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Working Group Update: Surrogate Endpoints

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Aims and Objectives

1. Assess the relationship of surrogate endpoints/markers with long-term clinical outcomes, identify gaps, and recommend research to fill these gaps to advance the regulatory process for HBV therapeutic interventions.
2. Review, discuss and formulate evolving consensus on HBV cure definition and appropriate surrogate endpoints for HBV Ph2b and Ph3 clinical studies.

Objective 1: Activity 1

1) Perform a systematic literature review/meta-analysis of references/data describing link between **surrogate endpoints** and **long term clinical outcome**.

– Starting with:

- A) HBsAg “loss” with or without anti-HBs “gain.”
- B) Low level HBsAg and “inactive carrier like state” (low HBV DNA, normal ALT, low HBsAg) .

Objective 1: Activity 1, Current Status

- Excel sheet to capture data from literature has been developed
 - endorsed by Working Group
- Data from 27 papers are included.
- Additional ~60 references have been selected and are being reviewed before inclusion.

Literature Reference: Data Collection

- 67 parameters are collected : Study Information, Baseline, End of Treatment, and Follow-up data, Surrogate Endpoints, Long-term clinical Outcome, Assays.

Reference	Study Information					Long-term Outcome				Endpoints				
	Study Design	Type	Tot Pts	Age (years)	Cohort(s)	Treatment Duration	Time of Final Follow-up (from start of treatment)	New Cirrh (%)	Hepato-cellular Carcino ma (%)	Death (%)	Primary Endpoint	Primary Endpoint Result	Other Endpoint 2	Other Endpoint 2 Result
Lin et al. J Hepitol 2007; 46: 45-52	Retrospective cohort	Long term	466	32 ± 7 31 ± 8	INF-α (n=233) Control (n=233)	4.6 mo None	81.6 ± 38.4 mo 73.2 ± 36 mo	11.0 17.9	2.3 6.1	0.1 5.6	Cumulative incidence of sustained HBeAg/HBV-DNA clearance	74.6% 51.7%	HBsAg Seroclearance	3.0% 0.4%
Kim et al. Cancer 2015; 121(20): 3631-3638	Prospective cohort	Long term	634	45.2 ± 10.6 38.4 ± 11.8	Cirrhosis (n=152) w/o Cirrhosis (n=482)	48 wk TDF or ADV 48 wk TDF or ADV	384 wk 384 wk	3.9 1.7			Observed HCC vs. predicted HCC (SIR, 95% CI)	0.51, 0.23-1.14 0.40, 0.20-0.80	Cumulative incidence of HCC by baseline cirrhosis status	0.65% per year 0.28% per year
Chen et al. JAMA 2006; 295(1): 65-73	Prospective cohort	Long term	3,653	30-39: n=1216 40-49: n=1014 50-59: n=1058 ≥60: n=365	HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL (n=873) HBV DNA = 300-9,999 copies/mL (n=1161) HBV DNA = 10,000-99,999 copies/mL (n=643) HBV DNA = 100,000-999,999 copies/mL (n=349) HBV DNA > 10 ⁶ copies/mL (n=627)	None	Mean = 11.4 yr	1.3 1.4 3.6 12.2 14.9	10		Risk of HCC associated with HBV DNA level (HR, 95% CI)	Ref 1.1, 0.5-2.3 2.3, 1.1-4.9 6.6, 3.3-13.1 6.1, 2.9-12.7	Cumulative incidence of HCC by DNA level at study entry; all pts (%)	1.3 1.4 3.6 12.2 14.9
Yuen et al. Gastroenterology 2016; 135: 1192-1199	Longitudinal	Long term	298	43.1 (1.9-79.3)	No Rx (n=285), LAM (n=10), or Interferon-α (n=3)	16 wk Interferon-α	108.9 (6.2-319.8) mo				Cumulative risk for the development of HCC in patients with HBsAg seroclearance at age <50 and ≥50 years (%)	<50: 0 ≥50: 10	Liver Stiffness of Patients With HBsAg Seroclearance at Different Age (kPa)	<40 (n=26): 5.2(2.9-11.3) 40-50 (n=50): 5.9(3.3-17.5) >50: 6.2(3-22.8)

Objective 1: Activity 2 and 3

- 2) Determine the regulatory perspective/requirements in terms of evidence needed to accept surrogate endpoints for long term clinical benefit.
- 3) Gap analyses assessing the available evidence vs. required evidence and determine which additional evidence would facilitate HBV cure development.

Objective 1: Activities 4

4. Identify, promote and facilitate opportunities to create additional evidence (e.g. in collaboration with HBV cohorts (REVEAL), cross pharma initiatives, EASL, AASLD, APASL,...).

Objective 1: Activities 4

- Prof HI Yang has agreed to collaborate with the Working Group with the aim to allow access to the REVEAL data.
 - Complete REVEAL reference list is available and relevant papers are being included in the literature collection.
 - Discussions with Prof. Yang are ongoing to determine the scope of the collaboration and sharing of data.

Objective 2: Activity 1

- Review cure definitions (including surrogate endpoints) and develop/prioritize list of (surrogate) endpoints for Ph2b/3 studies:
 - Review of literature, conference proceedings, etc. from different stakeholders.
 - Achieve consensus within the HBV Forum.
 - Assess the available level of evidence of these surrogate markers with respect to long term clinical outcome (link to Objective 1).

Outcomes and Products

- **Deliverable:**
 - Peer-reviewed manuscript(s).
 - Reference set collection of data (excel sheet has been developed).

Next steps

Objective 1:

- Activity 1: Literature review of clinical outcome data for HBsAg (“loss” and low level) and collection of data – Q2/Q3 2017.
 - Complete Literature Review and data collection Q2.
 - Share literature list and data collection with working group to ensure all relevant studies are included.
 - Perform Meta Analyses Q3-Q4.
- Activity 4: Include relevant data from REVEAL data base (Q2/Q3). Identify other sources of evidence.
- Activity 2: Start taskforce to define regulatory requirements for surrogate marker of “cure” in HBV.

Objective 2:

- Start up activities within working group.

Questions

