



# XVII CURSO EN AVANCES EN INFECCIÓN VIH Y HEPATITIS VIRALES

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## El impacto de la robustez de la terapia antirretroviral en la práctica clínica.

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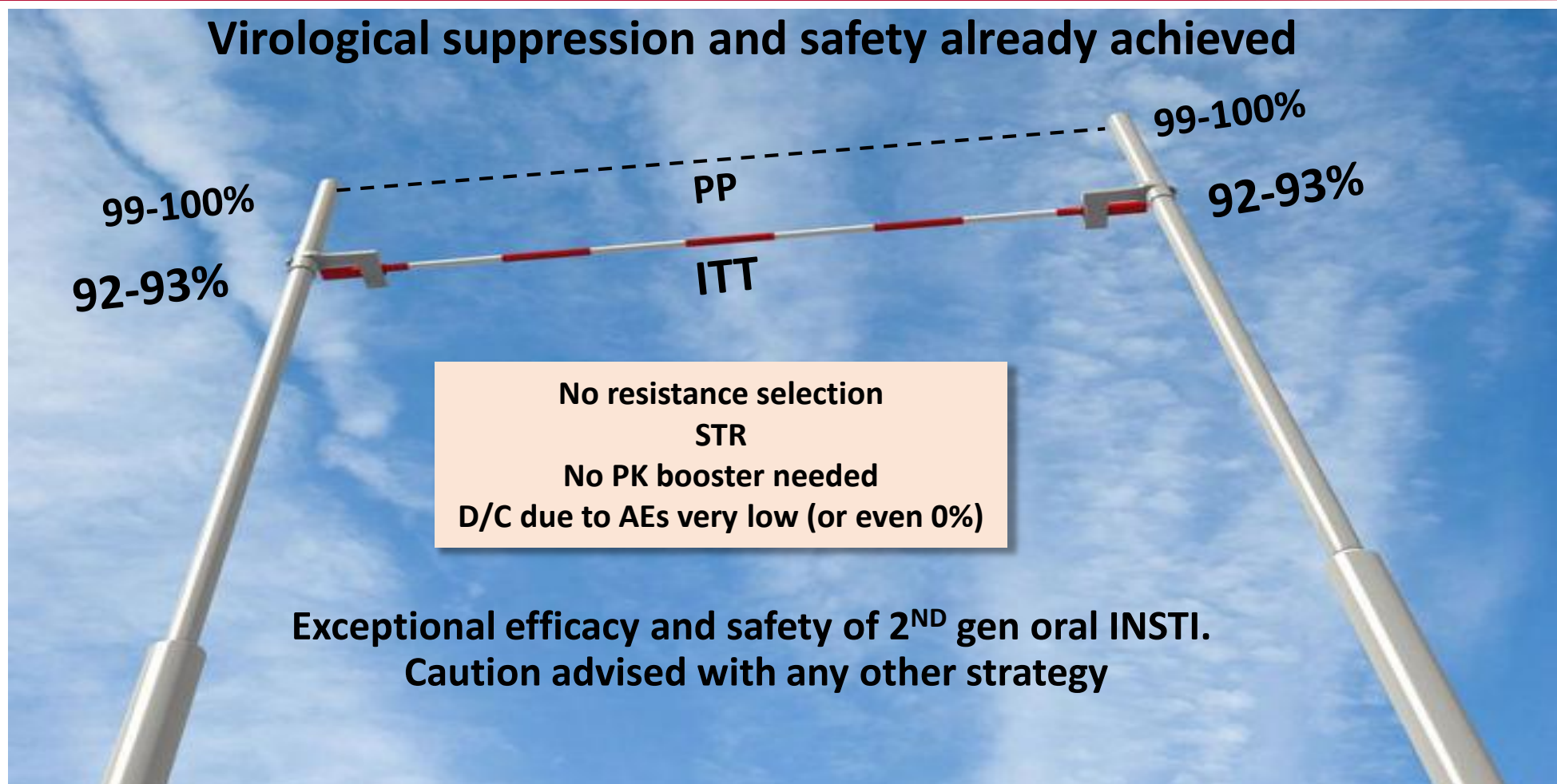
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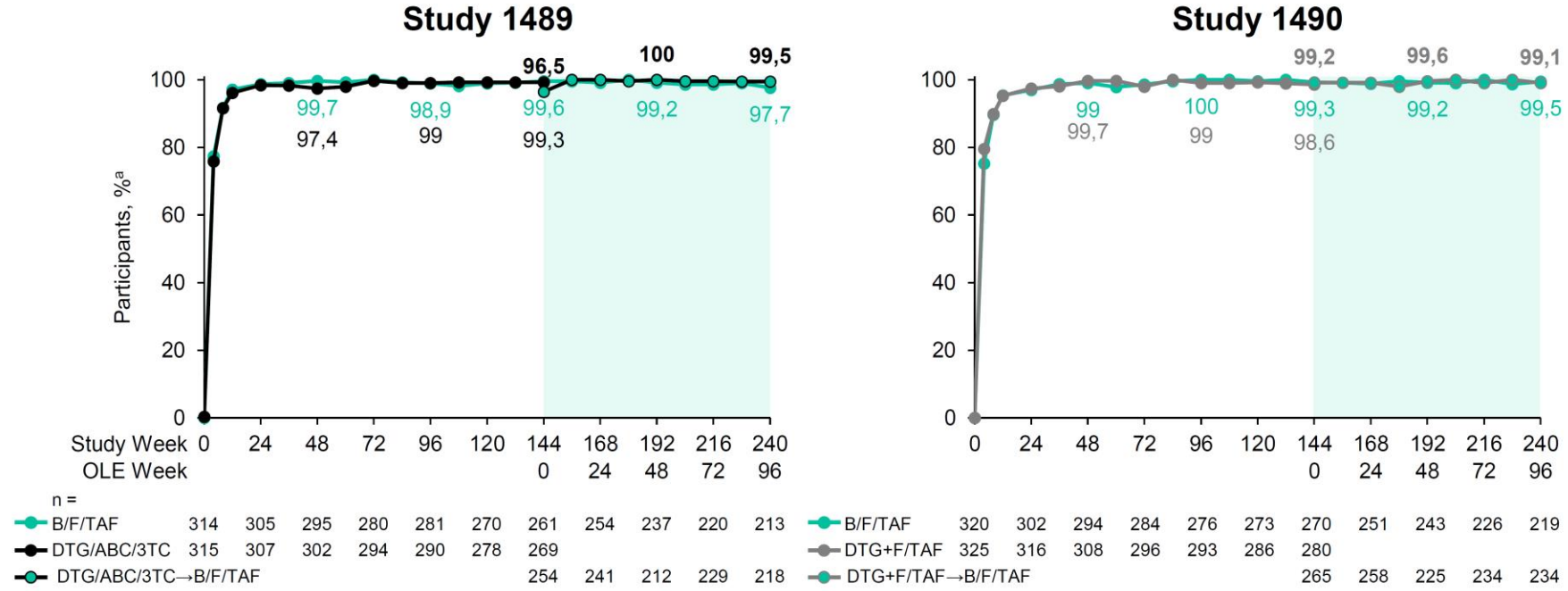
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- Soy miembro del panel de Guías de TAR en GeSIDA.

# In the 2<sup>ND</sup> gen INSTI era the bar of ART efficacy is really high: Advantages & limitations.



Snapshot ITT (-PP) efficacy in **initial ART** in phase 3 RCTs, **48 weeks**, VL <50 copies/mL. **BIC/F/TAF vs DTG/ABC/3TC (n=629)**

# Virologic Outcomes Through Week 240/OLE : HIV-1 RNA < 50 Copies/mL (M = E)



## Barrera frente a la resistencia: una característica favorable de un régimen en cualquier situación.



“El desarrollo de resistencia a antiretrovirales del VIH es un **efecto adverso en gran parte irreversible**, que condiciona las opciones futuras de tratamiento.”

- Con una correcta **elección de la pauta de TAR** podemos minimizar o incluso evitar su aparición.
- **Su importancia a menudo está infravalorada** en guías de TAR y en los propios ensayos clínicos por escasa regulación de las agencias del medicamento en la definición de PDVF, qué muestras y de qué participantes se van a genotipar.

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- 1. ¿Qué es la barrera frente al desarrollo de resistencias de un fármaco/régimen y en que características se basa?.**
  - 2. Qué importancia tiene en la prescripción clínica?**

# Barrier to resistance and resistance selection in RCTs



*Easily seen, difficult to understand*

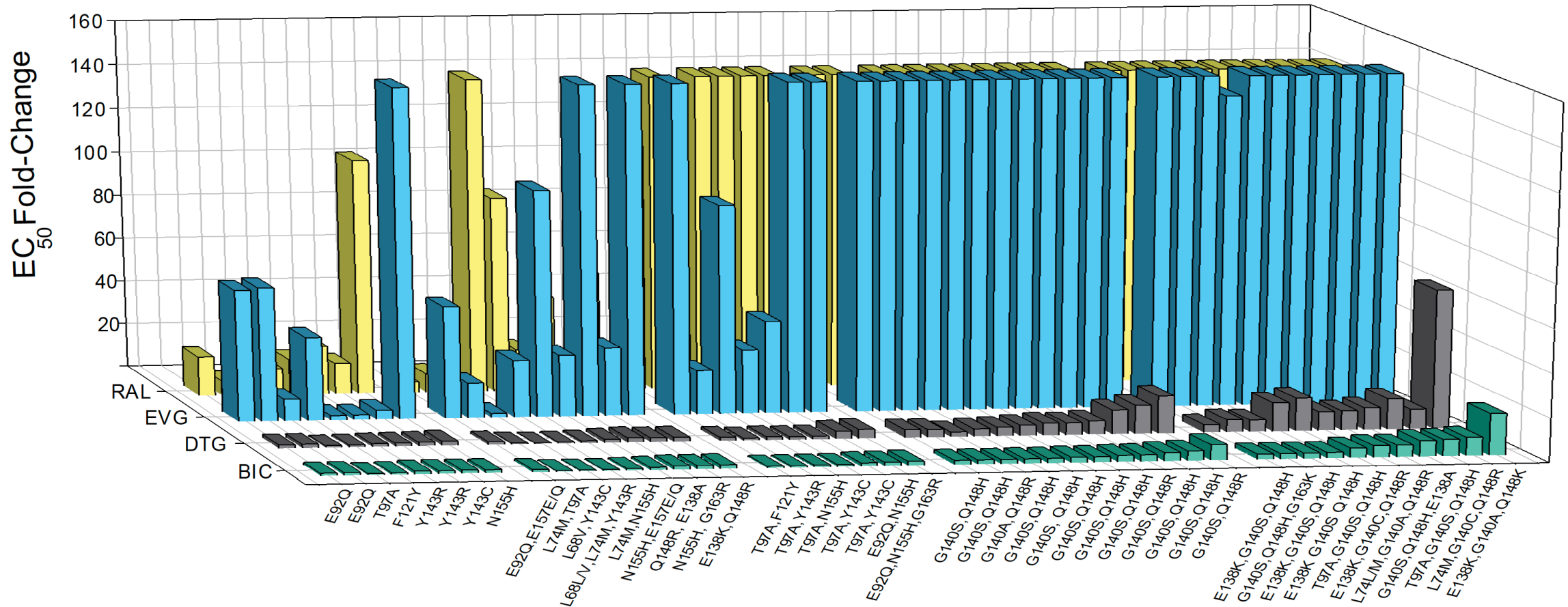
= **Barrier that a treatment exerts against HIV-1 to prevent the development of resistance to the drug/regimen... when virological suppression fails**

- **PK/PD Barrier: IQ** ( $n \text{ times } C_{\min} > EC_{90}$ ), intracellular levels, stable PK, homogeneous PK of components
- **Intrinsic barrier to resistance:** how resistance appears through *in vitro* passage, and impact of every isolated mutation into phenotypic resistance
- **Drug design: Stability of the attachment to the receptor pocket, dissociation rate** (among others)
- **Cross-resistance degree:** Differentiation against common pathways of resistance to others drugs in the class

**Clinical data:** Triple ART, mono/dual therapy, ART-naïve/switch

- Anyway, reported resistance with ANY ART is very low in RCTs (<1% at 48 weeks)!
- A drug with a very low barrier to resistance can have a high efficacy (i.e. EFV)

# Activity of BIC against Against Patient Isolates with INSTI-Resistance



No single primary INSTI-R or Primary + Secondary INSTI-R display resistance against BIC.  
 BIC shows improved resistance profile than DTG, RAL, and EVG against a number of patient-derived isolates with high-level INSTI resistance – particularly for E92Q+N155H or Q148R/H/K+G140A/C/S in IN.



# Dissociation time of INSTI

	RAL	EVG	DTG	BIC
<b>Human Plasma Half-Life</b>	9 hours	8.7 hours	14 hours	18 hours
<b>WT IN-DNA Dissociation Half-life, hours</b>	5.2	1.5	16	38
<b>G140S/Q148H IN-DNA Dissociation Half-life, h</b>	--	--	0.65	2.5
<b>G140S/Q148H Mean Fold Change vs WT</b>	>143	>150	7.6	3.4

P<0.001

# ONCEMRK: Resistance Testing in PDVF

- 6.8% of subjects in each treatment group had PDVF (VL >40 c/mL X 2)
- Resistance testing required VL at least 500 c/mL.
  - RAL QD group: 14 subjects tested, 9 had no resistance or failed testing (...n=
    - 5 (0.9%) had documented resistance (including RAL resistance in 4)
    - All with CD4 <200 cells, most with VL >100.000 c/mL.

	Failure Type/Time	RAL	FTC	TDF	Comments
1	NR / wk 24	V151I, N155H	M184V	-	
2	NR / wk 24	N155H	M184M/I/V	-	BL RNA >10 <sup>6</sup> , CD4 <20 Resistance test wk 48
3	NR / wk 24	L74M, E92Q	M184V	-	BL RNA >10 <sup>6</sup> , CD4 <20
4	RB / wk 16	N155H, I203M	M184V	-	Resistance test wk 36
5	RB / wk 24	-	V118I, M184M/I/V	-	Resuppressed

NR = non-response, RB = rebound.

- RAL BID group: 3 subjects tested – 2 had no resistance; 1 failed all testing

Resistance rates in other large RAL BID studies (STARTMRK, ACTG 5257): 2-3% for any resistance and 1.4-1.8% for Integrase resistance.

# Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents with HIV

Update 3 June 2021



Developed by the DHHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents – A Working Group of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC)

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## Changes Since the Last Revision of the Guidelines

Since the last revision of these guidelines, the Panel has made several important changes to the recommendations for initial therapy in people with HIV. Among these changes, the following deserve emphasis:

- Raltegravir (RAL), in combination with FTC or 3TC and TDF or TAF, is now recommended as an *Initial Regimen in Certain Clinical Circumstances*. This change is made primarily because RAL has a lower barrier to resistance than DTG or bictegravir (BIC), it is not part of any single-tablet regimen (STR), and RAL-containing regimens have a higher pill burden than those containing DTG or BIC.

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**IAS-USA October 2020:** Raltegravir-containing regimens have a higher pill burden (3 pills per day) and a lower barrier to resistance.

JAMA 2020; doi:10.1001/jama.2020.17025.

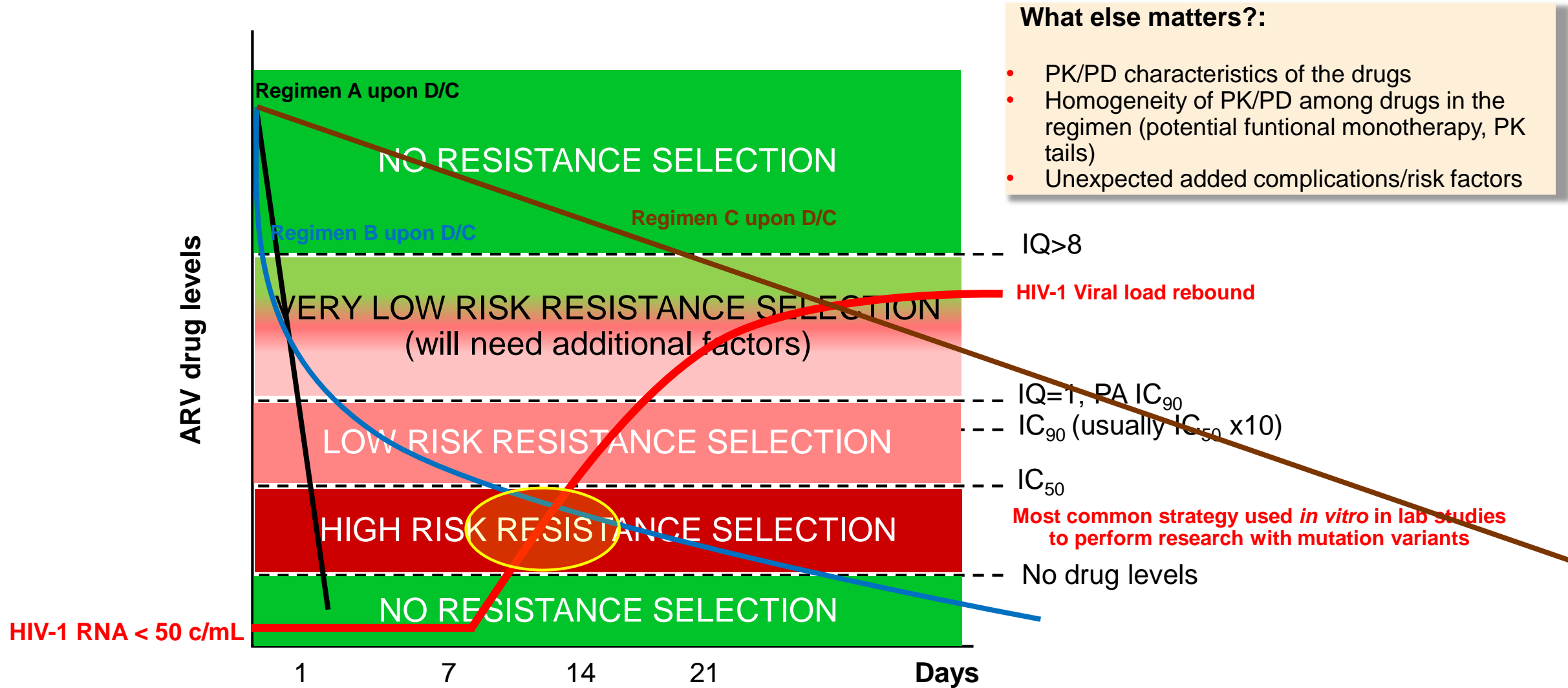
# BIC/F/TAF, DTG + F/TAF or DRV/c/F/TAF positioning in ALL treatment guidelines

- **Preferred regimen in ALL guidelines with no restrictions or caveats (BIC/F/TAF).**
  1. Specifically recommended in **immediate ART initiation.**
  2. Specifically recommended in **low-level viremia.**
  3. Specifically recommended in **subjects infected on PrEP with TDF/FTC.**
  4. Specifically recommended in **switch in subjects with archived NRTI resistance.**

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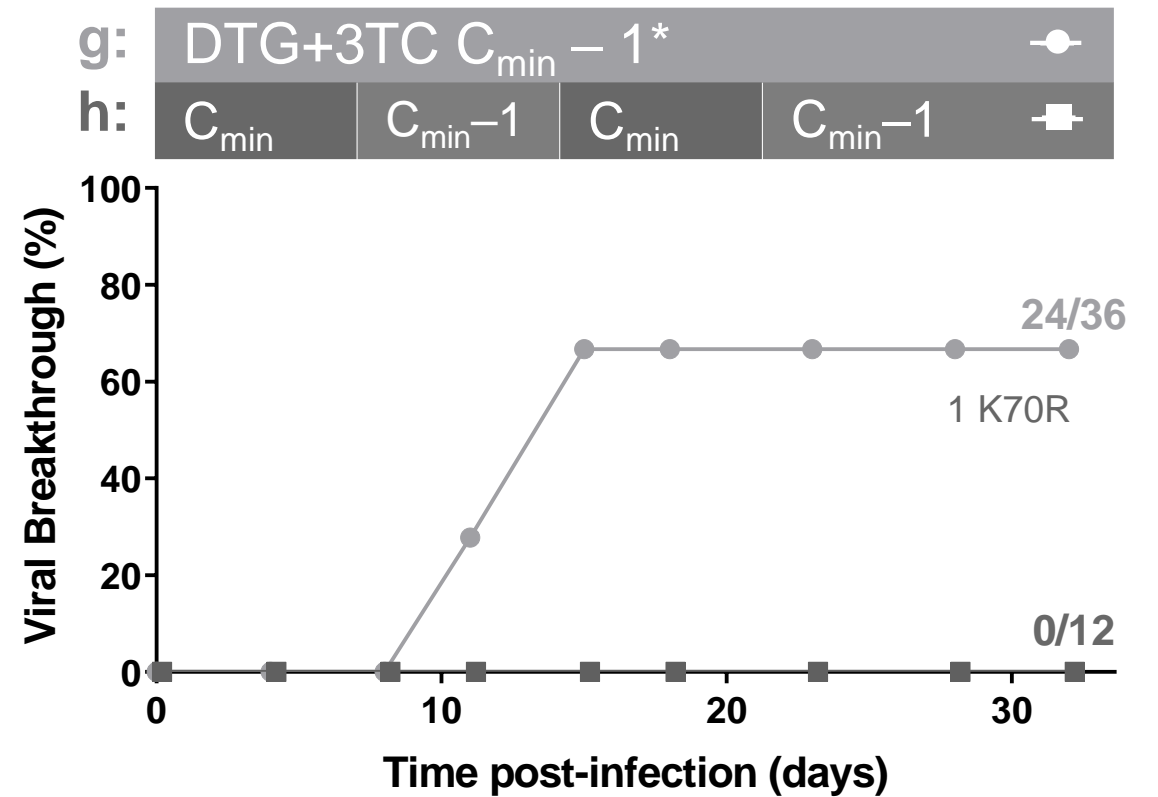
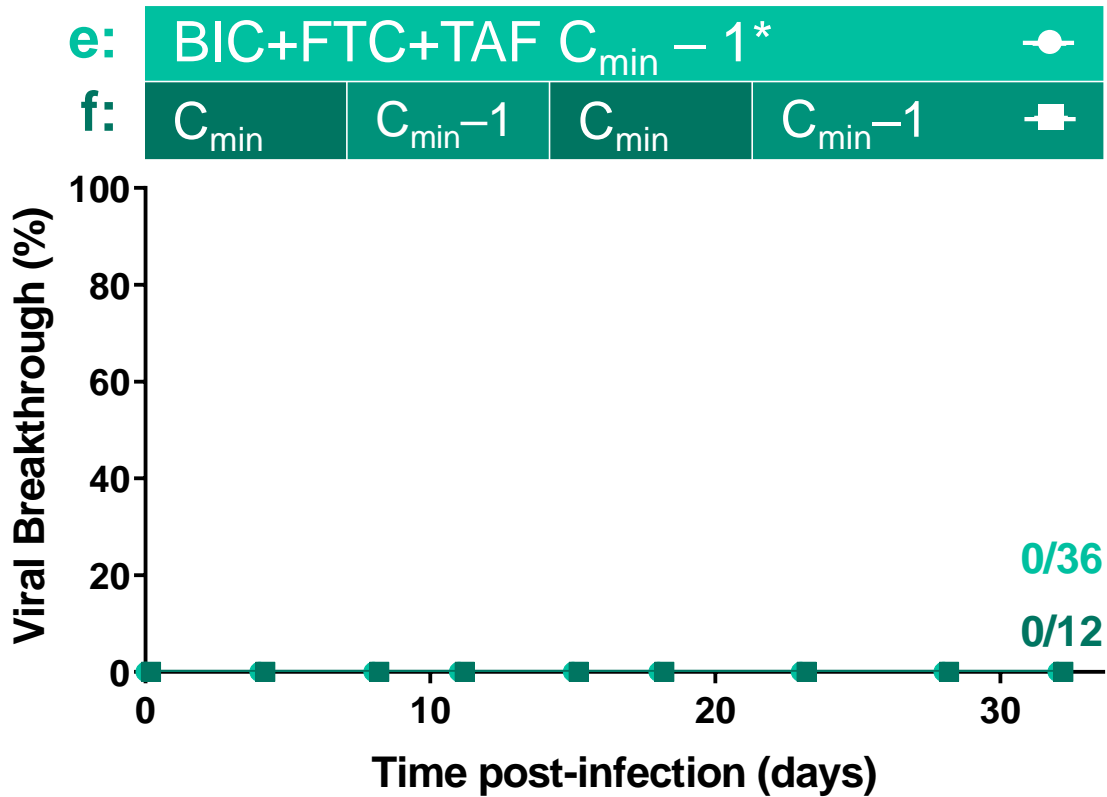
**2. ¿Qué importancia tienen los datos *in vitro*?**

# Resistance selection: Everything relies on the IQ (Drug levels/MIC), the mutational potential of a given microorganism and the impact of every mutation



# PK mimicking every other day non-adherence

## Time to Viral Breakthrough: $C_{min} - 1$ , Constant and Alternating



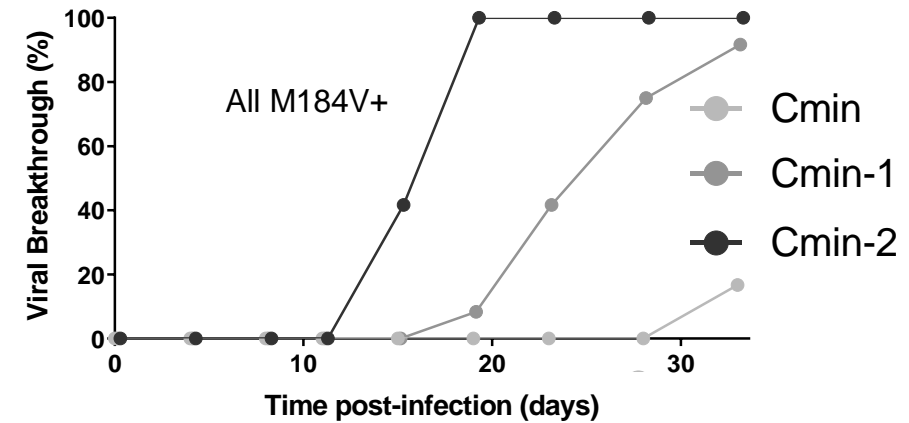
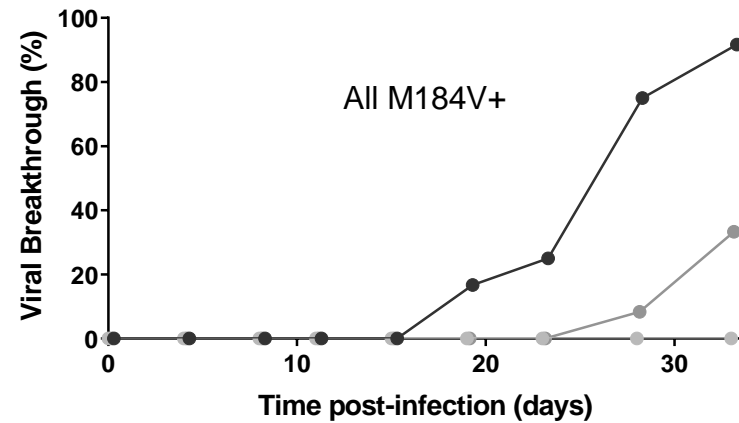
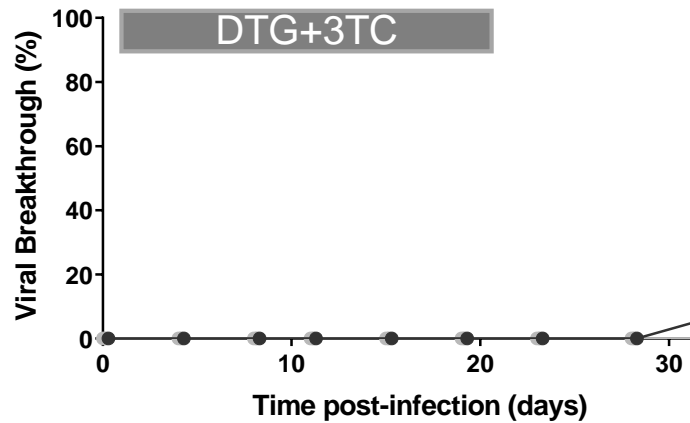
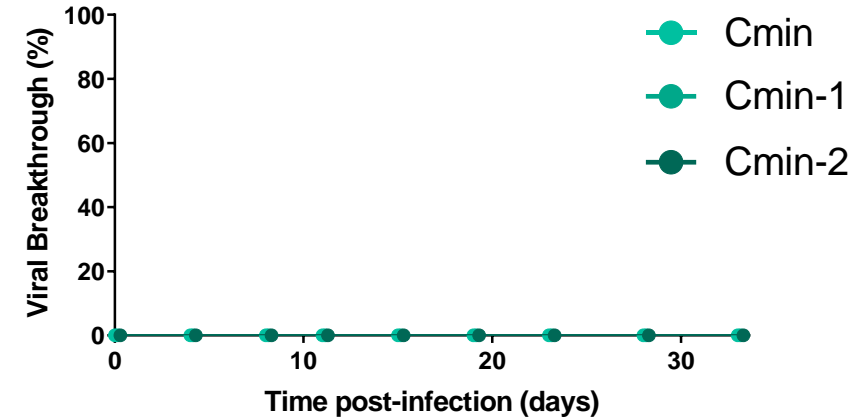
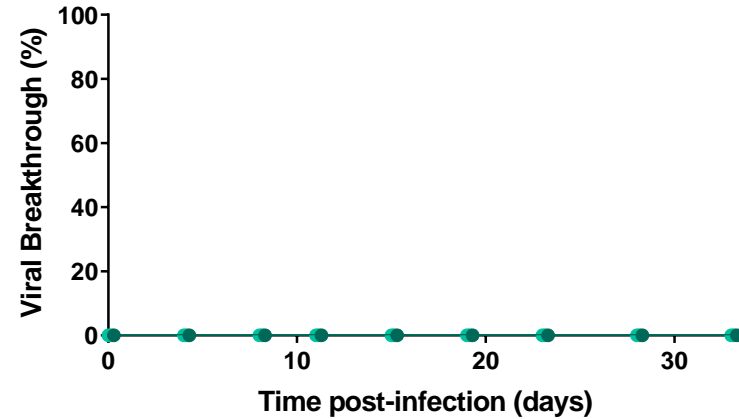
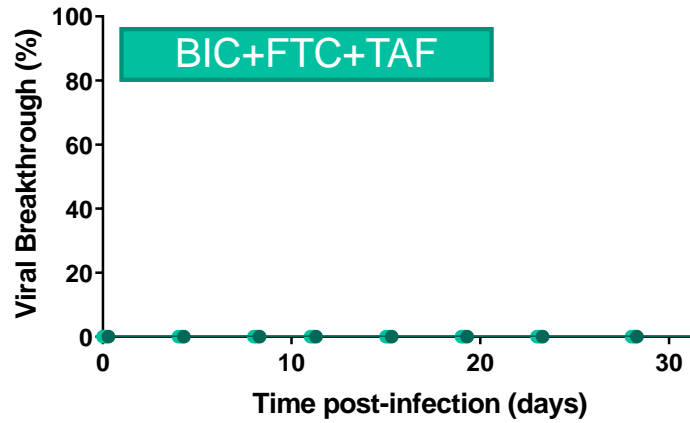
1 K70R in RT

# Time to Viral Breakthrough: impact of Low Level M184V

WT LAI

0.4% M184V LAI

4% M184V LAI

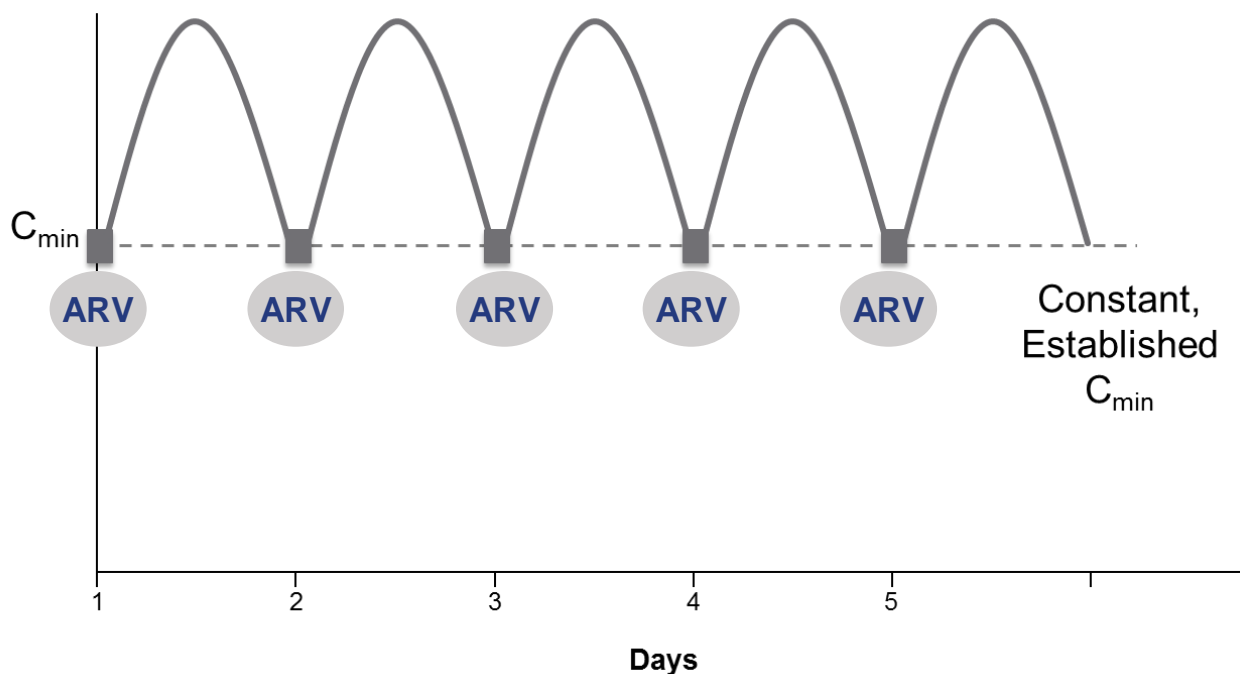




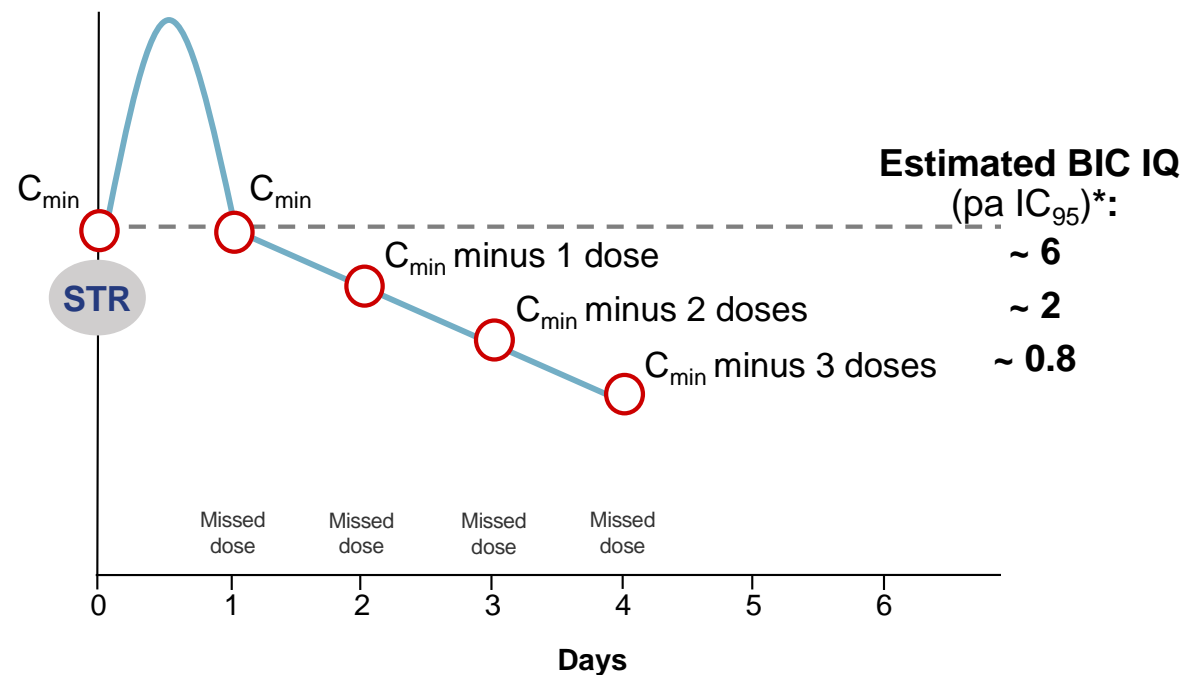
## Exploring the antiviral activity at low drug *in vitro* concentrations

- Missing ARV doses results in a predictable decrease of systemic exposures to each drug in the regimen based on its established clinical half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )

### Optimal Adherence

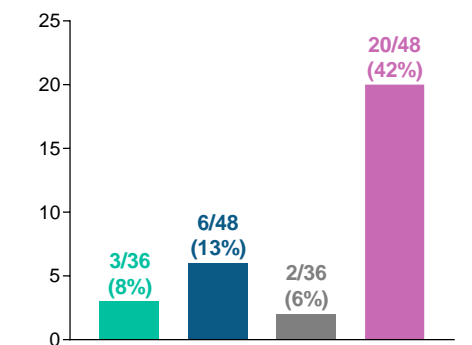
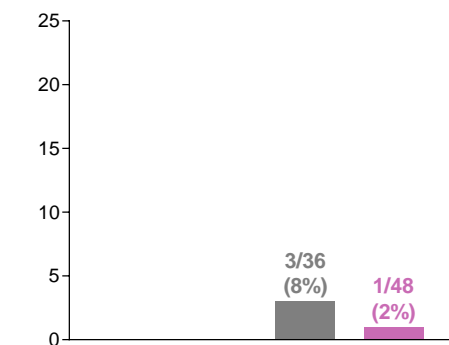
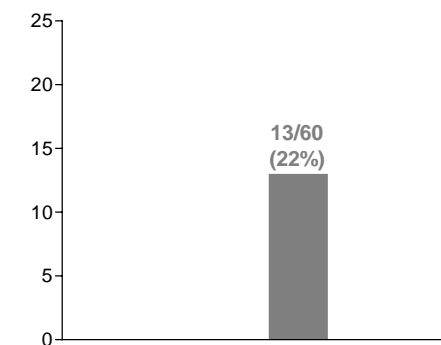
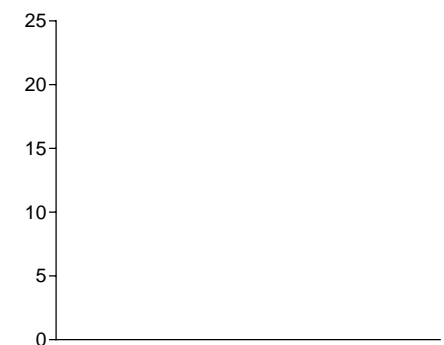
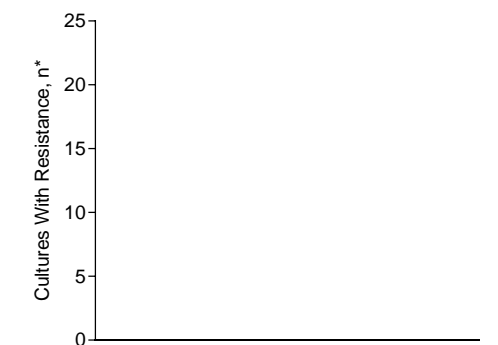
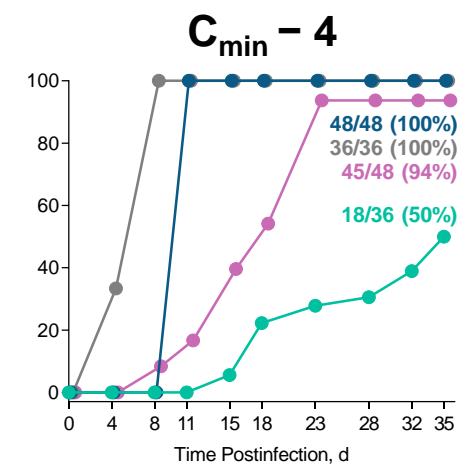
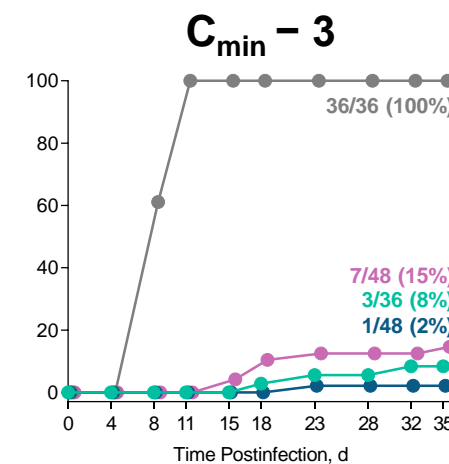
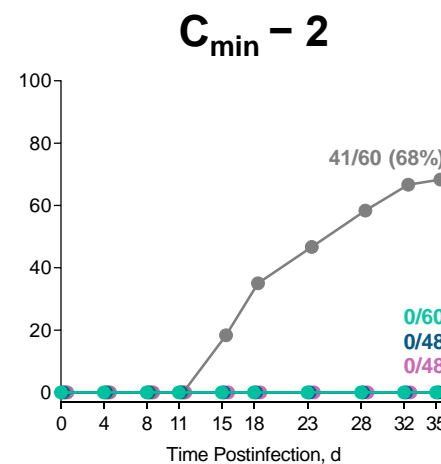
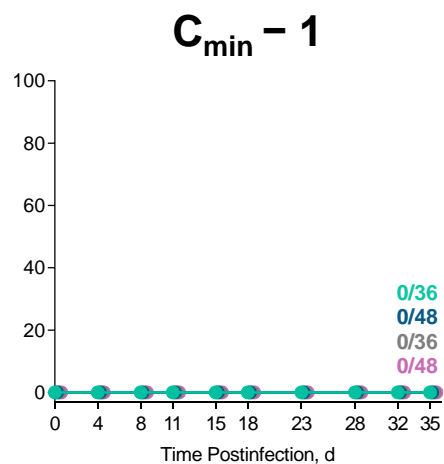
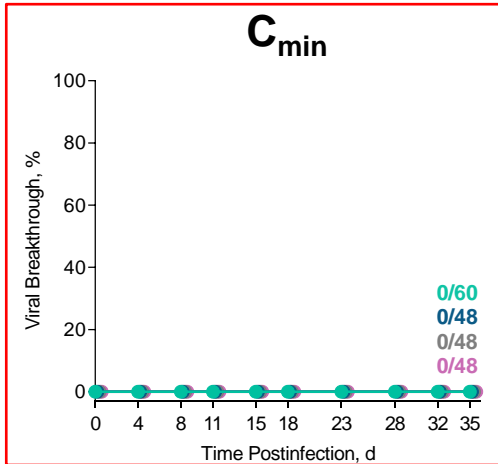


### With 1 – 3 Consecutive Missed Doses



# Results: Time to Viral Breakthrough with low drug concentrations.

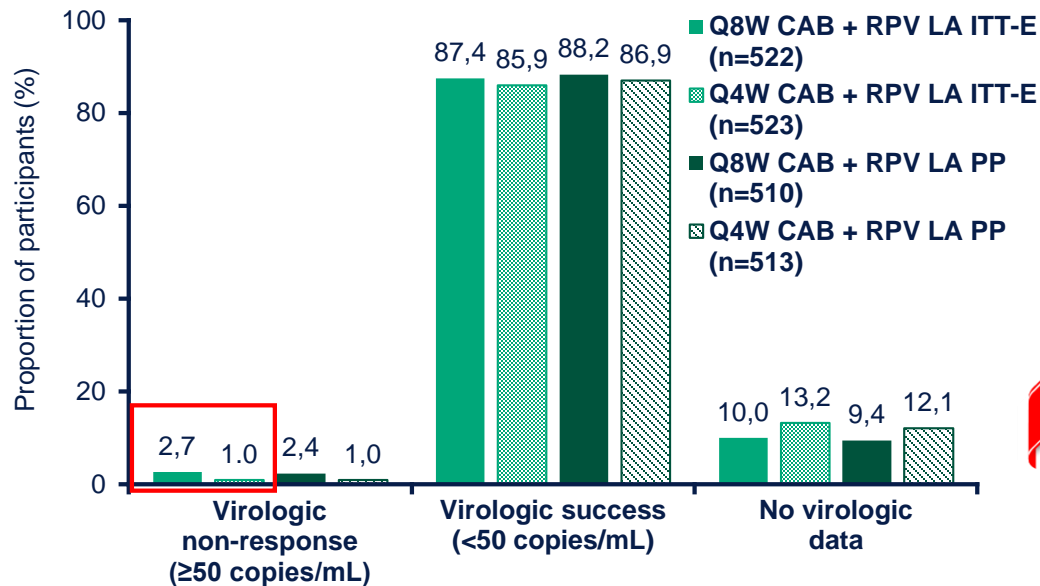
■ BIC+FTC+TAF   ■ DTG+FTC+TAF   ■ DTG+3TC   ■ DTG+RPV



Emergent Resistance Substitutions

RT		4 M184V/I 3 V75I	1 M230I	2 M184I   1 K219R	2 M230I 3 K101E 1 H221Y 4 E138K 1 V90I 1 V90I+V106I+E138K
IN		1 L74M 2 G140E/R 1 S153F 2 E157K	1 V72A 1 L74M 1 L74M+S153F	1 G163R   1 H51Y   1 R263K 1 S153F   1 L74M 2 Q148R   +R263K	1 R263K 1 M50I 1 S153F 1 G163R
RT+IN				1 M184V(RT)+Q95R(IN)	1 Y181C(RT)+H51Y(IN) 1 E138K(RT)+H51Y(IN) 1 E138K(RT)+Q95R(IN) 1 E138K(RT)+A128T(IN)

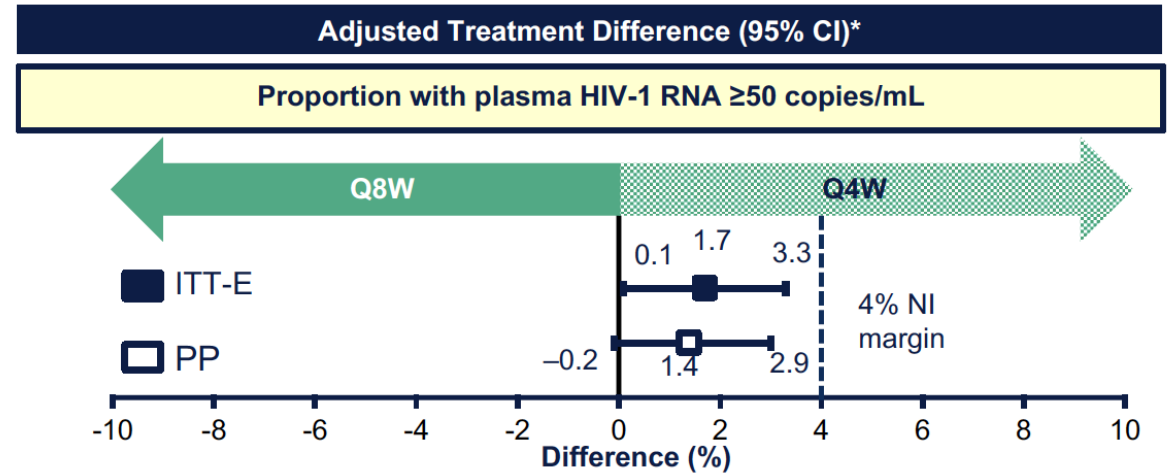
# ATLAS-2M: LA CAB+RPV Q4 or Q8W Virologic Outcomes at Week 152



Through Wk 152, 13 participants had CVF:

- Q8W, n = 11 (+1)♦ (2,7%)\*; p=0.0075, **OR 5.4.**
- Q4W, n = 2 (0,5%)\*

\* Participants reaching week 152 (excluding D/C for “other reasons” or AE/death): n=452  
♦ An additional participant had a non-protocol-defined virologic failure at Week 48 (Q8W)



**NEW**

## Most CVF:

- In first 48 weeks.
- **Have high-level NNRTI and INSTI resistance.**
- **CAB & RPV administered within window period.**
- Only 50% have ≥2 baseline factors (proviral RPV RAMs, HIV-1 subtype A6/A1, BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), associated with increased risk of failure.
- L74I has greater *in vitro* fitness but does not explain the resistance pathway by itself \*\*
- Nearly all achieved viral resuppression on a bDRV regimen.

# SOLAR Study. Participants With Confirmed Virologic Failure (CVF)

Participants With CVF in the mITT-E Population									
Sex at birth, country	Baseline BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	HIV-1 subtype at baseline	Viral load at SVF/CVF (copies/mL)	RPV RAMs observed at baseline (proviral DNA)	INI RAMs observed at baseline (proviral DNA)	RPV RAMs observed at failure (viral RNA)	INI RAMs observed at failure (viral RNA)	Phenotypic resistance (fold-change) to RPV/CAB	SVF timepoint (month)
Male, Italy*	21.5	B	1327/1409	None	None	M230L	Q148R	3.2/3.1	6
Male, Spain			6348/419	None	G140G/R	K101E	G118R	1.9/8.4	11
Participant With CVF in the ITT-E Population <sup>‡</sup>									
Male, United States			3797/928	Assay failed	Assay failed	E138E/K + Y181Y/C	None	4.2/assay failed	3

0.7% vs 1.5% in ATLAS-2M\*

- Two (0.4%) participants receiving CAB + RPV LA in the mITT-E population, and one additional participant receiving CAB + RPV LA in the ITT-E population, met the CVF criterion through Month 12
  - Two of the participants had on-treatment RPV and/or INI RAMs (genotyping for third participant failed at baseline)
- No participants in the BIC/FTC/TAF arm met the CVF criterion through Month 12

\*Prior to enrolling in the study, the participant received BIC/FTC/TAF, and after discontinuation re-suppressed on DRV/c/FTC/TAF during long-term follow-up. †Prior to enrolling in the study, the participant had received dolutegravir/lamivudine/abacavir and BIC/FTC/TAF; they re-suppressed on BIC/FTC/TAF and darunavir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide during long-term follow-up. The participant did not continue in the long-term follow-up phase. ‡Prior to enrolling in the study, the participant had received prohibited prior ART with at least three prior INI regimens; they re-suppressed on BIC/FTC/TAF during long-term follow-up. This participant was excluded from the mITT-E population due to significant and persistent non-compliance to protocol entry requirements at the study site. §Participant had HIV-1 subtype C at Month 3. Baseline analysis failed. DRV, darunavir; ITT-E, intention-to-treat exposed; LA, long-acting; mITT-E, modified intention-to-treat exposed; NA, not available; RAM, resistance-associated mutation; SVF, suspected virologic failure.

# CAB RPV LA Q8w Paris Cohort. Trough concentrations

Drug trough concentrations		At 1 month (n=58)	At 3 months (n=56)
CAB	Trough < 1120 ng/mL, n (%)	35 (60)	43 (77)
	Median trough, ng/mL (IQR)	976 (706 – 1434)	701 (440 – 1087)
	<i>No lead-in (n=42)</i> <i>Lead-in (n=16)</i>	951 (681 – 1196) 1213 (908 – 1479)	625 (397 – 880) 1103 (689 – 1246)
RPV	Trough < 32 ng/mL, n (%)	16 (28)	15 (27)
	Median trough, ng/mL (IQR)	48 (29 – 66)	43 (32 – 55)
	<i>No oral rilpivirine before switch (n=25)</i> <i>Oral rilpivirine before switch (n=33)</i>	47 (35 – 68) 49 (29 – 62)	44 (30 – 58) 43 (32 – 53)

- Thresholds: 1<sup>st</sup> quartiles in FLAIR/ATLAS/ATLAS-2M pooled population<sup>1</sup>: CAB 1120 ng/mL, RPV 32 ng/mL
- Protein-adjusted 90% inhibitory concentrations (PAIC<sub>90</sub>)<sup>2</sup>:
  - PAIC<sub>90</sub>: CAB 166 ng/mL, RPV 12 ng/mL
  - 4xPAIC<sub>90</sub>: CAB 664 ng/mL, RPV 48 ng/mL

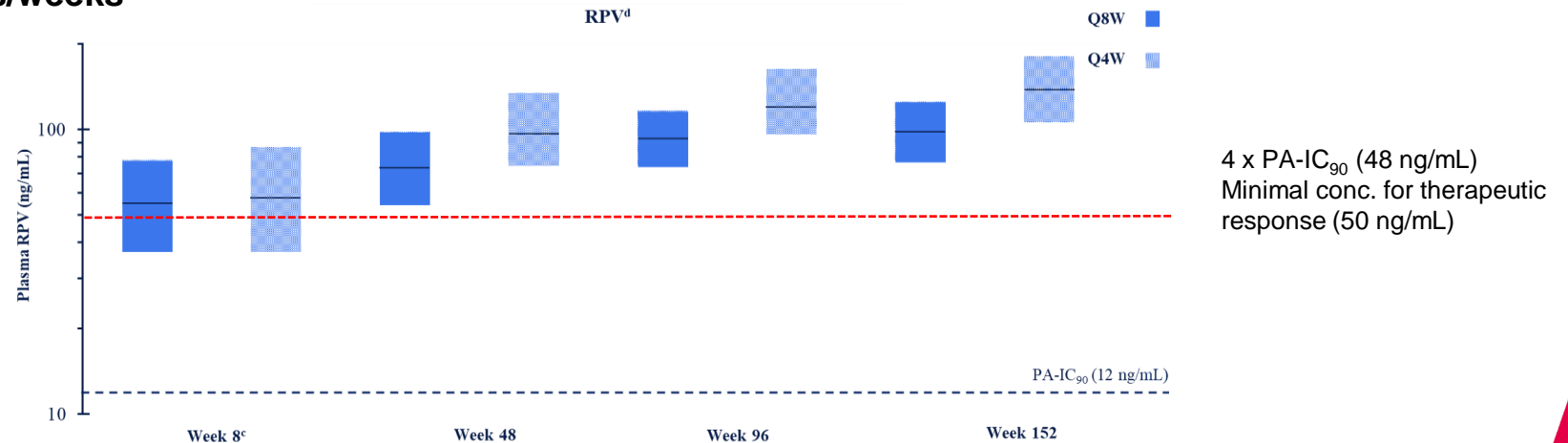
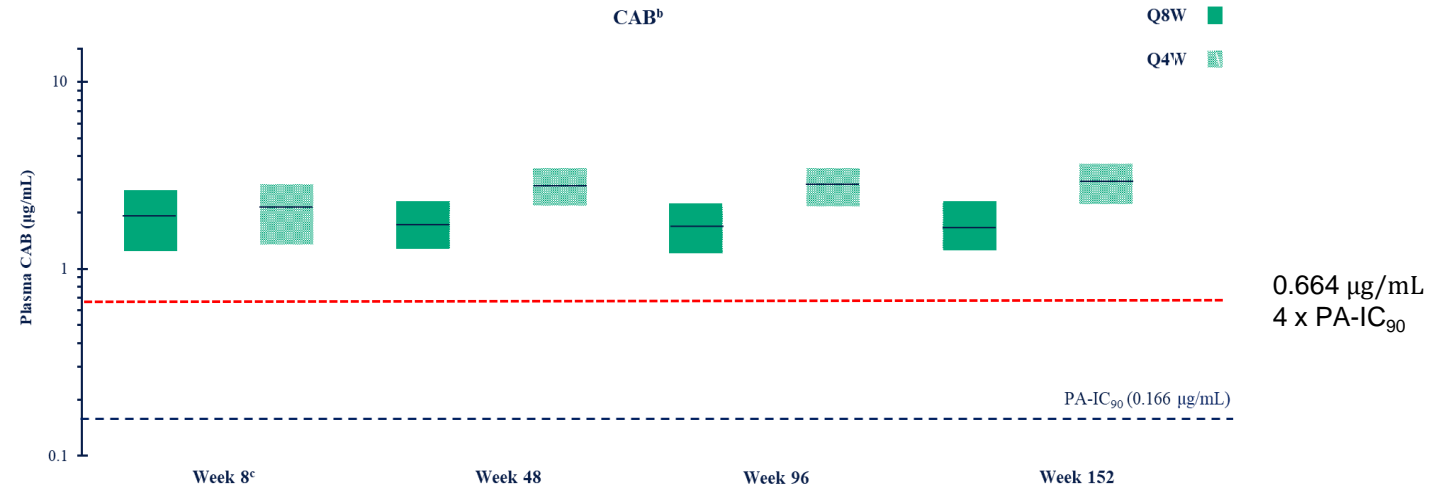
1.7% at month 8 in switch

- **High intra- and inter-individual variability**
- **1 VF at M1** and C<sub>t</sub> CAB = 701 ng/mL, C<sub>t</sub> RPV = 28 ng/mL (subtype AG, BMI 29.4, VL<50 c/mL x 1.8 y on DTG/ABC/3TC)
- No oral lead-in and high BMI associated with low trough concentrations

# ATLAS 2M. CAB and RPV concentrations irrespective of prior exposure through Week 152

Median (IQR) trough concentrations.

1. Important **interpatient variability with LA**
2. **Considerable n of subjects below IQR<sub>25</sub>**
3. **Concentrations maintained during days/weeks**



# Strategies aimed at reducing the risk/consequences of VF with CAB + RPV Q8W despite proper prescription

- **Longer needle (5 cm) in people with obesity (BMI >30)**
- **Frequent VL monitoring:** every 8 weeks (ATLAS 2M and SOLAR, BHIVA guidelines<sup>1</sup>)
- **VL monitoring in all unplanned missed visits and delayed dosing of LA CAB and RPV (DHHS<sup>2</sup>)**
- **Reducing the risk of archived NNRTI or IN mutations:**
  - Baseline proviral DNA in PBMCs: IAS/USA Guidelines, MSC Español (AEMPS, IPT)
  - Excluding subjects exposed to NNRTIs: SOLAR
- **Identifying subjects with low RPV/CAB through levels and switching them off Q8M**

1. BHIVA Guidelines 2022. Available at: Available at: <https://www.bhiva.org/HIV-1-treatment-guidelines>

2. DHHS Guidelines, Updated September 21, 2022. Available at: <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/hiv-clinical-guidelines-adult-and-adolescent-arv/whats-new-guidelines>

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**3. ¿Qué importancia tiene la barrera frente al desarrollo de resistencias de un régimen en un *switch*? Datos clínicos.**



## Prevalence and Risk Factors for Pre-existing M184V/I

**Pooled analysis on prevalence and risk factors for pre-existing M184V/I among virologically suppressed clinical trial participants and the impact of pre-existing M184V/I on virologic outcomes after switching to B/F/TAF (n=1545)**

- Of the 132 participants with M184V/I detected, 77% had other resistance mutations

<b>M184V/I with Other Mutations (N=101)</b>	
<b>+ NNRTI-R</b>	52%
<b>+ Other NRTI-R</b>	47%
<b>+ TAMs</b>	40%
<b>+ PI-R</b>	20%
<b>+ Primary INSTI-R*</b>	4%

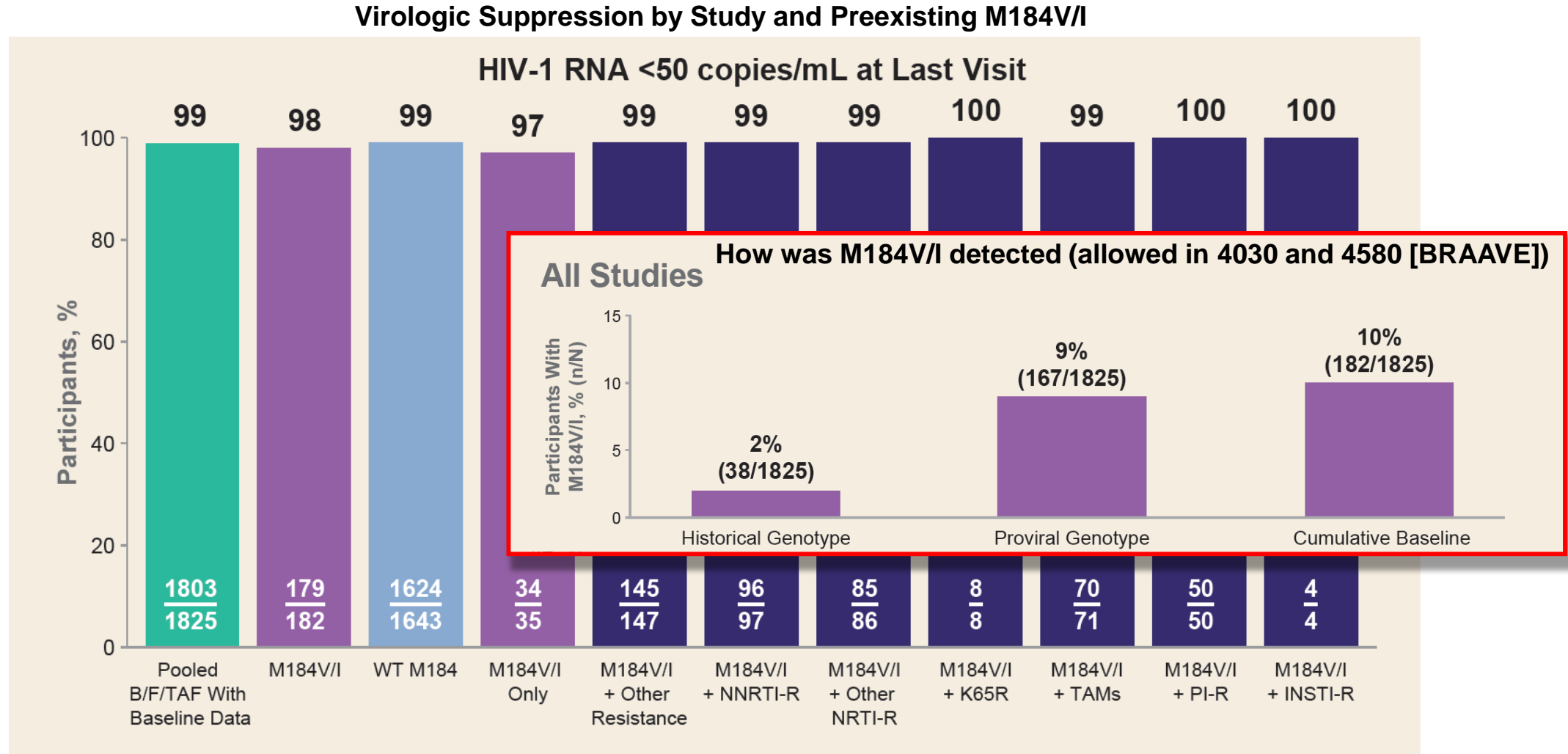
<b>Risk Factors for Pre-Existing M184V/I†</b>	<b>OR (95% CI)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
History of Non-M184V/I NRTI resistance	4.6 (2.9, 7.3)	< 0.001
History of NNRTI resistance	2.8 (1.9, 4.2)	< 0.001
Black race (vs non-Black)	2.6 (1.7, 4.0)	< 0.001
History of PI resistance	1.9 (1.1, 3.3)	0.029
CD4 <500 cells/μL (vs ≥500)	1.6 (1.0, 2.4)	0.035
Hispanic ethnicity	1.8 (1.1, 3.0)	0.014
HIV status: symptomatic or AIDS (vs asymptomatic)	1.7 (1.1, 2.8)	0.024
Time since ART start (per year)	1.1 (1.1, 1.1)	< 0.001

**M184V/I at baseline was associated with resistance (non-M184V/I NRTI, NNRTI, or PI), Black race, CD4 count <500 and a longer ART duration**

\* Primary INSTI-R substitutions observed with M184V/I: T97A (n=2) and Y143H, Q148R, and N155H (n=1 each)

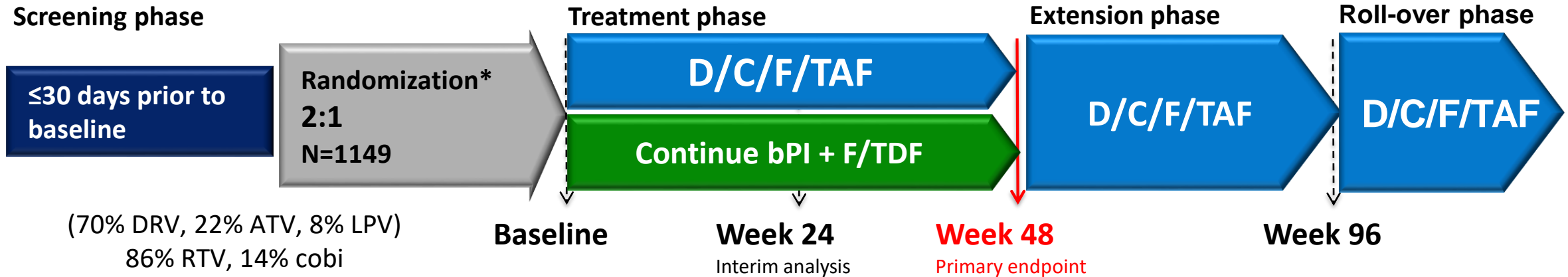
† Studies 4449 and 1474 excluded from analysis

# Meta-analysis: virologic suppression rates to BIC/F/TAF in switch with prior DRMs



**M184V/I detected in 182/1825 virol. suppressed pts (10%), most previously undocumented by historical genotype**

# EMERALD: Open-label, Randomized, Phase III Trial



## Key inclusion criteria:

- Previous ART VF allowed (**15% overall; 7% VF on a PI**). **70% receiving DRV**.
- Absence of history of VF on DRV, and if historical genotype available, absence of DRV RAMs<sup>†</sup>
- **Viral load (VL) <50 c/mL for ≥2 months** before screening; one 50≤VL<200 c/mL within 12 months prior to screening allowed

116/763 had prior VF. 31/116 (32%, 4% overall) had an archived M184V/I

Erkki Lathouwers. HIV Glasgow 28–31 October 2018; #294.

# Switch ART recommendation with archived NRTI resistance



Similar results have been seen with switches to BIC/FTC/TAF in people with resistant virus.<sup>43,44</sup> Preexisting M184V/I mutations had no effect on efficacy in this setting.<sup>45</sup> In addition, prospective studies of people with treatment failure show high rates of viral suppression with dolutegravir plus 2 nRTIs,<sup>46,47</sup> implying that this regimen would maintain suppression regardless of nRTI resistance. By contrast, switches to first-generation InSTIs (raltegravir



En los pacientes con MR a ITIAN previas se ha comprobado que los cambios a BIC/FTC/TAF, DTG+FTC/TAF o DTG/3TC/ABC pueden mantener la eficacia virológica, especialmente en PVV con CVP suprimida previa al cambio durante más de seis meses<sup>12,13</sup>. Las combinaciones de TAF/FTC/DRV/c + DTG o TAF/FTC/BIC + DRV/c<sup>14</sup>, con

# Take homes.

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- The emergence of HIV-1 resistance must be seen as a preventable drug-related AE.
- The clinical relevance of a high resistance barrier is **pivotal to preserve ART efficacy**.
- **Archived NRTI resistance is common (8-10%), often not suspected by clinicians**, even with no prior known VF.
- It has **no impact at switch on BIC/F/TAF or DRVc/F/TAF efficacy**. Robust data → Guidelines.
- **No resistance selection** with BIC/F/TAF or DRV/c/F/TAF in this scenario.
- Extra caution advised in **high risk situations (low CD4, high VL, irregular adherence)**.