



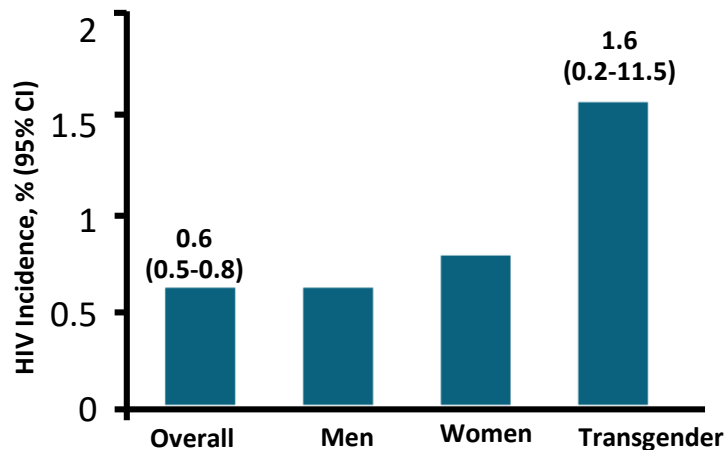
Prevention Update from IAS 2021

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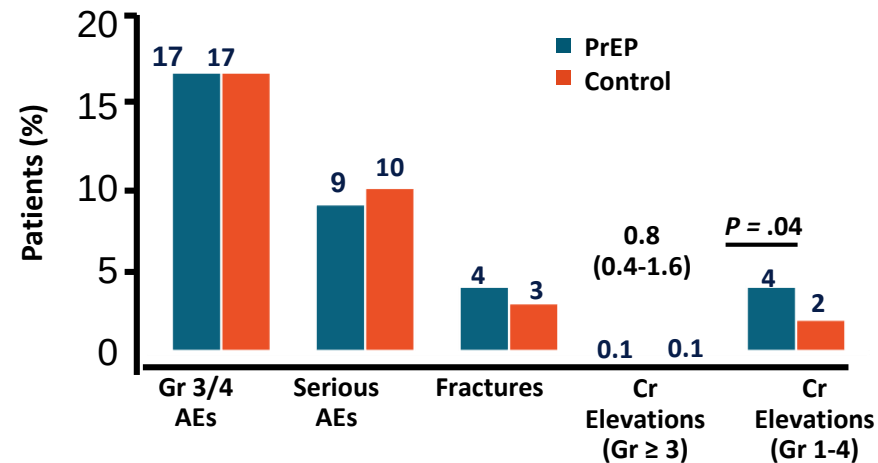
Real-World Efficacy and Clinical Trial Safety of PrEP

■ 46 PrEP demonstration projects ¹

- Overall incident HIV infections: n = 91^[1]
- Occurred > 30 days after last PrEP dose: n = 27
- Occurred < 3 mos after starting PrEP: n = 17
- Comparable to HIV incidence in active arms of clinical trials

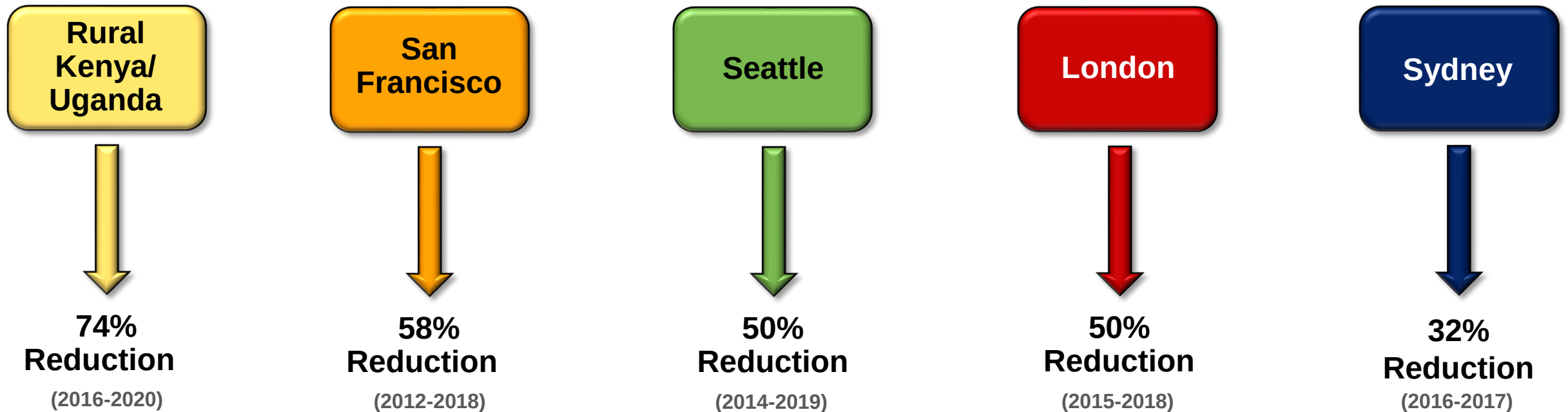


Meta-Analysis of 13 Randomized Daily Oral PrEP Trials (n = 15,678)^[2]



The Power of Targeted PrEP Implementation

Scaling Up PrEP Access in Major Cities Has Resulted in
Population-Level Reductions in HIV Risk, among PrEP Users and Non-Users Combined



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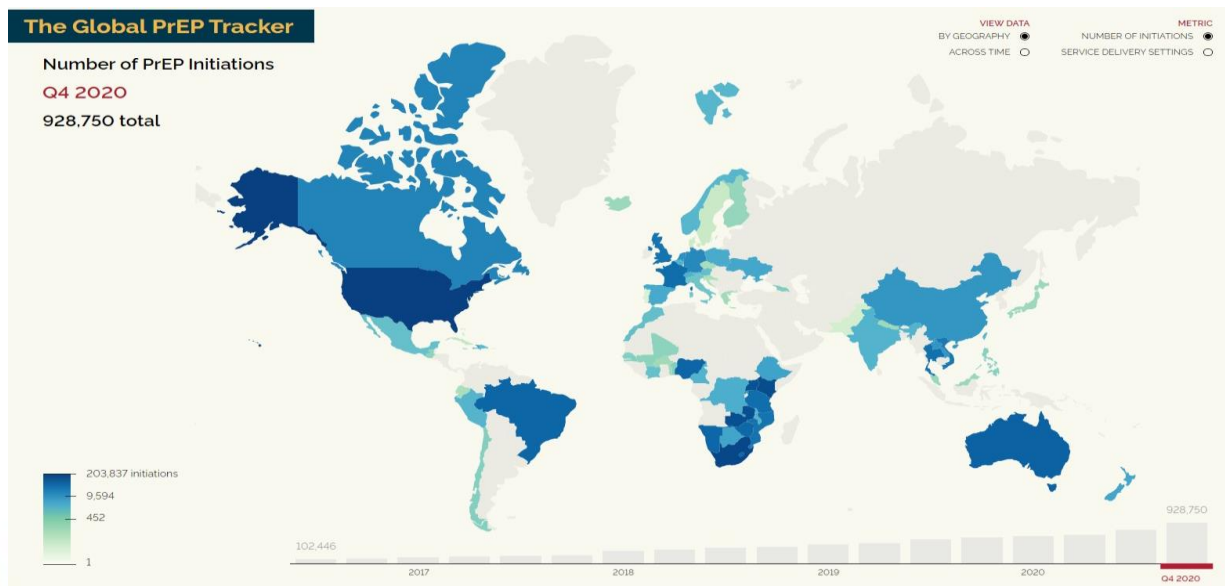
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Tracking global PrEP access

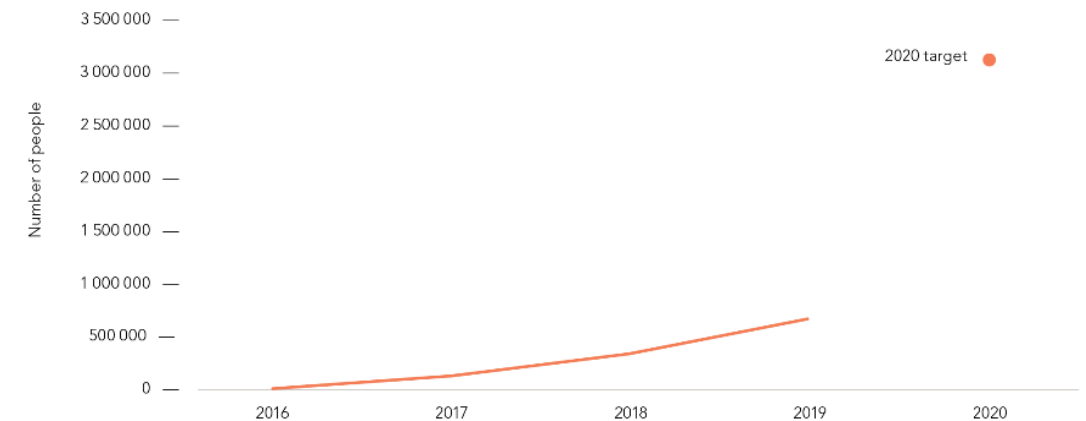
By Q4 2020, oral PrEP
Included in >70 country programmes
928,750 people on PrEP world wide



USA, South Africa, Kenya, top 3
countries for PrEP initiations

Expanded PrEP access associated with
reductions in HIV incidence in MSM in
Australia, USA, and UK

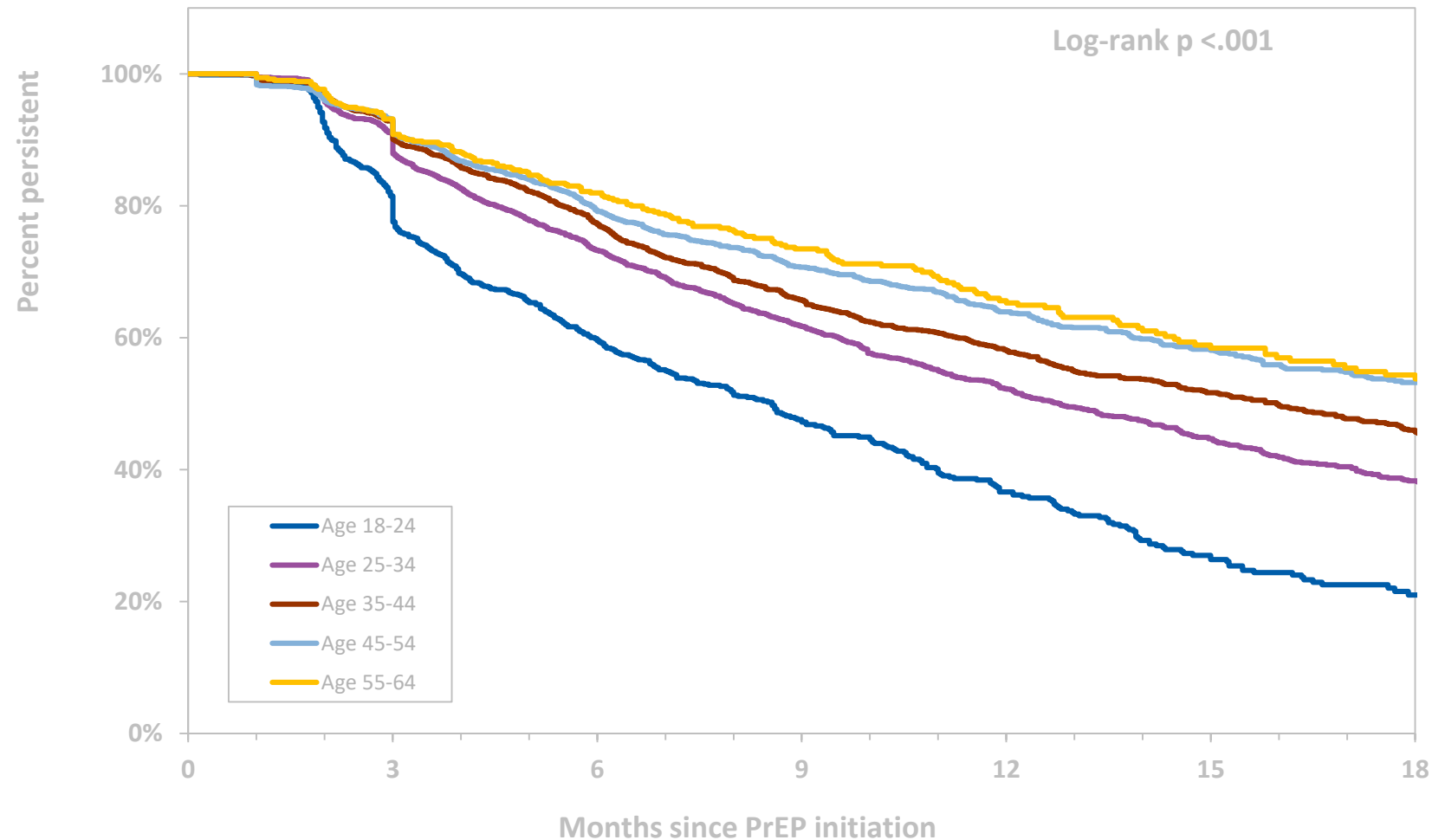
Number of people who received PrEP at least once during the reporting period,
global, 2016–2019



Source: UNAIDS Global AIDS Monitoring, 2017–2020 (see <https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>); Country Updates. In: PrEPWatch [Internet]. AVAC; c2020 (<https://www.prepwatch.org/in-practice/country-updates/>); amfAR: PEPFAR Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Database [Internet]. amfAR; c2020 (https://mer.amfar.org/Manual/PrEP_NEW/); Hayes R, Schmidt AJ, Pharris A, Azad Y, Brown AE, Weatherburn P et al. Estimating the "PrEP Gap": how implementation and access to PrEP differ between countries in Europe and central Asia in 2019. *Eurosurveillance*. 2019;24(41); and country documents and meeting reports (available on request).

Goal: 3 million on PrEP by 2020
Still had 1.7 million new HIV infections in 2020

Among commercially insured PrEP users, persistence declined significantly over time, especially in younger pts



Real-World HIV Seroconversions in MSM on Daily PrEP

Location	Time Between PrEP Initiation and HIV Diagnosis (months)	Major Resistance Mutations	Inferred Resistance	Likely Cause of PrEP Failure (per study authors)
Toronto	24	NRTI (M41L, D67G, T69D, K70R, M184V, Y215E); NNRTI (Y181C); PI (L10I); INSTI (H51Y, E92Q)	FTC resistance TDF low-level resistance	Transmitted FTC/TDF resistance
New York City	5	NRTI (K65R, M184V) NNRTI (K103S, E138Q, Y188L)	FTC/TDF resistance	Transmitted FTC/TDF resistance
Amsterdam	8	None	None	High inoculum effect with multiple exposures and concomitant lymphogranuloma infection
Charlotte, NC	14	NRTI (M184V, K70T, K65R) NNRTI (K103N)	FTC/TDF resistance	Transmitted FTC/TDF resistance or HIV acquisition during period of low adherence
Pattaya	2	NRTI (M184V) NNRTI (A98G, K103N)	FTC resistance	Transmitted FTC or HIV acquisition very proximate to PrEP initiation
San Francisco	13	NRTI (L74V, M184V) NNRTI (L100I, K103N)	FTC resistance	Unknown

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Cohen SE, et al. *Lancet HIV*. 2018;Nov 29. [Epub ahead of print].

GEMS: Characteristics of Patients Who Seroconverted on PrEP

- Referrals from several large African PrEP implementation projects
- 229 reported seroconversions of >104,000 pts on PrEP between December 2017 and June 2021
- 208 (91%) patients provided a sample
 - South Africa: 79 (38%)
 - Kenya: 65 (31%)
 - Zimbabwe: 36 (17%)
 - Eswatini: 28 (13%)

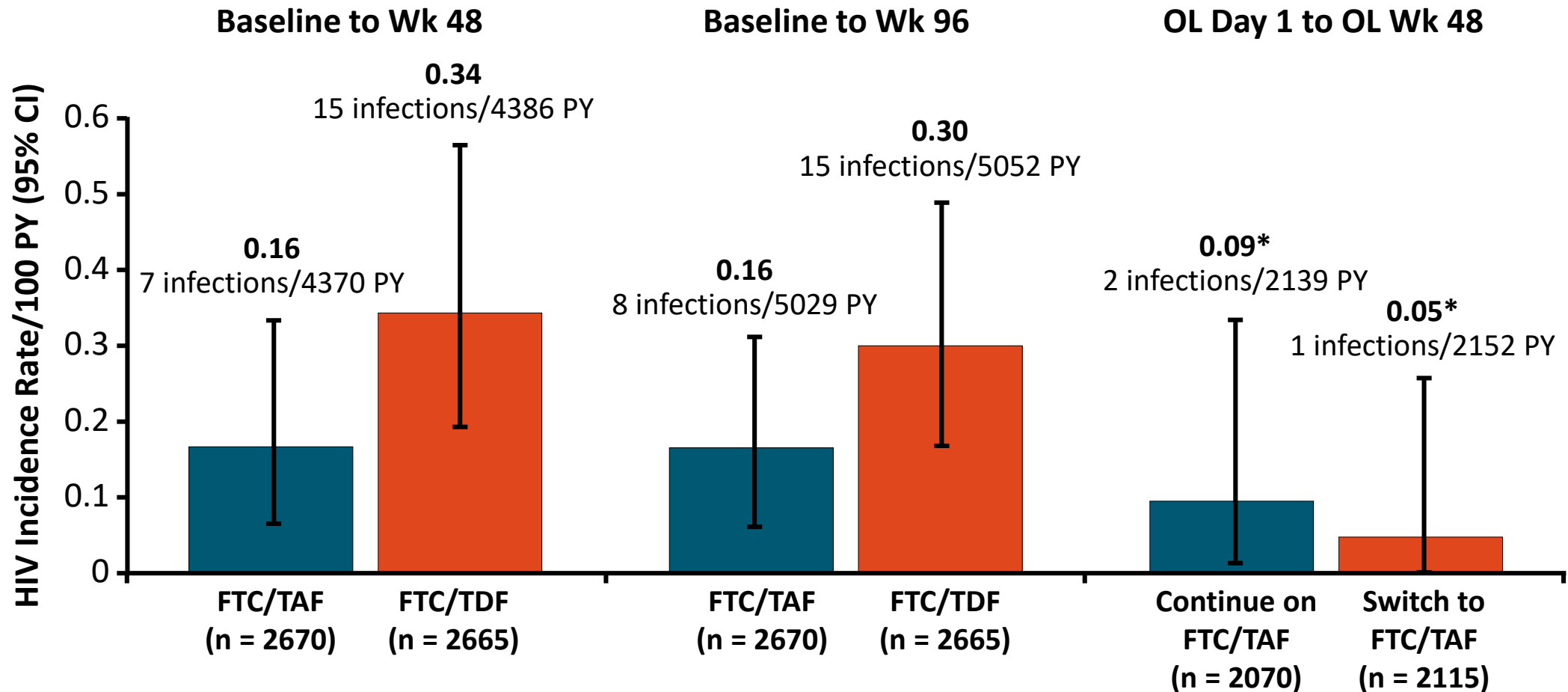
Characteristic	Patients (N = 208)
Female sex, n (%)	155 (75)
Age category at seroconversion, n (%)	
■ 16-24	108 (52)
■ ≥25	95 (46)
■ Unknown	5 (2)
Population, n (%)	
■ Adolescent girl/young woman	87 (42)
■ Serodifferent couple	50 (23)
■ Female sex worker	20 (10)
■ Men who have sex with men	15 (7)
■ Transgender woman	12 (6)
■ Pregnant or lactating	8 (4)
■ Incarcerated	1 (<1)

GEMS: Conclusions

- Number of reported HIV infections in patients on PrEP in Sub-Saharan Africa extremely small (229 out of >104,000 estimated to be on PrEP), but ART resistance frequency in these patients with breakthrough infections was high
- Of the 118 patients with breakthrough infections and successfully sequenced samples:
 - 22% had NNRTI mutations only, signifying background transmitted resistance
 - 23% had PrEP-associated mutations, the majority of which had TFV-DP levels that correlated with high rates of adherence (c/w transmitted resistance)
- Authors conclude that accurately diagnosing acute HIV infection prior to PrEP initiation, and monitoring for HIV drug resistance on PrEP, is essential to preserve ART options for treatment and prevention

DISCOVER: HIV Incidence Through Open-Label Wk 48

- Switch to FTC/TAF associated with low HIV infection rate



DISCOVER Open-Label Phase: Changes in Metabolic Indicators, Renal Biomarkers From Baseline to Wk 48

- Prior to switch, participants receiving FTC/TDF had significantly lower eGFR, HDL, LDL, and weight and numerically lower bone mineral density in hip and spine vs those who received FTC/TAF

Median Δ From OL Baseline to Wk 48	Continue on FTC/TAF (n = 2070)	Switch to FTC/TAF (n = 2115)	P Value
Bone mineral density, %	(n = 111)	(n = 106)	
▪ Hip	0.20	0.86	.03
▪ Spine	-0.06	1.18	.0012
Renal function			
▪ eGFR, mL/min	-2.8	0.3	<.0001
▪ β 2M:Cr, %	-7.3	-30.8	<.0001
▪ RBP:Cr, %	-9.9	-26.8	<.0001

Median Δ From OL Baseline to Wk 48	Continue on FTC/TAF (n = 2070)	Switch to FTC/TAF (n = 2115)	P Value
Fasting lipids, mg/dL			
▪ Total cholesterol	9	22	<.01
▪ LDL	7	13	<.01
▪ HDL	0	3	<.01
▪ Triglycerides	8	16	<.01
Fasting glucose, mg/dL	2	1	0.86
Weight, kg	1.2	2.0	<.01

- Switch to TAF associated with improvements in renal function and BMD and lipid increases, but also modest changes in lipids and weight

On Demand PrEP (2.1.1)

- IPERGAY: double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study showed on-demand FTC/TDF PrEP (taken before and after sex) highly effective in preventing HIV infection among MSM^[1]
 - Relative reduction in HIV incidence with on-demand FTC/TDF vs placebo: 86% (95% CI: 40-98; $P = .002$)
 - Relative reduction in HIV incidence during open-label extension phase: 97% (95% CI: 81-100)^[2]
- Prevenir study of at risk Parisian MSM evaluated open label on-demand vs. daily FTC/TDF PrEP, finding HIV incidence of 0.12% in each group^[3] About half of the pts picked either strategy, and about ¼ switched over time.

PREVENIR/Sapris-Sero Substudy: Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 in People Using TDF/FTC-Based PrEP

- Lower risk of COVID-19 and COVID-19–related hospitalization observed among cohort of 77,590 PWH receiving TDF/FTC vs other HIV therapies¹
- Matched-cohort analysis compared seroprevalence of SARS-CoV-2 IgG in²:
 - **Exposed group:** Men enrolled on PREVENIR study receiving on-demand or daily TDF/FTC PrEP and with an available HIV-1 RNA sample between May and October 2020
 - **Matched control group:** Men included in Paris region of Sapris-Sero survey of SARS-CoV-2 antibody prevalence in general population of France
 - Participants matched based on age (± 5 yr), socio-occupational category, and sample date (± 1 mo); when all 3 not possible, matched by age + occupation, then age + sampling date, then age alone
- Primary objective: proportion of patients with positive* SARS-CoV-2 anti-spike IgG

*Low positive/undetermined considered as negative.

PREVENIR/Sapris-Sero Substudy: IgG Spike Seroprevalence

Serology Outcome, n (%)	PrEP Exposed	Unexposed	P Value
Whole population (n = 844)			
▪ Limit/weak positive	4 (0.5)	28 (3.3)	
▪ Negative	753 (89.2)	738 (87.4)	
▪ Positive	87 (10.3)	78 (9.2)	.4700
Full matched population (all 3 criteria, n = 730)			
▪ Limit/weak positive	4 (0.5)	22 (3.0)	
▪ Negative	652 (89.3)	642 (88.0)	
▪ Positive	74 (10.1)	66 (9.0)	.1876

- Results same when considering weak positive as positive
- PrEP regimen (daily vs on-demand) did not affect SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence (positive rate 9.2% in those receiving daily TDF/FTC vs 11.5% in those receiving on demand; $P = .28$)
- **Investigators suggest TDF/FTC PrEP does not reduce risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection**

Next Generation PrEP

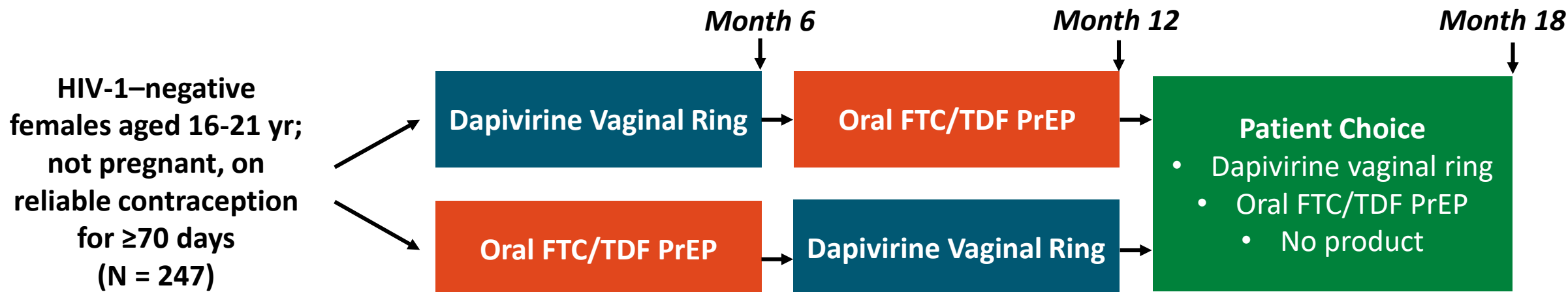
PRE-CLINICAL										PHASE I	PHASE III/IIIb	DELIVERY SYSTEM	ACTIVE DRUG				
 IPCP NIAID	 IPM	 ViiV	 CDC	 ViiV/Pfizer	 Mintaka	 Rockefeller University	 IPM	 Pop Council		 IPM*	 GSK/ViiV	 Oral pills	 TFV	Tenofovir	 DAR	Darunavir	
												 Vaginal gel	 bNABs	Broadly neutralizing antibody	 DAP	Dapivirine	
 Gilead	 Pop Council	 Merck	 CAPRISA	 RTI	 Intarcia	 CONRAD	 Oak Crest	 Northwestern University		 Johns Hopkins	 Gilead	 Vaginal ring	 TDF	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	 GRF	Griffithsin	
												 Vaginal film	 TAF	Tenofovir Alafenamide	 DS 003	DS003 (BMS793)	
 CONRAD	 IPM	 IPM	 Northwestern University	 Houston Methodist	 University of Pittsburg	 ImQuest	 Merck		 IPM	 IPM		 PBS	 TFV/ FTC	Tenofovir/ emtricitabine	 IQP	IQP-0528	
									 ImQuest			 Enema	 TDF/ FTC	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/ emtricitabine	 5P12	5P12-RANTES	
												 fast-dissolve insert	 EVG	Elvitegravir	 744	Cabotegravir/ GSK 744	
												 Intrauterine device	 1005	PC-1005	 MAb	Monoclonal antibody	
Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (MPTs)												 Vaginal tablet					
 Auritec	 CONRAD	 CONRAD	 Pop Council	 PATH/ Pop Council	 Star Pharma	 SRI Int'l.	 University of Louisville		 Pop Council	 IPM*		 Rectal gel	 PR	Progestin	 TAF/ FTC	Tenofovir alafenamide/ emtricitabine	
									 Pop Council	 CONRAD*		 Long-acting injectable	 MK-8591	MK-8591	 Fg	Ferrous gluconate	
									 Pop Council	 CONRAD*		 Micro-array patch	 AZ	Acyclovir- Zovirax	 PPa	Polyamino- Polycarboxic acid	
									 Pop Council	 CONRAD*		 Nano-fiber	 7013	SPL7013- VivaGel	 Levo	Levonorgestrel	
												 Subcutaneous injection	 Aa	Ascorbic acid	 Ee	Ethinyl estradiol	
												 Diaphragm	 Ba	Betulonic acid	 DBDI	Different drugs being investigated	
									 CONRAD			 Implant					

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REACH: Dapivirine Intravaginal Ring Phase IV Study

- Randomized, open-label, phase IIa crossover study



Note: Adherence support and counseling included for all patients.

- Endpoints: safety (AEs ≥ grade 2), adherence, acceptability, preference

Adherence	DPV (Rate Based on No. Returned Rings)	FTC/TDF (Measured via Dried Blood Spots)
High	≥0.1071 mg/day	≥4 doses/wk (>500 fmol/punch at Wk 4, >700 fmol/punch at Wk 8)
Medium	0.0321- <0.1071 mg/day	~1-3 doses/wk (16.6-499 fmol/punch at Wk 4, 16.6-699 fmol/punch at Wk 8)
Low	≤0.0321 mg/day	No drug detected (<16.6 fmol/punch)

REACH: Adherence, Compliance, Acceptability, and Key Outcomes Through Month 12

Outcome, %	Dapivirine Vaginal Ring	Oral PrEP
Adherence		
▪ High	50.2	58.6
▪ Medium	45.4	39.9
▪ Low/none	4.4	1.5
Compliance*		
▪ Full compliance	50.2	22.4
▪ Below full compliance	49.8	77.6
Acceptable		
▪ Yes	88.5	63.9
▪ No	11.5	36.1

* Full compliance to ring defined as leaving the ring in place a full month; full compliance to oral PrEP defined as 6+ doses per week.

- HIV-1 incidence: 0.5/100 woman-yr (1/247)
- Pregnancy incidence: 1.8/100 woman-yr (4/247)

REACH: Conclusions

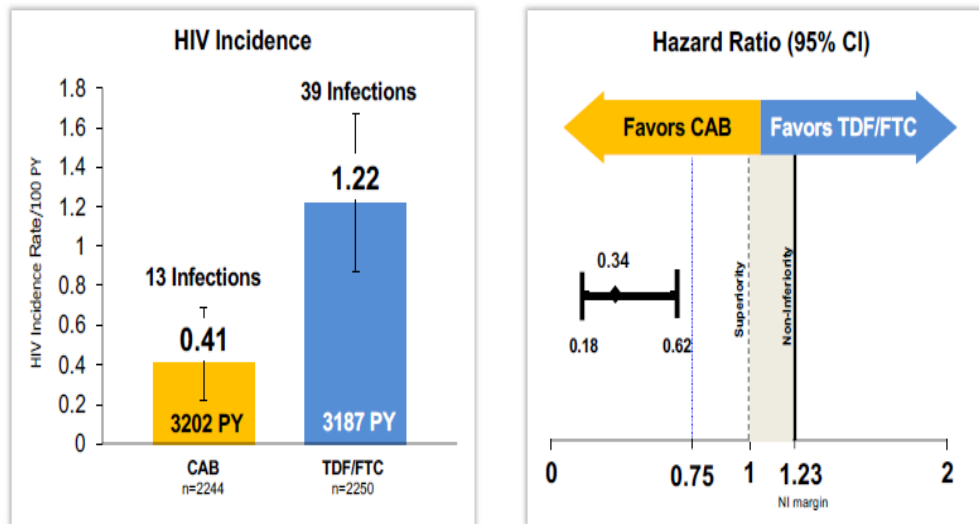
- In this open-label crossover study, adherence to the dapivirine vaginal ring and oral PrEP was higher than anticipated among adolescent girls and young women in Africa at 50% and 59%, respectively
- Both options well tolerated and rated as highly acceptable by participants
- Investigators conclude that the dapivirine vaginal ring is a promising new option for HIV-1 prevention, and they stress that adherence to both the vaginal ring and oral PrEP can be achieved with tailored adherence support
- EMA and a few African countries have approved its use. US FDA application is under review.

Injectable Cabotegravir



HIV Incidence CAB vs. TDF/FTC

52 HIV infections in 6389 PY of follow-up
1.4 (IQR 0.8-1.9) years median per-participant follow-up
Pooled incidence 0.81 (95%CI 0.61-1.07) per 100 PY



Primary outcome: HIV incidence

40 infections over 3892 person-years
Pooled HIV incidence 1.03 (0.73, 1.4) per 100 person-years

	CAB	TDF/FTC
HIV infections	4	36
Person-years	1,953	1,939
HIV incidence (95% CI)	0.2 (0.06, 0.52)	1.86 (1.3, 2.57)

Wald test z statistic – 4.20, efficacy stopping bound (z scale) – 3.61

- Pooled incidence in both trials lower than previously observed in the community
- Both trials showed superiority of CAB-LA against a highly effective TDF/FTC control
- CAB-LA well tolerated despite injection site reactions



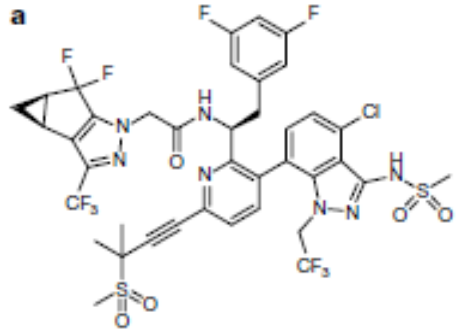
HPTN 083

- 2.2% discontinued injections because of discomfort
- Of 12 incident HIV infections in CAB arm, 8 were in pts who were either acutely HIV infected, or non-adherent; 4 observed in participants with on-time injections: under further study (at least 2 were early, raising questions about adherence during one month oral lead in period)
- Detection of HIV infection using standard testing algorithms delayed in patients receiving CAB LA (good reason to check HIV RNA prior to initiation)
- INSTI resistance: rare, but prompt diagnosis and initiation of ART are important to avoid resistance with CAB LA
- Mild weight gain in CAB arm
- Suboptimal adherence observed in 37/39 incident infections in FTC/TDF arm

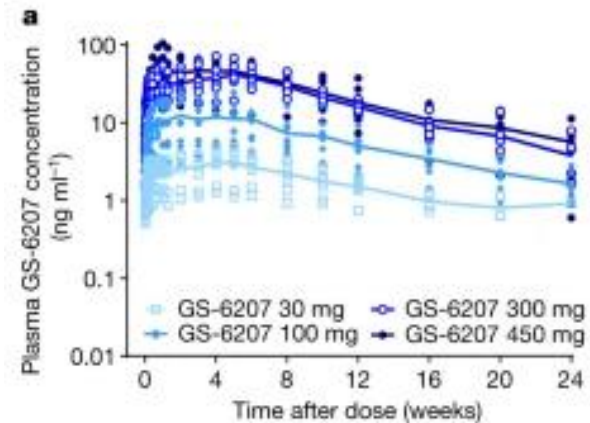
Lenacapavir (GS-6207):

Agent class:
HIV-1 capsid inhibitor

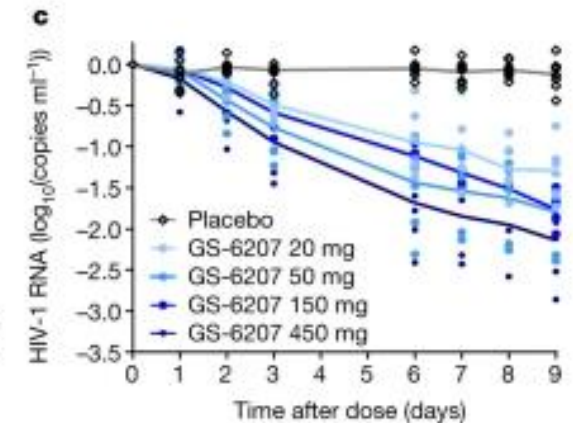
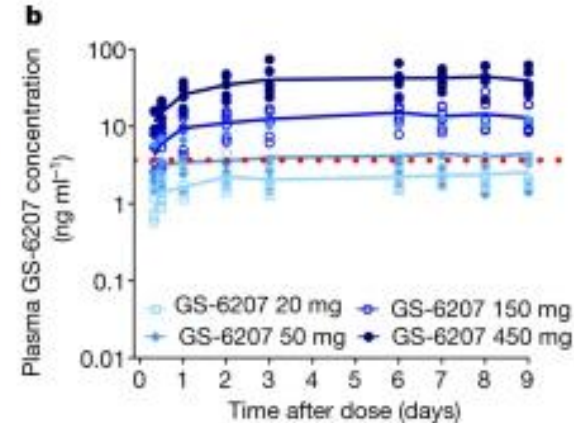
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Dosing Strategy:
One injection every
6 months (ARVs
that you only need
to take twice a
year!)

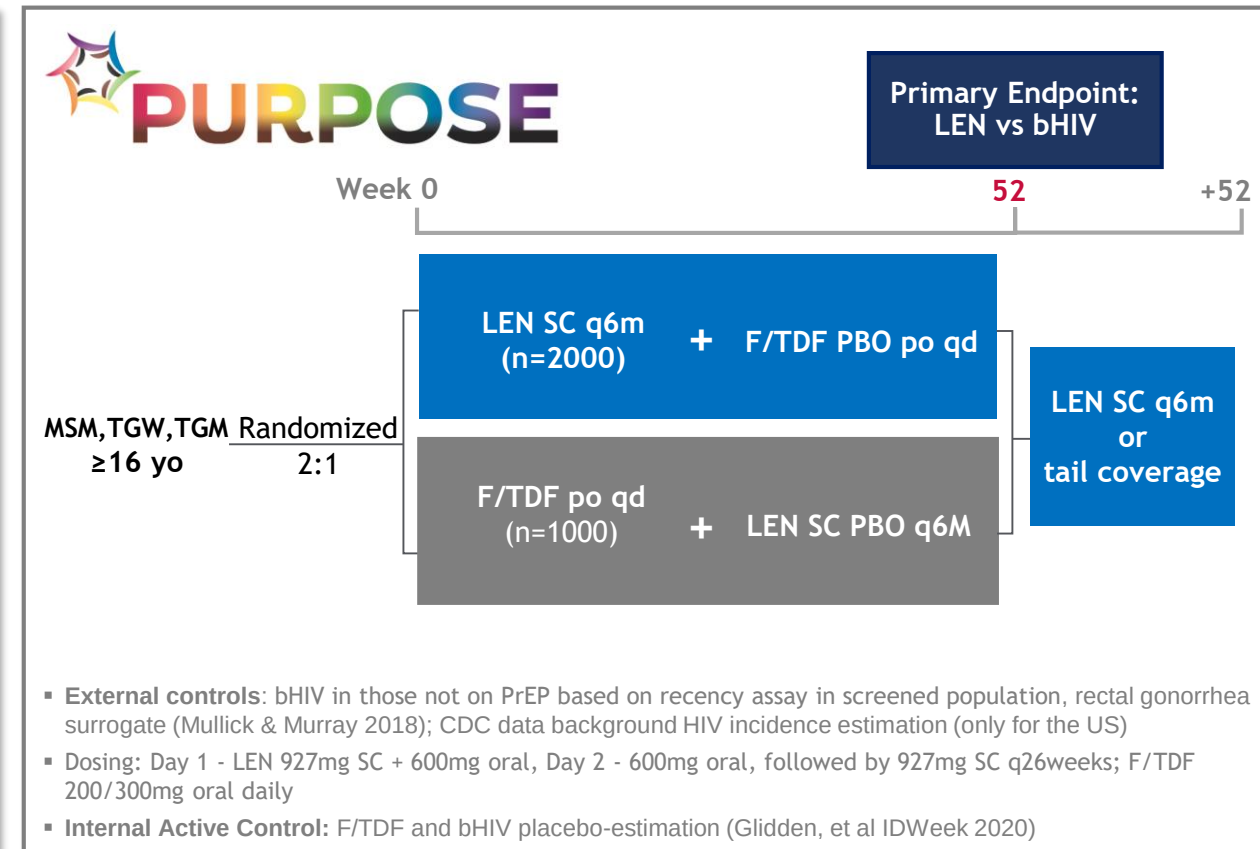
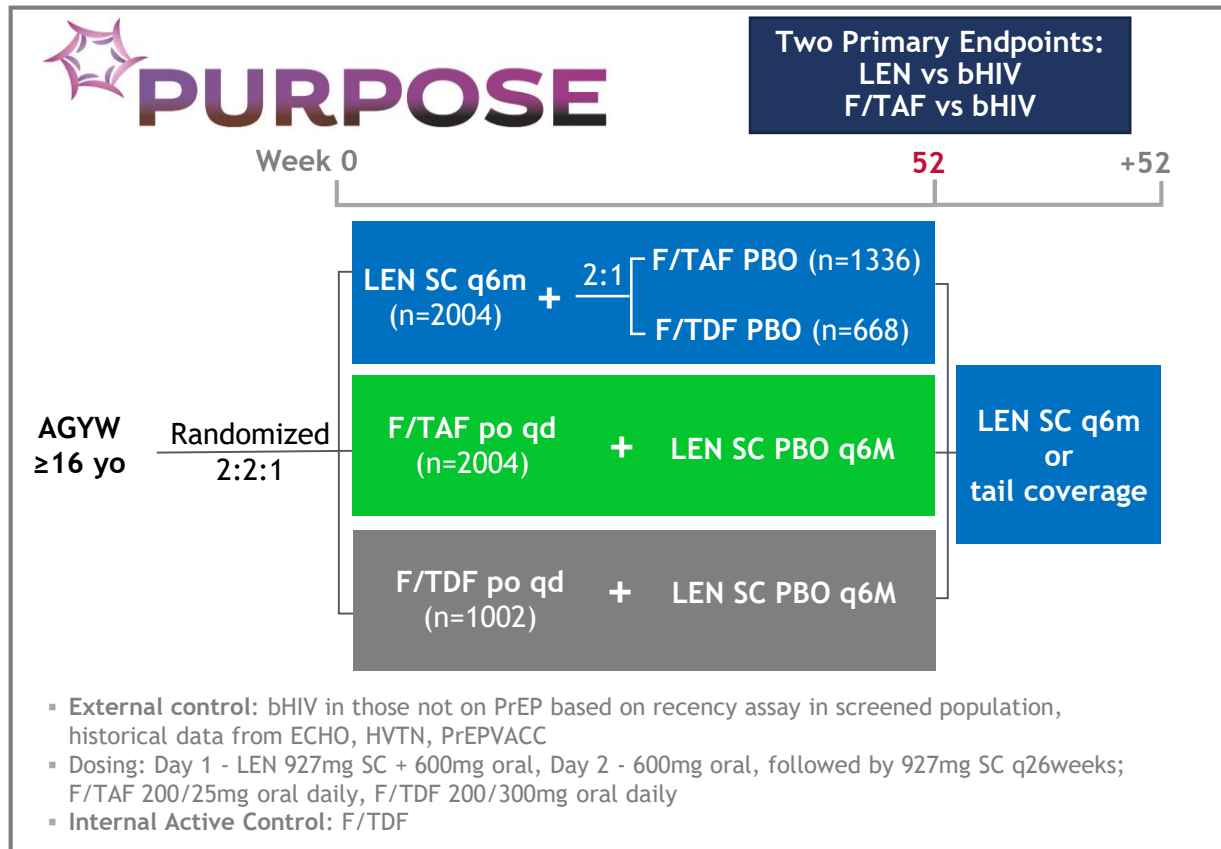


Mean plasma concentration-time profiles of
Lenacapavir after a single injection to individuals
uninfected with HIV (Graph A, n=8) and individuals
living with HIV (Graph B, n=6).



Graph C: Mean log₁₀ transformed change
in plasma HIV-1 RNA in individuals with
untreated HIV-1 infection (drug, n = 6 and
placebo, n=2)

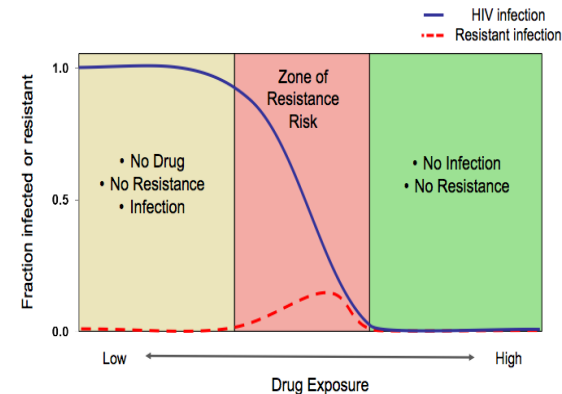
LEN for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): The PURPOSE Studies



These proposed studies will use a counterfactual analysis to determine efficacy

LA injectables PrEP: Pros and Cons

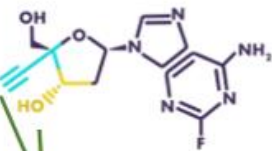
YES!	More thought needed
Improved adherence	Understanding the “long tail” implications
Less frequent reminding	Access when travelling or away from home base
potentially healthcare visits	Accredited administrators – trained individuals to administer
Discreet – easier to keep private than pills	Still need to consider intimacy & other SRH needs, eg timing with LARC



Islatravir (ISL, MK-8591):

Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Translocation Inhibitor (NRTTI)

ISLATRAVIR



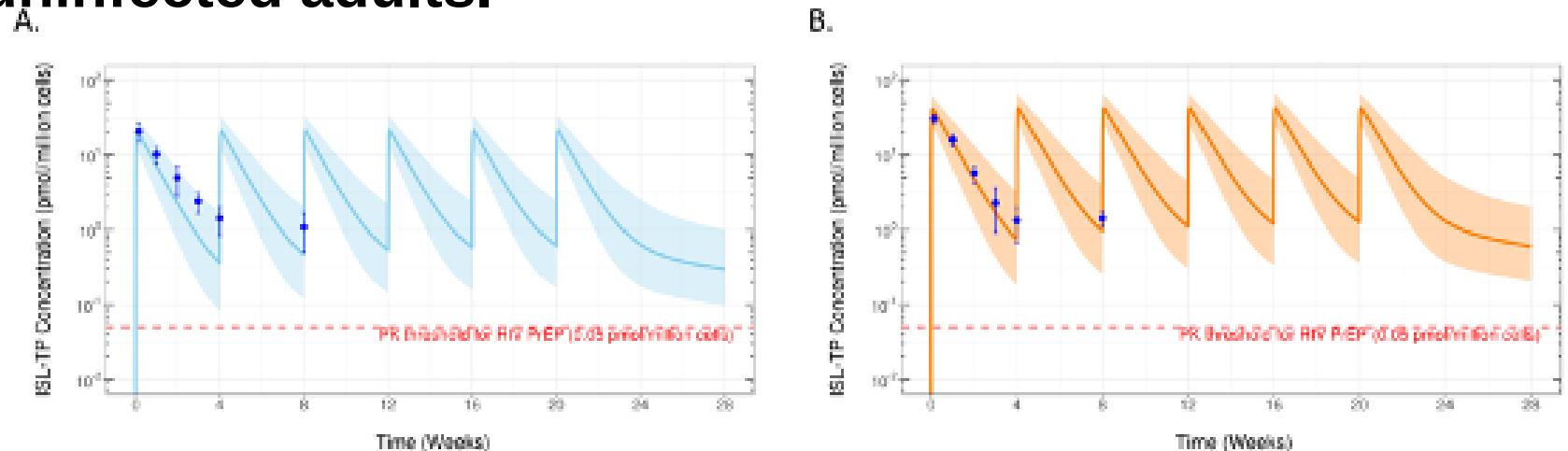
Delayed Chain Termination
Due to the 4'-ethynyl and 3'-hydroxyl Groups

Translocation Inhibition
Due to the 4'-ethynyl Group

Novel mechanism of action, being developed as a monthly pill and an implant for prevention

Demographics, blinded safety and pharmacokinetics (PK) data from a phase 2a trial of Islatravir once monthly (QM) for HIV PrEP

Half-life in PBMCs approximately 190 hrs after oral dose in uninfected adults.



Shaded area represent 95% Prediction Interval (N=1000 simulations); Solid lines represent the pop PK model predicted median concentration; Blue filled circles represent mean of P016 interim observed data; Blue error bars represent standard deviation of P016 interim observed data

Interim analysis suggests that monthly ISL 60 mg and 120 mg achieved pre-specified efficacious PrEP PK threshold. Blinded safety data indicate that ISL was well tolerated.



ISL QM Oral Prep – Ongoing Clinical Development Program

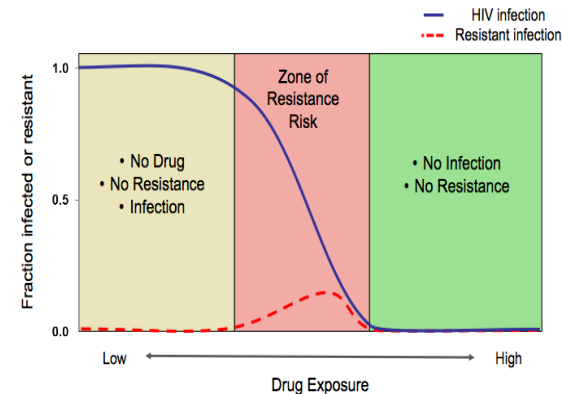
	Trial name (protocol number)	Population	Active comparator	ClinicalTrials.gov
Phase 3	IMPOWER-022	Cisgender women at high risk of HIV-1 infection	FTC/TDF	NCT04644029
	IMPOWER-024	Men and transgender women who have sex with men and are at high risk for HIV-1 infection	FTC/TDF or FTC/TAF	NCT04652700

IMPOWER 022 will be done in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which intends to provide grant funding to the International Clinical Research Center (ICRC) at the University of Washington Department of Global Health who will be working together with MSD to conduct the trial

Hillier S, IAS 2021: ISL q monthly was found to be safe and well-tolerated in Phase II study

Less frequent and alternative dosing

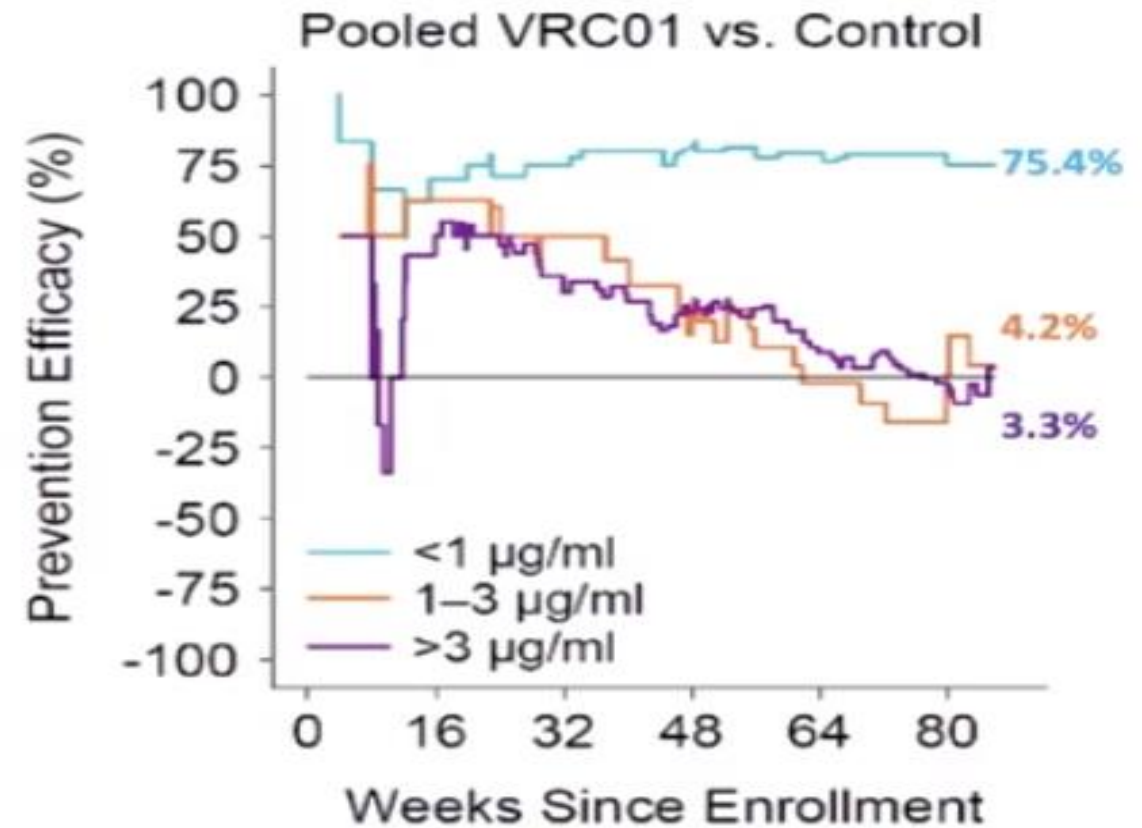
YES!	More thought needed
Improved adherence	Understanding PK and stopping and starting
Less frequent reminding	Managing frequency and place of clinic visits
Fewer healthcare visits	Service distribution models and service providers
Discretion	Still need to consider intimacy & other SRH needs, eg timing with LARC



Broadly neutralising antibodies

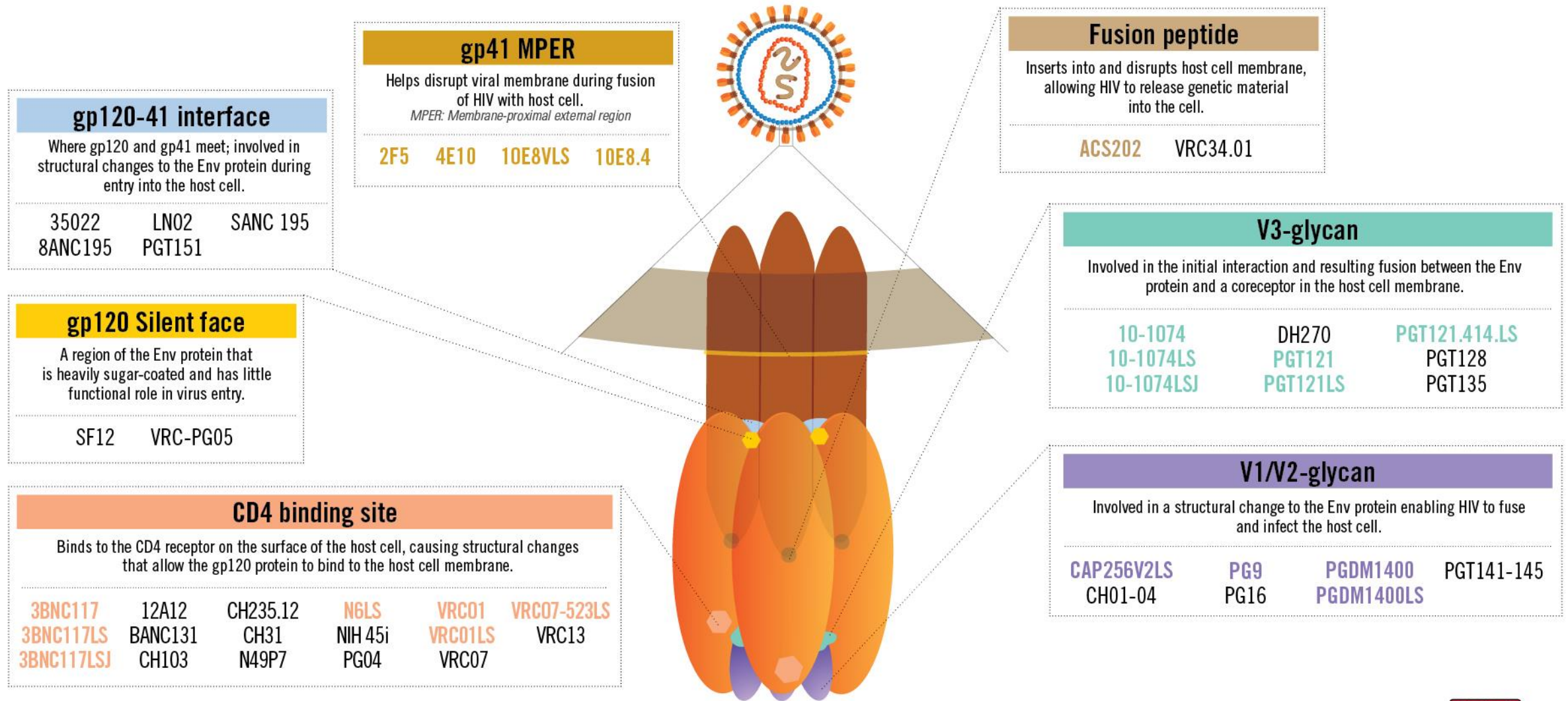
Key messages from AMP trials

- Biological success against viruses with IC80 of $1\mu\text{g/ml}$, not clinically relevant as these were only 30% circulating strains
- Very acceptable to trial participants, but have to be realistic about service delivery
- Critical to work on formulations that can be stored and administered at home (SC) or last for longer (6-12m)
- Cannot ignore cost and differential spend on prevention compared to treatment



HIV-Specific Neutralizing Antibodies by Target

This graphic depicts HIV's spike protein—or envelope (Env) protein—and broadly neutralizing antibodies that target key regions that play a role in infection of human (host) cells. Antibodies listed in color are those that have been through any phase of clinical testing.



MPTs in Clinical Trials

Product Candidate	Development Stage	Prevention Indications
IVRs		
Dapivirine + levonorgestrel IVR	Phase I	HIV, pregnancy
Tenofovir IVR	Phase II	HIV, HSV-2
Vaginal and Rectal Gels		
MIV-150 (investigational NNRTI) + zinc acetate in carrageenan gel (PC-1005)	Phase II	HIV, HPV, HSV-2
EVO100 gel (modulates vaginal pH)	Phase III	Chlamydia, gonorrhea, pregnancy
Fast-Dissolving Vaginal Insert		
Tenofovir alafenamide/elvitegravir topical insert	Phase I	HIV, pregnancy
Vaginal Film		
MB66 film (contains mAbs against HIV-1 and HSV-1 and -2)	Phase I	HIV, HSV-2
Oral Tablet		
Dual prevention pill (containing oral PrEP and oral contraception)	Phase IV	HIV, pregnancy

New PrEP Product Preferences

- **Data Source: American Men's Internet Survey**
 - **Large annual, cross-sectional online survey since 2013**
 - **n=10,000 cisgender men**
 - **Ages 15+**
 - **Identify as gay, bisexual, and/or reported sex with men**
 - **US & territories**
- **Discrete-Choice Experiment (DCE)**

American Men's Internet Survey

- **Preference heterogeneity: variation in what users will value & will avoid**
 - ➔ **Audience segmentation**
 - ➔ **Tailor messaging & approaches to implementation**

Cost Conscious Class

Public & private insurance coverage

Subsidies & Lower costs

Messaging: "Free!"

Side Effects Adverse Class

Reassure clients: "some pain at the injection site"

Messaging: Report actual side effects to assuage misconceptions & fears

Stigma-Conscious Class

Emphasize privacy & confidentiality

Decrease frequency of injections (future formulations)

Messaging: Normalize & de-stigmatize PrEP use

PrEP use among MSM is associated with high rates of bacterial STIs

PrEPX: open-label study in Victoria, Australia (n=4275 MSM)

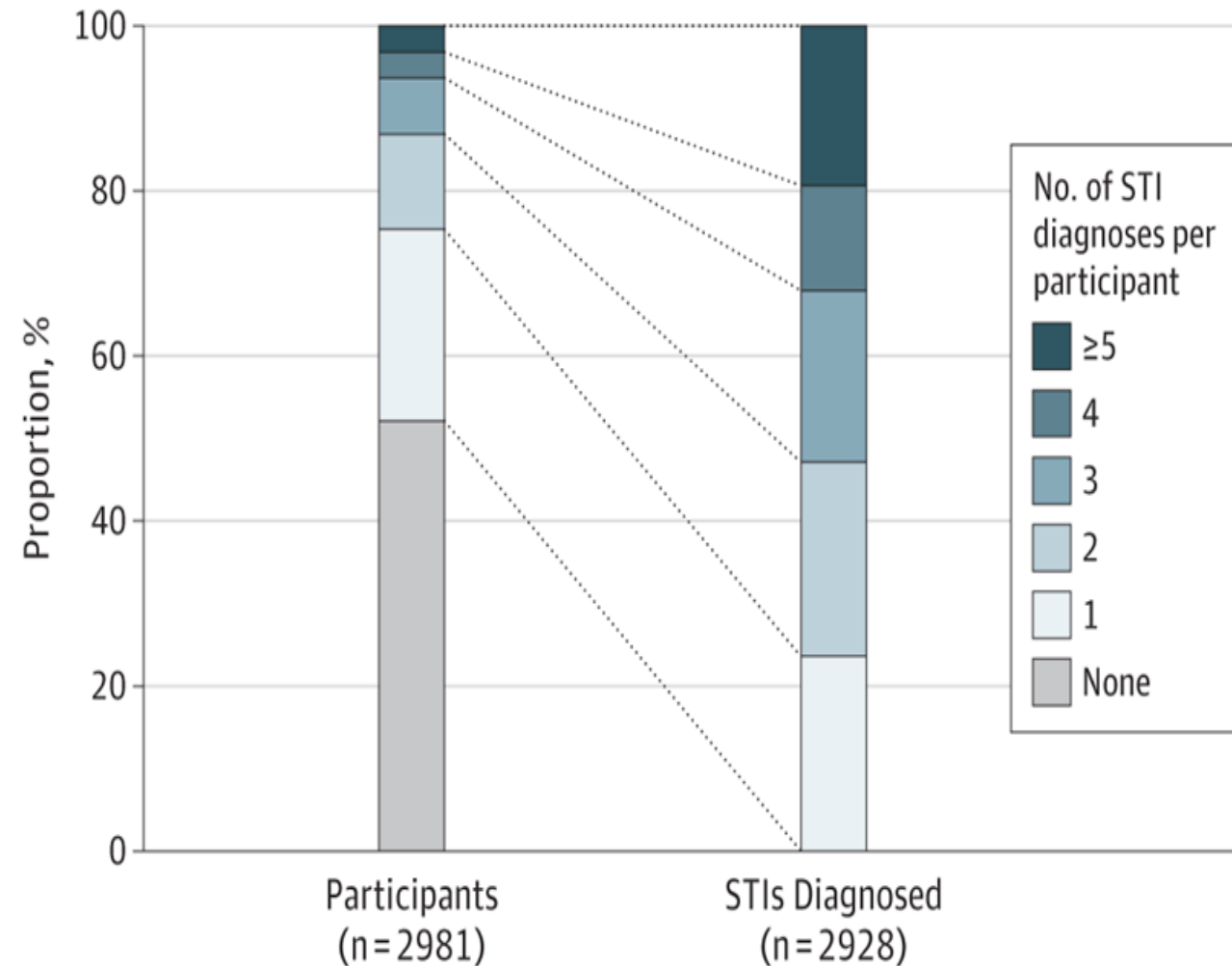
STI incidence: 91.9 per 100 py

25% participants accounting for 76% of all STIs

STI incidence increased by 12% after adjusting for increased testing

Frequent STI screening is important

Traeger M et al, JAMA, 2019

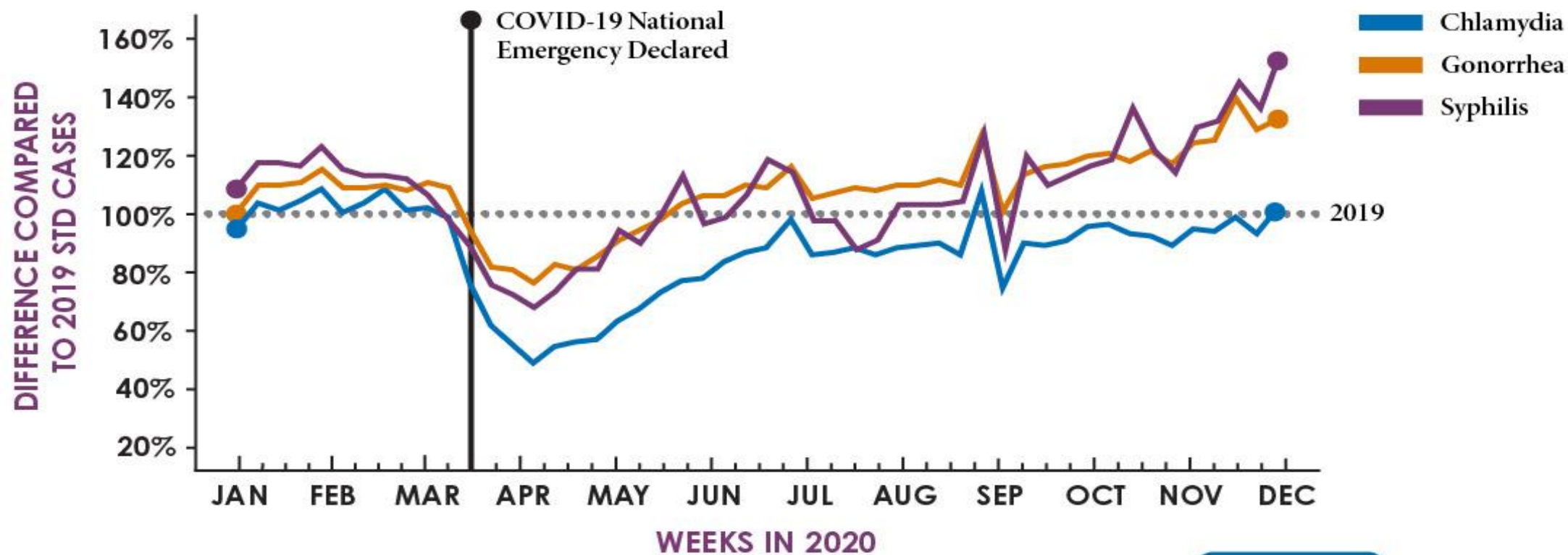


WEEKLY REPORTED U.S. STD CASES: 2020 VS. 2019

AFTER COVID-19 STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS, WEEKLY STD CASES DROPPED ▼

to 50% (chlamydia), 71% (gonorrhea), and 64% (syphilis) compared to their 2019 levels.

AT THE END OF 2020, REPORTED STD CASES RESURGED ▲

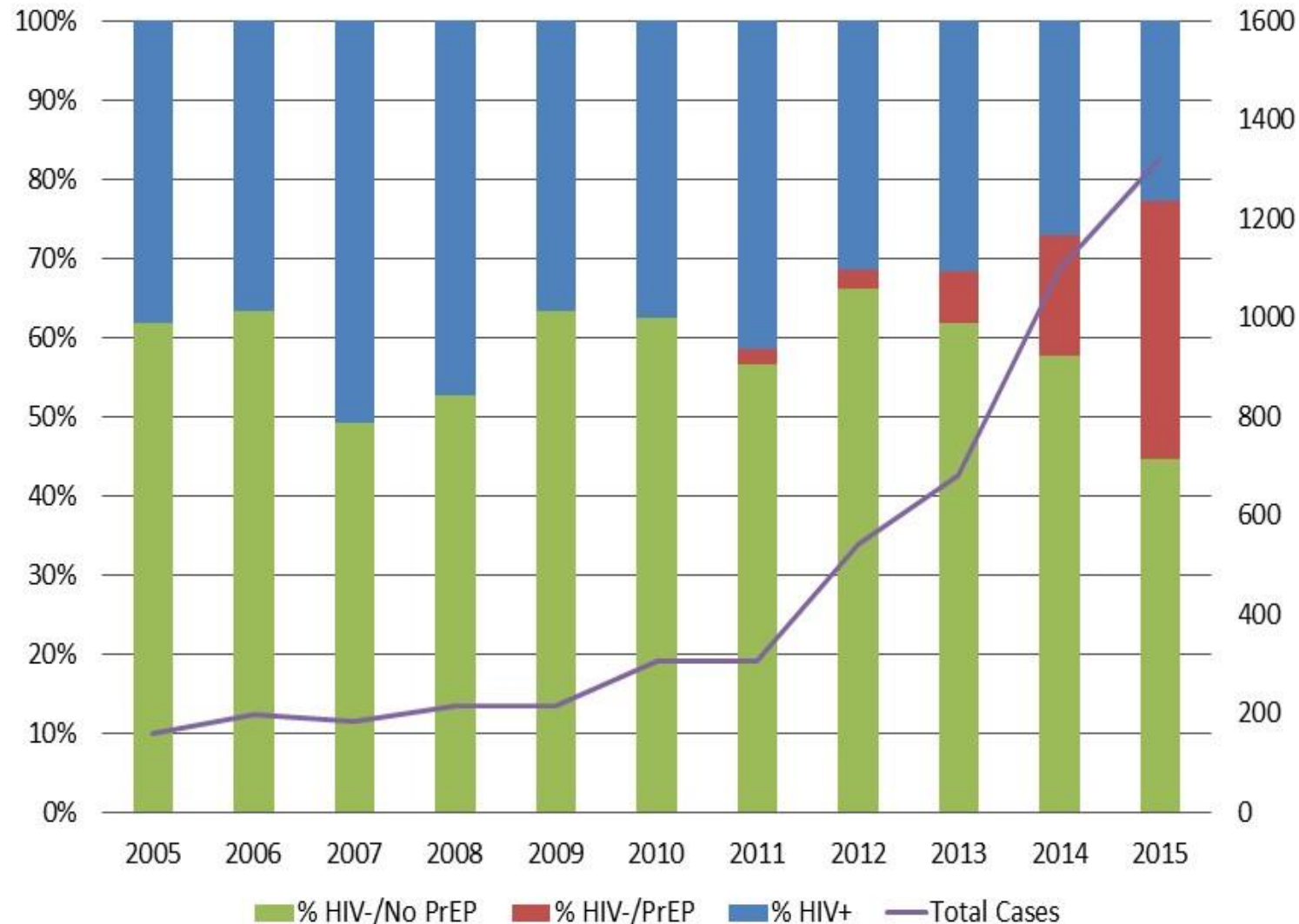


For more information, visit
cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom



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Frequency of Bacterial STI infection, by HIV status and PrEP Use, among Male Patients, Fenway Health



Mayer, OFID, 2017

More than U=U and PrEP

- Social media
- Sex Networking sites
- In US, ACA
- Extragenital Screening

Schillinger, CROI, 2018

PrEP as a gateway to care: Fenway Health

Primary care utilization by PrEP users and non-users—
Fenway Health, 2012-2016 (N=5,857)

Flu vaccination	1.57 (1.47-1.67)
Tobacco screening	1.13 (1.09-1.16)
Depression screening	1.18 (1.15-1.22)
Hemoglobin A1c or glucose testing	1.83 (1.75-1.92)
Hemoglobin A1c testing	0.89 (0.79-1.01)
Glucose testing	2.03 (1.93-2.14)

Prevalence ratios obtained from Poisson models with generalized estimating equations. Adjusted models included age, gender, race/ethnicity, insurance type, and year, with diabetes, hypertension, and overweight/obesity additionally included in models for hemoglobin A1c and glucose testing.

Conclusions

- The uptake of PrEP biobehavioral HIV prevention modalities has been suboptimal to date.
 - The development of new approaches will offer opportunities for less frequent dosing, culturally congruent modes of delivery, and the possibility of MPTs.
 - Future prevention may include antibody “cocktails” and vaccines, but for the time being antiretrovirals are the mainstay.
 - Insufficient adherence and decreased rates of uptake are not exclusively due to dislike of daily pill taking
 - For PrEP to achieve its promise, social/structural and individual behavioral issues (ranging from poverty, violence/victimization, to depression and substance use) must be addressed.
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