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# Antiretroviral Therapy

## Where we are and where we are going

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# Goals of Antiretroviral Therapy

- Maintain or restore the health of people living with HIV-1 (PLWHIV) through suppression of HIV-1 replication
- Minimize or eliminate short and long-term adverse effects of the therapy
- Have therapies that are accessible to all PLWHIV
- Prevent transmission of HIV-1 to others via any route of exposure

# We have big goals!

## THE TREATMENT TARGET

90%

diagnosed

90%

on treatment

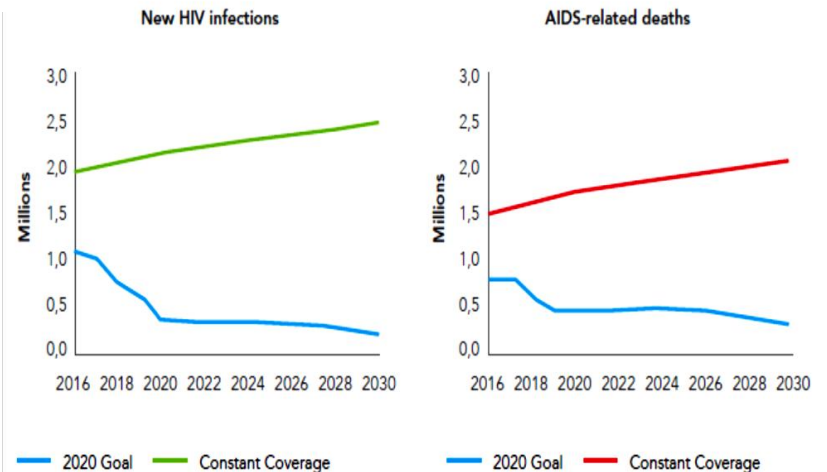
90%

virally suppressed

90-90-90 An ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS epidemic

15.8 million  
PLWHIV on ART  
in 2015

## IMPACT OF THE 90-90-90 TARGET ON HIV INFECTIONS AND AIDS-RELATED DEATHS, 2016-2030



Source: The Gap Report, UNAIDS, 2014.



# CAN ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY HOLD UP ITS END OF THE BARGAIN – 90% SUPPRESSED?



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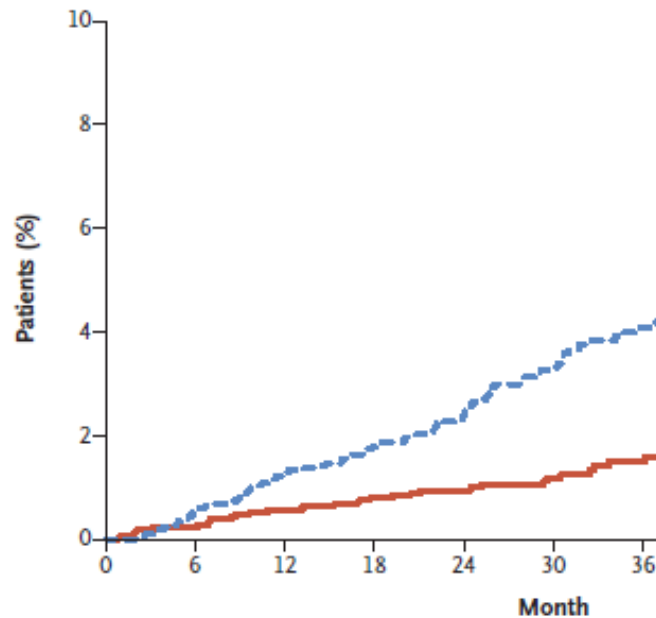
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy in Early Asymptomatic HIV Infection

The INSIGHT START Study Group\*

Published July 20, 2015  
at NEJM.org

**A Time to First Primary Event**



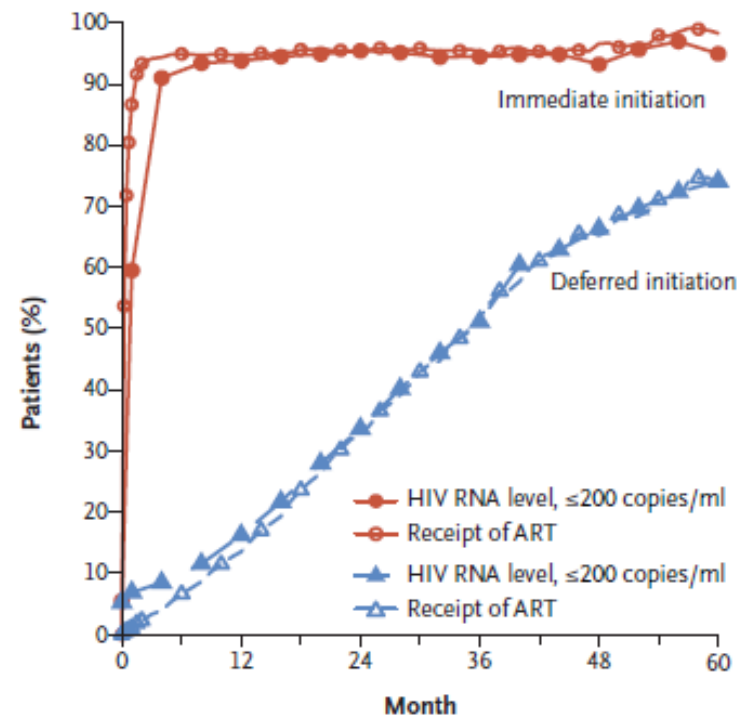
**No. at Risk**

Immediate initiation	2326	2302	2279	2163	1801	1437	1031
Deferred initiation	2359	2326	2281	2135	1803	1417	1021

**Estimated Percentage**

Immediate initiation		0.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5
Deferred initiation		0.5	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.3	4.1

**A ART Use and HIV RNA Level**



**No. of Patients**

Immediate initiation	2326	2287	1809	1040	551	115
Deferred initiation	2359	2303	1837	1055	546	109



# HPTN 052:

## Reduced Risk of Partner Infection

- ART offered to all index pts in delayed ART arm from May 2011 after interim results
  - 84% of pts in delayed ART arm had initiated ART at Yr 1 and 98% prior to study closure
- 8 linked HIV infections diagnosed after seropositive patient started ART
  - All occurred before or soon after initiation or after virologic failure
- No linked HIV transmissions observed when index participant stably suppressed on ART

	Overall (April 2005 - May 2015)	
Partner Infections, n (rate/100 PY)	Early (4314 PY F/U)	Delayed (4180 PY F/U)
All	19 (0.44)	59 (1.41)
Linked	3 (0.07)	43 (1.03)
<b>Risk Reduction With Early ART, %</b>		
All infections	69	--
Linked infections	93	--



# WHY IS ART SO SUCCESSFUL IN PATIENTS WHO HAVE ACCESS

Potent, Relatively simple (multiple single tablets regimens)

Favorable PK

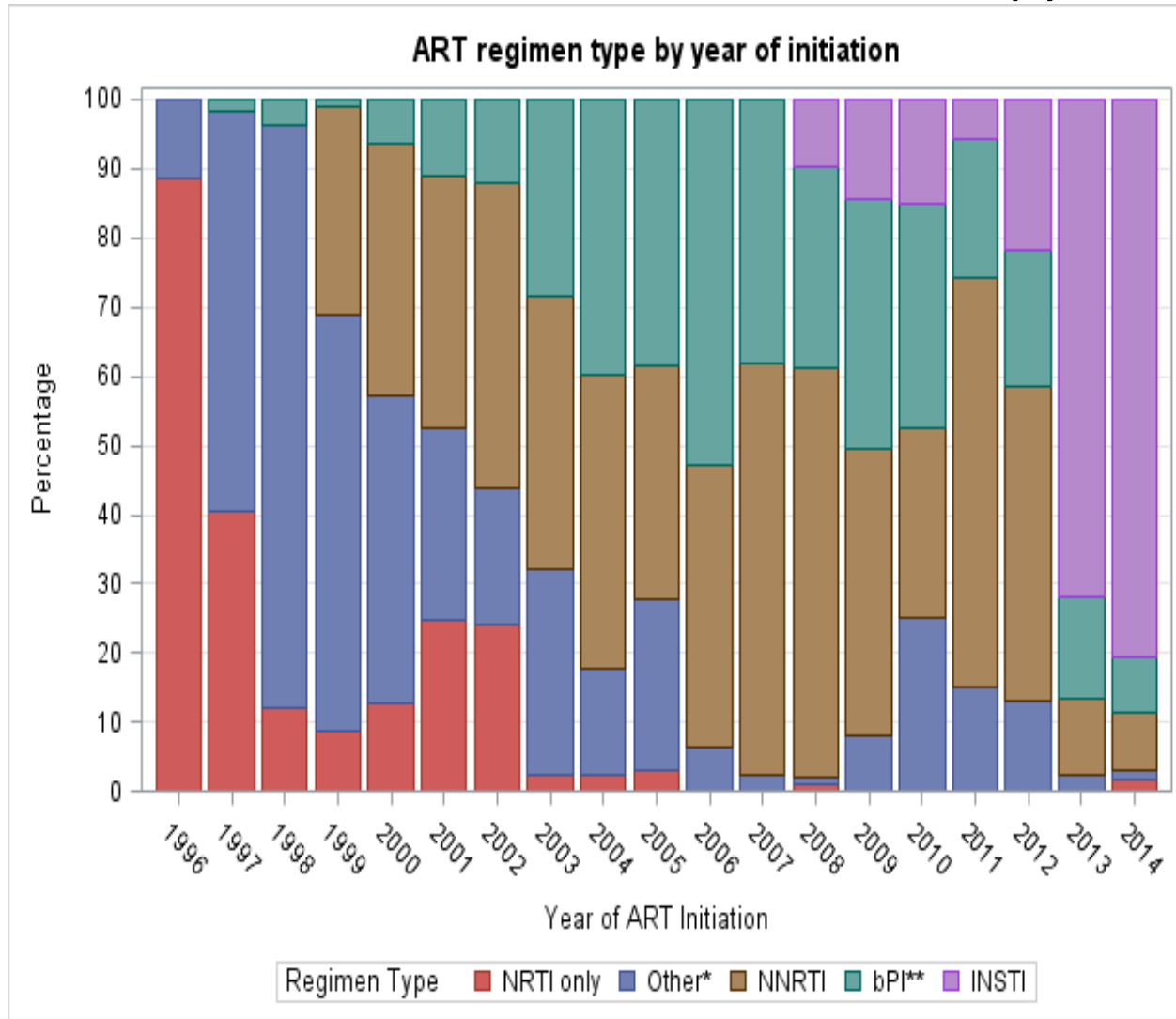
Well tolerated



# Shift To Integrase Inhibitor-based Therapy



## Initial Antiretroviral Therapy



1,773 patients  
initiating ART  
between 1996  
and 2014 in the  
UCHCC,  
follow-up  
through 2015

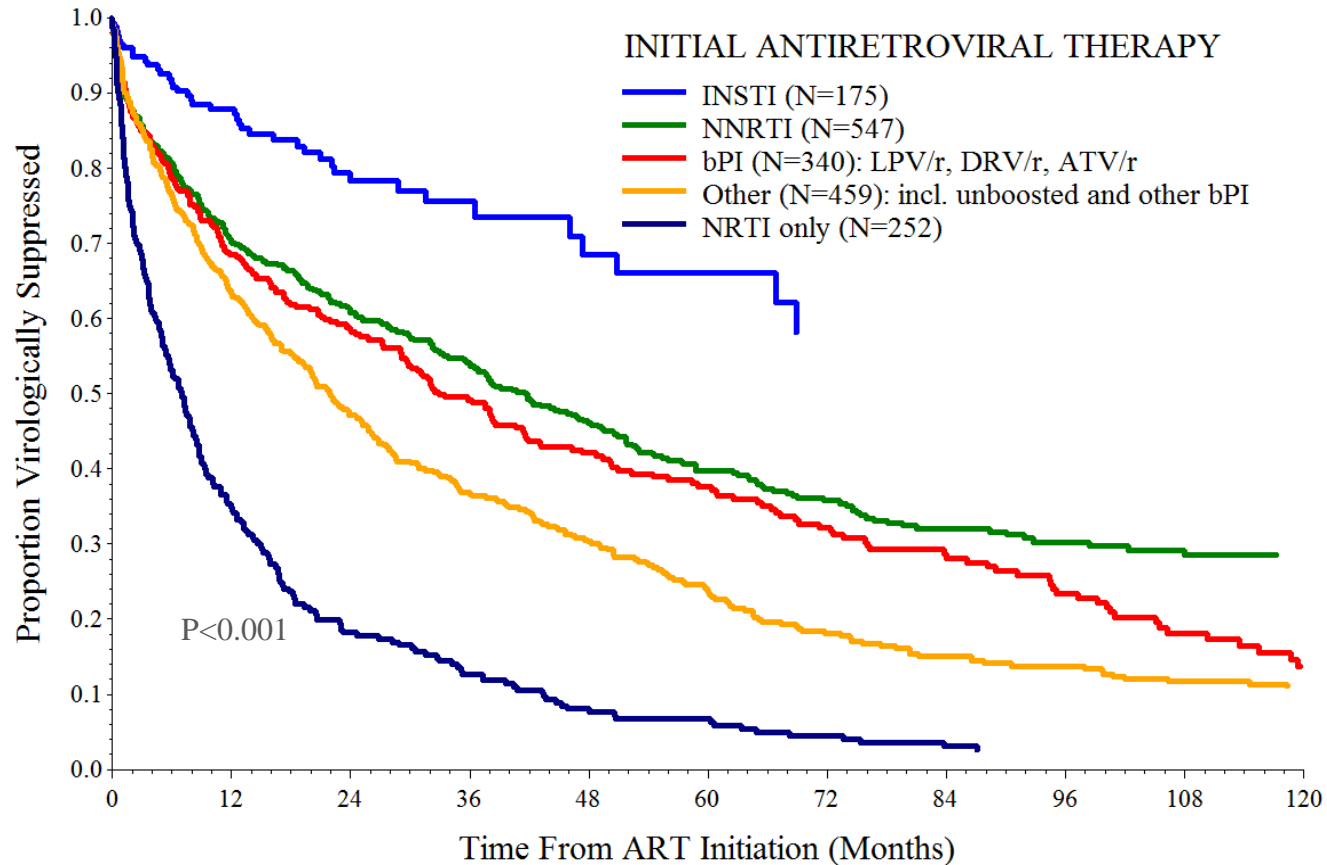
bPI = LPV/r, DRV/r or ATV/r therapy

Other = includes unboosted PI and other bPI combinations

Courtesy of Thibaut Davy and Sonia Napravnik

# Persistence of Initial ART

Time on Initial ART, UCHCC 1996-2014

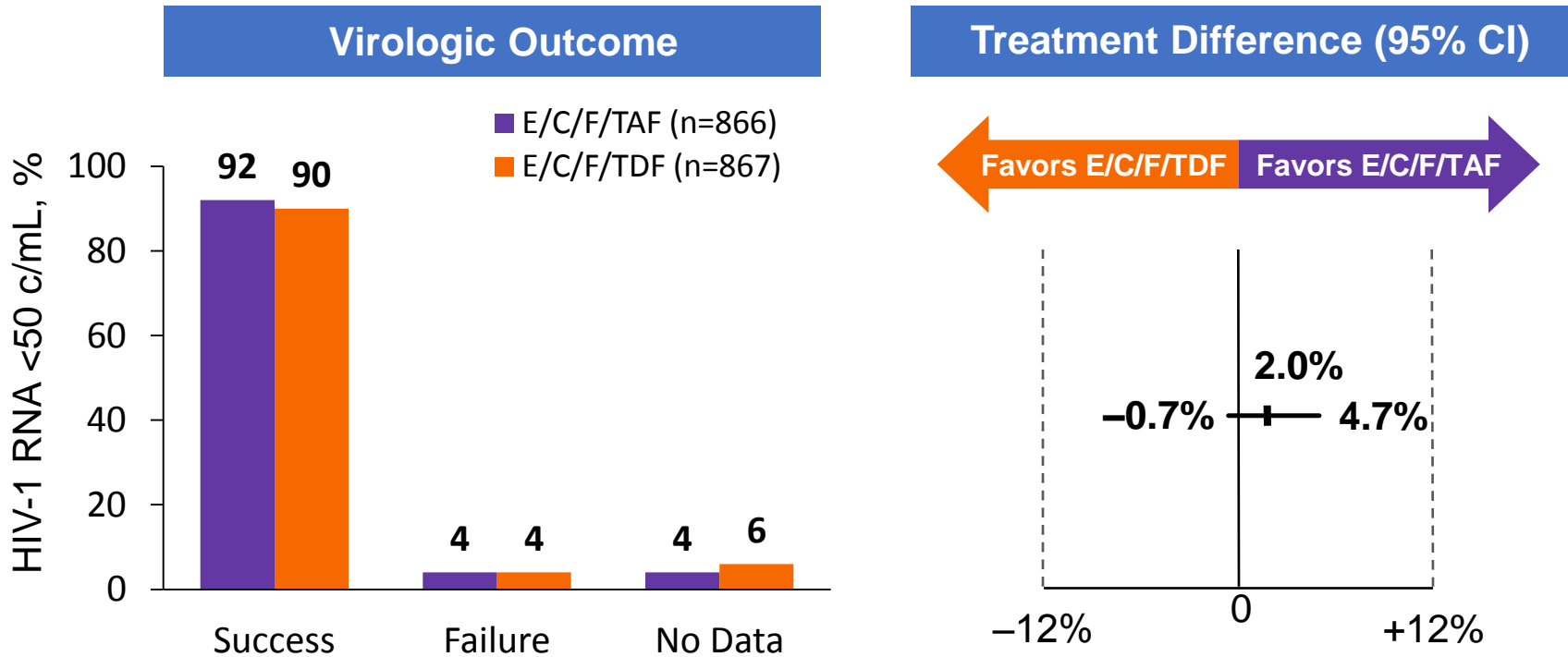


In CNICS cohort integrase inhibitor use was strongly associated with HIV RNA suppression in multivariate analysis see poster 1034 Simoni et al

# Continued Improvement in Currently Available ART Classes

- Dolutegravir
  - Once daily, unboosted,
  - Limited drug interactions, high barrier to resistance
- Tenofovir alafenamide fumarate
  - Equal efficacy with TDF containing therapies, less bone toxicity and renal tubular effects
  - Smaller mg dosing (25 mg)
  - Use in renal dysfunction (CrCl down to 30 cc/min)
  - Activity against NRTI-resistant variants (?)
- Two drug therapy
  - Less expensive, fewer toxicities?

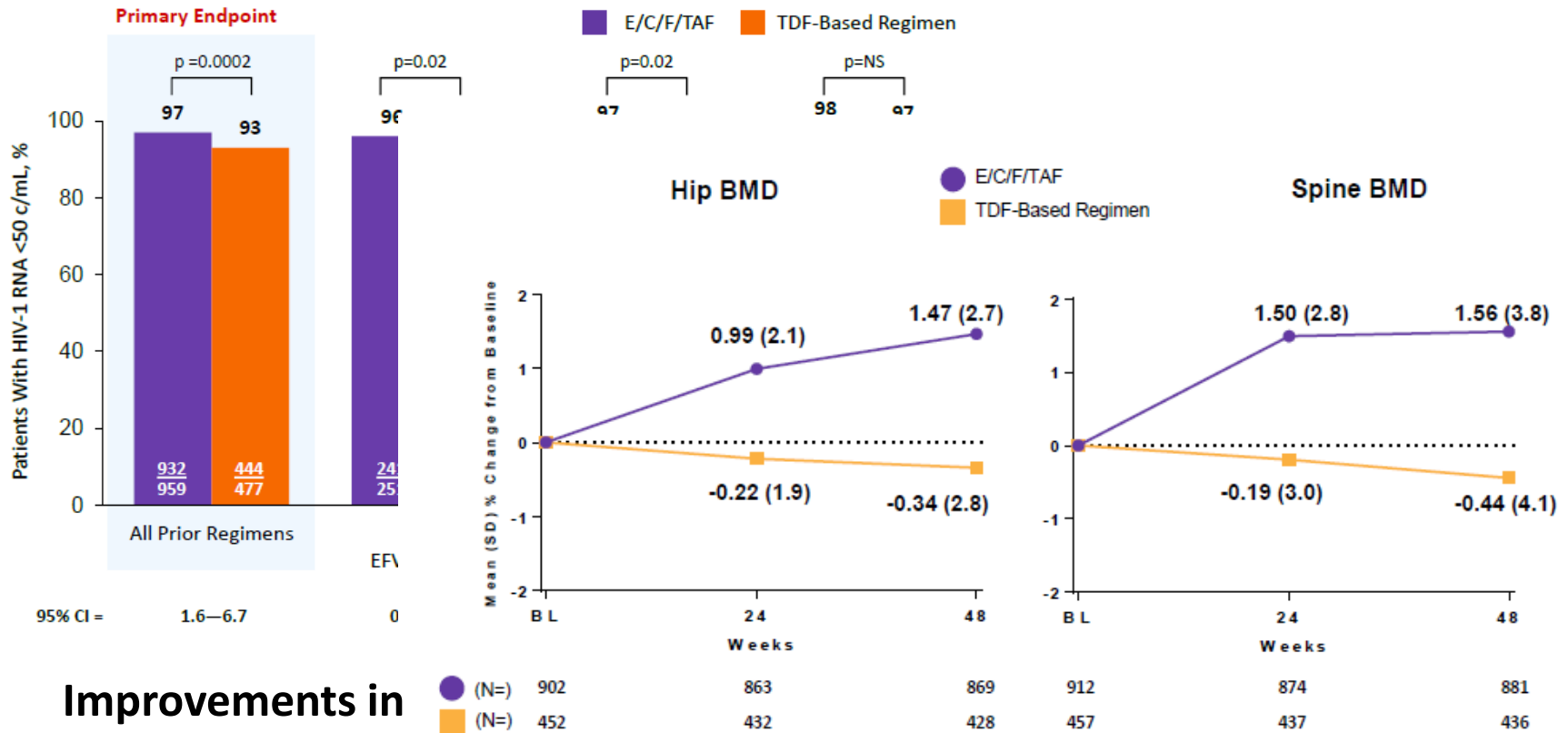
# Elvitegravir/cobi/TAF/FTC vs. Elvitegravir/cobi/TDF/FTC Phase III treatment naïve study: 48 week results



- E/C/F/TAF was non-inferior to E/C/F/TDF at Week 48 in each study
  - 93% E/C/F/TAF vs 92% E/C/F/TDF (Study 104)
  - 92% E/C/F/TAF vs 89% E/C/F/TDF (Study 111)

# ART to Decrease Long-term Toxicity

Switch from Tenofovir DF to Tenofovir alafenamide-containing therapy in patients with suppressed plasma HIV RNA levels.

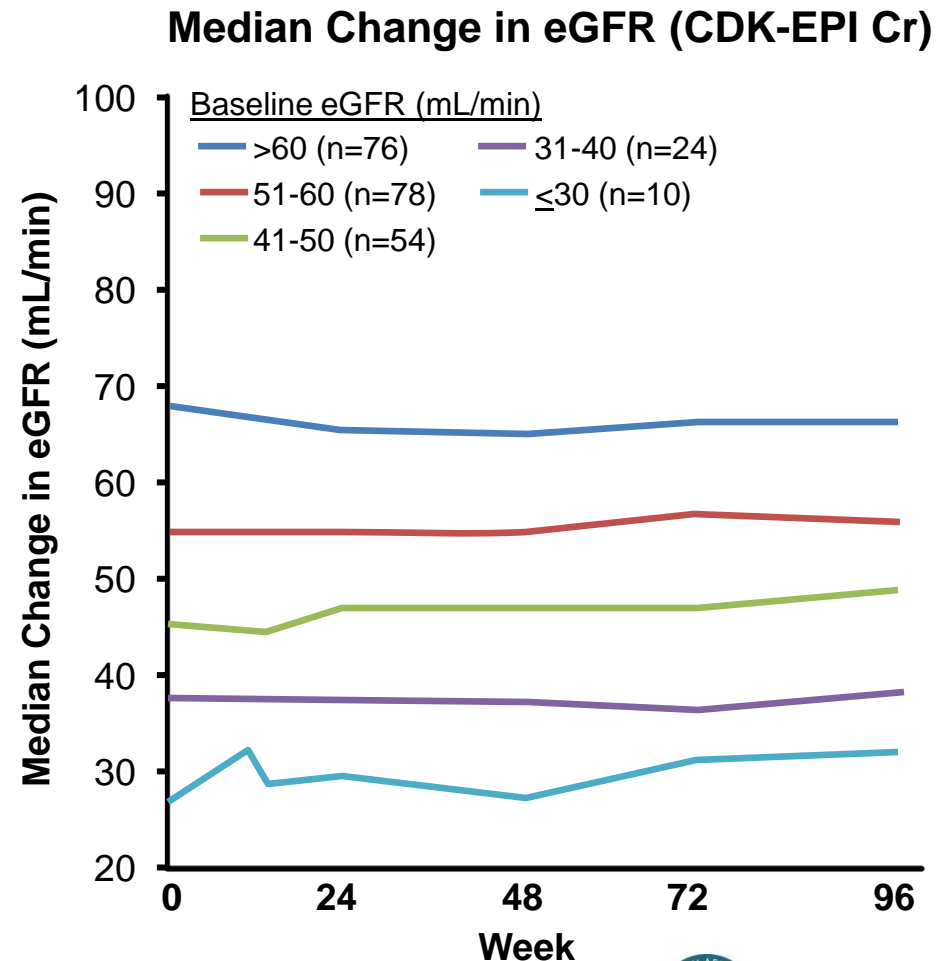


P<0.0001 for Week 24 and Week 48, both hip and spine.

Improvements in proximal renal tubular function

# Study 112: Week 96 Changes After Switch to E/C/F/TAF in Patients With Renal Impairment

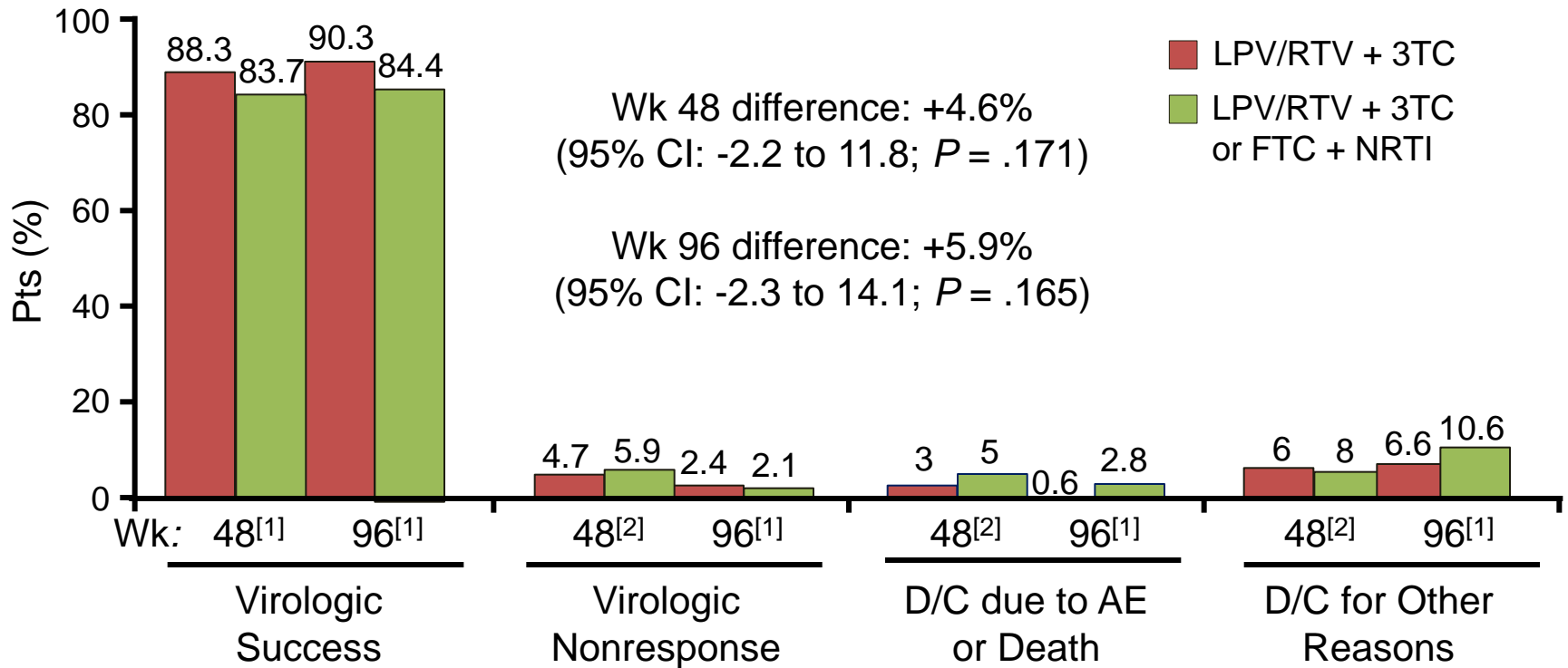
- Median eGFR change after E/C/F/TAF switch
  - CDK-EPI Cr: 1.0 mL/min (n=158)
  - CDK-EPI CysC: 3.9 mL/min (n=157)
- Significant improvements after E/C/F/TAF switch ( $P<0.05$ )
  - Proteinuria
  - Renal tubular function
  - Spine and hip bone mineral density
- Maintained HIV RNA <50 copies/mL: 88%
  - Virologic failure: 2% (5/242)
  - No virologic data: 10% (23/242)
- These 96-week data support the renal and bone safety of E/C/F/TAF in HIV patients with renal impairment (eGFR 30-69 mL/min)





# GARDEL: Dual ART Noninferior to Triple ART in Tx-Naive Pts at Wks 48 and 96

- Phase III, international, open-label, randomized study



- Safety and tolerability also similar between treatment arms

# Two drug ART to Achieve and Maintain Suppression

## Dolutegravir plus 3TC 24 week data

### PADDLE Study

#	SCR	BSL	DAY 2	DAY 4	DAY 7	DAY 10	W.2	W.3	W.4	W.6	W.8	W.12	W.24
1	5.584	10.909	3.701	383	101	71	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
2	8.887	10.233	5.671	318	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
3	67.335	151.569	37.604	1.565	1.178	266	97	53	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
4	99.291	148.370	11.797	3.303	432	179	178	55	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
5	34.362	20.544	4.680	1.292	570	168	107	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
6	16.024	14.499	3.754	1.634	162	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
7	37.604	18.597	2.948	819	61	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
8	25.071	24.368	6.264	1.377	Not done	268	105	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
9	14.707	10.832	Not done	516	202	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
10	10.679	7.978	5.671	318	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
11	50.089	273.676	160.974	68.129	3.880	2.247	784	290	288	147	< 50	< 50	< 50
12	13.508	64.103	3.496	3.296	135	351	351	84	67	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
13	28.093	33.829	37.350	26.343	539	268	61	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
14	15.348	15.151	3.994	791	198	98	< 50	61	64	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
15	23.185	23.500	15.830	4.217	192	69	< 50	< 50	< 50	Not done	< 50	< 50	< 50
16	11.377	3.910	370	97	143	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
17	39.100	25.828	11.879	1.970	460	147	52	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
18	60.771	73.069	31.170	2.174	692	358	156	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
19	82.803	106.320	35.517	2.902	897	352	168	76	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
20	5.190	7.368	3.433	147	56	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50

From week 8 onwards all patients had pVL < 50 copies/mL



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# RESISTANT HIV-1 WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US

Four to eight decades of therapy!

Previous exposure to suboptimal treatment developed world

Limited monitoring of virologic response world-wide

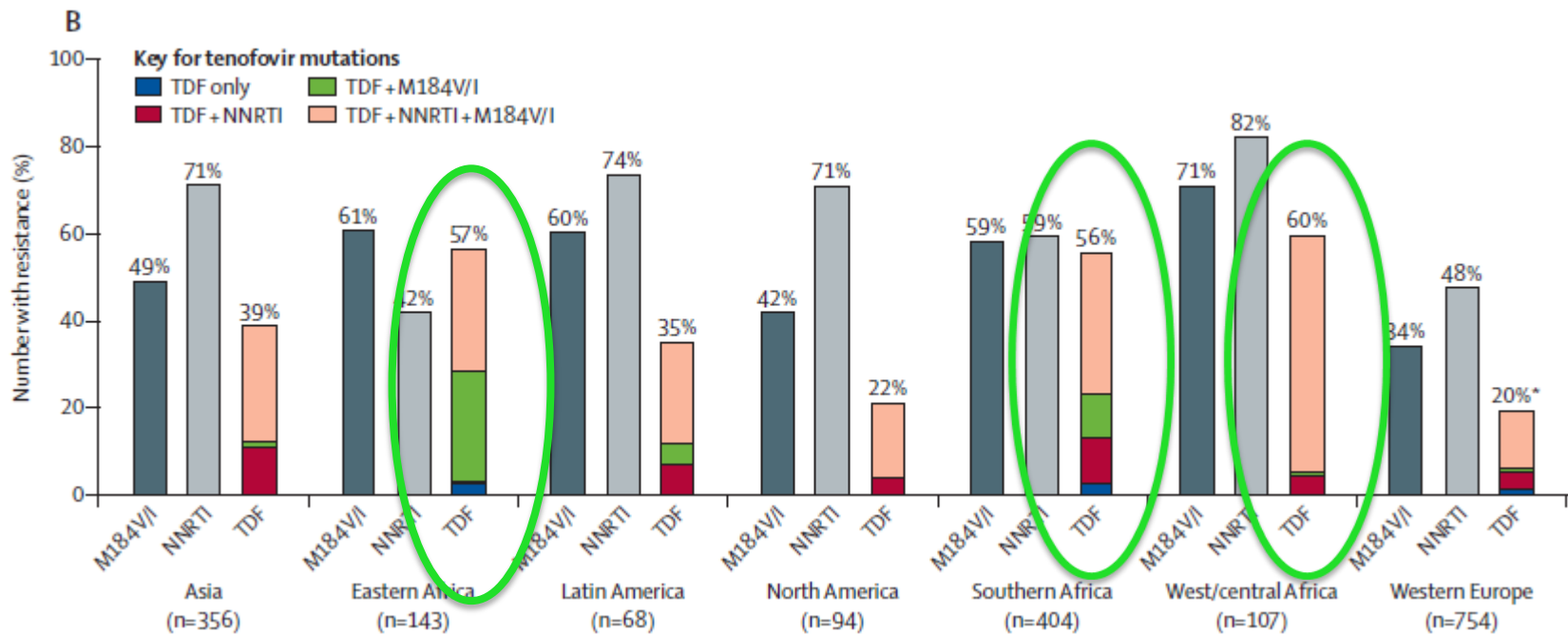
Transmitted drug resistance



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# Resistance in Developing World

- Second-line study: NNRTI/NRTI first line virologic failure – 15 countries – majority of participants from Africa or Asia
  - Baseline resistance - 492 participant samples



# New Agents for Resistant HIV-1

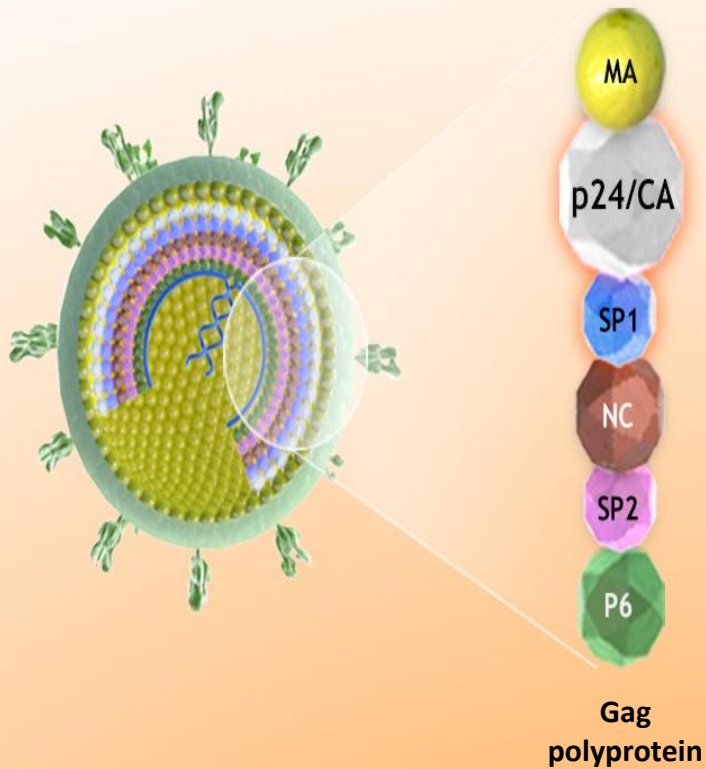
- Integrase Inhibitors
  - Dolutegravir (approved)
  - GS-9883 (Phase III)
- N(t)RTI
  - TAF (approved)
  - EFdA (4'-ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine)(Phase I-II)
- NNRTI
  - Doravirine (Phase III)
- Maturation Inhibitors
  - BMS 955176 (Phase II)
- Attachment inhibitors
  - BMS 663068 -> 626529 (Phase III)
- Broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibodies

New Targets: e.g. LEDGF, combination entry, additional maturation sites, HIV-1 RNA processing

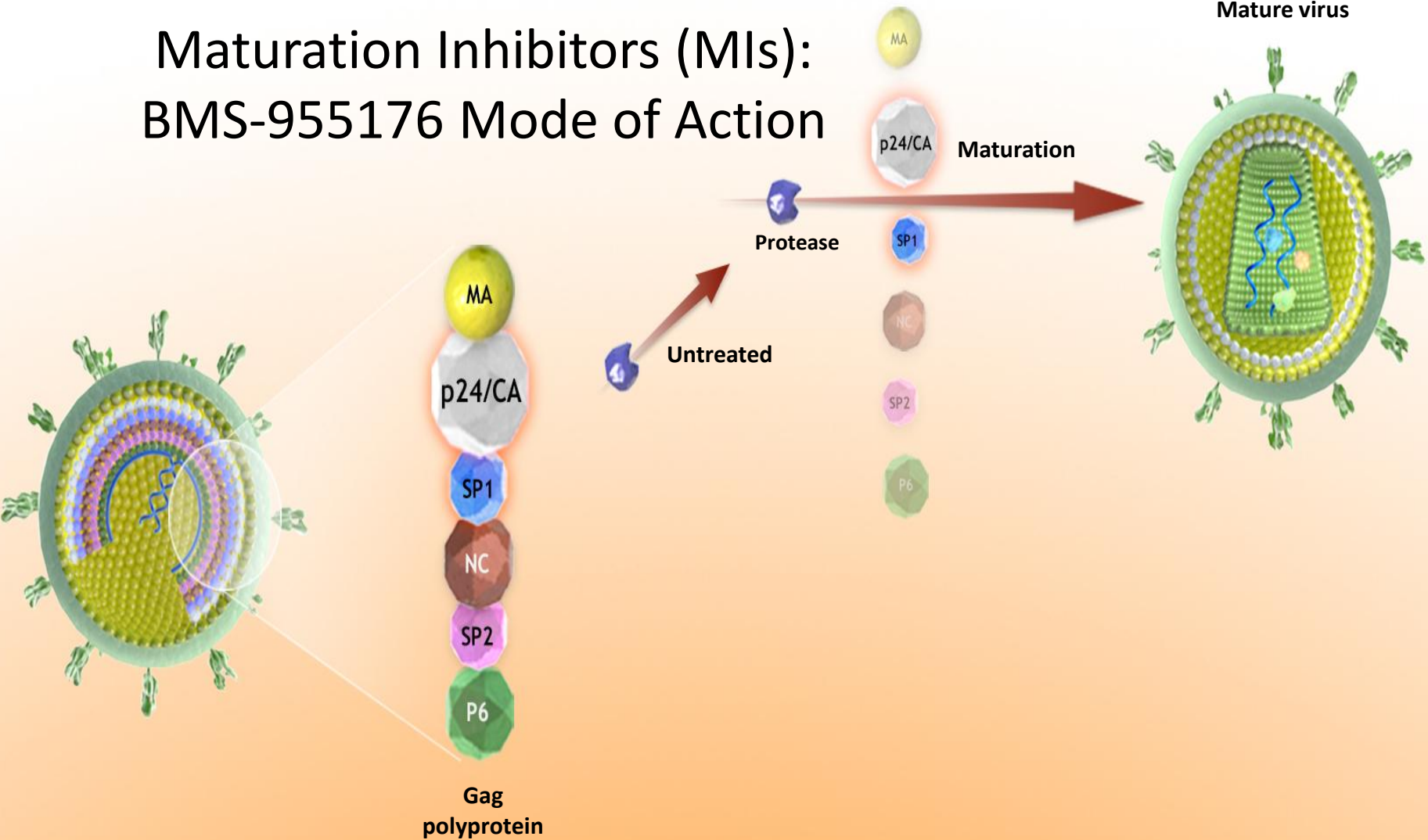


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# Maturation Inhibitors (MIs): BMS-955176 Mode of Action

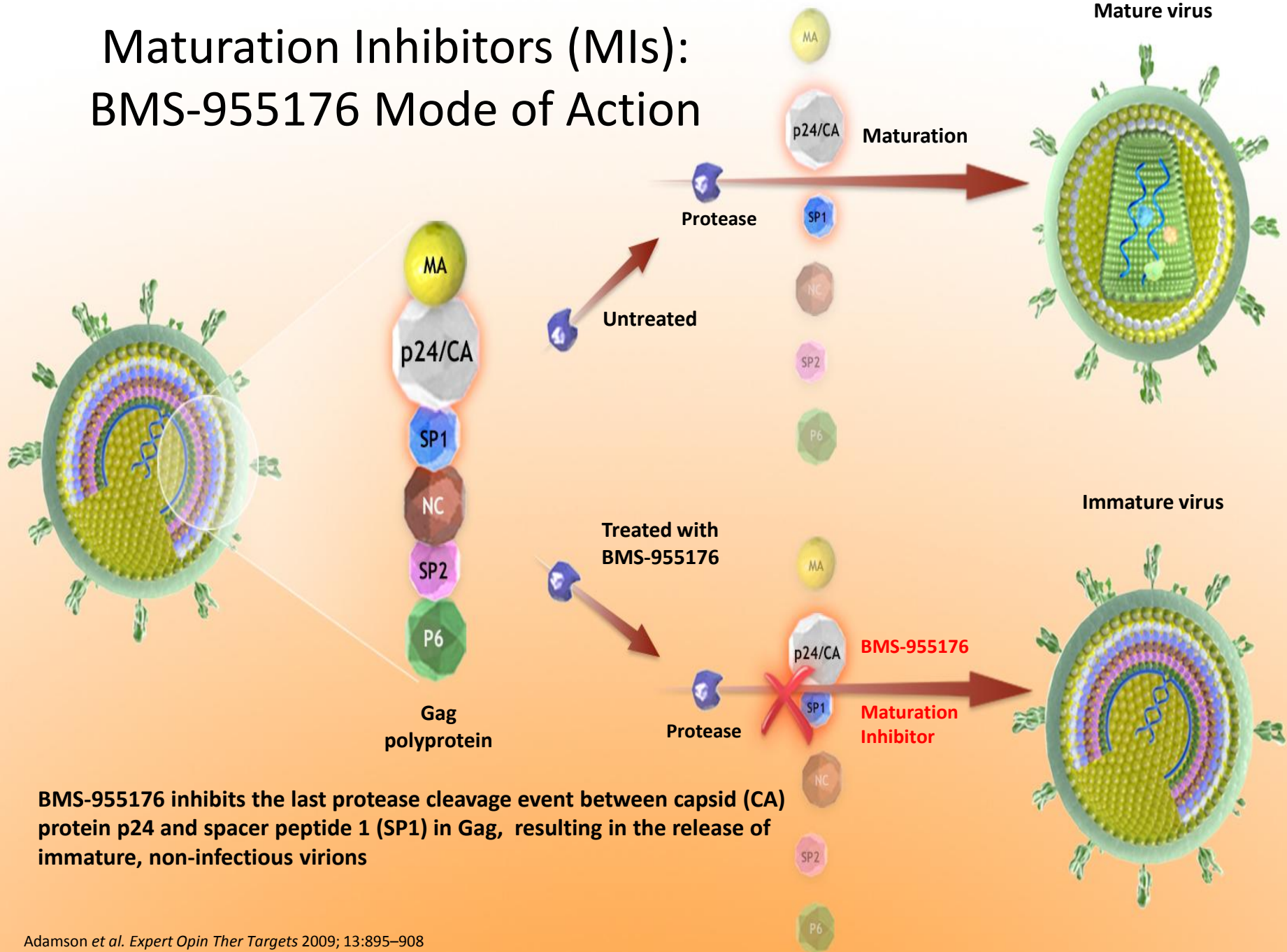


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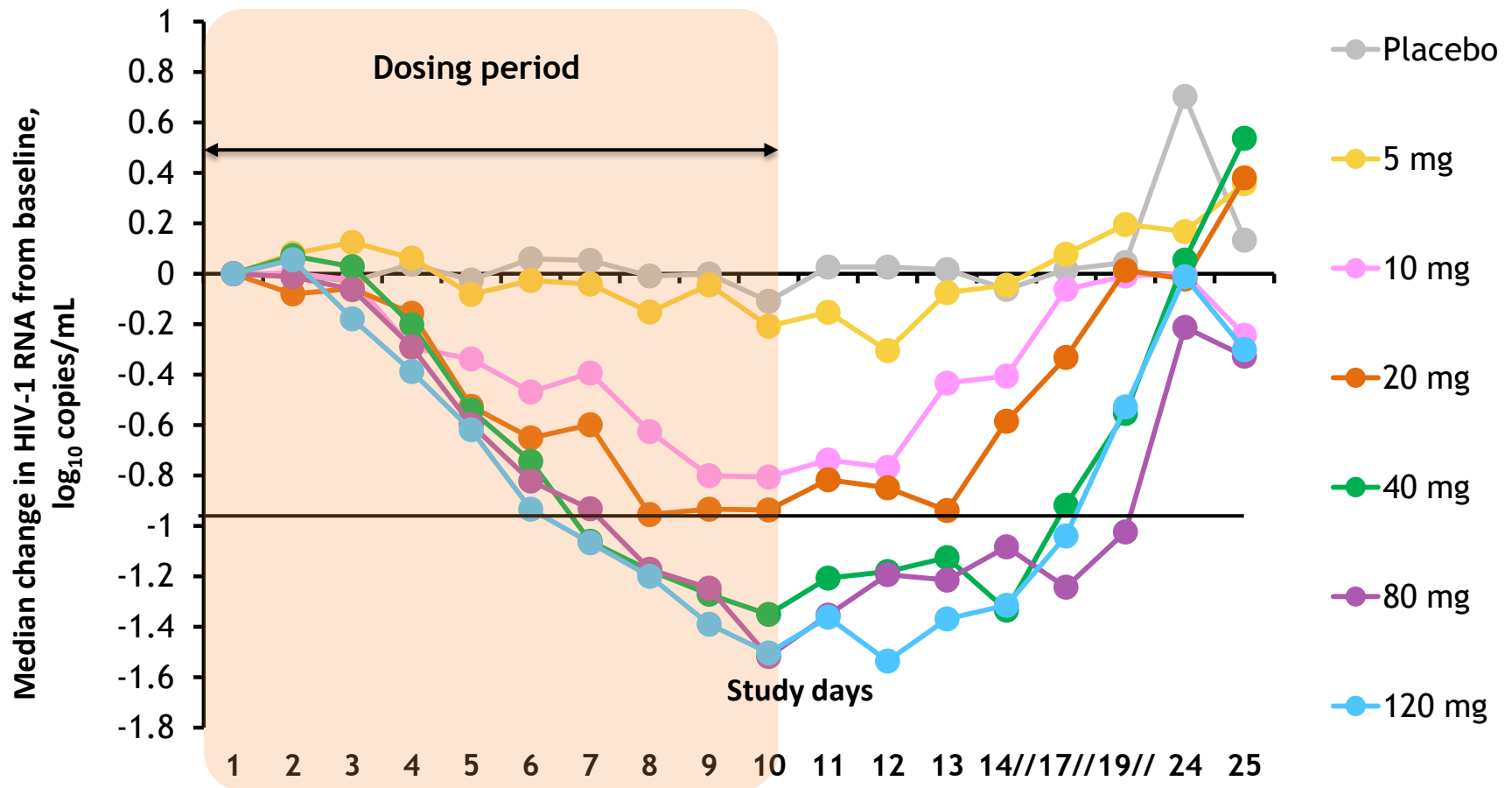


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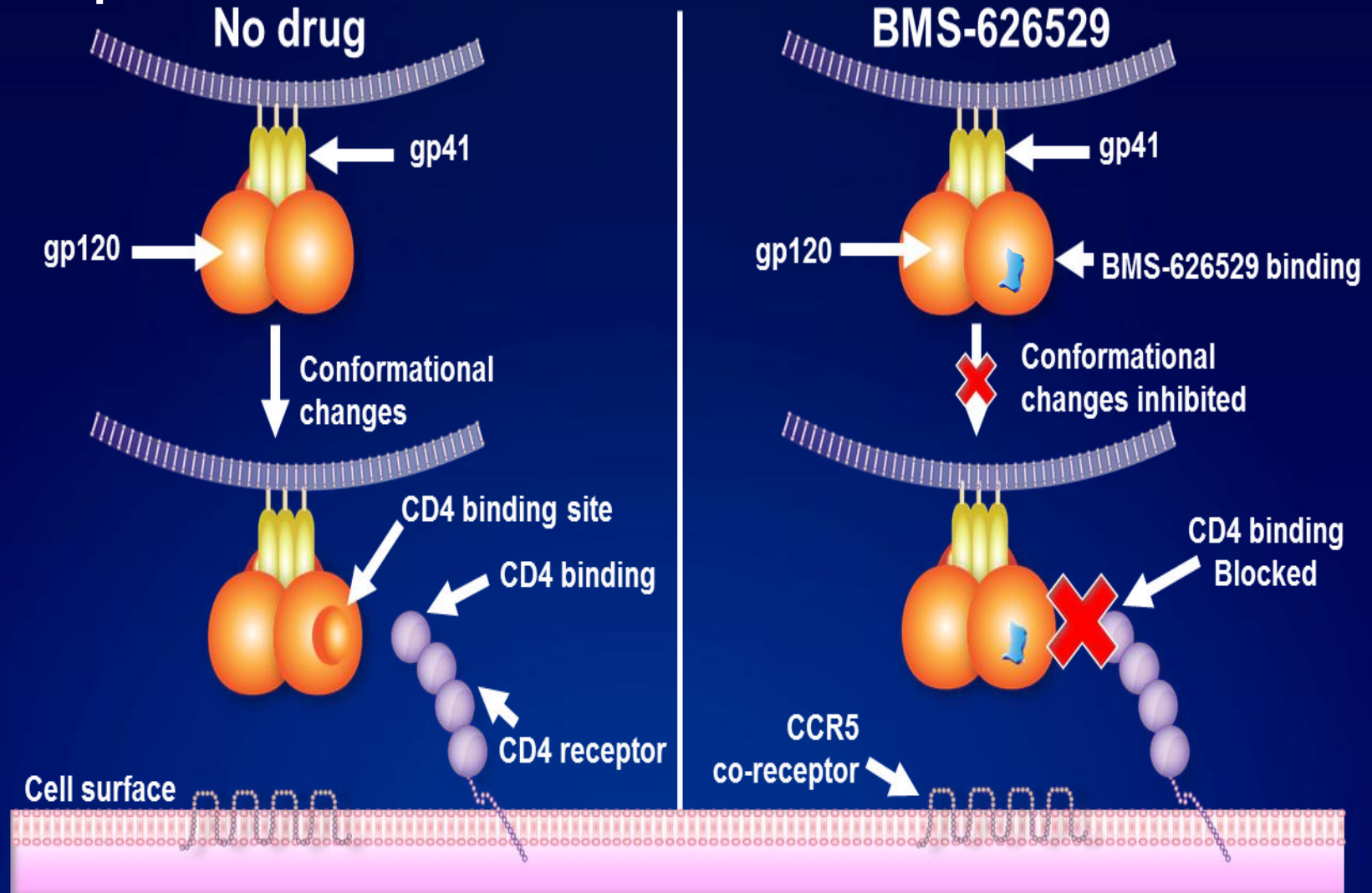
- BMS-955176 inhibits the last protease cleavage event between capsid (CA) protein p24 and spacer peptide 1 (SP1) in Gag, resulting in the release of immature, non-infectious virions

# BMS-955176: Median Change in HIV-1 RNA over Time



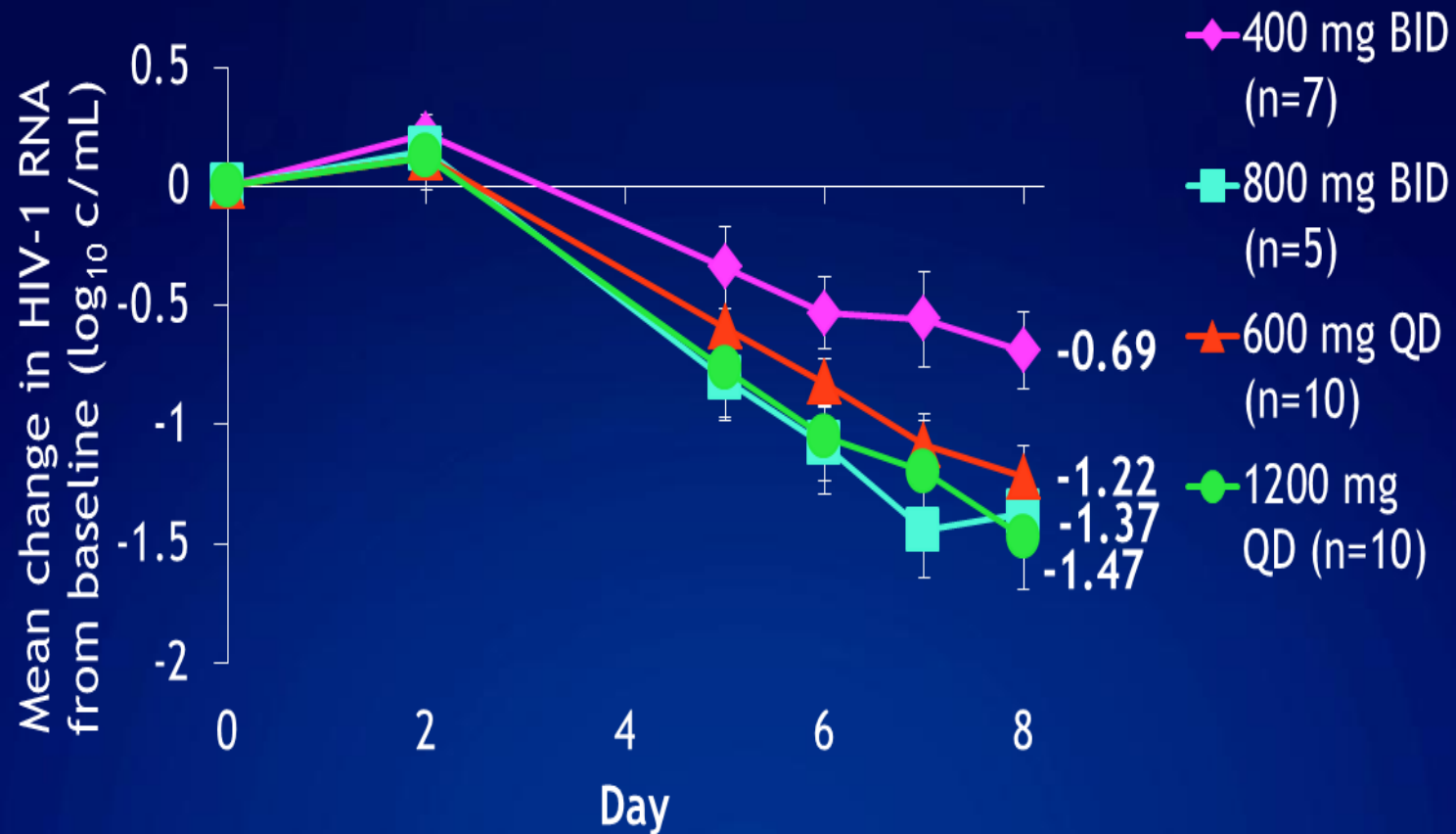
- Median change in HIV-1 RNA from baseline to Day 11 reached  $\sim -1.4 \log_{10} \text{ c/mL}$

# BMS-626529 Attachment Inhibitor: Proposed Mechanism of Action



# AI438011: BMS-663068 Monotherapy

## Substudy: Mean Change in HIV-1 RNA from Baseline\*



\*Error bars represent standard error of the mean.

# Maintaining therapy for Life in all PLWHIV



- Adherence
  - Hard to reach populations, substance use, depression, children, adolescents .....
- Life Chaos
  - Travel, dislocation for work or safety, surgery, drug interactions, pill fatigue, patient preference .....

Long acting antiretroviral Therapy!



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# Cabotegravir LA and Rilpivirine LA Nanosuspensions

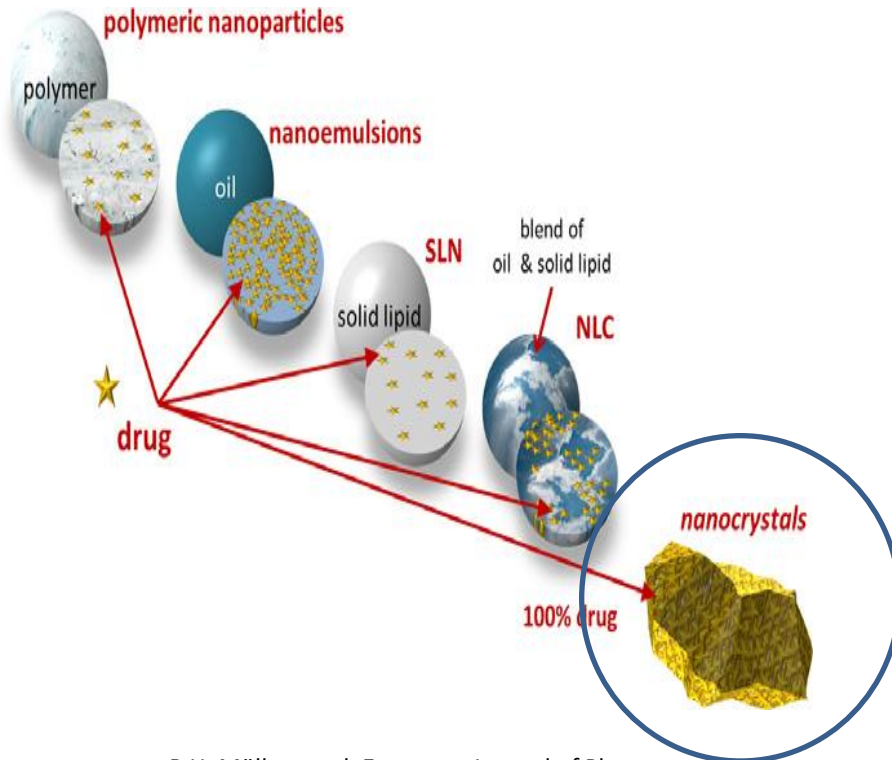
- Drug nanocrystal suspended in liquid = nanosuspension
- Nanomilled to increase surface area and drug dissolution rate
- Allows ~100% drug loading vs. matrix approaches for lower inj. volumes

## GSK744 200mg/mL

Component	Function
GSK1265744 (d50 ~200 nm)	Active
Mannitol	Tonicity agent
Surfactant System	Wetting/Stabilizer
Water for Injection	Solvent

## TMC278 300mg/mL

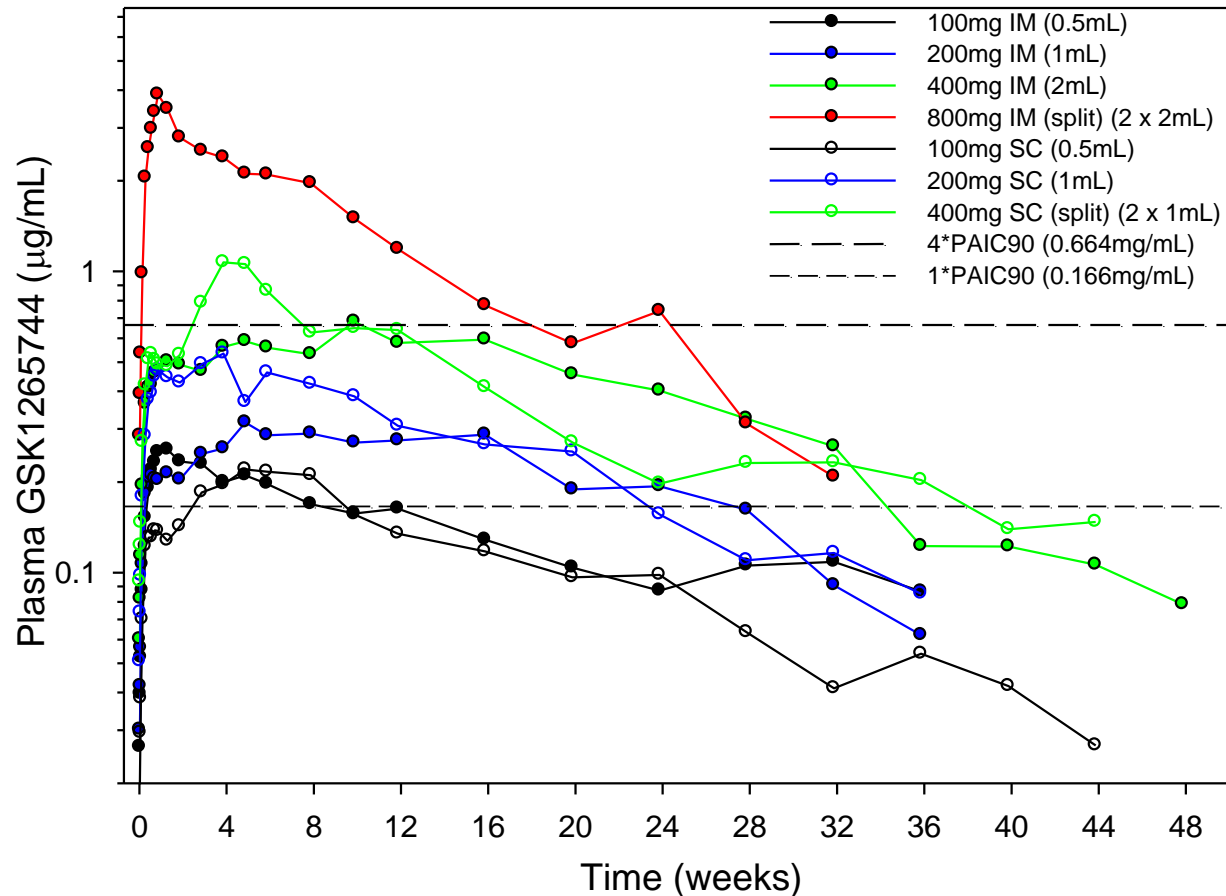
Component	Function
TMC278 (d50 ~200 nm)	Active
Glucose	Tonicity agent
Surfactant System	Wetting/Stabilizer
Water for Injection	Solvent



R H. Müller, et al. European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics 78 (2011) 1-9



# Mean Plasma cabotegravir Concentration-Time Profiles Following Single 100-800 mg LAP Doses (200mg/mL nanosuspension)

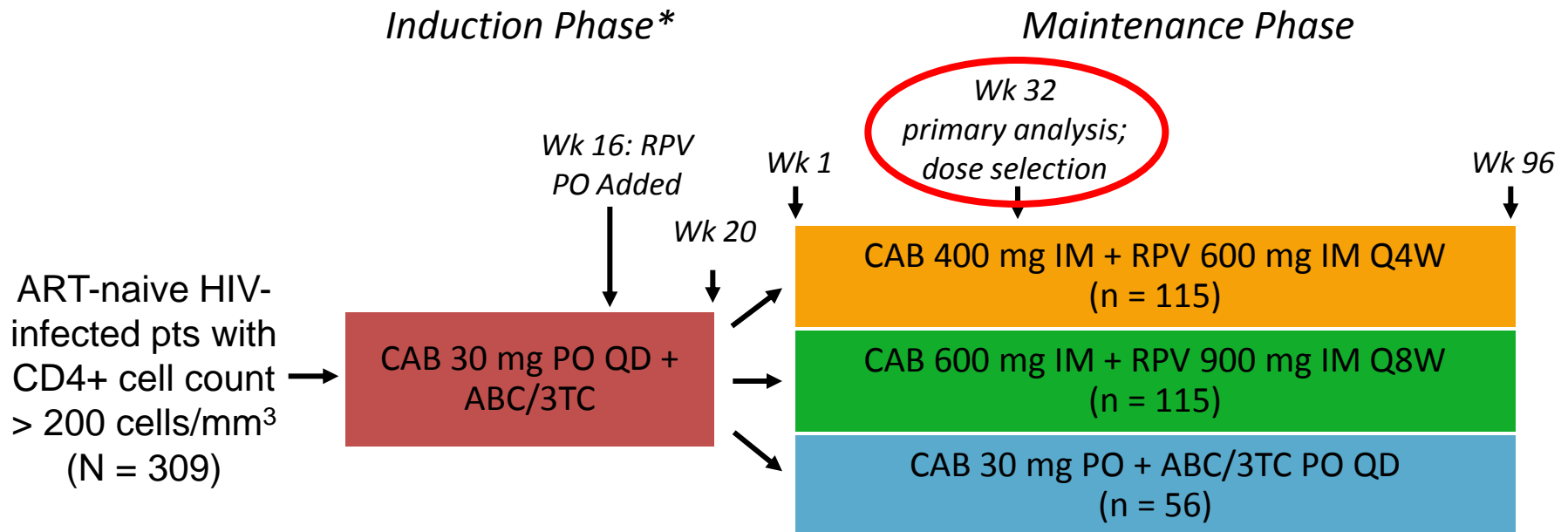


Differences observed between split and unsplit dosing



# LATTE-2: Cabotegravir IM + Rilpivirine IM for Long-Acting Maintenance ART

- Multicenter, open-label phase IIb study
  - Primary endpoints: HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL by FDA snapshot, PDVF, and safety at maintenance Wk 32



\*Pts with HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL from Wk 16 to Wk 20 continued to maintenance phase. In snapshot induction analysis, 14 pts had virologic nonresponse and 13 pts had no virologic data in window, including 6 pts who discontinued for AEs or death and 7 pts who discontinued for other reasons.

# Two Drug ART Maintains Suppression

Latte: Cabotegravir (InSTI) + rilpivirine maintenance vs. EFV-based therapy

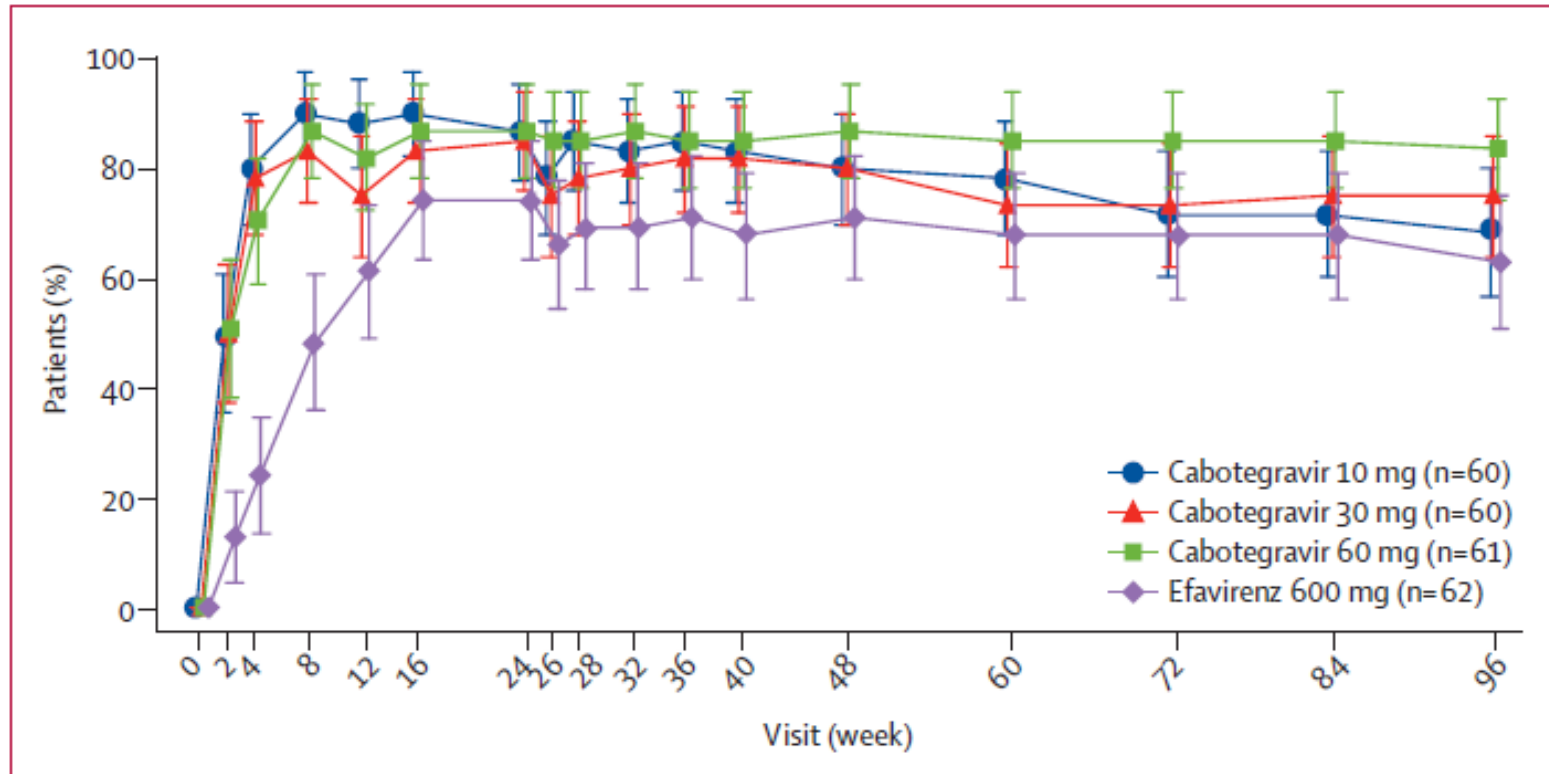
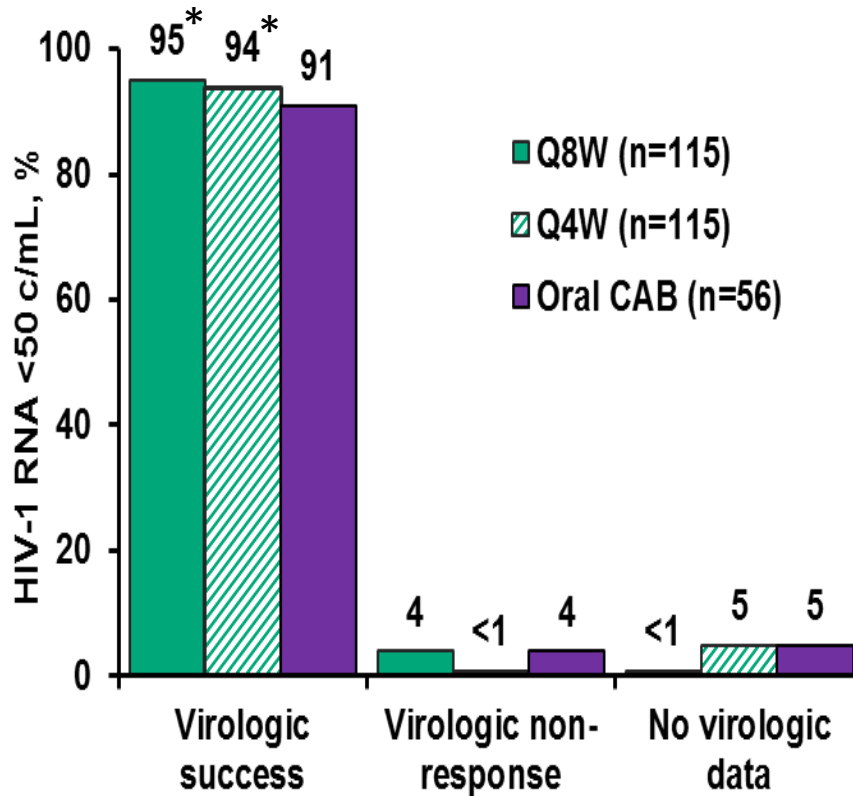


Figure 2: Proportion of patients with HIV-1 RNA concentration of less than 50 copies per mL by visit in the intention-to-treat exposed population. Error bars indicate 95% CI.

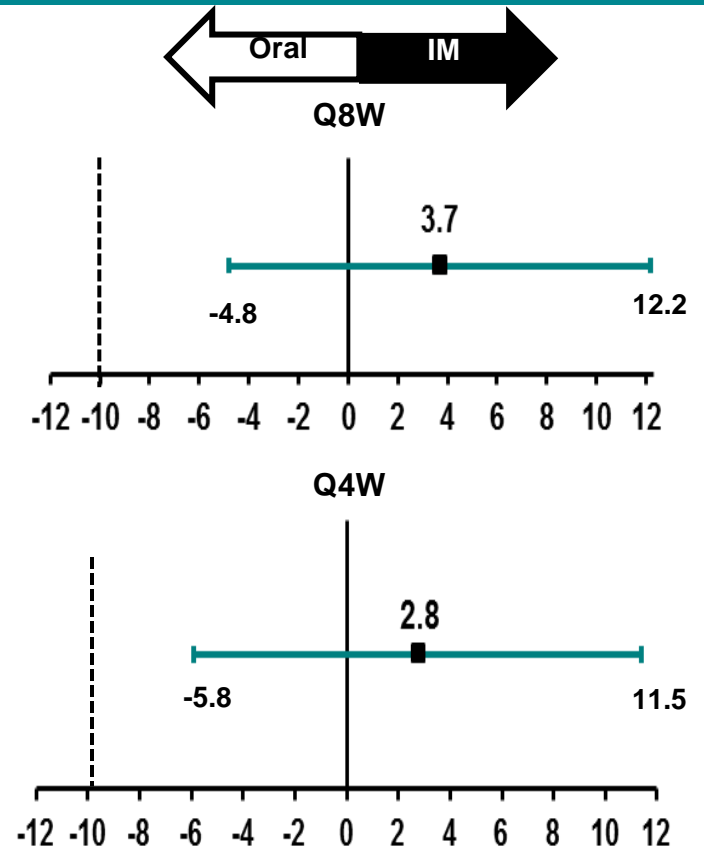
# LATTE-2 Week 32 Primary Endpoint: HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL by Snapshot (ITT-ME)

## Virologic outcomes



Both Q8W and Q4W comparable/non-inferior to oral CAB at Week 32

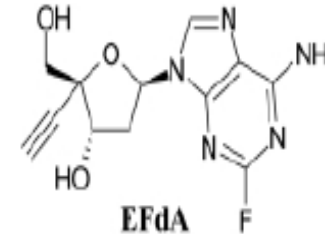
## Treatment differences (95% CI)



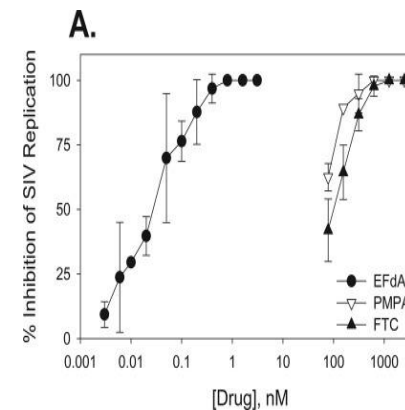
\*Met pre-specified threshold for concluding IM regimen is comparable to oral regimen (Bayesian posterior probability >90% that true IM response rate is no worse than -10% compared with the oral regimen).

# 4'-ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine (EFdA) MK8591

- EFdA (MK-8591) is a nucleoside reverse transcriptase translocation inhibitor (NRTTI)



- Sub-nanomolar potency in vitro<sup>1</sup> and prolonged suppression of SIV in macaque model<sup>2</sup>
- Prolonged persistence of triphosphate form in PBMC and macrophage
- Potential for once weekly dosing (**Friedman et al Abstract 437LB**)
- Long-acting formulations under development (**Grobler et al Abstract 98**)

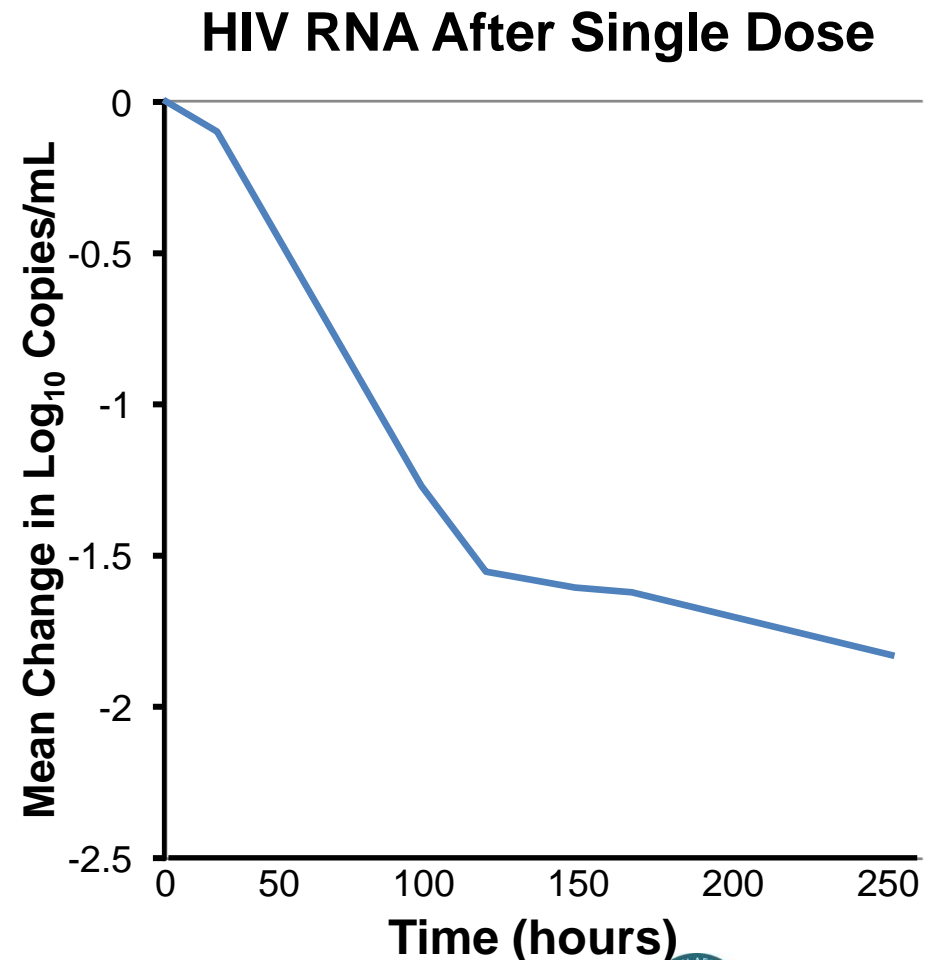


**B.**

	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	EC <sub>95</sub> (nM)
EFdA	0.04 +/- 0.01	0.4
PMPA	67.5 +/- 6.5	240
FTC	108.6 +/- 9.2	580

# MK-8591: Reduction in HIV RNA for at Least 10 Days After Single Oral Dose

- Open-label study (n=6)
  - Treatment-naïve males
  - CD4 >500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>
- MK-8591 (NRTI)
  - Single, 10-mg oral dose
- Intracellular MK-8591-TP in PBMC
  - T<sub>1/2</sub> (geometric mean): 103 hours
- No evidence of resistance out to day 10
- HIV RNA reduction (log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL)
  - Day 7: 1.67
  - Day 10: 1.78
- Generally well tolerated



TP: triphosphate.



# BROADLY NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES

Can they be harnessed as therapy?



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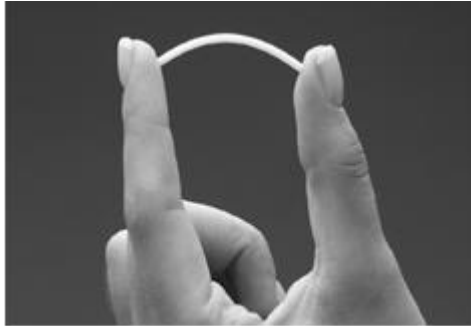
# Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies as Therapy

- Can they be used successfully as therapy?
  - Single antibodies lack needed breadth<sup>refs</sup>
  - Combinations of antibodies with differing targets
    - Anti-CD4 binding plus anti-V3 or V2 plus others?
  - Modifiable to increase half-life
  - Bispecific antibodies
  - Antibody-like inhibitors (e.g. eCD4-Ig)
  - In combination with long-acting antiretrovirals?
- But...
  - Cumbersome delivery, increasing potency = decreasing dose
  - Virus escape – frequency of monitoring
  - Anti-idiotypic or other inhibitory antibodies
  - Advantages over antiretrovirals – other than being sexy?



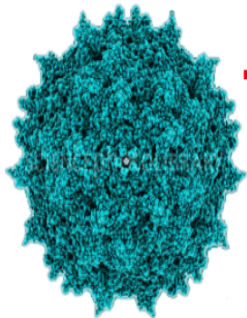
# Antiretroviral Therapy: The Next Generation?

- Implantable (and removable) combination antiretrovirals



- Vectored delivery of combinations of antibody-based therapy or protein based therapy

## Recombinant AAV (rAAV) features



— Transfects both dividing & non-dividing cells

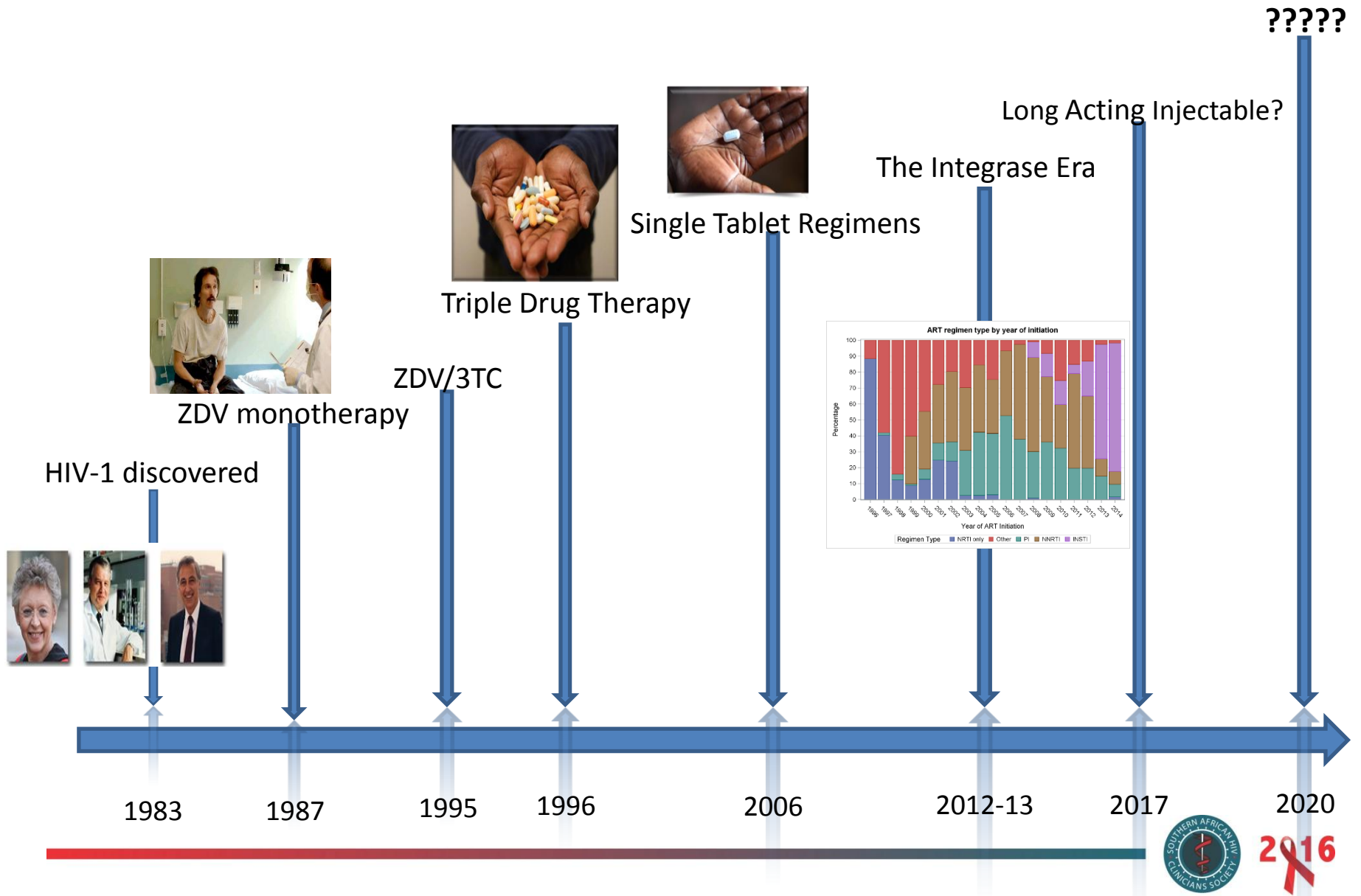
— No host-genome integration & Stable Expression

— Ease to produce at high viral titer (Helper Free)

— Do not elicit significant immune response *in vivo*

— Can be used for *in vivo* gene deliveries

# Antiretroviral Therapy: The Future



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