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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report data on efficacy and safety of HCV protease inhibitor boceprevir with pegylated interferon alfa and weight-based ribavirin in a phase 3 trial in patients with HCV plus HIV. The results, in term of SVR, is similar to that reported by other studies in the real world and reflects the limits of this treatment. The authors, correctly, described the chronology of their trial, born before the entry in the clinical practice of the new treatments. In the section I don't see a description of genotype 1 subtype (1a, 1b), have the authors these data? Could the authors made a table describing the results? Could the authors describe if all the other non-viral) causes of liver disease have been excluded? Could the authors confirm that cirrhotics had a stage A Child-Pugh disease?



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K. Sherman et al present the data of a phase 3 clinical trial using Boceprevir+PegIFN+RBV in HIV-HCV G1 co-infected na?ve and experienced patients. They described the safety and efficacy in comparison to historic cohorts treated with Peg-IFN+RBV. The results show an SVR improvement with respect to classical therapy, although, as the authors state, these data have been overcome by new direct anti-viral agents (DAA). It makes the interest of this paper mainly academic, since nowadays it would not be ethical to use a boceprevir based treatment due to the higher adverse event rate and lower efficacy than the new DAA.



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The topic is outdated since triple combination should not be used any more.