

Cure



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Available Antiretrovirals 2015

NRTIs

Abacavir
Didanosine
Emtricitabine
Lamivudine
Stavudine
Tenofovir
Zidovudine

NNRTIs

Efavirenz
Nevirapine
Etravirine
Rilpivirine

Protease Inhibitors

Atazanavir
Darunavir
Fos-Amprenavir
Indinavir
Lopinavir
Nelfinavir
Ritonavir
Saquinavir
Tipranavir

Other Classes

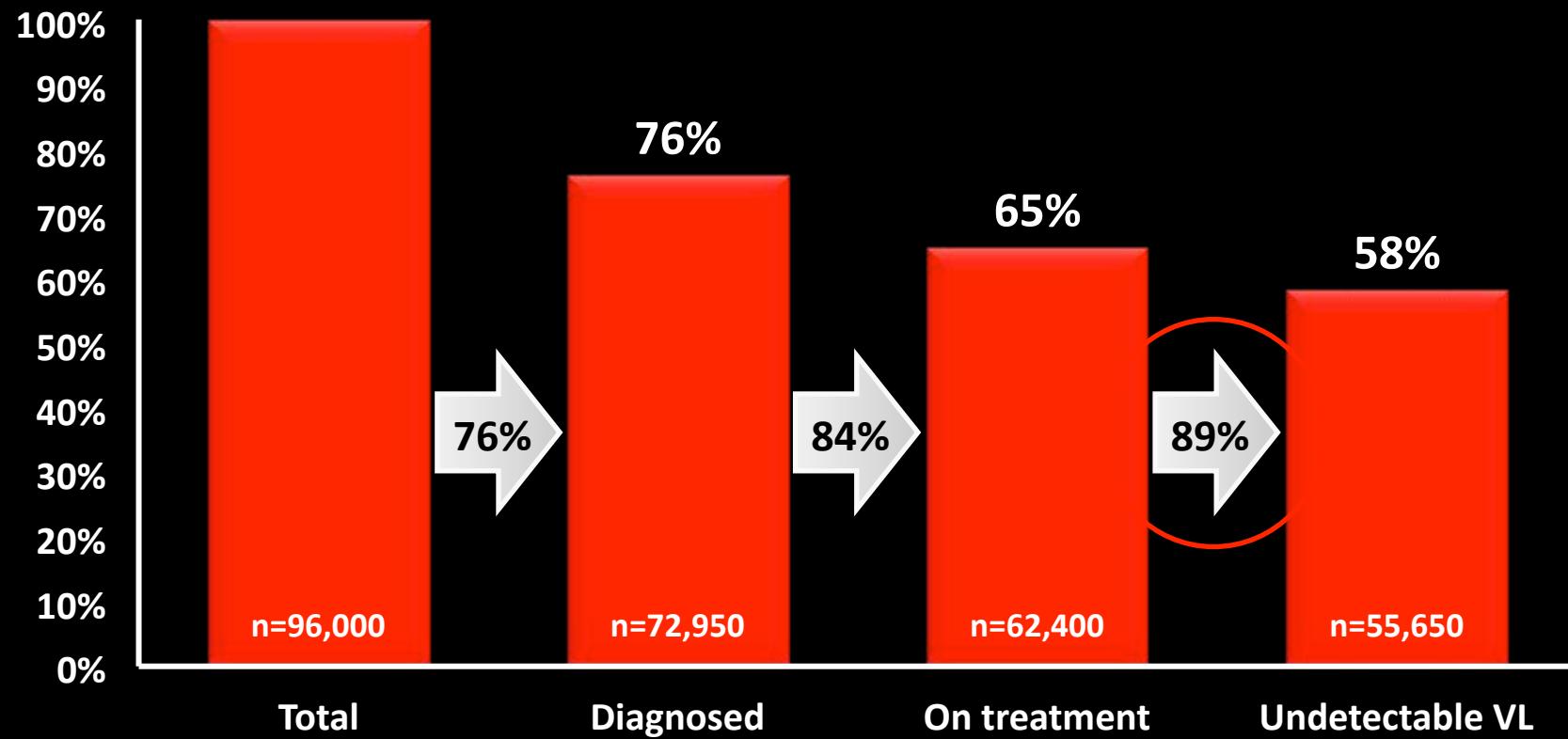
- Fusion inhibitors
 - Enfuvirtide
- R5 Inhibitors
 - Maraviroc
- Integrase Inhibitors
 - Raltegravir
 - Elvitegravir
 - Dolutegravir

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TFV/ftc/EFZ
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TFV/ftc/cELV

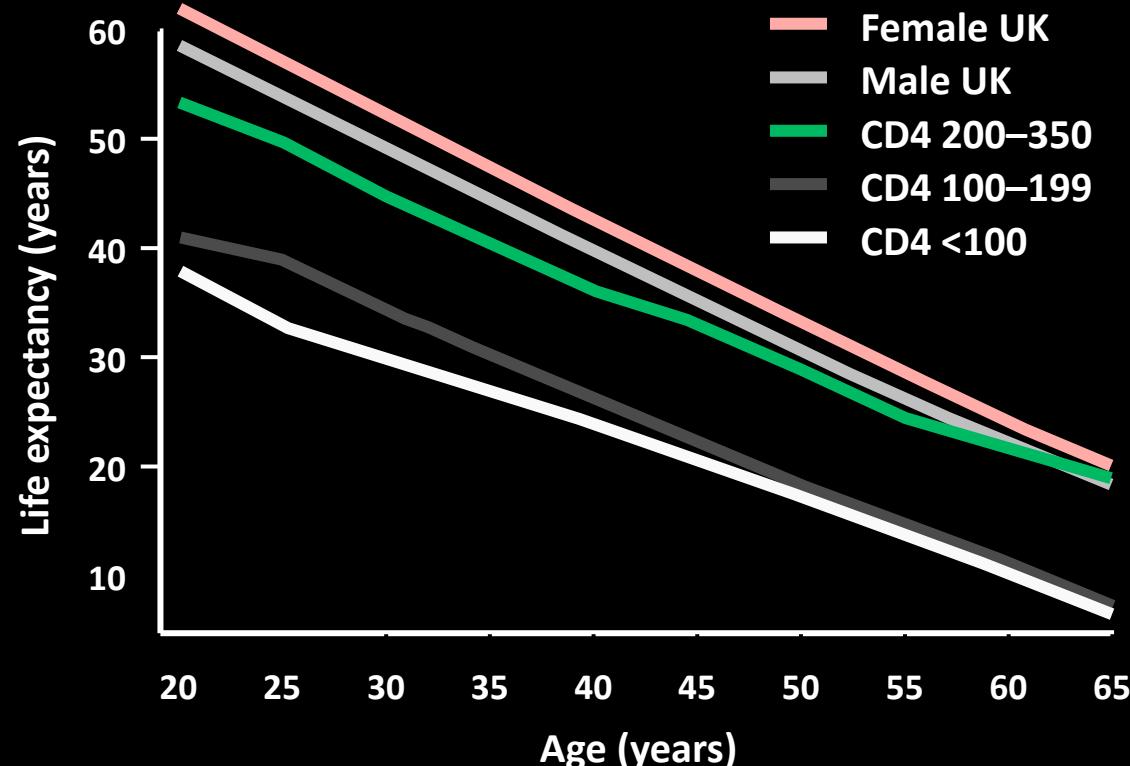
Continuum of care

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

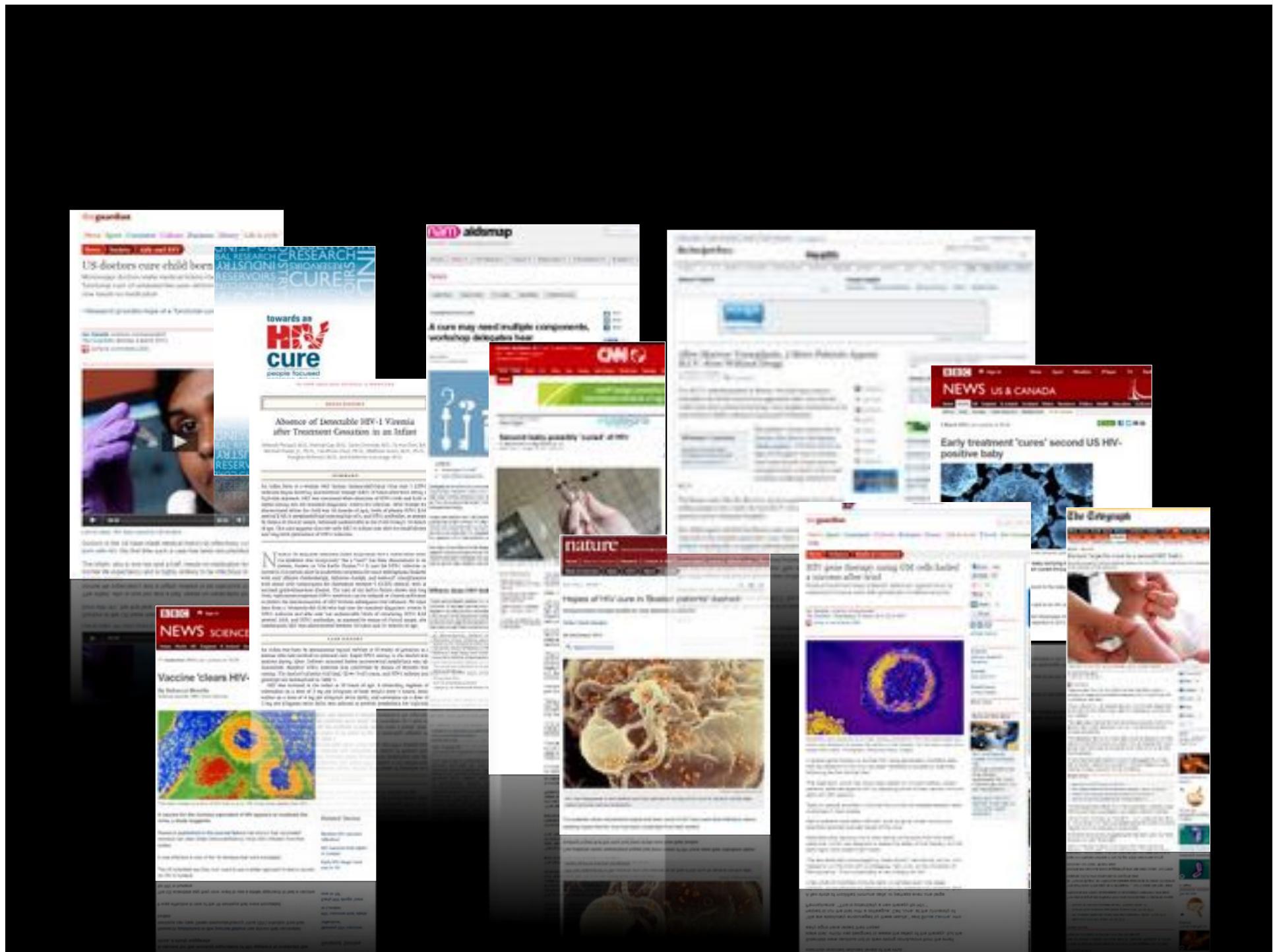
Impact on life expectancy of late diagnosis and treatment of HIV-1 infected individuals:
UK CHIC M May, M Gompels, C Sabin for UK CHIC. HIV10 Glasgow abstract 1629596





THE GRAYING OF AIDS

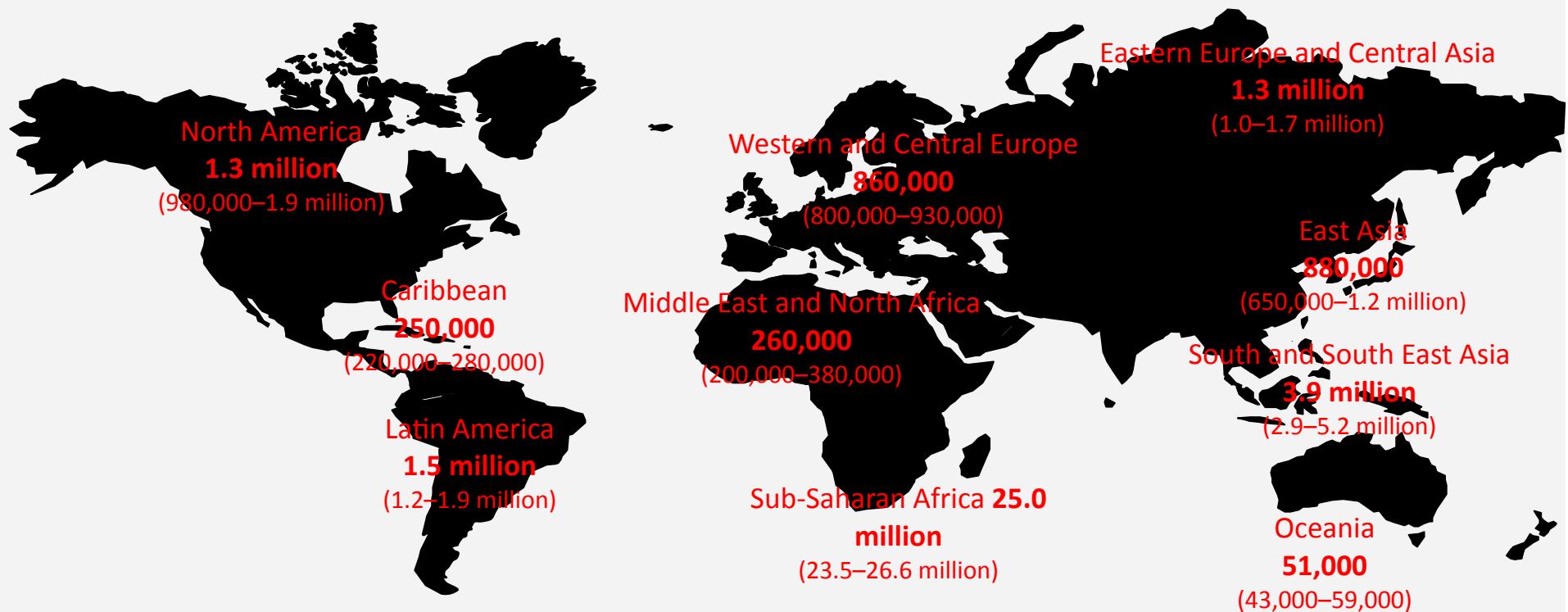
*stories from an
aging epidemic*





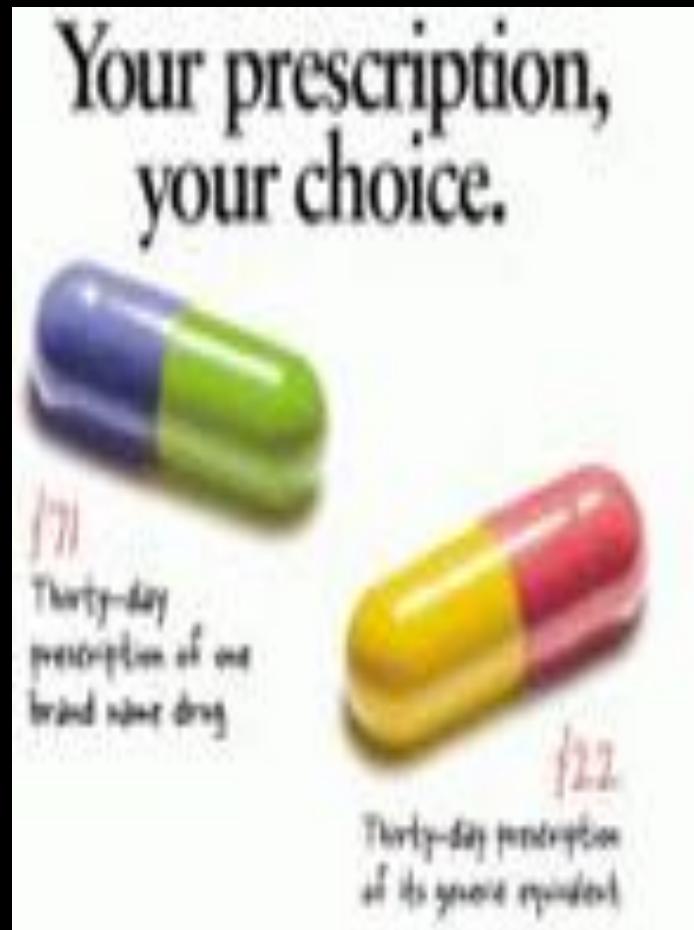
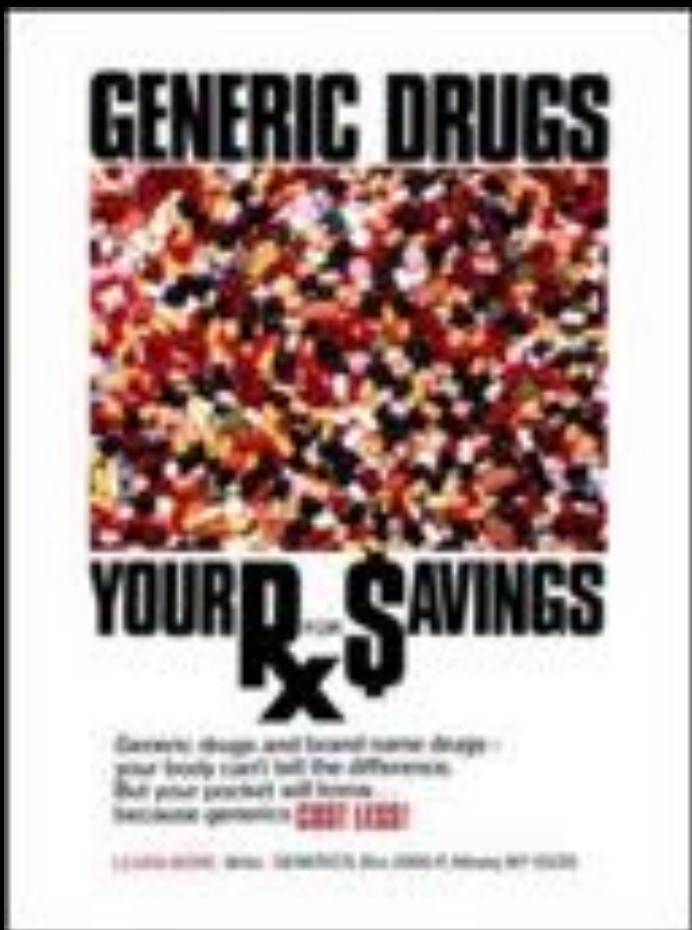
It is important to remember why ongoing research is necessary...

Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV in 2012





Generics





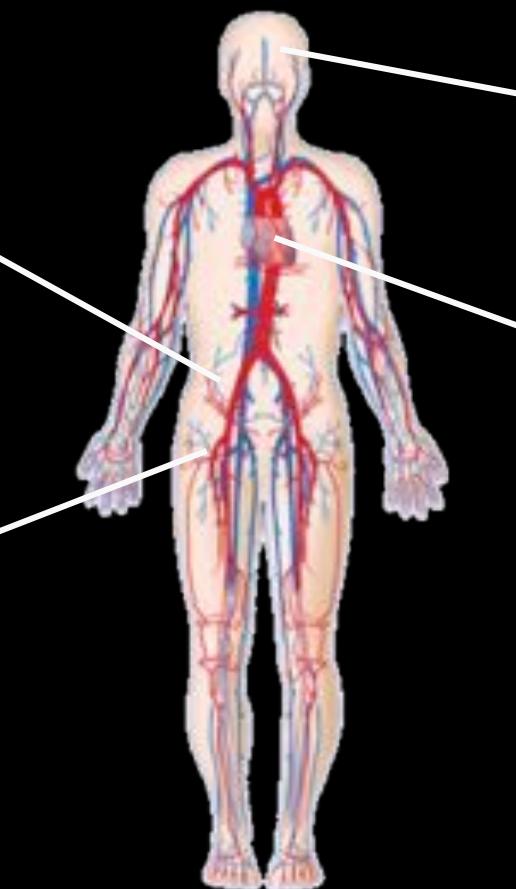
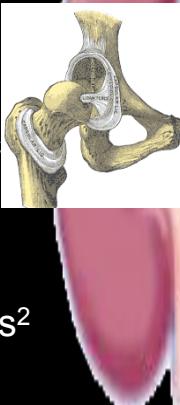
Emerging co-morbidities in HIV

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 ≥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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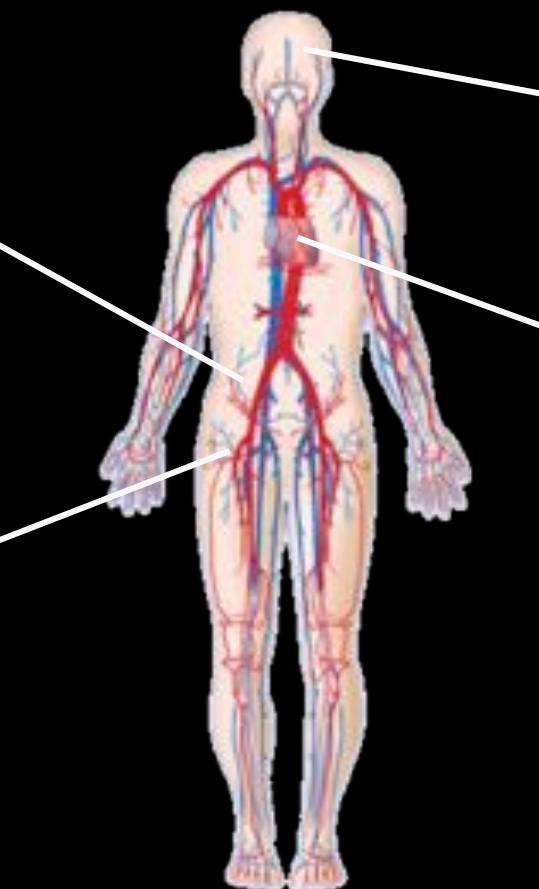
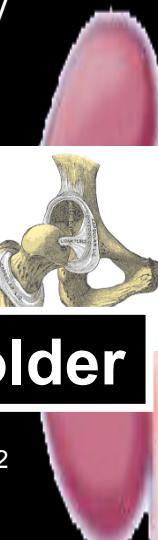
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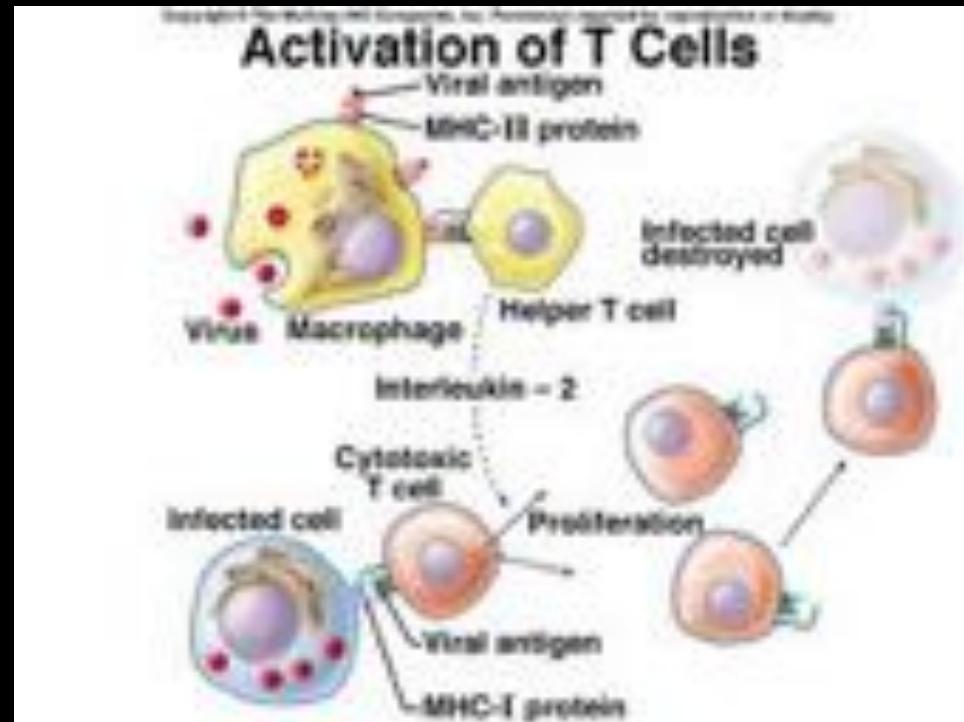
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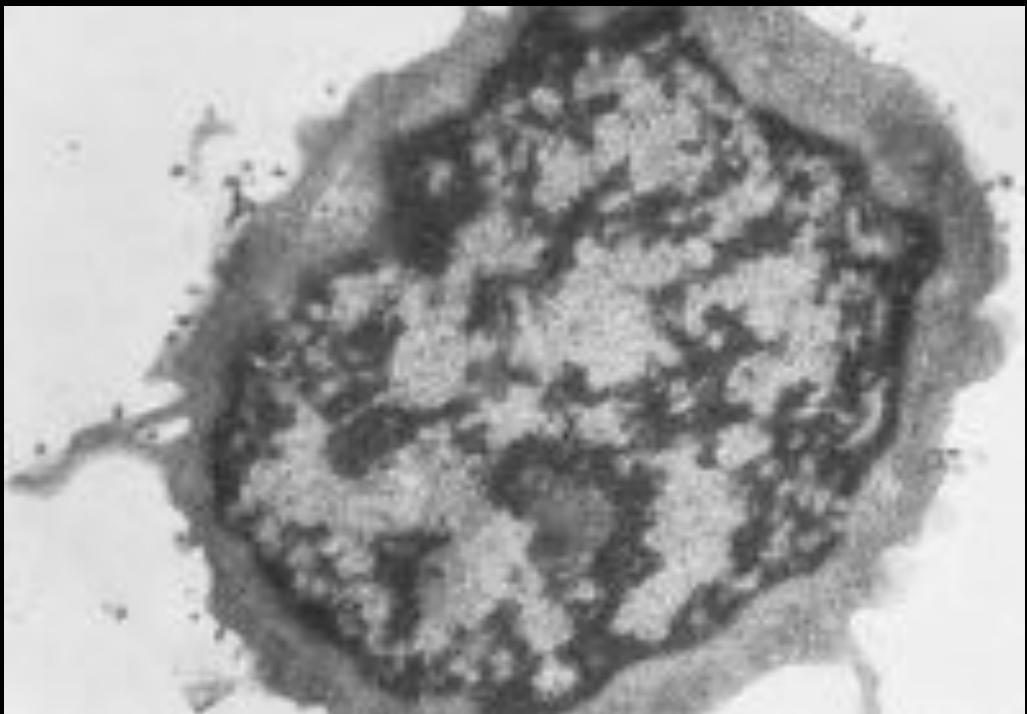
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CD4+ counts in seronegative Caucasians and African–Americans

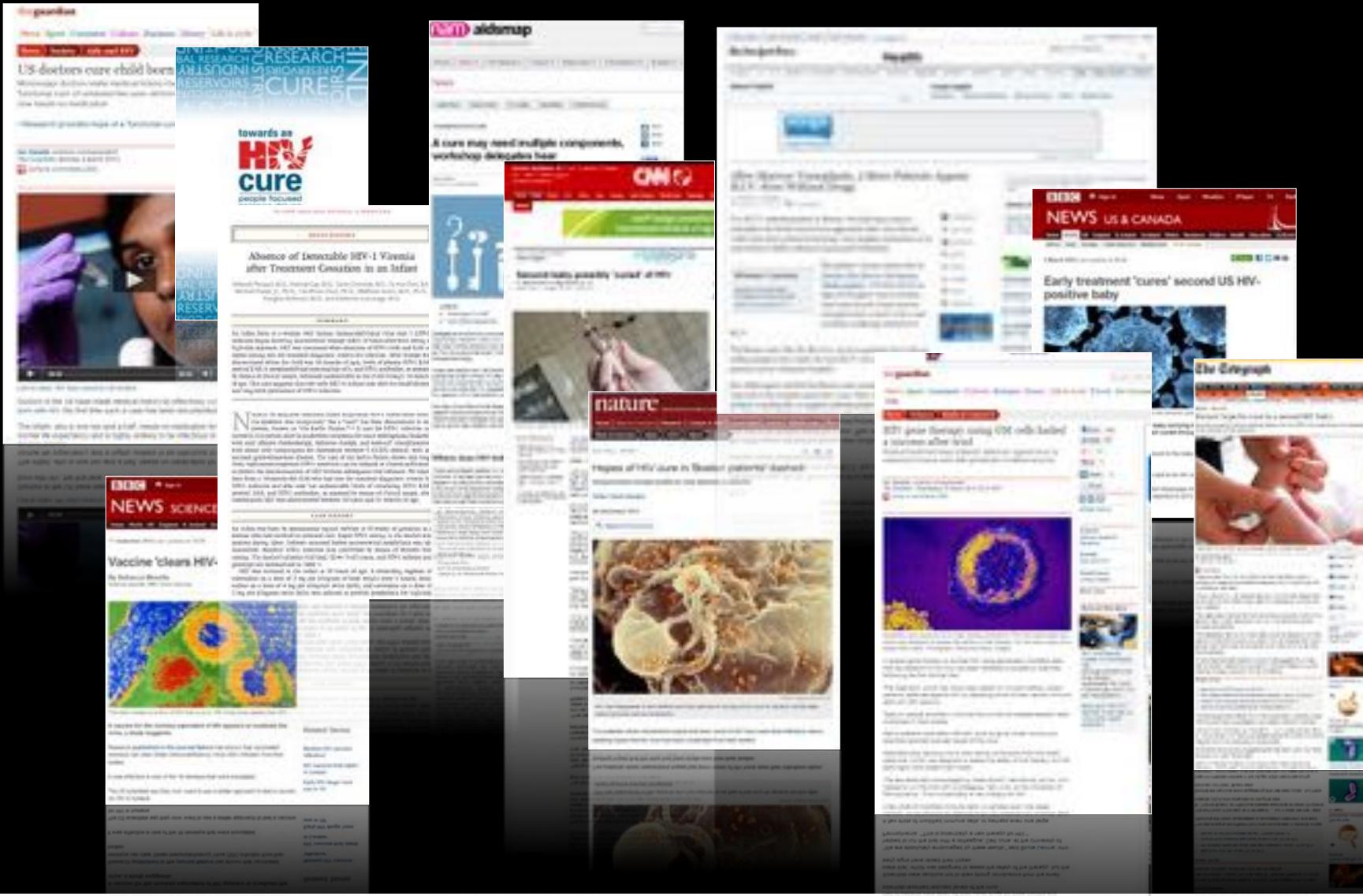
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Population	No. of study groups (No. of subjects)	CD4+ T-Cell Counts (cells/mm ³)		
		Weighted Mean (95% CI)	Median (IQR)	Range
European	16 (11037)	1011 (1005-1017)	940 (834-1030)	796-1109
Mixed USA	8 (4083)	1006 (995-1018)	998 (882-1027)	771-1075
African 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’?

Sterilising Cure

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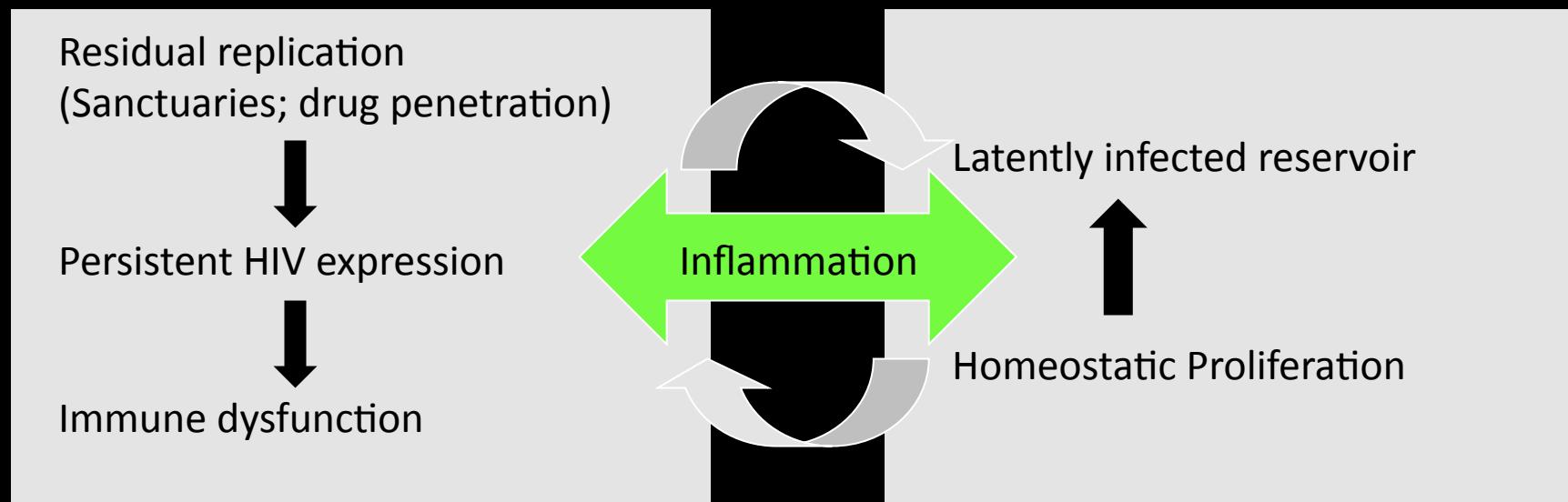
‘Functional’ Cure

“CANCER” MODEL

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

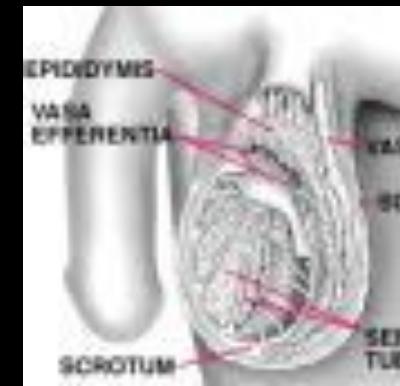
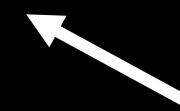
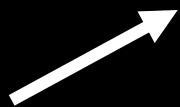
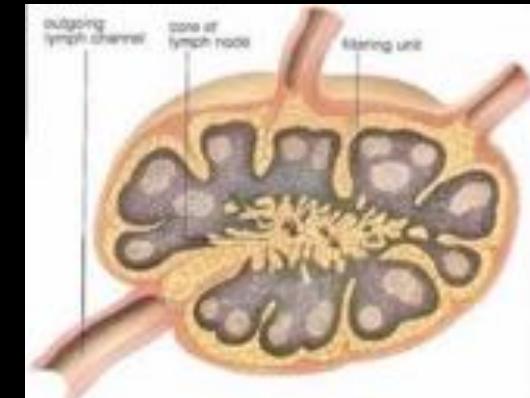
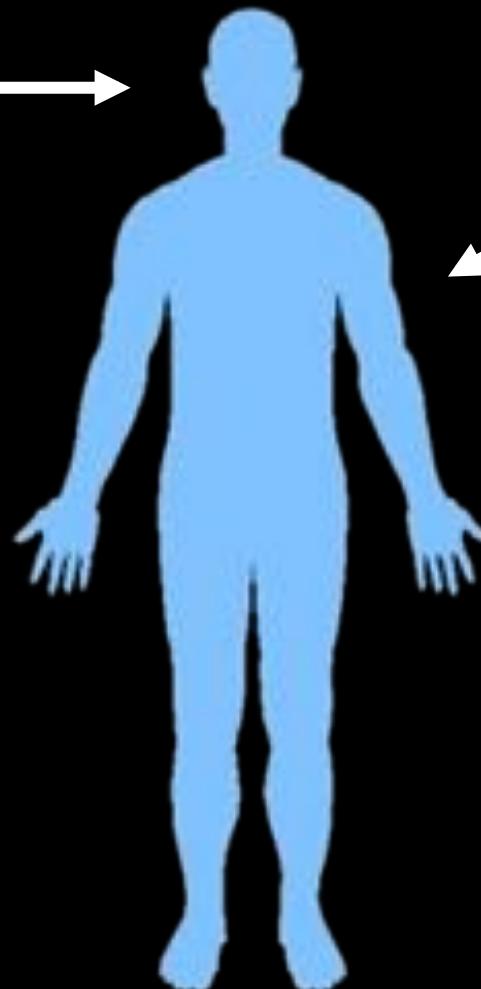
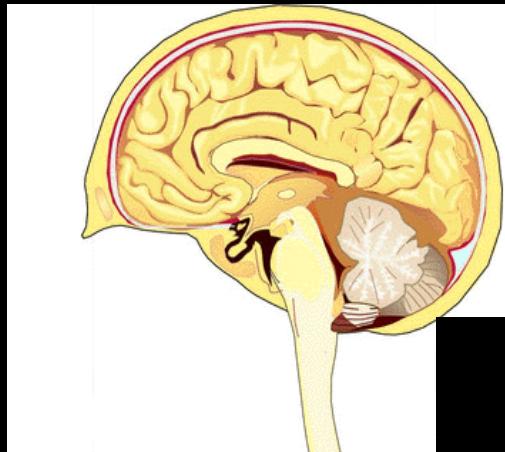
Why can't we cure HIV with ARV Drugs

A game of hide and sleep?



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

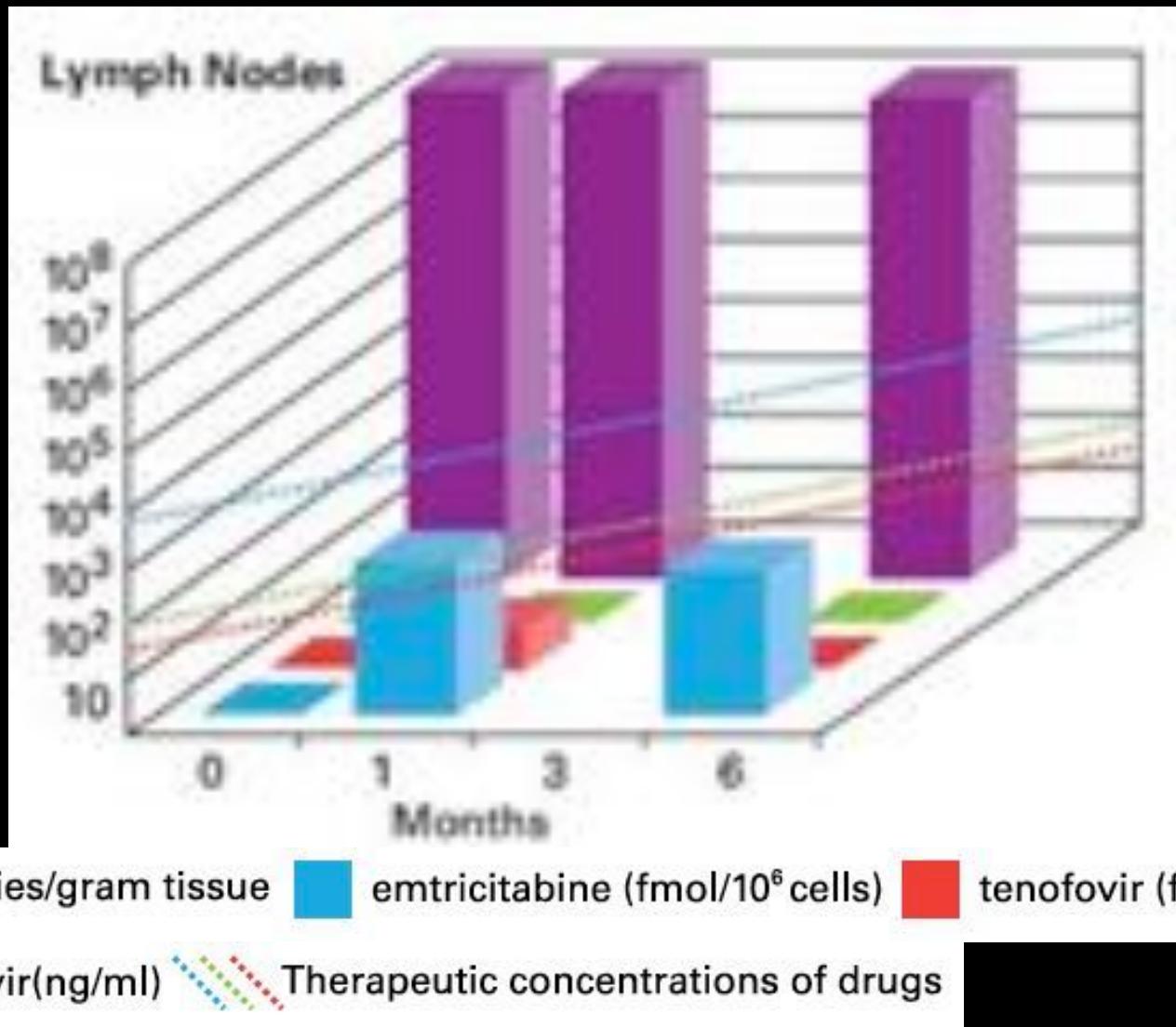
Anatomical reservoirs



BELIEVERS VS NON-BELIEVERS



Variable penetration of ARV in tissue

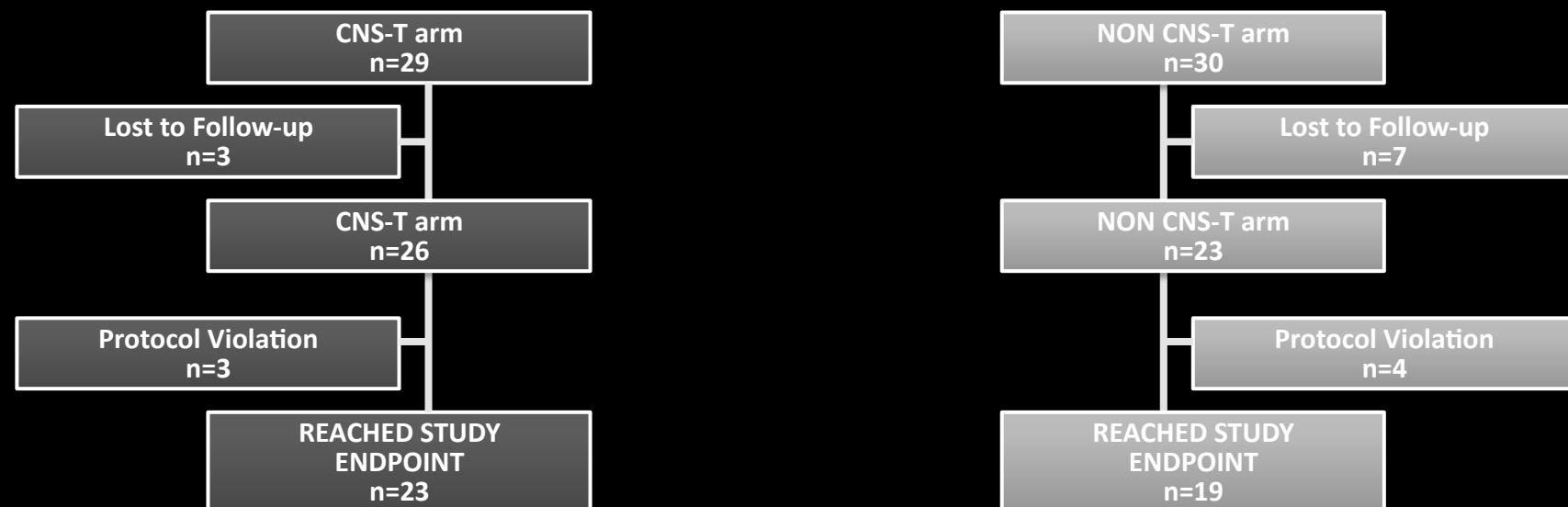


Fletcher, 19th CROI, Seattle 2012

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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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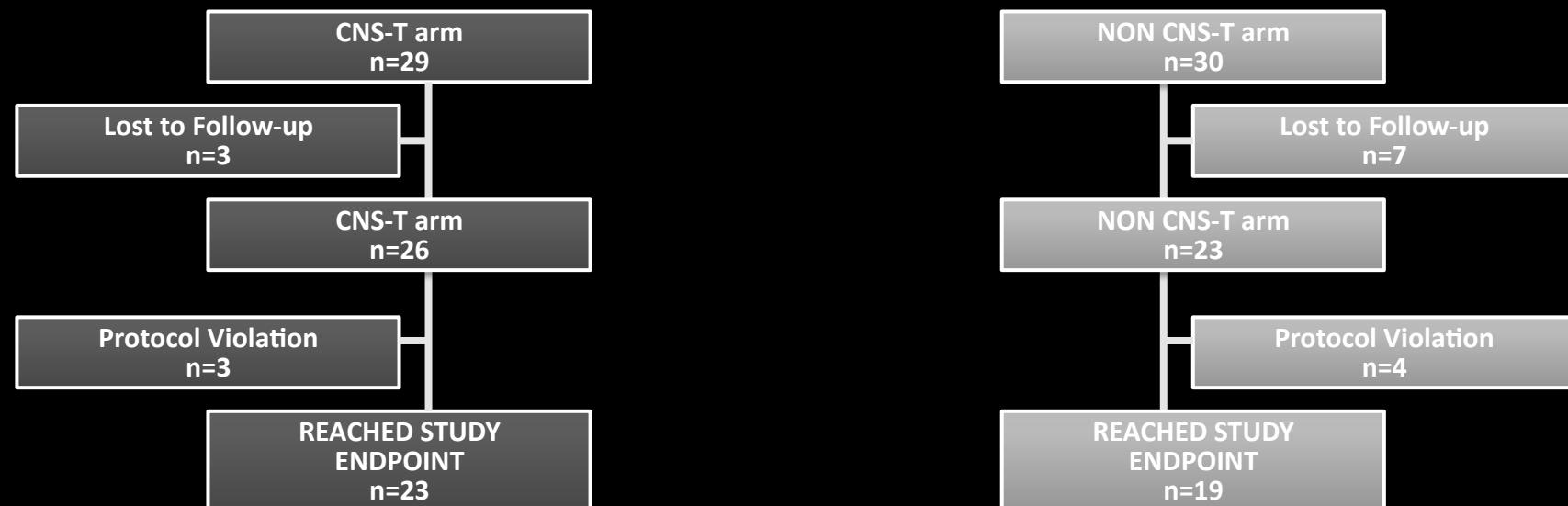
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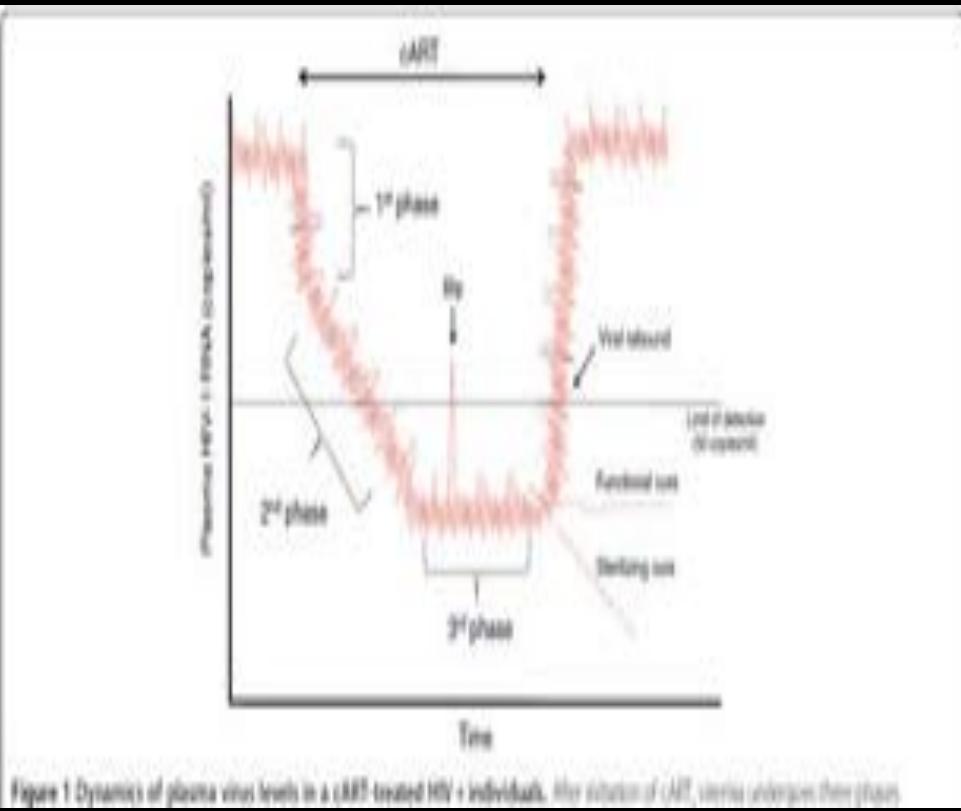
Baseline Characteristics, Study Treatments and Outcomes

	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

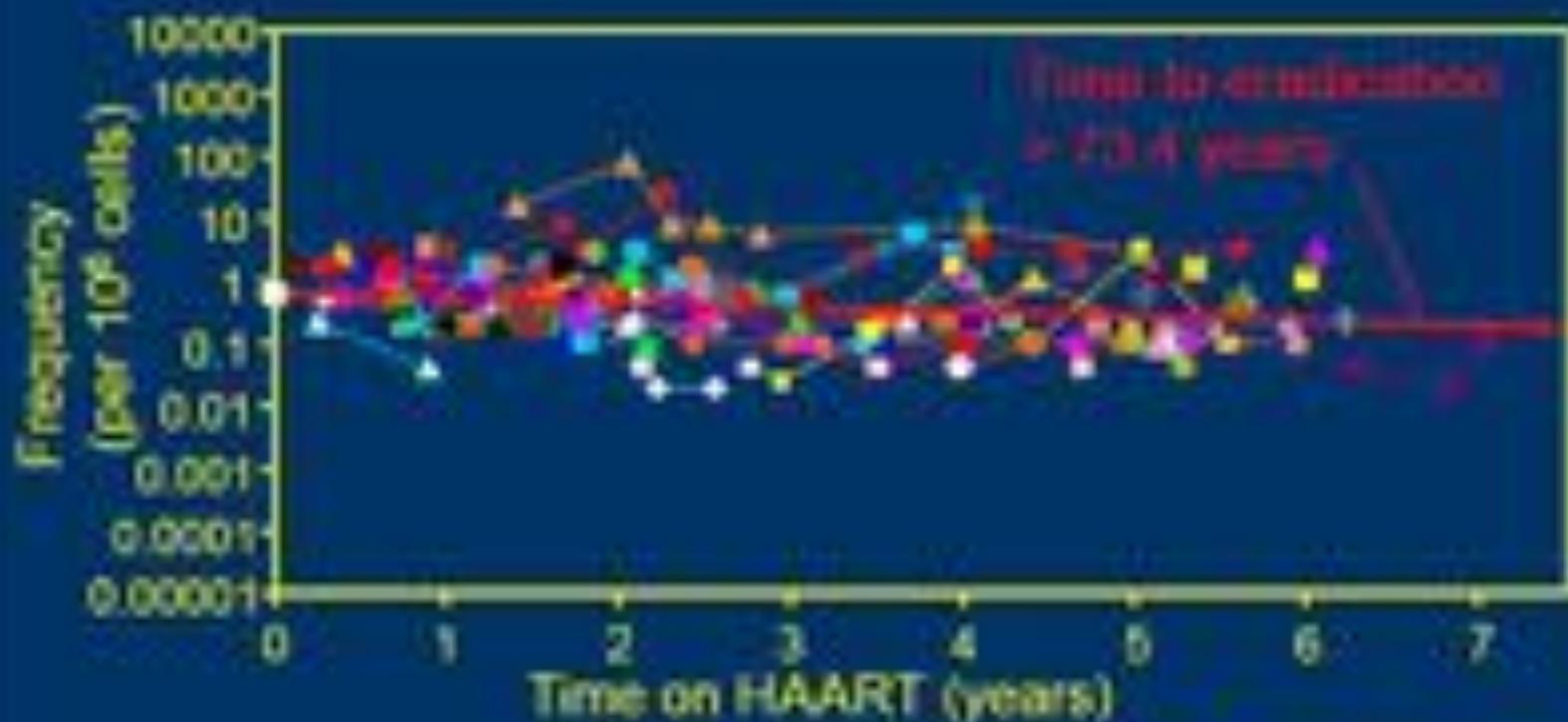


- Frequency 1/1,000,000
- Size 100,000 – 1,000,000
- Half Life 44 months



- 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



Granek et al., J Immunol 1999; 162: 10005

Wong et al., J Immunol 2000; 164: 6207

Chun et al., PNAS 1997



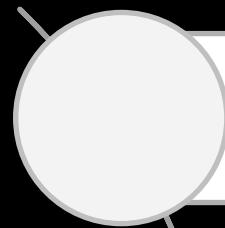




Bridging the gap from current cART to cure

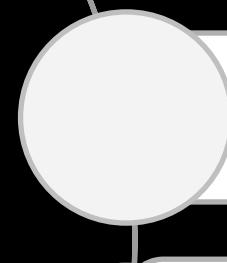


How to bridge the gap: targeting cure in HIV



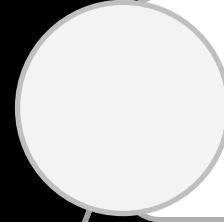
Inhibit residual replication

- Enhanced cART: novel drug classes/treatment intensification



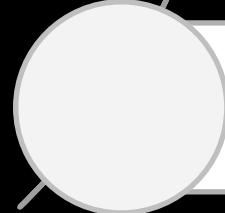
'Shock and kill'

- 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-L-1



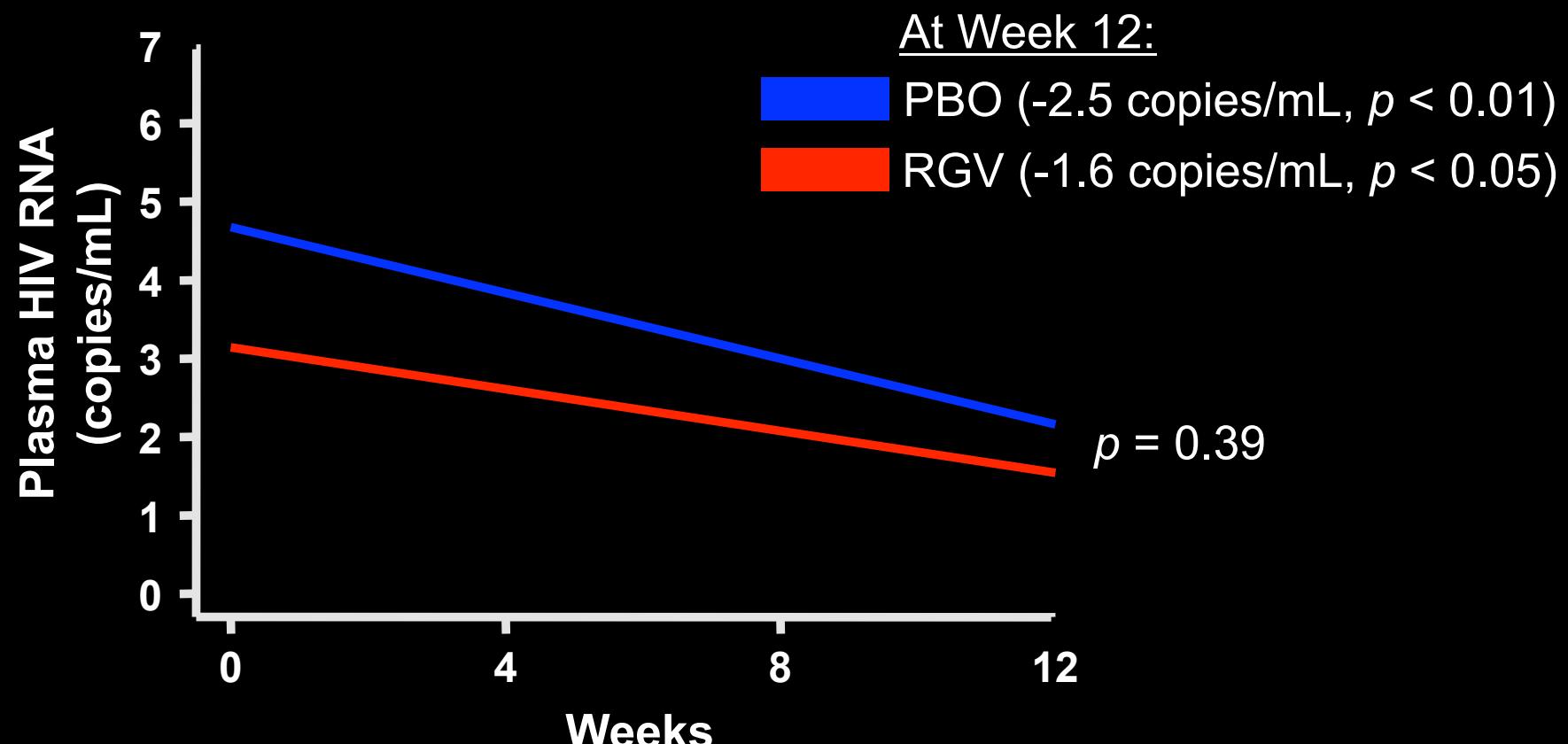
Gene therapy

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

Inhibiting Residual Viral Replication

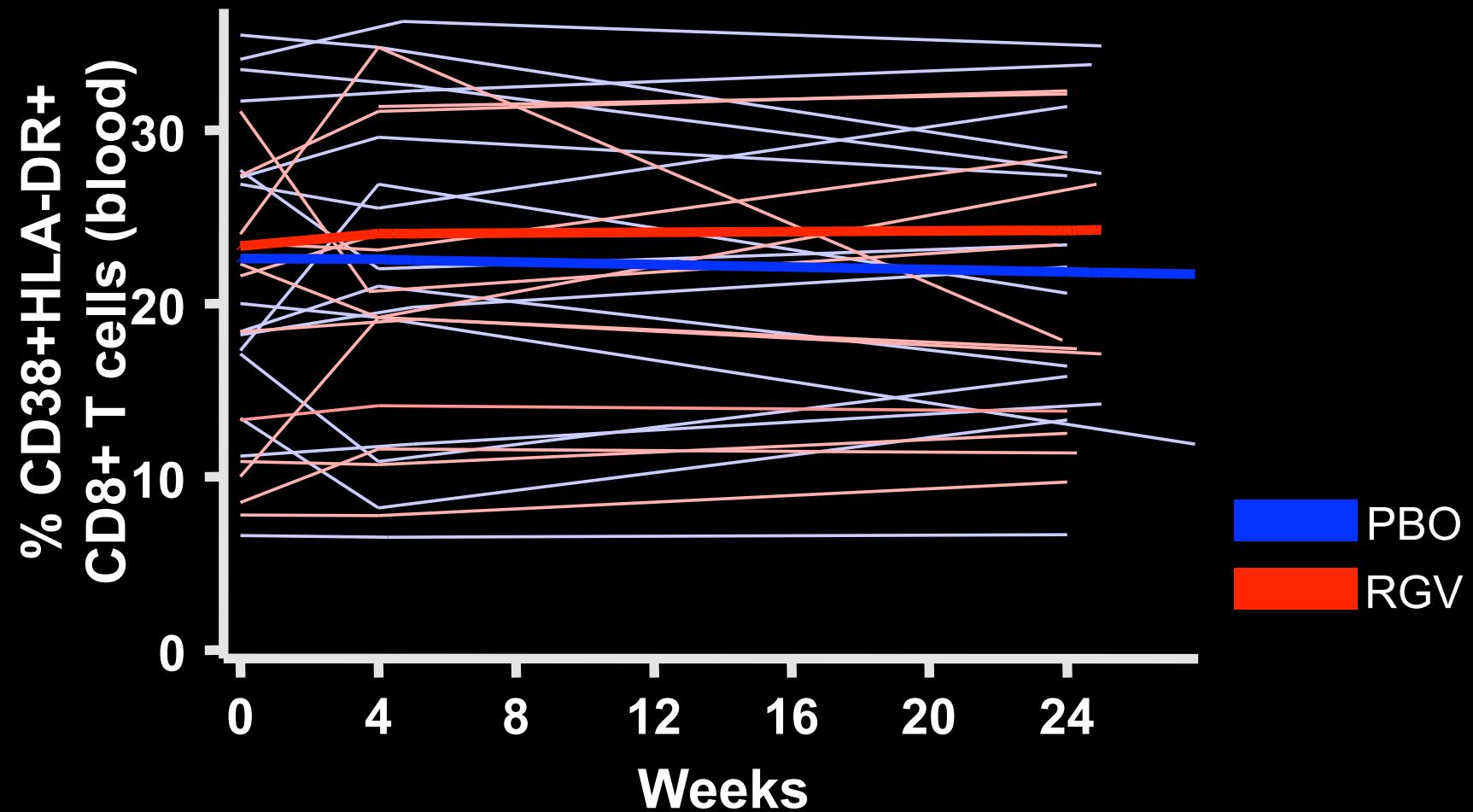


Raltegravir Intensification Did Not Decrease Plasma HIV RNA More than Placebo



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

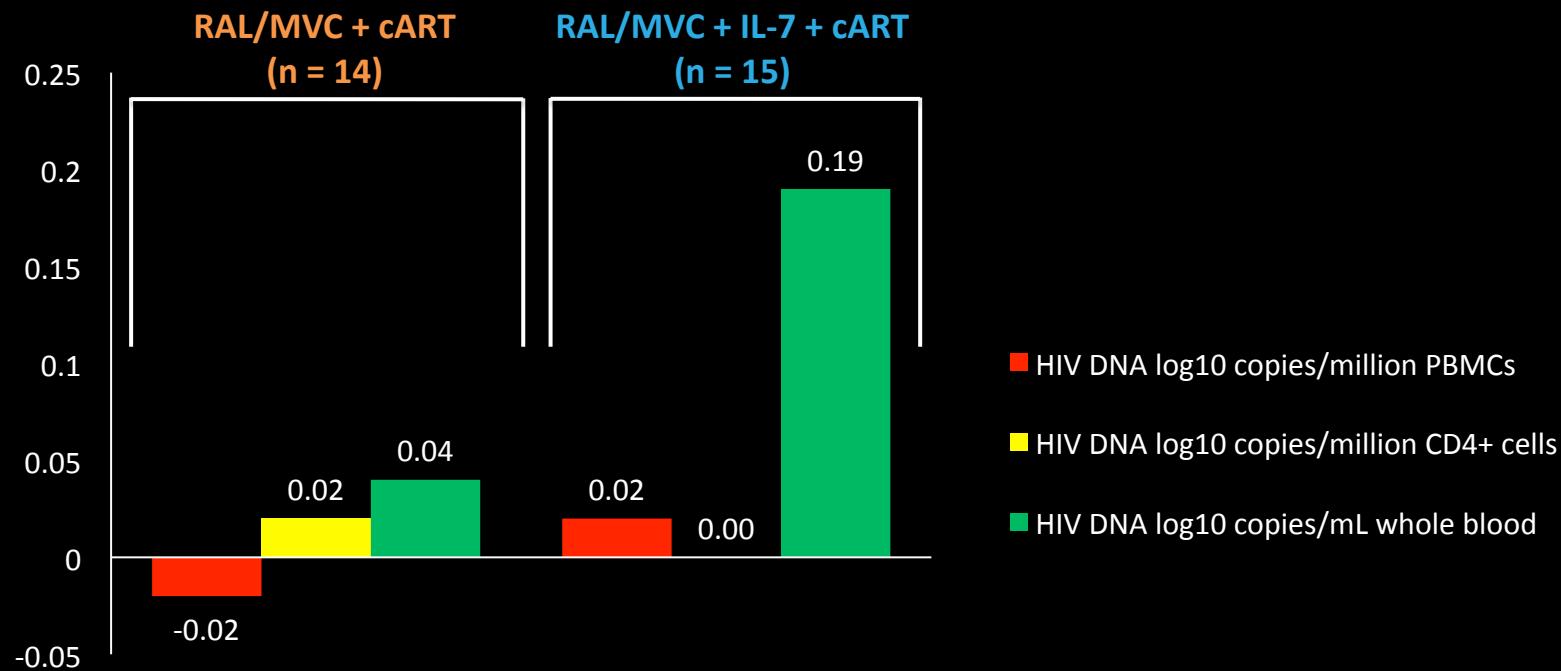
Raltegravir Intensification Had No Effect on CD8+ T Cell Activation



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

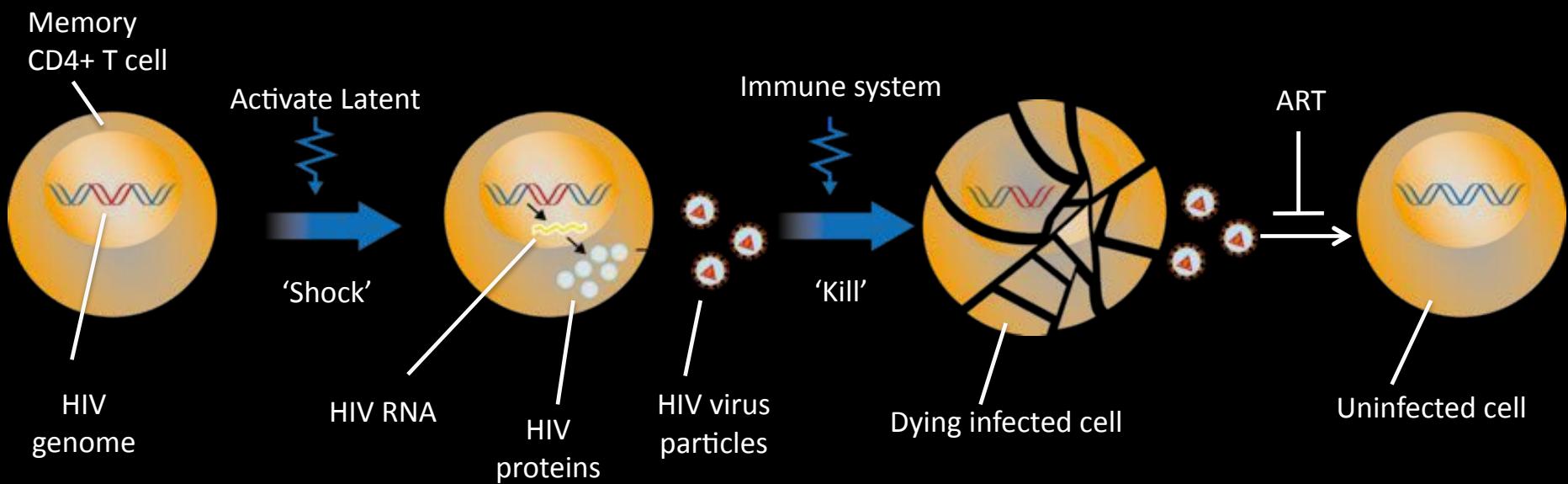
EraMUNE-01

- 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





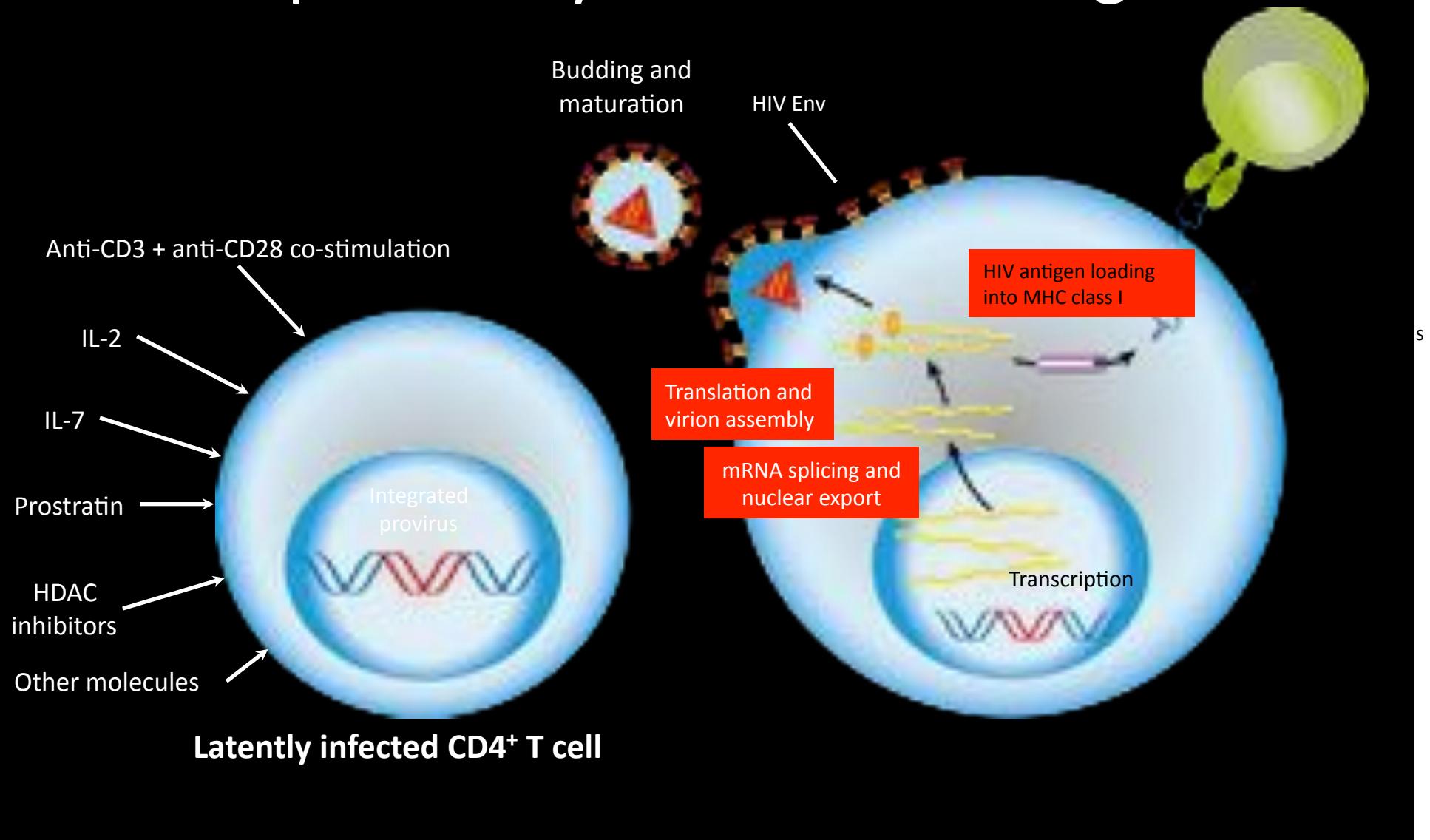
HIV ‘Shock and kill’



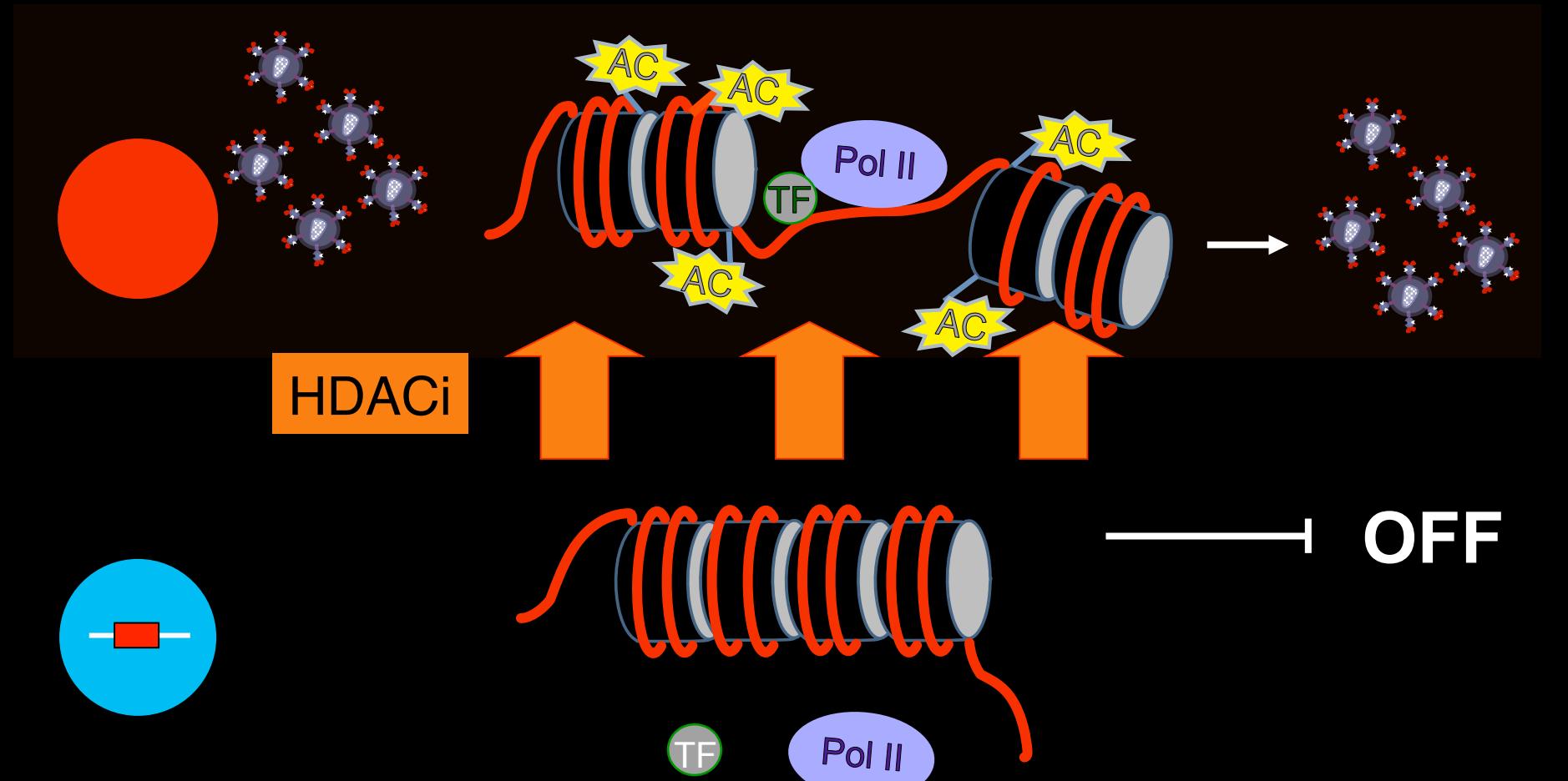
HDACi, histone deacetylase inhibitor

Adapted from Deeks SG. Nature 2012;487:439–40.

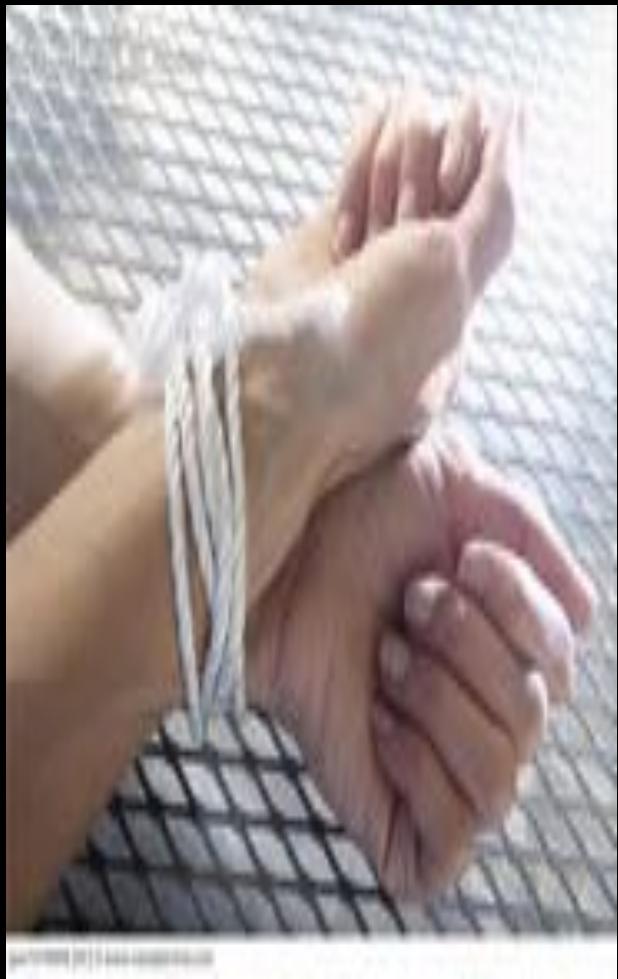
Activating latent virus is a necessary step in many HIV cure strategies

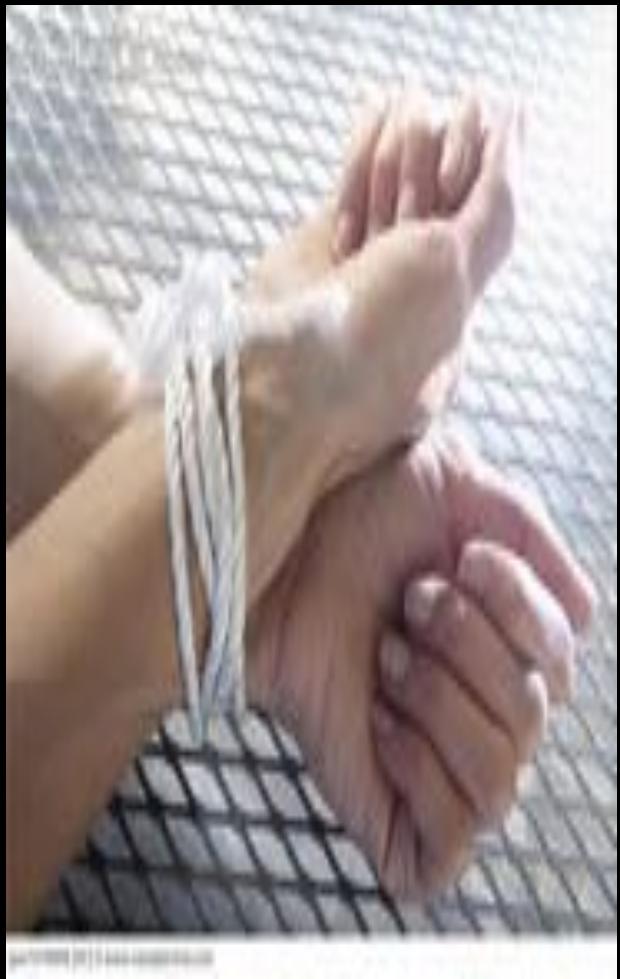


HDACi turn HIV genes “on”



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





Activating latent HIV: in vitro

- Histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitors^{1, 2} ✓
- Cytokines
 - IL-7^{3,4}
 - IL-15⁵✓
- Anti-alcohol agent
 - Disulfuram⁶✓
- Methylation inhibitors
 - 5-aza-dC⁷
- Immune modulation
 - Anti PD1
- NF-kB activators
 - Prostratin, PMA, TNF α ⁴
- 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

Sodium Valproate / Valproic acid 500

**Sodium Valproate BP 500mg +145 Valproic acid USP
controlled release Tablets**

**3 BOTTLES OF 10 TABLETS EACH
REGULAR TABLETS**

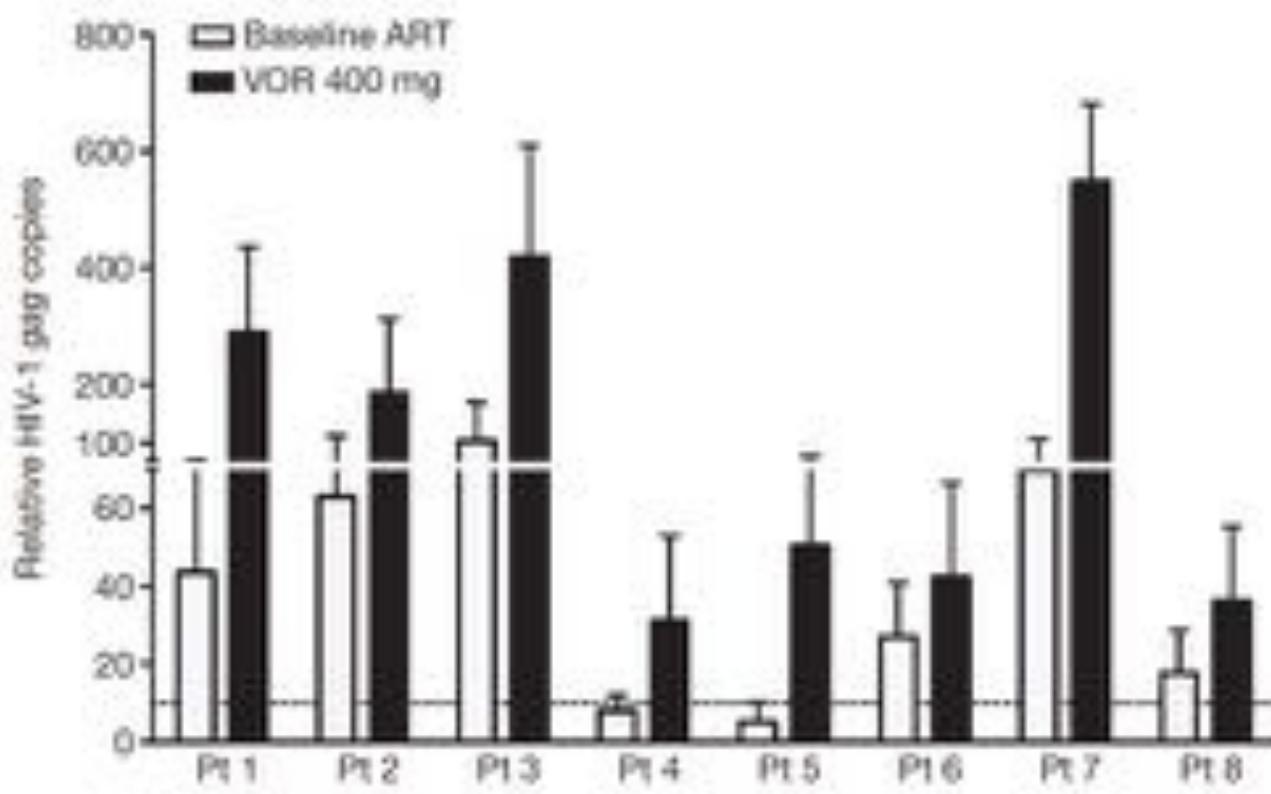
**FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED DOSES
PRESCRIPTION ONLY MEDICINE**

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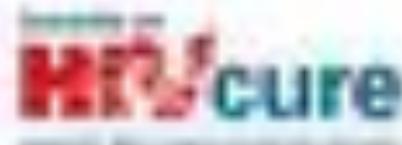
Treatment

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

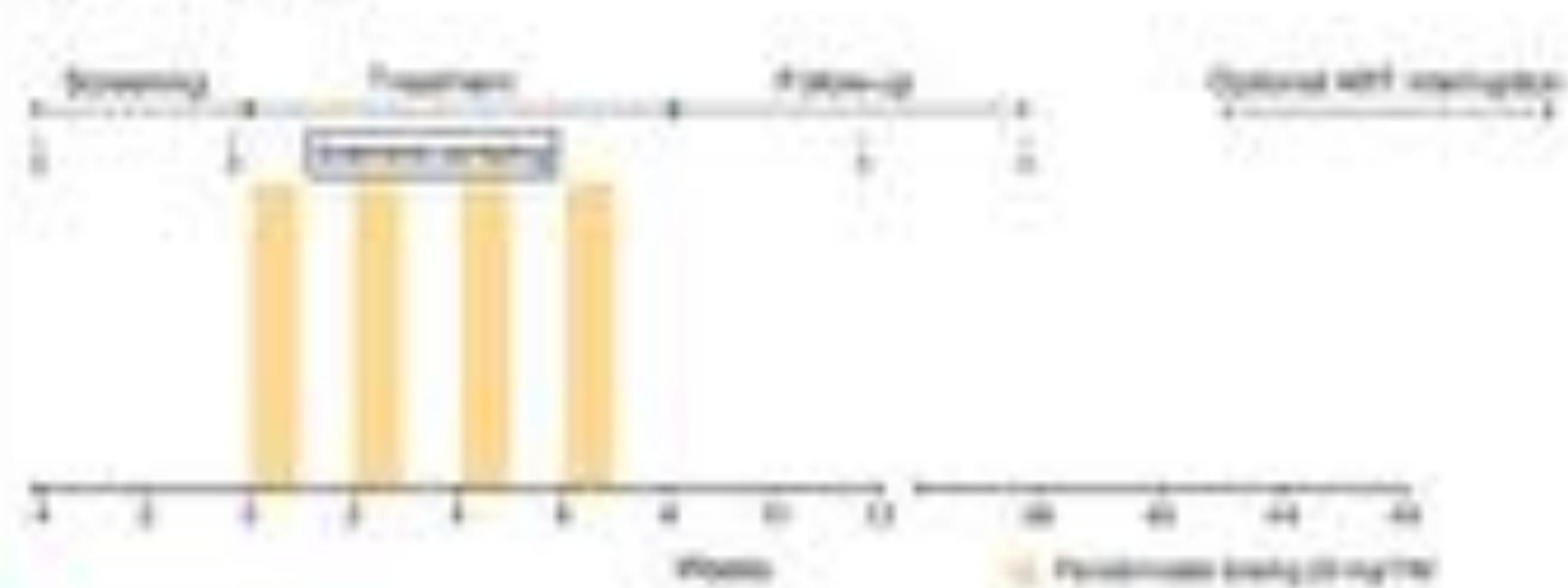
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Study design Overall

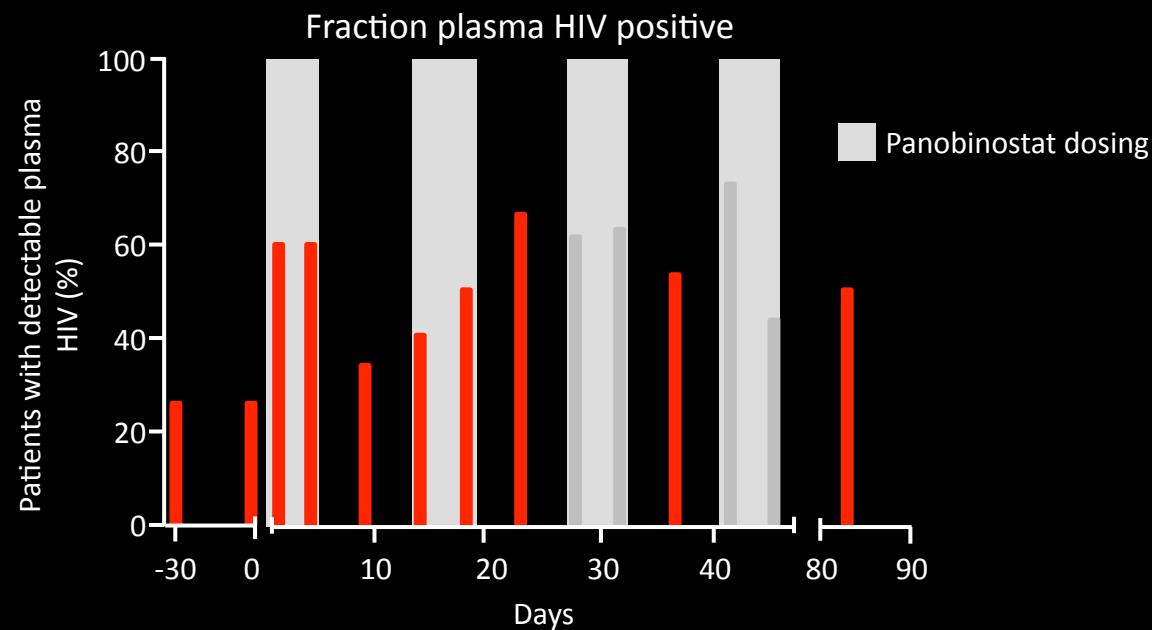


- Cetuximab 20 mg/kg three givings every other week.
- Repeated 4 times for a total of 8 weeks.
- Total of 12 doses

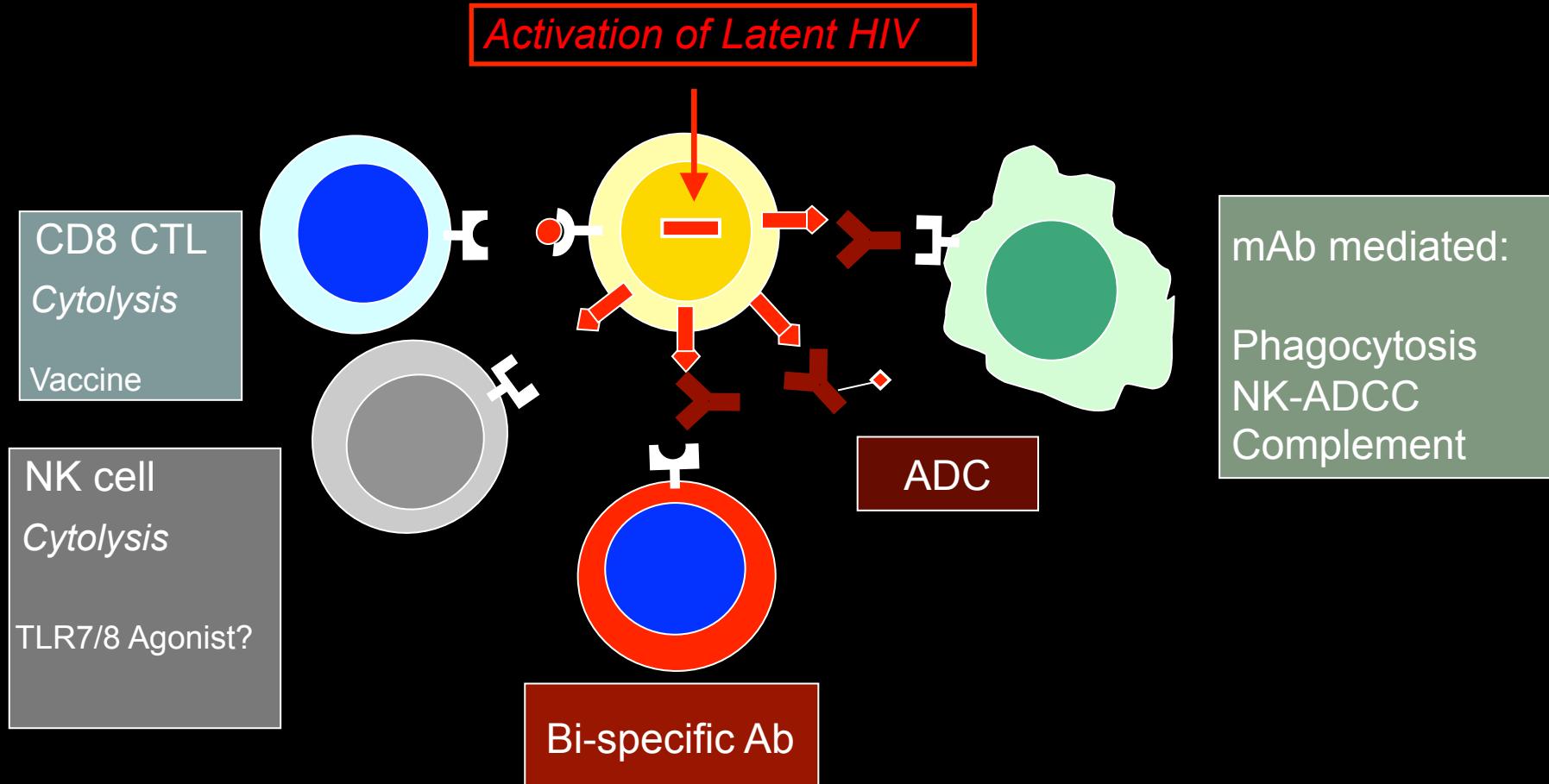


CLEAR study: HDAC inhibitor panobinostat *in vivo*

- 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



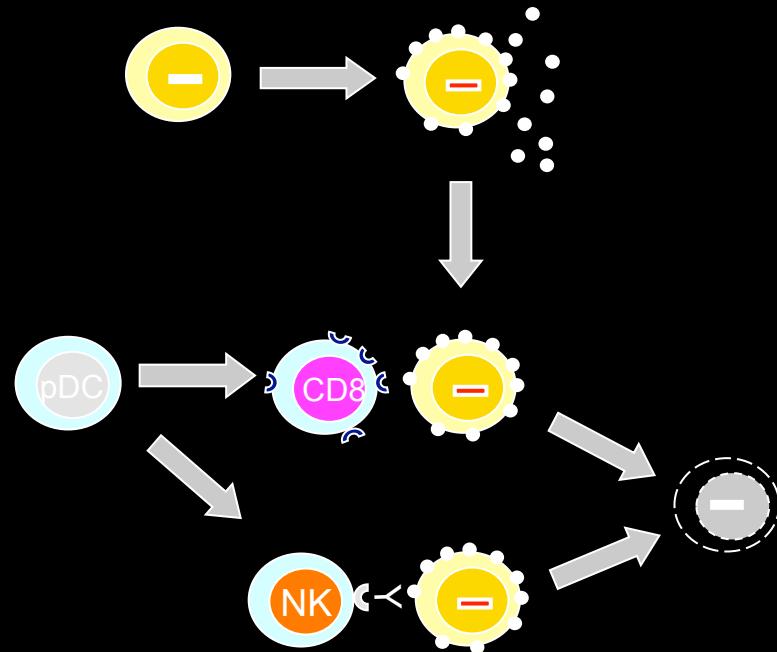
Combination of RMD and TLR7 Agonist

Activate HIV Expression

Romidepsin

Cell-mediated Killing
via immune modulation

TLR7 agonist



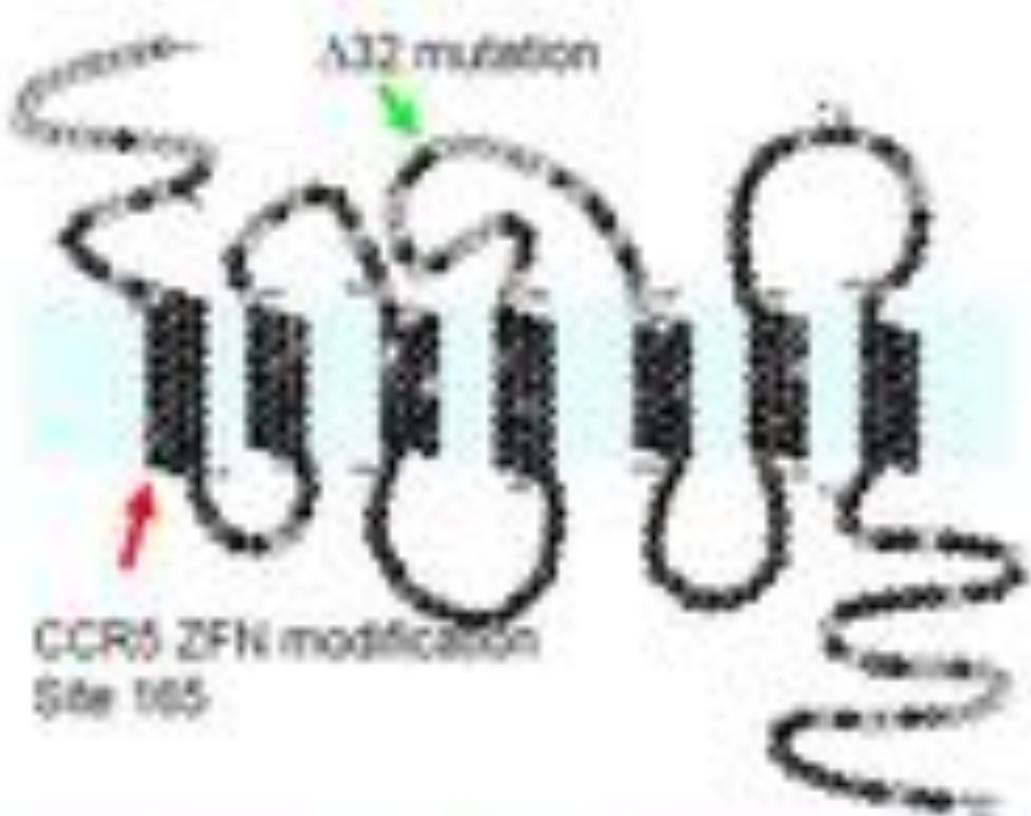
Can activation of DCs help prime HIV-specific immune responses?

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 Δ32 mutation

Mechanism of ZFN-mediated Targeted CCR5 Gene Disruption



Endogenous CCR5 gene targeted for disruption.



ZFNs dimerize and introduce a double stranded DNA break in the CCR5 gene.



Break repaired by either homologous or non-homologous end-joining (NHEJ) – Resulting in permanent CCR5 gene disruption.

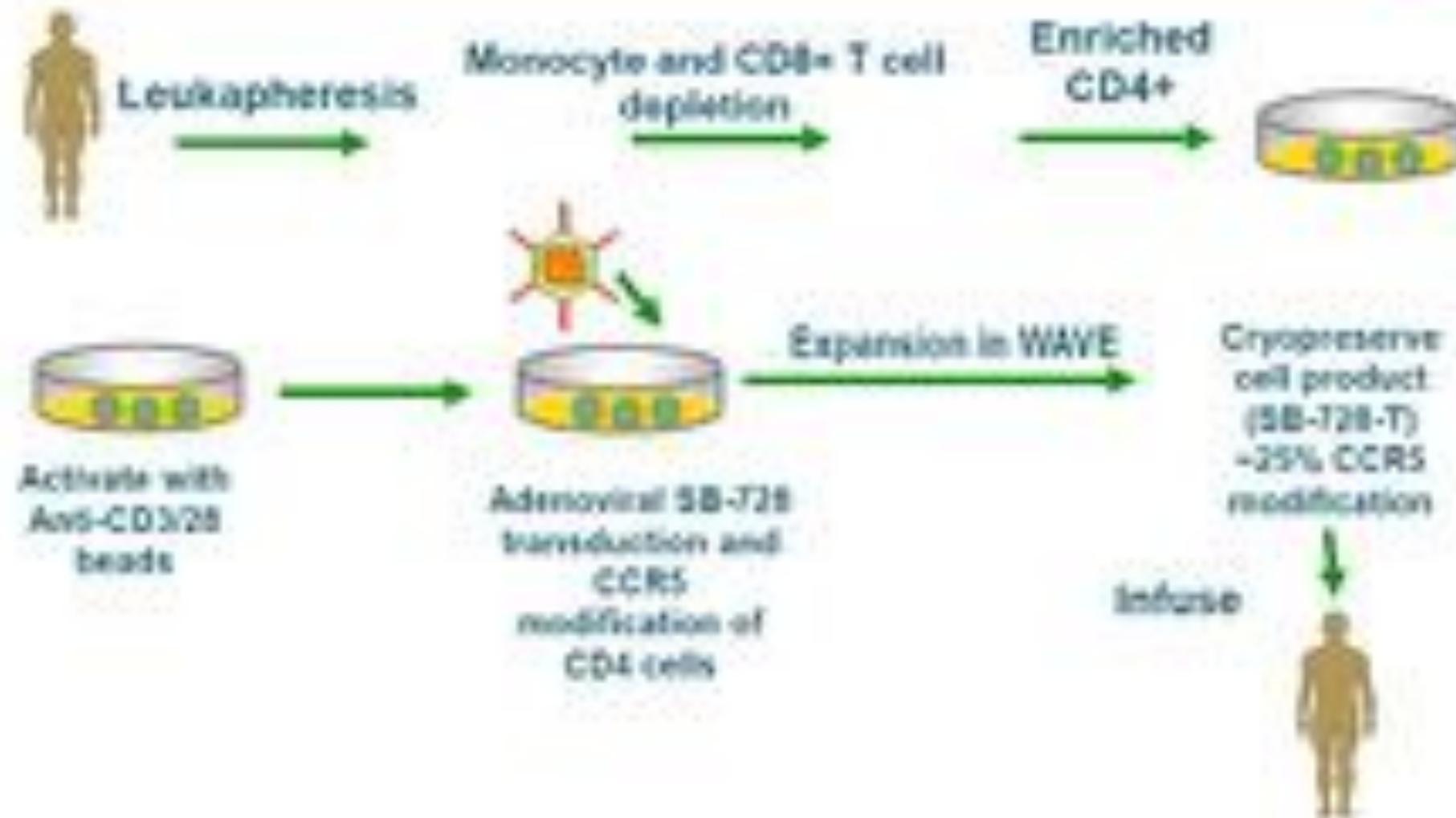


CCR5 gene disrupted

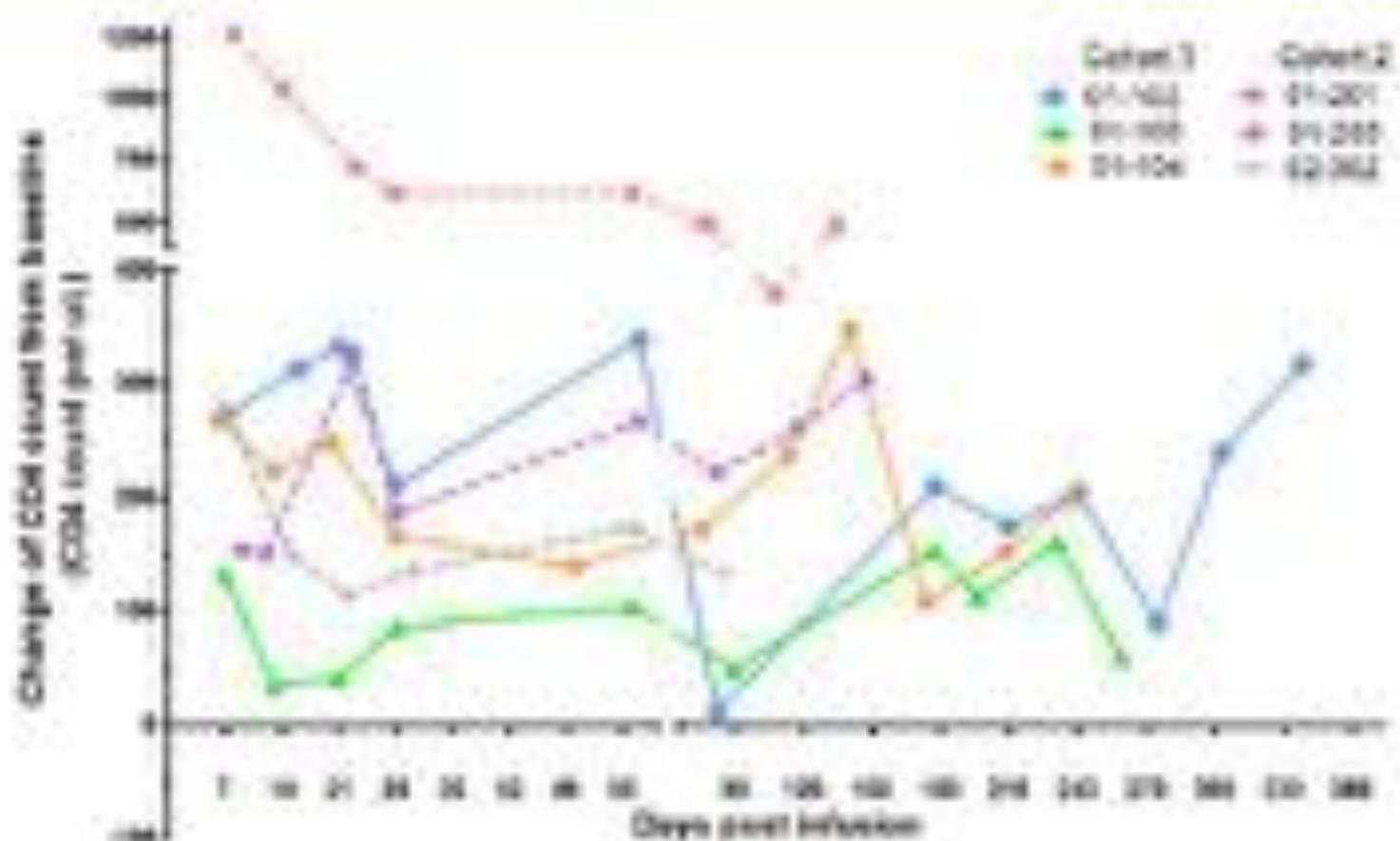
A 5-bp duplication (Pentamer) occurs in 25% of modified cells at target site allowing PCR quantification



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

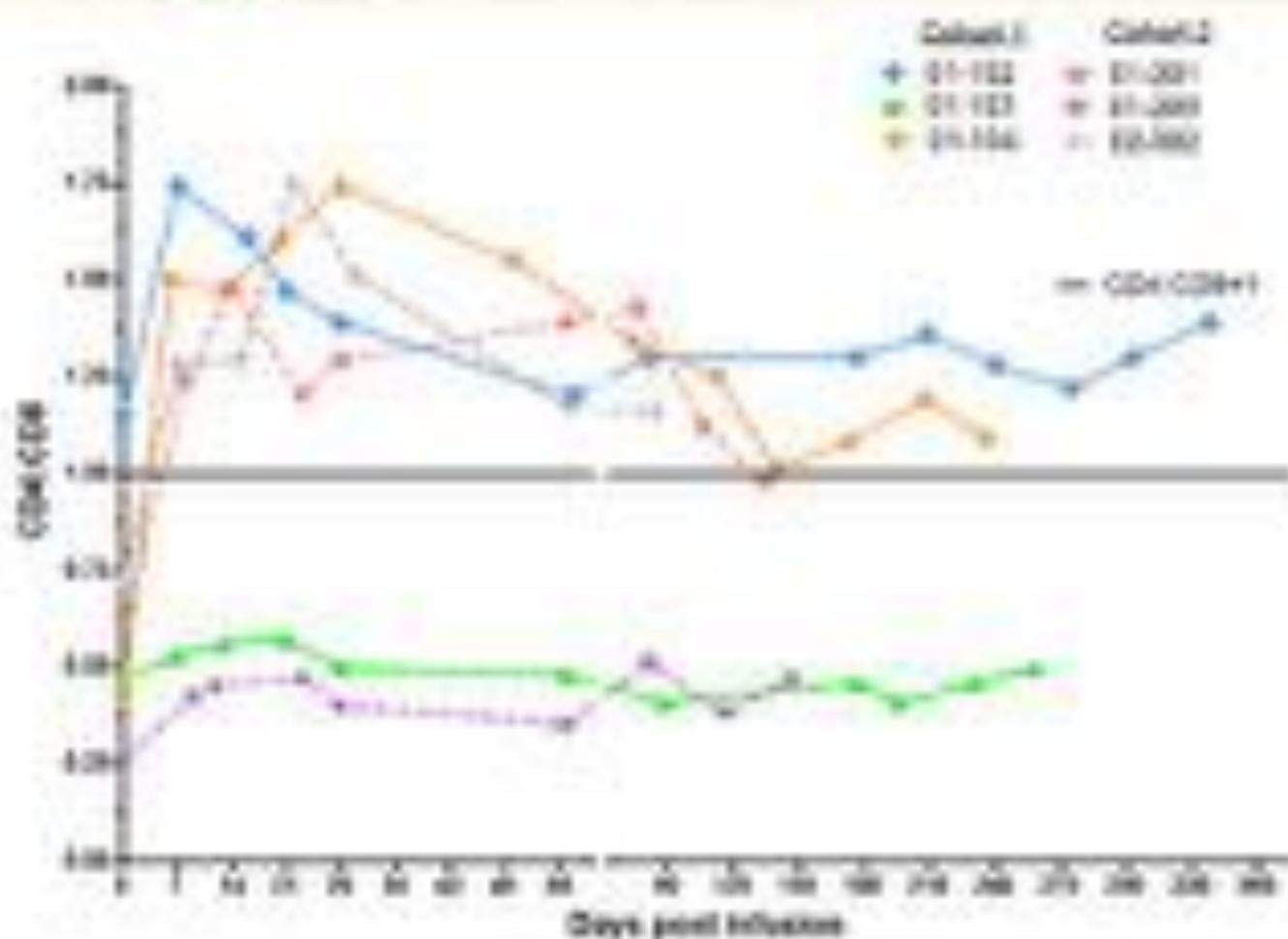


Increased CD4 T-cell Counts from Baseline after Single SB-728-T Infusion

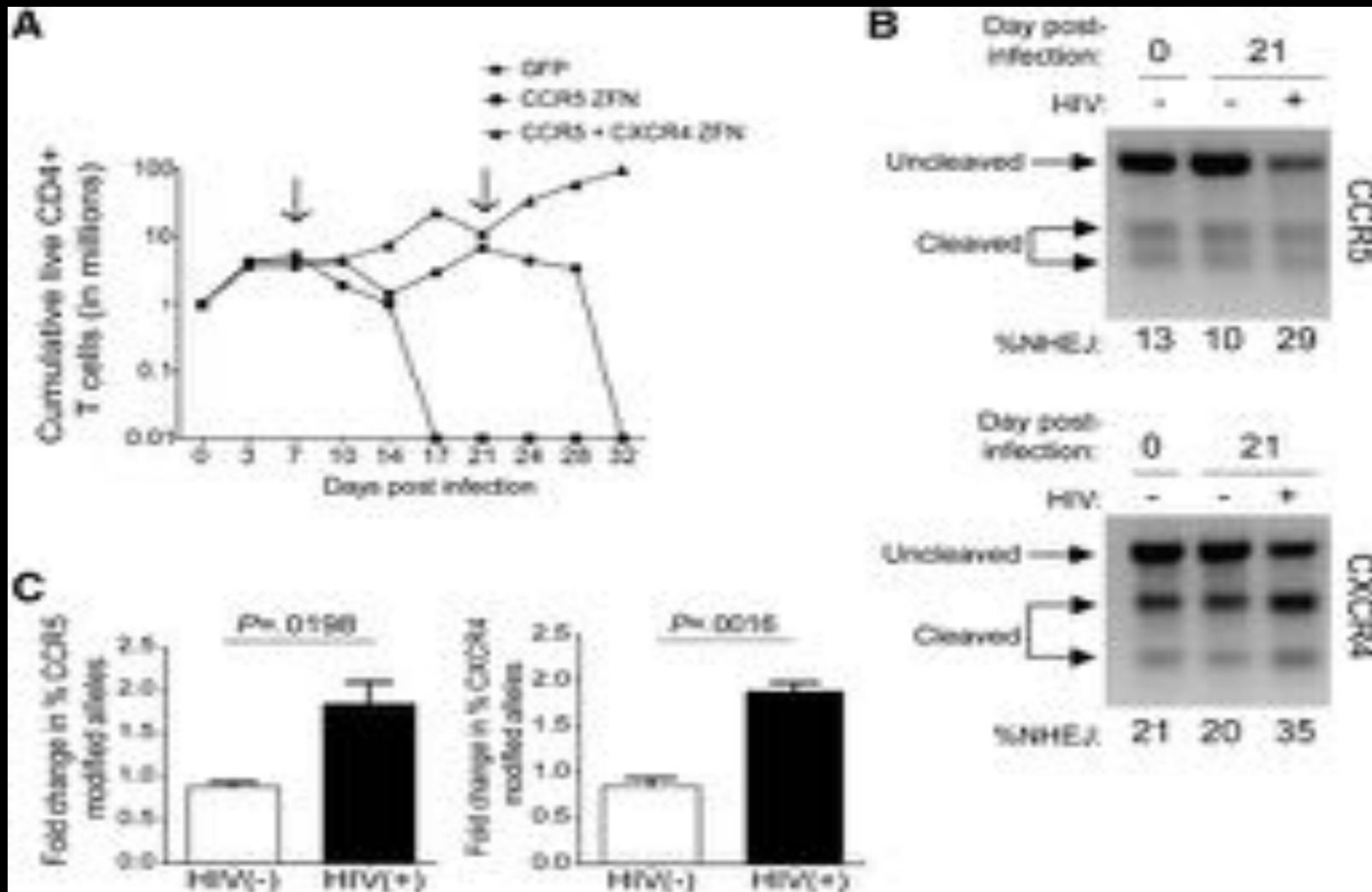


Sustained increase from baseline observed in 5 of 6 subjects at most time points

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

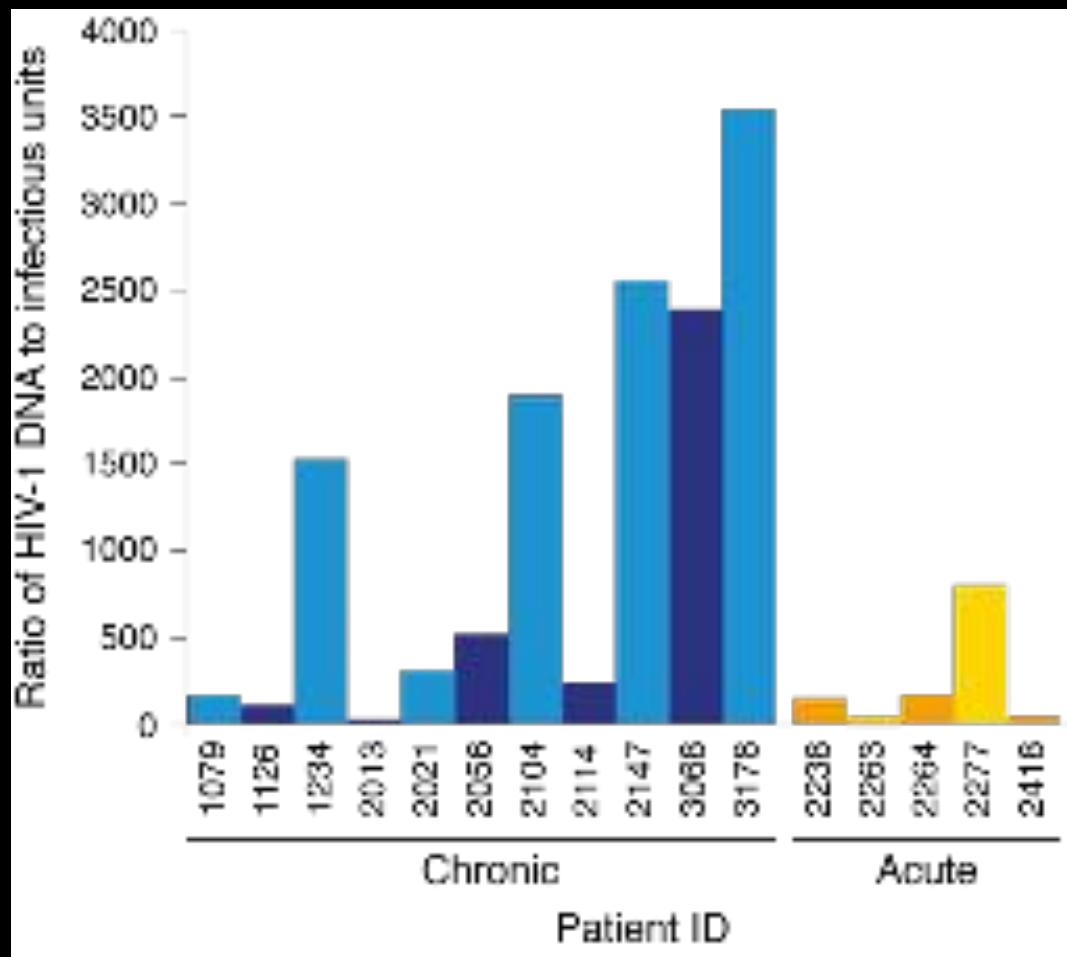


CD4:CD8 reversal (from <1 to >1) in 3 of 5 subjects



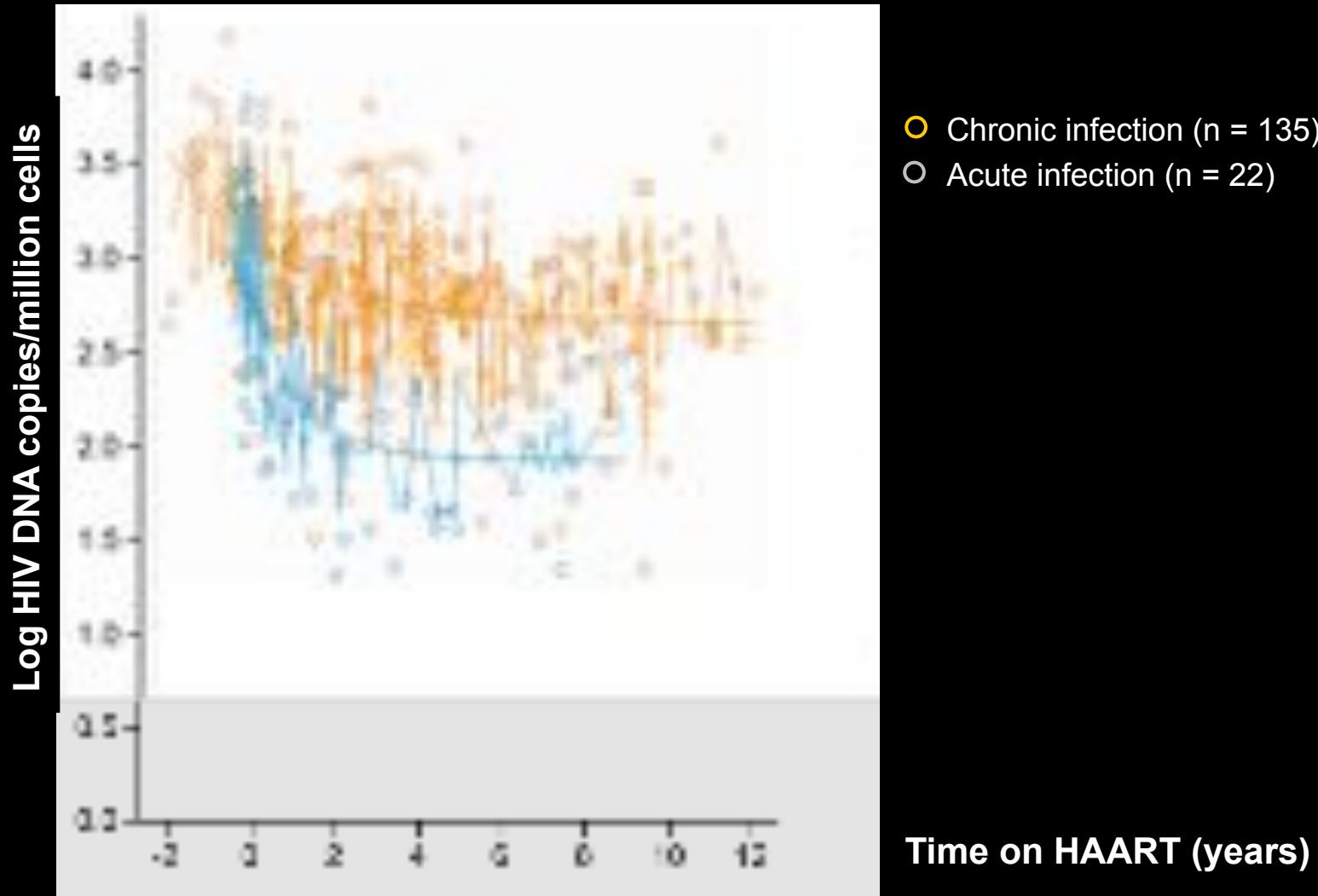


Reservoir of HIV is less in acutely infected individuals



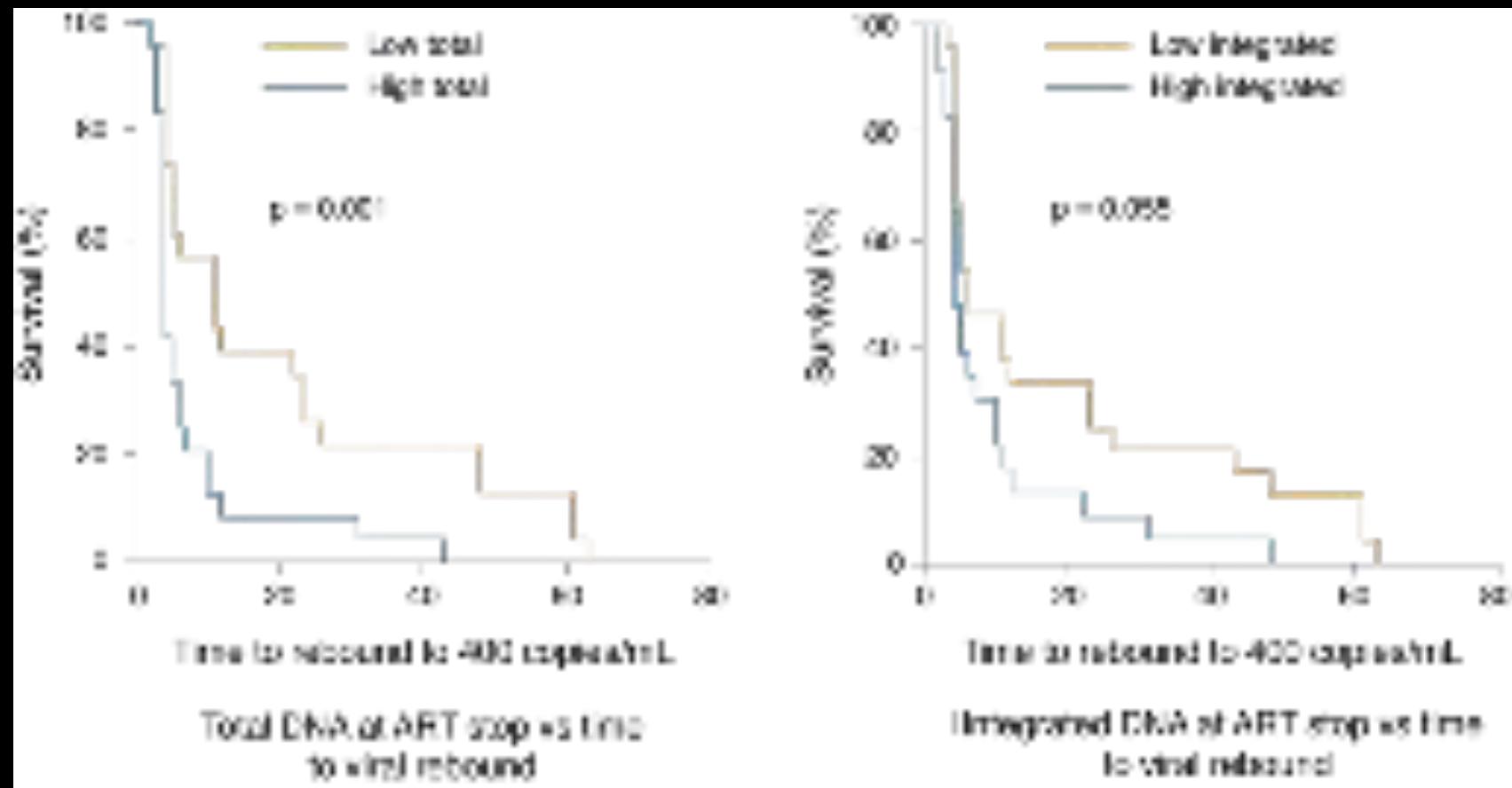
* Indicates maximum values in cases in which the HIV-1 DNA level was below the limit of detection (2 copies/ml).
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Reservoir reduced with early treatment

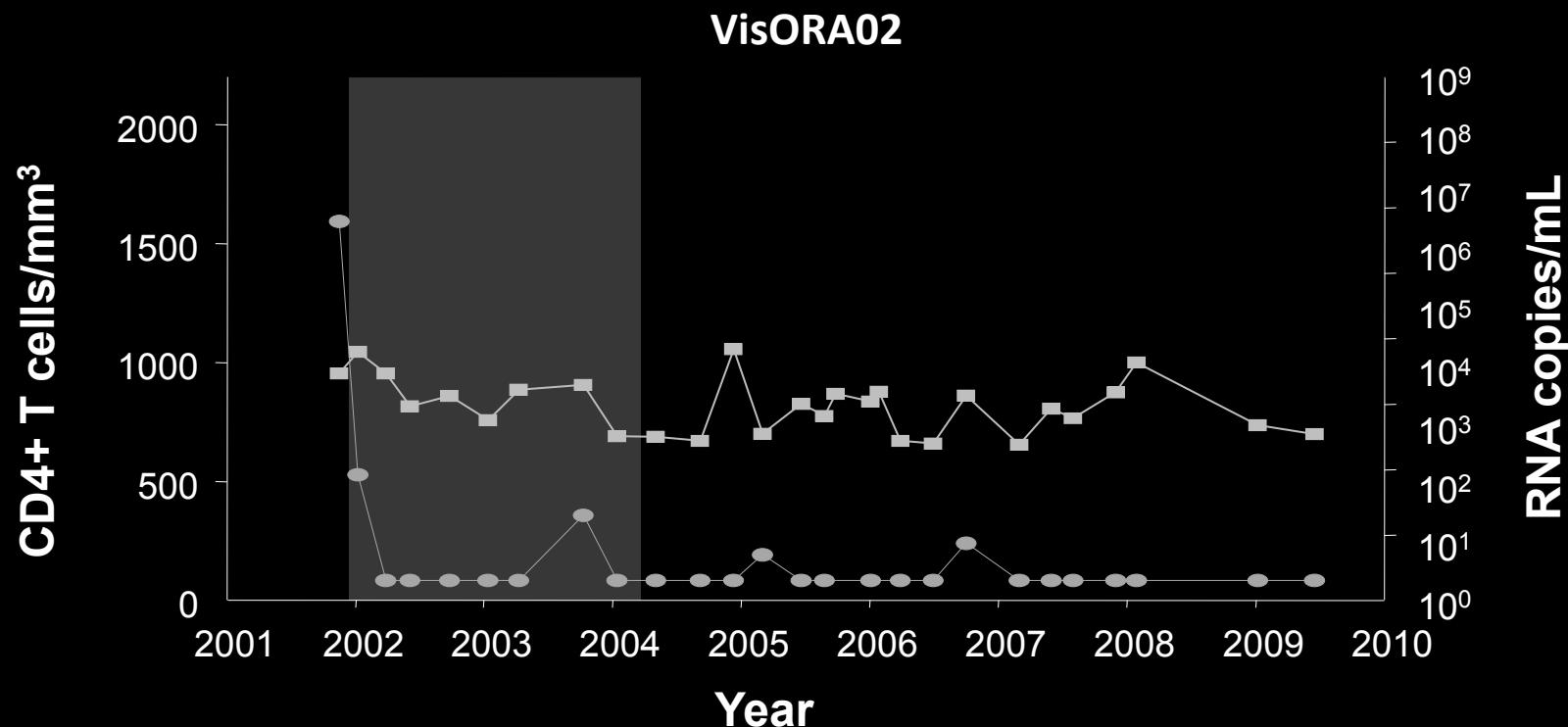


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SPARTAC: total and integrated DNA predict time to viral rebound after ART stop



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		Fiebig I–VI	2–6 months from diagnosis	1+ year
SPARTAC¹				

AHI, acute HIV infection; VL, viral load.

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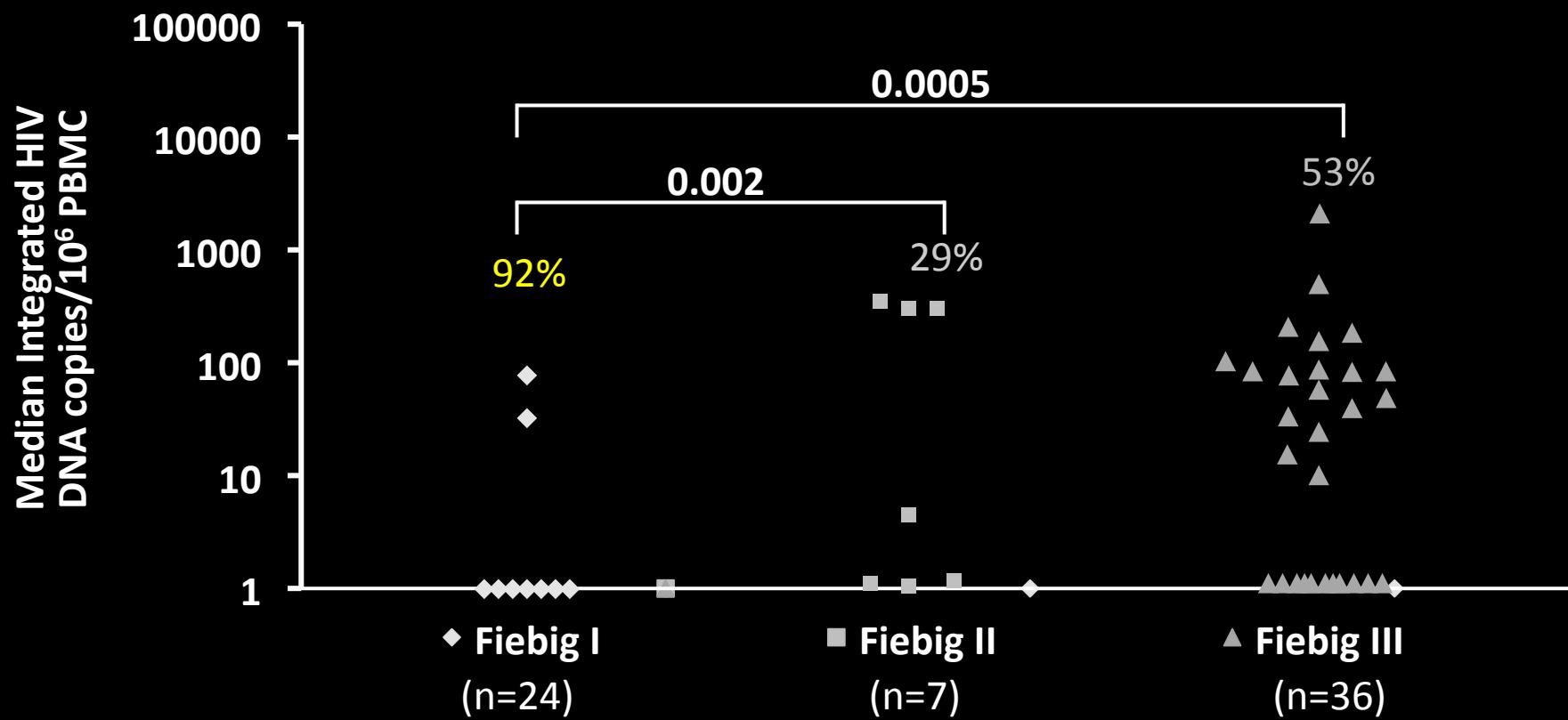
Early ART: Reducing the Size of Initial Reservoir?

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

Fiebig Classification System of Early Infection: % 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%

Almost all Fiebig I Subjects had Undetectable Integrated HIV DNA in PBMC



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)*

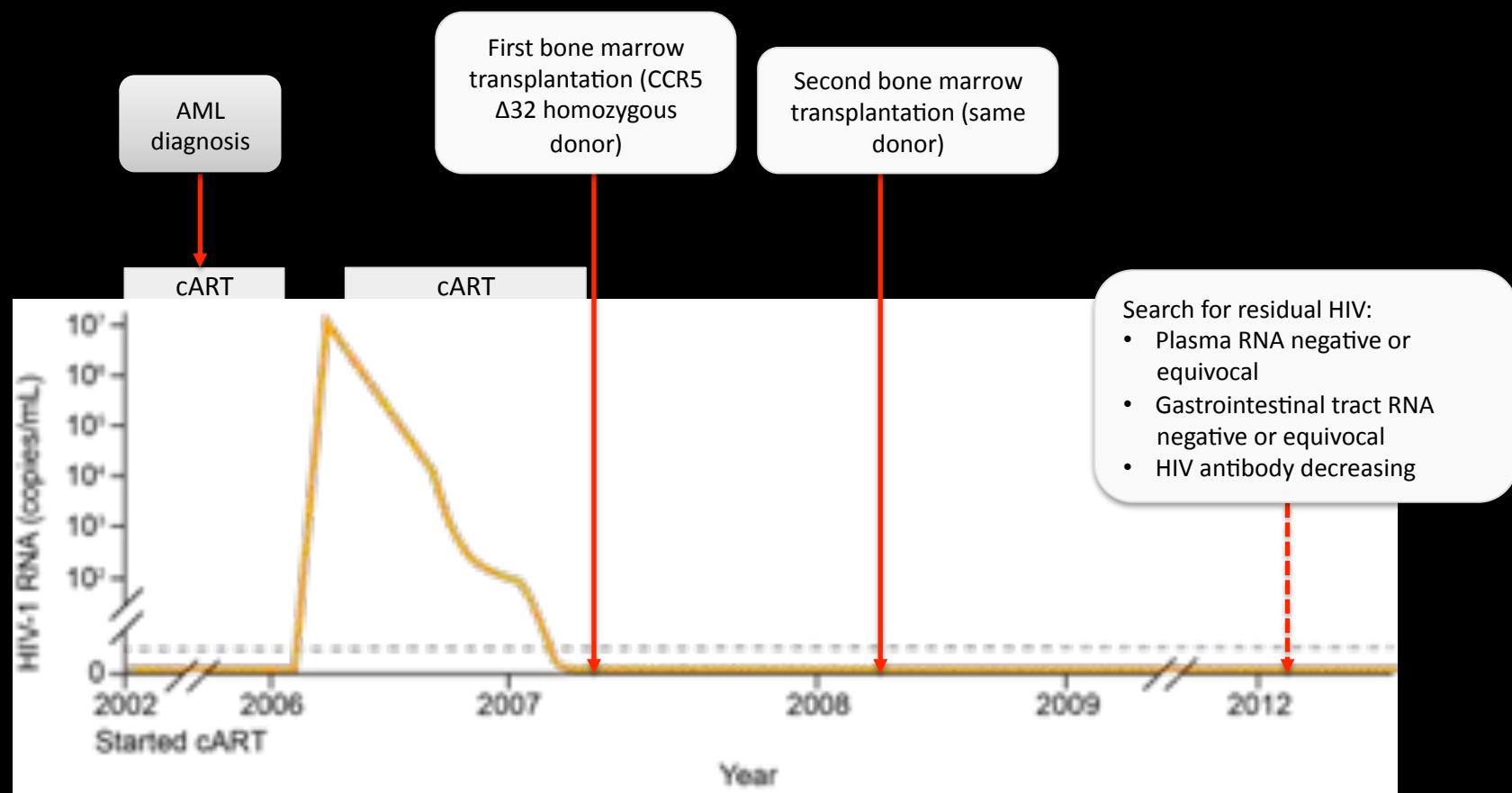
* $P < .001$ compared with < 1 yr



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)



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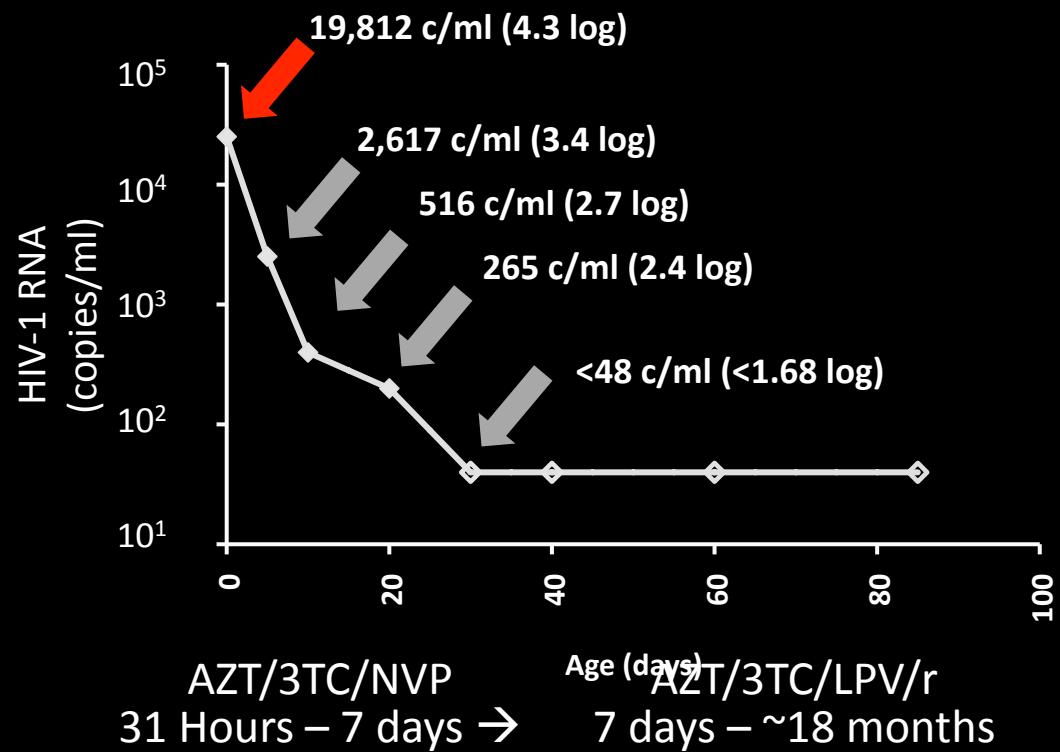
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- Pt A: no detectable plasma HIV-1 RNA or cell-associated HIV-1 DNA for 3 mos after ART cessation, then rebound
- Pt B: no detectable virus (including negative PBMC HIV DNA and HIV-1 RNA by ultrasensitive assays) for 8 mos after ART cessation, then 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

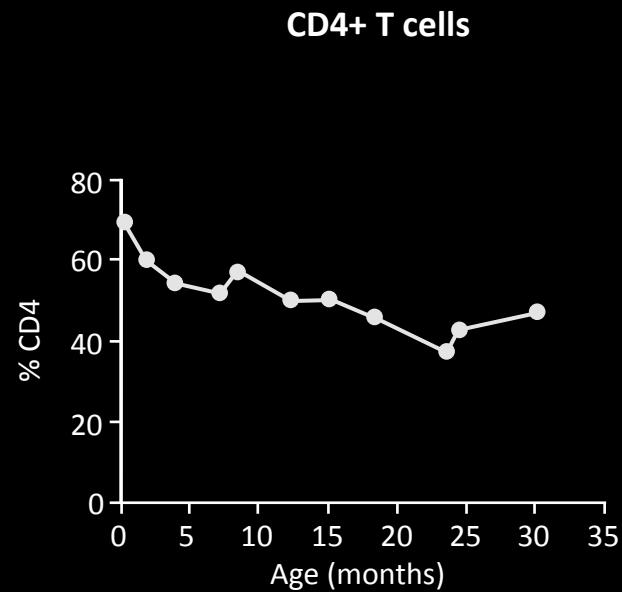
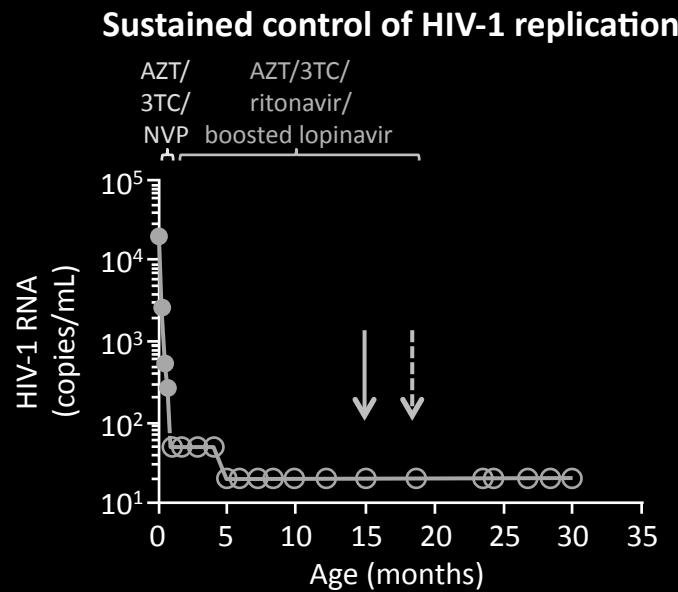
Virologic Studies to Detect Residual HIV

Virologic Studies to Detect Residual HIV in this Very-Early Treated Child

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

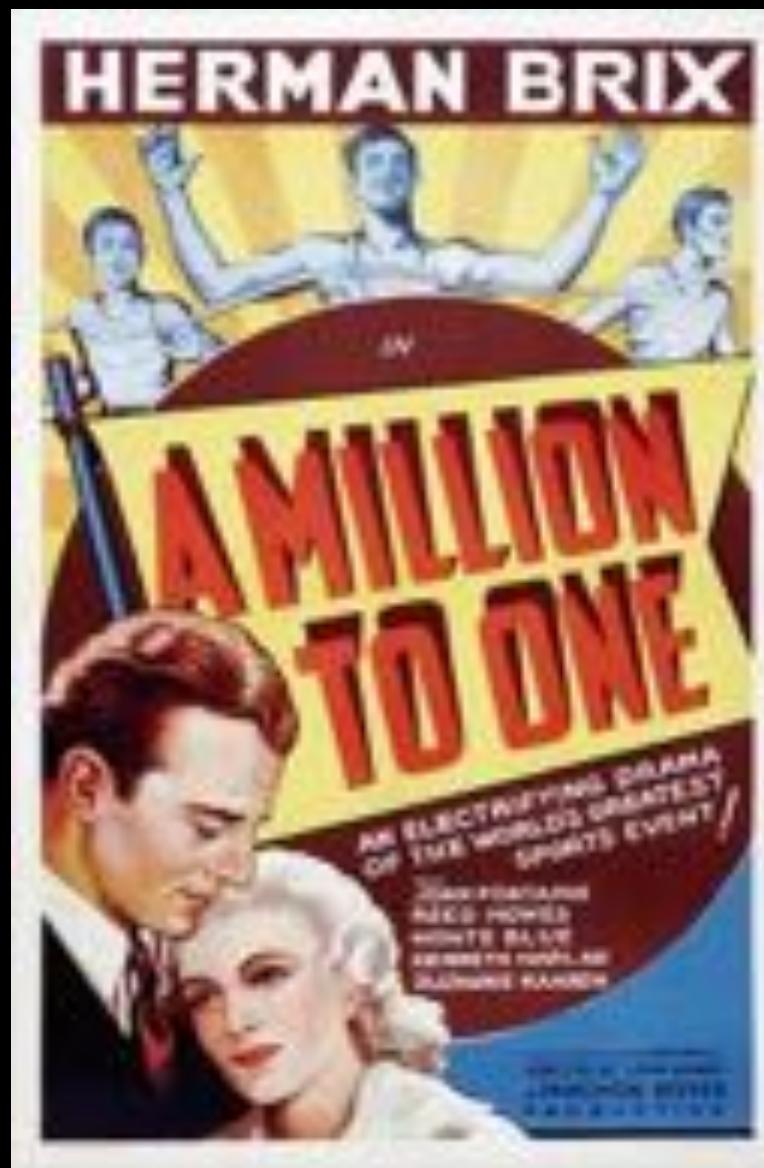
Recent updates

- 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

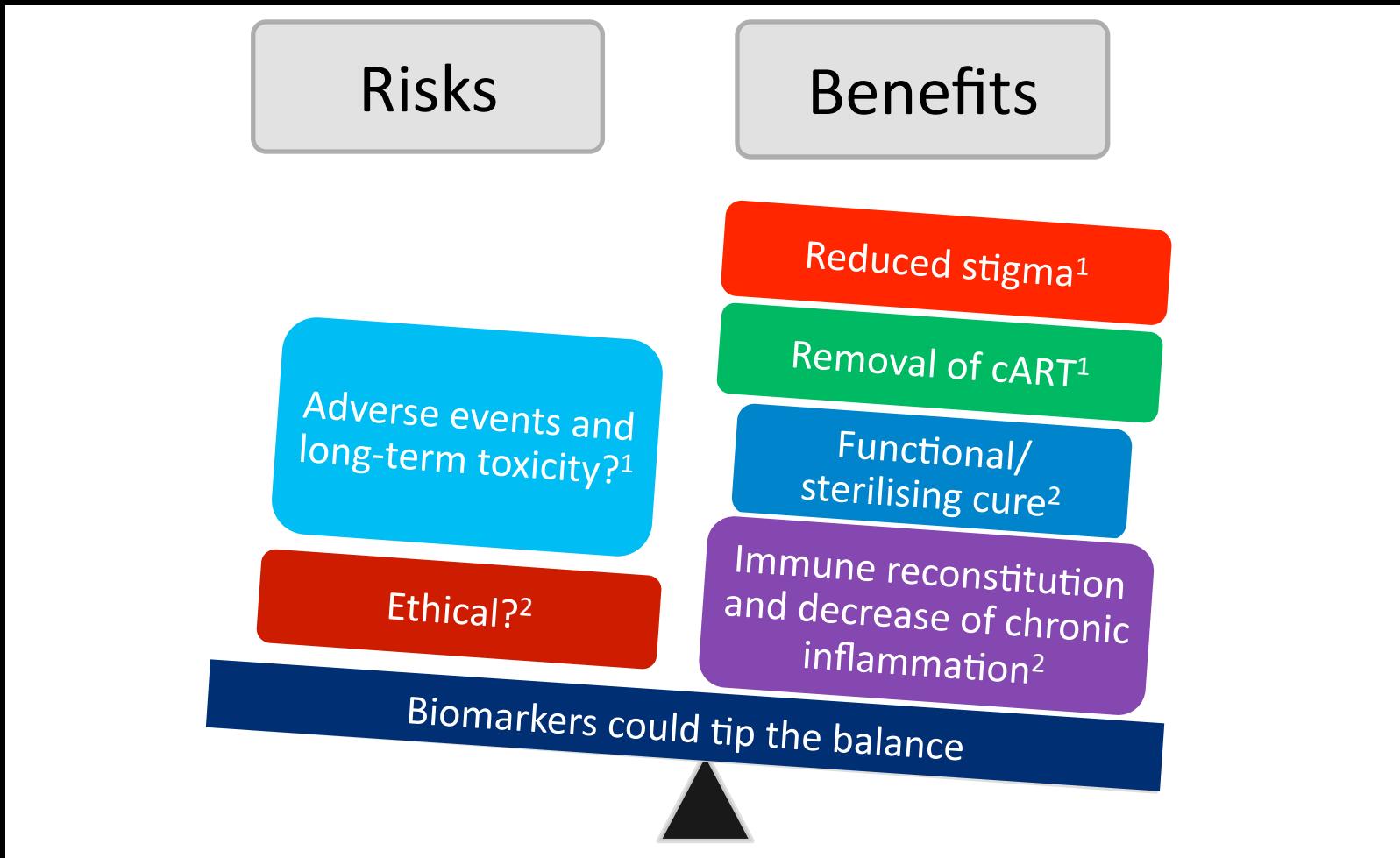


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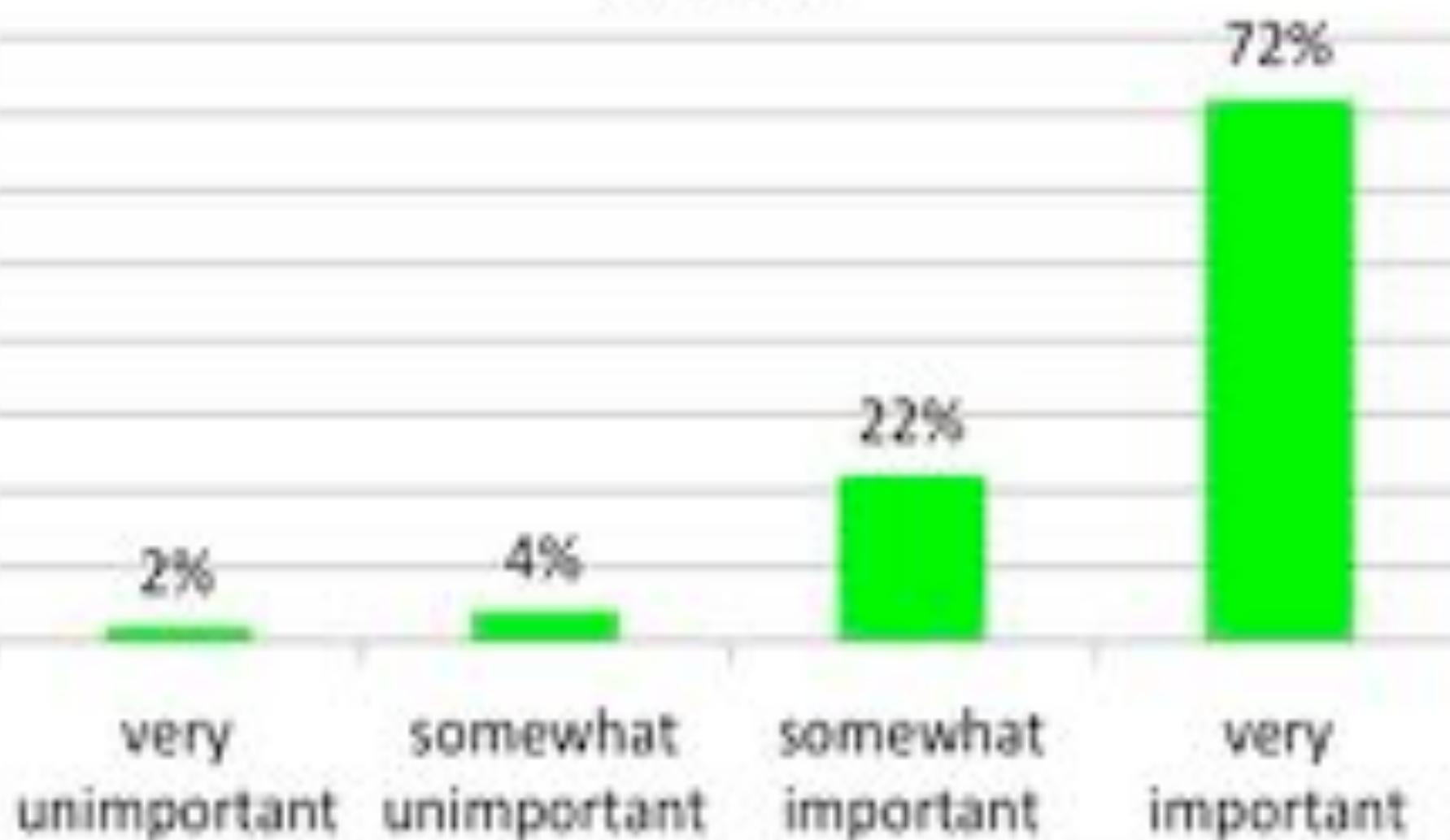




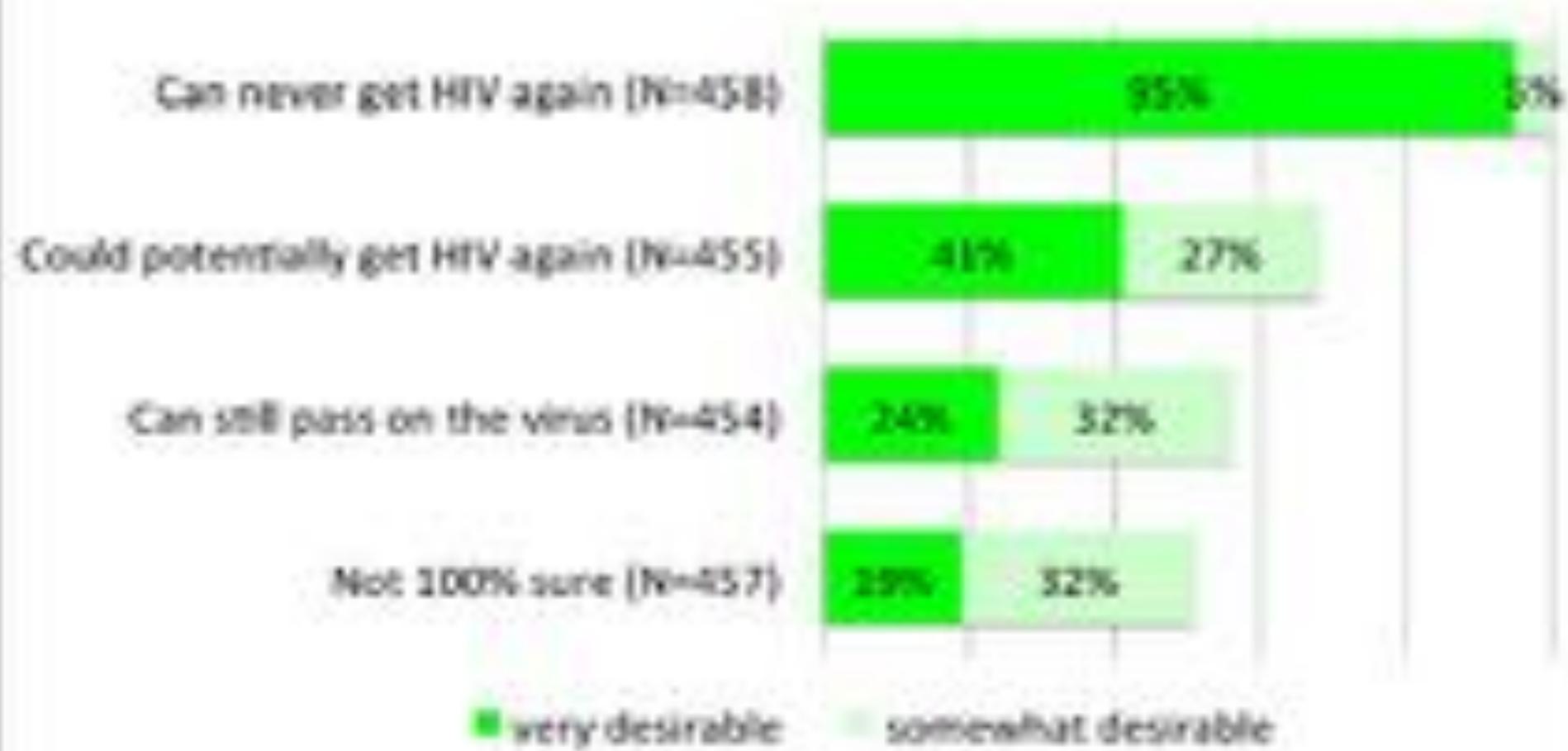
Cure research in HIV: risk and benefit



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
Rilpivirine

Protease Inhibitors

Atazanavir
Darunavir
Fos-Amprenavir
Indinavir
Lopinavir
Nelfinavir
Ritonavir
Saquinavir
Tipranavir

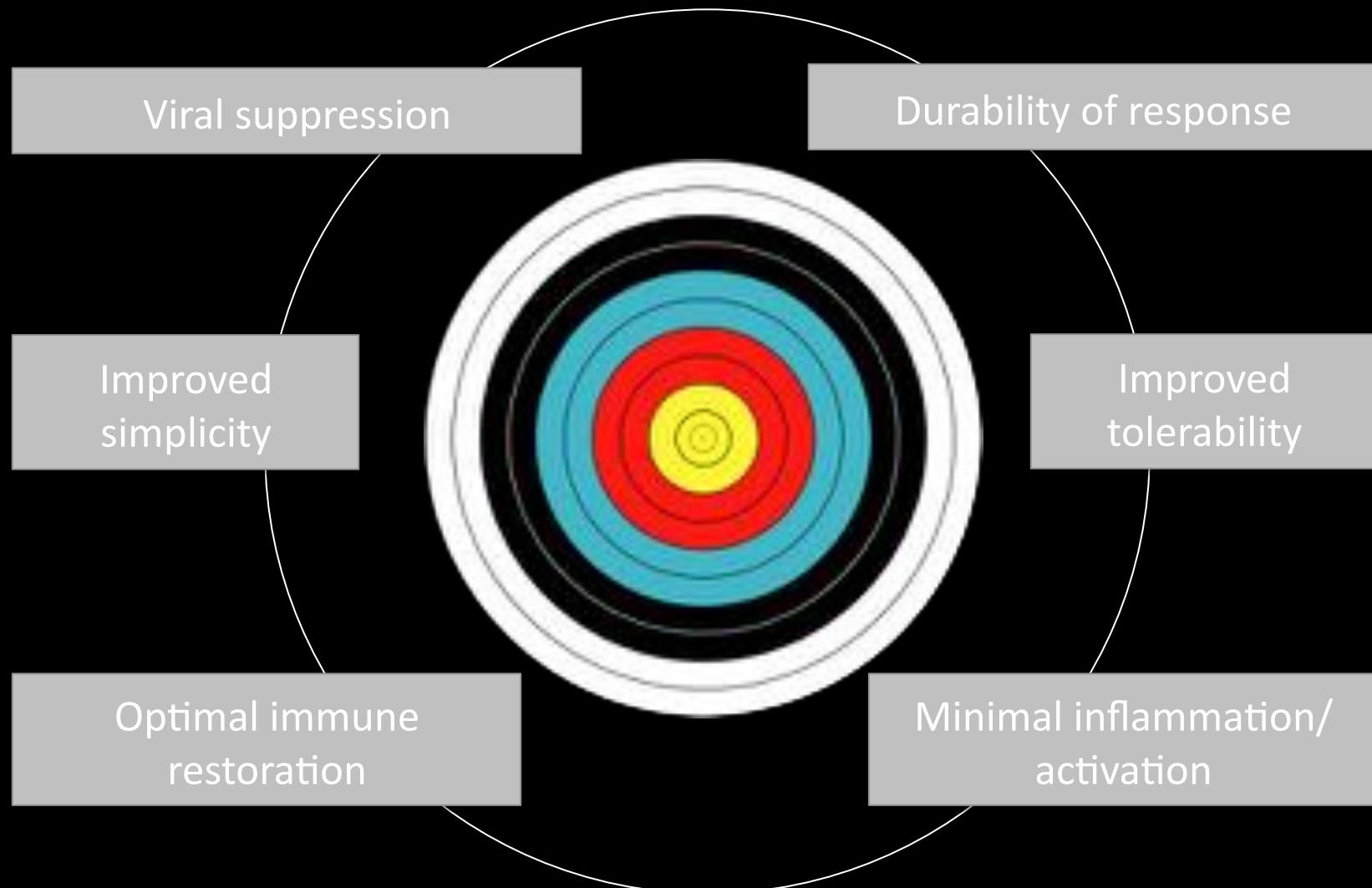
Other Classes

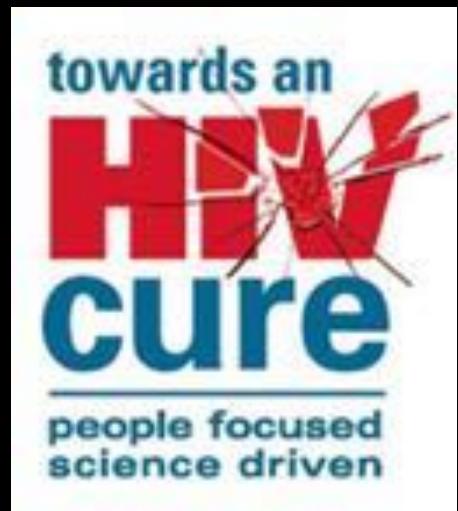
- Fusion inhibitors
 - Enfuvirtide
- R5 Inhibitors
 - Maraviroc
- Integrase Inhibitors
 - Raltegravir
 - Elvitegravir
 - Dolutegravir

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TFV/ftc/EFZ
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Moving forward with cART: What is the target?





Thank you

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