

Presente e futuro delle strategie di trattamento dell'infezione da HIV

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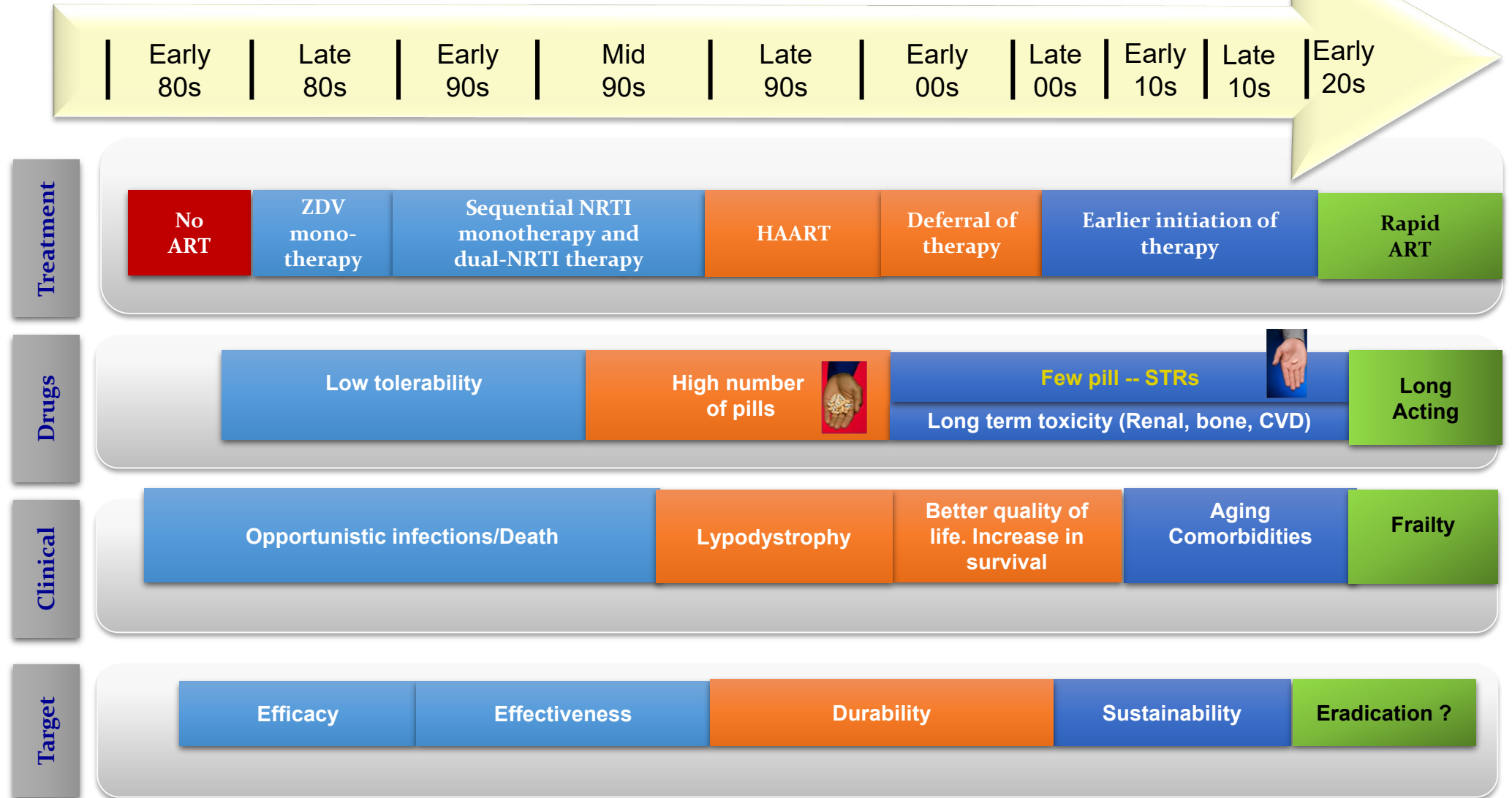
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Presente delle strategie di trattamento dell'infezione da HIV

- **La prima ART**
- **Il cambio di terapia a viremia controllata**

Evoluzione della Terapia Antiretrovirale



Life Expectancy After HIV Diagnosis 2008–2018, US

Azfar-E-Alam Siddiqi, et al. Abstract 761

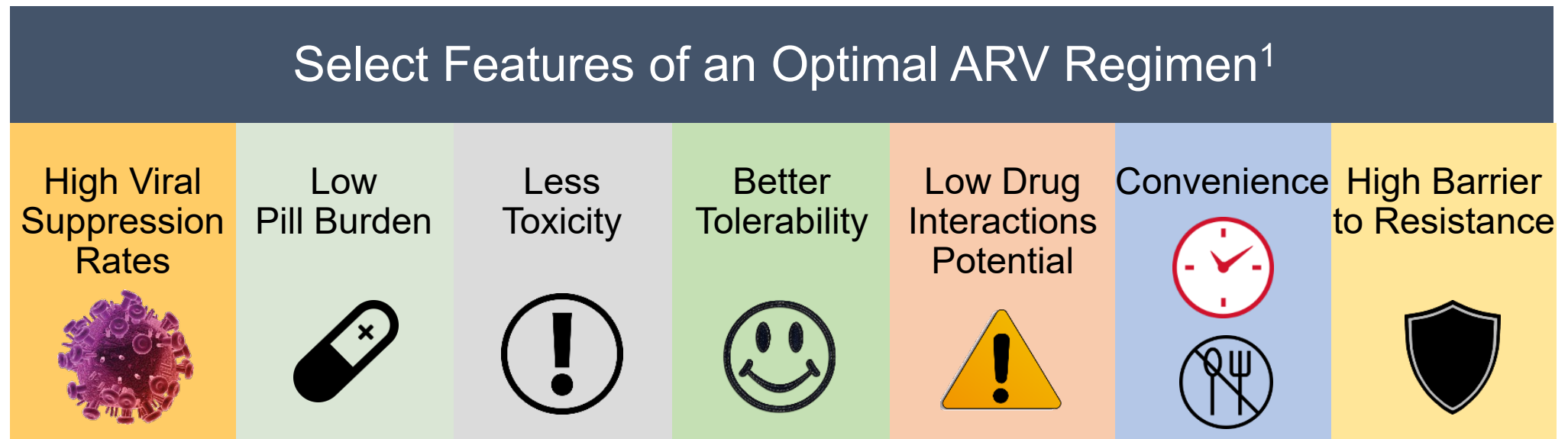
- During 2008–2018, overall, the life expectancy for people with diagnosed HIV increased by 4.22 years or 15%
- Yet, the life expectancy for people with diagnosed HIV remains lower than that for the general U.S. population

RESULTS

- In 2018, among persons with late-stage disease (HIV Stage 3 [AIDS]) at diagnosis, the LE was considerably lower (27.16 years, CI 27.02–27.31) compared to persons with disease not at stage 3 (34.39 years (CI 34.34–34.43)).

Selecting an Optimal ARV Regimen

“The goal of antiretroviral therapy is to provide a potent, safe, tolerable, and easy-to-adhere-to regimen in order to achieve sustained virologic control”



1. Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents with HIV. Department of Health and Human Services. Available at <http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/ContentFiles/AdultandAdolescentGL.pdf>

La prima ART

Recommended First-line ART Regimens 2020/21

ARV	EACS ¹	US DHHS ²	IAS-USA ³	WHO ⁴
DTG	DTG + TAF/FTC or TDF/FTC or TDF/3TC	DTG + (TAF or TDF) + (FTC or 3TC)	DTG + TAF/FTC or TDF/FTC or TDF/3TC	DTG + TDF + 3TC (or FTC)
DTG	DTG + ABC/3TC [†] DTG/ABC/3TC [†]	DTG/ABC/3TC [†]	--	--
BIC	BIC/TAF/FTC	BIC/TAF/FTC	BIC/TAF/FTC	
RAL	RAL + TAF/FTC or TDF/FTC or TDF/3TC	--	--	--
DTG	DTG/3TC*	DTG/3TC*	DTG/3TC*	
DOR	DOR + TAF/FTC or TDF/FTC or TDF/3TC DOR/TDF/3TC	--	--	--

*DTG/3TC: Avoid in patients with HBV and HIV-1 RNA >500,000 c/mL; in some guidelines, avoid in those starting ART before results of GT resistance testing are available or with CD4+ cell count <200/μL. [†]If patient is HLA-B*5701 negative.

1. eacsociety.org/media/final2021eacsguidelinesv11.0_oct2021.pdf

2. clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/sites/default/files/guidelines/documents/AdultandAdolescentGL.pdf

3. jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2771873 4. who.int/publications/i/item/9789240031593

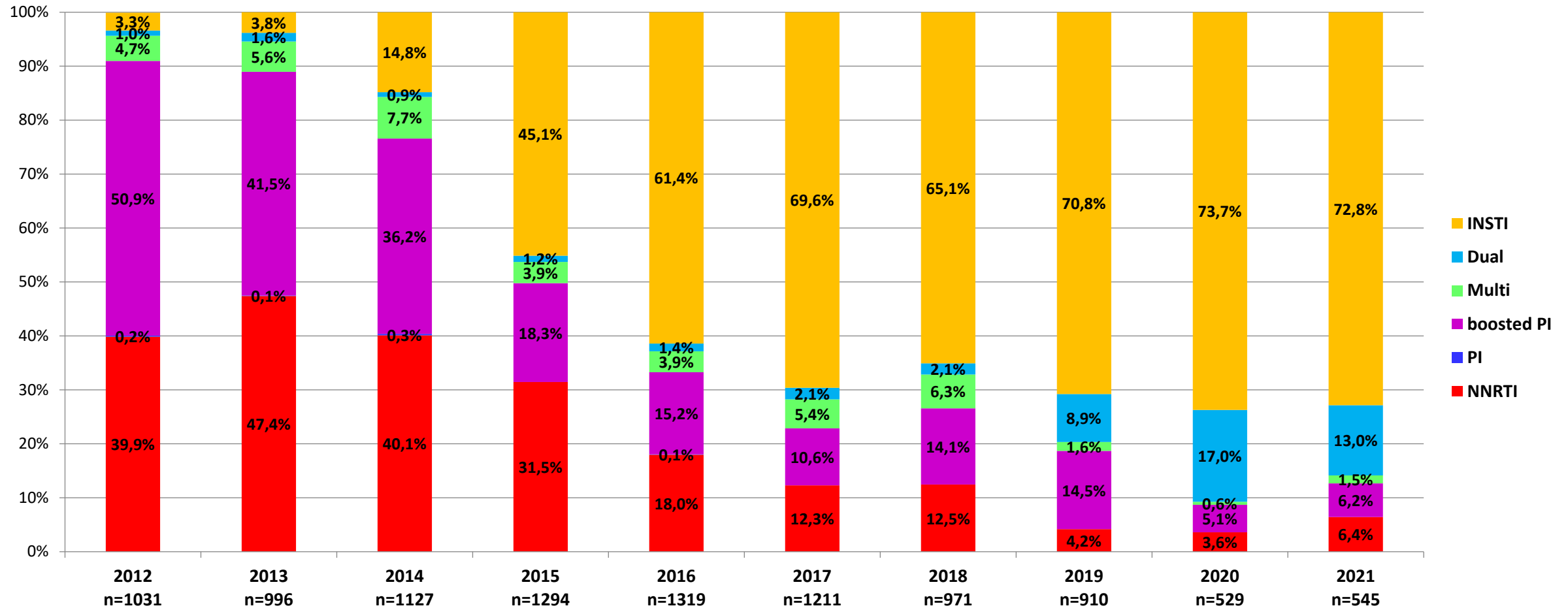
Our choice HAS been driven to avoid Toxicity Profile of Certain ARVs

Class	Agent	Select AEs
NRTI	ABC	Ischemic heart disease
	TDF	↓ BMD, osteomalacia, ↑ fracture risk, ↓ eGFR, Fanconi syndrome
NNRTI	EFV	Depression, sleep disturbance, headache, suicidal ideation
PI	ATV	↓ eGFR, nephrolithiasis
	DRV	Ischemic heart disease, nephrolithiasis
	LPV	Ischemic heart disease, ↓ eGFR

So we have moved towards using INSTIs and TAF



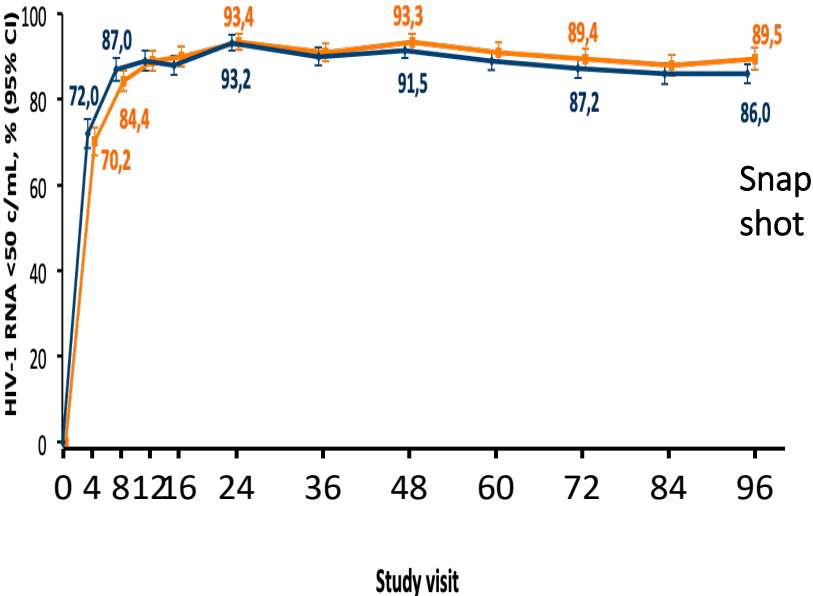
Proportion of usage of different ART classes as third drug in first line regimen according to calendar year of starting



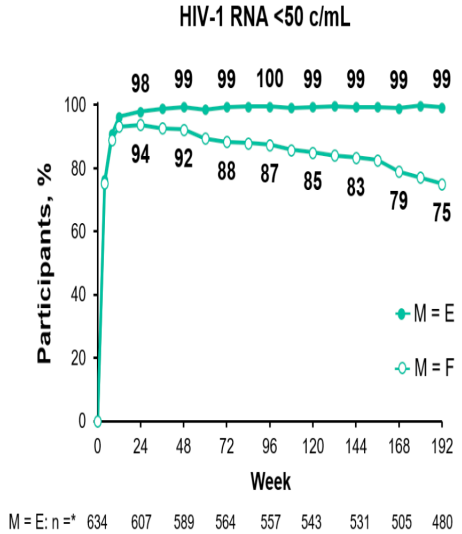
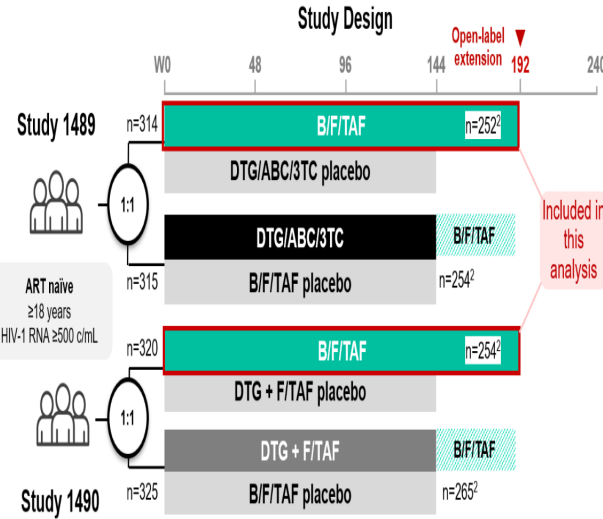
Pooled Analysis 1489/1490: B/F/TAF in ART-Naïve, W192

4-year Follow-up of B/F/TAF in Treatment-Naïve PLWH

GEMINI-1 AND GEMINI-2, PHASE III STUDY



Cahn P, IAS 2019, Abs. WEAB0404LB



*Participants with non-missing HIV-1 RNA value
M=E, missing=excluded; M=F, missing=failure

High rates of virologic suppression were achieved and maintained through 192W of follow-up

Il cambio di terapia a viremia
controllata

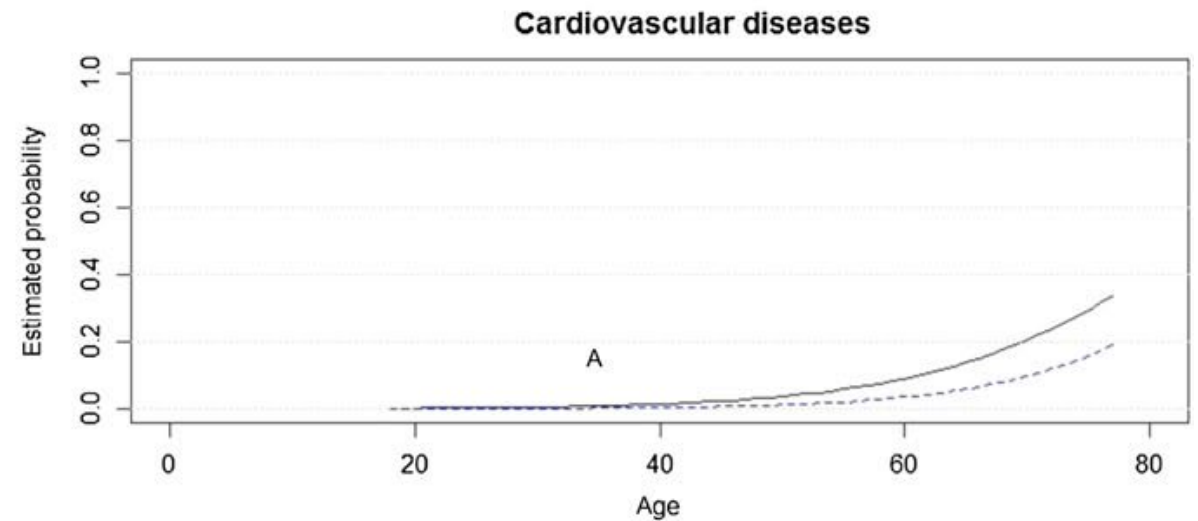
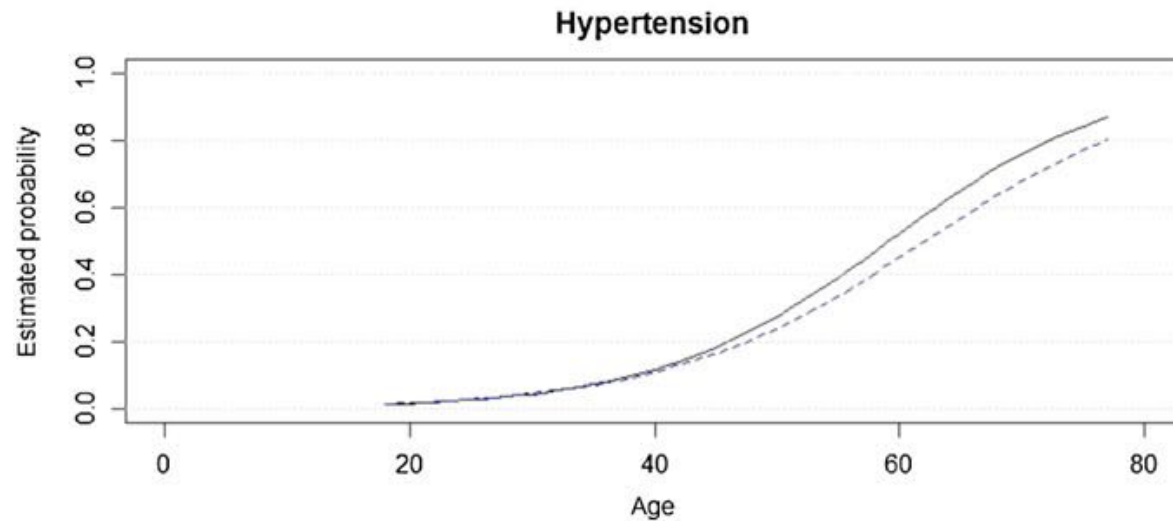
Attenzione

- **Effetti collaterali**
 - One size does not fit all
- **Riattivazione di HBV**
 - TDF o TAF Sparing
- **Genotipo storico**
 - Semplificazioni

CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

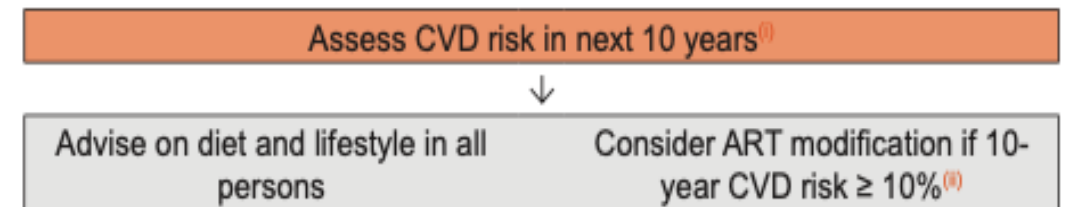
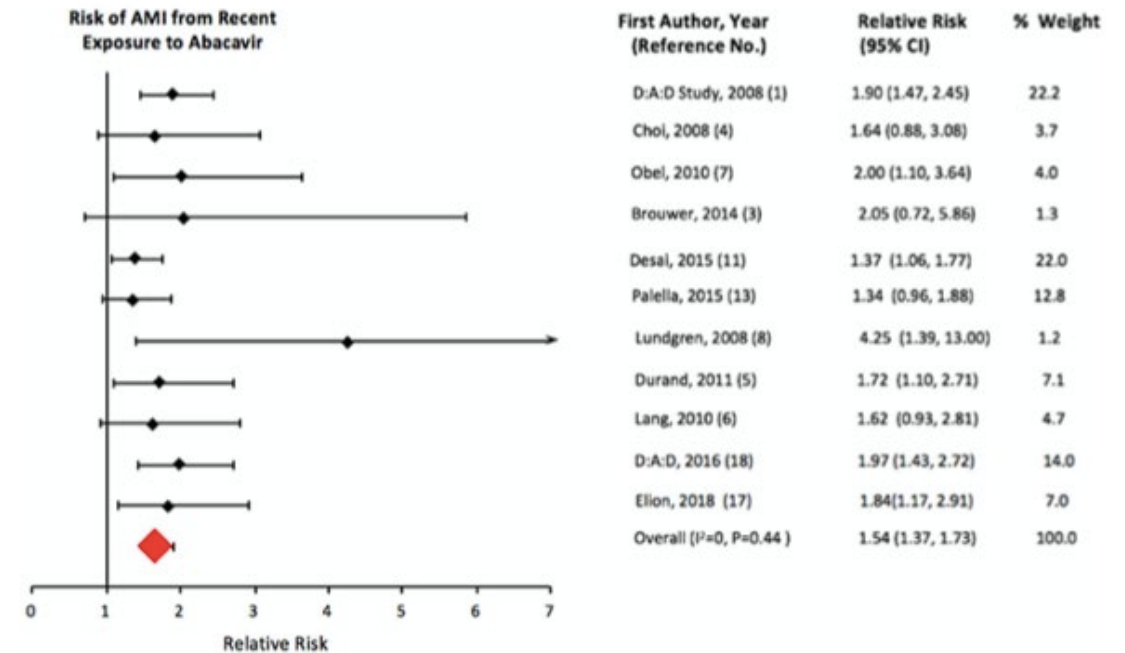
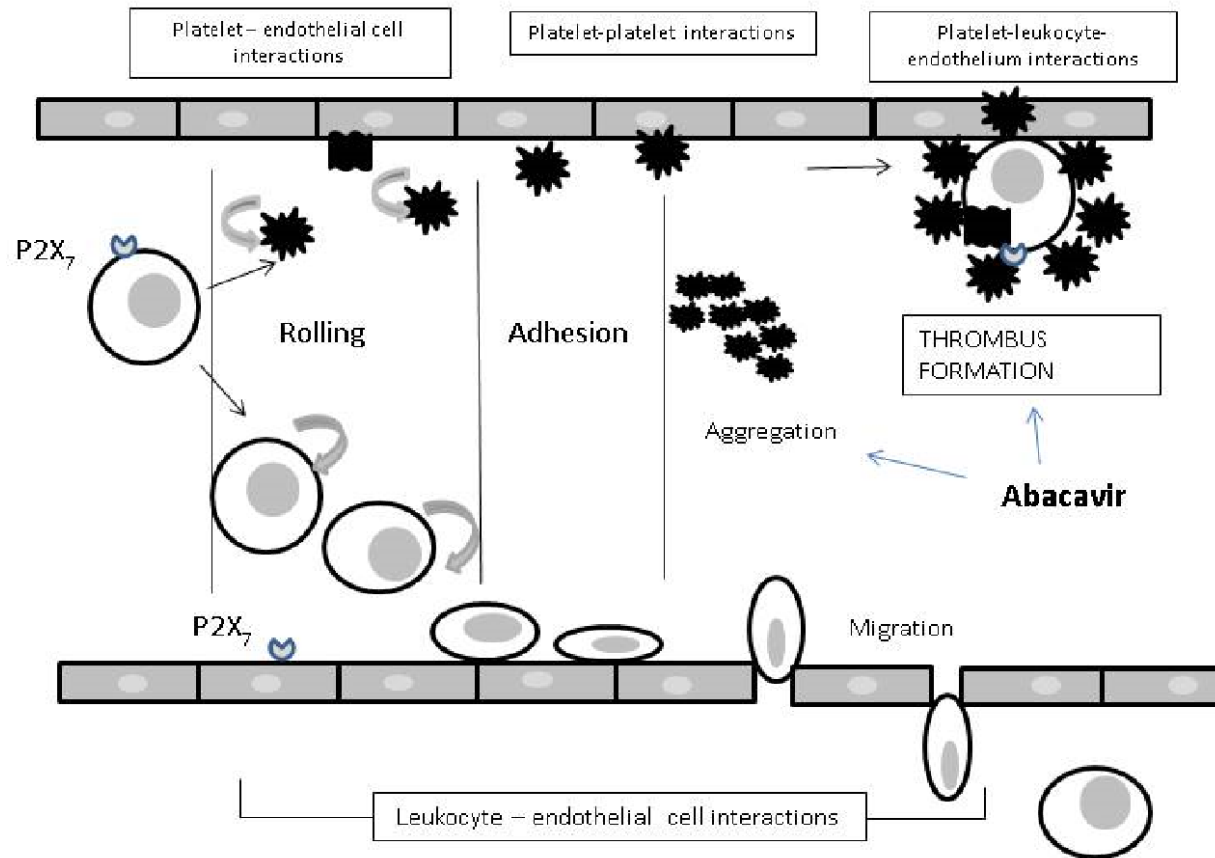
Cardiovascular risk

- The median age of people with HIV on ART will increase from 43.9 years in 2010 to 56.5 years in 2030, by which time 78% of people with HIV will have been diagnosed with CVD.
- The increase in RR of myocardial infarction among people with HIV ranges from 20% to 100% compared with people without HIV.
- Heart failure, sudden death and stroke are the CV events with the greatest incremental risk in PLWH.



So-Armah K, et al., Lancet HIV 2020; 7: e279–e93. AlonsoA, et al., J Am Heart Assoc 2019; 8: e012241. Guaraldi G. et al., CID. 2011; 53:1120–1126.

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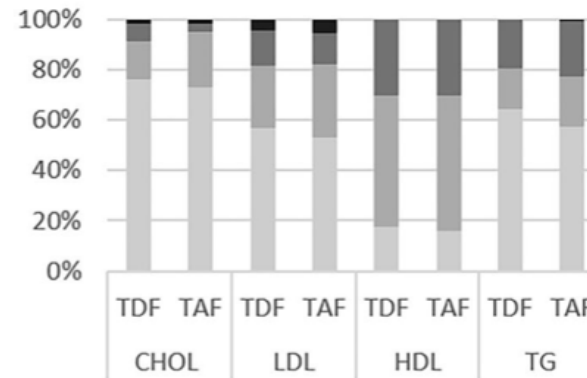


Consider replacing ZDV or ABC with TDF/TAF or use an NRTI- sparing regimen , consider 2DR

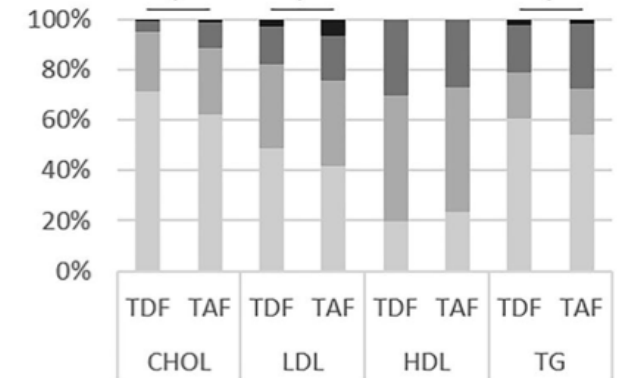
TAF and TDF

- **TDF** could have an independent lipid-lowering effect
- The switch from **TDF to TAF** is associated with less favorable lipid profiles, regardless of pharmacoenhancers or third-agent use, however, less evident in people with higher lipid levels
- However, **TAF** per se does not seem to influence lipid profiles

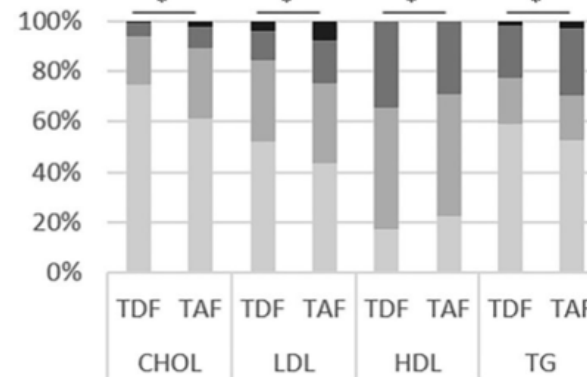
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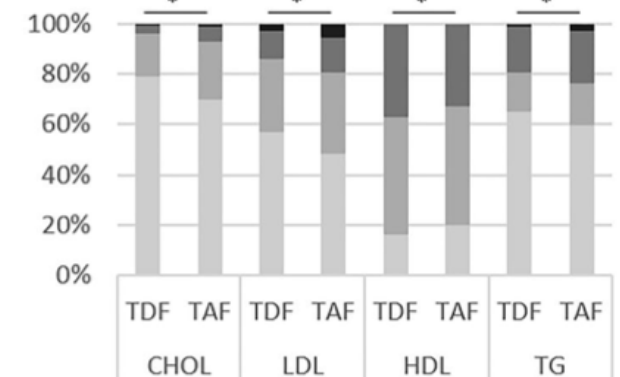
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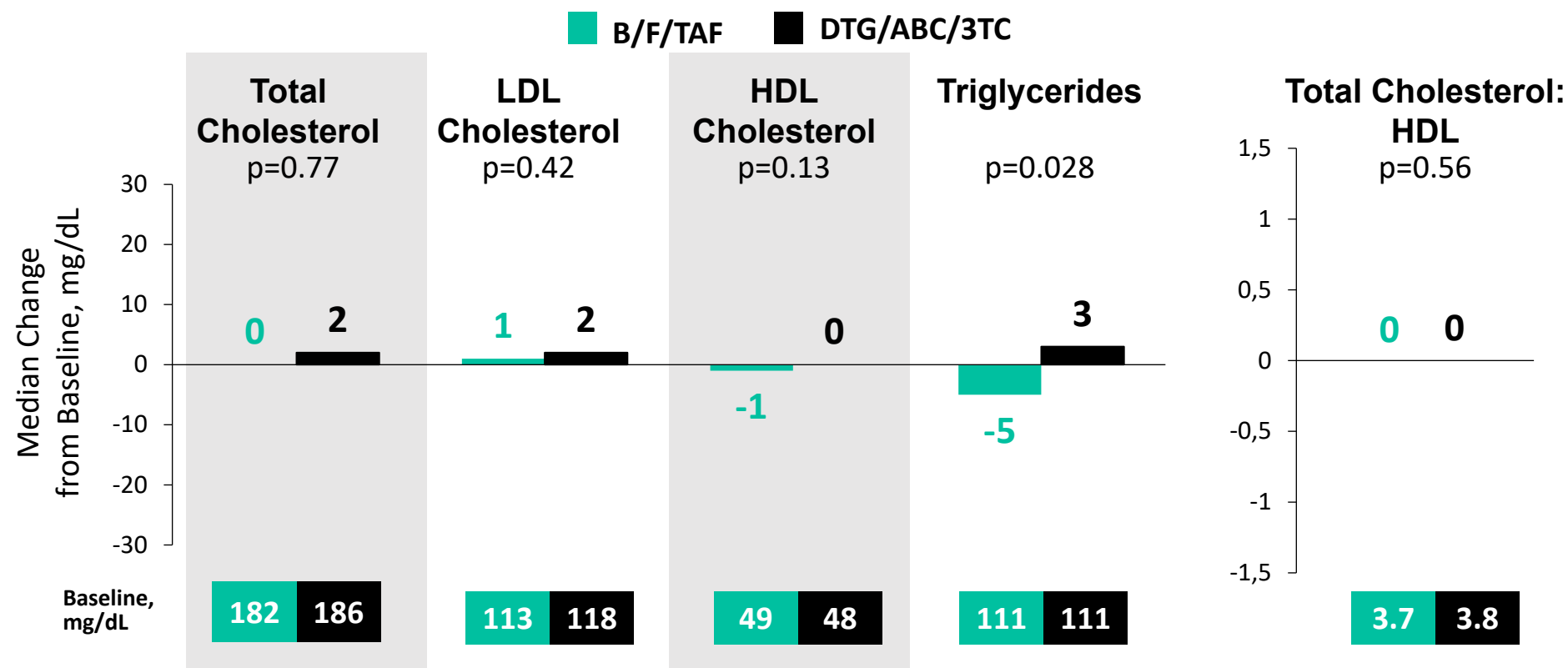
C Boosted pre- & post-switch



D Never boosted



Changes in Fasting Lipids at Week 48*



**No changes in fasting lipid parameters
when switching from DTG/ABC/3TC to B/F/TAF**

*p-values from 2-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test
HDL, high-density lipoprotein. LDL, low-density lipoprotein.
Molina JM, et al. CROI 2018. Boston, MA. Oral 22.

Switches from PI or EFV

To BICTEGRAVIR
Study 1878 (N=577)³
vs. boosted DRV or ATV + 2 NRTIs

To DOR
Study DRIVE shift
vs. boosted DRV

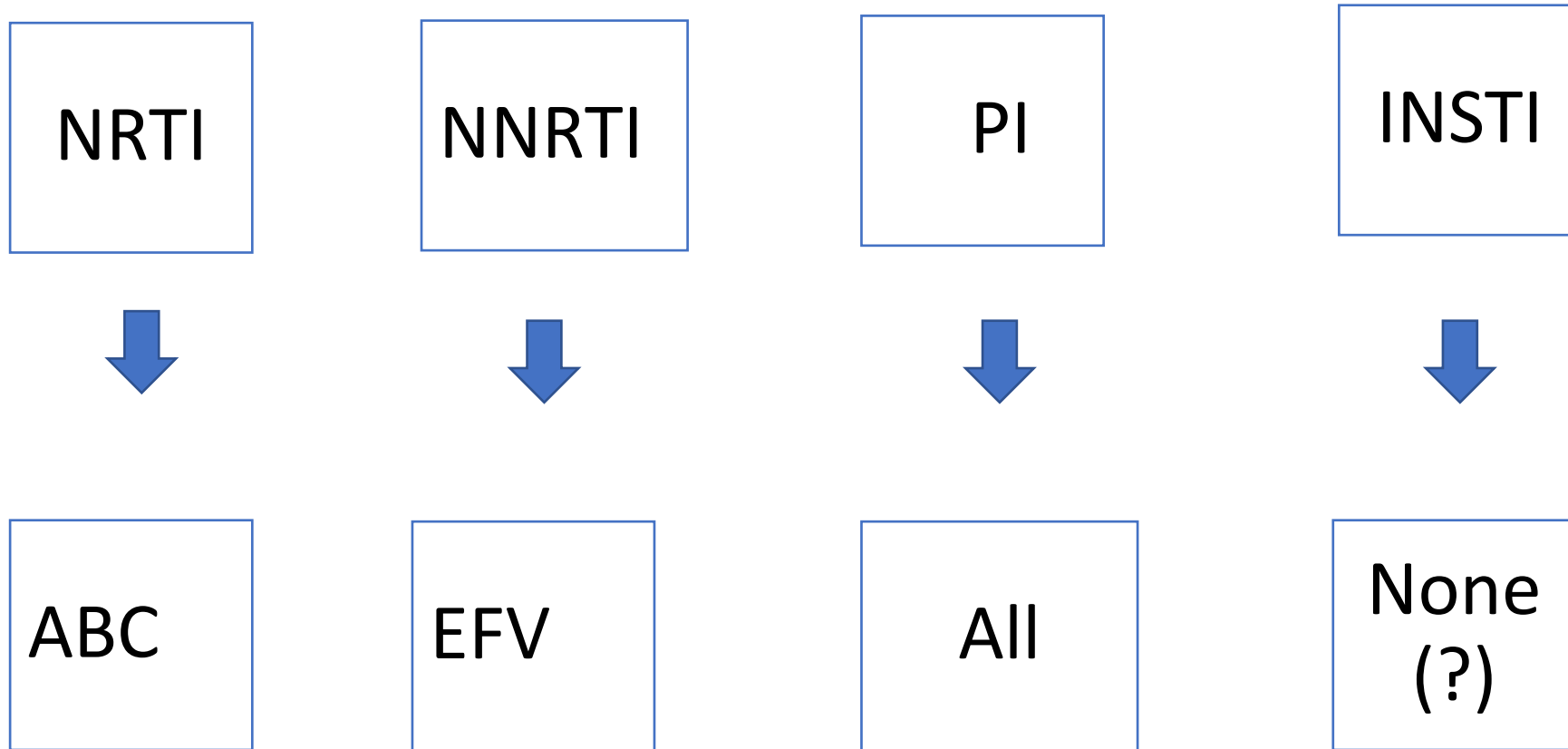
To RPV or INSTI
SCOLTA
Vs any boosted PI or EFV

To RAL
SPIRAL
Vs any boosted PI

To EVG
STRATEGY-PI and STRATEGY-
NNRTI
Vs any boosted PI or NNRTI (80%
EFV)

To DTG
NEAT022
Vs boosted DRV

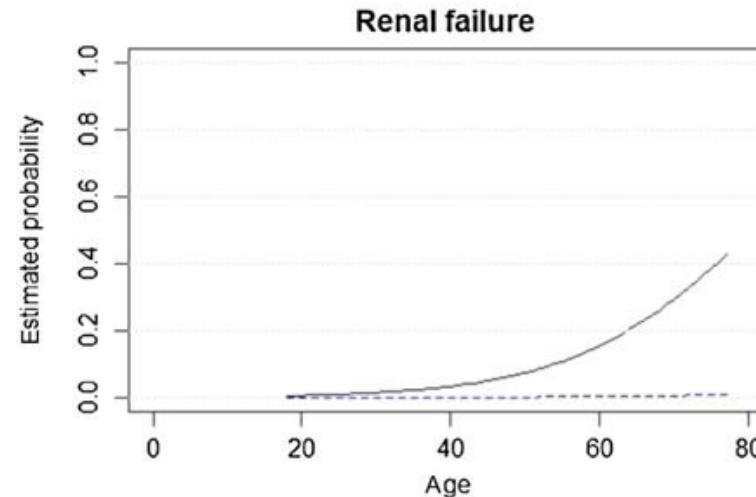
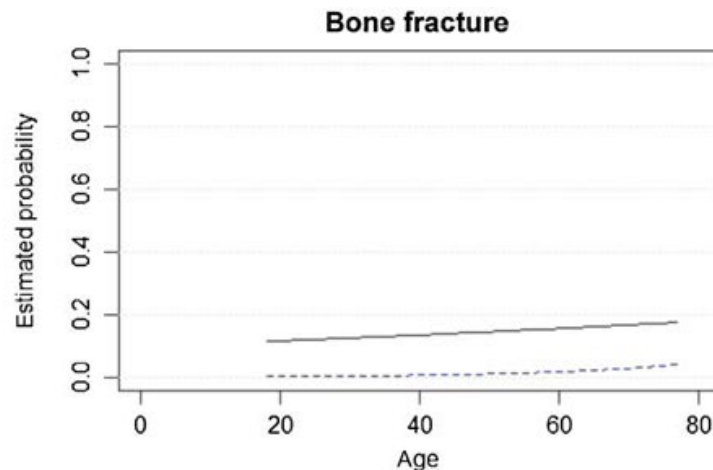
CARDIOVASCULAR



BONE AND KIDNEY

Bone and kidney

- In PLWH, the risks of any fracture and fragility fracture are increased 1.5-fold, whereas the risk of a hip fracture is increased 4-fold compared with uninfected controls.
- CKD is present in approximately 17% of HIV-positive individuals and its incidence increases by 11-fold among those aged 60–69 years old compared with those aged 40 years old.
- CKD is an important risk factor for cardiovascular events and death.



Starup-Linde J, et al., J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr 2020; 83: 1–8. Jotwani V, et al., J Am Soc Nephrol 2017; 28: 3142–54. Guaraldi G. et al., CID. 2011; 53:1120–1126. Yombi JC, et al. AIDS. 2014 Mar 13;28(5):621-32. Choi AI, et al., Circulation 2010; 121:651–658. George E, et al., AIDS 2010; 24:387–394. Campbell LJ, et al. HIV Clin Trials 2012; 13:343–349. Ibrahim F, et al., Am J Kidney Dis 2012; 60:539–547.

Kidney

- Association of **cumulative** and **ever exposure** to tenofovir on kidney outcomes in 10,841 PLWH from the Veterans Health Administration (1997-2007)
- **Each year** of exposure to TDF was associated with:
 - 34% increased risk of proteinuria (95%CI 25-45, $P < 0.0001$)
 - 11% increased risk of rapid decline (3-18, $P = 0.0033$)
 - 33% increased risk of CKD (18-51, $P < 0.0001$)

Association of tenofovir exposure with risk * of kidney disease outcomes

	Demographic-Adjusted Model [†]		Time-Dependent Cox Model [‡]		Marginal Structural Model [§]	
	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Cumulative Exposure to Tenofovir (per year)						
Proteinuria ($n=3400$ events)	1.30 (1.22-1.37)	<0.0001	1.34 (1.25-1.45)	<0.0001	1.24 (1.17-1.32)	<0.0001
Rapid decline ** ($n = 3078$ events)	1.17 (1.11-1.24)	<0.0001	1.11 (1.03-1.18)	0.0033	1.16 (1.09-1.23)	<0.0001
CKD ($n=553$ events)	1.44 (1.30-1.60)	<0.0001	1.33 (1.18-1.51)	<0.0001	1.36 (1.22-1.51)	<0.0001
Ever Exposure to Tenofovir						
Proteinuria ($n=3400$ events)	1.70 (1.57-1.85)	<0.0001	1.68 (1.52-1.85)	<0.0001	1.51 (1.36-1.66)	<0.0001
Rapid decline ($n = 3078$ events)	1.51 (1.39-1.64)	<0.0001	1.36 (1.23-1.50)	<0.0001	1.50 (1.36-1.67)	<0.0001
CKD ($n=553$ events)	2.11 (1.76-2.54)	<0.0001	1.71 (1.38-2.12)	<0.0001	1.88 (1.50-2.36)	<0.0001

Kidney

- In terms of severe renal toxicity, no differences have been demonstrated between tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and tenofovir alafenamide in unboosted regimens (without /cobicistat and / ritonavir).

Pilkington V, Hughes SL, Pepperrell T, McCann K, Gotham D, Pozniak AL, et al. Tenofovir alafenamide vs tenofovir disoproxil fumarate: an updated meta-analysis of 14894 patients across 14 trials. AIDS. 2020;34:2259–68.

KIDNEY

NRTI



TDF

NNRTI



RPV renal
transporters

PI



ATV,
DRV
(stones)

INSTI



Renal
transporters

Bone

PLWH on TDF lose significantly more bone mineral density (BMD) than those treated with TAF or abacavir or regimens not containing any of them and have worse bone architecture and quality.

BMD losses 96 weeks after ART initiation were similar in magnitude among patients receiving PIs, ATV/r, or DRV/r but lowest among those receiving RAL

In general, PI associated with higher risk of osteopenia or osteoporosis compared to NNRTI and INSTIs

Efavirenz associated with the greatest risk of vitamin D deficiency

Pepperrell T, et al., HIV Med. 2019; 20: 92. Brown T. et al., J Infect Dis. 2015;212:1241-9. Brown T et al., AIDS. 2006 ;20(17):2165-74, Borderi, M, et al., AIDS, 2009. 23:1297-310. Orkin C. et al., AIDS Rev. 2014;16(2):59-74. Duvivier C, et al., AIDS. 2009;23(7):817-24

Recommendations for Evaluation and Management of Bone Disease in HIV

Person with HIV infection at risk for fracture

- Previous fragility fracture
- T-score ≤ -2.5 at lumbar spine, total hip, femoral neck in postmenopausal women and older men
- T-score -2.5 to -1.0 AND 10-year risk of all osteoporotic fracture by FRAX[®] $\geq 20\%$ or 10-year risk of hip fracture $\geq 3\%$ in postmenopausal women and older men**
- If no BMD available, 10-year risk of all osteoporotic fracture by FRAX[®] (without BMD) $\geq 20\%$

Check for and treat secondary causes of osteoporosis (Table 5)

- Optimize calcium and vitamin D intake
- Encourage behavioral modifications (physical activity, smoking cessation, moderate alcohol use)
- Consider bisphosphonates

Previous ART therapy

No

Yes

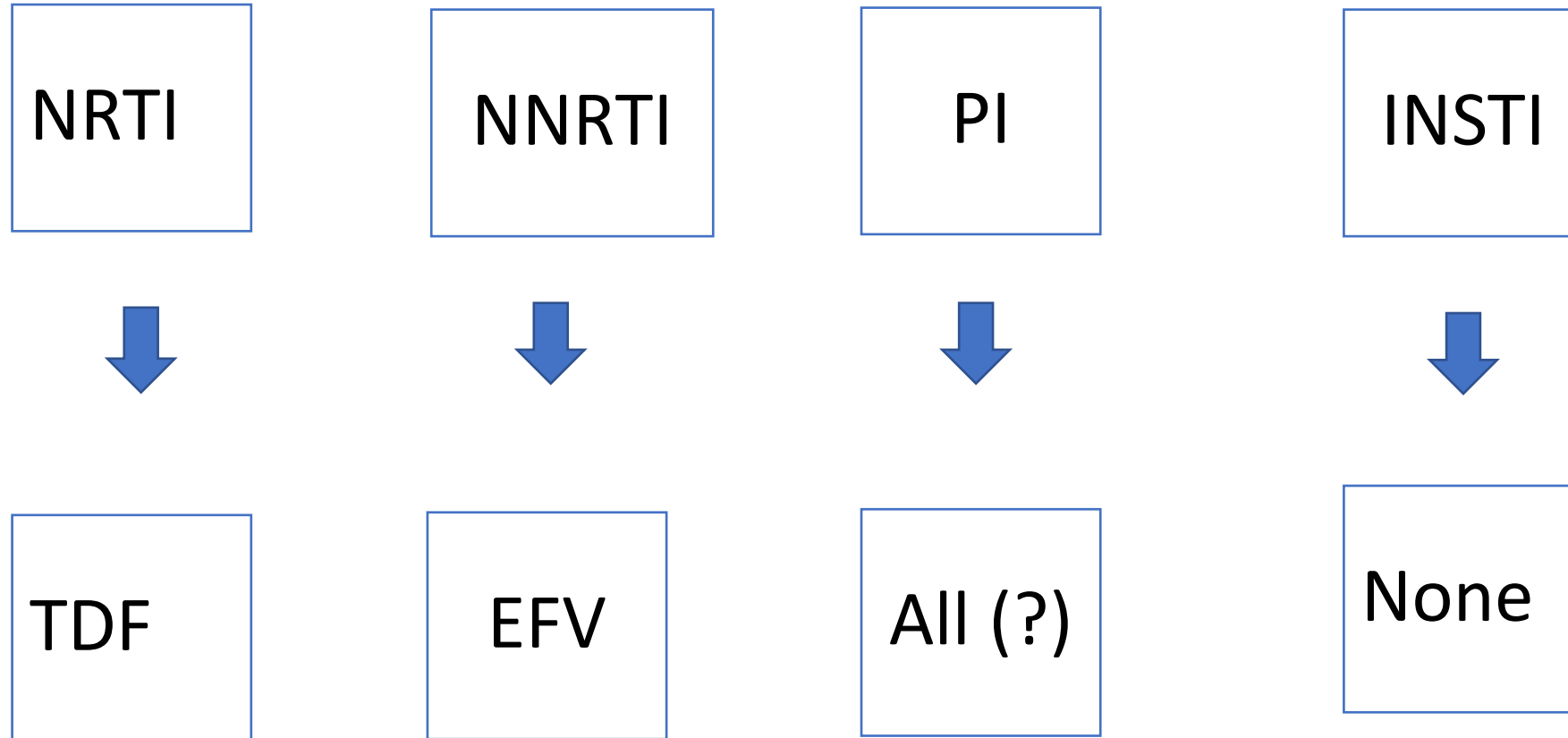
Recommend:

- Avoiding first-line tenofovir DF and using an alternative such as abacavir/lamivudine or raltegravir*
- Avoiding PI-based regimens and using an alternative such as raltegravir*

Recommend:

- If on tenofovir DF, switching to abacavir or raltegravir* instead
- If on a PI-based regimen, switching to an alternative such as raltegravir*

BONE

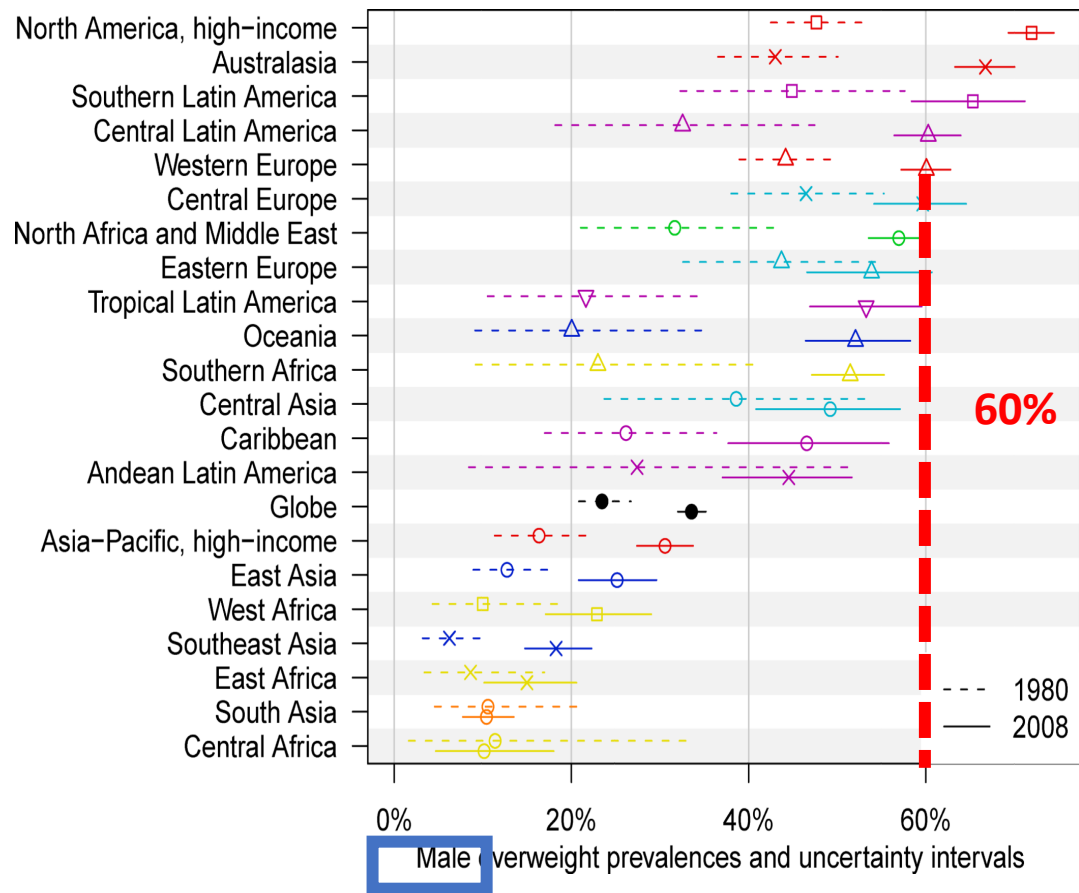
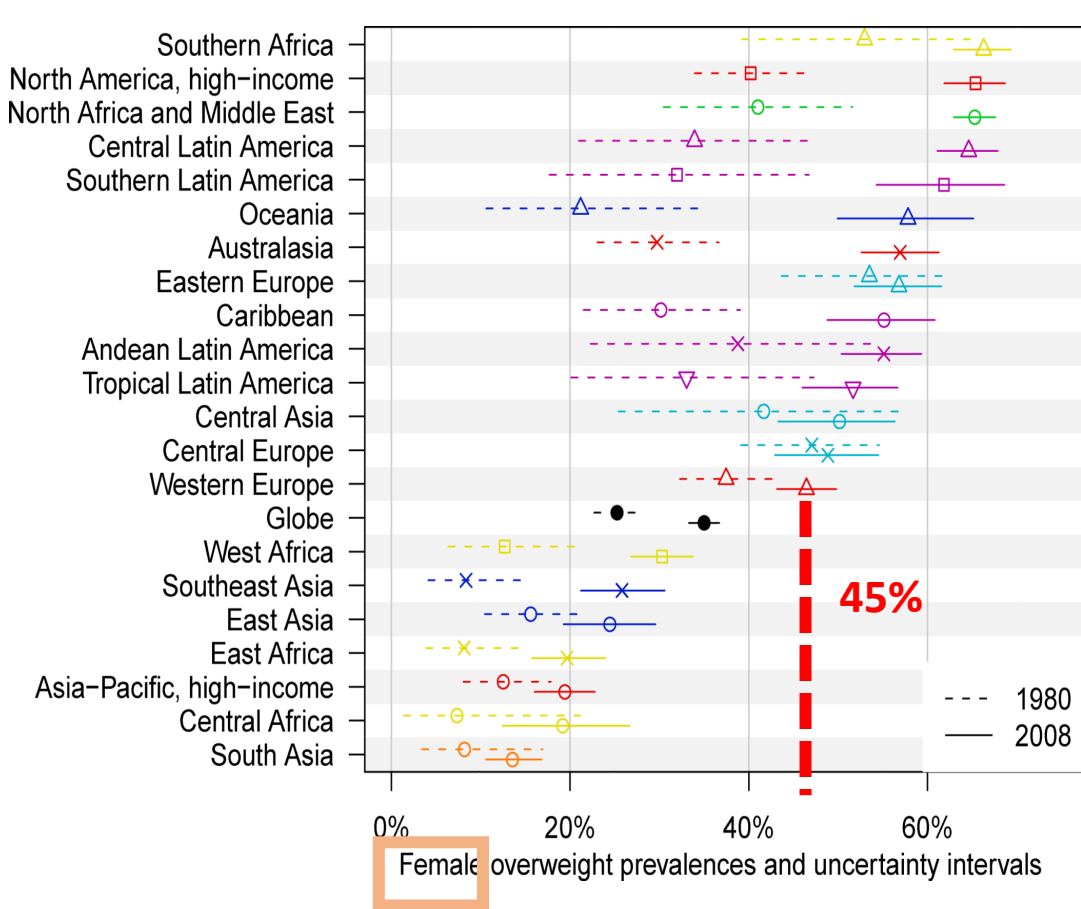


WEIGHT

Weight gain

- Obesity is a multifactorial disease that affects individuals the world over, regardless of sex, race, age, racial condition or geography
- In white subjects aged 35–50 years, the average weight gain in 1 year is about 0.5– 1 kg.

Hill A, J Virus Erad 2019; 5: 41–3. Sax PE, Clin Infect Dis 2019; 71: 1379–89.



The epidemiology is
changing...

OVERWEIGHT

Metabolic syndrome and body weight in people living with HIV infection: analysis of differences observed in three different cohort studies over a decade

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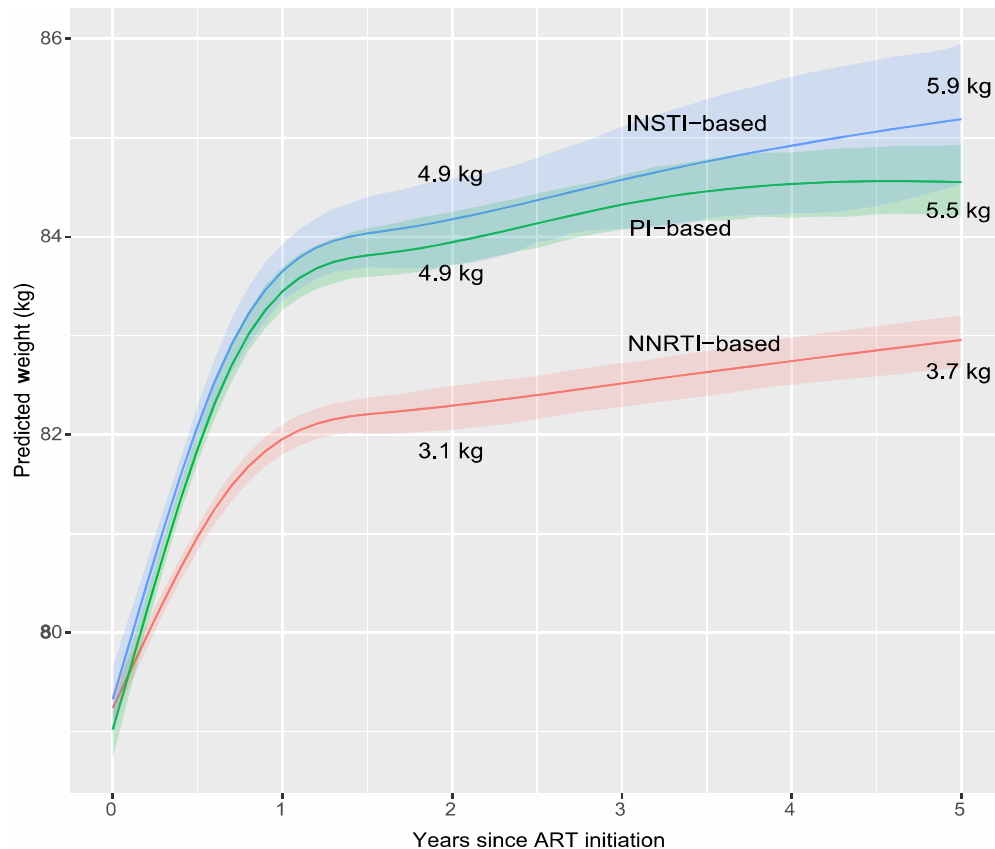
HIV Medicine. 2021;00:1–10.

TABLE 1 Clinical and laboratory features in HIV-infected patients enrolled in the SiMOne (2005), HIV-HY (2011) and STOPSHIV (2015) studies

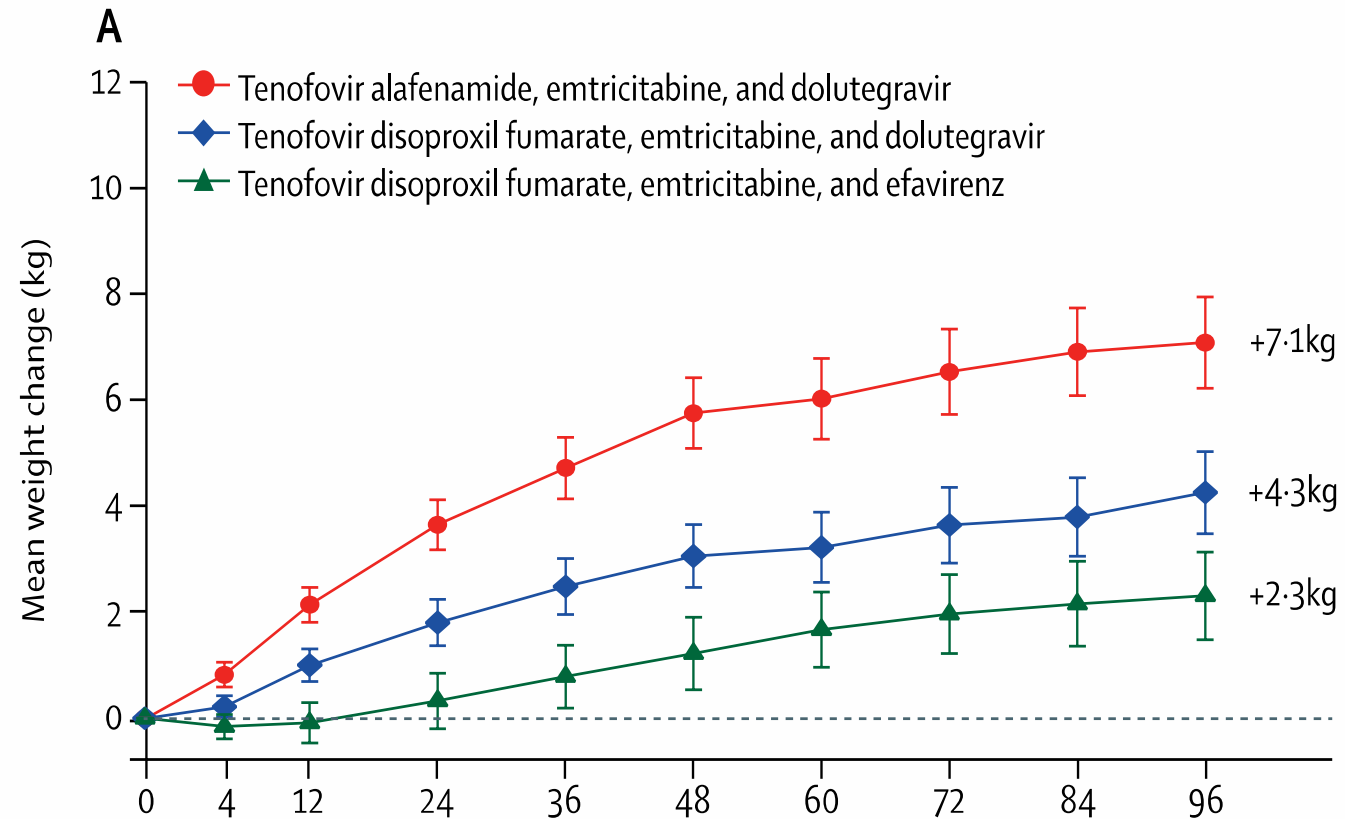
Variable	SiMOne 2005 (n = 1243)	HIV-HY 2011 (n = 854)	STOPSHIV 2015 (n = 917)	p
Men [n (%)]	892 (71.8)	616 (72.1)	702 (76.6)	0.03
Age (years) (mean ± SD)	43.2 ± 9.2	50.3 ± 9.4	48.7 ± 10.6	< 0.0001
BMI (kg m ⁻²) (mean ± SD)	23.6 ± 3.4	24.5 ± 3.9	24.5 ± 4.0	< 0.0001
BMI (kg m ⁻²) [n (%)]				
≤ 18.5	67 (5.4)	32 (3.8)	47 (5.1)	
18.6–25.0	805 (65.2)	483 (56.7)	506 (55.2)	
25.1–30.0	303 (24.5)	266 (31.2)	287 (31.3)	
≥ 30.1	60 (4.9)	71 (8.3)	76 (8.3)	< 0.0001

Weight gain in naive PLWH

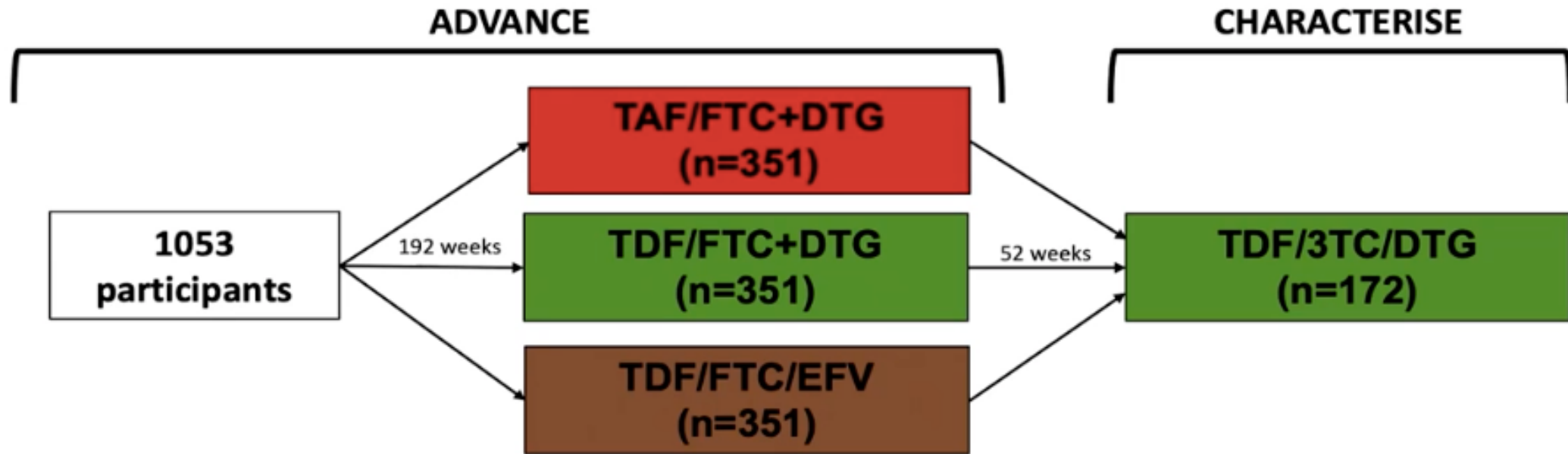
Weight over the first five-years of ART by regimen class
(22,972 PLWH)



Mean change in bodyweight over time in all randomly assigned individuals (1,053 PLWH)

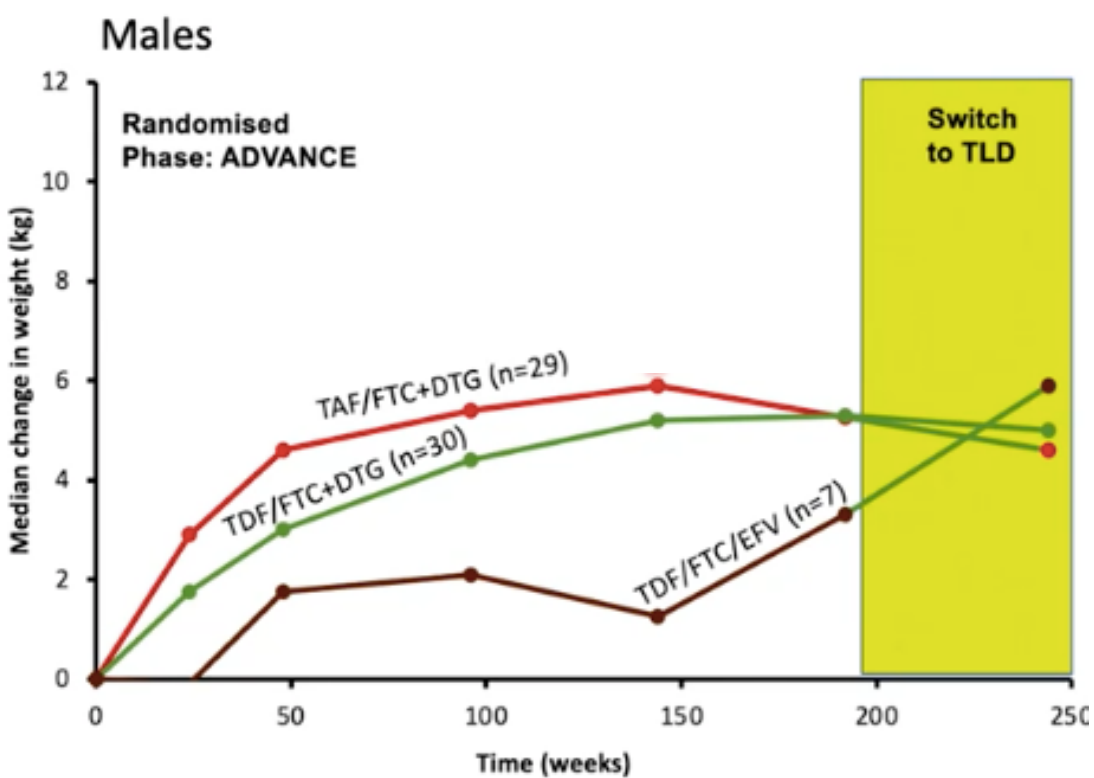
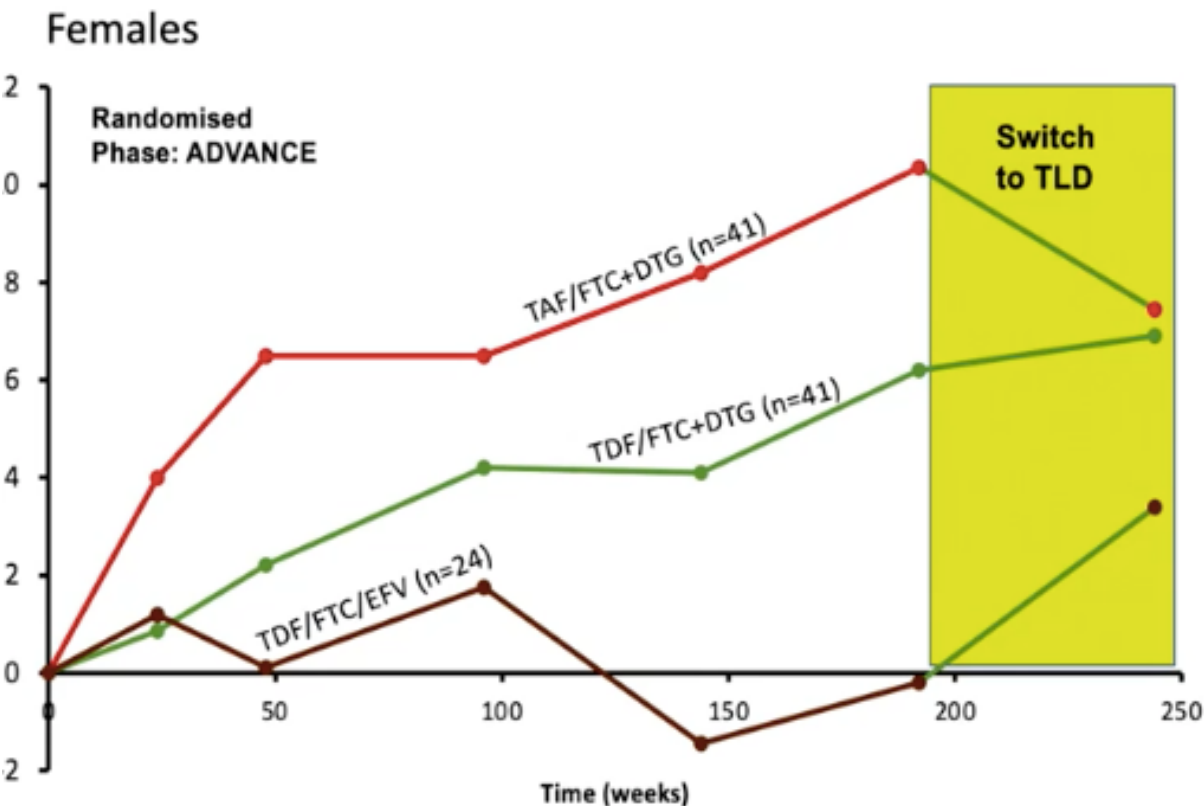


ADVANCE and CHARACTERISE trials



- At follow up, participants were assessed for weight, lipids, fasting glucose, HBA1C and HIV RNA
- Changes in weight and laboratory parameters during the first 192 weeks of randomized treatment and then after the switch to TDF/3TC/DTG were evaluated in each treatment arm using paired non-parametric tests

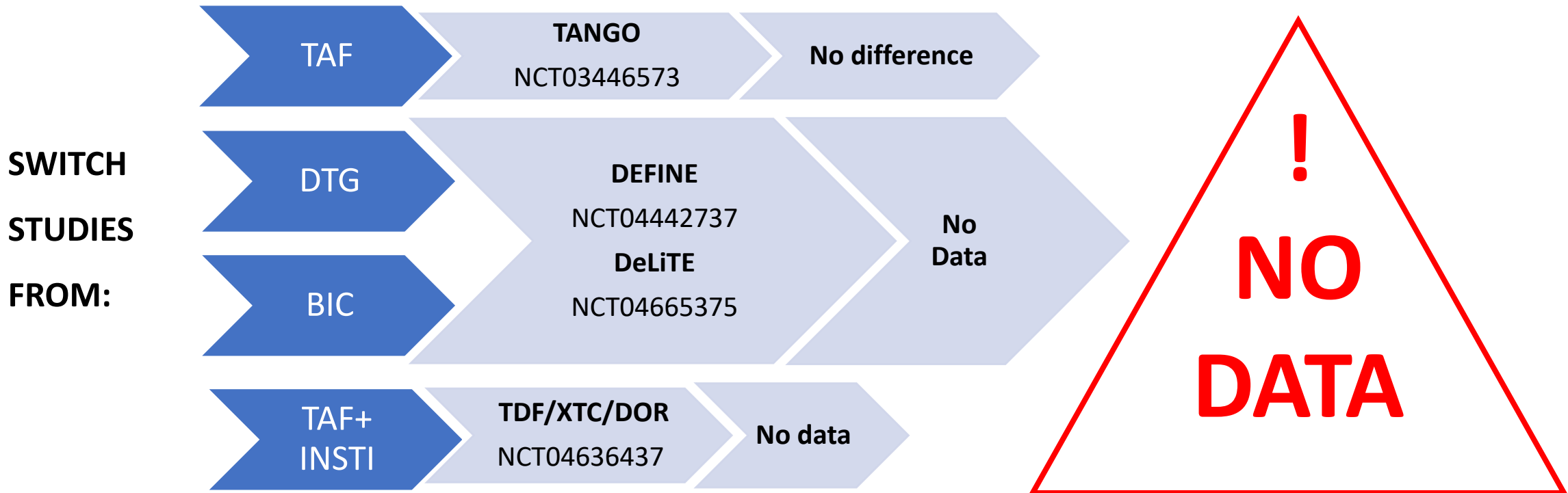
Change in weight after switch to TDF/3TC/DTG – Females and Males



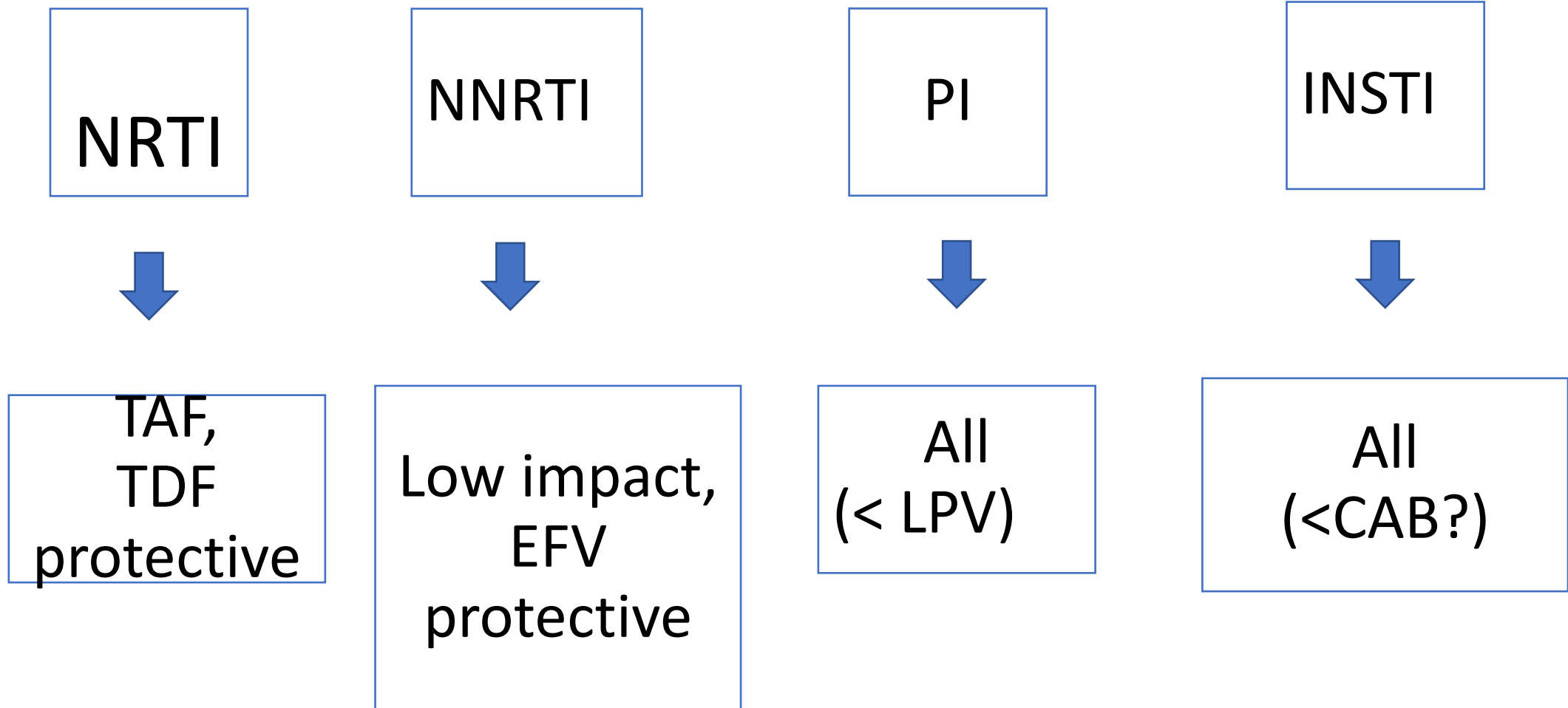
Weight & Switch

Sufficient evidence is available from cohort studies and randomized clinical trials to conclude that bictegravir, dolutegravir and tenofovir alafenamide are associated with significantly higher increases in weight and obesity rates than efavirenz.

Rilpivirine, doravirine and darunavir appear to be associated with smaller increases in weight.



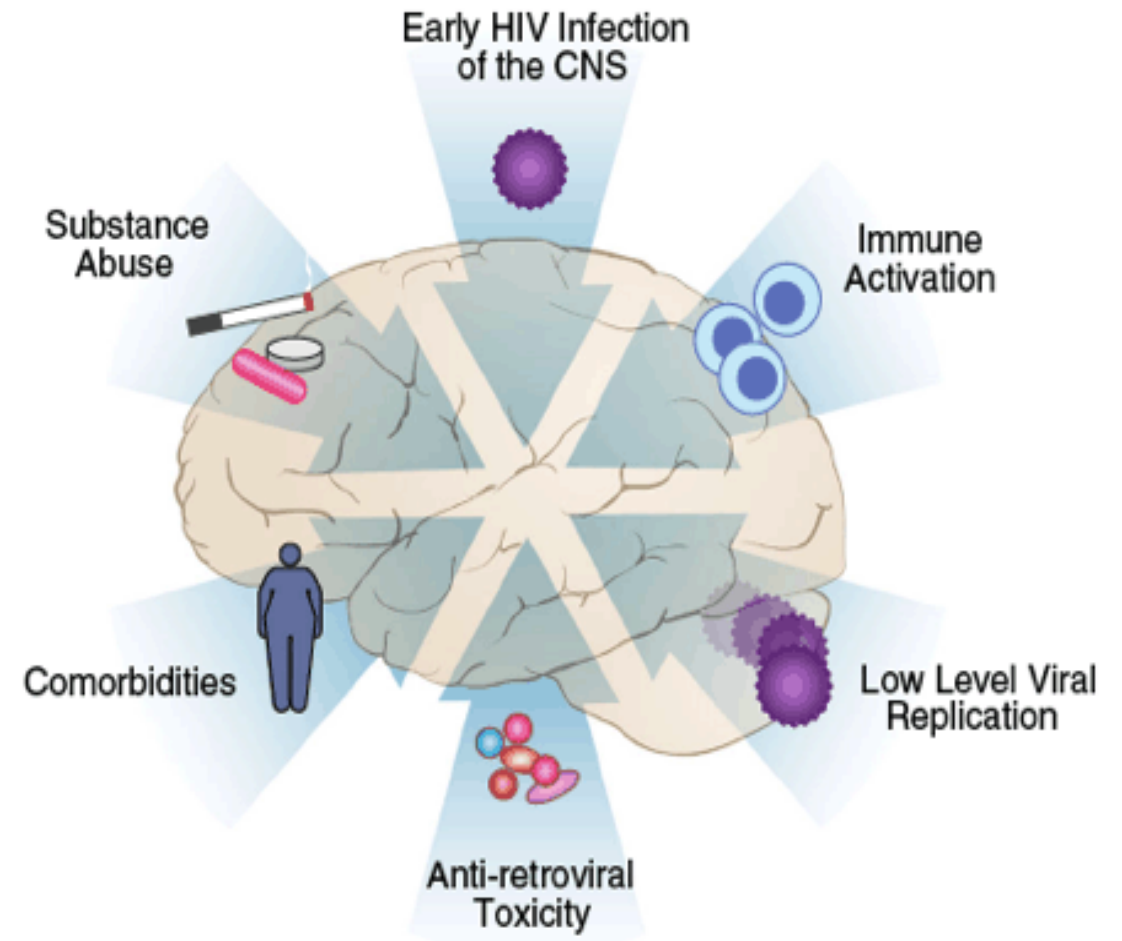
WEIGHT



CNS

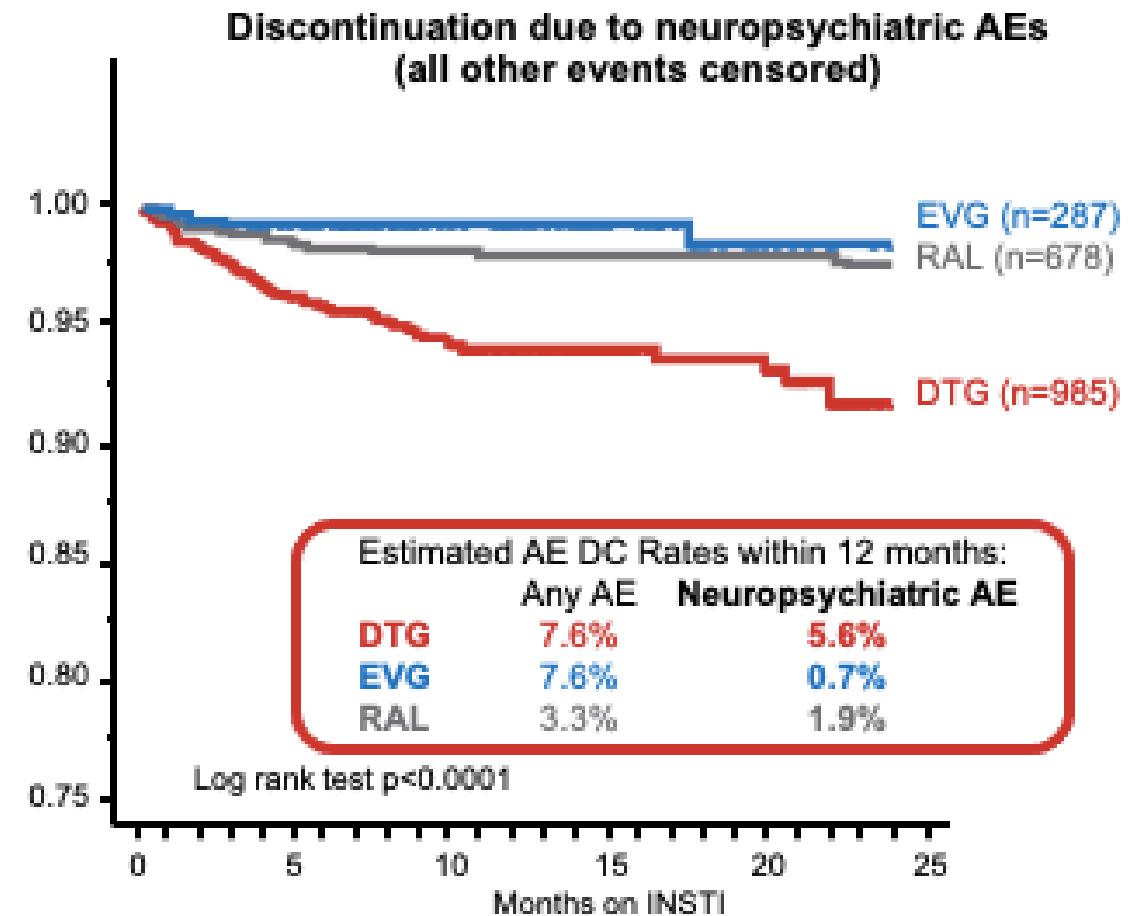
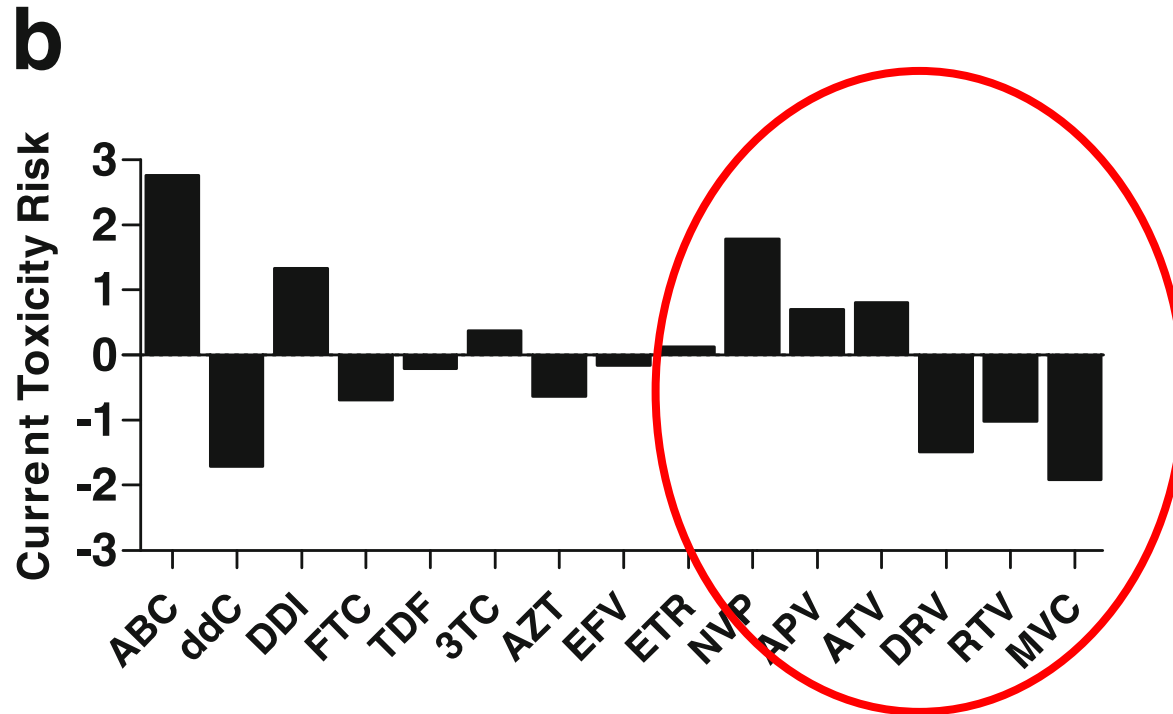
CNS

- Psychiatric disorders are common in subjects with HIV infection (20%–40%), especially in women, in whom the incidence (30%– 60%) is higher than in the general population (5%–10%).
- Depression and anxiety are the most frequent conditions..
- These disorders are often underdiagnosed, especially those of lower intensity, including low-degree ART-related neuropsychiatric AEs, which the patient may attribute to other causes.



PI and INSTI

APV (0.71) and ATV (0.81) had a low risk of toxicity, whereas all other compounds had negligible risk of toxicity based on this assessment



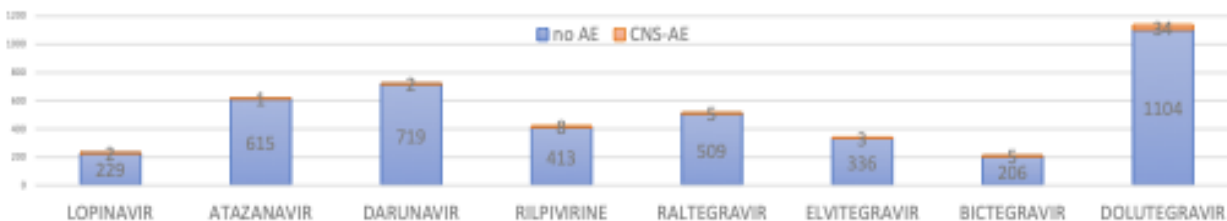
Reversibility of Central Nervous System Adverse Events in Course of Art



CNS ADVERSE EVENTS

- Sixty PLWH experienced at least one SNC-AE leading to ART discontinuation, 26/3613 (0.7%) in non DTG-cohorts and 34/1138 (3.1%) in DTG-cohort.

Figure 2. Central Nervous System- adverse events leading to drug discontinuations



The rate of discontinuations due to CNS-AE was higher in DTG (logrank $p < 0.0001$), with a longer time between drug initiation and SNC-AE in DTG than non-DTG group, 10.0 (IQR 4-15) versus 4.0 (IQR 1-7) months ($p = 0.0160$).

Four PLWH in non-DTG and six in DTG cohort reported more than one CNS-AE.

The reported CNS-AE were (frequency in non-DTG and in DTG cohorts, respectively):

- sleep disturbance (7 and 12);
- anxiety/agitation (4 and 6);
- depression (3 and 6);
- headache (6 and 5);
- vertigo (4 and 4);
- suicidal ideation (1 and 3);
- psychosis (1 and 1);
- other CNS disturbances (4 and 3).

TABLE 2: Factors associated to CNS-AE leading to drug discontinuation.

Variable	Crude HR	95% CI	P	Adjusted HR*	95% CI	P
Sex F (ref. M)	1.30	0.77-2.22	0.33			
Age (ref. <50 years)	2.02	1.22-3.34	0.006	1.60	0.93-2.65	0.09
Weight (by 5 Kgs)	1.01	0.92-1.10	0.89			
Ethnicity (ref. Caucasian)	1.34	0.58-3.11	0.49			
HCV-Ab+	1.12	0.66-1.92	0.67			
Naïve (ref. experienced)	2.09	1.21-3.61	0.008	2.51	1.34-4.69	0.004
CDC stage (ref. A)						
B	0.88	0.49-1.58	0.66			
C	0.74	0.40-1.37	0.33			
CD4 (ref. <250)						
250-499	1.26	0.62-2.58	0.52	1.32	0.63-2.78	
500-749	1.34	0.61-2.94	0.46	1.20	0.52-2.77	0.06
≥750	2.39	1.18-4.84	0.015	2.11	0.95-4.69	
Previous psychiatric disorder *	2.56	1.26-5.20	0.009	2.27	1.10-4.68	0.027
Cohort (ref. DTG)						
Non-DTG	0.25	0.15-0.42	<0.0001	0.32	0.19-0.56	<0.0001

* Major depressive disorder, anxiety, psychosis, bipolar disorder

Taramasso et al., Viruses. 2022;14(5):1028.

CNS

NRTI



None

NNRTI



Mainly EFV,
but possible
class effect

PI



None

INSTI



DTG>RAL>EVG
BIC?

Possibili strategie per personalizzare ART

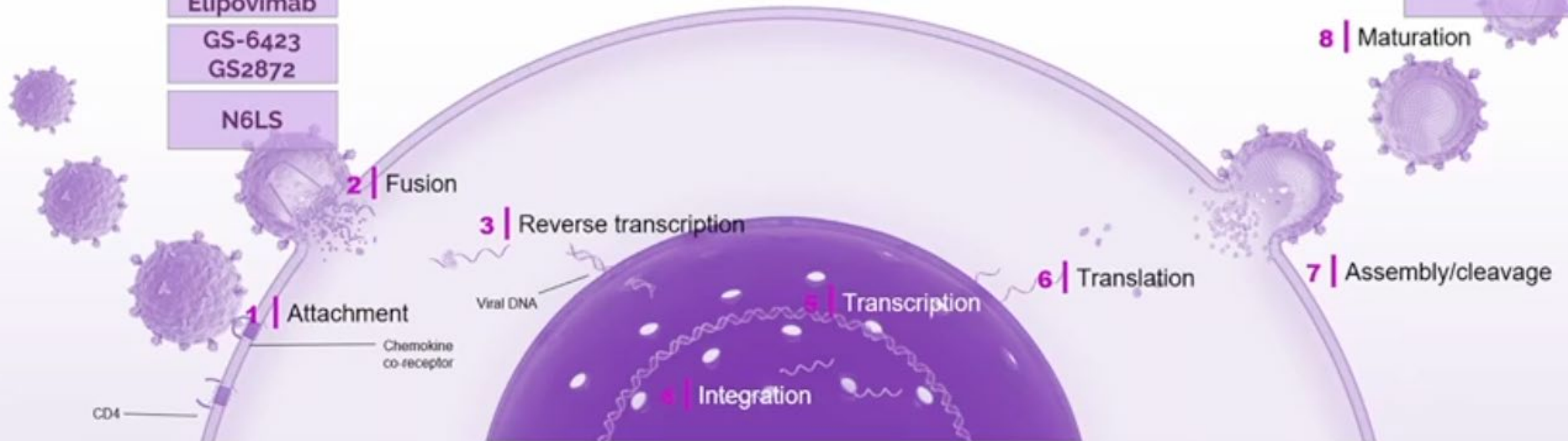
- **Cardiovascular risk** (Platelet aggregation and lipid control) → avoid abacavir and regimens associated with dyslipidemia; switching from EFV and boosted regimens improve lipids. Consider DOR, RPV or INSTIs as preferred anchor drugs.
- **Bone** → switch from TDF to TAF o 2DR; avoid TDF + PIs
- **Kidney** → switch from TDF to TAF o 2DR; avoid TDF + PIs
- **Weight** → exclude non pharmacological causes of weight gain, switch strategies not yet defined
- **CNS** → no advantage in switching asymptomatic PLWH, most AE are reversible after switch

**Never forgive the revision of historical GRT and HBV serology
before switch**

Futuro delle strategie di trattamento dell'infezione da HIV

Compounds in clinical development for treatment and prevention

Entry inhibitor	bNAb	NRTI NRTTI	NNRTI	Integrase inhibitor	Protease inhibitor	Capsid inhibitor	Maturation inhibitor	Topical IVR/MPT
Albuvirtide	UB-421	Islatravir	Elsulfavirine	Bictegravir	GS-1156	Lenacapavir	GSK254	Dapivirine
	Leronlimab (PRO-140)	TAF implant	ACC007	S-365598			GSK937	MIV 150 PC1005 gel
	VRC 01/LS VRC 07/LS							EVO-100 gel
	PG121 + Elipovimab							MB66 film
	GS-6423 GS2872							
	N6LS							



Compounds by modality and indication

Treatment

Islatravir	 ORAL	Albuvirtide	Islatravir
Lenacapavir		bNabs	MI 934
MI 254		Lenacapavir	
	 INJECTABLE IM, SC, IV	Elsulfavirine	

Already available from now

 **VOCABRIA**▼
cabotegravir sospensione per iniezione

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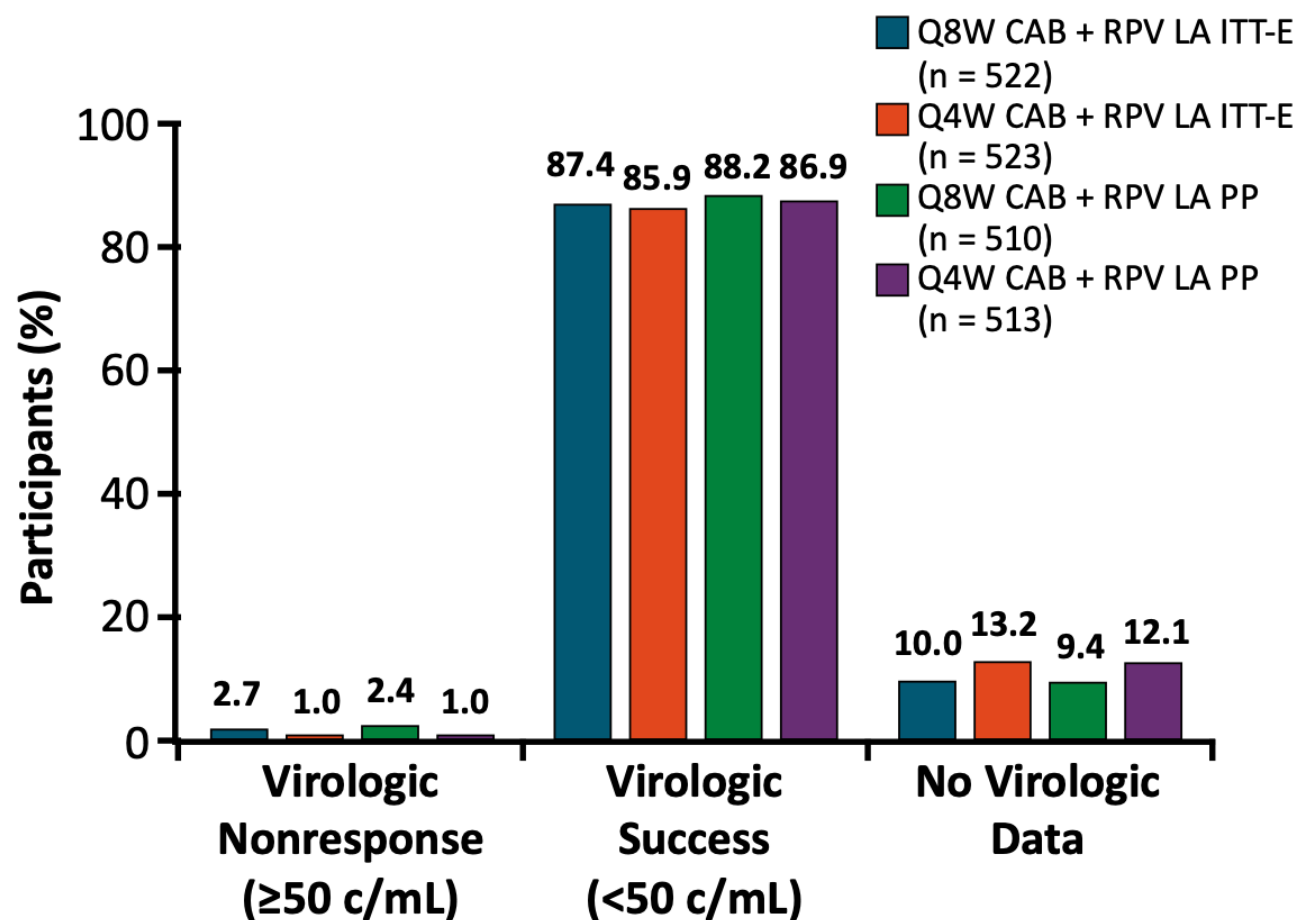
 **REKAMBYS**▼
rilpivirina sospensione per iniezione
**Riassunto delle caratteristiche
del prodotto**

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Indicazioni

- **Cabotegravir & Rilipvirina LA:** Trattamento negli adulti in soppressione virologica, in regime stabile, senza evidenza presente o passata di resistenza virale e di precedente fallimento virologico a NNRTI e/o INSTI

ATLAS-2M: Wk 152 Virologic Outcomes



- 2 additional participants (both male at birth, BMI <30 kg/m²) in Q8W arm met CVF criteria between Wk 96 and 152 (Wk 112, 120)

- At BL, neither had RAMs; participant with A6 subtype had L74I integrase polymorphism

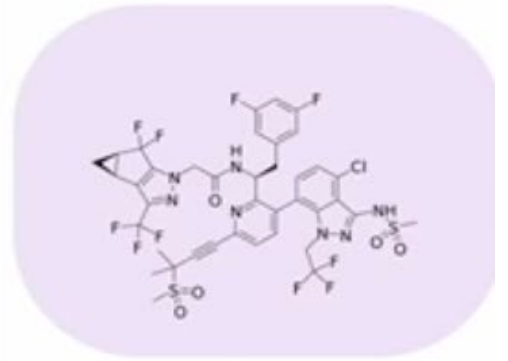
Country	Baseline	At Failure		
	HIV-1 Subtype	HIV-1 RNA (c/mL)	RPV RAMs	INI RAMs
Germany	B	24,221	E138A+ M230M/L	Q148R
Russia	A6*	59,467	E138A+ Y181Y/C	Q148R

*Originally classified as A1; later reclassified as A6 upon reanalysis

- Through Wk 152, 13 participants had CVF: Q8W, n = 11 (2%); Q4W, n = 2 (<1%)
 - None with injection >7 days late

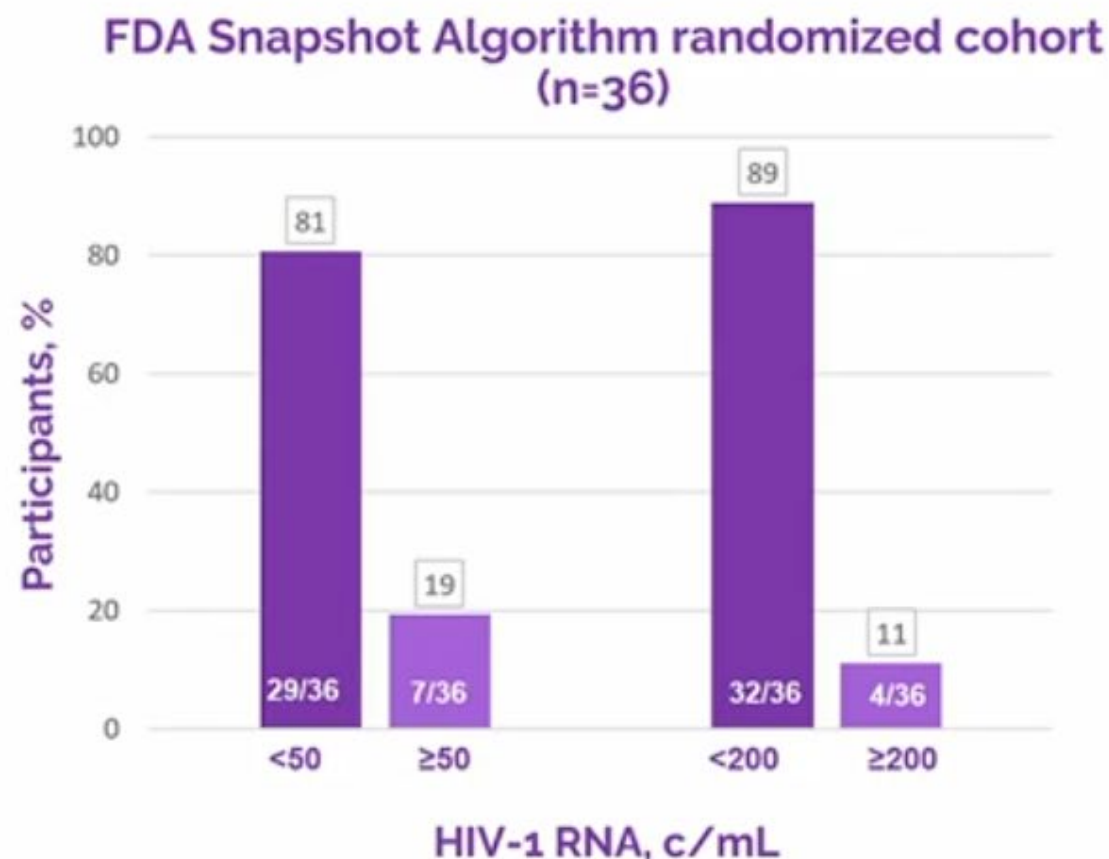
Lenacapavir (LEN)

- First in class capsid inhibitor, multi-stage activity in early and late lifecycle
- Small molecule active at picomolar doses
- No cross-resistance with approved drugs
- Oral or subcutaneous
- Supports 6 monthly dosing
- LEN SC n PrEP SHIV model significantly reduced acquisitions



* LEN studies under partial FDA hold while they change away from glass vials, participants stay on oral LEN

Efficacy at W26 in the LEN Arm



LEN + OBR led to high rates of virologic suppression in HTE

LEN resistance:

- 4 participants developed resistance: M66I
- 2 on functional monotherapy; 2 non adherent
- 3 resuppressed without resistance to OBR

Injection site reactions:

- 56% of participants reported ISRs
- 70% were grade 1 and resolved within days
- No discontinuations due to ISRs

LEN was well tolerated:

- No AEs that led to discontinuation
- No SAEs related to LEN

Conclusioni

