

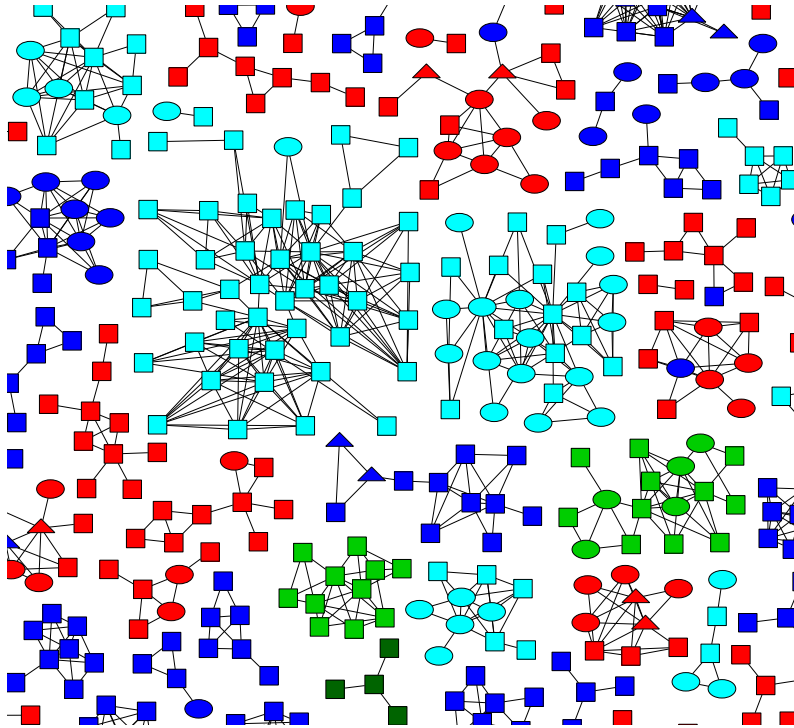
***ART for Prevention...  
What Happens Next?***



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# *How do transmission networks drive epidemics?*



HIV Transmission Networks among  
USA, Central America and Mexico

Avilla-Rios, Wertheim, Dennis, Mehta,  
CROI 2015 Abstract #242

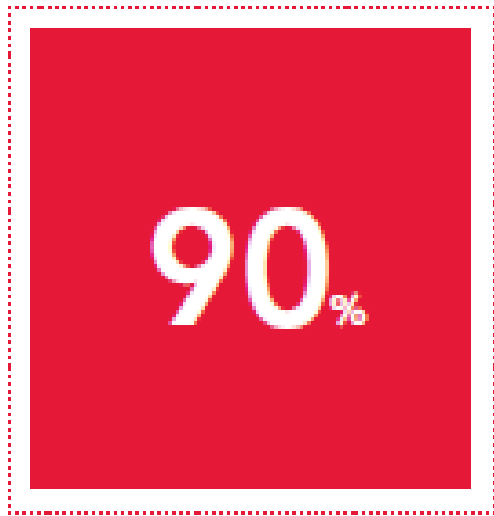
HIV transmission is  
shaped by:

- Geography
- Uneven distribution of risk behaviors
- Transmission mode
- Stage of Infection
- Prevention requires attention to the infected and uninfected

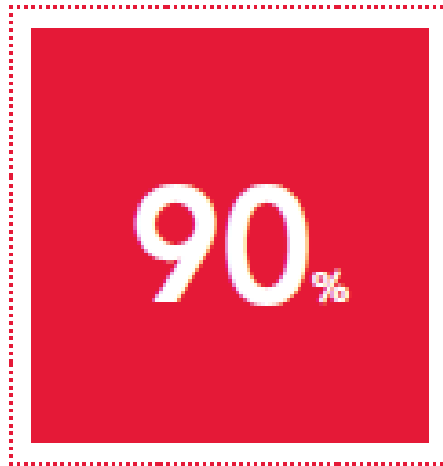
*Adapted from: Kouyos CROI 2014*

# Treatment as Prevention

- By 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status.
- By 2020, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy.
- By 2020, 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression.



diagnosed



on treatment



virally suppressed

*90-90-90 An ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS epidemic*

# The Belief in “TASP”

- Heterosexual transmission: HPTN052!
- MSM: Observational studies forthcoming
- PWID: HPTN 074 enrolled

**2010:** 1,763 enrolled (HIV-infected)

**2011:** 1,642 remained in the trial (96%)

**2015:** 1,535 remained in the trial (87%)

**Overall:** 9,822 person-years follow-up

## HPTN 052: Partner Infections (ITT) Total and Linked (*NEJM July 2016*)

	April 2005-May 2011			May 2011-May 2015			Overall		
	PY f/u	All partner infections # (rate)	Linked partner infections # (rate)	PY f/u	All partner infections # (rate)	Linked partner infections # (rate)	PY f/u	All partner infections # (rate)	Linked partner infections # (rate)
Early arm	1751	4 (0.23)	1 (0.06)	2563	15 (0.59)	2 (0.08)	4314	19 (0.44)	3 (0.07)
Delayed arm	1731	42 (2.43)	36 (2.08)	2449	17 (0.69)	7 (0.29)	4180	59 (1.41)	43 (1.03)
Risk reduction		91%	97%		14%	72%		69%	93%

- Unlinked transmissions 1/300 PY
- 8 linked partner infections were diagnosed AFTER index partner started ART
  - 4 linked partner infections likely occurred before or soon after index partner started ART
  - 4 linked partner infections occurred after index failed ART

Linked = index-to-partner transmission likely

# Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

**Optimization of use of TDF/FTC**  
**Identification of new PrEP agents**

# PrEP Demonstration Studies

- 28 Truvada studies worldwide (per Gilead)
- 16,000 Study Subjects
- Multiple designs



## HPTN 067: Pharmacokinetic and Behavioral Study of Daily versus Non-Daily oral FTC/TDF for PrEP

Randomization to:

- Daily Time Driven:
  - Twice weekly with a post-intercourse dose
  - Event-driven: Before and after intercourse
- Women: Cape Town, SA
  - MSM: Harlem, NY  
Bangkok, Thailand

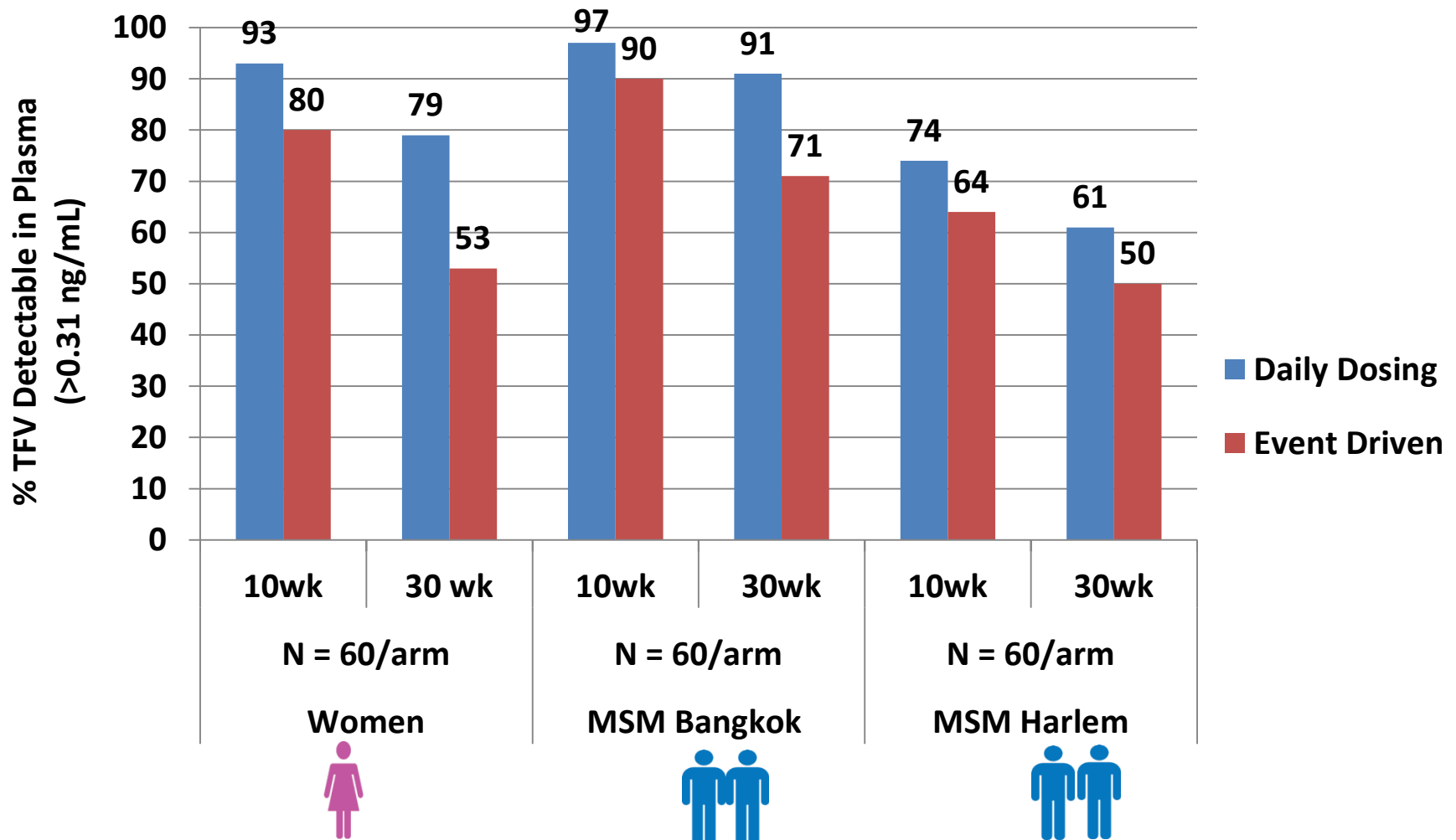


Primary objectives:

Compare daily versus non-daily arms:

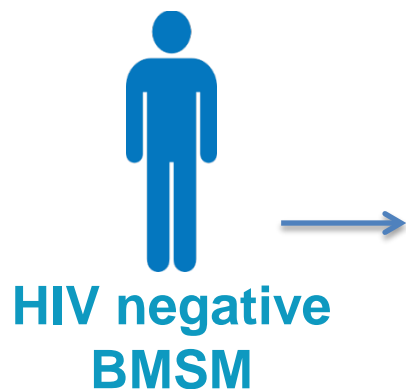
- coverage of sex events
- number of pills pills for coverage
- side effects

# HPTN 067: Adherence in participants reporting sex in the past 7 days

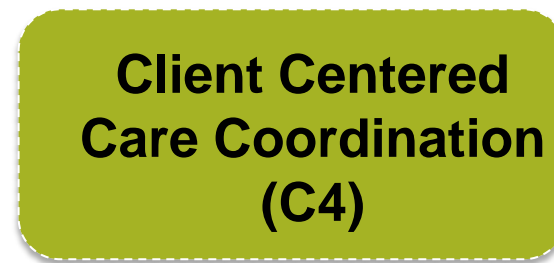


## HPTN 073: Uptake of and adherence to TDF/FTC PrEP among Black MSM in the US (Vanguard Study)

<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>BMSM/HIV-</b>
Study Duration: 12 M	



+



Washington, DC  
Los Angeles, CA  
Raleigh, NC

Results at CROI 2016



## HPTN 082: Uptake and adherence to daily oral TDF/FTC PrEP in young Southern African women (Vanguard Study)



### Study Population

HIV-Uninfected women  
Ages 16-25 yrs

### Target Enrollment

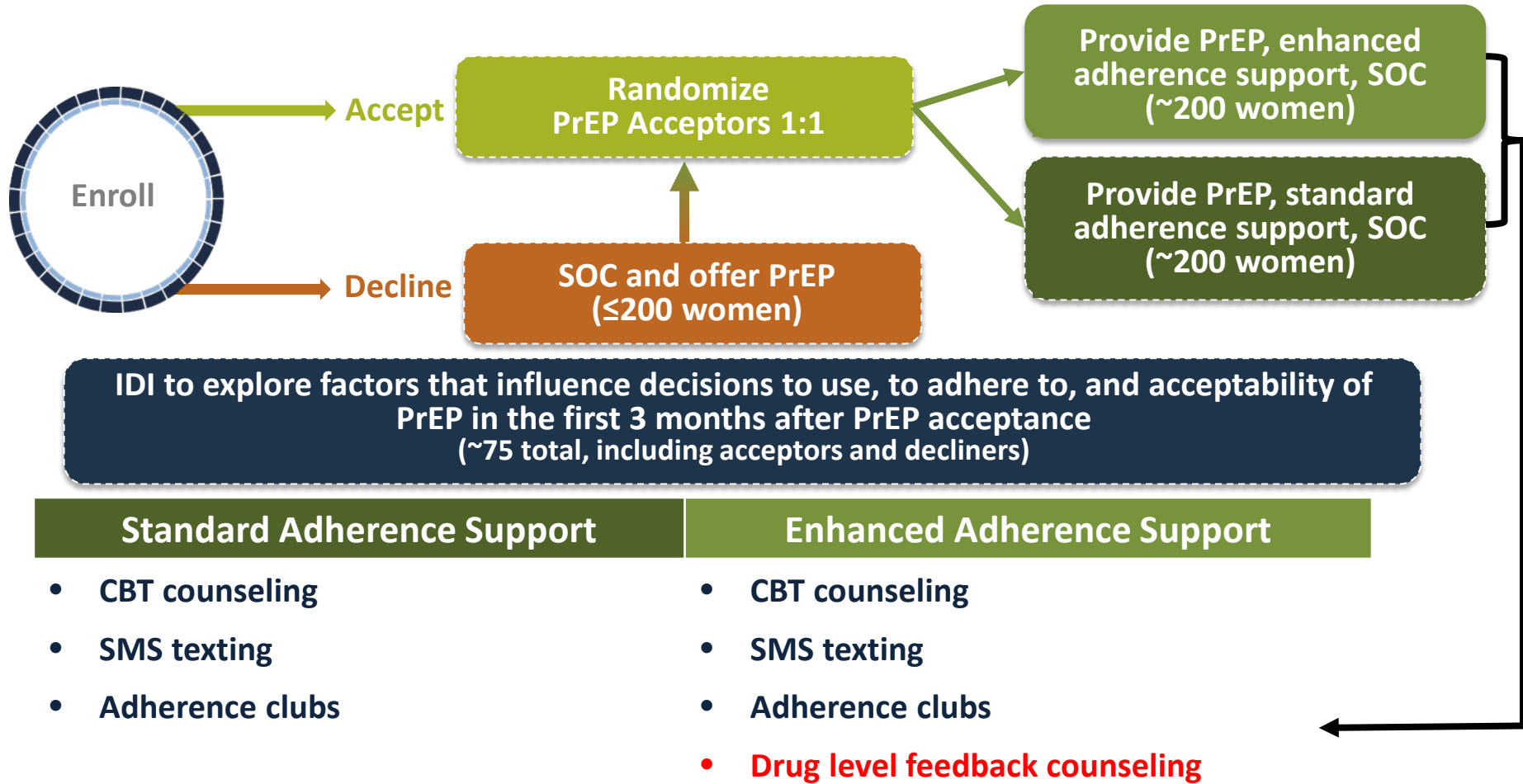
- 400 women who accept PrEP at enrollment
- $\leq 200$  women who decline PrEP at enrollment

Sites  
South Africa (2)  
Zimbabwe



# Study Design

PrEP = Daily oral FTC/TDF



## Primary objectives:

- Assess the proportion and characteristics women who accept versus decline PrEP
  - Assess PrEP adherence using drug levels in young women

## HPTN 069 – Safety and tolerability of Maraviroc



406/400



188/200

<b>Study Design</b>	Phase 2 Double-blind Randomized
<b>Location</b>	13 sites – U.S. only

Study arms	
Arm 1	MVC
Arm 2	MVC+FTC/TDF
Arm 3	MVC+FTC
Arm 4	TDF

### Study Status



Follow-up completed  
April 2015  
Presentation of final  
results at CROI 2016



Follow-up completed  
November 2015  
Abstract of final results to be  
submitted to  
AIDS 2016

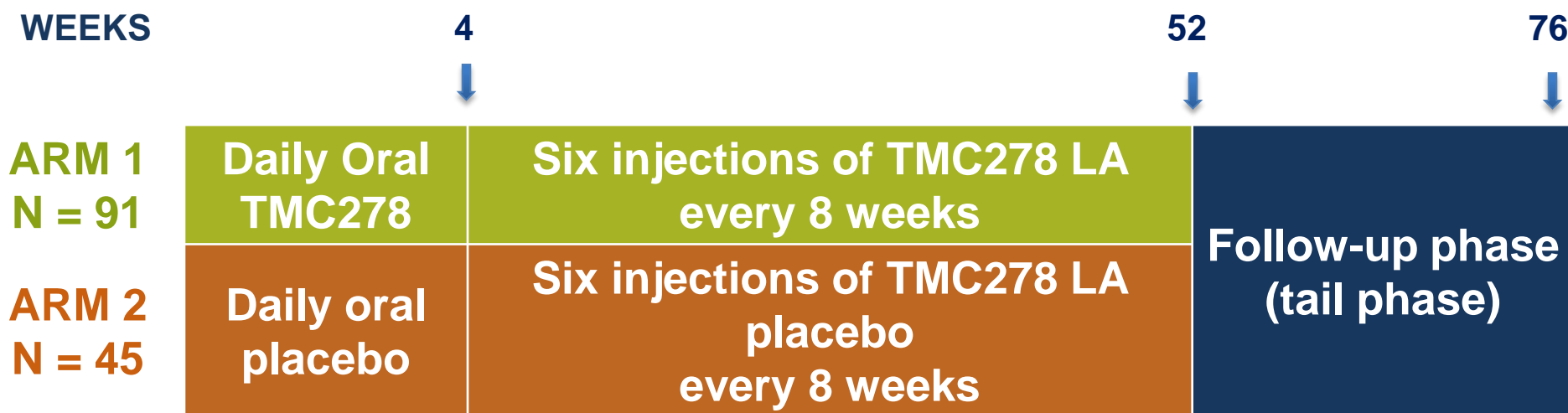


# Long Acting Parenteral PrEP



## HPTN 076: Safety and acceptability of injectable rilpivirine for PrEP

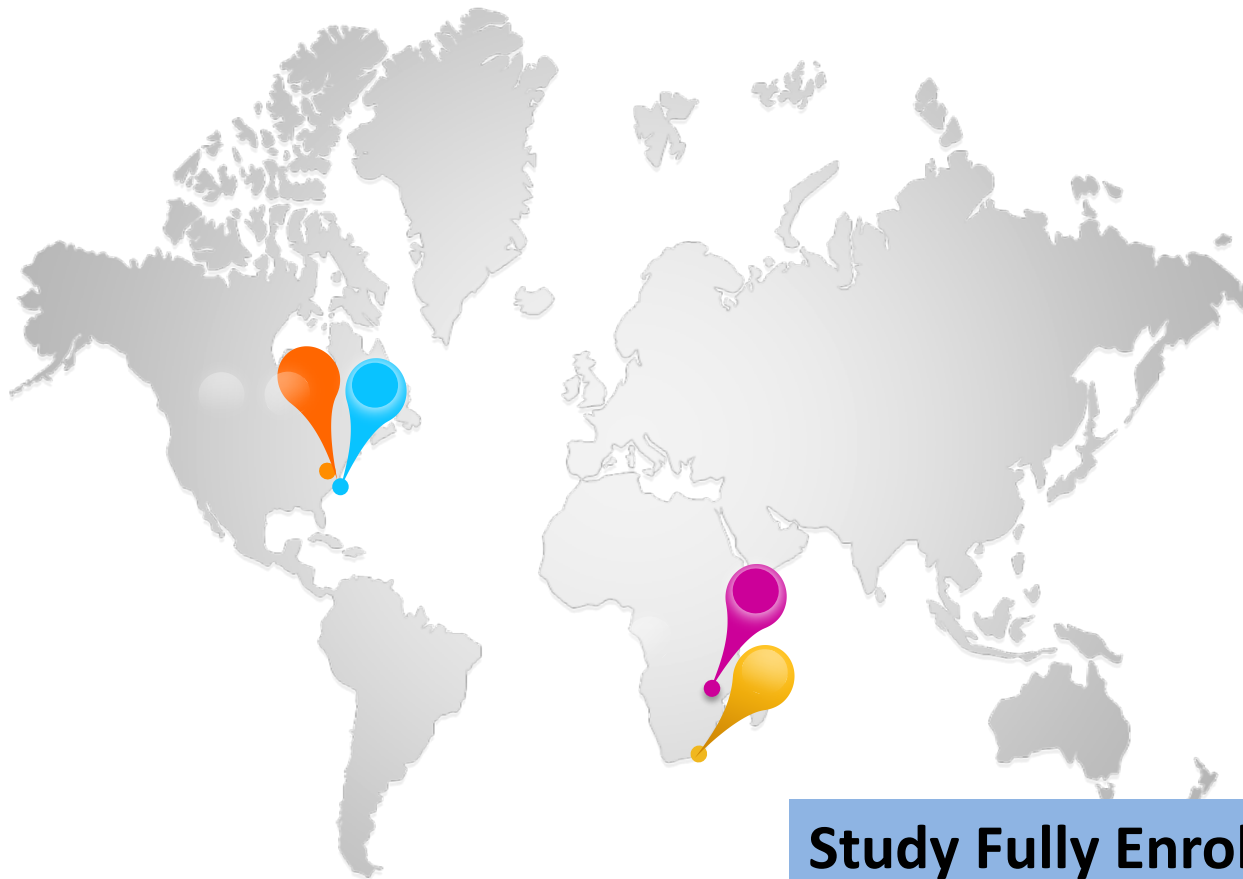
136 HIV-uninfected, women ages 18-45 years



**Primary objective:** Evaluate the safety of injectable rilpivirine through 48 weeks in women in SSA and the U.S.



## HPTN 076 – Study Sites and Status



### US Sites

- Bronx, NY
- Newark, NJ

### International Sites

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Harare, Zimbabwe

**Study Fully Enrolled**

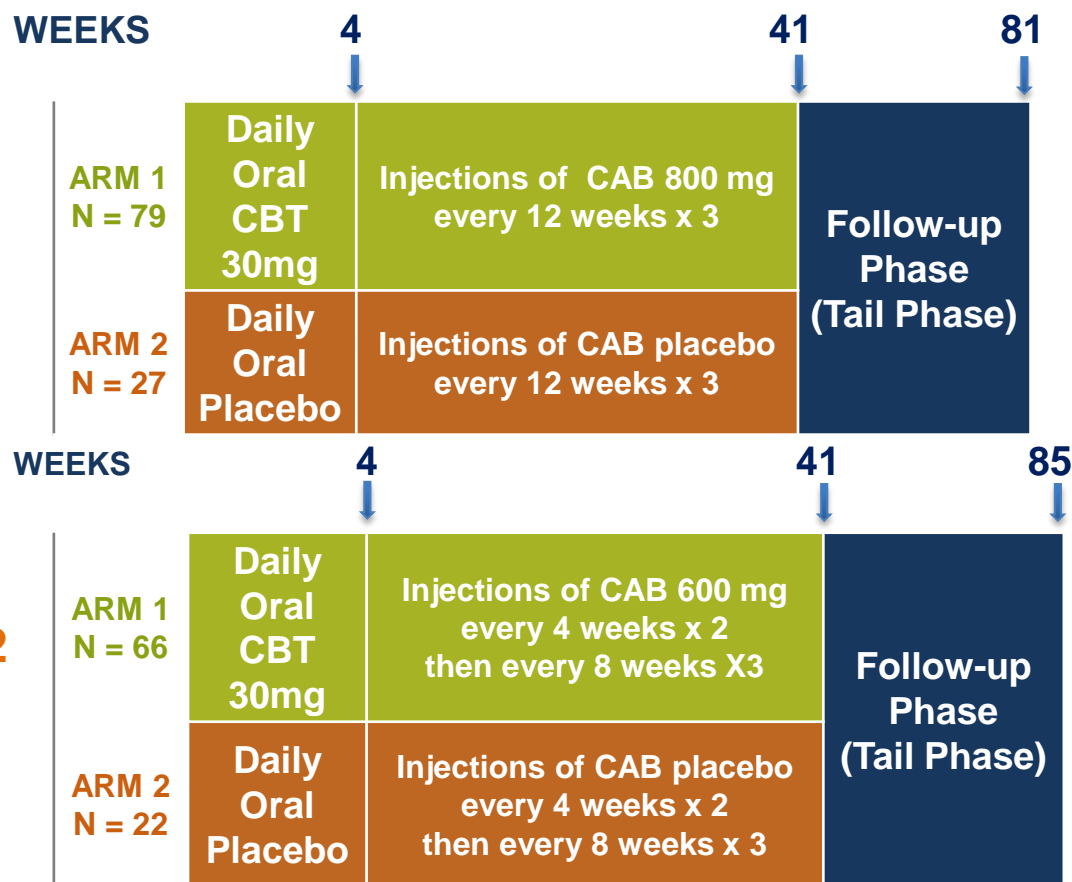
## HPTN 077: Safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of injectable cabotegravir (CAB) in men and women

194 

HIV-uninfected, ages 18-65

Cohort 1

Cohort 2







**Primary objective:** Evaluate the safety and tolerability of the injectable CAB in HIV-uninfected men and women





## HPTN 077 – Study Sites



### US Sites

-  Los Angeles, California
-  San Francisco, California
-  Washington, DC
-  Chapel Hill, North Carolina

### International Sites

-  Soweto, South Africa
-  Durban, South Africa
-  Lilongwe, Malawi
-  Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Cohort 1: Enrollment complete (113)  
Cohort 2: Target enrollment (88)

# PrEP RCT Design and Monitoring

- When is a placebo control defensible?
- Is the design superiority or non-inferiority?
- Is the trial product blinded or unblinded?
- How intensive is the adherence monitoring and adherence support for oral PrEP?
- How do we design stopping rules to adapt to adherence?
- Is the trial feasible? If not, what are alternative designs approaches?

## HPTN 083: Efficacy of injectable cabotegravir (CAB) for PrEP in MSM and transgender women

- N = 4500;
- Goals: 10% TGW overall; 50% of US BMSM; 50% overall < 30 year old
- Study duration: 3-5 years
- Sites in North and South America; Asia; SSA (limited)

	<b>CAB</b>	<b>TDF/FTC</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	Daily oral CAB and oral TDF/FTC placebo	Daily oral TDF/FTC and oral CAB placebo
<b>Step 2</b>	CAB injection x 2, 4 weeks apart then every 8 weeks plus daily oral TDF/FTC placebo	Placebo injection x 2, 4 weeks apart then every 8 weeks plus daily oral TDF/FTC
<b>Step 3</b>	Open-label daily oral TDF/FTC to cover the PK tail, for up to 48 weeks	

**Primary objective: HIV Incidence**

## HPTN 084: Cabotegravir PrEP for Women

- Dr. Sinead Delaney Protocol Chair
- Study design under discussion
  - unblended, superiority?

***NOTE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
NIH/HPTN and VIIV, PEPFAR, USAID, and  
BMGF***

# Blinded versus Unblinded

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## Blinded

- Participants
  - Receive both injection and pills
  - Know if pill is active, will only work if taken
- Question answered
  - Closer to efficacy of drug itself
  - Difference in characteristics of adherers minimal

## Unblinded

- Participants
  - Receive either injection or pill
  - Those on pill know it will work only if taken
- Question answered
  - Closer to effectiveness of intervention
  - Adherer characteristics will differ between arms
  - Behavior changes are possible

# MK-8591 (Efd) CROI 2016!



- EC50 in PBMCs of 0.2 nM
- Half life in PBMCs 100 hours

HIV treatment?

Peroral weekly prevention?

Development of a long acting implant

BC and PrEP implant combined?

The best drug development plan?

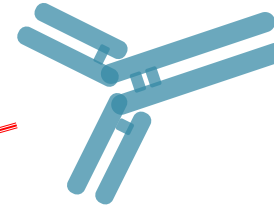
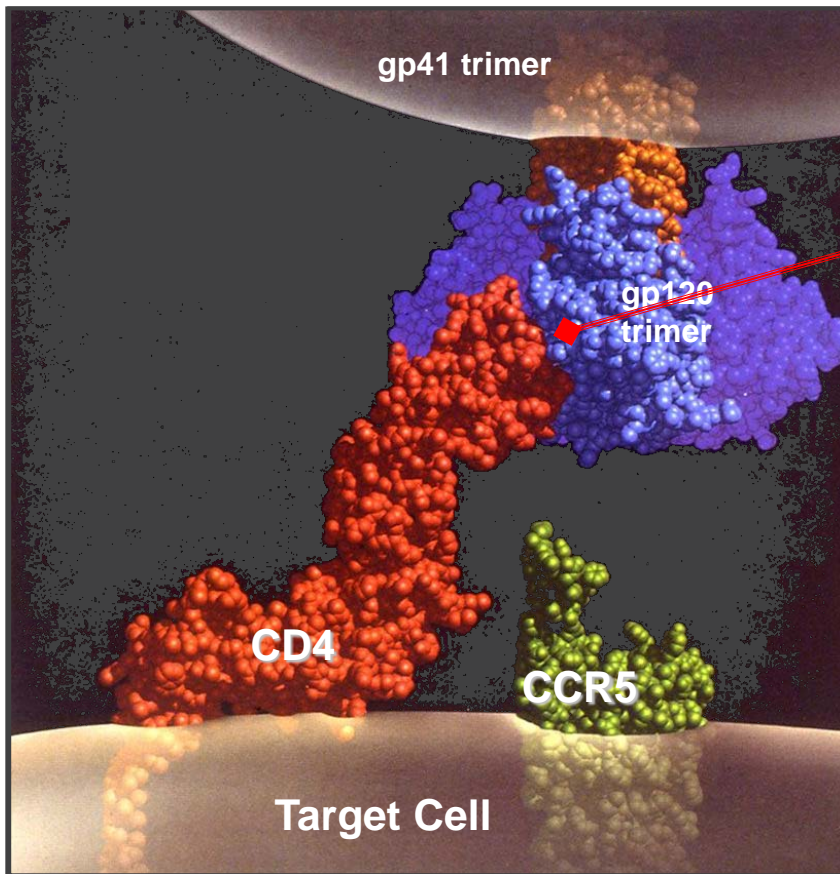


# The AMP Studies

**AMP = Antibody Mediated Prevention**

Broad neutralizing monoclonal antibodies (BnABS) to prevent HIV infection.

# VRC01 Blocks Attachment to CD4



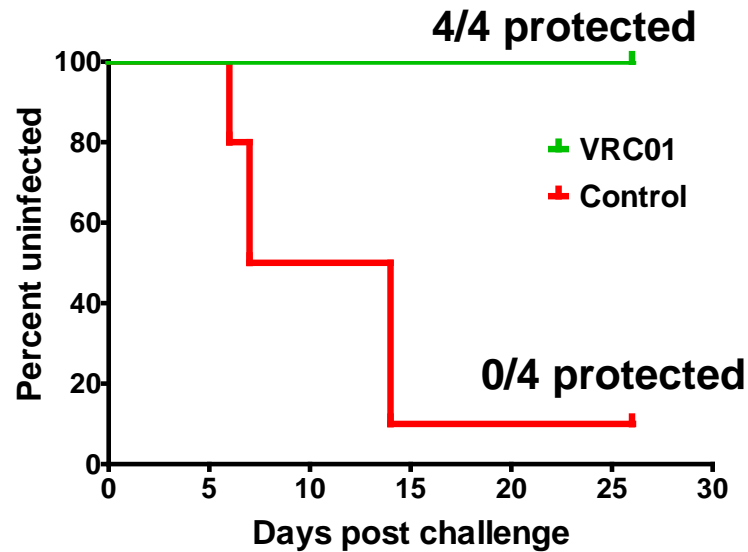
**CD4 binding site on gp120 is functionally conserved: All viruses must bind CD4**

**VRC01 neutralize ~ 90% of diverse viral isolates**

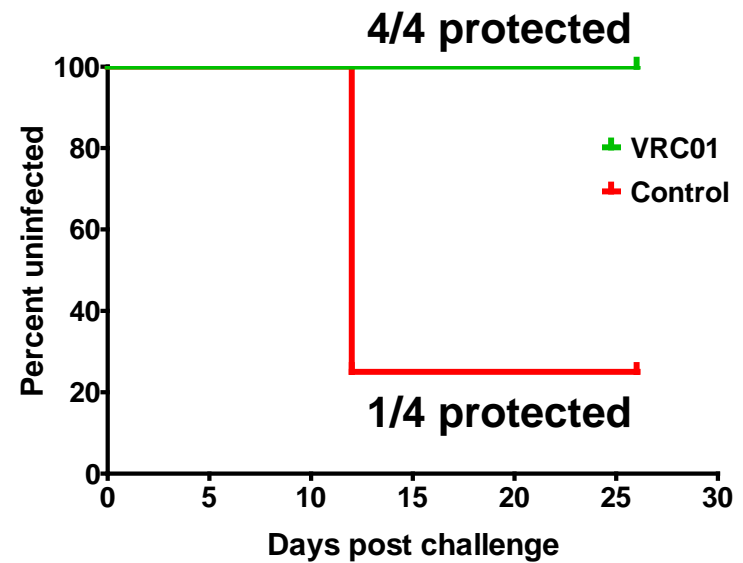
# VRC01 Protects against Mucosal SHIV-Challenge in Non-human Primates

## 20 mg/kg infusion of VRC01: Challenge with SHIV SF162P3

RECTAL CHALLENGE



VAGINAL CHALLENGE



- Pegu et al. Science Transl Med (2014)
- Ko et al. Nature (2014)
- Rudicell et al. J Virol (2014)

**nature**

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# LETTER

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## **A single injection of anti-HIV-1 antibodies protects against repeated SHIV challenges**

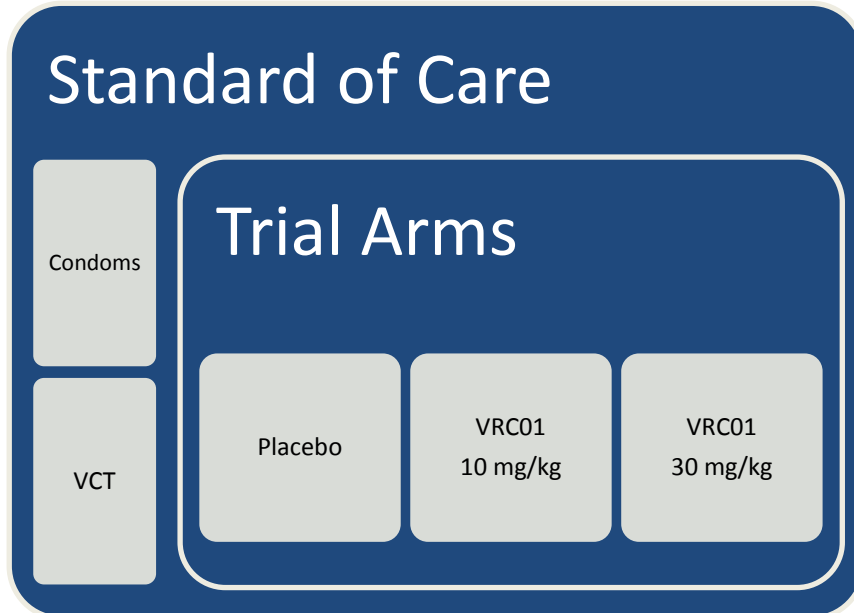
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# The Main Hypotheses of the AMP Trial

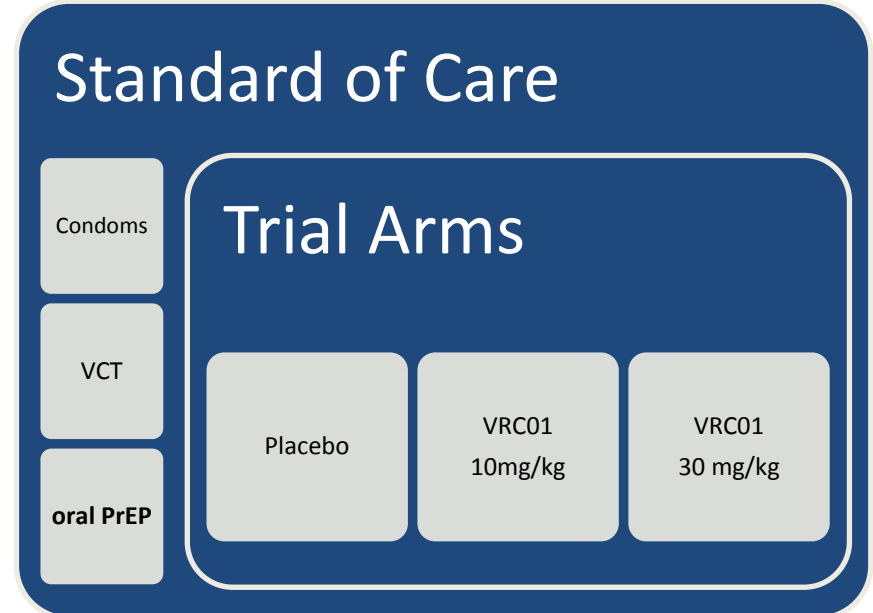
- Administration of this broadly neutralizing antibody will reduce acquisition of HIV infection in these high risk populations;
- The concentration of antibody in serum will be directly associated with the rate of protection; that is, higher levels of antibodies will give greater rates of protection than lower levels; and
- Breakthrough isolates will have greater resistance to neutralization and will exhibit molecular signatures associated with escape from neutralization.

# Superiority Trial: VRC01

## Sites without access to oral PrEP



## Sites with access to oral PrEP



Ethical imperative to improve prevention products:

- What is the “SOC” support for uptake of PrEP (ease of access, adherence support)?
- How and why is this support different when PrEP is a study drug?

# When is a placebo control defensible?

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## Existing proof of concept in humans

- FTC/TDF success in prevention provides proof of concept for ART drugs for prevention
- Credible, but unproven, that other ARTs will prevent infections
- Comparator needs to be TDF/FTC

## No existing proof on concept in humans

- Monoclonal antibodies and vaccines do not have convincing evidence for HIV prevention in humans
- Placebo required to provide evidence of effect
- Rigorous attention given to access to FTC/TDF in context of trial populations

## HVTN 704/HPTN 085 (AMP): VRC 01 for PrEP in MSM & TG in the Americas

### Enrolled participants

2700 MSM & TG  
18 to 50 years old

### Study duration

92 weeks  
(infusions given through week 72)



### Regimen

### Target Sample

VRC01 10 mg/kg

900

VRC01 30 mg/kg

900

Control

900

**Total**

**2700**

Infusions every 8 weeks through Week 72

>150 enrolled!

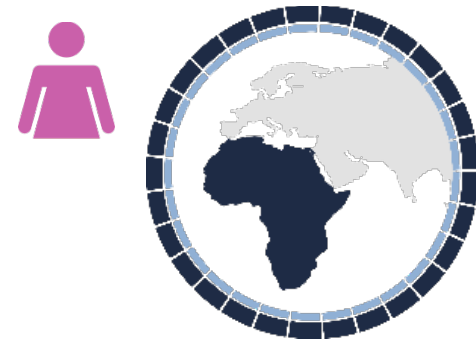
HIV-1 tests administered at baseline and every 4 weeks through the Week 92 visit

**Primary objective: HIV incidence, safety and tolerability**



## HVTN 703/HPTN 081 (AMP) VRC 01 for PrEP in Women in SSA

<b>Enrolled participants</b>
1500 South African Women 18 to 50 years old
<b>Study duration</b>
92 weeks (infusions given through week 72)



### Regimen

### Target Sample

VRC01 10 mg/kg	500	Infusions every 8 weeks through Week 72  > 12 enrolled
VRC01 30 mg/kg	500	
Control	500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1500</b>	

HIV-1 tests administered at baseline and every 4 weeks through the Week 92 visit

**Primary objective:** HIV incidence, safety and tolerability

# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

