

Perché oggi siamo autorizzati a guardare oltre la viremia plasmatica non rilevabile?

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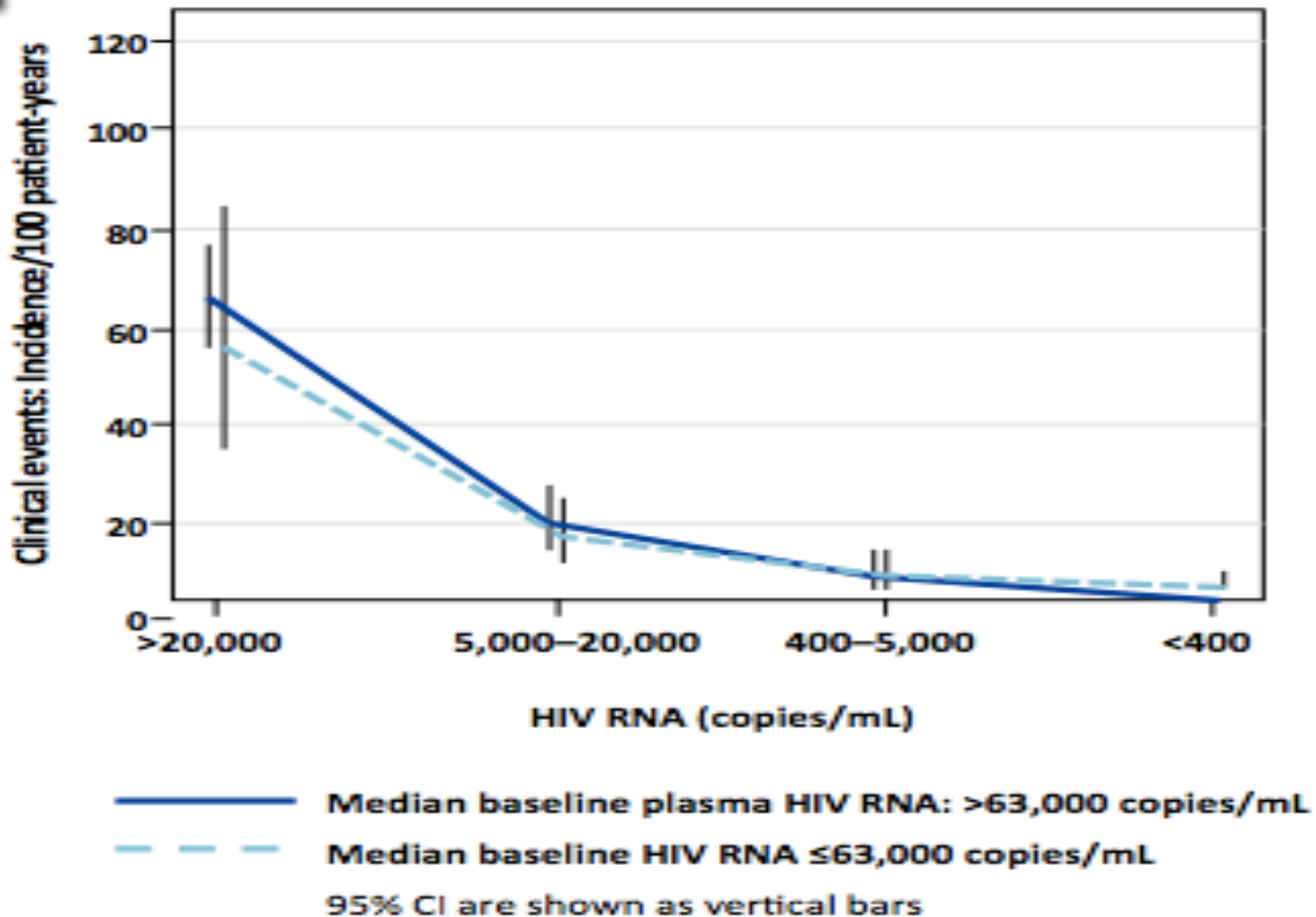


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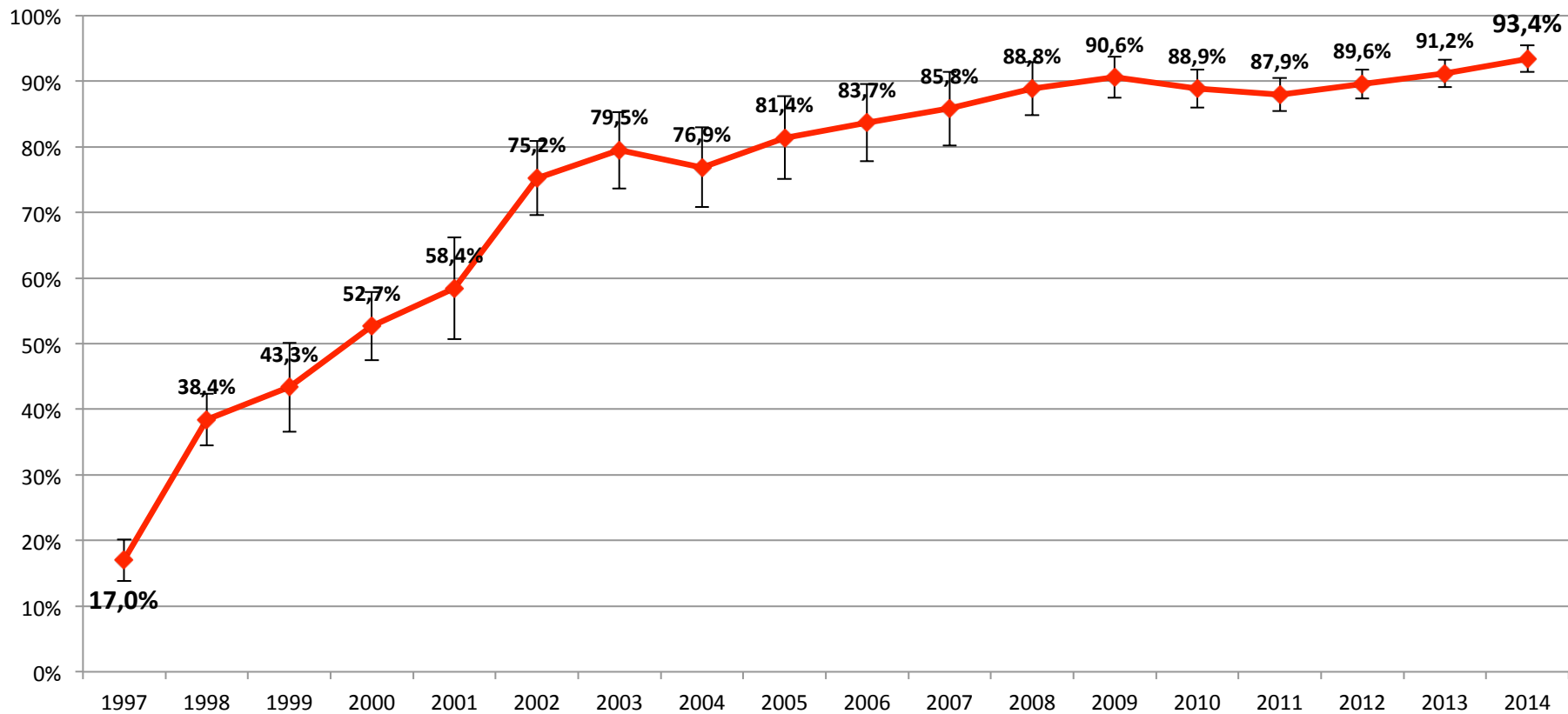


Viral suppression rates are associated with decreased clinical progression and improved clinical outcomes for patients





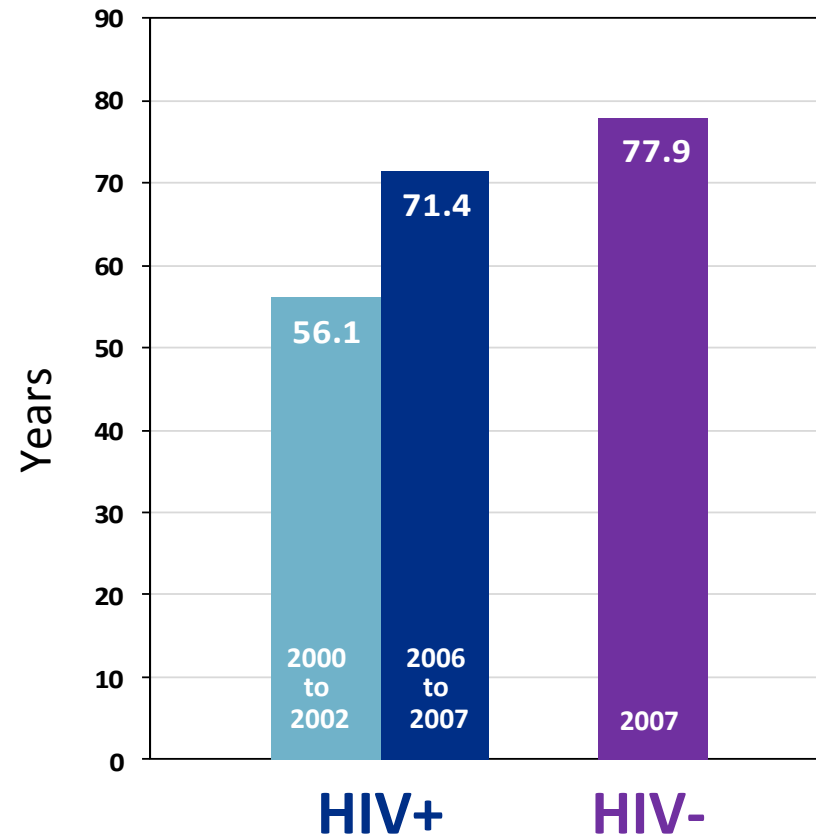
Proportion of patients with a VL \leq 80 copies/mL at 12 months from starting their first cART regimen by calendar year of initiation



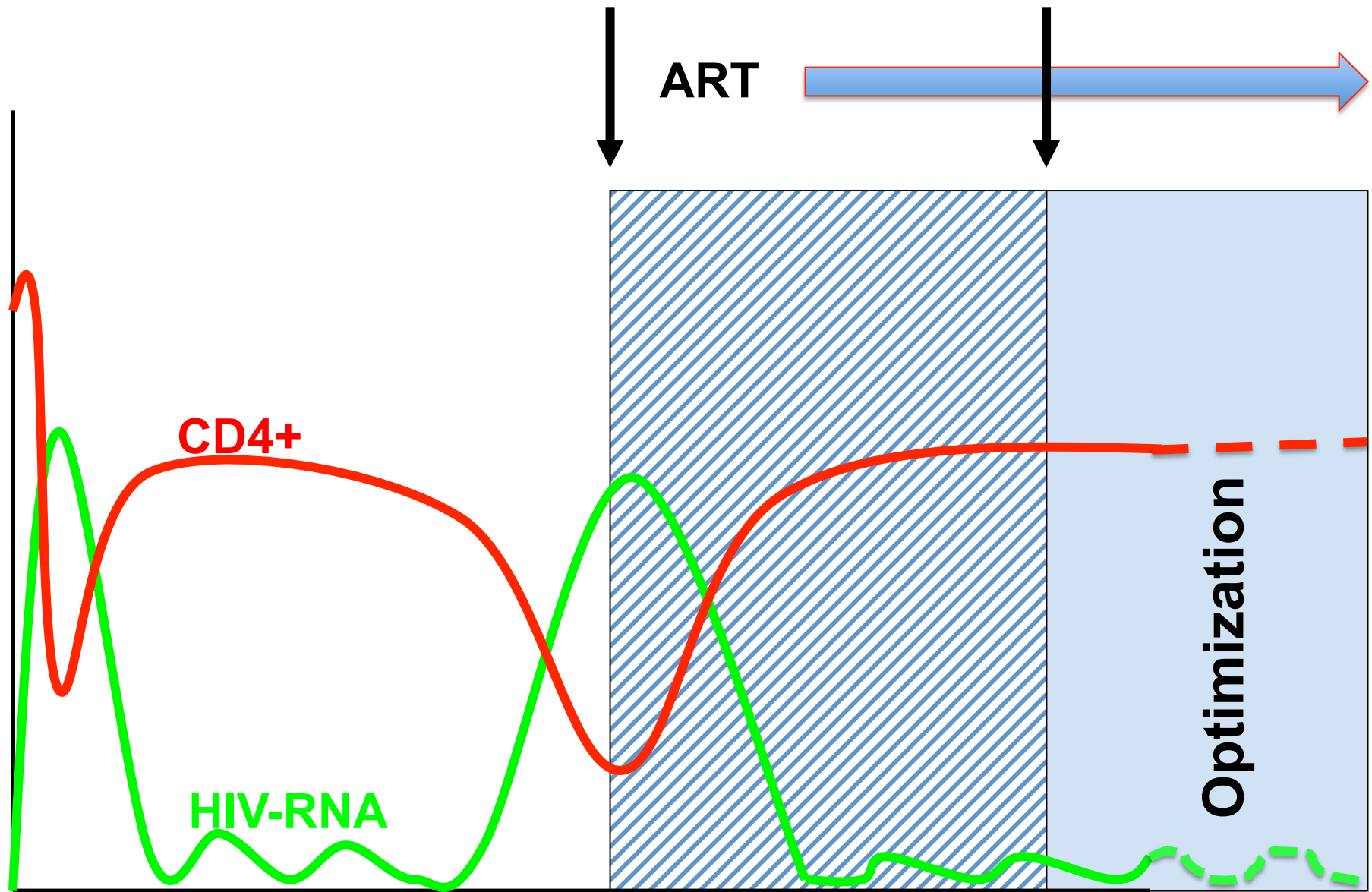
Average life expectancy of an HIV-positive patient is increasing but not yet reaching that of the uninfected population

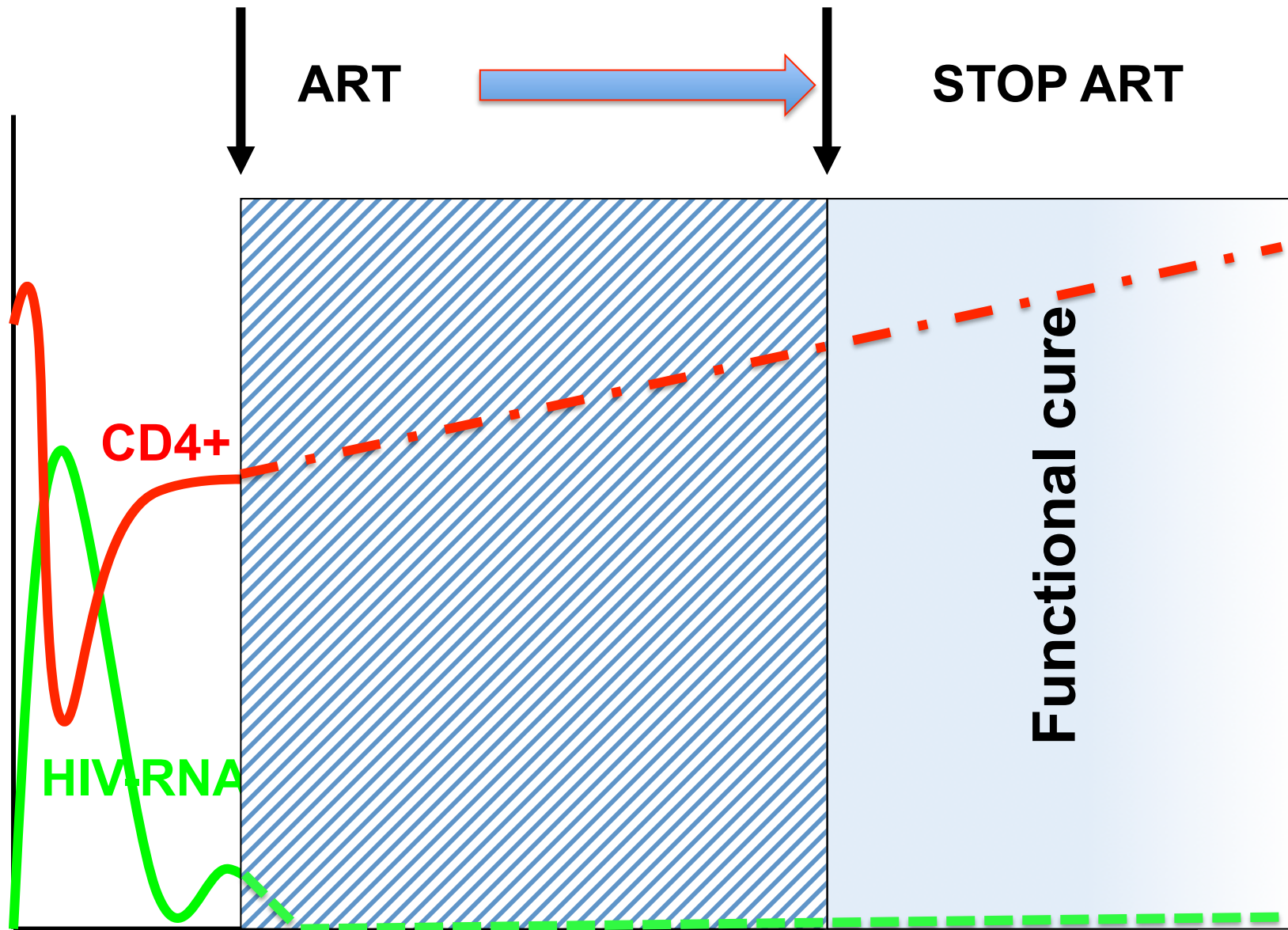
Life expectancy for 20-year-old HIV-positive patients increased by 15 years from 2002 to 2007, but still falls short of the general population^{4,5}

US life expectancy^{1,2}



1. Samji H et al. 2013. PLoS One;8(12):e81355;
2. 2. Arias E. Natl Vital Stat Rep 2011;59:1-60.







Mortality rates in patients with well-controlled HIV infection

Observed death rates and standardised mortality rates (SMRs) among 3,280 non-IDU HIV-positive patients, by age, sex and country (SMART Study and ESPRIT Study^a)

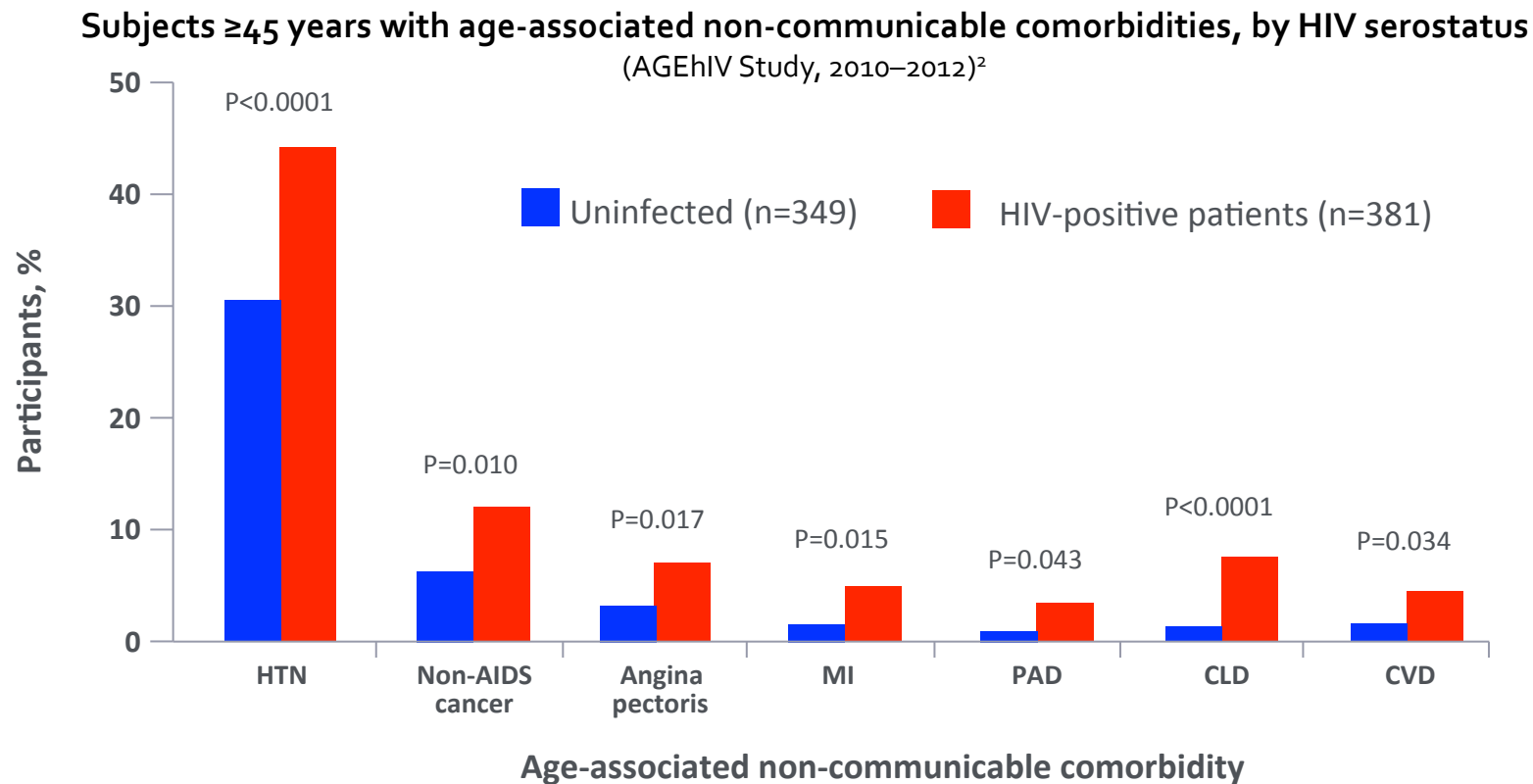
| | Most recent eligible CD4 count, cells/mm ³ | |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|
| | 350–499 | >500 |
| PY of follow-up | 3,729 | 8,628 |
| Observed deaths | 28 | 34 |
| Expected deaths ^b | 15.86 | 33.96 |
| SMR (95% CI) | 1.77 (1.17–2.55) | 1.00 (0.69–1.40) |

IDU, injection drug user.

^a Continuous and control arms, respectively; ^b Based on general population mortality

Comorbidities are more prevalent in HIV-positive patients

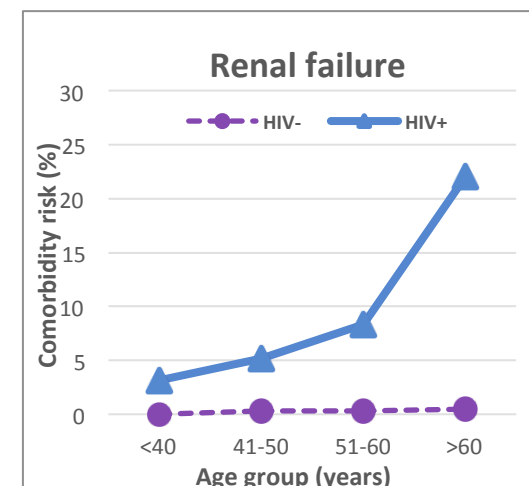
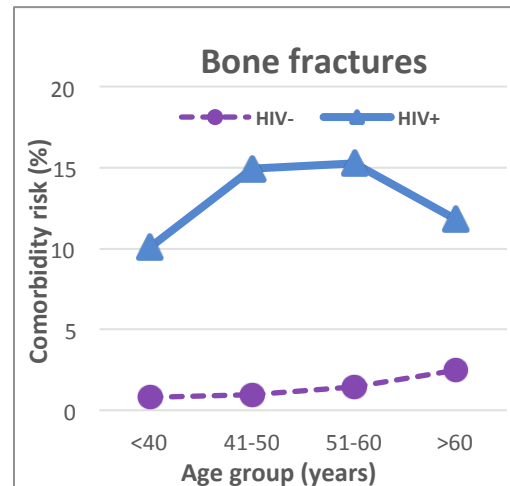
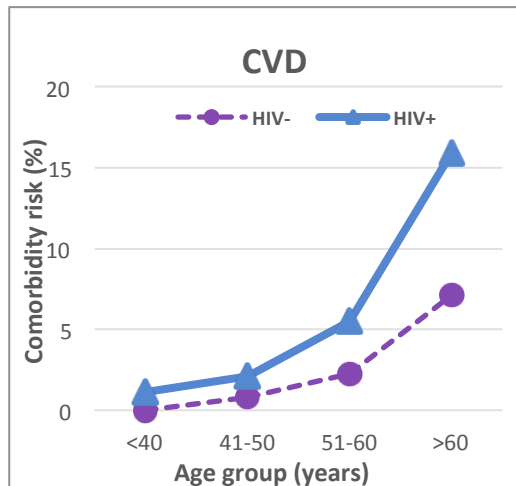
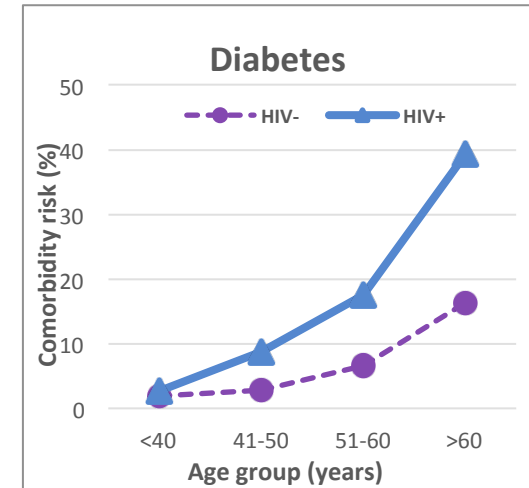
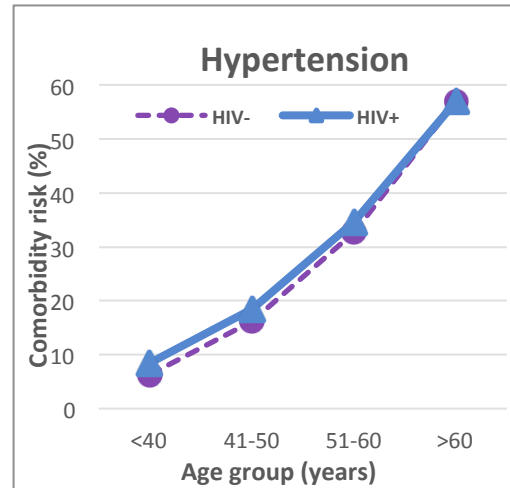
- HIV infection may compress certain ageing processes, accelerating comorbidities and frailty¹
- Duration of ART use (OR 1.24 per 5 additional years of ART use) and lower nadir CD4 count (OR 1.12 per 100 less cells) were associated with an increased risk of a higher number of comorbidities



CLD, chronic liver disease; CVD, cerebrovascular disease; HTN, hypertension; MI, myocardial infarction; OR, odds ratio; PAD, peripheral artery disease

With increased life expectancy, management of non-HIV related comorbidities is now a significant area of focus

- Patients with HIV are more susceptible to developing cardiovascular disease, bone fractures and renal failure than HIV-negative²
 - In the 41–50-year-old cohort, HIV-positive patients are 24x more likely to develop renal failure; this increases to 63x for the >60-year-old cohort¹
 - Bone fracture risk ranged between 12–16x more likely for HIV-positive vs uninfected in the <40–60-year-old range¹
- These comorbidities often develop earlier in HIV-positive patients²



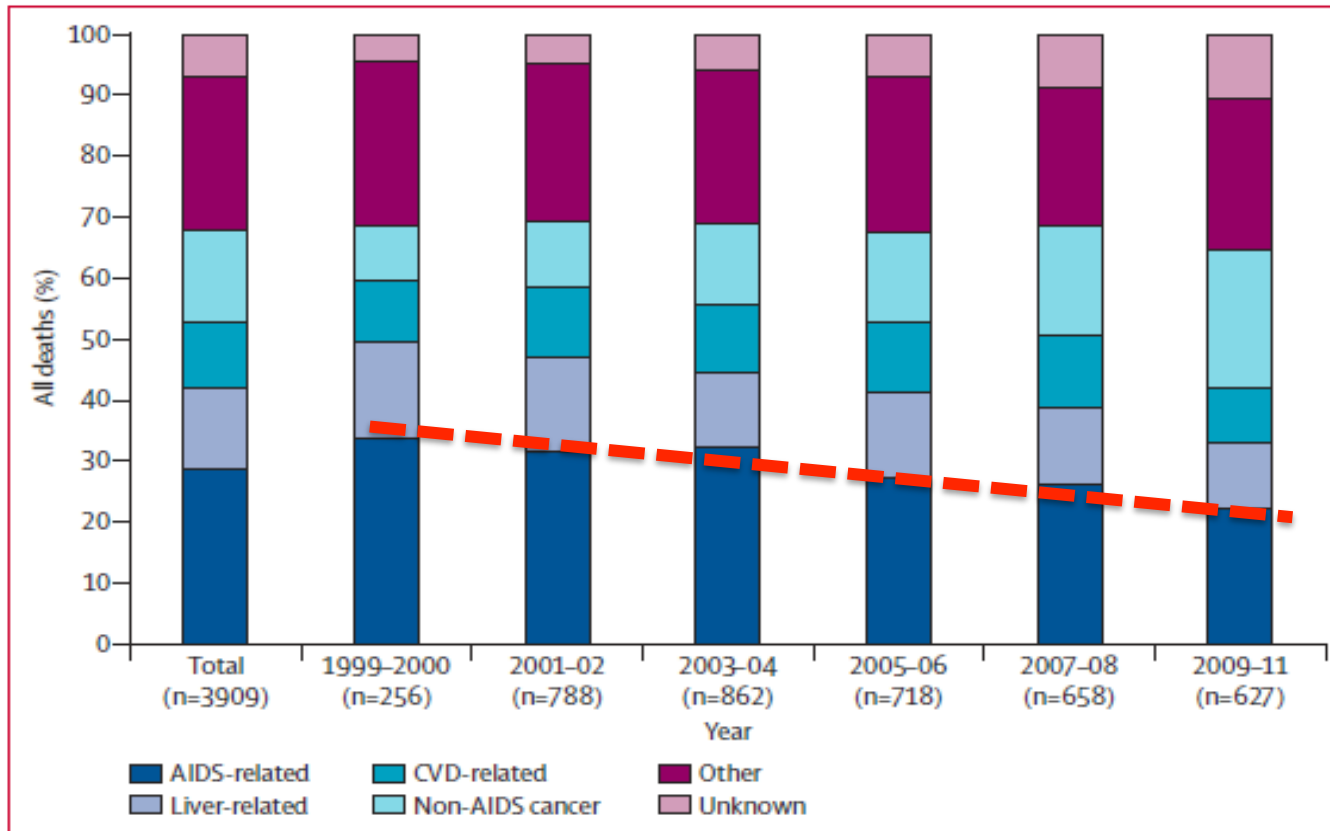
1. Adapted from Guaraldi G et al. Clinicoecon Outcomes Res 2013;5:481–488;
2. Guaraldi G et al. Clin Infect Dis 2011;53:1120–1126



Causes of deaths in HIV patients between 1999 and 2011 (D:A:D study)

- 3,909 of the 49,731 D:A:D study participants died during the 308,719 person-years of follow-up (crude incidence mortality rate, 12.7 per 1,000 person-years [95% CI 12.3–13.1]) From March 1999 to February 2011

Most common causes of death in people with HIV

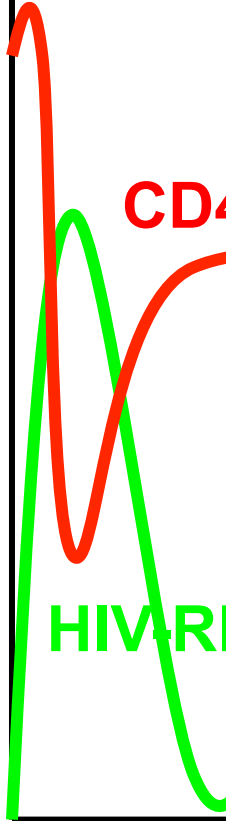


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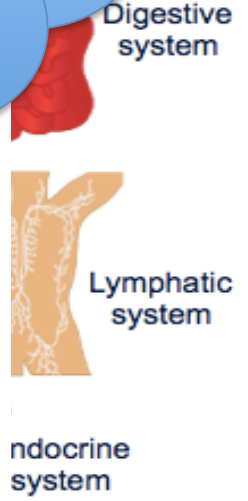
CD4

HIV-RNA

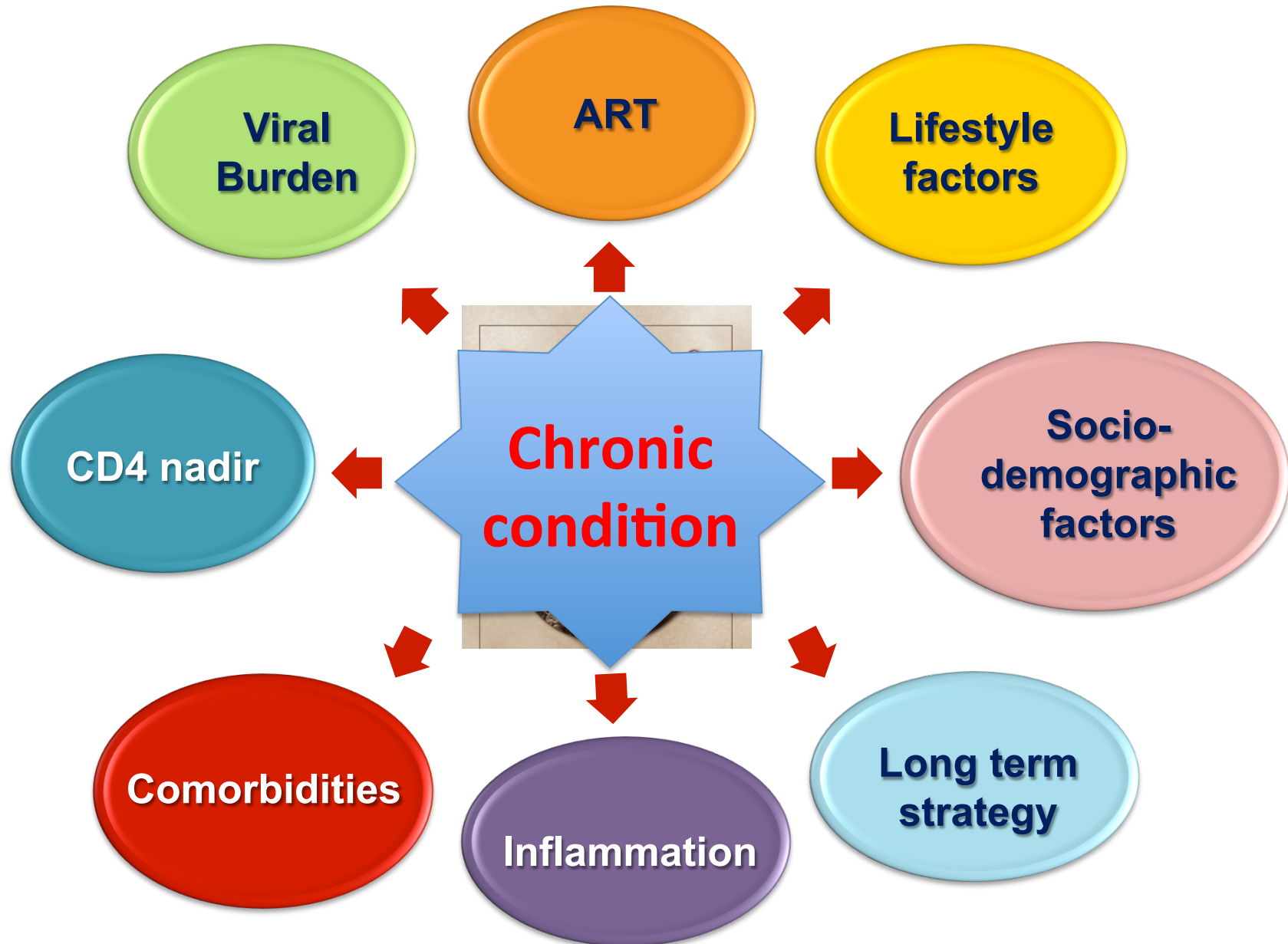
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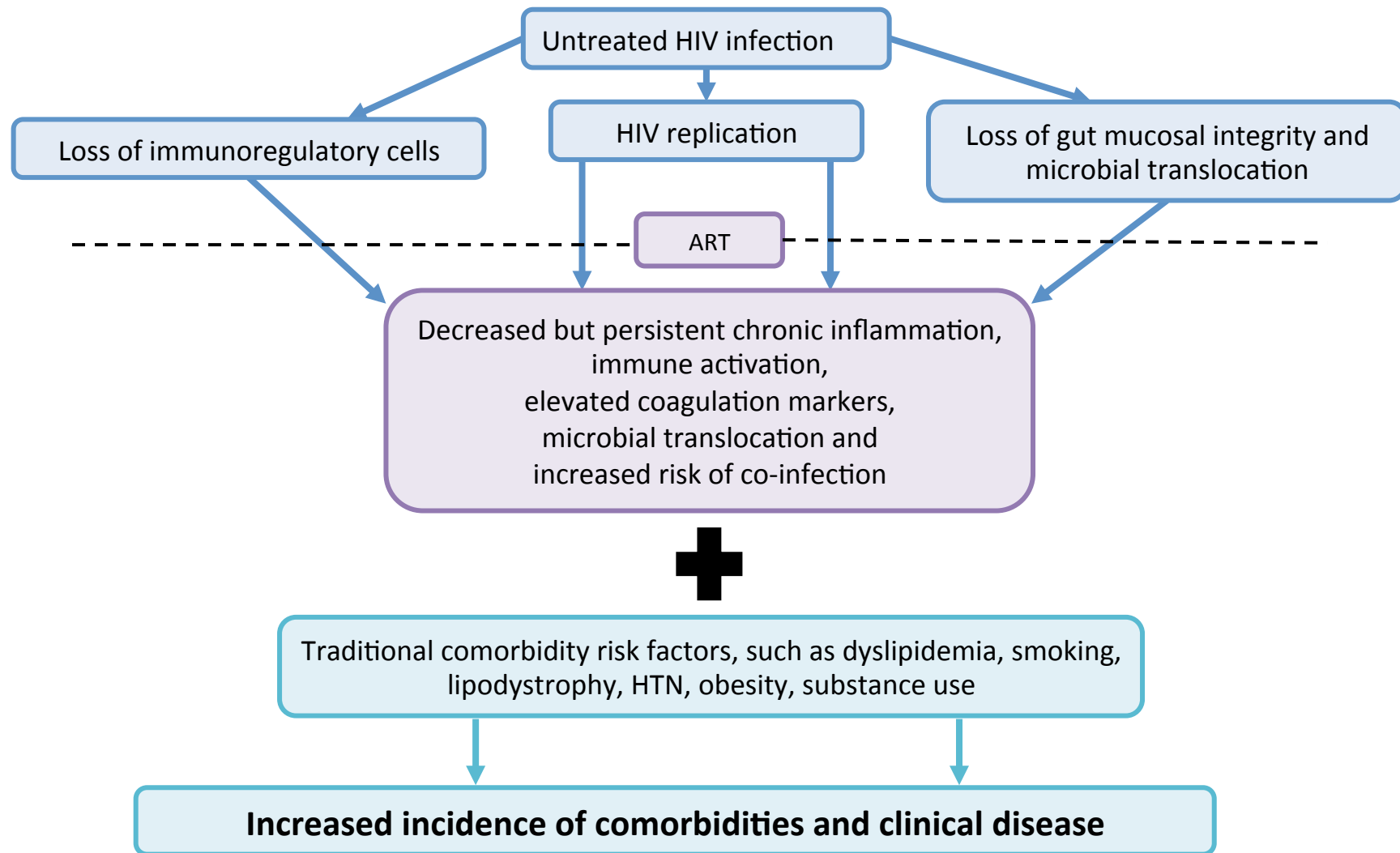
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- Oramorph 6 gtt a/b max 3 volte die os R
- Palexia 100 mg 2 cp x 2/die os R
- Folina 5 mg 1 cp/die os R
- Tachipirina 1 g a/b max x3/die os R
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- Tranquirit XX gtt/die os R
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- KCl retard 600 mg 1 cp x2/die os R
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- Cefepime 1 g x 3/die ev R
- Colistina 4,5 mln UI x2/die ev R



Beyond undetectability: long term risk



Chronic inflammation is associated with increased risk for comorbidities in HIV-positive patients





Inflammation predicts disease in treated HIV infection, as it does in the general population

- **Mortality** (Kuller, PLoS Med, 2008, Sandler JID 2011, Tien JAIDS 2011)
- **Cardiovascular Disease** (Baker, CROI 2013)
- **Lymphoma** (Breen, Cancer Epi Bio Prev, 2010)
- **Venous Thromboembolism** (Musselwhite, AIDS, 2011)
- **Type II Diabetes** (Brown, Diabetes Care, 2010)
- **Cognitive Dysfunction** (Burdo AIDS 2012)
- **Frailty** (Erlandson, JID 2013)

Inflammatory and Coagulation Biomarkers and Mortality in Patients with HIV Infection

Lewis H. Kuller¹, Russell Tracy², Waldo Belloso³, Stephane De Wit⁴, Fraser Drummond⁵, H. Clifford Lane⁶, Bruno Ledergerber⁷, Jens Lundgren⁸, Jacqueline Neuhaus⁹, Daniel Nixon¹⁰, Nicholas I. Paton¹¹, James D. Neaton^{9*}, for the INSIGHT SMART Study Group

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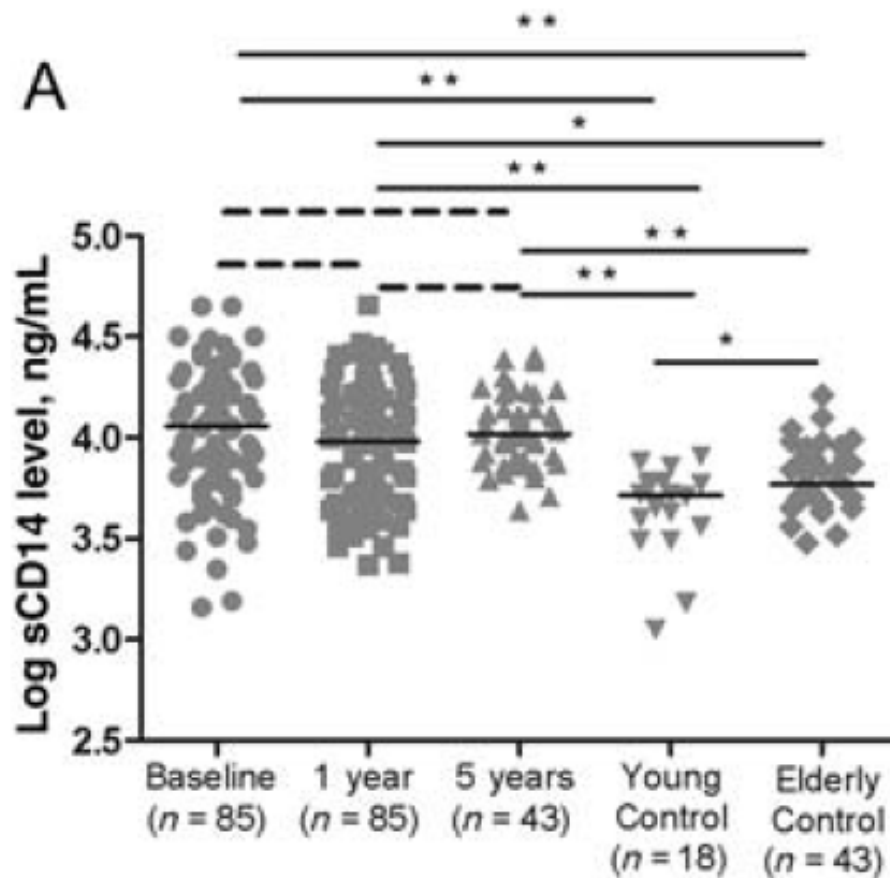
Biomarker and All-Cause Mortality Associations

| Baseline Level | OR (4 th /1 st QRT) Univariate | P-value |
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| D-dimer | 12.4 | <0.0001 |
| IL-6 | 8.3 | <0.0001 |
| hsCRP | 2.0 | 0.05 |



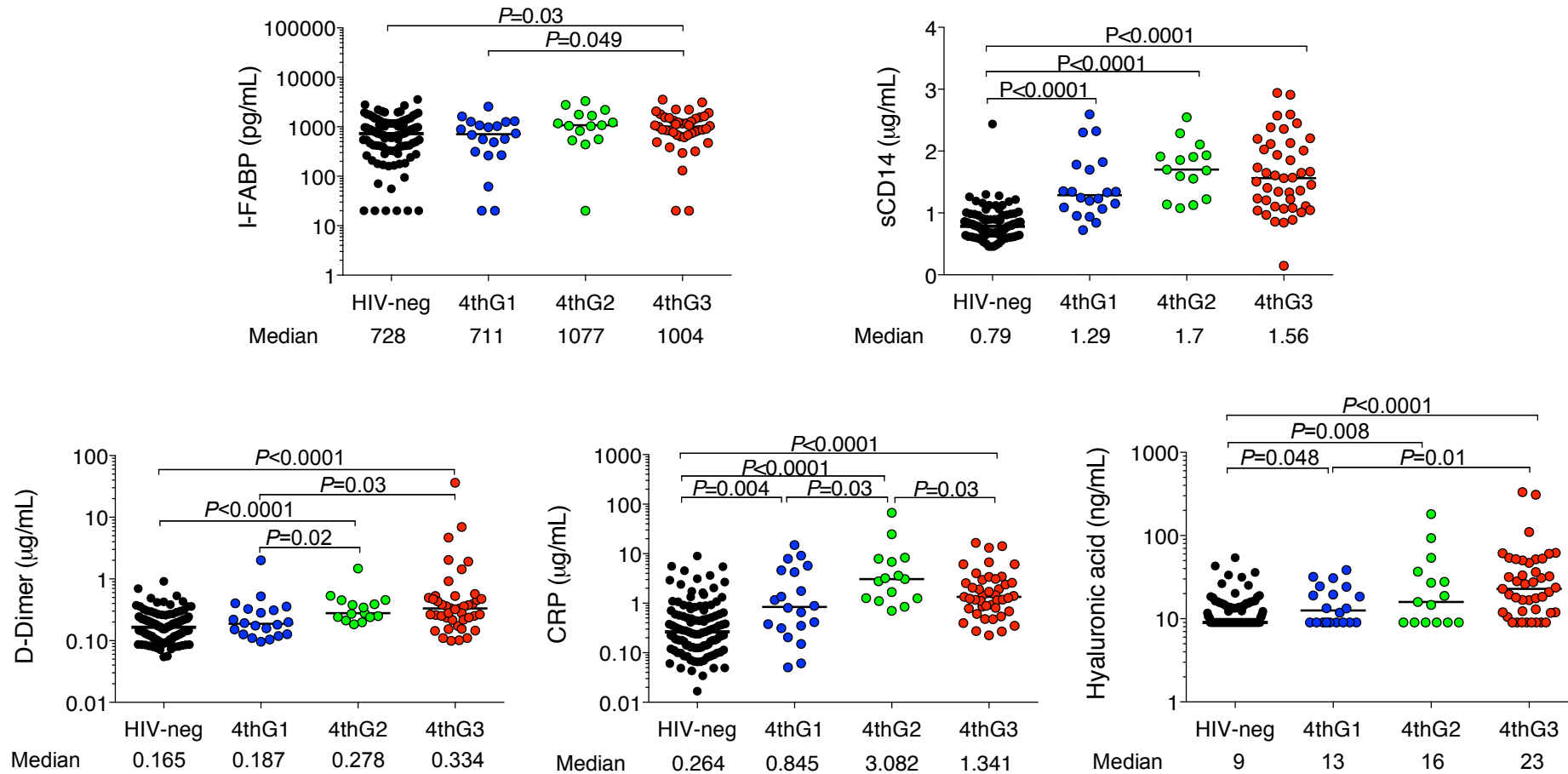
February 4, 2013

Long-Term Suppressive Combined Antiretroviral Treatment Does Not Normalize the Serum Level of Soluble CD14



HIV-infected group displayed a significantly higher sCD14 level at baseline (ie, before cART initiation), 1 year and 5 years after cART initiation, compared with both control groups.

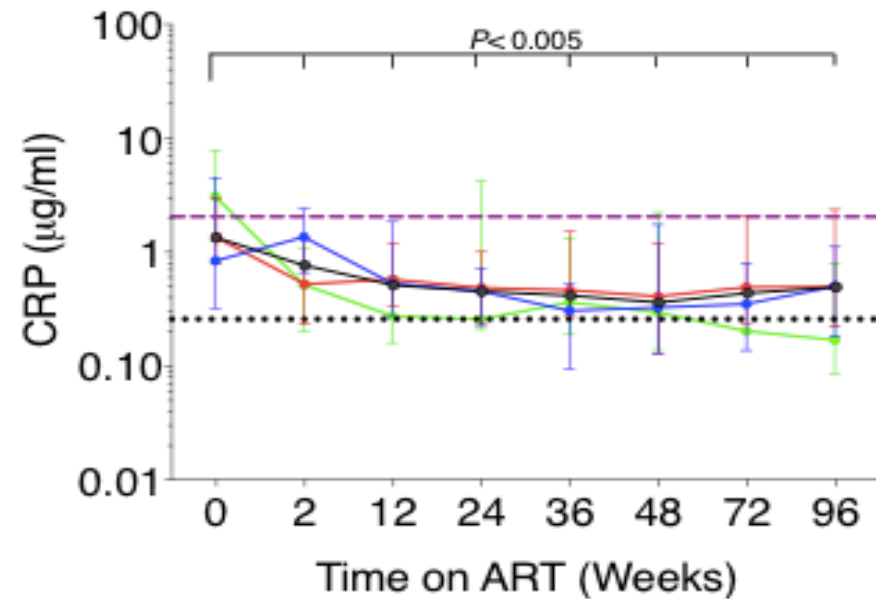
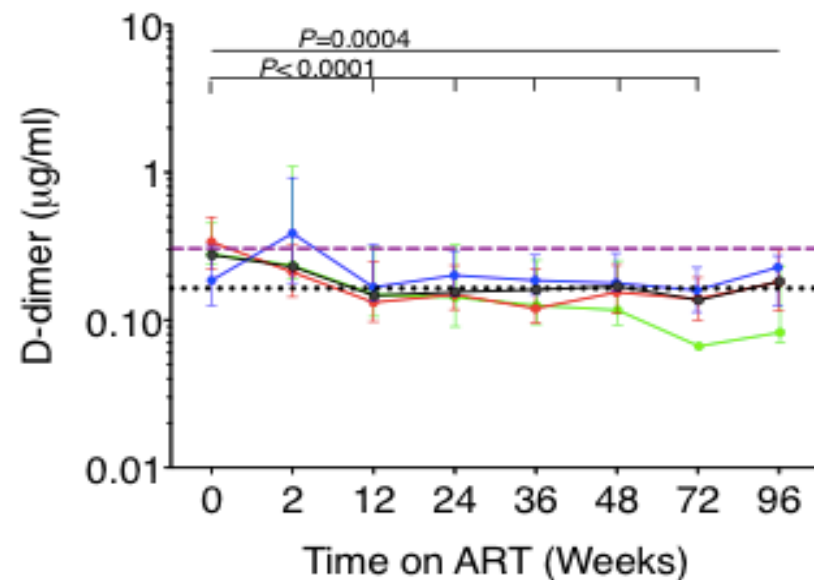
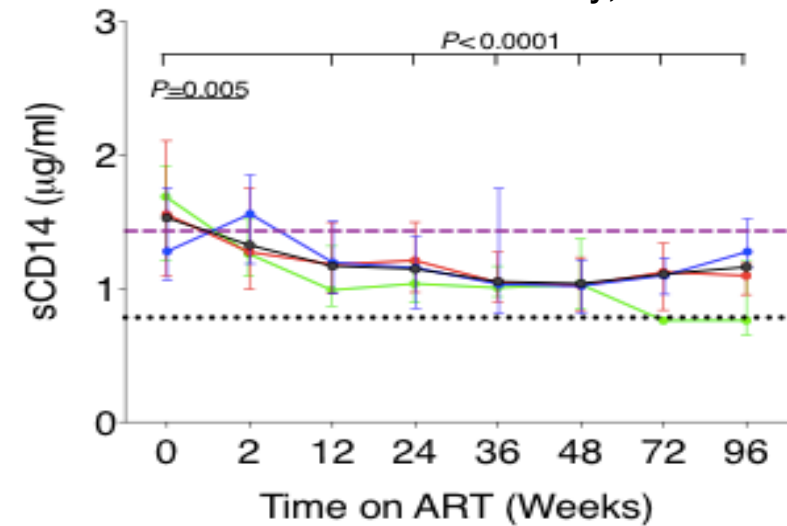
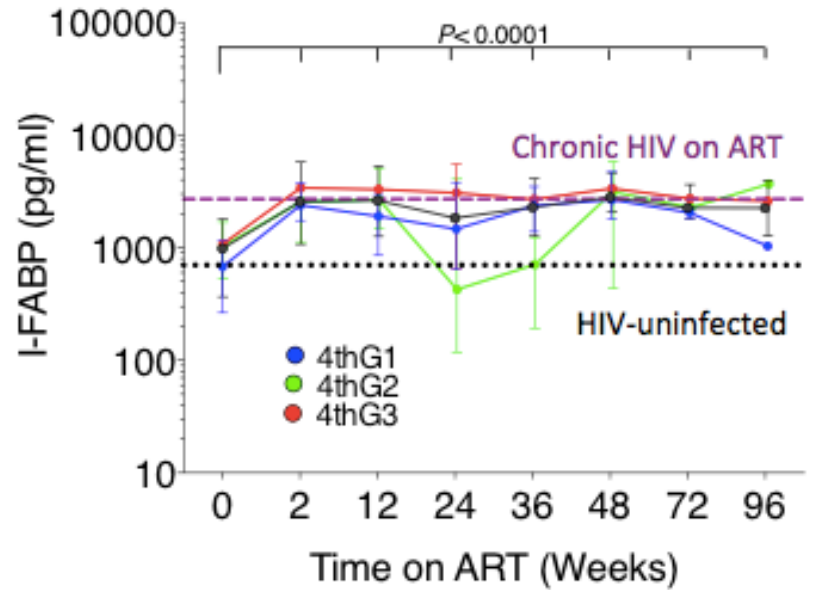
Inflammatory Biomarkers at Diagnosis of Acute HIV Infection



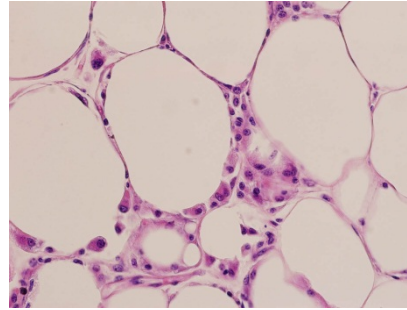
Compared to healthy controls, subjects with all stages of acute HIV infection have increased CRP, sCD14, and HA levels, and subjects with later stages of acute HIV infection have increased D-dimer and I-FABP levels.

Inflammation persists despite early initiation of ART in acute HIV infection

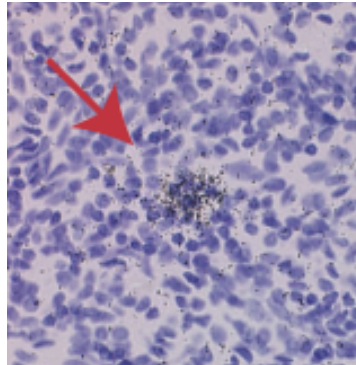
NS Utay, CROI 2015



HIV-associated fat Metabolic syndrome



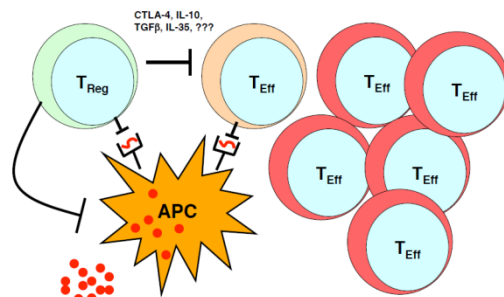
HIV production HIV replication



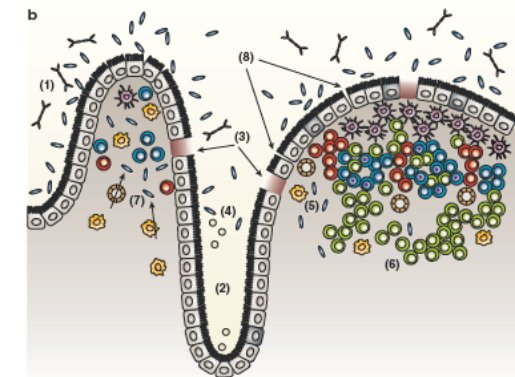
CMV/HCV Excess pathogens



Inflammation
↑ Endothelium adhesion
↑ Monocyte activation
Dyslipidemia
Hypercoagulation/
thrombotic events
Endothelial dysfunction

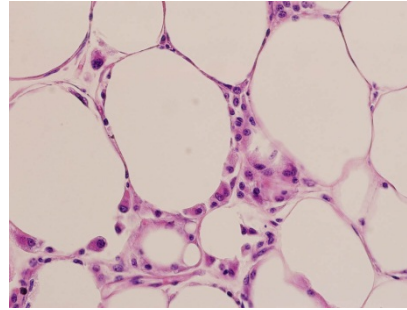


HIV-mediated loss of regulatory cells (Tregs)

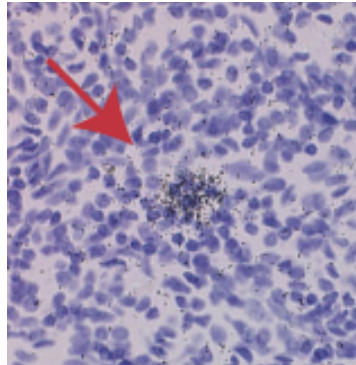


Microbial translocation

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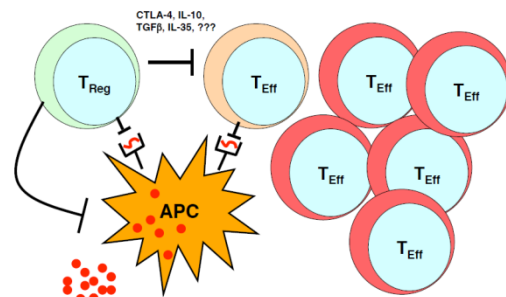
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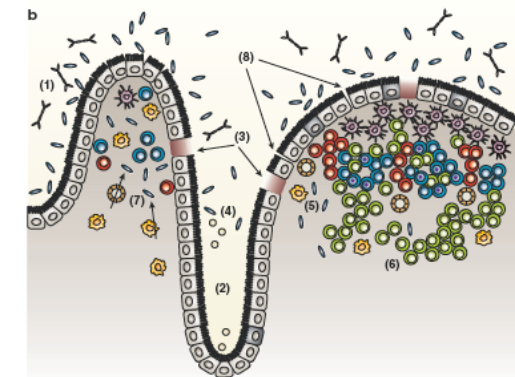
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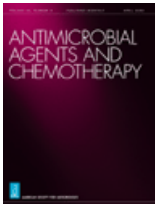
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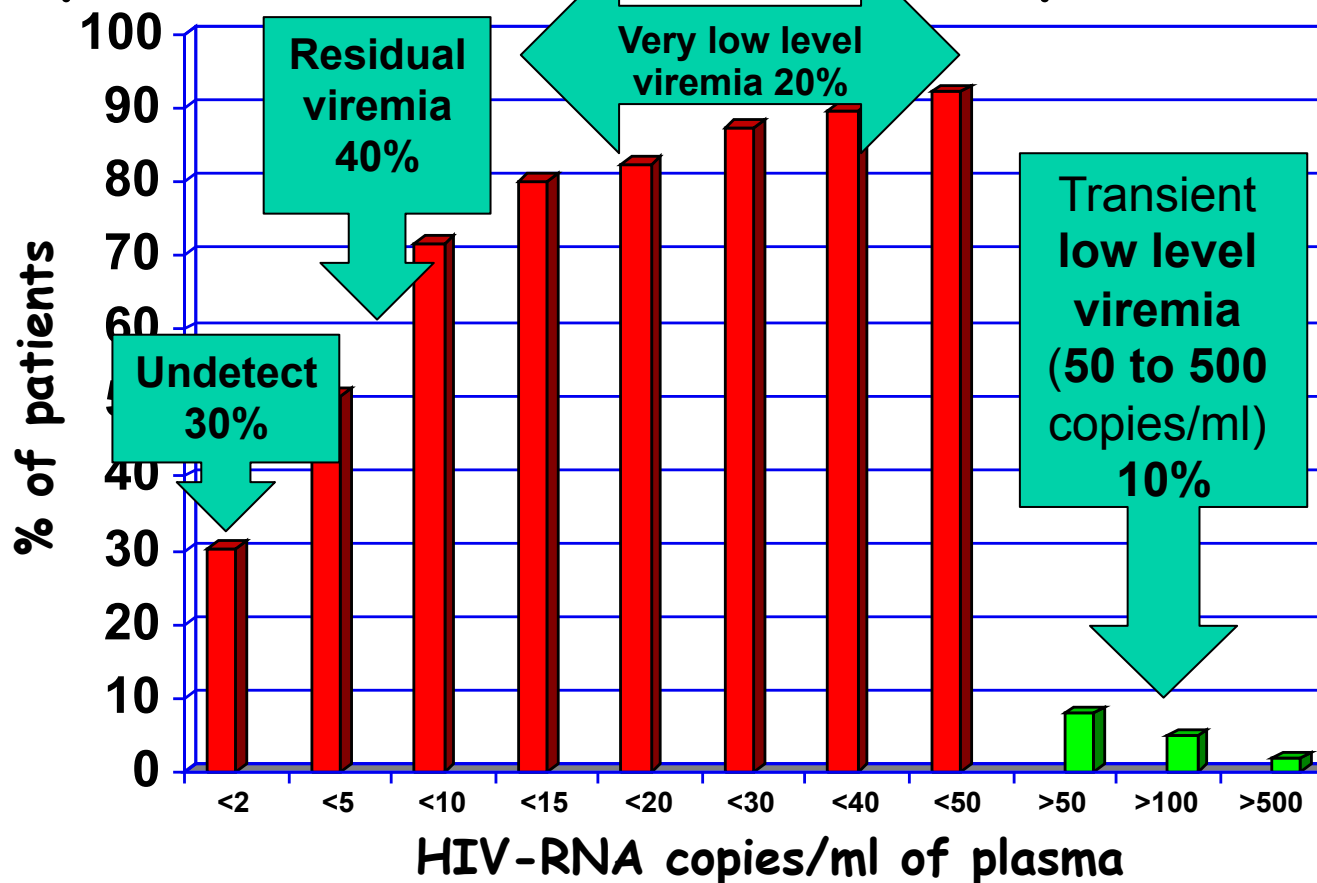


Nevirapine use, prolonged antiretroviral therapy and high CD4 nadir values are strongly correlated with undetectable HIV-DNA and -RNA levels and CD4 cell gain

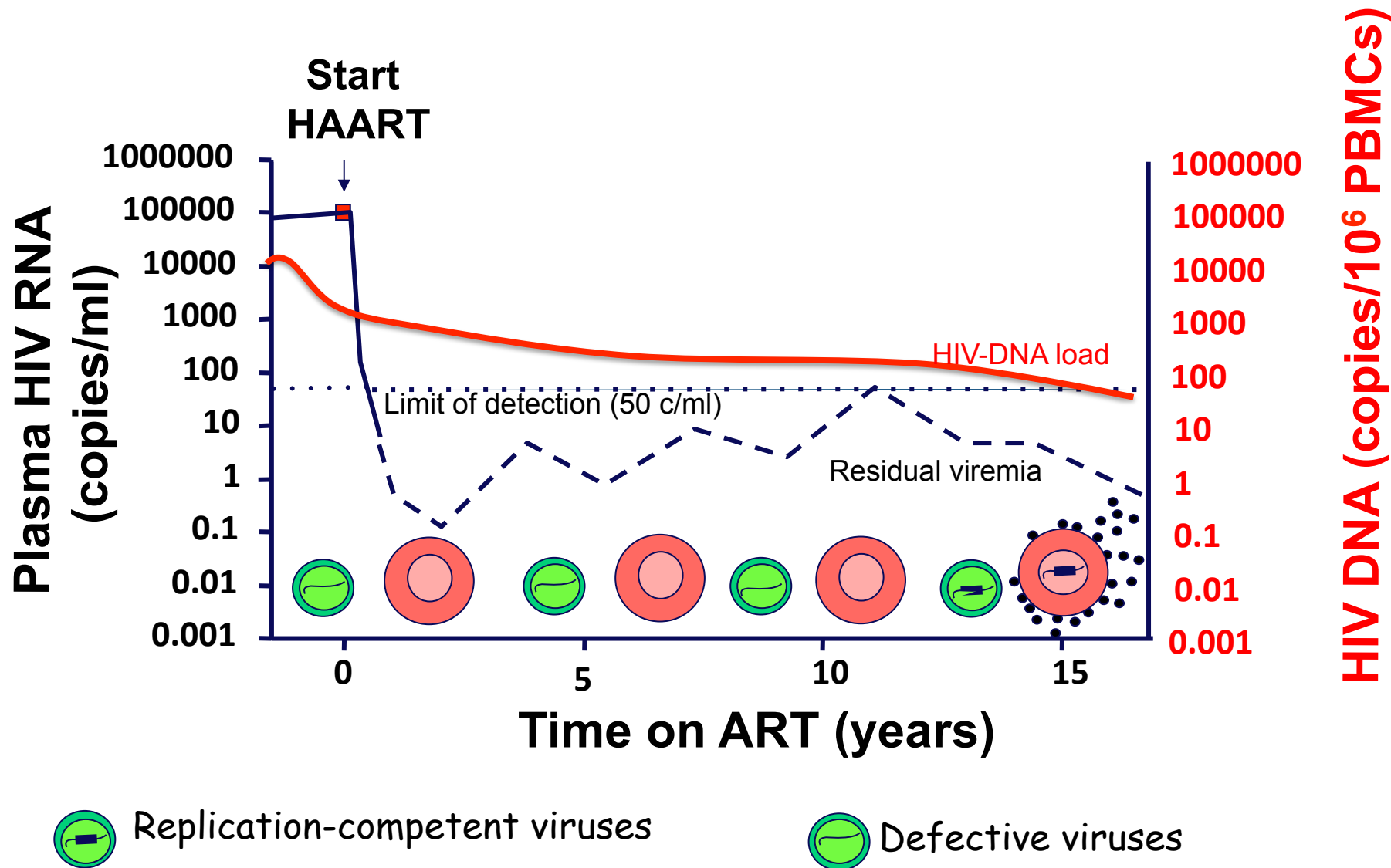
2012

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Detection of viral load by ultrasensitive method in 420 patients with <50 HIV-RNA copies/ml

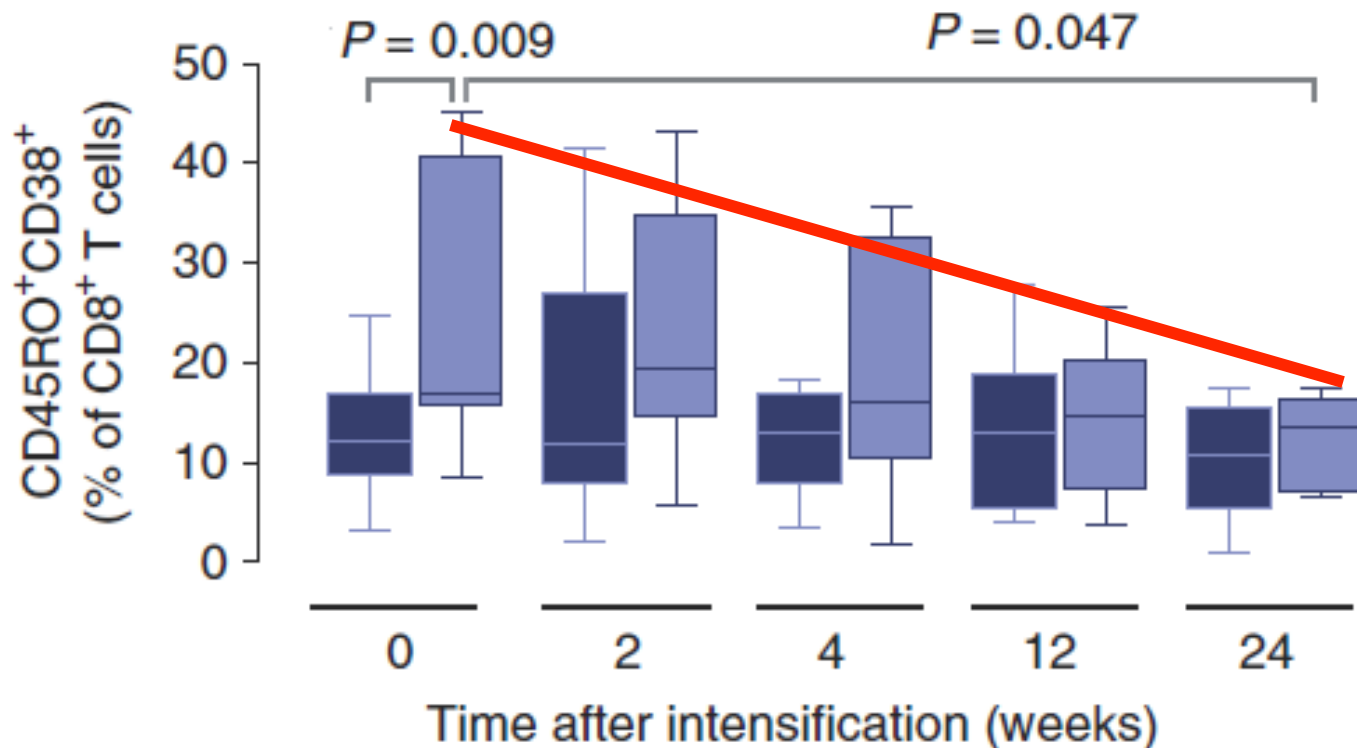


Long lived cells containing non-defective HIV are a very small fraction of total DNA positive-cells (<1%).



HIV-1 replication and immune dynamics are affected by raltegravir intensification of HAART-suppressed subjects

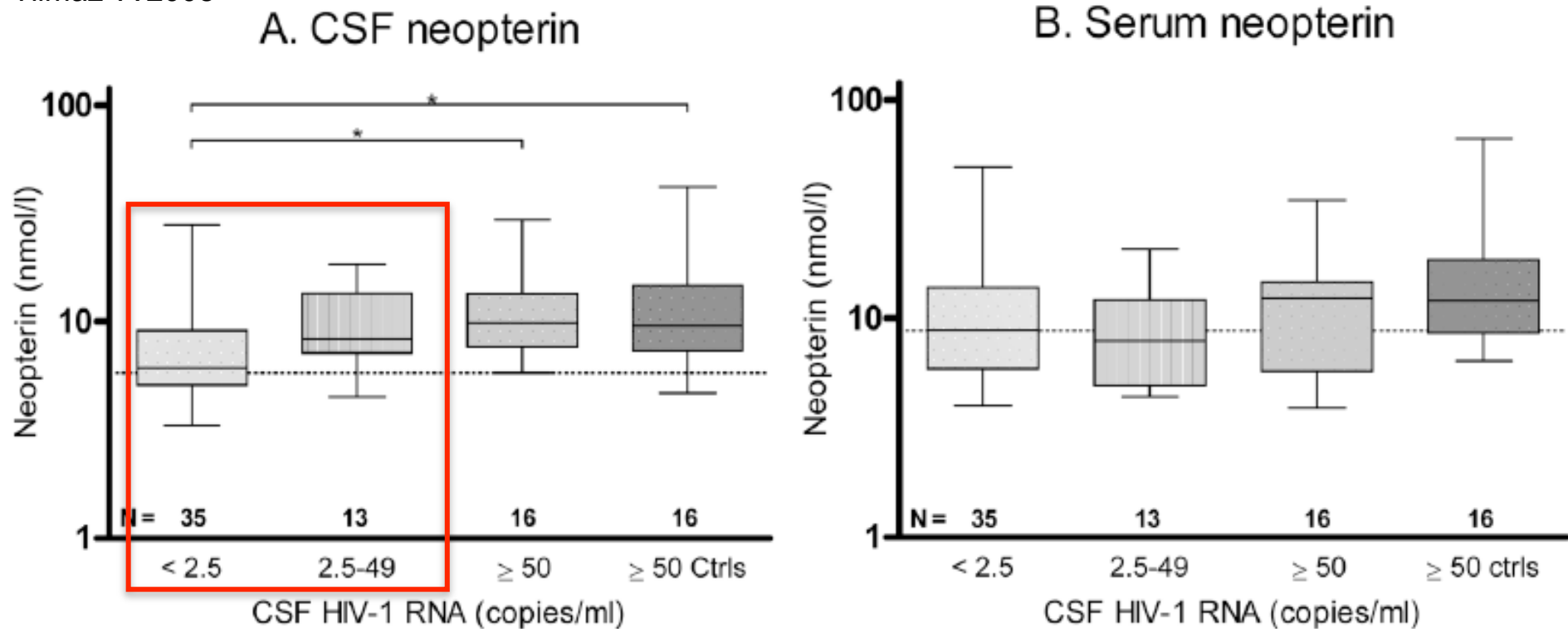
In subjects with increased episomal DNAs, immune activation was higher at baseline and was subsequently normalized after RAL intensification.





Persistent intrathecal immune activation in HIV-1-infected individuals on antiretroviral therapy

Yilmaz A 2008



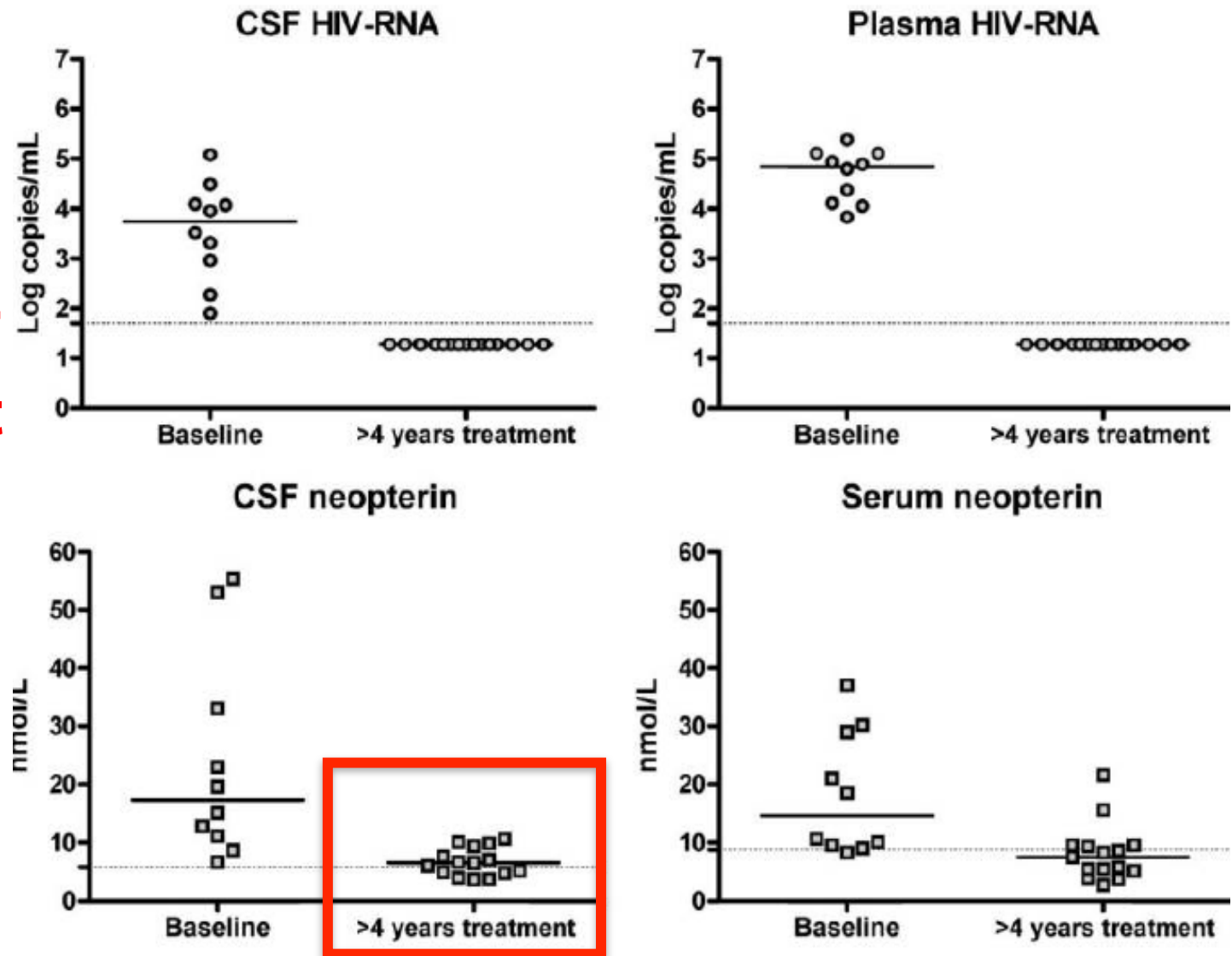
CSF and serum neopterin levels with different HIV-RNA levels during HAART



Immune activation of the central nervous system is still present after >4 years of effective HAART

Even A JID 2007

Neopterin levels in CSF decreased but were above normal value



Association of Residual Plasma Viremia and Intima-Media Thickness in Antiretroviral-Treated Patients with Controlled Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection

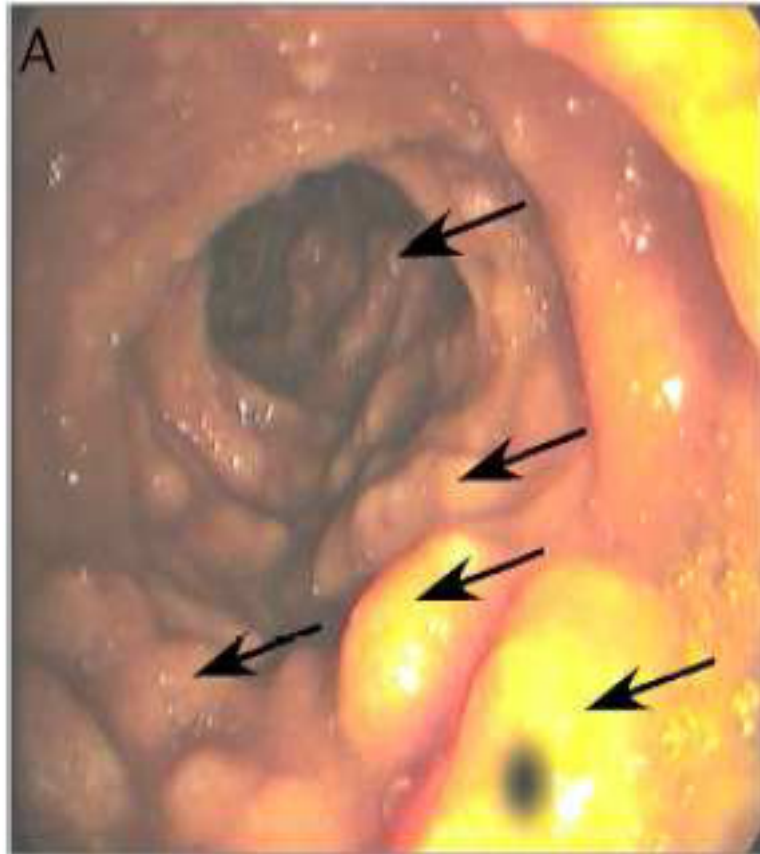
Anders Boyd^{1*}, Jean-Luc Meynard^{2,3}, Laurence Morand-Joubert⁴, Adrien Michon⁵, Franck Boccard^{2,6,7}, Jean-Philippe Bastard^{2,8}, Assia Samri^{2,9}, Nabila Haddour^{2,6}, Ziad Mallat^{10,11}, Jacqueline Capeau^{2,8}, Moïse Desvarieux^{12,13}, Pierre-Marie Girard^{1,2,3}, for the Collaboration in HIV, Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease Study

Background: While residual plasma viremia is commonly observed in HIV-infected patients undergoing antiretroviral treatment (ART), little is known about its subclinical consequences.

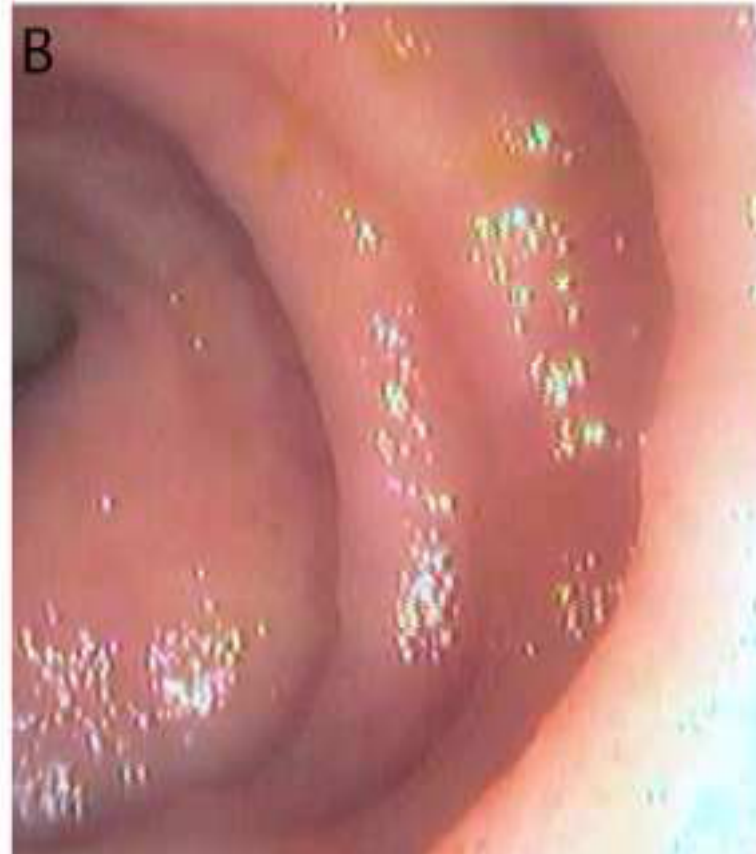
Methods: This cross-sectional study included 47 male, never-smoking, non-diabetic patients with >4 years of ART and controlled HIV-replication (HIV-viral load, VL <20 copies/mL for >1 year). Residual HIV-VL was measured using an ultrasensitive assay (quantification limit: 1 copy/ml). Patients were categorized as having detectable (D; 1-20 copies/mL, n=514) or undetectable (UD; <1 copies/mL, n=533) HIV-VL. Linear regression was used to model the difference in total carotid intima-media thickness [c-IMT, measures averaged across common carotid artery (cca), bifurcation, and internal carotid artery] and cca-IMT alone across detection groups. Multivariable models were constructed for each endpoint in a forward-stepwise approach. Results: No significant differences were observed between viremia groups with respect to median ART-duration (9.6 years, IQR56.8–10.9), nadir CD4+T-cell (208/ mm³, IQR5143–378), and CD4+T-cell count (555/mm³, IQR5458–707). Median adjusted inflammatory markers tended to be higher in patients with D- than UDviremia, with differences in IL-10 being significant (p=0.03). After adjustment on age, systolic blood pressure, and insulin resistance, **mean cca-IMT was significantly lower in patients with undetectable (0.668 mm±0.010) versus detectable viremia (0.727 mm±0.015, p=0.002)**. Cca-IMT was also independently associated with age and insulin resistance. Mean adjusted total c-IMT was no different between viremia groups (p=0.2), however there was large variability in bifurcation c-IMT measurements.

Conclusions: Higher cca-IMT was observed in patients with detectable, compared to undetectable, HIV-VL in never-smoking ART-controlled patients, suggesting that residual HIV viremia may be linked to atherosclerosis.

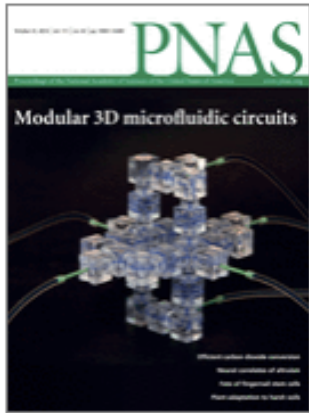
**Terminal
ileum, HIV
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**Terminal ileum,
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Infection**

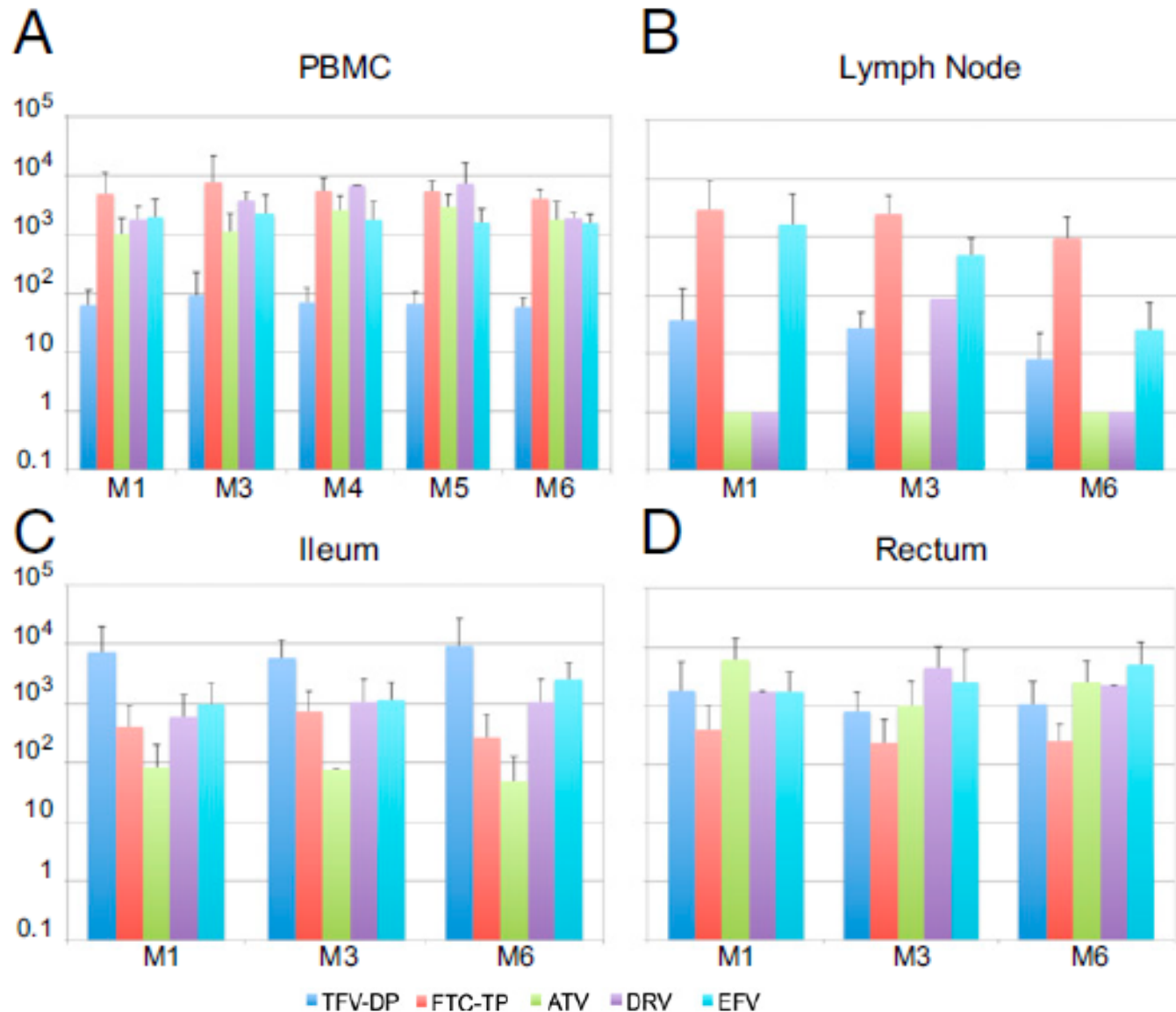


HIV infection results in a rapid and dramatic depletion of CCR5+ CD4+ memory T cells in gut (without evidence of increase activation/turnover)



Fletcher CV, 2014

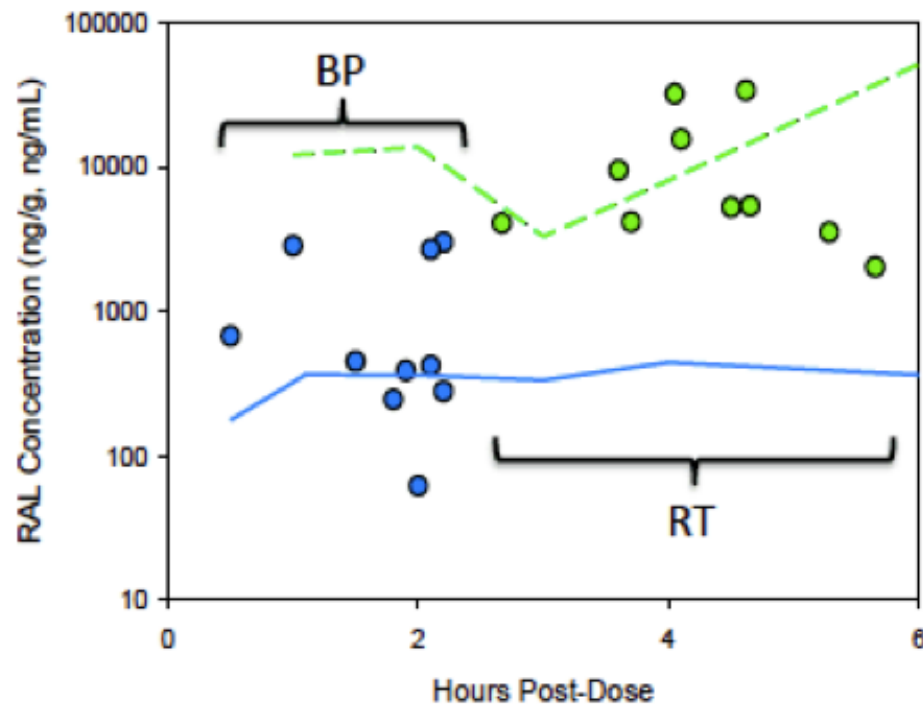
Persistent HIV-1 replication is associated with lower antiretroviral drug concentrations in lymphatic tissues



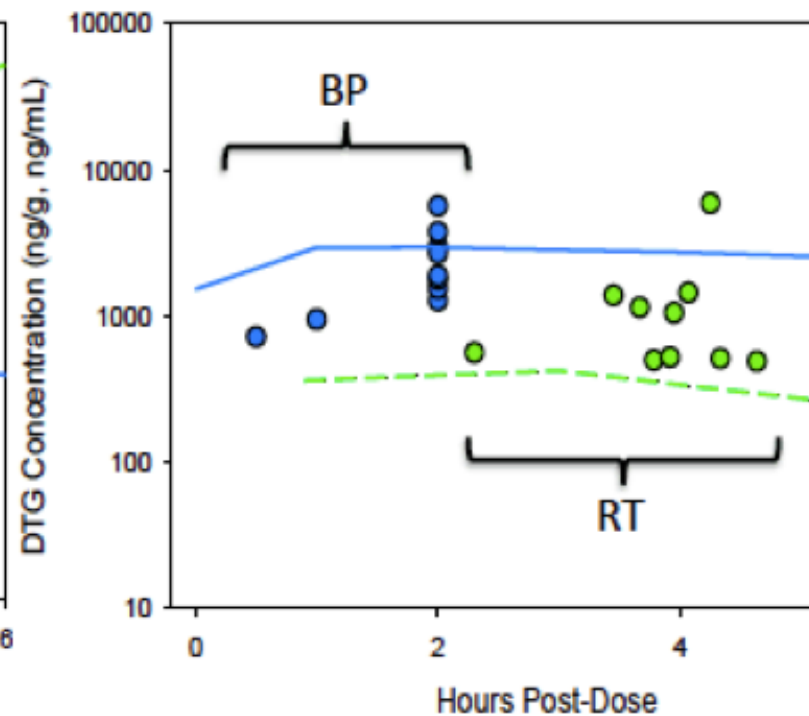
Virologic and Immunologic Responses to Raltegravir and Dolutegravir in GALT of HIV+ Men

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Raltegravir



Dolutegravir



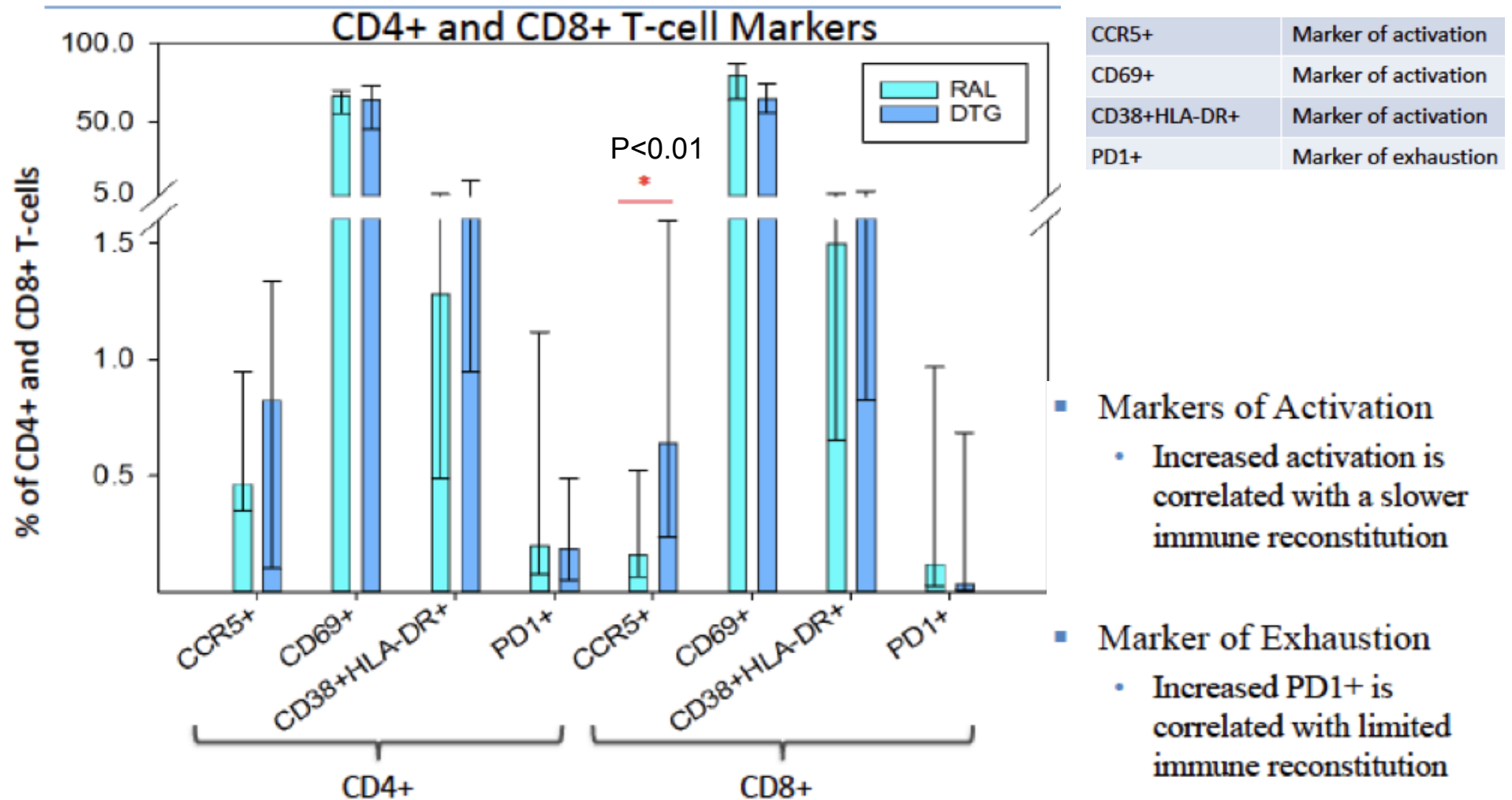
RAL producer higher tissue exposure

| | RAL | DTG |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Tissue Concentration | 5,308ng/g (3,938-19,600) | 810ng/g (510-1,408) |
| Tissue:plasma | 11.3 (7.7-25.5) | 0.44 (0.29-0.65) |

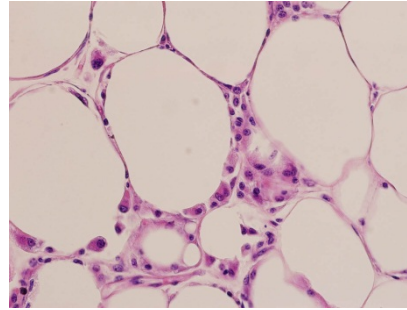
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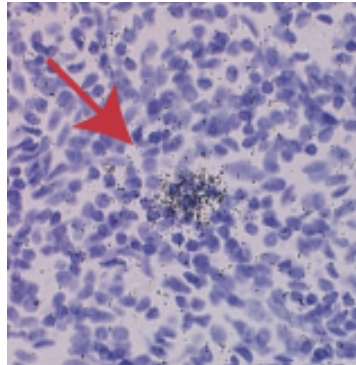
No significant difference in immunologic markers



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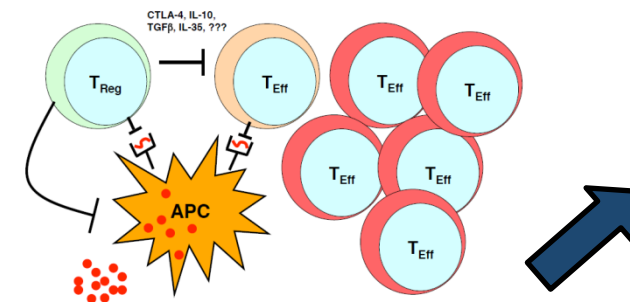
HIV production HIV replication



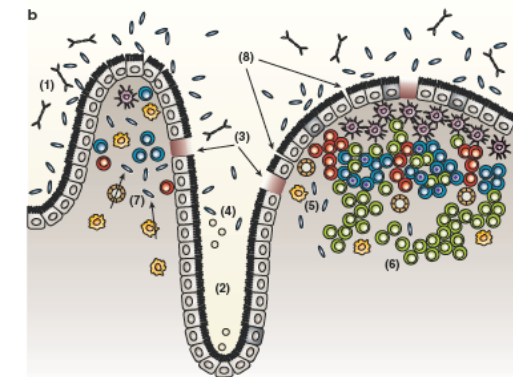
CMV/HCV Excess pathogens



Inflammation
↑ Endothelium adhesion
↑ Monocyte activation
Dyslipidemia
Hypercoagulation/
thrombotic events
Endothelial dysfunction

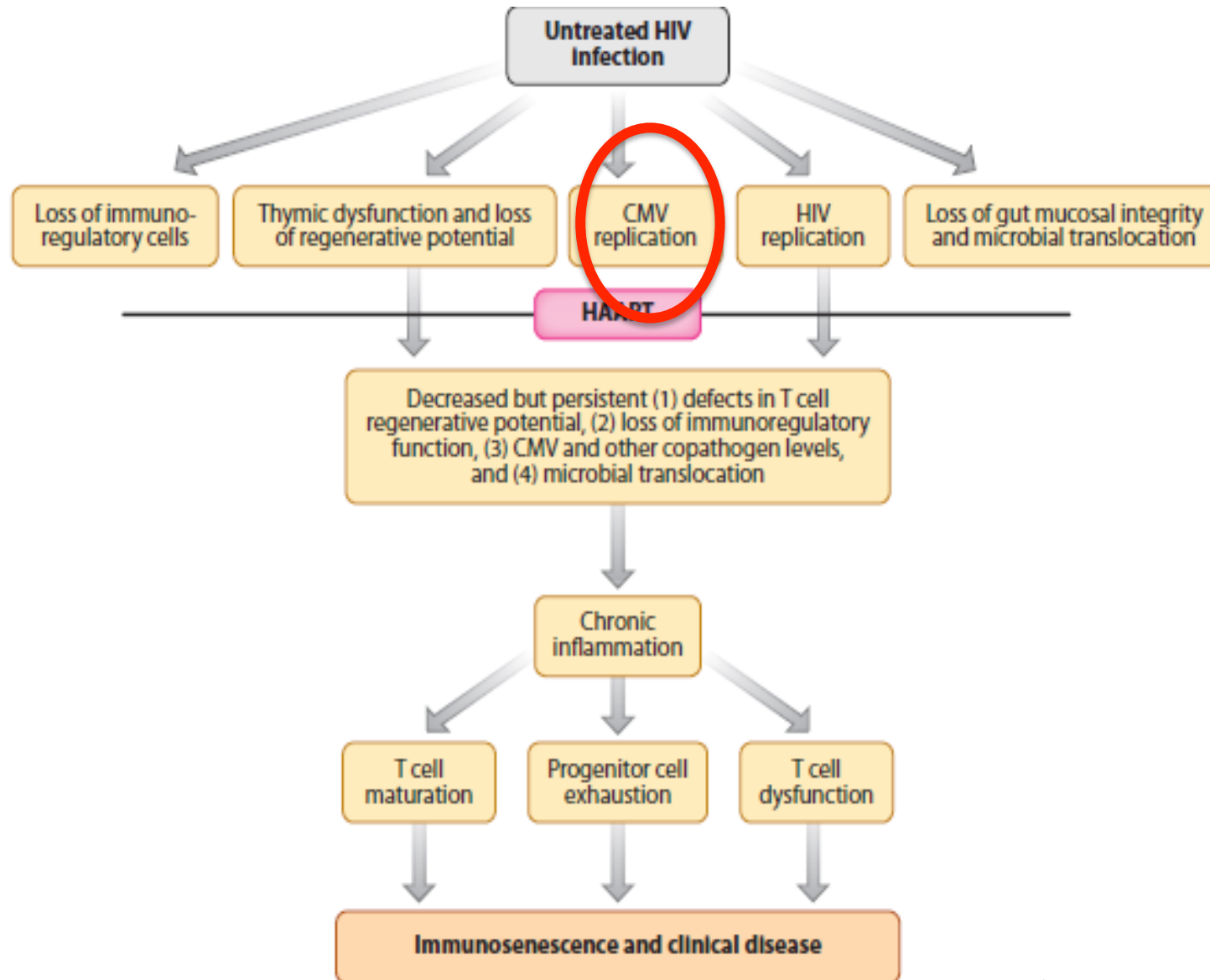


HIV-mediated loss of regulatory cells (Tregs)



Microbial translocation

The effect of HIV infection and its treatment on inflammation and immunosenescence

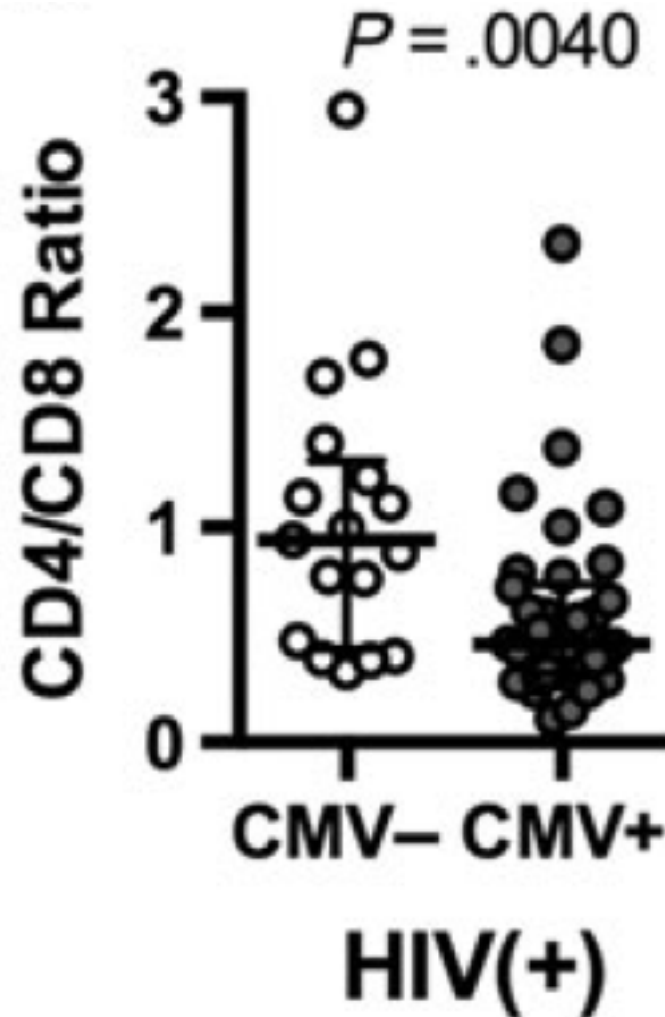




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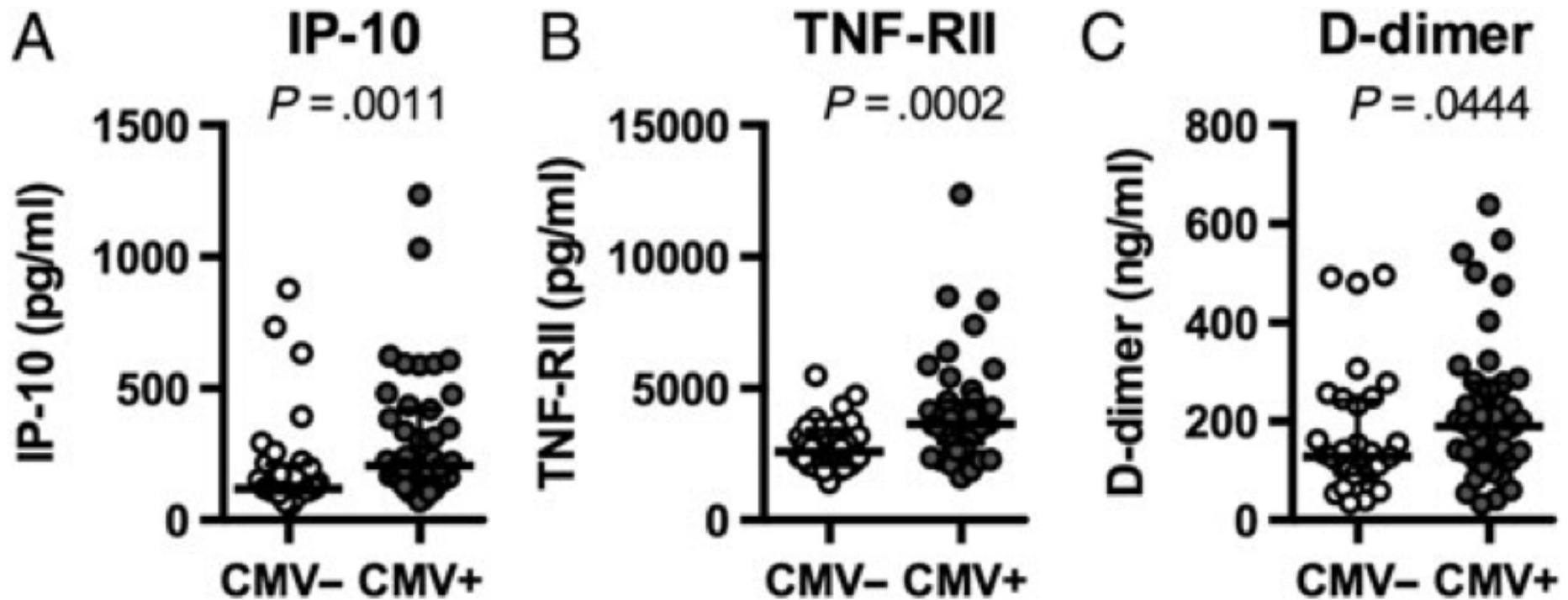
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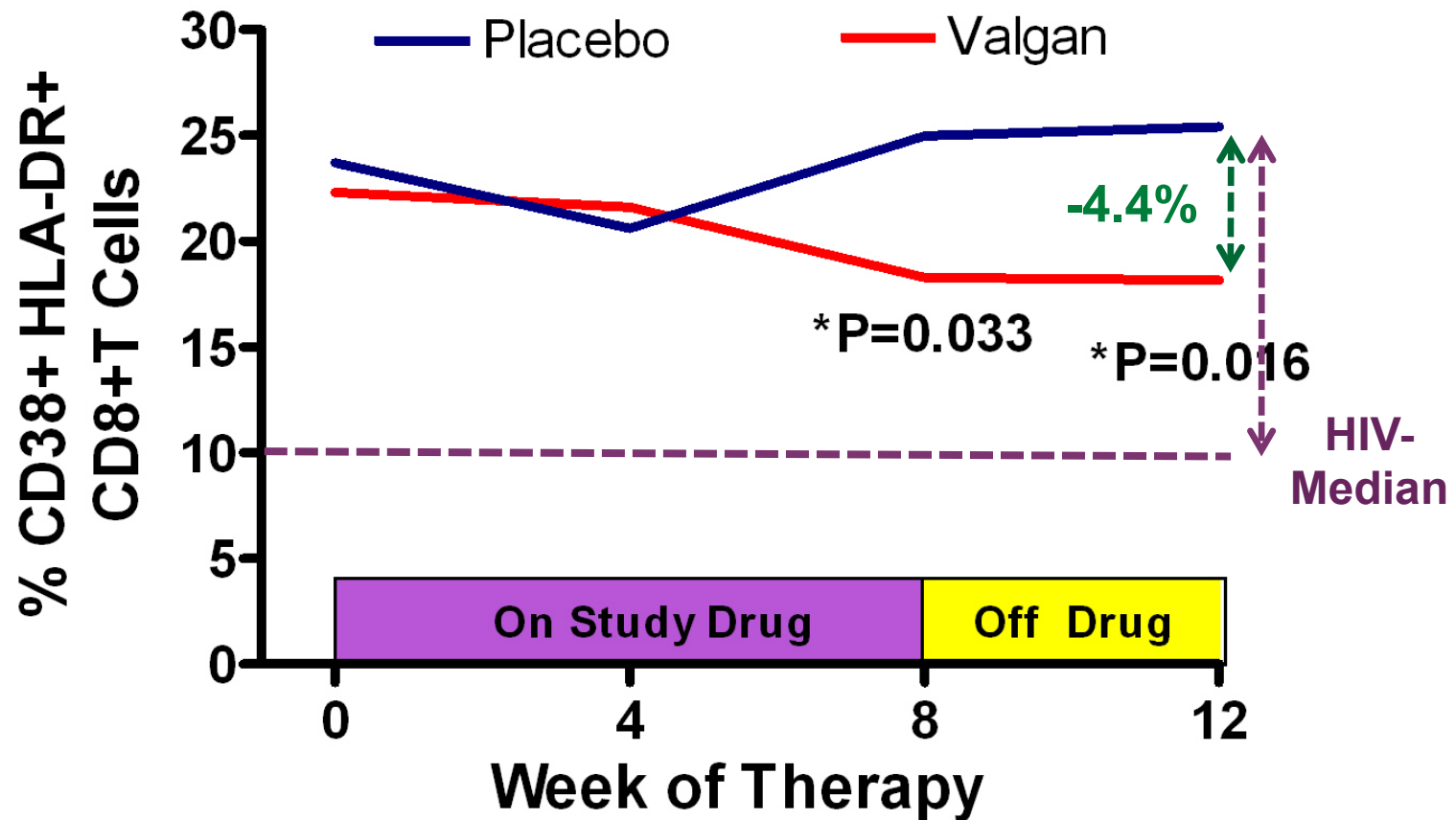


Higher plasma levels of IP-10, TNF-RII and D-dimer were found in coinfecting patients than in HIV-positive/CMV-negative subjects.

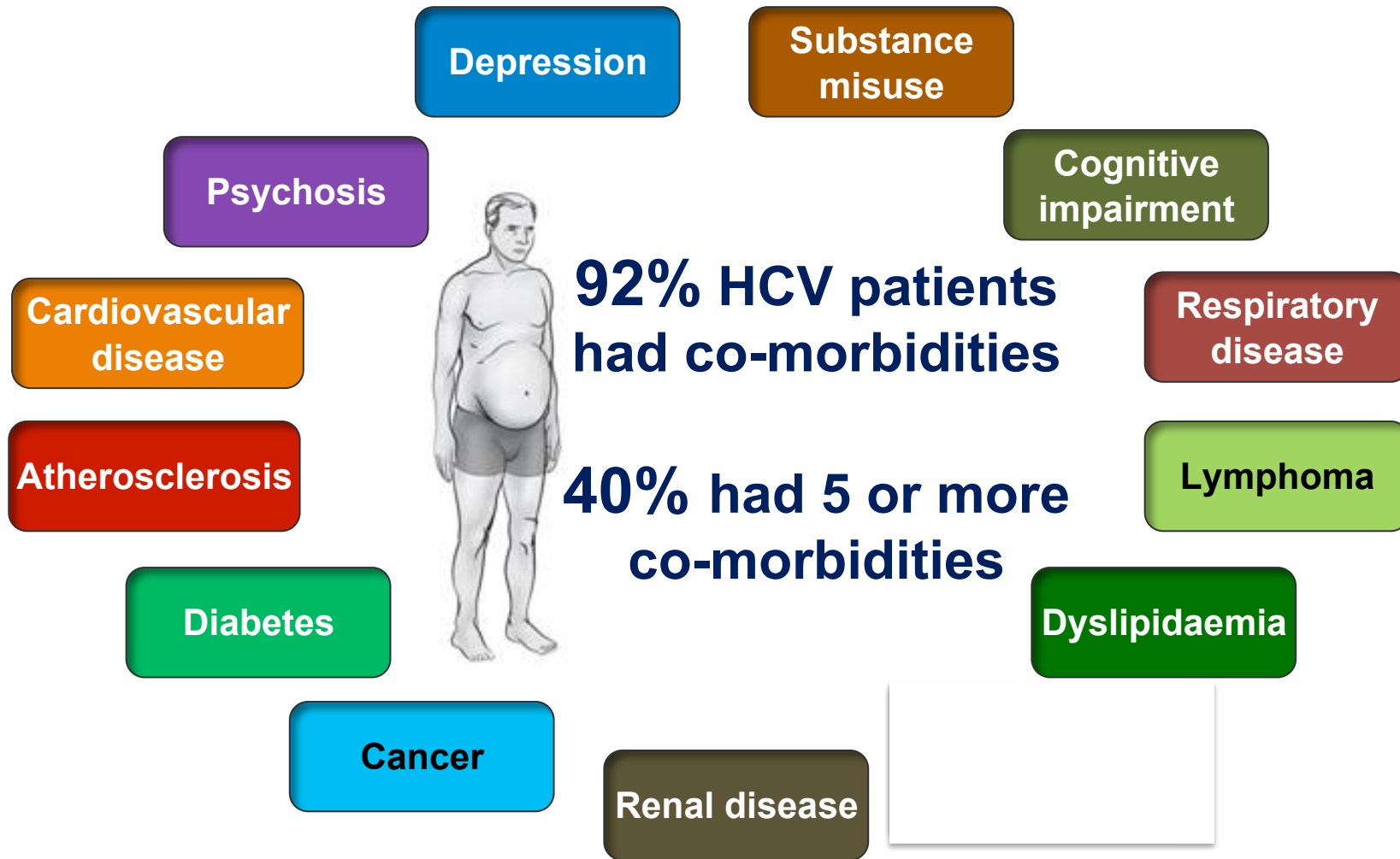


Decreasing Asymptomatic CMV Replication with Valganciclovir Decreases Immune Activation

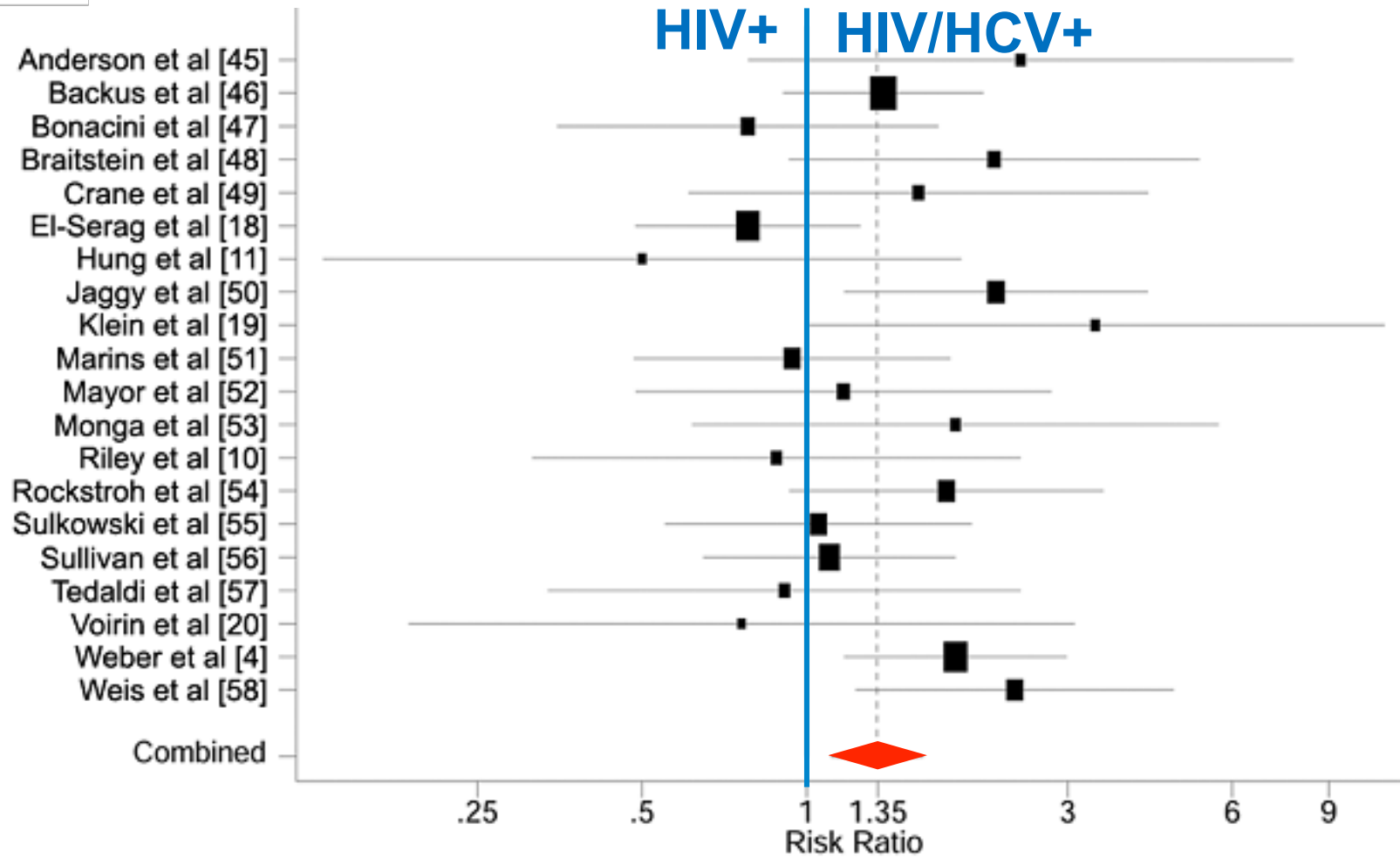
in HIV+ Patients with CD4<350 despite ART



Co-morbidities in HCV patients are relevant – bringing potential for competing risks



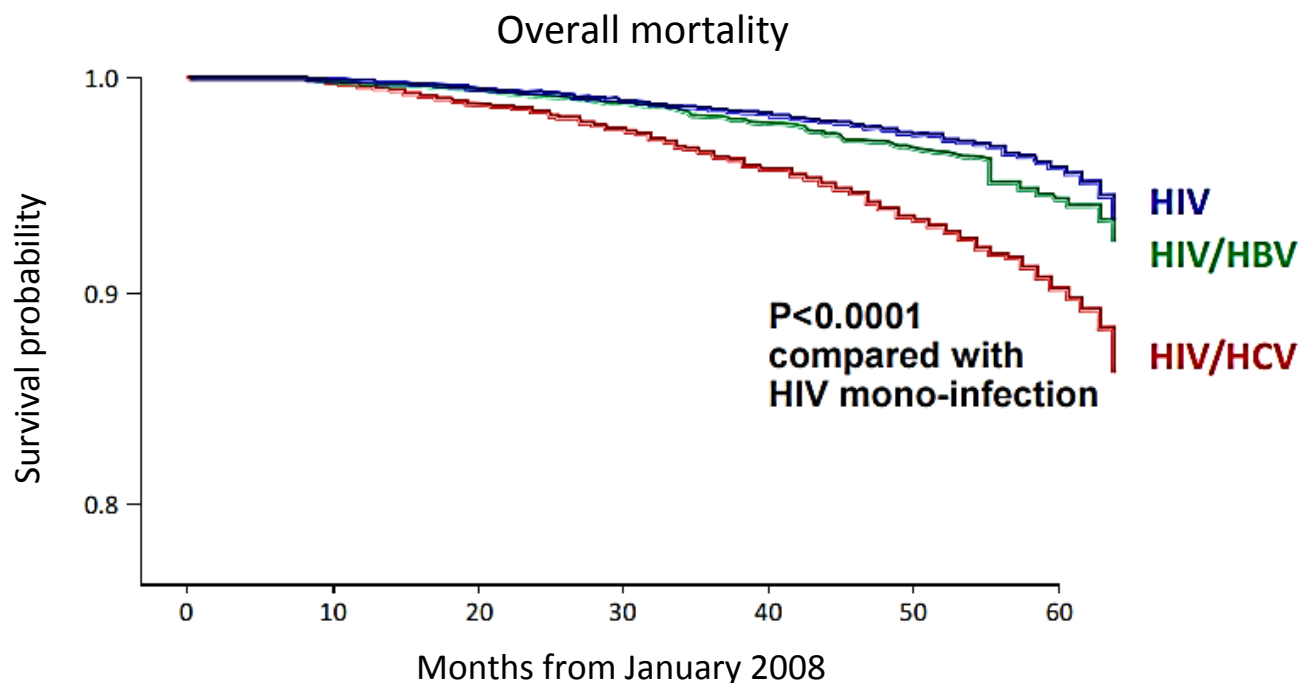
HCV coinfection increases overall mortality



Overall mortality, HAART era

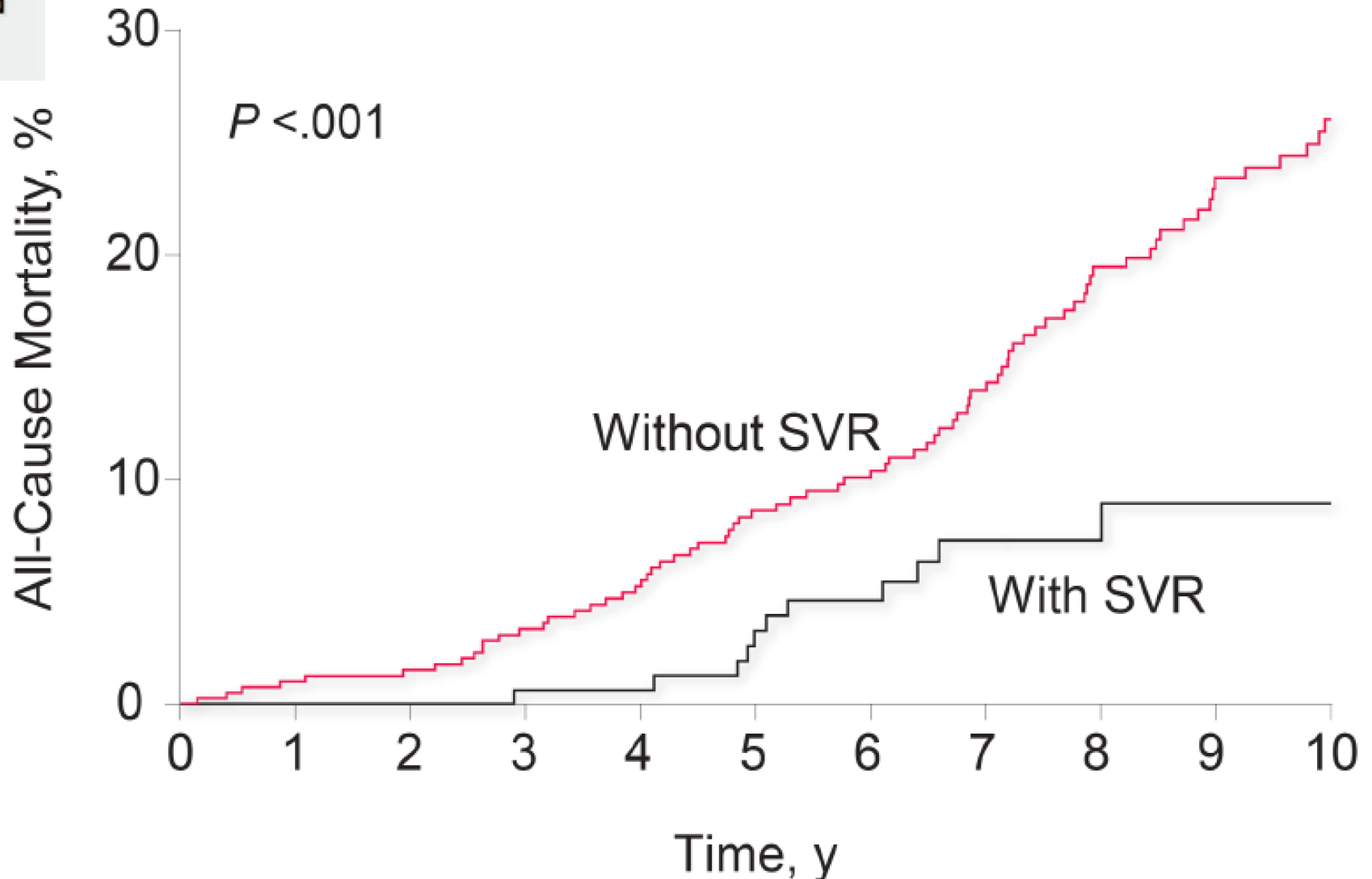
HCV increases overall and non-liver related mortality in HIV-infected patients¹

- In a recent study, 2,385 out of 70,559 HIV-infected patients died in 248,885 patient-years
- Overall mortality was higher in 8,374 (7.5%) HIV/HCV patients compared with 60,016 (2.8%) HIV patients
- Non-liver-related as well as non-liver, non-AIDS-related mortality were higher in HIV/HCV co-infected patients (HR 1.40, $P < 0.0001$ and HR 1.47, $P < 0.0001$, respectively)





SVR is associated with a reduction in all-cause mortality



SIMIT Compassionate Use Program



26 sites involved

Trattamento di 214 Pazienti coinfecti HIV/HCV

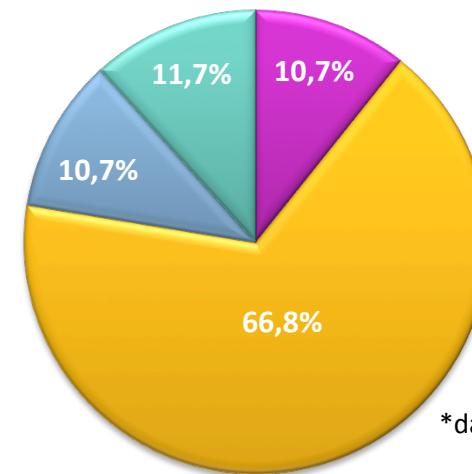
Caratteristiche popolazione

Mediana Età **52 anni** (min. 25 - max 77)

Naive **212**
Experienced **2**

| Genotipo | |
|----------|-----|
| GT 1a | 128 |
| GT 1b | 63 |
| GT1a/1b | 8 |
| GT1 | 1 |

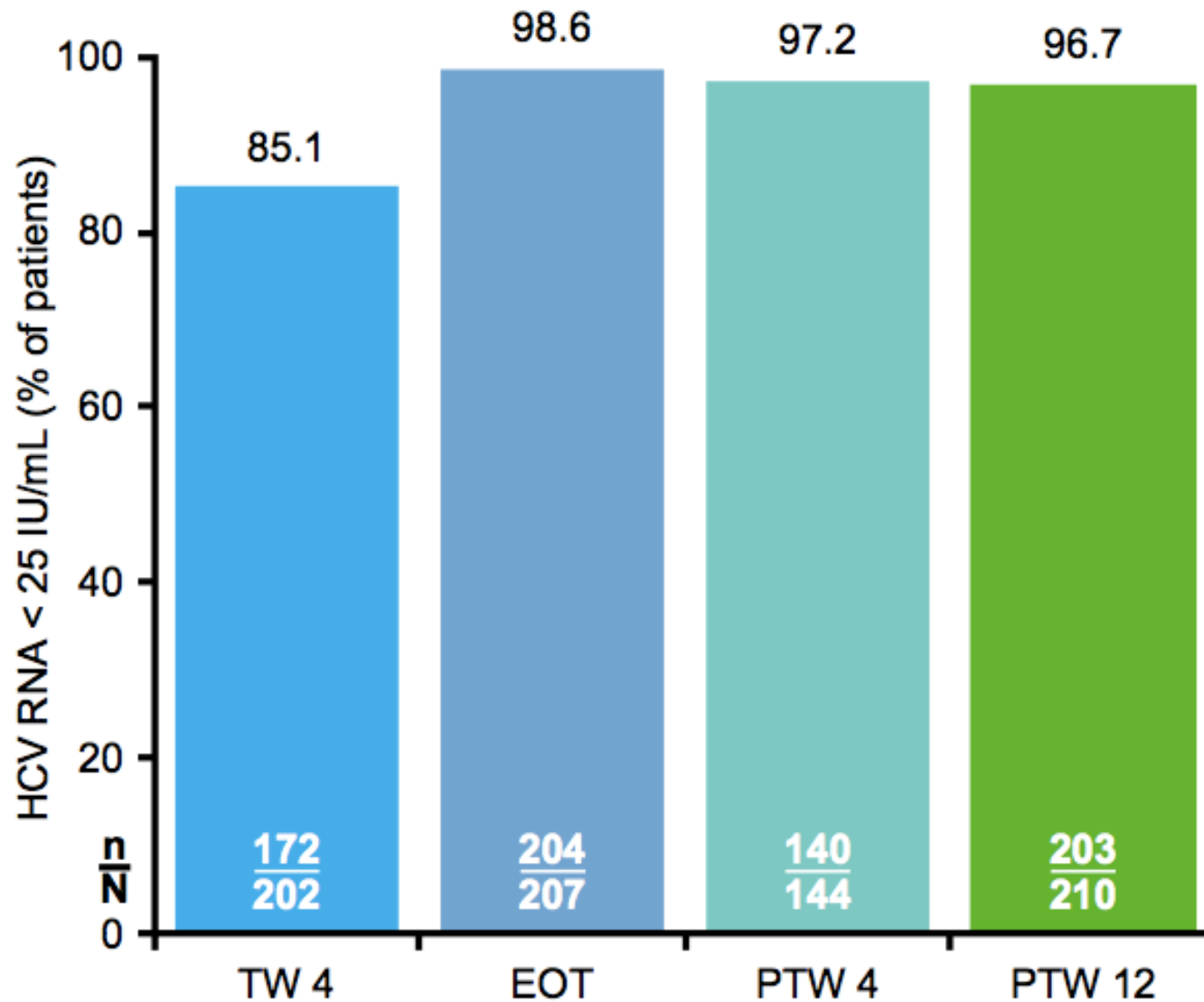
Fibrosi (Fibroscan): n° pazienti 205*



*dati mancanti in 8 pz

■ F1 ■ F2 ■ F3 ■ F4

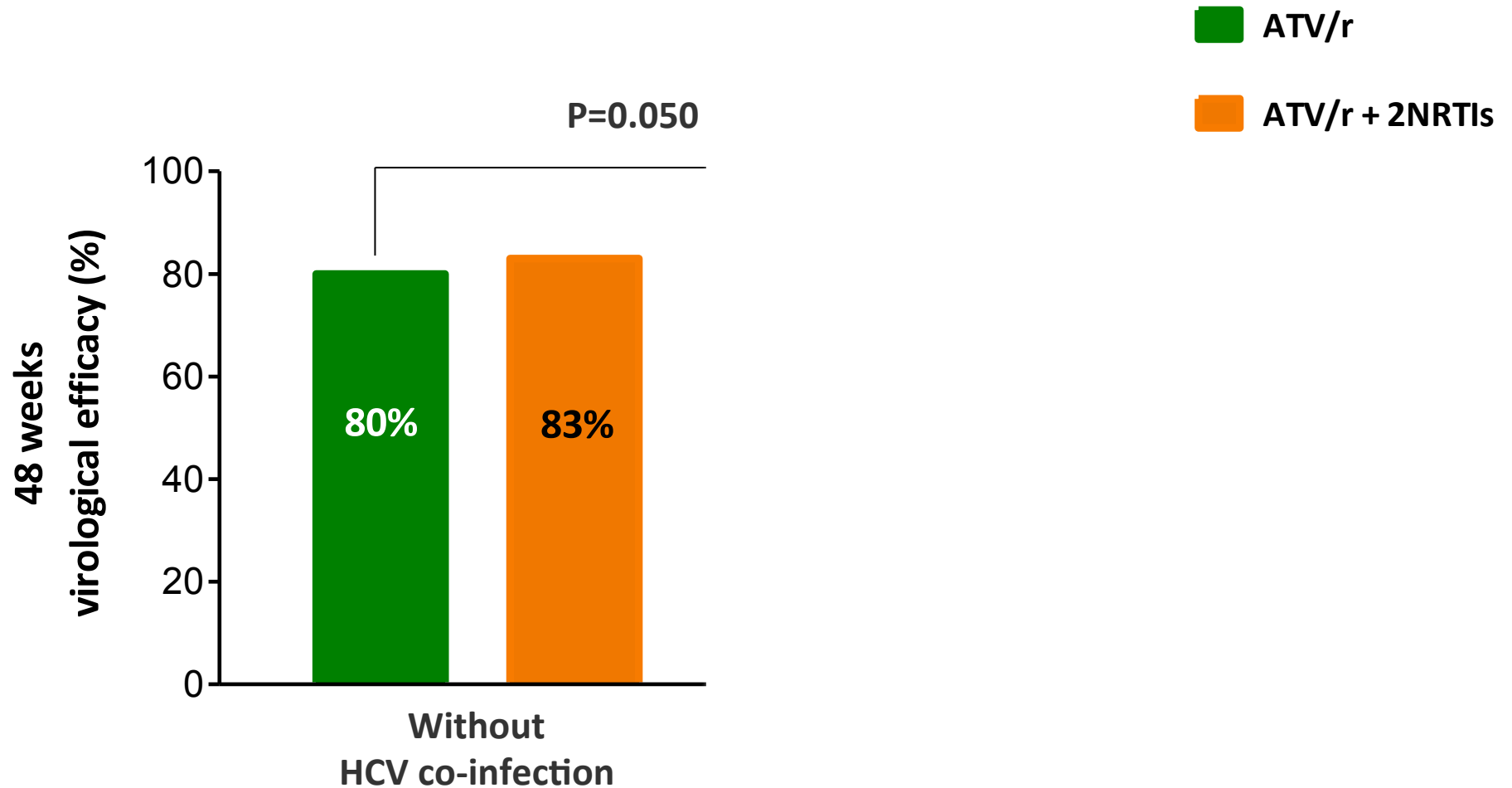
Percentages of patients with HCV RNA levels below the lower limit of quantification. ITT analysis



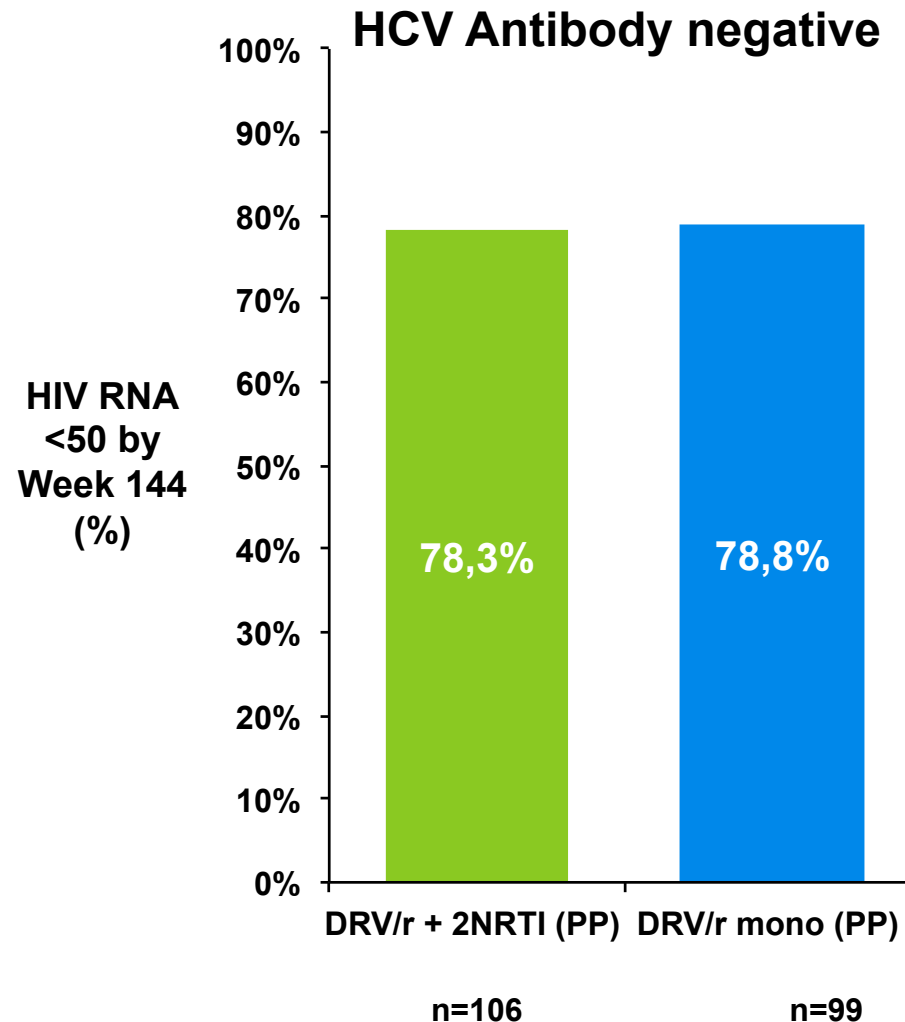
In treatment-naïve patients, HCV co-infection is associated with lower HIV RNA suppression rates.
 Difference = -11.1% (95% CI -6.5% to -15.6%, p<0.001)

| Clinical trial | Treatment arm | % HCV+ | HIV RNA <50 copies/mL | HIV RNA <50 copies/mL |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | HCV+ | HCV- |
| | | | 63,1% | 78,8% |
| Naive patients | | | | |
| Gilead 934 | ZDV/3TC/EFV | 7% | 7/16 (44%) | 164/228 (72%) |
| | TDF/FTC/EFV | 4% | 8/10 (80%) | 186/233 (80%) |
| ECHO/THRIVE | 2NRTI/EFV | 9% (B/C) | 50/63 (79%)** | 497/602 (83%)** |
| | 2NRTI/RPV | 7% (B/C) | 36/49 (74%)** | 528/621 (85%)** |
| SENSE | 2NRTI/EFV | 10% | 5/8 (63%) | 53/70 (76%) |
| | 2NRTI/ETR | 11% | 5/9 (56%) | 55/70 (79%) |
| KLEAN | ABC/3TC/FPV/r | 12% | 20/47 (43%)* | 277/358 (77%)* |
| | ABC/3TC/LPV/r | 9% | 23/38 (61%)* | 282/386 (73%)* |
| ARTEMIS | TDF/FTC/DRV/r | 8% | 32/42 (76%)** | 255/300 (85%)** |
| | TDF/FTC/LPV/r | 9% | 32/48 (67%)** | 239/299 (80%)** |
| CASTLE | TDF/FTC/ATV/r | 9% | 42/61 (69%)** | 300/378 (79%)** |
| | TDF/FTC/LPV/r | 7% | 37/51 (73%)** | 301/397 (77%)** |

MODAt Virological efficacy according to HCV co-infection



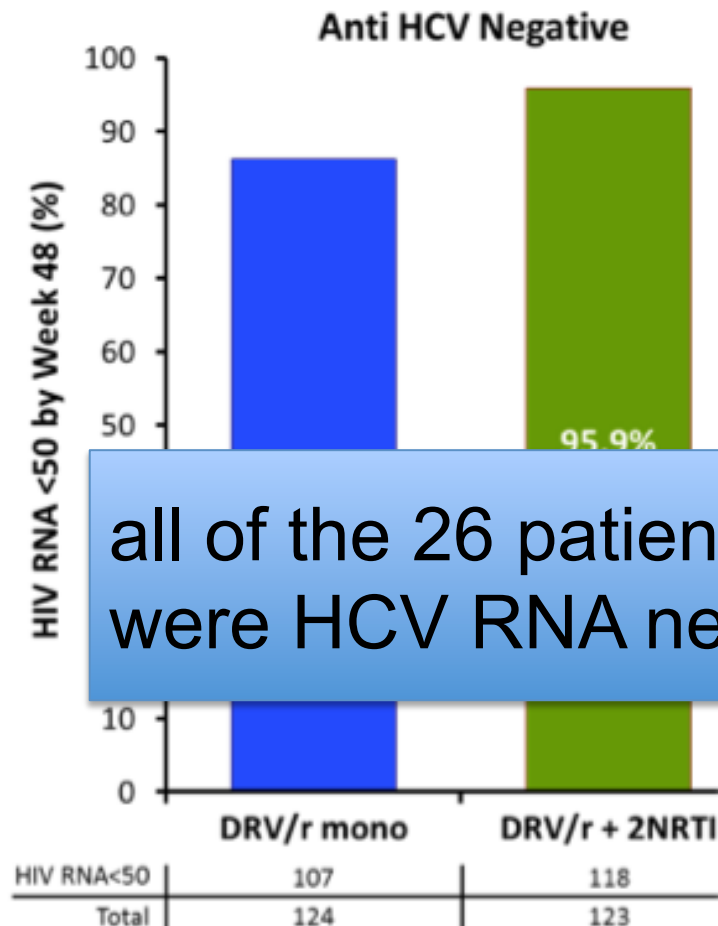
Monet study: HIV RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 144 by HCV serology at baseline (PP, TLOVR, Switch=Failure)



Week 48 efficacy analysis of the PROTEA trial: darunavir/ritonavir monotherapy versus darunavir/ritonavir with two nucleoside analogues, for patients with HIV-1 RNA below 50 copies/mL at baseline

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Figure 4. HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 48, FDA snapshot, switch=failure, by HCV antibody status



all of the 26 patients who were HCV+ were HCV RNA negative by PCR.

“Treatment should be prioritized regardless of the fibrosis stage in patients with HIV or HBV coinfection,(A1)“

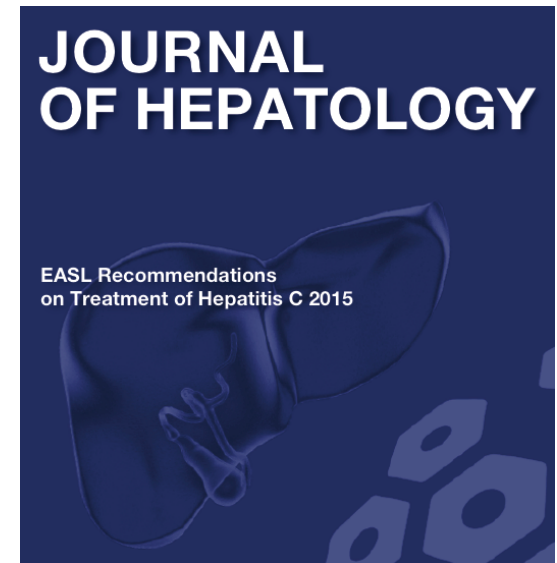


Table 2. Indications for treatment of chronic hepatitis C in 2015: Who should be treated and when?

| Treatment priority | Patient group |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Treatment is indicated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced patients with compensated and decompensated liver disease |
| Treatment should be prioritized | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with significant fibrosis (F3) or cirrhosis (F4), including decompensated cirrhosis Patients with HIV coinfection Patients with HBV coinfection Patients with an indication for liver transplantation Patients with HCV recurrence after liver transplantation Patients with clinically significant extra-hepatic manifestations Patients with debilitating fatigue Individuals at risk of transmitting HCV (active injection drug users, men who have sex with men with high-risk sexual practices, women of child-bearing age who wish to get pregnant, haemodialysis patients, incarcerated individuals) |
| Treatment is justified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with moderate fibrosis (F2) |
| Treatment can be deferred | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with no or mild disease (F0-F1) and none of the above-mentioned extra-hepatic manifestations |
| Treatment is not recommended | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with limited life expectancy due to non-liver related comorbidities |

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