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## Parallel Session 4: Advanced Technologies

# Disease burden of chronic viral hepatitis in Hong Kong – towards eliminating viral hepatitis by year 2030 according to World Health Organization (WHO) targets

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# World Health Organization Advocacy issued in June 2016

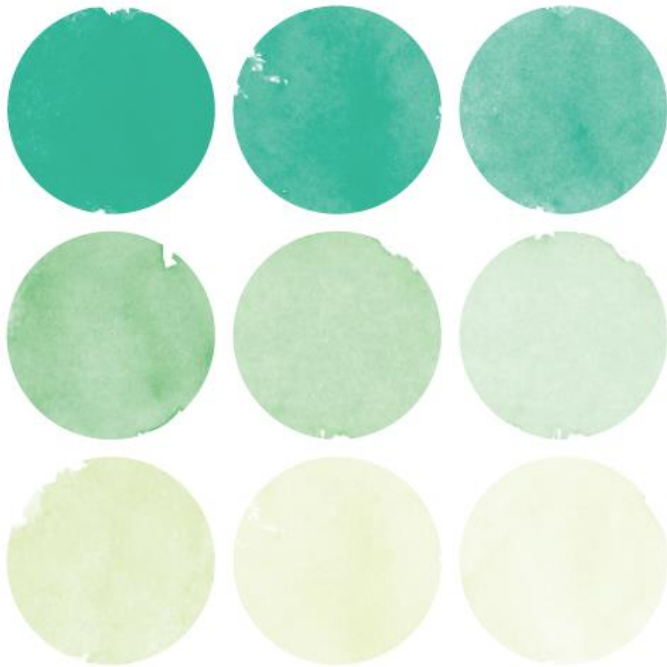
## Elimination of Hepatitis B and C by 2030



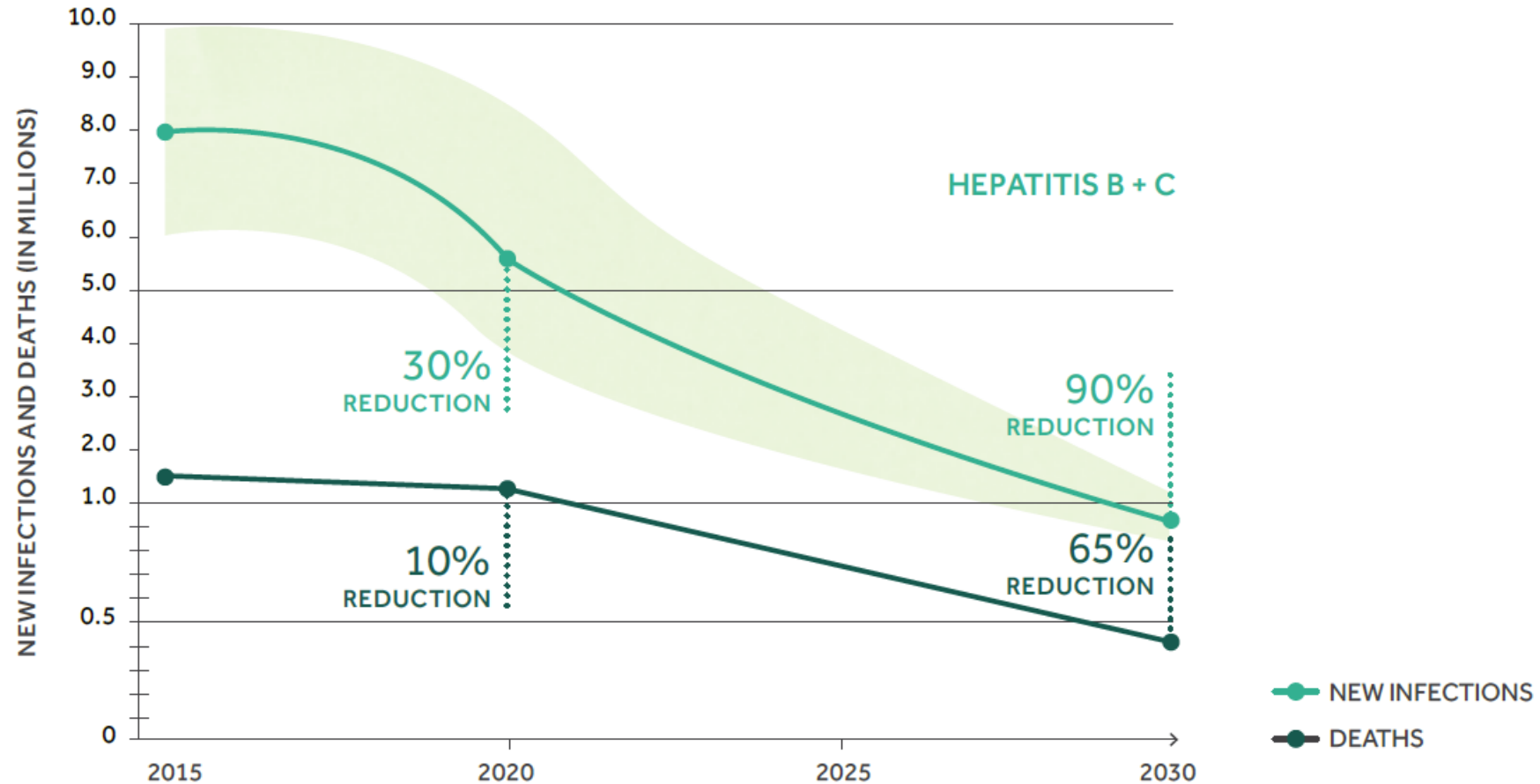
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# Targets for reducing new cases of and deaths from chronic viral hepatitis B and C infection



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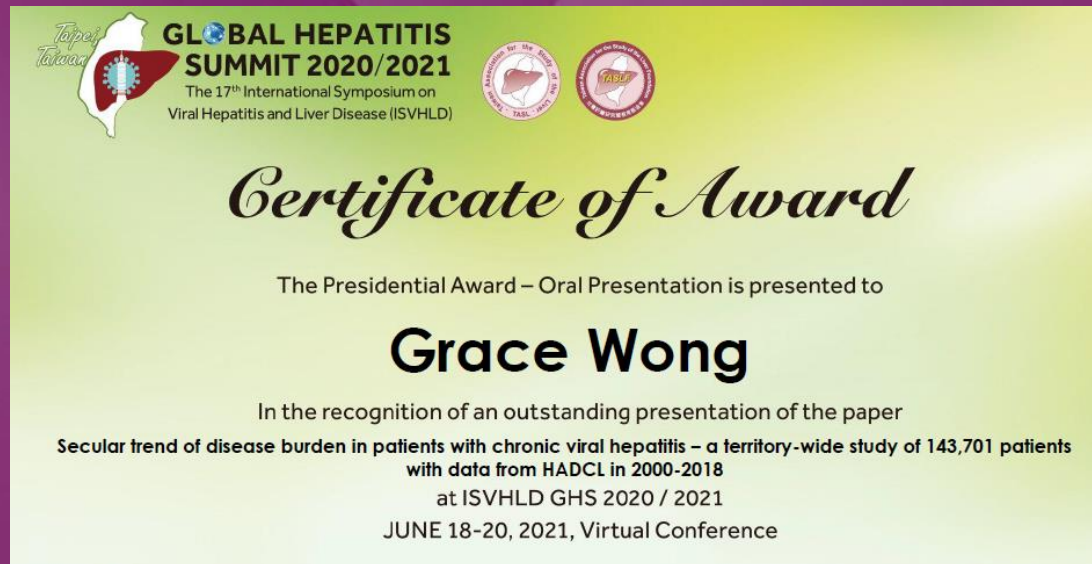
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Secular trend of disease burden in patients with chronic viral hepatitis – a territory-wide study of 143,701 patients with data from HADCL in 2000-2018

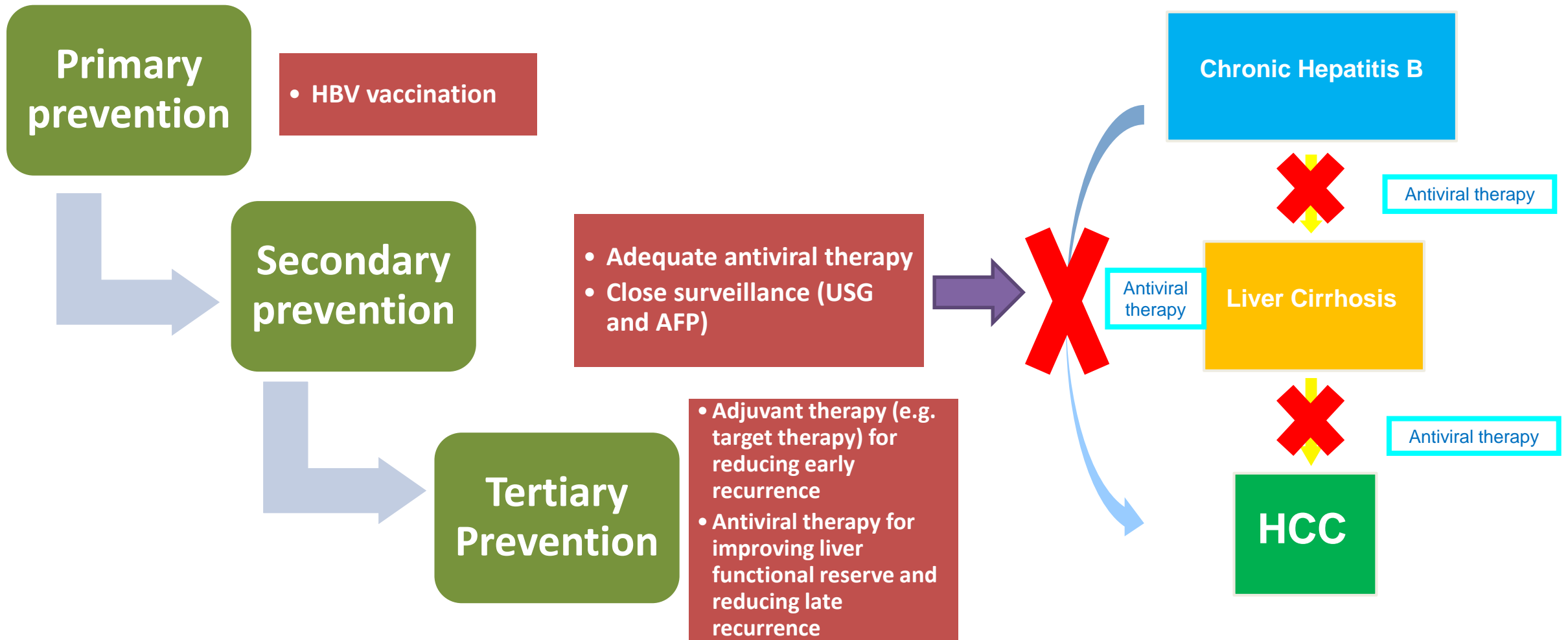
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# Antiviral treatment – secondary prevention for HCC to reduce disease burden



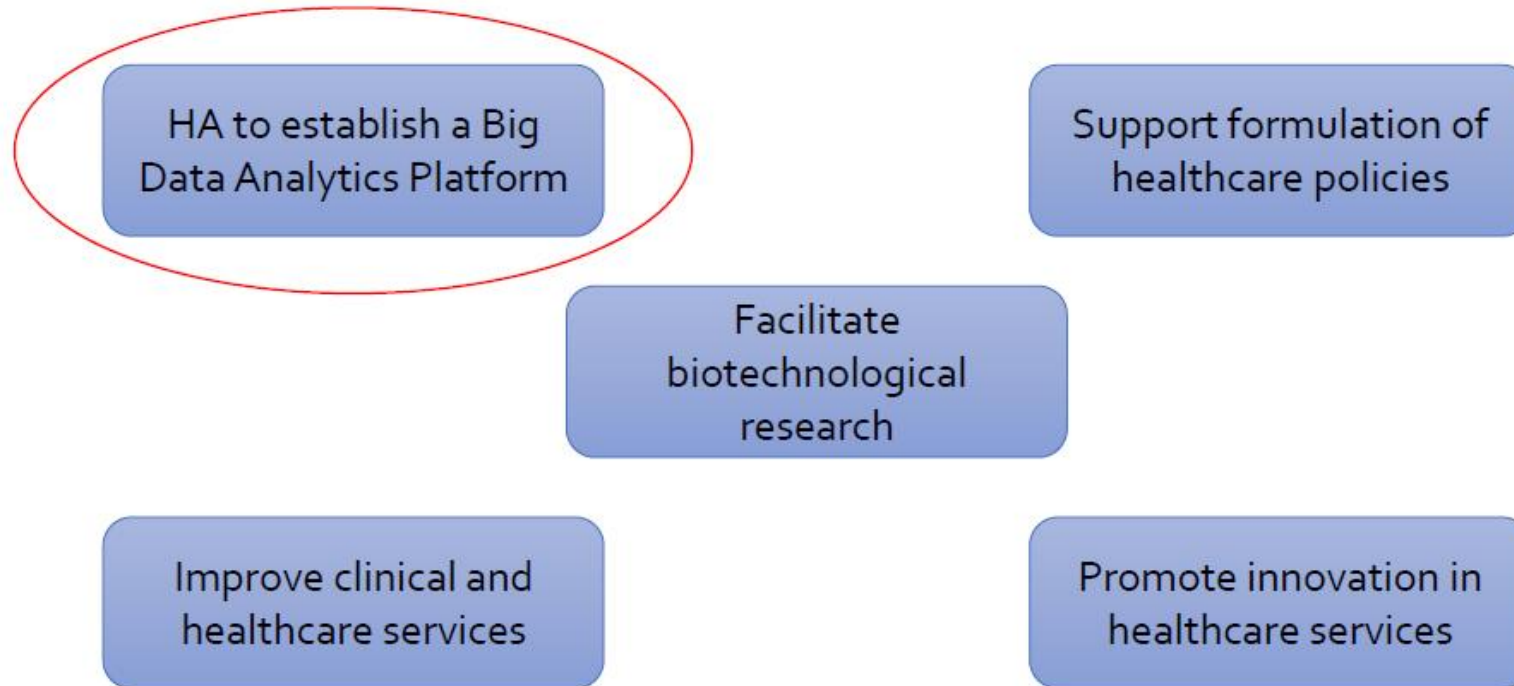


# HADCL: Hospital Authority Data Collaboration Lab, Hong Kong

## HADCL: Enabling HK Healthcare Innovation



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Source: HADCL

# Aim

- To determine the secular trend of disease burden in the territory-wide CVH cohort in Hong Kong from year 2000 to 2018 with data retrieved from HADCL.



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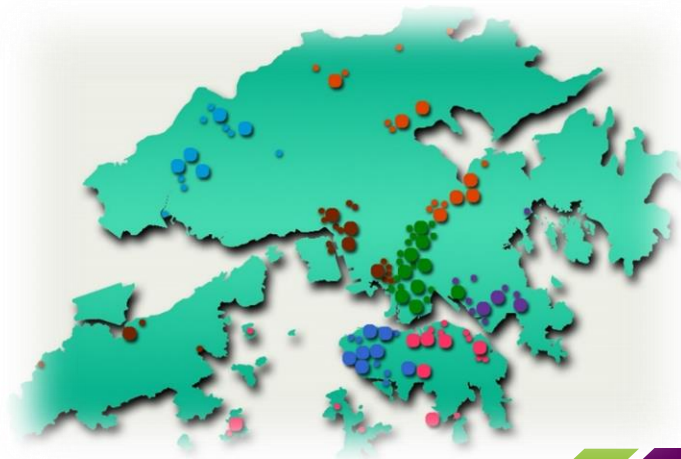
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# Methods

- A territory-wide retrospective observational cohort study in Hong Kong
- CVH patients through HADCL, based on laboratory data of viral markers, diagnosis codes and medication record of antiviral treatment for chronic hepatitis B and/or C.
- Advanced liver fibrosis was defined by serum fibrosis scores (APRI, Forns index and FIB-4 scores).



# Advanced liver fibrosis over the four periods

Period	2000 – 2004	2005 – 2009	2010 – 2013	2014 – 2018
APRI $\geq$ 2	552(19.59%)	1017(9.87%)	948(7.92%)	1307(8.99%)
FIB-4 $\geq$ 3.25	98(3.48%)	176(1.71%)	246(2.05%)	447(3.08%)
Forns index $\geq$ 8.4	163(22.42%)	609(14.82%)	725(13.63%)	1211(16.58%)

Prevalence of advanced liver fibrosis decreased over the last two decades.

# Anti-HBV treatment over the four periods

Period	2000 – 2004	2005 – 2009	2010 – 2013	2014 – 2018
Any antiviral treatment	2248(11.79%)	5889(12.05%)	15249(17.76%)	51572(40.64%)
Lamivudine	2059(10.80%)	4934(10.10%)	7985(9.30%)	9464(7.46%)
Adefovir Dipivoxil	38(0.20%)	1180(2.41%)	2611(3.04%)	2954(2.33%)
Entecavir	0(0.00%)	1214(2.48%)	7709(8.98%)	42494(33.49%)
Telbivudine	0(0.00%)	229(0.47%)	1443(1.68%)	2741(2.16%)
Tenofovir*	<5(<0.05%)	102(0.21%)	1007(1.17%)	6036(4.76%)
Any NA	2077(10.90%)	6642(13.59%)	16512(19.23%)	51191(40.34%)
Conventional interferon	99(0.52%)	53(0.11%)	63(0.07%)	72(0.06%)
Peginterferon	11(0.06%)	375(0.77%)	690(0.80%)	909(0.72%)

Anti-HBV treatment increased over the last two decades.

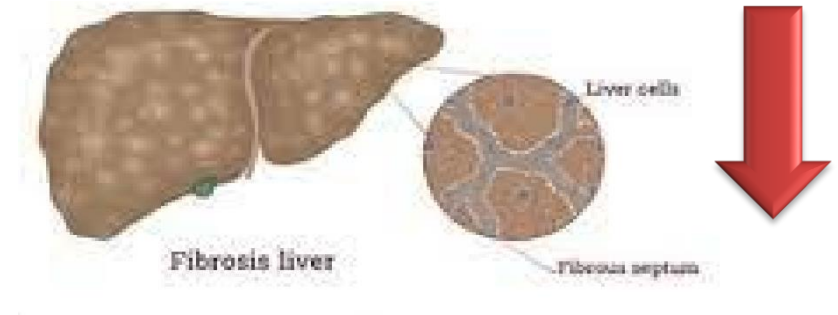
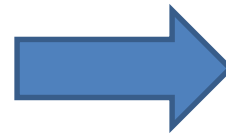
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Sofosbuvir+/-epclusa	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	273(1.62%)
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Dasabuvir/Ombitasvir/ paritaprevir combination therapy (Viekira Pak)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	119(0.71%)
Elbasvir/Grazoprevir (Zepatier)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)
Asunaprevir+/-Daclatasvir	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	107(0.64%)
Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	6(0.04%)
Boceprevir	0(0.00%)	0(0.00%)	<5(<0.05%)	<5(<0.05%)
PegIFN + Ribavirin	1593(29.71%)	1161(12.82%)	1172(9.50%)	1293(7.69%)

DAA treatment increased over the last few years.

# Conclusions

- Prevalence of advanced liver fibrosis decreased over the last two decades
- This was likely related to the increasing uptake rate of antiviral treatment.





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## Oral Presentation

# Machine learning model is more accurate than conventional risk scores to predict hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with chronic viral hepatitis

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# HA Data Collaboration Lab (HADCL)



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Anonymized data  
Physical access control  
Standalone network  
No data goes outside the lab



Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning

Data Technology Platform for Innovation



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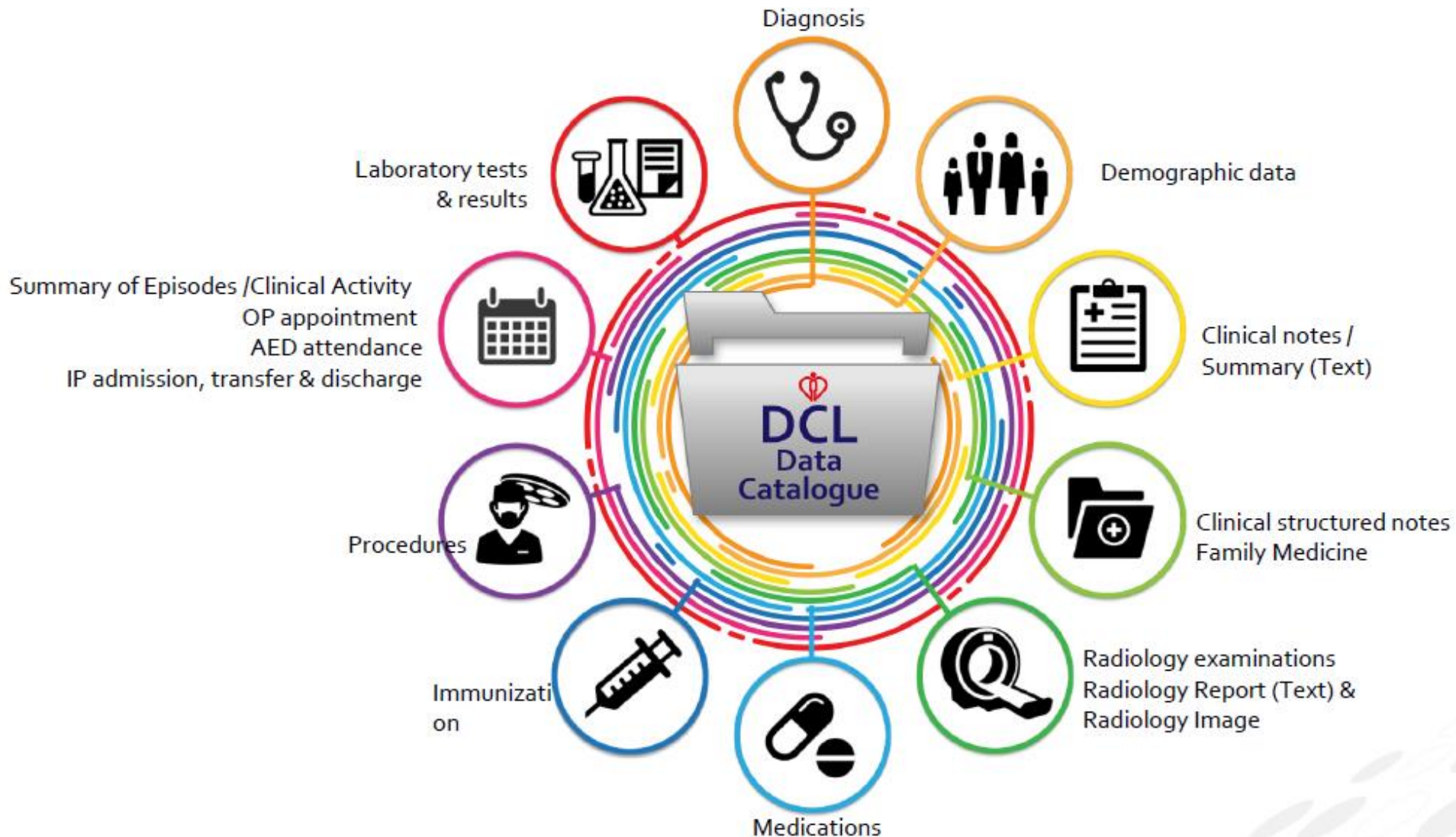
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# HADCL Data Catalogue



# Data, Tools & Platforms Requested

Library and Driver	Version		Package Name	Version	Package Name	Version	Other unlisted libraries	
CUDA	9.0.176		h5py	2.8.0	Pillow	5.2.0	tqdm	4.11.2
NVidia Driver	384.111		html5lib	1.0.1	plainbox	0.25	tflearn	0.3
			ipython	6.5.0	prompt-toolkit	1.0.15	nose	1.3.0
			ipython-genutils	0.2.0	protobuf	3.6.1	leveldb	0.191
			jupyter	1.0.0	Python	3.5.2	Cython	0.19.2
			jupyter-client	5.2.3	python-apt	1.1.0b1 ubuntu0.16.4.1	mxnet	1.3.0
			jupyter-console	5.2.0	python-dateutil	2.7.3	pyvlfeat	0.1.1a3
			jupyter-core	4.4.0	python-debian	0.1.27	keras-svm	1.0.0b10
			Keras	2.2.2	python-systemd	231	colorlog	2.10.0
			Keras-Applications	1.0.4	PyYAML	3.13	click	6.7
			Keras-Preprocessing	1.0.2	requests	2.9.1	chainer	1.17.0
			matplotlib	2.2.3	scikit-image	0.14.0	R for windows	version 3.5.1
			networkx	2.1	scikit-learn	0.19.2		
			numpy	1.14.5	scipy	1.1.0		
			pandas	0.23.4	six	1.10.0		

# Aim

- To compare the accuracy of novel machine learning models with existing risk scores to predict HCC in the territory-wide cohort of chronic viral hepatitis in Hong Kong
- Patients diagnosed in year 2000-2018 with anonymized and de-identified data accessed in HADCL.

# Methods

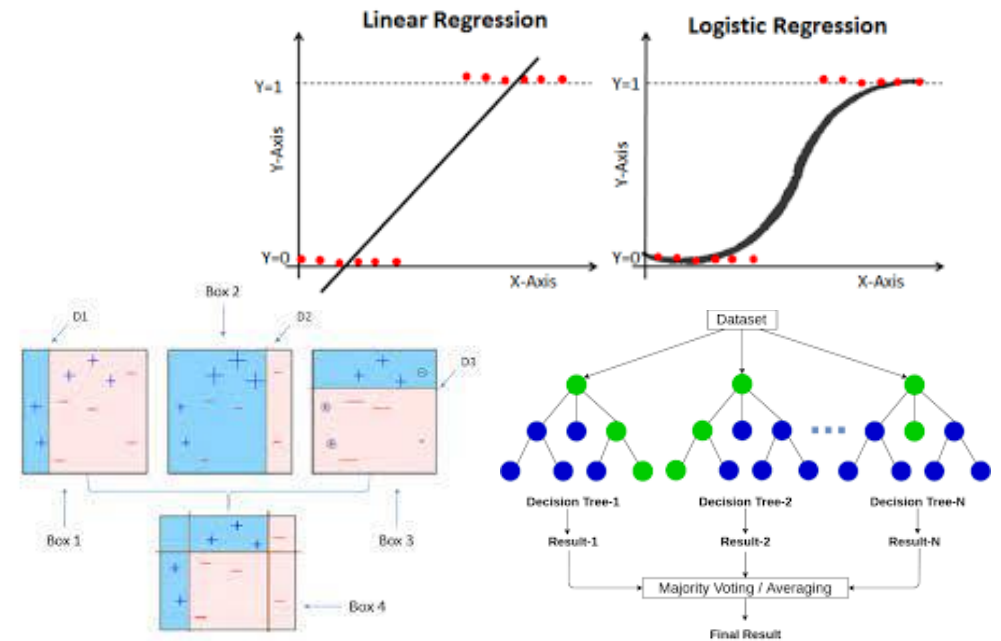
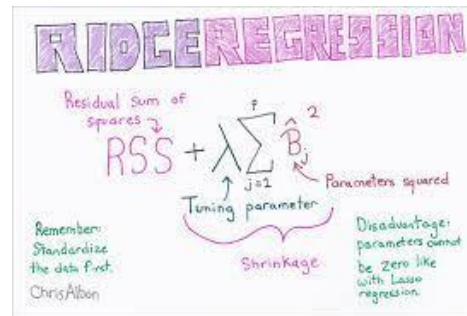
- A territory-wide retrospective observational cohort study
- Patients with chronic viral hepatitis identified through HADCL based on:
  - Laboratory data of viral markers
  - Diagnosis codes
  - Drug record of antiviral treatment for chronic hepatitis B/C
- Cohort was randomly split into training and validation cohorts in 7:3 ratio



# Machine learning models to predict HCC

- Five popular machine learning models applied:

- Logistic regression
- Ridge regression
- AdaBoost
- Decision tree
- Random Forest



- Accuracy of the models was assessed by the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC)

# 46 parameters used to develop the machine learning models

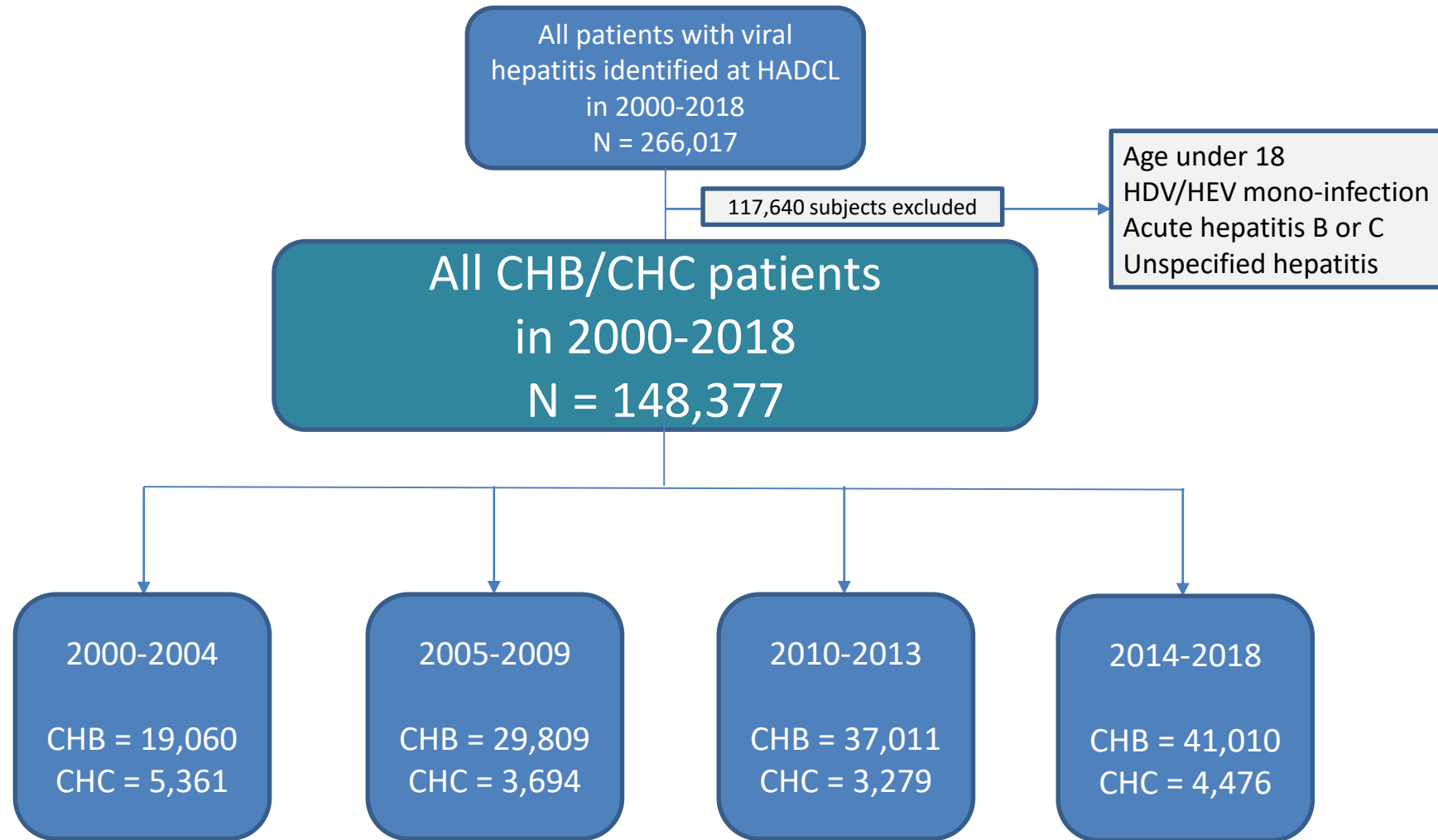
Male gender	Gamma glutamyl transferase	Urinary/renal malignancies	ACEI/ARB	Other oral hypoglycemic agents
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Platelet	HbA1c	Breast cancer	Beta blockers	Potassium sparing diuretics
Albumin	Fasting glucose	Lymphoma	Histamine-2 receptor antagonist	Statins
Total bilirubin	HBV DNA	Chronic kidney disease	Insulin	Sulphonylurea
Alanine aminotransferase	Positive HBeAg	Osteopenia	Immunosuppressant	Thiazides
Aspartate aminotransferase	Cirrhosis	Osteoporosis	Loop diuretics	
Alpha-fetoprotein	Cardiovascular disease	Diabetes mellitus	Metformin	
International normalized ratio	Colorectal cancer	Hypertension	NSAID	
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# Large number of patients are included via HADCL



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AdaBoost	0.828±0.006	0.828±0.006	0.832±0.009	0.833±0.009
+Decision tree	0.881±0.005	0.884±0.005	0.818±0.010	0.819±0.010
+Random Forest	0.992±0.002	0.991±0.002	0.821±0.010	0.821±0.010

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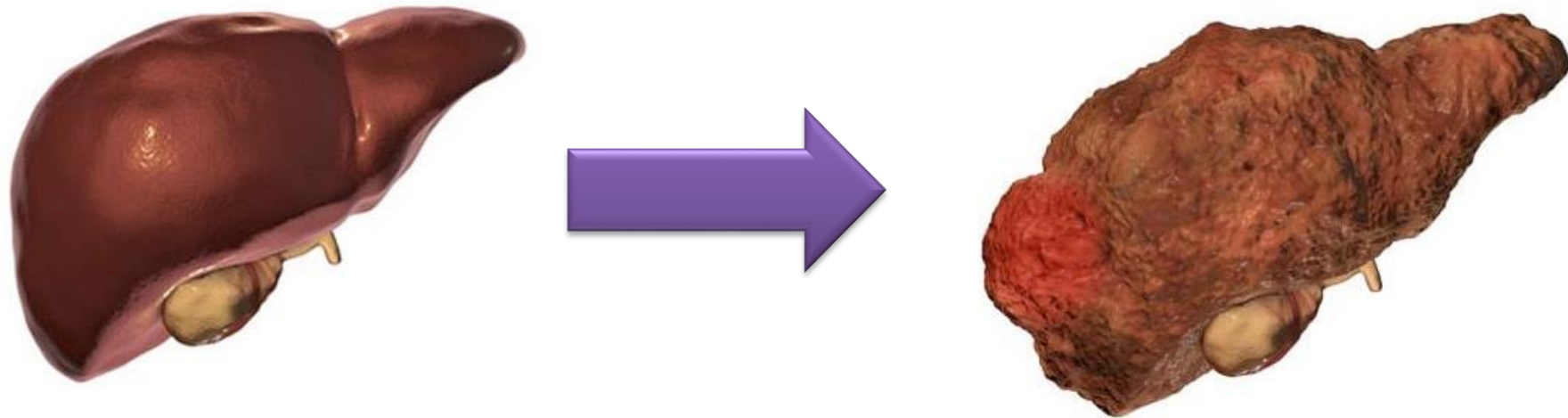
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# HCC ridge regression score (HCC-RS)

Consistently good performance in  
both training and validation cohort

AUROC = 0.84



# Ridge regression in a nutshell

To minimize the objective function

$f$ : objective function

error

penalty

$$f(\beta) = \underbrace{\|X\beta - Y\|_2^2}_{\text{error}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|\beta\|_2^2}_{\text{penalty}}$$

$\beta$ : HCC risks

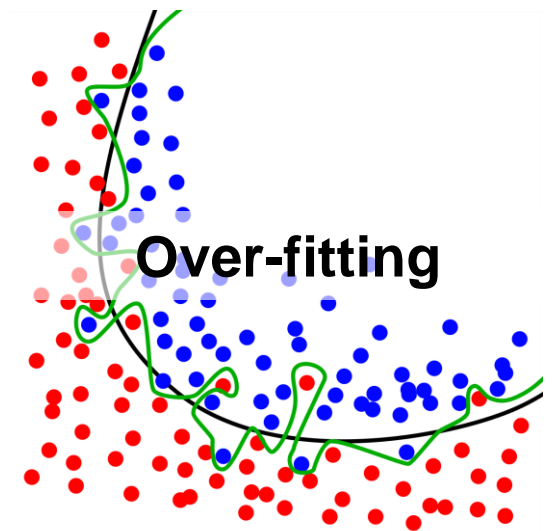
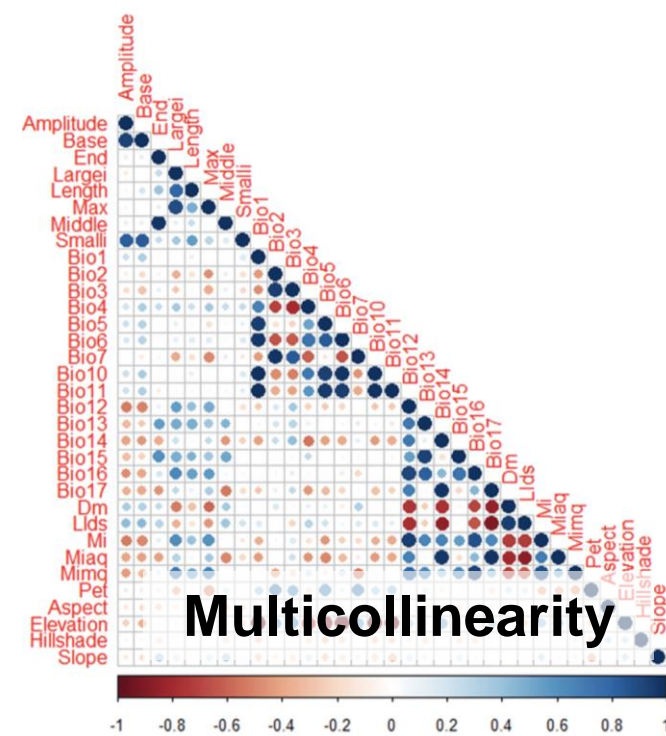
$X$ : training data

$Y$ : observations

$\lambda$ : Regularization parameter

# Why ridge regression?

- A technique for analyzing multiple regression data that suffer from **multicollinearity**
  - works particularly well in clinical medicine
  - many parameters included in the models are closely related so that multicollinearity commonly occurs
- Ridge regression penalty to avoid **over-fitting**



# Machine-learning models outperform conventional HCC risk scores

Risk scores	AUROC	Dual Cut-offs	% ( $<$ lower cut-off / $\geq$ upper cut-off)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)
HCC-RS	0.840	$<10$	56.0	81.2	79.0	30.1	97.4
		$\geq 20$	13.3	44.1	92.3	38.8	93.7
CU-HCC score	0.672	$<5$	72.8	46.4	74.0	10.3	95.6
		$\geq 20$	21.0	32.1	79.7	9.1	94.8
GAG-HCC score	0.745	$<80$	69.3	64.3	71.5	12.3	97.0
		$\geq 101$	7.9	28.6	93.4	21.1	95.5
REACH-B score	0.671	$<8$	50.0	72.7	52.8	16.2	94.1
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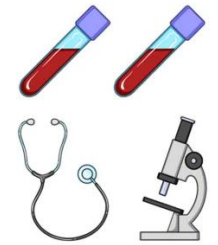
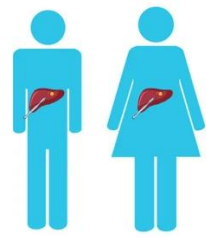
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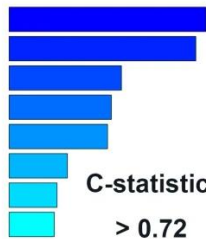
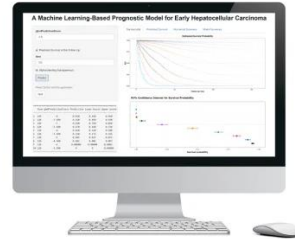
- HCC-RS developed with ridge regression of machine learning approach outperforms the conventional risk scores to predict HCC in patients with chronic viral hepatitis.
- This machine learning model may become built-in functional keys or calculators in the electronic health systems to facilitate hepatitis elimination.



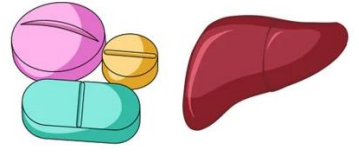
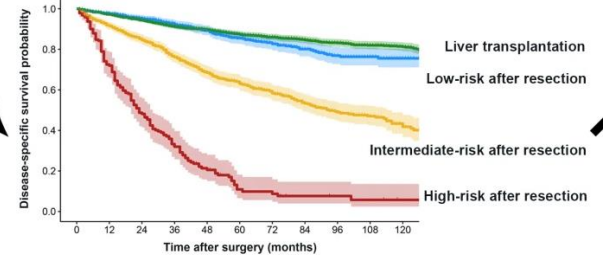


Readily available clinical data

Machine learning algorithm



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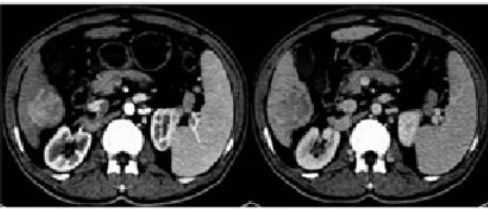


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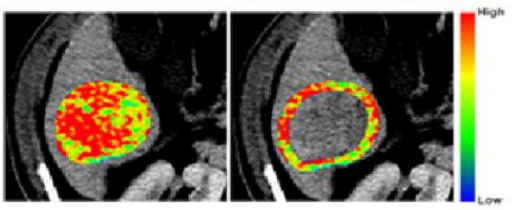
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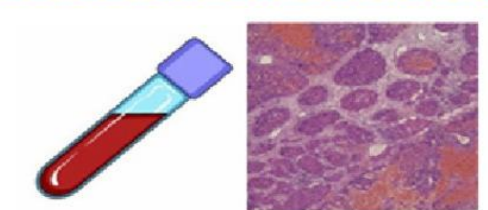
□ Liver cirrhosis □ Tumor margin

Radiomic analysis



□ Three-feature fusion signature

Clinical data



□ AFP □ ALBI grade □ Satellites

