# The Importance of Triple ART in the Long-Term Management of HIV Infection

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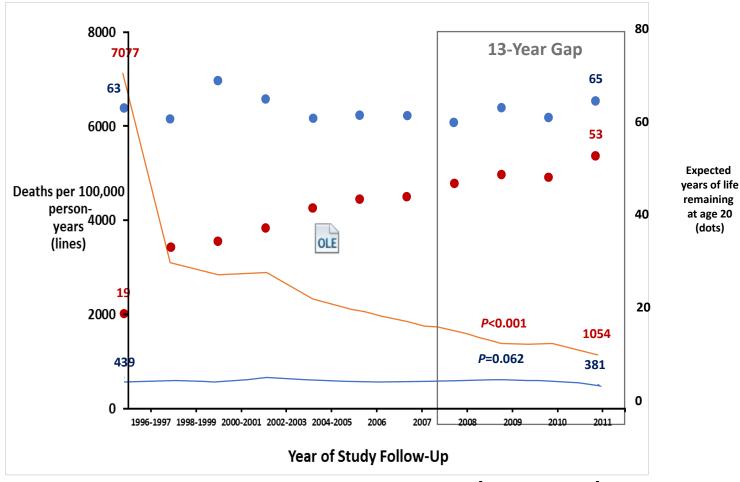
# **Disclosures**

# El Dr. Sergio Serrano ha prescrito:

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- TAR mono

# What is the main unmet goal of ART?

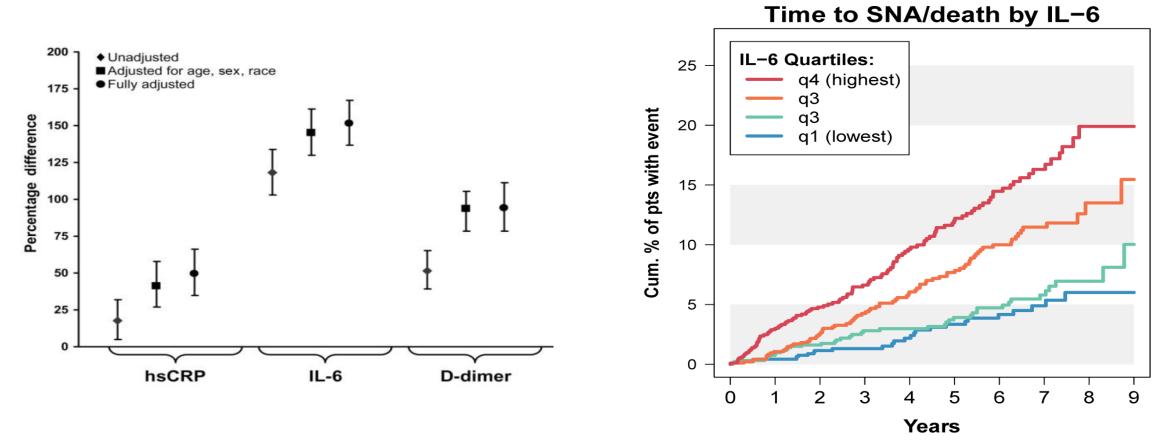
# Kaiser Permanente HIV Cohort: Narrowing the Gap in Life Expectancy for HIV+ vs HIV-Individuals



8 year gap with ART initiation at CD4  $\geq$  500. Life expectancy  $\checkmark$  Blacks & IVDU.  $\checkmark$  Hispanics Gap narrowed if no hepatitis, drug/alcohol, or smoking

Marcus J, et al. 23rd CROI; Boston, MA; February 22-25, 2016. Abst. 54.

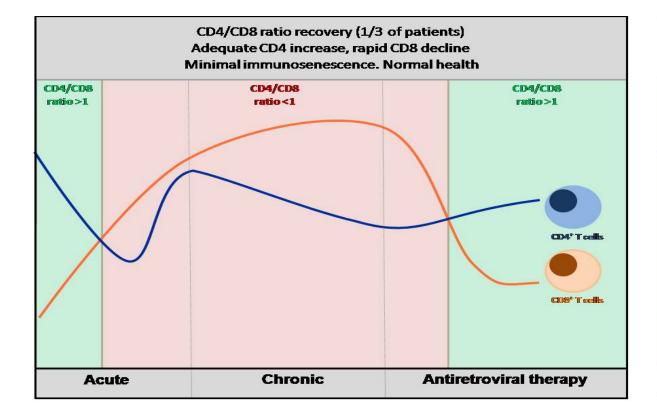
# The Increase of Inflammatory Biomarkers is only Moderate but the Impact on Long-Term Mortality is Strong

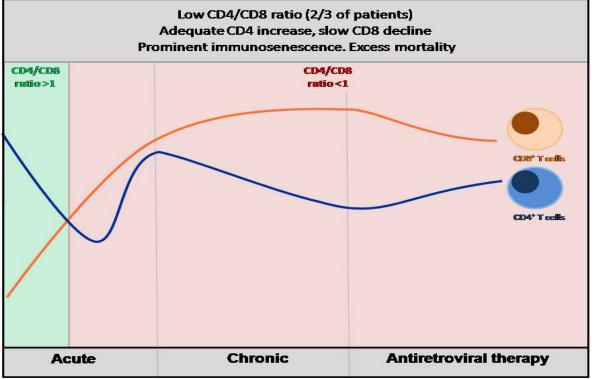


Grund et al. Plos One 2016 (see also: Duprez Plos One 2012

Neuhaus. JID 2010

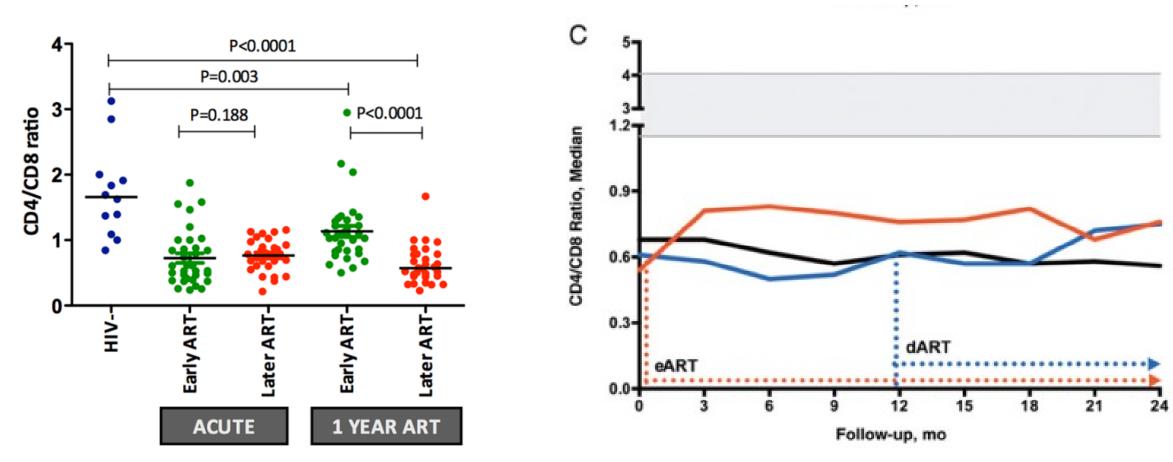
# The CD4/CD8 ratio, a Proxy of Immunosenescence, Predicts Mortality During Treated HIV and is Impaired in 2/3 of Patients





Serrano-Villar & Deeks. Lancet HIV 2015 (see also: Serrano-Villar, Plos Pathogens 2014, Mussini, Lancet HIV 2016

# Very Early ART Initiation Improves but do not Normalize Inflammatory Markers

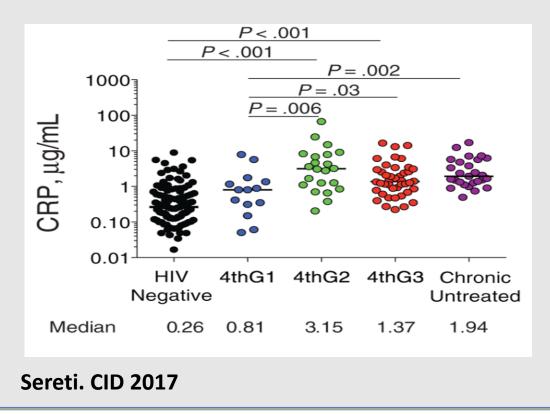


Serrano-Villar. Plos Pathogens 2014

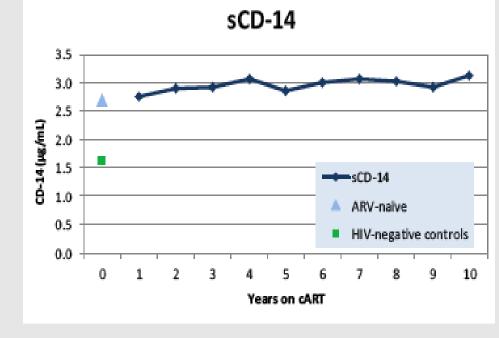
Cao. CID 2016

# Very Early ART or Long-Term ART Improves but do not Normalize Inflammatory Markers

### Inflammation Persists Despite Early Initiation of ART in Acute HIV Infection

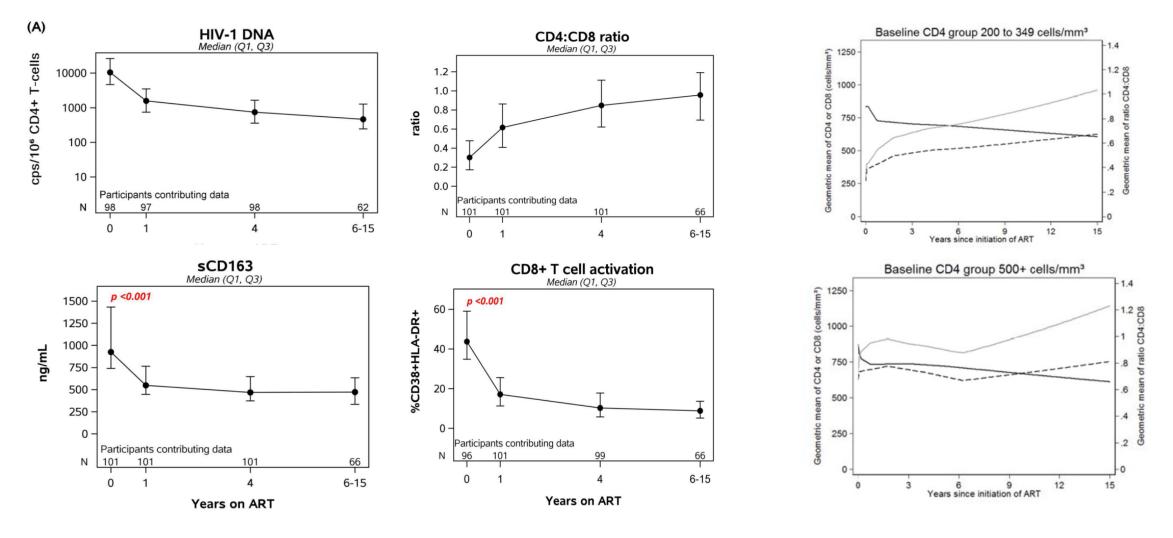


### Inflammatory Biomarkers Decline but Do Not Normalize after 10 Years of cART



Lichtenstein. CROI 2015

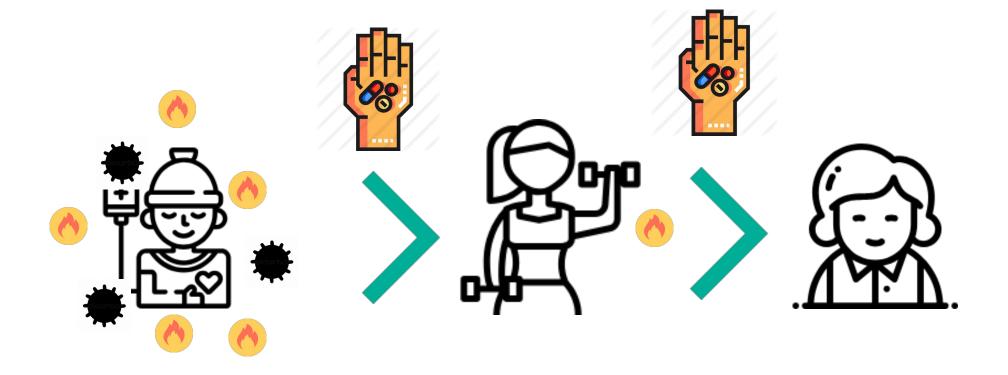
# But... Most Biomarkers Improve Slowly During Long-Term Triple ART, especially if ART is Initiated Early



Hughes. AIDS 2018

Gandhi. Plos Pathogens 2017

# **Does ART fully restore health?**



# What is the source of inflammation?

# **Immune Activation As a Tree**

### **Leaves**

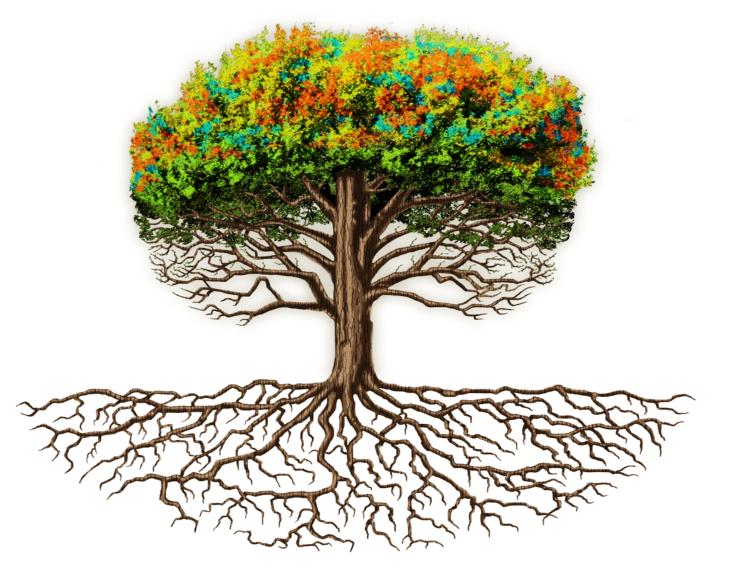
End-organ diseases

### **Branches**

IL-6 / Inflammation D-dimer / Coagulation Lymphoid Fibrosis

### <u>Roots</u>

HIV reservoirs CMV Microbial translocation

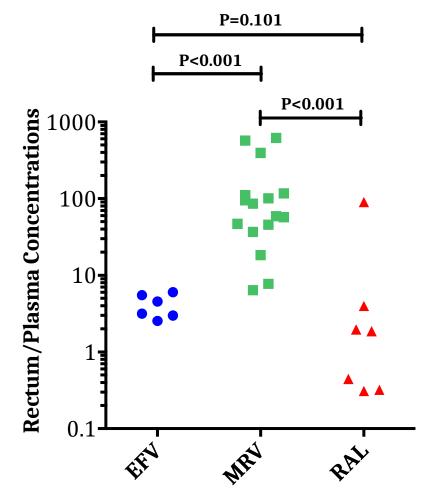


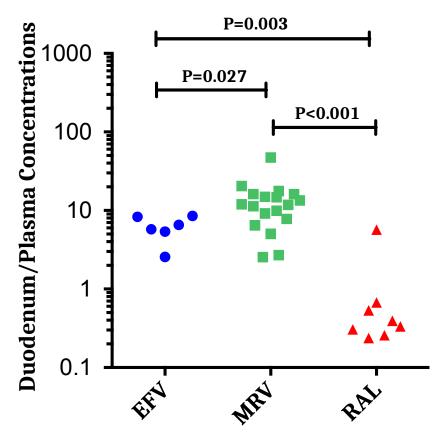
**Slide from Peter Hunt** 

# Variable penetration of ARV in tissue

Drug distribution to colon

Drug distribution to duodenum

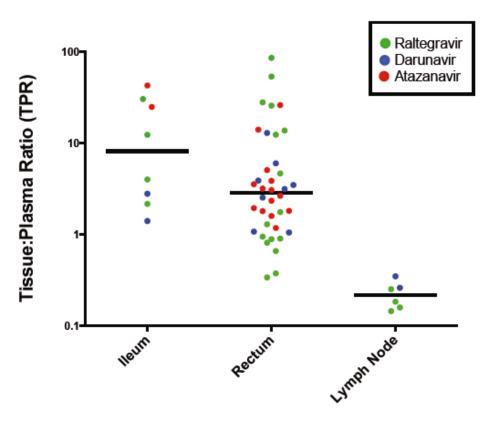




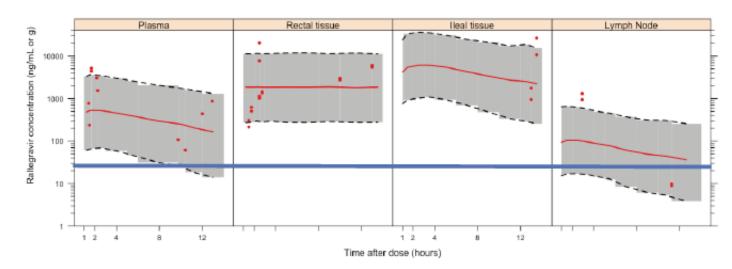
Serrano-Villar. PLoS Pathogens 2016

# **Limited Penetration of ARV in Lymph Nodes**

### Tissue:Plasma Ratios (TPRs) Higher in lleum> Rectum>Lymph Node



### RAL Predicted Lymph Node Tissue Concentrations Fall Below Target Concentrations to Suppress HIV



Simulated concentration time profiles with 95% confidence intervals (red curves) using observed data (red dots) and previously reported PK profile data for RAL (Savic Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2012) for Raltegravir. Blue line = concentration below which clinical virologic failure was observed in QDMRK study (Wenning 12<sup>th</sup> Intl. Workshop Clin. Pharmacol. HIV Ther., Miami, FL, 2011).

Lee. CROI 2017 (abstract #407)

# Variable penetration of ARV in tissue

### PNAS

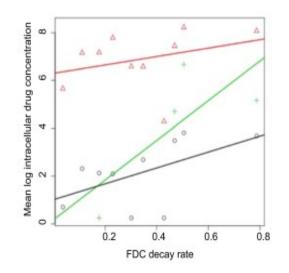
### Persistent HIV-1 replication is associated with lower antiretroviral drug concentrations in lymphatic tissues

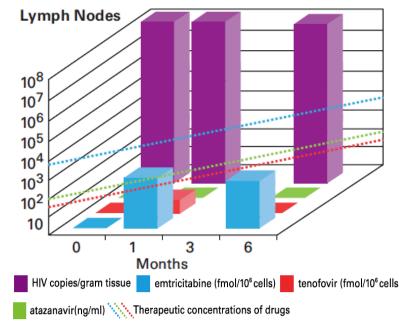
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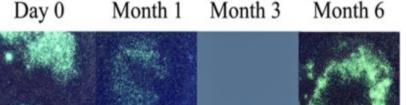
> Lymph Nodes 10<sup>8</sup> 107 ..... 10<sup>6</sup> \*\*\*\*\*\* 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>4</sup>  $10^{3}$ 104 3 6 Months HIV copies/gram tissue 📃 emtricitabine (fmol/10<sup>6</sup> cells) 🚺 tenofovir (fmol/10<sup>6</sup> cells)

Fletcher, 19th CROI, Seattle 2012 Fletcher, PNAS 2014 (see also Lorenzo-Redondo, Nature 2016)

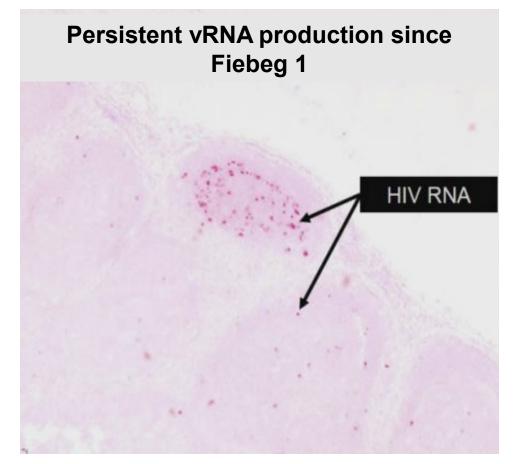
Ongoing viral replication and subtherapeutic ART concentrations in lymph nodes





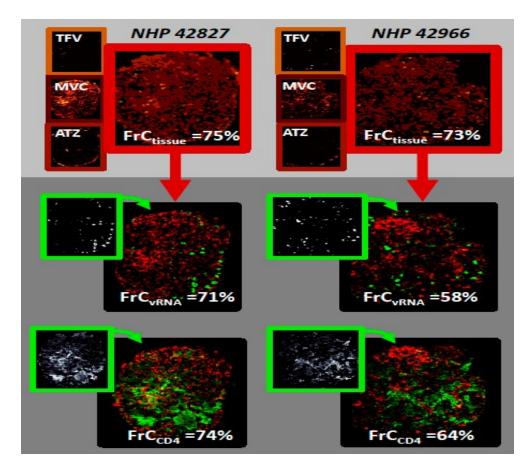


# Viral Production in Lymph Nodes Occurs Despite Very Early ART and is Linked with Lower Tissue Drug Distribution



Kroon. CROI 2018. Abstract #66

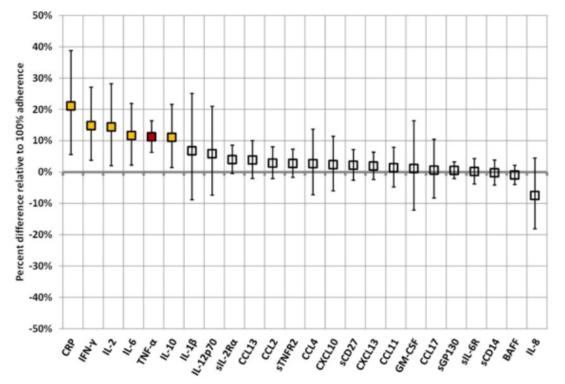
See also: #79 Bachman, Blips y HIV-DNA; #71 Rasmussen



Rosen. CROI 2018. Abstract#475

# Suboptimal cART Adherence is Associated with Higher Levels of Inflammation Despite HIV Suppression

Porcentaje de diferencia en la concentración sérica de los biomarcadores (ajustado por edad, VHC, hipertensión, raza y tabaquismo).



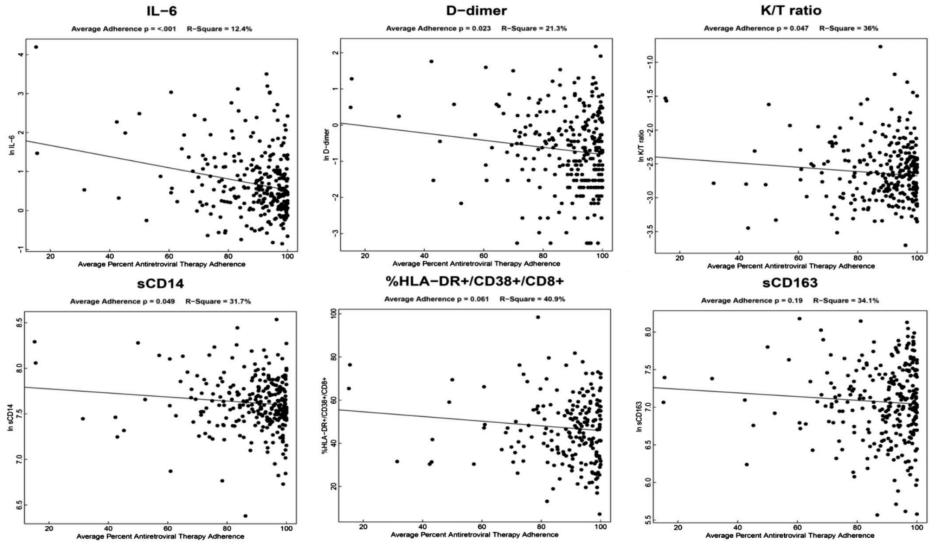
	<100% vs 100% (6-m)						
	Estimado	p					
TNF-α	11,2%	<0,001					
IFN-γ	14,8%	0,008					
CRP	21,1%	0,006					
IL-2	14,4%	0,022					
IL-10	11,1%	0,023					
IL-6	11,6%	0,014					

Abreviaturas: BAFF, factor activador de las células B; CCL, quimioquinas C-C ligando; CXCL quimioquinas CXC ligando; GM-CSF, factor estimulante de granulocitos y macrófagos ; IFN-■, interferón gamma; IL, interleucina; sCD14, CD14 soluble; sCD27, CD27 soluble; sgp130, glicoproteína soluble 130; sIL-2R ✓, receptor soluble IL-2; sIL-6R, receptor soluble IL-6; sTNF-R2, receptor soluble del factor de necrosis tumoral; TNF- ✓, factor de necrosis tumoral ✓ Ipha; CRP, proteína C reactiva.

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#### Castillo-Mancilla. Clin Infect Dis 2016

### Suboptimal cART Adherence is Associated with Higher Levels of Inflammation Despite HIV Suppression



Castillo-Mancilla. JAIDS 2018

# Suboptimal cART Adherence is Associated with Higher Levels of Inflammation Despite HIV Suppression

**TABLE 2.** Antiretroviral Adherence and Biomarkers of Inflammation, Coagulopathy, and CD8<sup>+</sup> T-Cell Activation 6 Months After Treatment Initiation in Study Participants Who Achieved an HIV VL of <400 Copies Per Milliliter and <40 Copies Per Milliliter

		Full Model For <400 co	opies/mL*	Full Model For <40 copies/mL*				
Biomarker	No.Percent Reduction For Each 10% Increase in Adherence†		95% CI P		No. Participants	Percent Reduction For Each 10% Increase in Adherence†	95% CI	Р
IL-6	247	-14.7	-21.0 to -7.9	<0.0001	121	-11.3	-20.9 to $-0.6$	0.040
D-dimer	251	-10.5	-18.3 to $-2.0$	0.017	125	-11.0	-21.5 to 1.0	0.070
K/T ratio	250	-3.0	-6.0 to 0.3	0.070	122	-2.6	-6.9 to 1.9	0.247
sCD14	251	-2.7	-5.0 to $-0.3$	0.028	124	-1.5	-4.6 to 1.9	0.382
% HLA-DR <sup>+</sup> / CD38 <sup>+</sup> CD8 <sup>+</sup> ‡	184	-1.2	-2.5 to 0.03	0.056	92	-1.1	-3.1 to 0.9	0.272
sCD163	251	-3.1	-6.8 to $0.8$	0.119	124	-7.4	-12.4 to $-2.0$	0.009

\*Adjusted for baseline biomarkers, age, gender, and baseline values of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell count, HIV VL, depression (yes/no), and alcoholism (yes/no).

<sup>†</sup>Percent change from baseline after 6 months of therapy.

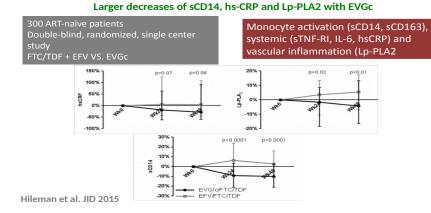
<sup>‡</sup>Absolute decrease in proportion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells that coexpress HLA-DR<sup>+</sup>/CD38<sup>+</sup> (not percent decrease).

K/T, Kynurenine/tryptophan; sCD14, soluble CD14; sCD163, soluble CD163.

# Is there a role of ART families on inflammation?

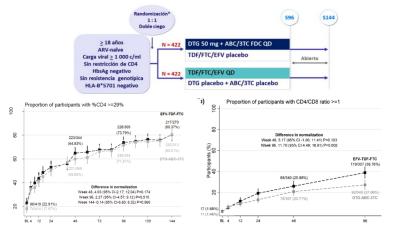
# To be Defined: Likely Stronger Effects of INSTI-based First-Line ART

#### Effects of Fist-Line EFV vs. EVGc in Monocyte Activation and Vascular Inflammation



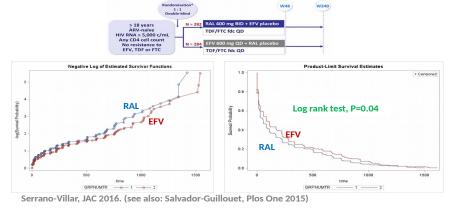
Hileman. JID 2015

### SINGLE: Effects of DTG+ABC/3TC vs. EFV/TDF/FTC on the CD4/CD8 ratio in treatment-naïve HIV-infected individuals

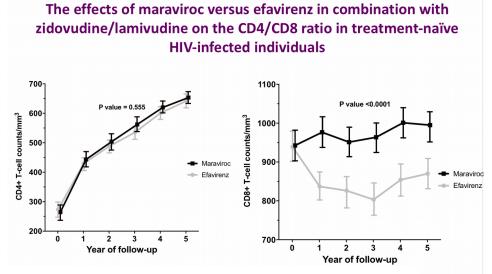


Blanco. Clin Mic Infec 2017

#### Raltegravir Normalized the CD4/CD8 Ratio Faster than Efavirenz in STARTMRK trial



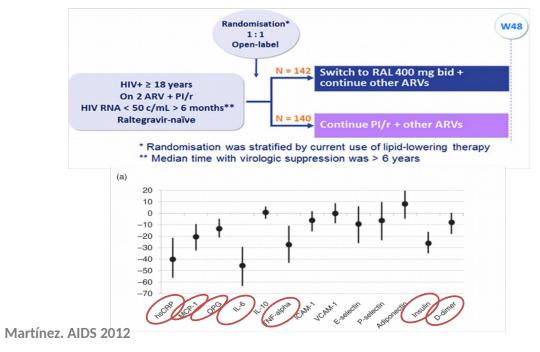
#### Serrano-Villar. JAC 2016



Serrano-Villar. Antimic Agent Chemother 2017

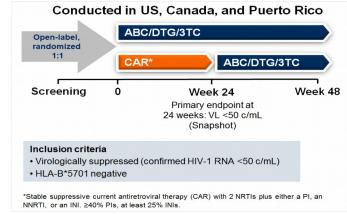
# ... and in Switching

# Impact of switching from PI to raltegravir on cardiovascular biomarkers



Inflammatory markers improved after swithching to raltegravir

### Effects on Inflammation of Switch to ABC/3TC/DTG in STRIIVING



C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), interleukin-6 (IL-6), D-dimer, soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule (sVCAM), soluble CD14 and CD163 (sCD14, sCD163), and intestinal fatty acid–binding protein (I-FABP) levels were measured as secondary endpoints

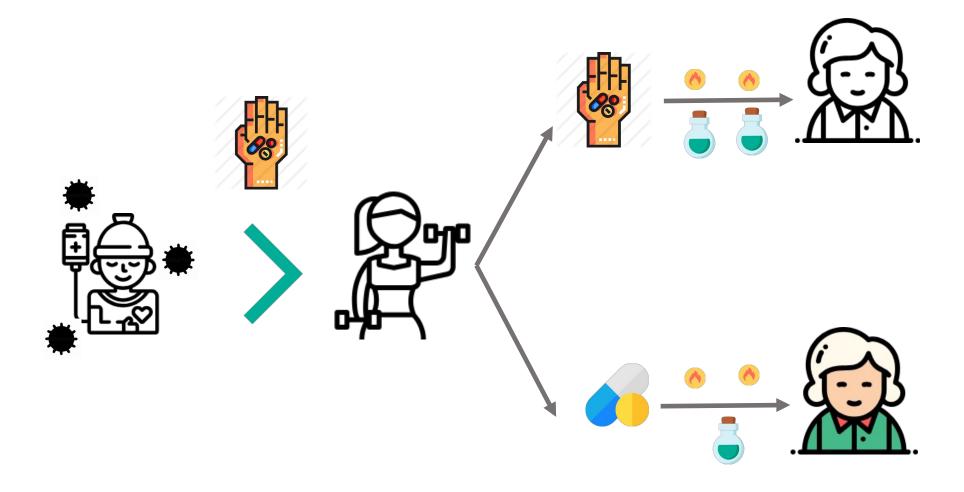
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Lake. CROI 2016

Martínez. AIDS 2012

# What do we know and what we don't know about the consequences of the number of antiretrovirals?

# **Rationale for Dual Therapy**







# The Ethics of Switch/Simplify in Antiretroviral Trials: Non-Inferior or Just Inferior?

Andrew Carr<sup>1,2</sup>\*, Jennifer Hoy<sup>3,4</sup>, Anton Pozniak<sup>5</sup>

### **Summary Points**

- The high efficacy of antiretroviral therapy has resulted in more trials that switch or simplify existing therapy in patients whose HIV is fully controlled.
- The primary outcome of about half of these trials is virological non-inferiority. As participants already have fully controlled HIV on existing therapy, these trials offer no virological benefit.
- Many trials (i) enrol patients who cannot benefit with the switch, (ii) do not capture (or report) all potential risks, and (iii) are designed with a view to a pharmaceutical company's profits rather than participant benefit.
- A switch/simplification trial is only ethical if participants can meaningfully benefit from the treatment change and are more likely to benefit than suffer harm, and if the study is powered to assess the key expected benefit and reports all end points.

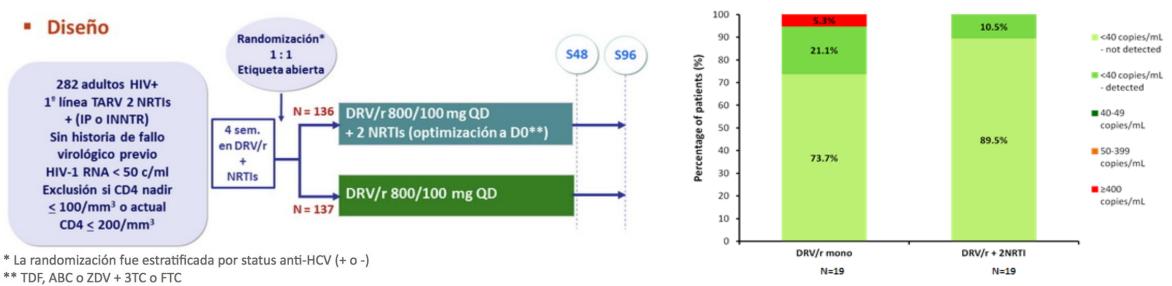
**Carr. Plos Medicine 2012** 

# MONOTHERAPY META-ANALYSIS Switch equals failure

Α	PI/r monoth	егару	Triple the	erapy	Risk Difference Risk Difference		Risk Difference
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% Cl	IV, Random, 95% Cl
OK Pilot	17	21	20	21	3.4%	-0.14 [-0.33, 0.05]	
KalMo	24	30	26	30	3.6%	-0.07 [-0.25, 0.12]	
KRETA	29	44	37	44	4.0%	-0.18 [-0.36, -0.00]	
Monarch	14	15	15	15	4.5%	-0.07 [-0.23, 0.10]	
MODAT	37	51	44	52	5.1%	-0.12 [-0.28, 0.04]	
MOST	23	29	31	31	5.3%	-0.21 [-0.36, -0.05]	
DREAM	63	98	69	97	7.3%	-0.07 [-0.20, 0.06]	
MONOI	66	112	79	113	8.1%	-0.11 [-0.23, 0.01]	
OK-04	77	100	76	98	9.2%	-0.01 [-0.12, 0.11]	
MONET	88	127	97	129	10.5%	-0.06 [-0.17, 0.05]	
KALESOLO	73	87	87	99	12.4%	-0.04 [-0.14, 0.06]	
PROTEA	118	137	129	136	26.5%	-0.09 [-0.16, -0.02]	
Total (95% CI)		851		865	100.0%	-0.08 [-0.12, -0.05]	•
Total events	629		710				
Heterogeneity: tau <sup>z</sup> =	0.00; $\chi = 7.19$	), df = 11	(P = 0.78)	; <i>1</i> ° = 0%	)	H	
Test for overall effect: Z = 4.62 (P < 0.00001) -0.5 -0.25 0 0.25 0.3							.5 -0.25 0 0.25 0.5
	-		-				Favours triple therapy Favours PI monotherapy

### "PI/r monotherapy showed a higher risk of plasma HIV-1 RNA elevations"

# PROTEA Study HIV-1 RNA in CSF samples at Week 48



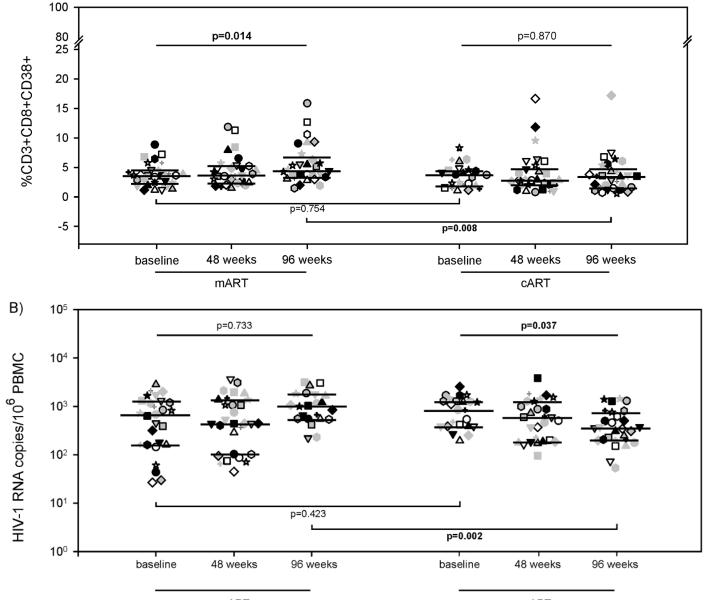
HIV-1 RNA in CSF samples at Week 48 for patients undetectable at baseline (<40 copies/mL – not detected)

There were 2 patients with HIV-1 RNA <40 copies/mL (target detected) at baseline in the CSF. Both patients had HIV RNA <40 copies/mL (target not detected) at Week 48.

 Dos pacientes en la rama monoterapia con CD4 nadir < 200/mm<sup>3</sup>desarrollaron viremia tanto en LCR como en plasma, con un caso sintomático.

Antinori. AIDS 2015

### Immune Activation in mART-treated and cART-treated patients

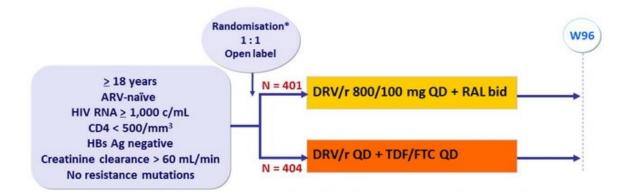


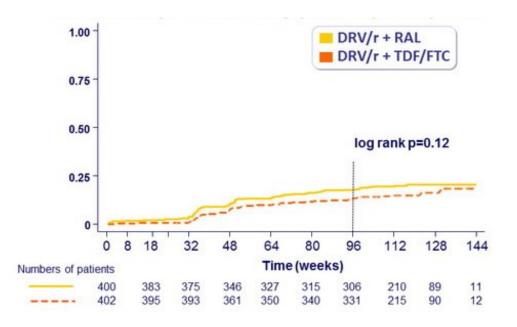
Petrara. PLoS One 2017

mART

cART

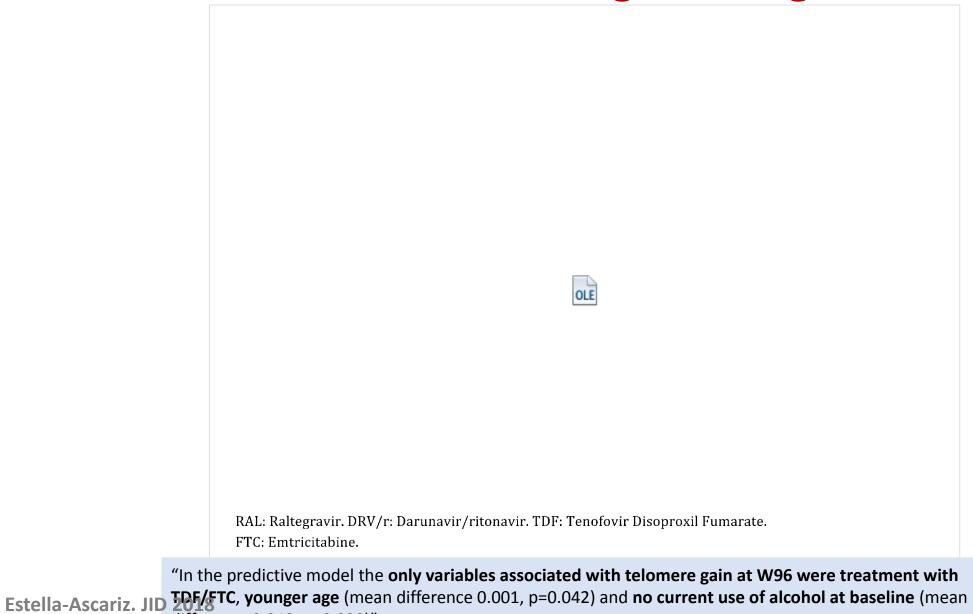
# NEAT 001/ANRS 143: DRV/r+RAL vs DRV/r+TDF/FTC





- DRV/ r + RAL was non inferior to DRV/ r + TDF/FTC for the composite primary endpoint based on clinical and virological failure
- The NtRTI -sparing strategy was less efficacious than the standard regimen in patients with CD4 cell count <200/mm<sup>3</sup> at treatment start.
- Despite a low rate of virological failure in both arms, emergence of resistance mutations was higher in the raltegravir group.

# **Telomere Length Change**



difference 0.048, p=0.038)"

# **Participant characteristics**

	RAL + DRV/r N=104	TDF/FTC + DRV/r N=97	p-value
<b>Age</b> , (yr) *	38.7 (10.4)	38.6 (10.8)	0.961
Female, n(%)	11 (10.6)	11 (11.3)	0.862
Smoking (Currently), n(%)	35 (33.7)	39 (40.2)	0.417
Alcohol use (Currently), n(%)	4 (3.8)	10 (10.3)	0.197
Time since HIV diagnosis (yr) *	2.2 (3.3)	2.0 (2.8)	0.699
Baseline HIV-1 RNA (log <sub>10</sub> cp/mL) *	4.7 (0.7)	4.7 (0.6)	0.729
HIV RNA < 50 copies/mL at week 96, n(%)	99 (95.2)	89 (91.8)	0.322
Median time to HIV RNA < 50 copies/mL, (weeks)	8 (4-12.6)	18 (9.4-24.1)	<0.001
CD4 Baseline (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )* CD4 Change (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )*	332.6 ± 133.3 265.52 ± 159.6	315.3 ± 122.2 253.40 ± 167.4	0.339 0.602
CD8 Baseline (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )* CD8 Change (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )*	948.2 ± 442.7 -123.9 ± 442.2	924.6 ± 500.2 -124.9.6 ± 350.4	0.507 0.987
CD4/CD8 Baseline* CD4/CD8 Change*	0.5 ± 0.8 0.4 ± 0.8	0.4 ± 0.2 0.4 ± 0.3	0.536 0.333
CD4/CD8 >0.4 at week 96, n(%)	94 (90.4)	83 (85.6)	0.558
CD4/CD8 >1 at week 96, n(%)	35 (33.7)	30 (30.9)	0.918

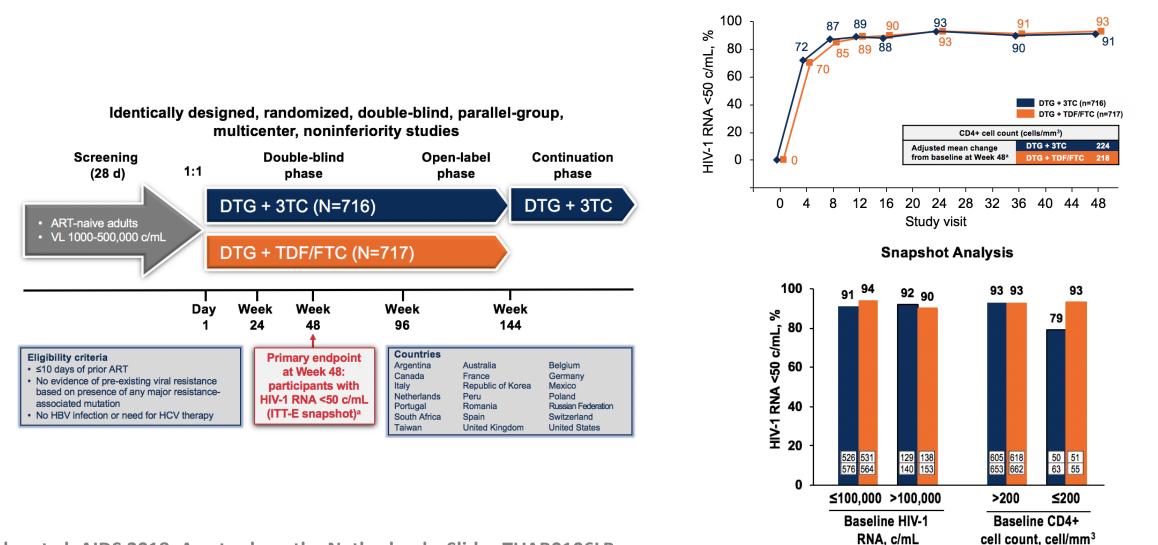
# **Telomere Length Change**

RAL: Raltegravir. DRV/r: Darunavir/ritonavir. TDF: Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate. FTC: Emtricitabine.

# **Telomere Length Change**



# GEMINI 1-2 DTG+3TC vs. DTG+TDF/FTC



DTG + 3TC

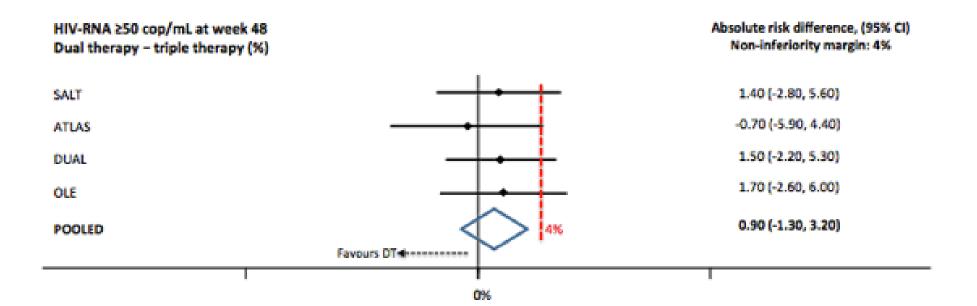
DTG + TDF/FTC

Cahn et al. AIDS 2018; Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Slides TUAB0106LB.

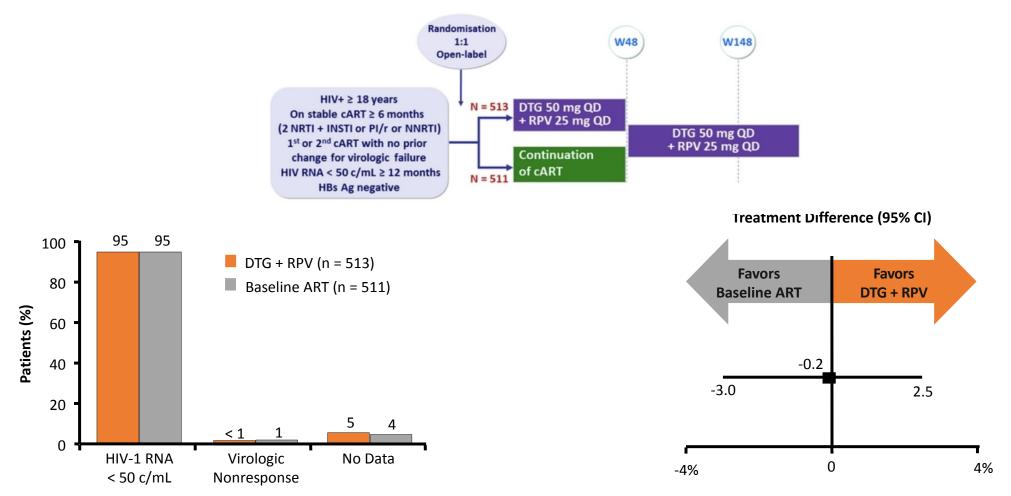
# **Individual Patient-Data Metanalysis of Dual Therapy RCT**

At 48w, 4% of patients on DT vs. 3.04% on TT had HIV-RNA ≥50 cop/mL

### Difference 0.9% (95%Cl, -1.3% to 3.2%)



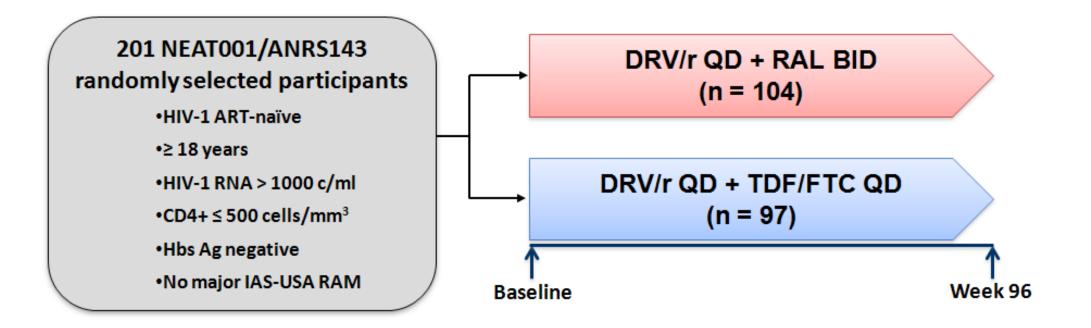
### SWORD 1 & 2: Switch From Suppressive ART to DTG + RPV in Patients With No Previous VF



Slide credit: <u>clinicaloptions.com</u> arv-trials.com

## Blood telomere lengths after FTC/TDF or RAL as First-Line ART in ANRS143/NEAT001

• 201 NEAT001/ANRS143 participants were randomly selected among those from whom stored blood samples were available (baseline and week 96).



## **SWORD Studies: Inflammation (Week 48)**

Table 3. Atherogenesis and Inflammation Biomarkers: Change From Baseline to Week 48 (Pooled SWORD Data)

	DTG + RPV			CAR	Week 48	
Biomarker	n	Mean (median [range])	n	Mean (median [range])	difference, DTG+RPV – CAR (95% CI)	
Inflammation						
C-RP, mg/L						
Baseline*	512	2.81	505	2.77		
Week 48	480	(1.3 [0.1, 34.4]) 0.11	482	(1.3 [0.1, 33.8]) 0.47	-0.36	
11000 40		(0.0 [-32.7, 40.3])		(0.0 [-31.1, 96.0])	(-1.2, 1.0)	
IL-6, ng/L						
Baseline*	512	2.19	503	2.25		
Week 48	478	(1.6 [0.4, 15.1])	480	(1.57 [0.3, 34.5]) -0.12	0.16	
WCCk 40	470	(-0.04 [-13.7, 25.8])	400	(-0.05 [-32.8, 13.6])	(-0.2, 0.4)	
Hypercoagulability		(		(	(	
D-dimer, nmoi/L FEU						
Baseline*	504	1.87	496	1.80		
Week 48	463	(1.2 [1.0, 51.8]) -0.01	466	(1.1 [1.0, 38.9]) -0.05	0.04	
Week 40	403	(0.0 [-19.9, 23.1])	400	(0.0 [-37.8, 16.4])	(-0.28, 0.34)	
Macrophage		(0.01 10.0, 20.1])		(0.0 [ 01.0, 10.4])	( 0.20, 0.04)	
activation						
sCD163, µg/L						
Baseline*	509	590.48	501	601.79		
Week 48	477	(537.7 [176.0, 2036.9]) 57.99	477	(555.4 [176.0, 1934.4]) 54.10	3.89	
Week 40	4//	(52.8 [-856.4, 1052.1])	4//	(26.0 [-999.6, 1434.2])	(-22.4, 206.3)	
Monocyte activation		(and count rearry)		(20.0 [ 355.0, 100.2])	( 22.4, 200.0)	
sCD14, ng/mL						
Baseline*	510	1703.31	502	1698.60		
		(1677.5 [50.0, 3688.4])		(1696.3 [50.0, 3381.8])		
Week 48	479	419.09 (363.7 [-1374.0, 3112.4])	479	778.15 (773.8 (~1571.3, 7569.21)	-359.06 (-451.7, 2325.5)	
Endothelial		[000.7 [=1014.0, 0112.4]]		(rra.o [=1arr.a, raoa.z])	( 401.7, 2020.0)	
dysfunction						
sVCAM-1, µg/L						
Baseline*	512	1933.50	503	1957.52		
Week (P	470	(1894.6 [478.3, 4066.6])	400	(1871.1 [776.1, 6106.9])	-55.00	
Week 48	479	-2.43 (-21.5 [-3006.4, 9596.4])	480	63.57 (16.1 [-3983.1, 7594.6])	-66.00 (-190.8, 4180.9)	
Fatty acid metabolism		( and energy several)		(init i second reading)	1	
FABP2, ng/mL						
Baseline*	512	2.97	501	2.92		
March 10		(2.3 [0.2, 23.7])		(2.37 [0.3, 19.3])		
Week 48	478	-2.13 (-1.5 [-22.1, 2.7])	478	-1.47 (-1.0 [-14.2, 4.7])	-0.66 (-0.9, 0.3)	
		active protein; FABP2, fatty ac				
		ation 14; sCD163, soluble clus			deviation;	
svGAM-1, soluble vascula	r aones	on molecule 1. Baseline value	es are ac	tuai values.		

"No consistent pattern of change from baseline to week 48 or differentiation between the dolutegravir-rilpivirine group and the CAR group was observed for the inflammatory or cardiovascular biomarkers: interleukin-6, C-reactive protein, soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule-1, soluble CD14, soluble CD163, fatty acid binding protein-2, and d-dimer (data not shown)".

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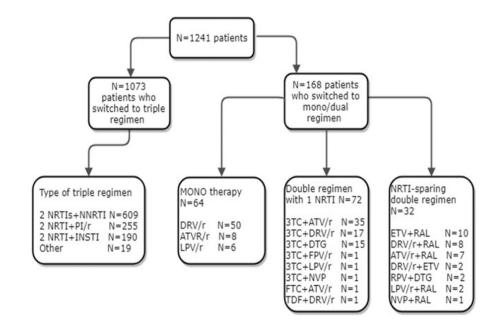
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### Switching to dual/monotherapy determines an increase in CD8+ in HIV-infected individuals: an observational cohort study

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### Beta coefficient from fitting linear regression models

#### End-point: change del CD4/CD8 ratio (log10), CD8, CD4 at <u>12 months</u>.

Every model is adjusted for: age, gender, mode of HIV transmission, Italian nationality, previous AIDS event, years of HIV infection, HCV co-infection, HIV-RNA and CD4 at cART initiation, CD4 and CD8 count at switch, reason for switch, months of viral suppression.

End-point: CD4/CD8 ratio (log10) change at 12 months	Beta	95% CI	P-value
Regimen after switch			
triple	ref		
mono/dual	-0.03	-0.06 -0.006	0.015
End-point: CD8 change at 12 months	Beta	95% CI	P-value
Regimen after switch			
triple	ref		
mono/dual	+89.7	+30.3 +149.1	0.003
End-point: CD4 change at 12 months	Beta	95% CI	P-value
Regimen after switch			
triple	ref		
mono/dual	-3.8	-39.7 +32.1	0.836

# Do we really need to routinize the treatment with less than three drugs?

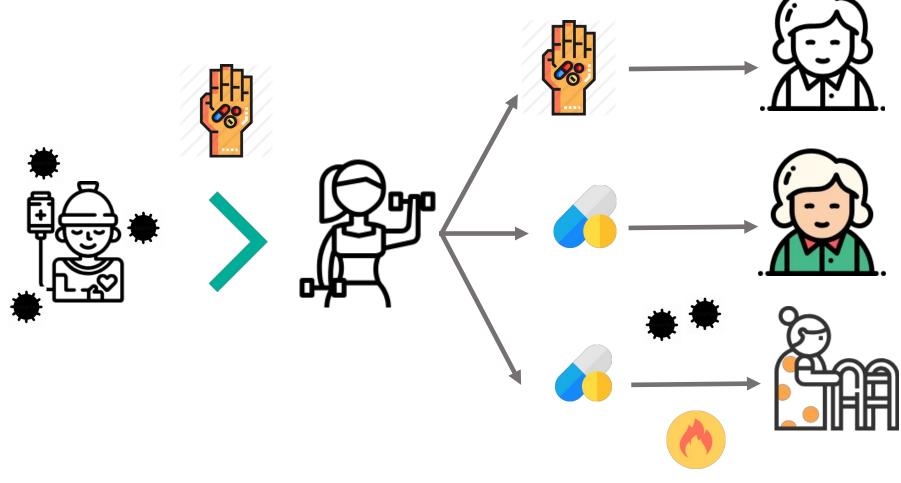
## **Current Nukes .....**

- Are highly convenient
  - Can be administered in fixed dose combinations (Kivexa<sup>®</sup>, Truvada<sup>®</sup>, Descovy<sup>®</sup>) or as a single tablet regimen (Atripla<sup>®</sup>, Eviplera<sup>®</sup>, Stribild<sup>®</sup>, Triumeq<sup>®</sup>, Odefsey<sup>®</sup>, Genvoya<sup>®</sup>)
  - At any time of the day
  - With no food or fluid requirements
  - With long half-lives and high permisiveness
  - Also in special situations (TB, pregancy, HBV,...)
- Have no significant interactions
- Have a favorable safety profile
- In triple ART protect against the development of mutations



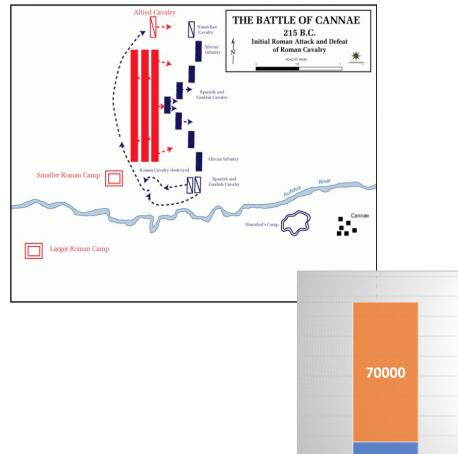
"It pains me to tell you this, but it ain't broke."

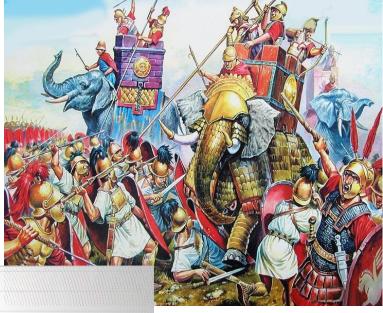
### Rationale for dual therapy benefits and risks

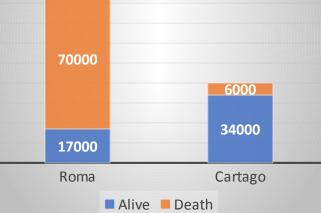


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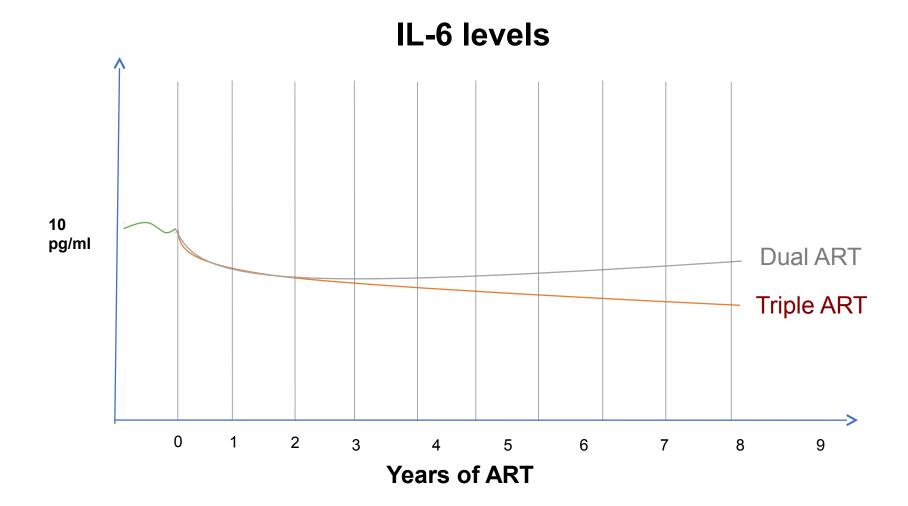
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### Barriers for the Comparison of Inflammatory Markers Dynamics Between Strategies



Sergio Serrano. Personal communication (Based on Wada. AIDS 2015)

### A Plethora of Uncontrolled and Unpowered Studies to Correlate ART with Inflammatory Markers

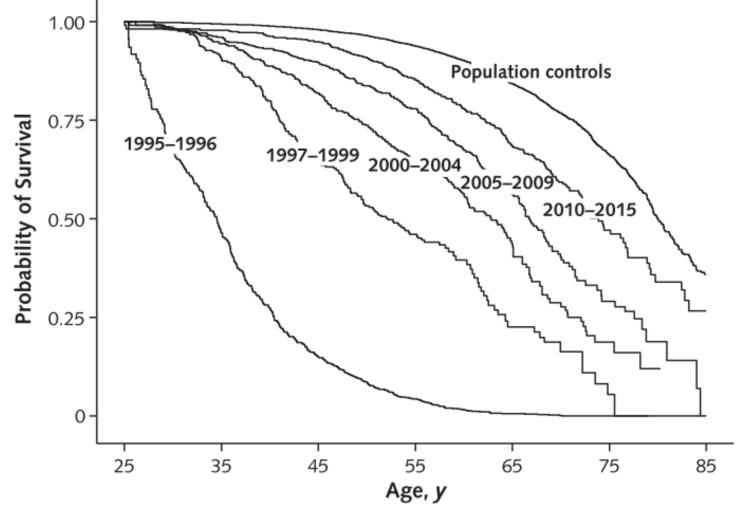
 Table 2
 Safety parameters, anthropometric measurements, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scan values and inflammatory markers at baseline and week 24

N=8	Baseline	Week 24	Mean change between baseline and week 24 (95% CI)	<i>P</i> -value
Immunological measurement CD4 count (cells/ul.) [mean (+ SD_median)]	800 (+ 380, 743)	842 (+ 349, 974)	28 (-100 +157)	0.6
"HIV-1 RNA remained undete	ctable in all sa	imples of bloc	od. cerebrospir	nal
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Weight (kg) [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	79.2 (± 14.3, 84.7)	85.3 (± 15.4, 87.5)	4.1 (+1.4, +6.9)	0.01
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	27.1 (± 4.6, 26.8)	28.5 (± 4.9, 28.3)	1.1 (+0.1, +2.0)	0.03
Waist/hip ratio [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	0.95 (± 0.09, 0.94)	0.95 (± 0.07, 0.97)	-0.01 (-0.09, +0.07)	0.8
Visceral adipose tissue (cm <sup>2</sup> ) [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	129.2 (± 76.4, 102.5)	124.1 (± 50.7, 115.5)	-15.7 (-61.9, +30.4)	0.4
Subcutaneous adipose tissue (cm <sup>2</sup> ) [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	223.4 (± 102.4, 223.4)	277.6 (± 117.4, 243.6)	32.2 (-13.1, +77.4)	0.1
Bone density measurements				
L1-L4 T-score [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	$-0.75~(\pm~0.98,~-0.45)$	$-1.07~(\pm~1.04,~-1.3)$	-0.13 (-0.50, +0.24)	0.4
L1-L4 T-score [mean (± SD, median)] "CONCLUSIONS: HIV-1 reserved monotherapy over a period of MCP1/CCL2 (pg/mL) [mean (± SD, median)]	voirs were we			0.
Insulin (UI/L) [mean ( $\pm$ SD, median)]	$267.4 (\pm 86.0, 265.0)$ 11.7 (± 6.6, 10.5)		,	
		62.4 (± 129.3, 15.3)	49.5 (-65.7, +164.7)	0.3

ALAT, alanine transaminase; BMI, bone mineral index; CI, confidence interval; hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; SD, standard deviation; TNF, tumour necrosis factor; MCP1/CCL2, monocyte chemoattractant protein 1.

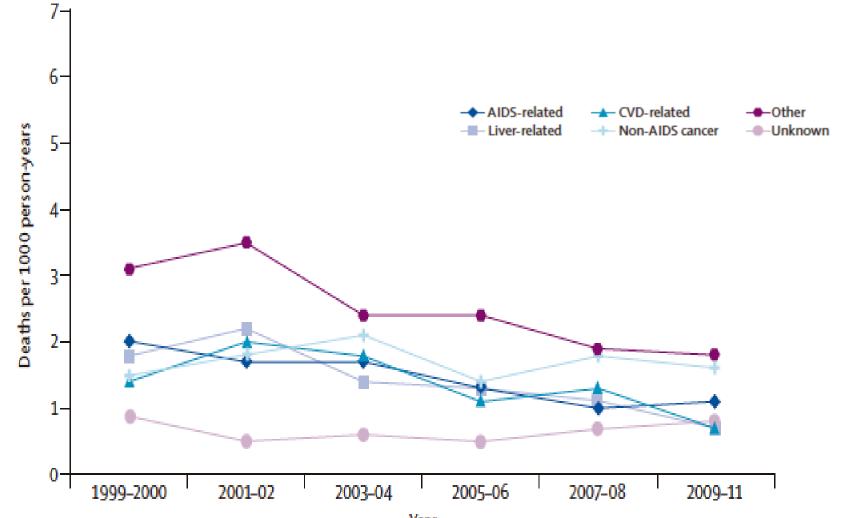
# Where do we stand after 22 years of triple ART?

# Higher survival in HIV-infected persons since the introduction of HAART (3DR)



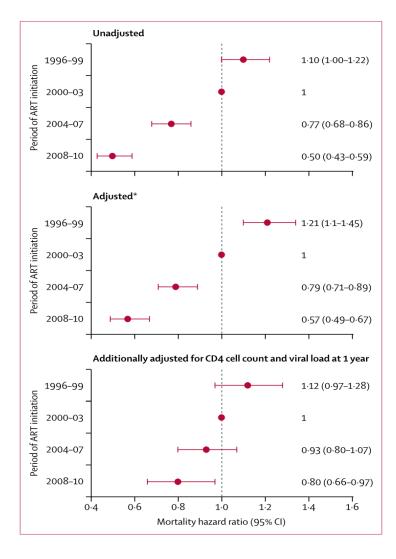
Lohse & Obels. Annals Intern Med 2016

# AIDS and even most non-AIDS events (CAD, liver) have slowly declined, even during the late ART era

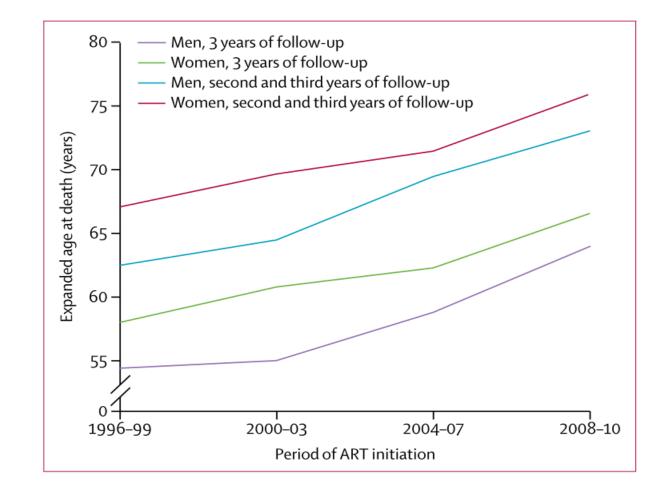


Smith C et al. Lancet 2014

## **Survival During the First 3 years of ART Continues to Improve**



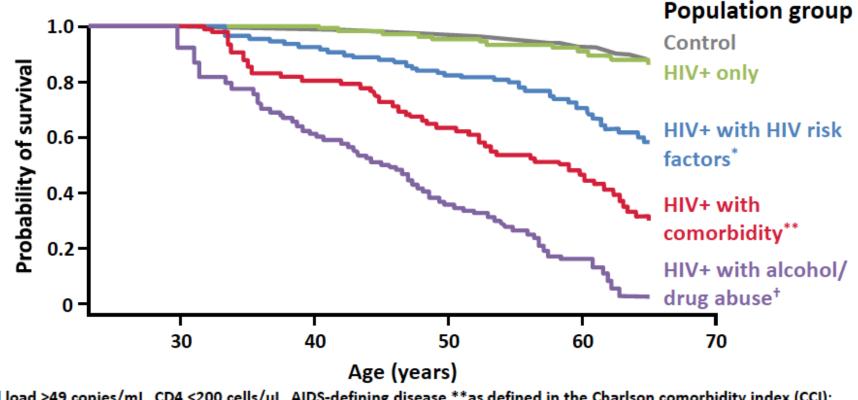
ART-CC (Trickey et al). Lancet HIV 2017



"Even in the late ART era, survival during the first 3 years of ART continues to improve, which probably reflects transition to less toxic antiretroviral drugs, improved adherence, prophylactic measures, and management of comorbidity".

## Normal Life Expectancy in People Living with HIV when Controlling for Risk Factors

Cumulative survival for HIV-infected patients starting HAART and persons from the general population



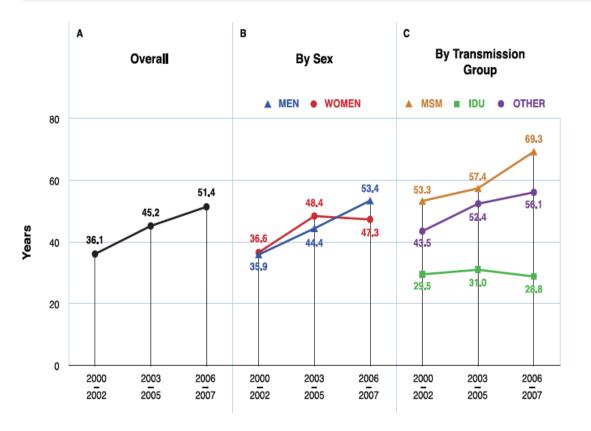
\* Viral load >49 copies/mL, CD4 <200 cells/yL, AIDS-defining disease \*\*as defined in the Charlson comorbidity index (CCI);</li>
 † Drug abuse reported as route of HIV transmission

Obel. Plos One 2011

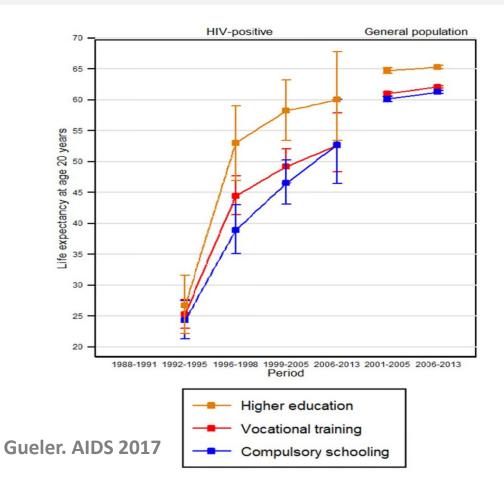
Obel N et al. PLoS ONE 2011;6(7):e22698

## Life-Expectancy Could be Already Comparable to the General Population

NA-ACCORD: Mid-point life expectancy estimates at age 20 years



### Normal life-expectancy in higher educational level in HIV-infected subjects



Samji H. PLOS ONE. 2013

### Hay dúos... y dúos





Y hay tríos... y tríos





## Conclusions

### Monotherapy

### Inferior

- Higher rates of virologic failure.
- Important proof of concept showing the risks of decreasing the number of drugs/nukesfree therapies.



### **Dual therapy**

Promising, but still lots of unknowns

- Non-inferior for VL suppression in switching and ART initiation (one study)
- Non-inferior for AE in switching.
- Unknown long-term effects on residual replication and inflammation.
- Unknown long-term effects on prognosis



### **Triple therapy**

### **Still standard**

- Has allowed to nearly life expectancy.
- Need to compare the differences on surrogate markers of non-AIDS events with dual therapy.



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