

Functional control and clinical benefit 1 year following completion of REP 2139 / peg-IFN therapy in patients with chronic HBV / HDV co-infection

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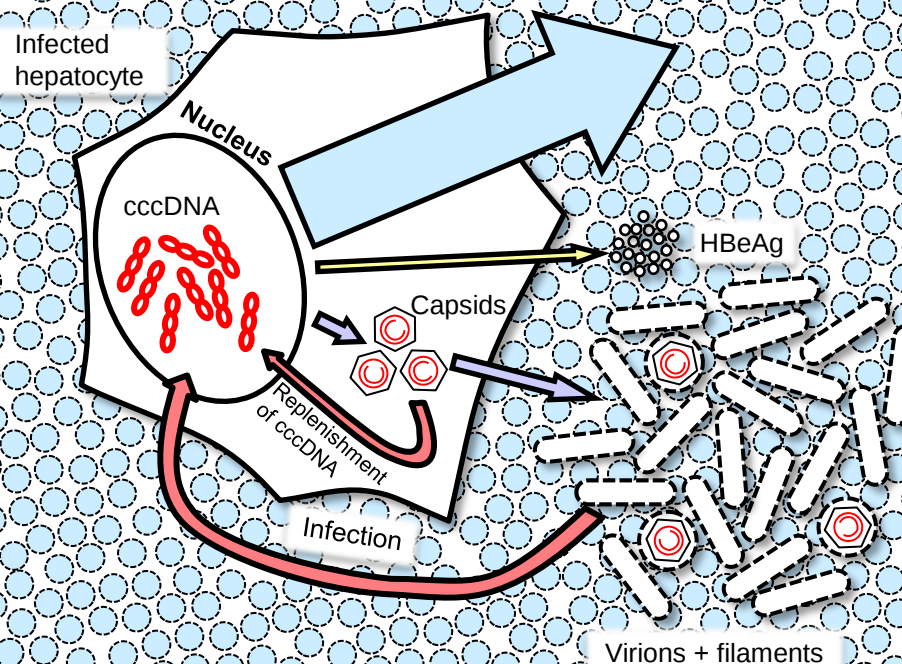


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Particle production in HBV

SUBVIRAL PARTICLES: The bulk of circulating HBsAg



HBsAg is an immunosuppressor:

- Masks anti-HBs response
- Blocks signalling mechanisms in innate and adaptive immunity
- Blocks the effect of immunotherapies
- **HBsAg clearance is critical to achieving functional control**

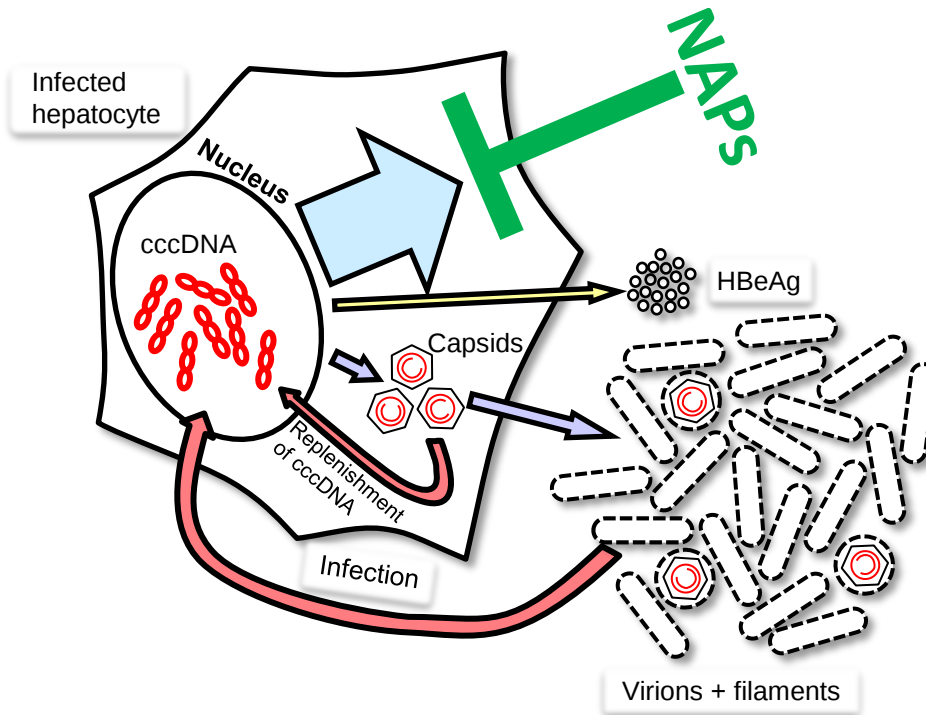
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Nucleic Acid Polymers (NAPs)

NAPs block subviral particle release



Efficient HBsAg clearance from the blood



Critical effects of HBsAg clearance:

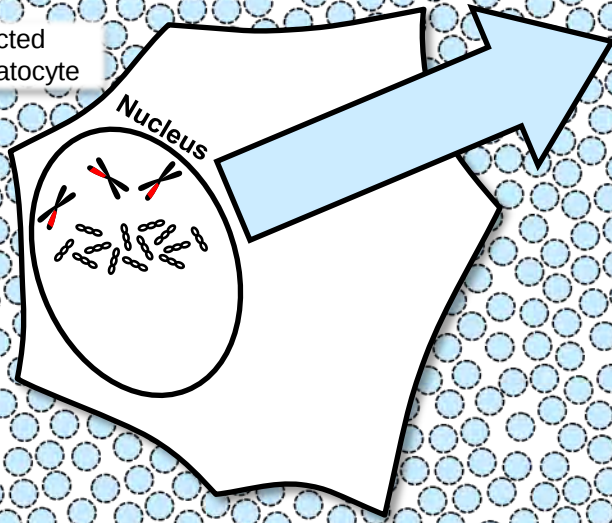
- Unmasking anti-HBs response
- Elimination of HBsAg mediated immunosuppression
- Improved response to immunotherapy
- **Functional control can be established in most patients**

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HBV vs HBV / HDV co-infection

Subviral particle production in HBV monoinfection

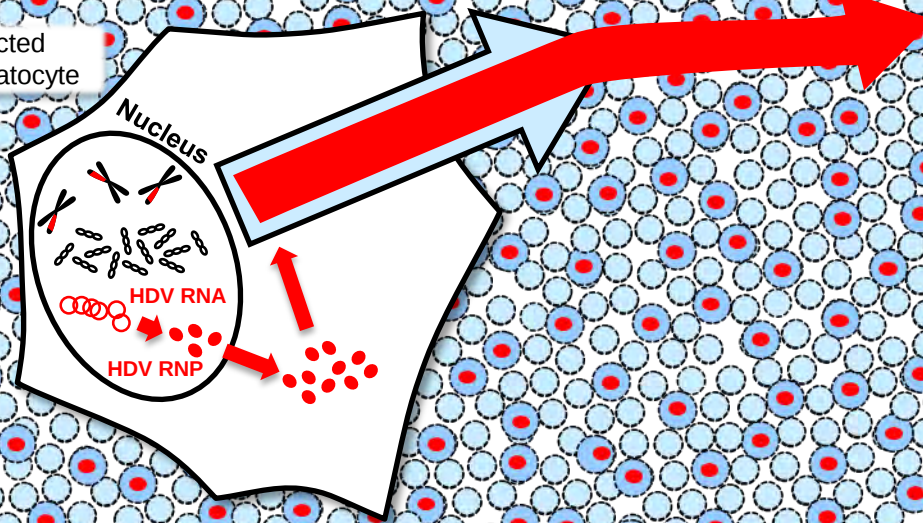
Infected
hepatocyte



HBV vs HBV / HDV co-infection

Subviral particle production in HBV monoinfection

Infected hepatocyte



HDV exits the hepatocyte using the same secretory machinery as HBV subviral particles

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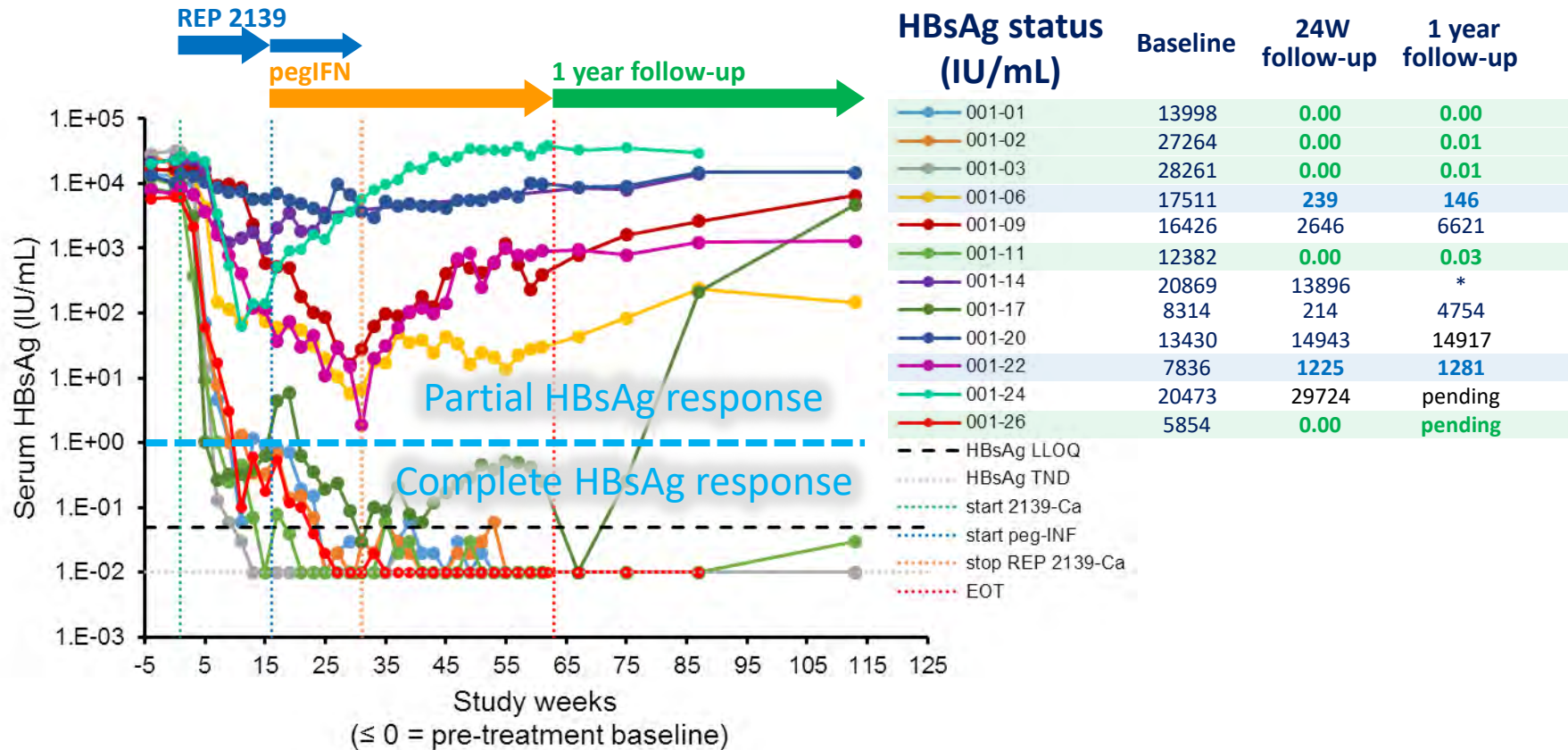
REP 301 / 301-LTF studies

- 12 Caucasian patients with confirmed chronic HBV / HDV co-infection
- Clinicaltrials.org # NCT02233075



REP 301-LTF (NCT02876419): 3 year extension of follow-up (every 6M).

Serum HBsAg

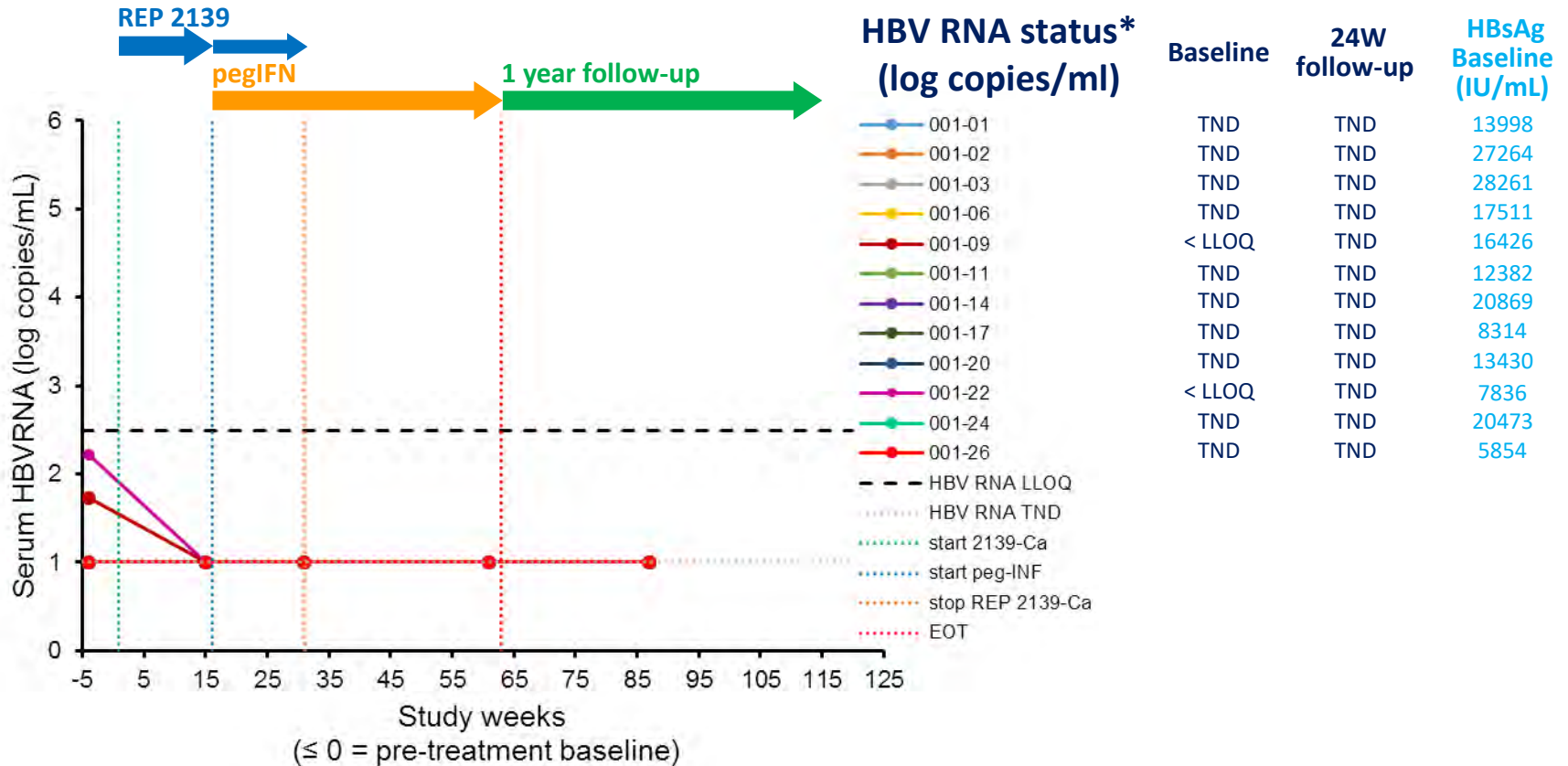


5/12 patients with HBsAg control at 24W – 1 year follow-up.

An additional 2 patients have established a new HBsAg baseline

LLOQ = lower limit of quantification, TND = target not detected (0.00 IU/mL), EOT = end of treatment, * not enrolled in REP 301-LTF

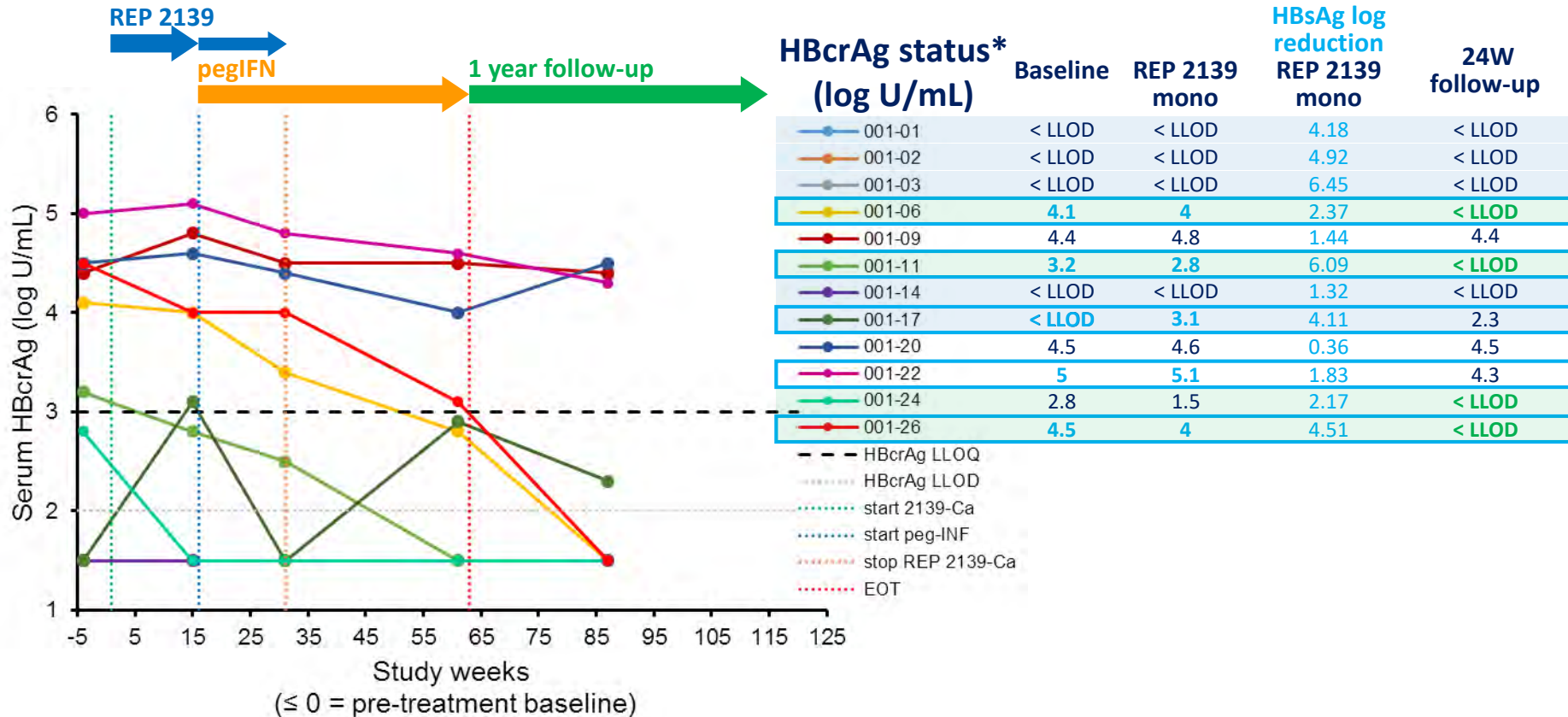
Serum HBV RNA



Baseline HBV RNA is either not quantifiable or not detectable in all patients despite significant HBsAg levels

*DDL Diagnostic, Rijswijk, The Netherlands, TND = target not detected, LLOQ = lower limit of quantification (2.49 log copies/mL)

Serum HBcrAg



Baseline HBcrAg is undetectable in 5/12 patients at baseline

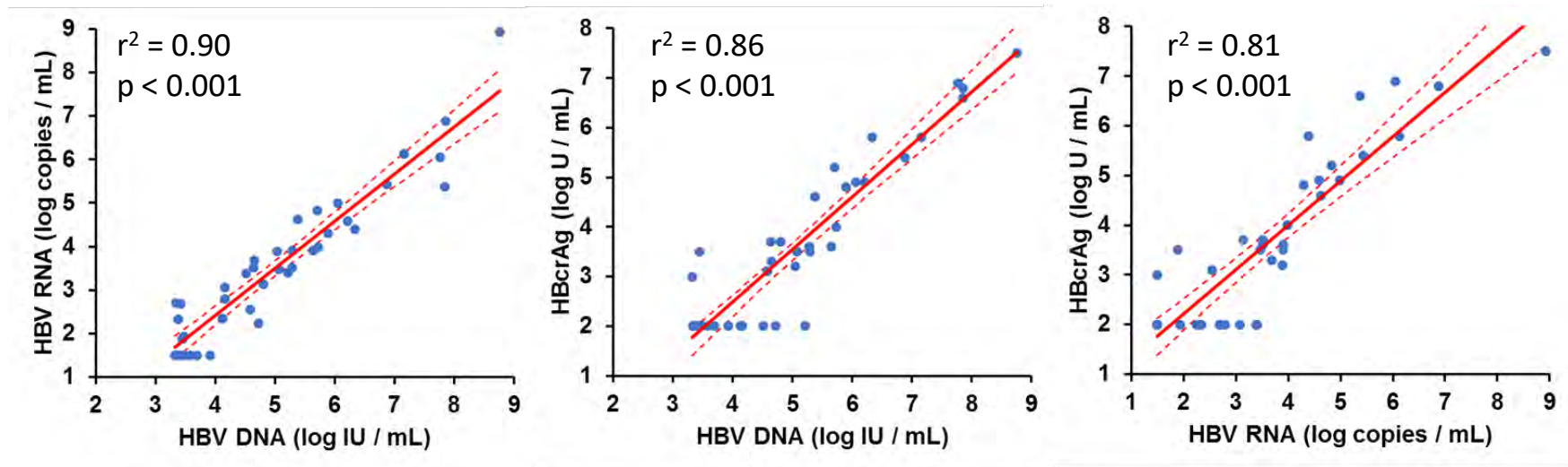
HBcrAg levels are unchanged during REP 2139 monotherapy despite substantial decreases in HBsAg (selective targeting of SVPs)

pegIFN results in HBcrAg < LLOD in 4/5 patients with HBsAg reduction > 2 log

*Fujirebio Lumipulse® (DDL Diagnostic, Rijswijk, The Netherlands), LLOD = lower limit of detection (2 log U/mL)

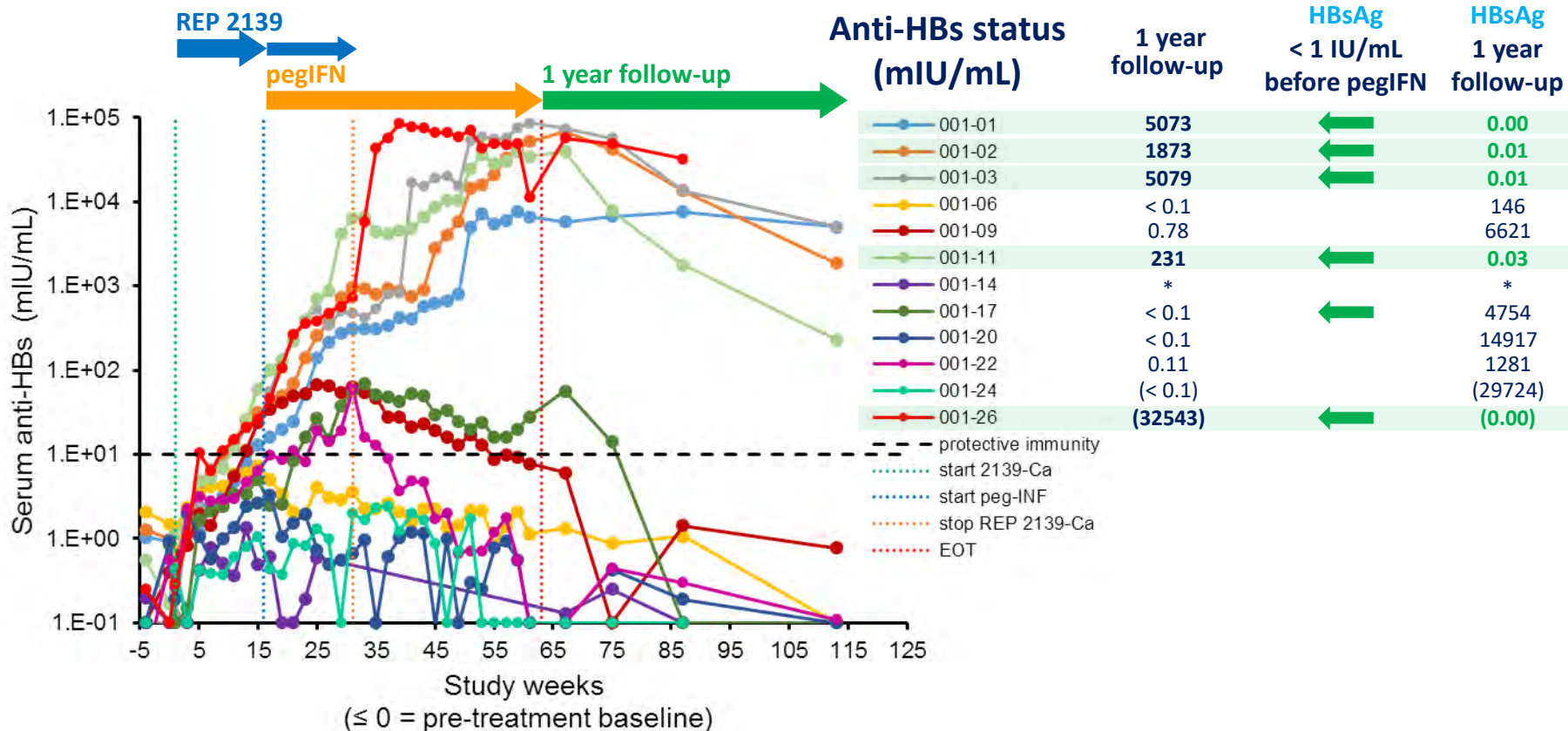
Serum HBV RNA / HBcrAg (HBeAg negative HBV mono-infection)

Baseline measurements of 40 HBeAg- HBV mono-infected patients
(REP 401 protocol, poster THU-154)



HBV RNA deficit is specific for chronic co-infection with HDV

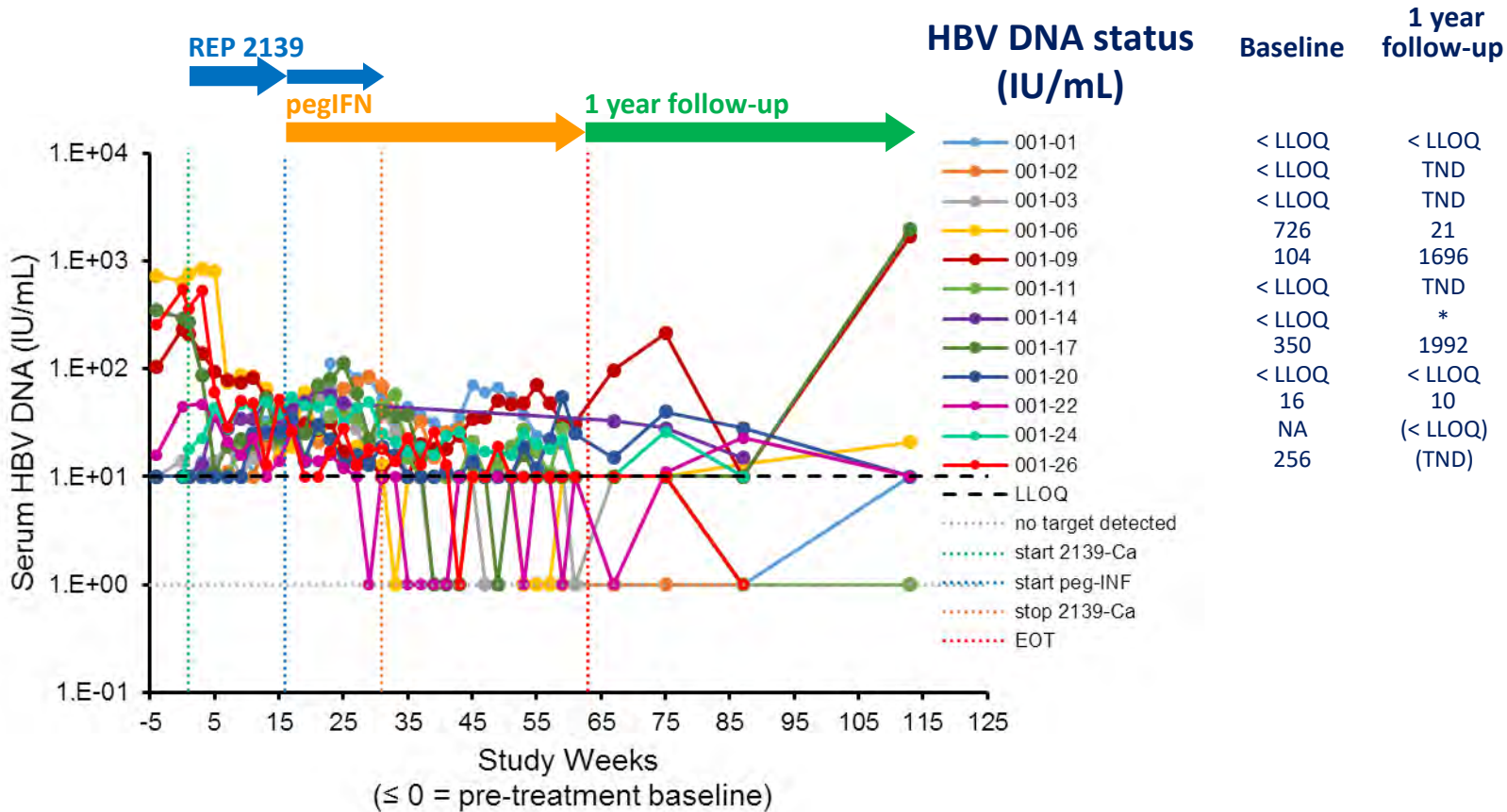
Anti-HBs maintenance off treatment versus HBsAg response



Maintenance of anti-HBs titers at 1 year follow-up is correlated with serum HBsAg < 1 IU / at the start of peg-INF therapy

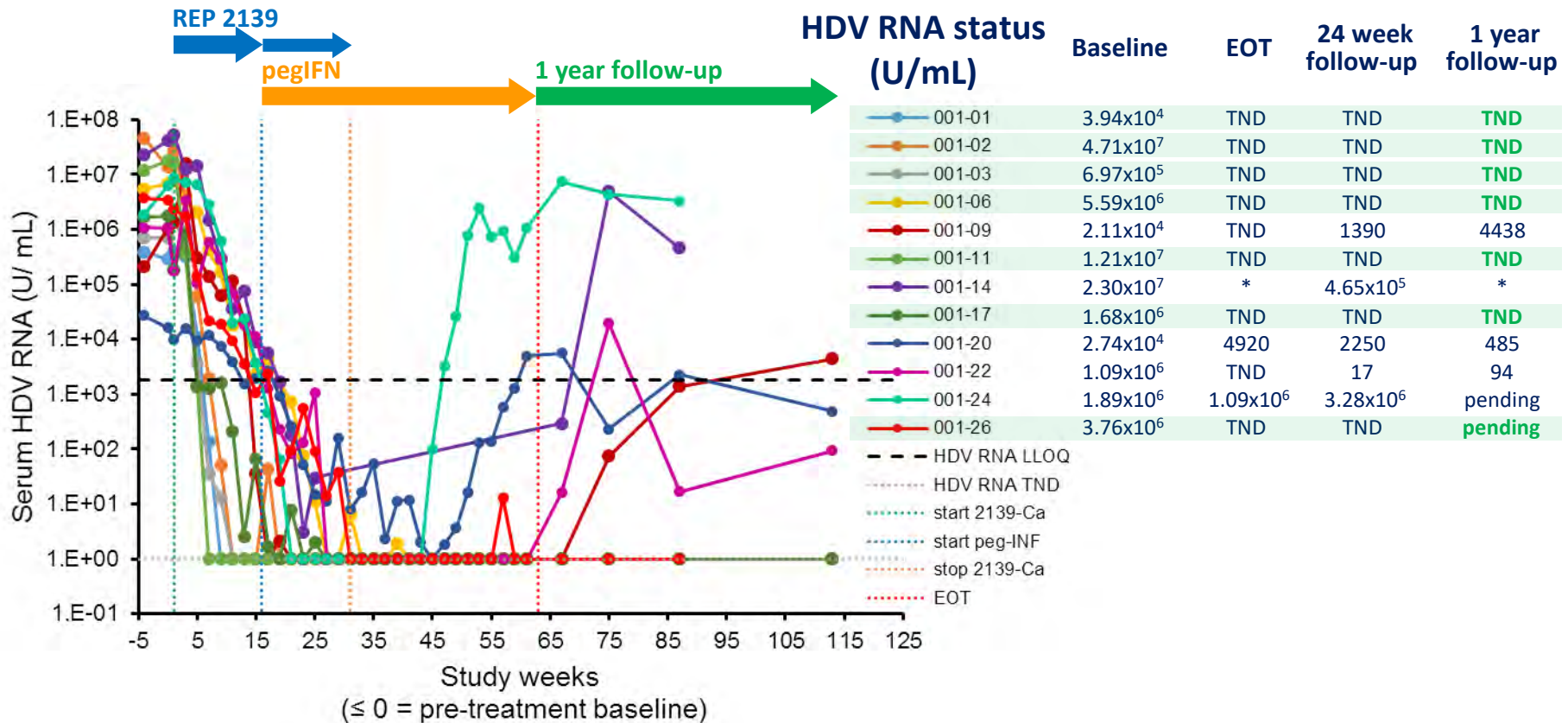
EOT = end of treatment, * not enrolled in REP 301-LTF, (24W follow-up result, 1 year follow-up result pending)

HBV DNA



EOT = end of treatment, * not enrolled in REP 301-LTF, LLOQ = lower limit of quantitation (10 IU/mL), TND = target not detected
 NA = PCR result not available- inhibition observed, (24W follow-up result, 1 year follow-up result pending)

Serum HDV RNA

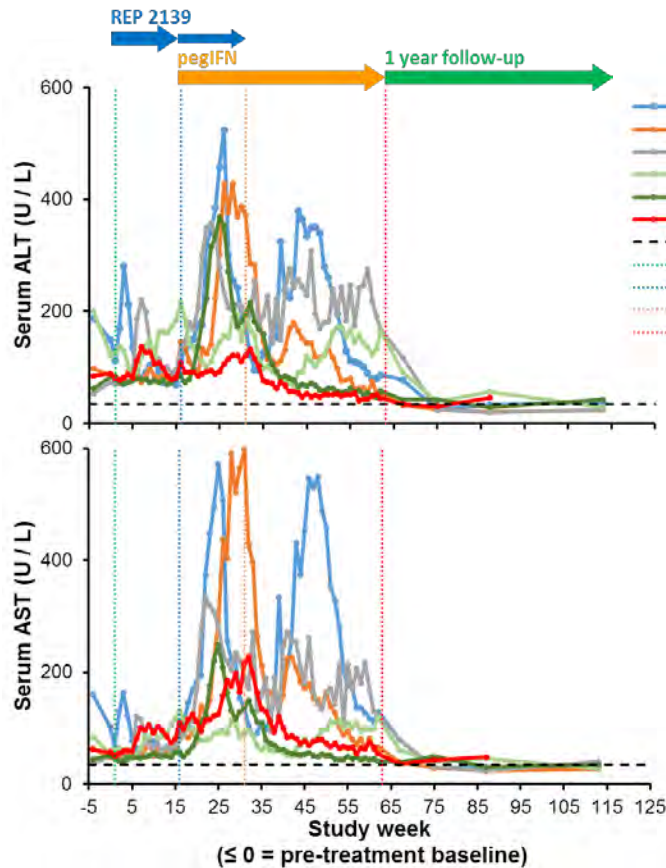


**Complete absence of HDV RNA observed at 24 weeks follow-up in 7/12 patients
is stable at 1 year follow-up**

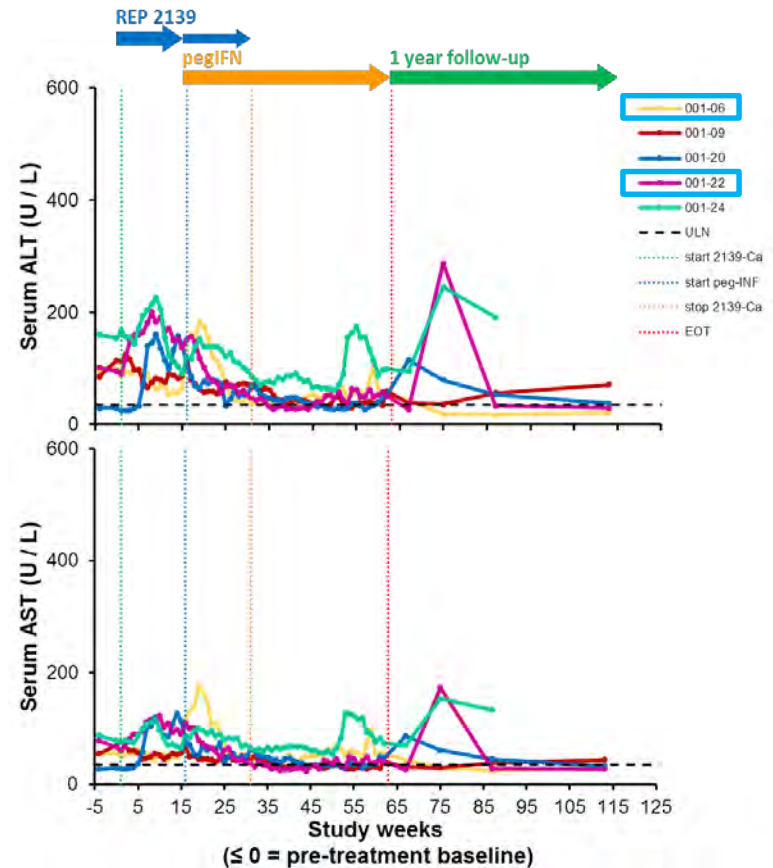
EOT = end of treatment, * early entry into REP 301 follow-up - not enrolled in REP 301-LTF, TND = target not detected

Serum ALT / AST

HBsAg < 1IU/mL prior to pegIFN



HBsAg > 1IU/mL prior to pegIFN



Serum transaminases normalize in 8/12 patients during follow-up

Serum transaminases normalize in 2 patients with lower HBsAg set points

EOT = end of treatment, ULN = upper limit of normal

Summary

HDV suppression of HBV may target HBV pregenomic RNA.

HDV infection can persist in the absence of active cccDNA.

Bulk of HBsAg in chronic co-infected patients is derived from integrated HBsAg.

REP 2139 simultaneously reduces HBsAg and HDV RNA.

HBsAg clearance threshold for activation of immunotherapy appears to be < 1 IU / ml.

Functional control of HBV infection (integration) in 5/12 patients and control of HDV infection in 7/12 patients is stable 1 year off-treatment.

Functional control rate expected to be higher with longer concomitant therapy with REP 2139 and peg-IFN and including TDF.

Next steps

Combined 48 weeks exposure with REP 2139, TDF and peg-IFN in HBV / HDV co-infected patients (in planning stages).

Transition to subcutaneous administration.

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Poster THU-154: Update on REP 401 protocol (NAPs + TDF + pegINF in HBV infection).

Poster THU-155: Deep sequencing of HBsAg MHR in the presence of REP 2139.

Poster THU-156: *In vitro* modeling of post-entry NAP activity.

Poster THU-173: Modeling of HBsAg kinetics under REP 2139 treatment.

Poster LBP-507: Individual patient analysis from REP 301 / 301-LTF studies.