

CONTROLLING THE HIV EPIDEMIC WITH  
**ANTIRETROVIRALS**



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# Pharmacology Lessons from Chemoprophylaxis Studies

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# Pre tenofovir generation 1996-2009

## PK did not inform trials

Study Drug	Mechanism of Action	Sample Size	Seroconversions		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
			Active	Placebo	
Nonoxynol 9	Surfactant	892	59	45	1.5 (1.0–2.2)
Savvy (C31G)	Surfactant	2,153	21	12	1.7 (0.9–3.5)
Cellulose Sulfate	Polyanion	1,333	23	11	0.8 (0.3–1.8)
Carraguard	Polyanion	6,202	134	151	0.9 (0.7–1.1)
Pro2000	Polyanion	*3,099	36	51	0.7 (0.5–1.1) 0.6 (on Rx, p=0.04)
Pro2000 (MRC)	Polyanion	9,385	145	143	1.00 (0.79–1.26)

In parallel with RCT, in vitro studies demonstrate toxicity for 3 of these products

\*4-arm study, 1,550 enrolled in Pro2000 and placebo gel arms

Hendrix 2012



# Tenofovir generation 2010-2012

## PK informed interpretation, not design

STUDY	REGIMEN	RELATIVE RISK REDUCTION (95% CI)		
		ALL PARTICIPANTS	DRUG DETECTABLE	ADHERENCE
FEM-PrEP	TDF/FTC po QD	0.0 (-0.73-0.42)	SC 15%, NSC 26%, NS, LLOQ 10	
VOICE	TDF po QD	0.0		
iPrEX	TDF/FTC po QD	0.42 (0.15-0.63)	0.92 (0.44-0.99), LLQ 10	
CDC TDF2	TDF/FTC po QD	0.63 (0.22-0.83)	SC 50%, NSC 80%, LLOQ 0.3	0.78 (0.41-0.94)
Partners	TDF po QD	0.67 (0.44-0.81)	0.86 (0.57-0.95), LLOQ 0.3	
	TDF/FTC po QD	0.75 (0.55-0.87)	0.90 (0.56-0.98)	
CAPRISA	TFV gel BAT24	0.39 (0.04-0.60)	> 1000 CVF	0.54 (0.20-0.96)*
VOICE	TFV get QD	0.0		

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# IDEALLY

Large RCTs should contain sparse PK assessment

Linked to smaller formal/intensive PK studies

- Importance of understanding concentration-response
- Factors affecting dose selection
- Future trial design



# The optimal PrEp agent

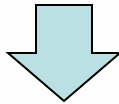
- Safe
- Penetrates target tissues
- Protect against HIV in tissue
- Demonstrates long-lasting activity with convenient dosing
- Unique drug resistance profile / high genetic barrier to resistance
- No significant drug-drug interactions
- Not part of current HIV treatment combinations
- Affordable and easy to use/implement



TFV and FTC are the only ARVs proven efficacious in prospective randomised clinical PrEP trials



HIV acquisition is the primary outcome used / large sample size CTs

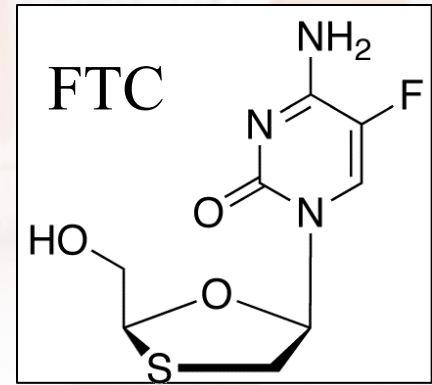
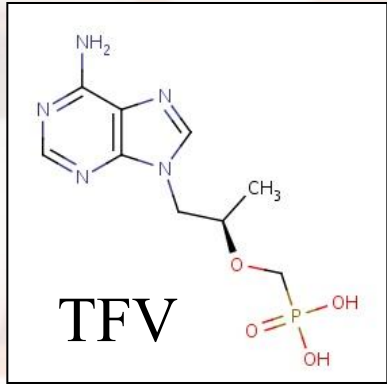


Lack of surrogate marker for PrEP

**Important role of CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY to explain the variable drug responses**

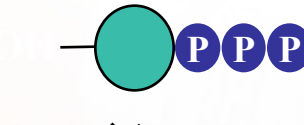
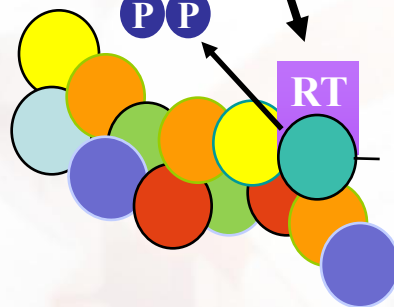


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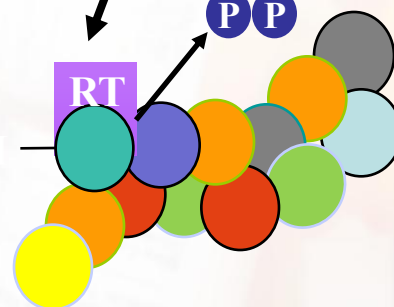
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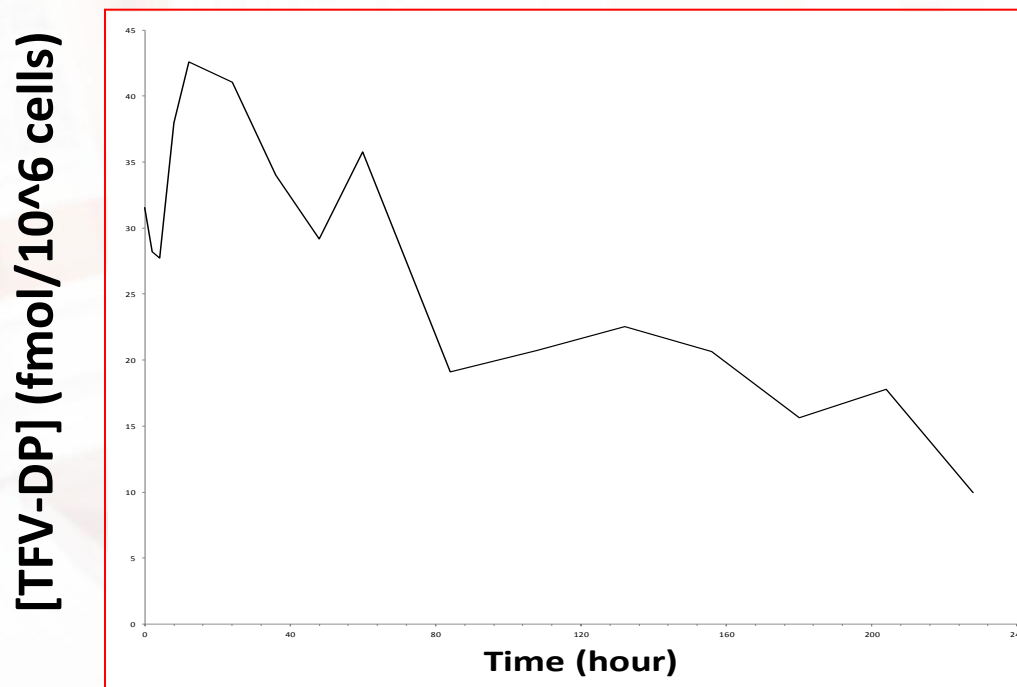


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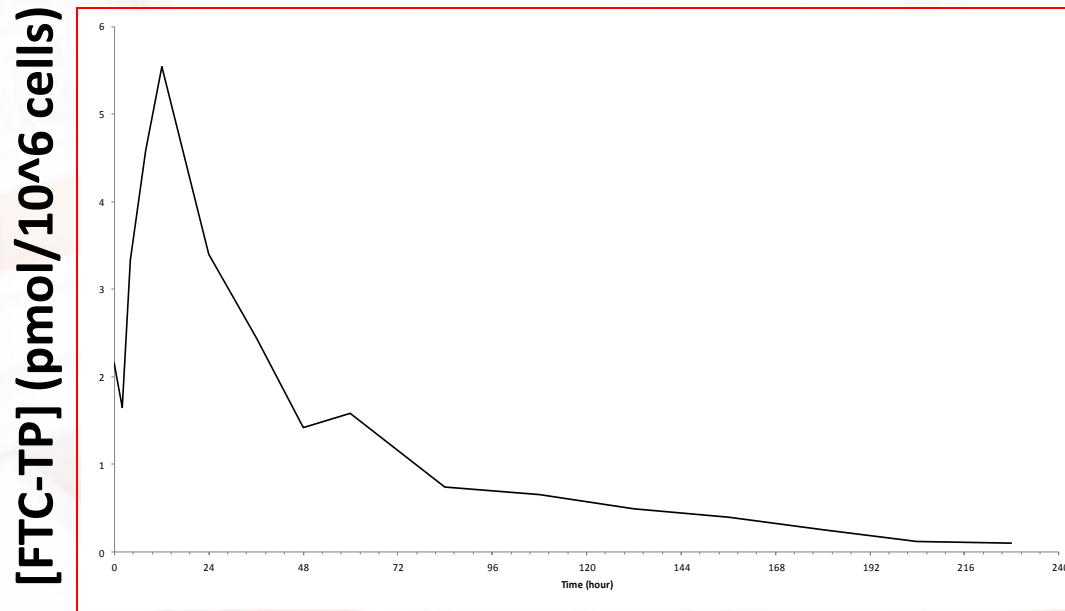


Jackson et al. JAIDS2013



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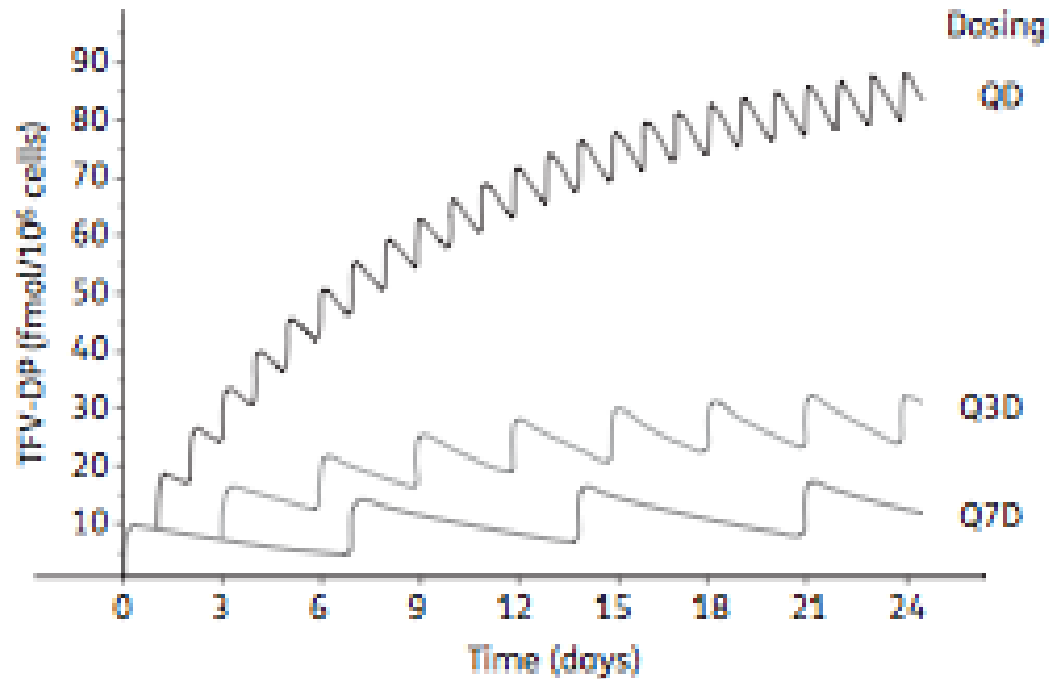


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# Predicted TFV-DP accumulation to steady-state in humans with 3 different dosing strategies



**STRAND: Directly observed dosing showed TFV-DP concentrations that corresponded with HIV risk reduction of 76% for 2 doses per week, 96% for 4 doses per week, 99% for 7 doses per week**

Anderson et al. JAC 2010; Anderson et al. STM 2012



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# Within study concentration-response comparison

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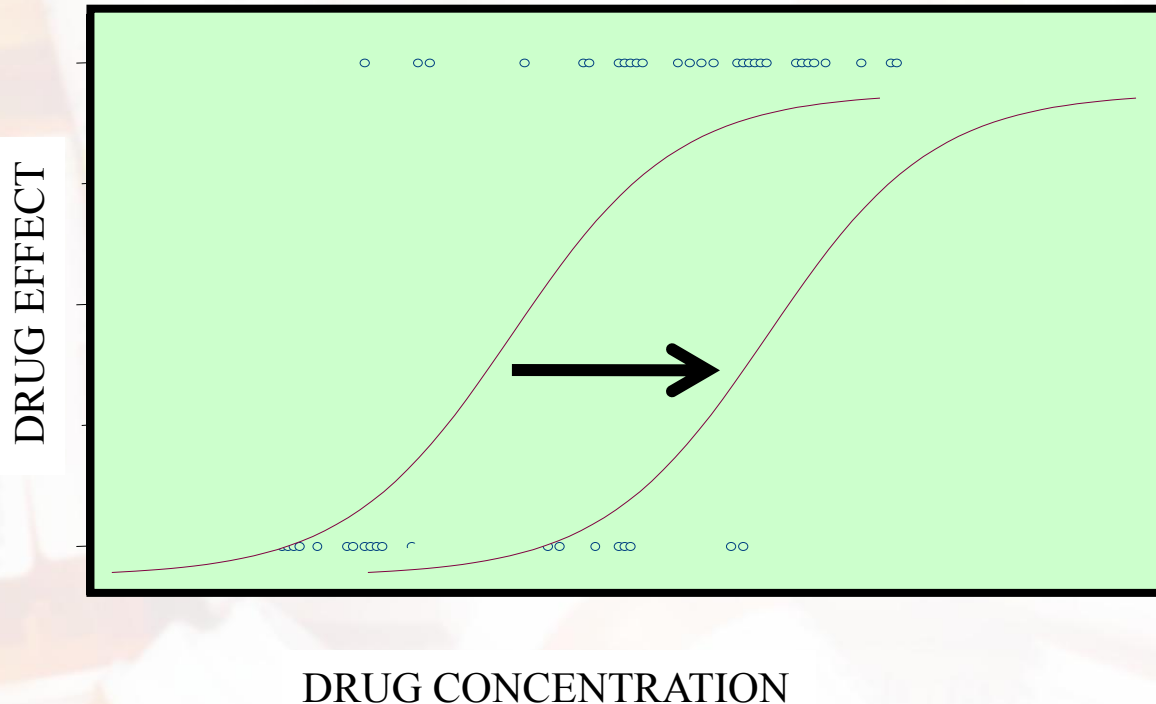
\* INCREASED RR REDUCTION WITH DETECTABLE DRUG IN PLASMA

\* INCREASED RR REDUCTION WITH >80% ADH and [CVF]>1000ng/mL

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# Sources of PHARMACODYNAMIC variability



- Virological factors
- Immunological factors
- Host biology/genetics
- Adherence
- PK
- Drug interactions
- Tissue penetration
- Cell type
- Toxicity
- ETC...



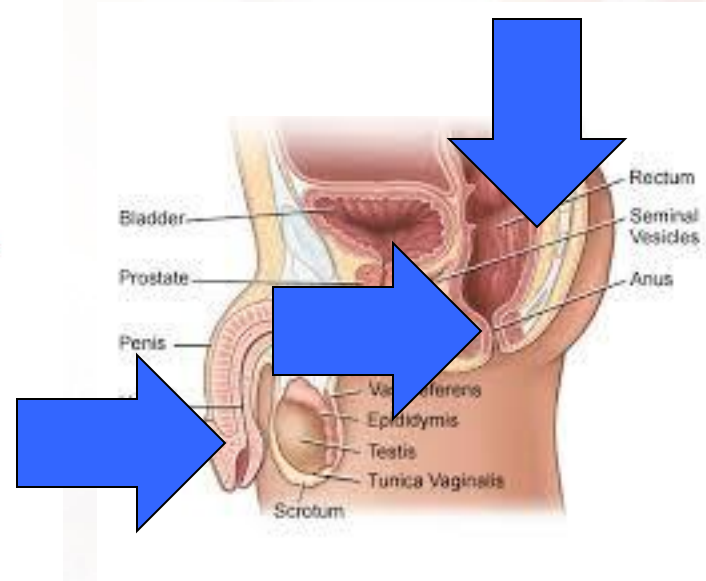
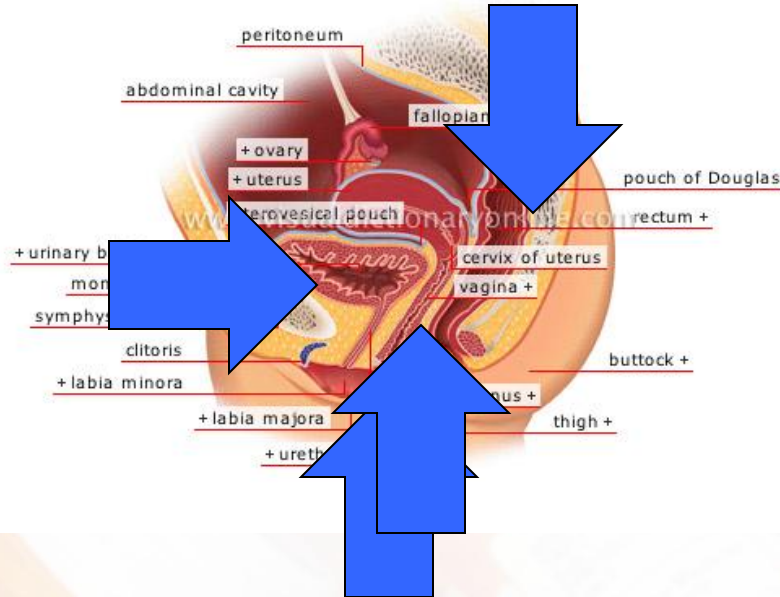
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# Gaps?

- Fundamental HIV transmission biology incompletely understood
  - What is the site of action to target?
  - What is the required duration of action?
- Validation of animal models and *ex vivo* HIV challenge
- Clinical proof-of-concept design needed

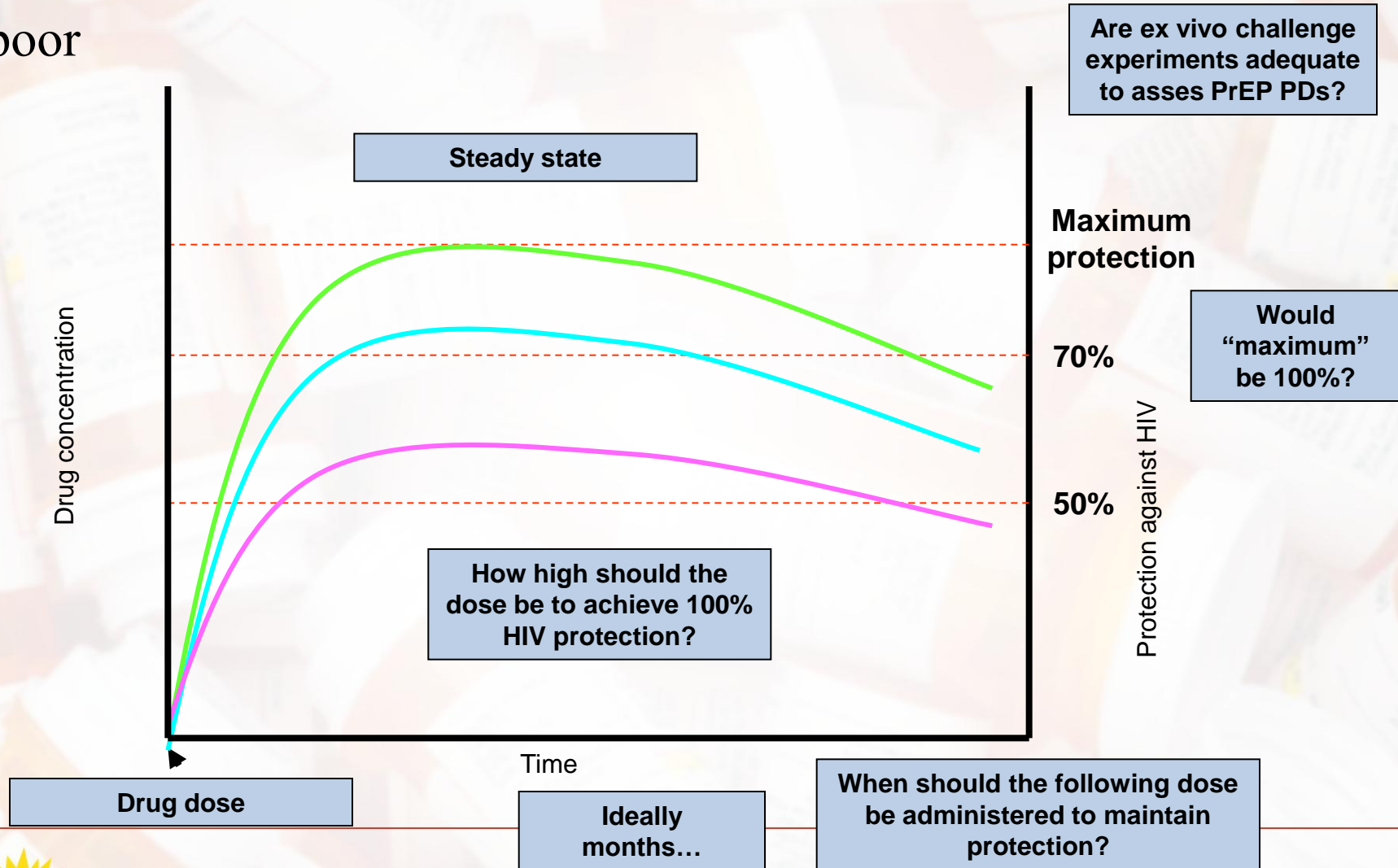


# What are the drug distribution targets?



# Lack of data on concentration-effect relationship

or poor



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Thanks to Alan Winston and UK PrEP Pharmacology Group



# SSAT040

***A pharmacokinetic evaluation of the exposure and distribution of TMC278LA for use as pre-exposure prophylaxis, in plasma and genital tract / rectal compartments, following a single intramuscular dose at different doses in HIV negative healthy volunteers.***

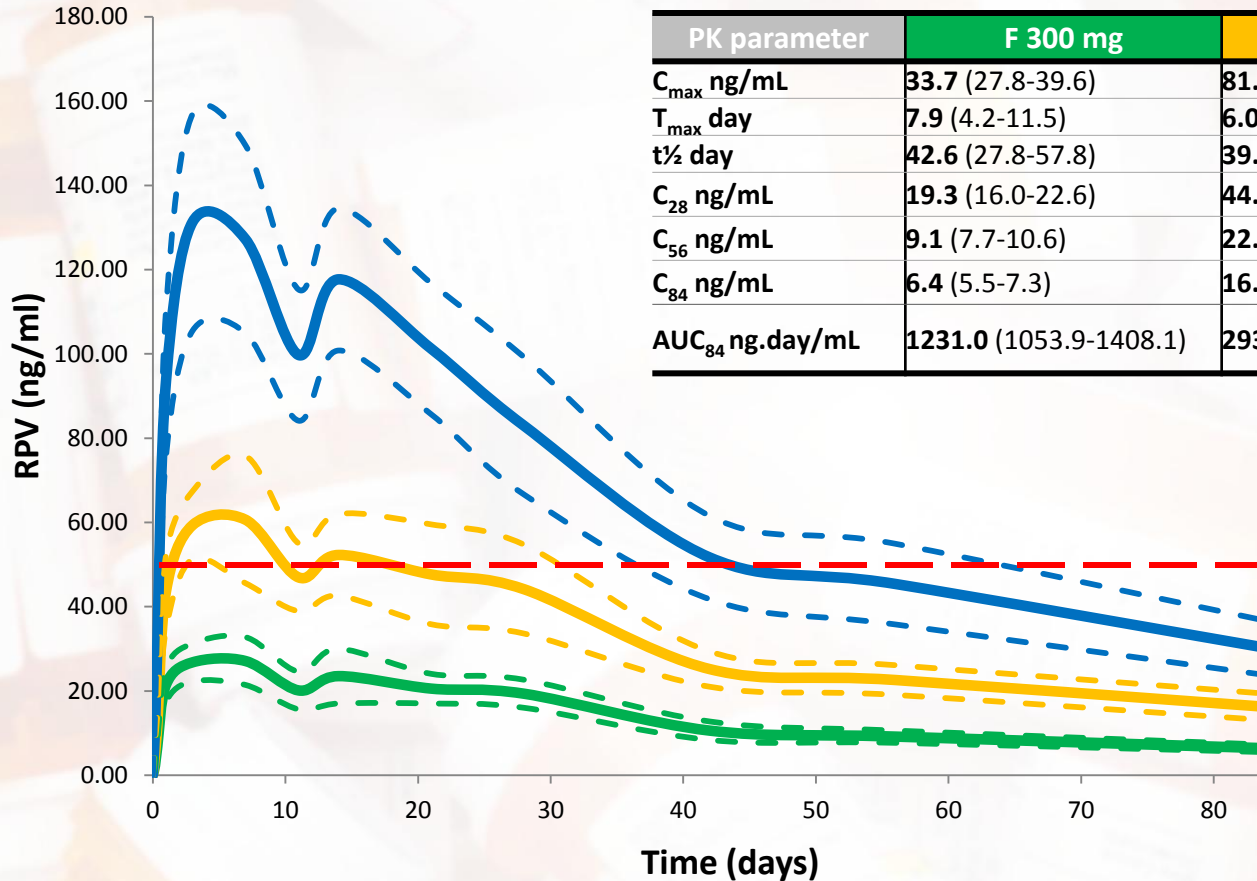
- HIV negative volunteers (60 female, 6 male)
- Aged 18 – 50 years
- Low behavioural risk for infection
- Female: > 50% of enrolled; self-identified African or African-Caribbean ancestry
- Administered 300 (n = 20), 600 (n = 20), 1200 (n = 20) mg RPV-LA (G001 formulation) intramuscularly (gluteus maximus)
- Sampling:
  - plasma PK
  - cervicovaginal fluid (CVF; females) & rectal fluid (RF; males) PK
  - tissue biopsies: vaginal (VT; females) & rectal (RT; males) PK
  - cervicovaginal lavage (CVL; females) PK & PD

Day	0	0 (4 h)	0 (8h)	1	3	7	11	14	21	28	42	56	84
Plasma PK													
Genital/rectal fluid PK													
Tissue Biopsy (vaginal/rectal)PK													
CVL for PK and PD													



# PLASMA 300, 600 & 1200 mg doses:

Dose proportionality: geometric mean (90% CI)



PK parameter	F 300 mg	F 600 mg	F 1200 mg
$C_{max}$ ng/mL	33.7 (27.8-39.6)	81.9 (68.7-95.1)	160.2 (137.5-182.9)
$T_{max}$ day	7.9 (4.2-11.5)	6.0 (3.4-8.6)	6.2 (4.3-8.1)
$t_{1/2}$ day	42.6 (27.8-57.8)	39.1 (33.4-44.9)	38.2 (29.8-46.6)
$C_{28}$ ng/mL	19.3 (16.0-22.6)	44.2 (33.6-54.7)	82.9 (66.6-99.1)
$C_{56}$ ng/mL	9.1 (7.7-10.6)	22.6 (19.1-26.1)	45.3 (35.8-54.9)
$C_{84}$ ng/mL	6.4 (5.5-7.3)	16.2 (13.0-19.3)	30.2 (23.7-36.6)
$AUC_{84}$ ng.day/mL	1231.0 (1053.9-1408.1)	2934 (2568.5-3300.4)	5981.6 (5155.9-6807.4)

*TARGET?*

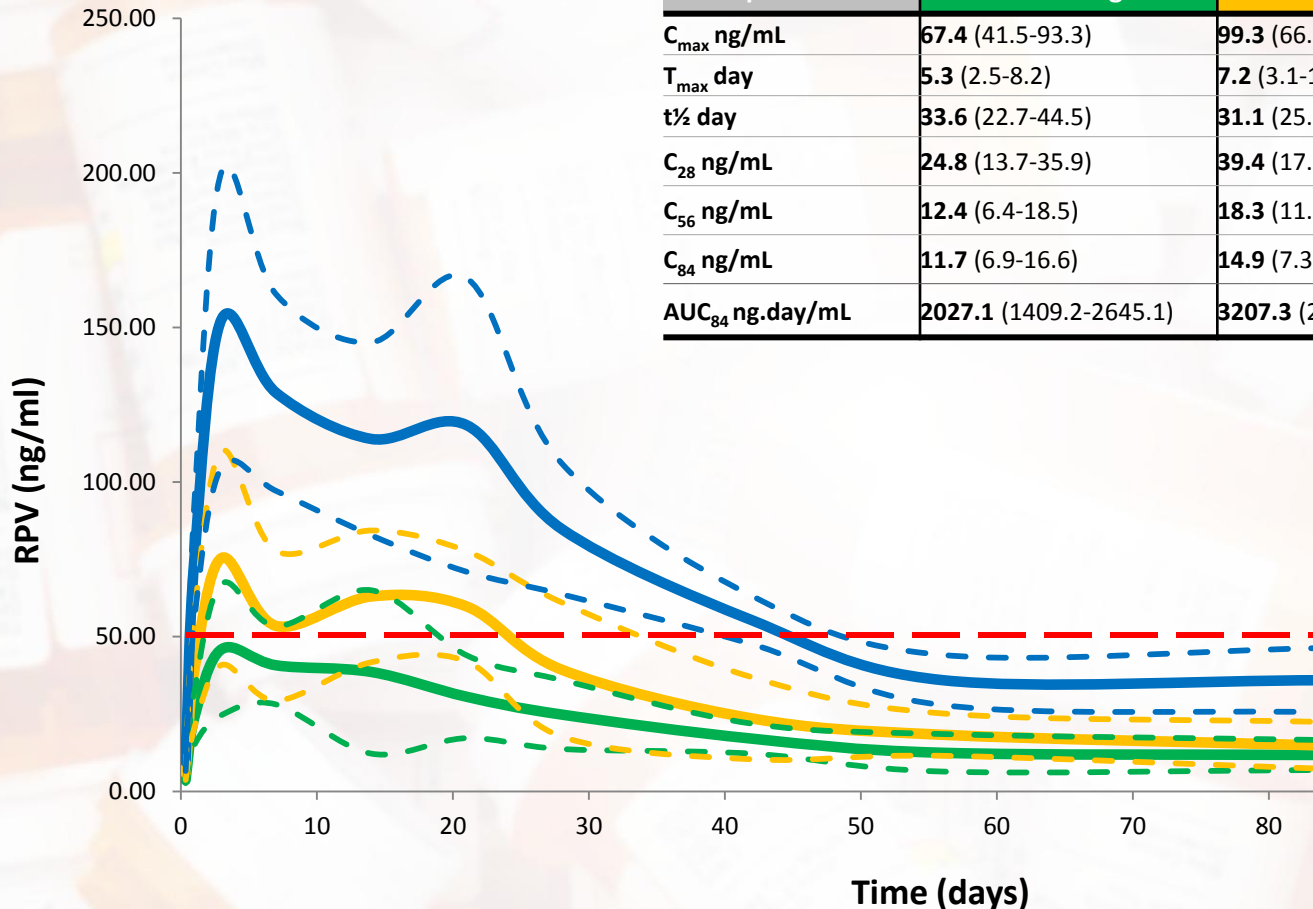


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# CVF 300, 600 & 1200 mg doses:

Dose proportionality: geometric mean (90% CI)

PK parameter	F 300 mg	F 600 mg	F 1200 mg
$C_{max}$ ng/mL	67.4 (41.5-93.3)	99.3 (66.5-132.1)	199.9 (154.7-245.1)
$T_{max}$ day	5.3 (2.5-8.2)	7.2 (3.1-11.3)	8.5 (5.06-11.9)
$t_{1/2}$ day	33.6 (22.7-44.5)	31.1 (25.3-36.8)	43.7 (31.1-56.4)
$C_{28}$ ng/mL	24.8 (13.7-35.9)	39.4 (17.7-61.1)	84.8 (63.7-106.1)
$C_{56}$ ng/mL	12.4 (6.4-18.5)	18.3 (11.5-25.1)	35.9 (27.8-44.1)
$C_{84}$ ng/mL	11.7 (6.9-16.6)	14.9 (7.3-22.4)	35.9 (25.5-46.3)
$AUC_{84}$ ng.day/mL	2027.1 (1409.2-2645.1)	3207.3 (2262.4-4152.1)	6499.5 (5264.2-7734.7)



**TARGET?**

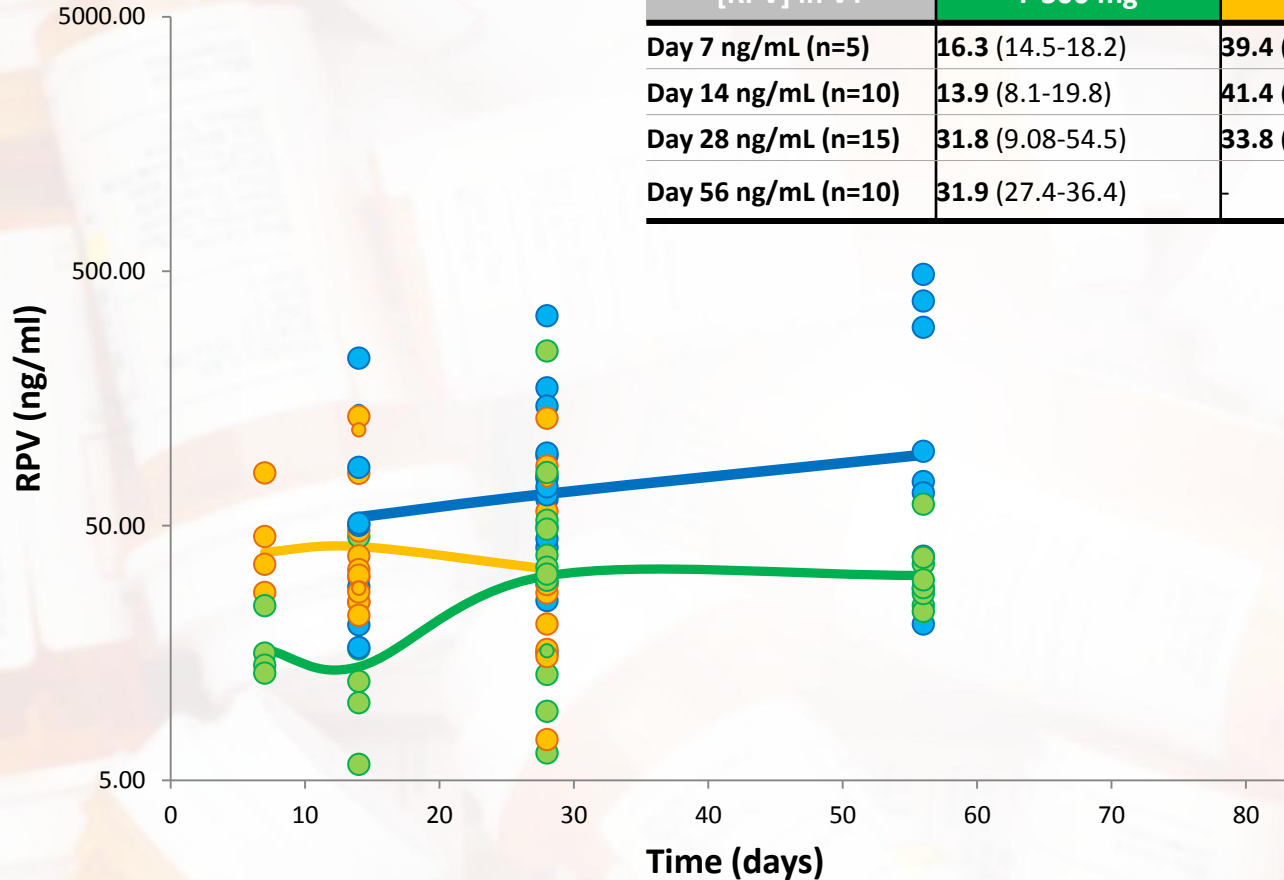


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# VT 300, 600 & 1200 mg doses:

Dose proportionality: geometric mean (90% CI)

[RPV] in VT	F 300 mg	F 600 mg	F 1200 mg
Day 7 ng/mL (n=5)	16.3 (14.5-18.2)	39.4 (31.2-47.6)	-
Day 14 ng/mL (n=10)	13.9 (8.1-19.8)	41.4 (29.1-53.7)	53.9 (28.6-79.3)
Day 28 ng/mL (n=15)	31.8 (9.08-54.5)	33.8 (20.3-47.3)	66.6 (38.8-94.4)
Day 56 ng/mL (n=10)	31.9 (27.4-36.4)	-	94.9 (33.3-156.6)



-A subject tested **positive for HIV antibodies** on study day 84

-HIV viral load on study day 56 = 370 copies,/mL

-HIV viral load on study day 84 = 175060 copies,/mL

-Received the lowest studied dose of 300 mg IM

-Plasma [RPV] = 24.3 ng/mL on day 28

10.5 ng/mL on day 42 (presumed exposure to HIV )

6.8 ng/mL on day 56

7.5 ng/mL on day 84

-CVF [RPV] = 32.9 ng/mL on day 28

18.3 ng/mL on day 42 (presumed exposure to HIV)

11.2 ng/mL on day 56

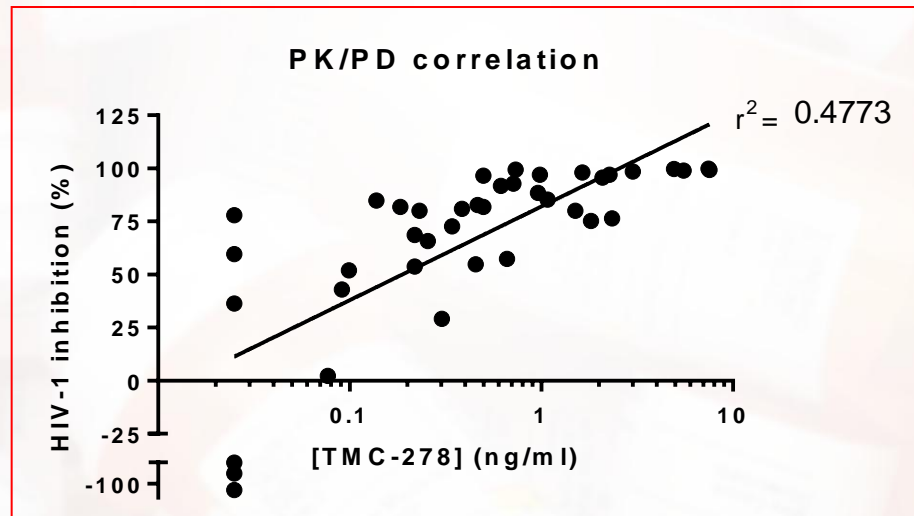
14.0 ng/mL on day 84

**May suggest that higher exposures of RPV are needed to protect against HIV infection**



# SSAT040: PD data

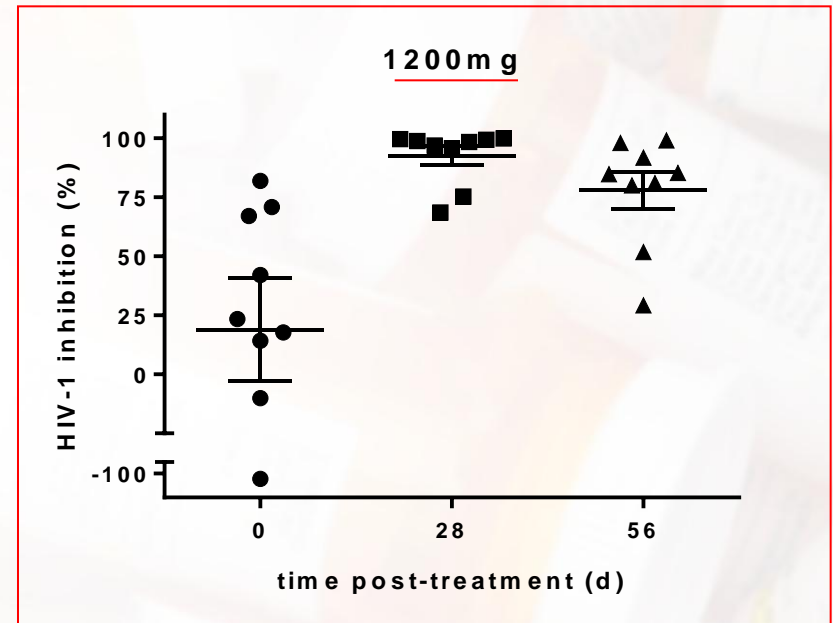
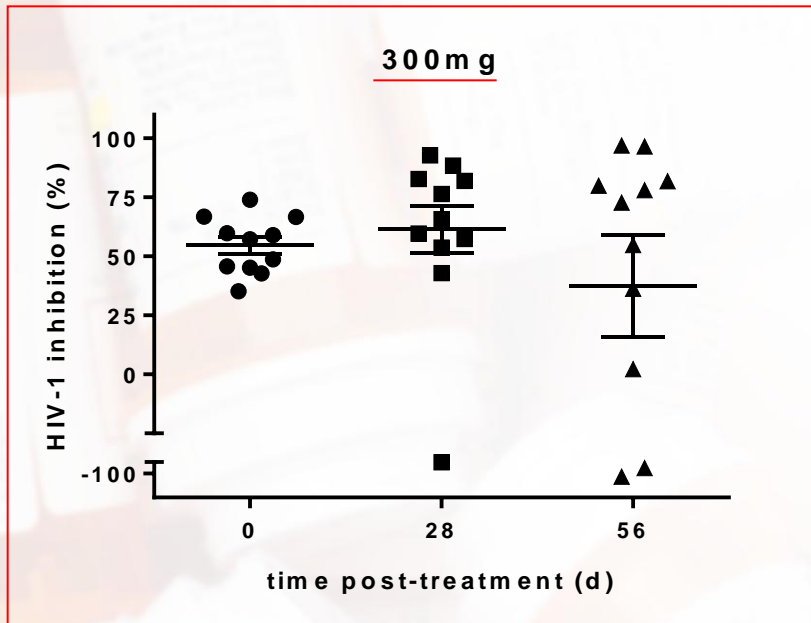
- CVL samples collected by aspiration of 10 mL normal saline (after cervical lavage) at baseline, 28 and 56 days post-dose
- N = 10 on 300mg and N = 10 on 1200mg
- Antiviral activity determined against HIV-1BaL challenge of TZM-bl cells
- PK/PD correlation established using all data points from both doses



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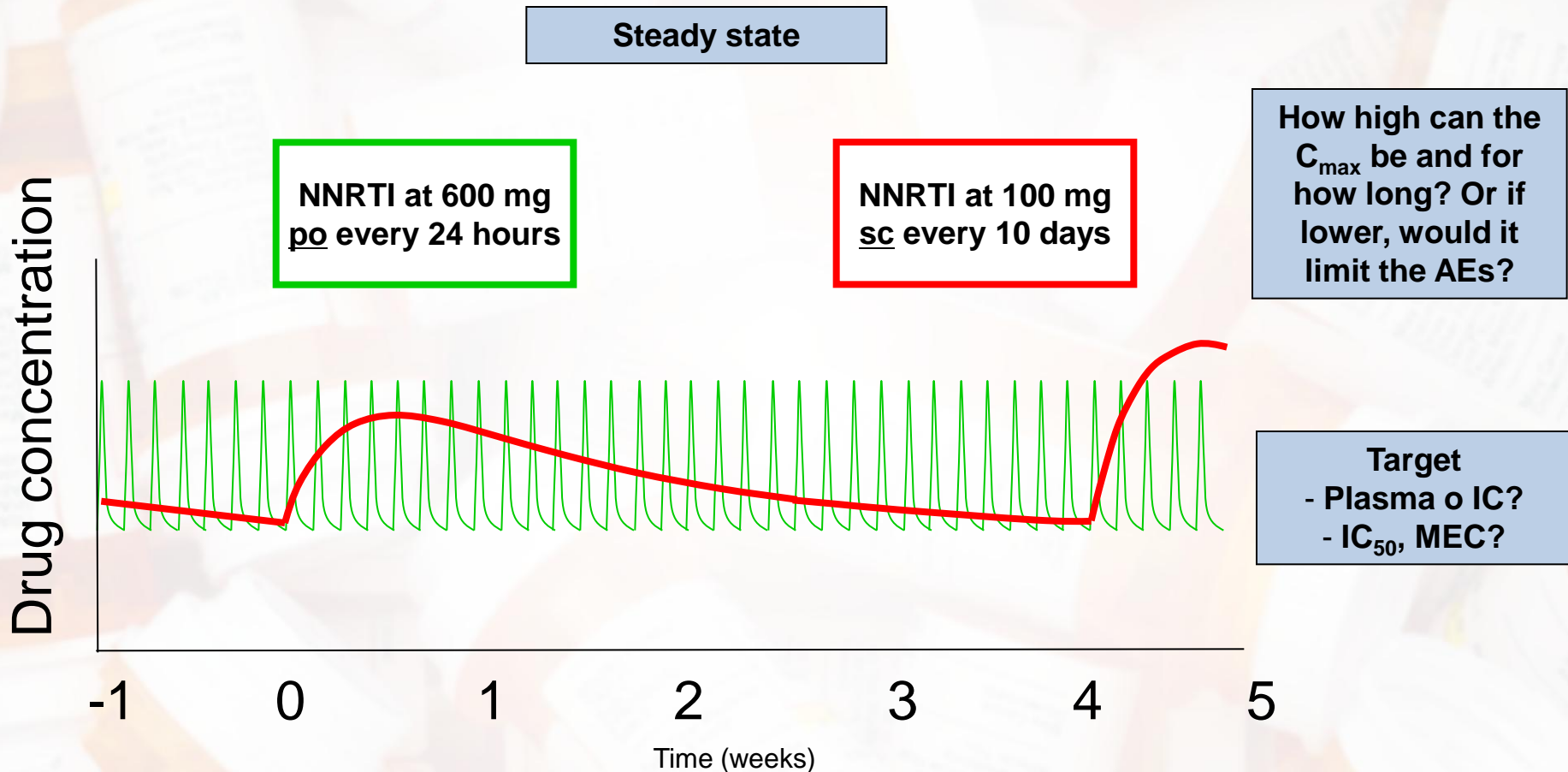
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# Simulation of drug concentration profiles following multiple dosing of immediate release vs. extended release: higher versus lower dose?



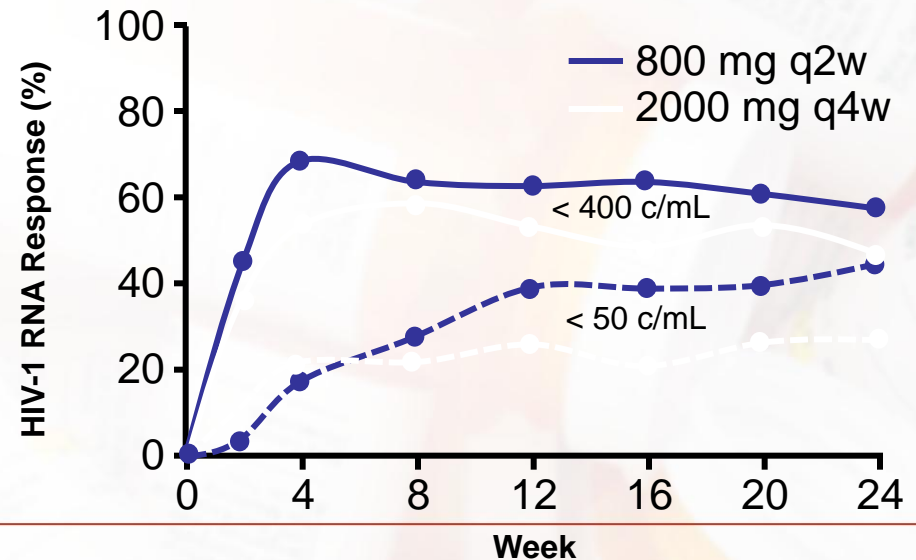


# Safety and Efficacy of Ibalizumab + OBR in Treatment-Experienced Patients

- Humanized monoclonal antibody to non-HIV binding epitope of CD4
- Blocks HIV-1 entry into cell
- TMB-202: randomized, double-blind phase IIb study in heavily treatment-experienced patients
- HIV-1 RNA < 50 at wk 24
  - 44% in 800 mg q2w arm
  - 28% in 2000 mg q4w arm
- No d/c due to study drug
- Phase I trial ongoing assessing s.c. administration

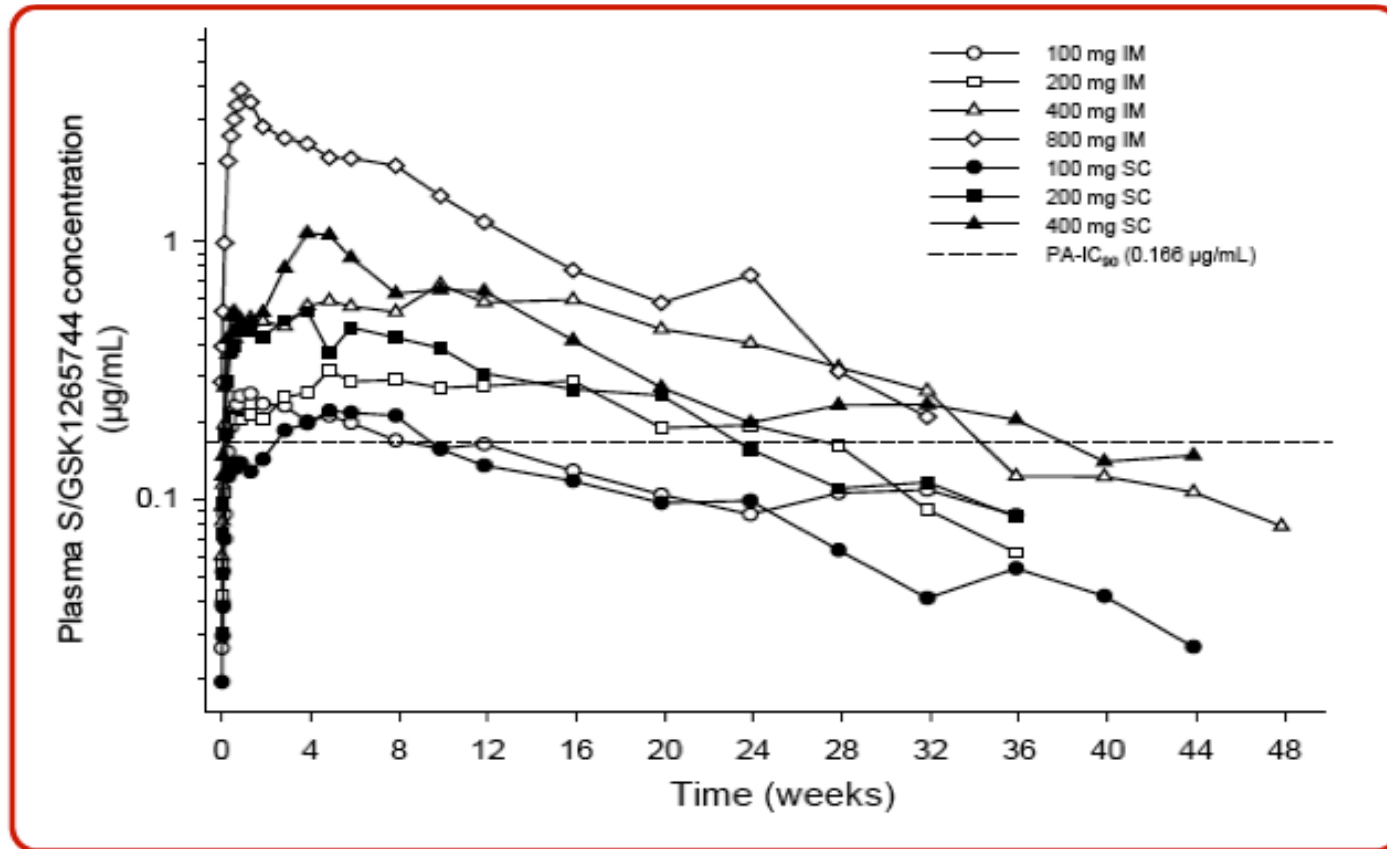
- 800 mg **IV q2w** + OBR (n = 59)
- 2000 mg **IV q4w** + OBR (n = 54)

OBR contained  $\geq 1$  active agent



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# Mean Plasma S/GSK1265744 Concentration-Time Profiles Following Single Dose LAP Formulation Administration



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# Human PK data PLUS macaque efficacy data suggest real promise for GSK744 as an agent for PrEP

## IWCPHT-2013

- Administered as IM injection to healthy volunteers in a long-acting nanosuspension formulation
- $t_{1/2} = 21 - 50$  days
- 400 mg IM either a single IM injection or split into 2 x 200 mg IM injections
- Median ratio of GSK744 concentrations in cervicovaginal tissue to plasma ranged from 16% to 28%
- Median ratio of rectal tissue to plasma (obtained only from male participants) was  $\leq 8\%$
- Association between higher tissue concentrations with higher plasma concentrations suggests low tissue concentrations may be improved with higher doses

## CROI-2013

- Efficacy of GSK744 for PrEP in 8 macaques that received IM doses of GSK744 at two time points 4 weeks apart
- 8 macaques receiving placebo became infected with SHIV
- None of the 8 treated macaques had detectable virus 3 weeks after the final viral challenge

Collectively, human PK data PLUS macaque efficacy data suggest real promise for GSK744 as an agent for PrEP



# First study of repeat dose co-administration of GSK1265744 and TMC278 long-acting parenteral nanosuspensions: pharmacokinetics, safety, and tolerability in healthy adults

*Spreen et al. IAS 2013*

## PrEP = SINGLE AGENT?

- GSK744 LAP and TMC278 LA formulations were generally safe and well tolerated - with mild-moderate ISR in majority subjects
- GSK744 LAP PK indicated that q 4 wks or less frequent injections will maintain plasma concentrations  $> 4x$  PA-IC<sub>90</sub>
- TMC278 LA PK suggested q 4 wks injections give plasma concentrations comparable to oral RPV 25 mg OD



# **New Approaches to Antiretroviral Drug Delivery: Challenges and Opportunities**

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# Conclusions

Small clinical pharmacology studies inform:

- concentration-response in PrEP RCTs
- adherence
- concentrations in anatomic site of HIV acquisition
- how to achieve “target” concentrations

Early planning and completion of clinical pharmacology studies is improving the drug development process for the next generation of PrEP agents.

