



Triplice o duplice? Il dilemma della cART oggi

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Therapeutic strategies in naïve subjects (EACS guidelines version 11.1, October 2022)

Regimen	Main requirements	Additional guidance (see footnotes)
Recommended regimens		
2 NRTIs + INSTI		
ABC/3TC + DTG ABC/3TC/DTG	HLA-B*57:01 negative HBsAg negative	I (ABC: HLA-B*57:01, cardiovascular risk) II (Weight increase (DTG))
TAF/FTC/BIC		II (Weight increase (BIC, TAF))
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + DTG		II (Weight increase (DTG, TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing)
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + RAL qd or bid		II (Weight increase (RAL, TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing) IV (RAL: dosing)
1 NRTI + INSTI		
XTC + DTG or 3TC/DTG	HBsAg negative HIV-VL < 500,000 copies/mL Not recommended after PrEP failure	II (Weight increase (DTG)) V (3TC/DTG not after PrEP failure)
2 NRTIs + NNRTI		
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + DOR or TDF/3TC/DOR		II (Weight increase (TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing) VI (DOR: caveats, HIV-2)
Alternative regimens		
2 NRTIs + NNRTI		
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + EFV or TDF/FTC/EFV	At bedtime or 2 hours before dinner	II (Weight increase (TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing) VII (EFV: neuro-psychiatric adverse events. HIV-2 or HIV-1 group 0, dosing)
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + RPV or TAF/FTC/RPV or TDF/FTC/RPV	CD4 count > 200 cells/ μ L HIV-VL < 100,000 copies/mL Not on gastric pH increasing agents With food	II (Weight increase (TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing) VIII (RPV: HIV-2)
2 NRTIs + PI/r or PI/c		
TAF/FTC or TDF/XTC + DRV/c or DRV/r or TAF/FTC/DRV/c	With food	II (Weight increase (TAF)) III (TDF: prodrug types. Renal and bone toxicity. TAF dosing) IX (DRV/r: cardiovascular risk) X (Boosted regimens and drug-drug interactions)

Switch strategies in virologically suppressed subjects (EACS guidelines version 11.1, October 2022)

Definition of virologically suppressed

Clinical trials exploring switching strategies have generally defined suppression as an HIV-VL < 50 copies/mL for at least 6 months

Dual therapies

In persons with suppression of HIV-VL < 50 copies/mL for the past 6 months these dual therapy strategies should only be given if there is

- a) no historical resistance and
- b) HBV immunity or if non-immune concomitant HBV Vaccination

Dual therapies supported by large randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses:

DTG + RPV
XTC + DTG
XTC + DRV/b
Long-acting CAB + RPV bi-monthly injections

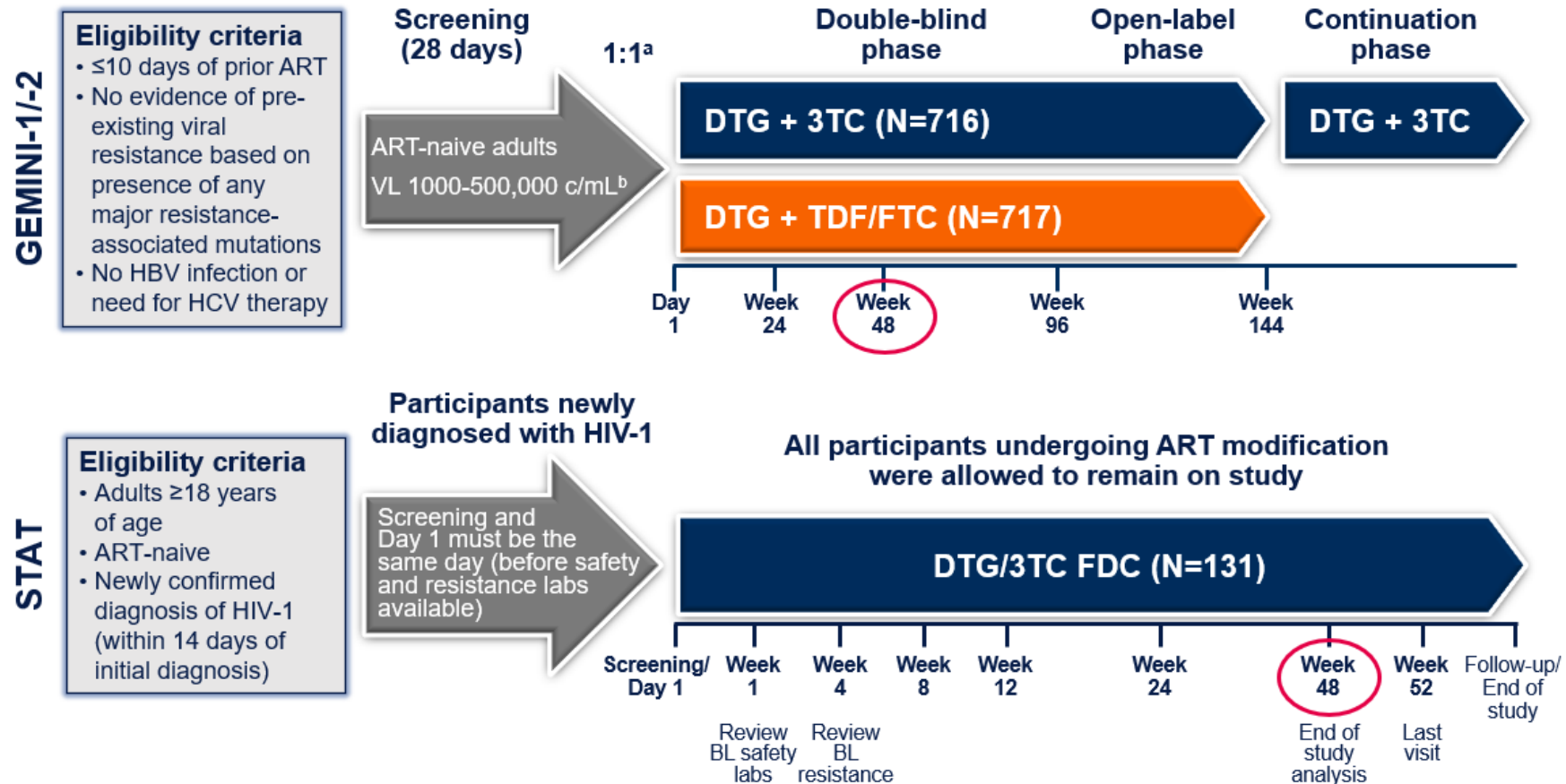
In clinical trials, these strategies have not been associated with more virological rebounds than triple therapy. There were a few cases of resistance development on DTG + RPV and CAB + RPV

Dual therapy options supported only by small trials:

These regimens should be indicated only in persons not eligible for other treatment combinations due to intolerance or resistance to other drugs

DRV/b + RPV
DRV/b + DTG

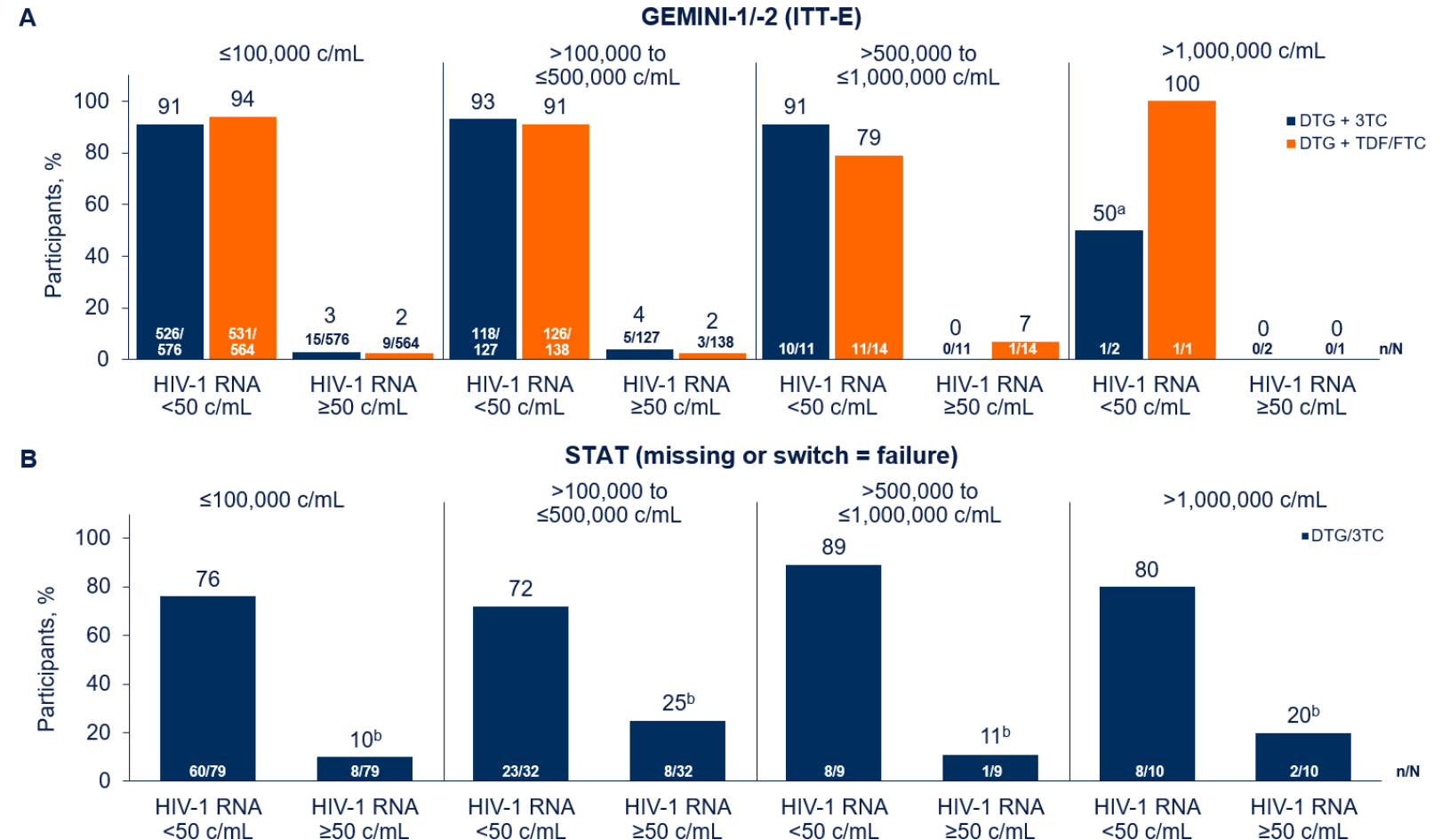
GEMINI-1/-2 and STAT Study Designs



^aRandomization in GEMINI-1/-2 stratified by baseline plasma HIV-1 RNA (≤100,000 vs >100,000 c/mL) and CD4+ cell count (≤200 vs >200 cells/mm³). ^bParticipants with VL ≤500,000 c/mL at screening but >500,000 c/mL at baseline (Day 1) were allowed to continue the study.

Virologic Snapshot Outcomes at Week 48 by Baseline Viral Load in (A) GEMINI-1/-2 and (B) STAT

- Proportions of participants with HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL were high across all studies, including in participants with high and very high baseline VL
- Few participants with baseline VL >500,000 c/mL had HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL (GEMINI-1/-2, n=1 in the DTG + TDF/FTC group; STAT, n=3)
- In STAT, VL non-suppression rates were driven by non-virologic reasons, including study withdrawals (eg, withdrawn consent, lost to follow-up; n=6) and ART modifications (n=10)
- At Week 48, no treatment-emergent HIV resistance was detected in participants with confirmed virologic failure across GEMINI-1/-2 (DTG + 3TC, n=6; DTG + TDF/FTC, n=4) and STAT (n=2), including in 1 participant with high or very high baseline VL (>1,000,000 c/mL in STAT)



^aThe other participant withdrew from the study due to physician decision and had no virologic data at Week 48. ^bNon-suppression at Week 48 driven by study withdrawals (eg, withdrawn consent, lost to follow-up; n=6) and ART modifications (n=10); 3 participants had data in window and HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL (all in the >100,000 to ≤500,000 c/mL VL category).

SALSA Phase 3 Study Design

Eligibility criteria

≥2 documented HIV-1 RNA measurements <50 c/mL

Prior ART could be 2 NRTIs + INSTI, NNRTI, or bPI

No HBV infection or need for HCV therapy

No prior VF and no documented NRTI or INSTI resistance

Randomized, open-label, active-controlled, multicenter,
parallel-group, non-inferiority study

DTG/3TC (N=246)

CAR (N=247)

Screening

Day 1

Week 24

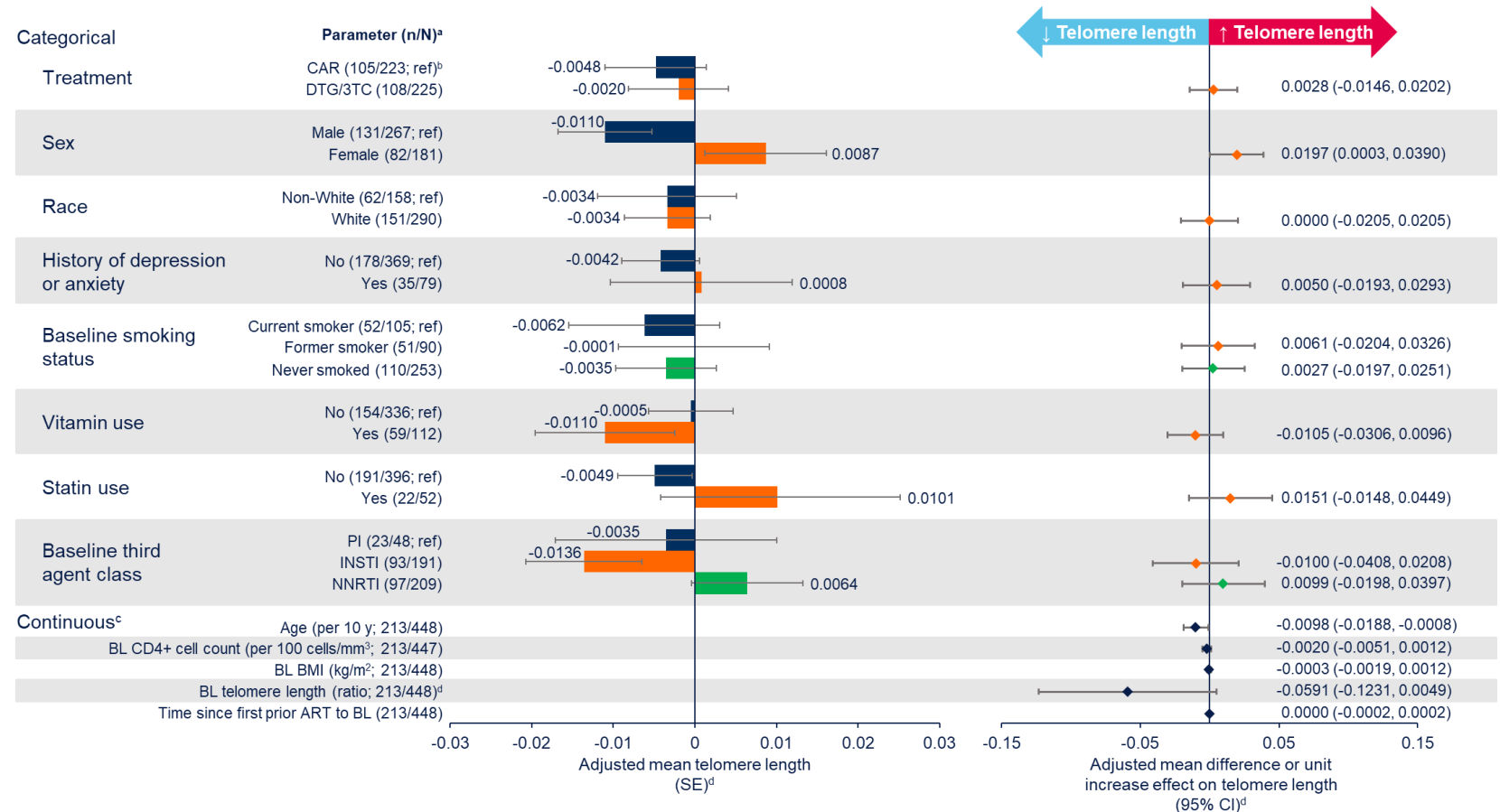
Week 48

Week 52

Primary endpoint

Forest Plot View of Telomere Length Change From Baseline (CFB) at Week 48 by Covariate and Treatment Group

- Adjusted mean CFB in TL in the DTG/3TC and CAR groups were similar, -0.0020 vs -0.0048 , respectively (treatment difference, 0.0028 ; 95% CI, $-0.0146, 0.0202$; $P=0.751$)
- Baseline factors associated with TL included age and sex (women had longer TL)
- TL decreased with increasing age and trended toward shorter length at Week 48 with baseline TL



BL, baseline; Ref, reference. ^aN represents the number of participants with non-missing baseline covariate data, and n represents the number of participants with at least one telomere length data at either baseline or Week 48. ^bReference for adjusted mean difference. ^cReported as increase (>0) or decrease (<0) in adjusted mean change in telomere length. ^dTelomere length is measured as a ratio of telomere to single-copy gene.

Blood Telomere Length Gain in PLWH Switching to DTG+3TC vs Continuing Triple Therapy

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Dynamics of BTL 48 weeks after switching to dual therapy

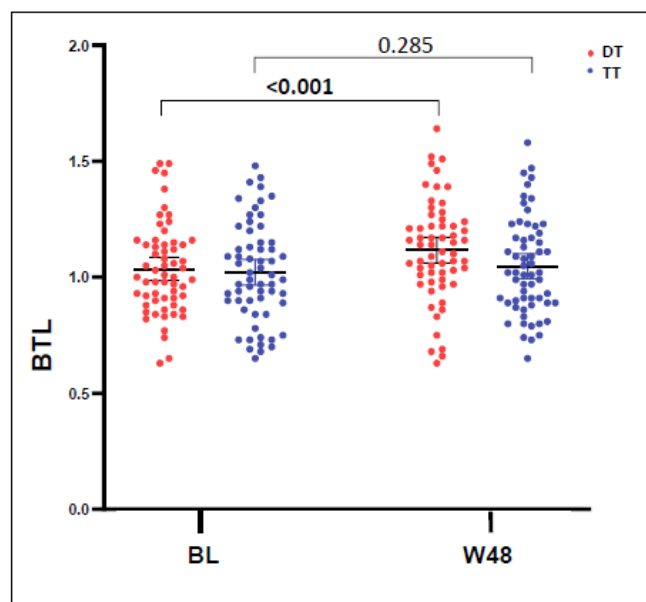


Figure 4. Dynamics of BTL at the two different time-points according to the study groups. Dot plot represents the distribution of BTL. Central horizontal bars represent the mean values and error bars represent the 95% CIs

- An overall increase in the mean (95%CI) BTL was observed from BL to W48, from 1.03 (0.99-1.06) to 1.08 (1.04-1.12) [+0.05 (0.02-0.08) (p=0.001)].
- A marked mean BTL gain was observed in the DT group from 1.03 (0.98-1.08) to 1.12 (1.06-1.17) [+0.08 (0.04-0.12), p<0.001].
- In the TT group the gain was not statistically significant from 1.02 (0.96-1.07) to 1.05 (0.99-1.12) [+0.03 (-0.02-0.072), p=0.285].



- In a sub-analysis performed in the DT group (n=60) we observed a significant mean BTL gain 48 weeks after stopping either FTC/TDF-TAF or ABC
- FTC/TDF-TAF group (n=35) from 1.04 (0.97-1.11) to 1.11 (1.03-1.19) [+0.07 (0.01-0.13), p=0.020]
- ABC group (n=25) from 1.04 (0.96-1.11) to 1.13 (1.05-1.21) [+0.10 (0.04-0.16), p=0.002].

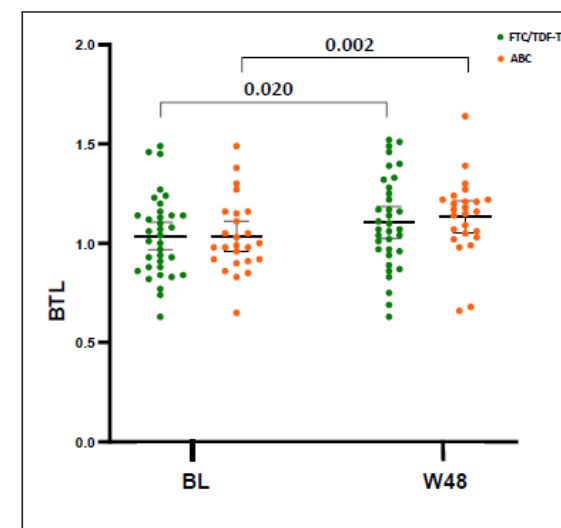
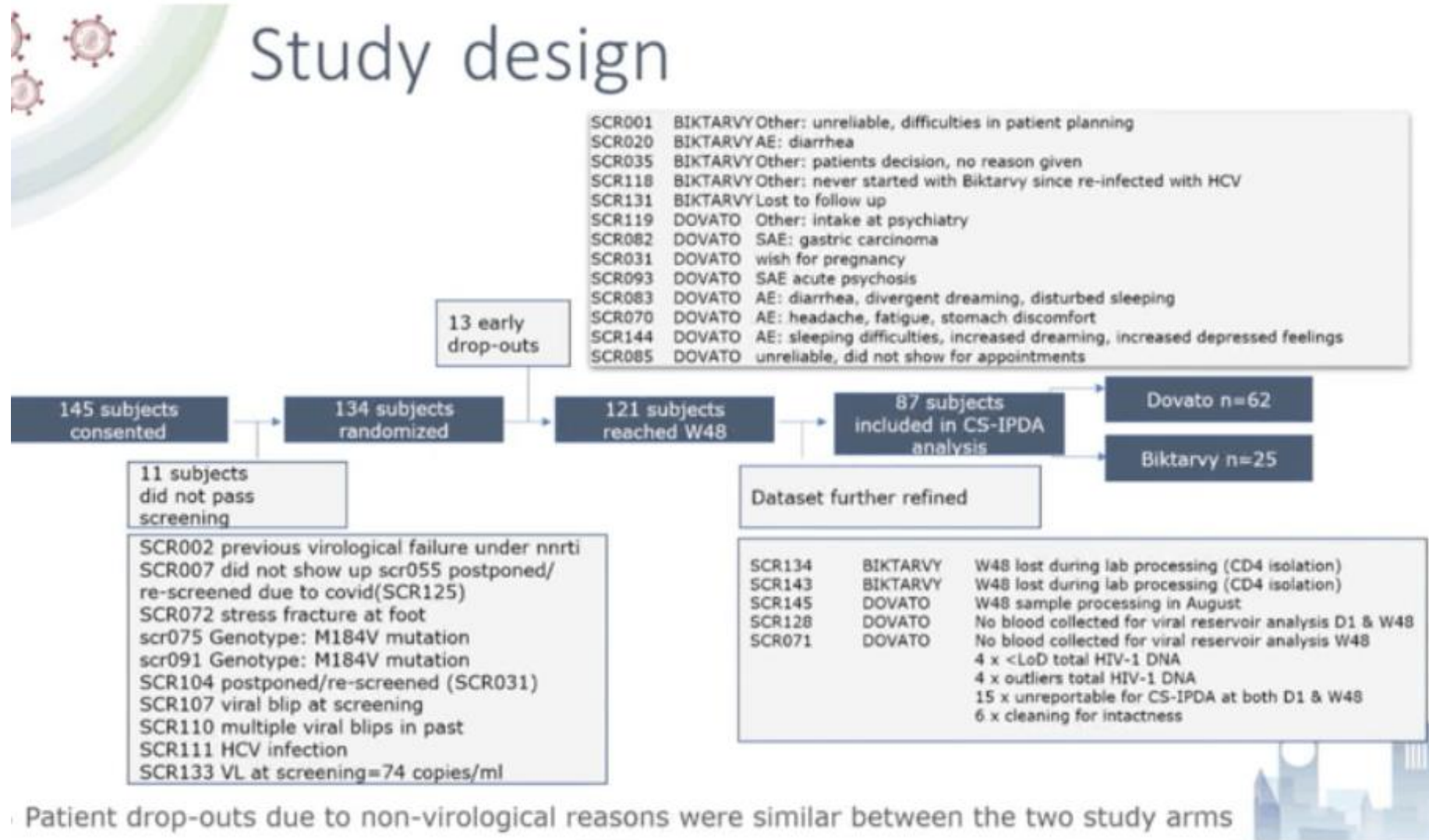


Figure 5. Dynamics of BTL at the two different time-points according to the subgroups (FTC/TDF-TAF and ABC). Dot plot represents the distribution of BTL. Central horizontal bars represent the mean values and error bars represent the 95% CIs

Impact of switch to 3TC/DTG on total and intact DNA (RUMBA study)

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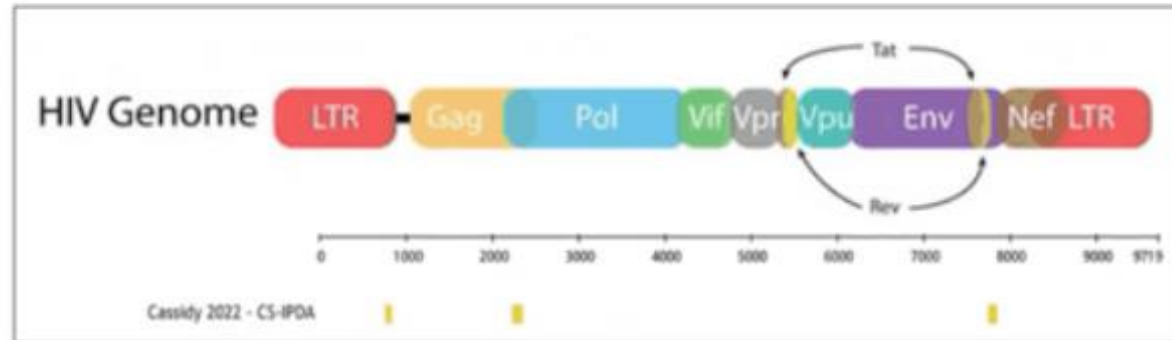


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Methods

- Blood collection at D1 and W48 -> PBMC -> CD4 -> DNA
- Multiplex digital PCR assay: total HIV-1 DNA assay + Cross-Subtype IPDA



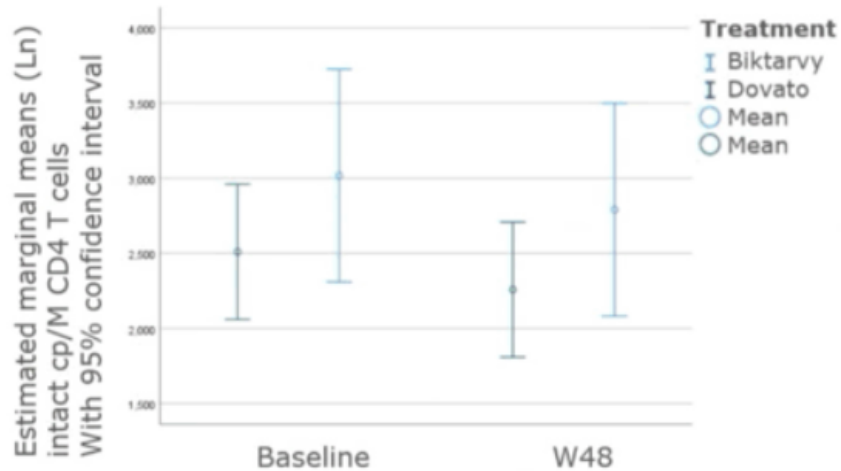
- Normalization based on cell input: *RPP30*
- Data analysis ddpcrRquant algorithm

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Results intact copies

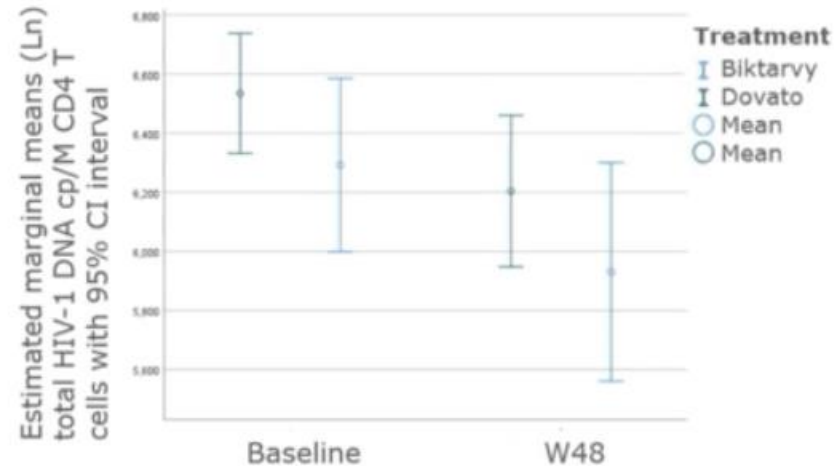
- Mixed model analysis on natural log (Ln) transformed intact copies
- Dovato n=62, Biktarvy n=25 on each timepoint



- At W48, the number of intact cp/M CD4 in the Dovato group is not significantly different from the Biktarvy group ($p=0,231$)
- The estimated mean difference in intact cp between baseline and W48 between the groups is not significantly different

Results total HIV-1 DNA

- Mixed model analysis on natural log (Ln) transformed total HIV-1 DNA copies (unadjusted)
- Dovato n=73, Biktarvy n=35 on each timepoint



- At W48, the number of total HIV-1 DNA cp/M CD4 in the Dovato group is not significantly different from the Biktarvy group ($p=0,465$)
- The estimated mean difference in total HIV-1 DNA cp between baseline and W48 between the groups is not significantly different

RUMBA: Impact of Switching to DTG/3TC vs BIC/FTC/TAF (Secondary Endpoint)

- **Study design:** Open-label, randomized, controlled, longitudinal, clinical trial evaluating metabolic outcomes (weight, BMI, waist circumference, lipids, Fibroscan, insulin resistance, DXA scans) in 134 suppressed PLWH switched to DTG/3TC vs switching to or remaining on BIC/FTC/TAF
- 130 PLWH were included in the ITT-E analysis: 67.8% were switched to DTG/3TC from BIC/FTC/TAF
- Results demonstrated statistically significantly different estimated mean differences over time between the groups with regard to **ALT, HDL cholesterol, lean trunk mass, and fat percentage**
- Data will continue to be followed out to 144 weeks

Baseline data for both groups

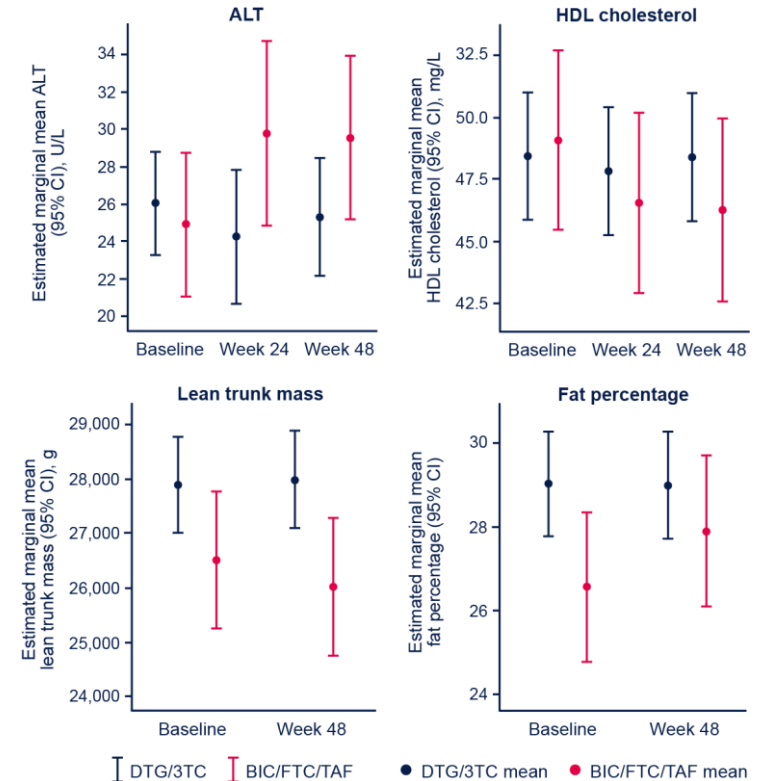
	N	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/TAF	P value
ART regimen at BL, n (%)	130			0.072
DTG/ABC/3TC		27 (31)	22 (51)	
BIC/FTC/TAF		59 (68)	21 (49)	
DTG + FTC/TAF		1 (1)	0 (0)	
Months on ART, median (IQR)	123	97 (87.5-112.5)	72 (68.1-98.7)	0.128
Months on 2nd-generation INSTI, median (IQR)	125	42 (35.9-46.0)	51 (39.0-51.4)	0.491
CD4 nadir, median (IQR), cells/mm ³	121	324 (293-383)	269 (247-378)	0.510
Weight, mean (SD), kg	130	81.2 (12.4)	75.3 (13.0)	0.013
Waist, mean (SD), cm	128	95.4 (11.8)	89.2 (11.2)	0.006
BMI, median (IQR), kg/m ²	130	25.9 (23.4-28.4)	24.8 (21.8-26.1)	0.024

Significantly different estimated mean differences over time (baseline – Week 48) between the groups

	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/TAF	P value
ALT, U/L	-0.73	+4.6	0.035
HDL cholesterol, mg/L	-0.07	-2.80	0.044
Lean trunk mass, gram	+105.77	-489.37	0.027
Fat percentage	-0.04	+1.33	0.003

Other estimated mean differences over time (baseline – Week 48) between the groups

	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/TAF	P value
Weight, kg	+0.256	+0.18	0.918
Waist, cm	-0.02	+1.02	0.204
BMI, kg/m ²	+0.07	+0.04	0.919
Cholesterol, mg/dL	-2.52	-9.30	0.287
LDL cholesterol, mg/dL	-1.82	-7.56	0.311
Triglycerides, mg/dL	-3.79	-21.15	0.198
HOMA-IR	-0.166	-0.43	0.347

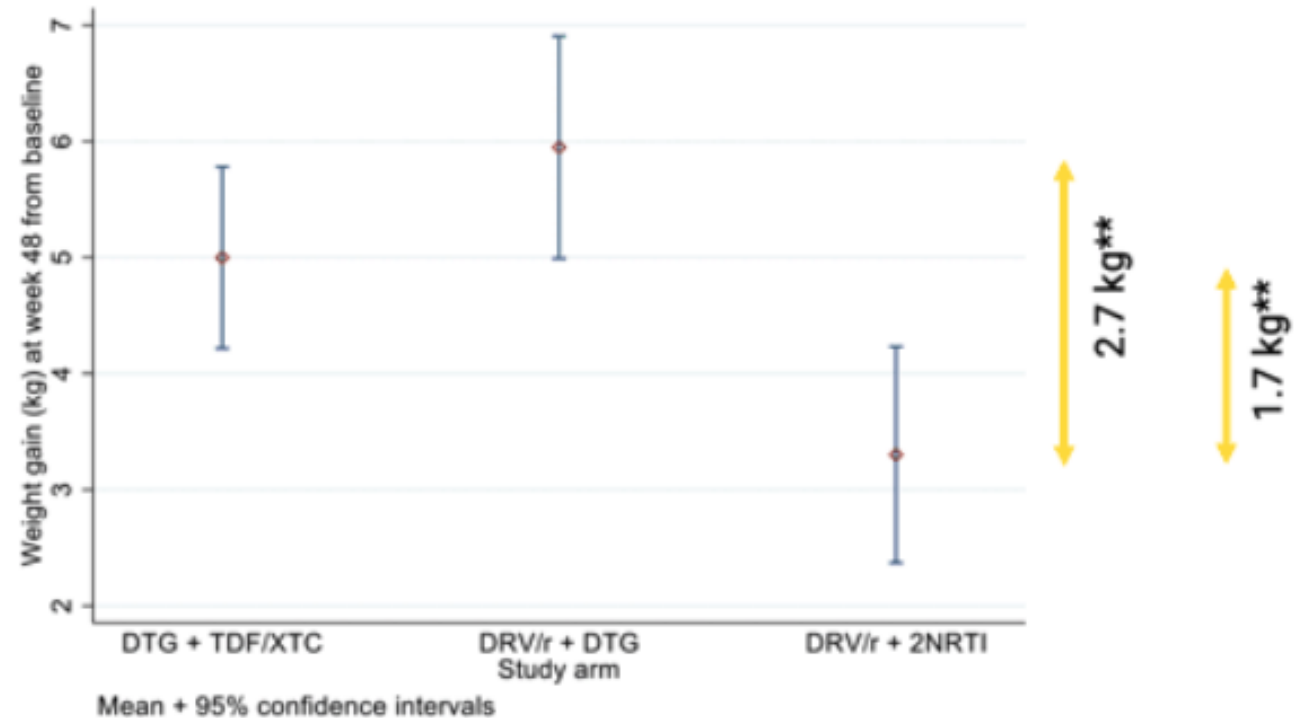


RUMBA Adjusted Metabolic Outcomes at 48 Weeks

- **Study design:** Randomized (2:1), open-label, controlled trial of adults switching to DTG/3TC (n=87) compared with switching to (or staying on) BIC/FTC/TAF (n=43)
- **Aim:** To evaluate the effects of switch from 2nd-generation INSTI-based triple ART to DTG/3TC 2DR on metabolic health
- **Results:** After adjusting for baseline BMI, statistically significant changes were observed favoring DTG/3TC in ALT, HDL-C, lean trunk mass, trunk fat mass, and fat percentage at Week 48
 - No significant differences in other lipid parameters (TG, LDL-C, TC), glucose, insulin, HOMA-IR, or liver fibrosis

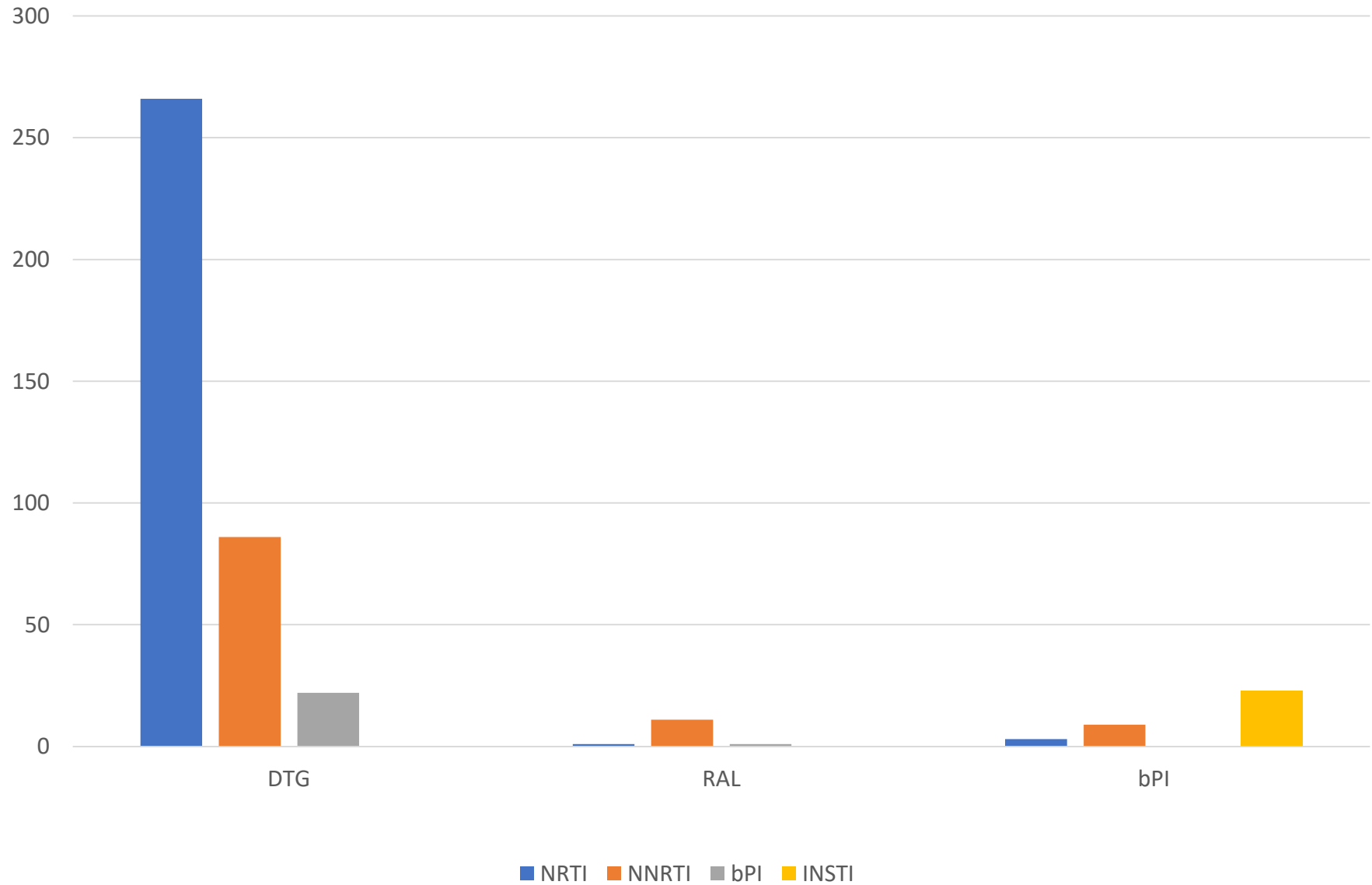
	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/TAF	P value
ALT, U/L	−0.73	+4.55	0.040
HDL-C, mg/L	−0.043	−2.84	0.043
Lean trunk mass, g	+112	−474	0.032
Trunk fat mass, g	+41	+719	0.043
Fat percentage	−0.04	+1.32	0.003

Mean weight (kg) change at week 48 (Stage 2 only)

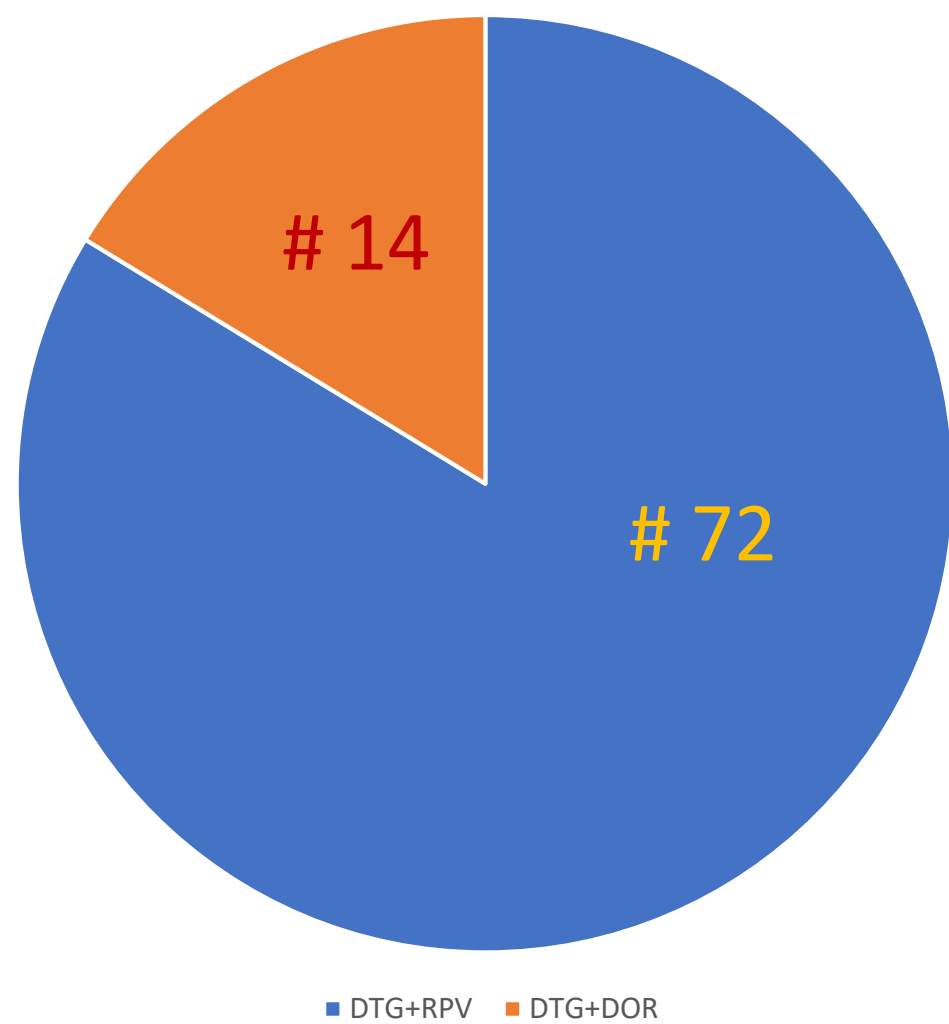


Mean weight gain was greater in both DTG+DRV/r 2.7kg ($p<0.001$) and DTG+TDF/XTC 1.7kg ($p=0.006$) arms compared to DRV/r +2NRTI

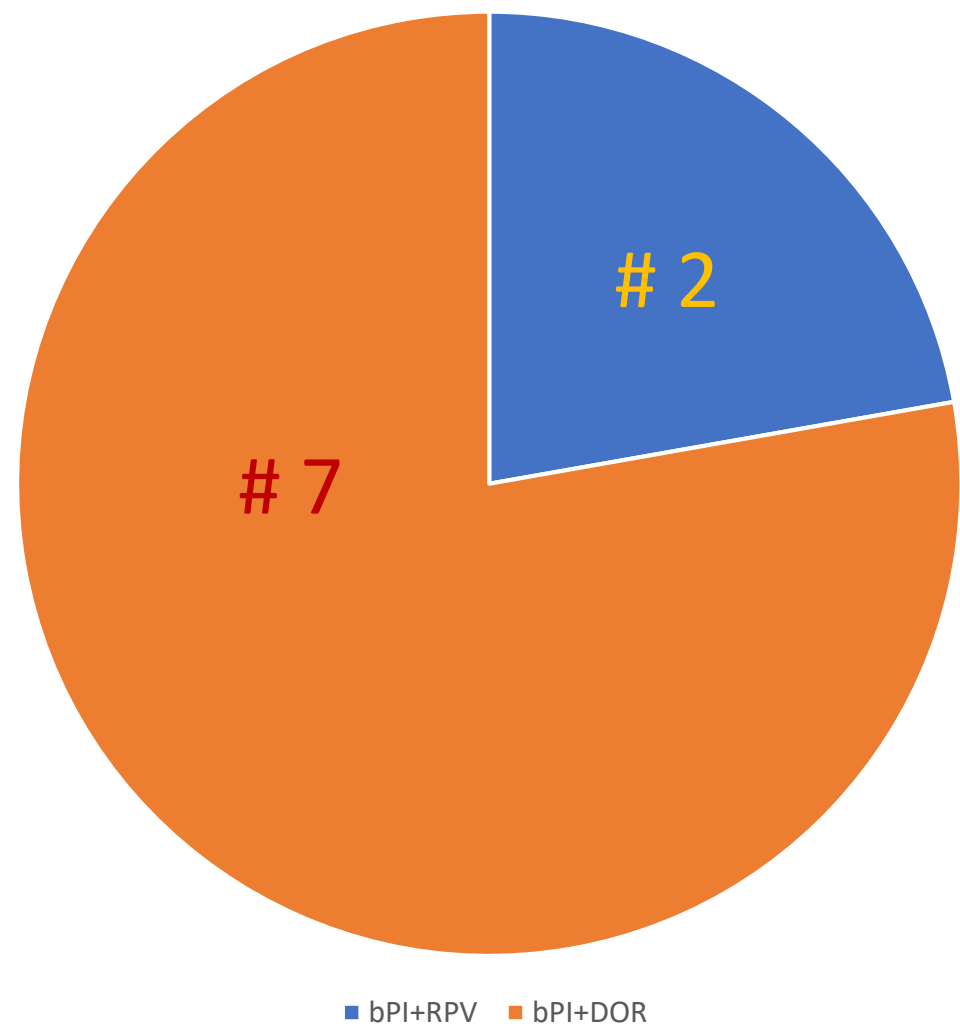
Dual therapy (I.D. Unit, Legnano)



Dual therapy DTG-NNRTI



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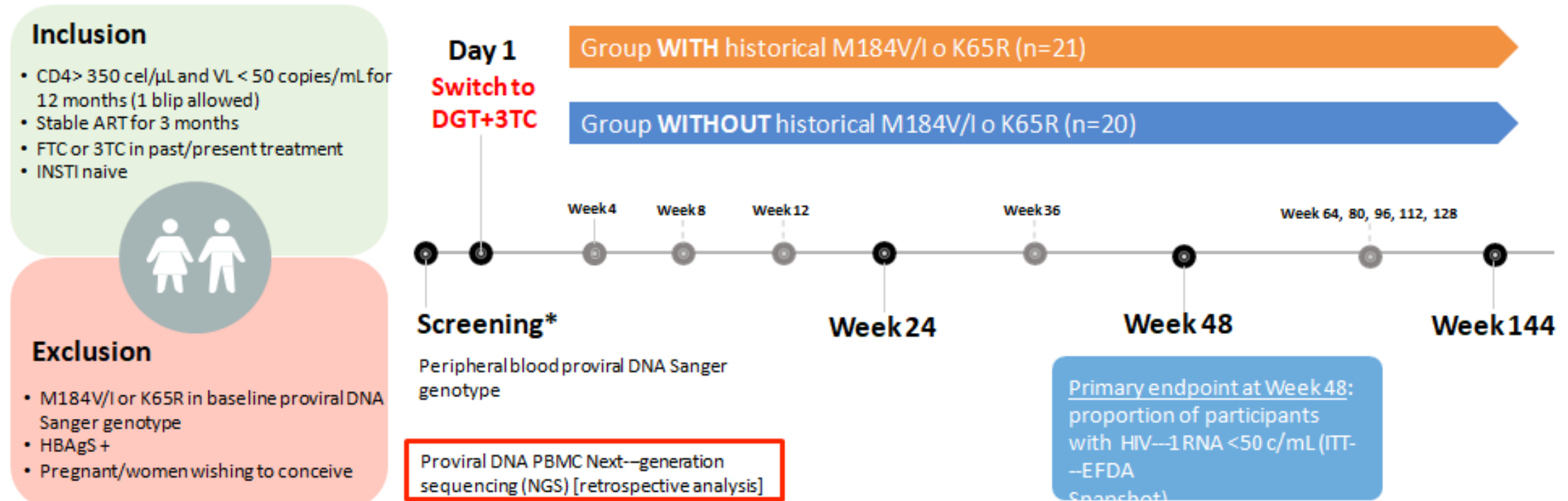


Dual therapy bPI-NNRTI

Simplification and Drug Res (2DR)

Dolutegravir (DTG) and Lamivudine (3TC) for Maintenance of HIV Viral Suppression in Adults With and Without Historical Resistance to Lamivudine: 48-Week Results of a Pilot Clinical Trial (ART-PRO)

Pilot, single-arm, phase IIa, open label clinical trial conducted at 2 sites in Madrid (Spain)



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At week 48, 92.7% (38/41) of participants maintained HIV—RNA VL < 50 copies/mL



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	All participants (n=41)	Historical resistance to lamivudine (n=21)	No historical lamivudine resistance (n=20)	p value
M184V (Proviral DNA Sanger genotype)*	2 (4.9)	2 (9.5)	0 (0)	0.488
M184V/I detected by NGS in proviral DNA, n (%)				
>20%	8 (19.5)	7 (33)	1 (5)	0.046
>10%	13 (31.7)	11 (52.4)	2 (10)	0.007
>5%	17 (45.5)	14 (66.7)	3 (15)	0.002
>1%	27 (65.9)	20 (95.2)	7 (35)	<0.01
K65R/E/N detected by NGS in proviral DNA, n (%) [†]				
>20%	1 (2.4)	1 (4.8)	0 (0)	1
>10%	2 (4.9)	2 (9.5)	0 (0)	0.488
>5%	2 (4.9)	2 (9.5)	0 (0)	0.488
>1%	3 (7.3)	3 (14.3)	0 (0)	0.233

* Protocol violation

>1% M184I/V detected in HIV-1 DNA in almost all patients with historical 3TC resistance and one third of those without historical 3TC resistance

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BRIEF REPORT

Long-term Evaluation of Residual Viremia in a Clinical Trial of Dolutegravir Plus Lamivudine as Maintenance Treatment for Participants With and Without Prior Lamivudine Resistance

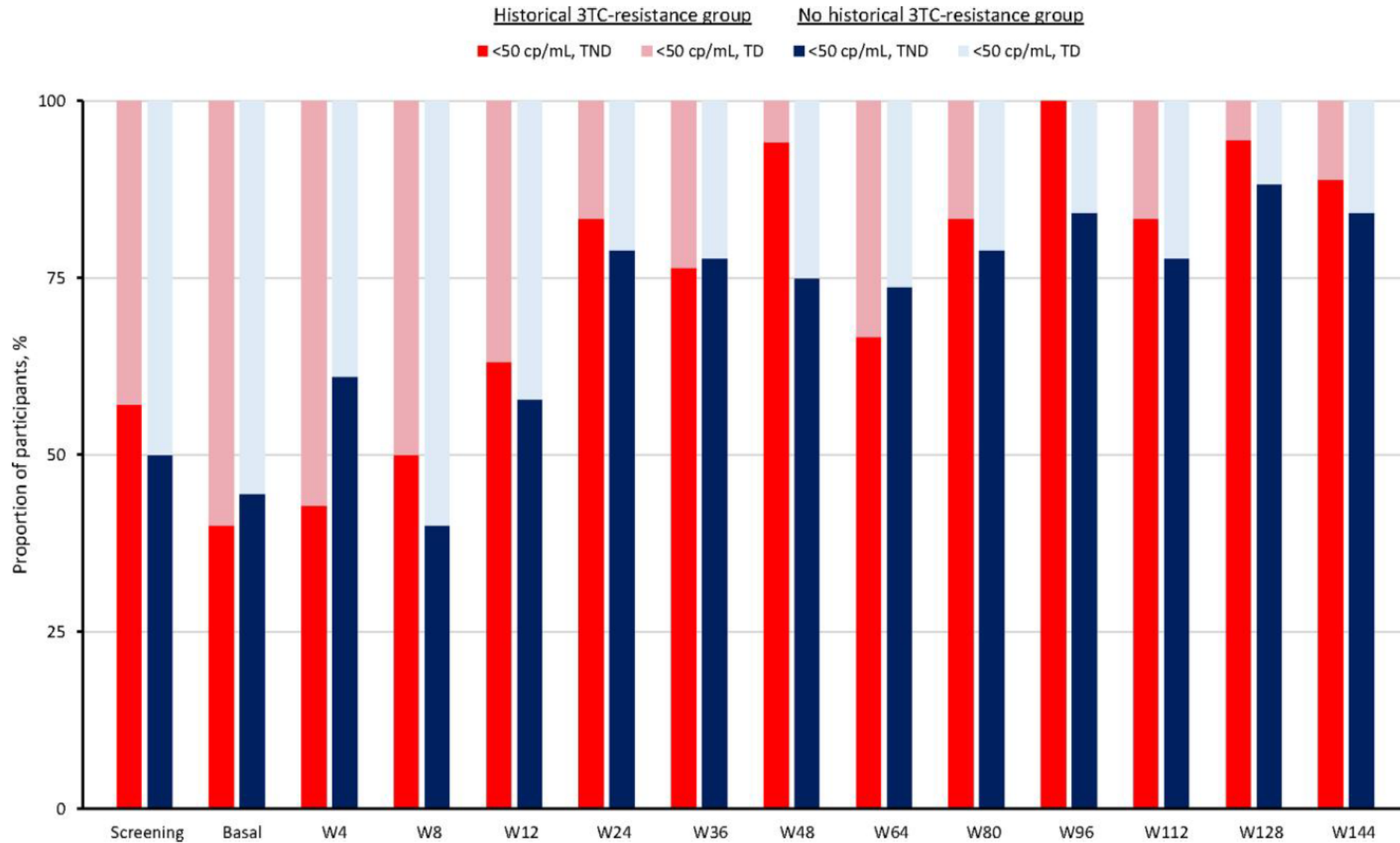
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FDA Snapshot at Week 144, ITT-e Population

Outcome	All Participants (N = 41)	Historical Resistance to Lamivudine (n = 21)	No Historical Resistance to Lamivudine (n = 20)	<i>P</i> Value
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	37 (90.2)	18 (85.7)	19 (95)	.61
HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL in week 144 window	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Discontinuation study drug due to lack of efficacy	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Discontinuation study drug due to other reasons and last available HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
No virologic data at week 144	4 (9.8)	3 (14.3)	1 (5)	.61
Discontinuation study drug due to AE	1 (2.4)	1 (4.8)	0 (0)	
Discontinuation study drug due to other reasons and last available HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	3 (7.3)	2 (9.5)	1 (5)	

Proportion of participants with HIV RNA <50 copies/mL, TND and <50 copies/mL, target detected



Caveat

- NGS analysis on DNA (no cut-off was used in general analysis; in any case, it was only reported in the *post hoc* analysis)
- Sample size
- Absent info on the previous regimen (bPI-based? NNRTI-based?)
- INSTI-naive: a scenario that would be unlikely in the future
- POC trial, still to be confirmed by fully powered studies, *e.g.* VOLVER

Switch and Drug Res
(if $M_{184}V/I$ is known or the
picture is not reassuring)

BRAAVE 2020: Switch to B/F/TAF in Black American Adults, W72

Study Design



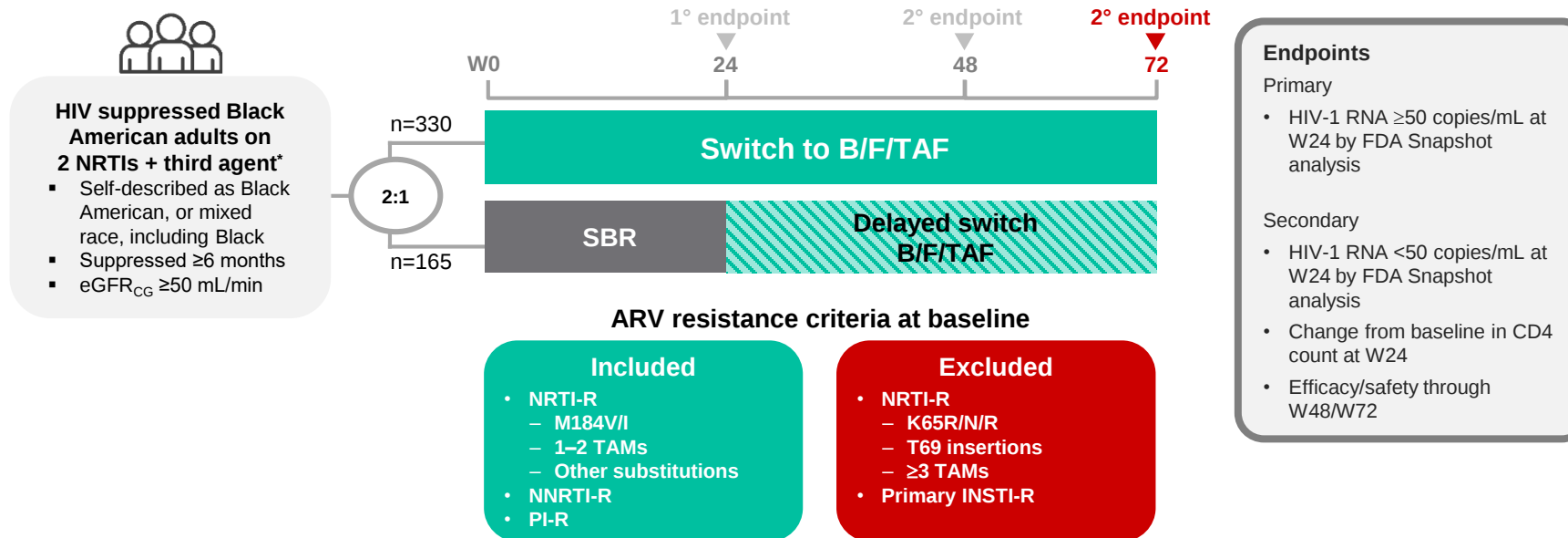
- Phase 3b, randomized, open-label, multicenter

Outcome

Assess the efficacy of B/F/TAF in virologically suppressed Black Americans with preexisting resistance, viral blips, and suboptimal adherence



Baseline-W72



*Third agent: INSTI (except BIC), NNRTI (except etravirine), PI, or maraviroc
 $eGFR_{CG}$: estimated glomerular filtration rate by Cockcroft-Gault equation; SBR, stay on baseline regimen; TAM, thymidine-associated mutation

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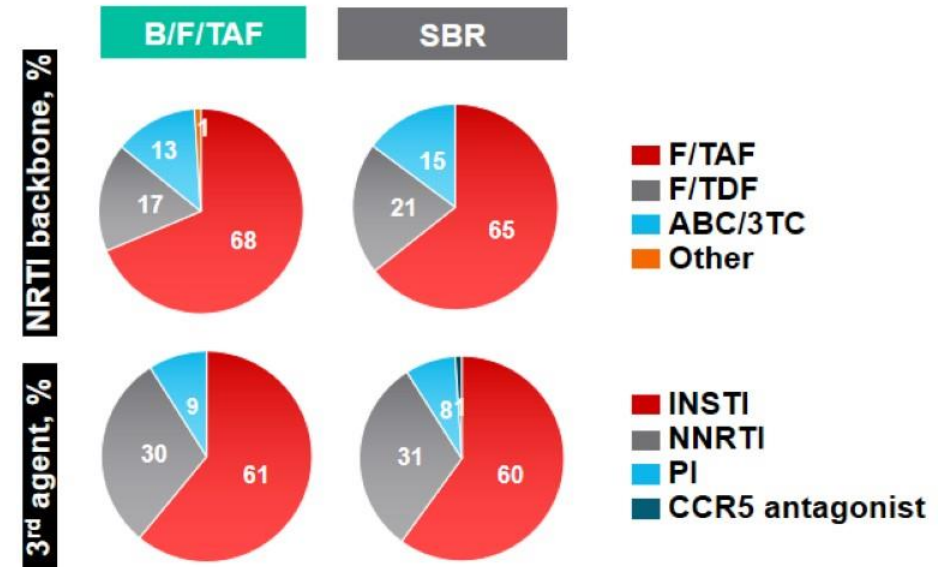
Baseline Characteristics and Regimens

Baseline Characteristics*	B/F/TAF n=330	SBR n=165
Age, years	49 (18–79)	49 (19–70)
Sex at birth, % female	31	33
Gender identity, % transgender	2	4
Hispanic/Latinx ethnicity, %	5	3
CD4 count, cells/ μ l	747 (570, 922)	758 (494, 969)
eGFR _{CG} , mL/min	110 (88, 132)	107 (86, 132)
Weight, kg	88 (79, 103)	89 (76, 104)
Body mass index, kg/m ²	29.2 (25.9, 34.0)	29.3 (25.7, 34.3)
HBV coinfection, %	5	2

*Median (Q1, Q3), except for age median (range)

SBR, Stay on Baseline Regimen

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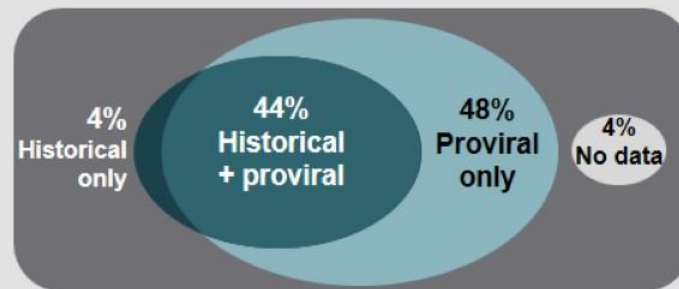




Baseline Resistance

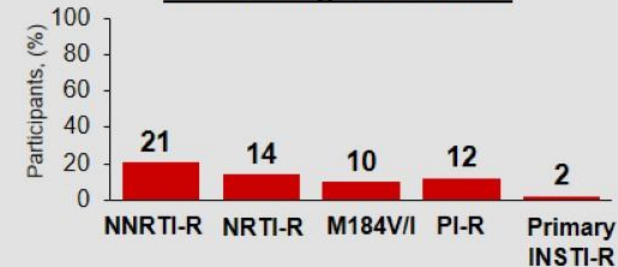
Baseline Resistance Data Sources

- Baseline historical genotype
 - PI/RT: 48% of participants
 - IN: 10-11% of participants
- Baseline proviral genotype*
 - 92% of participants



* Drug resistance detected in proviral DNA can help predict virologic rebound in PLWH,³ but proviral genotyping assays have sampling limitations due to small blood volumes and low frequency of circulating latently infected CD4 cells

Preexisting Resistance



- 10% (51/495) of participants had M184V/I, most of which was previously undocumented (45/51)

	B/F/TAF	SBR
Resistance[†]	34%	35%
1-class resistance	22%	22%
2-class resistance	9%	8%
3-class resistance	2%	5%

Preexisting resistance was frequent among virologically suppressed Black adults

IN, integrase. RT, reverse transcriptase. SBR, Stay on Baseline Regimen. R, resistance

[†]Greater than 1 resistance substitution per ARV class

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Pre-existing Resistance in RT, PR, and IN

Participants, % (n)	B/F/TAF n=330	SBR n=165
NRTI-R	13 (44)	16 (26)
K65R	1 (2)	1 (2)
M184V/I	9 (31)	12 (20)
Any TAM	6 (20)	10 (16)
1–2 TAMs	5 (18)	5 (8)
≥3 TAMs	1 (2)	5 (8)
Other (K70E, L74I/V, Y115F, Q151M)	2 (7)	3 (5)
NNRTI-R	21 (70)	19 (32)
K103N/S	10 (33)	12 (20)
Rilpivirine associated*	9 (29)	8 (13)
PI-R	11 (36)	16 (26)
Atazanavir or darunavir associated†	2 (6)	3 (5)

Participants, % (n)	B/F/TAF n=330	SBR n=165
Primary INSTI-R	2 (8)	2 (3)
T66A	0	1 (1)
E92G	1 (2)	1 (1)
Y143C/H	1 (3)	1 (1)
Q148H/K/R	1 (3)	0
Secondary INSTI-R	45 (149)	48 (80)
M50I	21 (69)	23 (38)
T97A	3 (10)	1 (1)
S119P/R/T	21 (70)	20 (33)
E157K/Q	8 (26)	10 (16)

- All participants with preexisting resistance detected post-randomization continued on study and were included in efficacy analyses

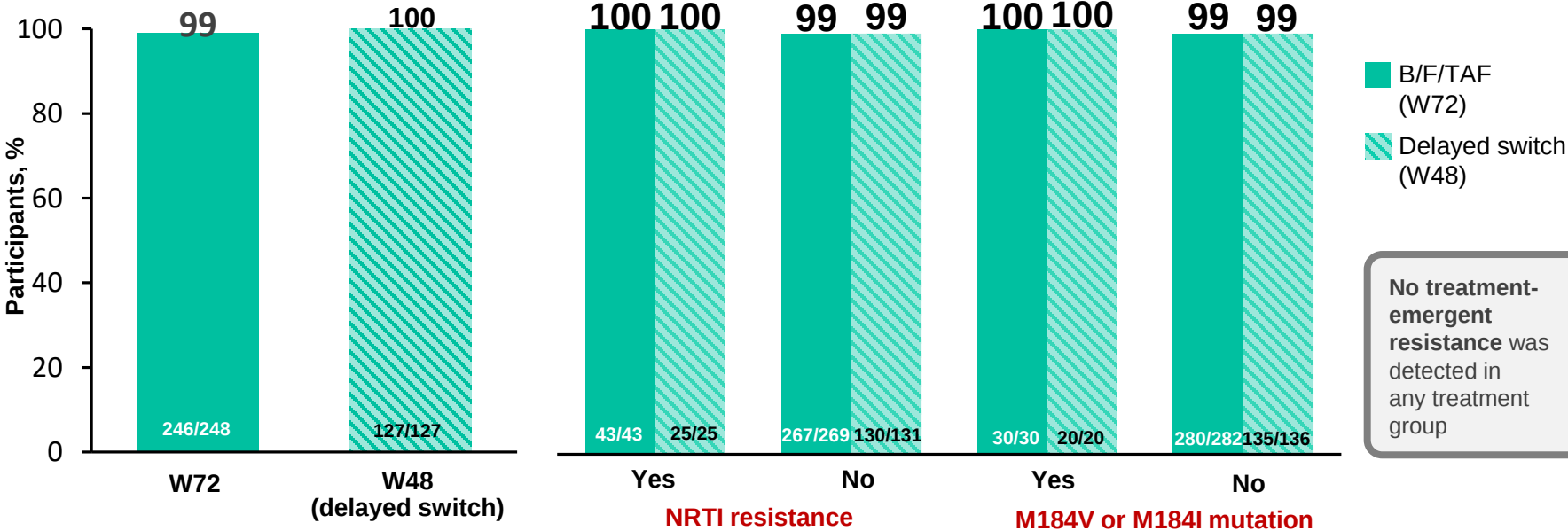
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*L100I, K101E/P, E138A/G/K/Q/R, V179L, Y181C/I/V, Y188L, H221Y, F227C, M230I/L in RT

†I47V, I50L/V, I54M/L, L76V, I84V, and N88S in PR.



HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL at W72 (M=E, Full Analysis Set)



Virologic suppression was maintained in Black American adults on B/F/TAF despite pre-existing NRTI resistance, including M184V/I

Full Analysis Set: Denominator for percentage is number of participants in B/F/TAF with non-missing HIV-1 RNA value at each visit
Kumar P, et al. vias 2021, PEB161



Study Design¹

Objectives

- To determine the prevalence of preexisting M184V/I among 2034 virologically suppressed participants in 6 clinical trials
 - Studies 4030 and 4580 allowed M184V/I at screening (n=772)
 - Studies 1844, 1878, 4449, and 1474 which M184V/I excluded at screening (n=1262)
- To evaluate the impact of preexisting M184V/I on virologic outcomes after switching to B/F/TAF

Resistance Analysis

- Baseline: historical HIV-1 genotype reports were collected if available and HIV-1 proviral DNA genotype testing was performed on baseline samples
 - Participants with preexisting resistance detected after enrollment continued on study and were included in all analyses
- Post-baseline: participants with HIV RNA ≥ 200 copies/mL at confirmed virologic failure, Week 48, or last visit on study drugs had HIV-1 RNA genotype and phenotype testing performed

HIV-1 Drug Resistance Substitutions (based on IAS-USA)²

NRTI-R	K65R/E/N, T69 insertions, K70E, L74V/I, Y115F, Q151M, M184V/I, TAMs (M41L, D67N, K70R, L210W, T215F/Y, K219E/N/Q/R)
NNRTI-R	L100I, K101E/P, K103N/S, V106A/M, V108I, E138A/G/K/Q/R, V179L, Y181C/I/V, Y188C/H/L, G190A/E/Q/S, H221Y, P225H, F227C, M230I/L
	RPV-R: L100I, K101E/P, E138A/G/K/Q/R, V179L, Y181C/I/V, Y188L, H221Y, F227C, M230I/L
PI-R	D30N, V32I, M46I/L, I47A/V, G48V, I50L/V, I54M/L, Q58E, T74P, L76V, V82A/F/L/S/T, N83D, I84V, N88S, L90M
INSTI-R	T66I/A/K, E92Q/G, F121Y, Y143R/H/C, S147G, Q148H/K/R, N155H/S, R263K

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Baseline Resistance-Associated Substitutions

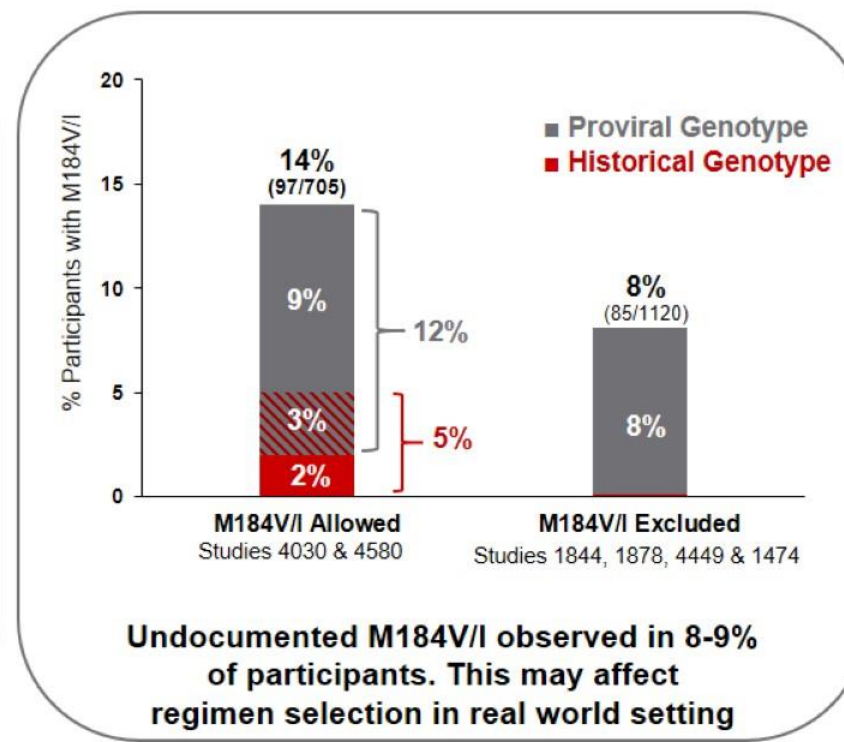
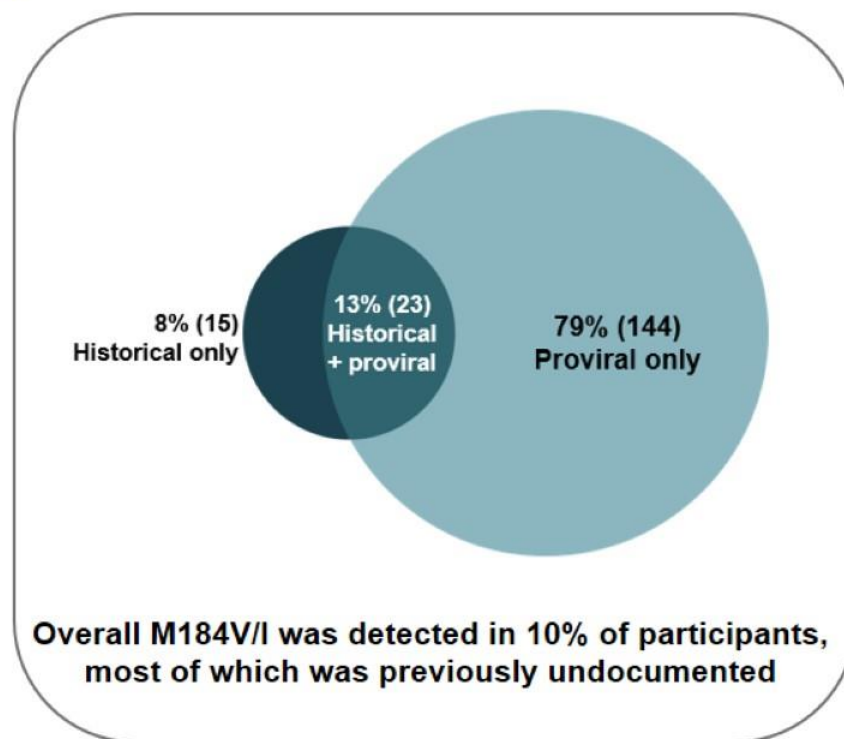
Baseline Genotype, % (n or n/N)	Pooled B/F/TAF n=2034
PR/RT data available (historical and/or proviral)	90 (1825)
NRTI-R	16 (288/1825)
M184V/I	10 (182)
V only substitution	9 (161)
I only substitution	1 (11)
V and I substitutions	1 (10)
K65R/E/N	1 (18)
Any TAM	9 (167)
NNRTI-R	22 (397/1825)
RPV-R	9 (170)
K103N/S	11 (205)
PI-R	11 (201/1825)
IN data available (historical and/or proviral)	85 (1731)
INSTI-R	2 (30/1731)

M184V/I alone	19% (35/182)
M184V/I + NNRTI-R	53% (97/182)
M184V/I + other NRTI-R	47% (86/182)
M184V/I + TAMs	39% (71/182)
M184V/I + PI-R	27% (50/182)
M184V/I + INSTI-R	2% (4/182)

- M184V/I was frequently detected with other resistance substitutions
- Participants with preexisting M184V/I were older, more often from the USA, Black race, with baseline CD4 cell counts <500 cells/μL vs participants without M184V/I

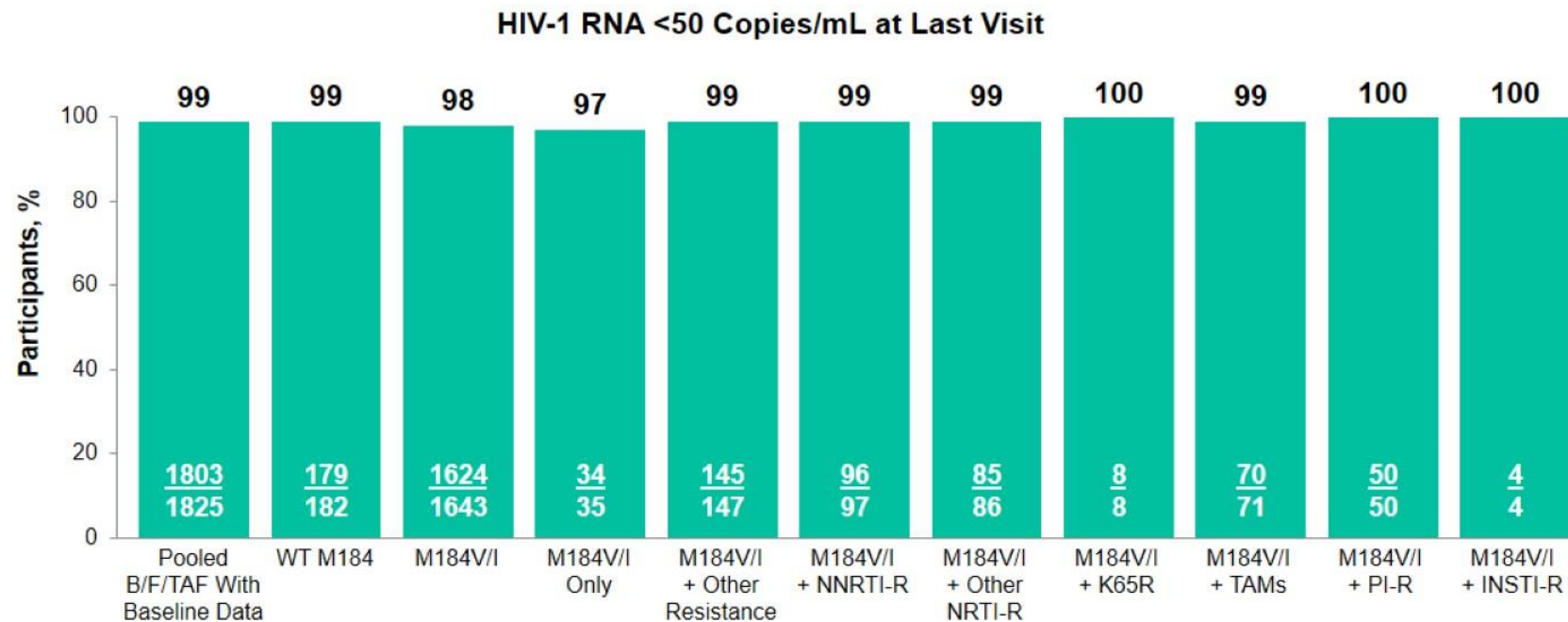
M184V/I was detected in 10% of participants with M184V being the most common substitution

M184V/I Detection





Virologic Suppression by Preexisting M184V/I: Pooled B/F/TAF Group



B/F/TAF is an effective and durable treatment for virologically suppressed PLWH, including those with known or undocumented M184V/I at baseline

Nucleoside Reverse-Transcriptase Inhibitor Resistance Mutations Predict Virological Failure in Human Immunodeficiency Virus-Positive Patients During Lamivudine Plus Dolutegravir Maintenance Therapy in Clinical Practice

Alberto Borghetti,¹ Andrea Giacomelli,^{2,3} Vanni Borghi,⁴ Arturo Ciccullo,⁵ Alex Dusina,⁵ Massimiliano Fabbiani,⁶ Stefano Rusconi,^{2,3} Maurizio Zazzi,⁷ Cristina Mussini,⁴ and Simona Di Giambenedetto^{1,5}

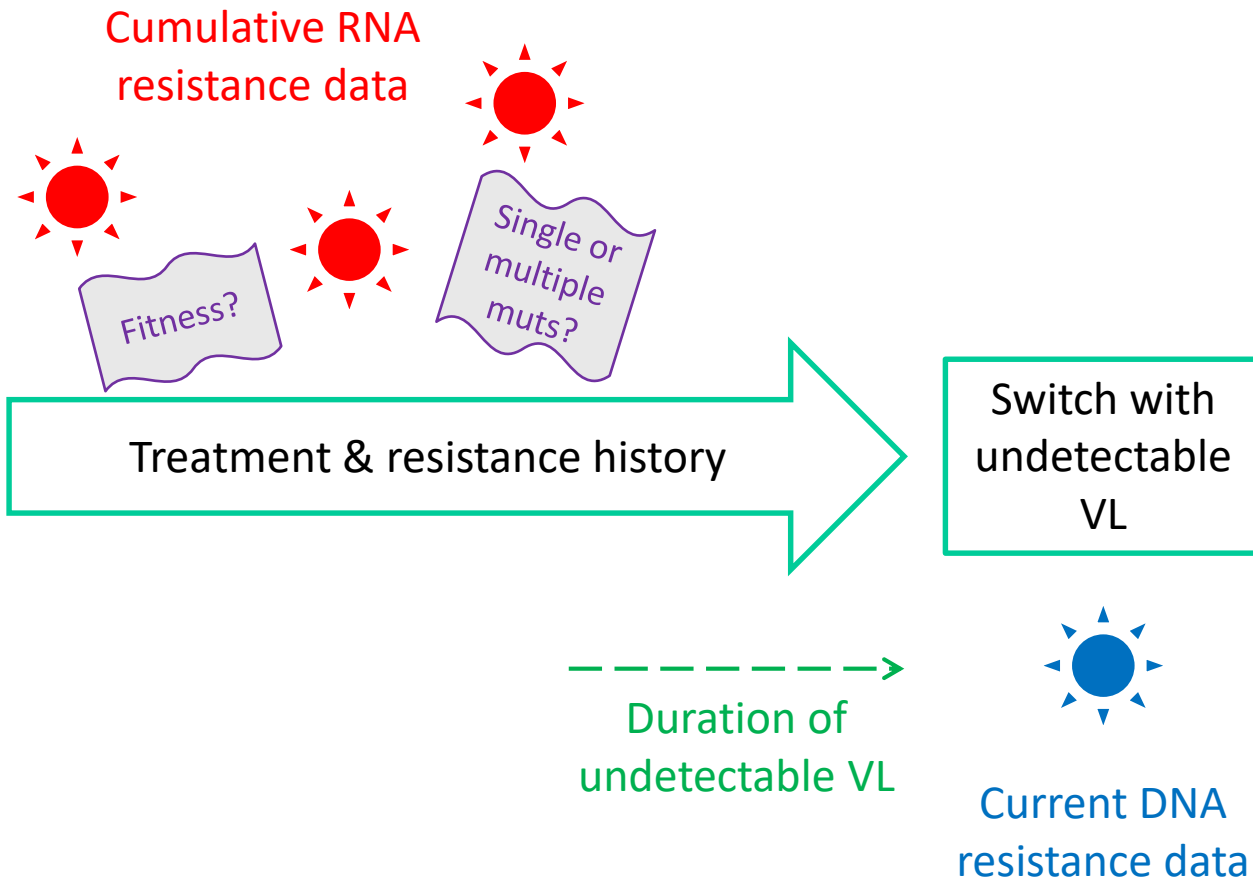
An observational cohort from 3 large University hospitals of patients starting 3TC-DTG, with suppressed viral load (HIV-RNA >50 copies/mL) at the time of switch (baseline) and with no evidence of hepatitis B virus chronic infection.

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Table 2. Predictors of Virological Failures According to Different Cox Regression Models

Exposure Variable	Models 1, 2, 4* aHR (95% CI)	PValue	Model 3** aHR (95% CI)	PValue	Model 5*** aHR (95% CI)	PValue
M184V/I (presence vs absence)			3.31 (1.02–10.74)	.046		
M184V/I with TAMs (presence vs absence)					4.63 (1.19–17.94)	.027
Previous failure on an INI-based regimen (at least 1 vs none)	5.84 (1.28–26.64)	.025	6.41 (1.36–30.18)	.019	5.51 (1.15–26.50)	.033
Time of virological suppression (>2 years vs ≤2)	0.29 (0.10–0.86)	.023	0.27 (0.09–0.80)	.018	0.23 (0.08–0.74)	.013

Impact of drug resistance...on HIV Tx



- **RNA resistance** is the reference data but must be integrated with VF data
- **DNA resistance** can be useful but also misleading
 - Non-functional provirus
 - Dilution over time
- **Duration of undetectable VL** makes ALL old mutations less important
- **Not all mutations are the same**
 - Lower fitness, less impact (M184V vs. NNRTI RAMs)
 - Single mutation less important than multiple mutations

Courtesy of Maurizio Zazzi



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