

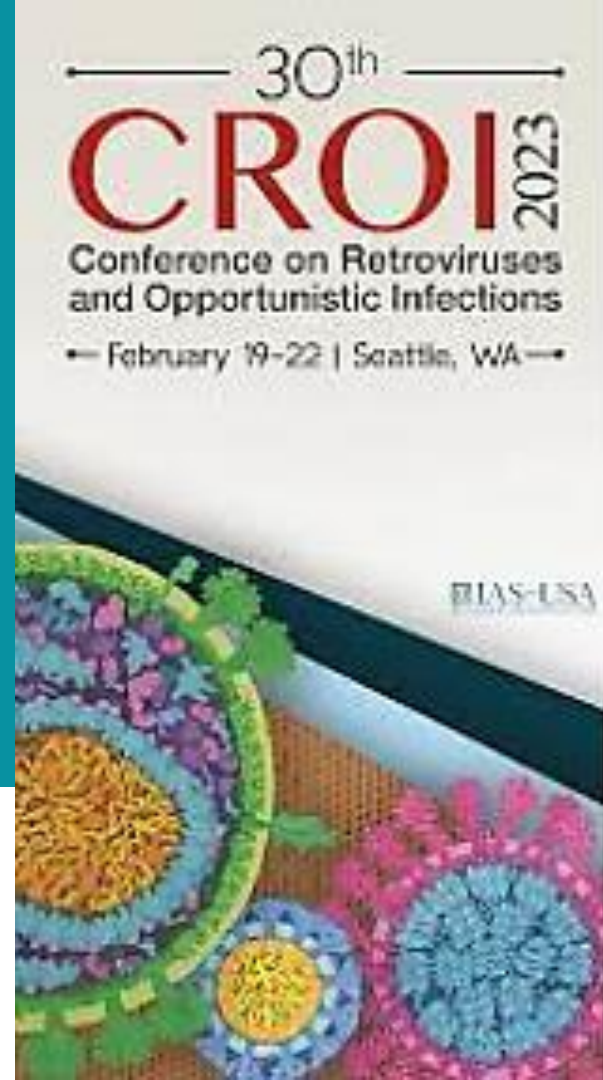
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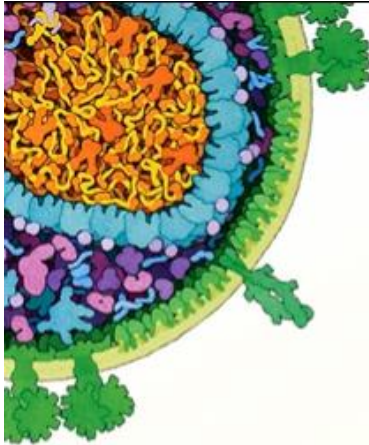
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NAFLD / NASH / Liver fibrosis



**THEMED DISCUSSION: TD-02**

Monday, February 20, 2023

# **PREVALENCE AND FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH NAFLD IN PEOPLE WITH HIV**

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## Aims

1) Determine the prevalence of liver steatosis and fibrosis

2) Assess associations between steatosis and fibrosis, and demographic-, metabolic-, and HIV-specific factors, including ART regimens

## Methods

❖ 2000HIV cohort

❖ FibroScan®:

- Liver stiffness measurements (LSM)
- Controlled attenuation parameter (CAP)

## Overview of the study



### Inclusion

- HIV-1
- $\geq 6$  months ART
- VL < 200 copies/mL

### Exclusion:

- Active HBV/HCV
- Other active infection
- Pregnancy

Age (years)	52.0 [43.0 – 59.0]
Sex (males)	86.6%
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	25.1 [22.6 – 27.8]
Ethnicity (white)	82.1%
T2DM	5.2%
HIV duration (years)	11.0 [5.9 – 16.6]
HIV transmission (MSM)	74.8%
CD4 nadir (10 <sup>6</sup> cells/L)	270 [150 – 400]

Total population:  
n = 1895

FibroScan:  
n = 1109

Excluded:  
n = 34

Valid LSM and/or  
CAP result:

N = 1075

# Prevalence of liver steatosis and fibrosis



**Steatosis**  
 $CAP \geq 248 \text{ dB/m}$



47.5% steatosis



- S0 ( $CAP < 248 \text{ dB/m}$ , 52.5%)
- S1 ( $CAP 248 - 268 \text{ dB/m}$ , 12.2%)
- S2 ( $CAP 268 - 280 \text{ dB/m}$ , 7.1%)
- S3 ( $CAP > 280 \text{ dB/m}$ , 28.2%)

**Fibrosis**  
 $LSM \geq 7.0 \text{ kPa}$

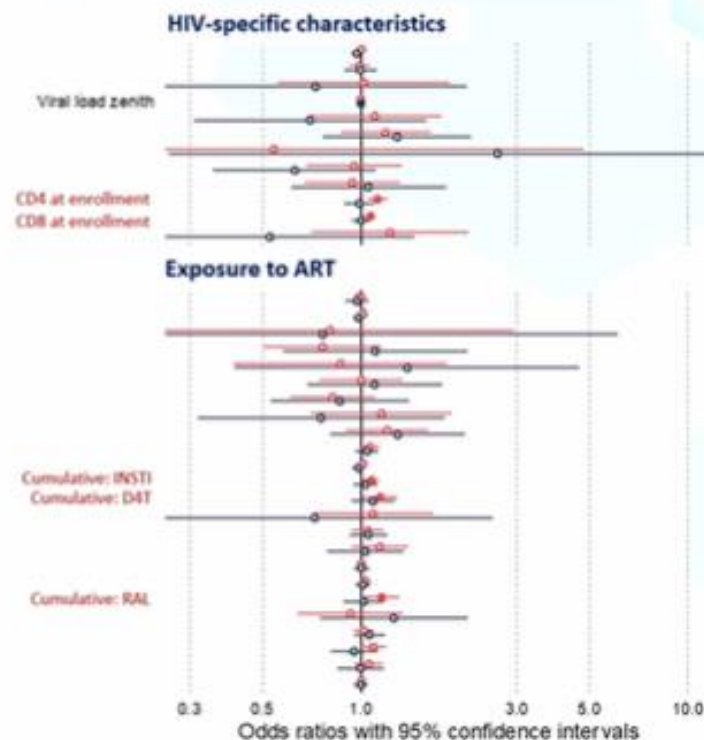
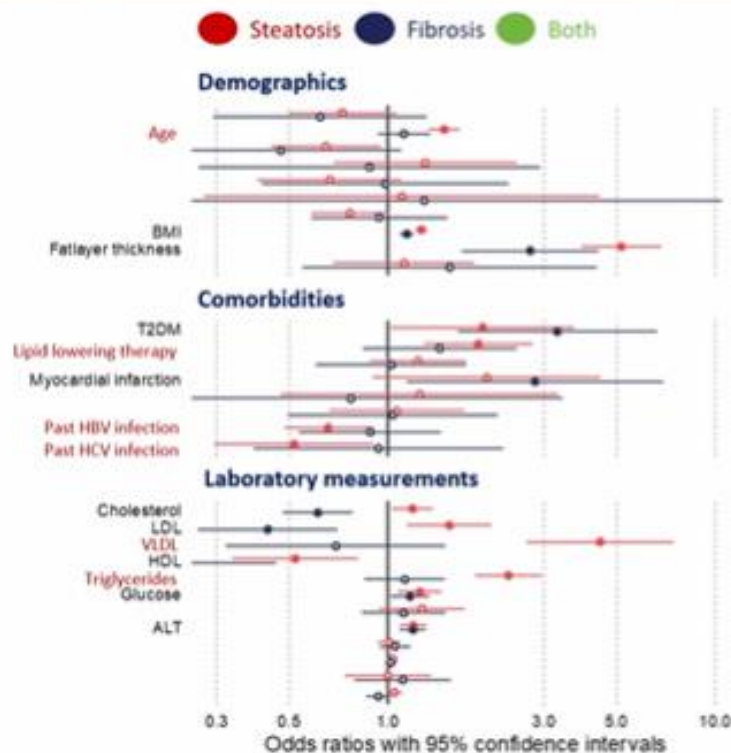


8.8% fibrosis



- F0-F1 ( $LSM < 7.0 \text{ kPa}$ , 91.2%)
- F2 ( $LSM 7.0 - 8.7 \text{ kPa}$ , 5.9%)
- F3 ( $LSM 8.7 - 10.3 \text{ kPa}$ , 1.8%)
- F4 ( $LSM > 10.3 \text{ kPa}$ , 1.2%)

# Factors associated to liver steatosis and fibrosis



# Discussion

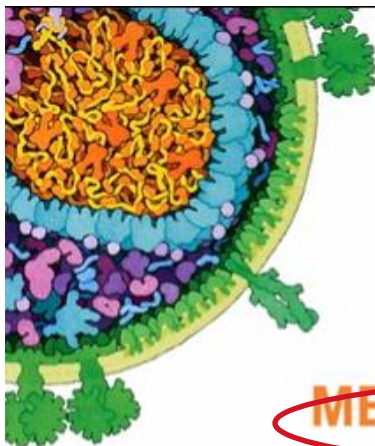
Liver steatosis and fibrosis affect nearly one in two and one in ten PLHIV.



NAFLD was most strongly associated with **metabolic risk factors** → focus on metabolic alterations that may contribute to NAFLD.

ART: cumulative duration of treatment with **INSTI** may increase risk of NAFLD → mediated by weight gain?

High **CD4+ and CD8+ T cell counts** at enrollment are associated with liver steatosis → further elucidate role of adaptive immunity in NAFLD.



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# SEX DIFFERENCES IN THE ASSOCIATION OF HIV WITH METABOLIC-FATTY LIVER DISEASE

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**Objective: *Investigate sex differences in the incidence and prevalence of MAFLD and liver fibrosis in HIV population***



## Methods

Population characteristics (N= 1359)	
Age	51.8
Female	25%
BMI	25.1
Ethnicity	25% black, 64% white
HIV duration	17.2 (9.5) years 30% HCV co-infected

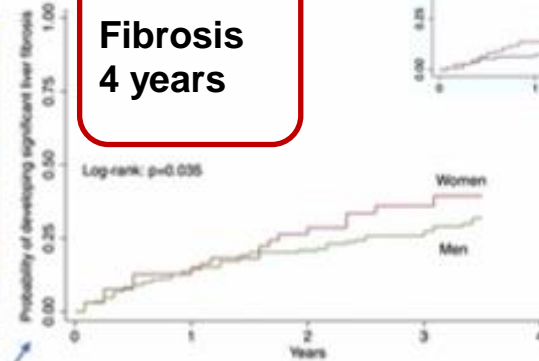
- Multicenter cohort study of consecutive PWH who underwent screening for MAFLD and liver fibrosis by liver stiffness measurement with associated CAP
- MAFLD was defined as:
  - Presence of hepatic steatosis ( $CAP \geq 270$  dB/m) plus any among type 2 diabetes, overweight ( $BMI > 25$  Kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or two other metabolic abnormalities
- Significant liver fibrosis was diagnosed as  $LSM \geq 8$  kPa
- The incidence of MAFLD and significant liver fibrosis was assessed through survival analysis

# Results

## Baseline characteristics

	Female	Male
Prevalence of MAFLD	17.7%	24.3%
Prevalence of liver fibrosis	10.7%	13.4%
Black ethnicity	48%	17%
ALT, U/L	26.4 $\pm$ 20.4	33.4 $\pm$ 22.5
HDL cholesterol, mmol/l	1.46 $\pm$ 0.57	1.11 $\pm$ 0.33
Triglycerides, mmol/l	1.69 $\pm$ 0.96	2.47 $\pm$ 2.63

**Fibrosis  
4 years**



- Incidence of **MAFLD similar** between women and men with HIV
- Incidence of liver fibrosis was higher in women vs. men with HIV
  - 7.0 vs. 5.9 per 100 PY particularly after 50 years old

- On multivariable cox regression and after age adjustment: **MAFLD** (aHR 3.3, 95% CI 2.0-5.6) and **female sex** (aHR 2.2, 95% CI 1.3-3.5) were independent predictors of developing significant liver fibrosis while **CD4 cell count was protective** (aHR 0.99, 95% CI 0.99-0.99).



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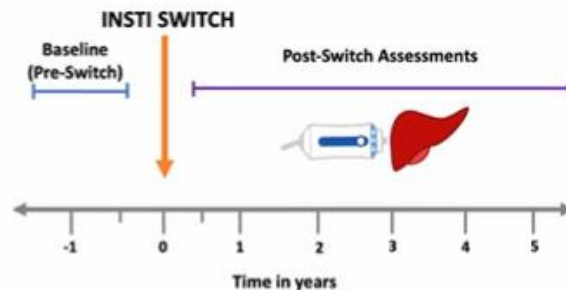
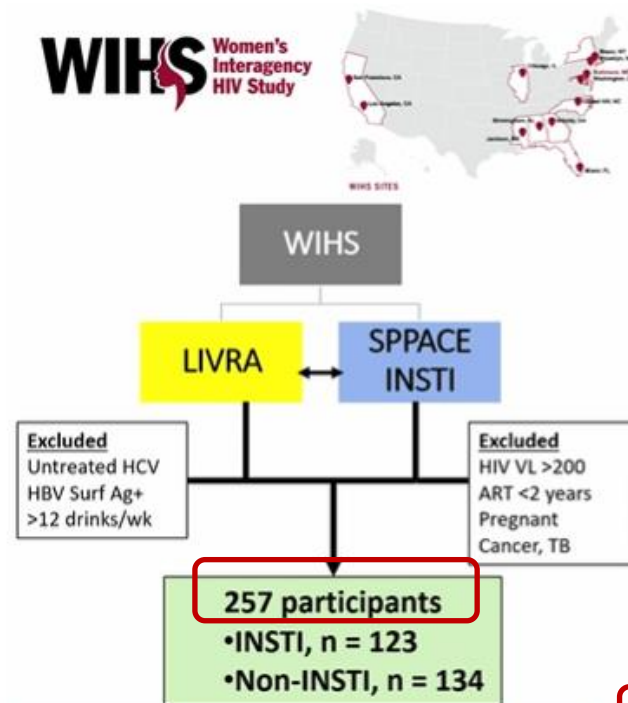
# LIVER STEATOSIS AND FIBROSIS IN WOMEN WITH HIV BY INTEGRASE INHIBITOR USE

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## STUDY AIM

Assess **hepatic steatosis** and **fibrosis** among **women with HIV** switching to INSTIs vs those on non-INSTIs



## Outcomes

- **Liver steatosis (CAP)** = controlled attenuation parameter ( $\geq 248$  dB/m)
- **Liver stiffness (LS)** = shear wave elastography ( $\geq 7.1$  kPa)
- **FibroScan AST (FAST) Score**  $\geq 0.67$

## Analyses

- Mixed-effects and logistic regression models for continuous and categorical outcomes, respectively
- **Adjusted for:** Age, CD4%, BMI, TDF or TAF use, Baseline, 2, 3, 4, 5 years

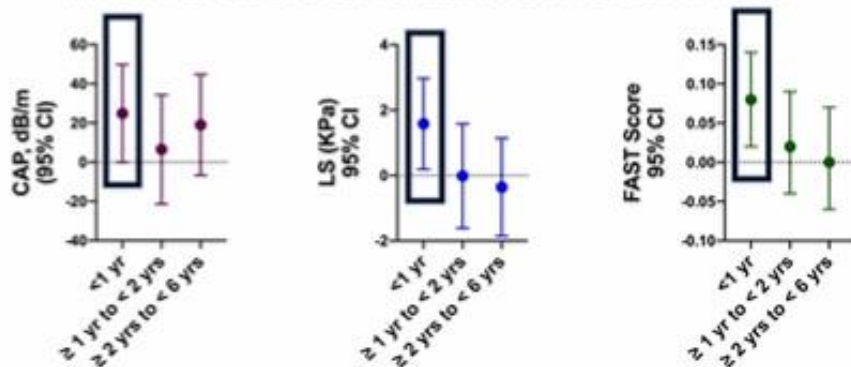
# Results

Cohort Characteristics (time of FibroScan)		
Mean (SD), median (Q1, Q3) or n(%)	INSTI N=123	Non-INSTI N=134
Age, yrs	50 (8)	49 (8)
Black race	82 (67)	107 (80)
Alcohol use		
Abstainer	75 (62)	84 (63)
1-7/wk	44 (36)	49 (37)
CD4, cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	836 (316)	758 (290)
CD4 nadir	214 (87, 344)	245 (141, 360)
NRTI		
TDF*	28 (23)	109 (81)
TAF*	51 (42)	15 (11)
ABC*	33 (27)	10 (8)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	32 (8)	32 (8)

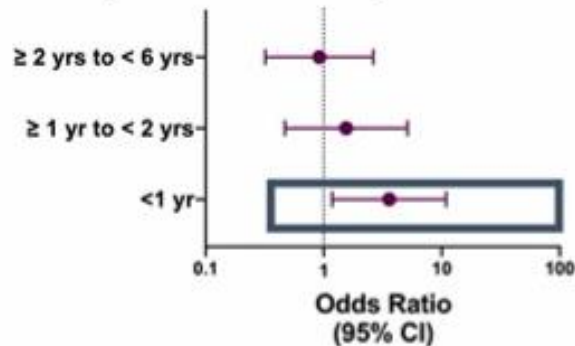
## Change from pre-switch to FibroScan

	INSTI	Non-INSTI
Weight, kg	+2.4 (7.9)	+1.6 (7.8)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	+0.95 (3.0)	+0.6 (2.9)
Waist circumference, cm	+1.5 (7.6)	+0.6 (6.9)

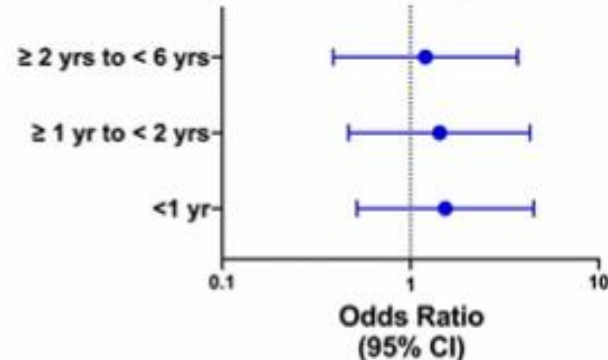
## Differences in measures of Hepatic Steatosis, Fibrosis, and FAST Scores between INSTI & Non-INSTI



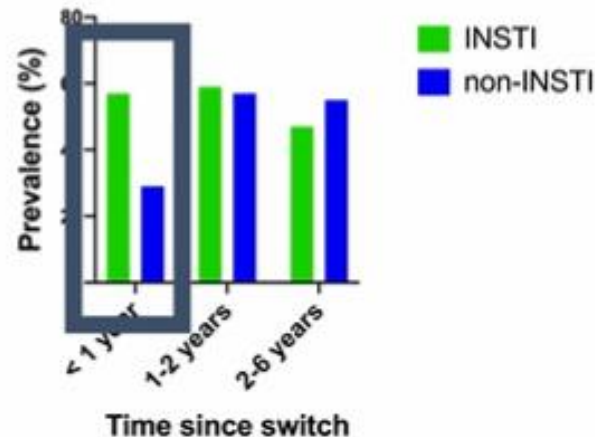
### Hepatic Steatosis (CAP $\geq 248$ dB/m)

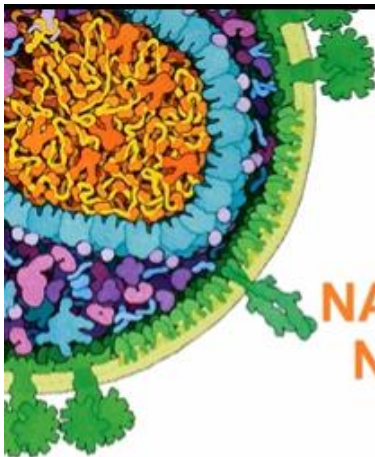


### Moderate Hepatic Fibrosis (LS $\geq 7.1$ Kpa)



- Women on INSTIs had a **3.6 greater odds of having hepatic steatosis** within 1 year of switch compared to non-INSTI Controls.
- No differences between groups in odds of moderate fibrosis at any time-point.





**THEMED DISCUSSION: TD-02**

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# NAFLD AND ITS COMBINATION WITH NASH PREDICT DM DEVELOPMENT IN PEOPLE WITH HIV

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## Study design

- A prospective cohort study
- Location – Bangkok, Thailand
- **NAFLD** – defined as CAP >248 dB/m (Karlas T, J Hepatol 2017)
- **NASH with significant activity and liver fibrosis** – defined as FibroScan-AST (FAST) score\*  $\geq 0.67$



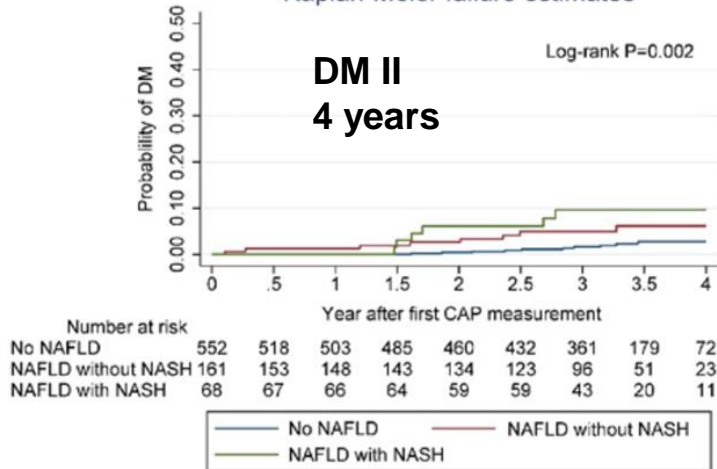
## Study population

- PWH aged  $\geq 18$  years without hepatitis B or C virus infection and without excessive alcohol consumption AND without DM diagnosis prior to baseline
- Baseline was defined as the first FibroScan date

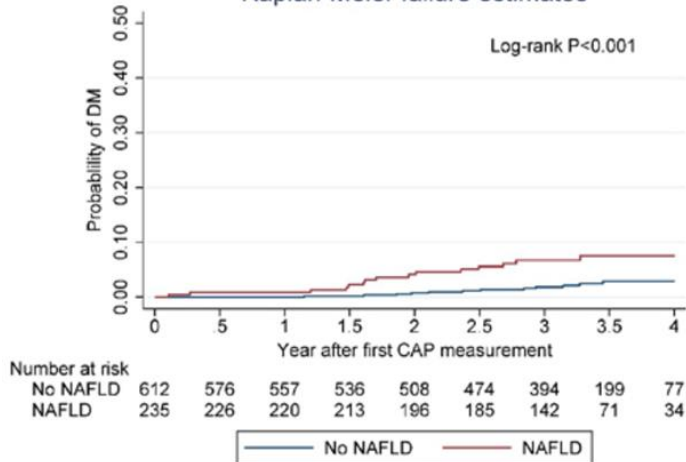
## Study population

- **847 PWH** included; median age at baseline was 46 (IQR 39-52) years (43% female)
- 90% had HIV RNA  $\leq 50$  copies/mL; w/ median CD4 - 588 (433-579) cells/mm<sup>3</sup>
- Duration of ART: 11 (6-18) years; median CAP measurement: 3 (3-4)
- At baseline, 66% NNRTI, 20% PI, 9% INSTI and 6% others (6% TAF)
- **28% and 15% had NAFLD and NASH at baseline; 28 developed DM**

Kaplan-Meier failure estimates



Kaplan-Meier failure estimates



## Summary

- Among well-suppressed PWH in a Thai cohort, **NAFLD alone or combined with NASH w/ liver fibrosis** predicts **new-onset DM**
- Secondary analyses – show the association of **DM with NAFLD at baseline** and **TAF use** (time-updated) with **incident NASH** by FAST score
- These results highlight the need for DM and CVD risks assessments and management in PWH with NAFLD
- Further mechanistic studies investigating underlying metabolic associations of NAFLD or NASH and DM development in PWH are warranted



# NAFLD / NASH / Liver fibrosis

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## Prevalence

- 50% steatosis
- Almost 10% fibrosis
- MAFLD ♀18% / ♂24%

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## Risk factors

- Metabolic risk factors
- INSTI (2000HIV cohort and WISH cohort)
- d4T

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## Sex

### Women:

- Less MAFLD
- More fibrosis
- Women >50y

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## Consequences

### New-onset DM predictors

- NAFLD +/- NASH
- TAF

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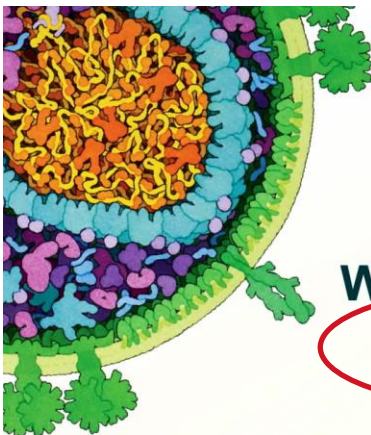
## Interventions

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INSTIs Impact



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# WEIGHT GAIN AMONG PARTICIPANTS SWITCHING TO A DOLUTEGRAVIR- BASED HIV REGIMEN IN KENYA

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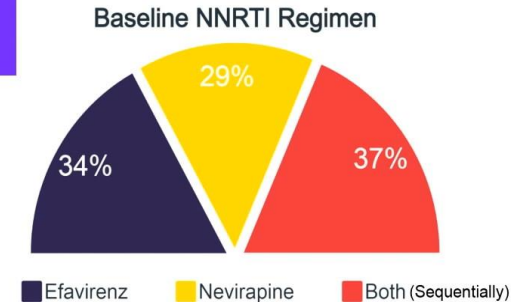
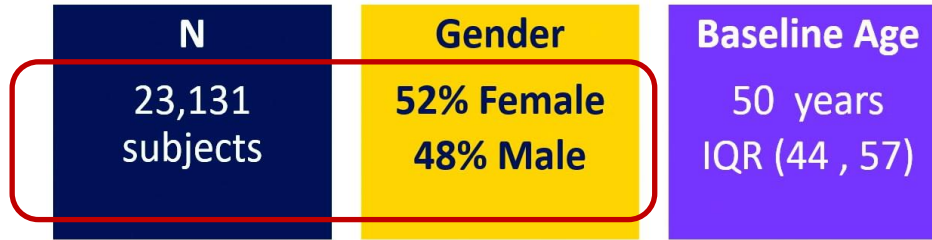
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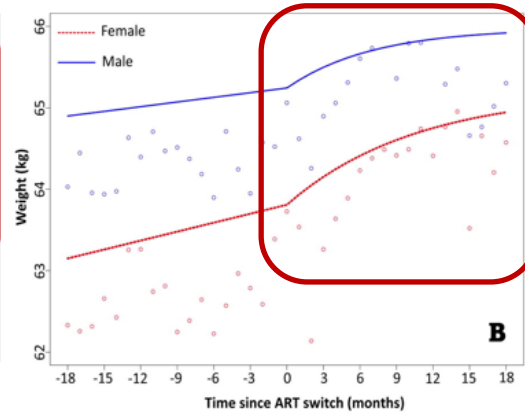
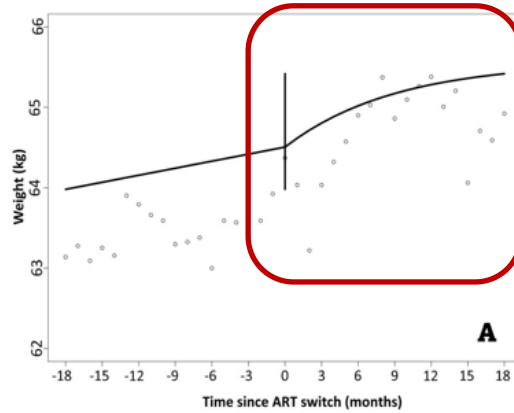
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# Study Population

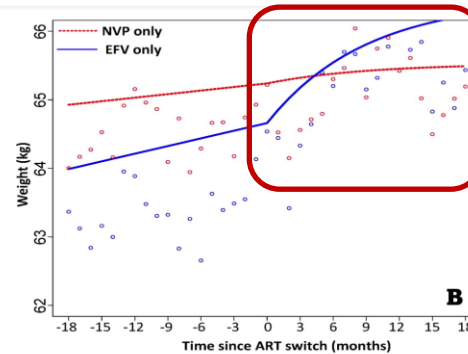
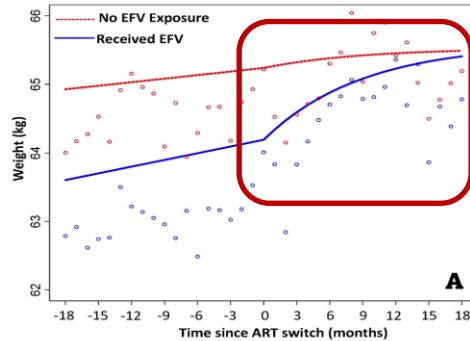


# Changes in the rate of weight gain after ART switch for overall participants (A), and by gender (B).



18 Months

## Changes in Rate of Weight Gain After Switch by baseline NNRTI drug



(A): EFV group includes participants exposed to both EFV and NVP

(B): EFV group includes participants exposed to EFV only

# Conclusions



Overall, the rate of weight gain increased, albeit modestly, after switching from an NNRTI to a DTG-based regimen.

The rate of weight gain was significantly higher for females compared to males following DTG switch.

Participants switching from EFV exhibited a significant increase in rate of weight gain following DTG switch while those switching from NVP had no changes in the rate of weight gain.

Is the increase in the rate of weight gain observed a reflection of the **obesogenic effects of DTG** or a result of the withdrawal of the **anorectic effects of EFV**?

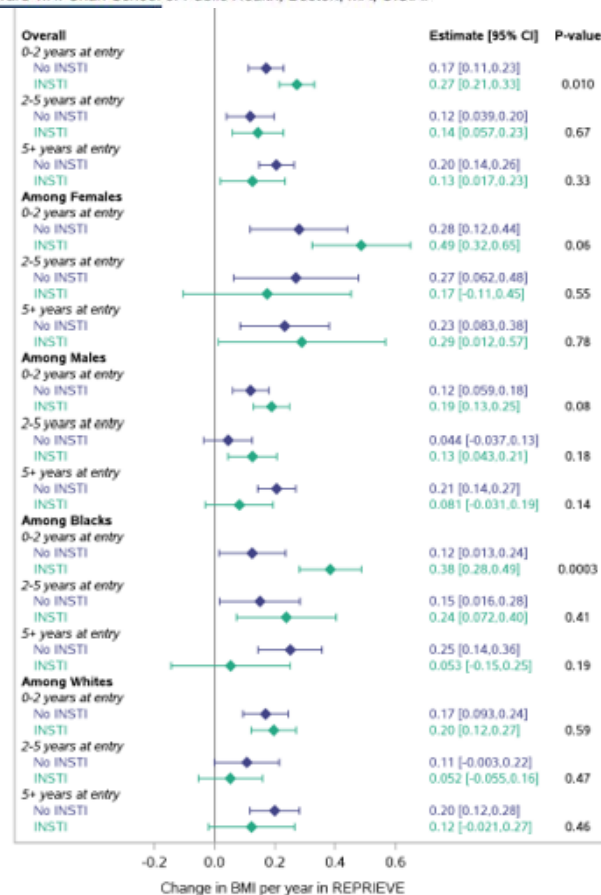
Does the INSTI-associated “increased weight gain” phenomenon have more to do the comparator groups than with INSTIs?

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## RESULTS

- 5475 REPRIEVE participants, including 2493 INSTI users were included.
- Increases in BMI associated with INSTI use over the follow-up period were greatest among those on their entry ART regimen for 2 years or less, females, and Black/African American participants. And baseline weight
- For those on their entry ART regimen for more than 2 years, significant weight gain related to INSTI use was not seen over the follow-up period.
- Results were generally similar accounting for differences in TDF and TAF use.





# Impact of integrase inhibitors on cardiovascular events in people living with HIV starting antiretroviral therapy

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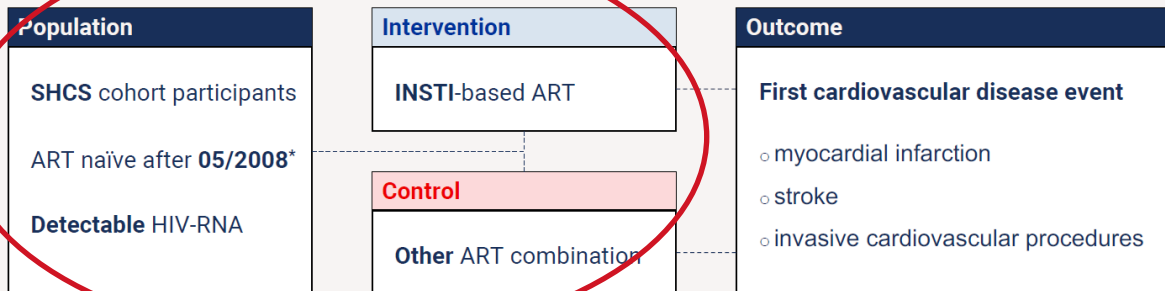
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## Methods

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### Target Trial

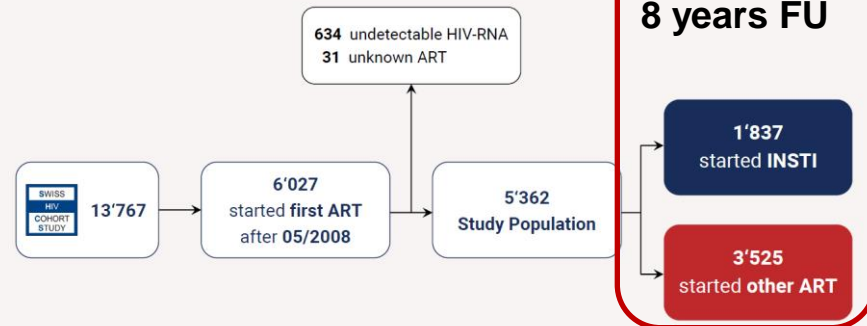


- Individuals who stopped the intended strategy were **artificially censored**
- Pooled logistic regression models
- Adjustments with **inverse probability of treatment and censoring weights**

Evaluate the impact of starting INSTI-based ART on cardiovascular disease events in treatment-naïve PLWH

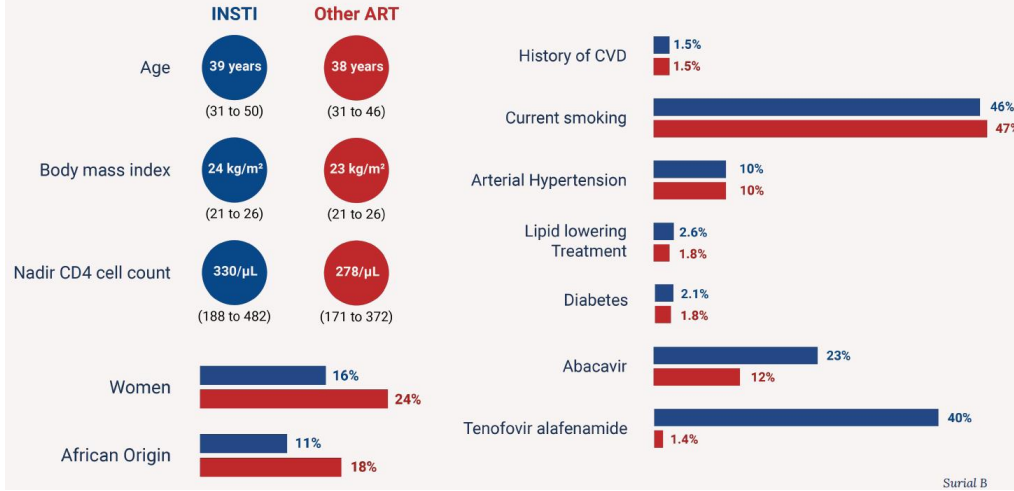
## Patient selection

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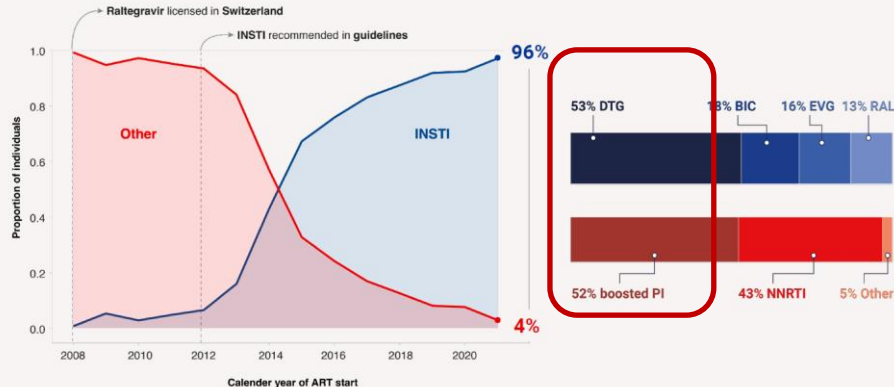
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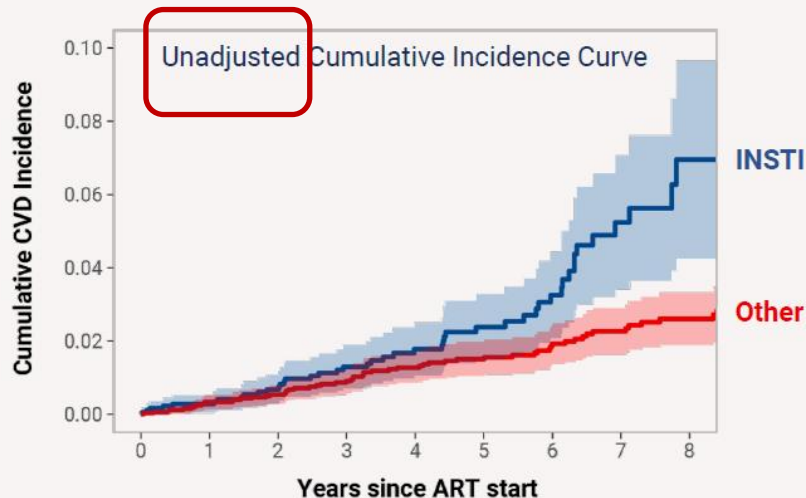
## Use of INSTI as initial ART in the SHCS

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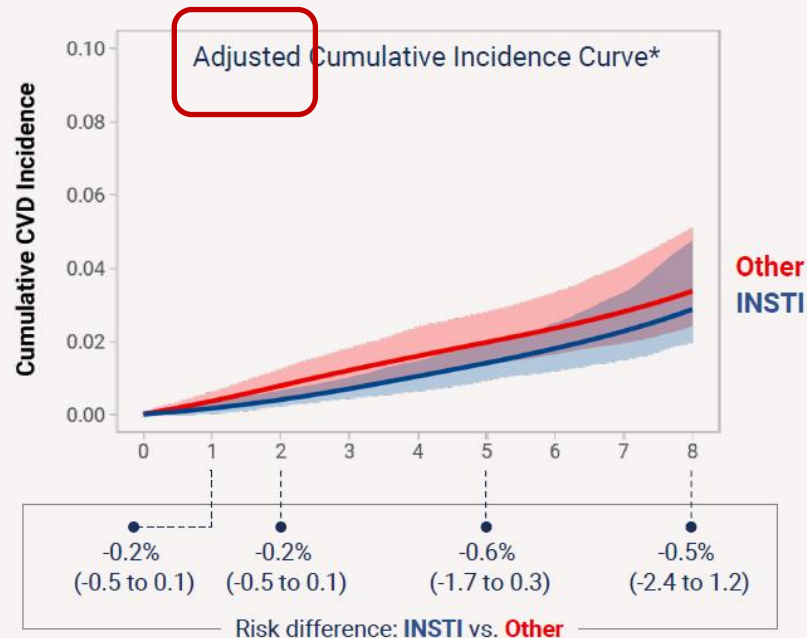
# Cardiovascular disease events

116 CVD events within 4.9 years (IQR 2.4–7.4)



## Number at risk

INSTI	1813	1615	1398	1165	945	722	504	275	130
Other	3549	3161	2855	2522	2227	1933	1582	1261	976



\*Adjusted for calendar year, age, sex, ethnicity, HIV transmission group, highest education, CD4 cell count, HIV viral load, personal and family history of cardiovascular disease, body mass index, arterial hypertension, diabetes, renal function, current use of antiplatelet or lipid-lowering drugs, and current use of abacavir or tenofovir alafenamide.



# Weight and Metabolic Changes With Cabotegravir + Rilpivirine Long-Acting or Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide

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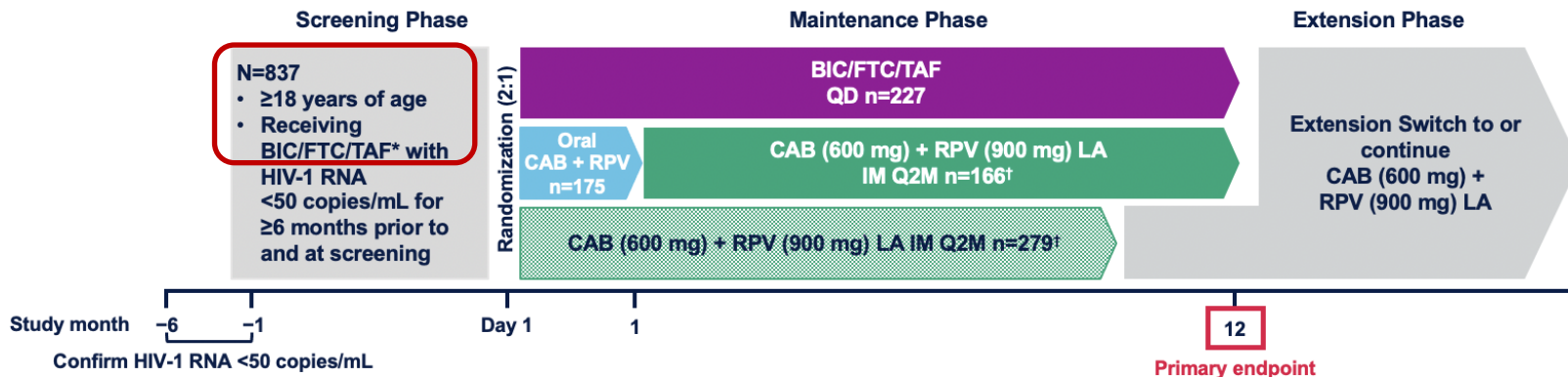
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## SOLAR Study

# SOLAR Study Design and Metabolic Objectives

Phase 3b, Randomized (2:1), Open-Label, Active-Controlled, Multicenter, Parallel-Group, Noninferiority Study



- **Metabolic Objectives:** Changes in body weight, body mass index (BMI) category, waist and hip circumferences, waist-to-height ratio, waist-to-hip ratio,<sup>‡</sup> and the proportion of participants with insulin resistance or metabolic syndrome<sup>§</sup> were assessed from baseline (Day 1) to Month 11 (SWI)/12 (OLI) (hereafter referred to as Month 12)

\*A single prior integrase inhibitor regimen is allowed if BIC/FTC/TAF is a second-line regimen 6 months prior to screening. Any prior change in regimen, defined as a change of a single drug or multiple drugs simultaneously, must have occurred due to tolerability/safety, access to medications, or convenience/simplification, and must not have been done for treatment failure (HIV-1 RNA ≥400 copies/mL). †Participants randomized to the LA arm were offered an optional OLI; the decision to dose SWI or with OLI was determined by the participants following informed consent discussions with the investigator. ‡Standardized weight and anthropometric measurements were performed using circumference tapes and Tanita scales. §As defined by standard clinical criteria.

## Baseline Characteristics

Parameter	CAB + RPV LA Q2M arm (n=454)	BIC/FTC/TAF (n=227)
Age (years), median (range)	37 (18–74)	37 (18–69)
≥50 years, n (%)	89 (20)	45 (20)
Female (sex at birth), n (%)	79 (17)	41 (18)
Race, n (%)		
Black	96 (21)	49 (22)
White	313 (69)	160 (70)
Asian	23 (5)	11 (5)
Other races*	22 (5)	7 (3)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), median (IQR)	26.0 (23.2–29.3)	25.4 (23.6–29.6)
≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	97 (21)	52 (23)
Weight (kg), median (IQR)	81.3 (70.7–91.8)	79.0 (69.4–91.7)
CD4+ cell count (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> ), median (IQR)	662 (487–853)	645 (489–823)
Duration of prior ART (years), median (IQR) <sup>†</sup>	2.6 (1.6–4.9)	2.5 (1.5–4.7)

- Among study participants, 12 transgender females, 1 transgender male, and 1 gender non-conforming individual were included

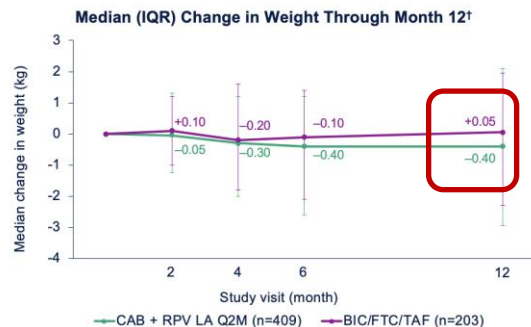
\*Other race participants: American Indian or Alaska Native, n=14 (CAB + RPV LA Q2M) and n=2 (BIC/FTC/TAF); Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, n=1 (BIC/FTC/TAF); multiple, n=8 (CAB + RPV LA Q2M) and n=4 (BIC/FTC/TAF).  
<sup>†</sup>BIC/FTC/TAF must have been the participant's first or second regimen. If BIC/FTC/TAF was the second regimen, the first regimen must have been an integrase inhibitor.

## Pertinent Baseline Metabolic Parameters, Medical History, and Co-medications History

Parameter	CAB + RPV LA Q2M arm (n=454)	BIC/FTC/TAF (n=227)
BMI category, n (%)		
Underweight (<18.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	8 (2)	3 (1)
Normal (18.5–<25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	175 (39)	94 (41)
Overweight (25–<30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	174 (38)	78 (34)
Obesity (≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	97 (21)	52 (23)
Baseline lipids, median (range)		
TG (mmol/L)	1.07 (0.32–20.42)	1.06 (0.38–4.01)
TC (mmol/L)	4.58 (2.25–9.66)	4.77 (2.72–8.94)
LDL (mmol/L)	2.74 (0.55–5.41)	2.77 (1.01–6.97)
HDL (mmol/L)	1.22 (0.47–2.38)	1.26 (0.60–3.06)
TC/HDL ratio	3.71 (1.45–20.55)	3.56 (1.82–8.25)
Relevant medical history, n (%)		
Hypertension	48 (11)	26 (12)
Diabetes	19 (4)	7 (3)
Relevant co-medications, n (%)		
Lipid-lowering therapy*	40 (9)	21 (9)

- In total, 59% (n=401/681) of participants were in the overweight or obesity category at baseline

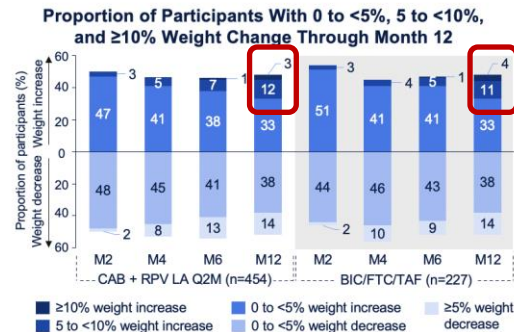
## Change in Weight Through Month 12 by Treatment Regimen\*



- At Month 12, median (IQR) change in weight in the CAB + RPV LA group was -0.40 (-2.95, +2.10) kg and +0.05 (-2.30, +1.95) kg in the BIC/FTC/TAF group

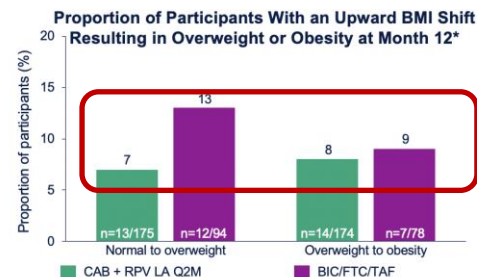
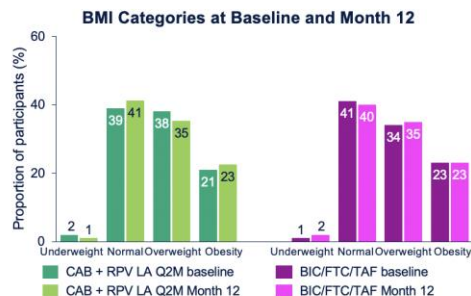
\*Any participant that started lipid-modifying agents during the study was non-evaluable in anthropometric assessments. †Median (IQR) weight (kg) at baseline: CAB + RPV LA, 81.3 (70.70, 91.80); BIC/FTC/TAF, 79.0 (69.40, 91.70).

## Percent Change in Weight Through Month 12 by Treatment Regimen\*



- Weight increase of ≥10% by Month 12 occurred in 3% (n=11/454) of participants in the LA arm vs. 4% (n=9/227) in the BIC/FTC/TAF arm

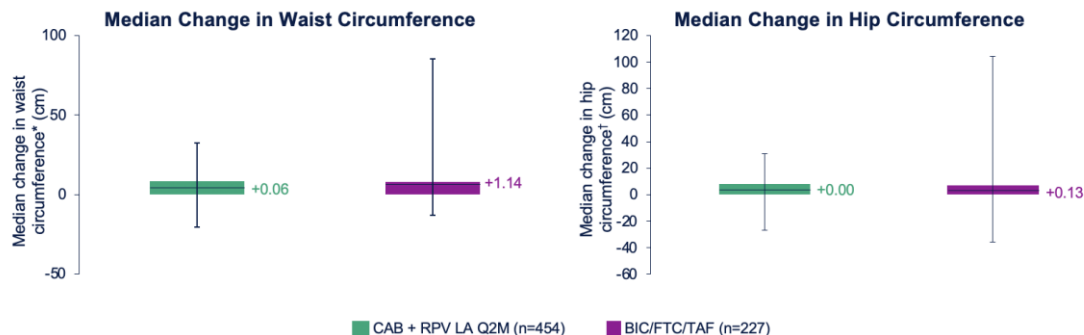
## Change in BMI Through Month 12 by Treatment Regimen



- Overall, the proportion of individuals in BMI categories remained similar at Month 12

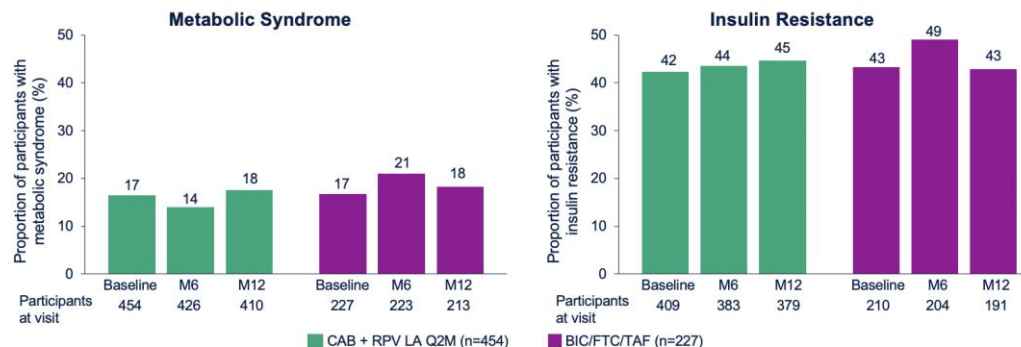
\*No participant shifted from normal to obesity or underweight to overweight.

## Change in Waist Circumference and Hip Circumference Through Month 12 by Treatment Regimen



- There were no clinically relevant changes from baseline to Month 12 in the median WHtR<sup>‡</sup> (CAB + RPV LA Q2M, +0.000; BIC/FTC/TAF, +0.010) and median WHR<sup>§</sup> (CAB + RPV LA Q2M, +0.000; BIC/FTC/TAF, +0.010)

## Metabolic Syndrome\* and Insulin Resistance† Through Month 12 by Treatment Regimen



- There were no clinically relevant changes from baseline to Month 12 in the proportion of participants with metabolic syndrome or insulin resistance in either arm



## 2. Metabolism Cardiovascular

Interventions (Reversibility?)



## WEIGHT LOSS AND METABOLIC CHANGES AFTER SWITCHING FROM TAF/FTC+DTG TO TDF/3TC/DTG



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ADVANCED Study → CHARACTERISE Study

## METHODS

- In the ADVANCE trial, 1053 treatment naïve participants in South Africa were randomized to TAF/FTC+DTG, TDF/FTC+DTG or TDF/FTC/EFV for 192 weeks.
- After Week 192, participants were switched to open-label TDF/3TC/DTG for at least 52 weeks in a follow up trial, CHARACTERISE.
- At follow up, participants were assessed for weight, lipids, fasting glucose, HBA1C and HIV RNA.
- Changes in weight and laboratory parameters during the first 192 weeks of randomized treatment and then after the switch to TDF/3TC/DTG were evaluated in each treatment arm using paired non-parametric tests.

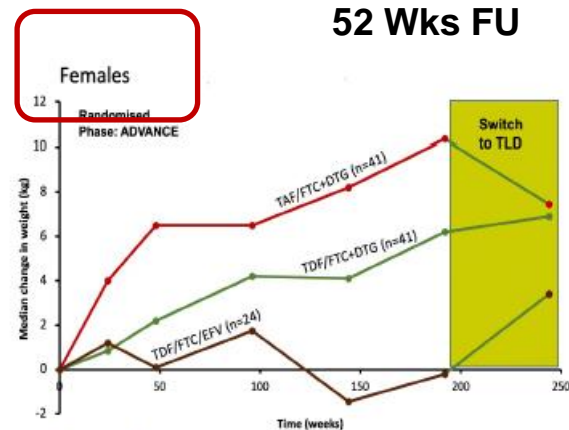


Figure 1: Median weight change for females

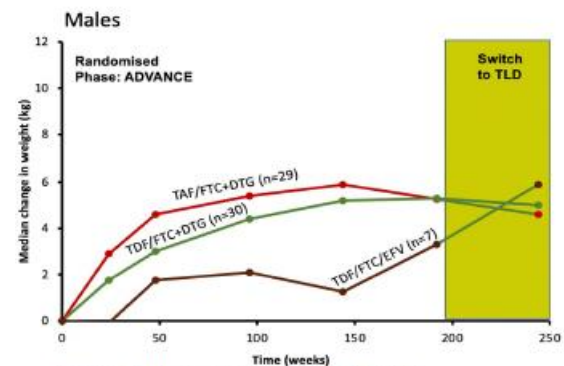


Figure 2: Median weight change for males

**Table 1:** Baseline characteristics and changes in weight and metabolic parameters from switch to TDF/3TC+DTG by original treatment received. \*Note: Continuous variables are displayed as Median and interquartile range (IQR). Count variables are displayed as n/N and %. n.s. = not significant

Group	TAF/FTC+DTG (n=70)	TDF/FTC+DTG (n=71)	TDF/FTC/EFV (n=31)
<b>Baseline characteristics*</b>			
Sex (% Female)	41/70 (59%)	41/71 (58%)	24/31 (77%)
Country (% South Africa)	42/70 (60%)	51/71 (72%)	20/31 (64%)
Weight (kg)	81.1 [71.5, 89.1]	72.9 [61.7, 86.3]	74.3 [61.8, 100.5]
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	28.0 [23.9, 31.8]	25.9 [22.5, 30.6]	25.6 [23.6, 33.1]
HIV RNA <50 copies/mL (%)	66/67 (98%)	62/64 (97%)	23/23 (100%)
CD4 count (cells/uL)	560 [424, 787]	549 [407.5, 743.5]	677 [544, 882]
Cholesterol (mmol/L)	3.9 [3.5, 4.8]	3.7 [3.2, 4.3]	4.5 [3.6, 4.91]
LDL (mmol/L)	2.6 [2.2, 3.1]	2.3 [1.9, 2.9]	2.8 [2.3, 3.27]
HDL (mmol/L)	1.1 [0.9, 1.3]	1.1 [0.9, 1.3]	1.3 [1.0, 1.6]
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	0.9 [0.7, 1.2]	0.8 [0.6, 1.0]	0.9 [0.7, 1.3]
Fasting glucose (mmol/L)	4.9 [4.5, 5.2]	4.9 [4.6, 5.1]	4.7 [4.5, 5.1]
HbA1c (mmol/L)	5.5 [5.1, 5.7]	5.5 [5.2, 5.7]	5.5 [5.2, 5.7]
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	127 [119, 134]	122 [117, 132]	118 [113, 126]
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	83 [78, 88]	82 [77.5, 86]	76 [72, 83]
<b>Changes from switch*</b>			
Weight (kg)	-1.2 [-3.8, 1], p=0.006	-0.1 [-2.1, 2.2] (n.s.)	+2.9 [-0.7, 4.9], p=0.02
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	-0.4 [-1.3, 0.3], p=0.005	-0.05 [-0.7, 0.7] (n.s.)	+1.0 [-0.2, 1.9], p=0.022
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	-0.2 [-0.5, 0.1], p=0.002	+0.2 [-0.1, 0.4], p=0.001	-0.3 [-0.8, 0.01], p=0.011
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	-0.3 [-0.6, -0.01], p<0.001	-0.01 [-0.2, 0.2] (n.s.)	-0.3 [-0.5, -0.1], p=0.001
HDL (mmol/L)	-0.03 [-0.2, 0.1] (n.s.)	+0.04 [-0.1, 0.2], p=0.021	-0.1 [-0.3, 0.05], p=0.049
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	-0.1 [-0.3, 0.09], p=0.025	-0.02 [-0.2, 0.2] (n.s.)	-0.1 [-0.3, 0.05], p=0.057
Fasting glucose (mmol/L)	-0.2 [-0.5, 0.1], p<0.001	0 [-0.3, 0.2] (n.s.)	-0.1 [-0.3, 0.1] (n.s.)
HbA1c (mmol/L)	-0.1 [-0.3, 0], p<0.001	-0.1 [-0.3, 0.1] (n.s.)	-0.15 [-0.2, 0], p=0.008
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	+1.5 [-6, 14] (n.s.)	+3 [-2.5, 10], p=0.021	+6 [-10, 13] (n.s.)
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	+2 [-4, 6] (n.s.)	+0.5 [-5.5, 4.5] (n.s.)	+2 [-4, 11] (n.s.)
HIV RNA<50 copies/mL at or after week 52 (%)	68/68 (100%)	68/70 (97%)	25/28 (89%)

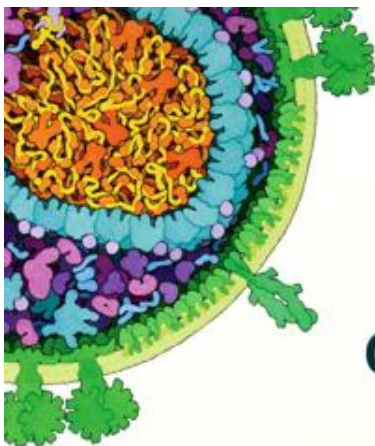
After switching from TAF/FTC+DTG to TDF/3TC/DTG for 52 weeks, there were statistically significant reductions in weight, total cholesterol, LDL, triglycerides, fasting glucose and HbA1C (Table 1).

Participants switching from TDF/FTC/EFV to TDF/3TC/DTG showed significant rises in body weight, with reductions in total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides and HbA1C (Table 1).

WHO guidelines recommend TDF/3TC/DTG as first line treatment, with TAF only to be used for those with osteoporosis or renal impairment. The results from CHARACTERISE support the WHO guidelines.

## CONCLUSIONS

- After 4 years of weight gain on first-line TAF/FTC+DTG, switching to TDF/3TC/DTG for 52 weeks led to significant weight loss for women (median: -1.6kg, p=0.0125). This change in weight was not significant in men (median: -0.2kg, p=0.2561).
- There were concurrent reductions in total cholesterol, LDL, triglycerides, fasting glucose and HbA1C after switching TAF/FTC+DTG to TDF/3TC/DTG.



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# FAVORABLE METABOLIC OUTCOMES 48 WEEKS AFTER SWITCH TO DTG/3TC

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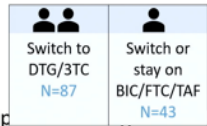
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**RUMBA Study**



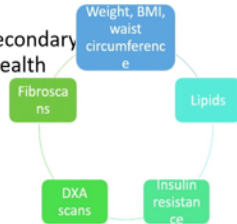
## Rumba study

- Randomized controlled trial (2:1)



- Open follow-up

- Outcomes: focus on secondary endpoint: metabolic health



145 screened • 11 screen fails

134 randomized

- 4 did not take study medication

130 at baseline

125 at week 48

- 5 drop-outs

- 4 drop-outs

- Linear mixed models with covariance patterns

## Baseline characteristics

Baseline characteristics	DTG/3TC (n = 87)	BIC/FTC/TAF (n = 43)	p-value
Male sex (%)	90,8	90,7	1.000
Age (mean $\pm$ SD)	47,3 $\pm$ 11,9	45,0 $\pm$ 11,6	0.292
Non-European ethnicity (%)	19,5	25,6	0.628
Sexual orientation (%)			0.526
Gay/lesbian or bisexual/pansexual	70,1	67,4	
Heterosexual	27,6	30,2	
ART regimen at baseline (%)			0.072
DTG/ABC/3TC	31	51	
BIC/FTC/TAF	68	49	
Years on ART (median (IQR))	8 (5-11)	6 (4-9)	0.133
Years on 2nd generation INSTI (median (IQR))	3 (2-5)	4 (3-5)	0.476
CD4 nadir (cells/ $\mu$ l; median (IQR))	206 (193-476)	269 (212-380)	0.510
Weight (kg; mean $\pm$ SD)	81 $\pm$ 12	75 $\pm$ 13	0.013
Waist (cm; mean $\pm$ SD)	95 $\pm$ 12	89 $\pm$ 11	0.006
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ; median (IQR))	26 (23-28)	25 (22-26)	0.024



# Results

1. Significant changes between treatment groups from baseline to week 48 (linear mixed models, adjusted for baseline BMI)

	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/ TAF	p-value
ALT (U/L)	- 0.73	+ 4.55	0.040
HDL (mg/L)	- 0.043	- 2.84	0.043
Lean trunk mass (gram)	+ 112	- 474	0.032
Trunk fat mass (gram)	+ 41	+ 719	0.043
Fat percentage	- 0.04	+ 1.32	0.003

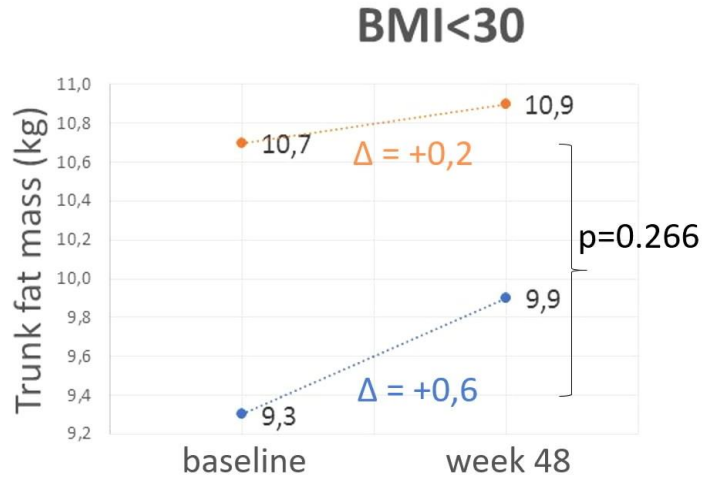
	DTG/3TC	BIC/FTC/T AF	p-value
Weight (kg)	+0,29	+0,30	0.987
Waist (cm)	-0,07	+ 1,10	0.155
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )*	+0,07	+0,04	0.919
Cholesterol (mg/dl)	-2,49	-8,90	0.316
LDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	-1,82	-6,21	0.435
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	-3,82	-20,96	0.206
HOMA-IR	-0,16	-0,43	0.359
FibroCAP (dB/m)	-0.39	-11.61	0.304

\* Unadjusted for BMI baseline

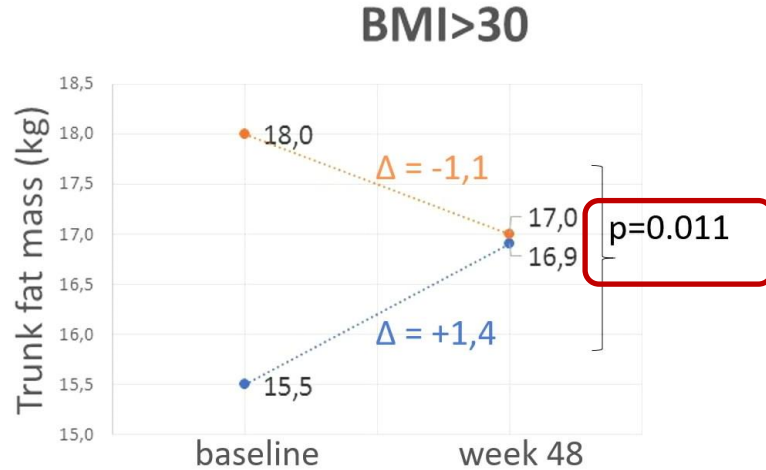


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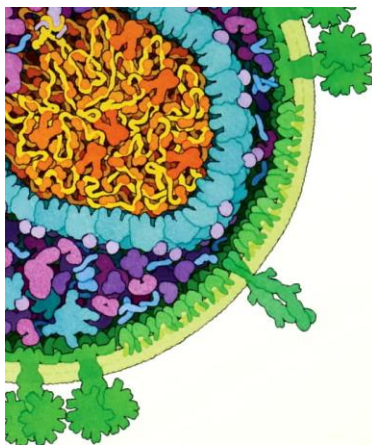
2. Greater treatment-mediated differences in trunk fat in people with BMI > 30 (n=0.041)



DTG/3TC:	N = 74
BIC/FTC/TAF:	N = 39



DTG/3TC:	N = 13
BIC/FTC/TAF:	N = 4



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# REVERSIBILITY OF TAF- AND/OR INSTI-ASSOCIATED WEIGHT GAIN

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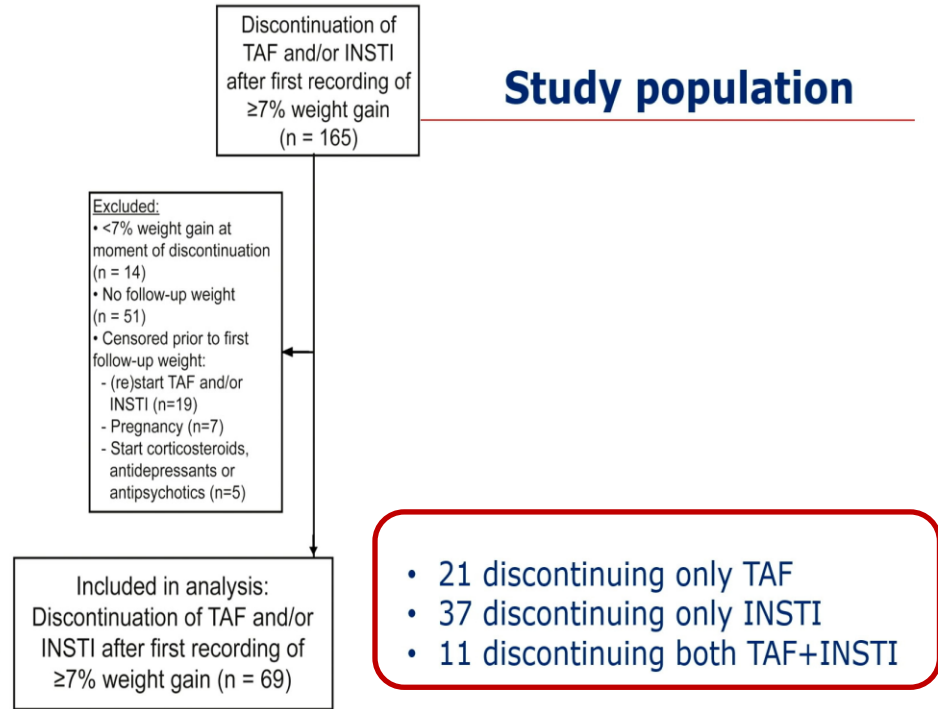
## Research question & Study population

- Assess the reversibility of  $\geq 7\%$  TAF- and/or INSTI-associated weight gain (WG) in virally suppressed ART-experienced people with HIV (PWH) from the Dutch ATHENA cohort<sup>1</sup>
- Included: PWH with  $\geq 7\%$  WG within 24 months after a first switch to a regimen containing only TAF, only an INSTI or both TAF+INSTI
- Excluded: hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome, congestive heart failure, renal failure, liver cirrhosis, use of corticosteroids, antidepressants or antipsychotics

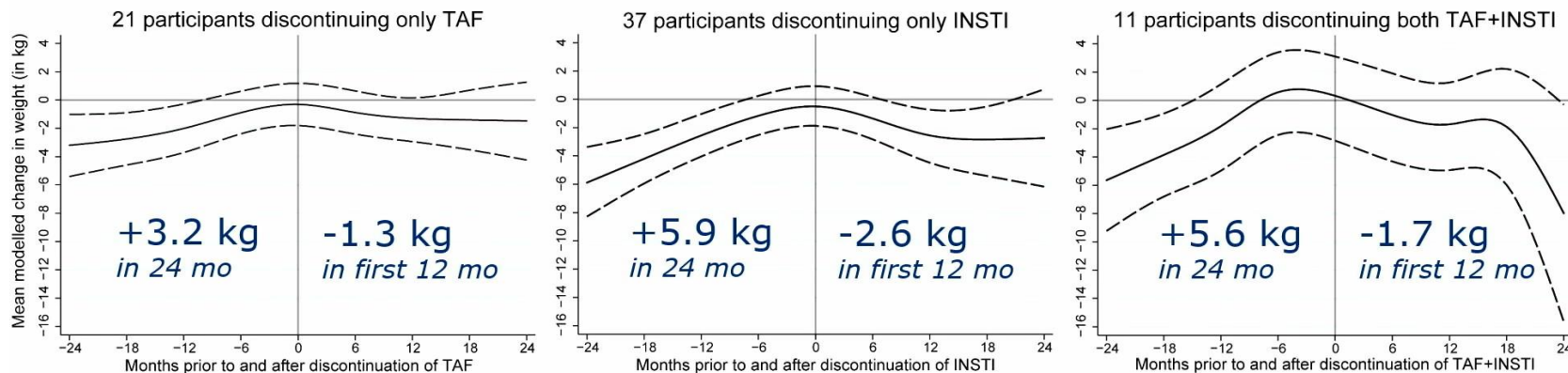


1. Verburgh et al. *One in 10 Virally Suppressed Persons With HIV in The Netherlands Experiences  $\geq 10\%$  Weight Gain After Switching to Tenofovir Alafenamide and/or Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitor*. Open Forum Infect Dis. 2022

## Study population



## Adjusted mean modelled weight change prior/after discontinuation



## Factors associated with weight change after discontinuation

- BMI  $\geq 30\text{kg/m}^2$  at discontinuation associated with greater weight loss
  - -5.4 kg/yr more [95%CI, -9.2 to -1.7] vs in individuals with BMI 18.5-24.9kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- No independent associations between changes in NRTI backbone or anchor agent at moment of discontinuation and subsequent weight change



## Conclusions & Discussion points

- TAF- and/or INSTI-associated weight gain of  $\geq 7\%$  appears to be only partly reversible after discontinuation
- No independent associations were found between weight change after discontinuation of TAF and/or INSTI and concomitant changes in NRTI backbone or anchor agent at moment of discontinuation
  - Only being obese was associated with greater reversibility of weight gain
- Limitation: limited sample size
- Is reversibility of weight gain the result of (re)starting weight-suppressive ARVs (like TDF or EFV) or the result of discontinuing weight gain-inducing TAF and/or INSTI?



# Cardiovascular

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## INSTIs and Metabol Study from Kenya (NNRTI → DTG)

- Modest increase in weight
- Higher in **Women**
- Higher in those from **EFV**

### REPRIEVE Study

- Modest increase in weight
- Higher in **Women, Black** people and baseline high **weight**, during **2 years**

### CAB+RPV: SOLAR

- **Similar** Weight and Antropo. measurements to BIK

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## INSTIs and CV events

### Swiss cohort

- INSTIs **similar** to No-INSTIs (8y FU)

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## REVERSIBILITY?

### Characterise Study

- TAF/FTC+DTG → TDF/3TC/DTG decreased Weight and Metabolic in **Women** (52wks)

### Switch Study (Belgium)

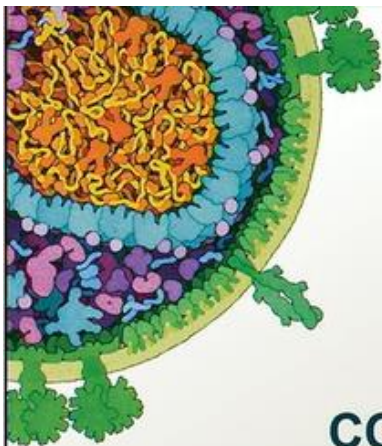
- Higher decrease in fat mass with Dovato vs. BIK
- Higher if **BMI ≥ 30**

### Switch Study (Amsterdam)

- Higher decrease in Weight in those who stop TAF and/or INSTIs with >7% weight gain
- Higher if **BMI ≥ 30**



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# **THE SCIENCE OF AGING: LESSONS FOR HIV AT THE INTERFACE OF COMMONALITY AND HETEROGENEITY**

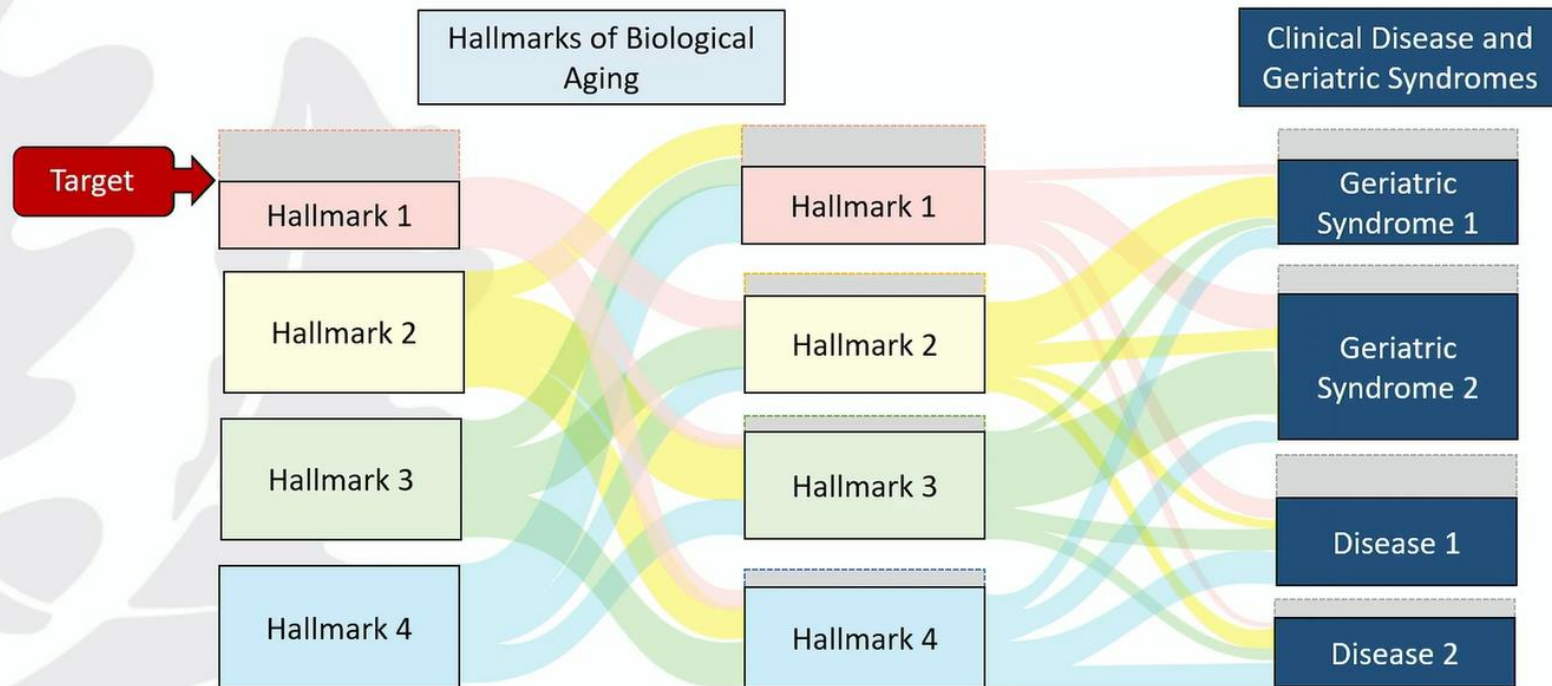
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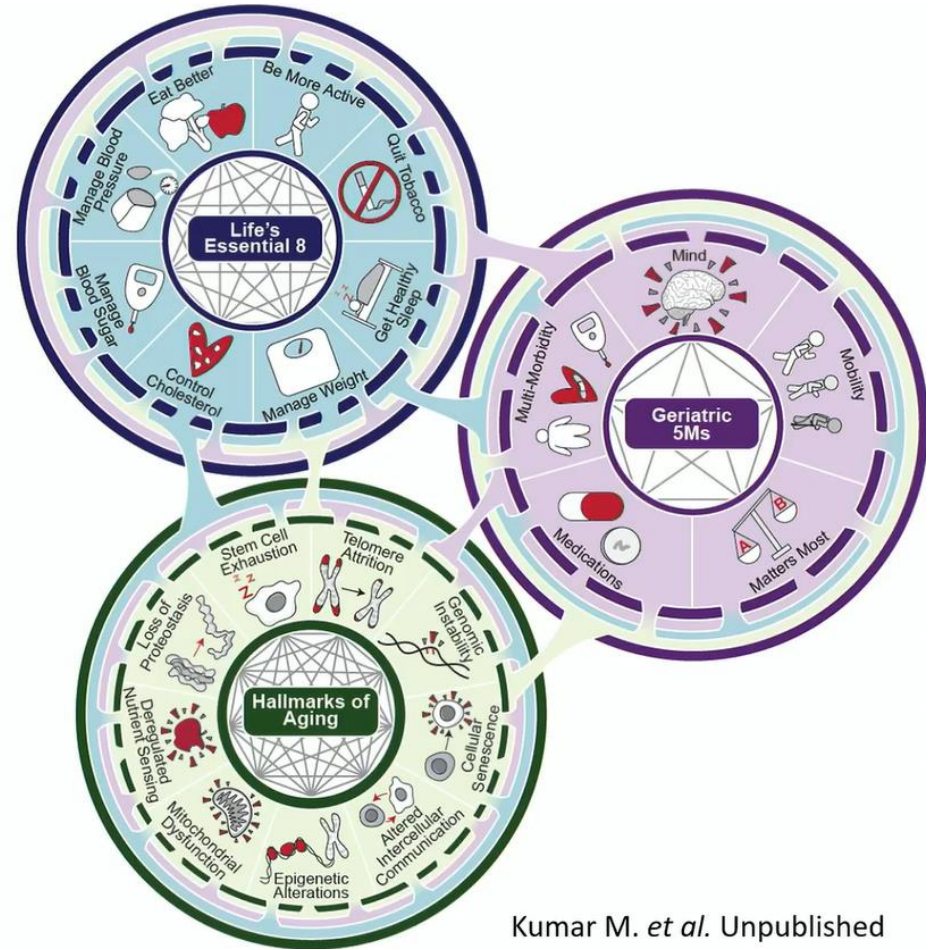
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# Unitary Theory of Fundamental Aging Mechanisms



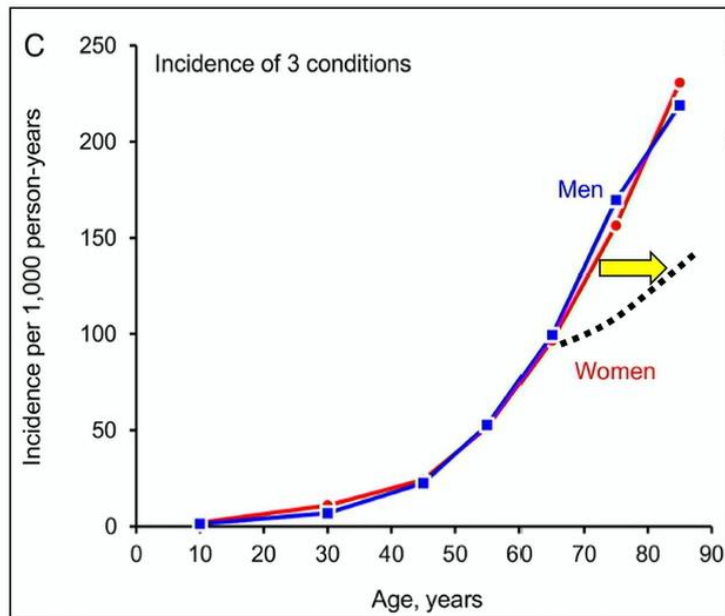
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**Exercise, smoking cessation, healthy nutrition and a focus on patient-centered goals remain essential irrespective of HIV and Geroscience**

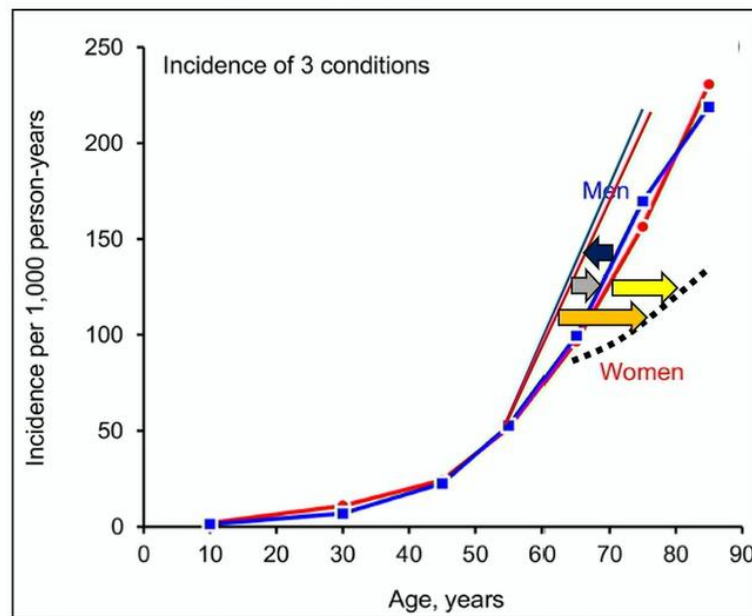


# Reframing The Geroscience Hypothesis in the Context of HIV

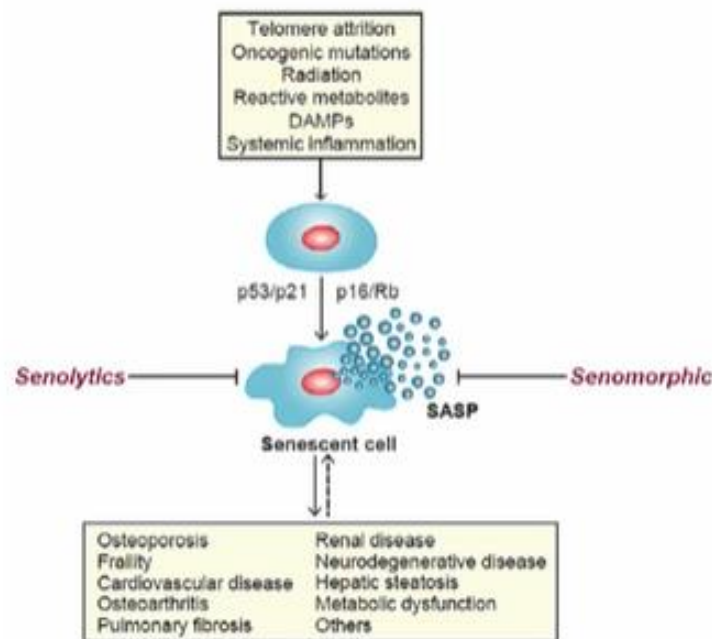
## Without HIV



## With HIV



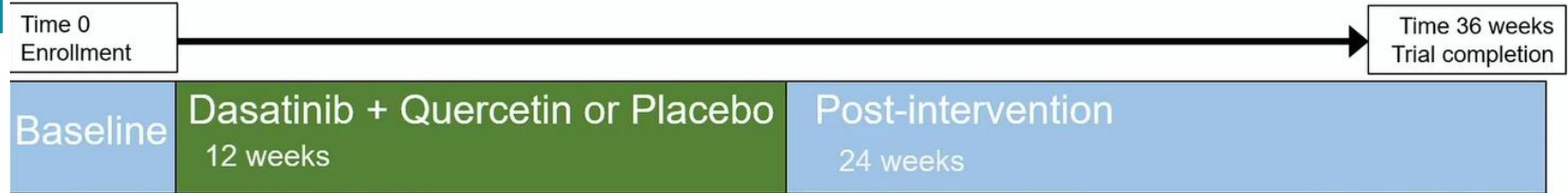
# Proposal for first geroscience-guided clinical trial in Older PWH



## Dasatinib + Quercetin (D + Q):

- “Repurposed” compounds function as senolytics
- Improve frailty and mobility in animal and pre-clinical human studies
- Excellent safety profiles when used in a “hit and run” manner
- NIA Translational Geroscience Network (R33 AG061456)

# Proposal for first geroscience-guided clinical trial in Older PWH



## Inclusion criteria

- HIV-1 positive on ART for  $\geq 2$  years
- $\geq 50$  years old
- HIV diagnosis  $\geq 10$  years prior to study entry
- HIV-1 viral load  $<200$
- Prefrail or frail by Fried Frailty Phenotype
- Gait speed between 0.5-1.2 m/s
- Life expectancy of at least 2 years

## Primary endpoints

- Safety and tolerability
- Change in gait speed (400 meter) at 12 weeks

## Secondary endpoints

- Change in timed chair stands at 12 weeks
- Durability of change in physical function at 24, 36 weeks
- Senescent cell abundance (blood, adipose tissue)
- SASP composite biomarkers
- Cognitive function
- Frailty index
- Patient reported outcomes (quality of life)

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## RESPOND Cohort

### RESULTS

- 33,598 participants, 167,930 PYFU (median 4.8 years; IQR 3.1–8.0); 1700 (5.1%) died.
- Crude, all-cause mortality rate decreased over time.
  - 2012–13: 13.0/1000 PYFU (95%CI 11.8–14.4)
  - 2018–19: 8.6/1000 PYFU (95%CI 7.9–9.5)
- Median age at death increased over time:
  - 2012–13: 52 (IQR 45–62); 2018–19: 56 (IQR 48–65)
- Highest cause-specific crude mortality rate was due to non-AIDS defining malignancy (NADM); see Table 1.
- Age-adjusted Poisson regression showed decreasing mortality from 2012–13 to 2018–19 for deaths due to NADM, AIDS, cardiovascular disease (CVD), liver disease, and other causes, but not unknown/missing (see Figure 2).
- In multivariable analysis including all risk factors where  $p < 0.1$  in univariable analysis (Figure 1), the strongest predictors of all-cause mortality were poor immunologic/virologic status (current CD4  $\leq 350$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup> + HIV viral load (VL)  $> 200$  cp/mL) vs. good immunologic/virologic status (CD4  $\geq 500$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup> + VL  $< 200$  cp/mL) and other modifiable risk factors.

Figure 2: Age-standardized mortality rates (MR)

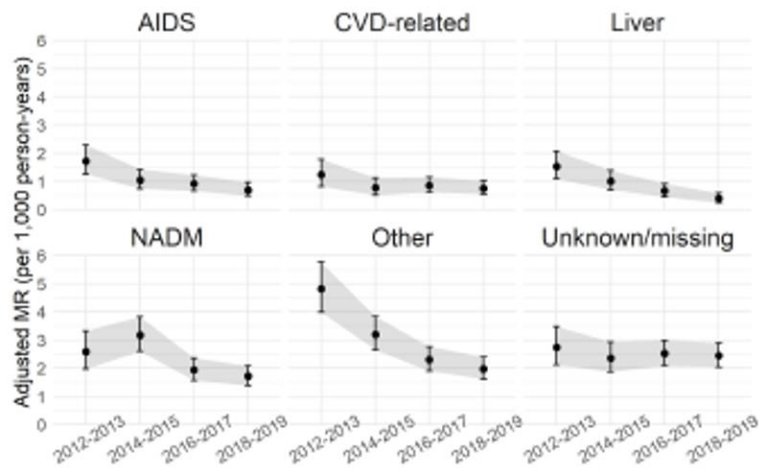


Table 1: Cause-specific crude mortality rates (MR) per 1000 person-years

	N events	crude MR (95%CI)
NADM	370	2.20 (1.98 - 2.44)
AIDS	169	1.01 (0.85 - 1.16)
CVD	142	0.85 (0.71 - 1.00)
Liver	133	0.79 (0.66 - 0.94)
Other	469	2.79 (2.55 - 3.06)
Unknown/missing	417	2.48 (2.25 - 2.73)



# Gracias

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