## **Inclusion** criteria

- 1. Recipient of the first orthotopic liver transplant
- 2. Adult of either sex
- 3. Age ≥18 years
- 4. Positive HCV RNA testing at 12 months before transplantation
- 5. Written informed consent for participation in the study
- 6. Able to participate in the study for the 12 months following transplantation

## **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Recipient of multiple organ transplants or a previous organ transplant
- 2. Split or living donor recipient infection
- 3. Recipient with ABO incompatibility
- 4. Recipient seropositive to HIV antibodies
- 5. Recipient due to fulminant liver failure
- 6. Recipient due to HCV infection under DAA treatment, with negative HCV RNA status
- 7. Known neoplasm or history of neoplastic disease, except basal cell skin carcinoma or hepatocarcinoma meeting the following criteria: no vascular invasion. Single nodule ≤5 cm diameter. or 2 or 3 three nodules <3 cm (Milan's criteria)

- 8. Glomerular filtration rate <60 ml/min/1.73m2 before transplantation or kidney dialysis requirement before transplantation
- 9. Critical illness with clinical instability that could affect the study goals
- 10. Patient treated with a new therapy under investigation within 1 month before transplantation with a drug that will be needed in the post-LT period
- 11. Patient with <103 viral particles 15 weeks post-LT