

IAS 2021 Conference Highlights

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Outline

- Long-acting ART
- Capella study (26-wk) results, lenacapavir for highly treatment-experienced PWH, (Molina et al, **A-LB-IAS2021-02605**)
- Calibrate study (28-wk): LEN for treatment initiation (Gupta et al, **OALB03-02211**)

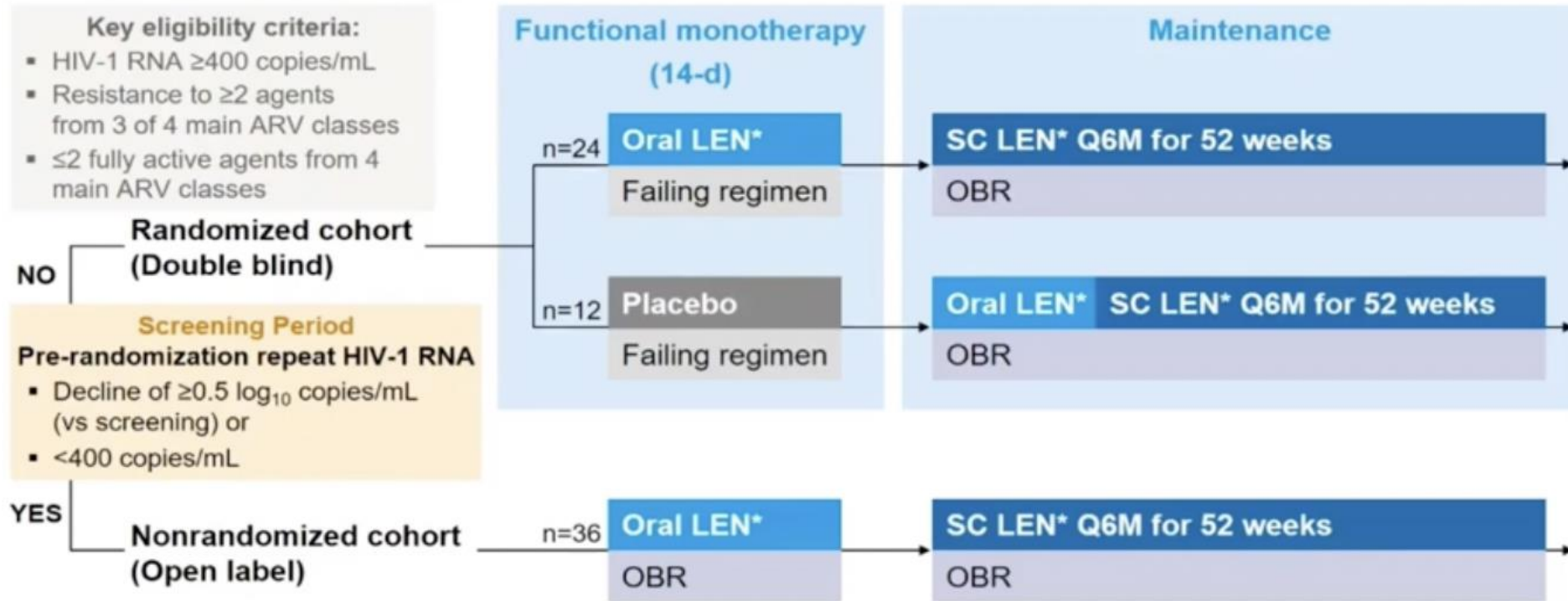
- Long-acting PrEP
- Safety & PK of monthly islatravir – week 24 (A-LB-IAS2021-02361, Hillier et al)

- Co-infection (TB, Cryptococcus) treatment lighting round

Capella Study, Molina et al.

Lenacapavir (LEN): first-in-class HIV capsid inhibitor; *in vitro* data for effect against NRTI, NNRTI, INSTI-resistant HIV → use for highly treatment-experienced (HTE) PWH

Study Design

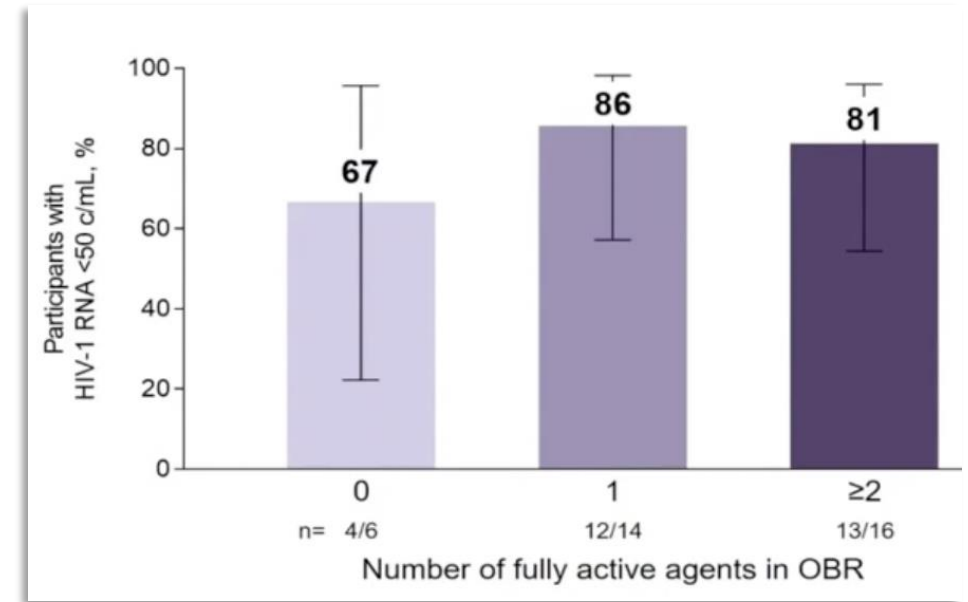
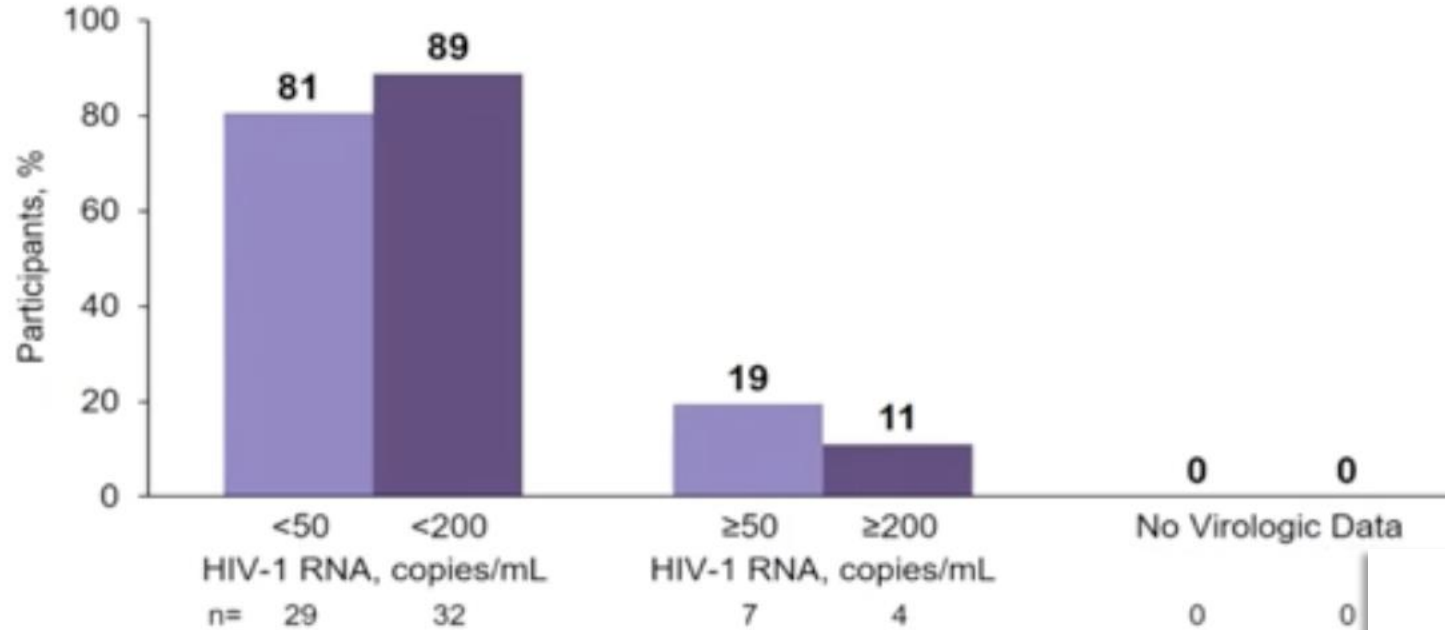


- ◆ Efficacy summarized only for randomized cohort (n=36), as most in nonrandomized cohort have not reached Wk 26 yet
- ◆ Safety summarized for both the randomized and nonrandomized cohort (n=72)

*Oral LEN administered as 600 mg on Days 1 and 2, 300 mg on Day 8; SC LEN administered as 927 mg (2 x 1.5 mL) in the abdomen on Day 15. OBR, optimized background regimen (investigational agents, such as fostemsavir, were allowed; atazanavir (ATV), ATV/cobicistat, ATV/ritonavir, efavirenz, entecavir, nevirapine, tipranavir were not allowed).

Capella Study: LEN for HTE PWH

FDA-snapshot week 26 efficacy data (N=36)

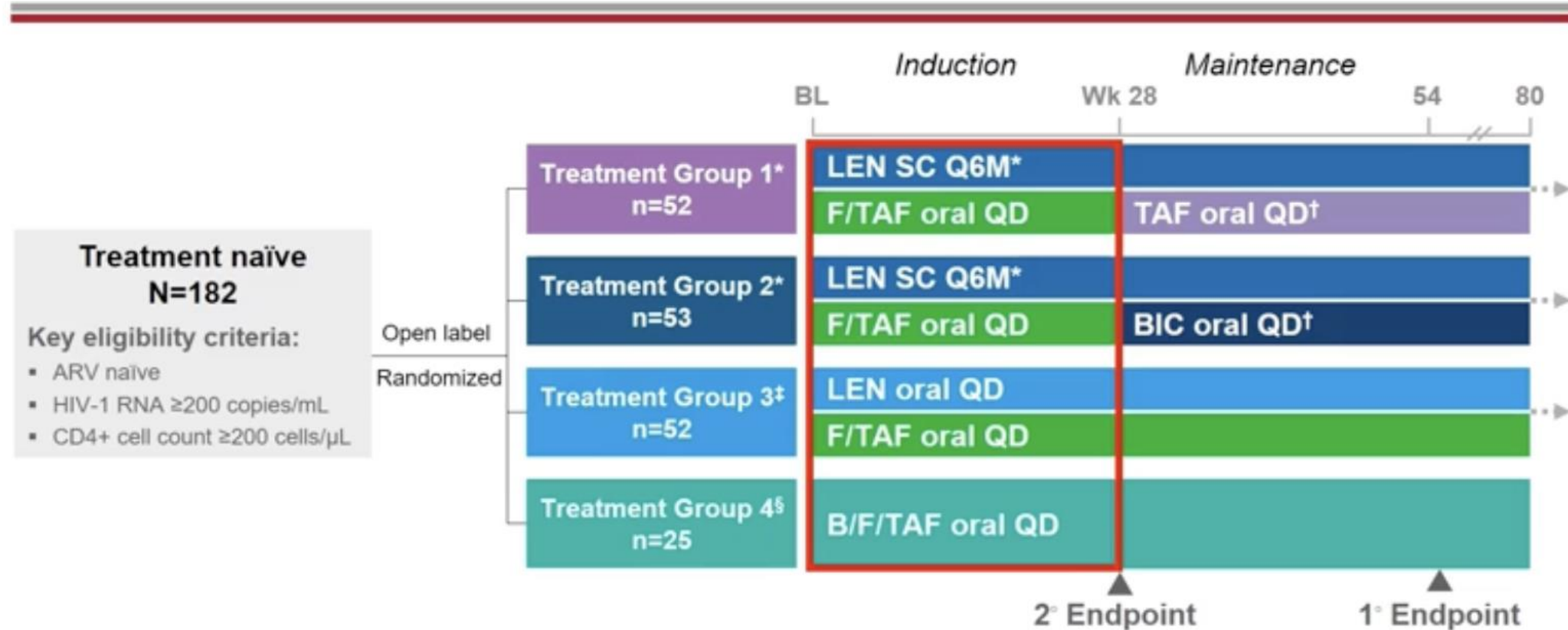


n (%)	Randomized Cohort n=36
Participants meeting criteria for resistance testing	11 (31)
No emergent LEN resistance	7 (19)
Emergent LEN resistance	4 (11)
M66I	4
Q67H	1
K70N/R/S	1
N74D	1

- ♦ All 4 participants with emergent LEN resistance remained on LEN
 - 3 participants re-suppressed at a later visit: 2 without and 1 with OBR change
 - 1 participant with no fully active agent never suppressed (max 1.7 log₁₀ copies/mL decline in HIV-1 RNA)
- ♦ No participant developed additional resistance to the agents in the OBR

Good safety & tolerability
 -no SAEs related to drug or AEs leading to discontinuation
 -median CD4 increase 81 over 26 weeks, none <50 at 26wk

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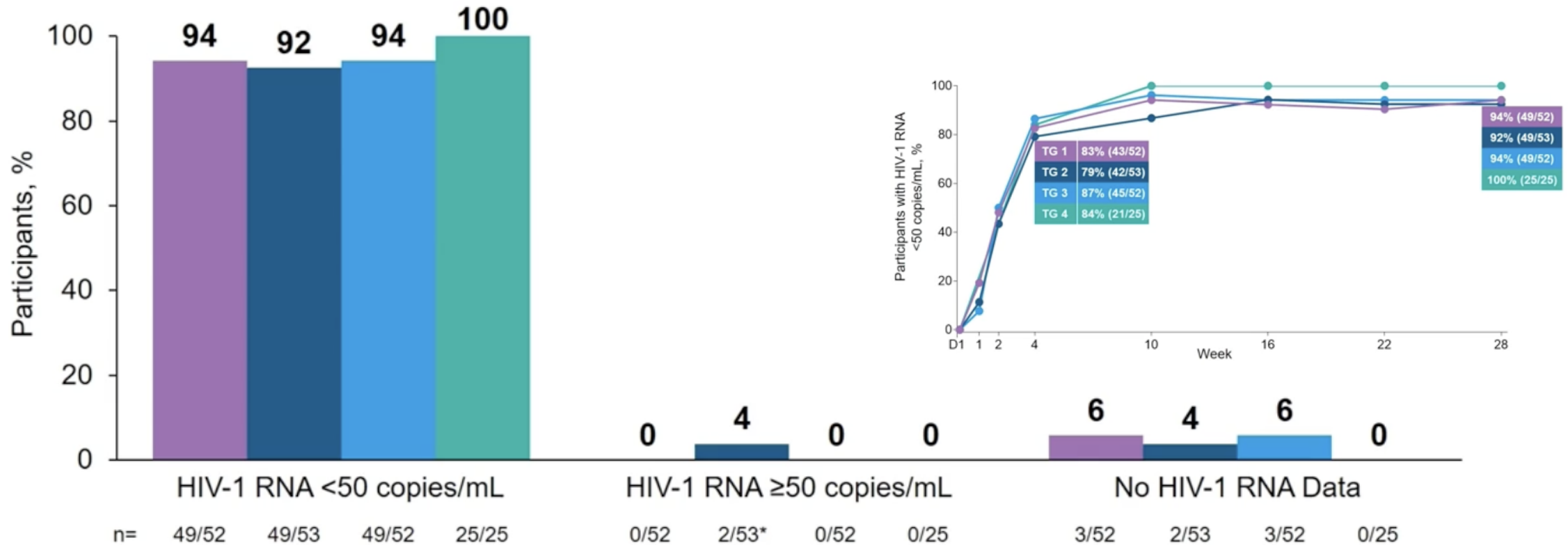
◆ DMC recommended continuation of study, based on Week 16 results (i.e. abstract data)

*LEN oral lead-in (600 mg on Days 1 and 2, 300 mg on Day 8) followed by LEN SC 927 mg on Day 15; F/TAF 200/25 mg; †Participants in TG 1 and 2 will need HIV-1 RNA results <50 copies/mL at Wks 16 and 22 to initiate either TAF 25 mg or BIC 75 mg at Wk 28; those with HIV-1 RNA ≥ 50 copies/mL will discontinue study at Wk 28; ‡LEN 600 mg on Days 1 and 2, followed by LEN 50 mg from Day 3; F/TAF 200/25 mg; §B/F/TAF 50/200/25 mg.

ARV, antiretroviral; BIC, B, bictegravir; BL, baseline; DMC, data monitoring committee; QD, once daily; Q6M, every 6 months; TG, treatment group; Wk, Week.

FDA Snapshot Outcome (ITT) at Week 28

TG 1: LEN SC + F/TAF (→TAF)
 TG 2: LEN SC + F/TAF (→BIC)
 TG 3: LEN QD + F/TAF
 TG 4: B/F/TAF



◆ In the pooled LEN group (receiving either SC [TG 1+2] or oral [TG 3] LEN in combination with F/TAF), 94% (147/157) achieved HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 28

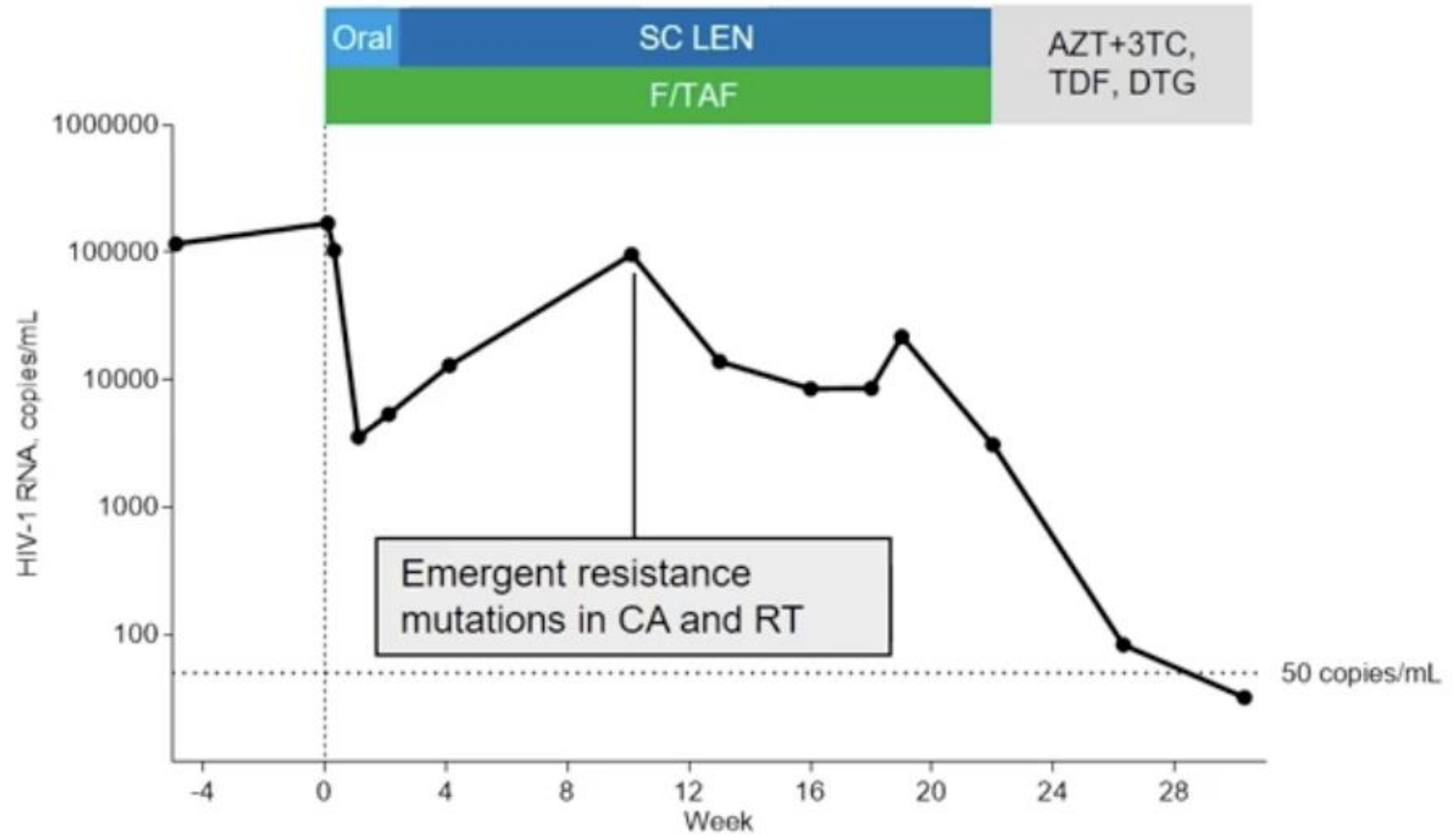
*1 participant discontinued due to not meeting the protocol criteria of having HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL prior to Week 28; 1 participant discontinued on Day 2.

Calibrate Study, Gupta et al.: LEN for treatment naïve PWH

One ppt with emergent resistance at wk 10:

-Capsid: q67H+K70R
-RT: M184M/I

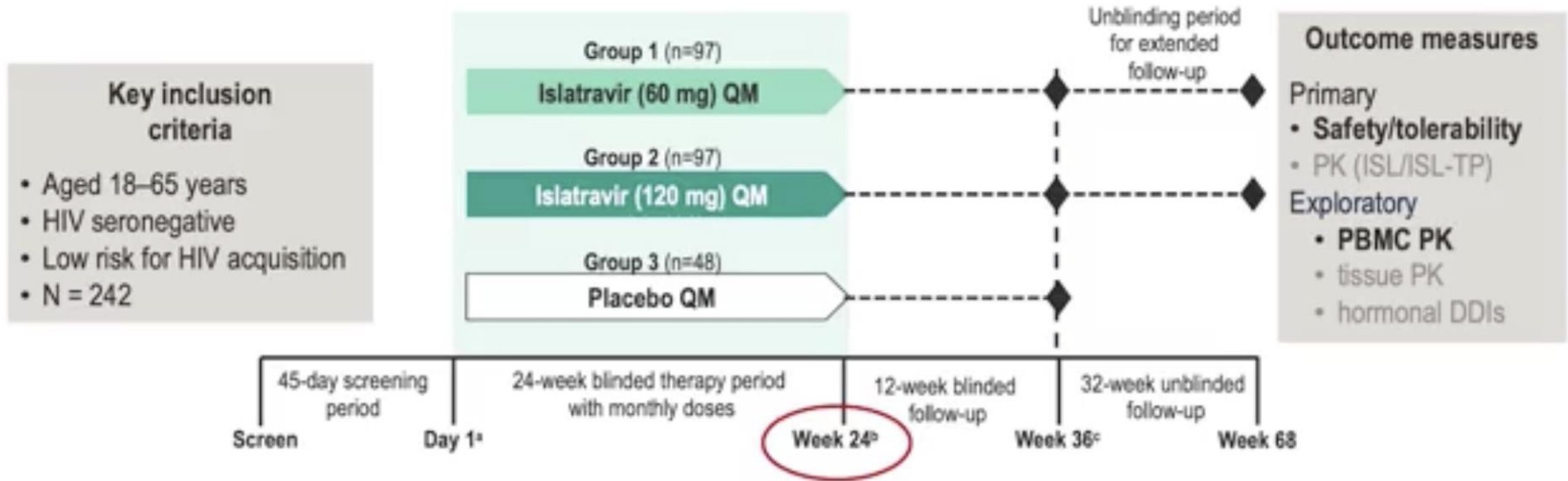
LEN [plasma] at target throughout



Long-acting PrEP: Hillier et al

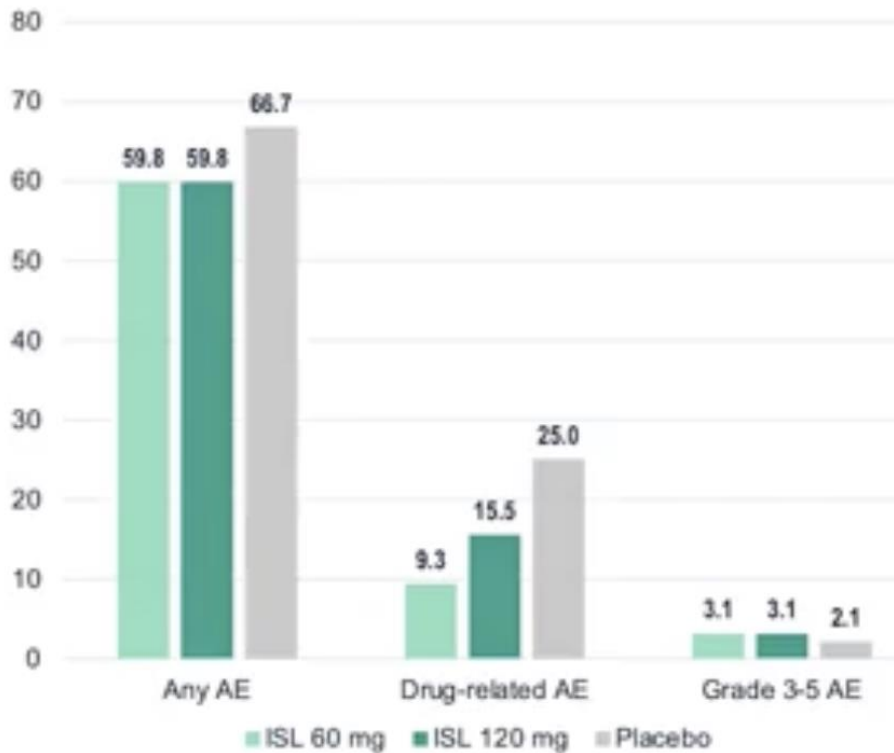
Islatravir (ISL): oral, monthly, novel class agent: nucleoside reverse transcriptase translocation inhibitor being developed for PrEP

Phase 2a, double-blind, randomized, parallel assignment, placebo-controlled, multicenter study in adults at low risk for HIV-1 acquisition



^aRandomization to study intervention at Day 1 and stratified by sex (female, male) and region (Africa, non-Africa). ^bSponsor unblinded at Week 24 to allow for an interim evaluation of safety. Participants and investigators/clinical-site personnel remain blinded up to Week 36. ^cAfter Week 36, only participants in the PBMC/PK Bridging Subset who were randomly assigned to receive ISL will have an additional 32-week extended, unblinded PK follow-up through Week 68. NCT04003103 (P016).

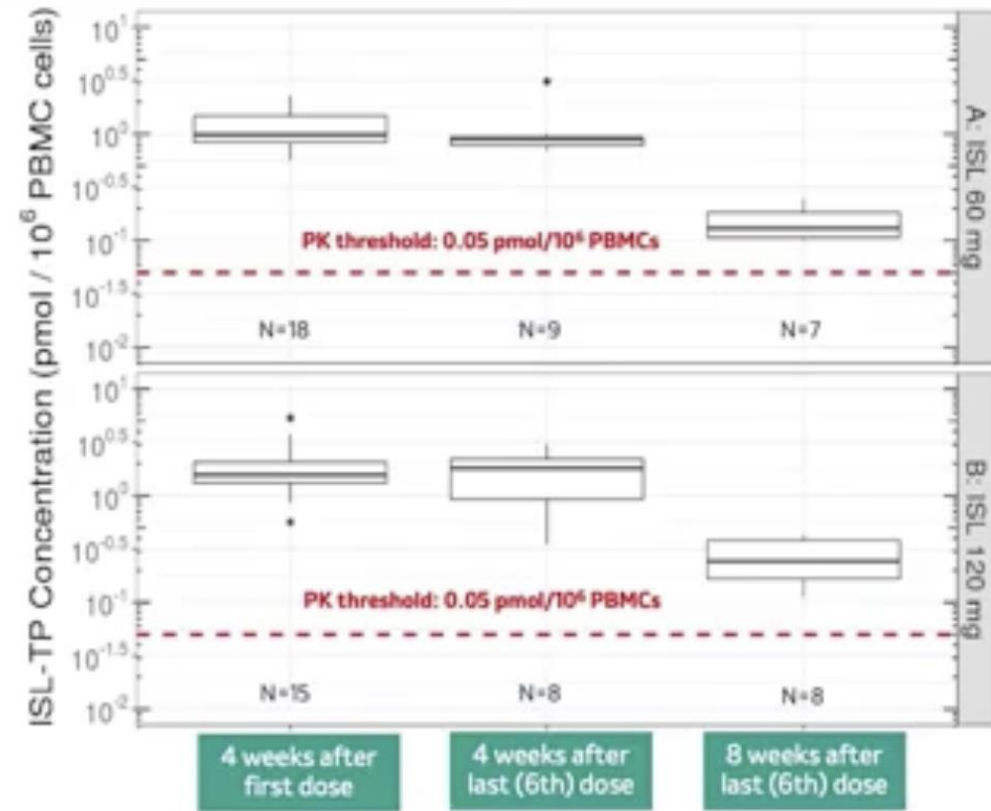
% of Participants with Adverse Events



- 2 pts d/c'd due to AEs – mild, considered to be drug-related
- Common grade 3/4 AEs: transient, asymptomatic – elevated Cr, elevated lipase (no difference in ISL vs placebo)

- Rare (N=1-2) grade 3/4 AEs: AST incr, CK incr, neutropenia.

Pharmacokinetics of ISL



Treatment of major co-infections (TB & Crypto)

- **TB-Practecal study** (Motta et al, A-LB-IAS2021-02458): BPaL+Mfx vs. SOC for MDR-TB. N=552 randomized in adaptive trial, 25% with HIV. N=120 rdm to BPaLMfx, N=122 SOC. DSMB terminated randomization for lack of equipoise, favoring BPaLMfx. Multiple discontinuations, 5 deaths in SOC arm drove difference.
- **ZeNix study** (Conradie et al, A-LB-IAS2021-02405): N=181 M/XDR TB, 20% with HIV. 6M BPa, randomized to 6L1200/2L1200/6L600/2L600. Similar efficacy (6M post-treatment cure, 84-93%) and lower side effects in the lower dose/duration Lz groups
- **Ambition Study** (Lawrence et al, A-LB-IAS2021-02370): induction with single-dose, high-dose AmBisome (liposomal ampho B) + 14d (5FU + fluconazole) was **non-inferior** to WHO SOC induction (7d (amphoB + 5FU) → 7d fluconazole) for the outcome of all-cause mortality in PWH with cryptococcal meningitis. Ambisome had better safety profile.

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