

# Update on HIV treatments

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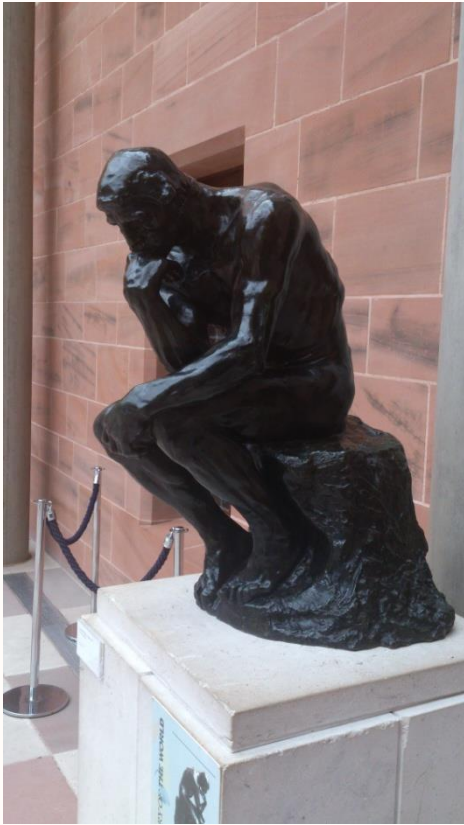
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# Australia beats NZ in something



# Always of interest:

- When to start
- What to use



# WHO 2013: Updated Treatment Guidelines

## Expanded ART eligibility

- Treatment initiation threshold:  $CD4^+ \leq 500 \text{ cells/mm}^3$
- Prioritize severe or advanced HIV or  $CD4^+ \leq 350 \text{ cells/mm}^3$

Viral load testing preferred for monitoring ART

Preferred initial regimen: fixed-dose TDF + 3TC (or FTC) + EFV

- Discontinue use of d4T due to toxicity

# Major Guidelines for Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy

Guideline	AIDS or HIV-Related Symptoms	CD4+ Cell Count < 200/mm <sup>3</sup>	CD4+ Cell Count 200-350/mm <sup>3</sup>	CD4+ Cell Count 350-500/mm <sup>3</sup>	CD4+ Cell Count > 500 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>
DHHS-USA, 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>
International AIDS Society-USA, 2012	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>
British HIV Association, 2012	Yes	Yes	Yes	Consider <sup>3</sup>	Defer <sup>3</sup>
European AIDS Clinical Society, 2012	Yes	Yes	Yes	Consider <sup>3</sup>	Defer <sup>3</sup>
World Health Organization, 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Defer <sup>5</sup>

(1) Strong strength recommendation based on observational data (A-II)

(2) Moderate strength recommendation based on expert opinion (B-III).

(3) But treat all HIV+ pregnant women, HBV co-infection, HCV co-infection, HIVAN, HIV related neurocognitive disorders, ITP, non-AIDS cancers and serodiscordant couples

**(4) Individuals with CD4 < 350 as a priority.**

(5) But treat all HIV+ pregnant women, TB co-infection with active disease and HBV co-infection with severe liver disease, and serodiscordant couples

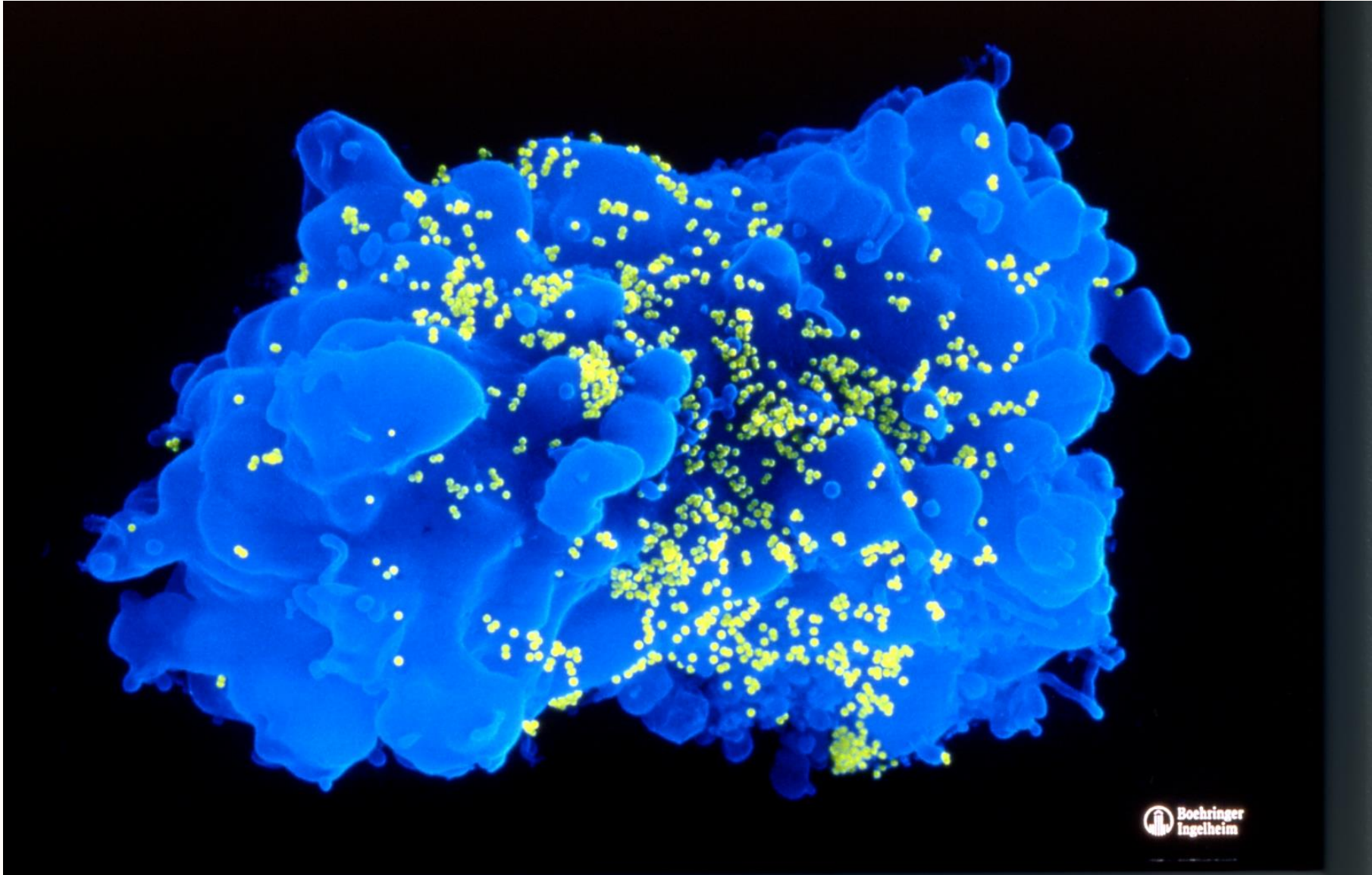
# Basics of infectious disease; when to start



- Infectious disease that leads to significant illness and death
- Public health risk to others
- Target organ can be assessed for damage
- Combination therapy required with significant drug interactions and some toxicity



## HIV release from infected CD4 lymphocyte





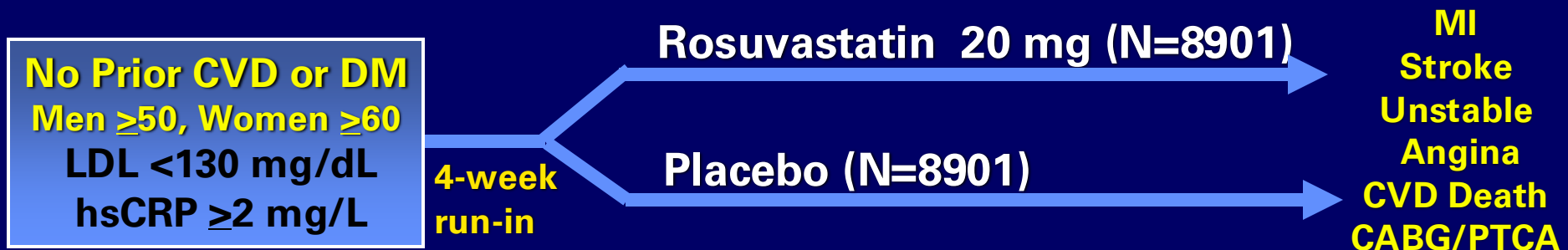
# Why don't we have good evidence of clinical benefit from early ARV?



Because we stopped doing clinical endpoint studies in 1996

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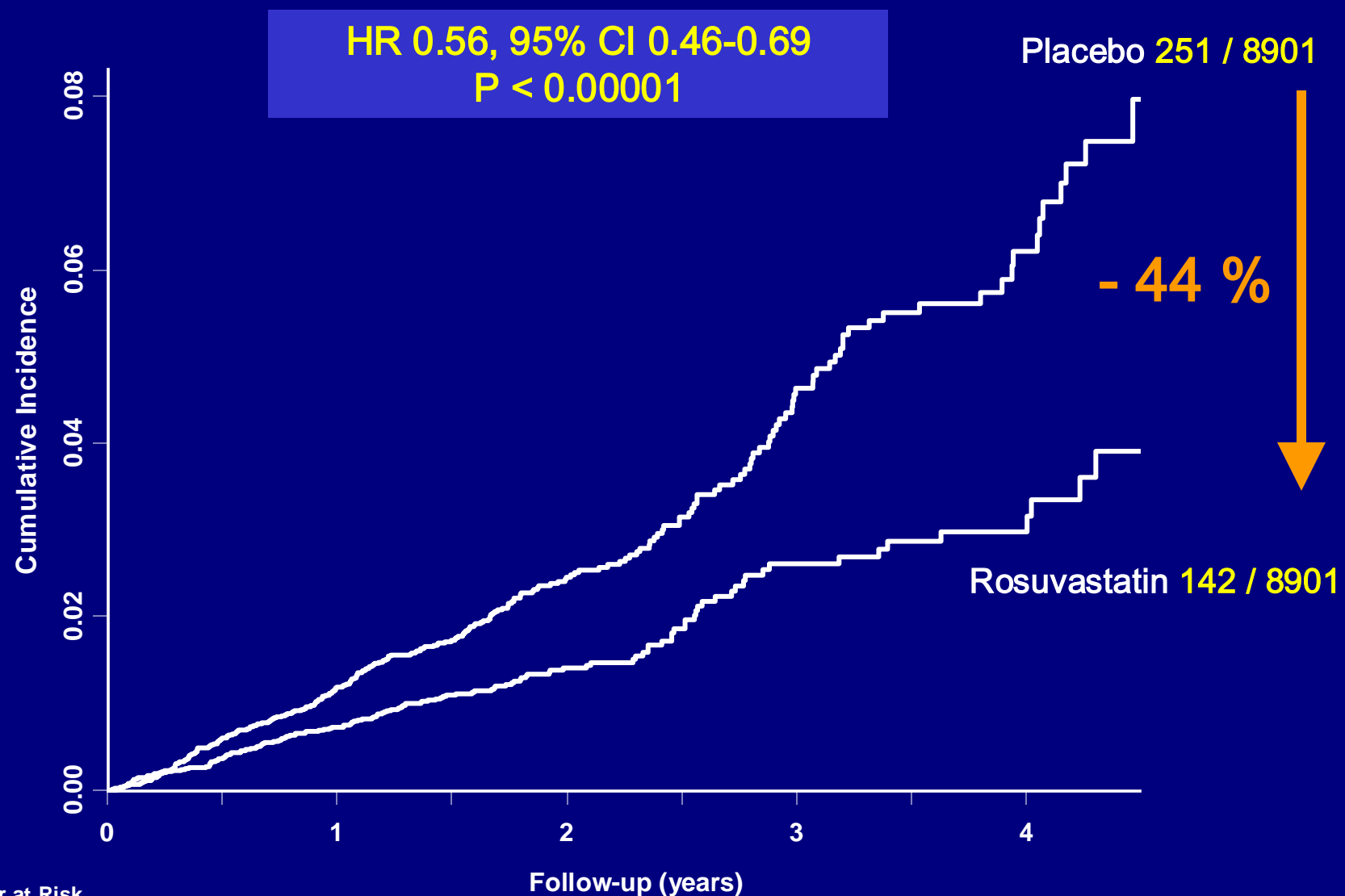
*Multi-National Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial of Rosuvastatin in the Prevention of Cardiovascular Events Among Individuals With Low LDL and Elevated hsCRP*



Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay, United States, Venezuela



Primary Trial Endpoint : MI, Stroke, UA/Revascularization, CV Death



Number at Risk

Rosuvastatin	8,901	8,631	8,412	6,540	3,893	1,958	1,353	983	544	157
Placebo	8,901	8,621	8,353	6,508	3,872	1,963	1,333	955	534	174

# HIV clinical endpoint study: CAESAR

1840 HIV+ patients with CD4 counts 25-250,  
On AZT or AZT+ddI/ddC,  
Placebo controlled trial of 3TC+/- loviride

group		placebo	3TC	3TC +loviride
AIDS/death		20%	9%	9%

Outcome: 50% improvement in survival over 1 year

CAESAR Coordinating Committee. The Lancet, [349](#), p1413 - 1421, 1997

# ACTG 175 study; clinical endpoint study

2746 HIV+ patients with CD4 counts 200-500,  
Treatment naïve and AZT experienced,  
Placebo controlled trial

group	AZT	ddl	AZT+ddl	AZT+ddC
AIDS/death (HR)	1 (ref)	0.69	0.64	0.77

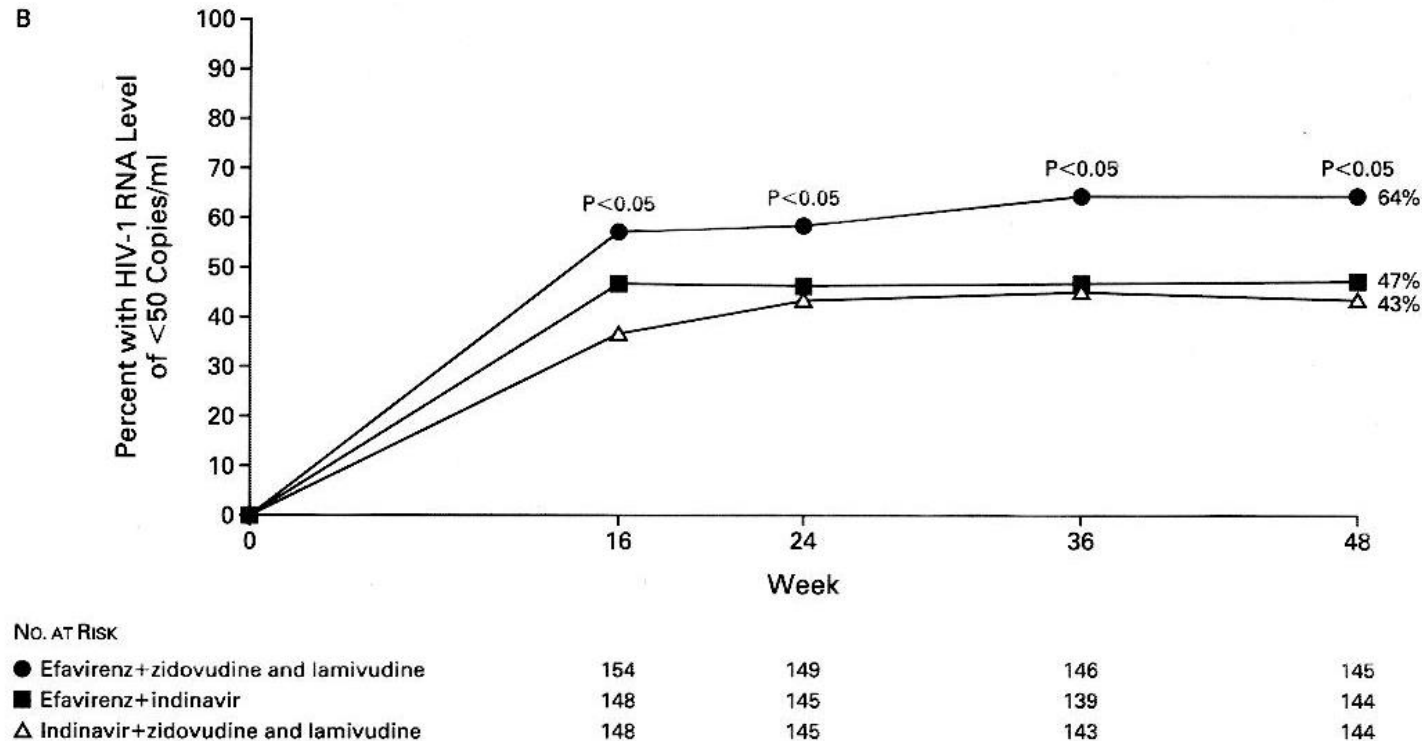
**Outcome:** significant improvement in delayed clinical progression.

**Conclusion:** “Antiretroviral therapy can improve survival in patients with 200 to 500 CD4 cells per cubic millimeter.”



Hammer SM et al. [N Engl J Med](#). 1996 Oct 10;335(15):1081-90

# Dupont 006 Study<sup>1</sup>

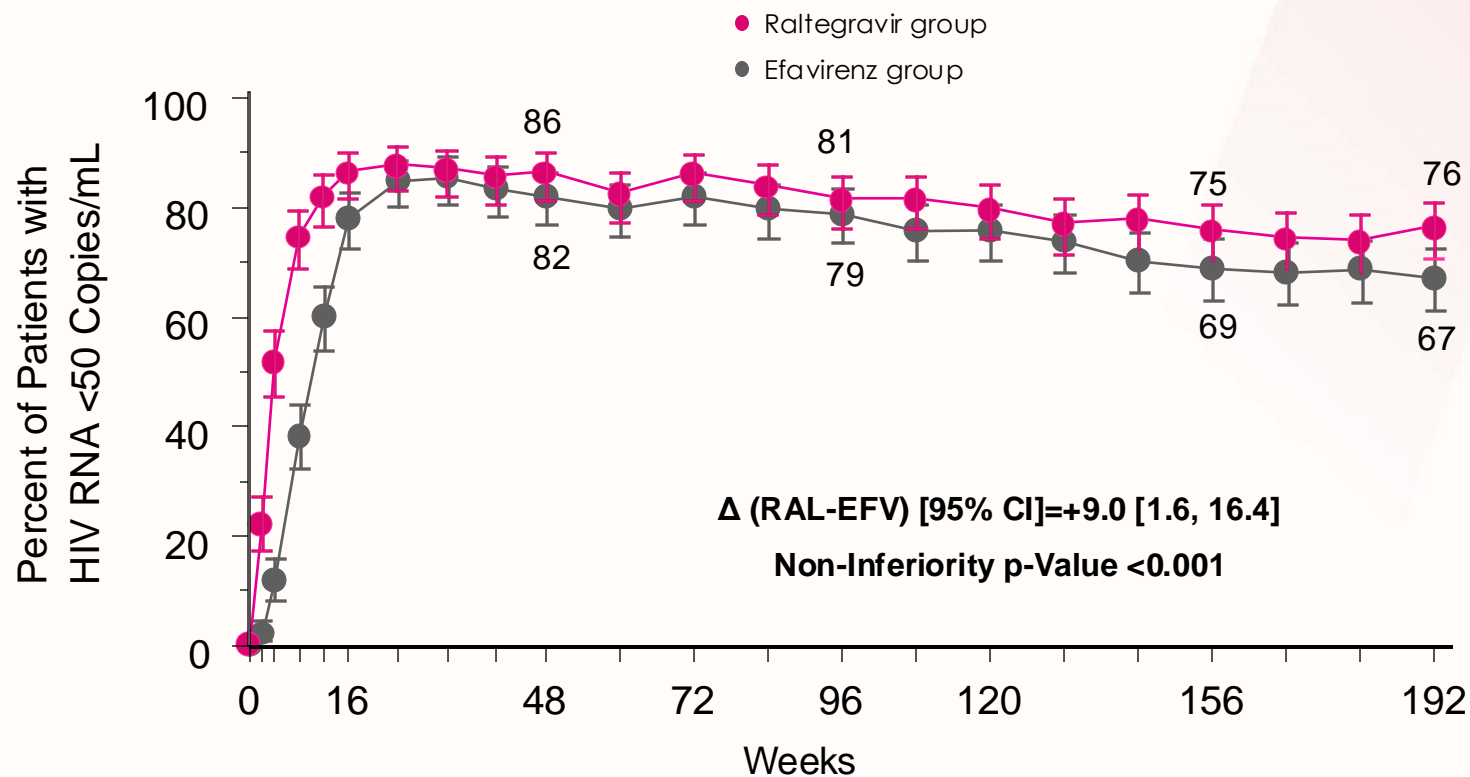


At 48 weeks, 90% of patients taking AZT + 3TC + EFZ attained viral load < 50 copies/mL compared to <80% patients in the other 2 treatment arms.

No significant differences in CD4 count changes across all groups.



# Proportion (%) of Patients (95% CI) with HIV RNA < 50 copies/mL (Non-Completer = Failure)



Number of Contributing Patients

● Raltegravir group	281	281	280	281	281	277	281	281
● Efavirenz group	282	281	281	282	282	281	282	282

# Surrogate marker studies (viral load or CD4)



## Good bits:

Patients don't need to die to generate results  
Fewer subjects needed,  
Results available faster,  
Preliminary FDA approval on 48 week data.

## Bad bits:

Don't collect enough clinical endpoints to achieve significant results.

# So what's the risk of treating early

Patient may not be ready to start and stuff things up,

Longer exposure to drugs; causing problems with kidneys or cholesterol or Vit D.

Better drugs might come available later

Costs money

# So what's the risk of **not** treating early



Permanent damage to lymphoid organs,

Loss of some immune responses, CD4 recovery,

Accelerated aging; brain, heart, bones, kidneys, liver.

Diseases of chronic inflammation (similar risk to smoking)

**But, you are not likely to get AIDS (18 AIDS cases in Australia in 2012)**

# Long term survival in HIV patients on treatment

Compared mortality in AHOD cohort with Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR), from Australian Bureau of Statistics. General population =1.

		SMR	(95% CI)
CD4	<350	8.6	(7.2-10.2)
	350-499	2.1	(1.5-2.9)
	>500	1.5	(1.1-2.0)
Viral load	<400	2.1	(1.7-2.5)
	>400	9.0	(7.5-10.9)

# Fine tuning ARV drugs (what to use)

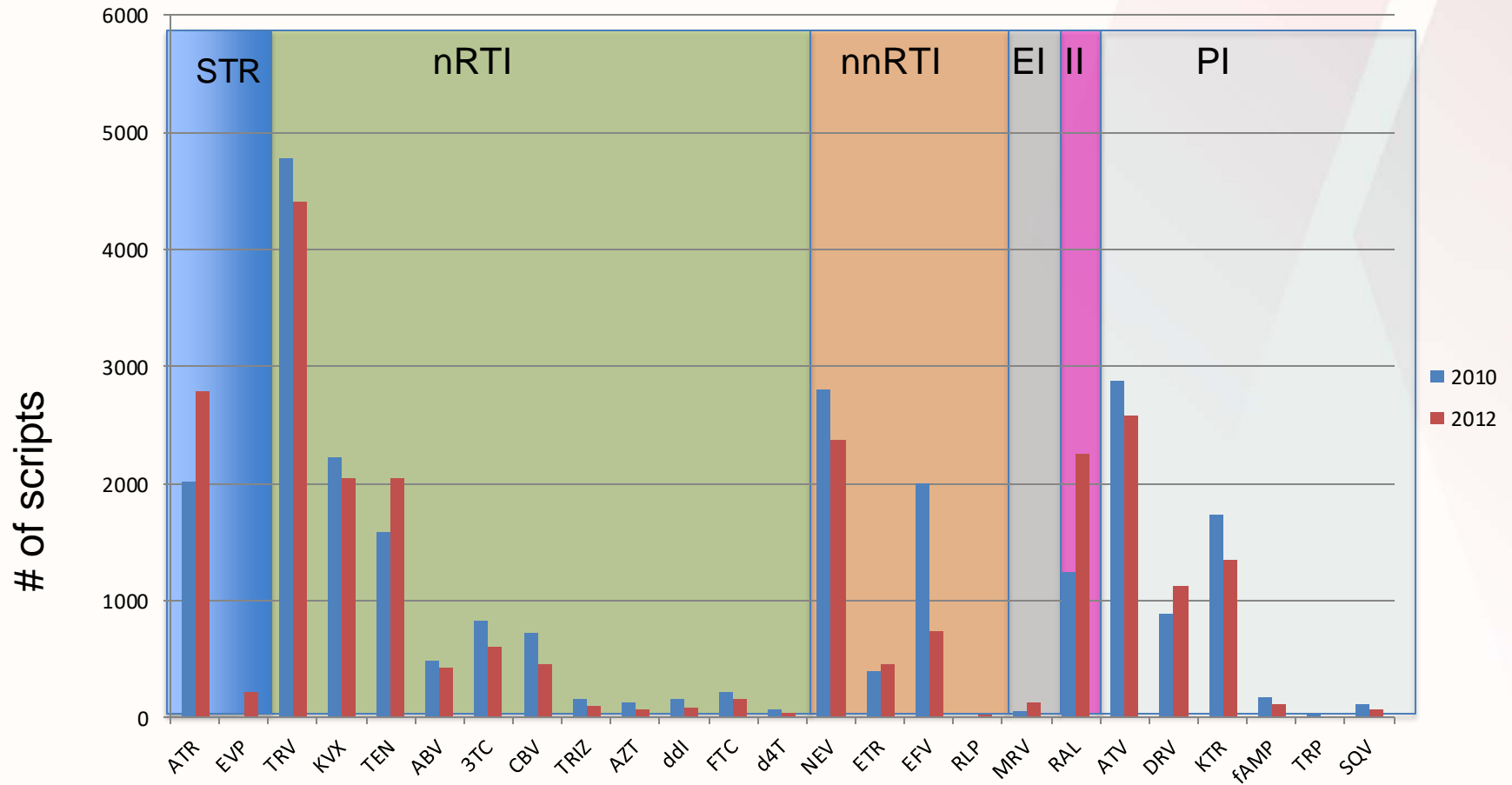


# What's happening over the ditch?



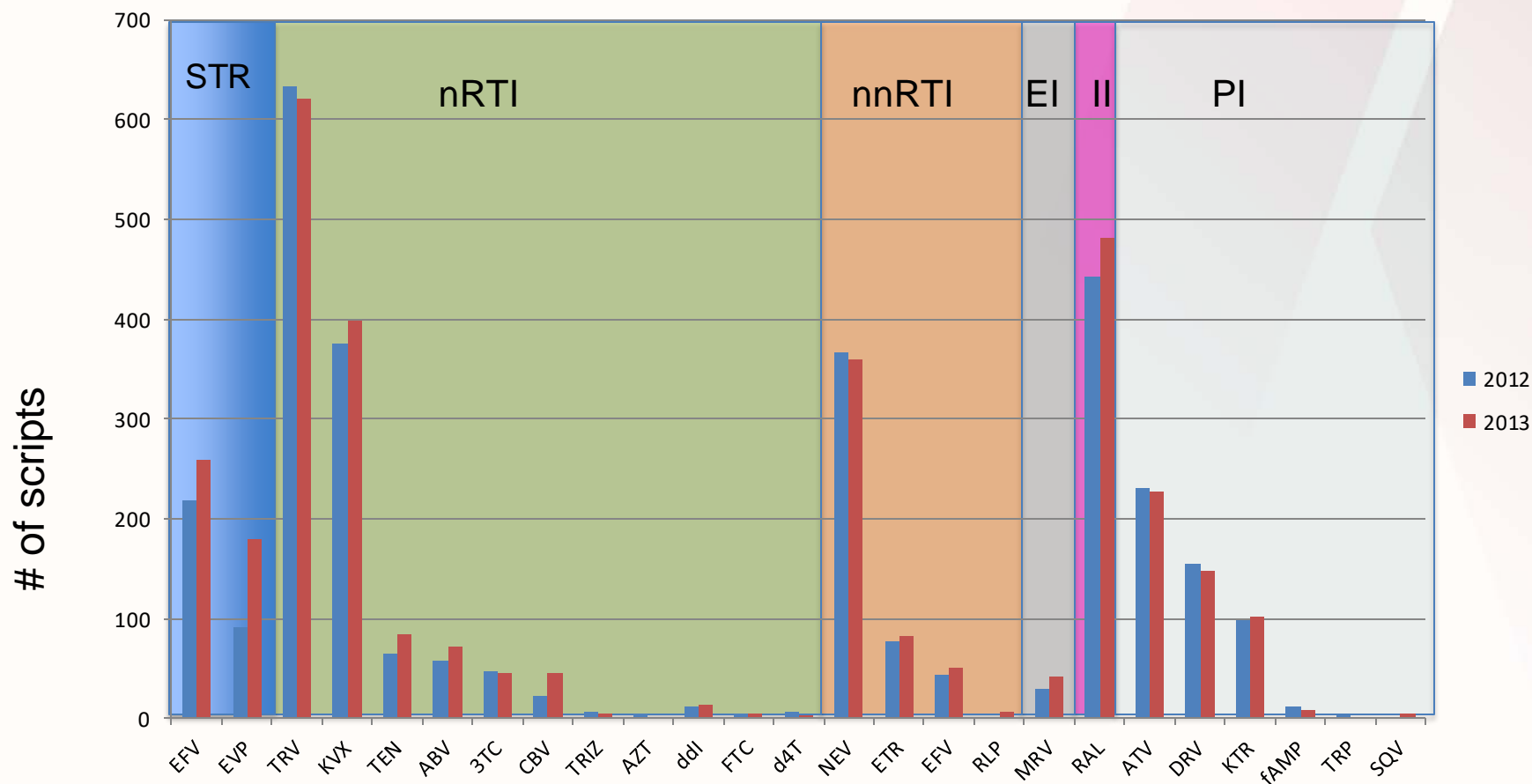
# Antivirals dispensed in Australia

(12,800 patients estimated)

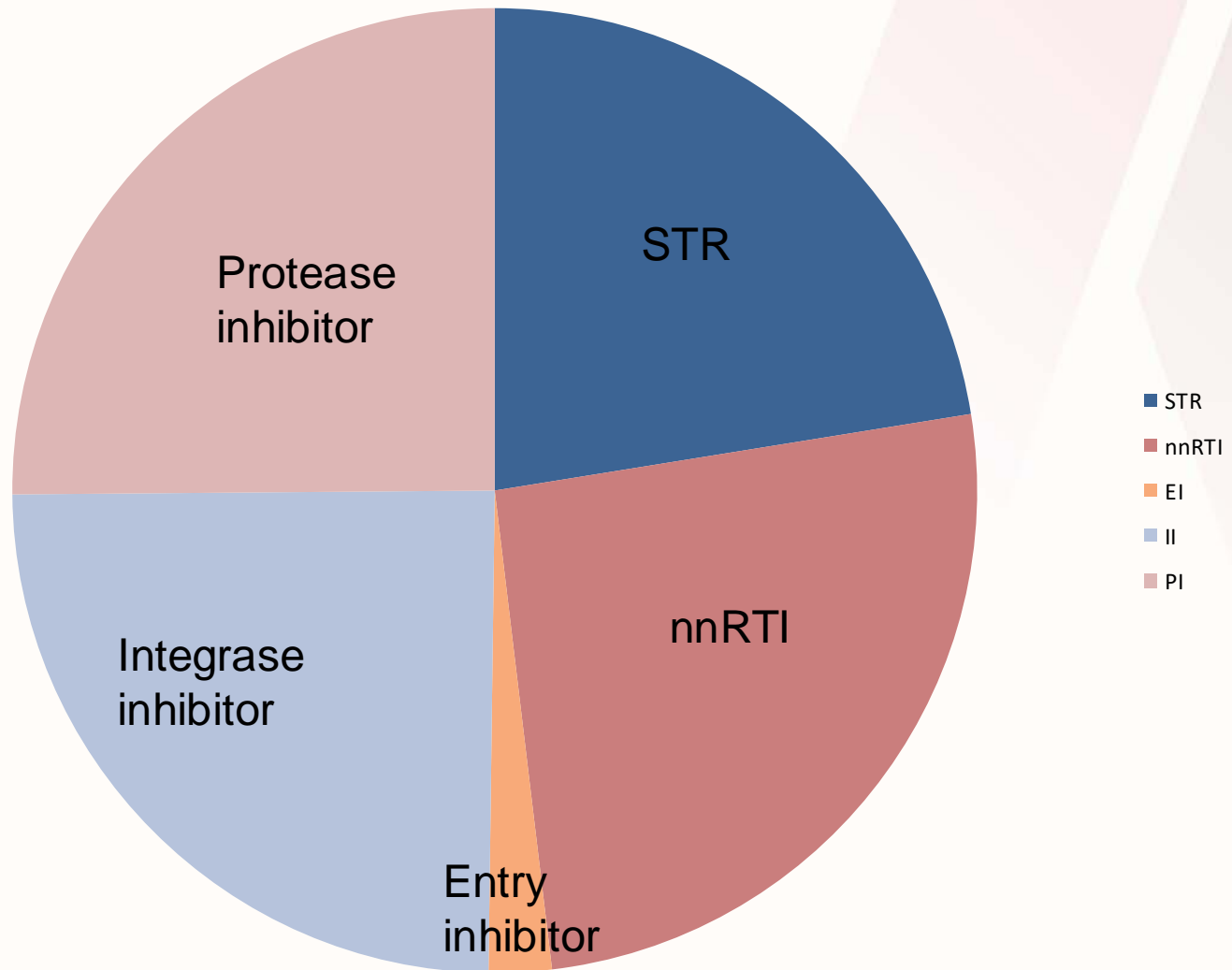


# Scripts dispensed in a 2 month period

## ASC pharmacy (3,791 scripts)



# ARV class use (ASC audit)



# Meta-analysis of Efficacy of Initial ART Regimens in Prospective Trials

- Meta-analysis of 216 treatment arms from prospective trials of initial ART, 1994-2010 (N = 40,124 pts)
- Mean rate of undetectable HIV-1 RNA: 60% overall
  - 66% at Wk 48, 60% at Wk 96, 52% at Wk 144
  - 25% discontinued before end of study
- Better mean efficacy with more recent year of initiation
  - 43% in 1994 vs 78% in 2010

# Efficacy of Initial ART Associated With NRTI Backbone, Third Drug, Other Factors

- Mean efficacy 70% vs 62% with baseline VL < vs  $\geq$  100,000 copies/mL
- Mean efficacy 75% vs 65% with DHHS “preferred” vs “alternative” ART
- Number of pills or doses per day did not predict overall efficacy
- Specific NRTI backbones, third drugs associated with efficacy

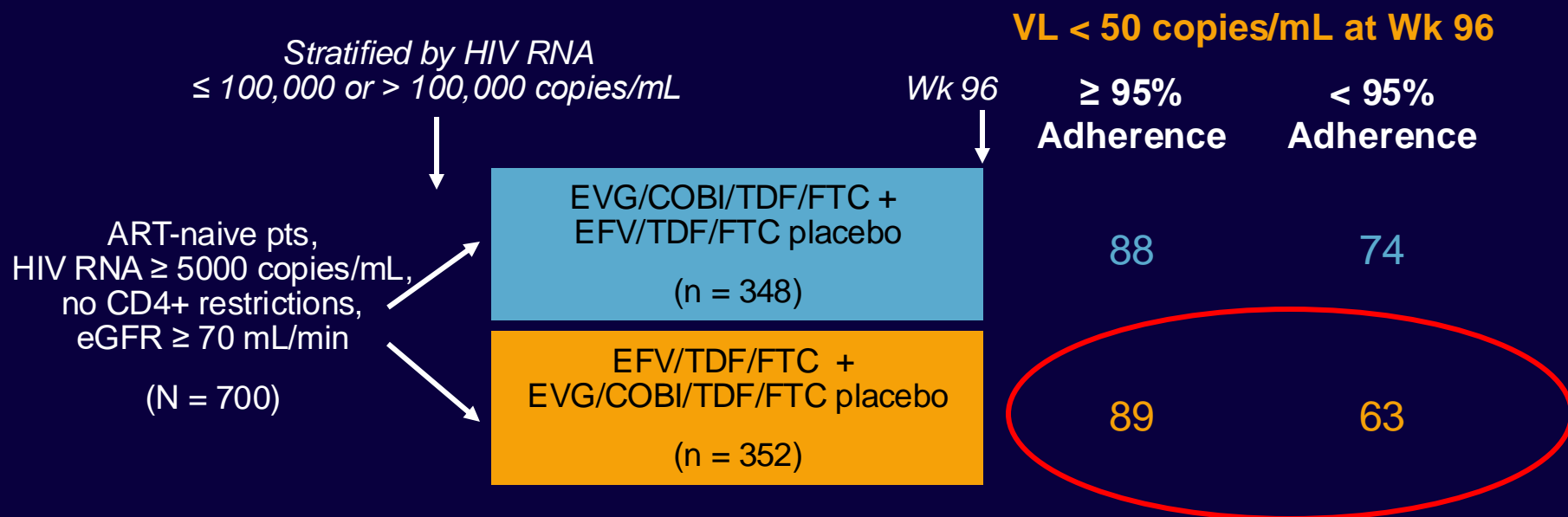
	Efficacy, % (SD)	Coefficient (95% CI)	P Value
<b>NRTI backbone</b>			
TDF/FTC	73 (10)	Ref	
ABC/3TC	63 (7)	-7.6 (-12.7 to -2.6)	.003
<b>Third drug class</b>			
NNRTI	61 (15)	Ref	
INSTI	84 (5)	11.9 (4.6-19.2)	.002
Boosted PI	67 (9)	-0.9 (-4.7 to 3.0)	.660

Adjusted for multivariable analysis including year of commencement, other drugs received, baseline patient characteristics, and duration of follow-up.



# Efficacy of EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC (Stribild) vs EFV/TDF/FTC when Adherence < 95%

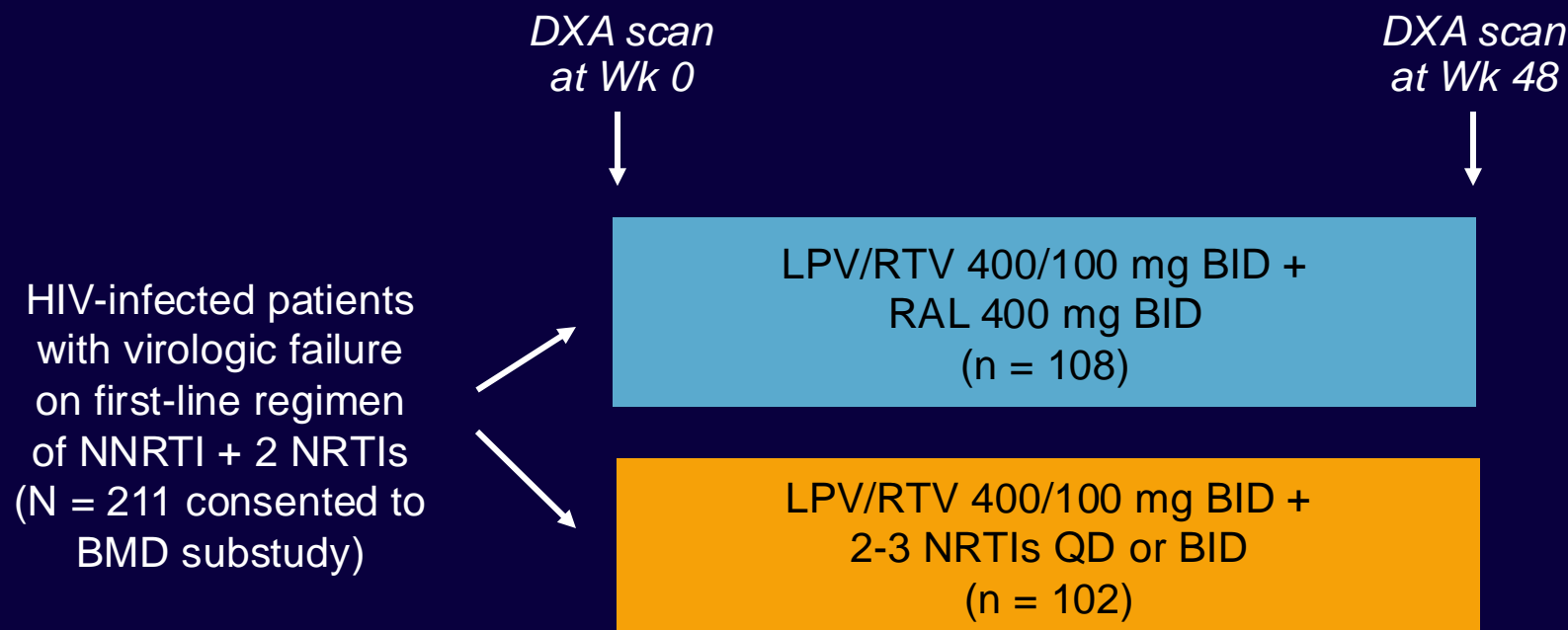
- Preplanned adherence analysis at Wk 96 of Study GS-US-236-0102



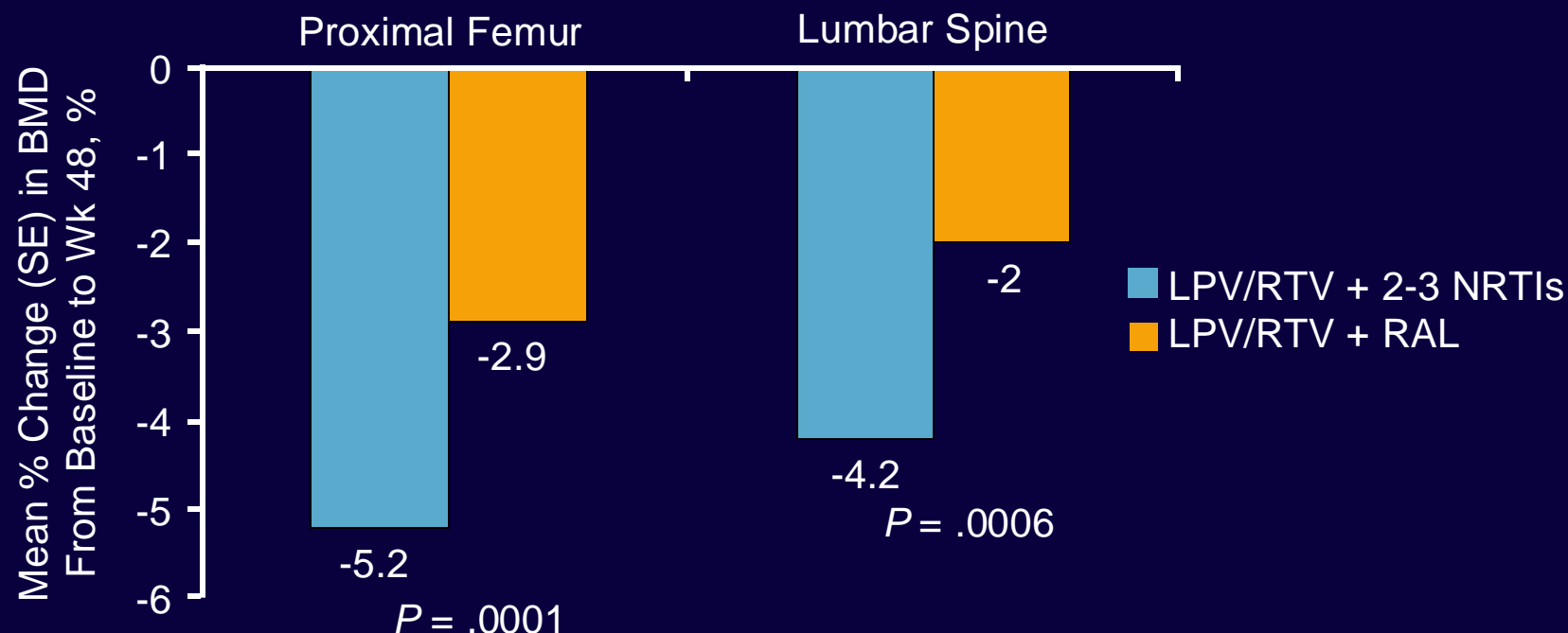
- ≥ 90% adherence in 93% with EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC, 89% with EFV/TDF/FTC
- Significantly greater improvement in CD4+ cell counts with EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC vs EFV/TDF/FTC (317 vs 245;  $P = .039$ )

# SECOND-LINE Subanalysis: BMD Loss With LPV/RTV + NRTIs vs LPV/RTV + RAL

- Subanalysis of randomized, open-label, multicenter, international trial

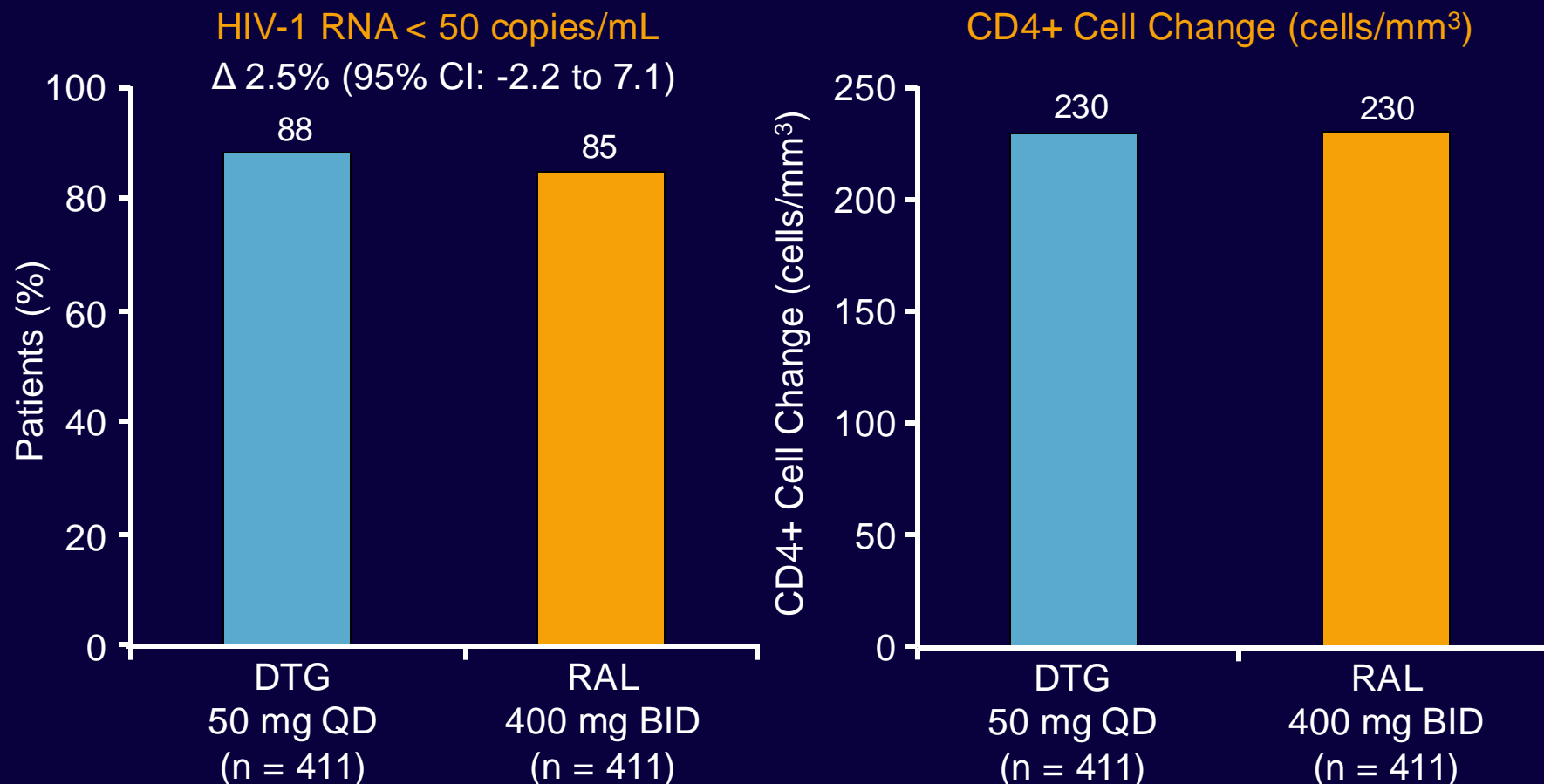


## SECOND-LINE: Greater Mean BMD Loss With NRTI-Based Regimen at Wk 48



- No significant difference in frequency of new osteopenia, osteoporosis
- Greater decline in lumbar spine BMD associated with lower BMI, no TDF before study, and TDF initiation on study

# SPRING-2: Wk 48 Analysis of TDF/FTC or ABC/3TC + DTG vs RAL

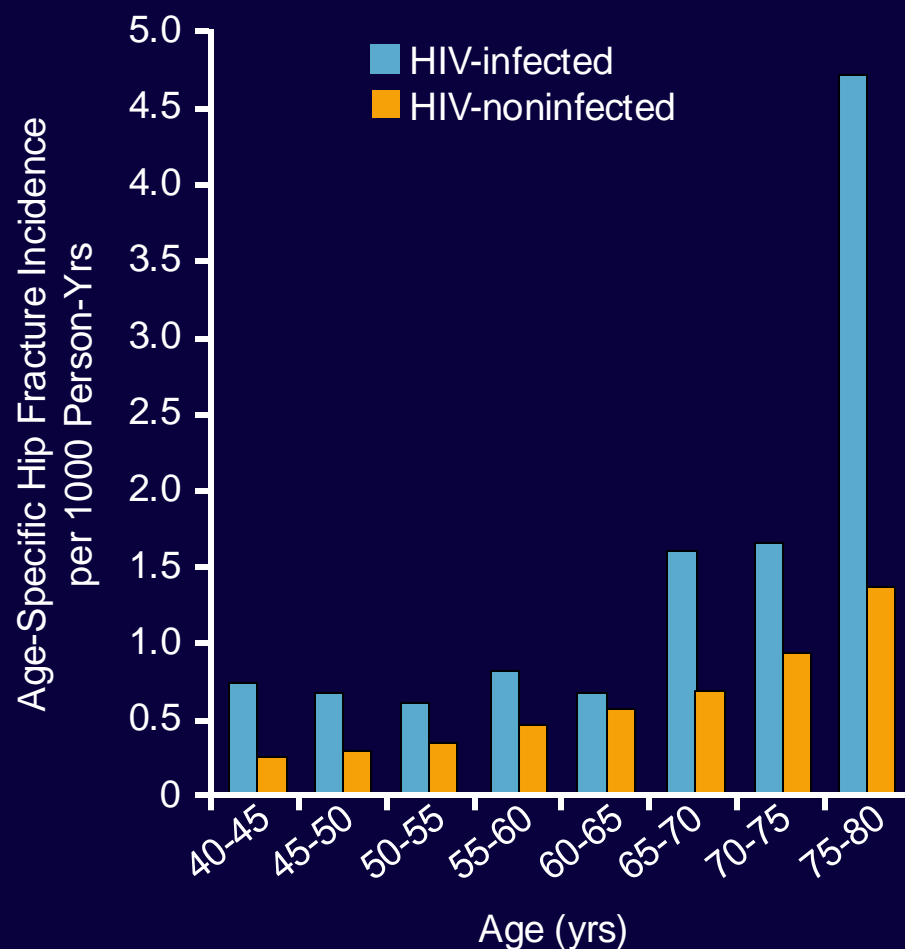


Noninferiority criteria met.

Raffi F, et al. IAC 2012. Abstract ThLBB04.

# HIV Independently Associated With Increased Risk of Hip Fractures

- Population-based cohort study SIDIAP<sup>Q</sup> database, 2007-2009; Catalonia, Spain (N = 1,118,587 pts aged ≥ 40 yrs)
  - HIV-infected: 2489 (0.22%)
  - Identified incident major osteoporotic and hip fractures
- HIV infection associated with
  - 4.72-fold ↑ hazard ratio for hip fracture
  - 1.75-fold ↑ hazard ratio for all fractures
  - Independent of age, sex, BMI, smoking, EtOH use



# The 3 ERAs of HIV

