



optimising care 2021

Optimising the care of people living with HIV: An update on management of comorbidities to improve patient health



Recent Advances in PrEP for HIV Prevention

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Global HIV Epidemic

2019

Globally

38.0 million

People living with HIV

1.7 million

People newly infected



- 23%

New infections annually
relative to 2010



- 39%

Deaths annually
relative to 2010



57% of all new diagnoses in Africa
2030 Target: < 200.000 new HIV infections

Approved and Investigational PrEP Agents

- Topical
 - Dapivirine ring
- Oral
 - **TDF/FTC**
 - **TAF/FTC**
 - Islatravir
- Parenteral
 - Cabotegravir LA IM
 - Lenacapavir SC
 - Implants (Islatravir, cabotegravir, TAF)
 - Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies (bNabs)



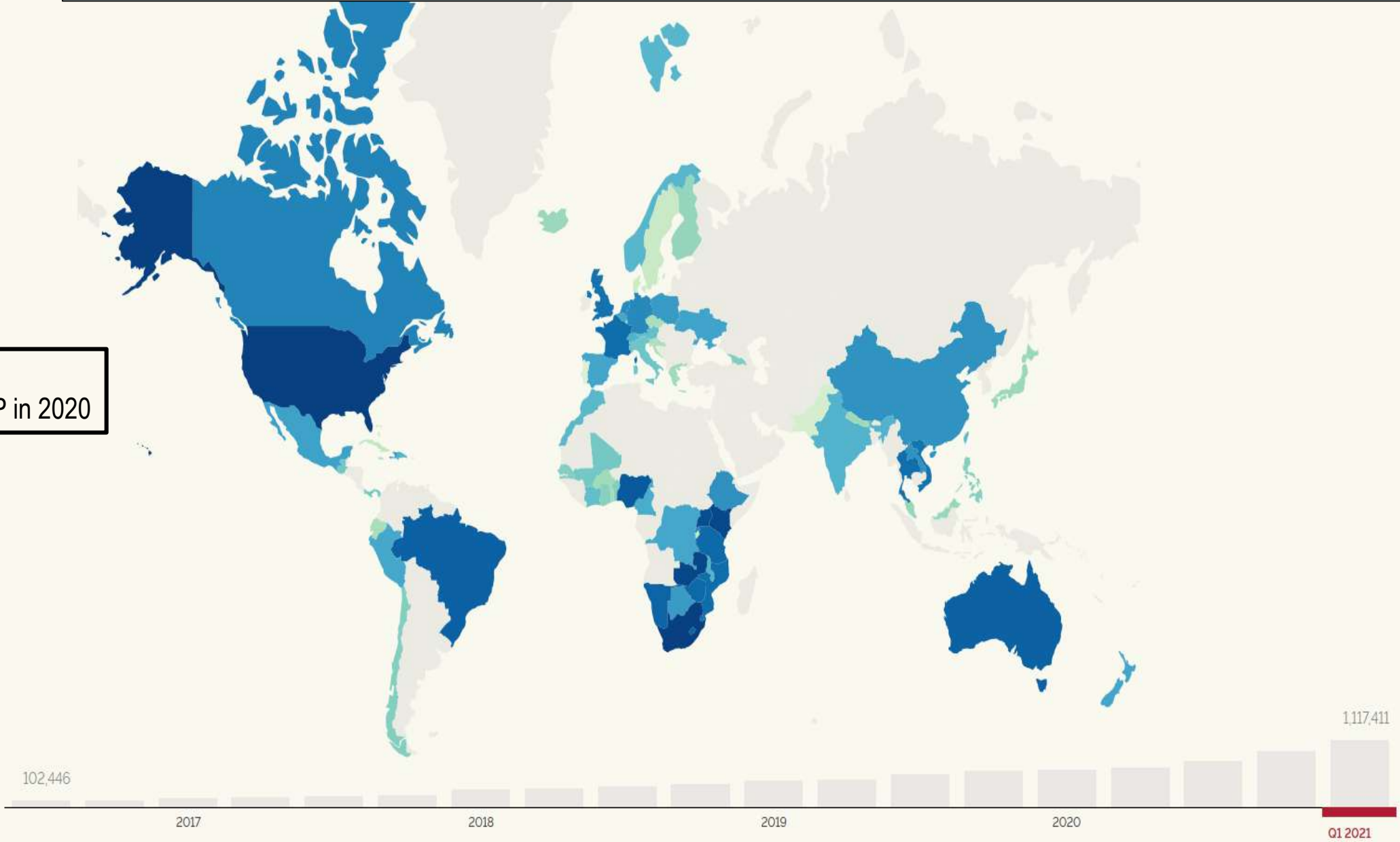
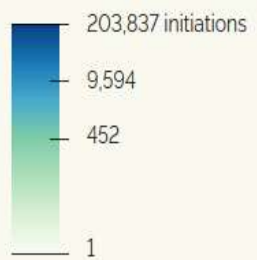
PrEP Initiations by Country, 2021

Number of PrEP Initiations

Q1 2021

1,117,411 total

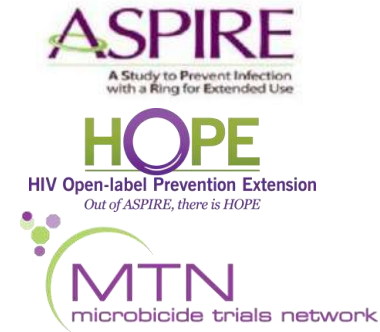
2016 UN commitment:
3M people access PrEP in 2020



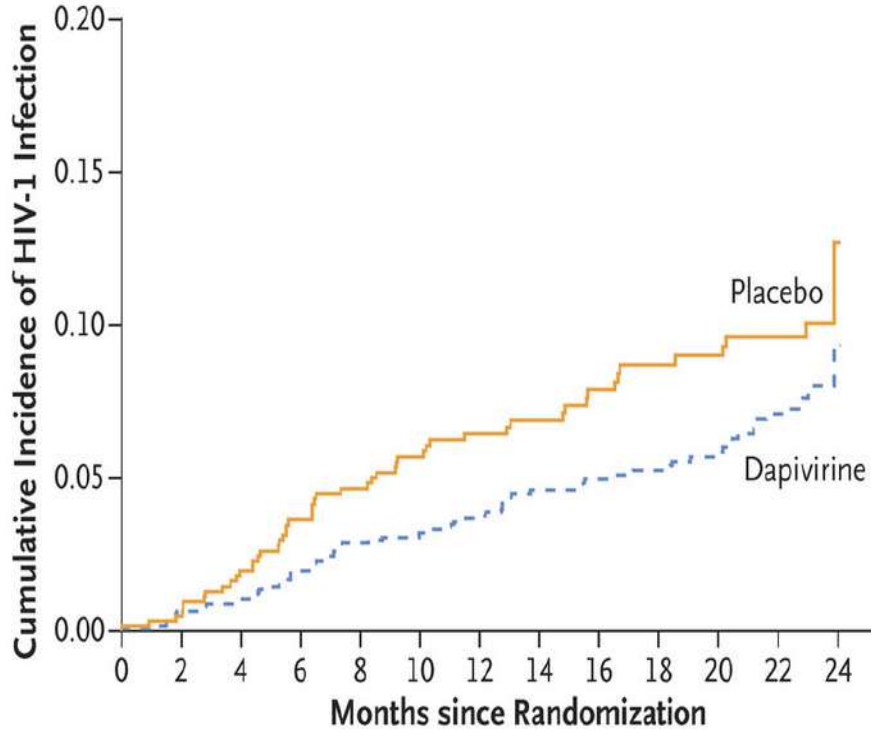


INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MICROBICIDES

Dapivirine Vaginal Ring



- . Randomized double-blinded study
- . Dapivirine vaginal ring vs placebo
- . Flexible, silicone matrix
- . Ring with 25 mg Dapivirine
- . Self-inserted every 4 weeks
- . Releases drug into vaginal tissue



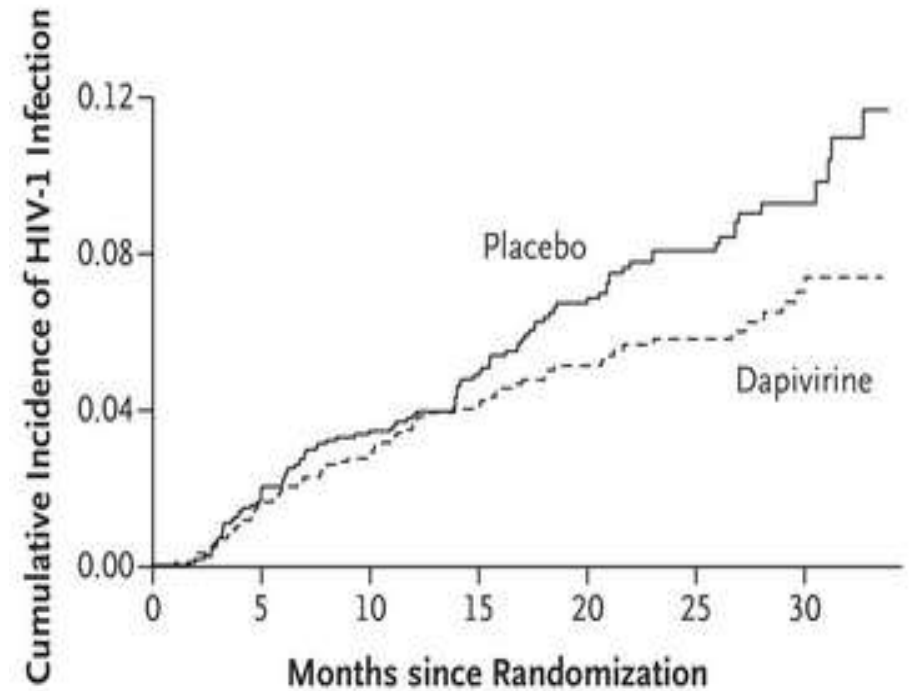
1959 young women, median age 25.9 years in South Africa and Uganda

31% reduction in HIV-incidence HR: 0.69 (95% CI: 0.49-0.99; p=0.04)

62% reduction in HIV-incidence in DREAM:

Incidence in DREAM: **1.8/100 PY**

Nel et al. NEJM 2016; Lancet HIV 2021



2629 women, mean age 27 years in Sub-Saharan Africa

Reduction in HIV incidence : **27%** (95% CI:1-46, p=0.046) **37%** without two sites

39% reduction (95% CI: 14-65) in HIV-incidence in HOPE:

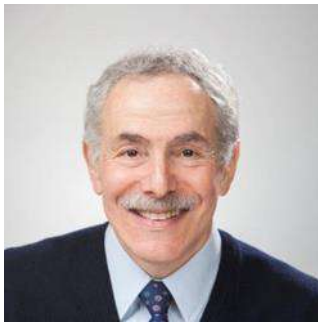
Incidence in HOPE: **2.7/100 PY**

Baeten et al. NEJM 2016; Lancet HIV 2021

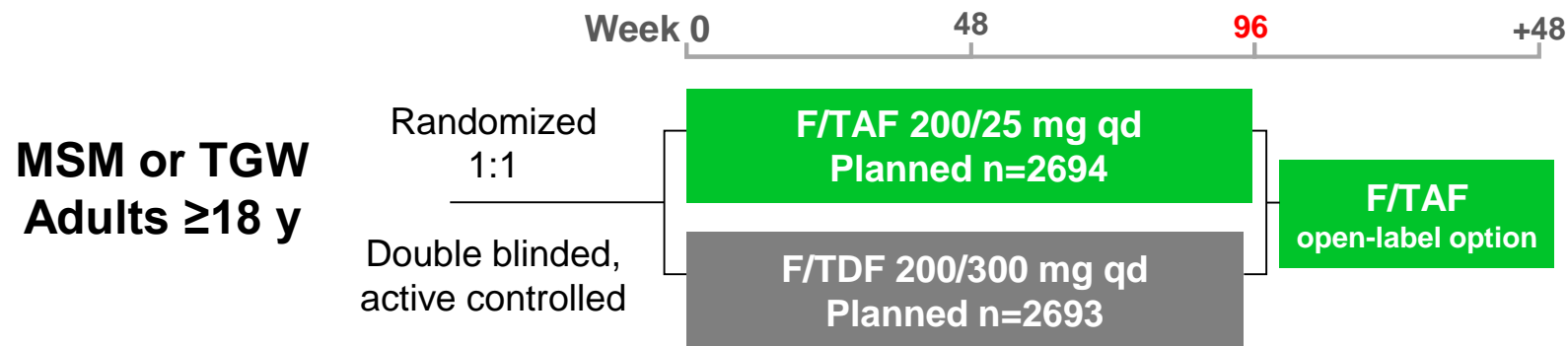
Next Steps with Dapivirine Vaginal Rings

- EMA approval in July 2020 and WHO recommendation in January 2021 for DPV-VR as a new choice for HIV prevention for women
- More studies ongoing in Africa:
 - 300 Adolescent girls and young women: REACH study
 - 750 pregnant women: DELIVER study
 - Breast-feeding women: B-PROTECTED in Africa
 - Extended duration vaginal rings: 3-monthly dapivirine vaginal rings
 - Multipurpose technologies : rings with dapivirine and levonorgestrel
- Limitations
 - Low effectiveness due to topical PrEP
 - Selection of NNRTI resistance
 - Long-term acceptability





DISCOVER Study Design

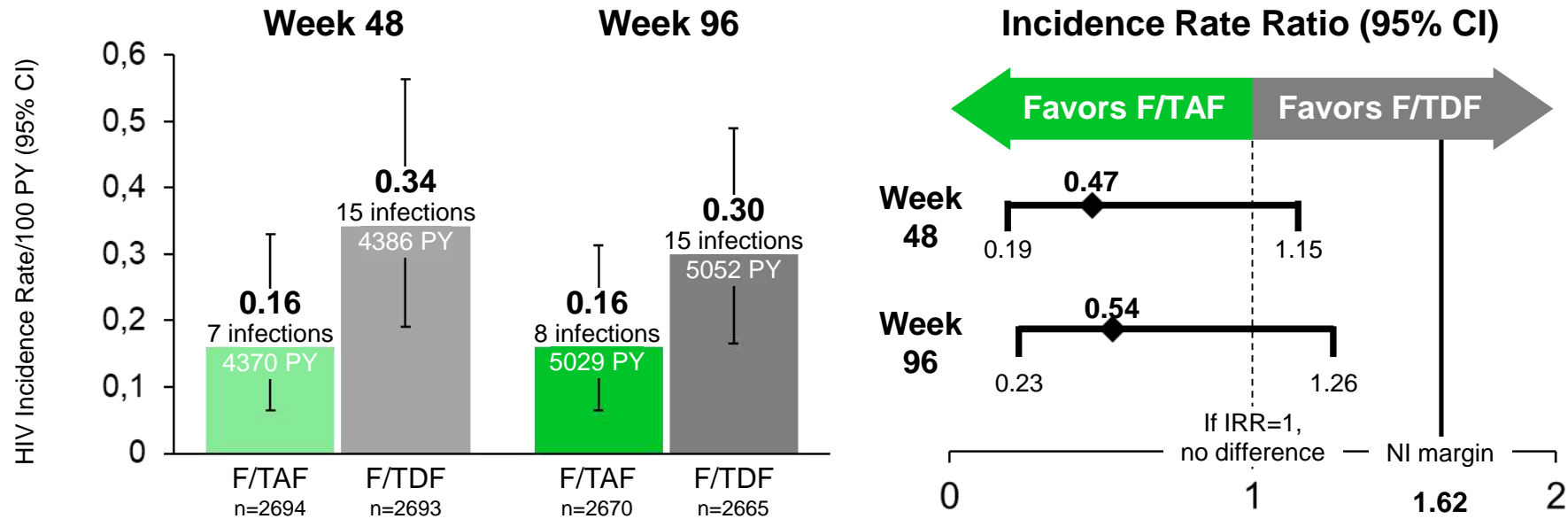


- ◆ **Eligibility:** high sexual risk of HIV
 - 2+ episodes condomless anal sex in past 12W **or** rectal gonorrhea/chlamydia, syphilis in past 24W
 - HIV & HBV negative, eGFR_{CG} ≥60 mL/min
 - Prior use of PrEP allowed
- ◆ **Study conducted in Europe, North America in cities/sites with high HIV incidence**
- ◆ **Assessments**
 - Safety (AEs, AE-related discontinuation, BMD, renal biomarkers)
 - Adherence (self-report, pill counts, drug levels and DBS)
 - HIV lab testing (rapid HIV testing on-site, Central lab)
 - HIV risk behavior (CASI questionnaire, STI testing at every visit)

Baseline Demographics and HIV Risk Factors

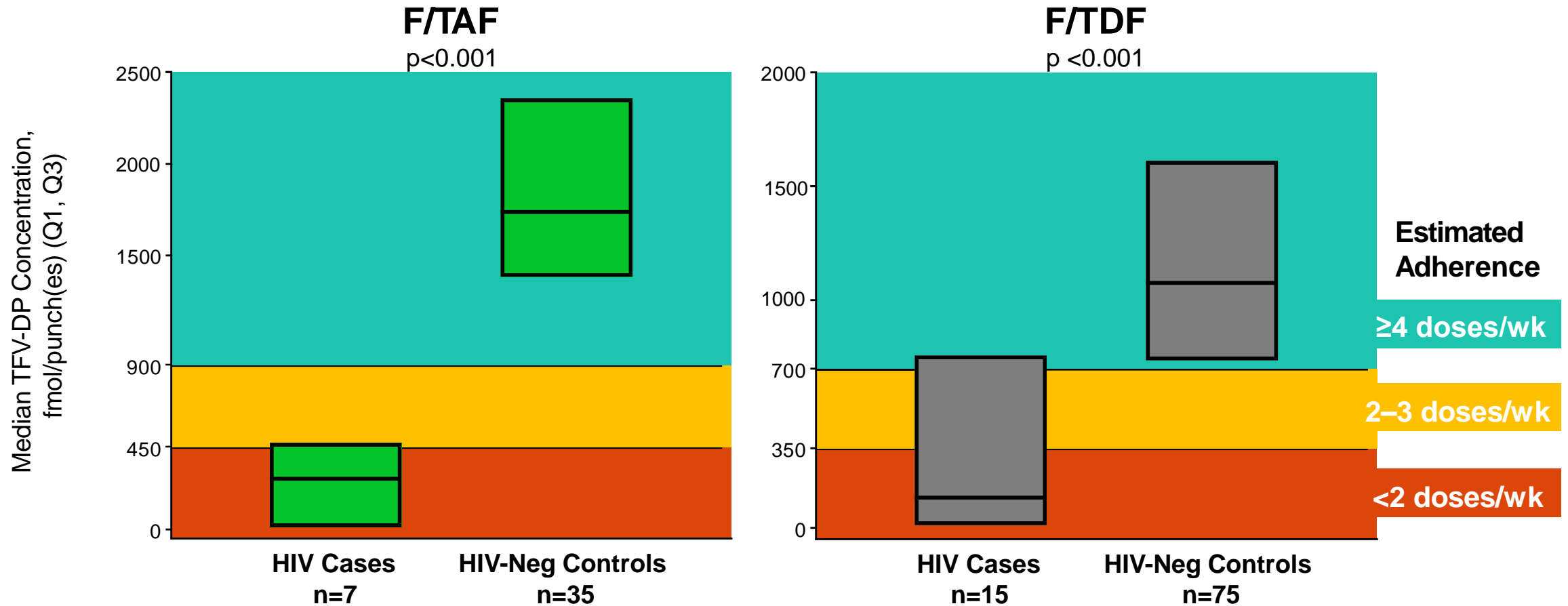
		F/TAF n=2694	F/TDF n=2693
Demographics	Median age, y (range)	34 (18–76)	34 (18–72)
	Race, n (%)		
	White	2264 (84)	2247 (84)
	Black	240 (9)	234 (9)
	Asian	113 (4)	120 (5)
	Hispanic or Latinx ethnicity, n (%)	635 (24)	683 (25)
	Proportion TGW, n (%)	45 (2)	29 (1)
HIV risk factors, %	≥2 condomless anal sex (receptive), past 12W	60	58
	Rectal gonorrhea, past 24W	10	10
	Rectal chlamydia, past 24W	13	12
	Syphilis, past 24W	9	10
	Recreational drug use, past 12W	67	67
	Binge drinking	23	22
	Taking F/TDF for PrEP at baseline	17	16

Daily F/TAF is Non-Inferior to Daily TDF/FTC for PrEP among MSM



- F/TAF is noninferior to F/TDF for HIV prevention (upper bound of the IRR 95% CI: <1.62)
- Five participants with suspected HIV-infection before baseline (4 TDF/FTC, 1 TAF/FTC): HR: 0.64 (0.25-1.65)

Adherence by DBS at HIV Diagnosis Visit Strongly Associated with HIV acquisition



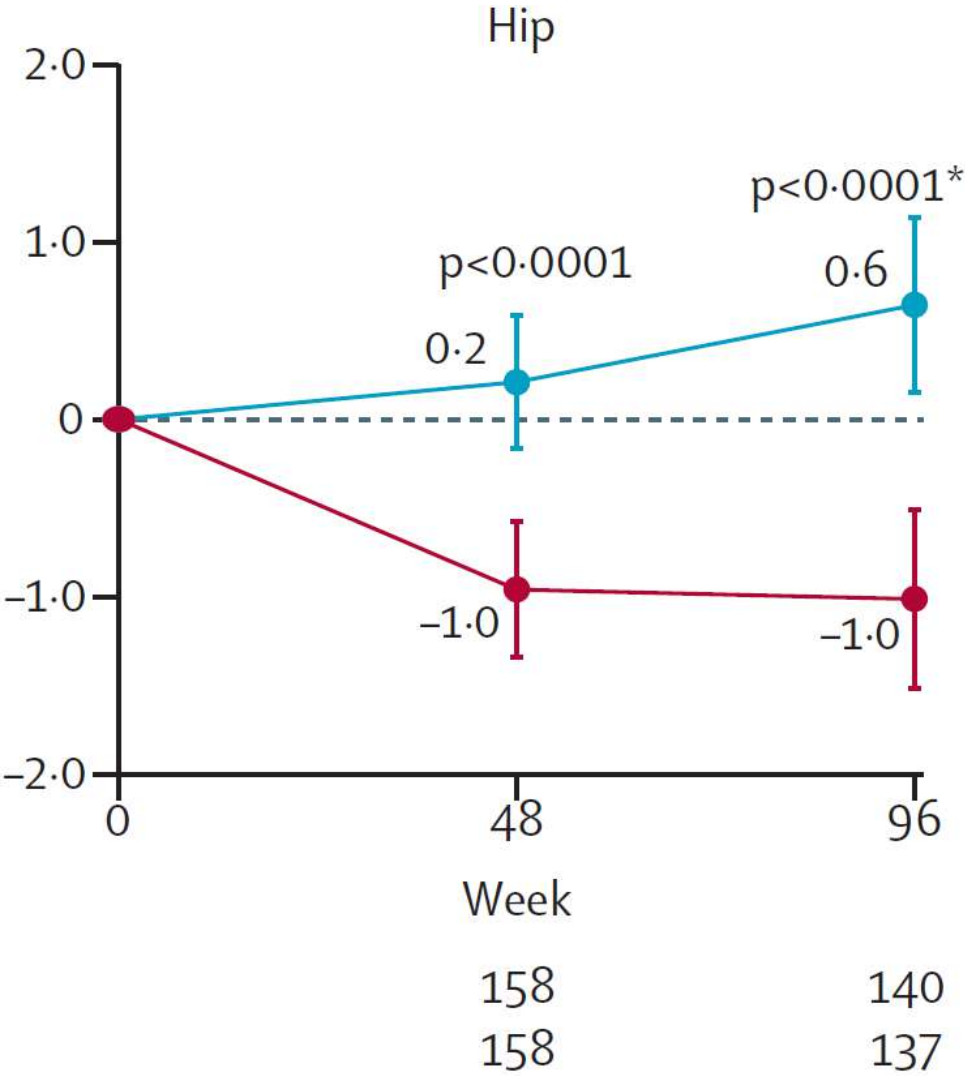
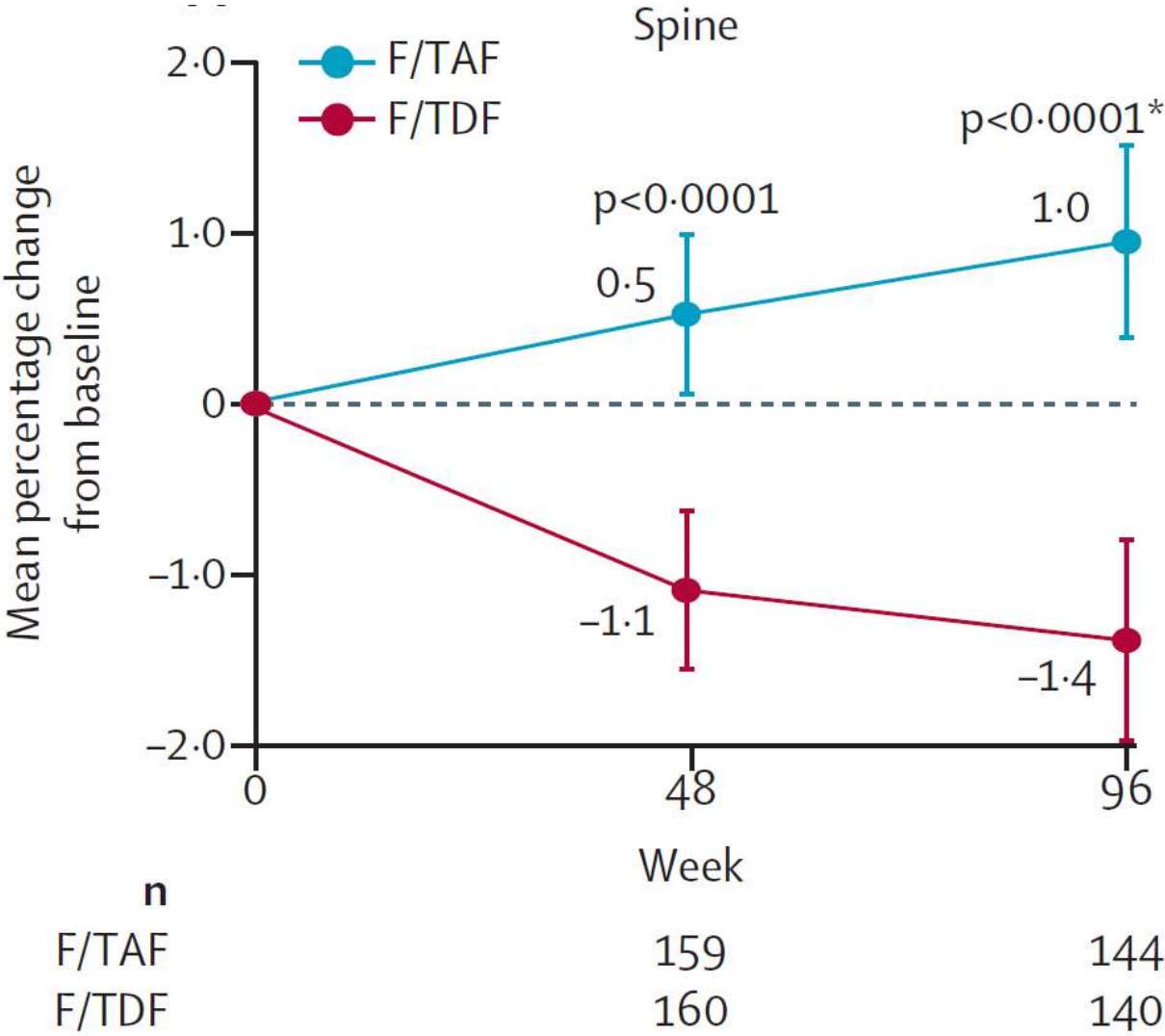
- ◆ Low adherence (adherence < 2 doses/week) was independently associated with increased risk of HIV acquisition in both groups (P-value < 10⁻⁴)
 - Similar results from sensitivity analyses excluding 5 suspected baseline infections

Overall Safety Summary at Week 96 in Discover

% (n)	F/TAF n=2694	F/TDF n=2693
Any AEs	94	94
Study drug-related AEs	21	24
Grade \geq 2 AEs	49	47
Grade \geq 3 AEs	7	6
SAEs	7	6
Study drug-related SAEs	0.1 (3)	0.2 (5)
AEs leading to discontinuation	1 (40)	2 (51)
Deaths, n*	0.1 (3)	0.1 (2)

*Reasons: traffic accident, metastatic squamous cell carcinoma, unknown. SAE, serious AE.

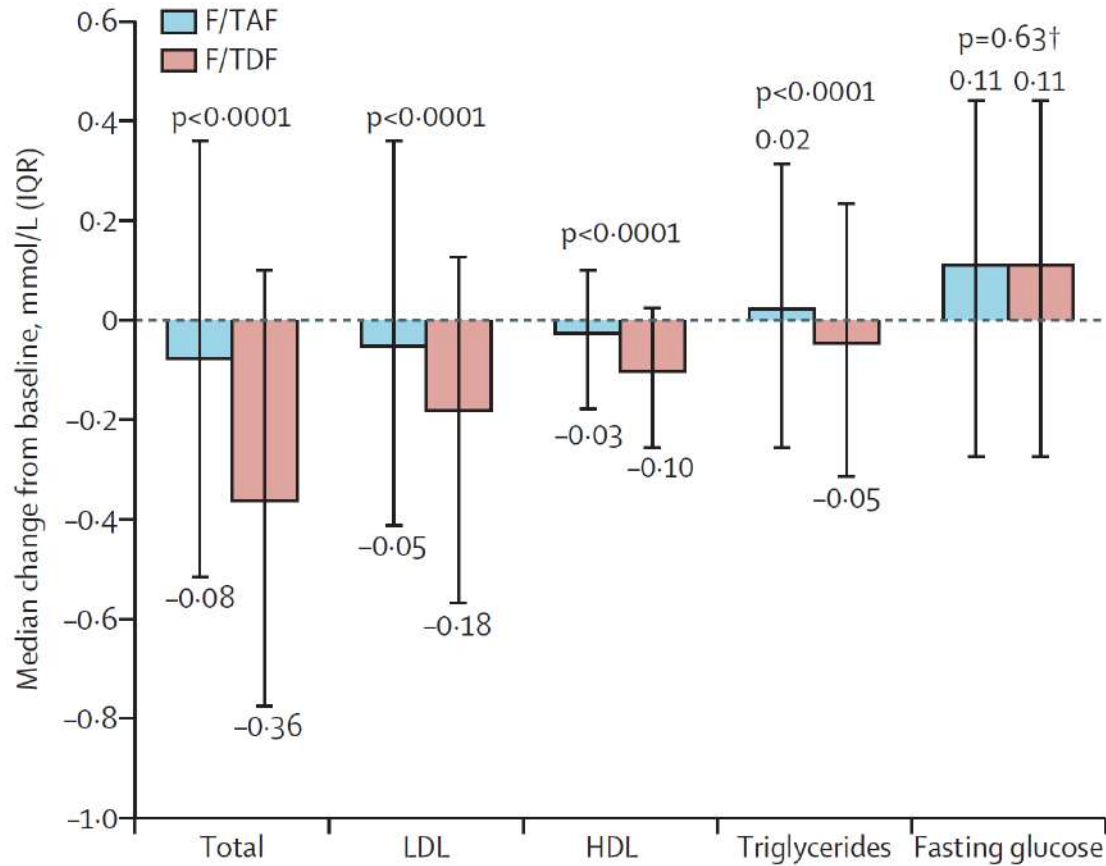
DISCOVER BMD Sub-study at Week 96



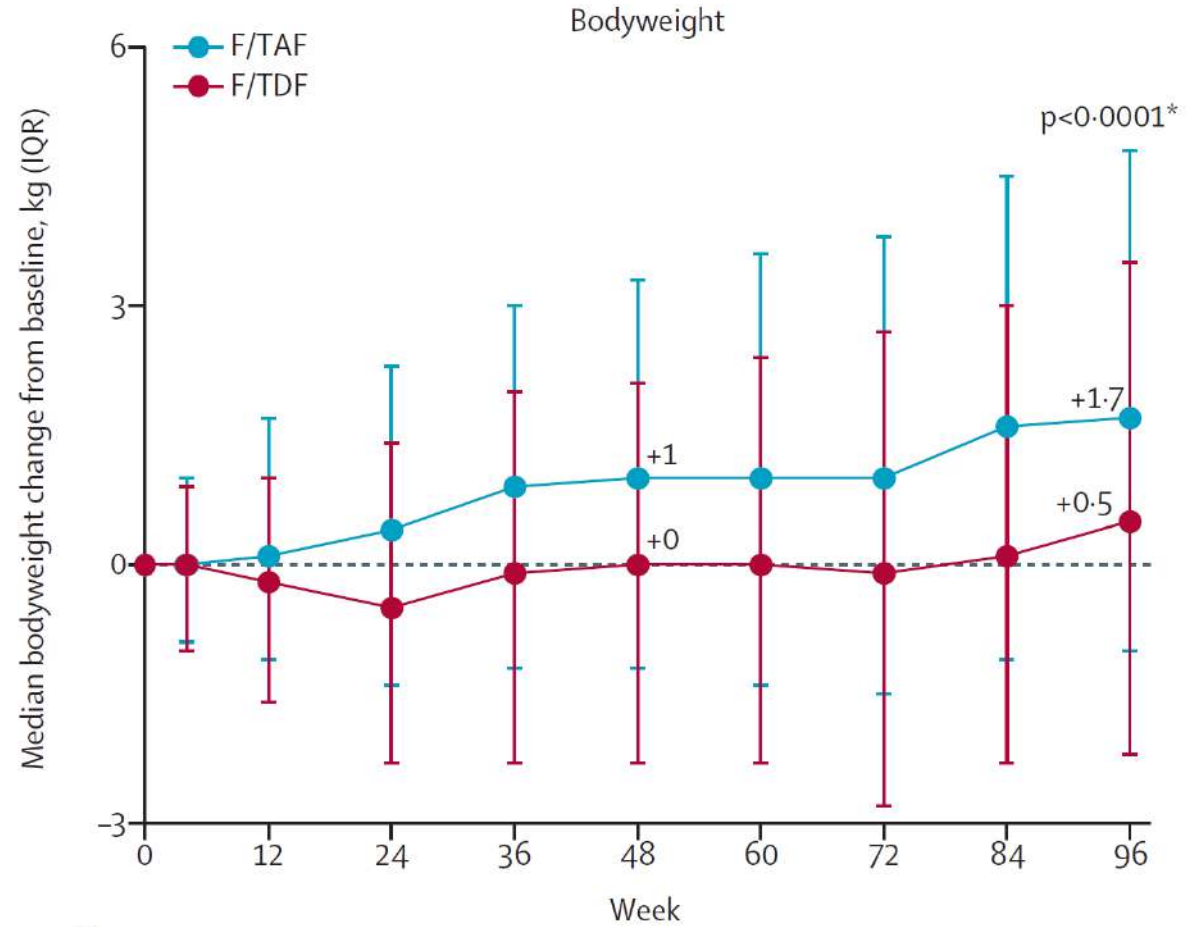
n	Week	
F/TAF	159	144
F/TDF	160	140

*p-values from analysis of variance model with baseline F/TDF for PrEP and treatment as fixed effects.

DISCOVER Lipids and Body Weight

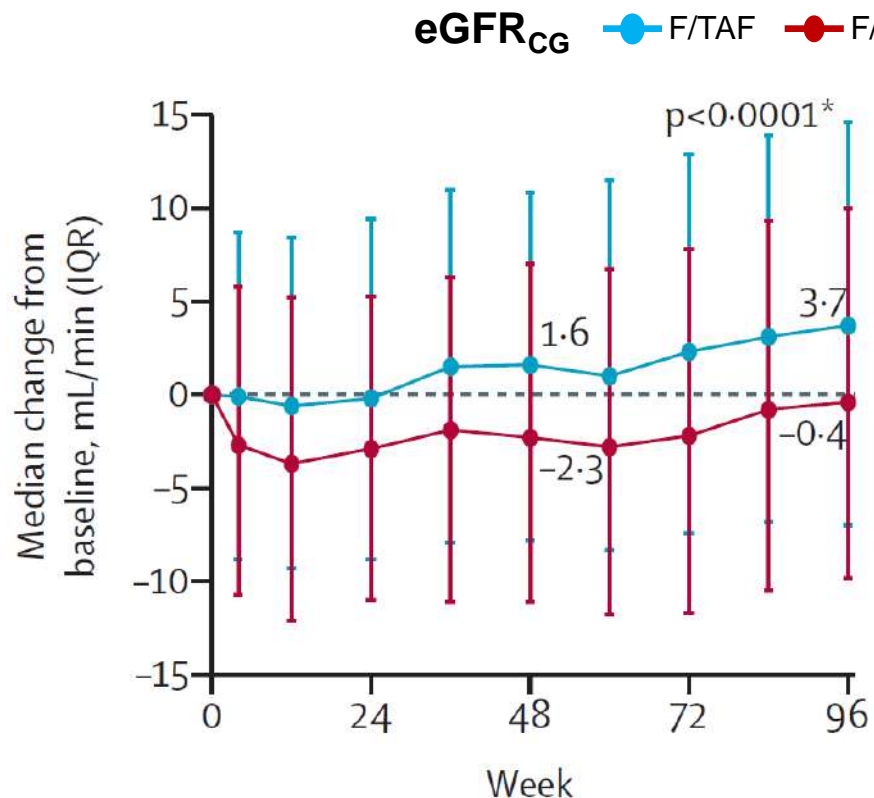


n	1081	1083	1068	1070	1081	1083	1081	1083	1112	1121
Median baseline, mmol/L	4.48	4.48	2.56	2.59	1.27	1.30	1.05	1.05	5.11	5.11

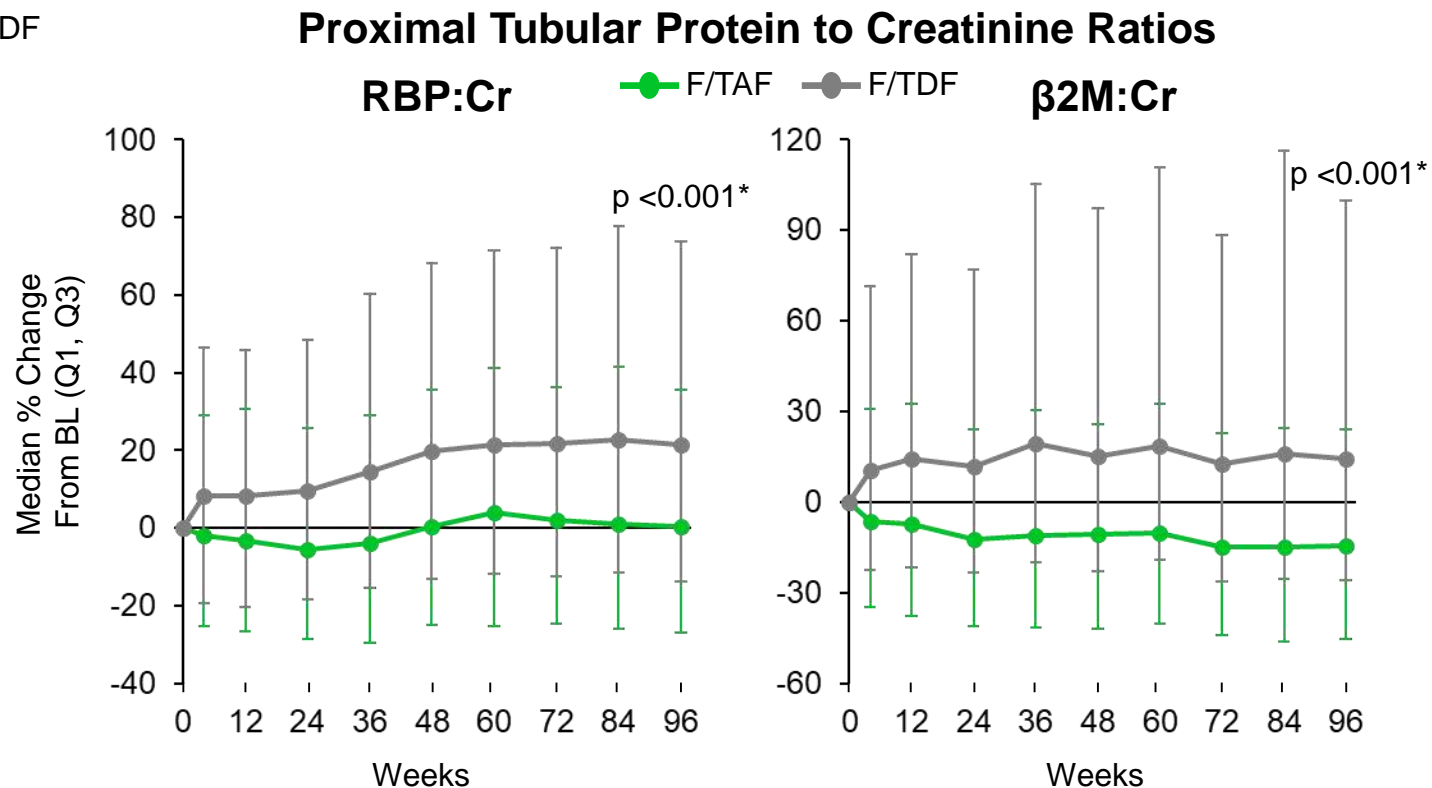


n	2694	2583	2486	2412	2375	2327	2263	2214	2198
F/TAF	2694	2583	2486	2412	2375	2327	2263	2214	2198
F/TDF	2693	2581	2486	2420	2370	2334	2288	2238	2226

DISCOVER: Renal Biomarkers at Week 96



Baseline **123 mL/min** **121 mL/min**



Baseline **101 μ g/g** **104 μ g/g**

84 μ g/g **86 μ g/g**

- Renal discontinuations: F/TAF, n=2; F/TDF, n=6
- Fanconi syndrome: F/TAF, n=0; F/TDF, n=1 (at day 421 in a 49 year old man with no comorbidities)

Limitations of Oral TAF/FTC for PrEP

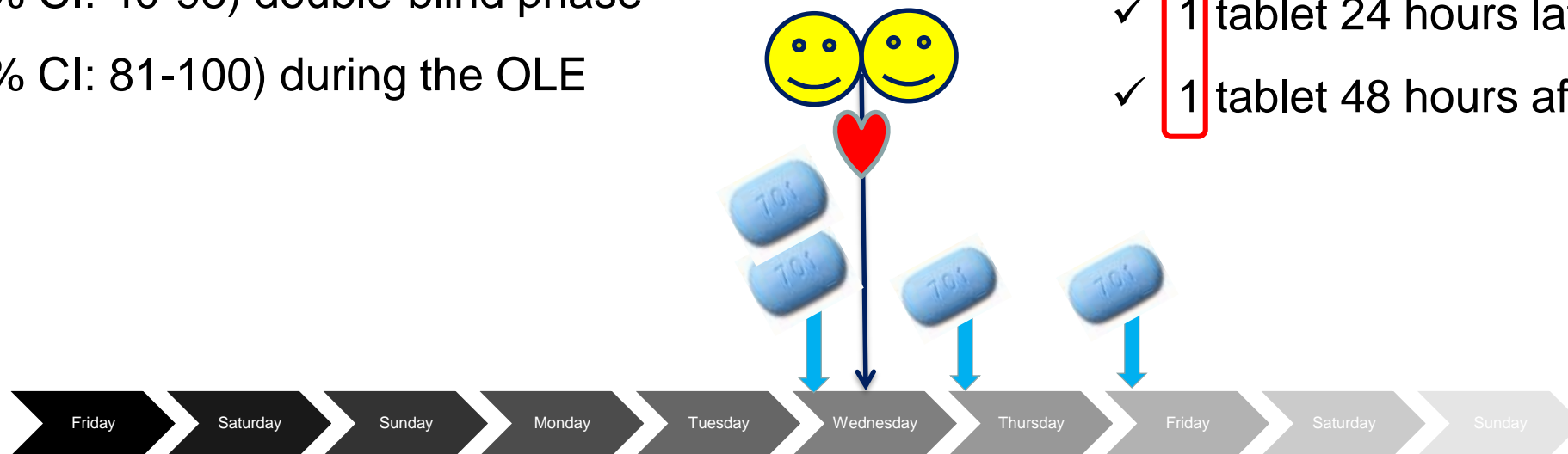
- FDA approval for MSM only (exclude those with receptive vaginal intercourse)
 - Additional studies ongoing in women
- Daily use: One pill of 25 mg TAF/200 mg FTC every day
 - No clinical data supporting the use of event-driven PrEP with TAF/FTC
- Improved safety vs. TDF/FTC not demonstrated clinically
 - Clinical correlates of DXA and renal biomarkers unclear
 - Recommended only when eGFR <60 mL/min or prior history of osteopenia or osteoporosis
- Cost
- **Since approval in 10/2019 in the US, TAF/FTC users increased from 2,637 to 76,000 in 2020**

IPIERGAY : Sex-Driven iPrEP

Relative Reduction in HIV-incidence

- ✓ 86% (95% CI: 40-98) double-blind phase
- ✓ 97% (95% CI: 81-100) during the OLE

- ✓ 2 tablets 2-24 hours before sex
- ✓ 1 tablet 24 hours later
- ✓ 1 tablet 48 hours after first intake



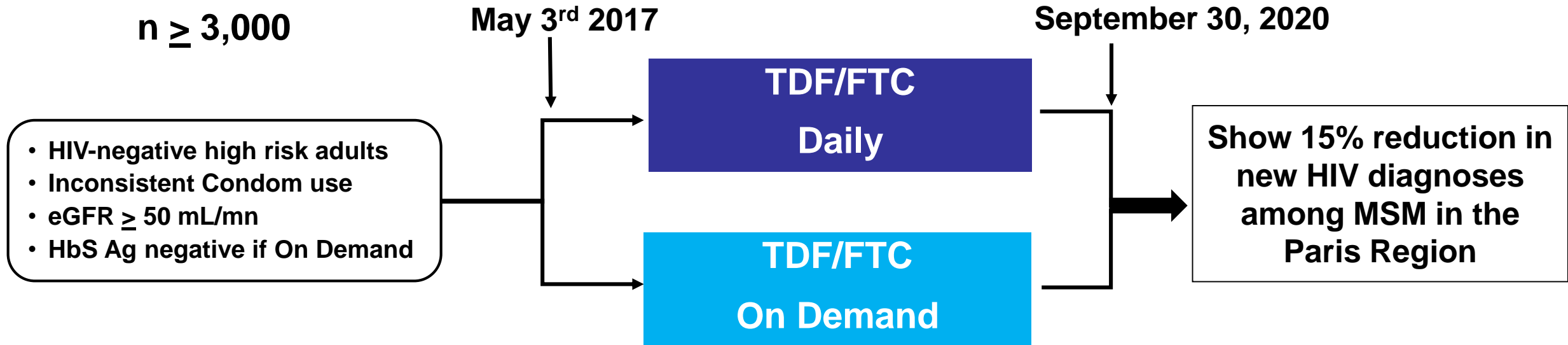
4 pills of TDF/FTC taken over 3 days to cover one sexual intercourse

Potential Benefits of On Demand PrEP

- Convenient dosing regimen could improve adherence and effectiveness
- Clear guidance on how to start and stop PrEP
- Better safety due to lower drug exposure (kidneys, bones)
- Improved cost-effectiveness
- Easier diagnosis of breakthrough HIV-infection
- Lower risk of selecting drug resistance in case of HIV-infection

PrEP with Daily or On Demand TDF/FTC among MSM

Open-Label Prospective Cohort Study in the Paris Region



- Participants opted for either Daily or On Demand PrEP and could switch regimen
- Follow-up every 3 months with 4th Gen ELISA HIV test and plasma creatinine
- Condoms, gels, risk reduction and adherence counseling, Q on sexual behavior

Baseline Characteristics

Characteristics (Median, IQR) or (n, %)	Daily N=1544 (50.5%)	On Demand N=1515 (49.5%)	P-value
Age (years)	35 (28 – 43)	36 (30 – 44)	<.0001
MSM	97.9	99.2	0.0002
Heterosexual men or women	20 (1.3)	11 (0.7)	
Transgender	13 (0.8)	1 (0.1)	
2-year university degree or more	83.8	87.8)	0.0033
Employed	85.2	86.4	0.3620
History of PrEP use	54.6	57.3	0.1333
Use of Chemsex*	14.4	13.4	0.4045
No. condomless sex acts in prior 4 weeks	2 (0 - 6)	2 (0 - 4)	<.0001
No. sexual partners in prior 3 months	12 (6 - 25)	10 (5 - 15)	<.0001

* at last sexual intercourse : cocaine, GHB, MDMA, mephedrone..

Adherence to PrEP using DBS and Pill Intake

Median (IQR)	Daily n = 146	On Demand n = 203	P Value
TFV-DP (fmol/l)	1264* (1003-1600)	691** (359-1039)	<0.0001
% < LOQ (8.7 fmol/punch)	1 (0.7%)	13 (6.4%)	0.010
FTC-TP (pmol/l)	0.25 (0.17-0.34)	<0.1 (<0.1-0.21)	0.57
% < LOQ (0.1 pmol/punch)	14 (9.6%)	111 (54.7%)	<0.0001
Nb pills/week (self-report)*	7 (6-7)	2 (0-5)	<0.0001

* Estimated pill intake: 2-3 doses /week ** 6 doses per week
 Correlation between TFV-DP and pill count: $r=0.44$ ($p< 0.0001$)

Mean Follow-up of 22.1 months and 5633 Person-Years

Rate of study discontinuation: 14.4/100 PY

Global HIV Incidence: 1.1/1000 PY (95% CI: 0.04-0.23) (6 cases)

Dosing Regimen	Follow-Up Pts-years	HIV Incidence per 1000 Prs-years (95% CI)	IRR (95%CI)
TDF/FTC Daily	2583.25	1.2 (0.2 – 3.4)	0.99
TDF/FTC On Demand	2553.68	1.2 (0.2 – 3.4)	(0.13-7.38)

Adverse Events

	Daily 2583.25 Prs-years		On Demand 2553.68 Prs-years		Incidence Rate Ratio Daily vs On Demand (95% CI)
	No. Pts	Incidence per 100 PY (95% CI)	No. Pts	Incidence per 100 PY (95% CI)	
Drug-Related AEs	152	5.88	192	7.52	0.78 (0.63-0.97)
Gastrointestinal AEs	113	4.37	149	5.83	0.75 (0.58-0.96)
SAE	92	3.56	77	3.01	1.18 (0.86-1.62)
Death (suicide)	1		0		
Treatment D/C due to Drug-Related AE*	7	0.27	9	0.35	0.77 (0.24-2.32)

* Only 3 patients had permanent PrEP discontinuation due to GI AEs (2 daily and 1 on demand).

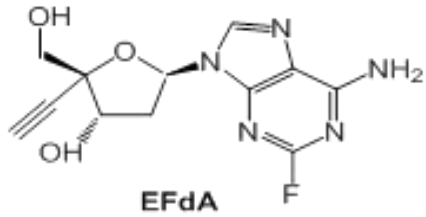
Lab Abnormalities

	Daily 2583.25 Prs-years		On Demand 2553.68 Prs-years		IRR Daily vs On Demand (95% CI)
	No. Pts	Incidence per 100 PY (95% CI)	No. Pts	Incidence per 100 PY (95% CI)	
All Grades ALAT	574	22.22	468	18.33	1.21 (1.07-1.37)
Grade 3 or 4	26	1.01	24	0.94	1.07 (0.59-1.95)
Grade 1 Creatinine	194	7.51	176	6.89	1.09 (0.88-1.34)
Creat. Clearance* 50-70 ml/mn	254	9.83	282	11.04	0.89 (0.75-1.06)
<50 ml/mn	14	0.54	14	0.55	0.99 (0.44-2.24)

*4 participants with e-GFR <70 ml/min temporarily discontinued PrEP

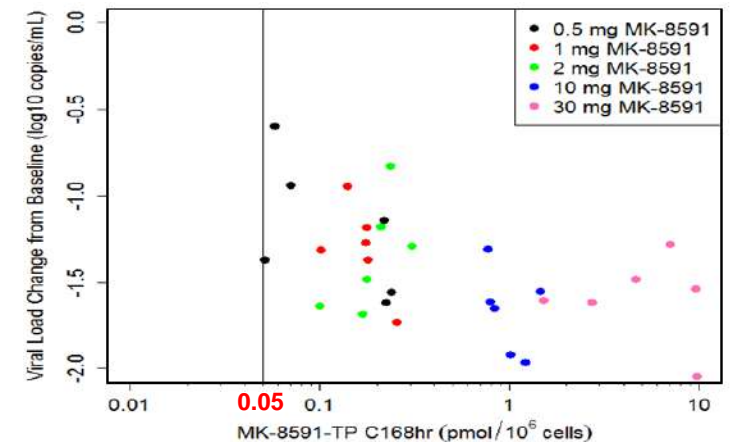
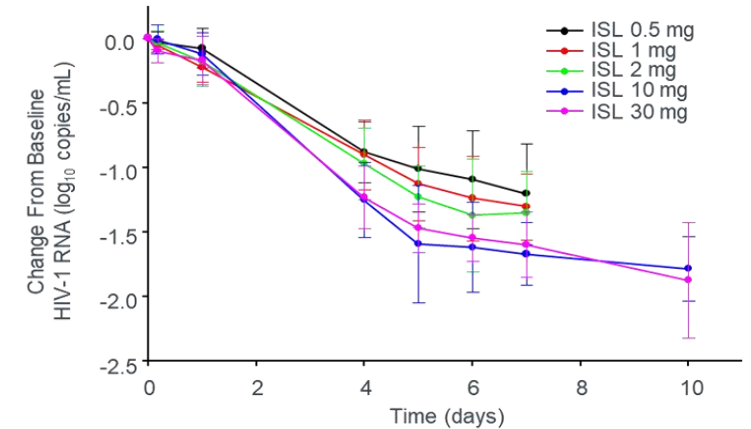
Limitations of Event-Driven with TDF/FTC for the Prevention of HIV

- ANRS Prevenir is not a randomized trial
- More frequent drug-related Gastro-Intestinal AEs
- No data in Heterosexuals men and women
- No data with TAF/FTC yet
- Can we simplify the 2-1-1 dosing regimen ?



Islatravir: A New Potent and Long-Acting Antiretroviral Agent

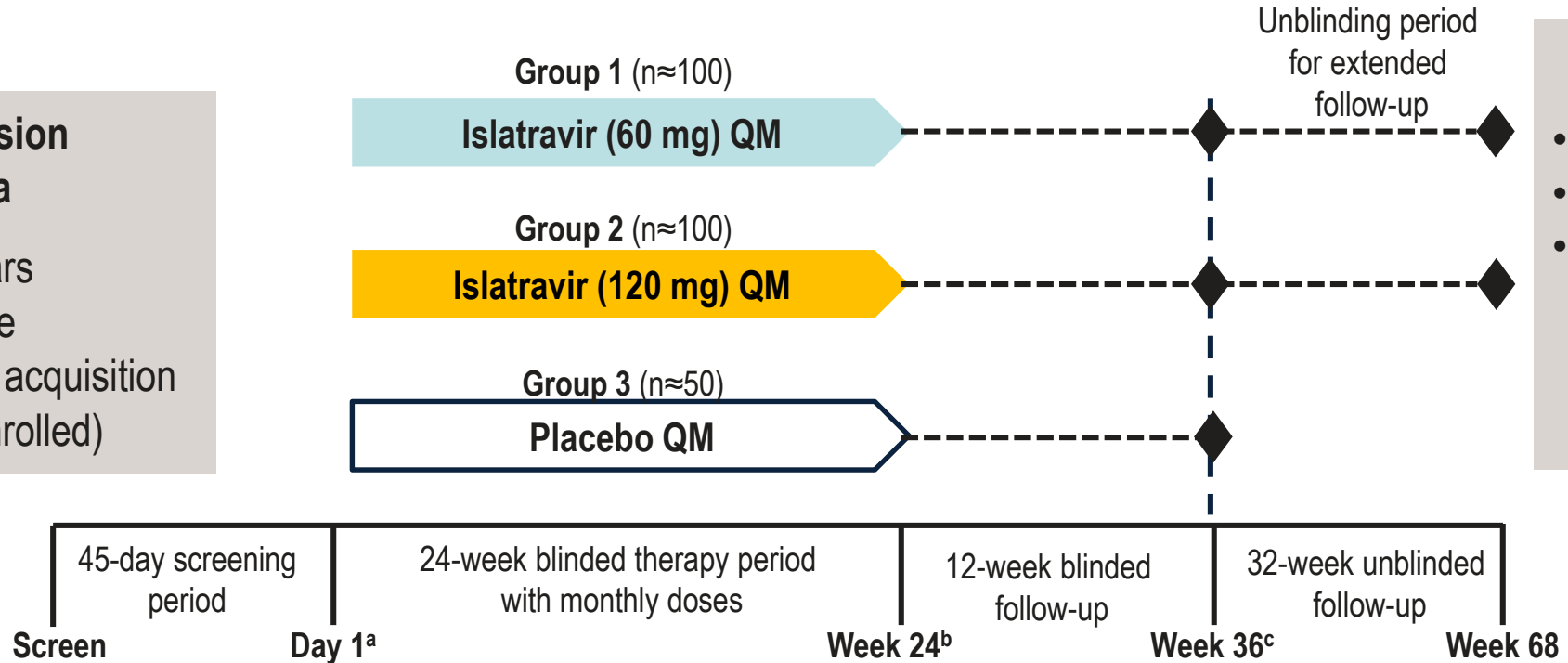
- Nucleoside reverse transcriptase translocation inhibitor.
- Potent antiviral activity with low in vitro IC_{50} :1.5 nM and activity against NRTI-resistant HIV-1 strains.
- Single-dose oral ISL associated with reduction in plasma HIV-RNA without emergence of viral resistance.
- Robust viral load decline associated with ISL-TP concentrations as low as **0.05 pmol/10⁶ cells**.
- Long ISL-TP half-life ~120 hr in healthy adults.
- ISL-TP concentrations in rectal and vaginal tissue similar to PBMC concentrations at steady state.
- Protects against SHIV infection in a rectal challenge Rhesus macaque model (Markowitz et al. JID 2020).



Blinded Interim Analysis of a Randomized Placebo Controlled Study of Monthly Oral Islatravir for PrEP



- Key inclusion criteria**
- Aged 18–65 years
 - HIV seronegative
 - Low risk for HIV acquisition
 - N ≈ 250 (192 enrolled)



- Outcome measures**
- Safety/tolerability
 - PK (ISL/ISL-TP)
 - Exploratory
 - PBMC PK
 - tissue PK
 - hormonal DDIs

NCT04003103 (P016).

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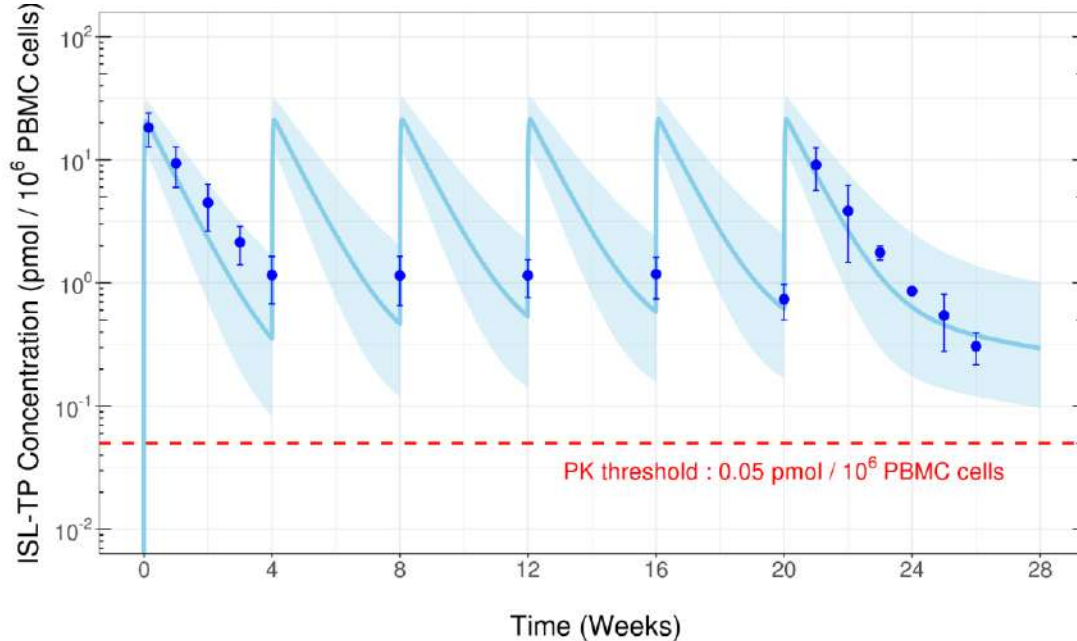
- Most AEs mild or moderate and resolved on treatment
 - **2 discontinuations due to AEs:**
 sensation of foreign body in the throat (mild), rash, and pruritus (moderate)
- No serious AEs or deaths

AE, %	Patients (N = 192)
Any	53.1
Headache	7.3
Diarrhea	5.7
Nausea	4.7
Abdominal pain	4.2
Upper respiratory tract infection	4.2
Proteinuria	3.6
Cough	3.1

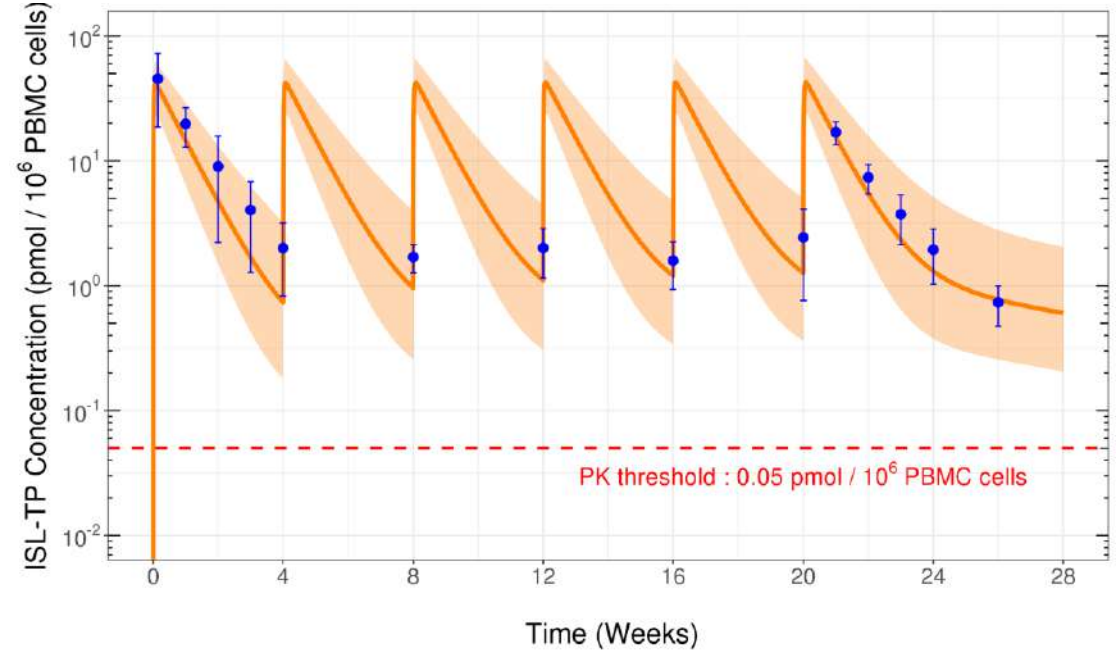
Mean ISL-TP concentration in PBMCs overlaid on population PK model simulated median ISL-TP concentrations in PBMCs



ISL 60 mg QM



ISL 120 mg QM



- **PBMC ISL-TP trough concentrations were all above the pre-specified PK threshold of 0.05 pmol/10⁶ PBMCs**
- Half-life in PBMCs ~ 190 hrs after oral dose
- Observed concentrations in PBMCs correlate well with population pharmacokinetic simulations for both doses
- Pharmacokinetics show approximately linear dose proportionality and sustained distribution to rectal, cervical, and vaginal tissues

ISL 60 mg QM Oral PrEP Clinical Development Program



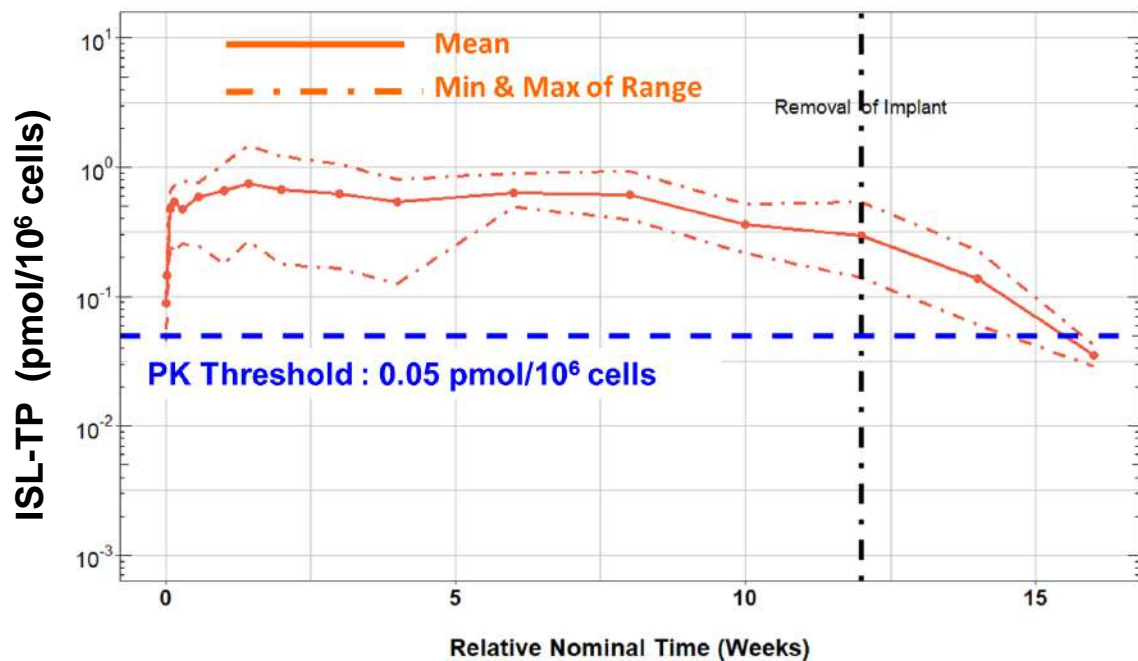
	Trial name (protocol number)	Population	Active comparator	ClinicalTrials.gov
Phase 3	IMPOWER-022	4,500 Cisgender women and adolescent girls at high risk of HIV-1 infection in Sub-Saharan Africa	FTC/TDF	NCT04644029
	IMPOWER-024	1,500 Men and transgender women who have sex with men and are at high risk for HIV-1 infection	FTC/TDF or FTC/TAF	NCT04652700

IMPOWER 022 will be done in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which intends to provide grant funding to the International Clinical Research Center (ICRC) at the University of Washington Department of Global Health who will be working together with MSD to conduct the trial

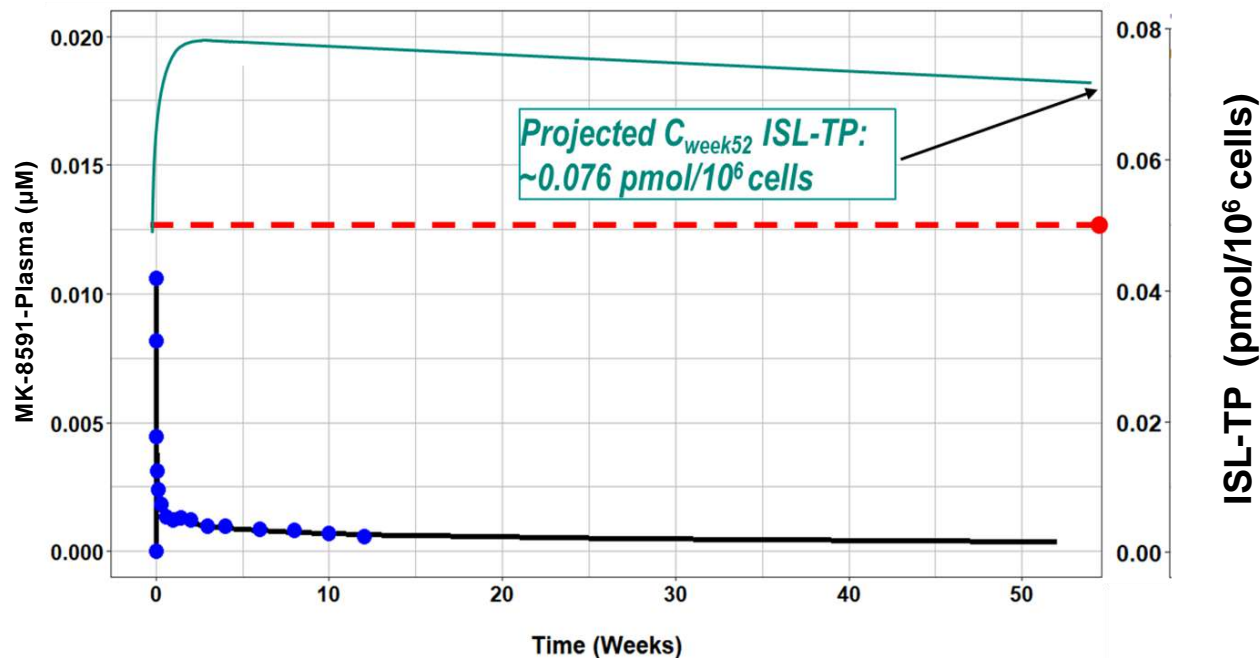


Islatravir Implants: Intracellular ISL-TP PK Threshold Maintained for Months

62 mg Implant

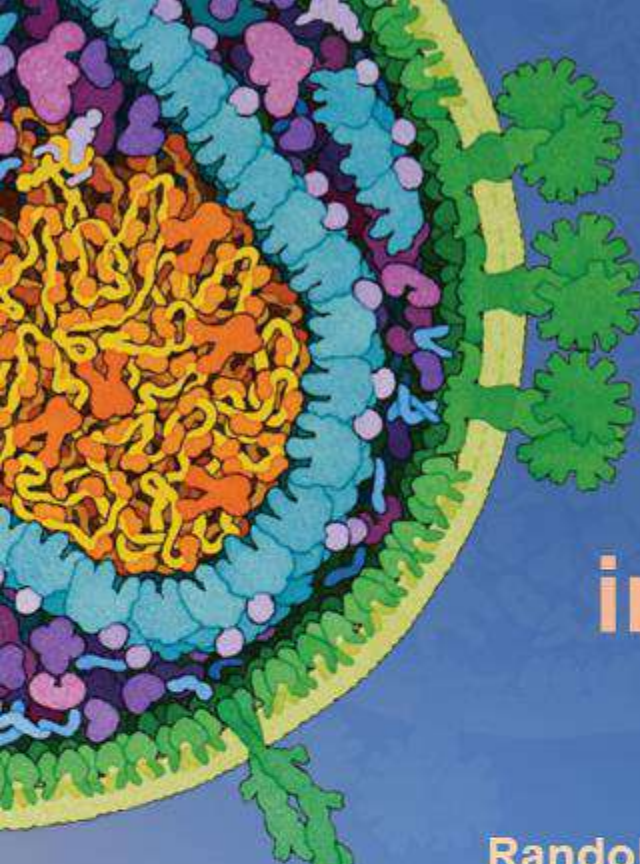


62 mg Implant: Simulations for 1 Year



- 62 mg implant will continue to release through 52 weeks
- ISL-TP should be above threshold (0.05 pmol/10⁶ cells) for >12 months
 - Projected concentration at 12 months: **0.076 pmol/10⁶ cells**
 - Projected time at which concentration falls below 0.05 pmol/10⁶ cells: 68-70 weeks (~16 months)
- Implants in development also with TAF, cabotegravir

ORAL ABSTRACT



Next generation islatravir-eluting implants projected to provide yearly HIV-1 prophylaxis

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56 mg implant projected to lead to concentrations above threshold for 52 weeks



- 56 mg implant projected to release adequate ISL-TP (above the PK threshold) for almost all individuals for >52 weeks

Safety Summary

Generally Mild Local Tolerability Effects

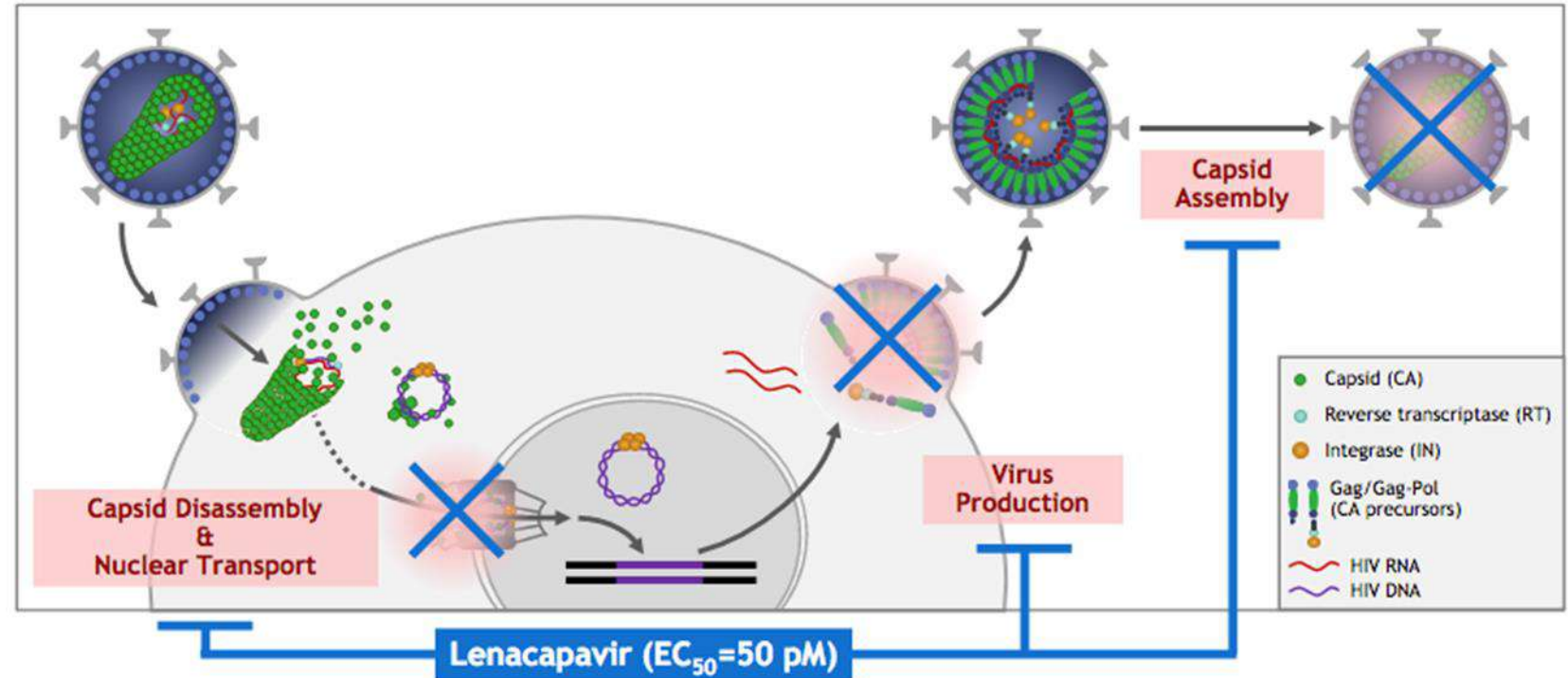
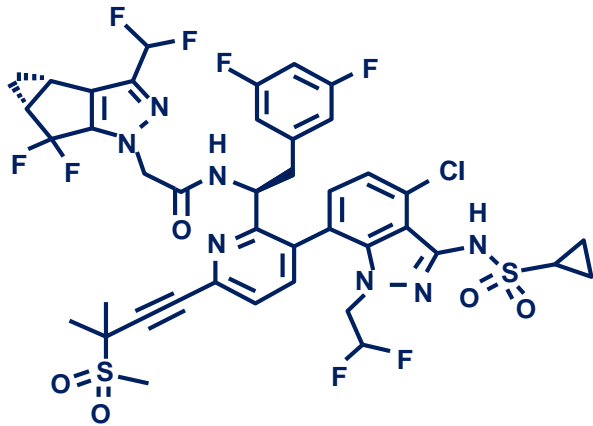
- Review of implant site adverse events (AEs) suggests that implants were generally well tolerated
 - 22/36 (61%) participants reported at least 1 implant site AE (not including hematoma)
 - All AEs were mild or moderate in severity
 - No serious AEs and no discontinuations due to an AE
 - Types of AEs observed consistent with those observed with other implants

	Number (percent) of individuals reporting AE during study N=8 active/dose, 12 PBO (placebo; mod=moderate)			
	PBO	48 mg	52 mg	56 mg
TOTAL	6 (50)	6 (75)	4 (50)	6 (75)
Erythema	3 (25)	4 (50) 2/4 mod	2 (25)	4 (50) 1/4 mod
Tenderness/pain	4 (33)	2 (25)	4 (50)	4 (50)
Pruritis	3 (25)	5 (63) 1/5 mod	2 (25)	6 (75)
Induration	2 (17)	4 (50)	4 (50)	4 (50)

- No clear relationship between dose and AE frequency/severity
- Most common AE not related to implant was headache, with no clear dose relationship
- No effects on laboratory studies, ECGs, vital signs

Lenacapavir: First in Class Long-Acting HIV Capsid Inhibitor for Treatment and Prevention

Lenacapavir (GS-6207)

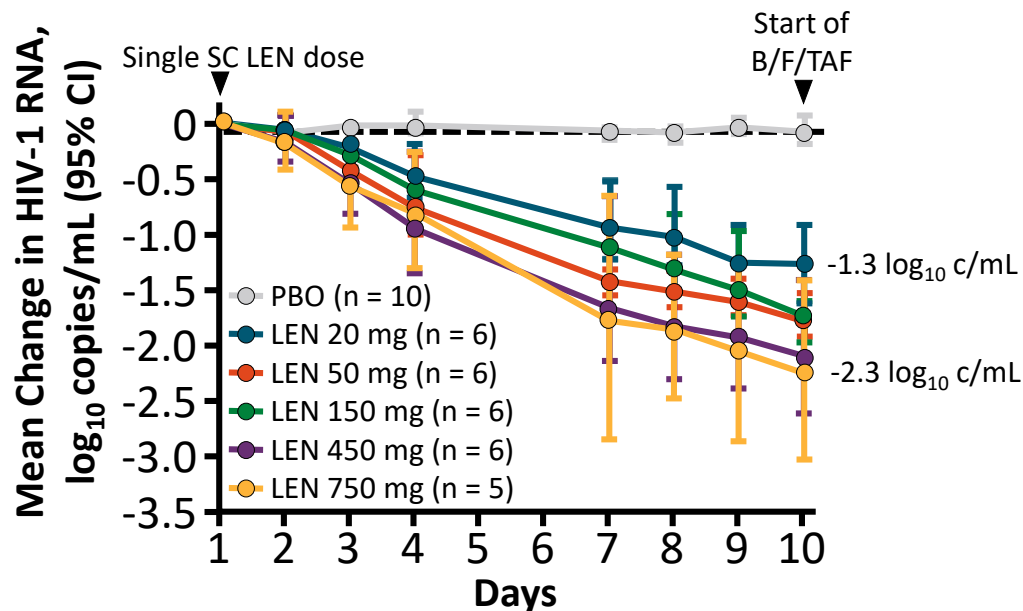


- Small molecule which disrupts the functions of HIV capsid protein
- High potency: Antiviral activity at very low doses (pM) and no cross-resistance with approved drugs
- Low in vivo systemic clearance
- Slow release kinetics from the subcutaneous injection site

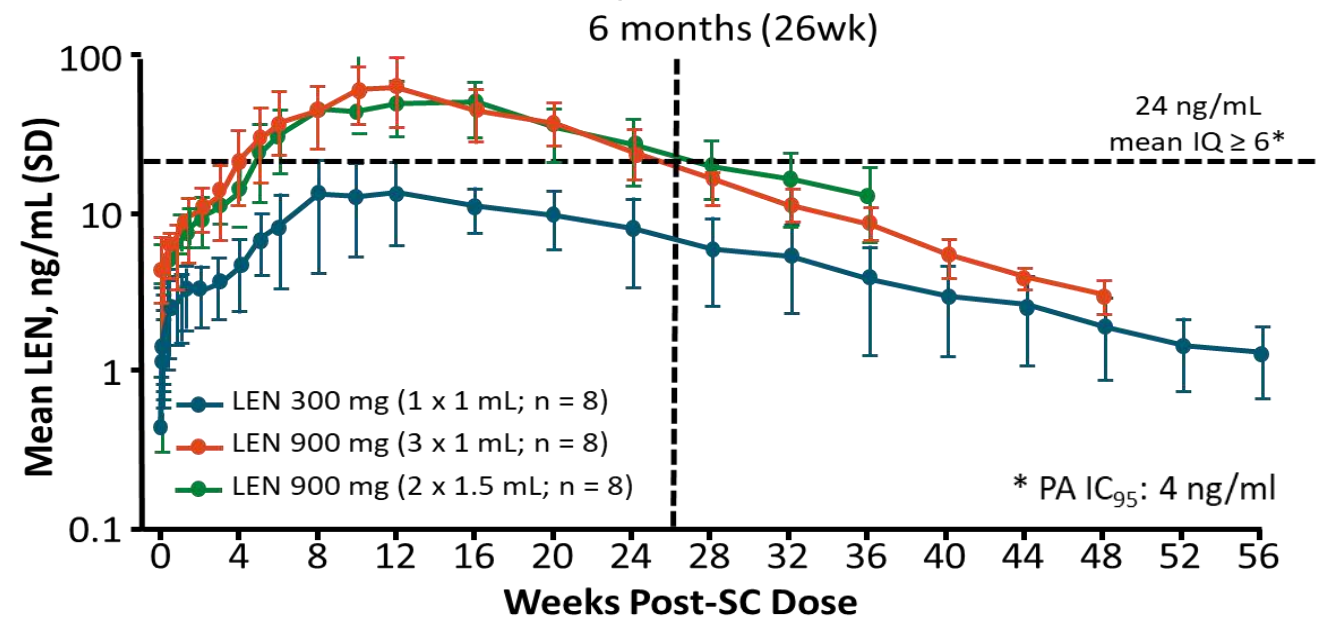
Lenacapavir Antiviral Activity and Pharmacokinetics

- Potent antiviral activity with a single SC injection in HIV-infected untreated patients with maximum HIV-1 RNA reduction seen at mean concentrations ≥ 4.4 ng/mL (IQ > 1.1)
- Lenacapavir 900 mg every 6 months used in phase 3 treatment and prevention trials: half-life > 50 days with target concentrations sustained for > 24 weeks

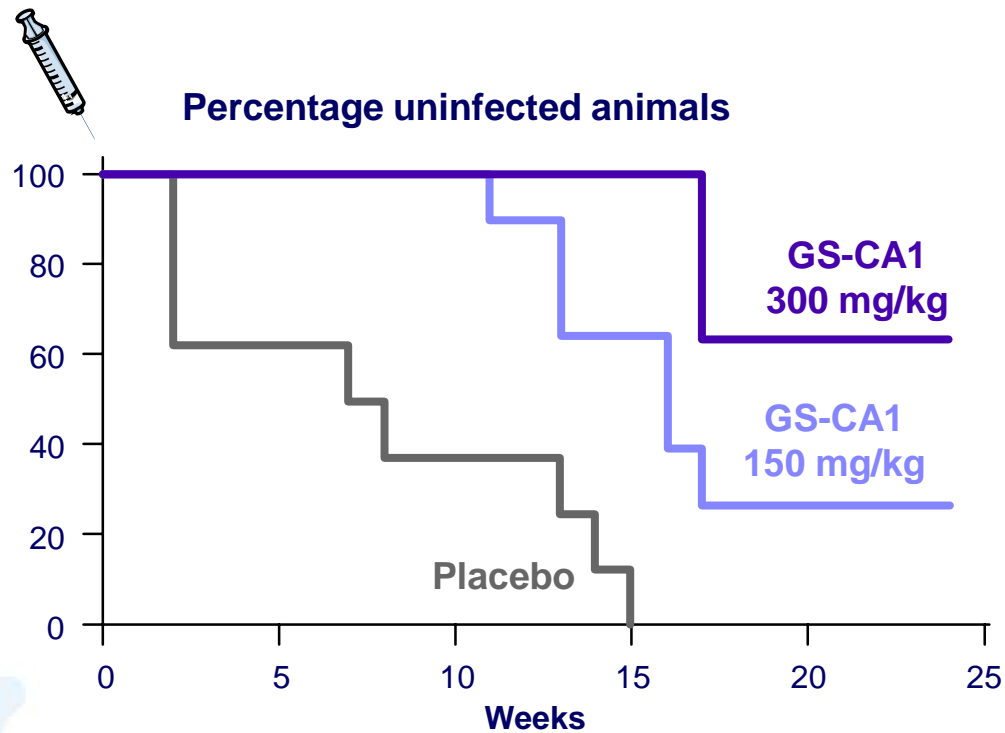
Subcutaneous LEN: Antiviral Activity



LEN Single-Dose Plasma PK



Efficacy of a single subcutaneous injection of a Lenacapavir analog (GS-CA1) for PrEP



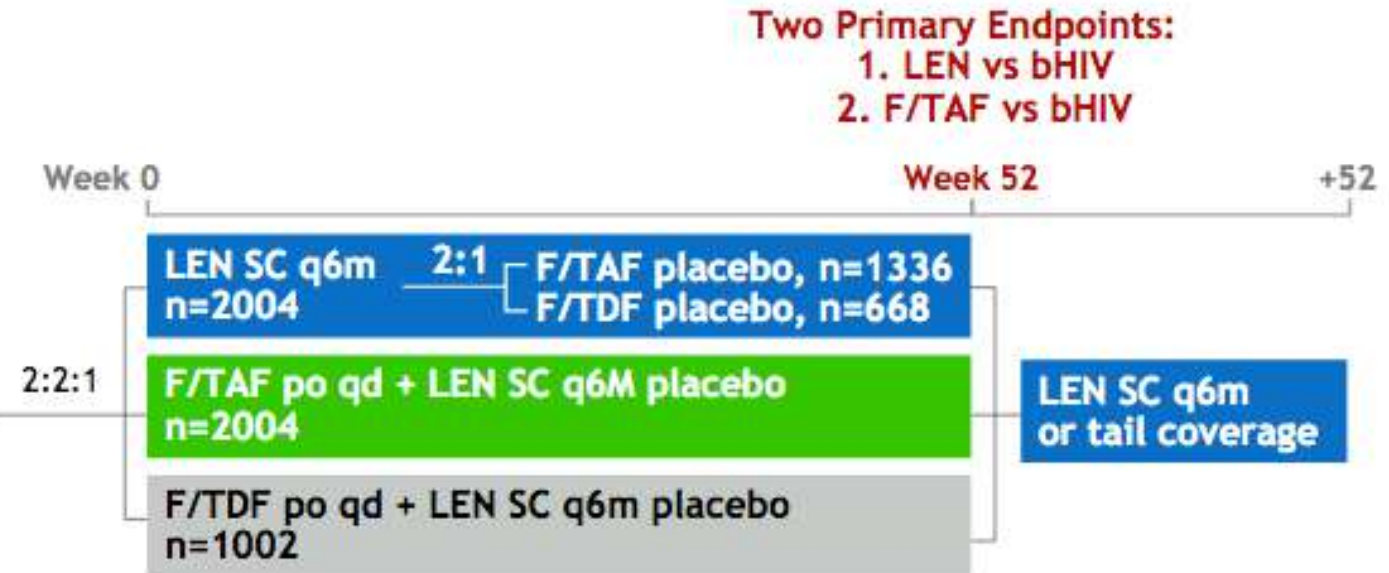
Weekly rectal challenges of SHIV.SF162P3
(10-100 TCID₅₀)

	N Protected	Median Time to Infection (weeks)	Hazard ratio	p
GS-CA1 300 mg/kg	5 / 8	Not reached	0.038	0.0002
GS-CA1 150 mg/kg	2 / 8	16	0.141	0.0061
Placebo	0 / 8	7,5	1	

p using a Cox model

Lenacapavir Prevention Trial in Women

Women's HIV Prevention Study
 Cisgender women and adolescent girls ≥ 35 kg at risk for HIV
N = 5000



- Sites in South Africa, Kenya, and Uganda with bHIV $\geq 3.5/100$ PY
- External controls:

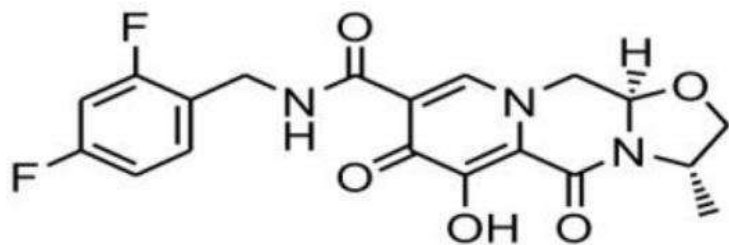
Non-PrEP background HIV (bHIV)	Active
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recency assay ▪ bHIV historical HIV incidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D4P F/TAF ▪ D4P F/TDF

Another trial planned in MSM and TGW vs daily TDF/FTC in 3,000 in USA and South Africa

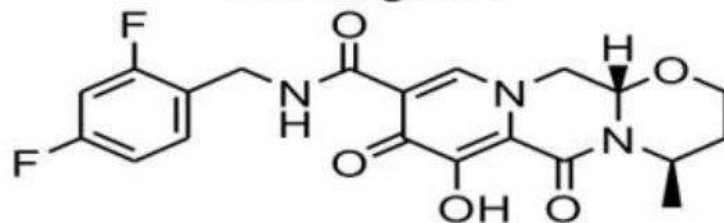
Cabotegravir

GSK126744 Long Acting Integrase Inhibitor

GSK1265744
(GSK744)



Dolutegravir



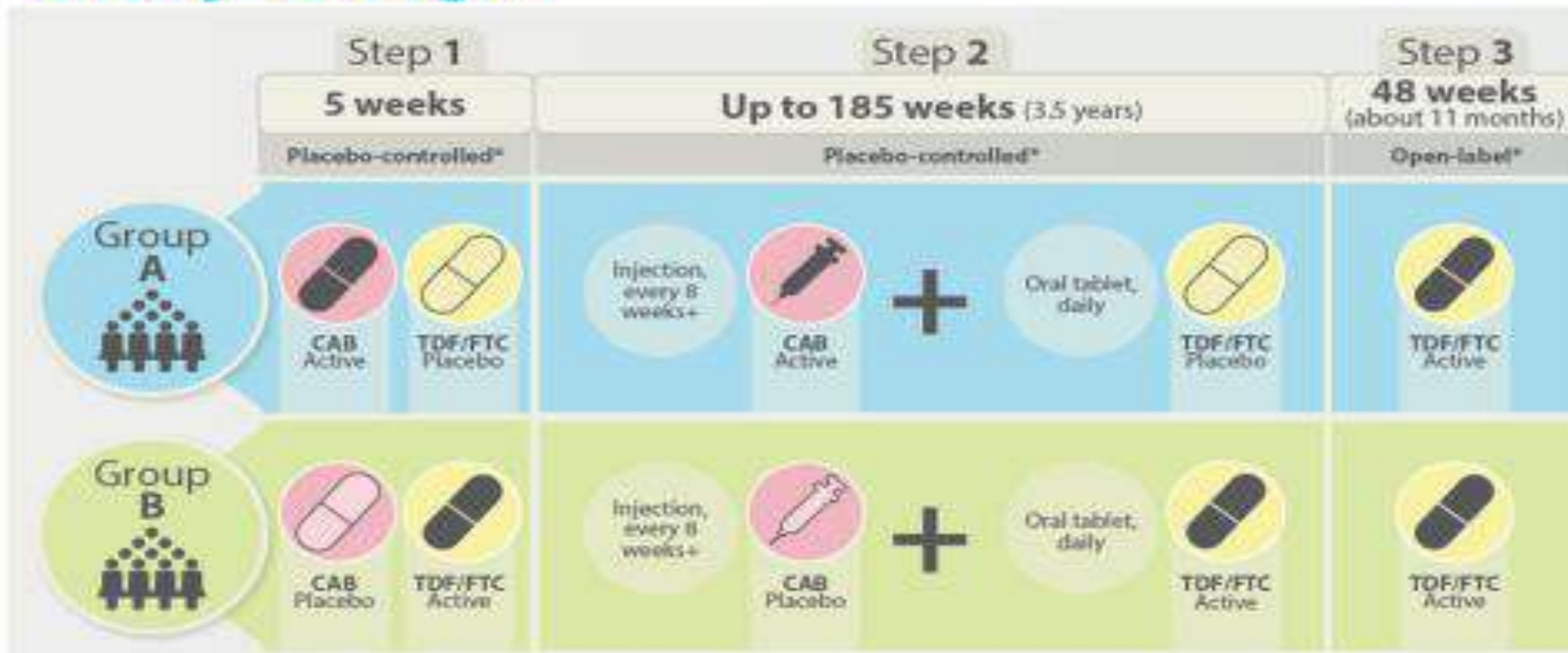
Favorable attributes for PrEP:

- High genetic barrier to resistance
- PK profile: half life of 21-50 days
- Once-daily oral
- 1-2 months injectable dosing using nanosuspension formulation

PrEP with LA Injectable Cabotegravir Highly Effective for Young Women



Study design

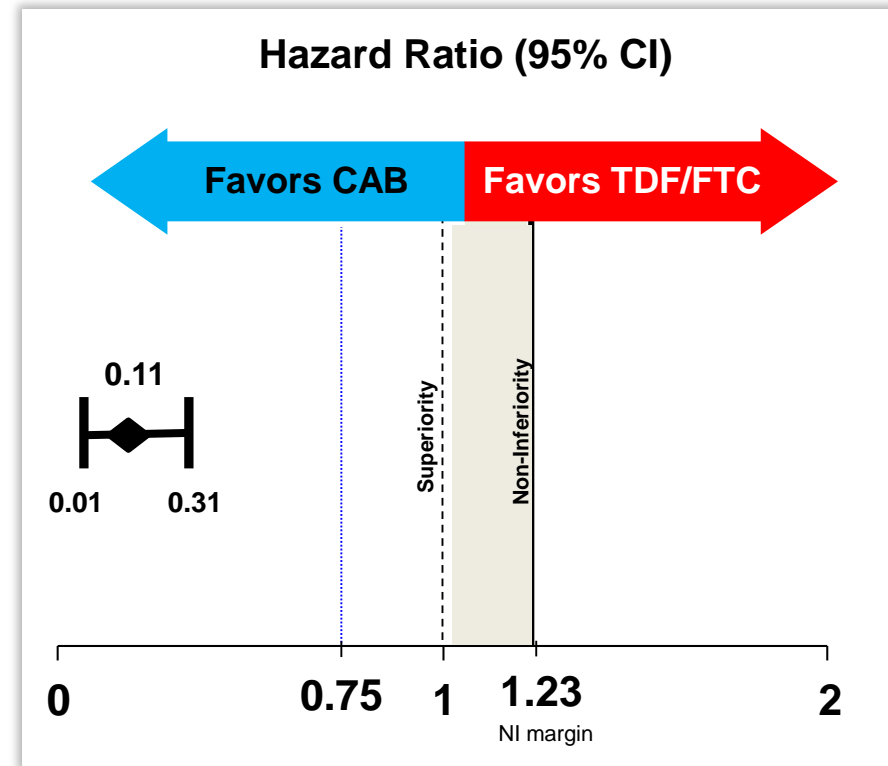
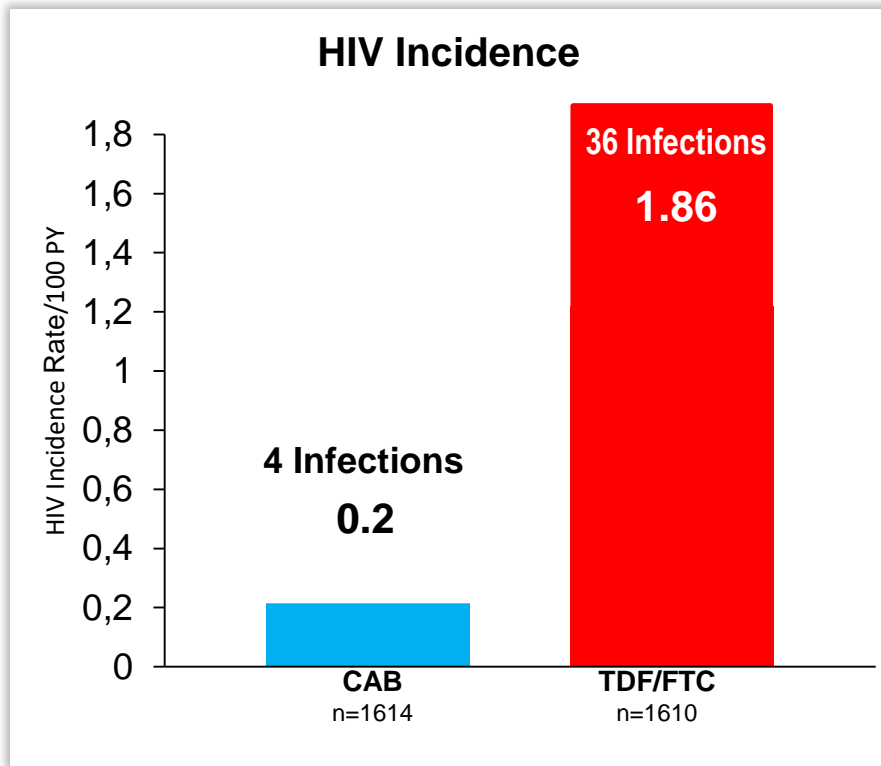


HIV, pregnancy testing and safety assessments at each product administration visit; additional post injection safety visits
 Real-world adherence counselling support aligned with national guidelines

PrEP with LA Injectable Cabotegravir Highly Effective for Women

38 HIV infections in 3223 women, median age 26 years

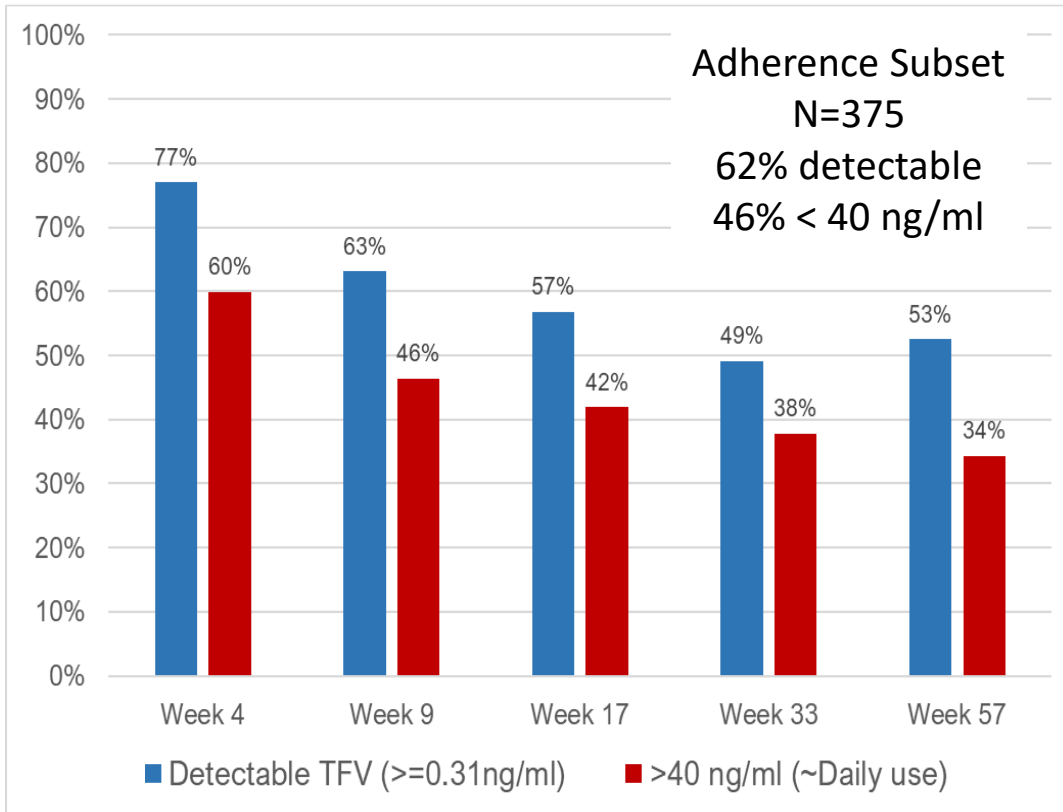
Botswana, Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Zimbabwe



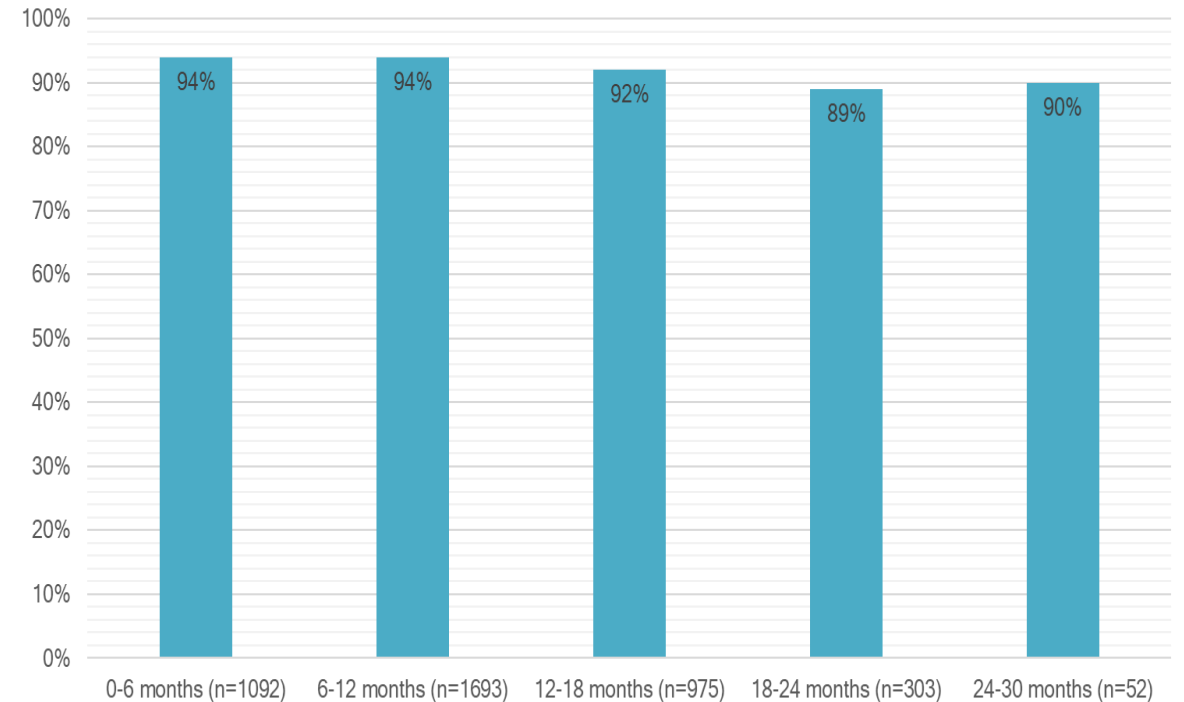
CI, confidence interval

Adherence to Pill and Injections

TFV Plasma Concentrations

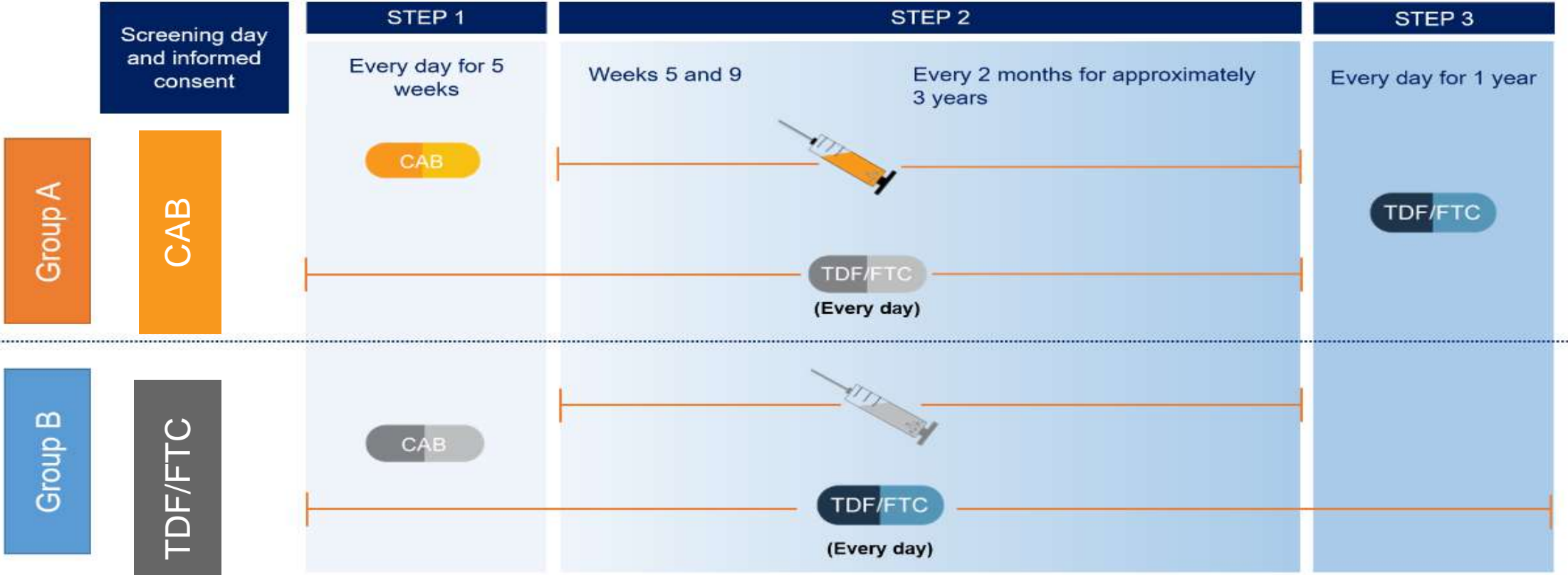


Cabotegravir Injections Coverage



- Both products safe and well tolerated
- No discontinuation due to injection site reaction
- Similar pregnancy outcomes

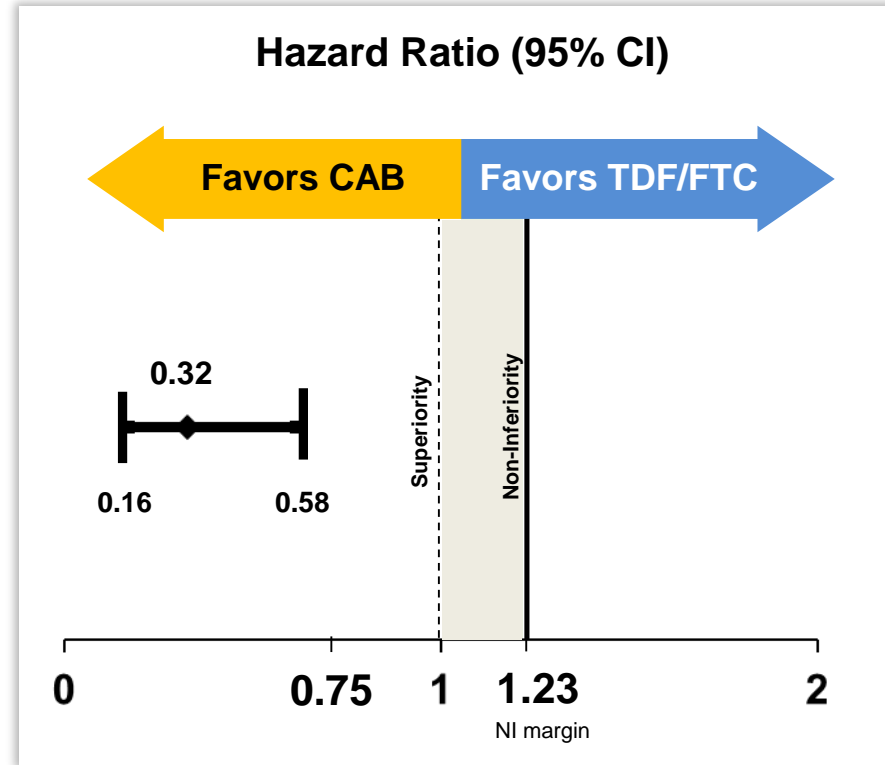
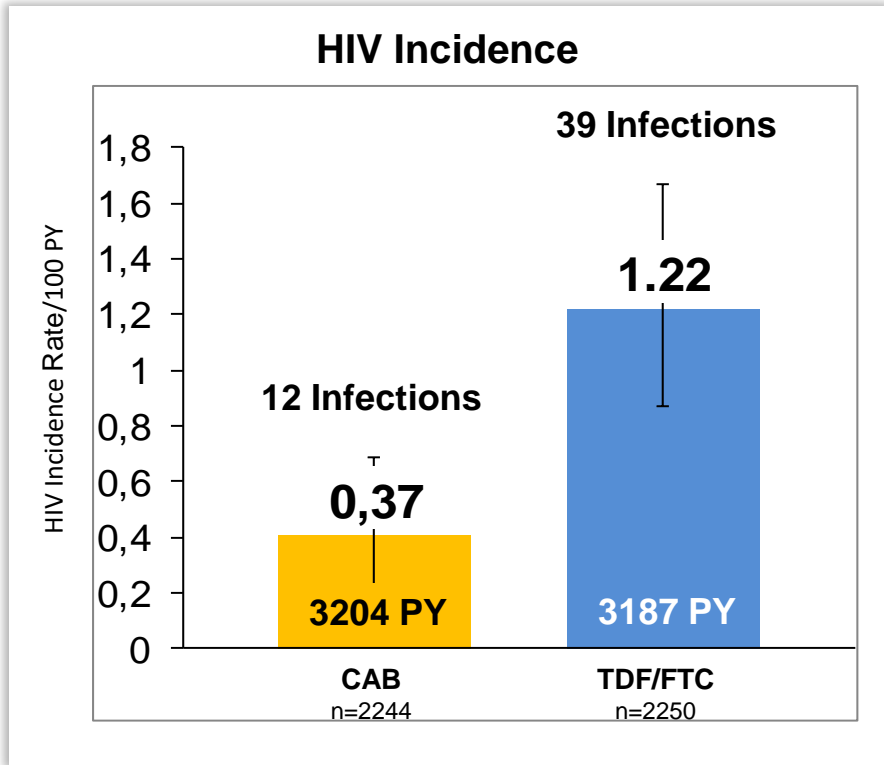
Cabotegravir IM vs Oral TDF/FTC for PrEP in MSM and TGW



TDF/FTC pill
 Cabotegravir (CAB) injection
 Placebo for TDF/FTC pill
 Placebo for cabotegravir (CAB) injection
 Cabotegravir (CAB) pill
 Placebo for cabotegravir (CAB) pill

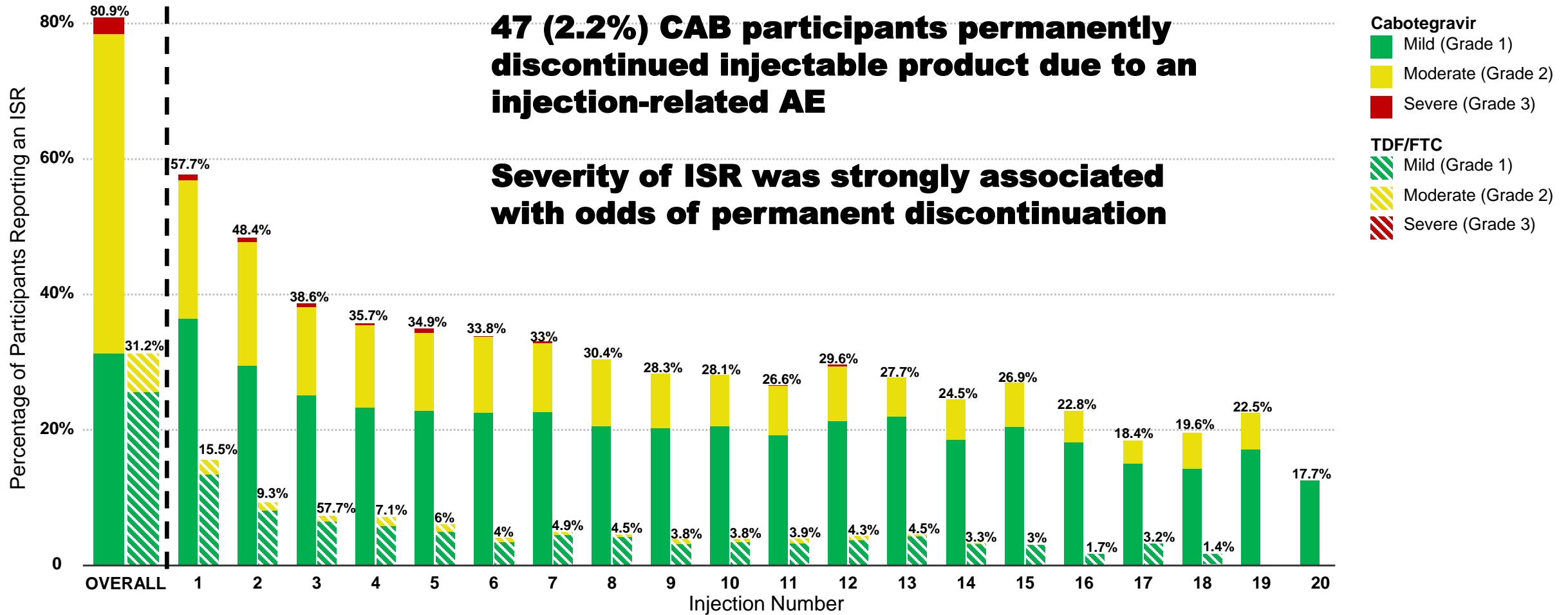
PrEP with LA Injectable Cabotegravir Highly Effective for MSM and TGW

52 HIV infections in 6389 PY of follow-up
1.4 (IQR 0.8-1.9) years median per-participant follow-up



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Injection Site Reactions

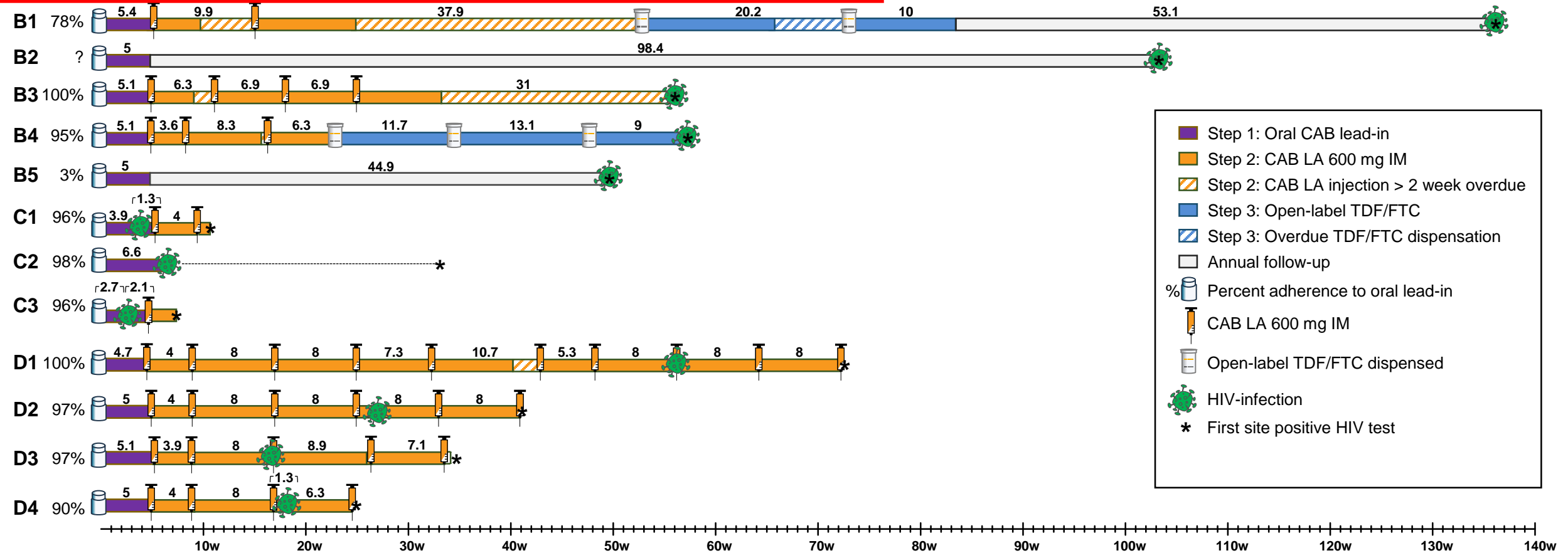


Cabotegravir, n	2117	2117	2037	1938	1872	1761	1620	1464	1360	1200	1034	877	744	604	465	372	298	234	168	111	8
TDF/FTC, n	2081	2081	2014	1940	1869	1760	1606	1463	1355	1193	1037	903	760	596	482	370	288	220	146	89	6

Prevalent and Incident HIV Infections with Cabotegravir



Emergence of CAB RAM (E138K, Q148K) in 1 out of 2 tested patients

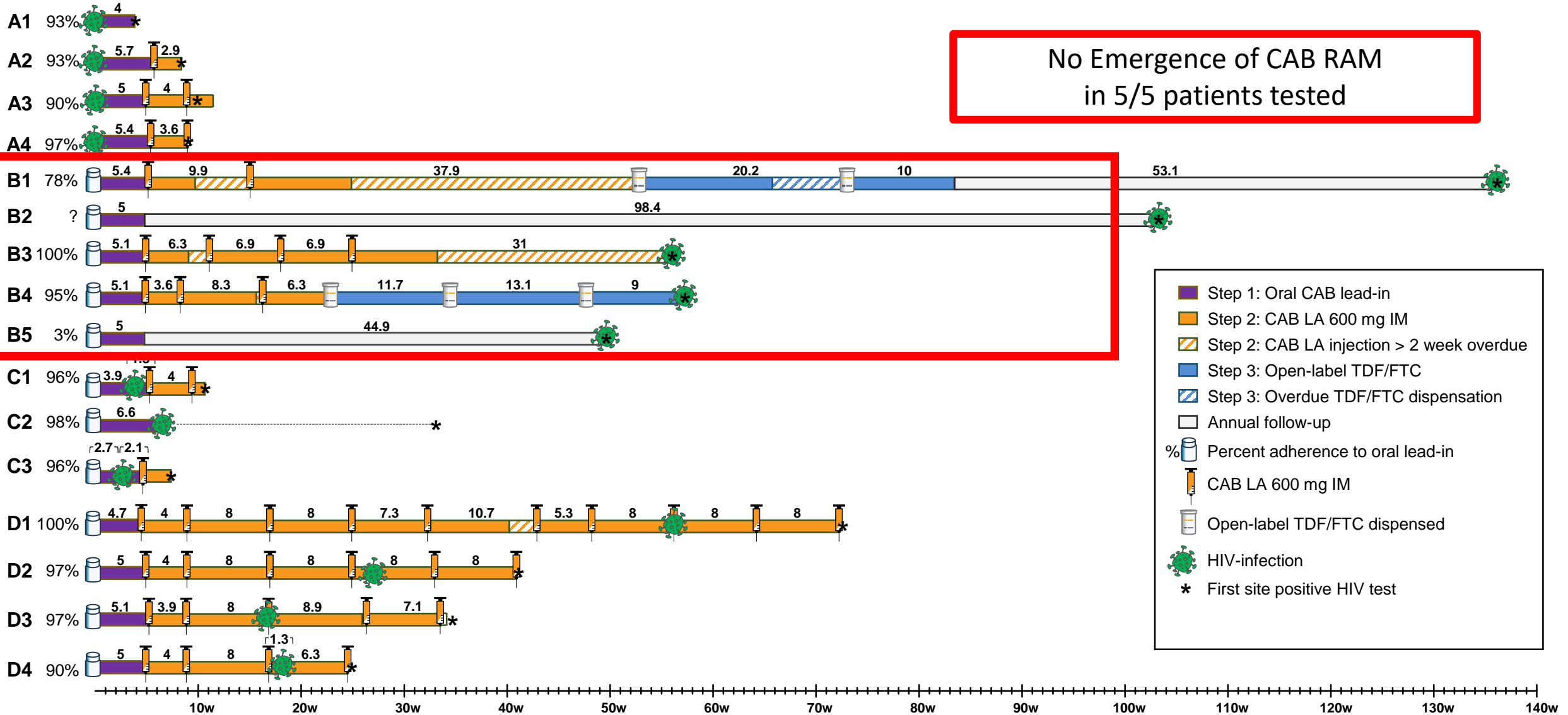


- Step 1: Oral CAB lead-in
- Step 2: CAB LA 600 mg IM
- Step 2: CAB LA injection > 2 week overdue
- Step 3: Open-label TDF/FTC
- Step 3: Overdue TDF/FTC dispensation
- Annual follow-up
- % Percent adherence to oral lead-in
- CAB LA 600 mg IM
- Open-label TDF/FTC dispensed
- HIV-infection
- * First site positive HIV test



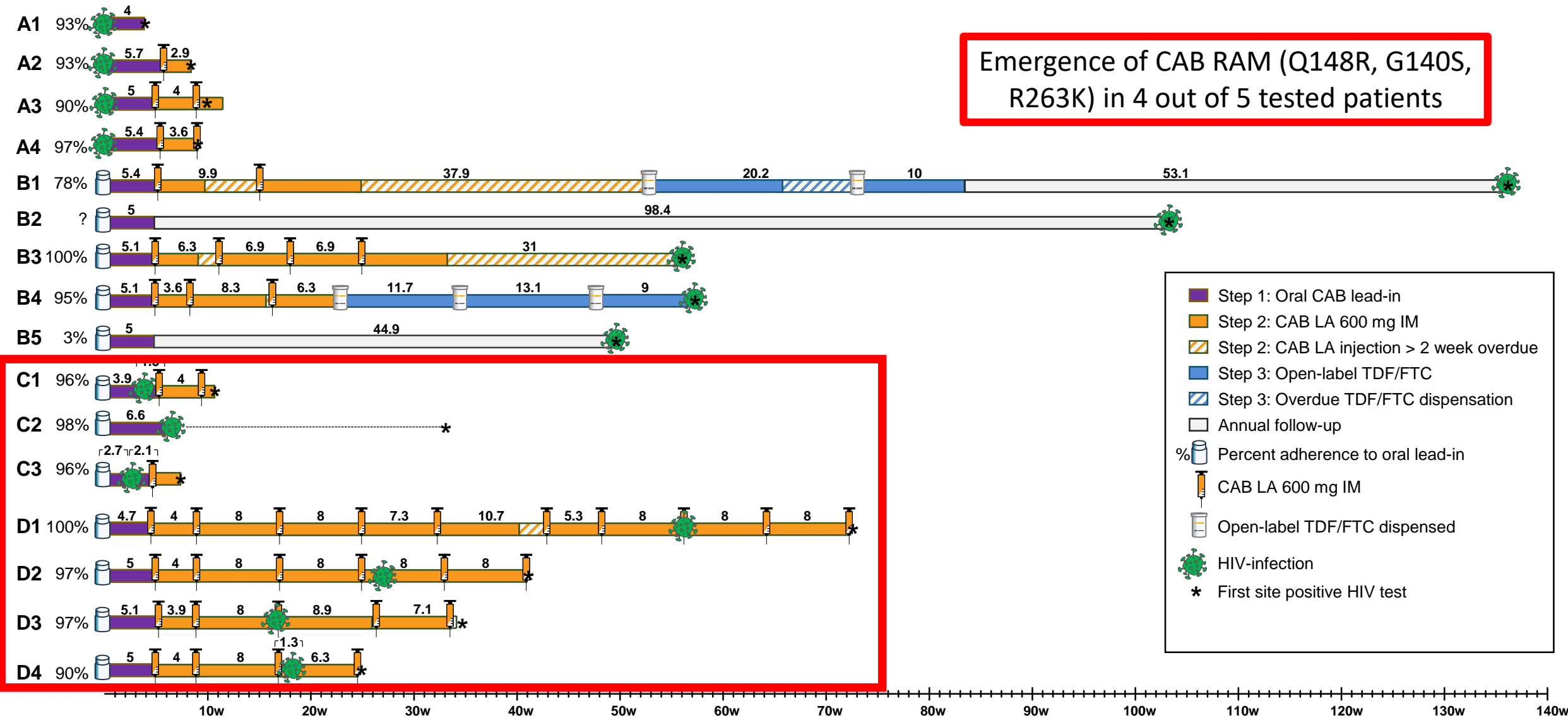
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No Emergence of CAB RAM in 5/5 patients tested

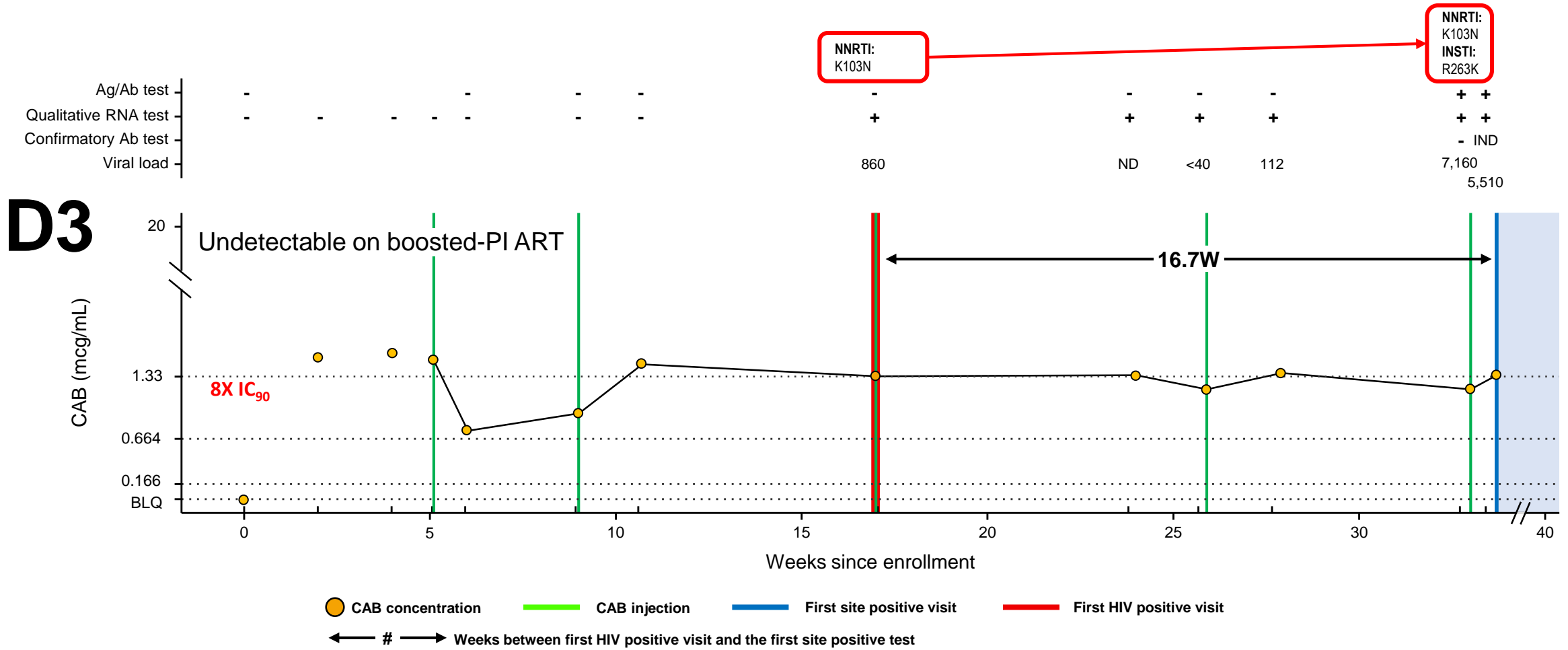


Prevalent and Incident HIV Infections with Cabotegravir

Emergence of CAB RAM (Q148R, G140S, R263K) in 4 out of 5 tested patients



Delayed Diagnosis of Breakthrough HIV-Infection with Cabotegravir

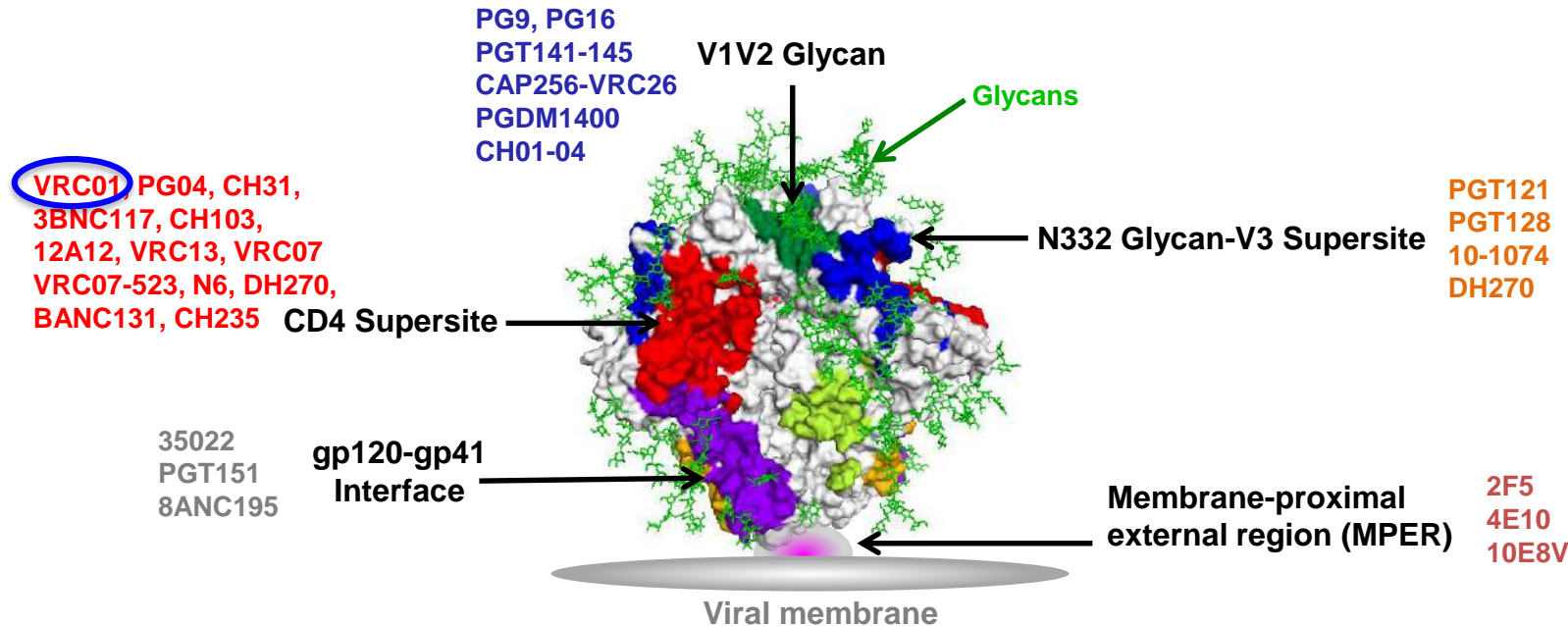


The shaded area represents time on ART.

Limitations of Cabotegravir LA for the Prevention of HIV

- Burden of two-monthly injections
- Not self-administered
- Lead-in phase and tail coverage
- Unknown time to protection
- Unknown forgiveness
- Injection site reactions
- Emergence of INSTI-R with potential cross-resistance to DTG
- **Breakthrough infections despite correct use with delayed diagnosis**

Broadly Neutralizing mAbs (bNabs) in Development for Treatment and Prevention of HIV-Infection



VRC01 (IgG1) targets the conserved region of the CD4-binding site of the HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein with broad in vitro neutralization capacity against all major circulating HIV-1 sub-types

VRC01 can prevent HIV/SHIV transmission in animal models



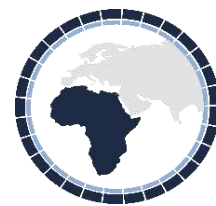
The AMP Studies: Phase 2b Proof of Concept Trials to Test the Efficacy of VRC01 Antibody to Prevent HIV Acquisition

Two harmonized protocols:

- HVTN 704/HPTN 085 (~2,700 MSM and TG in the Americas & Europe)
- HVTN 703/HPTN 081 (~1,900 Women in sub-Saharan Africa)
- Placebo controlled trial of VRC01 mAb (IV), given on q2 month schedule
- Both trials opened in April/May 2016



Study Schema for The Studies



Regimen	MSM & TG in the Americas	Women in SSA	Total
VRC01 10 mg/kg	899	642	1541
VRC01 30 mg/kg	897	645	1542
Placebo	903	637	1540
Total	2699	1924	4623

10 infusions total
&
Infusions every 8
weeks

Study duration:
~22 months

Prevention Efficacy Declines by HIV-1 in vitro IC₈₀

HIV IC ₈₀ (μg/ml)	Regimen	Nb HIV-infections	Incidence /100 PY	Efficacy (95% CI)
< 1	Placebo	19	0.86	75.4
	VRCO1 pooled	9	0.26	(45;89)
1-3	Placebo	10	0.45	4.2
	VRCO1 pooled	19	0.43	(-108;56)
> 3	Placebo	35	1.59	3.3
	VRCO1 pooled	70	1.58	(-48;37)

Overall non significant reduction in HIV-1 incidence with VRCO1: 8.8% in Women, 26.6% in MSM (P> 0.10)



HIV VACCINE
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AMP Studies Summary



- Proof of concept that long-term bNabs can prevent HIV-acquisition
- In vitro HIV-1 susceptibility to VRCO1 influences preventive efficacy (only 30% of the circulating HIV-1 strains exhibited $IC_{80} < 1 \mu\text{g/ml}$)
- A neutralization titer or Ab concentration in serum established as a biomarker of protection
- Viruses from VRCO1 cases more resistant to VRCO1 than viruses from placebo cases (> 2 -fold greater IC_{80}): immunologic pressure
- Multiple bNabs will be needed for optimal prevention

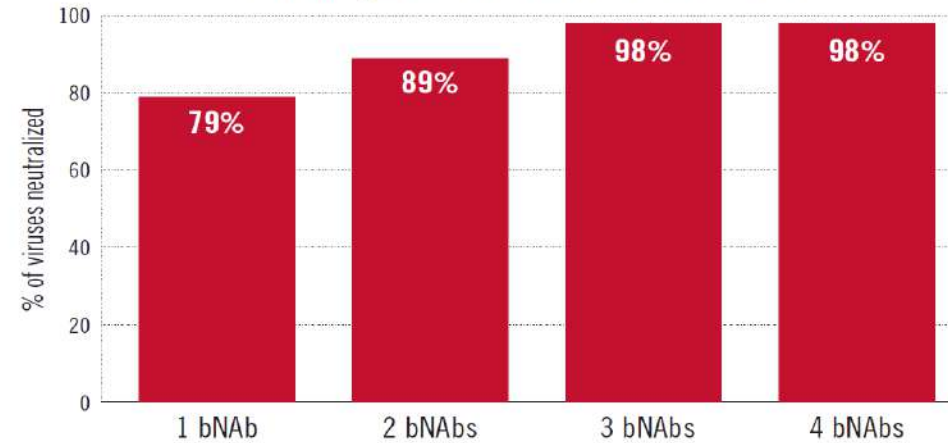
Broadly Neutralizing Antibody Combinations in Development

bNAb Cocktails: Two or more antibodies in a regimen				
Regimen	Status	Route	Research Institution	Trial Name
	Phase I, Completed	IV	Rockefeller University	YCO-0899
	Phase I, Ongoing	IV, SC	Rockefeller University	YCO-0971
	Phase I/2, Ongoing	IV, SC	IAVI, Rockefeller University, University of Washington	IAVI C100
	Phase I, Completed Phase I/2a, Ongoing	IV	BIDMC, IAVI, NIAID	IAVI T002 IAVI T003
	Phase I, Ongoing	IV	NIAID	HVTN 130/ HPTN 089
	Phase I, Ongoing	IV, SC	NIAID	HVTN 136/ HPTN 092
	Phase I, Ongoing	SC	NIAID	HVTN 138/ HPTN 098
	Phase I, Ongoing	IV, SC	CAPRISA, NIAID	CAPRISA 012B

Trial includes multiple arms, testing up to 3-bNAb combinations

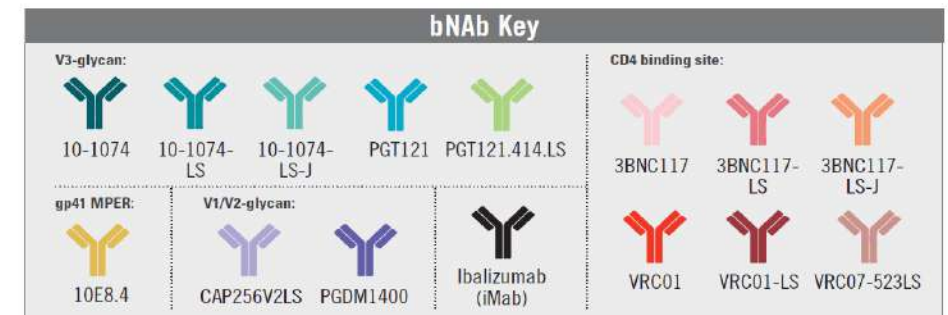
Multispecific: Parts of two or more antibodies on a single antibody				
Regimen	Status	Route	Research Institution	Trial Name
SAR441236	Phase I, Planned	IV	Sanofi, NIAID	HVTN 129/ HPTN 088
	Phase I, Ongoing	IV, SC	ADARC	AAAS1239

Combining bNAbs to broaden neutralization*



Different antibodies have different neutralizing activities. Modeling and preclinical studies suggest that combining bNAbs may lead to broader neutralization compared to giving bNAbs alone, and multispecific antibodies might perform better than combinations. Clinical trials will validate whether these differences are seen in humans, and guide selection of best antibodies and combinations types.

*Data: Kong et al., 2015



Ideal PrEP Regimen

- **Effectiveness**
 - 100% effectiveness when taken as recommended
 - Work for all populations (MSM, heterosexual men and women, IVDU, adolescents, pregnancy)
- **Adherence**
 - Simple with high forgiveness: long-acting formulations, clear guidance on how to start/stop PrEP
 - Simple assessment of adherence (DBS for TFV-DP)
- **Breakthrough HIV-infection**
 - Rapid and simple diagnosis of breakthrough HIV-infections
 - Low risk for resistance and cross-resistance within class to avoid compromising treatment options
- **Safety and Tolerability:** Almost perfect without need for safety monitoring
- **Implementation**
 - Easy to use and self-administered
 - Affordable cost
 - Multipurpose tools: HIV, contraception, STIs

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