



NAFLD en personas que viven con el VIH (PWH)

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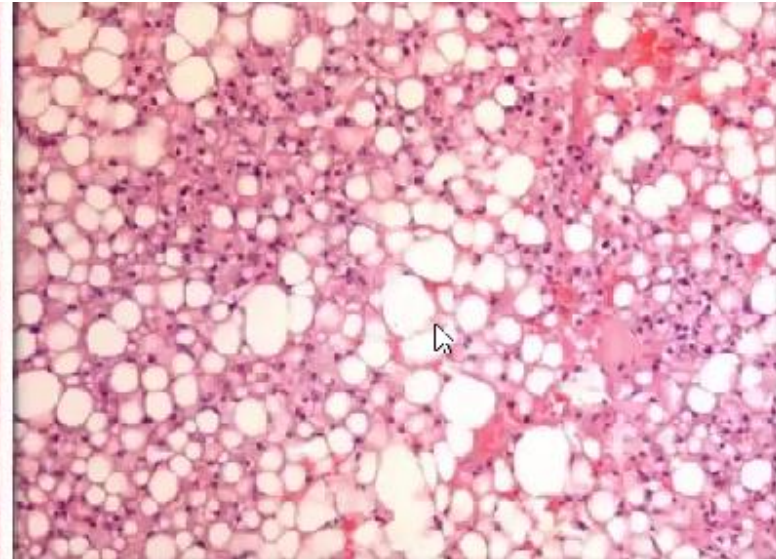
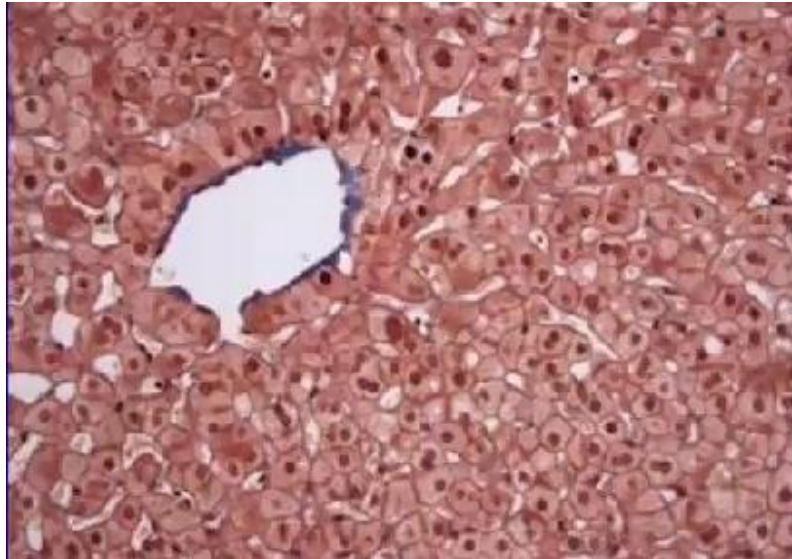
AGENDA

- ❑ Definition of hepatic steatosis and NALFD
- ❑ Define the impact of fatty liver on PWH
- ❑ Describe care interventions for PWH and fatty liver
- ❑ Describe the impact of antirretroviral treatment on NAFLD

Definition of Hepatic Steatosis

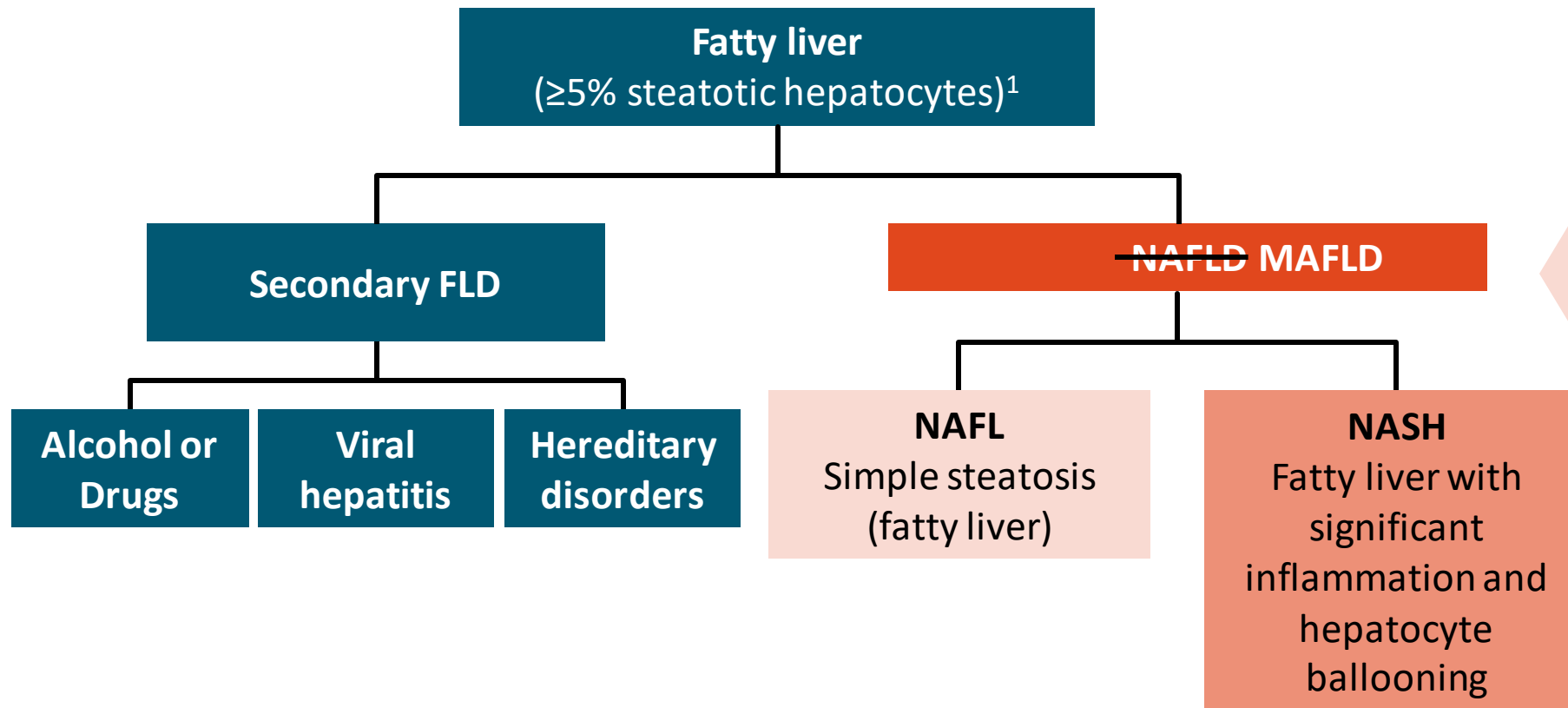
- **Hepatic steatosis is a histologic definition**
>5% lipid deposition by liver weight

Nornal



Steatosis

NAFLD Definition

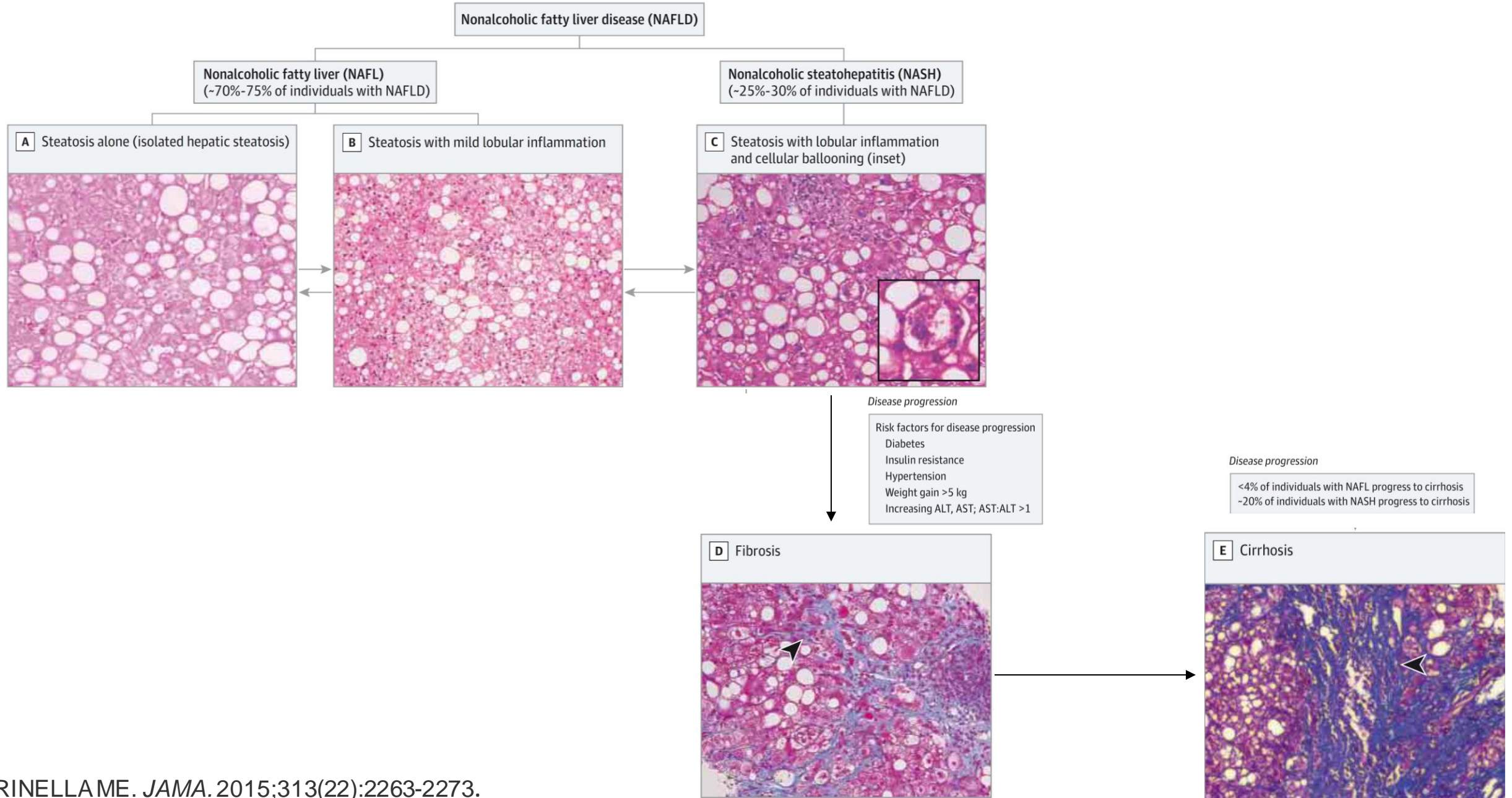


Metabolic abnormalities
likely associated with
NAFLD pathogenesis:

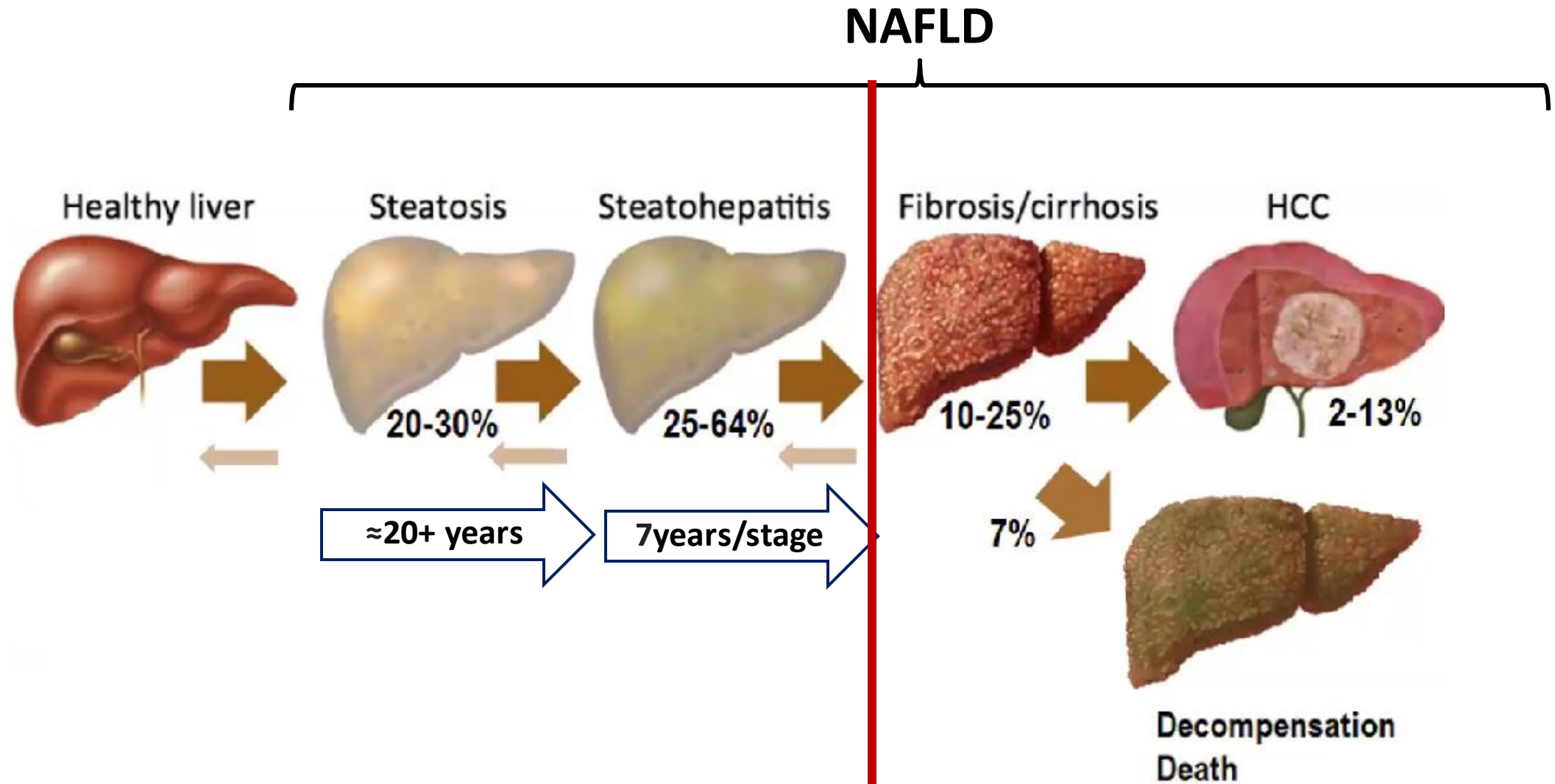
Insulin resistance
Obesity, diabetes,
hypertension, dyslipidemia^{1,2}

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Histological Subtypes of NAFLD and Their Implications for Disease Progression



The spectrum of Fatty Liver Evolution





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#POLL In your practice, how often do you perform noninvasive diagnostic tests to identify **#HIV** patients with NASH-related fibrosis?

#IDTwitter #LiverTwitter #MedTwitter #NAFLD #NASH



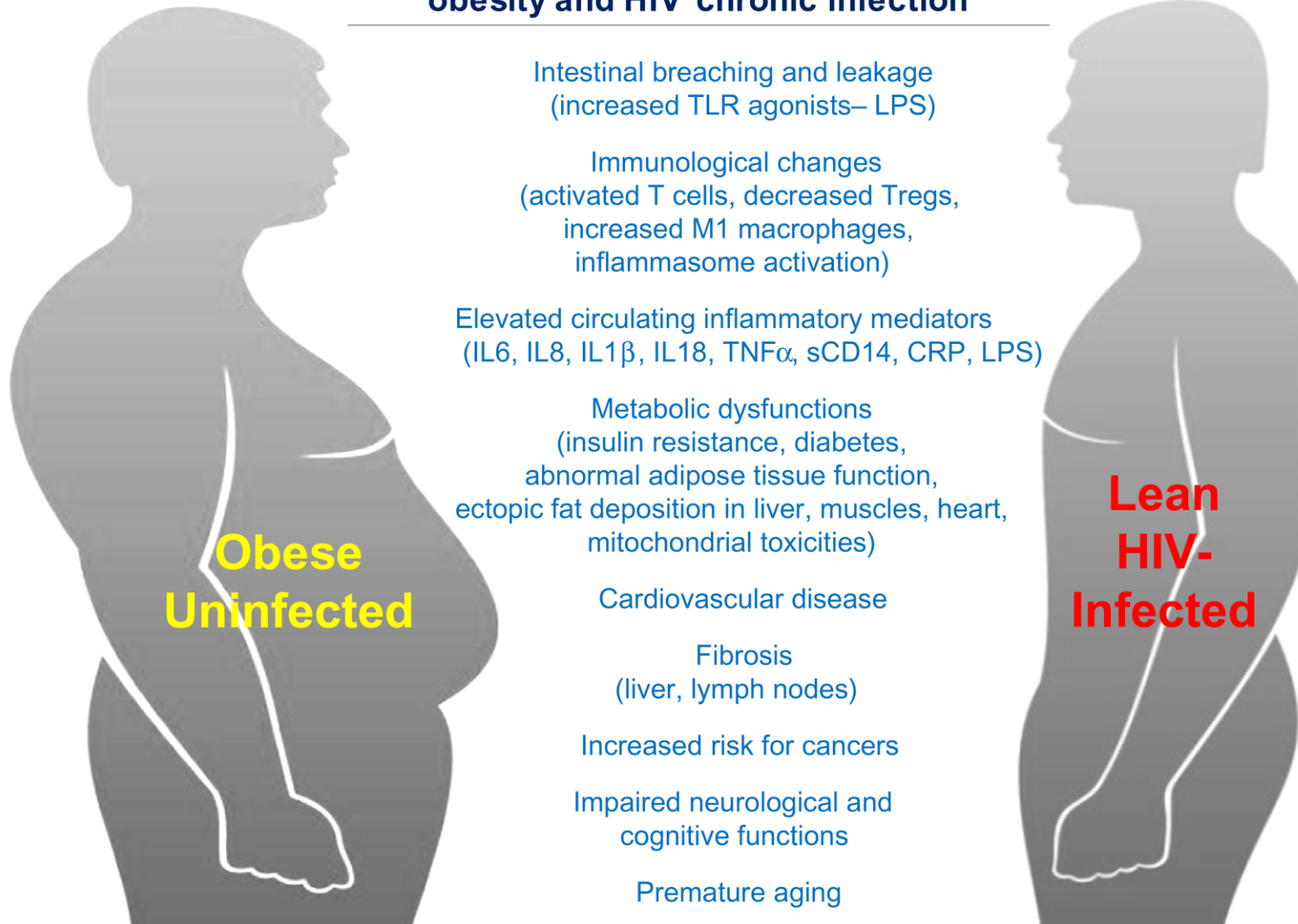
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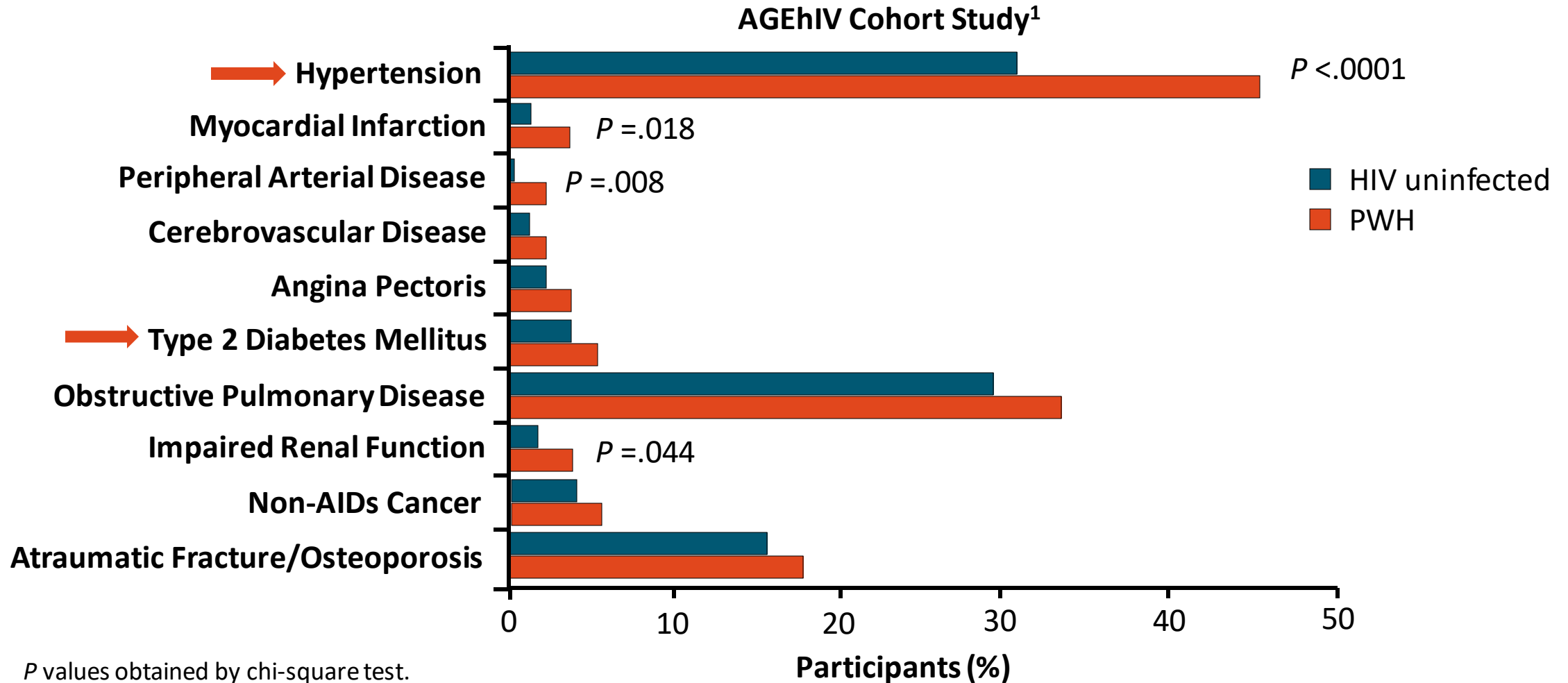


Similarities of chronic inflammation in obese uninfected and PWH

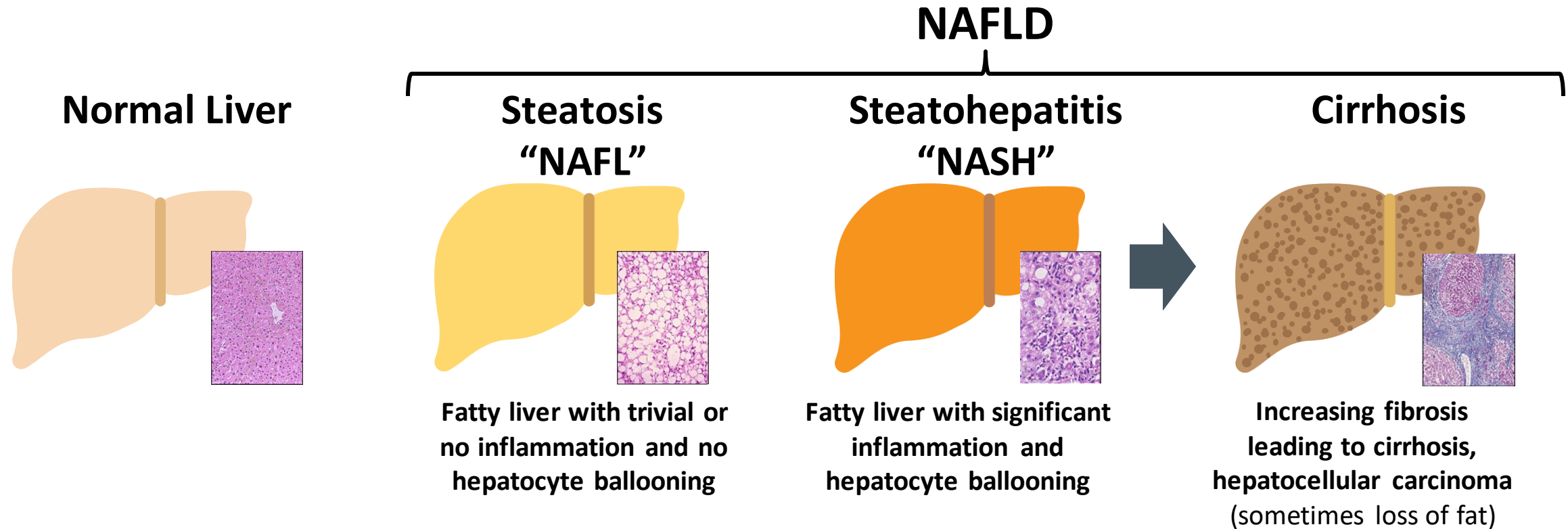
Inflammatory pathologies common between obesity and HIV chronic infection



Prevalence of Age-Associated Metabolic Comorbidities in PWH



The NAFLD Continuum: NAFLD, NASH, Cirrhosis More Prevalent in PLWH

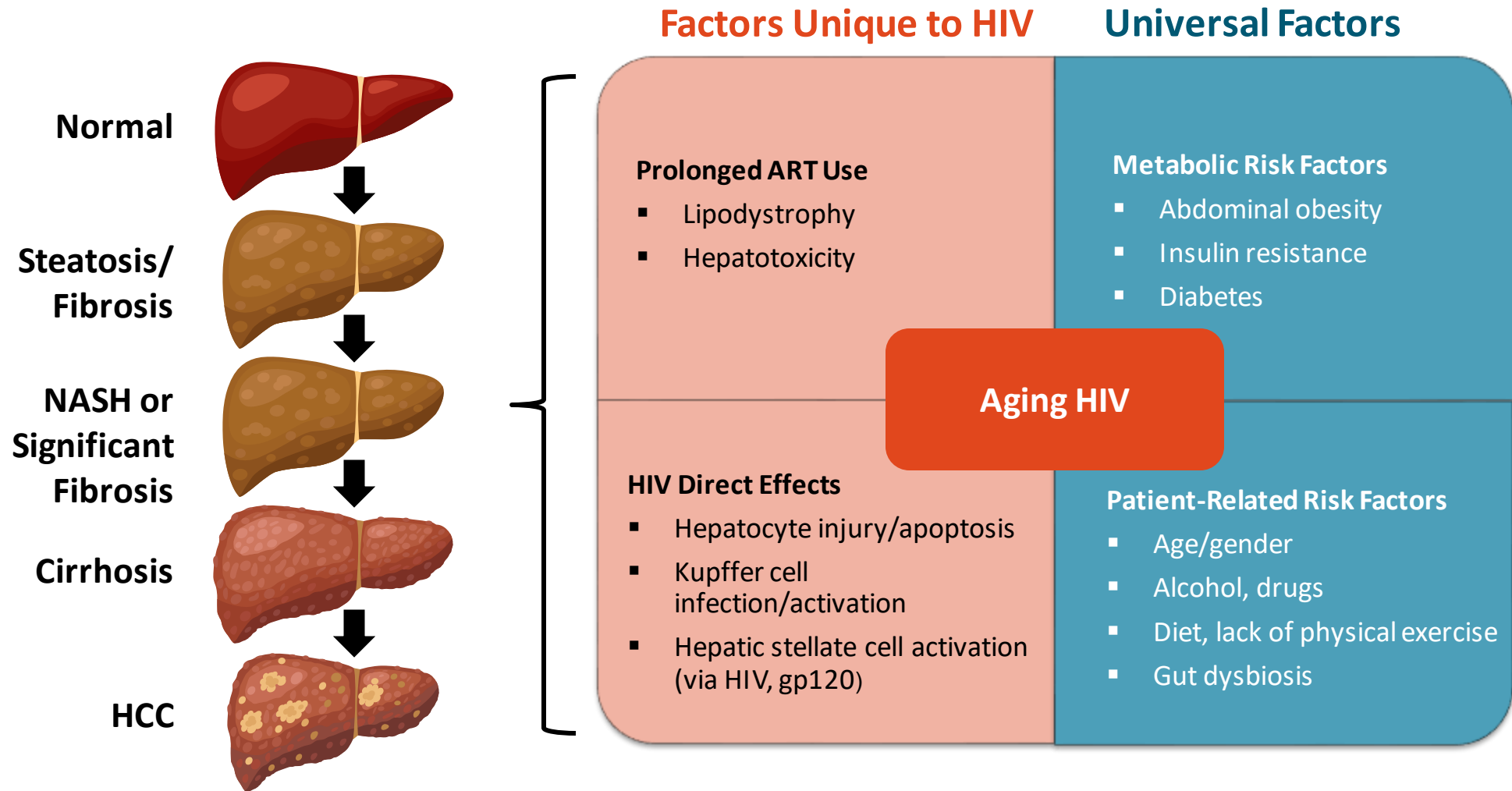


Worldwide prevalence:	25%^{1,2}	3% to 5%¹	1% to 2% at risk*
Prevalence in HIV:	13% to 65%²	10%³	2.3-6% at risk²

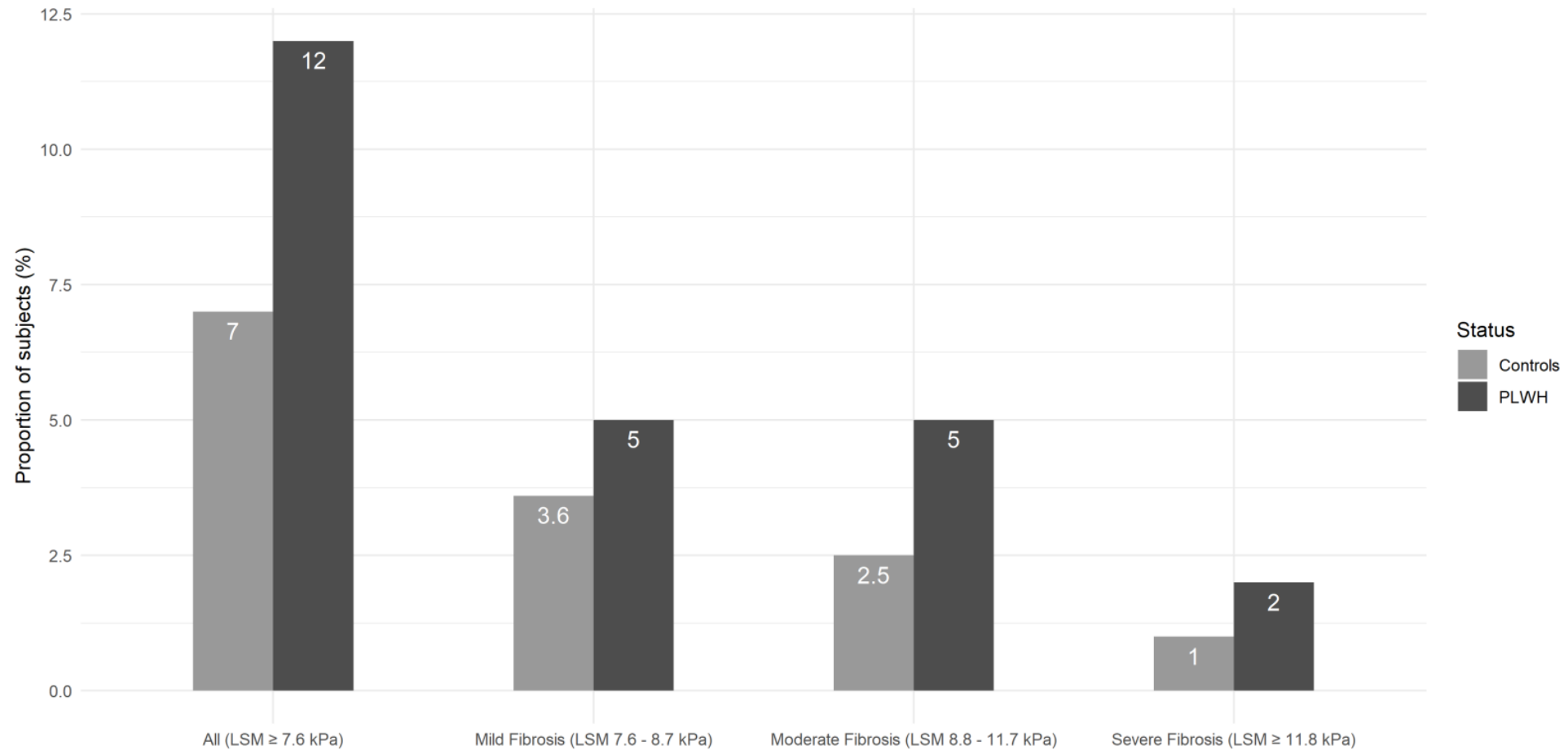
*Based on analysis of NHANES data estimating 1.74% prevalence of NASH with advanced fibrosis.⁴

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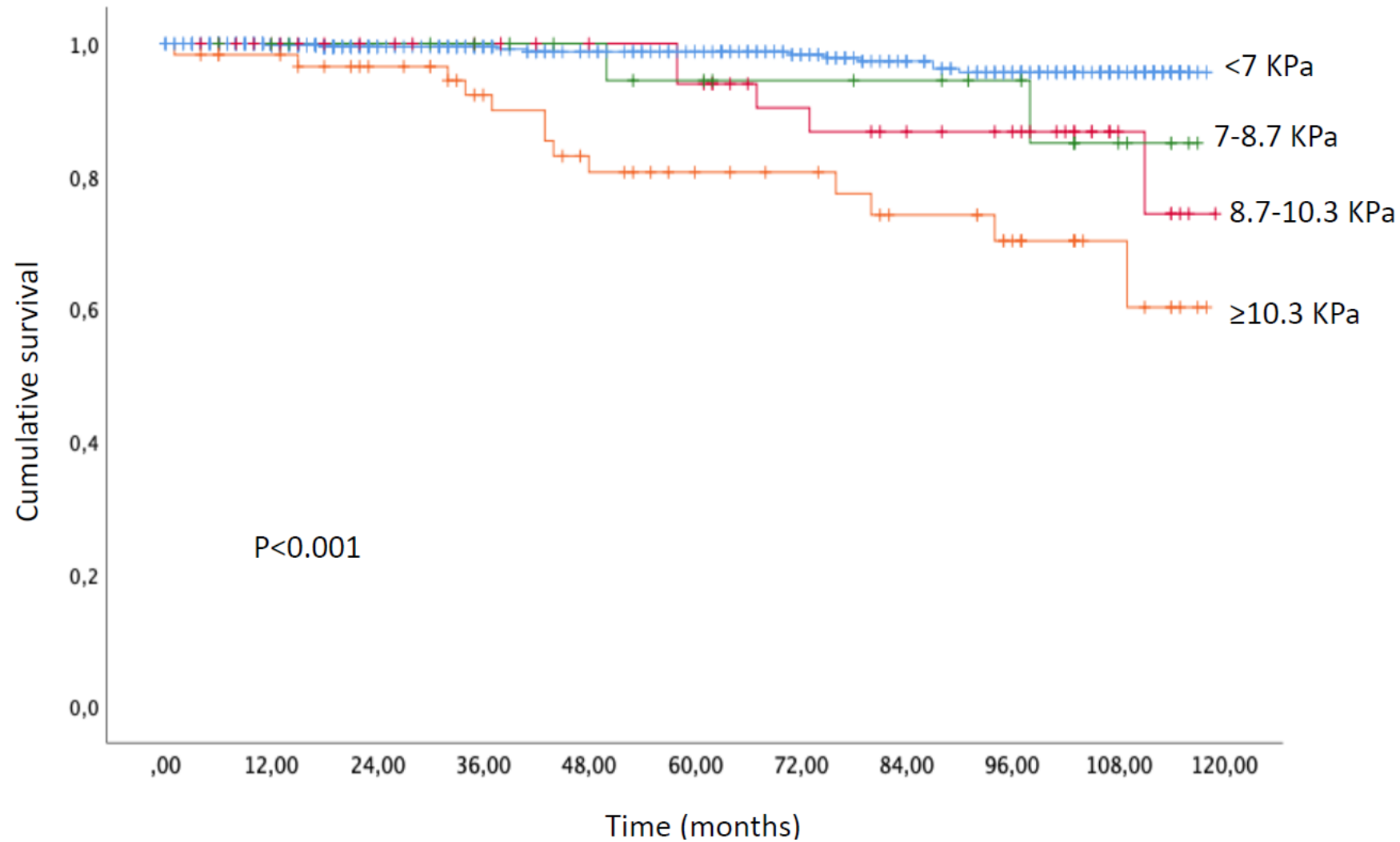
Hypothetic Multifactorial Progression of Liver Disease in Aging Patients With HIV



Proportion of subjects with fibrosis in PLWH



Survival according to liver stiffness PLWH without other concomitant causes of liver disease (n=687)



Aging With HIV: The Changing Face of Mortality

- ~50% of people living with HIV in the United States are aged 50 yr and older¹

Deaths caused by liver etiologies increased 10 times in post-ART era²

Mortality in PWH by Cause of Death in the First Yr After Diagnosis ³				
Patients	Mortality Rate per 10,000 Person-Yr (95% CI)	Observed Deaths (n)	Expected Deaths (n)	Standardized Mortality Ratio (95% CI)
People diagnosed with HIV	72 965			
All-cause mortality	413 (399-428)	3014	124	24.3 (23.4-25.2)
Non-AIDS deaths	102 (94.6-109)	742	121	6.1 (5.7-6.6)
Non-AIDS infections	21.9 (18.8-25.6)	160	4	40.0 (34.0-46.7)
Non-AIDS cancers	14.9 (12.4-18.0)	109	36	3.0 (2.5-3.7)
CVD and stroke	20.8 (17.8-24.4)	152	28	5.4 (4.6-6.4)
▪ Liver disease ⁴	11.0 (8.8-13.7)	80	8	10.0 (7.9-12.4)
Accident	3.4 (2.3-5.1)	25	12	2.1 (1.3-3.1)
Suicide	5.2 (3.8-7.1)	38	8	4.8 (3.4-6.5)
Substance abuse	3.8 (2.6-5.6)	28	7	4.0 (2.7-5.8)
Other	20.6 (17.5-24.1)	150	18	8.3 (7.1-9.8)

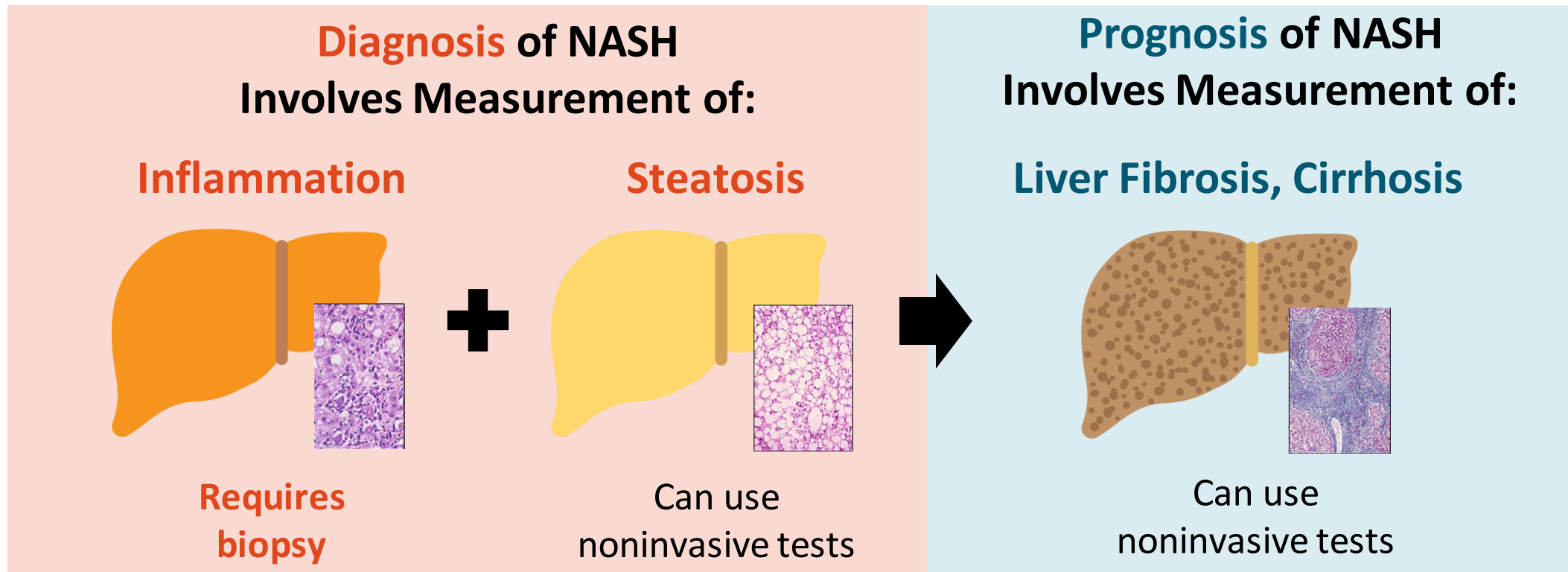
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Diagnosis of NAFLD and Fibrosis in PWH

NASH Remains a Histologic Diagnosis

- **Liver biopsy** is essential for NASH diagnosis: cannot distinguish from steatosis using clinical, biochemical or imaging assays



Available Noninvasive Tests for Hepatic Steatosis and Liver Fibrosis

Serum Biomarkers: Clinical or Laboratory Scores

Simple

- Fibrosis-4^{1,2}
- NAFLD fibrosis score^{1,2}
- APRI¹
- BARD score³
- Triglyceride glucose index (TyG)^{1,2}
- Hepatic Steatosis Index (HSI)^{1,2}

Proprietary

- ELF test¹ (not available in US)
- NIS4
- ADAPT/Pro-C3⁴ (not available in US)
- *FibroSure*¹
- Hepascore

Imaging

Elastography

- Transient elastography (eg, *FibroScan*, CAP)^{1,2}
- 2D shear wave elastography⁵
- Magnetic resonance elastography¹
- Corrected T1 (*Liver MultiScan*)^{6,7}
- MRI-PDFF⁸
- FAST score⁹

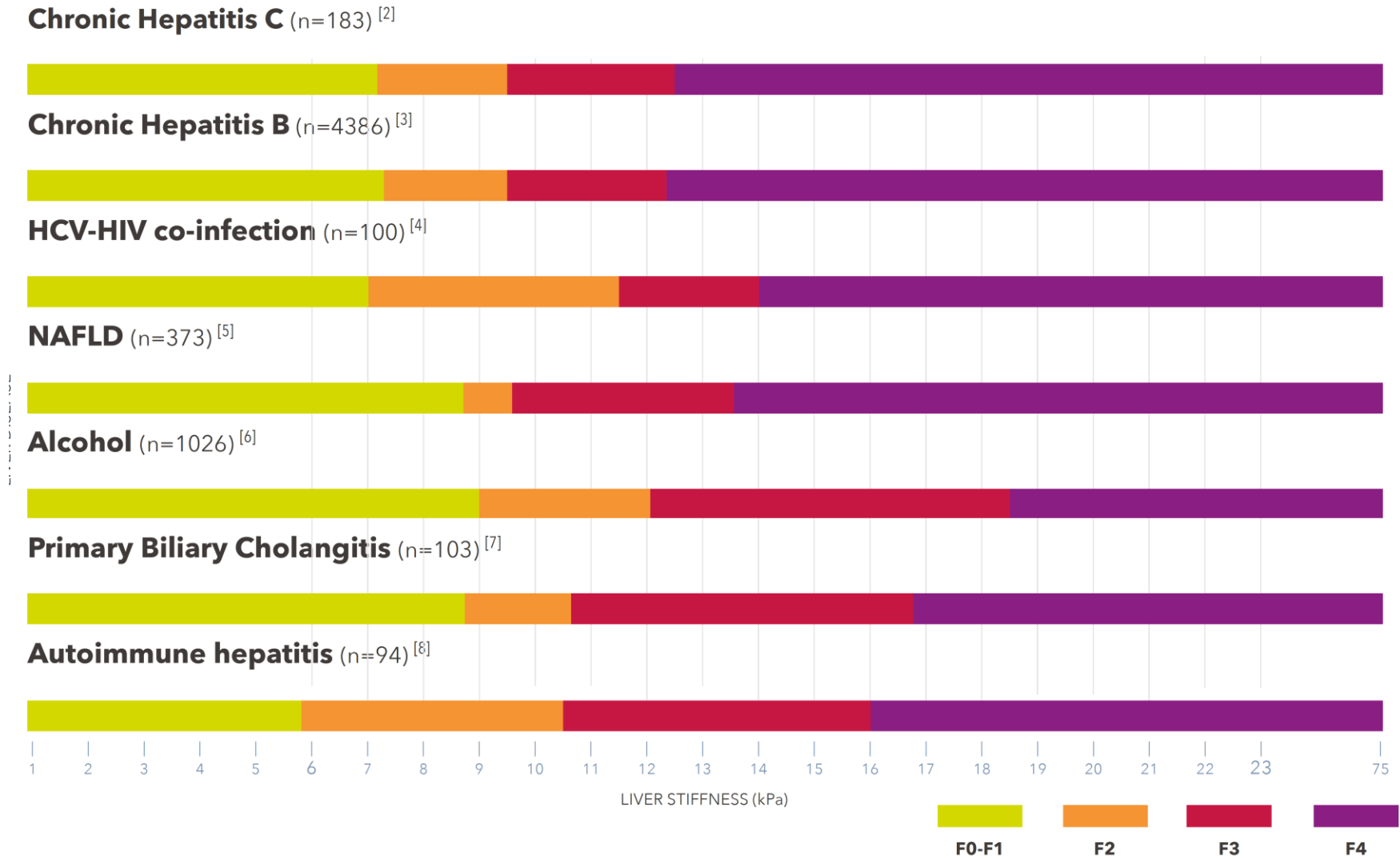
Many of these lab values are part of routine assessments in PWH

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Quantifying fibrosis with FibroScan®



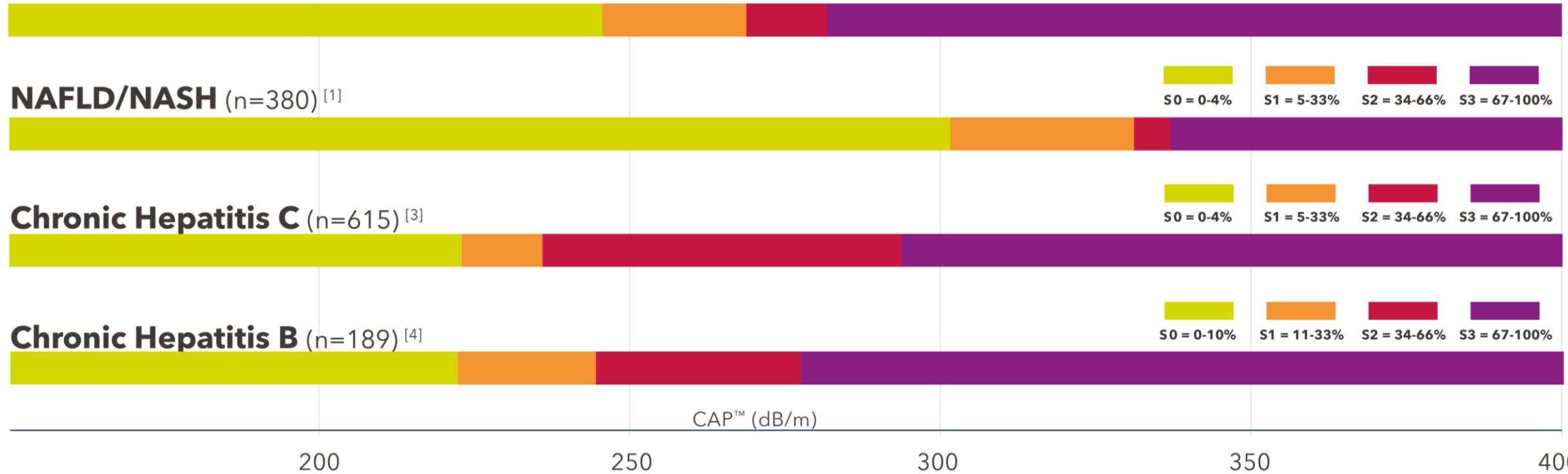
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Quantifying steatosis with FibroScan®

Meta-analysis (multiethnicities) (n=2735, 19 studies)^[2]

Liver histology-determined steatosis

█ S0 = 0-4/10%
 █ S1 = 5/11-33%
 █ S2 = 34-66%
 █ S3 = 67-100%



CAP™ (dB/m)

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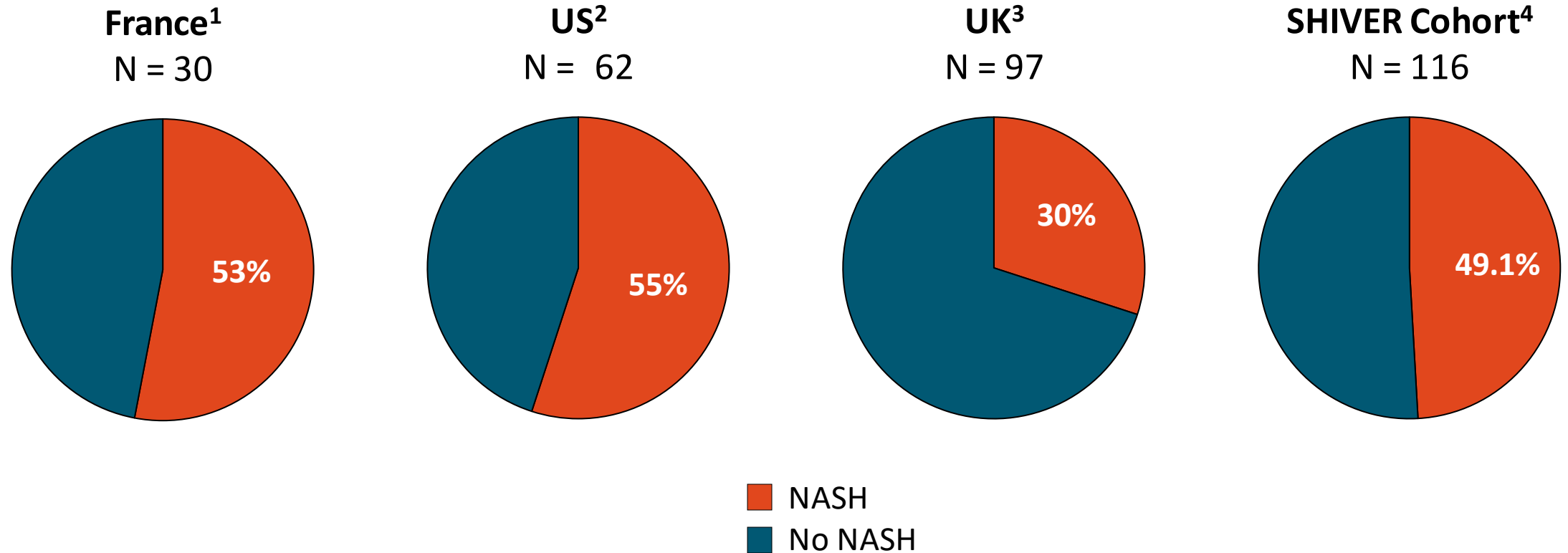
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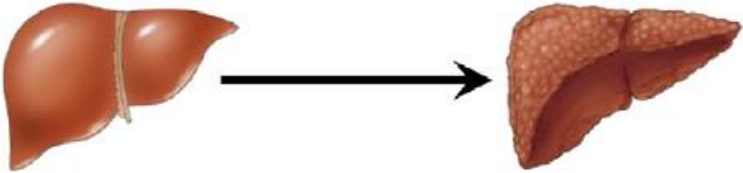


Prevalence of NASH in PWH and Elevated ALT

- **NASH** identified by liver biopsy in PWH who had abnormal LFTs



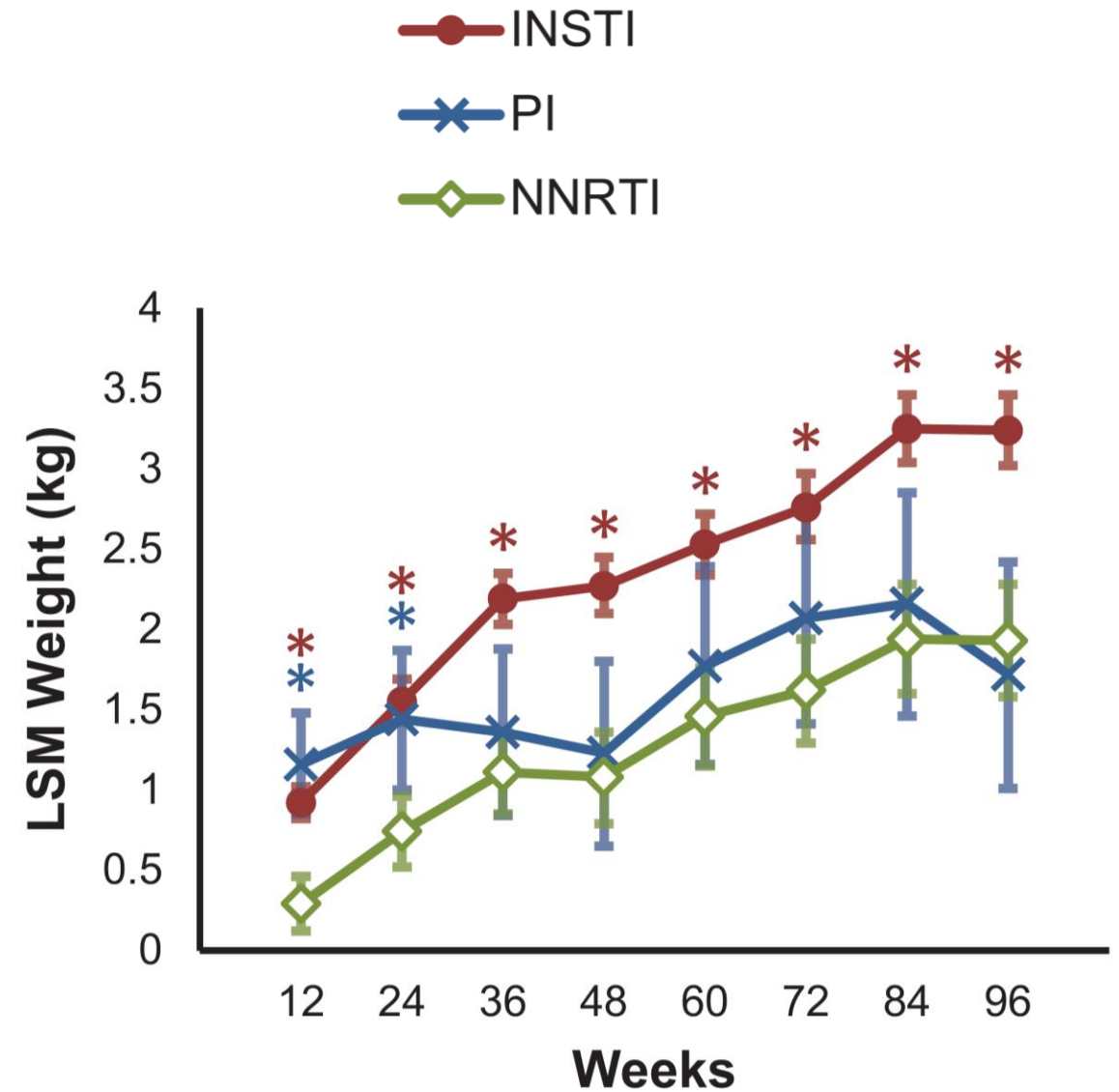
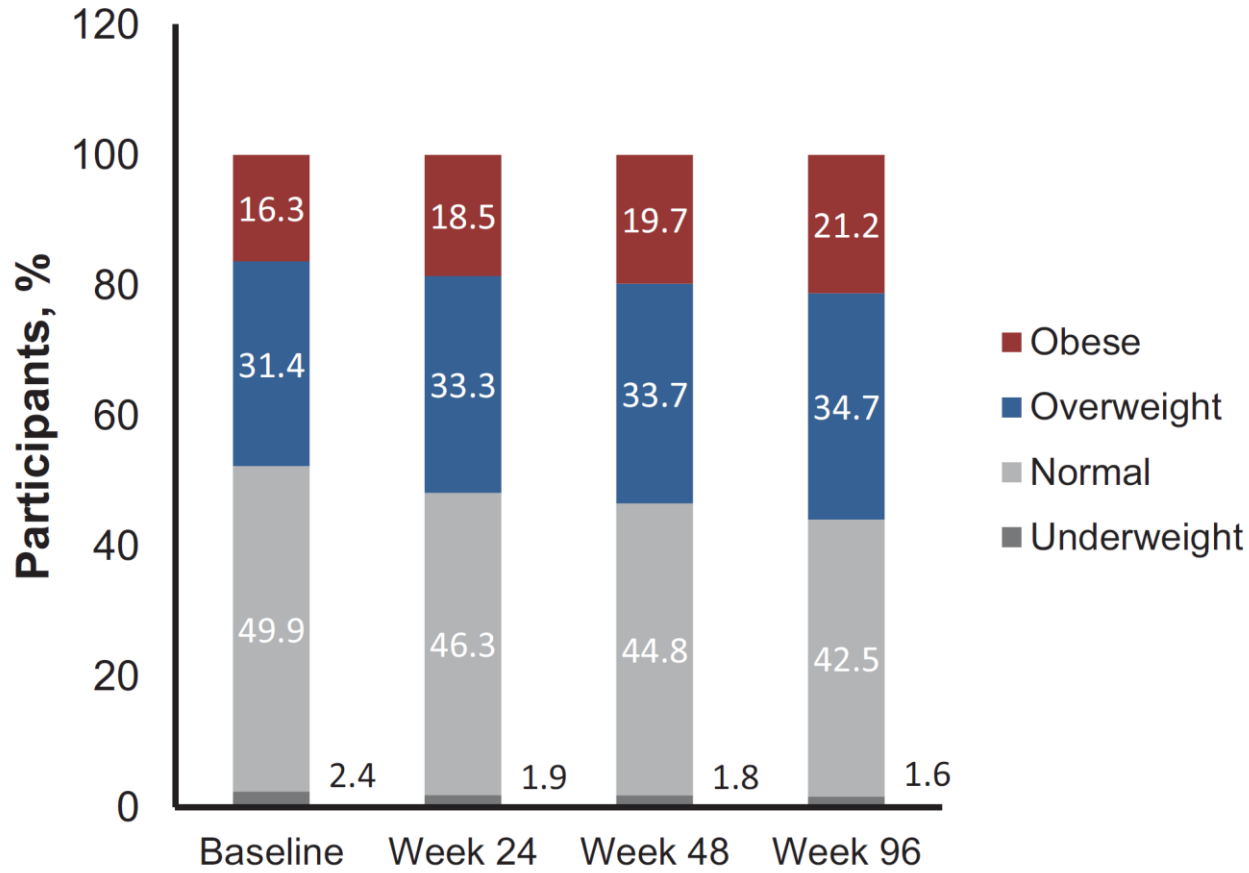
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Research Priorities in HIV-Associated NAFLD

Epidemiology, histology, and natural history	Pathogenesis	Non-invasive assessment, treatment, and prevention
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence of steatosis and fibrosis • Predictors of fibrosis progression • Relationship with other metabolic diseases 	<p>Adipose tissue dysfunction</p> <p>Immune dysregulation</p> <p>ART</p> <p>Viral proteins</p> <p>Microbial translocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and validation of non-invasive biomarkers  • Value of current and novel therapies 

The impact of ART on NAFLD

Weight trends in PWH initiating antiretroviral therapy



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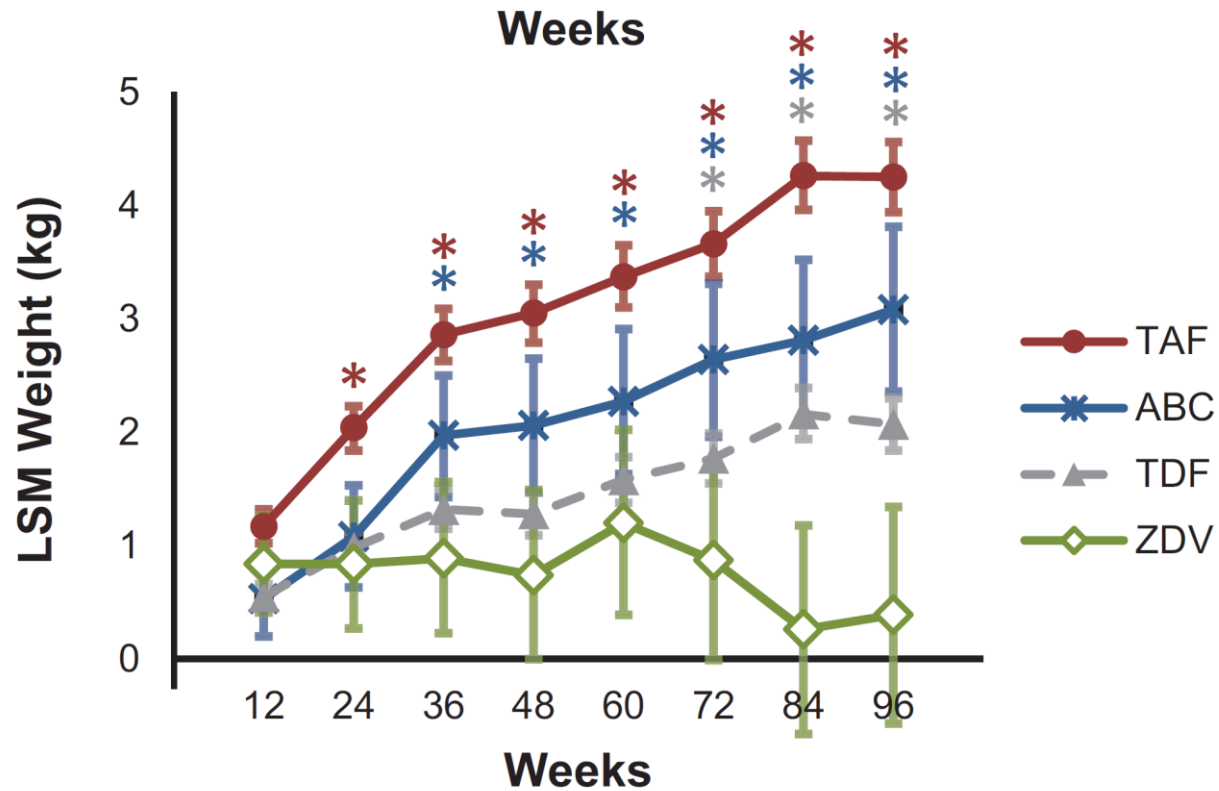


Table 5. Risk Factors for Significant ($\geq 10\%$) Weight Gain in Individuals Initiating Antiretroviral Therapy

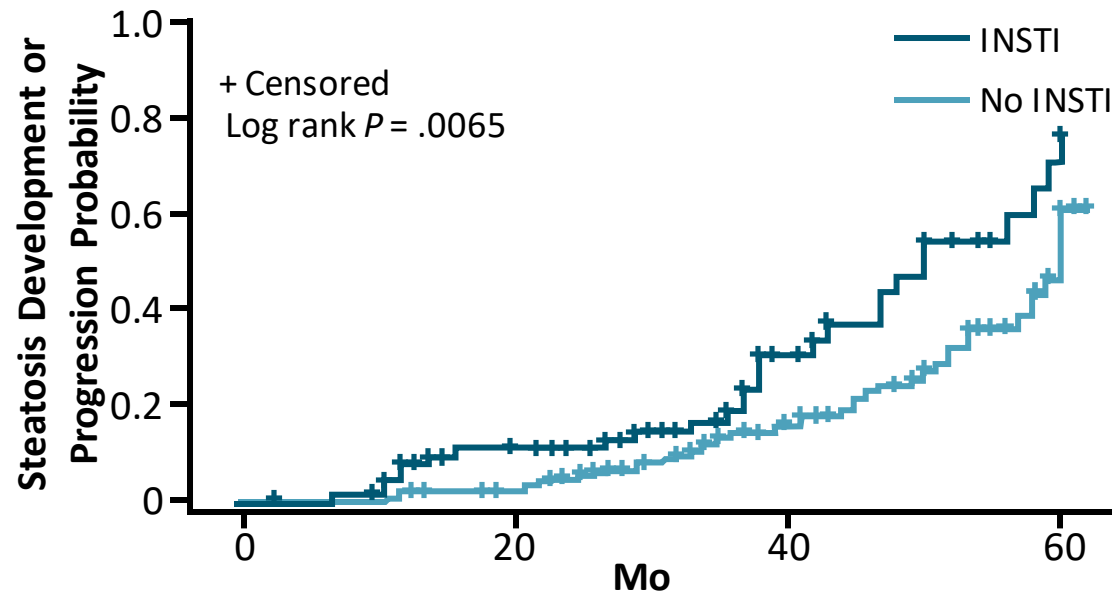
Third ART agent

BIC/DTG vs EFV	1.82	(1.24–2.66)	.002
EVG/c vs EFV	1.36	(1.04–1.78)	.026
RPV vs EFV	1.51	(1.03–2.20)	.035
ATV/r vs EFV	0.92	(.59–1.45)	.73
NRTI			
TAF vs ZDV	1.75	(1.04–2.95)	.034
TDF vs ZDV	1.19	(.76–1.87)	.44
ABC vs ZDV	0.93	(.47–1.8)	.82
TAF vs ABC	1.9	(1.25–2.88)	.003
TDF vs ABC	1.29	(.79–2.11)	.31
TAF vs TDF	1.47	(1.14–1.90)	.003

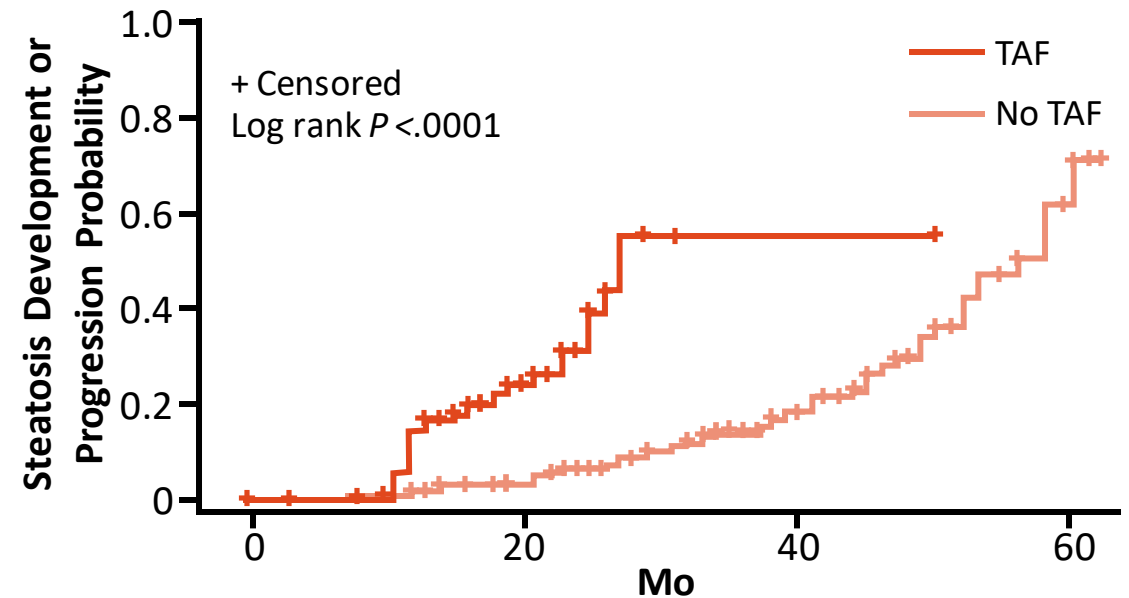
Specific ART as Risk Factor for Steatosis Progression

- Single-center, prospective, longitudinal, observational study of patients with HIV mono-infection (N = 301) by serial Fibroscan with CAP; mean follow-up 41.8 ± 14.8 mo
- Individuals who received INSTI- and TAF-based cART demonstrated a significantly faster steatosis development or progression

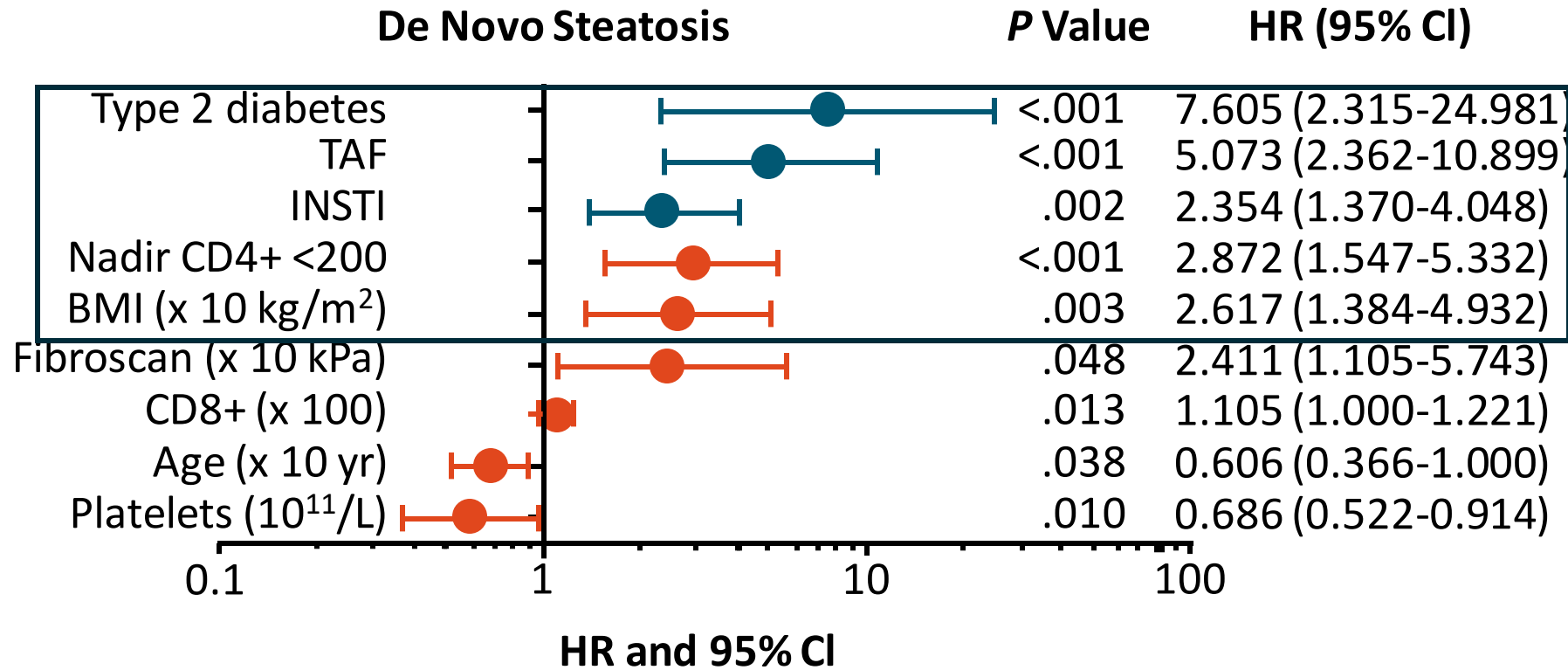
CAP Progression by INSTI Use



CAP Progression by TAF Use



Risk Factor Determination for De Novo Steatosis



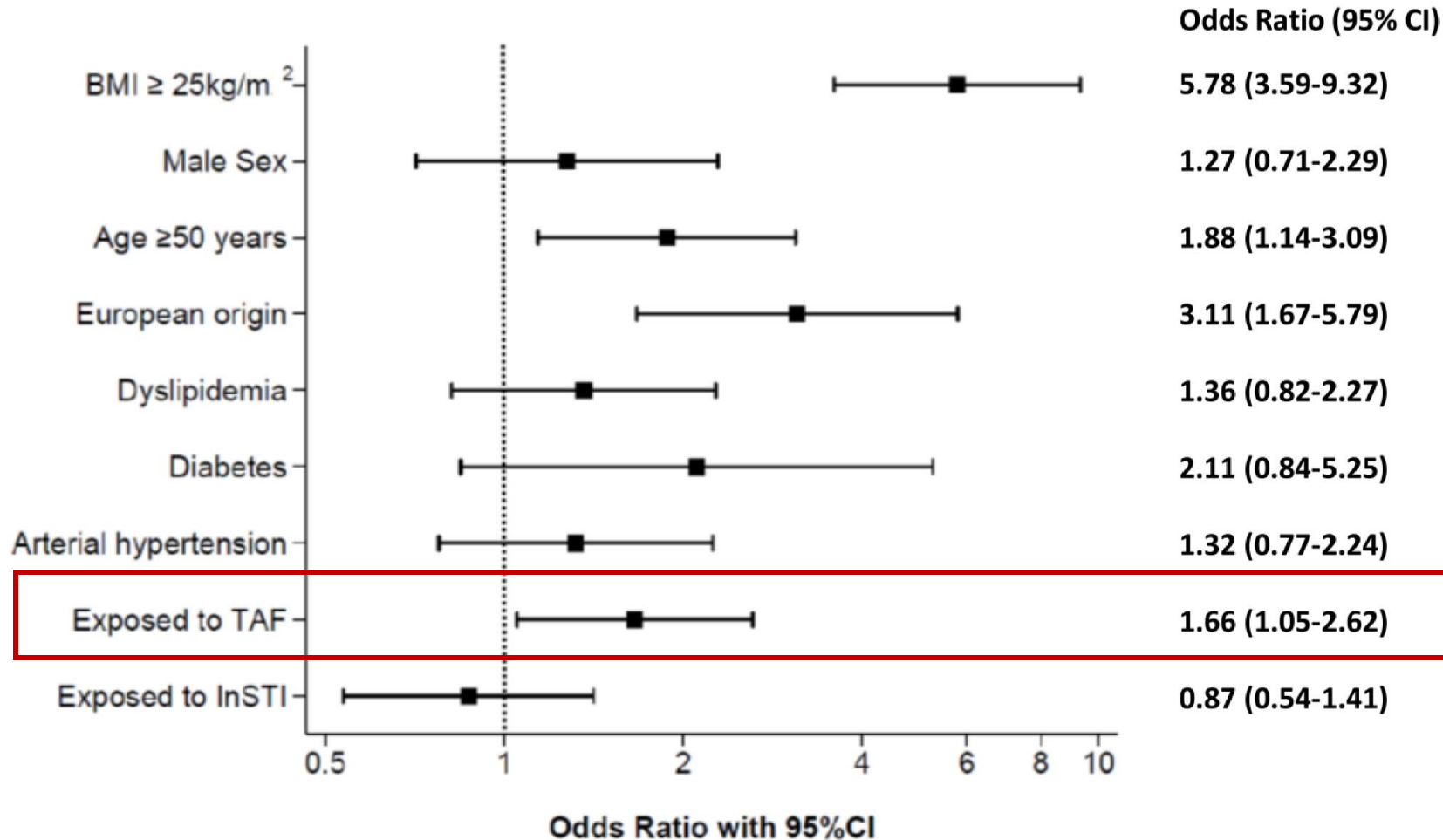
Factors associated with liver steatosis in PLWH

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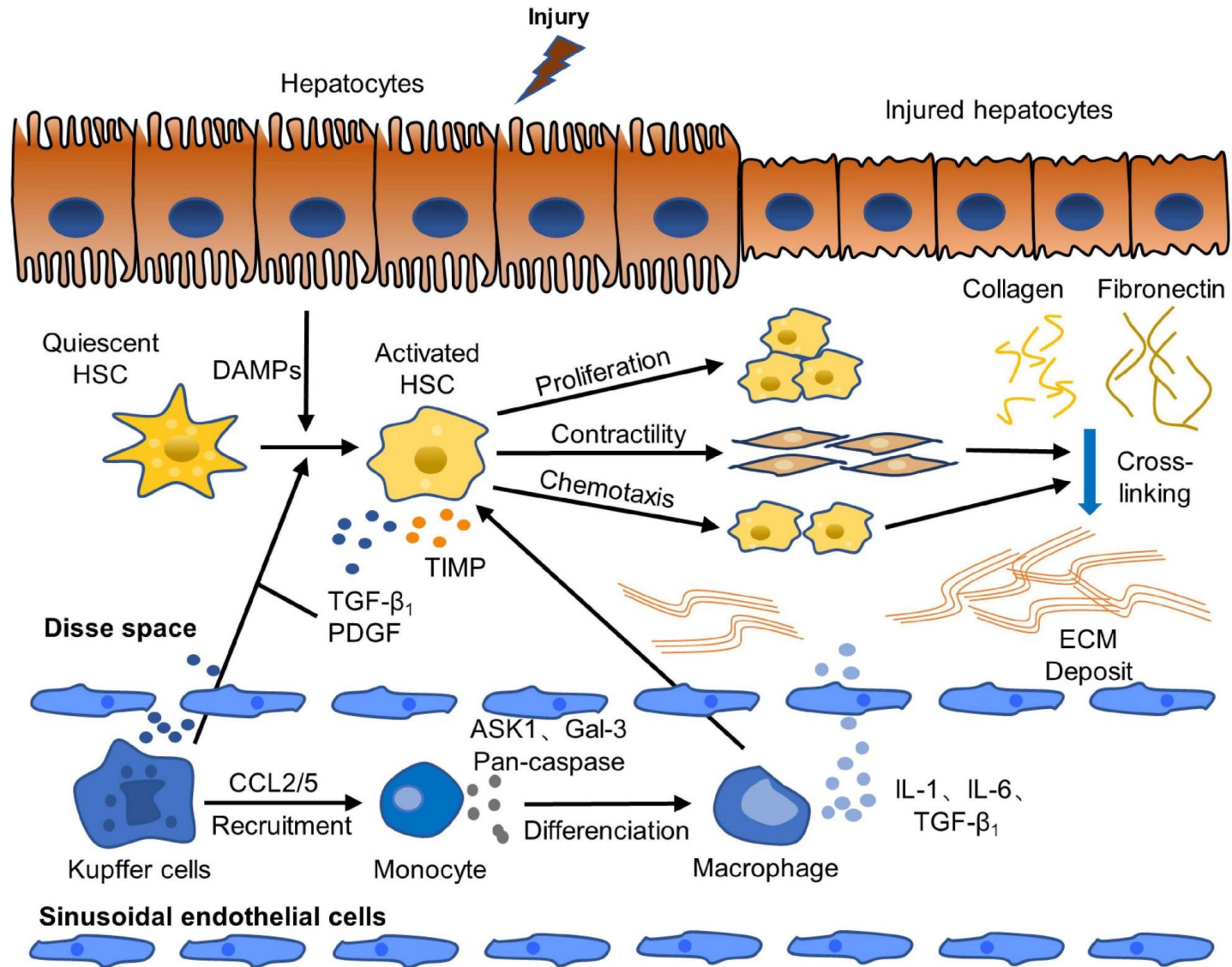
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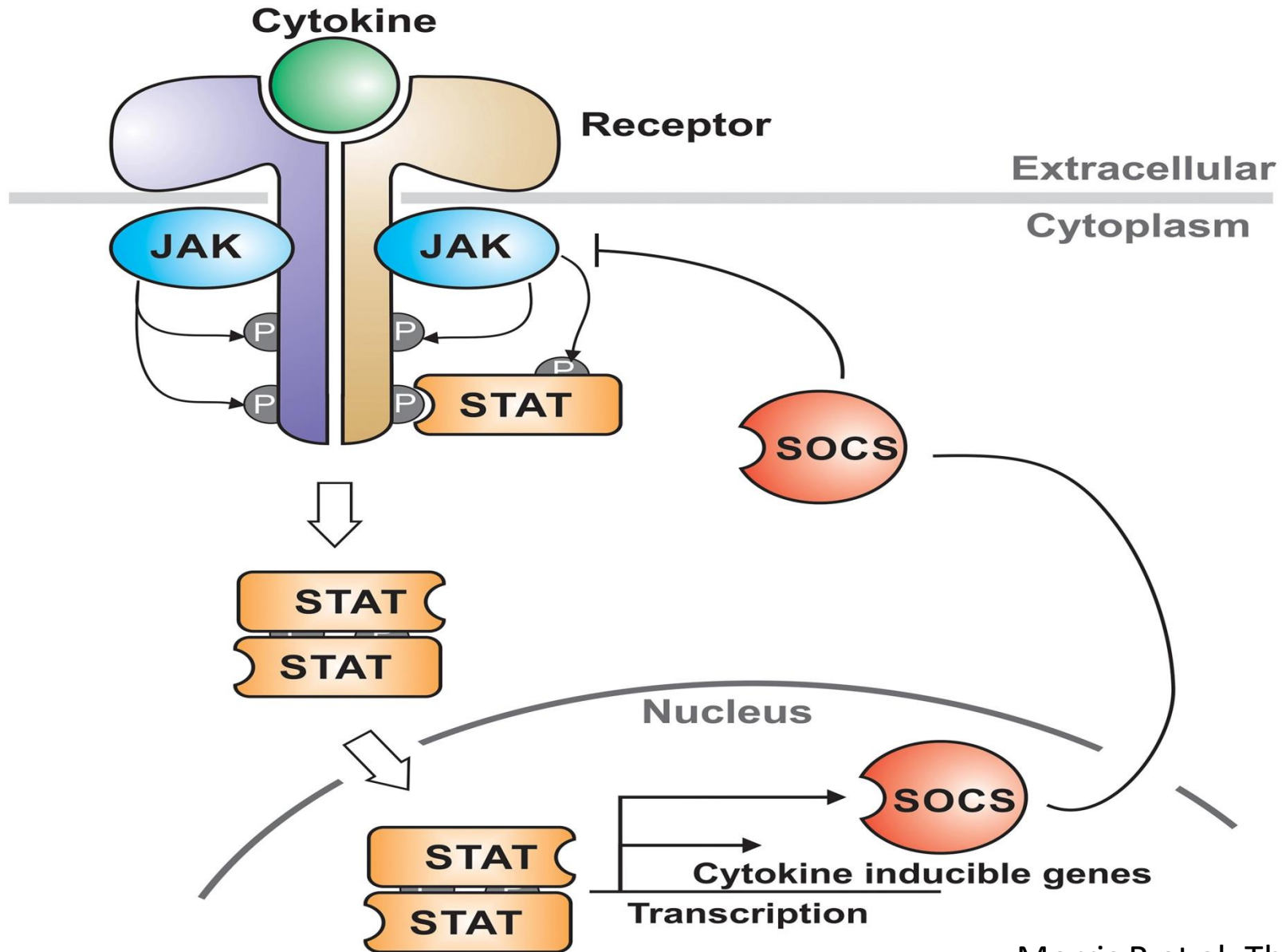
Figure 1. Multivariate analysis of factors associated with liver steatosis



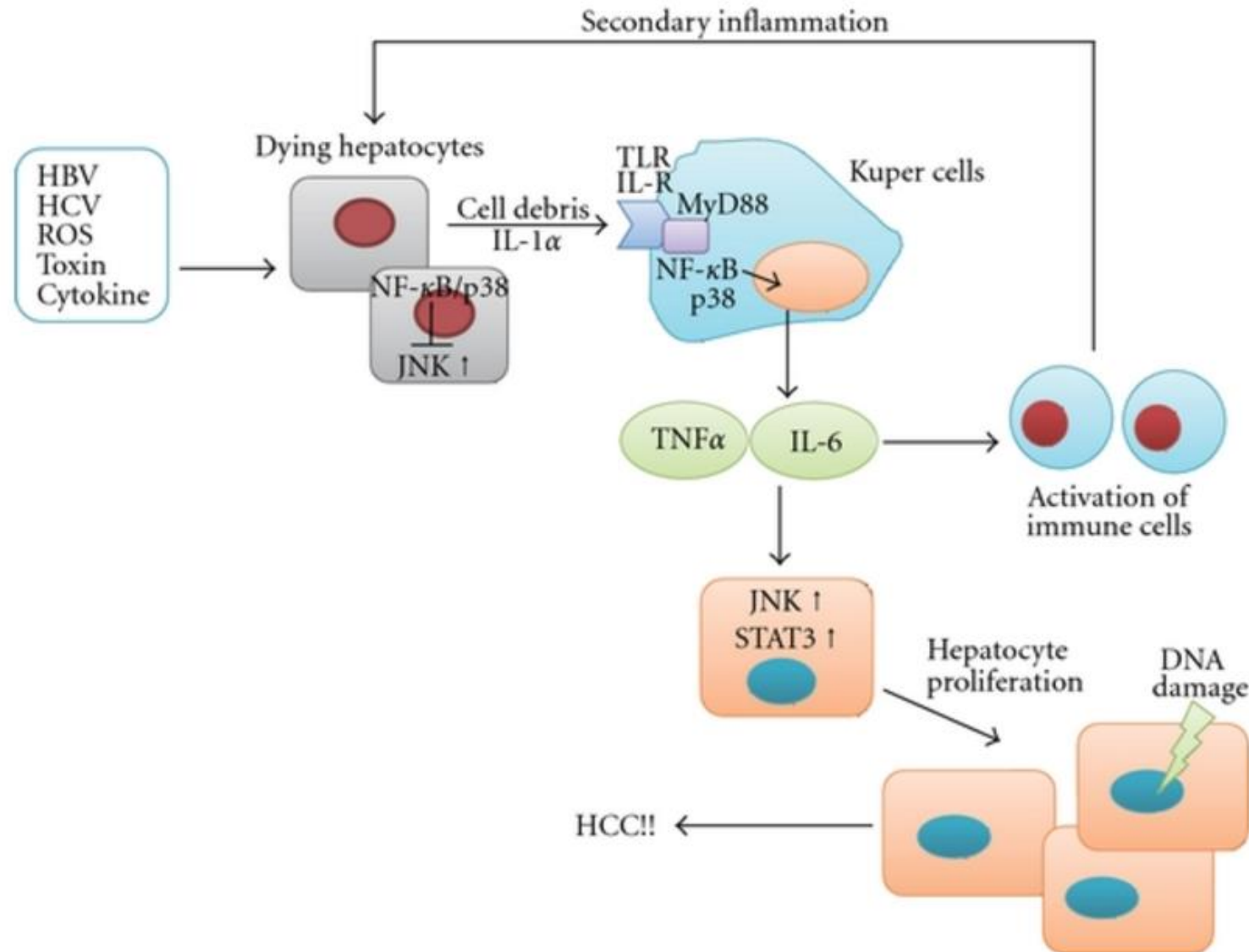
Pathogenesis of liver fibrosis. Activation of HSCs is a crucial step of the occurrence and progression of liver fibrosis



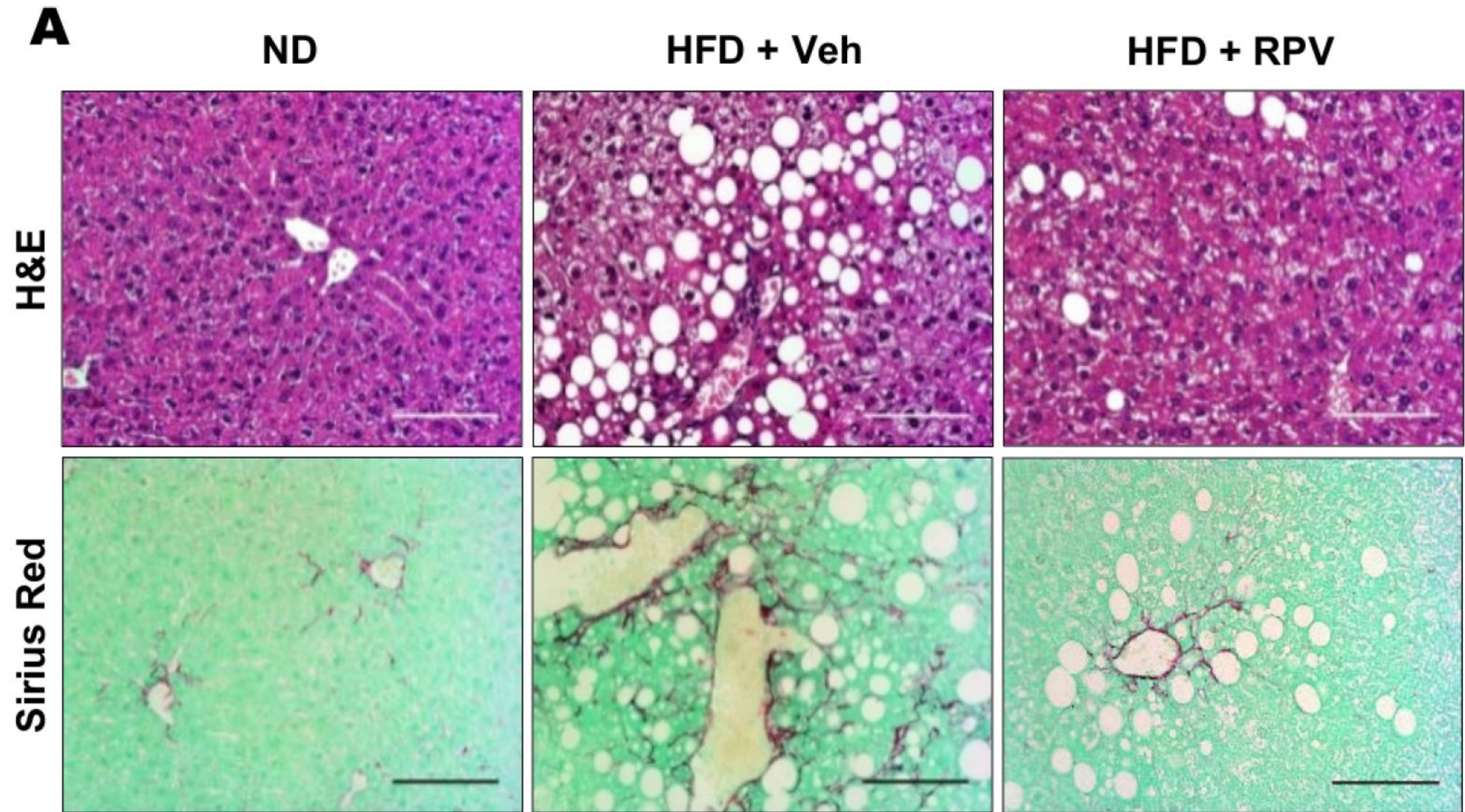
The JAK/STAT pathway



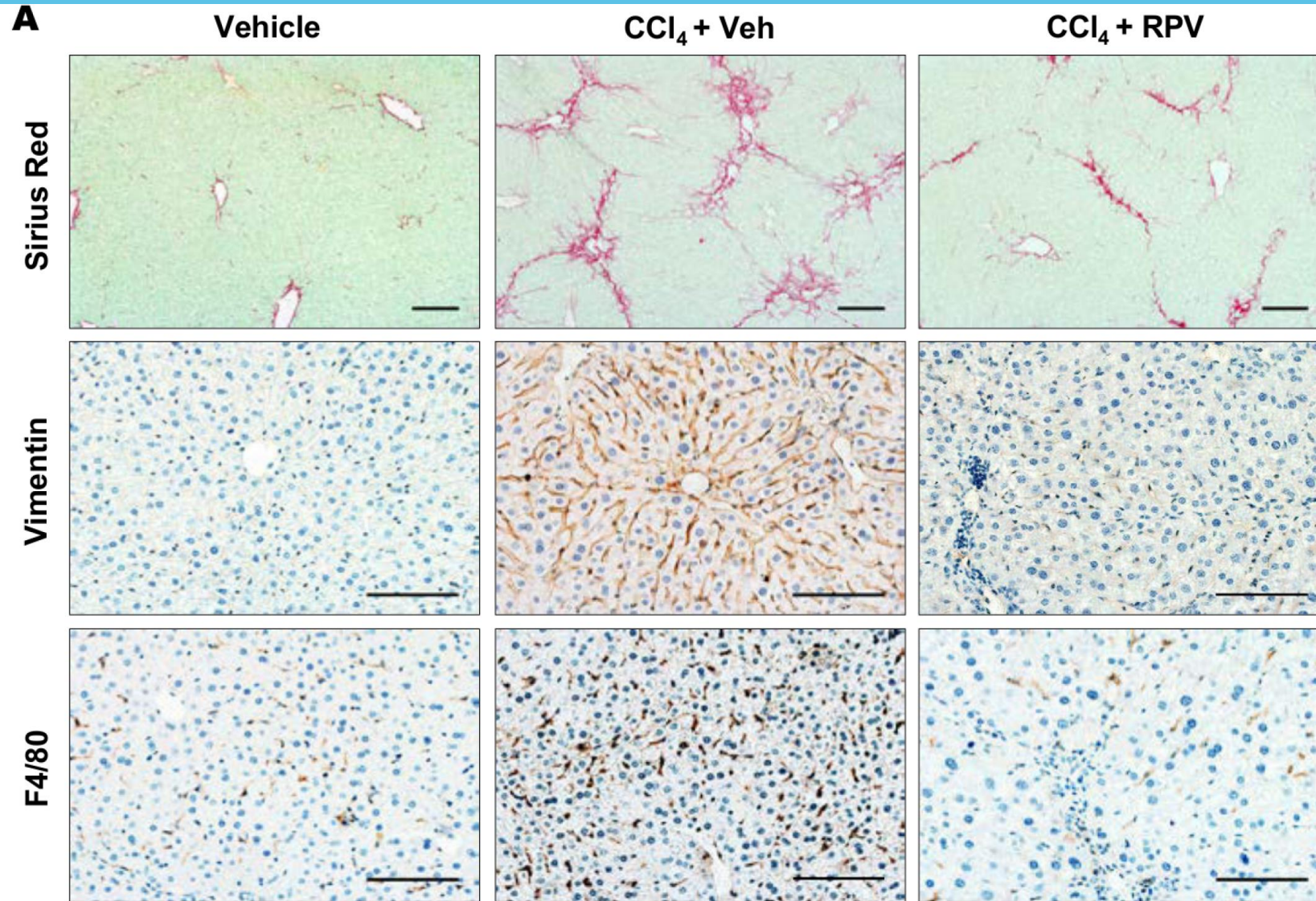
The JAK/STAT pathway



RPV decreases lipid accumulation, collagen deposition and liver inflammation in a chronic model of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.



Rilpivirine (RPV) decreases liver inflammation and fibrosis progression in a chronic model of carbon tetrachloride (CCl₄)-induced liver injury.



RPV ACTIVATES STAT1 IN STELLATE CELLS TO REGULATE LIVER INJURY IN PLWHIV AND NAFLD

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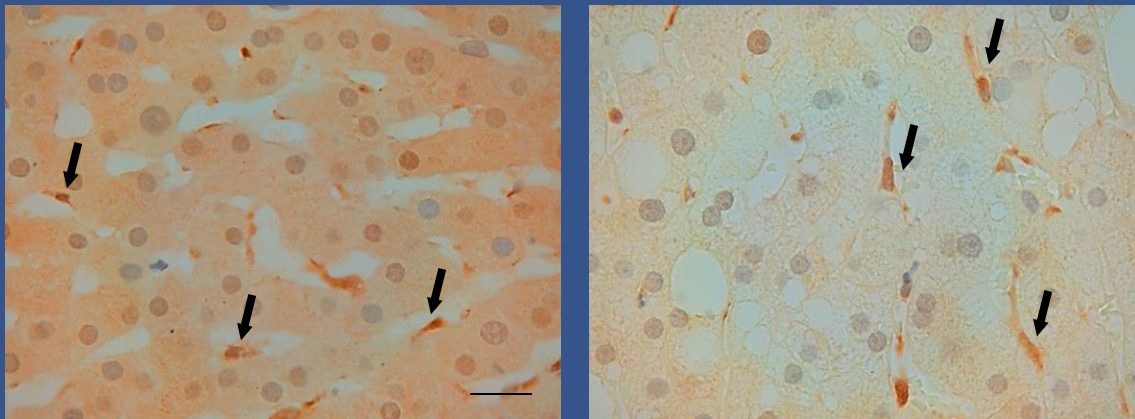
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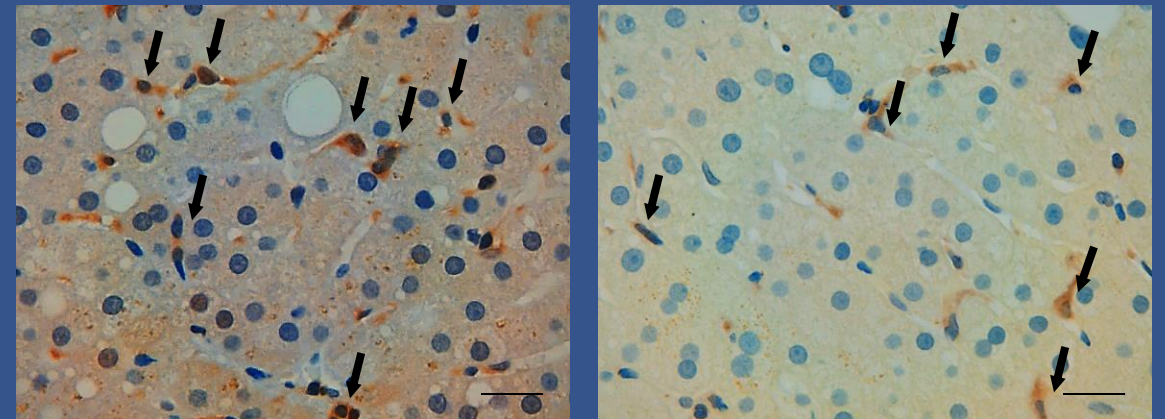
RESULTS

- ❖ Studied subjects were 100% male, median age 49 (44-54) years, median CD4 count 802 (608-940) cells/L, and 60% of them had metabolic syndrome.
- ❖ All subjects were receiving ART and had undetectable HIV viral load. 45% were receiving RPV-based therapy. There were no significant differences between those who received RPV and those who did not.
- ❖ Liver biopsies showed: 43% steatosis >30%, 60% steatohepatitis and 43% fibrosis $F_{\geq 1}$.
- ❖ Detection of nuclear STAT1 expression in non-parenchymal cells revealed an enhanced activation of this transcription factor in hepatic sections of patients with identified liver injury receiving RPV-based therapy

RPV-FREE REGIMENS



RPV-BASED REGIMENS



Black arrows: positive HSC

Impact of the first line of ART in hepatic steatosis.

FIGURE 3: CHANGES IN % SUBJECTS WITHOUT HEPATIC STEATOSIS

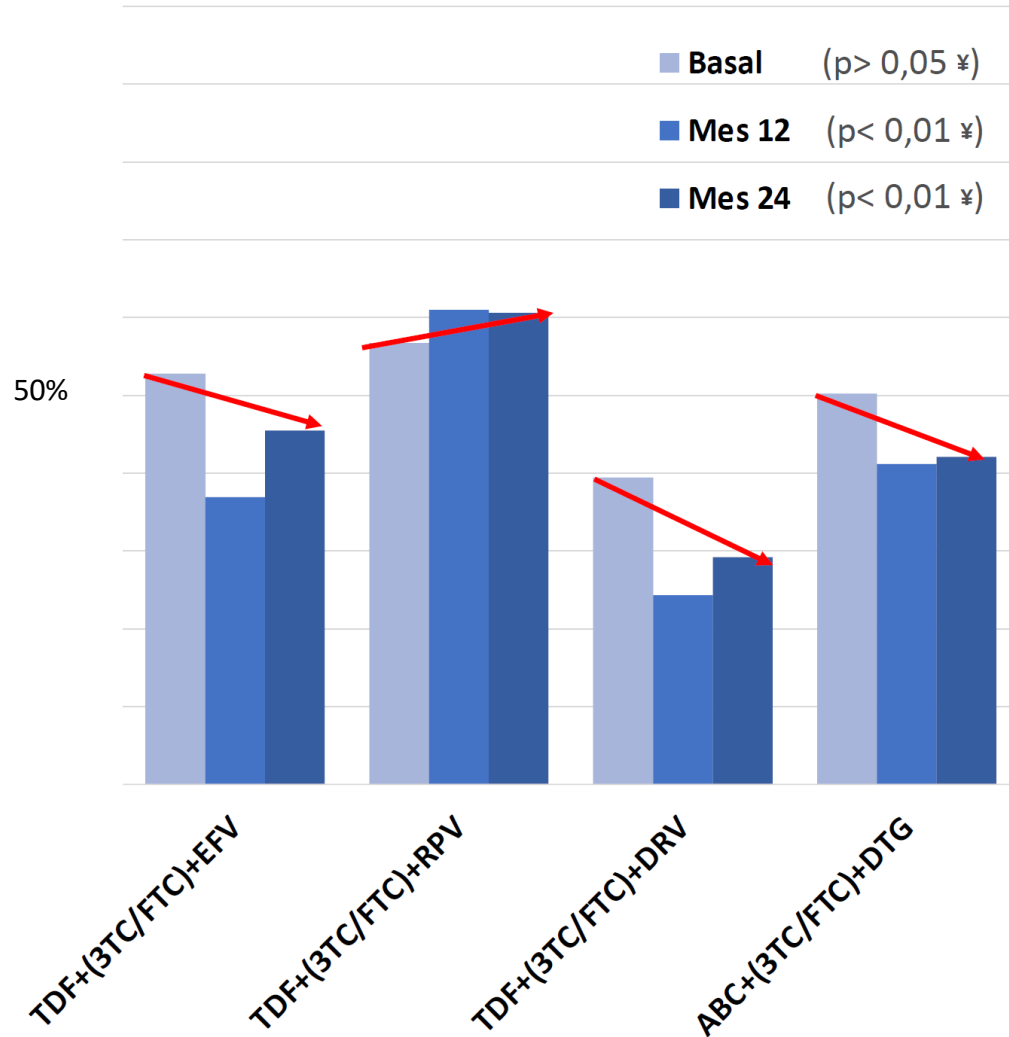


TABLE 3: ASSOCIATED FACTORS WITH HEPATIC STEATOSIS*

	HS at 12 months after ART initiation				HS at 24 months after ART initiation			
	Unadjusted		Adjusted		Unadjusted		Adjusted	
	OR (IC 95%)	P	OR (IC 95%)	P	OR (IC 95%)	P	OR (IC 95%)	P
Age, (years)	1.1 (1-1.1)	<0.01	1 (1-1)	<0.01	1 (1-1.1)	<0.01	1 (1-1)	0.05
Women	0.4 (0.3-0.7)	<0.01	0.5 (0.2-1)	0.4	0.5 (0.3-0.9)	0.01	0.5 (0.2-1)	0.06
ART starting \geq 2015	1 (0.8-1.3)	0.92	ns		1.4 (1.1-1.8)	0.01	ns	
C3 CDC Stage	1.6 (0.8-3.3)	0.18	ns		1.7 (0.9-3.1)	0.9	ns	
CD4 <200	1.6 (1-2.3)	0.03	ns		1.9 (1.3-2.7)	<0.01	ns	
Cardiovascular events at baseline	1.6 (0.9-3)	0.14	ns		1.3 (0.7-2.2)	0.39	ns	
DM2	1.5 (0.4-6.2)	0.55	ns		1.4 (0.5-4.3)	0.56	ns	
Baseline TyG index	9.7 (6.4-14.7)	<0.01	9 (5.8-13.9)	<0.01	10 (6.6-15.2)	<0.01	8.9 (5.8-13.7)	<0.01
EFV+TDF+(3TC/FTC)	1.5 (1.1-2)	0.01	1.5 (1-2.3)	0.08	1.1 (0.8-1.4)	0.73		
RPV+TDF+(3TC/FTC)	0.4 (0.3-0.5)	<0.01	0.5 (0.3-0.8)	<0.01	0.5 (0.3-0.7)	<0.01	0.6 (0.4-0.9)	0.01
DRV+TDF+(3TC/FTC)	2.6 (1.5-4.4)	<0.01	2.8 (1.2-6.4)	0.02	2.2 (1.3-3.8)	<0.01	2.8 (1.3-6)	<0.01
DTG+ABC+(3TC/FTC)	1.1 (0.8-1.5)	0.41			1.3 (1-1.8)	0.04	ns	

* Logistic regression analysis: a univariate analysis was performed for each of the independent variables. Those with a p value < 0.1 and/or with clinical relevance were included in the multivariate regression model.

Take homes.....

- Lifestyle modification and weight reduction are the cornerstones of treatment for NAFLD.
- Avoid metabolically unfavorable treatments, TAF, INSTI? is possible??
- The effect of new ART (LA CAB + RPV) on NAFLD?
- Due to the lack of specific treatment for NAFLD and the systematic exclusion of PLWH from NAFLD-new molecules clinical trials, we believe our results are relevant to future studies.
- Appropriate studies should be designed to address these preliminary findings.