

Malignancies in HIV

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HIV and cancer

- AIDS-defining malignancies:

- Kaposi's sarcoma
- Non Hodgkin lymphoma 1985
- Cervical cancer 1993

HHV8

EBV

HPV

- Non AIDS-defining malignancies (NADM) is increasing

- Linked with viruses: **HPV** (Anal), **HBV** and **HCV** (Liver), **EBV** (HL)
- Not linked with (identified) viruses

Increased rates of nADCs. Why ?

- Increasing survival of patients with HIV might be associated with an increase of traditional cancer risk
- Aging of the HIV population
- Long-term toxicity of ART ?

Increased rates of nADCs. Why ?

Other possible explanations:

- Confounding by shared lifestyle cancer risk factors

Tobacco use

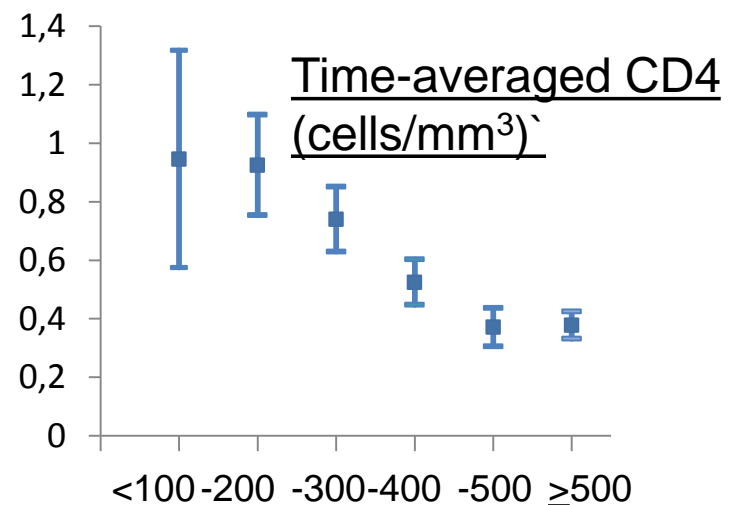
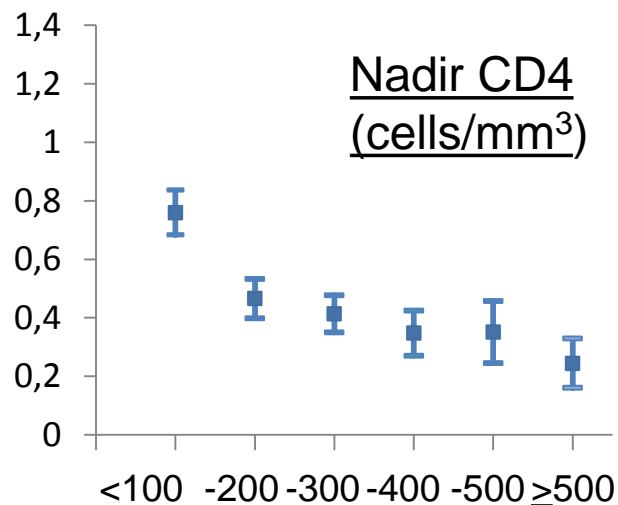
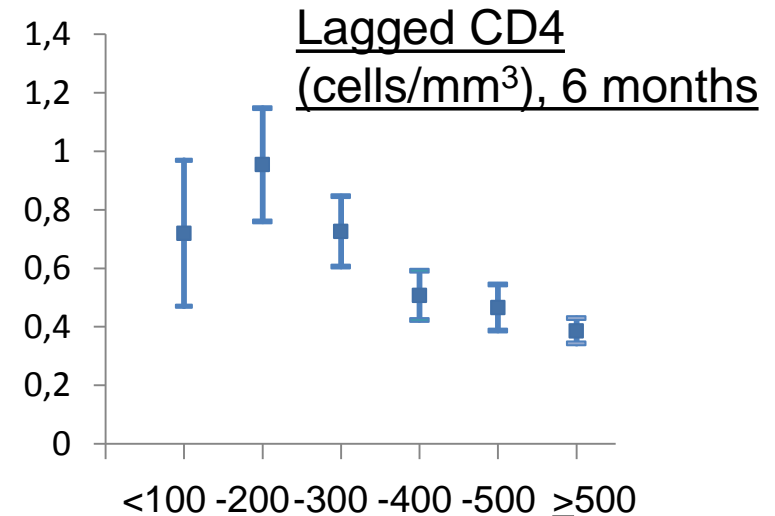
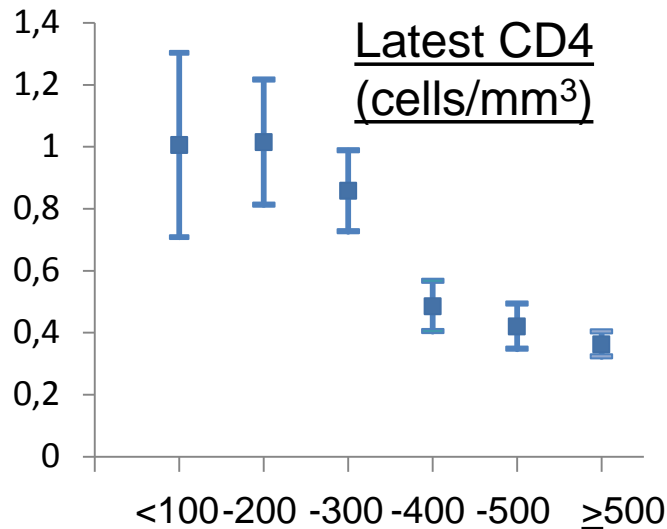
- MSM have nearly double the rate of tobacco use compared to all U.S. men: 48% vs 29% (Stall 1999)

- A role of HIV through its effect on immune deficiency

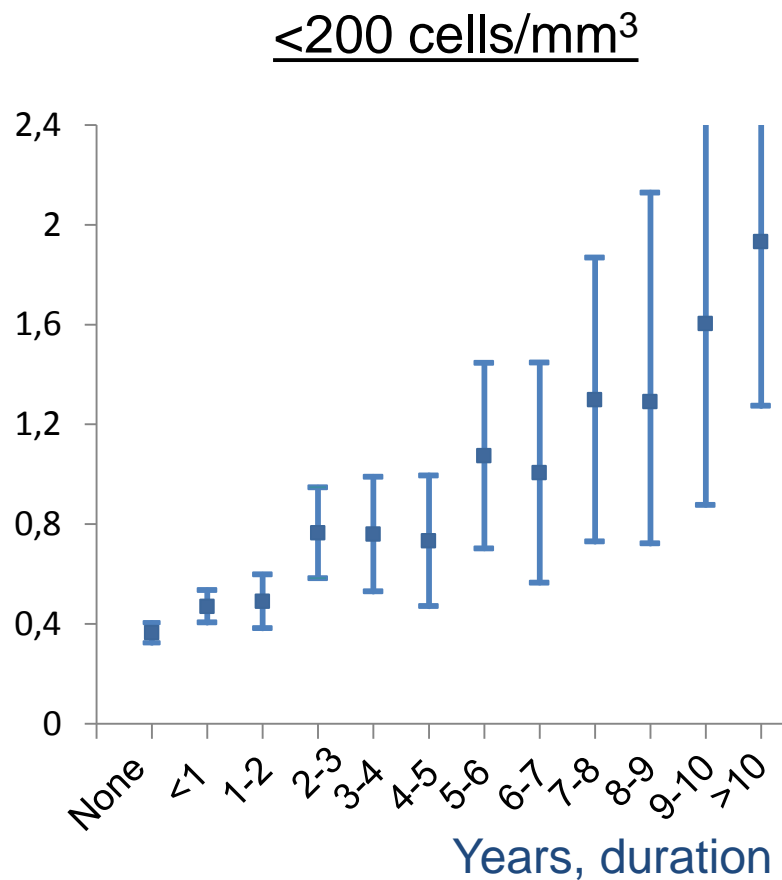
Importance:

- If immune deficiency is responsible, then reversing immune deficiency might decrease cancer risk

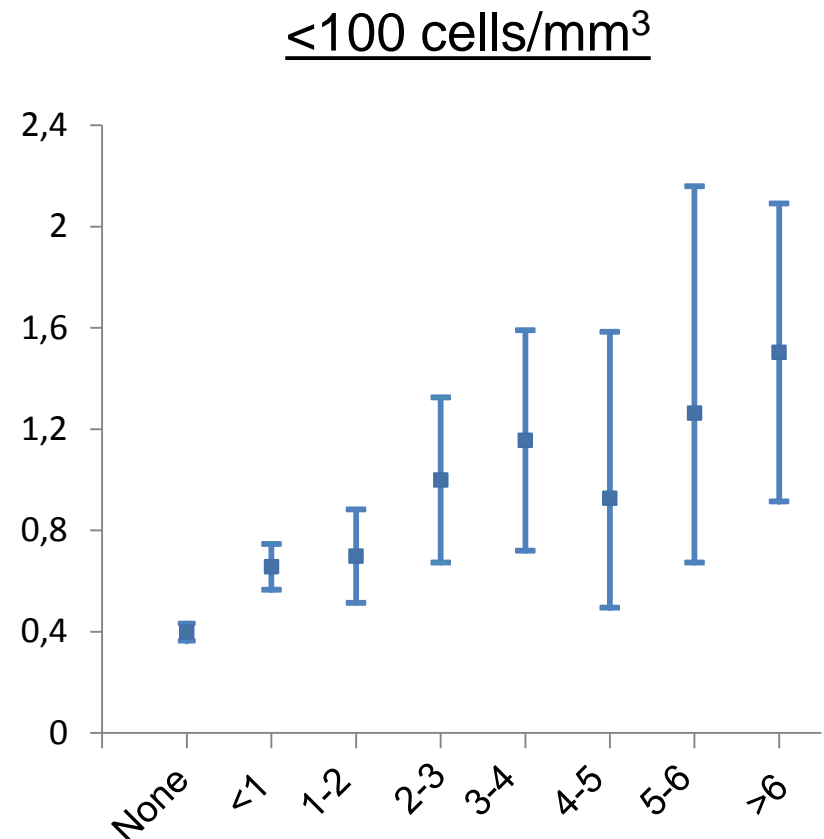
Incidence of first NADM (with 95% CI) stratified by different indicators of immunosuppression



Incidence of first NADM (with 95% CI) stratified by duration of immunosuppression (years)



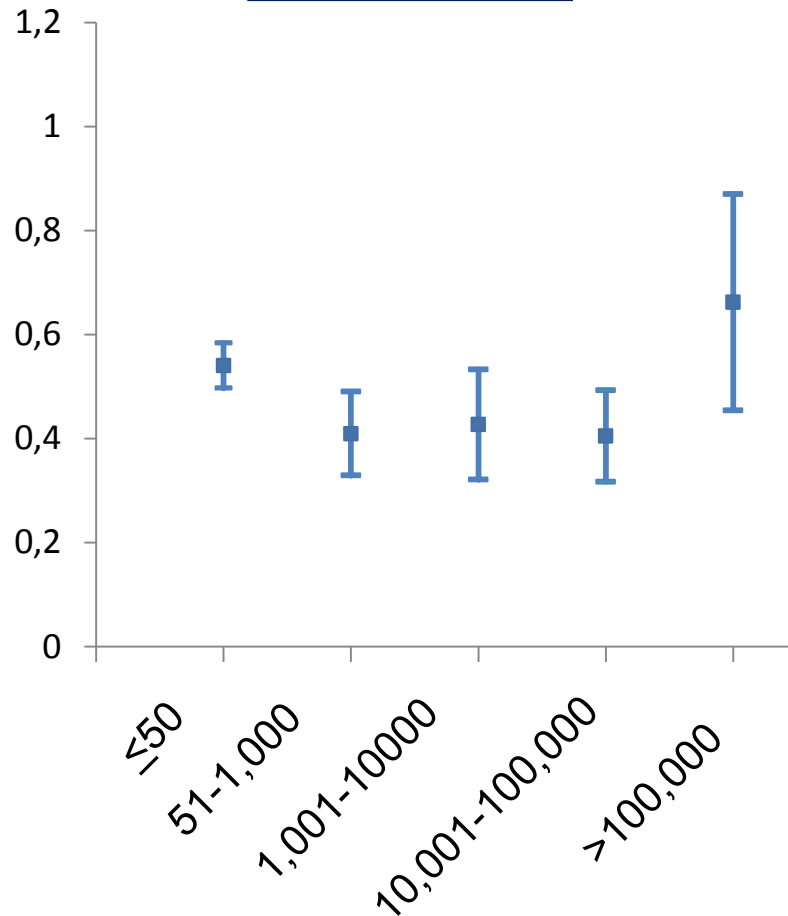
RR /year: 1.05 (1.04, 1.06), p=0.0001



RR /year: 1.05 (1.03, 1.07), p=0.0001

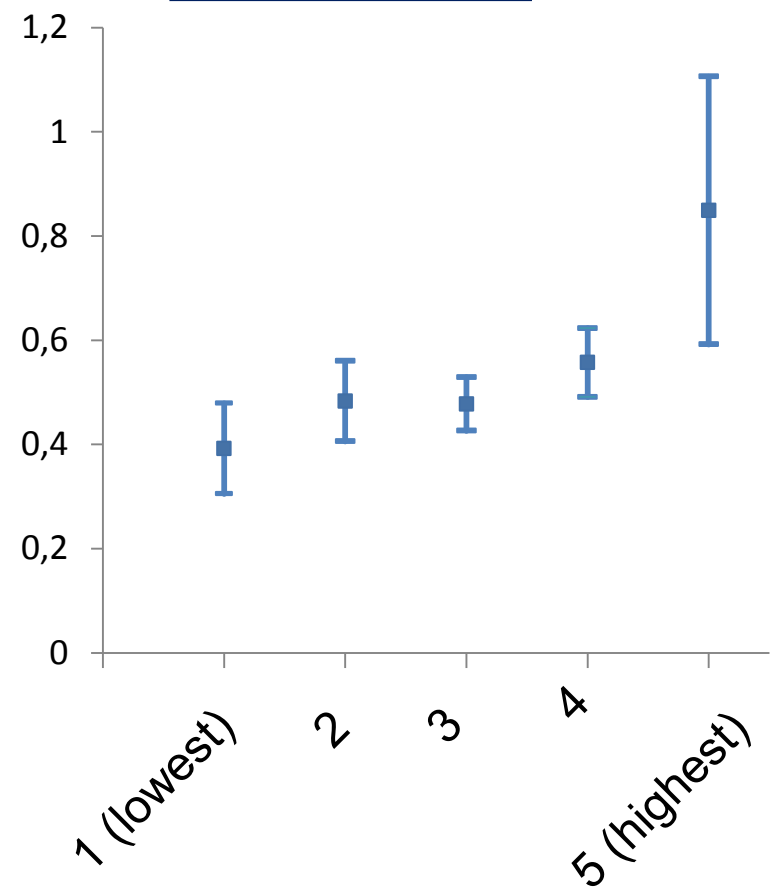
Incidence of first NADM (with 95% CI) stratified by indicators of viraemia

Latest HIV RNA

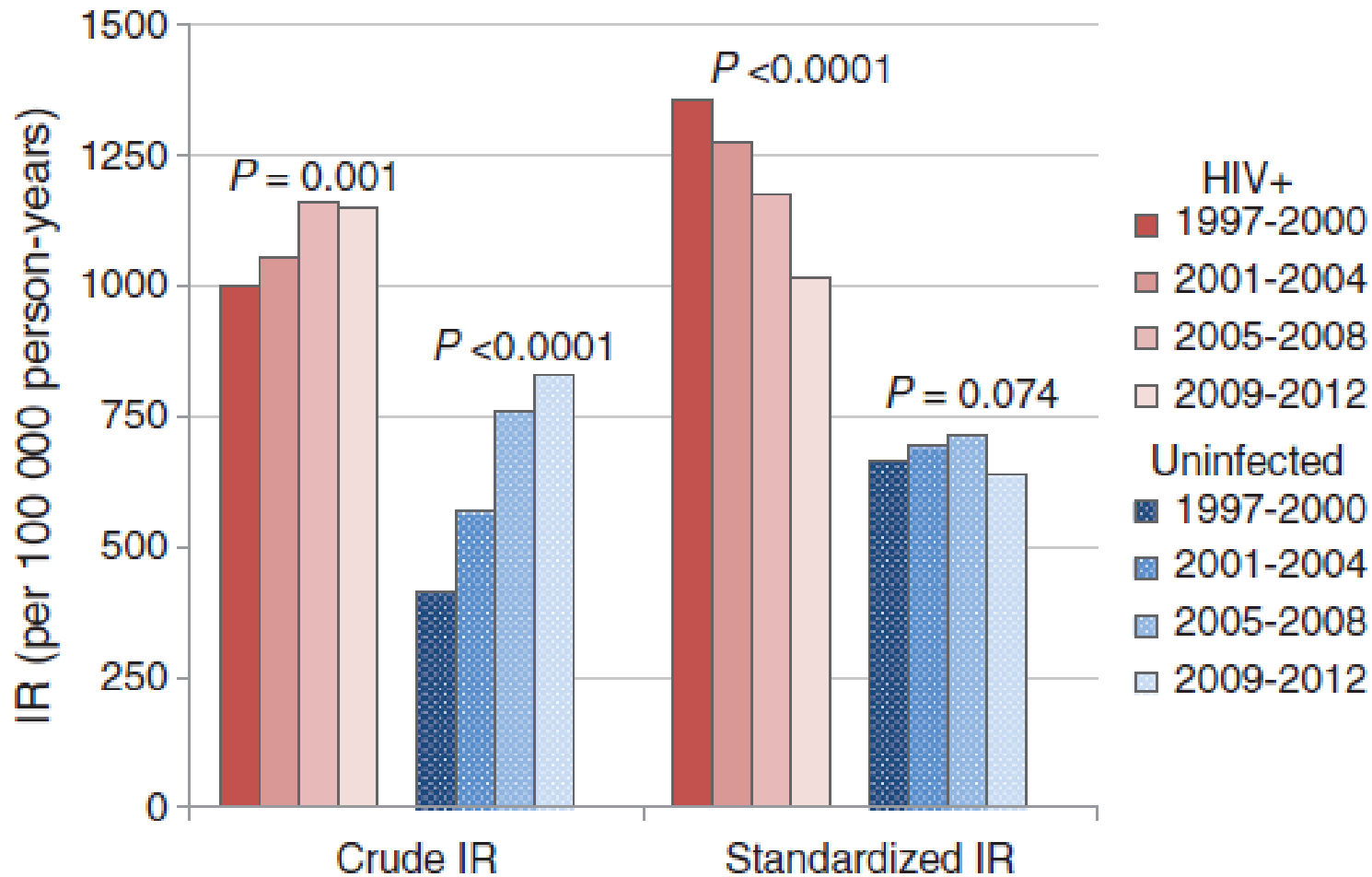


RR /log higher (log 10 copies/ml):
1.05 (0.99, 1.13), $p=0.13$

AUC for HIV RNA



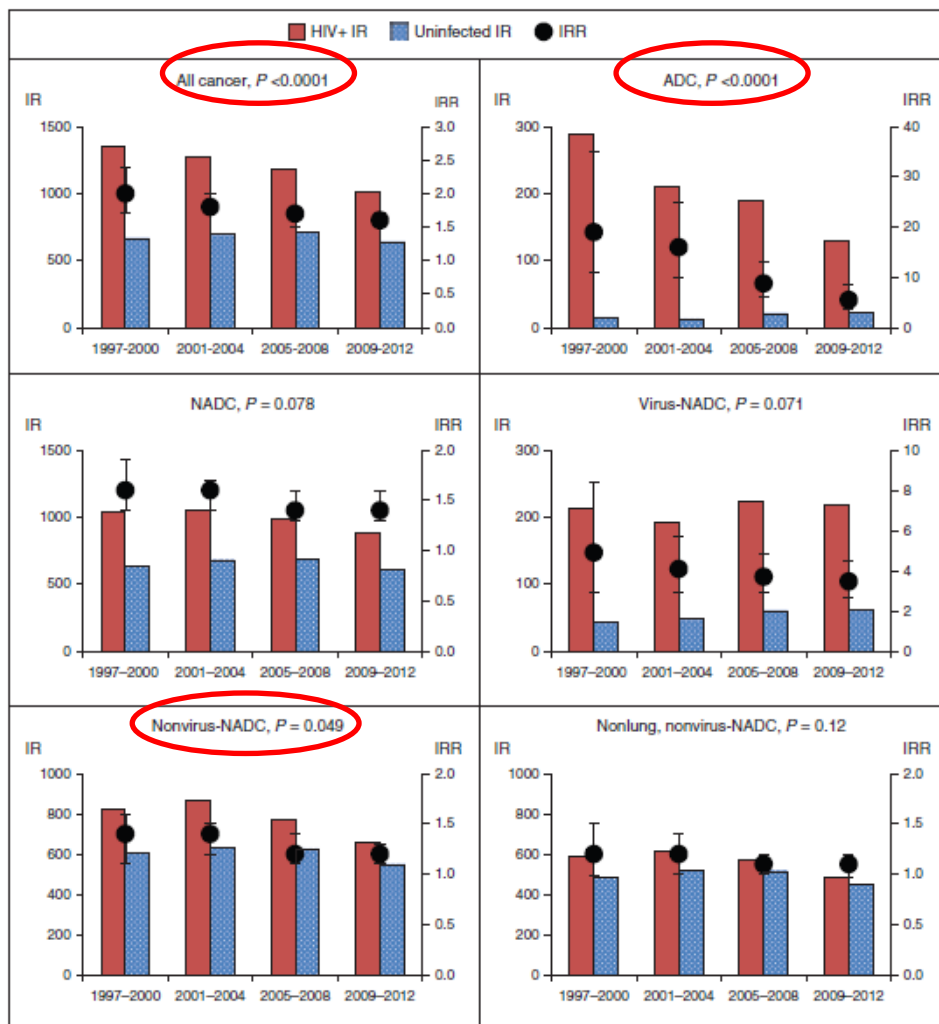
RR /unit: 1.04 (1.00, 1.09), $p=0.07$



All cancer crude and standardized incidence rates by HIV status and calendar period and P values for incidence rate period trend.

HIV+, HIV-infected; IR, incidence rate

All Cancers



ADC

NADC

Virus NADC

Non-virus NADC

Non-virus NADC,
Lung excluded

Cancer group standardized incidence rates (per 100 000 person-years) by HIV status and calendar period, standardized incidence rate ratios with 95% confidence intervals by period, and P values for standardized incidence rate ratio period trend

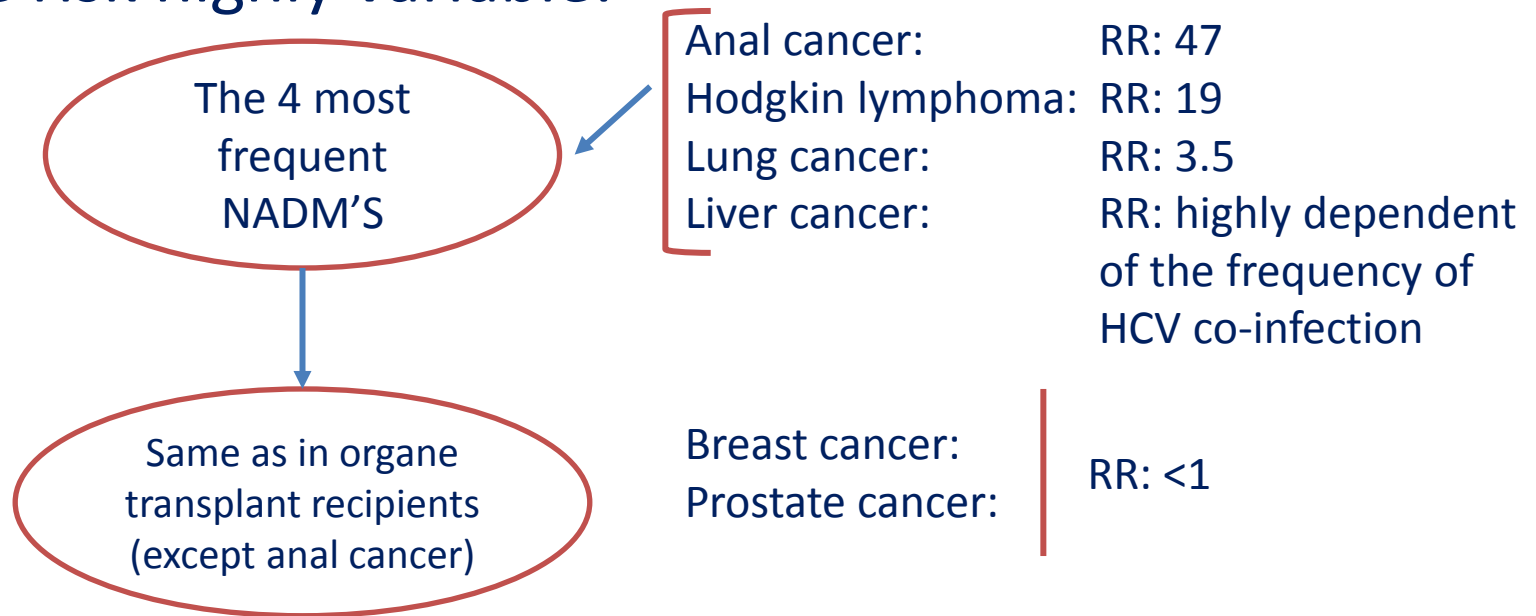
ADC, AIDS-defining cancer; HIV+, HIV-infected; IR, standardized incidence rate; IRR, standardized incidence rate ratio; NADC, nonAIDS-defining cancer; Nonvirus-NADC, nonvirus-related nonAIDS-defining cancer; Virus-NADC, virus-related nonAIDS-defining cancer. Note that Y-axis scale varies by cancer group.

Non AIDS malignancies

- Disparities in access to care and to treatment in the US (not in France)
 - Cancer specific mortality higher in HIV patients in the US (HR ranging from 1.28 (lung) to 2.64 (breast) for different cancer, after adjustment for cancer treatment)
- But: Is it linked to HIV status or to demographic and social issues?

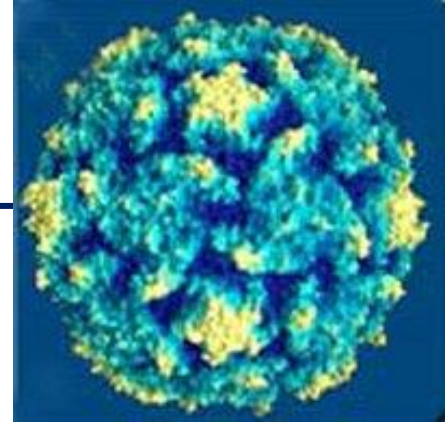
Non AIDS malignancies

- 34 % of causes of death in France in the cART era
- Relative risk highly variable:



- Impact of age is minimal except for liver cancer (11 y younger)
- Early HIV treatment and $CD_4 > 500$ seem to reduce RR for lung cancer but not for the 3 others

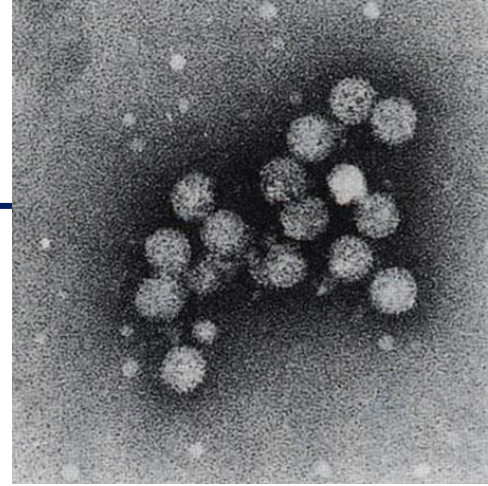
Hodgkin disease



- Due to co-infection with EBV
 - Co-infection rates 75 to 100%, vs 20 to 50% in HIV- HL
- More aggressive disease
 - histology: mixed cellularity, lymphocyte depleted
 - B symptoms present (fevers, sweats, weight loss)
 - Extra-nodal disease common (75 to 90%)
 - Bone marrow involvement common (40 to 50%)
- Effect of HAART therapy on risk unclear, contradictory

Hepatocellular carcinoma

- Incidence rate 7 times higher in HIV +
- Due to Hepatitis B and C co-infection
- Lower risk in HIV patients on HAART (Only NADC)
- Higher risk of extrahepatic metastases, poorer outcome
- Treatment similar as in HIV negative patients, including transplantation.



Hepatocellular carcinoma

- Screening recommended for co-infected patients
- HCV clearance does not abrogate the risk but attenuates it by 50-75%



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GUIDELINES

Screening for hepatocellular carcinoma

- Ultrasound (US) every 6 months
Alpha-fetoprotein is a suboptimal surveillance tool because of low sensitivity and specificity
- In case of suspicious lesions on US, perform CT scan (+arterial phase) or dynamic contrast-enhanced MRI
- Confirm diagnosis by fine needle aspiration or biopsy should CT scan or MRI be inconclusive

- Treatment:
 - Liver transplantation
 - Resection
 - Radiofrequency ablation

Lung cancer

Excess of risk of lung cancer in HIV

- Hypotheses for causal factors...
 - increased frequency of smoking in HIV population, but intensity and duration not different
 - HIV status is possible, but the mechanisms remain unknown :
 - degree of immune deficiency
 - duration of immune deficiency
 - oncogenic role of HIV *per se*
 - other oncogenic virus
 - role of HAART

Summary of the Proposed Mechanisms Linking HIV With Lung Cancer

Theory	Mechanisms	Key References
Direct oncogenic effect of HIV	Virus-inducing microsatellite alterations and widespread genomic instability. <i>Tat</i> , an essential gene for HIV-1 replication, increases expression of protooncogenes and proliferation of the human adenocarcinoma cell line by downregulating tumor suppressor gene p53. Downregulation of HIV <i>Tat</i> -interacting protein (TIP30) has been found to promote metastasis of lung cancer.	Wistuba et al ⁴³ el-Solh et al ⁴⁴ Baker et al, ⁴⁵ Tong et al ⁴⁶
HIV-induced immunosuppression	Conflicting evidence, wherein immunosuppression may lead to a reduction in tumor surveillance, thus enabling tumor growth.	Bower et al, ¹⁵ Engels ⁴⁷
Chronic inflammation	Chronic inflammation has been recognized as a risk factor for lung cancer. Individuals with HIV infection and chronic pneumonia and asthma are at higher risk of lung cancer. The rate of pneumonia is nearly six times higher in patients with HIV infection and CD4 counts > 500 cells/ μ L than in control subjects without HIV.	Engels ⁴⁸ Shebl et al, ⁴⁹ Kirk et al ⁴¹ Sogaard et al ⁵⁰
Cigarette smoking	Smoking is an independent risk factor for lung cancer in individuals with HIV infection. Smoking is two to three times more prevalent among individuals with HIV infection than in the general population.	Guiguet et al ²⁸ Engels et al, ¹⁸ Giordano and Kramer ⁵¹
IV drug use	IV drug users with HIV infection have an increased risk of lung cancer compared with nonusers with HIV.	Serraino et al ⁵²

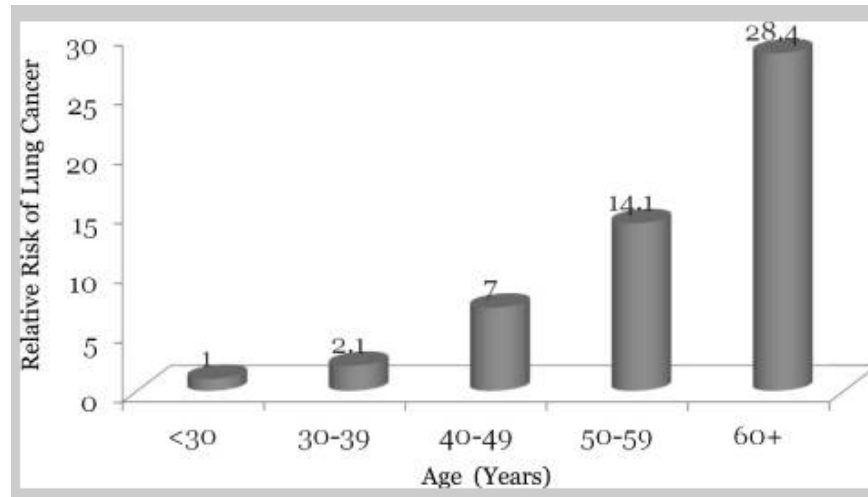
Tat = transactivator of transcription.

Lung Cancer

- Most frequent NADC in HAART era
- Incidence 2-4 fold higher than general population
 - SIRS between 2 and 3 and stable over time
- Diagnosed at younger age with advanced disease and primarily in smokers
- Adenocarcinoma is most frequent sub-type
- No clear screening strategy
- No argument to treat differently than non-HIV infected patients

Lung cancer and age

- Incidence higher in men but relative risk compared with the general population is higher in women



- Prospective screening of lung cancer by CT Scan poorly effective in HIV patients below 55 y of age
- Insufficient data to recommend lung cancer screening with low dose CT in asymptomatic persons

HAART and chemotherapy

- Many patients will receive HAART and chemotherapy concurrently with high likelihood of drug interactions and overlapping toxicities
- Many antiretroviral agents are substrates and/or inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 system (CYP)
 - Many anti-neoplastic drugs also metabolized by CYP system leading to either drug accumulation and possible toxicity or decreased efficacy

Use of antineoplastic agents in cancer patients with HIV/AIDS

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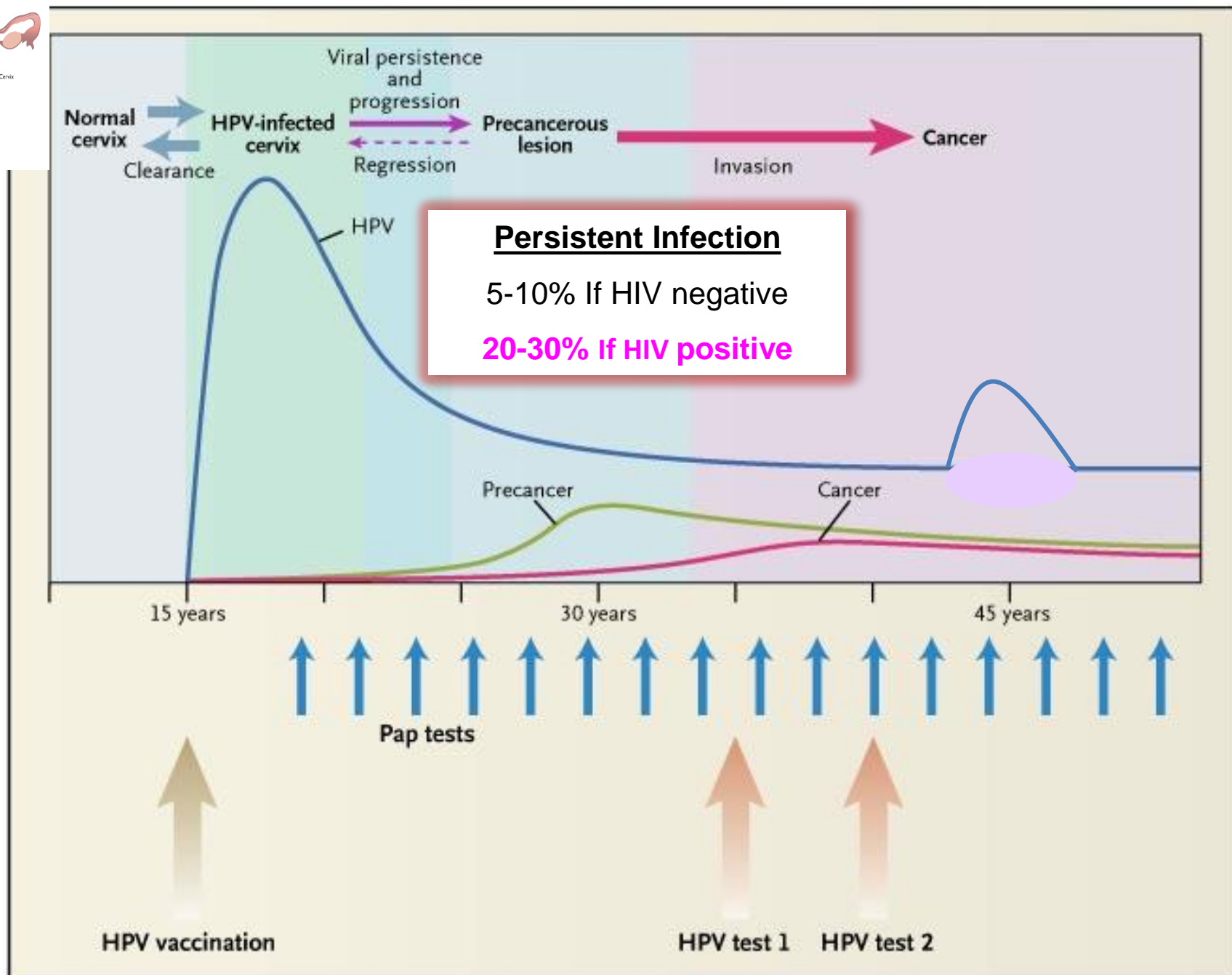
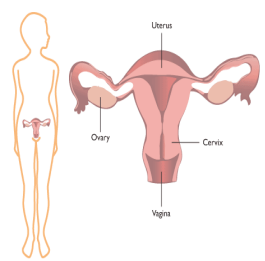
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Abstract

In the era of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), patients with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) have reduced morbidity and mortality of AIDS-related complications. However, there is an increase in the prevalence of AIDS-defining and non-AIDS-defining cancers. This article provides an up-to-date review of management of HAART pharmacotherapy in the context of cytotoxic chemotherapy or targeted antineoplastic agents.

HPV and cancer in HIV patients

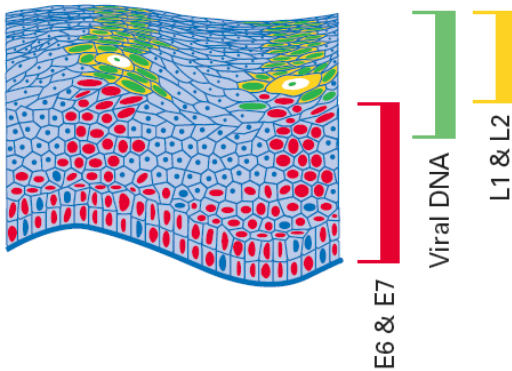


Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia

HISTOLOGY (BIOPSY)

CIN I [and Warts]:

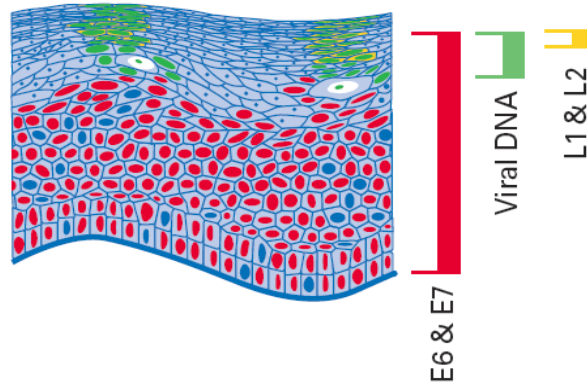
Mild dysplasia, lower one-third of epithelium
The full complement of HPV DNA and proteins (Early and Late) are produced. Infectious virus is produced in the mature squamous cell layer.



CIN 2:

Moderate dysplasia, lower two-thirds of epithelium

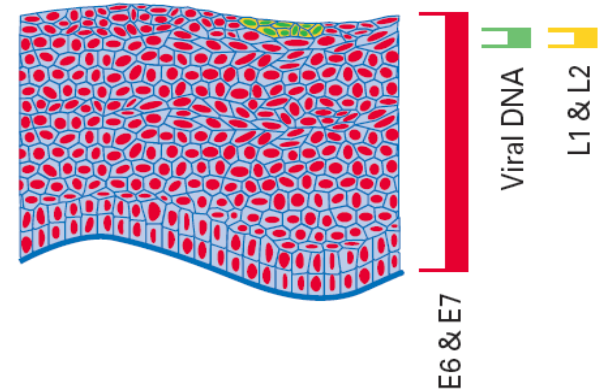
More extensive production of E6 and E7 proteins and less extensive production of viral DNA and late proteins than CIN 1.



CIN 3:

Severe dysplasia, total involvement of epithelium

Very high level of production of E6 and E7, and little production of late proteins or viral DNA.



LG-SIL Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions

HG- SIL

CYTOLOGY

(Smear)

HPV-induced cancers

- Cervix
- Anus
- Vagina
- Vulva
- Penis

- Oro-pharyngeal

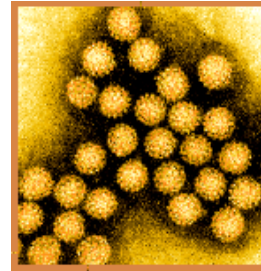


70% high risk HPV genotypes:

16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68

HPV and HIV interactions

- HIV increases HPV infection and HPV-induced lesions



➤ Molecular level

In vitro and ex vivo:

Adding HIV proteins or cytokines

- Increases epithelial tight junction disruption
- Enhances the expression of E6 E7 oncoproteins

Vernon. Virus Res 1993

Tugizov. Virology 2013

➤ Clinical level

The burden of HPV infections and induced lesions in HIV-positive patients

CD4 cell count decreases
HIV Viral load increases

- **HPV Infection**

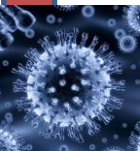
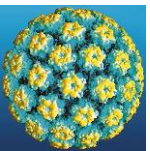
- Prevalence and incidence of HPV infection are higher.
- **HPV viral load are higher. More infections with multiple genotypes.**
- Clearance is decreased and recurrence of latent infection are frequent.
- Persistent infection is significantly higher.

- **Dysplastic lesions**

- Prevalence and incidence of dysplastic lesions are higher.
- Spontaneous regression are less frequent.
- Recurrence after treatment are more frequent.

- **Cancer**

- Incidence 6-10 times higher for the cervix
- Incidence 40-90 times higher for the anus



Screen and treat approach in limited resource setting

Cervical Cancer Prevention in HIV-infected women using the « see and treat » approach: Testing for HRHPV; results after 2 hours which allows treatment the very same day in

➤ South Africa

Kuhn and al. *AIDS* 2010

➤ Botswana

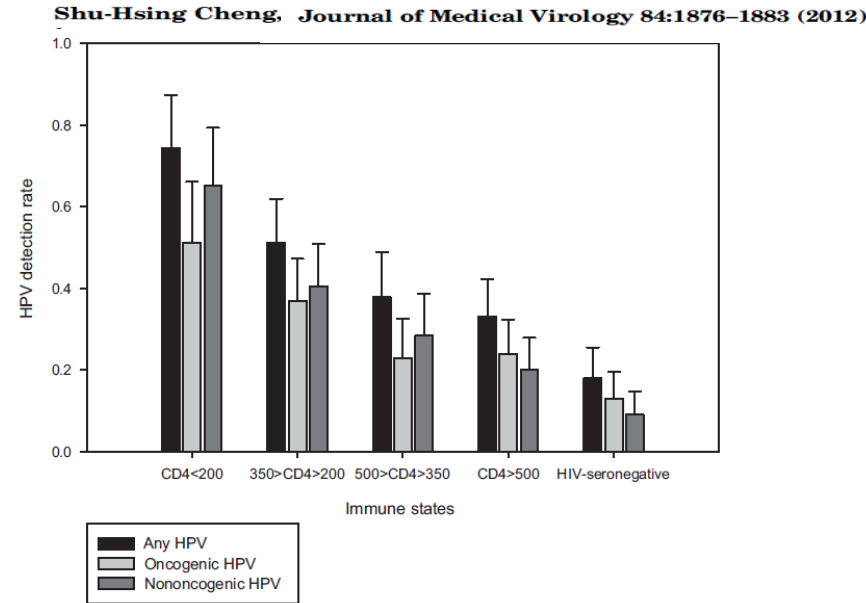
Ramogola-Masire D. *J Acqui Immune Def Syndr* 2012

➤ India

Joshi S. *AIDS* 2013

Infection by HPV and HPV-induced lesions in HIV-positive MSM

- HPV Prevalence :
 - all HPV **93%** (vs.64%)
 - HR HPV **74%** (vs.37%)
 - Plateau from young to 50-60 years old
- Prevalence HGAIN
 - **43-52%**
 - **In Belgium 25% (Libois A. EACS 2013)**
 - Risk increases with age
 - 40-49 years OR 3.09
 - >50 OR 4.78Compared to <40 years
- Incidence of HGAIN (HR anoscopy) :
 - 8.5-15.4% patients year**vs. 3.3-6% patients year in HIV-neg MSM



Anal screening in HIV patients

should be implemented... *but questions remain for HIV-patients:*

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Does cART prevent HPV infections or HPV- induced lesions?

...more recently

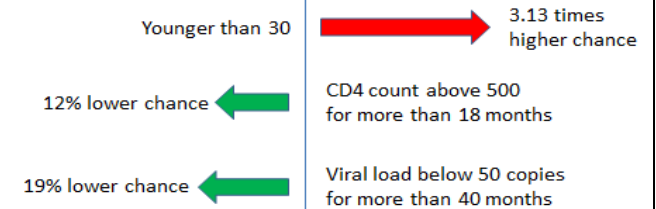
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Cohort of 652 women, 38 years,
successfully treated for HIV,
FU 61 months

Sustained viral suppression and higher CD4 T cell reduces the risk of persistent HRHPV and of cytological abnormalities

Konopnicki D. *JID* 2013

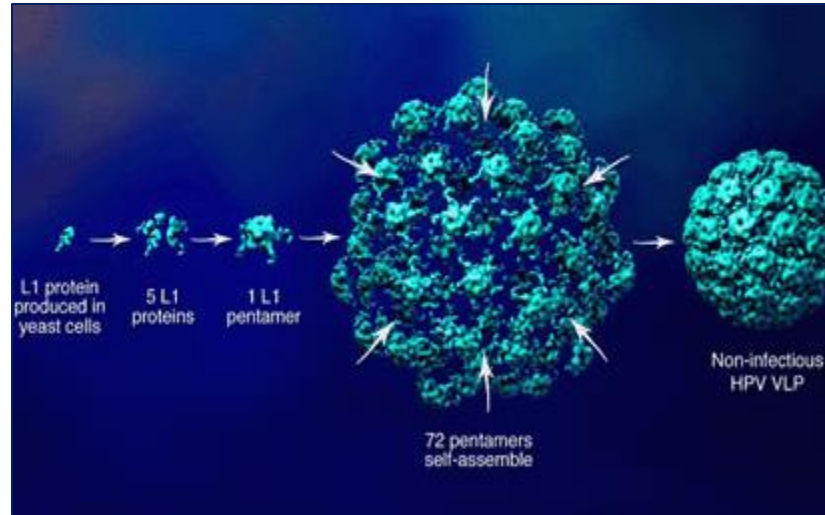
Factors affecting chance of high-risk HPV any time during study



**What about HPV
prevention?**



Preventive Vaccine



Quadrivalent (HPV4)

Gardasil® Merck:

L1 from HPV 6, 11, 16 and 18

Approval for EMA & FDA: 2006

0, 2 and months 6

Bivalent (HPV2)

Cervarix® GSK:

L1 from HPV 16 and 18 + ASO4

Approval for EMA & FDA: 2007/9

0, 1 and 6 months

Preventive vaccine in HIV+patients

Quadrivalent vaccine

4 studies

Levin. *J AIDS*. 2010

Wilkin. *JID* 2010

Kahn J. XIX International AIDS Conference. Washington 2012. WEAB0202

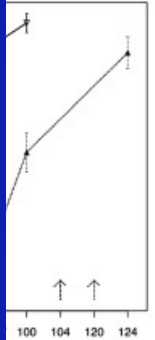
Kojic E. XIX International AIDS Conference. Washington 2012. WEAB0203

Studies on clinical efficacy ?

Phase IV 2010-2015:
Thailand, Brazil, USA

Gardasil vs Cervarix
in women 15-25 years

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- **Good Immunogenicity**
- **Good Safety, no deleterious effect on CD4 nor VL**
- **Cellular immunity:** HPV16/18 specific CD4+T cells response was substantially increased from month 2 to 12 in more than 82%

Ninevalent vaccine

- Gardasil 9® Merck
 - 6, 11
 - 16, 18
 - 31, 33, 45, 52, 58
- Study phase III comparing Gardasil9 to Gardasil
 - N= 14,000 females 16-26 years
 - Efficacy for prevention of CIN2+, VIN2+ or VAN2+ (induced by HPV31/33/45/52/58) : **97%**
- Safety similar
- Approved by FDA in Dec 2014 and EMA in March 2015
- 13\$ more per dose: cost effective

Should we vaccinate HIV-positive patients?

- High burden of disease
 - Good immune efficacy and tolerability
 - **The answer should be « Yes »!**
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- We propose to vaccinate
 - **Girls and boys**
 - **Young women and men up to 26 years**
 - **When treating high grade lesions**