

A5360 (MINMON):

A Single-arm Study to Evaluate the Feasibility and Efficacy of a Minimal Monitoring Strategy to Deliver Pan-genotypic Ribavirin-free HCV Therapy to Populations Living with HCV Who Are HCV Treatment Naïve with Evidence of Active HCV Infection

Background & Objectives



Background:

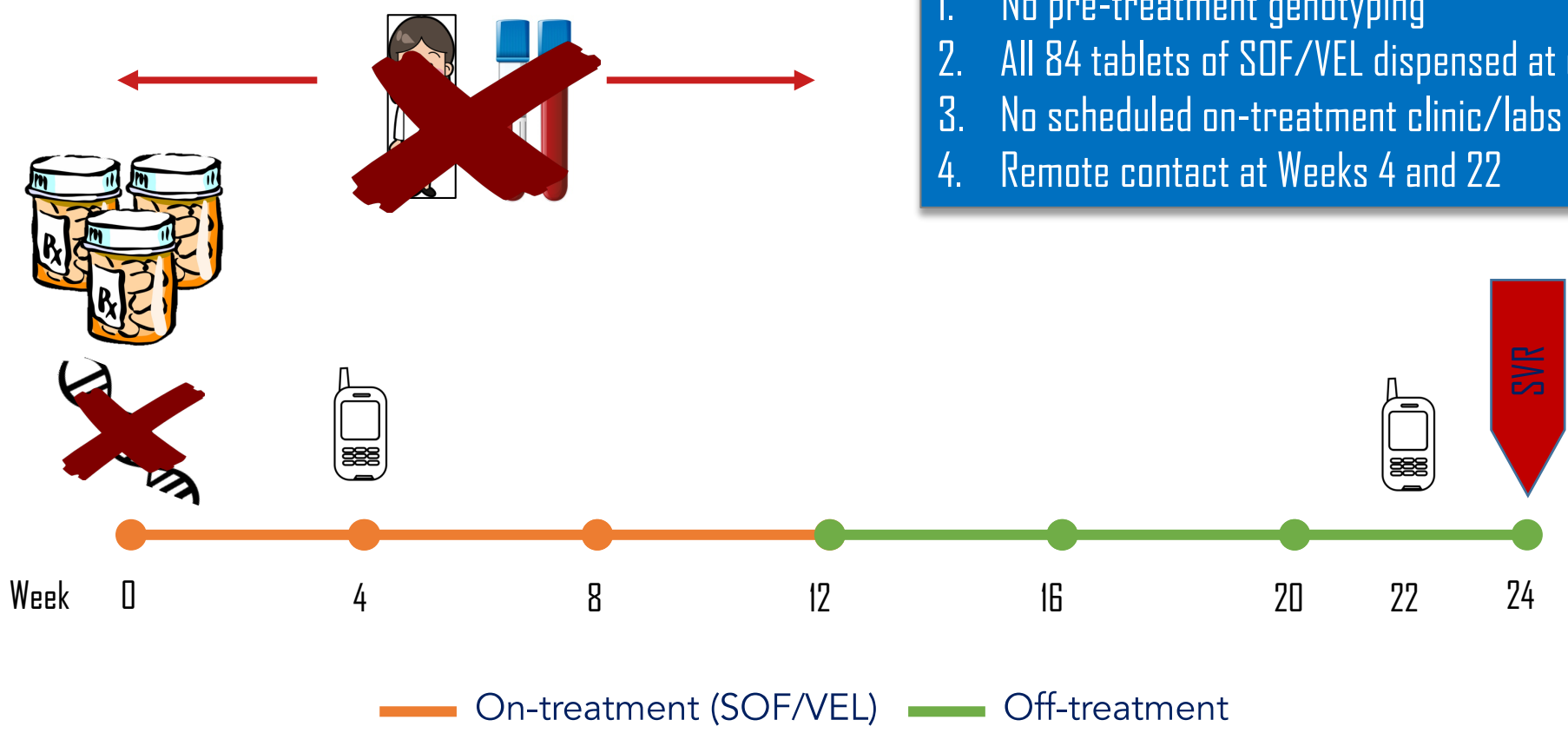
- HCV therapy has dramatically evolved over the past decade
- In 2016, WHO announced ambitious targets to eliminate HCV
 - 80% of ~71 million with chronic HCV need to be cured by 2030
 - ~3 million have been treated as of 2020
- “Simple and Safe” models of HCV delivery are needed to address major barriers:
 - Pre-treatment/monitoring tests can cost more than the antiviral therapy
 - Already overburdened health care infrastructure

Study Objective:

- To evaluate the efficacy and safety of a minimal monitoring (MINMON) approach to deliver HCV therapy globally

Design of MINMON Intervention

- 1. No pre-treatment genotyping
- 2. All 84 tablets of SOF/VEL dispensed at entry
- 3. No scheduled on-treatment clinic/labs
- 4. Remote contact at Weeks 4 and 22



Study Population

Baseline Characteristic	N=399
Median age in years (Range)	47 (20 – 82)
Female sex at birth, n (%)	139 (35)
Identity across transgender spectrum, n (%)	22 (6)
Race/Ethnicity, n(%)	
Non-Hispanic White	99 (25)
Non-Hispanic Black	57 (14)
Non-Hispanic Asian	113 (28)
Hispanic, any race	95 (24)
History of substance use*, n (%)	
Current	56 (14)
Previous	170 (43)
Never	171 (43)
Cirrhosis (FIB-4 ≥ 3.25), n (%)	34 (9)
HIV co-infection, n(%)	166 (42)
On cART, HIV RNA<400 copies/ml, n (%)**	164 (99)
Median HCV RNA in log ₁₀ IU/ml (IQR)	6.1 (5.6 – 6.6)
HCV Genotype***, n(%)	
Genotype 1	249 (62)
Genotype 2	26 (7)
Genotype 3	80 (20)
Genotypes 4, 5, 6, 7	41 (10)



*Recruitment at US sites limited to 132 participants

Great job specifying female sex at birth and enrolling transgender participants. Consider adding “assigned at birth”

cART: combination antiretroviral therapy; *current substance use defined as self-report of amphetamines, cocaine, opioids or sedatives in the prior 3 months using ASSIST; **restricted to HIV/HCV co-infected participants; ***genotype data missing on 3 participants

Key Findings

- 95% of participants (379/399) who initiated treatment achieved sustained virologic response (cure) (95% CI: 92.4, 96.7)
- 3.5% of participants (14/397) with follow-up reported at least one SAE between treatment initiation and Week 28 (95% CI: 2.8, 5.8%)
 - None were treatment-related or led to treatment discontinuation or death

Unplanned Visits:

- 3.5% of participants (15/399) reported at least one unplanned visit
- Most common reasons for unplanned visits included lab abnormalities detected at baseline and non-adverse clinical events

Importance & Next Steps



- MINMON approach to HCV treatment delivery is simple, safe, and efficacious and achieved SVR comparable to standard monitoring guidelines currently in use today
- These findings have the potential to impact HCV treatment delivery guidelines globally
- Coupled with innovative case-finding strategies, the MINMON approach could play a pivotal role in achieving WHO HCV elimination targets