

# An update on Opportunistic Infections

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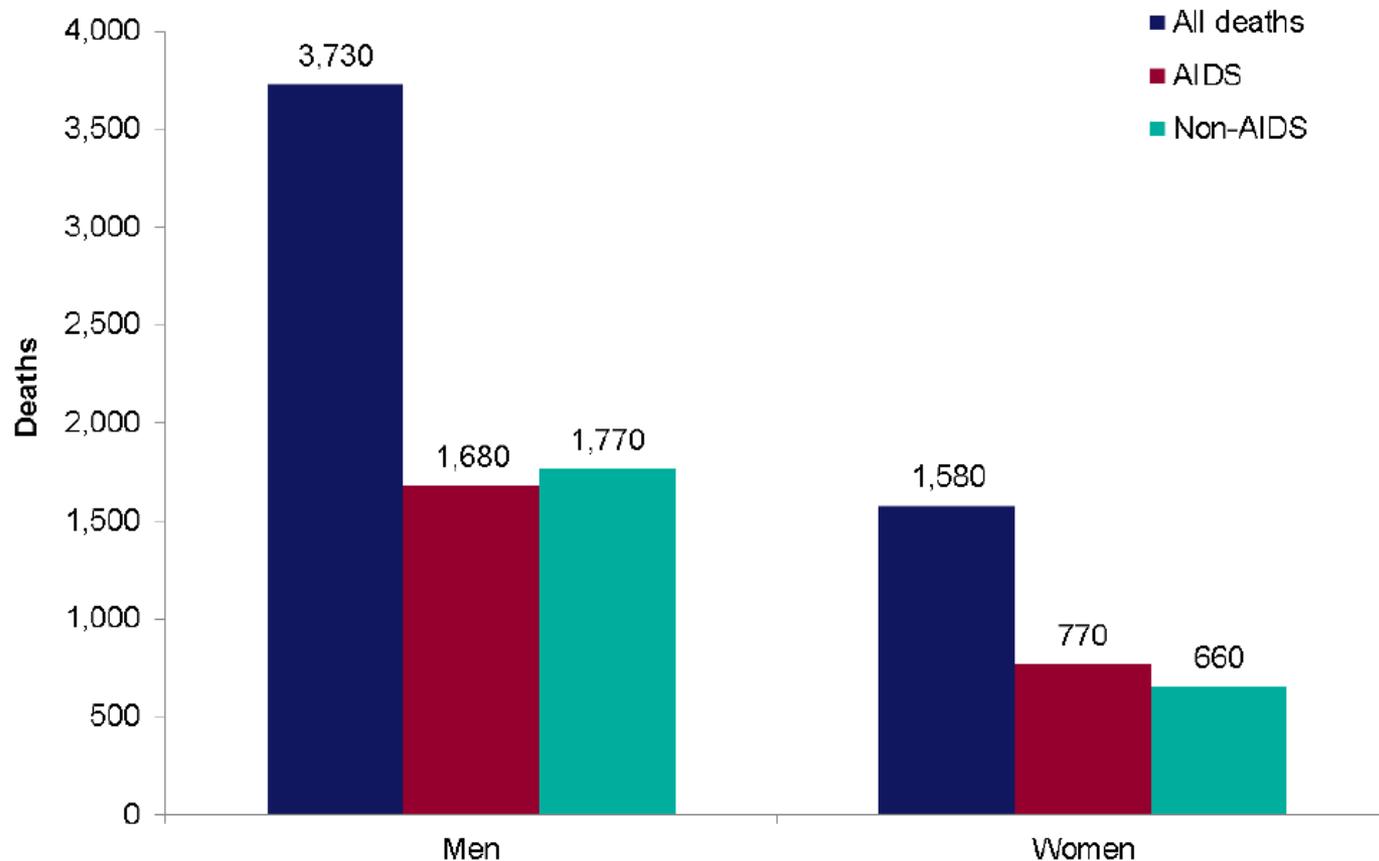
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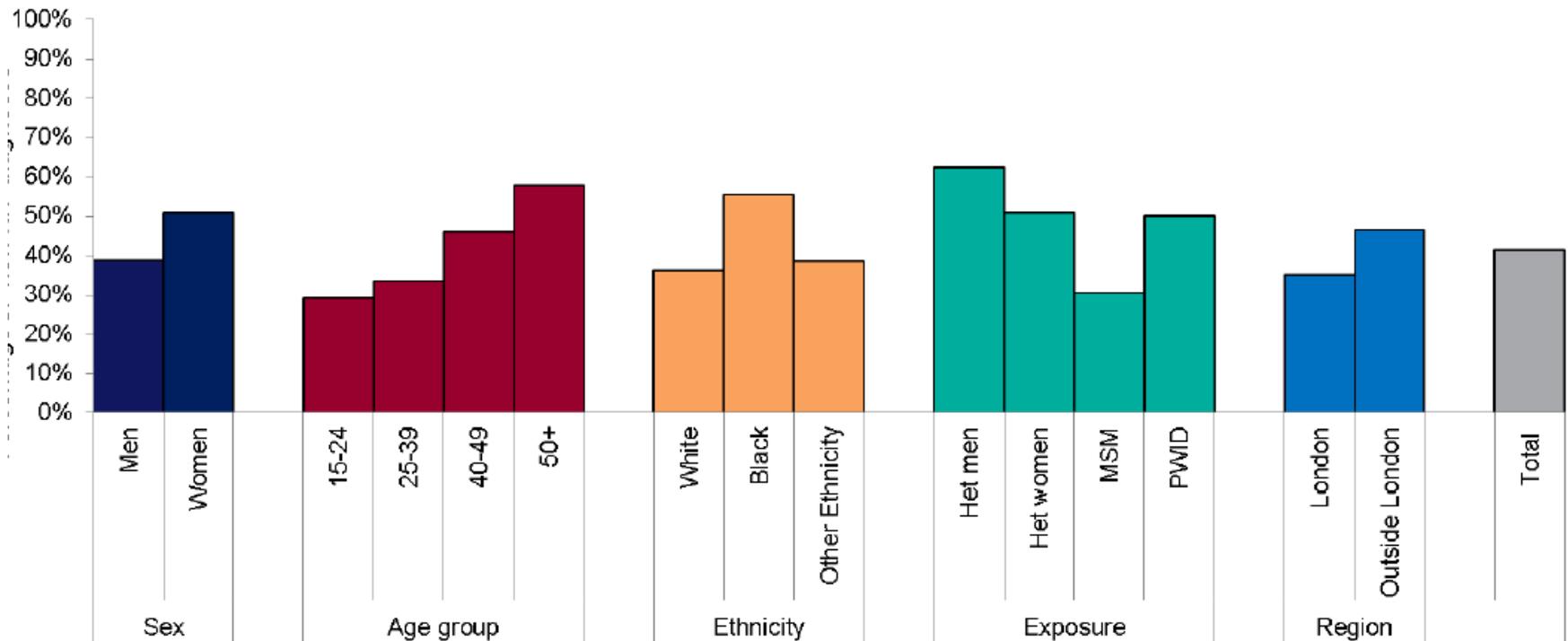
# AIDS events still account for nearly 50% of deaths in the HIV population

Figure 11: Deaths among adults diagnosed with HIV in the era of ART: England and Wales, 1997-2012



# Late diagnosis is still a major issue

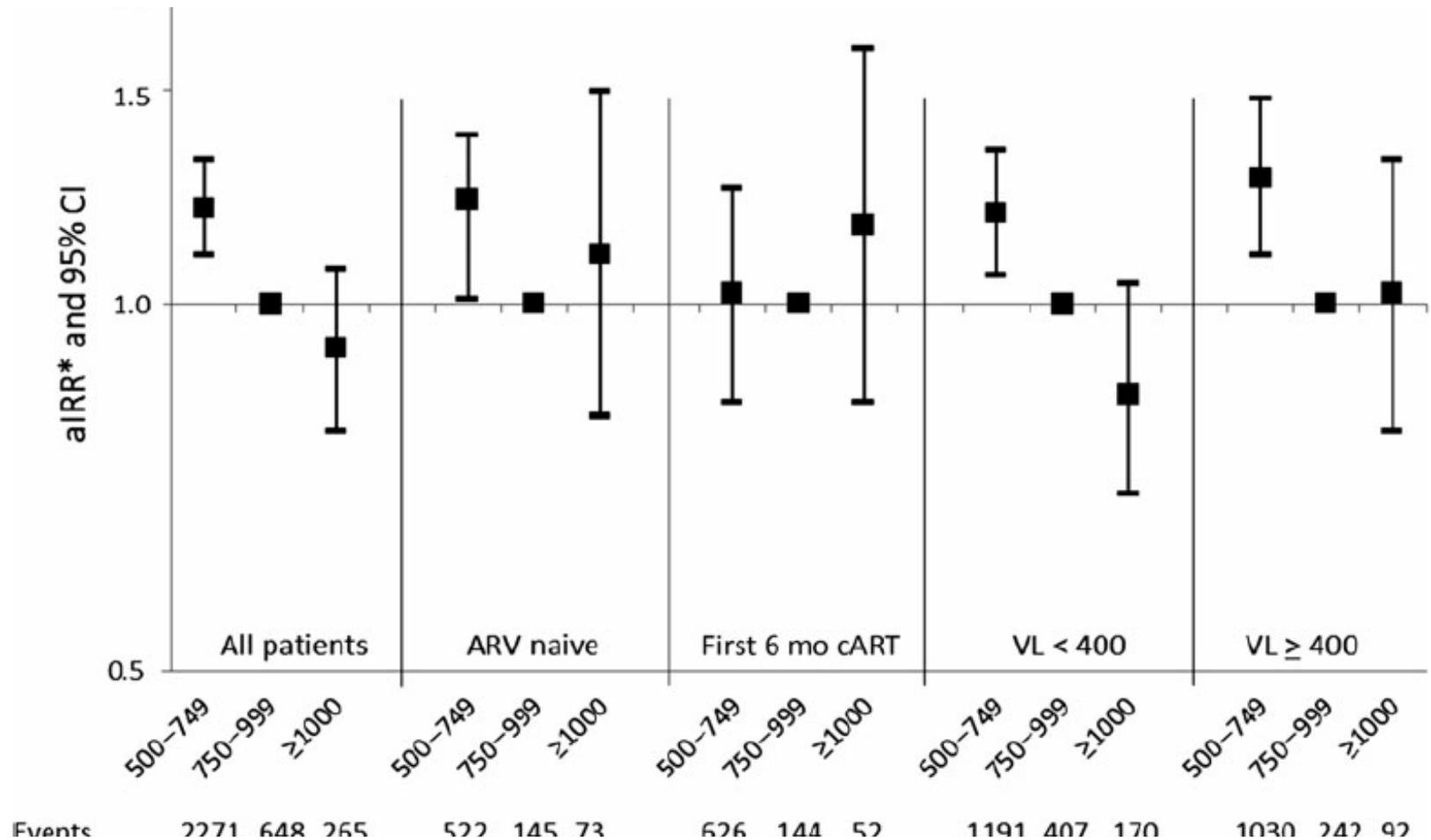
Figure 9: Late diagnoses<sup>1</sup>: proportion of adults diagnosed with a CD4 count <350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>: UK, 2013



<sup>1</sup> CD4 < 350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> within three months of diagnosis.

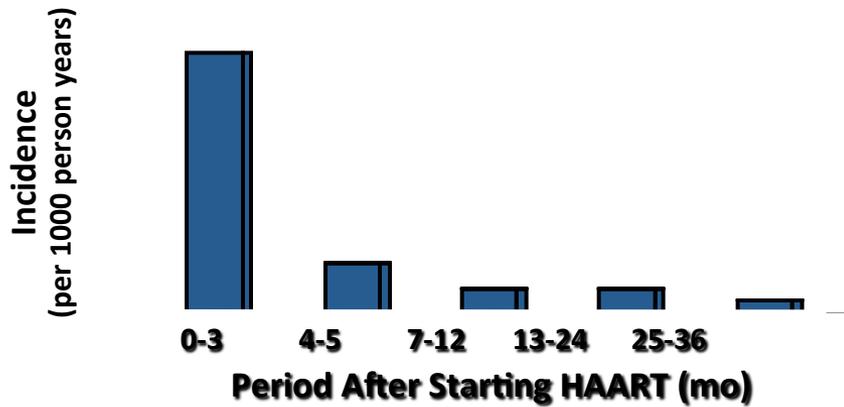


# ADIs and OIs – not just a problem of late presentation

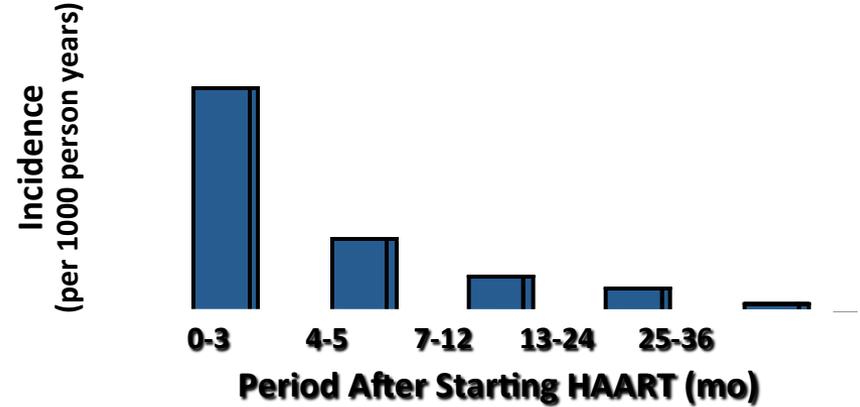


# Incidence of AIDS-Defining Events After Initiation of cART

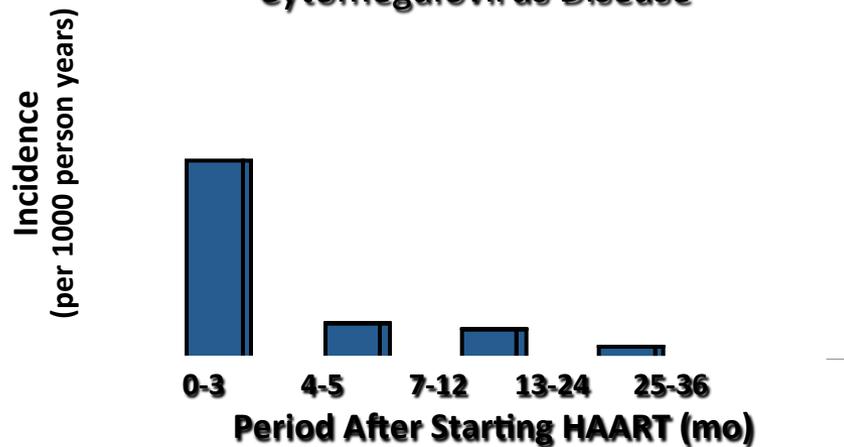
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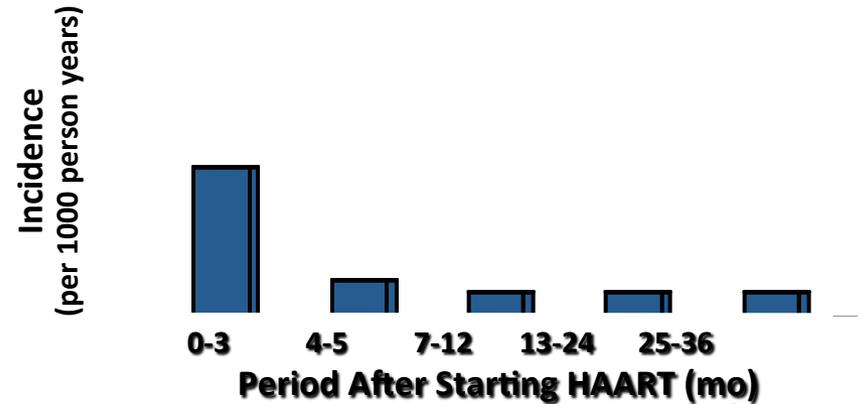
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Cytomegalovirus Disease



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# Managing OIs and prophylaxis



**Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents**

## **Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents**



Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America

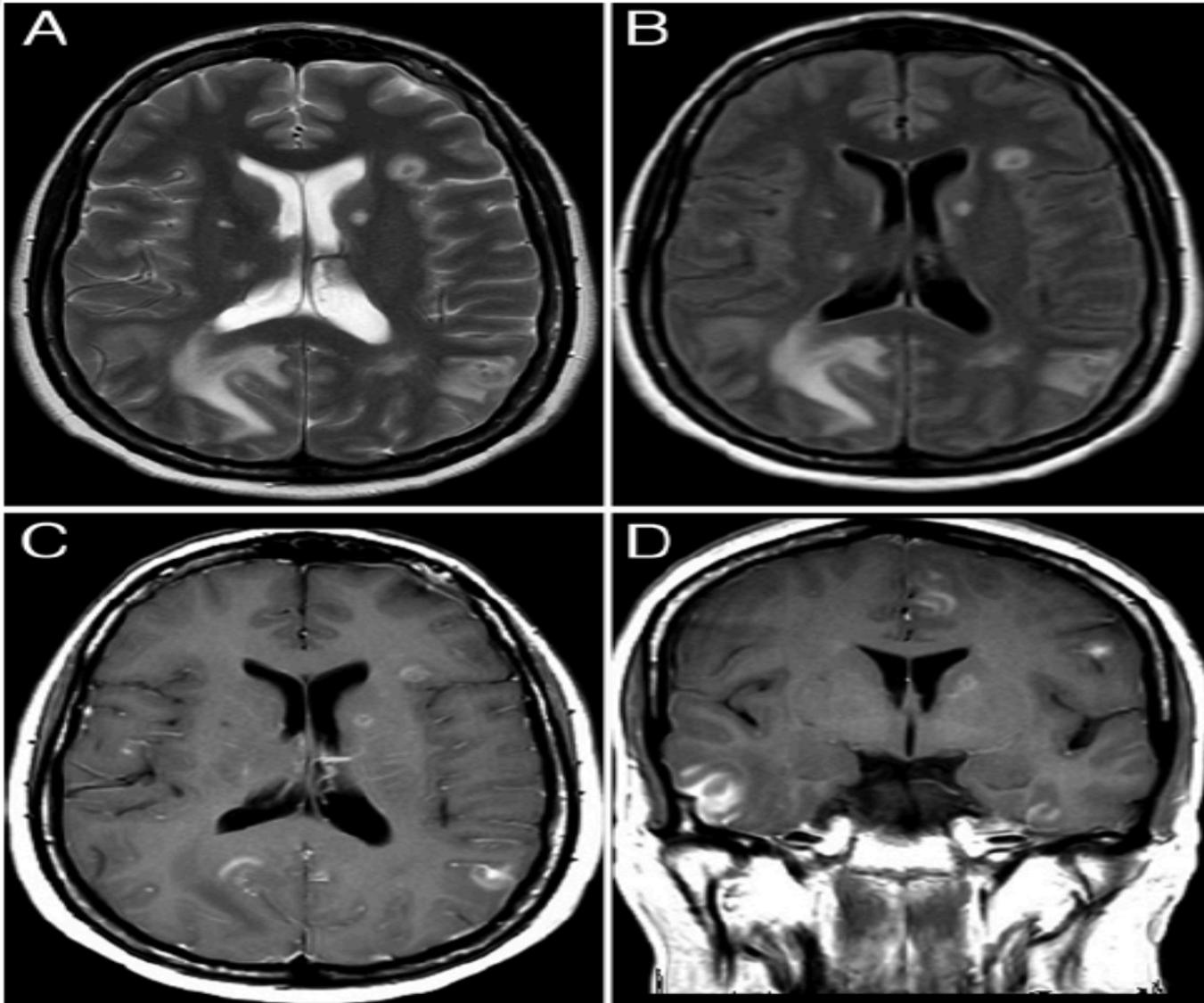
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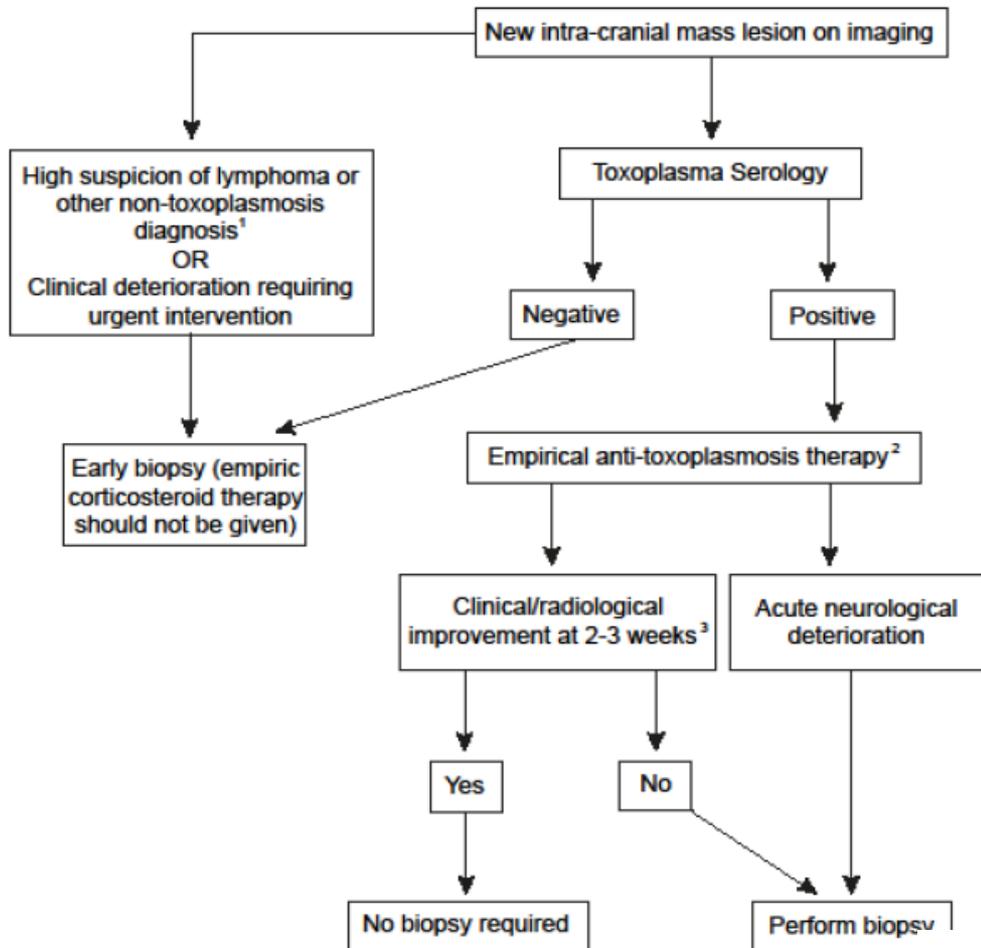
British HIV Association and British Infection Association guidelines for the treatment of opportunistic infection in HIV-seropositive individuals 2011



# Empirical Rx or biopsy?



# Managing CNS mass lesions – a neurosurgeon's perspective



## Major Criteria

- Atypical imaging for toxoplasmosis
- Patient history atypical for cerebral toxoplasmosis

## Minor Criteria

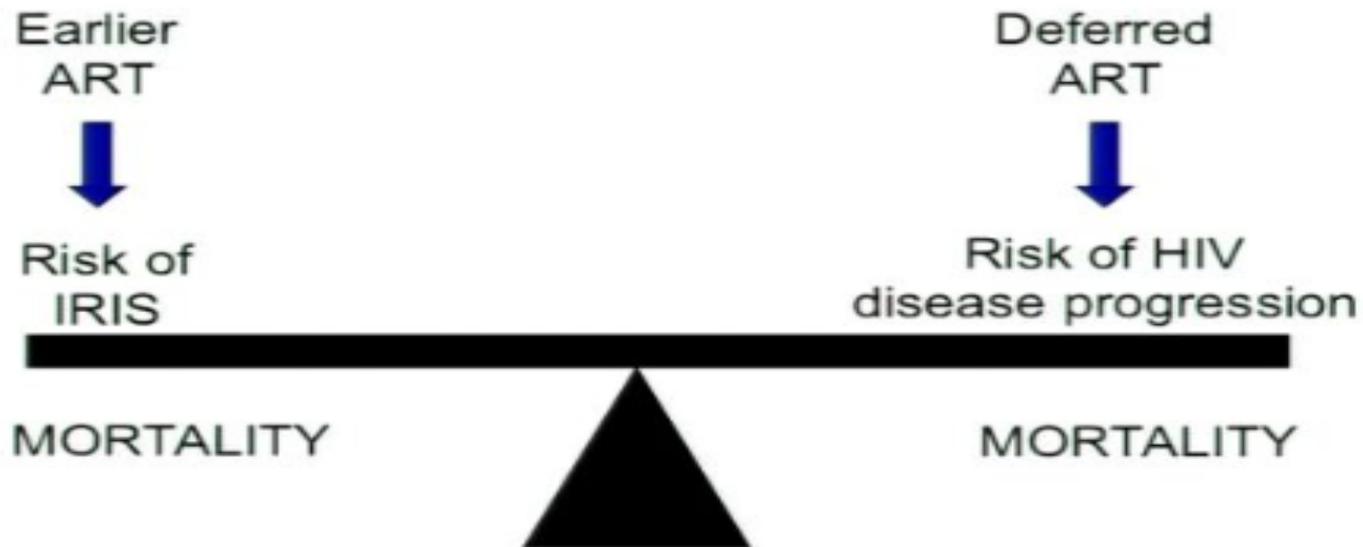
- Currently on Sulpha based Pneumocystis prophylaxis
- Positive CSF JC virus PCR
- Positive CSF EBV PCR
- CD4 count >200

# Key emerging issues

- Timing of cART in the context of OIs
  - CNS vs. non-CNS OIs
  - Focus on TB meningitis and cryptococcal meningitis
- Pre-emptive therapy to prevent morbidity/mortality
  - Cryptococcal meningitis
  - CMV end-organ disease



# When should we start ARVs in the context of an OI



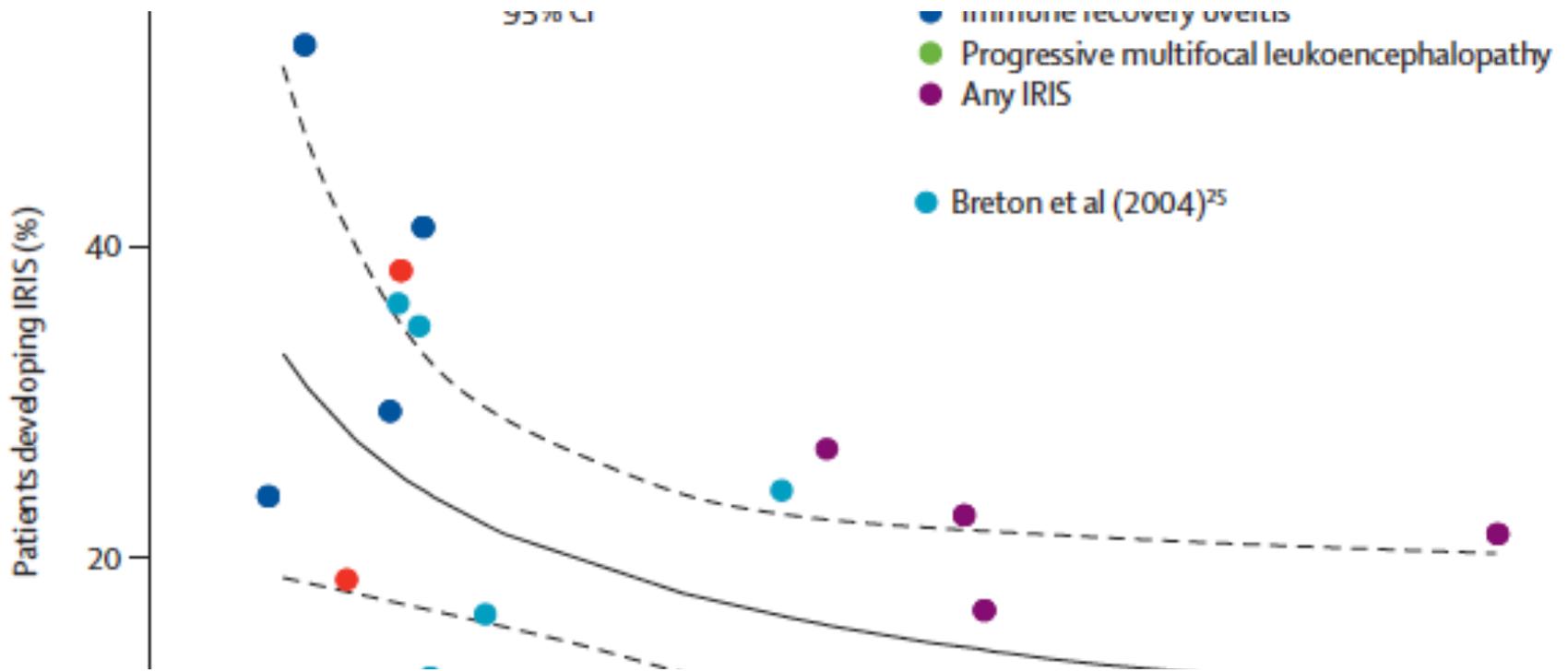
When to start ART after recent diagnosis of OI?

## Box 1. Immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome (IRIS): definitions [11]

- Early IRIS: appears during the first 3 months after the initiation of cART
- Late IRIS: appears from 3 months up to years after the initiation of cART
- Paradoxical IRIS: worsening of symptoms of a previously diagnosed OI for which the patient is receiving treatment
- Unmasking (or cART-related) IRIS: diagnosis of a new OI with inflammatory characteristics after the initiation of cART
- cART-associated OIs: diagnosis of a new OI after initiation of cART, but without clinical criteria for IRIS
- Infectious IRIS: atypical presentation of an already diagnosed or undiagnosed OI after the initiation of cART
- Sarcoid IRIS: granulomatous inflammation of the lungs, skin, kidney, liver or other organs with the characteristics of sarcoidosis; it is important to rule out infectious IRIS
- Autoimmune IRIS: autoimmune disease presenting for the first time or exacerbating after the initiation of cART

cART: Combined antiretroviral treatment; IRIS: Immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome; OIs: Opportunistic infections.

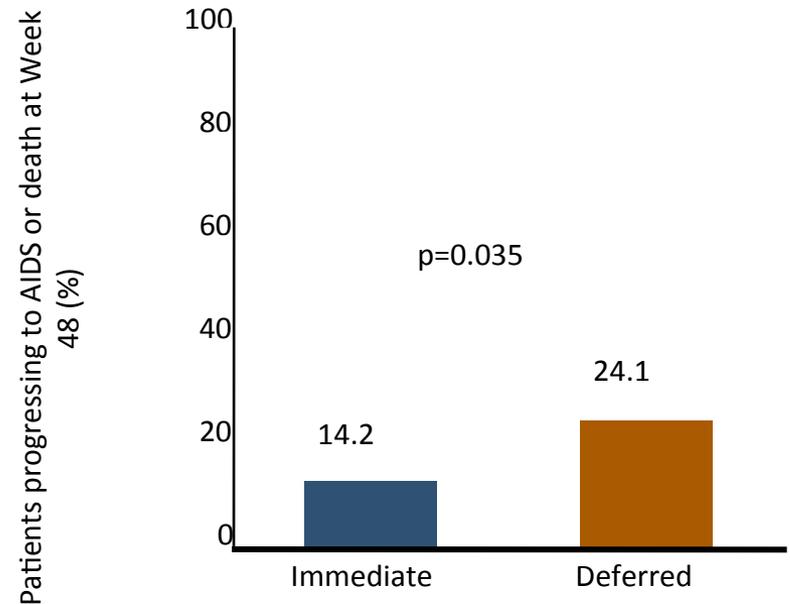
# Risk of IRS and IRS associated deaths



	Incidence (%)	Mortality (%)
<b>CMV retinitis</b>	37.7 (26.6 - 49.4)	-
<b>Cryptococcal meningitis</b>	19.5 (6.7 - 44.8)	20.8 (5.0 - 52.7)
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	15.7 (9.7 - 24.5)	3.2 (0.7 - 9.2)
<b>PML</b>	16.7 (2.3 - 50.7)	-

# ACTG 5164: Improved outcomes with immediate ART during acute OI

- 92% treatment naïve
  - Median baseline CD4+ cell count 29 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>; HIV-1 RNA 5.07 log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL
- OIs with effective antimicrobial therapy only: PCP, bacterial infections, cryptococcal disease, MAC, toxoplasmosis
- Median duration from start of OI treatment to initiation of HAART
  - Immediate group: 12 days
  - Deferred group: 45 days



- Week 48 virologic outcomes similar between groups
- Safety and incidence of IRIS similar between groups



# Timing of Initiation of ART for Patients with TB and HIV

## SAPIT trial

- Concurrent TB and HIV treatment reduces mortality
- Improved survival in patients with high or low CD4 counts

## CAMELIA, STRIDE, and SAPIT trials

- Starting ART within 2 weeks of TB treatment may reduce risk of mortality or AIDS-defining illnesses
- Benefit seen among those with  $CD4 < 50$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>

Abdool Karim S et al. (2010) NEJM 362: 697;  
NEJM (2011) 365 – Blanc et al., Havlir et al., Abdool Karim  
et al.

# When to start HAART in TB/ HIV

**CD4 count, cells/ $\mu$ L**

**When to start HAART**

<100

As soon as practical

100–350

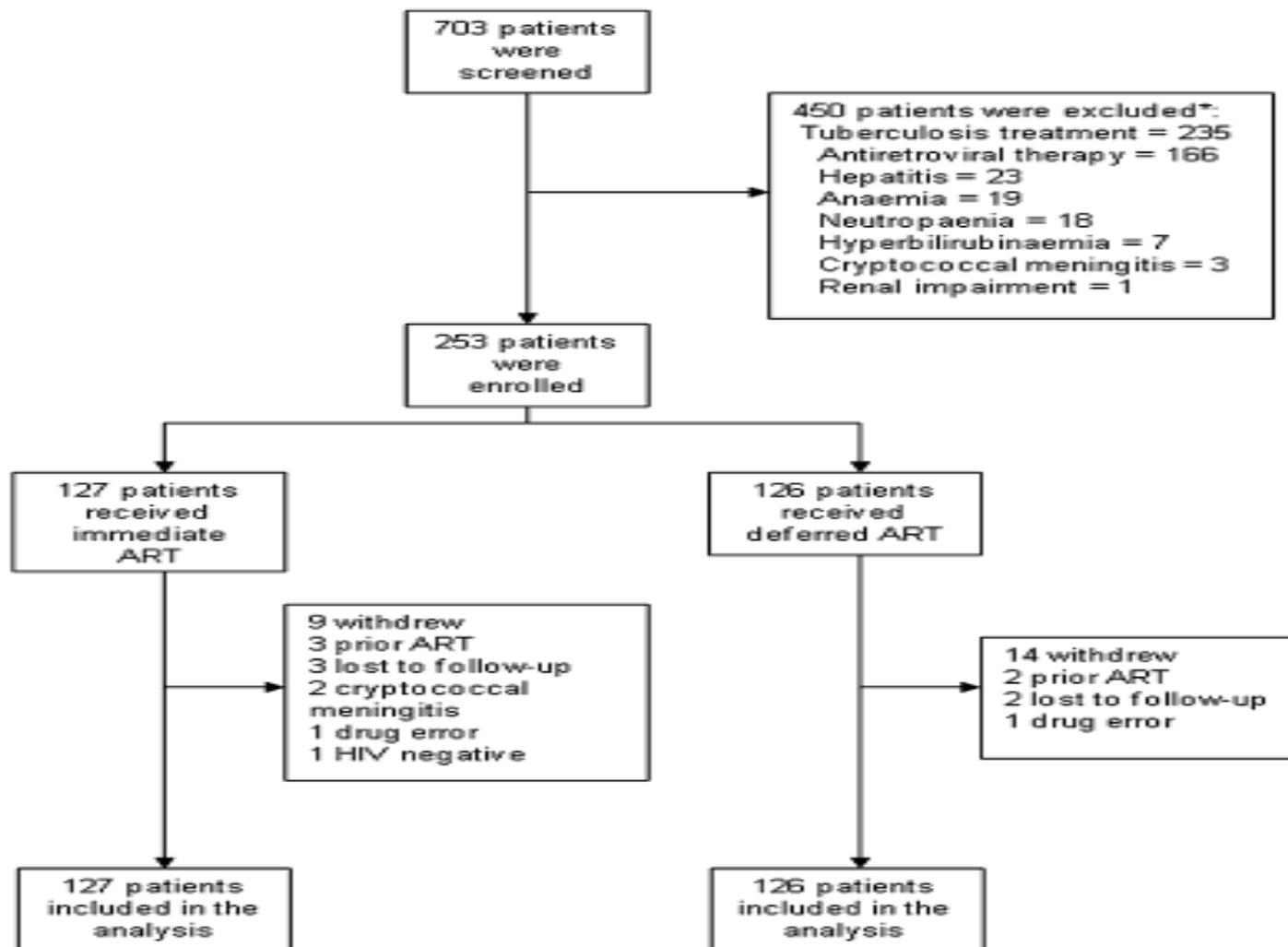
As soon as practical, but can wait until after completing 2 months TB treatment especially when there are difficulties with drug interactions, adherence and toxicities

>350

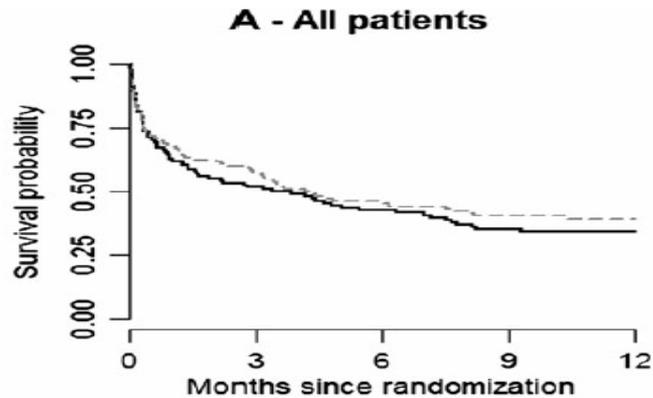
At physician discretion



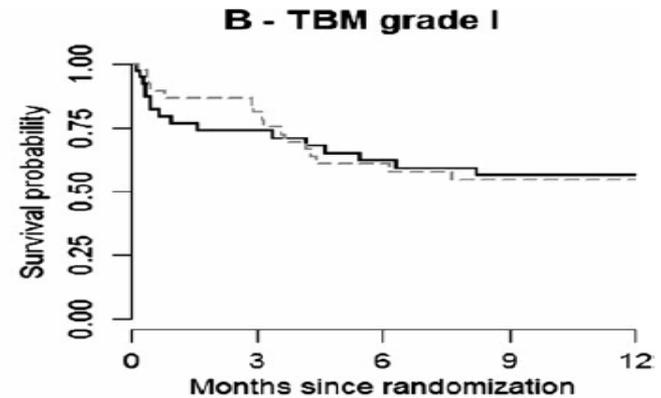
# TB Meningitis – Vietnam RCT



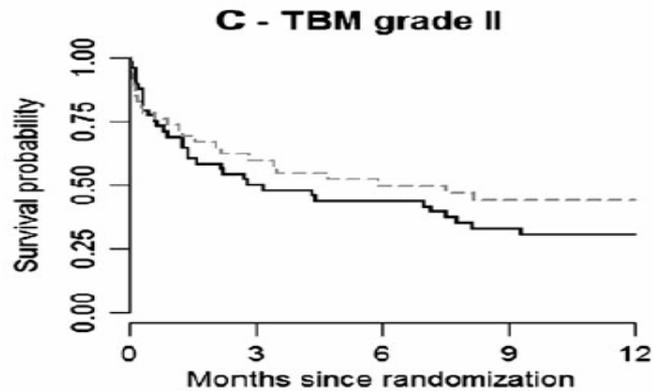
# TB meningitis – the Vietnam experience



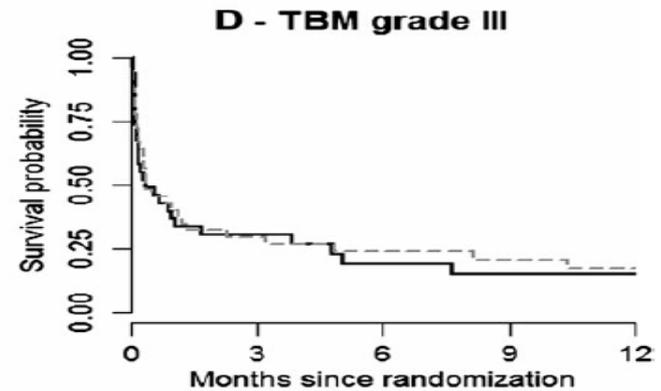
No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12
Immediate ART	127	59	46	38	17	
Deferred ART	126	63	48	40	18	



No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12
Immediate ART	40	25	21	19	10	
Deferred ART	40	28	21	18	8	



No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12
Immediate ART	52	24	20	15	7	
Deferred ART	46	24	19	16	7	



No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12
Immediate ART	34	10	5	4	0	
Deferred ART	40	11	8	6	3	



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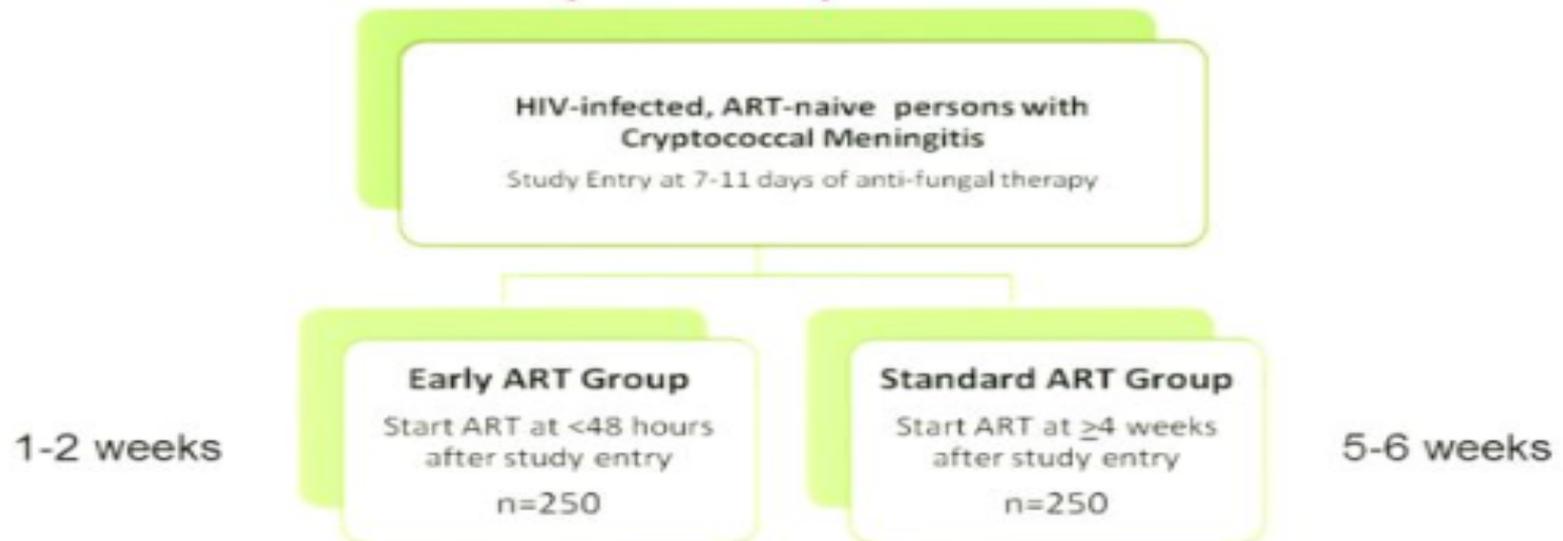
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## Timing of Antiretroviral Therapy after Diagnosis of Cryptococcal Meningitis

# Cryptococcal Optimal ART Timing (COAT) Trial



Amphotericin B 0.7-1.0 mg/kg/day and fluconazole 800mg x 14 days

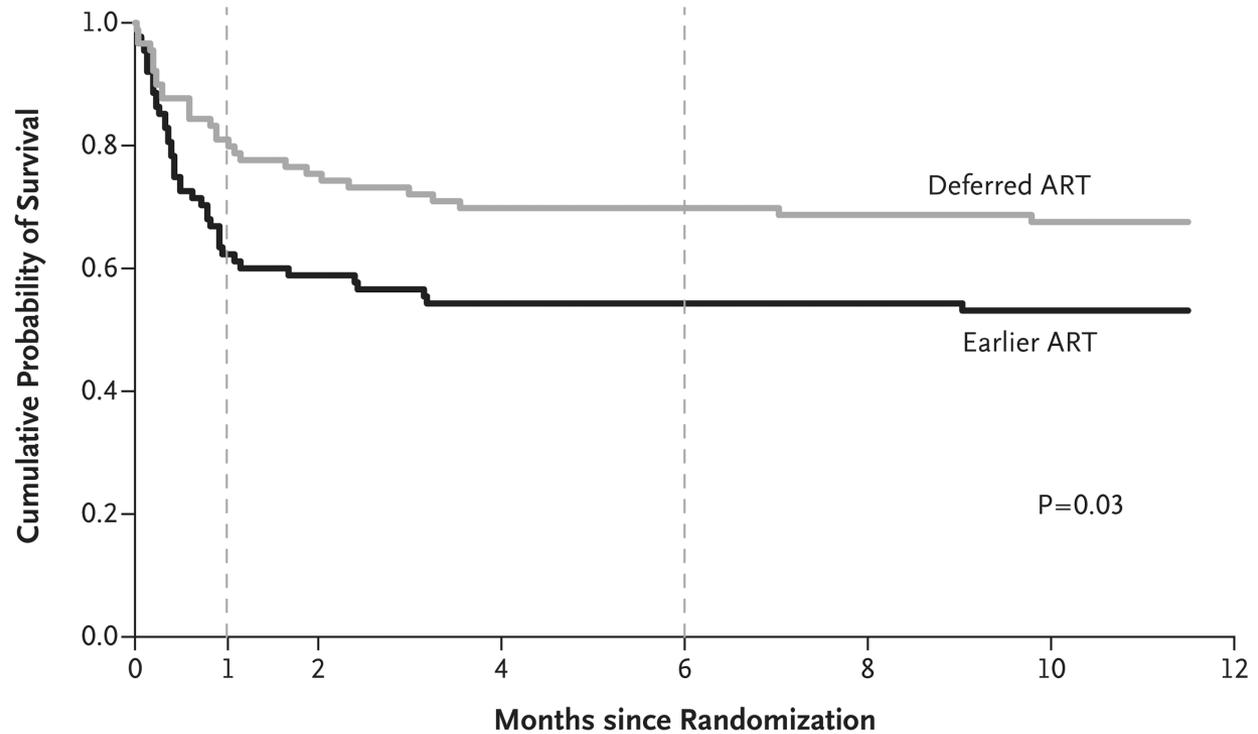


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# COAT – overall survival

## A Overall Survival



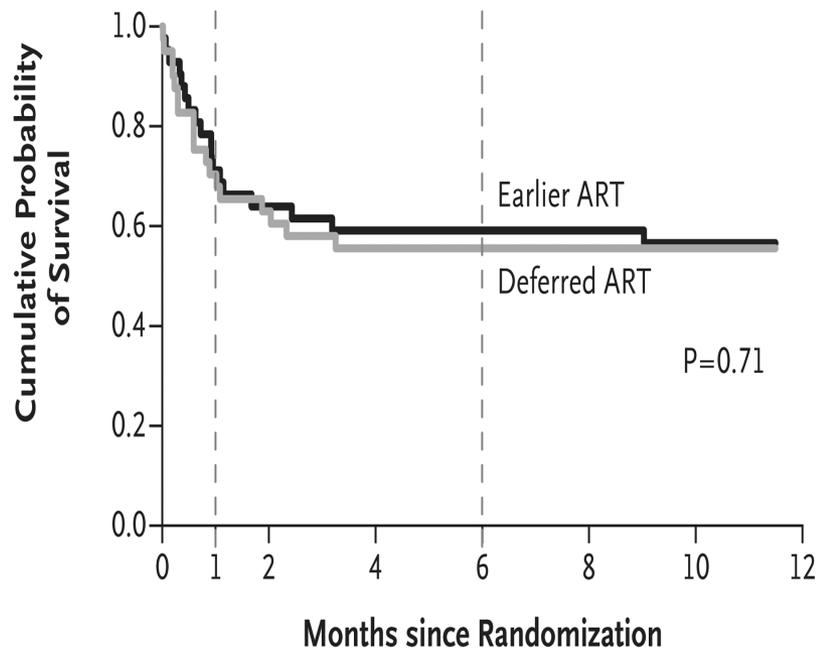
### No. at Risk

Earlier ART	88	54	51	47	47	46	42
Deferred ART	89	72	67	62	62	61	59



# Only significant predictor of mortality

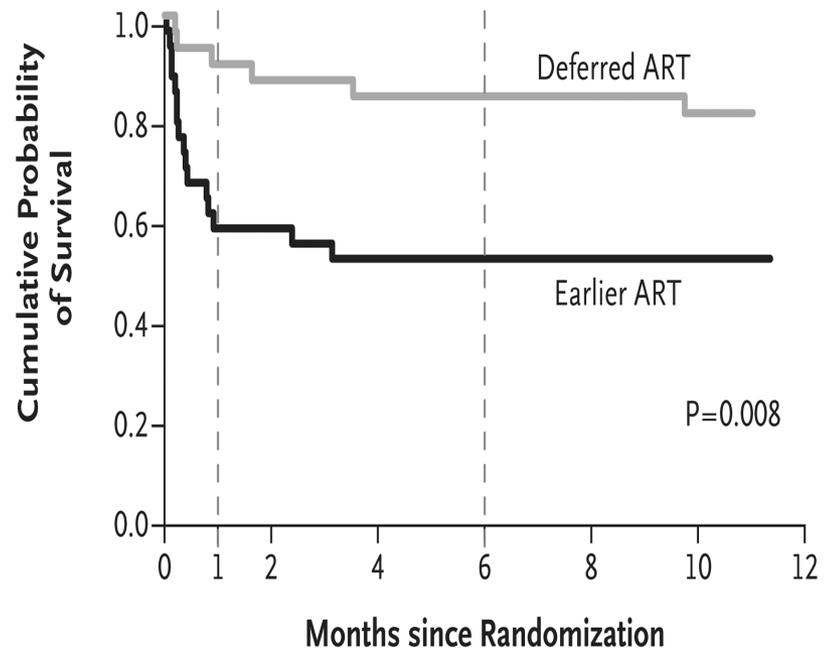
**B** Survival in Those with CSF White-Cell Count  $\geq 5$  Cells per  $\text{mm}^3$  at Randomization



**No. at Risk**

Earlier ART	42	29	26	24	24	23	21
Deferred ART	40	28	25	22	22	22	22

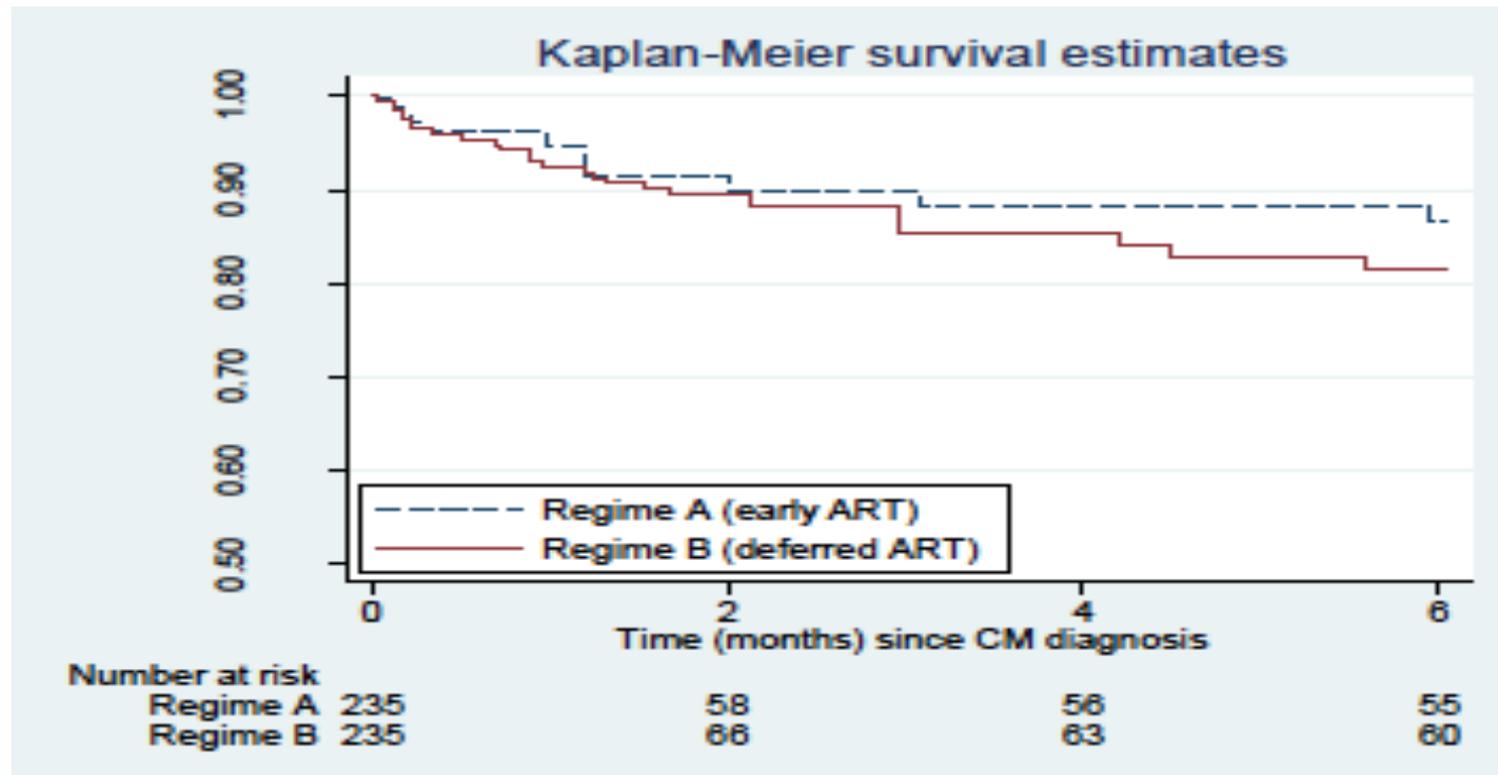
**C** Survival in Those with CSF White-Cell Count  $< 5$  Cells per  $\text{mm}^3$  at Randomization



**No. at Risk**

Earlier ART	33	19	19	17	17	17	16
Deferred ART	31	28	27	26	26	26	24

# Retrospective review of European/USA cohorts – early vs. deferred ART



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Time since starting ART	N	Number of deaths (%)	Rate per person-year (95% CI)
0-13 days	62	7 (11.3)	0.24 (0.12,0.51)
14-56 days	67	7 (10.5)	0.22 (0.10,0.45)
>56 days	21	4 (19.1)	0.41 (0.16,1.10)
Never	85	24 (28.2)	0.73 (0.49,1.09)
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0.41 (0.30,0.55)</b>

# Results not consistent across studies

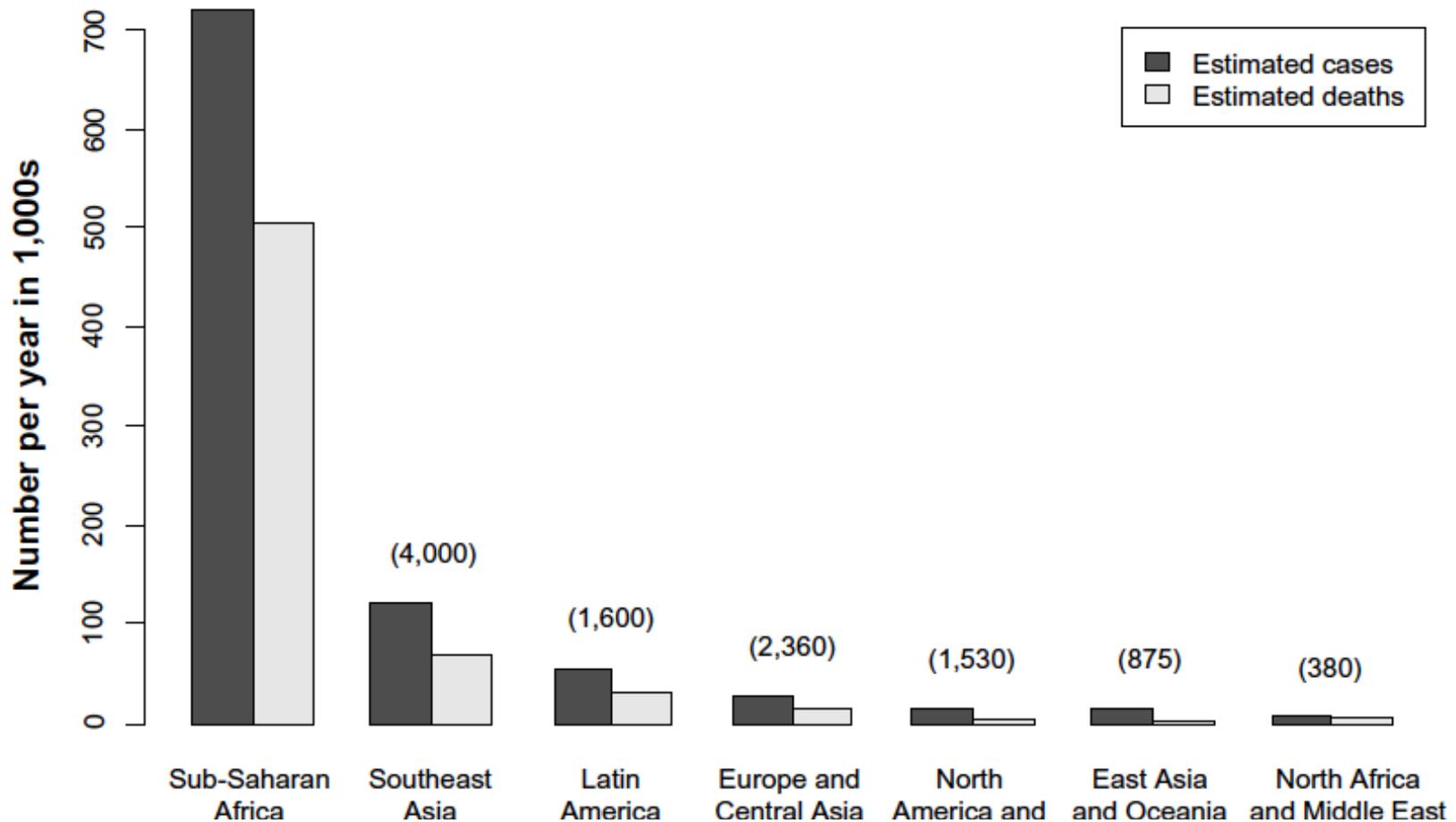
			Early ART	Deferred ART	ETA	DTA	ETA	DTA	ETA	DTA	ETA	DTA
ACTG A5164	USA/South Africa	NA	≤2 weeks	≥4 weeks	13	22	29 (10–55)	31 (12–54)	1 (7.7)	3 (13.6)	0 (0)	2 (15.3)
Makadzange <i>et al.</i>	Zimbabwe	Fluconazole 800 mg once a day 2 weeks	≤72 h	≥10 weeks	28	26	27 (17–69)	51 (25–69)	NA	NA	23 (82.1)	12 (46.1)
Bisson <i>et al.</i>	Botswana	Amphotericin B 2 weeks	≤1 week	≥4 weeks	13	14	36 (25–44)	14 (4–50)	7 (54)	0 (0)	2 (15)	5 (36)
COAT trial	Uganda/ South Africa	Amphotericin B + Fluconazole 2 weeks or until CSF culture is negative	≤48 h	≥4 weeks	88	89	19 (9–69)	28 (11–76)	14 (16.2)	7 (10.1)	40 (55)	28 (30)
Ingle <i>et al.</i> <sup>†</sup>	Europe and North America	NA	≤2 weeks	15–56 days	62	88	NA	NA	NA	NA	7 (11)	11 (12)

# What have we learnt about timing of cART in CNS OIs

- TB Meningitis
  - Optimal timing of cART not clear
  - Vietnam study – high mortality irrespective of early vs. deferred cART AND increased SAEs in the early treatment arms
  - Does recommended use of corticosteroids prevent serious IRS related morbidity in early cART?
- Cryptococcal meningitis
  - 2-4 weeks seems optimal
  - Need to define sub-groups most at risk with early cART (?high uncontrolled pressure, low CSF wcc, slow anti-fungal response)
- Toxoplasmosis
  - No (little) data – but early (within 2 weeks) seems appropriate
- PML
  - Early cART recommended

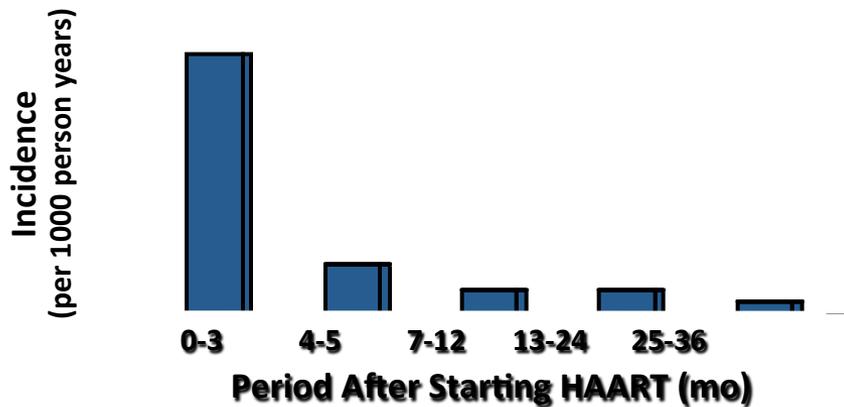


# Cryptococcal meningitis – the burden of disease

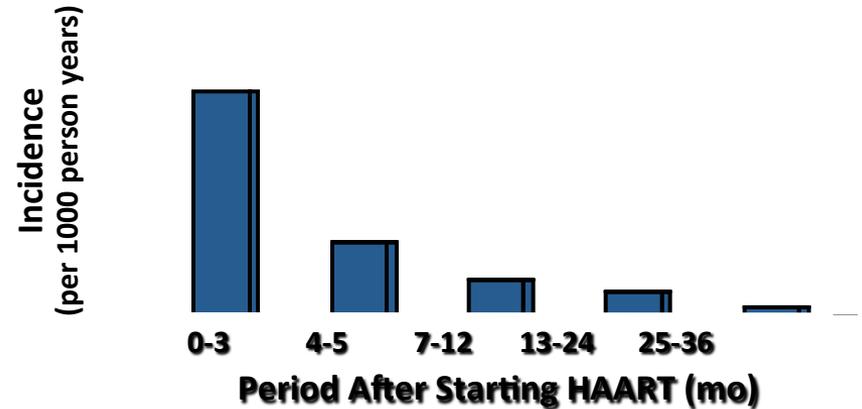


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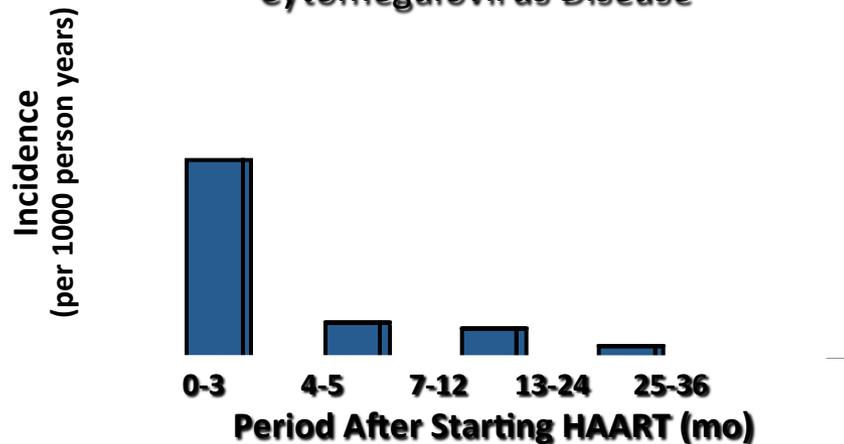
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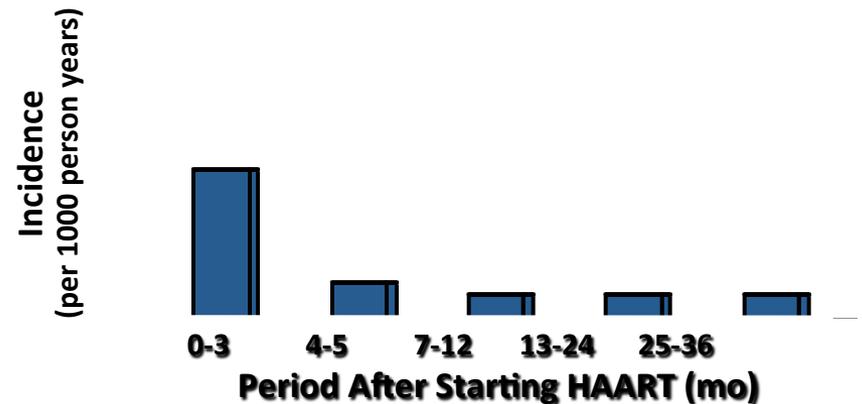
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# Principals of pre-emptive therapy

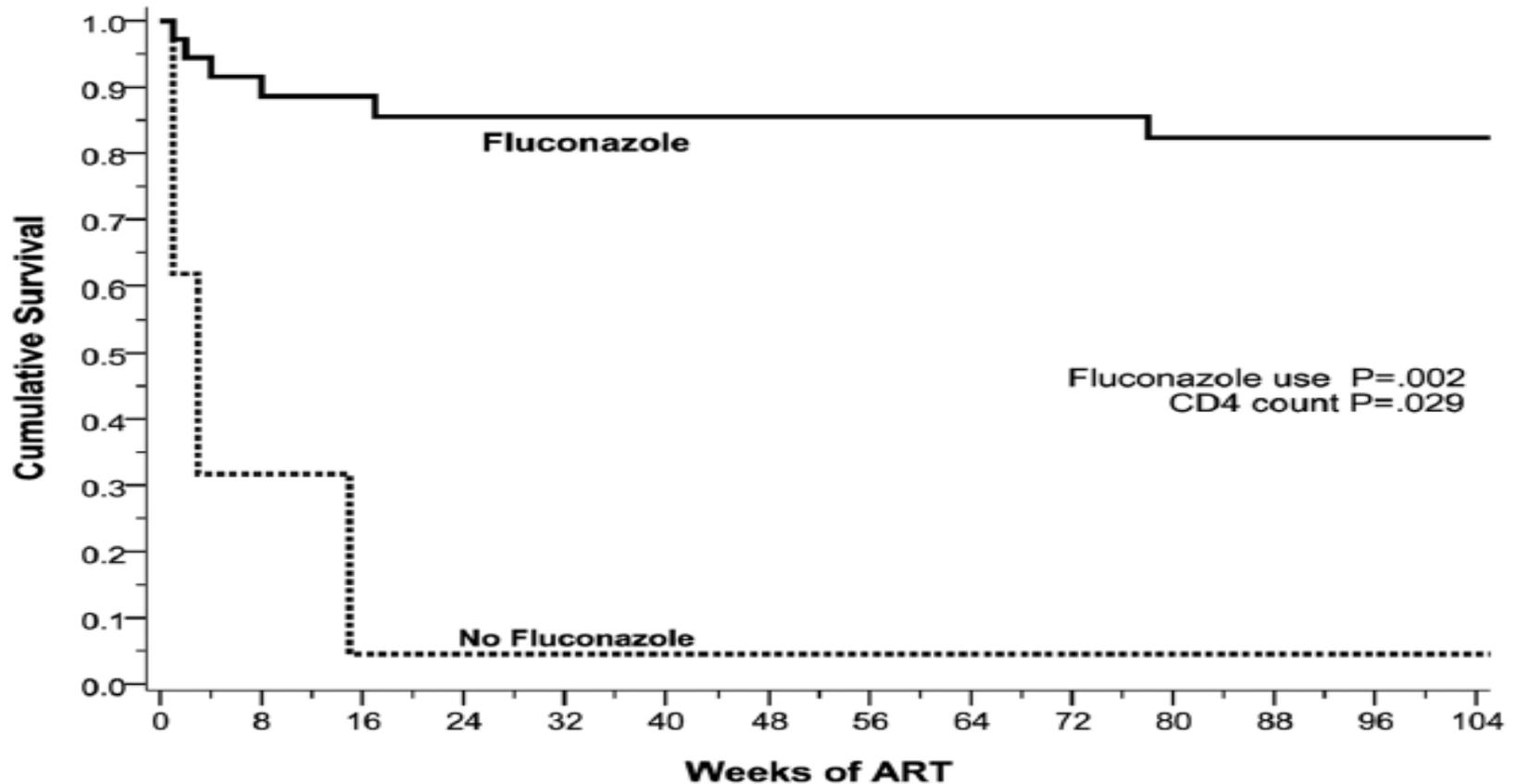
- End organ disease – high morbidity/mortality, difficult/expensive to treat, and appears pre-/peri-cART initiation
  - 8-26% of patients in sub-Saharan Africa die within one year of starting cART
  - 20% associated with cryptococcal meningitis
  - Typically occurring 4-6 weeks post cART in patients with CD4 <100
- Biomarker that predicts development of disease
  - A positive serum CrAg – HR 3.2 ( 1.5 – 6.6) for death
  - A negative serum CrAg has 100% negative predictive value for development of cryptococcal meningitis



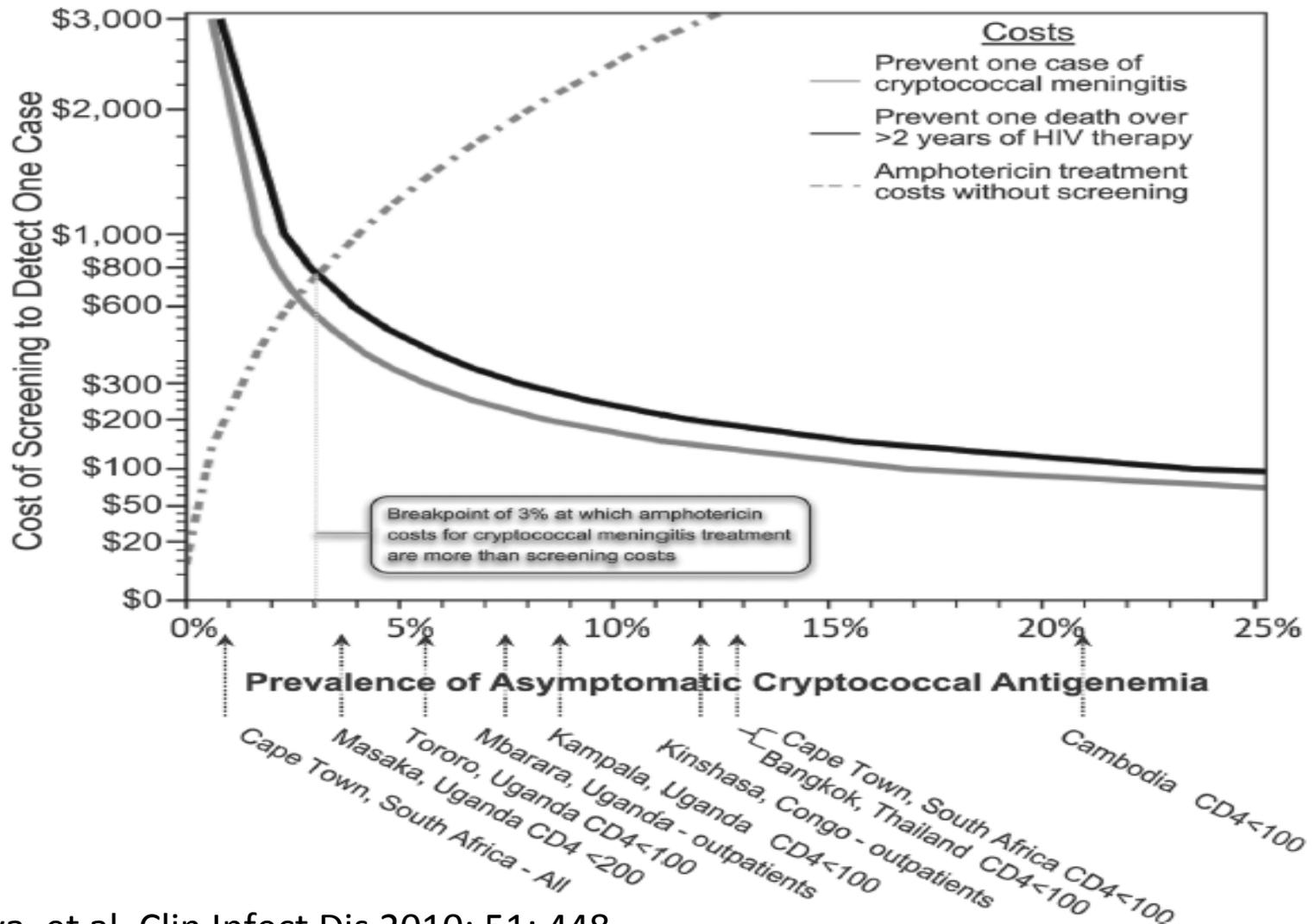
# Cost-Effectiveness of Serum Cryptococcal Antigen Screening to Prevent Deaths among HIV-Infected Persons with a CD4<sup>+</sup> Cell Count $\leq 100$ Cells/ $\mu$ L Who Start HIV Therapy in Resource-Limited Settings

David B. Meya,<sup>1,2,4</sup> Yukari C. Manabe,<sup>1,3</sup> Barbara Castelnuovo,<sup>1</sup> Bethany A. Cook,<sup>4</sup> Ali M. Elbireer,<sup>1,3</sup> Andrew Kambugu,<sup>1,4</sup> Moses R. Kanya,<sup>1,2</sup> Paul R. Bohjanen,<sup>4</sup> and David R. Boulware<sup>4</sup>

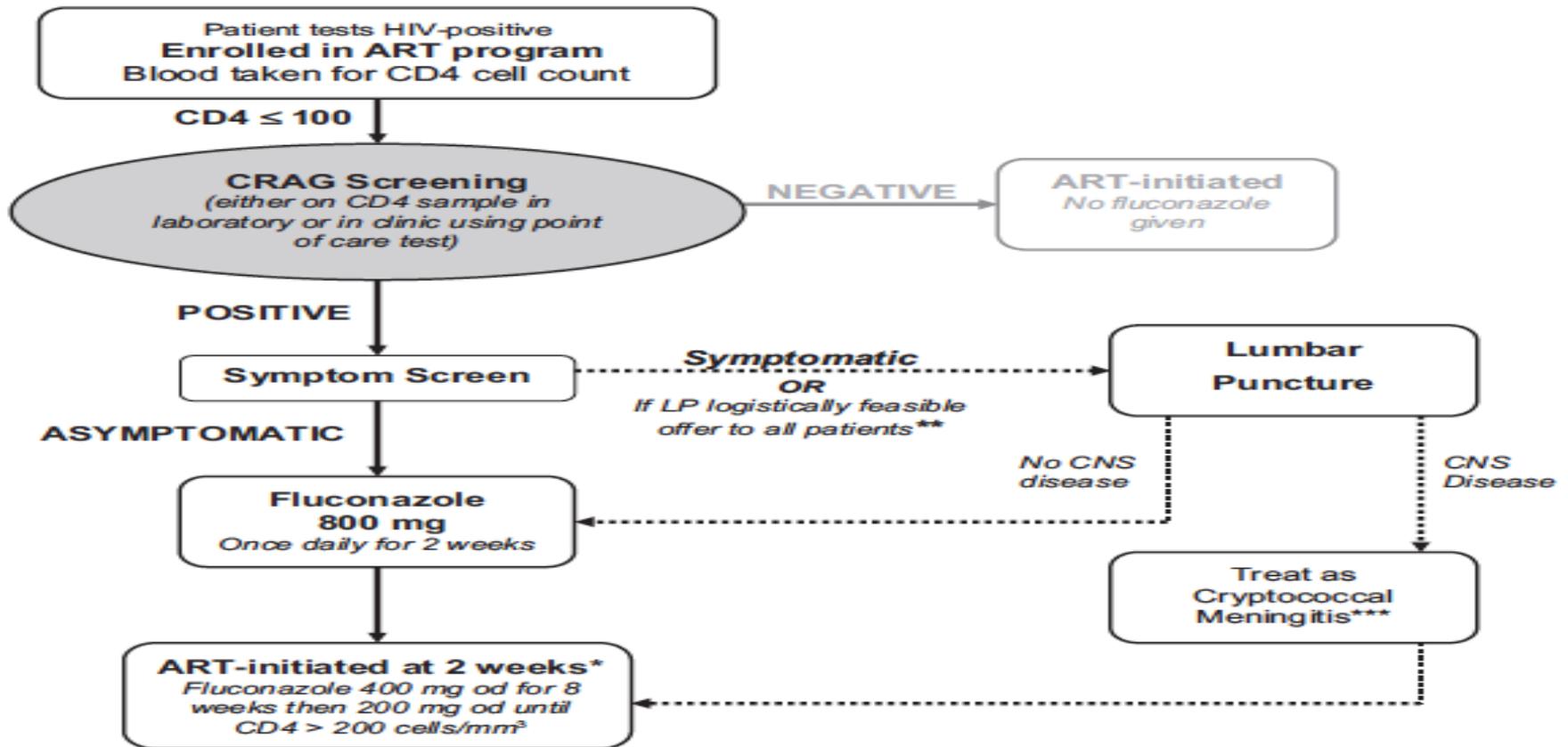
## Survival in Persons with Asymptomatic Cryptococcal Antigenemia (CRAG+)

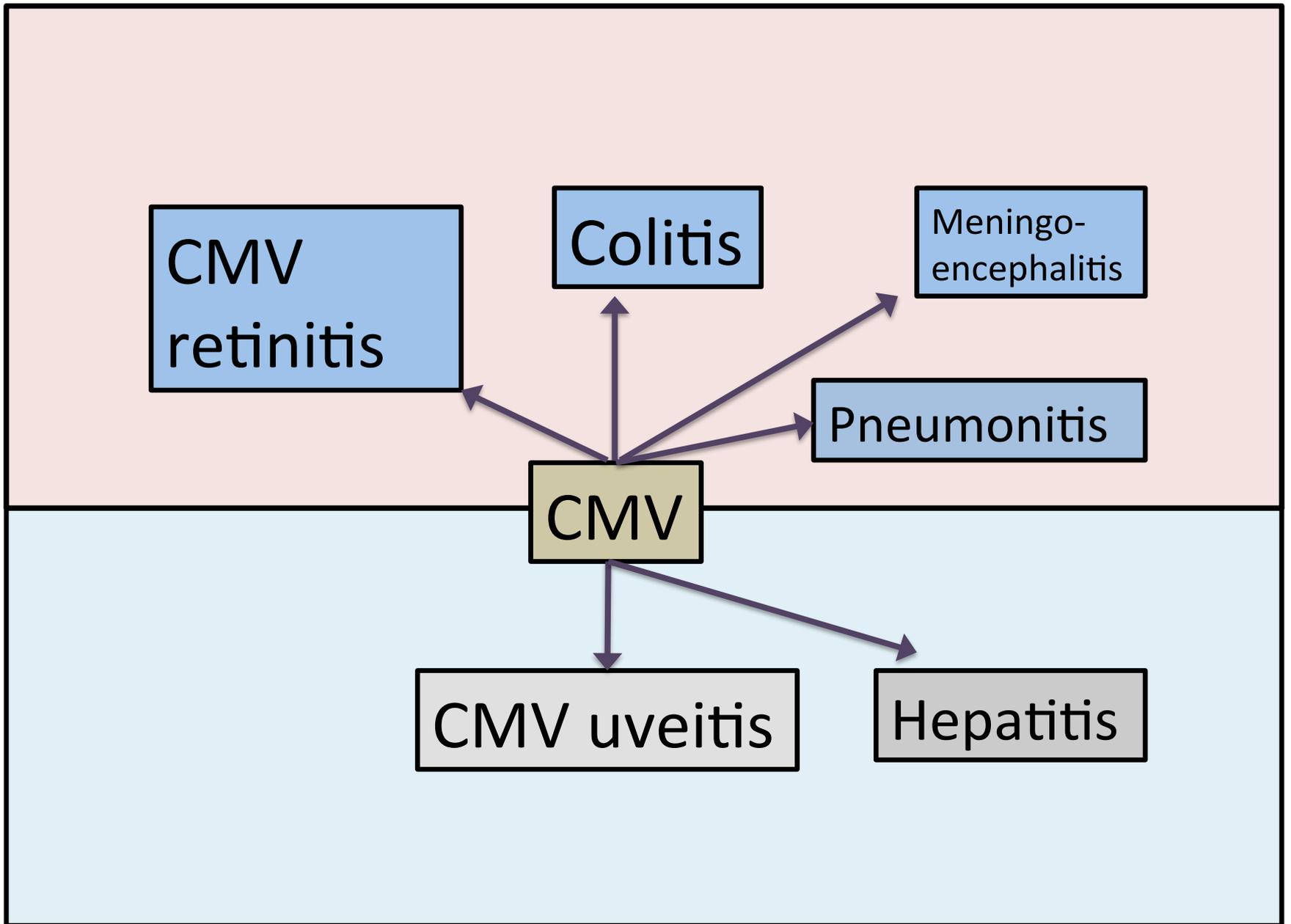


# Cost-effective

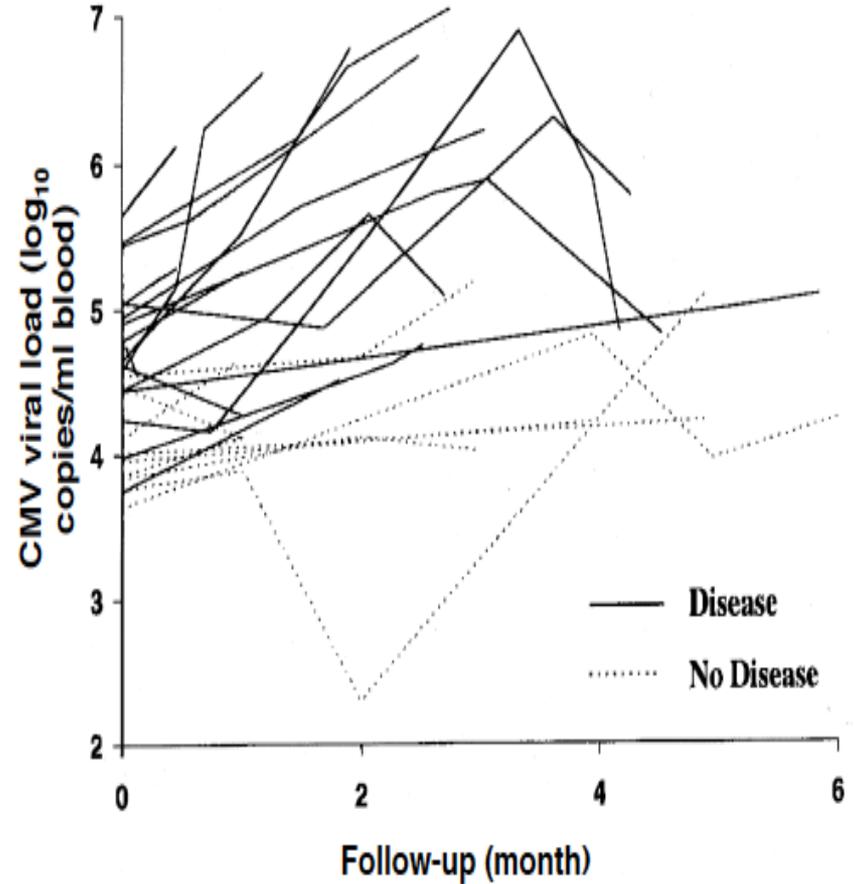
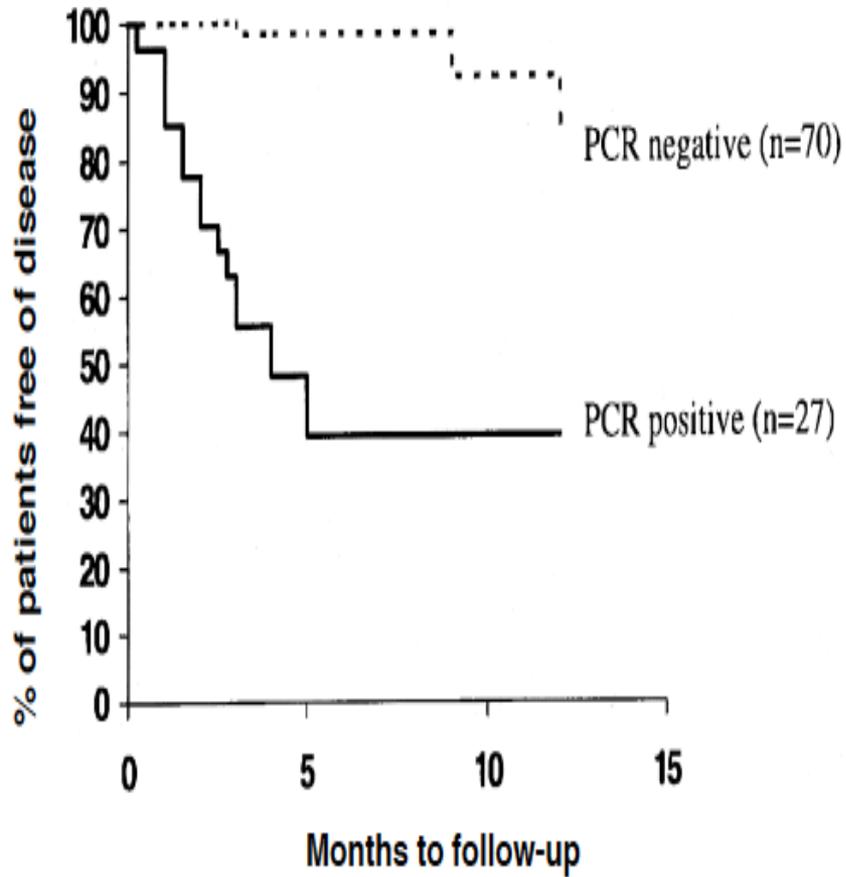


# Screening and pre-emptive Rx algorithm





# Peripheral blood and CMV viraemia predicts development of retinitis

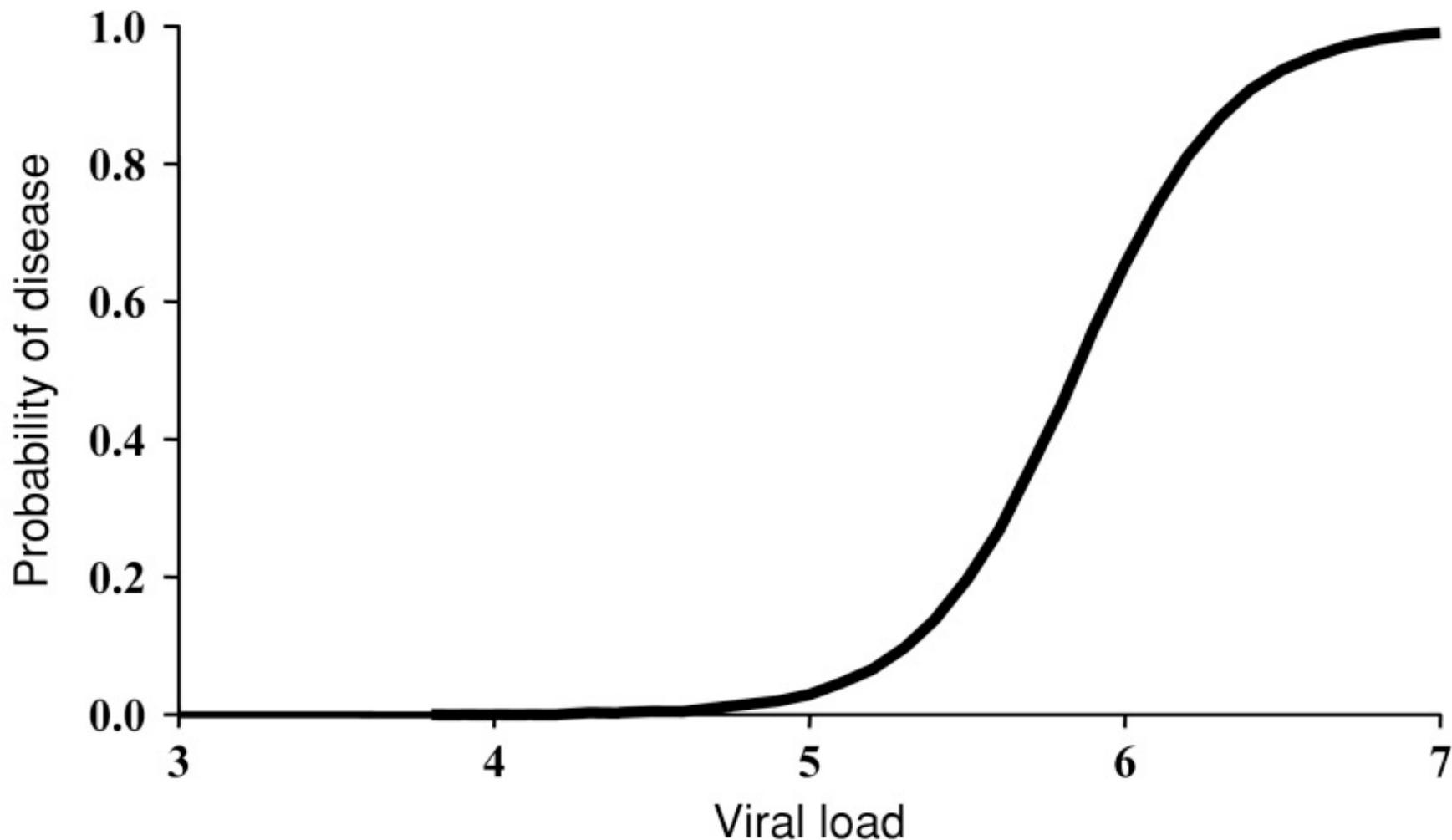


# CMV viraemia – an independent predictor of death and AIDS

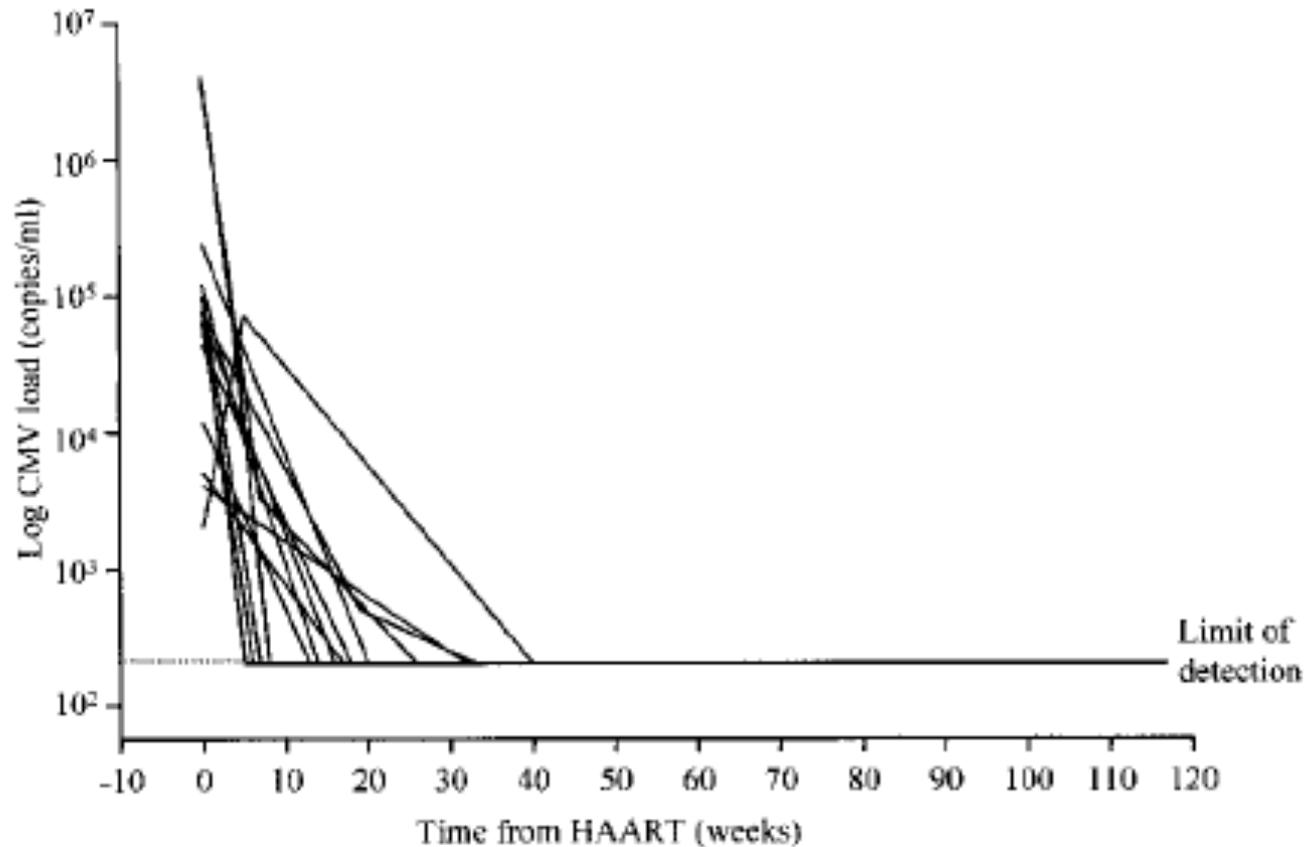
Factor	Univariate models		Multivariate: baseline covariates		Multivariate: covariates measured over follow-up	
	Relative rate (95% CI)	p	Relative rate (95% CI)	p	Relative rate (95% CI)	p
<b>Cytomegalovirus PCR positive</b>						
At baseline	2.11 (1.25–3.55)	0.005	1.79 (1.03–3.13)	0.04		
During follow-up	4.97 (2.98–8.30)	0.0001			2.22 (1.27–3.88)	0.005
<b>CD4-cell count (per log<sub>2</sub> per µL higher)</b>						
At baseline	0.88 (0.79–0.97)	0.02	0.94 (0.83–1.06)	0.32		
During follow-up	0.71 (0.65–0.78)	0.0001			0.83 (0.74–0.93)	0.001
<b>HIV RNA (per log<sub>10</sub> copies per mL higher)</b>						
At baseline	1.51 (1.23–1.85)	0.0001	1.48 (1.19–1.83)	0.0003		
During follow-up	1.77 (1.50–2.10)	0.0001			1.44 (1.19–1.75)	0.0002

Table 1: Factors associated with progression to a new AIDS-defining event

# CMV viraemia and end-organ disease in solid-organ transplant recipients

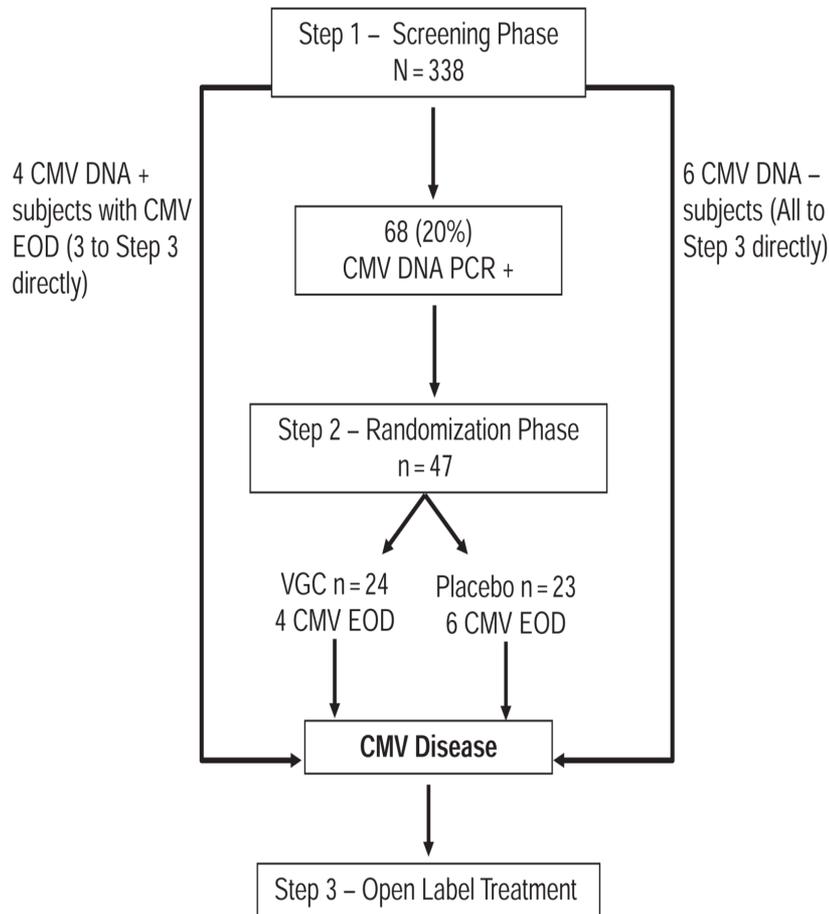


# CMV viraemia usually resolves following cART



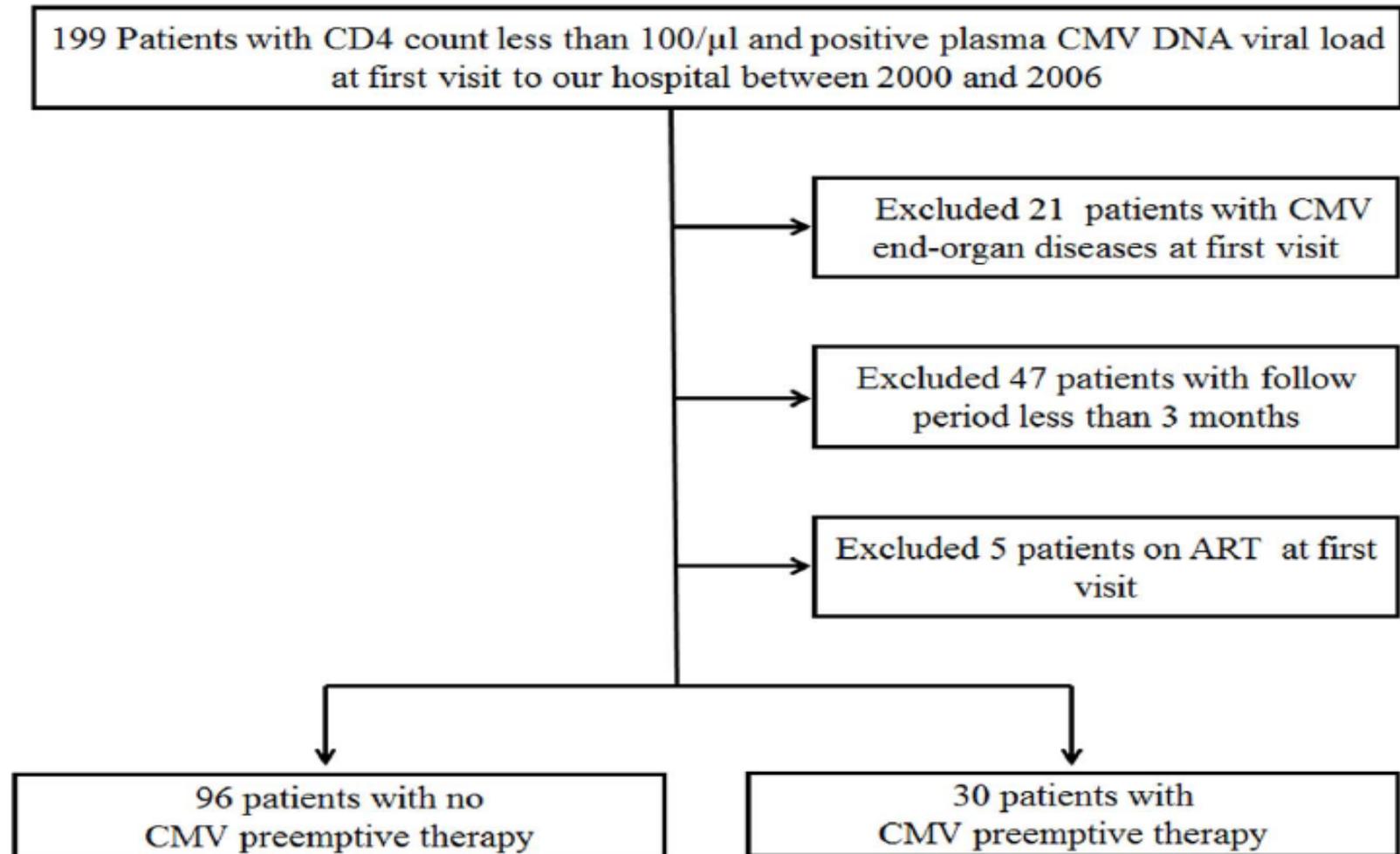
**Fig. 1.** CMV loads following HAART in patients remaining CMV negative.

# ACTG 5030 study – pre-emptive VGC

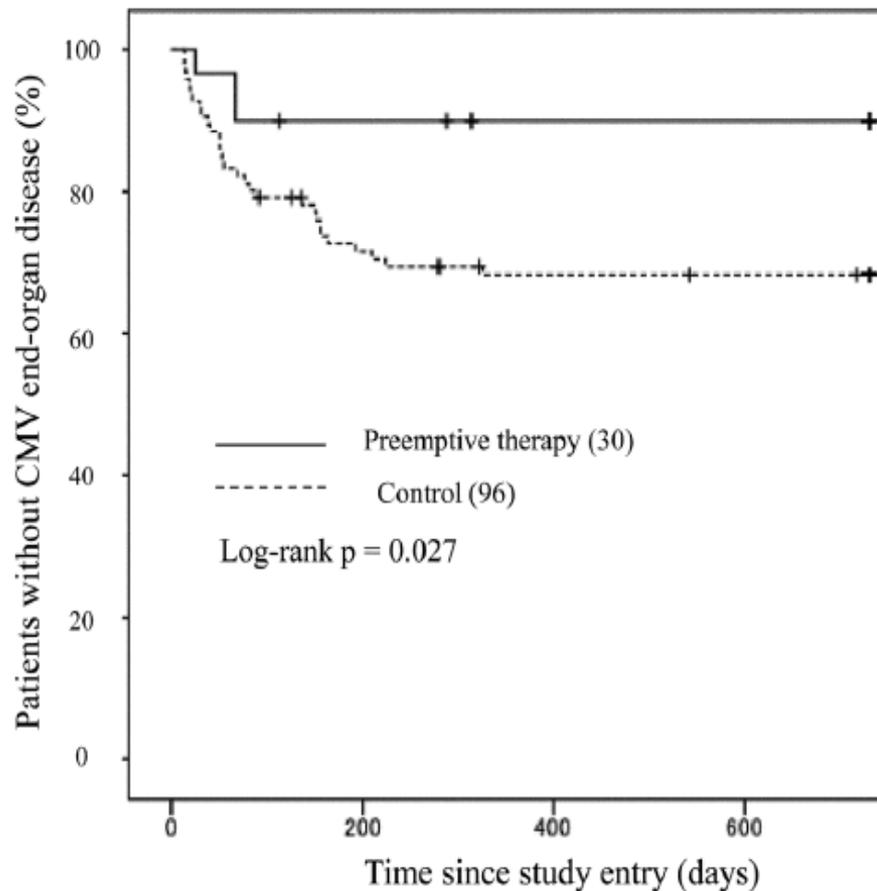


- Trial terminated early
- Too few events to justify continuing
- Note: majority already on cART
  - Many viraemic and low CD4 counts because of failing regimens
  - High mortality associated with non-CMV AIDS events

# Preemptive Therapy Prevents Cytomegalovirus End-Organ Disease in Treatment-Naïve Patients with Advanced HIV-1 Infection in the HAART Era



# CMV pre-emptive therapy



**Table 2.** Results of univariate analysis to estimate the risk of various factors in inducing CMV end-organ disease.

	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P value
CMV preemptive therapy	0.286	0.087–0.939	0.039
Female	1.284	0.392–4.209	0.680
Age per 1 year	0.982	0.951–1.013	0.240
CD4 count per 1/ $\mu$ l decrement	1.001	0.989–1.013	0.867
HIV viral load per log <sub>10</sub> /ml	1.875	0.905–3.884	0.091
CMV viral load per log <sub>10</sub> /ml	1.450	0.984–2.136	0.060
Use of steroid	0.716	0.356–1.439	0.348
Chemotherapy	1.390	0.488–3.955	0.537
Concurrent AIDS	0.703	0.290–1.704	0.436

# Pre-emptive therapy

- Well-established for mTB (Isoniazid chemopreventative therapy)
- Increasing adoption of CrAg screening and pre-emptive fluconazole therapy for patients with CD4 <100
- Managing asymptomatic CMV viraemia is a bit more difficult
  - Early effective cART and careful monitoring for CMV-EOD
  - May be effective for patients with added immune suppressive therapy
  - ?viral load cut-off
  - ?regimen and length of therapy



# Conclusions

- OIs remain significant contributors to morbidity and mortality in HIV+ patients
- Prophylaxis and effective treatment are essential knowledge
- cART is beneficial
  - Timing may be different in CNS vs. non-CNS OIs
- Pre-emptive therapy may be beneficial for some OIs





Questions?

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