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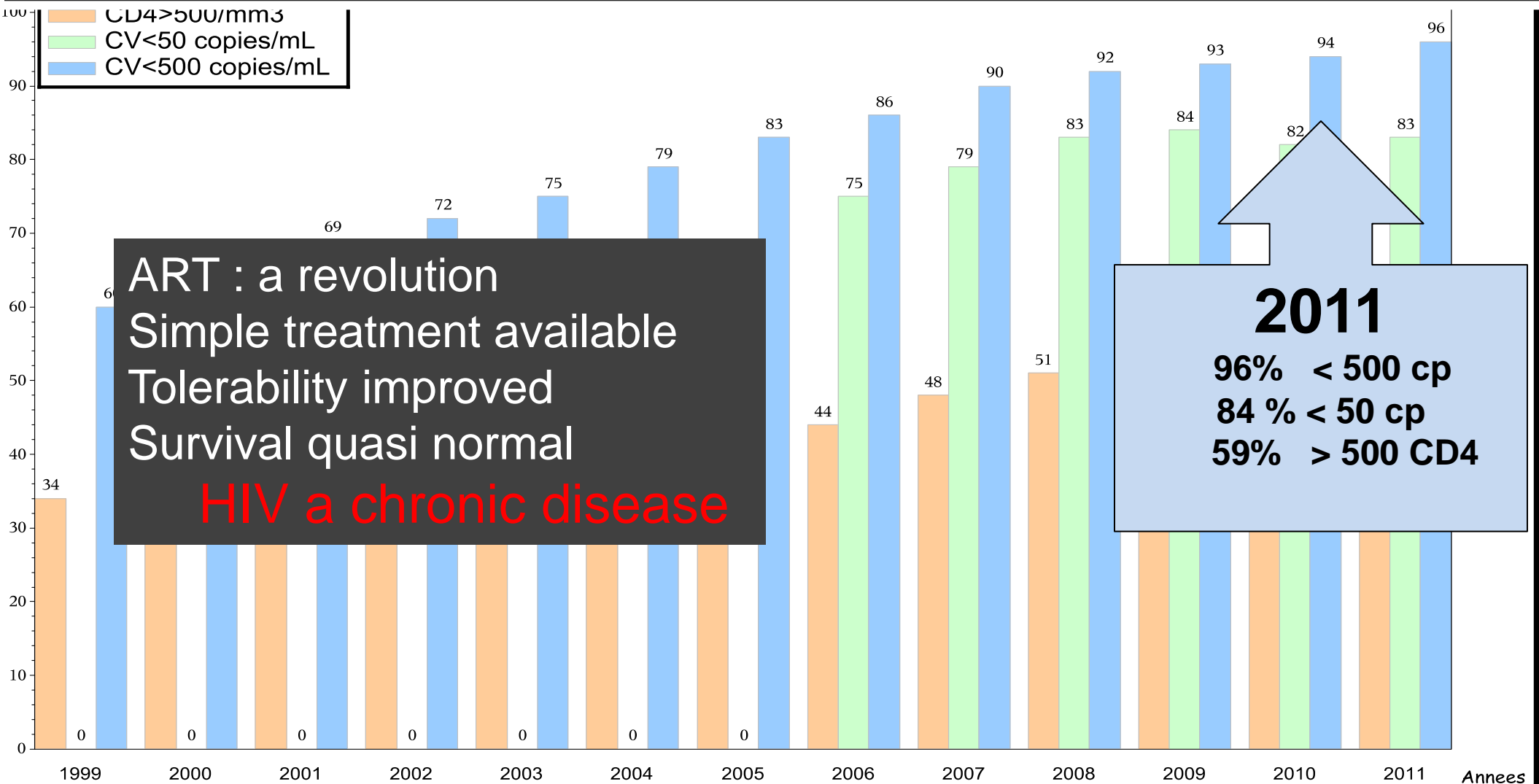
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Antiretroviral Treatment Strategies

ART : A revolution

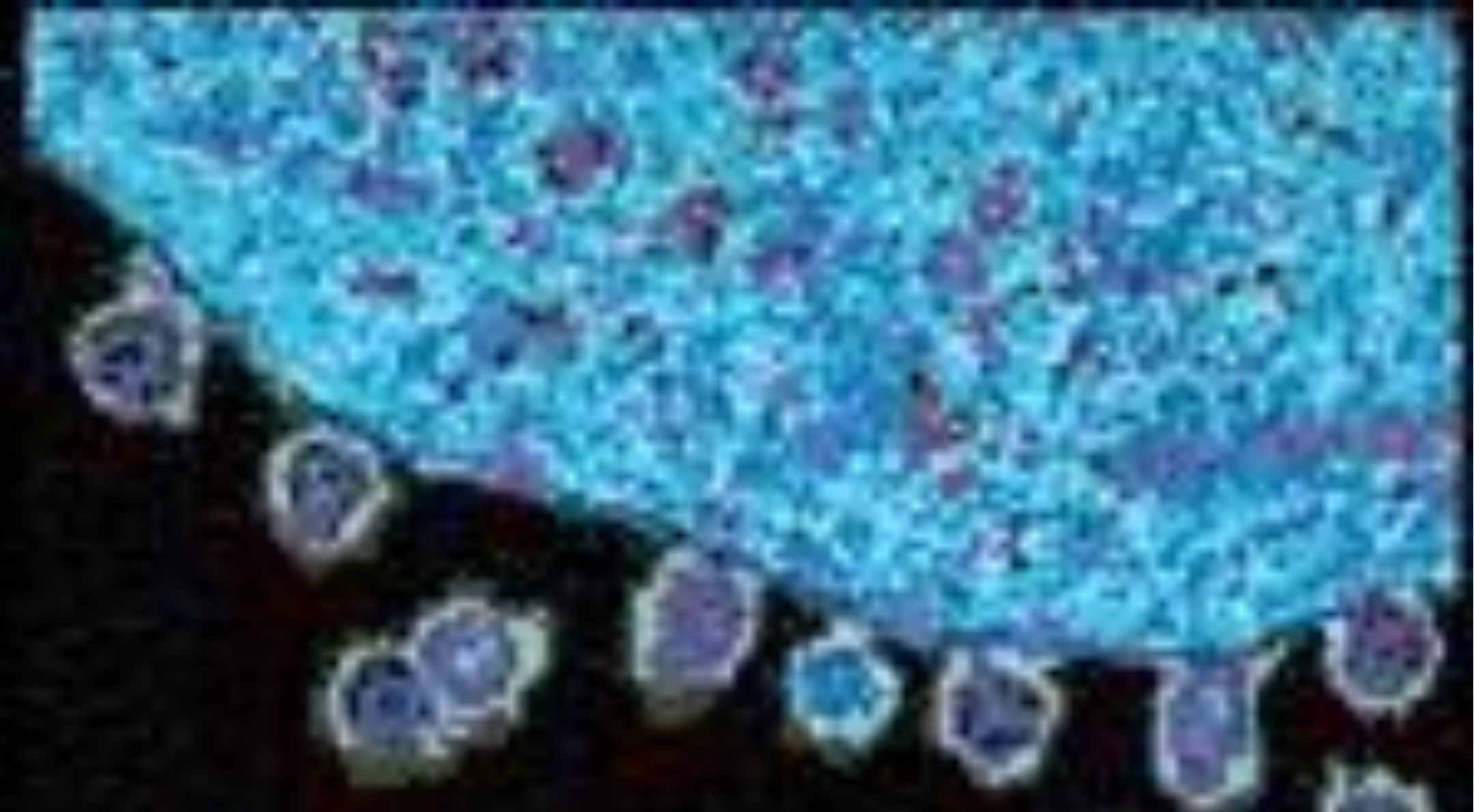
HIV : a chronic disease



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- **Viral suppression > 90%**
 - **Immune restoration**
 - **Better ARV drugs**
 - **Simplified treatment**
 - **Increased survival**
 - **Transmission reduced**

- **Persistent reservoir**
- **Persistent replication**
- **Immune activation**
- **Inflammation**
- **Toxicity ART**
- **Accelerated aging**
- **Long life therapy**
- **Access to ART**

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



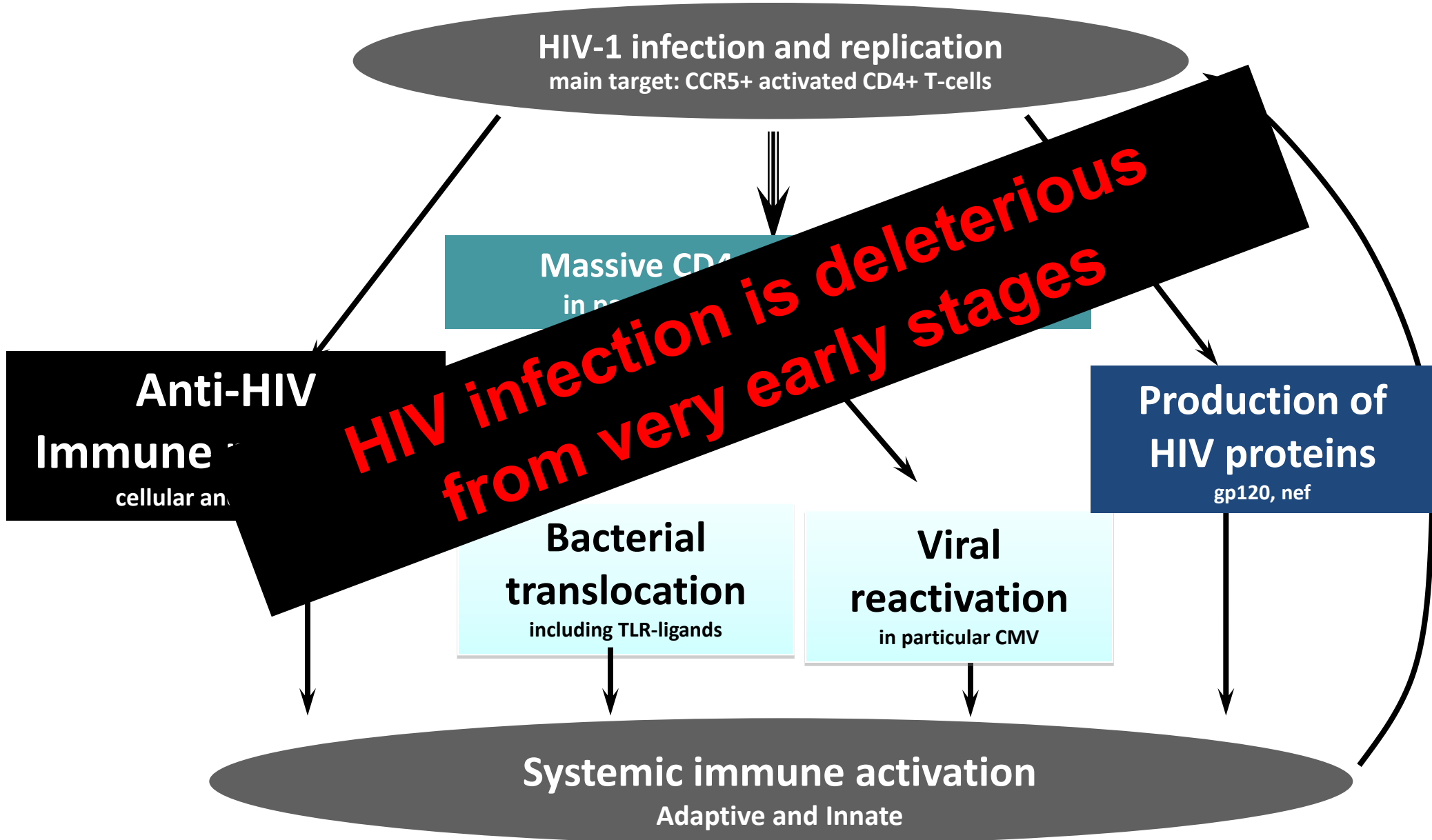
HIV Pathogenesis

HIV

A disease of immune activation and inflammation

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

Immune activation and HIV replication

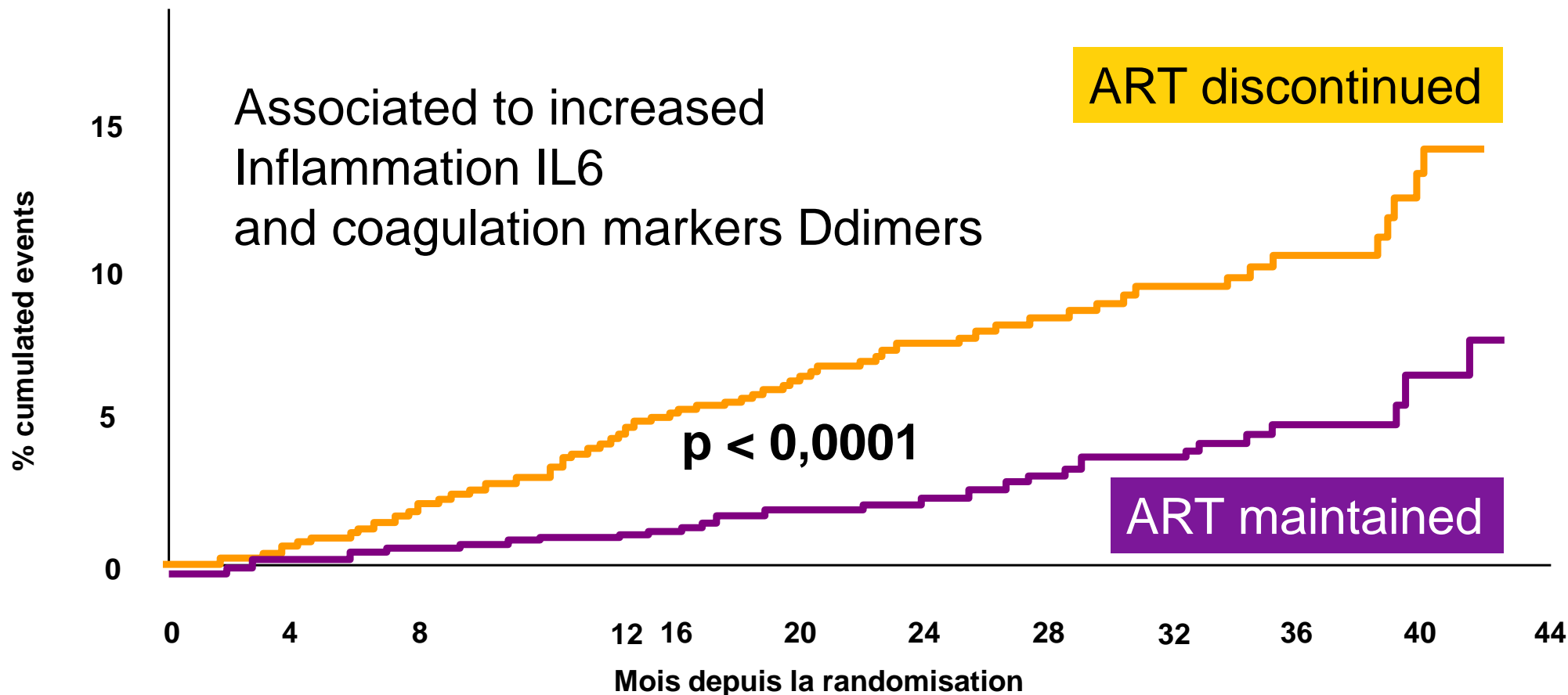


A microscopic image showing numerous HIV virus particles. The particles are spherical with a distinct outer envelope and a darker, textured inner core. They are scattered across the frame, with some appearing in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

**HIV is a disease with
a long term ~~as~~ symptomatic phase.**

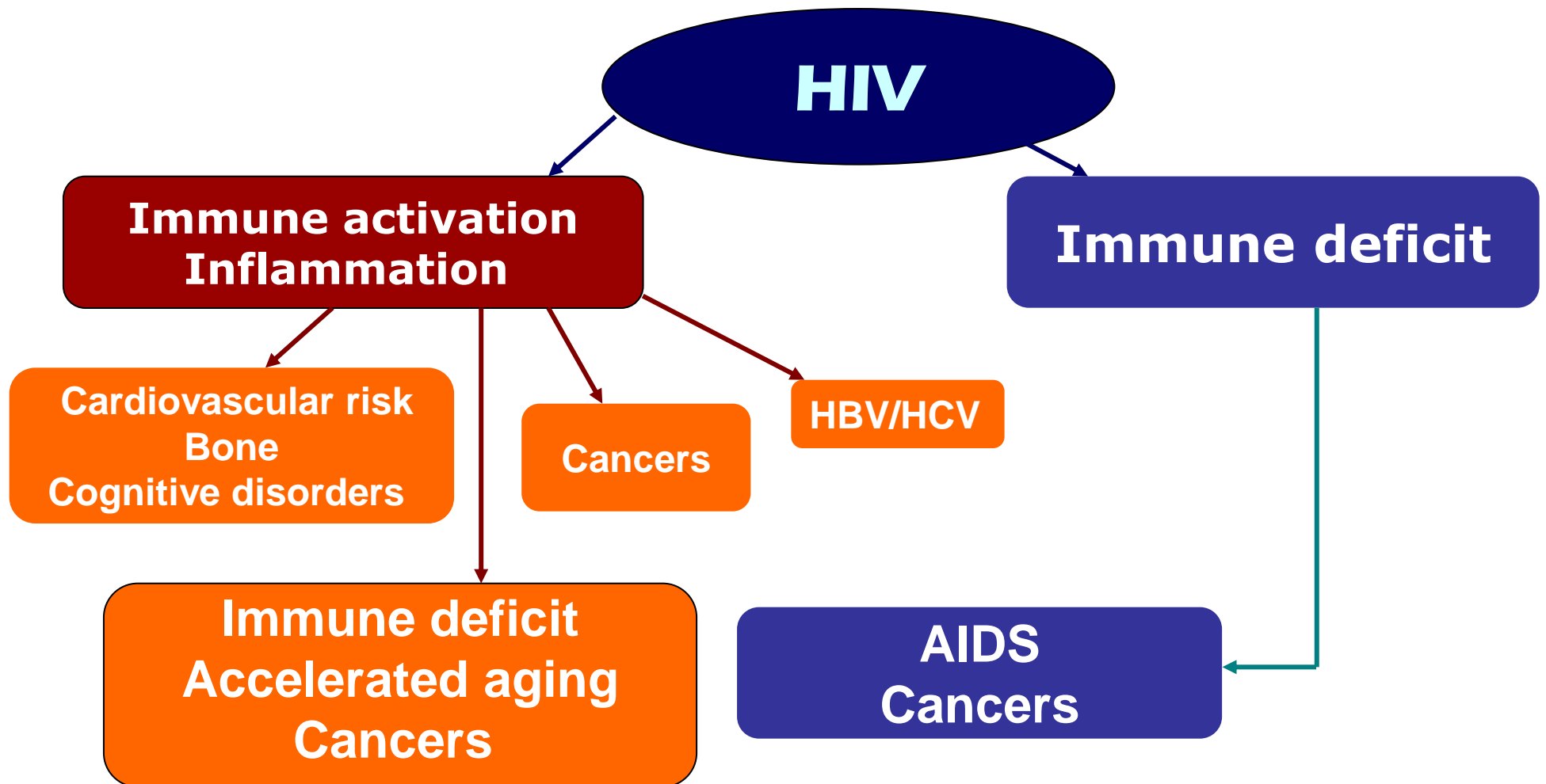
**HIV infection is deleterious from very
early stages**

SMART HIV replication is associated to increased mortality and morbidity



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Pathogenesis of HIV



HIV is deleterious by immune suppression and activation

Why do we need to control HIV replication ?

- To prevent disease progression for every HIV infected individual
- To stop transmission between individuals



To control HIV pandemics



HPTN 052 : Transmission of HIV

Early treatment versus delayed treatment

1763 couples ; ART > 350 vs standard

HIV

- 39 cases of transmissions
- 28 related to HIV partner -
1 from immediate ART
group
- 27 from differed group $p=0.0001$

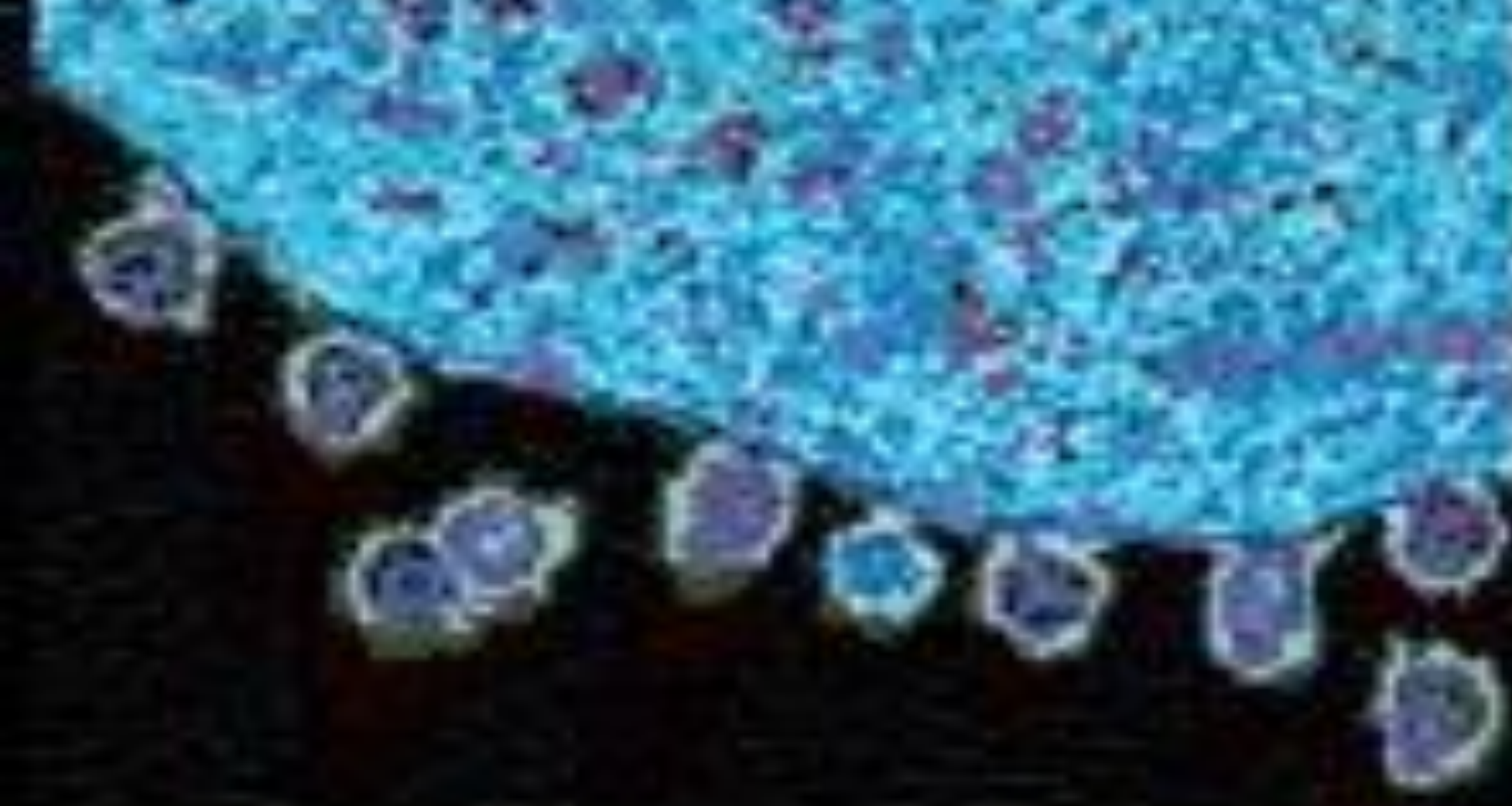
ART reduced by 96% the
risk of transmission

Opportunistic infections

20 extra-pulmonary TB
cases

- 1 from the immédiat ART
groupe
- 19 from differed group

Early ART reduces the risk
of tuberculosis



**Reservoir Residual viremia
and immune activation**

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

Plasma viremia

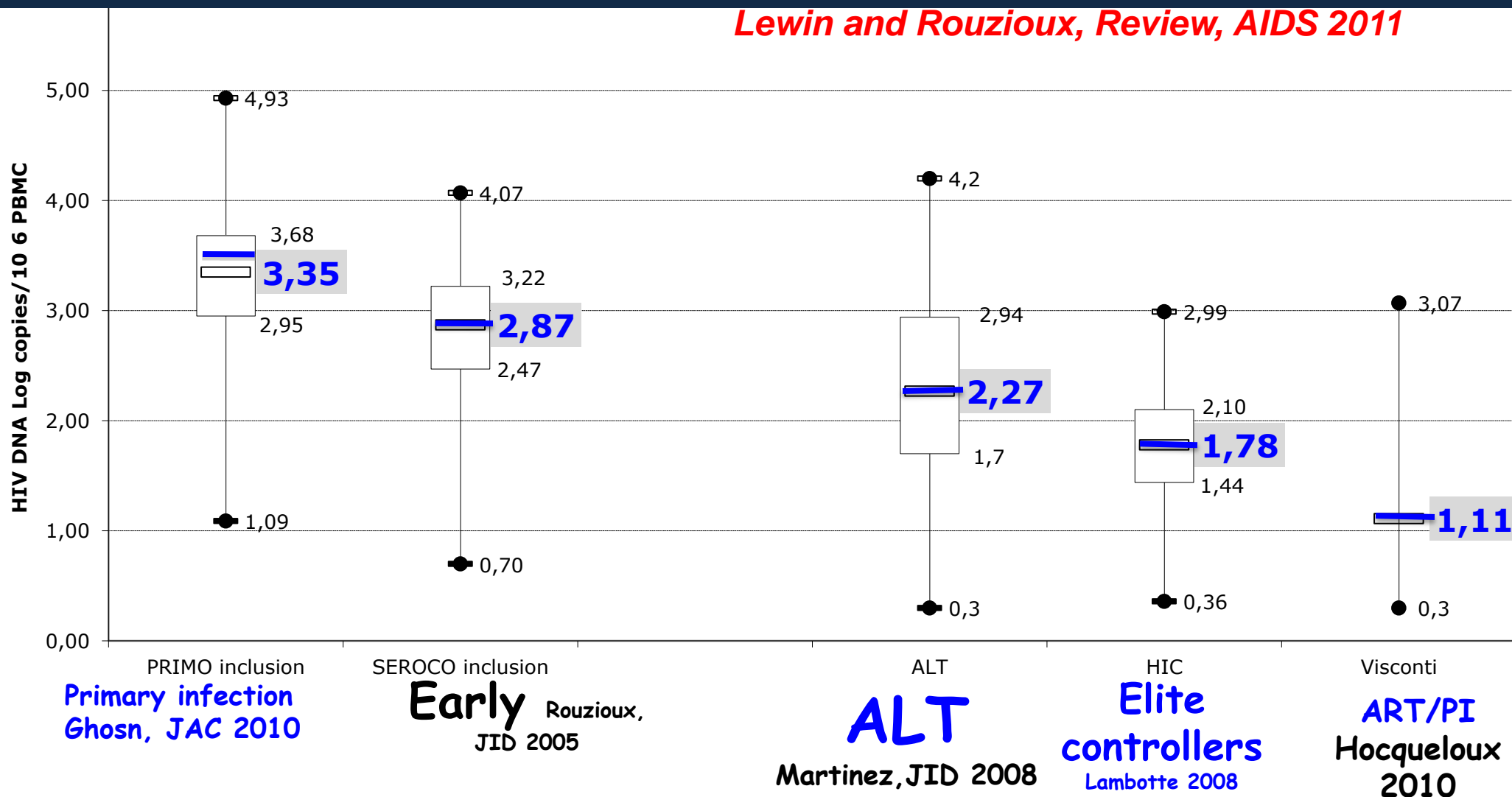
HIV reservoir = residual HIV infection

Time of ART initiation : a key element in reservoir establishment

HIV reservoirs differs from patients groups

The ANRS Cohorts

Lewin and Rouzioux, Review, AIDS 2011



Primary infection and reservoir dynamics

- 68 patients initiating ART in 2 à 3 days post contamination

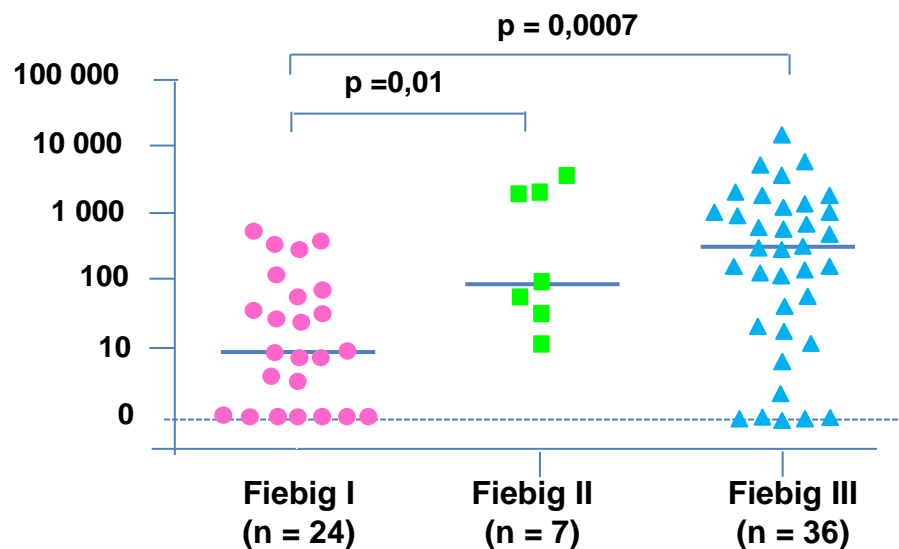
Prior ART

Total HIV DNA lower in Fiebig I stage

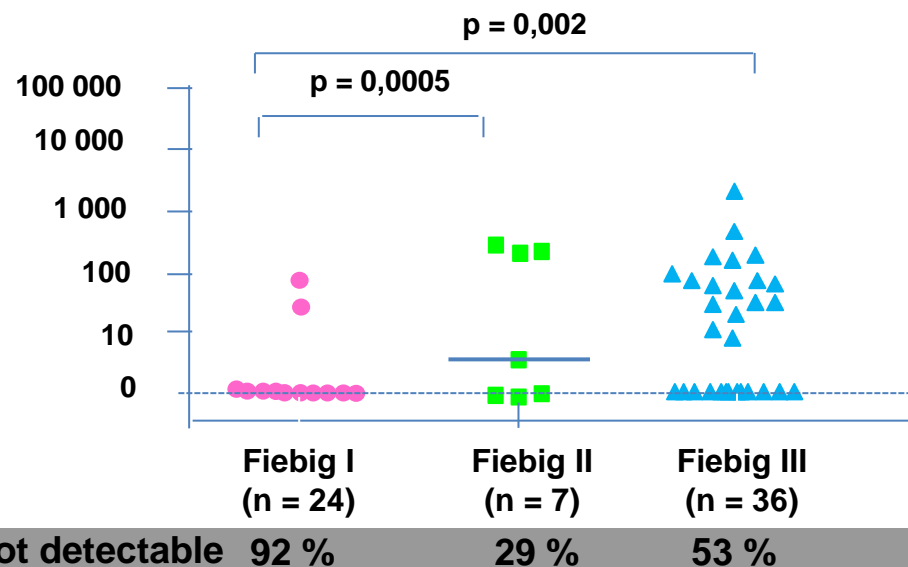
HIV DNA total undetectable in 22/24 (92 %) Fiebig I

- Fiebig I: RNA+, p24-, 3^o G ELISA neg
- Fiebig II: RNA+, p24+, 3G ELISA neg
- Fiebig III: 3rd-gen ELISA+, WB neg

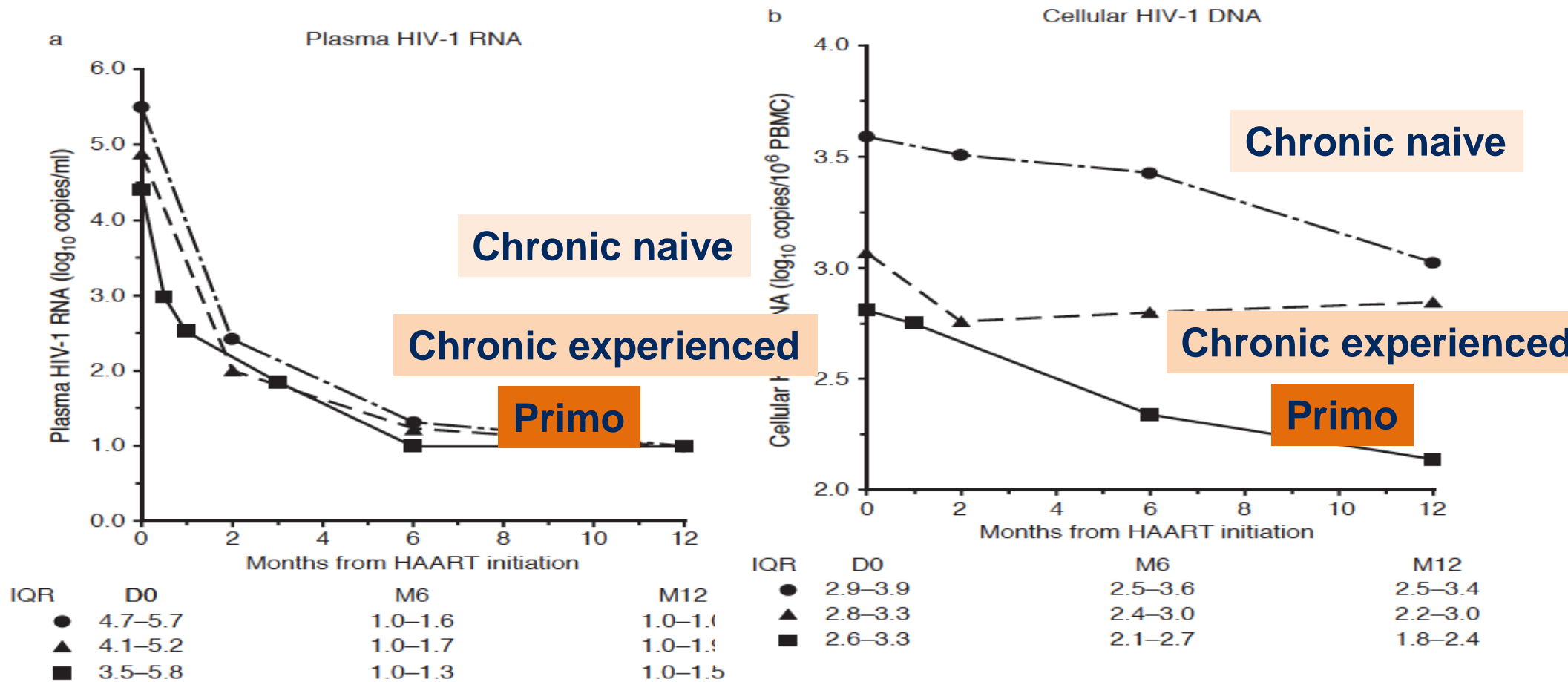
Total HIV DNA (c/10⁶ PBMC)



Integrated ADN VIH (c/10⁶ PBMC)



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

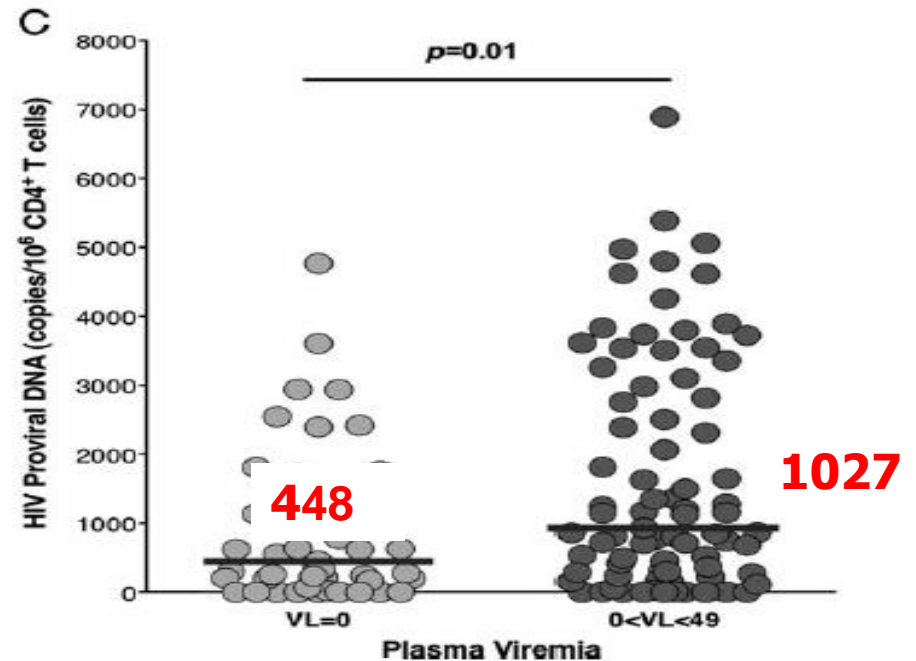
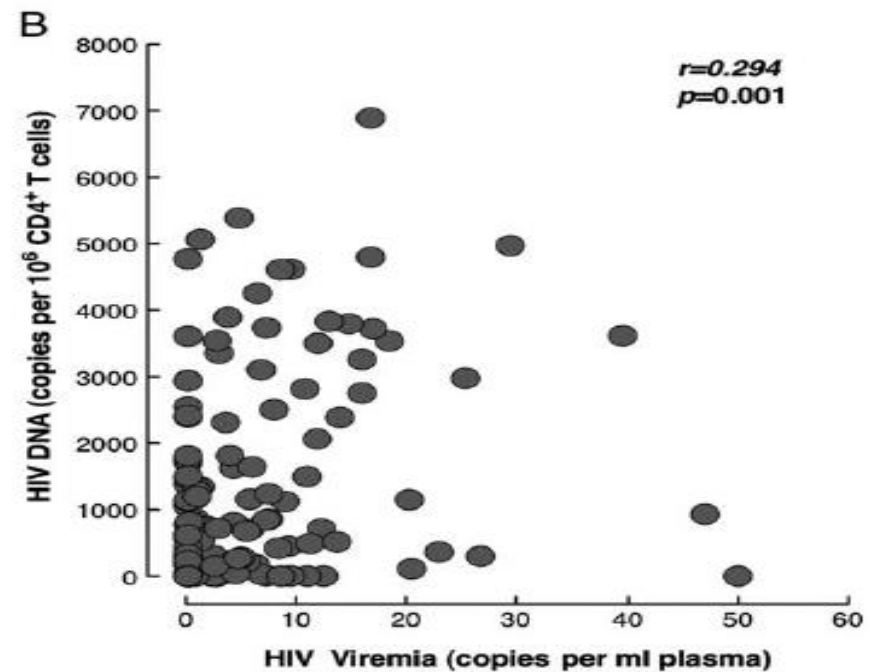


Relationship Between Residual Plasma Viremia and the Size of HIV Proviral DNA Reservoirs in Infected Individuals Receiving Effective Antiretroviral Therapy

Tae-Wook Chun,¹ Danielle Murray,¹ J. Shawn Justement,¹ Claire W. Hallahan,² Susan Moir,¹ Colin Kovacs,³ and Anthony S. Fauci¹

- 127 ART treated patients
- Med Duration : 6.5 y
- CD4 med : 580 /mm³
- HIV RNA (taqman) < 50 cp : 100%
- CD4/CD8 : 0.8
- HIV RNA us < 1 cp/ml: 37%
- CV médiane: 2.6 cp/ml

- Correlation between residual HIV RNA and CD4/CD8 and DNA
- No association between residual HIV RNA and activation markers (CRP, IL6, sTNFR1, CD38)



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

Antiretroviral therapy

- A highly effective therapy
- A highly effective prevention

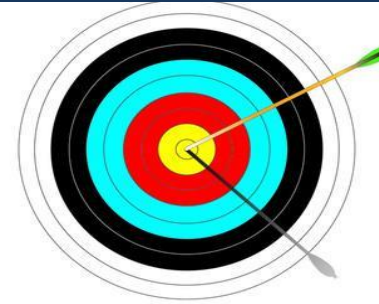


**...A « double hit
strategy »**

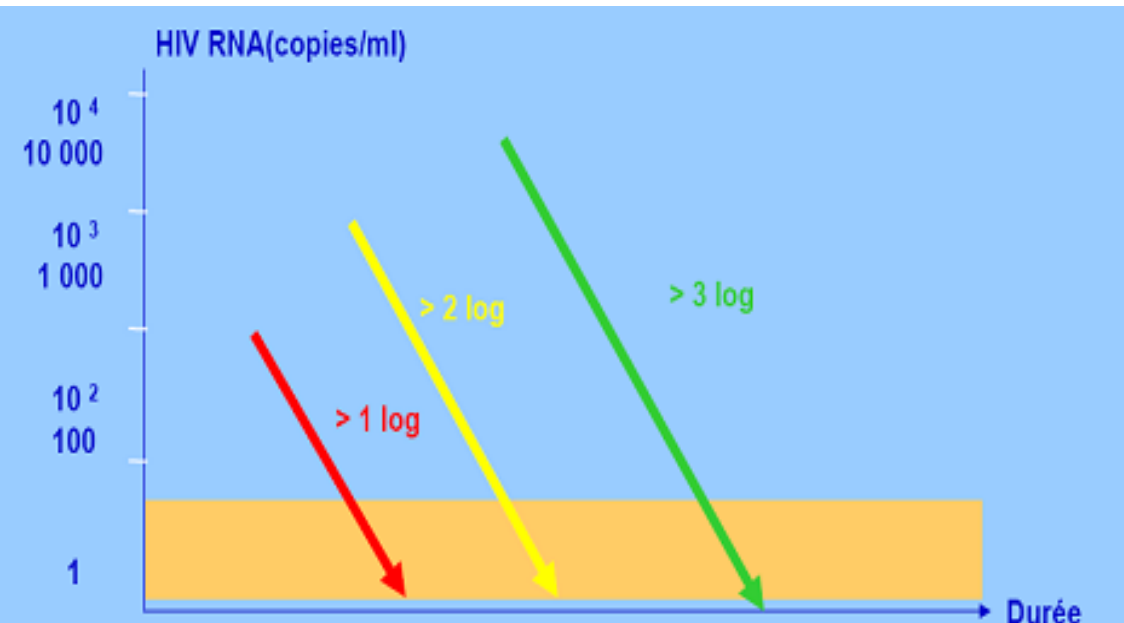
Viral replication has to be maximally suppressed

Maximal suppression of HIV required to

- Prevent disease progression
- Decrease immune activation
- Prevent resistance



Target below
detection



- **↘ 200 cp/ml : clinical and immunological**
- **↘ 50 cp/ml : resistance**
- **Tomorrow : 1 cp ?**

**Which benefits
on reservoirs and activation ?**

Control of viral replication has to be maximal

Individual level

Health

- Stop disease progression
- Optimize immune restoration
- Prevent resistance
- Optimize survival

Daily normal life

- to have children
- Maximal reduction of sexual transmission risk

Population level

- Reduced transmission
progressive control
→ and decrease of epidemics
- Decrease in tuberculosis
- Longer durability of efficacy of first lines ART
- Decrease of global cost of HIV

The background of the slide is a cosmic image featuring a dense field of stars and bright, colorful streaks of light in shades of orange, red, and yellow, radiating from the center, suggesting a deep-space or nebula environment.

Universe : Big Bang day 0
13.82 billion years ago

When to start antiretroviral
therapy ?