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“Response prediction in modified treatment of chronic hepatitis B”

1. Ideally, HBV replication activity would be measured by a single, non-invasive test, which not only reflects the current replication activity but also the degree of immune control indicating absence of future replication activity. *This thesis.*
2. The best candidates for PEG-IFN add-on therapy are naïve to PEG-IFN therapy and have low HBV DNA and HBsAg levels at the start of PEG-IFN therapy. *This thesis.*
3. The close agreement of HBcrAg and quantitative HBeAg measurements in HBeAg-positive chronic hepatitis illustrates that HBeAg comprises a considerable fraction of HBcrAg. *This thesis.*
4. Interpretation of serum HBV RNA levels must include consideration of HBeAg status, serum ALT, HBV genotype, and presence of BCP variants. *This thesis.*
5. HBV RNA level is a sensitive predictor for PEG-IFN induced HBeAg loss and possibly also for HBsAg loss. *This thesis.*
6. The main goal of therapy for patients with chronic HBV infection is to improve survival and quality of life by preventing disease progression. *EASL 2017 Clinical Practice Guidelines on the management of hepatitis B virus infection.*
7. Of all candidate approaches, elimination of HBV cccDNA is most likely to produce a durable cure of chronic HBV infection. *Alter et al. Hepatology 2017*
8. Prevention is effective, but needs to reach the unreached. *WHO 2016*
9. The mean time taken to open a box of chocolates from first appearance on a hospital ward is 12 minutes. *Gajendragadkar et al. BMJ 2013*
10. Buying time promotes happiness. *Whillens et al. PNAS 2017*
11. Without music, life would be a mistake. (“Das Leben ohne Musik ist einfach ein Irrtum”, *Friedrich Nietzsche, 1888*).