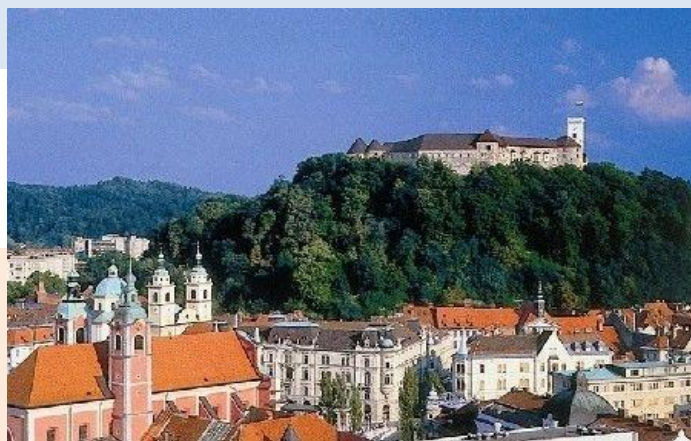


A national multidisciplinary healthcare network for treatment of hepatitis C in PWID in Slovenia



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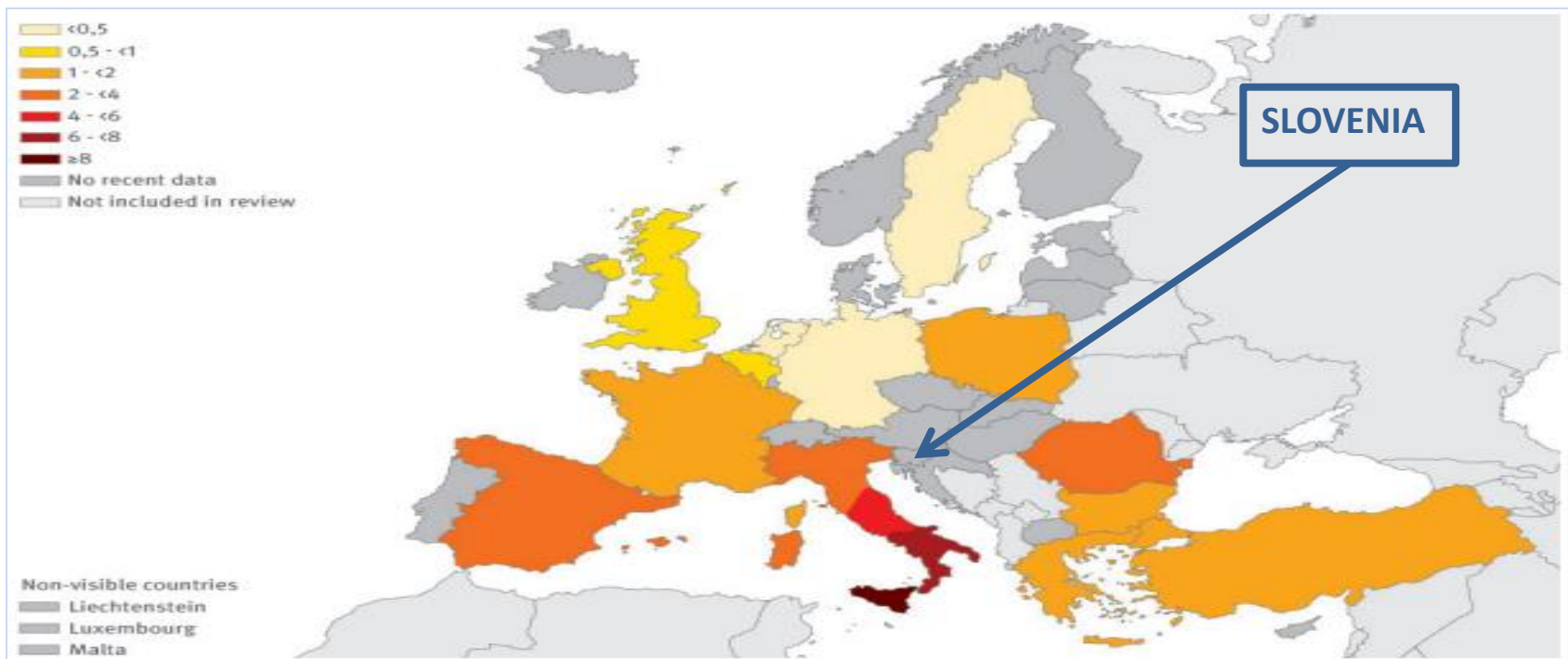
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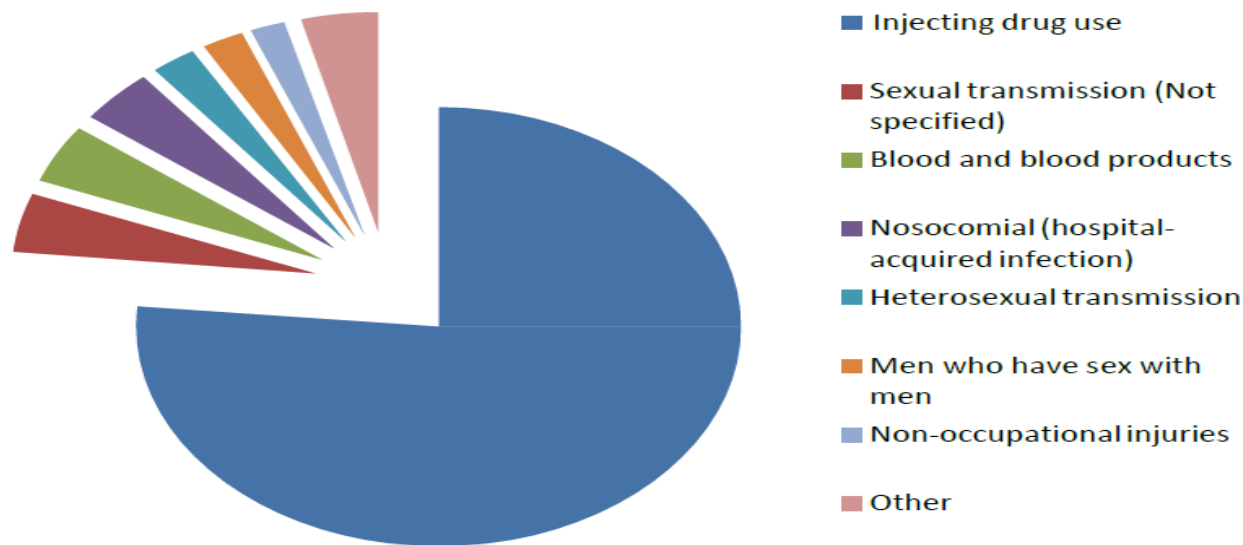
HCV prevalence in the general population of Europe

- WHO Europe: **15 million** HCV RNA positive
- Anti-HCV prevalence in general population: **0.4 – 5.2%**
- Deaths related to HCV infection: **86 000 / year**



Current transmission route of HCV cases in EU/EEA countries, 2012

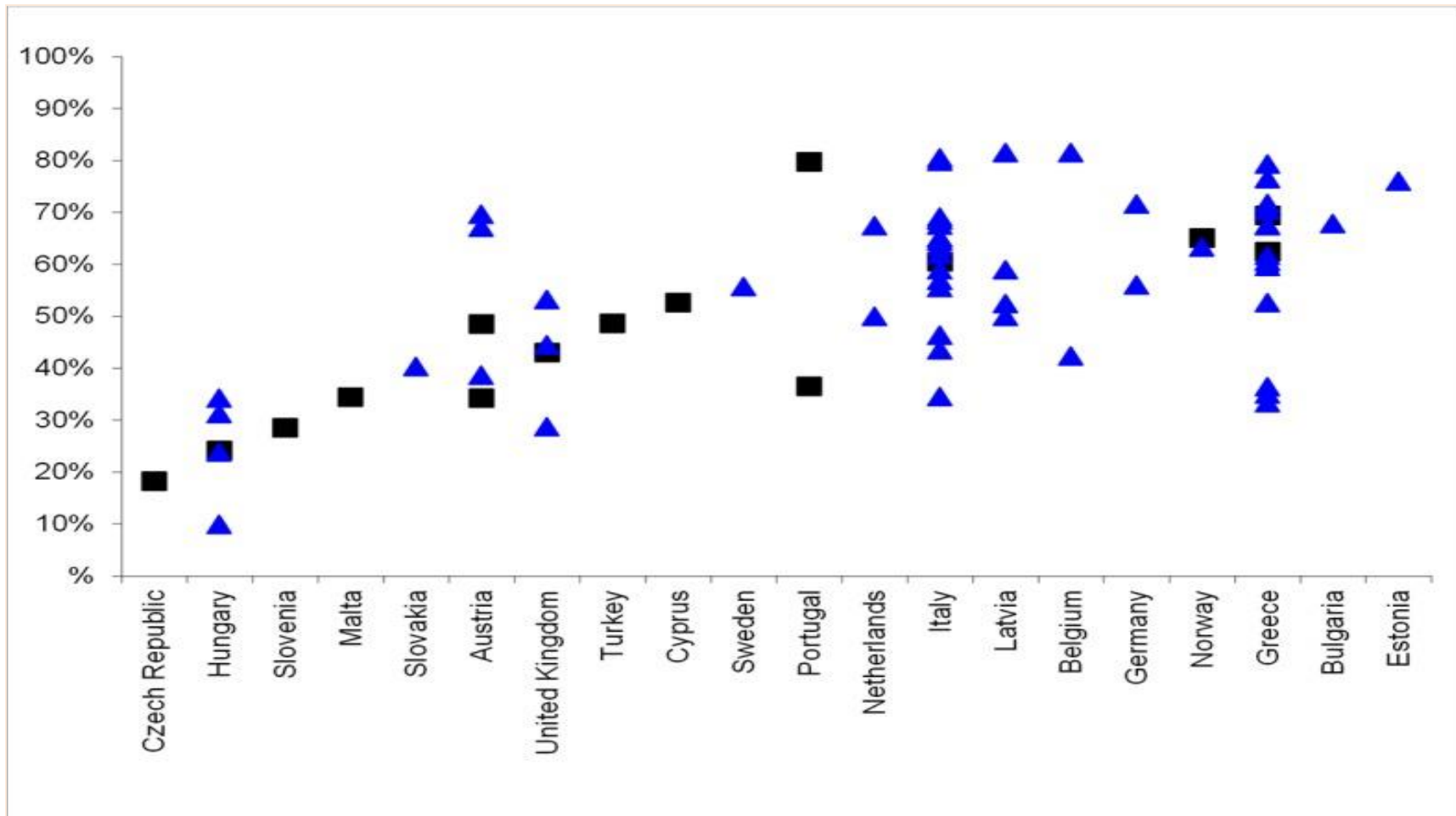
- In 2015: new infections **not** common in general population
major problem people who inject drugs (PWID)



Route of transmission: injecting drug use **78.1%**

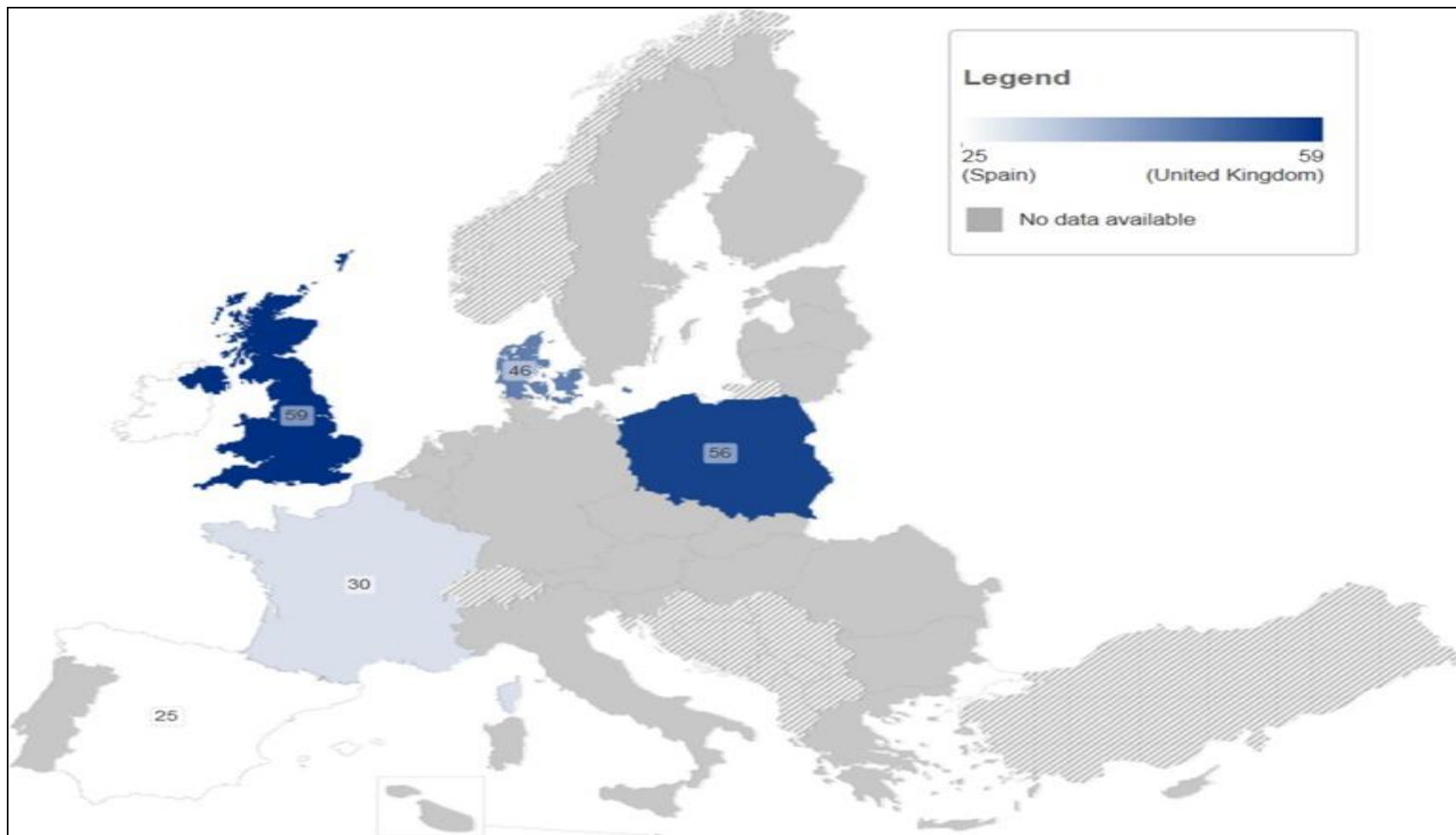
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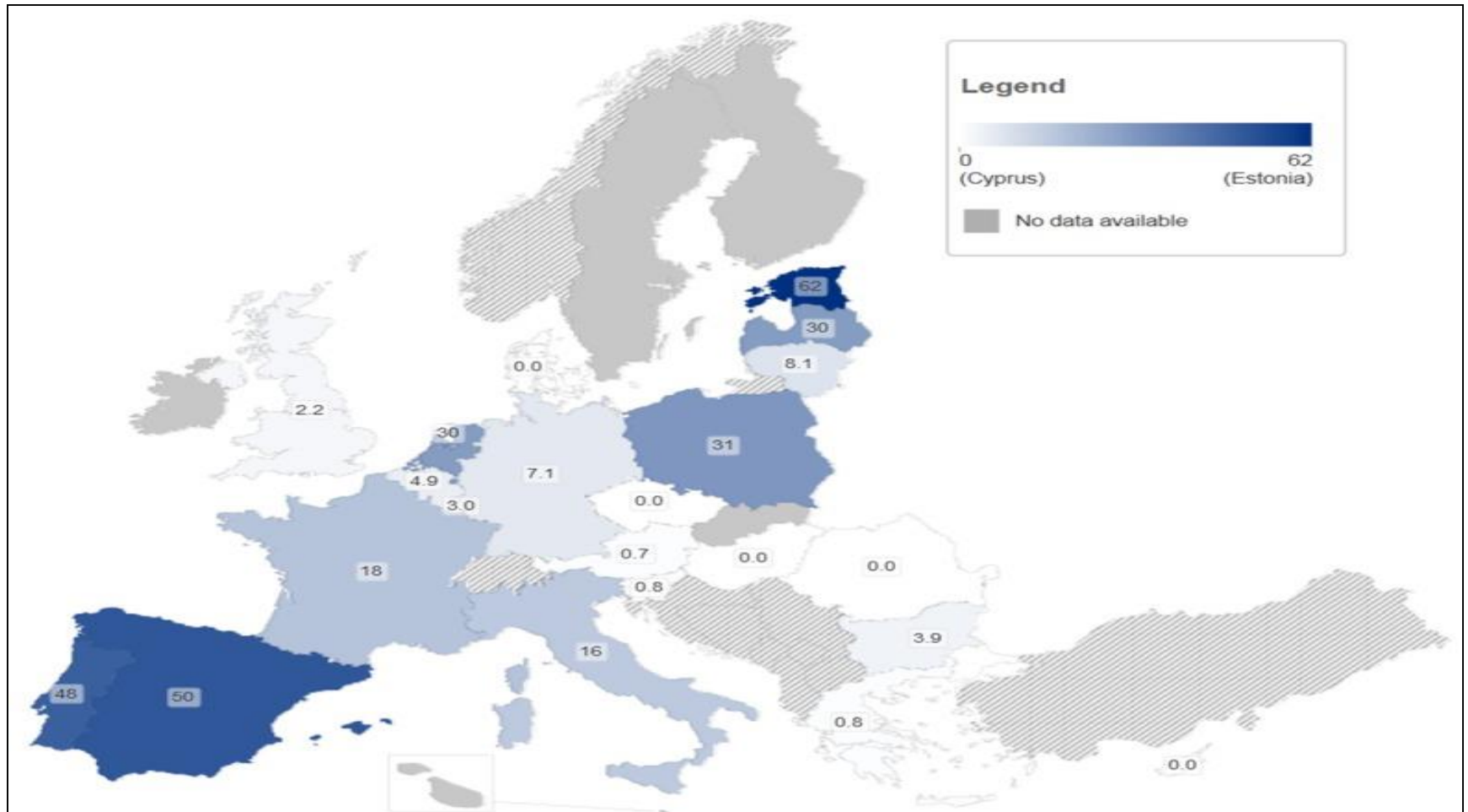


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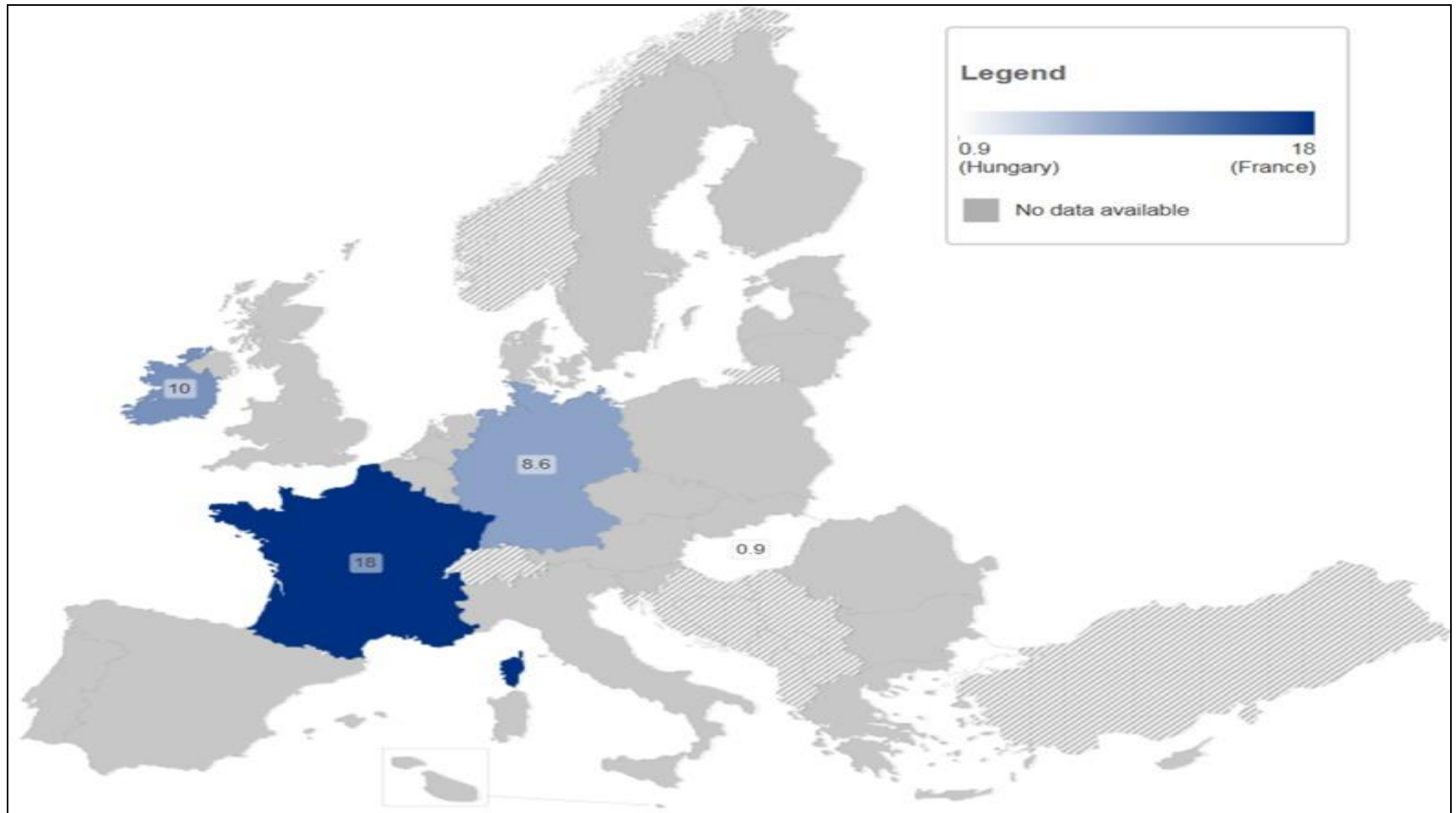
Proportion (%) of HCV **undiagnosed** PWID in Europe



Proportion (%) of PWID **co-infected** with HCV and HIV



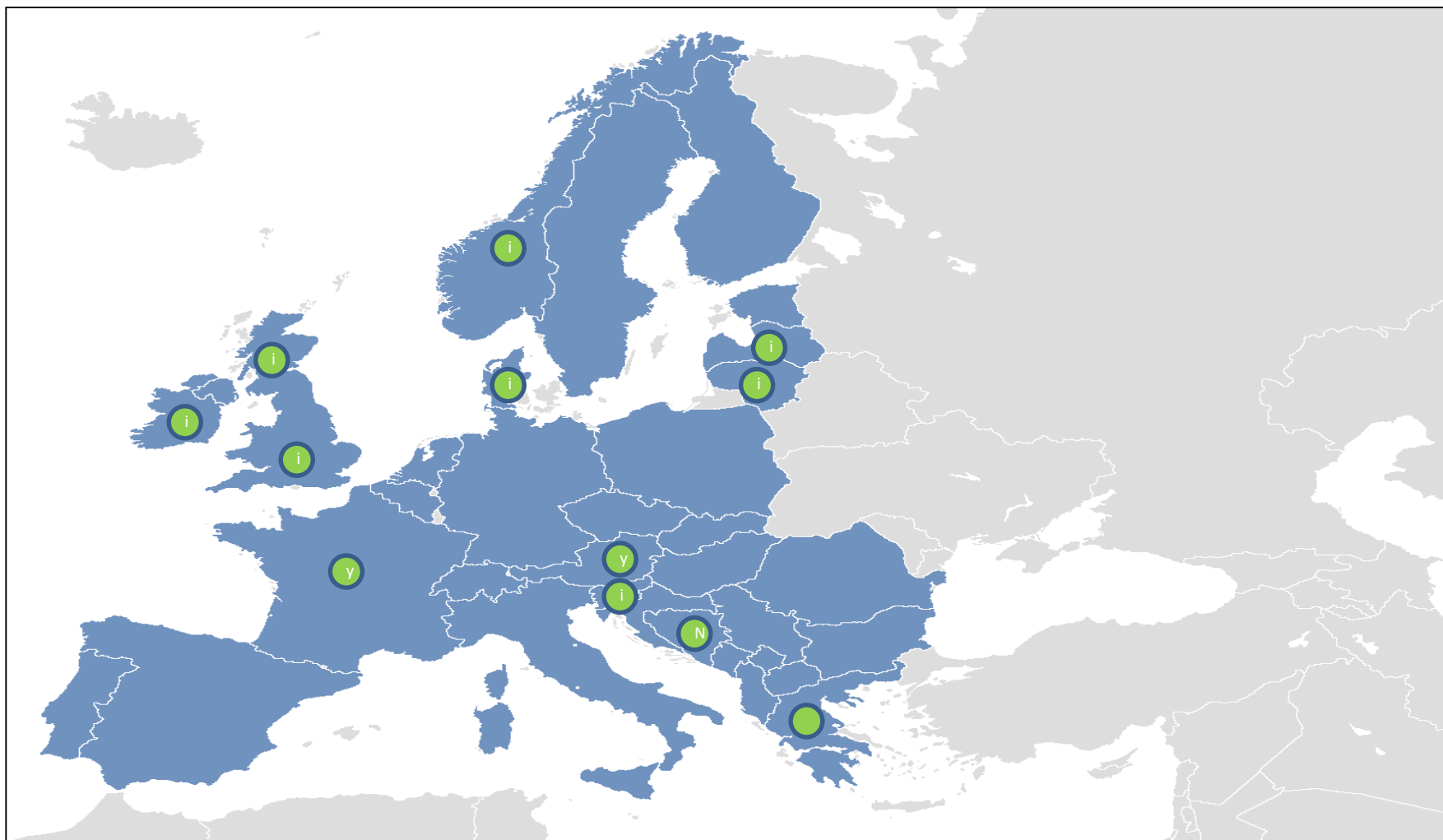
Proportion (%) of HCV-infected PWID in Europe entering **antiviral treatment** in observational studies in non-clinical settings



National level activities on HCV management

A survey of 33 European countries

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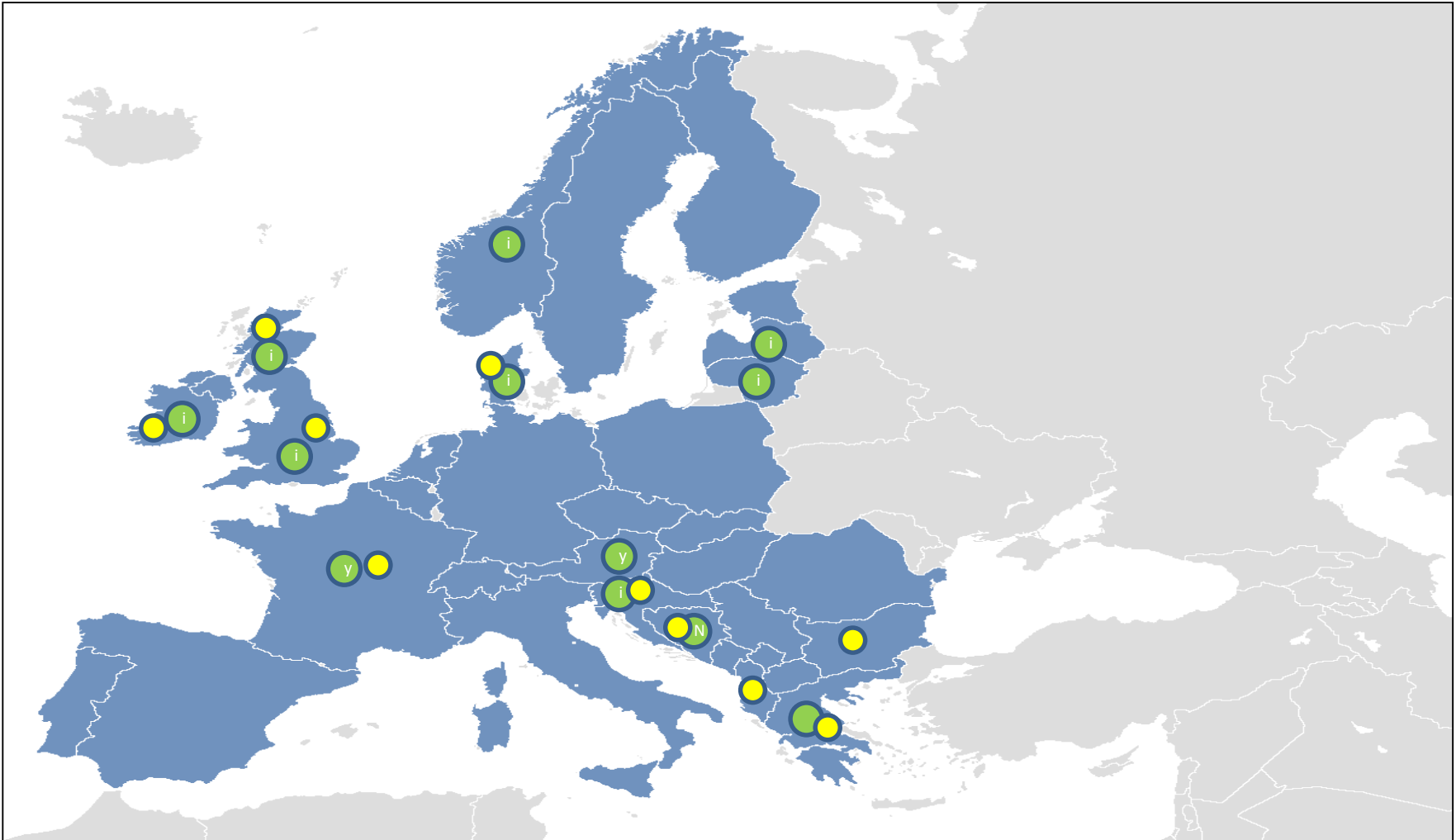


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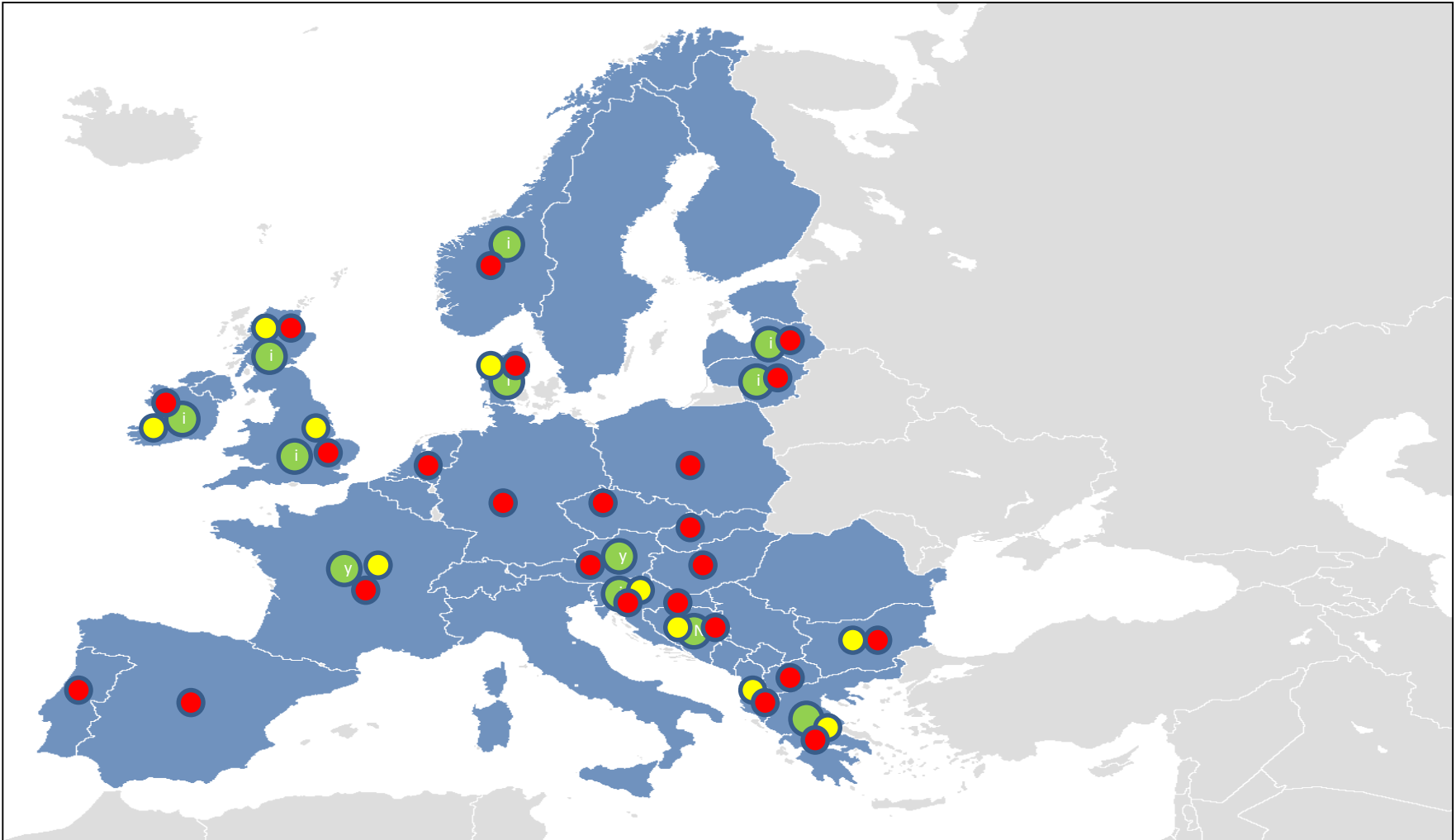


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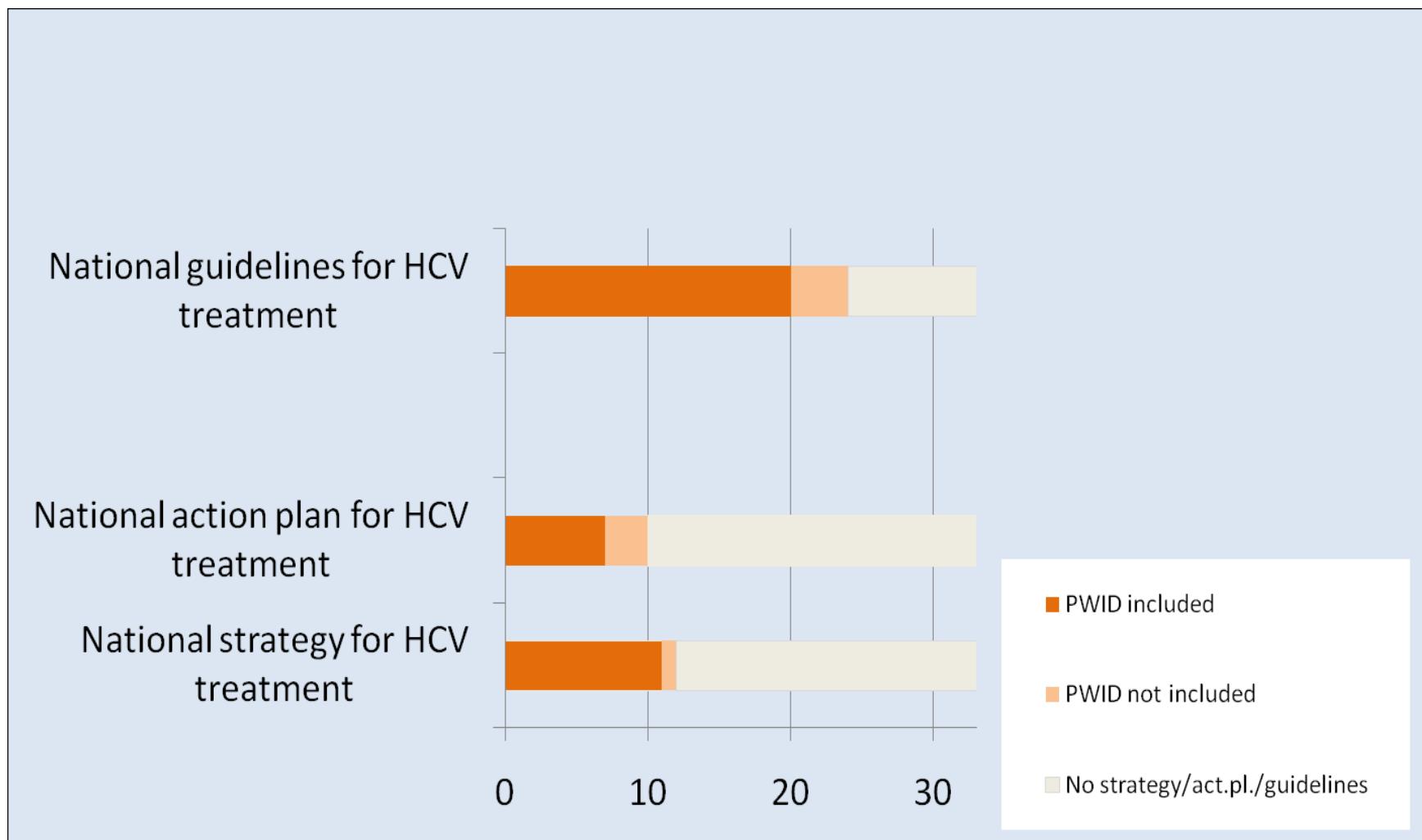
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Gross national income per capita (2012):

27,240 \$

Life expectancy at birth m/f (2011):

77 / 83 years

Probability of dying under five (2012):

3 / 100 000

Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years m/f (2011):

118/51 / 1 000

Total expenditure on health/capita (2011):

2,519 Intl \$

Total expenditure on health as (2011):

9.1 % GDP

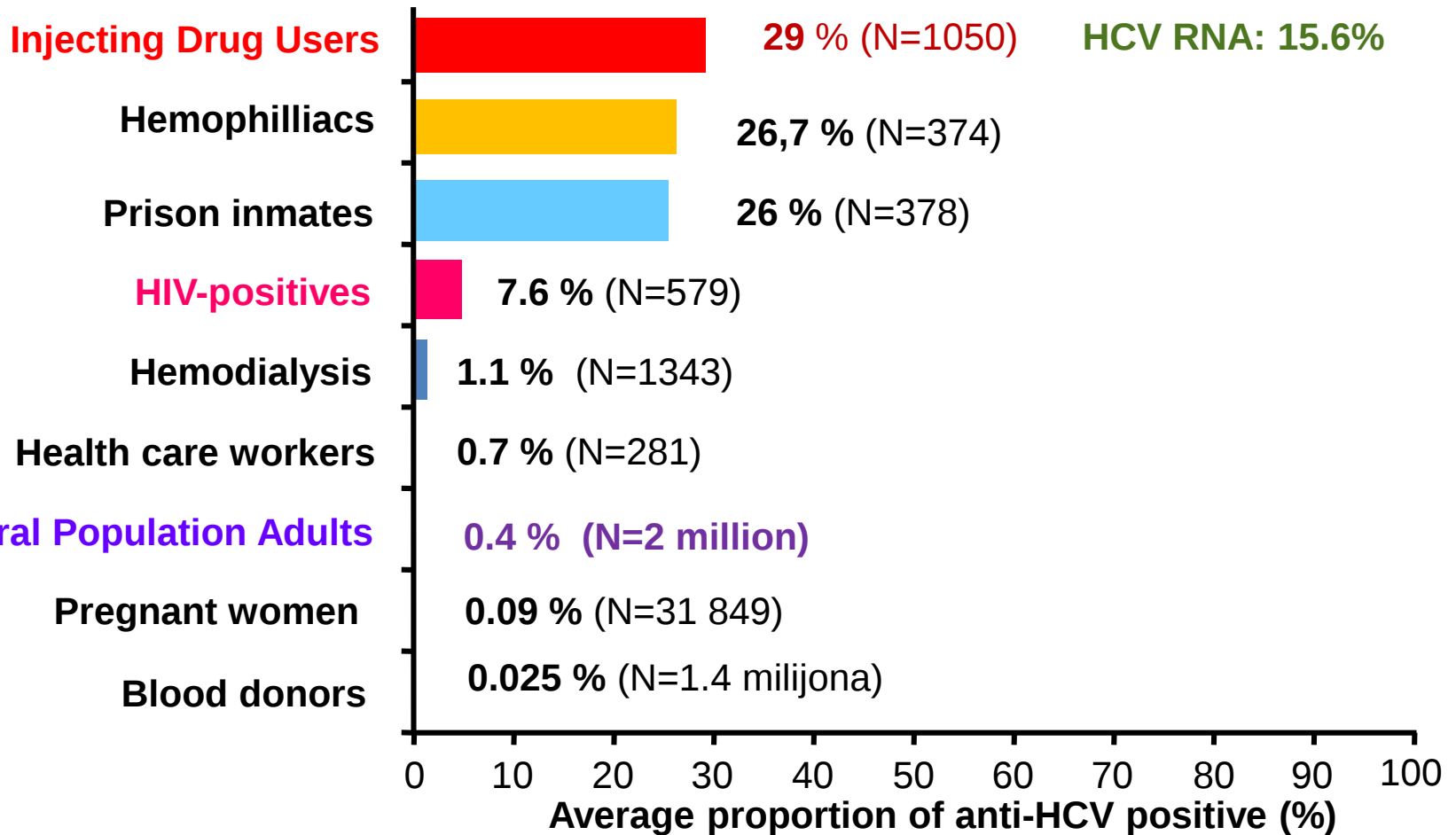
**Inhabitants:
2 million**

Drug users: est. 10 000

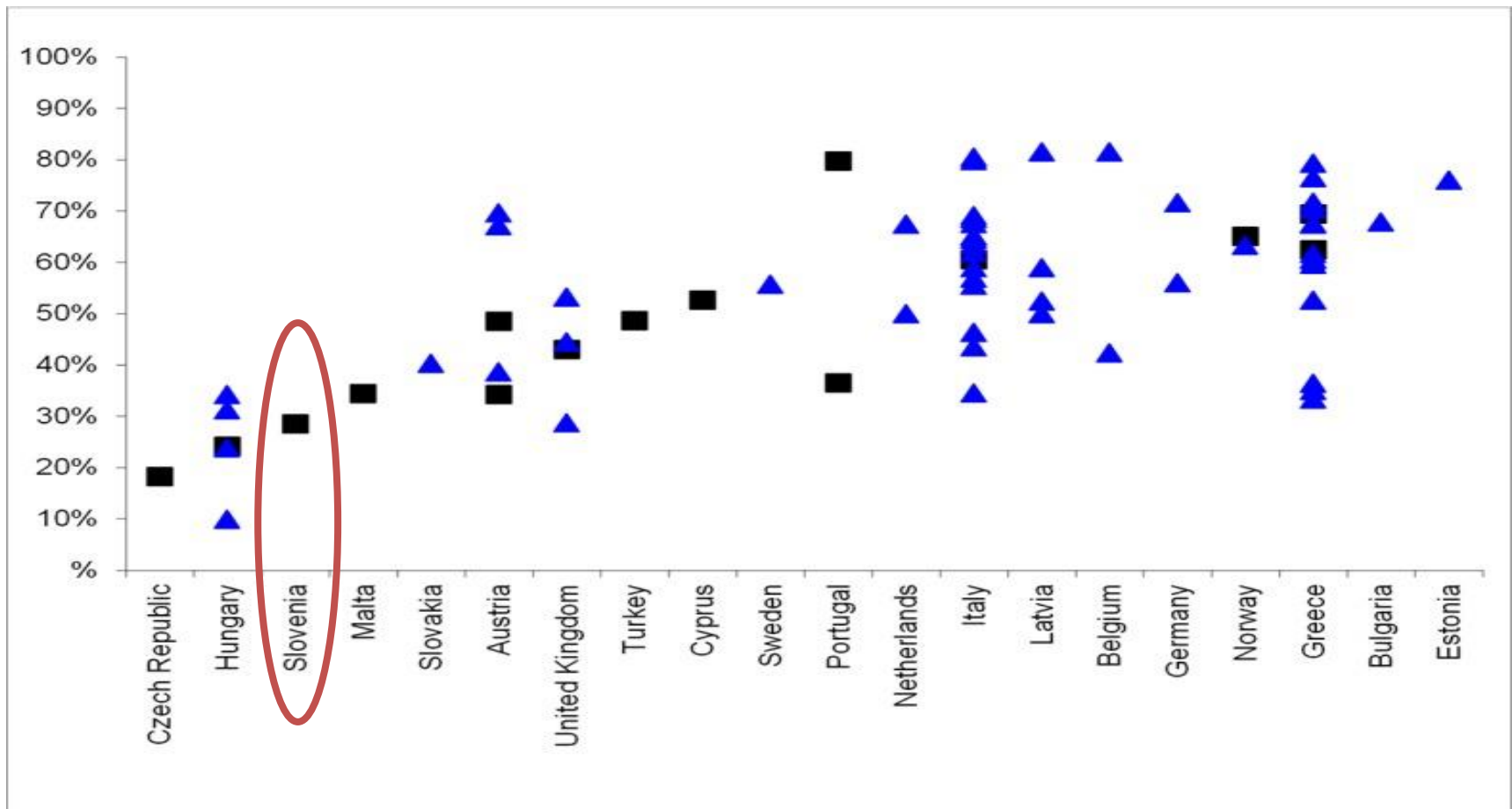
PWID: est. 6 000

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Anti-HCV prevalence by selected groups

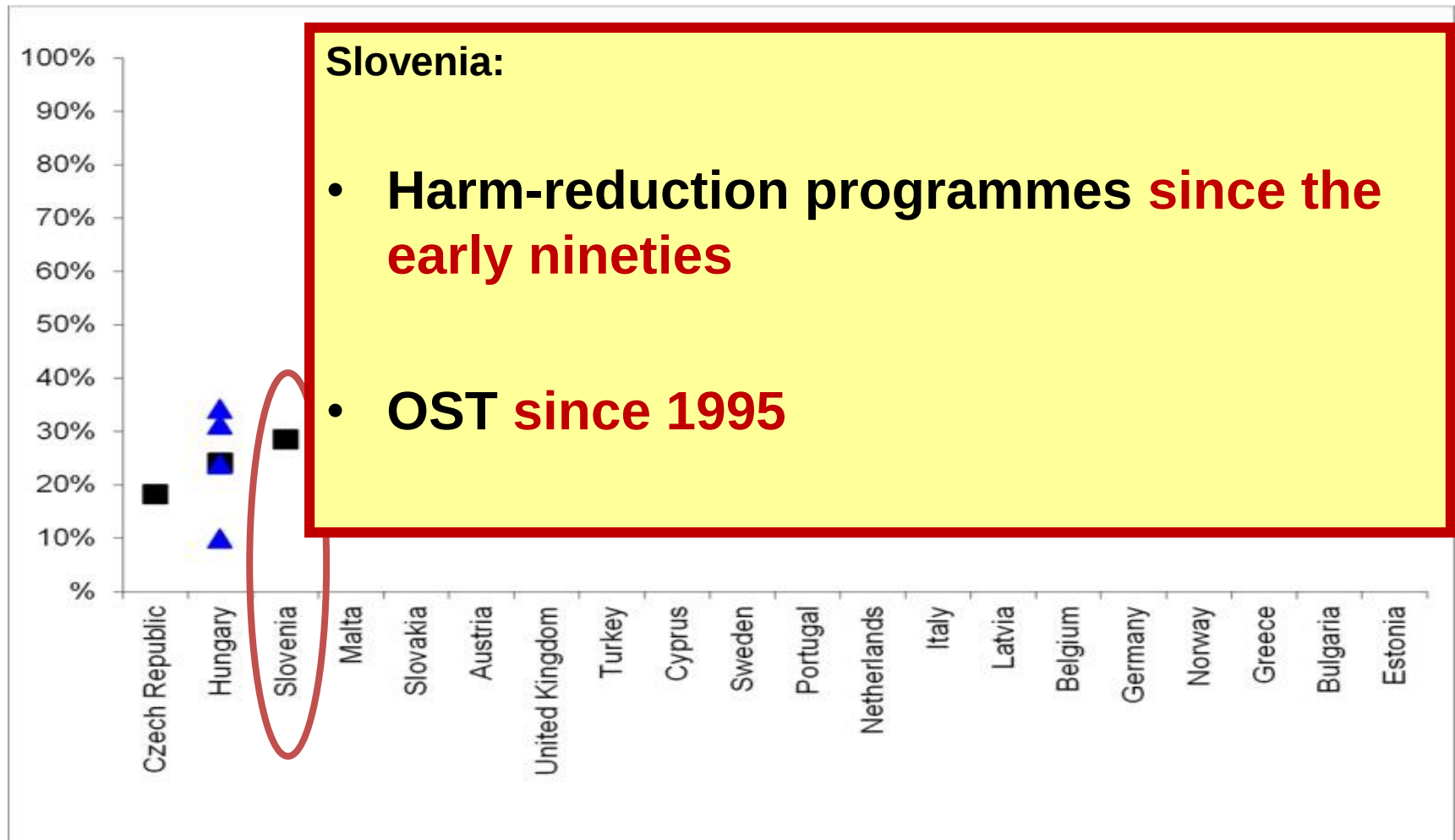


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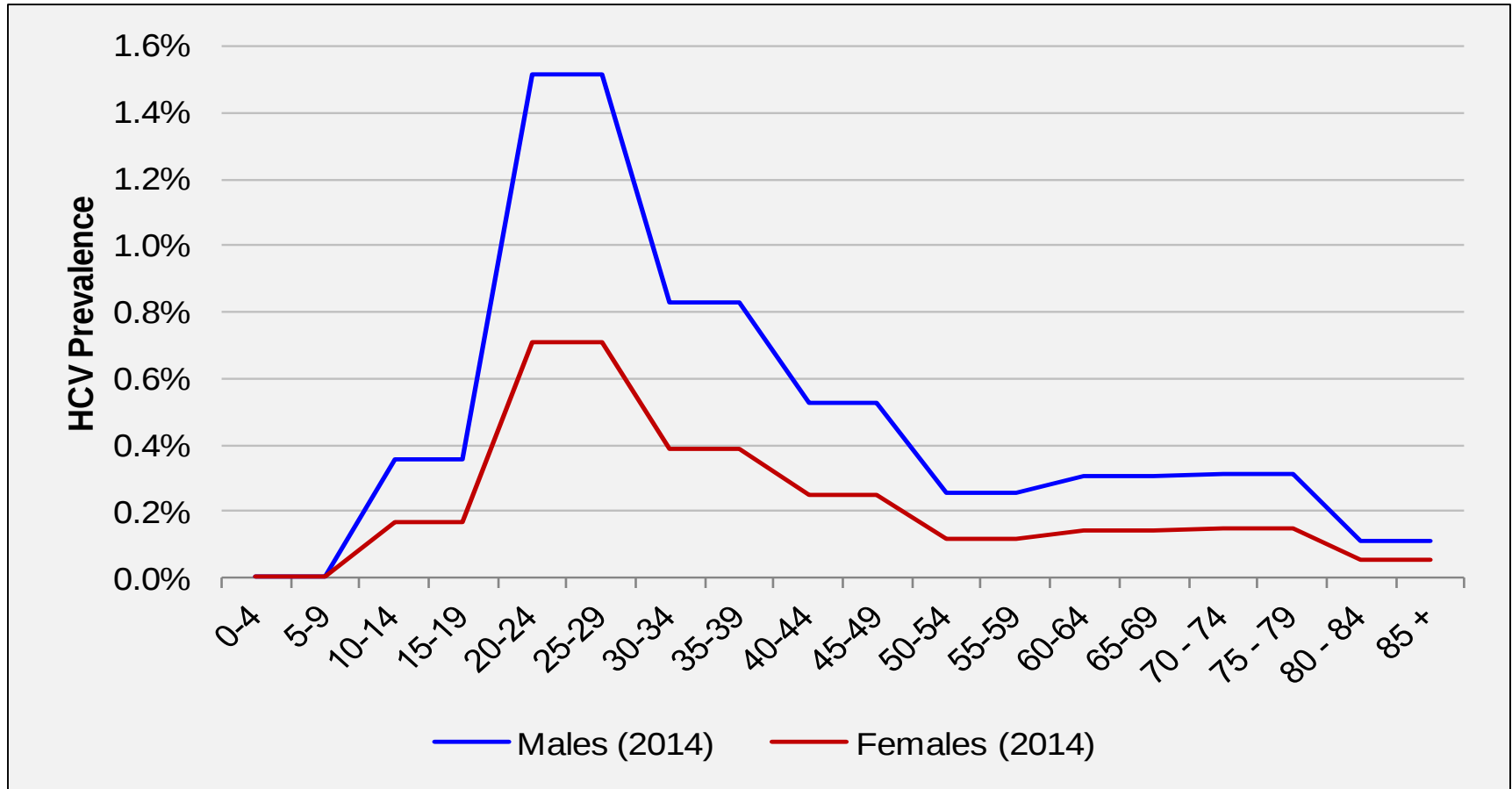
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Anti- HCV seroprevalence according to gender and age

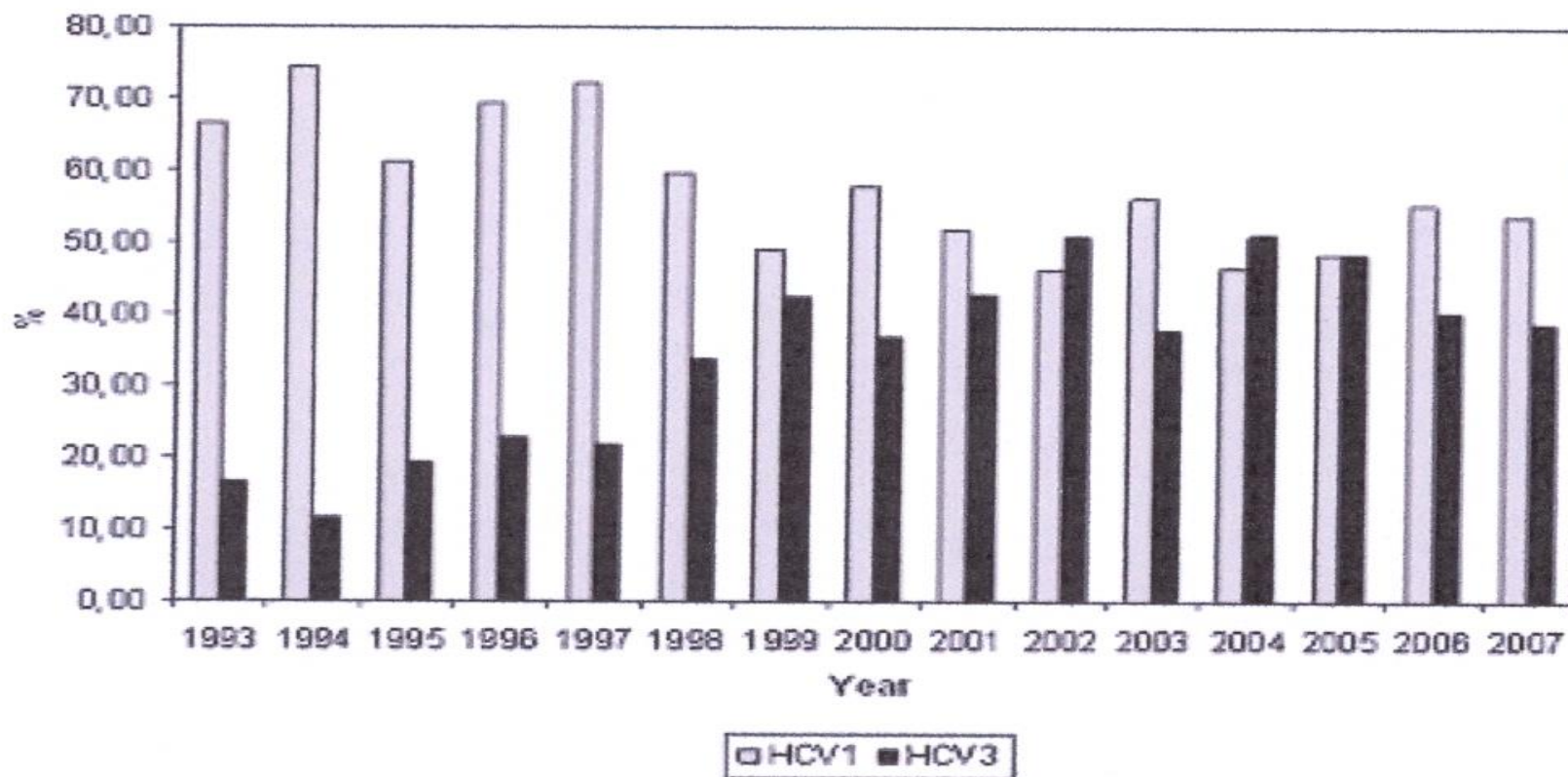
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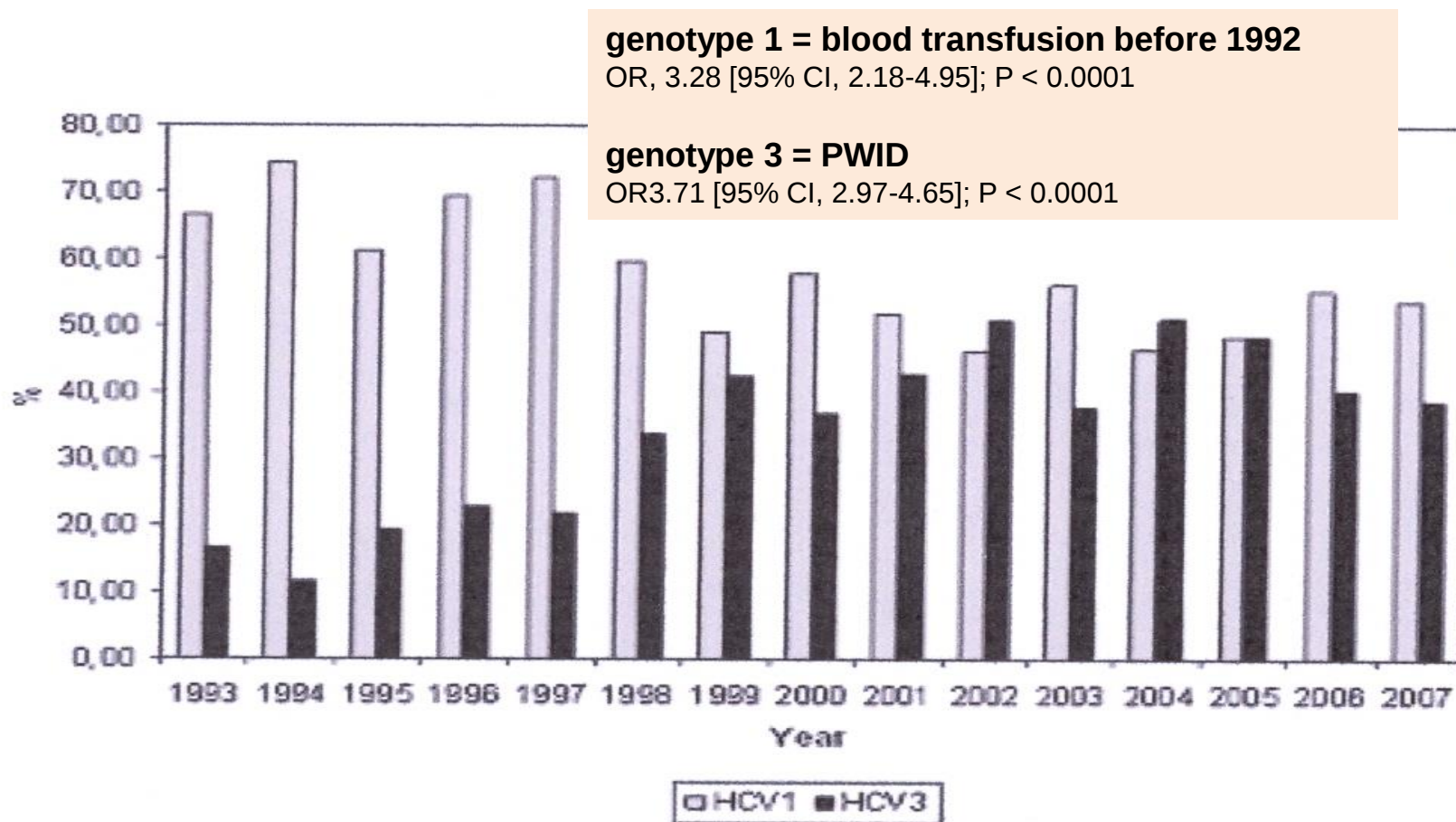
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Management of hepatitis C

An integrated approach

- **National Institute of Public Health of Republic Slovenia**

(Ministry of Health: Law on communicable diseases)

Surveillance of communicable diseases

Strategies for reducing transmission and harm (drug use)

- **National Viral Hepatitis Expert Group**

(Interdisciplinary team of highly involved professionals, self-founded in 1997)

National strategy

Action plan

Consensus clinical guidelines

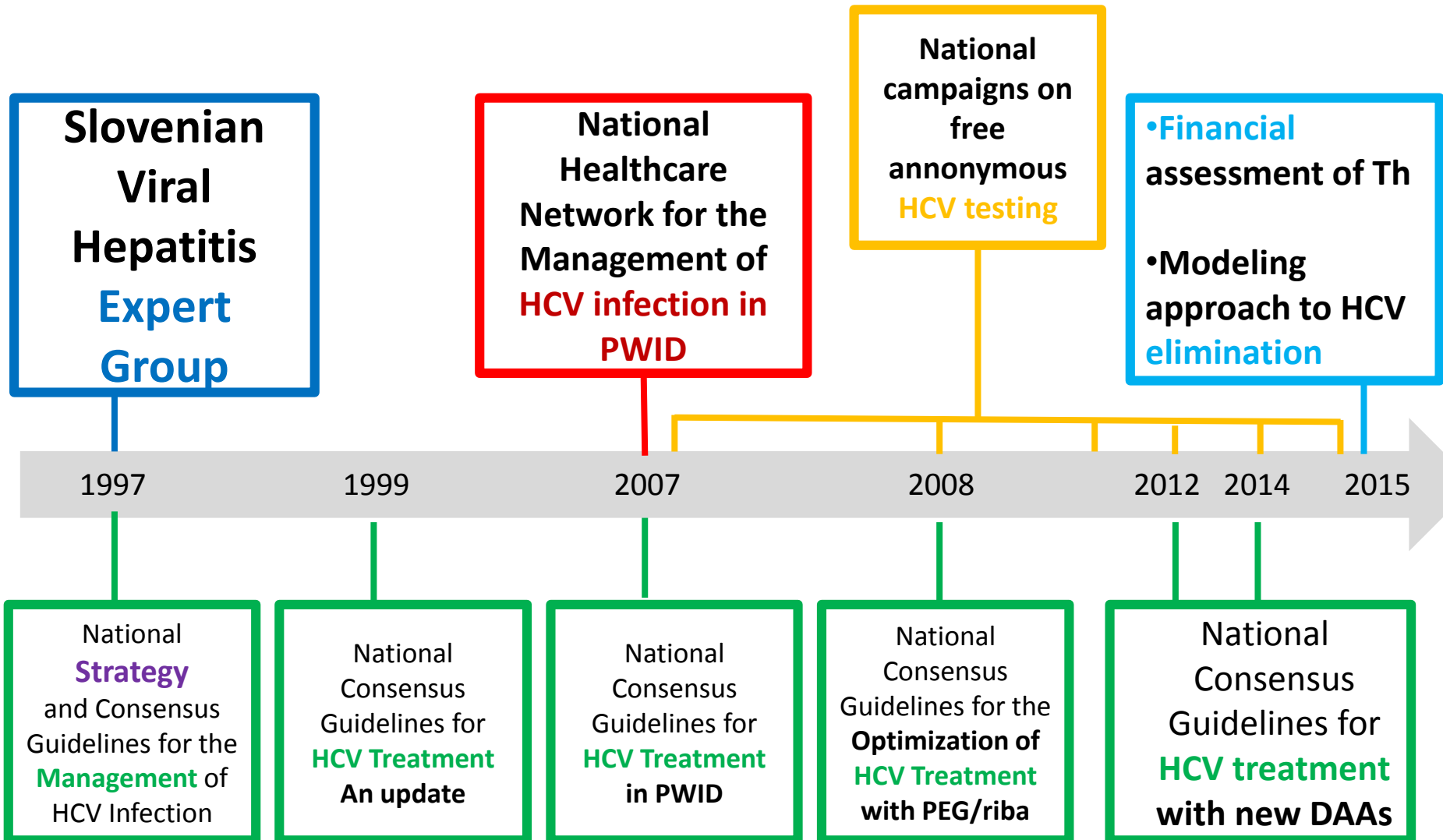
National Viral Hepatitis Expert Group

National strategy for complex management of HCV infection

- **Testing:** - special populations: case finding, surveillance
- general population: **voluntary free-of-charge testing**
(**routine** + campaigns)
- **Treatment:** - availability, access, process, follow-up
- systematical **analysis** of treatment efficacy and safety (since 1997)
- National consensus **guidelines** on management of HCV infected
- **Research**
- **Education** (professionals, general population)
- **Mass media campaigns** (World Hepatitis Day, etc.)

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Management of HCV infection 1997 - 2015



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Clinical management of patients with HCV infection

- 5 clinical centers for viral hepatitis: infectologists, (hepatologists)



Refferential:

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Clinical management of patients with HCV infection

THERAPY for HCV:

- IFN (1993)
- IFN/RBV (1999)
- PEG/RBV (2001)
- BOC/TVP (2012)
- SIMEPREVIR (2014)
- SOFOSBUVIR (2015)
- 3D (2015)
- SOFOSBUVIR+LEDIPASVIR (2015)
- Liver transplantation (since 1998)

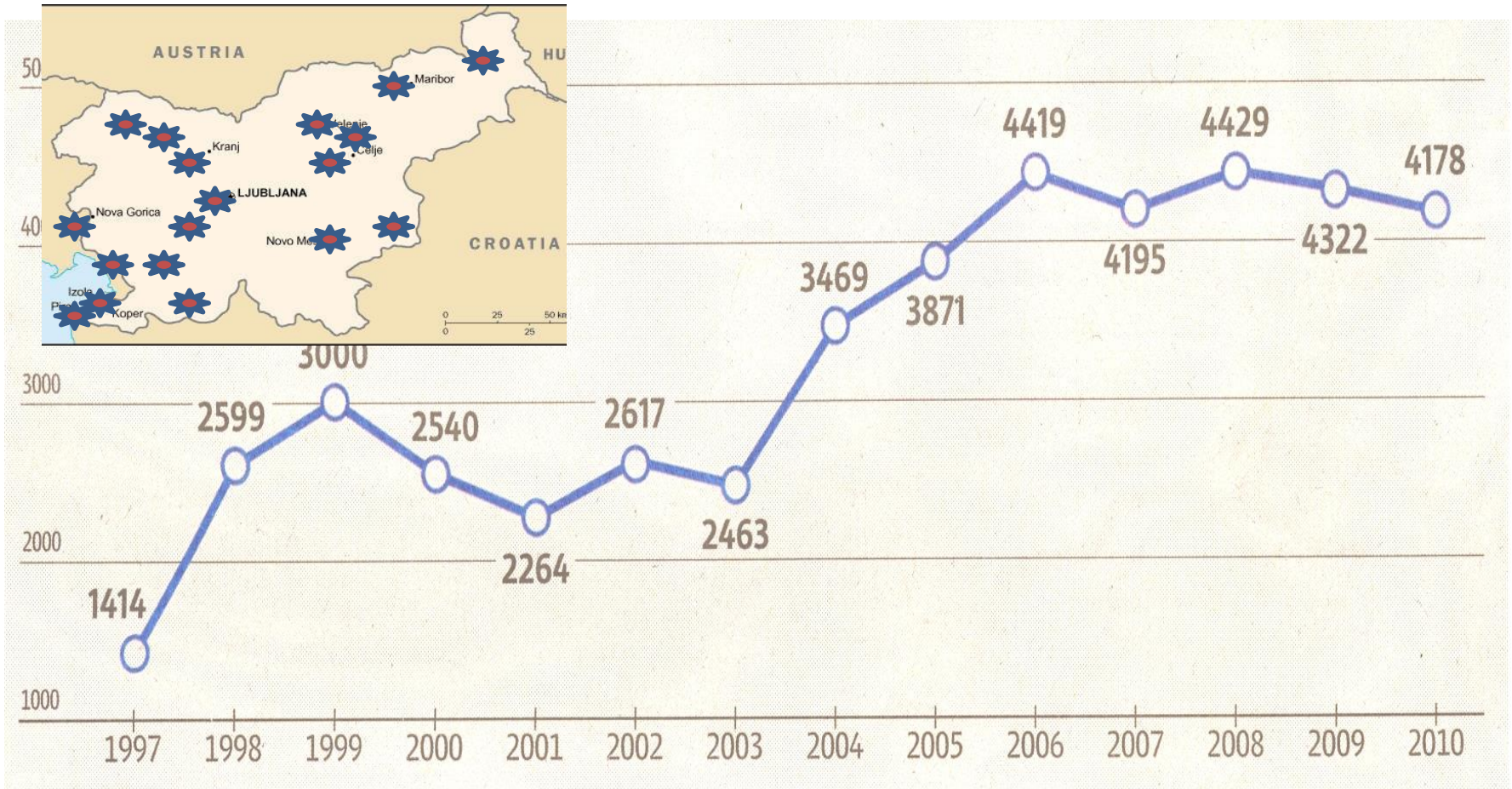
FINNANCING of HBV&HCV management :

- Public Health Insurance System:
 - Nominated specialists** to prescribe P/R, DAAs
 - National consensus guidelines** for the management of HCV infection
- **National register**: all the HCV treated patients (since 1997)

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Centres for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Addiction

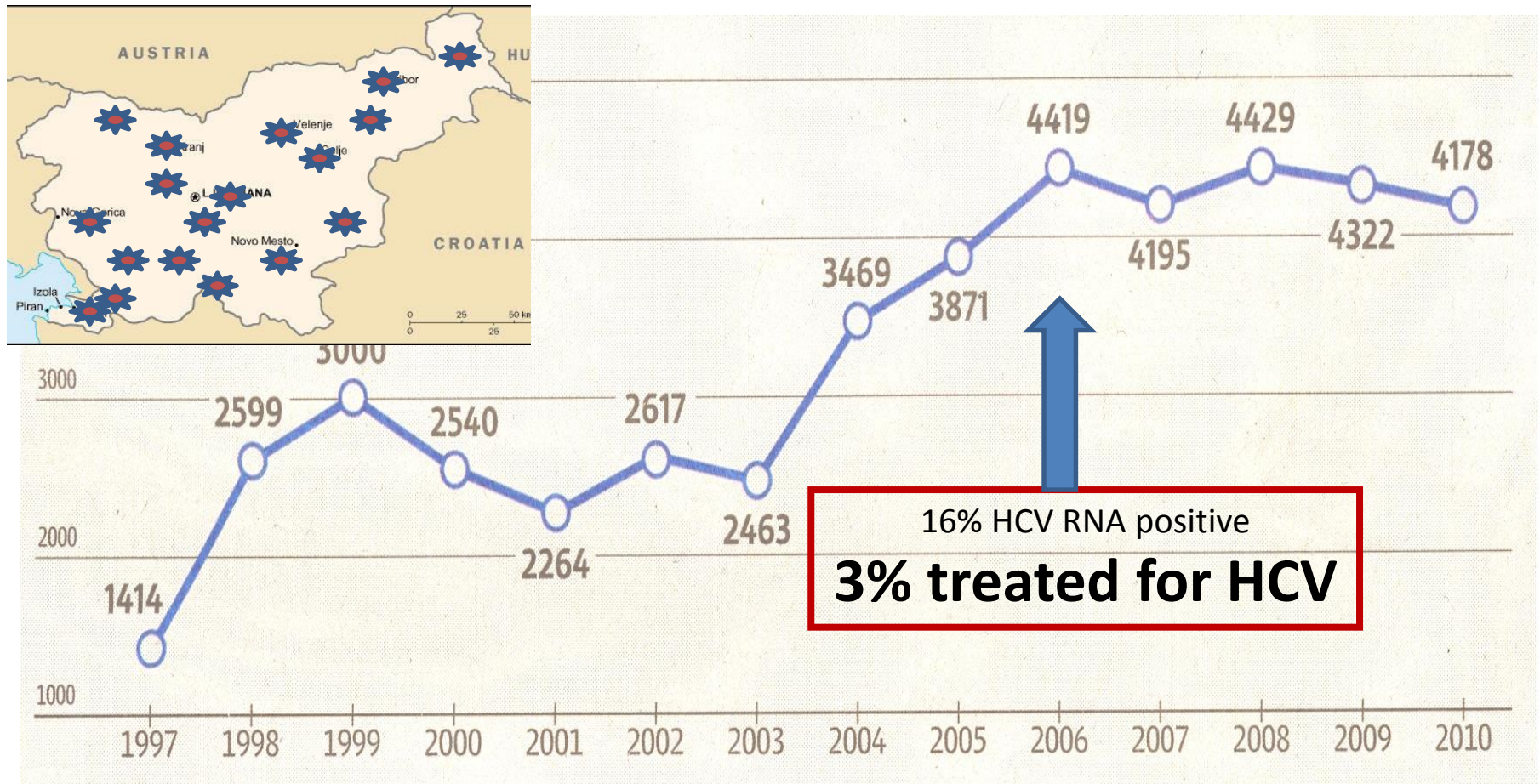
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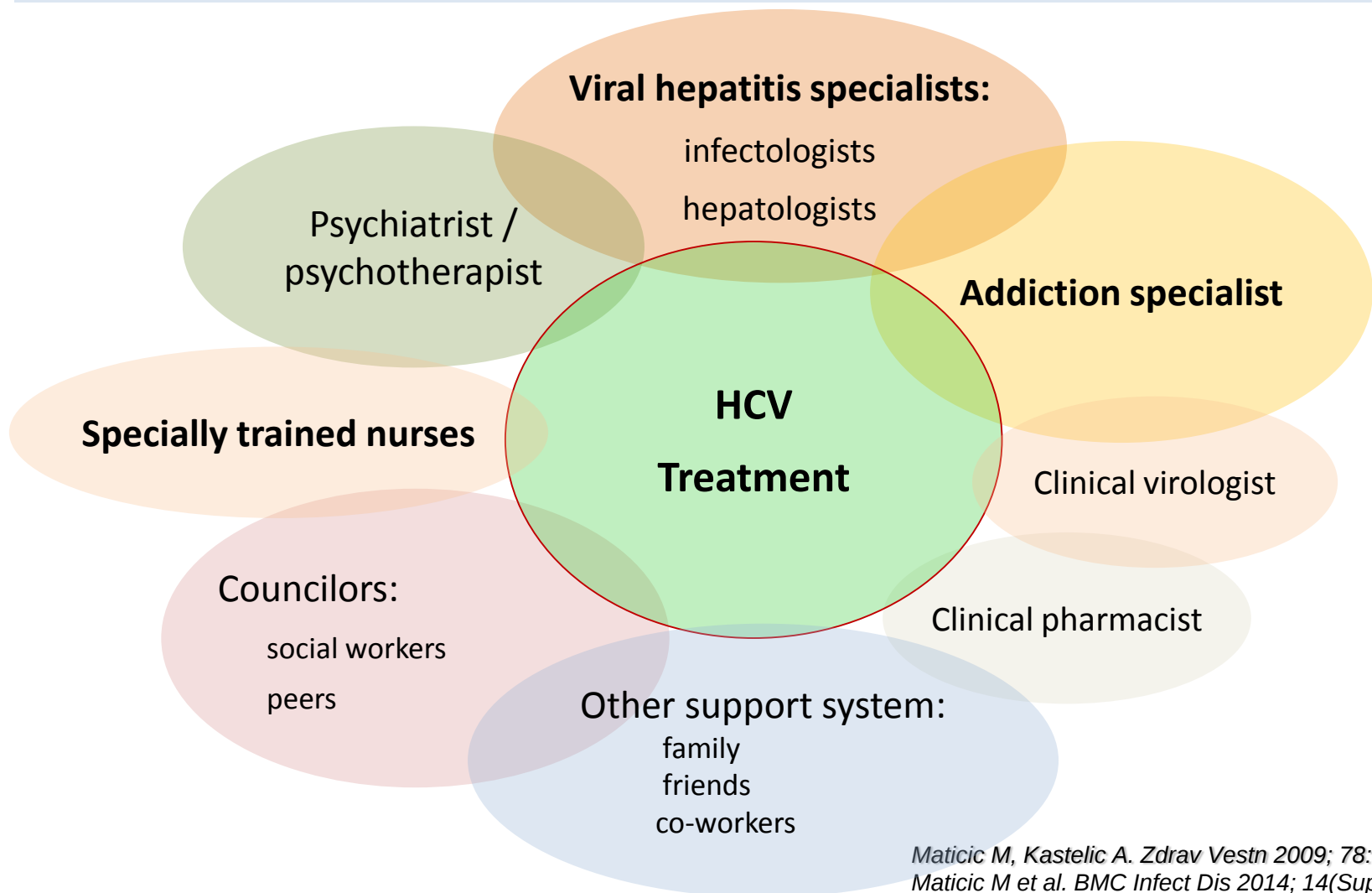
National healthcare network for managing HCV in PWID

INTEGRATED already existing facilities: **18 Drug Treatment Centers**
5 Viral Hepatitis Centers



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A multidisciplinary team for HCV treatment in PWID



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National Conferences “HCV in PWID” for integrated providers of HCV treatment

- **1st Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in IVDU (Jan 2006):**
basic medical and supportive education
strategies, interventions
- **2nd Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in IVDU (Mar 2007):**
set up National guidelines for the management of HCV in IVDUs
- **3rd Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in IVDU (Apr 2008):**
vulnerable groups
- **4th Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in IVDU (Feb 2010):**
experiences/improvements of the National guidelines
future perspectives
- **5th Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in IVDU (Dec 2011):**
role of addiction programmes, new drugs for HCV, HIV and IVDUs in Slovenia
- **6th Slovenian Conference on HCV Infection in PWID (Mar2015):**
new DAAs, increase HCV testing, Inauguration of Slovene Liver Patient Association



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Hepatitis C in drug users on
substitution treatment:

National guidelines for clinical management and treatment

March 2007

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National healthcare network for managing HCV in PWID An integrated approach

- **Un-infected:** counselling to **prevent** HCV infection
testing for HCV infection (every 6-12 mths)
HBV vaccination
- **Acutely infected:** **testing** and quick diagnosis
- **Chronically infected:** **treatment:**
 - identification
 - evaluation of readiness
 - medical evaluation
 - clinical management
 - counselling
 - motivation

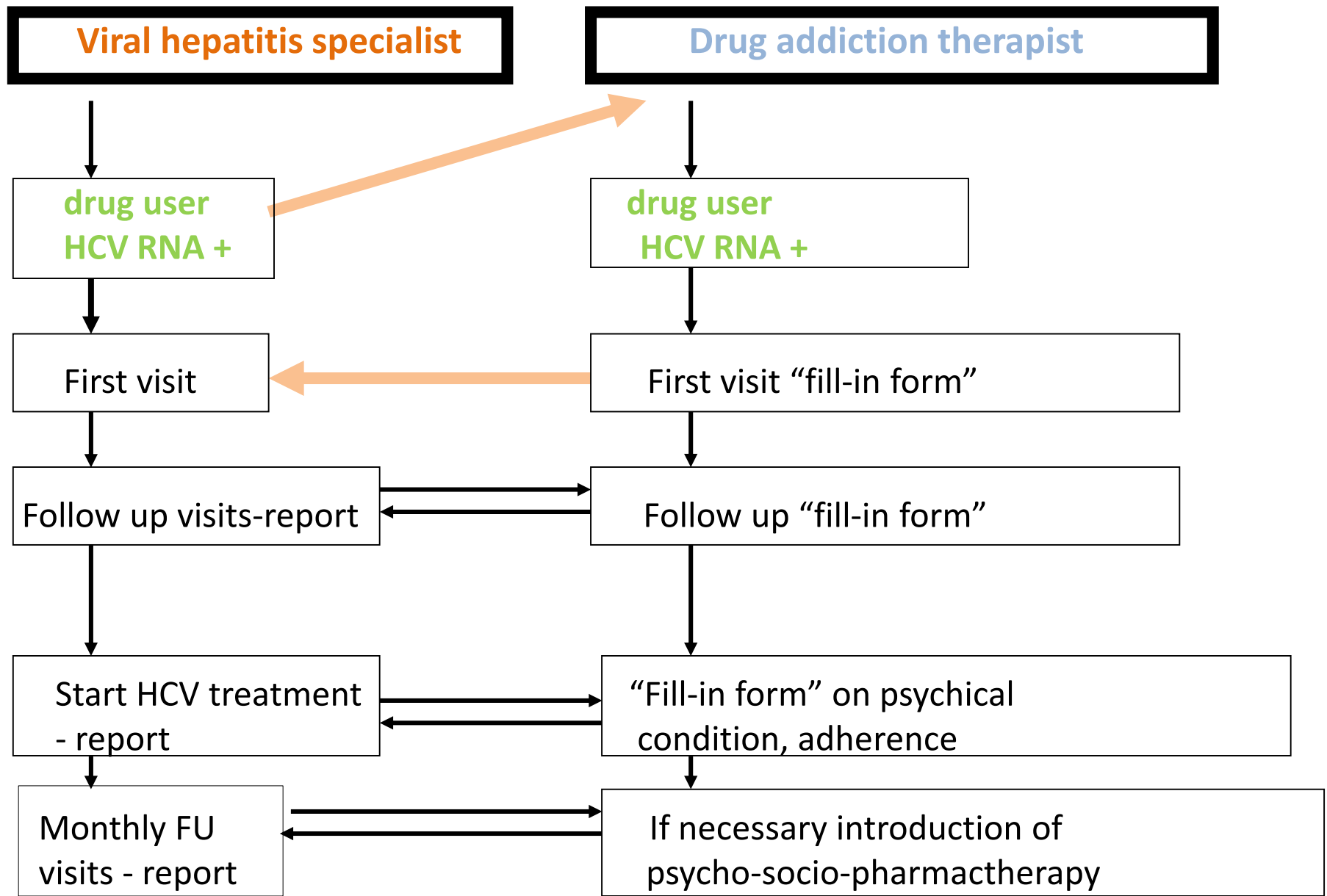
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Centre
+
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National healthcare network for managing HCV in PWID

An integrated approach



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National healthcare network for managing HCV in PWID

Written communication between viral hepatitis and drug addiction specialists

PODATKI O BOLNIKU

namenjeno specialistu za klinično obravnavo hepatitisa C

prvi pregled

Center za preprečevanje in zdravljenje odvisnosti od prepovedanih drog: _____

Center za zdravljenje odvisnih od prepovedanih drog, Psihiatrična klinika Ljubljana ☐

ime in priimek bolnika: _____ datum rojstva: _____

dovoljujem, da se podatki o mojem zdravljenju posredujejo specialistu za klinično obravnavo hepatitisa C

podpis bolnika: _____

trajanje uživanja drog leta: _____ meseci: _____ v zdravljenju odvisnosti od: _____

vrsta substitucijske terapije: _____ trenutni odmerek substitucijskega zdravila: _____

morebitno uživanje drog: _____ pogostnost: _____ način: _____

urinski test: _____ uživanje alkohola: _____

pridružene telesne bolezni: _____

pridružene duševne motnje: _____

prejemanje psihofarmakov / odmerek: _____

terapevtski načrt: _____

ima stalnega partnerja ☐ DA ☐ NE urejeno bivališče ☐ DA ☐ NE

zaposlitev: _____

okužba s HCV: anti-HCV pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano
HCV RNA pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano
ALT _____ µkat/L datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano
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okužba s HBV: HBsAg pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano
anti-HBs pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano
anti-HBc pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano

okužba s HIV: anti-HIV 1/2/0 pozitiven ☐ DA ☐ NE datum testa: _____ ☐ ni testirano

cepljenje proti HBV: ☐ DA datum zadnjega odmerka _____ št. odmerkov _____ anti-HBs _____ IU/mL
☐ NE ☐ NEZNANO

mnenje glede zmožnosti zdravljenja: _____

kontrolni pregled: _____ datum, podpis in žig zdravnika: _____

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pomembna nova opažanja

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drugo: _____

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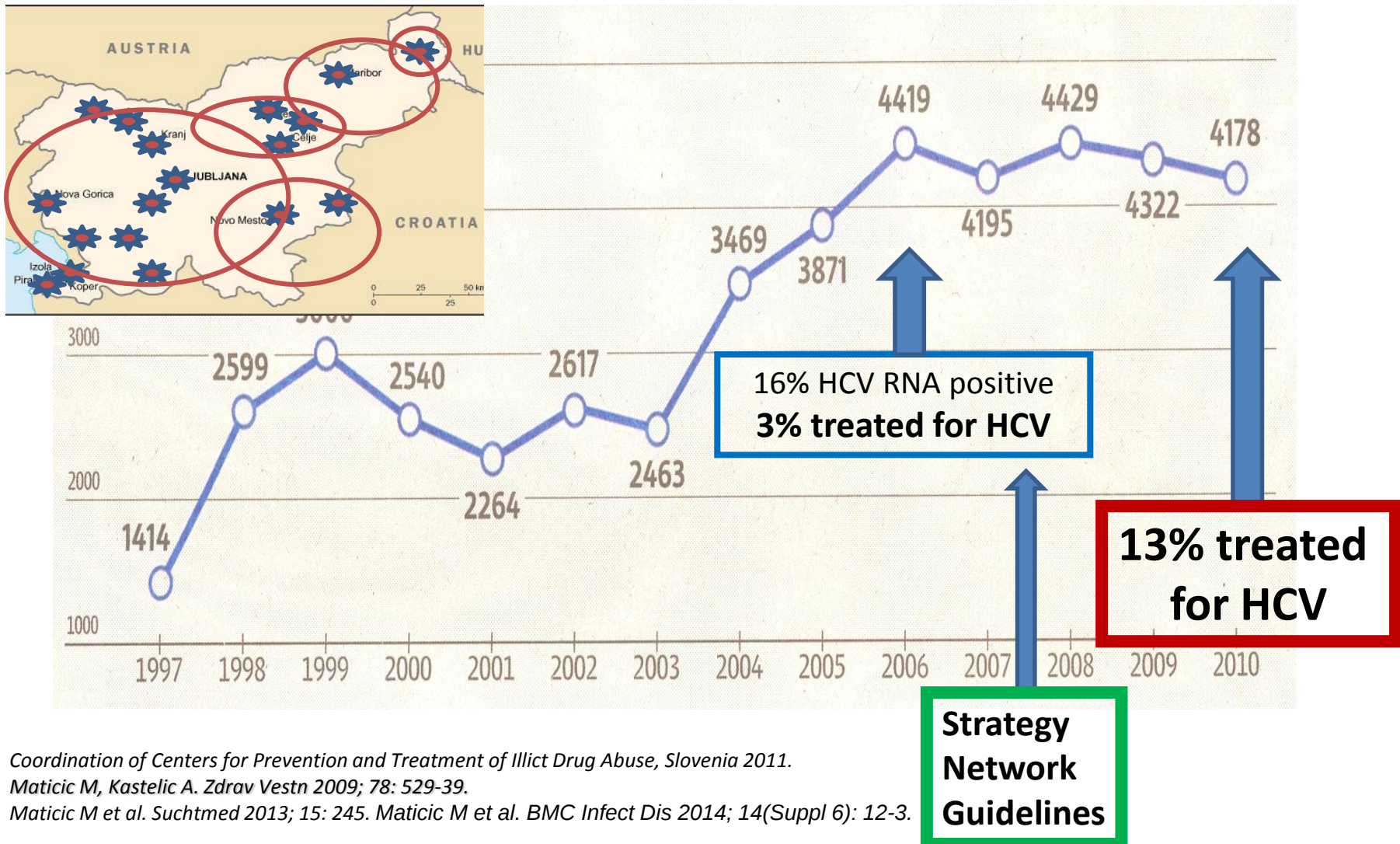
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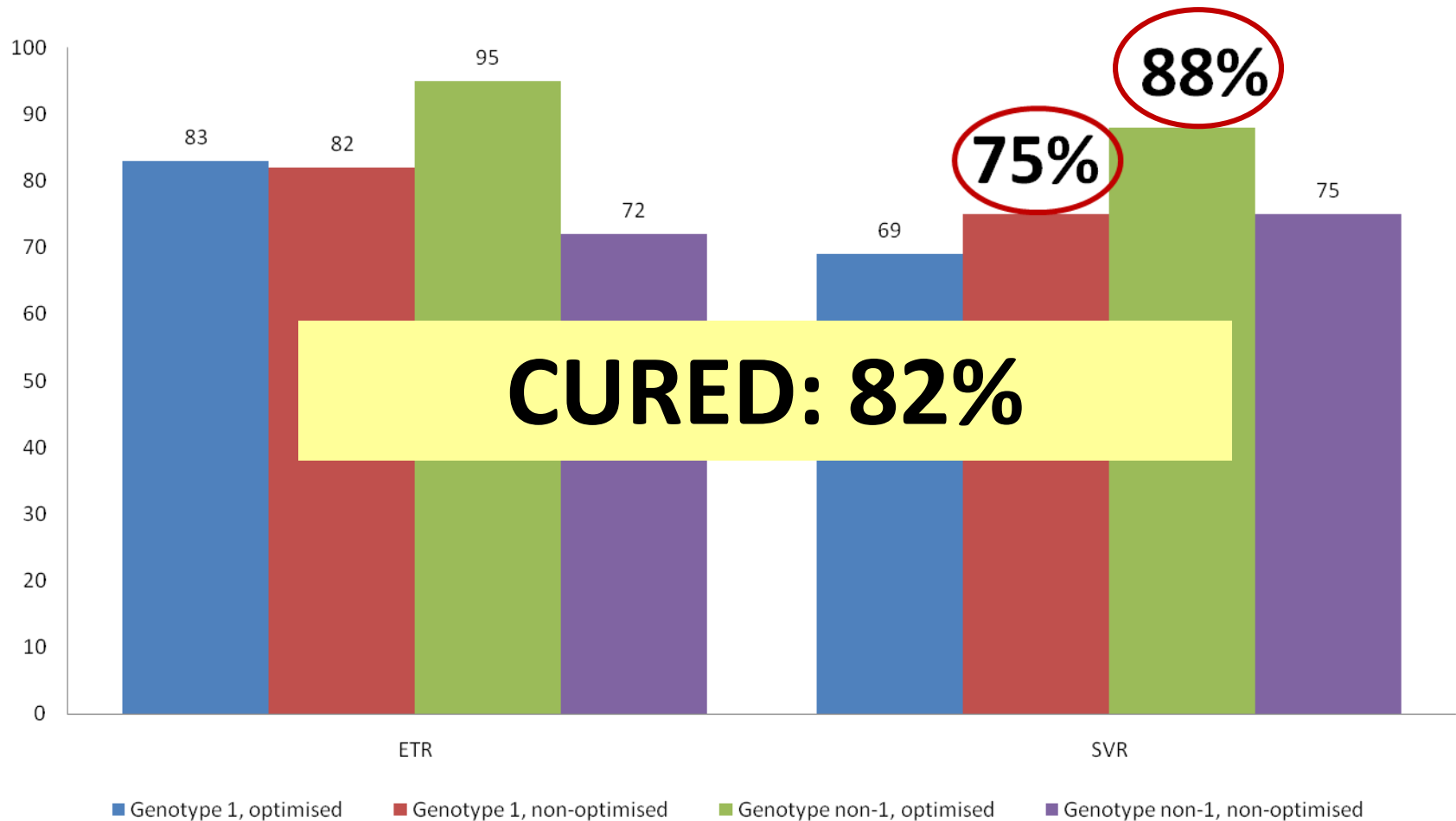
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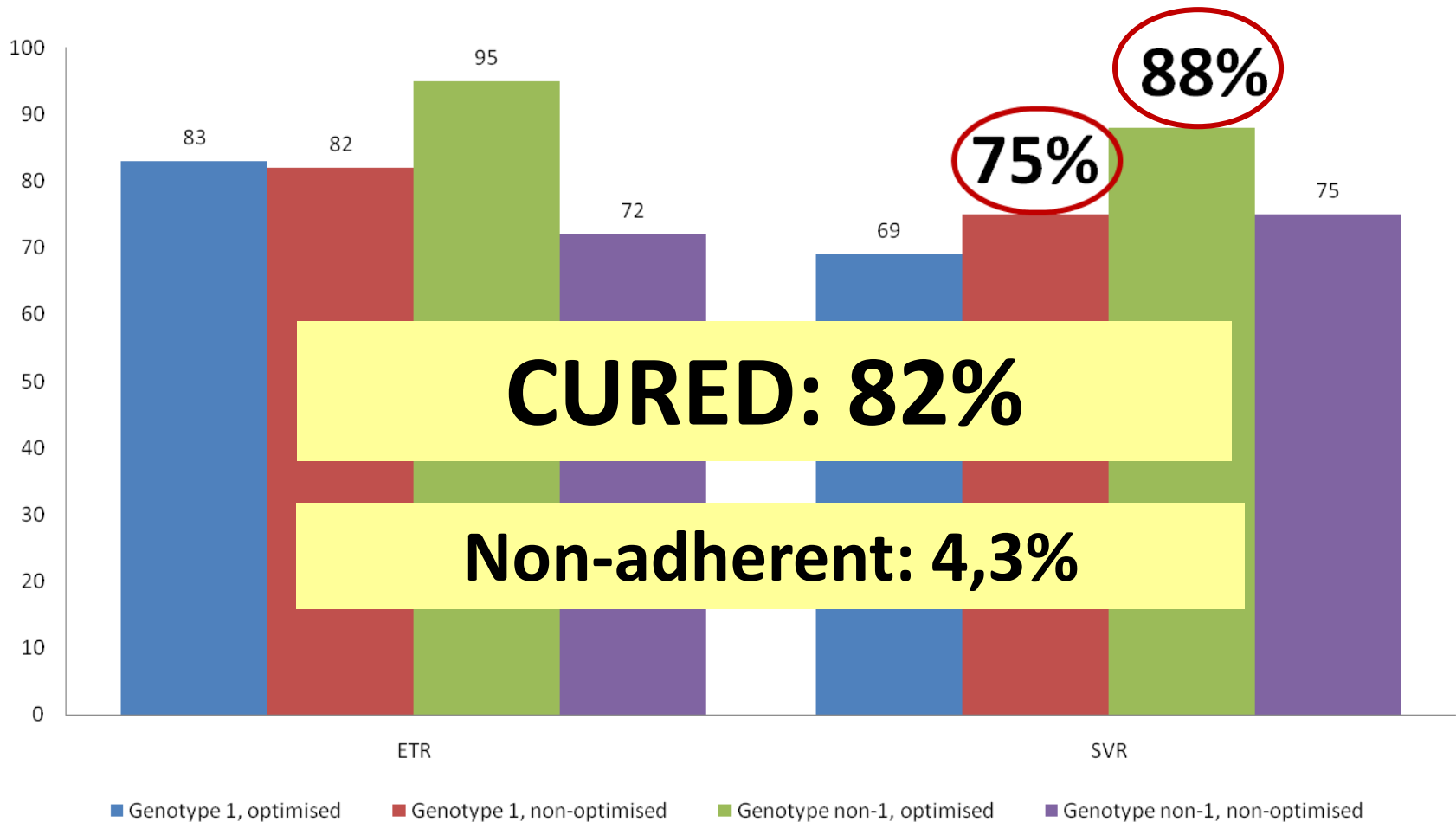
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DAAAs – A game changer



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Thank you !

