



Chemokine Receptors and Antagonists: Summary of Clinical Experience

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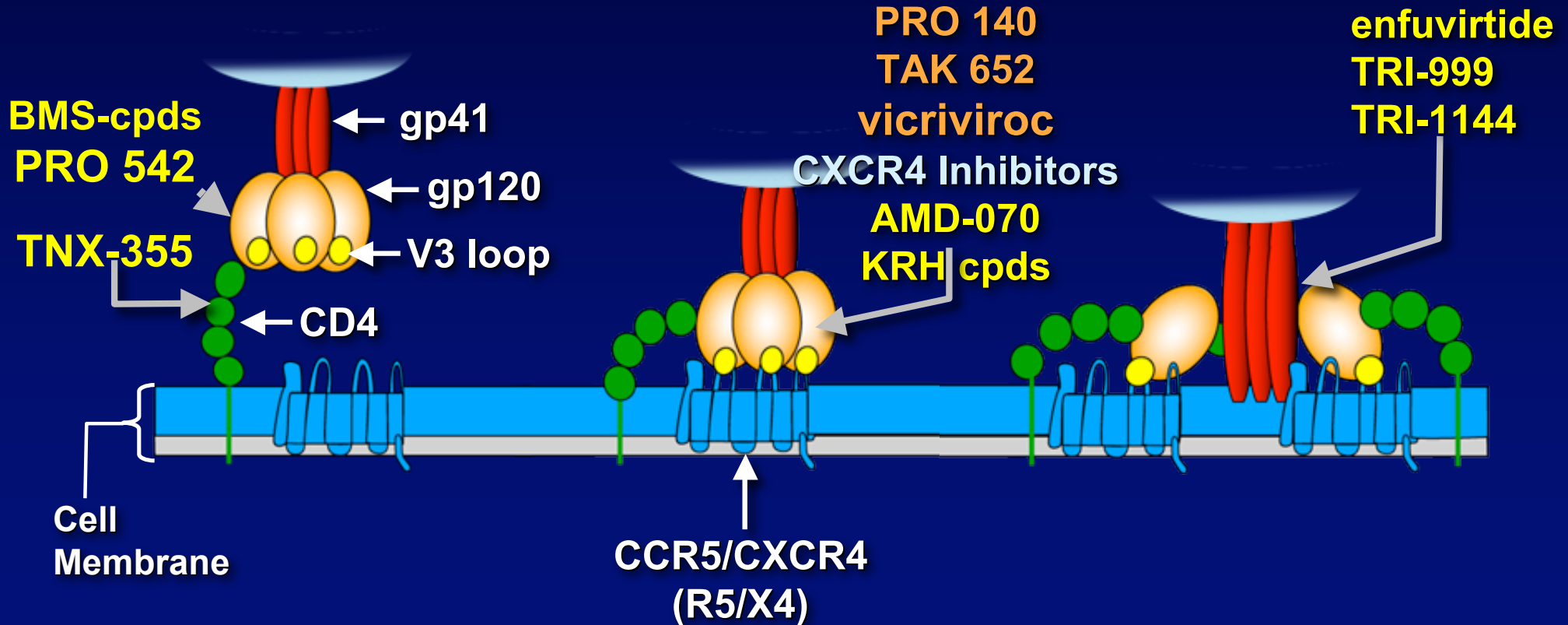
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HIV Entry Inhibitors

**CD4
Binding** →

**Coreceptor
Binding** →

**Virus-Cell
Fusion**



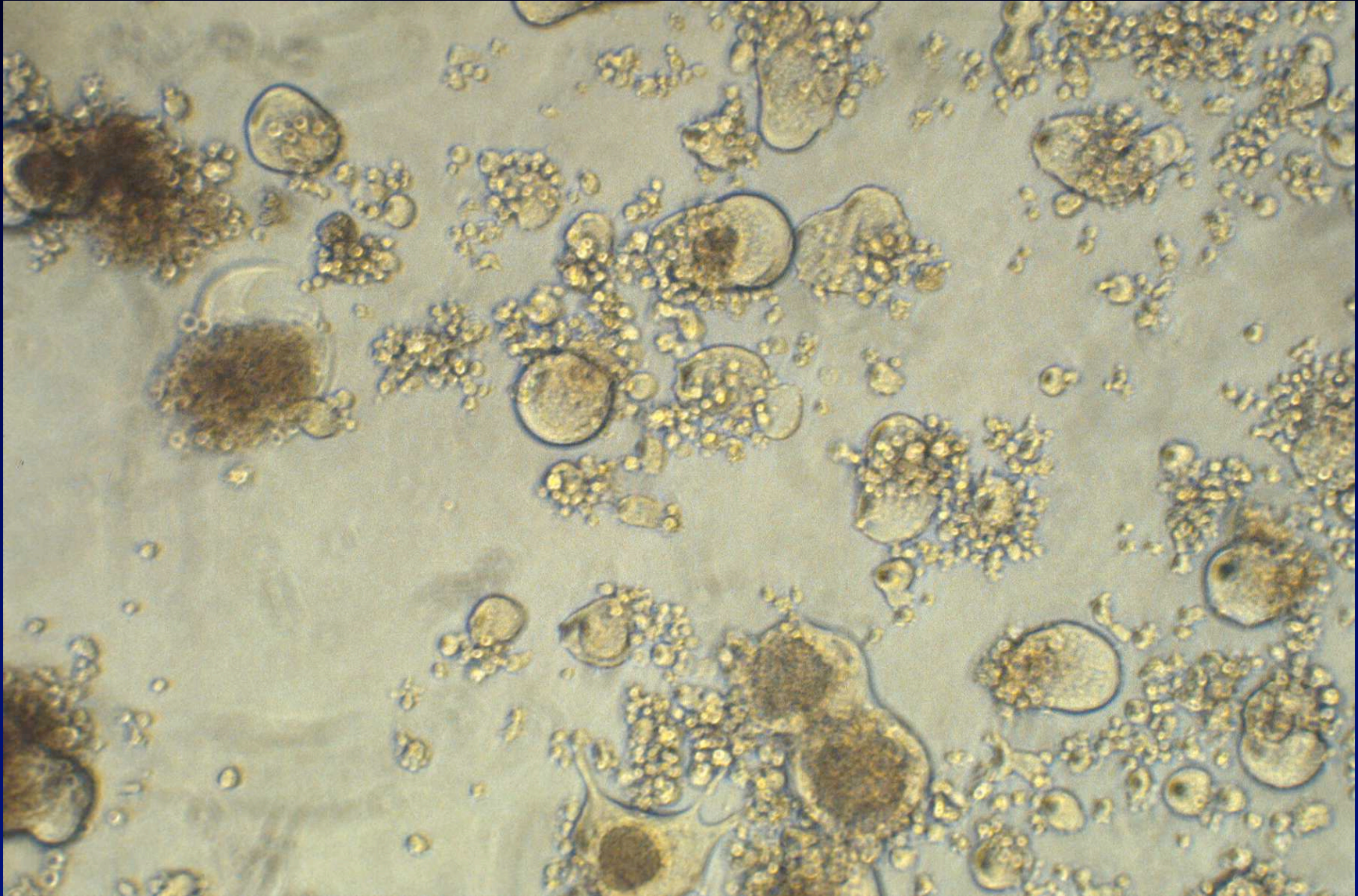
Adapted from Moore JP, *PNAS* 2003;100:10598-10602.

- **Challenges** of developing R5 inhibitors in antiretroviral HIV-infected patients
Deeks, Lancet 2006;367:711
- Oral CCR5 inhibitors: **will they make it through?**
Biswas, Expert Opin Investig Drugs 2006;15:451
- **Serious doubts** on safety and efficacy of CCR5 antagonists: CCR5 antagonists **teeter on a knife-edge**
Horster + Goebel, Infection 2006;34:110

CCR5 Issues in Development

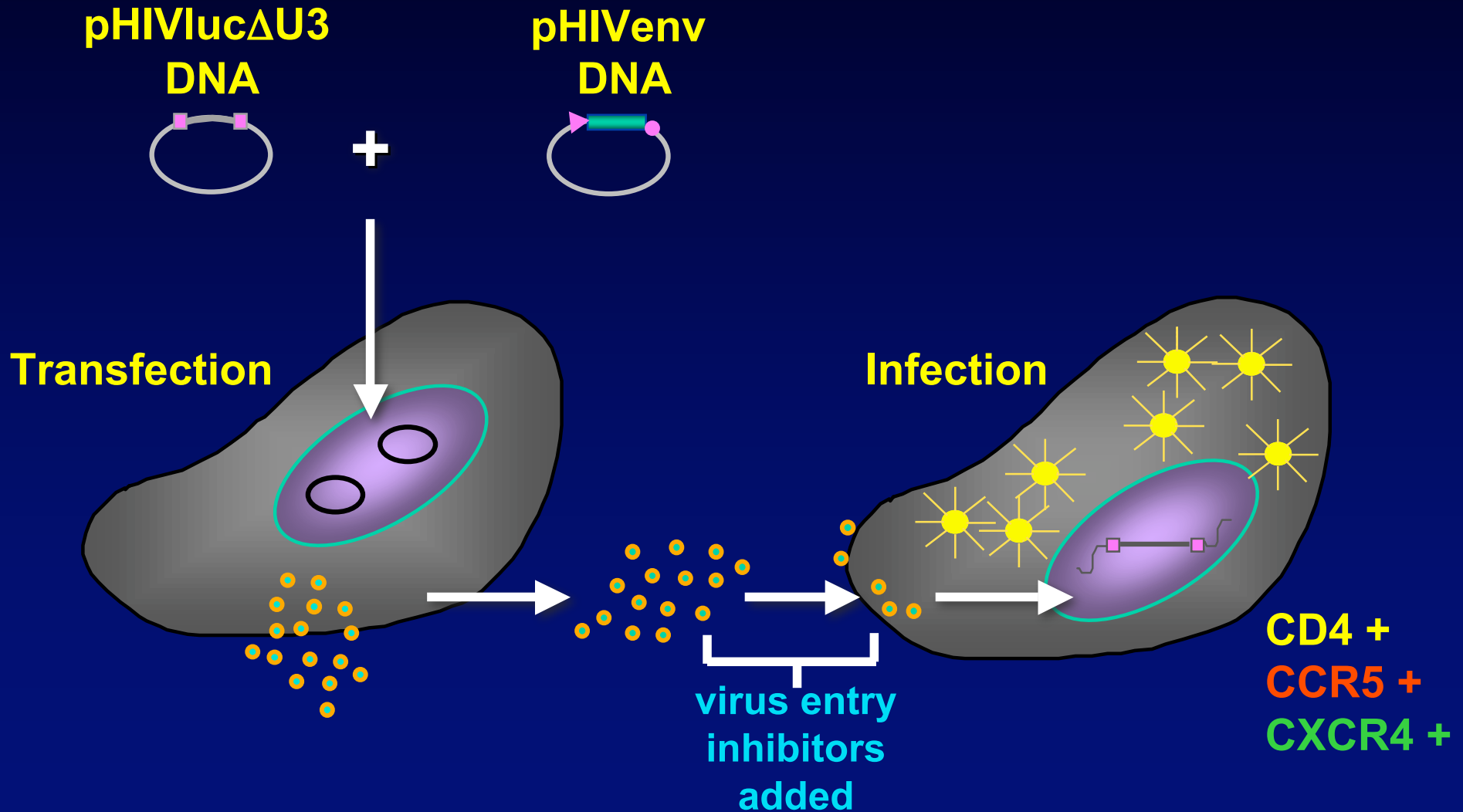
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- **Co-receptor tropism changes**
- **Immunologic consequences (compound- vs. class-specific)**
 - Malignancies
- **Toxicities (compound- vs. class-specific)**
 - QT prolongation
 - Hepatitis
- **Antiretroviral activity:
Rx-naïve and rx-experienced patients**
- **Resistance**
- **Long-term follow-up**

Syncytium formation in MT-2 cells expressing CXCR4 only



Schuitmaker H, et al. *J Virol.* 1991;65:356-363.

Entry Tropism Assay



Courtesy of Monogram Biosciences

Entry Tropism Assay Performance

Attribute

Current Performance

Turnaround Time

14-18 days

Unscreenable Failure Rate

3-7%

Minimum HIV RNA

1000 copies/ml
(may amplify at lower levels)

Assay Sensitivity to Minor Populations
(**X4** or **D/M**)

100% at 10% mixture
83% at 5% mixture

Courtesy of Monogram Biosciences

Chemokine Receptor Tropism

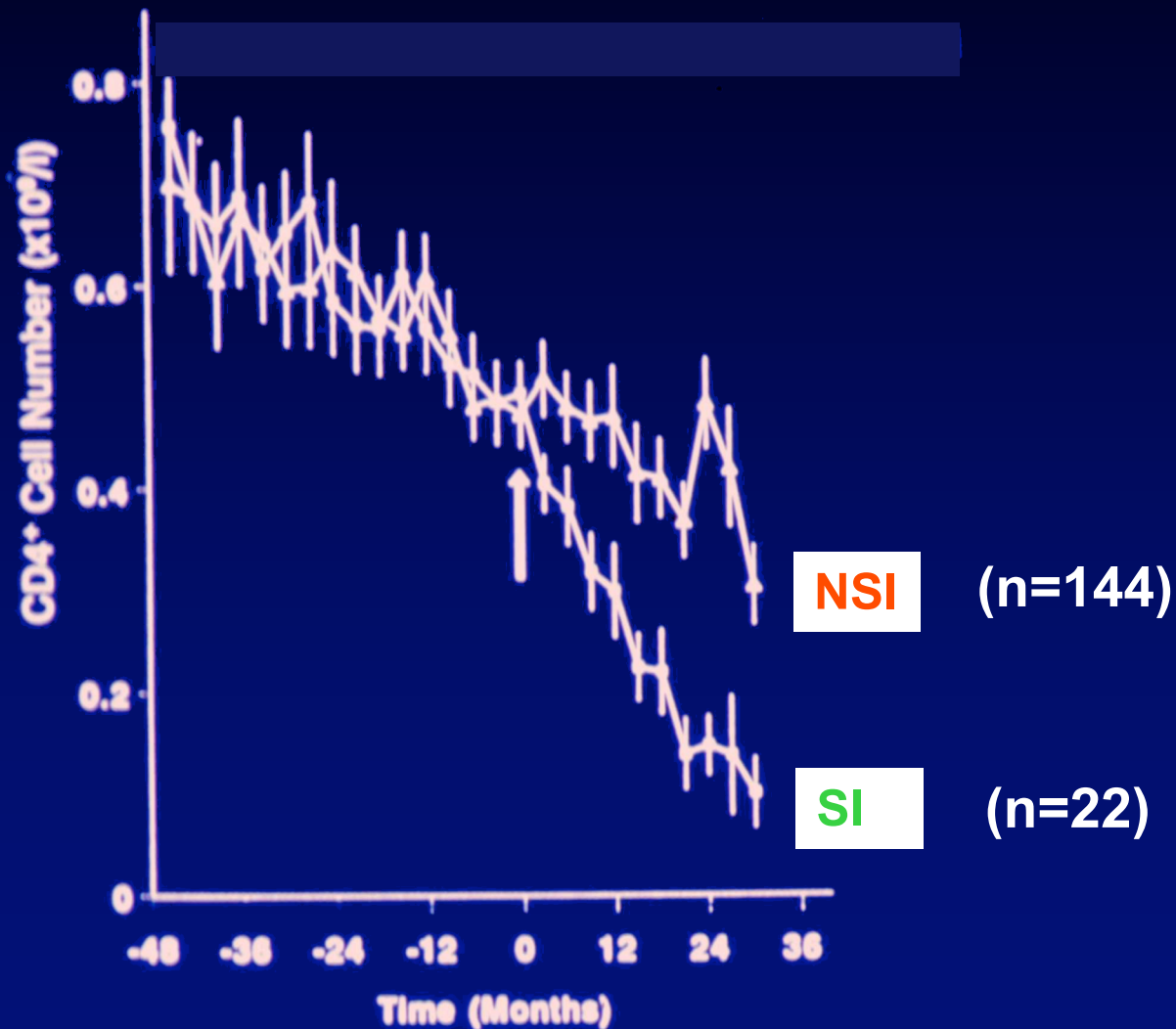
Study	Patient Population	N	R5- only	D/M	X4- only
Demarest ¹	naïve	325	88%	12%	0%
Homer Cohort ²	naïve	979	82%	18%	0.1%
Moyle ³	naïve	402	81%	19%	n/a
Moyle ³	experienced	161	78%	22%	n/a
Demarest ¹	experienced	117	67%	28%	5%
TORO ⁴	heavily experienced	627	50%	48%	2%
ACTG 5211 ⁵	heavily experienced	391	49%	47%	4%

¹Demarest ICAAC 2004, #H-1136; ²Brumme JID 2005; ³Moyle JID 2005;
⁴Melby EI Workshop 2005; ⁵Wilkin CROI 2006, #655

Initial Questions

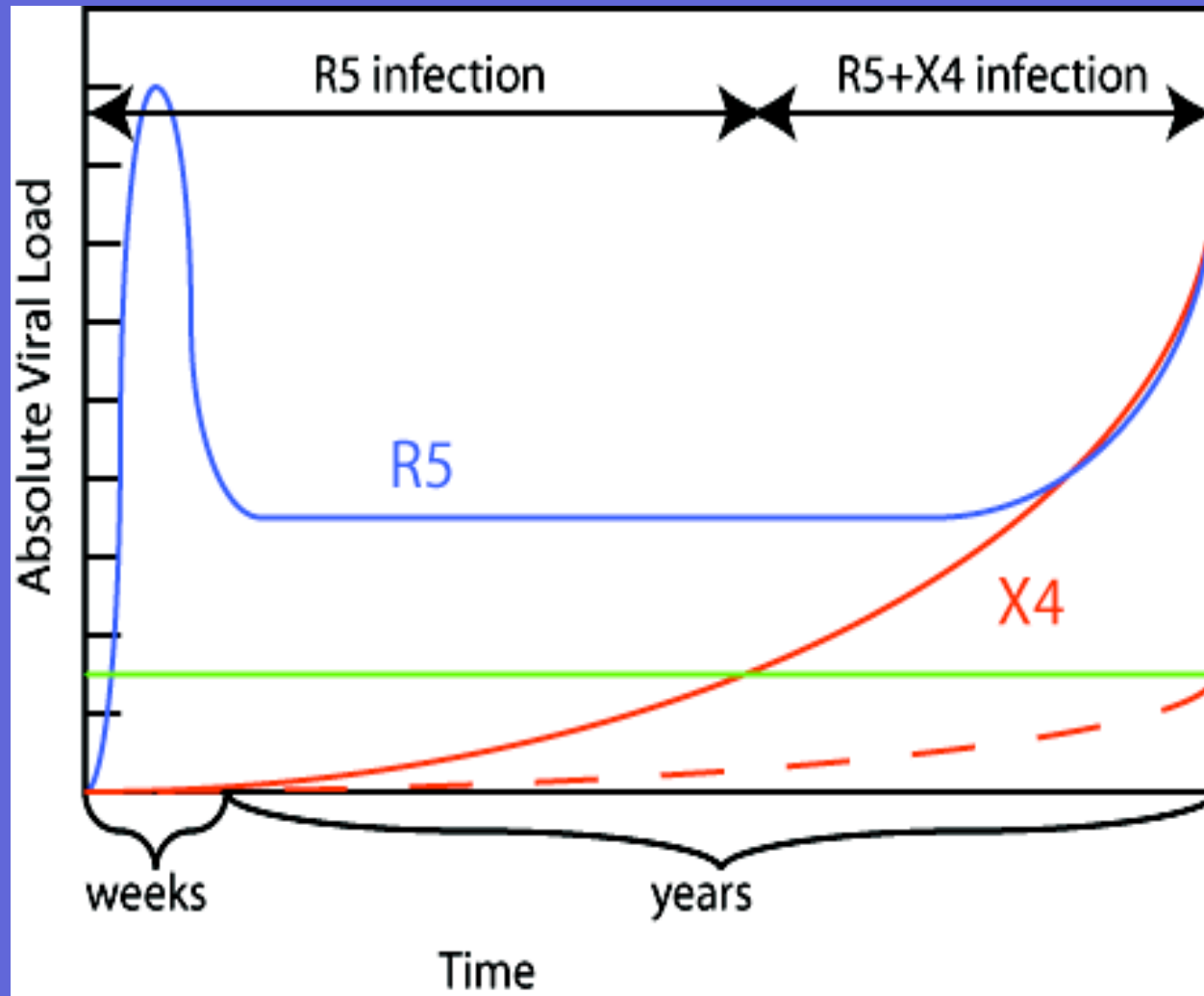
- **Significance of dual/mixed tropism and minor viral variants?**
- **Co-receptor switching (and consequences)?**
- **Immunologic consequences of CCR5 inhibition?**

Effect of SI Virus on CD4+ Cell Count: Amsterdam Cohort Study (N=188)



Koot et al Ann Intern Med 1993

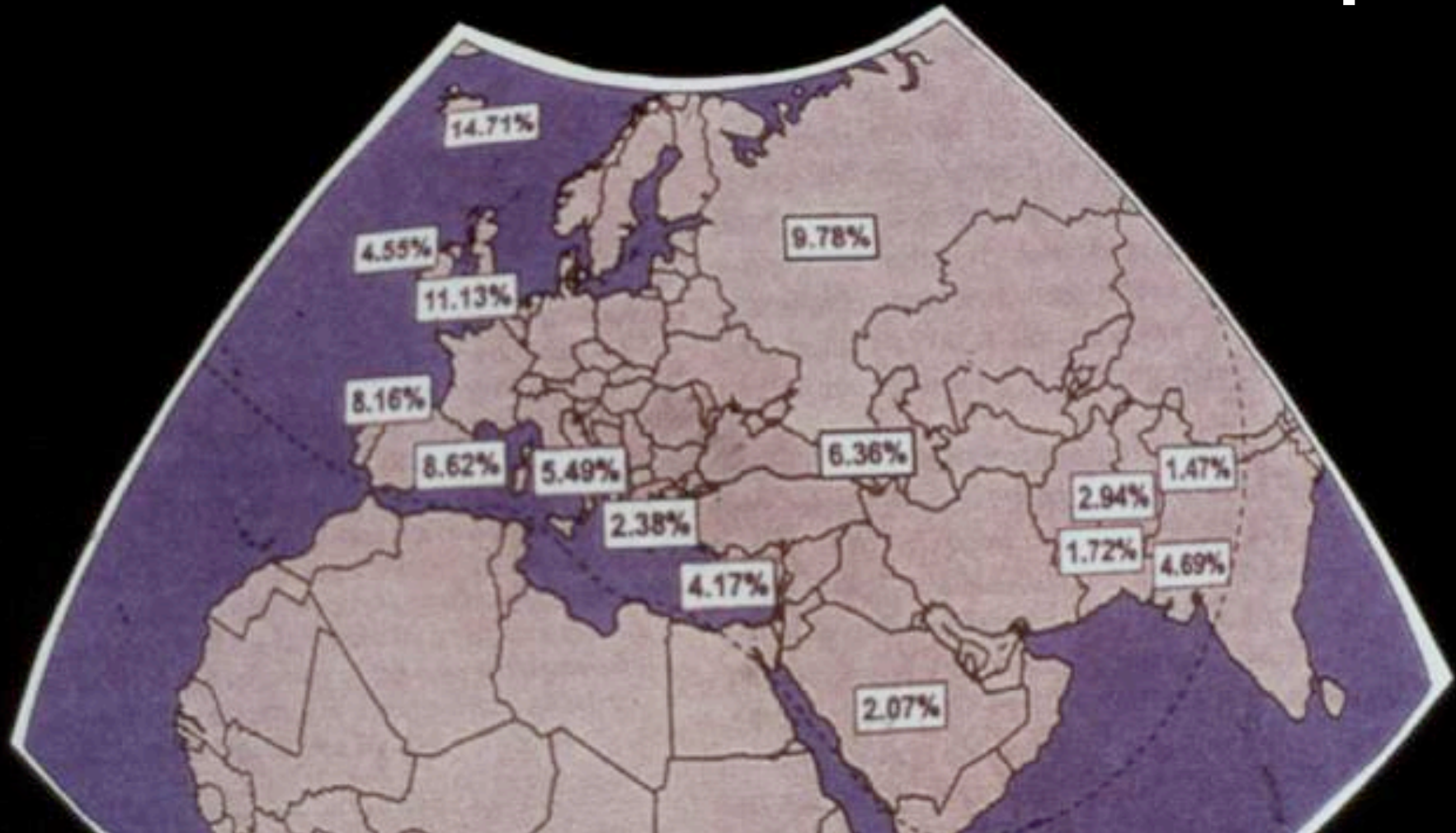
Natural History of Chemokine Tropism



detection limit

Courtesy of John Moore, PhD

Distribution of CCR5 Δ 32 in Europe



5%-14% of European Caucasians carry CCR5 Δ 32
1% are homozygotes

CCR5 Deletion Implications (1)

- **Rheumatoid arthritis**

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with less joint inflammation and morning stiffness
Garred, J Rheumatol 1998

- **?Asthma**

- CCR5 Δ 32 less common in patients with asthma **Hall, Lancet 1999**
- CCR5 Δ 32 not associated with asthma
Mitchell, Lancet 2000

- **Kawasaki Disease**

- CCR5 Δ 32 less common in patients with KD
Burns, J Infect Dis 2005

CCR5 Deletion Implications (2)

- **?Sclerosing cholangitis**

- CCR5 Δ 32 more common in patients with PSC than in those with IBD or healthy controls
Eri, Genes Immun 2004

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Henckaerts, Inflamm Bowel Dis 2006

- **?Organ transplant survival**

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with longer graft survival of renal transplants **Fischereder, Lancet 2001**

- CCR5 Δ 32 not associated with graft survival of liver transplants **Schroppel, Am J Transpl 2002**

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with Ischemic-type biliary lesions and decreased graft survival following liver transplant **Moench, Liver Transpl 2004**

CCR5 Deletion Implications (3)

- **HCV**

- CCR5 Δ 32 more common in HCV infection
Woitas, Gastroenterology 2002

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with lower inflammation and fibrosis and clearance of viremia

- Hellier, Hepatology 2003**

- Goulding, Gut 2005**

- **West Nile Virus infection**

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with increased severity of disease and death

- Glass, J Exp Med 2006**

CCR5 Deletion Implications (4)

- **Hepatitis (mice)**

- CCR5 knockout mice had fulminant liver failure following Con A administration by preventing NK cell apoptosis **Ajuebor, J Immunol 2005**
- CCR5 knockout mice had exacerbation of T-cell mediated hepatitis **Moreno, Hepatology 2006**

- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**

- CCR5 Δ 32 associated with 3-fold lower risk of AIDS-related Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; no difference in KS or Ols **Dean, Cancer Res 1999**

CCR5 and HIV infection

- CCR5 Δ 32 homozygotes are relatively resistant to HIV infection.
- CCR5 Δ 32 heterozygotes have reduced HIV disease progression.

Lui R, et al. *Cell*. 1996;86:367-377.

Samson M, et al. *Nature*. 1996;382:722-725.

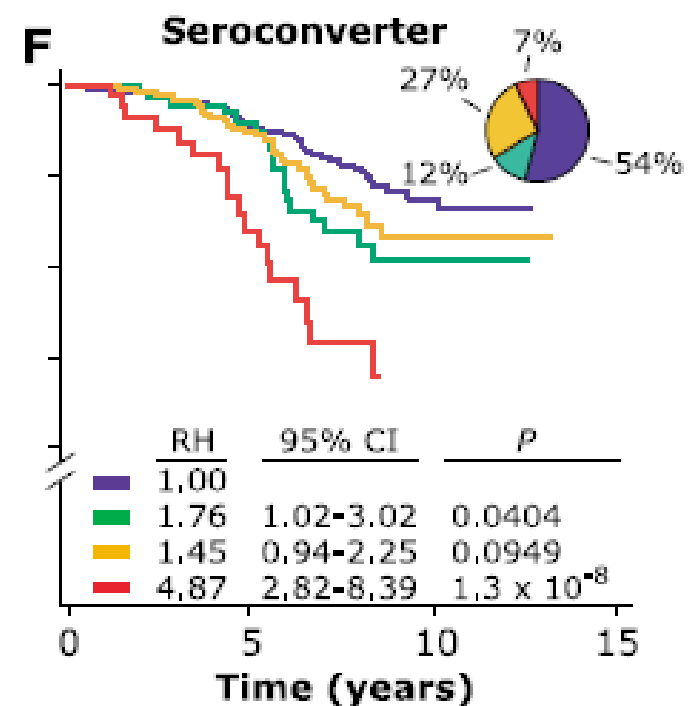
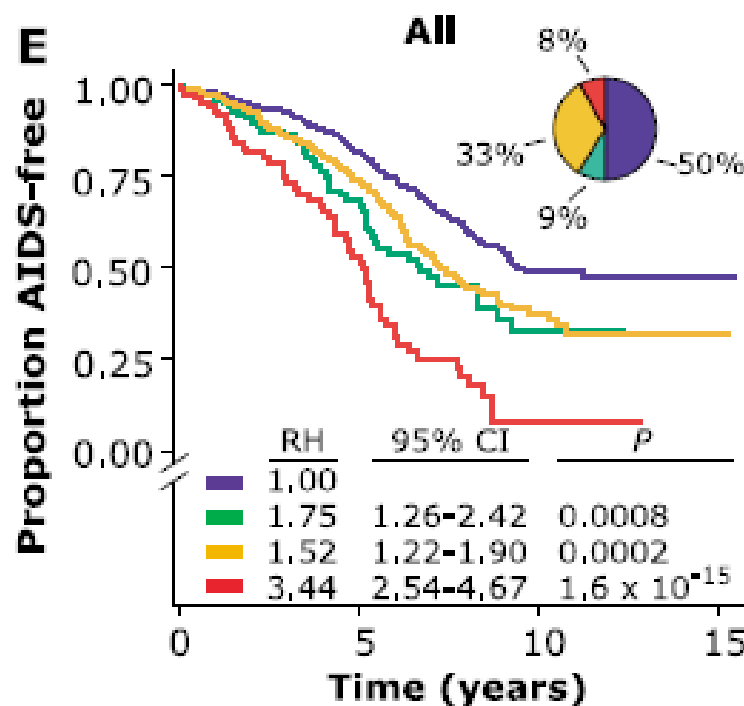
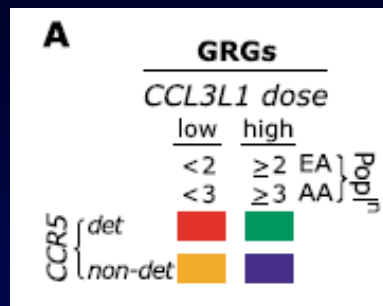
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Huang Y, et al. *Nat Med*. 1996;2:1240-1243.

Michael NL, et al. *Nat Med*. 1997;3:1160-1162.

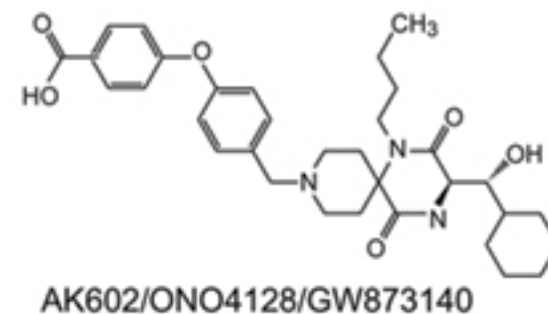
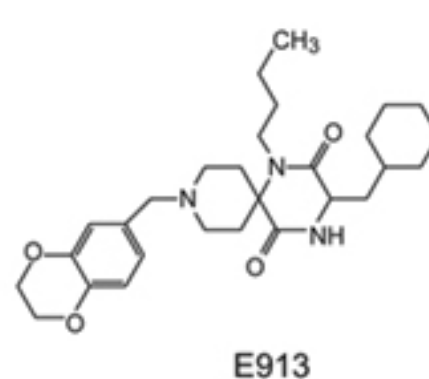
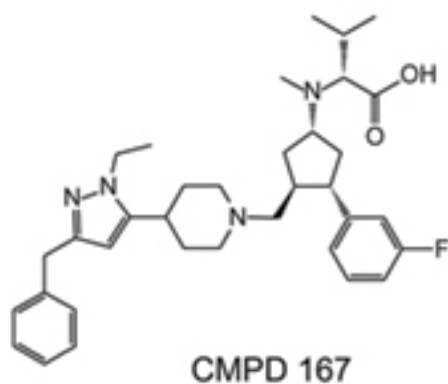
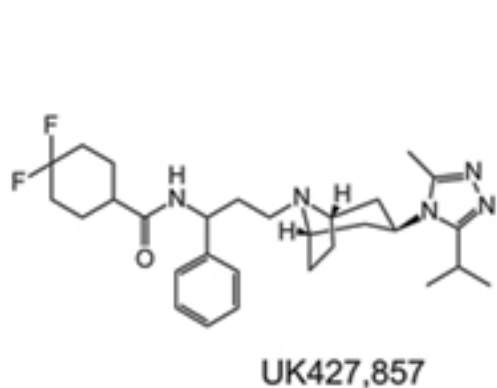
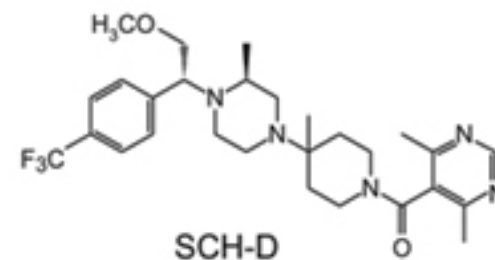
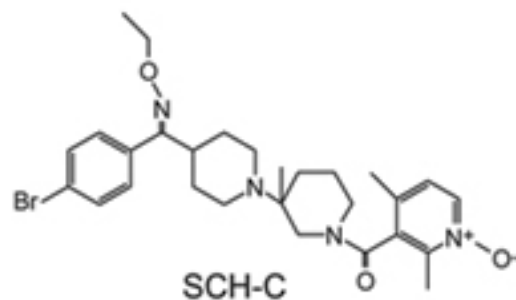
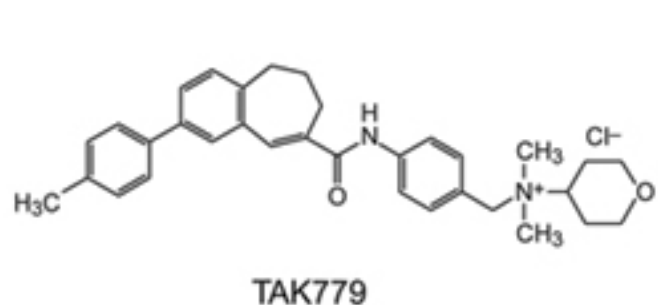
Eugen-Olsen J, et al. *AIDS*. 1997;11:305-310.

Combined Effect of *CCR5* and *CCL3L1* (MIP-1- α) Genotype on AIDS Progression



Gonzalez et al Science 2005; 307:1434-40.

Structures of Small Molecule CCR5 Inhibitors

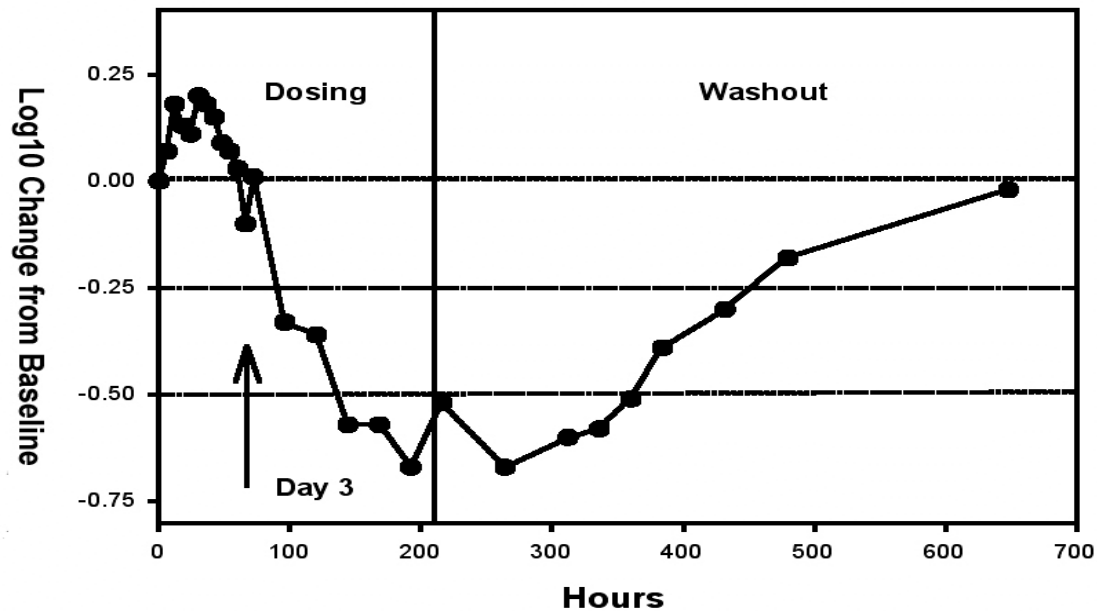


Maeda, *Current Opinion in Pharmacology* 2004;4:447–452.

Schering C: Phase IB

Antiviral effect of Sch-C in humans; Phase 1B clinical trial

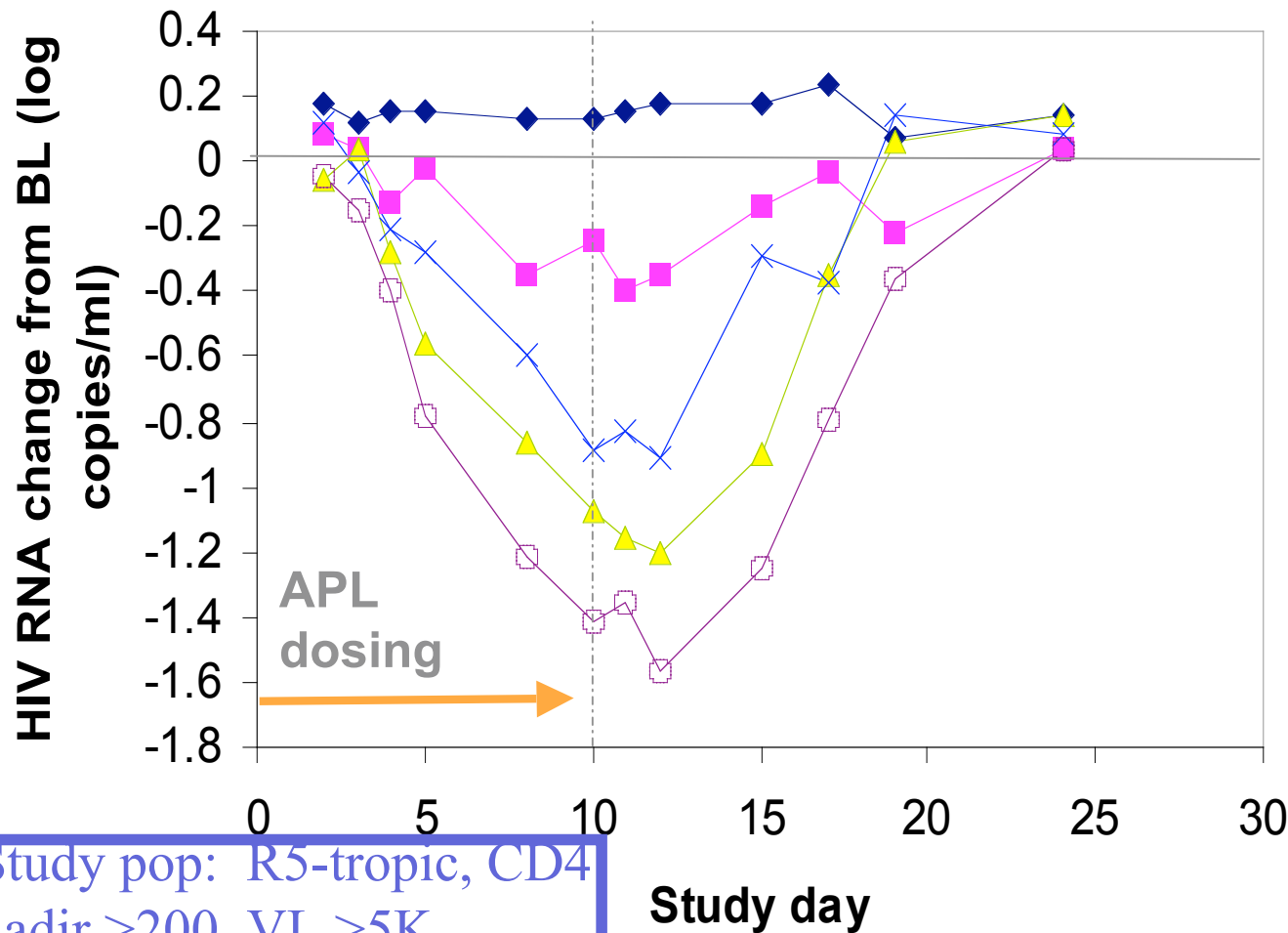
Antiviral Effect
25 mg BID (n = 12)



Laughlin, M.
Reynes, J. *et al.*
9th CR01, Feb 2002

Reynes, 9th CROI, 2002, abst. #1

Aplaviroc (873140): Phase I -- Median HIV RNA Change



Study pop: R5-tropic, CD4 nadir >200, VL >5K

GSK Statement to HIV Patient Community (9/05): aplaviroc rx-naïve studies stopped due to hepatotoxicity in a rx-naïve pt.

GSK Press Release (10/05): 3 additional cases of hepatotoxicity in rx-naïve pts; 1 case in rx-experienced pt – all aplaviroc studies stopped.

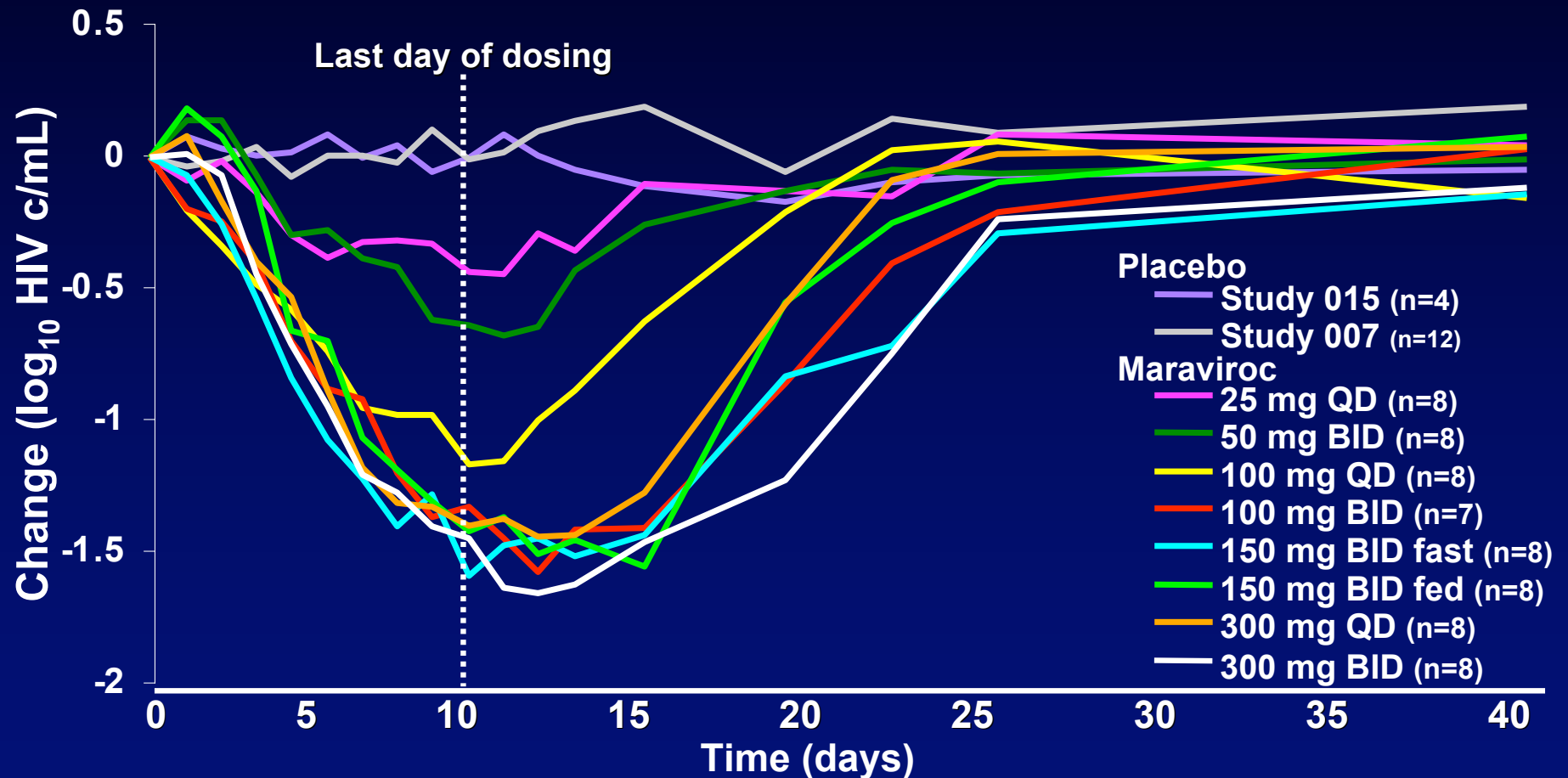
Aplaviroc

- **Discontinued due to drug induced hepatotoxicity (elevated AST/ALT and total bilirubin, Oct 2005) ^{1,2}**
 - **10 treatment emergent cases in 282 (3.5%) subjects who received aplaviroc for a median of 13 wks²**
 - **4 clinically relevant cases in treatment-naïve subjects in Phase 2b clinical trials²**
 - **1 case in a Phase 3 trial in treatment experienced patients¹**
 - **No further clinical studies of the compound planned¹**

¹GSK Press Release (10/26/05).

²Nichols W, et al. HIV Entry Workshop, 2005, Abstract 26

Maraviroc: Phase 2a Monotherapy



Doses ≥ 100 mg BID resulted in HIV RNA reductions of $>1 \log_{10}$ c/mL in all patients.

Study population: asymptomatic,
CD4 >250 , R5-tropic (N=82); BL VL ~ 42 K

Fätkenheuer G, *Nat Med.* 2005;11:1170-1172.

Maraviroc:

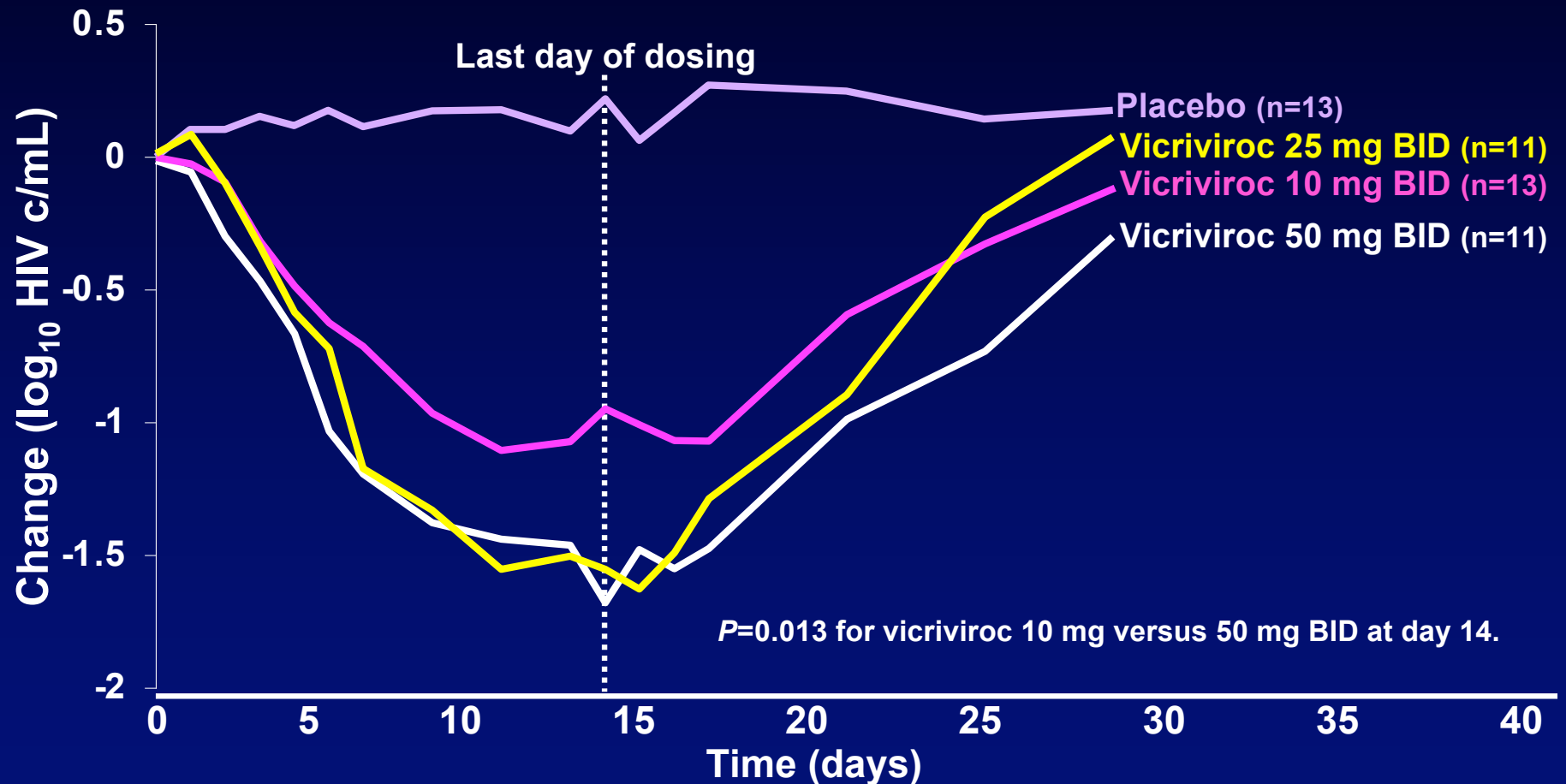
Safety Summary (Phase 1-2a)

- **>500 HIV- and >65 HIV+ subjects treated**
- **Adverse events were similar to placebo at doses of <300 mg BID**
- **No orthostatic hypotension at daily doses <600 mg**
- **Clinically relevant elevations in transaminases occurred sporadically**
 - **No dose relationship and no associated elevation in bilirubin**
- **No evidence of clinically relevant prolongation of QTcF**

Maraviroc: Recent Events

- Single case of hepatotoxicity reported in 11/05, complicated history and on other hepatotoxic meds
Mayer, Viral Entry Inhibitor Workshop (12/2005)
- Phase IIb/III studies fully enrolled
 - 1026: Rx-naïve, R5 tropic (N=908)
 - 1027: Rx-exp, R5 tropic (N=601)
 - 1028: Rx-exp, R5 tropic (N=474)
 - 1029: Rx-exp, D/M tropic (N=190)
- >2100 subjects enrolled on MVC studies
- **DSMB recommends stopping 300 mg qd MVC dose (and continuing 300 mg bid dose) on rx-naïve study.**
Pfizer Press Release 1/06
- **DSMB notes incidence of malignancy consistent with known rates in population; recommends continuing phase 2b/3 studies.**
Pfizer Announcement 5/4/06

Vicriviroc: Phase 2a Monotherapy Data



Study population: Off ART X 8 weeks, CD4 >200, VL 5-250K, R5 tropic (N=48, 16/cohort: 12 on study Rx, 4 on placebo); BL VL ~80-100K

Schuermann D, et al. 3rd IAS Conference. 2005. Abstract TuOa0205.

Vicriviroc: Phase II in Rx-Naïve Pts.

- 17 sites in Europe and Canada
- Study population: rx-naïve; R5 tropic, VL >5K, CD4 >150, no baseline resistance mutations
- Baseline: VL ~60K, CD4 ~290 (N=92)
- Study treatment: vicriviroc at 25, 50, or 75 mg qd X 2 wks, then add ZDV/3TC vs. ZDV/3TC + EFV started at 2 wks
- Results:
 - HIV RNA change (log copies/ml) at day 14:
-0.9 (25mg), -1.2 (50mg), -1.3 (75mg), -0.1 (placebo)
 - HIV RNA rebound to >50 cps/ml during follow-up:
13/23 (56%, 25mg); 9/22 (41%, 50mg); 4/23 (17%, 75mg); vs.
1/24 (4%, EFV)
- **DSMB recommended stopping the study**

Vicriviroc: Safety Summary

- **Dose-limiting toxicity in animals was seizures**
 - Seizure threshold 10- to 20-fold above clinical exposures
 - No seizures reported on vicriviroc studies
- **Phase 2a trial**
 - 3 serious adverse events
 - Mild-moderate headache, diarrhea, nausea
 - No changes in ECG or cardiac rhythm
 - No clinically significant changes in lab values
- **No hepatotoxicity seen**

Schuermann D, 3rd IAS Conference. 2005, abstract TuOa0205.
Greaves CROI 2006, abst. #161LB

ACTG 5211: Phase I/II

- **Study population:** Patients on failing RTV-containing regimen, VL >5K (N=118)
- **Study treatment:** Add vicriviroc at 3 doses (5, 10, 15 mg with RTV vs. placebo) X 2 weeks, then optimize background ART (with resistance testing) X 46 weeks
- **Study endpoints:** change in HIV RNA over first 14 days, 24 weeks; safety/tolerability; durability of HIV RNA response; resistance
- **10/14/05: SMC recommends stopping 5 mg arm.**

Vicriviroc and Malignancies

ACTG 5211

- **118 heavily treatment-experienced pts**
- **5 malignancies reported in patients taking vicriviroc**
 - **4 lymphomas: 2 HD, 2 NHL (2 with hx of HD)**
 - **1 gastric adenocarcinoma**
- **Causality could not be established**
- **Virologic activity and CD4 responses seen with vicriviroc**

Schering-Plough Press Release 3/3/06

Changes in co-receptor tropism during **maraviroc (MVC)** monotherapy

- 10-day dosing with MVC (25-300 mg QD or BID) in 63 patients with **R5**-only tropic virus (Monogram assay).
- In 60 of 62 patients, no change in phenotype.
- In the other 2 patients (on MVC 100 mg qd), **X4** viruses detected at day 11.
 - One patient reverted to **R5** at day 40.
 - One patient remained **D/M** and had a decline in CD4 (593 to 219) over a year and started ART at day 433 post-study.
- In a 3rd patient **D/M** virus was detected at baseline (due to a screening error) with a transient increase in the **X4** component during therapy. No change in HIV RNA level.
- **X4** variants emerged from a preexisting reservoir, not from a co-receptor change.

Westby, J Virol 2006;80:4909-4920.

Co-receptor Tropism Changes

R5 inhibitor	Patient	Dose	VL change	Day 1 Tropism	Nature of X4 appearance
Aplaviroc Maraviroc	A	200 QD	-0.53 log	R5	pre-existing D/M
	C	100 mg BID	None	D/M	pre-existing D/M and X4
	A	100 mg QD	-0.71 log	R5	pre-existing D/M
	B	100 mg QD	-1.26 log	R5	appearance of D/M and X4 on treatment
Vicriviroc	1	High Dose	-0.5 log	D/M	pre-existing D/M
	2	High Dose	>-1.5 log	R5	transient appearance of X4 on treatment

Lalezari AIDS 2005;19:1443; Westby J Virol 2006;80:4909; Schurmann CROI 2004 #140LB

Courtesy of John Moore, PhD

Resistance – In vitro

- Resistance not associated with co-receptor change
Trkola PNAS 2002
- HIV can bind CCR5-inhibitor complex
Kuhmann J Virol 2004
- Resistance associated with increased affinity for CCR5
Maroszan Virology 2005
- Resistance associated with changes in V3 loop that may differ among inhibitors Strizki Int. Resistance Workshop 2005, Maroszan Virology 2005, Yusa J Biol Chem 2005, Lewis Eur. Resistance Workshop 2005
- Resistance also associated with other gp 120 (or other ENV) changes Maroszan Virology 2005
- MVC-resistant isolates not cross-resistant to APL, VCV or SCH-C Westby Antiviral Therapy 2005, S72

Resistance -- Clinical

- **Aplaviroc**
- **Maraviroc**
- **Vicriviroc:** In rx-naïve study, changes in IC50 did not explain viral rebound.
Greaves, CROI 2006, abst. #161LB

CCR5 inhibitors: Current Status (1)

- **Schering C:** Withdrawn (QT prolongation)
- **Aplaviroc:** Withdrawn (Hepatotoxicity)
- **Maraviroc:**
 - Phase 2-3 clinical trials in treatment-naïve and treatment experienced subjects with R5 tropic virus fully enrolled and in active follow-up
 - One trial in subjects with D/M virus fully enrolled and in active follow-up
 - 300 mg QD arm in naïve trial terminated due to suboptimal antiretroviral activity
 - One case of severe hepatotoxicity most likely not related to study drug

CCR5 inhibitors: Current Status (2)

- **Vicriviroc**

- Phase 2 ACTG trial in rx-experienced subjects fully enrolled and in active follow-up
- Rx-naïve study closed due to suboptimal antiretroviral activity compared to EFV
- 4 lymphomas in ACTG A5211

- **TAK-652**

- HIV- volunteer studies reported **Baba AAC 2005;49:4584**

- **PRO 140**

- HIV- volunteer studies reported **Olson CROI 2006**
- HIV+ phase I study begun **12/1/05 Progenics Press Release**
- Granted FDA Fast Track Status
2/22/06 Progenics Press Release

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