

Advances in HIV Prevention: Are You PrEP-ared?

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- I have no conflicts of interest to disclose

Learning Objectives

- Identify best practices for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis
- Describe the clinical studies of the efficacy of current oral and long-acting HIV pre-exposure modalities
- Forecast the future of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis options

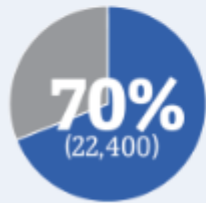
Towards HIV prevention...

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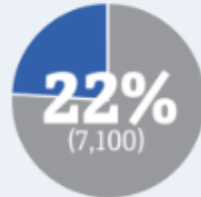
Overall Goal: Decrease the estimated number of new HIV infections to 9,300 by 2025 and 3,000 by 2030.



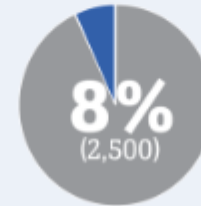
There were **32,100 estimated new HIV infections** in the US in 2021. Of those:



were among gay, bisexual, and other men who reported male-to-male sexual contact*



were among people who reported heterosexual contact



were among people who inject drugs

*Includes infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact and injection drug use (men who reported both risk factors).

ONLY



Of the 1.2 million people in the United States who could benefit from PrEP, only 30% were prescribed PrEP in 2021.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/in-us/incidence.html>

HIV Epidemiology

- 3 modes of transmission
 - Sexual transmission – most common
 - Perinatal infection – primary cause of pediatric infection
 - Parenteral transmission – injection drug use, blood products, etc.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Overview

- PrEP – medication to prevent HIV acquisition for those at high/very high risk for HIV
- Goal of PrEP – To prevent the acquisition of HIV infection with its resulting morbidity, mortality, and cost to individuals and society

Who should receive PrEP?

- Anal or vaginal sex in past 6 months and any of the following:
 - HIV-positive sexual partner (or unknown or detectable viral load)
 - Bacterial STI in past 6 months
 - History of inconsistent or no condom use with sexual partner(s)
- HIV-positive injecting partner OR sharing injection equipment

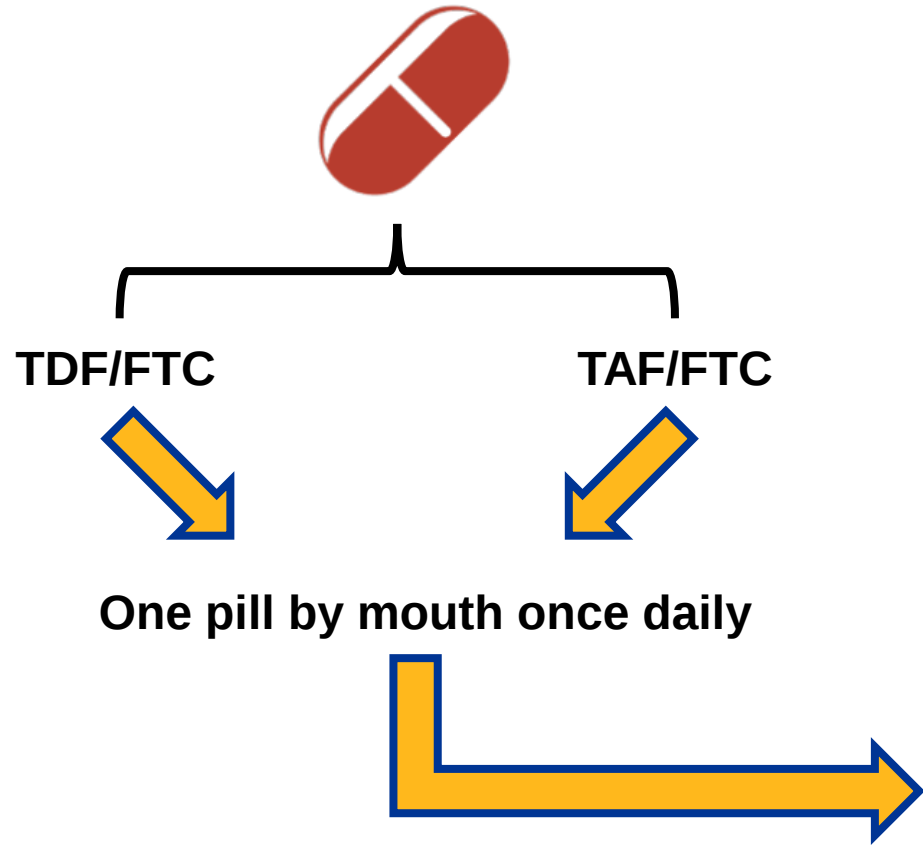
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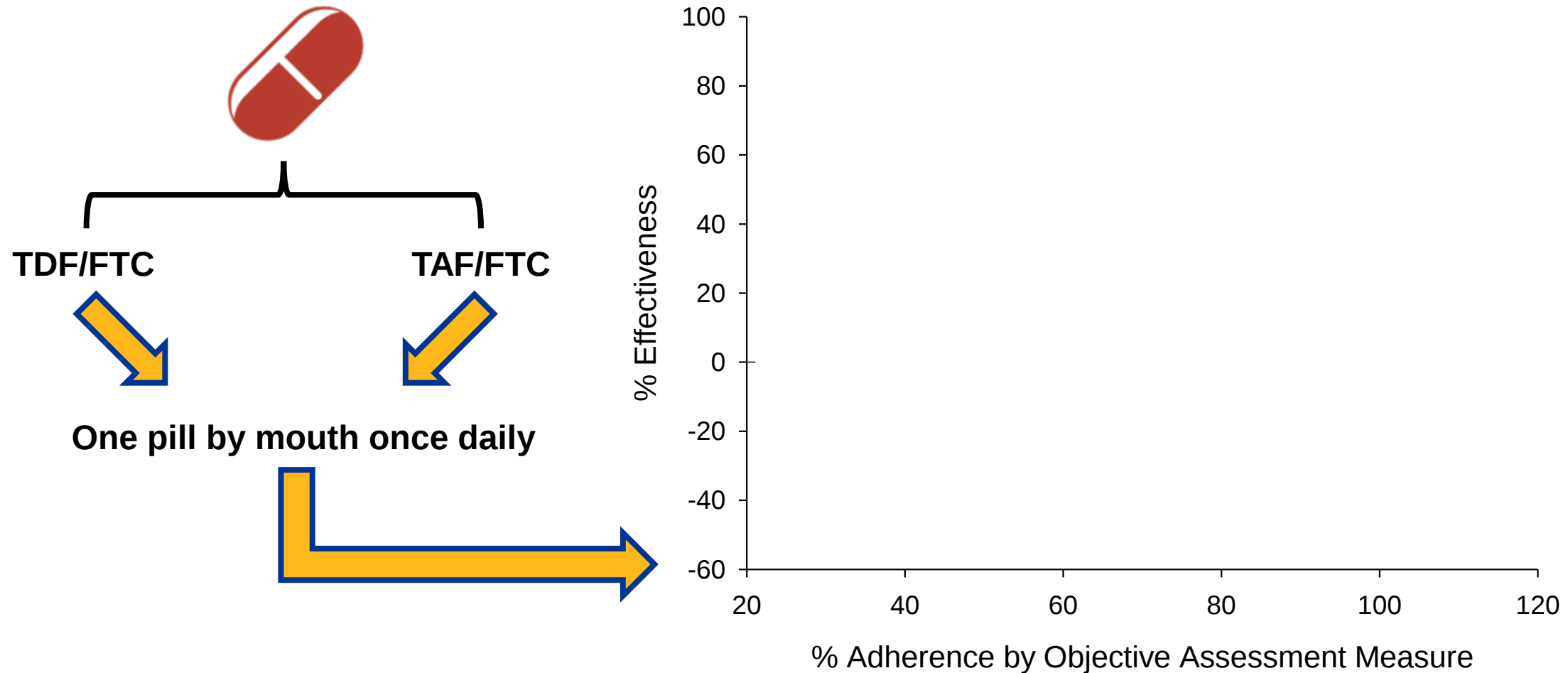
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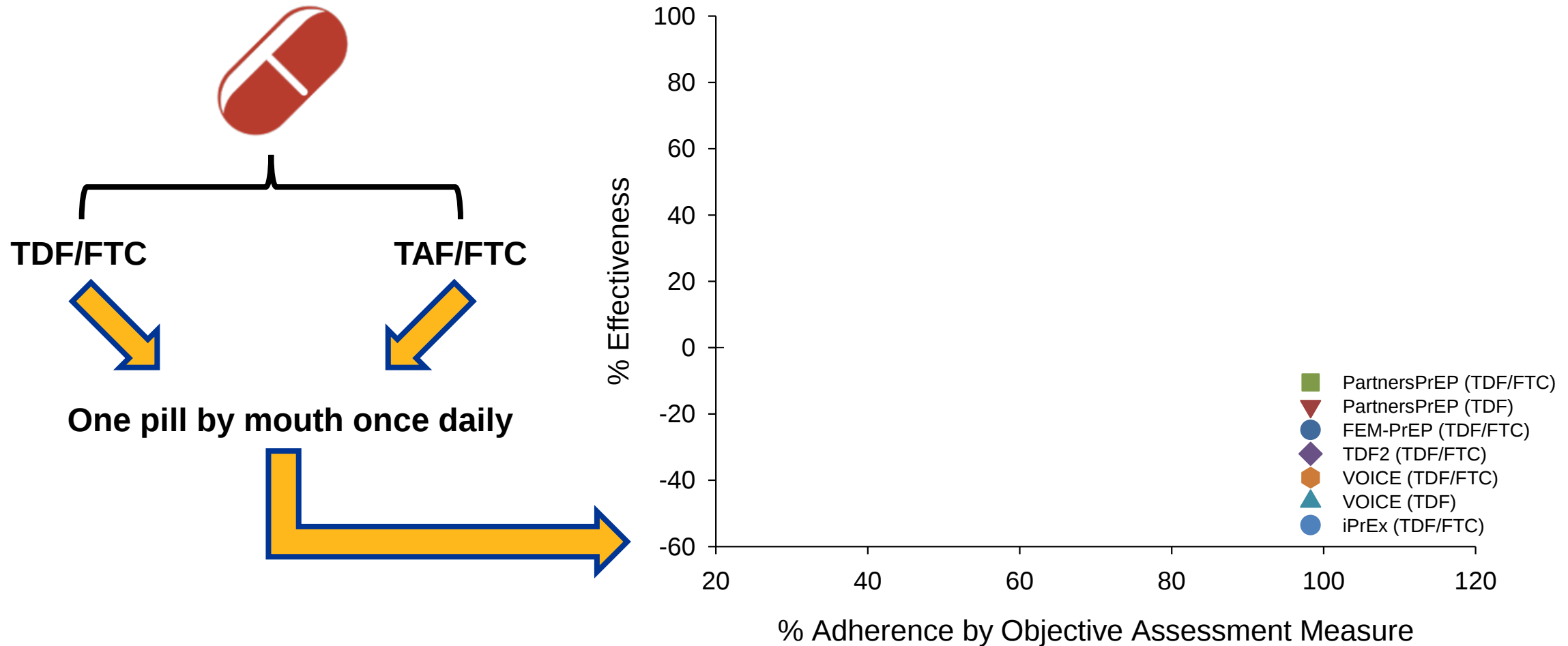


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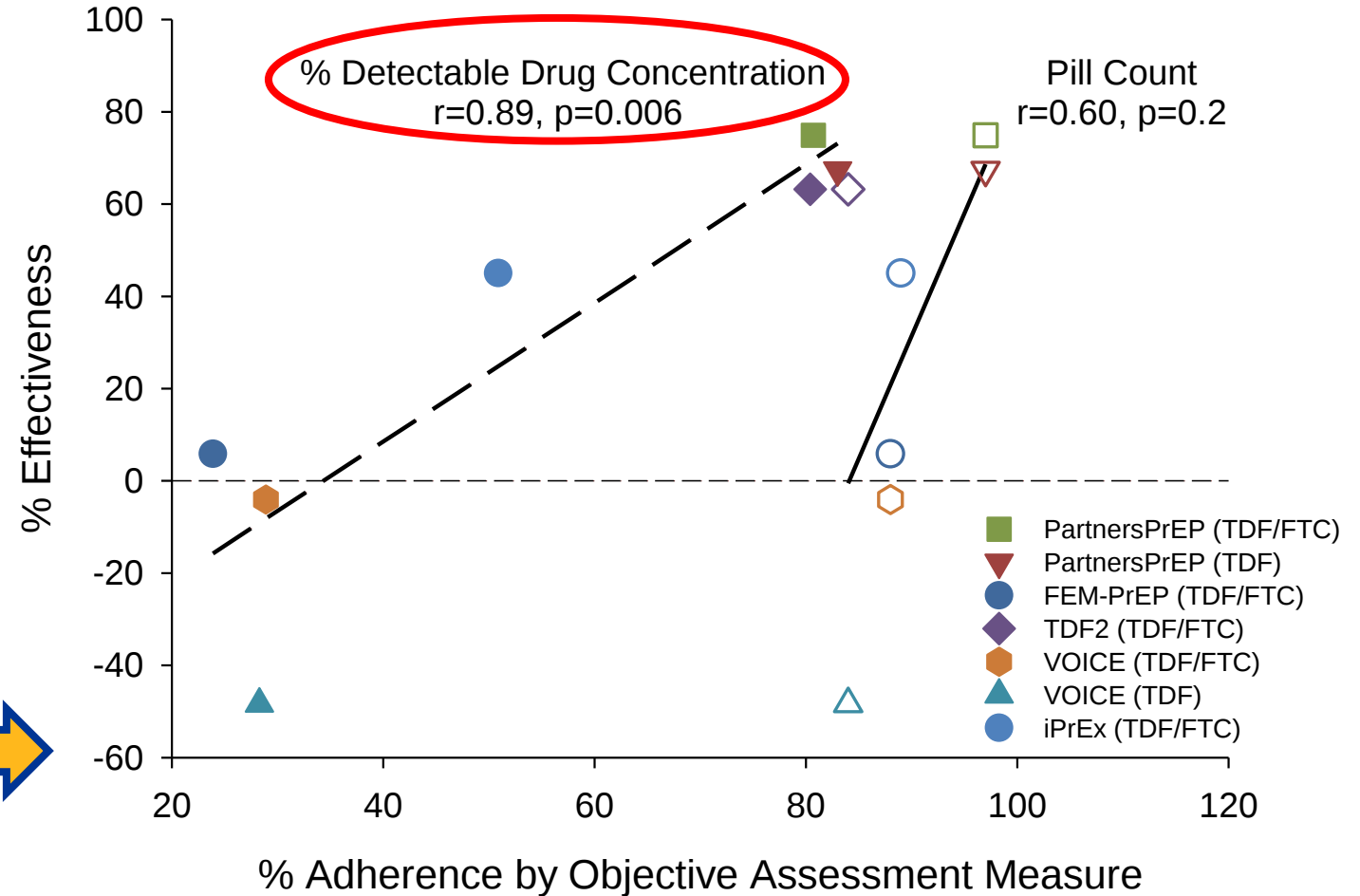
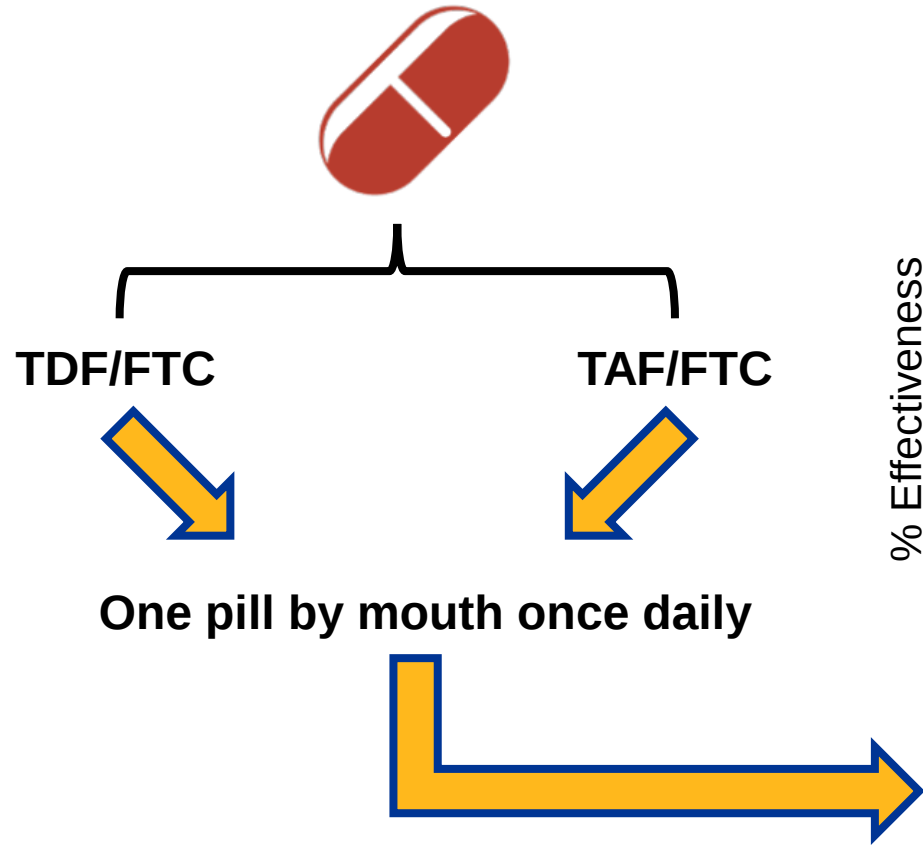
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Self-Assessment Question #1

- True or False: Intravenous drug use and sharing injection equipment is the most common form of HIV transmission
- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

Long-acting formulations for PrEP

Cabotegravir for HIV Prevention in Cisgender Men and Transgender Women

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Cabotegravir (CAB)

CAB Dosing Scheme for Prevention

	<u>Optional Oral Lead-In</u>	<u>Initiation</u>	<u>Continuation</u>
	28 days	Months 2 and 3	Month 4+
Option 1	CAB 30 mg by mouth daily	CAB 600 mg (3 mL) IM (gluteal) each month	CAB 600 mg (3 mL) IM (gluteal) every 2 months
Option 2		CAB 600 mg (3 mL) IM (gluteal) each month	CAB 600 mg (3 mL) IM (gluteal) every 2 months

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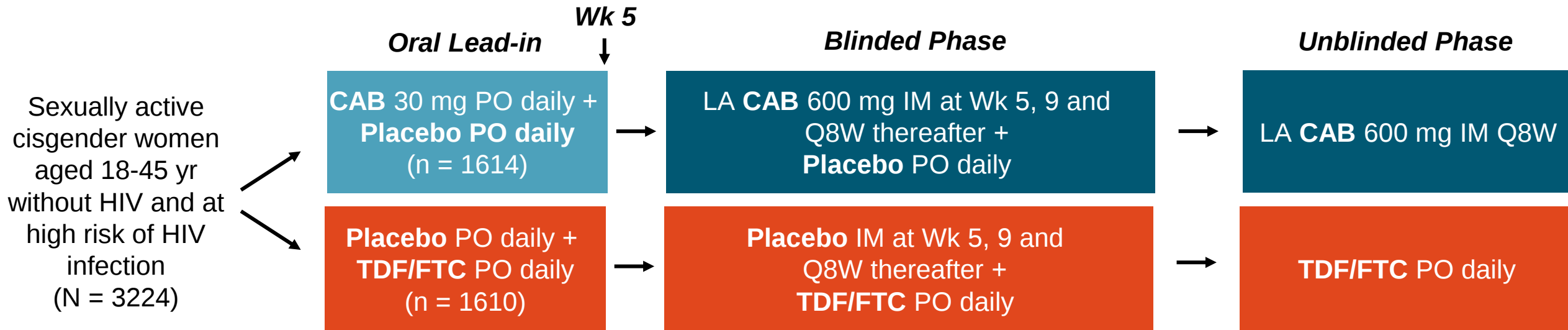
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HPTN 084 - Study Design



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HPTN 084 - Baseline characteristics

	Cabotegravir group (N=1614)	TDF-FTC group (N=1610)
Age, years	25 (22-30)	25 (22-30)
BMI ≥ 30 kg/m ²	28.8%	26.8%
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> , %	20.2%	17.6%
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> , %	7.0%	6.2%

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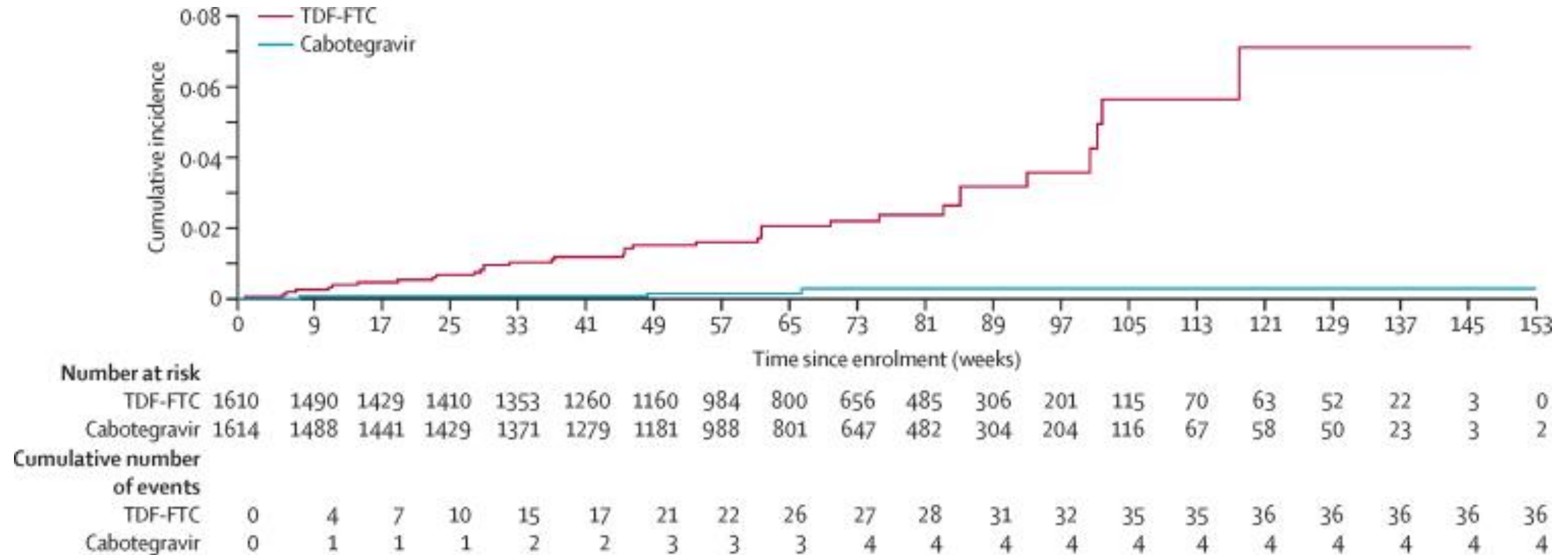
HPTN 084 - Incidence rates

	Events per total PY in CAB group	Events per total PY in TDF-FTC group	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Overall	4/1956 (0.20%)	36/1942 (1.85%)	0.12 (0.05-0.31)	<0.0001

Participants in the cabotegravir group had an **88% lower risk** of HIV infection compared with those in the TDF-FTC group.

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HPTN 084 - Cumulative incidence



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HPTN 084 - Adherence

Cabotegravir group

- 1678/1805 (93.0%) person-years on study were covered by injections (e.g. cabotegravir injections were received on time or with a delay of less than 2 weeks)

TDF-FTC group

- 405 randomly selected participants
- 1084/1939 (55.9%) samples yielded quantifiable TFV concentrations (≥ 0.31 ng/mL)
- 812/1939 (41.9%) had TFV concentrations consistent with daily use (≥ 40 ng/mL)
- Intraerythrocytic tenofovir diphosphate concentrations had unquantifiable concentrations observed in 456/1197 (38.1%) of dried blood spot samples
- 215/1197 (18%) concentrations consistent with at least four doses per week over the past month (≥ 700 fmol/punch)

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HPTN 084 - Adverse effects

- No major integrase strand transfer inhibitor resistance mutations in any of the four infections observed in the cabotegravir group
- 38.0% in cabotegravir group experienced injection site reactions
 - 12.6% in cabotegravir group experienced Grade 2 injection site reaction

HPTN 084 - Authors' conclusions

- Cabotegravir was superior to TDF-FTC in preventing HIV infection in women while being safe and well-tolerated

FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Approves First Injectable Treatment for HIV Pre-Exposure Prevention

*Drug Given Every Two Months Rather Than Daily Pill is Important Tool in Effort to End
the HIV Epidemic*

For Immediate Release: December 20, 2021

Self-Assessment Question #1

- True or False: Long-acting cabotegravir for PrEP requires a 28-day oral lead-in period
- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

Long-acting formulations for PrEP

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Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention in Men and Gender-Diverse Persons

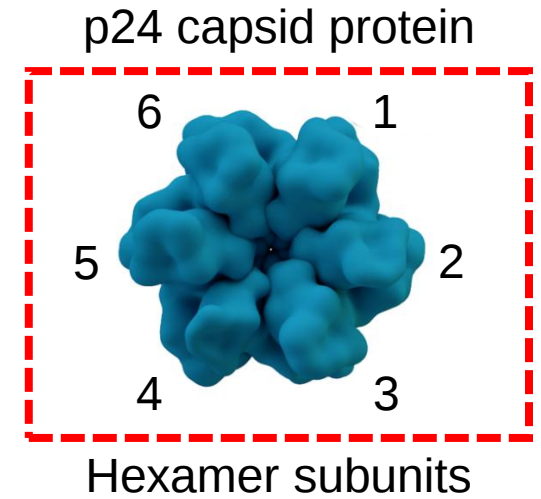
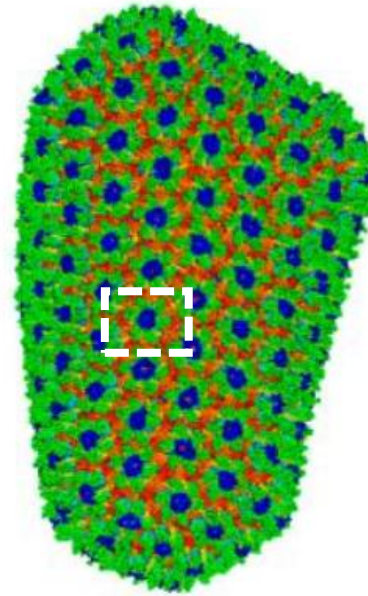
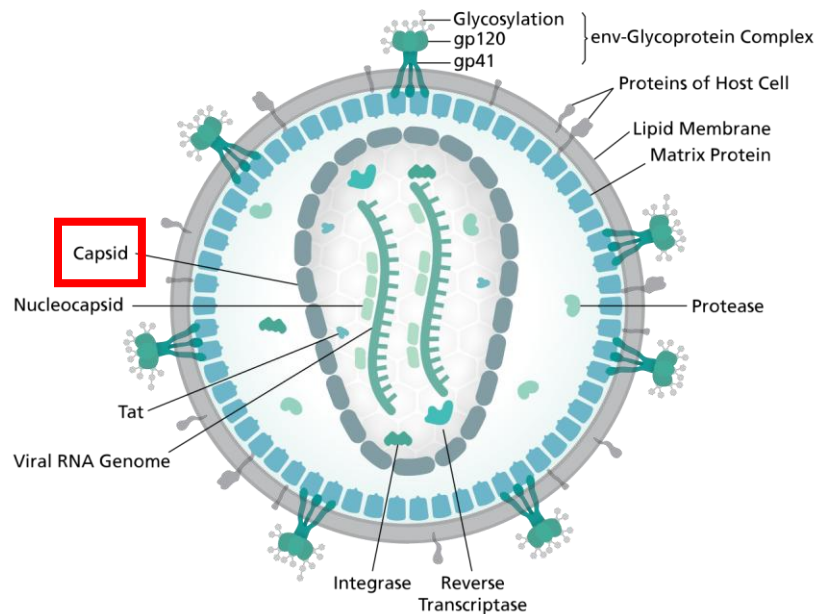
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Lenacapavir (LEN)

Capsid Inhibitor Overview

- Capsid inhibitors bind to the interface between capsid protein (p24) subunit hexamers

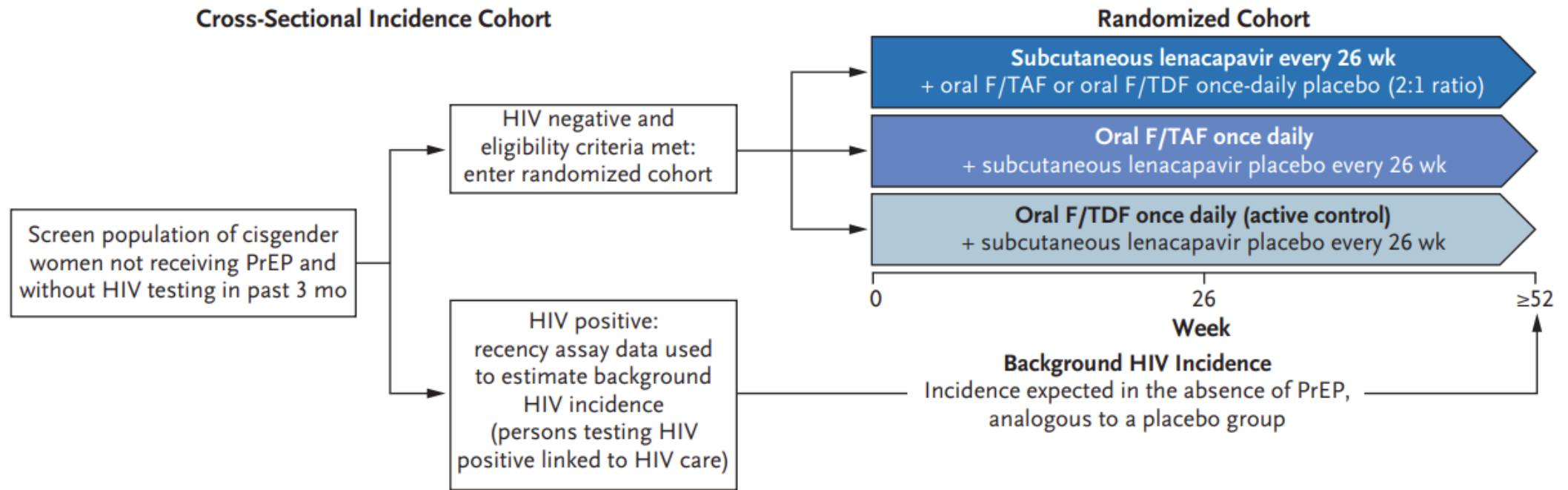


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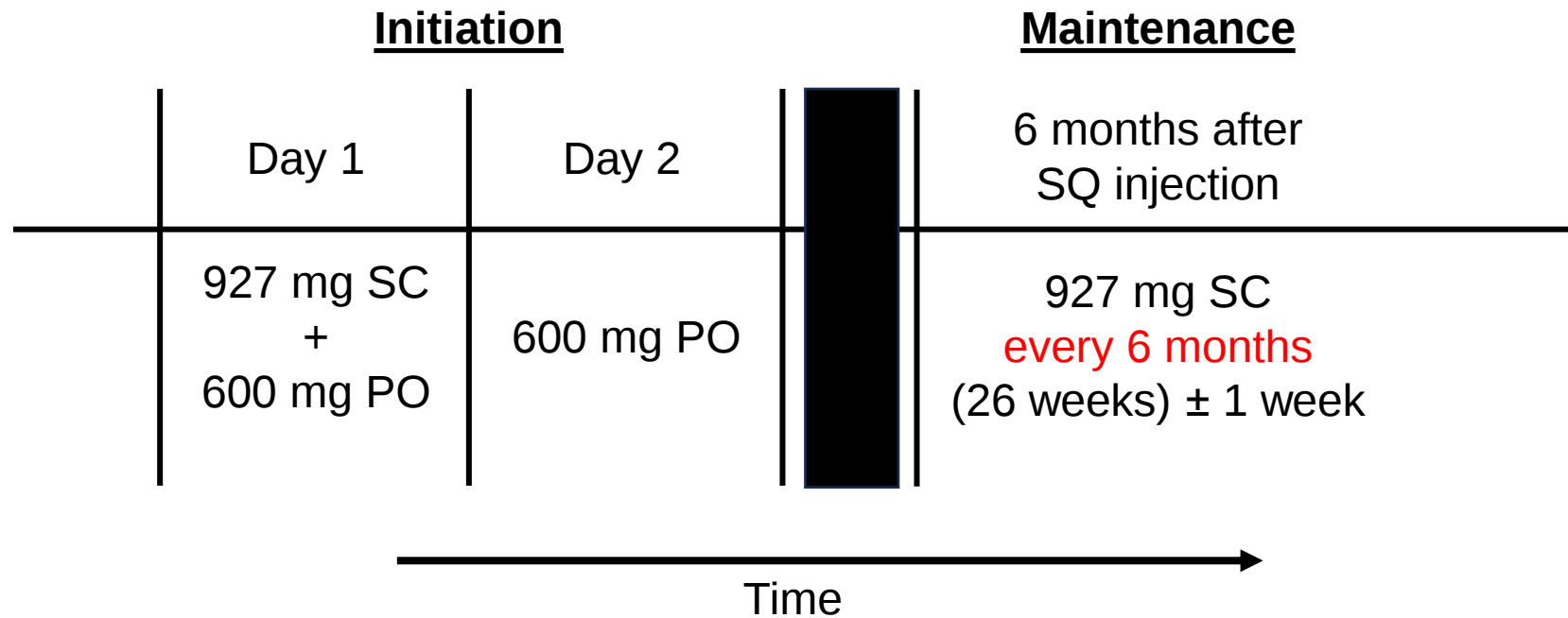
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Lenacapavir Dosing Scheme

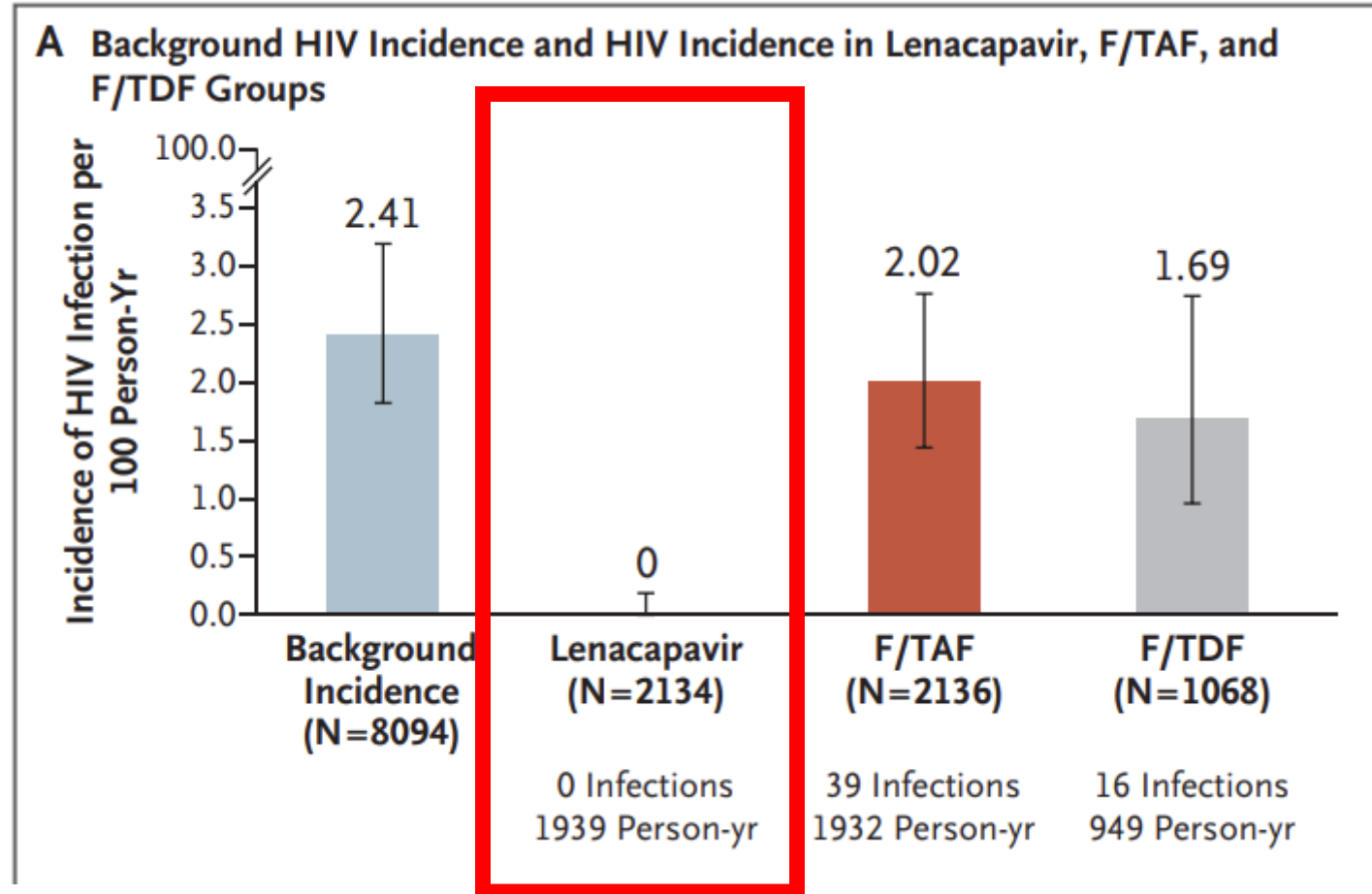


PURPOSE 1 - Baseline characteristics

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Age, years	21 (16-25)	21 (16-26)	21 (16-25)
Black race (%)	99.9%	>99.9%	99.8%
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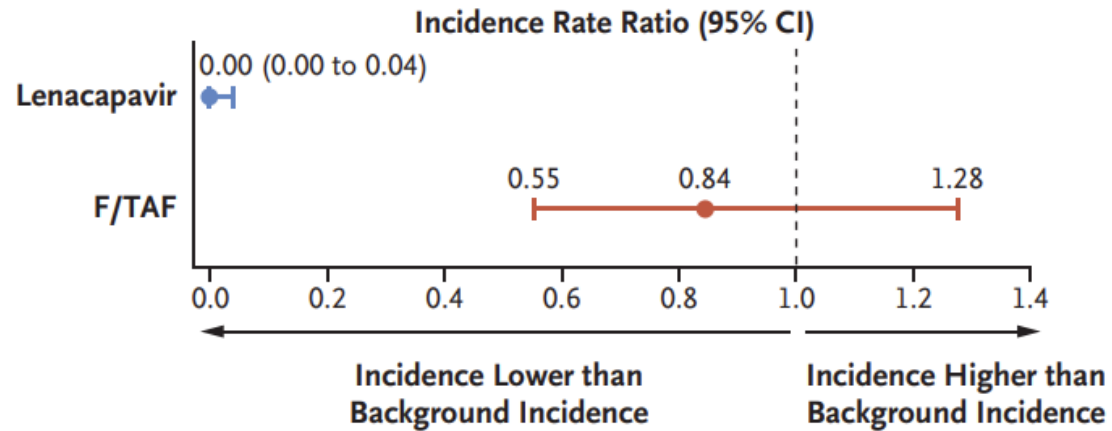
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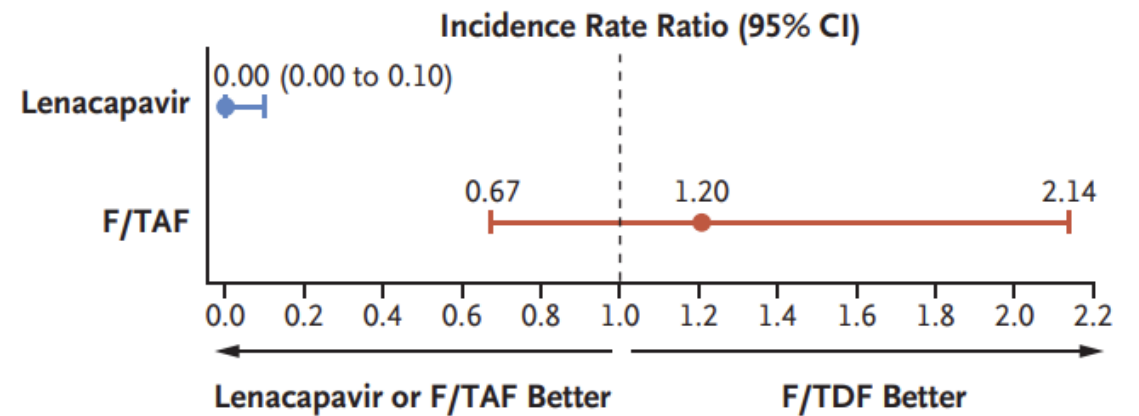
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PURPOSE 1 - Incidence rate ratios

B Incidence Rate Ratio Comparing HIV Incidence in Lenacapavir and F/TAF Groups with Background HIV Incidence



C Incidence Rate Ratio Comparing HIV Incidence in Lenacapavir and F/TAF Groups with Incidence in F/TDF Group



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PURPOSE 1 - Adherence

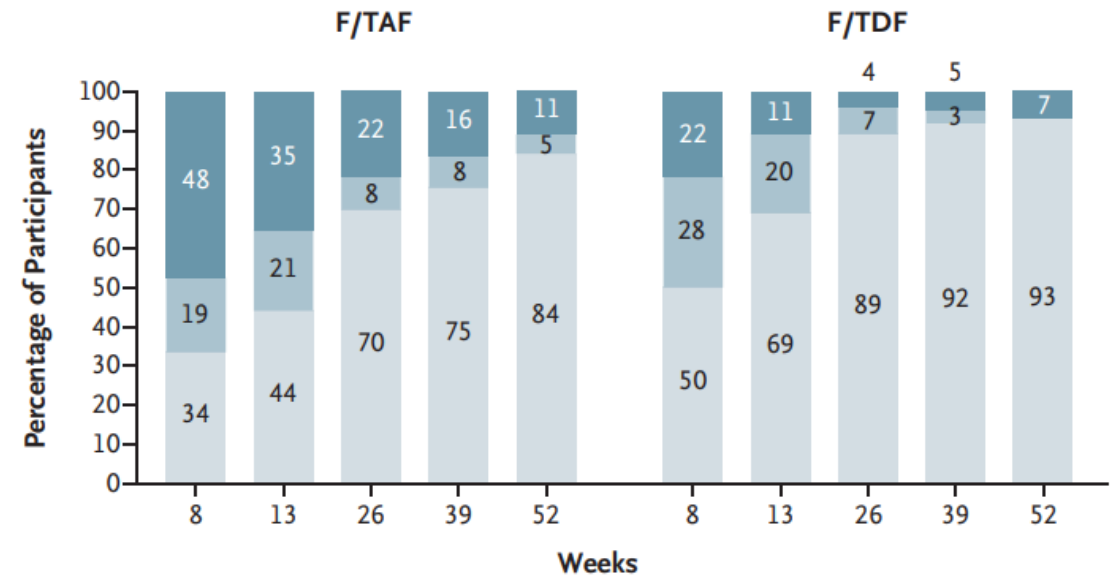
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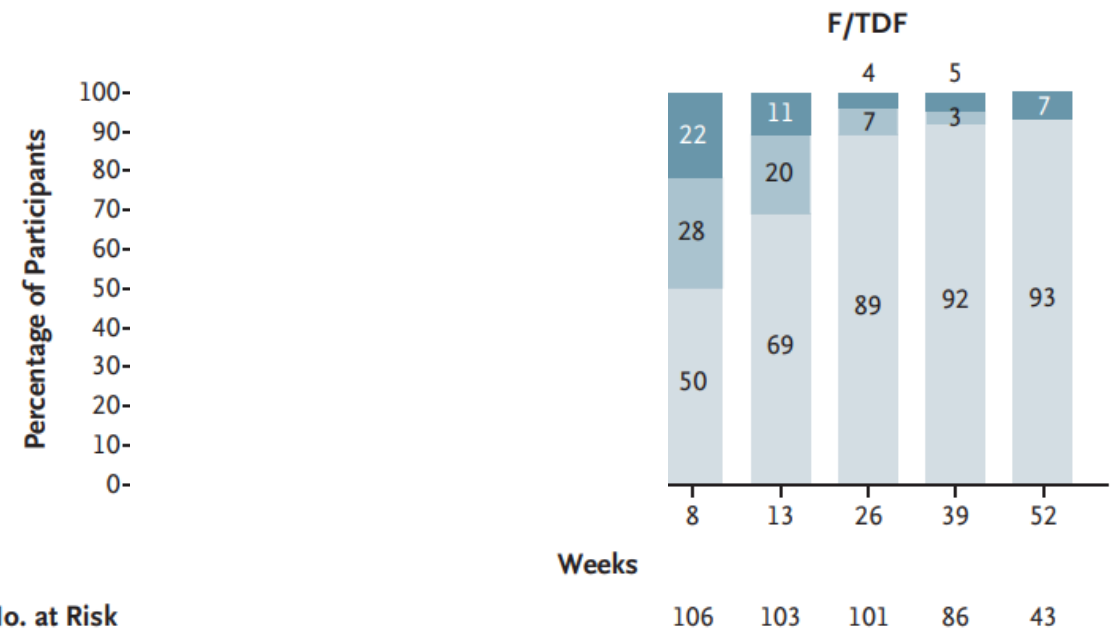


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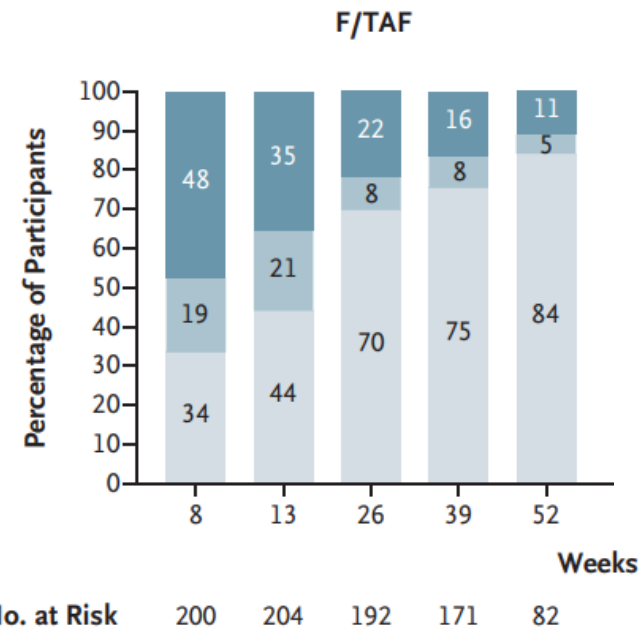
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PURPOSE 1 - Adverse effects

- 68.8% in lenacapavir group experienced injection site reactions
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PURPOSE 1 - Authors' conclusions

- HIV incidence was significantly lower with lenacapavir compared to background HIV incidence and HIV incidence with standard-of-care F/TDF

Self-Assessment Question #1

- Lenacapavir is a capsid inhibitor that is dosed subcutaneously at what frequency?
 - A. Every 2 months
 - B. Every 3 months
 - C. Every 6 months
 - D. Every 12 months

The Future of PrEP

Phase 1

**Cabotegravir
(subcutaneous;
every 4 months)**

**Tenofovir-
containing rectal
douche**

Phase 2

PURPOSE 3

PURPOSE 4

PURPOSE 5

VRC01

**CAP256V2LS and
VRC07-523LS**

Phase 3

PURPOSE 1

PURPOSE 2

**Dapivirine
intravaginal ring**

**Cabotegravir IM
(thigh)**

The Future of PrEP

December 19, 2024

Gilead Submits New Drug Application to U.S. Food and Drug Administration for Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention

<https://www.gilead.com/company/company-statements/2024/gilead-submits-new-drug-application-to-us-food-and-drug-administration-for-twice-yearly-lenacapavir-for-hiv-prevention>

February 24, 2025

European Medicines Agency Validates Gilead's Marketing Authorization Application and EU-Medicines for All Application for Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention

<https://www.gilead.com/news/news-details/2025/european-medicines-agency-validates-gileads-marketing-authorization-application-and-eu-medicines-for-all-application-for-twice-yearly-lenacapavir-for-hiv-prevention>

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U.S. FDA Accepts Gilead's New Drug Applications for Twice-Yearly Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention Under Priority Review

<https://www.gilead.com/news/news-details/2025/us-fda-accepts-gileads-new-drug-applications-for-twice-yearly-lenacapavir-for-hiv-prevention-under-priority-review>

Factors Influencing Adherence to Injectable PrEP

HPTN 083-02: factors influencing adherence to injectable PrEP and retention in an injectable PrEP study

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3.2.7 | Facilitators of adherence to injectable PrEP: clinic staff and environment play a key role in facilitating attendance at injection visits and supporting adherence

For some, the extent to which work schedules represented a barrier to attending injection visits depended primarily on the flexibility of their employers.

“ One time I was working... and I double-booked this on top of that. And so I had to call off there and come here and they ended up putting me on suspension for two days and so I couldn't go to work for two days. – Adherent, MSM, Domestic ”

Participants also reported that both personal reminders, and clinic-based reminders directly from study staff, were key facilitators of their injection visit adherence.

They've been helpful, and they've been reminding me. I get text messages to remind me that my appointment is coming because, if not, I'll never make it. – Early discontinuer, TGW, International

Factors Influencing Adherence to Injectable PrEP

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For some, the extent to which work schedules represented a barrier to attending injection visits depended primarily on the flexibility of their employers.

“ One time I was working... and I double-booked this on top of that. And so I had to call off there and come here and they ended up putting me on suspension for two days and so I couldn't go to work for two days. – Adherent, MSM, Domestic ”

3.2.7 | Facilitators of adherence to injectable PrEP:
clinic staff and environment play a key role in facilitating attendance at injection visits and supporting adherence

Participants also reported that both personal reminders, and clinic-based reminders directly from study staff, were key facilitators of their injection visit adherence.

They've been helpful, and they've been reminding me. I get text messages to remind me that my appointment is coming because, if not, I'll never make it. – Early discontinuer, TGW, International

Pharmacists can play a large role here!

Landmark PrEP trials

Trial	Regimen	Population	Link
IPrEx	TDF/FTC vs placebo	MSM, TGW	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21091279
IPIRGAY	TDF/FTC vs placebo		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26624850
PROUD	TDF/FTC vs placebo		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26364263
DISCOVER	TAF/FTC vs TDF/FTC		https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32711800/
HPTN 083	LA-CAB vs TDF/FTC		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/34379922
PURPOSE 2	LEN vs TDF/FTC vs TAF/FTC	MSM, TGM, TGW, GNB	https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04925752?cond=HIV&term=purpose%202&rank=1

Landmark PrEP trials (continued)

Trial	Regimen	Population	Link
Partners PrEP	TDF vs TDF/FTC vs placebo	Heterosexual couples	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22784037
TDF2	TDF/FTC only	Heterosexual men and women	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22784038

Landmark PrEP trials (continued)

Trial	Regimen	Population	Link
Bangkok Tenofovir	TDF vs placebo	People without HIV who inject drugs	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23769234

Landmark PrEP trials (continued)

Trial	Regimen	Population	Link
FEM-PrEP	TDF/FTC vs placebo	Cisgender women	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22784040
MTN-020-ASPIRE	Dapivirine vaginal ring vs placebo		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26900902
Ring	Dapivirine vaginal ring vs placebo		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27959766
HPTN 084 (LIFE Study)	LA-CAB vs TDF/FTC		http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/35378077
PURPOSE 1	LEN vs TDF/FTC vs TAF/FTC		https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39046157/

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