

4-3-2-1 and Less

Optimising Drug regimens in HIV

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Why optimise dosing?

- Less cost
- Less drug to be manufactured and stored
- Less chance of side effects
- Less pills

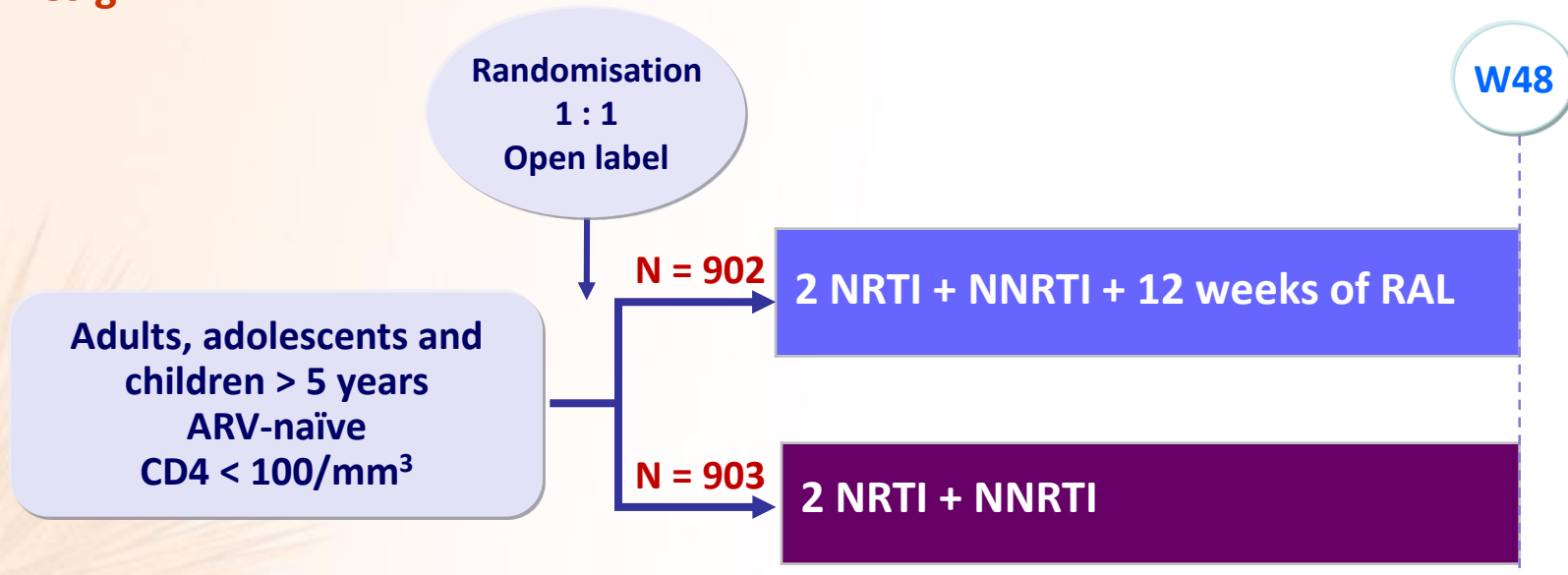
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What about 4 Drug Therapy in ART Naive

REALITY Study: raltegravir-intensified quadruple therapy in first-line antiretroviral therapy

Design



Two other factorial randomisations: 12 weeks enhanced prophylaxis, 12 weeks supplementary food

Objective

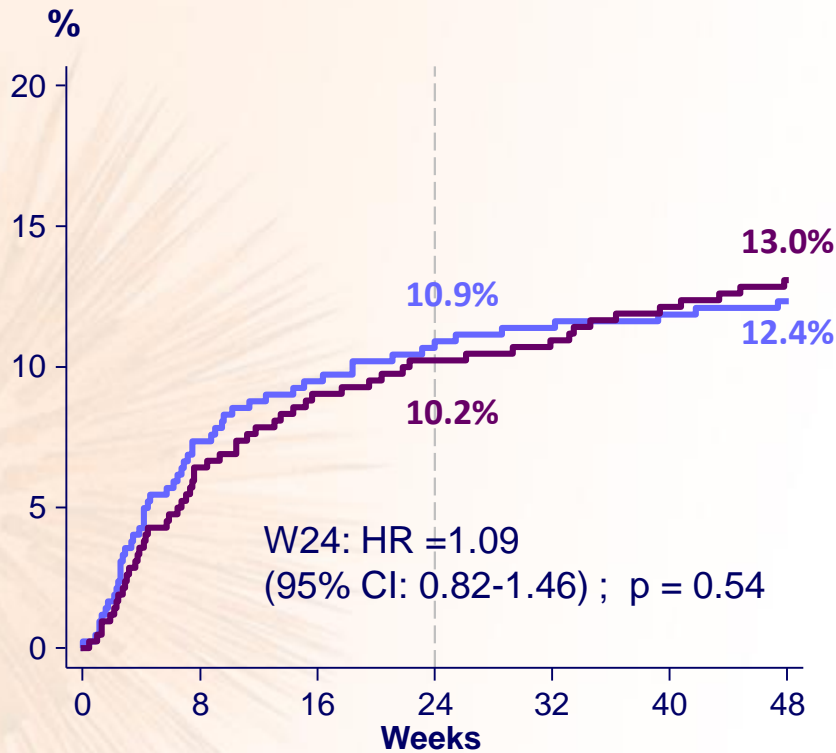
- Primary endpoint: 24-week mortality

REALITY Study: raltegravir-intensified quadruple therapy in first-line antiretroviral therapy

Mortality

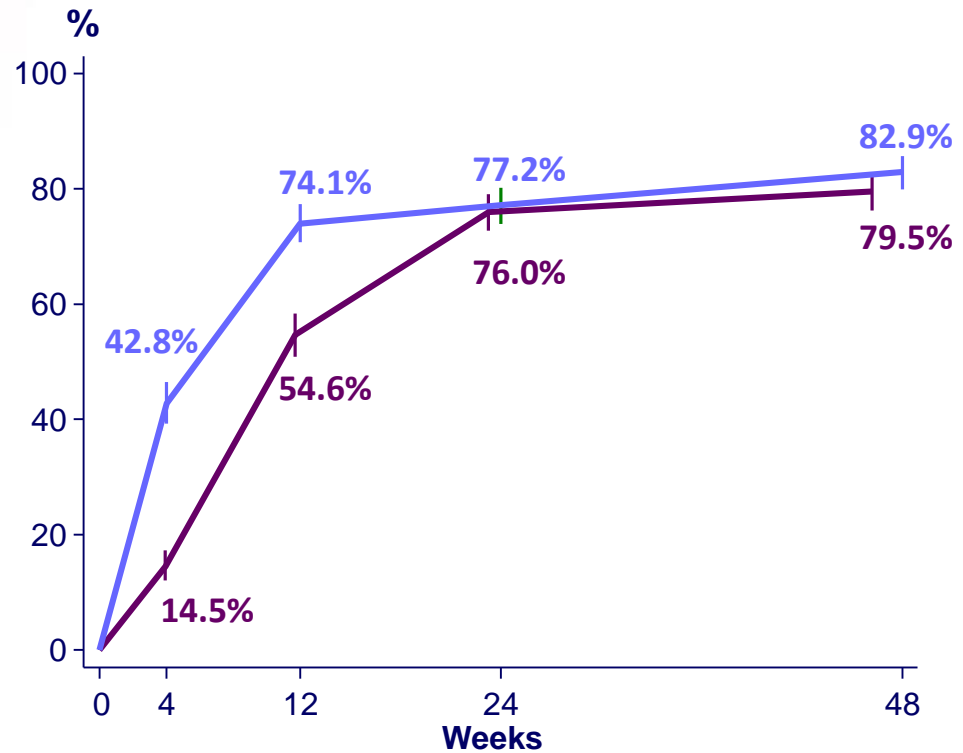
HIV RNA < 50 copies/mL (95% CI)

■ Additional RAL ■ Standard ART



N at risk

903	830	801	789	776	760	669
902	825	801	786	775	766	657



Mean change in CD4/mm³ at W48:
+ 163 vs + 148 (p = 0.04)

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3 Drug therapy is Standard of Care in ART Naive

Regimen	EACS	IAS-USA	DHHS
RPV/TDF/FTC	Recommended or use TAF	Alternative	Alternative
DRV/r or/ c + TDF/FTC	Recommended or use TAF	Alternative	Recommended or use TAF
ATV/r + TDF/FTC	Alternative	Alternative	Alternative
EVG/c +TDF/FTC	Recommended or use TAF	Recommended* Use TAF	Recommended or use TAF
RAL + TDF/FTC	Recommended or use TAF	Recommended* Use TAF	Recommended or use TAF
DTG + TDF/3TC	Recommended or use TAF	Recommended* Use TAF	Recommended or use TAF
DTG + ABC/3TC	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended

DHHS ART Guidelines. July 2016. Günthard HF, et al. JAMA. 2016;316:191-210.

EACS ART Guidelines. October 2016.

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What about the Efficacy of Dual versus Triple therapy – randomised studies



Dual versus Triple therapy – randomised studies

Nuke limiting Strategies

Analysing the efficacy of 2-drug versus 3-drug treatments

PI/r + raltegravir

PI/r + maraviroc

PI/r + NRTI (mainly 3TC)

DTG + 3TC

DTG + RPV

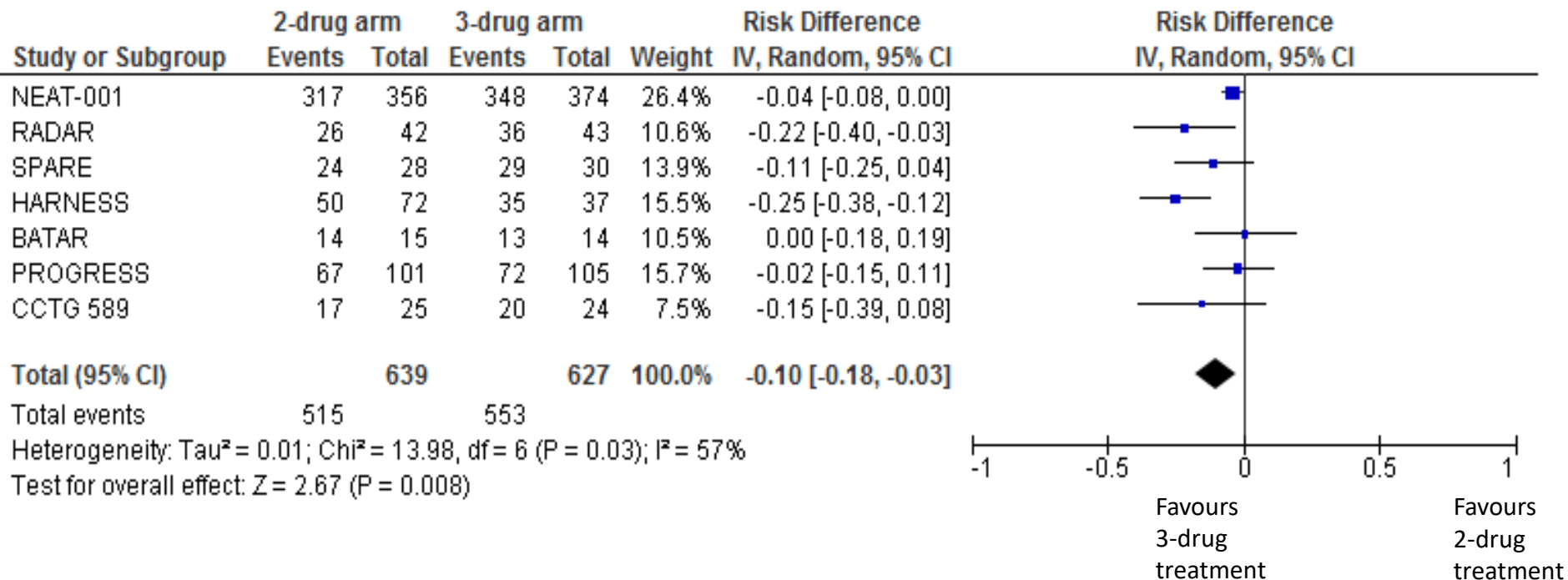
CTV + RPV

7 randomised trials of **PI/r + RAL** versus PI/r + 2NRTIs

HIV RNA <50 copies/mL (switch = failure endpoint)

Overall, in 7 randomised trials of 1266 patients, PI/r + raltegravir showed HIV RNA suppression rates 10% lower than PI/r + 2NRTIs ($p=0.008$).

However there was evidence for heterogeneity between the trials ($p=0.03$).



Has PI/r plus integrase a role in Treatment experience ?

EARNEST and SECOND-LINE studies

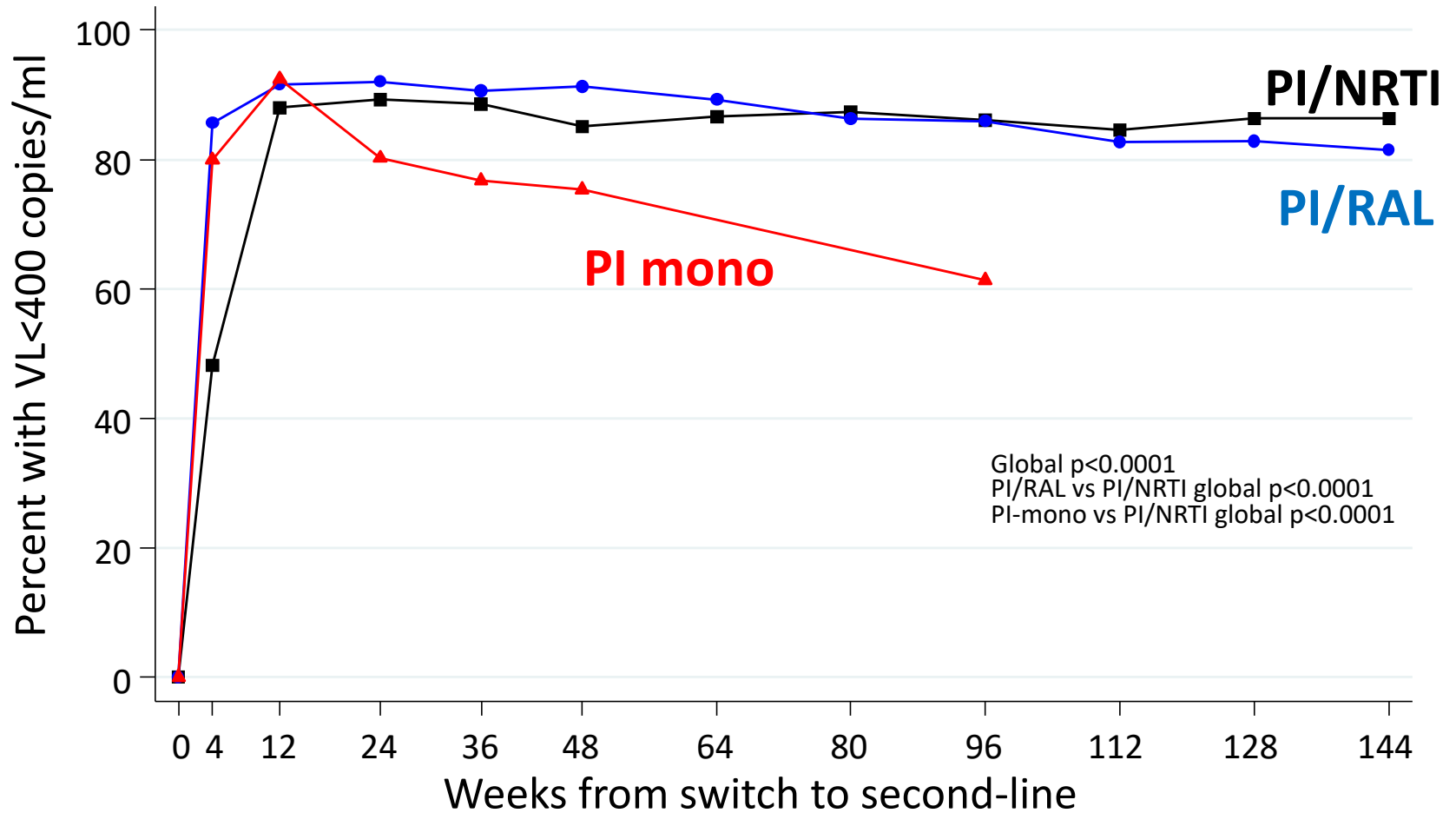
In treatment-experienced patients, RAL+LPV/r was non-inferior to 2NRTI+LPV/r

No efficacy advantage

No significant difference in number of Grade 3 or 4 adverse events

Costs of RAL+LPV/r significantly higher than 2NRTI+LPV/r in most countries

VL responses by randomized arm



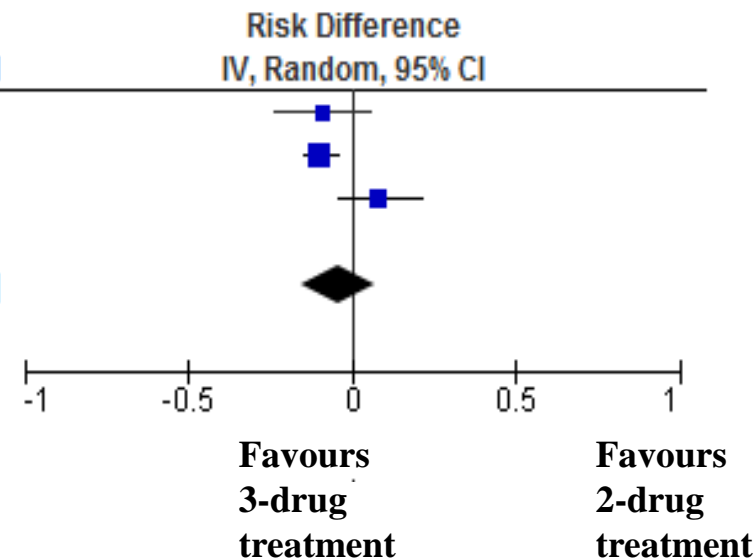
3 randomised trials of **PI/r + maraviroc** versus PI/r + 2NRTIs HIV RNA <50 copies/mL (switch = failure endpoint)

Overall, in 3 randomised trials of 967 patients, PI/r + maraviroc showed HIV RNA suppression rates 4% lower than PI/r + 2NRTIs.

This difference was outside the limits for non-inferiority (lower 95% confidence interval -15%)

There was evidence for heterogeneity between the trials ($p=0.04$).

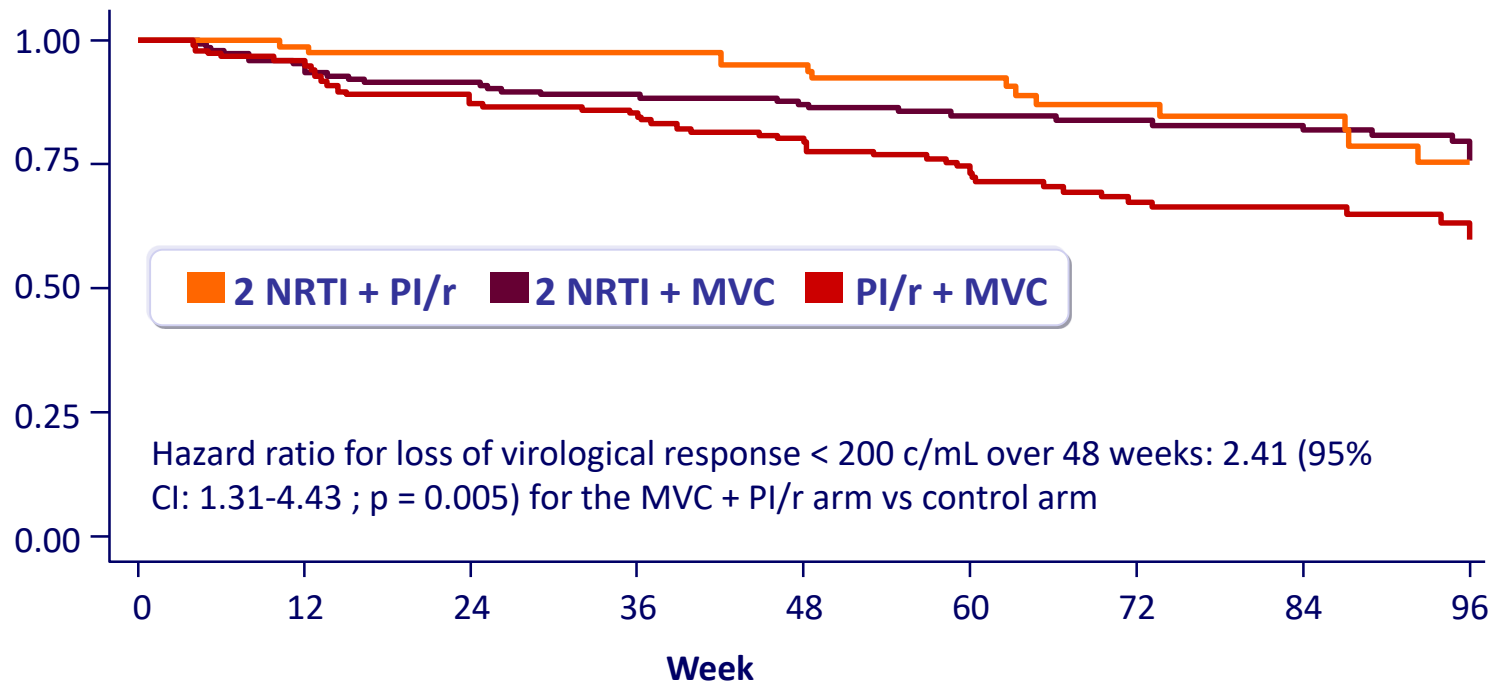
Study or Subgroup	2-drug arm		3-drug arm		Weight	Risk Difference
	Events	Total	Events	Total		IV, Random, 95% CI
A4001078	44	59	51	61	26.7%	-0.09 [-0.24, 0.05]
MODERN	306	396	349	401	43.7%	-0.10 [-0.15, -0.04]
Nozza et al.	26	26	22	24	29.6%	0.08 [-0.04, 0.21]
Total (95% CI)		481		486	100.0%	-0.04 [-0.15, 0.07]
Total events	376		422			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.01$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 6.61$, $\text{df} = 2$ ($P = 0.04$); $I^2 = 70\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.74$ ($P = 0.46$)						



PI plus MVC

MARCH Study: switch to MVC

% with virologic response (HIV RNA < 200 c/mL), by week



Number at risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
2 NRTI + PI/r	82	81	80	80	77	59	45	36	17
2 NRTI + MVC	156	149	143	139	132	103	90	86	60
PI/r + MVC	157	151	137	134	123	98	65	54	36

4 randomised trials of **PI/r + NRTI** versus **PI/r + 2NRTIs** HIV RNA <50 copies/mL (switch = failure endpoint)

Overall, in 4 randomised trials of 1090 patients, PI/r + 3TC showed HIV RNA suppression rates 4% higher than PI/r + 2NRTIs

This difference was within the limits for non-inferiority (lower 95% confidence interval -1%)
There was no evidence for heterogeneity between the trials (p=0.10).

Study or Subgroup	2-drug arm		3-drug arm		Weight	Risk Difference
	Events	Total	Events	Total		IV, Random, 95% CI
GARDEL	189	217	169	209	37.2%	0.06 [-0.01, 0.13]
Ole	108	118	110	121	34.9%	0.01 [-0.07, 0.08]
SALT	112	134	109	139	20.9%	0.05 [-0.04, 0.14]
KALEAD	37	72	42	80	7.1%	-0.01 [-0.17, 0.15]
Total (95% CI)		541		549	100.0%	0.04 [-0.01, 0.08]

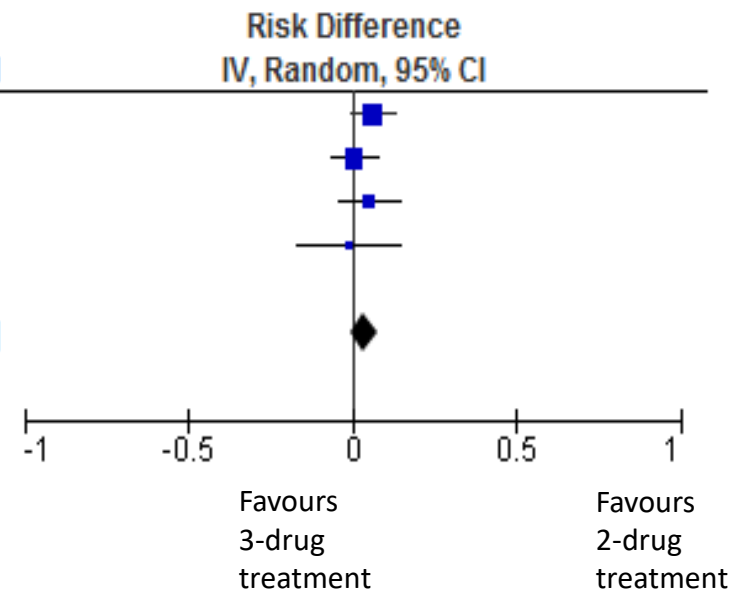
Total events

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430

Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 1.66, df = 3 (P = 0.65); I² = 0%

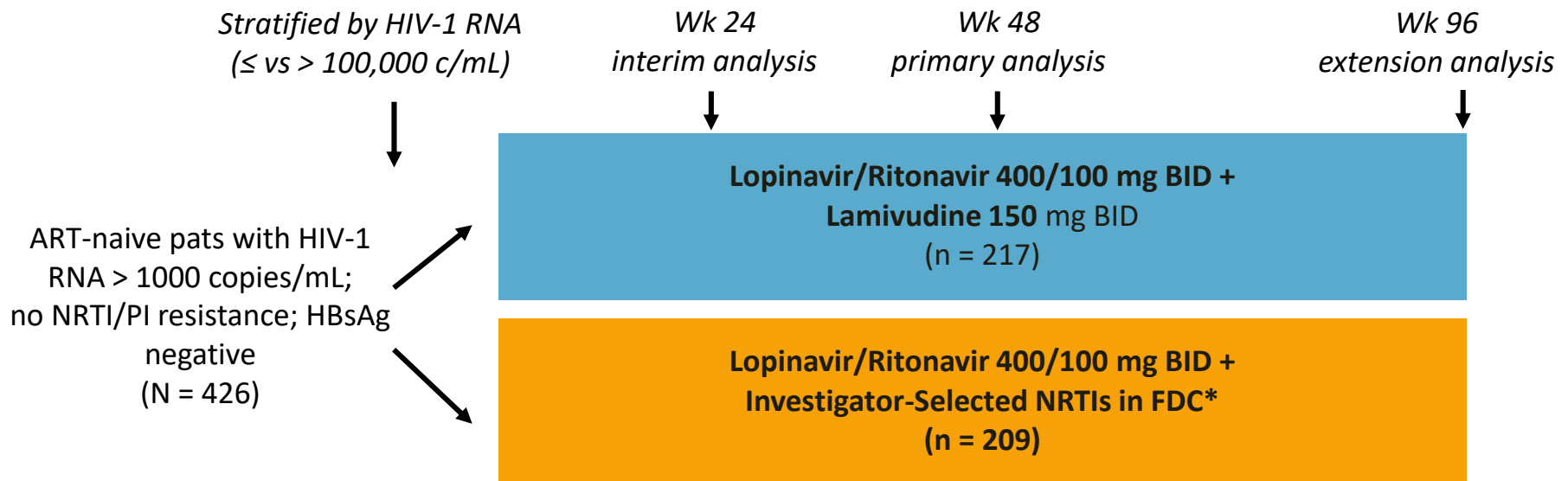
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.63 (P = 0.10)



2 Drugs in Naïve

GARDEL: Dual ART With LPV/RTV + 3TC vs Triple ART With LPV/RTV + 2 NRTIs

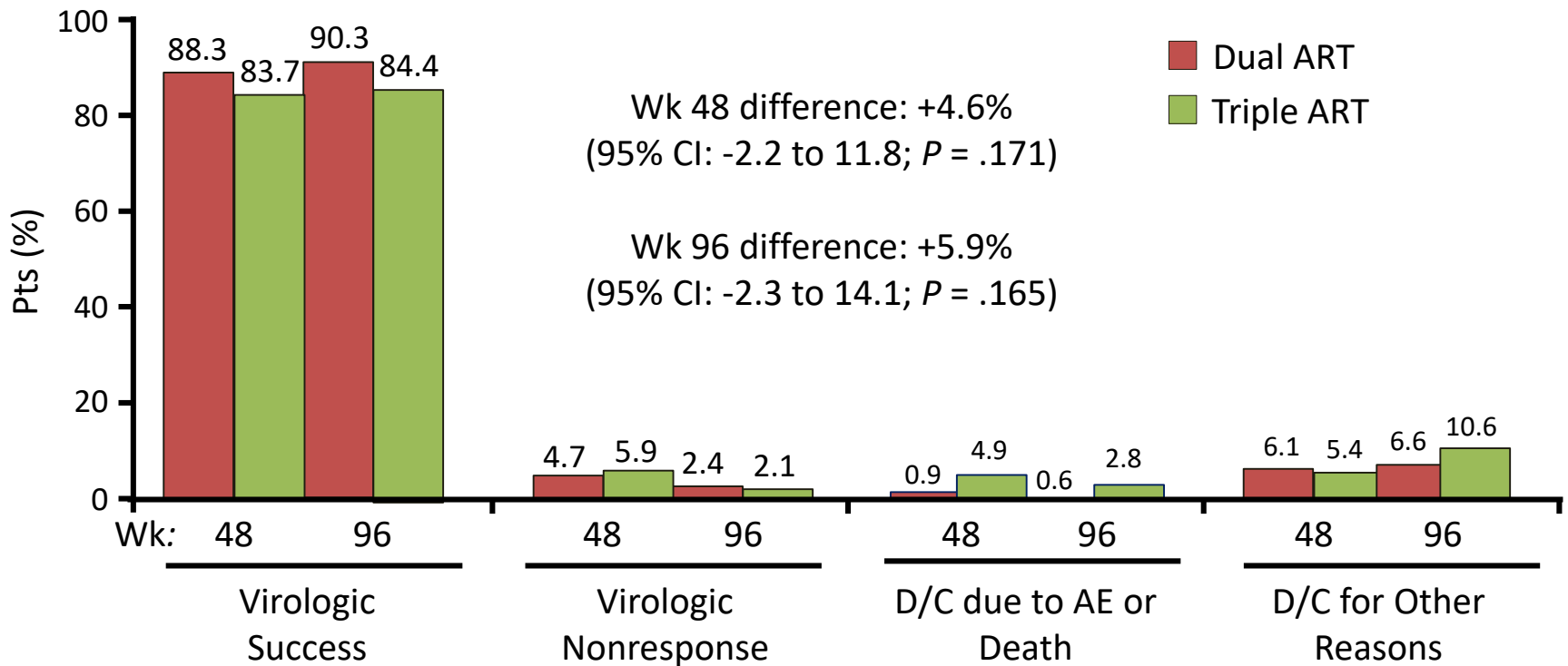
- Randomized, open-label phase III noninferiority trial
 - Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL (ITT-e, FDA snapshot analysis)
- Pts with virologic response at Wk 48 offered extension to Wk 96



*ZDV/3TC: 54%; TDF/FTC: 37%; ABC/3TC: 9%

GARDEL: Dual ART Noninferior to Triple ART at Wk 48 and Wk 96

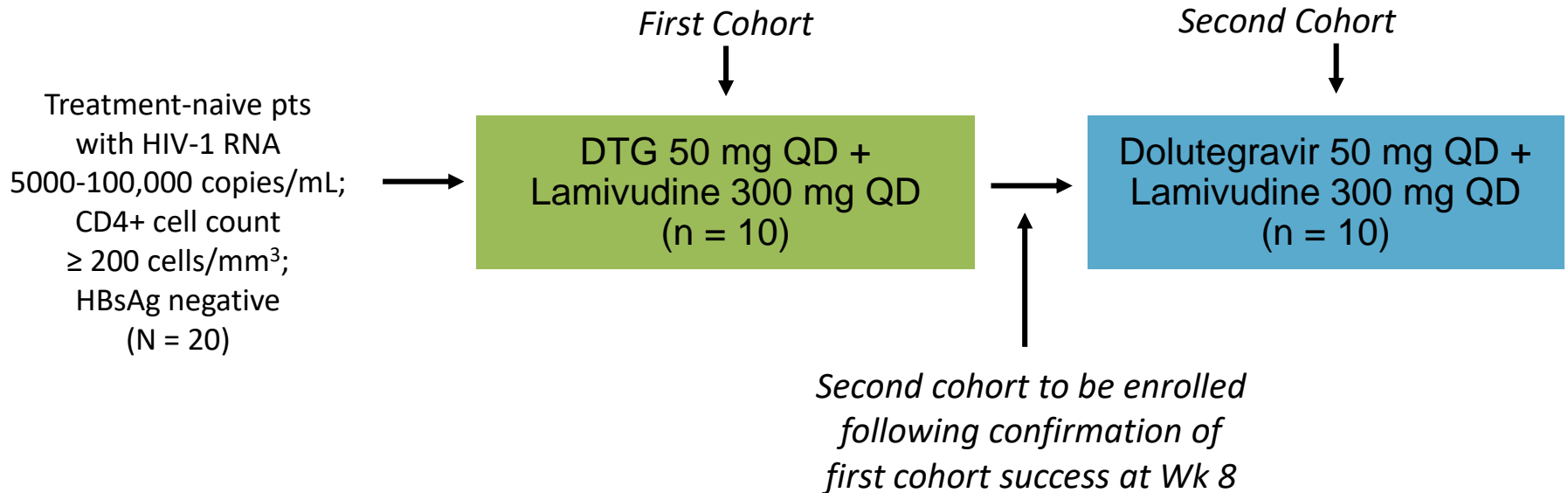
- Safety and tolerability also similar between treatment arms



Lets treat an Integrase like a boosted PI!

PADDLE: Dolutegravir + Lamivudine in Treatment-Naive Pts

- Open-label, single-arm phase IV exploratory trial
 - Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL at Wk 48 (ITT-e, FDA snapshot analysis)



PADDLE Study: Efficacy-DTG and 3TC in Naïve patients

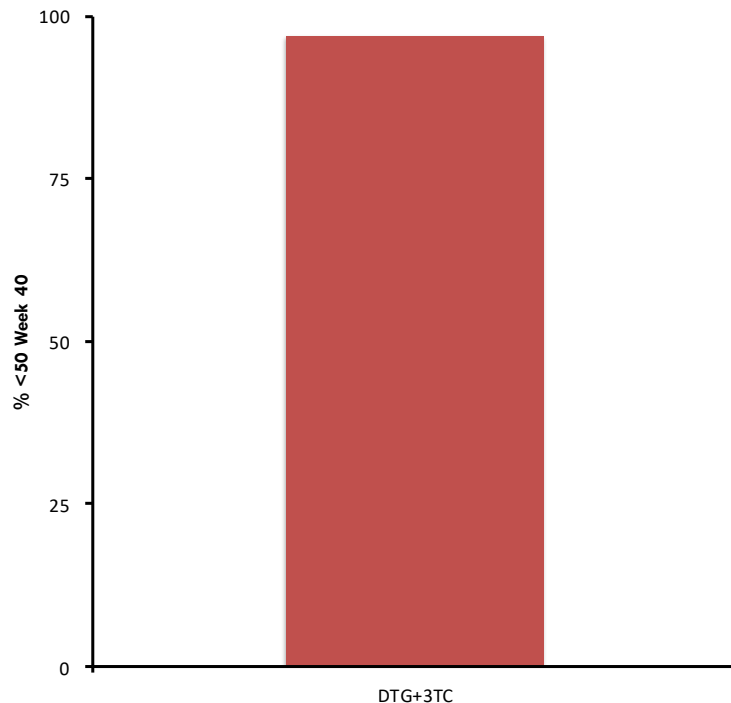
#	SCR	BSL	DAY 4	DAY 7	W.2	W.3	W.4	W.6	W.8	W.12	W.24	W.36	W.48
1	5.584	10.909	383	101	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
2	8.887	10.233	318	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
3	67.335	151.569	1.565	1.178	97	53	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
4	99.291	148.370	3.303	432	178	55	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
5	34.362	20.544	1.292	570	107	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
6	16.024	14.499	1.634	162	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
7	37.604	18.597	819	61	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
8	25.071	24.368	1.377	Not done	105	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
9	14.707	10.832	516	202	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	SAE	
10	10.679	7.987	318	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
11	50.089	273.676	68.129	3.880	784	290	288	147	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
12	13.508	64.103	3.296	135	351	84	67	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
13	28.093	33.829	26.343	539	61	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
14	15.348	15.151	791	198	<50	61	64	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
15	23.185	23.500	4.217	192	<50	<50	<50	Not done	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
16	11.377	3.910	97	143	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
17	39.100	25.828	1.970	460	52	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
18	60.771	73.069	2.174	692	156	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
19	82.803	106.320	2.902	897	168	76	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	PDVF	
20	5.190	7.368	147	56	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50

SAE = serious adverse event

PDVF = protocol defined virologic failure

ANRS 167 LamiDol Study

DTG/3TC Maintenance

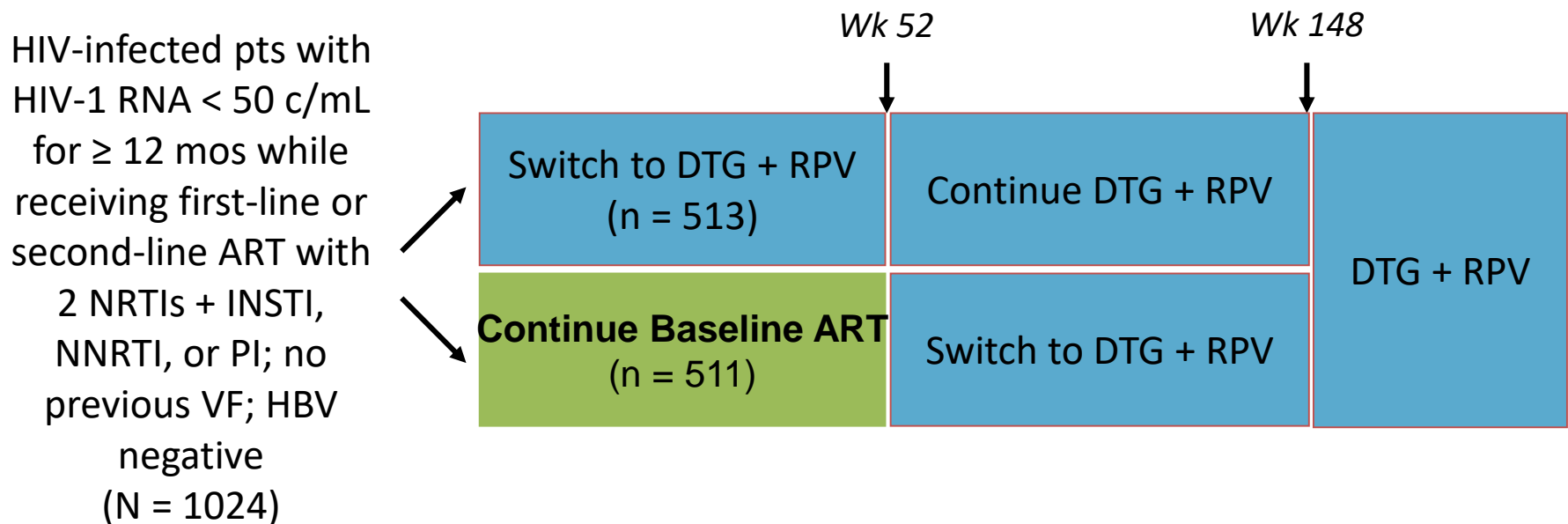


- 110 Subjects
- No Hx of failure, No Hep B
- 8 week Switch to 2NRTI+DTG
- Then to DTG/3TC-40 Weeks FU
- 97% (101/104) pts maintained therapeutic success through 40 wks of dual therapy (study Wk 48)^[1]
 - No INSTI resistance in 3 pts with virologic failure
 - 7 pts with serious AEs, only 2 related to dual therapy

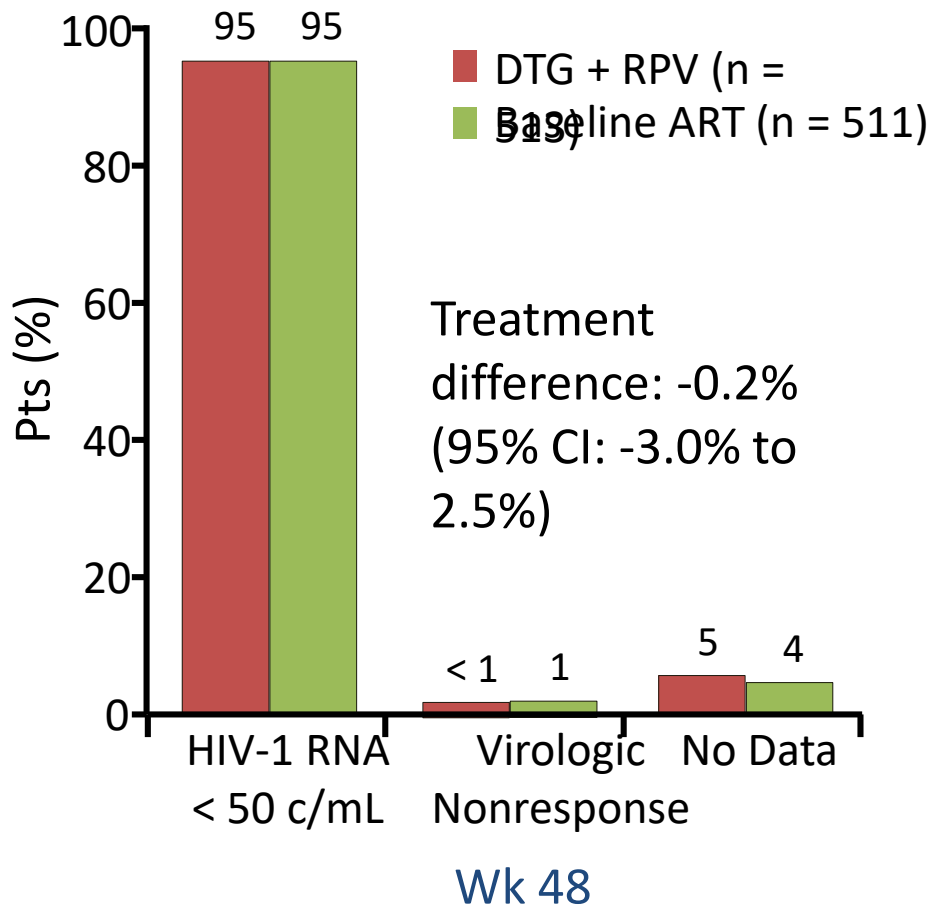
Switch to 2 drugs
-do we need nukes?

SWORD 1 & 2: Switch From Suppressive ART to DTG + RPV Dual Therapy

- Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase III trials
 - Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL at Wk 48 (ITT-E snapshot)
- 70% to 73% of pts receiving TDF at baseline



Switch From Suppressive ART to DTG + RPV Noninferior to Continued Baseline ART at Wk 48



- 1 pt with confirmed criteria for virologic withdrawal at Wk 36 in DTG + RPV arm had K101K/E (1.2-fold RPV change)
 - Resuppressed with continued DTG + RPV
 - No INSTI resistance
- AE rates generally similar between treatment arms through Wk 52
 - Numerically higher rate of drug-related grade 1/2 AEs with switch: 17% vs 2%
 - Numerically higher rate of withdrawal for AEs with switch: 4% vs < 1%

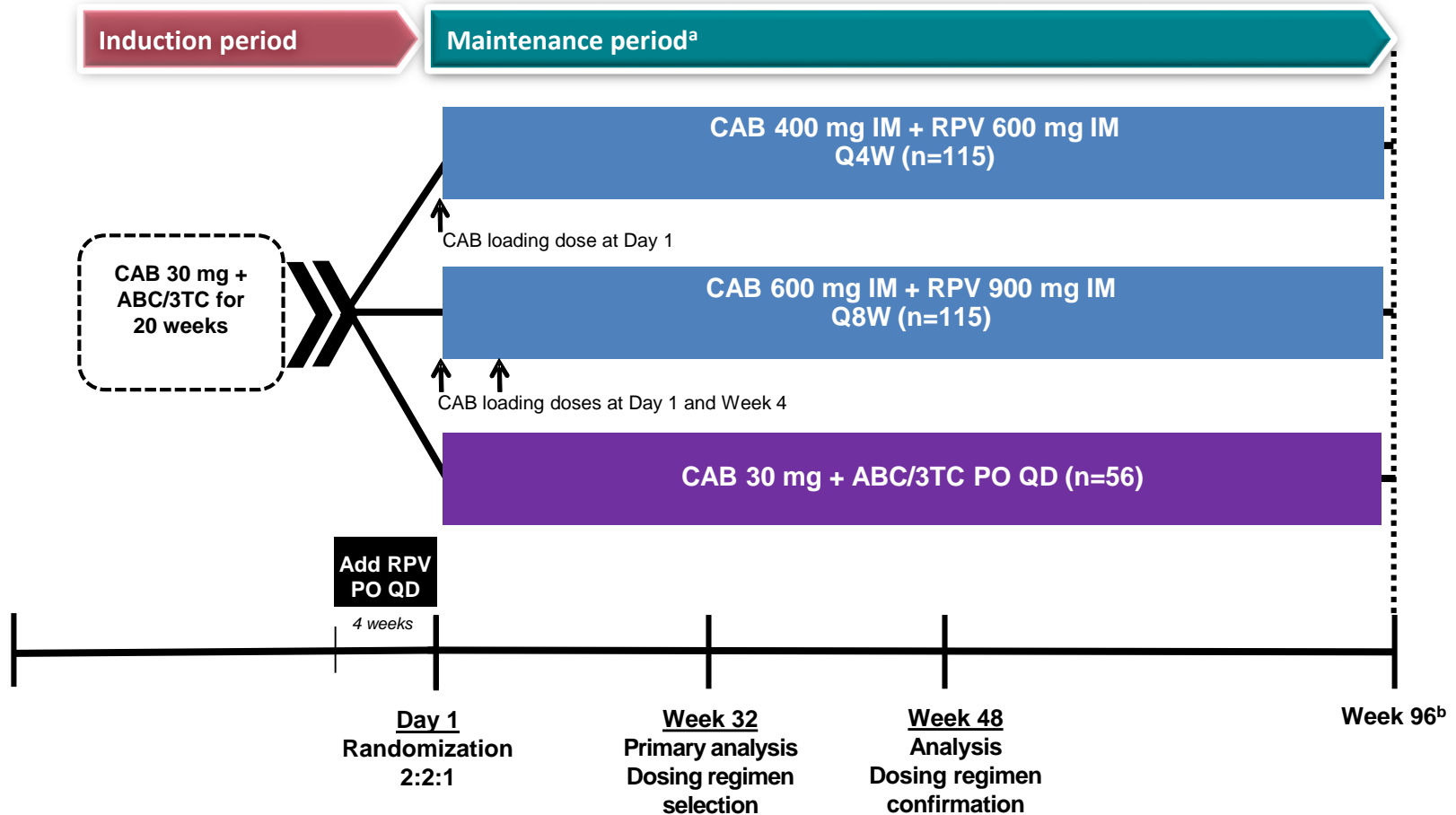
Switch to DTG + RPV in Suppressed Pts With Multiple Previous Treatment Failures

- Open-label cohort study based in clinical practice setting (N = 38)
 - DTG 50 mg/day + RPV 25 mg/day for pts with long-term virologic suppression but virologic failure on > 1 previous ART regimens

Baseline Characteristic , %	Switch to DTG + RPV (N = 38)	
Regimen at time of switch	▪ NRTI + NNRTI + PI	85
	▪ NRTI + NNRTI + PI + INSTI	53
Reasons for switch to DTG + RPV	▪ Drug–drug interaction	38
	▪ Toxicity	33
	▪ Simplification	25
Pre-existing resistance mutations	▪ NRTI: 65; NNRTI: 37; PI: 32; INSTI: NA	

- HIV-1 RNA suppressed to < 35 copies/mL in 92% (35/38) at Wk 48
 - No virologic failures; 3 pts d/c (GI toxicity, DDI, physician decision, n = 1)
- DTG + RPV associated with improved liver function tests, improved lipid profile, and stable kidney function at Wk 48

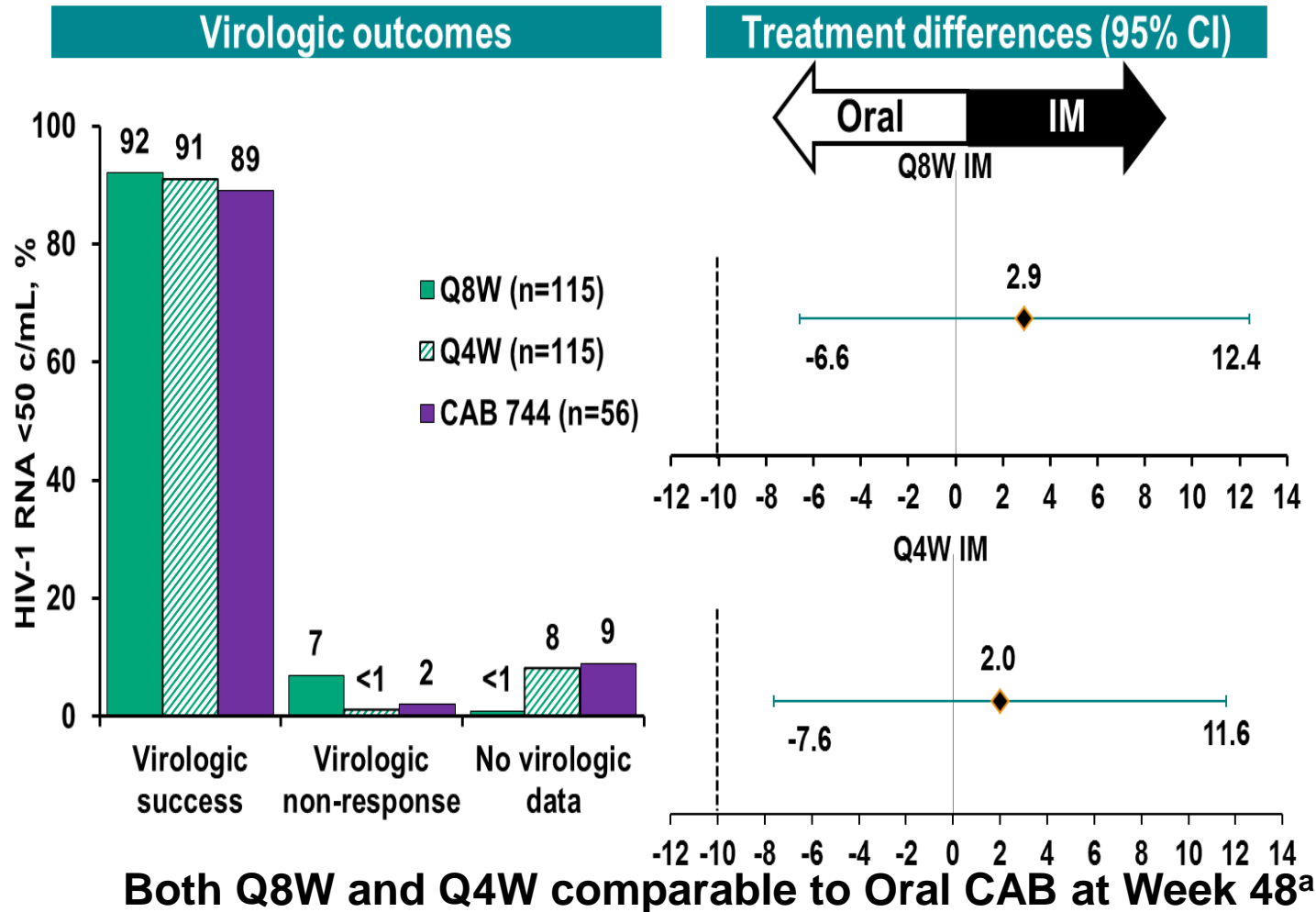
Switch to Long acting Injectables LATTE-2



ABC/3TC, abacavir/lamivudine; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; IM, intramuscular; PO, orally; QD, once daily; Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; ULN, upper limit of normal. ^aSubjects who withdrew after at least 1 IM dose entered the long-term follow-up period.

^bSubjects can elect to enter Q4W and Q8W LA Extension Phase beyond Week 96.

HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL at Week 48: ITT-ME (Snapshot)



^aMet prespecified threshold for concluding IM regimen is comparable to oral regimen (Bayesian Posterior Probability >90% that true IM response rate is no worse than -10% compared to the oral regimen). Observed Bayesian Probabilities: Q8W vs Oral = 99.7%; Q4W vs Oral = 99.4%.

Protocol-Defined Virologic Failure (PDVF)

Maintenance period ^a	Q8W IM (n=115)	Q4W IM (n=115)	Oral CAB (n=56)
Subjects with PDVF	2 (1%) ^b	0	1 (2%)
INI-r mutations	1 ^c	0	0
NRTI-r mutations	0	0	0
NNRTI-r mutations	1 ^c	0	0

- NNRTI—**K103N, E138G, and K238T** (FC RPV=3.3; Etravirine=1.9); INI—**Q148R** (FC CAB=5.1; Dolutegravir=1.38)^c
- No additional PDVFs beyond W48 on any arm (all subjects through W72)^d

PDVF: $<1.0 \log_{10}$ c/mL decrease in plasma HIV-1 RNA by Week 4, OR confirmed HIV-1 RNA ≥ 200 c/mL after prior suppression to <200 c/mL, OR $>0.5 \log_{10}$ c/mL increase from nadir HIV-1 RNA value ≥ 200 c/mL. ^aOne additional PDVF without treatment-emergent resistance occurred during oral Induction Period due to oral medication non-adherence. ^bOne PDVF at Week 4: no detectable RPV at Week 4 and Week 8, suggesting maladministration. ^cOne PDVF at Week 48 at HIV-1 RNA 463 c/mL (confirmed at 205 c/mL). ^dContains data beyond W48.

2 drugs

Health Warning!

Not in Hepatitis B co-infected

? Pregnancy

?TB

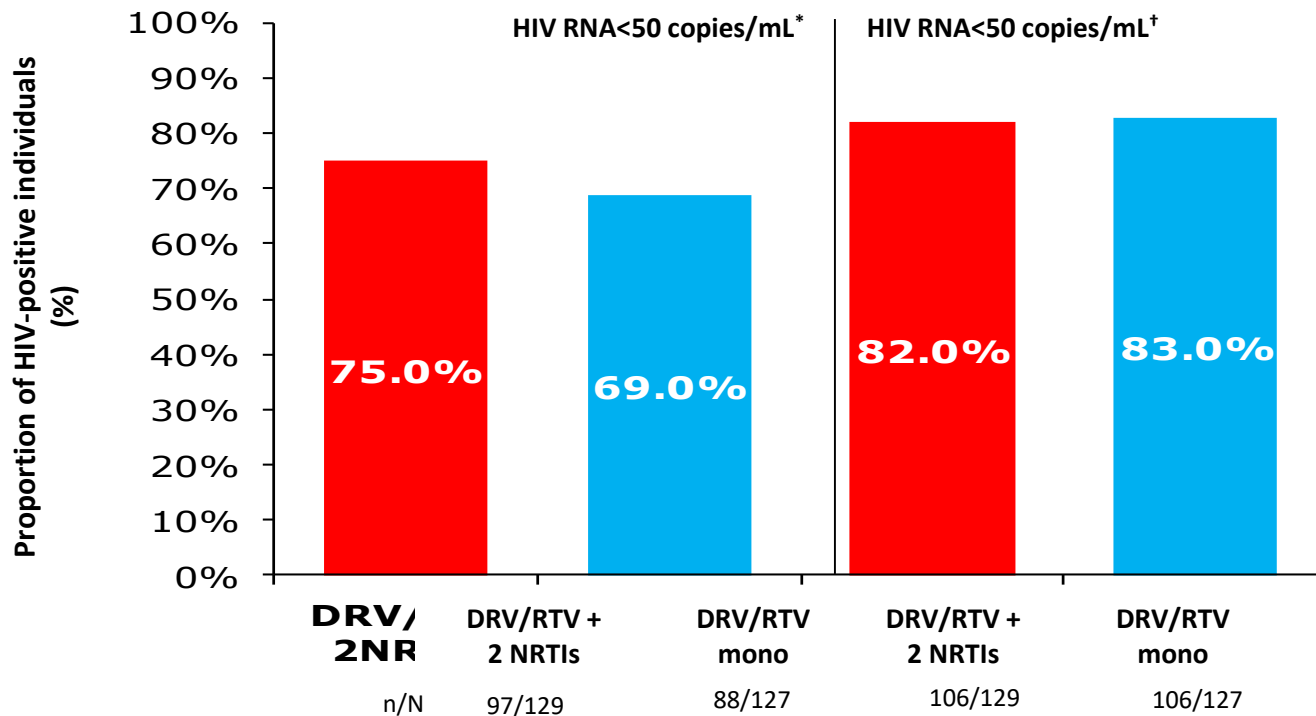
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PI monotherapy

MONET: Switch to DRV/RTV vs DRV/RTV + 2 NRTIs

Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL

Proportion of subjects with HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL by Week 144



- For patients with HIV RNA < 50 mL/min at baseline, switching to DRV/RTV monotherapy did not show noninferior efficacy to DRV/RTV plus two NRTIs in an ITT/TLOVR analysis, but not in a strict ITT analysis (switches not considered failures)

* Intent to treat (ITT), TLOVR, switch = failure method; † strict ITT analysis (switches not considered failures)

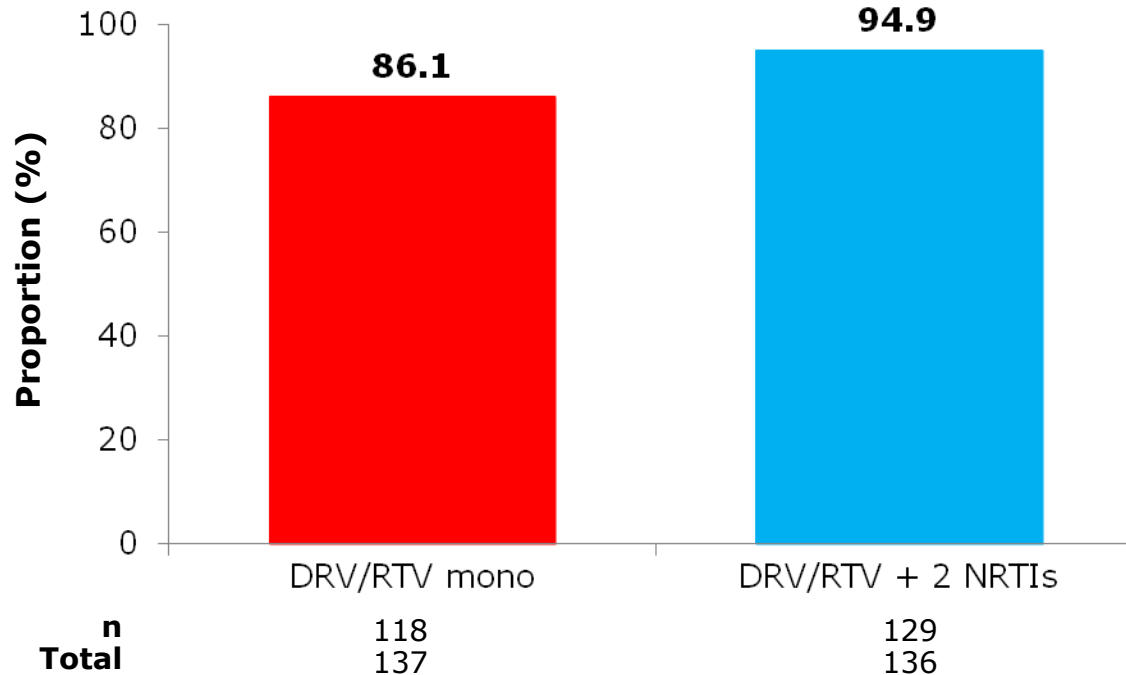
DRV, darunavir; ITT, intent-to-treat; NRTI, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; RTV, ritonavir

Arribas et al, HIV Medicine 2012;13:398-405

PROTEA: Switch to DRV/RTV or DRV/RTV + 2 N(t)RTIs

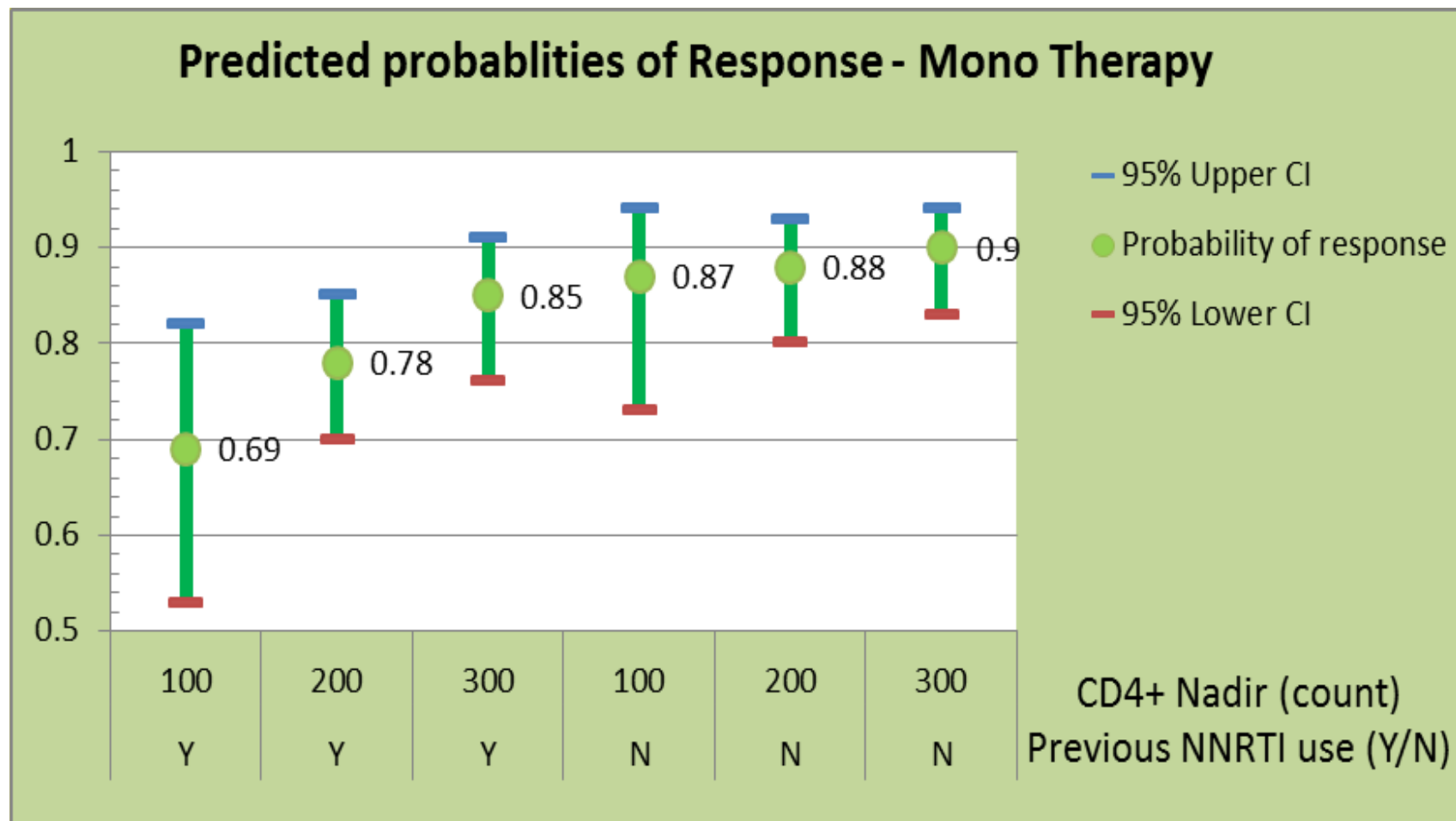
Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL

Proportion of subjects in ITT population with HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL by Week 48



- **Switching to DRV/RTV monotherapy showed lower efficacy vs triple antiretroviral therapy at Week 48 in the primary switch equals failure analysis (difference -8.8%, 95% CI: -15.5 to -1.8)**
- **There was no evidence of PI resistance**

PI Monotherapy- predictors of response



INSTI monotherapy

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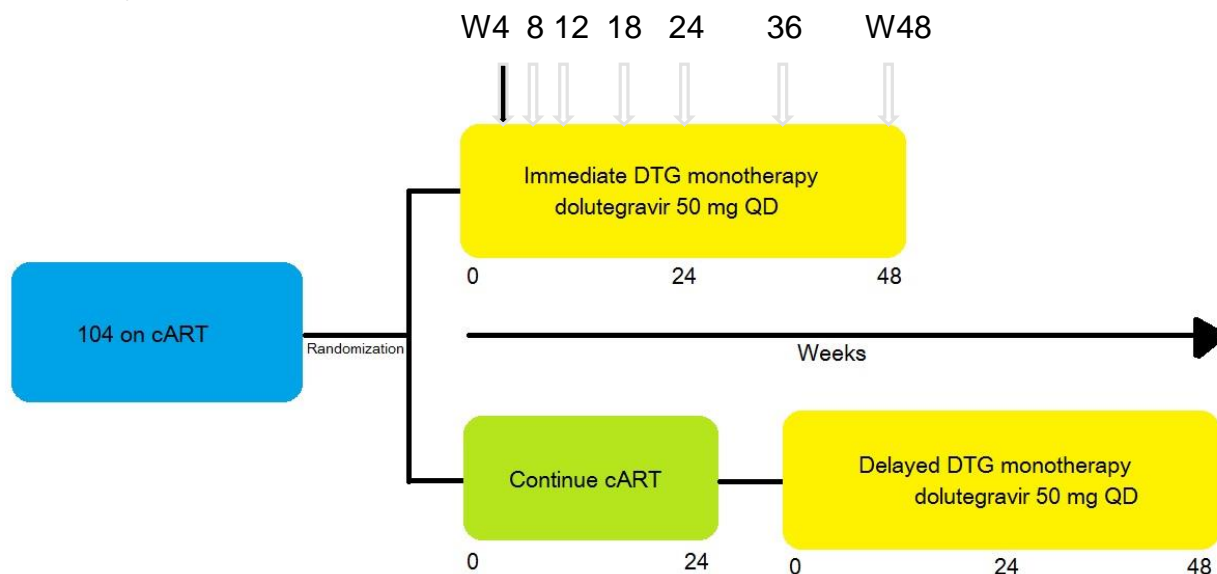
Randomized open label multicenter

Dolutegravir monotherapy 50 mg for 48 weeks with or without a meal

If HIV-RNA becomes detectable (any level >20c/ml) the patient is instructed to take DTG with a meal

Key inclusion:

- HIV-RNA < 1,0^{E5}
- CD4-nadir ≥ 200
- HIV-RNA <50 ≥24w
- Never failed
- No resistance
- HBV immune
- >95% estimated compliance



Results secondary endpoint 1: Week 24 <50 c/ml DTG monotherapy versus cART

DTG n=46/50 (92%)
cART n=53/53 (100%)

} p=0.052

Delta 8% (95% C.I. -1% to +19%) (*)

Emergent INSTI Resistance After Switch to DTG Monotherapy

- International, multicenter retrospective study
 - Evaluated virologically suppressed pts switched to DTG 50 mg QD monotherapy
 - Pts with history of VF on INSTI and INSTI resistance excluded
- 11 of 122 pts switched to DTG monotherapy experienced VF
 - 9 of 11 had genotypic INSTI resistance at VF

- INSTI resistance pathways varied

INSTI Resistance at VF
92Q/155H (n = 1)
97A/155H (n = 1)
155H/148R (n = 1)
118R (n = 2)
148K (n = 1)
148H (n = 2)
148R (n = 1)

LESS

Lower doses



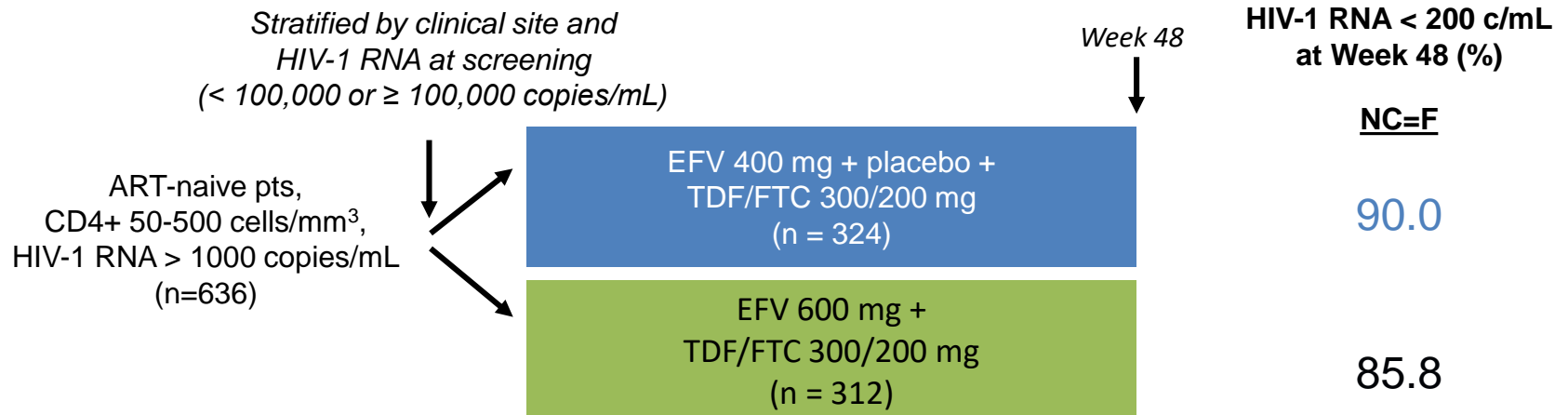
SMALL
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Can we Save EFV?

Dose Reduction of EFV

ENCORE1: 400-mg EFV non-inferior to 600-mg EFV With TDF/FTC for Initial ART

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, non-inferiority phase III trial
 - Part of ongoing effort to identify ARVs effective at lower doses (and cost)



- **No significant difference in SAEs between treatment arms**
- More pts with study drug-related AEs for EFV 600 mg vs EFV 400 mg (47.2% vs 36.8%; p=0.008)
- **More pts discontinued EFV 600 mg** due to AE vs EFV 400 mg (1.9% vs 5.8%; p=0.010)

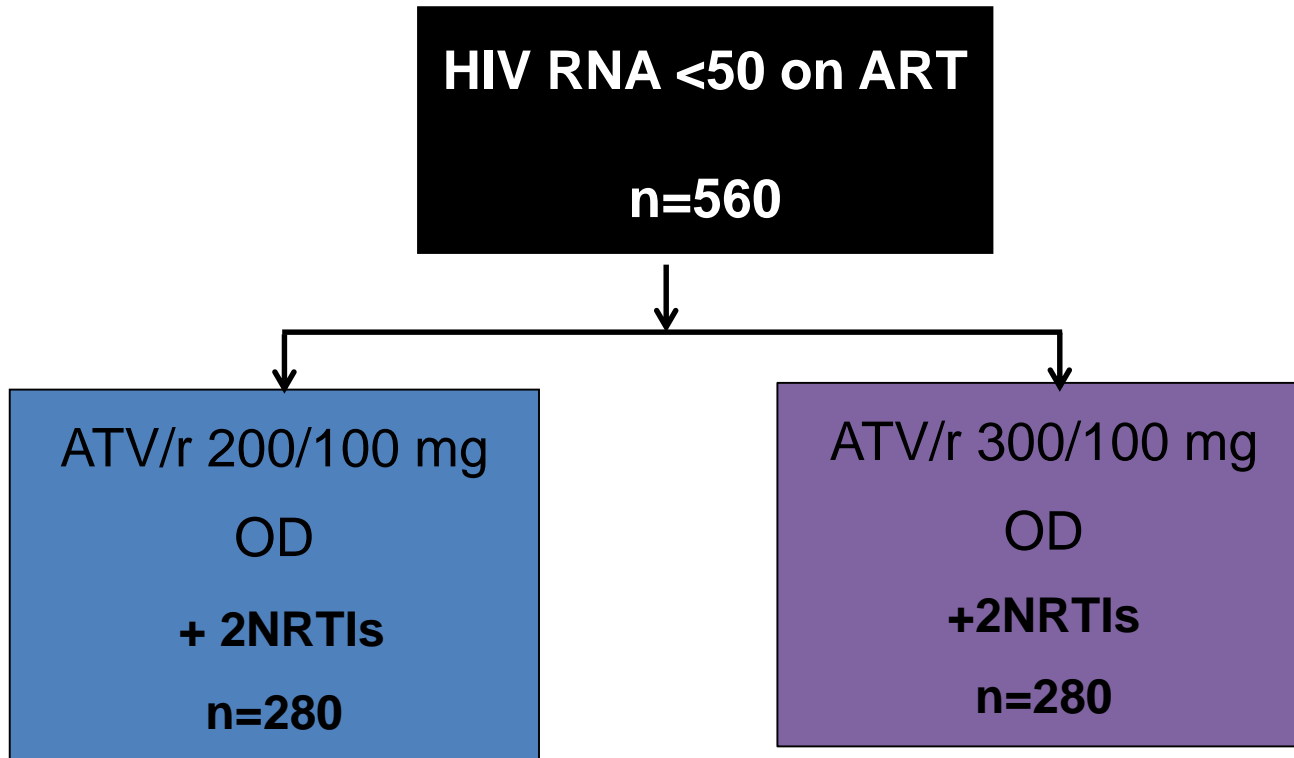
PI dose optimisation

Atazanavir/r: 200/100 mg OD dose?

Darunavir/r: 400/100 OD dose?

Cobicistat as alternative to ritonavir?

LASA trial: Maintenance trial, primary analysis at Week 48



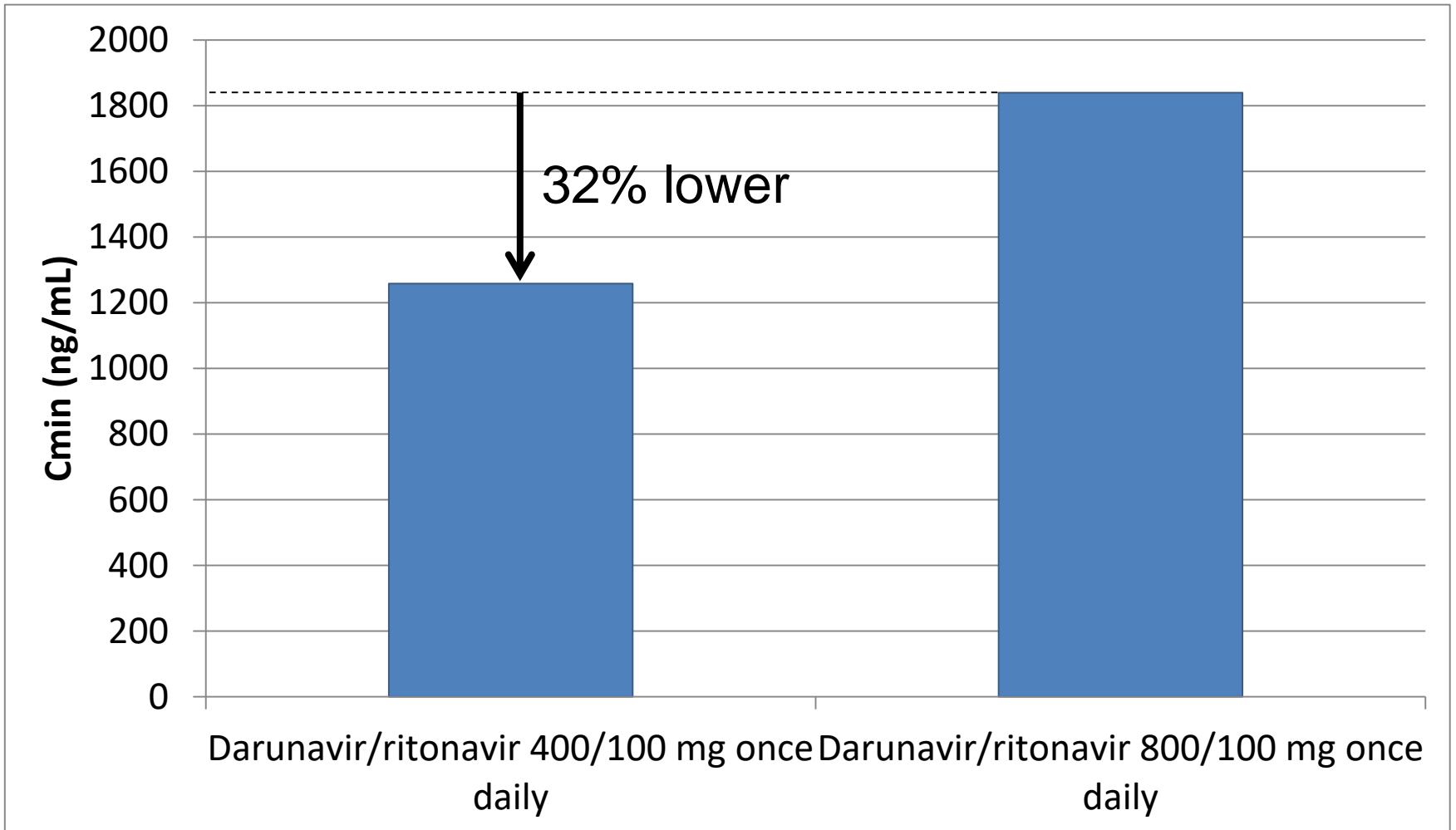
<50 copies/mL were: 93.4% vs 91.7% (95% CI: 1.71, -2.67 to 6.09).

Patients enrolled in Thailand. (HIV RNA suppression endpoint)

DRV/r: can we switch to a 400/100 OD dose?

- Approved dose is 600/100 mg BID for PI pre-treated patients,
800/100 OD for PI naïve patients

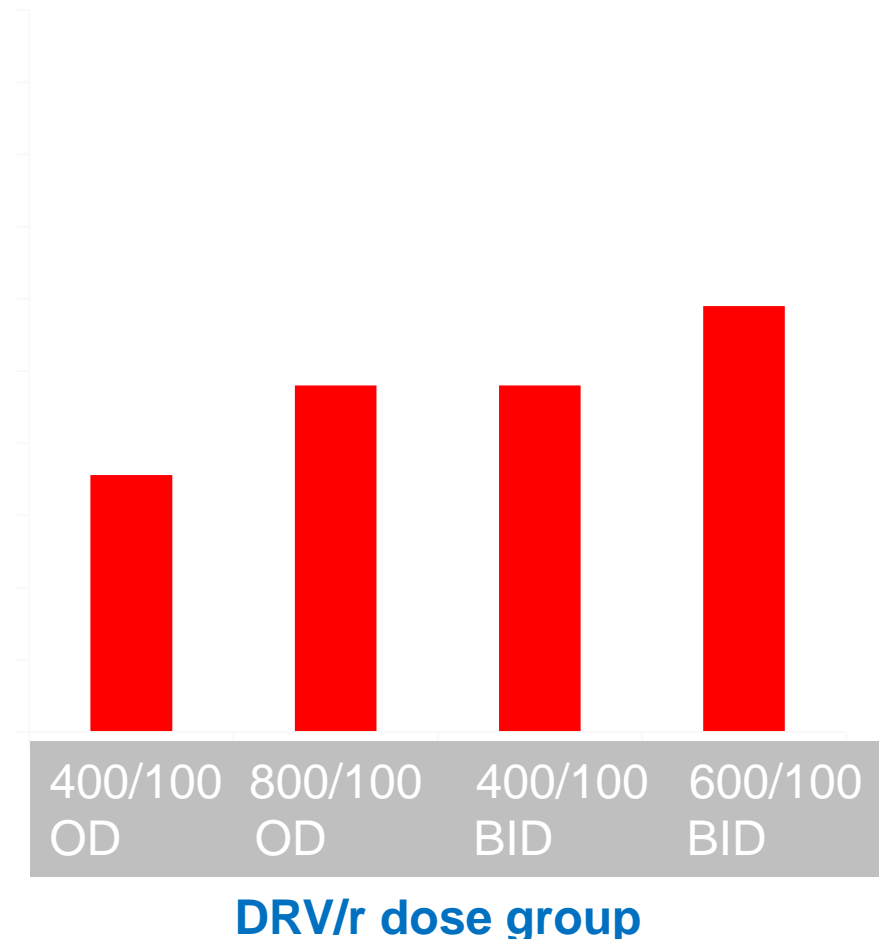
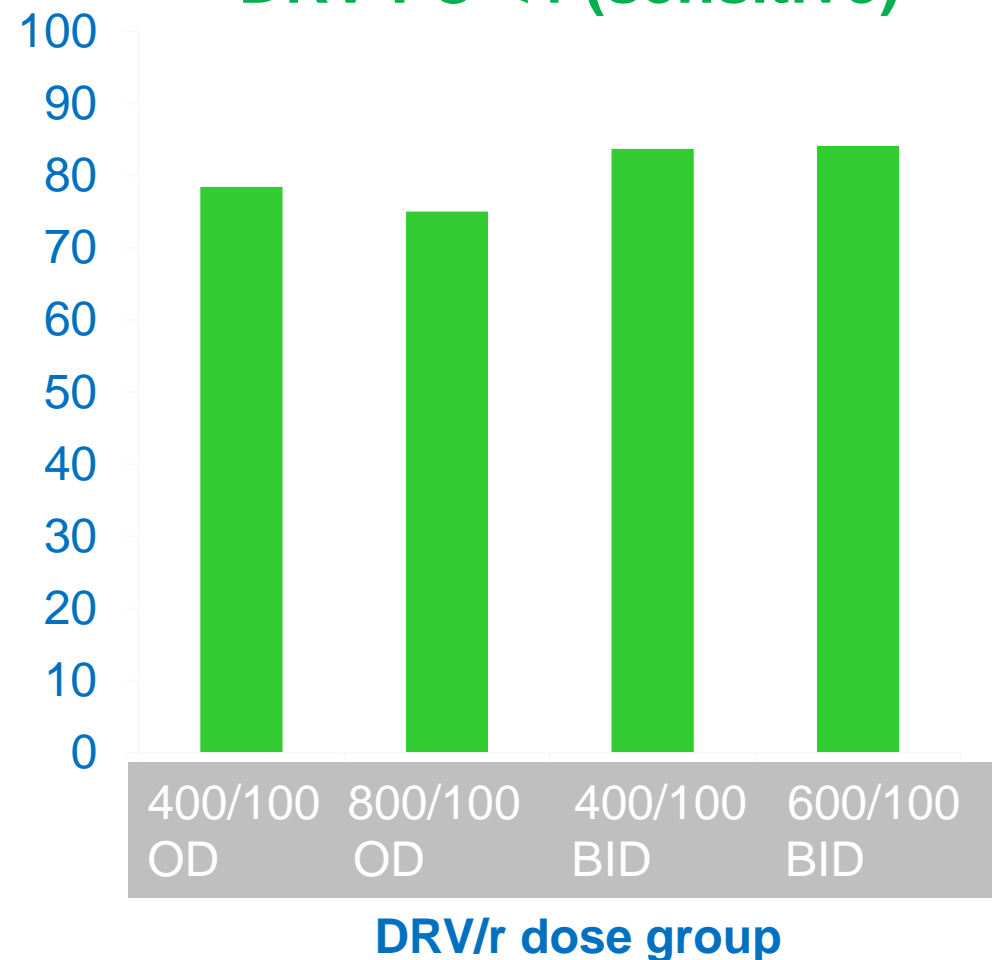
**Cmin for DRV/r 400/100 versus 800/100 OD
POWER 1 and 2 trials: Cmin 32% lower for
400/100 OD versus 800/100 dose**



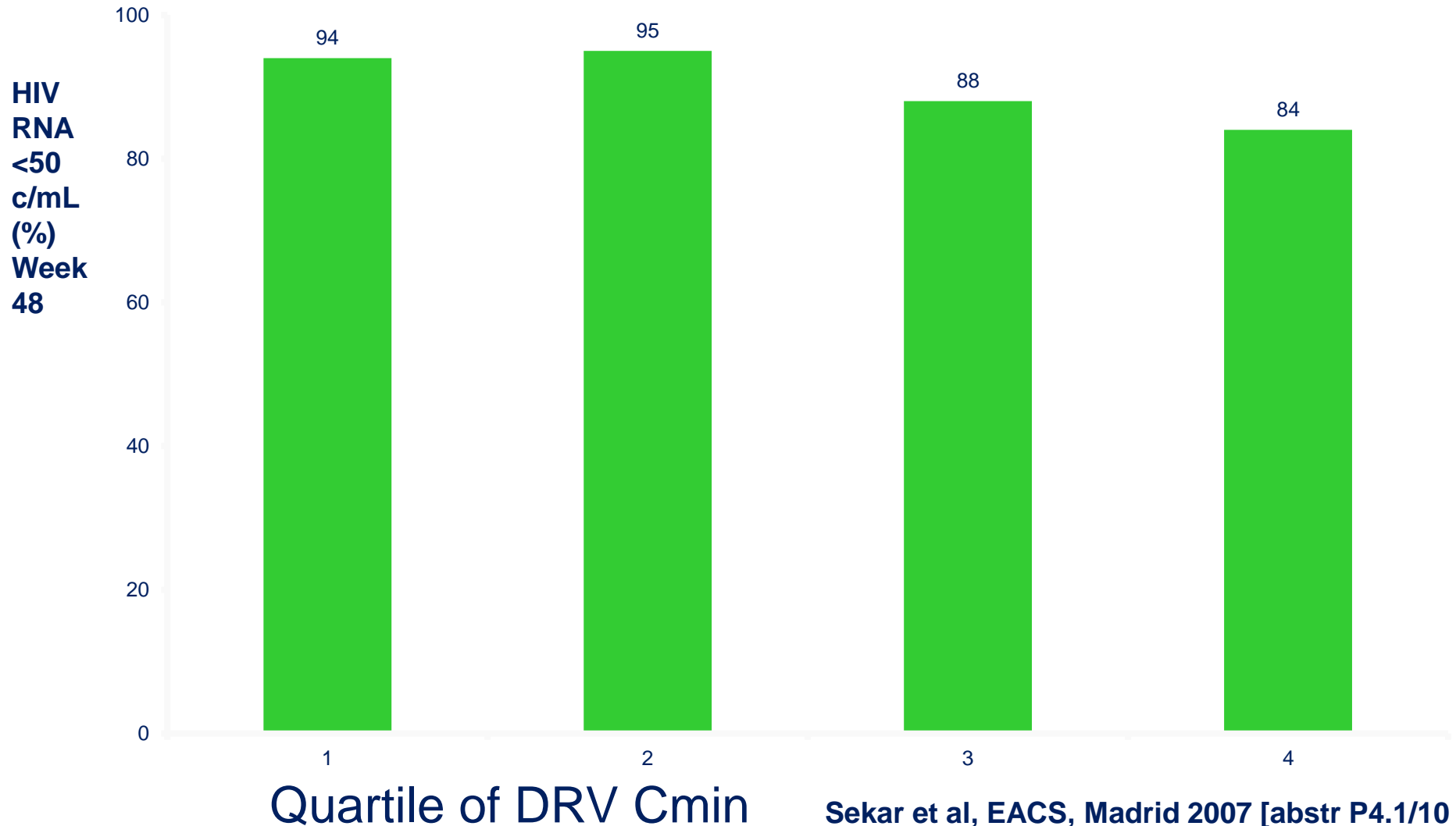
POWER trials: %HIV RNA >1 log reduction
at Week 24, by dose and baseline DRV resistance

DRV FC <4 (sensitive)

DRV FC >4 (resistant)



TITAN trial: HIV RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 48, Treatment experienced, PI sensitive patients, DRV/r 600/100 mg BID +2NRTIs, by DRV Cmin



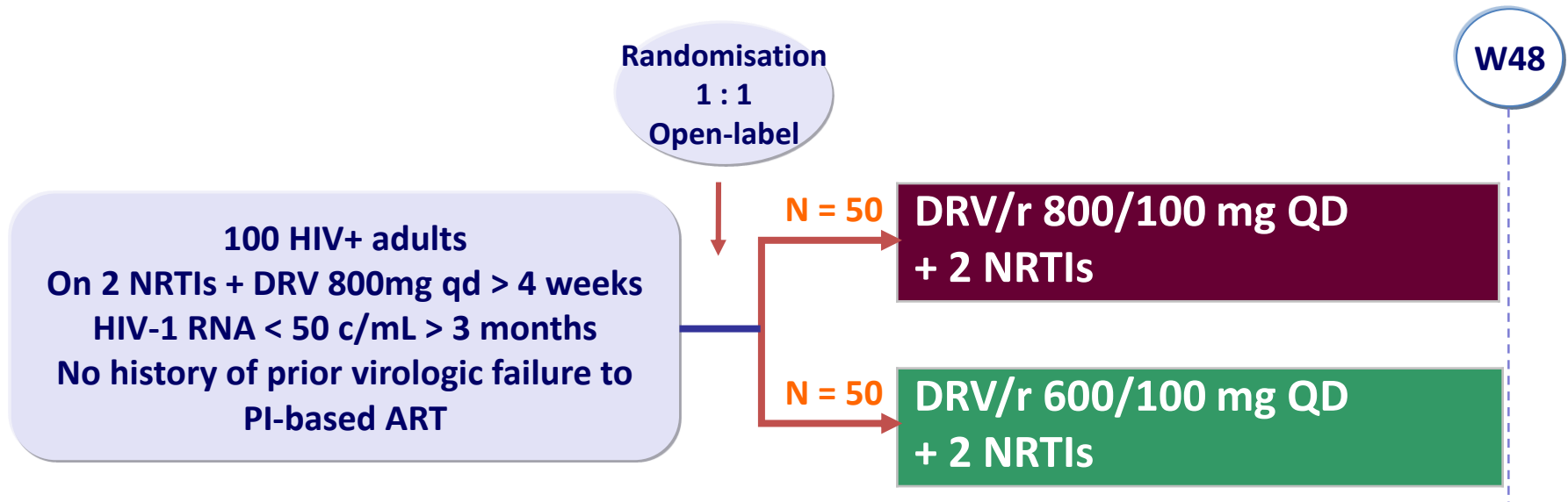
ODIN trial – safety results to Week 48

DRV/r 800/100 OD versus 600/100 BID

Safety parameter	800/100 OD	600/100 BID	
	n=294	n=296	p value
≥1 Grade 3 or 4 AE	23 (8%)	45 (15%)	p<0.05
D/C for adverse events	10 (3%)	14 (5%)	n.s.
Triglycerides ≥500mg/dL	15 (5%)	31 (11%)	p<0.05
Total cholesterol ≥240mg/dL	29 (10%)	58 (21%)	p<0.05
LDL cholesterol ≥160mg/dL	28 (10%)	47 (17%)	p<0.05

No other significant differences in lab parameters or individual clinical adverse events

DRV600. Study Design



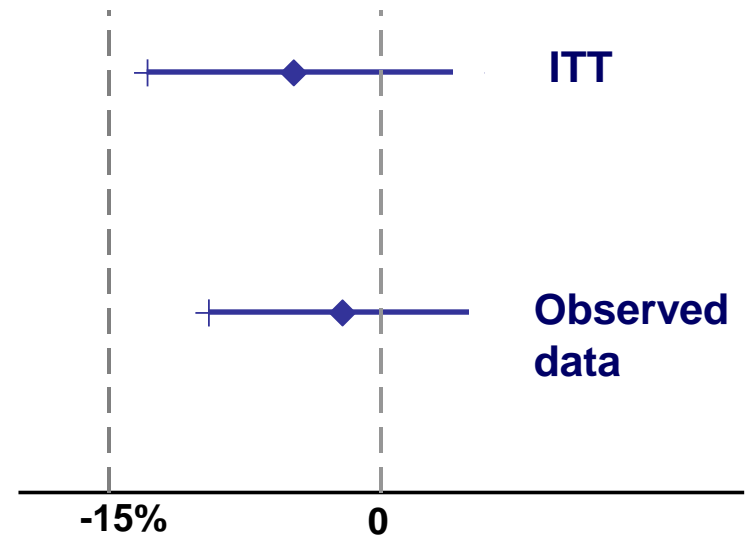
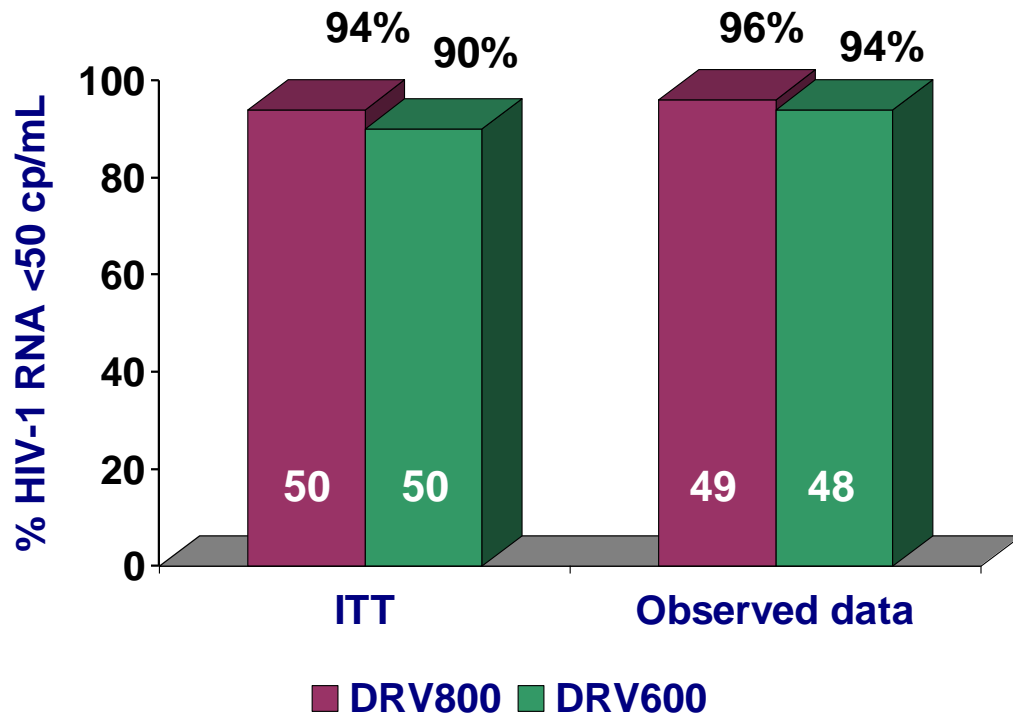
■ Study endpoints

- The proportion of patients with HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL at w48 (ITT).
Non inferiority if lower limit of the 95% CI for δ < -15%, 80% power
- Changes in CD4+ T cell count
- Changes in DRV C_{trough} in plasma
- The proportion of patients with AEs during follow-up
- The economic cost derived from ARV drugs



DRV600. Results at w48

Non inferiority of DRV/r 600/100 mg QD



95% CI for the difference

ITT	-4.0 (-12.9; 4.9)
Observed data	-2.2 (-9.6; 5.2)

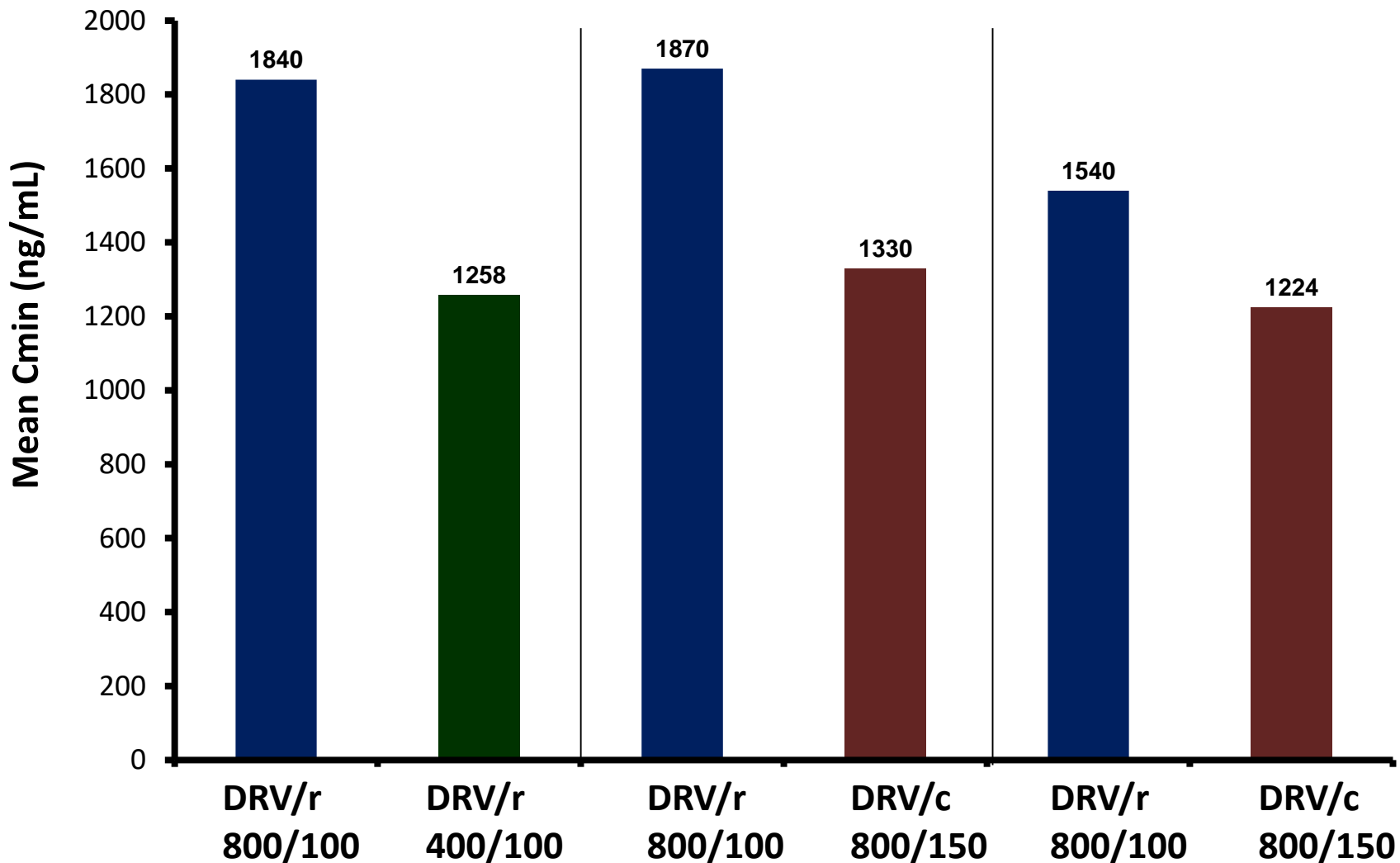
Similar to Cobi?

DRV/r 400/100 OD versus DRV/c 800/150 OD

POWER trials

Mathias 2010

Kakuda 2014



Conclusion

1. **No clinical advantage of 4 drugs-even in low CD4 and high VL.**
2. **Need RT inhibitors plus high barrier to resistance in 2 drug Rx**
3. **Dual therapy Regimen in naïve or switch-some data evolving**
4. **Monotherapy is a niche area but only with boosted PIs not InSTIs**
5. **Stay with the data use triple therapy and wait for trials to report.**
6. **Low dose EFV approved by the FDA**
7. **? move to low dose DRV**