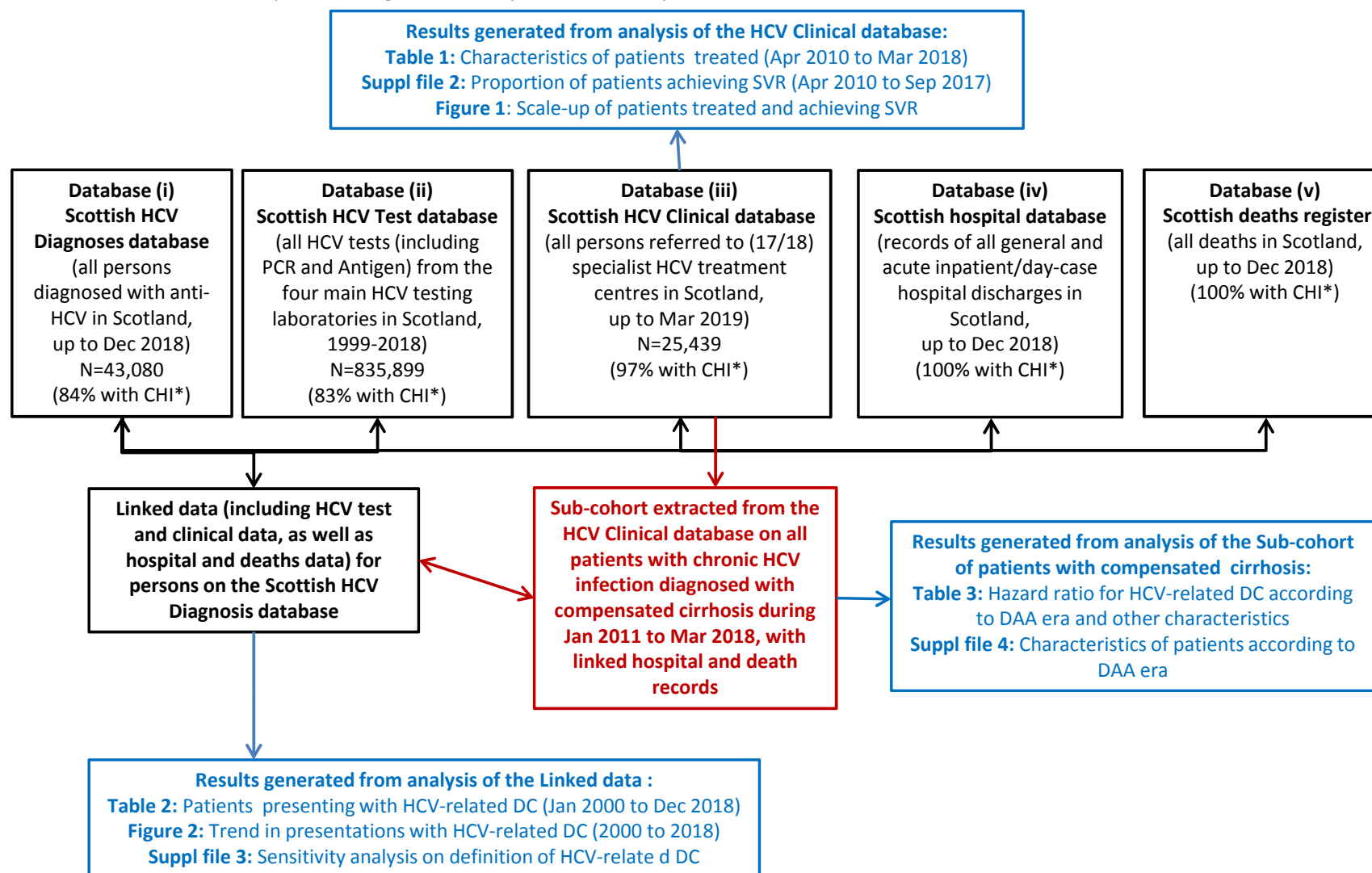


**Supplementary file 1:** Overview of the five national surveillance databases and associated record-linkage involved (indicated by double sided arrows) and analysis/results generated as part of this study.



\* All databases involved hold the Community Health Index (CHI) number, which is a unique identifier allocated to each patient on first registration with NHS Scotland. Not all records held on the HCV databases will include the CHI number, if not reported from certain settings (e.g. sexual health clinics). As described elsewhere, the CHI number on the Diagnosis database was used to link and retrieve records from the other databases.<sup>7</sup>