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# Studi degli outcome importanti della malattia del fegato

## Trombosi Portale nei pazienti che hanno eliminato HCV

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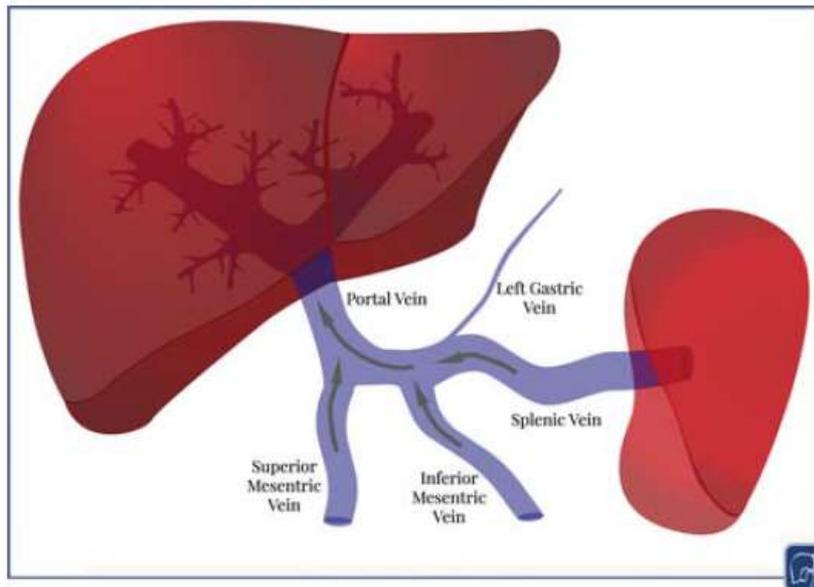
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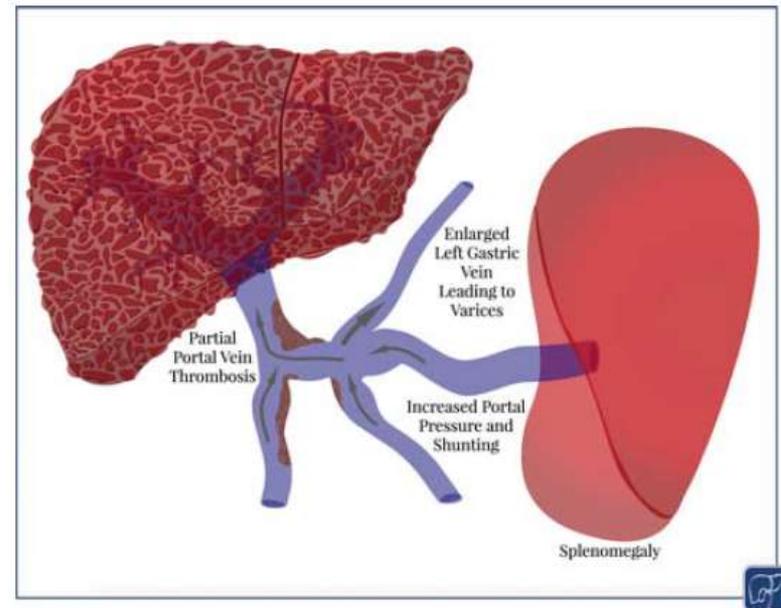
# Portal vein thrombosis

- **PVT** is defined as the **presence** of a **thrombus** in the **lumen** of the **main portal vein**, which can **extend** into **intra** or **extrahepatic venous branches**.

Normal portal venous anatomy



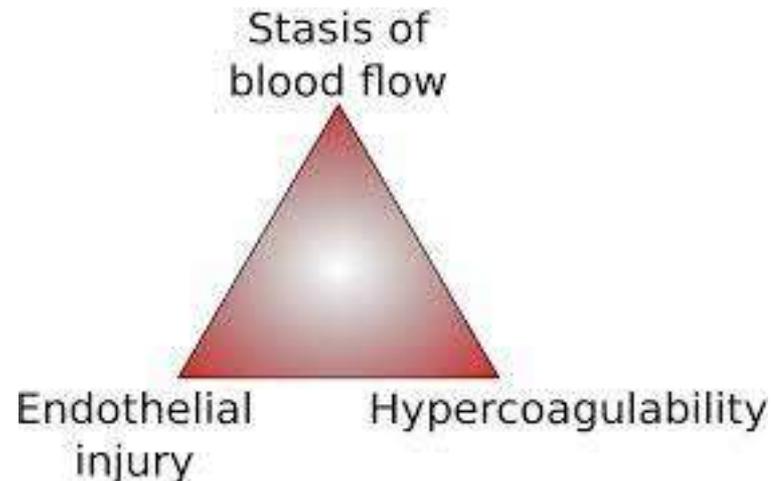
Partially occlusive PVT



# Pathophysiology of PVT in cirrhosis

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- Venous thrombosis is promoted by a triad of pathophysiological factors (Virchow's triad) :



# PVT is the most common thrombotic complication in cirrhosis

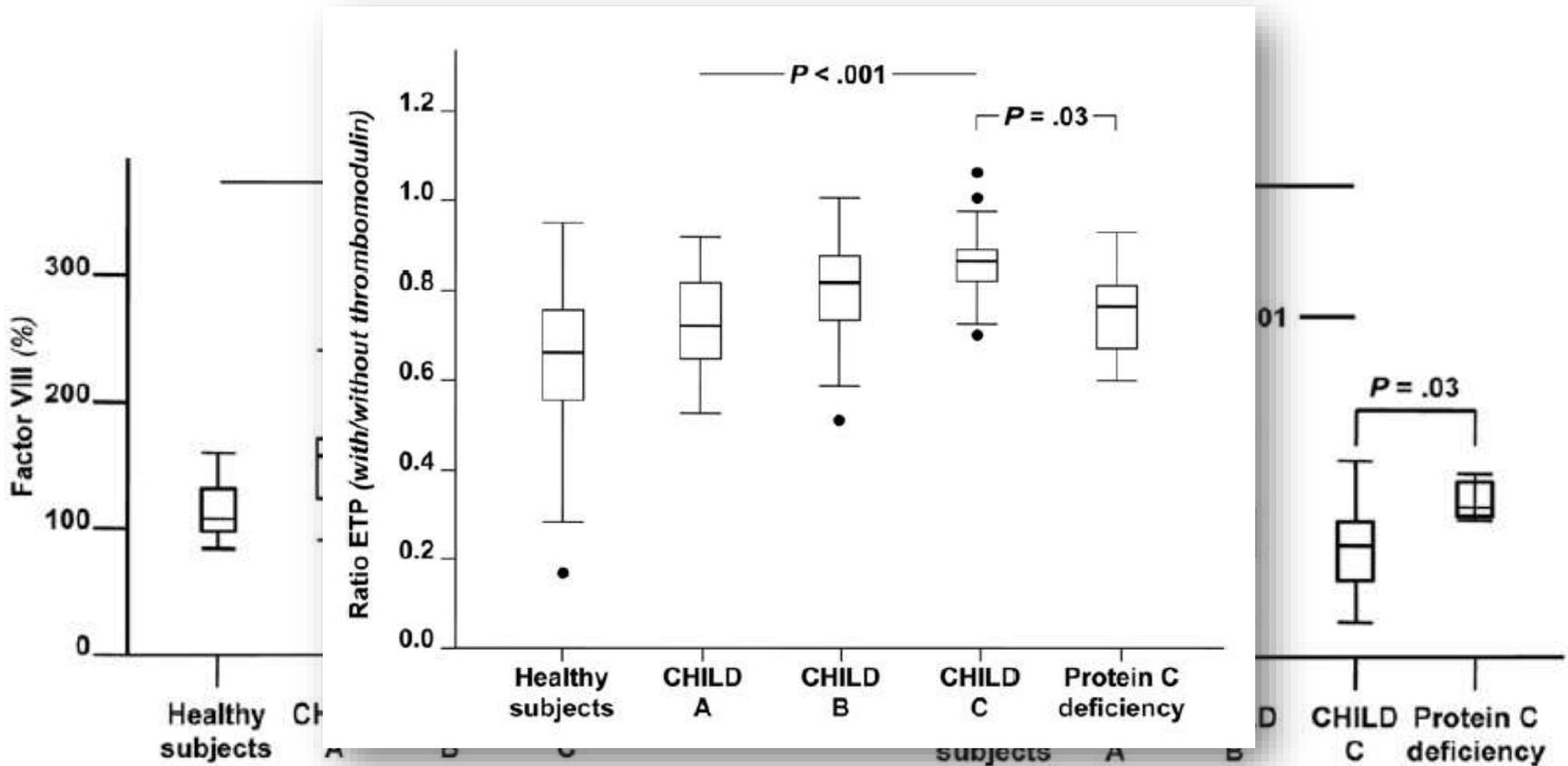
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- The **prevalence** of PVT in cirrhosis **increases in parallel** with **disease severity**:
  - **5%-10%** in Child **A** (“compensated”).
  - **15-20%** in Child **B/C** (“decompensated”).
  - Up to **26%** in **liver transplant candidates**.
- **1-year incidence** ranges between **~4%** and **~24%**, with **lower risks** in cohorts including mostly **compensated patients**.

# An Imbalance of Pro- vs Anti-Coagulation Factors in Plasma From Patients With Cirrhosis

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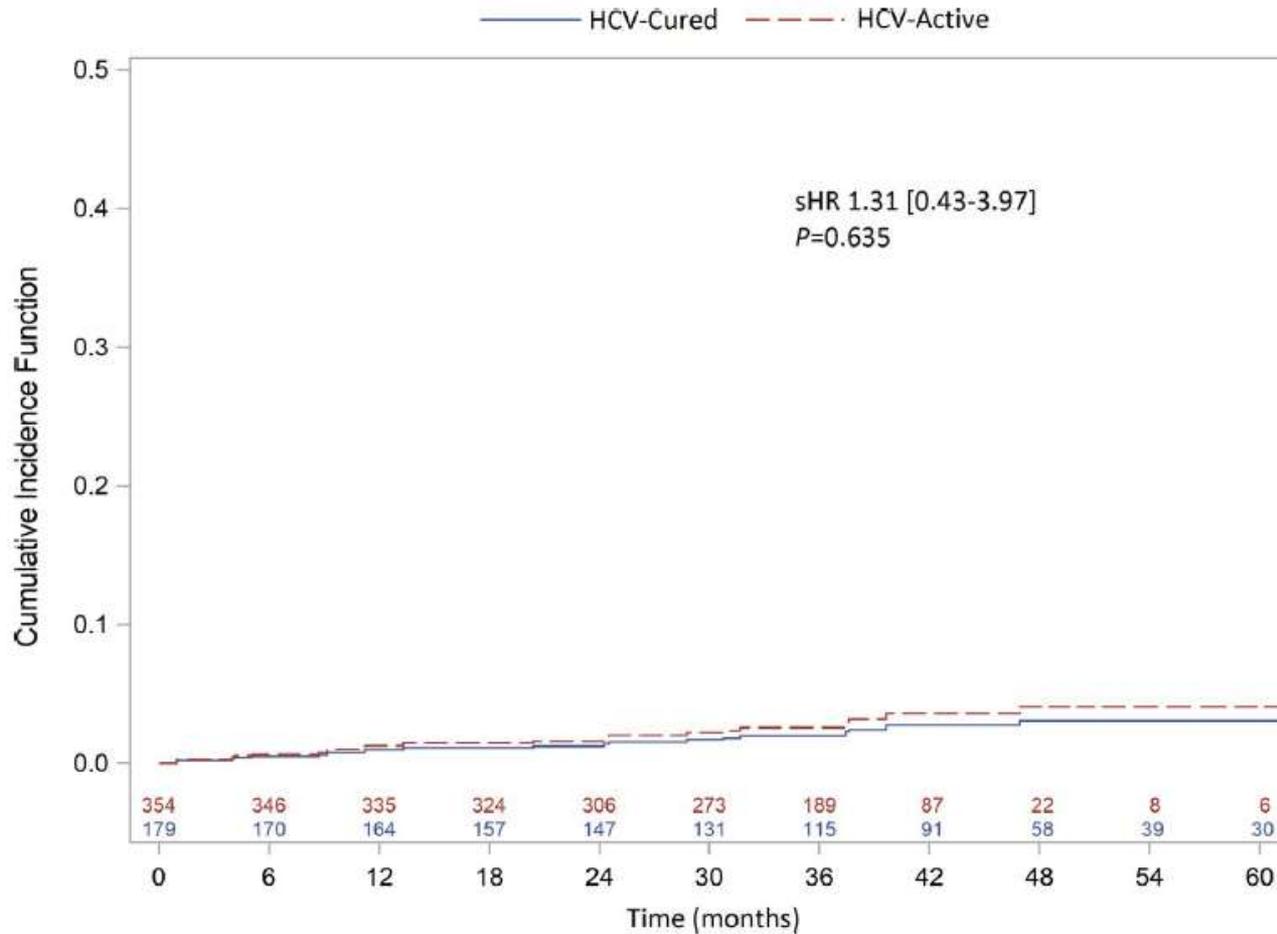


## Hepatic benefit of HCV cure: don't forget coagulation!

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- **Hypercoagulability** may be implicated not only in **macrovascular thrombosis**, such as PVT, but also in **microvascular, sinusoidal thrombosis**.
- **Micro-thrombosis** may lead to **parenchymal extinction** and **cirrhosis progression**.
- Therefore, **by reverting the hypercoagulable state associated with HCV-related cirrhosis**, one could potentially **improve patient's outcome**.

# Whether and how this translates into reduced risk of PVT in unclear



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# PITER-based study

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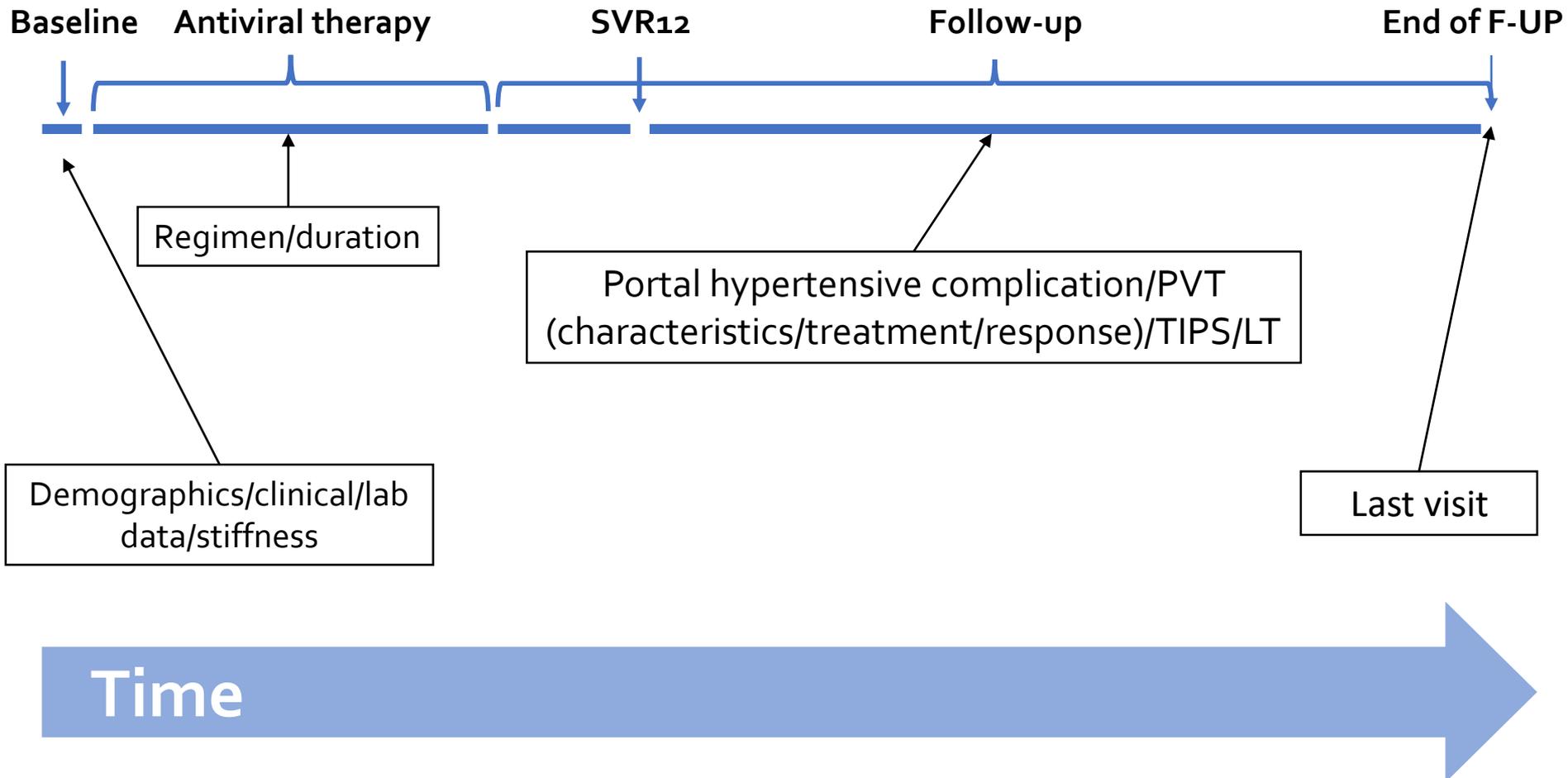
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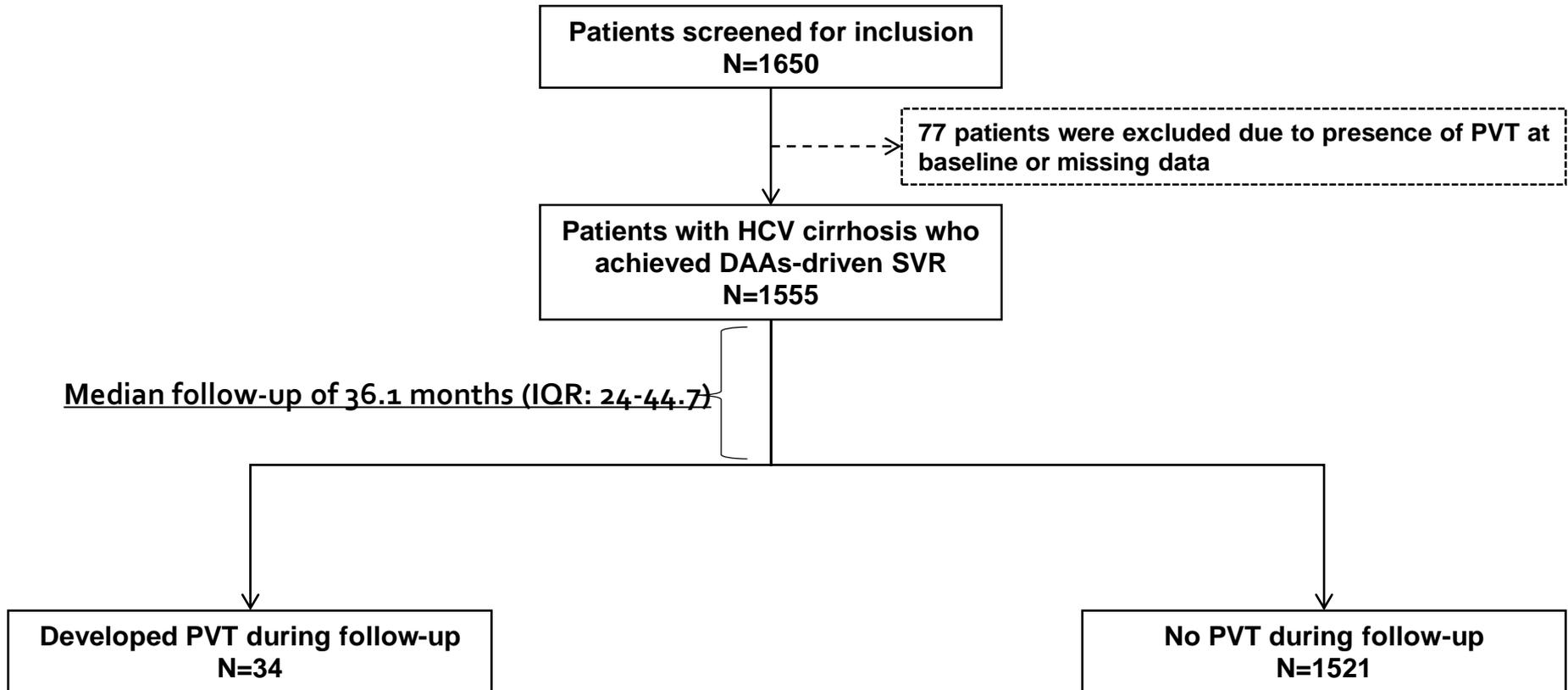
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1. To assess the **incidence of PVT** in a **large, real-world cohort** of patients with **HCV cirrhosis** who **achieved SVR** after **DAA**s.
2. To **investigate predictive factors** for **development of PVT** in these patients.
3. To **prospectively investigate** the **impact of PVT** on the **natural history of HCV-related cirrhosis** after SVR.

# Study design



# Results



| Examined population SVR (N=1555) | N.                     | %    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| No thrombosis                    | 1521                   | 97.8 |
| Thrombosis post-therapy          | 34                     | 2.2  |
| Incidence rate:                  | 0.8 x 100 person-years |      |

# Epidemiological features in patients who developed PVT vs. those who did not

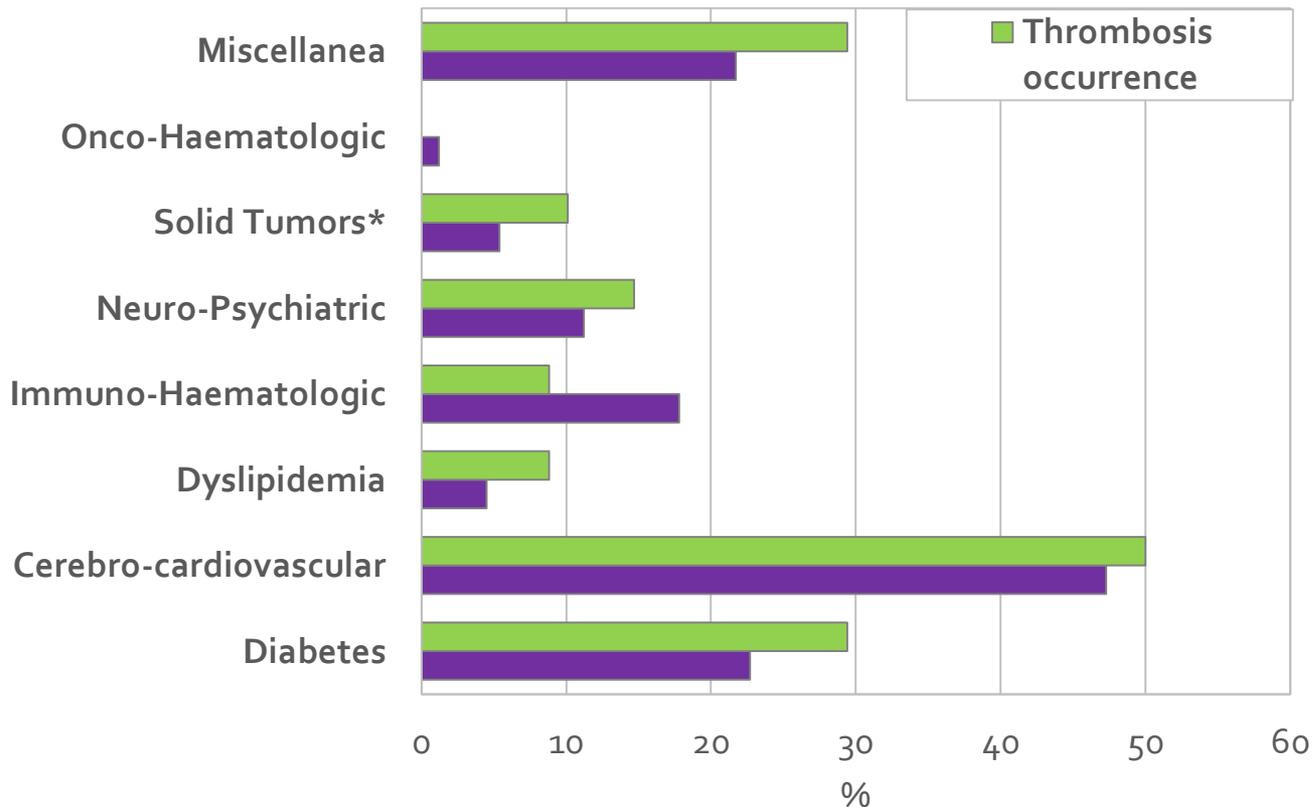
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|                          |     | No thrombosis<br>(N=1521*) |      | Thrombosis occurrence<br>(N=34*) |      |              | TOTAL<br>(N=1555*) |      |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|------|
| Epidemiological features |     | Median (IQR)               |      | Median (IQR)                     |      | p**          | Median (IQR)       |      |
|                          |     | N.                         | %    | N.                               | %    | p***         | N.                 | %    |
| HCC                      | Yes | 120                        | 7.9  | 7                                | 20.6 | <b>0.007</b> | 127                | 8.2  |
|                          | No  | 1401                       | 92.1 | 27                               | 79.4 |              | 1428               | 91.8 |

# Clinical features in patients who developed PVT vs. those who did not

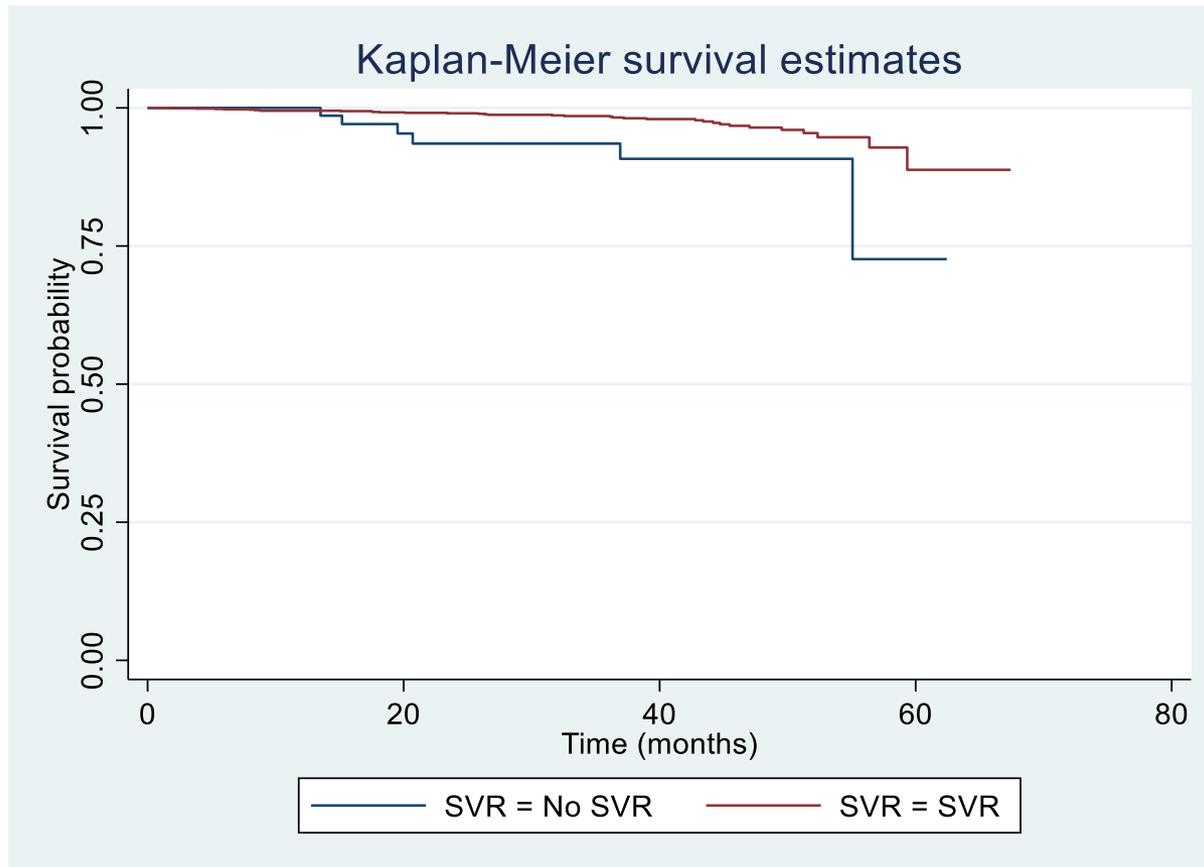
| Clinical features        |              | N.   | %    | N. | %    | p***              | N.   | %    |
|--------------------------|--------------|------|------|----|------|-------------------|------|------|
| Platelets count          | ≤ 150,000/μL | 1075 | 71.3 | 33 | 97.1 | <b>0.001</b>      | 1108 | 71.9 |
|                          | > 150,000/μL | 432  | 28.7 | 1  | 2.9  |                   | 433  | 28.1 |
| Albumin (g/dL)           | ≤ 3.5        | 346  | 24.1 | 21 | 61.8 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 367  | 25.0 |
|                          | > 3.5        | 1088 | 75.9 | 13 | 38.2 |                   | 1101 | 75.0 |
| Bilirubin (mg/dL)        | ≥ 1.1        | 460  | 31.3 | 24 | 70.6 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 484  | 32.1 |
|                          | < 1.1        | 1012 | 68.8 | 10 | 29.4 |                   | 1022 | 67.9 |
| FIB4                     | > 3.25       | 1025 | 68.5 | 29 | 85.3 | <b>0.037</b>      | 1054 | 68.9 |
|                          | ≤ 3.25       | 471  | 31.5 | 5  | 14.7 |                   | 476  | 31.1 |
| Child-Pugh Class         | A            | 1305 | 85.8 | 23 | 67.7 | <b>0.003</b>      | 1328 | 85.4 |
|                          | B            | 216  | 14.2 | 11 | 32.4 |                   | 227  | 14.6 |
| Ascites                  | Yes          | 108  | 7.1  | 6  | 17.7 | <b>0.020</b>      | 114  | 7.3  |
|                          | No           | 1413 | 92.9 | 28 | 82.4 |                   | 1441 | 92.7 |
| Esophageal varices       | Yes          | 335  | 22.0 | 27 | 79.4 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 362  | 23.3 |
|                          | No           | 1186 | 78.0 | 7  | 20.6 |                   | 1193 | 76.7 |
| Esophageal varices grade | F1           | 220  | 70.5 | 10 | 43.5 | <b>0.024</b>      | 230  | 68.7 |
|                          | F2           | 81   | 26.0 | 11 | 47.8 |                   | 92   | 27.5 |
|                          | F3           | 11   | 3.5  | 2  | 8.7  |                   | 13   | 3.9  |
| History of bleeding      | Yes          | 35   | 2.3  | 5  | 14.7 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 40   | 2.6  |
|                          | No           | 1486 | 97.7 | 29 | 85.3 |                   | 1515 | 97.4 |
| Previous decompensations | Yes          | 159  | 10.5 | 11 | 32.4 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 170  | 10.9 |
|                          | No           | 1362 | 89.6 | 23 | 67.7 |                   | 1385 | 89.1 |

# Comorbidities in patients who developed PVT vs. those who did not



\* p value Chi-square test = 0.032. For all the other groups appeared a not significant p-value.

# Survival



Log-rank test  $p = 0.002$

## Events happened during the follow-up of cirrhotic patients successfully treated with DAA

|                       |                  | No thrombosis<br>(N=1521*) |      | Thrombosis occurrence<br>(N=34*) |      | p***              | TOTAL<br>(N=1555*) |      |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|------|
|                       |                  | N.                         | %    | N.                               | %    |                   | N.                 | %    |
| <b>Events</b>         |                  | N.                         | %    | N.                               | %    | p***              | N.                 | %    |
| <b>Death</b>          | Yes              | 72                         | 4.7  | 10                               | 29.4 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 82                 | 5.3  |
|                       | No               | 1449                       | 95.3 | 24                               | 70.6 |                   | 1473               | 94.7 |
| <b>HCC</b>            | Pre-therapy      | 120                        | 7.9  | 7                                | 20.6 | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 127                | 8.2  |
|                       | Post-therapy     | 78                         | 5.1  | 11                               | 32.4 |                   | 89                 | 5.7  |
|                       | No               | 1323                       | 87.0 | 16                               | 47.1 |                   | 1339               | 86.1 |
| <b>Decompensation</b> | Pre-therapy      | 88                         | 5.8  | 2                                | 5.9  | <<br><b>0.001</b> | 90                 | 5.8  |
|                       | Pre/Post-therapy | 71                         | 4.7  | 9                                | 26.5 |                   | 80                 | 5.1  |
|                       | Post-therapy     | 74                         | 4.9  | 15                               | 44.1 |                   | 89                 | 5.7  |
|                       | No               | 1288                       | 84.7 | 8                                | 23.5 |                   | 1296               | 83.3 |

# Expected results/future perspective

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- 1. Improved risk stratification regarding the risk of PVT in patients with HCV cirrhosis who achieve DAAs—driven SVR.**
- 2. Assessment of the impact of PVT on the residual risks of decompensation after the achievement of SVR in HCV-related cirrhosis.**
- 3. By comparing these results with historical data from patients treated with PEG-IFN based therapy, evaluation of thrombotic risk in DAA-driven SVR compared**



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