

# Evidence-Based Medicine Conference

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# Clinical Scenario

## 個案病例摘要

### Patient Profile

- Name : 吳OO
- Age / Sex : 50 / M
- BW / BH : 73 kg / 172 cm
- Chart No. : 239\*\*\*\*\*

### PH:

- HIV (+) CD4  $\geq$  350
- LC / Child B
- HCV (+) Genotype 1 Infection

### Problem:

使用PegIFN–RBV治療HCV後relapse，怎麼辦？

# Asking Answerable Clinical Questions

## Background Questions

- chronic HCV genotype 1 infection的流行病學？
- 如何診斷chronic HCV genotype 1 infection ？
- chronic HCV genotype 1 infection的分類有那幾種？
- chronic HCV genotype 1 infection的治療時機為何？
- chronic HCV genotype 1 infection的治療方法有哪些？

## Foreground Question

- 有那些Rescue Therapy for patients with chronic HCV genotype 1 infection ？
  - ➡ Peginterferon–Ribavirin Combine with
    1. Boceprevir (BOC)
    2. Telaprevir (TVR) ➡ not approved to treat LC.

# Asking An Answerable Clinical Question (PICO)

- *Patient and /or Problem*
  - Chronic HCV Genotype 1 Infection
- *Intervention (treatment)*
  - Boceprevir plus PegIFN–RBV
- *Comparison Intervention*
  - Placebo plus PegIFN–RBV
- *Clinical Outcome*
  - Sustained Virologic Response(SVR)

# Acquire ---- 搜尋最有用資料

## ■ Database:

- ACP Journal Club
- Cochrane Library
- EBMR
- PubMed

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## ■ Key Words:

- Boceprevir AND Peginterferon AND Ribavirin

## ■ Limited in :

- Humans, Clinical Trial, OR
- Practice Guideline, OR
- Field: Title/Abstract, OR
- Meta-Analysis OR
- Randomized Controlled Trial OR
- Clinical Trial, Phase I, OR
- Clinical Trial, Phase II, OR
- Clinical Trial, Phase III, OR
- Clinical Trial, Phase IV, OR
- Comparative Study OR
- Controlled Clinical Trial OR
- Multicenter Study OR

# Acquire ---- Searching Results

- ▶ ACP Journal Club (0)
- ▶ Cochrane Library (0)
- ▶ EBMR (0)
- ▶ Textbook/Access Medicine/UpToDate (2)
- ▶ Medline/Pub-Med : RCT (5)
- ⇒ Bacon, B.R. et al. Boceprevir for Previously Treated Chronic HCV Genotype 1 Infection.

*N Engl J Med 2011;364:1207-17*

# Appraisal---資料評估準則

## Levels of Evidence Oxford Centre for EBM

Level	Therapy/Prevention, Aetiology/Harm
1a	SR (with homogeneity) of RCTs
1b	Individual RCT (with narrow Confidence Interval)
1c	All or none
2a	SR (with homogeneity) of cohort studies
2b	Individual cohort study (including low quality RCT)
2c	"Outcomes" Research; Ecological studies
3a	SR (with homogeneity) of case-control studies
3b	Individual Case-Control Study
4	Case-series (and poor quality cohort and case-control studies)
5	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles"



# Appraisal

## Boceprevir for Previously Treated Chronic HCV Genotype 1 Infection

Group 1:2:3  
= 1:2:2

Lead-in period

HCV RNA levels assessed  
for stopping rule

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Control

Group 1

Peginterferon-  
ribavirin

Placebo and peginterferon-ribavirin

Follow-up

Group 2

Peginterferon-  
ribavirin

Boceprevir and peginterferon-ribavirin

Undetectable HCV RNA levels at wk 8 and 12

Follow-up

Detectable HCV RNA levels at wk 8  
(but undetectable at wk 12)

Placebo and  
peginterferon-  
ribavirin

Follow-up

Group 3

Peginterferon-  
ribavirin

Boceprevir and peginterferon-ribavirin

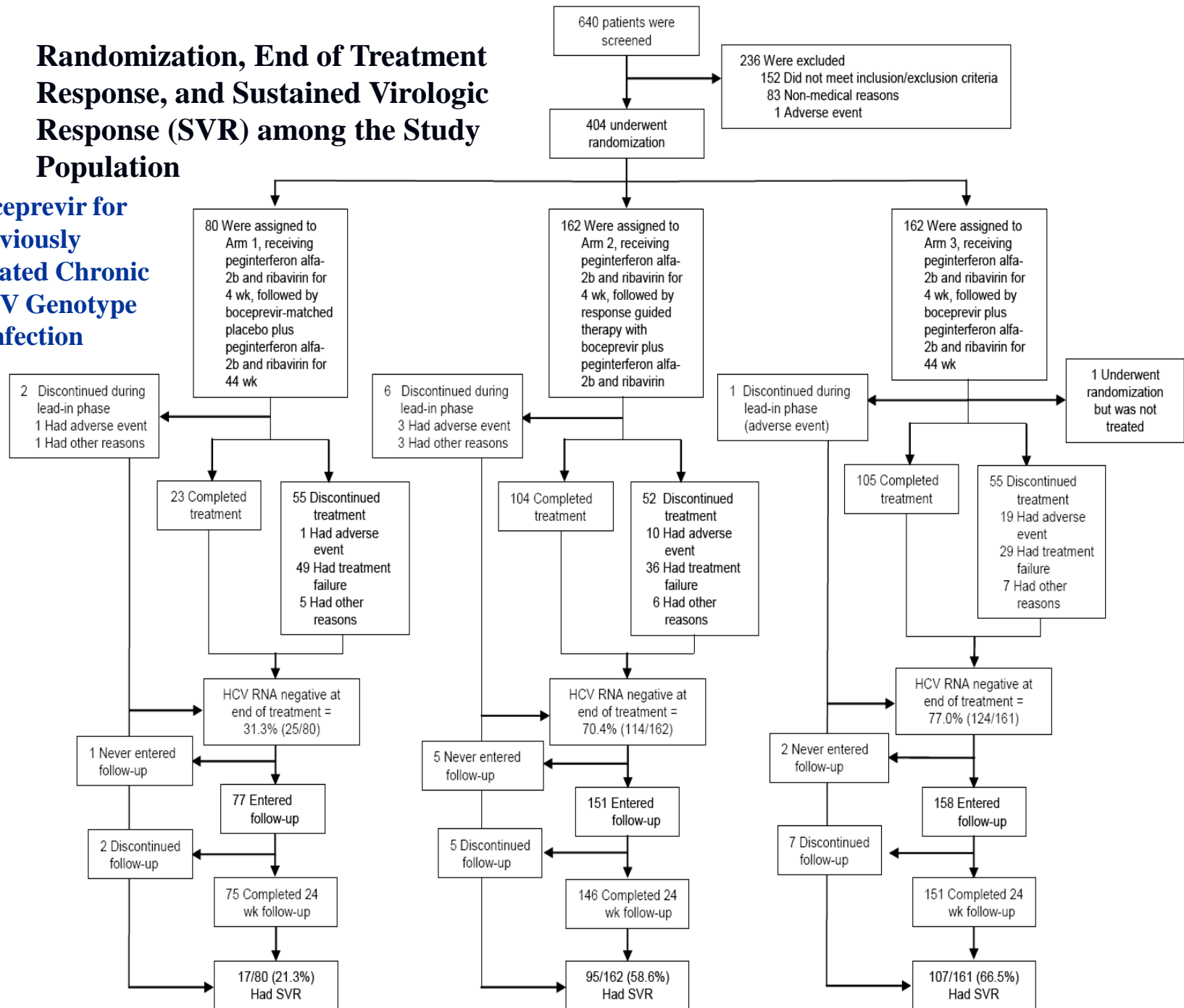
Follow-up

0 4 8 12 24 36 48 72

Experimental

# Randomization, End of Treatment Response, and Sustained Virologic Response (SVR) among the Study Population

## Boceprevir for Previously Treated Chronic HCV Genotype 1 Infection



# Appraisal by CONSORT 2010 statement

PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
<i>TITLE &amp; ABSTRACT</i>	X	Identification as a randomized trial in the title.
	O	Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions.
<i>INTRODUCTION</i>		
Background and objectives	O	Scientific background and explanation of rationale.
	O	Specific objectives or hypotheses.
<i>Methods</i> Trial design	O	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial), including allocation ratio.
	O	Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons.

# Appraisal by CONSORT 2010 statement

PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
<i><b>METHODS</b></i>		
Participants	O	Eligibility criteria for participants.
	X	Settings and locations where the data were collected.
Interventions	O	The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered.
Outcomes	O	Completely defined prespecified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed.
	O	Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons.

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<b>PAPER SECTION and topic</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>
Sample size	X	How sample size was determined.
	O	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines.
Randomization - Sequence generation	O	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence.
	O	Type of randomization; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)
Randomization – Allocation Concealment mechanism	O	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (such as sequentially numbered containers), describing any steps taken to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned.

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PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
Randomization Implementation	O	Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions.
Blinding (masking)	O	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how the success of blinding was evaluated.
	O	if relevant, description of the similarity of interventions.
Statistical methods	O	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes.
	O	Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses.

# Appraisal by CONSORT 2010 statement

PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
<i>RESULTS</i>		
Participant flow (a diagram is strongly recommended)	O	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analyzed for the primary outcome.
	O	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomization, together with reasons.
Recruitment	O	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up.
	O	Why the trial ended or was stopped.
Baseline data	O	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of each group.

# Appraisal by CONSORT 2010 statement

PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
Numbers analyzed	O	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups.
Outcomes and estimation	O	For each primary and secondary outcome, results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval).
	O	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended.
Ancillary analyses	O	Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing prespecified from exploratory.



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PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
Harms	O	All important harms or unintended effects in each group.
<i>DISCUSSION</i>		
limitations	O	Trial limitations; addressing sources of potential bias; imprecision; and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses.
Generalizability	O	Generalizability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings.
Interpretation	O	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence.

# Appraisal by CONSORT 2010 statement

PAPER SECTION and topic	Item	Descriptor
<i>OTHER INFORMATION</i>		
Registration	O	Registration number and name of trial registry.
Protocol	O	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available.
Funding	O	Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders.

- Fulfilled items=34/37→ good quality.
  - No identification as a randomized trial in the title.
  - No identification of the settings and locations where the data were collected.
  - No sample size calculation.

Primary analysis

Gr2 NNT=100/

Prior relapse

Gr2 NNT=100/

Poor IFN responder

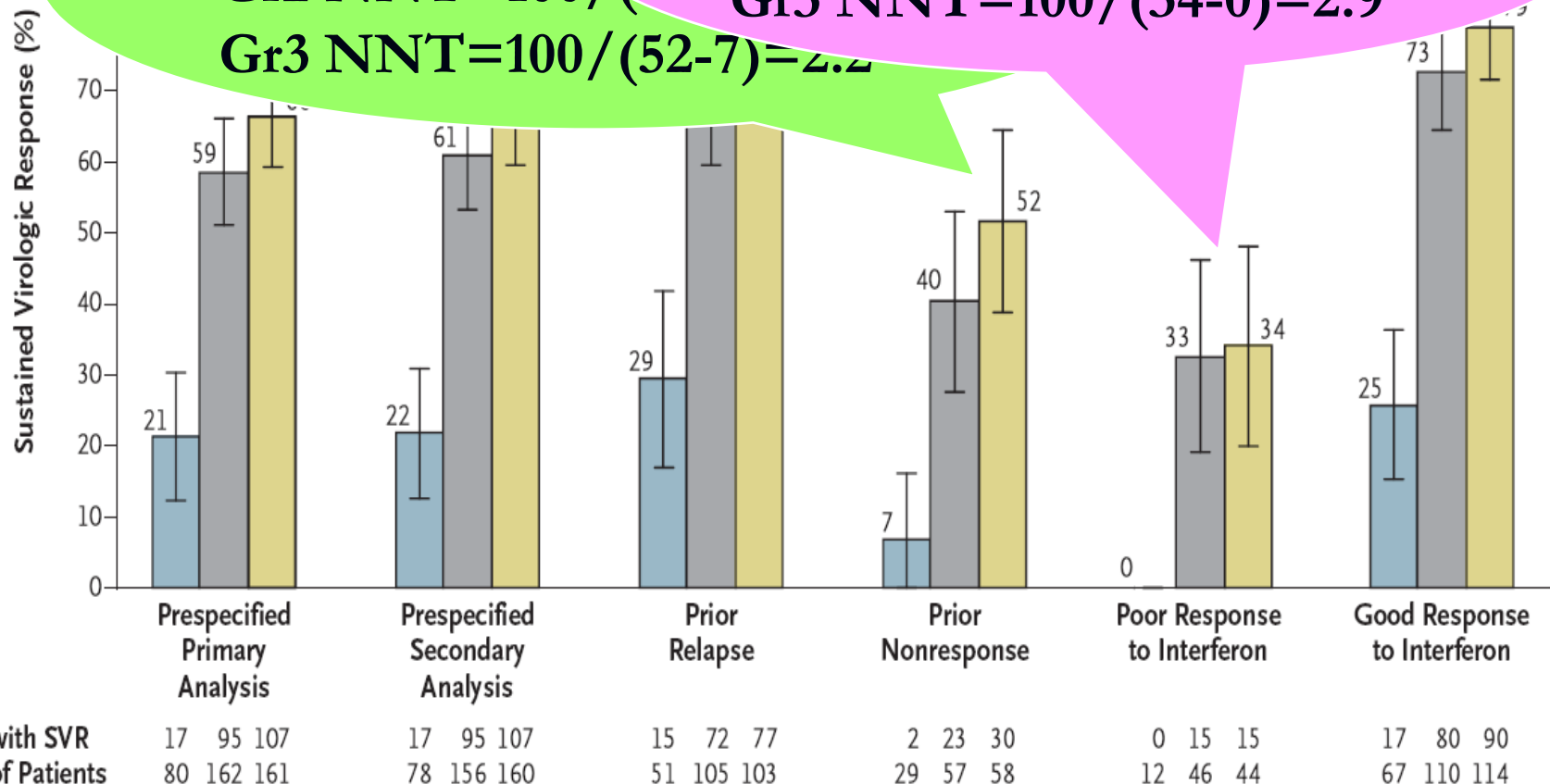
Gr2 NNT=100/(33-0)=3.3

Gr3 NNT=100/(34-0)=2.9

Prior non-responder

Gr2 NNT=100/

Gr3 NNT=100/(52-7)=2.2



# Application --- Boceprevir effect

- Boceprevir does not have clinically significant activity against other HCV genotypes.
- HCV rapidly develop resistance when exposed to Protease-Inhibitor monotherapy. Addition of interferon reduces the rate of emergence of these resistant variants.
- Having a lead-in phase was in advantage to responsiveness ( $\uparrow$ 2-8 % effectiveness)  $\rightarrow$  actual effect should be lower.

# Application --- Boceprevir effect

- Our patient has relapse after IFN Tx.
- Estimated therapeutic effect of Boceprevir with standard treatment is about 70% with a NNT of 2.5 in Gr2 and 2.2 in Gr3.
- Our patient is a de-compensated LC (Child B) with HIV (+). Cirrhosis have a negative impact on response, and decompensated LC was excluded → not similar to our patient.

# NNH

Any adverse event

Gr2 NNH

Gr3 NNH

Any serious adverse event

Gr2 NNH=100/(10-5)=20

Gr3 NNH=100/(14-5)=11

Event	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	P Value	
		vs. Group 1	vs. Group 1		
Death — no. (%)	0	1 (<1)†	0	0.99	0.99
Any adverse event — no. (%)	77 (96)	160 (99)	161 (100)	0.34	0.04
Discontinuation owing to adverse event — no. (%)	2 (2)	13 (8)	20 (12)	0.15	0.02
Dose modification owing to adverse event — no. (%)	11 (14)	47 (29)	53 (33)	0.01	0.002
Any life-threatening adverse event — no. (%)	0	4 (2)	5 (3)	0.31	0.17
Any serious adverse event — no. (%)	4 (5)	16 (10)	23 (14)	0.23	0.03

- **Severe AE:** incapacitating with inability to do usual activities or significantly affects clinical status, and warrants intervention
- **Life-Threatening AE:** immediate risk of death.

Event	Group 1 (N=80)	Group 2 (N=162)	Group 3 (N=161)	P Value	
				Group 2 vs. Group 1	Group 3 vs. Group 1
Mean change in hemoglobin from baseline — g/dl					
At wk 12	-2.89	-4.02	-3.96	<0.001	<0.001
At wk 24	-2.69	-4.36	-4.31	<0.001	<0.001
At wk 48					0.005
Hemoglobin					
Grade 1: 10.5 to 12.0 g/dl					0.01
Grade 2: 9.0 to 10.4 g/dl					
Grade 3: 6.5 to 8.9 g/dl				0.67	0.07
Grade 4: <6.5 g/dl	0	0	1 (<1)	0.99	0.99
Erythropoietin use	17 (21)	66 (41)	74 (46)	0.003	<0.001
Transfusion	0	3 (2)	14 (9)	0.55	0.006
Common adverse event — no. (%)‡					
Anemia	16 (20)	70 (43)	74 (46)	<0.001	<0.001
Dry skin				0.009	0.004
Dysgeusia				0.01	<0.001
Rash (include DRESS)			22 (14)	0.01	0.05

**Anemia that need Erythropoietin therapy**

**Gr2 NNH=100 / (41-21)=5**

**Gr3 NNH=100 / (46-21)=4**

**Gr2 NNH=100 / (43-20)=4.3**

**Gr3 NNH=100 / (46-20)=3.8**

# Adverse Effect is under-estimated

- The trial and analysis of interest effect.

- Anemia is a serious adverse event.

If anemia was included, any serious adverse event :

$$\text{Gr2 NNH} = 100 / (53 - 25) = 3.5$$

$$\text{Gr3 NNH} = 100 / (60 - 25) = 2.8$$

In contrast to primary analysis of NNT

$$\text{Gr2 NNT} = 100 / (59 - 21) = 2.63$$

$$\text{Gr3 NNT} = 100 / (66 - 21) = 2.2$$

Event	(N=80)	(N=162)	(N=161)	P Value	
				Group 2 vs. Group 1	Group 3 vs. Group 1
Any serious adverse event — no. (%)	4 (5)	16 (10)	23 (14)	0.23	0.03
Anemia (Need transfusion or EPO)	16 (20)	70 (43)	74 (46)	<0.001	<0.001



# Application

- The actual effect of Boceprevir may be lower in our patient.
- Boceprevir has a NNT (2.2) similar to its NNH (2.8) in Gr 3 → benefit does not outweigh the harm.
- Potential drug-drug interaction with statin.
- Wait for more evidence to apply protease inhibitor in combination with PegIFN-RBV therapy.

# 謝謝您

- Thank You
- Merci
- Danke
- Gracias
- Grazie
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