Ya Tsie BCPP Summary and Update

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Primary Research Objectives

• To determine whether a package of combination prevention (CP) interventions (including expanded ART) can significantly reduce population-level, cumulative HIV incidence in adults in Botswana over 36 months.
• To estimate population-level uptake of HIV testing, ART, male circumcision, and enhanced PMTCT services and compare service uptake between enhanced care communities and combination prevention communities.
• To estimate the cost per additional infection averted in each study arm.
• To use viral phylogenetics to estimate extent of transmission within vs. from outside the community, and the association between VL and transmission.
**Study Design Overview**

- Pair-matched community-randomized trial in 30 communities (15 Combination Prevention [CP] and 15 Enhanced Care [EC])
- Baseline and annual surveys conducted in ~20% of households (randomly selected) in all 30 communities, allowing comparison of
  - HIV incidence
  - Uptake of components of interventions over time
- Rapid scale-up of prevention interventions in CP communities begins immediately following baseline household survey (BHS)
- End of study survey in all residents of 4 community pairs to compare uptake (and viral load, cross-sectional incidence)
Study Design: Interventions in Combination Prevention Communities

- Household and mobile HIV testing and counseling (HTC; 100% of households)
- Linkage to care support (point of care [POC] CD4; SMS appointment reminders; phone air-time incentive; supportive counseling, calls, home visits)
- Expanded ART for residents with CD4 $\geq 500$; or $>500$ and HIV RNA $\geq 10,000$ (protocol in process of being amended to offer universal ART)
- Expanded Male Circumcision (MC)
Study Design: Endpoints/Outcomes

- **HIV incidence** measured via longitudinal follow-up of community-based HIV Incidence Cohort (HIC) of ~9,000 adults enrolled from random ~20% sample of community households. Primary study endpoint = cumulative HIV incidence over 36 months.

- “Coverage” parameters (intervention uptake) measured in 20% household survey (BHS), end of study survey, and using program monitoring data.

- Clinical outcomes in HIV-infected residents through routinely-collected medical information on other ART patients and measured in 20% household survey.
Communities Participating in the Study

- Average community population 6,000;
- Total population ~180,800;
- Age-eligible (16-64) ~105,000

*Indicates BHS started by June 1, 2015
Summary of Study Rollout to Date

- Baseline household survey completed in 13 of 15 Pairs
- Interventions conducted in 12 of 15 Combination Prevention Communities (CPCs)
- Annual household survey completed in 1st two pairs (on schedule)
Strengths or Unique Contributions of BCPP

- Study based in small communities/villages
- Individual-level data to demonstrate HIV testing and treatment cascades
- Viral load: pre-treatment and for virologic monitoring
- Viral phylogenetics
- Retention and adherence support among those receiving Option B+ and expanded ART
Enrollment, 20% Baseline Household Survey and HIV Incidence Cohort, First 12 Community Pairs

• Enrolled 9,780 individuals into BHS (6,241 females, 3,539 males)
• 11% of enumerated residents (of 20% households) refused participation, and 10% were not enrolled due to absence despite 3 visits
• Reached 95% of target enrollment of HIV incidence cohort
  • Re-tested and interviewed **92% of HIV Incidence Cohort** participants during first annual household survey in two community pairs
### Assumed vs. Observed Key Baseline Parameters From Baseline Household Survey, Pairs 1-12

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<td>Male circumcision among HIV-negative men aged</td>
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Cross-sectional HIV incidence: 0.97% (95% CI: 0.41% – 1.53%) estimated annual HIV incidence at baseline based on limiting-antigen (LAG) recency testing (Duong, 2015)
1. By 2020, 90% Diagnosed

What % of adults (16–64) living with HIV know their status as of 2015?

82% (2,226/2,727)*

- 28% HIV prevalence (among 9,780 adults tested)*
- 79% of eligible participants enrolled in BHS (11% refusal)

*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 24 villages (among citizens aged 16–64)
2. By 2020, 90% on Treatment

What % of adults diagnosed with HIV infection were receiving ART as of 2015?

86% (1,915/2,226)*

- 95% of ART-eligible residents (by national guidelines) who knew they were positive (1,915 / 2,022)
- 85% of ART-eligible residents (by national guidelines) who knew they were positive or were newly diagnosed as positive in BHS (1,915 / 2,265)
- 70% of all positives (from previous and new tests: 1,915 / 2,727)

*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 14 villages (among citizens aged 16–64) prior to roll-out of interventions in CP arm.
3. By 2020, 90% of Treated with Viral Suppression

What % of adults treated with ART have complete viral suppression as of 2015?

95% (1,838 / 1,926)*

- Based on ≤400 copies/ml
- Based on current national guidelines (CD4 ≤350)
- 92% if based on ≤40 copies/ml (1,764 / 1,926)

*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 14 villages (among citizens aged 16-64).
Conclusion: Current 90-90-90 Coverage

Best current estimate for Botswana based on BCPP BHS:

82 – 86 – 95

2020 UNAIDS goal: \(90\% \times 90\% \times 90\%\) = 73%
Current Botswana: \(79\% \times 86\% \times 96\%\) = 67%
Current US: \(86\% \times 43\% \times 81\%\) = 30%
Intervention Coverage, First 7 Communities

• HTC: 91% of enumerated community residents either had documented positive HIV status or underwent HTC
• Linkage to care: 76% of HIV-infected persons not on ART linked to care at their local clinic
• ART start: 54% of all ART-naïve persons with CD4\(<350\) started ART, and 57% of those eligible for expanded ART started ART
  - Likely underestimates actual ART start
# Botswana Combination Prevention Project

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