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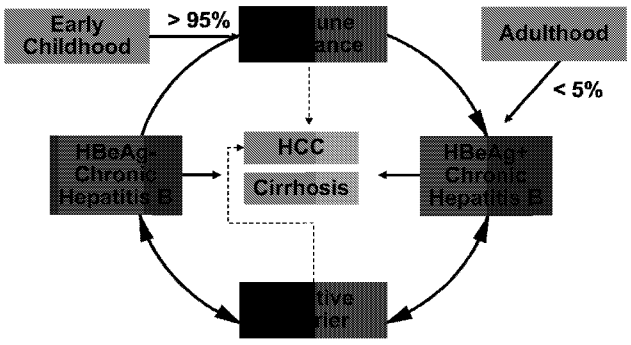
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Figure 1



Natural History of HBV Infection

(57) Abstract: Antisense oligomers useful for modulating hepatitis B virus infections, and for the treatment of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis B virus-related conditions in animals including humans. More particularly, antisense oligomers with modified nucleotides for treatment of HBV in animals, more particularly antisense oligomers comprising 2'O-4'C- methylene-bridged sugars, or nucleotides with other 2'O-4'C bridged sugars, also known as locked nucleic acids (LNA), for treatment of HBV in animals, and more particularly for treatment of HBV in humans.

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