

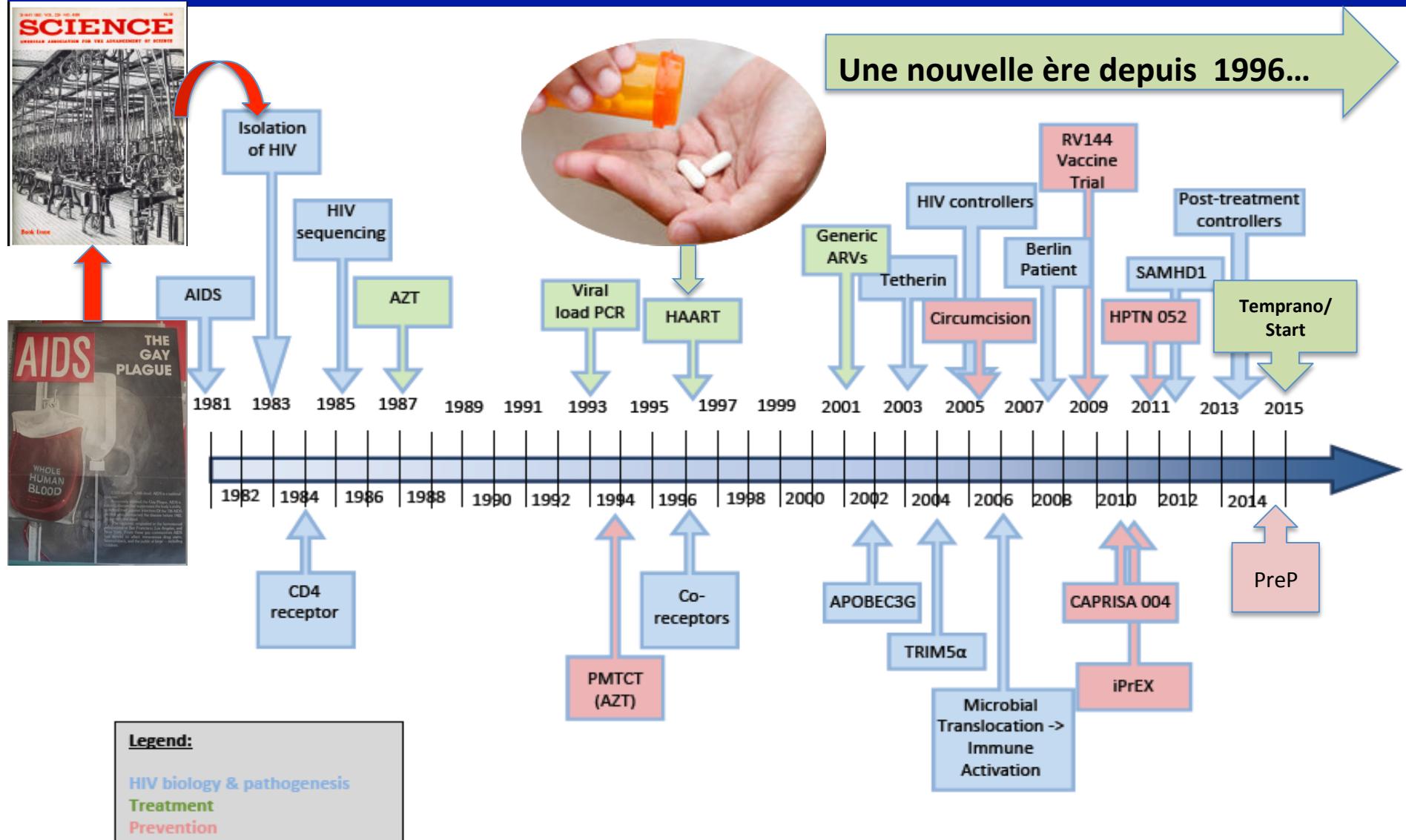
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# « Eradication du VIH/Sida: où en est-on? »

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# 35 ans de recherche translationnelle et de mobilisation internationale...



# Depuis 1996: Ere des traitements combinés (cART) et du combat pour l'accès universel!

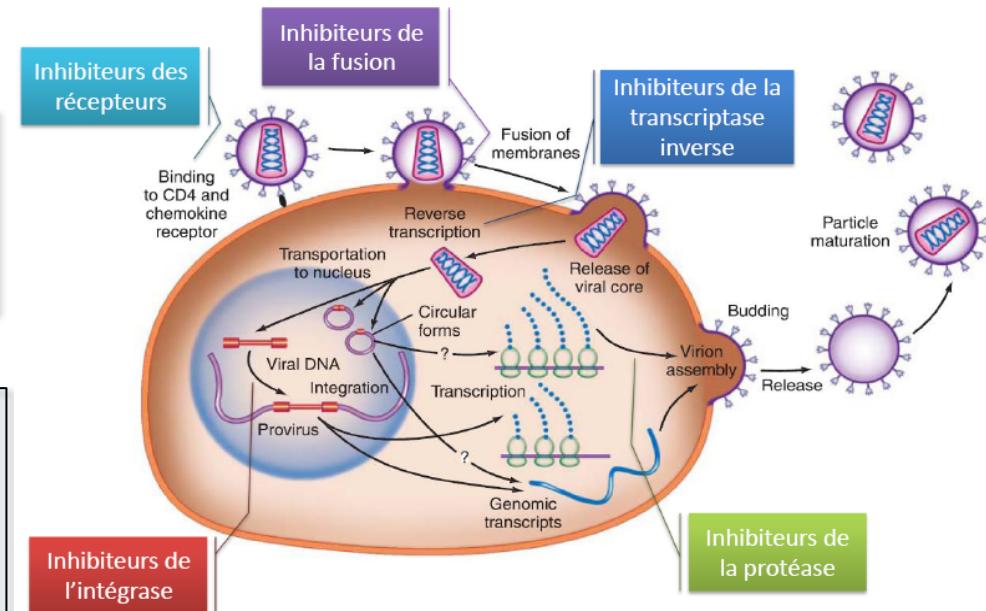
## Infection VIH

Traitement antirétroviral  
(cARV)

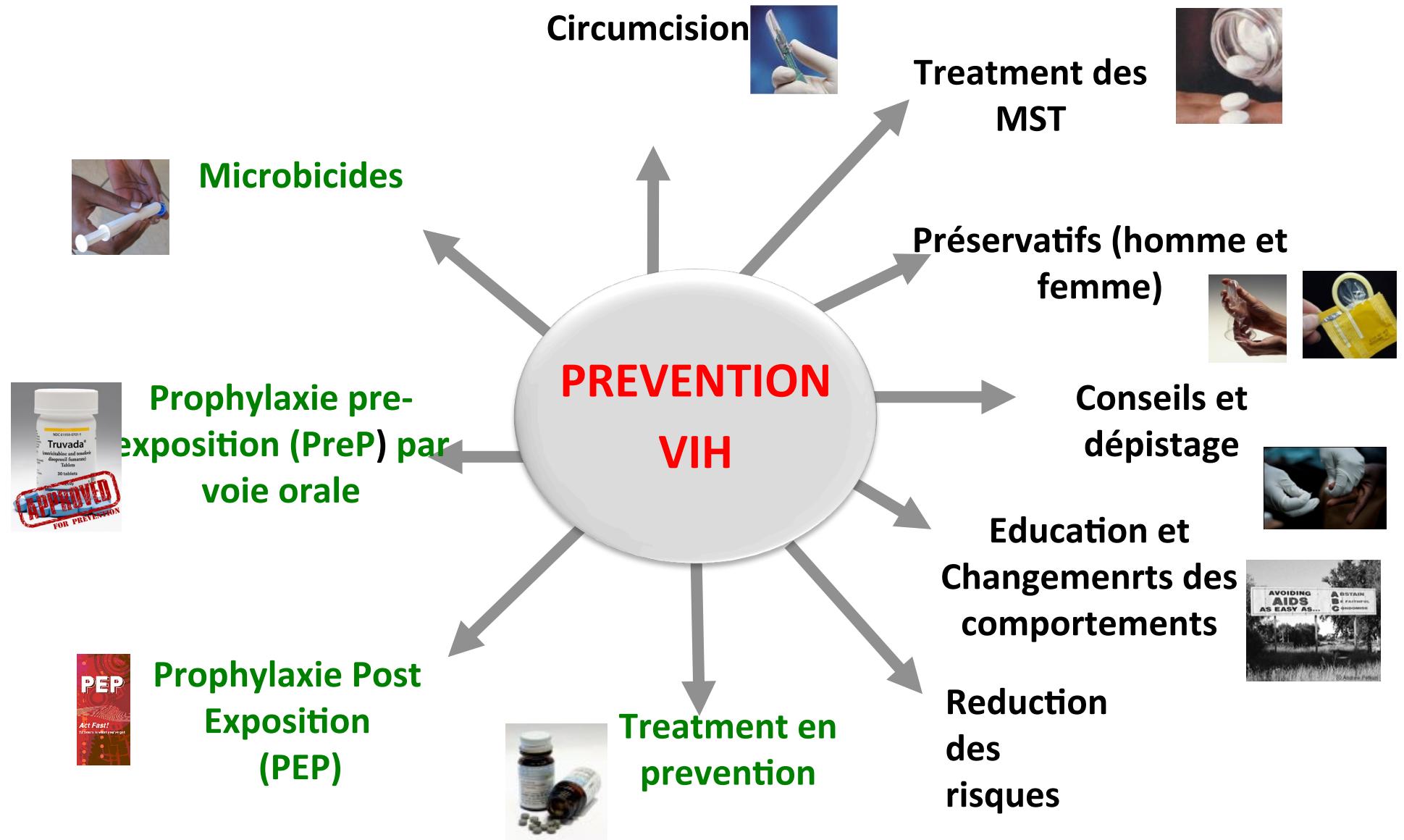
Contrôle de l'infection VIH  
Restauration Fonction  
Immunitaire

Amélioration de la qualité de vie  
Espérance de vie similaire à VIH-  
Prévention du Sida

> 30 molécules antirétrovirales et 13 combinaisons approuvées

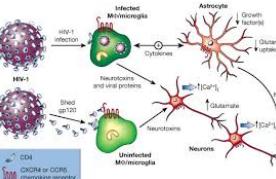


# Prevention: une combinaison d'outils scientifiquement validés



ARV prophylaxie (0-96% efficacité, selon adhérence..)

# Mobilisation internationale sans précédent basée sur des evidences scientifiques



Preuves  
scientifiques



Recherche  
multi-  
disciplinaire



Activisme

Participation des  
communautés VIH

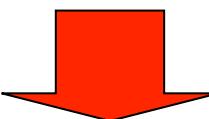
Leaders politiques  
et autorités de santé



Interventions

Formation,  
renforcement des  
capacités &  
structures

Organisation des  
soins et accès aux  
traitements



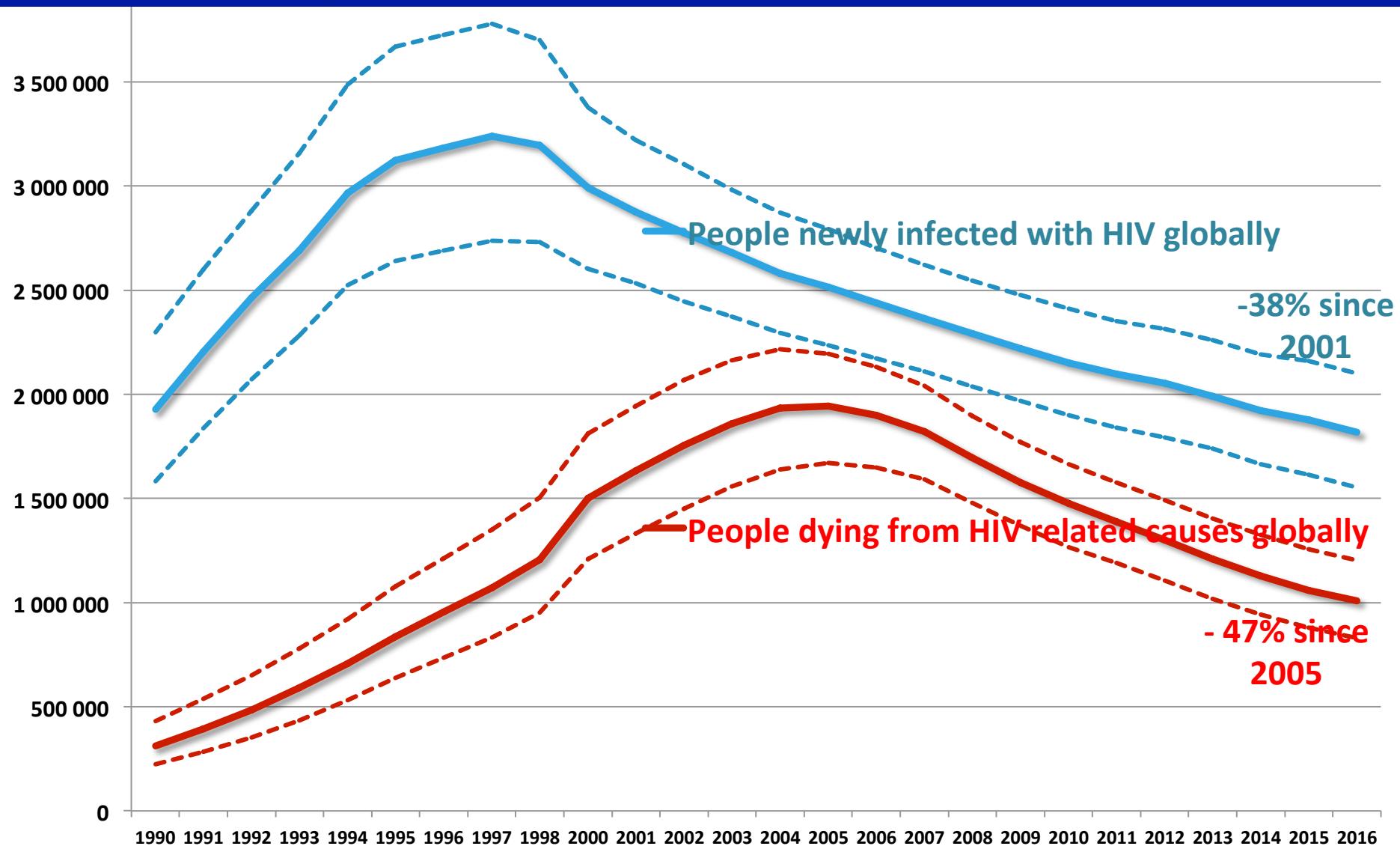
Décisions au bénéfice de TOUTES les populations  
quelqu'elles soient, où qu'elles soient...

# 2003-2016: Accès élargi au traitement VIH



Couverture thérapeutique trop hétérogène avec trop peu de pays ayant >80% PLWH sous ARV

# Depuis 1996: réduction du nombre de décès et de personnes vivant avec le VIH...



Source: UNAIDS/WHO estimates.

# OMS Situation épidémie mondiale 2016

# 36.7 million

people now estimated to be living with HIV

[30.8–42.9 million]

During 2016...



# 1.8 million

people newly infected

[1.6–2.1 million]



# 1.0 million

HIV-related deaths

[830 000–1.2 million]

# VIH/Sida: Défis et priorités actuels

Prévenir les nouvelles infections (*éducation, préservatifs, PreP, circoncision, réduction des risques...*)

Tester, traiter et retenir dans les soins (*30-50% des personnes VIH+ ignore leur statut; Continuité des soins chez 40 à 75% des patients*)

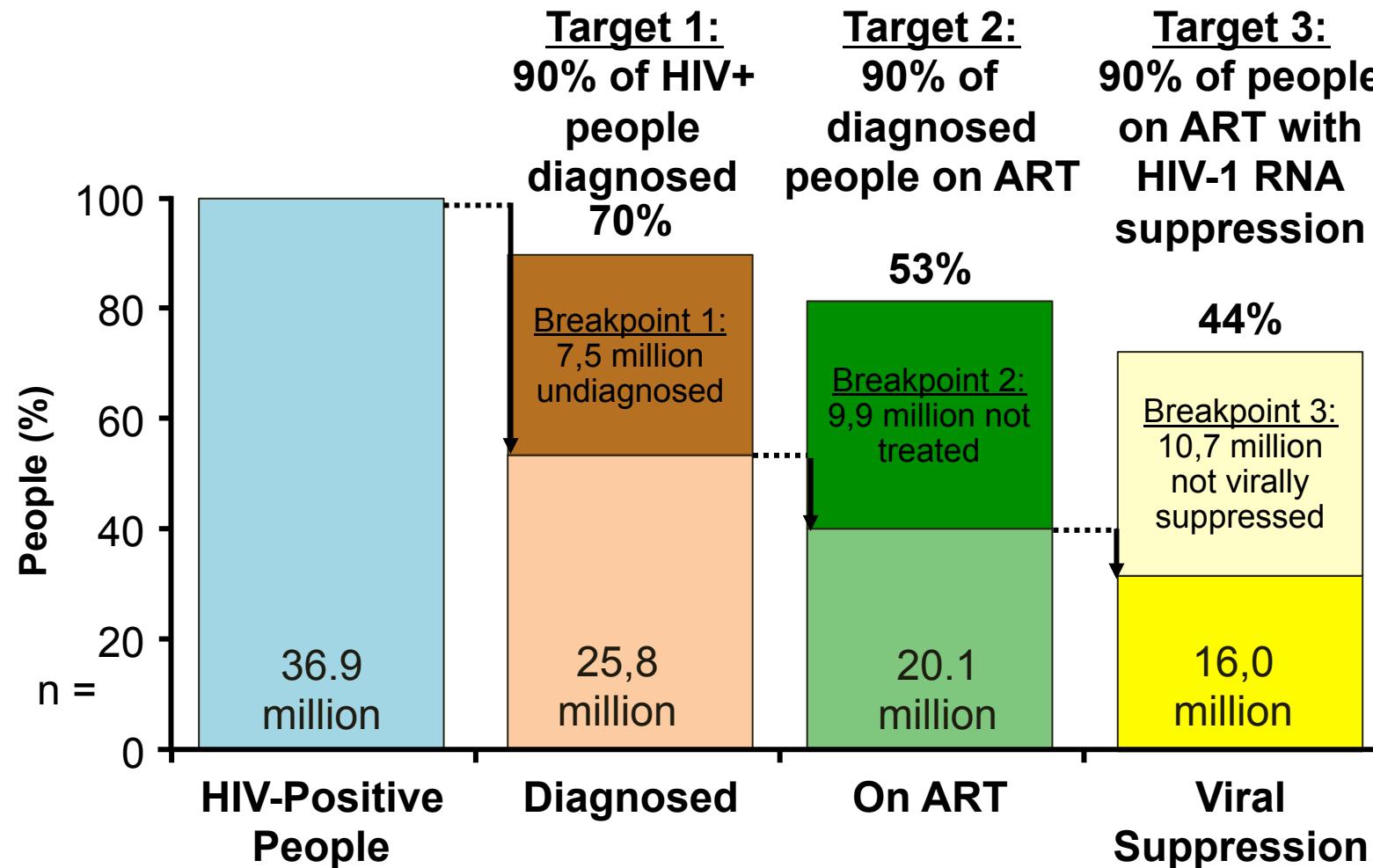
- **Education/Tolérance**
- **Renforcer les systèmes de santé, gouvernance et leaders**
- **Politiques nationales coordonnées et intégrées**  
(*recherche, intervention, associations..*)
- **Optimiser l'offre de soin** (*dépistage et traitement précoces, approvisionnement et distribution ART, interventions communautaires différencierées, mHealth, cART à action retard...*)

- **Volonté/Décision politique**
- **Investissement internationaux**
- **Lutte contre la stigmatisation/discrimination, les législations répressives (74 pays...)**

RECHERCHE  
OPERATIONNELLE  
  
PROGRAMME de SANTE  
PUBLIQUE  
PERFORMANT...



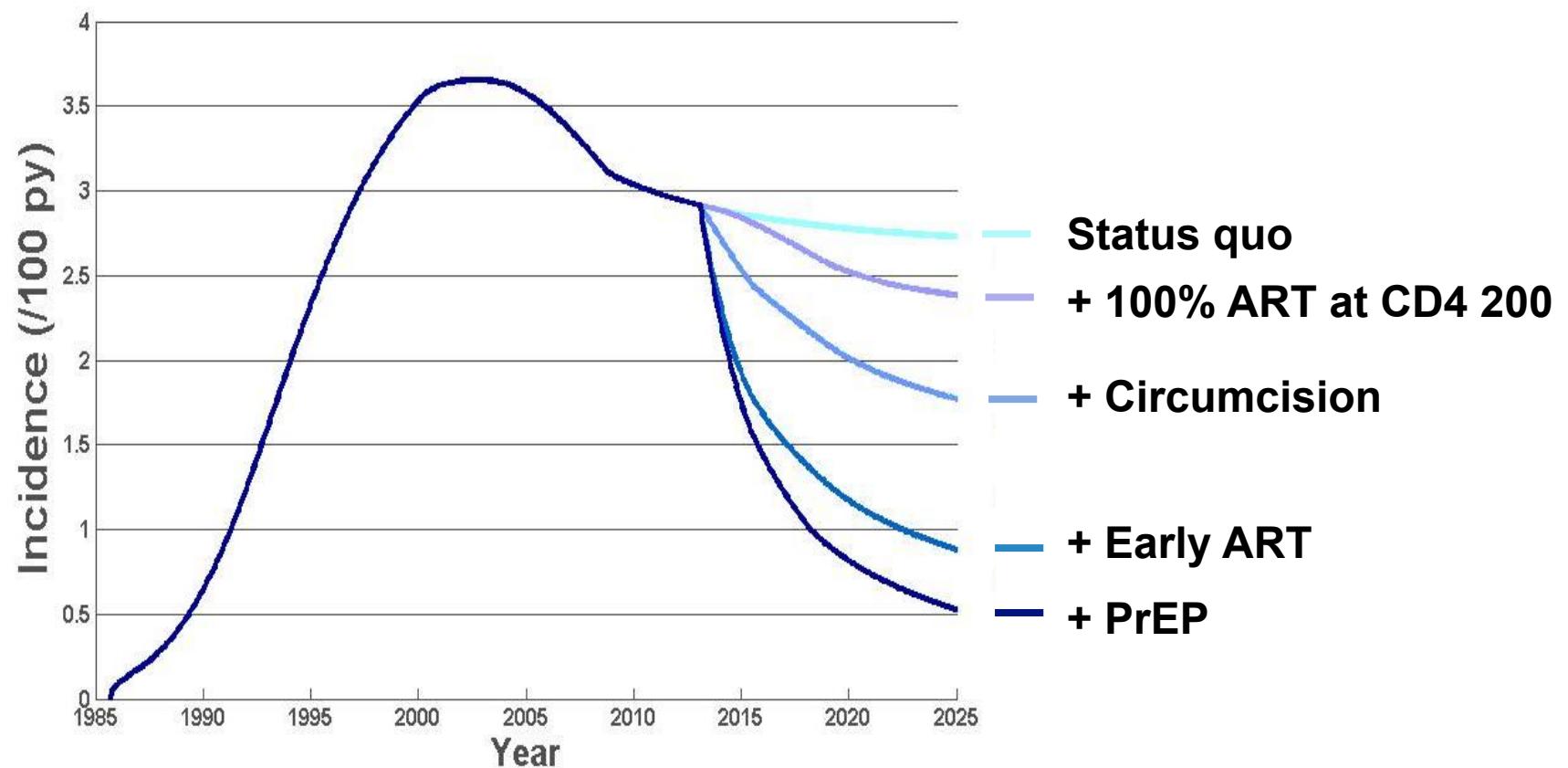
# Fin de l'épidémie Sida en 2030: 90-90-90 de nouveaux objectifs ambitieux OMS/ONUSIDA...



UNAIDS/WHO estimates

Est-ce réaliste et réalisable?

# Est-il possible de contrôler l'épidémie VIH?

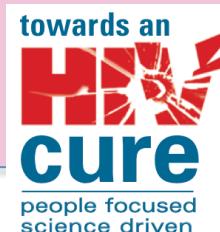


Oui, mais éradiquer l'épidémie ne sera possible qu'avec un vaccin et un traitement curatif!

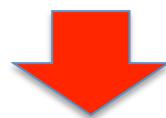
Source: Cremin I. et al. AIDS 2013

# VIH/Sida: Défis et priorités de la recherche...

Vaccin VIH	Comorbidités sous ART	« HIV Cure »
Toujours pas de vaccin mais Progrès significatifs dans la recherche vaccinale depuis 2009	VIH, une infection chronique sous ART mais Anomalies immunes résiduelles sous ART	Infection VIH contrôlée sous ART mais persistante...



Développer nos connaissances fondamentales sur la persistance virale, l'immunologie et la pathogénèse des l'infection VIH.



Nouvelles stratégies vaccinales et thérapeutiques?



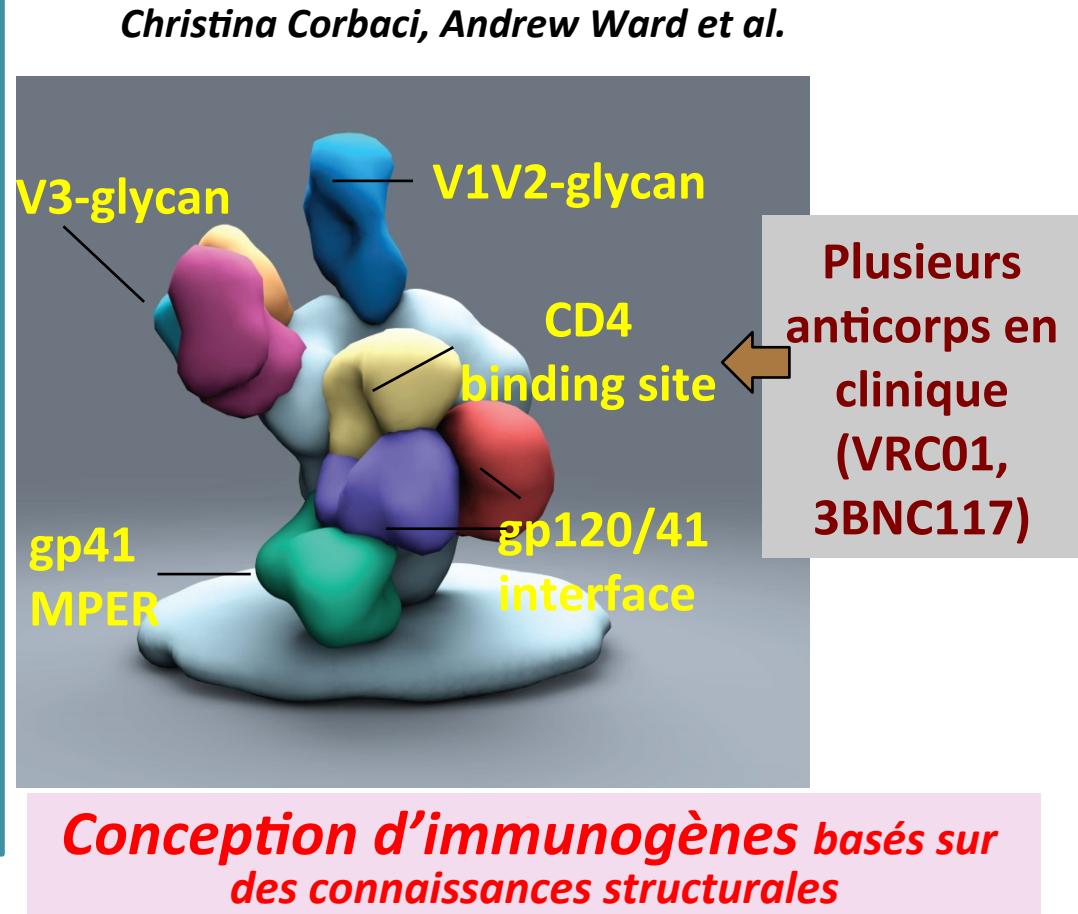
# Vaccin prophylactiques anti-VIH: plus de 200 études mais peu d'essais Phase IIb/III

Dates	Clinical efficacy studies	Strategy	Viral targets	Immune response	Efficacy
1999-2003	AidsVax	Protein subunit (AIDSVAx)	monomeric rgp120	Type specific binding Ab	No
2005-2007	Step Phambili	Viral vector (Ad5)	gag/pol/nef	CD8+T (+++)	No
2005-2009	RV144 (Thai trial)	Prime: ALVAC-vCP152 + Boost: AIDSVAx	gag/pol/env + Monomeric rgp120 B/E	Polyfunctional CD4+ T cell (+/-) + Type specific binding V1V2 env Ab	Yes 31% reduction
2009- 2013	HVTN505	Prime: DNA + Boost: Ad5	gag/pol/nef/env		No (around 20 infections in each arm)

# Depuis 2009: progrès significatifs

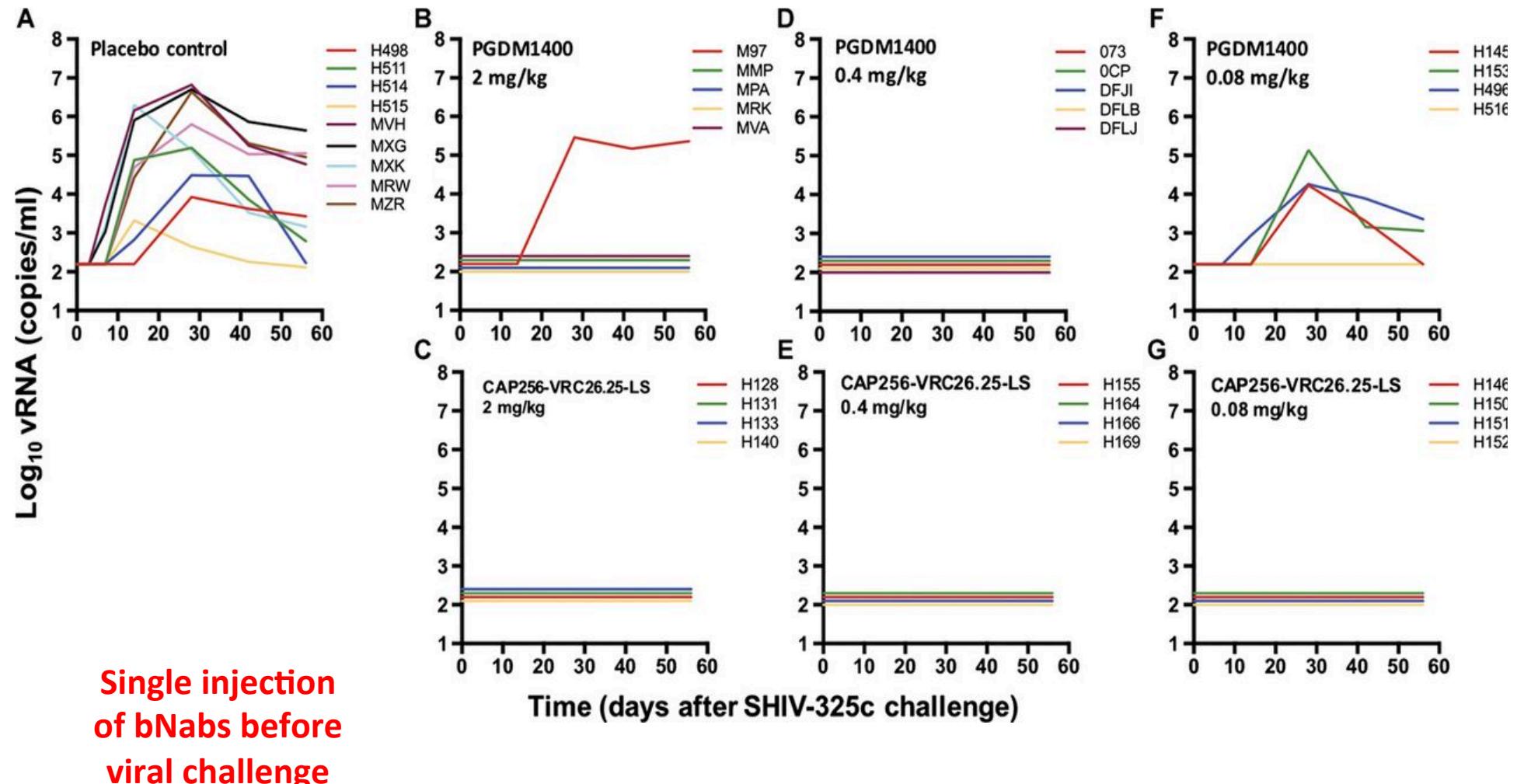
## Nouvelles perspectives de la recherche vaccinale....

- Identification d'anticorps neutralisants à large spectre chez des patients VIH+ (*blocage infection cellule à cellule, activité liée à fonction effectrice Fc...*)
- Identification de nouveaux sites de vulnérabilité de Env
- Anticorps non neutralisants mais protecteurs (ADCC, autres?)



- *Transfert de genes (CAR, TCR...)*
- *DC targeting...*

# Immunisation passive efficace par des anticorps V2 env spécifiques (PGDM1400 and CAP256-VRC26.25-LS) contre SHIV-325c



## Depuis 2009: Vaccin anti-VIH, de nouveaux concepts...

- Energie considérable dans ce domaine avec des études qui seront à l'origine de nouveaux développements dans la prochaine décennie (*prime-boost, bNabs, Réponse protectrice non conventionnelle...*)
- Pour la première fois, la recherche fondamentale est intégrée et coordonnée avec la recherche préclinique et clinique!

Enfin pas  
de  
Dogmes!

- Stratégie intégrée et coordonnée
- Nouvelles technologies
- Concepts innovants et à risques

Vaccin?  
Cure?

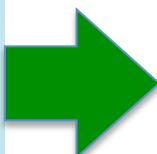
# Pouquoi un traitement curatif? Attente des patients...



- Quelles sont les priorités et préférences des patients?
- Quelles sont les obstacles et les solutions à l'engagement des patients?
- Comment préparer au mieux des essais cliniques?
- Quelles seront les meilleures options pour assurer un accès équitable au traitement?

*2011 Workshop on HIV persistence, St Marteen  
Fred Verdult and Steve Deeks*

- Enquête: Est-ce important de guérir du VIH?
  - **Oui: >70%**
- Pourquoi?
  - **Raisons médicales mais aussi:**
    - **Peur de transmettre à d'autres,**
    - **Anxiété vis à vis du futur**
    - **Discrimination sous Tx...**



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# « Vers un traitement curatif »?

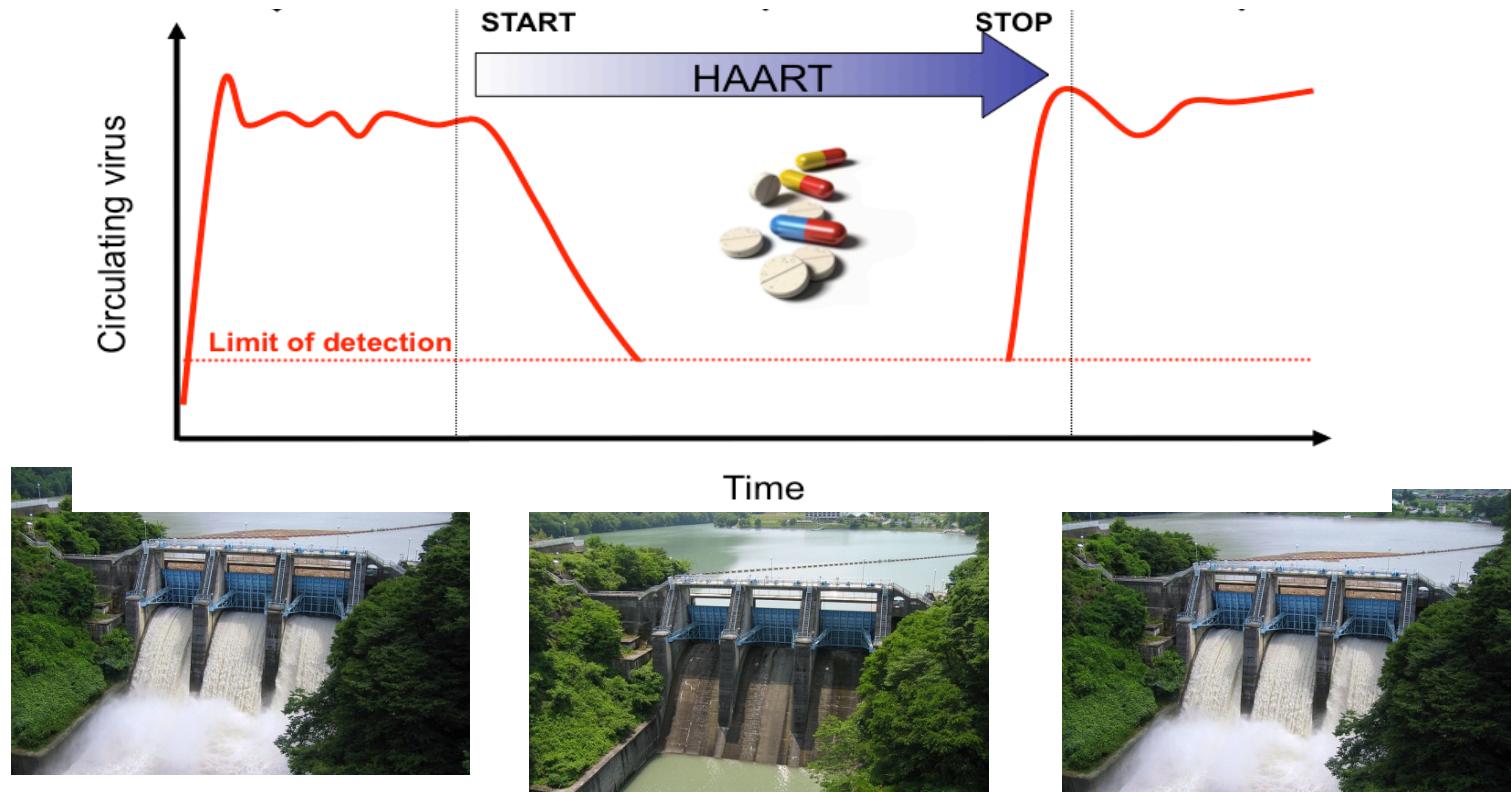
## Attente des patients!

- **37 millions PVVIH: 20,9 millions sous cART**
  - Trop peu de pays avec une couverture >80%
  - 2 millions environ de nouvelles infections/an
- Nombre croissant de patients ayant besoin de traitement coûteux de 2<sup>ème</sup> ou 3<sup>ème</sup> ligne et de résistance aux ARV....
- **Traitement à vie (*problème d'adhérence, de Stigmatisation/discrimination, de toxicité, de morbidité non Sida*)**
- **Coût à long-terme de cART et investissements internationaux incertains...**
- **Nouveaux Traitements = nouveaux outils de prévention**

Traitement ART à vie pour tous reste un défi majeur...

Défis.....

# Pourquoi le traitement doit être pris à vie?



- Pénétration des ARV dans les tissus
- Replication résiduelle liée à l'inflammation/activation immunitaire
- Infection latente de cellules T CD4 naïves, quiescentes (TCM et TTM) et prolifération
- Réservoirs anatomiques

# Multiples réservoirs VIH cachés et persistants dans les tissus lymphoides...

- ✓ Major reservoirs are resting central & transitional CD4+ memory T cells (*Persistent and stable on cART >10 years*);
- ✓ Other reservoir cells: *naive T cells, memory stem T cells, T follicular helper cells (EC), myeloid cells, astrocytes, hematopoietic progenitor cells, etc...*
- ✓ Anatomic reservoirs: *GI & genital tract, lymphoid tissue, CNS...*

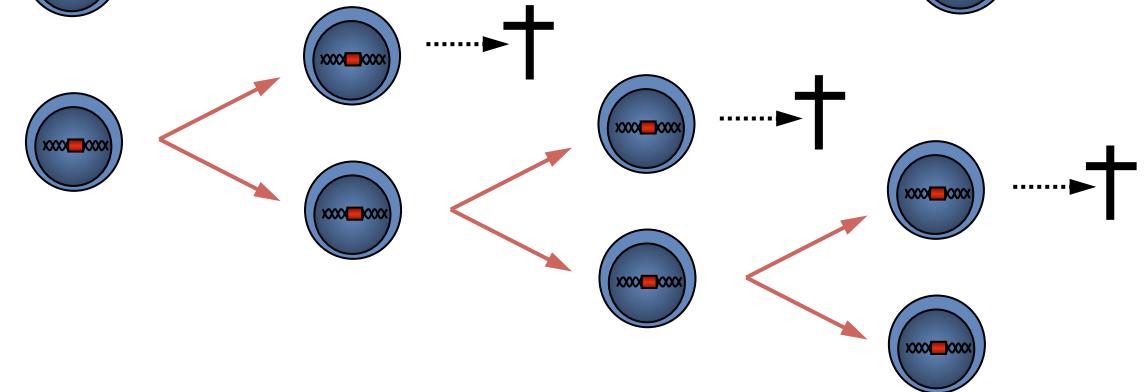
Residual viral replication



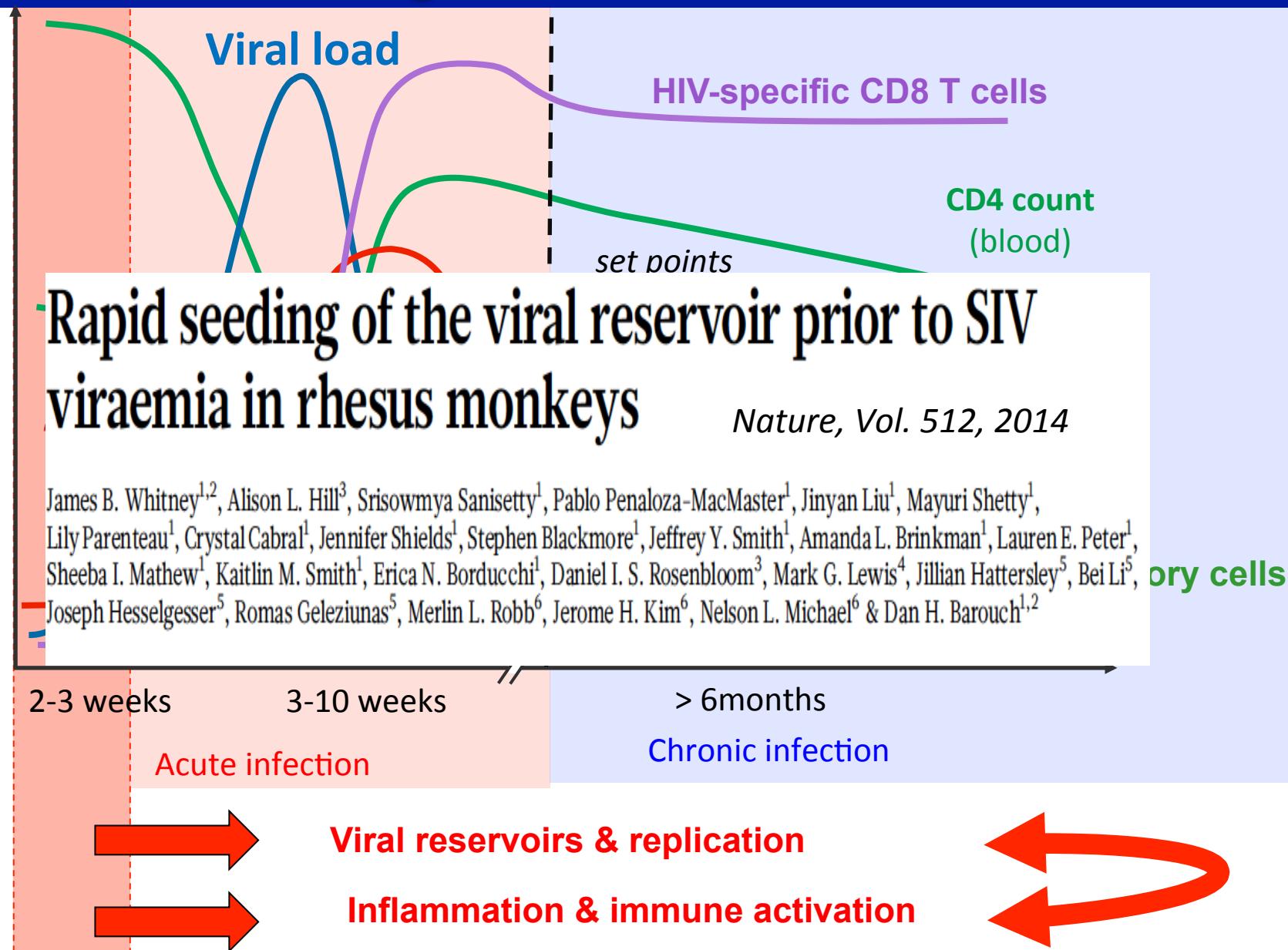
T cell survival



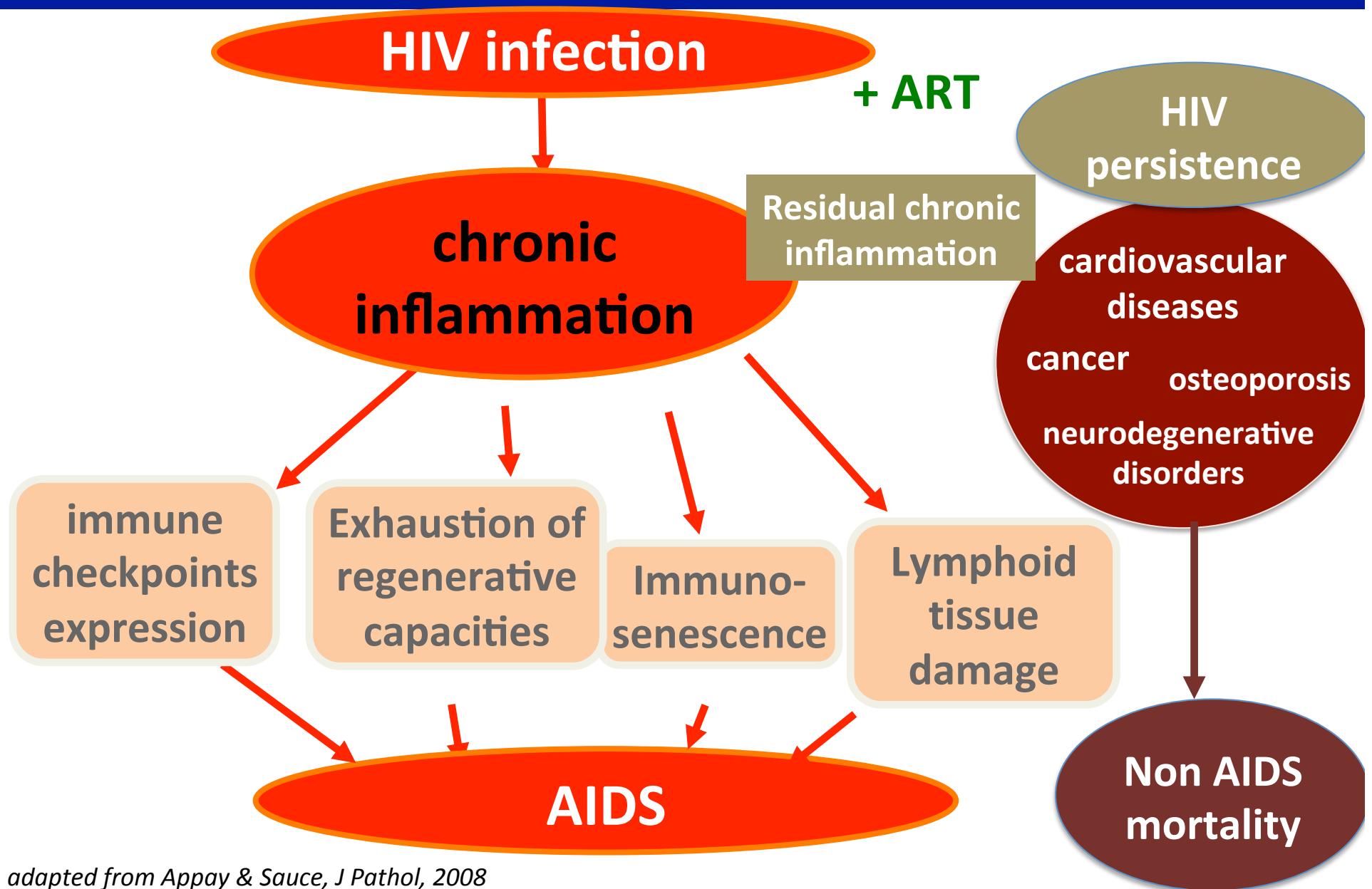
Homeostatic Proliferation  
(clonal expansion): expression of  
Immune checkpoints molecules  
(PD-1, LAG-3, TIGIT, CTLA-4)



# Pathogénèse de l'infection VIH



# Inflammation chronique , persistance VIH et mortalité non Sida



adapted from Appay & Sauce, J Pathol, 2008

# “HIV Cure”: Que cherche-t-on?

Reservoirs VIH sous ART ...

Guerison



Elimination de toutes les cellules infectées de façon latente



Berlin Patient?



Remission durable



Contrôle permanent sans Tx →  
Vivre avec le VIH sans traitement et sans transmettre.



Concept réaliste!

# Pourquoi pense-t-on qu'a minima une rémission de l'infection est possible?

## Un seul cas de guérison...

**Transplantation de moelle osseuse:** preuve de concept du “Patient de Berlin” (*donneur CCR5Δ32*),

## Cas de rémission sans traitement

**Contrôleurs du VIH:** patients infectés, naïfs de tout traitement, contrôle naturellement leur infection (*CV non détectable; faible niveau de réservoirs*).

## Cas de rémission après un traitement très précoce:

**ANRS EP 47 VISCONTI** (*Saez-Cirion et al, PloS Pathogens 2013*): 23 patients VIH+ traités 10 semaines PI pendant 3 ans, >12 ans de contrôle sans ARV et un enfant traité à la naissance en remission depuis près de 15 ans...



# Agenda International de priorités scientifiques....

# PERSPECTIVES

## OPINION

### Towards an HIV cure: a global scientific strategy

The International AIDS Society Scientific Working Group on HIV Cure

**Abstract** [Given the limitations of antiretroviral therapy and recent advances in our understanding of HIV persistence during effective treatment, there is a growing recognition that a cure for HIV infection is both needed and feasible. The International AIDS Society convened a group of international experts to develop a scientific strategy for research towards an HIV cure. Several priorities for basic, translational and clinical research were identified. This Opinion article summarizes the group's recommended key goals for the international research effort.

Although in the current decade the HIV epidemic has been controlled, the ultimate success is that more than 20 different antiretroviral drugs are now available in many countries. When these drugs are used in combination, they suppress health and prolong life in HIV-infected individuals and reduce the rates of transmission of the virus. However, the drugs that are currently available, which target a drug-susceptible viral strain, have access to antivirally drug-naïve and highly drug-resistant strains. As the virus maintains complex, or near complete, viral suppression for years to decades. However, despite these successes, some therapies do not work as well as others, and no immune system in HIV-infected individuals, patients and still experience or merit, substantial side effects, including neurocognitive, bone disorders and cognitive impairment<sup>1</sup>. In addition, interruption of antiretroviral therapy can lead to rapid viral rebound and re-emergence of detectable viral replication and progression of AIDS. Perhaps most importantly, only a minority of HIV-infected individuals are able to respond to antiretroviral therapy.

The cost of antiretroviral therapy has decreased dramatically in recent years, and the availability of these drugs in resource-poor settings has steadily increased. However, the cost of delivering highly antiretroviral drugs to the 33 million people who are now living with HIV is

overwhelming many organizations and public health systems. In addition, it has been shown that for a HIV-infected person who starts antiretroviral therapy, two individuals are newly infected with HIV as this is clearly asymptomatic<sup>2</sup>. This is a major concern because the large number of untreated HIV-infected individuals – who are the main source of the infected population – is likely to grow. Given these well-recognized truths, there is a clear need for a global scientific strategy to tackle HIV<sup>3</sup>. Theoretically, a safe, affordable and scalable cure could address the individual and public health limitations of current antiretroviral therapy and ameliorate viral rebound.

The International AIDS Society (IAS)<sup>4</sup> convened a group of experts to determine what is known about the search for a cure and to identify the next steps. This article summarizes the findings of this group and the recommendations that were taken to move toward a future HIV infection. These efforts include the creation of a standards advisory board, and an international steering committee composed of community activists, representatives from pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, funders and regulatory agencies, and key HIV and non-HIV researchers from across the world.

In this Opinion article, we provide a concise, multi-disciplinary plan that identifies a set of key scientific priorities that should bring us measurably closer to our vision of developing a global HIV cure<sup>5</sup>. These priorities span the areas of basic, translational and clinical investigation. Two broad categories of individuals with HIV infection were considered by the group: first, those who are currently infected and in treatment and secondly, those who are seropositive but have no detectable virus (or potential cure). Here, we describe how the priorities identified by the IAS can allow us to achieve a sterilizing or functional cure for HIV.

**Basic science aspects of HIV cure research** Research on HIV cure has been limited to HIV persistence during long-term, otherwise effective, antiretroviral therapy. These include the persistence of HIV after infection of target host cells (ongoing viral replication)<sup>6</sup> and the failure of host immune responses to eliminate infected cells. In the following sections, we describe the mechanisms that we need to understand to develop a strategy that will lead to an HIV cure<sup>7</sup>.

**Mechanisms that establish HIV latency** Most CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that are productively infected with HIV are likely to die from virus-induced cytopathic effects, but a significant fraction of these live to become T cells that harbour integrated HIV DNA persist indefinitely (a phenomenon called latent infection or latency) (reviewed in PLoS 12). Although less well characterized, latent HIV infection may also occur in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, dendritic cells, CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, including naive CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, tissue macrophages, astrocytes, thymocytes and perhaps hematopoietic progenitor cells. Latency is characterized by the resting memory T cells is due either to the inhibition of restating CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (which occurs in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that are infected by highly susceptible activated CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells followed by their reversion to

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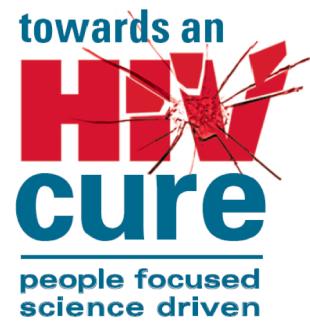
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# "Towards an HIV Cure"

Scientific research has led to remarkable discoveries since HIV was first identified thirty years ago. Today, individuals living with HIV can expect to live a relatively normal lifespan provided they are both diagnosed and treated early enough and they comply to life-long antiretroviral drug regimens.

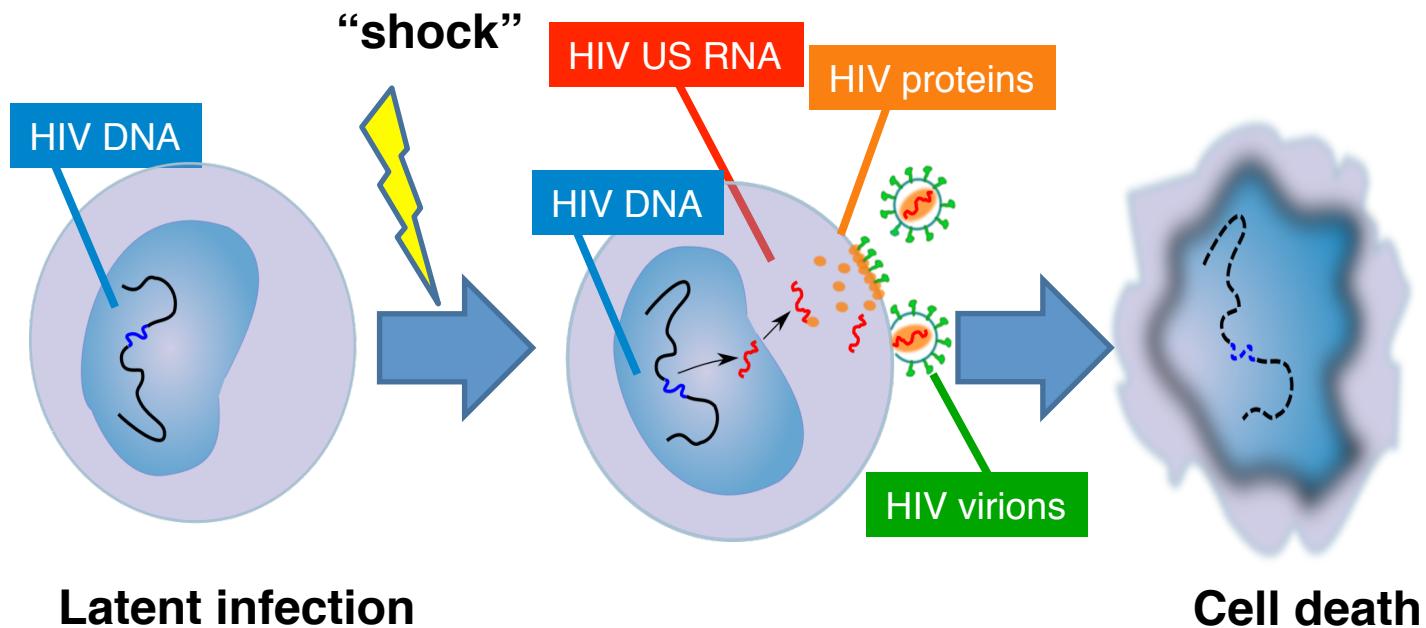
However, combination therapy—even when taken for decades—is not curative, as HIV persists despite even the best treatment.

**IAS working group  
Towards an HIV cure: a global scientific strategy.  
*Nature Rev. Immunol. July 2012,  
Update in Nat. Med. August 2016***



# Quelles stratégies?

# Activation de la latence virale : “shock”



**Latency reactivating agents (LRA)**  
eg., modify chromatin

**LRA accelerating cell death**  
eg., disulfiram, TLR agonists

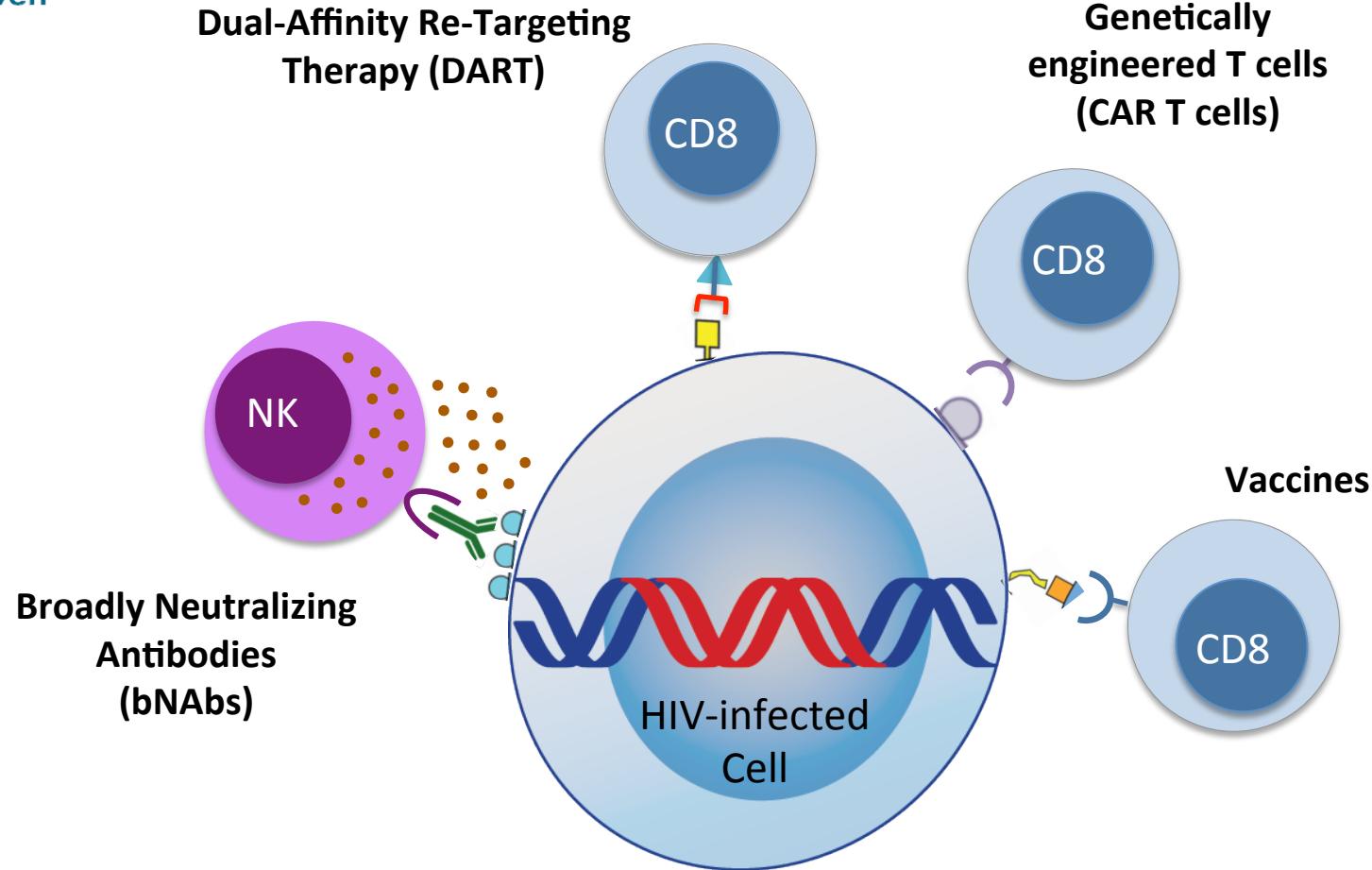
# Plusieurs molécules activatrices de la latence, mais pas d'elimination des cellules réservoirs.

Latency reversing agent	Site of action	HIV latency	US HIV RNA	Plasma RNA	HIV DNA
Vorinostat	HDACi	Single dose <sup>1</sup> Intermittent <sup>2</sup> Continuous <sup>3</sup>	↑	↔	↔
Panobinostat	HDACi	Intermittent dose <sup>4</sup>	↑	+/-	↔
Romidepsin	HDACi	Weekly dose <sup>5</sup>	↑↑	↑↑	↔
Disulfiram	AKT activation	High dose 2g/day <sup>6</sup>	↑	↑	↔
Bryostatin	PKC agonist	Low dose 10-20ug/m <sup>2</sup>	↔	↔	↔

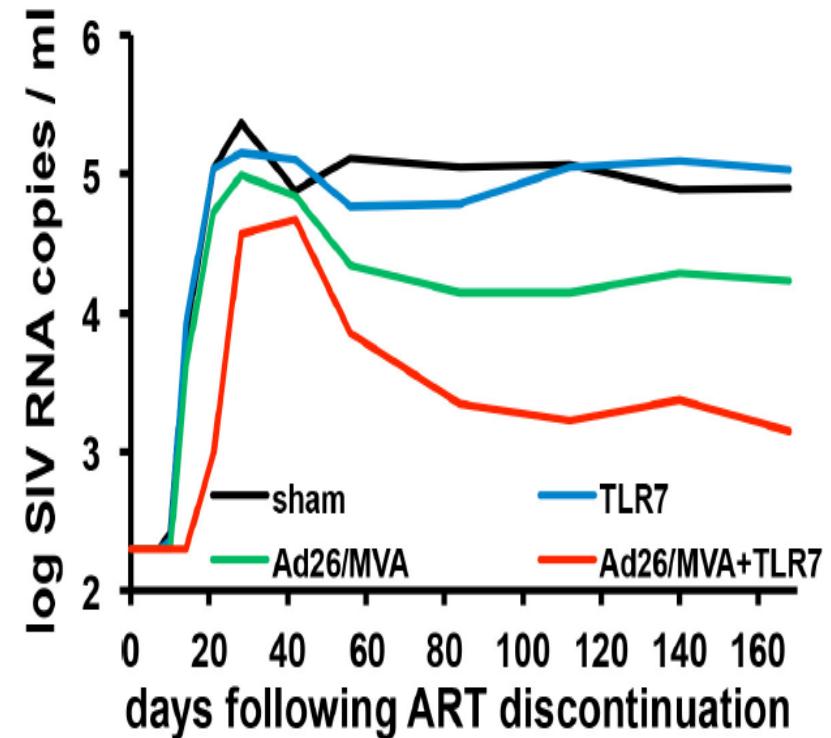
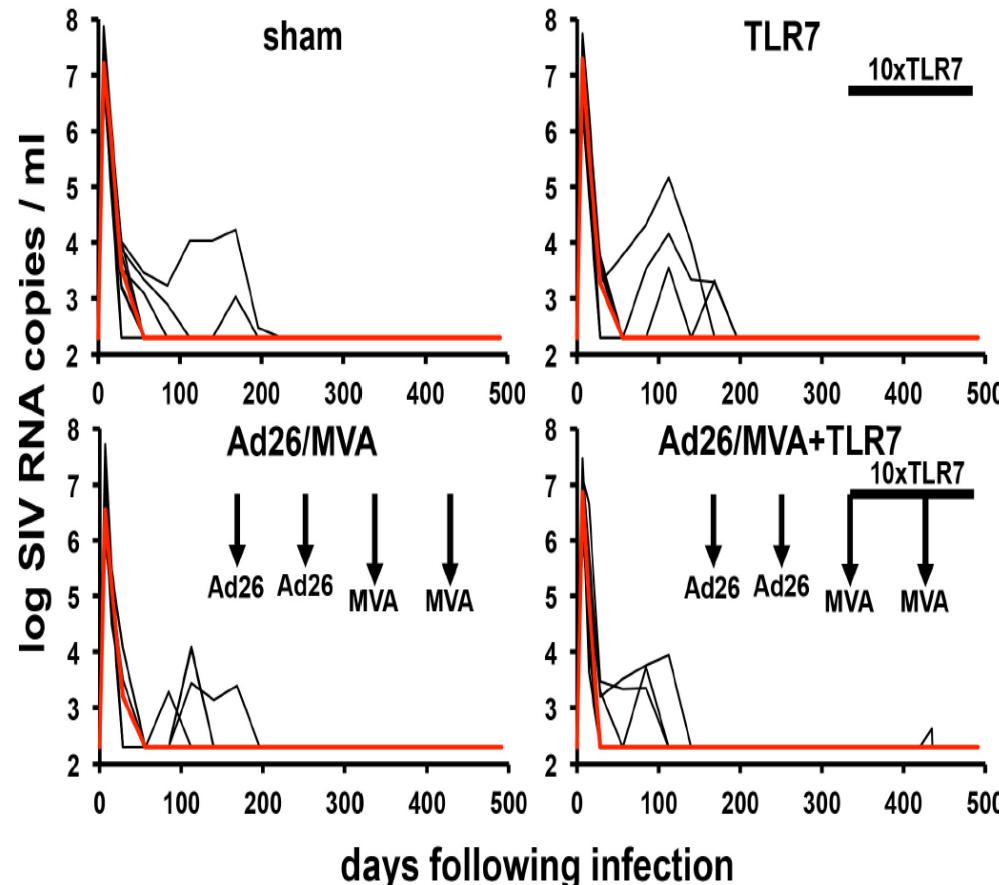
HDACi = histone deacetylase inhibitor; US HIV RNA = unspliced HIV RNA

<sup>1</sup> Archin et al., *Nature* 2012; <sup>2</sup> Archin et al., *J Infect Dis* 2014; <sup>3</sup> Elliott J et al., *Plos Pathogens* 2014; <sup>4</sup> Rasmussen et al., *Lancet HIV* 2014; <sup>5</sup> Sogaard et al., *Plos Pathogens* 2015; <sup>6</sup> Elliott J et al., *Lancet HIV* 2015; <sup>7</sup> Gutierrez et al., *AIDS* 2016

# Comment optimiser l'élimination des cellules infectées, réactivées?



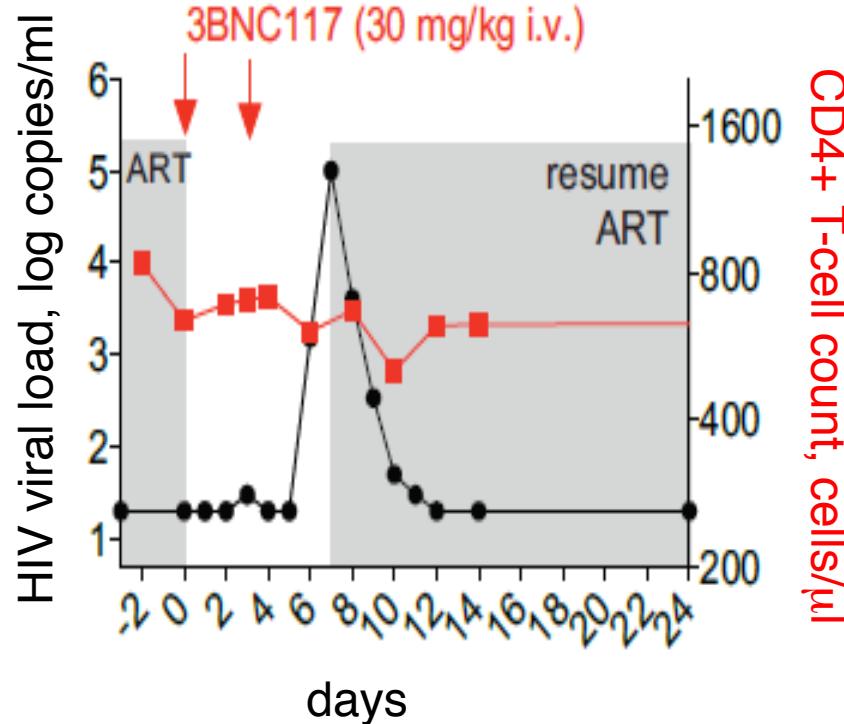
# Vaccins Ad26/MVA + TLR7 (adjuvant ou activateur latence virale): control SIV à arrêt ART



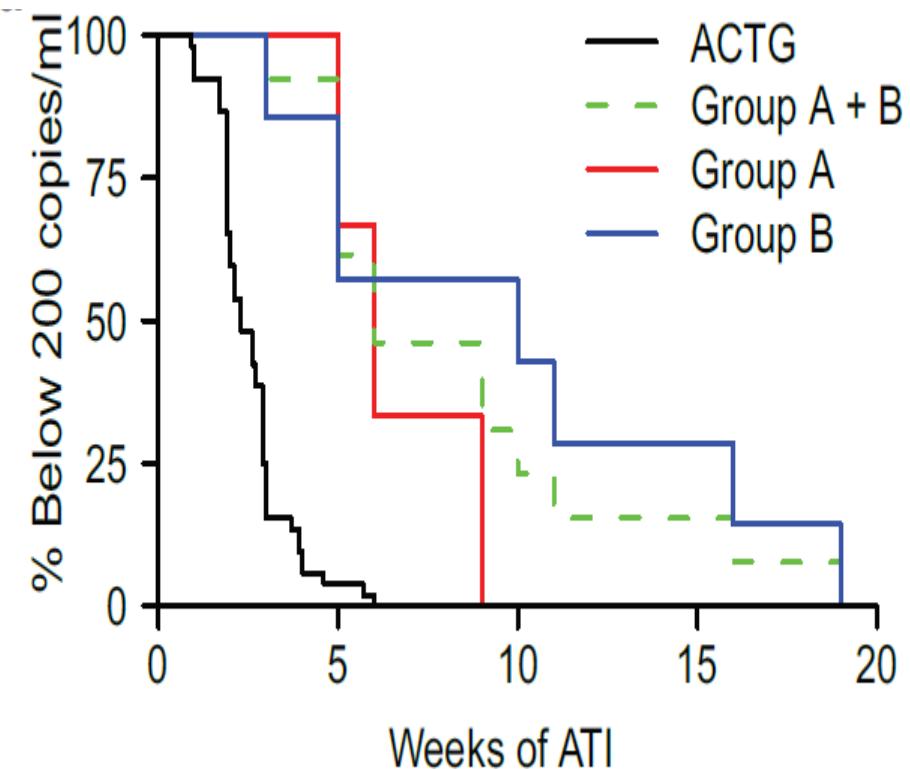
TLR7 agonist (Gilead) and Adenovirus (Ad26) + Modified Vaccine Ankara (MVA, Janssen)

Borducchi et al., Nature 2016

# bNabs: elimination des cellules infectées et rebond viral plus tardif après arrêt cART.

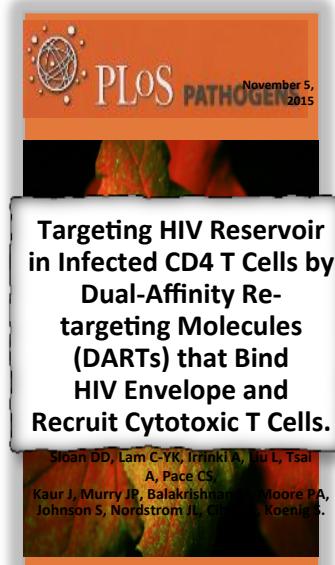
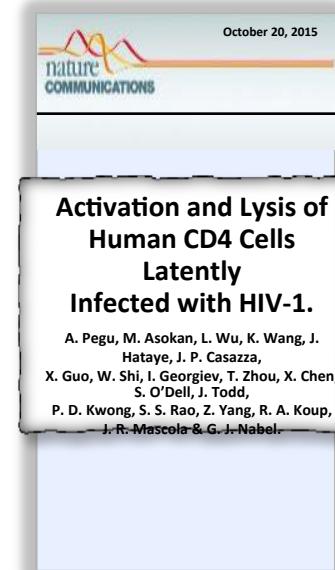
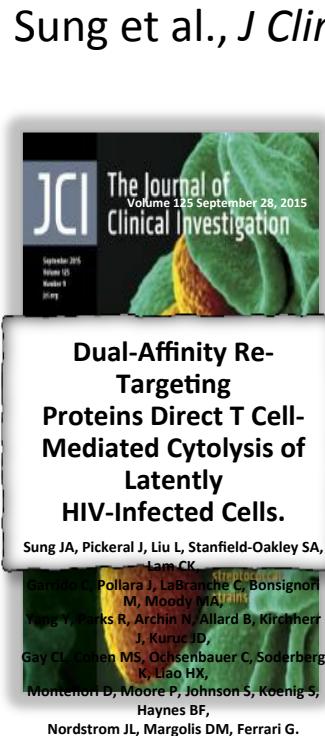
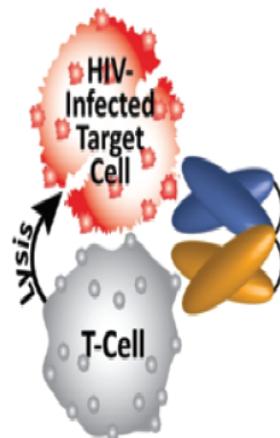
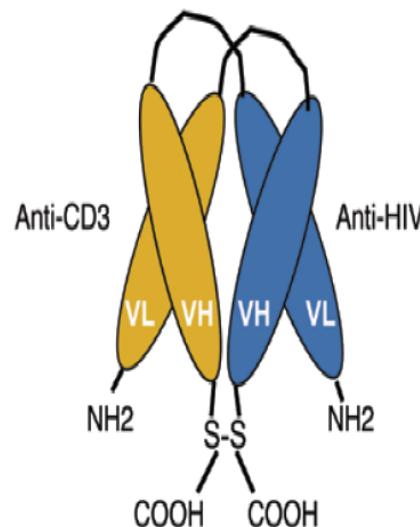


HIV-infected individuals on ART  
Antiretroviral treatment interruption 2  
days after first infusion



ACTG = historical controls;  
Group A = 3BNC1017x2 infusions;  
Group B = 3BNC1017 x 4 infusions

# Anticorps bi-spécifiques?

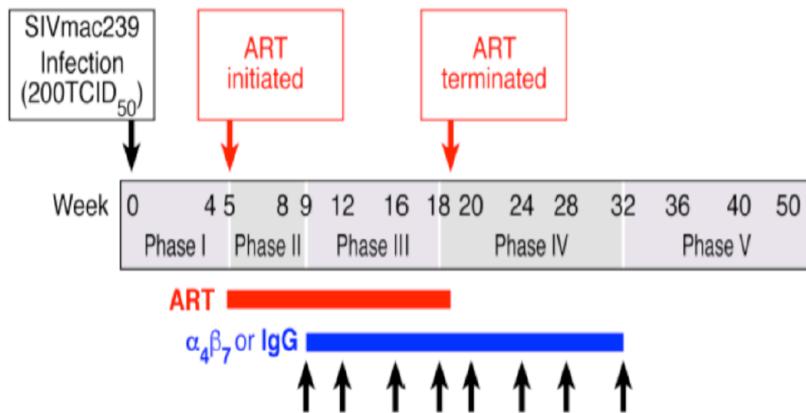


- **BITEs and DARTs mediate killing of HIV-infected cells in vitro**
- Little in vivo data for treatment of HIV, even in animal models, but ongoing studies
- Products exist and have entered clinical trials for cancer

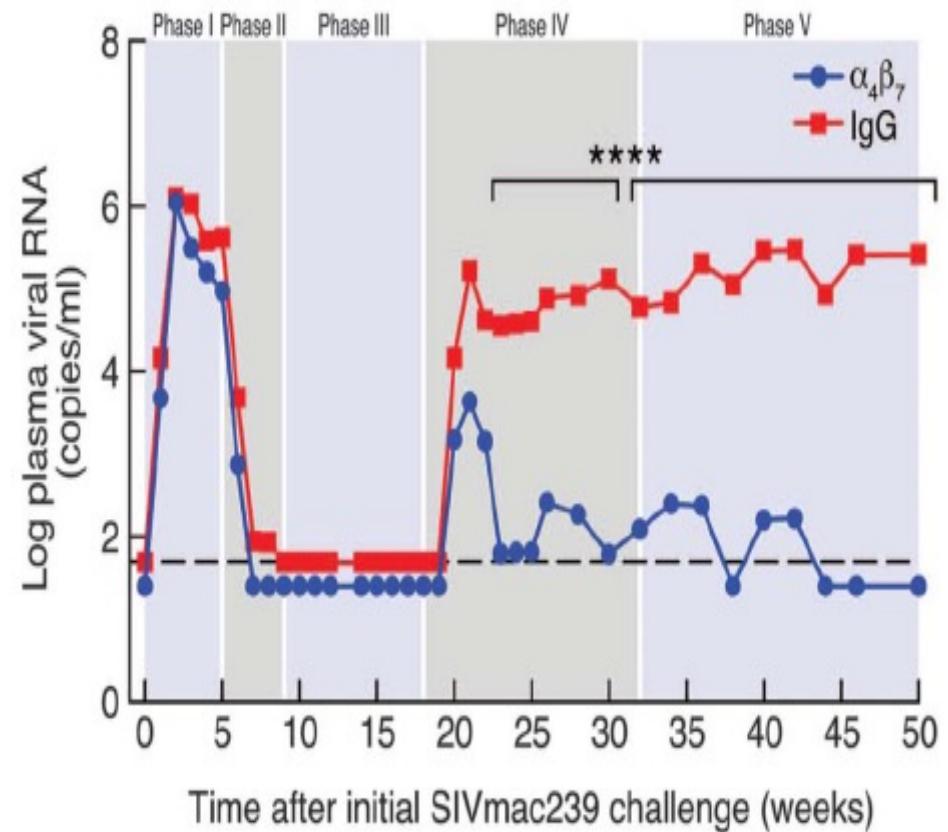


# Cibler le transport des réservoirs vers l'intestin en bloquant a4b7?

- a4b7 is an integrin and enables migration of CD4+ T-cells to GI tract
- a4b7 is a co-receptor for HIV infection
- a4b7 antibody (vedalizumab) is licensed for IBD

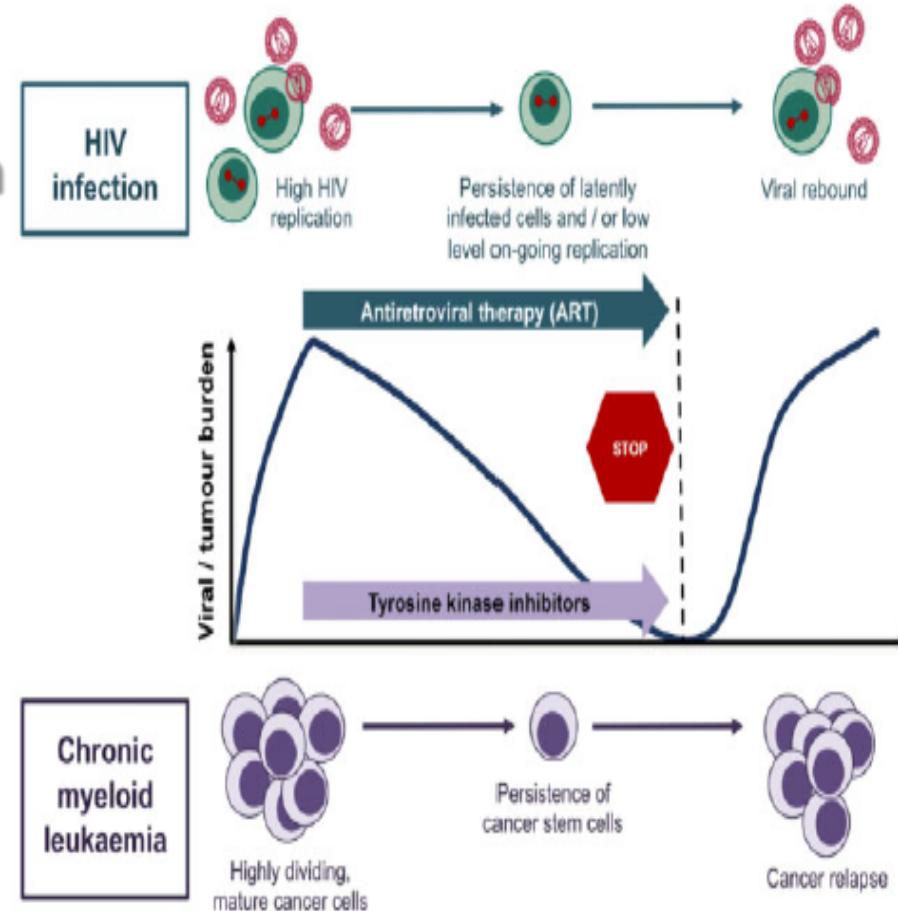
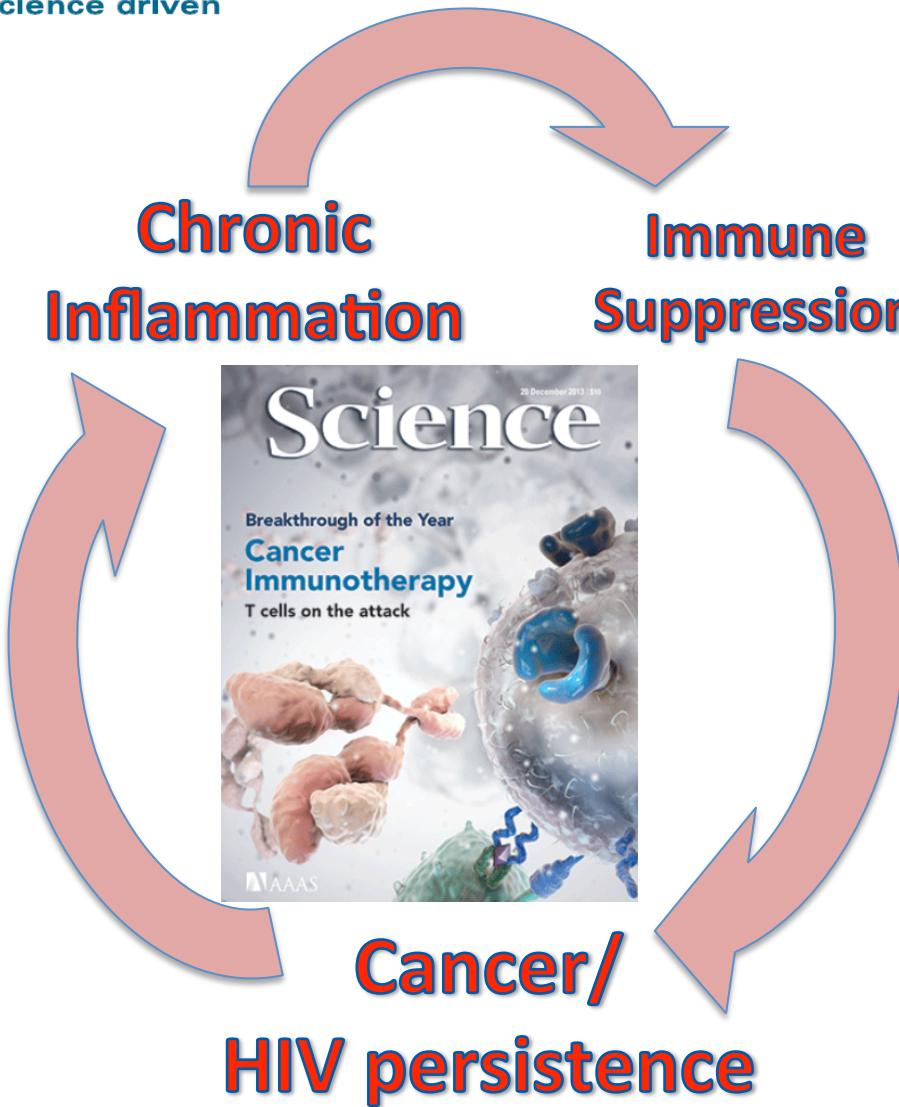


Byareddy et al., Science 2016



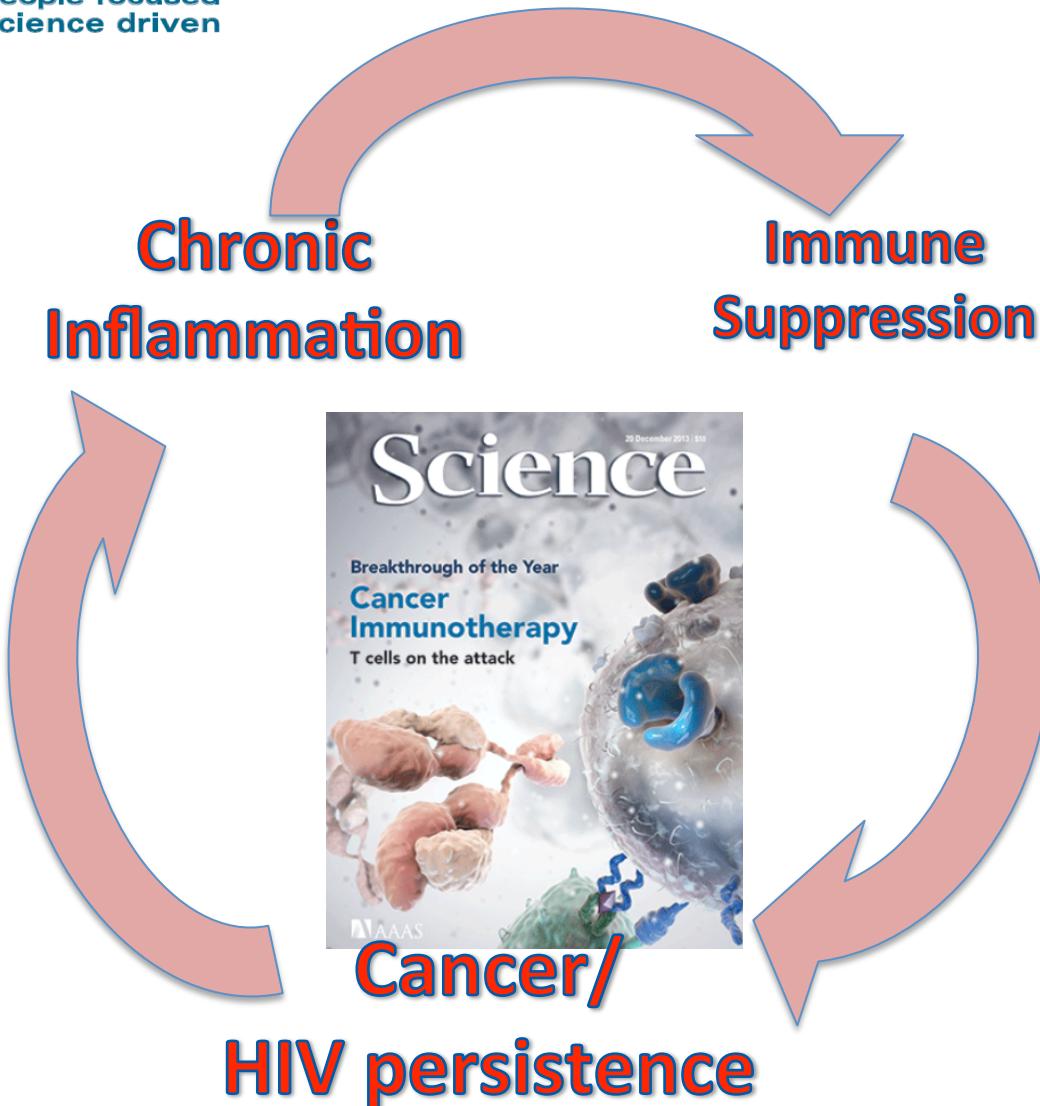
Vedaluzimab: essais cliniques en cours chez des patients  
HIV+ sous cART

# Persistante du VIH et du cancer: Des défis similaires...



## Persistante du VIH et du cancer:

### Des stratégies thérapeutiques similaires...



- LRA (*HDAC inhibitors; JAK/STAT inhibitors; PKC agonists*)
- TRL4/7 agonists
- Cytokines and/or anti-cytokines (*IL-1, IL-21, IL-15, anti-IFN $\alpha$ , anti-IL-7...*)
- ICB blockers (*anti-PD1, PD1-L or anti CTLA-4...*)

# ICB: études cliniques en cours.

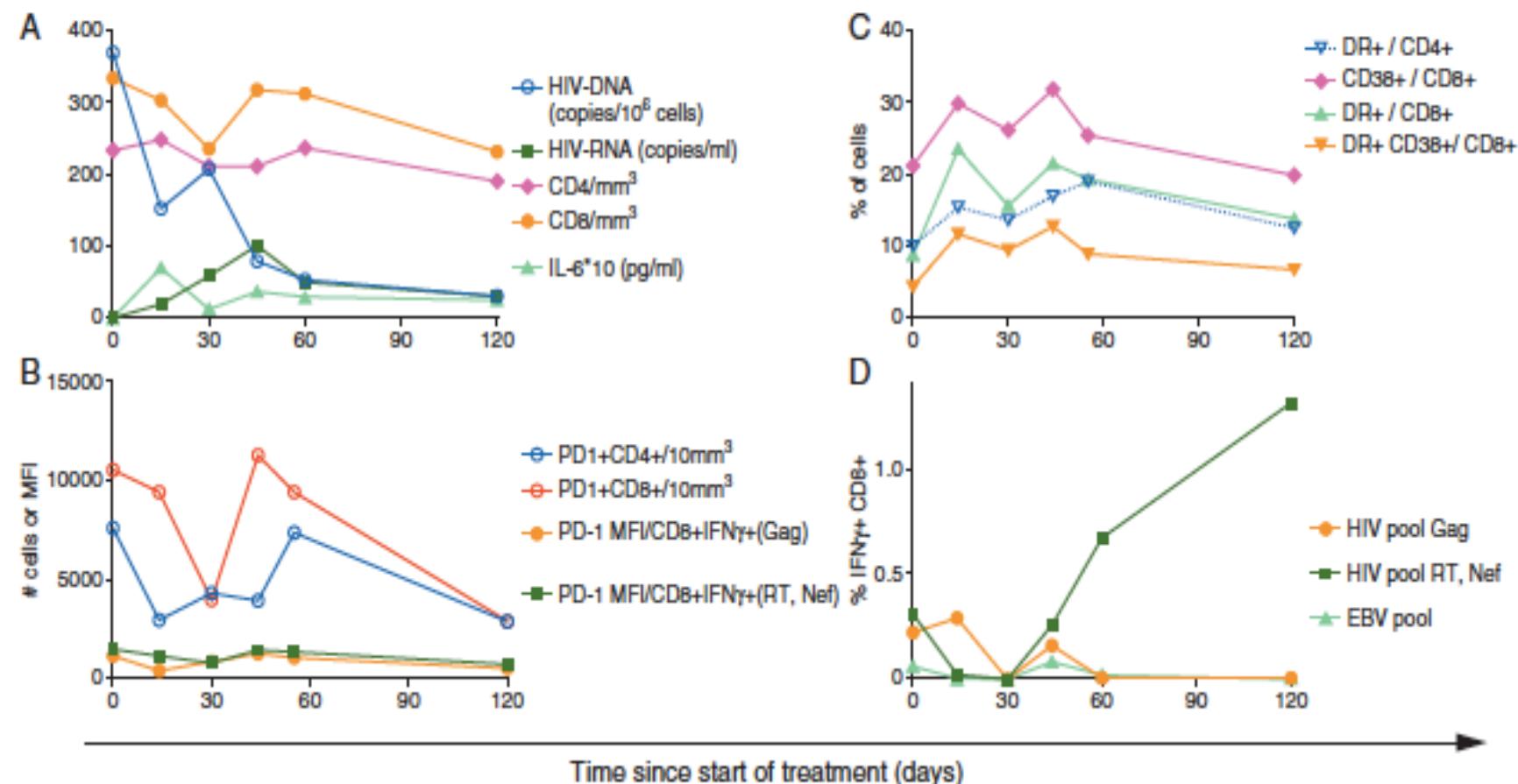
Immune checkpoint blocker	Study design	Patient population	Study name (Location)	Outcome
Anti PD1 (Merck)	<b>Multi-dose phase 1B</b>	<b>Malignancy:</b> AIDS-defining or non-AIDS	CITN; US	Reservoir substudy
Anti PD1 + Anti CTLA4 (BMS)	<b>Phase 1 Dose escalation</b>	<b>Malignancy:</b> HIV-associated tumors including lung, anal and KS	AMC; US, Sydney	Reservoir substudy
All ICB	<b>Observational study</b>	<b>Malignancy:</b> melanoma or small cell ca of lung	Australia, US, Denmark, Germany	Ongoing
All ICB	<b>ANRS OncoVIH cohort</b>	All cancer patients	France	Ongoing
Nivolumab (anti PD1)	<b>Phase 2 trials</b>	NSCLC and Hodgkin	France	Ongoing

ACTG = AIDS Clinical Trials Group; CITN = Cancer Immunotherapy Network; AMC = AIDS Malignancy Consortium; ANRS Clinical trials and cohorts

Adapted from Rasmussen T et al., *Curr Opinion HIV/AIDS* 2016

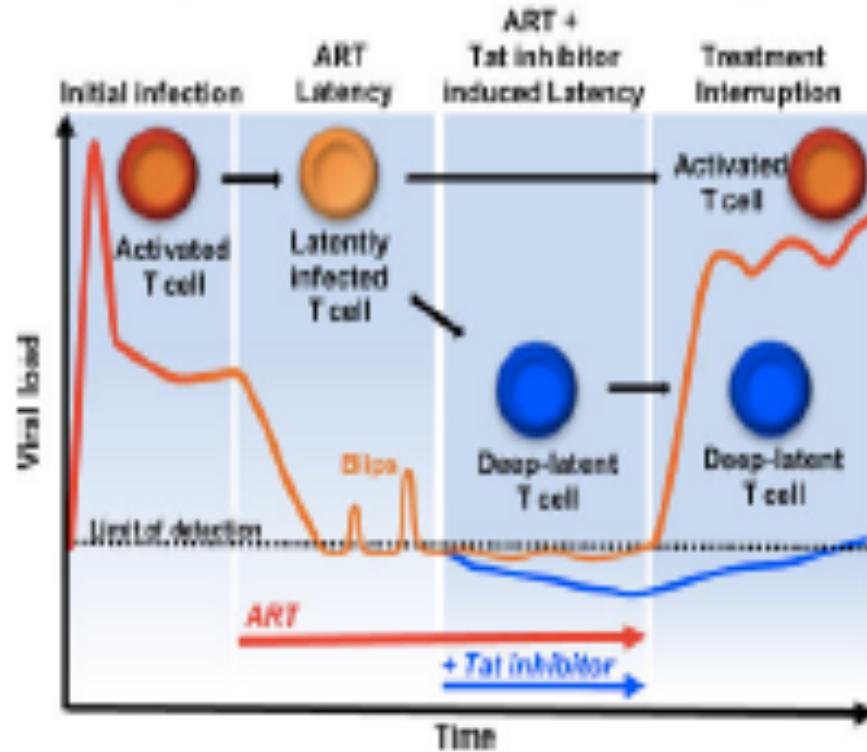
# Réduction importante des réservoirs VIH chez un patient atteint d'un cancer pulmonaire, traité par du nivolumab

Letter to the editor, JP.Spano, B. Autran et al. Annals of Oncology, Dec. 2017.

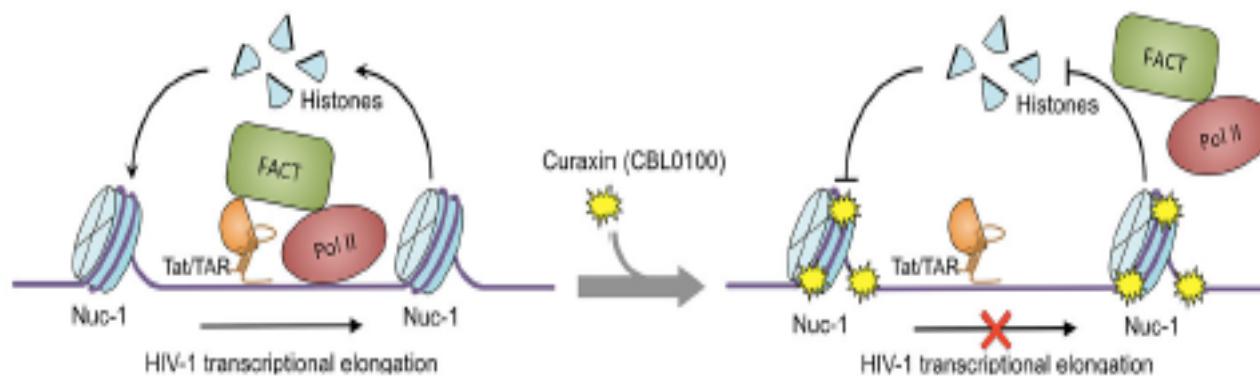


**Figure 1.** Immunovirological modulations under anti-PD-1 therapy in an HIV-infected patient treated for lung cancer. (A) CD4 cell count, interleukin (IL)-6 plasma levels, HIV-1 plasma viral load measured with ultrasensitive technique (USVL), and total HIV-DNA (DNA copies/million cells) through time. (B) PD-1 expression on total CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, on HIV Gag-specific CD8+ T cells, and on HIV RT/Nef-specific CD8+ T cells. Results are expressed as absolute number of total PD-1+ T cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, or as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) for HIV-specific T cells. (C) HLA-DR and CD38 activation markers expression on total CD4 and CD8 peripheral T cells. (D) Frequencies of HIV Gag, RT/Nef, and Epstein Barr Virus (EBV)-specific IFNγ+CD8+ T cells (stimulation with optimal CD8 peptides).

# Stratégie “Block and Lock”



Tat inhibitor like dCA  
(didehydrocorstatin)



Epigenetic silencing  
by Curaxin 100  
(CBLO100), an  
inhibitor of  
transcriptional  
elongation

# Thérapie génique et cellulaire?



Re-infusion of ZFN-CCR5 modified T cells in few patients: sustained decline in HIV DNA and CD4+T cell increase over one year (*Sangamo study by Dale Ando et al.*)

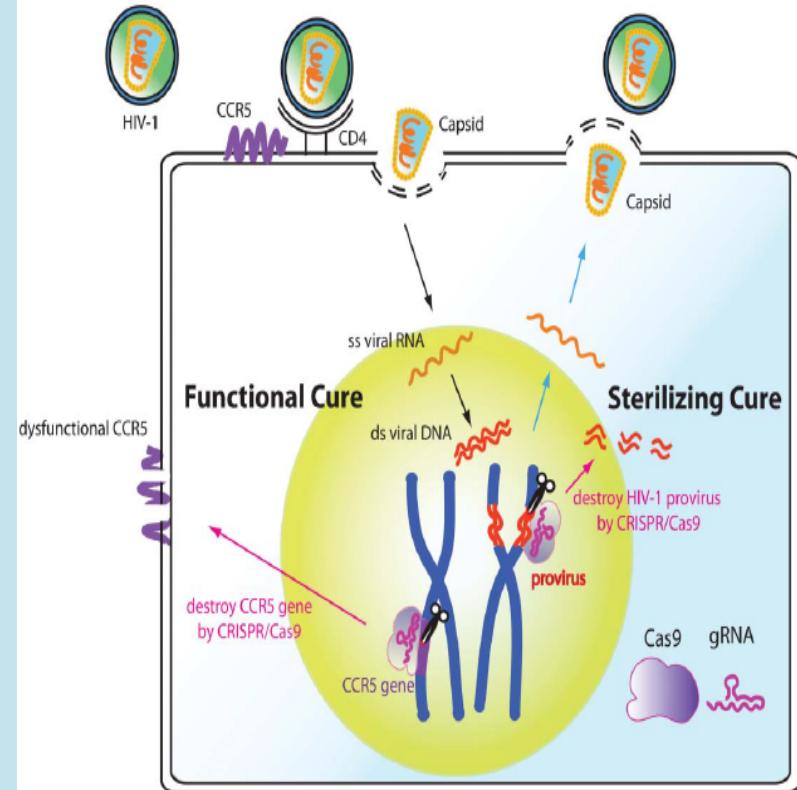
## What are the best strategies?

- Gene editing using CRISPR-Cas9 (modified CCR5, siRNA, CARs, TCRs...?)
- Which Cell (T cells or human stem cells, autologous vs. allogeneic) to engineer?
- HSC engraftment concerns?
- Animal models and best patients for clinical studies?
- Safe, effective, affordable and scalable approach?



### Gene Editing of CCR5 in Autologous CD4 T Cells of Persons Infected with HIV

Pablo Tebas, M.D., David Stein, M.D., Winson W. Tang, M.D., Ian Frank, M.D., Shelley Q. Wang, M.D., Gary Lee, Ph.D., S. Kaye Spratt, Ph.D., Richard T. Surosky, Ph.D., Martin A. Giedlin, Ph.D., Geoff Nichol, M.D., Michael C. Holmes, Ph.D., Philip D. Gregory, Ph.D., Dale G. Ando, M.D., Michael Kalos, Ph.D., Ronald G. Collman, M.D., Gwendolyn Binder-Scholl, Ph.D., Gabriela Plesa, M.D., Ph.D., Wei-Ting Hwang, Ph.D., Bruce L. Levine, Ph.D., and Carl H. June, M.D.



Hua et al. PNAS 2015; Liao et al. Cell Cycle 2015

**Vers où allons nous?**

# Stratégies à l'étude chez l'homme: vers une combinaison?

## MINIMIZE RESERVOIR

Limit reservoir with early treatment

Antiretroviral therapy

Broadly neutralizing antibodies

## Combination

SHOCK

BLOCK and LOCK

KILL

Latency Promoting Agent (LPA)

Reactivation of latently infected cells by transcription activators

viral clearance

Curaxin100 (CBLO100): inhibitor of transcriptional elongation.

Inhibit histone deacetylase

Therapeutic vaccines

Inhibit bromodomain extraterminal

bNabs, anti-a4b7

Activate toll-like receptors

dCA (tat inhibitor

Bispecific abs

Activate PKC, JAK/STAT

didehydroxycorsatin)

CD1, PD1-L, anti-CTLA-4

## HIV RESISTANT CELLS or DESTROY HIV

Transfusing cells with modified CCR5 gene

Gene-editing therapy using CRISPR-Cas9

Bone marrow or cord blood transplantation

**BESOIN URGENT**

de nouveaux

biomarqueurs

prédictifs

d'efficacité!

**CD32a? Autres?**

Traitements  
personnalisés?

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# Eradication du VIH/Sida?

Répondre aux grands défis  
sociétaux, interventionnelles  
et scientifiques

Pas pour demain....

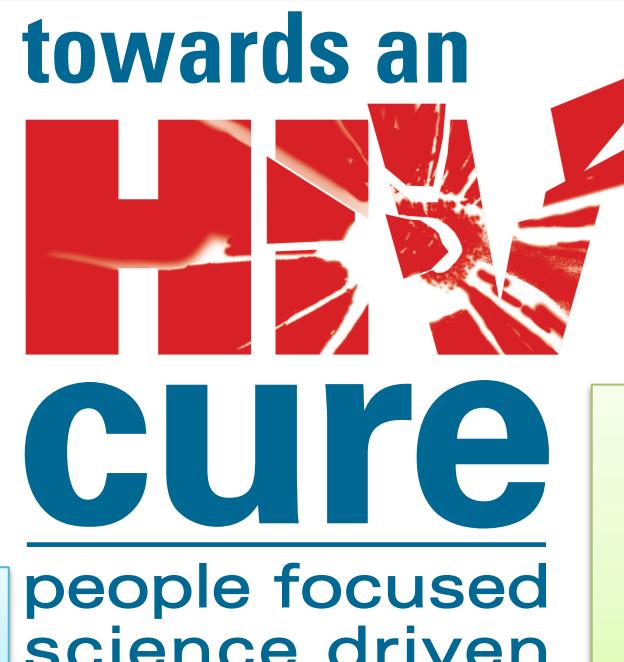
Financement ciblé  
et coordonné (x2,5)

Engagements du  
milieu associatif,  
des patients

Cooperation  
public + privés

Nouveaux concepts,  
nouvelles générations

## Gouvernance internationale



Coordination et  
Collaborations  
Internationales

Bases de données et  
plateforme  
d'échanges

Interaction between  
Chercheurs en Sciences  
Fondamentales, Cliniques  
et Sociales

Echanges avec d'autres disciplines  
(cancer, pathologies du vieillissement..)

# Gardons en mémoire la vision de Louis Pasteur...



*L'action sans vision ne fait que passer le temps, la vision sans action n'est que rêverie, mais vision et action ensemble peuvent changer le monde.... N. Mendela*



Plus fort tous ensemble!