



# PrEPping for the Future: The Era of Choice



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- LGB has served on advisories for
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  - Cepheid



# Places and times.....



The Glasgow Lock Hospital (1846) for "unfortunate females."
Venereal diseases

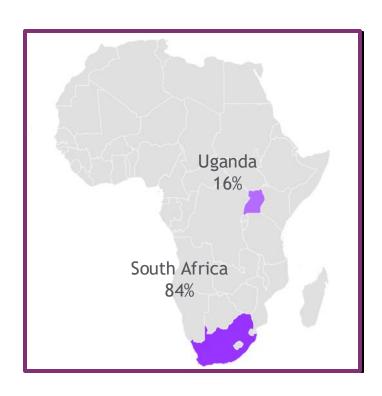


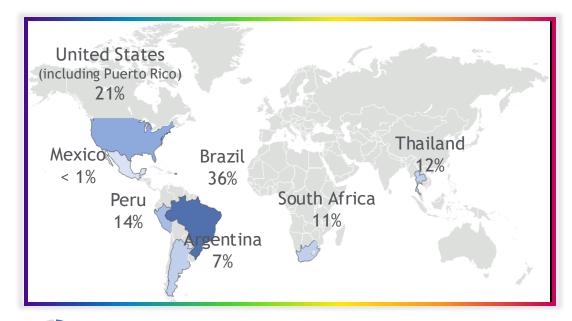
New Somerset hospital – Greenpoint, Cape Town Oldest hospital in South Africa (1864) First referral site for young men dying of AIDS in early 90s First use of antiretrovirals in clinical research.

# **Lenacapavir for Prevention: Purpose**

















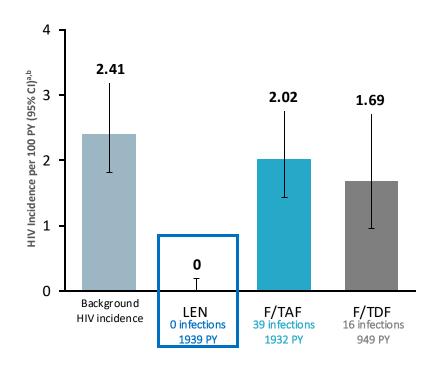
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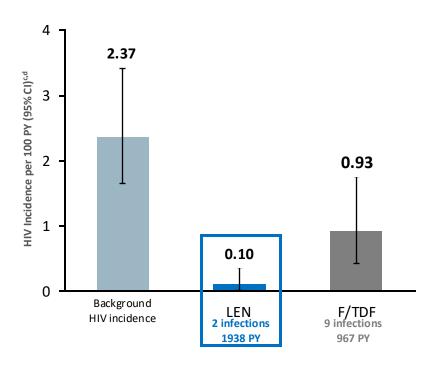
Young women in Africa

Young men, transgender women and men, non-binary people

# PURPOSE 1: Zero HIV Infections in Cisgender Women Receiving LEN

# PURPOSE 2: Two HIV Infections in Participants Receiving LEN





Median follow-up duration: 44.0 weeks

Median follow-up duration: 39.4 weeks

<sup>a</sup>Overall n: background HIV incidence group, 8094; LEN, 2134; F/TAF, 2136; F/TDF, 1068. <sup>b</sup>95% CIs: background HIV incidence group, 1.82-3.19; LEN, 0-0.19; F/TAF, 1.44-2.76; F/TDF, 0.96-2.74.



#### **BREAKING HIV NE**

POZ

SCIENCE NEWS

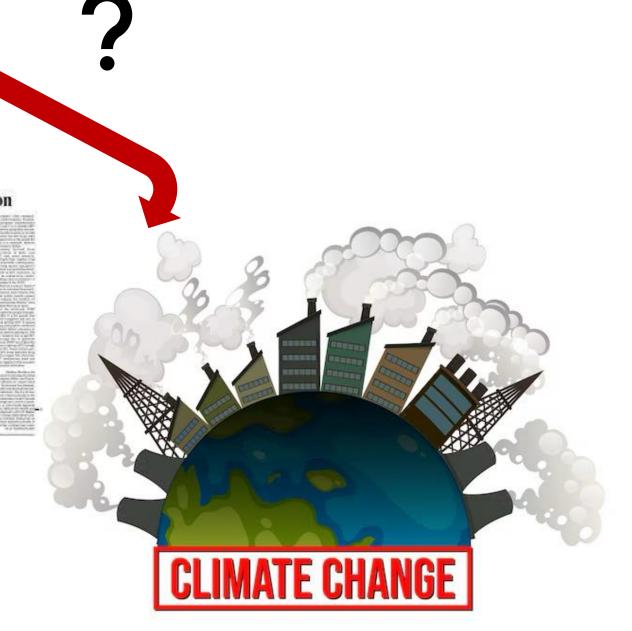
Twice-Yearly Lenacapav PrEP Is 100% Effective for Women

Advocates stress that the prevention tool must be a affordable cost to the peo HIV worldwide.

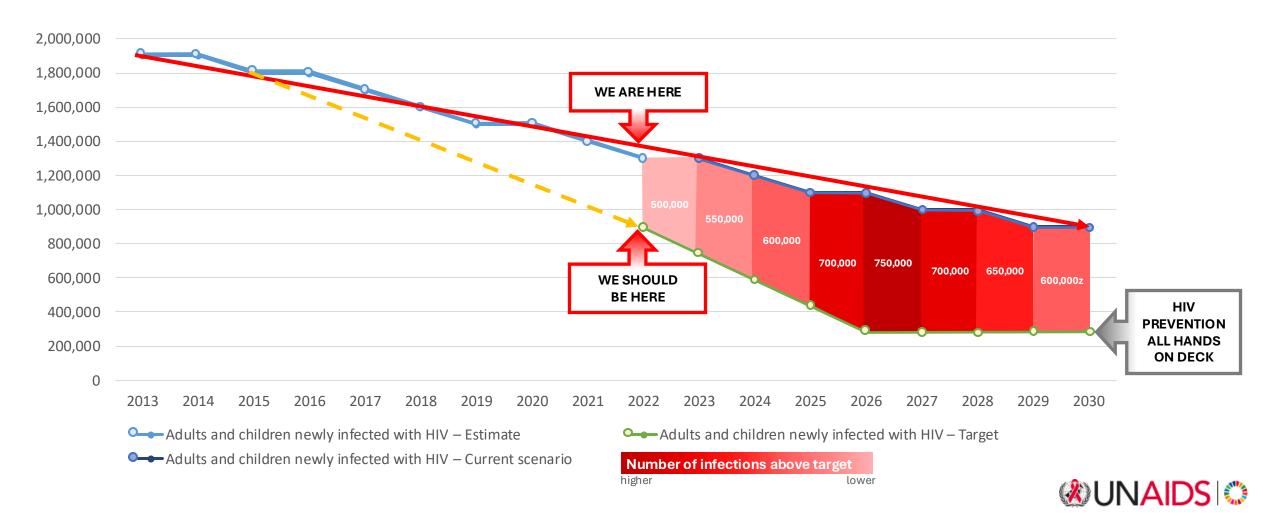
July 24, 2024 By Liz Highleyman



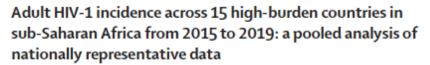
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## HIV incidence – Not on track for 2030 UNAIDS targets









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HIV-1 Incidence (cases per 1,000 Person Years) by Country, Region, Age, Sex

## Is HIV epidemic control by 2030 realistic?



Difference (95% CI

IR (95% CI)

Chris Beyrer, Georgia D Tomaras, Huub C Gelderblom, Glenda E Gray, Holly E Janes, Linda-Gail Bekker, Gregorio Millett, Giuseppe Pantaleo, Susan Buchbinder, Lawrence Corey

Rates of new HIV acquisition remain unacceptably high in most populations in low-income, middle-income, and Lancer HV 2024; 11: e489-94

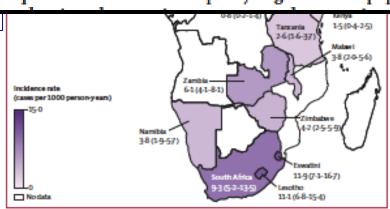
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3.3/1,000 females
2.0/1,000 males

Other 50% of HIV acquisition in the rest of the world

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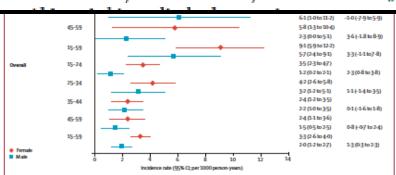
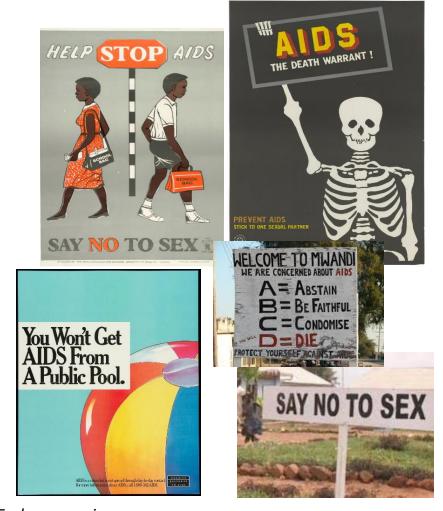


Figure 2: Pooled HIV-1 incidence rates by age, sec, and subregion IR-incidence rate. "No recent cases in this group.

Figure 1: HIV incidence by country (cases per 1000 person-years)

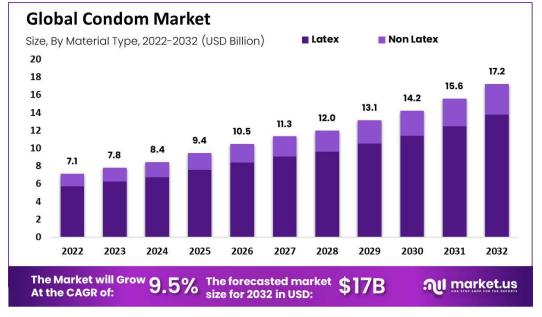


Early messaging

#### Male condom: 400 years and counting!

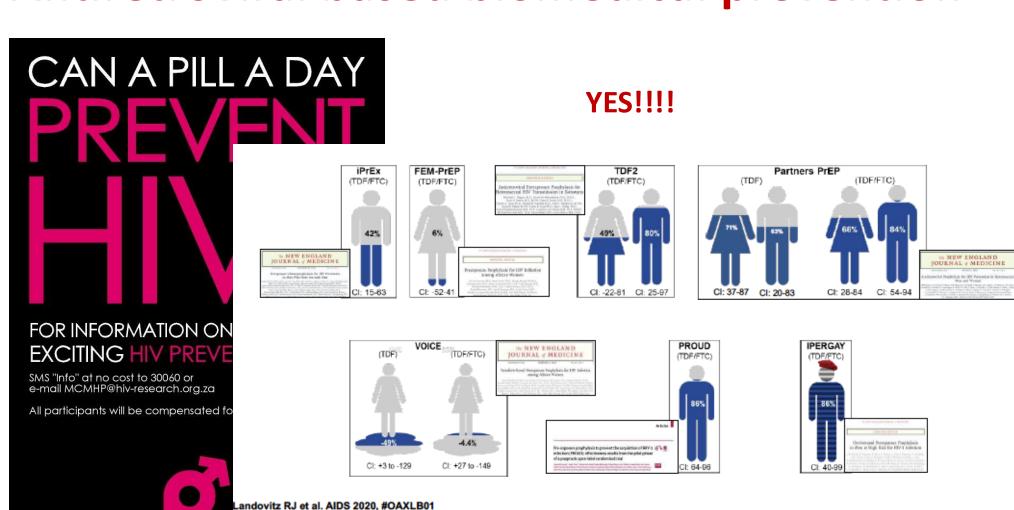
- Latex condom cornerstone of HIV prevention for 3 decades
- First (and only-so far) MPT
- Lubricant not always as available
- Female condoms not readily available



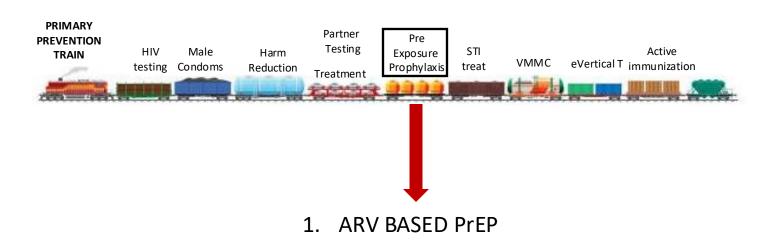


First 30 years more about treatment than prevention

# Beyond ABC: Antiretroviral based biomedical prevention



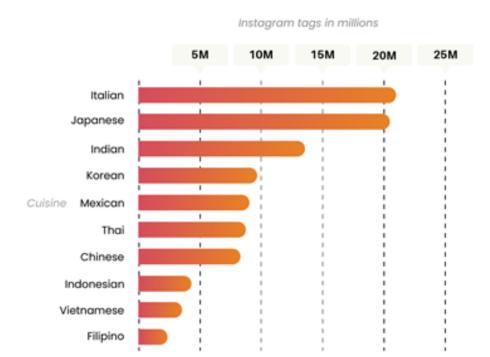
## **The HIV Prevention Train**



2. IMMUNE BASED PrEP (Passive immunization with monoclonal antibodies)

"bNAbs for PrEP"

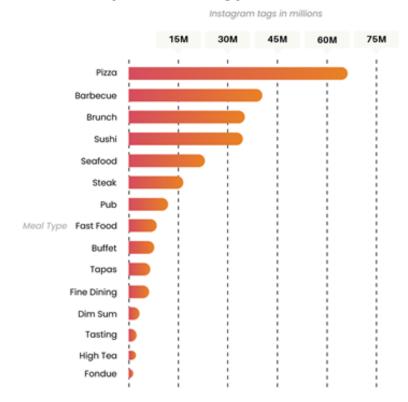
#### Most Popular Cuisines Around the World

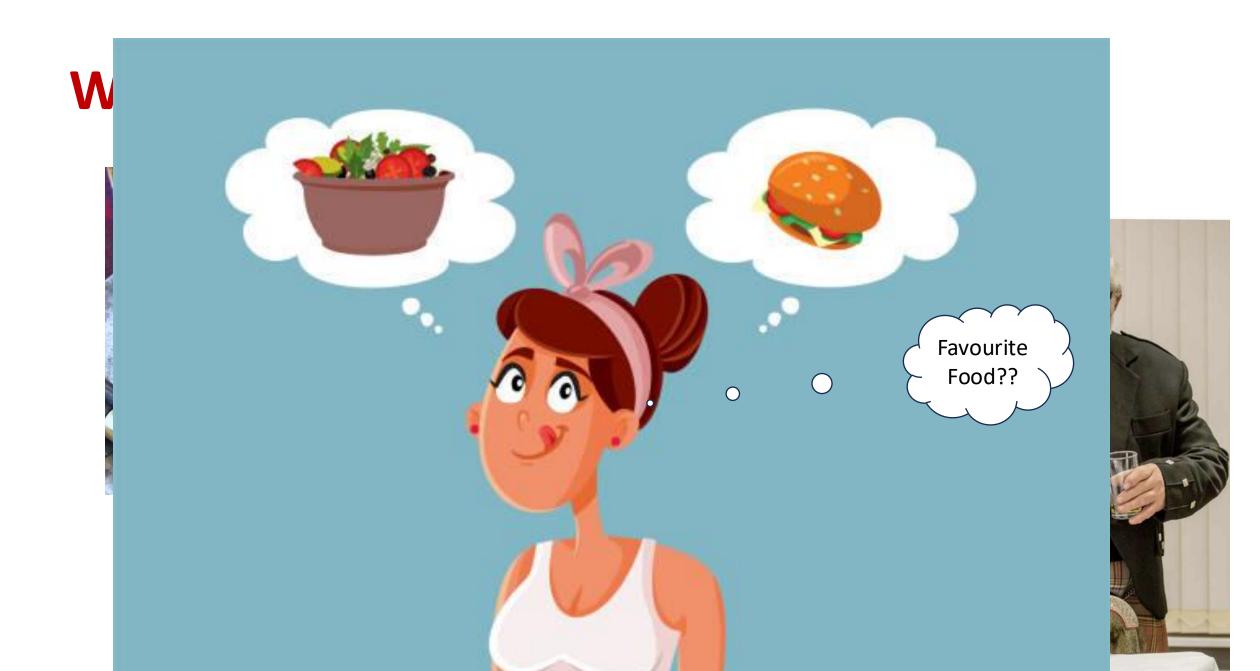




*100 000 followers....* 

#### Most Popular Meal Type Around the World







1,000-2,000

500-2,000

500-1,500

500-1,000

500-750

Pablano

Anaheim

Red Chile Sweet Bells

Chile Verde

Yellow Genetics

All about spice.....Sichuan Hot Pot, China??

Most pricey – Almas Caviar albino Iranian beluga sturgeon??







Most daring- Fugu from Japan?





Most exotic? crispy tarantula from Cambodia

Healthy? sustainable?



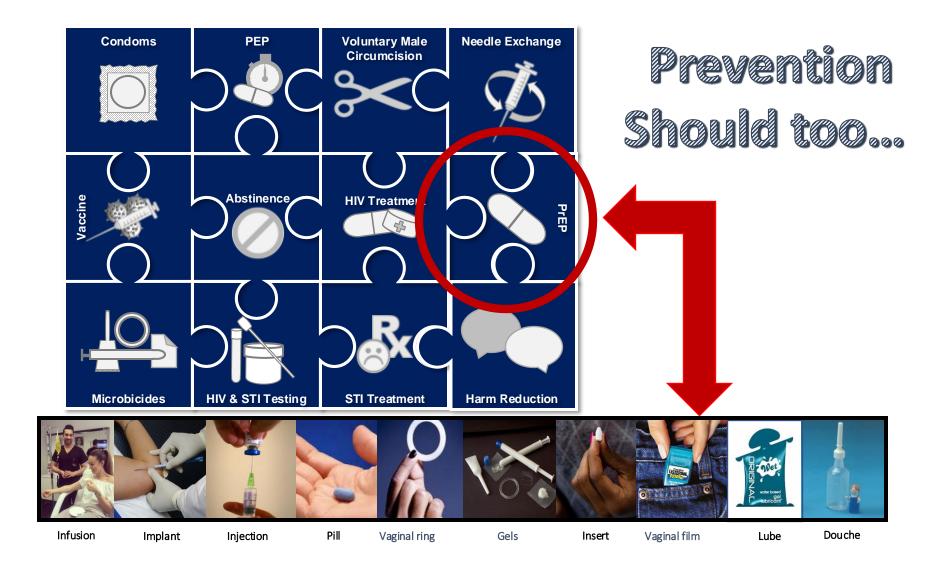
Happiest with a happy meal?

# Imagine.....if there was no food choice?



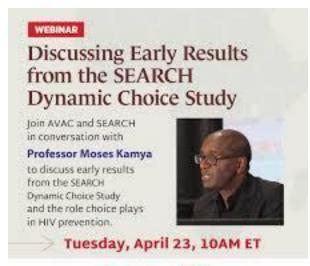


# Humanity Comes in many Shapes and Forms...



# With TAILORED, ACCESSIBLE services and CHOICE we may expect better coverage of <u>all people</u> and better coverage of <u>all exposures!</u>









"offering structured choice between CAB-LA, oral PREP and PEP with option to change over time, enrolling both women and men at risk of HIV, the SEARCH Dynamic Choice Prevention intervention increased biomedical covered time by >5 fold to 69.7% and reduced HIV incidence to 0% compared to 1.8% in standard-of-care."

# Lessons from reproductive health: LARCs

Rhythm

29 million users

3%

Male condom 189 million users

21%

Withdrawal

47 million users

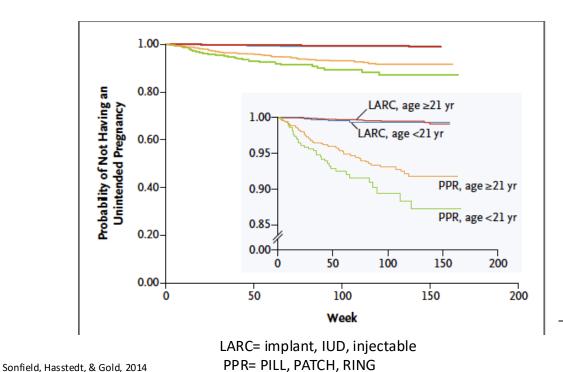
Similar adherence issues – 5% of unintended pregnancies occur amongst consistent contraception users, but 41% occur due to inconsistent use.

- Requires no user adherence
- Gained popularity in recent years
- Lower side effects
- Greater effectiveness

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Shown to have broader acceptability among different populations of women

- higher amongst older women but increasing amongst younger populations



Pill
151 million users
16%
Injectable
74 million users
23 million users
22%

Sub-Saharan Africa

Estimated numbers of women of reproductive age (15-49 years) using various contraceptive methods, worldwide, 2019

Source: World Contraceptive Use 2019

Female sterilisation

219 million users

24%

Male sterilisation

16 million users

Other

15 million users

Strasser at al, 2016
Winner B, eta al. NEJM 2012

In SSA, injectable contraceptives are largely more used than the Pill

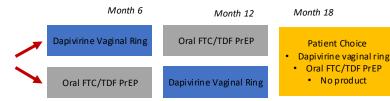
Contraceptive prevalence (percentage)

Adherence, safety, and choice of the monthly dapivirine vaginal ring or oral emtricitabine plus tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis among African adolescent girls and young women: a randomised, openlabel, crossover trial

■ REVERSING THE EPIDEMIC IN AFRICA ≤

Nair G, et al Lancet 2023

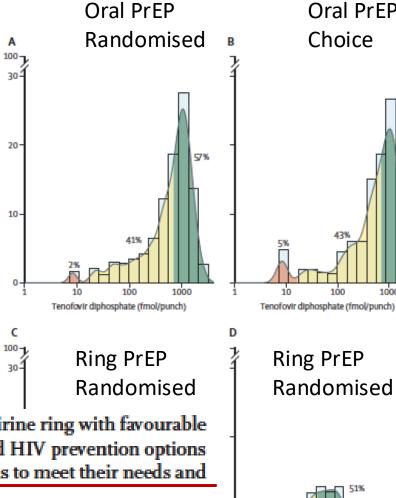
HIV-1-negative females aged 16-21 yr; not pregnant, on reliable contraception for ≥70 days (N = 247)



Non-use/little use of study product was extremely low throughout the first 12 months: 2.9%

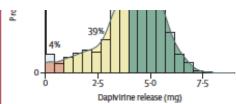
Majority of participants were highly adherent: 54.3%

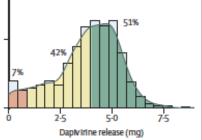




Interpretation Adherence was moderately high and similar between oral PrEP and the dapivirine ring with favourable safety and tolerability. Oral PrEP and the dapivirine ring are effective, safe, and well tolerated HIV prevention options for adolescent girls and young women who would benefit from a choice of PrEP formulations to meet their needs and preferences.





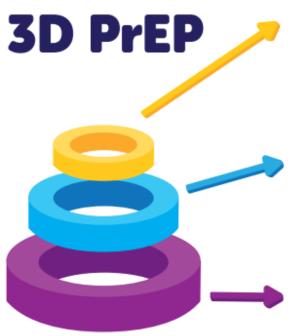


Oral PrEP

Choice



# Future PrEP is 3-Dimensional PrEP



#### **DRUG DETAILS**

Characteristics of different PrEP produc		
Systemic / Topical	Long / Short acting PK	
Pills / Ring / Injectable	Side effects / Tolerability	
Daily / Event driven pill	Nurse / Self / Peer	
2m / 6m Injectable	administered	
1M / SC Injectable	Viral resistance profile	

#### **DELIVERY**

Implementation delivery modalities		
Health facility	Courier / Post bank	
Mobile clinic	School / Collage	
Community based	Pharmacy / Mall / Other outlet	
Public / Discreet	Self-testing / POC / Lab testing	

#### DISPOSITION

Motivations, affects, attitudes, information, perceptions, and user preferences towards product details and delivery modalities
Independent / Convenience / Discreet / Introvert / Social frequent / Intermittent / Infrequent sex
Vaginal / Anal / Other sex
Sero+ / Sero-unknown partner
Regular / Shift / Irregular working
School / Tertiary / Collage







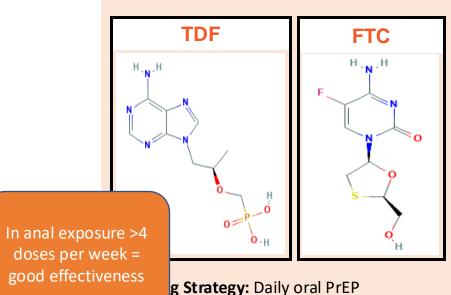
# Pill options for PrEP

## **PrEP 1: TDF/FTC:** Daily oral HIV prevention pills



#### Agent class:

TDF: Tenofovir and FTC: Emtricitabine are nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors



When adherence is high, HIV protection is consistent and high

	% of blood samples with tenofovir detected	HIV protection efficacy in randomized comparison	HIV protection estimate with high adherence
Partners PrEP TDF/FTC arm	81%	75%	90% (tenofovir in blood)
TDF2	79%	62%	78% (prescription refill)
BTS	67%	49%	70% - 84% (tenofovir in blood / pill count)
iPrEx	51%	44%	92% (tenofovir in blood)
FEM-PrEP & VOICE	<30%	No HIV protection	N/A



Baeten et al N Engl J Med 2012; Thigpen et al N Engl J Med 2012; Choopanya et al Lancet 2013; Grant et al N Engl J Med 2010; Van Damme et al N Engl J Med 2012; Marrazzo et al CROI 2013 Lui A, et al Science Translation 2018; Marrazzo J etal Lancet HIV 2024



Pete Anderson with the iPrEX trial team (Sci Transl Med 2012;4:151)

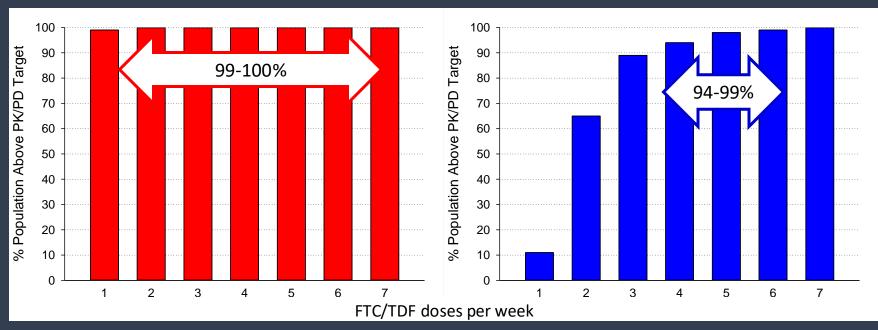
- Took a subset of cases and matched controls with PBMC in iPrEX
- Established TFV-DP level associated with 90% protection (=EC90)
- STRAND directly observed 2x, 4x, 7x a week, took lots of samples
- Established TFV-DP level in rectal tissue, allowing for the concentration in that compartment

### **Model Predicted Predicted Predictiveness Tracks with Clinical Estimates**



### **Rectal Tissue Simulations**

**FGT Tissue Simulations** 

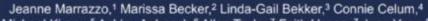




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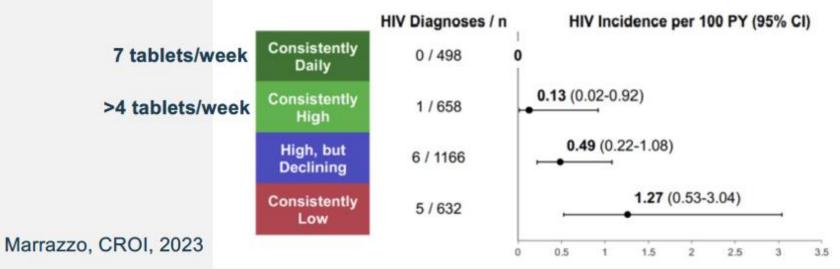
# Do vaginas demand perfection?

8+ Year Pooled Analysis: Adherence and HIV Incidence in >6000 Women on F/TDF for PrEP



Michael Kiragu,<sup>5</sup> Ashley A Melanie de Boer,<sup>8</sup> Christ

## HIV Incidence Rates Among Women with Available Adherence Data (n = 2955)





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# Challenges with oral PrEP so far....

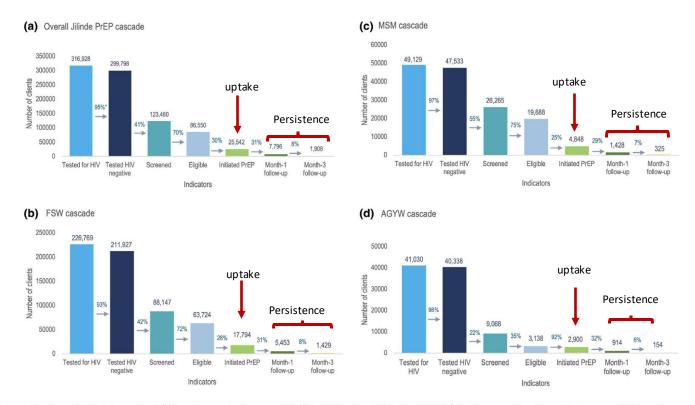


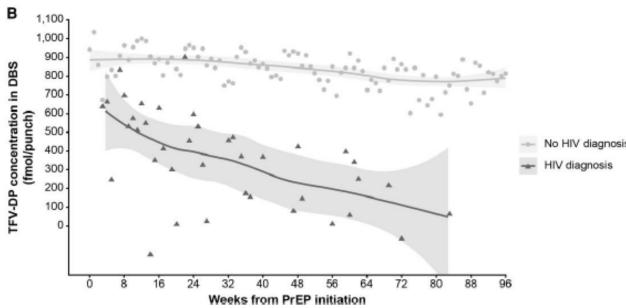
Figure 3. Overall Jilinde project (A) and population-specific (B, FSW; C, MSM; D, AGYW) PrEP cascades from February 2017 to December 2019.

Uptake, persistence.....impacting effective use.



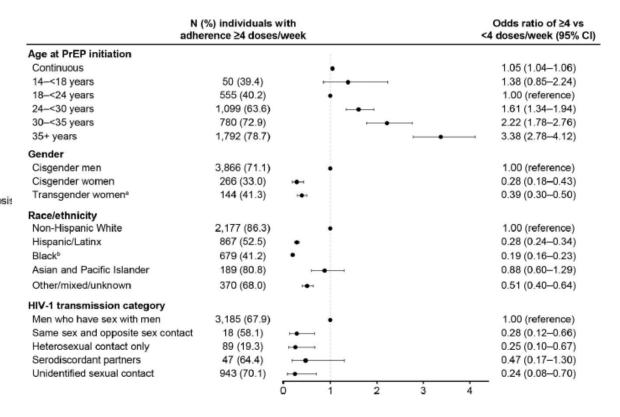
## Cohort data .....





Type 1 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1) Incidence, Adherence, and Drug Resistance in Individuals Taking Daily Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate for HIV-1 Pre-exposure Prophylaxis: Pooled Analysis From 72 Global Studies

Raphael J. Landovitz, <sup>1</sup> Li Tao, <sup>2</sup> Juan Yang, <sup>2</sup> Melanie de Boer, <sup>2</sup> Christoph Carter, <sup>2</sup> Moupali Das, <sup>2</sup> Jared M. Baeten, <sup>2</sup> Albert Liu, <sup>3</sup> Karen W. Hoover, <sup>4</sup> Connie Celum, <sup>5</sup> Beatriz Grinsztein, <sup>5</sup> Sheldon Morris, <sup>7</sup> Darrell P. Wheeler, <sup>8</sup> Kenneth H. Mayer, <sup>9</sup> Sarit A. Golub, <sup>10</sup> Linda-Gail Bekker, <sup>11</sup> Souleymane Diabaté, <sup>12</sup> Elske Hoornenborg, <sup>13</sup> Janet Myers, <sup>3</sup> Ashley A. Leech, <sup>14</sup> Sheena McCormack, <sup>15</sup> Philip A. Chan, <sup>16</sup> Michael Sweat, <sup>17</sup> Lynn T. Matthews, <sup>18</sup> and Robert Grant <sup>18</sup>; and the Global F/TDF PrEP Study Team<sup>2</sup>



## PrEP 1.5: TDF/FTC: Oral HIV prevention – On Demand!







Randomized Double-Blinded vs. Placebo then Open-Label Extension among MSM (TDF/FTC on demand vs placebo on demand)



Molina et al NEJM 2015: Molina AIDS 2016 Présentation

The NEW ENGLAND IOURNAL of MEDICINE

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### On-Demand Preexposure Prophylaxis in Men at High Risk for HIV-1 Infection

J.-M. Molina, C. Capitant, B. Spire, G. Pialoux, L. Cotte, I. Charreau, C. Tremblay J.-M. Le Gall, E. Cua, A. Pasquet, F. Raffi, C. Pintado, C. Chidiac, J. Chas, P. Charbonneau, C. Delaugerre, M. Suzan-Monti, B. Loze, J. Fonsart, G. Peytavin A. Cheret, J. Timsit, G. Girard, N. Lorente, M. Préau, J.F. Rooney, M.A. Wainberg, D. Thompson, W. Rozenbaum, V. Doré, L. Marchand, M.-C. Simon, N. Etien, J.-P. Aboulker, L. Meyer, and J.-F. Delfraissy, for the ANRS IPERGAY Study Group

#### ABSTRACT

Antiretroviral preexposure prophylaxis has been shown to reduce the risk of hu- The authors' full names, academic deman immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in some studies, but conflicting results have been reported among studies, probably due to challenges of adherence to a daily regimen.

We conducted a double-blind, randomized trial of antiretroviral therapy for pre- \*A complete list of investigators in the exposure HIV-1 prophylaxis among men who have unprotected anal sex with men. France Recherche Nord et Sud Sida Participants were randomly assigned to take a combination of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) and emtricitabine (FTC) or placebo before and after sexual activity. All participants received risk-reduction counseling and condoms and were group is provided in the Supple regularly tested for HIV-1 and HIV-2 and other sexually transmitted infections.

Of the 414 participants who underwent randomization, 400 who did not have HIV N Engl J Med 2015;373:2237-44 infection were enrolled (199 in the TDF-FTC group and 201 in the placebo group). DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa150627 All participants were followed for a median of 9.3 months (interquartile range, 4.9 to Copyright © 2015 Messachusetts Medical Society

HIV et Hépatites (ANRS) Intervention Appendix, available at NEIM.org.

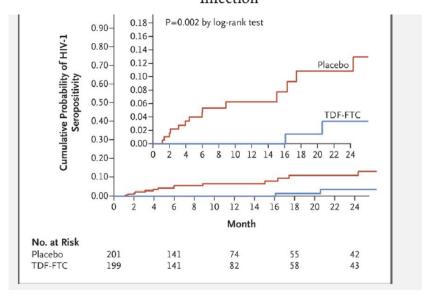


- √ 2 tablets (TDF/FTC or placebo) 2-24 hours before sex
- √ 1 tablet (TDF/FTC or placebo)
- √ 1 tablet (TDF/FTC or placebo) 48 hours after first intake



### Proven efficacy in placebo-controlled RCT

On-Demand Preexposure Prophylaxis in Men at High Risk for HIV-1 Infection



400 MSM mostly in France (43 in Canada)

Median of 4 pills per week

16 HIV-1 infections: 2 assigned to event-driven PrEP - for an 86% reduction in HIV (P=0.002).

Break through infections were due to nonuse

ANRS IPERGAY Molina et al, NEJM, 2015













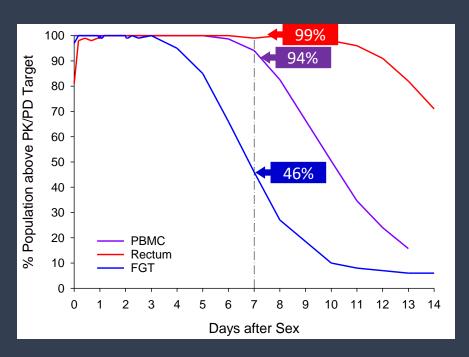


# Modeling & Simulation Can be Used to Optimize On Demand PrEP for Women



Lowest 2-1-1 efficacy predicted in FGT vs blood and rectum

2-2-2 dosing increases predicted efficacy in FGT by >30%



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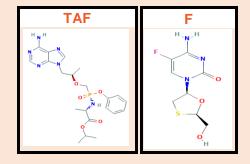
Simulations by Dumond JB using Leung et al CPT PSP 2023 (12):1922-1930.

### PrEP 1.5: DESCOVY F/TAF: Daily/on demand Oral prevention



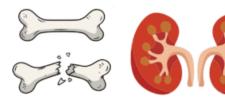
#### Agent class:

F/TAF = Emtricitabine/ Tenofovir Alafenamide are nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors



Dosing Strategy: Daily oral PrEP

Better PK and fewer side effects

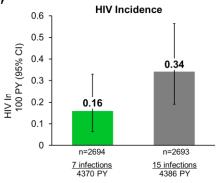


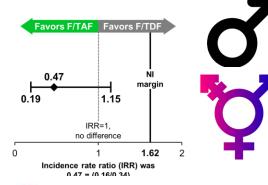
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**bHIV** 

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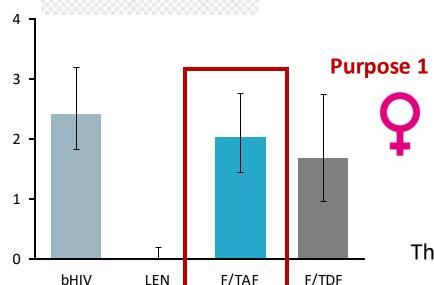






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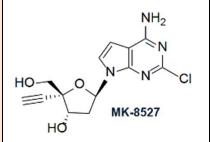
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Matched case-control study: Those who took it were protected.

# What's coming in the pill dept.....

- Multipurpose technology- Dual Prevention Pill:
- Combines 2 already-approved products—oral PrEP (TDF/FTC) and oral contraception (ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel, or EE/LNG). **VIATRIS**
- MK-8527: MONTHLY pill for HIV prevention

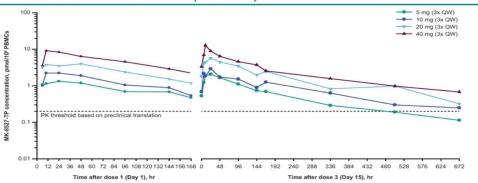
# Agent class: Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Translocation Inhibitor (NRTTI)



Long half life favours Monthly pill dosing



Mean MK-8527-TP concentrations after ascending multiple doses of MK-8527 (trial B)



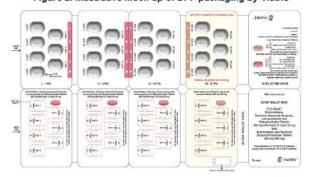
- After multiple doses of MK-8527 (3x QW), the true geometric mean C<sub>168</sub> of MK-8527-TP was >0.2 pmol/10<sup>6</sup> PBMCs for all dose levels
- Accumulation of intracellular MK-8527-TP was modest (range of C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>0-168</sub> ratios was 1.1–1.6)
- Across all dose levels, the range of MK-8527-TP apparent terminal half-life was 216-291 hours

C<sub>168</sub>, concentration at 168 hours post dose

Figure 1: Proposed DPP tablet colors



Figure 2: Illustrative mock-up of DPP packaging by Viatris



Pharmacokinetics (PK) data from multiple doses of MK8527 with potential once monthly (QM) for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)



Single (0.5–200 mg) and multiple (QW) doses (up to 40 mg) of MK-8527 administered to adults without HIV were generally well tolerated. The safety and pharmacokinetic profiles of MK-8527 support continued clinical investigation.

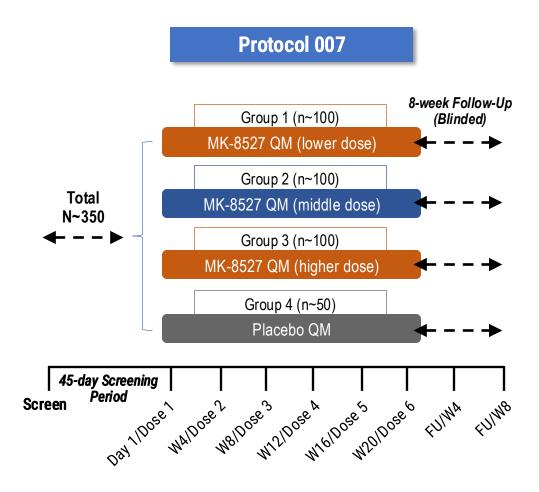
# Ongoing Phase 2 Study of MK-8527 in Individuals at Low Risk of Exposure to HIV-1, Fully Enrolled

Phase 2 randomized (2:2:2:1), double-blind, dose-ranging study of monthly oral MK-8527



#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- Confirmed HIV-uninfected
- 18–65 years old
- Low-risk of HIV exposure
- Not pregnant or breastfeeding
- No prior use of ISL or MK-8527



#### **Primary Endpoints**

Safety and tolerability of MK-8527 QM of different doses

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

 Plasma pharmacokinetic profile of MK-8527 QM at different doses

Phase 3s opening in 2025



# **Topical options: PrEP**



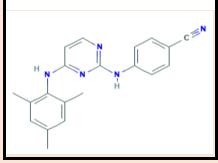
## Dapivirine Ring: Use of a vaginal ring for HIV prevention



#### Agent class:

Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTI)

#### **DAPIVIRINE**



**Dosing Strategy:** Monthly dapivirine ring 2016

with a Ring for Extended Use

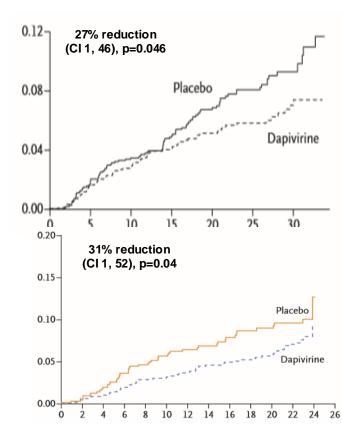
Trial sites in South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi



Africa, Uganda







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Use of a Vaginal Ring Containing Dapivirine for HIV-1 Prevention in Women

J.M. Baeten, T. Palanee-Phillips, E.R. Brown, K. Schwartz, L.E. Soto-Torres, V. Govender, N.M. Mgodi,

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Safety and Efficacy of a Dapivirine Vaginal Ring for HIV Prevention in Women

A. Nel, N. van Niekerk, S. Kapiga, L.-G. Bekker, C. Gama, K. Gill, A. Kamali,

In both studies: Open label extension improved effectiveness - RR 0.50 EMA approved for section 58: (1) WHO recommendations, (2) Women in LMIC; Second line to PrEP.



# Longer acting (3 month) DapiRing

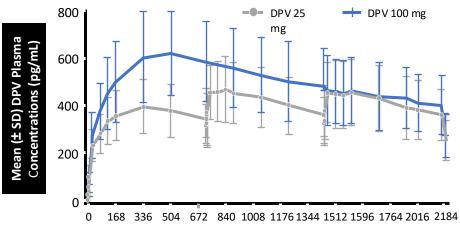
IPM 054: 1-Mo vs 3-Mo Dapivirine Vaginal Ring Pharmacokinetic Study in South Africa



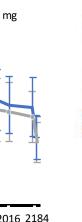
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Nuttal, HIVR4P 2024, Abstr OA0802LB.

- Monthly (25 mg) DPV ring approved for use in limited areas (not in US)
- **IPM 054:** open-label, randomized, crossover phase I study of 124 HIV-negative women
- **Primary endpoint:** plasma DPV concentration at Day 90 (prior to removal) and exposure during last 30 days
  - Lower bound LS mean ratio 90% CI >0.95 (noninferiority) and >1 (superiority)
- 3-mo (100 mg) ring noninferior and superior to 1-mo (25) mg) ring
- No differences in treatment-emergent AEs (e.g., discharge, VVC and BV)



Hr





- No safety concerns were found in:
  - Cohort 1 (36+ weeks/8-9 months pregnant);
  - Cohort 2 (30-35+ weeks/7-8 months pregnant);
  - Cohort 3 (12-29 weeks/3-7 months pregnant).
- Follow up for cohort 3 concluded in mid 2023, babies followed up for an additional year after birth
- Final results anticipated late 2024 or early 2025



Favourable safety profile and previous data showing low drug transfer to breastmilk supports updates of WHO to include breastfeeding women when recommending PrEP Ring as an HIV prevention option

## What's coming in topical PrEP....



#### MATRIX Product Pipeline Overview



Ngure K, Matrix



#### OneRing: Antiviral peptide (non-ARV) (protein fragment)

Non-hormonal contraceptive A soluble Adenylate Cyclase (sAC) inhibitor; affects sperm's ability to move, fertilize eggs

Oak Crest Institute of Science Matrix 003



#### TAF/EVG

#### Fast-dissolving vaginal insert tenofovir alafenamide & elvitegravir

NRTI & integrase inhibitor (ARVs)

TAF has also shown activity against HSV, which could be added benefit. CONRAD also evaluating the insert's rectal use.

MATRIX 001

#### **DAPIVIRINE VAGINAL FILM**

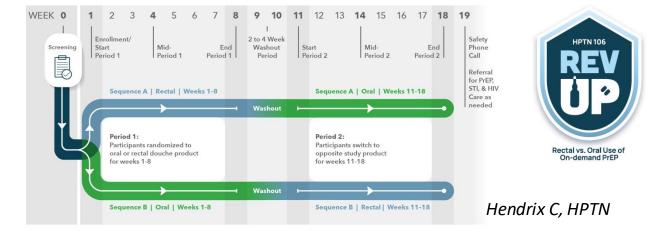
Film would slowly release drug until it completely dissolves (30 dys).

Also being developed as dual-purpose product

MATRIX 002



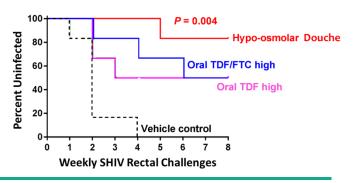
#### Phase 2: Rectal douche vs. Oral PrEP (HPTN 106)



## **Rectal Douche program**

TFV Douche Weekly - 5 of 6 protected

Truvada<sup>™</sup> Oral Daily
- 3 of 6 protected



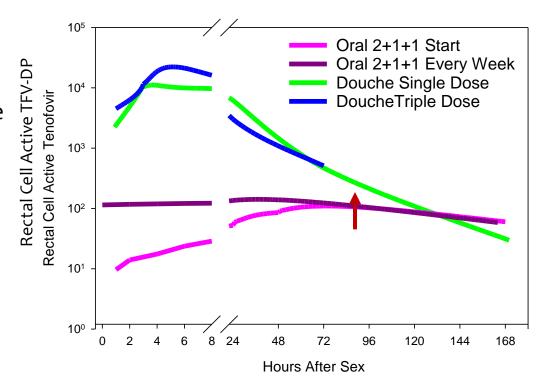
#### 5 Phase I Studies Completed: Safety, Acceptability, PK/PD targets achieved

Douche Triple Dose

Douche Single Dose

Oral 2+1+1 Weekly

Oral 2+1+1 Start



#### **Douche Advantage:**

- Cleansing action as desired
- 20-1,000 times higher throughout first day
- Stays higher for 5-6 days
- Far lower blood conc'n



# TAF/Elvitegravir Topical Inserts On-Demand (PrEP or PEP) Dual-Compartment MPT for HIV & HSV Prophylaxis





### Fills important unmet need in HIV & MPT method mix

- Flexible on-demand, PrEP or PEP
- For vaginal or rectal use
- Low systemic drug exposure
- Economical; easy to manufacture
- Discreet, highly portable, easy to self-administer

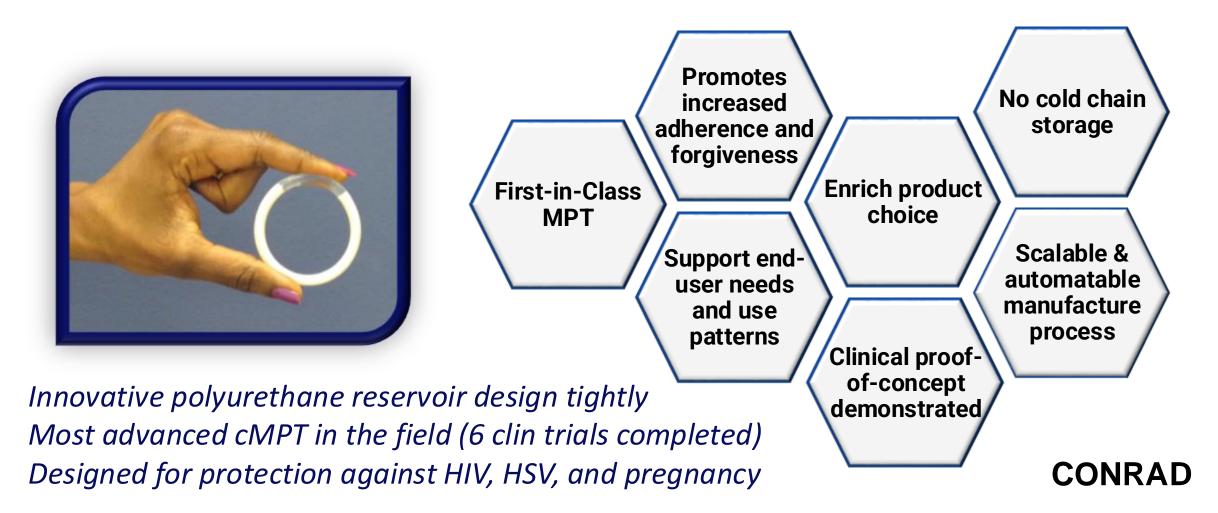
## Preclinical & Clinical Proof-of-Concept demonstrated

- NHP SHIV challenge (vaginal PEP/PrEP, rectal PrEP) 1
- CONRAD-146 (FIH vaginal PK/PD, single dose) <sup>2</sup>
- MTN-039 (FIH rectal PK/PD, single and double dose) <sup>3</sup>

**Expanded Phase I studies ongoing** (MATRIX-001, RITE-PREP)

**CONRAD** 

# Tenofovir/Levonorgestrel Intravaginal Ring Value Added Long-Acting Contraceptive MPT (cMPT)

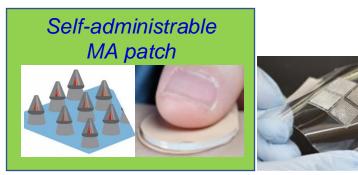


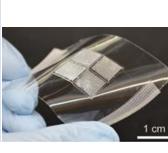
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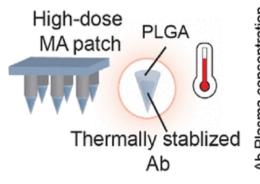
## **Transdermal MA Patch for Long-term ARV** or Antibody (bnAb) Release

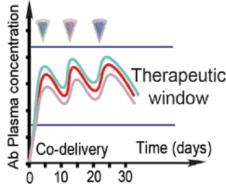
#### **PreClinical**

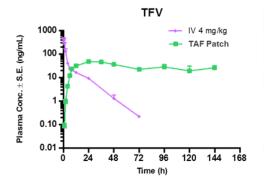
- + Minimally invasive, self-administrable
- + Benefits to supply chain, storage & distribution
- + Powder-filling drug loading method
- + High drug loading & tightly controlled, long-term release capability
- + PLGA-based core-only or core-shell microarrays
- + Sustained release of ARV via MA patch
- + Antibody stabilization via combination of excipients
- + Highly-controlled immediate or time-delayed release of ARVs and/or bnAbs for long-term prevention or treatment

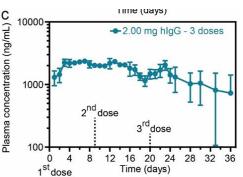




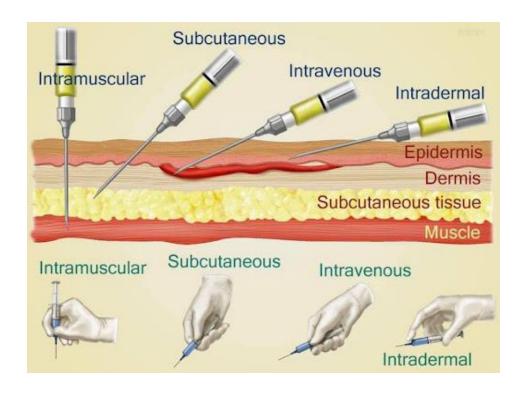












## Injectable PrEP

## Cabotegravir LA: Long-acting suspension for delivery via IM injection



#### Agent class:

Strand-transfer integrase inhibitor

#### **Trials:**

HPTN 084 & 083

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#### Half-life:

Oral: 40 hours

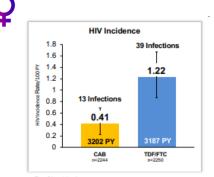
Injectable: 40-65 days

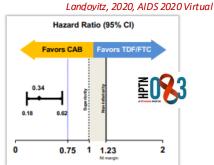
#### **Dosing Strategy:**

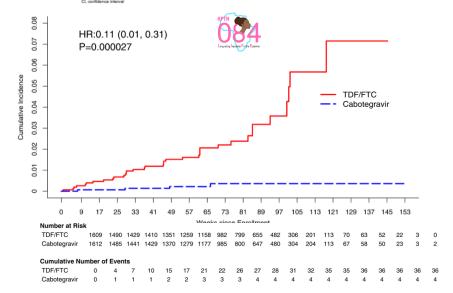
Single injection every 8 weeks

2 monthly IM

**HPTN 083:** superiority of CAB over daily oral TDF/FTC among cisgender men and transgender women who have sex with men.







HPTN 084: LA CAB is safe and superior to TDF/FTC amongst



Women in the CAB group had an 89% lower risk of HIV infection, compared to TDF/FTC group

cisgender African women

- As safe and well-tolerated as TDF/FTC
- Pregnancy incidence in the study was 1.5 per 100 person-years in the CAB group, with no congenital abnormalities reported
- STI incidence (CT and NG) was similar in both arms

### **New: Ultra Long Acting CAB**



Ongoing, open-label, single-dose, dose-escalation, phase 1 study (NCT05418868) evaluating CAB200 SC + rHuPH20 and CAB-ULAa SC or IM without rHuPH20

rHuPH20 = recombinant human hyaluronidase

Part A	CAB200 dose (+ rHuPH20 10,000 IU)	Route	N
A1	990 mg (4 mL)	SCb	10
A2	160	SCb	10
A3	3200 mg (16 mL)	SCb	2
Part B	Not conducted – candidate formulation n	ot progres	ssed
Part C	CAB-ULA dose	Route	N
C1	800 mg (2 mL)	SCb	8
C2	800 mg (2 mL)	IMc	8
C3	1200 mg (3 mL)	SC <sup>b</sup>	8
C4	1200 mg (3 mL)	IMc	8
C5	1600 mg (3 mL)	IMc	16

#### Monitoring of

- PK parameters
- Adverse events, including ISRs
- Vital signs
- Clinical laboratory values
- To evaluate potential CAB-ULA dosing regimens, CAB PK profiles were simulated using an established CAB200 IM population PK model modified based on observed PK data in Part C

Observed median and range (error bar)

Day 1

Inclusion criteria

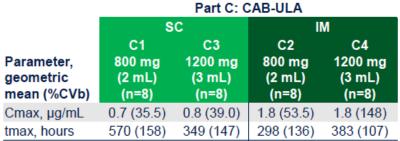
Aged 18-55 years

Body weight ≥40 kg

• BMI 18-32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

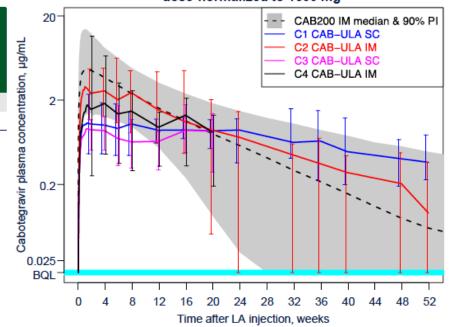
HIV-negative

dose-normalized to 1600 mgb





- PK profiles were flatter than CAB200 IM
- · CAB-ULA Cmax was lower with SC than IM; both were lower than CAB200 IM1
- tmax was longer than CAB200 IM<sup>1</sup>
- CAB-ULA t<sub>1/2</sub> for SC and IM was predicted to be >6x and >2x the  $t_{1/2}$  of CAB200 IM, respectively<sup>1,a</sup>



CAB-ULA IM Q4M is progressing into upcoming late-stage HIV-1 PrEP and treatment studies

Week 52d

#### % reduction in HIV transmission (a) 80% ■ Pregnant/ breastfeeding women 70% At/before birth 60% Postnatal 50% □ Total 40% 30% 20% 10% Oral PrEP only CAB-LA only CAB-LA or oral PrEP



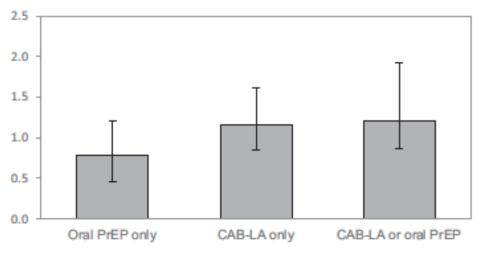


Fig. 1. Impact and efficiency of promoting preexposure prophylaxis to pregnant and breastfeeding women. Bars

## The potential benefits of long-acting injectable cabotegravir in pregnant and breastfeeding women and their infants

AIDS 2024

Leigh F. Johnson<sup>a</sup>, Landon Myer<sup>b</sup>, Lise Jamieson<sup>c,d,e</sup>, Gesine Meyer-Rath<sup>c,e,f</sup>, Sinead Delany-Moretlwe<sup>g</sup> and Dvora Joseph Davey<sup>b,h</sup>



#### **Updates from HPTN 084**

The HPTN 084 OLE: CAB LA for PrEP maternal and pregnancy outcomes were consistent across CAB LA and FTC/TDF exposure groups and with expected background rates.

None of the women who became pregnant acquired HIV during pregnancy.

The sub-study PK analysis of the HPTN 084 OLE: 50 participants who continued to receive cabotegravir LA for PrEP prior to and during pregnancy. The study found that concentrations of cabotegravir were comparable between the pre-pregnant, pregnant and post-partum.

\*\*Delany-Moretlive S, et al R4P 2014\*\*



## PrEPared to Choose: 77% chose Cab-LA (of which 62% were PrEP naïve at initiation)





	Oral PrEP	DVR	CAB-LA	Total
N (%)	125 (22.4%)	5 (0.9%)	429 (76.7%)	559 (100.0%)
Age m(IQR)	23(20-28)	23(22- 24)	24(21-28)	24 (20-28)
Weight (kg)	70(58-83)	67.4(63-70)	71.2(60.5 86)	71 (60-86)
Gender				
Male	49 (39.2%)	0 (0.0%)	136 (31.7%)	185 (33.1%)
Female	73 (58.4%)	5 (100.0%)	289 (67.4%)	367 (65.7%)
MSM	3 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.9%)	7 (1.3%)
PrEP experienced				
No	102 (81.6%)	2 (40.0%)	267 (62.2%)	371 (66.4%)
Yes	23 (18.4%)	3 (60.0%)	162 (37.8%)	188 (33.6%)

## Commenced February 2024

862 started CAB-LA;



## Cab-LA roll-out highly feasible at public facilities and mobiles with Cab-LA being most popular choice

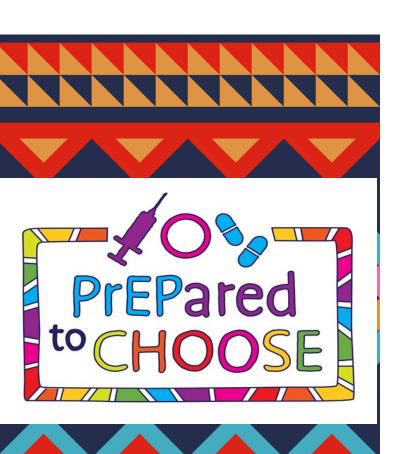
	mobile truck	Vuyani Clinic	Total
N (%)	402* (71.9%)	157 (28.1%)	559 (100.0%)
PrEP Products at			
baseline			
Oral PrEP	98 (24.4%)	27 (17.2%)	125 (22.4%)
DVR	5 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (0.9%)
CAB-LA	299 (74.4%)	130 (82.8%)	429 (76.7%)

#### PrEP persistence at M1: 59% for Cab-LA compared to 21% for oral PrEP

Oral PrEP	DVR	CAB-LA
(attended/due)	(attended/due)	(attended/due)
15/70 (21%)	0/2 (0%)	125/209 (59%)

## **Testing to start CAB LA for PrEP**





Check for HIV exposure in past 72 hrs (consider PEP)



Assess for AHI
(possible exposure in past 14 days)



HIV RT

AND

NAAT (HIV RNA-1

viral load)

- A total of 3/862 (0.35%) had a discrepant detectable VL at CAB-LA initiation:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Gen HIV Ag/Ab RT: 1/588 (0.17%)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen HIV Ab RT: 2/666 (0.30%)

Participants with detectable VLs, were recalled for additional testing, including HIV confirmatory testing (Lab ELISA), and HIV-Drug Resistance testing.

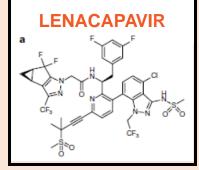
All 3 participants were started on standard 1st line ART Tenofovir/Lamivudine/Dolutegravir (TLD), within 5 days of CAB-LA initiation.

## **Lenacapavir**: LA (6 monthly) Injectable for HIV Prevention



#### **Agent class:**

HIV-1 capsid inhibitor



Dosing Strategy: One injection every 6 months (ARVs that you only need to take twice a year!)

- 6 monthly injectable
- Subcutaneous
- Novel mechanism of action
- Excellent for prevention

## **PURPOSE 1 and 2 Data Summary**







#### Study population

Baseline demographics and clinical characteristics

**Efficacy** 

Safety

Cisgender women

Balanced across randomized groups

LEN HIV prevention efficacy was **superior** to both background HIV incidence and daily oral F/TDF

Zero HIV infections among 2134 participants receiving LEN

LEN reduced HIV infections by 100% compared with bHIV incidence and daily oral <code>F/TDF</code>

LEN and F/TAF were safe and well tolerated

Most common ISRs: SC nodules, injection-site pain, and swelling

**ISR frequency and grade diminished** with subsequent injections (also observed in other studies<sup>1-3</sup>)

Adherence to F/TDF was too low to impact eGFR

CGBMSM, TGW, TGM, and GNB people who have sex with partners assigned male sex at birth

**Balanced** across randomized groups

LEN HIV prevention efficacy was superior to both background HIV incidence and daily oral F/TDF

Two HIV infections among 2179 participants receiving LEN

LEN reduced HIV infections by 96% compared with bHIV incidence and by 89% compared with daily oral F/TDF

LEN and F/TDF were safe and well tolerated

Most common ISRs: SC nodules, injection-site pain, and erythema

**ISR frequency and grade diminished** with subsequent injections (also observed in other studies<sup>1-4</sup>)

LEN increased eGFR while F/TDF decreased eGFR; this **difference** was more pronounced in PURPOSE 2 vs PURPOSE 1

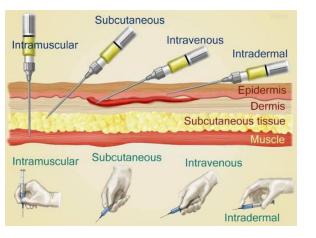
#### Safe in adolescents, pregnancy and lactation

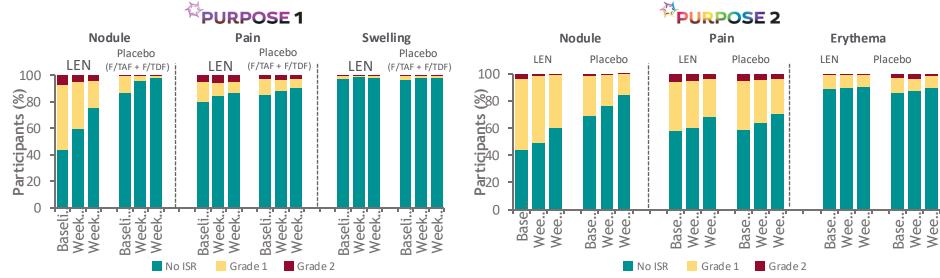
1. Segal-Maurer S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;386:1793-1803. **2.** Landovitz RJ, N Engl J Med. 2021; 385(7):595-608. **3.** Delany-Moretlwe S, et al. Lancet. 2022; 399:1779-1789. **4.** Bekker L-G, et al. N Engl J Med. 2024;391:1179-92.

# Injection-Site Reaction: Frequency and Grade

LEN is injected into the SC space and forms a drug depot that may be palpable under the skin but may not be visible. As the drug elutes over time, the depot gets smaller, and the nodules resolve or reduce in size prior to the next injection.

The frequency of ISRs, including nodules, decreased with subsequent doses (also observed with HIV treatment<sup>1</sup>).





In PURPOSE 1, among 25,329 LEN/placebo injections, only 4 ISRs led to discontinuation (all LEN) In PURPOSE 2, among 15,239 LEN/placebo injections, only 29 ISRs led to discontinuation (LEN, 26; F/TDF, 3)

AEs coded according to Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities, Version 27.0. Grade 1 and 2 ISRs are shown. In PURPOSE 1: LEN n: baseline, 2138; Week 26, 1930; Week 26, 2883; Week 52, 1274; SC nodules, injection-site pain, and swelling were the most commonly reported ISRs, occurring in 63.8%, 31.2%, and 4.4% of participants in the LEN group, respectively, vs 16.6%, 23.7%, and 5.4% of participants given placebo injections; Grade 3 ISRs in the LEN group: n = 1 nodule; F/TDF group: n = 1 pain. In PURPOSE 2, LEN n: baseline, 2183;

Week 26, 1859; Week 52, 7<sup>4</sup>4; Placebo n: baseline, 1088; Week 52, 379; SC nodules, injection-site pain, and erythema were the most commonly reported ISRs; over the period of study, they occurred in 63.4%, 56.4%, and 17.3% of participants in the LEN group, respectively, vs 39.2%, 53.4%, and 19.4% of participants given placebo injections; Grade 3 ISRs in the LEN group: n = 4 pain, n = 3 erythema; F/TDF group: n = 1 pain. 1. Kumar P, et al. Abstract EPB184 presented at the 24th International AIDS Conference, July 29 to August 2, 2022; Montreal, Canada.

## Whats coming in injectables?:

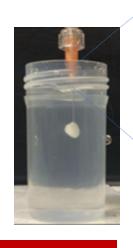
### **Long-Acting Injectable Hydrogel Depot**

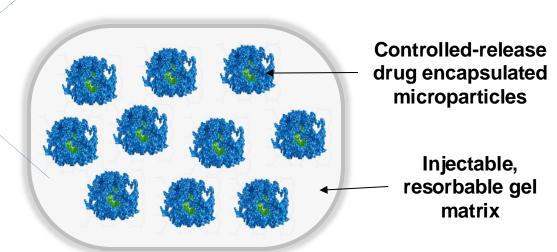
### In situ gel forming depot platform

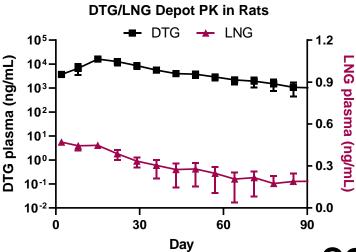
- Natural, FDA-recognized GRAS material
- Thixotropic gel is injectable & fully biodegradable
- Drug release tuned by controlling depot erosion
- Uses small gauge needle (~25 G) & smaller volume (1-2 mL)
- Can accommodate controlled-release of at least two ARVs or MPTs









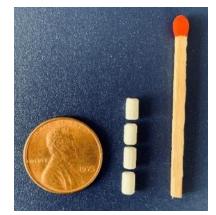


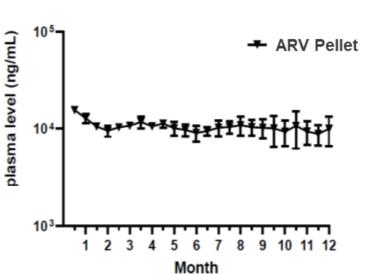
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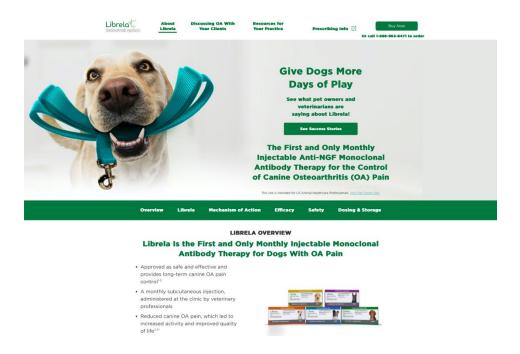
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## **Resorbable ARV Pellet-Type Implants**

- Uses simple, readily scalable & low cost manufacturing process
- Single subdermal insertion of multiple pellets, akin to injectable depot
- Provides sustained & controlled release for at least 12 months
- Flexible dose adjustment
- No need for removal
- Highly suitable DDS for long-acting ARV delivery, alone or in combination with other potent ARV or contraceptive (MPT)









## Infusible PrEP

"We can manufacture and market bNAbs for oasteoarthritis in our cats and dogs, shouldn't we be able to do this to prevent life-long HIV in people"

Huub Gelderblom, HVTN 2024.



HVTN 703/HPTN 081 (WSM in East and Southern Africa)

### HVTN 704/HPTN 085

(MSM and TG in the Americas & Europe)





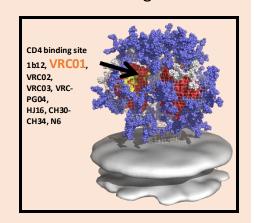




## **BNABS:** Broad-neutralizing antibodies, VRC01

#### Agent class:

Broad-neutralizing antibodies



Dosing Strategy (AMP Trial) VRC01 mAb (IV), given on 8 weekly schedule

#### VRC01 Efficacy in Preventing HIV-1 Infection Dependent on Viral Neutralization Sensitivity

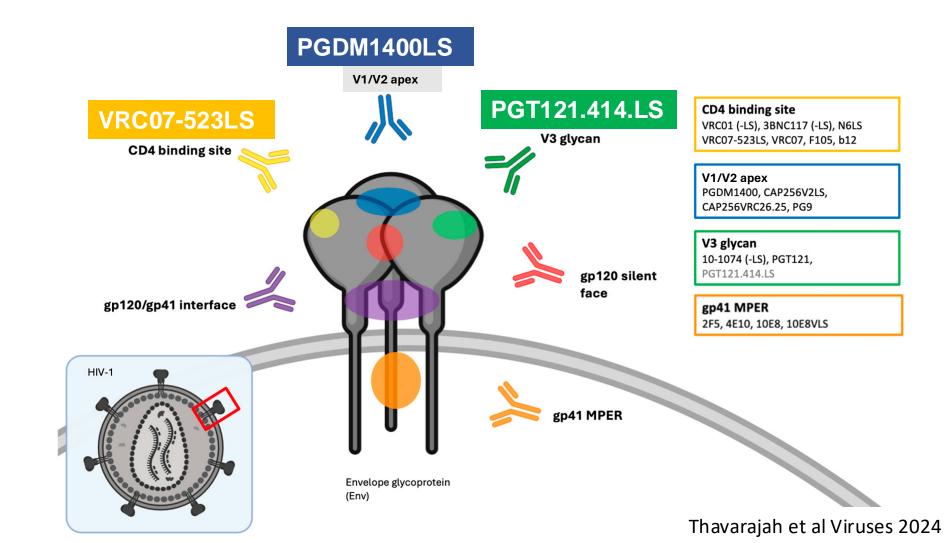
Corey L, et al NEJM 2021

In vitro viral susceptibility to VRC01 predicts prevention efficacy in vivo; **only effective against viruses to be neutralization sensitive (< 1 mg/mL)** 

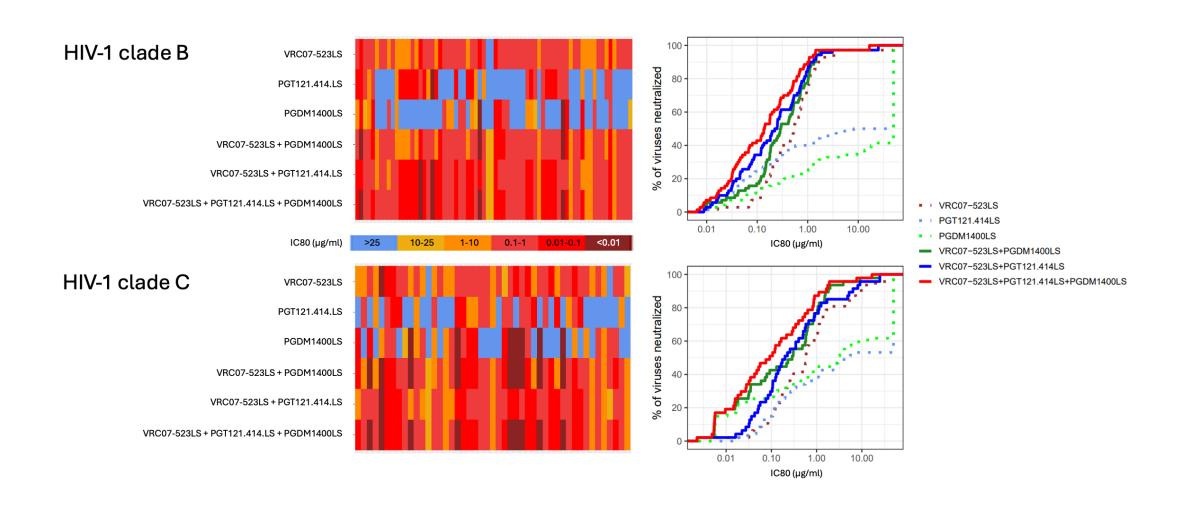
In overall data, no significant difference seen in HIV-1 acquisition between treatment arms Only 30% of circulating strains in control group were susceptible in vivo to the antibody (IC<sub>80</sub> < 1 mg/mL), giving study low power to detect overall efficacy

HIV-1 Cases by Treatment Arm (Pooled Studies), n (%)	Sensitive (< 0.3 mg/mL)	Moderately Sensitive (0.3-1 mg/mL)	Intermediate (1-3 mg/mL)	Moderately Resistant (3-10 mg/mL)	Resistant (> 10 mg/mL)	Total
Control	4 (6)	15 (23)	10 (16)	18 (28)	17 (27)	64 (100)
VRC01 10 mg/kg	0	4 (7)	13 (24)	18 (33)	19 (35)	54 (100)
VRC01 30 mg/kg	0	5 (11)	6 (14)	15 (34)	18 (41)	44 (100)

## **HVTN 206 / HPTN 114 Study bnAbs**

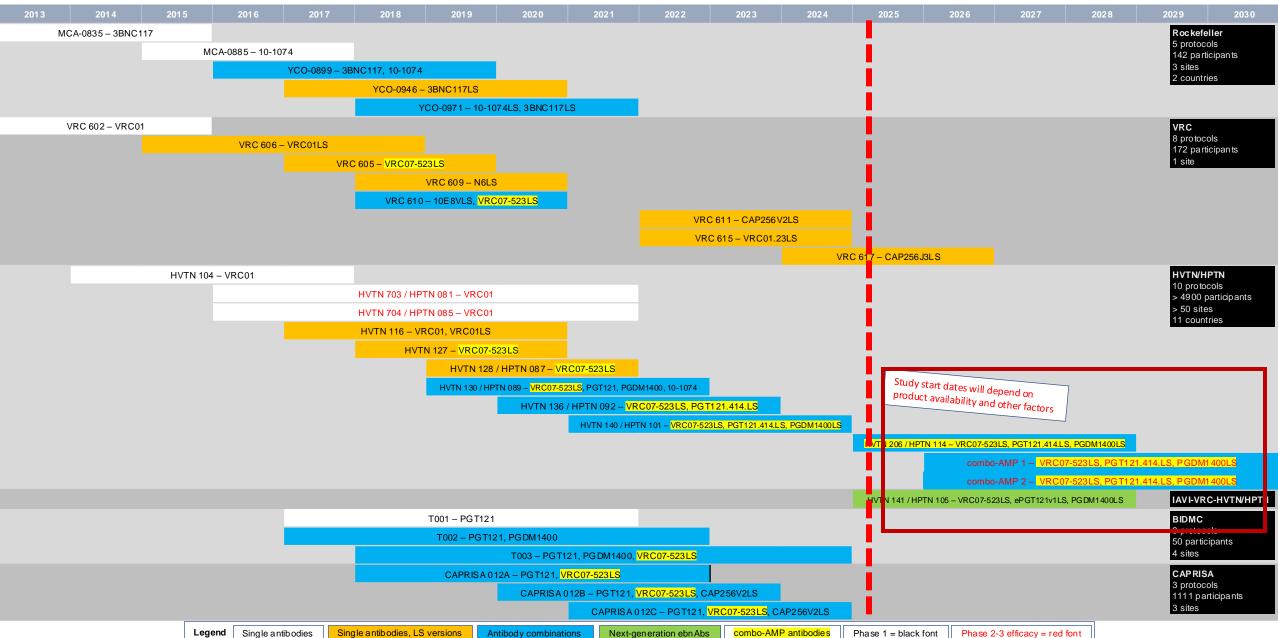


## Proposed Combination of 3 bnAbs gives the most potent and broadest neutralization

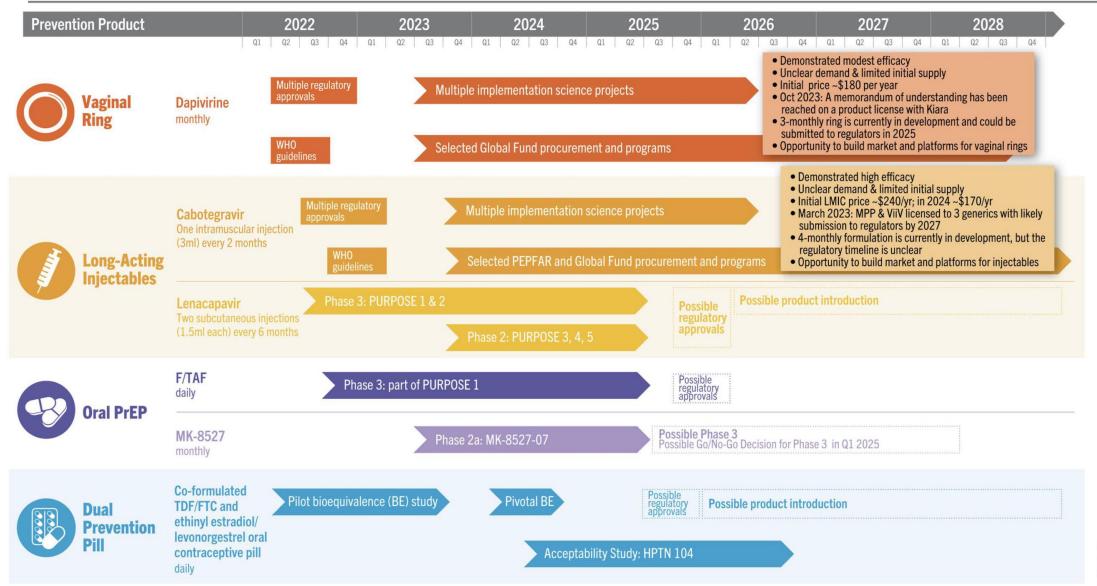


## HIV bnAb clinical trials in adults without HIV

Partnership to bring the optimal triple bNAb cocktail into phase 2 efficacy trials: HVTN, HPTN, NIAID, VRC, IAVI



#### **Updated PrEP Pipeline**





## **Pros and Cons for PrEP types and modalities**



Product	frequency	administration	Integration	No NAT testing	Infrequent dosing	DDI	Pregnancy safe	Cost	Load	Tail
Oral PrEP		(self/peer)						LMIC		
CAB LA		(nurse)		<b>(</b>		TB drugs				<b>G</b>
Oral Mnthly		(self/ peer)				?	?	?		
Len LA		(nurse/ self)				TB drugs		<b>(</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>(</b>
Implants		(nurse)		Ş		?	?	?		
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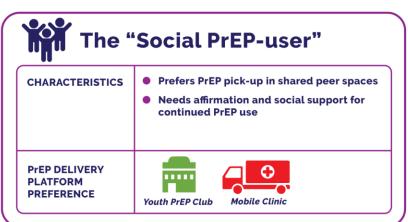
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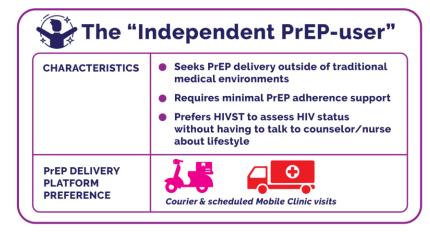


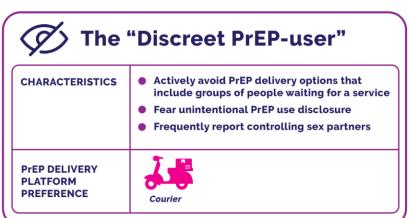




The C	Convenient PrEP-user"
CHARACTERISTICS	<ul> <li>Platforms at easily accessible locations</li> <li>One-stop integrated SRH services</li> <li>Platforms that utilize minimum resources (time and money)</li> </ul>
PrEP DELIVERY PLATFORM PREFERENCE	Mobile Clinic Courier Government Facility







#### **DTHF: Fast-PrEP (like Fast food!) 3D PrEP** Implementation science project to evaluate uptake, coverage and effectiveness of a youth-focused, decentralized district-wide PrEP program: Walkable hub and spokes approach in Cape Town

In a single health subdistrict of 1 million people in Cape Town

**PEER NAVIGATION** 

**Delivery** 

Contraception

mental health support

**HIV** testing

**PrEP ART** 

Follow-up



Roll out to 25 000 people in 3 years

Target pop:

AGYW (15-29yrs)

PBFW (15-29yrs)

MSM (15-29yrs)

Male Partners (18yrs & older)

**HUB-and-SPOKES Approach** 



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In this analysis we includ

- 2648 people (2276 m)
- Median age 23 (IQR 1
- 1625 (61.4%) were yo

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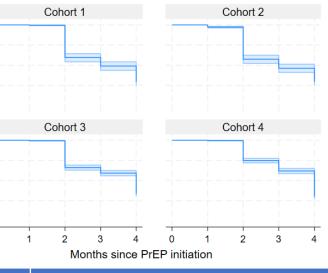
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95% CI

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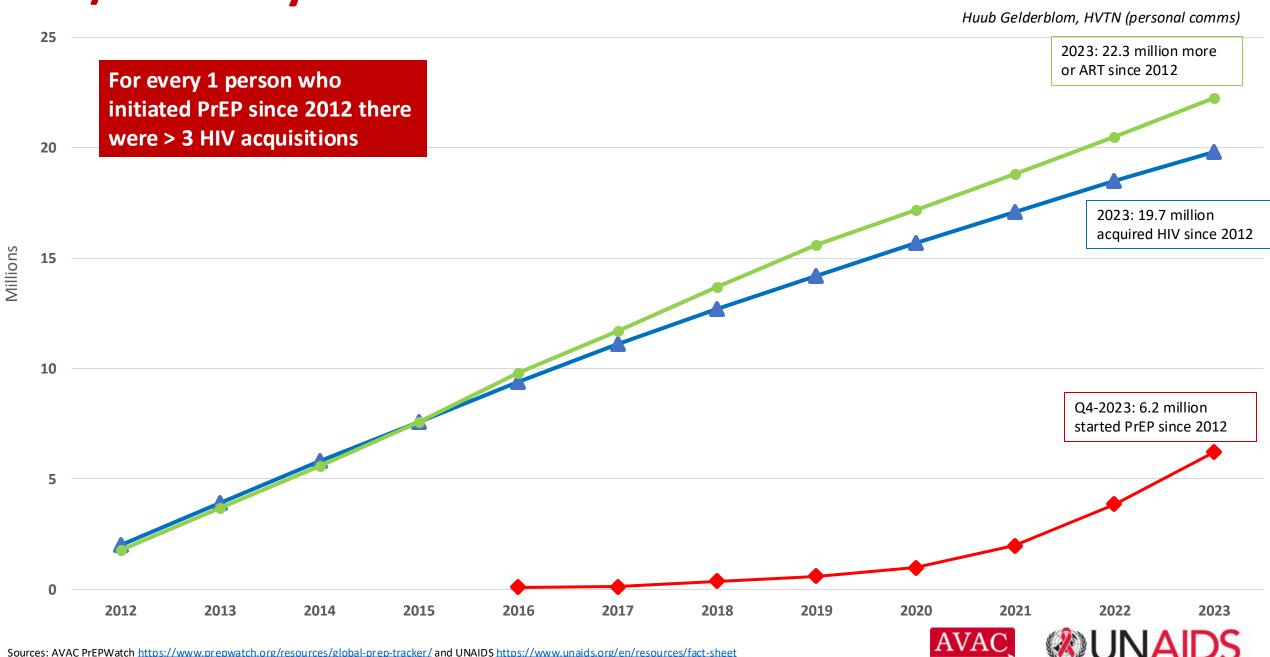
Kaplan–Meier survival estimates
If month 1 attended



PrEP Persistence at month 3
49.9% (95% CI: 44.5%-55.1%)
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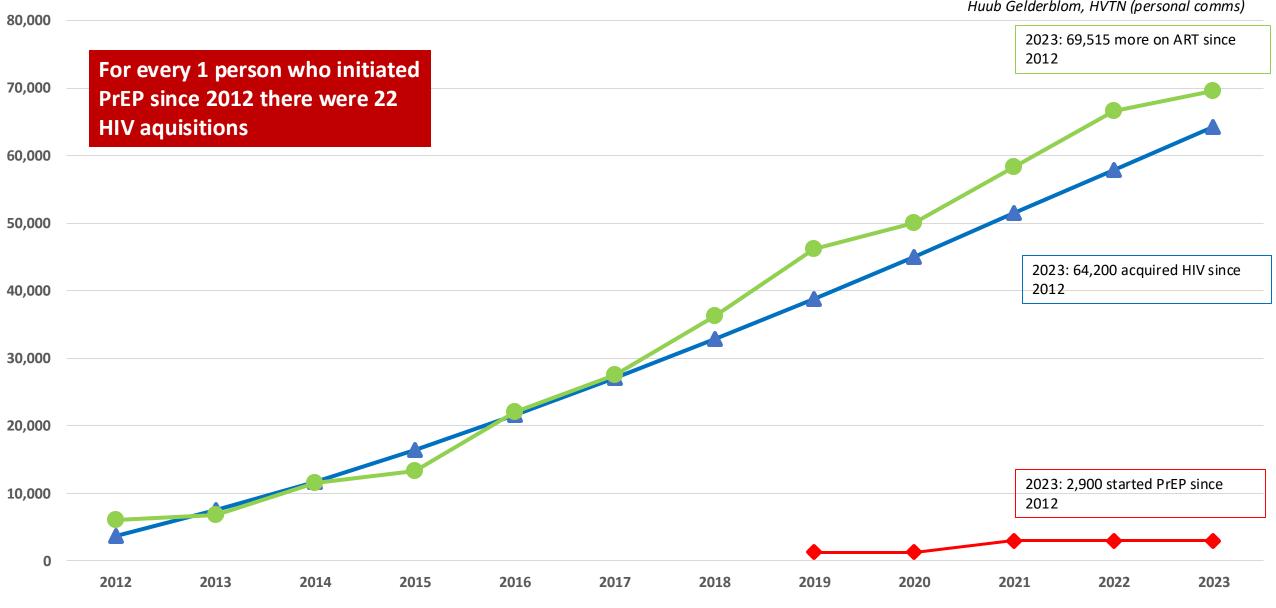
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## HIV/AIDS Key Numbers 2012-2023 – Global



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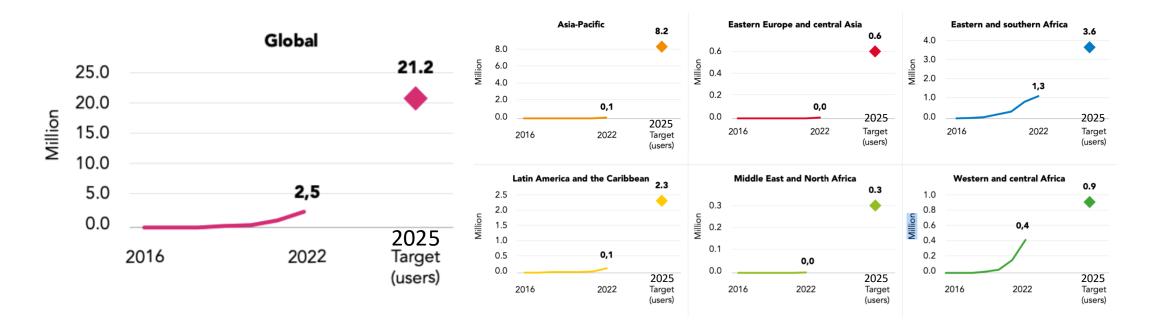
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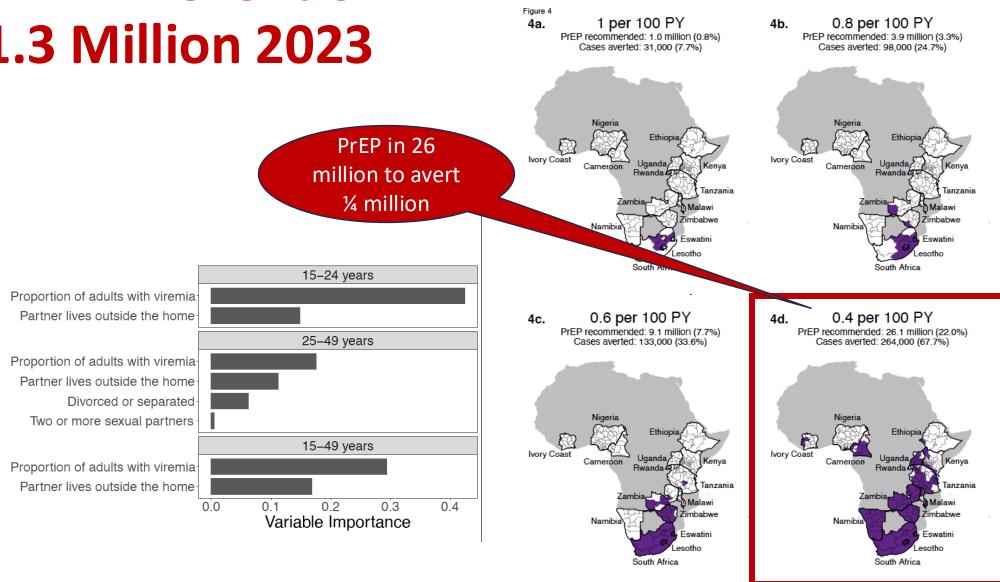
# Number of people using HIV PrEP, relative to 2025 targets



- We need to increase the number of people accessing HIV PrEP AND
- 2. We need more HIV PrEP options so that people can choose what works for them

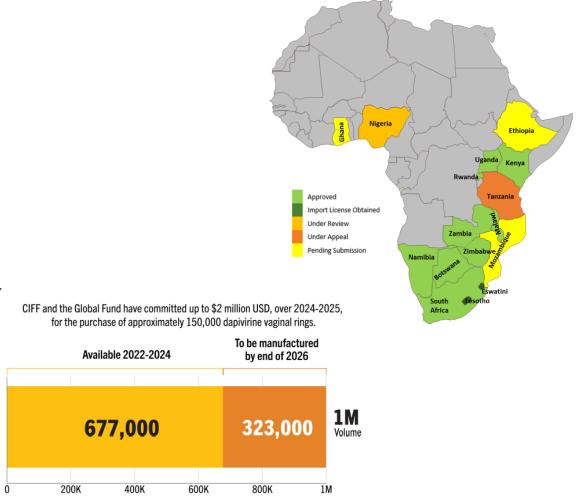


## **PrEP4Prevention** 1.3 Million 2023



PrEP Recommended ☐ No ■ Yes Rosenberg N, CID 2024

## Dapi Ring: Regulatory and availability



	<b>IPM Submission Date</b>	Status
South Africa	Final Submission via USB 26-Mar-2021	Product Registration 08-March-2022
Zimbabwe	03-February-2021	Product Registration 06-July-2021
Rwanda	11-February-2021	Approved by RFDA 10 Feb 2023
Uganda	17-February-2021	Product Registration 05-October-2021
Malawi	22-February-2021	Product Registration 10-May-2021
Tanzania	11-March-2021	IPM was notified on 12-April-2022 that TMDA has rejected the registration of DapiRing. IPM submitted an appeal.
Zambia	05-March-2021	Product Registration 10-May-2021
Kenya	23-March-2021	Product Registration 16-July-2021
Namibia	01-September-2021	Product Registration (insert date)
Botswana	08-September-2021	Product Registration 21 December 2022
Nigeria	18-August-2023	Under Review
Mozambiq ue	TBD	
Ethiopia	TBD	
Ghana	TBD	



## **DapiRing Access:**

- Only one large buyer for DVR at present: The Global Fund
  - PEPFAR only buying DVR for discrete pilot projects
- FDA re-submission strategy; DVR extension products



Current \$13 per ring

 Dec 2023: Announcement of Pop Council's intention to license product to African based company to reduce production costs and expand access

Finalize agreement with
Kiara Health for
Manufacturing and
Distribution

Explore Volume
Guarantees and Price
refinement with current
manufacturer

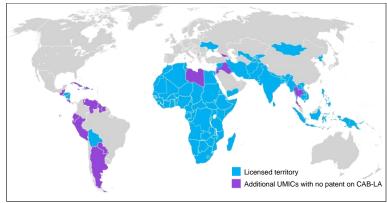
Advance Development of the Three-month DVR



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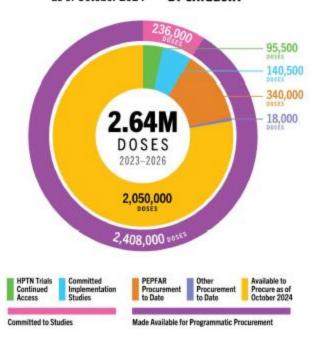
Medicines Patent Pool signs sublicences with Aurobindo, Cipla and Viatris to produce generic versions of ViiV Healthcare's innovative long-acting HIV prevention medicine

30 March 2023

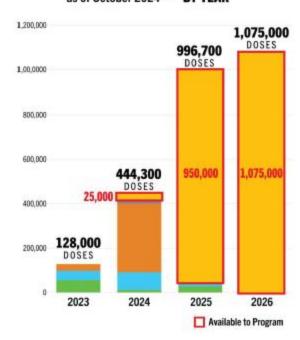


Source: Beatriz Grinsztejn, Long-acting PrEP implementation: Fostering access and equity, AIDS 2022

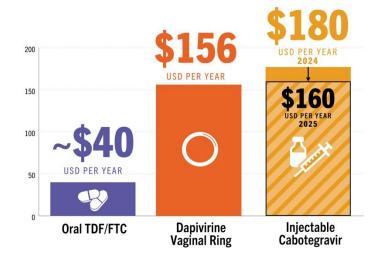
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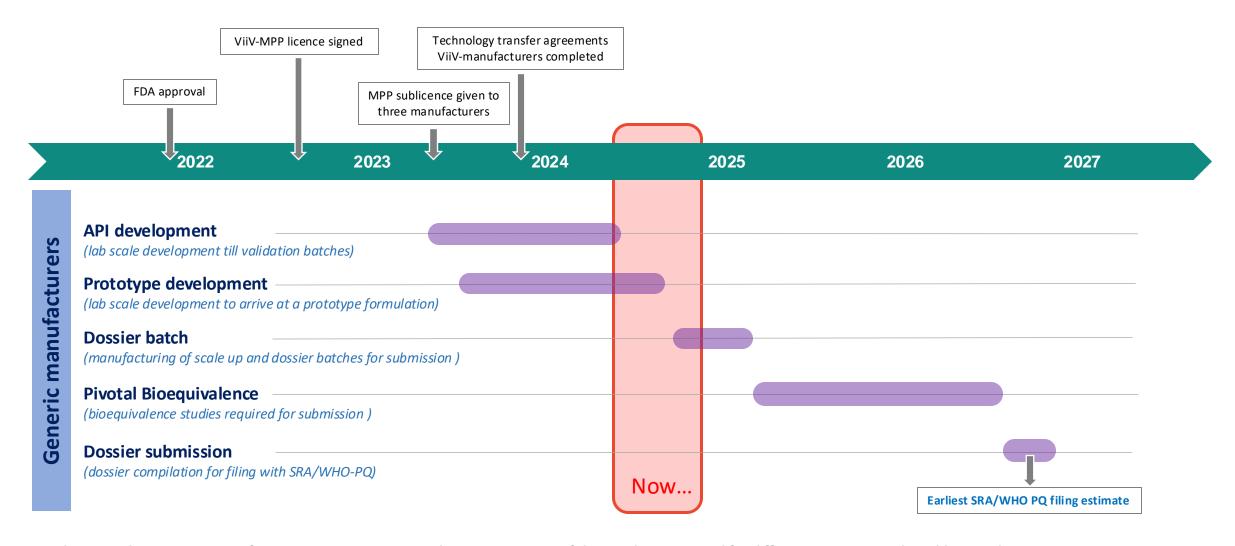


#### PrEP Price Comparison, 2024



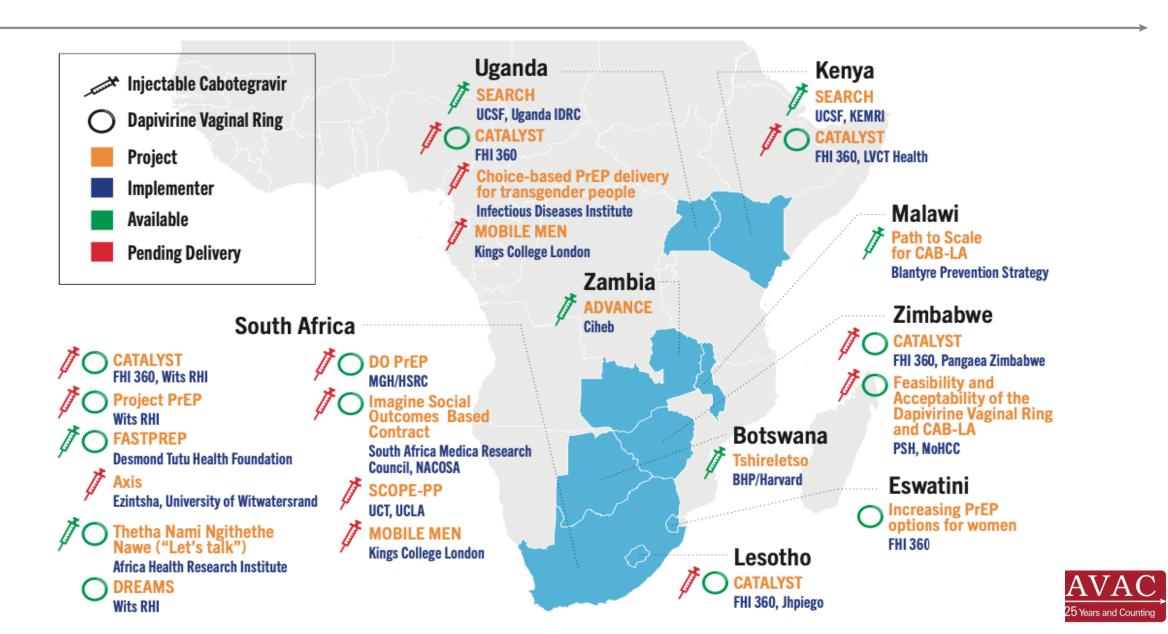


### **Generic CAB-LA for PrEP: Tentative development timeline**



- These timelines are not specific to any generic company; these are averages of the timelines required for different activities as shared by MPP licensees.
- The earliest possible timelines for filing is H2 2026 based on the current estimation by MPP.
- Due to the uncertainty associated with product development, especially for such long-acting products, the timelines quoted here are tentative and can change during development of the product.

### Real World Research and (some) roll out

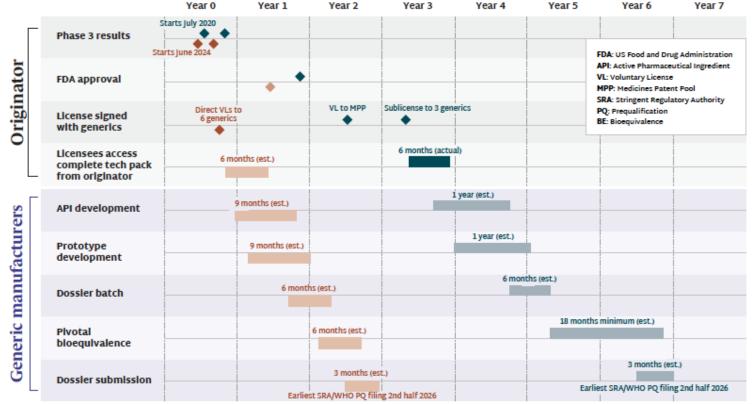


## Len for PrEP access

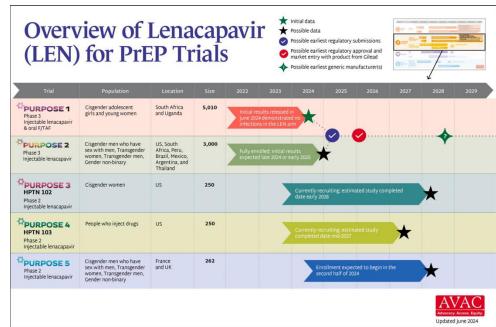


LEN generics may submit for regulatory approval around the same time as CAB generics (Q3-4 2026), primarily because LEN has been licensed even before regulatory submission / approval, is already moving towards tech transfer to generic manufacturers (as of Q4 2024) and because BE timelines are expected to be much shorter for LEN than for CAB.





This graphic aims to exhibit average timelines, but it is important to acknowledge that each generic manufacturer will move at different timelines and that unanticipated delays can happen at any step of the processes shown below. This graphic therefore aims to estimate timelines but should be used as a guideline rather than taken as 100%-definitive.



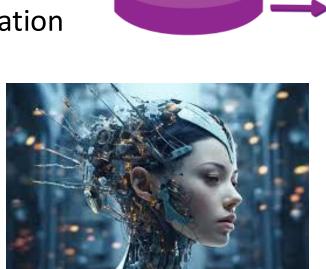
Purpose 1 and 2 participants have/are transitioning to open label "choice" PrEP Originator Len will be made available until generics come on board

In October, Gilead announced voluntary licenses to six generic manufacturers



# Precision Prevention: 3-Dimensional PrEP

- Drug/ Modality
  - duration of action, modality of administration
- Disposition/season/personality
  - cruising, discordant, holidaying
- Delivery
  - Courier, postal, pharmacy, clinic, self administration



**3D PrEP** 

#### **DRUG DETAILS**

Characteristics of different PrEP products		
Systemic / Topical	Long / Short acting PK	
Pills / Ring / Injectable	Side effects / Tolerability	
Daily / Event driven pill	Nurse / Self / Peer	
2m / 6m Injectable	administered	
1M / SC Injectable	Viral resistance profile	

#### **DELIVERY**

Implementation delivery modalities		
Health facility	Courier / Post bank	
Mobile clinic	School / Collage	
Community based	Pharmacy / Mall / Other outlet	
Public / Discreet	Self-testing / POC / Lab testing	

#### DISPOSITION

Motivations, affects, attitudes, information, perceptions, and user preferences towards product details and delivery modalities
Independent / Convenience / Discreet / Introvert / Social frequent / Intermittent / Infrequent sex
Vaginal / Anal / Other sex
Sero+ / Sero-unknown partner
Regular / Shift / Irregular working
School / Tertiary / Collage

**Affordability + Availability + Demand creation + Access = IMPACT** 

## Thank you!

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Best Buddies Keith Haring 1990

Pay tribute to the YWAG and other young people who teach me EVERYDAY!!

