



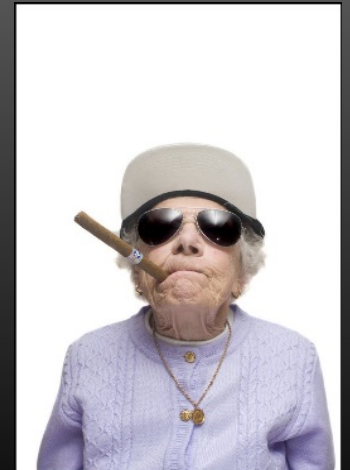
Weight gain and new antiretrovirals

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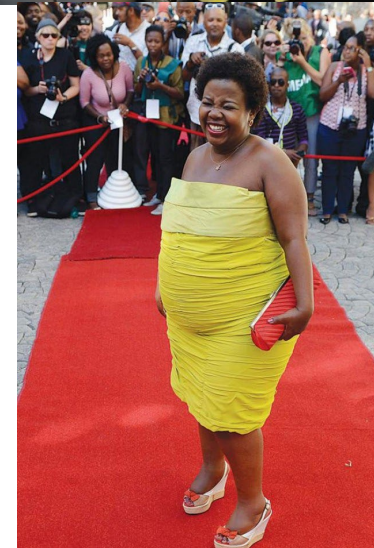
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How on earth did we get here?



HIV-positive people are leading normal lives – which means they will gain weight if prone



Life Expectancy of Persons Receiving Combination Antiretroviral Therapy in Low-Income Countries: A Cohort Analysis From Uganda

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- Uganda/ US/ UK – ‘higher life expectancy that matched populations
- HIV positive people are going to get old

1. Expect a normal life expectancy:

May et al. AIDS 2014

- UK CHIC: 21 388 people started ART 2000-2010

	life expectancy		
	Baseline	1 year ART	5 years ART
CD4 <200	71		& VL>50 54
200-349	78	78	
>350	77	81	& VL<50 80
General population	78		

Conclusion: If diagnosed, in care and on effective ART: life expectancy is normal

Great information to give to people newly diagnosed and encourage good adherence

Thanks: Julie Fox, Guys

Life Expectancy in Africa: Back to the Future?

From 1950 to 1990, life expectancy in sub-Saharan Africa was challenged by global trade rules and regulations, ul-

First reports of weight gain with new regimens...

- Mid-2017
- Case report of someone switching INSTI due to weight gain

Weight gain reported with....

- Most modern drugs but worse with
 - Newer integrase inhibitors (not cabotegravir)
 - Tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)
 - Also rilpivirine
- Weight not reported in dolutegravir or bictegravir registration studies
- In context where >30 million people moving to dolutegravir across the world; and where TAF and bictegravir are extensively used in richer countries

Are new antiretroviral treatments increasing the risks of clinical obesity?

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Table 1. Effects of raltegravir, dolutegravir and bicitegravir on body weight in randomised trials

Study [ref]	Design	Results
Raltegravir		
NEAT 001 [12] (naïve, n=126)	DRV/r+RAL DRV/r + TDF/FTC	DEXA sub-study: trunk fat 7.3% higher DRV/r/RAL vs TDF/FTC/RAL at week 96 (P=0.021)
ACTG 5260s [10,11] (naïve, n=126)	TDF/FTC/RAL TDF/FTC/DRV/r TDF/FTC/ATV/r	Higher risk of severe weight gain for RAL vs ATV/r
Dolutegravir		
NEAT 022 [13] (switch, n=415)	NRTIs + DTG NRTIs + PI/r	+1 kg increase in body weight to week 48 (P=0.002)
SPRING-1 [13] (naïve, n=204)	TDF/FTC/EFV TDF/FTC/DTG	Increases in body weight higher in DTG arms
Gilead 1490 [15] (naïve, n=645)	TAF/FTC/DTG TAF/FTC/BIC	+3.9 kg increase in body weight to week 96 +3.5 kg increase in body weight to week 96
MONODO [9] (naïve, n=8)	DTG monotherapy	+4.1 kg increase in body weight to week 24

ATV/r: atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC: bicitegravir; DRV/r: darunavir/ritonavir; DTG: dolutegravir; FTC: emtricitabine; NRTI: nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; PI/r: ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitor; RAL: raltegravir; TAF: tenofovir AF; TDF: tenofovir DF.

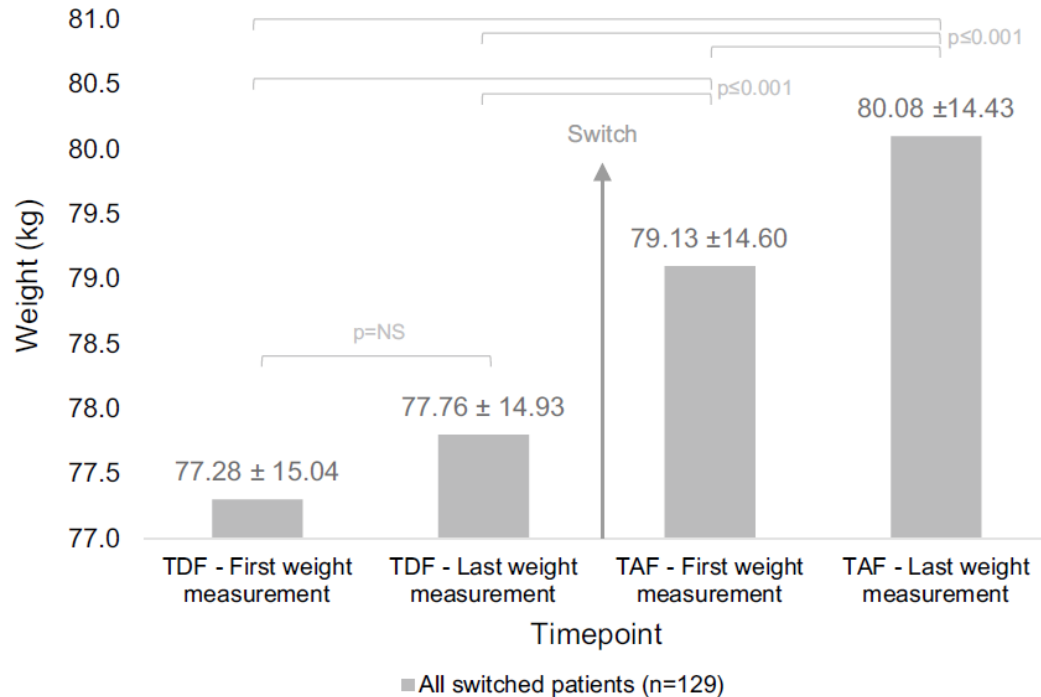
Use of TDF versus TAF or ABC – effects on body weight

DISCOVER trial (PrEP): +1kg on TAF/FTC, versus +0kg on TDF/FTC

STEAL trial (treatment): +1kg on ABC/3TC versus +0kg on TDF/FTC

AMBER trial (treatment): +1.8kg on TAF/FTC/DRV/c vs +0.8kg on TDF/FTC/DRV/c

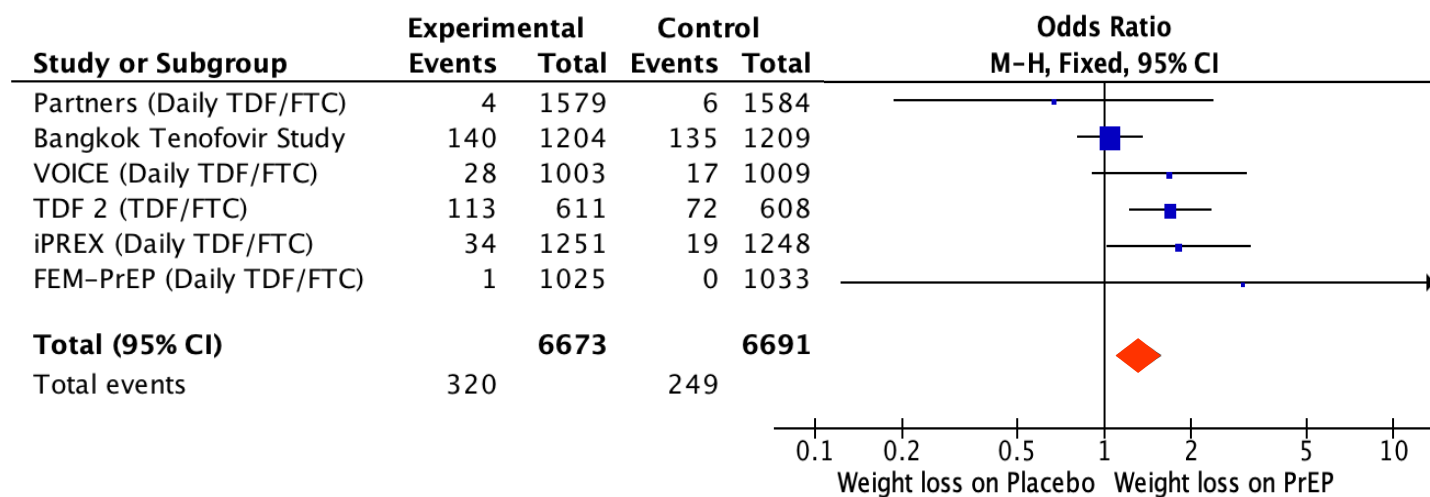
Change in body weight after switch from TDF to TAF – German cohort study



Only switch patients are shown, “TDF (TAF)—first/last weight measurement” denotes the first/last weight measured on TDF (TAF) treatment; results shown for weight in kg; NS not statistically significant

Gomez et al. Weight Gain switching TDF to TAF. Infection 2018

TDF as PrEP: weight loss >5%



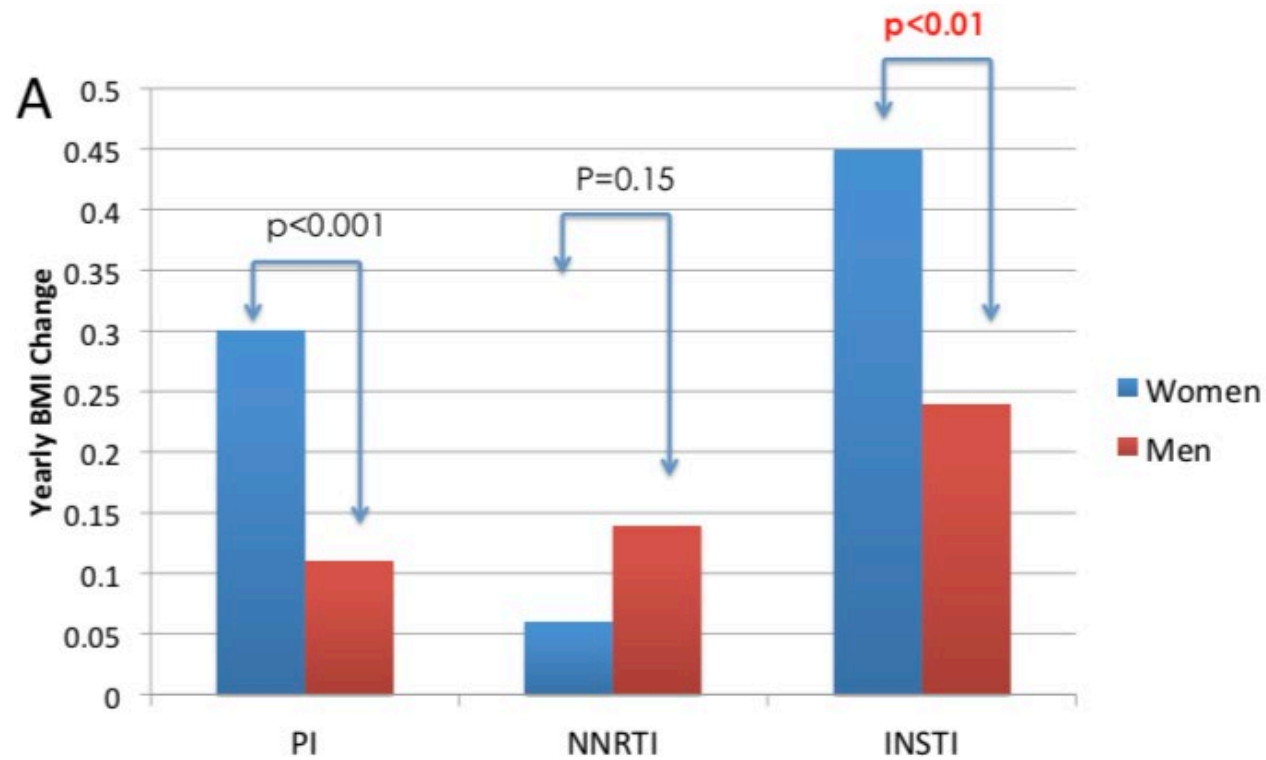
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P = 0.002

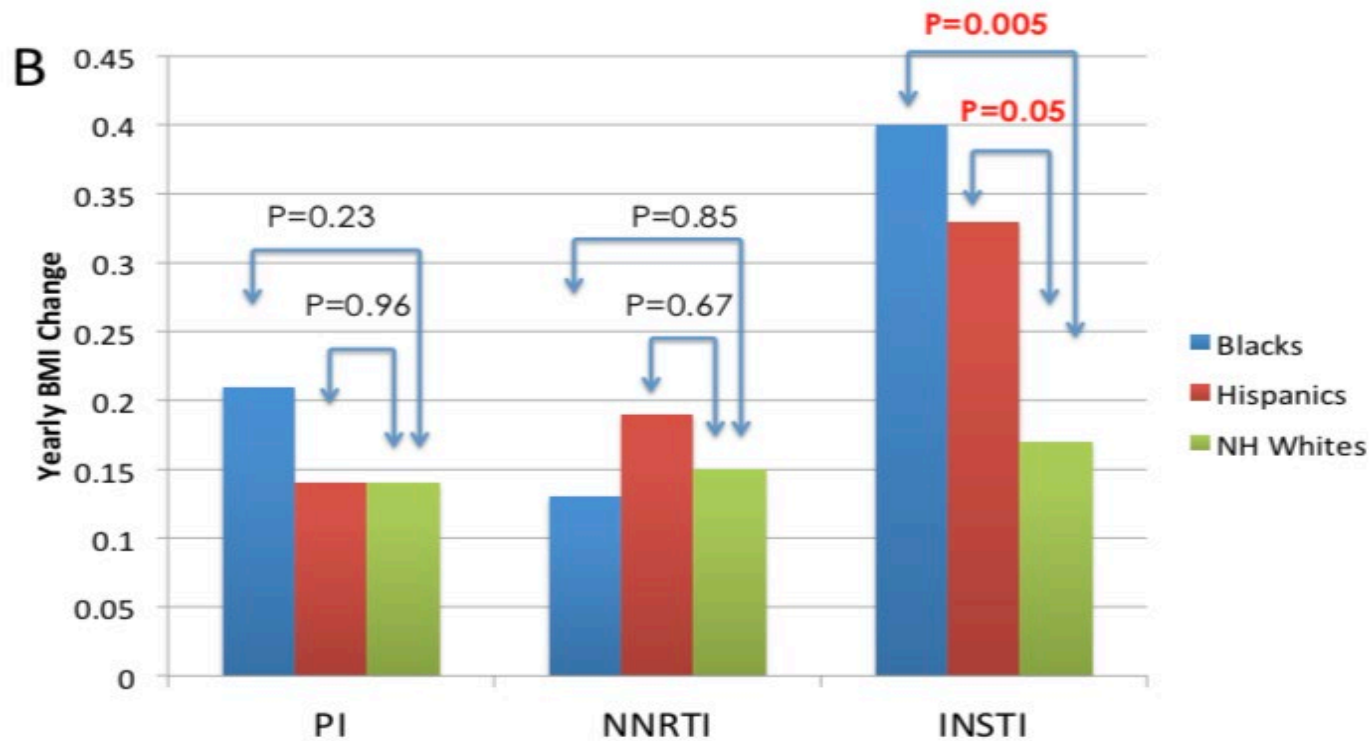
Then came the INSTI's....

- Rapidly became standard of care
- 2 years later, at CROI – issue raised in themed discussion

Weight gain on INSTI – women gain 2x more than men (US cohort study)



Weight gain on INSTI – black people gain 2x more than whites (US cohort study)



Randomised trials – similar effects of DTG and BIC

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BMI (normal vs. overweight)	1.54	1.27, 1.87	<0.001
BMI (normal vs. obese)	1.66	1.29, 2.15	<0.001
Sex (female vs. male)	1.54	1.21, 1.96	<0.001
Race (black vs. non-black)	1.32	1.1, 1.59	0.003
Third agent (BIC/DTG vs. EFV)	1.82	1.24, 2.66	0.002
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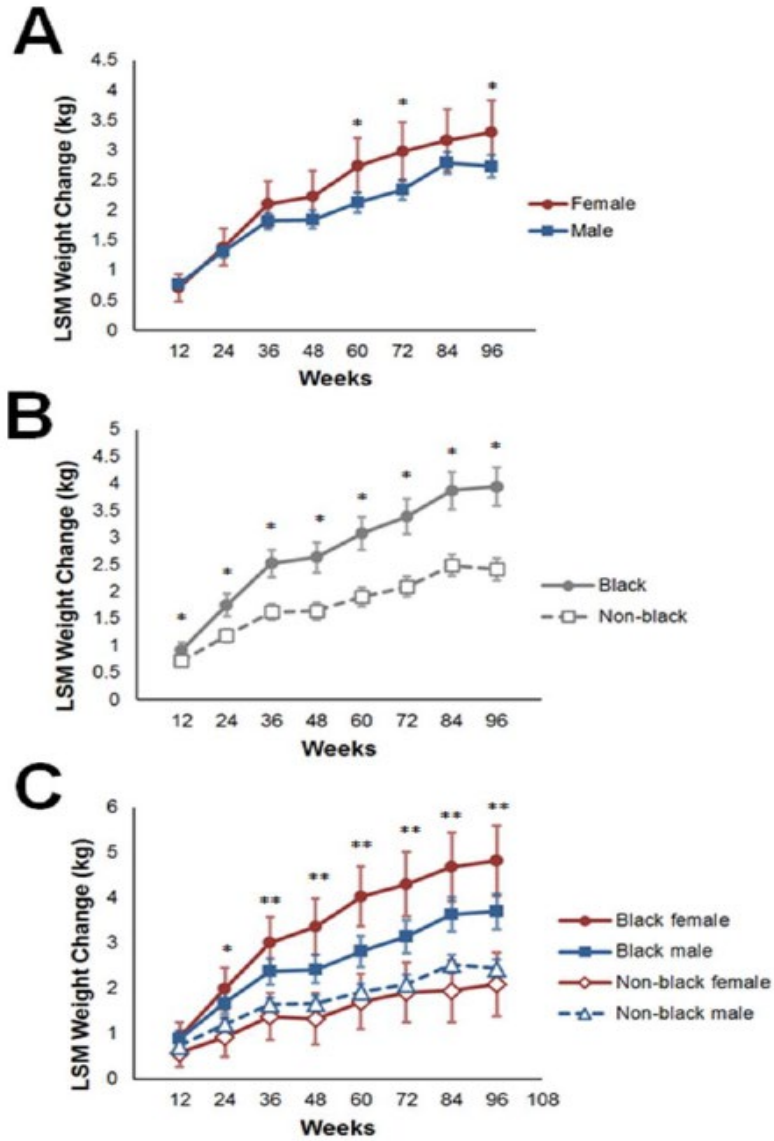
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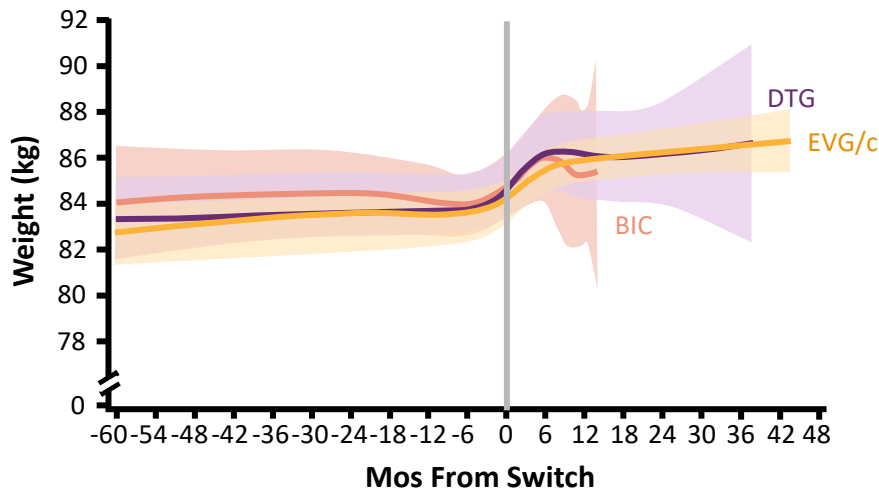


OPERA: Longitudinal Prospective Cohort Analysis

- Routine EHR data collected from ~ 8% of US PWH receiving care (> 115,000 individuals across 65 cities in 19 states and Puerto Rico)
- Current analysis restricted to adults receiving TDF-containing 3-drug ART at BL with ≥ 2 consecutive HIV-1 RNA < 200 copies/mL who switched TDF to TAF

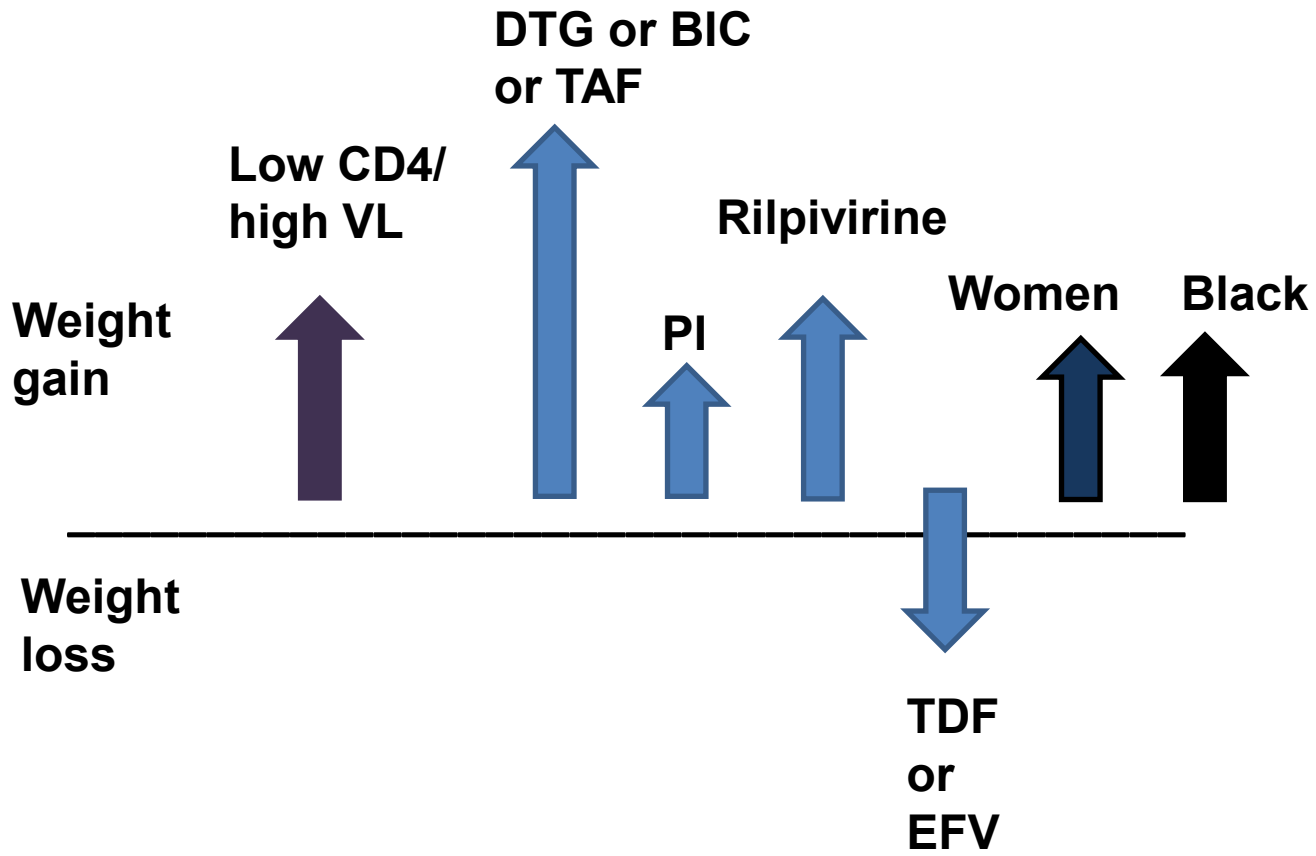
Anchor Agent by Class, % (n)		Maintained Other ARVs (n = 5479)
INSTIs (n = 3281)	▪ Elvitegravir/cobicistat	73 (2389)
	▪ Dolutegravir	20 (643)
	▪ Raltegravir	8 (249)
NNRTIs (n = 1452)	▪ Rilpivirine	85 (1238)
	▪ Nevirapine	12 (176)
	▪ Efavirenz	2 (26)
	▪ Etravirine	1 (12)
Boosted PIs (n = 746)	▪ Darunavir	68 (504)
	▪ Atazanavir	28 (211)
	▪ Lopinavir	3 (22)
	▪ Fosamprenavir	1 (9)

OPERA: Weight Change With Switch From TDF to TAF While Also Switching to an INSTI



Estimated Weight Δ by Time From TDF to TAF Switch, kg/yr (95% CI)	EVG/c (n = 1120)	DTG (n = 174)	BIC (n = 129)
-60 to 0 mos	0.24 (0.04 to 0.43)	0.22 (-0.08 to 0.52)	0.01 (-0.38 to 0.39)
0 to 9 mos	2.55 (1.86 to 3.24)	3.09 (1.26 to 4.93)	4.47 (0.81 to 8.13)
9+ mos	0.26 (-0.10 to 0.61)	-0.23 (-1.62 to 1.16)	-9.97 (-23.79 to 3.85)

Drivers of weight gain / loss



Phase 3 trials of new antiretrovirals are not representative of the global HIV epidemic

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- Most registration studies done in white males for almost all newer antiretrovirals

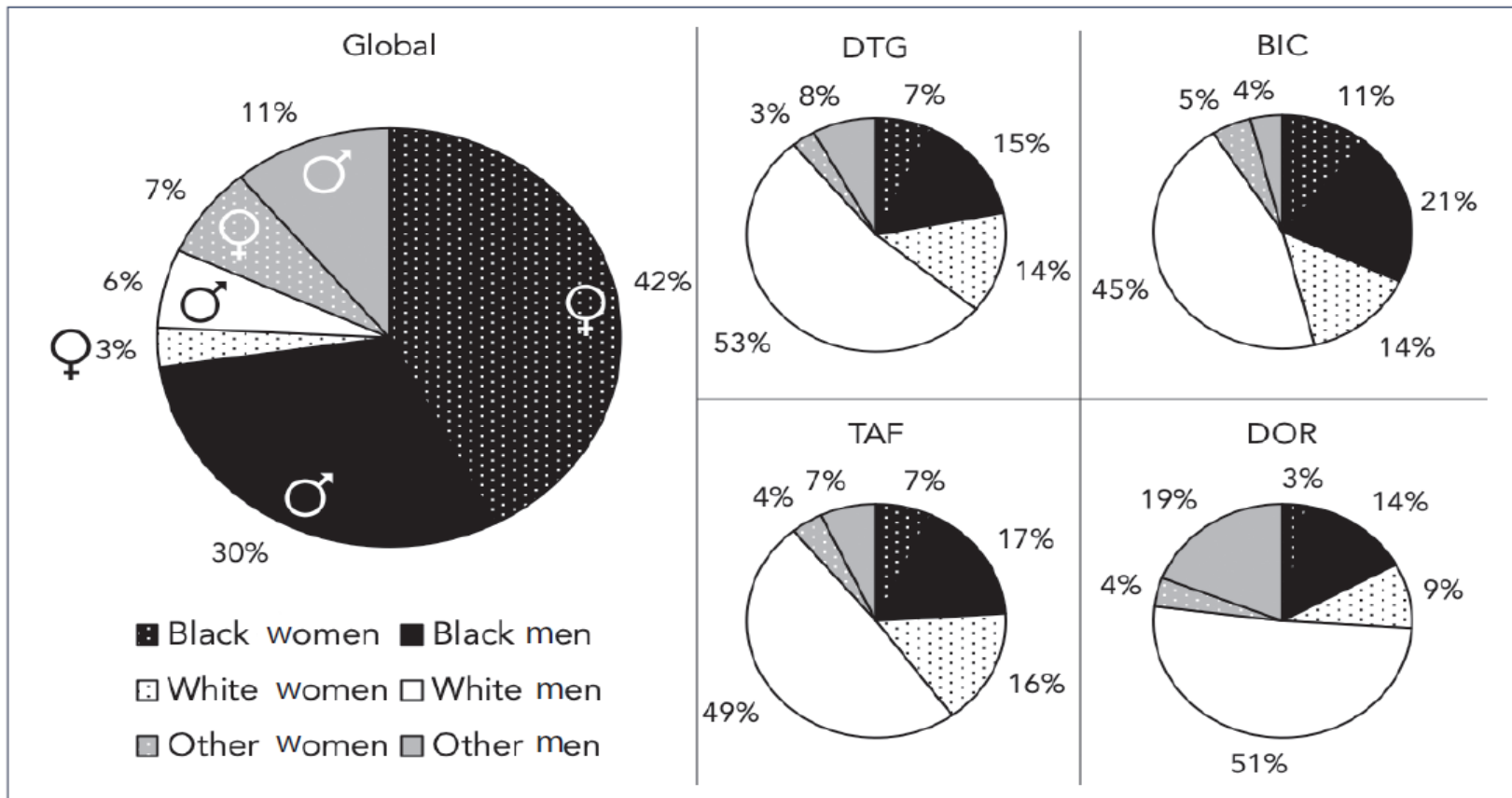
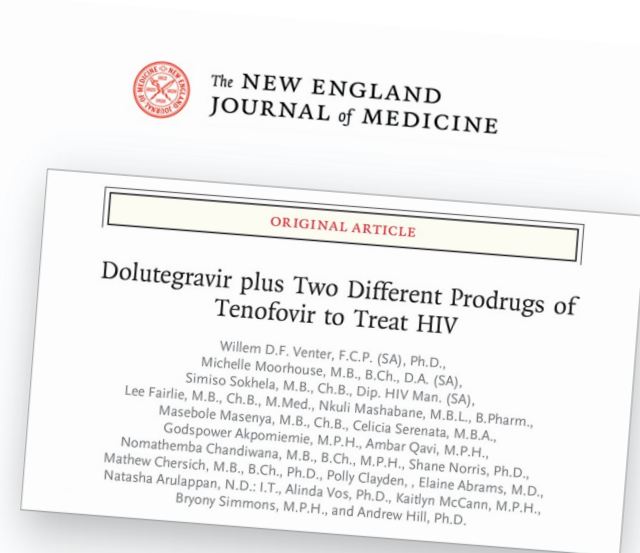
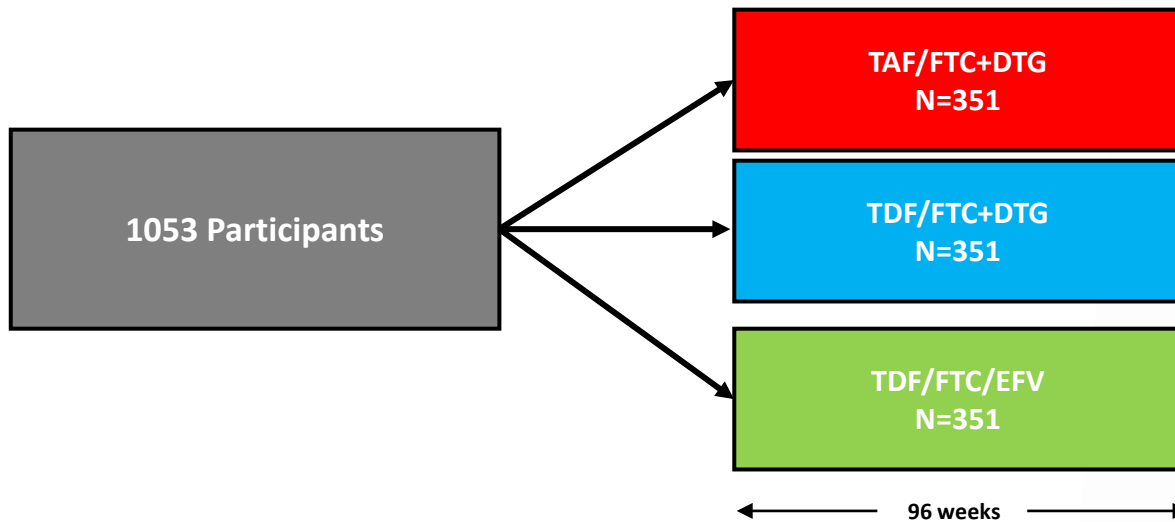


Figure 1. Estimated global demographics of PLWH vs RCT demographics. Percentages may be rounded up to make 100. Data are given as percentage. BIC: bicitegravir; DOR: doravirine; DTG: dolutegravir; PLWH: people living with HIV; RCT: randomised controlled trial; TAF: tenofovir alafenamide.

ADVANCE: Study design

Inclusion criteria: treatment-naïve, HIV-1 RNA level ≥ 500 copies/mL, no TB or pregnancy, no baseline genotyping



Open-label, 96-week study in Johannesburg, South Africa – **IN PRESS**
Study visits at Baseline, Week 4, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, and 96

And representative by race and gender and geography

Baseline characteristics (1/2)

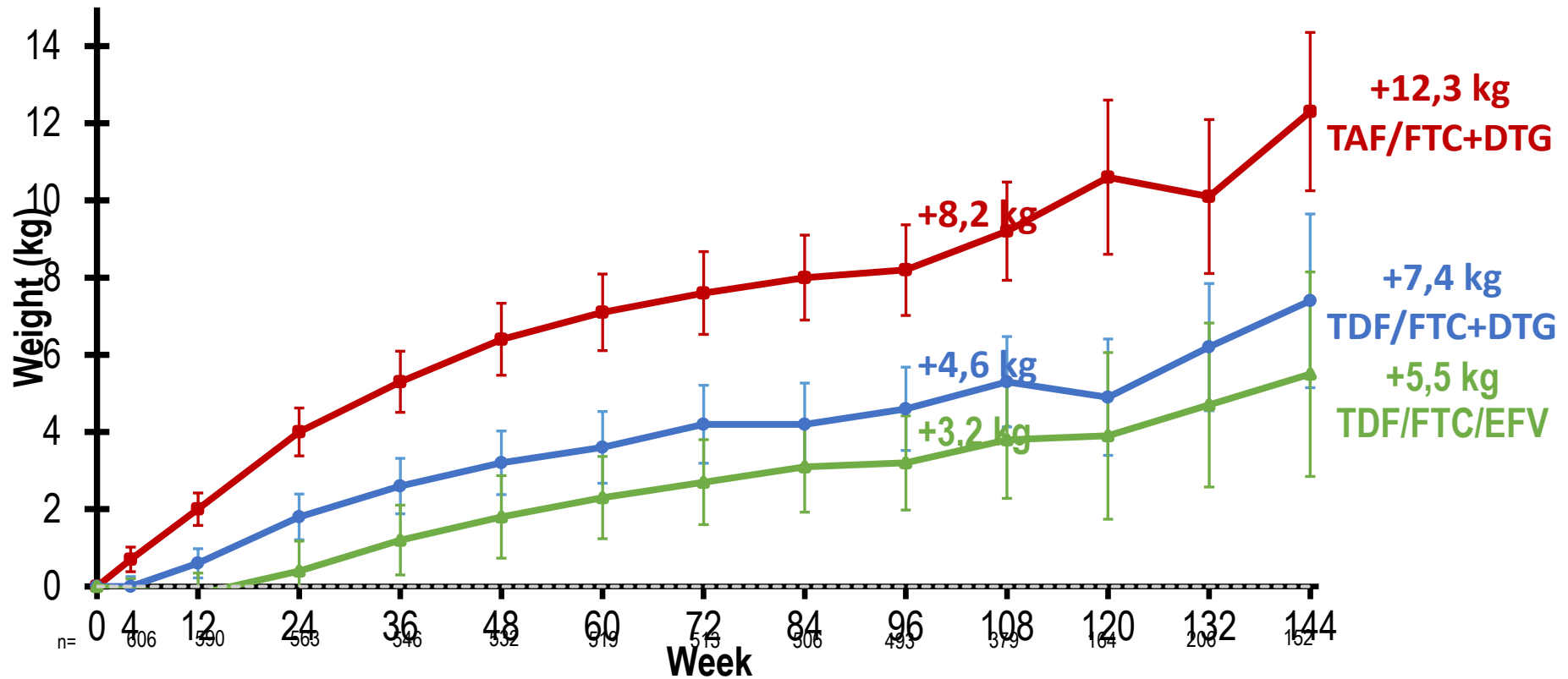
Characteristic	TAF/FTC+DTG (n=351)	TDF/FTC+DTG (n=351)	TDF/FTC/EFV (n=351)
Age, mean (SD), years	33 ± 8	32 ± 8	32 ± 7
Female	61%	59%	57%
Black	99%	100%	100%
Baseline HIV-1 RNA			
≤100,000 copies/mL	78%	80%	77%
>100,000 copies/mL	22%	20%	23%
CD4+ cell count, mean (SD), cells/mm ³	349 ± 225	323 ± 234	337 ± 222

Weight was high even pre-ART!

Baseline characteristics (2/2)

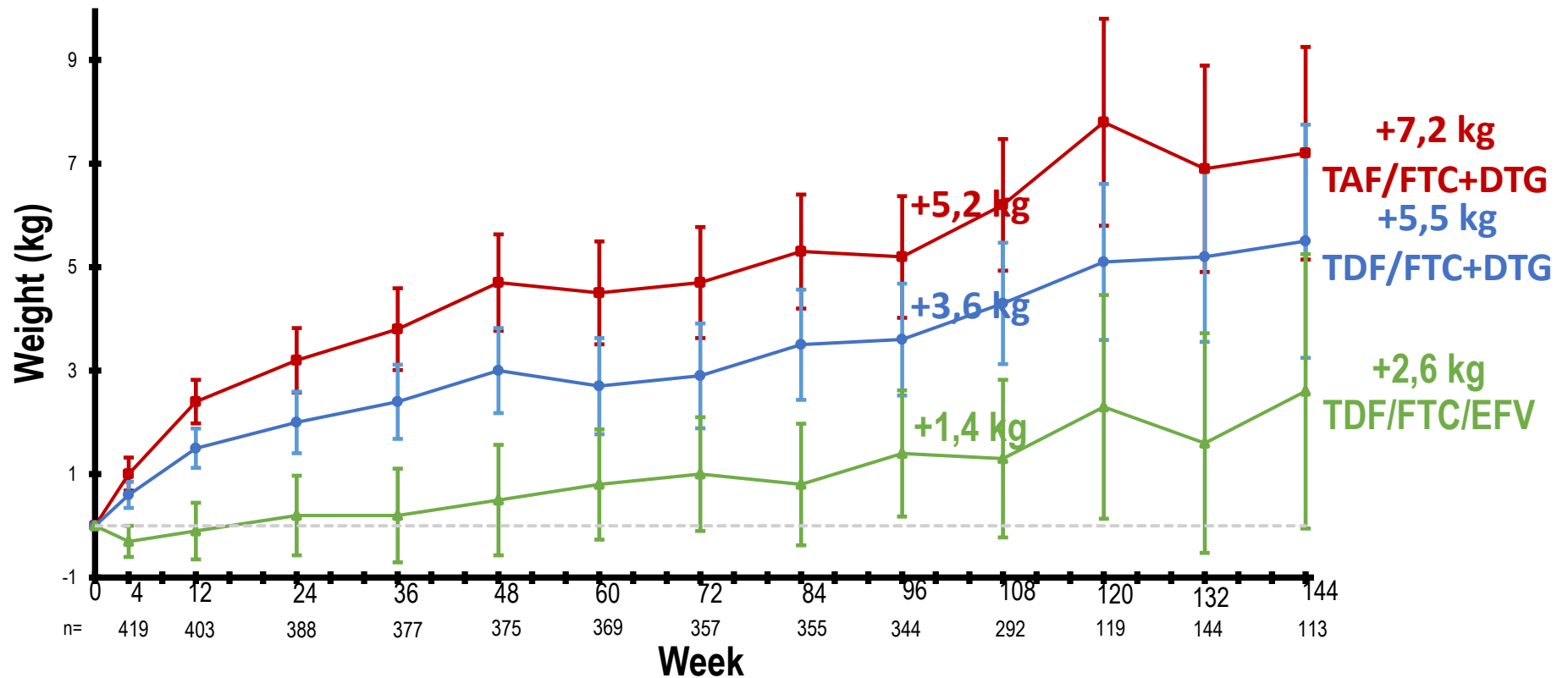
Characteristic	TAF/FTC+DTG (n=351)	TDF/FTC+DTG (n=351)	TDF/FTC/EFV (n=351)
Weight, mean (kg)			
Male	67.9	67.1	67.3
Female	68.8	69.5	70.2
BMI, mean (kg/m²)			
Male	21.7	21.6	21.8
Female	25.6	26.1	26.1
Categories of BMI, n (%)			
Underweight (< 18.5)	42 (12%)	35 (10%)	37 (11%)
Normal (18.5-25)	177 (51%)	190 (54%)	193 (55%)
Overweight (25-30)	96 (27%)	78 (22%)	77 (22%)
Obese (> 30)	35 (10%)	48 (14%)	44 (13%)

Mean change in weight (kg): women



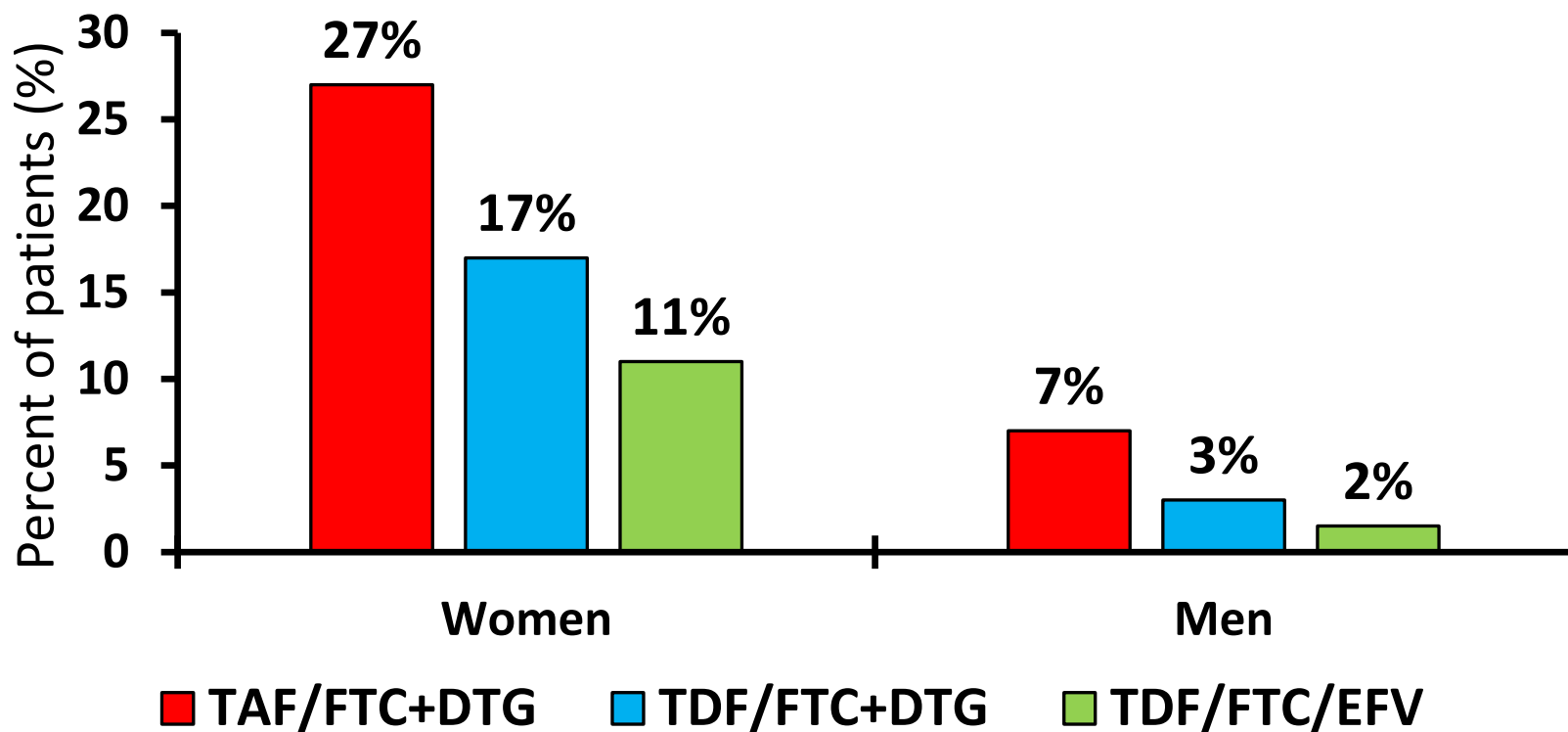
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Mean change in weight (kg): men

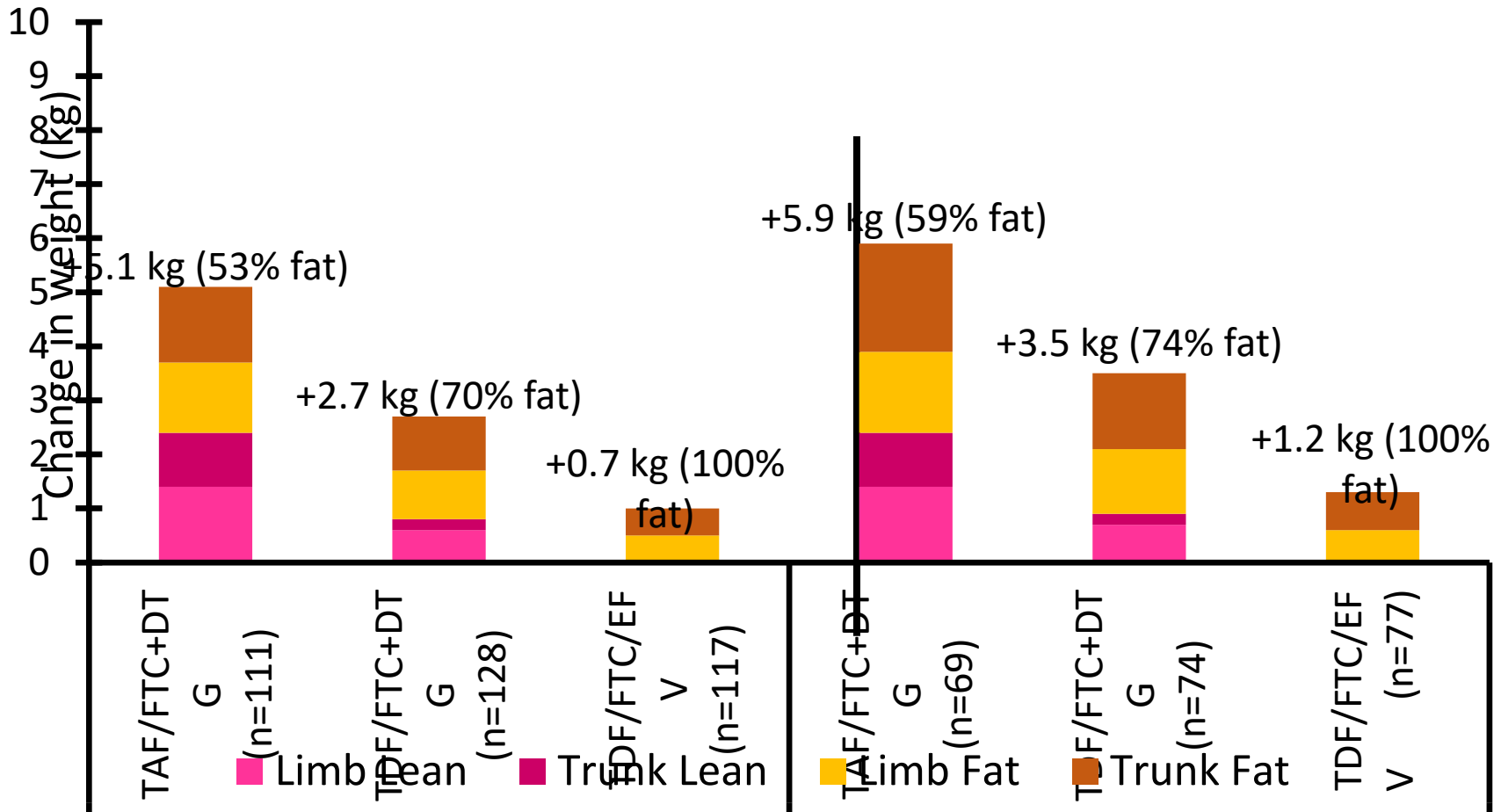


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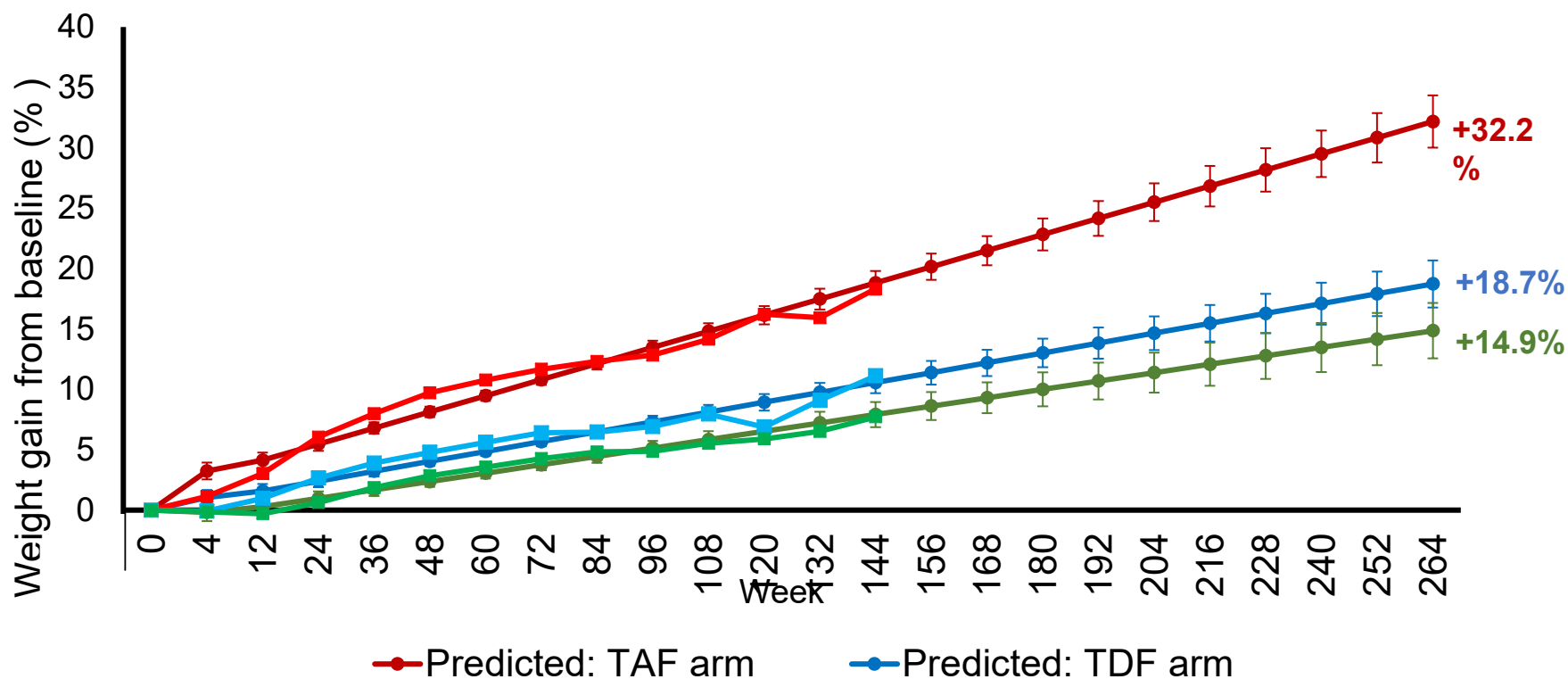
Treatment-Emergent Obesity at Week 96



Changes in DXA body composition: Men



Linear regression model: predicted mean percentage change in weight from baseline over 5 years in females



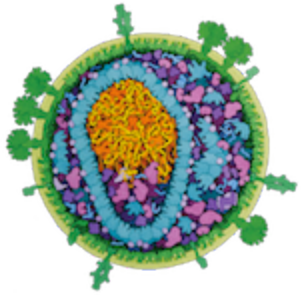


CYP2B6 Genotype and Weight Gain Differences Between Dolutegravir and Efavirenz

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Predicted 10-year risks of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in the ADVANCE trial

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QDIABETES Equation Results: Females (Linear Predictions)

Treatment arm / 10 year diabetes risk	Median change from baseline to:				
	Baseline	Week 96 (Observed)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
TAF/FTC/DTG n = 120	0.30%	+1.20%	+1.40%	+2.00%	+2.50%
TDF/FTC/DTG n = 111	0.40%	+0.50%	+0.60%	+0.90%	+1.30%
TDF/FTC/EFV n = 116	0.30%	+0.80%	+1.00%	+1.30%	+1.50%

*TAF/FTC/DTG risk significantly higher than TDF/FTC/DTG at Week 96 (p=0.028); Year 3 (p= 0.025); Year 4 (p= 0.015); Year 5 (p= 0.014)

12 additional cases of diabetes in TAF vs TDF per 1000 females over 30 treated for 5 years

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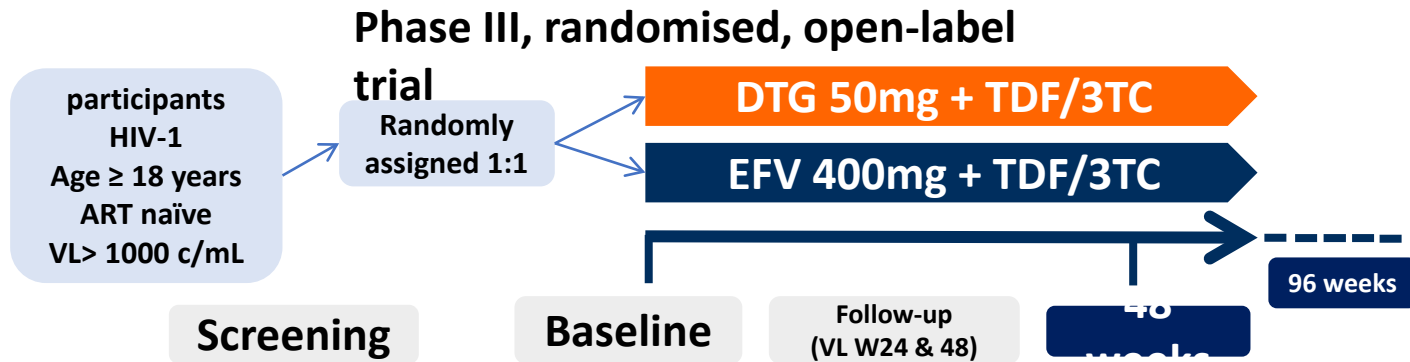
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Conclusion

- Increases in BMI across all levels of baseline BMI were consistently associated with increased risk of DM
- Increases in BMI across all levels of baseline BMI were not associated with an increased risk of CVD
 - Some evidence of an increased risk of CVD with a decrease in BMI (especially at low baseline BMI)
- The extent to which these results apply to PLHIV with increased weight while receiving contemporary ART are uncertain ←
- Further analysis of weight change, INSTI/TAF and clinical events is needed

NAMSAL - Study design



3 study sites in Yaoundé, Cameroon

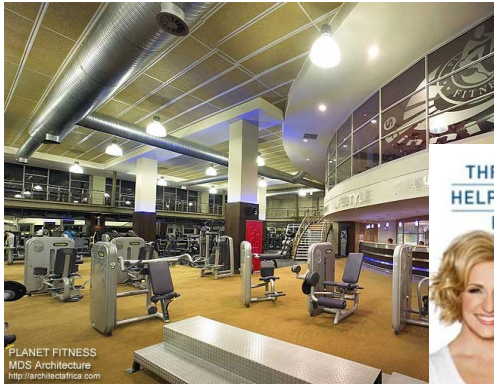
Namsal: body weight Week 48 analysis

	TDF/3TC+DTG N=293	TDF/3TC+EFV N=278	p-value
Evolution W48-D0			
Weight gain (kg)	+5.0kg	+3.0kg	<0.001
Weight (% from DO)	+7.3%	+5.3%	0.001
Weight ≥ 10%	38%	29%	0.033
BMI	+1.7	+1.2	<0.001
Obesity incidence (BMI≥30)	36 (12%)	15 (5%)	0.004

Lots of people stand to gain or lose from this being a side effect

- Pharmaceutical companies
- Governments, donors and budgets
- Researchers

People make a LOT of money from making you feel horrible about your body – implicated in everything from depression to anorexia



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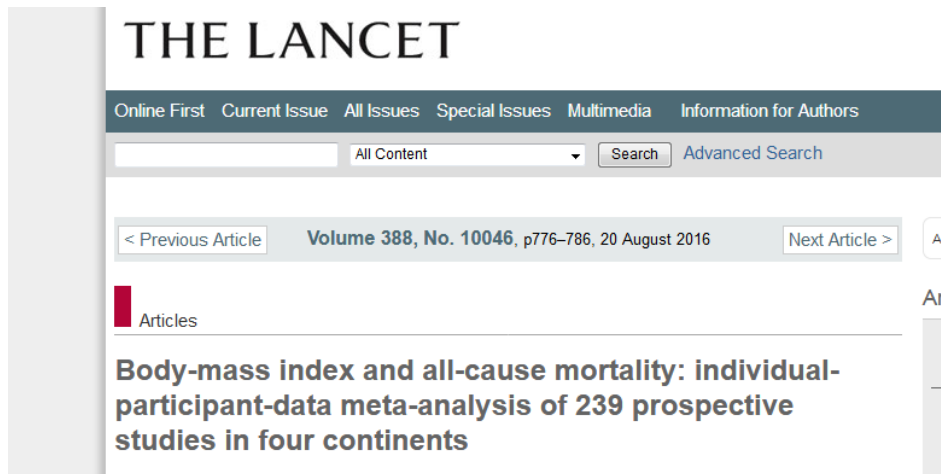
Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet

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Weight is culturally sensitive...

- Different communities = different perceptions of what is healthy, desirable, sexy
- Stigma that skinny = HIV, TB, other illness
- Advertising and magazines – steadily skinnier models
- Self-perception is important (and flawed)

But obesity IS an issue...



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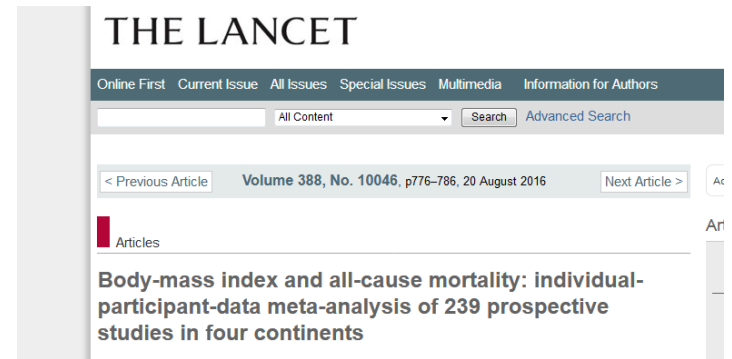
Articles

Body-mass index and all-cause mortality: individual-participant-data meta-analysis of 239 prospective studies in four continents

“The associations of both overweight and obesity with higher all-cause mortality were broadly consistent in four continents.”

Being obese is linked to lots of issues

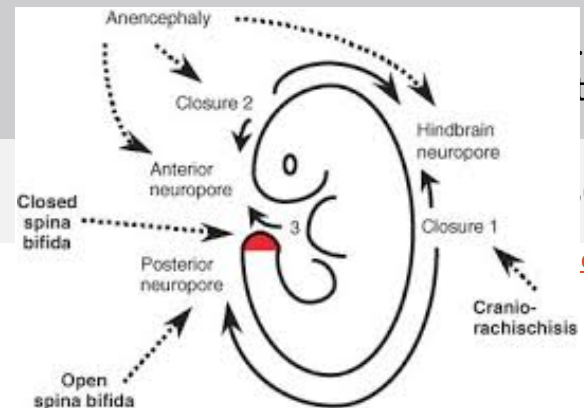
- Diabetes (glucose)
- Hypertension (blood pressure)
- Lipids (cholesterol, LDL ('bad cholesterol'))
- Strokes
- Heart attacks
- Cancer
- Joint pain
- Mental health issues
- Poor COVID outcomes ←



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Tsepamo Update: Prevalence of NTDs by ARV Exposure

Parameter	Conception			Pregnancy	HIV Negative (n = 119,630)
	DTG (n = 3591)	Non-DTG (n = 19,361)	EFV (n = 10,958)	DTG (n = 4581)	
Total NTDs per exposures, n/N	7/3591	21/19,361	8/10,958	2/4581	87/119,630
NTD prevalence, % (95% CI)					
▪ April 2019	0.30 (0.13-0.69)	0.10 (0.06-0.17)	0.04 (0.01-0.11)	0.03 (0.00-0.15)	0.08 (0.06-0.10)
▪ April 2020	0.19 (0.09-0.40)	0.11 (0.07-0.17)	0.07 (0.03-0.17)	0.04 (0.01-0.16)	0.07 (0.06-0.09)
Prevalence diff. with DTG conception, Apr 2020, % (95% CI)	Ref	0.09 (-0.03 to 0.30)			0.12 (0.00 to 32.0)
NTDs per exposures between April 2019 and April 2020, n/N	2/1908*	6/4569			0,258



Zash. AIDS 2020. Abstr OAXLB01.

[options.com](https://www.options.com)

*Includes 1 lumbosacral myelomeningocele (spina bifida) and 1 encephalocele.

Weight gain likely to have a much greater impact...

- On pregnancy outcomes than DTG teratogenicity!



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Predicting the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes due to ART-induced weight gain

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APO	Baseline	TAF/FTC+DTG	TDF/FTC+DTG	TDF/FTC/EFV
		96-weeks	96-weeks	96-weeks
Preterm delivery	70	73	71	70
Gestational Hypertension	28	39	34	29
Gestational diabetes mellitus	16	23	19	16
Pre-eclampsia	25	35	30	26
Postpartum haemorrhage	112	115	114	112
Caesarean section	213	232	224	215
Small-for-gestational-age infants	89	87	88	89
Large-for-gestational-age infants	134	154	145	137
Low birthweight infants	64	65	64	64
Macrosomia	31	37	34	31
Stillbirth	4	4	4	4
Neonatal death	2	2	2	2
Neural tube defect	0	0	0	0

Conclusions



Weighing considerations with newer antiretrovirals

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The combination of tenofovir alafenamide, emtricitabine, and bictegravir was approved by the US Food and Drug

sex-aggregated rise of 5 kg. Although this study did not compare tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with tenofovir

- Weight gain is real – definitely associated with DTG/BIC, and with TAF (and rilpivirine)
- DTG may not be as perfect as we hoped – but for most of the world – only efavirenz!
- No data on what to do if someone is gaining weight on either DTG or EFV (or anything else) – Orkin data on doravirine promising
- TAF unlikely to be recommended in Africa (?elsewhere)
- Major public health headache – swapping one epidemic for another – need new options

Thank you!

