

# CROI feedback

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# Declarations/conflict of interest

No personal financial conflicts of interest.

# CROI 2020

- COVID-19 and move to virtual meeting
- New drugs – pipeline for treatment and prevention
- PrEP and PEP studies and new formulations
- Side effects: weight gain and diabetes

# Move to virtual CROI

- Monday drip...
- Friday cancelled...
- Biogen - 100/180 participants.
- Concern for local health services, quarantine for >4000 infectious disease delegates and onward transmission.
- Nearly all the meeting was saved and became virtual.
- Abstracts, webcasts and posters are all online.  
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# CROI 2020 move to virtual meeting

Referenced racism linked to COVID-19 using HIV response as a example.

What's spreading faster than coronavirus in the US? Racist assaults and ignorant attacks against Asians



# New drugs for treatment

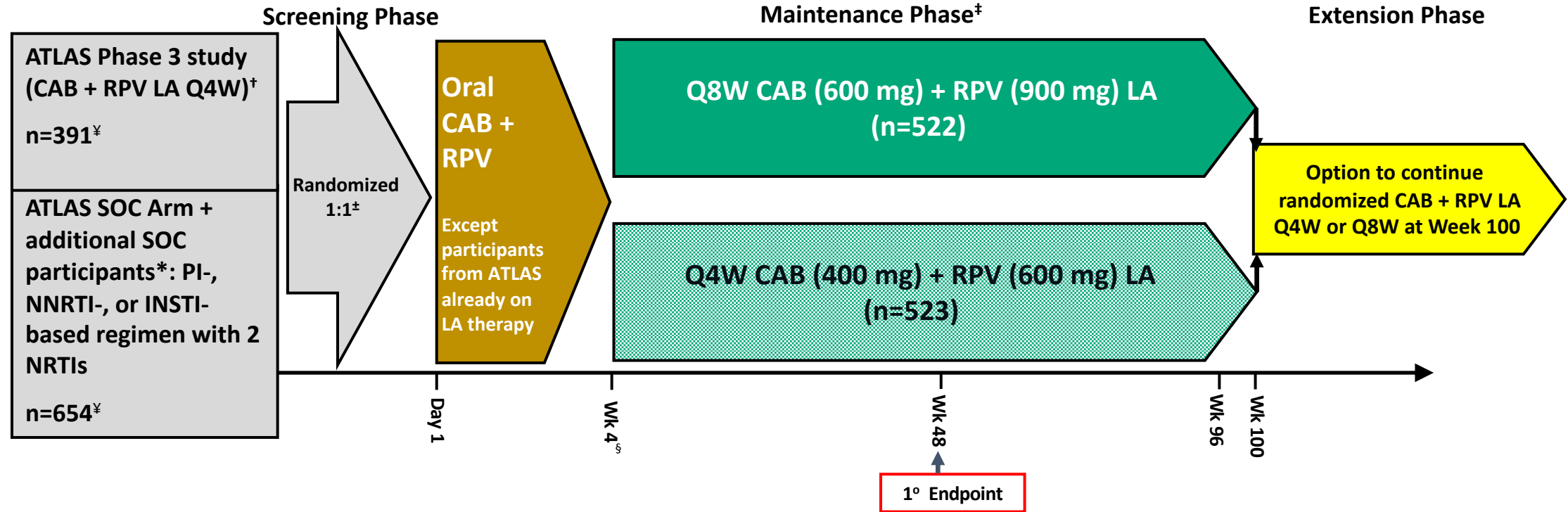
- CAB/RPV-LA: ATLAS 2M – injectable ART...
- Islatravir – monthly pill for PrEP and PEP
- GS-6207 – capsid inhibitor
- GS-9722 - bNAb elipovimab

# ATLAS-2M - Cabanuva

- Randomised open label study comparing CAB/RPV LA every month vs every two months.
- Results very similar (ie non inferior)
- Slightly more virological failures in 2M group
- However, these included baseline resistance
- Some comments were that this was a concern.

# ATLAS-2M Study Design

Phase 3, randomized, multicenter, parallel-group, noninferiority, open-label study



<sup>†</sup>Participants transitioning from ATLAS must have been on CAB + RPV LA Q4W or a current ART regimen through at least Week 52 of the ATLAS study and had plasma HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL at screening.

<sup>\*</sup>SOC participants not transitioning from ATLAS study were to be on uninterrupted current regimen (either the initial or second combined ART regimen) for at least 6 months prior to screening. Documented evidence of at least two plasma HIV-1 RNA measurements <50 c/mL in the 12 months prior to screening: one within the 6- to 12-month window, and one within 6 months prior to screening, was required. Participants were excluded if they had a history of virologic failure; evidence of viral resistance based on the presence of any resistance-associated major INSTI or NNRTI mutation (except K103N) from prior genotype assay results. <sup>‡</sup>Intent-to-treat exposed population. <sup>‡</sup>1149 participants were screened, and 1049 participants were randomized. 4 participants did not receive study drug and therefore were not part of the ITT-E population. <sup>‡</sup>Participants who withdraw from the IM regimen must go into 52-week long-term follow-up if randomized regimen is not yet locally approved and commercially available. <sup>§</sup>Participants on oral lead-in treatment attended a Week 4 visit to assess tolerability. In participants in the Q4W arm who had an oral lead-in, the first LA dose was CAB 600 mg + RPV 900 mg.

ART: antiretroviral therapy; CAB, cabotegravir; NNRTI, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; LA, long-acting; INSTI, integrase strand transfer inhibitor; NNRTI, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI, protease inhibitor; Q4W, 4-week dosing interval; Q8W, 8-week dosing interval; RPV, raltegravir; SOC, standard of care; WK, week.



# ATLAS-2M 48-Week Endpoints

- **Primary endpoint**

- Proportion of participants with plasma HIV-1 RNA  $\geq 50$  c/mL at Week 48 (Snapshot, ITT-E)
  - Noninferiority margin of 4%

- **Key secondary endpoint**

- Proportion of participants with HIV-1 RNA  $< 50$  c/mL at Week 48 (Snapshot, ITT-E)

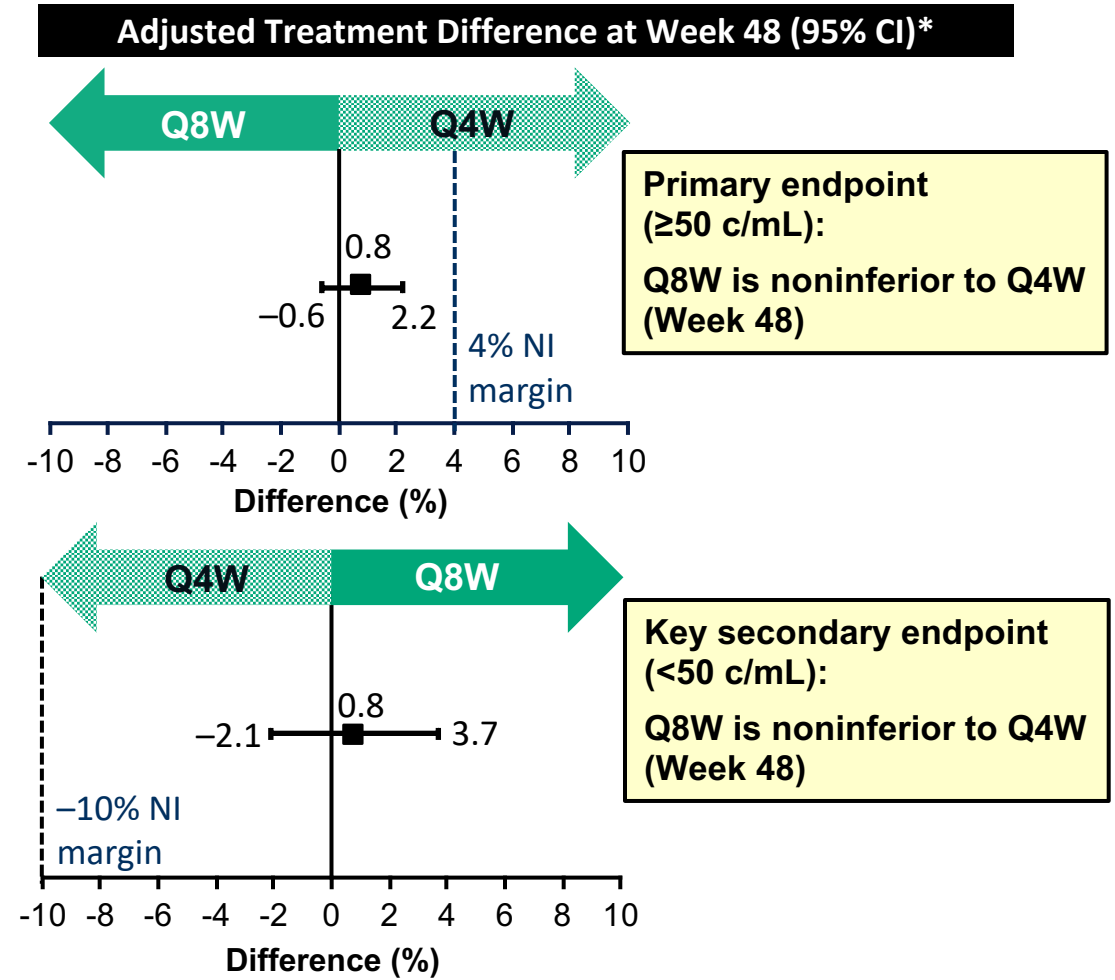
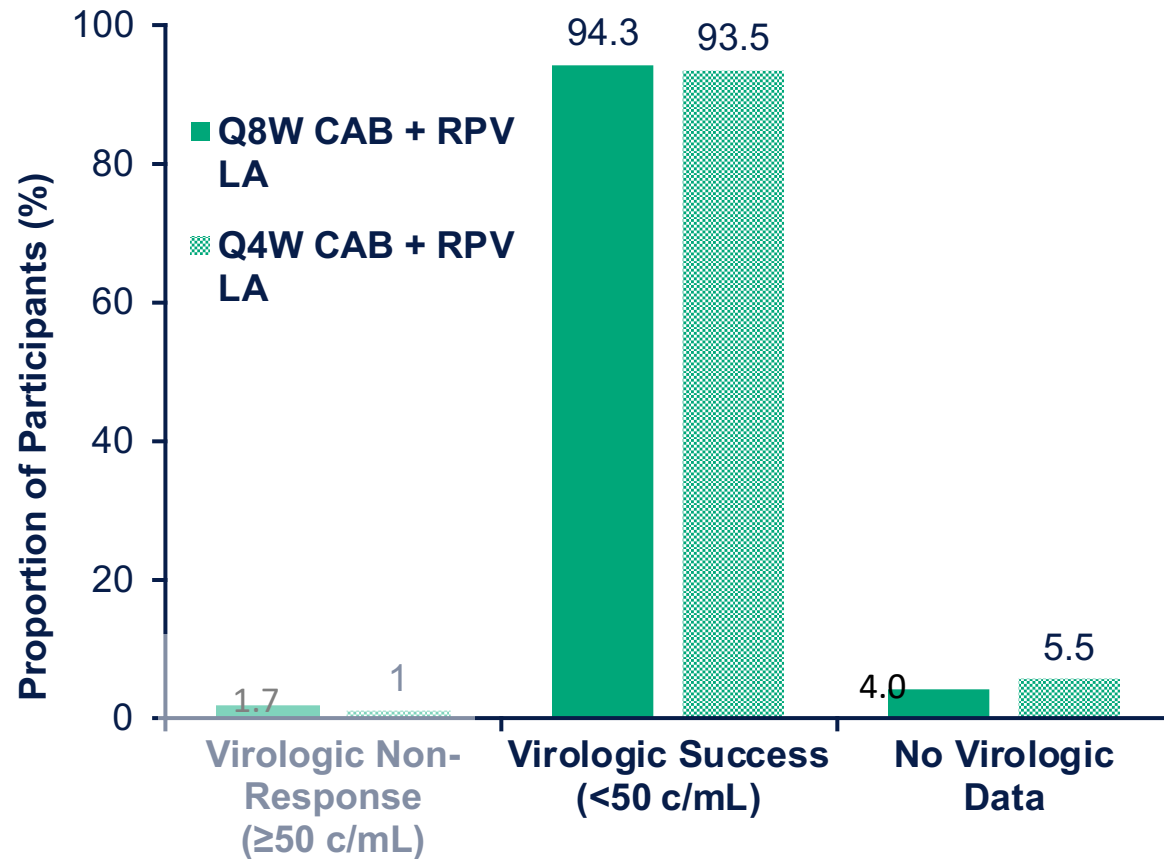
- **Additional secondary endpoints**

- Safety and tolerability
- Incidence of confirmed virologic failure
- Incidences of viral resistance in participants experiencing CVF
- Participants' treatment preference for long acting regimen

- **Randomization was stratified by prior CAB + RPV exposure**

AE, adverse event; CAB, cabotegravir; CVF, confirmed-virologic failure; ITT-E, intent-to-treat-exposed; RPV, rilpivirine.

# ATLAS-2M Virologic Snapshot Outcomes at Week 48 for ITT-E: Noninferiority Achieved for Primary and Secondary Endpoints



CAB, cabotegravir; CI, confidence interval; CMH, Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel; LA, long-acting; NI, noninferiority; RPV, rilpivirine; Q4W, 4-week dosing interval; Q8W, 8-week dosing interval.

\*Based on CMH stratified analysis adjusting for the following baseline stratification factor: prior exposure to CAB + RPV (0 weeks, 1–24 weeks, >24 weeks).

# ATLAS-2M: Summary of Confirmed Virologic Failures

	n	CVFs n (%)	CVFs with RPV RAMs	Treatment-emergent RPV RAMs	CVFs with INSTI RAMs	Treatment-emergent INSTI RAMs
Q8W	522	8 (1.5)	6/8*	K101E, E138E/K, E138A, Y188L	5/8*	Q148R <sup>+</sup> , N155H <sup>+</sup>
Q4W	523	2 (0.4)	1/2	K101E, M230L	2/2	E138E/K, Q148R, N155N/H,

<sup>+</sup>Or mixture

- \*Post-hoc baseline PBMC HIV-1 DNA testing (Q8W arm):
  - 5/8 CVFs had pre-existing major RPV RAMs (E138A, Y188L, Y181Y/C, H221H/Y, E138E/A, Y188Y/F/H/L)
  - 1/8 CVFs had pre-existing major INI RAM (G140G/R)
  - 5/8 CVFs had L74I polymorphism (3 subtype A or A1, 1 subtype C, 1 complex subtype)
- 9/10 CVFs re-suppressed on fully active oral HAART (1/10 non-compliance on PI-based ART)
  - All CVFs retained phenotypic sensitivity to dolutegravir
- Factors contributing to CVF (e.g. baseline resistance and drug concentrations) are being further evaluate
  - PBMC HIV-1 DNA analysis underway across Phase 3 program

# ATLAS-2M Safety and Tolerability Was Similar Between Q8W and Q4W Dosing Arms: AEs Excluding ISRs

	Q8W (n=522) n (%)	Q4W (n=523) n (%)
Any AE	403 (77)	441 (84)
Drug-related AEs	109 (21)	125 (24)
Any Grade ≥3	29 (6)	30 (6)
Drug-related Grade ≥3	4 (<1)	5 (<1)
AEs leading to withdrawal	8 (2)	10 (2)
Drug-related AEs leading to withdrawal	5 (<1)	8 (2)
Any SAE	26 (5)	19 (4)
Drug-related SAEs <sup>†</sup>	2 (<1)	1 (<1)
Fatal SAEs <sup>‡</sup>	1 (<1)	0
Drug-related fatal SAEs	0	0

<sup>†</sup>Drug-related SAEs were presyncope and acute pancreatitis in the Q8W group and allergic reaction in the Q4W group. <sup>‡</sup>The fatal SAE was sepsis. The death was not considered related to study drug. A further participant died during screening (did not receive study drug).

- AEs were similar between the Q8W and Q4W dosing arms
- Overall, 96% of drug-related AEs were Grade 1–2
- Drug-related AEs led to withdrawal in 5 participants in the Q8W arm and 8 in the Q4W arm

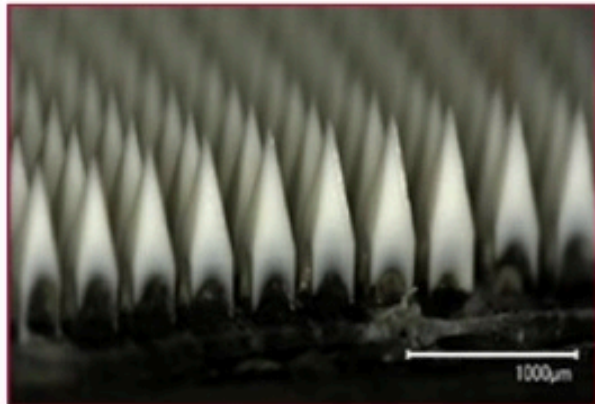
AE, adverse event; ISR, injection site reaction; Q4W, 4-week dosing interval; Q8W, 8-week dosing interval; SAE, serious adverse event.

# FDA Complete Response Letter

- The reasons given in the CRL relate to Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls (CMC) for Cabenuva (CBV LA/RPV LA)
- No safety issues related to CMC and there is no change to the safety profile of the products used in clinical trials to date.
- ViiV Healthcare will work closely with the FDA to determine the appropriate next steps for this New Drug Application.
  
- UK access – price?

# Other CAB Long Acting Programs

- Microarray Patch (MAP) for Long-Acting HIV PrEP



Light microscopic image (x25) of MAP



- CAB LA Reformulation: double-strength concentration (400mg/mL)



- ViiV HC/GSK internal program

- CAB Implant: non-biodegradable, retrievable



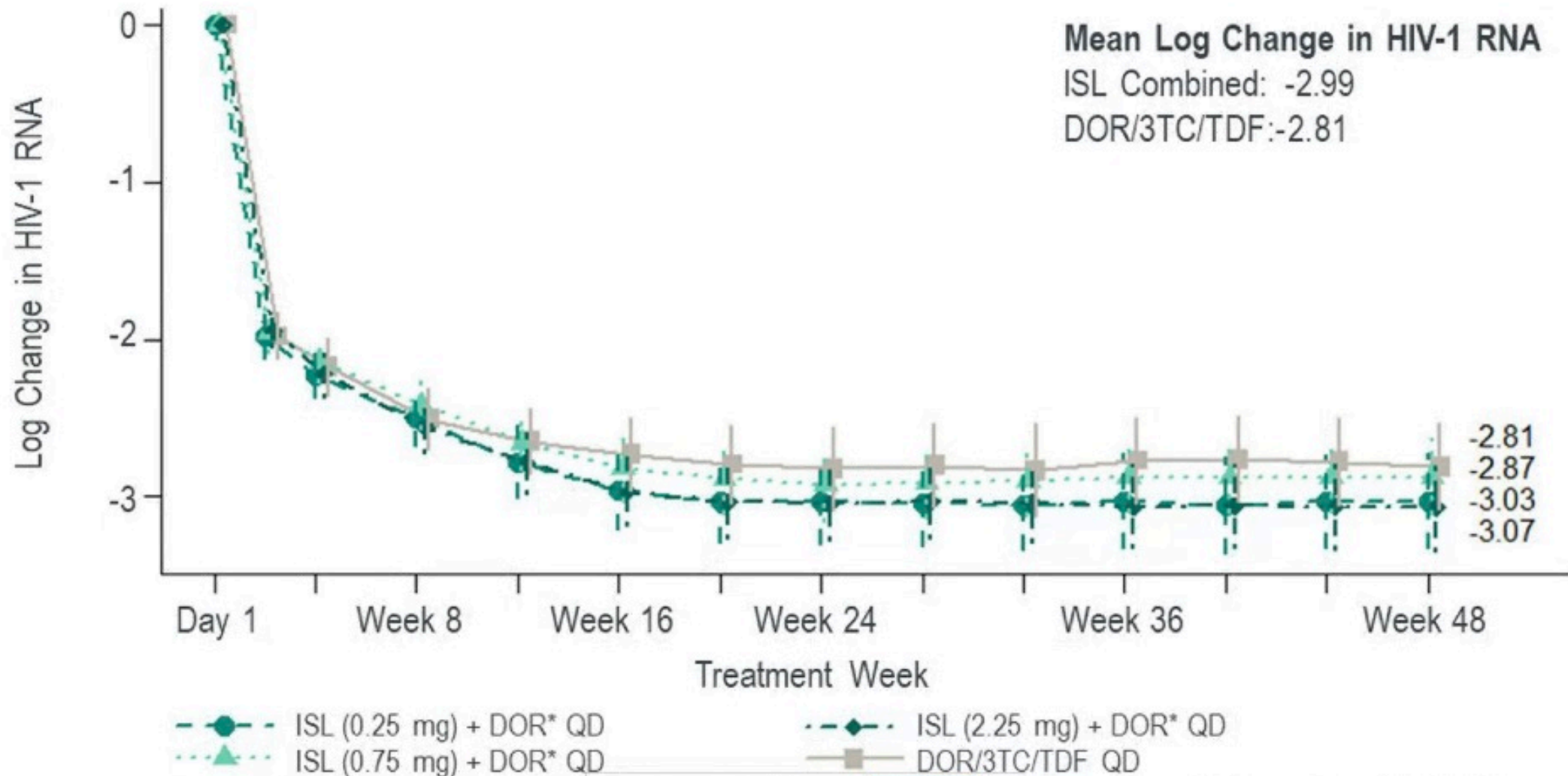
- ViiV/GSK internal program

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# Islatravir (MK-8591, EFdA)

- Long acting nuke (NRTTI)
- Dual therapy switch: doravirine + islatravir
- Formulations include daily and weekly pill
- Also an annual implant
- Macaque study: once-monthly pill for PrEP and PEP
- Potential to completely change PrEP and PEP in practice.

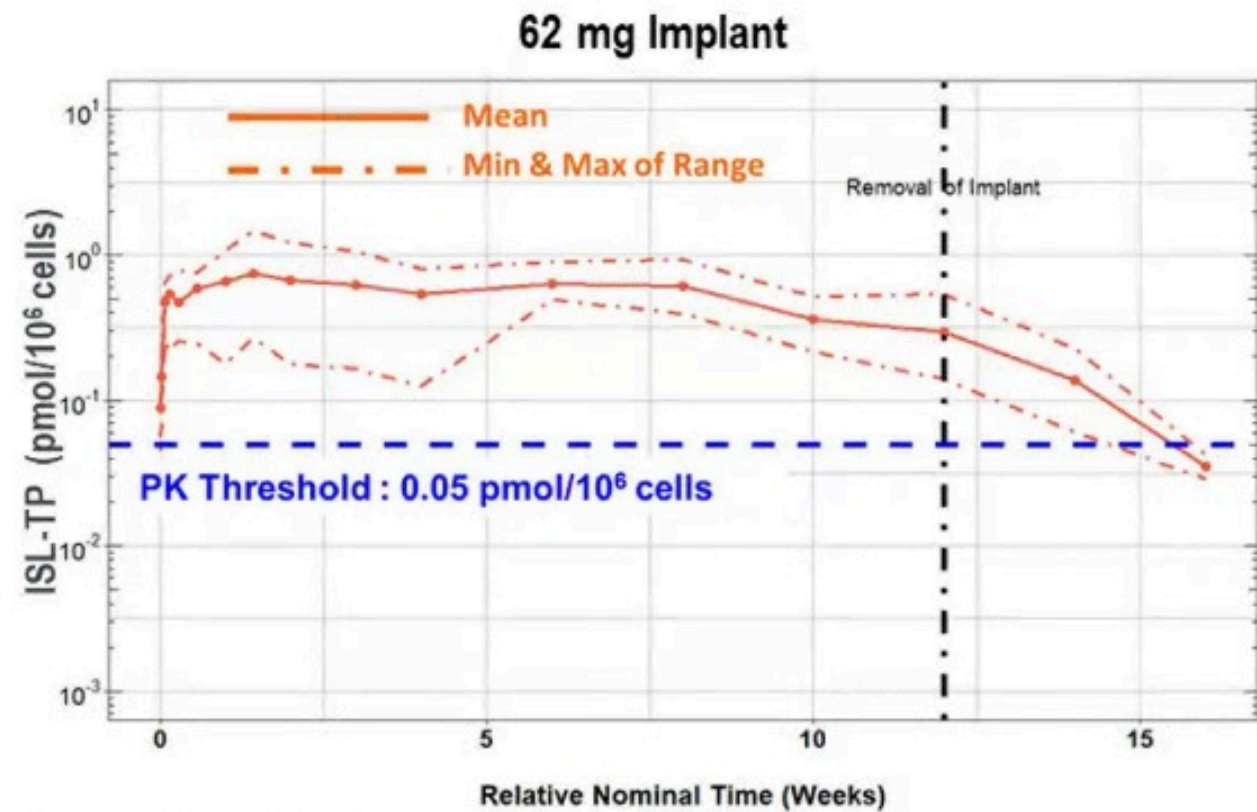
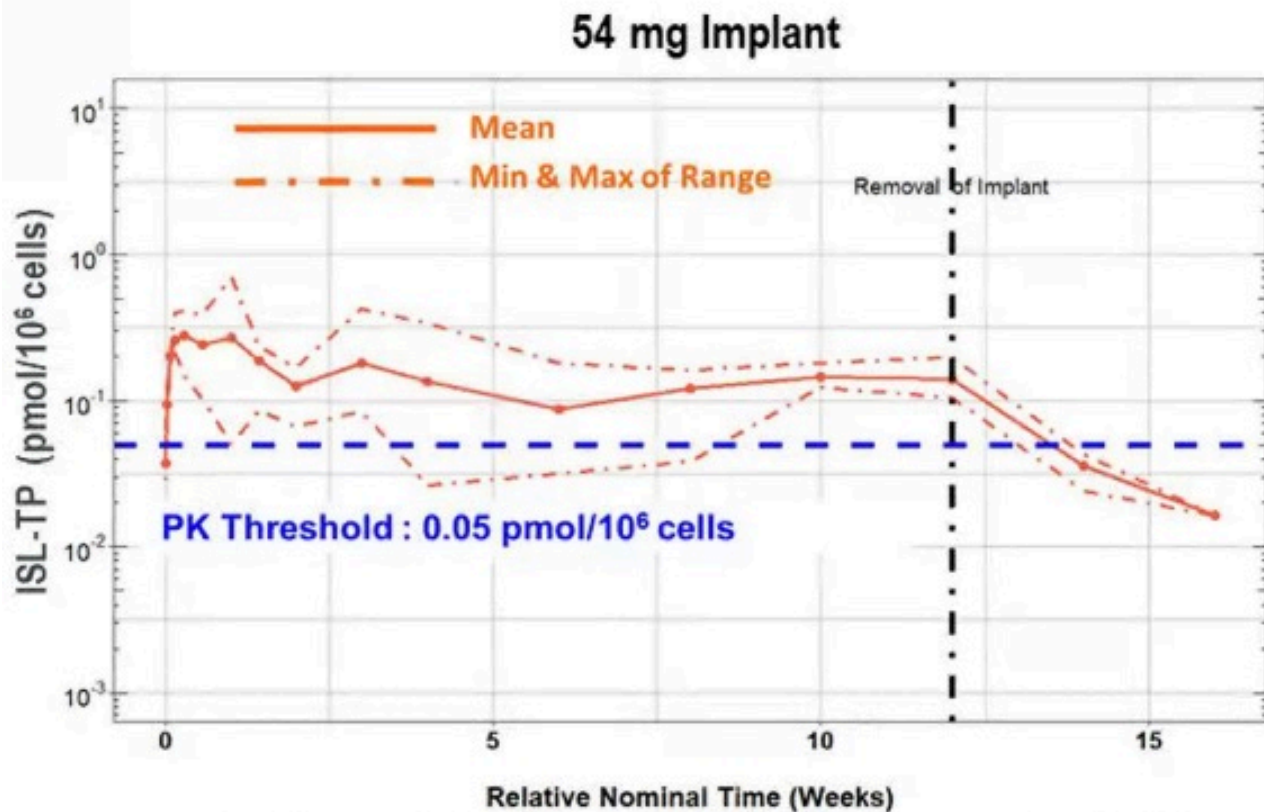
# Mean Log Change in HIV-1 RNA (95% CI) Over Time



\*Participants initially received ISL+DOR+3TC and switched to ISL+ DOR during the week 24-48 period of the study.

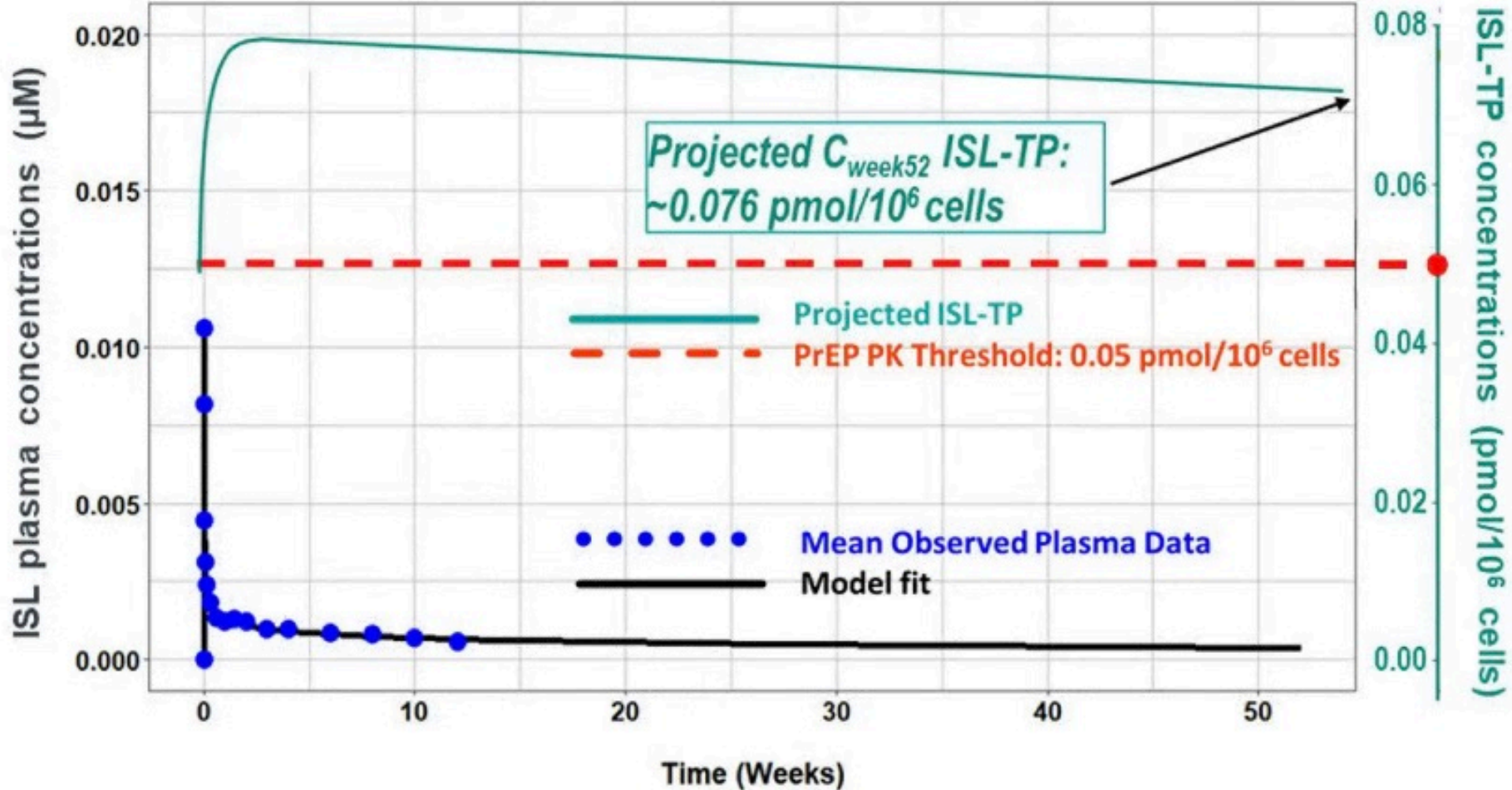


# Intracellular ISL-TP PK Threshold of $0.05 \text{ pmol}/10^6 \text{ Cells}$ Maintained Throughout Placement for Both Doses



- Ratio of TP/plasma remains fairly constant at  $\sim 1000:1$  – consistent with oral dosing
- Half-life after removal of implant similar to half-life of orally dosed ISL

# 62 mg Implant Projected to Lead to Concentrations Above Threshold for at Least 12 Months



- 62 mg implant will continue to release through 52 weeks
- ISL-TP should be above threshold ( $0.05 \text{ pmol}/10^6 \text{ cells}$ ) for >12 months
- Projected concentration at 12 months:  $0.076 \text{ pmol}/10^6 \text{ cells}$

# WEEKLY ORAL ISLATRAVIR PROVIDES EFFECTIVE PEP AGAINST IV CHALLENGE WITH SIVmac<sub>251</sub>

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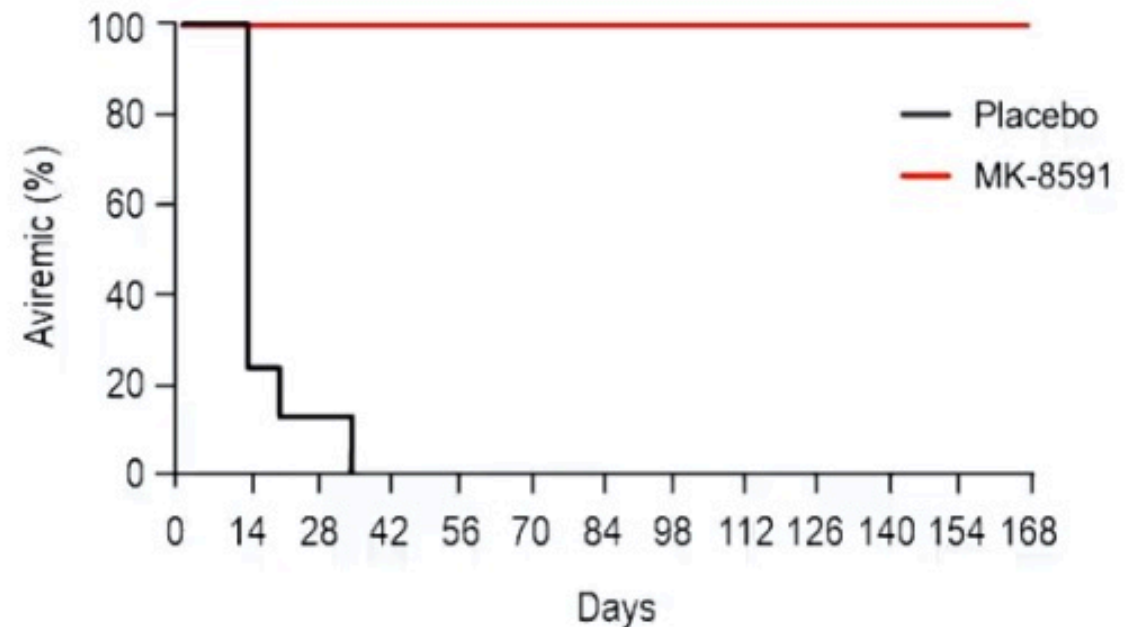
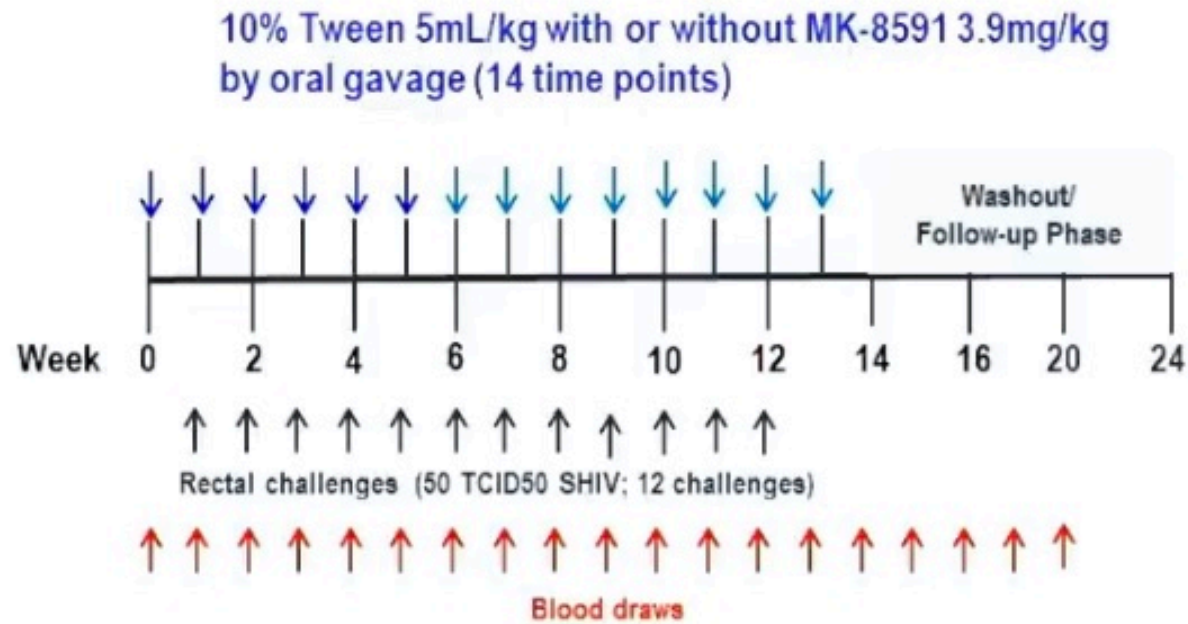
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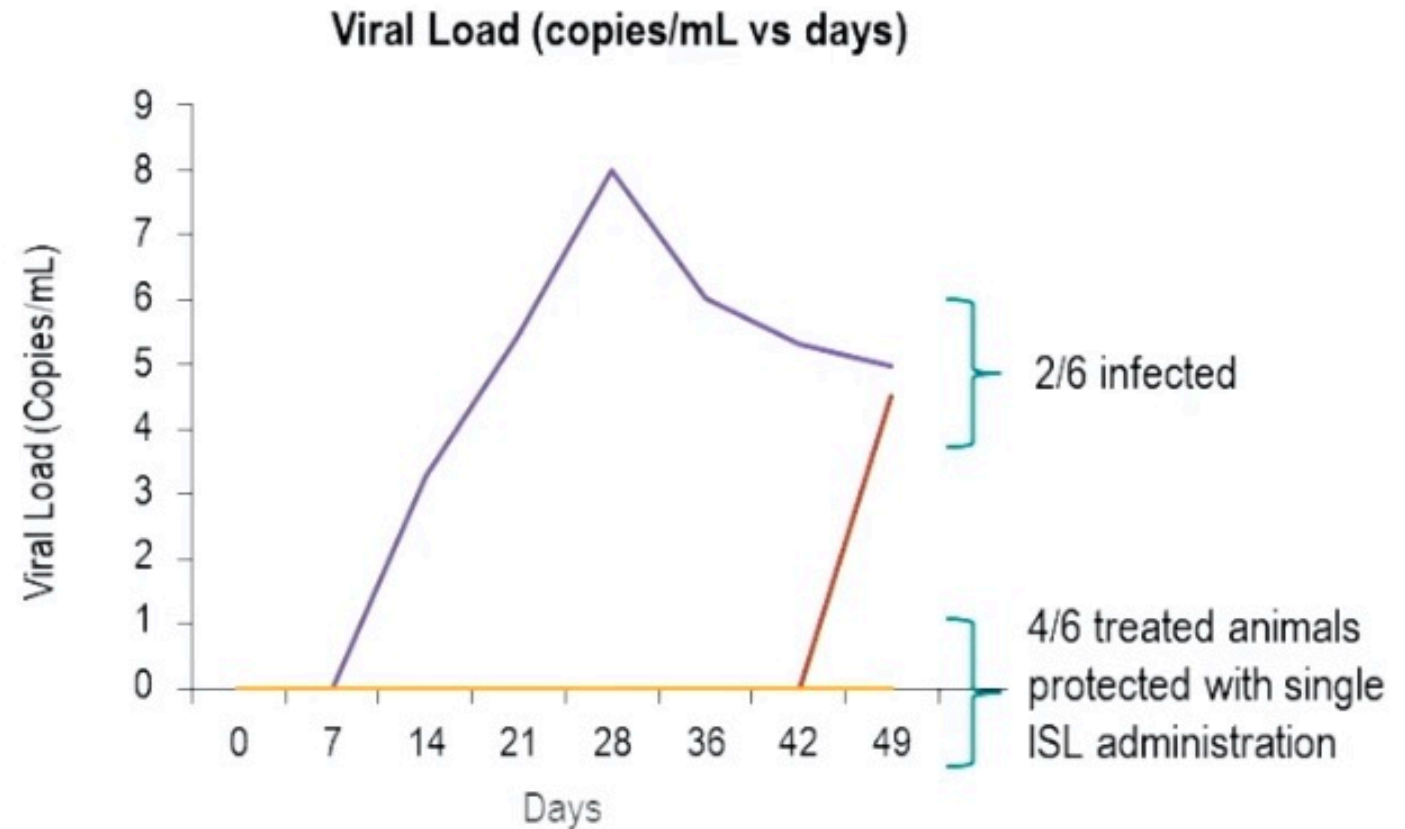
# Islatravir Protects Against SHIV Infection When Dosed Weekly in a Low-Dose Rectal Challenge Rhesus Macaque Model



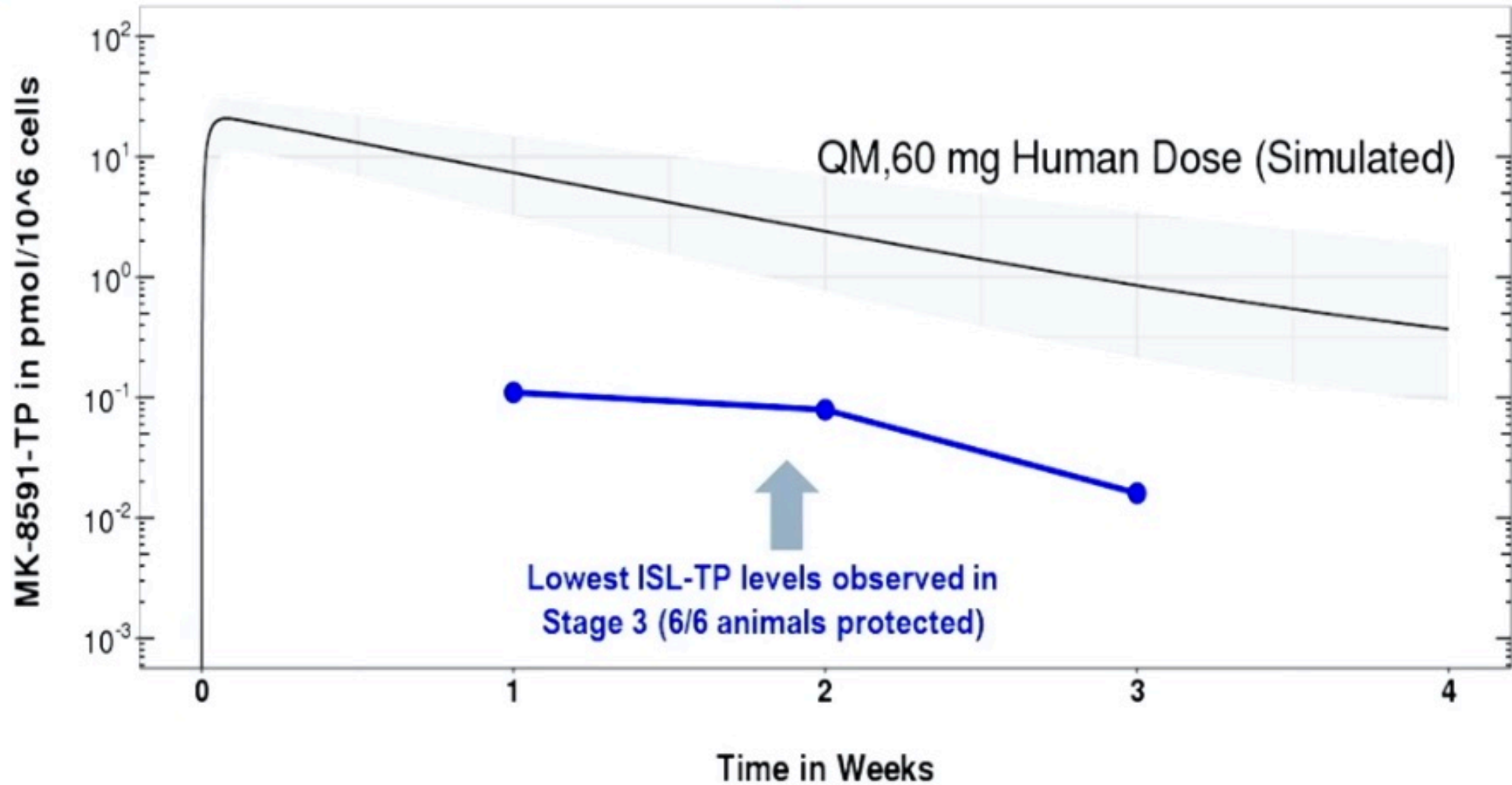
- ISL was completely protective at dose levels  $\geq 0.43$  mg/kg and highly protective at doses as low as 0.1 mg/kg in the rhesus macaque/IR SHIV109CP3 challenge model
- ISL-triphosphate (ISL-TP) levels that are protective in this model are achievable in humans with 0.25-mg weekly or 0.01-mg daily dosing, suggesting MK-8591 utility in extended-duration prophylaxis against HIV infection

# ISL Administered Once 24 Hours After Challenge Is Effective in Reducing Infection

- When ISL was administered only once 24 hours after challenge, two of six animals became viremic with M184M SIVmac<sub>251</sub> (viremia detected at Day 14 and Day 49)



# Single Oral Doses of ISL Given Within 24 Hours of Infection May Provide an Effective PEP Option in Humans



# Conclusions

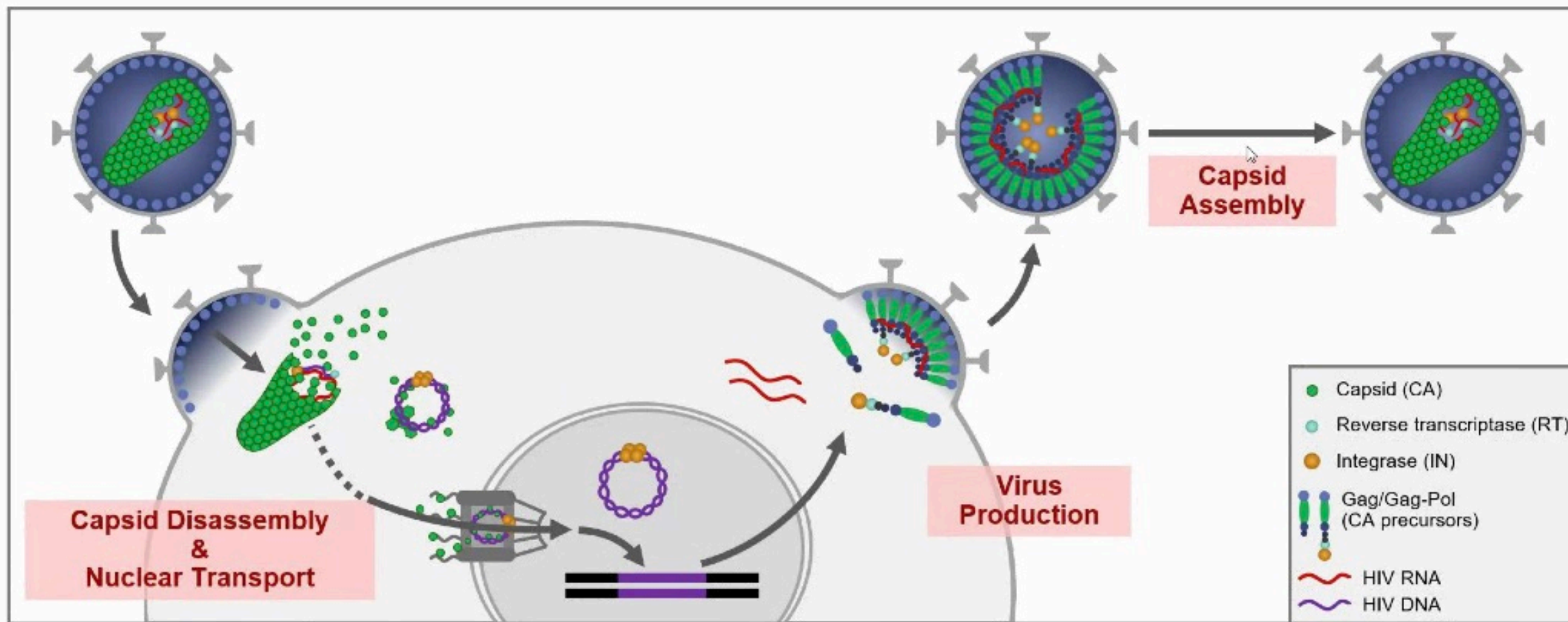
- As few as two weekly oral doses of ISL at 3.9 mg/kg given 24 hours after SIVmac<sub>251</sub> challenge completely prevented infection of rhesus macaques
- A single ISL dose 24 hours after challenge prevented infection in four of six monkeys
- Extrapolation to human pharmacokinetics suggests that a single oral dose given within 24 hours of HIV exposure in humans may provide effective PEP
- Results support the potential utility of ISL as a simplified PEP agent in humans, though the feasibility of clinical trials is challenging

# GS-6207 – capsid inhibitor

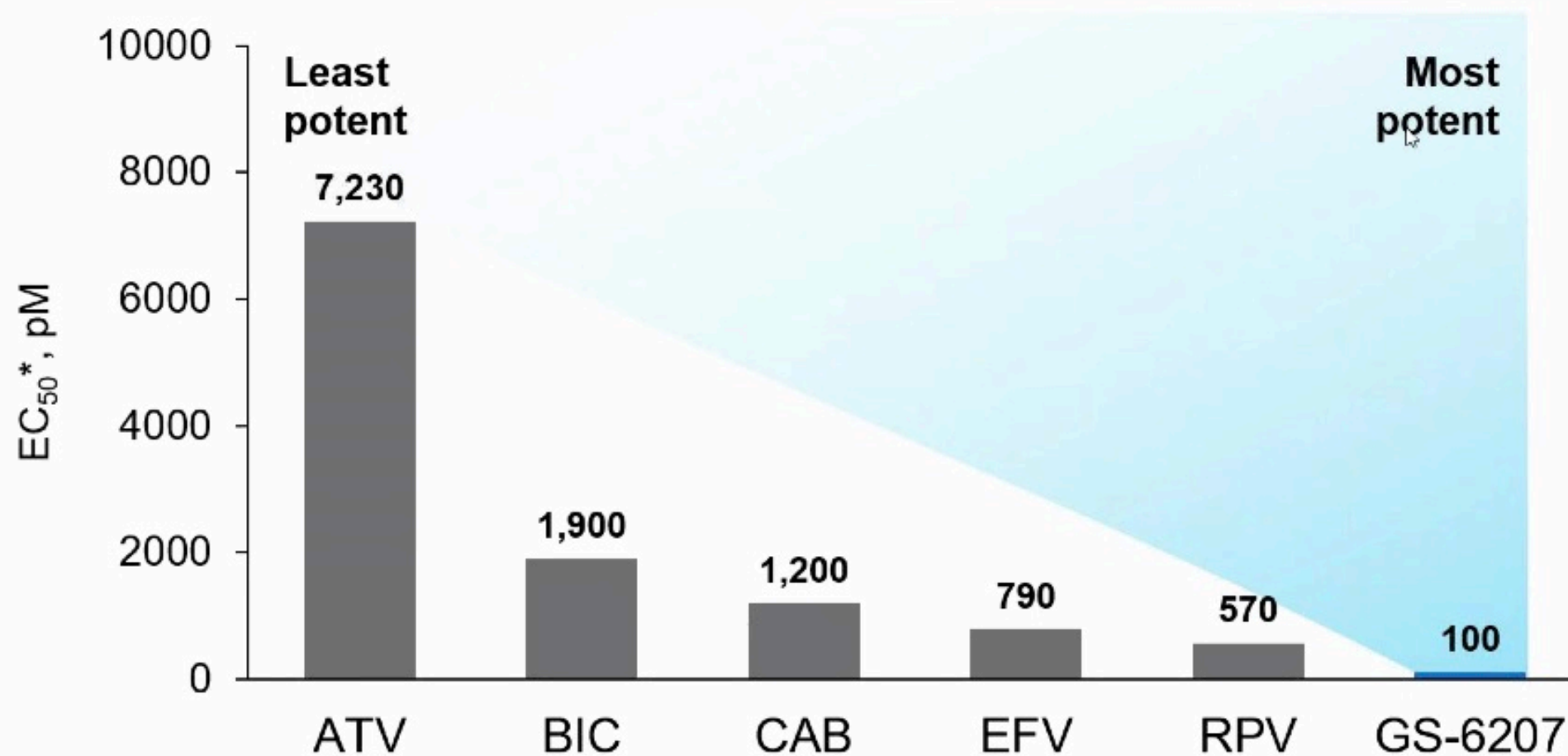
- New drug in new class
- Potential to work in several parts of lifecycle
- Related research reported that capsid uncoating might occur directly into the nucleus
- long acting formulation - every 6 months
- Studies in people who are treatment experienced and multi-drug resistant



# GS-6207: First-in-Class HIV Capsid Inhibitor

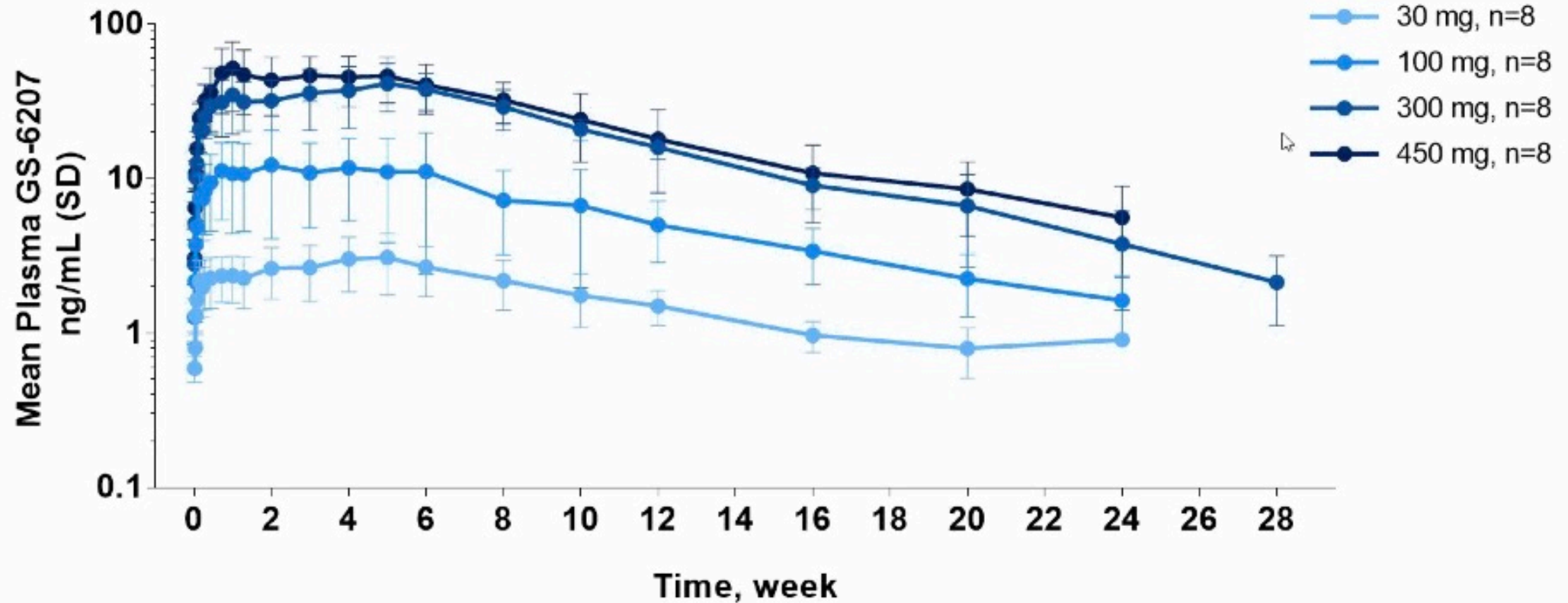


## GS-6207 is Highly Potent against HIV-1



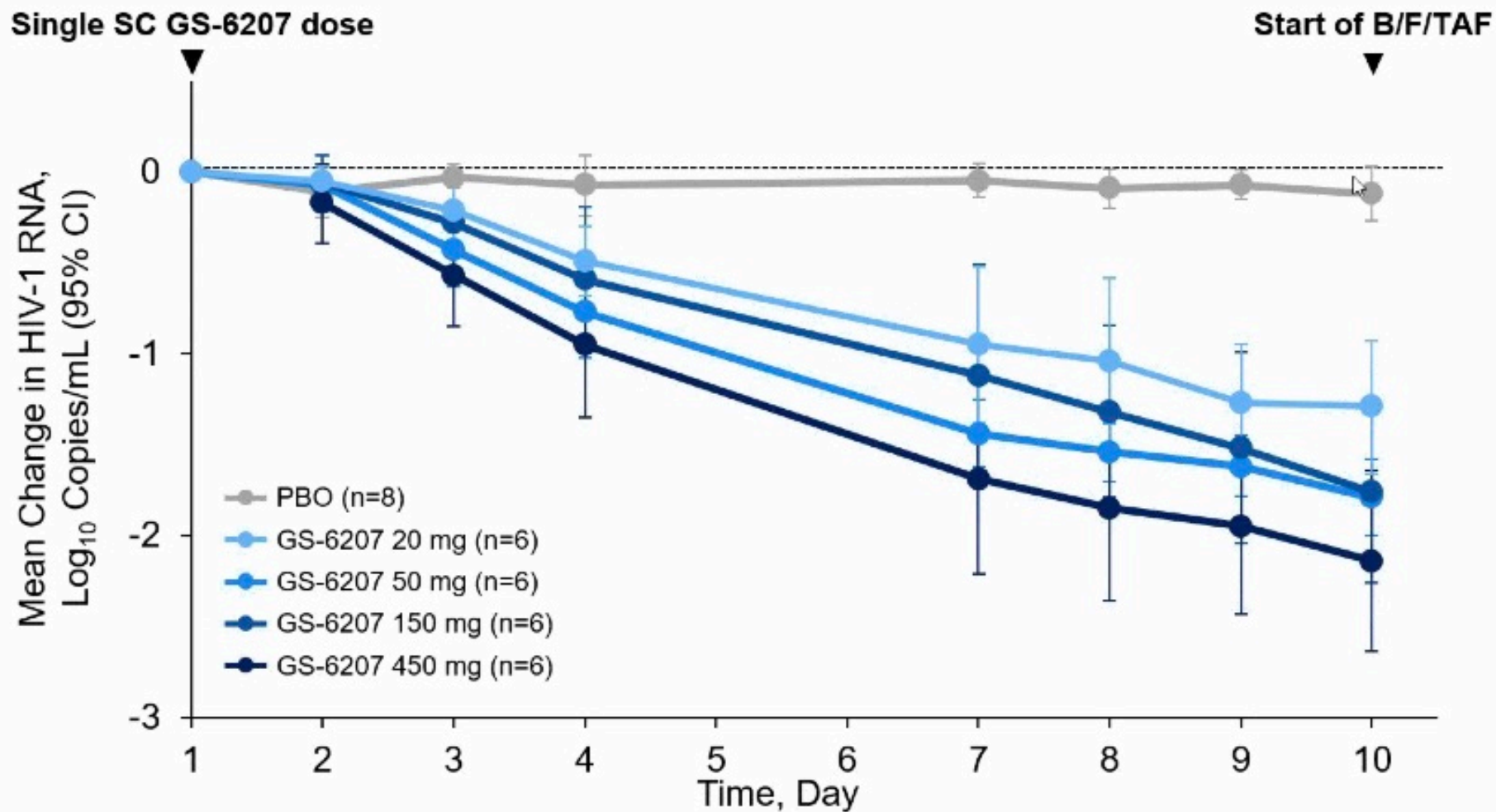
\*MT-4 cell line ± infection with HIV-1 (IIIb strain).

## Sustained GS-6207 Exposure Following Subcutaneous Injection



- Prolonged exposure, with measurable concentrations for at least 24 weeks

## Subcutaneous GS-6207: Antiviral Activity

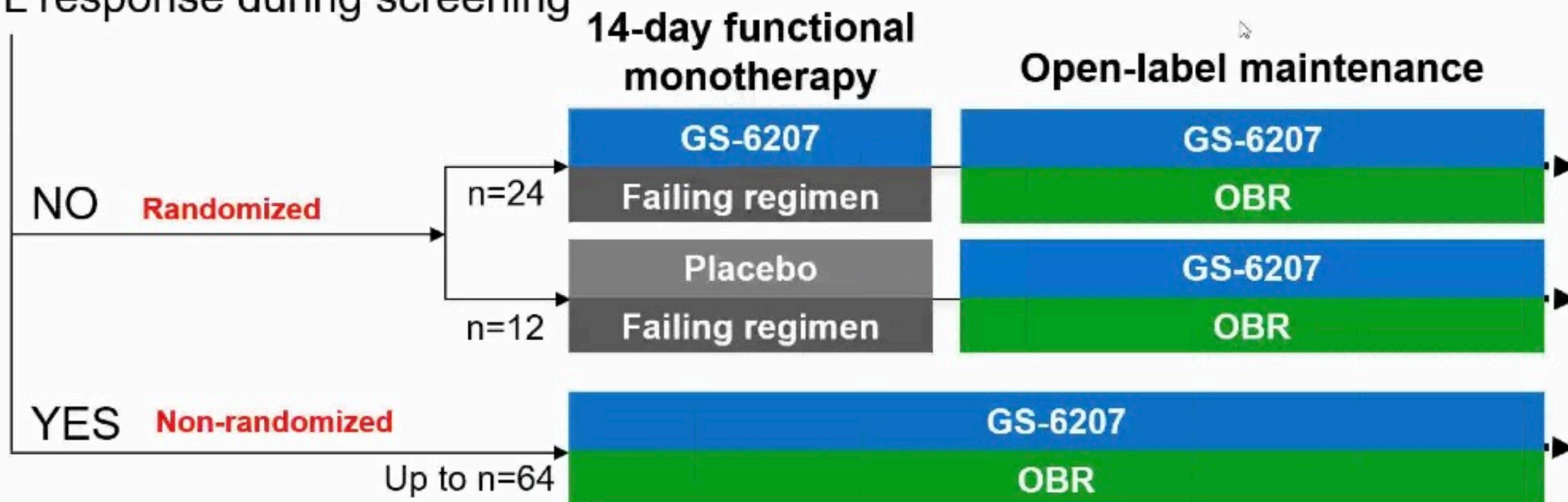


## CAPELLA: Phase 2/3 in Heavily Treatment-experienced PLWH

VL > 400 copies/mL with multi-drug resistance

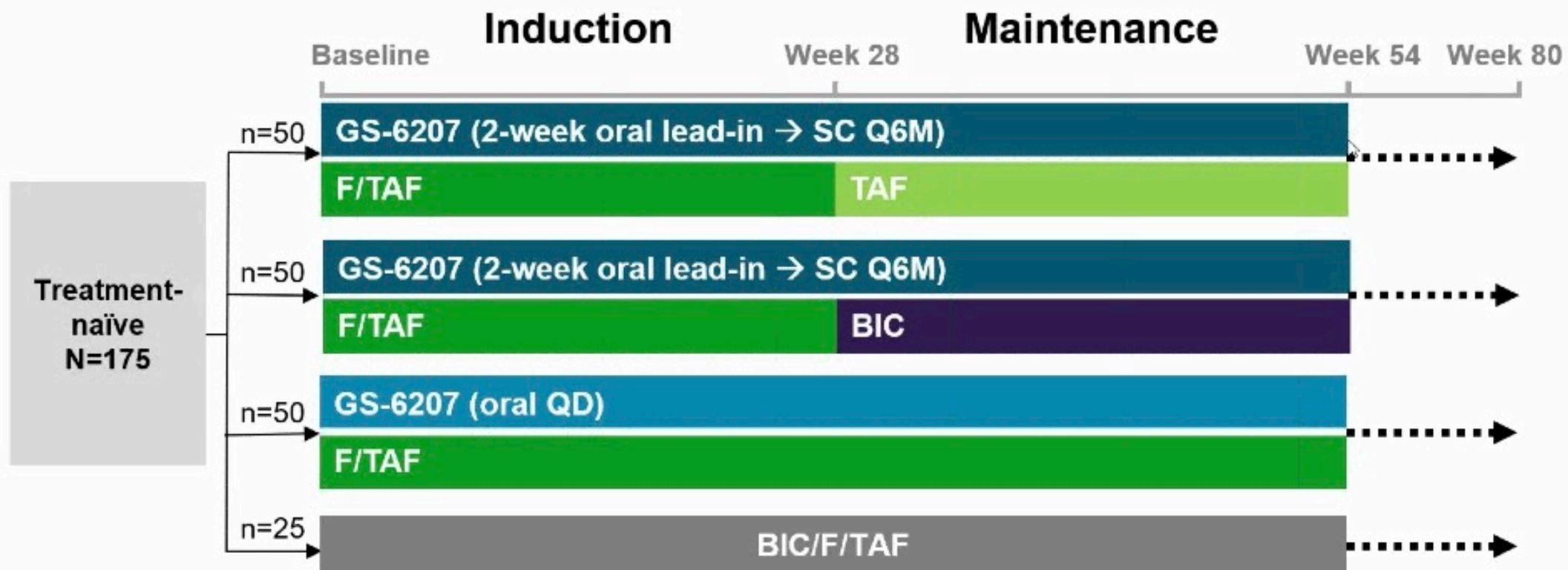


VL response during screening



GS-6207: Oral lead-in (D1 600 mg, D2, 600 mg, and D8 300 mg), followed by D15 SC 900 mg (2 x 1.5 mL)

## CALIBRATE: Phase 2 in Treatment-naïve PLWH



- F/TAF, TAF, and BIC are administered as oral QD

## Conclusions

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- GS-6207 is a first-in-class HIV capsid inhibitor with:
  - High in vitro potency ( $EC_{50}=50$  pM)
  - No overlapping resistance with existing ARV agents
- In clinical studies to date, GS-6207 demonstrated:
  - A potential as a subcutaneous long acting agent
  - Clinically significant decline in HIV-1 RNA in people living with HIV
- Based on these data, 2 clinical trials are ongoing, with Q6M dosing interval
  - In treatment-naïve PLWH (NCT04143594)
  - In heavily treatment-experienced PLWH (NCT04150068)
- Planning activity is ongoing to develop GS-6207 for PrEP

# bNAb elipovimab (GS-9722)

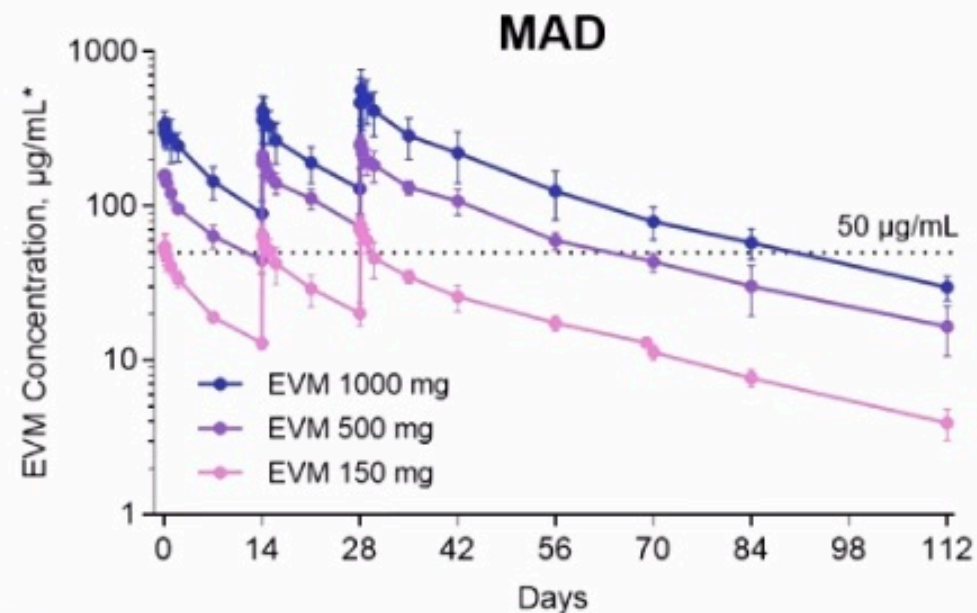
- bNAb – dosing every two weeks.



# Elipovimab Phase 1a Study in Healthy Volunteers

## PK Summary

- ◆ EVM PK was linear and dose proportional over the evaluated range
- ◆ Half-life of ~26 days supports QOW dosing
- ◆ 9 of 37 (24%) participants had antidrug antibodies detected
- ◆ The presence of antidrug antibodies did not impact EVM PK in any participant
- ◆ Target  $C_{min} \geq 50 \mu\text{g/mL}$  (~3x the  $IC_{95}$  cutoff used to determine in vitro breadth)



PK Parameter <sup>†</sup>	SAD (Day 1)			MAD (Day 29; 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)		
	EVM 150 mg n=6	EVM 500 mg n=6	EVM 1500 mg n=6	EVM 150 mg n=7	EVM 500 mg n=6	EVM 1000 mg n=6
AUC, h·µg/mL <sup>‡</sup>	18,000 (15.0)	56,000 (11.5)	200,000 (14.7)	12,600 (13.4)	48,600 (15.5)	106,000 (31.0)
$C_{max}$ , µg/mL	49.7 (19.4)	164 (11.7)	553 (6.9)	77.6 (12.8)	261 (12.8)	567 (35.2)
$C_{14d}$ , µg/mL	NC	NC	NC	25.8 (19.9)	108 (18.9)	221 (36.7)
$t_{1/2}$ , d	24.7 (23.4, 26.8)	26.4 (21.5, 26.8)	25.9 (22.4, 28.5)	28.4 (26.0, 29.0)	23.4 (21.5, 42.0)	29.9 (23.3, 34.6)

<sup>\*</sup>Data are mean (standard deviation [SD]); <sup>†</sup>PK parameters are presented to 3 significant figures as mean (%coefficient of variation [CV]), except  $t_{1/2}$  (median [quartile (Q)1, Q3]); <sup>‡</sup>Area under curve from time 0 to infinity ( $AUC_{inf}$ ) for SAD and AUC over 14 d of dosing interval ( $AUC_{0-14d}$ ) for MAD.  $C_{14d}$ , concentration on Day 14;  $C_{max}$ , maximal concentration;  $C_{min}$ , minimum concentration;  $IC_{95}$ , 95% inhibitory concentration; NC, not calculated.

# AAV-delivered bNAbs

- Proof of principle study to deliver bNAbs using a vaccine
- Showed this was possible in 3/8 people in a small study
- Only small quantities of Ab produced
- But a single macaque has been reported to keep antibody levels high for over six years.

# Other PrEP studies

- DISCOVER: TAF/FTC vs TDF/FTC
- Islatravir – monthly pill for PrEP and PEP (see above)
- BIC/F/TAF – PEP in monkeys
- MB66 vaginal film against HIV and HSV-2
- TAF/elvitegravir vaginal inserts

# Longer Term Efficacy and Safety of F/TAF and F/TDF For HIV PrEP: DISCOVER Trial Week 96 Results

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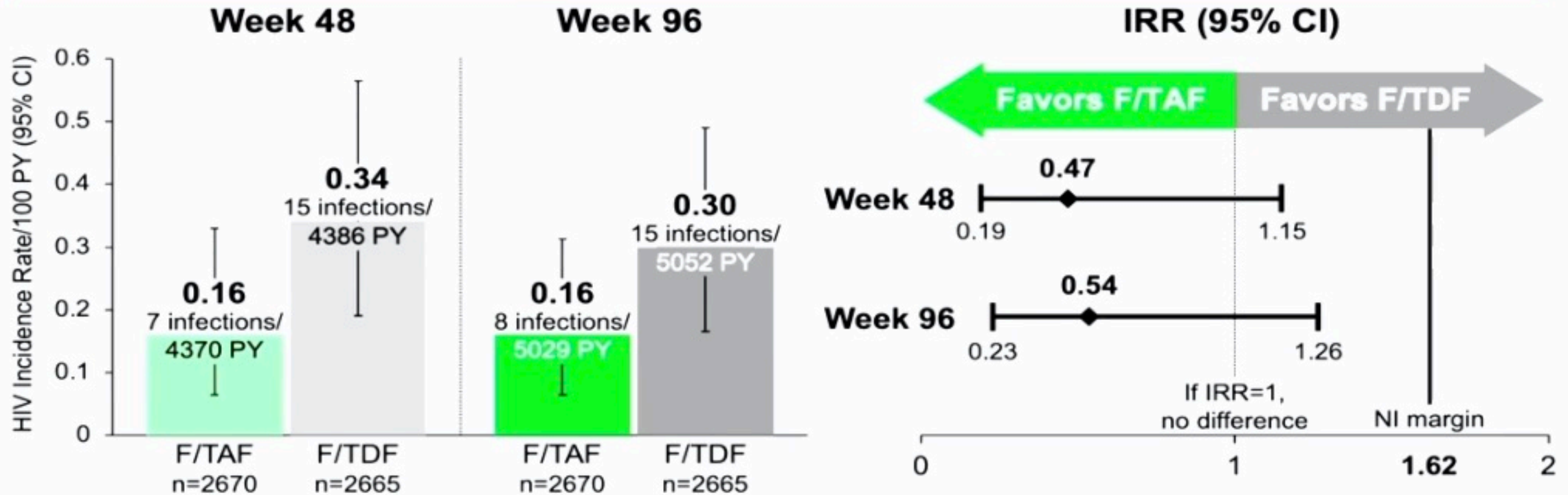
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# Study Design



- ◆ **Eligibility:** high sexual risk of HIV
  - 2+ episodes of condomless anal sex in the past 12 wk or rectal gonorrhea/chlamydia or syphilis in past 24 wk
  - HIV and hepatitis B virus negative, and  $eGFR_{CG} \geq 60$  mL/min
  - Prior use of PrEP allowed
- ◆ **Study conducted in Europe and North America in cities/sites with high HIV incidence**
- ◆ **Safety assessments**
  - Renal: AEs and renal biomarkers
  - Bone: fracture events and BMD
  - Metabolic: fasting lipids, glucose, and body weight

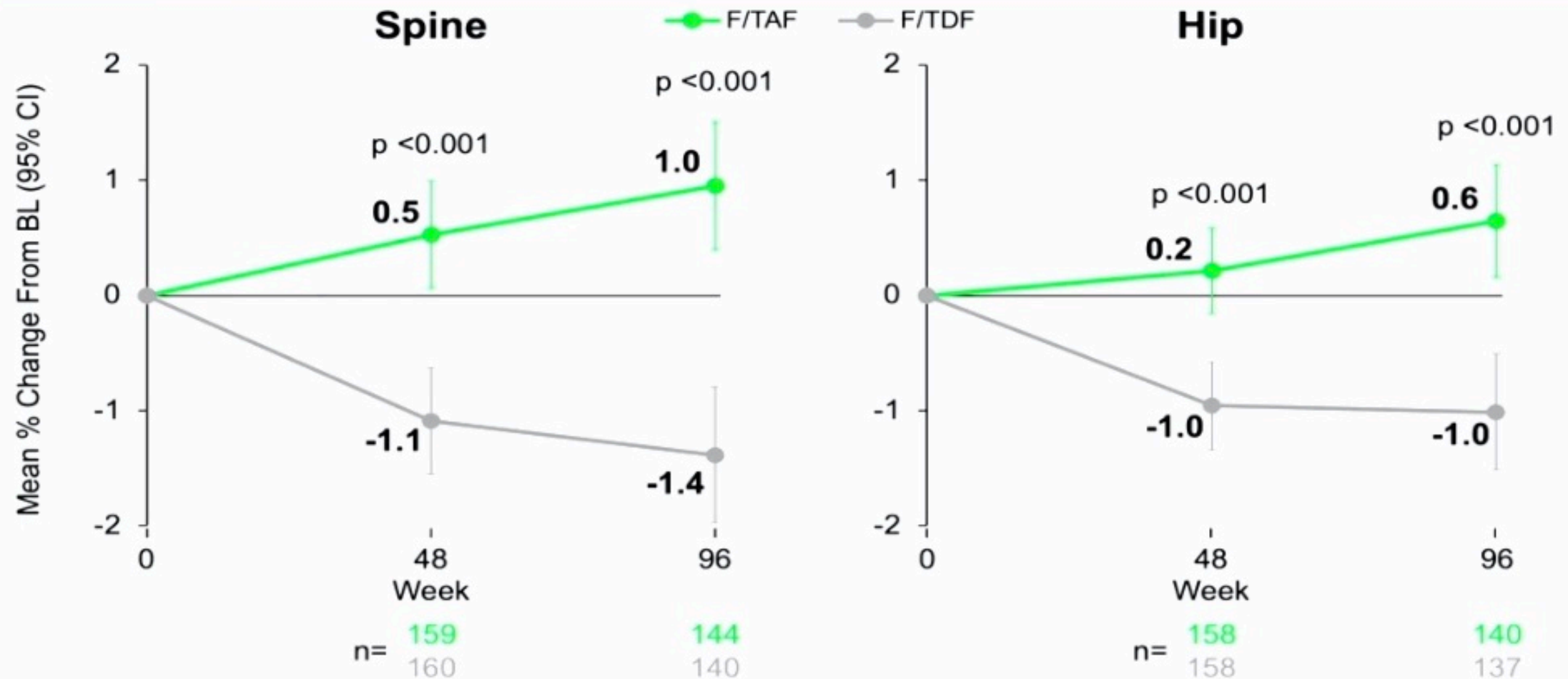
# Primary Endpoint Analysis: HIV Incidence



- ◆ Primary analysis: 22 HIV infections in 8756 PY of follow-up
- ◆ Week-96 analysis: 23 HIV infections in 10,081 PY of follow-up
- ◆ F/TAF was noninferior to F/TDF for HIV prevention as the upper bound of IRR 95% CI was <1.62

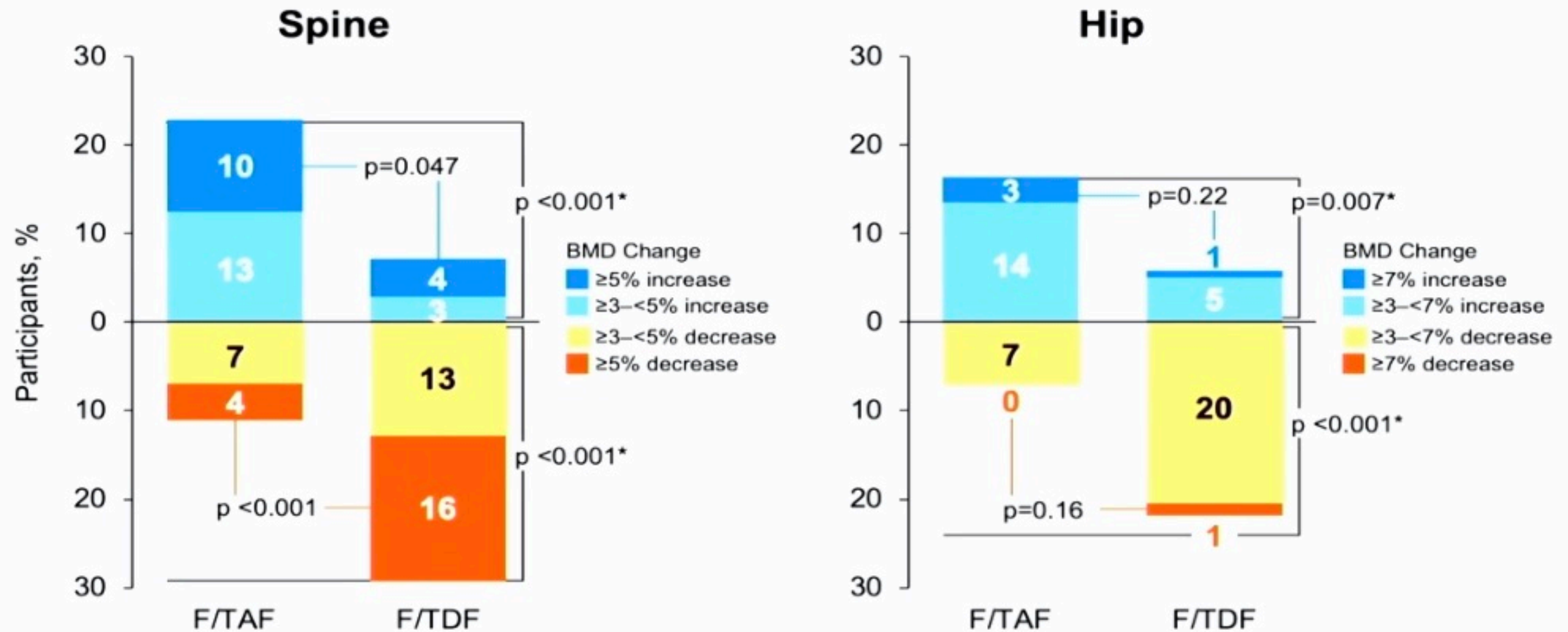
CI, confidence interval; IRR, incidence rate ratio; NI, noninferiority; PY, person-year.

# Bone Safety: BMD Substudy (n=375)\*



\*p-values from analysis of variance model with BL F/TDF for PrEP and study arm as fixed effects. Reported fracture events: F/TAF, n=65; F/TDF, n=64.

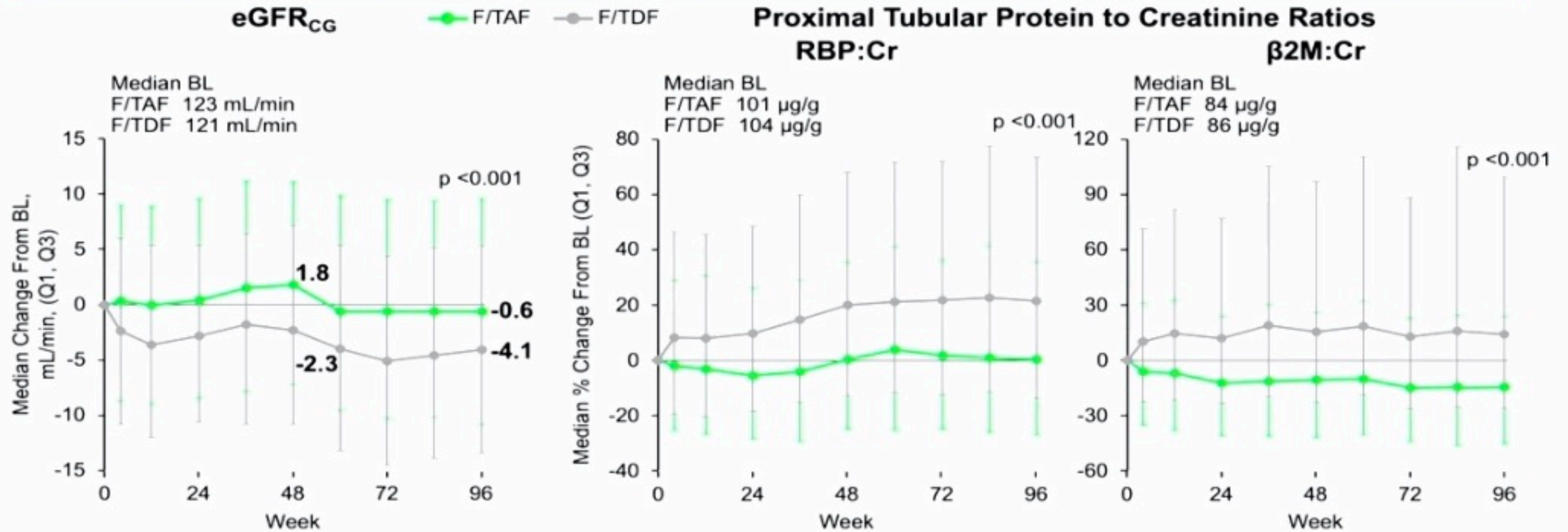
# Categorical BMD Changes (By Percent Change) at Week 96



\*p-values for ≥3% change include ≥5% change. All p-values based on dichotomized response from Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for nominal data (general association statistic) adjusting for BL F/TDF for PrEP.



# Renal Safety



- ◆ Renal discontinuations: F/TAF, n=2; F/TDF, n=6
- ◆ Fanconi syndrome: F/TAF, n=0; F/TDF, n=1

\*p-values from Van Elteren test stratified by BL F/TDF for PrEP to compare 2 study arms.  
 $\beta\text{2M}$ ,  $\beta\text{2}$ -microglobulin; Cr, creatinine; Q, quartile; RBP, retinol-binding protein.

# Conclusions

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- ◆ F/TAF remained noninferior to F/TDF for HIV PrEP through 96 weeks
- ◆ DISCOVER provides the largest, single variable comparison of bone and renal safety parameters between TAF and TDF in the absence of underlying HIV or third antiretroviral agents:
  - Differences in BMD between F/TAF and F/TDF increased at week 96; BMD declines of  $\geq 3\%$  were more common in participants taking F/TDF, with more pronounced differences in younger participants
  - Renal biomarker changes remained more favorable in participants taking F/TAF, particularly among older participants and those with reduced eGFR
- ◆ F/TDF was associated with greater declines in both LDL and HDL but total cholesterol: HDL ratios or fasting glucose remained similar across both study arms at 96 weeks.
- ◆ Weight gain was observed in both arms at 96 weeks, and was approximately 1kg greater in participants taking F/TAF. The weight gain in F/TAF arm was similar to that observed in the placebo arm of iPrEx PrEP trial and the general population<sup>1,2</sup>
- ◆ F/TAF is a safe, longer term option for PrEP

# FTC/TAF + BIC Postexposure Prophylaxis Protects Macaques Against Rectal SHIV Infection

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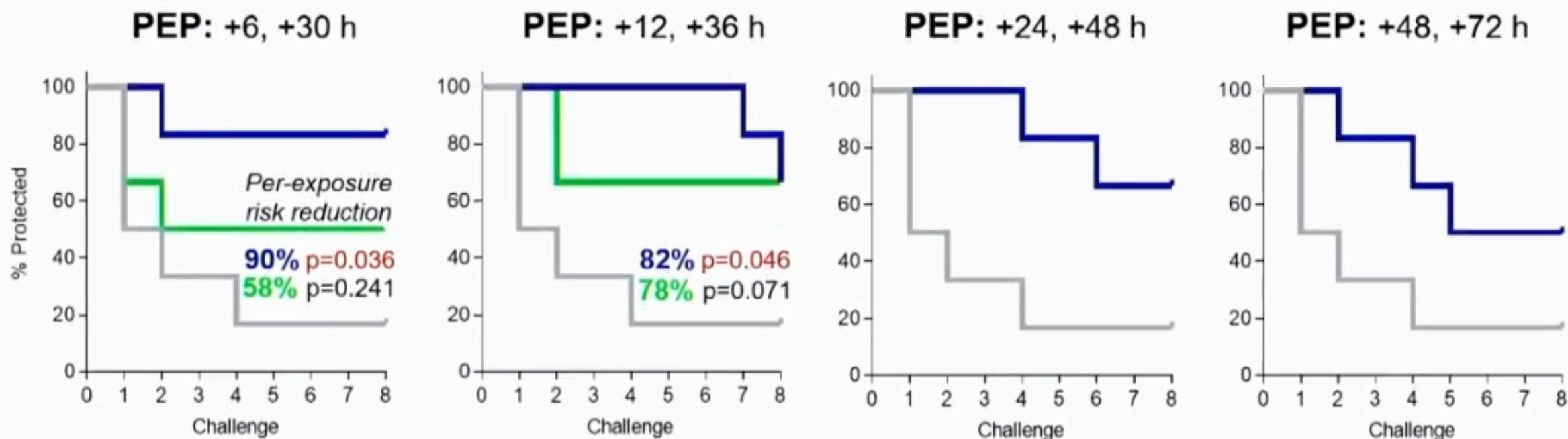
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# Study 2: 100-mg BIC Extends Postexposure Protective Window



Fraction protected\* **3 / 6** **5 / 6**

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- Placebo
- FTC/TAF
- FTC/TAF + BIC 100 mg

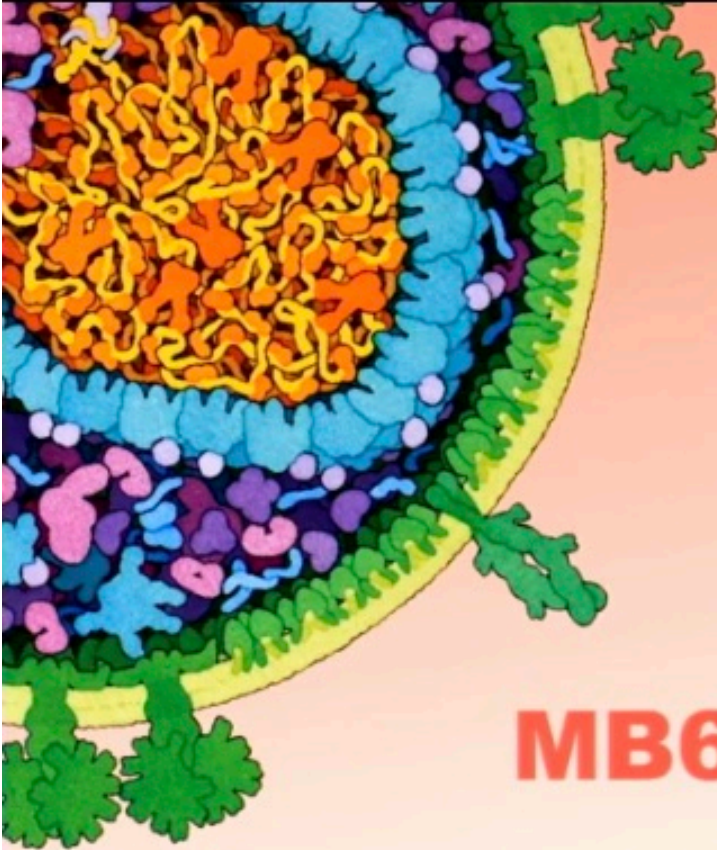
- ◆ Significant† protection with FTC/TAF + BIC 100 mg up to 12 h postexposure
- ◆ Greater protection with BIC 100 mg (Study 2) vs 25 mg (Study 1)

\*5/6 placebo-treated macaques infected; †Cox proportional hazard model.

# NHP Study Conclusions and Future Directions

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- ◆ Simplified 2-dose schedules can protect macaques against SHIV acquisition
- ◆ FTC/TAF alone: protective only as PrEP at -2, +24 h relative to exposure
- ◆ FTC/TAF + BIC 100 mg: protective as PrEP or PEP
  - PrEP: initiated 2 h pre-exposure
  - PEP: initiated up to 12 h postexposure
- ◆ Plan to further define optimal pre/postexposure schedules in rectal and vaginal challenge models



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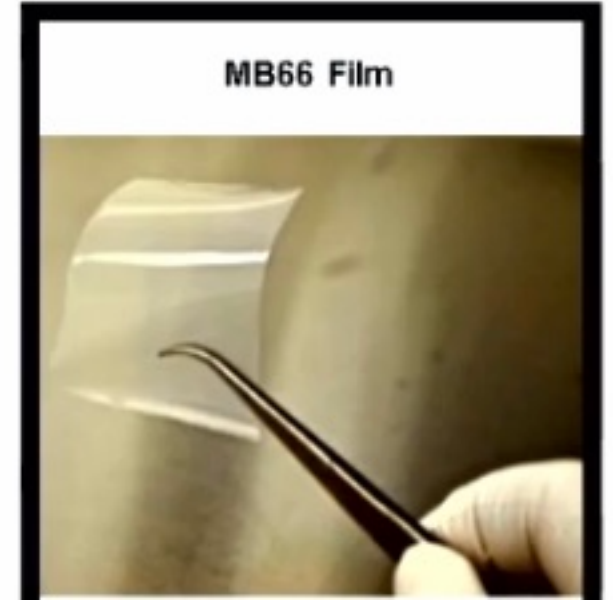
# **PHASE I PLACEBO-CONTROLLED SAFETY, PK, AND PD STUDY OF MB66 ANTI-HIV AND ANTI-HSV FILM**

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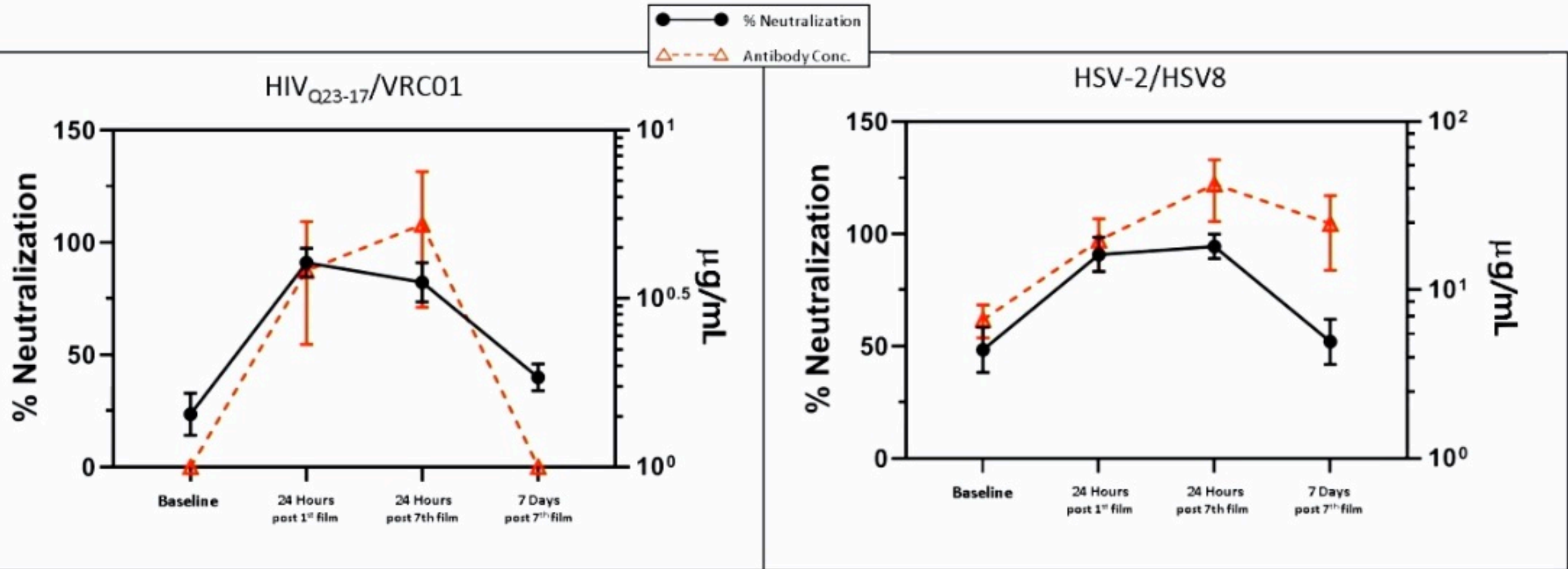
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# MB-66: microbicide film

- Active against HIV and HSV-2 (herpes)
- repeat dose of two mAbs as vaginal film
- small phase 1 study – n=29
- dissolved easily, no >2 grade side effects, vaginal PK ok

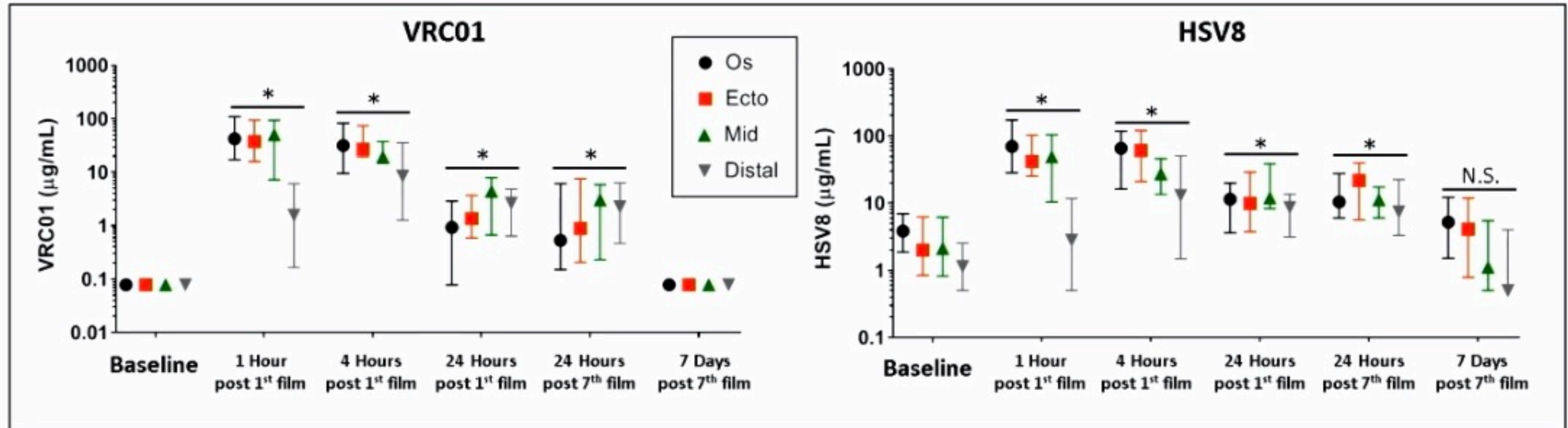


# Viral Neutralization and Antibody PK Data (CVLs)





# VRC01 and HSV8 Concentrations in Vaginal TearFlo Samples



## Conclusions:

- Repeated dose vaginal application of MB66 film was safe and well tolerated
- Significant film dissolution after one hour
- Vaginal pH and Nugent scores did not significantly change
- No significant increases in proinflammatory cytokine concentrations following film insertion
- Concentrations of VRCO1 and HSV8 mAbs increased significantly in vaginal secretions following insertion of active film, peaking at one hour and remaining elevated at 24 hours post film insertion
- *Ex vivo* efficacy: Significant neutralization of all 3 HIV strains and HSV-2 24 hours after multiple film insertion
- These data indicate that MB66 is a safe and promising MPT product to protect women against HIV-1 and HSV

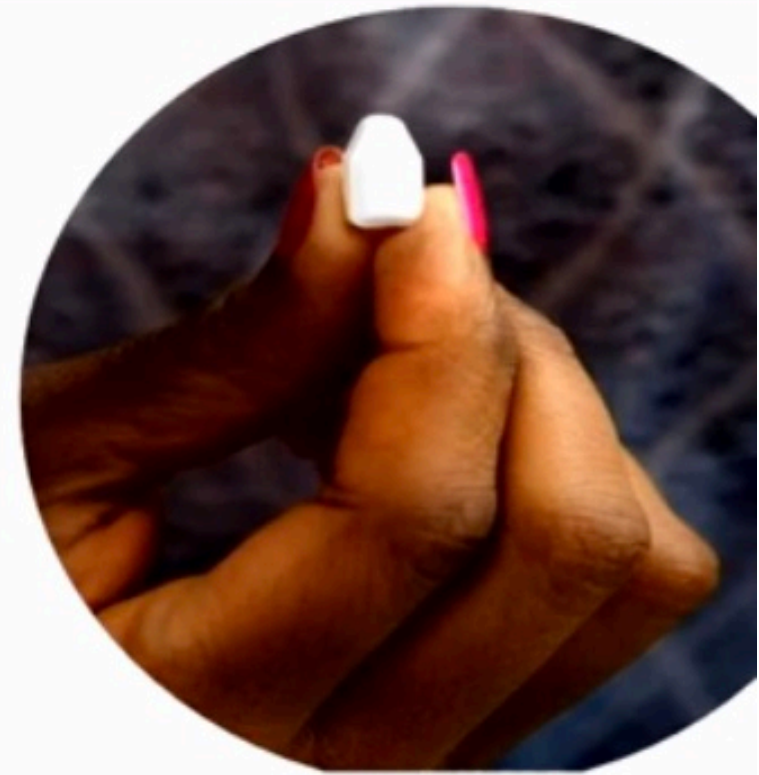
# Rationale for selecting TAF + EVG for inserts

## ❑ Tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)

- ✓ More potent than TFV and TDF
- ✓ Increased TFV-DP concentrations in HIV target cells
- ✓ Favorable safety profile with oral dosing
- ✓ Active against HIV and HSV

## ❑ Elvitegravir (EVG)

- ✓ Blocks viral integration (~8h after post viral entry)
- ✓ Potential for more flexible dosing regimen (PrEP/PEP)
- ✓ Demonstrated post-exposure protection with Raltegravir gel (up to 3h) in vaginal challenge macaque model<sup>1</sup>

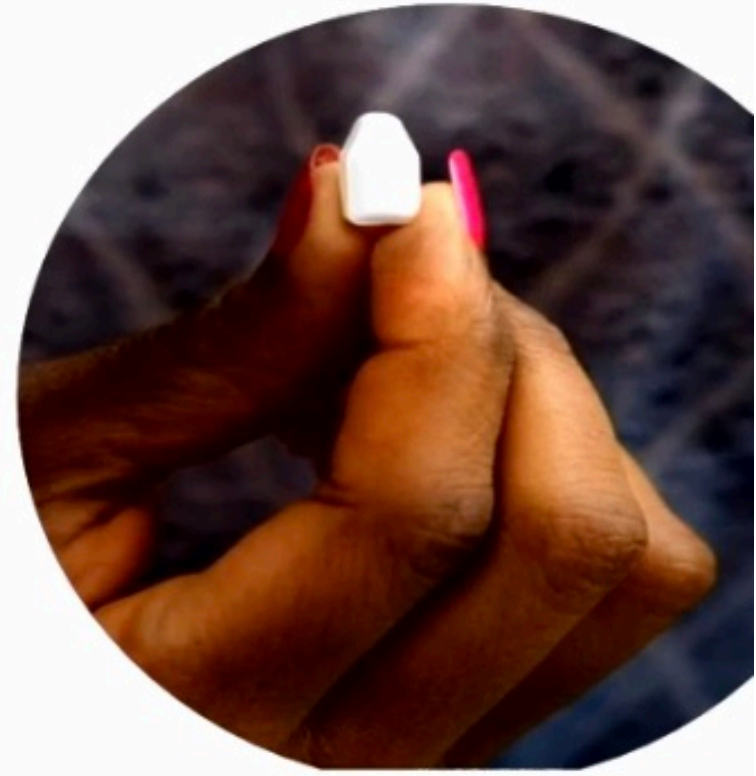


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# Rapidly-dissolving inserts for on-demand topical prophylaxis

- ❑ **On-demand topical prophylaxis**
  - Event-driven drug delivery- right place/right time
- ❑ **User-friendly**
  - Small, discreet, easy to carry
  - Self-administered; no applicator
  - Minimal leakage
  - Dual use; vaginal or rectal
- ❑ **Favorable safety profile**
  - Low systemic drug exposure/less toxicity
- ❑ **Potential for drug combinations**
  - More flexible dosing options (before or after sex)



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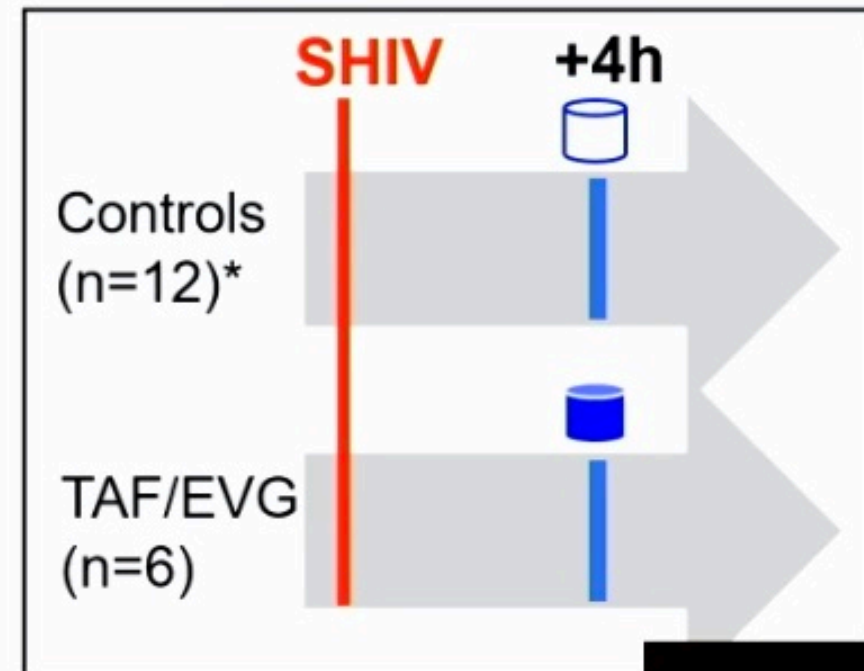


# PEP challenge design

## Study Design:

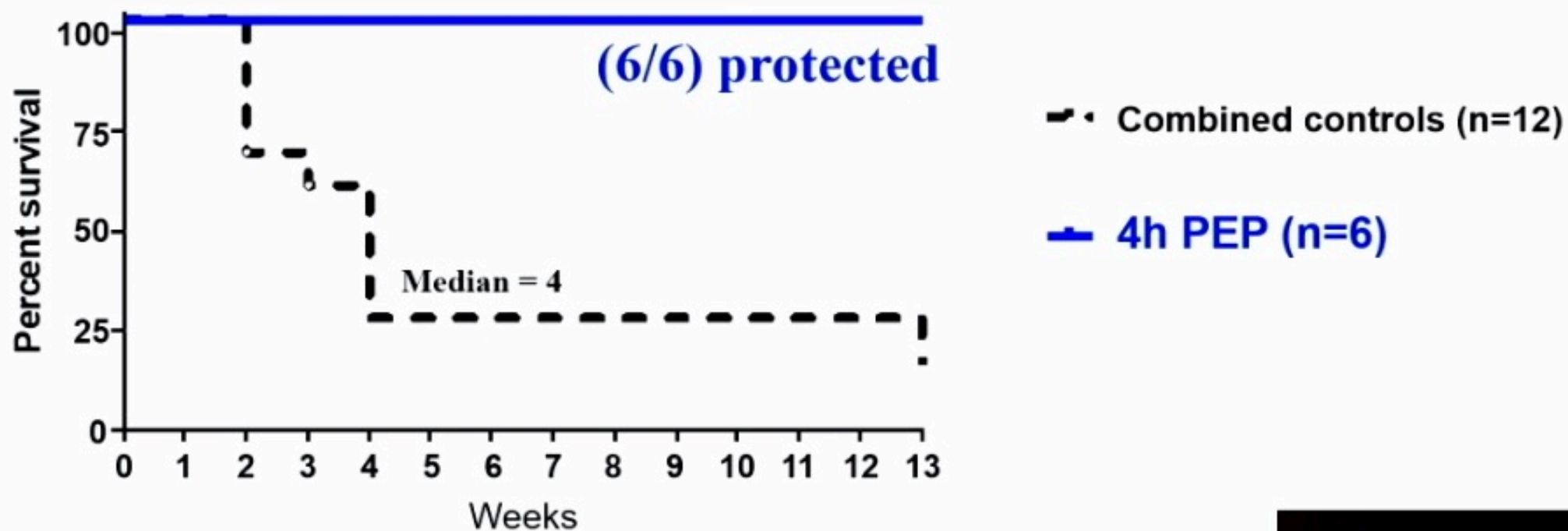
- Pigtailed macaques with regular menstrual cycles
- Vaginal SHIV challenges once per week for up to 13 weeks
- Inserts administered **4 hours after** SHIV challenge
- Blood collected prior to each SHIV inoculation to monitor for SHIV infection and drug concentrations

## PEP Efficacy



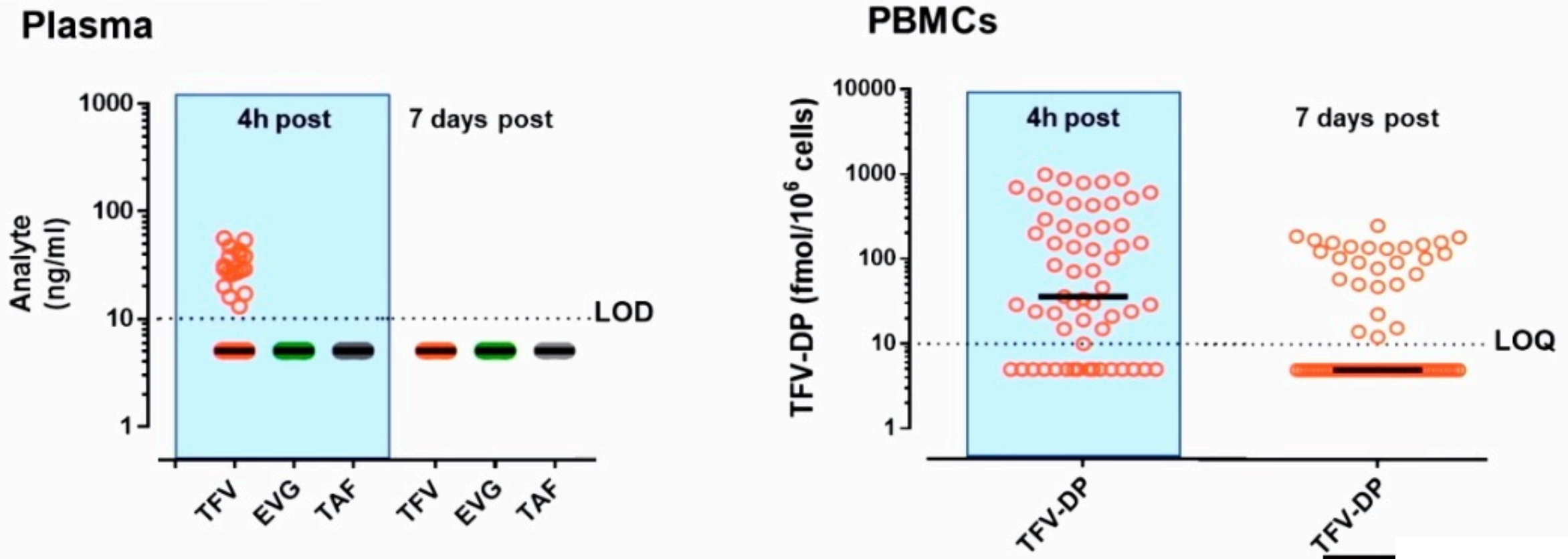
\*5 real-time and 7 historical c

# PEP efficacy of TAF/EVG inserts administered 4h after SHIV exposure



**100% Efficacy (p= 0.009; log-rank test)**

# Drug exposures in plasma and PBMCs following vaginal dosing with TAF/EVG inserts



➤ Low drug exposure in plasma

➤ Median TFV-DP @4h = 36 fmol/10<sup>6</sup> cells  
➤ Median TFV-DP @ 7d = <LOQ

CONRAD 146 First in-human (Phase 1) clinical studies to assess safety

And PK of TAF/EVG (20/16mg) inserts: reporting mid 2020

# Summary

- ❑ Vaginal administration of TAF/EVG (20/16mg) inserts provided high protection against vaginal SHIV infection when administered within a 4-hour window either before or after viral exposure
- ❑ High TFV-DP loading in PBMCs from topical delivery of TAF is unique; unclear role in protection
- ❑ Findings show proof of concept for vaginal TAF/EVG inserts for “on demand” topical **PrEP** or **PEP** and support clinical advancement
- ❑ First-in-human (Phase I) clinical studies to assess safety and PK of TAF/EVG (20/16mg) inserts:
  - ❑ CONRAD 146 (vaginal use) – study completed; results to be available mid-2020
  - ❑ MTN-039 (rectal use) – study ongoing



# ADVANCE study

Large randomised study in South Africa

- DTG/TDF/FTC vs DTG/TAF/FTC vs EFV/TED/FTC
- Unexpectedly reported significant weight gains links to DTG and TAF at IAS 2019.
- ~100% black, 60% women
- ~20% VL >100K and CD4 <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>
- BMI higher in women>men ~ 25% overweight
- Looked at changes for risk of heart disease and diabetes

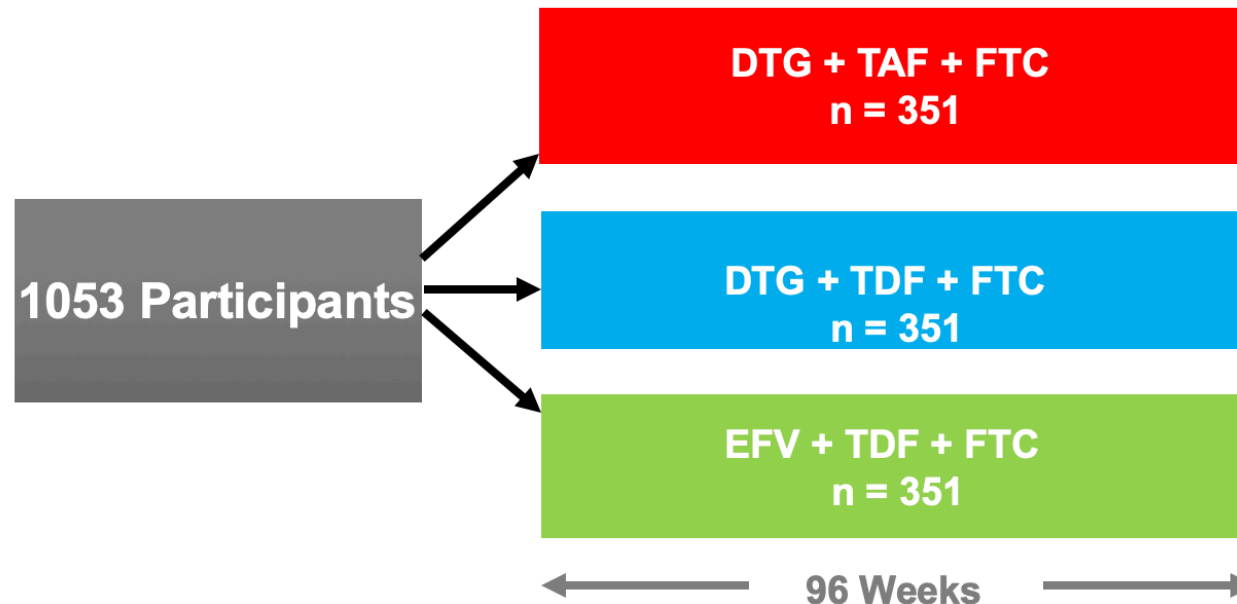
# Predicted 10-year risks of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in the ADVANCE trial

## ADVANCE study: Trial design

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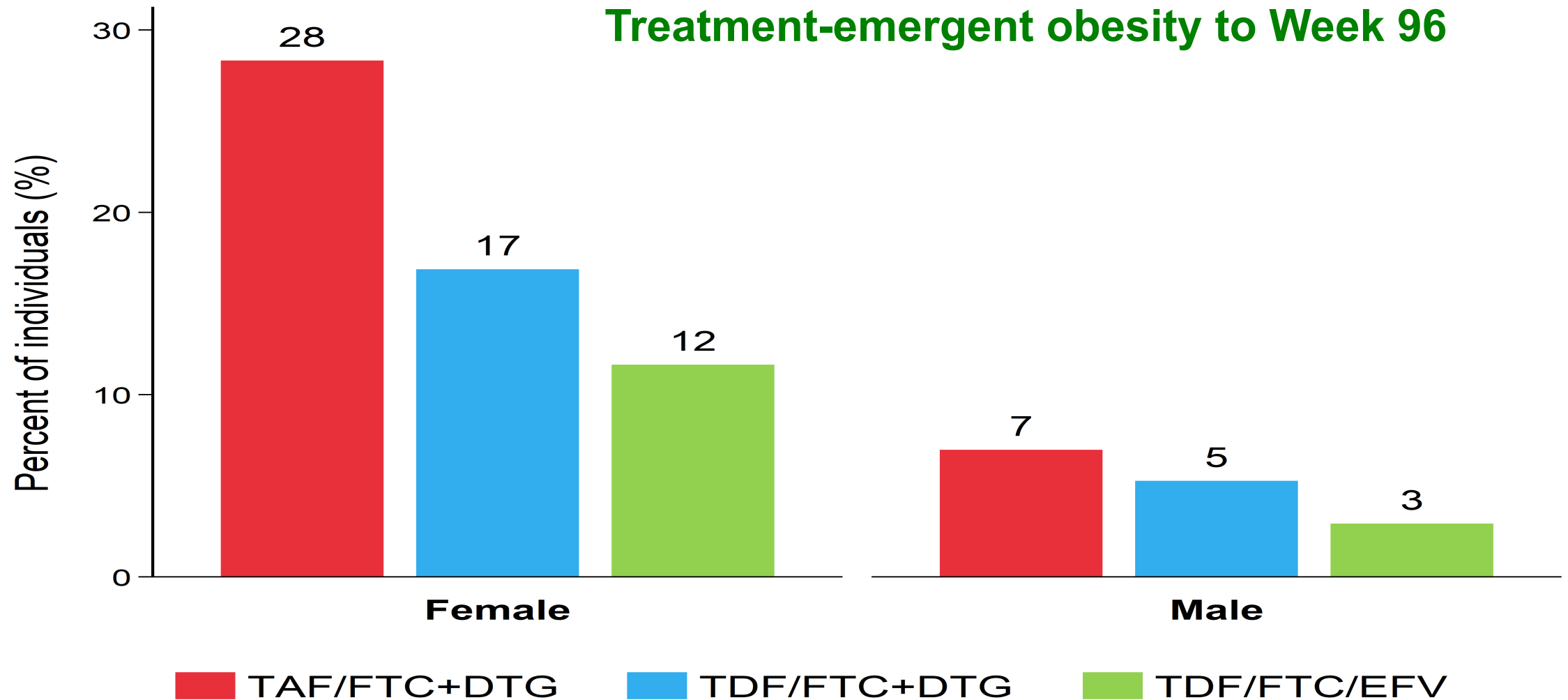
- Treatment-naïve, HIV-1 RNA level >500 copies/mL in the last 60 days

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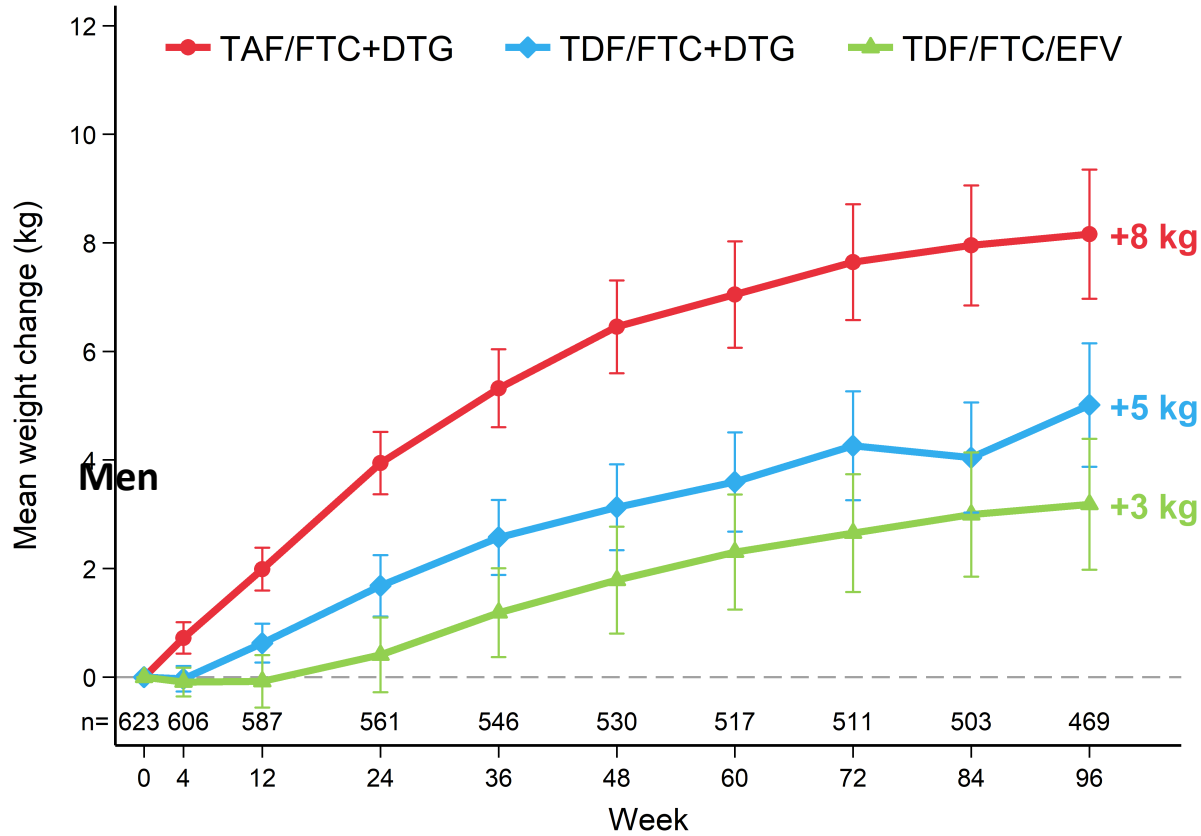
Open-label, 96-week study in Johannesburg, South Africa  
Study visits at Baseline, Week 4, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96

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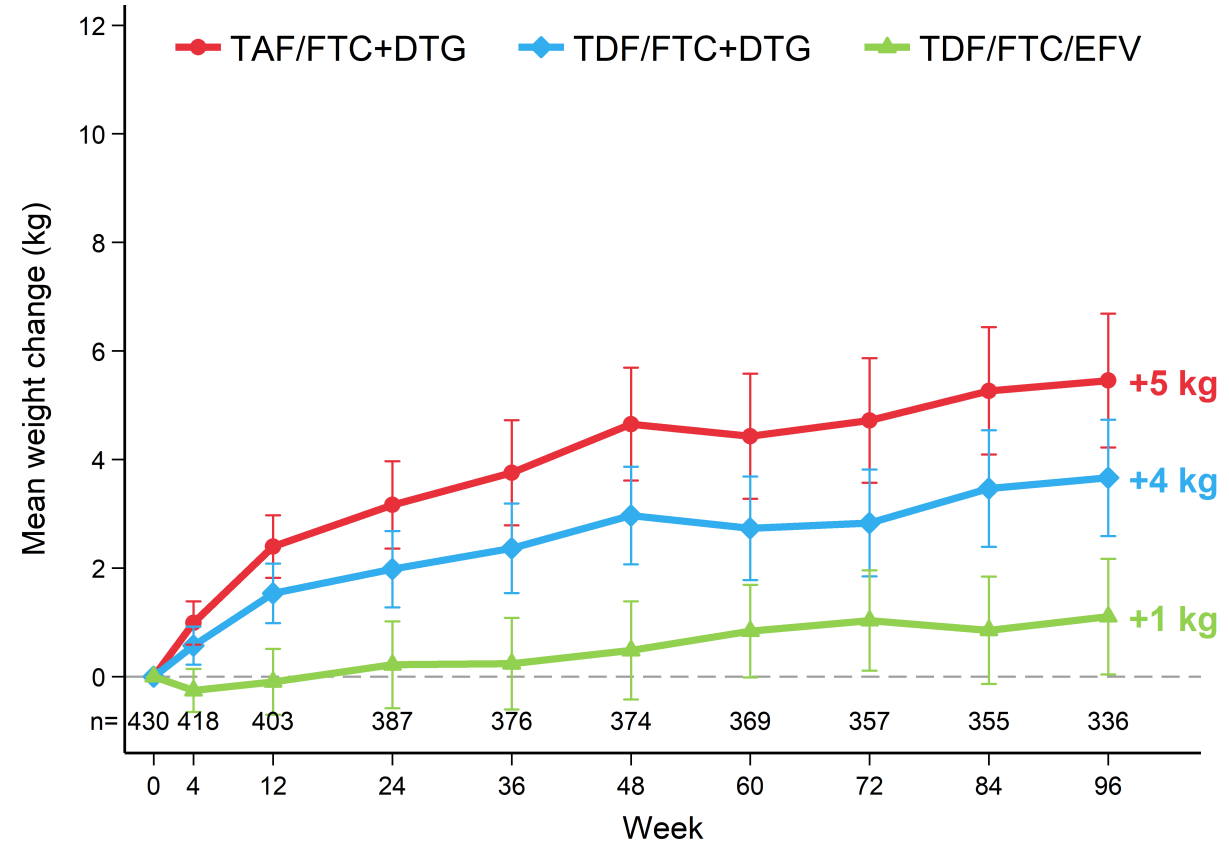


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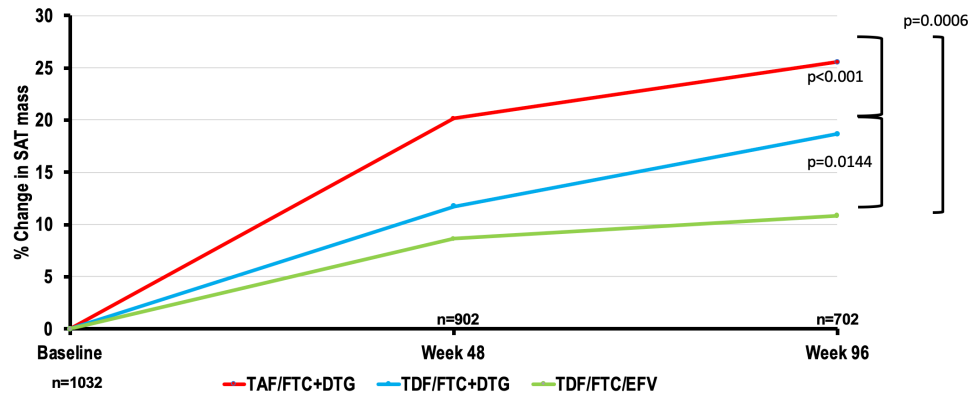


## Men



# ADVANCE trial – Changes in SAT and VAT, metabolic syndrome & diabetes risk

Median % change in Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue (SAT) to week 96 (DXA)

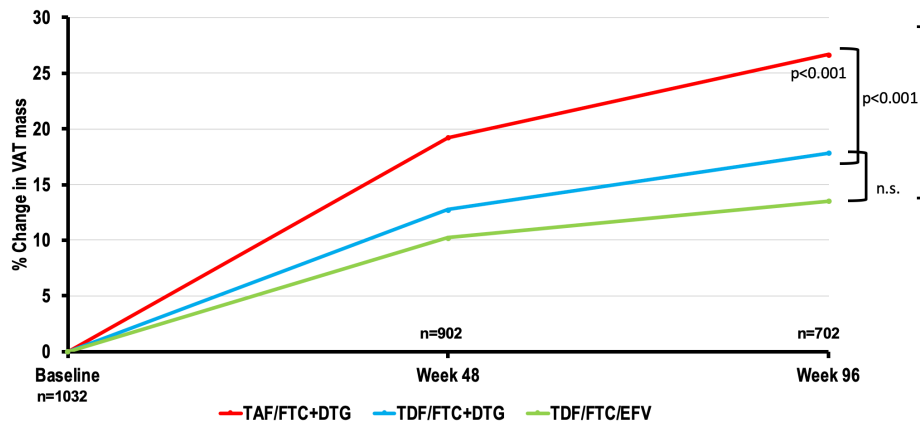


Metabolic syndrome at Week 96

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Treatment-emergent metabolic syndrome			
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Statistically significant differences between TAF/FTC+DTG and TDF/FTC/EFV at Week 96 (p=0.031).

Median % change in Visceral Adipose Tissue (VAT) from baseline to week 96 (DXA)



## QDIABETES Equation results:

Predicted results over time:

Treatment arm / 10-year risk	Baseline	Median change to:	
		Wk 48	Wk 96
TAF/FTC+DTG:	0.30%	+0.70%*	+0.90%*
TDF/FTC+DTG:	0.40%	+0.40%	+0.50%
TDF/FTC/EFV:	0.30%	+0.60%**	+0.70%**

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# ADVANCE trial

## Conclusions

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**In the ADVANCE Trial, TAF/FTC+DTG was associated with a significantly higher risk of:**

- Clinical obesity**
- Metabolic syndrome**
- Rises in VAT and SAT**
- Predicted risk of diabetes**

**The predicted risk of MI from these changes is not significant. However, there is a predicted increase in the risk of diabetes – 4 cases per 1000 people treated with TAF/FTC+DTG versus TDF/FTC+DTG. Additional risks for TDF/FTC/EFV as well.**

**These analyses should be repeated for other studies evaluating TAF/FTC and integrase inhibitors in other patient populations and lines of treatment.**



# leDE study

Retrospective analysis – switching from NNRTI to integrase (n=343) or to PI (n=527)

~ 80% white and 60% men

- greater weight increases with INSTI:
  - highest on women, black race, older age
- shows not just effect from first-line ART
- differences by race and gender.

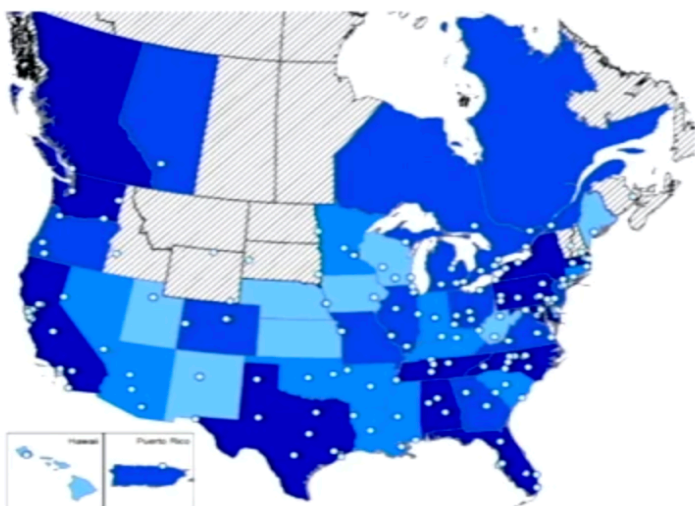
# Greater weight gain after switch to INSTI-based regimen from NNRTI vs PI regimens



## Results

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**Source Population:**  
17 contributing cohorts  
from NA-ACCORD



**Study Population:**  
870 persons  
meeting viral  
suppression  
criteria

83% Male  
59% White  
Median age 50 years  
Median CD4 620 cells/ $\mu$ l  
Median BMI 26 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Regimen Switch

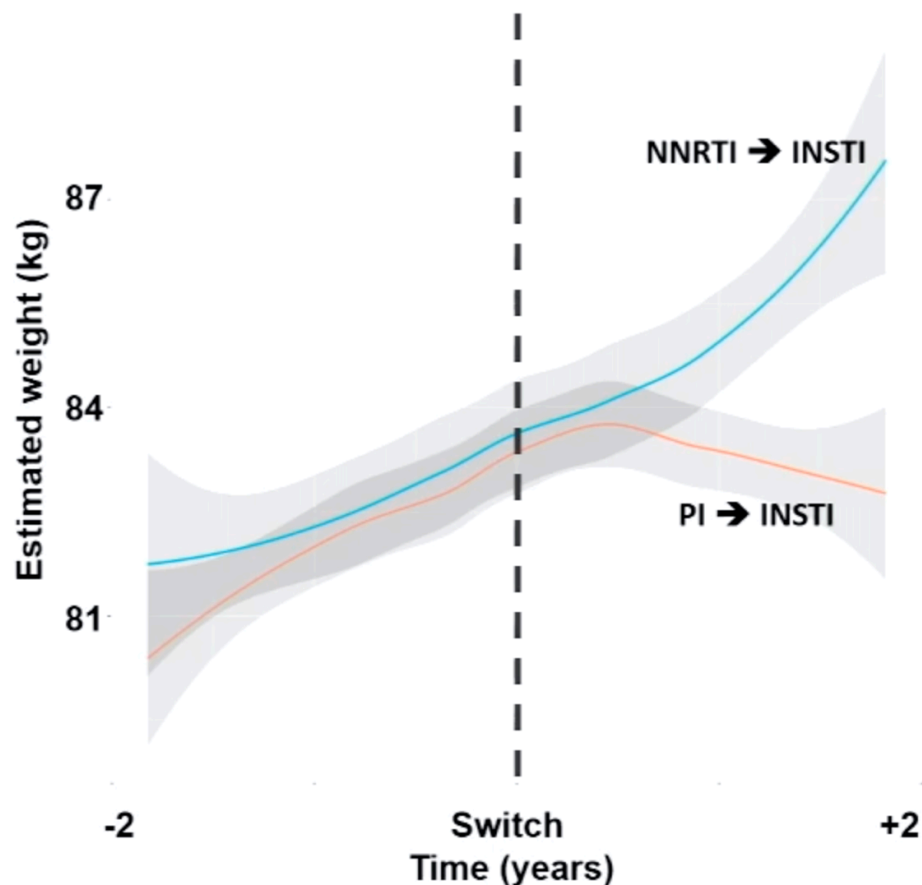
343 NNRTI → INSTI	527 PI → INSTI
146 NNRTI → RAL	285 PI → RAL
81 NNRTI → DTG	95 PI → DTG
117 NNRTI → EVG	146 PI → EVG

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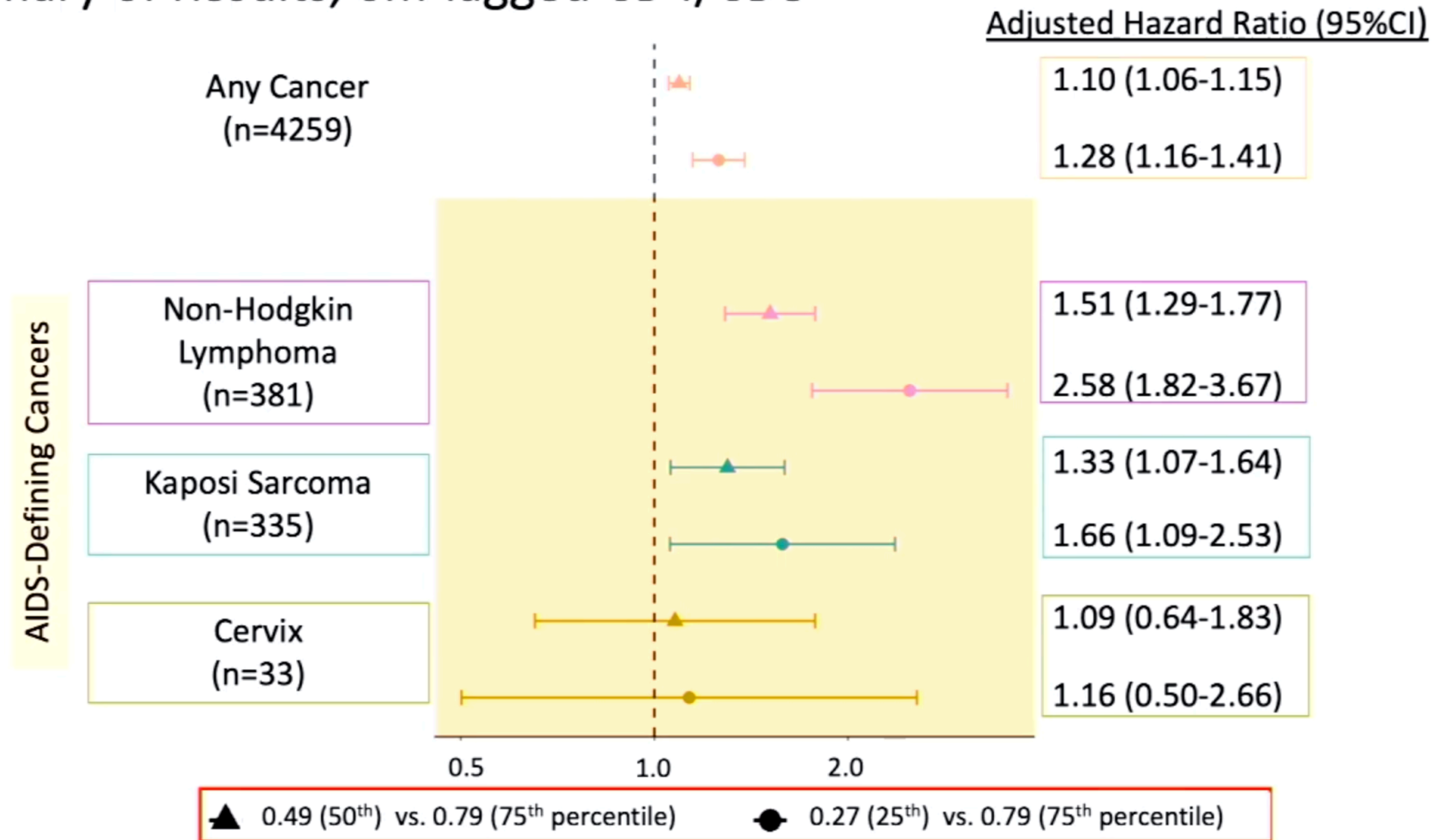
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Regimen switch	Pre-switch weight slope (kg/year)	Post-switch weight slope (kg/year)	P-value for slope change
<b>NNRTI → INSTI</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
NNRTI → DTG	0.84	1.73	<0.001
NNRTI → RAL	0.74	0.97	0.21
NNRTI → EVG	0.56	1.00	0.07
<b>PI → INSTI</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
PI → DTG	0.84	-0.04	<0.001
PI → RAL	0.74	0.17	<0.001
PI → EVG	0.56	0.89	0.11

# Increased cancer risk with lower CD4/CD8 among adults with HIV in NA-ACCORD

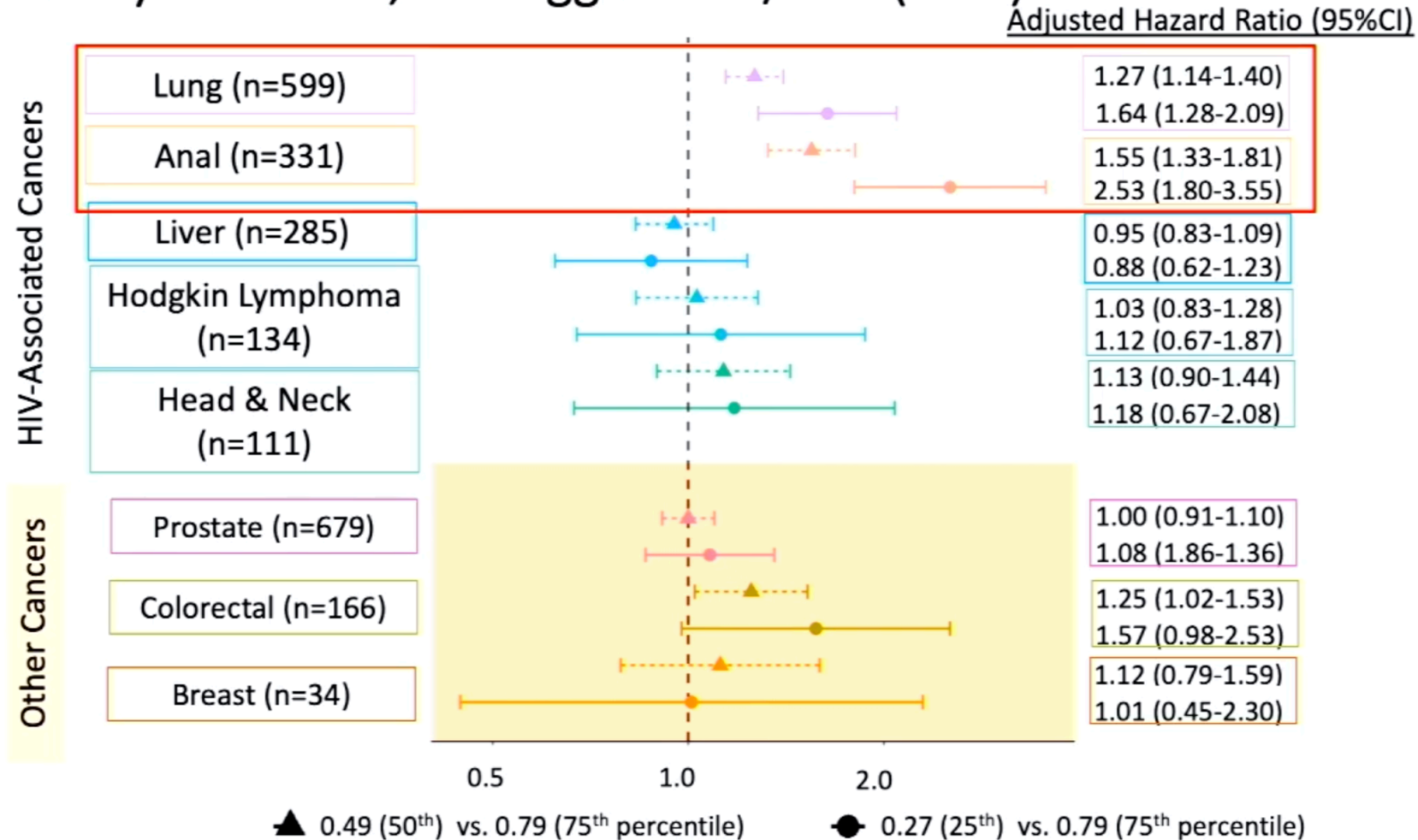
## Summary of Results, 6m-lagged CD4/CD8



Multivariable models adjusting for: age, sex, race, HCV, time-varying CD4, time-varying HIV RNA, time-varying OI

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## Summary of Results, 6m-lagged CD4/CD8 (cont)



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## Increased cancer risk with lower CD4/CD8 among adults with HIV in NA-ACCORD

### Conclusions

- Low CD4/CD8 ratio was associated with increased risk of incident cancers overall.
- Low CD4/CD8 ratio and increased cancer risk was observed for a number of ADCs and NADCs.
- Low CD4/CD8 ratio did not predict cancer risk for all virus-associated cancers and the association varied by timing of exposure for others.
- Further investigation of clinical use of CD4/CD8 ratio to inform cancer prevention and screening practices for people with HIV is needed.

# Thanks – and Questions

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