# NAFLD/NASH

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# Screening?

- You must be able to identify patient at risk in an early phase of the disease of which the natural history is known
- You must have an acceptable tool to make the accurate diagnosis
- You must have a treatment to offer
- Successful treatment should offer a benefit
- All this should be cost-effective.

1968 Wilson and Jungner criteria 2008 WHO revision and extension.



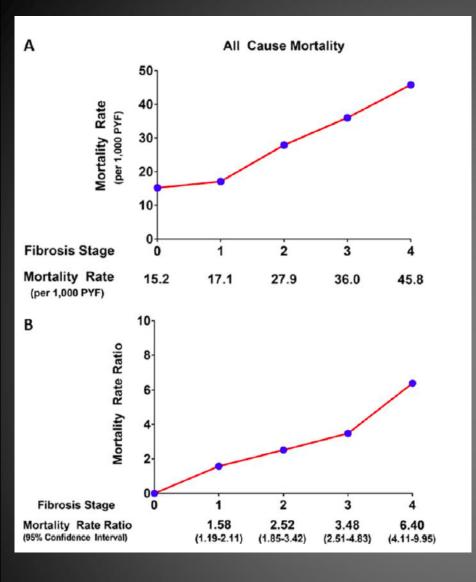


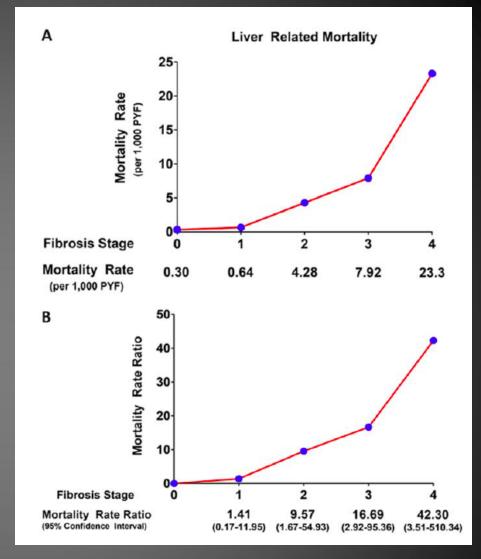
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# Who to screen and what to screen for?













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Table 3. Overall FPR by Baseline Fibrosis Stage in Patients With NAFLD, NAFL Alone, and NASH Alone

				al fibr stage			Total stages of fibrosis progressed	Person-years of follow-up evaluation	FPR (95% CI)	Time taken to progress by 1 stage (95% CI)
NAFLD (11 studies)										
		0	1	2	3	4				
Baseline fibrosis	0 (131)	79	28	13	7	4	+91	968	0.13 (0.07-0.18)	7.7 (5.5–14.8)
stage	1 (119)	26	44	32	15	2	+43	628.4	0.10 (0.04-0.16)	10.0 (6.2-25.0)
	2 (61)	9	17	14	13	8	-6	331.8	NA	-
	3 (34)	2	5	10	7	10	-16	153.4	NA	-
	4 (21)	0	0	1	6	14	-8	63.8	NA	-
	Overall (	366)					+104	2145.4	NA	-
	Stage 0	plus s	stage	1 fibr	osis (	250)	+134	1596.4	0.12 (0.07-0.16)	8.3 (6.2-14.3)
NAFL (6 studies)	_									
		0	1	2	3	4				
Baseline fibrosis	0 (81)	52	16	8	4	1	+48	751.3	0.07 (0.02-0.11)	14.3 (9.1–50.0)
stage	1 (39)	6	13	14	6	0	+20	112.6	0.15 (-0.09 to 40)	N/A
	2 (13)	2	3	5	2	1	-3	40.7	NA	-
	3 (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	-
	4 (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	-
	Overall (	(133)					+75	904.6	NA	-
	Stage 0	plus s	stage	1 fibr	osis (	120)	+68	863.9	0.09 (0.04-0.14)	11.1 (7.1-25.0)
NASH (7 studies)										
Baseline fibrosis	0 (21)	0 10	1 7	2	3 1	4	+18	115.5	0.14 (0.07-0.21)	7.1 (4.8–14.3)
stage	1 (49)	9	25 10	9 4	5 4	1 4	+13 -4	396.6	0.08 (-0.01 to 0.17) NA	NA
	2 (25)	_				-		222.3		
	3 (16)	0	4	4	2	6 4	-6	95.8	NA NA	
	4 (5)	0	0	0	1	4	-1	12.6	NA	
	Overall (			4 (1)		70)	+20	842.8	NA	400 (50 000)
	Stage 0	plus s	stage	1 fibr	osis (	70)	+31	512.1	0.10 (0.03-0.17)	10.0 (5.9–33.3)

NOTE. If the lower limit of the 95% CI for FPR was negative (ie, the lower limit suggested there could be net regression of fibrosis stage), then the time taken to progress to fibrosis by 1 stage was not calculated.





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Study on Sub-mount	Irodd- D-fi-	1 65	187-1-64	Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI	_							
Study or Subgroup Fatal CVD events (only)	log[Odds Ratio	) SE	weight	IV, Random, 95% CI	IV, Random, 95% CI								
Adams 2010	0.095	0.516	3.6%	1.10 [0.40, 3.02]									
Ekstedt 2015	0.438	0.170	7.0%	1.55 [1.11, 2.16]	<del></del> -					Odds Ratio	Odd	s Ratio	
Haring 2009 men	-0.248	0.160	7.1%	0.78 [0.57, 1.07]		Study or Subgroup	log[Odds Ratio]	SE	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI	IV Rand	om, 95% CI	
Haring 2009 women	-0.020	0.225	6.5%	0.98 [0.63, 1.52]	+		log[odd3 Ratio]	31	Weight	IV, Italiaolii, 55 % Ci	IV, Kalia	37/6 61	
Jepsen 2003	0.741	0.078	7.7%	2.10 [1.80, 2.45]	<del>-</del>	Fatal CVD events (only)							
Lazo 2011	-0.150	0.127	7.4%	0.86 [0.67, 1.10]	- <del></del>	Ekstedt 2015	1.472	0.328	18.1%	4.36 [2.29, 8.30]		_	-
Zhou 2012	1.184	0.394	4.7%	3.27 [1.51, 7.08]		Haring 2009 men	0.879	0.423	13.3%	2.41 [1.05, 5.53]			
Subtotal (95% CI)			44.1%	1.31 [0.87, 1.97]	_	Haring 2009 women	0.343	0.756	5.4%	1.41 [0.32, 6.21]		<b></b>	
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.25; (		o.0000	)1); I <sup>2</sup> = 90	%		Kim 2013	1.241	0.303	19.7%	3.46 [1.91, 6.27]			
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.2	28 (P = 0.20)						1.241	0.303					
Fatal and non-fatal CVD	events (combine	d endnoi	nt)			Subtotal (95% CI)			56.5%	3.28 [2.26, 4.77]			
Emre 2015	0.896	0.422	4.4%	2.45 [1.07, 5.61]		Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup>	= 2.56, df = 3 (P = 0.47)	$I^2 = 0\%$					
Pisto 2014	0.875	0.422	7.0%	2.40 [1.70, 3.39]		Test for overall effect: Z = 6.23 (F	P < 0.00001)						
Targher 2007	0.625	0.222	6.5%	1.87 [1.21, 2.89]	<del></del>								
Wong 2015	-0.105	0.135	7.3%	0.90 [0.69, 1.17]	+	Fatal and non-fatal CVD eve	ents (combined end	ooint)					
Zeb 2016	0.350	0.178	7.0%	1.42 [1.00, 2.02]			,	,					
Subtotal (95% CI)			32.2%	1.63 [1.06, 2.48]	•	Emre 2015	0.896	0.422	13.3%	2.45 [1.07, 5.61]		_	
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.18; (	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 23.41, df = 4 (F	P = 0.0001	); I <sup>2</sup> = 839	6	1	Moon 2015	1.442	0.710	6.0%	4.23 [1.05, 17.04]		-	
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.2	24 (P = 0.02)					Pisto 2014	0.398	0.240	24.2%	1.49 [0.93, 2.39]		<del> </del>	
						Subtotal (95% CI)			43.5%	1.94 [1.17, 3.21]			
Non-fatal CVD events						Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.05; Chi <sup>2</sup>	= 2.50 df = 2 (P = 0.27)	· I² = 23%		,		•	
El Azeem 2013	1.238	0.164	7.1%	3.45 [2.50, 4.76]				, 1 - 2570					
Fracanzani 2016	0.688	0.34	5.2%	1.99 [1.01, 3.92]		Test for overall effect: Z = 2.59 (F	2 = 0.010)						
Hamaguchi 2007	1.415	0.48	3.9%	4.12 [1.58, 10.74]									
Moon 2015 Pickhardt 2014	1.442 0.104	0.710 0.358	2.4% 5.1%	4.23 [1.05, 17.04]		Total (95% CI)			100.0%	2.58 [1.78, 3.75]			
Subtotal (95% CI)	0.104	0.358	23.6%	1.11 [0.55, 2.24] 2.52 [1.52, 4.18]		Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.09; C	chi² = 9.77, df = 6 (P =	= 0.13); I²	= 39%		+ +	+	+
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.18; (	Chi2 = 10 22 df = 4 (5	2 = 0 04)·		2.32 [1.32, 4.10]	•	Test for overall effect: Z = 5.0		//			0.05 0.2	1 5	20
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rest is sterail ellegt. E = 0.0	. 5.5555)					Test for subgroup differences	: Chi <sup>2</sup> = 2.71, df = 1 (	P = 0.10)	, I <sup>2</sup> = 63.1%				
Total (95% CI)			100.0%	1.64 [1.26, 2.13]	•								
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.2	3; Chi² = 118.34, d	f = 16 (P	< 0.0000	1); 1 = 969/	1 1 1								
Test for overall effect: Z =				0.05	0.2 1 5 20 ecreased risk Increased risk								
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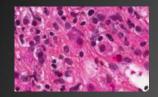
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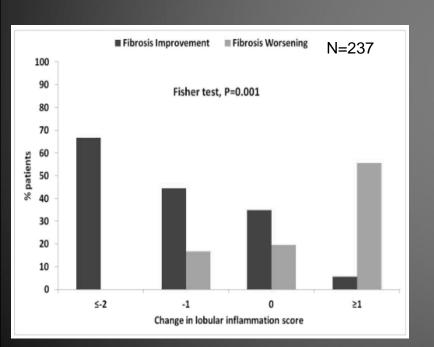
### NASH is a driver of fibrogenesis

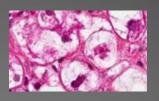


Inflammation



Change in lobular inflammation score and fibrosis evolution

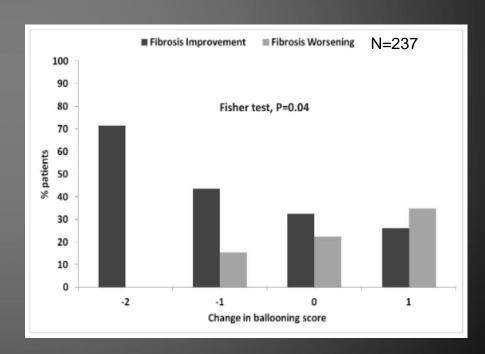




**Ballooning** 



Change in hepatocyte ballooning score and fibrosis evolution







- Fibrosis is most important predictor of prognosis
  - Reflects longstanding disease activity vs. defective repair
- NASH is the driver of disease progression and adverse outcomes
- Patients to treat?





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## Treatment indication

NASH



Some degree of activity?

 $(NAS \ge 4?, A3?)$ 

+

Some degree of fibrosis

F ≥ 2

or

F1 + risk factors (NAS ≥ 5, DM2, obesity,...)

In patients who have otherwise been optimised cardiometabolically





Sanyal *et al*. Hepatology 2015 EASL-EASD-EASO practice guideline. J Hep 2016 Chalasani *et al*. AASLD Practice guidance. Hepatology 2017 Francque *et al*. Acta Gastroenterol Belg 2018



# EASL-EASD-EASO Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease\*

European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)\*, European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)

- All individuals with steatosis should be screened for features of MetS, independent of liver enzymes. All individuals with persistently abnormal liver enzymes
  - should be screene main reason for u (A1)
- In subjects with of by liver enzymes a routine work-up. In years, T2DM, Met (i.e. NASH with fit
- In persons with NAFLD, screening for diabetes is mandatory, by fasting or random blood glucose or HbA1c (A1) and if available by the standardized 75 g OGTT in high-risk groups (B1)
- In patients with T2DM, the presence of NAFLD should be looked for irrespective of liver enzyme levels, since T2DM patients are at high risk of disease progression (A2)



# The Belgian Association for Study of the Liver Guidance Document on the Management of Adult and Paediatric Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

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Guidance statement: The following populations are at high risk for NAFLD and should be screened by their general practitioner or the specialists involved: presence of the metabolic syndrome or its components, patients with obesity ( $BMI \geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ), patients with DM2 or patients with a history of ischemic CVD.





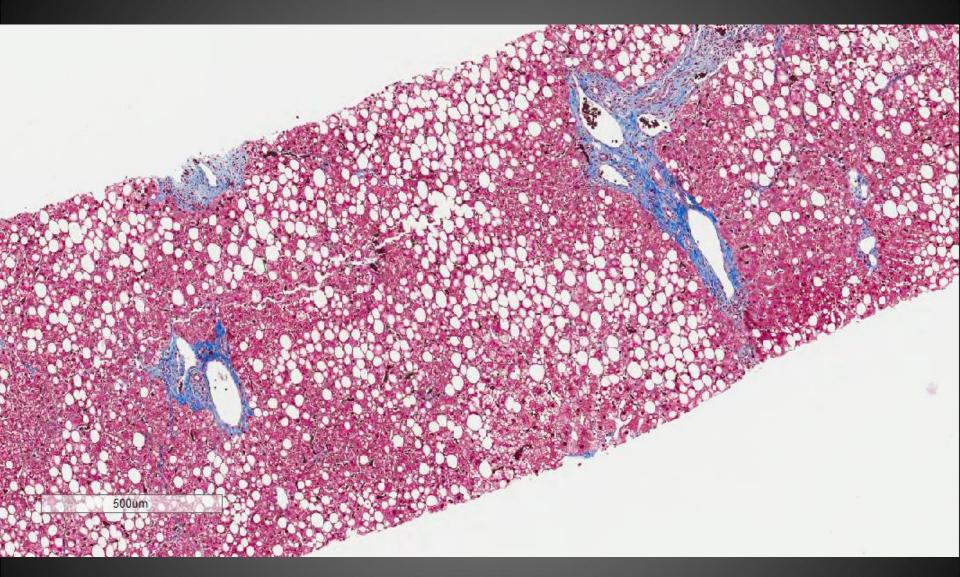


# Take home messages 1

- Case finding recommended in populations at risk
- Identifying active NASH with some degree of fibrosis











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# How to select patients that qualify for a liver biopsy?

How to increase pre-test probability of the biopsy to diagnose significant lesions?



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### **ALT cut-off values**

- Male:
  - ALT 29-33 U/L
- Female
  - ALT 19-25 U/L

ACG Practice Guideline: Evaluation of Abnormal Liver Chemistries

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Am J Gastroenterology 2016

# How to enrich for patients with high likelihood of having significant lesions?

#### **Clinical** · What are risk factors associated **Characteristics** with presence of NAFLD? • Which serum markers (if any) can help distinguish NASH from NAFL? **Serum Markers** Which serum markers are associated with liver fibrosis? Which non-invasive **Ultrasound/MRI** ultrasound/MRI techniques may be helpful in identifying patients with significant lesions?





# Clinical Risk Factors Associated with Fatty Liver Disease

- Presence of multiple features of the metabolic syndrome
  - Abdominal obesity: a waist circumference ≥102 cm (40 in) in men and ≥ 88 cm (35 inches) in women.
    - For Asian Americans, the cutoff values are ≥90 cm (35 in) in men or ≥80 cm (32 in) in women.
  - Serum triglycerides ≥ 150 mg/dl
  - HDL cholesterol ≤40mg/dl in men and ≤50mg/dl in women
  - Blood pressure of ≥ 130/85
  - Fasting blood glucose of ≥ 100 mg/dl
- Presence of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM)
- Persistently elevated aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alanine aminotransferase
   (ALT) levels
- Increasing age
- Increasing BMI





# Non-invasive assessments of clinically significant fatty liver disease such as NASH and liver fibrosis

- Serum Markers
  - APRI, FIB-4, AST/ALT ratio
  - Enhanced liver fibrosis score (ELF)
  - NAFLD fibrosis score (NFS)
  - FibroTest® (FibroSure®)
  - CK-18
  - HepaScore®
- Liver ultrasound elastography and imaging methods
  - Ultrasound Transient Elastography (TE) / Controlled Attenuation Parameter (CAP®)
  - Magnetic Resonance (MR) Elastography (MRE)
  - Acoustic radiation ARFI
  - MR spectroscopy for Proton Density Fat Fraction (PDFF)





# Non-invasive scoring systems

- Fatty Liver Index
  - BMI, age, AST, ALT
- NAFLD Fibrosis Score
  - Age, BMI, IFG/2DM, AST/ALT, platelets, albumin
- Fib-4
  - Age, AST, platelet count, ALT

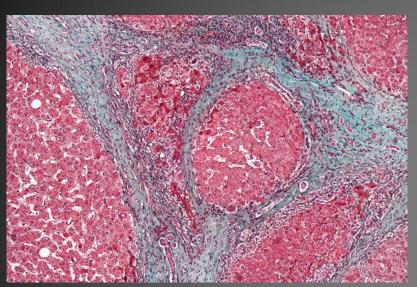
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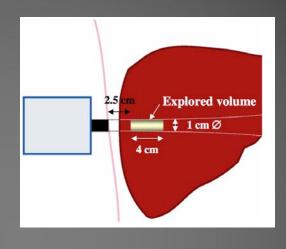
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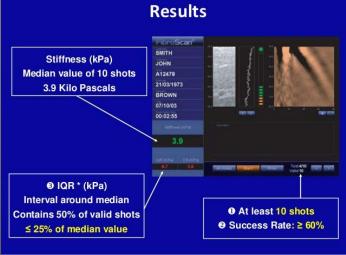
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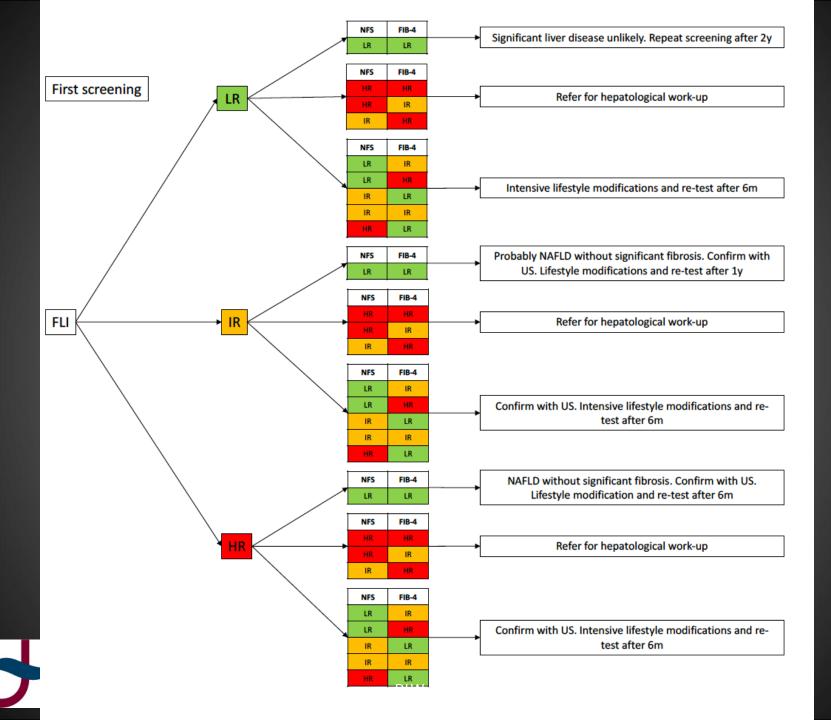


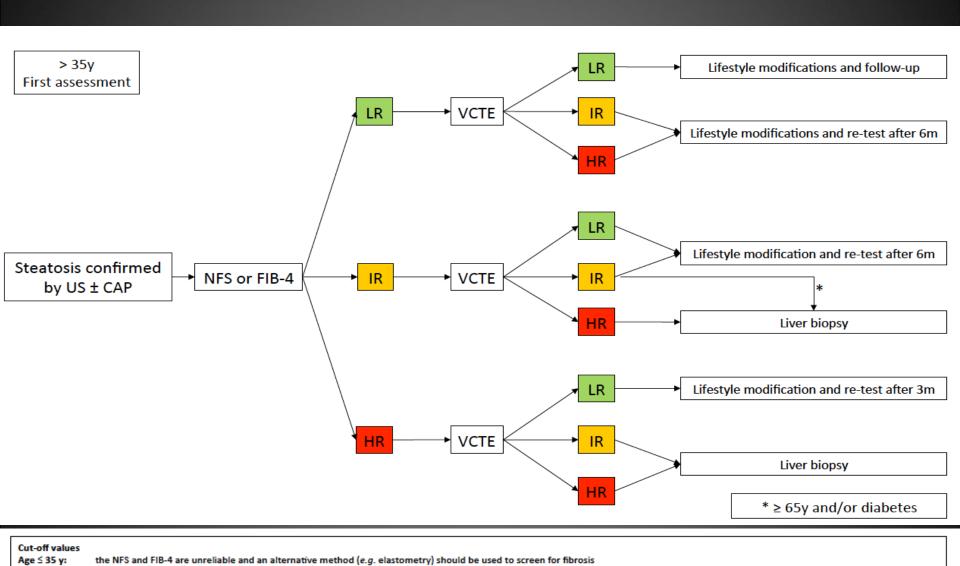












Age 35-65y:

Age ≥ 65 y:

All ages:

NFS

FIB-4

NFS

FIB-4

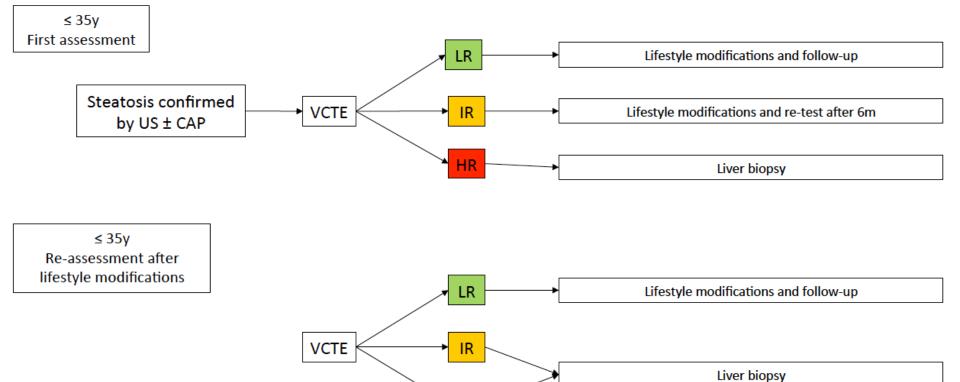
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LR < 1.30 < IR < 2.67 < HR

LR < 2.00 < IR < 2.67 < HR

LR < 30 < IR < 60 < HR



HR

**Cut-off values** 

Fibroscan<sup>⊕</sup>:

Age ≤ 35 y: the NFS and FIB-4 are unreliable and an alternative method (e.g. elastometry) should be used to screen for fibrosis

**Age 35-65y:** NFS LR < -1.455 < IR < 0.676 < HR

FIB-4 LR < 1.30 < IR < 2.67 < HR

**Age** ≥ **65 y:** NFS LR < 0.120 < IR < 0.676 < HR

FIB-4 LR < 2.00 < IR < 2.67 < HR M-probe LR < 7.9 kPa < IR < 9.6 kPa < HR

XL-probe LR < 7.2 kPa < IR < 9.3 kPa < HR





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#### Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) is the most common liver disease in many developed countries. There is a known association with the metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. This web-application is intended to screen for NAFLD in these patient groups where there is a higher prevalence of NAFLD.

About NAFLD → About noninvasive scores and NAFLD →

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These recommendations are non-binding and the interpretation of these results remain the responsibility of the treating physician.

#### Patient records:

ID Number	88.11.7	2-242 98	Age	54	Sex	<ul><li>Male</li></ul>	Female		
Length (cm)	187	Welght (	( <b>kg</b> ) 86	W	/alst (cm)				
X Diabetes X IGT Ischemic cardiovascular disease									
Blood pressure systolic (mmHg) 187 Blood pressure diastolic (mmHg)									
× Anti hyp	X Anti hypertensiva Therapy to treat low HDL-C Triglycerides lowering therapy								
Type of screening 1st screening ~									
Is there a recent blood analyses? (max 3 months old) Yes $\sim$									
Next →									

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#### Patient records:

ID Number	88.11.72	-242 98	Age	54	Sex	• Mal	e .	Female		
Length (cm)	187	Weight (kg)	86	Wo	lst (cm)					
× Diabetes	× IG	T loche	mic ca	rdlovas	cular di	sesse				
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× Anti hype	rtensiva	Ther	apy to	treat lo	w HDL-0	- 1	riglyce	rides low	ering thera	ру
Type of scree	ening	1st screening		·v						
Is there a rec	ent blood	i analyses? (	max 3	months	old)	Yes -	Į.			

#### **Blood analysis:**

Date blood analyses (dd/	mm/yyyy)	01/01/2017	Fasted	Yes	Ü
Thrombocytes (10 9/L):					
AST (IU/L)	ALT (IU/I	J.	gGT (IU/	U	
Triglycerides (mg/dL)		HDL-C (mg/dl	U		
Glucose (mg/dL)	нья	10 (%)			

#### Risk profile:

Patient risk profile:

patient has the metabolic syndrome, diabetes mellitus.

#### Result:

The Fatty Liver Index is low, suggesting that there is no moderate to severe steatosis (mild steatosis is not excluded). Fibrosis scores are, however, suggestive for significant fibrosis. Presence of NAFLD is possible, other liver diseases however need to be ruled out.

#### Recommendation:

Referral to a hepatologist is recommended. You can refer to your local hepatologist or make an appointment at the UZA Fatty Liver Clinic.

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Patient risk profile: patient has elevated liver enzymes, the metabolic syndrome, obesity, diabetes

#### Score:

Fatty liver index	NAFLD Fibrosis score	FIB-4	
83	1.05	1.17	

#### Interpretation of the scores:

Steatosis is likely to be present, but there is an indeterminate risk for NASH (± significant fibrosis).

#### Recommendation:

We recommend to council the patient on life style modification (healthy diet, exercise and avoid the use of alcohol). We suggest to repeat the screening after 1 year. Please provide after 1 year a new blood analysis (including: ALT, AST, yGT, ALP, platelet count, albumin, triglycerides, HDL, LDL, Total Cholesterol, Total bilirubin, Glucose, Insulin and HbA1c) and re-screen using the 1-year re-screen option from the scroll-bar.

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#### Risk profile:

Patient risk profile: patient has elevated liver enzymes, the metabolic syndrome, obesity, diabetes mellitus.

#### Score:

 Fatty liver index
 NAFLD Fibrosis score
 FIB-4

 99
 3.541
 8.06

#### Interpretation of the scores:

There is a high likelihood for the presence of significant NASH (± significant fibrosis).

#### Recommendation:

Referral to a hepatologist is recommended. Anternatively you can click on the link to make an appointment at the University Hospital of Antwerp (by clicking on the link a work-up will be scheduled and sent to the patient; work-up consists of a blood analysis and an ultrasound with elastography).

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#### Testing for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

The term "Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease" (NAFLD) encompasses a spectrum of pathologic conditions, ranging from non-alcoholic fatty liver (NAFL) to steatohepatitis (NASH), fibrosis, and cirrhosis. This flow diagram offers a pragmatic approach to the diagnosis and monitoring of NAFLD in asymptomatic adult patients.



Abnormal liver function tests



Alcohol consumption within recommended amounts

Recommended amounts are less than 14 units for both men and women, spread over a week, with 2-3 alcohol-free days every week

#### History and examination

Consider alternative diagnoses such as effects of medication. infection, or nutritional problems.



Red flags: Consider admission or urgent referral

Suspected malignancy Ascites

Jaundice Encephalopathy

Evidence of disordered clotting Haematemesis

ALT or ALP very high (5x upper limit of normal)

Persistently low albumin or platelets Rapid deterioration



Drug-induced liver injury Consider referral to hepatology if patient has a history of drug exposure, such as:

Valproic acid

Oestrogens

Tamoxifen

Amiodarone Perhexiline maleate

Methotrexate

(4,4'-diethylaminoethoxyhexesterol)

Chloroguine L-asparaginase

Corticosteroids

#### Non-invasive liver screen (NILS)



ultrasound



Blood tests

Undertaking a liver biopsy is a risky, potentially painful procedure. Non-invasive techniques can be used to assess the presence of both hepatic steatosis and fibrosis.



Refer to Hepatology if NILS tests yield positive results for:

Immunoglobulins raised Hepatitis B or C

High ferritin and high transferrin saturation

Autoimmune liver screen (Primary biliary cholangitis)

Low caeruloplasmin Low alpha 1 anti-trypsin protein

#### Consider non-hepatic causes for raised ALT:

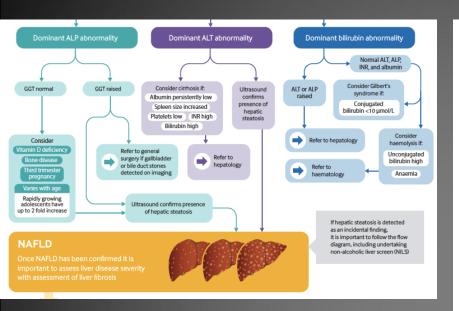
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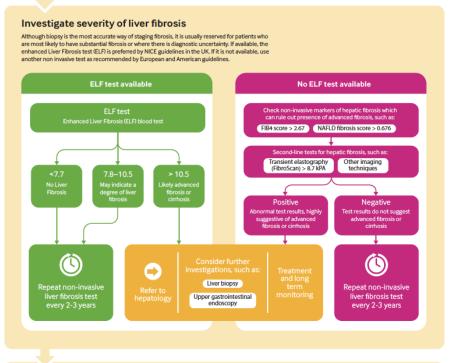
Coeliac disease

Muscle diseases, such as polymyositis, heavy exercise









Lifestyle advice
Patients with NAFLD can benefit from

Patients with NAFLD can benefit from making heathier lifestyle choices. Offer education and advice irrespective of whether referral is needed or not.



Weight loss and physical activity Especially if the patient is overweight or obese Control cardiometabolic risk factors

NAFLD may present with or without these commonly co-existing conditions. These are associated with increased severity of NAFLD and increased risk of liver fibrosis



(3+ cardiometabolic risk factors



Cardiovascular risk assessment

Offer annual monitoring for patients being treated for diabetes, hypertension or with statins to decrease CVD risk

Patients with biopsy-proven NASH

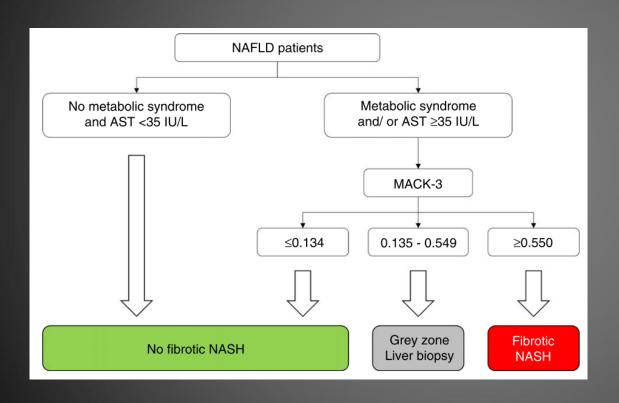
Consider pioglitazone or vitamin E after consultation with specialists, if not contraindicated.

Byrne et al. BMJ 2018





## Non-invasive diagnosis of fibrotic NASH



Diagnosis of fibrotic NASH

MACK-3

**AST + HOMA + CK-18 AUROC = 0.85** 

Algorithm

93.2% well classification





Boursier, Francque et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2018

# ALGORITHM TO IDENTIFY PATIENTS WITH A SAF ACTIVITY SCORE > 2 IN TYPE 2 DIABETIC PATIENTS WITH NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE (NAFLD) - DEVELOPMENT IN A LARGE PROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER UK STUDY

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An algorithm was devised with the 3 optimally determined parameters:



 ALT normalized by the upper limits of normal (ULN)



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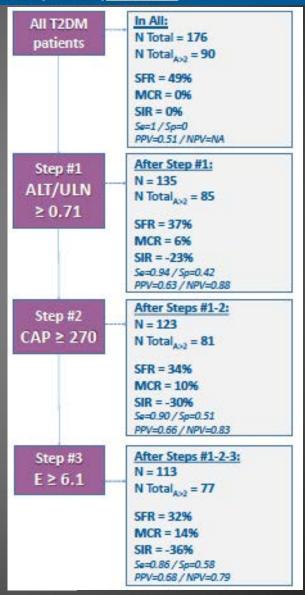
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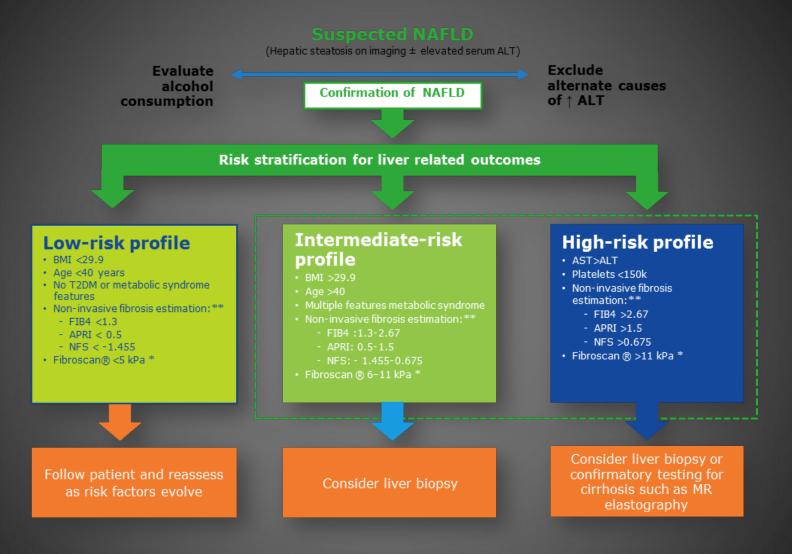
- SFR (screen failure rate): 1-PPV
  [Proportion of "improperly" screened/biopsied patients]
- MCR (missed cases rate): 1-Se
  [Proportion of initial target patient who wouldn't have been "biopsied"]
- SIR (screening improvement rate): (N-N<sub>total</sub>) / N<sub>total</sub> \* 100
   [Proportion of "saved" LB in comparison if all patient would have underwent LB]







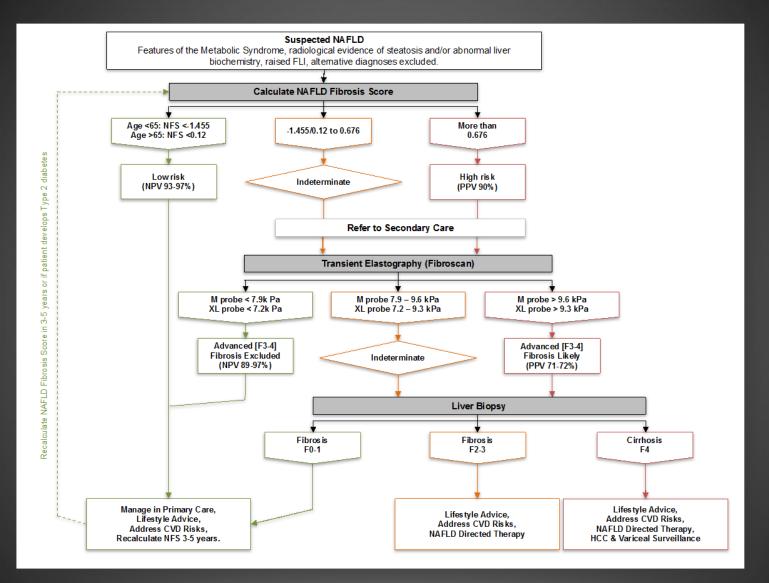
#### Risk Assessment Algorithm – Focus on Liver Biopsy







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# Clinical phenotypes & associated NASH/fibrosis risk

High likelihood of NASH and fibrosis Age >50, Hispanic, DM, obesity, HTN, FS kPa >8.5, AST >40, AST/ALT ratio ≥1, NFS >0.676, FIB-4 >2.67

Intermediate likelihood of NASH and fibrosis

Age >40, well-controlled DM, obesity, HTN, FS kPa >7.0, AST >20

Low likelihood of NASH and fibrosis Age <40, non-DM, non-obese, FS kPa <7, AST <20, NFS <-1.455, FIB-4 <1.30





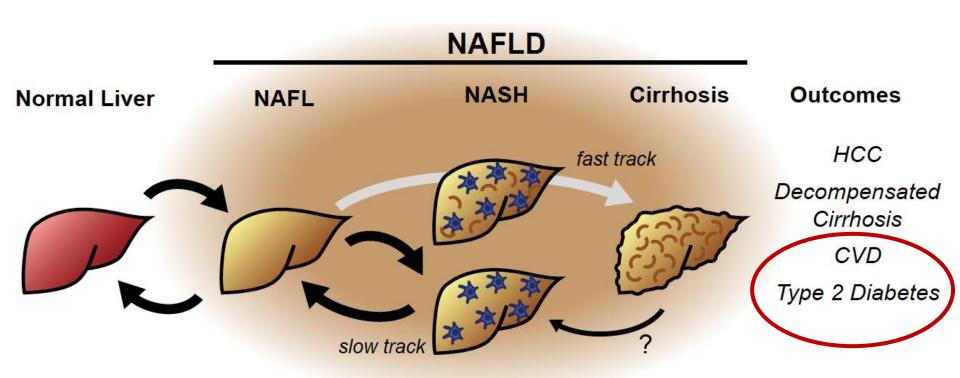
# Take home messages 2

- Pre-screening strategies
  - with a combination of clinical, biochemical and imaging parameters
- Increases
  - pre-test probability of having the desired criteria
- Mainly because of their high NPV
- Several strategies possible
  - Choose one based on local availablility of techniques and own experience



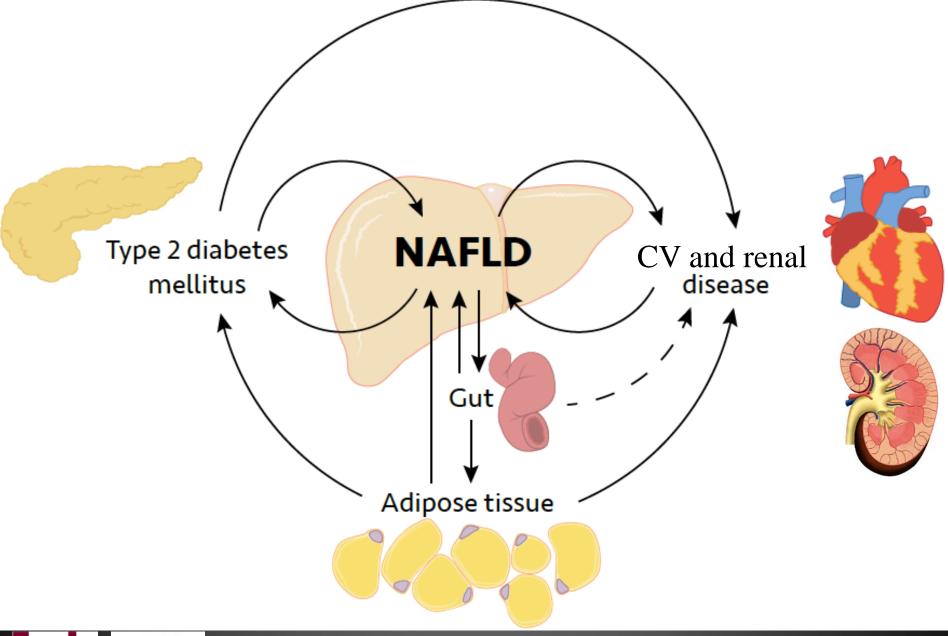


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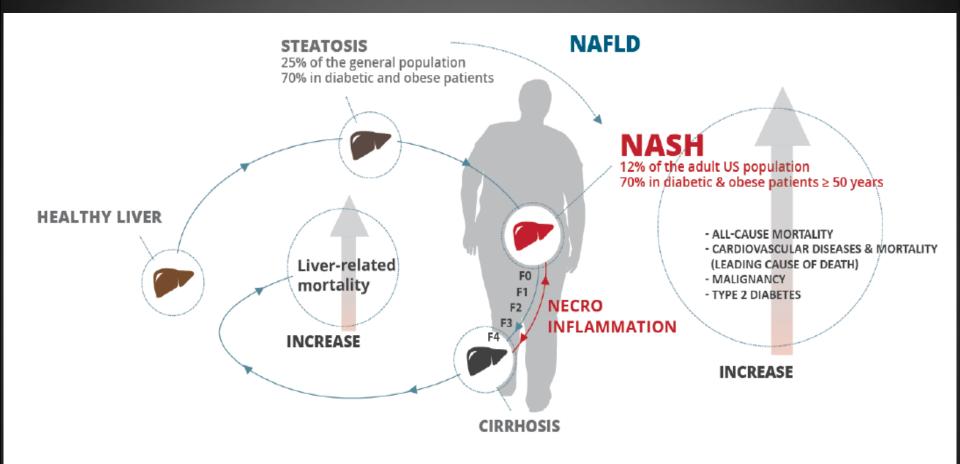








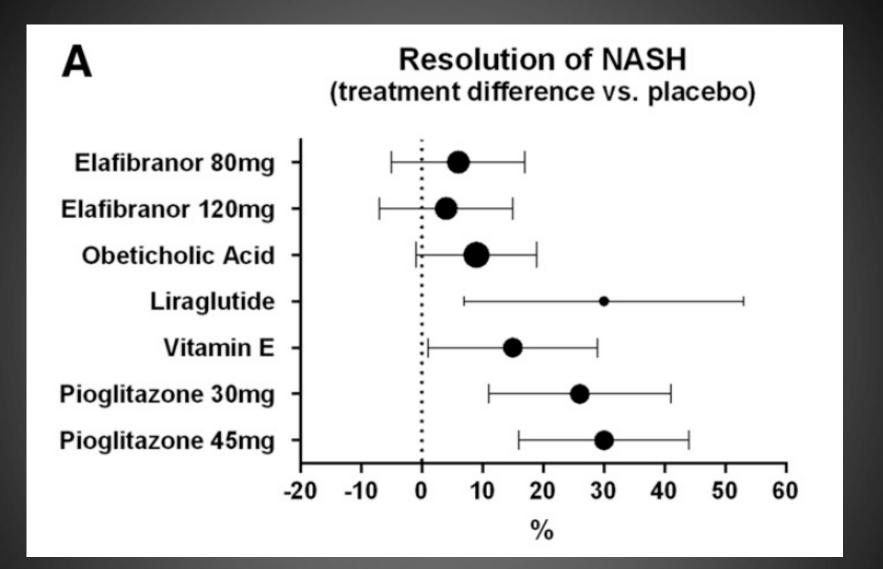








Vanni *et al*, Dig Liv Dis 2010 Targher *et al*, NEJM 2010 Ekstedt *et al*, Hepatology 2006 Anstee *et al*, Nature Reviews 2013 Ballestri *et al*, WJG 2014 Yki-Järvinen, Lancet 2014









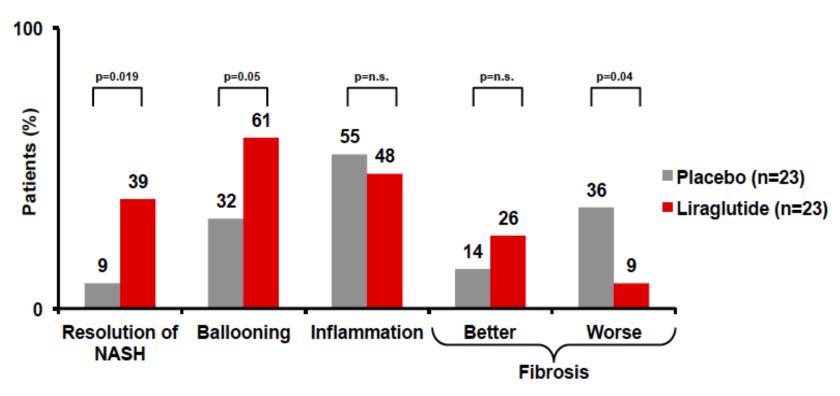
# Fibrosis (treatment difference vs. placebo)

Elafibranor 80mg Not reported Elafibranor 120mg Obeticholic Acid Liraglutide Vitamin E Pioglitazone 30mg Pioglitazone 45mg -1.0 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4-0.2 0.2 0.0 Change in Fibrosis Stage





# The LEAN 1 year trial of liraglutide: Histological improvement



Armstrong MJ, et al. Lancet. 2016;387:679-90







### Positive Results From REGENERATE: A Phase 3 International, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study Evaluating Obeticholic Acid Treatment for NASH

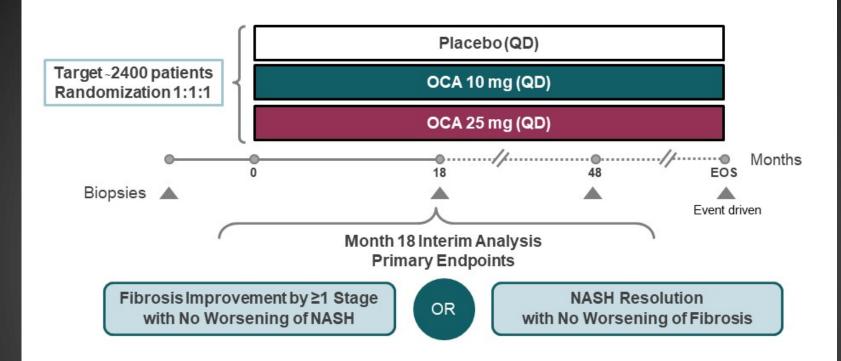
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#### **REGENERATE Study Design**



#### Study success was defined as achievement of one of these two primary endpoints

The interim analysis was conducted after 931 randomized patients with stage 2 or 3 liver fibrosis had or would have reached their actual/planned Month 18 visit (ITT population).

EOS analysis of clinical outcomes to confirm clinical benefit.

EOS, end of study; ITT, intent to treat; PBO, placebo; QD, once a day.





#### Study Eligibility Criteria

#### **KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Biopsy-confirmed NASH
- Fibrosis stage 2 or 3 (NASH CRN)
  - Exploratory cohort with fibrosis stage 1 and concomitant risk factors\*
- NAFLD activity score (NAS) ≥4

#### **KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Evidence of other chronic liver disease
- Histologic presence of cirrhosis
- Total bilirubin >1.5 mg/dL
- ALT ≥10 × ULN
- HbA1c >9.5%
- Significant alcohol consumption\*\*

All biopsies were read centrally and Month 18 biopsy slides were pair-read ensuring that pathologists were blinded to both treatment assignment and biopsy sequence

ALT, alanine aminotransferase; BMI, body mass index; CRN, clinical research network; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; NAS, NAFLD activity score; ULN, upper limit of normal.

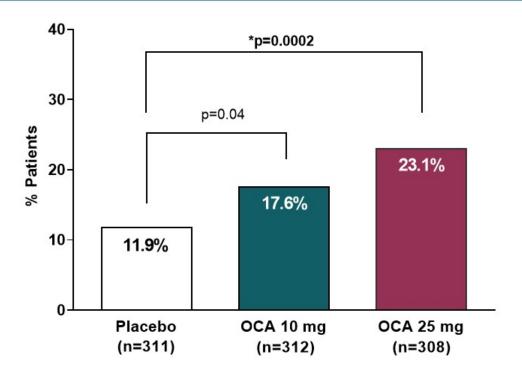




<sup>\*</sup>Risk factors included type 2 diabetes, obesity (BMI ≥30 kg/m²) or ALT >1.5 × ULN.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Defined as >2 units/day for females and >4 units/day for males for >3 months within 1 year before screening.

#### Fibrosis Improvement by ≥1 Stage with No Worsening of NASH Primary Endpoint: ITT Population, N=931



Primary endpoint definition: fibrosis improvement by ≥1 stage (NASH CRN) with no worsening of NASH (defined as no worsening of hepatocellular ballooning, lobular inflammation or steatosis).

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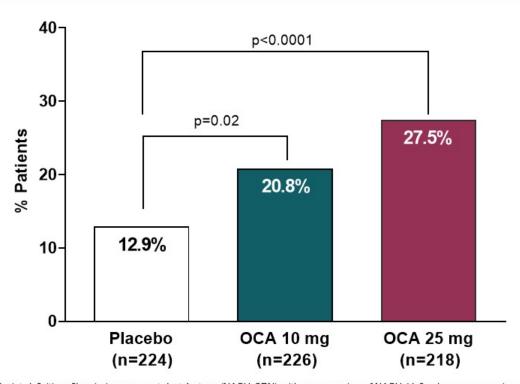




Study success was defined as achievement of one of the two primary endpoints evaluated in the Month 18 interim analysis.

<sup>\*</sup>Statistically significant in accordance with the statistical analysis plan agreed with the FDA. All other p values are nominal.

#### Fibrosis Improvement by ≥1 Stage with No Worsening of NASH Primary Endpoint: Per Protocol Population, N=668



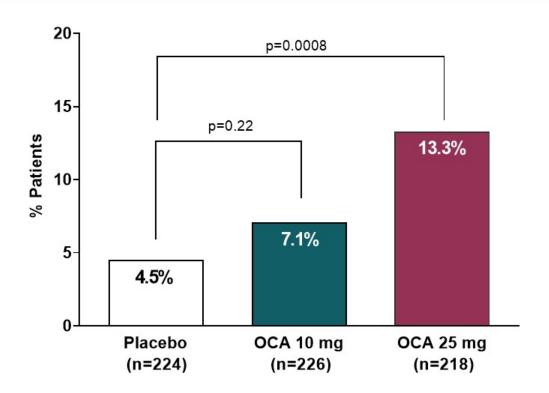
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Per protocol population defined as all patient's from the ITT population who completed ≥15 months of treatment and had a Month 18/EOT biopsy, were on treatment for at least 30 days immediately preceding the biopsy, and did not have any major protocol deviation. P values are nominal.





#### Fibrosis Improvement by ≥2 Stages Per Protocol Population



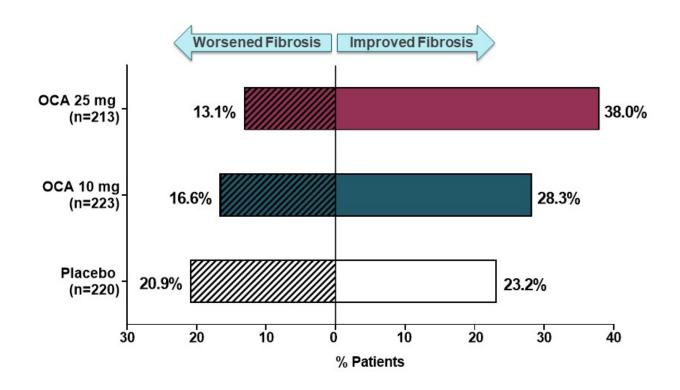
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Per protocol population (N=668).





#### Regression or Progression of Fibrosis by ≥1 Stage Per Protocol Population\*



\*Per protocol population with available fibrosis stage data at Month 18/EOT (n=656). Younossi Z, et al. Presented at EASL, 2019; Vienna, Austria. Oral (GS-06).



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#### Fibrosis Improvement by ≥1 Stage with No Worsening of NASH Subgroup Analyses: Per Protocol Population

Subgroups	OCA : Placebo Response Ratio (95% CI)	OCA vs Placebo	P value
Fibrosis Stage 2			
25 mg (n=101)	1.87 (1.08, 3.24)		0.02
10 mg (n=91)	1.73 (0.97, 3.07)	<b>→</b>	0.06
Fibrosis Stage 3			
25 mg (n=117)	2.36 (1.32, 4.20)		0.003
10 mg (n=135)	1.56 (0.84, 2.88)	<u> </u>	0.15
NAS ≥6			
25 mg (n=144)	2.45 (1.52, 3.95)	<b>⊢</b>	0.0001
10 mg (n=152)	1.76 (1.06, 2.92)	<b>→</b>	0.03
NAS <6			
25 mg (n=74)	1.55 (0.74, 3.24)	1	0.24
10 mg (n=74)	1.36 (0.61, 3.04)	<b>⊢•</b>	0.45
Type 2 Diabetes			
25 mg (n=119)	2.22 (1.14, 4.35)		0.02
10 mg (n=121)	2.07 (1.05, 4.11)	<del></del>	0.03
No Type 2 Diabet	tes		
25 mg (n=99)	2.10 (1.28, 3.44)	<b>⊢</b>	0.002
10 mg (n=105)	1.32 (0.76, 2.28)	H	0.32
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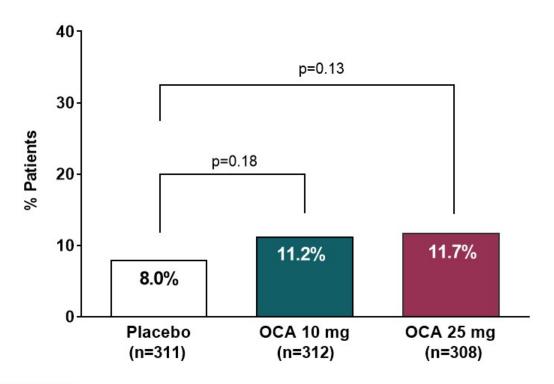
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# NASH Resolution with No Worsening of Fibrosis Additional Primary Endpoint: ITT Population, N=931



Primary endpoint definition:

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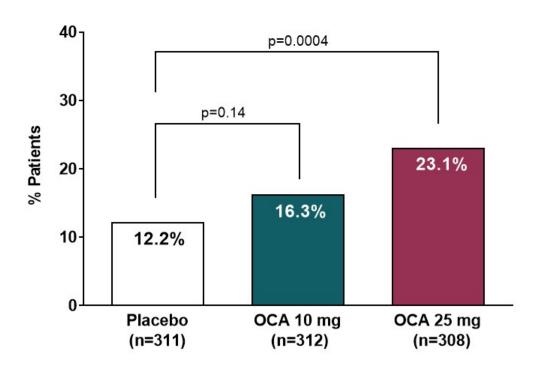






<sup>(</sup>i) overall pathologist assessment of "no steatohepatitis"; and (ii) hepatocellular ballooning = 0 and lobular inflammation = 0 or 1; and (iii) no increase in fibrosis stage from baseline.

## Resolution of Definite NASH with No Worsening of Fibrosis Overall Pathologist Assessment: ITT Population\*



\*Post-hoc analysis with endpoint defined as: (i) overall pathologist assessment of "no steatohepatitis"; and (ii) no increase in fibrosis stage from baseline. P values are nominal.



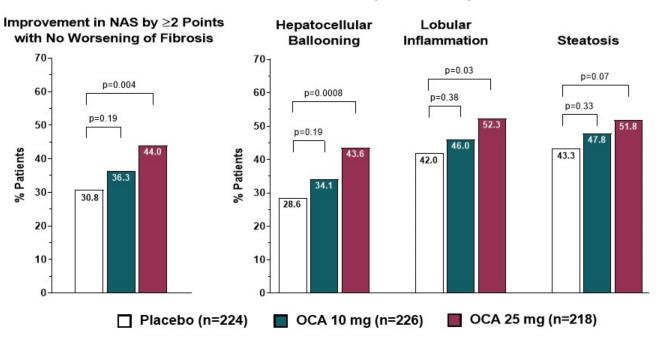






# Improvement in NAS ≥2 with No Worsening of Fibrosis and NAS Parameters ≥1: Per Protocol Population

#### Improvement by ≥1 Point



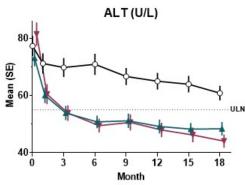
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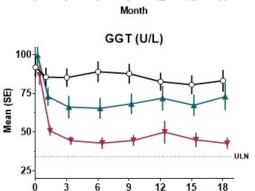
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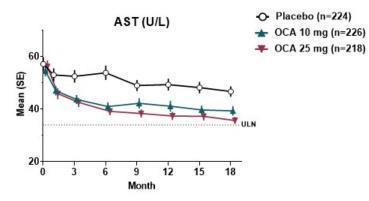


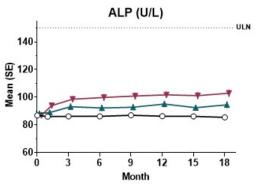
#### Changes in Liver Biochemistry Over Time Per Protocol Population





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Per protocol population (N=668). SE, standard error. Younossi Z, et al. Presented at EASL, 2019; Vienna, Austria. Oral (GS-06).



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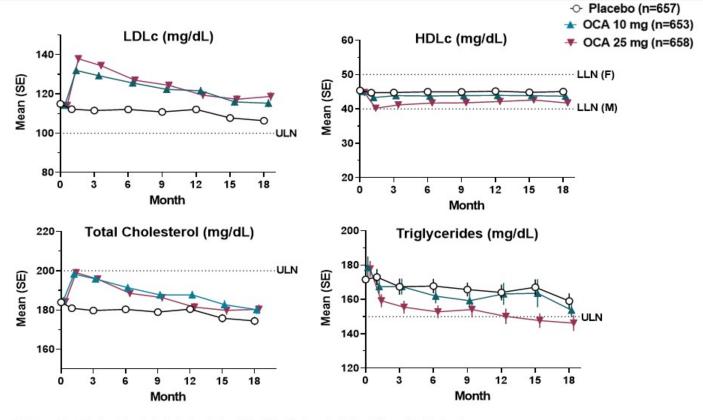






#### **Changes in Lipid Parameters Over Time**

Safety Population, N=1968



Safety population defined as all randomized patients with stage 1, 2 or 3 fibrosis who received at least 1 dose of study treatment. LDLc, low density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDLc, high density lipoprotein cholesterol. Younossi Z, et al. Presented at EASL, 2019; Vienna, Austria. Oral (GS-06).



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### Most Frequent Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Safety Population: Events Occurring in ≥10% of Patients in Any Treatment Group

n (%)	Placebo (n=657)	OCA 10 mg (n=653)	OCA 25 mg (n=658)
Pruritus (all pooled terms)	123 (19)	183 (28)	336 (51)
LDL increased	47 (7)	109 (17)	115 (17)
Nausea	77 (12)	72 (11)	83 (13)
Fatigue	88 (13)	78 (12)	71 (11)
Constipation	36 (5)	65 (10)	70 (11)
Abdominal pain	62 (9)	66 (10)	67 (10)
Diarrhea	79 (12)	44 (7)	49 (7)

Most frequent TEAEs were mostly mild to moderate in severity and consistent with the known profile of OCA

Data are presented in decreasing order of occurrence in the OCA 25 mg group. All data are based on investigator-reported events. Safety population (N=1968).

LDL, low density lipoprotein.





#### Additional Safety and Tolerability Information Safety Population

#### **Pruritus**

- Incidence was highest in the first 3 months and decreased thereafter
- In patients on OCA 25 mg reporting pruritus, 93% of events were mild to moderate
- 9% of patients on OCA 25 mg discontinued due to pruritus: more than half of these were protocol mandated and overall discontinuation rates were similar across the treatment arms

#### Hepatobiliary

- Hepatic TEAEs were balanced across treatment groups (Placebo, 13%; OCA 10 mg, 13%; OCA 25 mg, 11%)
- Hepatic SAEs were rare (<1% in all treatment groups): more occurred in the OCA 25 mg</li> group with no pattern attributable to OCA (based on eDISH and case review)
- Incidence of cholelithiasis or cholecystitis AEs\* was low (Placebo, <1%; OCA 10 mg, 1%;</li> OCA 25 mg, 3%)

#### Cardiovascular

 Incidence of CV\*\* SAEs was low and balanced across groups (Placebo, 2%; OCA 10 mg, 1%: OCA 25 mg. 2%)

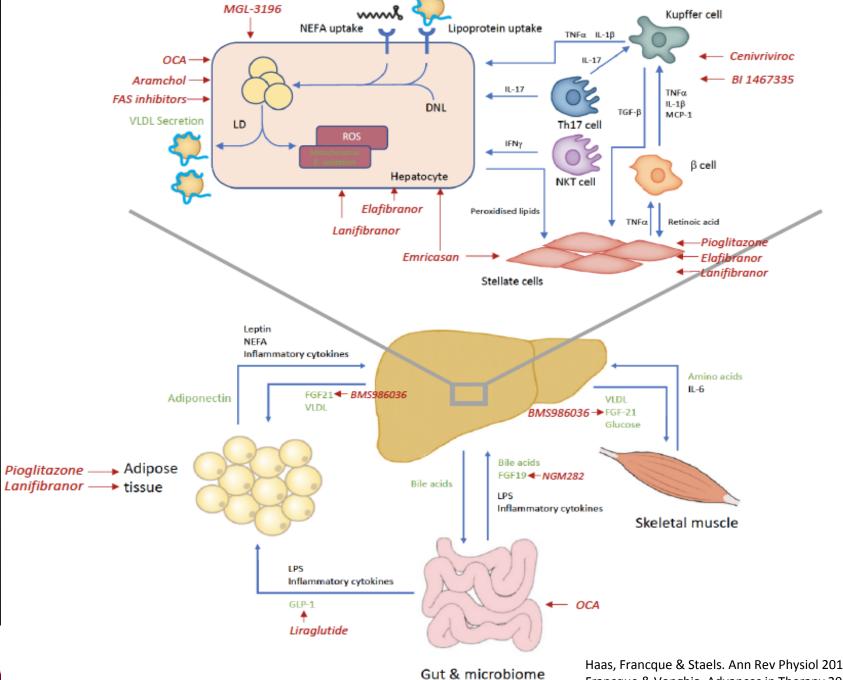
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CV, cardiovascular; eDISH, Evaluation of Drug-Induced Serious Hepatotoxicity; SMQ, standardized MedDRA queries.
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<sup>\*</sup>Gallbladder SMQ includes TEAEs and SAEs.



Haas, Francque & Staels. Ann Rev Physiol 2016 Francque & Vonghia. Advances in Therapy 2019

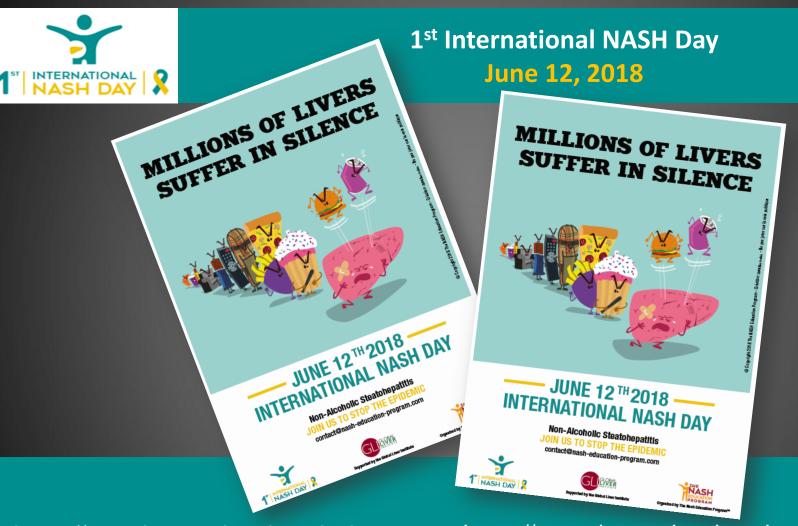
# Take home messages 3

- NAFLD/NASH is part of a multisystemic disease
  - Complex multidirectional interactions
  - Need for multidisciplinary approach
- Therapy
  - Optimisation of co-morbid conditions
  - Drugs with proven efficacy but not licensed
  - OCA first topline Phase 3 results
  - Large pipeline





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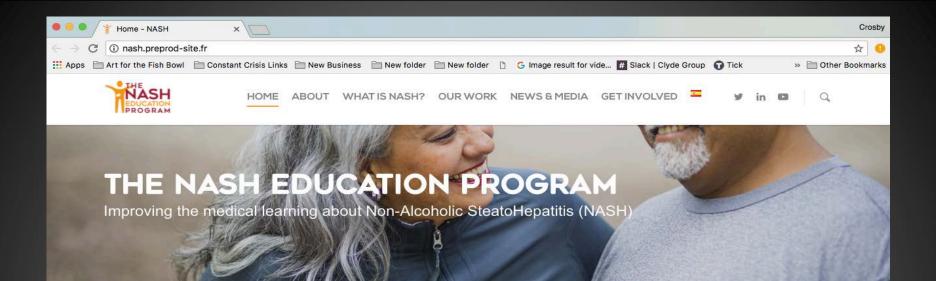
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- NASH, a looming public health crisis
- Challenges to raise public awareness
- Challenges for the medical community









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# Take home messages 4

- Increase disease awareness
  - Patients
  - GPs
  - Diabetologists, cardiologists, obesity physicians...
  - Gastroenterologists/hepatologists...
- Educational material and websites available
- International NASH Day and other initiatives



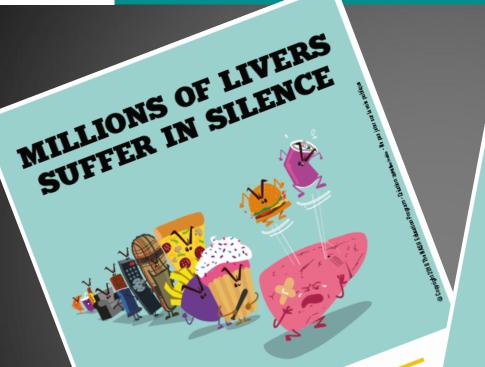


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