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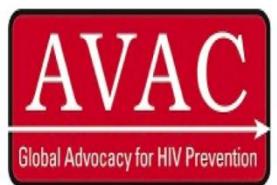
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Therapeutic vaccines against HIV infection

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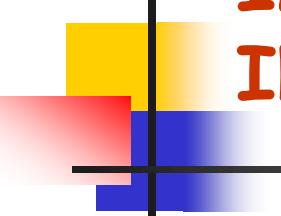
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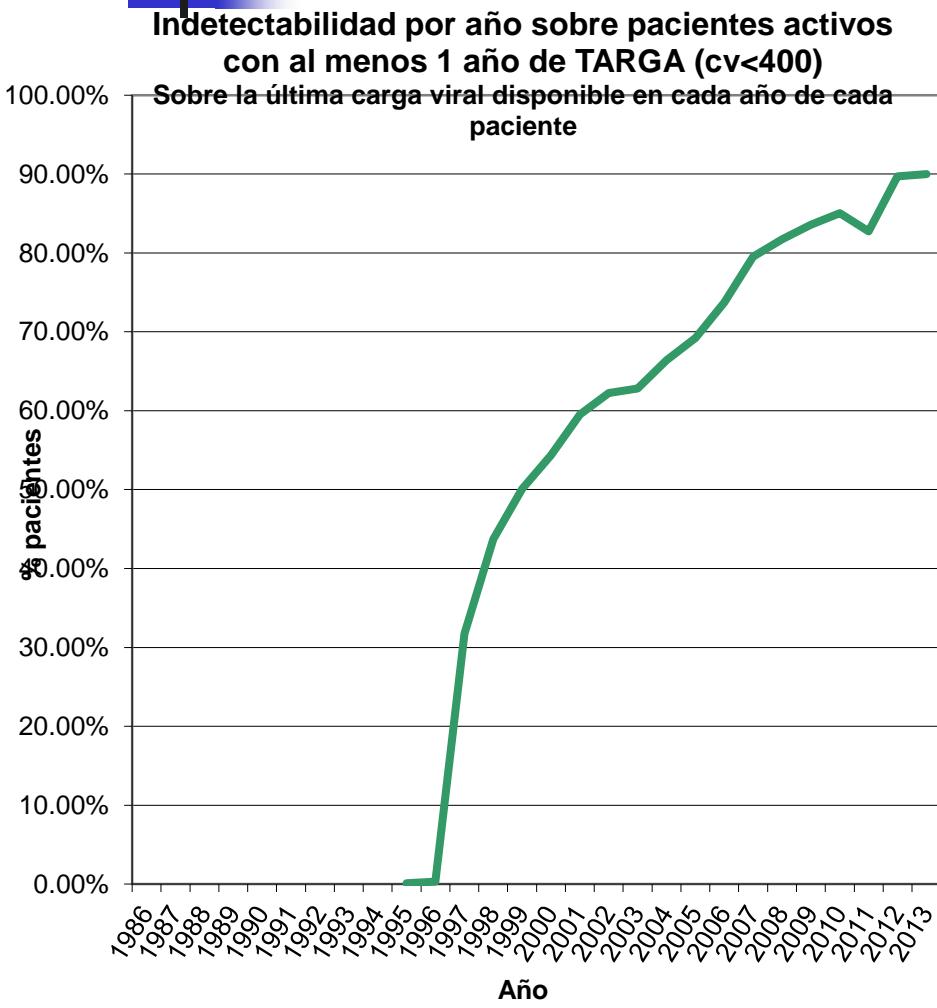
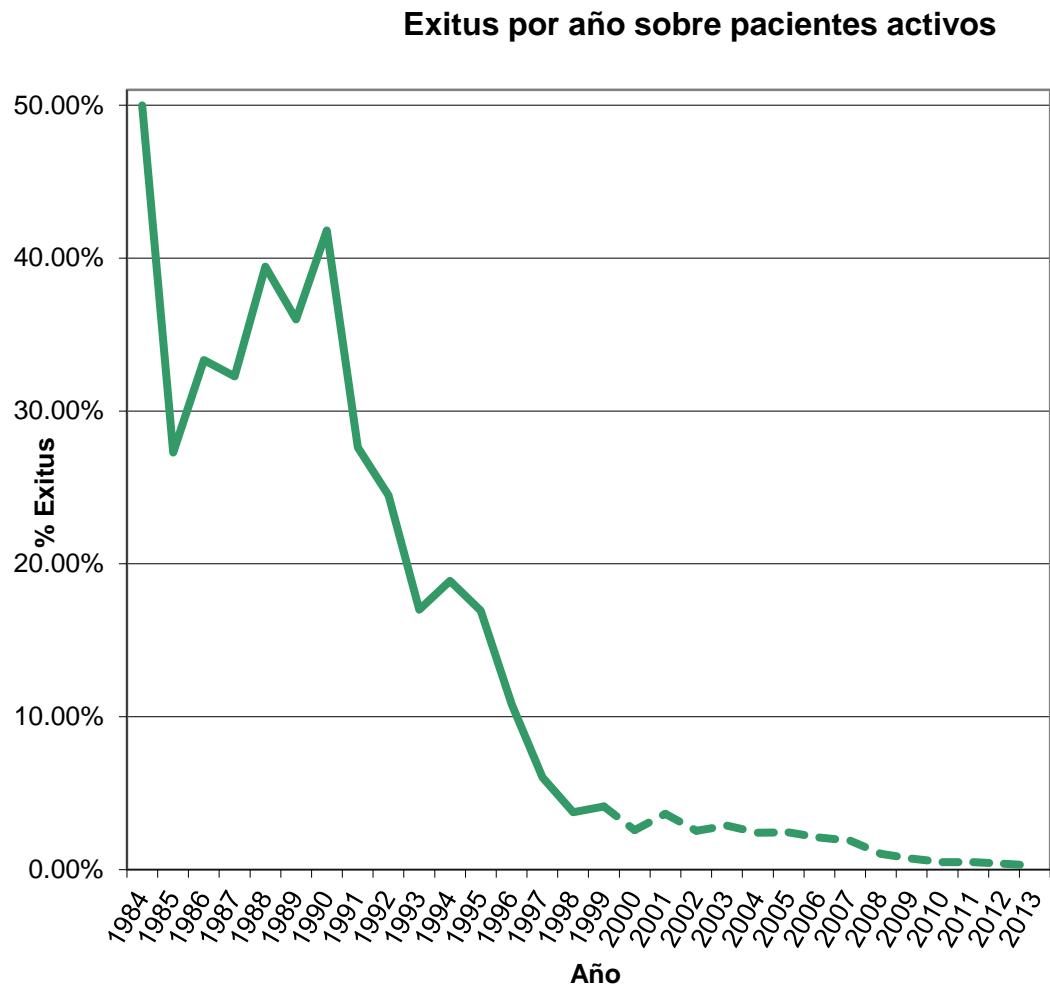
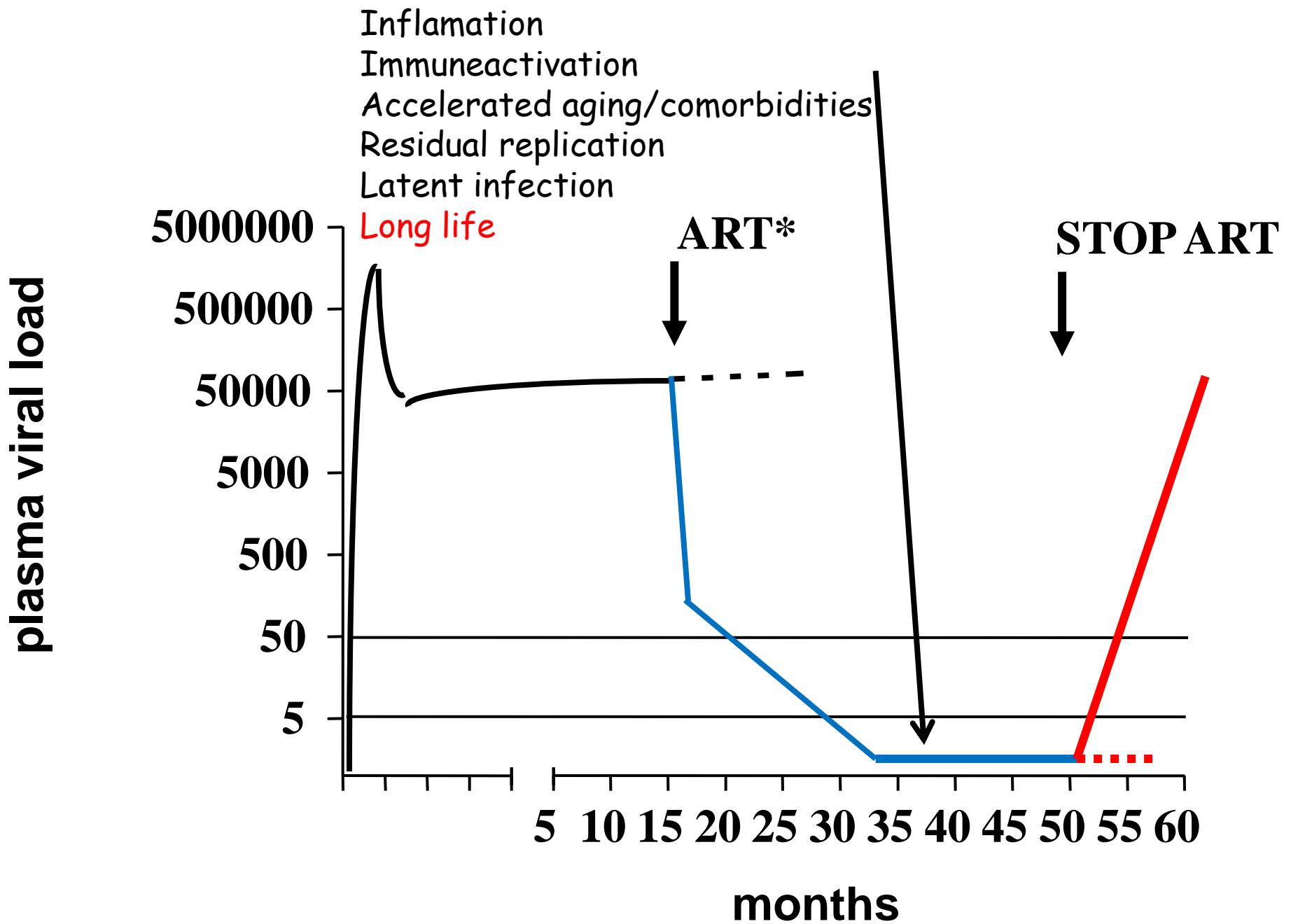


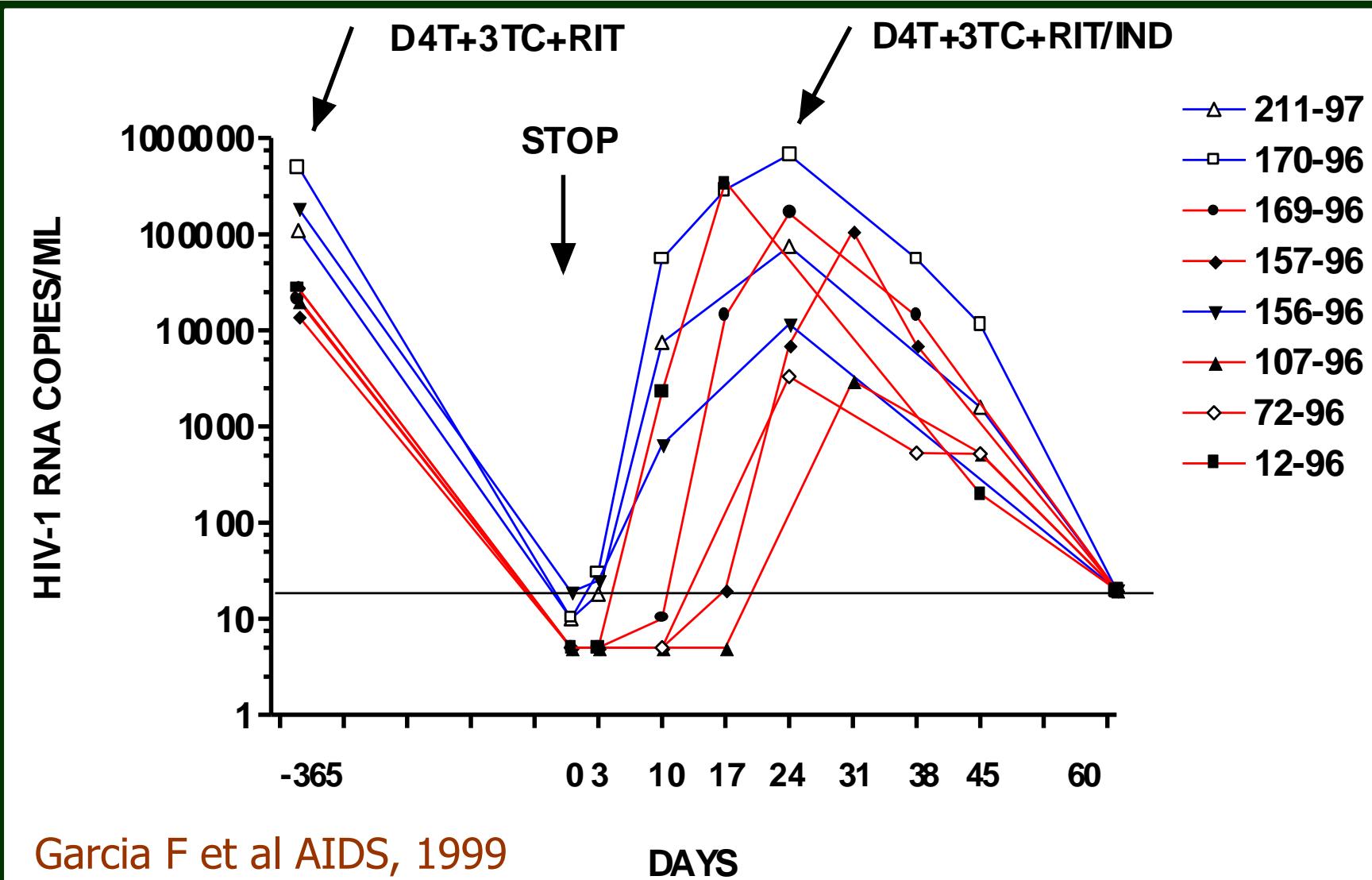
Fig.





* Often a convenient, single pill & well tolerated regimen

**SPANISH EARTH-1 STUDY (CD4>500 AND VL >10000).
STOP THERPAY AFTER 1 YEAR OF D4T+3TC+RIT/IND AND VL<20**



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2. Untreated patients. TV/IBT to control productive HIV replication or restore CD4's

Biological model:

Capacity of the immune system (HIV-specific CTL's and T-helper cells) to partially control viral replication in HIV natural infection and establishing a viral set point lower than peak viremia

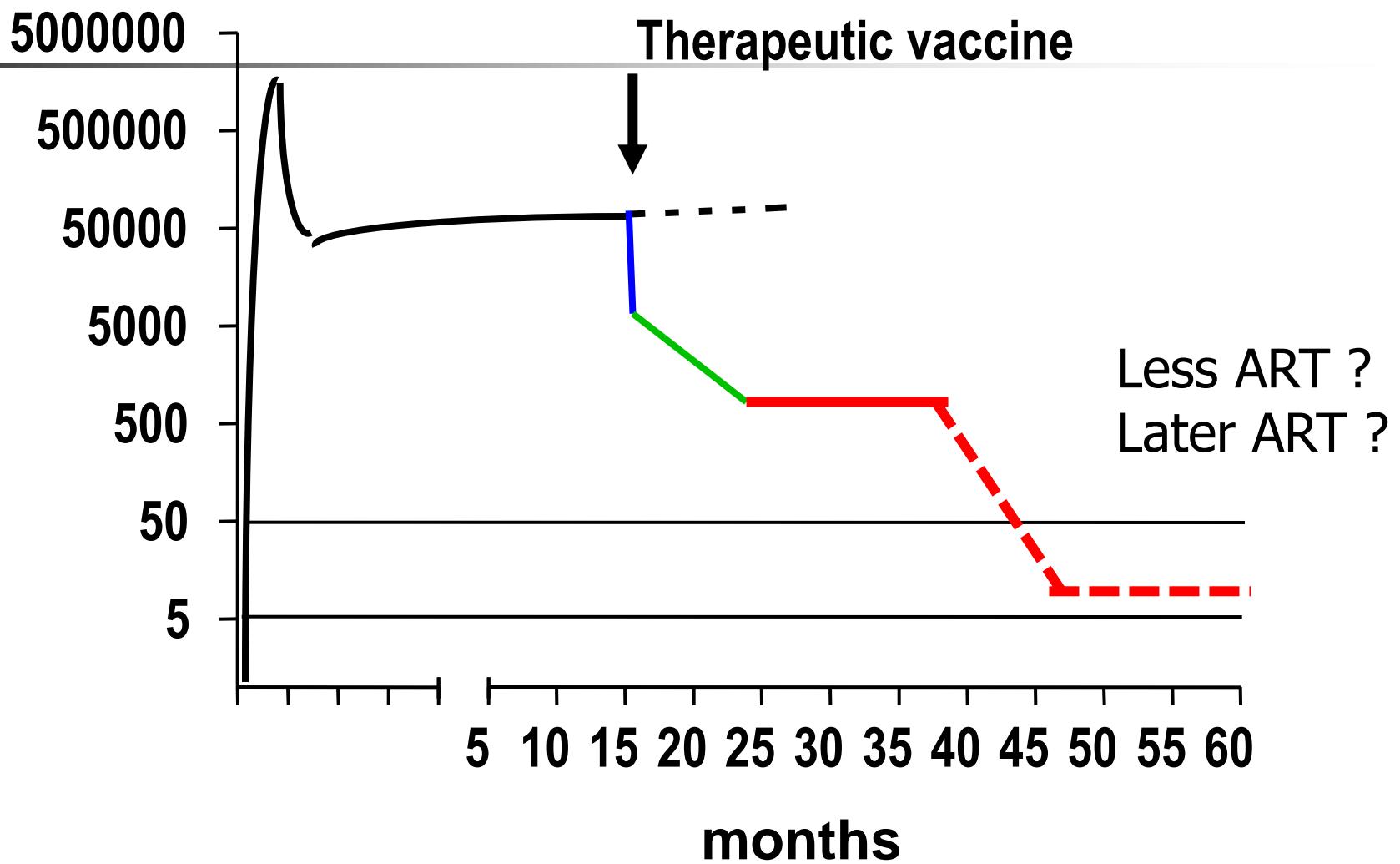
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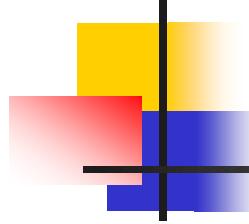
Replace ART

Partially replace ART (less drugs)

Delay ART

plasma viral load





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Pasive transfer of Abs

Autologous dendritic cells based vaccines pulsed with
inactivated (AT2, heat) autologous virus

ARTICLES

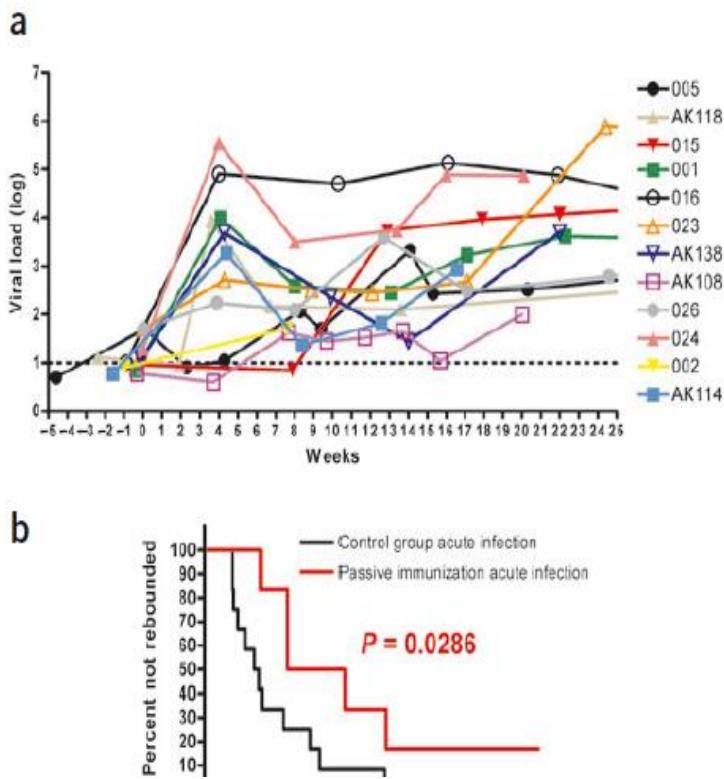
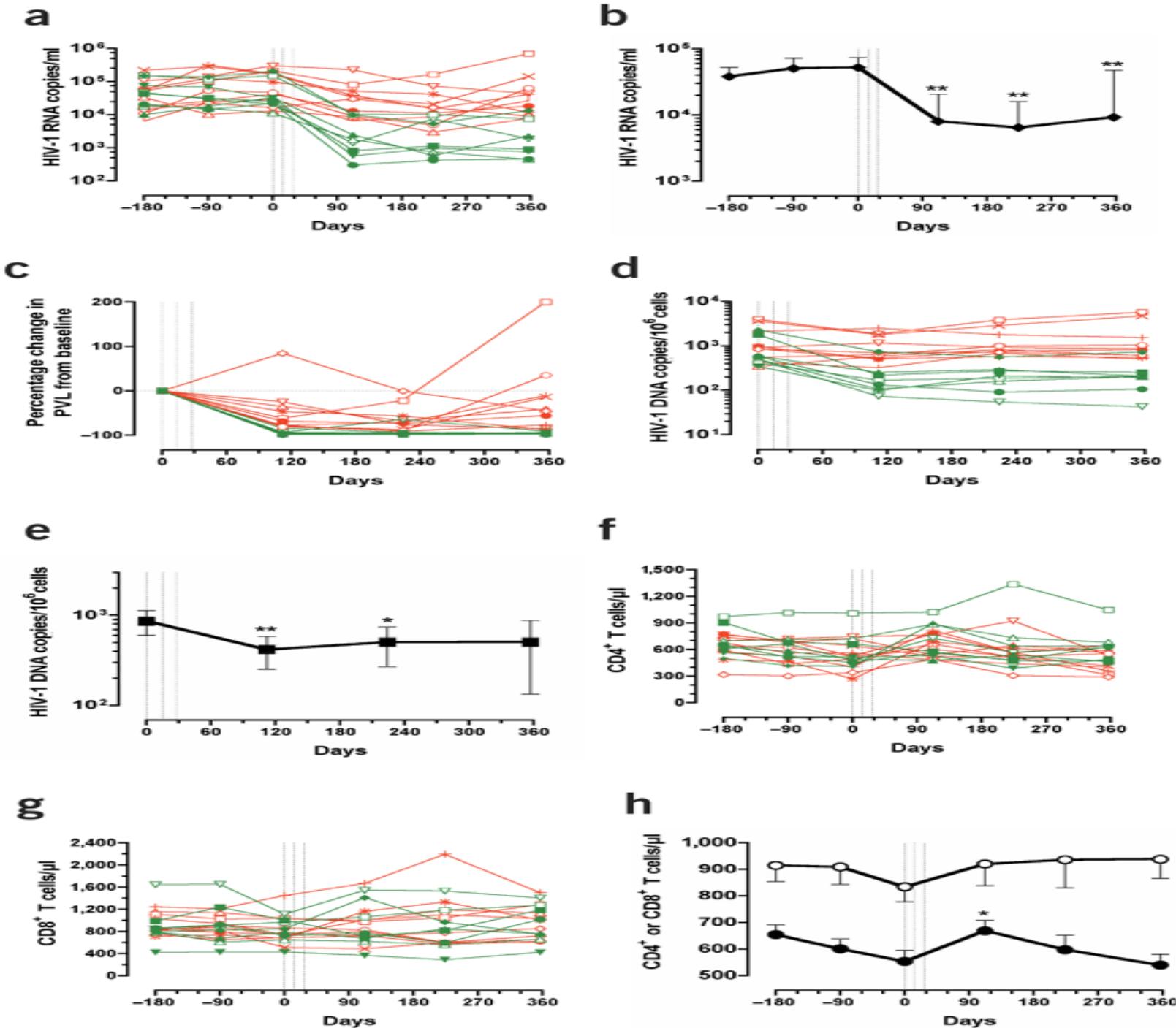


Figure 2 Comparison of virus rebound in acutely infected subjects with and without passive immunization. (a) Control group of subjects with acute HIV infection undergoing treatment interruption: viral load profiles of 12 subjects who initiated ART during acute infection and subsequently underwent treatment interruption without receiving antibody treatment are shown. Viral load is the log HIV RNA copies/ml in plasma. The dotted line indicates the detection limit. (b) Time until rebound of viremia (first time viral load detectable at >10 RNA copies/ml, increase over day 0 value) was determined in the control group and in acutely infected subjects who received passive immunization. The fraction of subjects without rebound at a given time point was compared using Kaplan-Meier curves and log rank test. One data point (subject NAB14, week 24) was censored because rebound had not occurred in this patient.

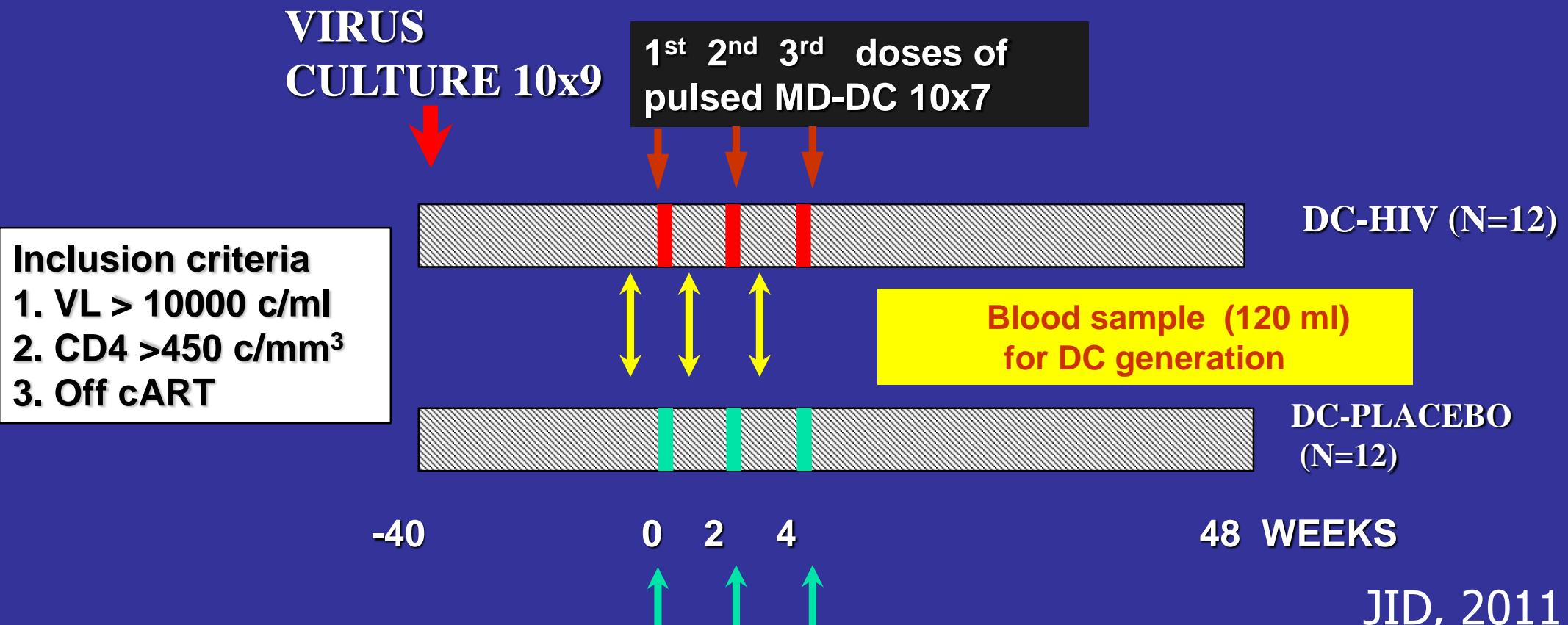
(data not shown). Overall, plasma levels of 2G12 were significantly higher than those of 2F5 or 4E10 (Dunn multiple comparison test, $P < 0.001$ and $P < 0.01$, respectively). Of note, plasma concentrations of 2G12 and the sensitivity of the subjects' pretrial isolates to inhibition by 2G12 were higher amongst responders, whereas no significant difference in these parameters was found for 2F5 and 4E10 (Fig. 4c,d). To estimate what range of antibody concentrations are required to

Therapeutic dendritic-cell vaccine for chronic HIV-1 infection
 Wei Lu, Luiz Claudio Arraes, Wylla Tatiana Ferreira & Jean-Marie Andrieu
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A therapeutic dendritic cell-based vaccine for HIV-1 infection.

García F et al J Infect Dis 2011;203:473-8



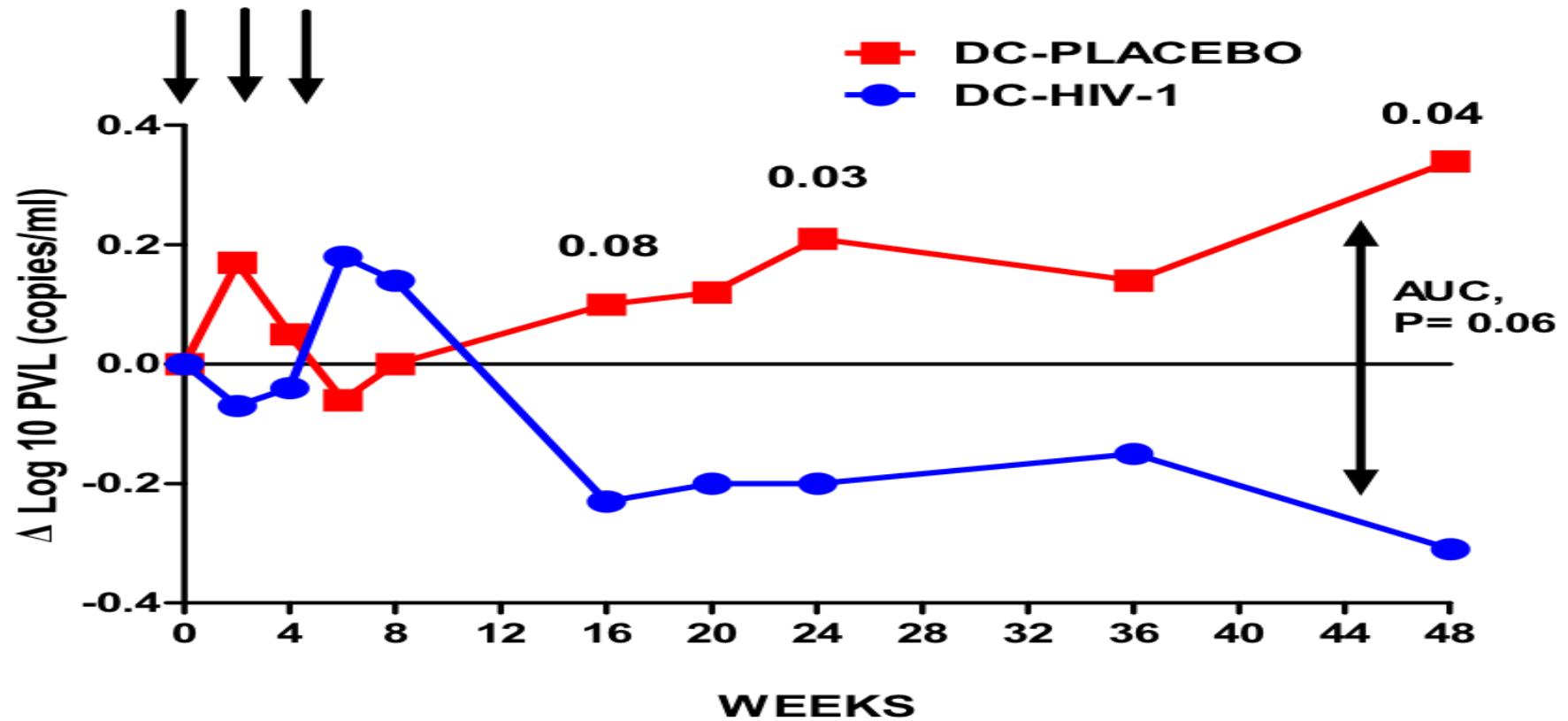
1st 2nd 3rd doses of
non-pulsed MD-DC

A Therapeutic Dendritic Cell-Based Vaccine for HIV-1 Infection

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JID, 2011

VIRAL LOAD RESPONSES



DC-PLACEBO 12 12 12 12
DC-HIV-1 10 10 10 10

12 11 11
10 8 8

11 9
8 7

IT WAS OBSERVED A MODEST DECREASE OF VL IN VACCINATED PATIENTS

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2. TV/IBT in virologically suppressed patients with chronic HIV infection

Biological model:

Many infectious diseases (TB, Toxo, H Zoster ...)
HIV elite controllers

Potential objective:

Plasma VL BLQ without life long ART (functional cure)

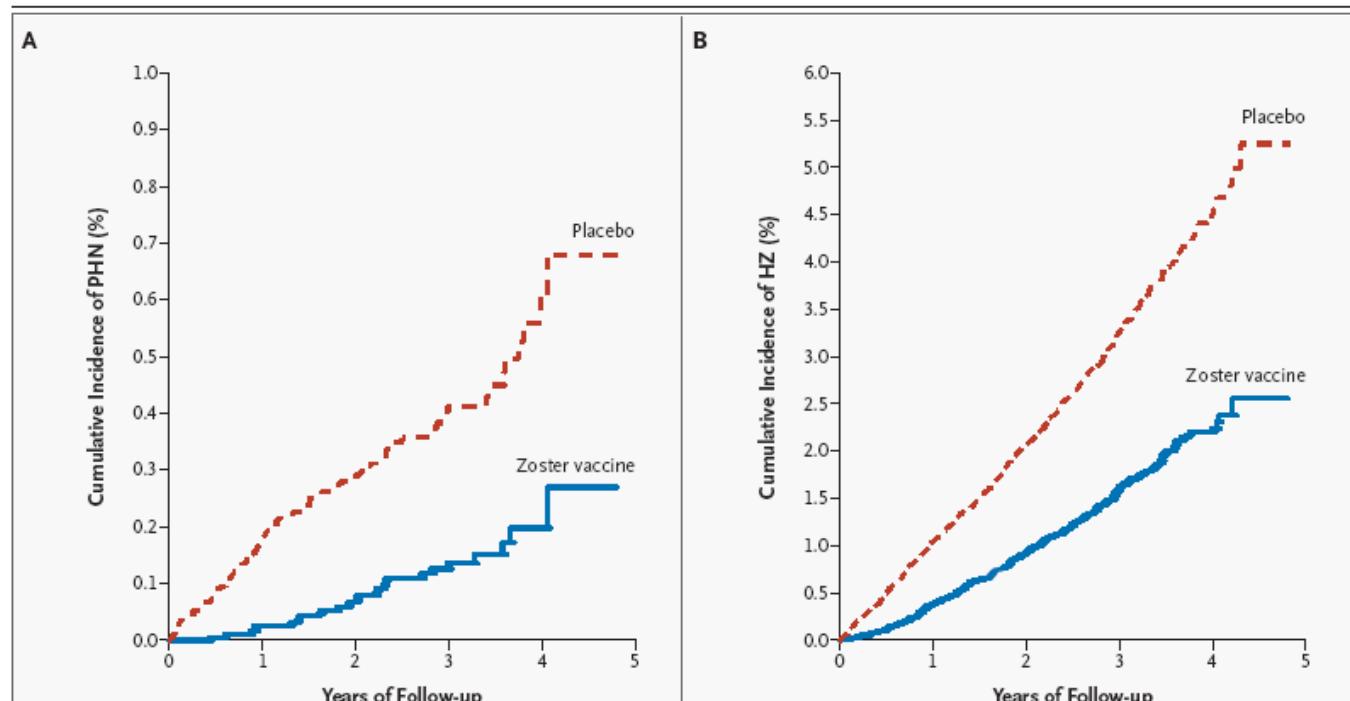
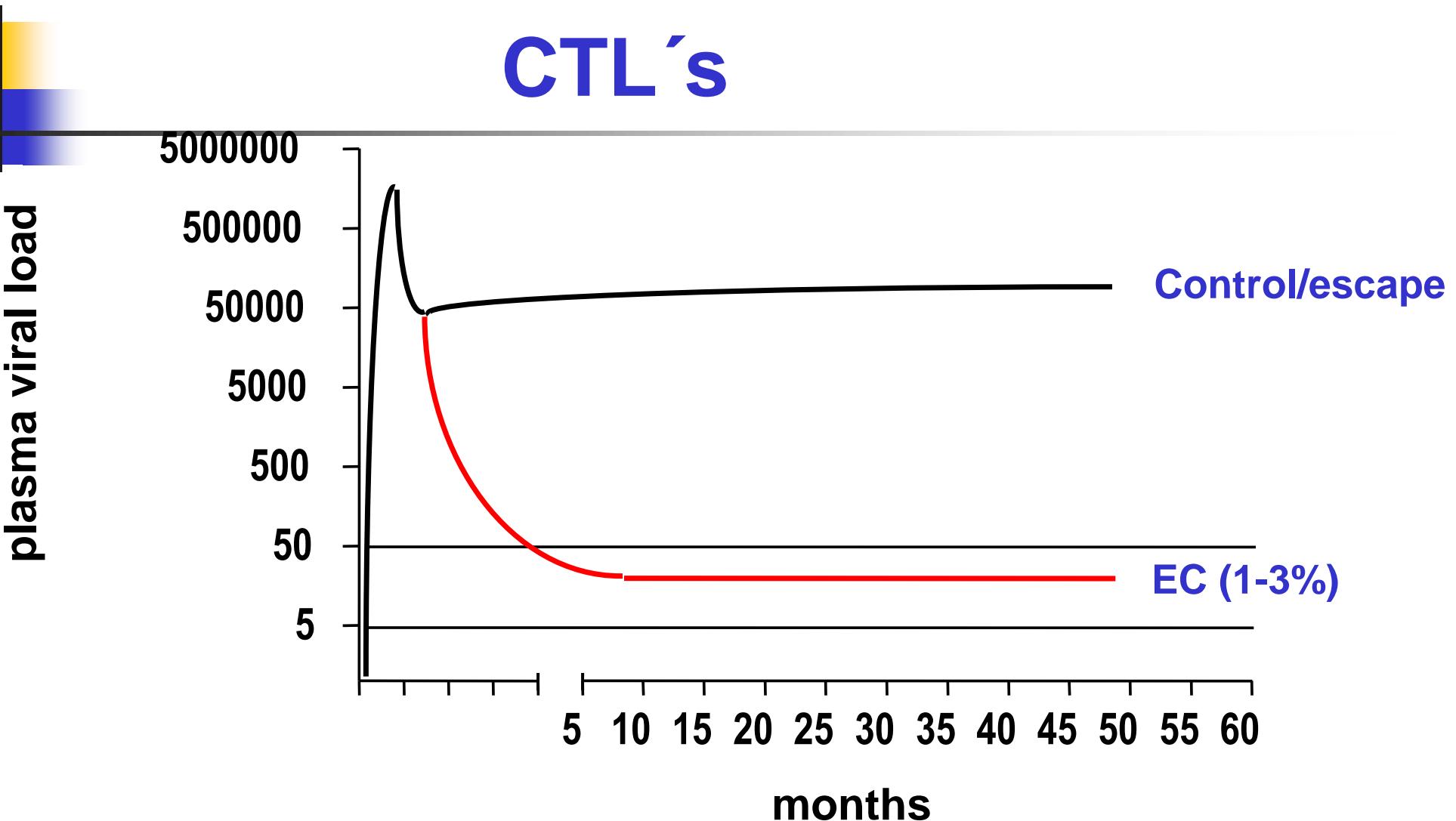
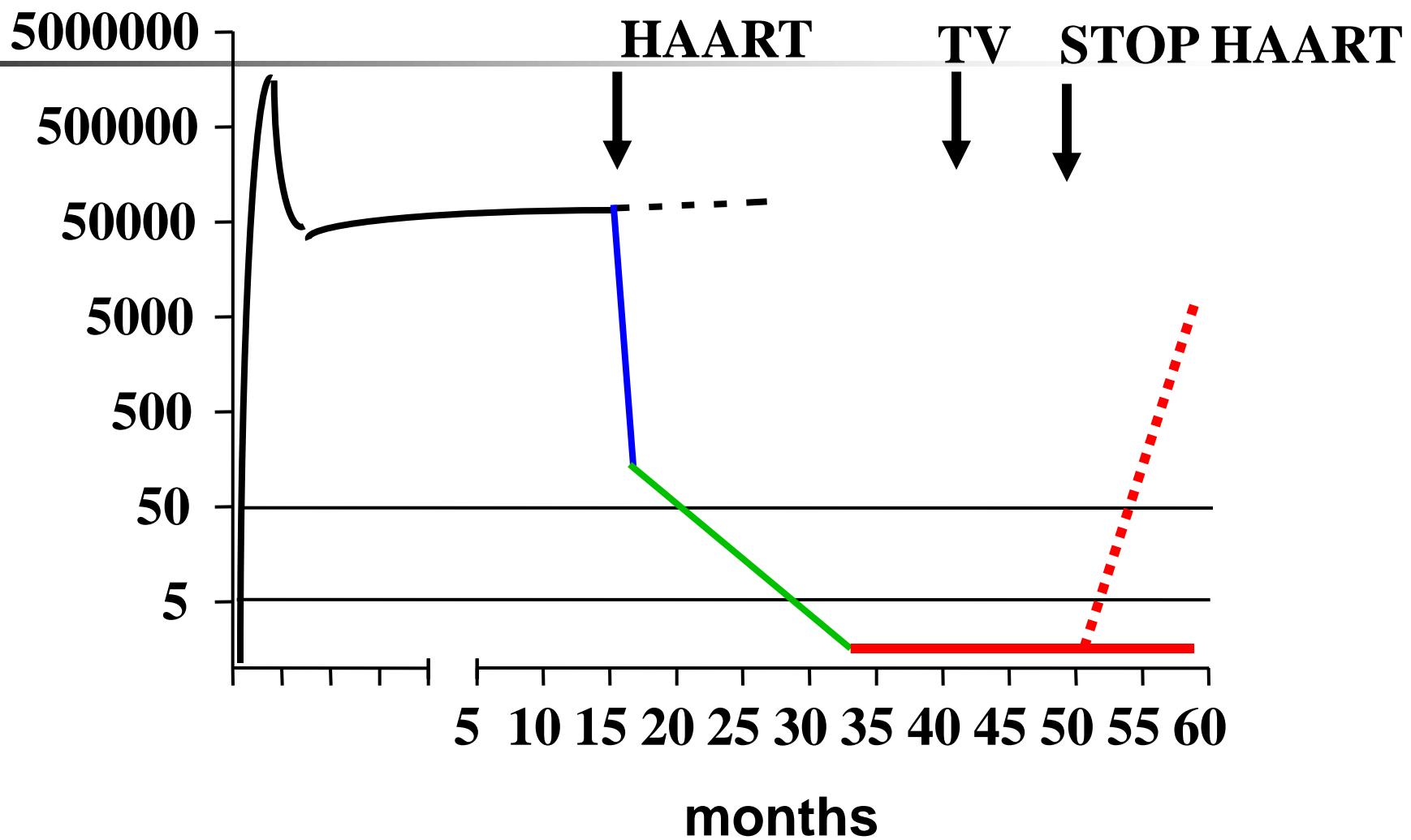


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Estimates of the Effect of Zoster Vaccine on the Cumulative Incidence of Postherpetic Neuralgia (Panel A) and Herpes Zoster (Panel B) in the Modified Intention-to-Treat Population.

Incidence rates of postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) and herpes zoster (HZ) were significantly lower in the vaccine group than in the placebo group ($P<0.001$, by a stratified log-rank test that pooled the results of the log-rank test from the two age groups). Cumulative incidence, expressed as a percentage of the subjects at risk, is the probability of the development of the disease during the period from 30 days after vaccination to the follow-up time.



plasma viral load





Viral vectors based vaccines (poxviruses, adenoviruses,)

Replicative viral vectors based vaccines (herpesviruses

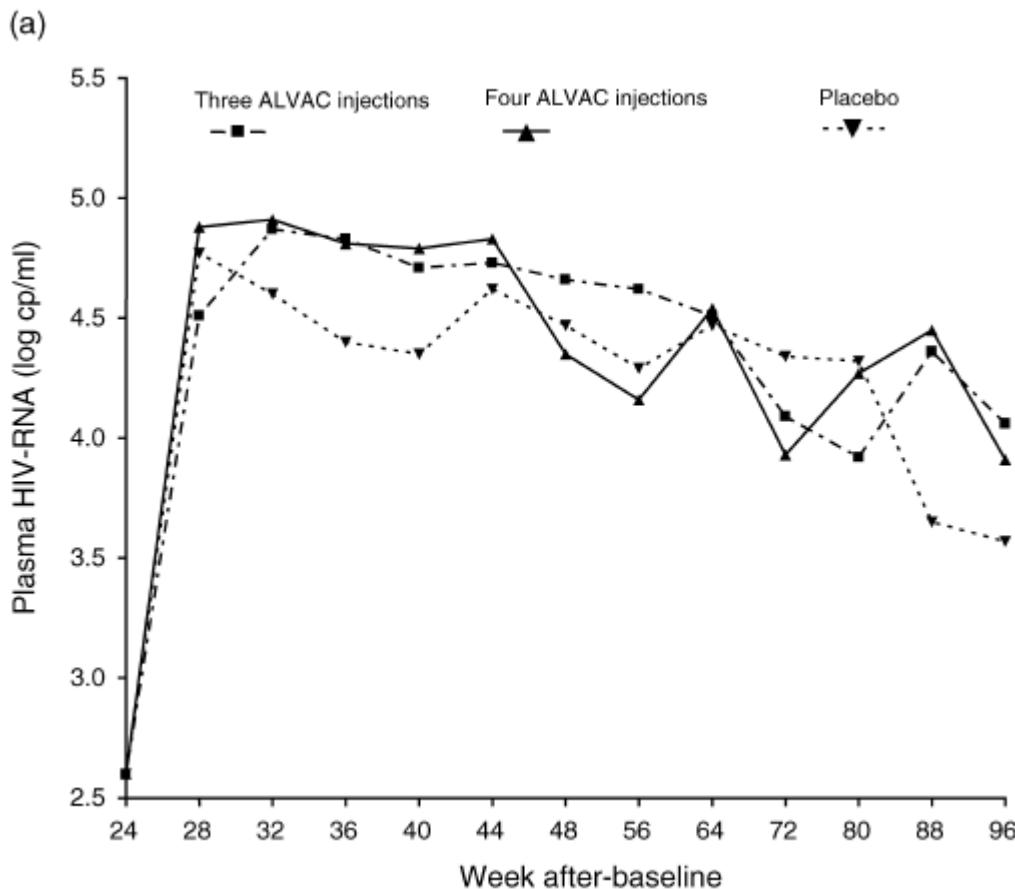
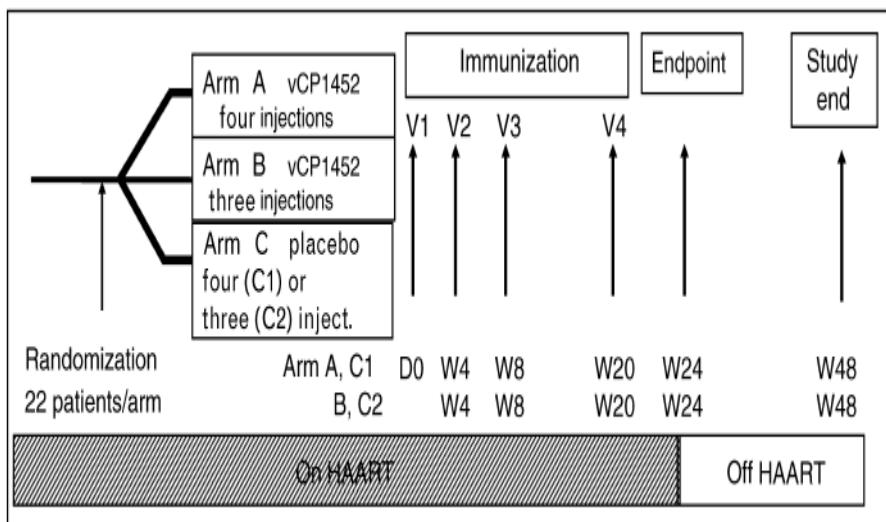
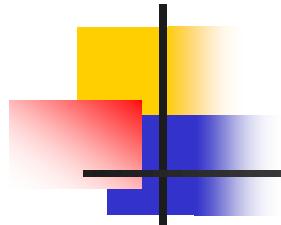
Autologous dendritic cells based vaccines pulsed with

Other modalities (proteins, peptides) / combinations

Pasive transfer of nAbs

Greater viral rebound and reduced time to resume antiretroviral therapy after therapeutic immunization with the ALVAC-HIV vaccine (vCP1452)

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Safety, Immunogenicity and Dynamics of Viral Load Rebound After cART Interruption in Chronic HIV Infected Patients Receiving MVA-B Vaccination

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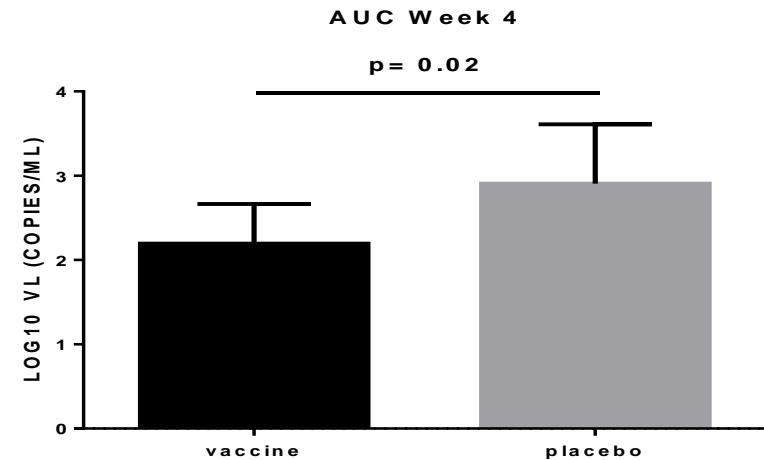
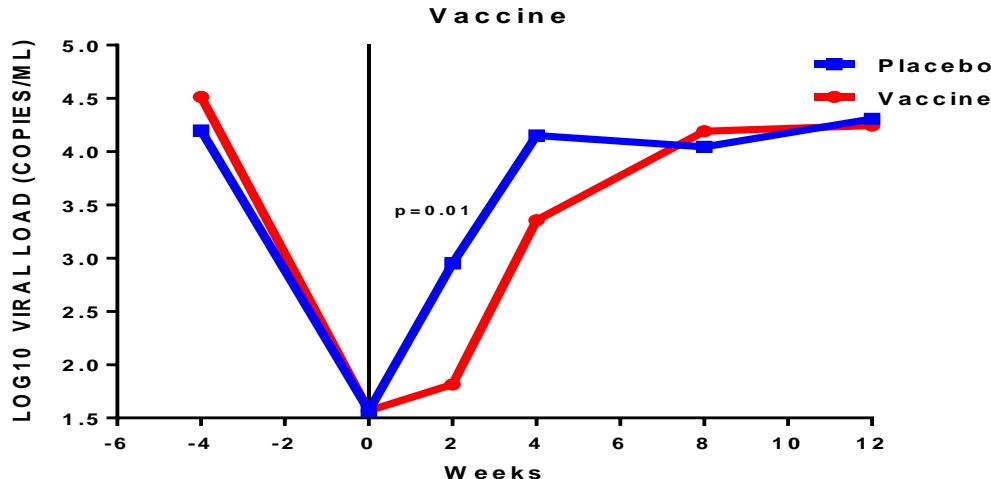
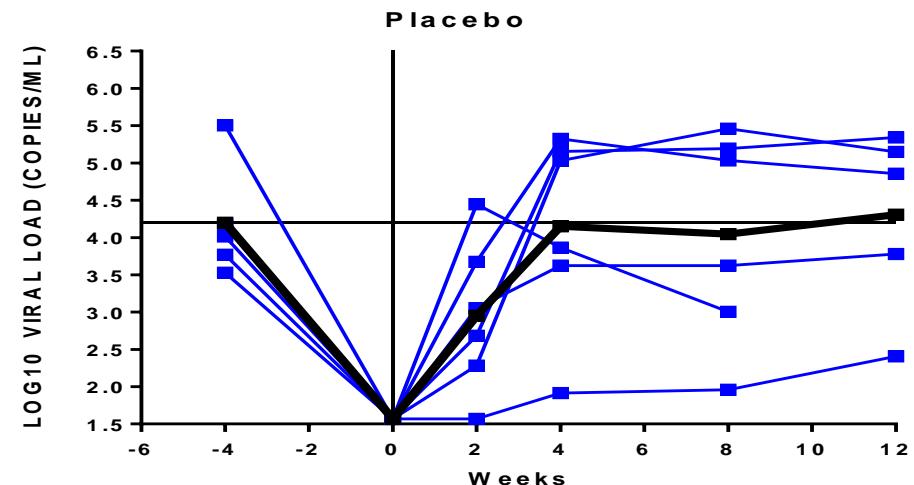
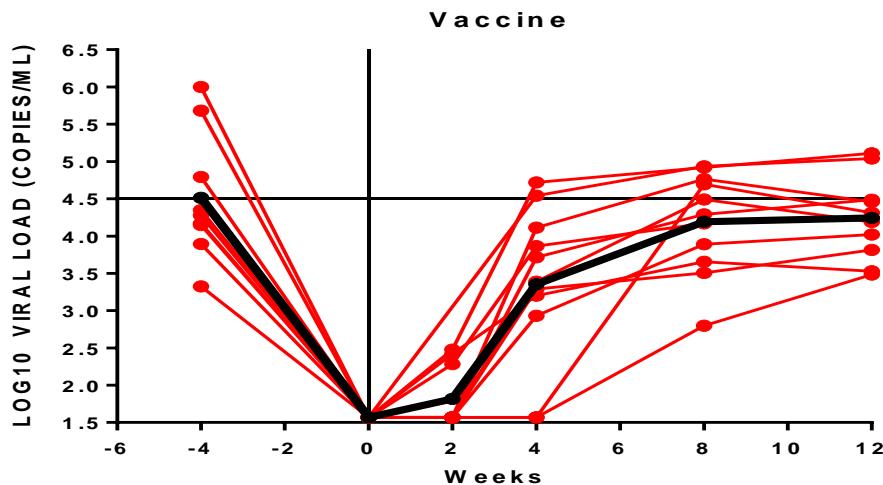
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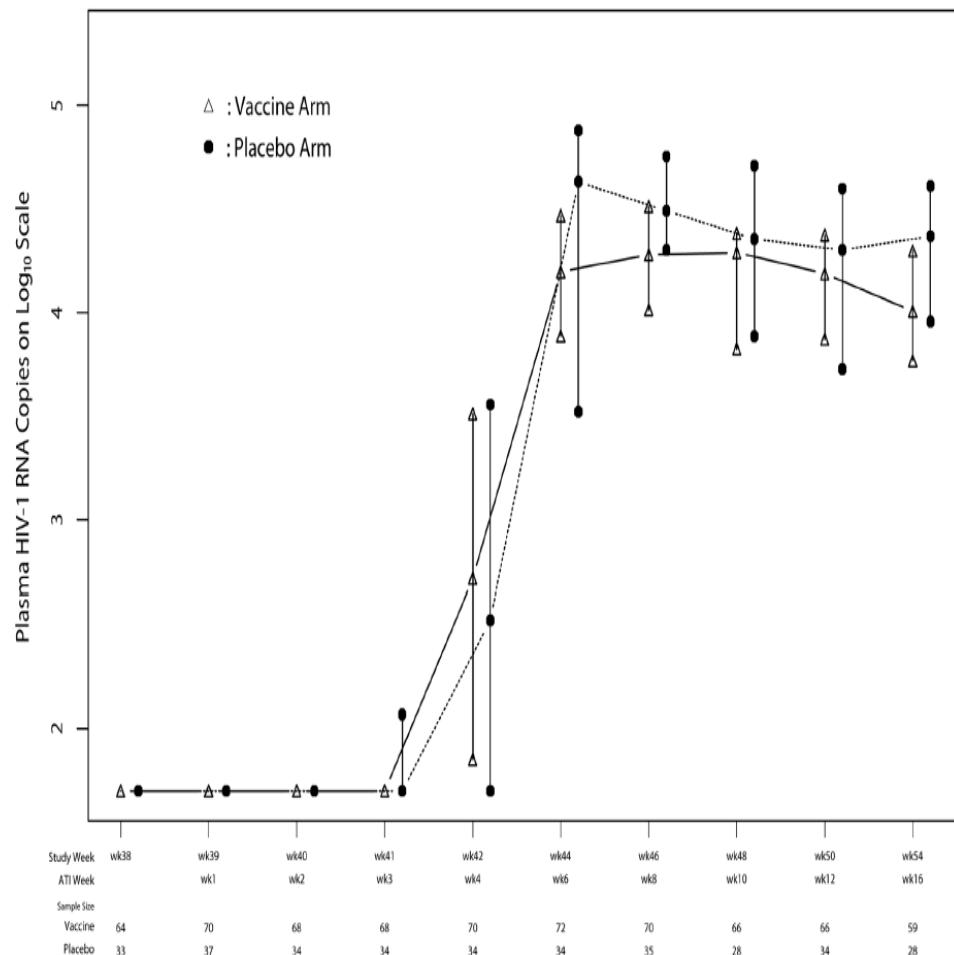
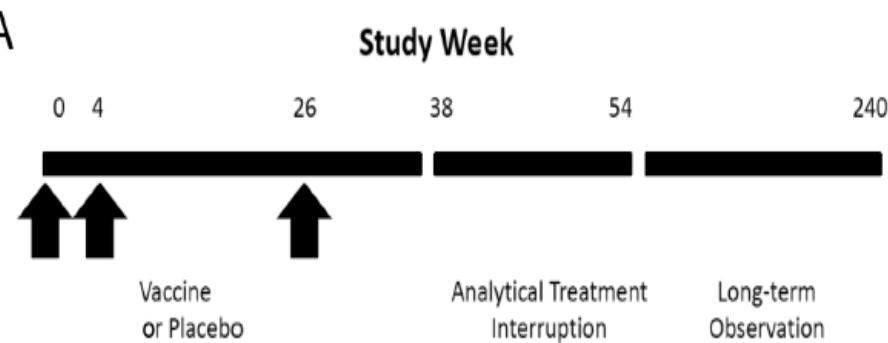


VL rebound after analytical treatment interruption in MVA-B (n=11) vs placebo (6) recipients



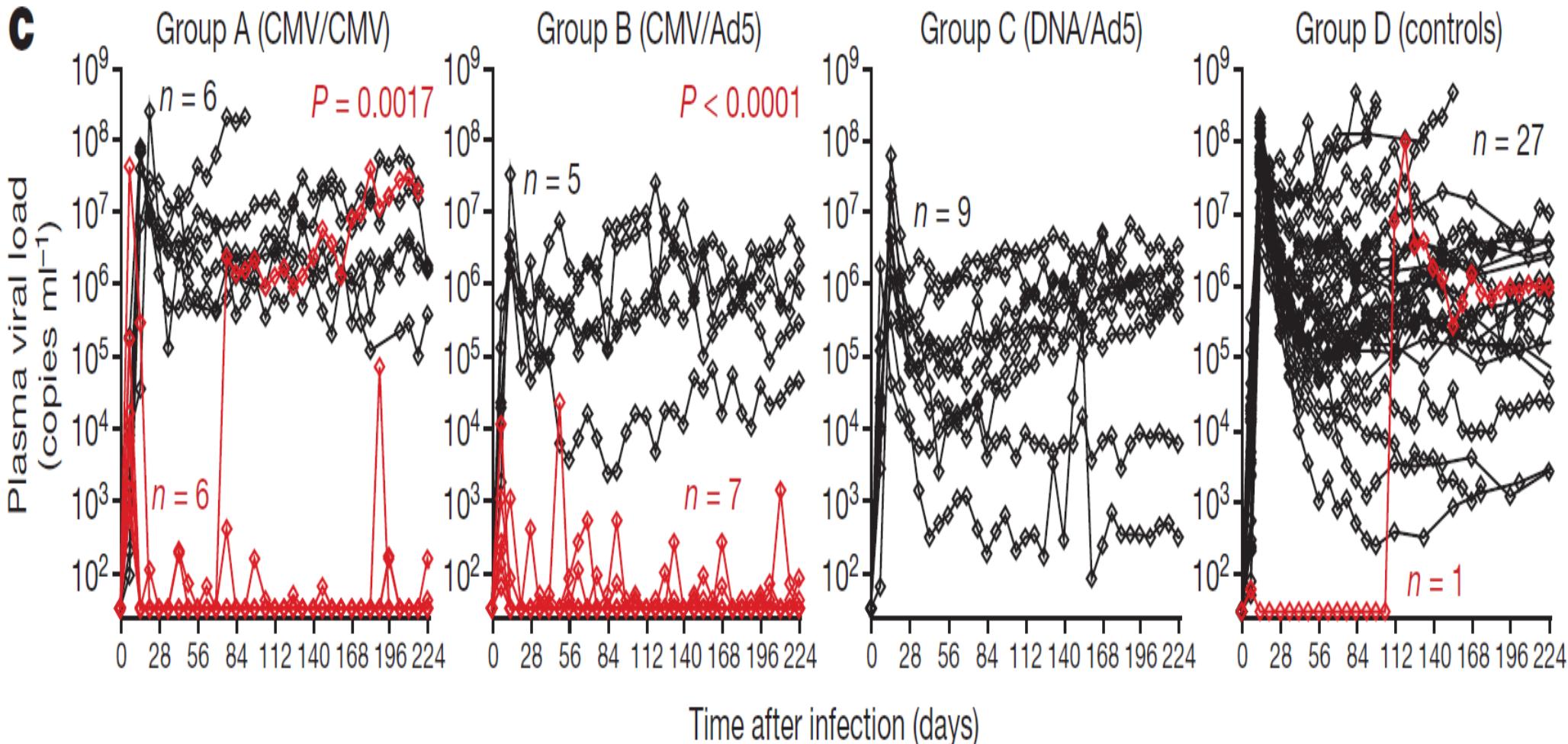
AIDS Clinical Trials Group 5197: A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Immunization of HIV-1-Infected Persons with a Replication-Deficient Adenovirus Type 5 Vaccine Expressing the HIV-1 Core Protein

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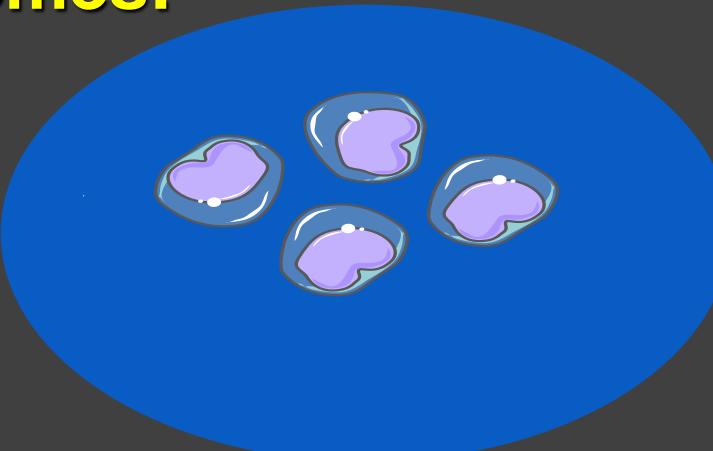
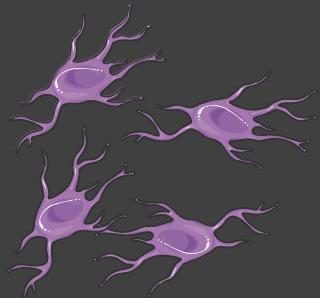
Profound early control of highly pathogenic SIV by an effector memory T-cell vaccine

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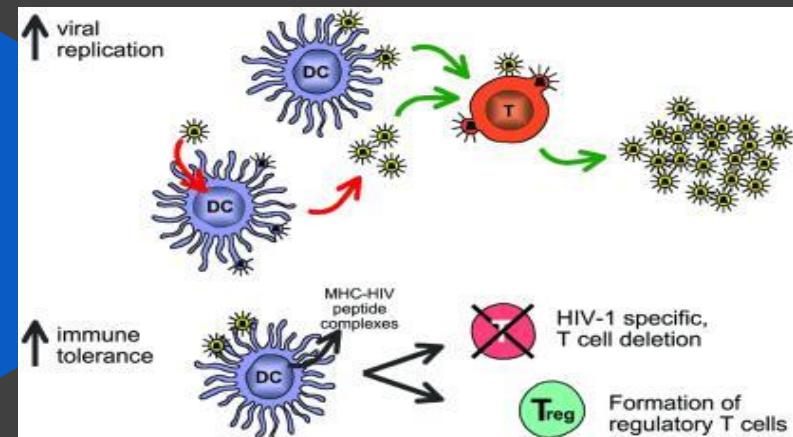
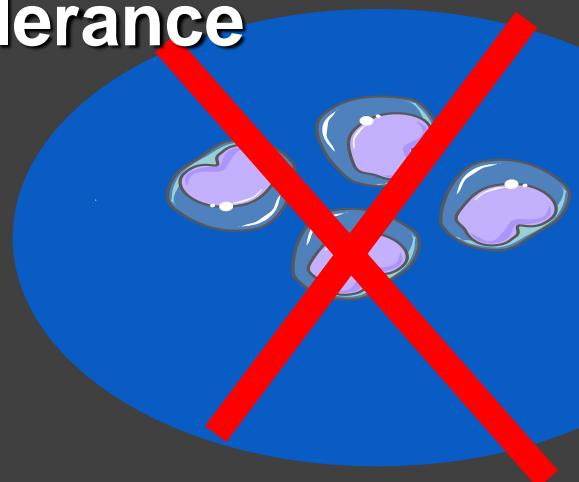
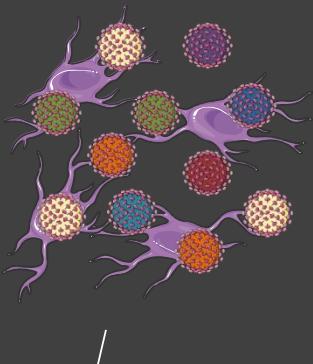
DCs have a central role in HIV infection.

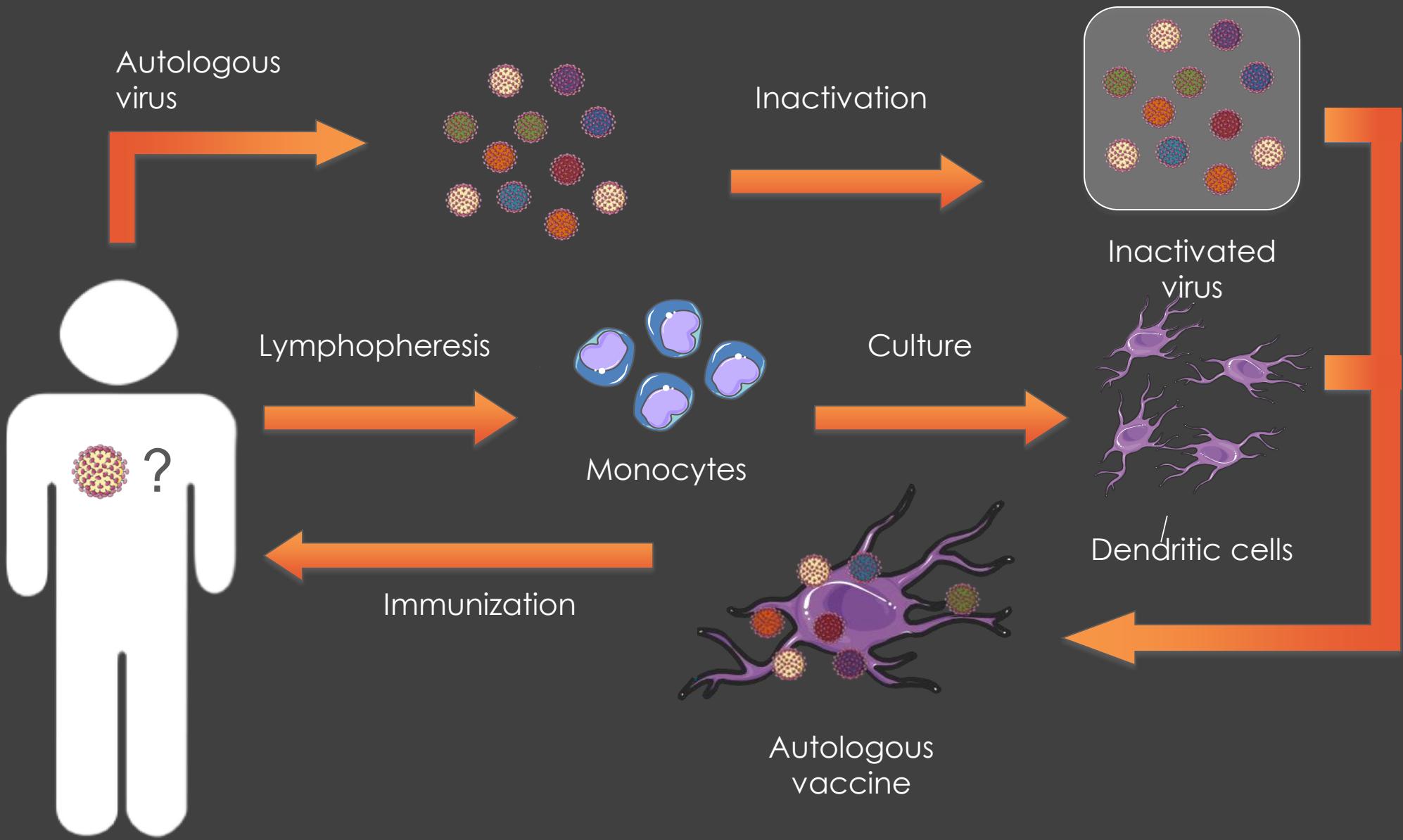
the initial contact of HIV-1 with DCs can result in opposite outcomes:



beneficial in inducing strong HIV-specific T-cell responses

deleterious in promoting the dissemination of HIV-1 and/or immunotolerance





- **Different immunogens (load or pulse):**
 - autologous inactivated virus (heat, AT-2)
 - HIV-1 proteins
 - Peptides
 - mRNA
 - recombinant virus vectors nanoparticles

Therapeutic Immunization with Dendritic Cells Loaded with Heat-Inactivated Autologous HIV-1 in Patients with Chronic HIV-1 Infection

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MANON 03 STUDY**

DCV-1 study

Figure 3A

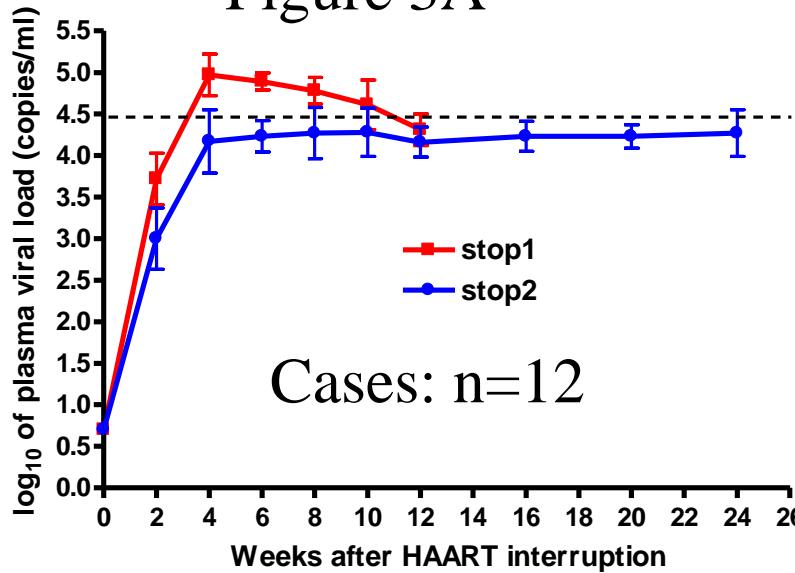
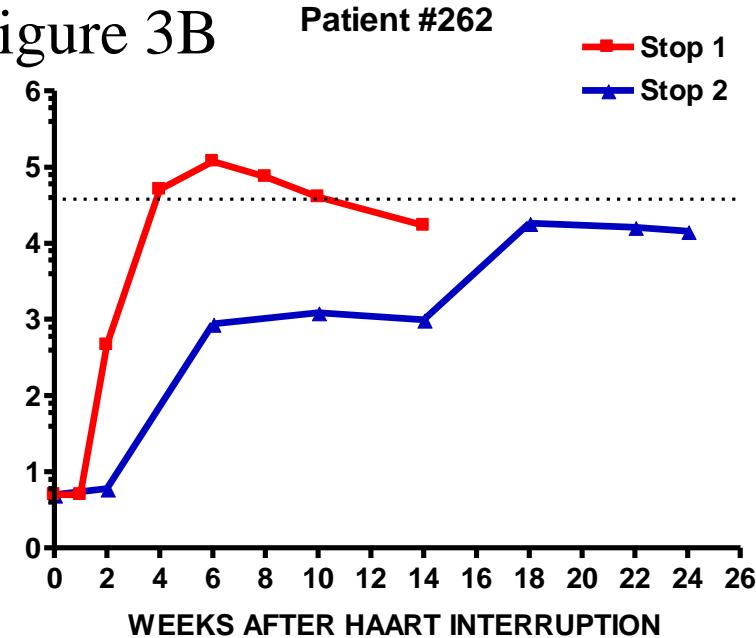


Figure 3B



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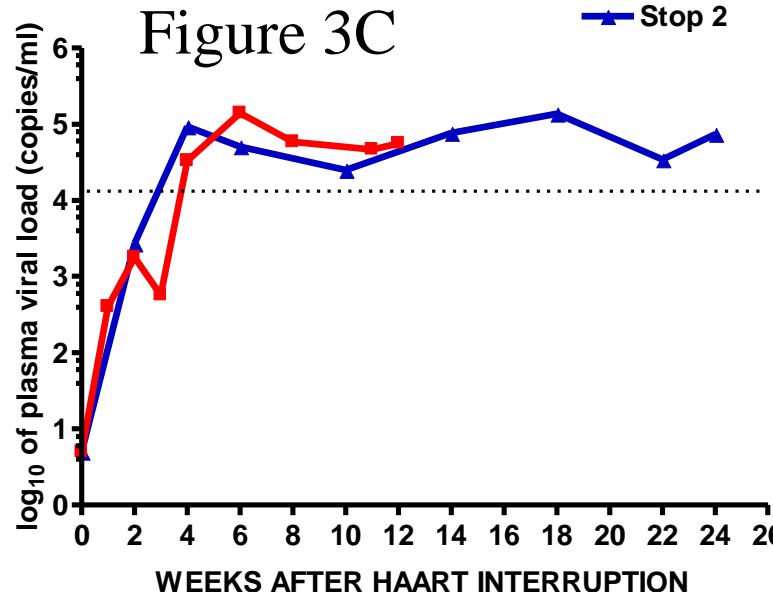
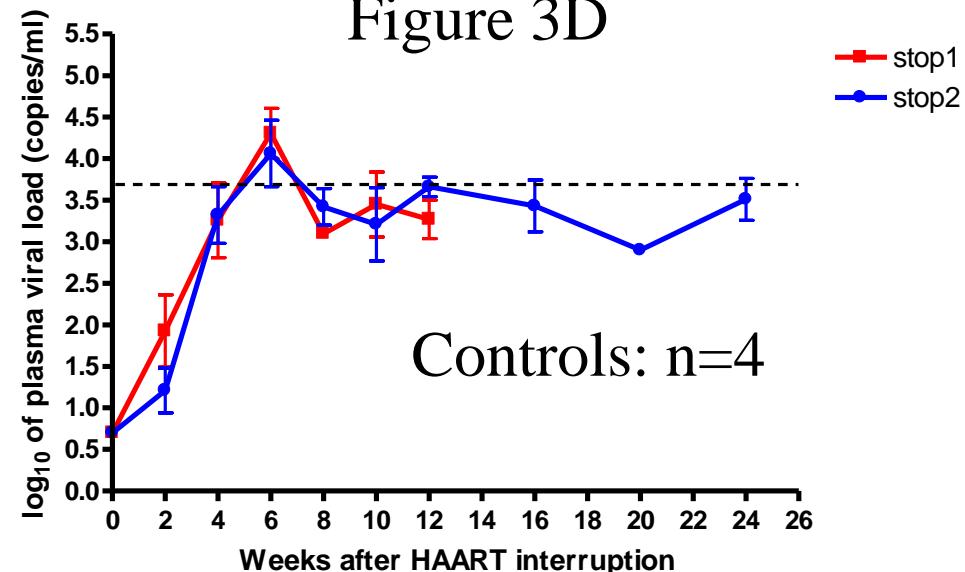


Figure 3D



- Main differences:

- IMMUNOGEN**

- Pulsing dose
- Source of HIV
- Inactivation
- No. of DCs per dose
- No. Doses

Manon 03
(JID 2005)

10^6 virions/ml
plasmapheresis
Heat
 10^6
4

- CLINICAL TRIAL**

- Schedule
- cART
- Design
- Number

every 6 weeks
Yes
Open randomized
18 (12:6)

- OUTCOME**

- 4/12 (>0.5 log; 6mo.)
0/4 controls
- No differences between arms
- No sig.change in VL

Manon07 part II
(STM 2013)

10^{9-10} virions/ml
culture
Heat
 10^7
3

every 2 weeks
yes
Blinded, placebo
36 (24-12)

- 12/22 (>1 log; 3mo.)
1/11 controls
- Sig diff. bet arms
- Drop VL 1.2log

High dose virus and MD-DCs in patients on cART

RESEARCH ARTICLE

HIV

A Dendritic Cell-Based Vaccine Elicits T Cell Responses Associated with Control of HIV-1 Replication

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Combination antiretroviral therapy (cART) greatly improves survival and quality of life of HIV-1-infected patients; however, cART must be continued indefinitely to prevent viral rebound and associated disease progression. Inducing HIV-1-specific immune responses with a therapeutic immunization has been proposed to control viral replication after discontinuation of cART as an alternative to "cART for life." We report safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity results associated with a control of viral replication for a therapeutic vaccine using autologous monocyte-derived dendritic cells (MD-DCs) pulsed with autologous heat-inactivated whole HIV. Patients on cART with $CD4^+ > 450 \text{ cells/mm}^3$ were randomized to receive three immunizations with MD-DCs or with nonpulsed MD-DCs. Vaccination was feasible, safe, and well tolerated and shifted the virus/host balance. At weeks 12 and 24 after cART interruption, a decrease of plasma viral load setpoint $\geq 1 \log$ was observed in 12 of 22 (55%) versus 1 of 11 (9%) and in 7 of 20 (35%) versus 0 of 10 (0%) patients in the DC-HIV-1 and DC-control groups, respectively. This significant decrease in plasma viral load observed in immunized recipients was associated with a consistent increase in HIV-1-specific T cell responses. These data suggest that HIV-1-specific immune responses elicited by therapeutic DC vaccines could significantly change plasma viral load setpoint after cART interruption in chronic HIV-1-infected patients treated in early stages. This proof of concept supports further investigation of new candidates and/or new optimized strategies of vaccination with the final objective of obtaining a functional cure as an alternative to cART for life.

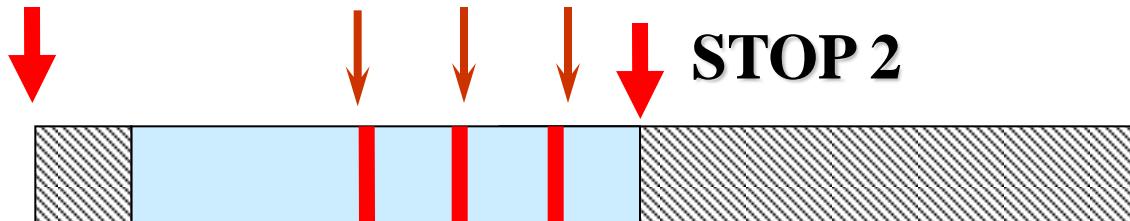
DCV2-b study

HAART

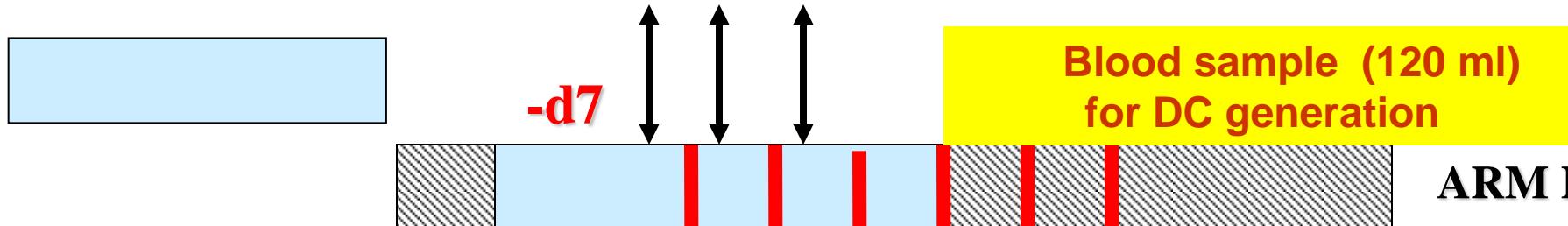
Stop HAART

STOP 1

Virus culture Doses of pulsed MD-DC



ARM III (N=12)



ARM IV (N=12)

-72

-32 -24

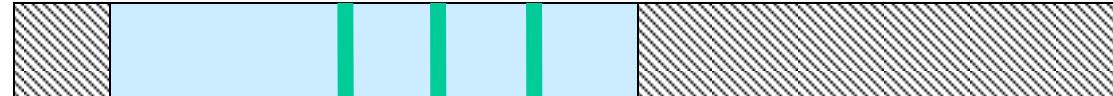
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48

WEEK

Doses of pulsed MD-DC

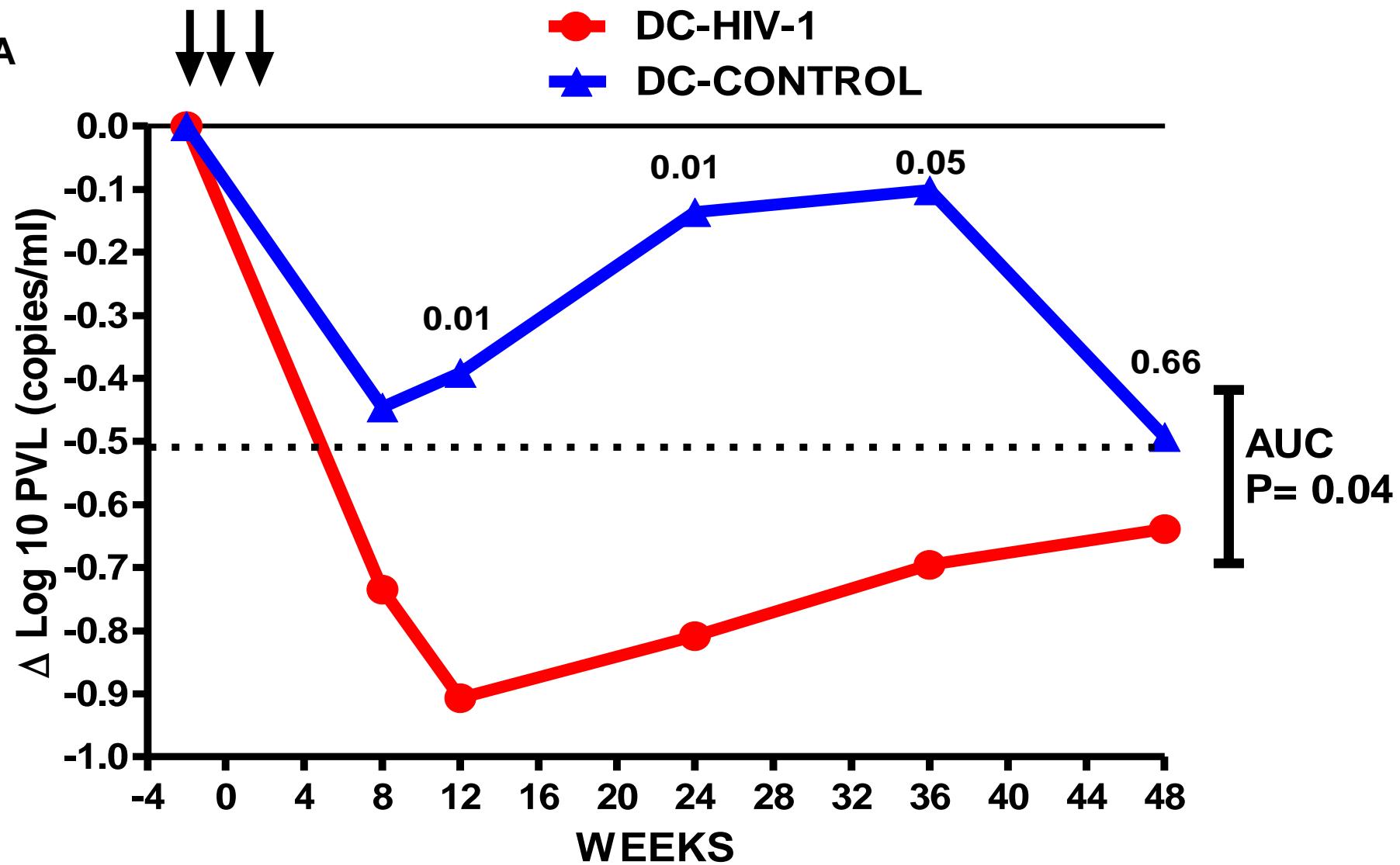
Inclusion criteria
1. <20 copies/ml
2. Nadir >350 C
CD4+ T c/mm³



ARM V
CONTROL
GROUP (N=12)

Doses of NON-pulsed MD-DC

Figure 2A



DC-HIV-1

24

23

22

21

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17

DC-CONTROL

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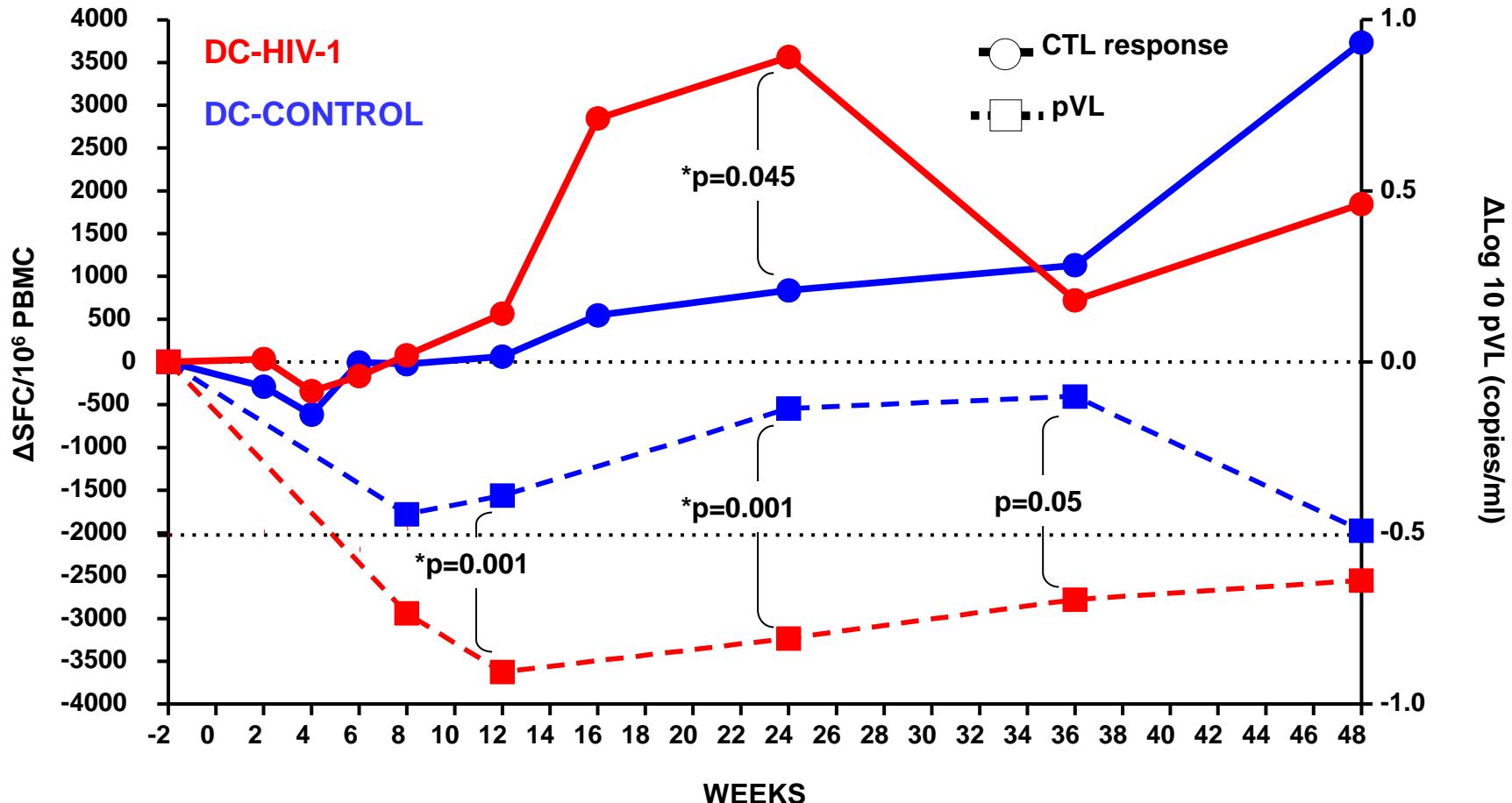
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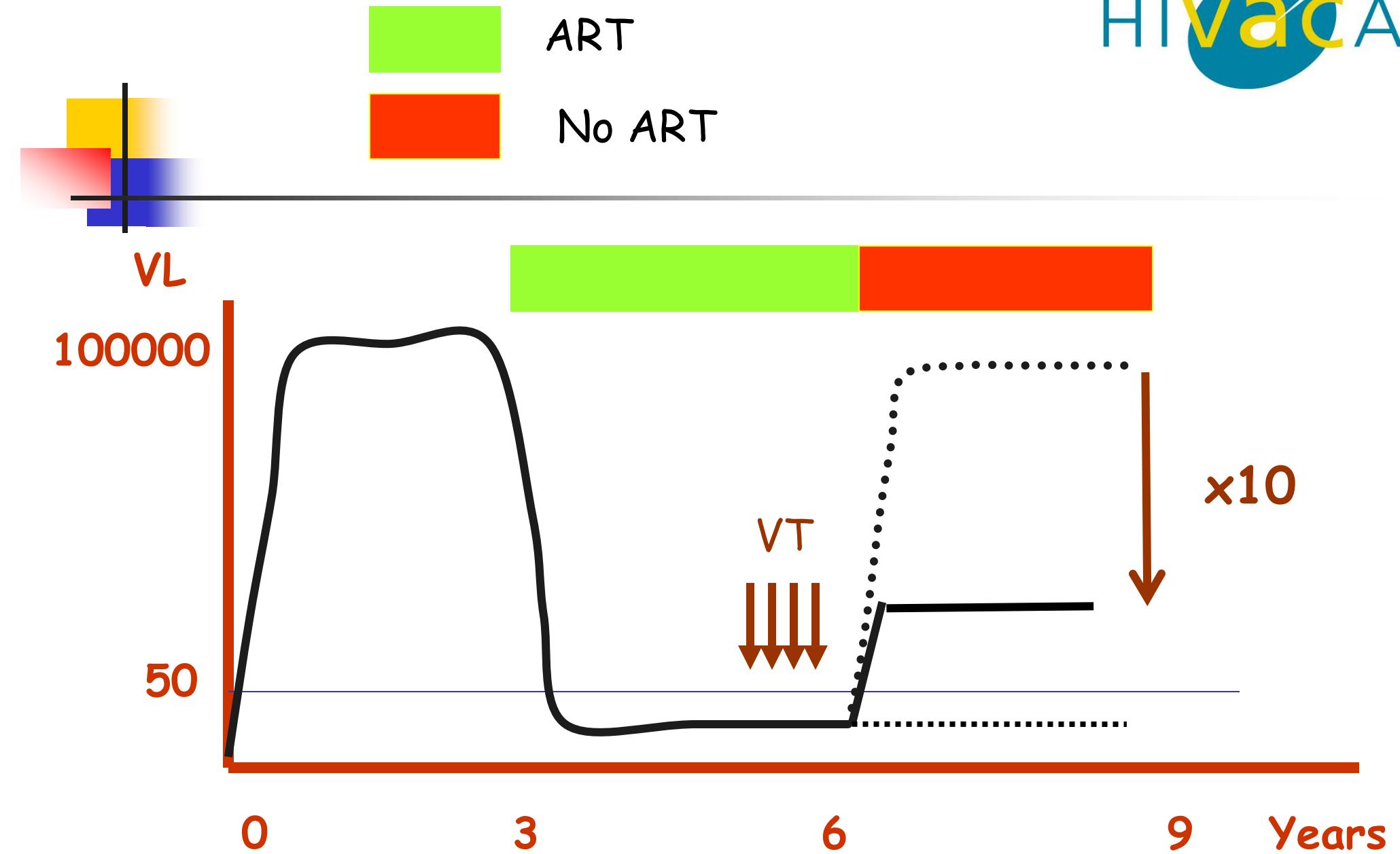
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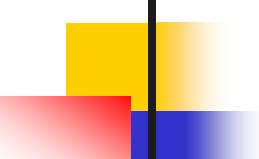
CHANGES IN IFN- γ PRODUCING HIV SPECIFIC T CELLS



CONCLUSIONS

- Therapeutic vaccination was **feasible, safe and well tolerated.**
- A consistent and significant **decrease in VL (1 log)** was observed in vaccine recipients and was correlated with an increase in **CD4 T cell count.**
- **86%** of vaccinated patients had a significant **lower set point VL** when compared to baseline and this was maintained in **52%** of patients at week 48



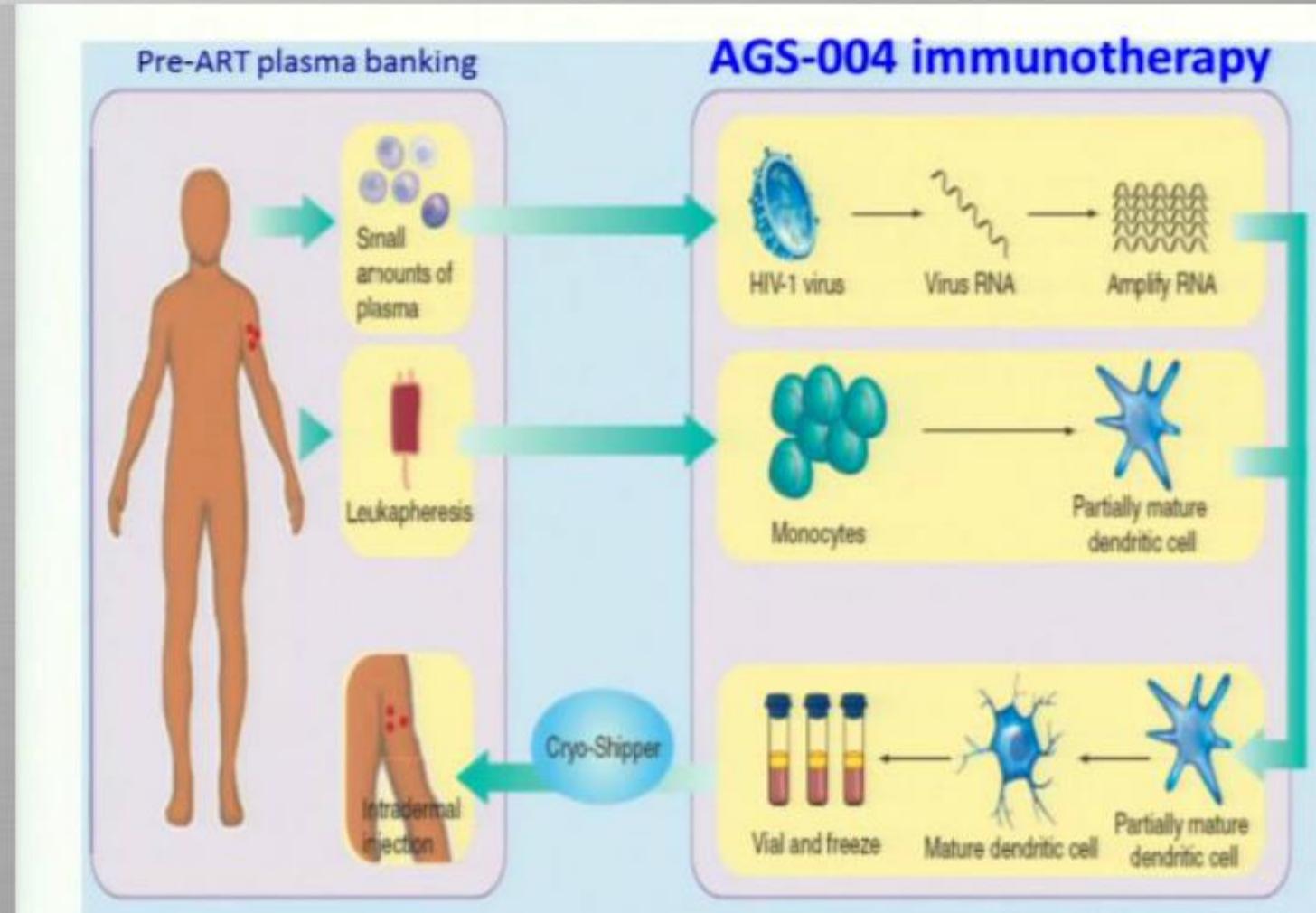


Editor's Summary: **Putting the Vaccine Before the cART**

Combination antiretroviral therapy has turned HIV infection from a death sentence to a manageable disease. However, current treatment requires “cART for life,” a less than ideal situation for HIV-infected individuals because of drug cost and worries about resistance. New vaccine strategies are attempting to control viral replication after infection, thus allowing discontinuation of cART and a “functional cure.” Garcia *et al.* report a dendritic cell (DC)-based vaccine that elicits an HIV-1-specific immune response and may change the setpoint of viral load.

The authors pulsed the patient’s own DCs with heat-inactivated whole HIV and then used these DCs as a therapeutic vaccine. The vaccine was safe and well tolerated. They observed a decrease in viral setpoint after cART interruption in vaccinated patients with a concomitant increase in HIV-1-specific T cell responses. Although not yet a functional cure, these results support future studies optimizing a therapeutic vaccine to maintain HIV-1-infected patients.

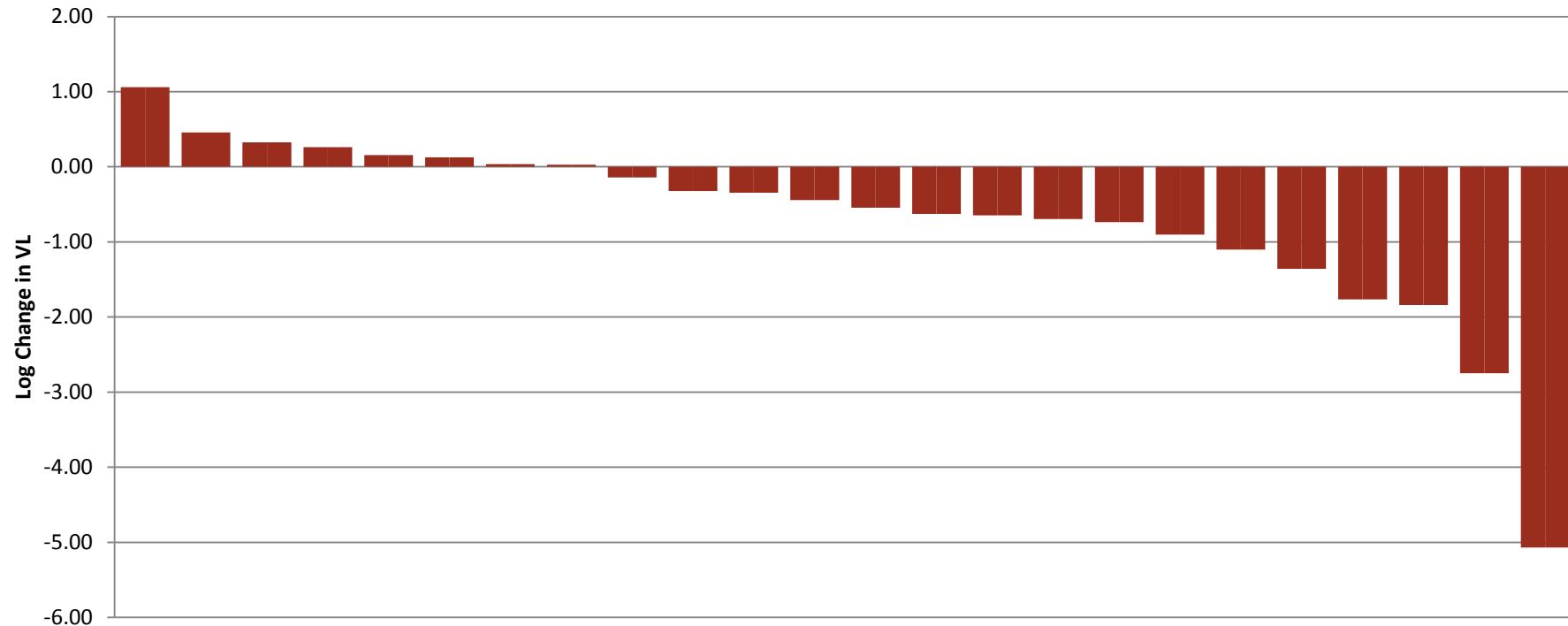
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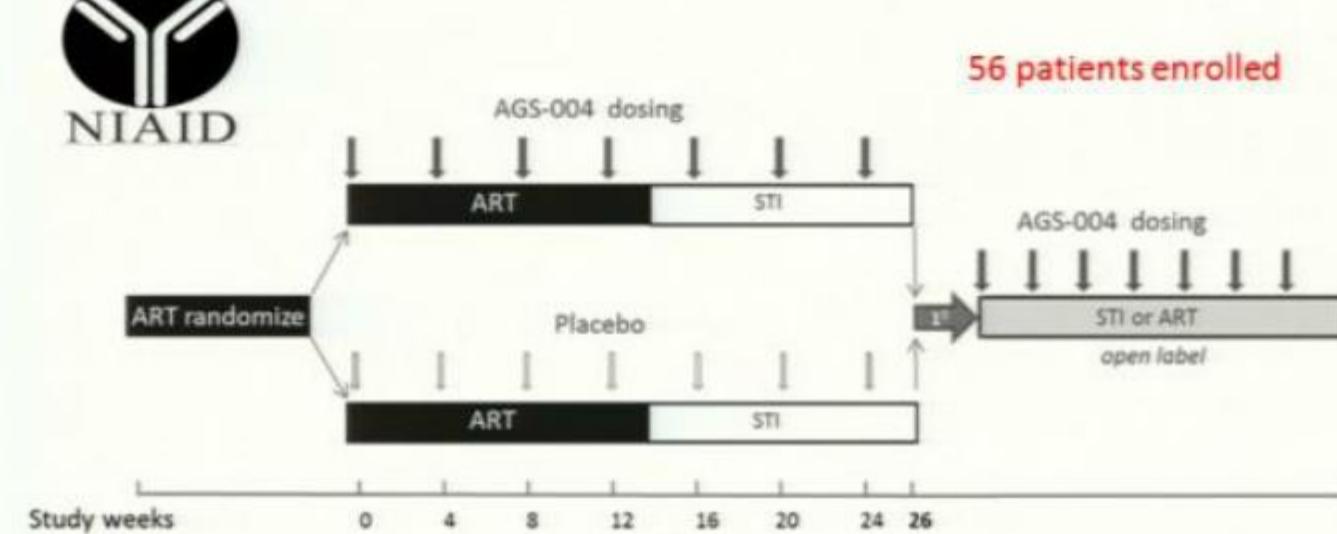
Routy, Nicolette Immunotherapy. 2010

Pre-ART vs. Week 12 of STI Log Change in Viral Load



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Phase 2b Study Schematic: Chronic Cohort*: USA and Canada



Involving participants from private
community medical clinics

Global PI: J M. Jacobson

Phase 2b data expected mid 2014

*All patients were chronically infected for more than 6 months prior to initiating ART



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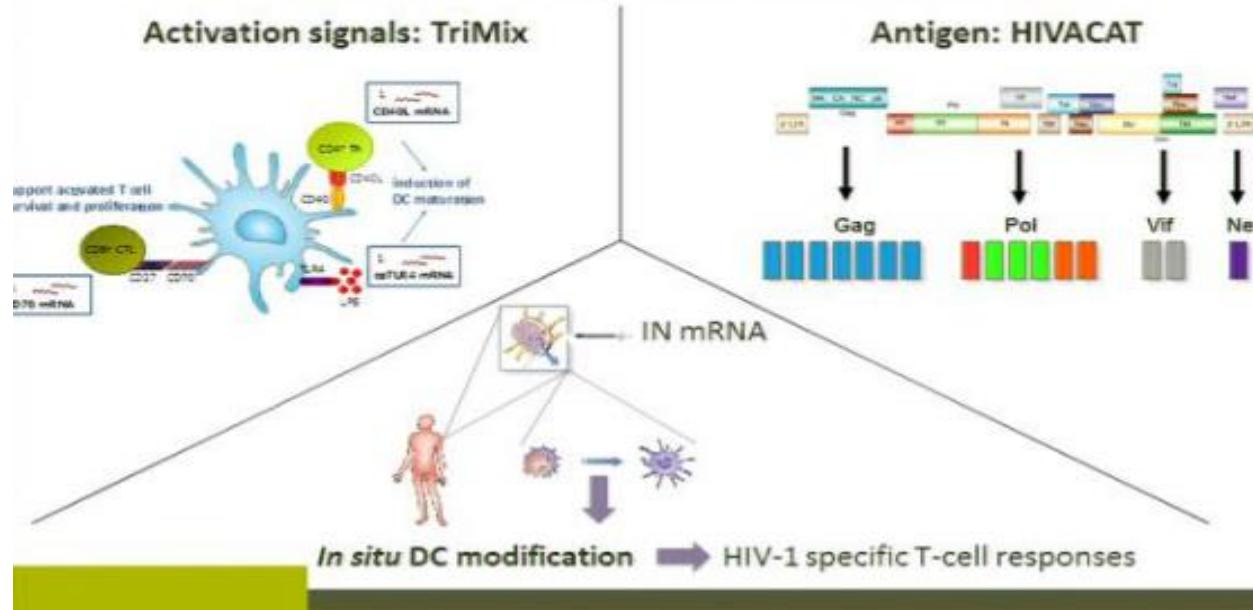
SME (mRNA production)





Concept of iHIVARNA

Intranodal vaccination of HIV-1 infected patients with mRNA encoding **TriMix** and **HIVACAT**



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Biological model (functional cure)

Visconti patients

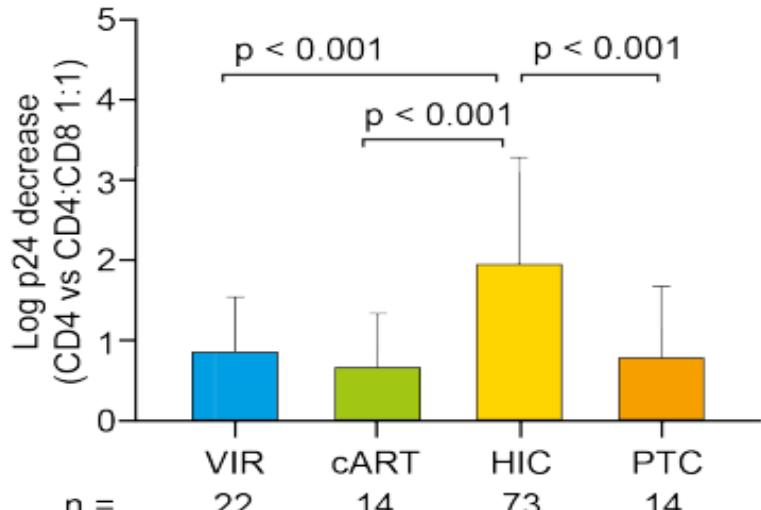
Reservoirs can be reduced (purged ?):

ART alone early after PHI

ART + TV ?

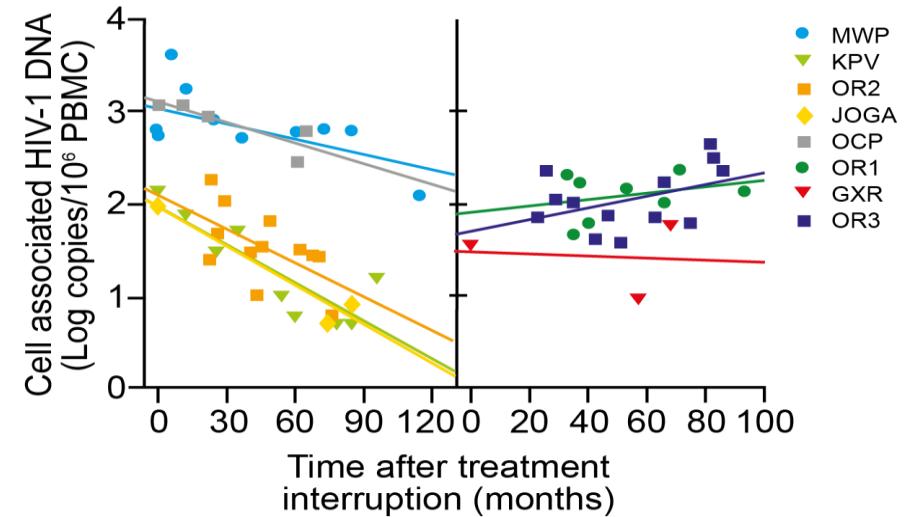
ART+ mobilizing agent + TV ?

The VISCONTI cohort: the possibility of post-treatment control



Capacity of CD8+ T cells to suppress HIV infection of CD4+ T cells

Determined by log-fold decrease in the level of secreted p24 (CD4 vs CD4:CD8 1:1 cell cultures).



Evolution of cell-associated HIV DNA after treatment interruption in PBMCs from 8 PTCs.

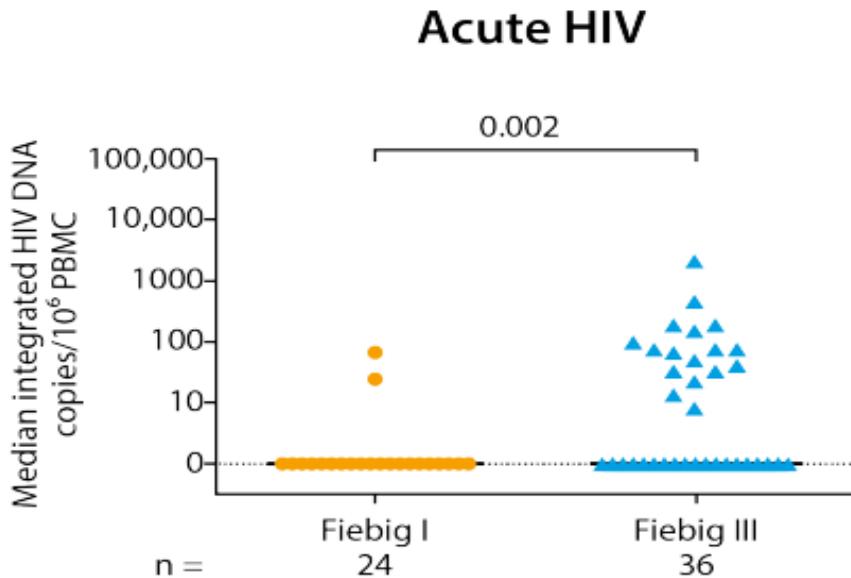
Left: five PTCs experienced a decline in their cell-associated HIV DNA levels

Right: two PTCs maintained stable levels and a positive slope was calculated for OR3

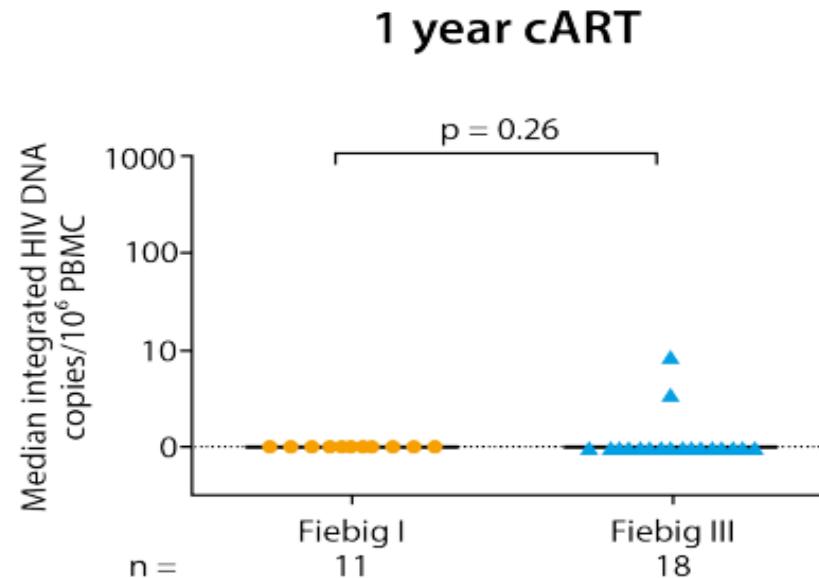
VIRs, viraemic patients; ARTs, treated patients;
HICs, HIV controllers; PTCs, post-treatment controllers

Saez-Cirión A, et al. PLoS Pathog 2013;9:e1003211.

Very early treatment in adults: restricted reservoir formation?



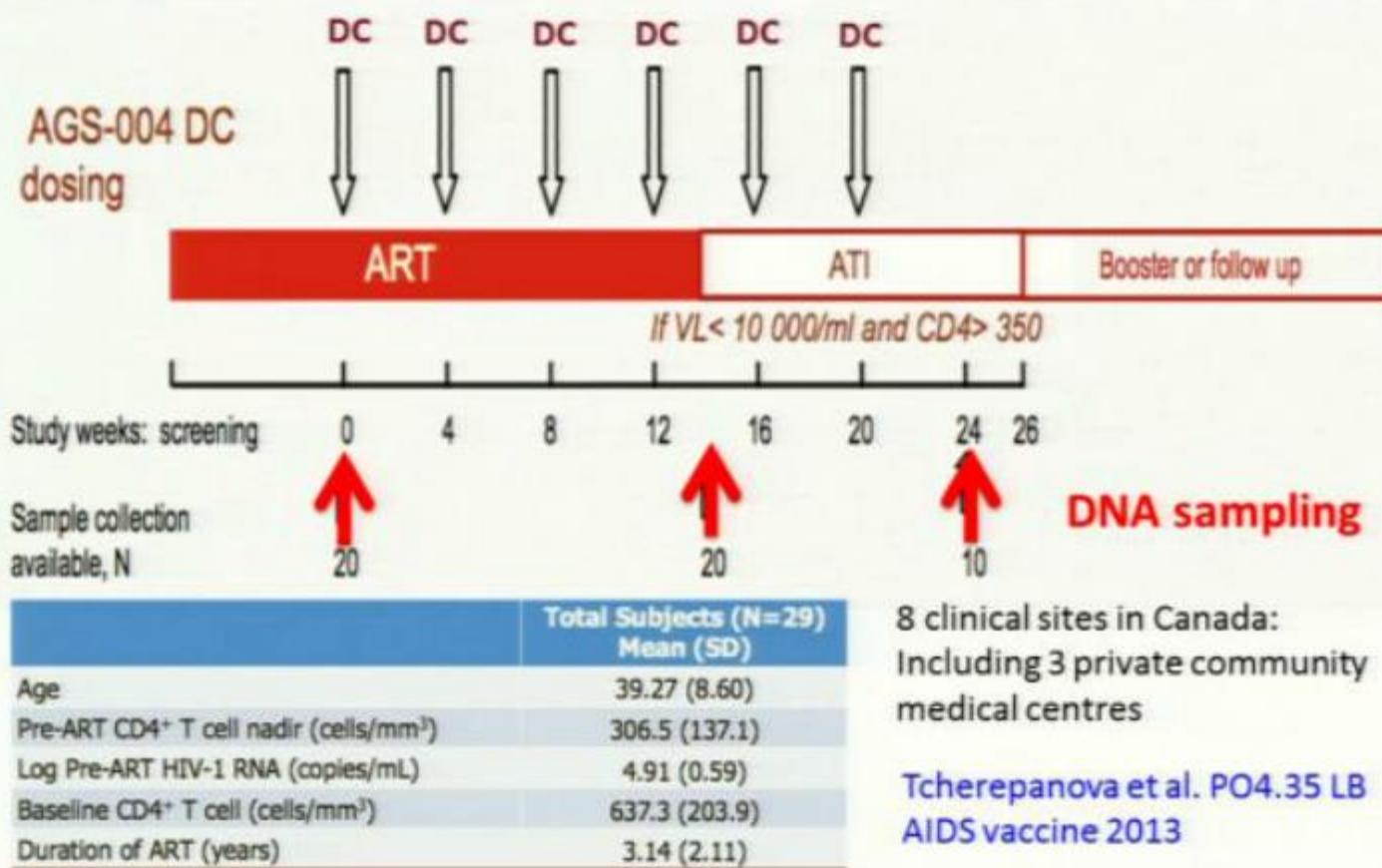
Undetectable integrated HIV DNA
92% 53%



Undetectable integrated HIV DNA
100% 89%

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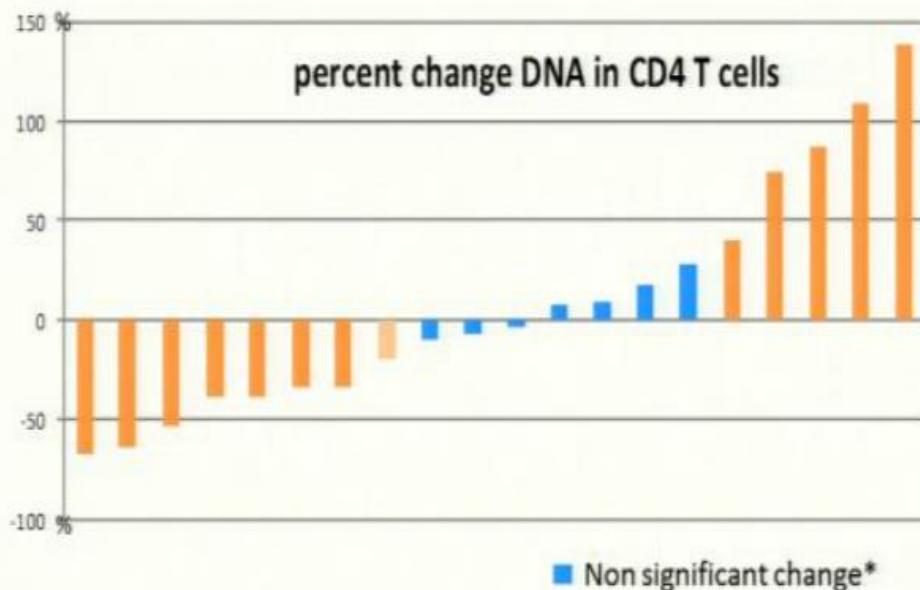
DC vaccine and HIV reservoir



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Pro viral DNA change (%) at week 14 vs. week 0 after 4 doses of AGS-004 on ART



*Significant change when > 1.3 fold change (28%) based on inter assay variability

Tcherepanova et al. PO4.35 LB AIDS vaccine 2013

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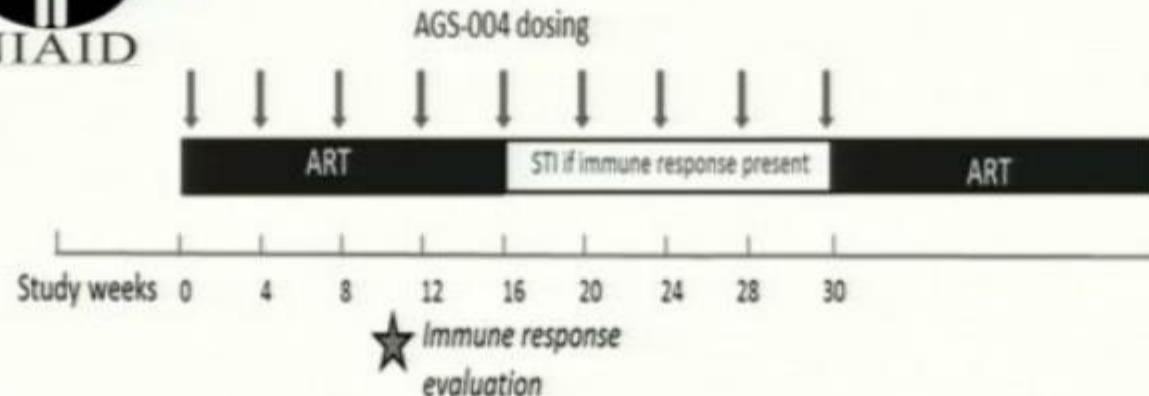
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AGS-004-003 Acute infection study Uncontrolled, Open Label



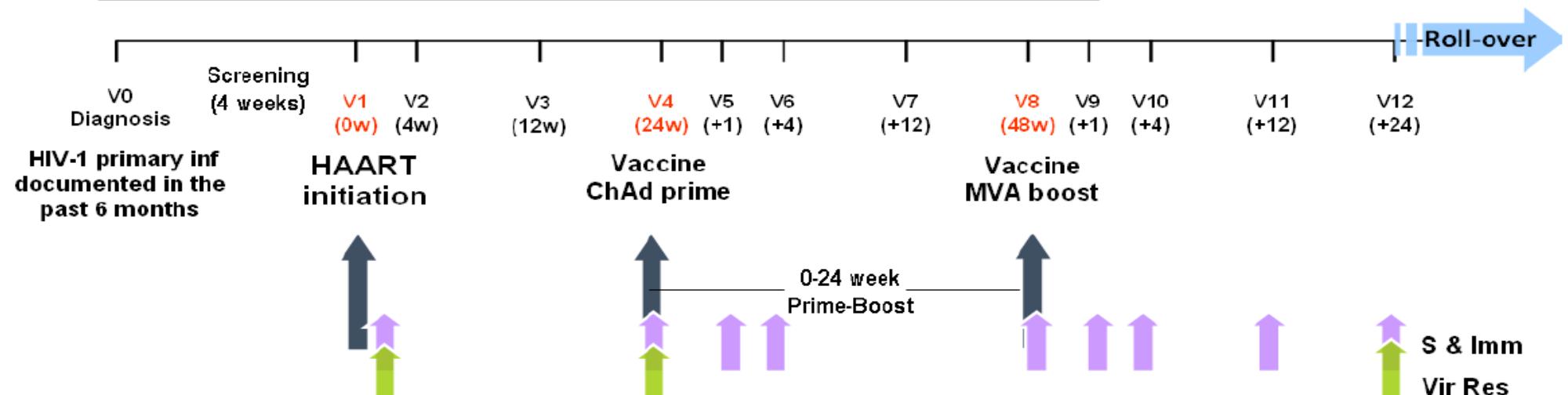
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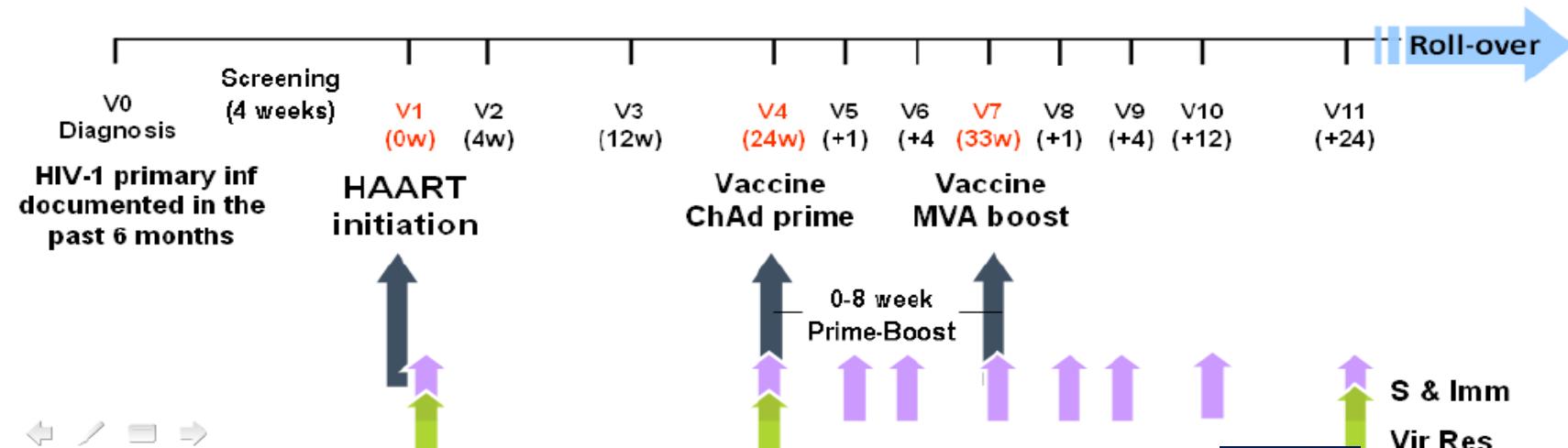
PI: DM Margolis
6 patients recruited

*AHI=acute HIV infection
initiated ART within 45 days of primary infection)

ARM A: TDF/FTC + RAL 0-24 week vaccination (individuals 0 to 12)



ARM B: TDF/FTC + RAL 0-8 week vaccination (individuals 13 to 24)

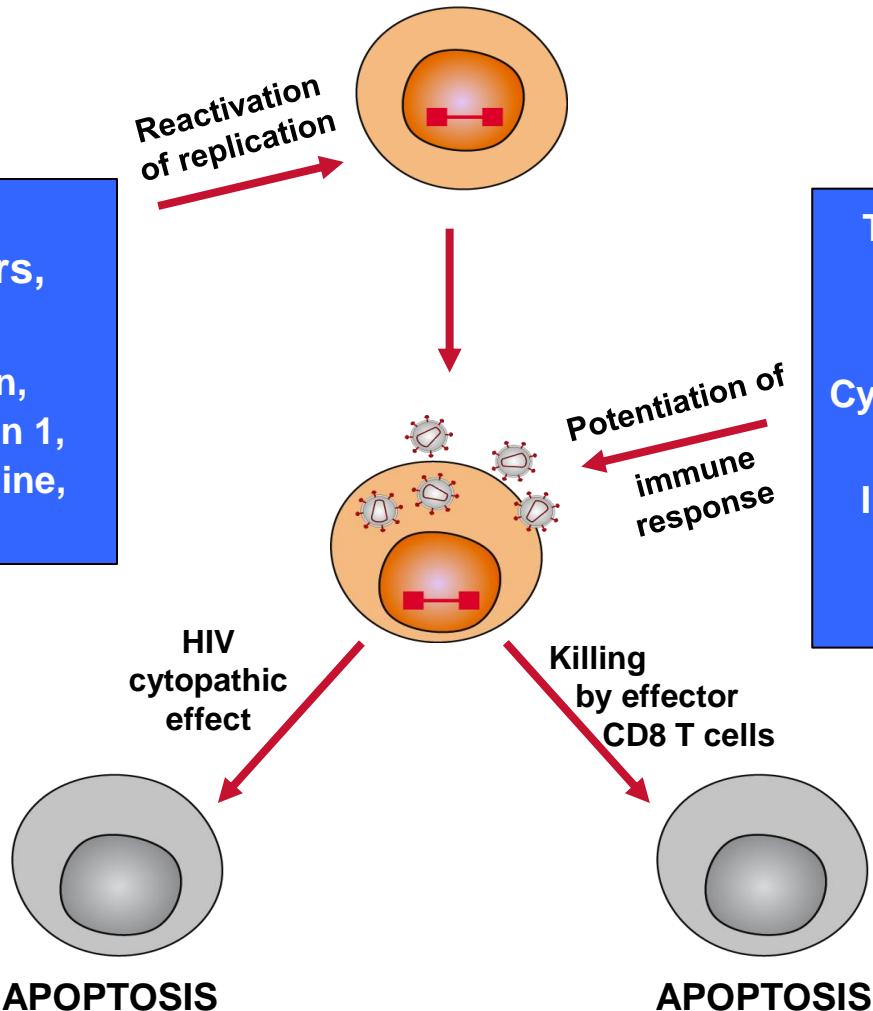


Combination Strategies To Purge The HIV Reservoir

Yves Levy

Latent Reservoir T_{CM}/T_{TM} CD4 cells

HDAC Inhibitors,
SAHA,
Prostratin,
Bryostatin 1,
5-azathidine,
anti-PD-1



Covert Cellular Reservoir with Residual Replication

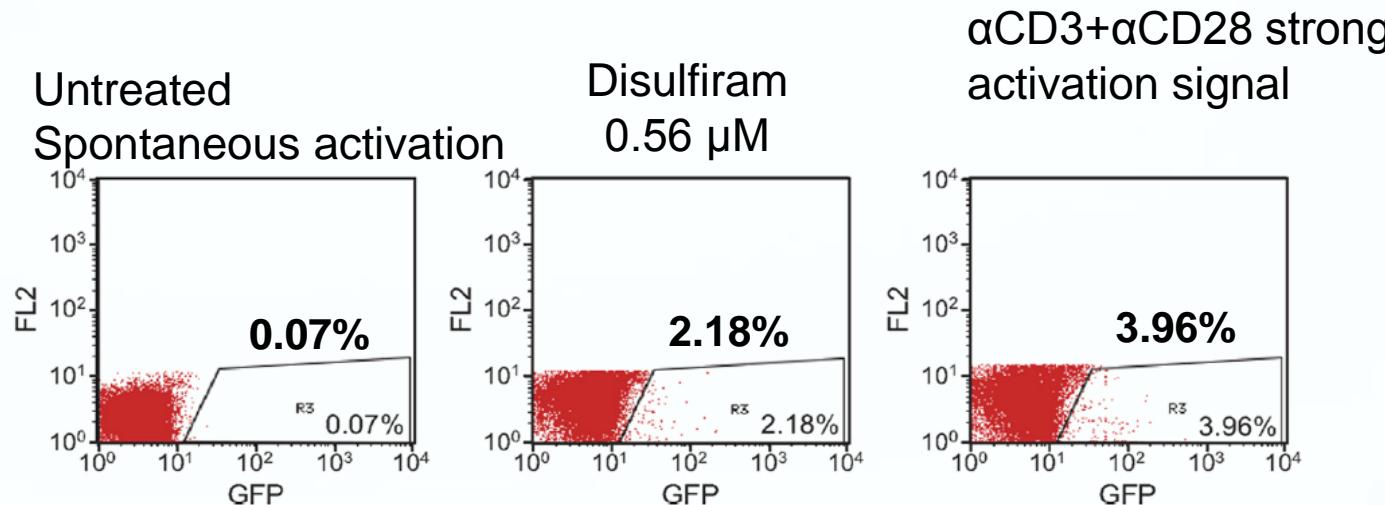
Therapeutic vaccine,
anti-PD-1,
Cytokines (IL-2,
IL-7),
Inhibitors of immune activation

Potentiation of immune response

Selective targeting
Antibody coupled with toxins

G. Pantaleo, IAS HIV cure, 2012

Disulfiram Reactivates Latent HIV-1 without Inducing T Cell Activation



- ❖ But it is not yet clear that disulfiram can reactivate latent HIV-1 *in vivo*

Stimulation ^a	Treatment Time Course (days)						
	0	2	3	4	5	6	7
Media Alone	67	UD	UD	UD	41	77	134
Disulfiram 0.4 μ M	UD ^c	366	76	88	UD	263	204
anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 ^b	49	22,169	65,697	40,489	12,969	7,510	3,383

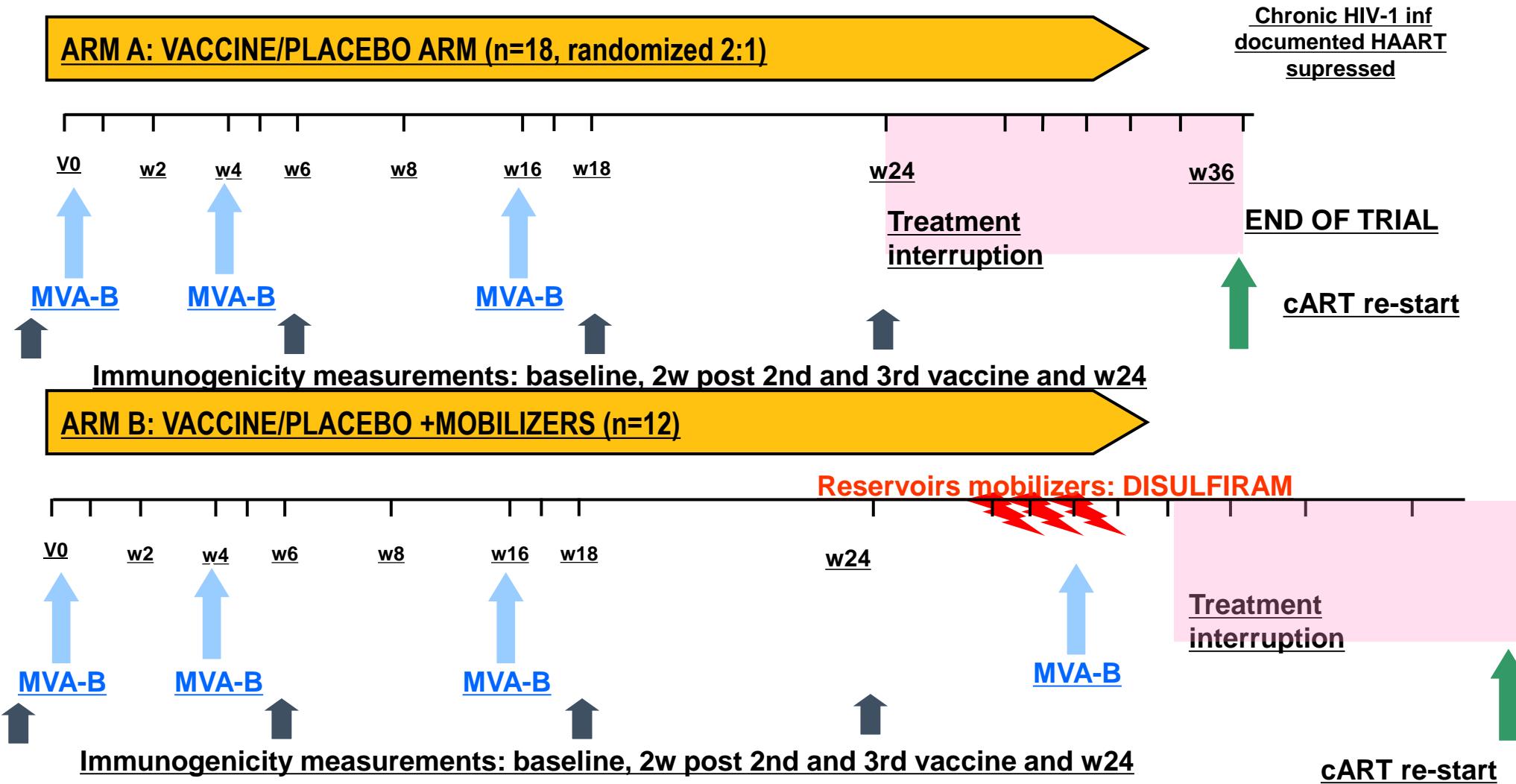
Dynamics of Viral Load (VL) Rebound After cART Interruption in Chronic HIV Infected Patients Receiving MVA-B plus Disulfiram.

Beatriz Mothe¹, Sonsoles Sánchez², Saray Corral³, Nuria Climent², Alberto C. Guardo², Lorna Leal², Berta Torres², José Luis Jiménez³, Judit Pich², Joan Albert Arnaiz², Agathe León², María Angeles Muñoz-Fernández³, Jose M Gatell², Bonaventura Clotet¹, Mariano Esteban⁴, Montserrat Plana², Juan Carlos López Bernaldo de Quirós³, Christian Brander¹, Felipe García² for the RISVAC-03 Study.

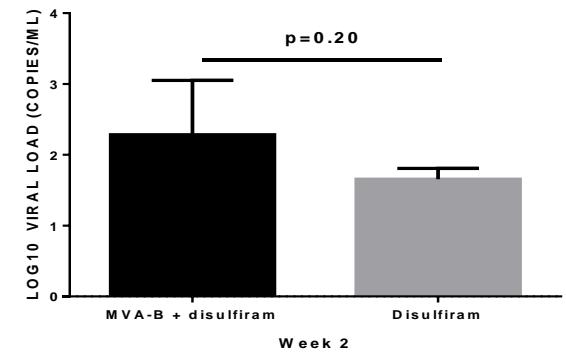
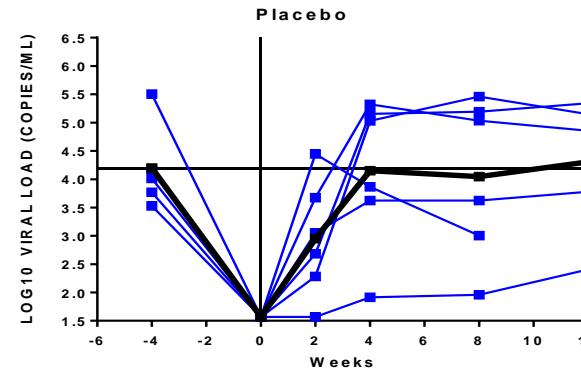
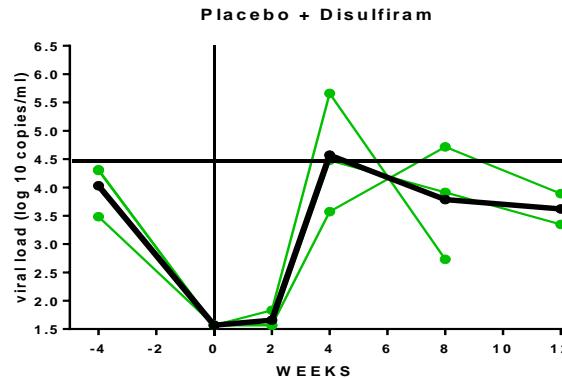
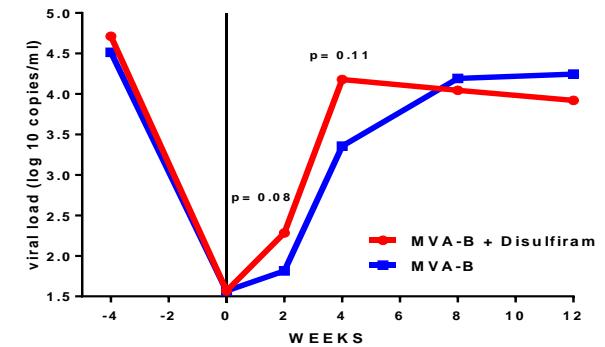
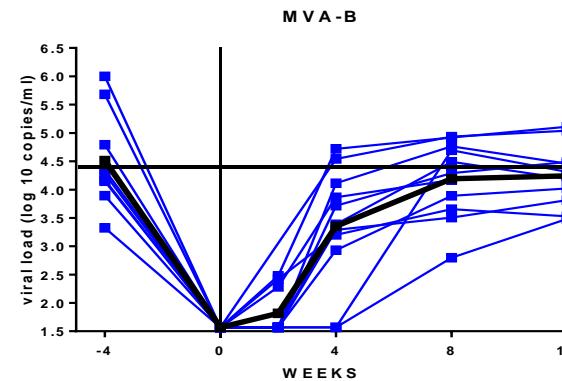
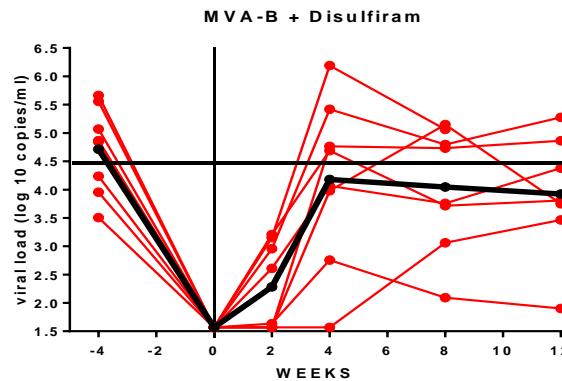
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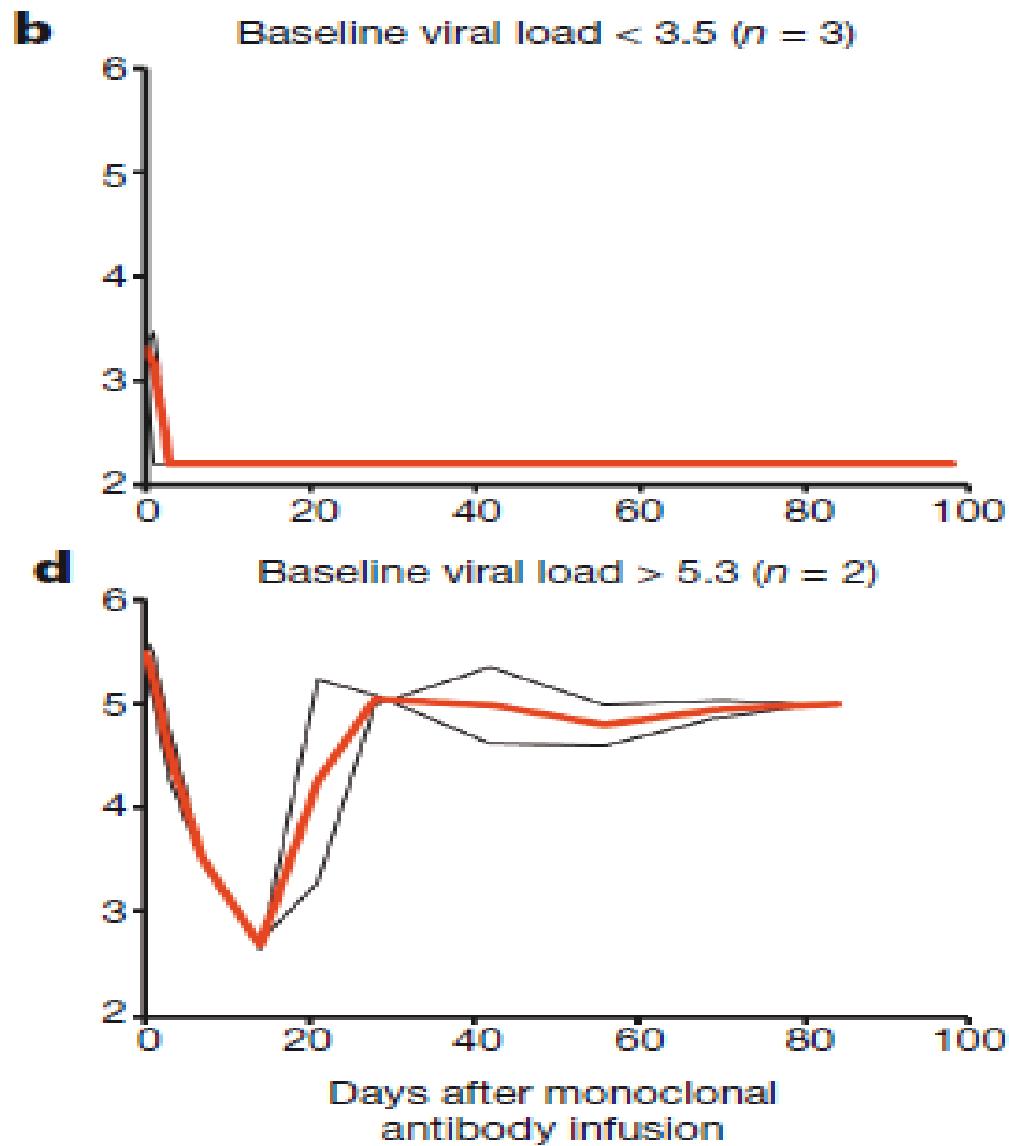
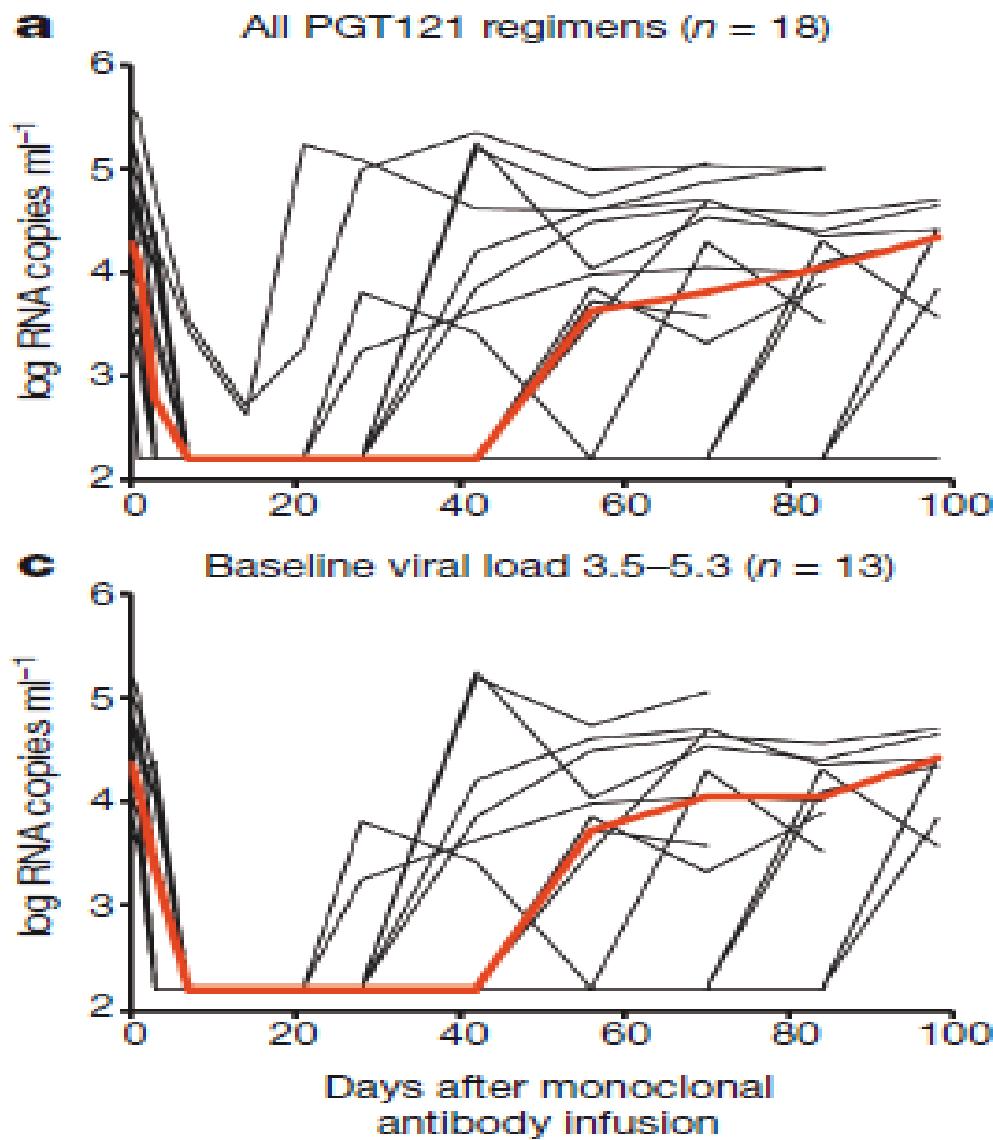
Clinical Trial Design



Viral load rebound after vaccination vs vaccination plus disulfiram. Absolute numbers and changes as compared with baseline viral load before any cART



Barouch et al. Nature 2013



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- HIV therapeutic vaccines may play a role to overcome some of the limitations of ART
 - Delay or avoid VL rebound after ART interruption
 - Deplete the reservoirs
 - Purge the reservoirs shock & kill strategies
- Most promising results so far, in humans, have been obtained with dendritic cells based therapeutic vaccines



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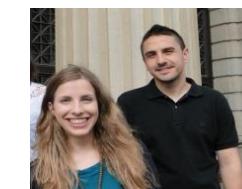
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