#### Is The End In Sight: Prevention vs Cure



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# Trump Announces Goal of Ending HIV/AIDS Epidemic by End of Next Decade

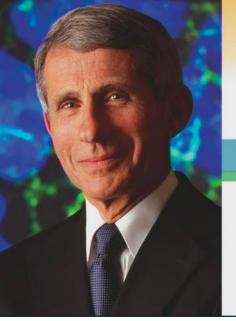


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#### **Editorial**

## Ending the HIV Epidemic A Plan for the United States

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#### ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC: A PLAN FOR THE UNITED STATES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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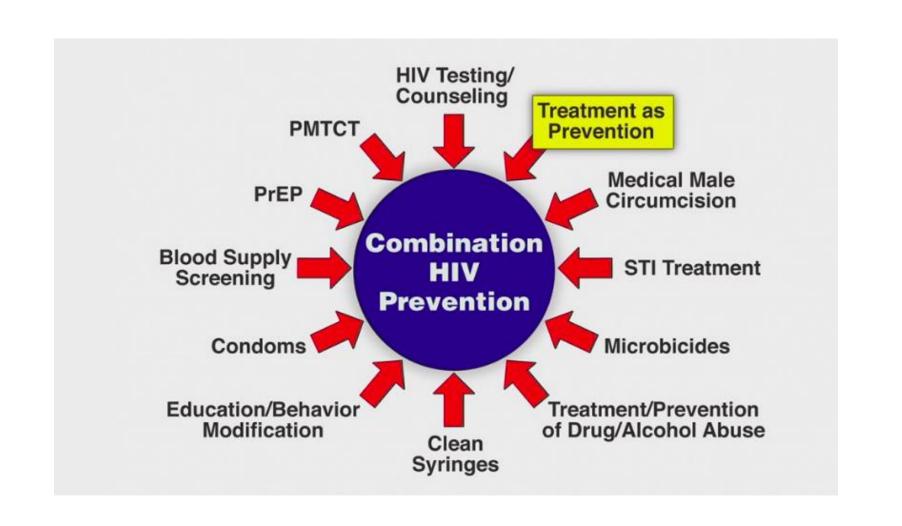
January 10, 2016

**OPINIONS** 

# No More Excuses. We Have the Tools to End the HIV/AIDS Pandemic.

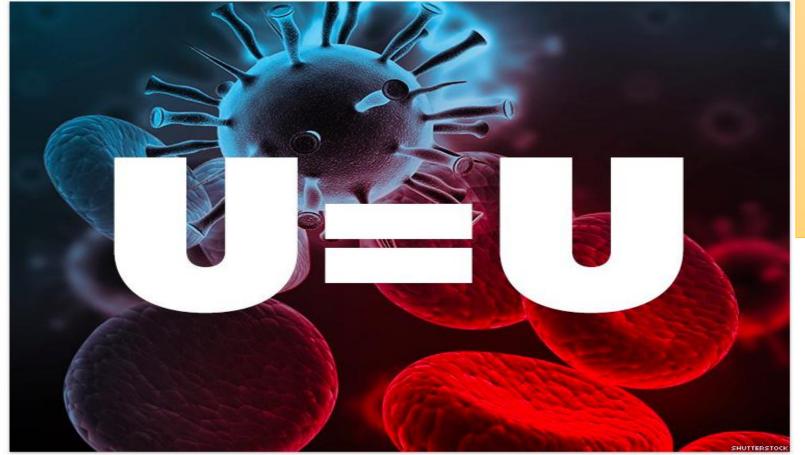
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Ending the HIV Epidemic: Fauci; CROI 2019



#### September 2017

## BREAKING: CDC Officially Admits People With HIV Who Are Undetectable Can't Transmit HIV



In a historic letter, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention support the science behind "Undetectable Equals Untransmittable."

"Across three different studies, including thousands of couples and many thousand acts of sex without a condom or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)," the statement continues, "no HIV transmissions to an HIV-negative partner were observed when the HIV-positive person was virally suppressed.

The CDC officially backing the science behind the campaign is another key step towards U=U being the most important message of 2017 in the fight against HIV.

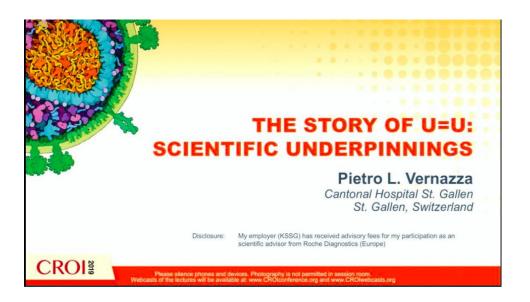
#### The Swiss Statement - 30.1.08

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#### An HIV-infected individual

- · without additional STD and
- on an anti-retroviral therapy (ART) with
- · completely suppressed viremia
- →is sexually non-infectious, thus, cannot pass on HIV through sexual contact

Therapie (ART) mit vollständig supprimierter Diese resissenung komme me oewiesen werde



#### In 2019 The Swiss Concluded

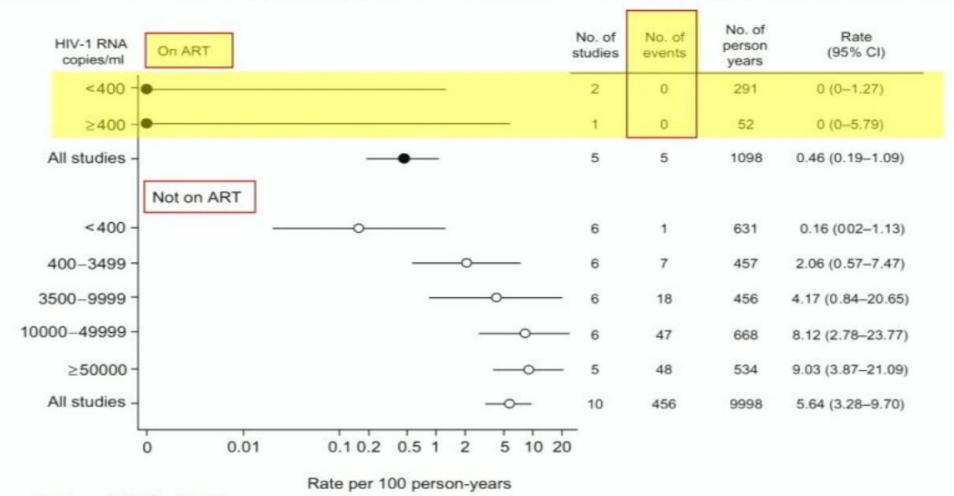
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- Even if risk is not zero, it is < 1:1000 PY</li>



## The situation before 2008

## Risk of transmission in partnerships



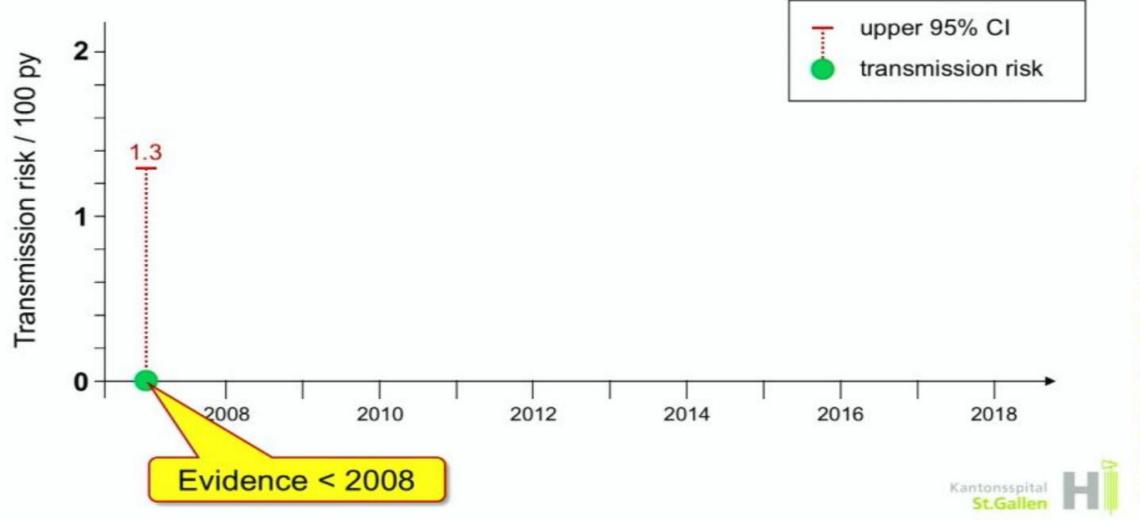
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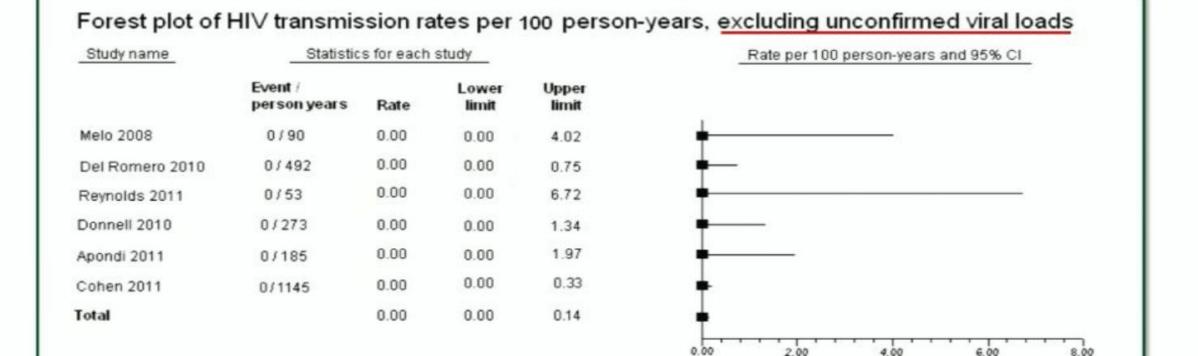
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## Limited evidence from partner studies



### Zero events, increasing number of observations



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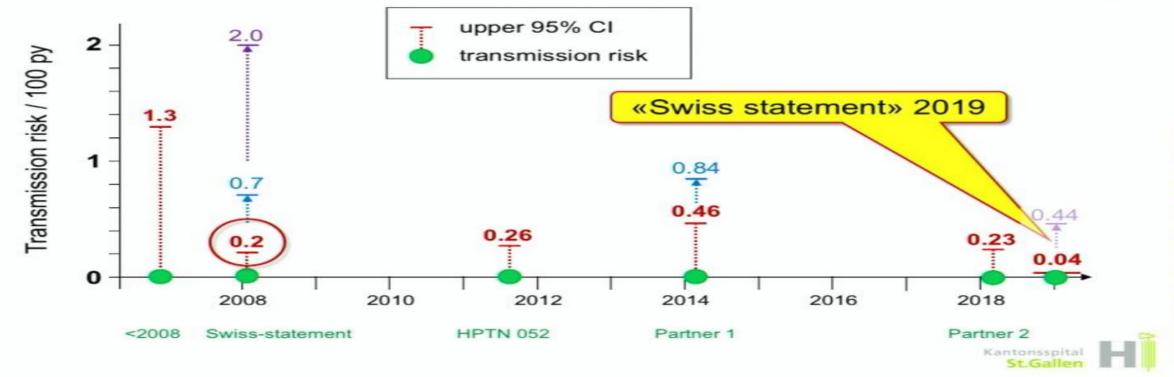
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#### Time supports the validity of the Swiss statement

#### Continued absence of evidence increases certainty



## Summary

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## DOES U=U APPLY EQUALLY TO:

- Occupational exposure?
- Breastfeeding?
- Needle sharing?
- Biological plausibility and likelihood are strong but data are limited

## **CONUNDRUM 3 - BREASTFEEDING**

- Woman on effective ART for several years
- VL <40 copies/ml</li>
- Asks if she can breastfeed her newborn baby
- Is risk of transmission different in woman with long term viral suppression compared to one with shorter duration of suppression?

## **BREASTFEEDING** (I)

#### PROMISE study

- 2431 mother-infant pairs randomised to maternal ART or infant prophylaxis with nevirapine during breastfeeding
- Infants in ART arm also received daily nevirapine prophylaxis for six weeks
- 2 infants infected with maternal VL <40 copies/ml</li>
- Transmission rate 0.3% at 6/12; 0.6% at 12/12

## BREASTFEEDING (II)

- 2017 meta analysis of post natal HIV transmission no studies show zero infections (1.1% at 6/12 and 2.9% at 12/12)<sup>1</sup>
- HOWEVER, 2018 Tanzanian study showed no transmissions to infants of mothers on ART with VL <1000 cpm<sup>2</sup>
- 18% of infants lost to follow-up, transferred or died

#### TRANSMISSION: POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

- Transmission from cell associated virus in breast milk (greater exposure to infected cells from milk than from sexual fluid – equivalent of >150L over 6/12)
- Immune activation in breast milk 10 x greater HIV replication in milk vs. blood; latently infected CD4 cells subject to potential activation



1. Sergnides L, R4P madrid October 2010 http://webcasts.hivr4p.org/console/player/40493mediaType=slideVideo&&crd\_fl=0&ssmsrq=1550362754479&ctms=5000&csmsrq=5127 2. Waitt et al. Lancet HIV 2010

## TRANSMISSION: POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS (II)

- Breast inflammation (mastitis, abscess, engorgement)
- Immune vulnerability of infant gut
- Transmission before maternal viral load undetectable
- Possible poor adherence adherence difficult in post-partum period!

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# THE PHASE 3 DISCOVER STUDY: DAILY F/TAF OR F/TDF FOR HIV PREEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

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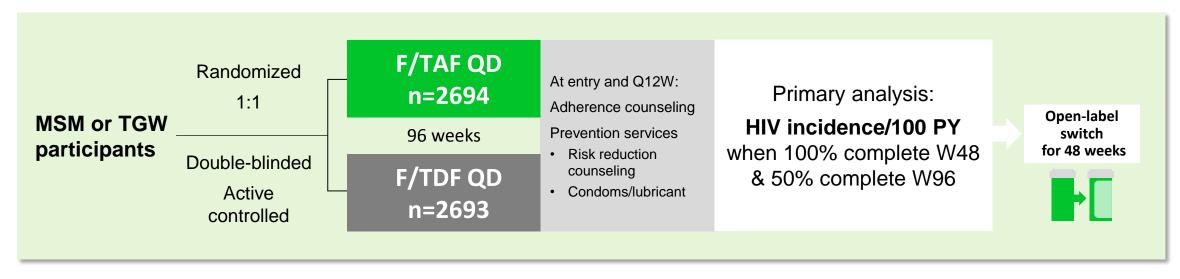


#### **Background**

F/TDF is the only approved drug for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

 The Phase 3 DISCOVER study evaluated the efficacy and safety of F/TAF for PrEP among cis-MSM and TGW at high risk of HIV infection

#### DISCOVER: A Randomized, Noninferiority Trial of F/TAF for PrEP





## Eligibility required high sexual risk of HIV

- 2+ episodes condomless anal sex in past 12W or rectal gonorrhea/ chlamydia, syphilis in past 24W
- HIV & HBV negative, eGFR ≥60 mL/min
- Prior use of PrEP allowed



#### Study conducted in NA, EU in cities/sites with high HIV incidence

- 94 sites in 11 countries
- Participants: US, 60%;
   EU, 34%; Canada, 7%

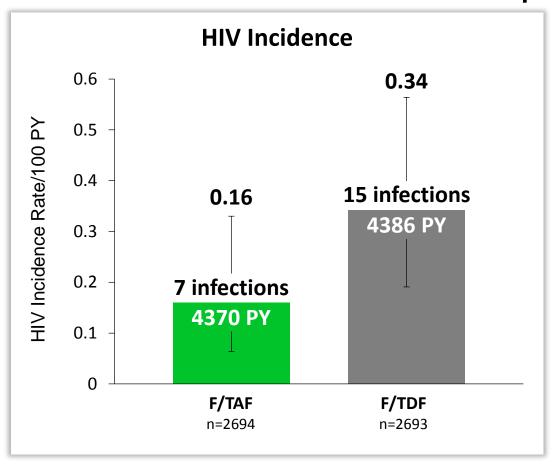


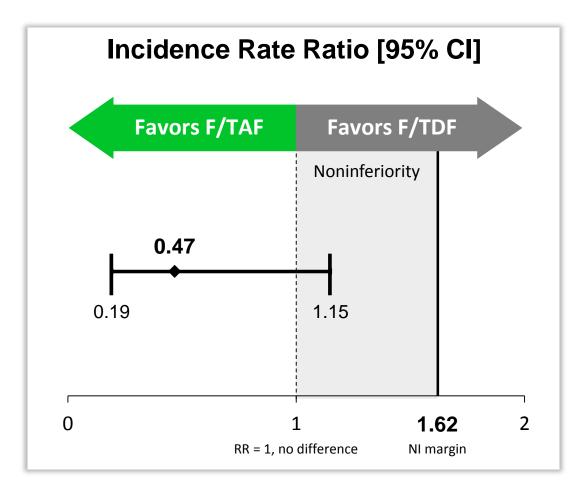
#### Primary efficacy endpoint: HIV incidence

- Evaluated by rate ratio with noninferiority (NI) margin <1.62
- Expected incidence of 1.44/100 PY based on pooled studies: iPrEx, PROUD, IPERGAY

#### DISCOVER Primary Endpoint Analysis: HIV Incidence

#### 22 HIV infections in 8756 PY of follow-up

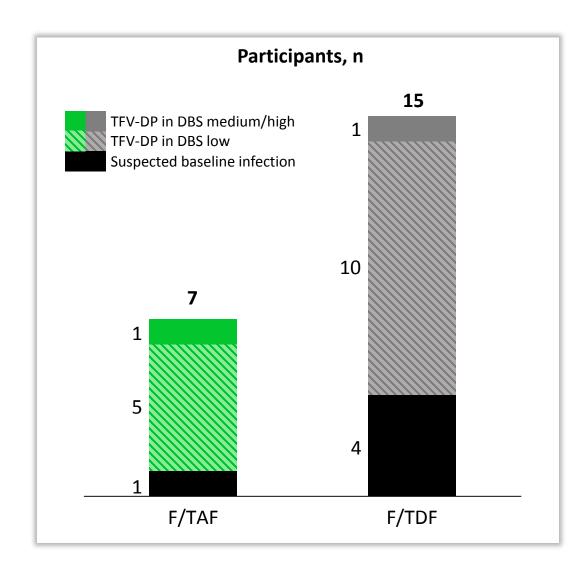




F/TAF is noninferior to F/TDF for HIV prevention

CI, confidence interval; RR, rate ratio.

#### DISCOVER Adherence and Resistance Analyses of HIV Infections

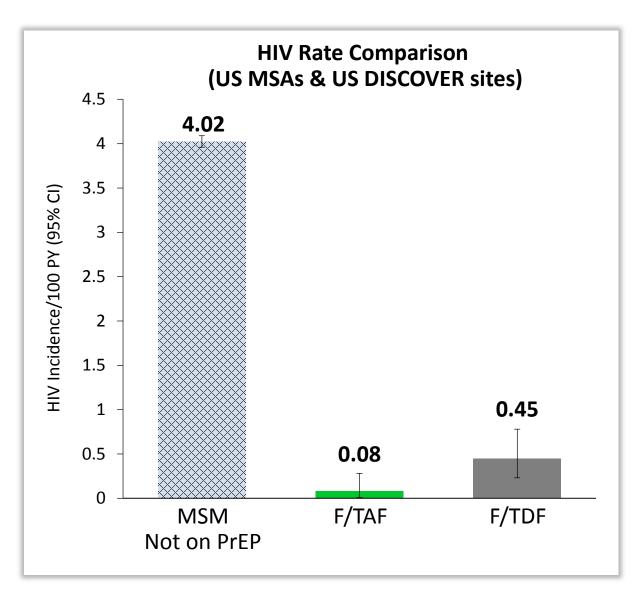


- 7 F/TAF infections: 1 suspected baseline infection,
   5 low levels of TFV-DP in DBS,1 medium level
- 15 F/TDF infections: 4 suspected baseline infections,
   10 low levels of TFV-DP in DBS, 1 high level
- In a sensitivity analysis that excluded suspected baseline infections, noninferiority was maintained (0.55 [0.20, 1.48])

n	F/TAF n=7	F/TDF n=15
Resistance genotyped*	6	13
Resistance to study drugs		
FTC	0	4 <sup>†</sup>
TFV	0	0

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$ 3 samples could not be amplified;  $^{\dagger}$ All 4 participants with resistance were suspected baseline infections.

#### Comparing DISCOVER Results to HIV Infection Rate In MSM at HIV Risk but Not on PrEP



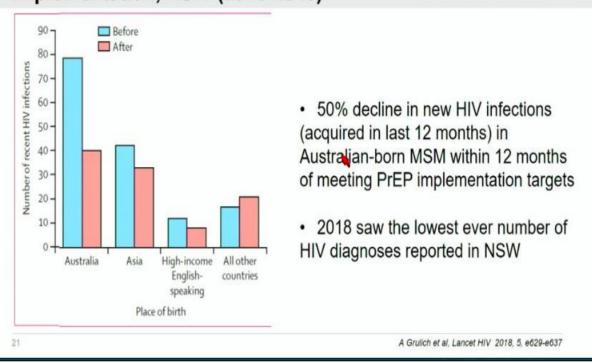
- In the absence of placebo control, we sought to contextualize the HIV incidence rates in DISCOVER to the rate in MSM not on PrEP
- Using CDC-reported HIV surveillance data, calculated background infection rate for MSM at HIV infection risk\* in US metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) that overlapped with DISCOVER sites<sup>1</sup>
- HIV infection rate for MSM not on PrEP in 2016:
  - 4.02/100 PY 95%CI [3.96, 4.09]
- HIV incidence rates in US DISCOVER sites:
  - F/TAF = 0.08/100 95%CI [0.01, 0.28]
  - F/TDF = 0.45/100 95%CI [0.23, 0.78]

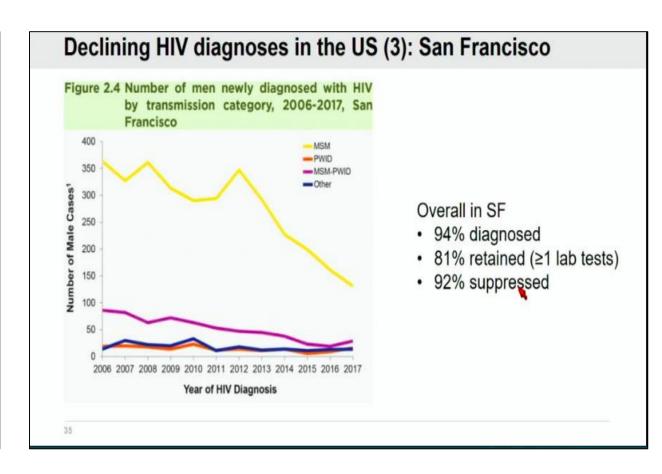
#### **Conclusions**

- F/TAF was noninferior to F/TDF in preventing HIV infection in high-risk cis-MSM and TGW
  - F/TAF HIV incidence was 0.16/100 PY, and F/TDF HIV incidence was 0.34/100 PY
  - The majority of HIV infections occurred prior to study entry or in participants with low or undetectable drug levels
- F/TAF is an effective and safer option for PrEP in cis-MSM and TGW at risk for HIV infection

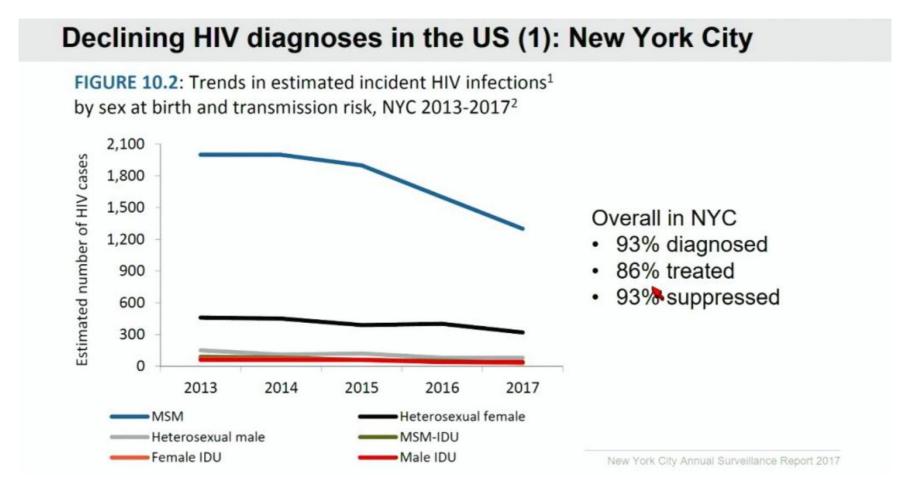
#### Decrease in HIV Infection with Introduction of PreP

## Decline in recent HIV infections in the 12 months after PrEP implementation, NSW (2016-2018)





# Effects of PrEP on Drug Resistance and Acute HIV Infection in New York City Surveillance Population



## **PrEP Surveillance Study: Background**

- PrEP use has increased for both sexes in NYC, with largest increase in men<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Self-reported use among MSM increased from 2% in 2012 to 28% in 2016<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Self-reported use among sex and needle-sharing partners of HIV-infected individuals increased from 11% in 2016 to 21% in 2018<sup>[3]</sup>
- Prescribing PrEP to individuals with undetected HIV infection may increase risk of developing drug resistance<sup>[4]</sup>
- Study used surveillance data to identify drug resistance to PrEP medications in recently HIV-diagnosed individuals (ie, < 12 months) with history of PrEP use prediagnosis<sup>[5]</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Salcuni. IDWeek 2017. Abstr 898. 2. Myers. Am J Public Health. 2018;108(Suppl 4):S251.

<sup>3.</sup> Misra. JAIDS. 2017;76:132. 4. Parikh. Curr Opin HIV AIDS. 2016;11:49. 5. Misra. CROI 2019. Abstr 107.

## **PrEP Surveillance Study: Study Design**

#### Objectives

- Determine rate of resistance to PrEP ARVs in persons with prediagnosis PrEP use
- Compare PrEP users vs never-users regarding resistance to PrEP drugs and AHI
- Determine frequency and timing of negative NAAT prior to PrEP initiation in PrEP users

#### Data sources

- PrEP use: HIV partner services, medical provider report forms, NYC surveillance field investigation
- Drug resistance, HIV NAAT, and AHI: NYC surveillance registry and laboratory database

## PrEP Surveillance Study: Patient Characteristics

- Of 3685 patients diagnosed with HIV in past 12 mos and referred for partner services in NYC, n = 91 (2%) used PrEP prior to diagnosis
  - Median duration of PrEP prior to HIV diagnosis: 106 days (IQR: 214)
  - Median duration from PrEP initiation to HIV diagnosis: 250 days (IQR: 395)
- Higher rates of PrEP use among individuals who were younger (< 30 yrs), cis-men, white, and MSM</li>

Characteristic, %	PrEP Users (n = 91)	Never-Users (n = 3594)
Aged < 30/≥ 30 yrs	58/42	37/63
Gender Cis-women Cis-men Transgender: MTF	2 92 5	21 76 3
Race/ethnicity Black Hispanic White Other	23 27 41 9	46 32 14 7
Transmission risk	3 2 89 6	28 3 66 3

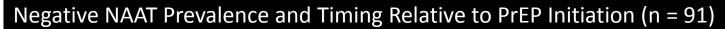
## PrEP Surveillance Study: Resistance Mutations, Acute HIV Infection

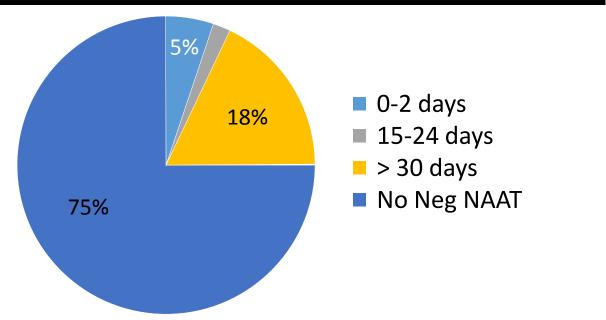
- Identification of FTC but not TDF resistance mutations more common among PrEP users vs never-users
  - K65R identified in 4 individuals, all never-users
- Diagnosis with acute HIV infection more common among PrEP users vs never-users

Resistance Mutation Analysis, %	PrEP Users	Never-Users	All Patients
	(n = 91)	(n = 3594)	(N = 3685)
Genotype data available	75	63	63
Resistance mutations M184I/V/IV/MV K65R	29	2	3
	0	< 1	< 1
Acute HIV infection	33	9	10

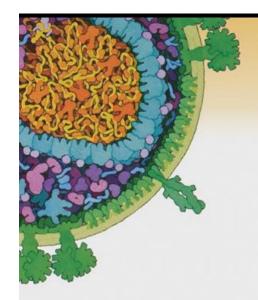
## PrEP Surveillance Study: Negative NAAT

- NY state requires NAAT in persons symptomatic for AHI or with negative antibody test who report potential exposures within past 3 mos<sup>[1]</sup>
- Negative NAAT results within window of 0-2 days before PrEP initiation occurred in 5 out of 91 PrEP users (5%)<sup>[2]</sup>





<sup>1.</sup> New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute. Updated December 2018. 2. Misra. CROI 2019. Abstr 107. Reproduced with permission.



#### **SUSTAINED HIV-1 REMISSION FOLLOWING HOMOZYGOUS CCR5 DELTA32 ALLOGENIC HSCT**

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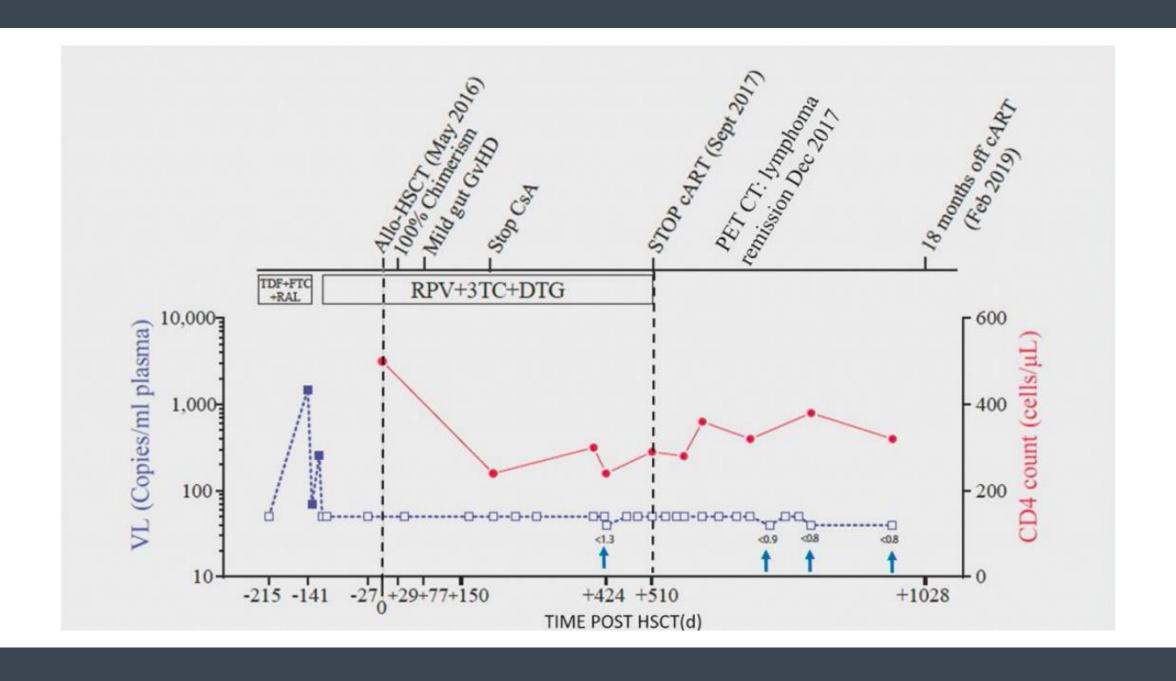
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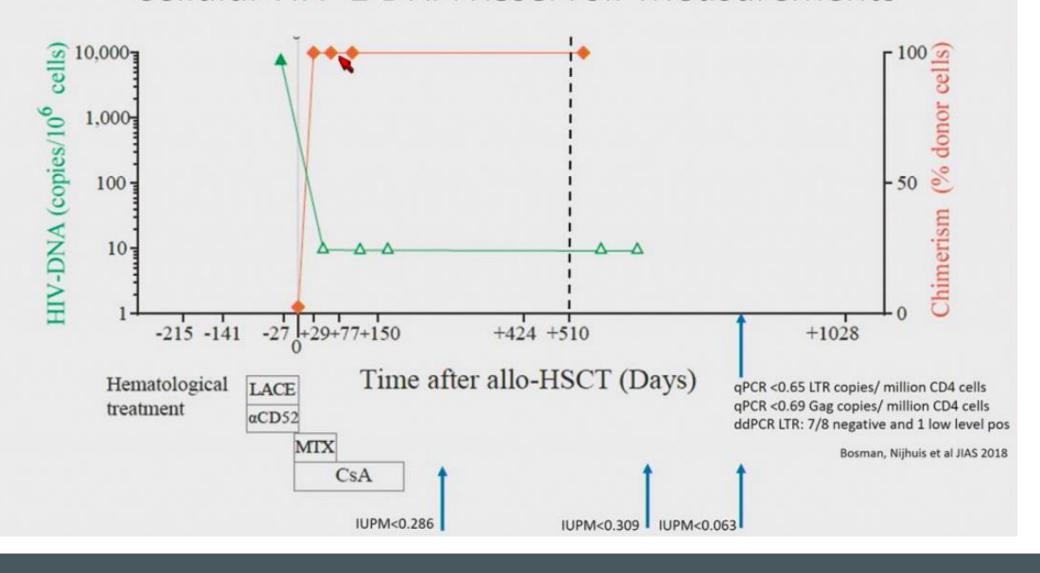


## Case History

- HIV-1 Diagnosis 2003
- 2013: Stage IVb Hodgkin lymphoma
   Atripla initiated. Viral suppression achieved
   Switch to TDF/FTC/Raltegravir (ABVD chemo)
- Failed multiple lines of chemotherapy and mobilisation for auto SCT
- Donor registry search for allo HSCT
  - Unrelated 9/10 HLA high-resolution match.
  - Donor homozoygous CCR5-d32 mutation



#### Cellular HIV-1 DNA Reservoir Measurements



## 'The London Patient'

- Homozygous for wild type CCR5
- Infection with R5 using virus
- Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Single HSCT
- No irradiation
- Reduced intensity conditioning
- T cell depletion with aCD52
- Mild GVH
- 100% T cell donor chimerism

## Timothy Brown

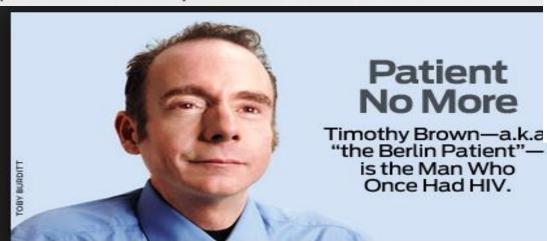
- Heterozygous for △32
- Infection with R5 using virus
- Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
- Two HSCT
- Total Body Irradiation
- Full intensity conditioning
- T cell depletion with ATG
- Mild GVH
- 100% T cell donor chimerism

## **Summary**

- HSCT with △ 32 homozygous donor
- 18 months remission with no viral rebound after HSCT
- Adaptive Immune responses declining or absent post transplant

This case reaffirms CCR5 as a candidate for remission approaches

Please see poster 394 Wednesday on a further case of HSCT



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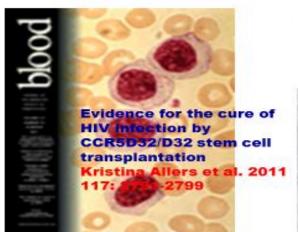
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#### HIV-1 remission following CCR5 $\Delta$ 32/ $\Delta$ 32 haematopoietic stem-cell transplantation

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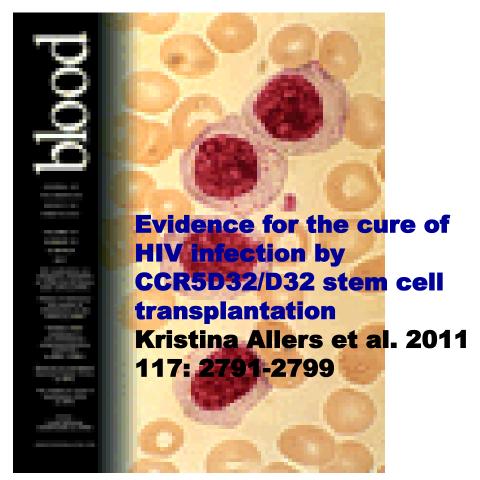


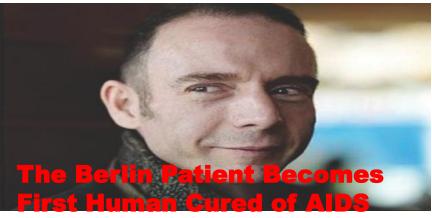


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