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# ***Measuring Cognitive Changes in HIV Infection: Size Really Matters***

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Updated research nosology for HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders

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	Neuropsychological (NP) Testing is available
Asymptomatic Neurocognitive Impairment (ANI)	NP impairment in $\geq 2$ cognitive domains that cannot be explained by opportunistic CNS disease, systemic illness, psychiatric illness, substance use disorders, or medications with CNS effects.
Mild Neurocognitive Disorder (MND)	At least mild NP impairment ( $>1$ SD below a demographically appropriate normative mean), involving $\geq 2$ cognitive domains.
HIV-Associated Dementia (HAD)	$>$ Moderate NP impairment ( $>2$ SD below a demographically appropriate normative mean) on $> 2$ cognitive domains.

Fluency

Controlled Oral Word Association Test (FAS) (1, 2)  
Thurstone Word Fluency Test (3)  
Category Fluency (4)  
Action Fluency (5)  
Design Fluency Tests (6, 7)

Executive Functions

Stroop Color and Word Test (8)  
Trailmaking Test – Part B (3, 9)  
Color Trails – II (10)  
Wisconsin Card Sorting Test (11)  
Halstead Category Test (3, 9)  
Odd Man Out Test (12–14)  
Tower Tests (15–17)  
Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System (7)

Speed of Information Processing

WAIS-III Digit Symbol Subtest (18)  
WAIS-III Symbol Search Subtest (18)  
Symbol Digit Modalities Test (19)  
Trailmaking Test – Part A (3, 9)  
Color Trails – I (10)  
Digit Vigilance Test (3, 20)  
Stroop Color Naming (8)  
Reaction Time Tests, e.g., California Computerized Assessment Battery (21)

Attention/Working Memory

WAIS-III Digit Span Subtest (18)  
WAIS-III Letter-Number Sequencing Subtest (18)  
WMS-III Spatial Span Subtest (22)  
Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test (23)  
Digit Vigilance Test (error component) (3, 20)

Verbal and Visual Learning

Verbal:  
California Verbal Learning Test (Original and Revised; Total Learning) (24)  
Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (Total Learning) (25)  
Story Memory Test (Learning component) (3)

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Neurocognitive Function in HIV-Infected Patients: Comparison of Two Methods to Define Impairment

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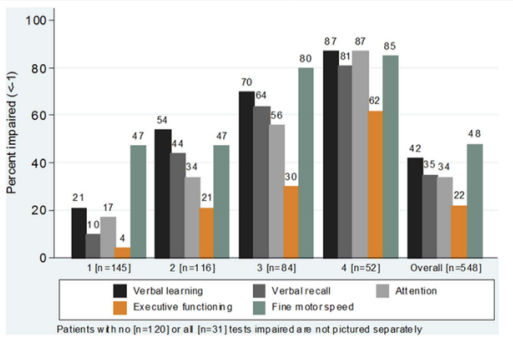


Figure 1. Proportion of patients with functional domains impaired (<1SD), overall and by number of tests impaired. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0103498.g001



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Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment of HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorder: A Consensus Report of the Mind Exchange Program

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- The use of normative data (to adjust for demographic/sociodemographic factors) is essential for the correct interpretation of standard neuropsychological tests with quantitative outcomes (See standard reference books: Heaton et al., 2004b; Lezak et al., 2004; Strauss et al., 2006). Note that the neuropsychologist will also use qualitative information (for example level of motivation, level of reading or writing proficiency, etc) to contextualise the quantitative results.
  - In developing and developed countries the effects of age, education, and gender (as well as ethnicity in some countries) must be considered. See standard reference books Lezak et al., 2004; Strauss et al., 2006
  - Geographic characteristics (such as coming from an urban versus rural environment) may need to be considered in addition to the traditional demographic factors in developing countries. See standard reference books Heaton et al., 2008; Lezak et al., 2004; Strauss et al., 2006
  - Normative data should be selected to best represent the demographic references for a particular participant. In some instances, local norms based on a smaller sample size are recommended over non-local norms based on large sample sizes. See standard reference book Strauss et al., 2006



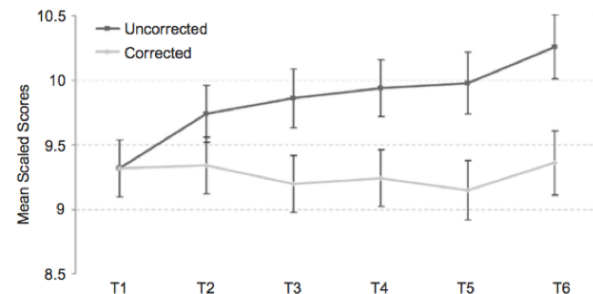
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## Normative data and validation of a regression based summary score for assessing meaningful neuropsychological change

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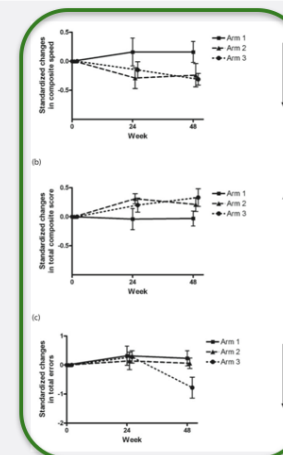
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## Examples of Studies (5)

### Dynamics of cognitive change in HIV-infected individuals commencing three different initial antiretroviral regimens: a randomized, controlled study

A Winston,<sup>1</sup> R Puls,<sup>2</sup> SJ Kerr,<sup>3,4</sup> C Duncombe,<sup>5</sup> PCK Li,<sup>6</sup> JM Gill,<sup>5</sup> SD Taylor-Robinson,<sup>1</sup> S Emery<sup>2</sup> and DA Cooper<sup>1</sup> for the Altair Study Group  
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Winston et al, HIV Medicine, 2012



	Characteristics
Author / Year	Winston et al / 2012
Design / Sample	Randomized, Open-Label / N = 28
Intervention	cART: FTC + 1) EFV, 2) ATV/r, 3) AZT/ABC
Efficacy Endpoint	NP29 / 3 domains
Time	24 weeks + 48 weeks
Statistical Approach	t test, p values
Results	Significant improvements

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## Examples of Studies (3)

### Rivastigmine for HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders

A randomized crossover pilot study

Simioni et al, *Neurology*, 2013

	Mean combined outcome (SD)	$F^b$	p Value
ADAS-Cog	-0.09 (1.14)	$F_{1,13} = 0.31$	0.589
RTI reaction time	-0.53 (2.94)	$F_{1,13} = 1.87$	0.195
RTI movement time	0.68 (2.62)	$F_{1,13} = 0.45$	0.512
RVIP	-0.12 (1.26)	$F_{1,13} = 0.03$	0.858
SWM errors	0.19 (1.24)	$F_{1,13} = 0.08$	0.786
SWM strategy	0.44 (0.88)	$F_{1,13} = 3.94$	0.068
Trail Making Test A	1.20 (1.89)	$F_{1,13} = 5.57$	0.034 <sup>c</sup>
Trail Making Test B	0.22 (3.28)	$F_{1,13} = 0.06$	0.816
SOC correct problems	0.26 (0.95)	$F_{1,12} = 1.17$	0.301
Symbol Digit test	0.11 (0.66)	$F_{1,13} = 0.27$	0.613
Digit span backward	0.08 (2.17)	$F_{1,13} = 0.00$	0.946
Digit span forward	-0.03 (2.21)	$F_{1,13} = 0.03$	0.867
MOS-HIV perceived health <sup>d</sup>	0.20 (21.18)	$F_{1,13} = 0.06$	0.804
MOS-HIV social function <sup>d</sup>	-9.53 (56.09)	$F_{1,13} = 0.70$	0.418
MOS-HIV cognitive function <sup>d</sup>	16.87 (34.76)	$F_{1,13} = 2.71$	0.124
MOS-HIV mental health <sup>d</sup>	4.67 (31.24)	$F_{1,13} = 0.12$	0.730
MOS-HIV global quality of life <sup>d</sup>	14.73 (43.58)	$F_{1,13} = 1.45$	0.249

	Characteristics
Autor / Year	Simioni et al / 2013
Design / Sample	Cross-over, Pilot/ N = 17
Intervention	Rivastigmine
Efficacy Endpoint	Specific scores / 5 domains
Time	20 weeks
Statistical Approach	ANOVA, p values
Results	No significant improvement

Neurological Soft signs in HIV  
associated neurocognitive disorder  
(HAND):  
an easy clinical examination for  
screening and early recognition

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# Neurological soft signs

- comprise both, minor motor and sensory abnormalities
- are frequently found in major psychiatric disorders
- vary in the clinical course
- can be reliably assessed by using rating scales, such as the Heidelberg scale as part of the routine work up

Schröder et al., 1992

## Heidelberg Scale Subscale and Test

1. Motor coordination
  - Ozeretzki's test
  - Diadochokinesis
  - Pronation/supination
  - Finger/thumb opposition
  - Articulation
2. Sensory integration
  - Gait
  - Tandem gait
  - 2-point discrimination
3. Complex motor tasks
  - Finger-to-nose test
  - Fist-edge-palm test
4. Right/left and spatial orientation
  - Right/left orientation
  - Graphesthesia
  - Face/hand sensory test
  - Stereognosis
5. Hard signs
  - Arm-holding test
  - Mirror movements

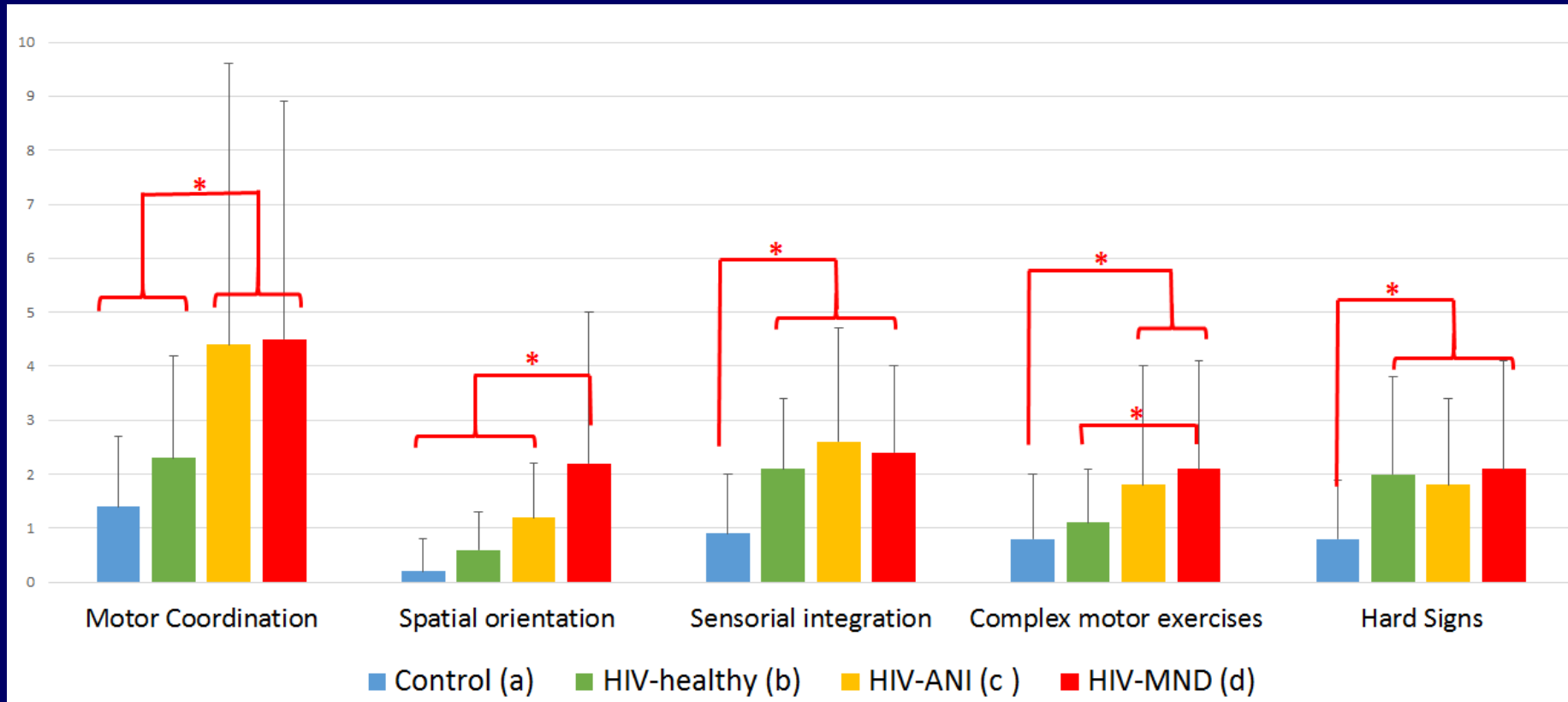
## Heidelberg NSS-Scale

- **Three point rating scale**  
(max. 81 points)
- **High internal consistency**  
Cronbach's  $\alpha$ : 0.85/0.89
  - **test-retest reliability**  
 $r_{tt}=0.80$ ,  $p<0.001$
  - **interrater reliability**  
 $r=0.88$ ,  $p<0.005$

Schröder et al., 1992  
Bachmann et al., 2005  
Valenzuela et al., 2014



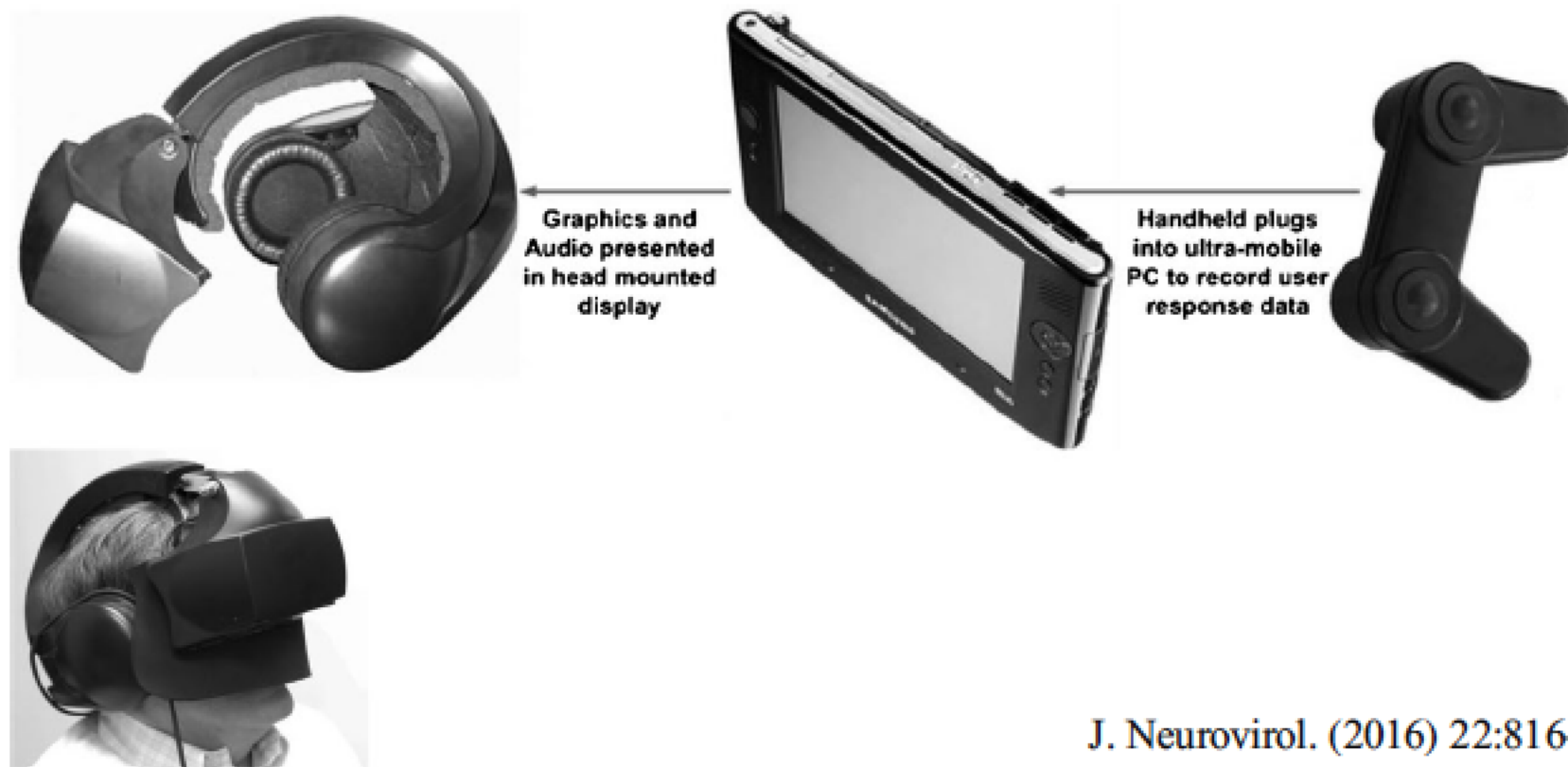
# NSS subscales



\*  $p < 0.05$

# Preliminary study of a novel cognitive assessment device for the evaluation of HIV-associated neurocognitive impairment

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# Questions for Consideration

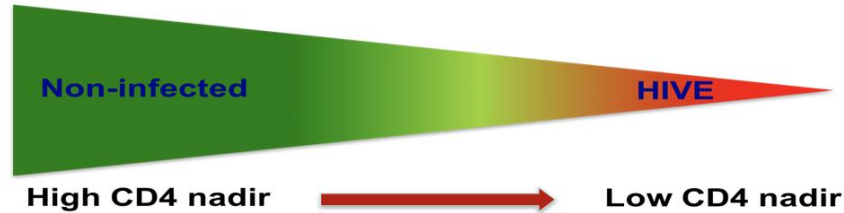
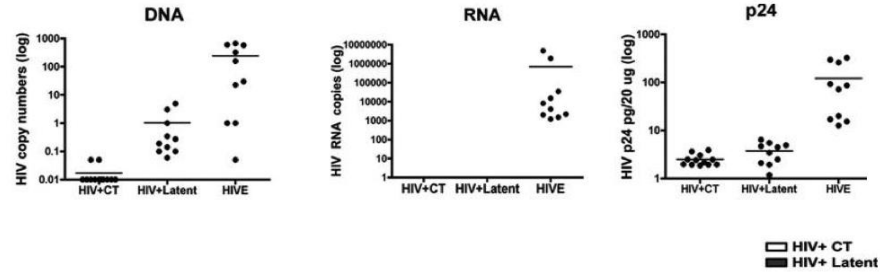
- **What standardized methods should be used to ensure comparability between trials?**
  - Neuropsychological testing, NSS, imaging, biomarkers
  - How often should participants be assessed?
  - For how long should participants be followed?
- **The Frascati guidelines are a decade old. Should they be updated considering 10 years of progress?**
- **What are the most promising interventions now?**
  - Changing “habits”: Exercise, diet
  - Treating comorbid disease: depression, substance use, sleep disorders, metabolic and vascular disease
  - Adjunctive therapies: rivastigmine, paroxetine

# Pros and Cos of antiretroviral treatment on CNS

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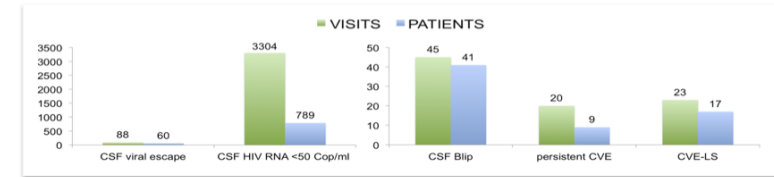
## Intensity of CNS disease is not always the same



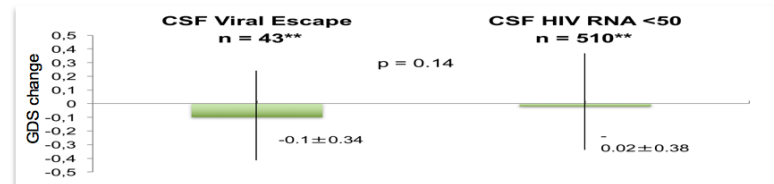
Desplats P et al. Neurology 2013;80(15):1415-23.

## Current regimens have enough CNS penetration

### Uncommon & transient

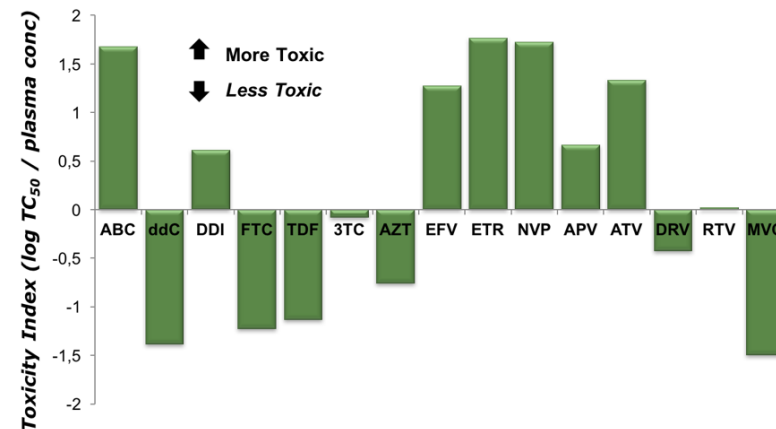


### And it is not associated with NP decline



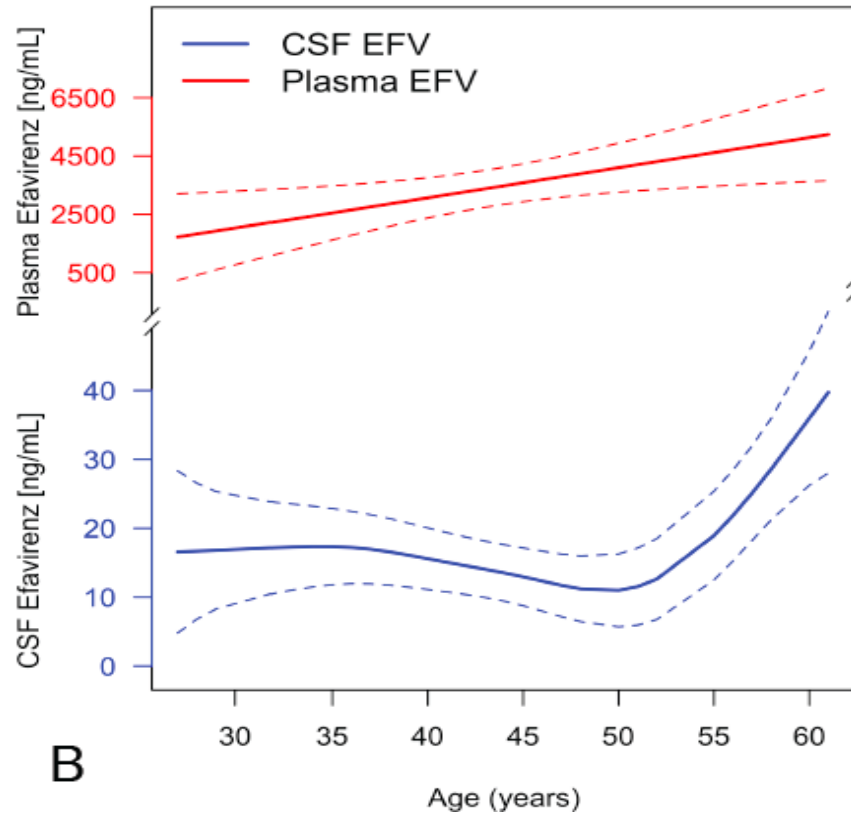
Perez Valero I et al. CROI 2013. Abstract 119

## In-vitro neurotoxicity is associated to drug levels

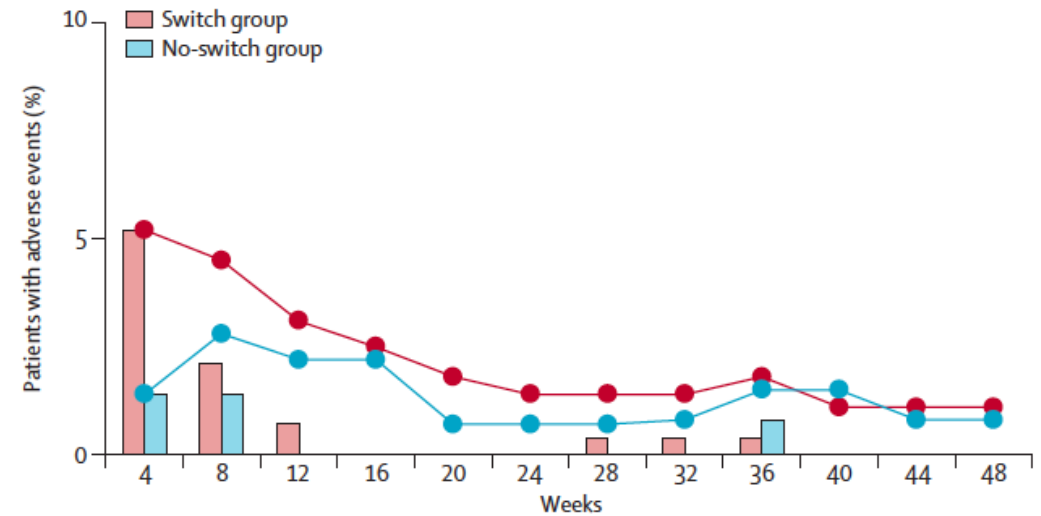


Robertson K et al. J Neurovirol 2012;18(5):388-99.

# Does Changing CSF Pharmacology Over Time Influence CNS Adverse Events?



Croteau D. et al. CROI 2012, abstract 592.



Pozniak et al, *Lancet Infectious Disease* 2014; 14: 590–99

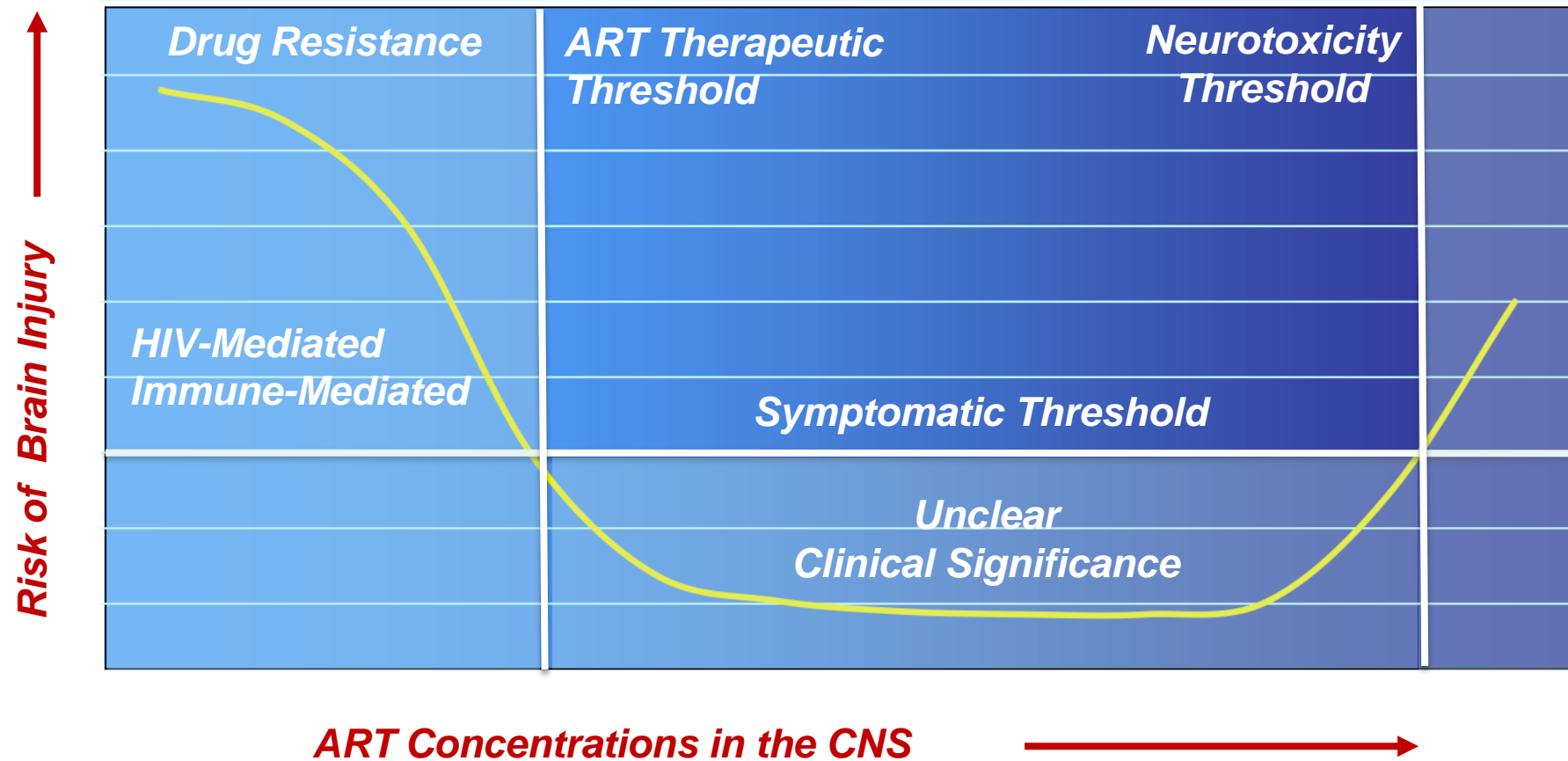
	Week 2	Week 16	Change (%)
<b>DTG Plasma, total*</b>	3360	3210	-4.5%
<b>DTG Plasma, unbound*</b>	17.1	23.9	+39.8%
<b>DTG CSF, total*</b>	18.2	13.2	-27.5%
<b>CSF–total plasma ratio, %</b>	0.516	0.412	-20.2%

\*ng/mL

All values are medians

Letendre et al, *Clin Infect Dis* 2014;59(7):1032–7

# We need ART to be balanced



# Questions for Consideration

- Do current ART regimens have sufficient potency outside and inside the CNS to minimize the effects of HIV replication?
  - Will we continue to see CSF viral escape?
- How will the clinical environment shift over the next 5 years (long-acting ART, new classes of drugs)
- How will we control inflammation from low-level replication and production of neurotoxic HIV proteins?
- How do we implement neurotoxicity data into the clinic?
- Will we need different treatment strategies for patients with different characteristics (e.g., aged)?



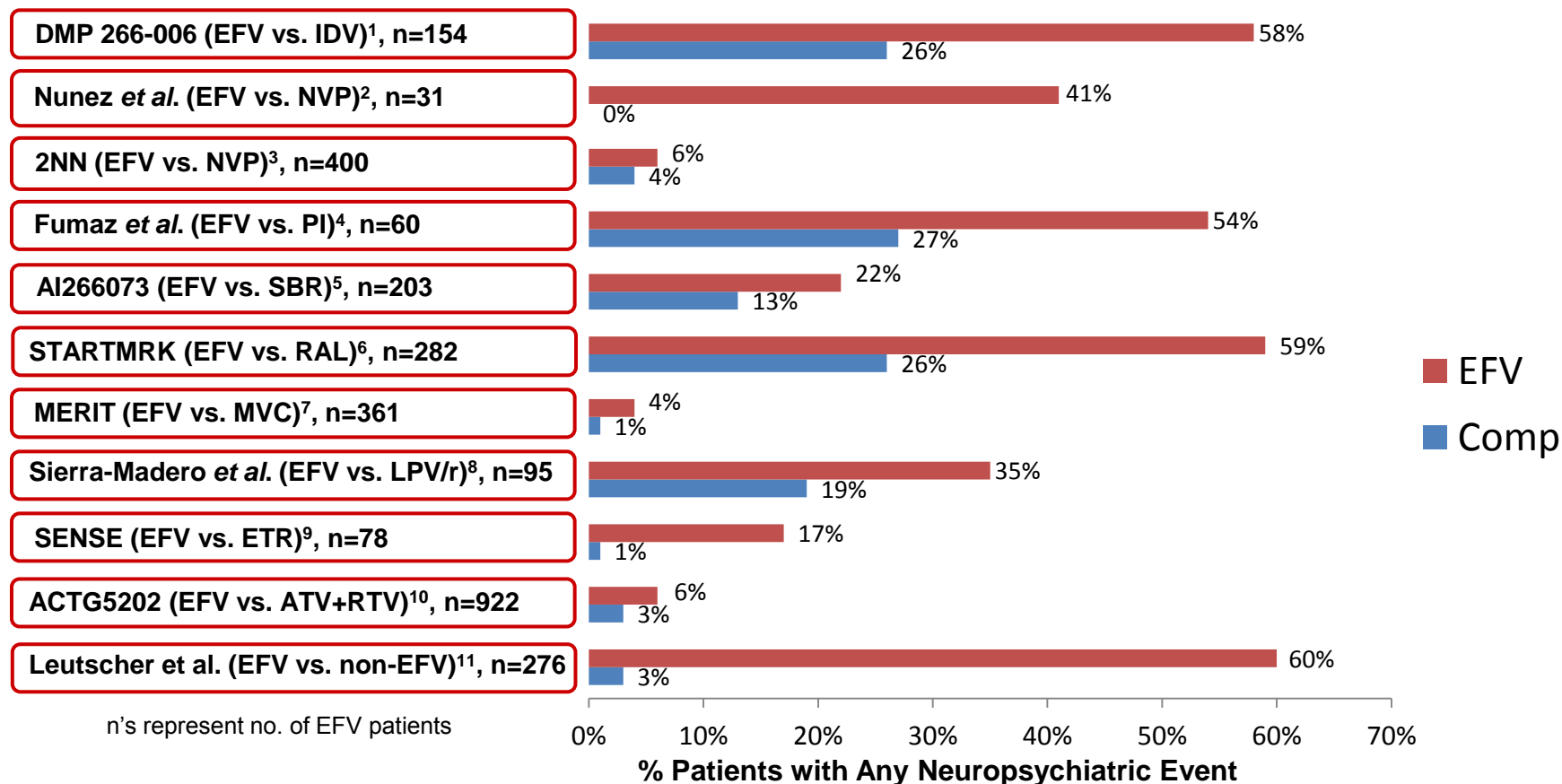
# Integrase inhibitors and the brain

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# The history of EFV-associated CNS toxicities



IDV, indinavir; NVP, Nevirapine; PI, protease inhibitor; SBR, stable baseline regimen; RAL, raltegravir; MVC, maraviroc; LPV, lopinavir; ATV, atazanavir; ETR, etravirine; RTV, ritonavir; EFV, efavirenz; Comp, comparator

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# How long does it take to identify a problem?

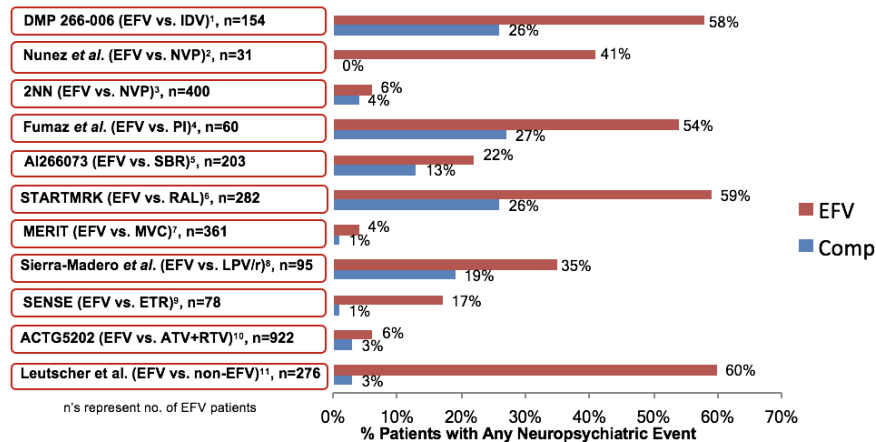
Drug/class	FDA approval	Toxicity	Signal	Delay (years)	Risk (95%CI)
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nevirapine <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>14</sup>	Toxicity at high CD4	2005 <sup>8</sup>	9	Female 12 x higher risk Male 5 x higher risk
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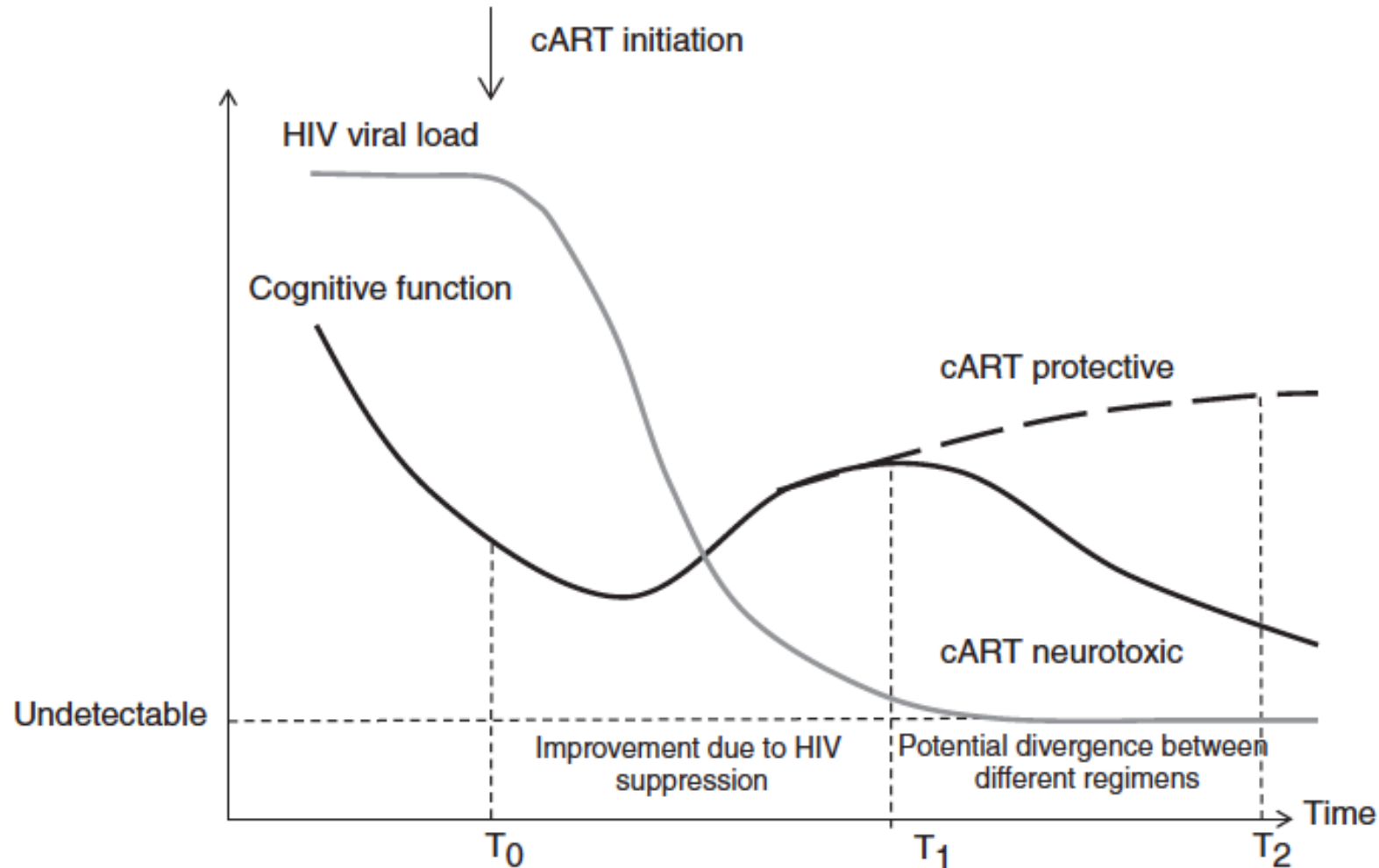
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# Neurotoxicity May Be Masked in the Early Treatment Period



# Dolutegravir cohort data

	Clinic	No. of patients	d/c due to AEs n (%)	Main reasons for d/c
	OLVG <sup>1</sup>	387	62 (16%)	Sleeping, gastro-intestinal, neurological
	Brighton <sup>2</sup>	128	16 (13%)	Sleep
	Foch <sup>3</sup>	105	11 (10.4%)	Vertigo, headache, insomnia, malaise
	Cardiff <sup>4</sup>	63	6 (10%)	Sleep
	Manchester <sup>5</sup>	178	15 (8.4%)	CNS, malaise and joint pain
	Cologne <sup>11</sup>	985	67 (6.8%)	Neuropsychiatric (5.0%), gastro-intestinal (0.7%), skin (0.3%), renal (0.2%), hepatic (0.1%)
	St Thomas <sup>6</sup>	181	9 (5%)	Insomnia, malaise/myalgia
	DOL-ART <sup>10</sup>	411	18 (4.4%)	Depression (1.2%), GI symptoms (1%)
	Ramón Y Cajal <sup>9</sup>	827	36 (4.3%)	Headache, dyslipidemia, insomnia, dizziness, mood disorders
	Cruser Kobler AIDS centre <sup>8</sup>	73	3 (4.1%)	CNS (2), gastro-intestinal (1) 19% patients had AEs, and 11% CNS AEs
	Liverpool <sup>12</sup>	178	8 (4%)	n/a, 33% have AEs of whom 20% CNS, 10% gastrointestinal, 7% neurological, 3% musculoskeletal, 3% lethargy
	Llibre <sup>14</sup>	873	25 (3%)	Neuropsychiatric toxicity definition included anxiety, depression, insomnia, dizziness, nightmares, paresthesia, somnolence, tremor and vertigo (adjusted HR of 3.18 DTG vs RAL & 4.93 DTG vs EVG/COBI)
	Imperial <sup>7</sup>	138	3 (2%)	Sleep dizziness
	Osaka <sup>13</sup>	101	n/a	20.8% reported CNS AEs: headache (7.9%), insomnia (5.9%)

d/c, discontinuation; AE, adverse events; CNS, central nervous system

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# CNS Safety Data from Dolutegravir Clinical Trials

	SPRING-1 <sup>1</sup>		SPRING-2 <sup>2</sup>		FLAMINGO <sup>3</sup>		SINGLE <sup>4</sup>	
	DTG n=51	EFV n=50	DTG n=411	RTG n=411	DTG n=242	DRV/r n=242	DTG n=357	EFV n=362
<b>Headache</b>	10%	4%	14%	13%	17%	11%	6%	7%
<b>Dizziness</b>	6%	18%	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	33%
<b>Insomnia</b>	6%	10%	6%	5%	8%	7%	10%	6%
<b>Depression</b>	*	*	6%	5%	6%	4%	**	**
<b>Anxiety</b>	*	*	4%	5%	5%	4%	**	**
<b>Abnormal Dreams</b>	*	*	**	**	**	**	7%	16%

\* < 3%

\*\* < 5%

All data are from 96 weeks

<sup>1</sup>Stellbrink et al, AIDS 2013, 27:1771–1778

<sup>2</sup>Raffi et al, Lancet 2013, 13: 927–35

<sup>3</sup>Molina et al, Lancet HIV 2015; 2: e127–36

<sup>4</sup>Walmsley et al, JAIDS 2015, 70:515–519

# CNS Safety Data from Elvitegravir Clinical Trials

	Study 102 <sup>1</sup>		Study 103 <sup>2</sup>		STRATEGY- NNRTI <sup>3</sup>		STRATEGY- PI <sup>4</sup>	
	EVG/ c n=348	EFV n=352	EVG/ c n=353	ATV/r n=355	EVG/ c n=291	NNRTI n=143	EVG/c n=293	PI/r n=140
<b>Headache</b>	16%	11%	17%	15%	10%	3%	6%	6%
<b>Dizziness</b>	7%	26%	*	*	**	**	**	**
<b>Insomnia</b>	11%	16%	*	*	6%	5%	3%	5%
<b>Depression</b>	12%	14%	10%	12%	**	**	4%	6%
<b>Anxiety</b>	*	*	*	*	**	**	6%	4%
<b>Abnormal Dreams</b>	15%	28%	*	*	**	**	**	**
<b>Back Pain</b>	*	*	12%	5%	**	**	**	**

\* < 10%

\*\* < 5%

<sup>1</sup>Zolopa et al, JAIDS 2013, 63: 96–100

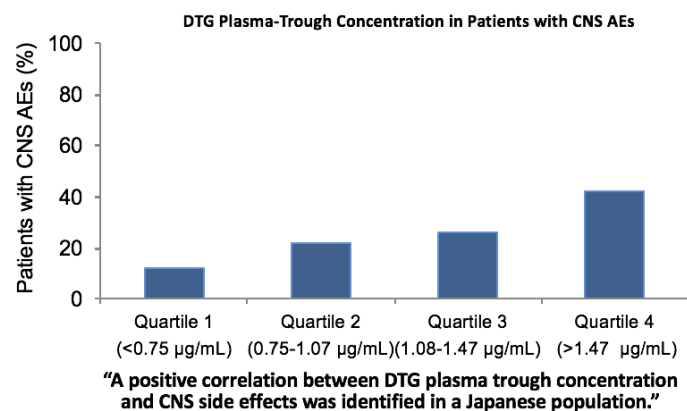
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## Pharmacokinetic considerations

Evaluation of association of DTG concentration and CNS side effects in 162 HIV-infected patients on DTG in Osaka, Japan, Apr 2014 to Mar 2016

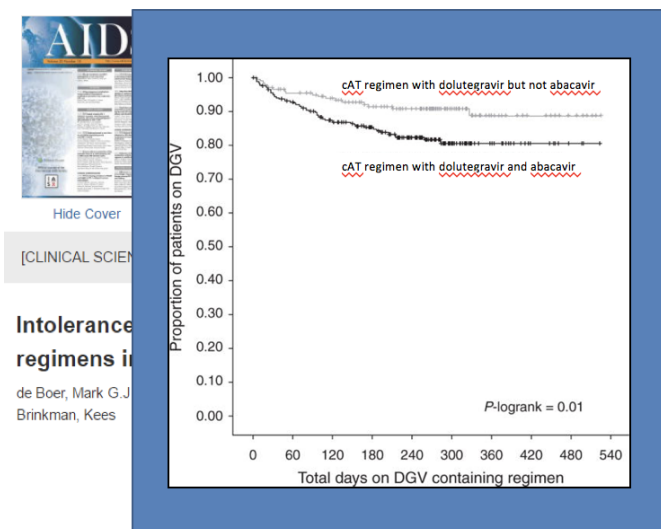


AEs, adverse events; DTG, Dolutegravir; CNS, Central Nervous System

Yagura H, et al. CROI 2017, Seattle, WA, Poster #426

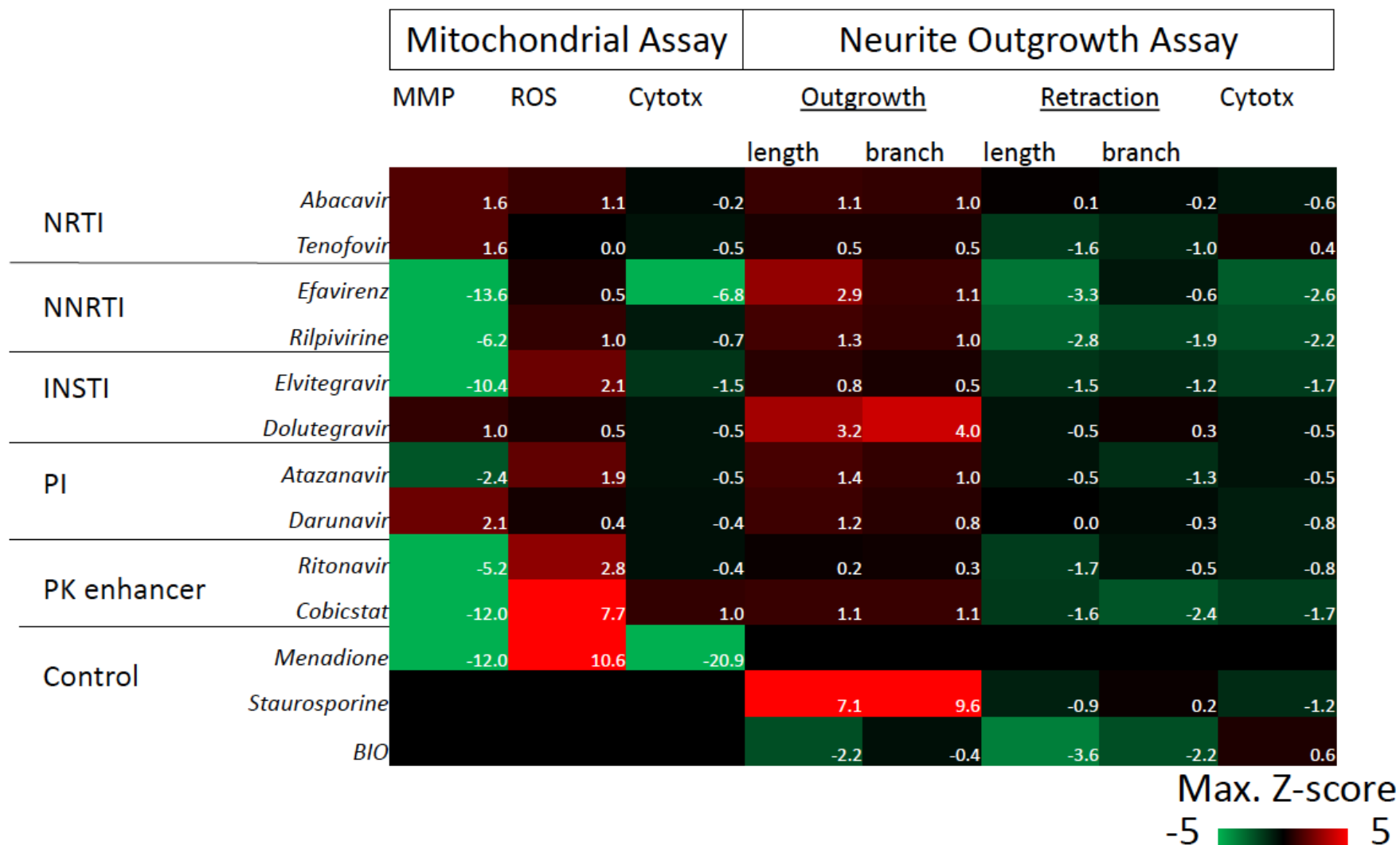
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## The contribution of abacavir



De Boer et al. (2016) AIDS 30(18): 2831-2834

# Neurotoxicity Screening of ART Drugs With Human iPSC-Derived Neurons



# Questions for Consideration

- **Do neuropsychiatric adverse events occur with both dolutegravir and elvitegravir?**
  - Will bictegravir also have neuropsychiatric side effects?
  - Is raltegravir an attractive alternative for initial therapy for patients with risk factors or for switching when AEs occur?
- **What is the contribution of other risk factors (e.g., abacavir, age, sex)?**
- **If symptoms subside but drug is continued, will cumulative injury occur with resulting long-term cognitive or mood disorders?**
  - If they do, will they be reversible?



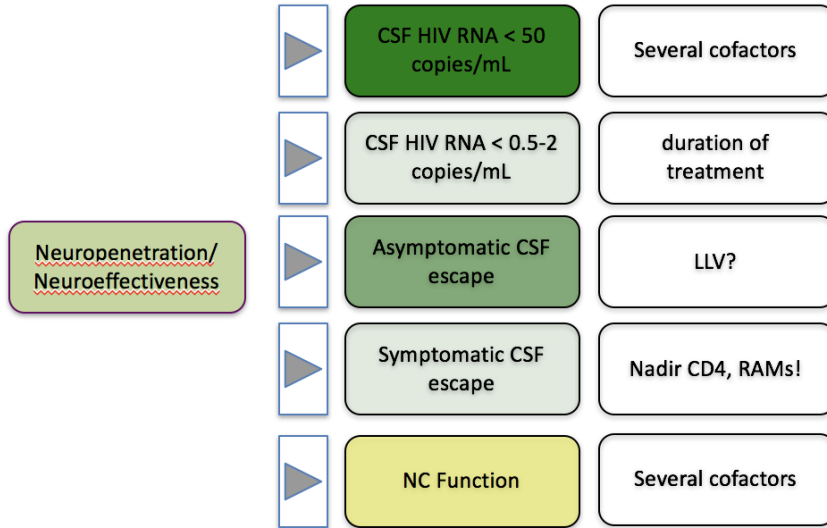
# Pharmacokinetic Issues and CNS in HIV-infected Patients

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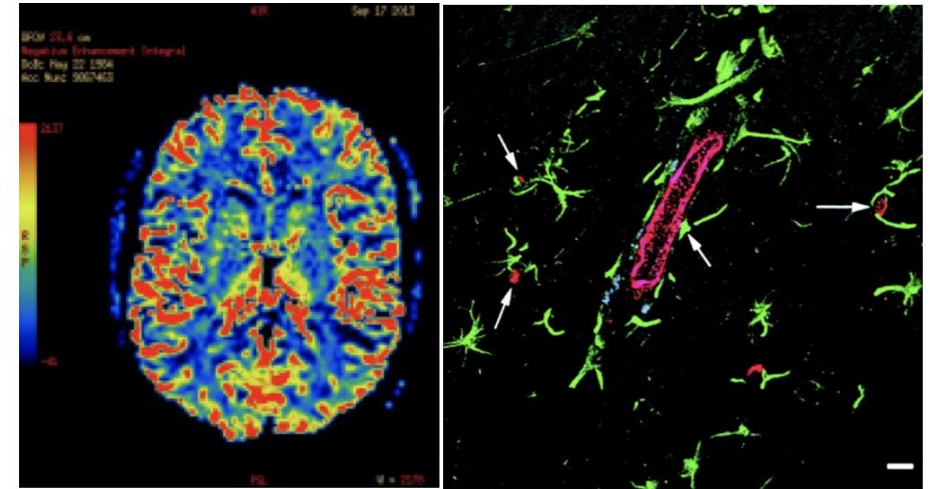


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## Summary of PK and CSF/CNS outcomes

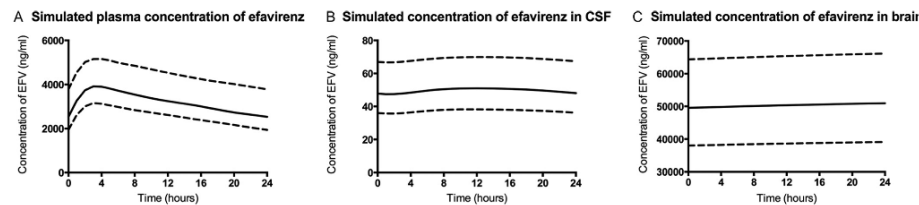


## Penetrazione omogenea?



1. www.istockphoto.com 2. Williams K C et al. J Exp Med 2001.

## Brain tissue concentrations



### Predicted Cmax

plasma 3184 ng/mL (2219 - 485)

CSF 49.9 ng/mL (36.6 - 69.7)

brainT 50343 ng/mL (38351 - 65799)

tissue to plasma ratio = 15.8

### Observed Cmax - rats

plasma 69.7 ng/mL (44.9 - 130.6)

brainT 702.9 ng/mL (475.5 - 1018)

tissue to plasma ratio = 9.5 (7-10.9)

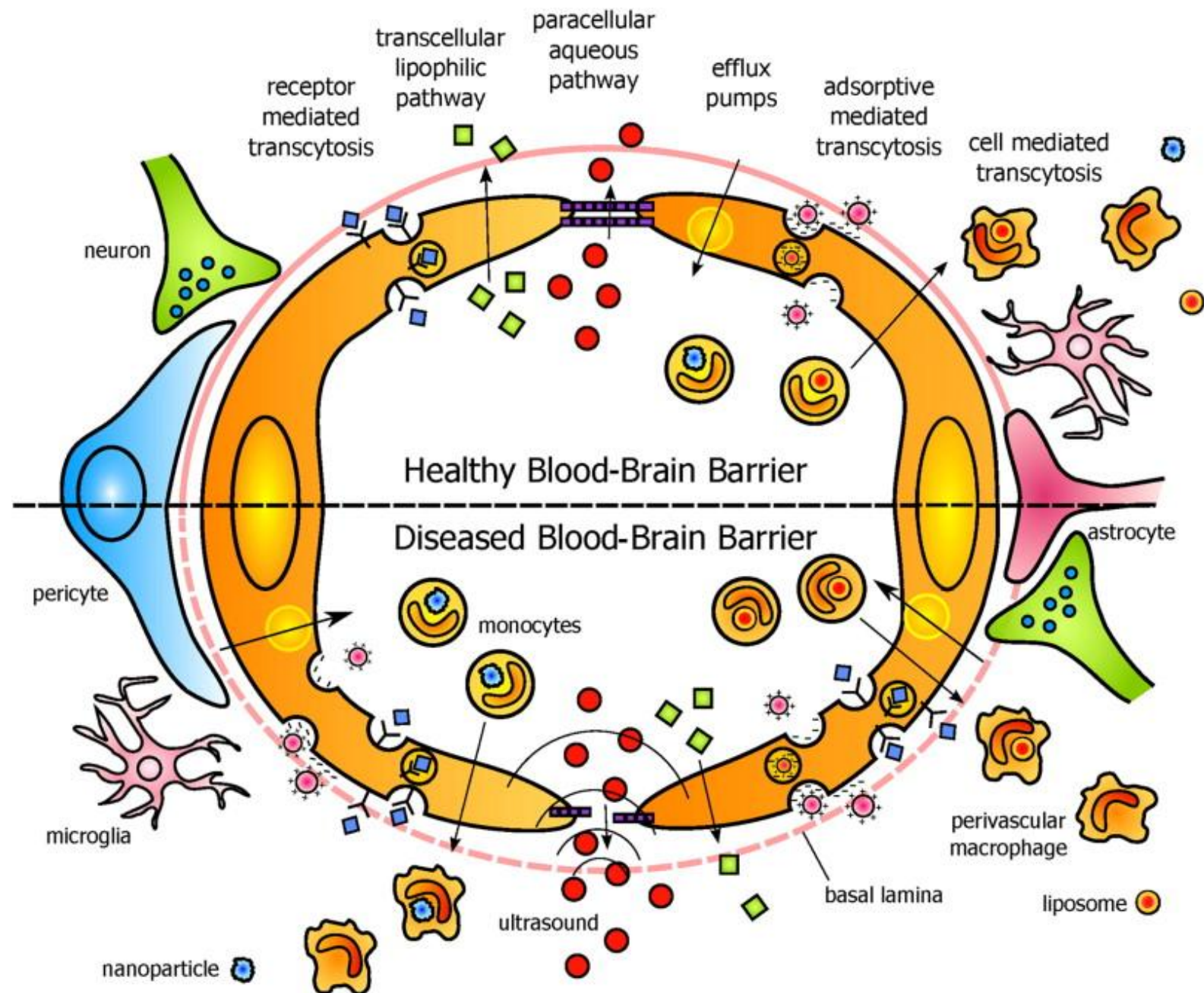


# ART Drug Concentrations in Brain: Regional Variation, CSF Comparability

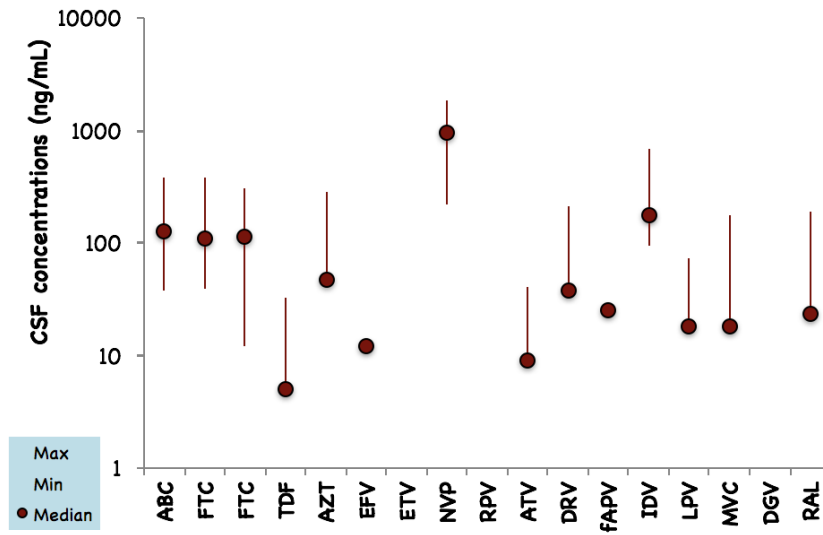
	n	Overall Mean	WM mean (ng/mL)	GP mean (ng/mL)	CGM mean (ng/mL)	CSF (ng/mL)
Concentrations Similar to Historical CSF Concentration						
Atazanavir (ATV)	2	< 25	< 25	< 25	< 25	10.3 <sup>1</sup>
Efavirenz (EFV)	2	38.6	45.2	34.8	35.9	15.6 <sup>2</sup>
Emtricitabine (FTC)	4	181.3	230.4	173.2	140.3	109.0 <sup>3</sup>
Lamivudine (3TC)	3	196.9	205.5	209.8	175.4	107.8 <sup>4</sup>
Concentrations in White Matter Higher than Historical CSF Concentration						
Lopinavir (LPV)	4	153.3	410.6	< 25	< 25	16.8 <sup>5</sup>
Concentrations Higher than Historical CSF Concentration						
Tenofovir (TDF)	6	206.0	220.0	212.1	185.8	5.5 <sup>6</sup>

WM = White Matter; GP = Globus Pallidus (Deep Gray Matter); CGM = Cortical Gray Matter

**Across all drugs, concentrations were lower in CGM than in the other two regions (p=0.01, paired signed rank test)**



## High variability in CSF exposure

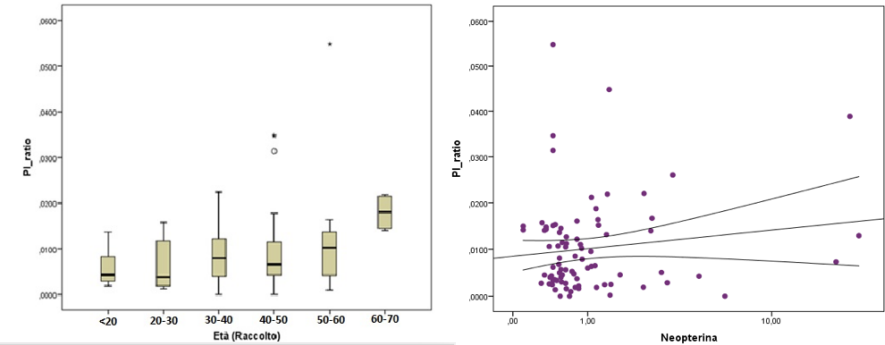


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## Determinants of PI CSF to plasma ratios

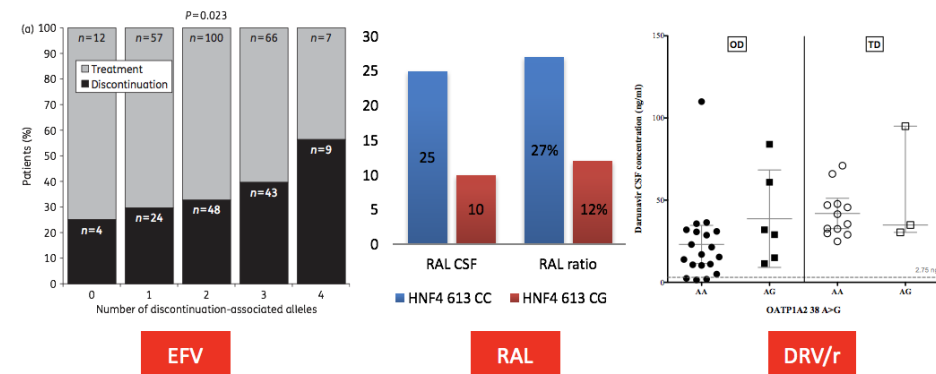
n=137 (79 DRV/r, 31 ATV/r e 27 LPV/r)

- Multivariate linear regression analysis adjusted for age, CSAR, time after dose and *ABCB1* 3435C>T
- **Age (p=0.01) and CSF neopterin (p=0.05)**

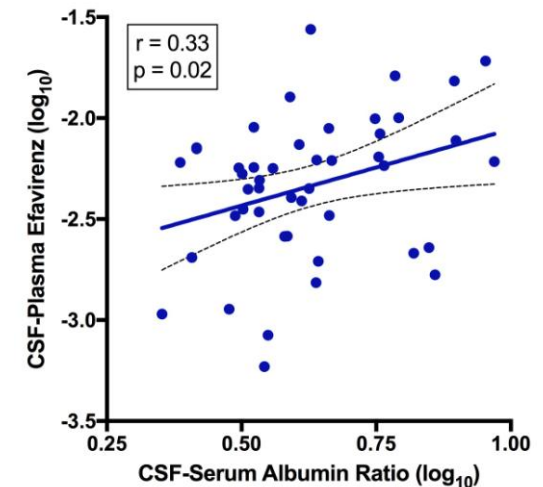
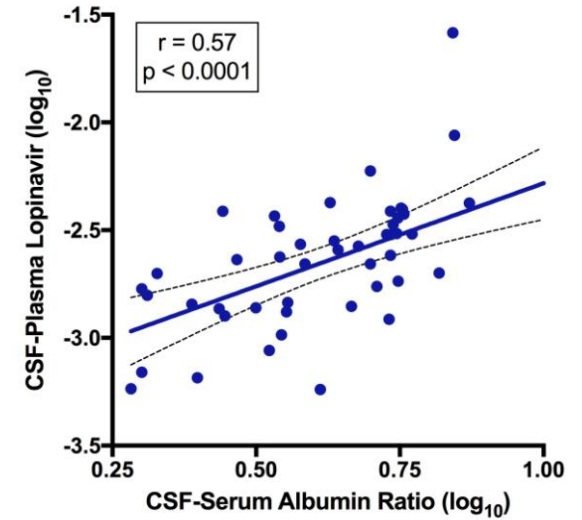
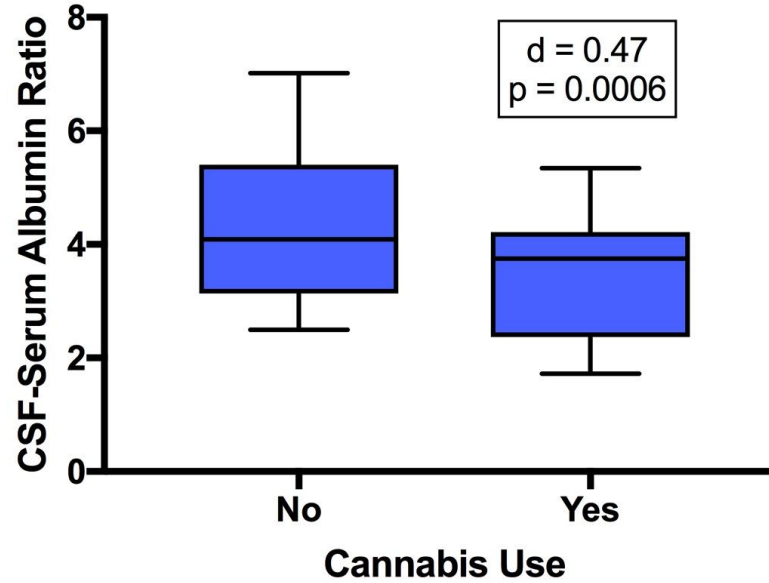
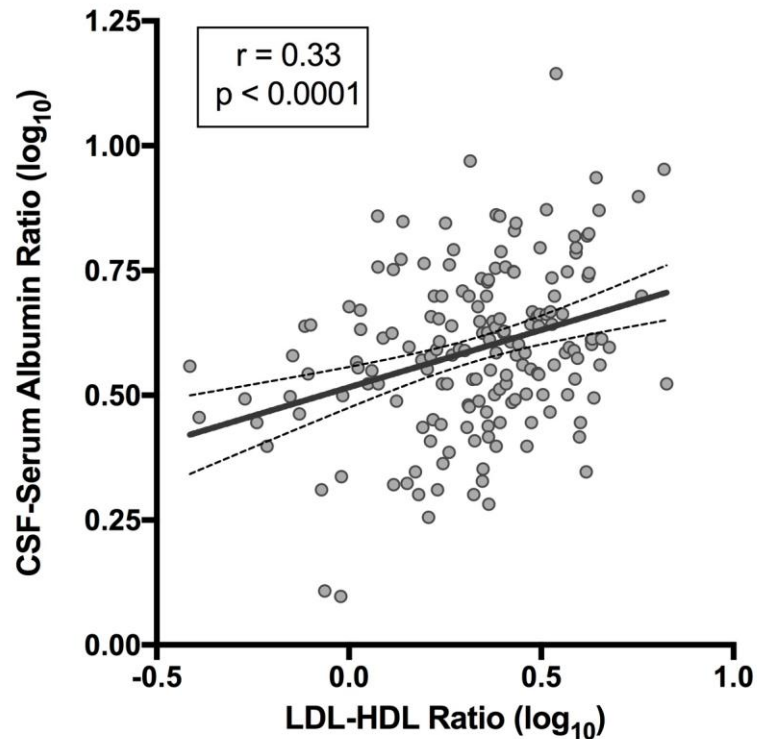


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## PG and CSF concentrations



# CSF-Serum Albumin Ratio is Associated with Lipids, Cannabis, and ART Concentrations



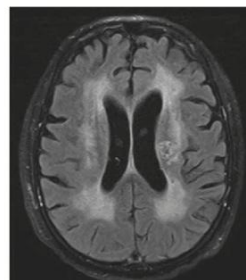
## Symptomatic CSF escape

& neopterin

Two case series and few case reports

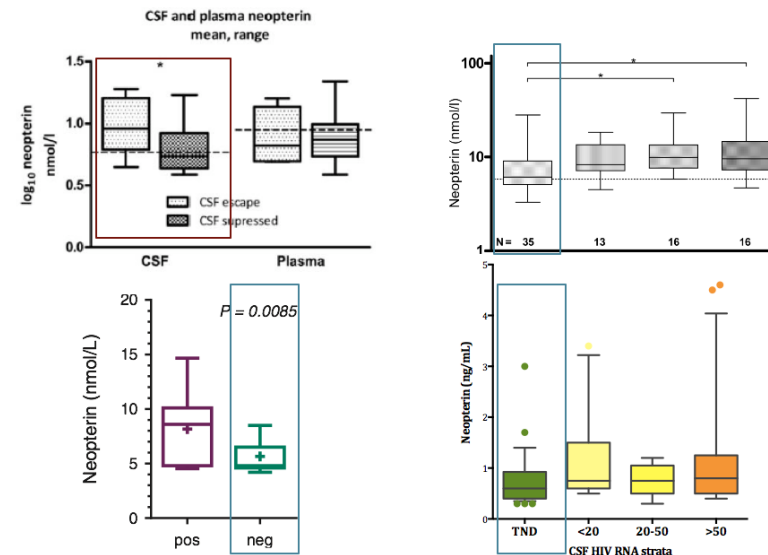
**n=30**

- Acute neurological symptoms
- **Resistance associated mutations**
- MRI alterations
- **Strong immune response**
- Reversibility



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## CSF low level replication & neopterin

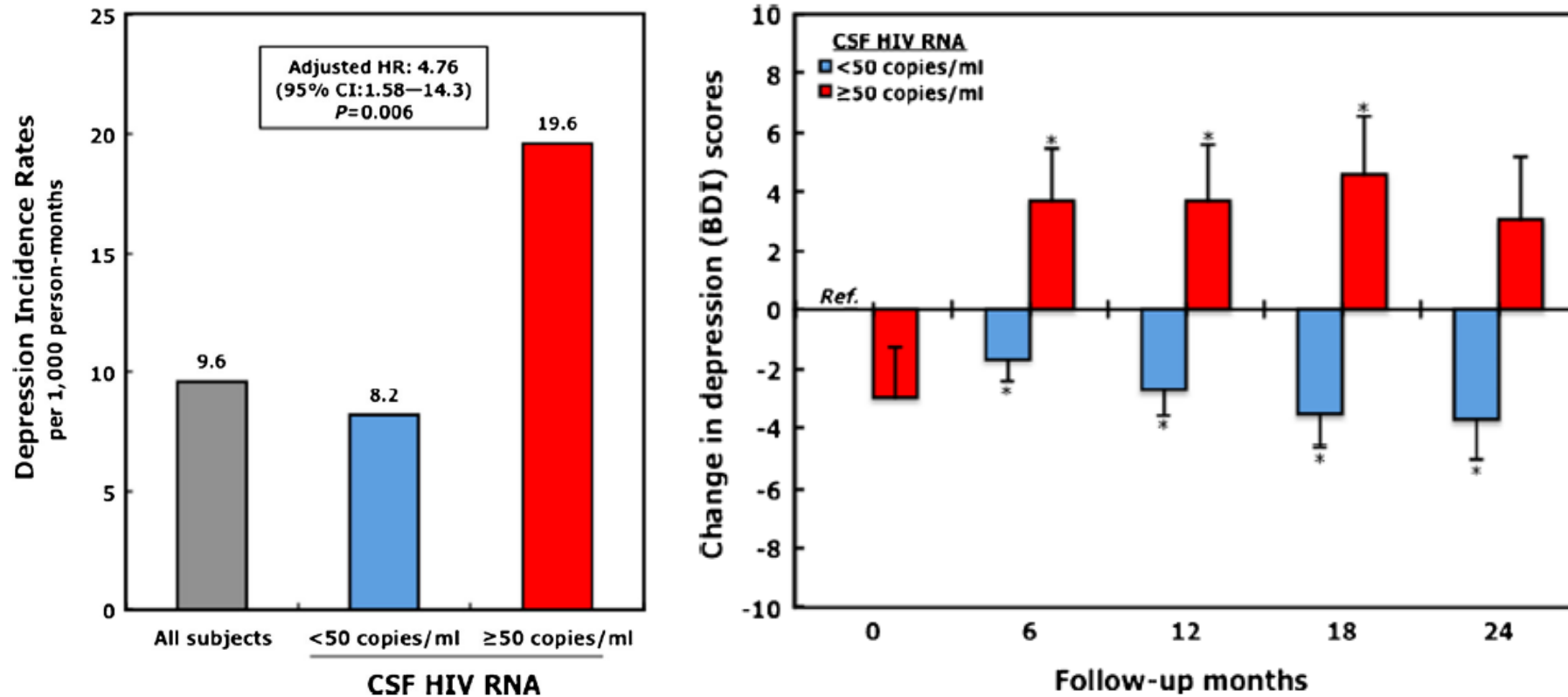


Eden A, et al. JID 2010; Yilmaz A, et al. JAIDS 2008; Dahl V, et al. AIDS 2014; Motta I, et al. Under review

	Drug	CPE score	95% Inhibitory Quotients	Macrophage efficacy score	in vitro neurotox
NRTIs	Abacavir	3	NA	3	+
	Emtricitabine	3	NA	12.5	0
	Lamivudine	2	NA	50	+
	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	1	NA	50	0
	Zidovudine	4	NA	50	+
NNRTIs	Nevirapine	4	NA	20	+
	Efavirenz	3	6.4	100	++
	Etravirine	2	5.1	NA	+
	Rilpivirine	3?	NA	NA	+
	Atazanavir	2	0.4	NA	+
PIs	Atazanavir/r	2	2.8	NA	+
	Darunavir/r	3	8.2-18.5	NA	0
	Lopinavir/r	3	1.5	NA	NA
	Raltegravir	3	0.7	NA	+
INIs	Elvitegravir/r	3?	NA	NA	+
	Dolutegravir	4?	NA	NA	+?
EIs	Maraviroc	3	NA	NA	0
	Enfuvirtide	1	NA	50	NA



# CSF Viral Escape May Be Associated with Depression



# Questions for Consideration

- **Do CNS drug characteristics and pharmacokinetics matter in the management of antiretroviral therapy?**
- **How does CSF pharmacology vary over time?**
- **Are CSF drug concentrations an adequate surrogate for brain tissue concentrations?**
- **Is CSF viral escape a clinically important entity?**
  - **Does it influence risk for other neuropsychiatric disorders?**
- **Are the factors that influence CSF pharmacology too complex to integrate into patient care?**

# NEUROTICISM AND ITS INFLUENCE ON ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY

*10th Symposium on Neuropsychiatry and HIV*

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HIV awareness in young population: Differences  
between HIV positive young adults infected due to  
vertical transmission and their HIV-negative peers.  
NeurocoRISpe and FARO projects



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## Relationship between methadone therapeutic use and adherence to antiretroviral therapy in Spain

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## **Management of a HIV-infected patient with a psychiatric disorder**

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**Jordi Blanch, Barcelona**



**Practical training on diagnosis and management of clinical CNS problems in HIV-infected patients**

### **Prevention of neurocognitive impairment in HIV-infected patients**

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## **HIV and the Central Nervous System – Diagnosing HAND**

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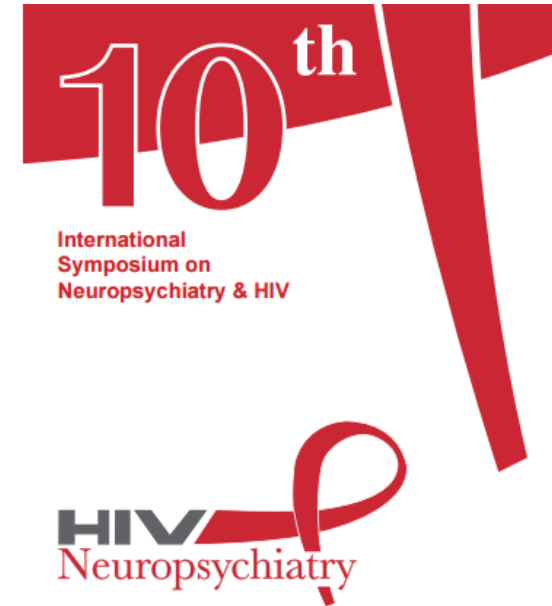
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# Neuropsychiatric consequences of substance use

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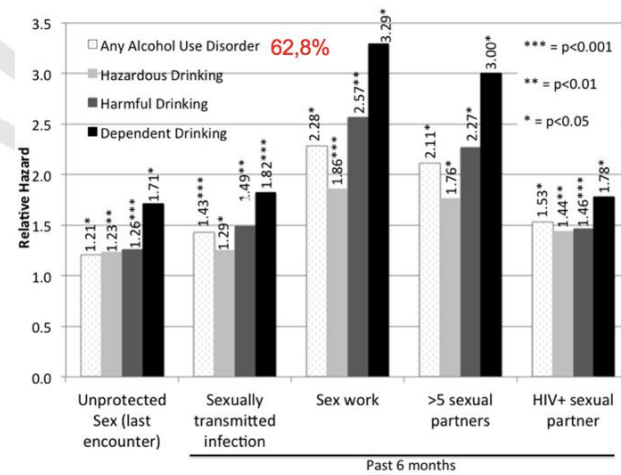


Practical focus on the diagnosis  
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# Alcohol and HIV



Ludford et al. PLoS One. 2013

# Methamphetamine

- **CNS stimulant: euphoric, stimulating, aphrodisiac**
- **obtained: drugs marketed or clandestine laboratories**
- **white, crystalline, odorless and bitter powder**
- **smoking, inhaling, injecting or taking oral**
- **Inhibits ejaculation**
- **Greater use in MSM**
- **"Crystal", "crystal met", "meth"**



# MSM using MA

- **Increased risk of**
  - Unprotected anal intercourse
  - Group sex
  - Having multiple sexual partners
  - Contact sexual partners online
  - Sexual relations with UDVP
  - Be intoxicated while keeping rrrsbe
- **Unrelated to the HIV- infection**

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BEHAVIORAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL RESEARCH

A Systematic Review of Behavioral and Treatment  
Outcome Studies Among HIV-Infected Men  
Who Have Sex with Men Who Abuse  
Crystal Methamphetamine

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# Methamphetamine and VIH

- **more consumption (20-30%) in MSM that are HIV + compared to HIV-** (Buchacz et al., 2005, Forrest et al., 2010, Mansergh et al., 2006; Schwarcz et al., 2007).
- **higher VL** (Ellis et al., 2003, Fairbairn et al., 2011, King et al., 2009, Feldman 2015)
- **lower CD4 count** (Shoptaw et al., 2012)
- **accelerates the progression of the disease** (Carrico, 2011).
- **increased risk of transmission** (Cohen 2011)
- **neurotoxic** (Silverstein 2011)
- **changes the BBB** (Northrop 2015)

# Spain's crystal-meth problem may be about to get worse (Business Insider 17 Nov 2016)



Spanish police broke up a drug ring smuggling methamphetamine using packages of chocolates, December 2014.



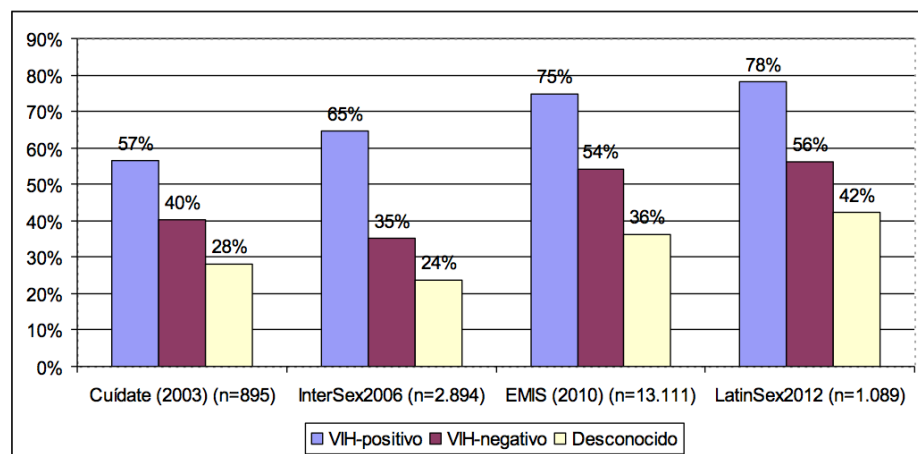
Lab equipment allegedly used to produce synthetic drugs recovered by Spanish police, September 2016



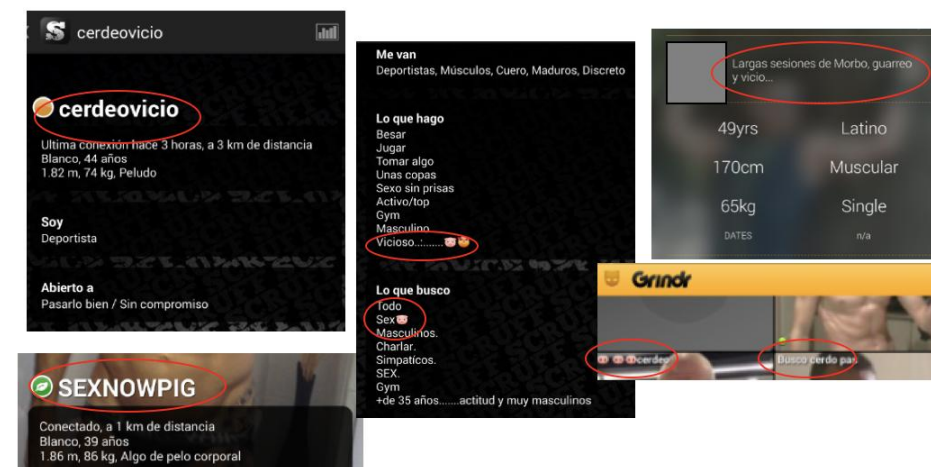
# **“Sex on drugs” (ChemSex): Psychosocial impact on the life of a group of gay, bisexual and other MSM from Barcelona City**

**Percy Fernández-Dávila, Ph.D**

## Drug use by HIV serostatus



## Search for sex partners by apps



## Mental health impact

*Cuando yo cogía el metro, una paranoia de que toda la gente me está mirando, empezaba a sudar, y después no tenía ganas de salir de mi casa. Cuando empezaba a tomar más y más, no tenía ganas de salir de la casa, antes tenía esta paranoia, de que va a salir alguien del agujero de la puerta, que alguien hay del otro lado... Ahí pasas a no disfrutar más... ENT15, 44 años, latinoamericano.*

## Mental health harms: depression

*Quedé con otro chico el sábado porque yo iba colocado el viernes, y como la tina te coloca mucho, le dije: “voy a follar contigo” y fue otra vez. Y luego estuve con una depresión durante la semana.*

P: ¿Y cuánto te tomó recuperarte?

*No me he recuperado todavía.*

P: ¿De qué?

*De la depresión, del ansia que provocó y todo, no estoy diciendo que ha sido la droga, pero ha sido el desencadenante de todo que a lo mejor tenía dentro.* ENT17, 40 años, europeo.

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# **Risk behavior, effect on HIV-infection and neuropsychiatric consequences of substance use**

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ChemSex use in Barcelona

Poster P1.06



Chemsex en la cohorte Barcelona Checkpoint: un fenómeno con tendencia al alza asociado a un aumento del riesgo de infección por VIH

Los datos sobre chemsex de la cohorte Barcelona Checkpoint muestran que se trata de un fenómeno minoritario (6,4%) pero con tendencia al alza, observándose un incremento en el consumo de sustancias asociadas al chemsex en los últimos años.



**SLAMMING: ACTITUDES, USOS, CUIDADOS Y RIESGOS EN UN GRUPO DE HOMBRES GAIS Y BISEXUALES QUE HACEN CHEMSEX EN LA CIUDAD DE BARCELONA**

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El slamming es una práctica todavía minoritaria entre quienes hacen ChemSex; aunque se la percibe en ascenso.

**CHEMSEX Y SU RELACIÓN CON LA INFECCIÓN POR EL VIH EN UN GRUPO DE HOMBRES GAIS Y BISEXUALES DE LA CIUDAD DE BARCELONA**

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A pesar que no se puede afirmar una relación directa entre ChemSex y el VIH, los datos del estudio parecen mostrar que existe una asociación. El potencial impacto del ChemSex sobre el TAR y la salud es algo que se conoce pero que no se tiene muy presente. Se

Increasing evidence of HIV, AHC, STIs and other complications associated with Chemsex use

- **Associations with sexual-risk behaviour** (Colfax & Guzman, 2006; De Ryck, Van Laeken, Noestlinger, Platteau, & Colebunders, 2013; Drumright et al., 2007; Heiligenberg et al., 2012; McCarty-Caplan, Jantz, & Swartz, 2014; Pappas & Halkitis, 2011; Prestage et al., 2009; Santos et al., 2013; Sewell J., 2017)
- **Association with facilitacion HIV:** (Buchacz et al., 2005; Macdonald et al., 2007; Plankey et al., 2007; Prestage et al., 2009; Ostrow et al., 2009;)
- **Association with facilitacion STI and AHC** (Hirshfield, Remien, Walavalkar, & Chiasson, 2004; Ottaway Z, 2017; Hegazi A, 2017)
- **Potencial risk of serious overdose and death** (Hockenhull J, 2017; Caldicott, Chow, Burns, Felgate, & Byard, 2004; Liechti & Kupferschmidt, 2004).
- **Drug-drug interactions** (Pichini S, 2016; Bracchi M, 2015)

Incidence of HepC among HIV + MSM, 2000–2015

Incident HCV infection by baseline demographics

	N of event	Person Years	Incidence/100PY	CI lower	CI upper	IRR	p value
Overall	149	12573	1.185	1.002	1.391	-	-
Age							
≤30	37	2796	1.323	0.932	1.824	1	-
31-40	57	4755	1.199	0.908	1.553	0.906 (0.589-1.409)	p=0.642
41-50	46	3826	1.202	0.88	1.604	0.969 (0.577-1.441)	p=0.666
>50	9	1196	0.753	0.344	1.429	0.569 (0.241-1.2)	p=0.126
Race							
White	105	8202	1.28	1.047	1.55	1	-
Black	15	1254	1.197	0.67	1.974	0.934 (0.505-1.613)	p=0.807
Other	28	2918	0.96	0.638	1.387	0.75 (0.475-1.146)	p=0.176
Hispanic							
No	110	8978	1.225	1.007	1.477	1	-
Yes	39	3595	1.085	0.771	1.483	0.885 (0.596-1.287)	p=0.516
Meth/IDU use (ever)							
None	21	4424	0.475	0.294	0.726	1	-
Meth only	86	5991	1.436	1.148	1.773	3.024 (1.860-5.132)	p<0.001
IDU only	2	32	6.296	0.762	22.743	13.167 (1.497-53.965)	p<0.001
Meth+IDU	17	739	2.301	1.341	3.684	4.896 (2.401-9.644)	p<0.001

<sup>10</sup> Chaillon A, et al. In preparation



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## **Cerebrospinal Fluid EBV Replication is Associated with Compartmental Inflammation and Pleocytosis in HIV-positive naïve and Treated Individuals**

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# Drug abuse in HIV infected patients. *Chem-sex* role

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## **Cerebrospinal Fluid HIV-RNA and Neurocognitive Deficits: Are Lumbar Punctures Needed in Impaired Subjects with Undetectable Plasma Viral Load?**

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# **Hot topics on CNS and HIV**

(most relevant presentations in  
conferences or articles published recently)

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**Table 1.** Summary of CSF escape cohorts or cases presented at the Global HIV-1 CSF Escape Consortium meeting

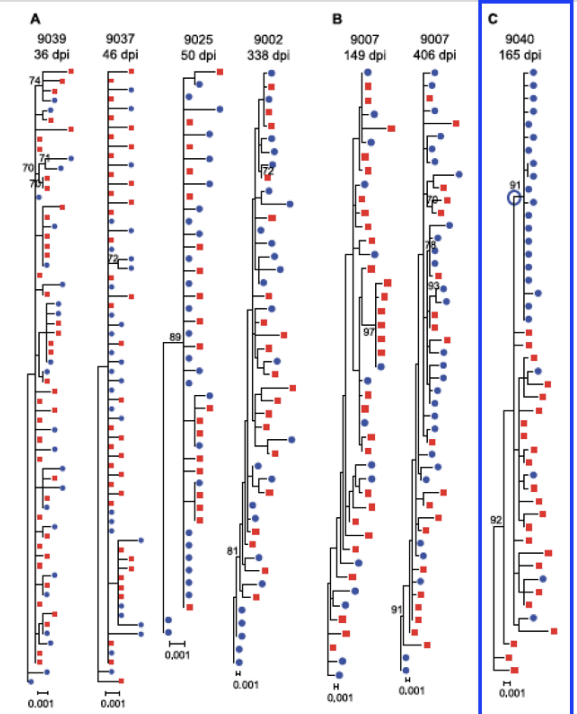
Speakers	Study site	Total number of cases	Number of cases of HIV-1 CSF escape	Neurosymptomatic	Asymptomatic	Criteria for determining CSF escape	Estimated prevalence <sup>1</sup>
Price, Gisslen, Cinque, Spudich, Joseph S	Multiple <sup>2</sup> (San Francisco, New Haven, Chapel Hill, USA; Sweden; Italy)	N/A	81	42	39	Symptomatic: PVL<50 & CVL>100 or PVL 50-100 & CVL 2 × PVL; or Asymptomatic: PVL<50 & CVL>50	N/A
Joseph S	THINC Study Sites (Chapel Hill, San Francisco, New Haven, USA)	97	6	N/A	6	PVL<40 & CVL>40 or CVL>PVL	6%
Winston (UK)	UK	142	30	3	27	PVL<50 & CVL>200 or log <sub>10</sub> CVL>1.5 × log <sub>10</sub> PVL	21%
Winston (Europe)	EU	134	1	1	N/A	CVL>PVL	0.7%
Ene	Romania/Adult	91	4	2	2	CVL>0.5 log of PVL	4.4%
Perez	Spain	125	4	4	N/A	PVL: not detectable; CVL: detectable	3.2%
Sacktor	Uganda	91	9	4	5	PVL: not detectable; CVL: detectable	10%
Wright	Australia	167	6	3	3	PVL: 6 months not detectable; CVL: detectable	3.5%
David	India	62	17	17	0	CVL: detectable with PVL: not detectable; CVL>1 log of PVL	27.4%
Letendre	CHARTER/HNRC sites	849	60	23	37	CVL>PVL with PVL: not detectable; CVL>1 log of PVL	7%
Nath	Washington DC	56	11	7	4	PVL<40; CVL>20	20%
Gabuzda	Boston, MA/NNTC (four sites)	200/426 (626)	11/29 (40)	11/17	0/12	PVL<50, CVL>50; CVL>0.5 log of PVL	6.4%
Wojna	Puerto Rico**	380	10	3/9	6/9	CVL>PVL	2.6%

## Compartmentalization and Clonal Amplification of HIV-1 Variants in CSF during Primary Infection

Shnell G. et al, J Virol 2010

**Discordance = compartmentalization**

● CSF  
■ plasma



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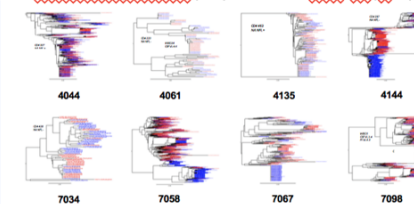
#### CSF HIV-1 compartmentalization by *env* deep sequencing: relation to neuronal injury

Richard W. Price<sup>1</sup>, Magnus Glasien<sup>2</sup>, Laura P. Kincaid<sup>1</sup>, Ean Spielvogel<sup>1</sup>, Amy Lin<sup>2</sup>, Jassur Eusuff<sup>3</sup>, Seneca Spudich<sup>4</sup>, Ronald Swanstrom<sup>1</sup>, Sarah Beth Joseph<sup>1</sup>, and the THINC Study Group<sup>1</sup>

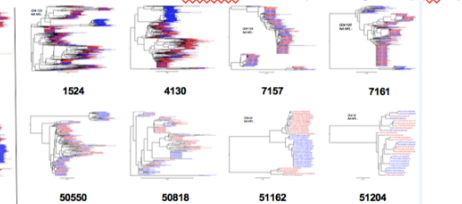
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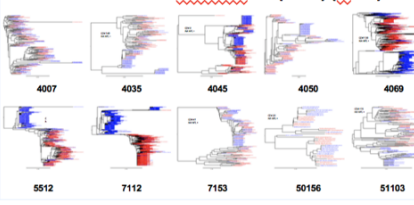
#### 1. Neuroasymptomatic (NA) CD4 >200 cells/μL (N=8)



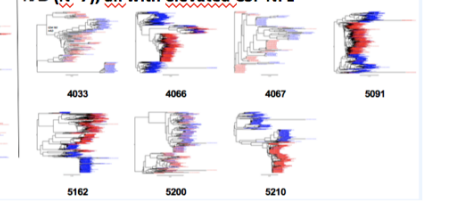
#### 2. NA CD4 <200 with normal CSF NFL (NFL-negative) (N=8)



#### 3. NA CD4 <200 with elevated NFL (NFL+) (N=10)



#### HAD (N=7), all with elevated CSF NFL

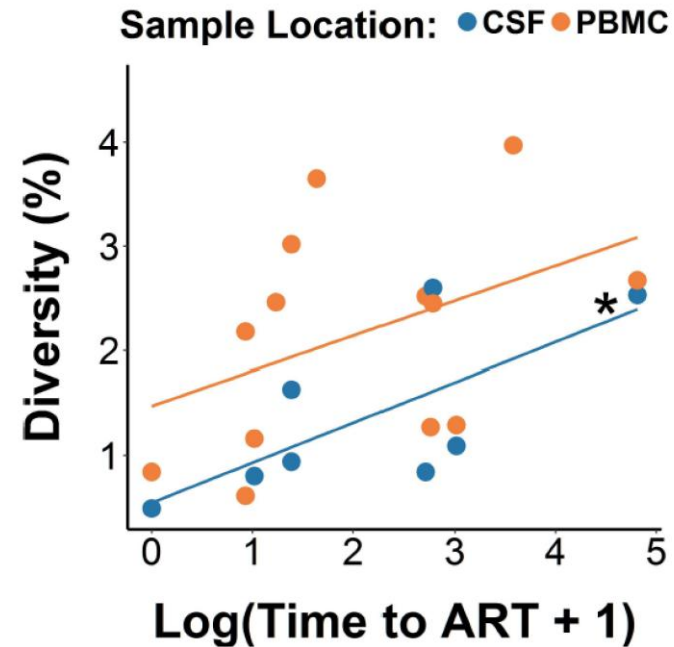
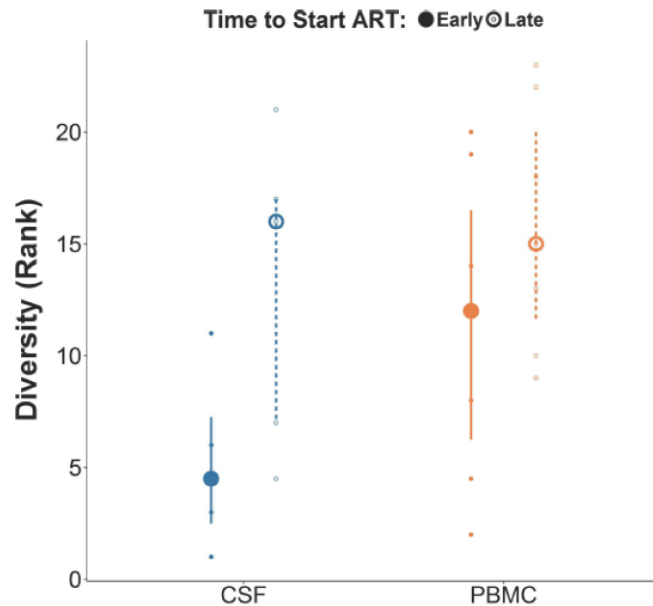


- Major (>30%) CSF *env* sequence compartmentalization in all of the 7 HAD subjects
  - CSF *env* sequence compartmentalization also present in the other groups, including the two without evidence of ongoing CNS injury (normal CSF NFL)
- CSF HIV-1 compartmentalization does not provide a simple biomarker of neuropathic infection

# Early ART is Associated with lower HIV DNA Molecular Diversity and lower Inflammation in CSF but Does Not Prevent the Establishment of Compartmentalized HIV DNA Populations (Oliveira MF, PLOS Pathogens 2017)

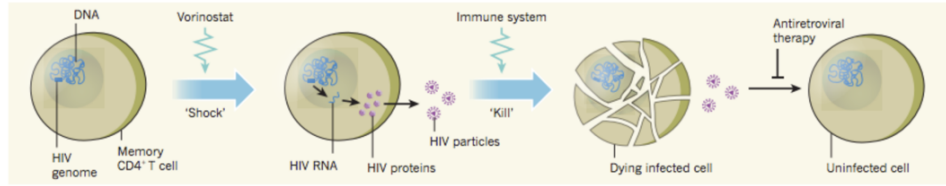
Sequential paired blood and CSF from 16 ART-treated suppressed pts (after a median of 2.6 years from ART start):

- 9 early ART (<4 months of infection)
- 7 late ART (>14 months after infection)



Early ART was associated with lower molecular diversity of HIV DNA in CSF in comparison to late ART

## Latency reversing agents (LRA)

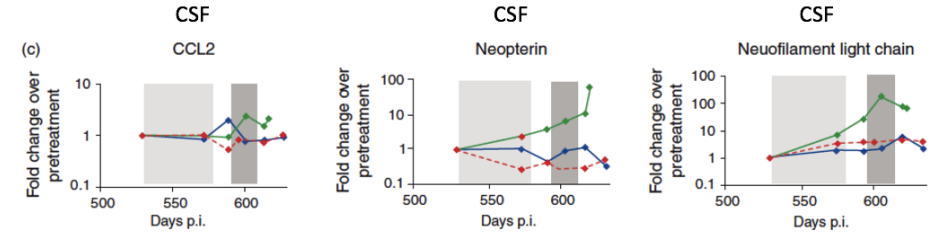


*HIV: Shock and kill*, SG Deeks, *Nature* 487, 439–440 (26 July 2012)

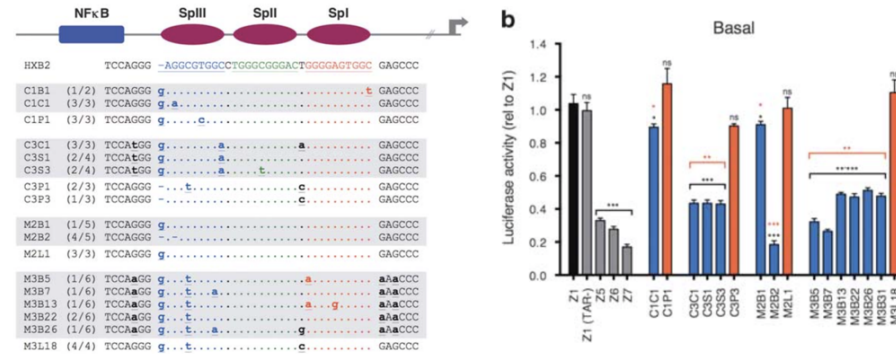
- Histone deacetylase inhibitors (HDACi, e.g., varinostat)
- Bromodomain inhibitors
- Protein kinase C agonists
- Cytokines, such as IL-2 and IL-15
- Others...

Reactivation of SIV reservoirs in the brain of virally suppressed macaques following administration of latency reversing agents  
(Gama L et al., AIDS 2017)

- 3 SIV-infected pigtailed macaques ART-treated since 12 days p.i.
- Macaque Mn0 (red): control
- Macaques Mn1 (blue) and Mn2 (green) treated with ingenol-B starting at 530 days p.i. with ingenol-B and ingenol-B plus vorinostat



**CNS-specific regulatory elements in brain-derived HIV-1 strains affect responses to latency-reversing agents with implications for cure strategies** (LR Grey, Molecular Psychiatry, 2016)



CNS-derived HIV-1 strains (grey) have LTR polymorphisms within and surrounding the Sp transcription factor motifs

LTR polymorphisms result in decreased binding to Sp1 and reduced transcriptional activity of CNS-derived HIV (orange) compared with lymphoid-derived LTRs (blue)

## Questions for Consideration

- What standardized methods should be used to ensure comparability between trials?
  - Neuropsychological testing, NSS, imaging, biomarkers
  - How often should participants be assessed?
  - For how long should participants be followed?
- The Frascati guidelines are a decade old. Should they be updated considering 10 years of progress?
- What are the most promising interventions now?
  - Changing “habits”: Exercise, diet
  - Treating comorbid disease: depression, substance use, sleep disorders, metabolic and vascular disease
  - Adjunctive therapies: rivastigmine, paroxetine

## Questions for Consideration

- Do neuropsychiatric adverse events occur with both dolutegravir and elvitegravir?
  - Will bictegravir also have neuropsychiatric side effects?
  - Is raltegravir an attractive alternative for initial therapy for patients with risk factors or for switching when AEs occur?
- What is the contribution of other risk factors (e.g., abacavir, age, sex)?
- If symptoms subside but drug is continued, will cumulative injury occur with resulting long-term cognitive or mood disorders?
  - If they do, will they be reversible?

## Questions for Consideration

- Do current ART regimens have sufficient potency outside and inside the CNS to minimize the effects of HIV replication?
  - Will we continue to see CSF viral escape?
- How will the clinical environment shift over the next 5 years (long-acting ART, new classes of drugs)
- How will we control inflammation from low-level replication and production of neurotoxic HIV proteins?
- How do we implement neurotoxicity data into the clinic?
- Will we need different treatment strategies for patients with different characteristics (e.g., aged)?

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# *Happy Birthday!*

