




# *HLA and HCV versus innate and adaptive immune response*

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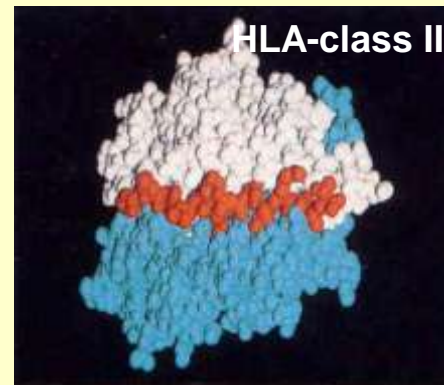
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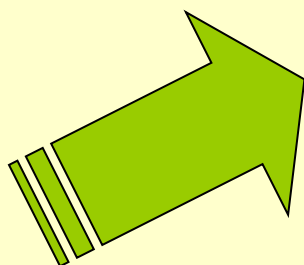
MHC-I:  
peptide  
di 8-10 AA

MHC-II:  
peptide  
anche di più  
di 30 AA

HLA-class II



# *Adaptive immunity*

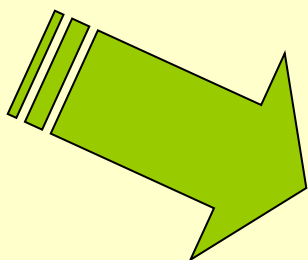


# HLA

- Class I      Cytotoxic activity
- Class II    "Helper" activity

# *Innate immunity*

Regulator activity of NK and T-NK cells



# Highly polymorphic genes

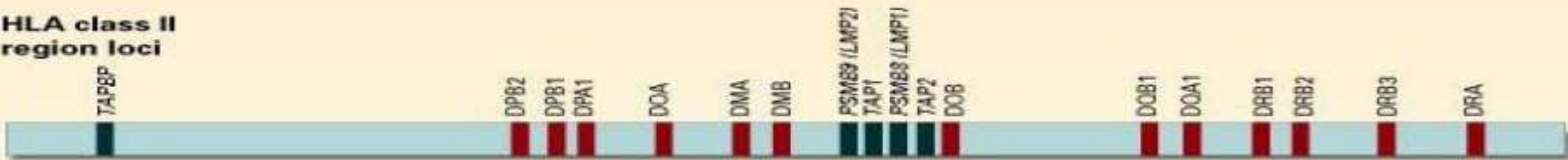
HLA class I region loci



GENE	A	B	C	E	F	G
ALLELI	429	748	217	8	20	15

## CLASSE II

HLA class II region loci



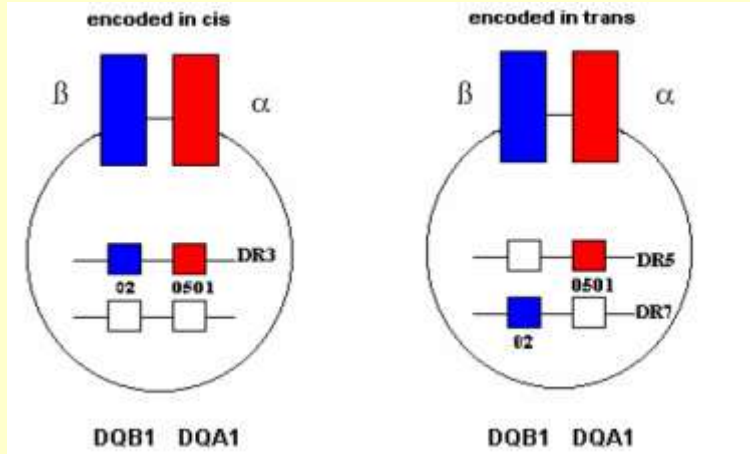
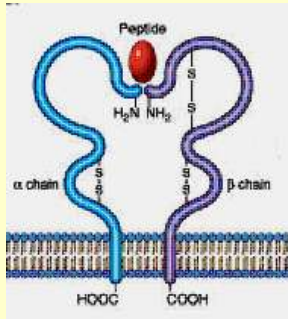
GENE	ALLELI
DPA1	23
DPB1	121
TAP1	7
TAP2	4

GENE	ALLELI
DQA1	32
DQB1	69
DQB2	0
DQB3	0
DOA	12
DOB	9
DMA	4
DMB	7

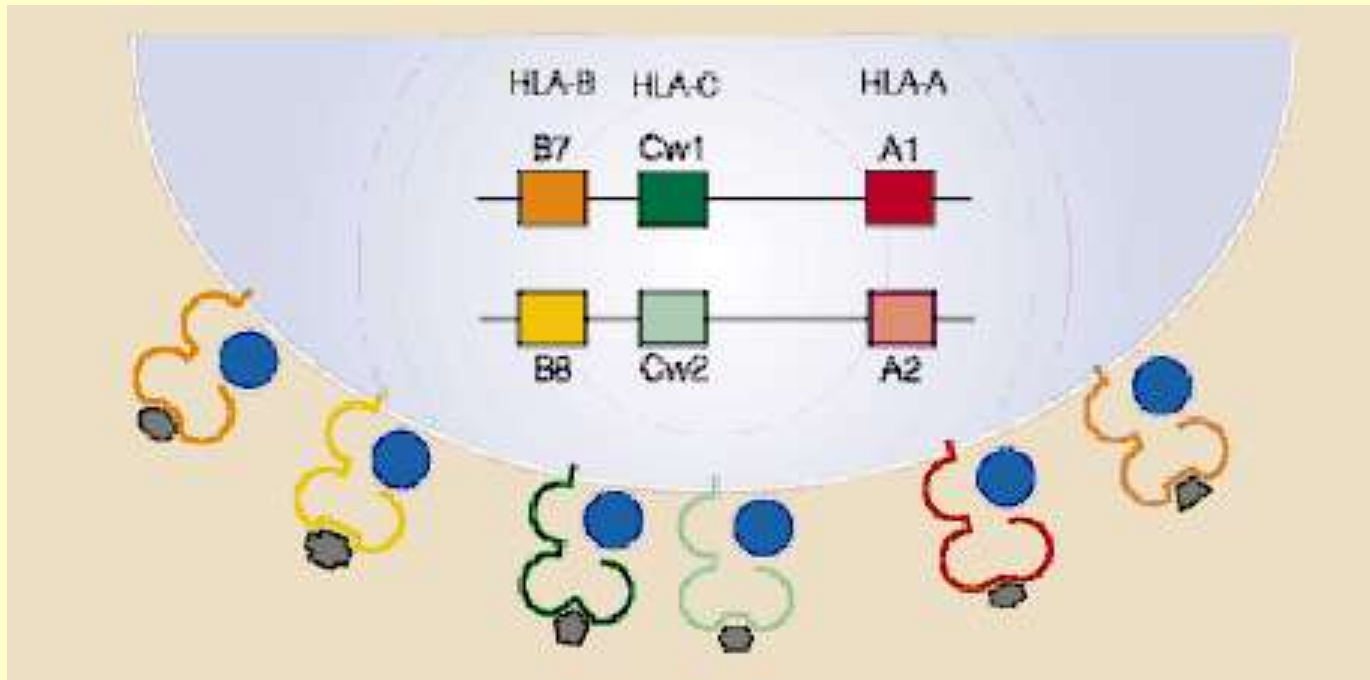
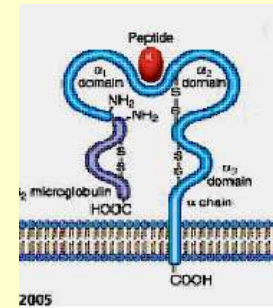
GENE	ALLELI
DRA	3
DRB1	511
DRB2	1
DRB3	31
DRB4	10
DRB5	15
DRB6	3
DRB7	2
DRB8	1
DRB9	1

# codominance

HLA-I



HLA-II



50,000 - 100,000 molecules HLA/cell but ≈1000 different peptides

# *HLA typization*

## DEFINIZIONE SIEROLOGICA

DR1  
DR2  
DR2  
DR3  
DR4  
DR5  
DR5

## DEFINIZIONE MOLECOLARE (BASSA RISOLUZIONE)

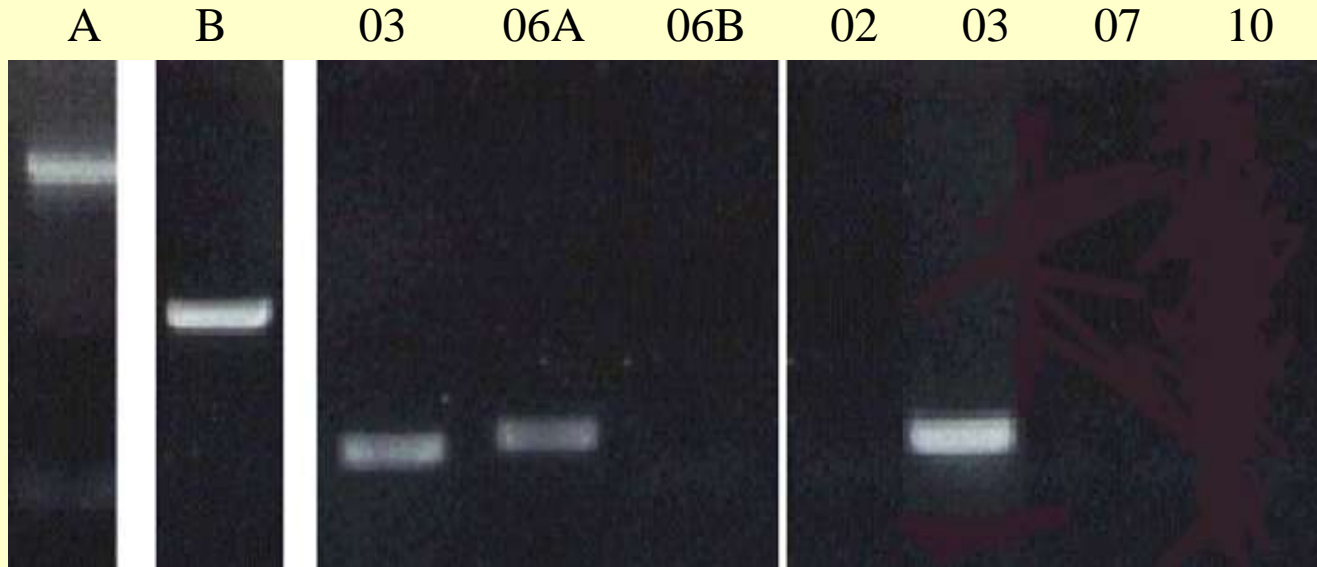
DRA      DRB1\*01  
“      DRB1\*15  
“      DRB1\*16  
“      DRB1\*03  
“      DRB1\*04  
“      DRB1\*11  
“      DRB1\*12

## DEFINIZIONE MOLECOLARE (ALTA RISOLUZIONE)

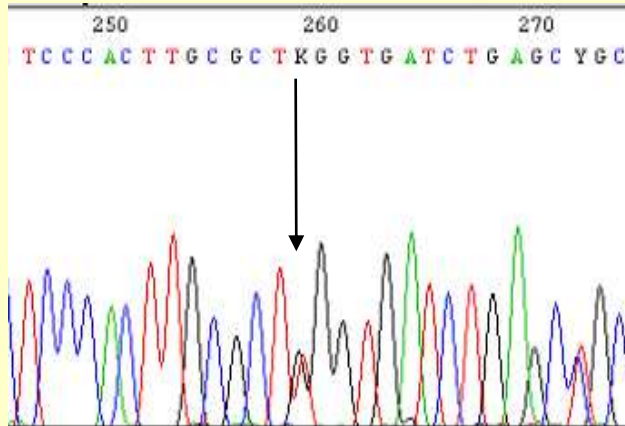
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“      DRB1\*1201



# High resolution HLA SBT



## CH0190 exon 3



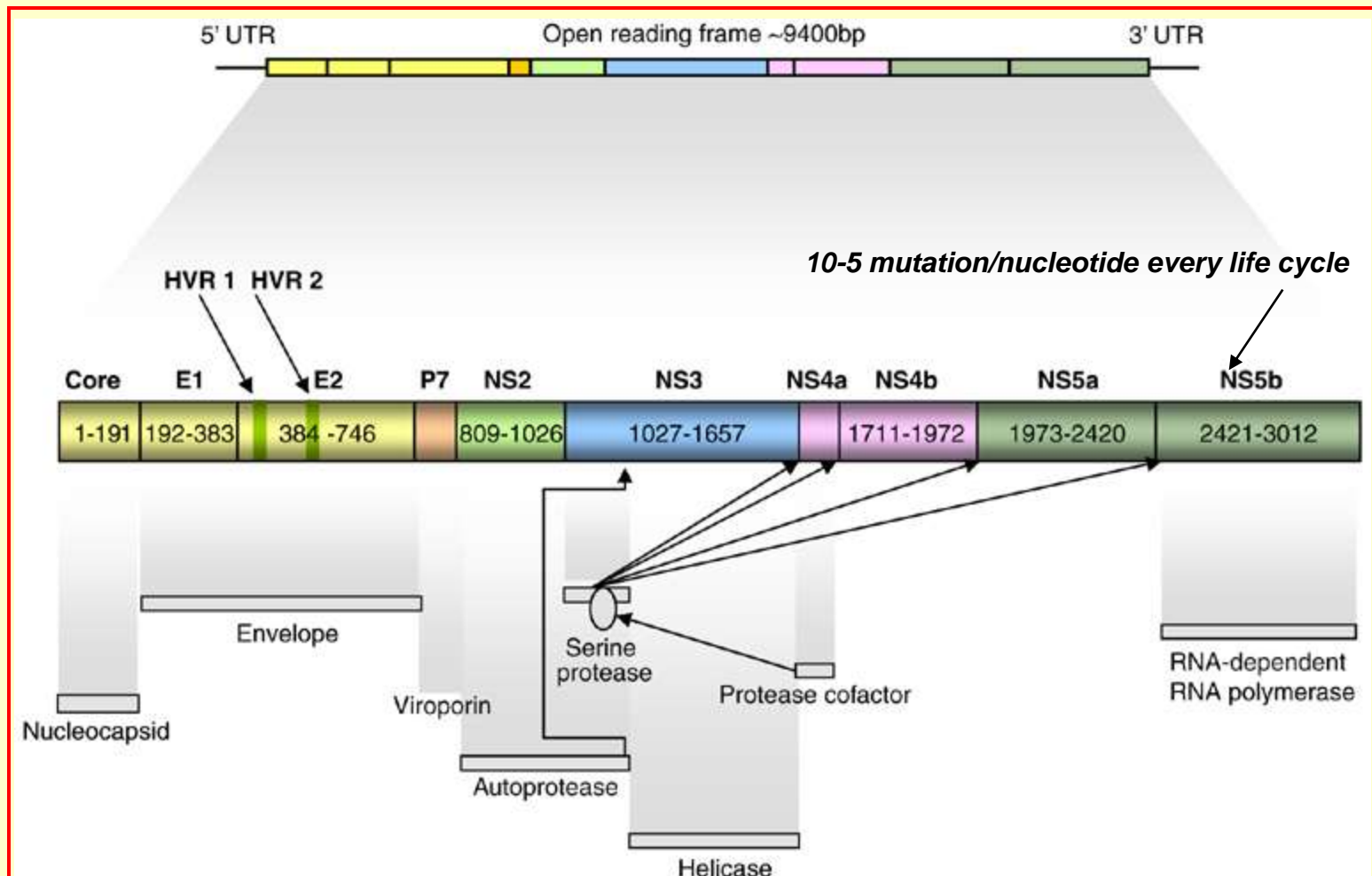
A\*0301

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CTGC

A\*1801

TCCC ACTT GCGCT TGGG TGATCTGAG  
CCGC

# HCV genome hypervariability



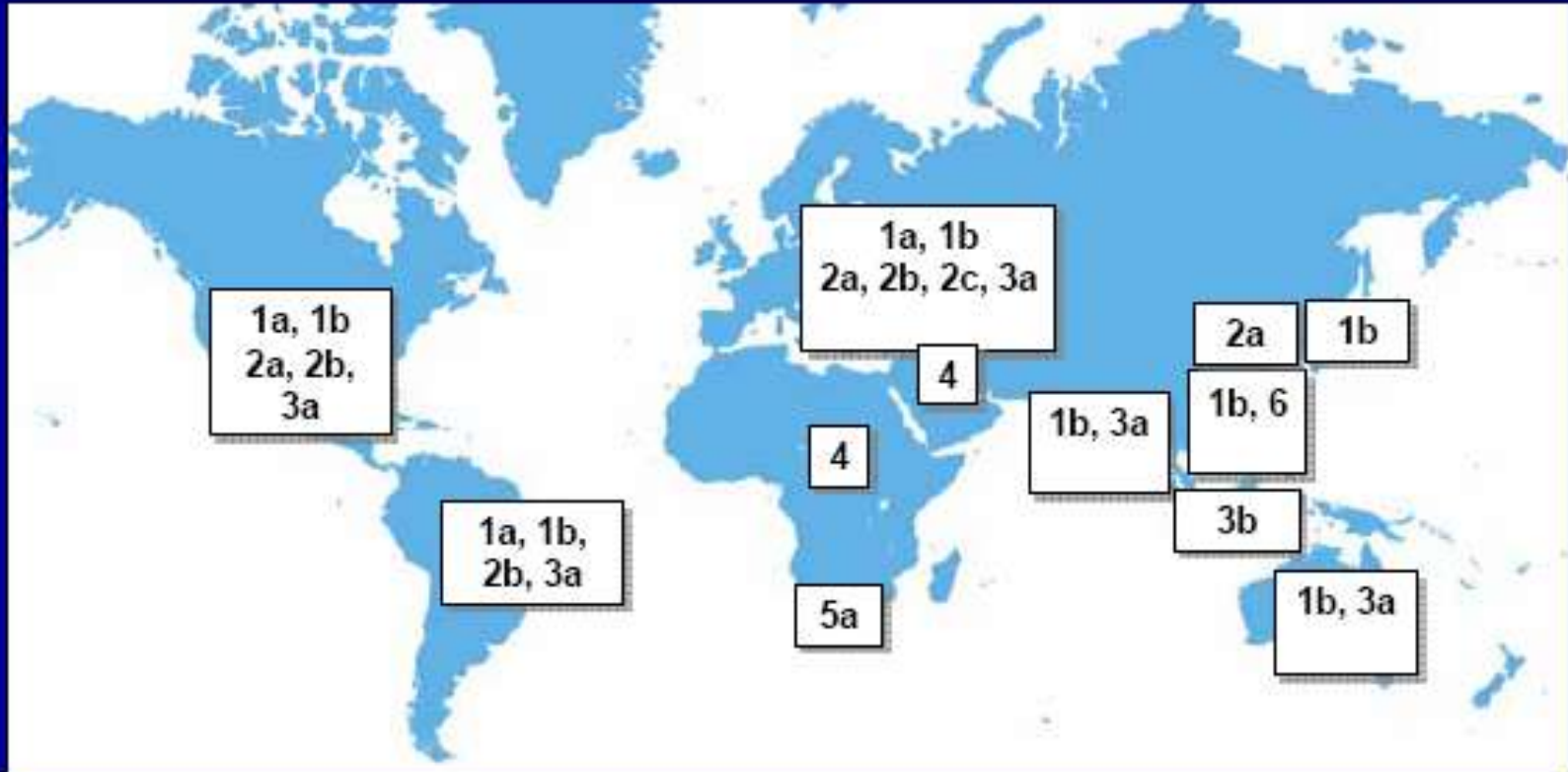
**6 genotypes (1-6)**  
**Different for 30-35% genoma**

**>50 subtypes (a, b, ecc...)**  
**20-25%**

**quasispecie**

# HCV:

## *Genotypic variation around the world*

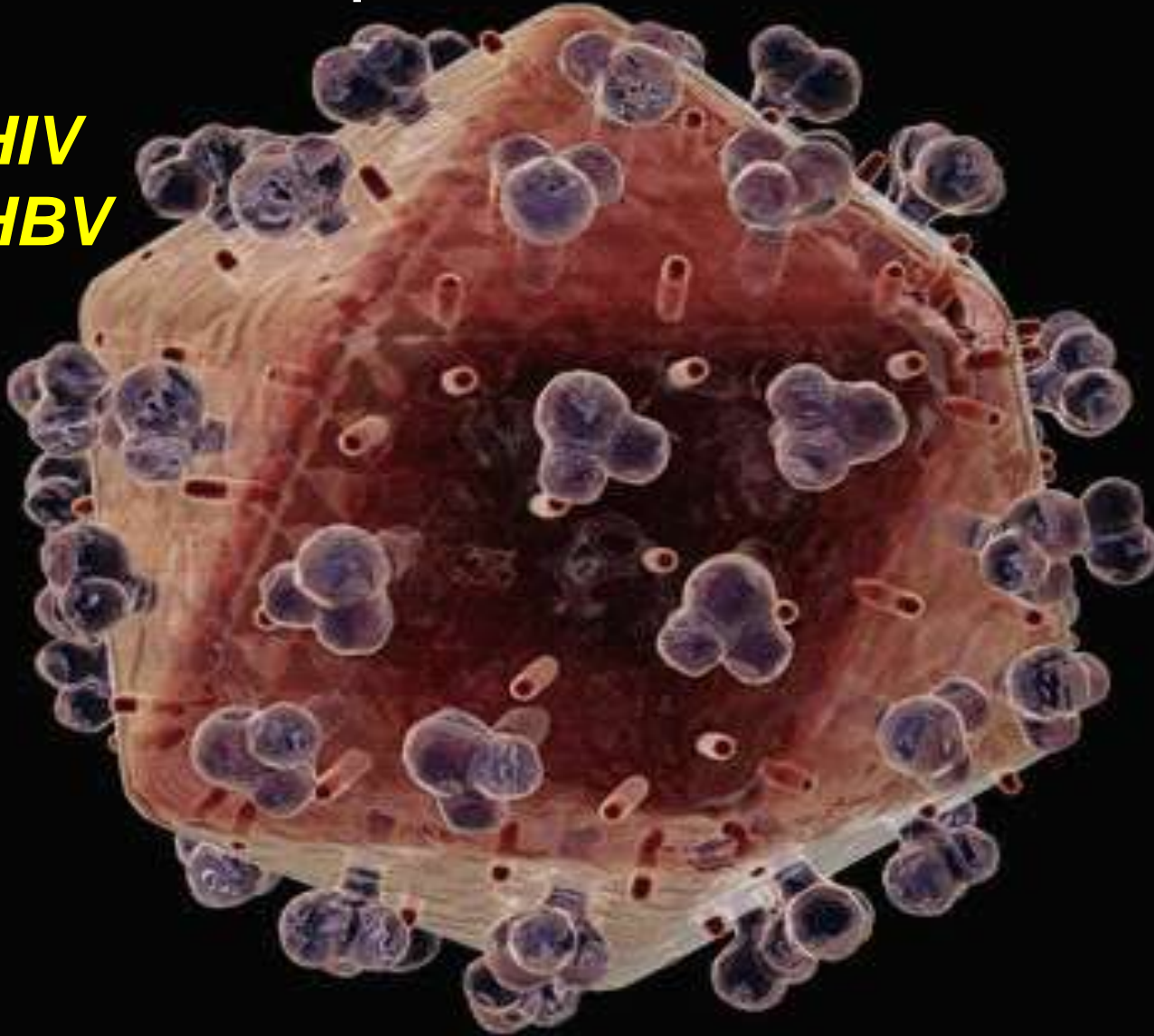


Fang JWS et al. Clin Liver Dis. 1997;1:493-514.

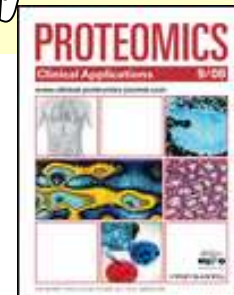


# Frequent Coinfections

↑ **HIV**  
**HBV**

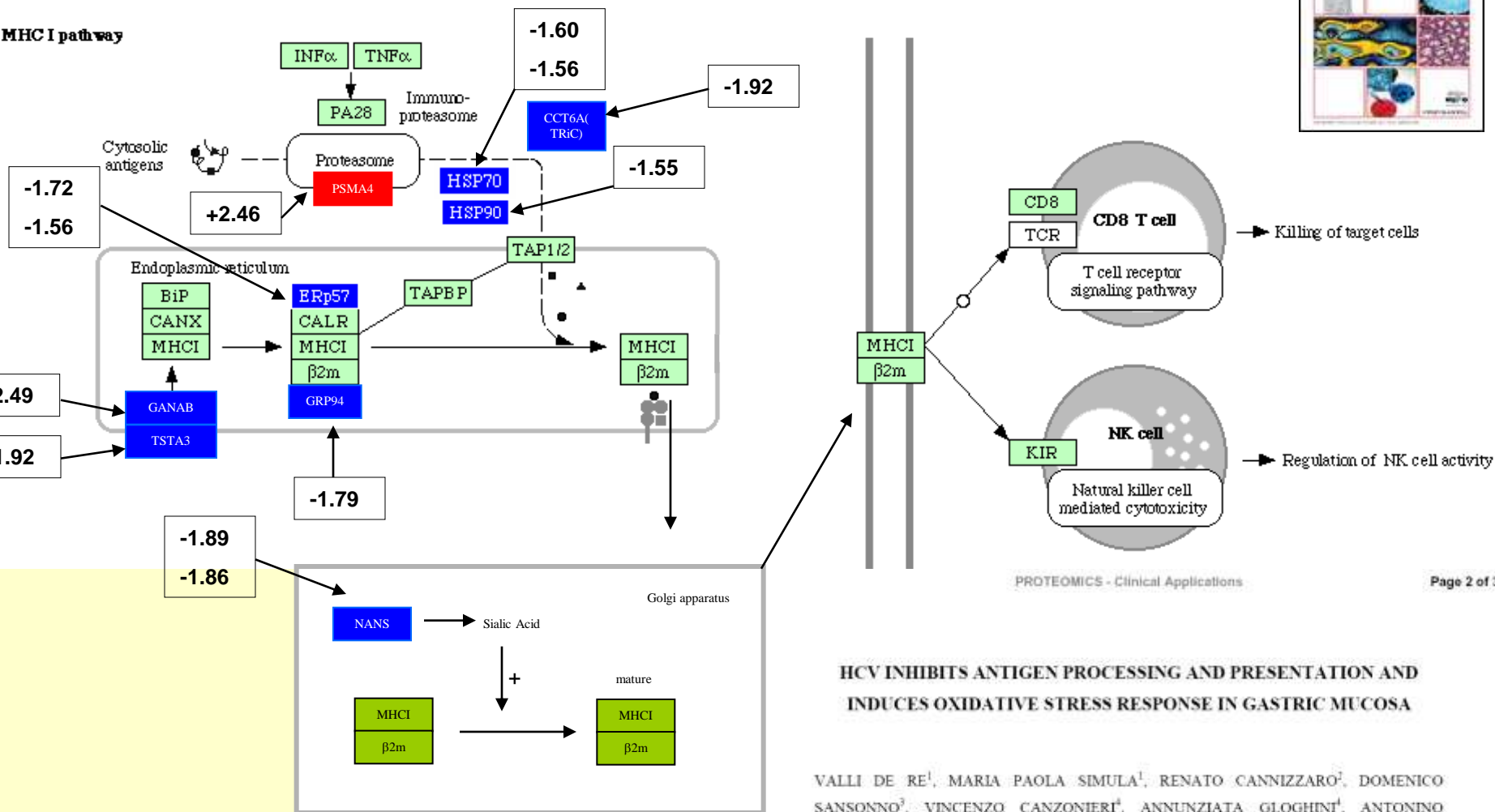


# Downregulation of antigen processing and MHC production by HCV



## ANTIGEN PROCESSING AND PRESENTATION

### MHC I pathway



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**HCV INHIBITS ANTIGEN PROCESSING AND PRESENTATION AND INDUCES OXIDATIVE STRESS RESPONSE IN GASTRIC MUCOSA**

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*As seen in other infections, in HCV virus infection HLA heterozygote shows advantage for clearance the virus and for progression of end-stage liver disease in chronic HCV+ hepatitis, presumably due to host response towards the greater range of HLA-heterozygous peptide presented*

*Hraber, P., et al. 2007. .*

*Specific HLA association and HCV persistence,  
vaccine and antiviral-responses are reported.*

**Table 3A Association of HLA alleles with susceptibility to viral persistence & chronic HCV infection across global population**

HLA	Effect	Country	NC	R	Chronicinfection		Reference
					AC	CLD/CHC	
HLA I HLA-B61, Cw3,	VP/HCV infection	Japan	293			60	[69]
HLA B54	VP with CLD	Japan	916	33		97	[68]
HLA B55, -B56, B70	VP	Japan	172			113	[59]
HLA A3, B-35, B-46	VP	Korea	206			137	[109]
HLA A28, A29, B14	HCV infection	Egypt					[55]
HLA A-19	HCV infection	Saudi people.	122			146	[54]
HLA-A10, HLA-B35, HLA-B40 and HLA-Cw3	VP-CLD	Russia					[5]
HLA-A30, B35, B41, Cw2, A1-B35, A9-B8	VP-CLD-LC	Russia				107	[57]
HLA B8, B18	VP-CHC	Ireland		86		141	[60]
HLA C*04	VP	Ireland (Whites)		86		139	[56]
HLA B14	VP & active hepatitis C	Italy	489			117	[130]
HLA B18	Susceptibility to CLD	Spain	116	48		93	[131]
HLA-A*2301 and HLA-Cw*04	VP	USA		231		444	[58]
HLA-Cw*07,	Risk factor for vertical infection	Italy (infants born to HCV+ mothers)	44 uninfected infants born to HCV+ mothers			21	[16]
HLA II HLA DR4, DQB1*0401 DQB1*0402	VP/ HCV infection	Japan	293			60	[69]
HLA DRB1*0405, DQB1*0401	VP with CLD	Japan	916	33		97	[68]
HLA DRB1*0405, DQB1*0401	VP with LC	Japan	1216	50		67	[70]
HLA DQB1*0503	VP with LC	Japan	201	43		60	[132]
HLA DRB1*0301#, DQB1*0201, DQB1*0502	VP/CHC	Thailand	140	43	21	36	[133]
HLA, DRB1*0803, DQB1*0601 and DQB1*0604	VP	Korea	206			137	[109]
HLA DRB1*0301#	VP	Egypt (Hemophilic and HCV-, HCC+ patients)	15 Healthy & 25 HCV-	10 HCV+		15 (HCV- HCC+)	[134]
HLA DR7	HCV infection	Egypt					[55]



HLA-DRB1*0701, DRB1*15, DRB4*0101	Viral persistence	UK (European)		85	170	[135]	
HLA DQB1*0201	VP-CHC	Ireland		86	141	[60]	
HLA DRB1*0701 (HCV 1b)	VP	Ireland (females receiving HCV 1b contaminated AntiD immunoglobulin)		84	72	[136]	
HLA DRB1*1001, DRB1*1101	VP/CLD	Italy	179	41	99	[137]	
HLA DQB1*0502	VP-CLD	Italy	200	35	42	107	[138]
HLA DR14, DR17	VP-CLD	Italy	70	34	39	[139]	
HLA DRB1*0301	VP-CHC	Germany	101		105	[140]	
HLA DRB1*07	VP-CLD	German & North Europeans	2045		99	[94]	
HLA DR B1*13 and DRB1*14	Susceptibility to infection	German & North Europeans	2045		99	[94]	
HLA DR3#	Susceptibility to chronic disease	Spain	116	48	93	[131]	
HLA DRB1*13 and DRB1*07	Necro inflammatory activity during infection	Poland			134	[95]	
HLA DRB1*13 allele	VP	Poland			134	[95]	
DRB1*03# and DQB1*0201(male gender)	CLD/LC	France			233	[141]	
HLA G*010401, -DRB1*0701, -DRB1*1401 and homozygosity for HLA-G 14bp deletion	Risk factor for vertical infection	Italy (infants born to HCV+ mothers)	44 uninfected infants born to HCV+ mothers		21	[16]	
HLA DRB*4001	High viral load	Taiwan				[142]	
HLA III MICA-A4	Susceptibility to CLD	Spain	116	48	93	[131]	

VP: Viral persistence/chronic infection; CHC: Chronic hepatitis C; CLD: Chronic liver disease; NC: Normal control; R: Recovered; AC: Asymptomatic carriers; LC: Liver cirrhosis. Common VP alleles: # DRB1\*03, DRB1\*0701.

**Table 3B Association of HLA alleles with Protection from HCV infection and viral clearance**

HLA-Cw*0602	Protection against vertical infection	Italy (infants born to HCV+ ve mothers)	44 uninfected infants born to HCV+ mothers		21	[16]
HLA Bw4180/KIR3DS1	HCV carriers	Spain	116	51	47 (LC), 54 (HCC)	[64]
HLA-C1/KIR2DL3	VC/protection from	UK		352	685	[62]
HLA DQA1*03 and DQB1*0302	VC/Protection from chronic infection	N.European whites	177		104	[144]
HLA-DRB1*0301, DRB1*1101#, DRB1*1201# and HLA-DQB1*0301	Viral clearance	UK (European)		85	170	[135]
HLA DRB1*04, DQA1*03 and DQB1*0301	VC/Protection from chronic infection	UK	134	49	55	[145]
HLA DQB1*0302	Protection from infection	UK	134	49	55	[145]
HLA DRB1*01##. (HCV 1b)	VC	Ireland (females who received HCV 1b contaminated AntiD immunoglobulin)		84	72	[136]
HLA DRB1*0101##, DRB1*0401, DRB1*15	VC/Protection from chronic infection	Ireland		86	141	[60]
HLA DRB1*0101##	Viral clearance	Ireland		73	84	[78, 146]
HLA DR5#	Protection from chronic hepatitis C	Italy	489		117	[130]
HLA II HLA DRB1*1601, DQB1*0502	Protection from HCV infection	Sardinia (Thalassemia major for transfusion)	606 healthy & 30 HCV- patients		116	[147]
HLA DRB1*1104, and DRB3*03	Protection from chronic manifestation /carries	Italy	179	41	99	[137]
HLA DRB1*1104, DQB1*0301	VC	Italy	200	35 42	107	[138]
HLA DR 11	VC/Protection from infection	Italy	70	34	29	[139]
HLA DQB1*0301	Protection from HCV related HCC	Italy	144		29	[148]
HLA DRB1*1301 and DQA1*0103	Protection from chronic HCV infection	Germany	101		105	[140]
HLA-DRB1*15011	Viral clearance/ Protection	Germany		21	49	[149]
HLA-DRB1*11(DR5) and HLA-DQB1*03(DQ3)	Protection from CLD	Germany	501		108	[150]

**Table 3C HLA Haplotype association with HCV viral clearance and persistence across global population**

HLA	Effect	Country	NC	R	Chronic infection		Reference
					AC	CLC/CHC	
<b>Viral persistence</b>							
HLA Cw3- DR4-DQB1*0401 or *0402, and HLA-B61-DR4 -DQB1*0401 or 0402	VP/chronic infection	Japan	293		60		[69]
HLA B54-DRB1*0405-DQB1*0401 haplotype	VP-CLD	Japan	916		33	97	[68]
HLA DRB1*0405-DQB1*0401 haplotype	VP with LC	Japan	1216		50	67	[70]
HLA DRB1*0301, DQA1*0501, DQB1*0201	VP	Thailand	140	43	21	36	[133]
A*01-B*08-Cw*07-DRB1*03011-DQB1*0201	VP-CHC	Ireland		86		141	[60]
HLA DRB1*15-DQB1*0602	High viral load/increased risk for disease severity	Ireland (viremic females)				57	[71]
HLA A*11, C*04	VP	Ireland (Whites)		86		139	[56]
→ HLA DQA1*0201-DQB1*0201	Susceptibility to Chronic hepatitis C	Italy	179		41	99	[151]
HLA DR3/MICA-A4/B18	Susceptibility to chronic disease	Spain	116		48	93	[131]
HLA DRB1*0701-DQA1*0201-DQB1*02 and DRB1*1501-DQA1*01-DQB1*0602	VP-CLD	Poland	103			129	[108]
HLA DRB1*0301 -DQB1*0201	VP	USA					[77]
HLA-Cw*04-B*53	VP	USA		231		444	[58]
<b>Viral clearance</b>							
HLA B44-DRB1*1302-DQB1*0604 and DRB1*1302-DQB1*0604	AC/no progression to CLD	Japan	916		33	97	[68]
HLA DRB1*0901-DQB1*0303	AC-no LC	Japan	1216		50	67	[70]
HLA A*03-B*07-DRB1*15-DQB1*0602 and A*02-B*27-Cw*01-DRB1*0101-DQB1*0501	VC/Protection from chronic infection	Ireland		86		141	[60]
DRB1*0701 and DQB1*02	Stable viral load/slow disease progression	Ireland (viremic females)				57	[71]
→ HLA DRB1*1104, DQA1*0501, DQB1*0301 haplotype	Protection from Chronic hepatitis	Italy	179		41	99	[151]
→ HLA DRB1*1104, DQB1*0301	VC	Italy	200	35	42	107	[138]
HLA DRB1*0101 -DQB1*0501 haplotype	Viral clearance (in white subjects)	USA		200		374	[77]

***HLA-association with HCV infections is not so clear and more influenced by ethnic groups and different HCV-associated status and diseases***

# ***META- Analysis***



# HCV clearance

*Xhong et al. metanalysis 2005*

**Table 1** Characteristics of studies included in the meta-analysis

First author (year) [reference]	Country (ethnicity)	Spontaneous resolution	Persistent infection	Matching	Anti-HCV tests	HLA typing
Alric (1997) [21]	France (European)	25, M/F: 9/16 Age: 40.6±15.7 yr	103, M/F: 58/45 Age: 45.4±12.4 yr	Sex, age, source of HCV infection, HCV-serotype	2G EIA and RIBA	PCR-SSOP
Cramp (1998) [22]	UK (European)	49, M/F: 30/19 Duration: 15.5 (3-42) yr	55, M/F: 31/24 Duration: 14.2 (2-40) yr	Sex, age, source of HCV infection and duration	2G line immunoassay	PCR-SSOP
Minton (1998) [23]	UK (European)	35, M/F: 19/16 Age: 37.9±10.8 yr	138, M/F: 87/51 Age: 37.2±10.1 yr	Sex, age, source of HCV infection	2G ELISA and RIBA	PCR-SSOP
Mangia (1999) [24]	Italy (European)	35	149	Sex, HCV-serotype, not age, not duration	RIBA and 3G EIA	PCR-SSP
Thursz (1999) [25]	European	85, M/F: 37/48 Age: 45±14 yr	170, M/F: 74/96 Age: 50±16 yr	Sex, center, not age	ELISA and RIBA	PCR-SSP
Vejbaesya (2000) [26]	Thailand (Asian)	43 Blood donor M/F: 25/18	57 M/F: 31/18	Sex	2G EIA and RIBA	PCR-SSOP
Alric (2000) [27]	France (European)	63, M/F: 21/42 Age: 42.1±15.4 yr	282, M/F: 150/132 Age: 46±12.3 yr	Age, source of HCV infection and duration, not sex	2G EIA and RIBA	PCR-SSOP
Fanning (2000) [13]	Irish (European)	85 Female	72 Female	From single source	RIBA	Reverse line probe hybridization
Thio (2001) [28]	North America	200, M/F: 166/34 Age: 25.7 yr	374, M/F: 310/64 Age: 27.8 yr	Age, sex, race	2G EIA and RIBA	PCR-SSP PCR-SSCP
Azocar (2003) [29]	Hispanic (European)	40, M/F: 33/7 Age: 37.9 yr	72, M/F: 54/18 Age: 39.2 yr	Age, sex	EIA and RIBA	PCR-SSOP PCR-SSP
Spada (2004) [30]	Italy (European)	10, M/F: 5/5 Age: 40.5 (20-61) yr	24, M/F: 22/2 Age: 29 (20-56) yr	Not sex, age, source of HCV infection, HCV-serotype	3G ELISA and RIBA	PCR-SSP

EIA: enzyme-immunoassay; RIBA: recombinant immunoblot assay; ELISA: enzyme-linked-immunosorbent assay; 2G: second generation; 3G: third generation; SSOP: sequence-specific oligonucleotide probes; SSP: sequence specific primers; SSCP: single stranded conformational polymorphisms.

**Table 2** Effect of DRB1\*1101 allele on self-limiting HCV infection

Study	Spontaneous resolution n/N	Persistent infection n/N	OR (random) 95%CI
Alric	10/25	10/102	6.13 (2.18, 17.22)
Minton	11/35	11/135	5.17 (2.01, 13.27)
Cramp	9/49	6/55	1.84 (0.60, 5.60)
Mangia	7/35	24/149	1.30 (0.51, 3.32)
Thursz 1	26/85	29/170	2.14 (1.16, 3.94)
Thursz 2	14/57	15/152	2.97 (1.33, 6.65)
Fanning	4/68	4/64	0.94 (0.22, 3.92)
Alric	20/59	25/170	2.97 (1.50, 5.91)
Vejbaesya	2/43	3/57	0.88 (0.14, 5.50)
Thio	15/200	24/374	1.18 (0.61, 2.31)
Azocar	4/40	11/72	0.62 (0.18, 2.08)
Spada	2/10	2/24	2.75 (0.33, 22.92)
Total (95%CI)	124/706	164/1 524	2.02 (1.56, 2.62)

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2 = 19.38$ , df = 11 ( $P < 0.05$ ),  $I^2 = 43.2\%$ . Test for overall effect:  $Z = 5.30$  ( $P < 0.00001$ ).

**Table 3** Effect of DQB1\*0301 allele on self-limiting HCV infection

Study	Spontaneous resolution n/N	Persistent infection n/N	OR (random) 95%CI
Alric	21/25	28/91	11.81 (3.71, 37.61)
Minton	18/35	33/135	3.27 (1.51, 7.07)
Cramp	26/49	10/55	5.09 (2.10, 12.33)
Mangia	17/33	42/143	2.56 (1.18, 5.53)
Thursz 1	39/85	47/170	2.22 (1.29, 3.82)
Thursz 2	25/57	37/152	2.43 (1.28, 4.61)
Fanning	25/78	18/67	1.28 (0.63, 2.64)
Alric	38/59	45/157	4.50 (2.39, 8.50)
Vejbaesya	24/43	18/57	2.74 (1.20, 6.22)
Thio	49/200	71/374	1.38 (0.92, 2.09)
Azocar	6/40	13/72	0.80 (0.28, 2.30)
Spada	4/10	15/24	0.40 (0.09, 1.81)
Total (95%CI)	292/714	377/1 497	2.36 (1.62, 3.43)

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2 = 33.33$ , df = 11 ( $P = 0.0005$ ),  $I^2 = 67.0\%$ . Test for overall effect:  $Z = 4.48$  ( $P < 0.00001$ ).

***HLA-DRB1\*07 is associated with HCV persistence in Europe and Asia.***

***HLA class-II DRB1\*1101 and mainly DQB1\*0301 is related to HCV clearance***

# Association between HLA-DRB1 alleles polymorphism and hepatocellular carcinoma: a meta-analysis

Lin et al. *BMC Gastroenterology* 2010, **10**:145

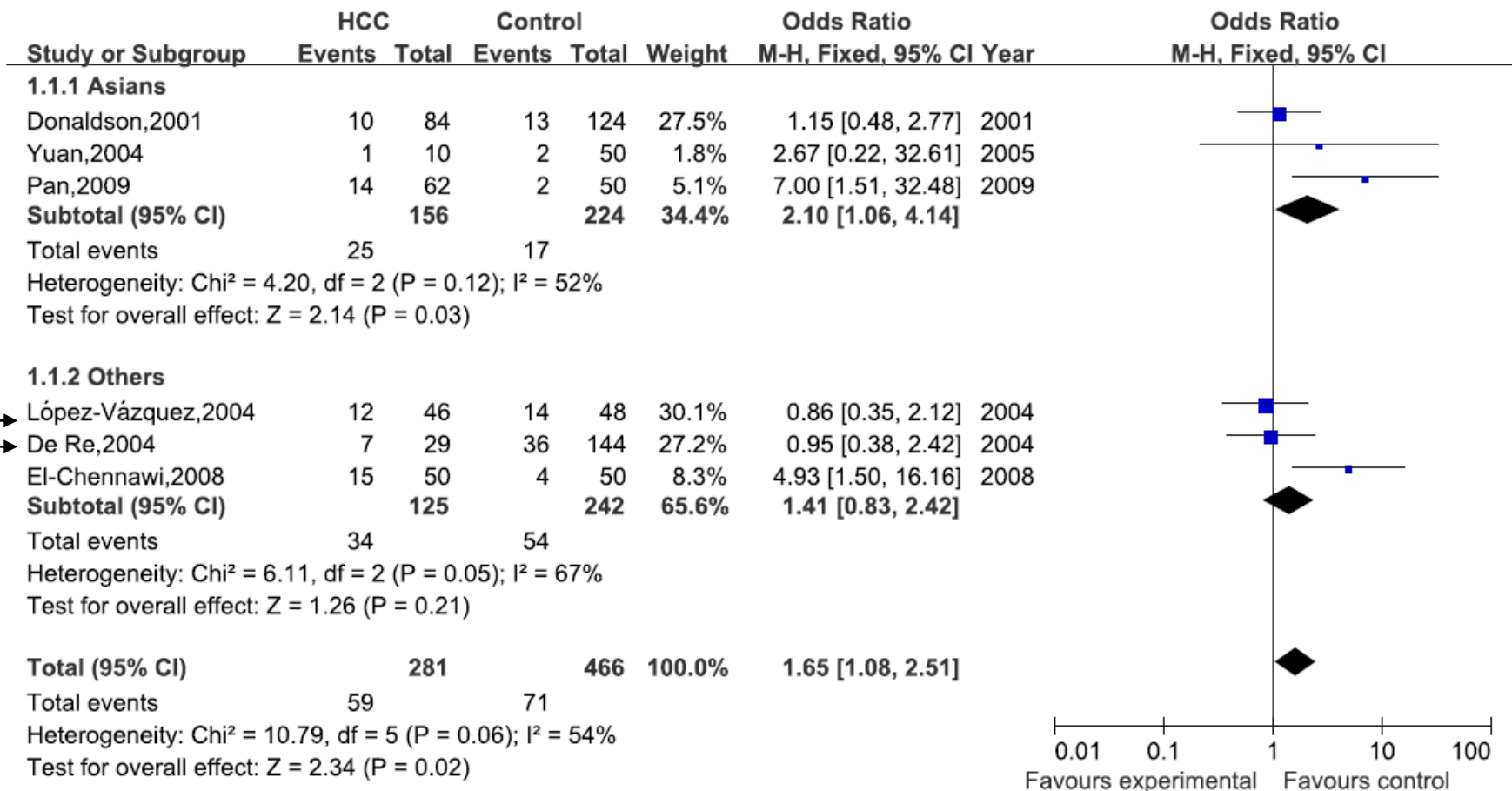
**Table 1 Characteristics of studies included in the meta-analysis**

Author	Year	Country/Region	Number of HCC (M/F), age	Number of controls (M/F), age	Number of DRB1 alleles studied	HLA genotyping method
Donaldson [11]	2001	Hong Kong	84(79/5),55	124(-/-), NA	13	PCR-SSOP
De Ré[12]	2004	Italy	29(-/-), NA	144(-/-), NA	13	PCR-SSP
Yuan [13] <sup>#</sup>	2004	China	10(-/-), NA	50(30/20),43.7 ± 12.9	3	PCR-SSP
López-Vázquez [14]	2004	Spain	46(27/19),62 ± 8	48(19/29),56 ± 12	11	PCR-SSOP
Yuan [15] <sup>#</sup>	2005	China	10(-/-), NA	50(30/20),43.7 ± 12.9	2	PCR-SSP
Kummee [16]	2007	Thai	50(38/12), 57.5 ± 14.2	100(68/32),50.8 ± 13.9	2	PCR-SSP
El-Chennawi [17]	2008	Egypt	50(45/5),51.16 ± 6.16	50(44/6),48.88 ± 9.22	11	PCR-SSP
Pan [18]	2009	China	62(52/10),53.58	50(29/21),30.12	8	PCR-SSP

NA, not available; PCR-SSOP, PCR-sequence-specific oligonucleotides probes; PCR-SSP, PCR-sequence-specific primer;

# These two studies described different allele polymorphisms with the same subjects.

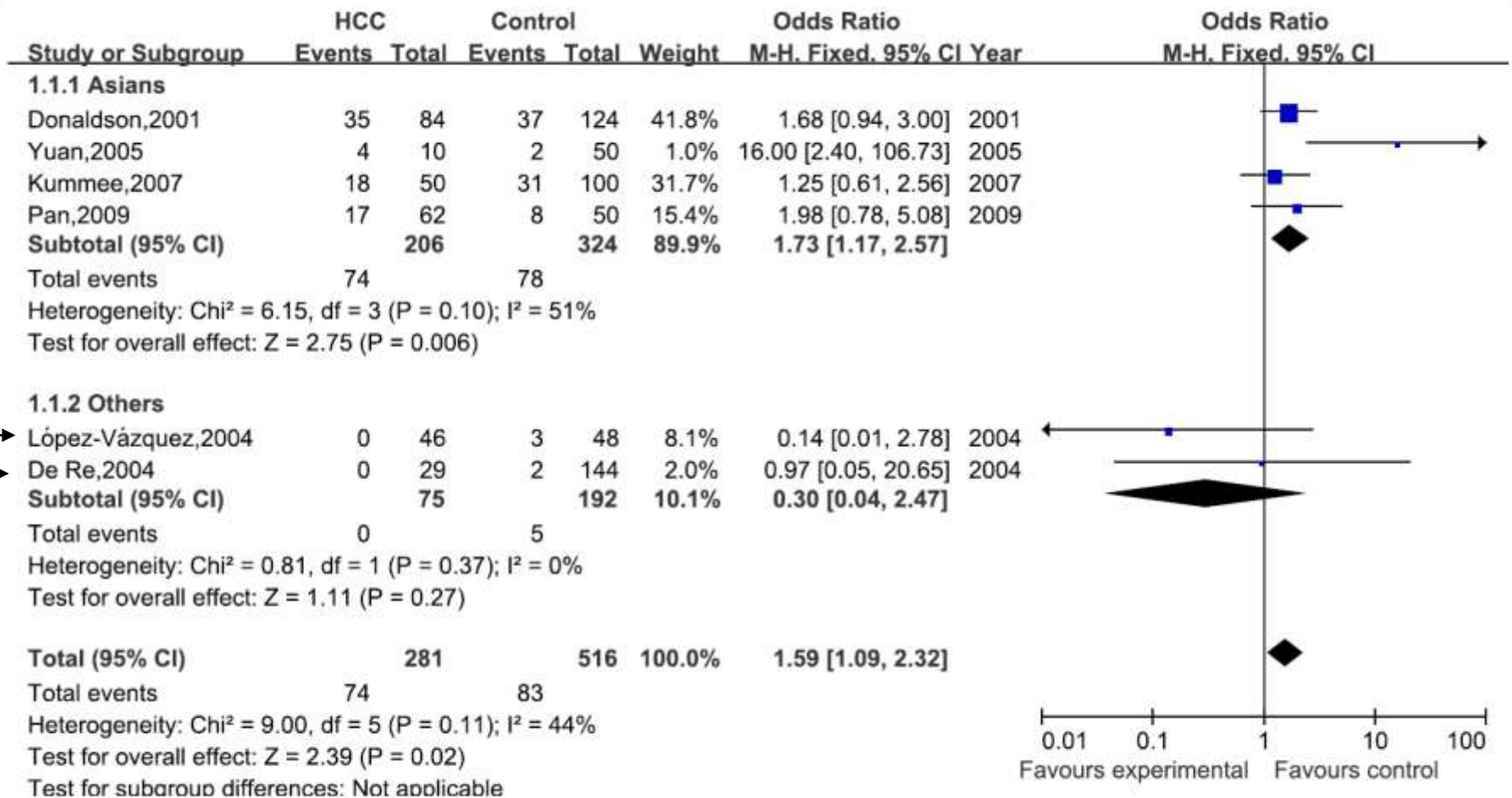
# DR1\*07



**Figure 2** Meta-analysis forest plot of included studies on the association between HLA-DRB1\*07 allele and HCC. Each plot shows the effect size and precision for individual studies and for the combined effect. Filled squares are proportional in size to study weights.



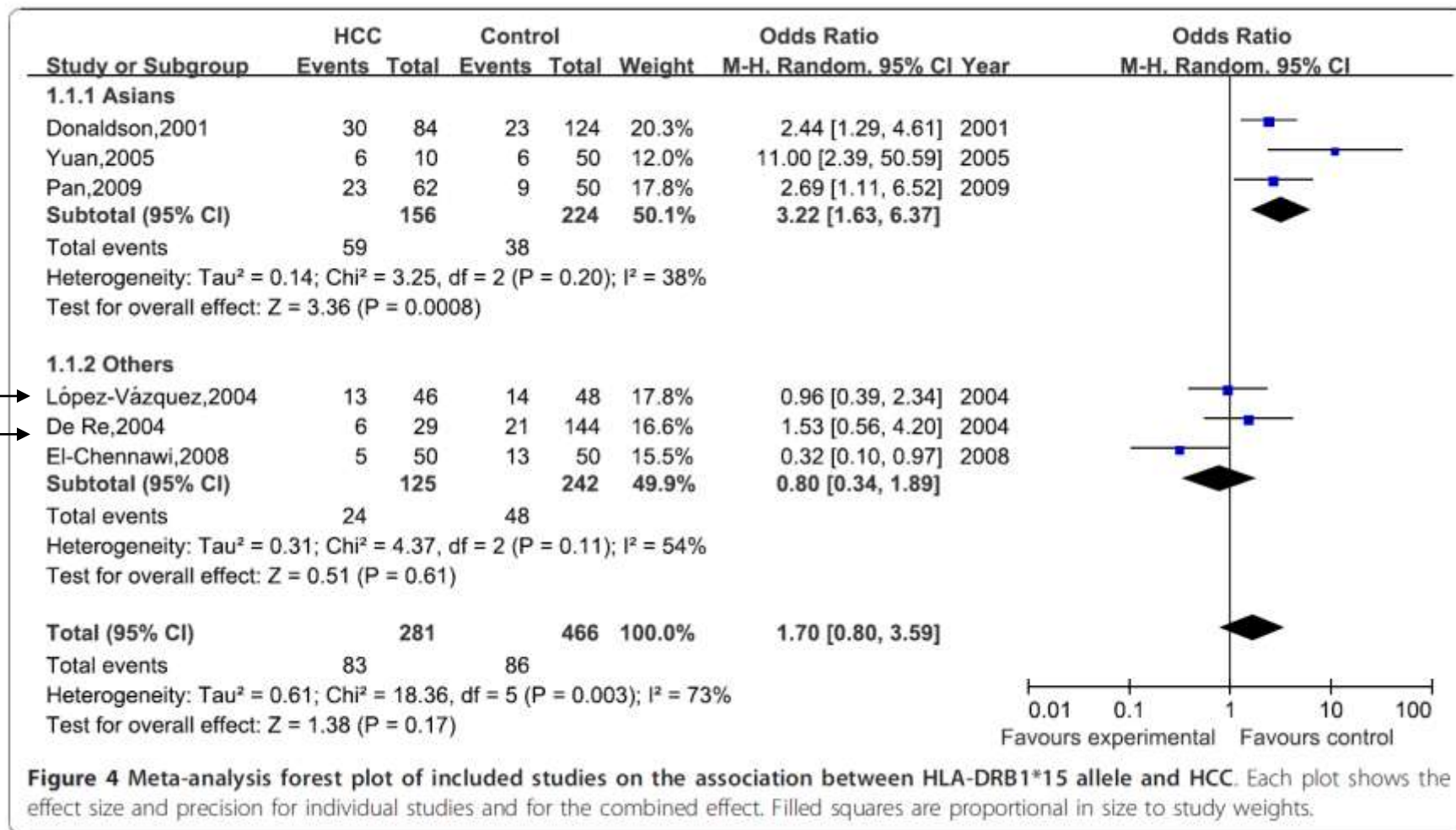
# DR1\*12



**Figure 3** Meta-analysis forest plot of included studies on the association between HLA-DRB1\*12 allele and HCC. Each plot shows the effect size and precision for individual studies and for the combined effect. Filled squares are proportional in size to study weights.



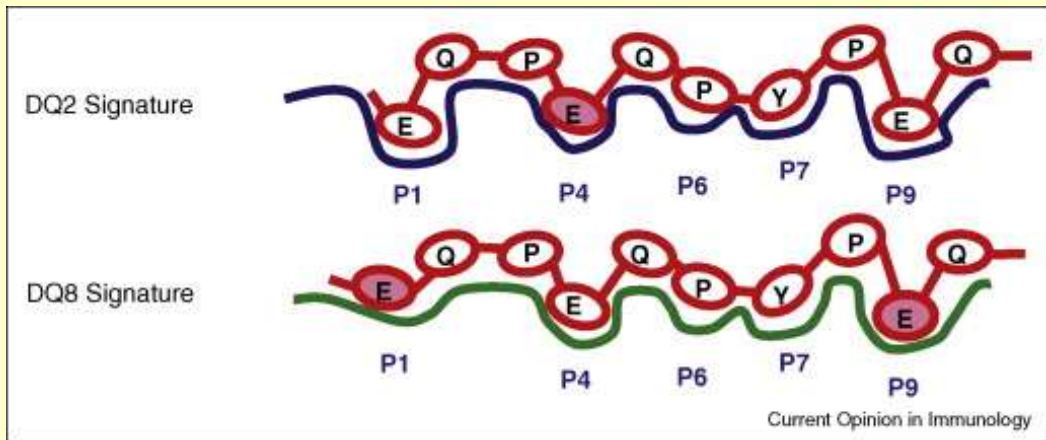
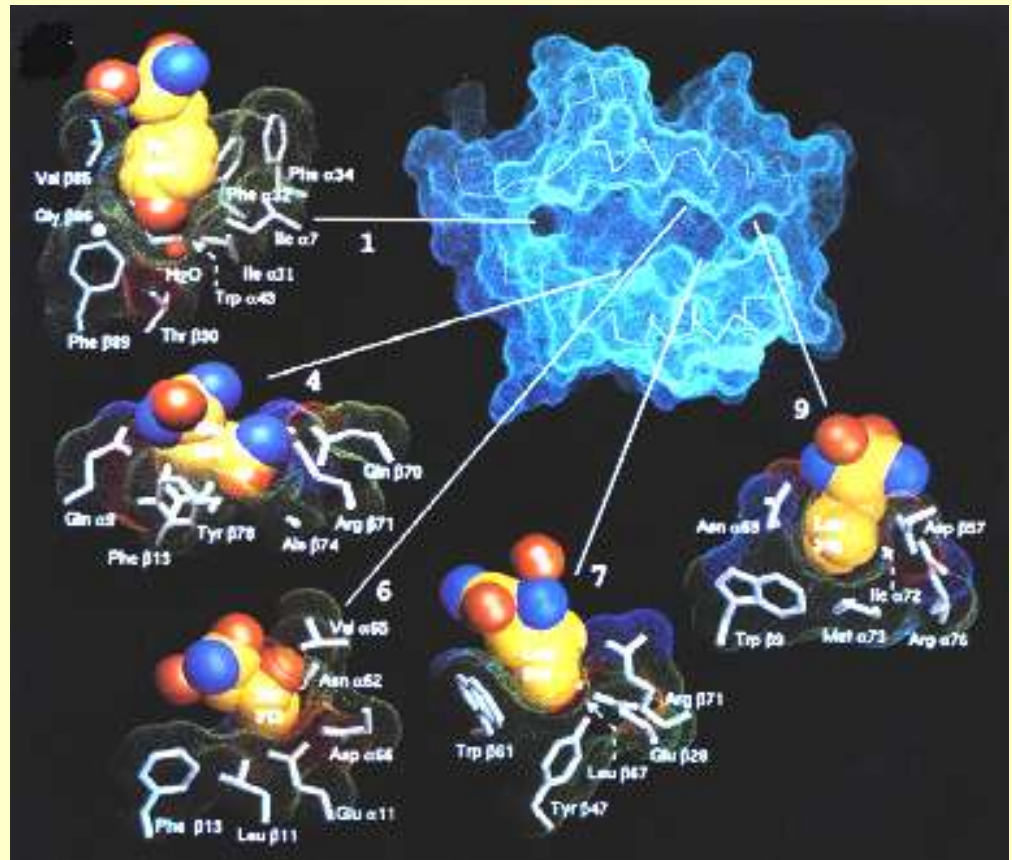
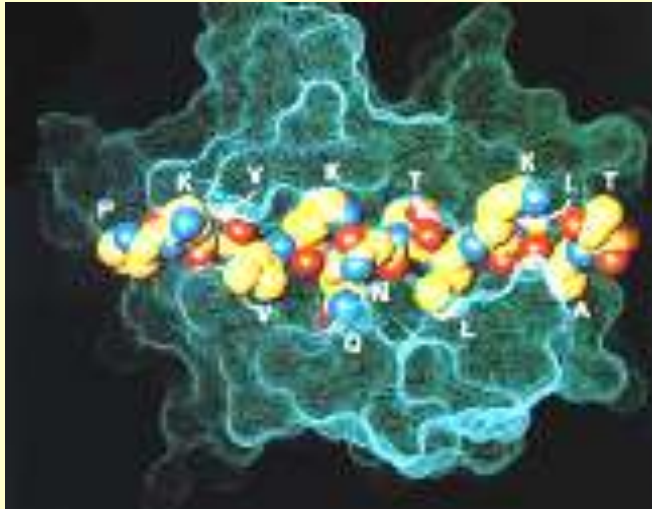
# DR1\*15



**Figure 4** Meta-analysis forest plot of included studies on the association between HLA-DRB1\*15 allele and HCC. Each plot shows the effect size and precision for individual studies and for the combined effect. Filled squares are proportional in size to study weights.

# ***In silico groups***

*In silico grouped Marsh, 2007*



**Table 6** Frequencies of *in silico* clusterization of HLA DRB1 and HLA DQB1 alleles among control groups of patients with HCV<sup>+</sup> without neoplasia or type II cryoglobulinemia and patients with HCV<sup>+</sup> and MC<sup>+</sup> syndrome without lymphoma<sup>a</sup>

	Bone marrow donors (N = 4575)		HCV <sup>+</sup> (N = 83)		HCV <sup>+</sup> MC <sup>+</sup> (N = 118)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
DR1	2579	56.37	50	60.24	49	41.53 <i>P</i> = 0.002
DR1-DR1	650	14.21	16	19.28	11	9.32
DR1-DR2	895	19.56	20	24.10	25	21.19
DR1-DR7	920	20.11	18	21.69	13	11.02 <i>P</i> = 0.020
DR3	710	15.52	21	25.30 <i>P</i> = 0.023	21	17.80
DR4	1243	27.17	24	28.92	26	22.03
DR5	3992	87.26	55	66.27 <i>P</i> < 0.001	111	94.07 <i>P</i> = 0.039
DQ1	2995	65.46	55	66.27	66	55.93 <i>P</i> = 0.040
DQ2	1530	33.44	33	39.76	33	27.97
DQ3	3299	72.11	51	61.45 <i>P</i> = 0.0435	96	81.36 <i>P</i> = 0.035

HCV, hepatitis C virus; MC, mixed cryoglobulinemia.

<sup>a</sup>Most frequent HLA-DRB1 alleles sharing the amino acid sequence for the following supertypes **DR1**: 0101-11, 1501-11, 1601-08, 0701-07; **DR3**: 0301-25, 0422, 1107; **DR4**: 0401, 0403-48 without the alleles from DR5, 1113, 1117, 1126, 1134, 1142, 1309, 1401-48 without the alleles from DR5, 1001; **DR5**: 0402, 0412, 0415, 0425, 0436, 0437, 0447, 1101-47 without the alleles from DR4, 1201-09, 1301-62; 1403, 1416, 1422, 1425, 1427, 1440, 0801-25; **DR9**: 0901, 0902. DR1 supertype clustering: **DR1-DR1** (0101-11); **DR1-DR2** (1501-11, 1601-08); **DR1-DR7** (0701-07). Most frequent HLA-DQB1 alleles sharing the amino acid sequence for the following supertypes **DQ1**: 0501-03, 0601-21; **DQ2**: 0201-03; **DQ3**: 0301-13, 0401-2. *P*: chi-square test.

# Frequencies of in silico clusterization of HLA DRB1 and DQB1

DR-DQ combination	Bone marrow donors N=4575			HCV+ MC+ NHL N=70			HCV+ MC- NHL N= 71		
	N.	(%)	P RR	N.	(%)	P RR (95%CI)	N.	(%)	P RR (95%CI)
DR1-DQ1	1373	30 %	1	18	25.71%	<i>ns</i>	37	52.11%	<i>p</i> ≤0.001 <b>RR=2.5</b> (1.574 to 3.962)
DR5-DQ3	2516	55%	1	53	75.71%	<i>p</i> ≤0.001 <b>RR=2.5</b> (1.463 to 4.338)	44	61.97%	<i>ns</i>
DR3-DQ1	338	7.39%	1	3	4.28%	<i>ns</i>	4	5.63%	<i>ns</i>

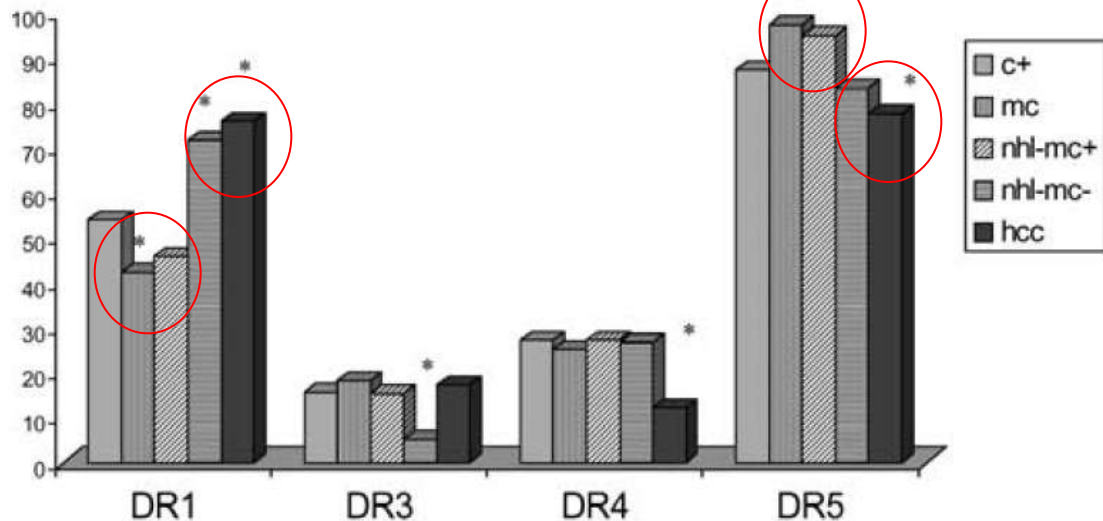
  

	Bone marrow donors N=4575			HCV+ N=83		HCV+ MC+ N= 118			
	N.	(%)	P RR	N.	(%)	P RR (95%CI)	N.	(%)	P RR (95%CI)
DR1-DQ1	1373	30 %	1	33	39.76%	<i>ns</i>	37	31.36%	<i>ns</i>
DR5-DQ3	2516	55%	1	39	46.99%	<i>ns</i>	87	73.73%	<i>p</i> ≤0.001 <b>RR=2.3</b> (1.501 to 3.382)
DR3-DQ1	338	7.39%	1	16	19.28%	<i>p</i> ≤0.001 <b>RR=2.9</b> (1.701 to 4.956)	7	5.93%	<i>ns</i>

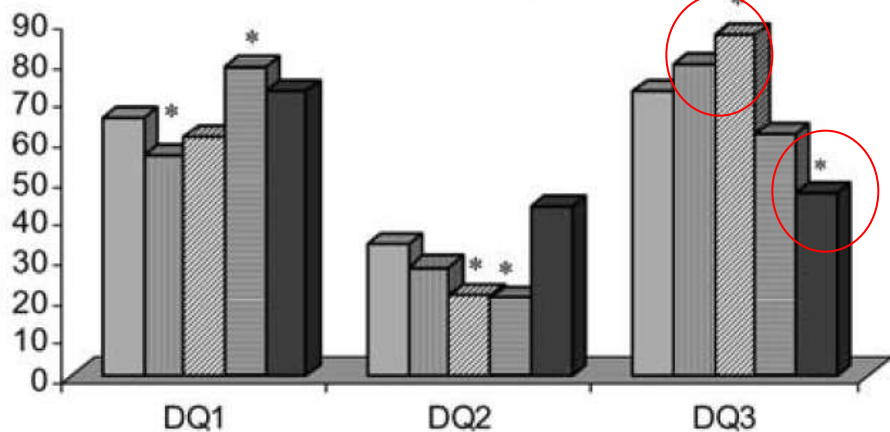
De Re et al. Tissue Antigens. 2009



**DRB1 supertype**



**DQB1 supertype**



***DR5-DQ3***

***efficient HLA presentation***

***Clearance HCV  
Protective for HCC***

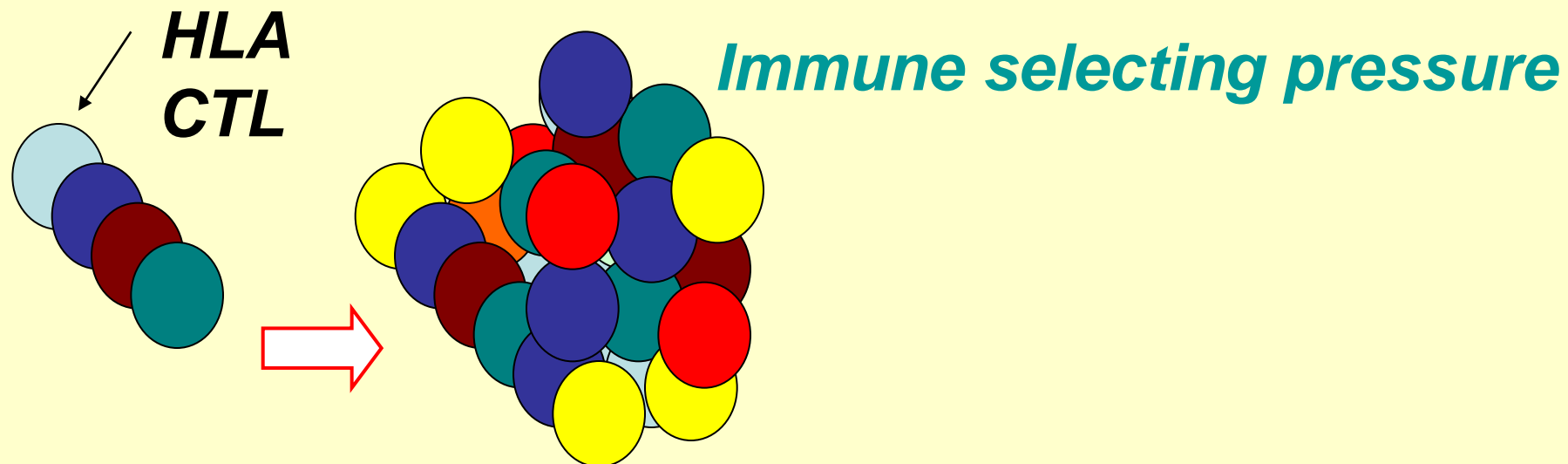
***Chronic stimulation  
favourable for MC+ lympho.***

# ***HLA and antiviral response***

# CD8 Epitope Escape and Reversion in Acute HCV Infection

Joerg Timm,<sup>1</sup> Georg M. Lauer,<sup>1</sup> Daniel G. Kavanagh,<sup>1</sup> Isabelle Sheridan,<sup>3</sup>

The Journal of Experimental Medicine 2004



## ***HLA stress the genomic variability of HCV***

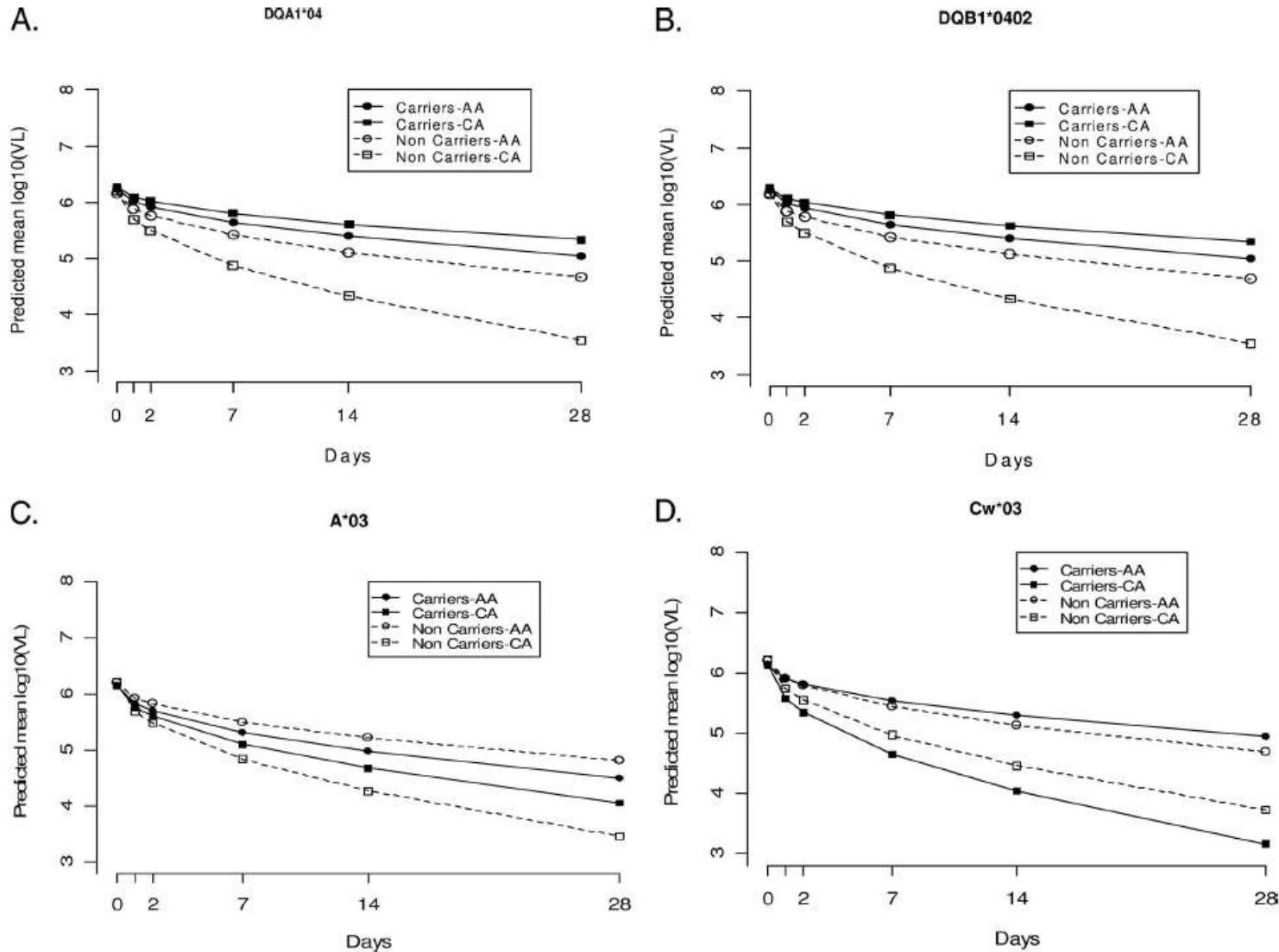
They examined viral evolution in an *immunodominant* human histocompatibility leukocyte antigen (HLA)-**B8**-restricted **NS3** epitope in subjects with **acute HCV infection**.

--- ex vivo **tetramer** and **interferon** enzyme-linked **immunospot** responses; variant NS3 **sequences**.  
subjects with **chronic HCV infection**

Interestingly, transmission of an HLA-B8-associated escape mutation to an **HLA-B8 negative** subject resulted in **rapid reversion** of the mutation.

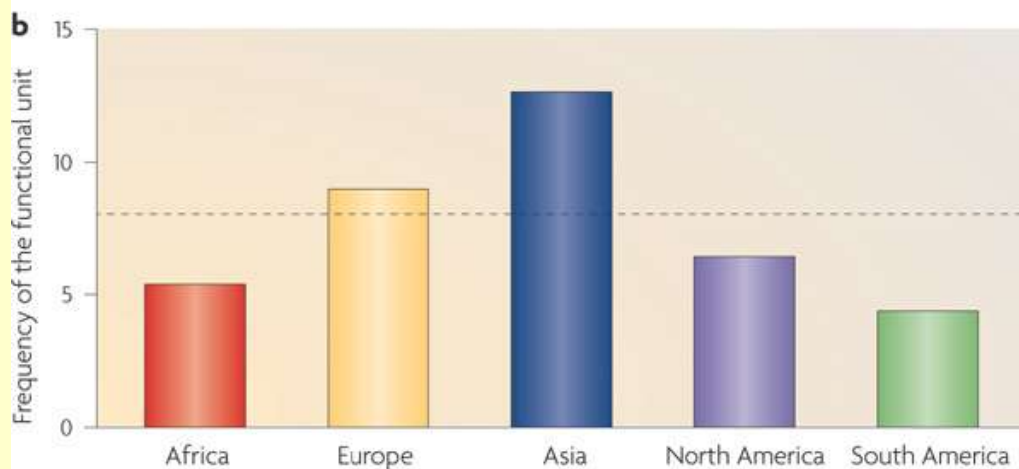
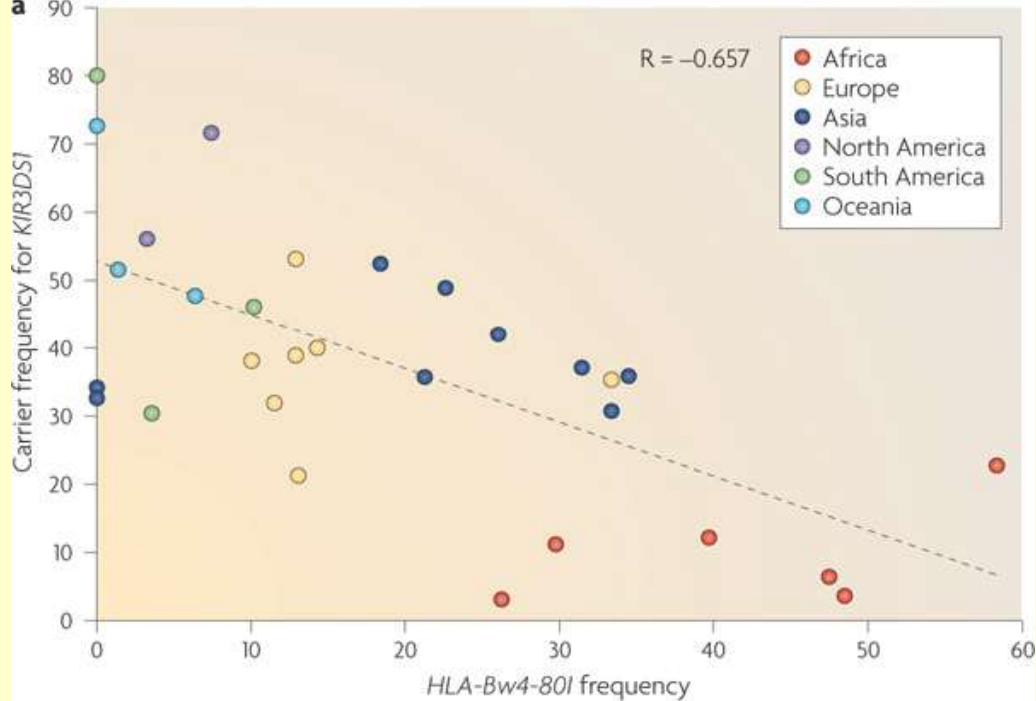
# Polymorphism in the Human Major Histocompatibility Complex and Early Viral Decline during Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C<sup>∇‡</sup>

Leland J. Yee,<sup>1,2\*</sup> KyungAh Im,<sup>1,3</sup> Abdus S. Wahed,<sup>3</sup> Teodorica Bugawan,<sup>4</sup> Jia Li,<sup>4</sup> Shannon L. Rhodes,<sup>5</sup> Henry Erlich,<sup>4</sup> Hugo R. Rosen,<sup>6</sup> T. Jake Liang,<sup>7</sup> and Huiying Yang<sup>5§</sup> for the Virahep-C Study<sup>†</sup>



(2008)

Genotype 1b



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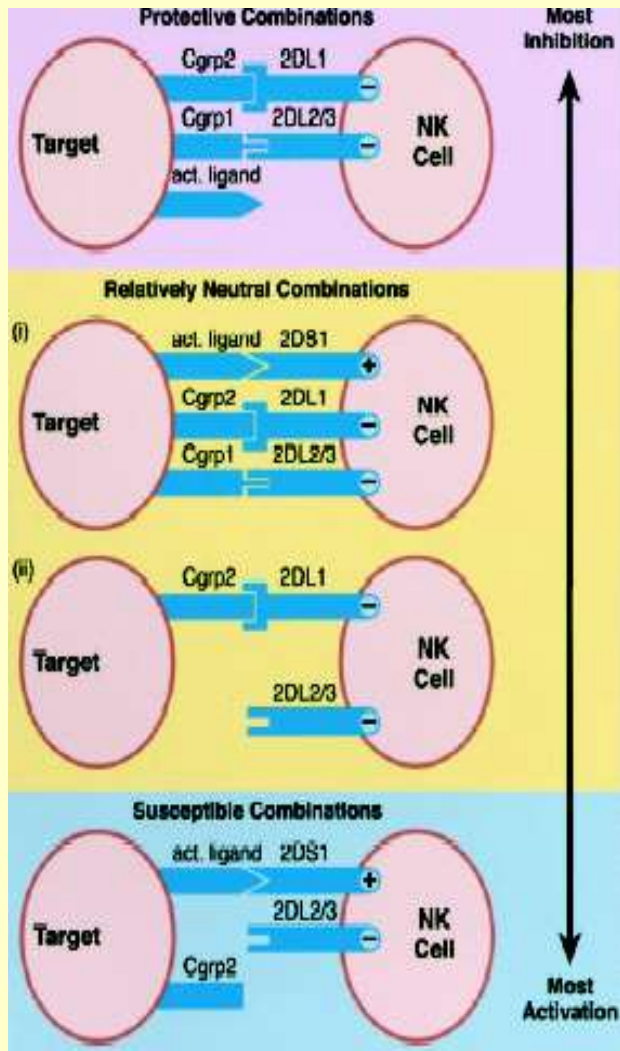
*epistatic selection, which involves simultaneous positive selection of combinations of alleles at two or more sites*

*Single et al. experimentally demonstrated the occurrence of epistatic selection in humans. This occurs between the KIR and their HLA ligands.*

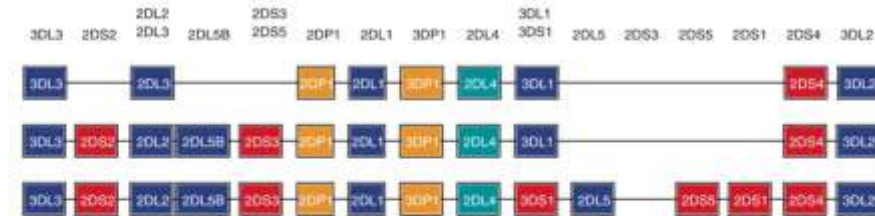
***This was particularly prominent for the activating KIR gene KIR3DS1 and its putative HLA-Bw4-80I ligand,***



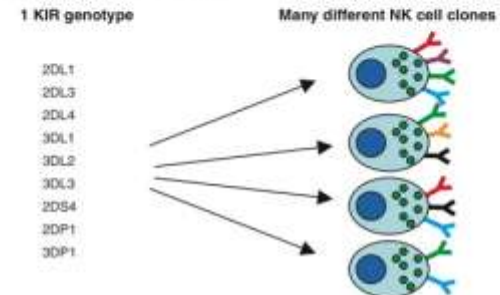
# KIR molecule polimorfiche



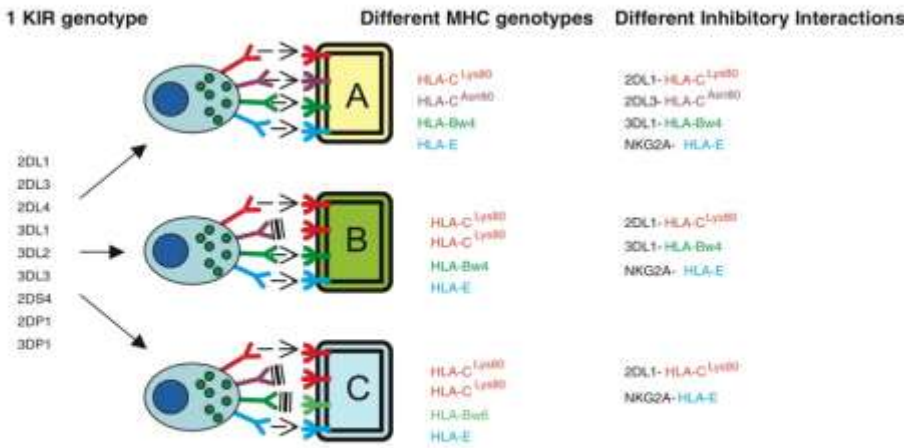
## A. KIR locus diversity



## B. NK cell clonal diversity



## C. Ligand diversity



## *Antiviral response*

**a protective association** of the inhibitory receptor **KIR2DL3** with HLA-CA\*80 (**HLA-C1**) and its effect on the course of HCV infection. (**HLA B\*57, Cw\*01 and Cw\*04**) (*Khakoo Science 2004; Romero Mol Immunol 2008, KNAPP Hepatology 2010*).

The prevalence is increased in individuals who **eliminate HCV spontaneously**, in contrast to those who remain chronically infected. The protective effect was observed only among individuals who carried both homozygous genes and had received a low HCV exposure dose. During therapy with INF- $\alpha$ , there is restoration of suppressed NK activity (*Ahlenstiel Gastroenterology 2009; Kronenberger J Leukoc Biol 2006; Bonavita Int Tissue React 1993*).

## *HCC susceptibility*

The frequency of **HLA-Bw4I80** ligand and the activating receptor **KIR3DS1** was increased in HCV healthy carriers compared to patients who had developed **hepatocellular** carcinoma. (*Lopez-Vasquez J Infect Dis 2005*).

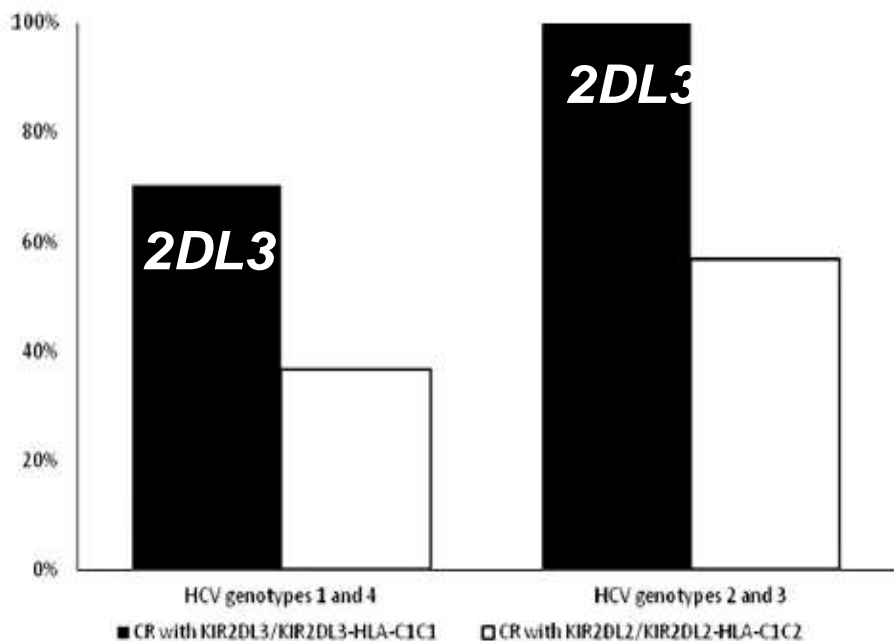
## Effect of Killer Immunoglobulin-Like Receptors in the Response to Combined Treatment in Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection<sup>∇</sup>

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TABLE 3. Final step of a backward logistic regression analysis of risk factors associated with nonresponse to anti-HCV treatment<sup>a</sup>

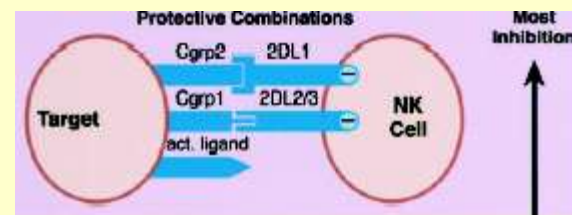
Variable	OR	95% CI	P value
KIR2DL2/KIR2DL2-HLA-C1C2 genotype	4.12	1.68–10.1	<0.01
HCV genotype 1	3.32	1.49–7.42	<0.005



A total of **186 consecutive** patients diagnosed with chronic HCV infection were analyzed.

**77** (NR) patients exhibited HCV RNA levels at 6 months posttreatment.

**109** (SVR) cleared viral RNA.



**2DL2-C1 > 2DL2-C2 > 2DL3-C1**

# Viral hepatitis: Human genes that limit infection

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## HBV

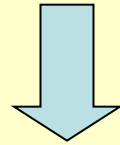
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List of genes and genetic variations that have been associated with spontaneous clearance of hepatitis B viral infection.

Gene	SNP	Population	Associated gene/genotype/allele	Association
<i>Interferon-λ</i>				
<i>IFNAR2</i>	F8S	African	S	Associated with spontaneous HBV clearance
<i>IL-10RB</i>	K47E	African	E	Associated with spontaneous HBV clearance
<i>TNF-alpha</i>	-863C>A		CC	Associated with spontaneous HBV clearance
	-308G>A		A	Associated with spontaneous HBV clearance
	Haplotype 1 [-1031T -863C; -857C; -308G; -238G; -163G]		Haplotype present	Associated with HBV clearance
	Haplotype 2 [-1031C; -863A; -857C; -308G; -238G; -163G]			
<i>IFN-γ</i>	Haplotype [+874A; +2109G]	Asian	Haplotype present	
<i>HLA DRB1*1302</i>			HLA present	Associated with protection against persistent HBV infection
<i>KIR</i>		Asian	<i>KIR2DS2</i>	Associated with HBV susceptibility
		Asian	<i>KIR2DS3</i>	Associated with HBV susceptibility
		Asian	<i>KIR2DS1</i>	Associated with HBV clearance
			<i>KIR3DS</i>	Associated with HBV clearance
		Asian	<i>KIR2DL5</i>	Associated with HBV clearance
<i>SPP1</i>	Haplotype [-1800T; -1627T; +4645C; +5608T; +6139A]	Asian	Haplotype present	Associated with HBV clearance
<i>MCP1</i>	-2518G>A	Asian	A	Controversial, may be associated with clearance
<i>IFNGR</i>	-56C>T		T	Controversial
<i>IGF2</i>	Haplotype [+6815A; +8173C; +1156C; +1252T; +2482A; +2722T; +820G]		Haplotype present	Associated with clearance of HBV
	Haplotype [+6815T; +8173C; +1156T; +1252T; +2482A; +2722C; +820A]		Haplotype present	Associated with persistence of HBV

## ***HLA/KIR in course***

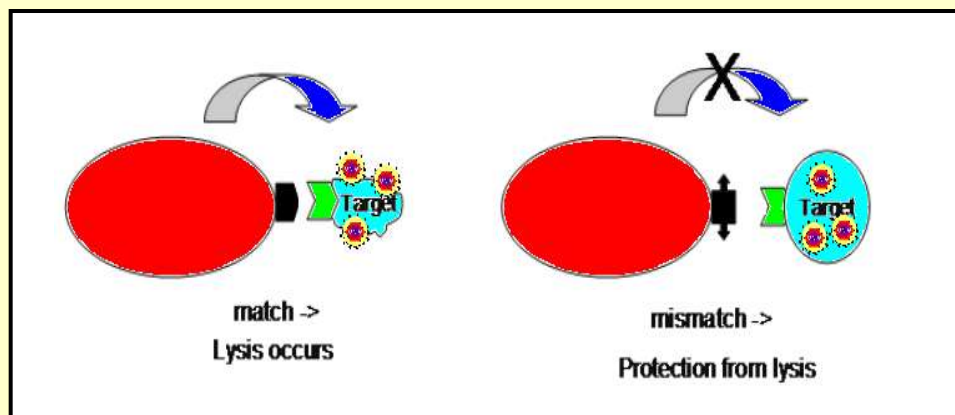
***a lower rate of functional KIR2DL2/C1 combination was found in HCC to CH,  $P=0.05$ .***



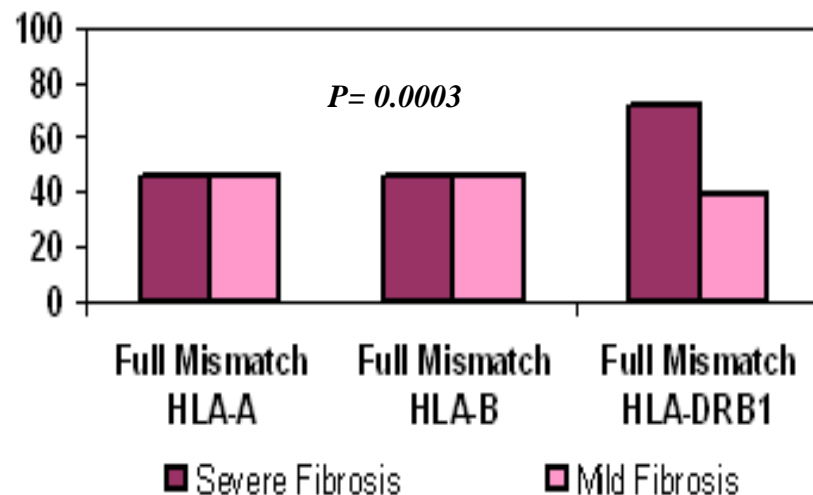
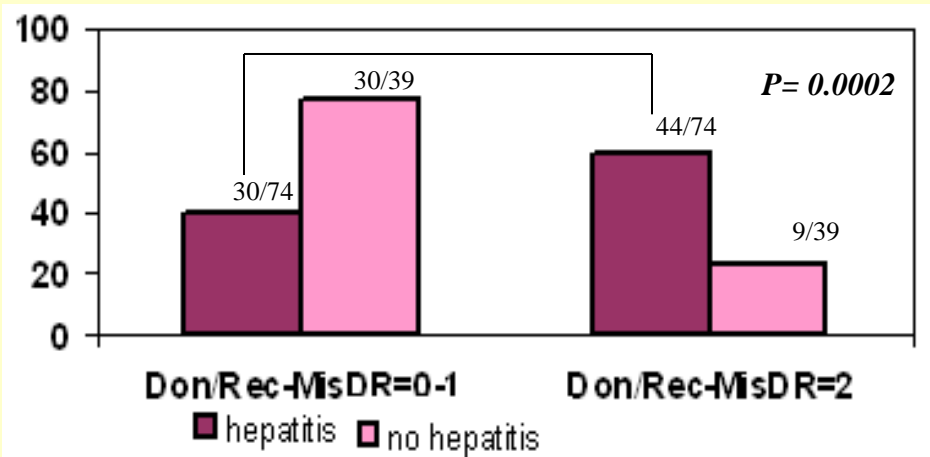
***Non responder  
Inhibited NK***



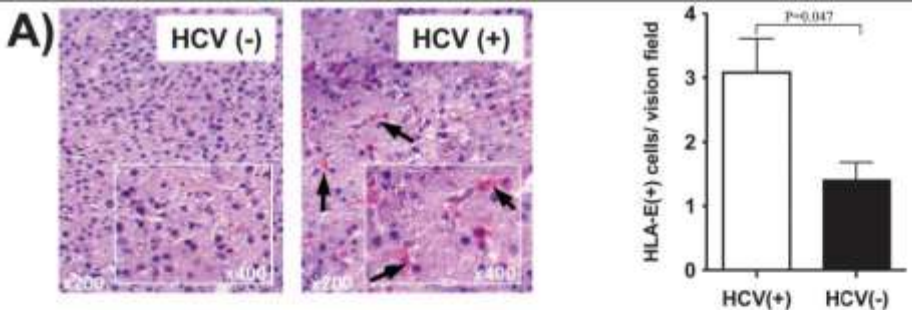
# HLA-DRB1 Donors-Recipient Mismatch affects the Outcome of HCV Disease Recurrence After Liver Transplantation



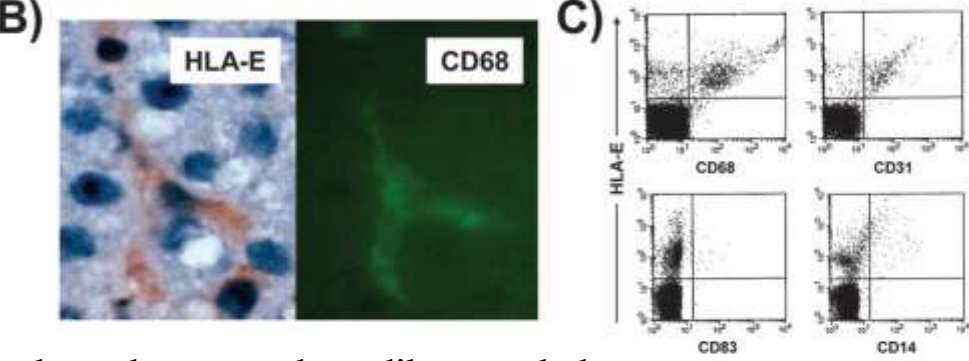
*Belli, L. S. gastroenterology, 2006*



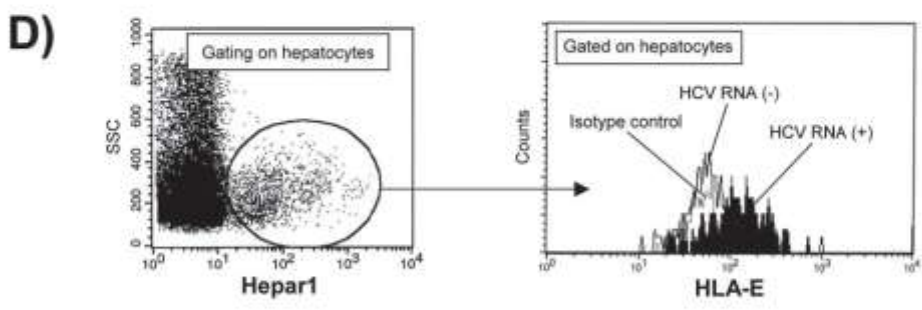
# ***Others than classical KIRS***



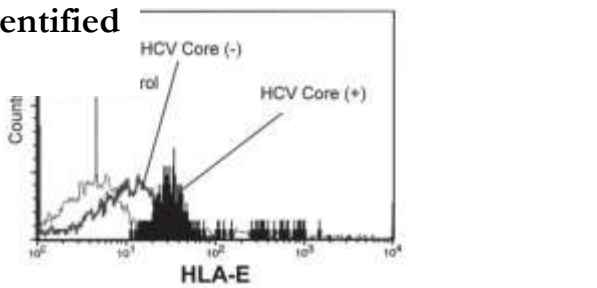
Intrahepatic expression of HLA-E in HCV



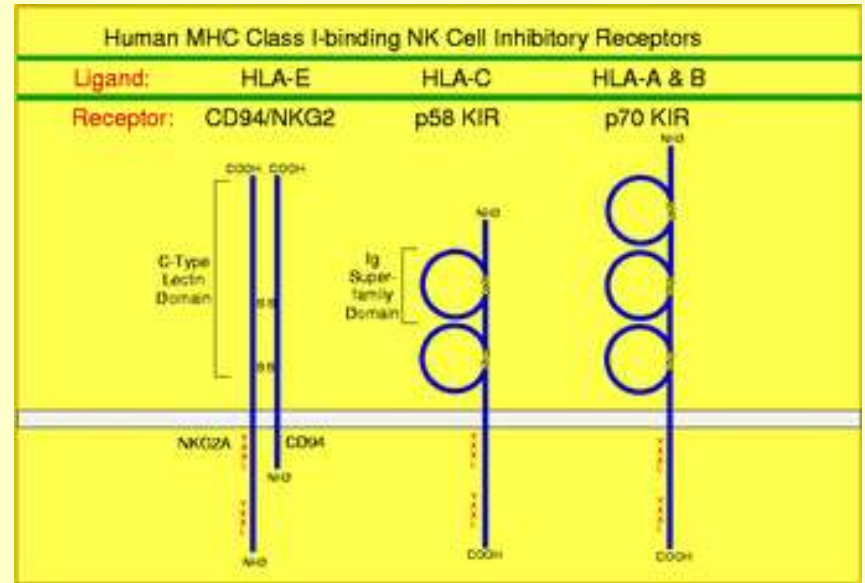
showed a macrophage-like morphology



hepatocytes were identified by staining Hepat1



# The HLA-A2 Restricted T Cell Epitope HCV Core<sub>35-44</sub> Stabilizes HLA-E Expression and Inhibits Cytolysis Mediated by Natural Killer Cells



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