

## **ELECTRON:**

### **100% SVR Rate for Once-Daily**

### **Sofosbuvir Plus Ledipasvir Plus Ribavirin Given for 12 Weeks in Treatment-Naïve and Previously Treated Patients With HCV GT 1**

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## **Conclusions**

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- ◆ 12 weeks SOF + RBV resulted in SVR12 in 84% of treatment-naïve patients, but only in 10% of null responders
- ◆ Adding LDV increased efficacy of SOF + RBV
  - 100% SVR12 in both treatment-naïve and prior null responder patients
  - No additional safety or tolerability issues

# Clinical Development Plans Going Forward

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- ◆ Phase 3 program with SOF/LDV fixed-dose combination tablet underway
  - Studies will evaluate efficacy in patients with cirrhosis
  - Studies will evaluate the need for RBV
- ◆ Additional studies to explore shorter durations of therapy are under way

# Background

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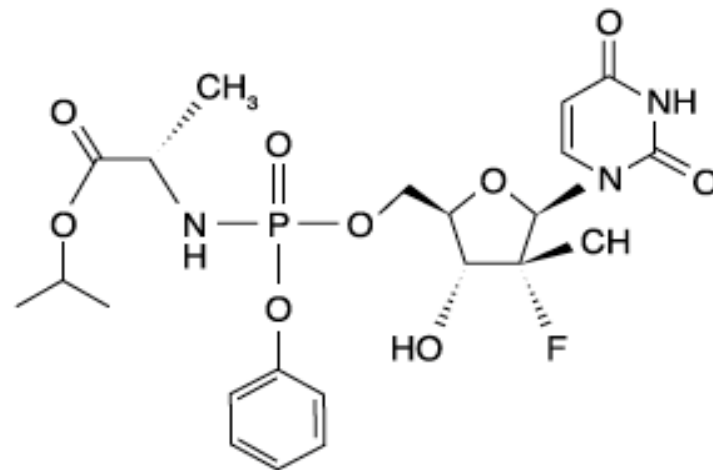
- ◆ Up to 170 million people worldwide are chronically infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV)<sup>1</sup>
  - >70% have genotype (GT) 1, the most difficult to treat<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Current treatment for HCV GT1 is a protease inhibitor (PI) + peginterferon (PEG) + ribavirin (RBV) for 24-48 weeks<sup>3</sup>
  - Limitations of current PI regimens include complex dosing schemes, potential for resistance, poor tolerability, and lower response rates in prior null responders
- ◆ Need for simpler, shorter, safer, all-oral treatment regimens
- ◆ We hypothesized that two potent direct-acting antivirals with different mechanisms of action would improve the rate of response

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# Sofosbuvir (SOF, GS-7977)

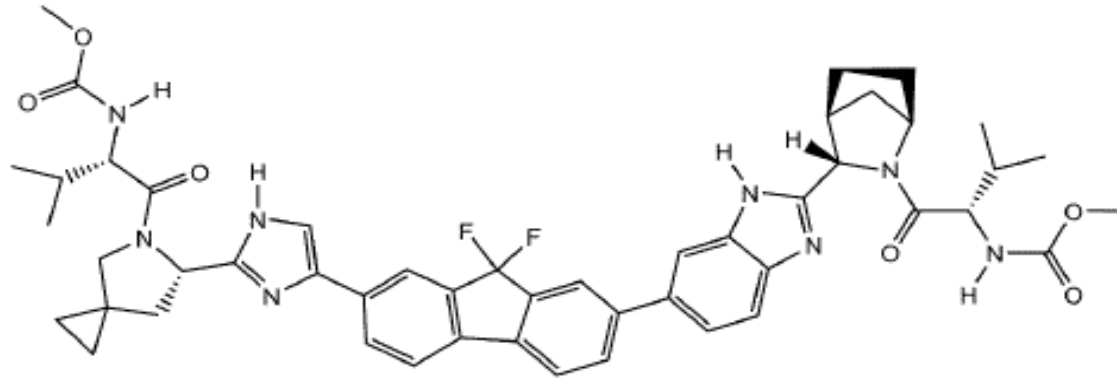
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- ◆ Potent HCV-specific nucleotide analog (chain terminator)
- ◆ Safe and well tolerated
  - Once daily, no food effect
  - No significant drug interactions
  - No safety signals in preclinical/clinical studies
- ◆ High barrier to resistance
  - No virologic breakthrough to date
- ◆ Pangenotypic antiviral effect
- ◆ Safe and well tolerated in ~1500 patients in Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies



# Ledipasvir (GS-5885)

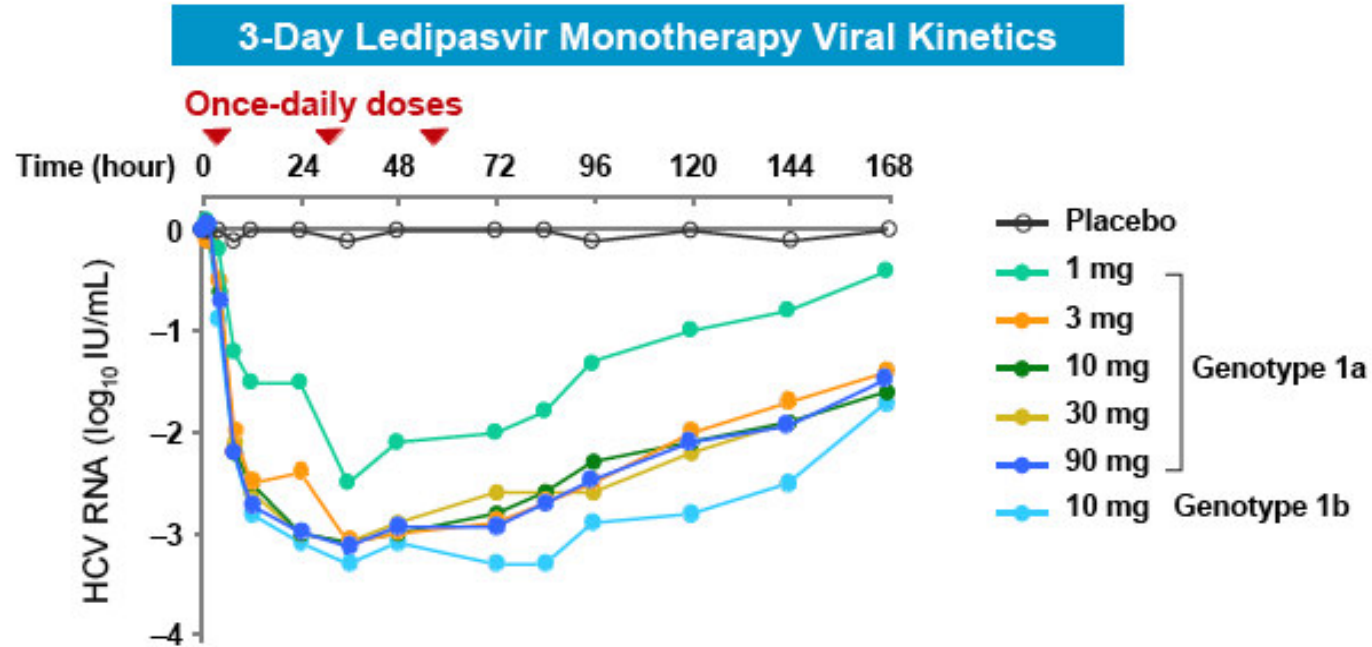
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- ◆ HCV NS5A inhibitor
  - NS5A essential for RNA replication and post-replication assembly and secretion<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Picomolar potency against genotype 1a and 1b HCV<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Effective against signature NS5B-resistant mutant S282T<sup>3</sup>

1. Guedj J, et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 2013 [epub]; 2. Lawitz E, et al. EASL 2011, poster 1219;  
3. Cheng G, et al. EASL 2012, poster 1172;

# Ledipasvir (GS-5885)



- ◆ Safe and well tolerated in >1000 patients in Phase 2<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ No clinically significant drug-drug interactions with sofosbuvir<sup>2</sup>

1. Everson G, et al. AASLD 2012, poster 783; 2. German P, et al. AASLD 2012, poster 1888.

# Aim

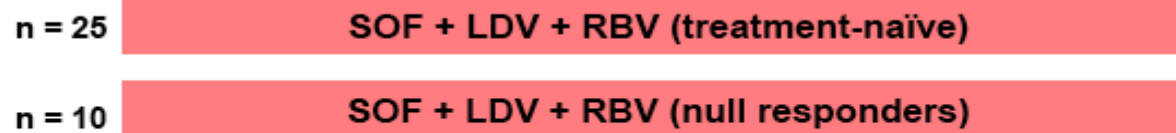
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- ◆ To evaluate the safety and efficacy of the nucleotide NS5B inhibitor sofosbuvir (SOF) given in combination with the NS5A inhibitor ledipasvir (LDV) in treatment-naïve and prior null responder patients with chronic HCV GT 1 infection

# Study Design: Genotype 1 Cohorts



- ◆ We hypothesized that adding a second direct-acting antiviral would enhance response



LDV, ledipasvir; RBV, ribavirin; SOF, sofosbuvir.



# Results: Baseline Characteristics

	SOF + RBV		SOF + LDV + RBV	
	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 10)	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 9)
Mean age (range)	48 (21–68)	48 (29–57)	45 (25–59)	50 (26–61)
Male	60%	70%	32%	78%
Caucasian	80%	90%	92%	100%
Mean BMI (range)	25.7 (19.6–37.9)	28.1 (19.5–36.2)	25.2 (19.8–37.3)	25.6 (21.8–28.2)
IL28B genotype				
CC	44%	20%	36%	0
CT	48%	50%	56%	78%
TT	8%	30%	8%	22%
GT 1a	88%	90%	80%	89%
Mean baseline HCV RNA, log <sub>10</sub> IU/mL	6.1 (4.4–7.2)	6.8 (5.6–7.5)	5.9 (3.4–7.4)	6.9 (6.6–7.3)

Absence of cirrhosis was demonstrated by transient elastography or biopsy.  
 BMI, body mass index; LDV, ledipasvir; RBV, ribavirin; SOF, sofosbuvir.

# Results: Efficacy

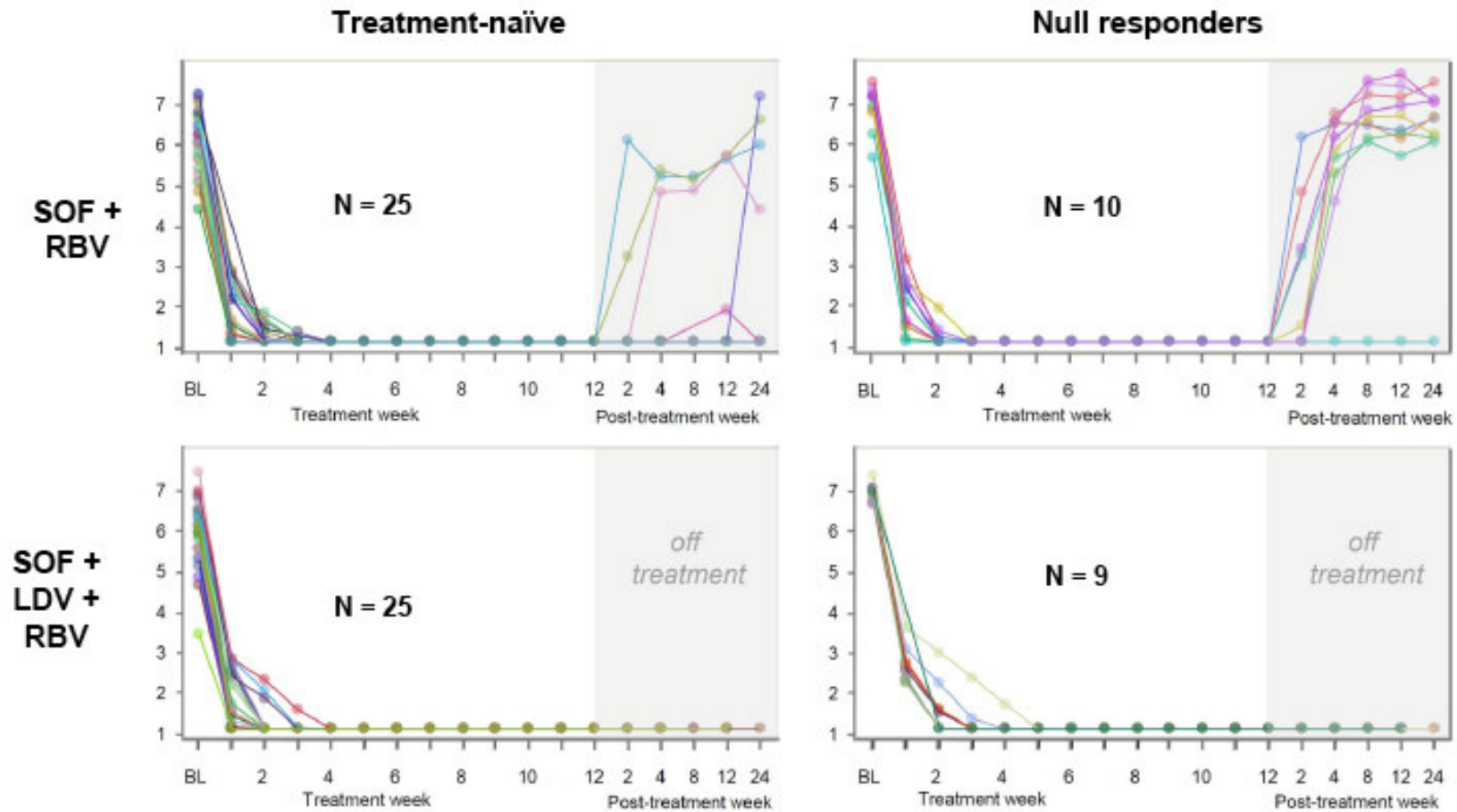
## Patients with HCV RNA <LOD\* over Time, n/N (%)

	SOF + RBV		SOF + LDV + RBV	
	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 10)	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 9)
Week 1	8/25 (32)	1/10 (10)	11/25 (44)	0/9 (0)
Week 2	17/25 (68)	7/10 (70)	22/25 (88)	4/9 (44)
Week 4	25/25 (100)	10/10 (100)	25/25 (100)	8/9 (89)
EOT	25/25 (100)	10/10 (100)	25/25 (100)	9/9 (100)
SVR4	22/25 (88)	1/10 (10)	25/25 (100) <sup>†</sup>	9/9 (100)
SVR12	21/25 (84)	1/10 (10)	25/25 (100)	9/9 (100)

\*Analyzed by TaqMan® HCV Test 2.0 with limit of detection (LOD) of 15 IU/mL.

<sup>†</sup>Includes 1 patient who stopped all treatment due to an SAE at week 8; this patient subsequently achieved SVR24.  
EOT, end of treatment; LDV, ledipasvir; RBV, ribavirin; SOF, sofosbuvir.

# Results: HCV RNA Viral Kinetics



# Results: Adverse Events

	SOF + RBV		SOF + LDV + RBV	
	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 10)	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 9)
<b>SAEs*</b>	1 (4)	0	2 (8)	0
<b>AEs that led to discontinuation</b>	0	0	1 (4) <sup>†</sup>	0
<b>≥Grade 2 AEs‡</b>	10 (40)	3 (30)	12 (48)	2 (22)
<b>Anemia</b>	0	1 (10)	5 (20)	0
<b>Depression</b>	0	1 (10)	2 (8)	0
<b>Headache</b>	1 (4)	0	1 (4)	0
<b>Ligament sprain</b>	1 (4)	1 (10)	0	0

\*SAEs considered unrelated to SOF (urethral injury, pyelonephritis, enterovesical fistula + diverticulitis + diverticular perforation).

<sup>†</sup>Stopped all treatment at Week 8 at time of partial colectomy for diverticular perforation.

<sup>‡</sup>In more than 1 patient.

AE, adverse event; LDV, ledipasvir; RBV, ribavirin; SAE, serious adverse event; SOF, sofosbuvir.

# Results: Grade 3 and 4 Lab Abnormalities

	SOF + RBV		SOF + LDV + RBV	
	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 10)	Treatment-naïve (n = 25)	Null responder (n = 9)
Grade 4	0	0	0	0
Grade 3	11 (44)	4 (40)	13 (52)	2 (22)
Urine occult blood*	5 (20)	2 (20)	9 (36)	0
Hemoglobin 7 to <9 g/dL†	3 (12)	3 (30)	5 (20)	2 (22)
Prothrombin time >1.5 to 3 x ULN	1 (4)	0	2 (8)	0
ALT >5 to 10 x ULN	1 (4)	0	0	0
Total bilirubin 2.6 to 5.0 x ULN	1 (4)	0	0	0

\*Majority of occult blood findings unconfirmed or in females.

†Or any decrease of  $\geq 4.5$  g/dL from baseline.