]	17.6%
Random effects model	208		41.67	[22.30; 64.00]	100%

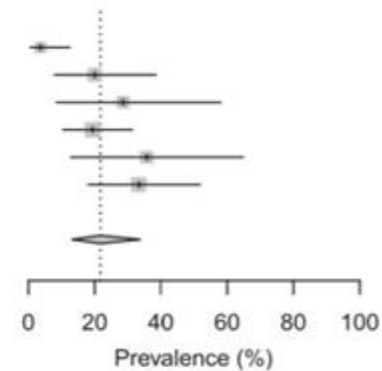
Heterogeneity: $I^2=83.1%$, $\tau^2=1.1$, $P<0.0001$



Fibrosis Prevalence

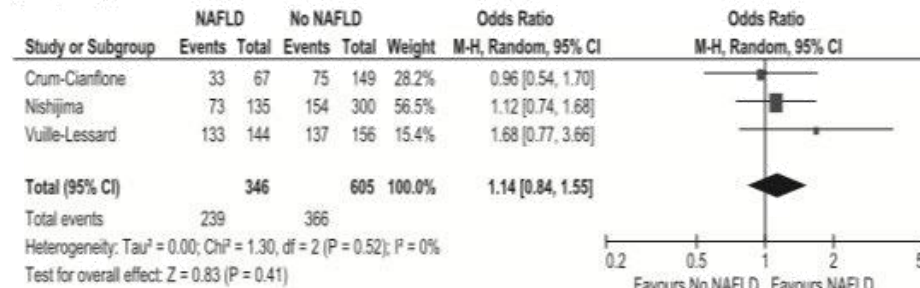
Study	Events	Total	Prevalence (%)	95% CI	Weight
Crum-Cianflone	2	55	3.64	[0.44; 12.53]	11.2%
Ingiliz	6	30	20.00	[7.71; 38.57]	17.7%
Lemoine	4	14	28.57	[8.39; 58.10]	14.0%
Morse	12	62	19.35	[10.42; 31.37]	21.9%
Sterling	5	14	35.71	[12.76; 64.86]	14.9%
Vodkin	11	33	33.33	[17.96; 51.83]	20.4%
Random effects model	208		21.72	[13.13; 33.74]	100%

Heterogeneity: $I^2=59.3%$, $\tau^2=0.3358$, $P=0.0311$

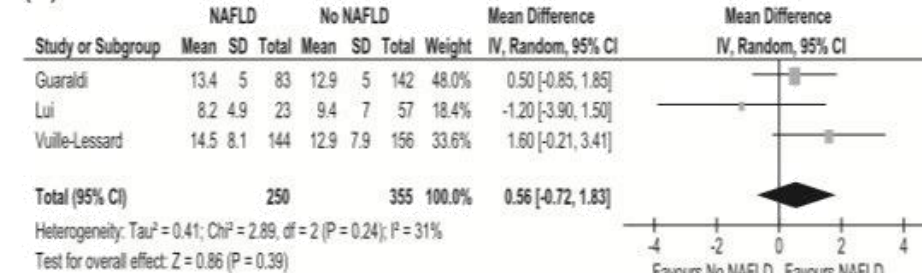


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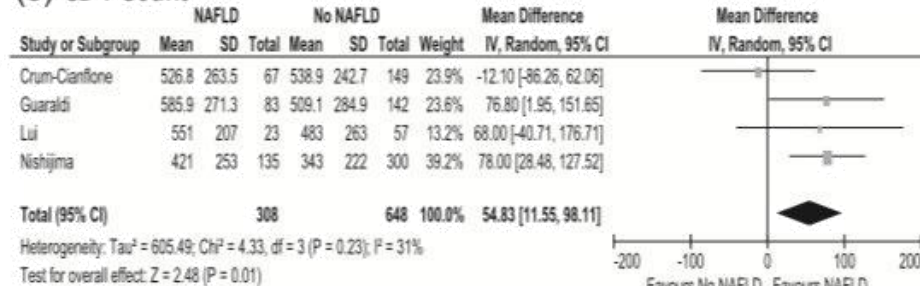
(m) Supressed Viral Load



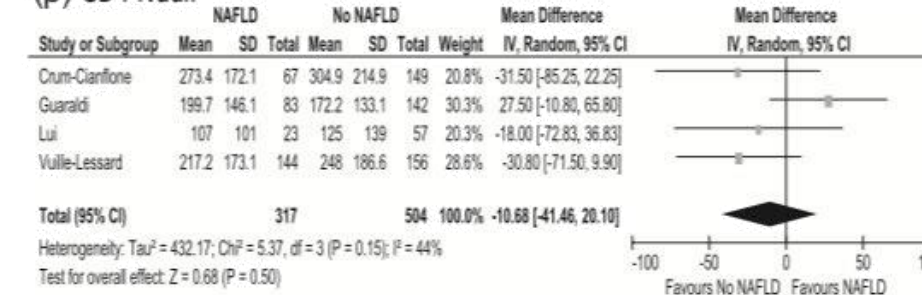
(n) Duration of HIV



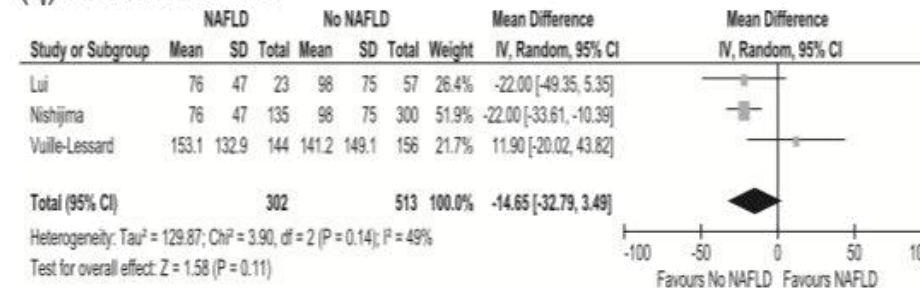
(o) CD4 Count



(p) CD4 Nadir



(q) Duration of HAART




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REVIEW



Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Among Individuals with HIV Mono-infection: A Growing Concern?

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Abstract

Purpose of Review Liver disease is a leading cause of non-AIDS-related death in the HIV population since the introduction of highly active antiretroviral treatment (HAART). Recent studies suggest that patients with HIV are at high risk for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and progressive liver fibrosis. Evidence for the prevalence, risk factors, and diagnostic methodologies of NAFLD in patients with HIV mono-infection is summarized here.

Recent Findings Although limited, published studies suggest that the prevalence of NAFLD is higher (30–50%) and progresses at an increased rate in patients with HIV compared to the general population. Identifying those at risk for significant liver fibrosis is critical, preferably with non-invasive screening tests. While there is a paucity of evidence in this population, transient elastography (TE) appears to provide a sensitive, non-invasive screening modality.

Summary Identifying NAFLD early will allow for dietary and lifestyle interventions, as well as future drug therapies to decrease the risk of progressive liver fibrosis and cirrhosis in the high-risk HIV population. Clinicians should be aware of this risk and consider using TE for NAFLD diagnosis and surveillance.

***Prevalenza di NAFLD in una coorte di pazienti
con infezione da HIV:
fattori di rischio ed inaspettato ruolo protettivo di
Atazanavir e Darunavir
sulla progressione della fibrosi epatica***

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**Studio osservazionale di coorte prospettico
Gennaio – Giugno 2018
U.O.C. Malattie infettive Policlinico Palermo**

OBIETTIVI DELLO STUDIO

- *Valutare la prevalenza di NAFLD e di fibrosi epatica nei pazienti con infezione da HIV seguiti presso il nostro ambulatorio*
- *Valutare i fattori di rischio ad esse correlati*

Metodo dello studio

- Arruolamento previo consenso informato

- Esecuzione di FibroScan

- Prelievo di sangue per test genetico

- Raccolta dati clinici

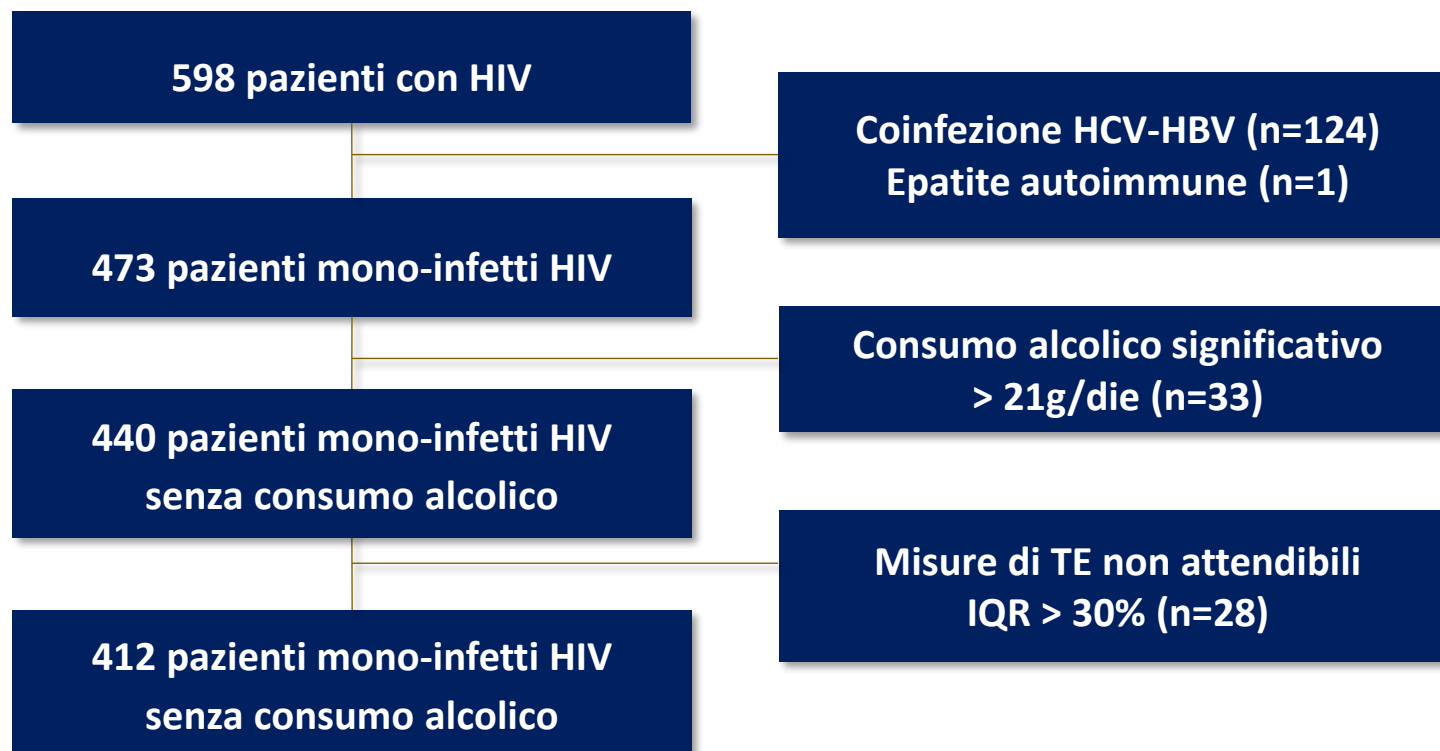
- Analisi statistica

Steatosi : CAP \geq 248db/m
Steatosi Severa : CAP \geq 285db/m
Fibrosi : TE \geq 7.1 kPa
Cirrosi : TE \geq 13 kPa

Polimorfismi PNPLA3

Analisi univariata e multivariata tramite
regressione logistica

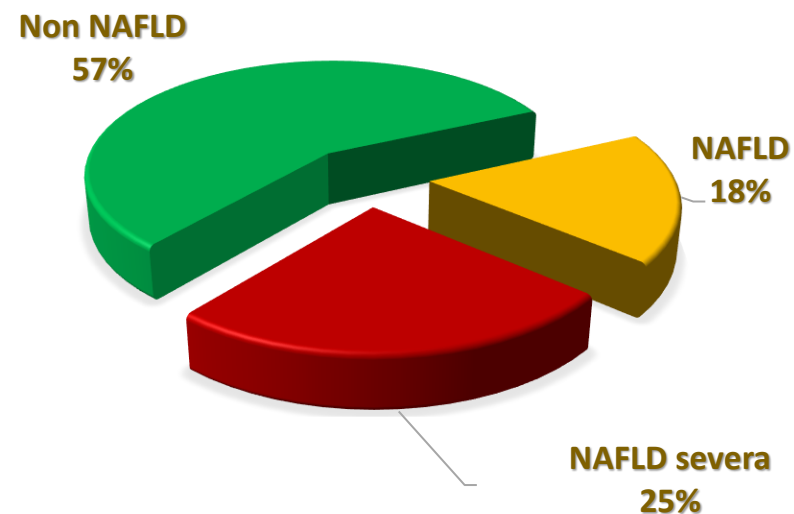
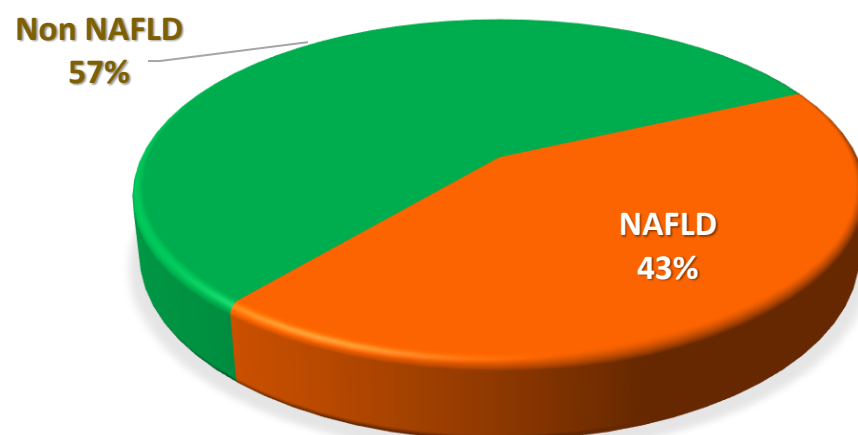
Flow-chart: selezione dei partecipanti allo studio



Risultati

La prevalenza di NAFLD nella nostra popolazione è del **43%** (176/412 pz);

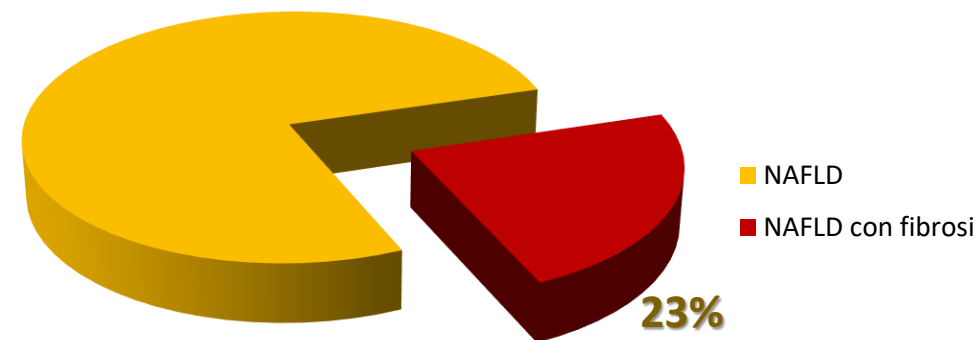
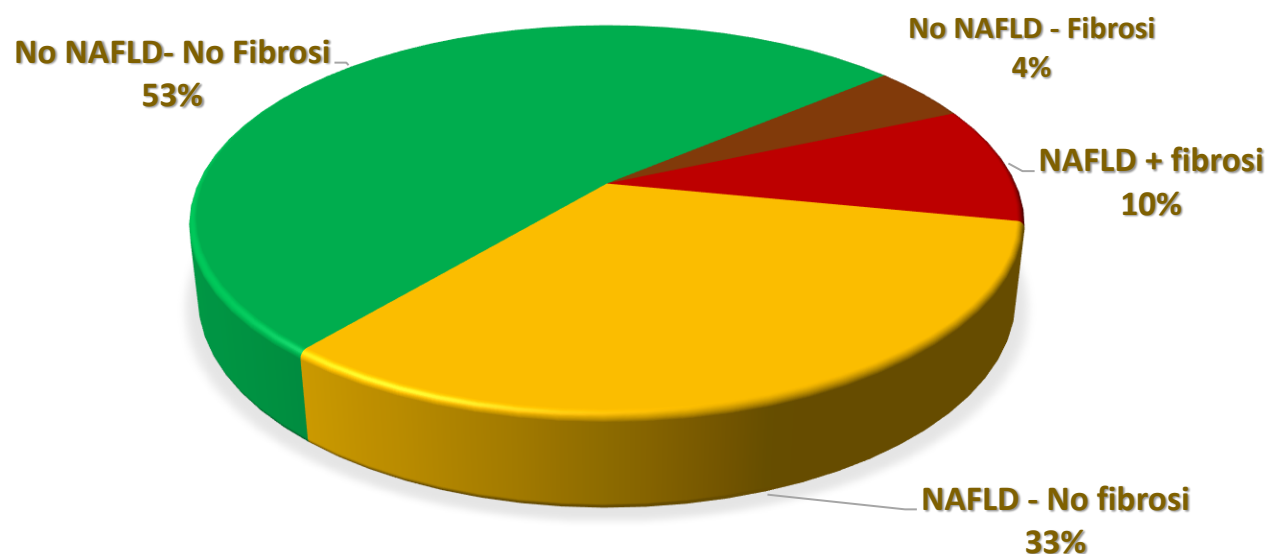
la prevalenza di NAFLD severa è del **25%** (102/412 pz).



Risultati

La prevalenza di fibrosi epatica nella nostra coorte è del 14% (59/412 pz)

La prevalenza di fibrosi epatica nei pazienti HIV con steatosi è del 23% (40/176 pz)



La prevalenza di cirrosi epatica è del 2% (8 pz, di cui 6 con NAFLD)

NAFLD IN HIV - Comparison Study

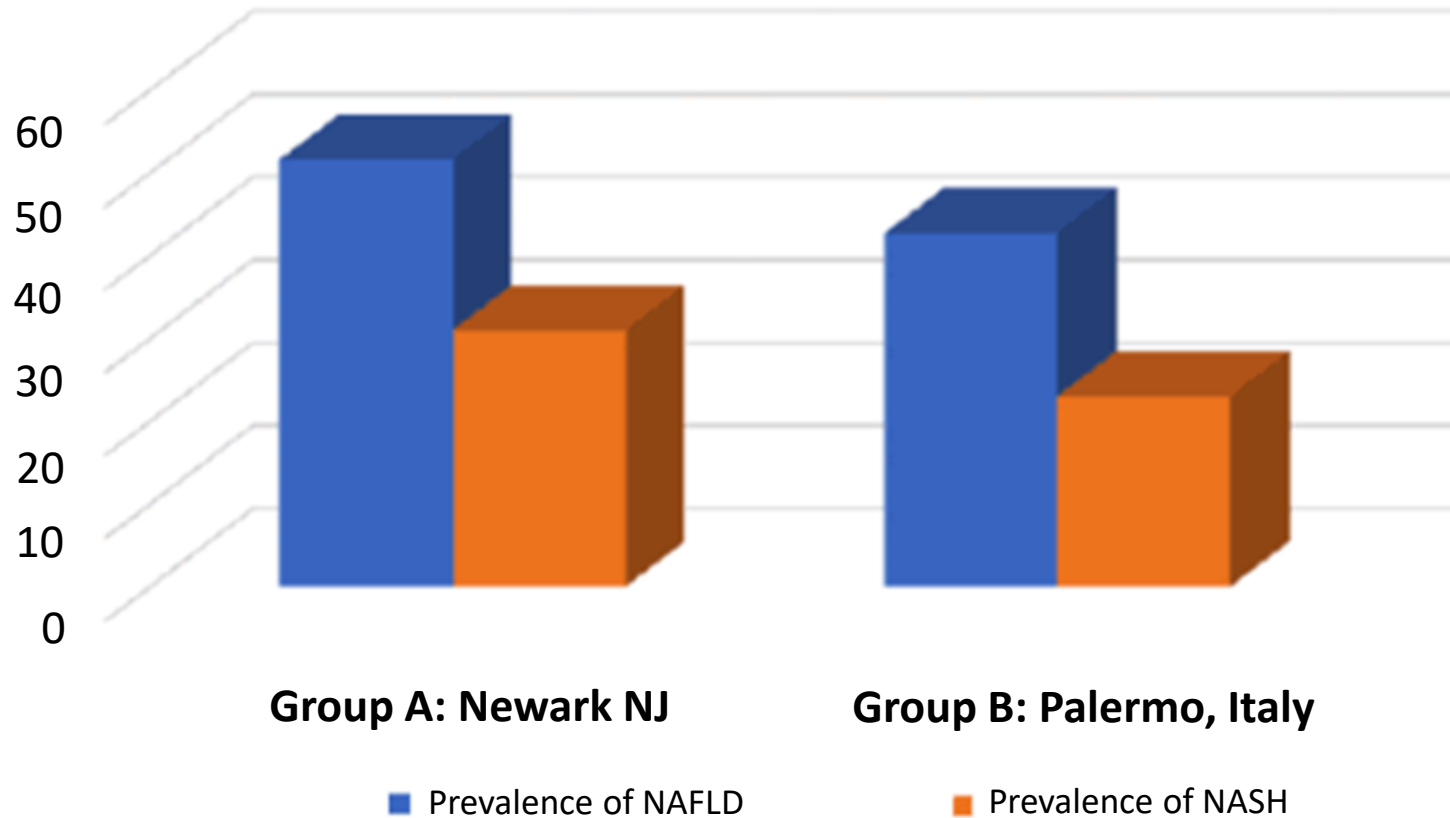
A Comparison Study of Prevalence and Risk Factors for Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) and Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) by Transient Elastography (TE) in HIV Infected Patients

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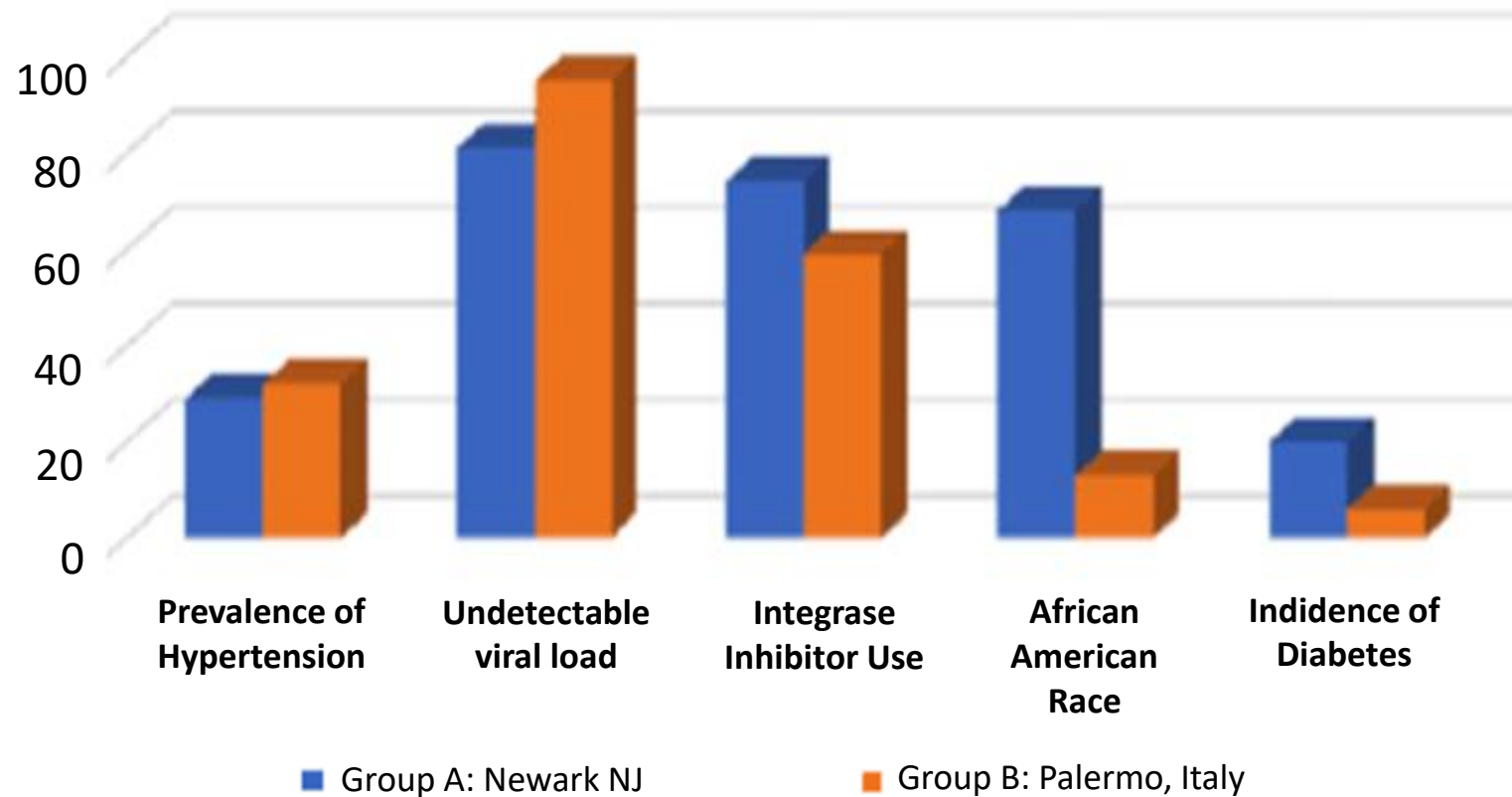
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Comparison of the two cohort studies



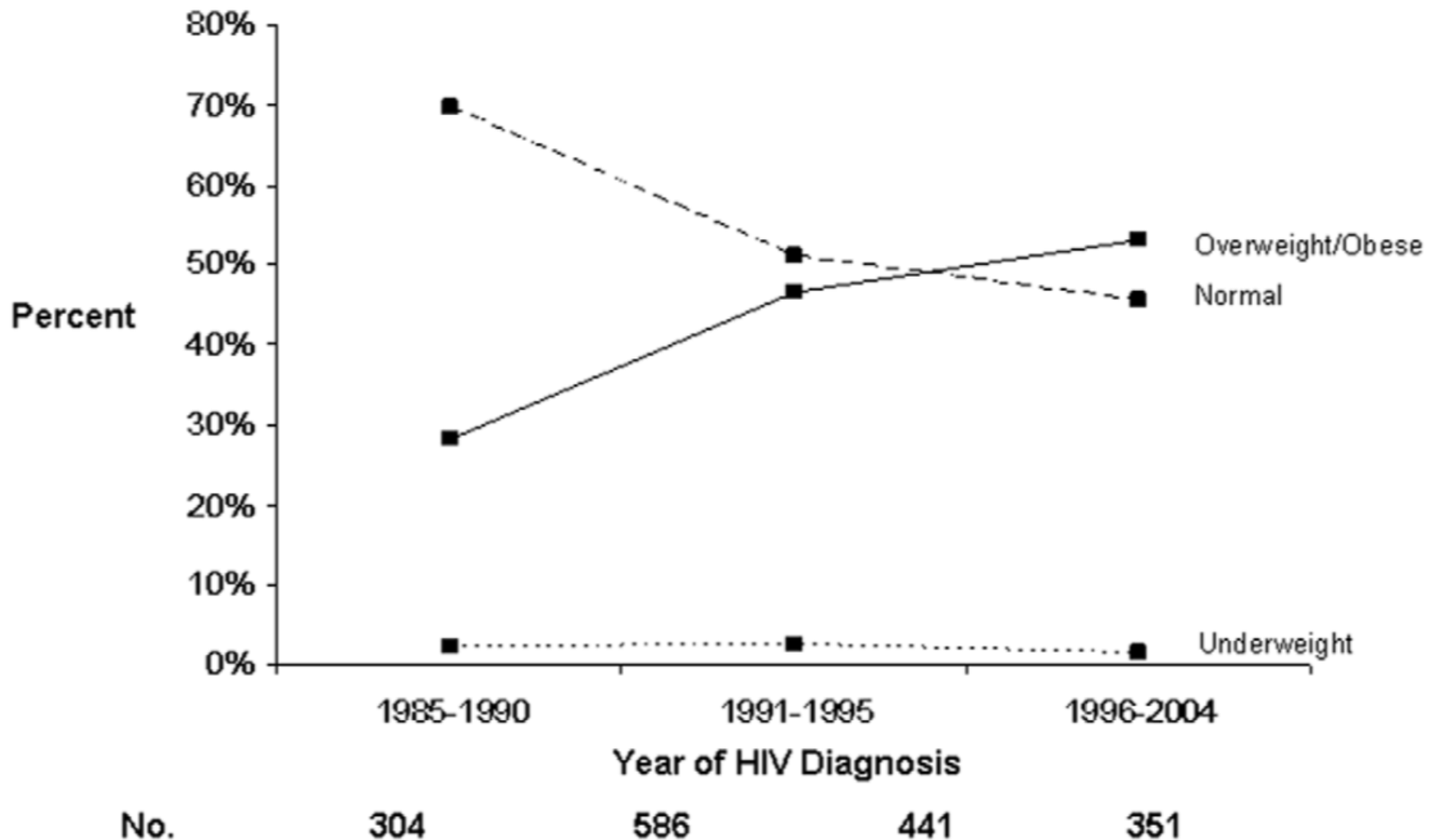
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Main differences between the two cohort studies



NAFLD and increased rate of obesity in HIV infected persons

Increased rate of obesity in HIV infected persons



Increased rate of obesity in HIV infected persons

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Hepatic steatosis in HIV monoinfected individuals: which impact has baseline BMI and treatment with integrase inhibitors?

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Studio longitudinale osservazionale con 412 pazienti arruolati tra il 2013 e il 2017:

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Fatty liver in lipodystrophy



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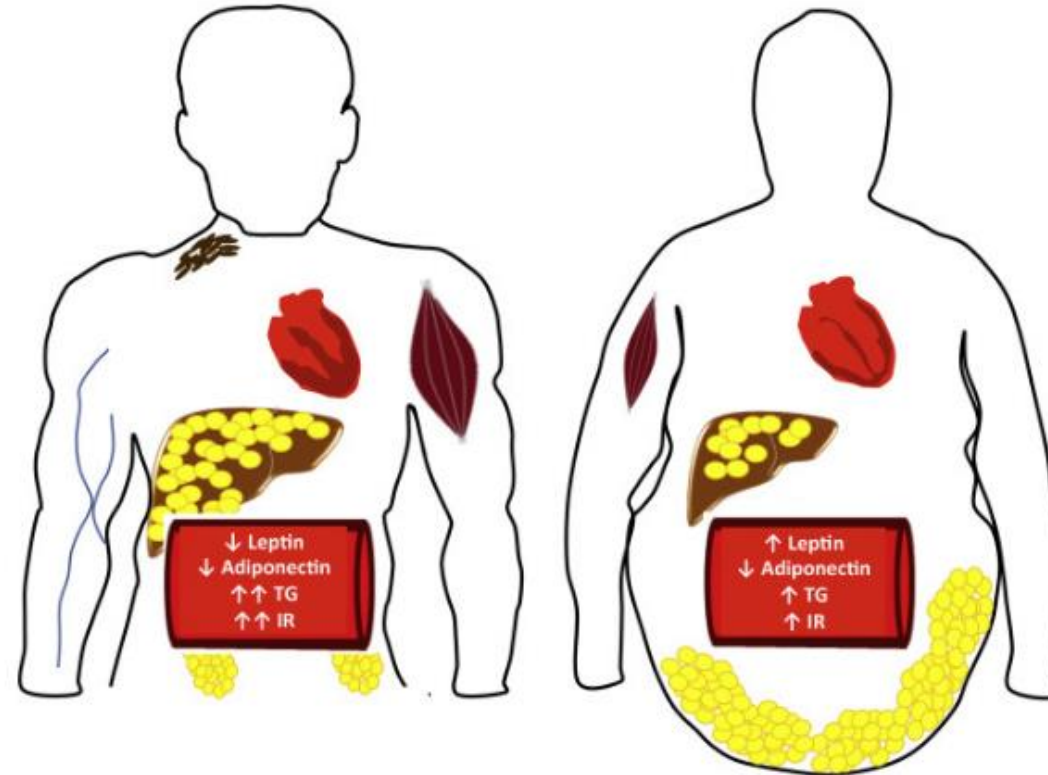
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Fatty liver in lipodystrophy: A review with a focus on therapeutic perspectives of adiponectin and/or leptin replacement

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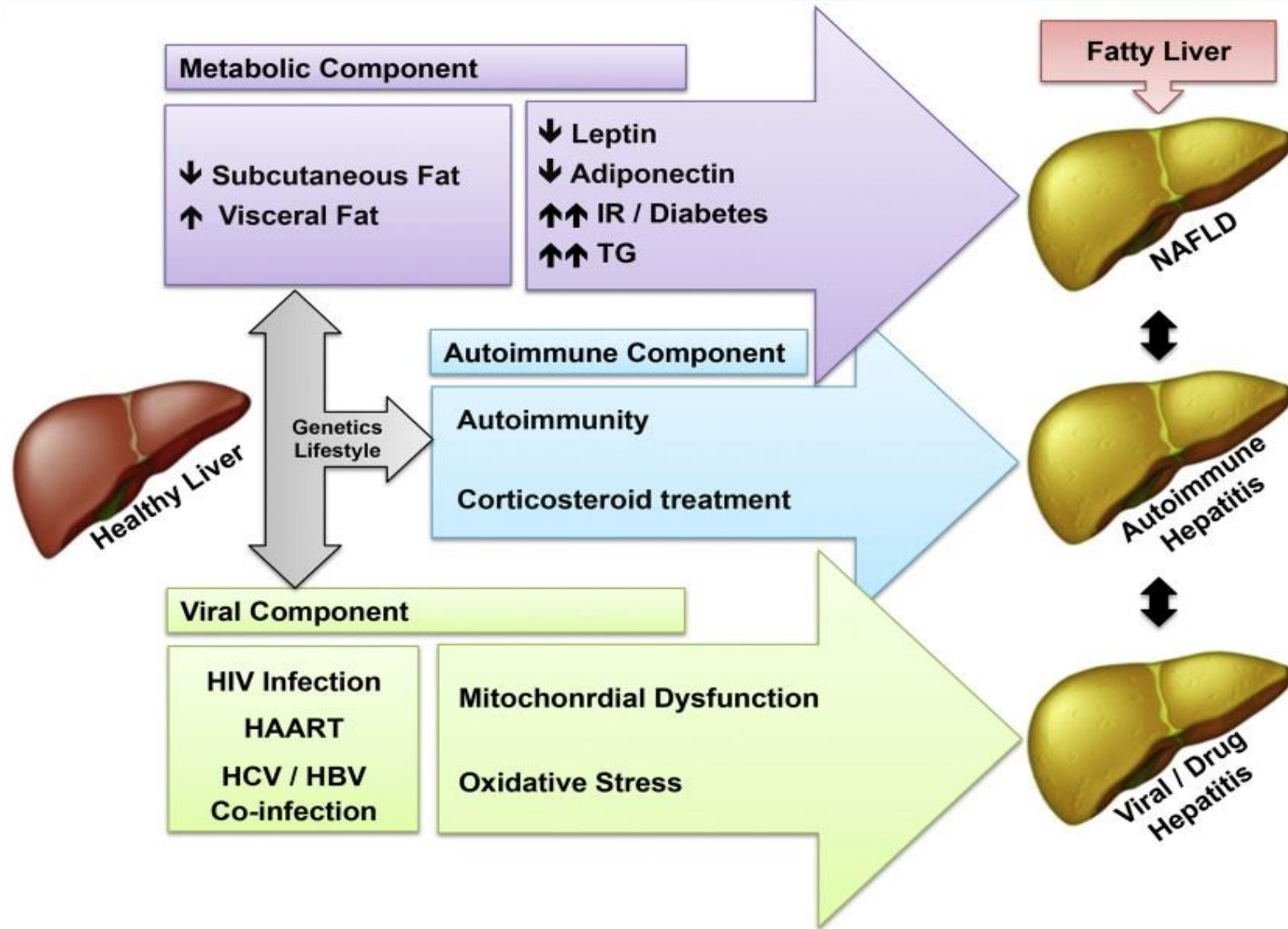
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Fatty liver in lipodystrophy



Metabolic abnormalities in CGL vs. obesity. Individuals with CGL have a muscular appearance with prominent veins, hepatomegaly and occasional heart muscle hypertrophy. The complete lack of adipose tissue results in low leptin and adiponectin levels, high triglycerides and severe insulin resistance. They initially develop hepatic steatosis that progresses rapidly to NASH and liver fibrosis.

Fatty liver in lipodystrophy



Prevalence, Predictors, and Severity of Lean Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Patients Living With Human Immunodeficiency Virus

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CONCLUSIONS

NAFLD affects 1 in 4 lean patients living with HIV mono-infection. Investigations for NAFLD should be proposed in older patients with dyslipidemia and elevated ALT, even if normoweight.

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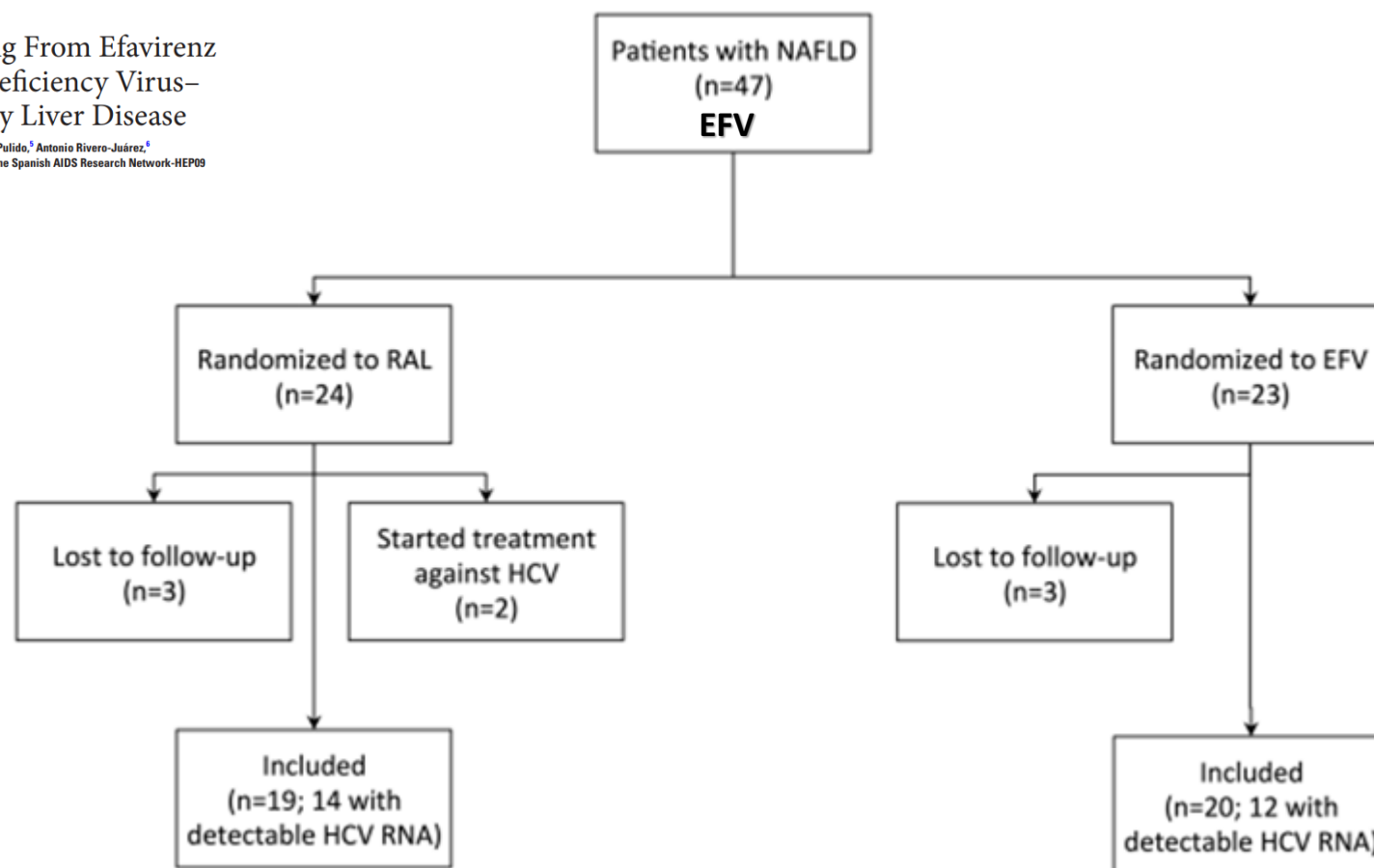
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Disposition of the study patients

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Abbreviations: EFV, efavirenz; HCV, hepatitis C virus; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; RAL, raltegravir.

Changes in CAP values

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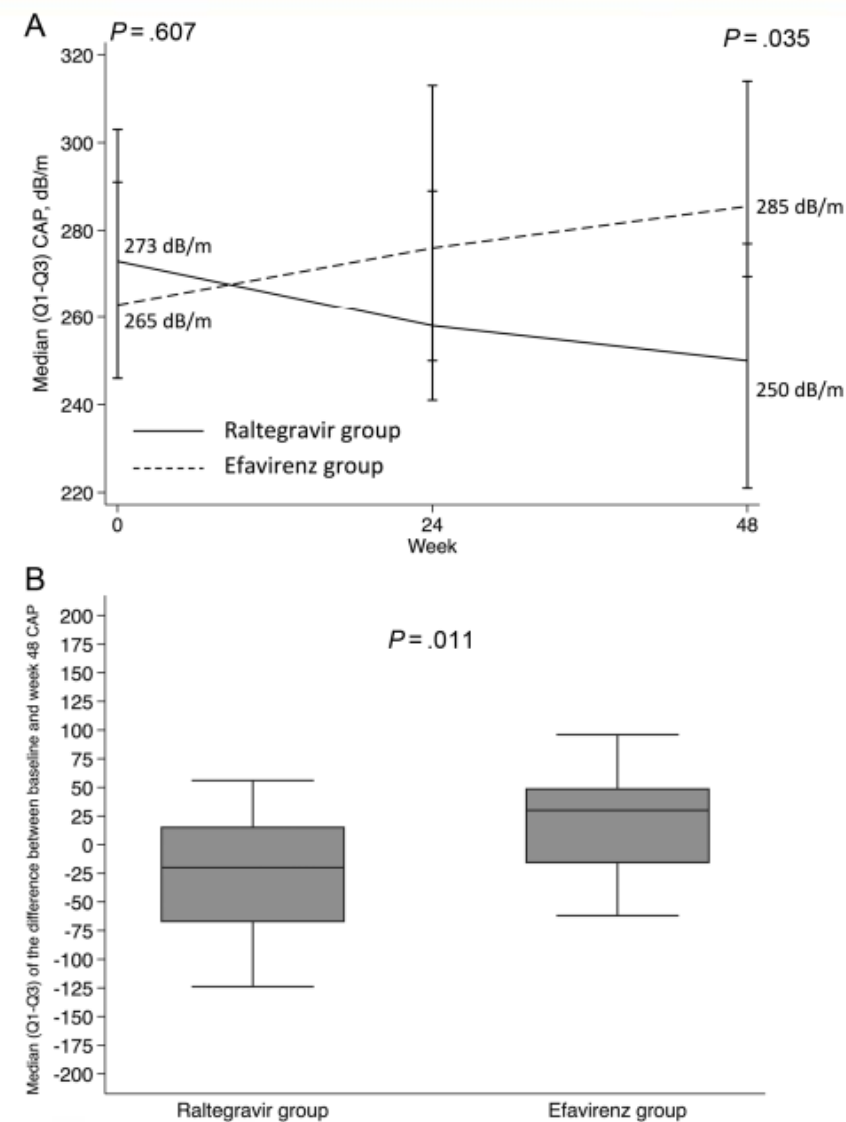


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A, Median (Q1–Q3) controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) values by treatment group during follow-up (solid lines, raltegravir group; dashed lines, efavirenz group). P values show comparisons between treatment groups.

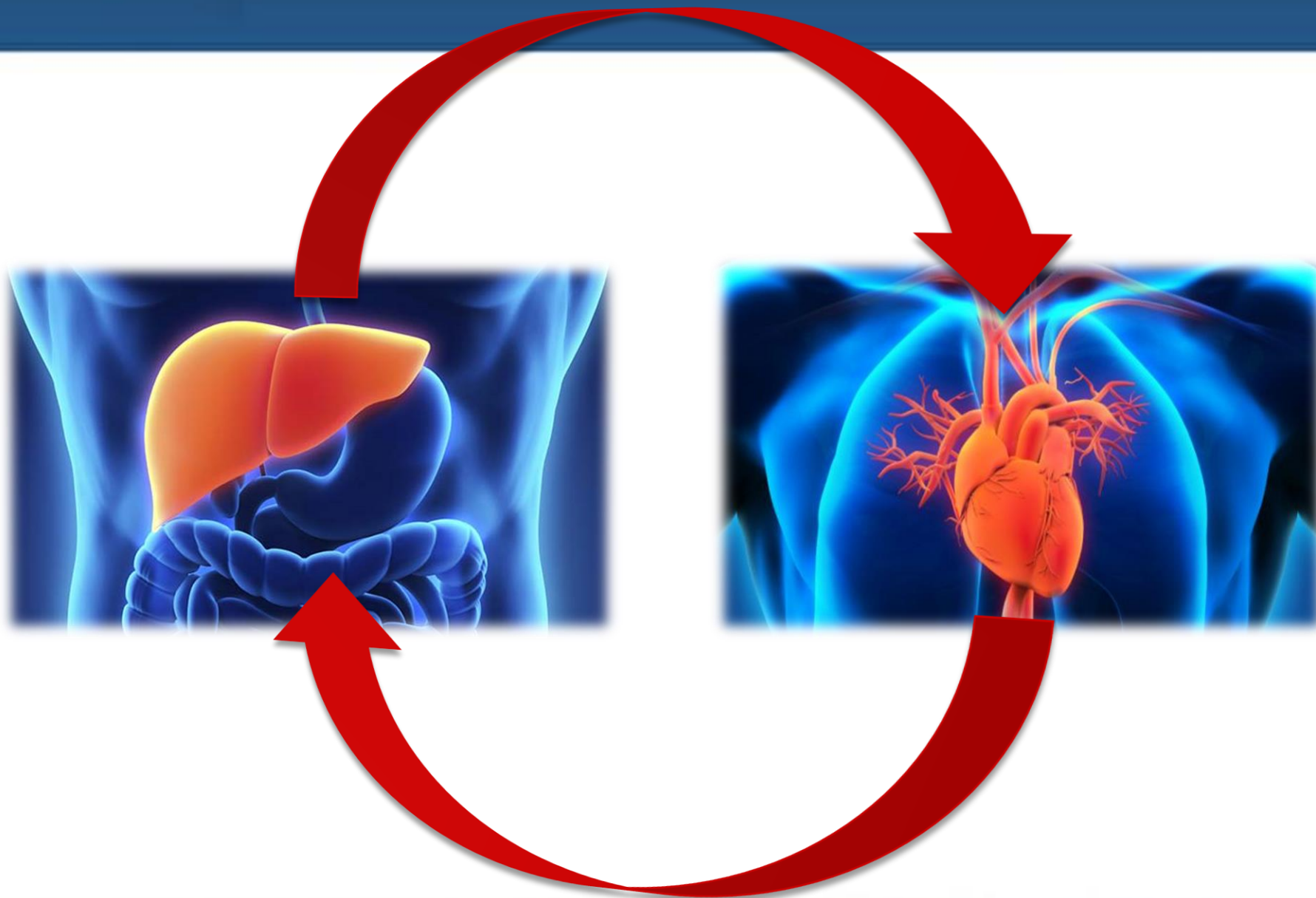
B, Comparison of median changes in CAP values. Boxplots represent the median of the difference in CAP value between baseline and week 48.



NAFLD and cardiovascular risk in HIV infected persons

Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease and Significant Liver Fibrosis Increase cardiovascular risk in HIV mono-infected patients

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Aim

The aim of this study was
to assess the impact of NAFLD and liver fibrosis
on cardiovascular risk in PLWH

Study Design

- Retrospective study of three prospectively maintained cohorts of HIV-infected patients:
 - “Liver Pathologies and HIV in Palermo” (LHIVPa) cohort
 - “Modena HIV Metabolic Clinic” (MHMC) cohort
 - “Liver Diseases in HIV” (LIVEHIV) cohort in Montreal
- All patients underwent Transient Elastography.
- Data on demographic, clinical, biochemical and HIV-related characteristics were collected within at least 3 months from the TE measurement.

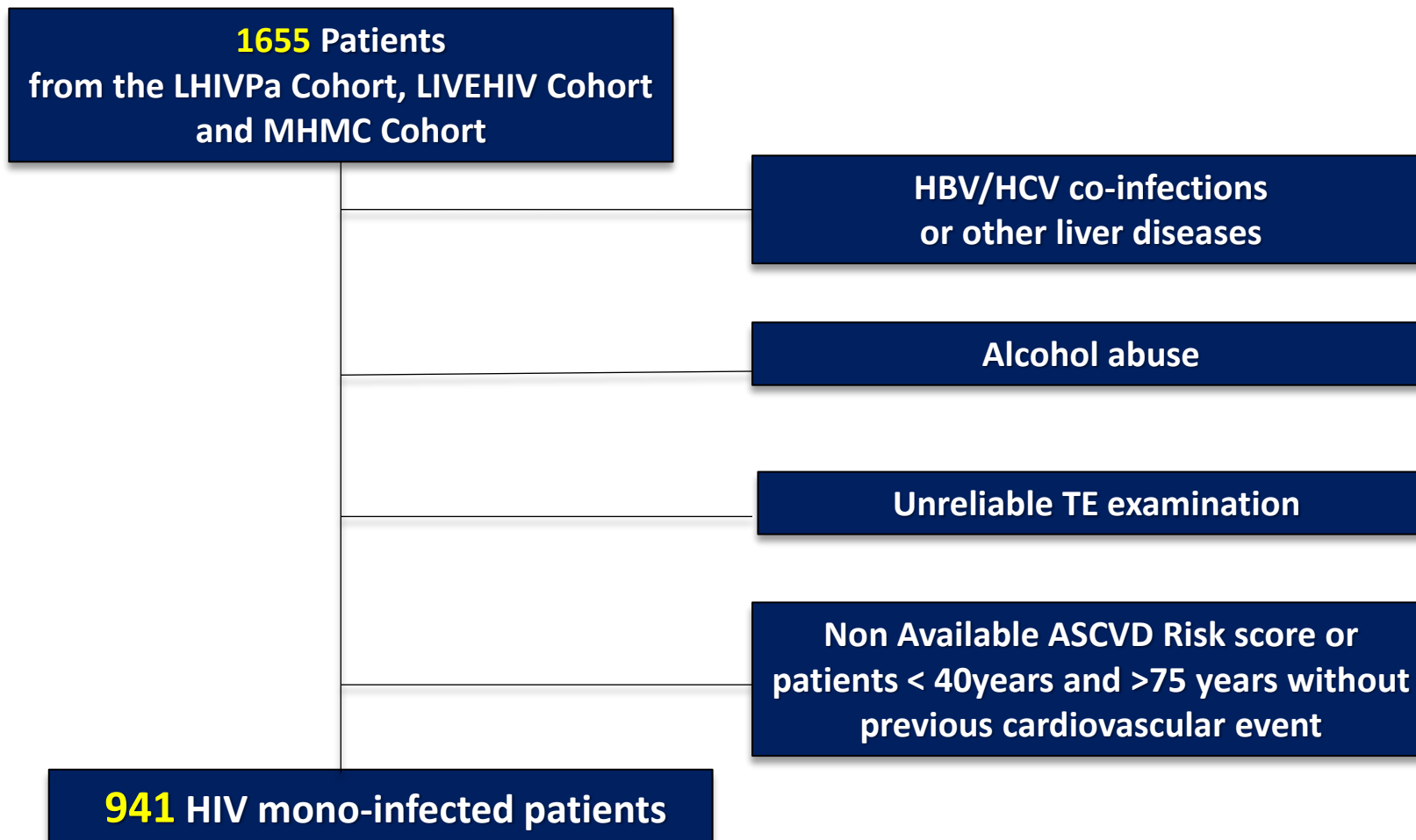
Methods

- NAFLD and significant liver fibrosis were defined as controlled attenuation parameter (**CAP**) ≥ 288 dB/m and as liver stiffness measurement (**LSM**) > 7 kPa, respectively.
- Cardiovascular risk was assessed with Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (**ASCVD**) Risk Estimator, according to the American College of Cardiology/AHA in patients **aged 40 – 75 years**, and categorized as:
 - low $< 5\%$,
 - borderline $5 - 7.4\%$,
 - intermediate $7.5 - 19.9\%$
 - high $\geq 20\%$
- Patients with **previous cardiovascular events** were considered as high risk, regardless of age and ASCVD Risk score.

Statistical Analysis

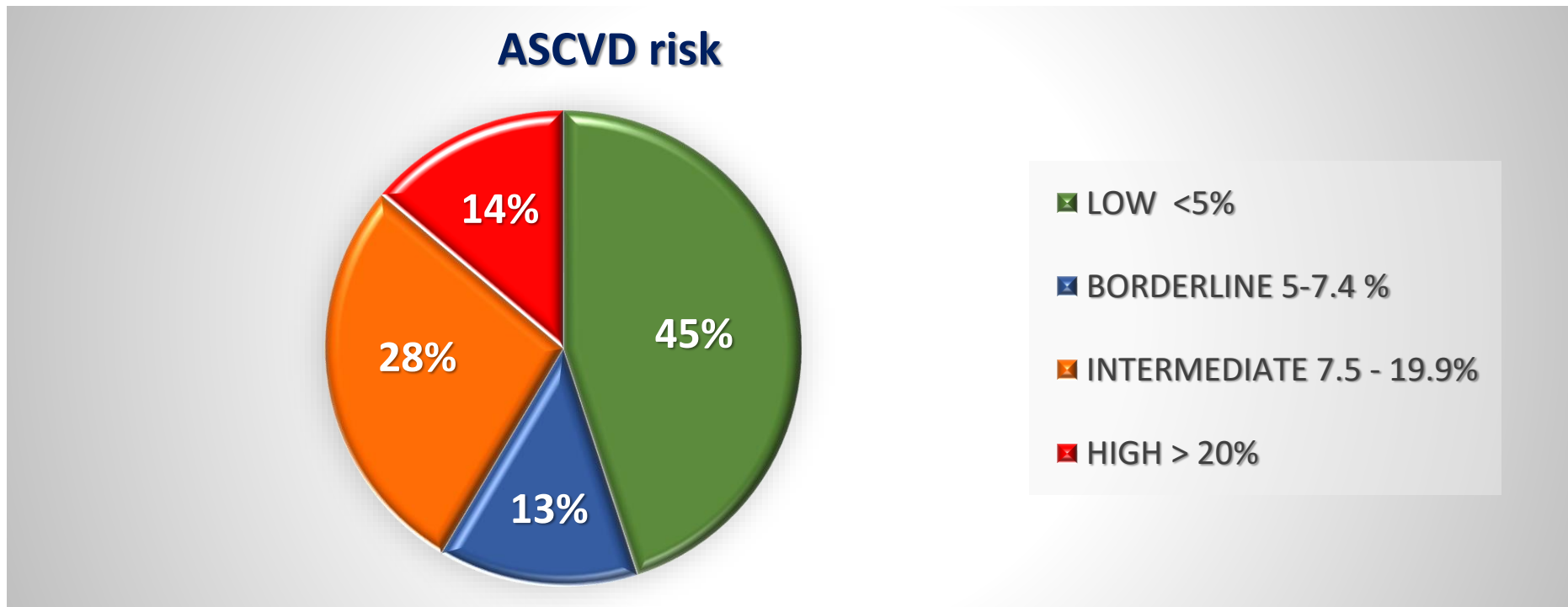
- Univariable analysis by outcome status (cardiovascular risk classes) **using t-test and Fisher's exact test** for continuous and categorical variables, respectively
- Multivariable analysis using **adjusted logistic regression**

Flow-chart



Results

941 HIV mono-infected patients (mean age 53 years, 74% males, 98% on ART) were included



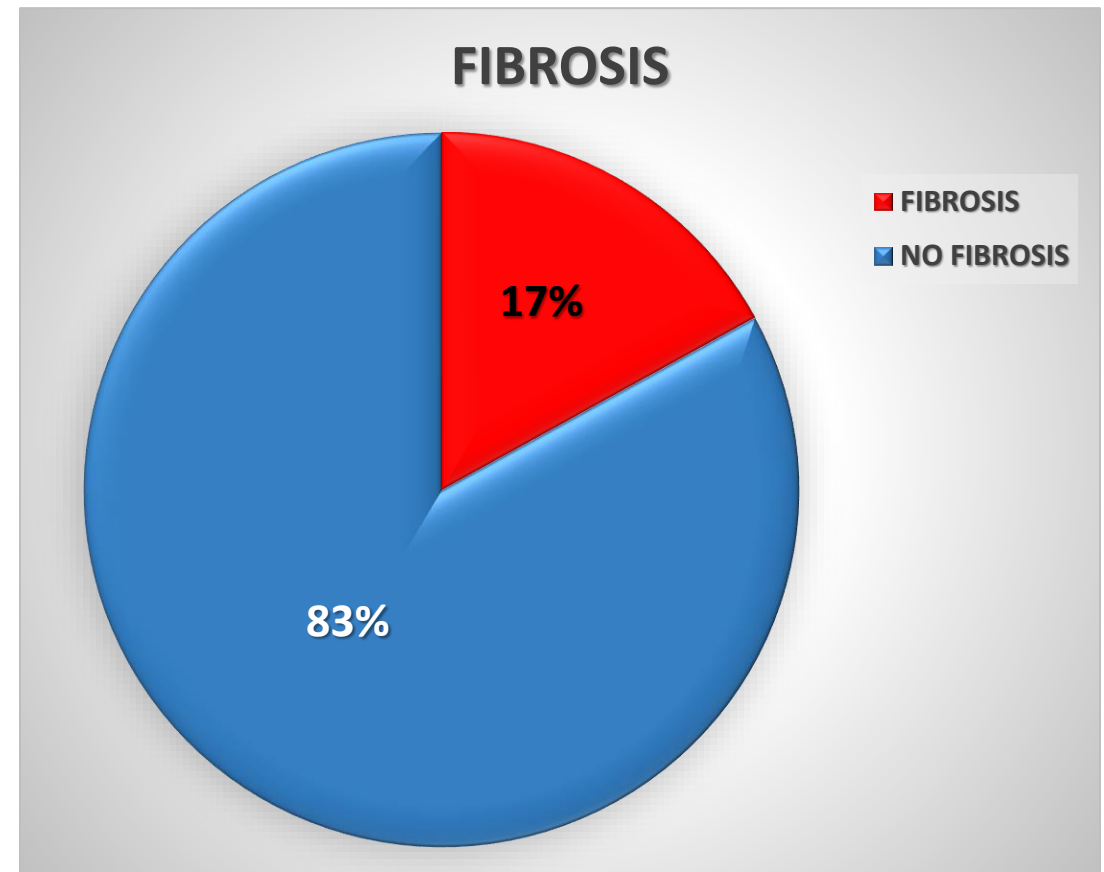
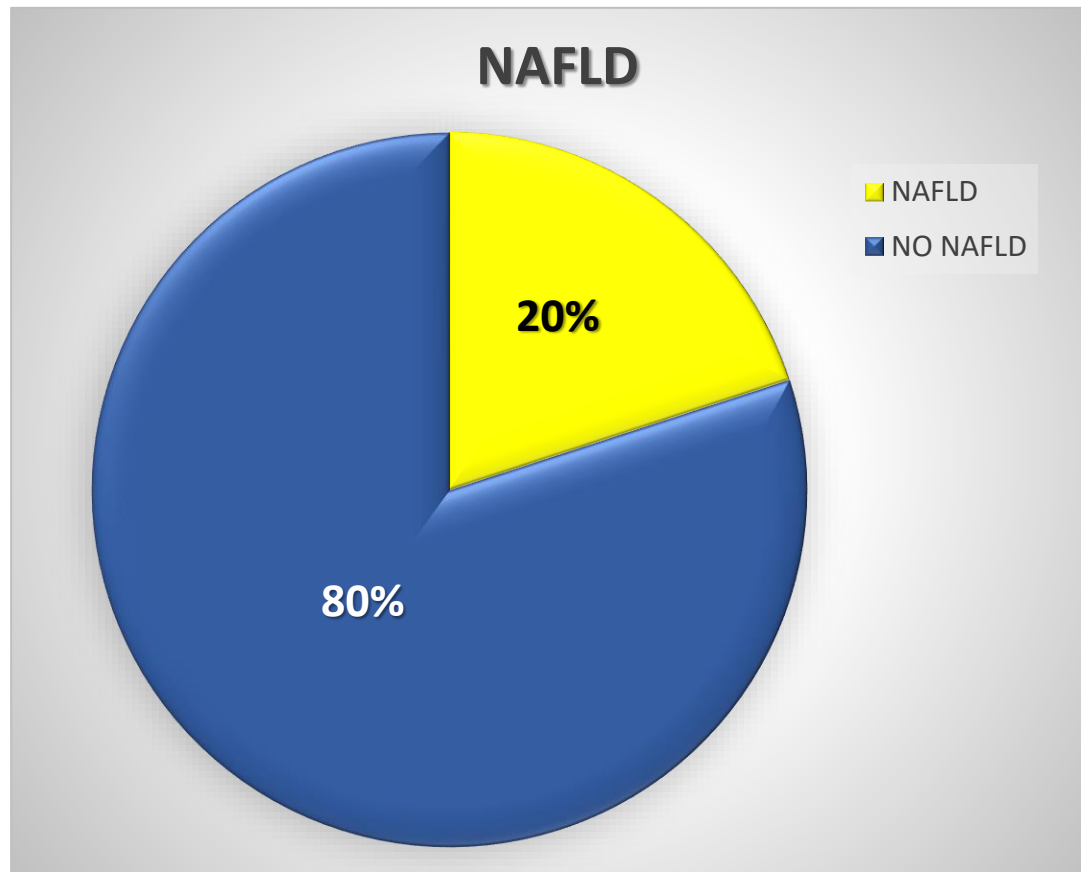
Results

Characteristics of the whole study population by ASCVD risk classes

	ASCVD Risk Classes			
	Low N = 423	Borderline N= 128	Intermediate N= 260	High N=130
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS				
N = 914				
Age (years)	49 (5.6) (40-65)	54 (5) (41-67)	57 (5.6) (40-72)	61 (7.5) (41-78)
Male gender (%)	242 (57)	99 (77)	239 (92)	113 (87)
Ethnicity (%)				
White/Caucasian	390 (92)	114 (98)	238 (91)	124 (95)
Black non-Hispanic	27 (7)	13 (10)	17 (6)	4 (3)
Other	6 (1)	1 (1)	5 (2)	2 (2)

Results

Prevalence of NAFLD and significant liver fibrosis was 20% and 17%, respectively



Results

Univariable and multivariable analysis by outcome, i.e. 10 years CVD risk, in the overall study population

	Univariable			Multivariable		
	OR	95% CIs	P value	aOR	95% CIs	P value
NAFLD (CAP \geq 288 dB/m)	1.86	1.34-2.60	< 0.01	1.77	1.16-2.69	< 0.001
Liver Fibrosis LSM \geq 7.1 kPa	1.66	1.69-2.37	< 0.01	1.54	0.97-2.44	0.06
BMI > 25 Kg/m²	1.79	1.36-2.35	< 0.01	1.79	1.34-2.41	< 0.001
Nadir CD4 < 200/mm³	1.40	1.07-1.84	0.01295	1.21	0.9-1.60	0.19
Active IVDU	1.55	1.06-2.27	0.01925	0.82	0.64-1.50	0.93
Duration HIV (years)	-	-	< 0.001	1.04	1.03-1.06	< 0.001
NAFLD: LiverFibrosis				0.49	0.23-1.07	0.07





NAFLD PHENOTYPE AND PREVALENCE ACROSS THE MENOPAUSE SPECTRUM IN WOMEN WITH HIV

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Background and Aims: Both menopause and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) are major metabolic events with potential systemic effects. The objective of the study was to describe natural history of NAFLD during menopause transition and the interplay between these two conditions in women living with HIV (WLWH).

Method: This was a cross-sectional study of consecutive WLWH attending Modena HIV Metabolic Clinic in 2018-2019. Women with hazardous alcohol intake and hepatitis B or hepatitis C virus co-infection were excluded. NAFLD and significant liver fibrosis were assessed with transient elastography and defined as controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) >248 dB/m and as liver stiffness measurement ≥ 7.1 kPa respectively. Menopause was determined according to STRAW criteria including 4 periods: reproductive, transitional, early and late menopause. Due to low absolute number of NAFLD cases, these criteria were further simplified dividing WLWH as "pre-menopause" if being in the first two periods and "post-menopause" if being in the last two periods. Two logistic regression models were built to explore predictors associated with NAFLD in pre-menopause and post-menopause periods, using as covariates metabolic and anthropometric variables.

Results: We analyzed 296 WLWH with mean age=54.3 (+7.9) years, current median CD4=710 μ L (IQR=543-896) and HIV RNA undetectability in 98.3% of cases. Overall, NAFLD and significant fibrosis prevalence in WLWH were 33.8% and 11.8% respectively. NAFLD and significant fibrosis were observed in 33.3% and 7.4% in reproductive, 29.4% and 11.8% in menopause transition, 32.6% and 12.9% in early menopause and 56.3% and 12.5% in late menopause respectively ($p=0.07$ and $p=0.66$). Table shows characteristics between WLWH with NAFLD in reproductive and menopause period. In two multivariate logistic models, HIV duration, lipotrophy, CD4/CD8 ratio and obesity were not associated with an increased risk of NAFLD in pre-menopause and post-menopause, while the HOMA was the only covariate to predict NAFLD in post-menopausal WLWH (OR=0.38, 0.15-0.8; $p=0.03$).

Conclusion: Prevalence and phenotype of NAFLD and liver fibrosis did not differ across the menopause in WLWH, suggesting that more complex immune-metabolic pathways, not captured by STRAW criteria, are involved in NAFLD natural history in aging WLWH.

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Variable	Pre-menopause NAFLD	Post-menopause NAFLD	p
	32 (34.4%)	61 (65.6%)	
Age, years, mean (±SD)	49.5 (±6.6)	57.8 (±6.6)	
BMI, kg/m ² , mean (±SD)	26.9 (±5.9)	26.3 (±7.1)	0.56
Waist circumference, cm, mean (±SD)	94.1 (±13.6)	91.3 (±10.3)	0.44
Obesity (%)	8 (25%)	11 (18.3%)	0.63
HIV duration, years, median (IQR)	23.8 (14.8-27.6)	26.3 (23.9-30.3)	0.03
Nadir CD4, median, c/μL, median (IQR)	251 (145-385)	199 (100-277)	0.11
Current CD4, median, c/μL, (IQR)	727 (533-931)	716 (575-923)	0.75
CD4/CD8 ratio, mean (±SD)	1.1 (±0.5)	1.2 (±0.6)	0.67
Type 2 diabetes (%)	4 (12.5%)	16 (16.2%)	0.21
Multimorbidity (%)	5 (15.6%)	46 (75.4)	<0.001
FIB 4, mean (±SD)	1.2 (±0.9)	1.5 (±0.7)	0.09
LDL cholesterol, mg/dl, mean (±SD)	129 (±41.5)	125 (±41.2)	0.67
HDL cholesterol, mg/dl, mean (±SD)	62.6 (±16.3)	57.7 (±13.7)	0.21
Triglycerides, mg/dl, mean (±SD)	103.7 (±40.7)	143.1 (±77)	0.01
HOMA, mean	2.4 (±1.2)	3 (±1.9)	0.54

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ovarian senescence increases liver fibrosis in humans and zebrafish with steatosis

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Conclusions

In conclusion, this study on a large cohort of women and age-matched men with histological diagnosis of NAFLD shows that **menopausal status increases the risk of fibrosis severity**. These data were supported and reinforced by our findings in overfed zebrafish with experimental steatosis. These results, which need validation in other NAFLD settings, suggest that a more intensive management should be planned for females with NAFLD in pre- and early menopause.



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Gender difference and hepatocellular carcinoma incidence in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis patients with advanced liver fibrosis

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Cumulative HCC incidence in NASH patients with cirrhosis



Conclusions

- Current guidelines recommend **early initiation of cART** that is less likely to induce insulin resistance, mitochondrial dysfunction and dyslipidemia.
- In contrast, as a result of **increasing life expectancy** in good health, this population will adopt the more traditional risk factors for NAFLD/NASH (lifestyles).
- HIV-treating physicians should be aware of the etiology, pathogenesis and treatment of NAFLD/ NASH in order to identify and treat the patients at risk (screening)

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