



# Innovative Measures of Adherence: What is in a drop of blood?

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# Outline

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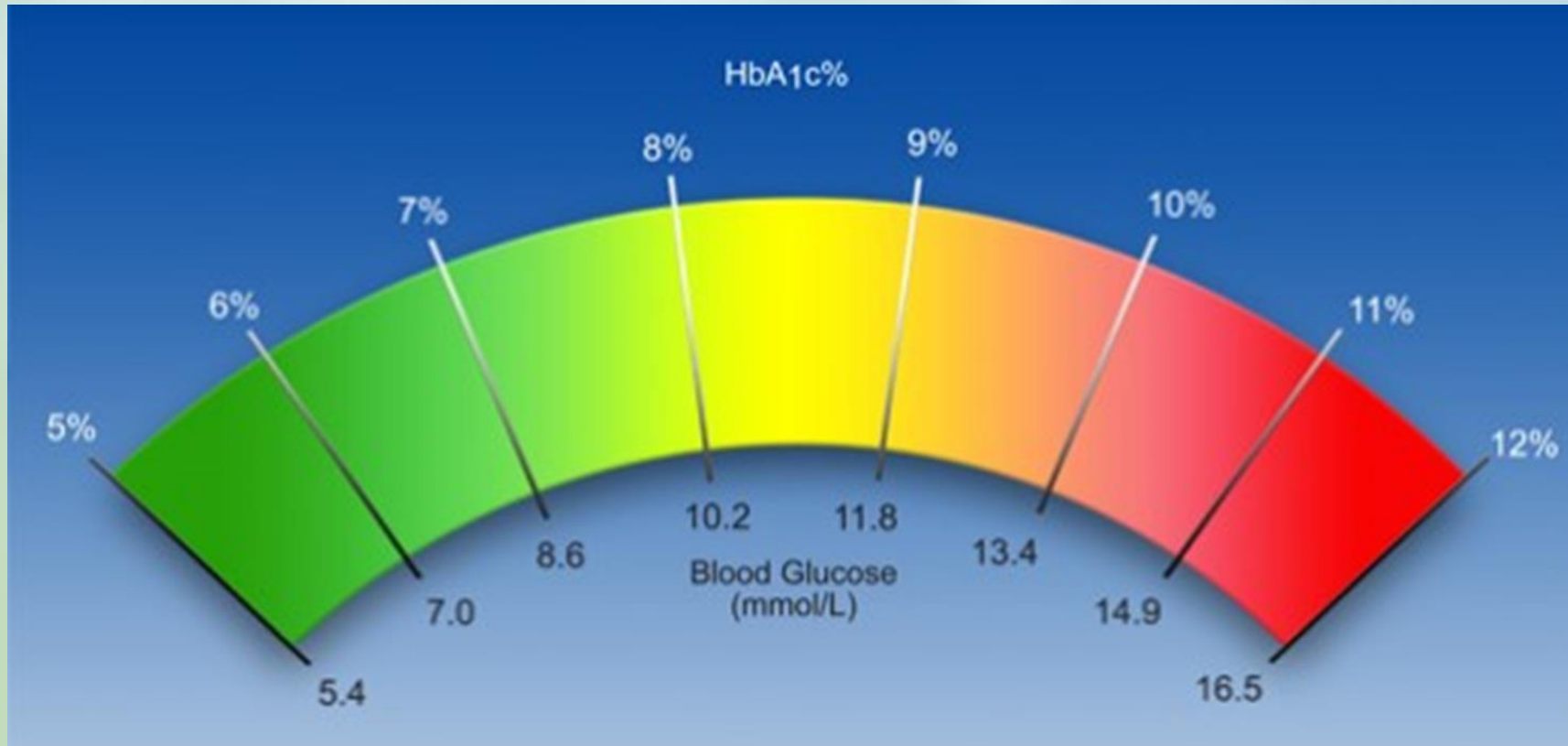
- Pharmacology of antiretrovirals in dried blood spots.
- Data on the use of dried blood spots to quantify adherence ART.
- Challenges and future directions.

# Cumulative Adherence

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- Which is a better predictor of diabetes outcomes?
  - Fasting morning glucose vs. HbA1c

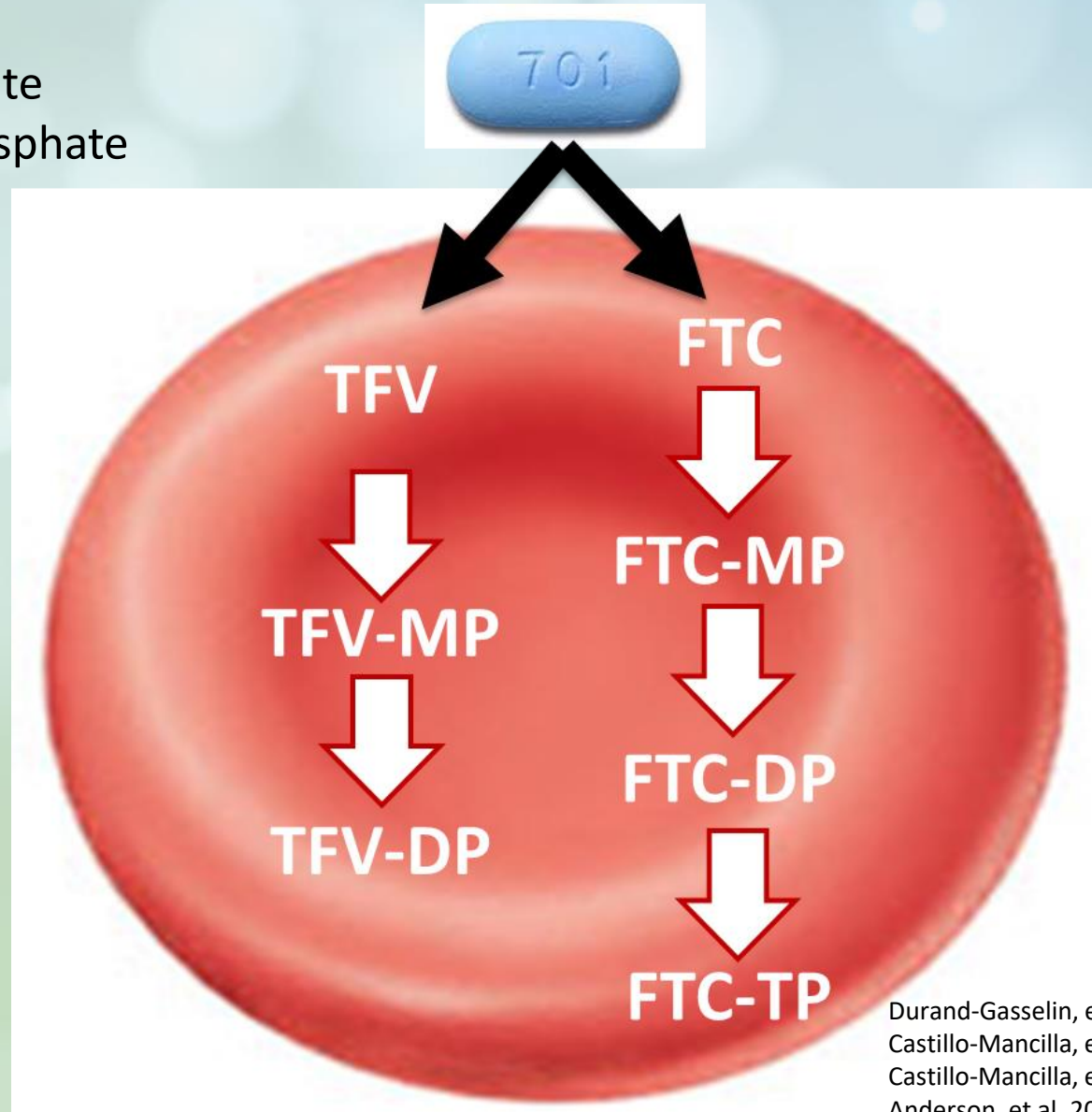


# TFV-DP and FTC-TP in RBC and DBS

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TFV-DP: tenofovir diphosphate  
FTC-TP: emtricitabine triphosphate



**Cumulative  
Adherence**

**17-day half-life**

**Recent  
dosing**

**35-hr half-life**

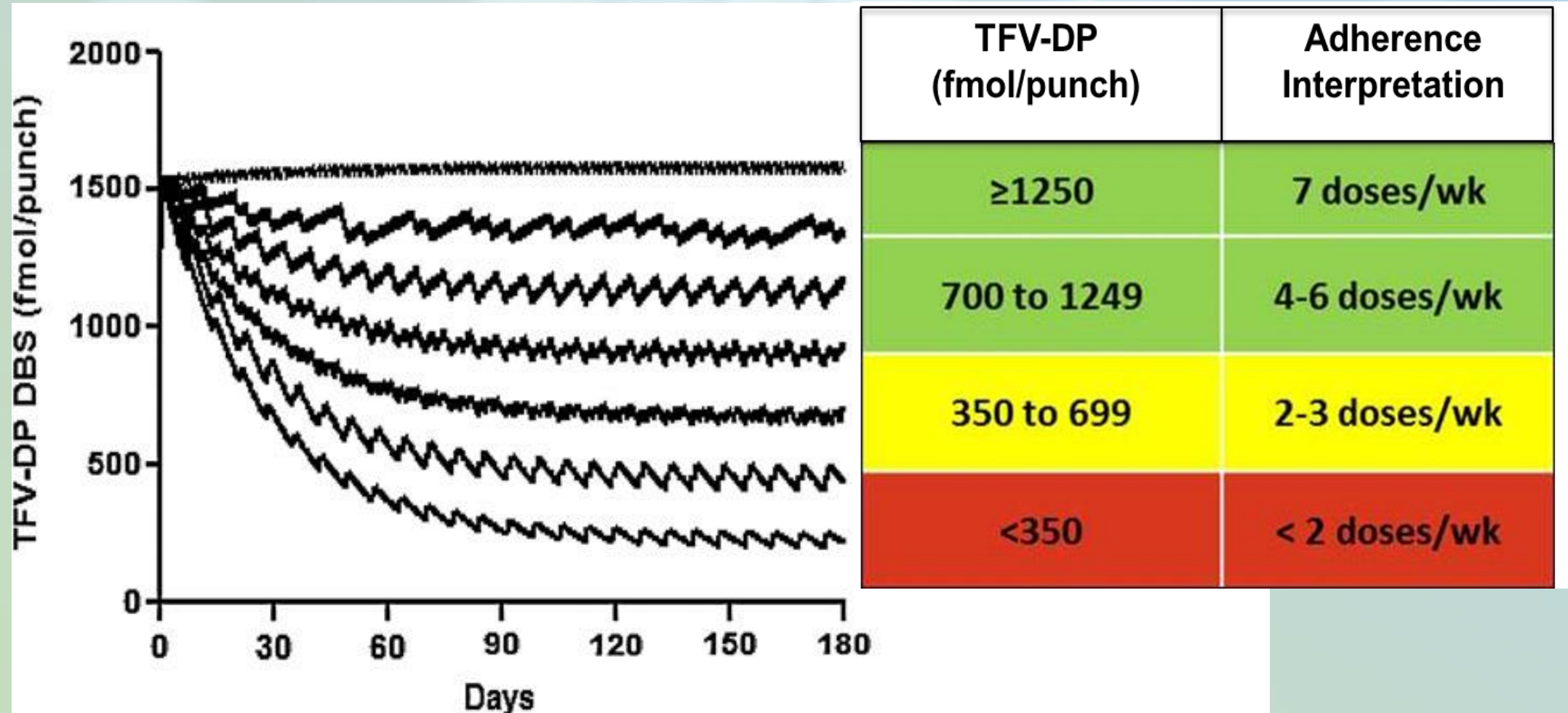


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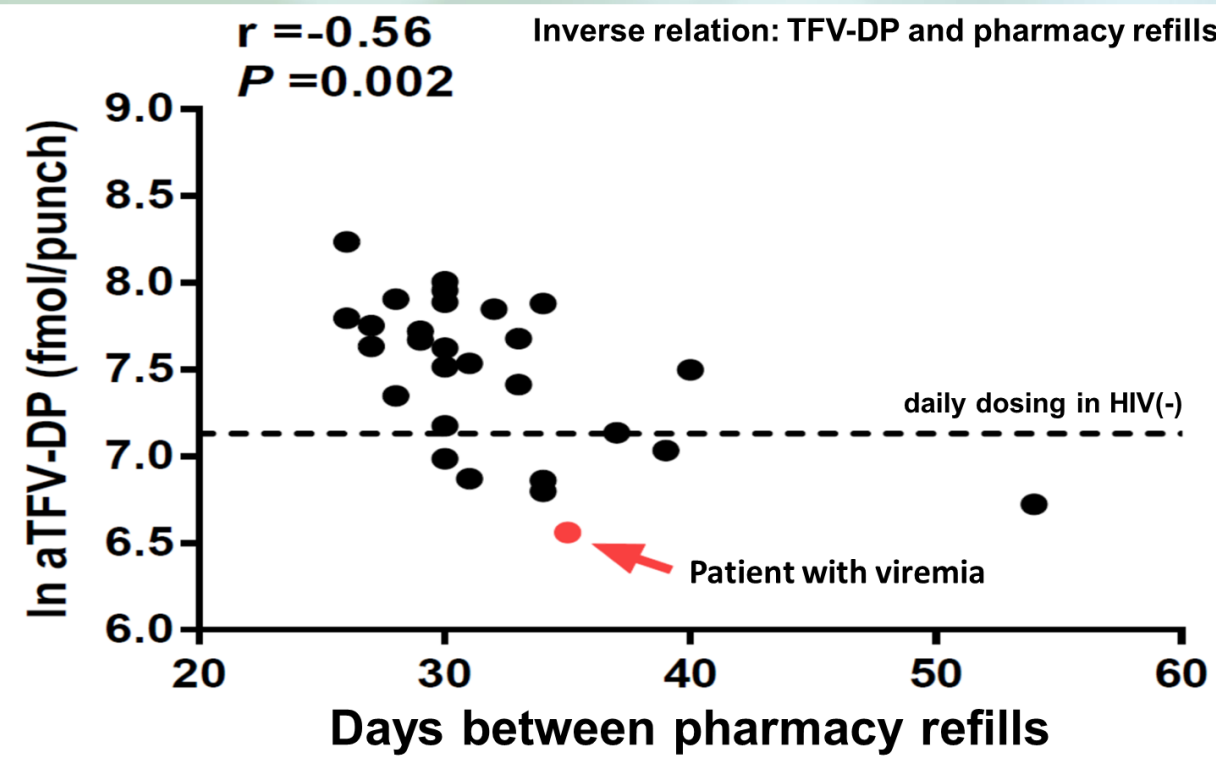
# TFV-DP in DBS: adherence gradient

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- Model confirmed using directly-observed therapy.

# TFV-DP in HIV



United States

**Correlation of TFV-DP<sub>adj</sub> with % Wisepill openings in previous 28 days:**

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	All participants (N=29)			Participants excluded (N=23)		
	N (data points)	r	p	N (data points)	r	p
All visits	142	.348	<.001	112	.510	<.001

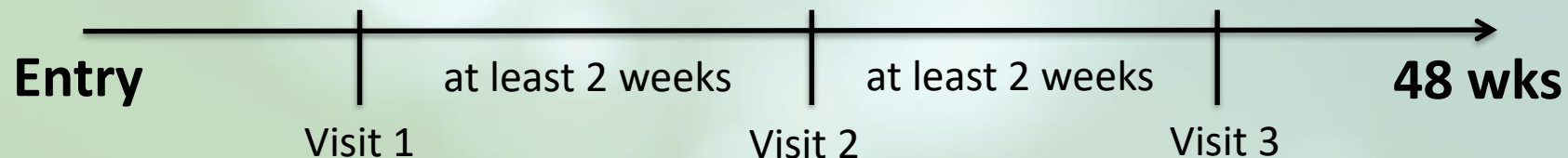
South Africa

# TFV-DP in HIV

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- How do TFV-DP concentrations in patients with HIV infection compare to uninfected volunteers?
- What is the association of TFV-DP in DBS and viral suppression?
- DBS in a prospective clinical cohort of patients with HIV infection on TDF-based therapy (NCT02012621).
  - Clinic visit where routine HIV VL was collected.



Enrollment: June 2014-July 2017

# TFV-DP in HIV

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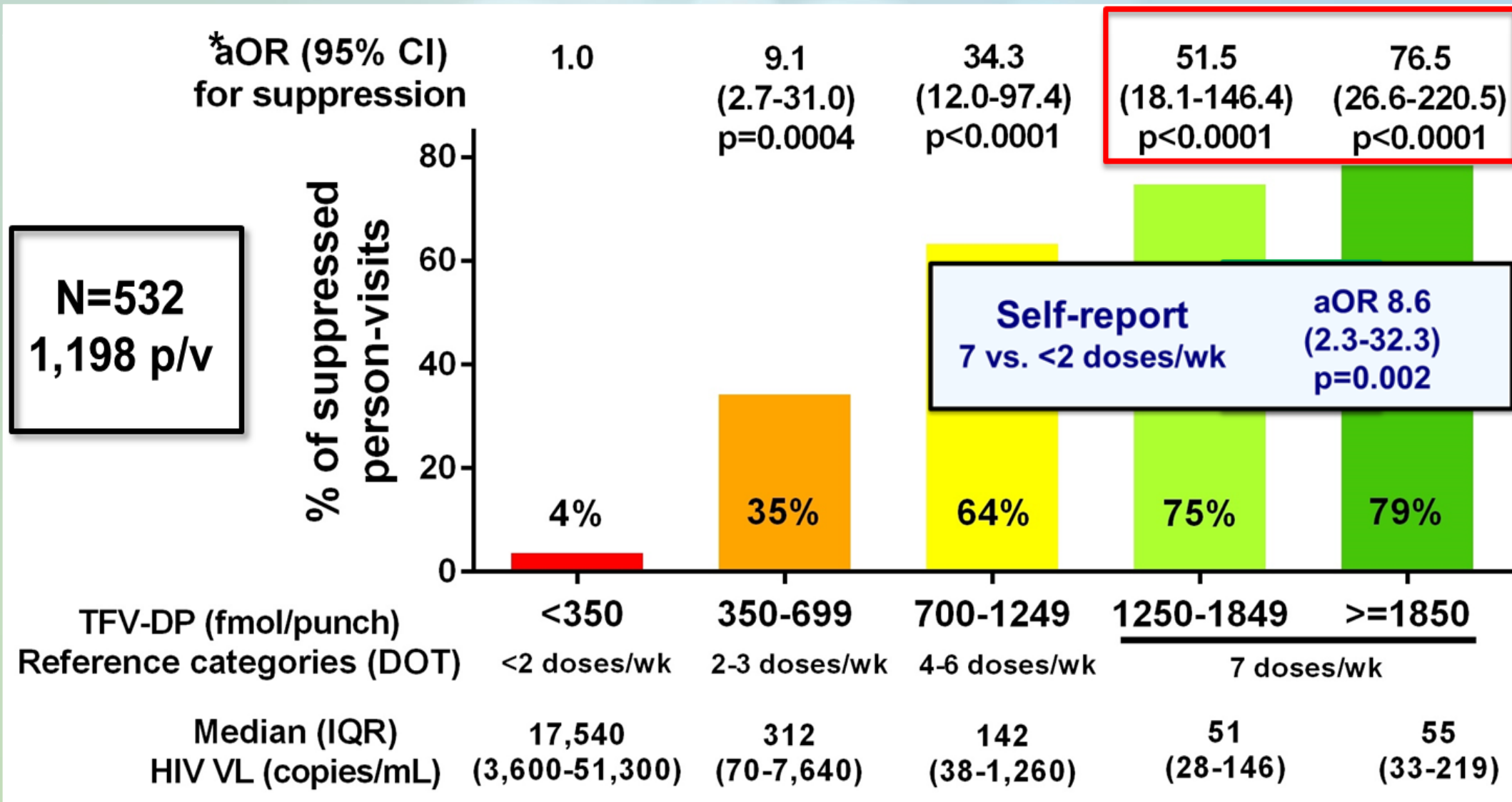


Variable	TFV-DP (fmol/punch) GM (95% CI)	P-value	
Viremic	1021 (917, 1138)	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	
Suppressed	1728 (1601, 1865)		

Race, BMI, ART class, use of booster all influenced drug concentrations



# TFV-DP in HIV: suppression



\*Adjusted for age, gender, race, BMI, serum creatinine, CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell count, ART class, duration of ART and dosing category

# Challenges/Limitations

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- Adherence measures limited to TFV/FTC based regimens.
  - New data on 3TC-TP also quantifiable in DBS.
- Requires a specialized laboratory for analysis.

# Future Directions

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- Extend current research into TAF-based therapy.
- Prospective application in routine clinical practice:
  - Early intervention to prevent viral rebound and treatment failure
  - Prompt identification of treatment toxicity?
  - Point of care testing and assay availability (R01 AI122298)
- Quantification of adherence and exposure in the virally-suppressed patient.
- Can TFV-DP in DBS complement other adherence measures?

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# Backup Slides

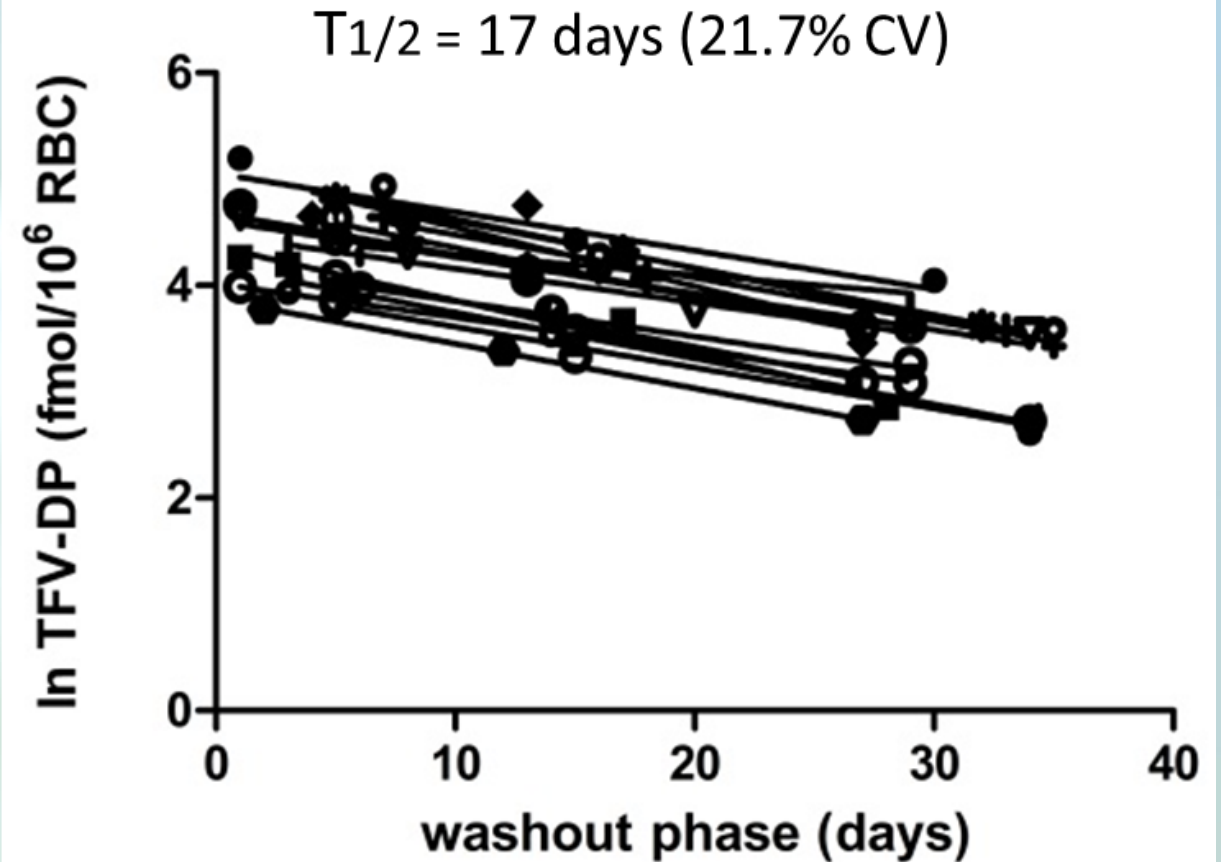
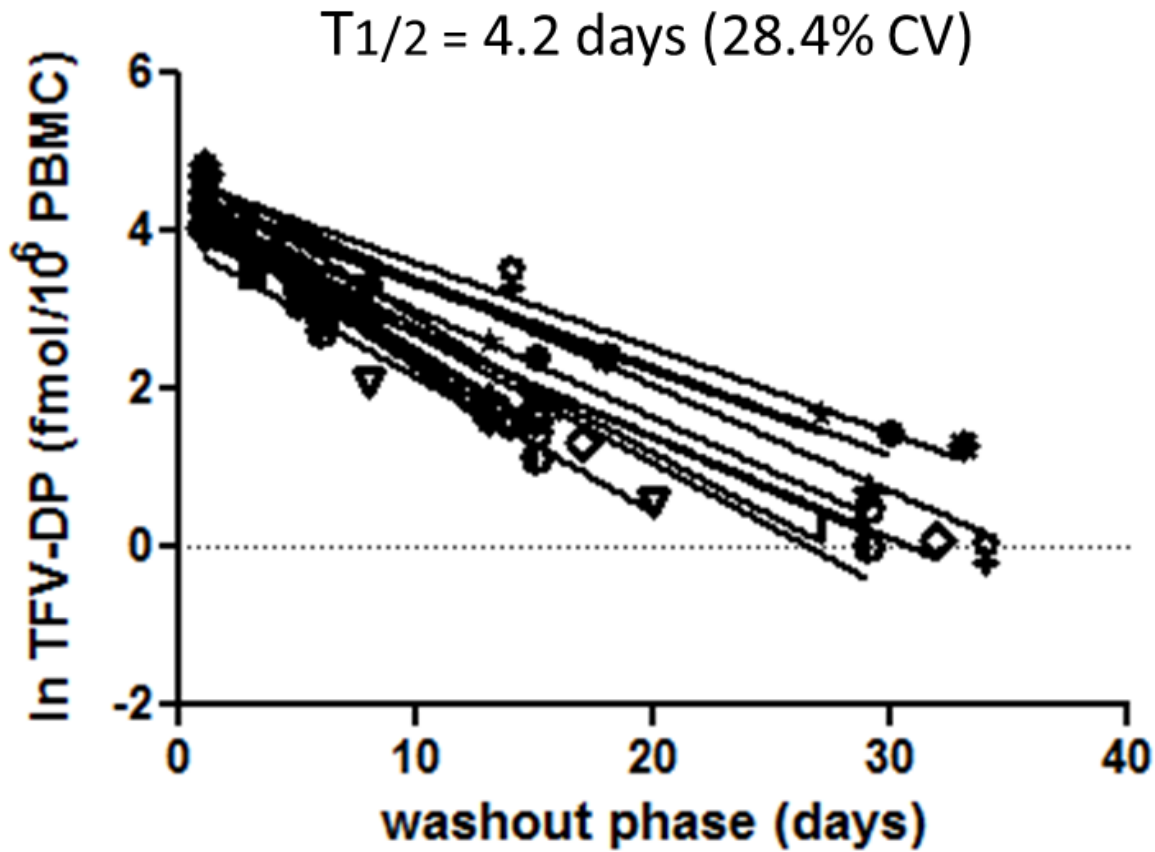
# TFV-DP half-lives RBC vs PBMC

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PBMC

RBC

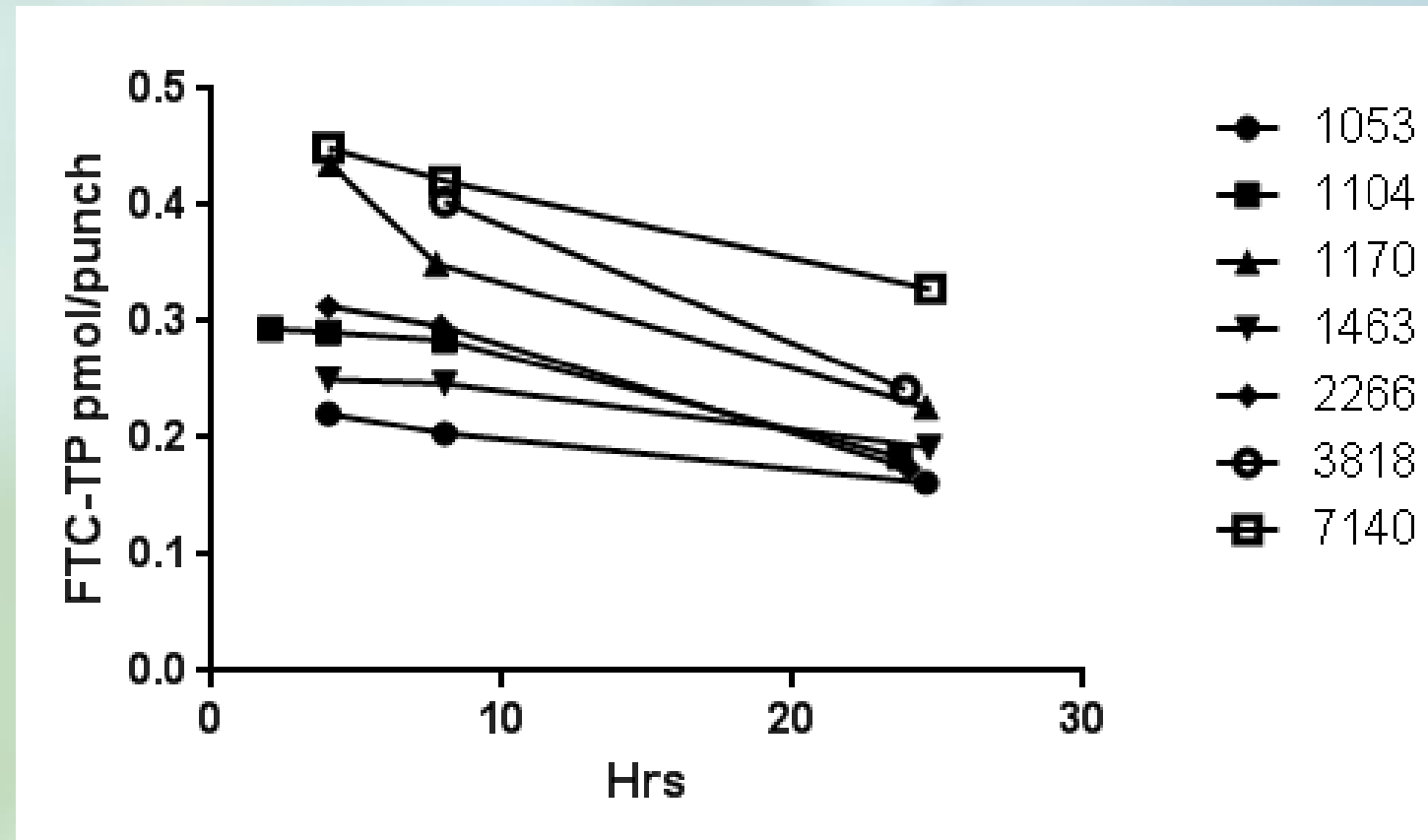


# FTC-TP in DBS informs recent dosing

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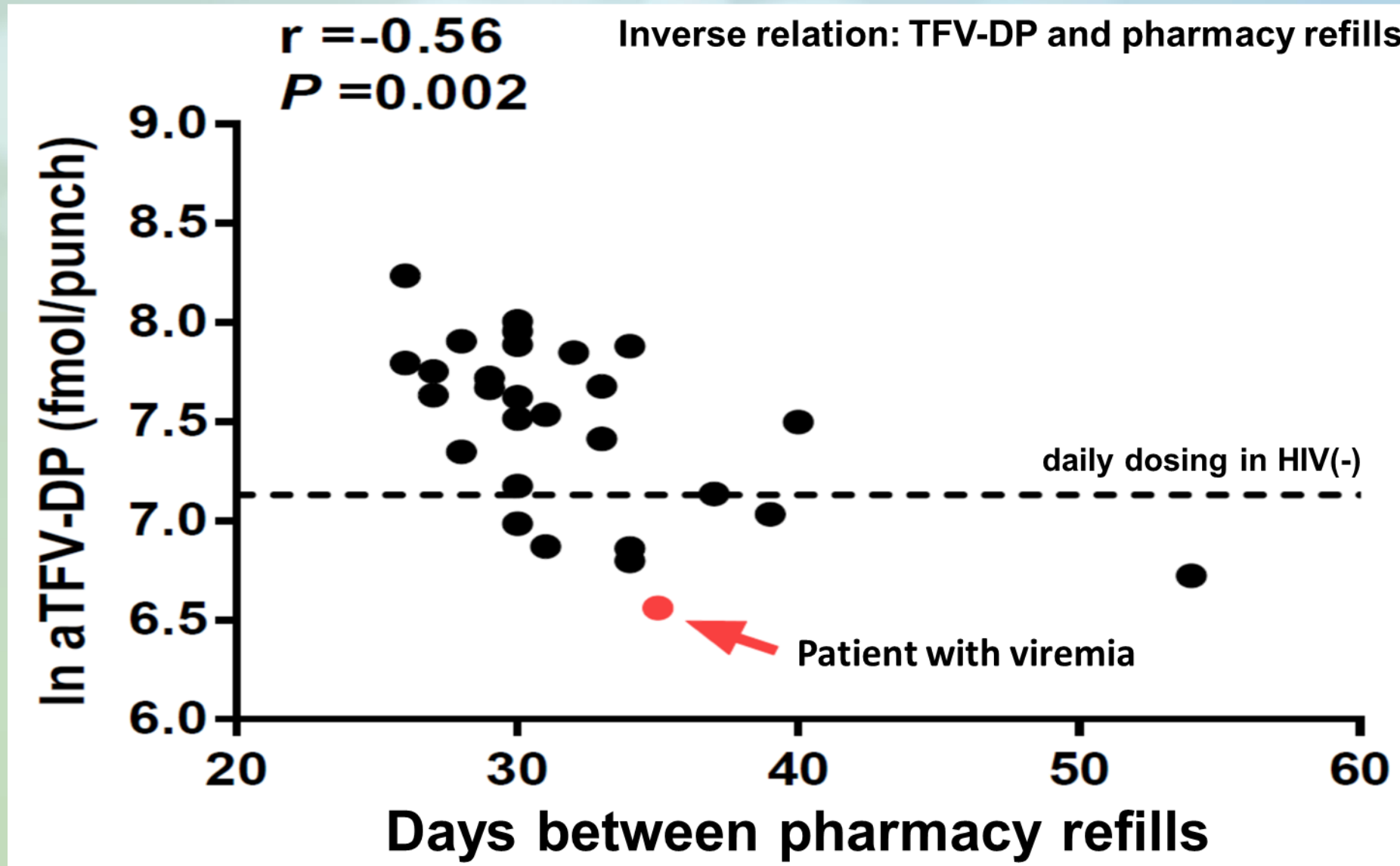


- Terminal phase:
  - $T_{1/2} = 31$  (22-52) hrs.





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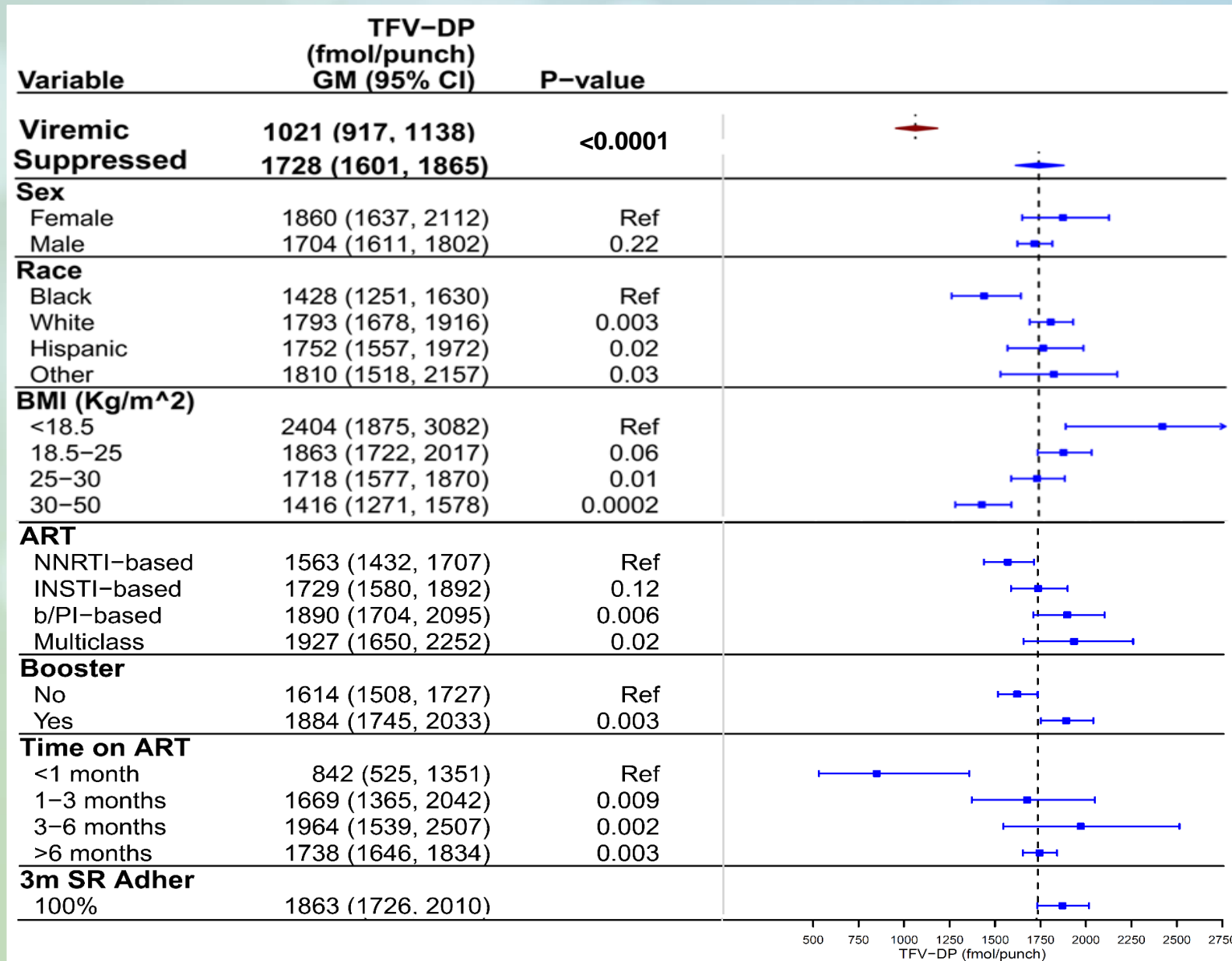
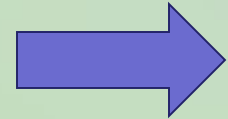
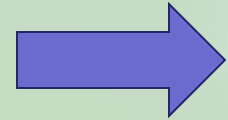
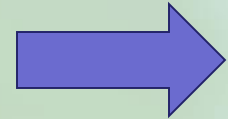
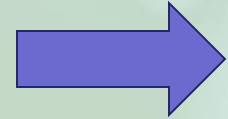


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# FTC-TP in HIV

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TFV-DP (fmol/punch)	FTC-TP	
	Quantifiable n (%)	BLQ n (%)
<350	3 (15)	17 (85)
350-699	21 (66)	11 (34)
700-1249	88 (85)	15 (15)
>1250-1849	153 (98)	3 (2)
≥1850	190 (99)	2 (1)

aOR (95% CI) for viral suppression: 7.3 (4.4-12.1); p<0.0001