

## LEGENDA DATASET

Tab. 1 Description of trials included in the meta-analysis

Meta-analysis	Author	Publisher	Treatment*		# of trials	# of trials eliminated	# of trial included
			Ctr	exp			
1	Myers RP et al, 2002	The Cochrane Collaboration	Untreated or placebo	IFN1	54	31	23
2	Brok J et al, 2006	The Cochrane Collaboration	IFN1	IFN2	72	54	18
3	Hauser G et al, 2014	The Cochrane Collaboration	IFN1 or IFN2	IFN3	27	12	15
4	Chou R et al, 2013	Ann Int Med	IFN3	IFN4	5	0	5
<b>Total</b>					<b>158</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>61</b>

\***IFN1:** IFN tiw; **IFN2:** IFN tiw+RBV; **IFN3:** PegIFN+RBV; **IFN4:** PegIFN+RBV+PI

Tab. 2 Trials eliminated by reasons

		<b>Meta-analysis 1 (31)</b>	<b>Meta-analysis 2 (54)</b>	<b>Meta-analysis 3 (12)</b>
<b>R e a s o n s</b>	Abstract		Ascione 1998, Barbaro 1998, Bellobuono 1999, Berg 2000, Bugliescu 2000, Caremani 1996, Gross 1999a, Gross 1999b, Marcellin 1999, Nunes 1999, Pawlotsky 1998, Piccolo 2004, Ricchiuti 1996, Ricchiuti 1999, Sarin 1999 Salmeron 2003, Shoboksky 2003, Taliani 1999, Tempini 2001, Vandelli 2000, Wood 1998. <b>(21 RCTs)</b>	Cariti 2002, Dollinger 2005, Esmat 2003, Hinrichsen 2002, PRETTY 2005, Rahman 2007a, Rahman 2007b, Shoboksky 2003, Thakeb 2003, Wakil 2006 <b>(10 RCTs)</b>
	Comparative trials (it was not possible to identify the control arms)	Alberti 1993 (1), Alberti 1993 (2), Brouwer 1998, Chemello 1995, Craxi 1996, Degos 1998, Enriquez 1995, Farrell 1998, Garson 1997, Hagiwara 1993, Hakozaiki 1995, Imai 1997, Jouet 1994, Kasahara 1995, Komatsu 1997, Lin 1995, Marcellin 1991, Matsumoto 1994, McHutchinson 1998, Ouzan 1998, Poynard 1995, Rumi 1995, Rumi 1996, Shiratori 1997, Simon 1997, Tassopoulos 1996, Tong, 1997, Villa 1996 <b>(28 RCTs)</b>	Andreone 1999, Andreone 1999, Barbaro 1998, Barbaro 2000, Bell 1999, Bellobuono 1997, Bellobuono 2000, Boucher 2003, Bresci 2000, Brillanti 1995, Cavalletto 2000, Chapman 2001, Cheng 2002, Davis 1998, Dettmer 2002, Ferenci 2001, Fried 2002, Ledinghen 2002, Malik 2002, Milella 1999, Pol 1999, Portal 2003, Salmeron 1999, Scotto 2003, Shiffman 2000, Sievert 2003, Sostegni 1998, Toccaceli 1997, Tripi 2000 <b>(29 RCTs)</b>	
	Duplicated trials	Marcellin 1995, Saracco 1990 <b>(2 RCTs)</b> .		
	Experienced patients			Fargion 2006 <b>(1 RCT)</b>
	No randomization	Laghi 1997 <b>(1 RCT)</b>		
	Different population of patients		Fried 2002 <b>(1 RCT)</b>	
	Pharmacodynamic or pharmacokinetic studies		Glue 2000, Gerotto 1999, Khakoo 1998 <b>(3 RCTs)</b>	Izumi 2004 <b>(1 RCT)</b>