

# hepatitis E bij de immuungecompromitteerde patiënt

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 THE SUNDAY TIMES

## 'Brexit virus' feared in 10% of sausages

May 21 2017, 12:01 am,  
The Sunday Times

A strain of hepatitis E in imported meat is leaving thousands ill



'hepatitis E' bestaat niet

## "hepatitis E" = 2 ziekte entiteiten

### 1) a tropical disease

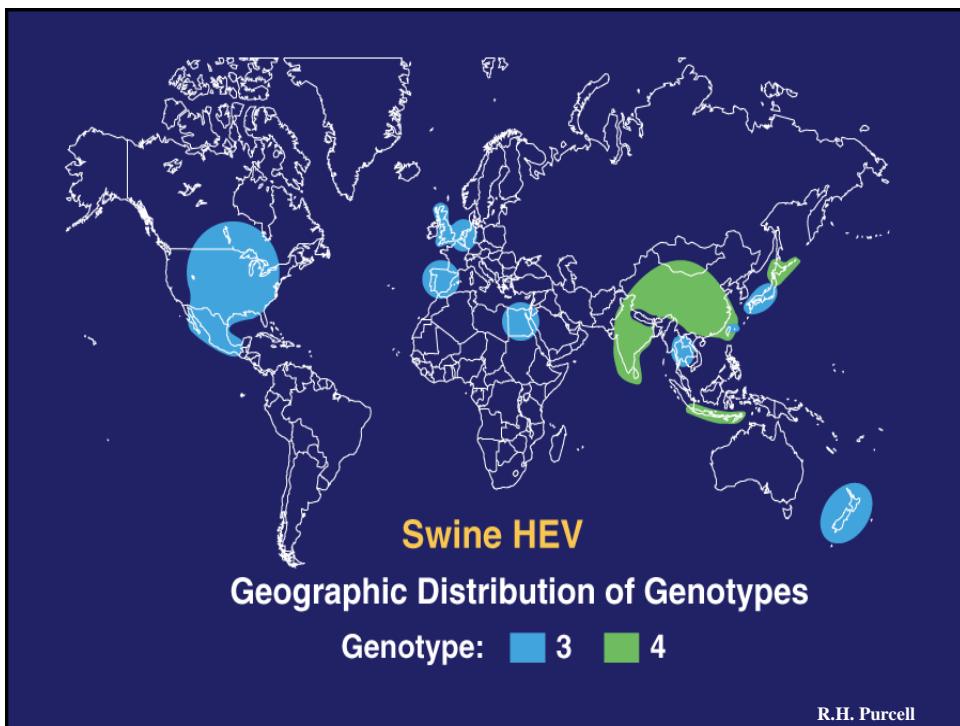
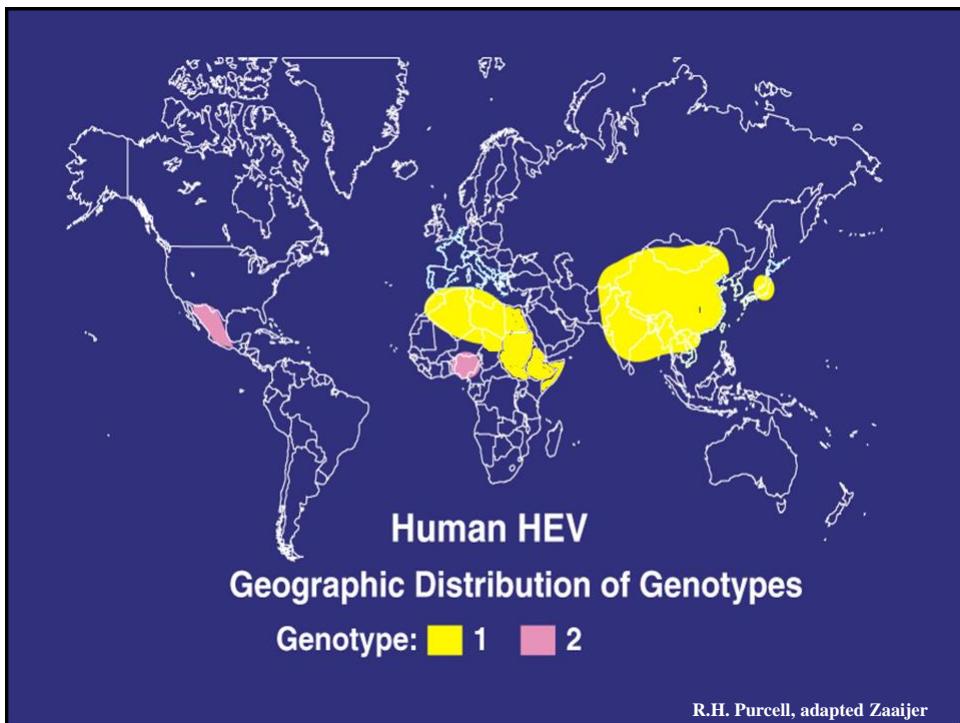
- acute (often severe) hepatitis.
- caused by the human viruses HEV genotype 1 and 2.
- feco-oral transmission, water-borne outbreaks.
- high mortality among pregnant women.
- your previously healthy back-packer, returning from India with fulminant hep E, may need liver transplantation.

### 2) a silent outbreak in temperate regions

- zoonotic infection by the animal viruses HEV genotype 3 and 4.
- in most cases asymptomatic.
- sometimes mild hepatitis in elderly (men).
- chronic hepatitis in SOT and SCT patients, cave cirrhosis.
- food-borne transmission (undercooked pork and deer).
- no mortality among pregnant women.
- in NL majority of pigs acquire infection, at slaughter 10% of pig livers is HEV+

## "hepatitis E" = 2 ziektes

	tropical & travellers hep E HEV genotypes 1,2	zoonotic (pigs) hep E HEV genotype 3
pregnant women	20% fatality	no disease
children	acute hepatitis	no disease
adults	acute hepatitis	'no disease'
middle aged, elderly	acute hepatitis	acute hepatitis (mild)
extra hepatic:	?	- sporadic: neuralgic amyotrophy - GBS ?
organ/SC Tx patients	?	chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis



## Belangrijk

### Laboratorium diagnostiek van hepatitis E

- 1) acute hepatitis E zonder onderliggend lijden, onafhankelijk van tropisch/import of inheems/zoonotisch: vertrouw op (moderne) serologie: HEV IgG en IgM.
- 2) acute of chronische hepatitis E,  
**bij immuunsuppressie, -modulatie, -deficiëntie:  
direct HEV RNA PCR.**  
HEV antistoffen blijven regelmatig jarenlang diep negatief.

een stokpaard van Zaaijer:

serologie op CMV, HEV ed. na SOT/SCT: kunstfout & ongelukken; direct PCRs doen.

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dit betreft HEV genotype 3,  
geen ervaring met HEV genotypes 1,2,4

## Therapeutische opties chron. hep E (gt3):

- stapsgewijs verminderen immunosuppressie
- ribavirine
- interferon (niet na orgaan Tx)
- sofosbuvir? (dosis? hoelang?)

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## Dosering ribavirine bij chron. hep E:

? zomogelijk 12mg/kg/dag, in 2 doses ?

1 Kamar N, ea. Ribavirin for chronic hepatitis E virus infection in transplant recipients. NEJM 2014;370:1111-20:

*... We examined records of 59 patients who had received a solid-organ transplant. Ribavirin therapy was initiated a median of 9 months (range 1-82) after the diagnosis of HEV infection at a median dose of 600 mg per day (range, 29 to 1200) ...*

2 Dalton & Kamar. Treatment of hepatitis E virus. Curr Opinion Infect Dis 2016; 29(6): 639-644.

*geen uitsluitsel over dosering ribavirine*

## Behandeling van hepatitis E (gt3)

	hematology, rheumatology patients	solid organ transplant patients
acute hep E	wait for 3 months; or immediate ribavirin <sup>1</sup>	wait for 3 months; or immediate ribavirine <sup>1</sup>
chronic hep E  (ribavirin: 12 mg/kg/day, in 2 doses)	if possible: reduce imm.sup.  ribavirin  interferon  (sofosbuvir?)	if possible: reduce imm.sup.  ribavirin  (sofosbuvir?)

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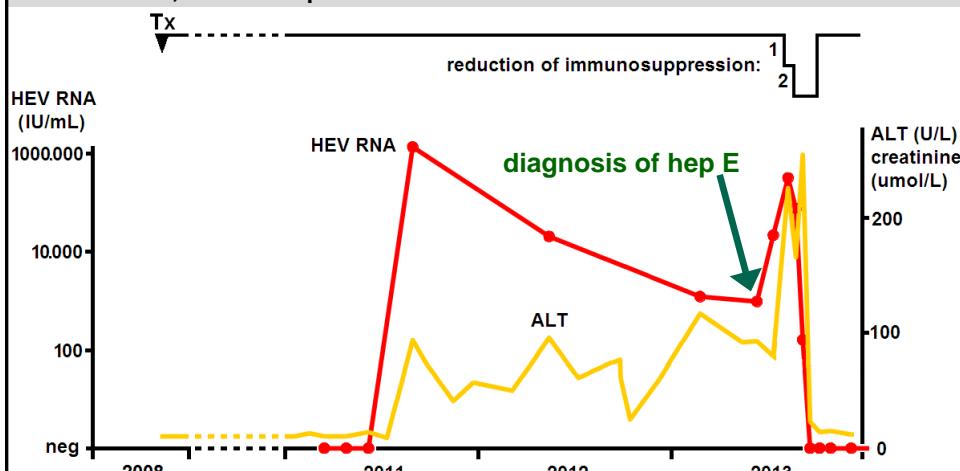
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### Boy A, 8 yrs.

2006: pneumococcal infection → HUS → kidney Tx

2011: chronic hepatitis : 'drug induced liver injury' (dili)

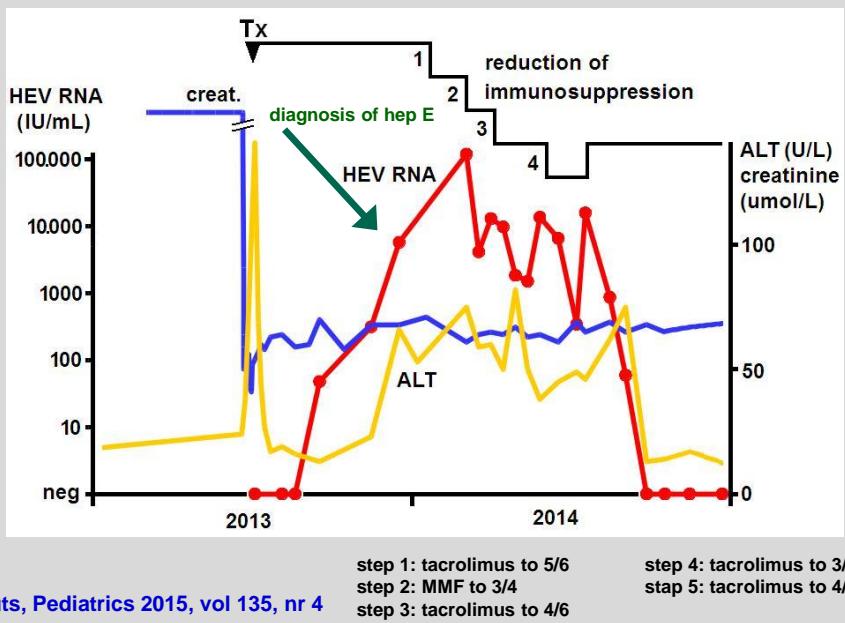
2013: no dili, chronic hepatitis E !



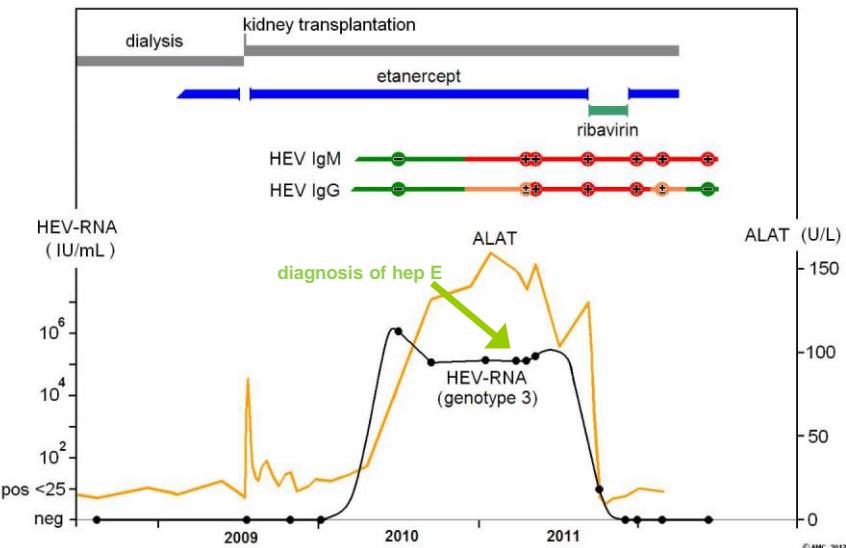
step 1 = mycophenolate mofetil: 800 to 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
step 2 = tacrolimus: 0.1 to 0.05 mg/kg/day  
prednisolone remained unchanged at 2 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day

Bouts ea. Pediatrics 2015, vol 135, nr 4

## girl B, 11 yrs kidney failure e.c.i.

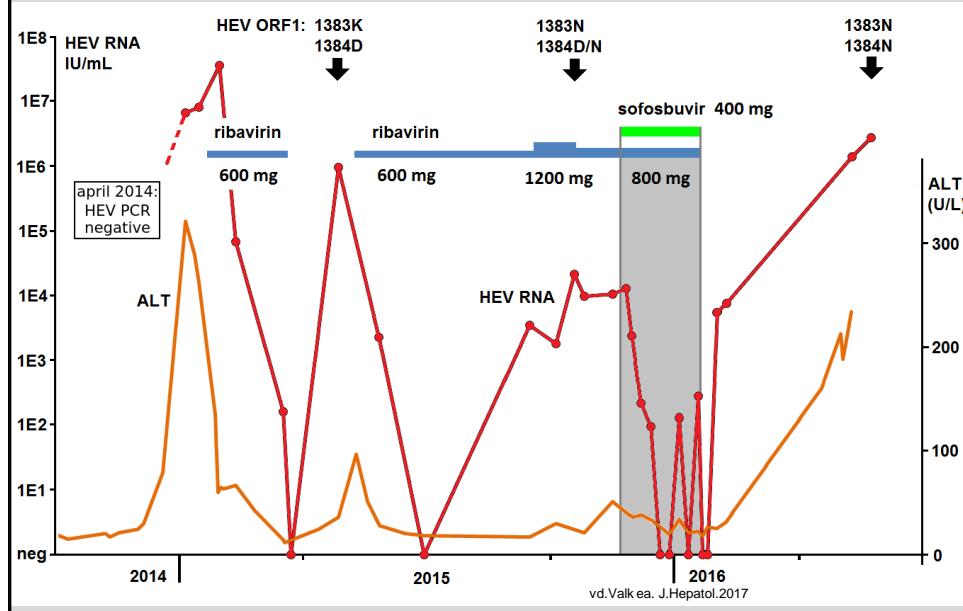


## mr. C, 51 yrs



de Niet ea. Neth. J. Med. 2012; 70: 261-266

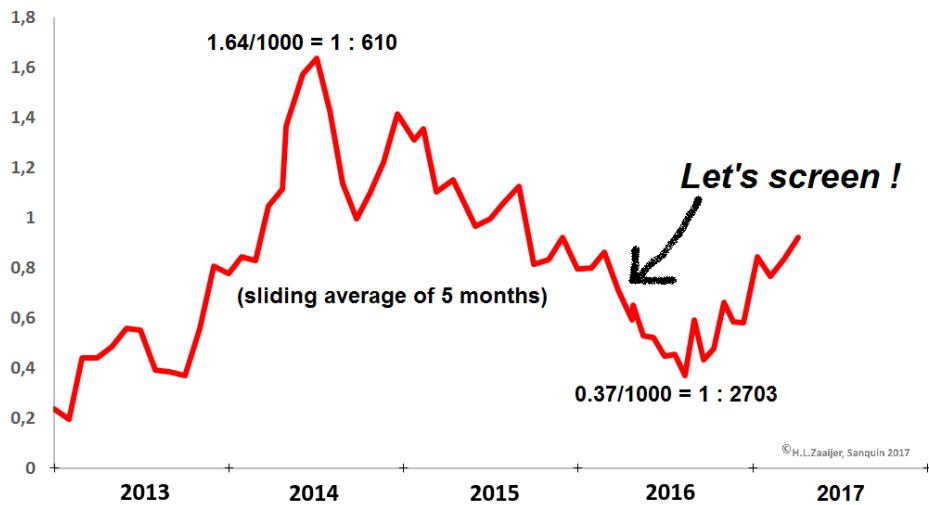
## mr. B, 60 yrs. 2006: CLL, allo-SCT, 2014: recurrence, chemo



## HEV infection pressure among Dutch blood donors

(2013-2017: 97 of 128,575 donations HEV PCR+ ; by 96-pool screening)

HEV viremia  
n per 1000  
donors



## Conclusies

- HEV uitbraak bedreigt specifieke patiënten.
- Risicotatienten: HEV diagnostiek met PCR.
- Orgaan Tx: 'drug induced liver injury' (dili) = HEV ?!
- Stam cel Tx: 'graft versus host vd. lever' (incl.PA) = HEV ?!
- riba-kuur: pas stoppen als plasma en faeces 3 mnd PCR neg.
  
- Dit is 3<sup>e</sup> zoönose vanuit onze bio-industrie; economisch belang prevaleert opnieuw.
- Overheid beveiligt alleen bloedtransfusie (donorscreening per 3-7-17) ; voedsel/varkens ongemoeid, geen relevante studie gestart.
- 1:700 HEV infecties in NL door bloedprodukt.
  
- HEV gt3 = oraal vaccin tegen HEV gt1/2 ?



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