

Cure



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Available Antiretrovirals 2015

NRTIs

Abacavir
Didanosine
Emtricitabine
Lamivudine
Stavudine
Tenofovir
Zidovudine

NNRTIs

Efavirenz
Nevirapine
Etravirine
Raltegravir

Protease Inhibitors

Atazanavir
Darunavir
Fos-Amprenavir
Indinavir
Lopinavir
Nelfinavir
Ritonavir
Saquinavir
Tipranavir

Other Classes

Fusion inhibitors
• Enfuvirtide

R5 Inhibitors
• Maraviroc

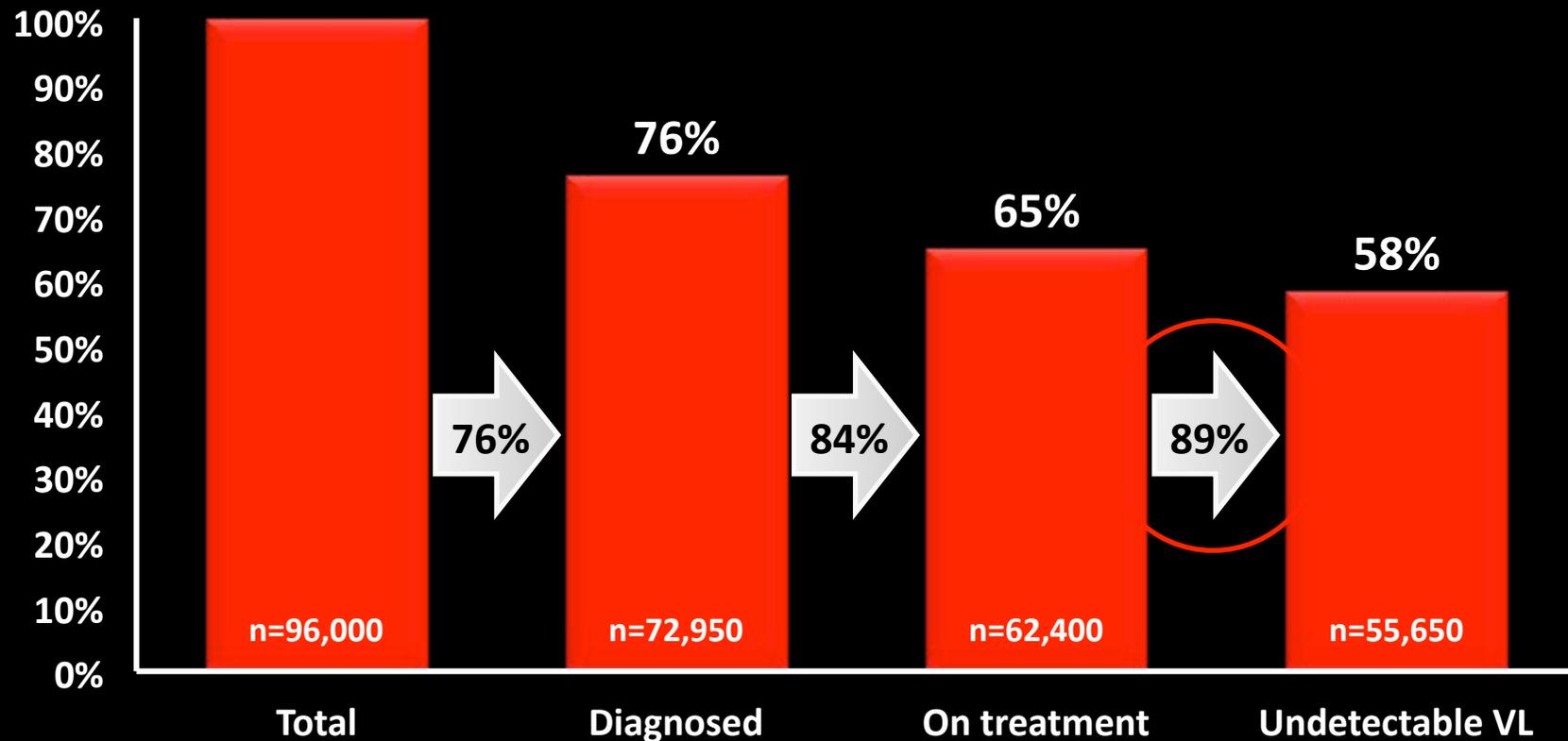
Integrase Inhibitors
• Raltegravir
• Elvitegravir
• Dolutegravir

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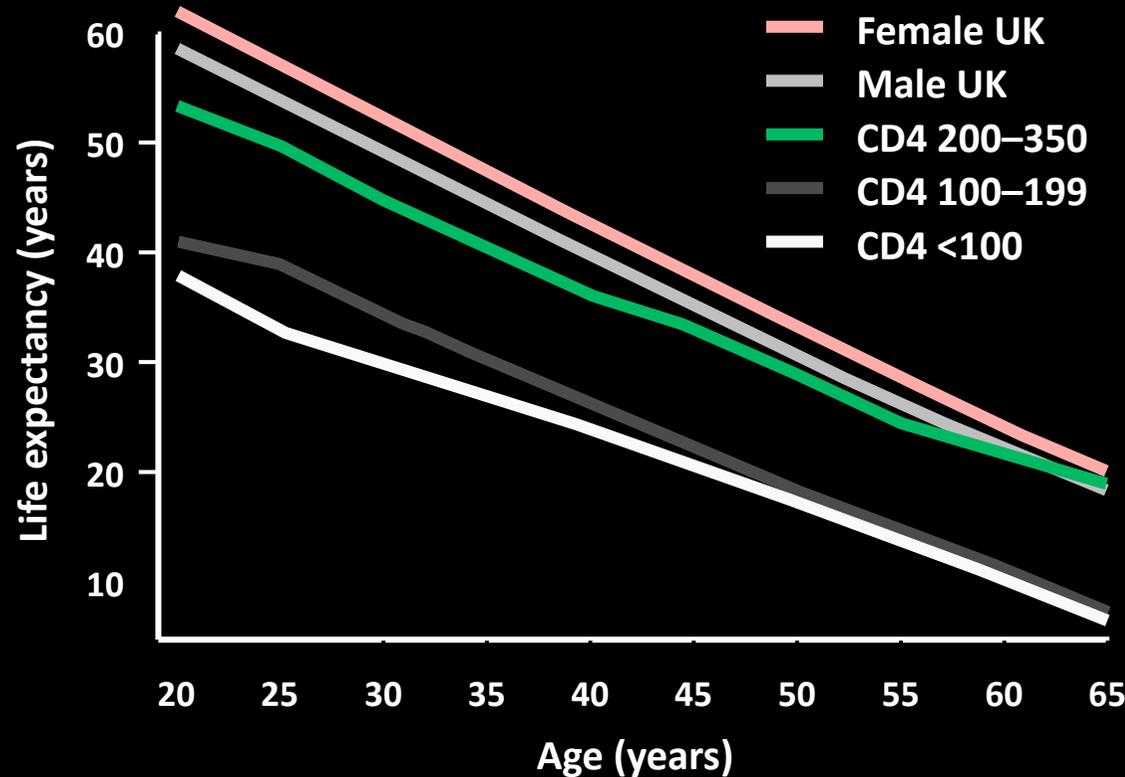
Continuum of care

Persons living with HIV in the UK 2011



UK CHIC – Life expectancy

Life expectancy by CD4 count compared with UK population



LE at exact age 20 years:
1996- 2008

UK women	61.6 yrs
UK men	57.8 yrs
HIV+ women	50.2 yrs
HIV+ men	39.5 yrs

1996-99 HIV+	30.0 yrs
2006-08 HIV+	45.8 yrs

Start triple ART post 2000

CD4 200-350	53.4 yrs
CD4 100-199	41.0 yrs
CD4 <100	37.9 yrs

Impact on life expectancy of late diagnosis and treatment of HIV-1 infected individuals:
UK CHIC M May, M Gompels, C Sabin for UK CHIC. HIV10 Glasgow abstract 1629596





THE GRAYING OF AIDS

stories from an
aging epidemic



It is important to remember why ongoing research is necessary...

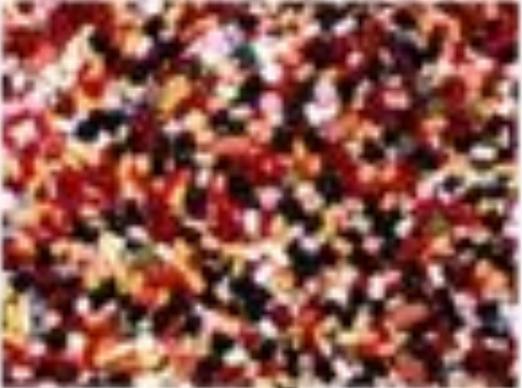
Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV in 2012





Generics

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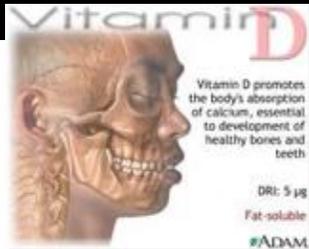
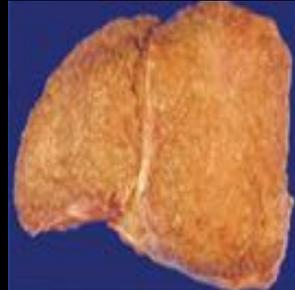
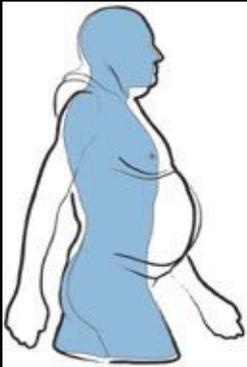
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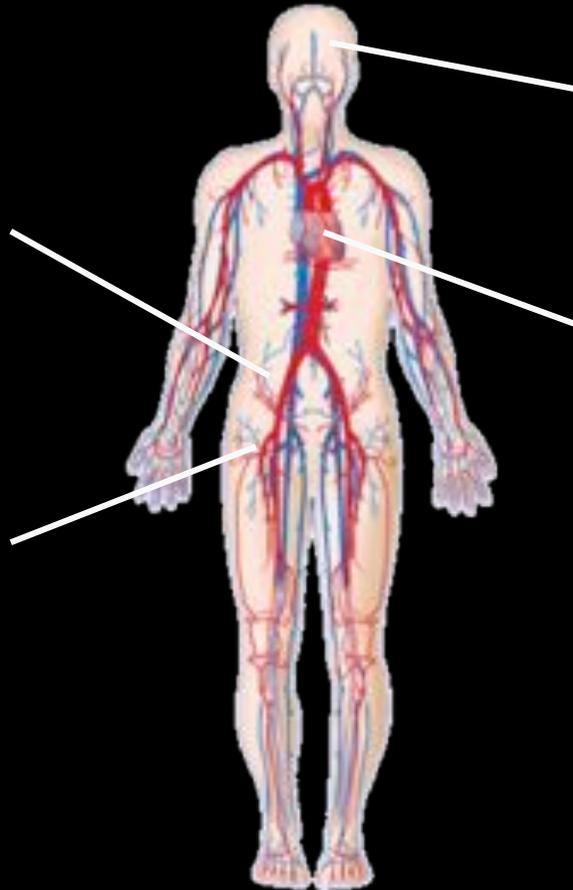
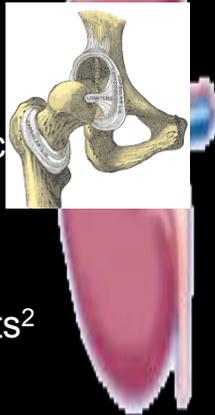
Emerging co-morbidities in HIV

Renal dysfunction

30% of HIV+ patients have abnormal kidney function¹

Reduced bone mineral density

Increased prevalence of osteoporosis or osteopenia in spine, hip or forearm:
63% of HIV+ patients²



Neurocognitive dysfunction

Neurological impairment present in $\geq 50\%$ HIV+ patients³



Cardiovascular disease

75% increase in risk of acute MI⁴

Cancer

Increased risk of non-AIDS-defining cancers e.g. anal, vaginal, liver, lung, melanoma, leukemia, colorectal and renal⁵

Frailty

Increased frailty phenotype if HIV infected
3-14x; Associated with CD4 count

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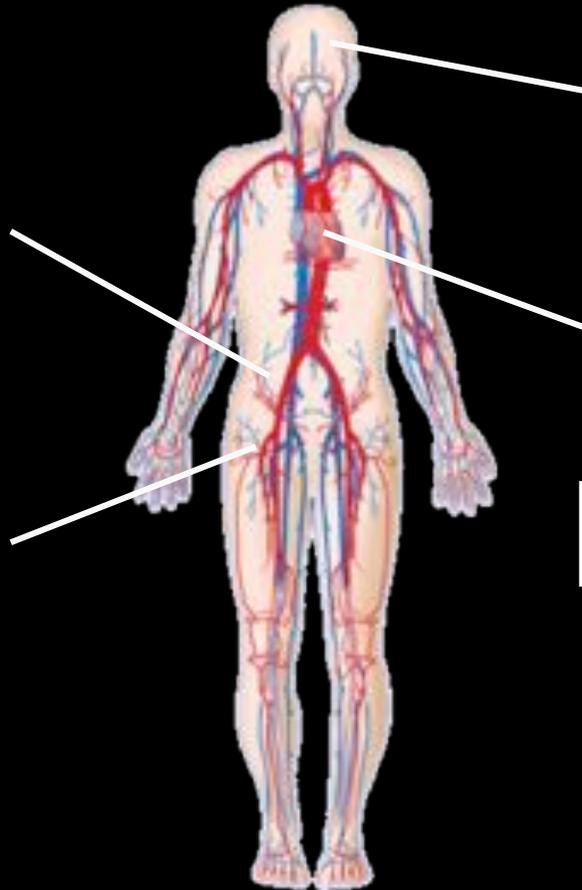
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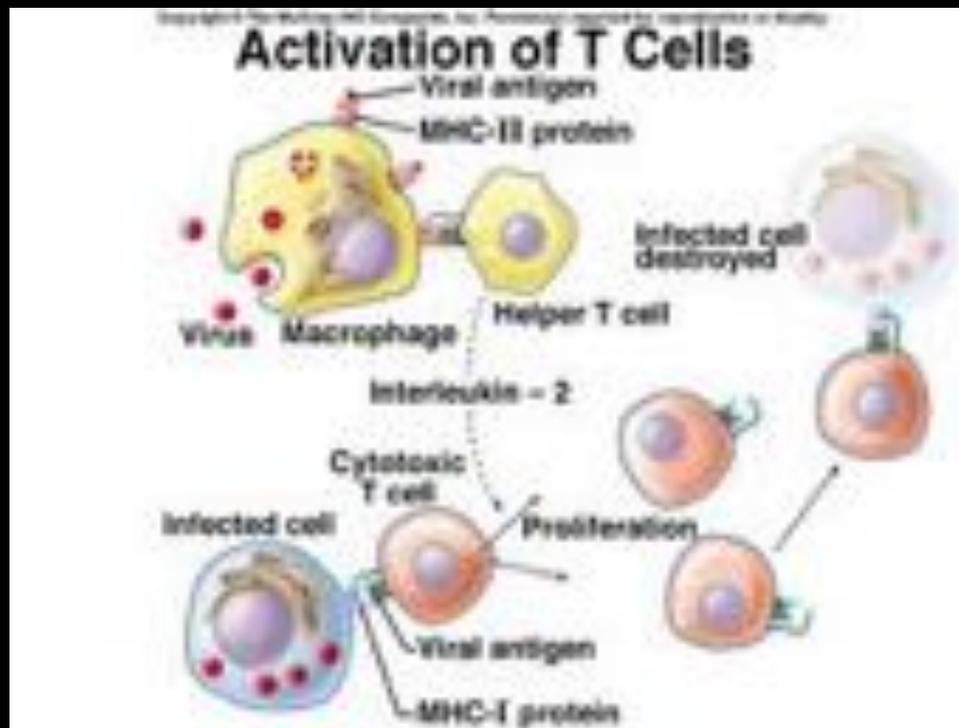
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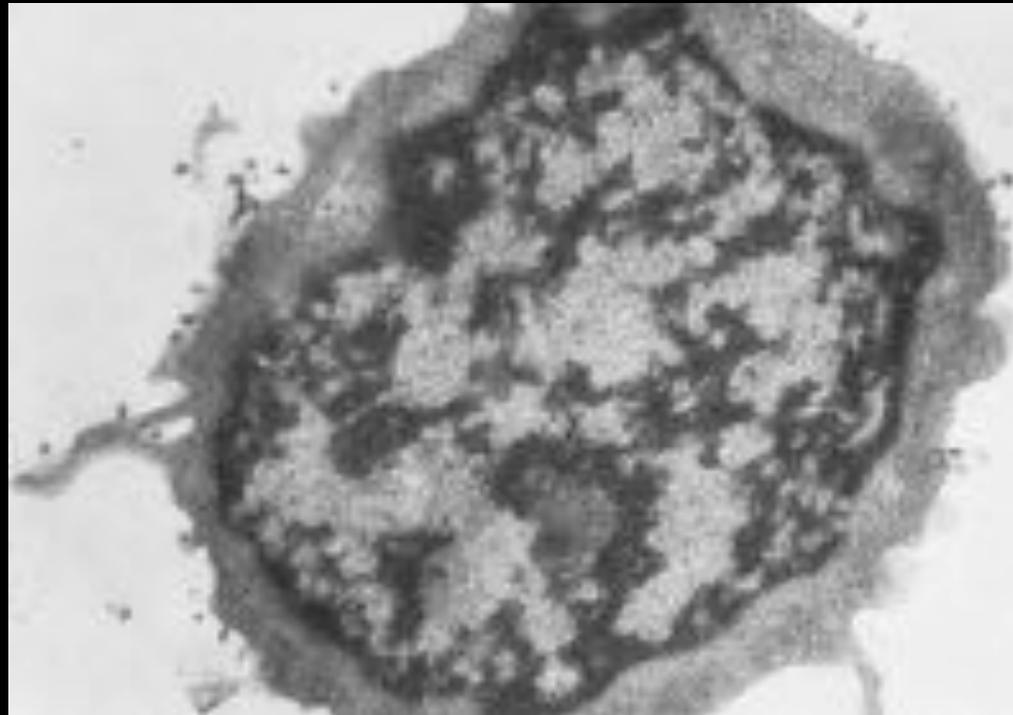
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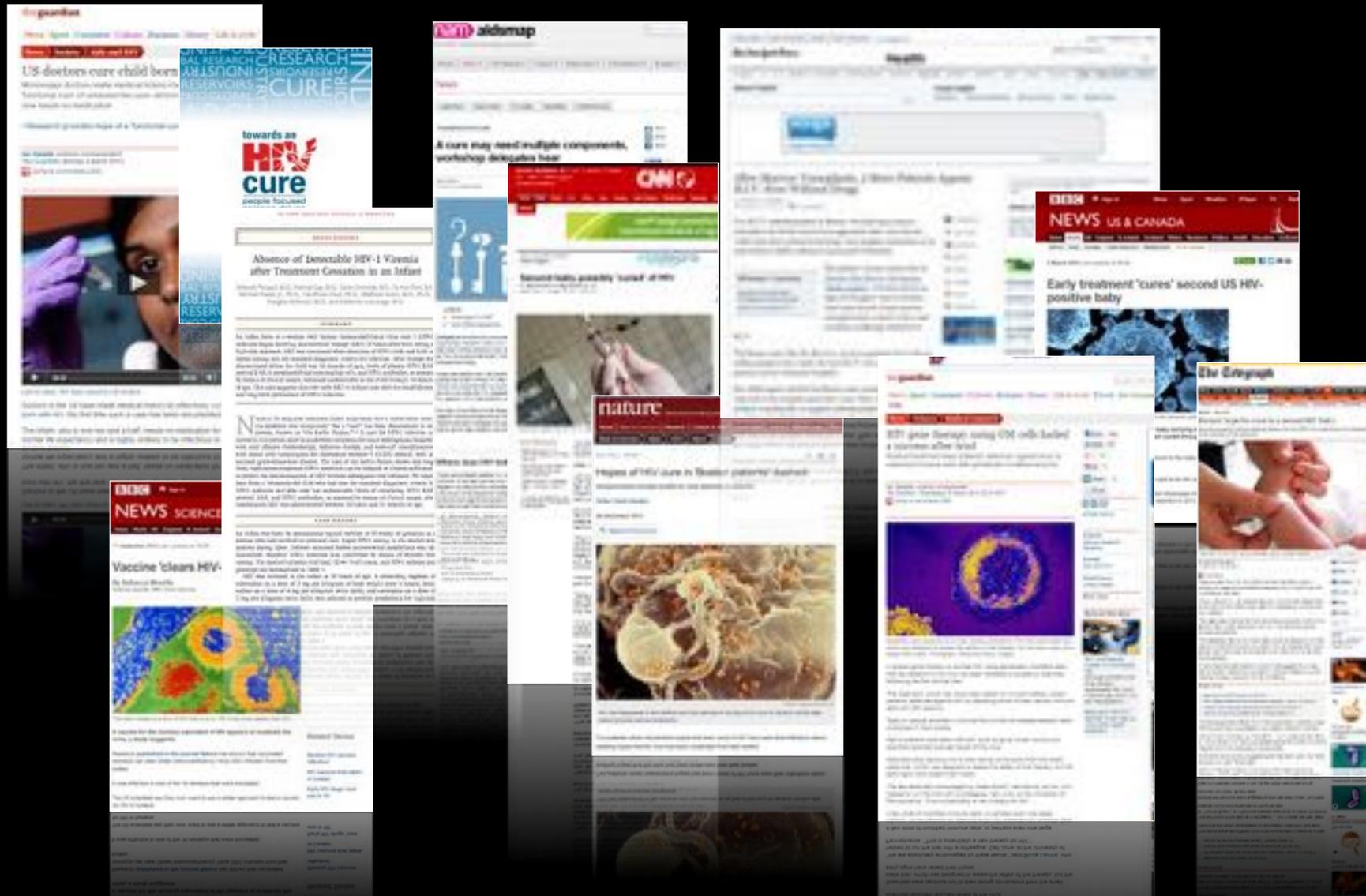
CD4+ counts in seronegative Caucasians and African–Americans

Summary statistics for CD4+ counts

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Population	No. of study groups (No. of subjects)	CD4+ T-Cell Counts (cells/mm ³)		
		Weighted Mean (95% CI)	Median (IQR)	Range
European	16 (11037)	1011 (1005-1017)	940 (834-1030)	796-1109
Mixed USA	8 (4083)	1006 (995-1018)	998 (882-1027)	771-1075
African American	2 (1006)	1077 (1054-1099)	1078 (1055-1100)	1055-1100
Combo	25 (16126)	1014 (1008-1019)	952 (840-1036)	771-1109

CI, confidence interval; IQR, interquartile range.
Supplement to Le et al. NEJM 2013;368:218–30.

Cure coverage continues...



What do we mean by 'curing HIV'?

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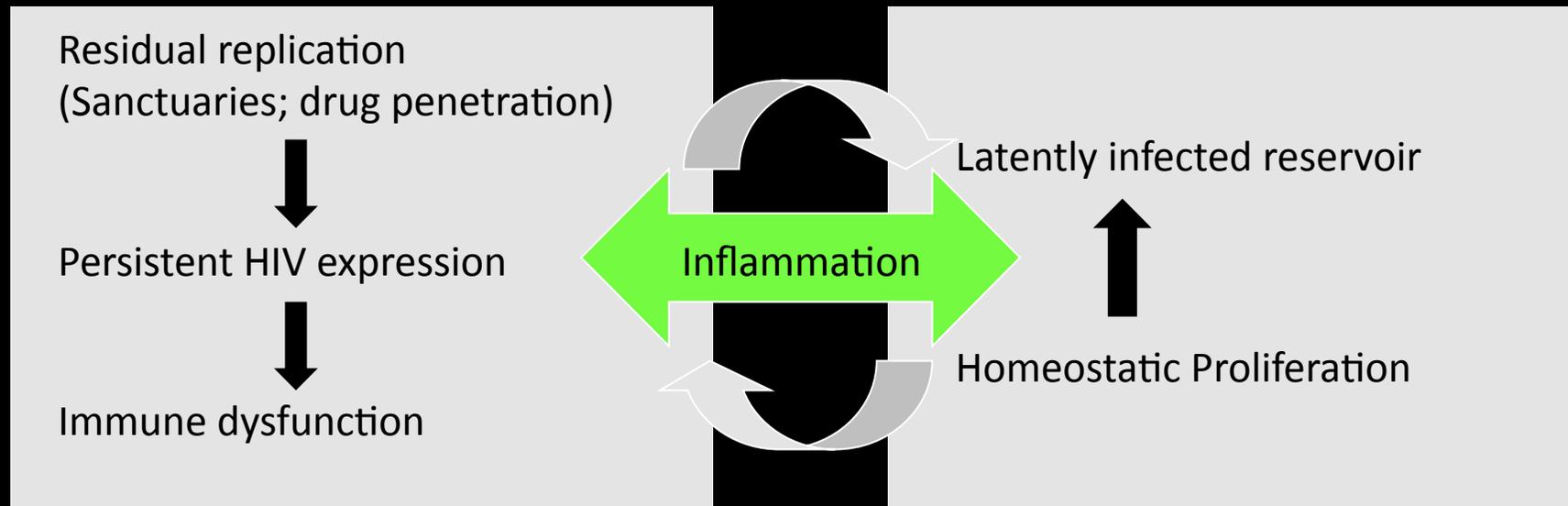
'Functional' Cure

"CANCER" MODEL

- Clinically undetectable viraemia in absence of ART
- No disease progression
- No CD4 cell loss
- No transmission
- But...no agreed duration

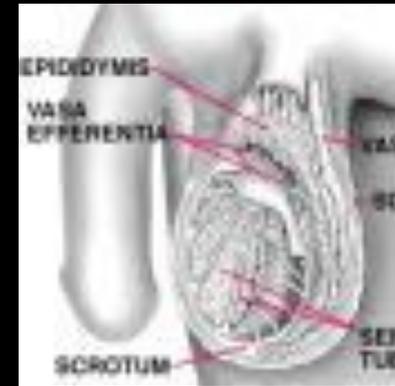
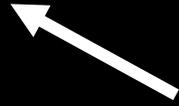
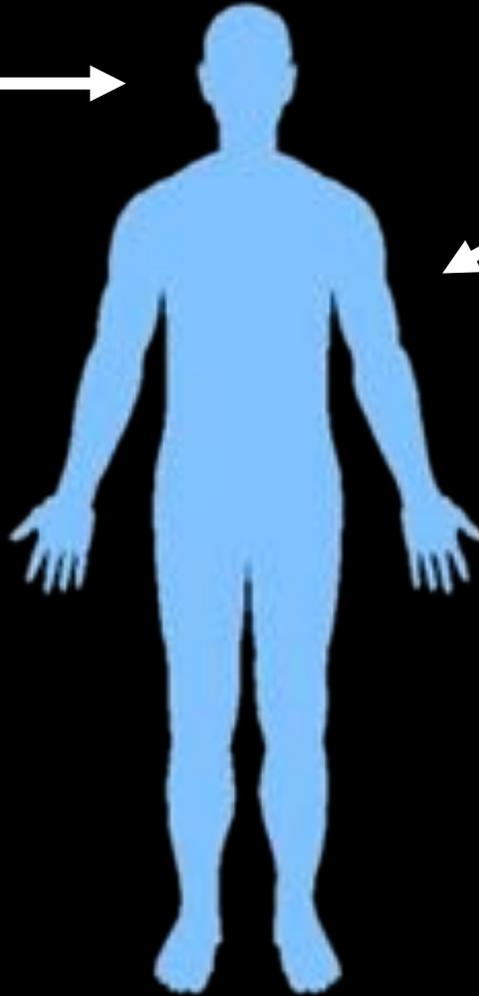
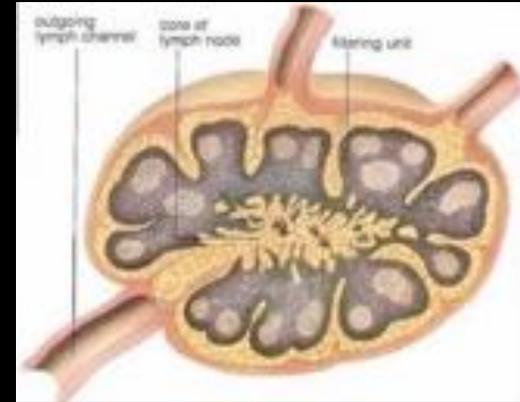
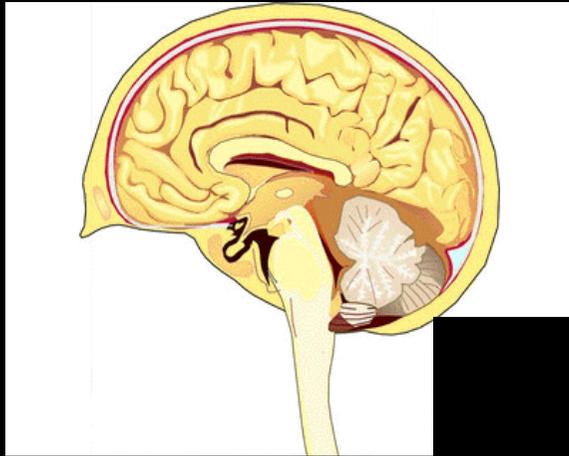
Why can't we cure HIV with ARV Drugs

A game of hide and sleep?



These are not mutually exclusive mechanisms; will multiple approaches be required?

Anatomical reservoirs



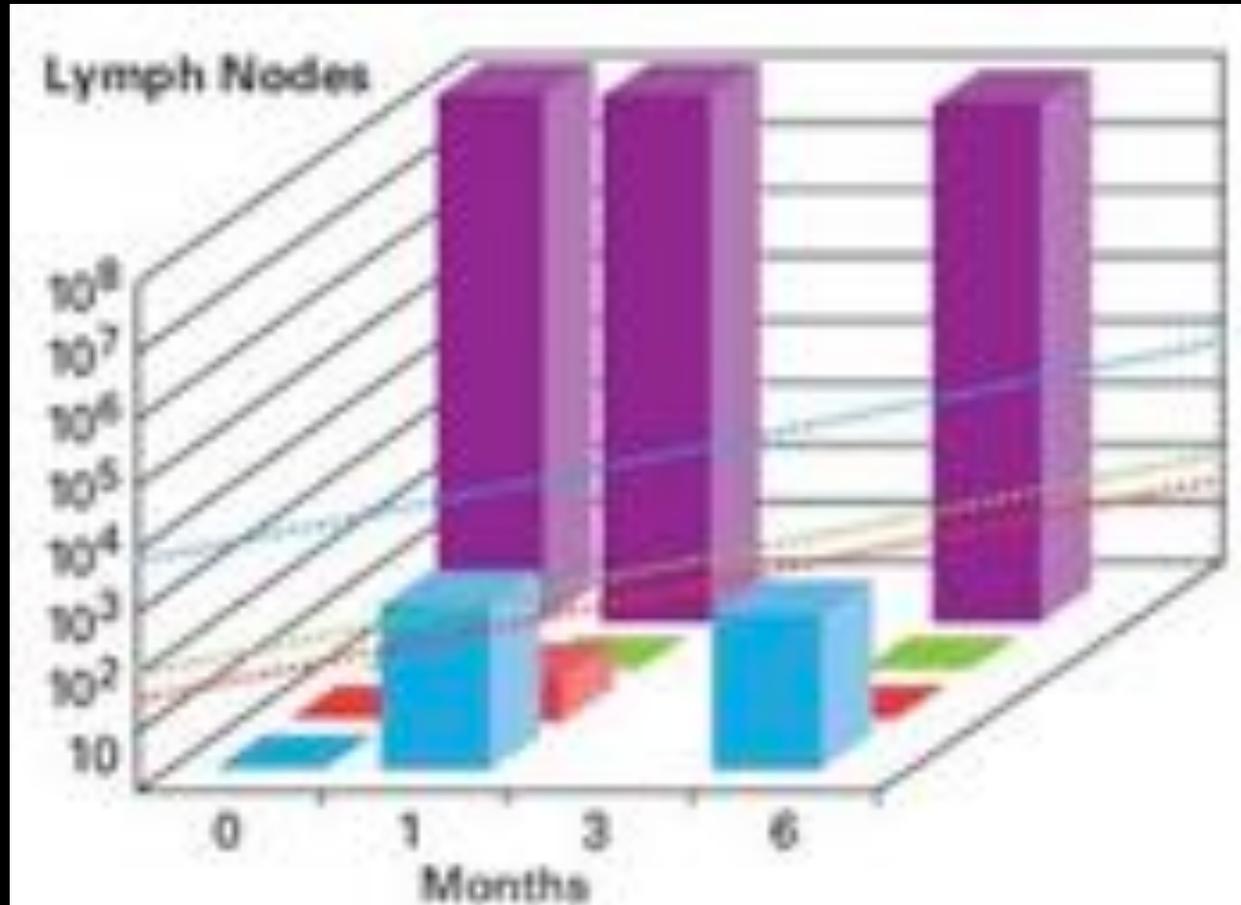
BELIEVERS

VS

NON-BELIEVERS



Variable penetration of ARV in tissue



■ HIV copies/gram tissue

■ emtricitabine (fmol/10⁶ cells)

■ tenofovir (fmol/10⁶ cells)

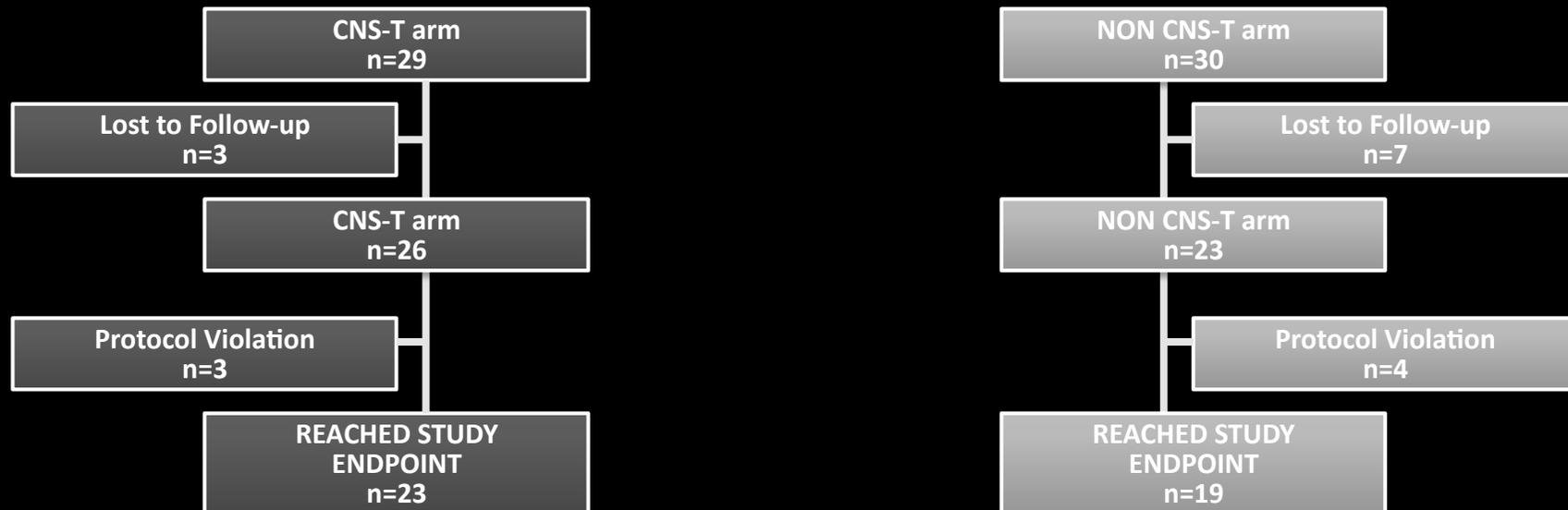
■ atazanavir (ng/ml)

⋯ Therapeutic concentrations of drugs

CNS Targeted HAART: A Randomized Trial for HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disorders (HAND)

- Eligibility:
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 - Stable (>8 weeks) on HAART or no HAART
 - Planned change to ART
 - VF, AEs or HAND despite ART
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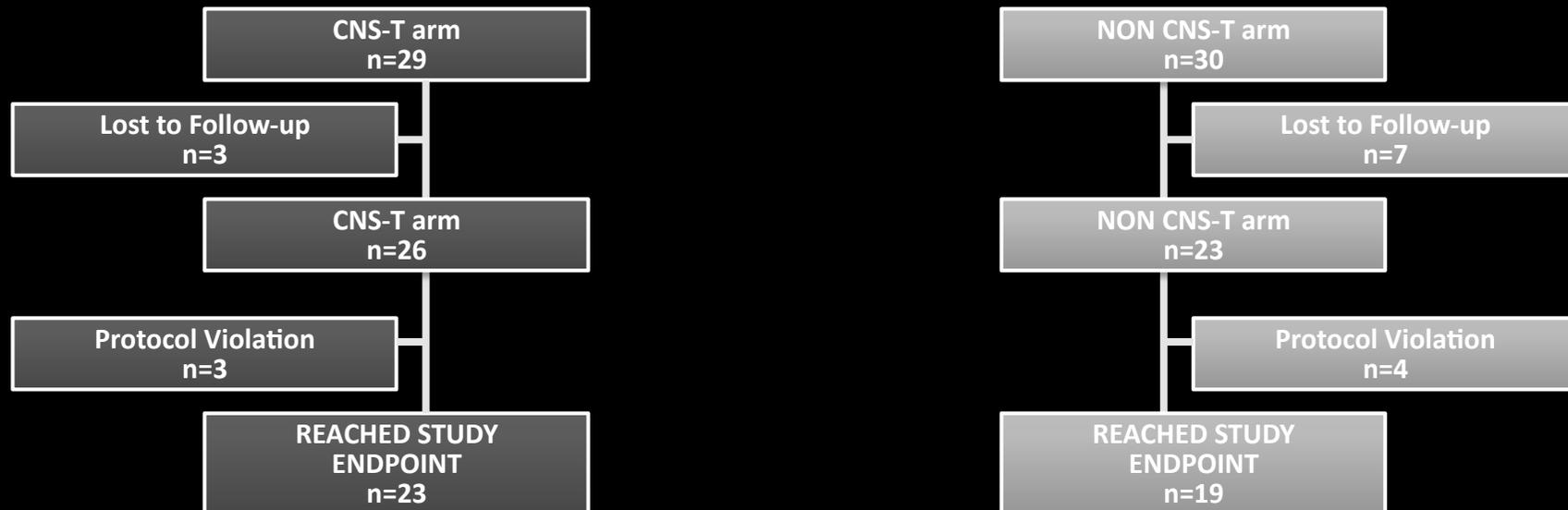
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Baseline Characteristics, Study Treatments and Outcomes

	CNS-T	Non-CNS-T	P
ARV Naïve	35%	26%	0.55
Plasma VL < 50 c/mL	27%	26%	0.71
Entry CD4	213 [5, 964]	306 [3, 1224]	0.39
Nadir CD4 < 200	16 (67%)	8 (38%)	0.08
Study Treatment			
# ARV agents	4	3	0.06
Relative PSS	1	0.95	0.19
3 most frequent ARVs	LPV, ZDV, FTC	DRV, TDF, ETV	--
Adjusted GDS change	-0.14	-0.07	0.76
Plasma VL<50 Week 16	54%	82%	0.065
CSF VL<50 Week 16	68%	87%	0.17

The Latent Reservoir



- Frequency 1/1,000,000
- Size 100,000 – 1,000,000
- Half Life 44 months

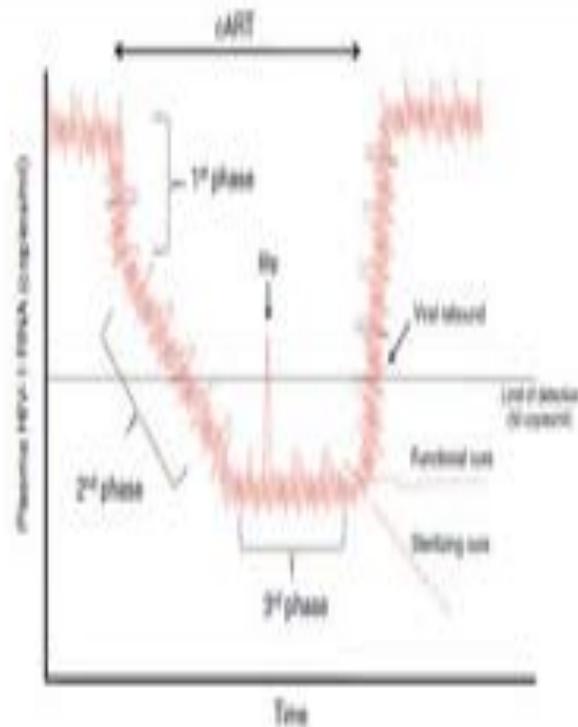
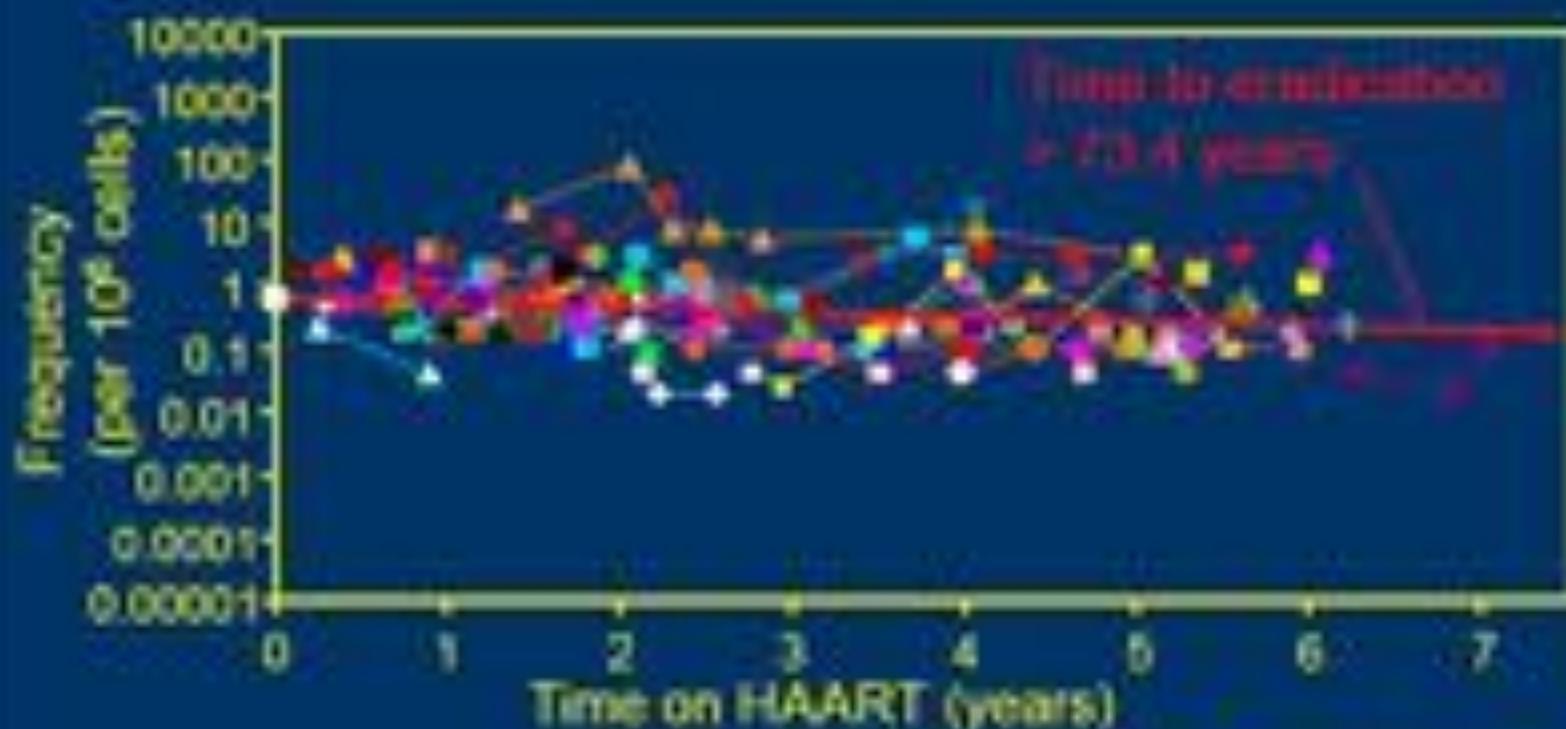


Figure 1 Dynamics of plasma virus levels in a ART treated HIV + individuals. The course of ART, versus seroconversion phase.

- Phase 1-Decay of activated CD4 cells
- Phase 2- Decay of partially activated CD4 cells, macrophages and dendritic cells
- Phase 3-Derived from activated latent CD4 cells which slowly decay

Slow decay of latently infected CD4⁺ T cells



Chun et al., *Science* 1997, 1998

Wong et al., *Cell* 2000, 2003

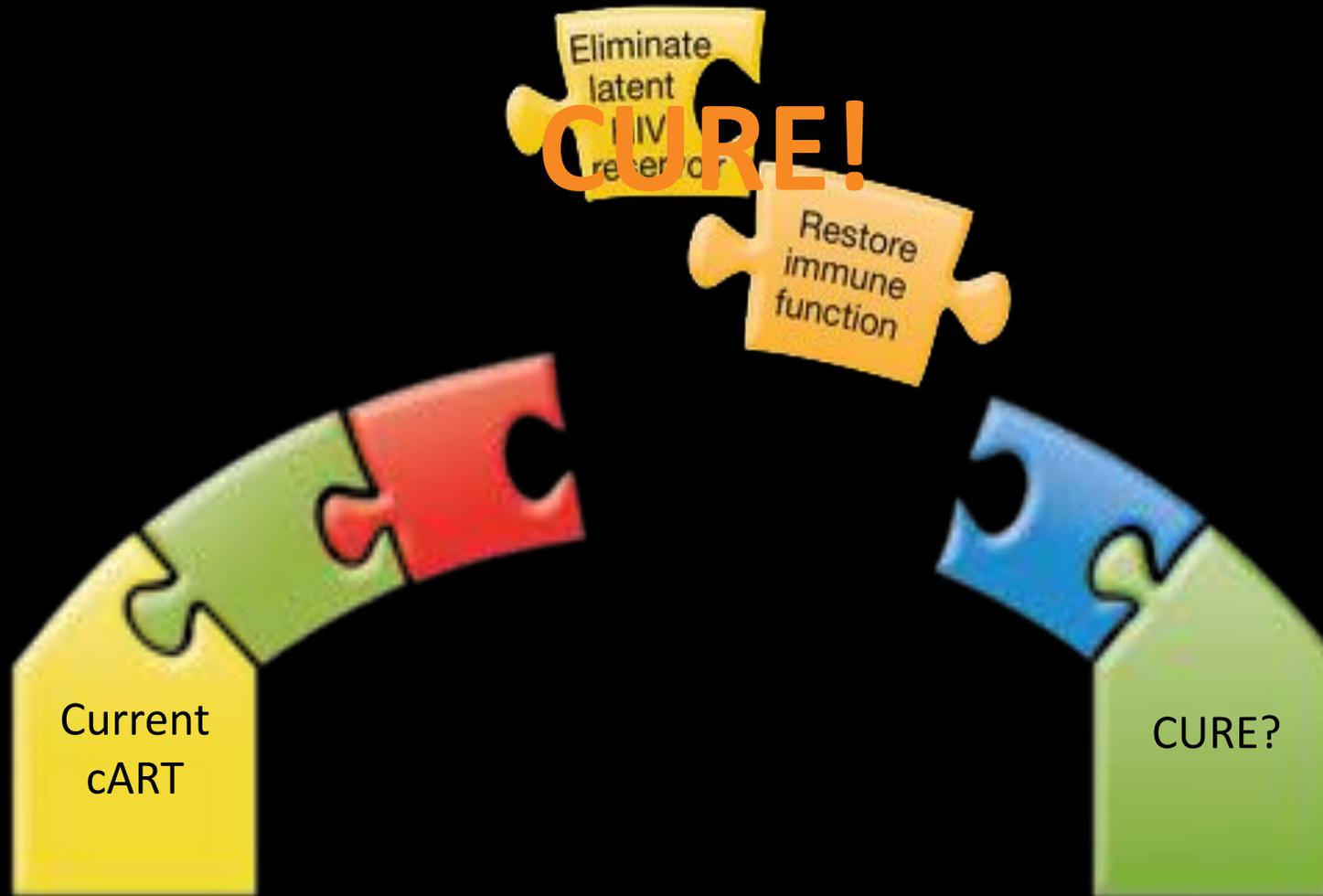
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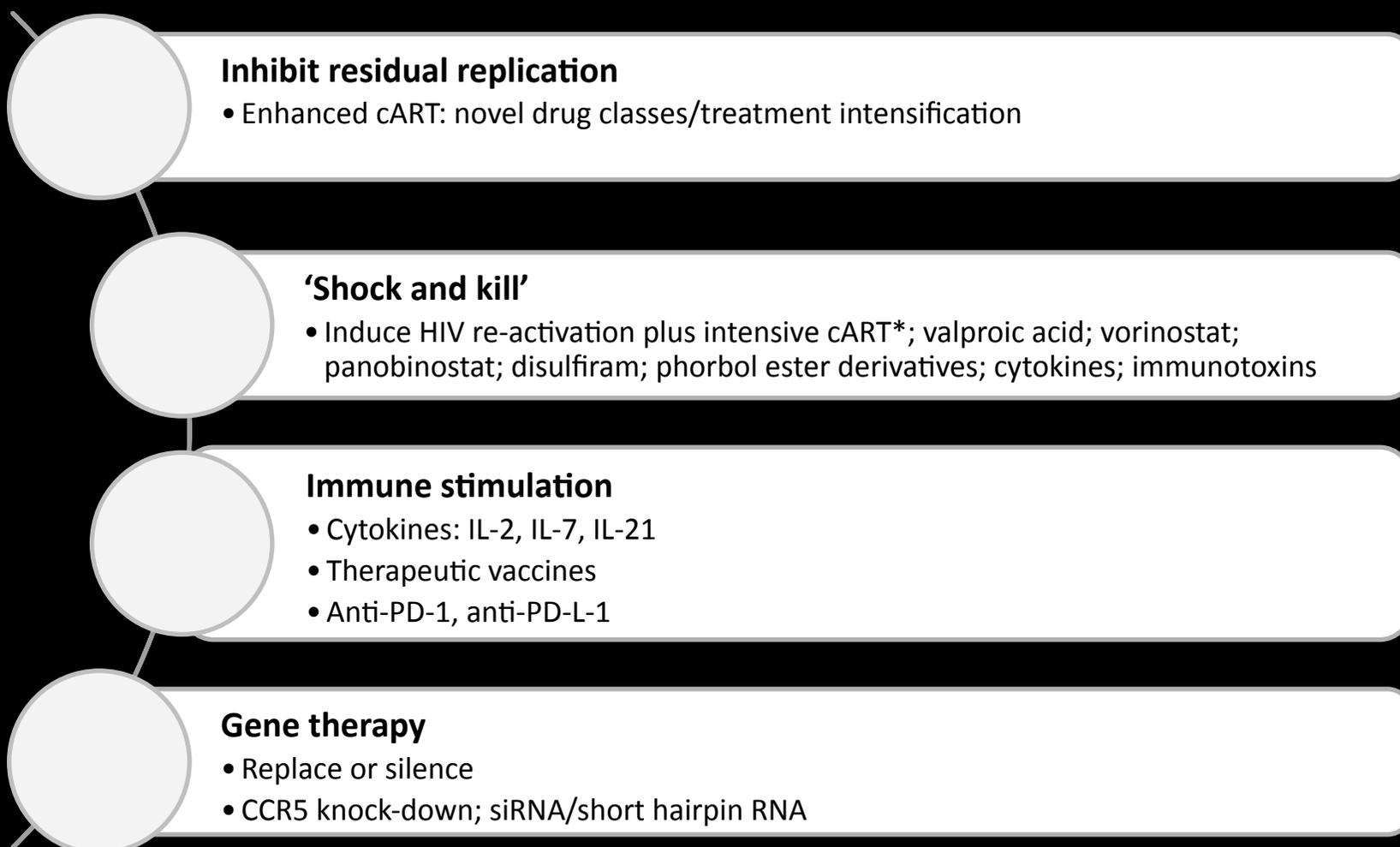




Bridging the gap from current cART to cure



How to bridge the gap: targeting cure in HIV



Inhibit residual replication

- Enhanced cART: novel drug classes/treatment intensification

'Shock and kill'

- Induce HIV re-activation plus intensive cART*; valproic acid; vorinostat; panobinostat; disulfiram; phorbol ester derivatives; cytokines; immunotoxins

Immune stimulation

- Cytokines: IL-2, IL-7, IL-21
- Therapeutic vaccines
- Anti-PD-1, anti-PD-L1

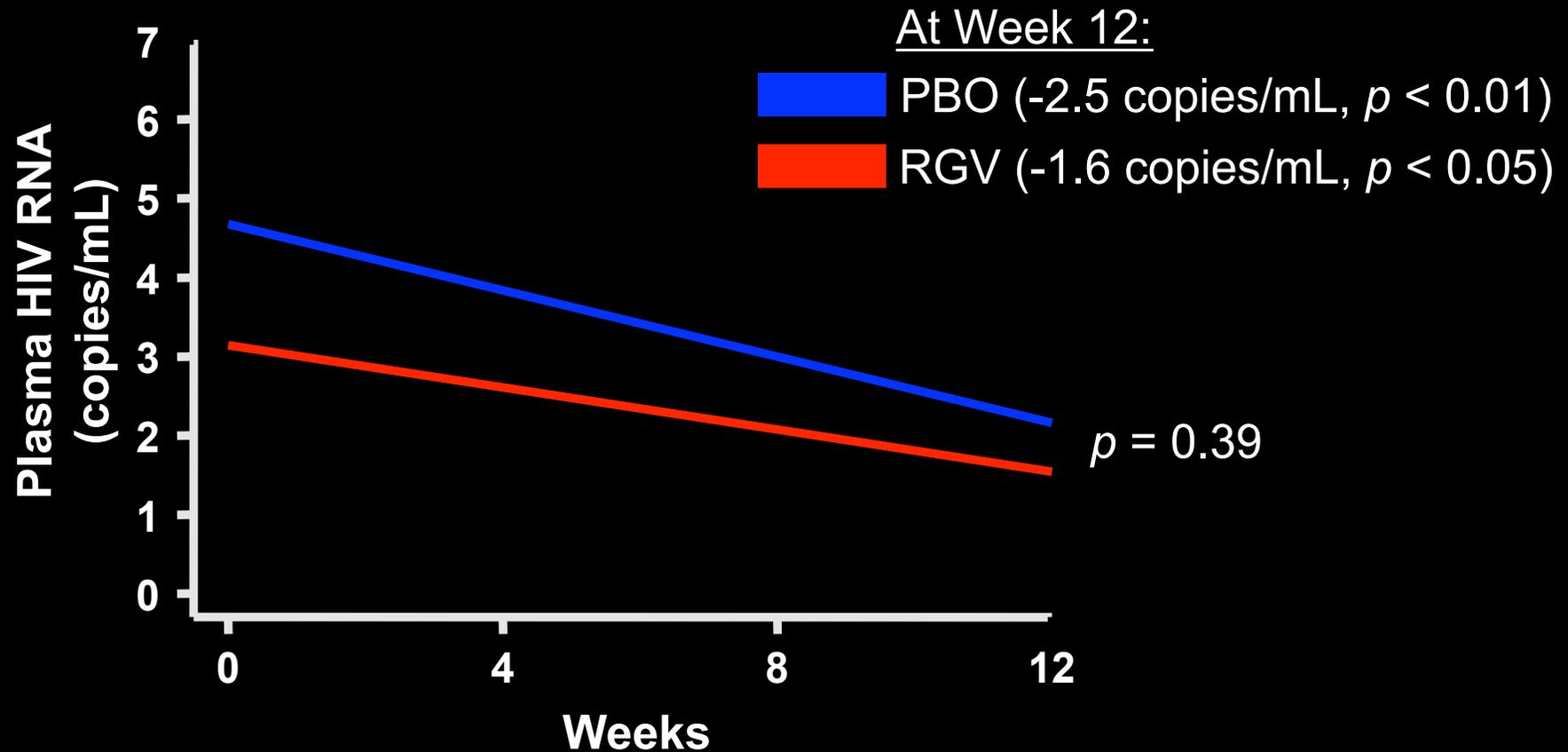
Gene therapy

- Replace or silence
- CCR5 knock-down; siRNA/short hairpin RNA

Inhibiting Residual Viral Replication

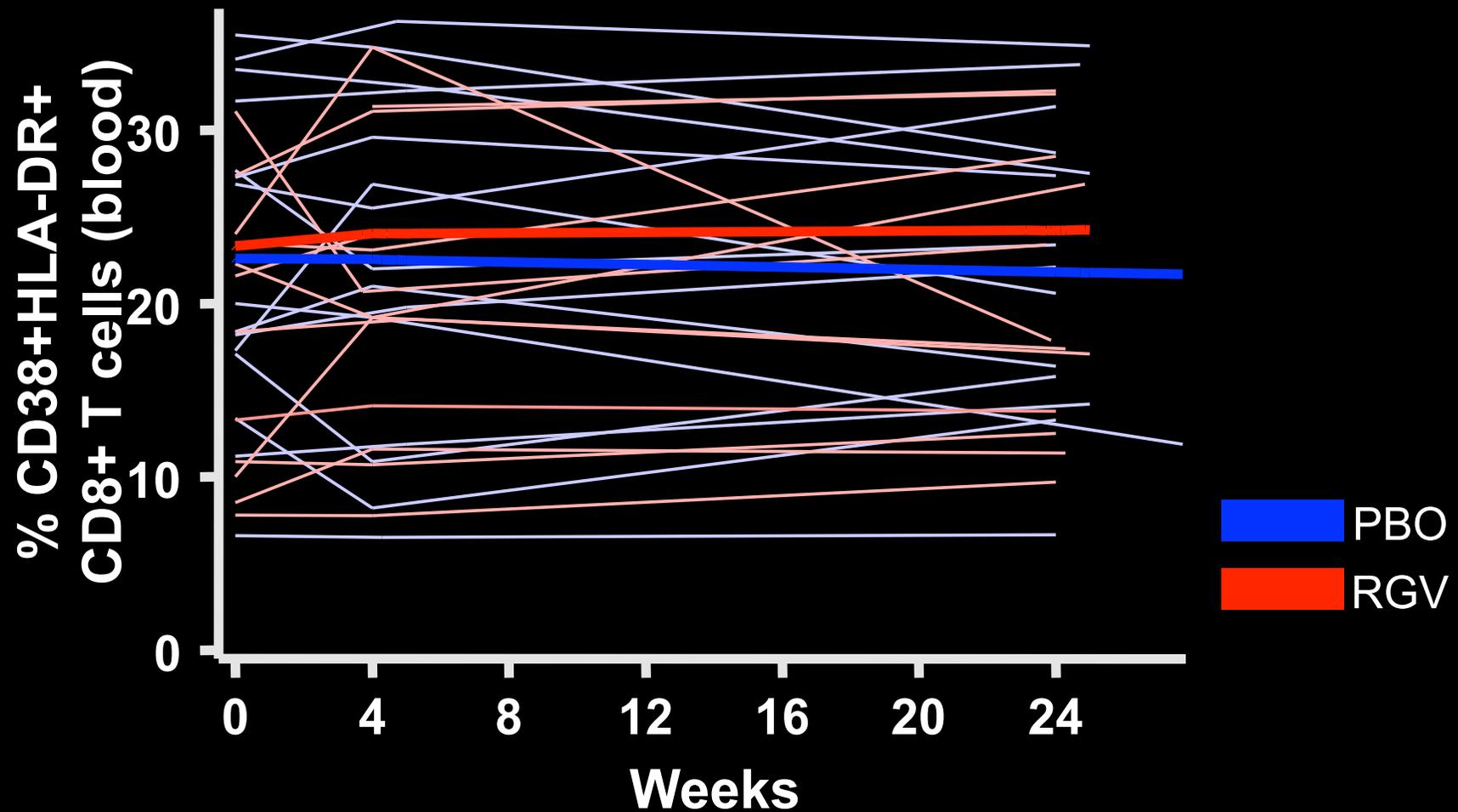


Raltegravir Intensification Did Not Decrease Plasma HIV RNA More than Placebo



*No difference in
proportion undetectable
at week 12 ($p = 0.42$)*

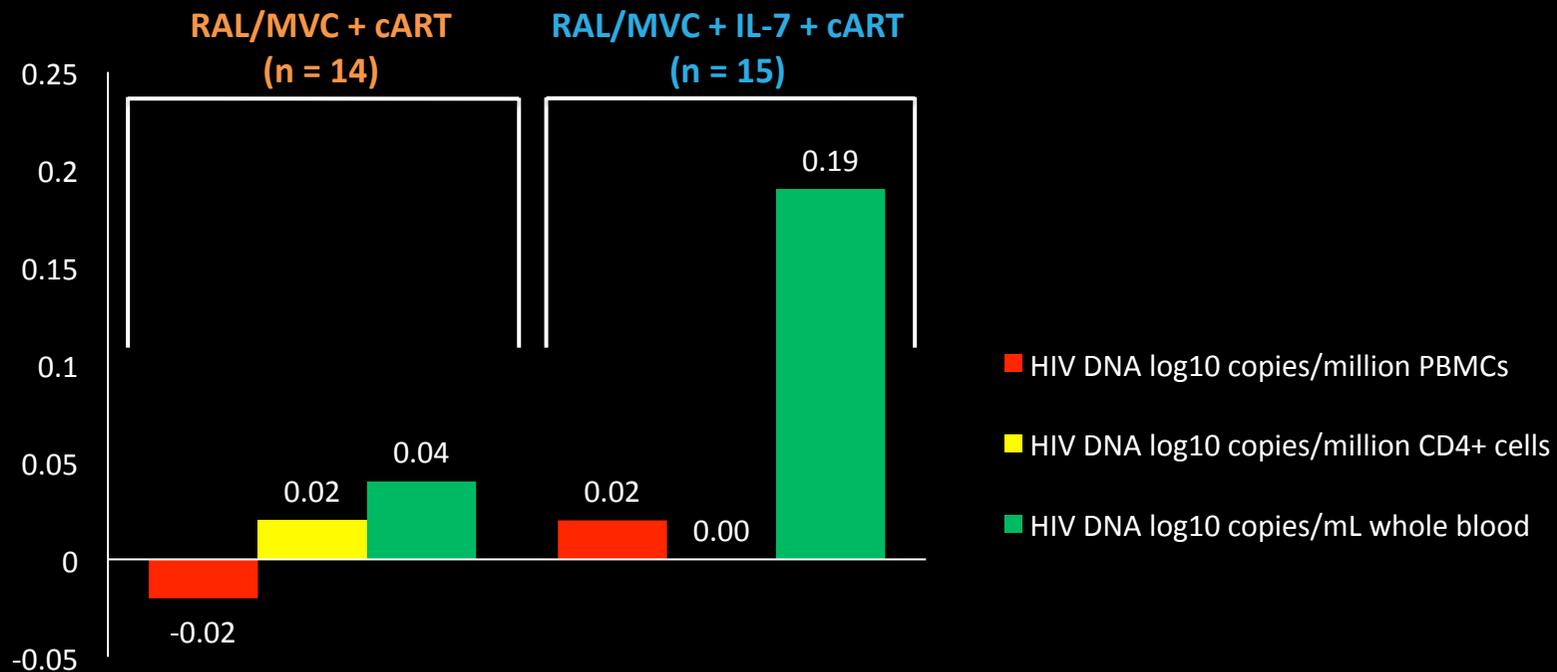
Raltegravir Intensification Had No Effect on CD8+ T Cell Activation



Inhibit residual replication: cure is unlikely with treatment intensification of current cART

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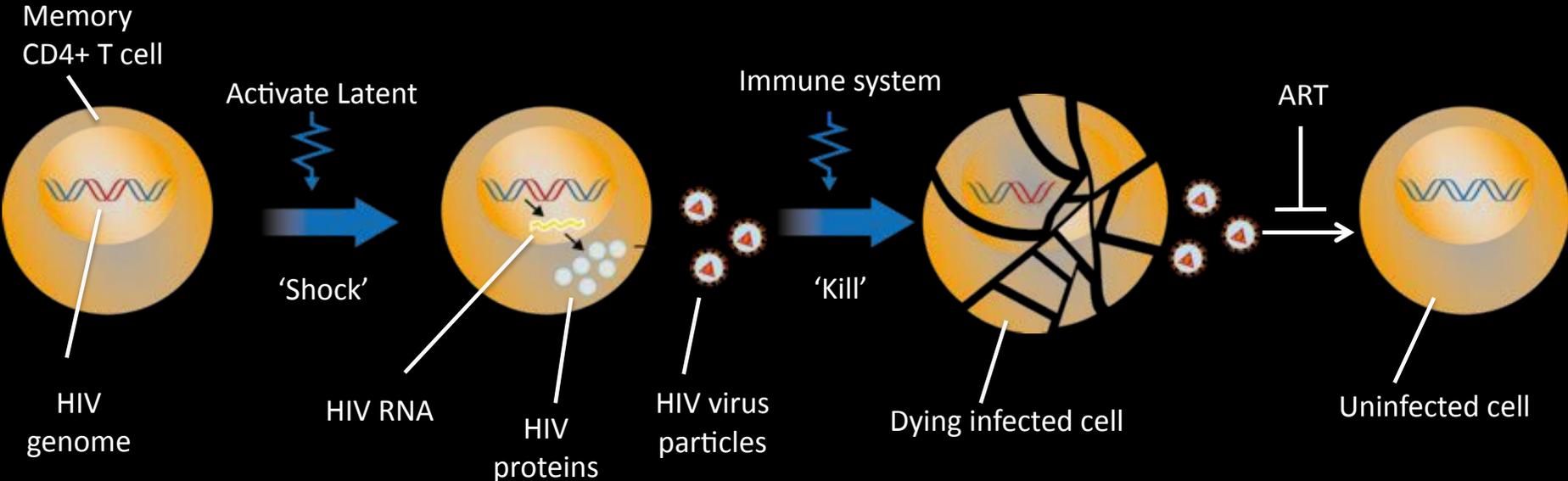
- Intensification of current cART with the addition of raltegravir (RAL)/maraviroc (MVC), with or without IL-7, failed to significantly reduce the total HIV DNA reservoir in peripheral blood monocytes (PBMCs) after 56 weeks of treatment



SHOCK

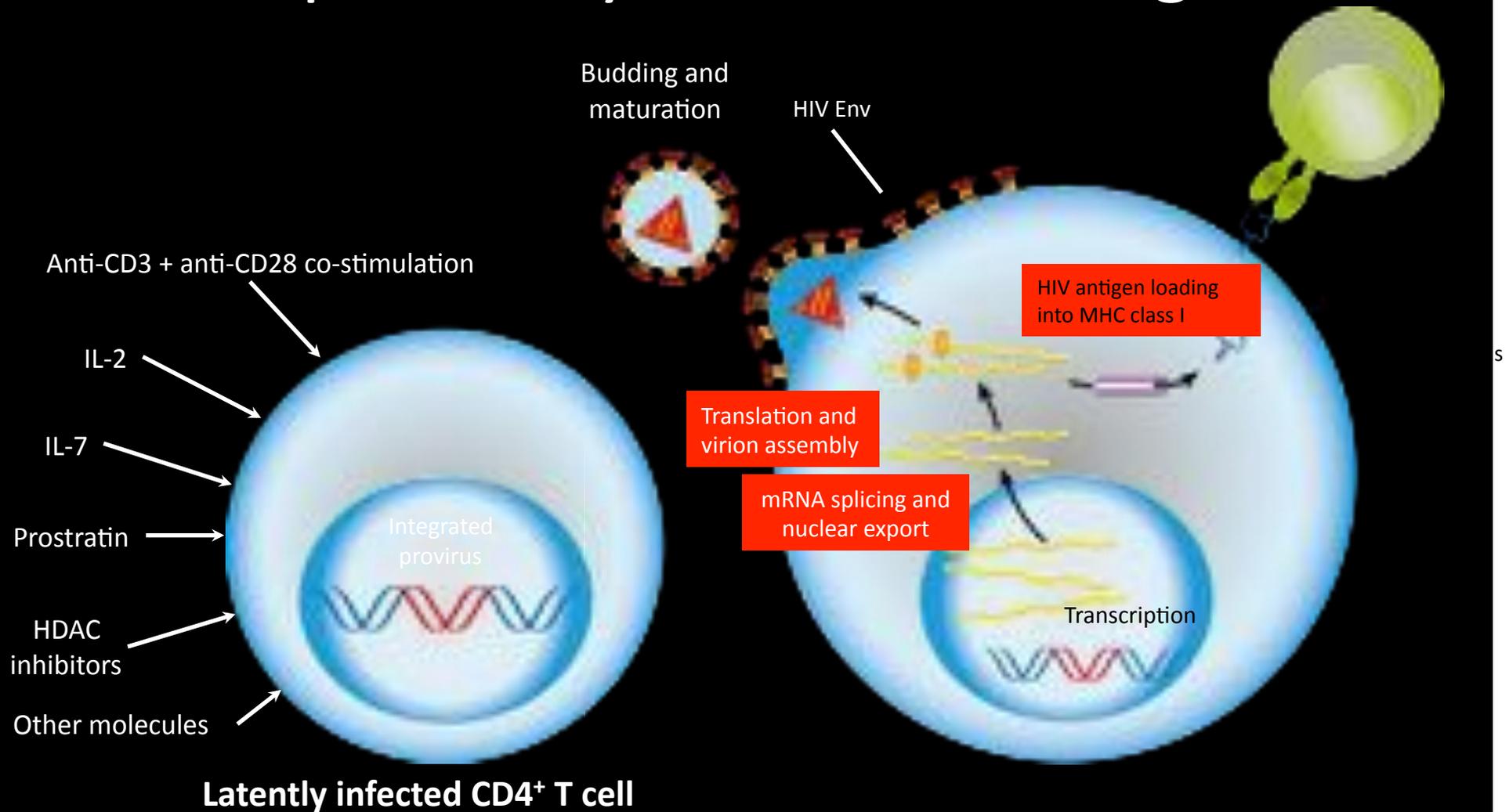
A stylized yellow lightning bolt graphic with three jagged points, positioned diagonally across the word 'SHOCK'.

HIV 'Shock and kill'

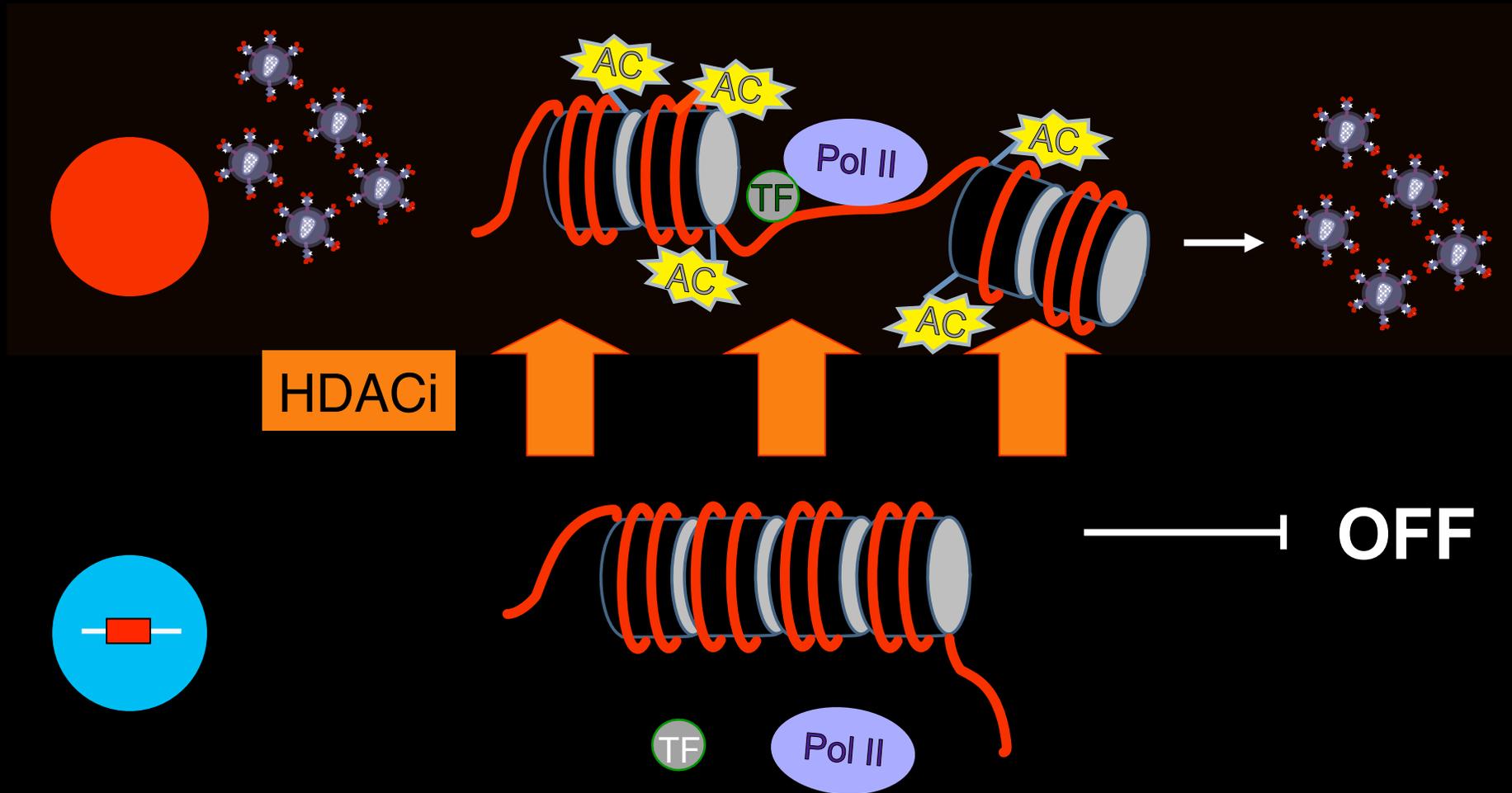


HDACi, histone deacetylase inhibitor
Adapted from Deeks SG. Nature 2012;487:439-40.

Activating latent virus is a necessary step in many HIV cure strategies



HDACi turn HIV genes “on”



HDACs are recruited to the LTR by various transcriptional regulators and deacetylate lysine residues on histones, inducing chromatin condensation, thereby repressing proviral transcription



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Activating latent HIV: in vitro

- Histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitors^{1, 2} ✓
- Cytokines ✓
 - IL-7^{3,4}
 - IL-15⁵
- Anti-alcohol agent ✓
 - Disulfiram⁶
- Methylation inhibitors
 - 5-aza-dC⁷
- Immune modulation
 - Anti PD1
- NF-κB activators
 - Prostratin, PMA, TNFα⁴
- Akt/HEXIM-1 modulators
 - HMBA⁸
- Histone Methyltransferase inhibitors (HMTI)⁹
 - Chaetocin, BIX-01294
- Other
 - Quinolines¹⁰
- Combination enhances potency^{4,9,11}

¹Contreras, *J Biol Chem.* 2009;284(11):6782-9; ²Wightman., *Immunol Cell Biol* 2012; ³Wang, *J Clin Invest* 2005; 115:128; ⁴Saleh, *Retrovirology* 2011;8:80; ⁵Chomont, 6th IAS Rome 2011; ⁶Xing, *J Virol*; 2011;85(12):6060-4; ⁷Friedman, *J Virol*;2011 85:9078-8; ⁸Contreras *PLoS Pathog.* 2007 3(10):1459-69 ; 466-72; ⁹Bouchat, *AIDS* 2012; ¹⁰Xing et al., *J Antimicrob Chemother.* 2012;67(2):398-403; ¹¹Reuse et al., *PLoS One* 2009;4:e6093

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Sodium Valproate BP 333mg +145 Valproic acid USP
controlled release Tablets

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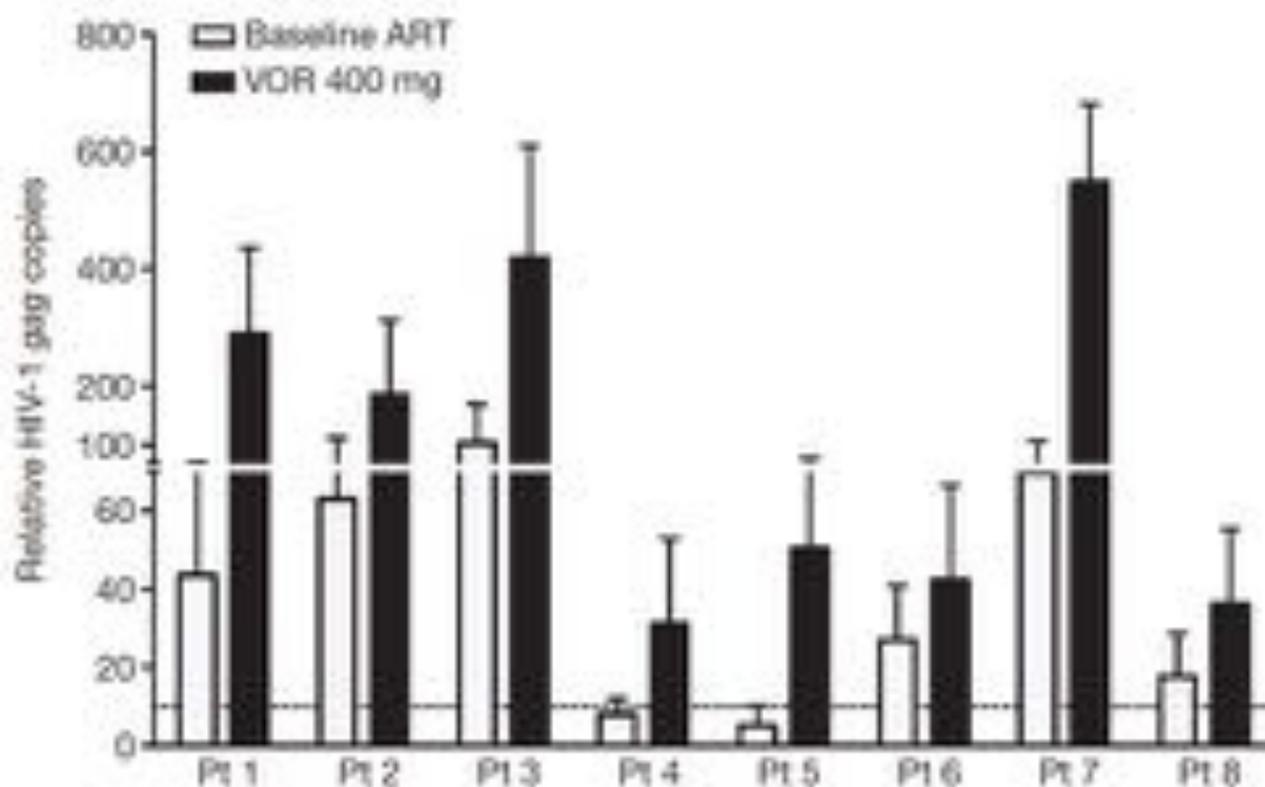
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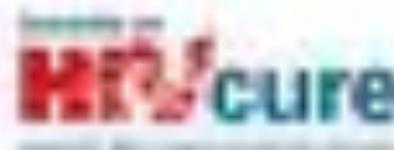
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Administration of vorinostat disrupts HIV-1 latency in patients on antiretroviral therapy

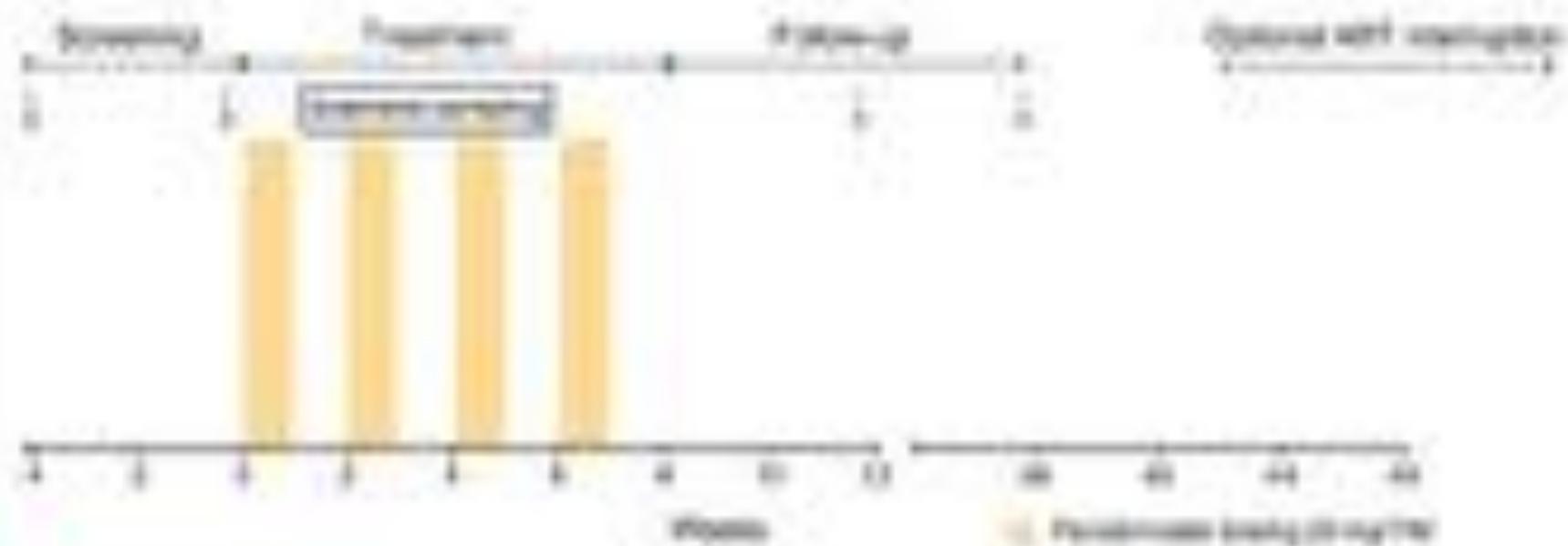
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Study design Overall

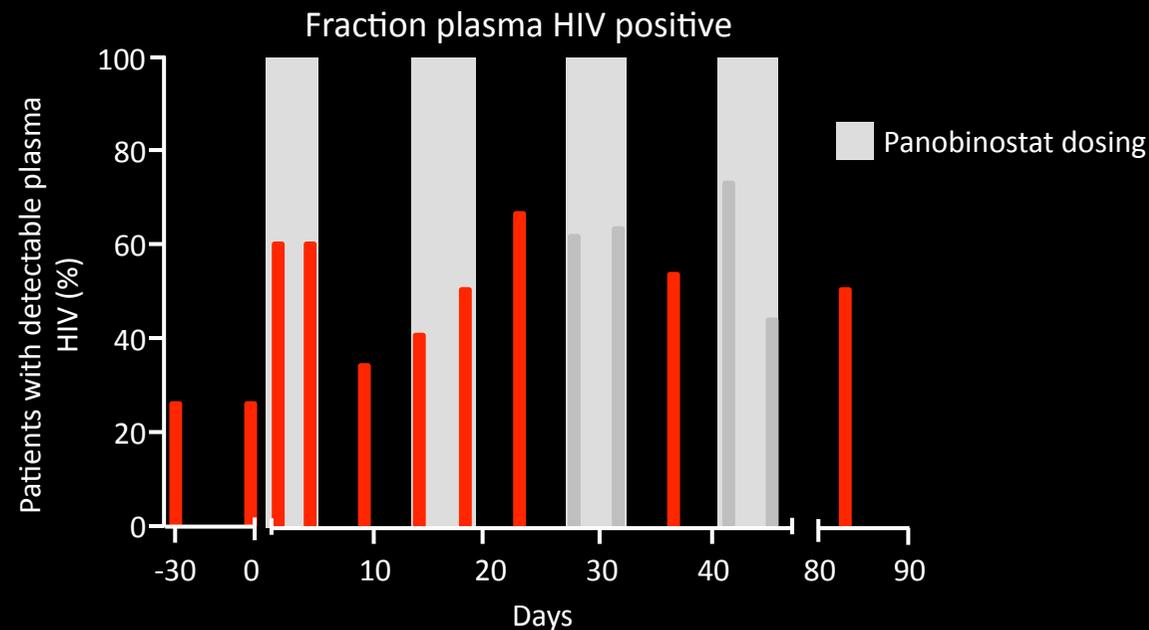


- Oral tablet 20 mg three times per week every other week.
- Repeated 4 times for a total of 8 weeks.
- Total of 12 doses

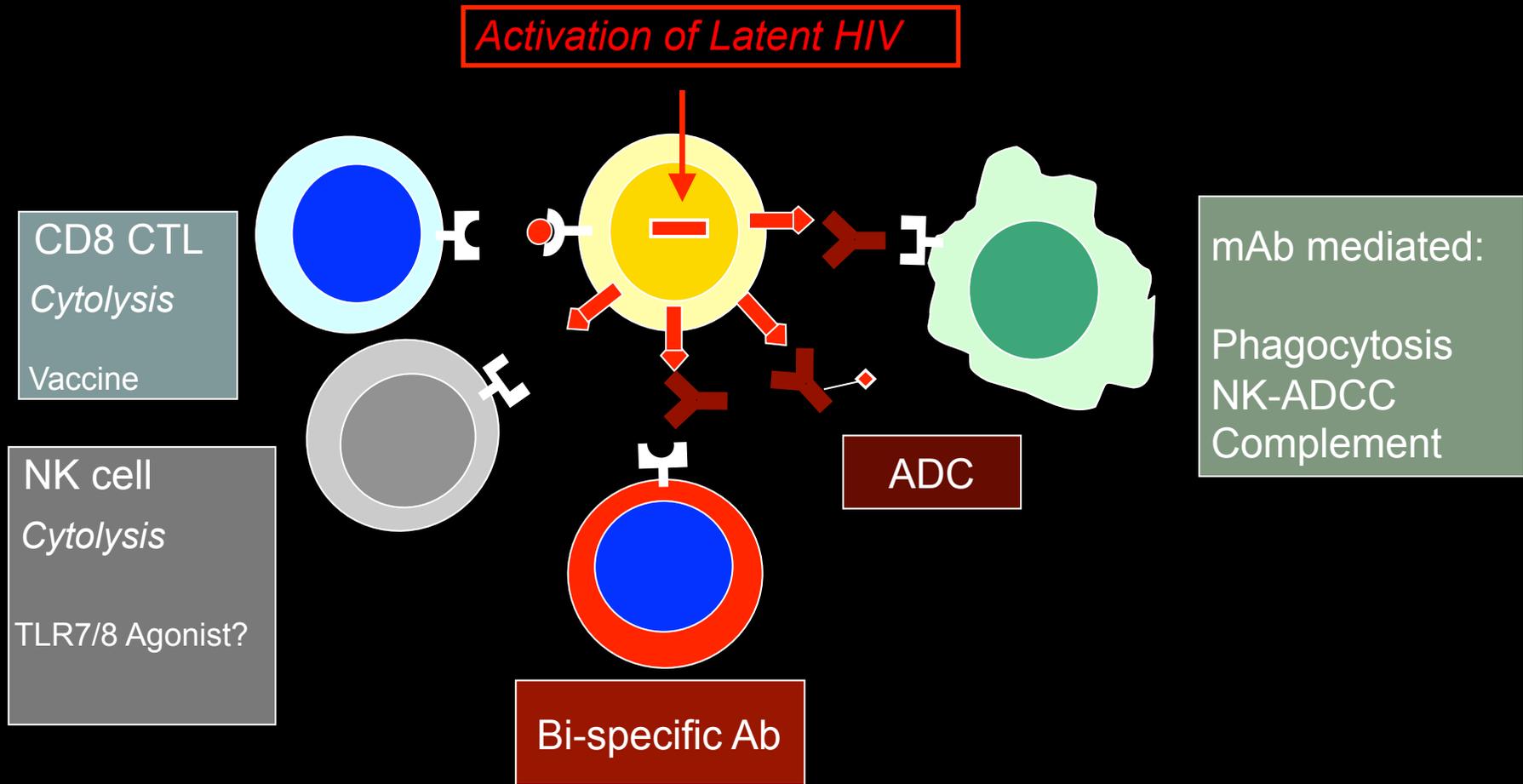


CLEAR study: HDAC inhibitor panobinostat in vivo

- Panobinostat (20 mg) was administered 3 times per week, every other week (n = 15)
- Only 1 patient had undetectable plasma HIV at all time points
- 3 patients had detectable plasma HIV at all time points



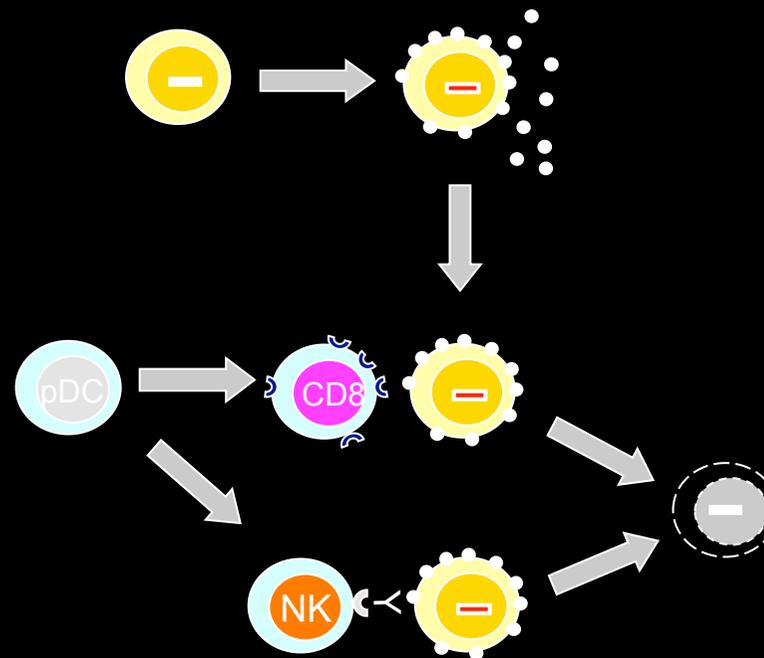
Potential Strategies to Kill Cells Expressing Reactivated HIV



Combination of RMD and TLR7 Agonist

Activate HIV Expression
Romidepsin

Cell-mediated Killing
via immune modulation
TLR7 agonist



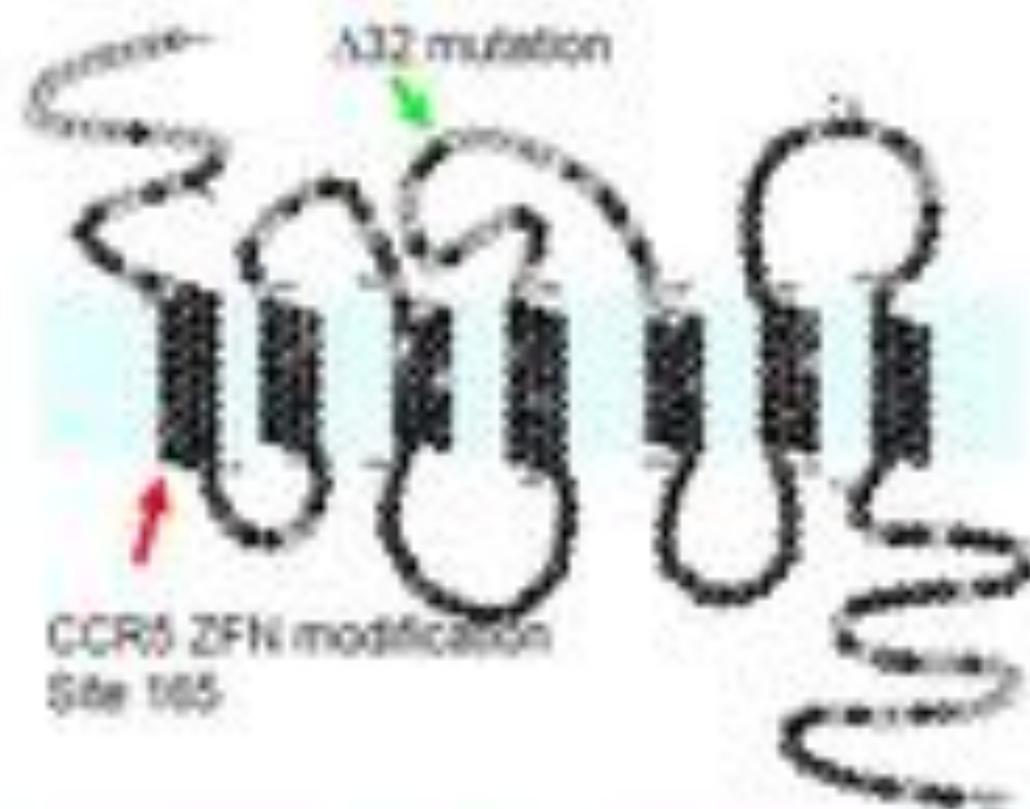
Can activation of DCs help prime HIV-specific immune responses?

Can activated CD8+ CTLs and NK cells help clear cells expressing reactivated HIV?

Study in SIV-infected rhesus macaques on ART underway



Targeting the CCR5 Locus with ZFNs



ZFN pairs targeted to region upstream of the $\Delta 32$ mutation

Mechanism of ZFN-mediated Targeted CCR5 Gene Disruption

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1. Endogenous CCR5 gene targeted for disruption
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2. ZFNs dimerize and introduce a double stranded DNA break in the CCR5 gene
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3. Break repaired by either homologous or non-homologous end-joining (NHEJ) – resulting in permanent CCR5 gene disruption
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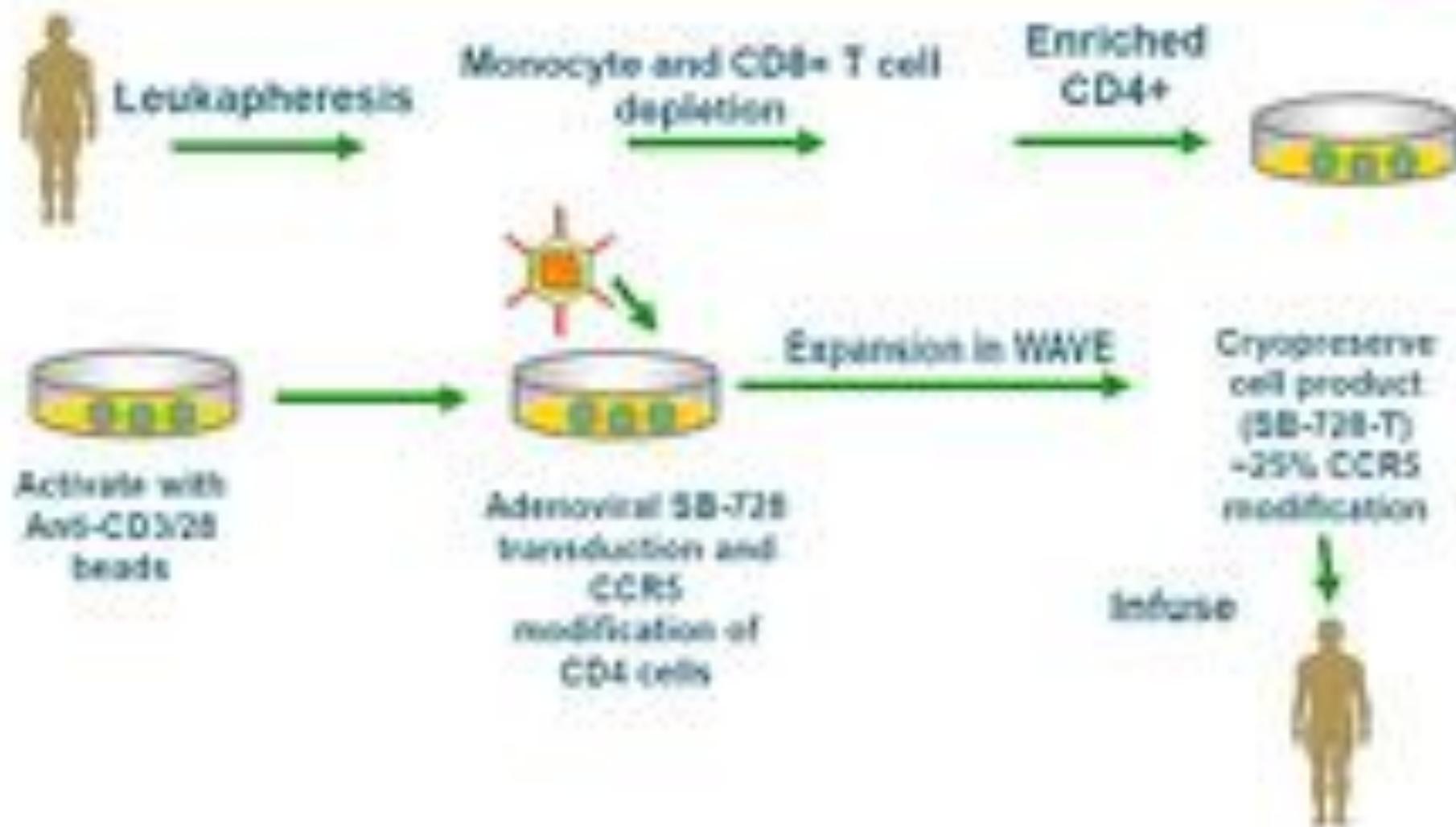
4. CCR5 gene disrupted

A 5-bp duplication (Pentamer) occurs in 25% of modified cells at target site allowing PCR quantification

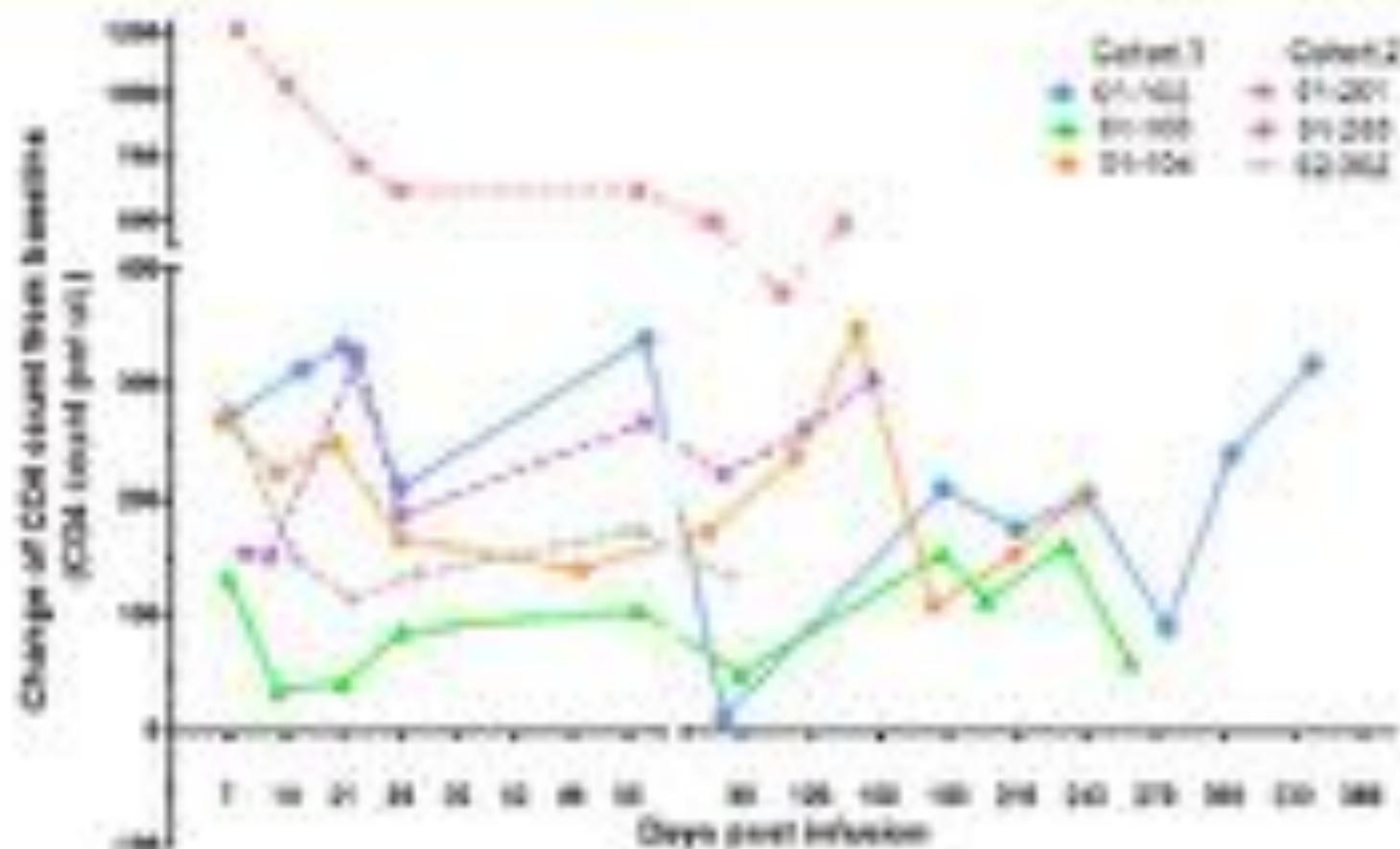


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AND THE
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OF AZKABAN

SB-728-T GMP Manufacturing Process: Autologous ZFN CCR5-Disrupted CD4+ T-cells

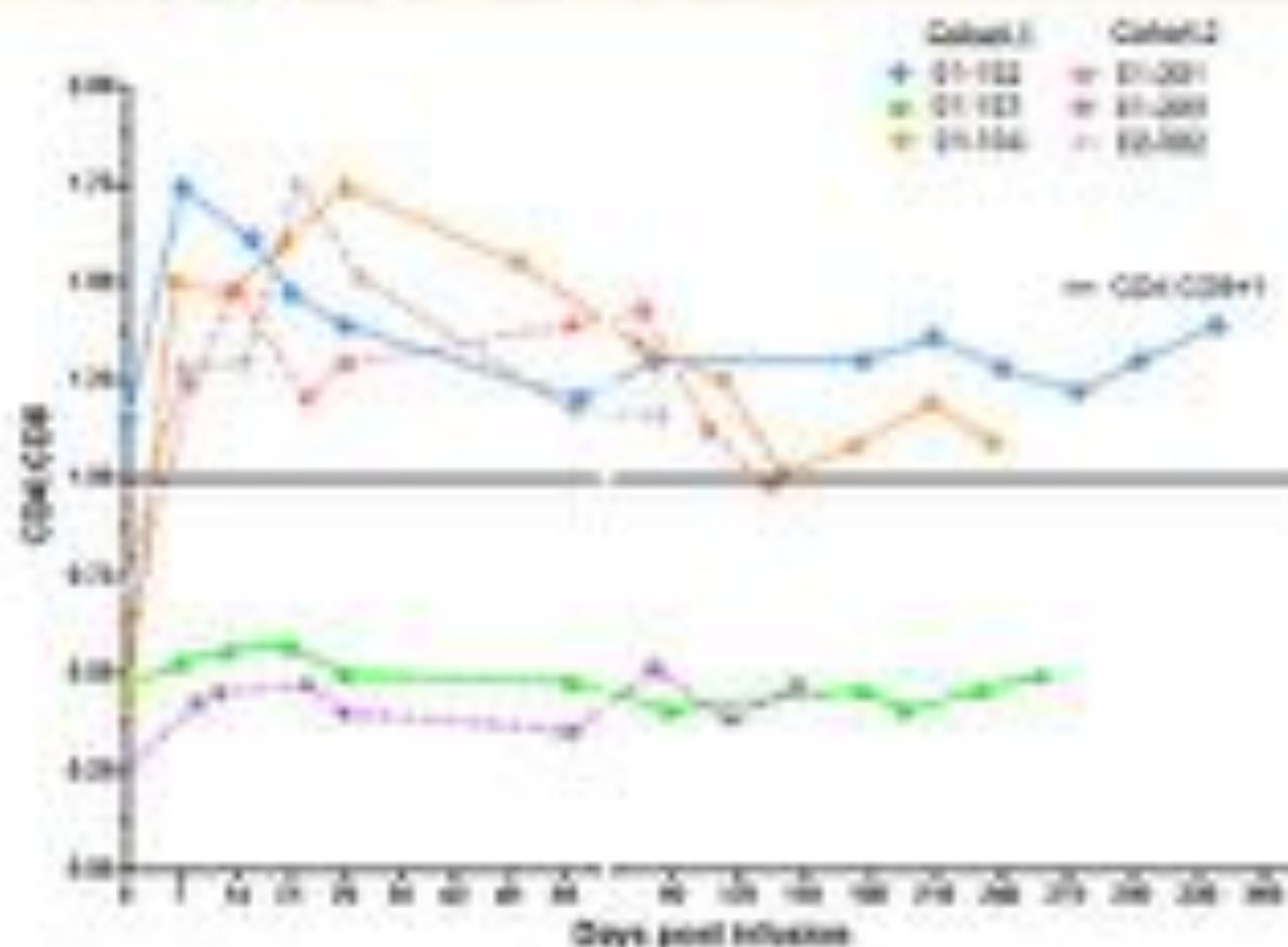


Increased CD4 T-cell Counts from Baseline after Single SB-728-T Infusion

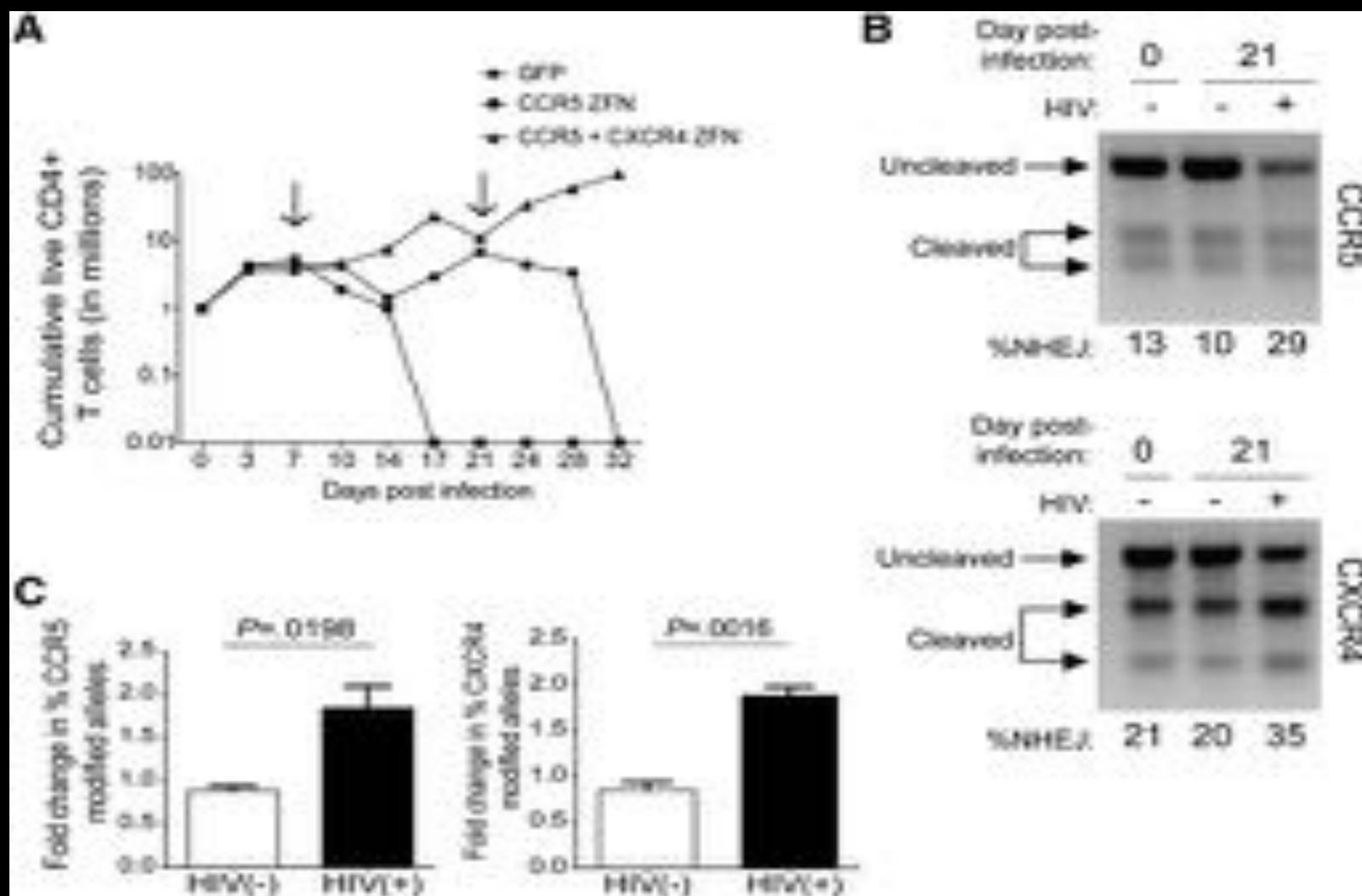


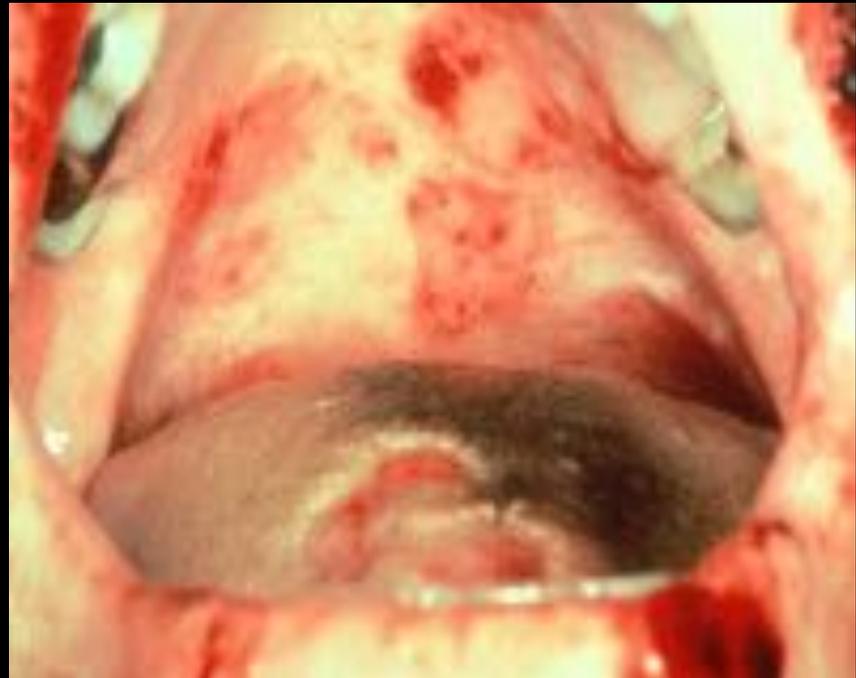
Sustained increase from baseline observed in 5 of 6 subjects at most time points

Normalization of CD4:CD8 T-cell Ratio after Single SB-728-T Infusion

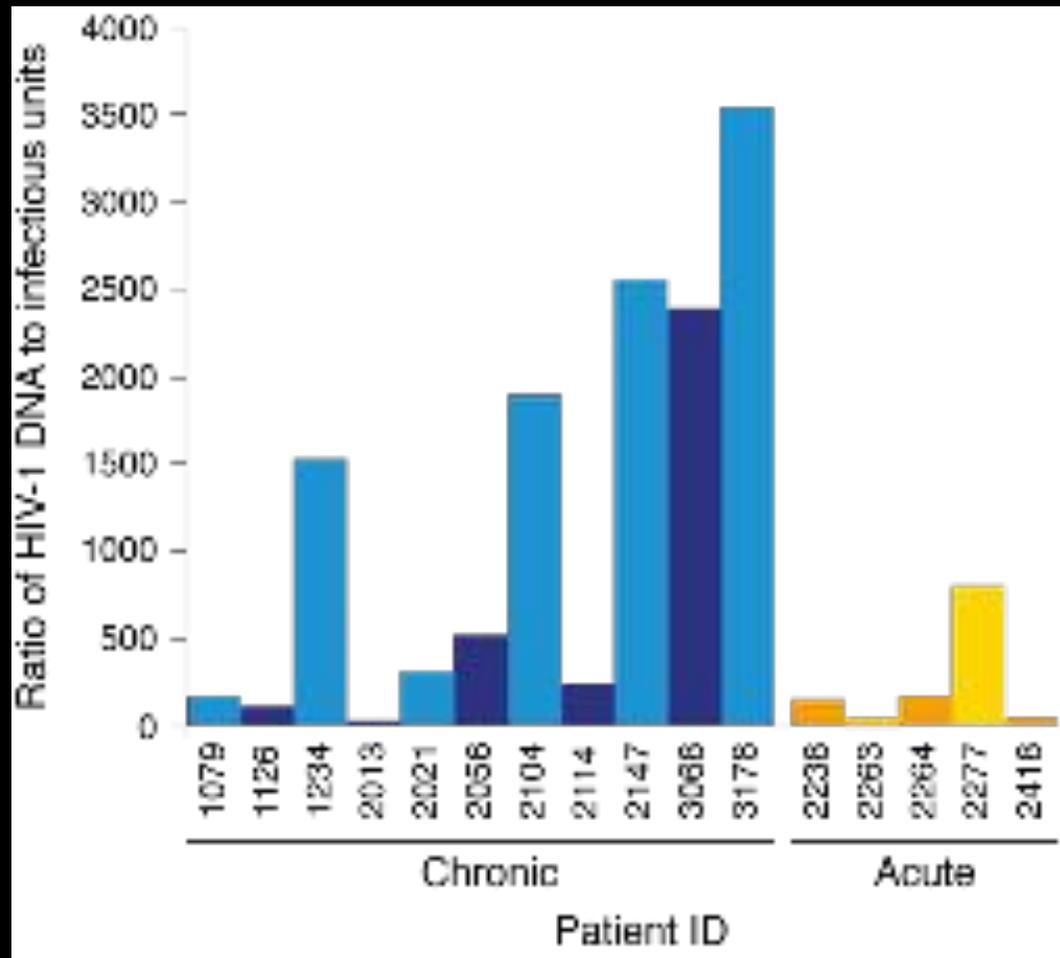


CD4:CD8 reversal (from <1 to >1) in 3 of 5 subjects



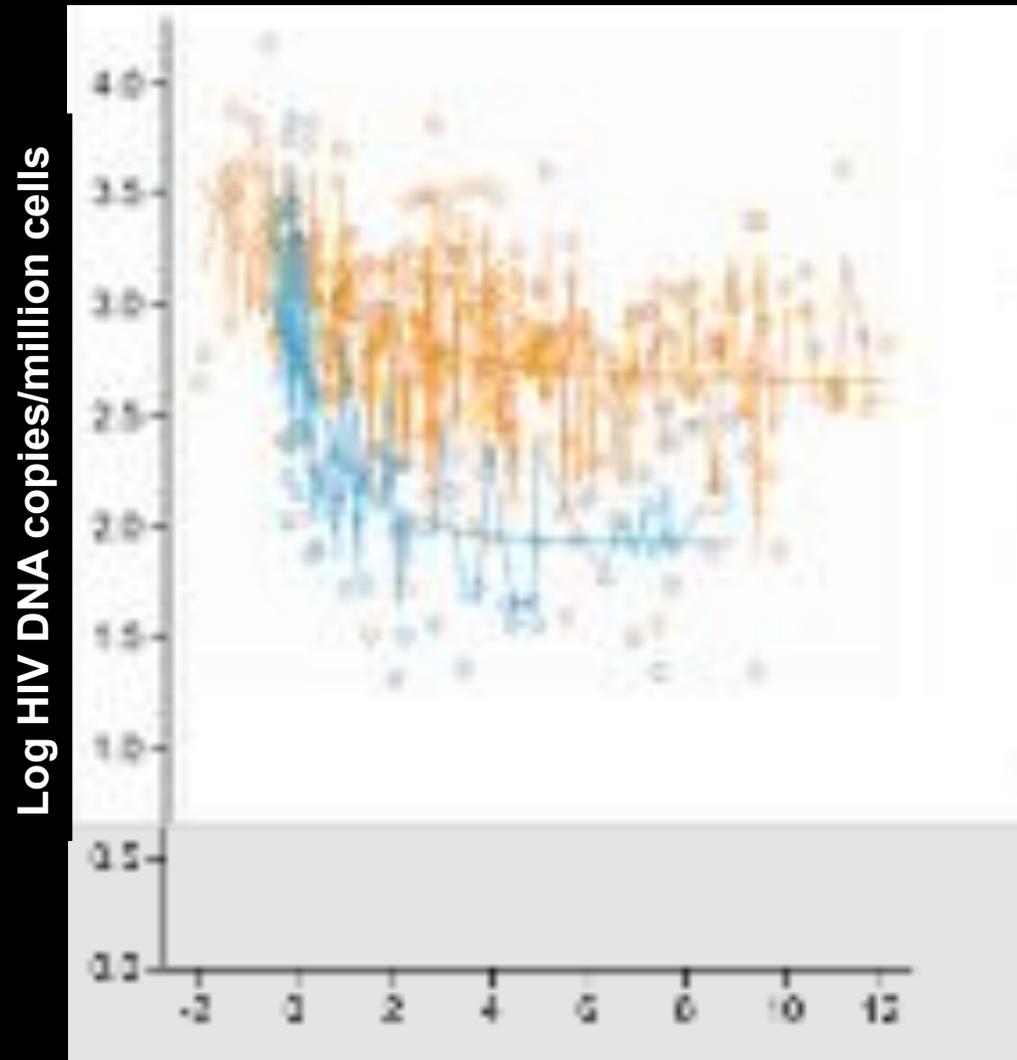


Reservoir of HIV is less in acutely infected individuals



* Indicates maximum values in cases in which the HIV-1 DNA level was below the limit of detection (2 copies/ml).
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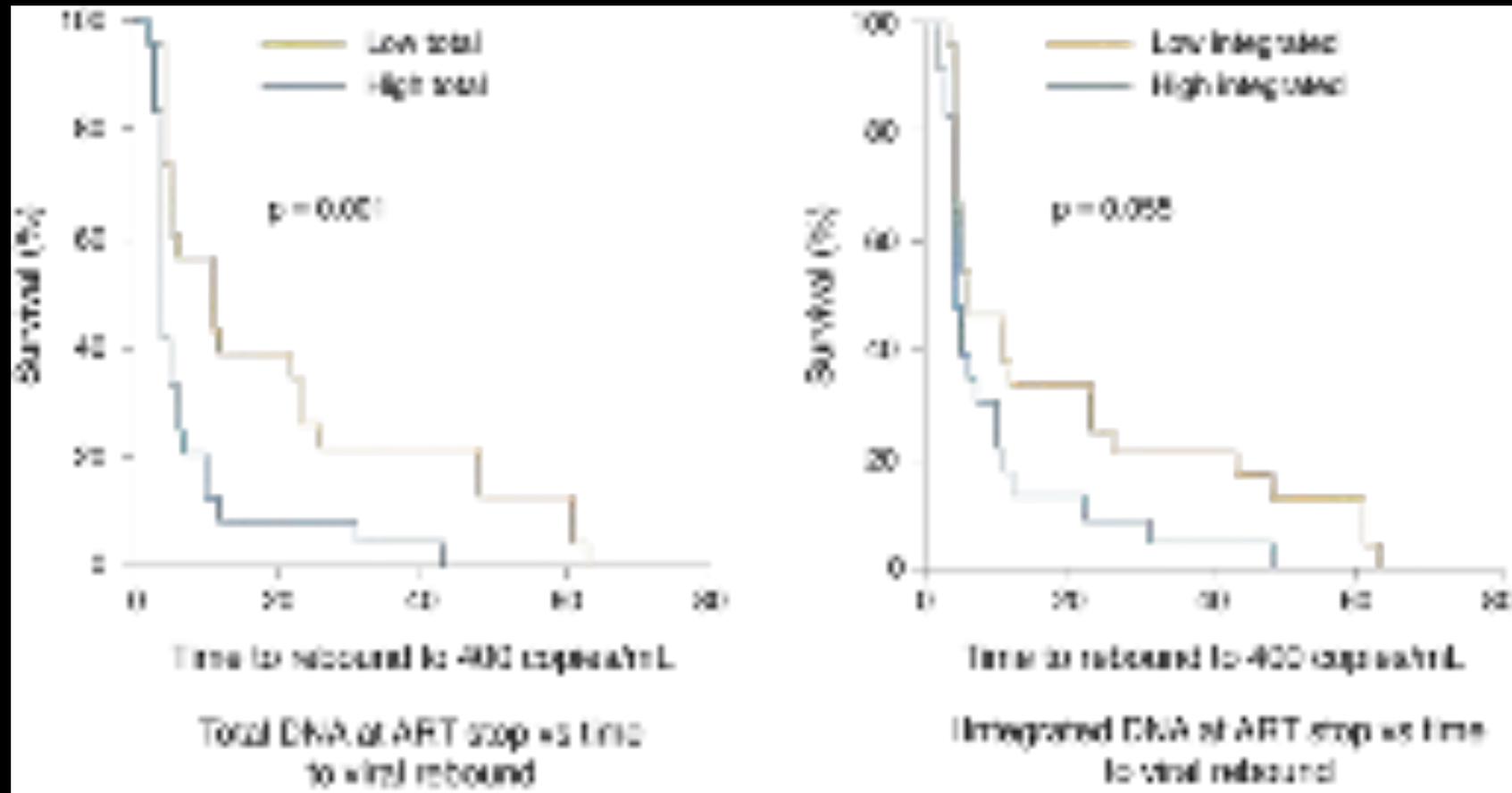
Reservoir reduced with early treatment



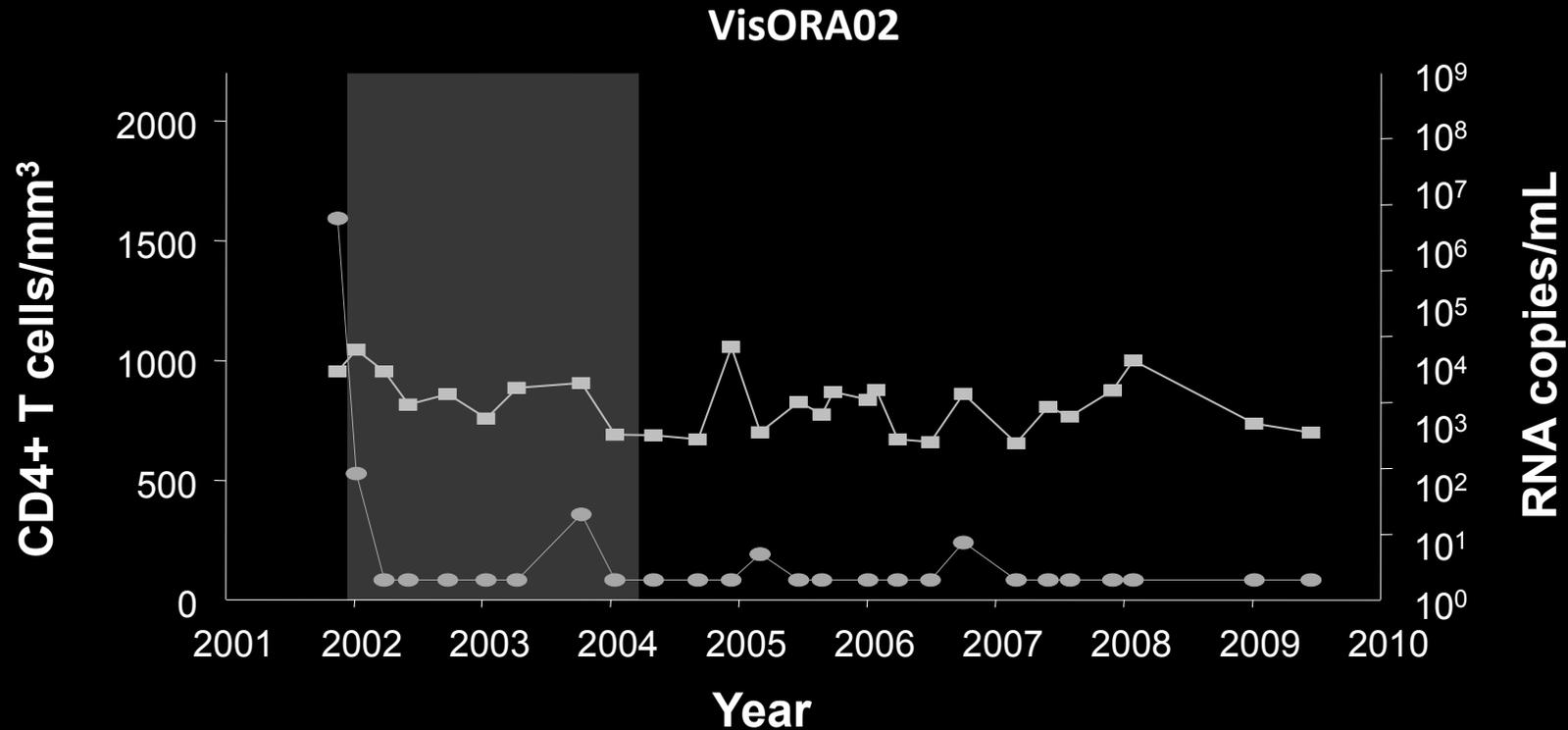
- Chronic infection (n = 135)
- Acute infection (n = 22)

Time on HAART (years)

SPARTAC: total and integrated DNA predict time to viral rebound after ART stop



Functional cure: post-ART controllers



VISCONTI cohort; n = 12, treated in acute infection;
median times since treatment interruption at 72 months

Have other trials of transient ART at PHI found post-treatment control?

Trials	VL < 50 after no ART	AHI stage	Time at ART	ART duration before interruption
VISCONTI^{1,2}	15.6%	Fiebig II–V	2.2 months from diagnosis	5 years
Swiss 1^{1,3}	9%	Fiebig I–VI	≤ 4 months from infection onset	1.5 years
Primo-SHM^{1,4}	5%	70% Fiebig I–IV 30% Fiebig V–VI	2 months from diagnosis	0.5 or 1.5 years
ANRS CO6 PRIMO^{1,5}	11%	Fiebig I–VI	3.1 months from infection onset	1.5 years
CASCADE¹	8.2%	Fiebig I–VI	≤ 3 months from seroconversion	1 year
Trials without post-treatment controllers SPARTAC¹		Fiebig I–VI	2–6 months from diagnosis	1+ year

AHI, acute HIV infection; VL, viral load.

1. Personal communication, Jinatant Arananowich.

2. Hocqueloux et al. AIDS 2010;24:1598–601. 3. Gianella et al. Antivir Ther 2011;16:535–45.

4. Grijsen et al. PLoS Med 2012;9:e1001196. 5. Goujard et al. Antivir Ther 2012;17:1001–9.

Early ART: Reducing the Size of Initial Reservoir?

<p>Screening NAT/EIA 52,767 samples → 89 AHI identified</p>
<p>3 days</p>
<p>75 enrolled into Main Protocol</p>
<p>Optional procedures: Sigmoid biopsy Leukapheresis</p>
<p>Within 2 days → optional ART</p>

Fiebig Classification System of Early Infection:

% enrolled

Fiebig Classification	RNA	p24	3 rd Gen EIA	WB	% enrolled
Fiebig I	RNA +	p24-	3 rd Gen EIA -		37%
Fiebig II	RNA+	p24+	3 rd Gen EIA -		10%
Fiebig III	RNA+	p24+	3 rd Gen EIA +	WB neg	53%

HIV-1 Reservoirs Reduced in HIV-Positive Children With Early ART and Viral Control

- Cross-sectional study of 144 perinatally HIV-infected pts with long-term (median: 10.2 yrs) virologic suppression on ART
- Higher proviral burden with increasing age at virologic suppression^[1]
- In perinatally infected baby treated early (at 4 hrs of age) with triple ART, noninduced proviral genomes detected by PCR at 1 mo but not at 3 mos of age^[2]

Proviral Reservoir Size by Age of Virologic Control ^[1]	
Age, yr	Median HIV-1 DNA copies/ 10 ⁶ PBMCs (IQR)
< 1 (n = 14)	4.2 (2.6-8.6)
1-5 (n = 53)	19.4 (5.5-99.8)
> 5 (n = 77)	70.7 (23.2-70.7)*

* $P < .001$ compared with < 1 yr

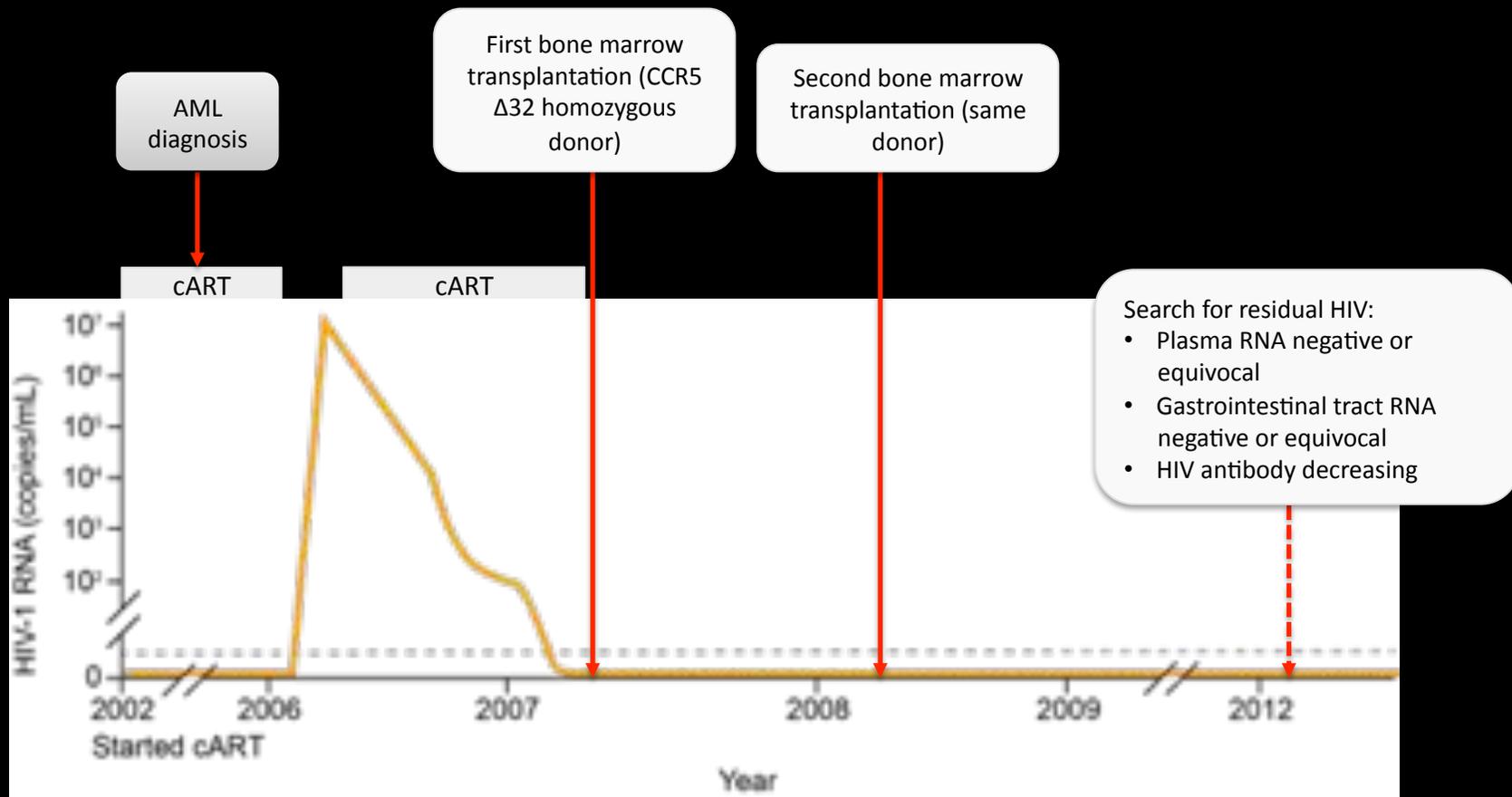


Head scientist. The vaccine
will be tested in a few months.
The only way to get
intentional like the gene therapy
that has been light is used.

The Emerging Race To Cure HIV Infections

Timothy Ray Brown's startling fate has pushed to the front a
daunting research challenge that long seemed a fool's errand

Transplant may lead to functional cure (1)



HIV Rebound After Treatment Interruption in 2 BMT Pts

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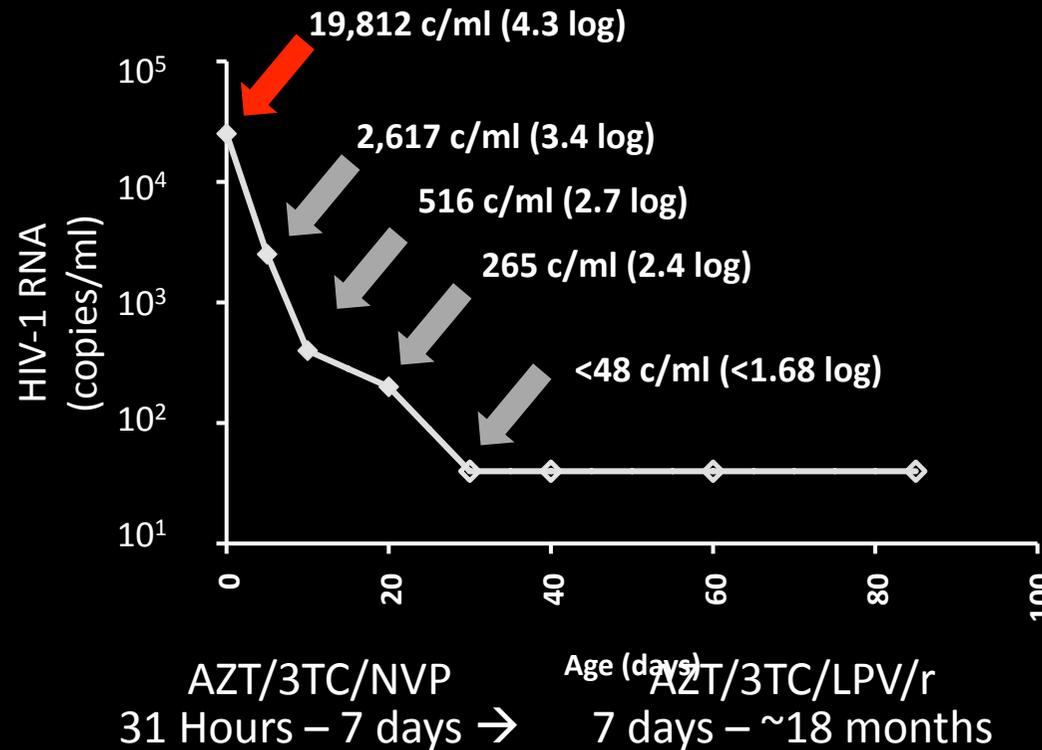
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- Pt A: no detectable plasma HIV-1 RNA or cell-associated HIV-1 DNA for 3 mos after ART cessation, then rebound
- Pt B: no detectable virus (including negative PBMC HIV DNA and HIV-1 RNA by ultrasensitive assays) for 8 mos after ART cessation, then rebound
- Both pts developed symptoms of acute retroviral syndrome, including aseptic meningitis
- Symptoms rapidly resolved with ART initiation and viral suppression in both pts

The Second Cure?

- Infant born at U. Miss Medical Center
- Mother HIV+ (EIA, WB); no prenatal care
- Maternal VL: 2423 c/mL, CD4 644/mm³
 - Infant born 35 weeks; NSVD
 - Rapid test HIV+ in neonate
- Standard testing of exposed infants:
2 HIV+ tests from 2 samples

Sample	Age	Test	Result
Blood	30 hours	HIV DNA	positive
Blood	31 hours	HIV RNA	19,812 c/mL

Virologic Response to HART Regimen



- Mother stops ART about month 18 – LTFU until month 23
- HIV testing of infant done before restarting ART

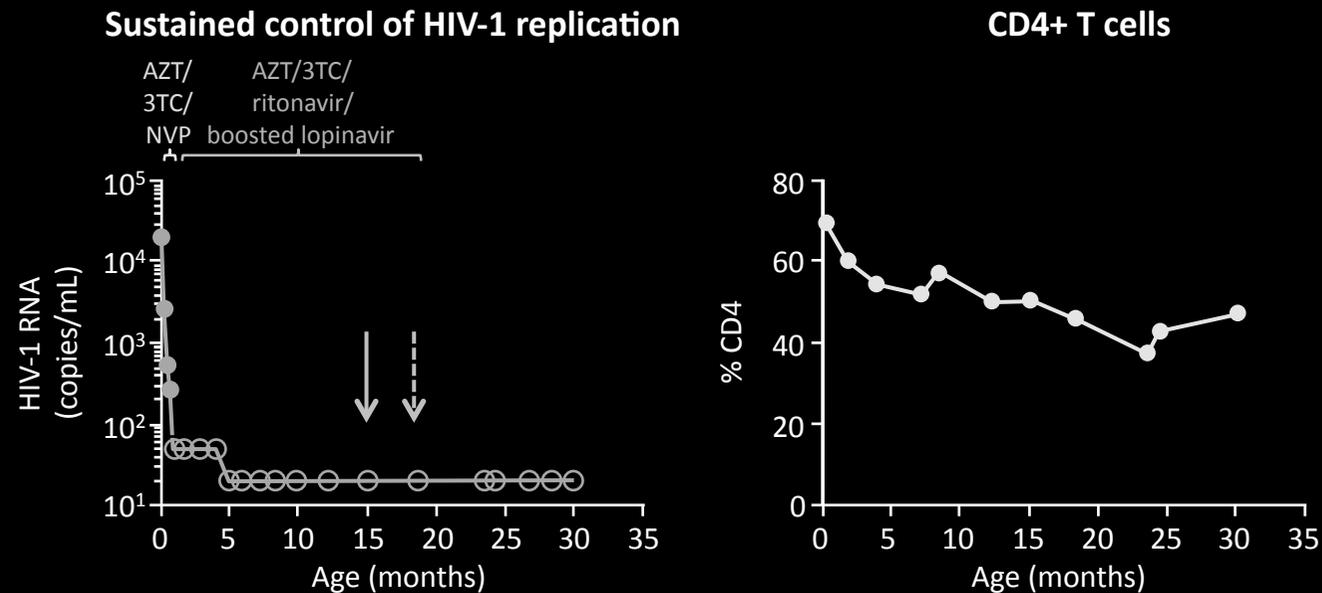
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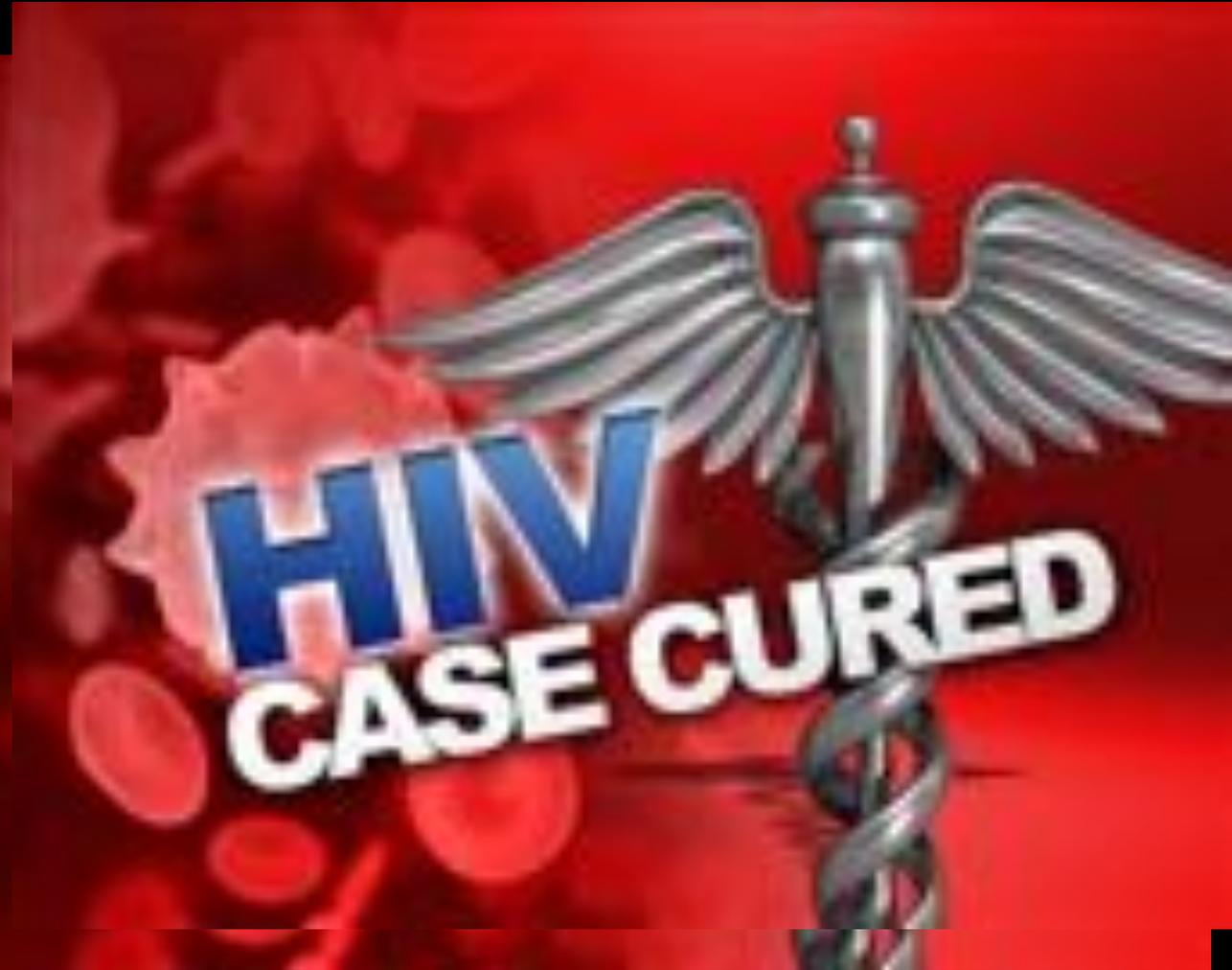
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Measurement	Sample Type (amount of sample)	Age at Testing	Quantity (per 1×10^6 cells)	Number Cells Tested per well/ (No. Replicates positive)
Total Proviral DNA				
	PBMC	24-months	<2.7 [0]	122,000 (0/2)
		26-months	4.2 [0]	113,000 (1/6)
	Resting CD4+ T cells	24-months	<3.5 [0]	96,500 (0/3)
		26-months	<2.5 [0]	134,000 (0/6)
	Enriched for activated CD4+ T cells	24-months	<2.2 [0]	154,000 (0/6)
		26-months	<2.6 [0]	130,000 (0/6)
	Monocyte-derived adherent cells	24-months	37.6 [0]	14,300 (1/3)
		26-months	<11.5 [0]	29,000 (0/6)
Residual Viremia				
	Plasma	24-months	1- copy/ml	NA
		26-months	<2- copies/ml	NA
Infectious Virus Recovery	Resting CD4+ T cells	24-months	<1/ 22×10^6 IUMP (No HIV recovered)	NA

Recent updates

- At 30 months of age, the patient had still not received ART since discontinuing at 18 months¹
- HIV-RNA remains undetectable¹
- An update at IAS 2013 also confirmed the absence of HIV-RNA at 33 months of age²





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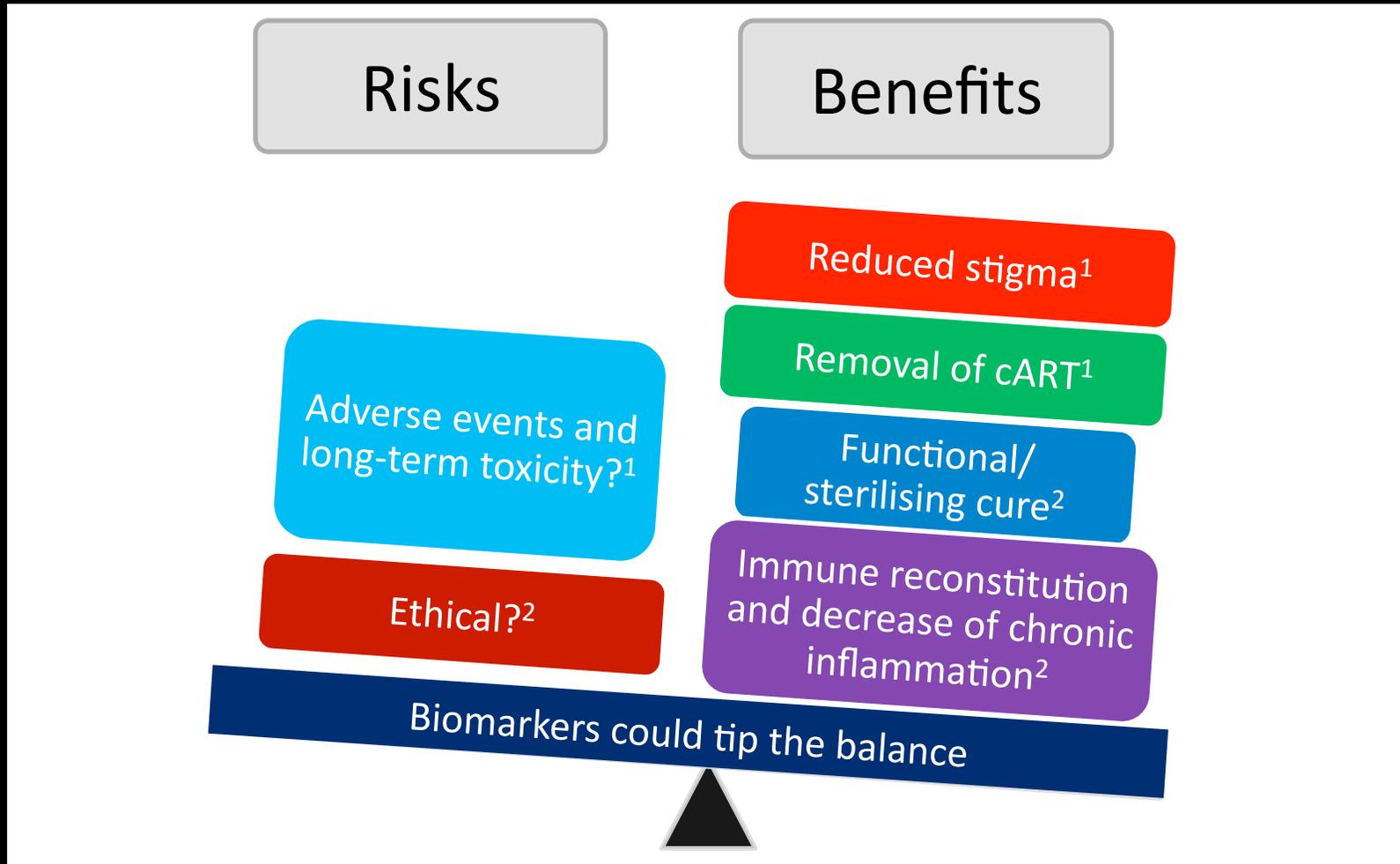
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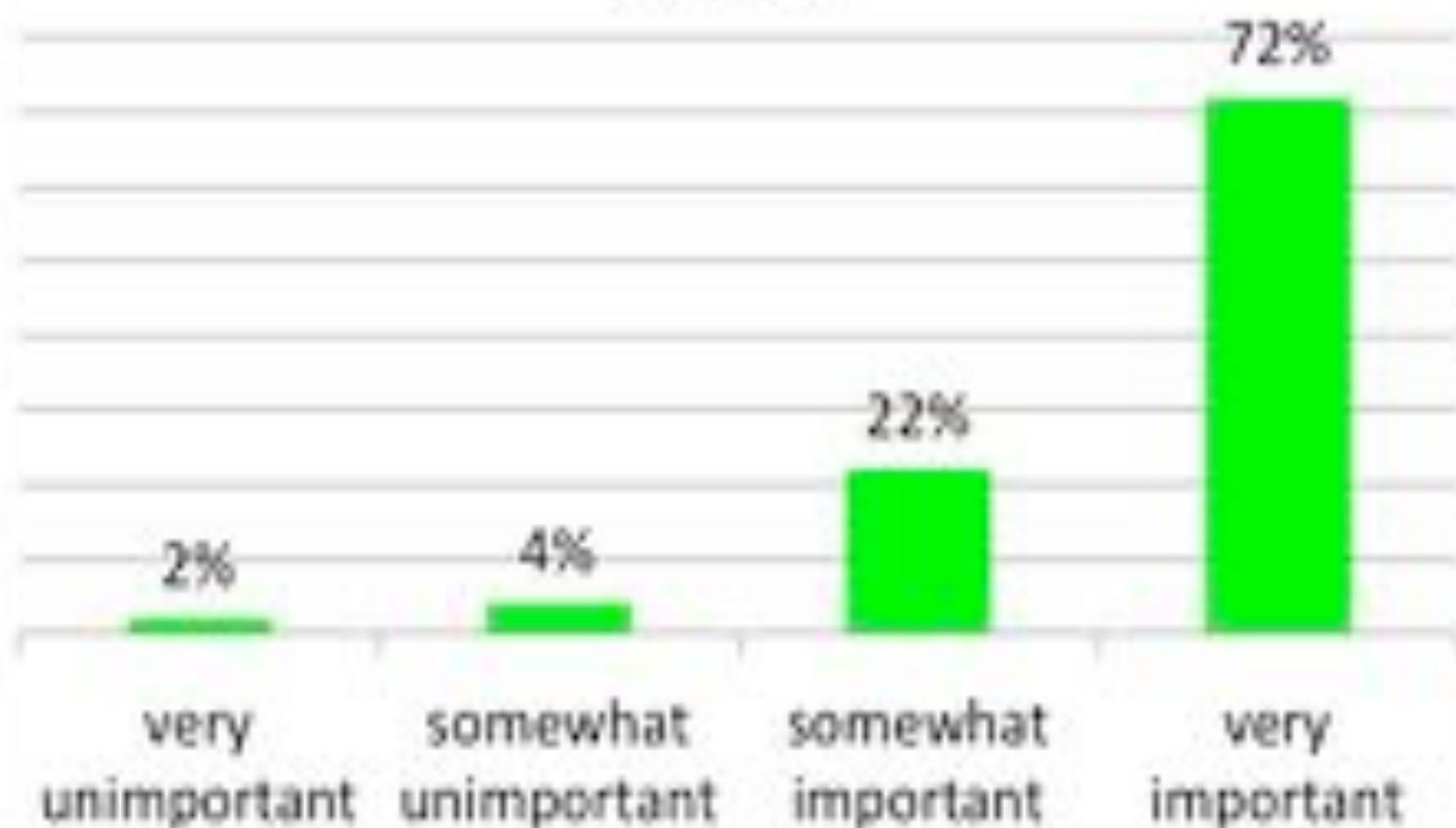


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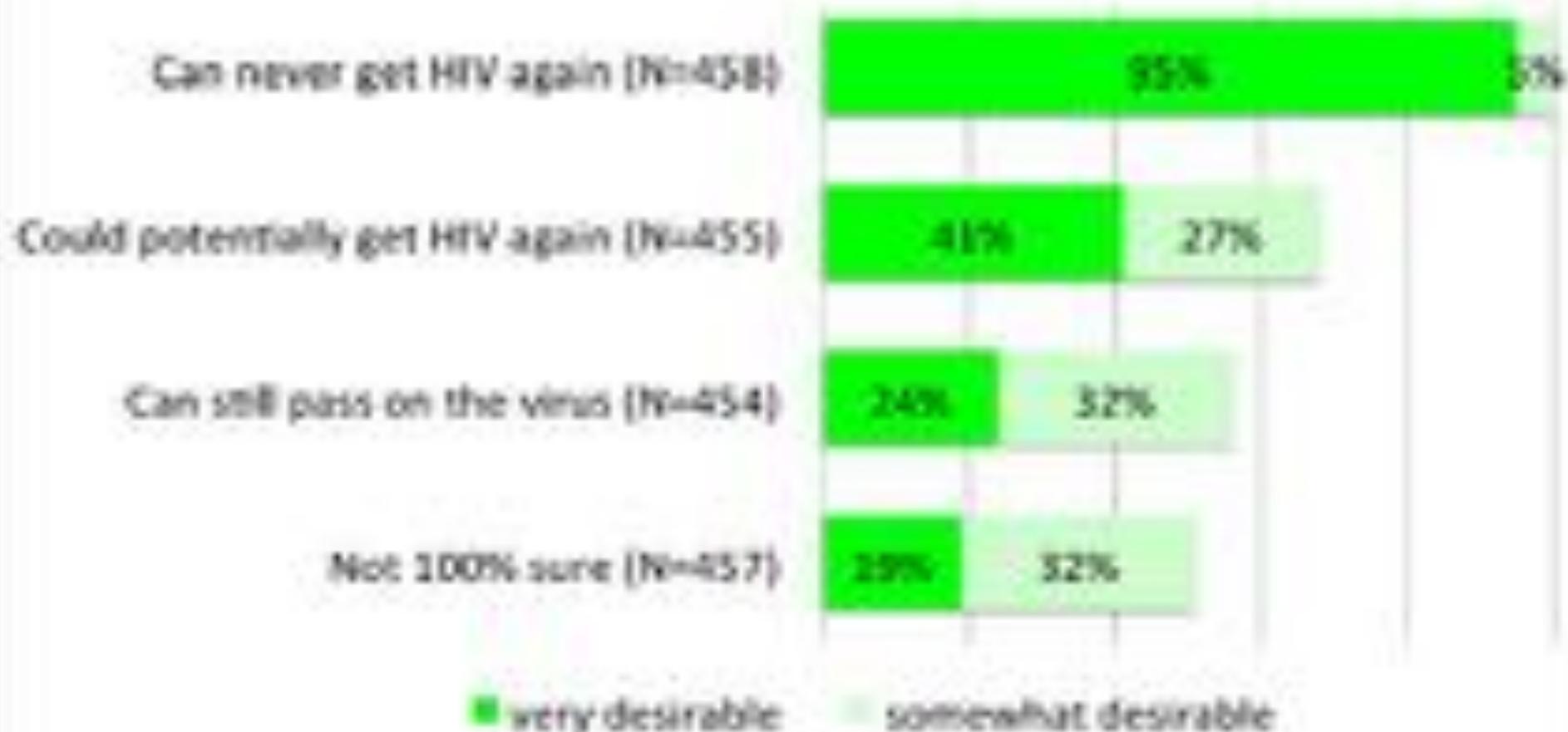
Cure research in HIV: risk and benefit



How important is it for you to be cured of HIV?
(N=457)



Desirability of HIV Cure?



Available Antiretrovirals 2015

NRTIs

Abacavir
Didanosine
Emtricitabine
Lamivudine
Stavudine
Tenofovir
Zidovudine

NNRTIs

Efavirenz
Nevirapine
Etravirine
Ralpivirine

Protease Inhibitors

Atazanavir
Darunavir
Fos-Amprenavir
Indinavir
Lopinavir
Nelfinavir
Ritonavir
Saquinavir
Tipranavir

Other Classes

Fusion inhibitors

- Enfuvirtide

R5 Inhibitors

- Maraviroc

Integrase Inhibitors

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- Elvitegravir
- Dolutegravir

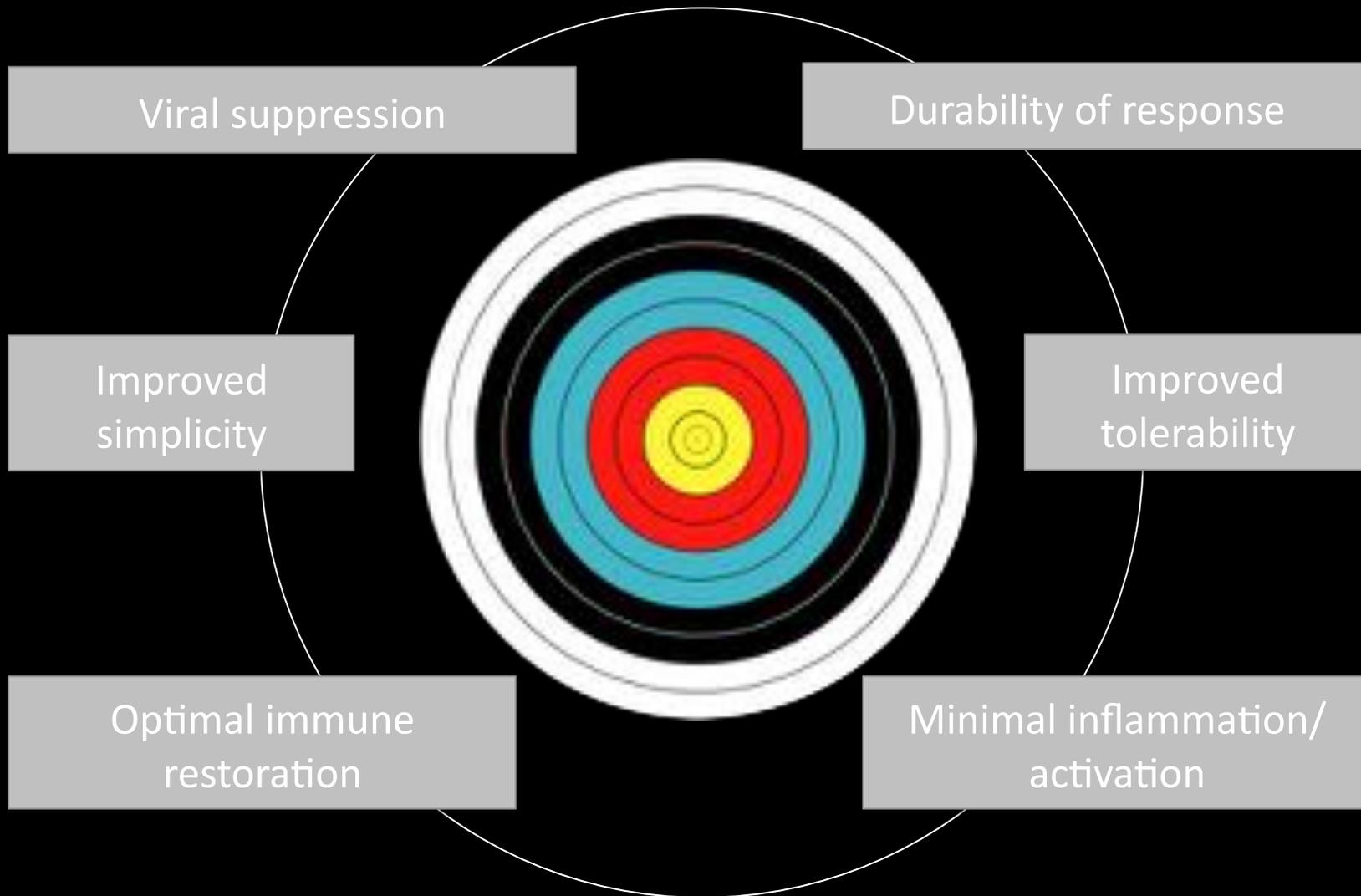
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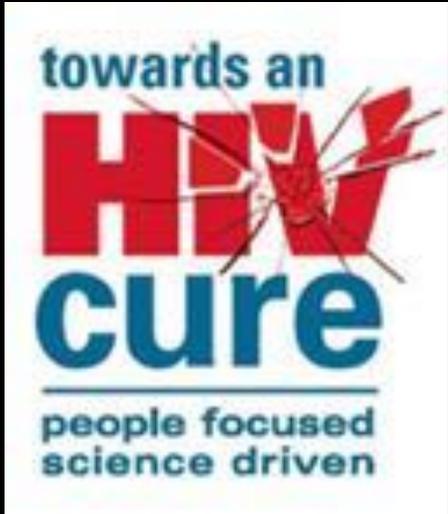
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Moving forward with cART: What is the target?





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