

Outline

Key Pathogenesis elements for
ART

Strategies Beyond guidelines

Future drugs and strategies



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Antiretroviral Treatment Strategies Part 2

- Viral suppression > 90%
- Better ARV drugs
- Simplified treatment
- Quasi Normalized life span
- Transmission reduced

- A unique infection with no vaccine
- No cure No remission vaccine
- Long life therapy
- Persistence of immune activation
- Comorbidities
- Cost ; ART accessibility

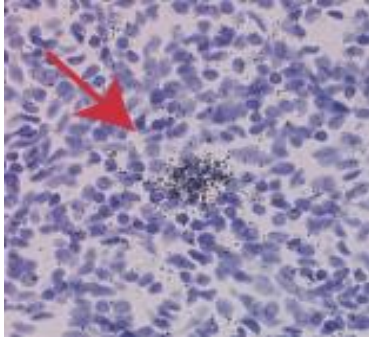
A success story of research
But a story far from being achieved

HIV

A disease of immune activation and inflammation

HIV replication induces immune activation
Immune activation induces inflammation
immune exhaustion
immune suppression
Inflammation induced comorbidities

HIV production



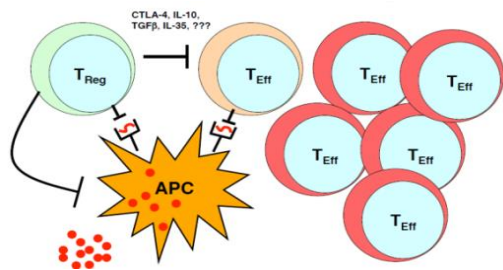
Syndrôme métabolique



**Coinfections
CMV HBV HCV**



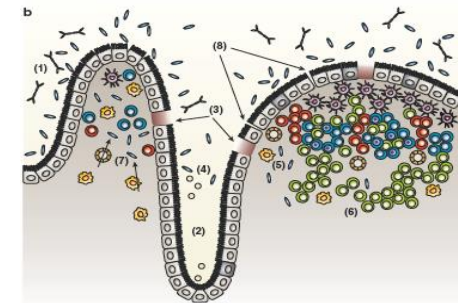
**Perte de
régulation CD4**



Inflammation

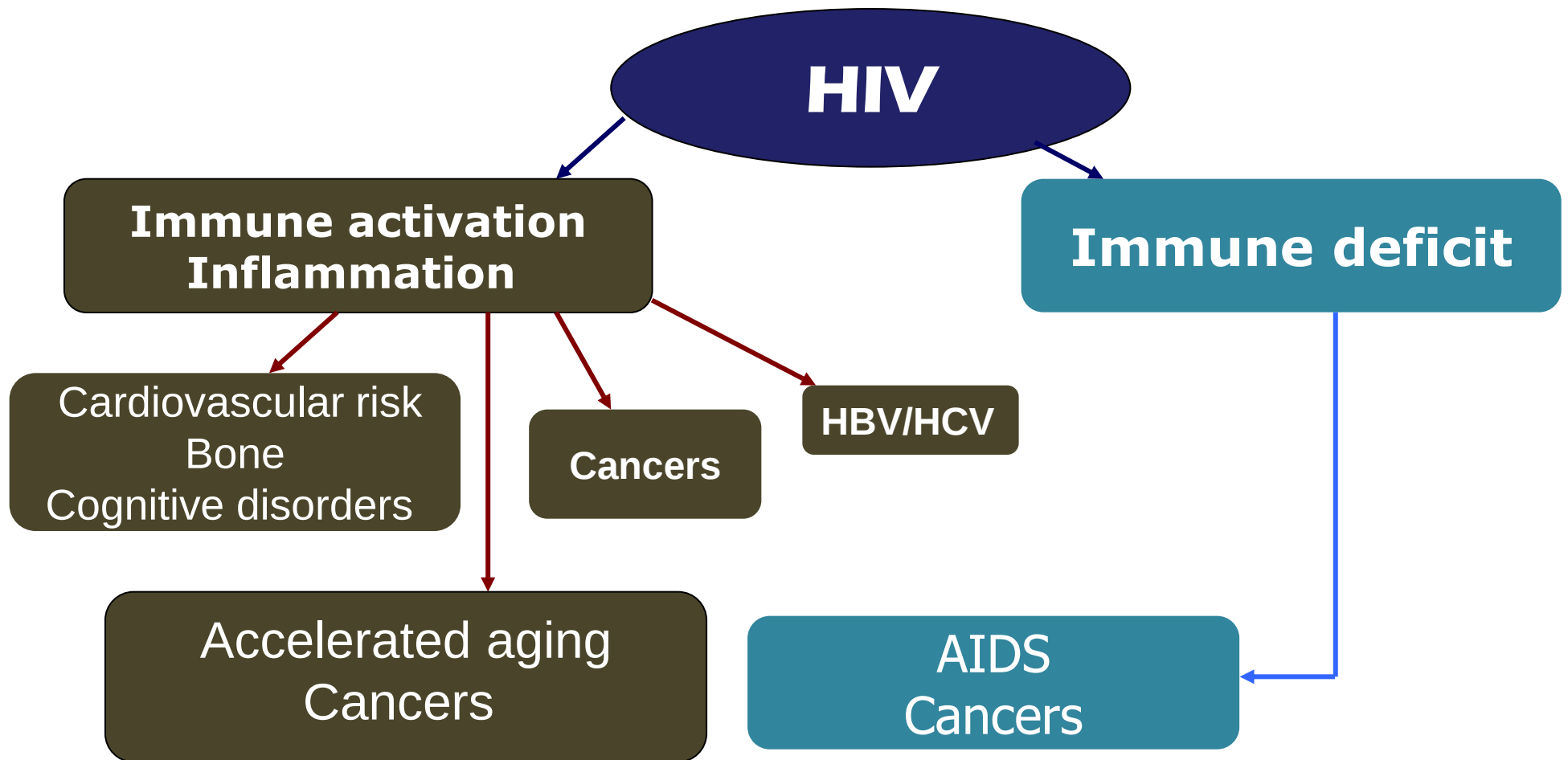
↑ Monocyte activation
↑ T cell activation
Dyslipidemia
Hypercoagulation

**Translocation
microbienne**

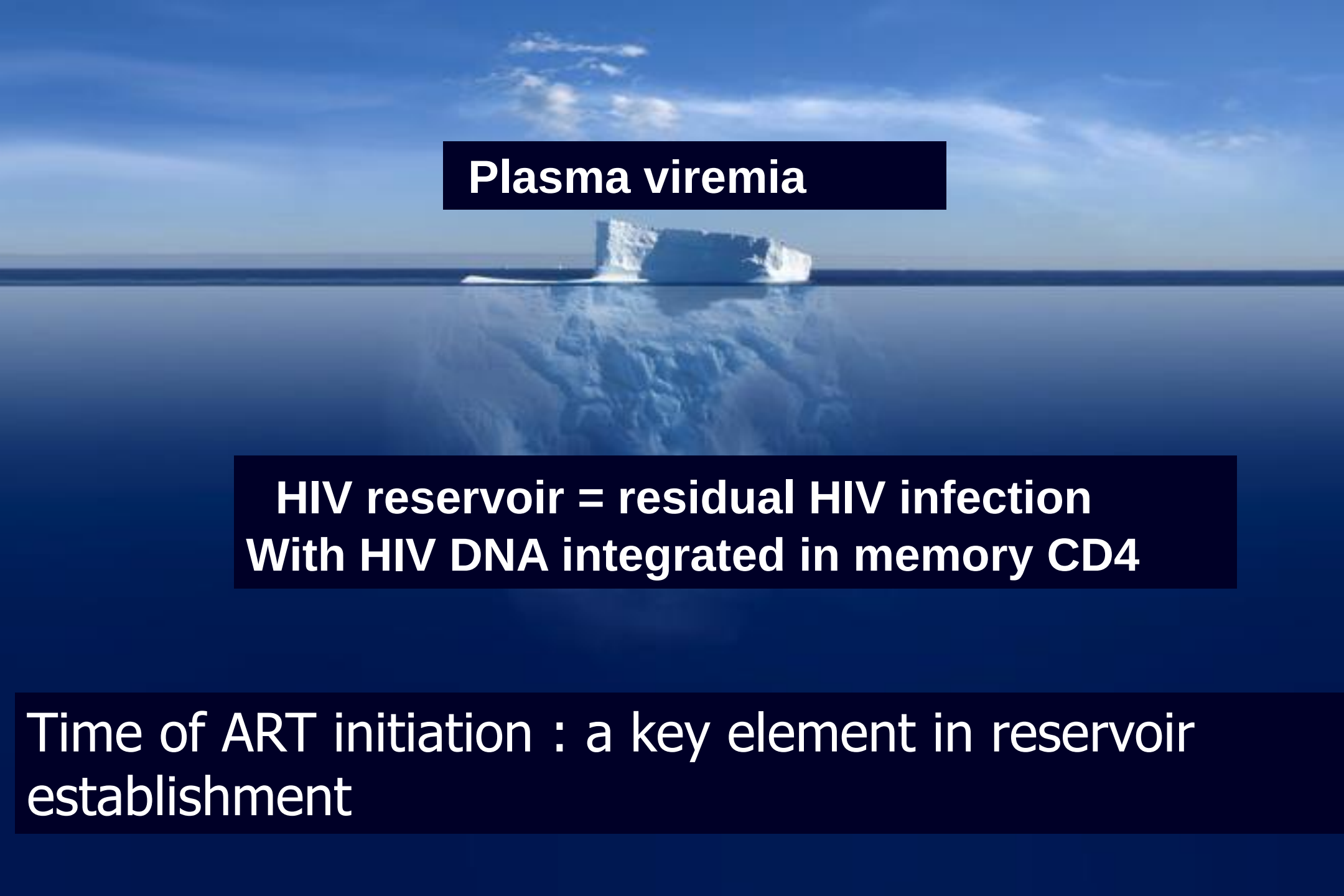


**Co-morbidités
Vieillesse**

Pathogenesis of HIV



HIV is deleterious by immune suppression and activation

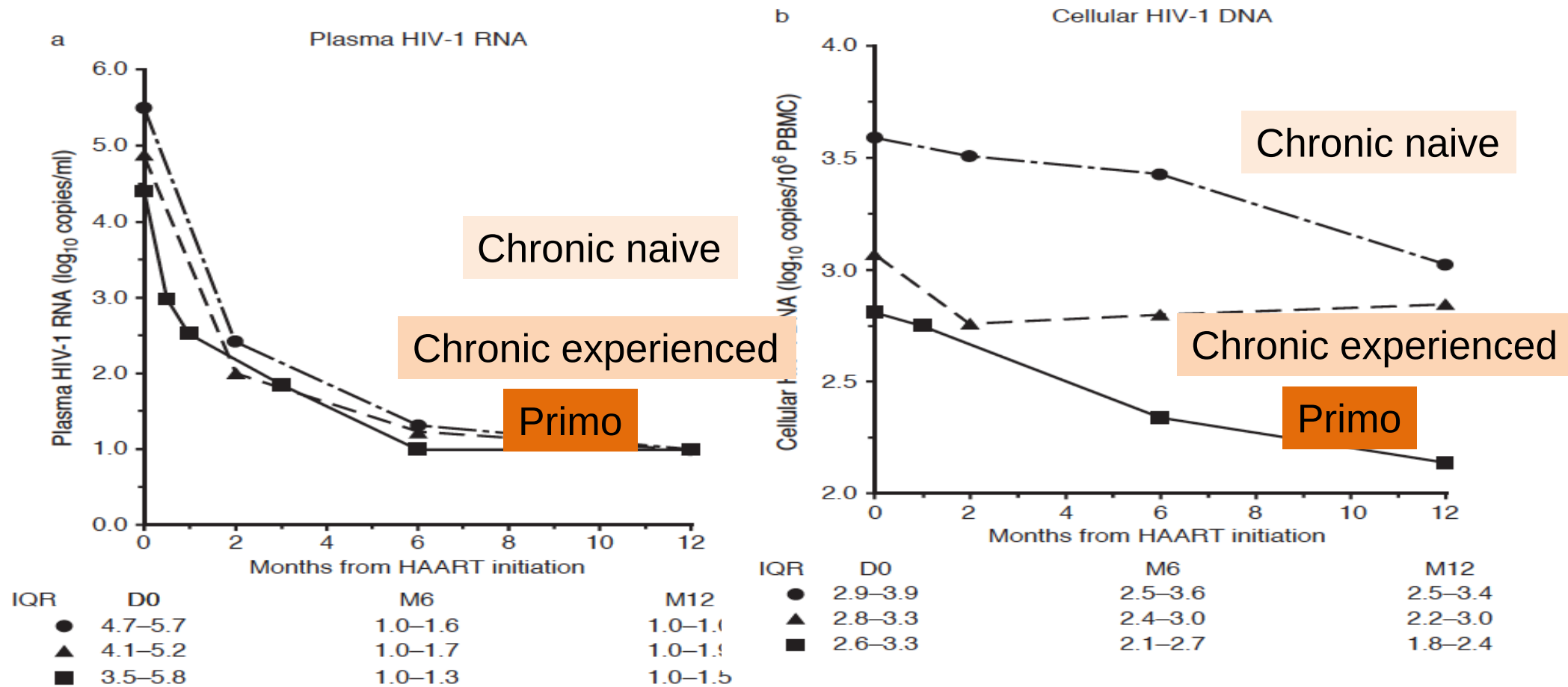
A photograph of an iceberg floating in a calm blue sea under a clear blue sky. The visible tip of the iceberg is small and white, while the much larger, submerged part is visible below the water line, illustrating the concept of a hidden reservoir.

Plasma viremia

**HIV reservoir = residual HIV infection
With HIV DNA integrated in memory CD4**

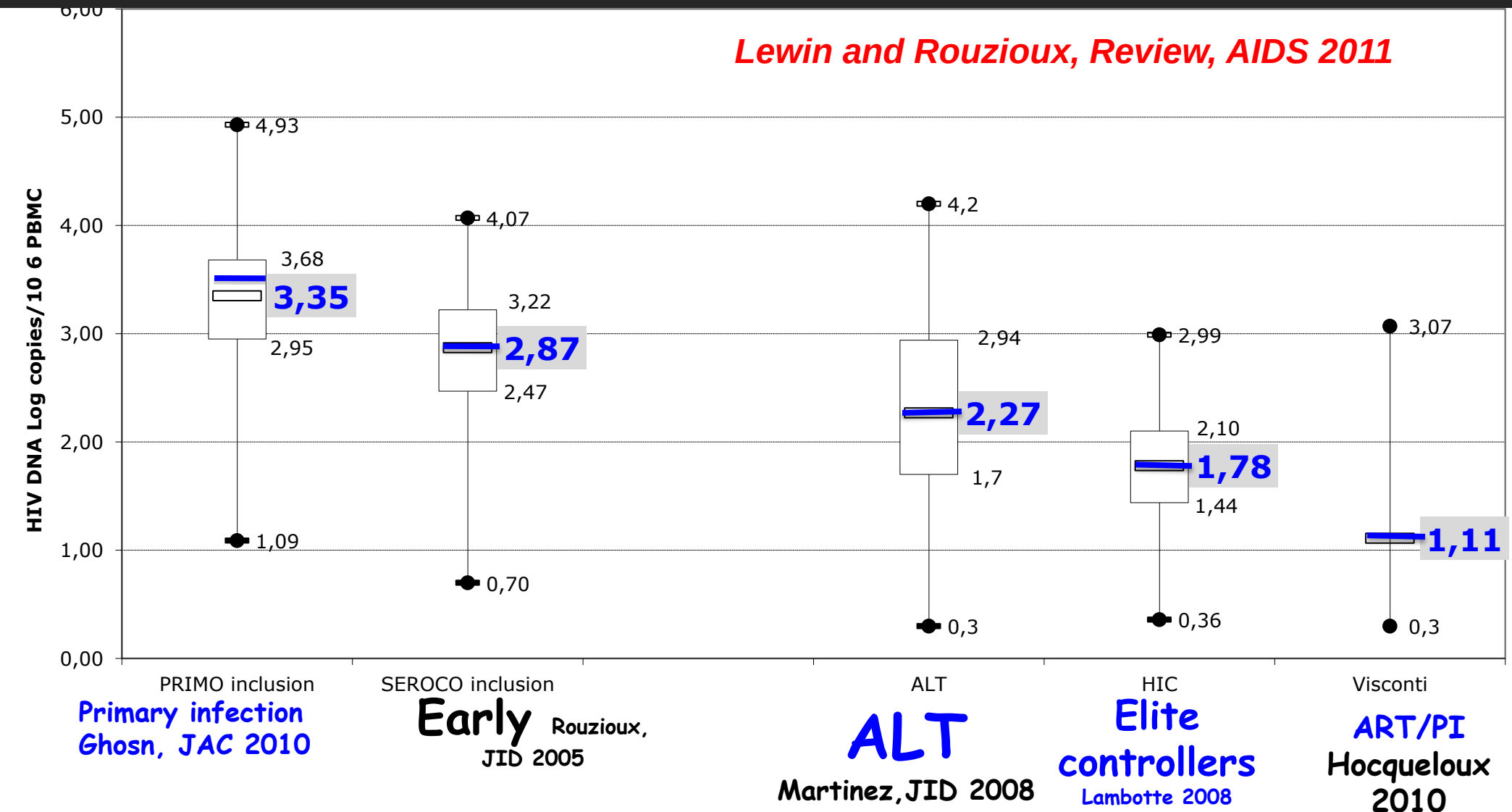
**Time of ART initiation : a key element in reservoir
establishment**

Evolution of HIV RNA and HIV DNA in patients following ART initiation



HIV reservoirs differs from cohorts patients

Lewin and Rouzioux, Review, AIDS 2011

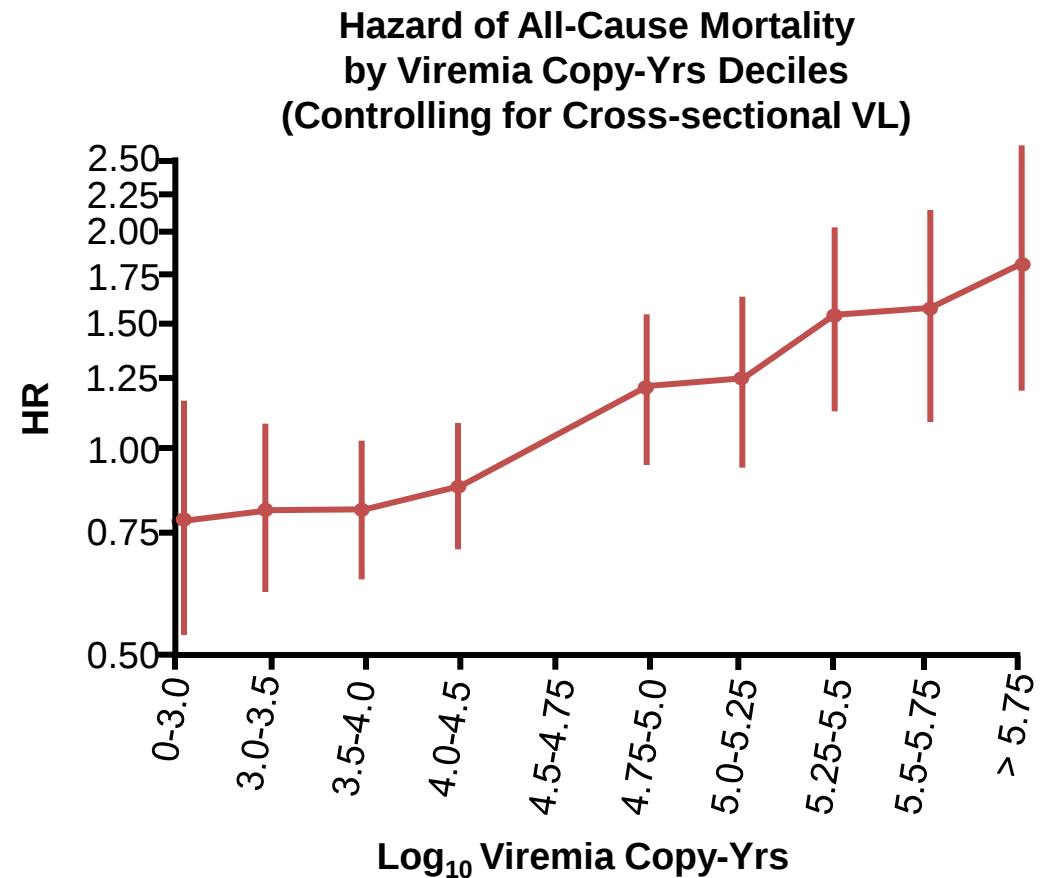


Cumulative Viral load is predictive of mortality under ART

- Observationnal study
- ART Cohort Collaboration
- 33,563 pts
- Estimated cumulative viremia (copies – years)
- After adjustment on age , gender , transmission , BL HIV RNA

Persistent quantitative viremia is predictive of

- All-cause mortality
- AIDS-related mortality



Earliest control of HIV replication is the best way to preserve future

- **Nadir of CD4** is a predictor for death ; morbidity (C Vasc) ; cancer ; ART failure
- **Above 500 CD4** is the optimal way to preserve clinical future
- **ART at PI :**
 - Limitation of viral set point
 - Reservoir size limitation
 - Normalized immune activation

Antiretroviral Therapy : a key tool in prevention

HPTN 052



Essai randomisé

1763 HIV couples hétéro sérodifférents avec entre 350 et 550 CD4

Preservatif recommandé
Afrique ++/ Asie

ART immédiat vs ART différé
96% suppression viro

Transmission : 1 vs 27

96% réduction transmission

Beatriz Grinsztejn et al.

Lancet Infect Dis 2014;14: 281–90

PARTNER



- Etude observationnelle europe
- **767 couples** sérodifférents (homo masculins et hétéro)
 - Rapports occasionnels non protégés
 - Pas d'utilisation de PEP ni de PrEP
- Après 894 couple-années de suivi et med 15 000 RS non protégées

Transmission : 0

Suivi nécessaire / ET du %

Rodger A, CROI 2014, Abs. 153LB

Antiretroviral therapy

- A highly effective therapy
- A highly effective prevention



...A « double hit strategy »

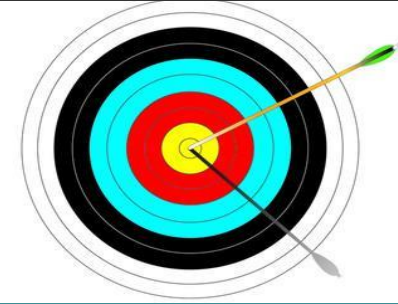
Goals of Antiretroviral Therapy

- Reduce HIV-associated morbidity and prolong duration and quality of survival
- Restore and preserve immunologic function: > 500 CD4 ; normalize CD4/CD8
- Maximally and durably suppress HIV-1 RNA
 - Persistently below level of detection (< 20-75 copies/mL, depending on the assay used)
 - Isolated “blips” not uncommon in successfully treated patients and not thought to predict virologic failure
- Prevent HIV transmission
- Decrease maximally reservoirs

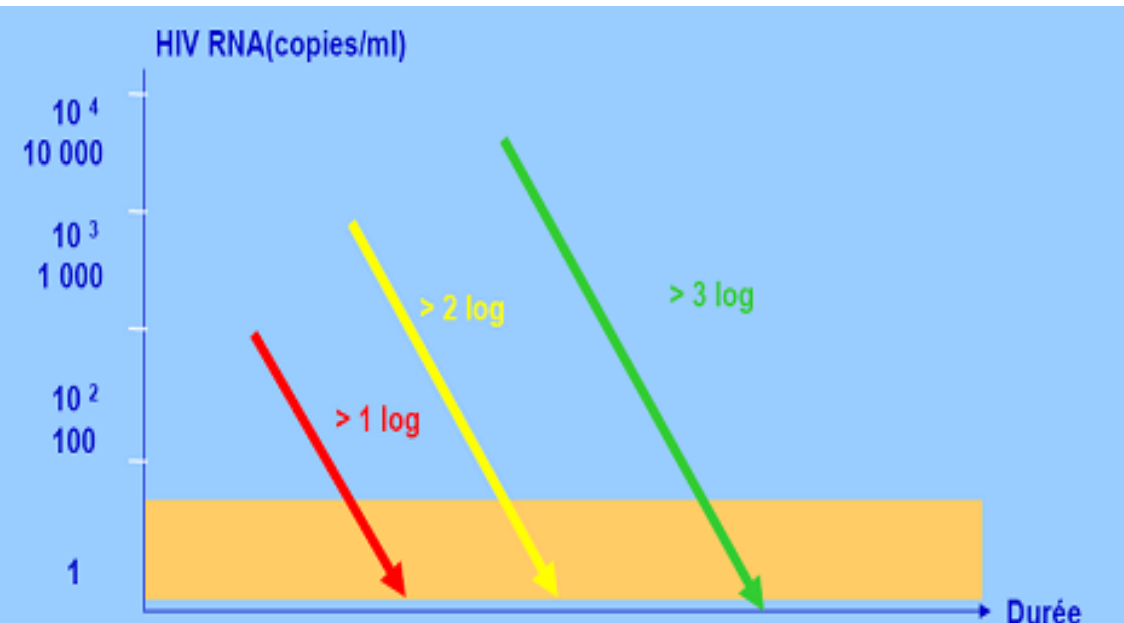
Viral replication has to be maximally suppressed Ideally in the shortest time

Maximal suppression of HIV required to

- Prevent disease progression
- Decrease immune activation
- Prevent resistance



Target VL below
detection



- W4 : -2 log decrease in HIV RNA
 - W12 : < 400 cp/ml
 - W24 : > 50 cp/ml
- In BL high VL .. Full suppression may require longer time

How to best manage HIV patient ?

Initiation

1

Virologic suppression

2

Treatment
Failure

3



HIV therapy = a long life therapy

Antirétroviraux : 2014

NRTI	NNRTI	Protease	Inhib Intégrase	CCR5
TDF TDF/FTC ABC ABC/3TC 3TC/FTC	Nevirapine Efavirenz ⁶ Rilpivirine Etravirine	Lopinavir Atazanavir Darunavir	Raltegravir Elvitegravir Dolutegravir	Maraviroc

Combinaisons fixes
TDF/FTC/EFV
TDF/FTC/RPV
TDF/FTC/cobi/EVG ...

- Malgré puissance et simplicité des combos fixes
 - Standard ART est toujours une trithérapie
- ➡ **Innovation nécessaire**

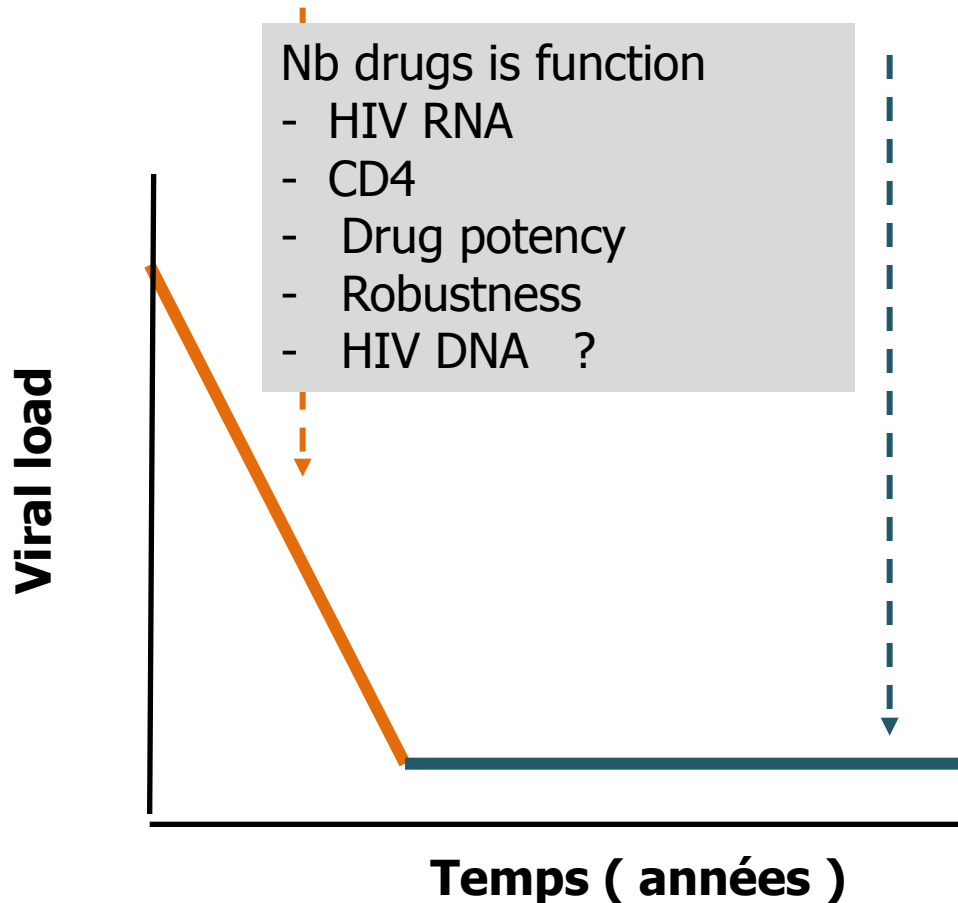
Reasons to individualize ART

- Reduce drug burden
- Prevent / reduce long term toxicity
- Spare drug capital
Adapt ART to CD4 and plasma VL and to reservoirs ?
- Cost reduction



Can we initiate a “non triple” ART ?

Induction



1996 Triple drug ART : a revolution

2014

- More potent drugs
- More robust drugs
- Earlier initiation with lower VL and higher CD4

Which strategies ?

Monotherapy
Dual therapy
Reduced dosages



GARDEL

GLOBAL ART DESIGN ENCOMPASSING LOPINAVIR/RITONAVIR
AND LAMIVUDINE VS LOPINAVIR/RITONAVIR BASED STANDARD THERAPY

GARDEL: Dual ART LPV/r +3TC

Non inferior to Triple ART in ART naïve patients

Phase III, randomized, controlled, open-label study
Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Spain, US.

426 ART- naïve pts
VL: 4.87 log
CD4: 320/mm³
No PI resistance

LPV/r 400/100mg BID
+ 3TC 150 mg BID
n=217

LPV/r 400/100mg BID
+ 3TC /FTC + NRTI
n=209

HIV-1 RNA < 50 W48

ITT exposed - Snapshot	ITT Snapshot VL> 5 log	Exposed
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88.3 %	87.2%	95.5%
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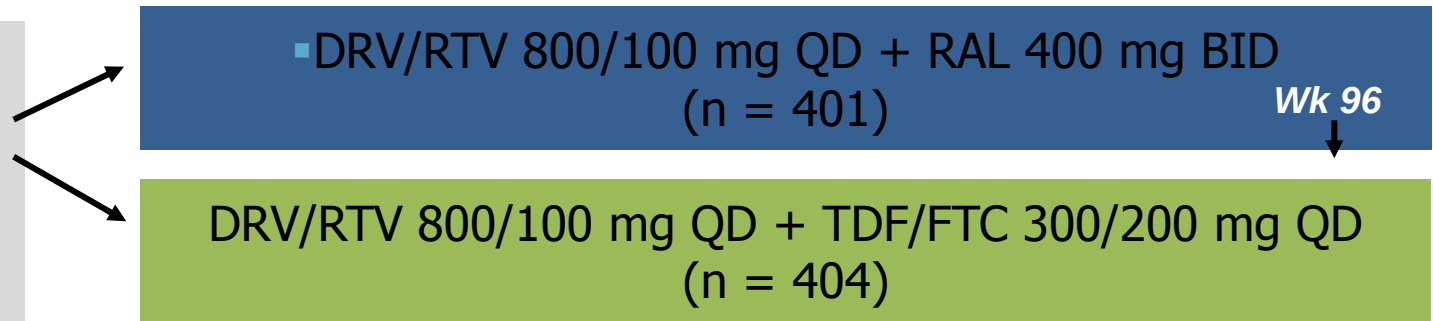
83.7 %	77.9 %	96.6%
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- Grade 2-3 adverse events **more frequent in triple-ART** arm (88 vs 65 events)
- Hyperlipidemia more common in dual-ART arm (23 vs 16 pts)
- Limited resistance (2 with M184V in LPV/3TC)

NEAT-001/ANRS 143: DRV/RTV + RAL vs DRV/RTV + TDF/FTC in Naive Pts

- Randomized, open-label, phase III study

- 805 ART naive patients
- CD4 : 345/mm³
- CV : 4.76 log
- > 100 000 cp/ml : 35%



- **Primary endpoint**

- **Virologic:** Change of treatment before Wk 32 because of insufficient response or HIV-1 RNA $\geq$ 50 c/mL at Wk 32 or beyond
- **Clinical:** Death, any new AIDS-defining event, any new non-AIDS event

NEAT: RAL + DRV/RTV Noninferior to TDF/FTC + DRV/RTV at 96 Wks

- Overall, regimens noninferior by % reaching composite primary endpoint of 6 virologic and clinical endpoints at Wk

No difference in terms of efficacy

- RAL: 17.4%, TDF/FTC: 13.7%
- Inferior response in pts with BL CD4+ < 200 and a trend toward more primary endpoints in pts with BL VL > 100K

BL HIV-1 RNA

< 100,000 c/mL n = 530
 ≥ 100,000 c/mL n = 275

BL CD4+ cell count

RAL	TDF/FTC
17.4	13.7

7	7
36	27

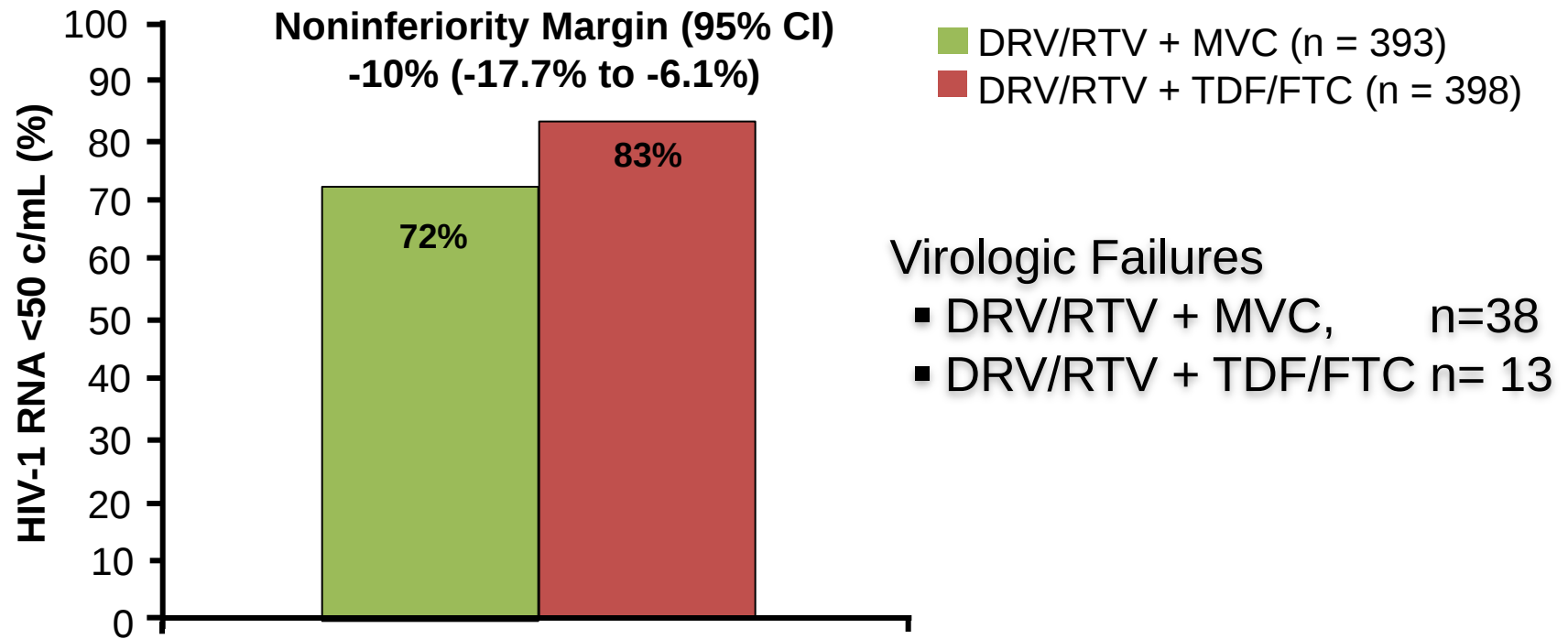
(P = .09)

When CD4 are low or VL high prefer triple ART

- No pts with resistance in TDF/FTC arm vs 5 with integrase mutations and 1 with K65R

- Significantly greater mean increases in fasting lipids in RAL arm

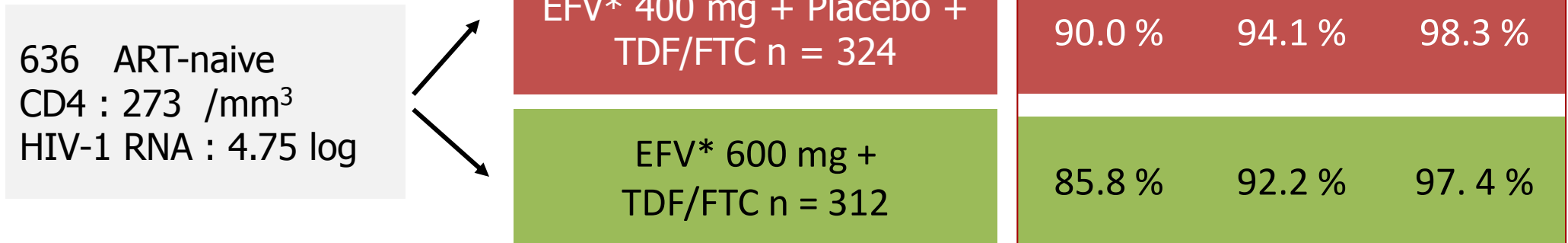
MODERN Study Wk 48 Results: DRV/RTV + MVC Inferior to DRV/RTV + TDF/FTC



Study terminated early due to inferior efficacy
October 4, 2013, following Data Monitoring Committee recommendation

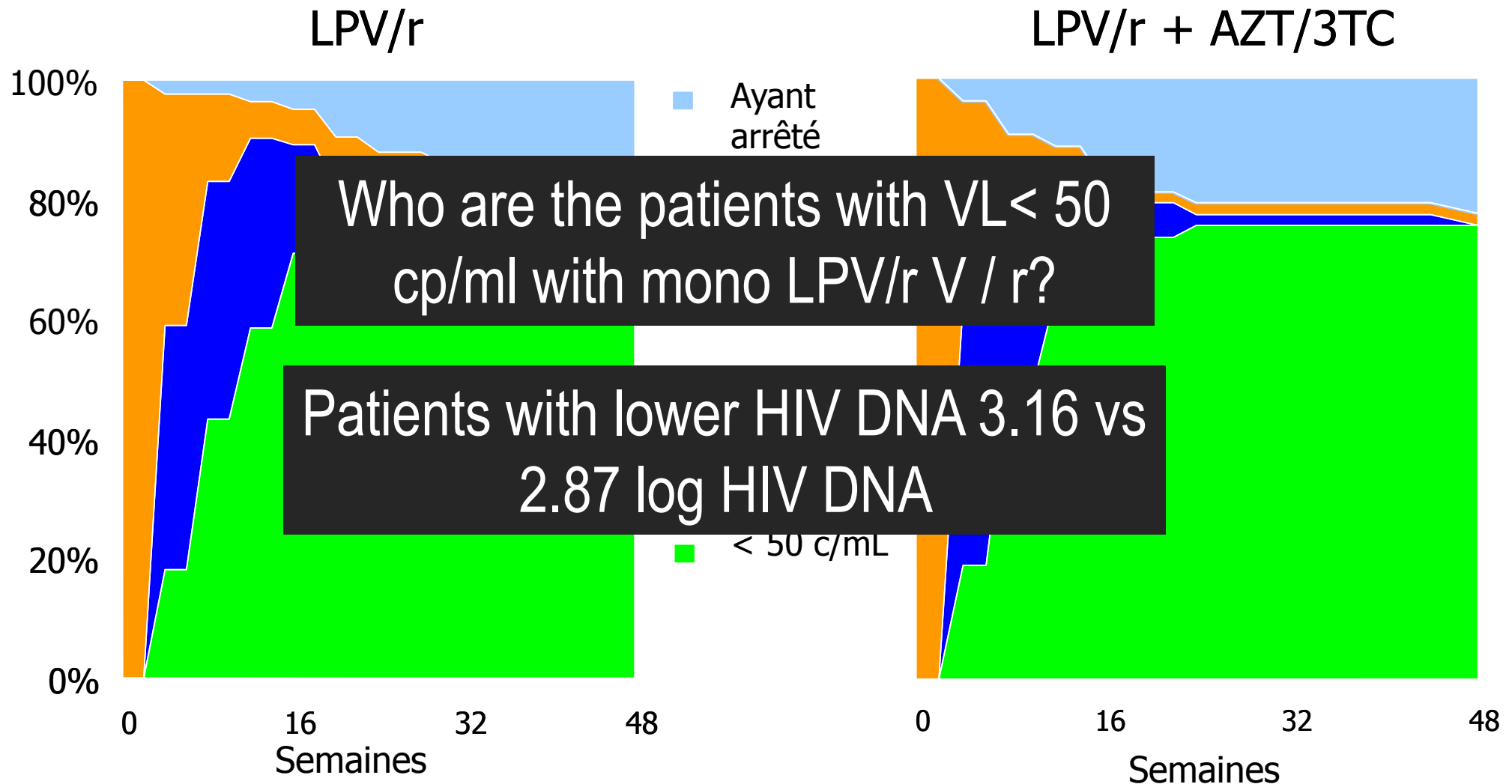
EFV 400-mg non inférieur à 600-mg EFV combiné à TDF/FTC en 1^o ligne

- Etude noninfériorité randomisée ,
double aveugle versus placebo



- Effets secondaires plus fréquents** avec EFV 600 **47.2%** mg vs EFV 400 mg **36.8%**; $p=.008$
- Arrêts traitements plus fréquents** avec EFV 600 mg (intolérance) vs EFV 400 mg 1.9% vs 5.8%; $p = .010$

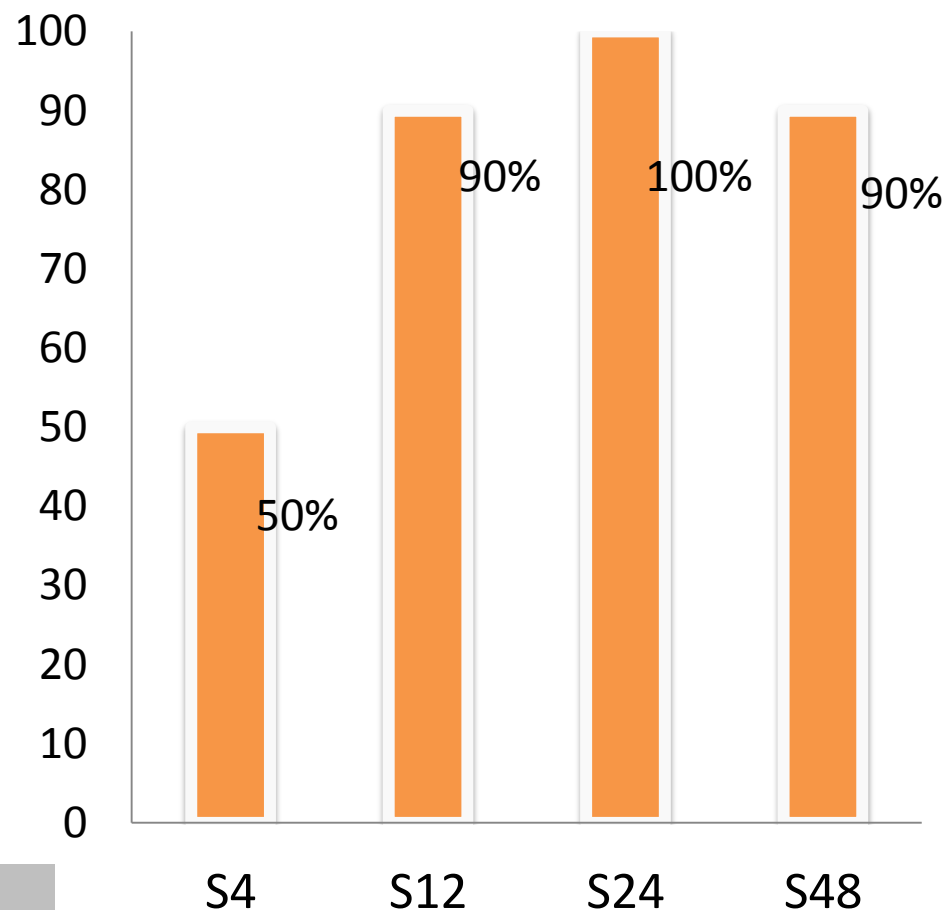
MONARK : Lopinavir / r mono Rx in naive patients



Etude pilote de bithérapie NRTI en initiation chez des patients avec CD4 élevés et CV faible

- 20 patients
- CV < 30 000 cp/ml
Med : 10.395 cp
- CD4 > 350/mm³
med : 592
- Initiation avec 2 NRTI
TDF/FTC : 19
ABC/3TC : 1

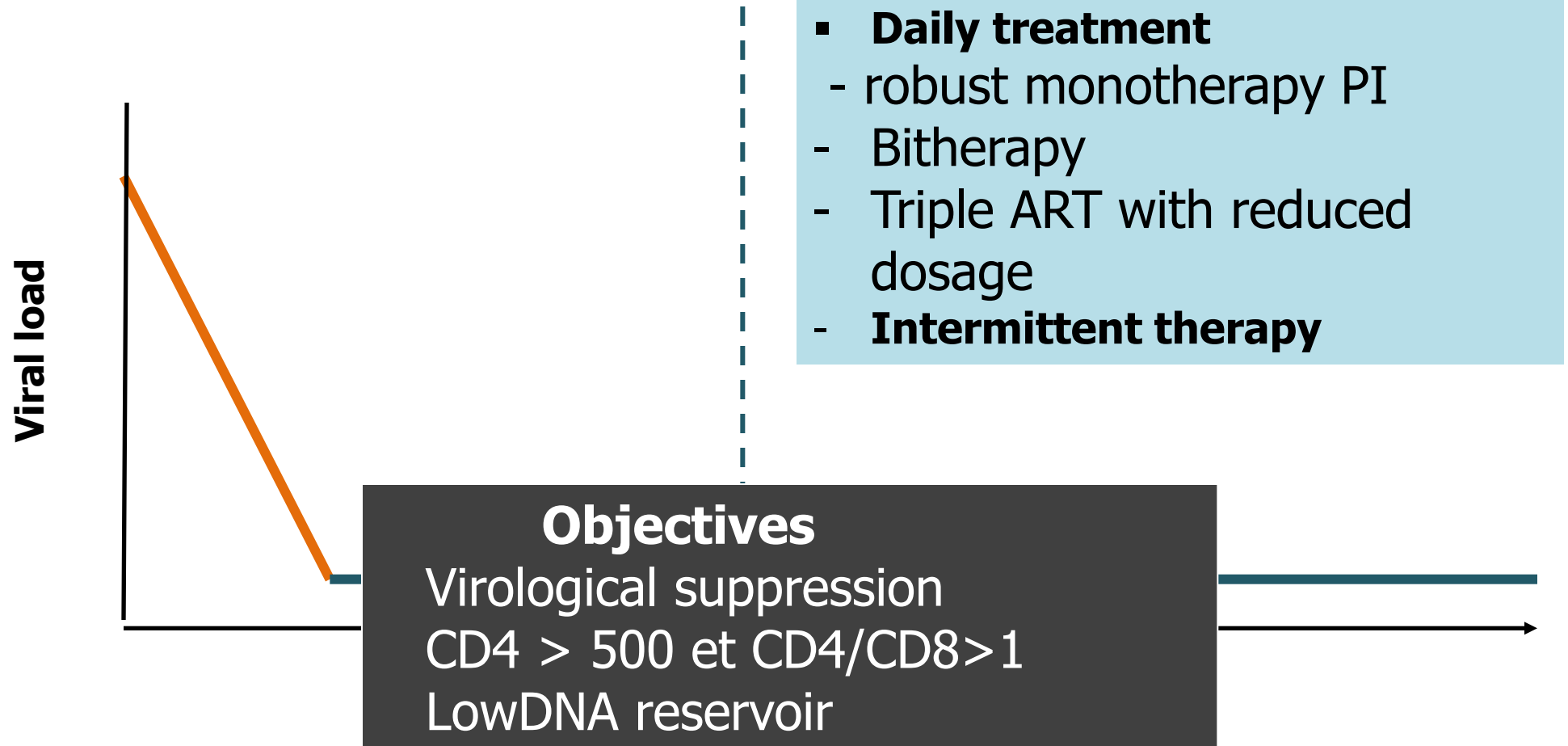
Délai d'indéfectabilité < 50 cp/mL
= 4 [4-12] semaines



Individualize ART for a long life therapy

Initiation = Induction

Maintenance therapy

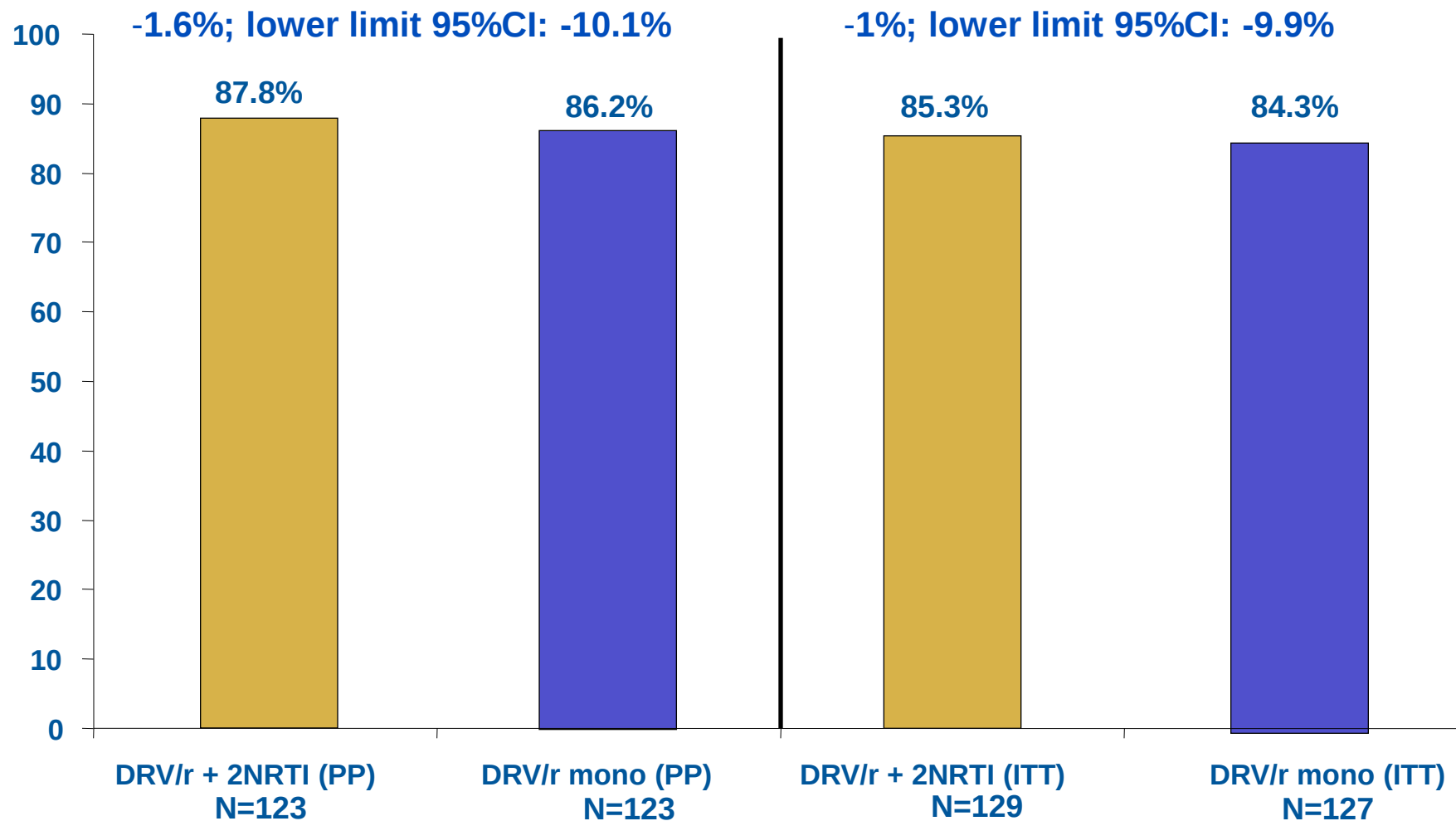




MONET: Primary Efficacy Analysis: HIV RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 48

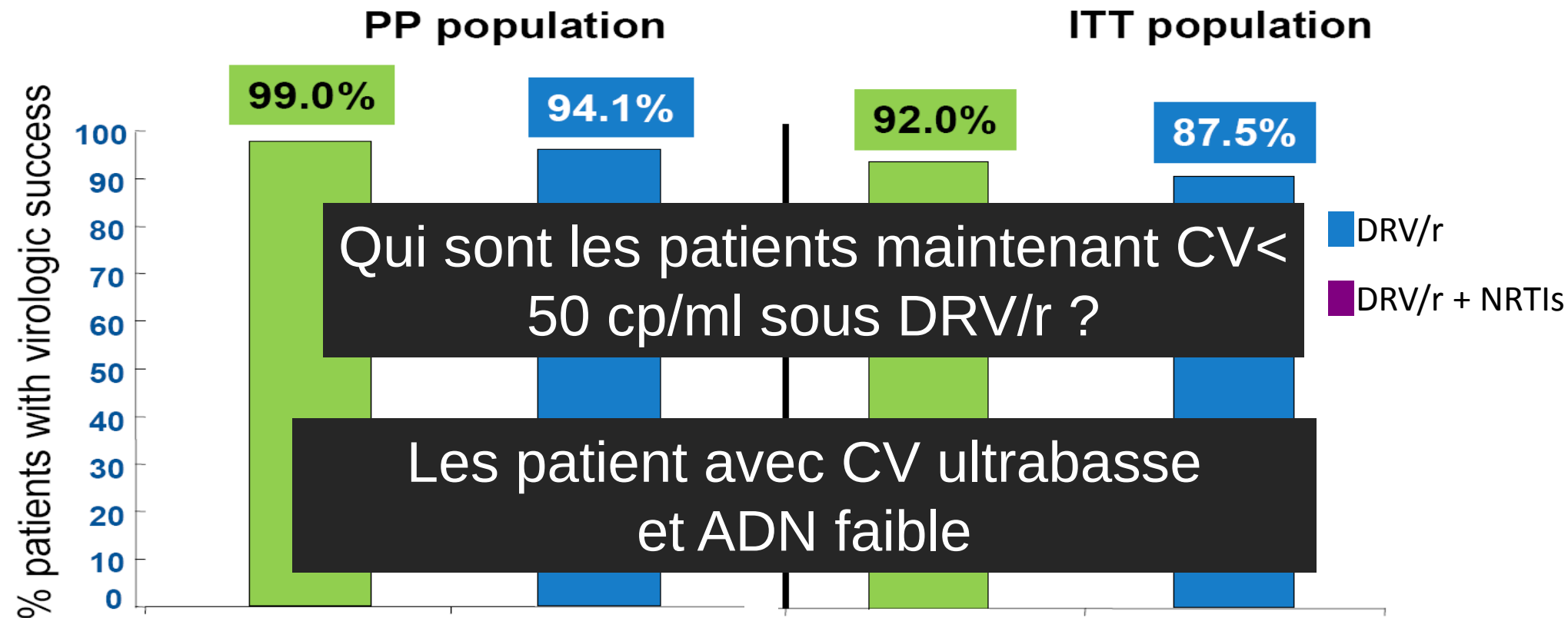
Per Protocol analysis (PP)
Primary analysis

Intent to Treat analysis (ITT)





MONOI Efficacité virologique S48



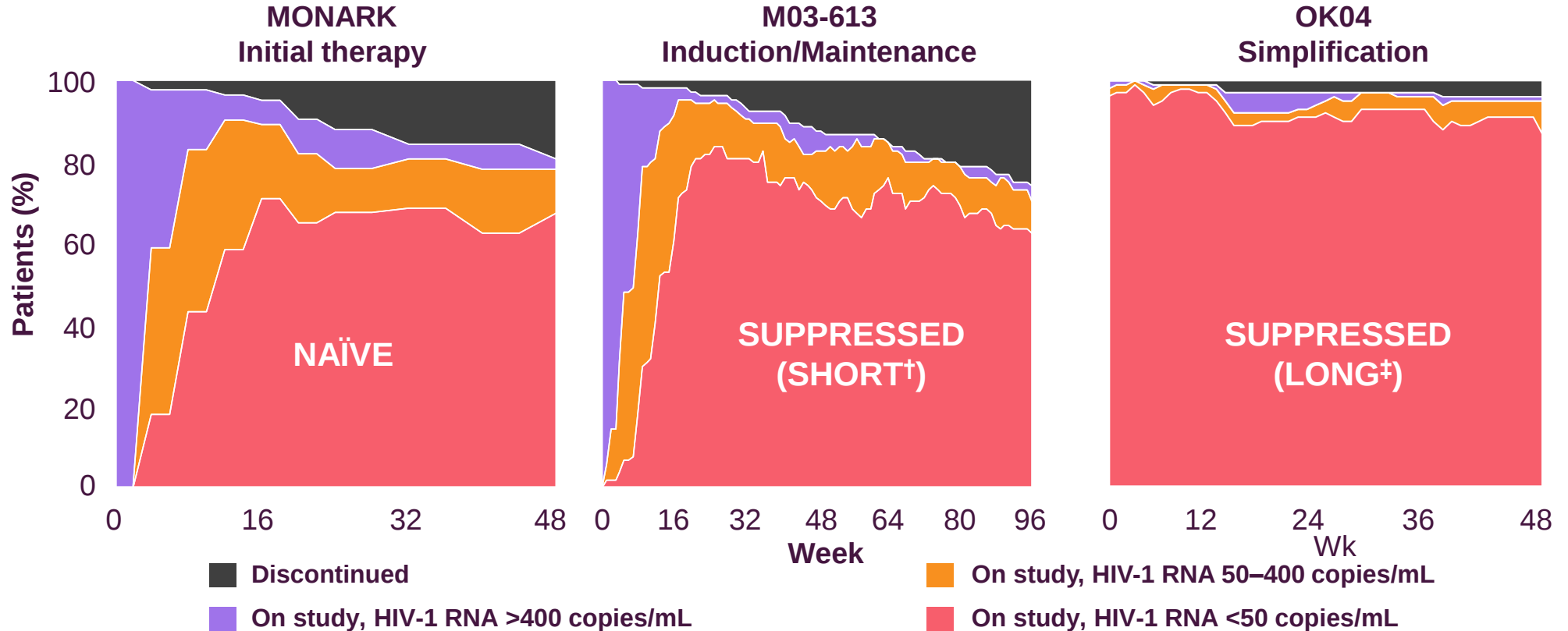
Response	Difference (Lower limit CI)
Rx success (PP, n=204)	- 4.9% (- 9%)
Rx success (ITT, n=225)	- 4.5% (-11%)

-9% > -10% → mono DRV/r
non inferior to DRV/r + 2 NRTIs

-11% < -10% → failure to
demonstrate non-inferiority

PI/r monotherapy

Monotherapy with LPV/r*1



*Boosted PI monotherapy is an off-label approach.

†Short-term suppression: ≤24 weeks;² ‡Long-term suppression: >6 months.³

Switching therapy

- **Objective : maintain viral suppression**
 - Decrease drug burden
 - Decrease/ prevent toxicity
 - Simple regimen
 - Robust regimen
- Reconstitutes ART and resistance history
 - Take into consideration BL characteristics and time of viral suppression
 - The switched regimen has to include potent and robust drug(s)
 - Do not keep resistant drugs that cumulates toxicity and cost

Can we reduce drug burden ?



Monothérapie

IP

molécule robuste ..DTG ?

ARV intermittent

Essai 4D ANRS

Bithérapies

Inhibiteur integrase

NRTI

ETRAL ANRS

Réduction dose

IP boosté

NNRTI

New drugs

- High potency
- High tolerability
- Coformulable
- Long half life
- High genetic barrier to resistance
- Low production cost



- To reduce
 - Nb intakes
 - Need for monitoring
 - Delivery optimization

Drugs in clinical development

NRTI	NNRTI		Inhib Integrase	CCR5
TAF	LPA 278		GS 744 LPA GS 744	Cenicri viroc
NRTI BMS	MK-1439			

Dolutegravir

a major drug in ARV armamentarium

■ High potency +

- 2.6 log₁₀ cp/mL in 10 days
- *Superior* to EFV et darunavir/r in naïve patients
- *non-inferieur* à raltegravir in naïve patients
- *Supérieur* à raltegravir inpretreated (INI naïve)
- Active in 63% patients failing INI

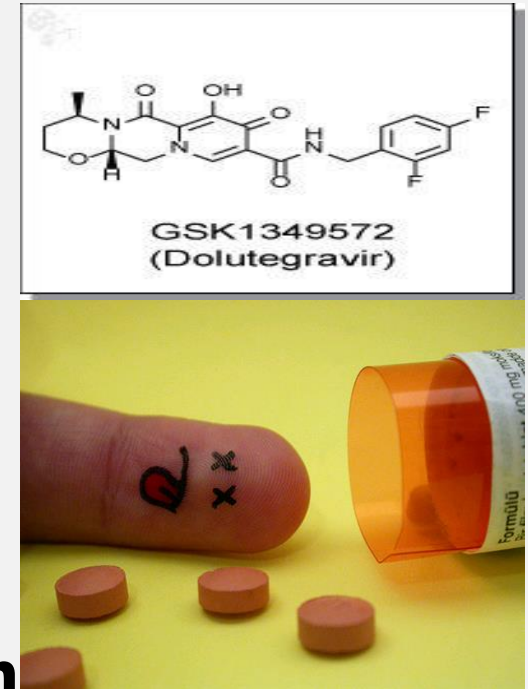
High genetic barrier to resistance

Once daily ($t_{1/2}$ =15 h) **Low dosage** (50 mg)

■ Limited PK variability /drug drug interactions

No CYP induction or inhibition

- **Excellent tolerability**
- **Low production cost**

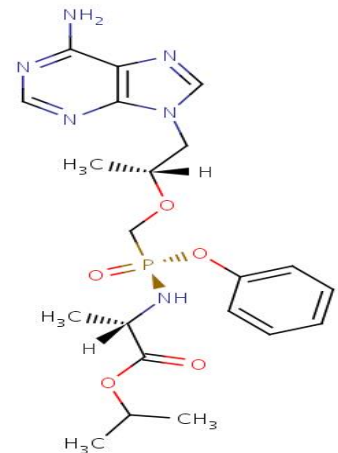


Tenofovir Alafenamide Fumarate (TAF) a new version of an old drug

- Prodrogue NRTI, converted in active tenofovir diphosphate
- Différent du tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
 - More active than TDF
 - 300% reduction of viral load

TAF will progressively replace TDF

- Cellular concentration ++ less i
- Better tolerated kidney and bones
- Co-formulation possible
- Dosage : 10 mg par jour



New long acting antiretroviral drugs

A major option for treatment and prevention

Rilpivirine LA

- Nanosuspension NNRTI
- Injections IM monthly

GSK744 LAP

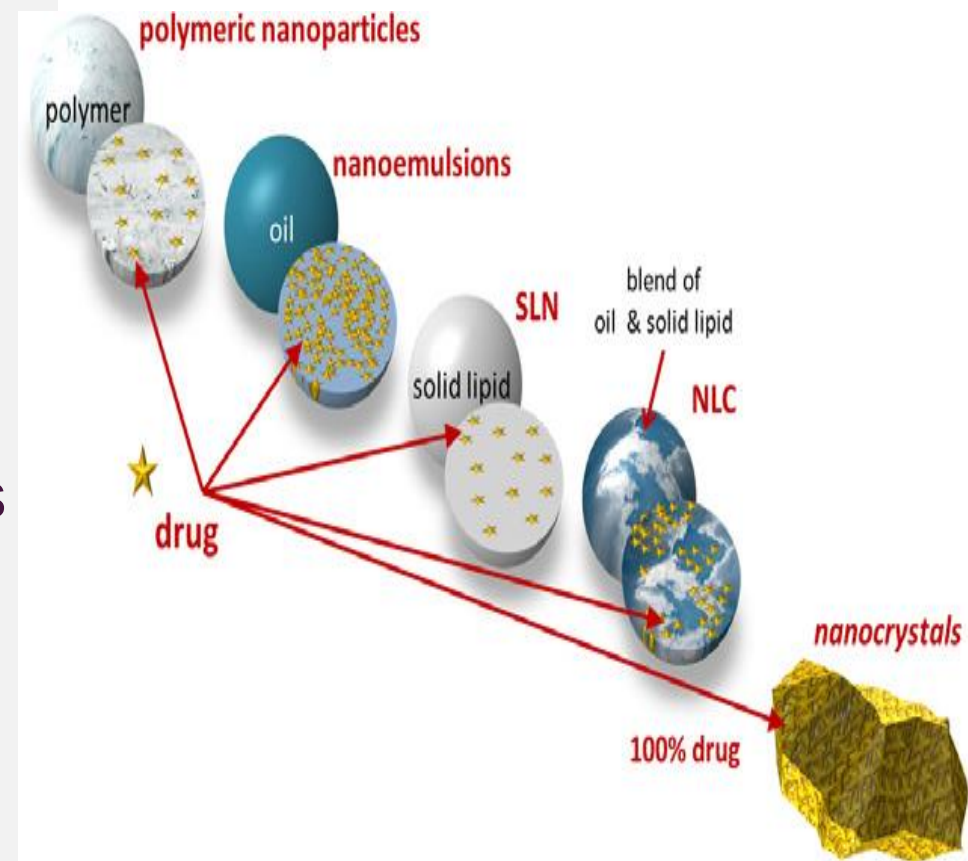
- Nanosuspension integrase inhibitor
- IM and SC /month or /3 months
200-1200 mg tested

GSK 744 oral (Etude Latte)

10 20 30 60 mg + TDF/FTC

Efficacy : > 90%

No difference between doses



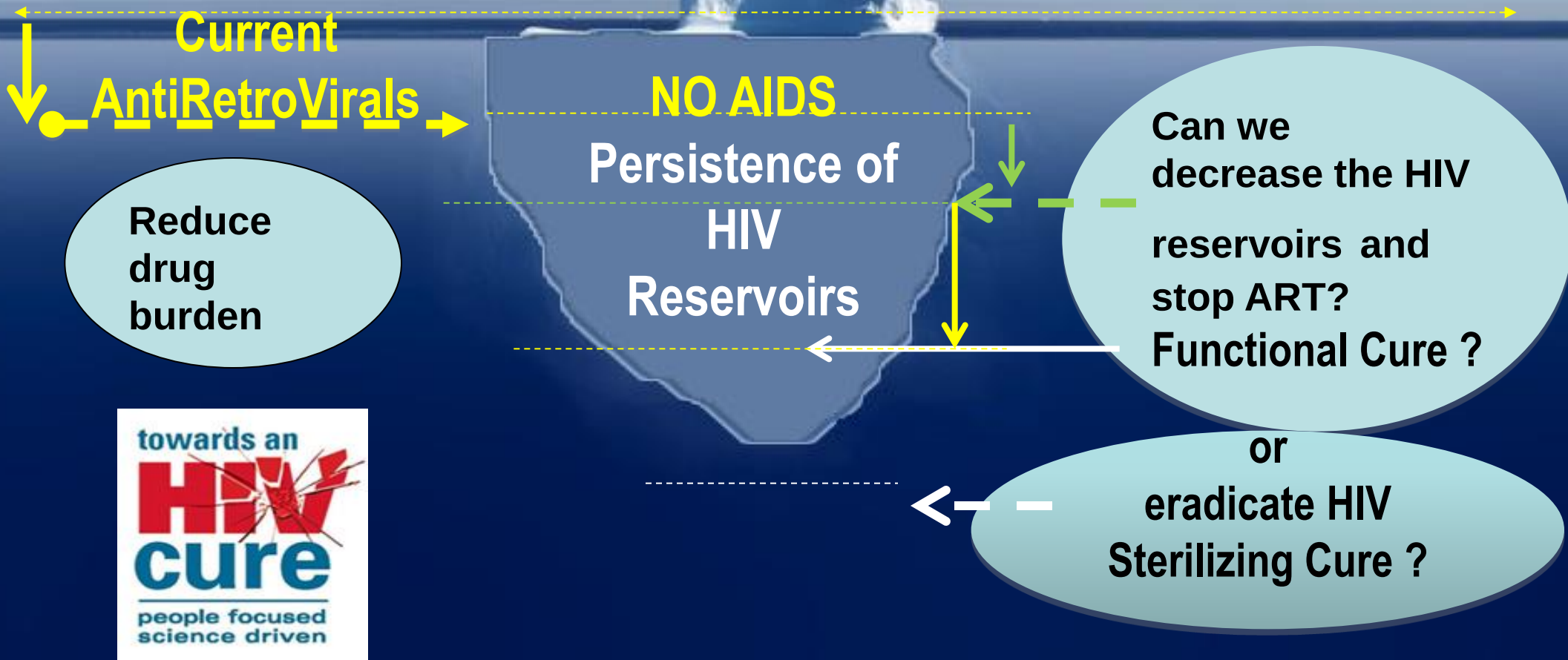
Antiretroviral Strategies

- Treat HIV as ART normalized survival and prevent partner ` transmission
- ART normalizes life of a with HIV person living
- Earlier treatment with better drugs
- Triple drug is the rule particularly for patients with high viral loads
- Individualized treatment will allow to adjust to each patient history
- Saving drugs is key to preserve ART options

Why do we need a Cure for HIV ?

➤ **To control the HIV pandemics**

How ?



Is Cure achievable ?

Elite controllers

Never treated

Special phenotype:

HLA /Strong CD4 and CD8 response/High level cytokine towards HIV/Preserved central memory cells/Low immune activation

Berlin patient : CCR5 defective stem cell graft

- **Mississippi baby**
- **Visconti patients**
 - Treated at early stage of infection
- **Chronic long term patients ? Salto**

SALTO ANRS 116

Treatment interruption in early treated patients with CD4 > 350 and VL < 50 000 cp/ml

95 patients

- Age 40 years (IQR: 36–45).
- **Pre-cART values**
 - CD4 : **454** /mL (392–576)
 - VL : **4.3** log₁₀ cp/ml (3.9 – 4.5)
 - CD4 nadir : **382** /mL (340–492).
- **Duration of cART : 5.3 years** (4.0–6.0)-
- **Baseline values**
 - CD4 count : **813** cells/mL (695–988),
 - DNA : **206** copies/10⁶ PBMCs (IQR: 53–556)

12 months post TI

- 7/95 patients still had a VL<400 cp/ml
KP: 7.5%, CI: 3.7-14.6)
- 4 kept a VL<400 copies/mL up to 36 months;
- All had CD4 cell >500/mm³
- HIV DNA was the only significant predictor of maintaining VL < 400 cp/ml
med value : < 10 vs 233 cp / 10⁶PBMCs
p < 0.001

Potential strategies to reduce HIV reservoirs

