

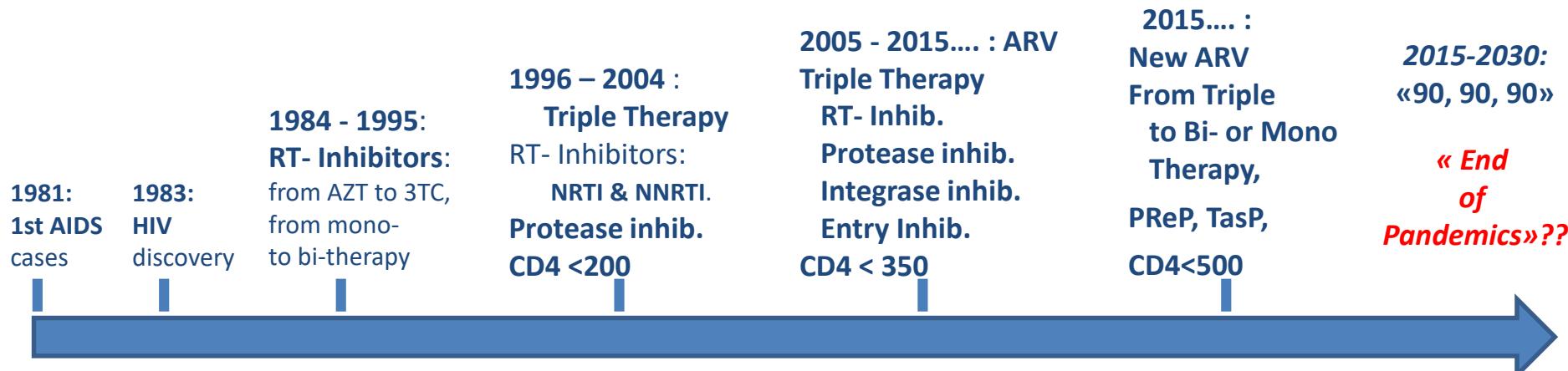
Science of HIV

Last news

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Science of HIV : the ARV revolution: towards the end of AIDS ?



- ✓ Improvement of Immune status & Survival but Persistence of :
 - **Inflammation and Non AIDS related co-morbidities**
- ✓ Improvement of virus control despite Persistence of :
 - **Latent HIV reservoirs**
- ✓ Progress in prevention of HIV but :
 - **Lack of HIV vaccine at sight despite intensive researches**

➤ What's next ?

HIV infection and immune activation: the role of coinfections

Curr. Op. HIV/AIDS, 2016

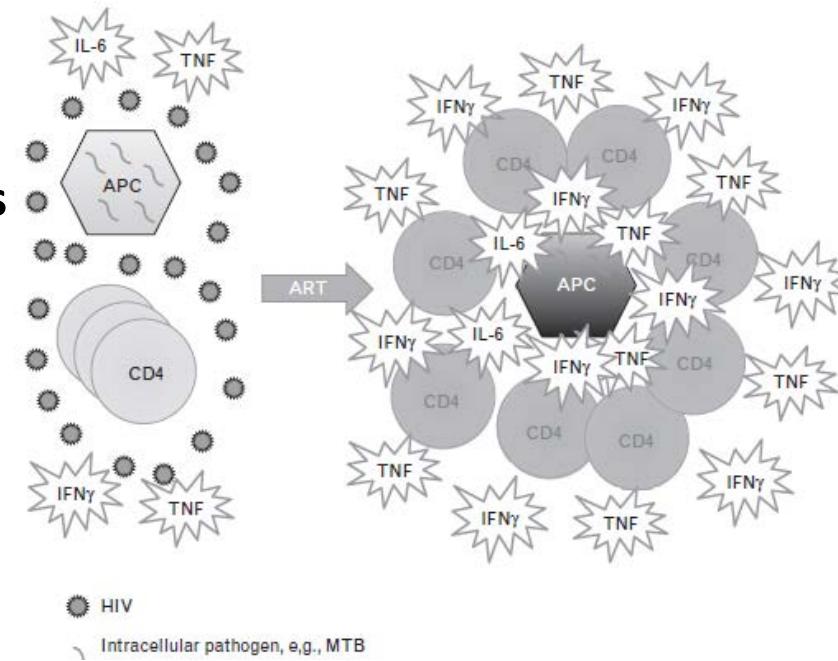
Afroditou Boulogoura and Irini Sereti

✓ Immune Restoration Syndrome (IRS):

(M French 1998)

- At initiation of ART in low CD4 counts with Opportunistic Infections:

- Tuberculosis (A Bourgarit , AIDS 2005)
- Cryptococcosis
- CMV retinitis



✓ Long term persistence of inflammation in ART-suppressed patients

- role of co-infections?

- CMV
- Others?

Determinants of a Low CD4/CD8 Ratio in HIV-1-Infected Individuals Despite Long-term Viral Suppression

Clin. Inf. Dis. 2016

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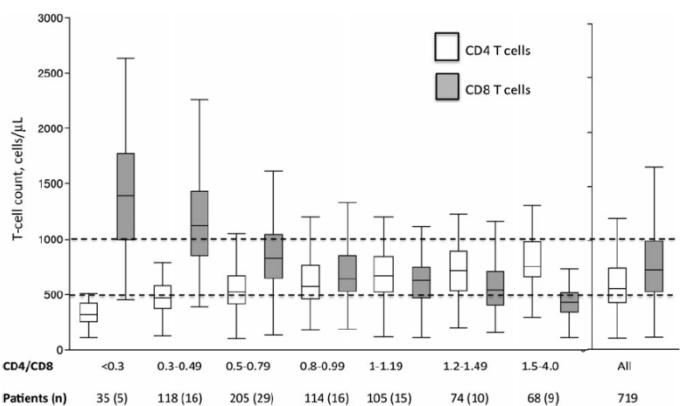
Characteristics	All (n = 719)	Individuals With Available CMV Serology (n = 645)	Individuals With No Available CMV Serology (n = 74)	P Value
Age, y	49 (44–56)	49 (44–56)	49 (43–53)	.6905
Male sex	529 (74)	478 (74)	51 (69)	.3386
HIV risk group				.9718
MSM	303 (48)	303 (53)	0 (0)	
Heterosexual	250 (40)	222 (39)	28 (38)	
IDU	62 (10)	43 (7)	19 (26)	
Blood transfusion	11 (2)	8 (1)	3 (4)	
Other/unknown	93 (13)	69 (11)	24 (32)	
Body mass index, kg/m ²	24 (21–26)	24 (22–27)	23 (20–25)	.0067
CDC stage C	168 (23)	155 (24)	13 (18)	.2158
CD4 count nadir, cells/µL	183 (80–276)	183 (75–279)	183 (125–245)	.7248
CD8 count zenith, cells/µL	1365 (1032–1843)	1361 (1032–1861)	1446 (920–1788)	.3862
CD4 count, cells/µL	565 (435–742)	576 (432–756)	520 (458–625)	.0843
CD8 count, cells/µL	727 (530–991)	727 (529–986)	717 (570–1097)	.2352
CD4/CD8 ratio	0.8 (0.6–1.1)	0.8 (0.6–1.1)	0.7 (0.5–1.0)	.0864
Duration of viral suppression ^a , y	5.4 (3.3–9.1)	5.5 (3.3–9.1)	4.8 (3.0–7.9)	.1248
ART introduction				.0669
2002 or later	218 (30)	203 (31)	15 (20)	
1997–2001	277 (39)	245 (38)	32 (43)	
Before 1997	224 (31)	197 (31)	27 (36)	
Current PI-containing regimen	428 (60)	380 (59)	48 (65)	.3243
Current NNRTI-containing regimen	260 (36)	240 (37)	20 (27)	.0864
Raltegravir-containing regimen	95 (13)	85 (13)	10 (14)	.9357
Maraviroc-containing regimen	15 (2)	13 (2)	2 (3)	.6963
Current NRTI-containing regimen	665 (92)	592 (92)	73 (99)	.743
Positive anti-HCV IgG	105 (15)	94 (15)	11 (15)	.8685
Positive HBsAg	53 (8)	49 (8)	4 (5)	.4898
Positive anti-CMV IgG (n = 645)	NA	564 (87)	NA	

CMV as a major risk factor for persistently low CD4/CD8 ratio

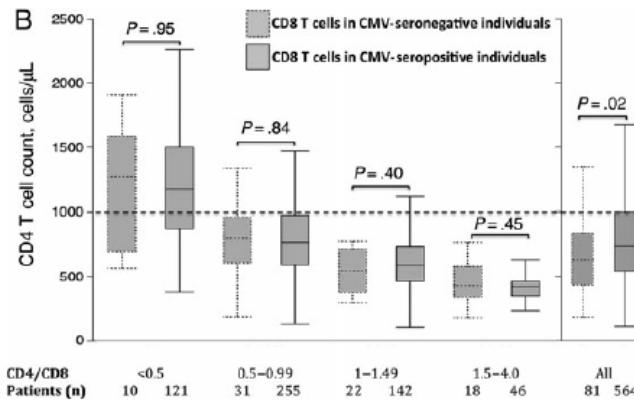
Risk factors for a CD4/CD8 ratio<1 (n=645)

Variable			Univariable Analysis		Multivariable Analysis ^a	
	CD4/CD8 Ratio <1 (n = 416)	CD4/CD8 Ratio ≥1 (n = 229)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Age ^b , y	48 (42–56)	51 (45–57)	0.8 (.7–.9)	.005	0.8 (.7–1.0)	.064
Male sex	300 (72)	178 (78)	0.7 (.5–1.0)	.061	0.9 (.6–1.5)	
Body mass index, kg/m ²	24 (22–27)	23 (21–26)	1.0 (1.0–1.1)	.418		
HIV risk group						
MSM	186 (45)	117 (51)	1	.226		
Heterosexual	153 (37)	69 (30)	1.4 (1.0–2.1)			
IDU	26 (6)	17 (8)	1.0 (.6–6.5)			
Other/unknown	51 (12)	26 (11)	1.4 (.9–2.4)			
CD4 count nadir ^c , cells/ μ L	153 (56–240)	233 (141–315)	0.7 (.6–.8)	<.001	0.7 (.7–.8)	<.001
Duration of viral suppression ^d , y	4.9 (3.1–8.5)	6.3 (3.7–10.1)	0.7 (.5–.8)	<.001	0.6 (.5–.8)	<.001
ART introduction						
2002 or later	123 (30)	80 (35)	1	.004	1	.009
1997–2001	150 (36)	95 (41)	1.1 (.8–1.6)		1.5 (1.0–2.3)	
Before 1997	143 (34)	54 (24)	1.9 (1.2–2.8)		1.9 (1.2–3.0)	
Positive anti-HCV IgG	68 (16)	26 (11)	1.4 (.9–2.2)	.159	1.4 (.8–2.3)	.224
Positive HBsAg	36 (9)	13 (6)	1.5 (.8–2.8)	.21		
Positive anti-CMV IgG	375 (90)	189 (83)	1.9 (1.2–3.1)	.005	1.9 (1.1–3.1)	.003

Altered distribution of CD8 T cells



Impact of CMV Infection on CD8 T cells



Risk factors for persistent inflammation and therapeutic implications

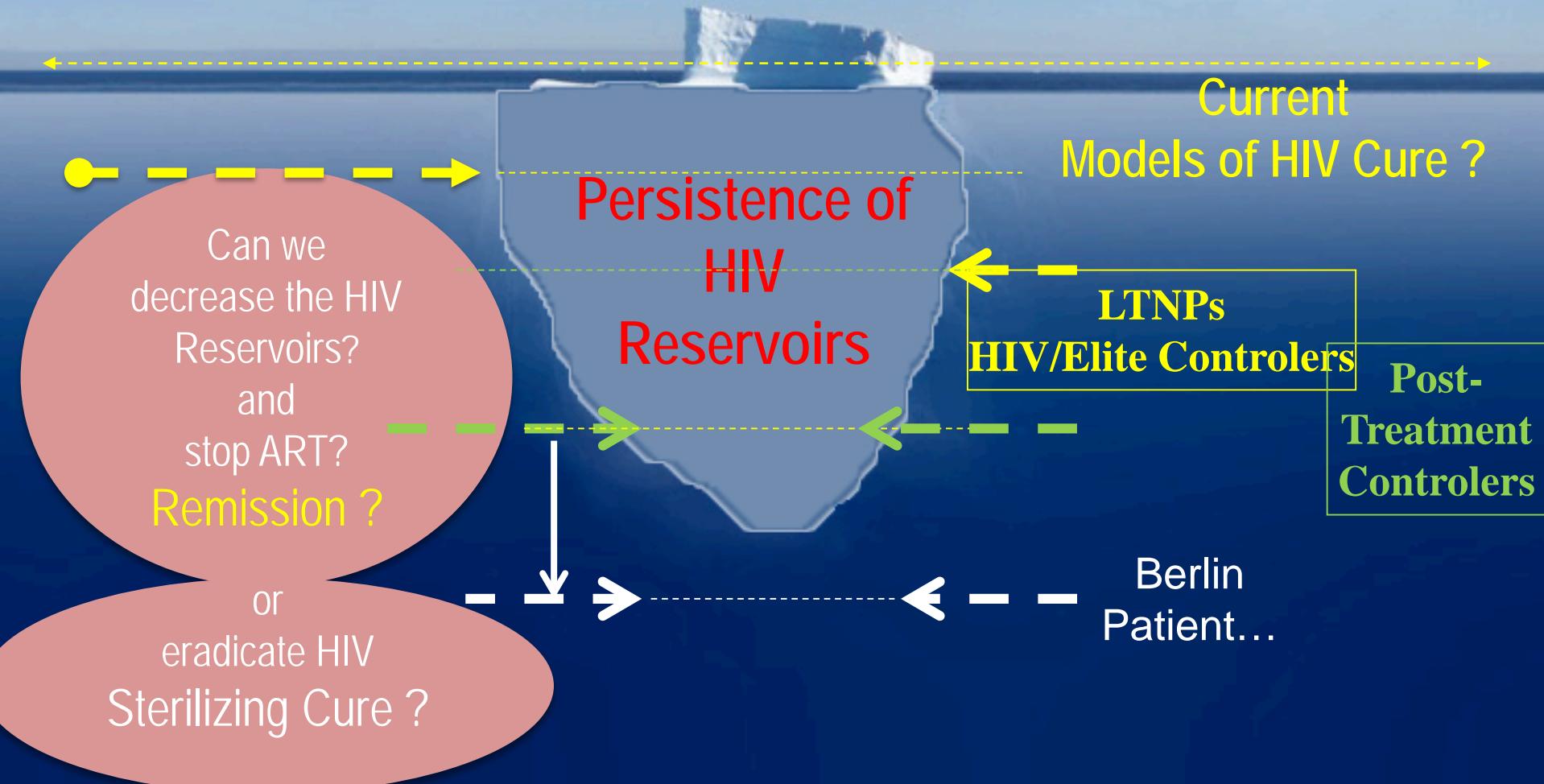
- Persistent inflammation and Role of

- Persistent co-infections other than CMV?
 - Low or no effect of HCV and HBV in fully suppressed patients : No abnormal inflammation markers except for IFN-alpha and ISG (*M Griesbeck AIDS 2017*)
- Altered microbiota?
 - confounding factors such as sexual preference (*R. Paredes et al. Ebiomed. 2016*) or diet
 - interfere with mechanisms of inflammation and CD4 recovery (*W Lu et al. Front. Microbiol. 2018*)

- Therapeutic implications:

- To treat CMV ? Gancyclovir reduces immune activation (*S Deeks JID,2008*)
 - But short term course => imposes new anti-CMV compounds
- To use anti-inflammatory agents?
 - Poor effect of classical agents
 - New agents? Blockade of IFN-alpha or p38 MAP-Kinases (*D Douek et al.; A Aldovini et al. PLoSPath 2018*)

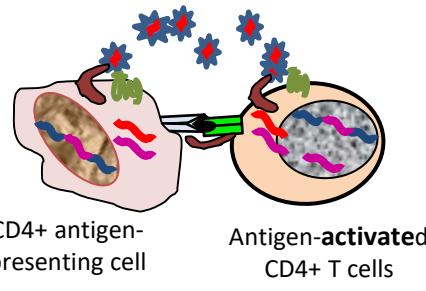
Science of HIV : Can we Cure HIV ?



Establishment & persistence of HIV reservoirs (J Ghosn et al. Lancet 2018)

A- Infection

Activation



HIV provirus integration
in active regions of
memory cell genome

B- Post-integration Latency in HIV reservoirs the Sleeping Beauty :

1- Establishment of latency



Resting

quiescent HIV-infected
Memory CD4 T cells

Escape
from death
of
rare
HIV-infected
Memory
CD4 T cells

Ex: IL-7



+ Ag Activation

Exhausted

activated HIV-infected
Memory CD4 T cells

2- Fate of latently -infected cells

Persistence of latent
reservoirs
In Resting long-lived
Memory HIV-infected cells

Homeostatic
proliferation of
memory HIV-infected cells

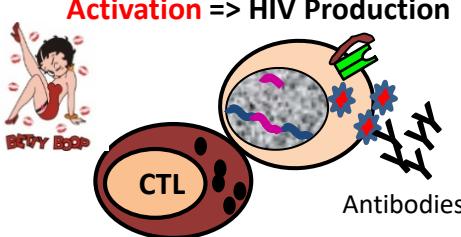
Production of HIV

Re-seeding
of reservoirs

PD1 Blockade of
T cell functions
HIV production

Persistence
of latent
Reservoirs in
Short-lived
Memory cells

Cell & Reservoir Lifespan



Death of most
HIV-producing
activated Memory
CD4+ T cells:
due to
HIV cytopathogenicity or immune death

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Models and Factors of Remission ???

ow Reservoirs ?
rong Immunity
or
weak infection of
some key cells ?



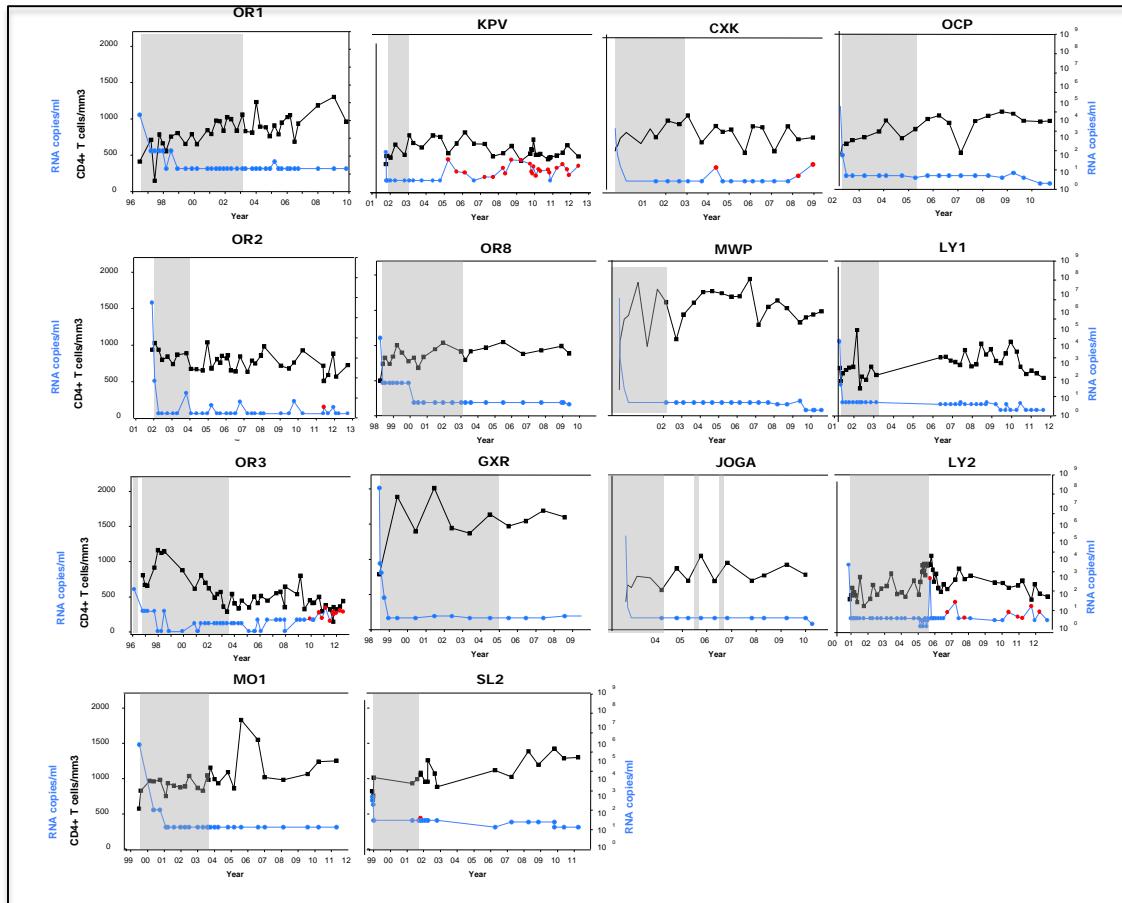
- Elite Controllers & Long Term Non Progressors
 - Infectéed since 12-30 ys, HIV <500, CD4 Nx
 - Genetics (HLA-B*57 ou B*27)
 - Strong CD4 & CD8 T cells /HIV
 - Low infection of some CD4 T cells= TCM if HLA-B*57/27 (*Descours et al. C.I.D. 2012*); *Klatt et al; PlosPathog. 2014*
- Post-Treatment Controllers (Visconti)
 - Control HIV without ARV for 5-10 yrs after 3-5 yrs ARV at primary infection
 - No special genetics (HLA)

Hoqueloux et al. AIDS 2010, J A C. 2013, Saez-Cirion et al. PLoSPathogens, 2013

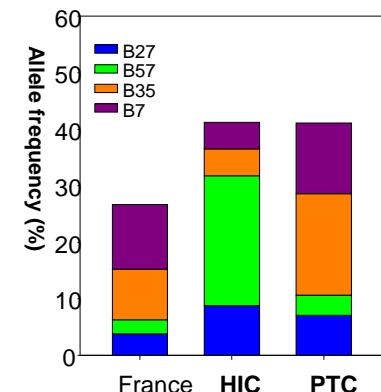
VISCONTI : Post-Treatment Controllers (PTC)

- Key role of ARV in Primo-Infection:
- Reservoirs + low

- VISCONTI:
- pVL<500cp/ml for 3.5ans,
after 3-5 ans ARV in early PHI



➤ No protective d'HLA



Hoqueloux et al. AIDS 2010,

Saez-Cirion et al. PLoS Pathogens, 2013

A quest for biomarkers of the HIV reservoirs

➤ CD32a ? (a receptor to the Fc of IgG) (*B Descours et al. Nature 2017*)

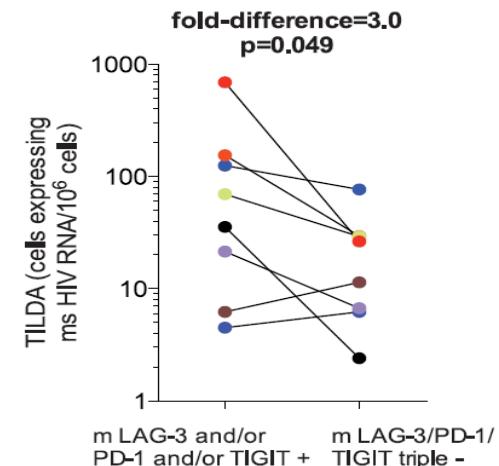
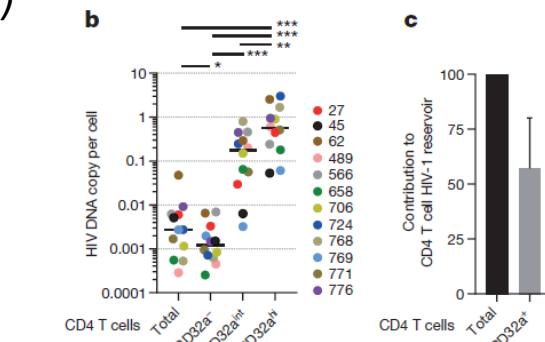
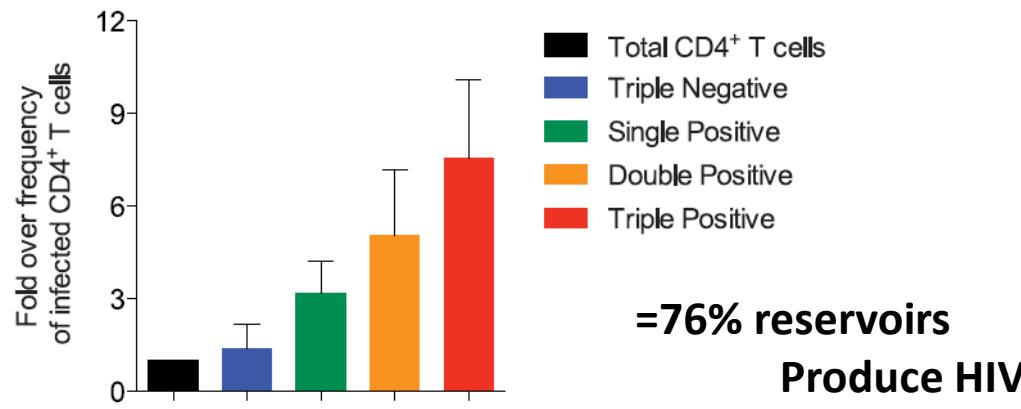
- **CD32a+ cells harbor 50% of the HIV reservoirs ?**
and produce faster and more HIV

➤ BUT Highly controversial :

CD32a not a maker of latent reservoir: cells express ingCD32a are all monocytes, macrophages and 1% activated memory CD4 T cells

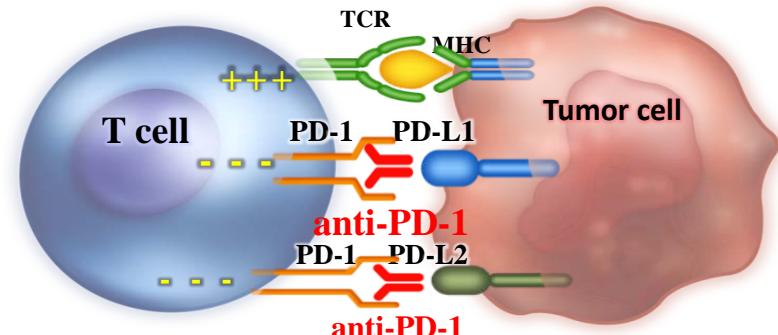
(*A Noto/G Pantaleo et al. JVI 2018; R Siliciano et al. CROI 2018; L Montaner et al. CROI 2018; D Nixon et al. CROI 2018; A Corneau et al, unpublished*)

➤ Immune Check-points? (*R Fromentin et al. PLoS Pathogens 2016*)



Why are Immune check points interesting for the reservoirs ?

- Immune check points
 - = PD1, CTLA-4, LAG-3, TIGIT ...
 - block T cell functions



➤ Monoclonal antibodies against the PD-1 axis : Successful in Oncology

Antagonize the negative signals induced by PD-1 in exhausted T cells

The new standard of care for NSCLC (*Brahmer 2015, Herbst 2016*)

by enhancing anti-tumor T cell activity

but no published data on anti-tumor efficacy in PLWHA (excluded from clinical trials)

Restore exhausted anti-HIV T cell activity :

in vitro (*Trautmann, 2006; Day 2006*)

in vivo : *one case report* (*Le Garff, AIDS 2017*) but still few data available

Proposed as a strategy to purge latent HIV reservoirs (*Katlama, 2013*)

enriched in PD1+ CD4+ T cells (*Fromentin 2016*)

Therapeutic Strategies for Cure ?

1) To decrease the HIV reservoirs

below a deadly threshold for the virus

- No convincing results

2) To target the residual cells

producing HIV with ARV?

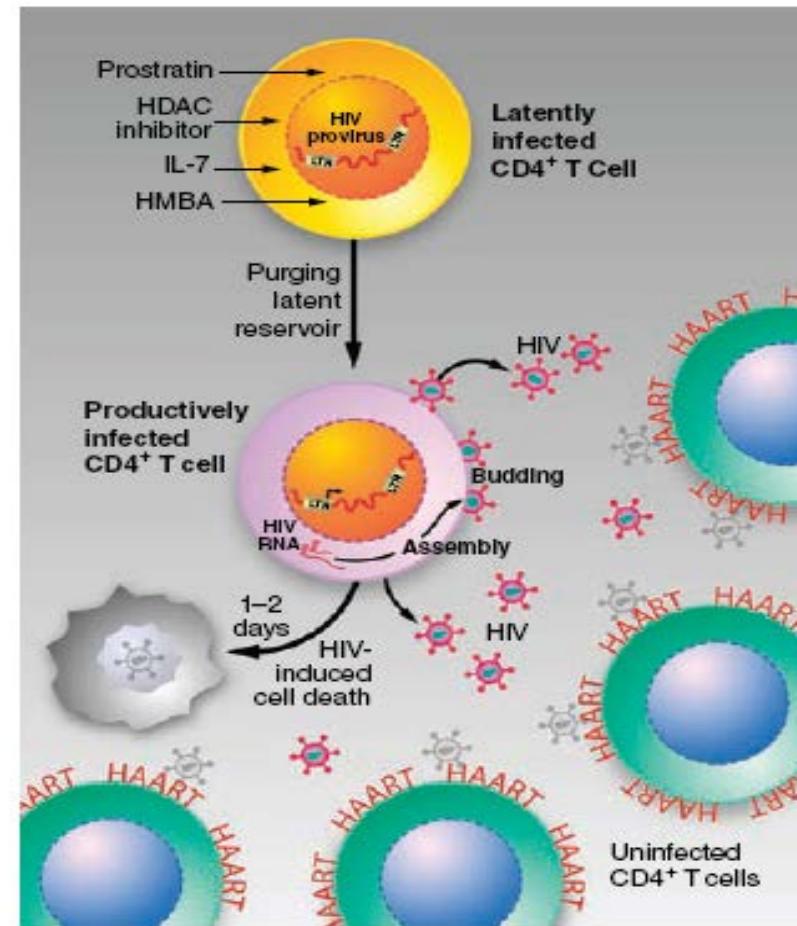
- No convincing results

3) To purge the latent reservoirs:

= the **shock and kill strategy**
combined strategies

4) To change the host cells into HIV-resistant cells:

- The Berlin patient
- Cell & therapy (CCR5-)
- Gene therapy : To exfiltrate HIV genes from the host genome: the Crispr/Cas 9 strategy



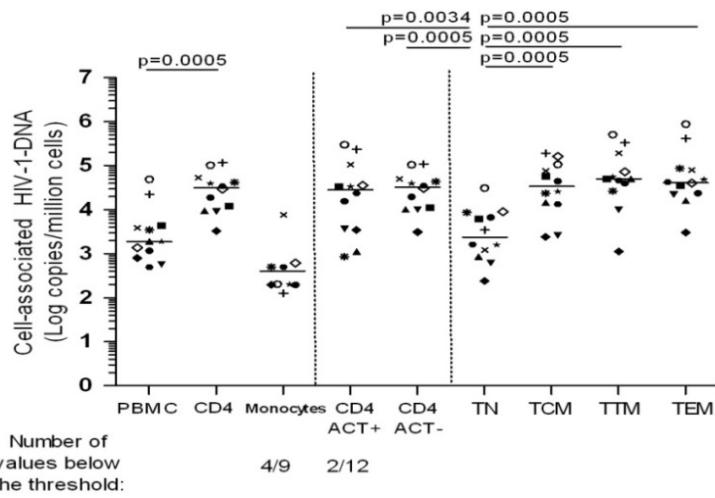
1) To decrease the HIV reservoirs with early therapy ???

➤ The Optiprim trial:

D0= 30days post-infection : (Fiebig III)

Bacchus & Chéret et al Plos One 2013

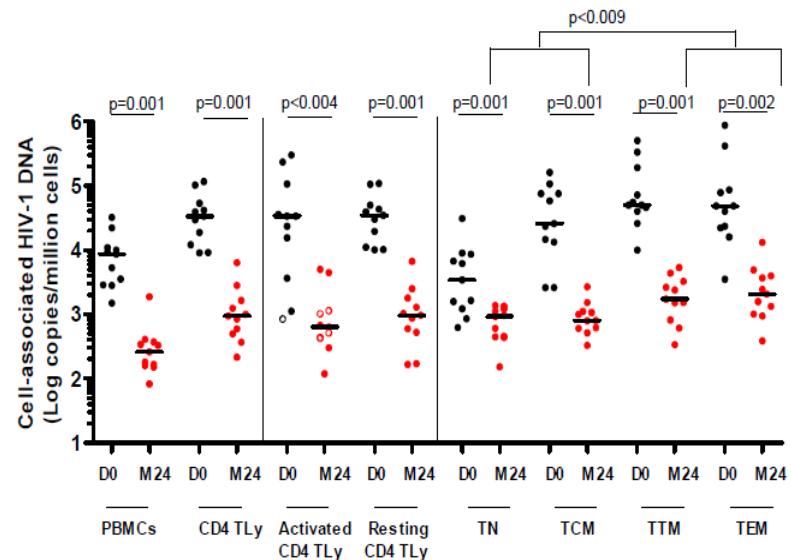
**Reservoirs : immediate clonal
and massive diffusion of HIV :**
3-5 logs/millions long lived CD4+ cells



After 2 years of intensified ARV (5 vs 3 drugs)

Chéret & Bacchus et al JAC 2014

**Persistence of substantial HIV reservoirs
despite a 2 log decrease in long lived CD4 TCM**



➤ Similar results in Fiebig I stage and rapid HIV rebound after ATI :
(J Ananworanich et al. 2017, 2018)

1) To test whether low HIV reservoirs in chronic ARV-treated patients ensure remission:

The ULTRA-STOP study (R Calin, C Hamimi, S Lambert et al AIDS, 2017.)



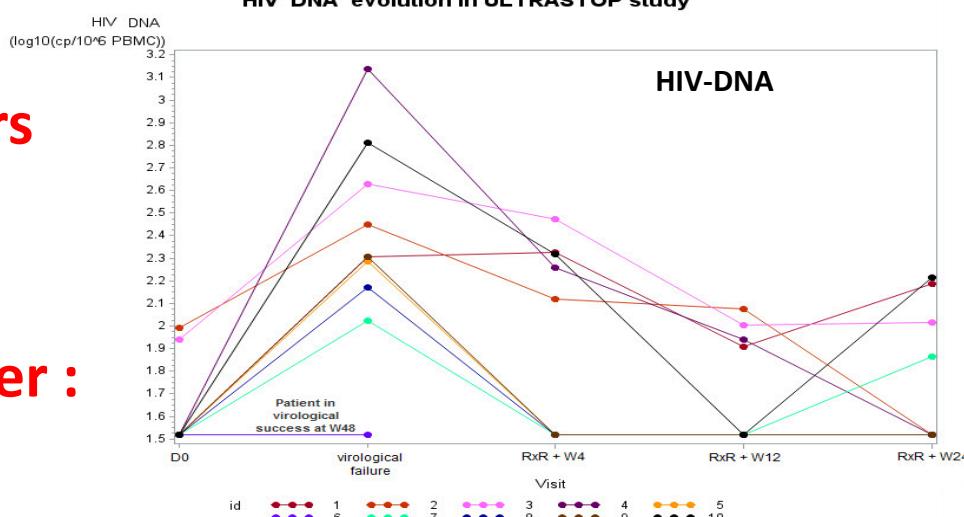
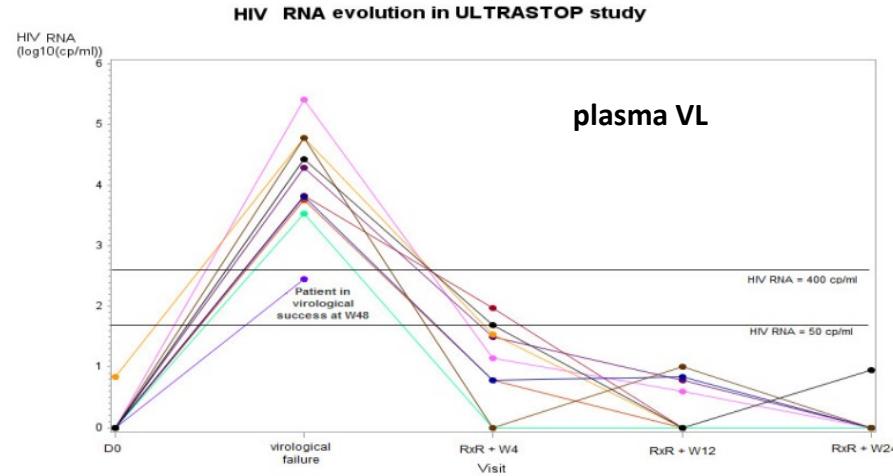
- Long term ARV-treated
- Early (Nadir CD4>350)
- Ultra-low HIV reservoirs : at threshold

➤ HIV Rebound in 9/10

➤ Rapid Dynamics of HIV reservoirs

➤ Weak immunity to HIV.

➤ 1 single Post-treatment controller :
12m



3) Combined strategies to purge the HIV reservoirs

- to re-activate HIV in latently infected cells :

- HDAC Inhibitors ? Failure of all trials,
- IL-7? Failure: Eramune-01 trial (*Katlama et al. AIDS 2016*)
- Adjuvants ?

- and to target HIV producing cells

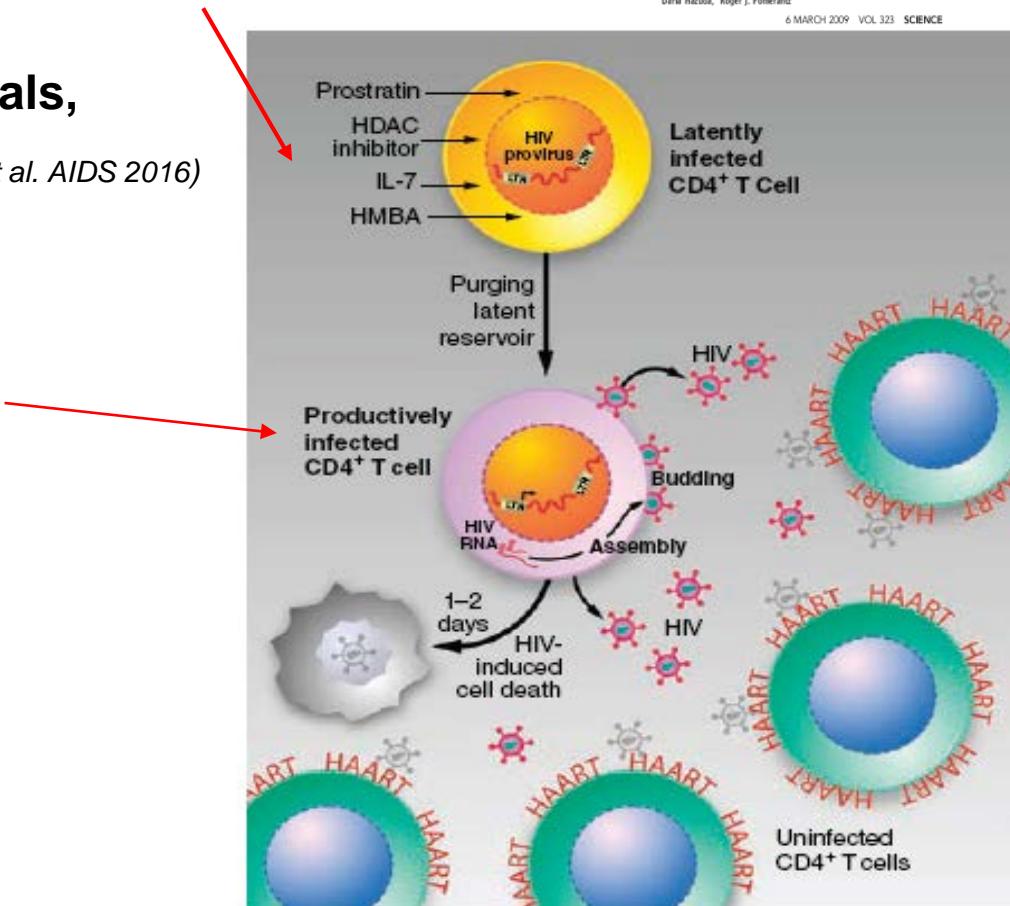
to limit residual virus spreading

- Therapeutic vaccines
inducing CTLs ?
Abs ???

- Therapeutic Antibodies ?
Broadly Neutralizing Abs?

- Immune check point
inhibitors ?

The Challenge of Finding a Cure
for HIV Infection
Douglas D. Richman,^{1,*} David M. Margolis,² Martin Delaney,^{3,†} Warner C. Greene,⁴
Darla Hazuda,² Roger J. Pomerantz²
6 MARCH 2009 VOL 323 SCIENCE

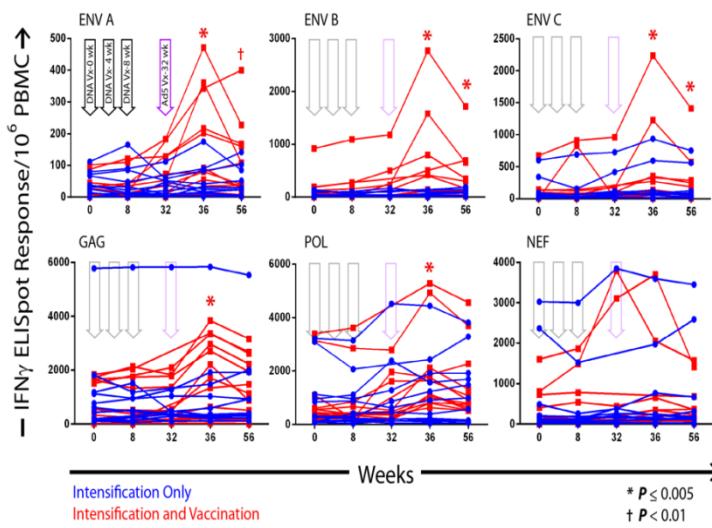


To target the residual cells producing HIV with ARV + Therapeutic vaccine? The Eramune-02 study

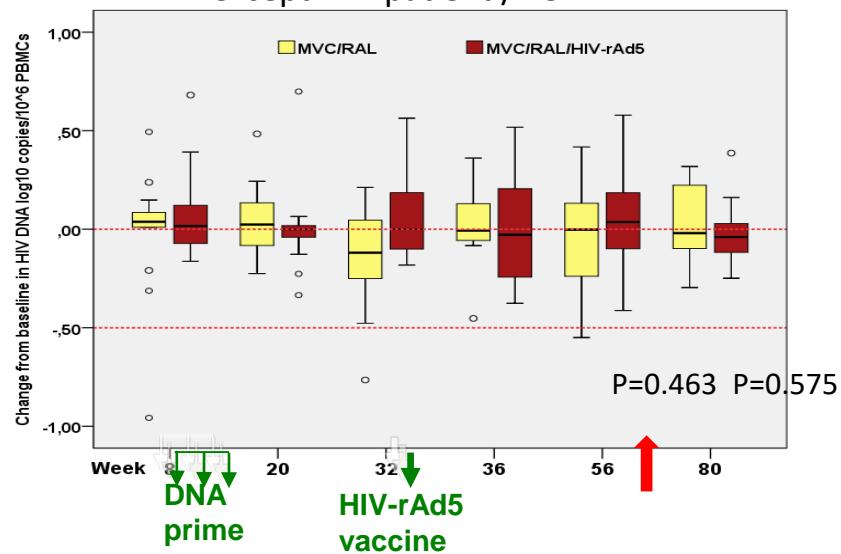
C Achenbach et al. Lancet HIV, 2015

- Randomized 2 arms trial in 2 x 15 patients durably suppressed with cART:
W0: 2 ARV drug intensification +/- Wk8-Wk32 : vaccine immunisation
- Robust induction of HIV-specific T cells
- No change in peripheral HIV reservoirs

Ex-vivo Elispot analysis,



except in 1 patient / 15

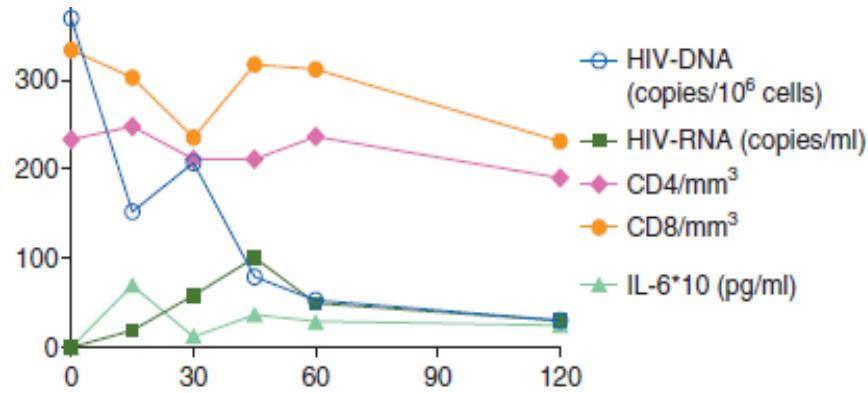


Conclusion:

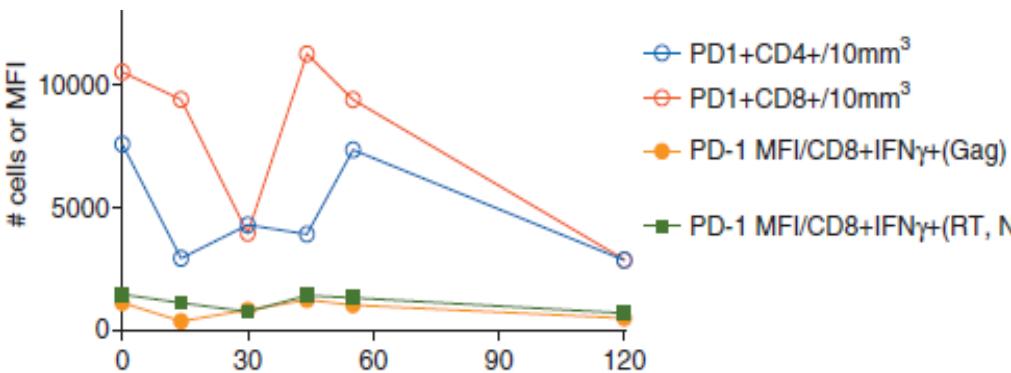
- VRC vaccine + intensified ARV did not decrease HIV reservoirs despite strong T cell responses,
- Causes ? « Futility »?
 - *Too low* (ARV intensification ?) or *inaccessible* (Follicular Th cells?) **HIV reservoirs** ?
 - *Archived Escape variants* in reservoirs?

Reduction of the HIV reservoirs & restoration of HIV-specific T cells with anti-PD-1 therapy in 1 Patient out of 15 (A Guihot et al. Ann. Oncol. 2017)

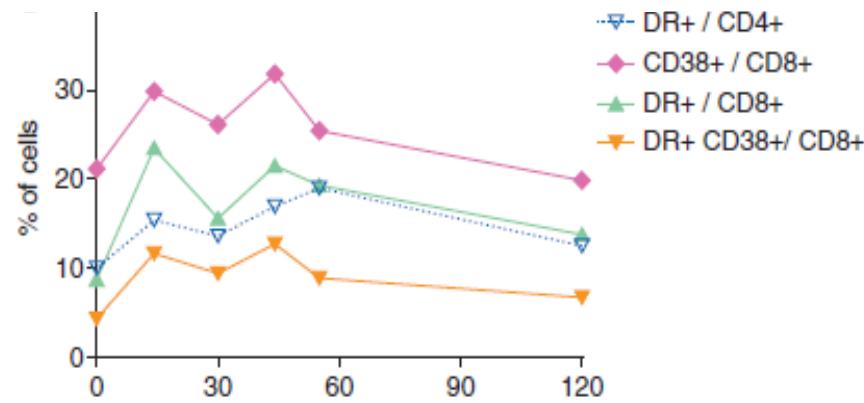
- 3-fold reduction in the HIV reservoirs



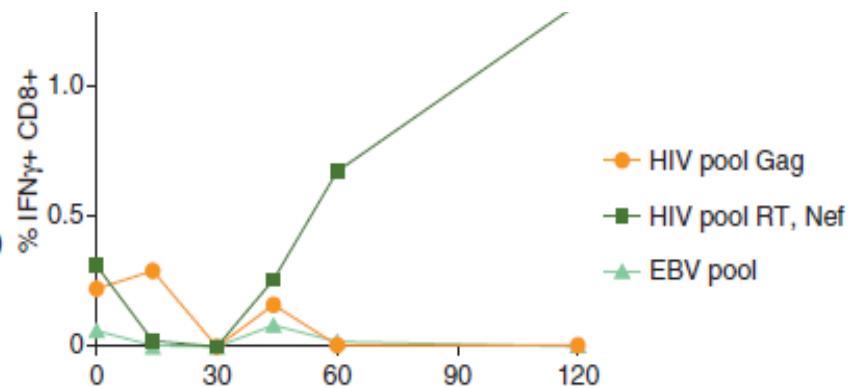
- Decreased expression of ICP



- Transient increase in activation



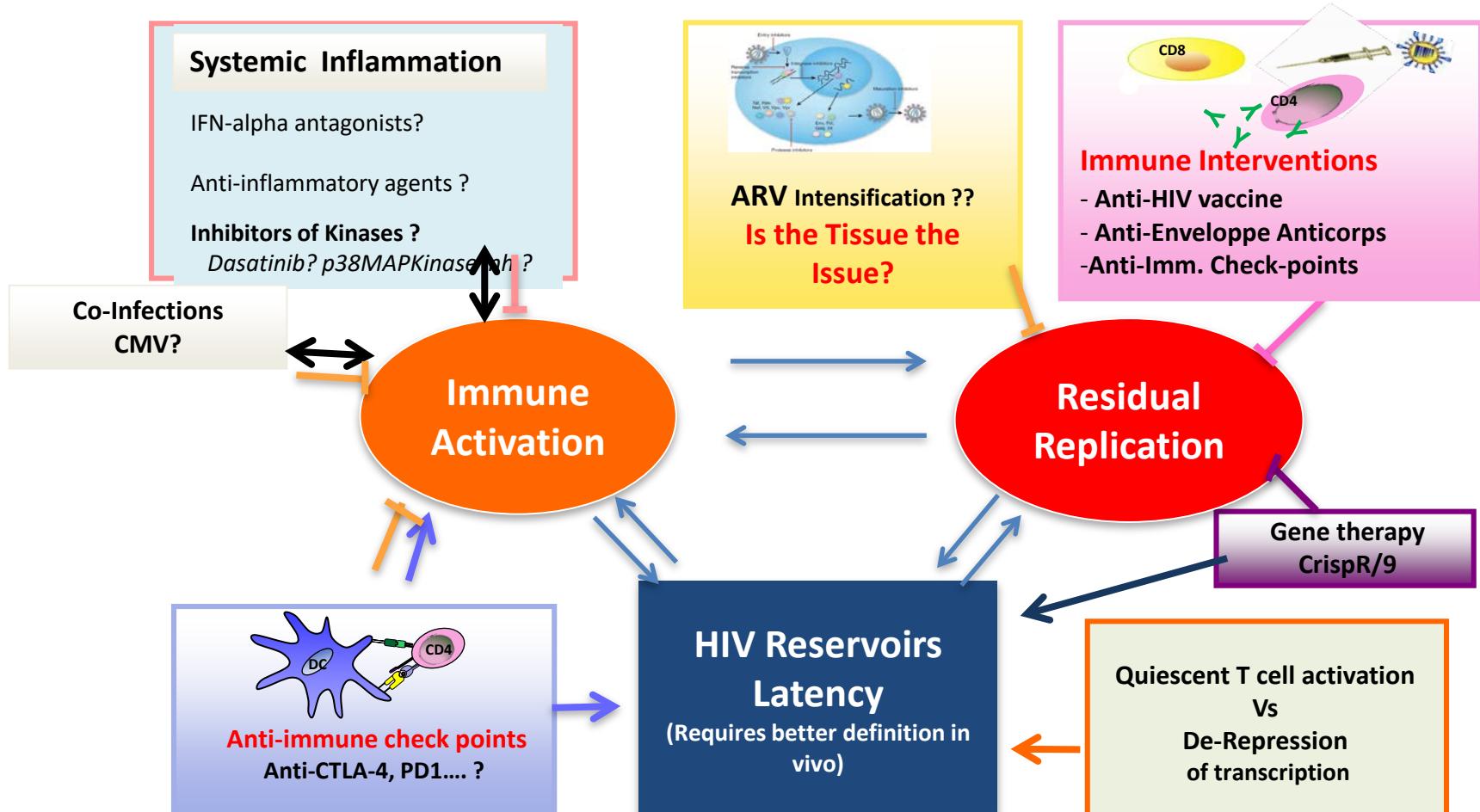
- Sustained increase in anti-HIV CD8 T cells



➤ But effect only transient over 1 year and frequency of success still unknown

Conclusions

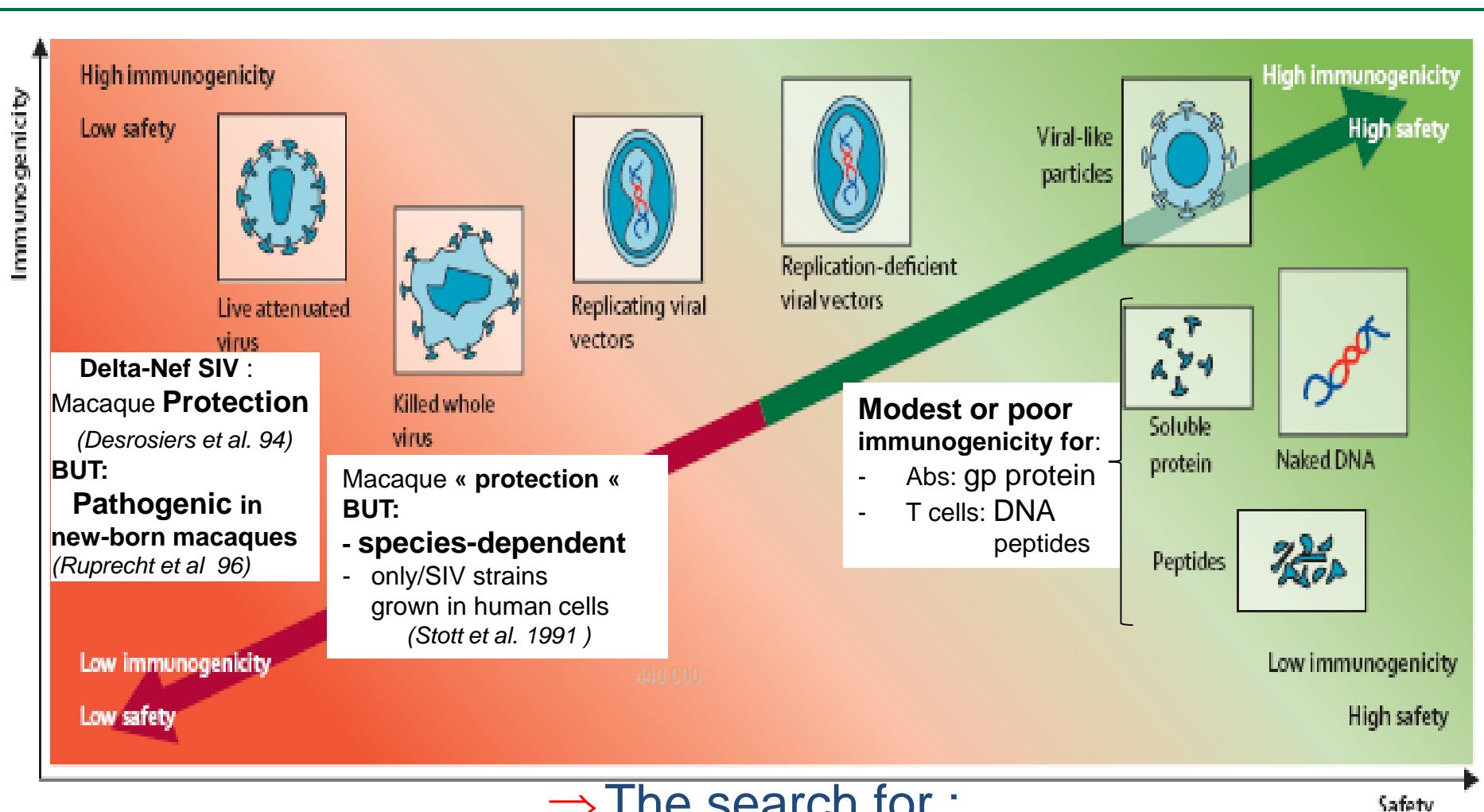
- The lack of frequent Remission despite Ultra-Low Reservoirs :
 - Indicate a Low, even replication uncompetent, Reservoir is **NOT** enough
 - Impose **Supplementary Strategies for Remission** : What's next ??



Progress towards development of an HIV vaccine

from

Anna Laura Ross, Andreas Bräve, Gabriella Scarlatti, Amapola Manrique, Luiqi Buonaquero *Lancet*, 2009

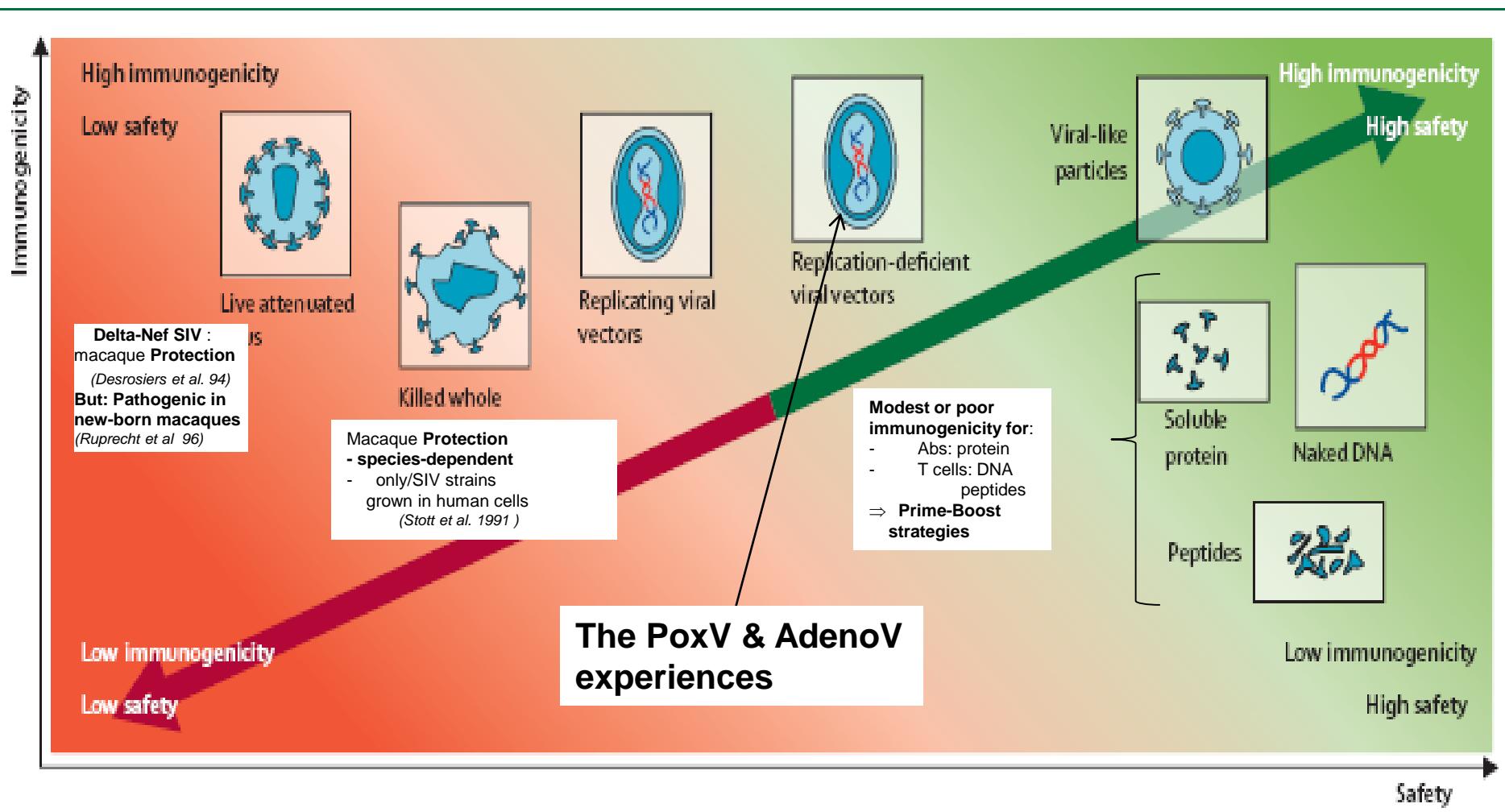


→ The search for :

- Prime-Boost strategies
- a T cell based HIV vaccine

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⇒ The search for :
a T cell based HIV vaccine

- Vaccine:**
HIV Rec.Adeno5



- Controlled trial:**
 - 3,000 High risk volunteers
 - +/- pre-existing anti-Ad5 Abs

➤ **DSMB: Definitive arrest of the trial**
 => **Increased frequency of HIV infections**

in Vaccinees vs Placebo :

Most evident in uncircumcised men with pre-existing Ad5 Abs (HRs: 4.2-4.8)

- **No reduction in Viral Load after HIV infection**
- Effect of pre-existing Abs / Ad5?
- No differences in vaccine immunogenicity between Cases and Non Cases

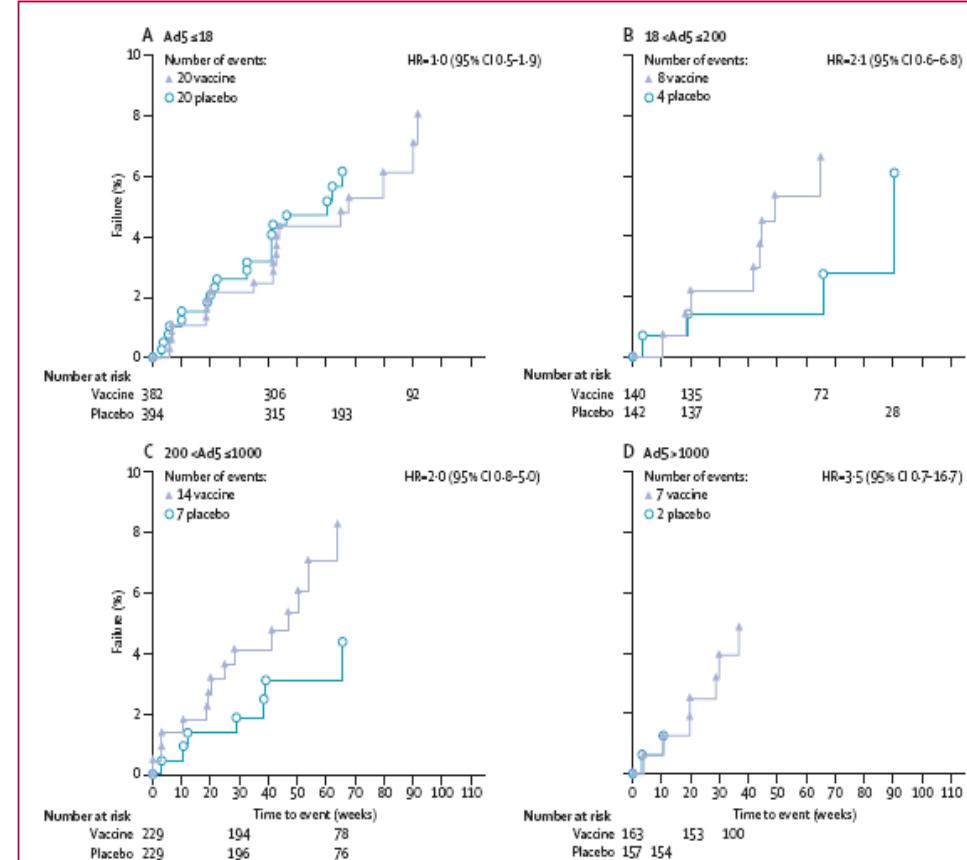


Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier plots of HIV Infection for male vaccine and placebo groups by baseline Ad5 antibody titre ≤ 18 (A); baseline Ad5 antibody titre between > 18 and ≤ 200 (B); baseline Ad5 antibody titre between > 200 and ≤ 1000 (C); and baseline Ad5 antibody titre > 1000 (D). Each hazard ratio (HR) is from a univariate Cox regression model.

Vaccination with ALVAC and AIDSVAX to Prevent HIV-1 Infection in Thailand.

[Rerks-Ngarm S](#), [Pitisuttithum P](#), [Nitayaphan S](#), [Kaewkungwal J](#), [Chiu J](#), [Paris R](#), [Premsri N](#), [Namwat C](#), [de Souza M](#), [Adams E](#), [Benenson M](#), [Gurunathan S](#), [Tartaglia J](#), [McNeil JG](#), [Francis DP](#), [Stablein D](#), [Birx DL](#), [Chunsuttiwat S](#), [Khamboonruang C](#), [Thongcharoen P](#), [Robb ML](#), [Michael NL](#), [Kunasol P](#), [Kim JH](#); [the MOPH-TAVEG Investigators](#).

- Study Design :
 - A randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled efficacy trial,
 - in **16,402** healthy men and women 18 and 30 years
 - primarily at **heterosexual risk** for HIV infection,
 - 4 priming injections of a **recombinant canarypox vector vaccine** (ALVAC-HIV [vCP1521])
 - 2 booster injections of a **recombinant glycoprotein 120 vaccine** (AIDSvax B/E).
 - Coprimary end points: at 6-month post vaccinations and every 6 months for 3 years.
 - **HIV-1 infection** and
 - **early HIV-1 viremia**,

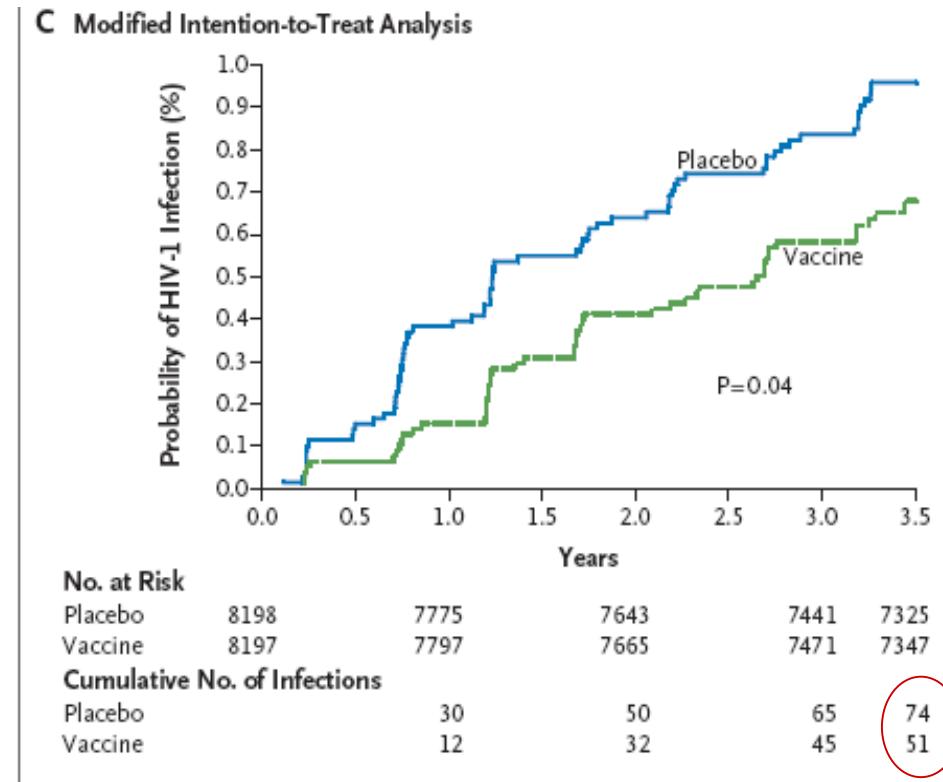
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A modest but significant benefit :

- **RESULTS:**
 - Intention-to-treat analysis:
 - vaccine efficacy: 26.4% ($p=0.08$).
 - **Modified intention-to-treat analysis:**
 - excluding 7 subjects HIV+ at baseline,
 - **vaccine efficacy :**
31.2% ($P=0.04$).
- **CONCLUSIONS:**

« **ALVAC-HIV + AIDSVAX B/E vaccine regimen may reduce the risk of HIV infection in a community-based population with largely heterosexual risk.** »

 - But: Vaccination did not affect the viral load or CD4+ count after HIV infection
Immune correlates of protection ??? (No Neut Abs, no IFN-g producing T cells?)
= Non Neutralizing Abs / V1-V2 (Haynes et al. NEJM 2011)

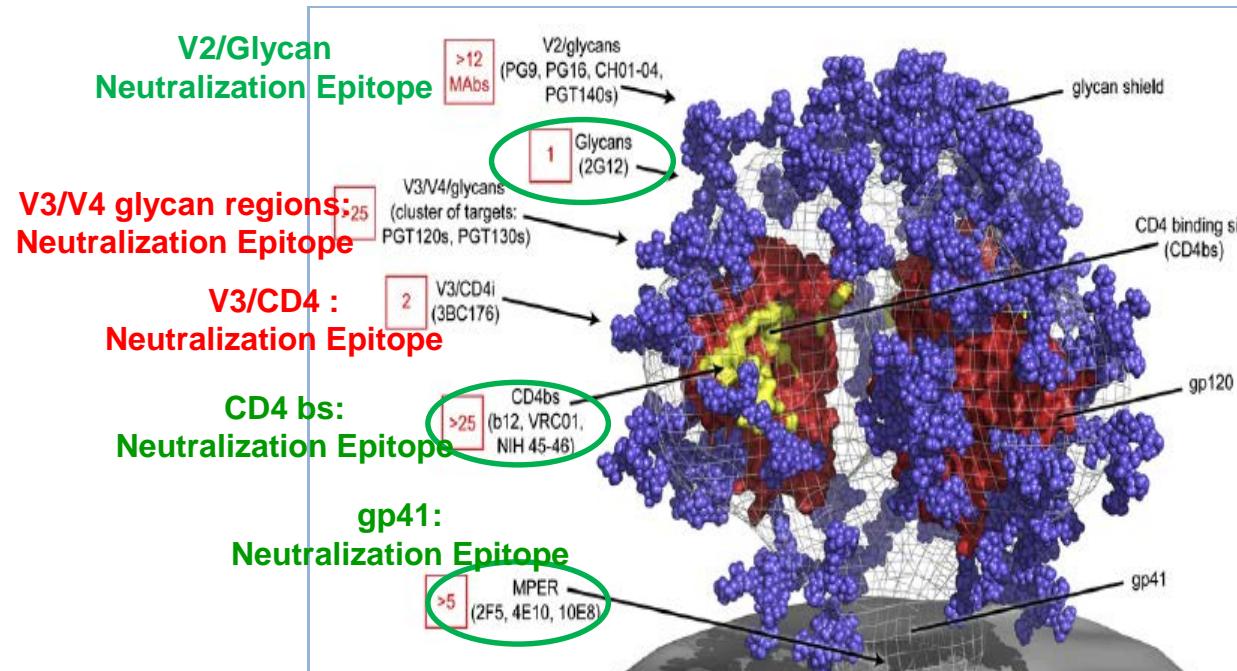


Post RV144 HIV vaccine programme :

- The single cell antibody cloning approach :

➤ Discovery of Human Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies

- ✓ Neutralize x clades at low concentrations (<1ng/ml)
- ✓ far broader than prior Nabs:
Tier 1, 2 and 3 bNAbs
- ✓ Frequent
 - Tier 3: 1% Elite Neutralizers
 - Tier 2: 20% HIV+ subjects

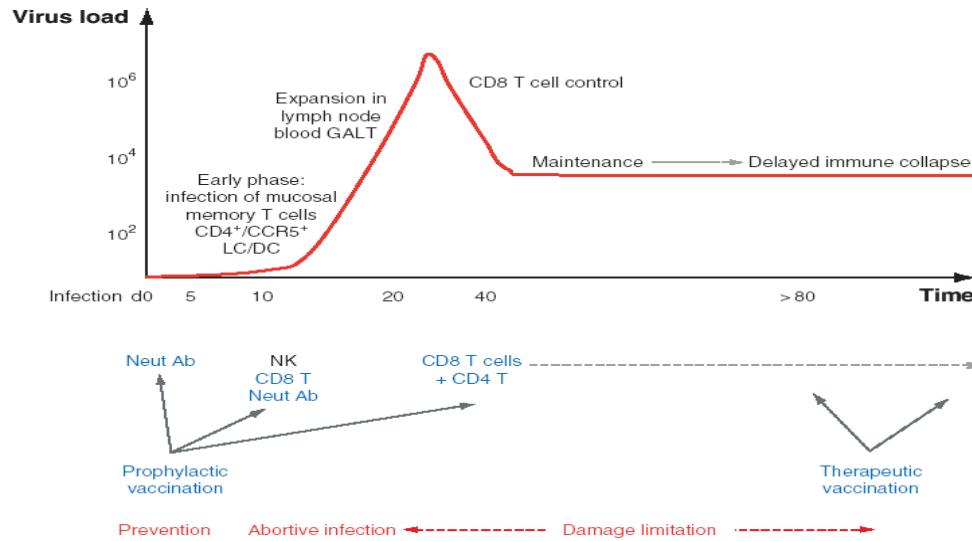


But

- late (> 0.5-3 years), and in viremic patients : not correlated to disease protection
- Complex structure : Require long maturation (somatic hypermutations [SHM] + rare structural motifs as a result of chronic B cell stimulation by successive HIV variants)
(request multiple rounds of germinal center selection and hundreds of cell division cycles...)

The search for an anti-HIV Vaccine:

The combined Ab + CD8 T cells approach:



Main Stakeholders :

- NIAID, VRC and HVTN (HPTN)
- IAVI (International AIDS Vaccine Initiative)
- USMHRP (US Military HIV Research Program)
- P5 Poxvirus-Protein Public Private partnership
- B. & M. Gates Foundation
- AVAC (AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition)
- Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise
- Eurovacc Foundation, ANRS, and others

➤ Antibody-based vaccine approach :

➤ The only strategy able to prevent HIV infection based on:

— Broadly Neutralizing Abs:

- to help immunogen design
- New Env vaccine candidates
 - with promising results in animal models
 - Clinical trials starting

— Non-Neutralizing Abs approaches:

➤ T cell based vaccines complementary approach to control Neut.Ab. escape mutants ?

— Conserved HIV antigens for broader Immunity :

Mosaic multiclade or Conserved Chimeric Ags

— New Vectors :

- Chimeric or AdenoVirus: Ad26, -35, or ChimpAd
- New PoxViruses
- Live replicating Vectors? the CMV approach

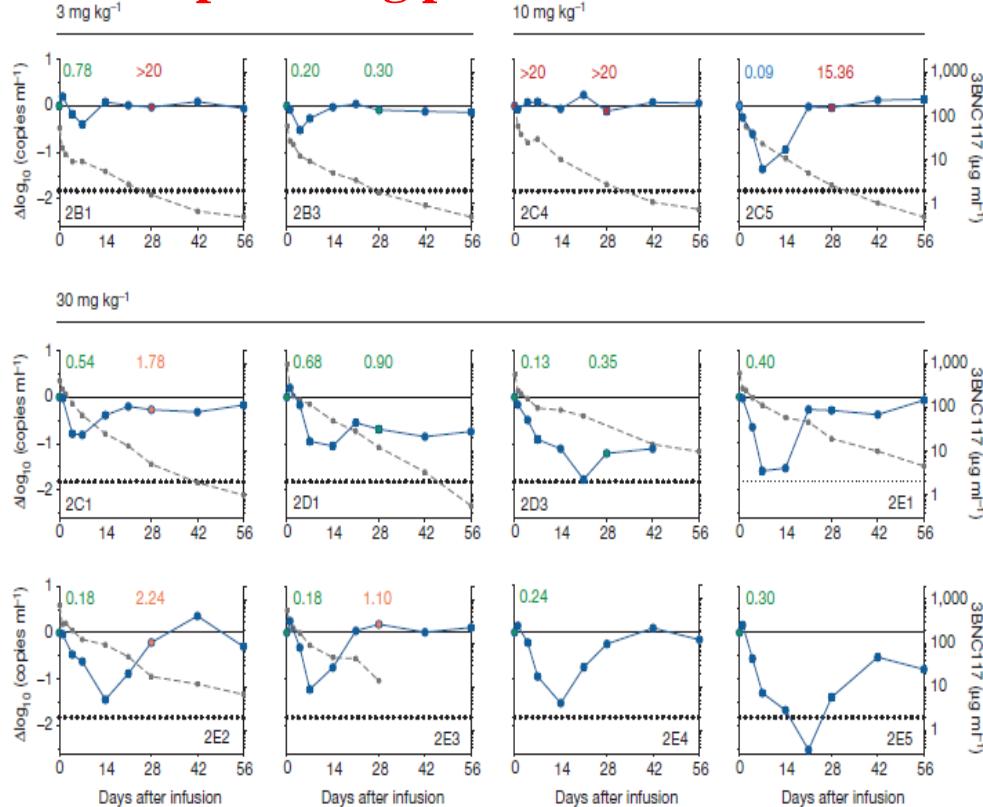
Viraemia suppressed in HIV-1-infected humans by broadly neutralizing antibody 3BNC117

Caskey et al. *Nature* 2015

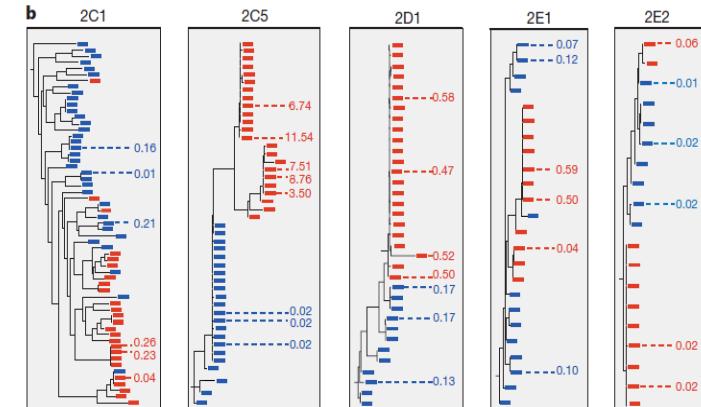
➤ Passive transfers of Neutralizing Abs:

- 1st clinical trial
- Escalating dose

➤ Up to 2-log plasma HIV load reduction



	Uninfected (n = 12)	HIV-1-infected (n = 17)
Gender (% male)	83%	76%
Mean age (range)	43 (22–58)	37 (20–54)
Race/ethnicity		
White	42%	29%
Black or African American	50%	53%
Hispanic	8%	18%
ART status		
On ART n (%)	—	2 (12%)
Off ART n (%)	—	15 (88%)
Mean absolute CD4 ⁺ count (cells μl ⁻¹ ; day 0)	—	655 (245–1,129)
Mean % CD4 ⁺ count (day 0)	—	29% (20–42%)
Mean HIV-1 RNA level (copies ml ⁻¹ ; day 0)*	—	9,420 (640–53,470)



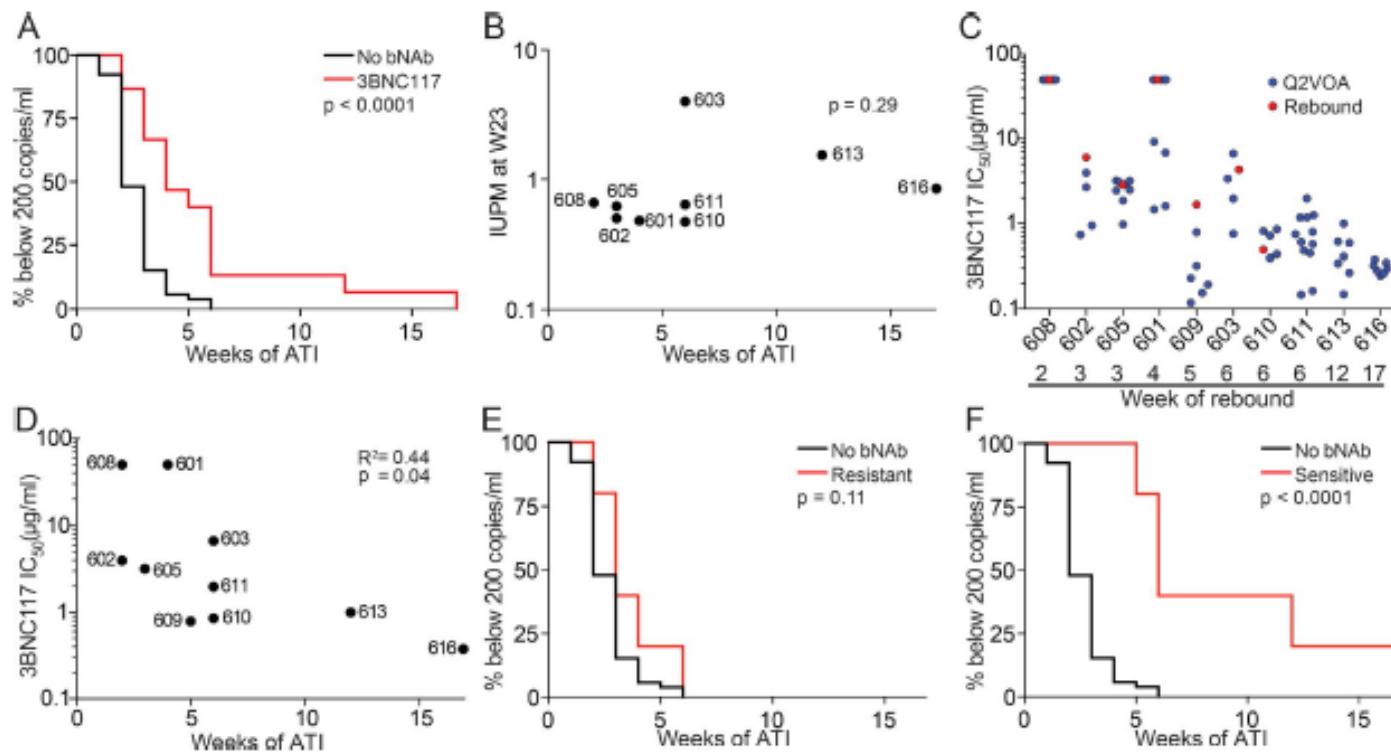
- Transient effect
- Selection of mutants

➤ Very Encouraging

Relationship between latent and rebound viruses in a clinical trial of anti-HIV-1 antibody 3BNC117

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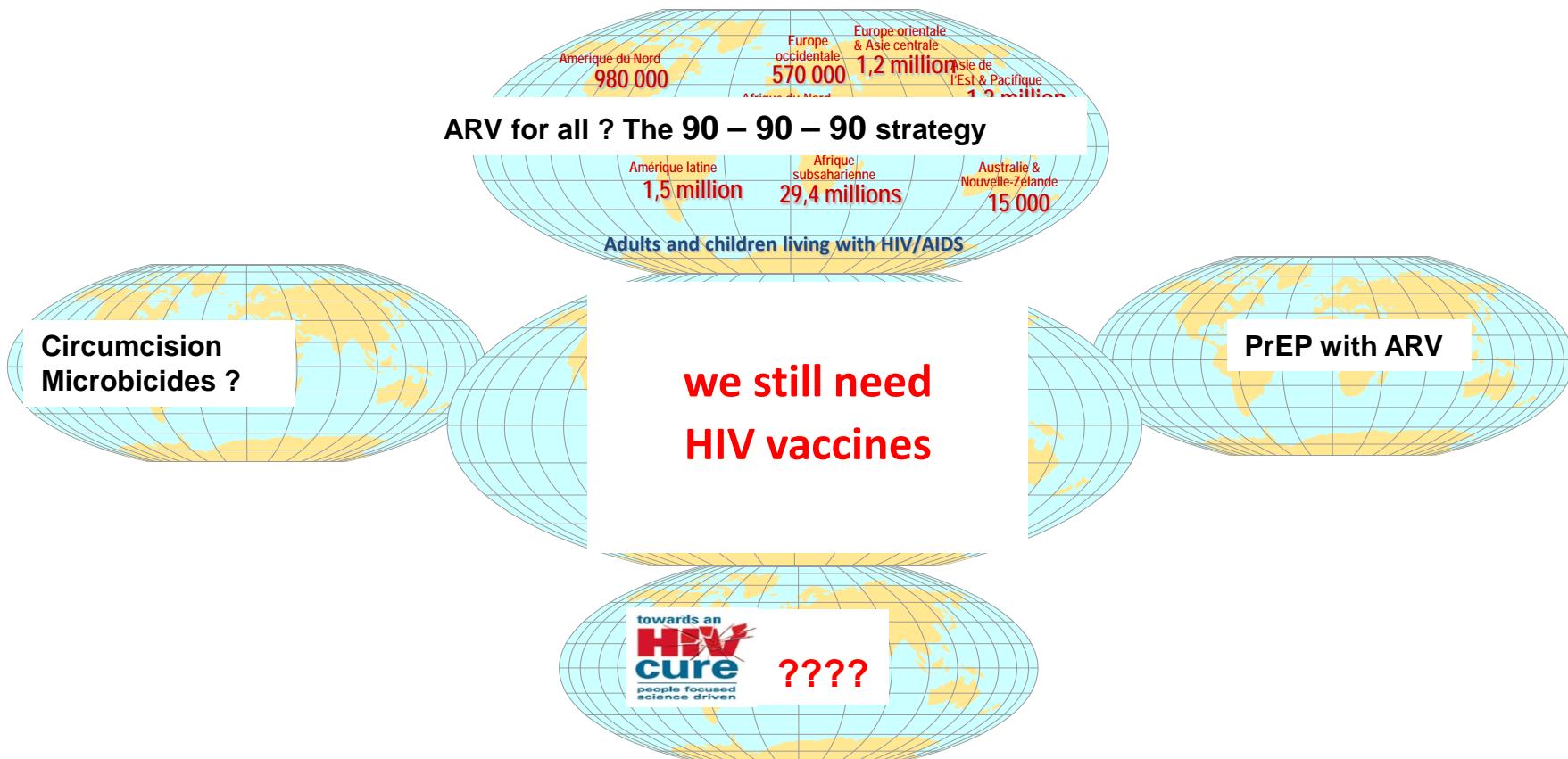
BUT:

- No change in the size of the reservoir
- No correlation between circulating HIV clones and sensitivity of the Neut. Ab BNC117

Success of ARV-based HIV Prevention strategies ...

But

no vaccine and no clear strategy for HIV cure yet



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