

# HIV - Therapy Principles

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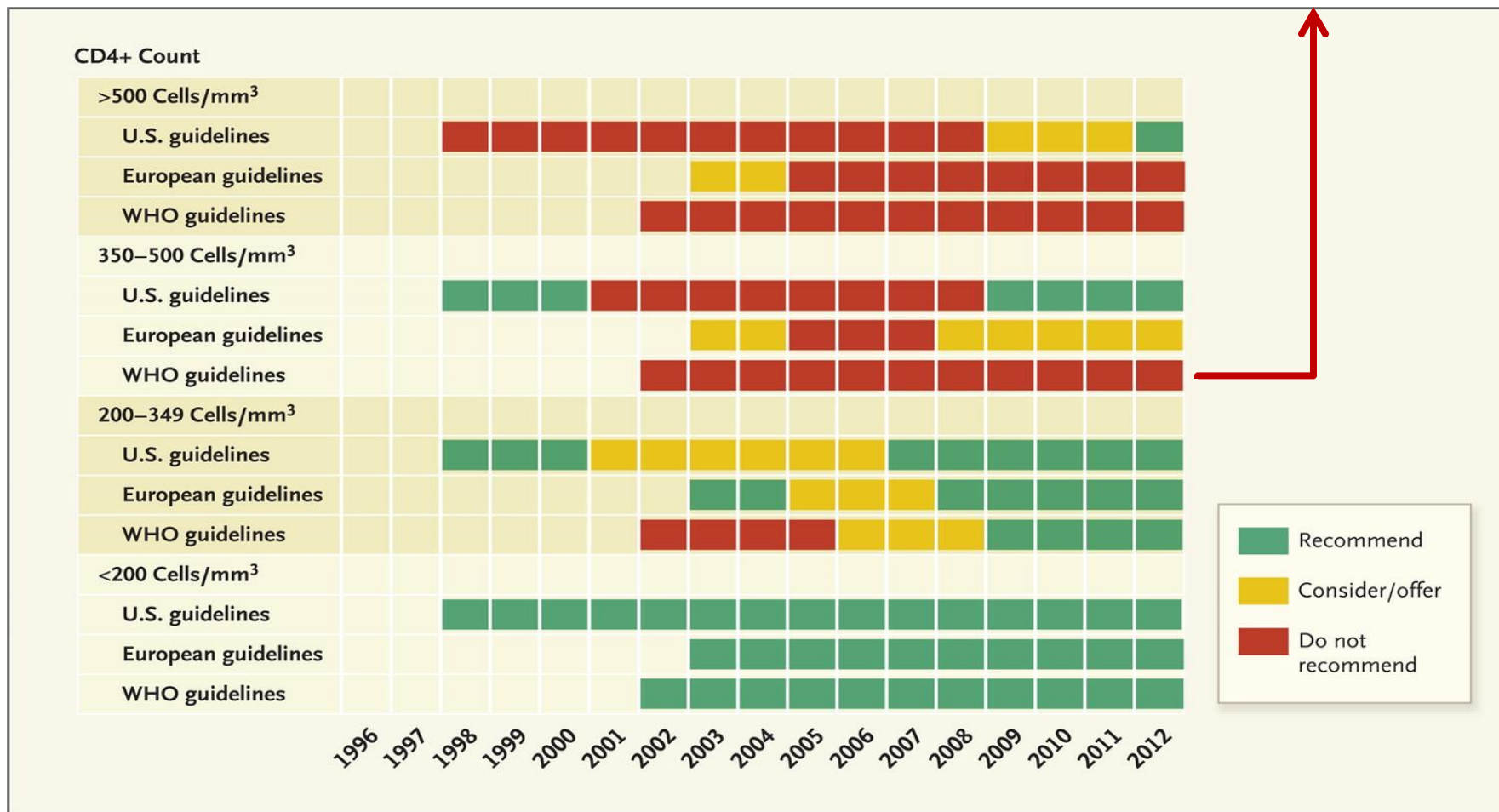
# ART is started earlier

## 2013 ART GUIDELINES

CD4  $\leq 500$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>  
(CD4  $\leq 350$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>  
as a priority)

## STRENGTH OF RECOMMENDATION

Moderate-quality evidence



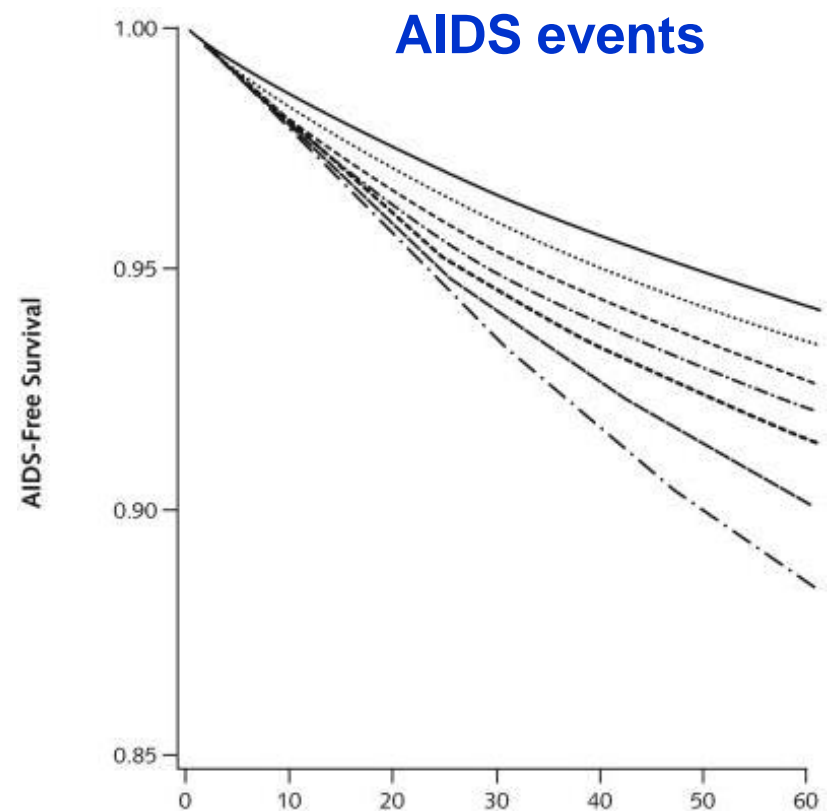
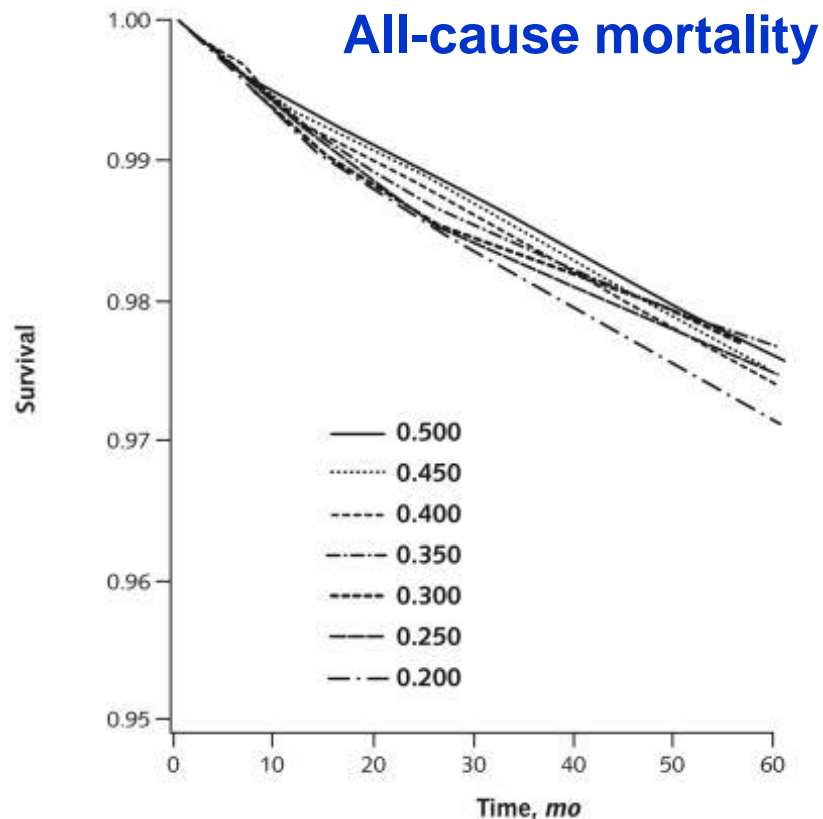
# International Guidelines 2014

## when to start

Guideline	AIDS or HIV-related symptoms	Asymptomatic CD4 cell count		
		<350	350-500	>500
<b>EACS</b>	Yes	Yes	Consider	Consider
<b>US DHHS</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>IAS-USA</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>WHO</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not addressed

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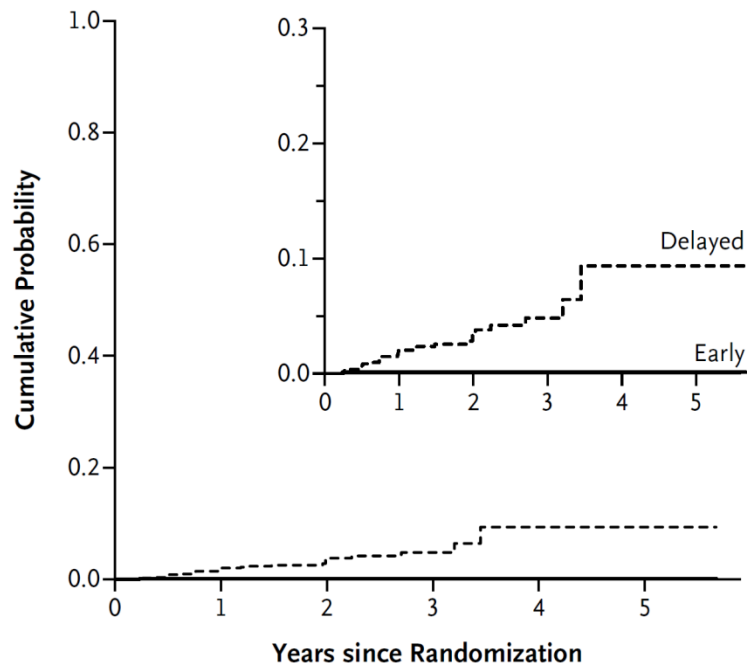
# 5-year outcome by CD4 at starting ART



**No changes in mortality but in AIDS-defining events with starting ART at increasing CD4 (>450 cells/ $\mu$ l)**

# Impact of prevention of transmission on when to start

**A** Linked HIV Transmission



**No. at Risk**

Early	893	658	298	79	31	24
Delayed	882	655	297	80	26	22

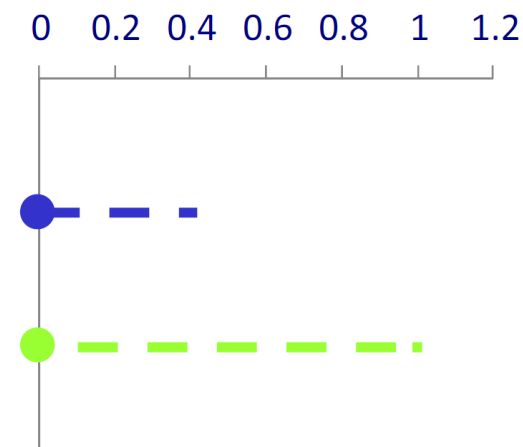
## RCT: Delayed vs Early ART

1763 serodiscordant couples

→ 28 vs 1 transmissions\*

\* Not virologically suppressed

**Rate of within couple transmission (per 100 CYFU)**



**Any sex  
(CYFU=894)**

**Anal sex  
(CYFU=374)**

## Partner-study (longitudinal study)

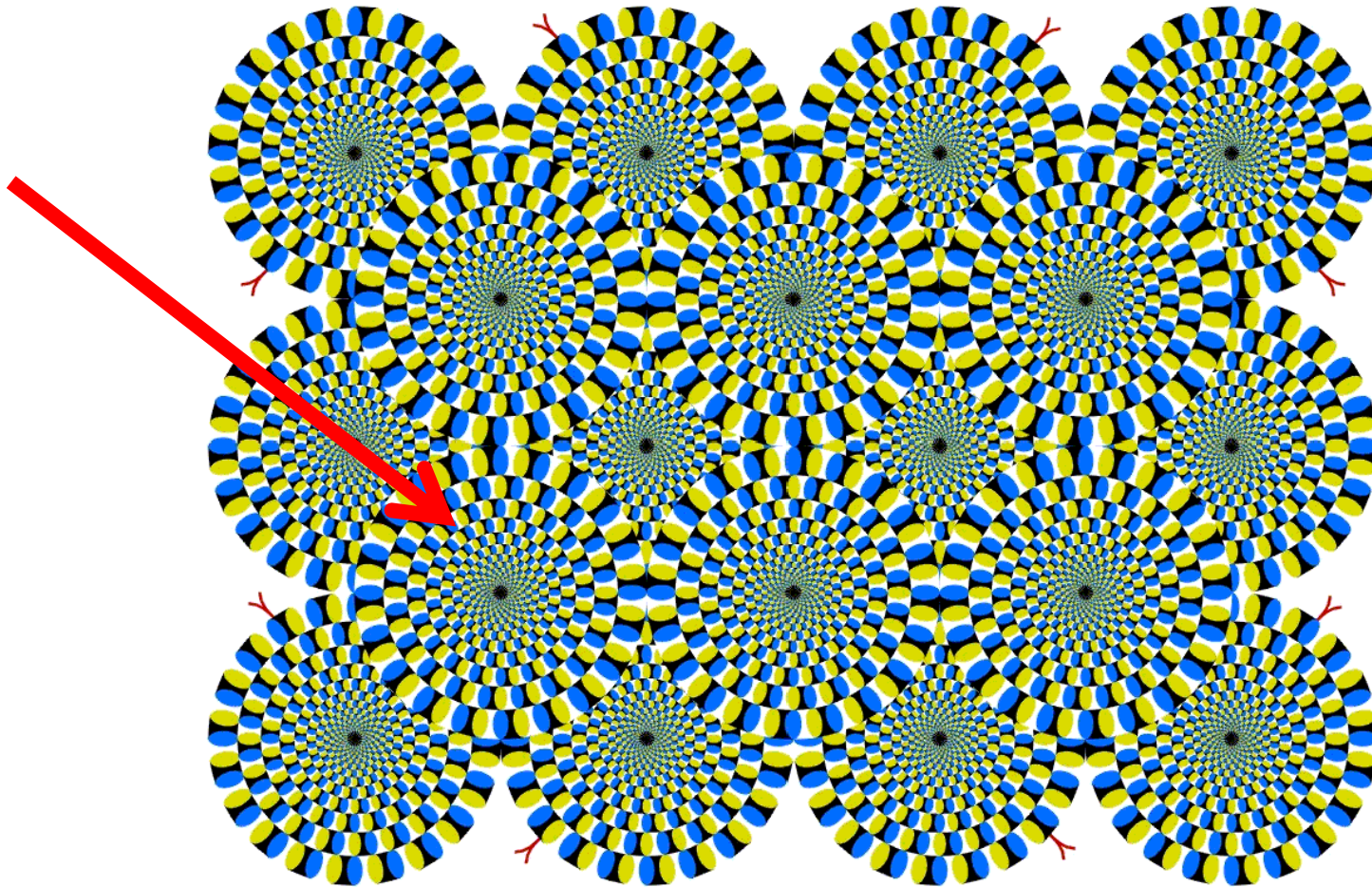
→ Interim results after 984 eligible serodiscordant couple-years of FUP: HIV transmission rate of zero through condomless sex with HIV-RNA <200 c/mL on ART



# Individual counselling in clinics should be differentiated

- Discuss:
  - Individual prognosis
  - Transmission prevention
  - Treatment as prevention
- Lack of data for very early start
  - START trial ongoing
- ‘Only’ pathophysiological data for primary HIV
- Strong evidence of prevention of transmission
  - Individual perspective
  - Public health perspective

# Perception versus Reality



# Is the patient ready for ART ?

«I would like to talk about  
HIV medication»

*... please wait ...*

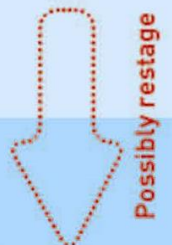
«What do you think about it?»

<b>Patient</b>	Depression
	Drug, alcohol addiction
	Cognitive problems
	Low health literacy

<b>System</b>	Health insurance
	Continuity drug supply
	Low social support

## Precontemplation:

“I don’t need it, I feel good”  
“I don’t want to think about it”



## Contemplation:

“I am weighing things up and feel  
torn about what to do about it”



## Preparation

“I want to start, I think the  
drugs will allow me to live  
a normal life”



**START cART**

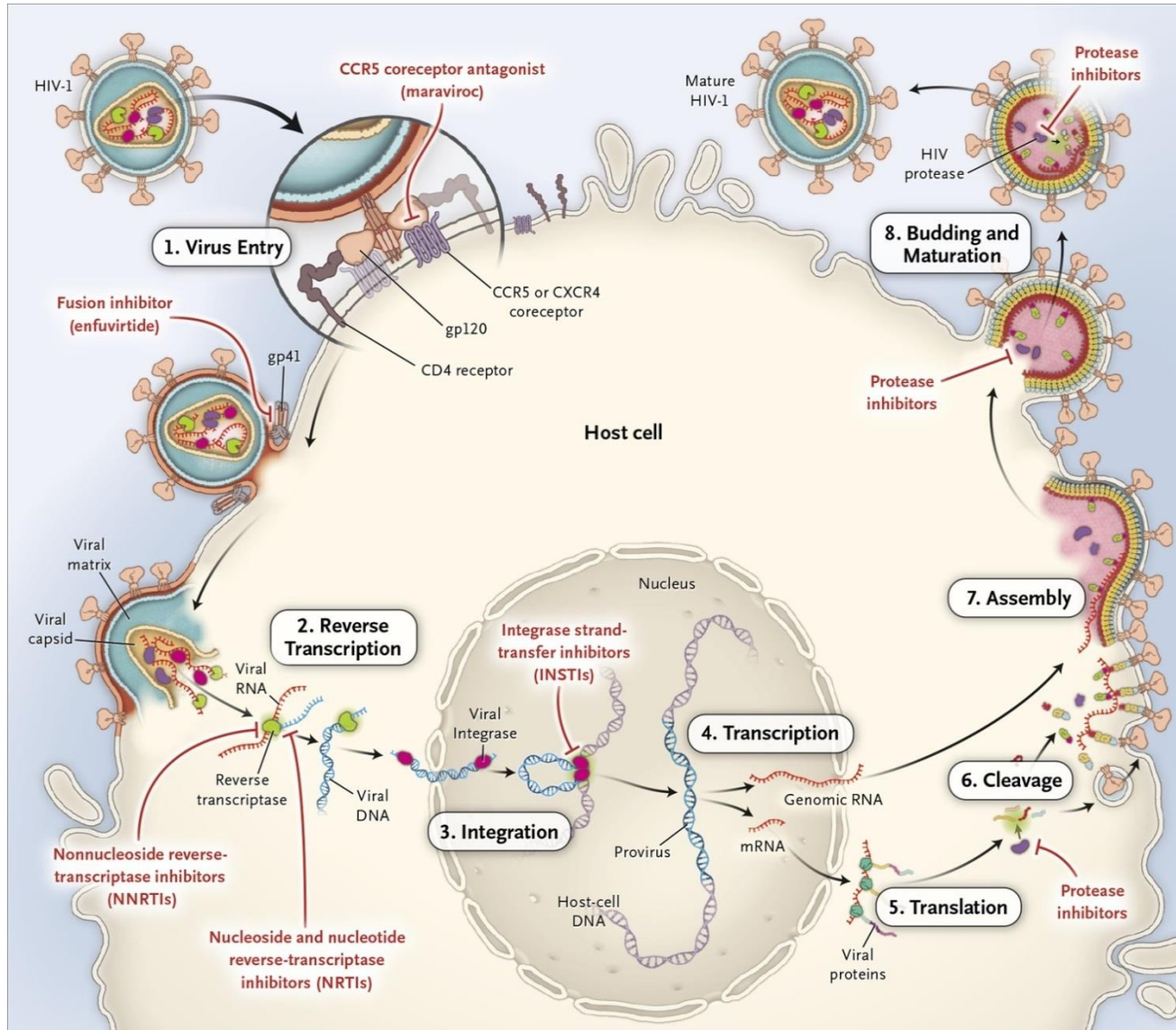
and maintain adherence

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# HIV-1 Cycle and Sites of Action ART



# What to start

## NNRTI

## PI

## NRTI

Abacavir (ABC)  
Didanosine (DDI)  
Emtricitabine (FTC)  
Lamivudine (3TC)  
Stavudin (D4T)  
Tenofovir (TDF)  
Zidovudine (ZDV)

2 NRTI + 1 NNRTI

Efavirenz (EFV)  
Nevirapine (NVP)  
Etravirine (ETV)  
Ralpivirine (RPV)

2 NRTI + 1 PI

Amprenavir (APV)  
Atazanavir/r (ATV)  
Indinavir (IDV)  
Lopinavir/r (LPV)  
Saquinavir/r (SQV)  
Ritonavir (RTV)  
Nelfinavir (NFV)  
Tipranavir (TPV)  
Darunavir/r (DRV)

2 NRTI + 1 Int-Inh

## Integrase Inh.

Raltegravir (RGV)  
Elvitegravir (EVG)  
Dolutegravir (DGV)

# EACS Guidelines 2014

A drug from column A should be combined with the drugs listed in column B<sup>(\*\*)</sup>

A	B	Remarks
<b>NNRTI</b>	<b>NRTI</b>	
EFV <sup>(i)</sup> RPV <sup>(ii)</sup>	ABC/3TC <sup>(vii)</sup> or TDF/FTC	ABC/3TC co-formulated TDF/FTC co-formulated EFV/TDF/FTC co-formulated RPV/TDF/FTC co-formulated
<b>PI/r</b>		
ATV/r <sup>(iv)</sup> DRV/r <sup>(iv)</sup>	ABC/3TC <sup>(vii)</sup> or TDF/FTC	ATV/r: 300/100 mg qd DRV/r: 800/100 mg qd
<b>INSTI</b>		
EVG + COBI	FTC/TDF	EVG/COBI/FTC/TDF co-formulated <sup>(ix)</sup>
RAL	TDF/FTC or ABC/3TC	RAL: 400 mg bd

- <sup>ii</sup> RPV: only if HIV-VL < 100,000 copies/mL; PPI contraindicated, H2 antagonists to be taken 12h before or 4h after RPV.
- <sup>vii</sup> ABC contra-indicated if HLA B\*5701 positive. Even if HLA B\*5701 negative, counselling on HSR risk still mandatory. ABC should be used with caution in persons with a high CVD risk and/or persons with a VL > than 100,000 copies/mL.

# DHHS Guidelines: October 2013

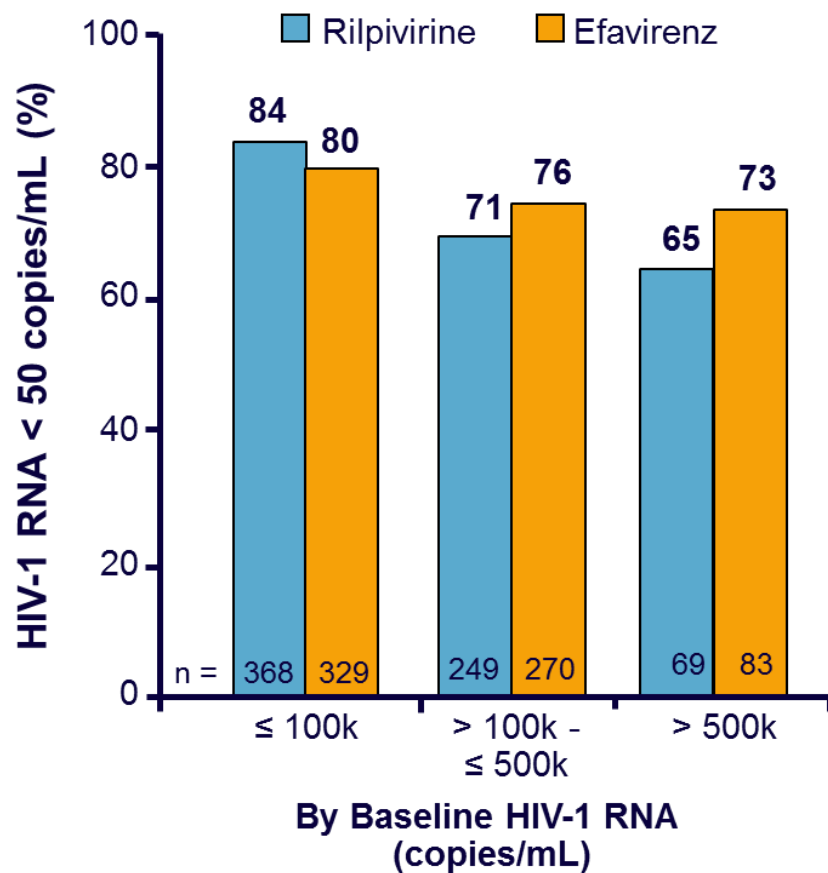
## Update on Integrase Inhibitors

Class	Preferred Regimens
<b>NNRTI</b>	EFV/TDF/FTC
<b>Boosted PI</b>	ATV/r + TDF/FTC DRV/r + TDF/FTC
<b>INSTI</b>	RAL + TDF/FTC EVG/COB/TDF/FTC DTG + ABC/3TC DTG + TDF/FTC

All 3 integrase inhibitors are now part of preferred first-line regimens



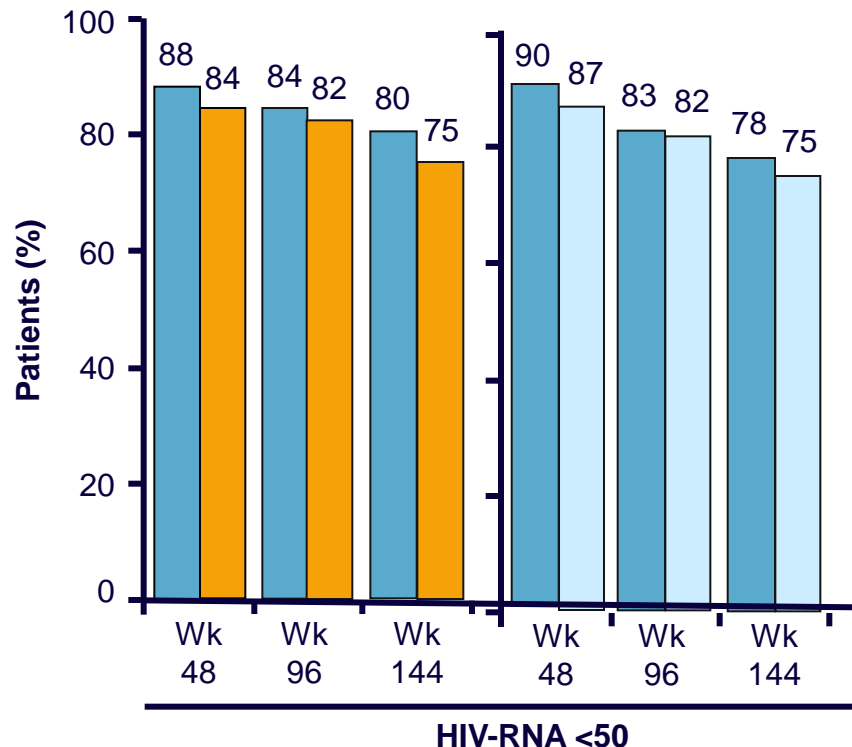
# New drugs: Rilpivirine



- **Noninferior to Efavirenz** at week 96 (Echo-Thrive Study)
- More virologic failures if baseline HIV-RNA  $>10^5$  copies/ml
- Cross-resistance with Etravirin (E138K)
- Fewer drug discontinuations due to AEs (rash, CNS)
- Better lipid profile

# Elvitegravir/Cobicistat

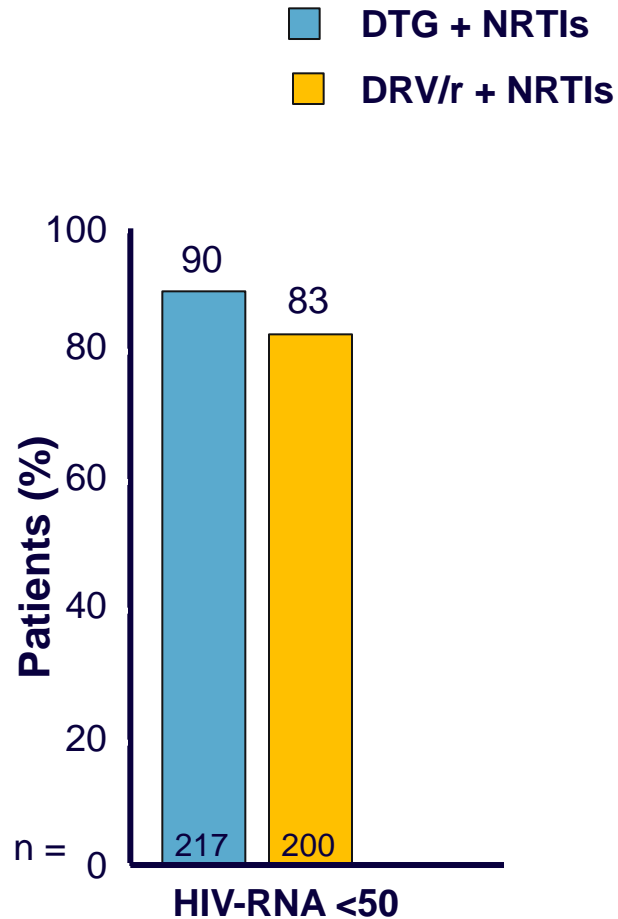
■ EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC (n = 348)    ■ EFV/TDF/FTC (n = 352)    ■ ATV/RTV + TDF/FTC (n = 355)



- **Noninferior to EFV/TDF/FTC and ATV/RTV + TDF/FTC at week 144**
- 2% failed with resistance, usually to both NRTIs and EVG
- Less adverse events
- Small, rapid increase in serum creatinine (inhibition of tubular secretion)

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# Dolutegravir

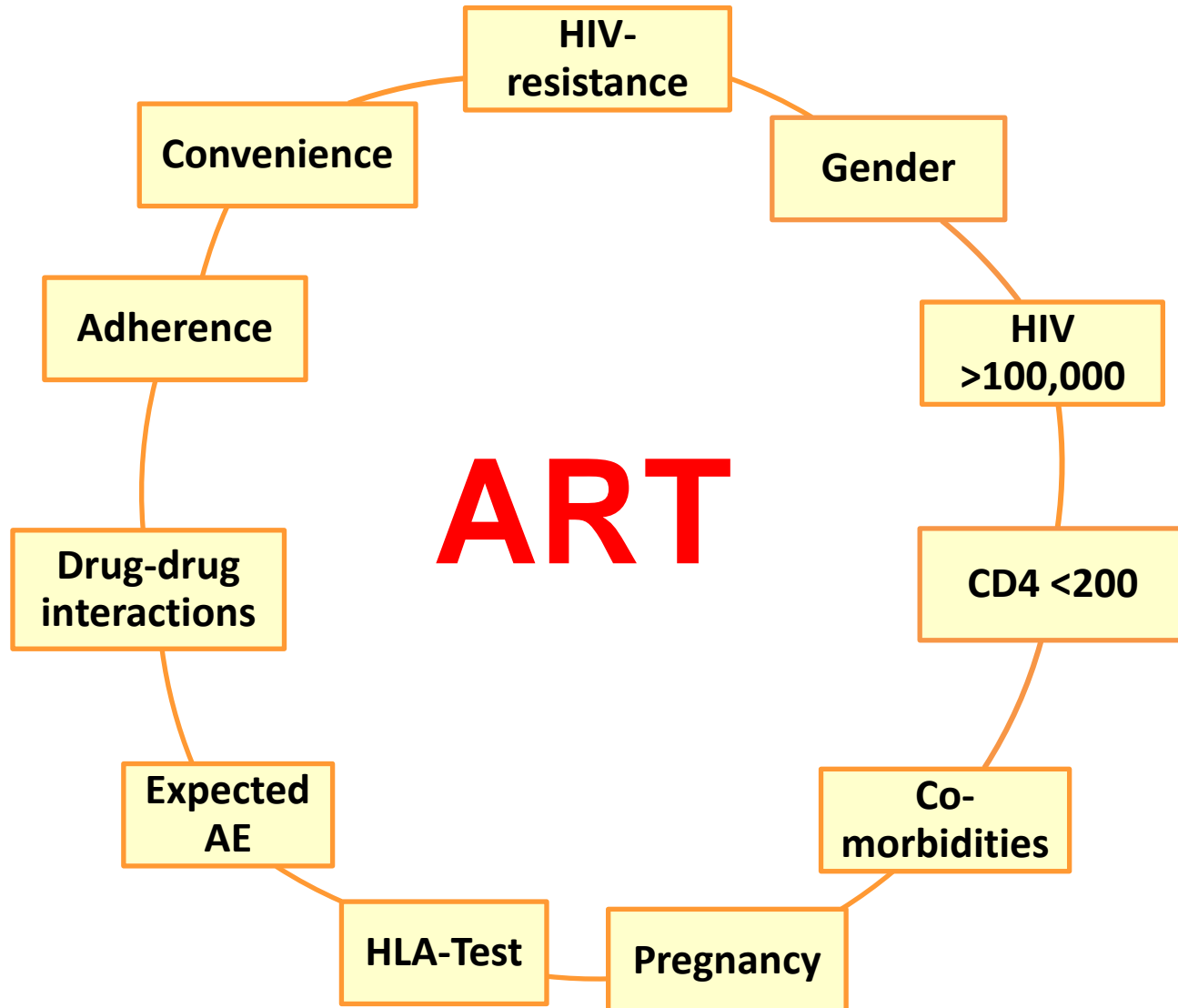


- DTG + NRTIs **noninferior to RAL** + NRTIs (**SPRING-2** study) through wk 96;
- DTG + ABC/3TC **superior to EFV/TDF/FTC** through wk 96 (**SINGLE** study)
- DTG + NRTIs **superior to DRV/r** + NRTIs through wk 48 (**FLAMINGO** study);
- No DTG resistance mutations as yet detected with virologic failure
- DTG well tolerated
  - Fewer CNS and rash events than EFV
  - Less diarrhea than DRV/r
- Small rapid increase in serum creatinine (inhibition of tubular secretion of creatinine)

# Potential Benefits of New Treatment Options for HIV

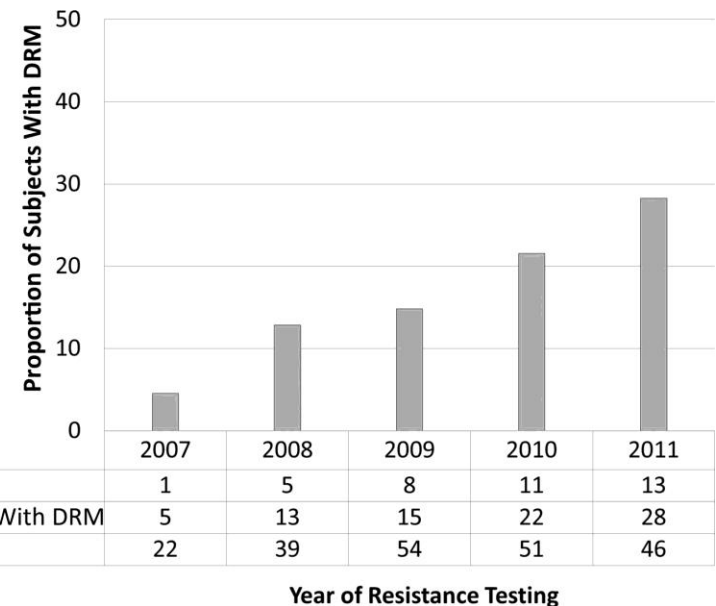
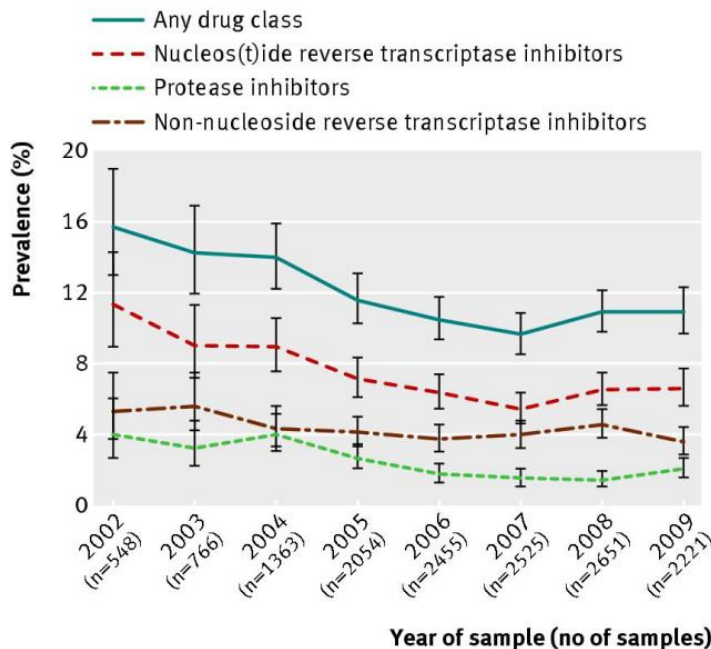
Rilpivirine	Elvitegravir/COB	Dolutegravir
Smallest single tablet	Single tablet regimen	Superior to EFV/TDF/FTC and DRV/r
Superior to EFV if HIV-RNA <100,000	Noninferior to EFV and ATV across HIV-RNA strata	Noninferior to EFV, RAL, DRV/r across HIV-RNA strata
<b>Fewer CNS and rash than EFV</b>	<b>Fewer CNS and rash than EFV</b>	<b>Fewer CNS and rash than EFV</b>
<b>Better lipid profile than EFV</b>	<b>Better lipid profile than EFV, comparable to ATV/r</b>	<b>Better lipid profile than EFV</b>
		No resistance detected with virologic failure
		Fewer drug-drug interactions than boosted PI, EVG/COB

# Considerations for ART choice



# Transmission of HIV resistance %

	NRTI	NNRTI	PI	II	Total
US, 2007-10; N=18'144	6.7	8.1	4.5	n.a.	16.2
Spain, 2007-10; N=1'864	3.9	3.9	2.3	n.a.	8.6
UK, 2007-09; N=14'584	6.6	3.6	2.1	n.a.	10.9
US, 2007-2011; N=331	7	14	3	n.a.	18



# ART and Effects on Lipids

- **Efavirenz:** Greater lipid change than RAL in STARTMRK  
Greater cholesterol changes than ATV/r in ACTG 5202
- **ATV/r and DRV/r:** Lesser lipid change than LPV/r
- **Raltegravir:** Neutral
- **Rilpivirine:** Better lipid profile than EFV
- **Dolutegravir:** Lipid profile better than EFV
- **Elvitegravir/COB:** Lipid profile similar to ATV/r, better than EFV

# ART and Renal Function

- **Tenofovir:** decline of renal function over time in some patients, greater decline in renal function with TDF + boosted PIs vs TDF + NNRTIs
- **Atazanavir/r:** cumulative exposure associated with increased risk of chronic kidney disease in cohort study; risk reversed upon stopping
- **Raltegravir:** no clinically important PK differences between subjects with severe renal impairment and healthy subjects
- **Elvitegravir/COB and Dolutegravir:** small, rapid increase of serum creatinine (inhibition of tubular secretion of creatinine)



# Convenience

- **Once-daily versus twice-daily**
- **One pill:**
  - TDF-FTC-EFV
  - TDF-FTC-RPV
  - TDF-FTC-EVG-COB
  - ABC-3TC-DTG to come
- **Take with food:**
  - Rilpivirine, Elvitegravir,
  - Atazanavir, Darunavir
- **Take before sleeping:** Efavirenz
- **Sirup or soluble tablets available**

# Individualized ART: new drugs

Drug	Considerations IN FAVOR	Considerations AGAINST
<b>Efavirenz</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-formulation, 1 pill OD</li> <li>- Most experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Higher risk of resistance</li> <li>- AE: CNS, potential teratogeneous</li> <li>- Drug-drug interactions</li> </ul>
<b>Boosted PI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Little risk of resistance</li> <li>- Preferred in pregnancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No coformulation with NRTI</li> <li>- Variable lipid effect, hyperbilirubinemia</li> <li>- Drug-drug interactions</li> </ul>
<b>Raltegravir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Few AE</li> <li>- Few drug-drug interactions</li> <li>- Limited effect on lipids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No coformulation with NRTI</li> <li>- Twice daily</li> <li>- Higher risk of resistance</li> </ul>
<b>Rilpivirine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-formulation, 1 pill OD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Less effective at high VL (&gt;100,000)</li> <li>- Restricted use with PPI, H2-Blockers</li> </ul>
<b>Elvitegravir/ COB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-formulation, 1 pill OD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cross-resistance with RAL</li> <li>- Drug-drug interactions</li> <li>- Concern of renal monitoring with COB</li> </ul>
<b>Dolutegravir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once-daily without boosting</li> <li>- Well-tolerated</li> <li>- Few drug-drug interactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- n.a.</li> </ul>

# Individualized ART: Specific Circumstances

Circumstance	Agents
<b>No genotype or low adherence</b>	Boosted PI
<b>High HIV-1 RNA (&gt;100,000)</b>	Caution with ABC, RPV, nuke sparing
<b>Renal disease</b>	Caution with TDF, ATV/r; monitoring may be complicated with EVG/COB
<b>Dyslipidemia</b>	RAL, DTG, RPV most lipid neutral
<b>CV risk factors</b>	Caution (?) with ABC, LPV/r No data for DRV/r, INSTIs, MVC
<b>Pregnancy</b>	Preferred: ZDV/3TC not anymore mandatory EFV can be used after first 5-6 wks
<b>Chronic HBV infection</b>	Preferred TDF + 3TC or FTC
<b>Decreased BMD</b>	Caution with TDF
<b>Concerns about CNS effects</b>	Caution with EFV for at least first month
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	Prefer EFV or RAL
<b>Gastroesophageal reflux</b>	Avoid ATV/r and RPV

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# Different treatments are very efficient in the 'real world'



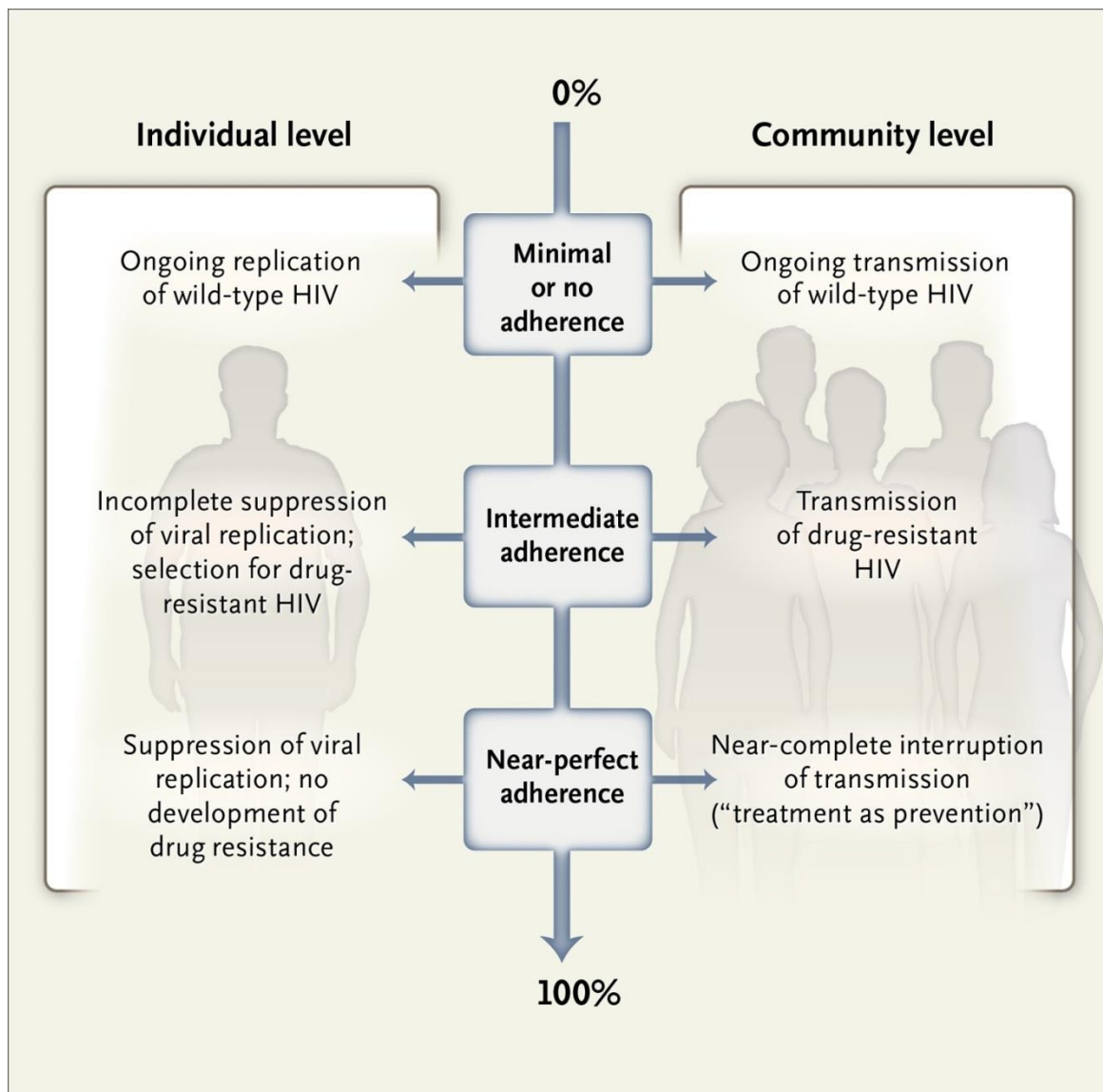
Variable	TDF-FTC efavirenz	TDF-FTC lopinavir/r	TDF-FTC atazanavir/r	ZDV-3TC lopinavir/r	ABC-3TC efavirenz	Other	p-value
HIV-RNA <50 copies/ml	92%	85%	86%	83%	90%	85%	0.003
Increase in CD4 cells	158 (84-240)	177 (97-284)	168 (96-279)	209 (107-326)	173 (96-257)	181 (83-270)	<0.001
Switch of cART	22%	40%	21%	50%	20%	36%	<0.001

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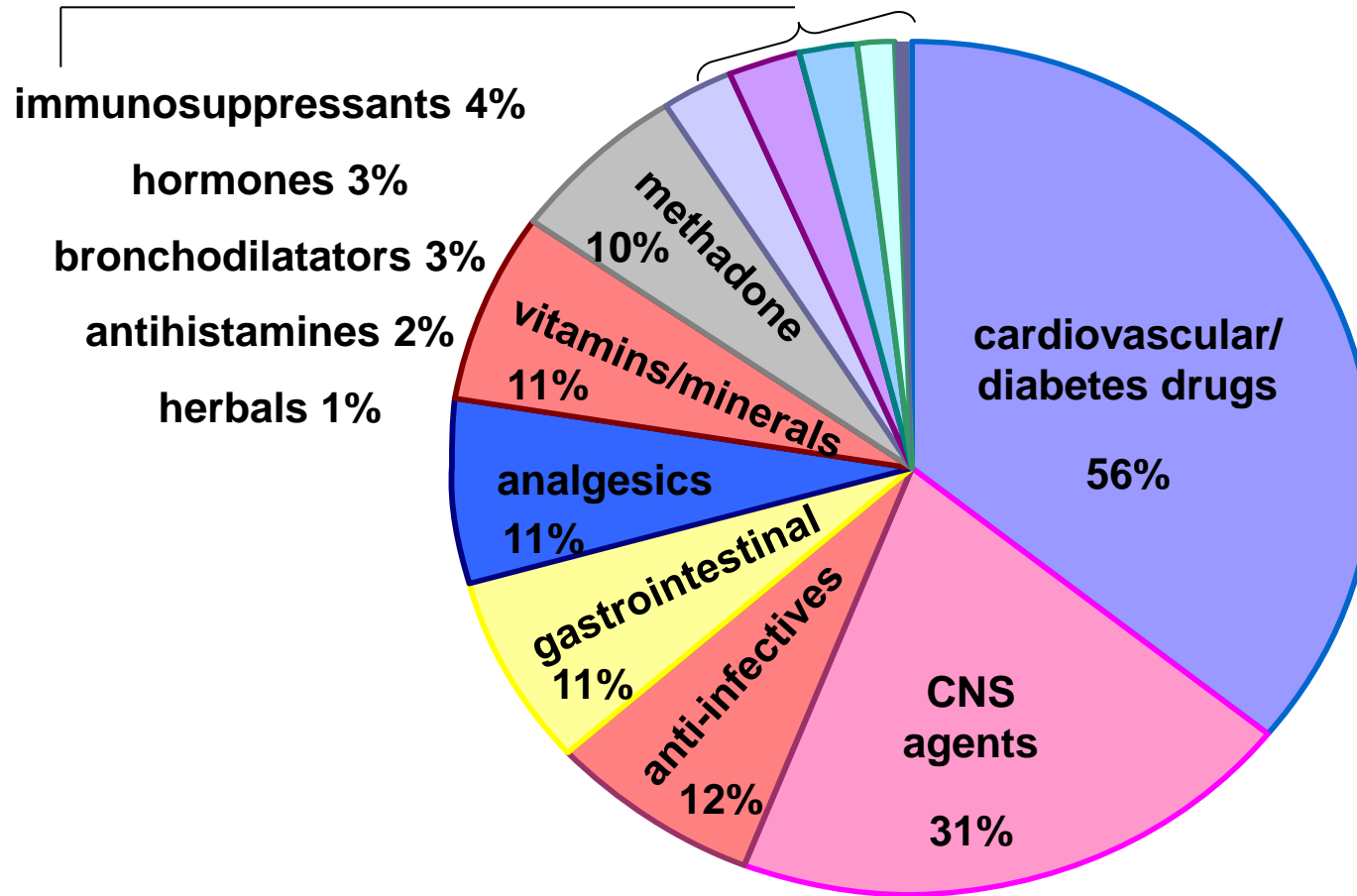
Gender, Drug use, Hepatitis, CVD, high VL

**SHCS 2014 data on file: overall 92% of approx. 9000 patients <50 c/ml**

# Effects on the Individual and Community of Various Levels of Adherence



# Co-medication in the SHCS



Interactions more frequent >50 y

- 1497 patients
- 68% with  $\geq 1$  co-medication
- **40%  $\geq 1$  drug-drug interaction**

# Drug-drug interactions

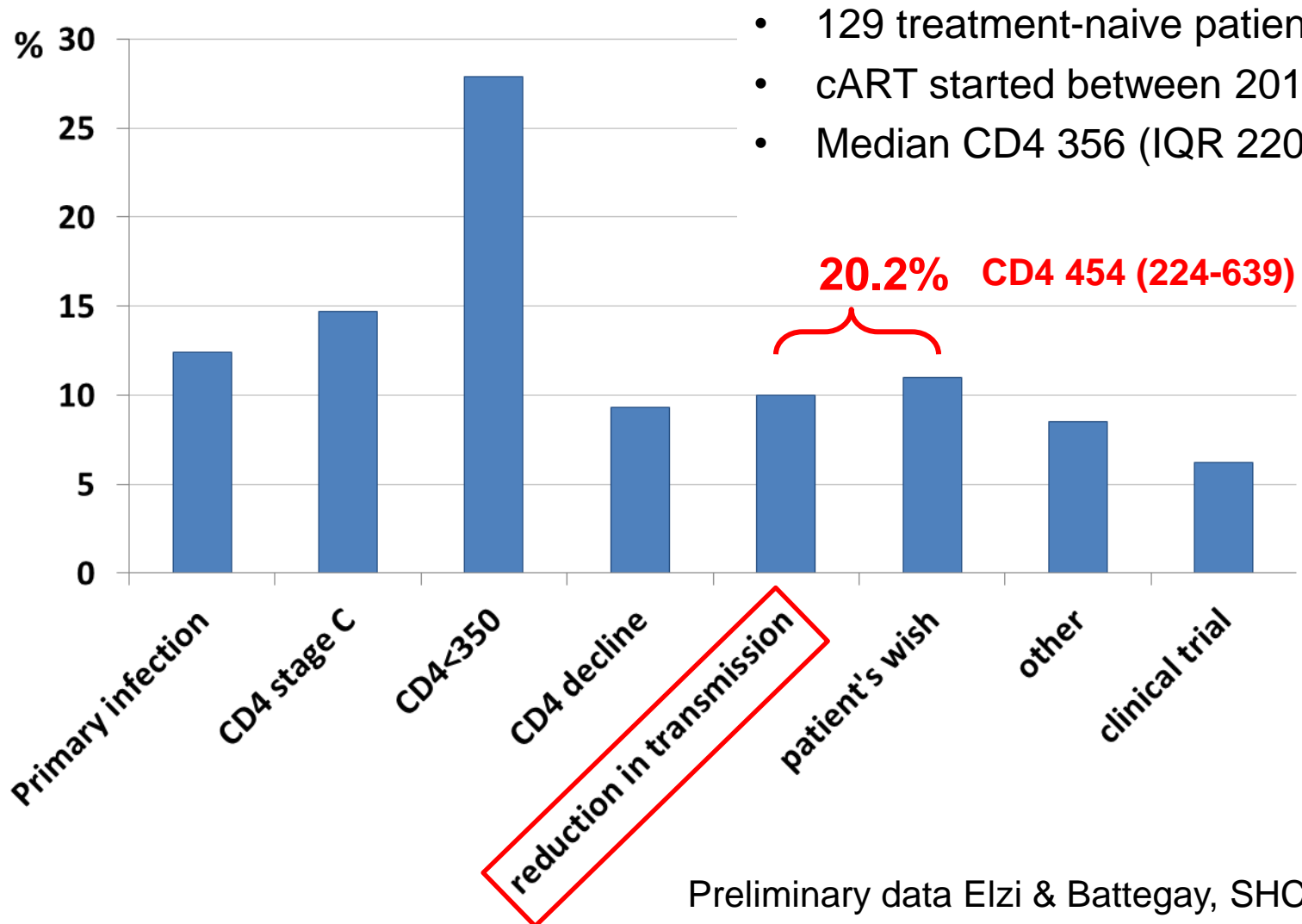
non-ARV drugs		ATV/r	DRV/r	LPV/r	EFV	ETV	NVP	RPV	MVC	RAL
Cardiovascular drugs	atorvastatin	↑	↑	↑490%	↓43%	↓37%	↓	↔	↔	↔
	fluvastatin	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔
	pravastatin	↔	↑81%	↔	↓44%	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔
	rosuvastatin	↑213%	↑48%	↑107%	↔	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔
	simvastatin	↑	↑	↑	↓68%	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔
	diazepam	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	↔	↔	↔
	mirtazapine (oral)	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔
CNS drugs	mirtazapine	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔
	paroxetine	↑↓?	↓39%	↑↓?	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
	sertraline	↓	↓49%	↓	↓39%	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔
	bupropion	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
	boceprevir	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
anti-infectives	clarithromycin	↔	↔	↔	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔
	fluconazole	↔	↔	↔	↔	E86%	E100%	E	↔	↔
	itraconazole	↑E	↑E	↑E	↓	↓E	↓61%	E	E	↔
	rifabutin	↑	↑E50%	↑	↓	D37%	↑17%	D	*	↔
	rifampicin	D72%	D	D	D26%	D	D58%	D80%	D	D40%
	telaprevir	↓20%E17%	↓35%D40%	↓54%	↓26%D7%	↓16%	↓?	↓5%E	E	E31%
	antacids	D	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	D	↔	D
	PPIs	D	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	D	↔	E
	H2 blockers	D	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	D	↔	E
	St John's wort	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	↔
	methadone	↓ <sup>ii, iii</sup>	↓16%	↓53% <sup>iii</sup>	↓52%	↑6%	↓≈50%	↓16%	↔	↔

[www.eacsociety.org/guidelines](http://www.eacsociety.org/guidelines)

[www.hiv-druginteractions.org](http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org)



# Main reason for starting ART



# The patient's perspective



- «I was involved in the choice of my ART regime together with my physician»  
→ **89% agree/strongly agree**
- «I had a preference for a certain ART regime»  
→ **39% agree/strongly agree**

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