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## APRIL 2013 INTERIM ANALYSIS

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## A Longitudinal, Observational Study of North American Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C Treated with Boceprevir or Telaprevir (#574)

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HCV-TARGET is a consortium of academic (n=44) and community (n=59) medical centers conducting an ongoing study characterizing the use of FDA-approved direct-acting antiviral agents across a broad spectrum of clinical practices in the U.S., Canada and Europe (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01474811). HCV-TARGET releases interim analyses each spring and fall to improve information on populations represented and underrepresented in phase III clinical trials and identify and remediate educational gaps and adverse event management.

**Aim:** To evaluate the safety and efficacy of triple therapy in a broad population of patients treated in North America, including patients with cirrhosis and other underrepresented populations

### Methods for interim evaluation of available data through April 2013:

- Data from sequentially enrolled patients treated with boceprevir or telaprevir captured within a common database utilizing novel, standardized source data abstraction
- Demographic, clinical, adverse event, and virological data collected throughout treatment and post-treatment follow-up
- Whole blood for DNA and serum from specified time points stored at a central biorepository

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS			
Patient Characteristics at Time of April 2013 Analysis	Total (n= 1457)	Telaprevir (n=1079)	Boceprevir (n=342)
Age, years (Mean)	62 years	59.5 years	67.1 years
18-39 years (n,%)	123 (8%)	92 (9%)	31 (9%)
40-64 years	1160 (80%)	887 (82%)	270 (79%)
65 and older	104 (7%)	73 (7%)	31 (9%)
Gender			
Male/Female	60%/40%	60%/40%	62%/38%
BMI	29.4	29.7	28.8
Race or Ethnicity			
Caucasian	1056 (72%)	790 (73%)	245 (72%)
African-American	300 (21%)	223 (21%)	72 (21%)
Asian	22 (2%)	16 (1%)	6 (2)
Hispanic	95 (7%)	76 (7%)	18 (5%)
HCV Genotype			
1a	842 (58%)	639 (59%)	192 (56%)
1b	283 (19%)	207 (19%)	70 (20%)
1 (No subtype)	204 (14%)	152 (14%)	45 (13%)
2,3,4	16 (1%)	11 (1%)	4 (1%)
Cirrhosis	550 (38%)	437 (41%)	106 (31%)
Prior treatment status			
Naive	720 (49%)	526 (49%)	182 (53%)
Treatment-experienced	714 (49%)	547 (51%)	154 (45%)

INTERIM FINDINGS
Key findings from the interim evaluation of North American data available through April 2013:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The safety and on-treatment efficacy of telaprevir and boceprevir in the real-world setting are comparable to that observed in registration trials</li> <li>• Although no new safety signals were observed, anemia emerged as the most relevant adverse event impacting clinical care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ribavirin dose reductions were frequent and minimized the use of EPO and/or transfusions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Patients with cirrhosis were at increased risk for severe anemia (22% vs 14% in non-cirrhotics) and early treatment discontinuation due to adverse events (12% vs 7%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Hepatic decompensation occurred in 11% of patients with cirrhosis (vs. 1% for non-cirrhotics) and 2 of these died from sepsis-related events</li> <li>– Predictors of these adverse outcomes are under investigation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Patients continue to be followed to assess sustained virologic response rates for the entire cohort</li> </ul>