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# Advances in Antiretroviral Therapy

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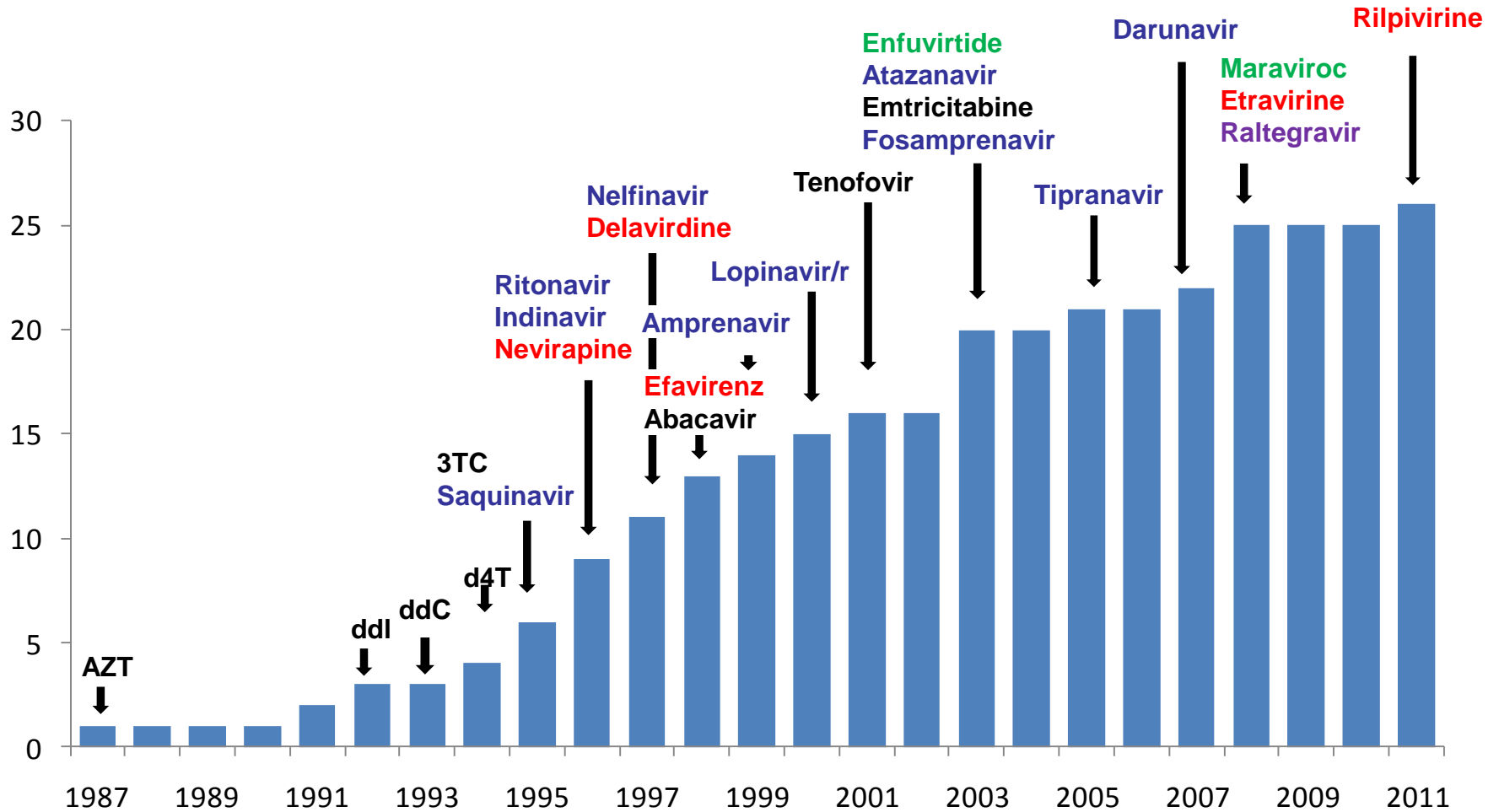
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# **Antiretroviral Therapy**

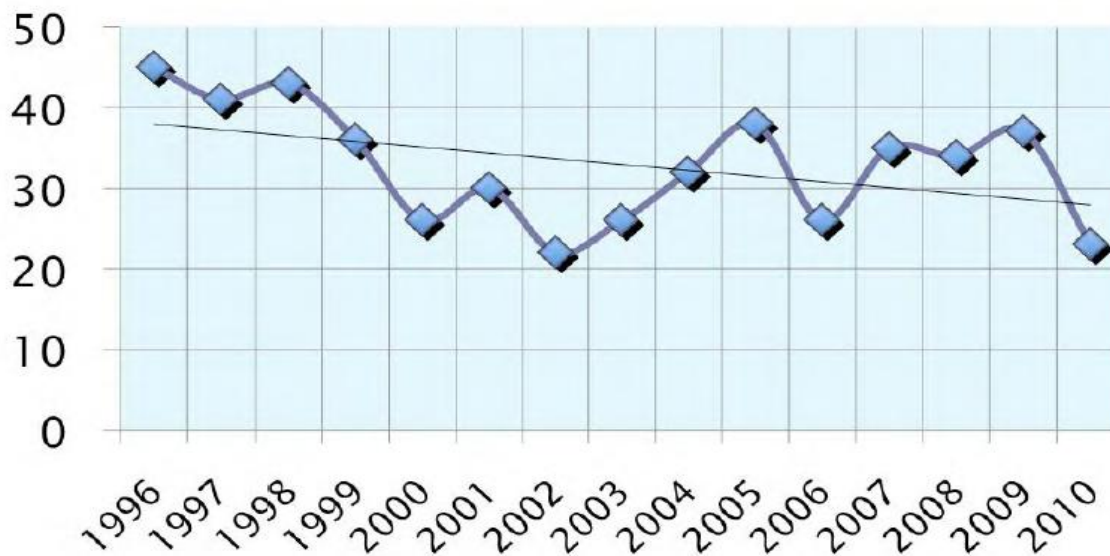
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# Antiretroviral Therapy: June 2011



# Industry

- no of NMEs filed in 2010 lowest for 15 years



# Rilpivirine (Edurant): 25 mg once a day

## US FDA Approved New HIV Treatment

Posted on 24 May 2011.

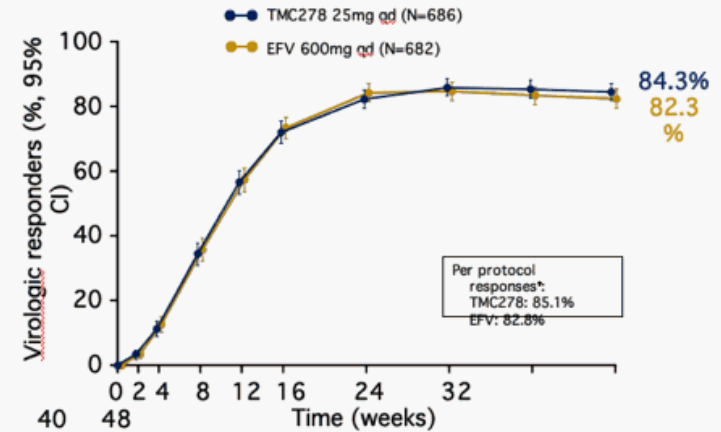


A new treatment for HIV has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration on Friday. The medication is used with other antiretroviral drugs, which blocks the replication of the virus that causes the disease.

TMC278 or rilpivirine is a pill developed by Johnson & Johnson and will be given mainly for patients who have never started treatment for HIV, the FDA said in a report released on Friday. The American pharmaceutical company will sell it in the market under the brand name Edurant. It will be consumed once a day with meals.

According to Dr. Edward Cox, Office of Antimicrobial Products director in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research in FDA, patients respond variously on the given HIV treatments; thus, the approval of Edurant provides an alternative option for patients who will start its therapy.

## Pooled ECHO and THRIVE: VL <50 copies/mL over 48 weeks (ITT-TLOVR)



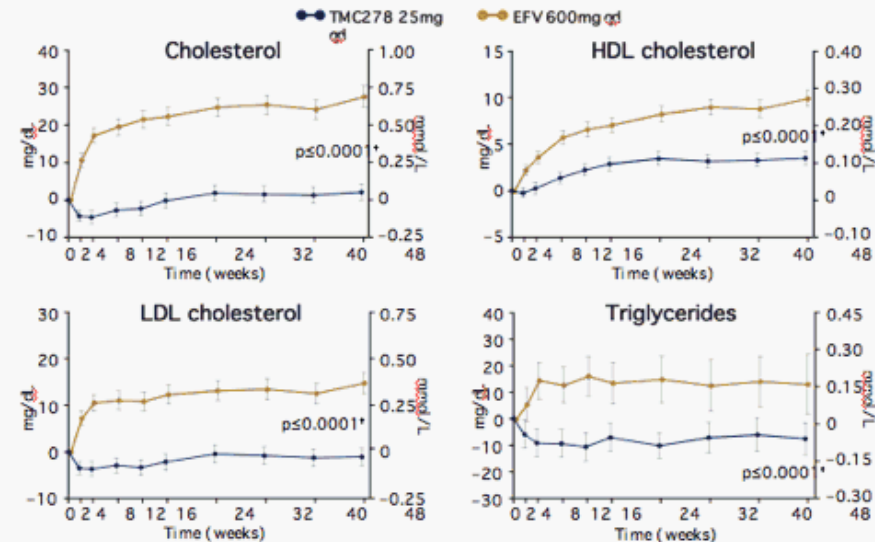
• Mean change in CD4 cell count from baseline at Week 48 (NC=F<sup>2</sup>): TMC278: +192 vs. EFV: +176 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>

# Rilpivirine vs EFV

## Pooled ECHO and THRIVE: adverse event summary†

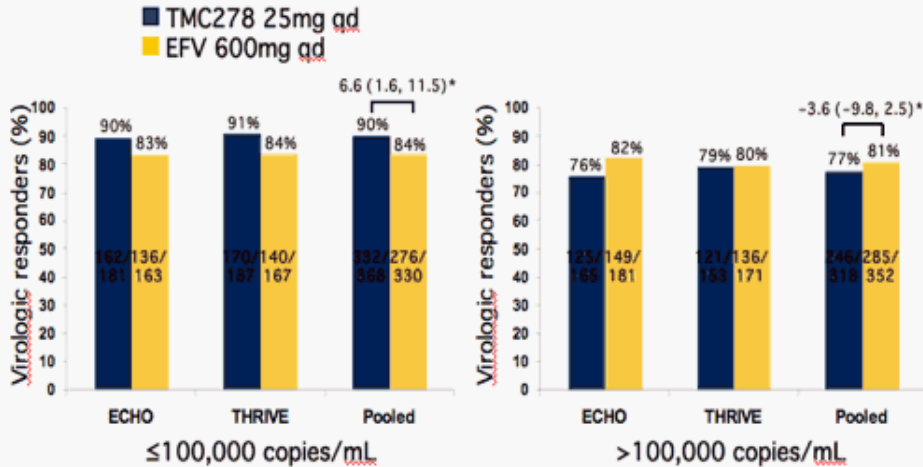
	TMC278 N=686	EFV N=682	p-value TMC278 vs. EFV
Median treatment duration, weeks	56	56	
Any serious AE, %	7	8	NS
Any AE, %	90	92	NS
Grade 2-4 AE at least possibly related to treatment, %	16	31	<0.0001‡
Discontinuations due to AEs, %	3	8	0.0005
Most common AEs of interest,§ %			
Any neurological AE	17	38	<0.0001‡
Dizziness	8	26	<0.0001‡
Any psychiatric AE	15	23	0.0002‡
Abnormal dreams/nightmares	8	13	0.0061‡
Rash (any type)	3	14	<0.0001‡

## Pooled ECHO and THRIVE: mean (±95% CI) change from baseline in lipids



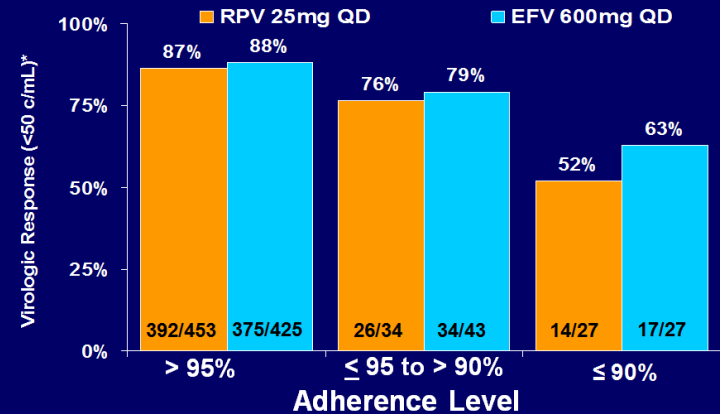
# Rilpivirine vs EFV

## ECHO and THRIVE: VL <50 copies/mL by baseline VL (ITT-TLOVR)



- NRTI background had no effect on virologic response
- No differences between treatment groups in virologic response by gender, region or race

## Pooled ECHO and THRIVE: FTC/TDF Dataset Virologic Response (VL <50 c/mL, ITT TLOVR) by Self-Reported Adherence (M-MASRI)

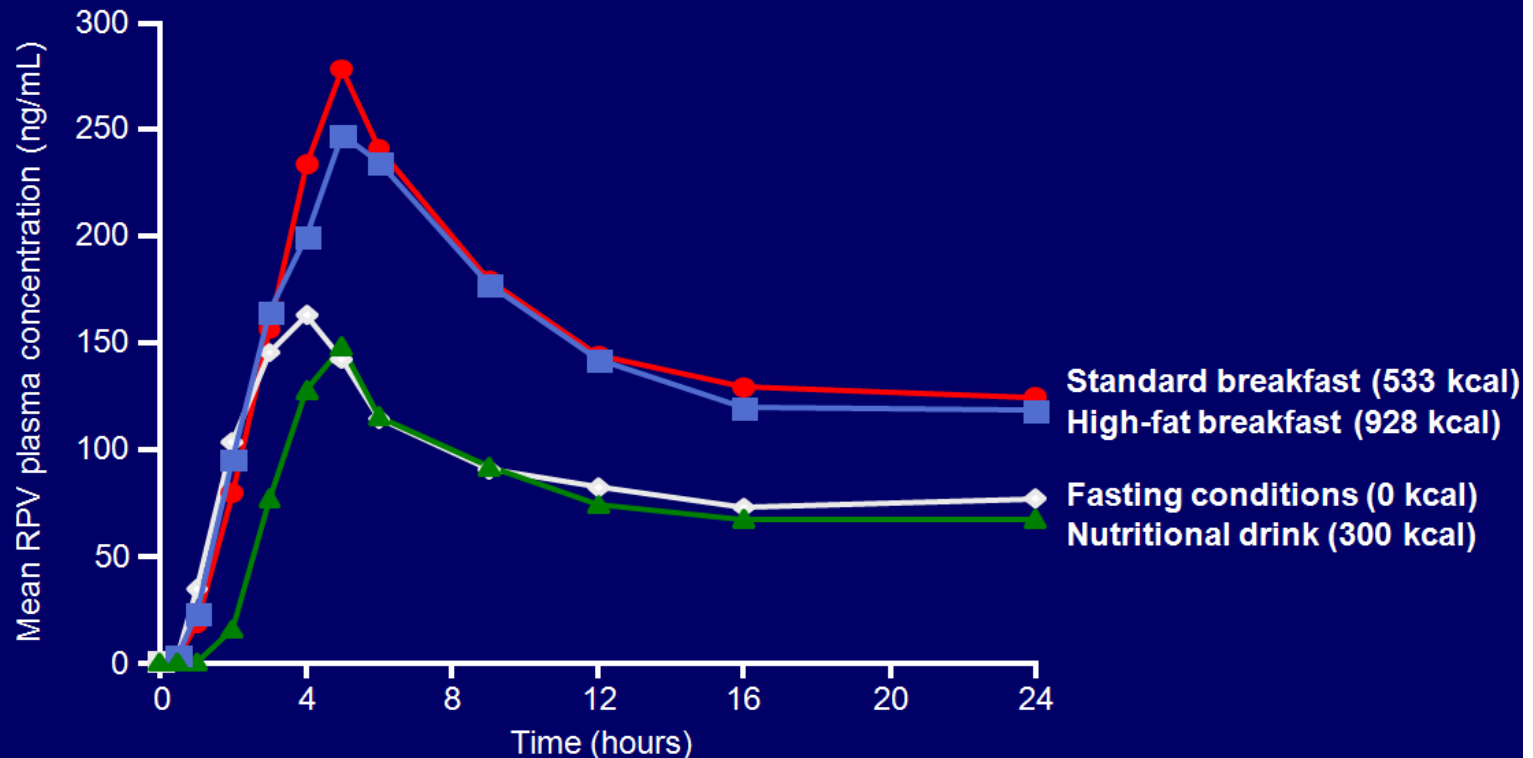


- Adherence (assessed by M-MASRI) was one of the most important factors associated with virologic response
  - Suboptimal adherence was associated with lower virologic responses in both treatment groups



# Rilpivirine vs EFV

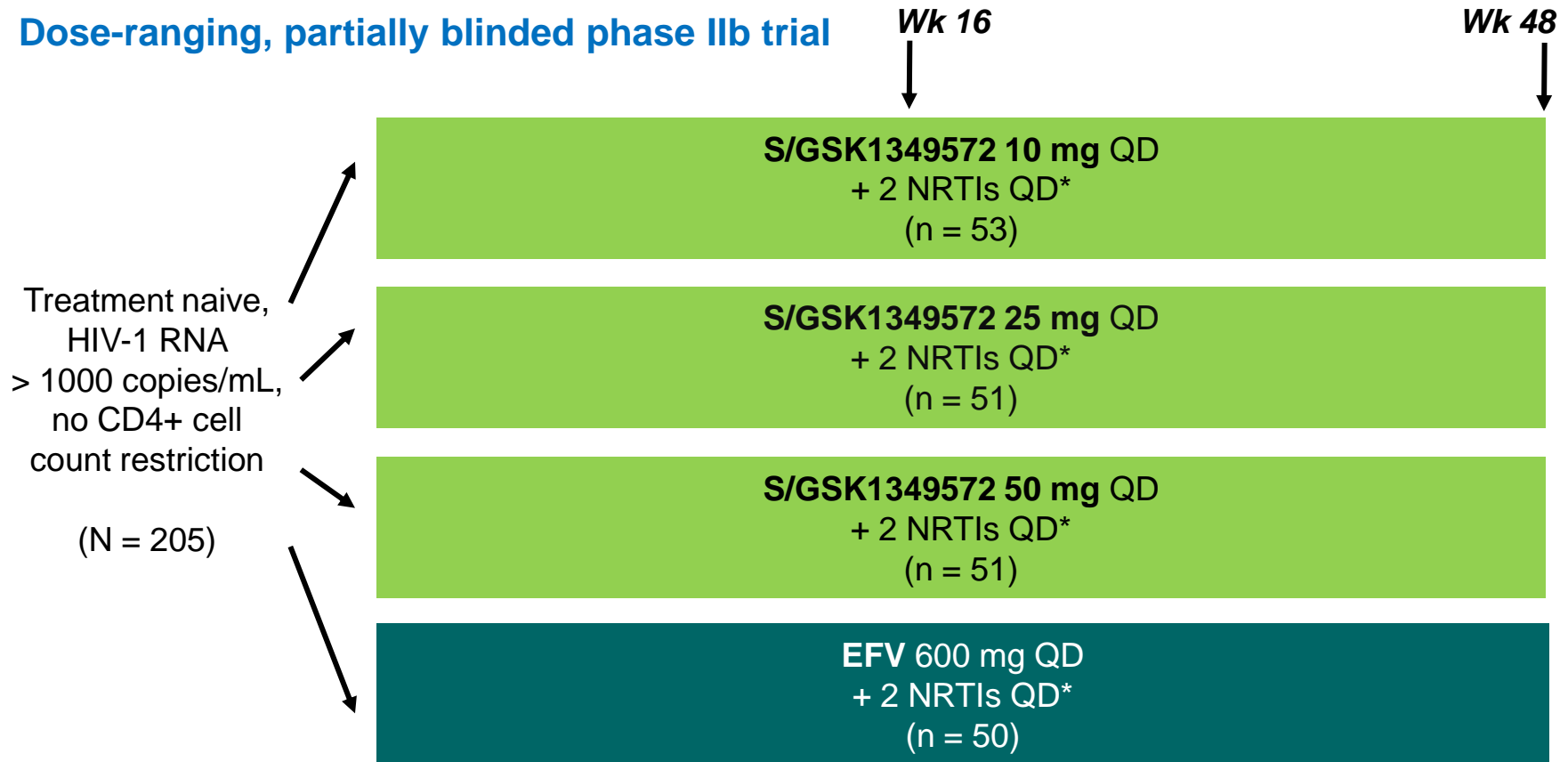
## Importance of Adherence to Taking RPV with a Meal Mean RPV PK Profile



**Taking RPV with food increases RPV exposure by 57% compared to fasting.  
RPV AUC was similar when administered after a high-fat or standard breakfast.**

# SPRING-1: S/GSK1349572 vs Efavirenz in Treatment-Naive Patients

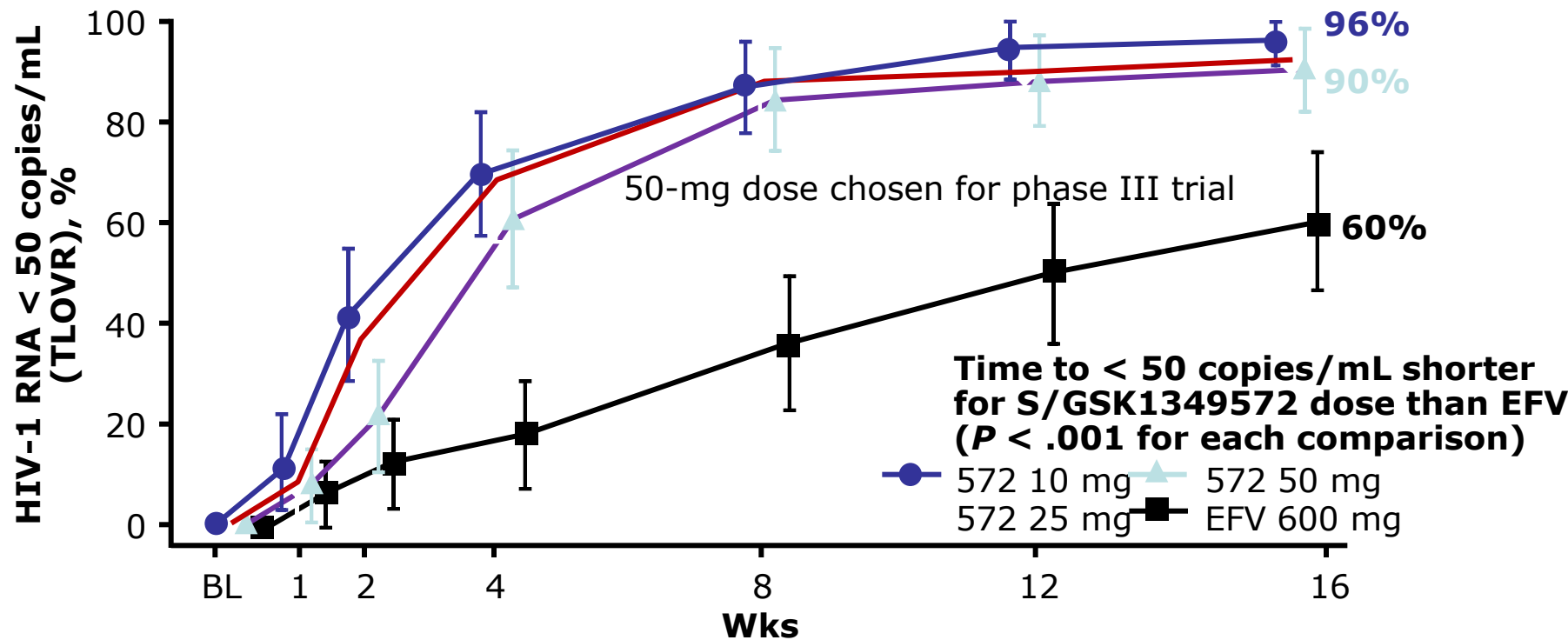
- Dose-ranging, partially blinded phase IIb trial



\*NRTIs individually selected by trial investigators (TDF/FTC, 67%; ABC/3TC, 33%).

†After Wk 48, all patients continue at dose selected for phase III trial.

# SPRING-1: Virologic Response to S/GSK1349572 vs Efavirenz at Week 16



- CD4+ cell count increases 153-176 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> on S/GSK1249572 vs 116 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> on EFV
- No serious adverse events related to S/GSK1349572

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# Adherence-viraemia-resistance relationships

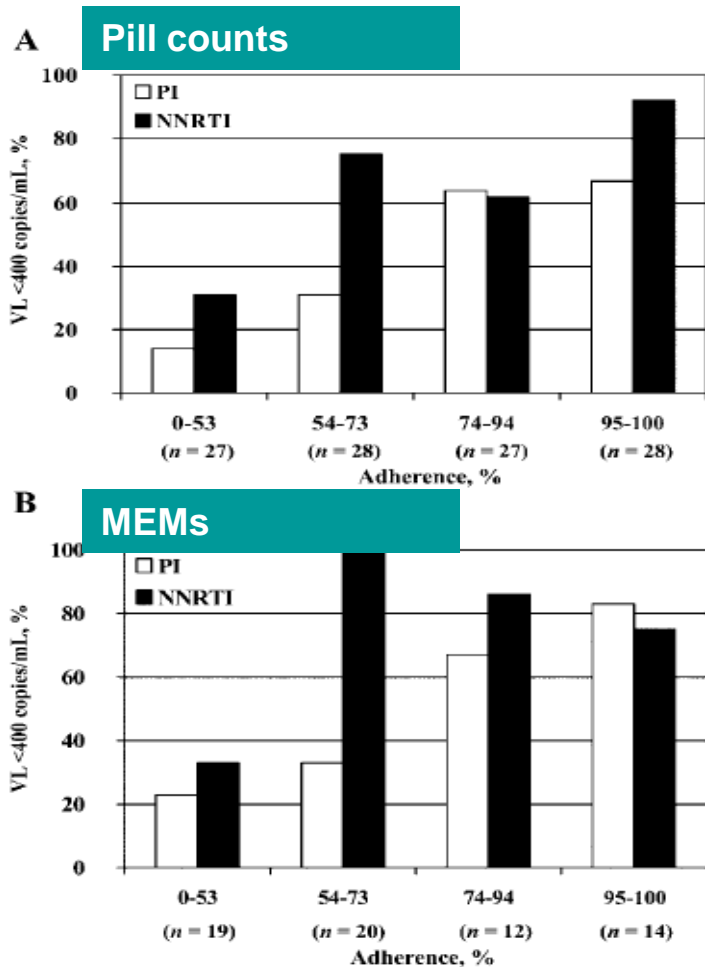
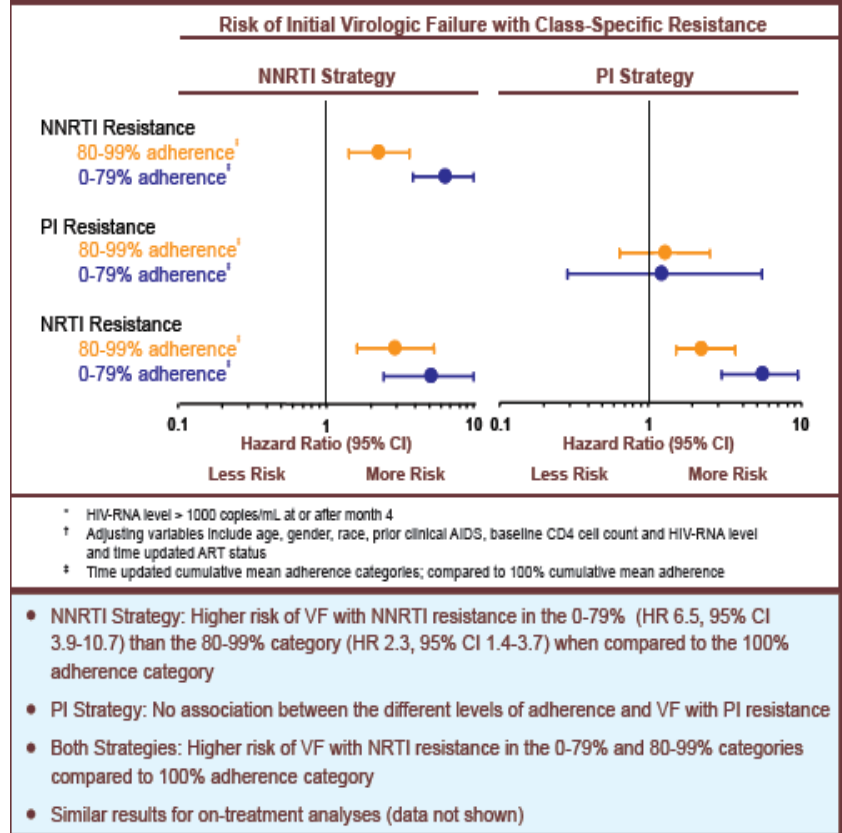


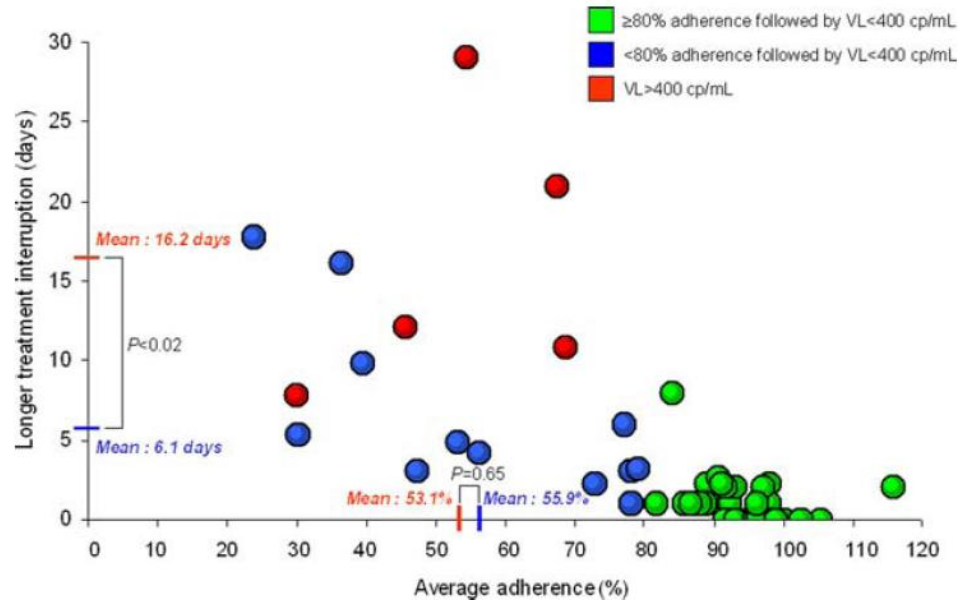
Figure 2: Risk of initial virologic failure\* with resistance by adherence categories: Hazard ratio† (95% confidence interval)



**FIRST Trial: Relationship between Adherence and resistance by drug class:**

Gardner et al CROI 2008 Abs 777 & AIDS 2010;24:395

# Not all missed doses have the same effect

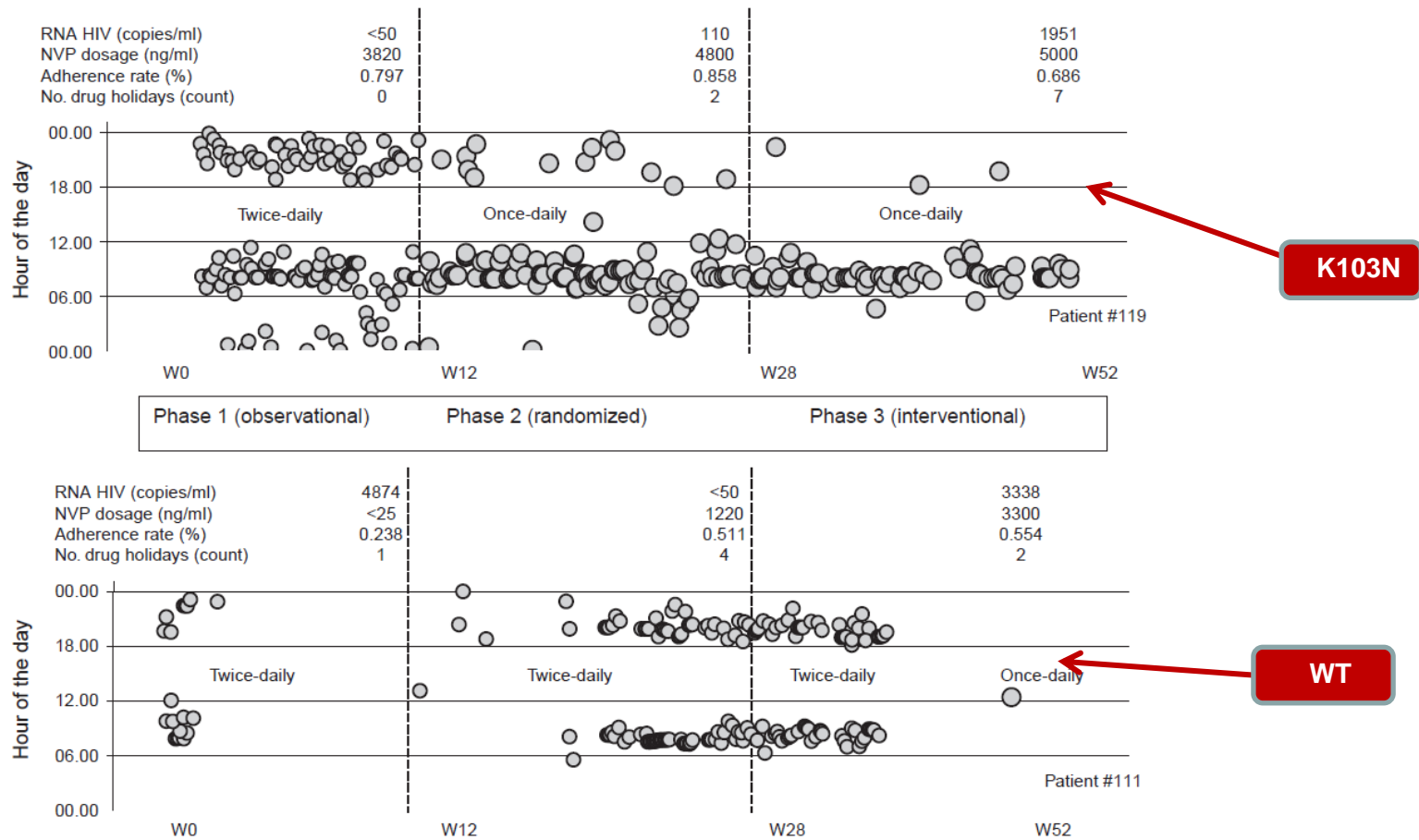


Patients on NNRTIs in France & USA (N = 72)

Electronic monitoring

Sustained treatment interruption gives greater risk of rebound in patients with low – moderate adherence

# Not all missed doses have the same effect



Parienti et al. AIDS 2007

**POSAVIR Study – NVP bd changing over to od.**  
**Electronic monitoring of adherence**  
**OD dosing associated with 2 consecutive days without dose**  
**(OR 4.4; 95% CI 1.9, 10.3; P<0.001)**

# A Simple Adherence Checklist

## *1 Assess readiness to start treatment (may take several visits)*

- Understand why treatment is offered?
- Understand what they stand to gain ?
- Understand how long it is for ?

## *2 Assess barriers to treatment*

- Language
- Cultural
- Social
- Psychological
- Physical
- Financial

## *3 Select a regimen with input from patient*

- Compact and convenient
- Low pill burden
- od or bd
- minimise food restrictions

## *4 Ensure understanding of side effects*

- Patient information & contact details
- Don't forget drug interactions

## *5 Need for adherence tools ?*

- Peg to a routine
- Pill box / beepers/ timers
- Peer support

## *6 Continued monitoring at subsequent visits*

- Assess adherence
- Allow patients to answer honestly
- Feedback – CD4, viral load.



# HIV Pharmacist Screening

## Move from *passive* to *active* identification of DDIs

- Pharmacist input**

*Effective as an alternative, but probably not in addition to computer aided systems*

*Liverpool N=104 patients [Seden, P115]*

	Told physician something they did not know	Changed management of the patient		Benefit in patients taking ≤2 co-meds	Benefit in patients taking >2 co-meds	P-Value
Medication History	12 (18%)	2 (4%)	Medication History	4 /41 (9.8%)	8 /24 (33.3%)	0.0224*
DDI Check	21 (32%)	6 (11%)	DDI Check	8 /41 (19.5%)	13 /24 (54.2%)	0.0028*
Adherence Check	24 (37%)	2 (4%)	Adherence Check	14 /41 (34.1%)	10 /24 (41.7%)	0.5911
Total for 1 or more intervention	40 (62%)	10 (15%)				

# Clinical implications of fixed-dose coformulations of antiretrovirals on the outcome of HIV-1 therapy

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and Bonaventura Clotet<sup>a</sup> the Spanish Group for FDAC Evaluation

The substitution by generic equivalents of some of the drugs included in fixed-dose antiretroviral coformulations (FDACs) poses the potential risk of disrupting these combinations and administering the components separately in order to incorporate the new generic drug, which offers a more competitive sales price. This may represent a step backwards in the advances achieved in simplicity and adherence to therapy, posing an increased risk of selective non-compliance of some of the separately administered drug substances. Available antiretroviral drugs must be administered for life in the affected individuals – both children and adults.

The FDACs represent a significant advance in the simplification of antiretroviral therapy, facilitating adherence to complex and chronic treatments, and contributing to a quantifiable improvement in patient quality of life. These drug coformulations reduce the risk of treatment error, are associated with a lower risk of hospitalization, and can lessen the possibility of covert monotherapy in situations of selective non-compliance.

**Metanalysis : FDCs afforded a 26% reduction in the risk of treatment non-compliance with respect to administration of the same drugs separately (RR: 0.74; 95%CI: 0.69–0.80, p<0.0001)**

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*AIDS* 2011, 25:000–000

Bangalore et al *Am J Med* 2007

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# Considerations in Management of the Older HIV Patient

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- **Co-morbid conditions**
  - *eg., cardiovascular, hepatic, metabolic*
  - *may be exacerbated by effects of HIV or its treatment*
- **Greater medication use**
  - *overlapping side effects or potential interactions with ARVs and concomitant medications*
- **Age-related changes in drug handling (PK) and response (PD)**
  - *toxicity*

# Ageing and drug handling

- **Lower Renal Clearance**

- **Lower hepatic elimination**

  - Decrease in liver volume*

  - Impaired hepatic blood flow*

  - Decrease in some drug metabolising enzymes.*

  - Increased amount of fat, which impairs metabolism*

  - Decline in regenerative response following injury*

- **Poorer absorption of drugs**

  - Increased gastric pH - Implications for ATV (decreased) & RAL (increased)*

  - Delayed gastric emptying*

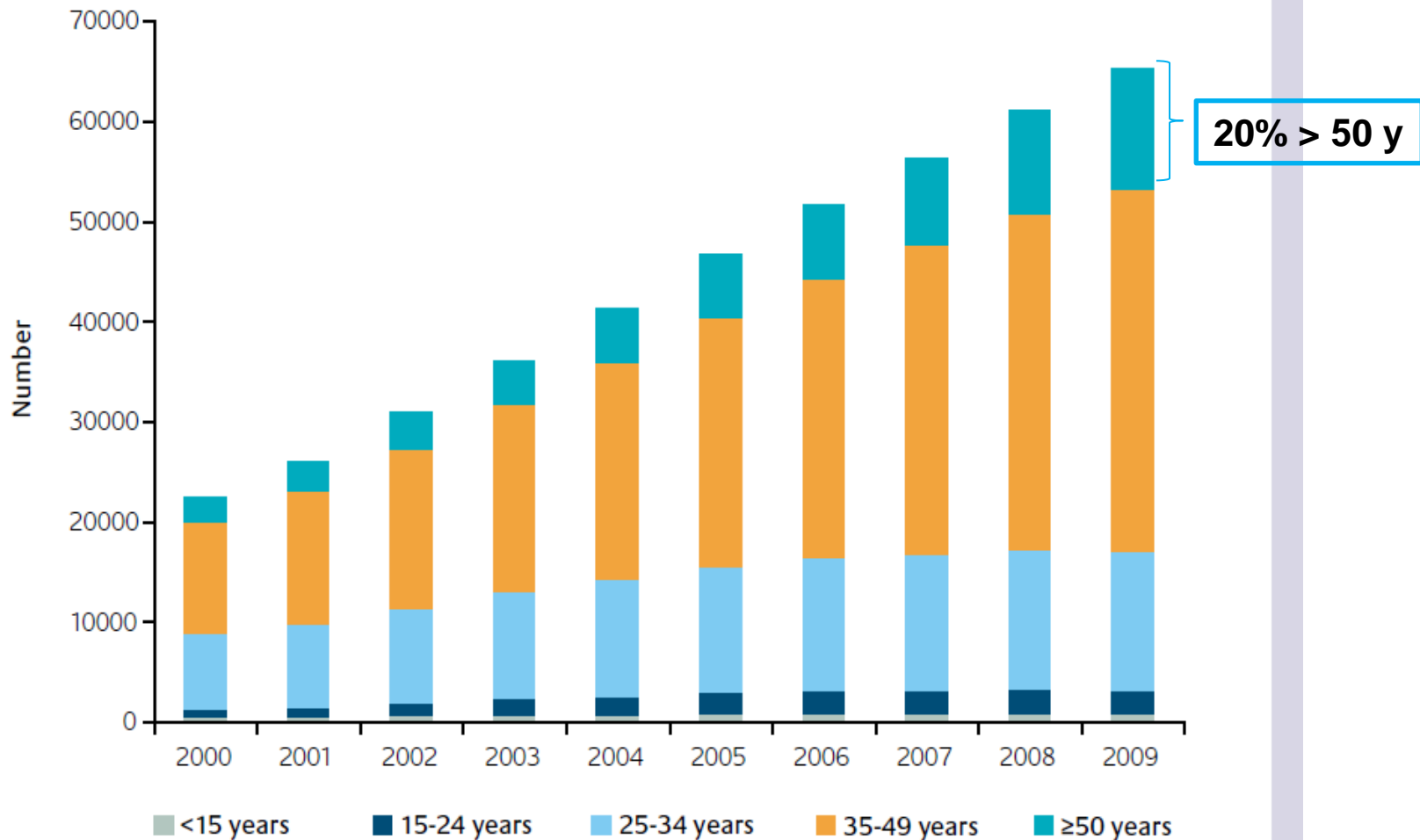
  - Decreased gi motility*

  - Decreased absorption surface*

- **Changes in body fat and water**

- **Increased susceptibility to drug toxicity**

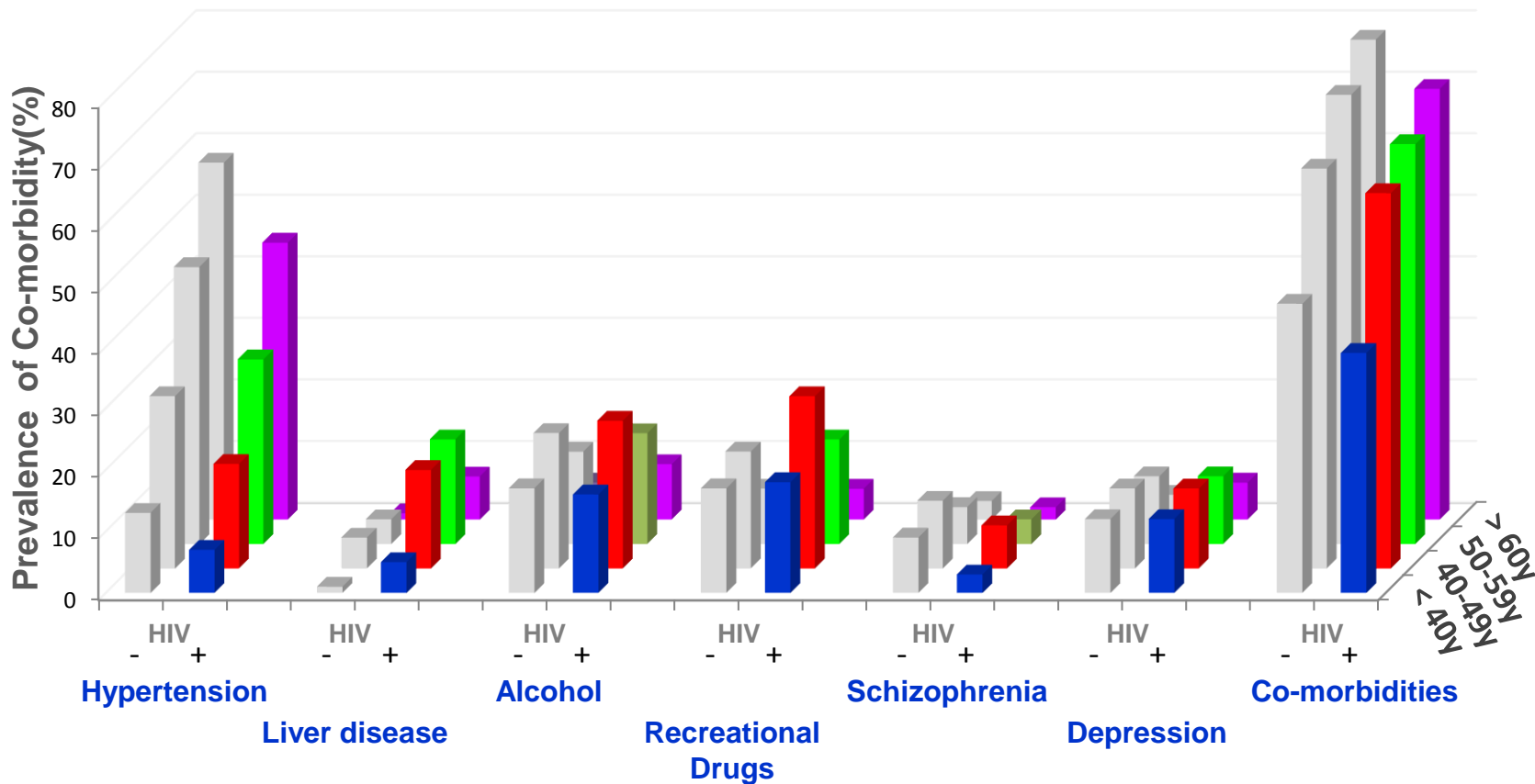
Figure 3: Number of people living with diagnosed HIV infection and accessing HIV-related care, by age group, UK: 2000-2009



***HIV+ Adults >50 years increased between 2000-2009 from 2,042 to 12,063.***

# Co-morbidities increase with age

Medical comorbidities amongst 66,840 HIV- and 33,420 HIV+ veterans



# Risk for clinically significant interactions

Study	Year	Setting	N	CSDI	lower	Screening Tool	Adverse	Notes
<i>de Maat et al</i>	2004	Netherlands (hospital)	115 105	26% 23%	N/A	Liverpool website	N/A	Pharmacy screening effective, further pharmacy input not
<i>Shah et al</i>	2007	USA (Medicaid)	571 (689)	30% (15%)	8% (4%)	Liverpool website Micromedex	no VL impact	Audit, and re-audit.
<i>Miller et al</i>	2007	USA (hospital)	153	41%	N/A	DHHS SPC / PI Micromedex	N/A	Age >42y (OR 2.9) >3 conditions (OR 3.0) >3 ARVs (OR 2.4) PI use (OR 11.5)
<i>Kigen et al</i>	2009	Kenya (hospital)	996	34%*	12%	Liverpool website	N/A	
<i>Marzolini et al</i>	2009	Switzerland (hospital)	1497	40%	4%	Liverpool website	no CD4 or VL impact	
<i>Evans-Jones et al</i>	2009	UK (hospital)	159	27%		Liverpool website	N/A	Only 36% CSDIs correctly identified

\* excludes ARV-ARV interactions

Miller et al *Pharmacother* 2007;27:1379  
 De Maat et al. *Clin Pharmacokinet* 2003;42:223  
 Shah et al. *CROI* 2007, Abstr 573. 2007  
 Marzolini et al. *AVT* 2010;15:413  
 Evans-Jones et al. *CID* 2010;50:1419  
 Kigen et al. *Plos One* 2010



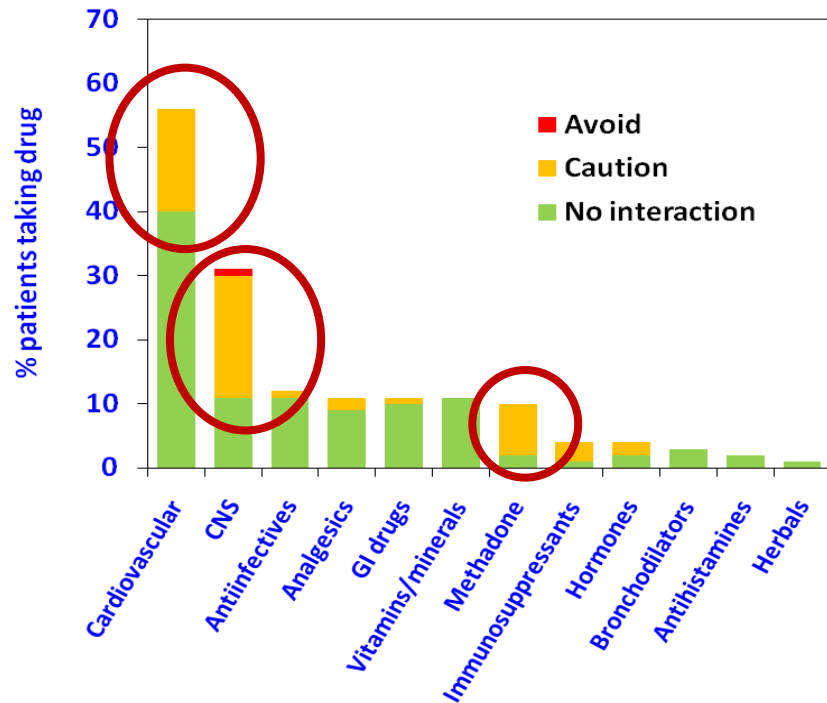
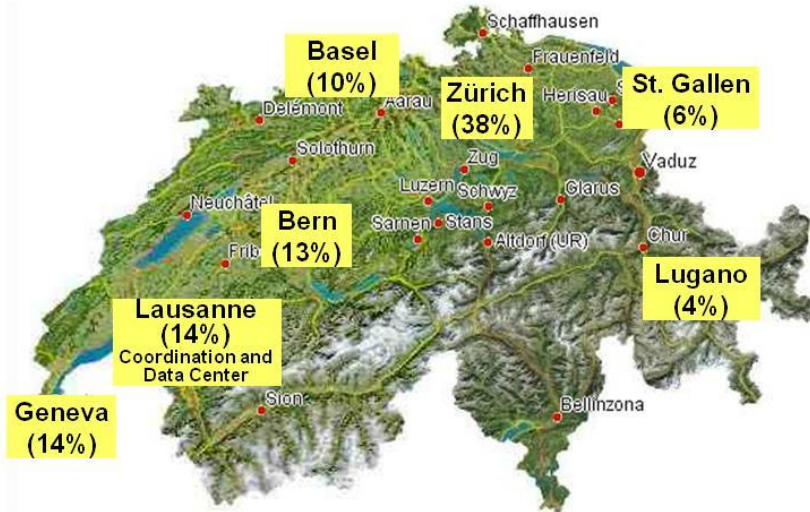
# 'High Risk' comedications – developed countries

- Swiss HIV Cohort**

68% of 1497 HIV patients were taking co-medications.

31% - CNS drugs (anxiolytics – 13%, antidepressants – 12%, anti-psychotics – 3% anticonvulsants – 3%)

4% of interactions could have lowered ARV levels



# 'High Risk' comedICATIONS – developing countries

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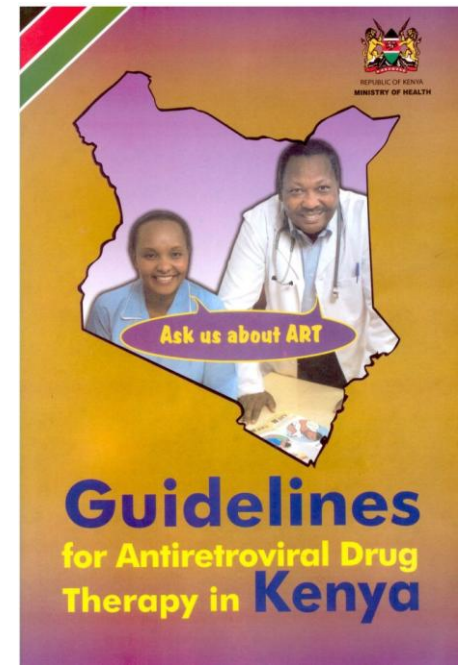


## Prevalence of Potential Drug-Drug Interactions Involving Antiretroviral Drugs in a Large Kenyan Cohort

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- 996 consecutive patients receiving ARVs
- Moderate / Major drug interactions identified in 34%
- 12% (1:3 CSDIs) could have lowered ARV concentrations
- **Rifampicin > Azoles > Steroids > Antimalarials > PPIs**



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27 February 2011 Last updated at 22:13 ET

## 'Whoonga' threat to South African HIV pa

By Pumza Fihlani  
BBC News, Durban



Whoonga smoking is gaining in popularity in South Africa's townships.

**HIV patients in the South African township of Umlazi live in fear of being robbed of their live-saving anti-retroviral drugs.**

**HIV patients in the South African township of Umlazi live in fear of being robbed of their live-saving anti-retroviral drugs.**

**They have become attractive targets for gangs who steal their pills, which are then combined with detergent powder and rat poison to make "whoonga" - a highly toxic and addictive street drug.**

**Smokers use it to lace joints, believing the anti-retroviral Stocrin increases the hallucinogenic effects of marijuana - though there is no scientific proof of this.**

# Drug Interactions - HIV vs HCV

- **multiple co-morbidities necessitating polypharmacy**
- **Chronic therapy**  
*Lifelong (HIV) vs fixed term (HCV)*
- **Drugs have high propensity for interactions**  
*mainly CYP P450-mediated*  
*often complex- mixed picture of enzyme inhibition and induction*
- **HCV – drug interactions may be superimposed on a background of liver impairment**
- **Unlike HIV, HCV treatment may be provided by a variety of specialists**  
*not all of whom have HCV as their ‘core’ or main service.*  
*Physician awareness and education often lacking for both diseases*

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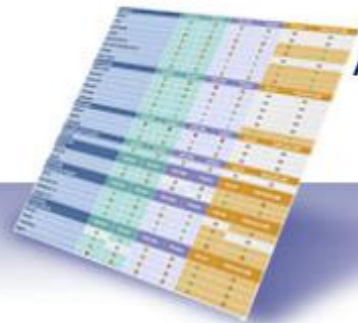
### WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Added: Friday 30th April 2010

The website is having to undergo essential maintenance on its infrastructure which will be completed by August. ...

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- Allergy checking
- Dose checking
- Drug interactions
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## ADULTS

Boston Hospitals

Admissions Pre (N = 2491) & Post (N = 4220)  
across 8 specialty units

*Potential and actual* adverse drug events

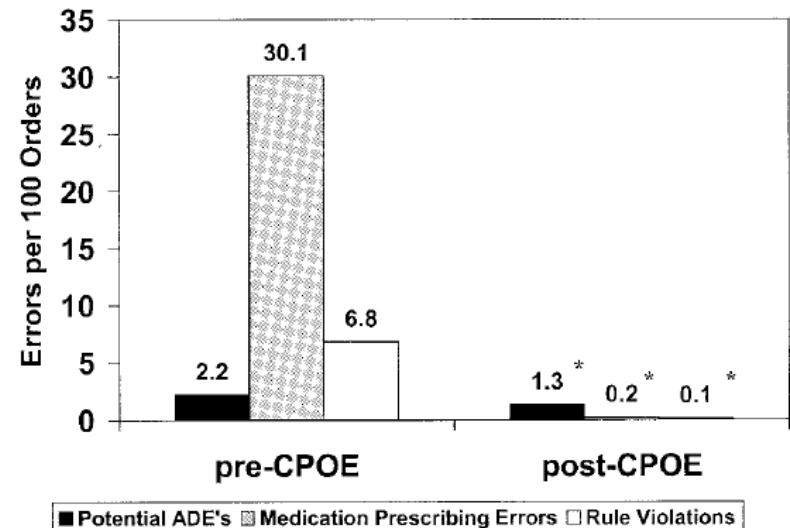
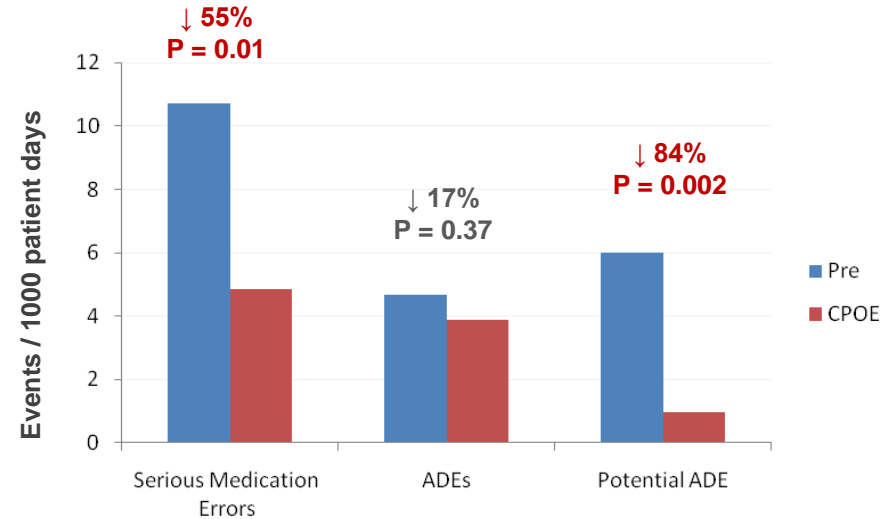
No additional benefit of team (pharmacist, etc)

## CHILDREN

Pediatric CCU Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

514 patients; 13,8282 medication orders

Pre- and post Computerised Physician Order Entry



Bates et al. JAMA 1998;280:1311

Potts et al. Pediatr 2004;113:59

\* p Value < 0.05

# Conclusion

- **DDIs are frequent, largely unavoidable, frequently unrecognised**  
*Most can be managed, if recognised*
- **Older patients = different challenges**
  - *long term adherence*
  - *long term toxicities*
- **Drug pipeline hopeful, but will it always be so ?**
- **Newer models of healthcare**  
*Electronic health records & prescribing*  
*Nurse-led clinics, deployment into primary health settings*