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FINAL RESULTS OF EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY OF DIRECT-ACTING ANTIVIRAL AGENTS IN THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION

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OBJECTIVES

Direct-acting antivirals (DAAs) have become elective treatment for chronic hepatitis c virus (HCV) infection but final data regarding in routine medical practice are still limited.

OBJECTIVE: to assess treatment effectiveness and safety of DAAs in real practice.

METHODS

Design: descriptive, retrospective, non-interventional study.

Inclusion criteria: all HCV monoinfected patients who started treatment with DAAs from January 2014 to March 2015. Exclusion criteria: patients with liver transplant.

Variables: demographic, degree of fibrosis, clinical data (decompensated cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma), response to previous HCV-treatment and viral genotype, viral load, analytical data and adverse events (AEs).

Primary effectiveness endpoint: sustained virologic response 12 weeks after the end of treatment (SVR12).

Secondary endpoint: end of treatment virologic response (EOTVR) and normalization of serum transaminases at the end of treatment.

Safety was evaluated by laboratory abnormalities and AEs.

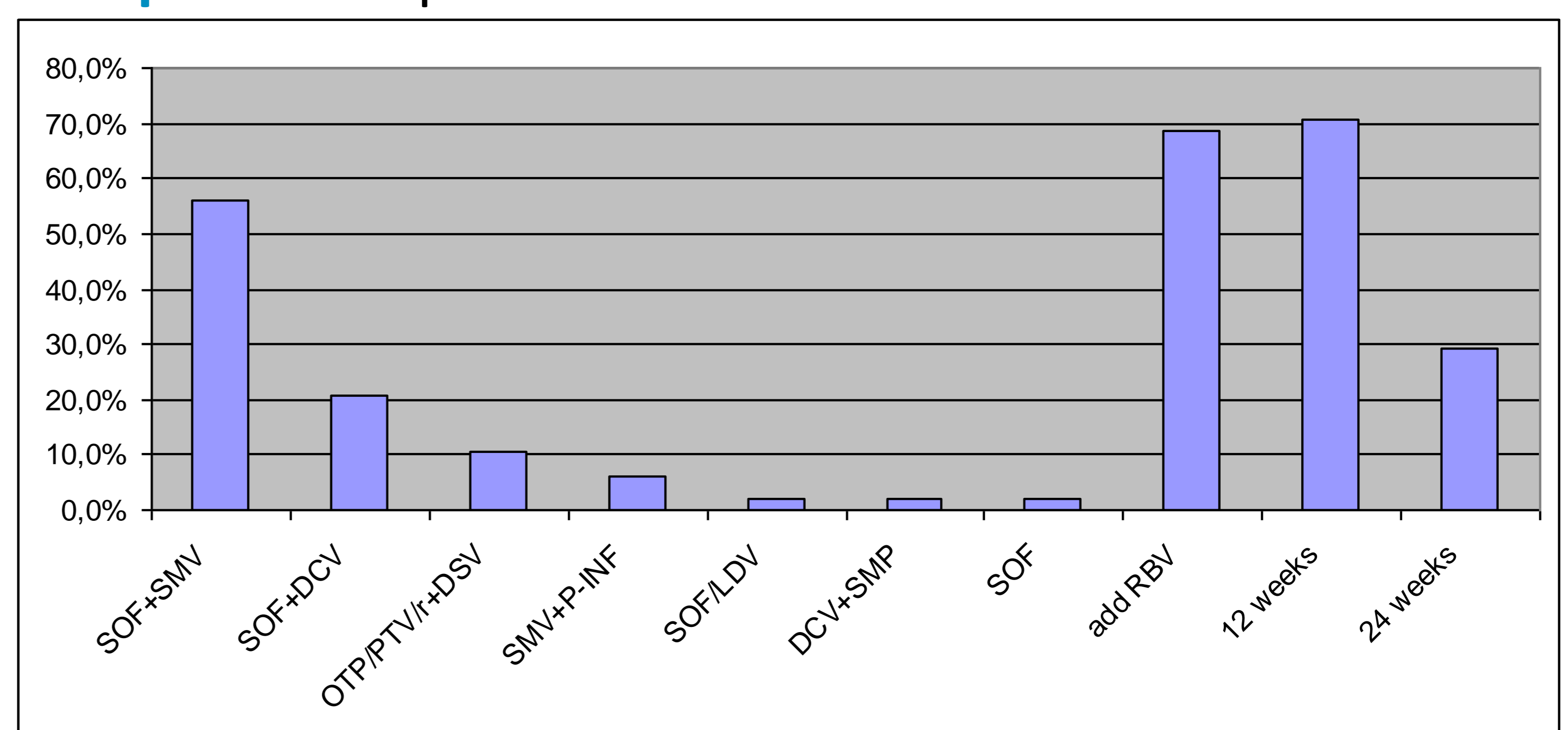
RESULTS

Forty-eight patients were included: 29 (60.4%) were male with an average age of 60 (SD=8.1). Forty-two (87.5%) patients were cirrhotic, 17(40.5%) of these were decompensate, and 5(10.4%) had a hepatocellular carcinoma.

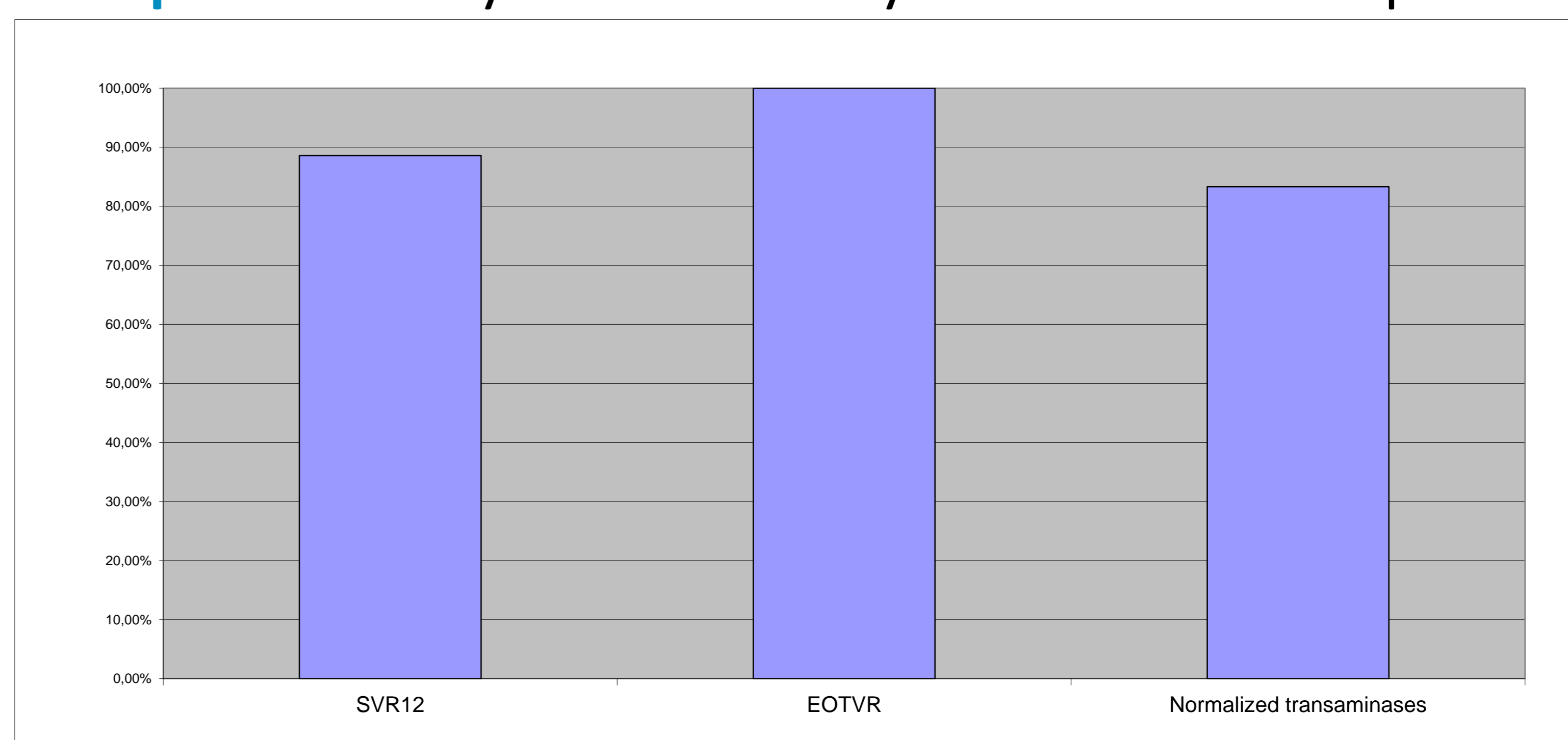
Table 1. Patient`s and viral`s characteristics.

Characteristics	N(%)
Prior treatment	
Naïve	24 (50.0)
Peginterferon-ribavirin	20 (41.7)
Protease inhibitor	4 (8.3)
Viral genotype	
1a	8 (16.7)
1b	33 (68.7)
2	1 (2.1)
3	4 (8.2)
4	2 (4.2)

Graph 1. % of prescribed DAAs and treatment duration



Graph 2. Primary and secondary effectiveness endpoint



Most frequent AEs were: asthenia 25(52%), ribavirin-associated anaemia 15(45.5%), pruritus 16(33.3%), dry skin 10(20.8%) and insomnia 10(20.8%).

CONCLUSIONS

Data show a high percentage of SVR12 and a totally virologic response at the end of treatment. Moreover, AEs did not differ from those described in clinical trials. DAAs seemed to be efficacious and well tolerated in real clinical practice.

