



Reservoirs: Central Nervous System

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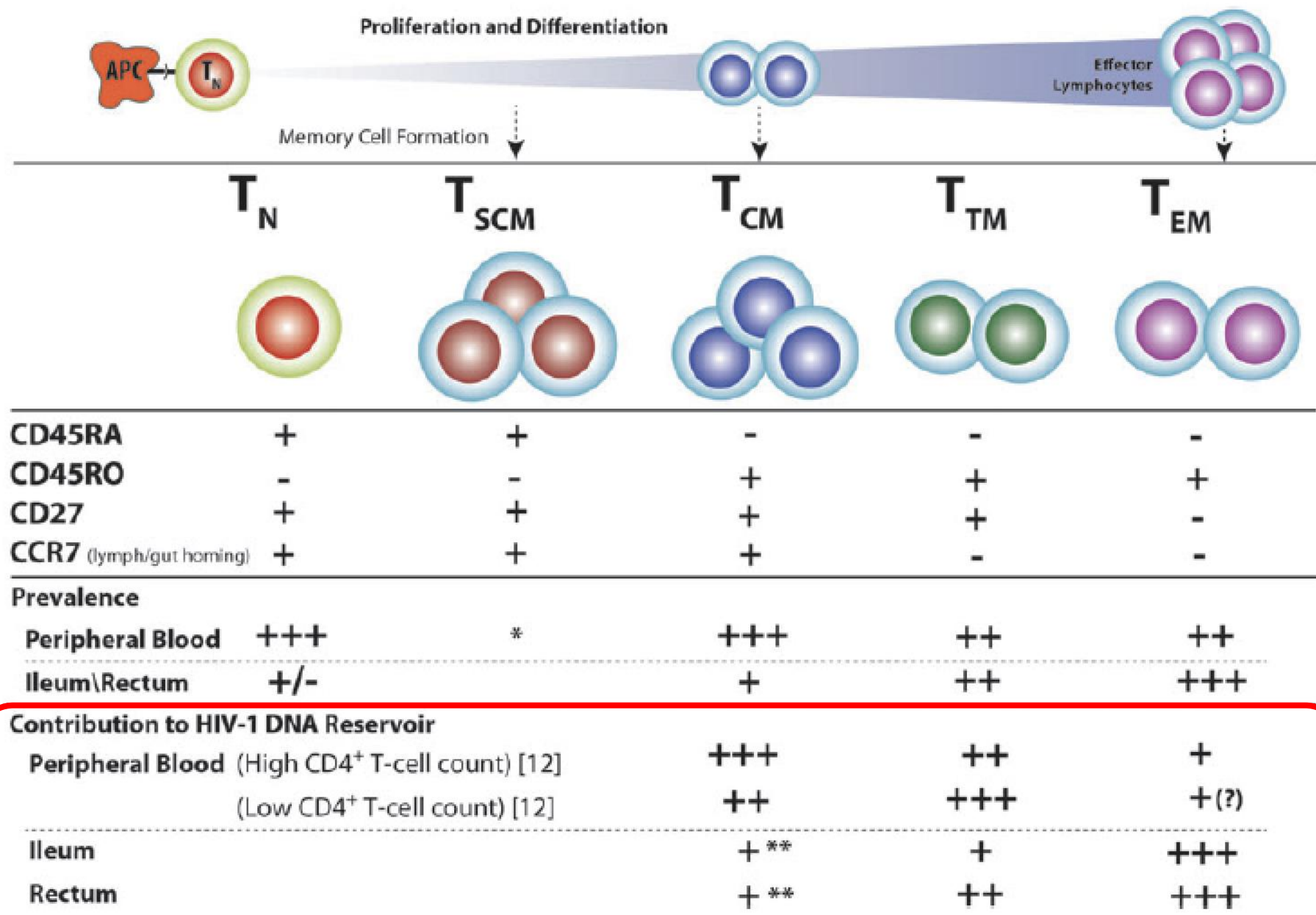
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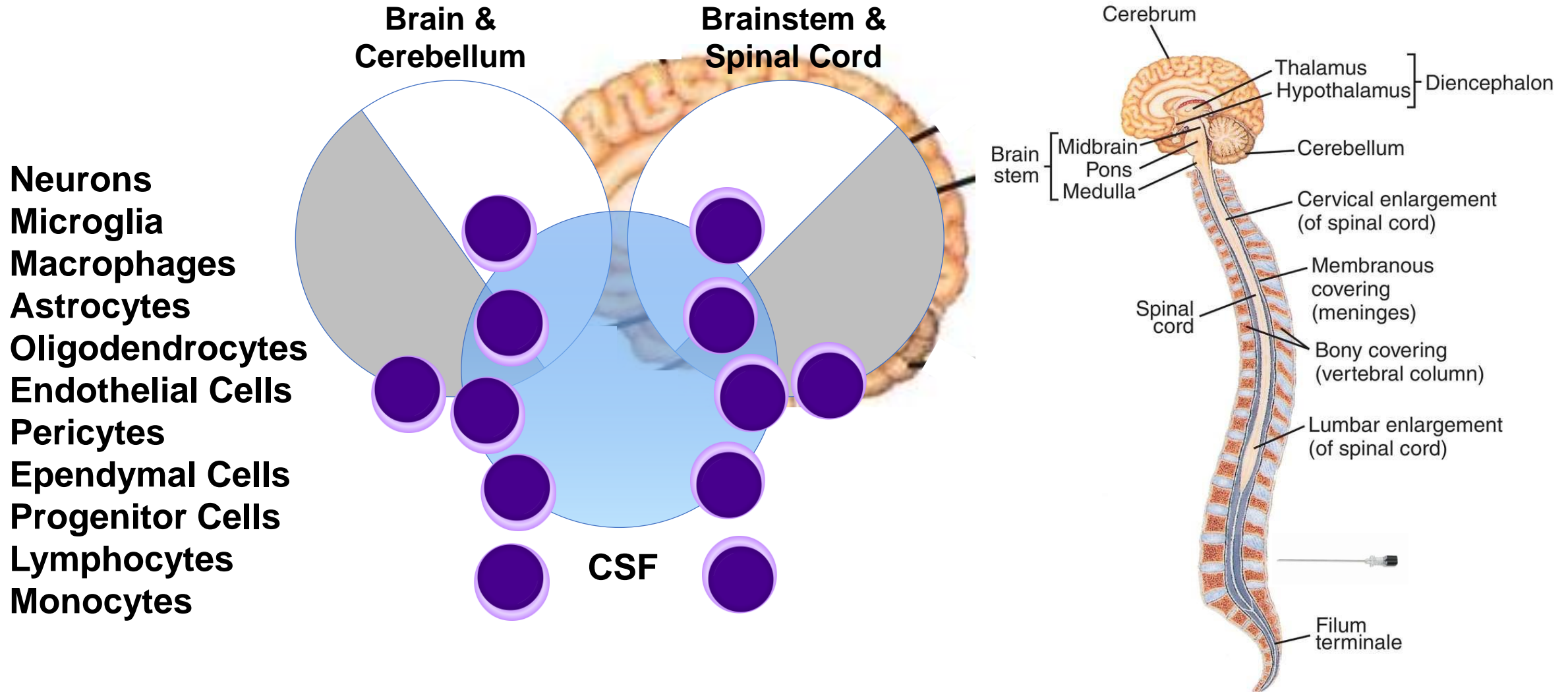
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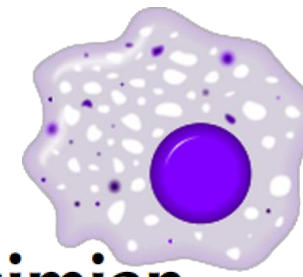


Which Cells Harbor HIV in the CNS?



How Well Does Lumbar CSF Reflect the Entire CNS?

The HIV Reservoir in Monocytes and Macrophages



Brain macrophages harbor latent, infectious simian immunodeficiency virus

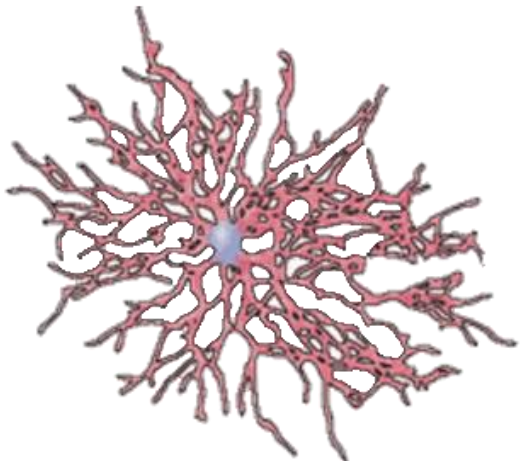
Microglial Cells: The Main HIV-1 Reservoir in the Brain

Myeloid and CD4 T Cells Comprise the Latent Reservoir in Antiretroviral Therapy-Suppressed SIVmac251-Infected Macaques

Macrophages but not Astrocytes Harbor HIV DNA in the Brains of HIV-1-Infected Aviremic Individuals on Suppressive Antiretroviral Therapy

Astrocytes sustain long-term productive HIV-1 infection without establishment of reactivable viral latency

Astrocytes as an HIV CNS reservoir: highlights and reflections of an NIMH-sponsored symposium



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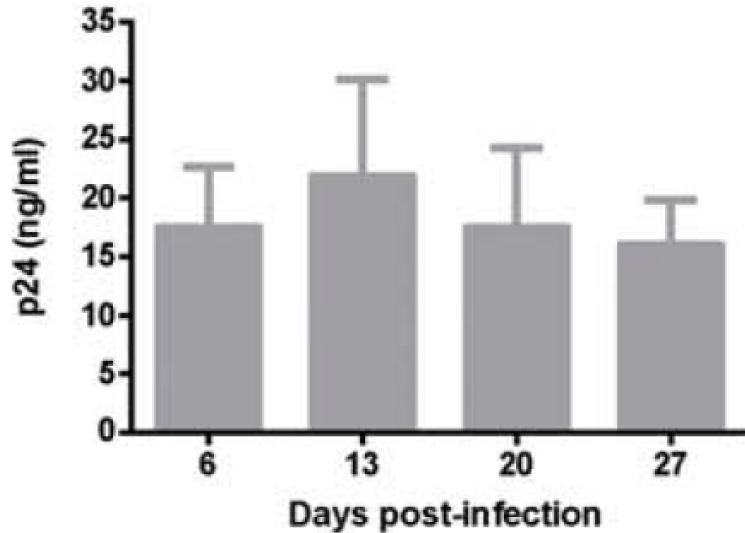
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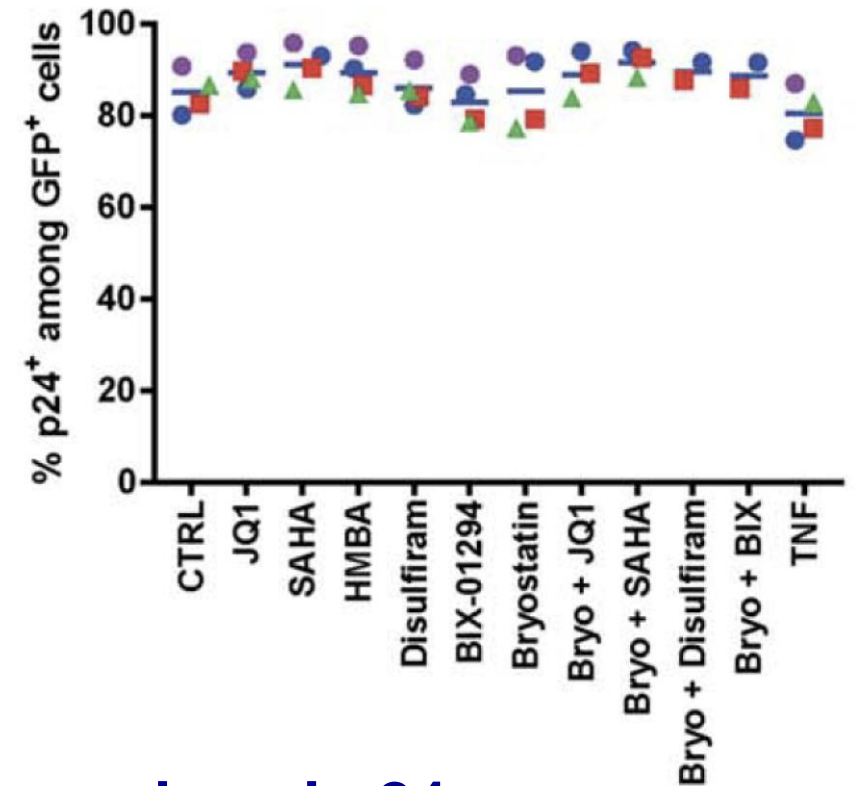
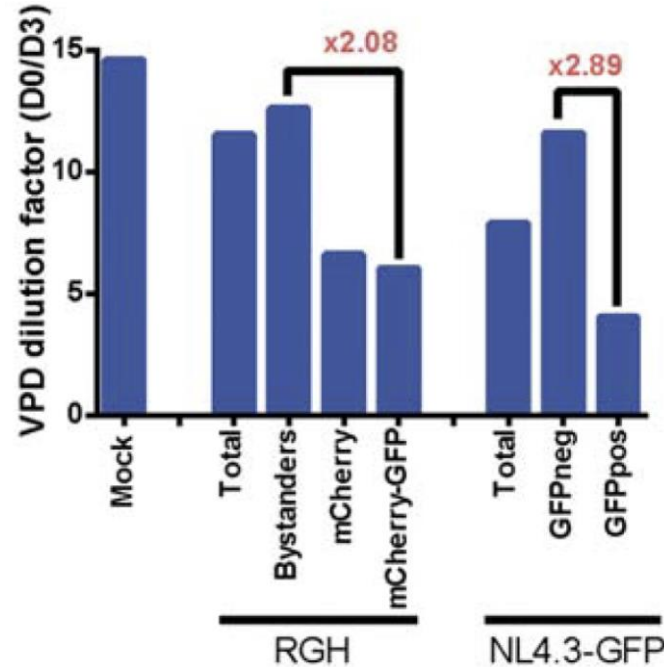
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Astrocytes Can Sustain Productive HIV Infection

Non-Proliferating Astrocytes



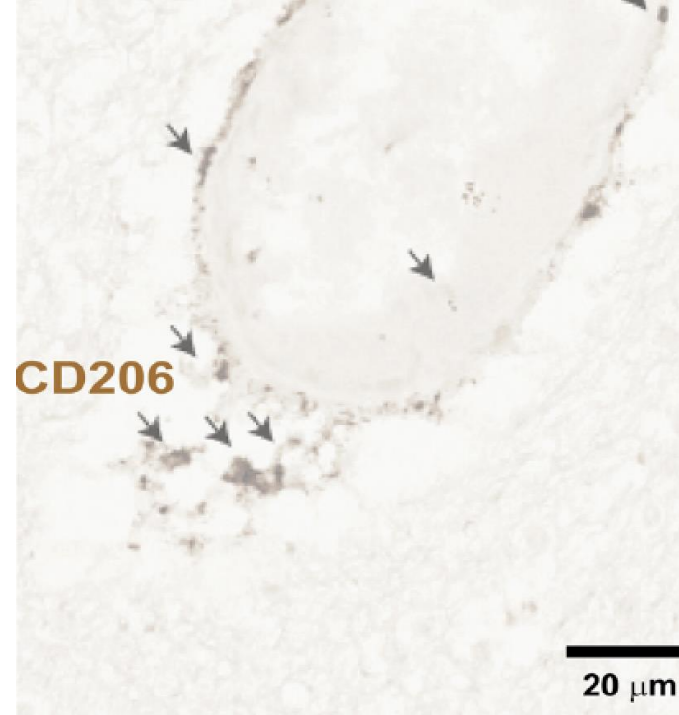
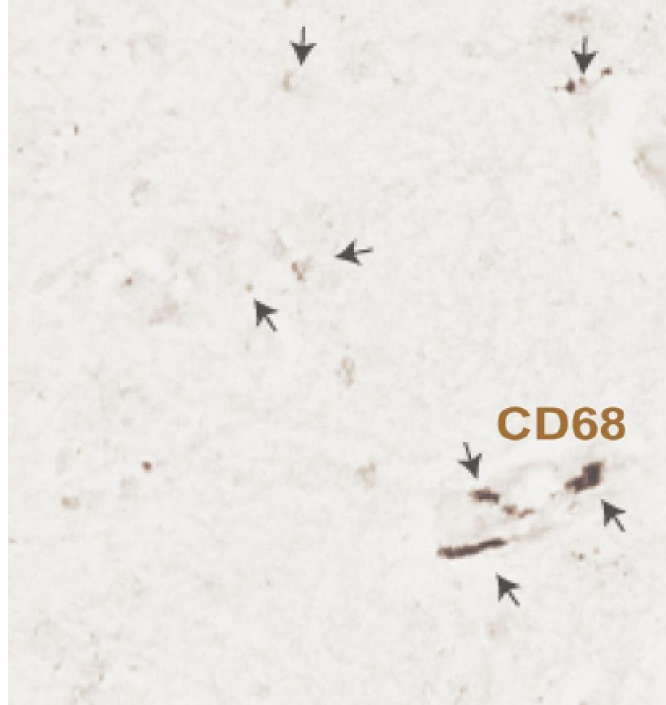
Proliferating Astrocytes



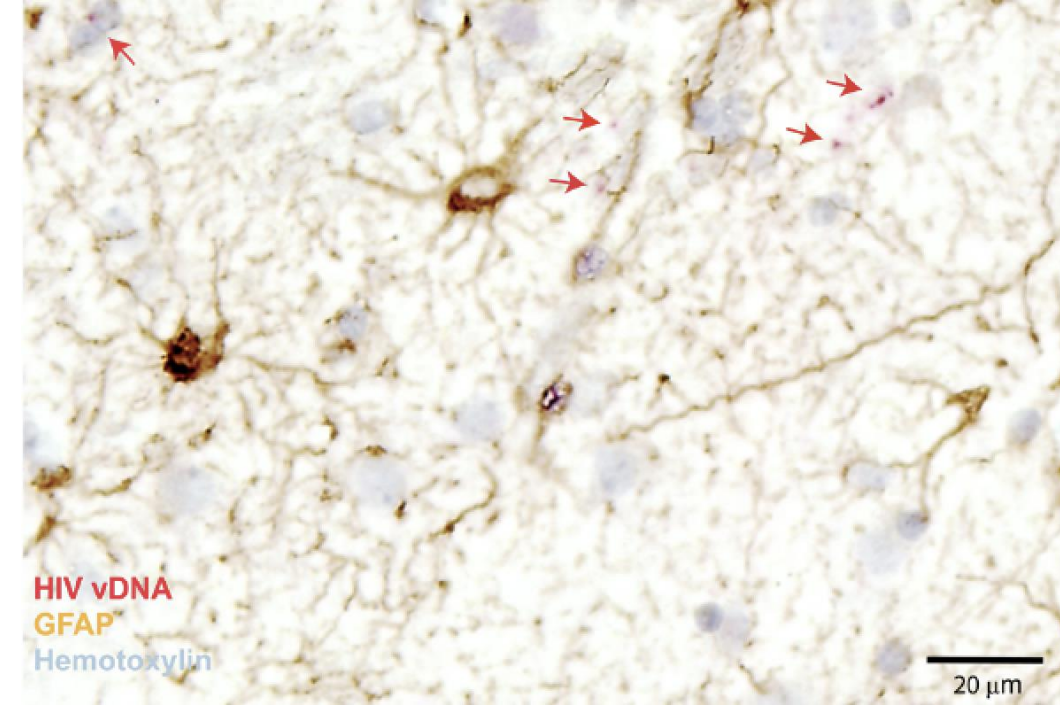
- HIV-infected non-proliferating astrocytes stably produced p24
- HIV infection reduced replicative capacity of proliferating astrocytes
- No reactivation with latency reversing agents or strong inducers (TNF- α)
 - Proviruses may either not be transcriptionally competent or in a state of deep latency

Macrophages but Not Astrocytes Are Infected

Myeloid Cell Markers

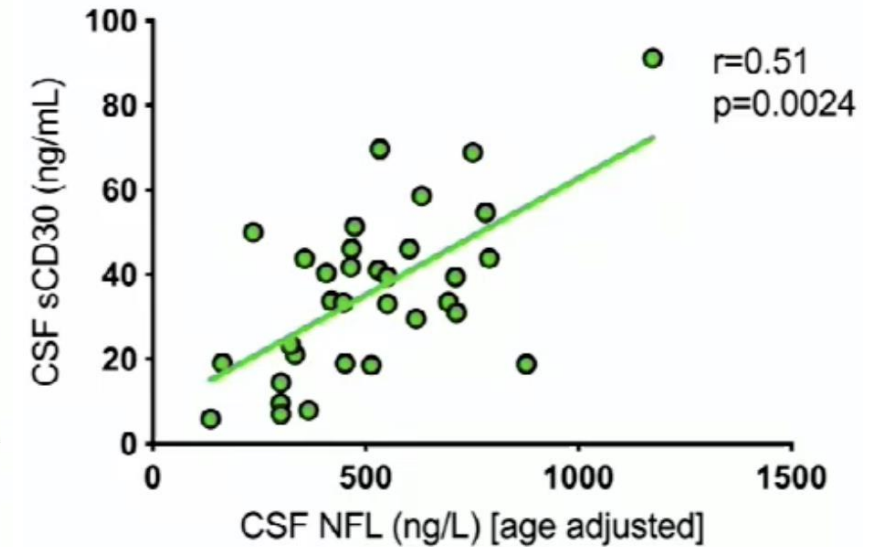
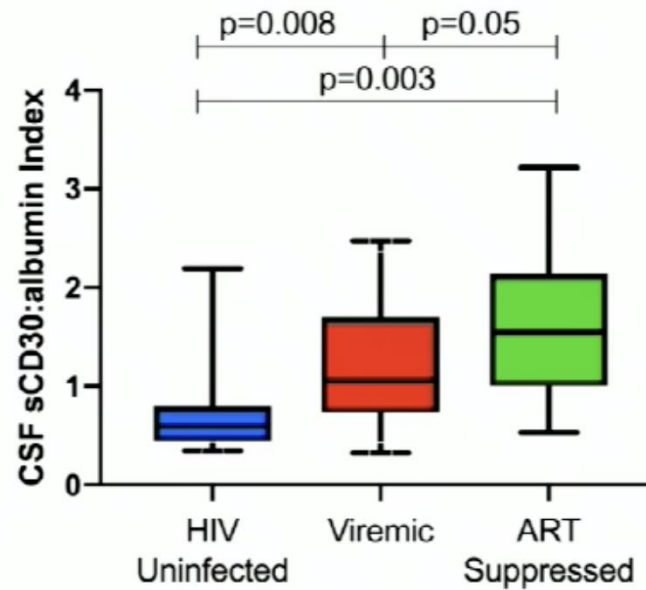
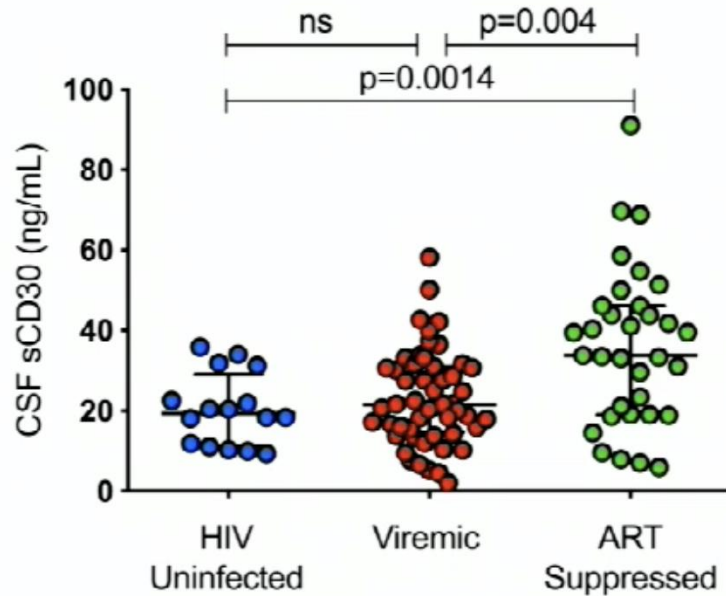


Astrocyte Marker (GFAP)

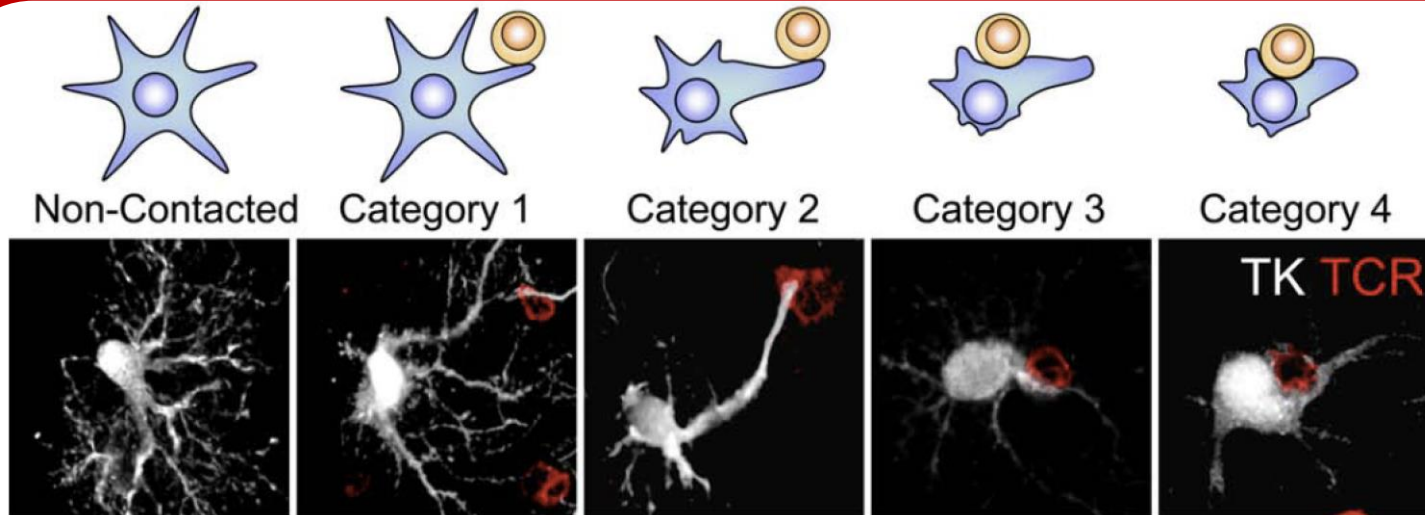


- 29 PWH from the NNTC who died while taking suppressive ART
- HIV DNA and RNA were present in brain tissue from all participants
 - Only present in brain macrophages & microglia, not in astrocytes

Activated T-Cells May Play a Role in HIV Persistence in the CNS



Peluso et al, CROI 2019, Abstract 125



*Barcia et al, PLoS ONE 3(8): e2977.
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Which Cells Harbor HIV DNA in the CNS?

Strongest Evidence

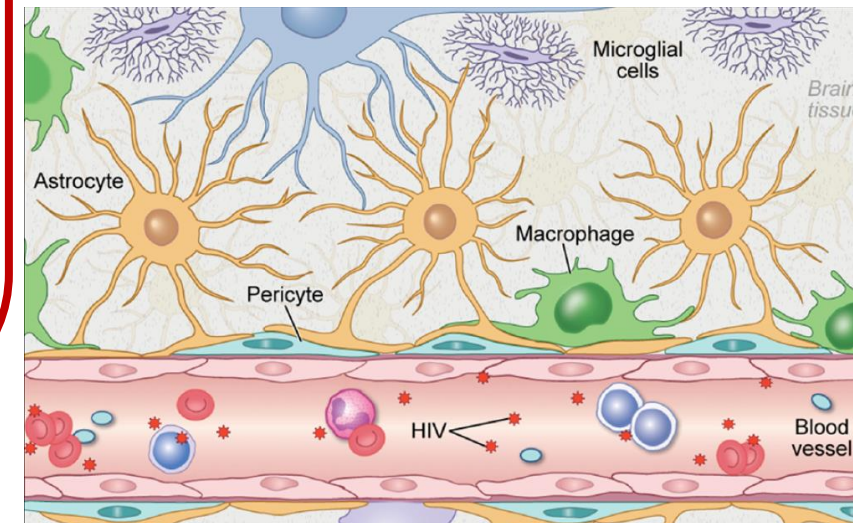
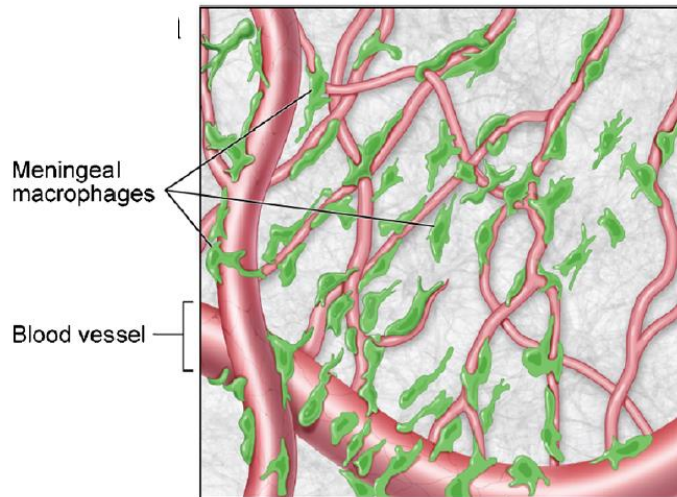
- Brain macrophages
- Microglia
- Migrating monocytes
- Migrating T-cells

Inconsistent or Limited Evidence

- Astrocytes
- Oligodendrocytes
- Brain microvascular endothelial cells
- Pericytes
- Ependymal cells
- Neural precursor cells

Evidence of Absence

- Neurons

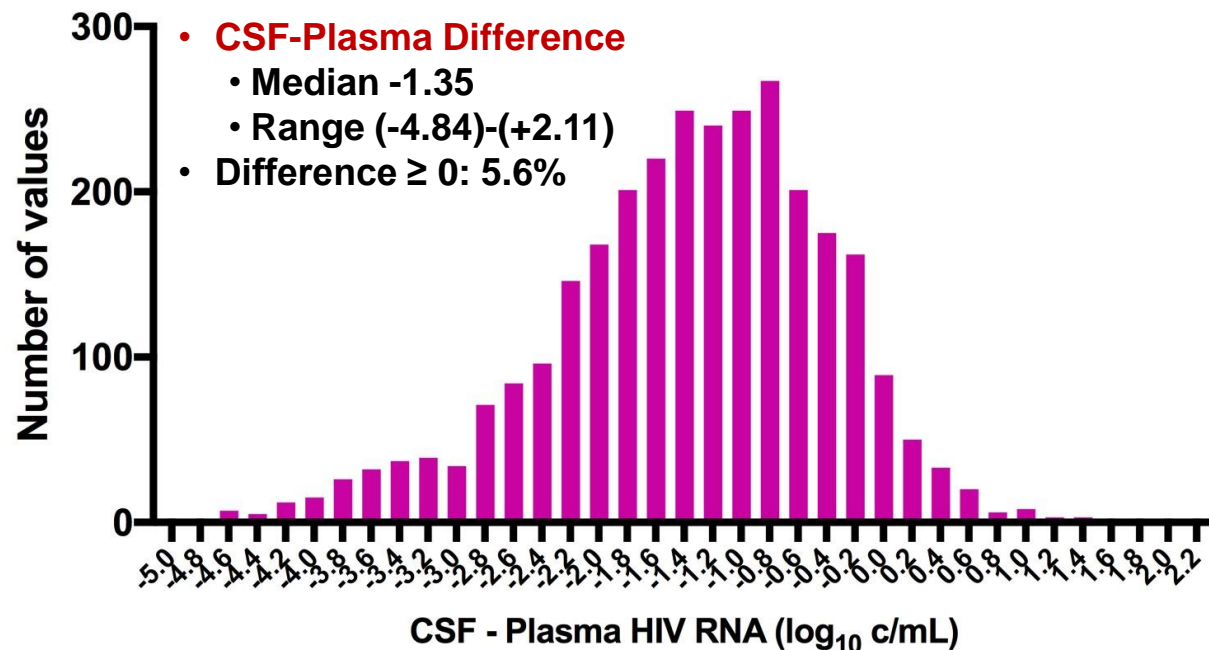
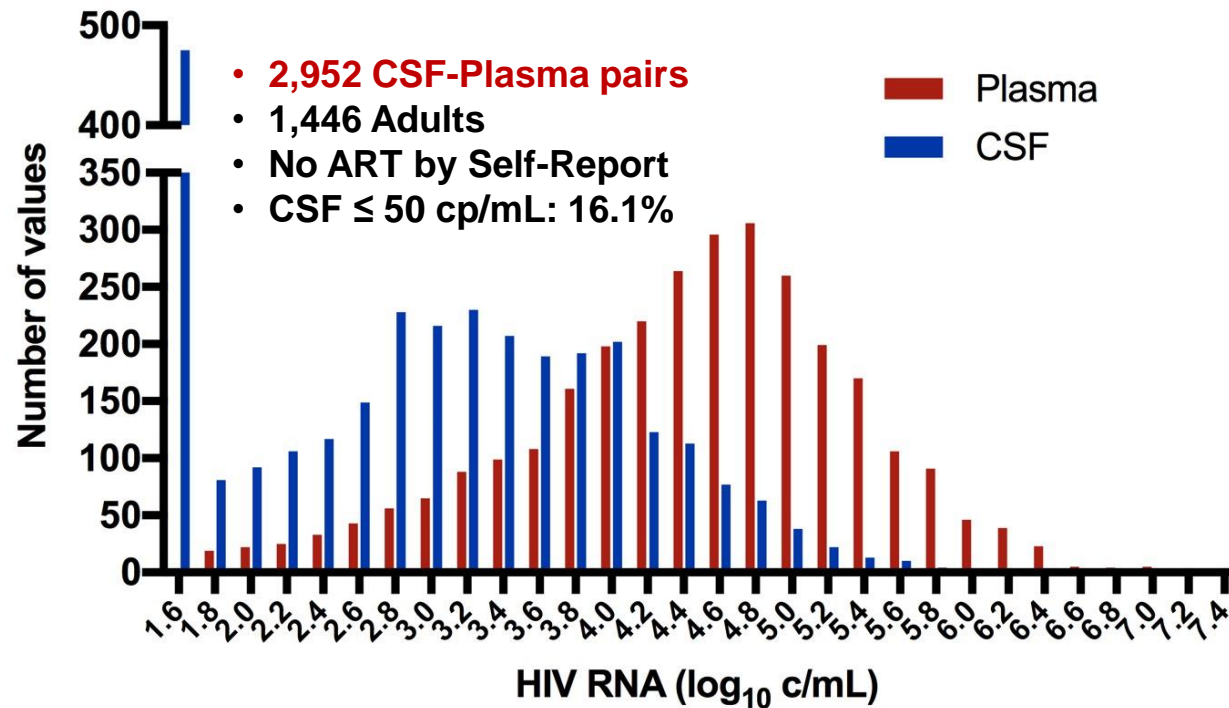


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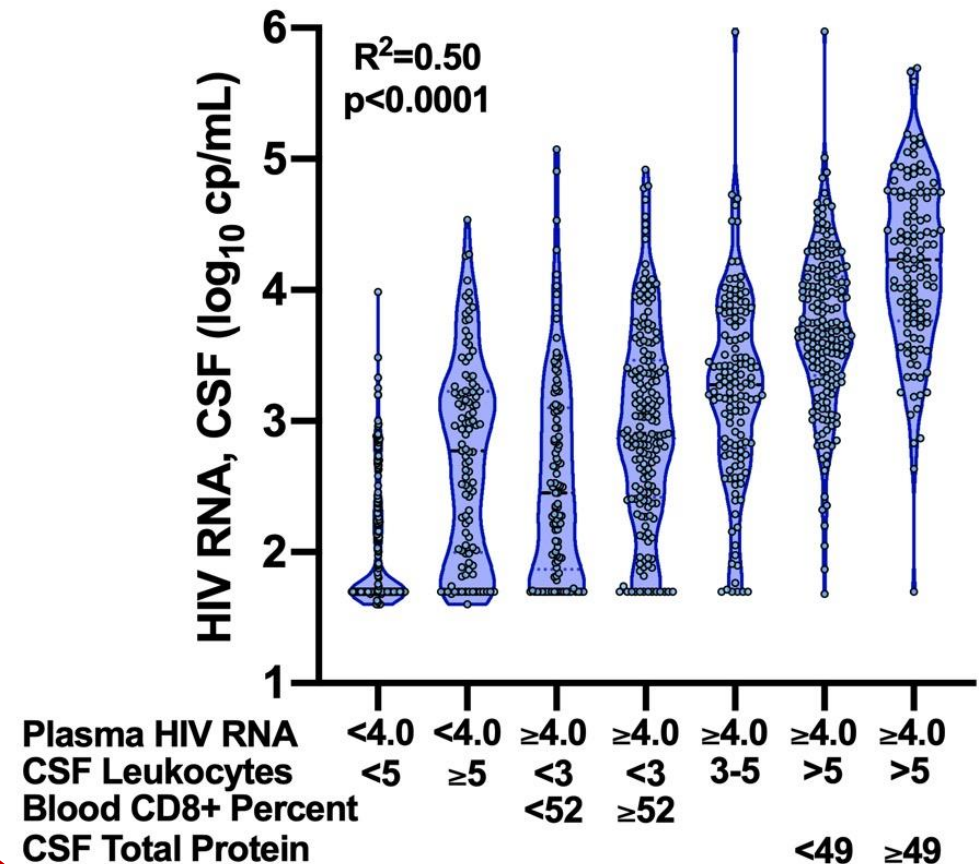
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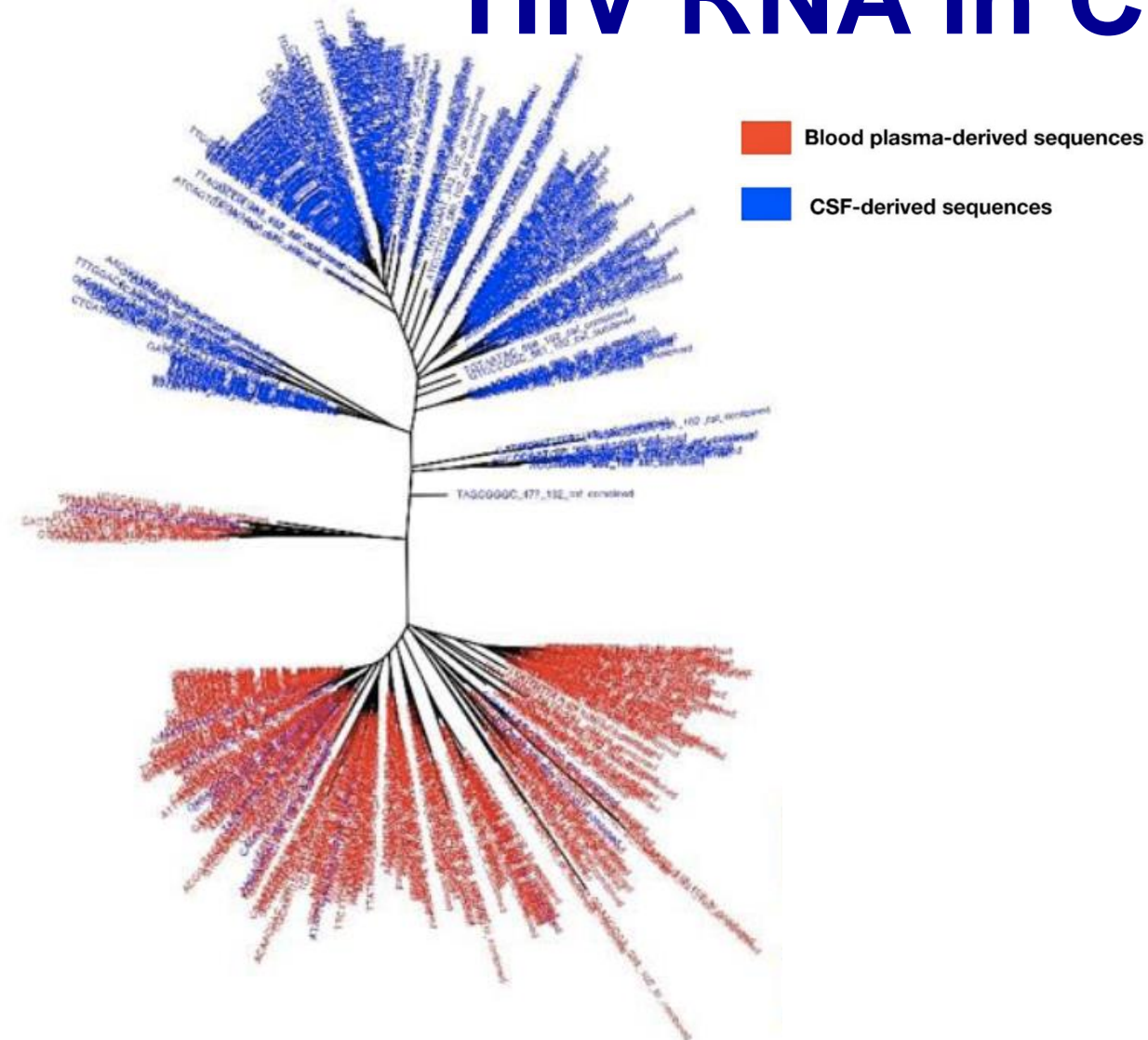


Correlates of HIV RNA in CSF off ART

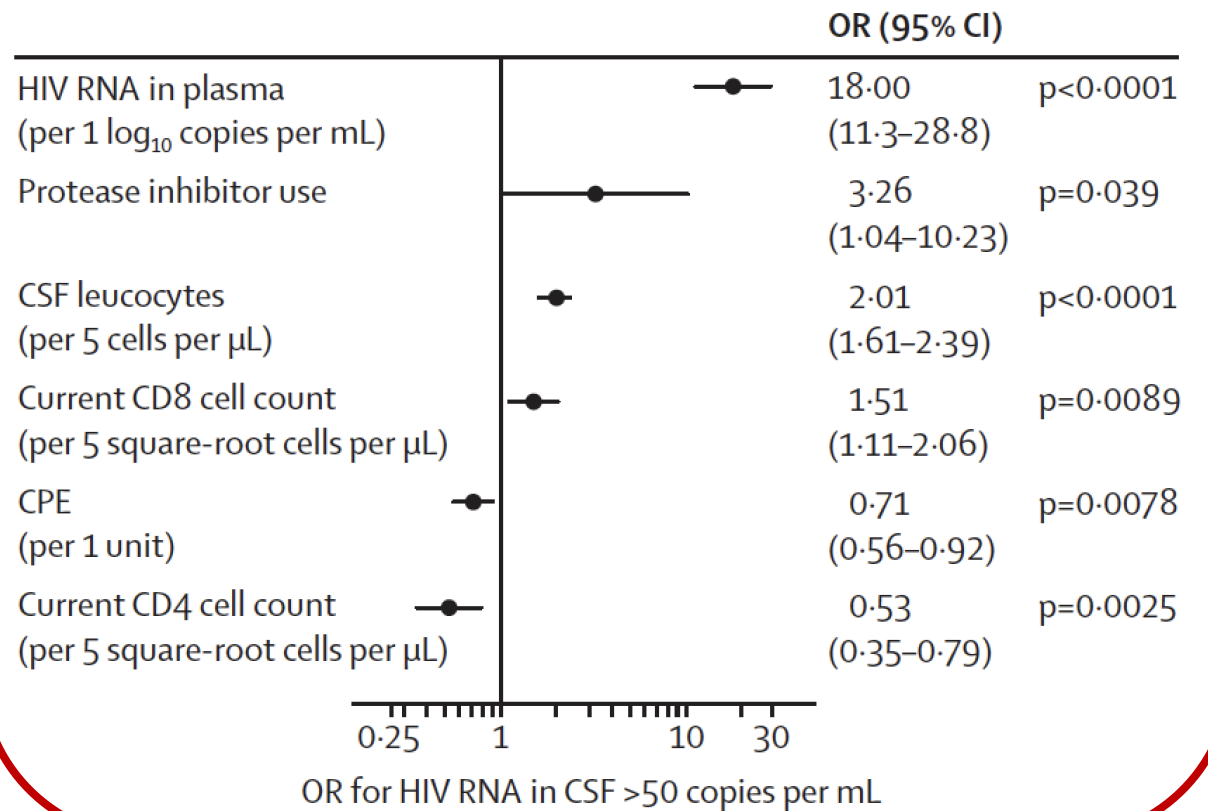
- Higher HIV RNA in blood
- More CSF leukocytes
- Fewer CD4+ T-cells
- Higher CD4+ and CD8+ percent
- Lower serum albumin
- Higher total protein in CSF and blood
- Lower CSF glucose



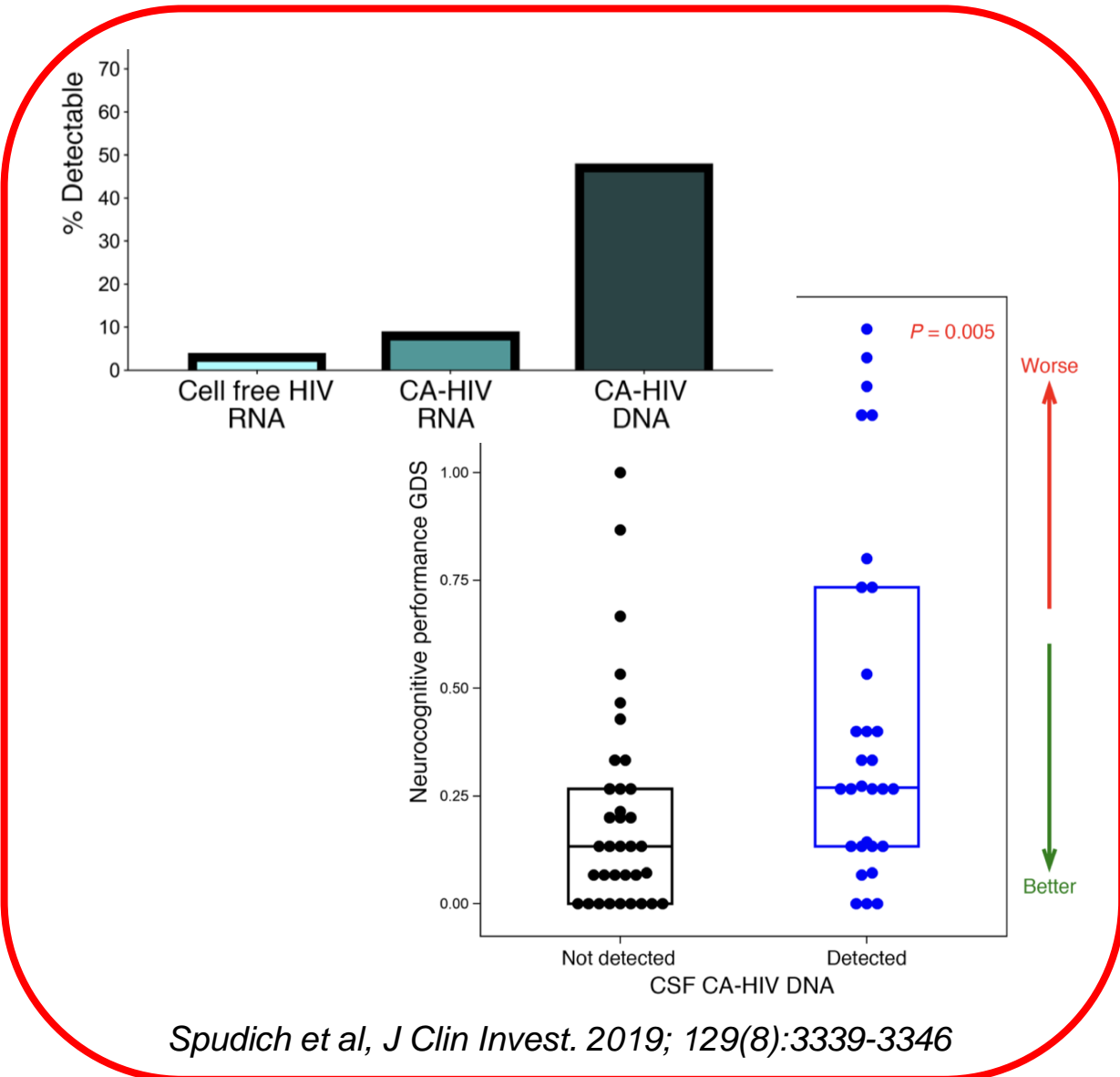
Compartmentalization & HIV RNA in CSF During ART



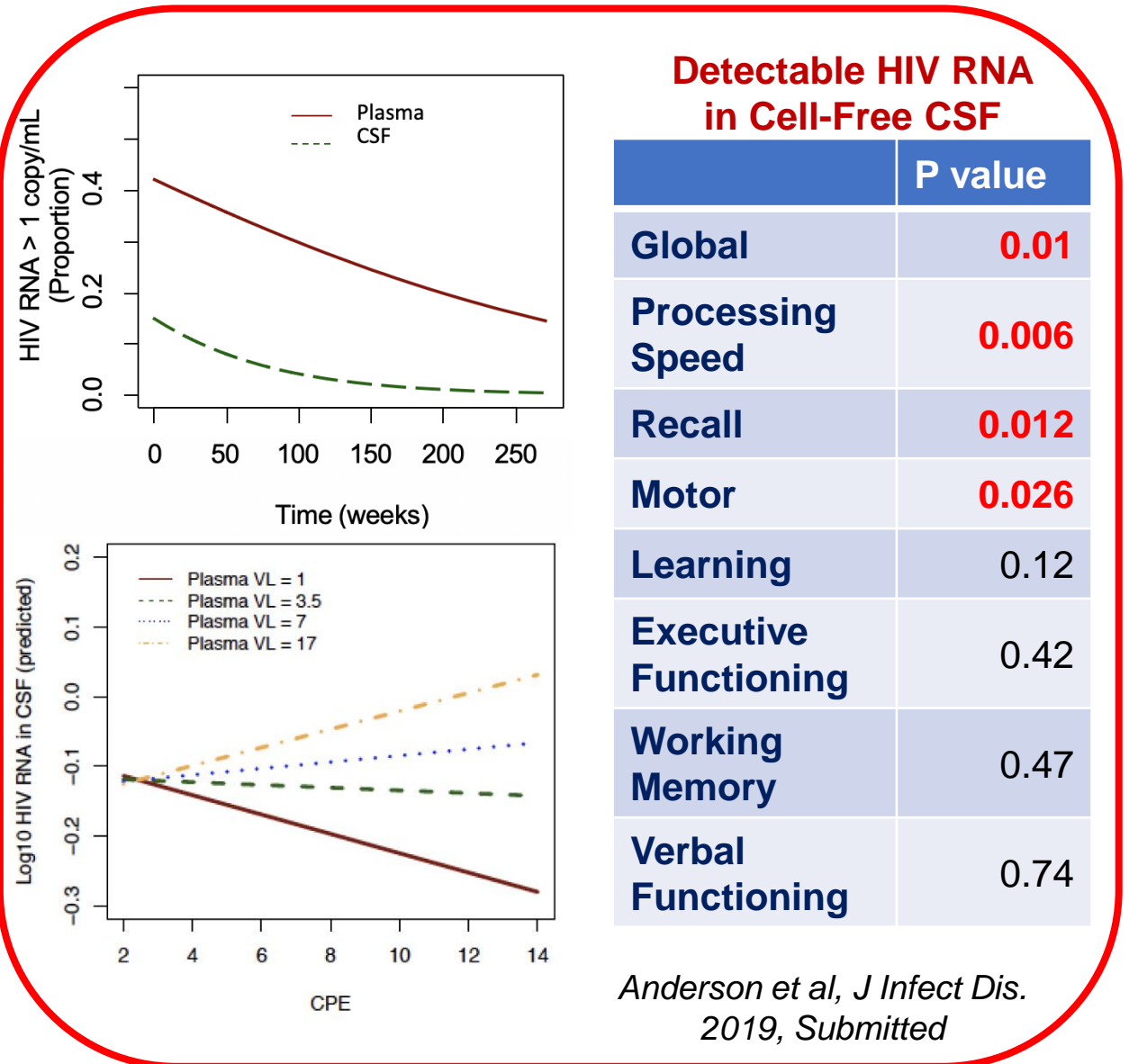
Correlates of HIV RNA in CSF during ART



Low-Level HIV RNA or Cell-Associated HIV DNA in CSF



Spudich et al, J Clin Invest. 2019; 129(8):3339-3346



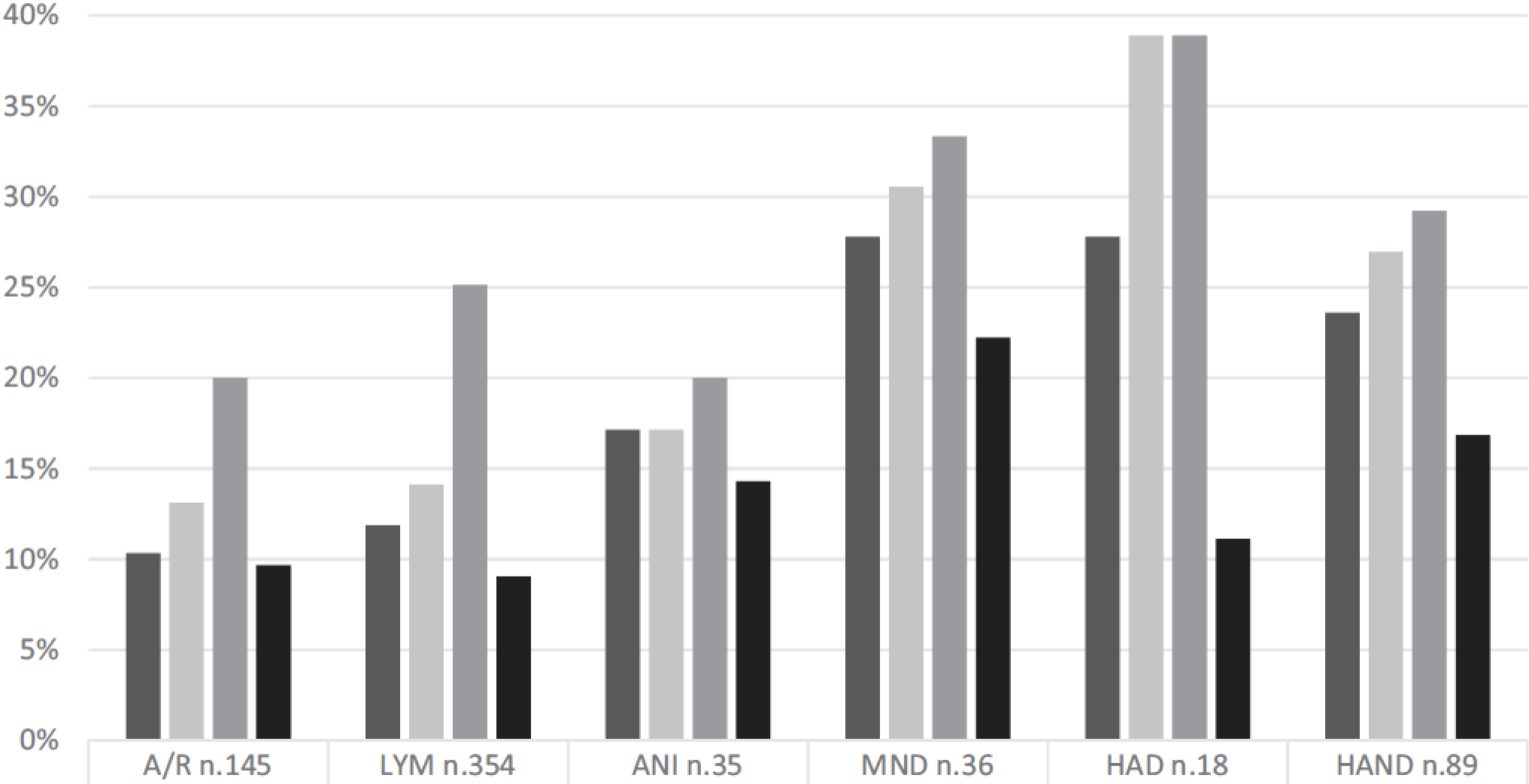
Highlights of the Global HIV-1 CSF Escape Consortium Meeting

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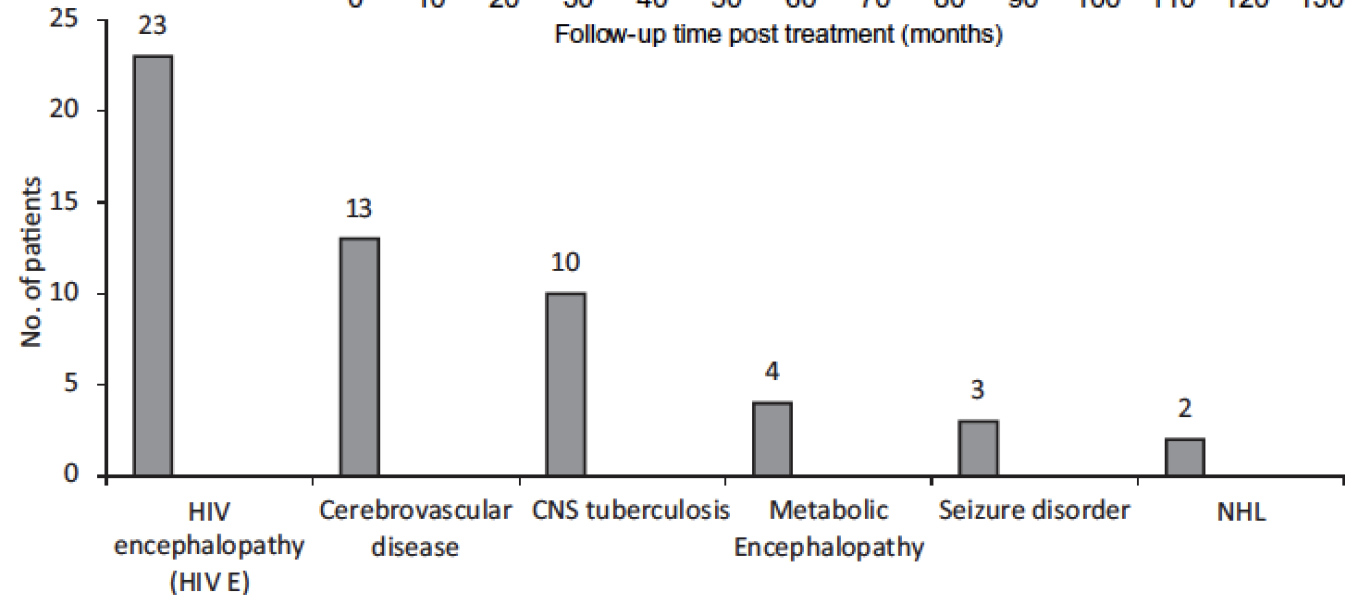
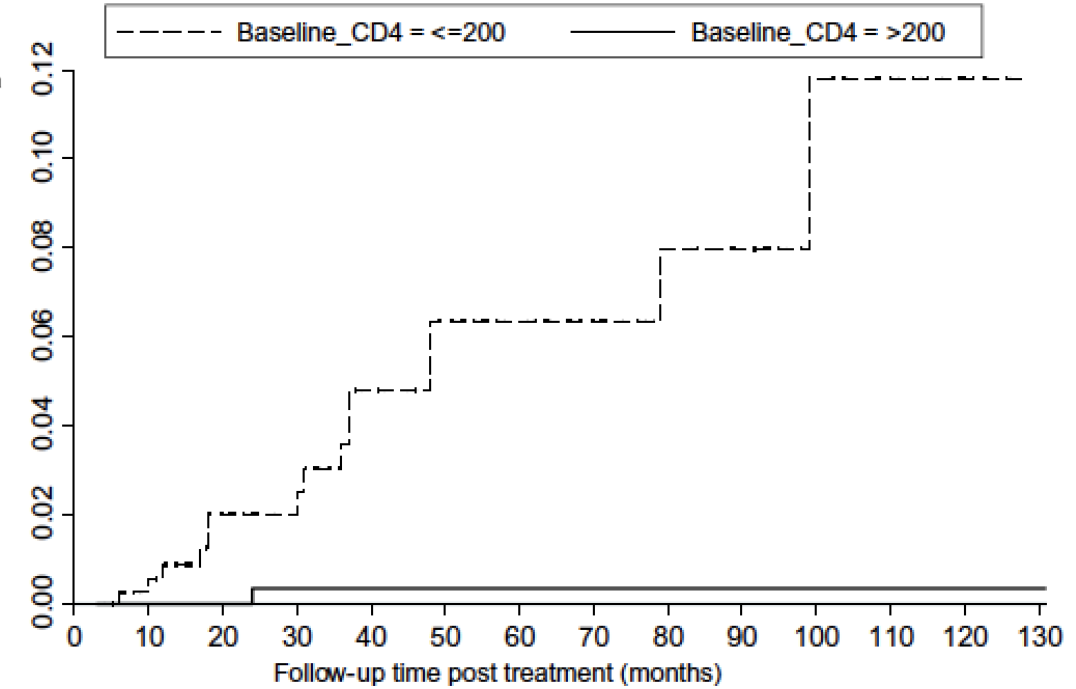
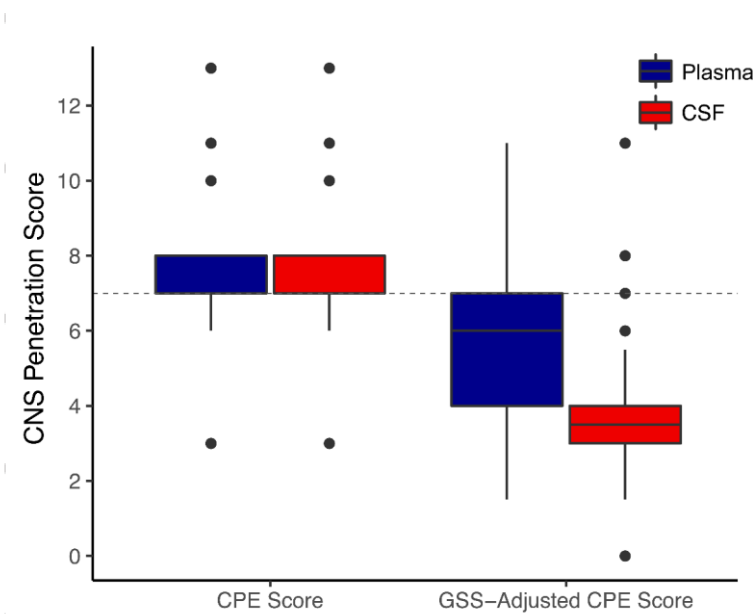
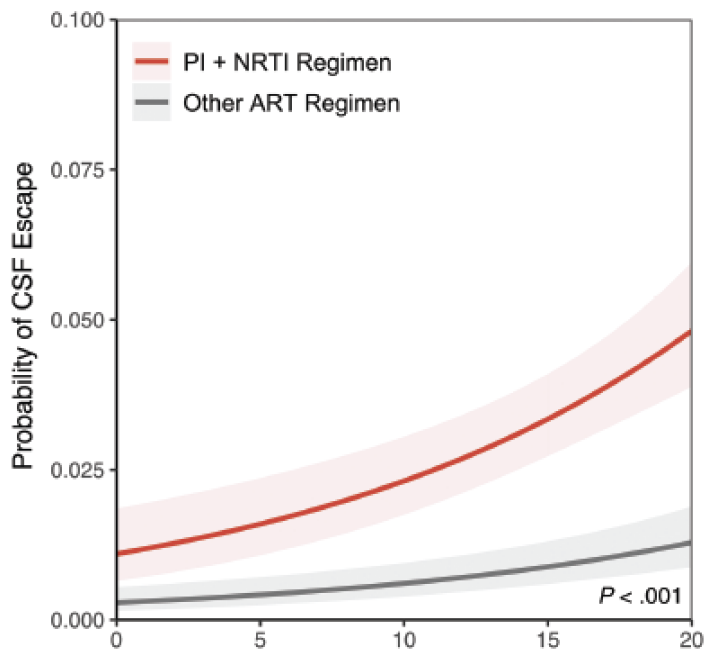
Speakers	Study site	Total number of cases	Number of cases of HIV-1 CSF escape	Neurosymptomatic	Asymptomatic	Criteria for determining CSF escape	Estimated prevalence ¹
Price, Gisslen, Cinque, Spudich, Joseph S	Multiple ² (San Francisco, New Haven, Chapel Hill, USA; Sweden; Italy)	N/A	81	42	39	Symptomatic: 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 ₁₀ CVL>1.5 × log ₁₀ 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%
Dravid	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%

Range: 0.7%-27.4%

CSF Escape Frequency Varies with Definition



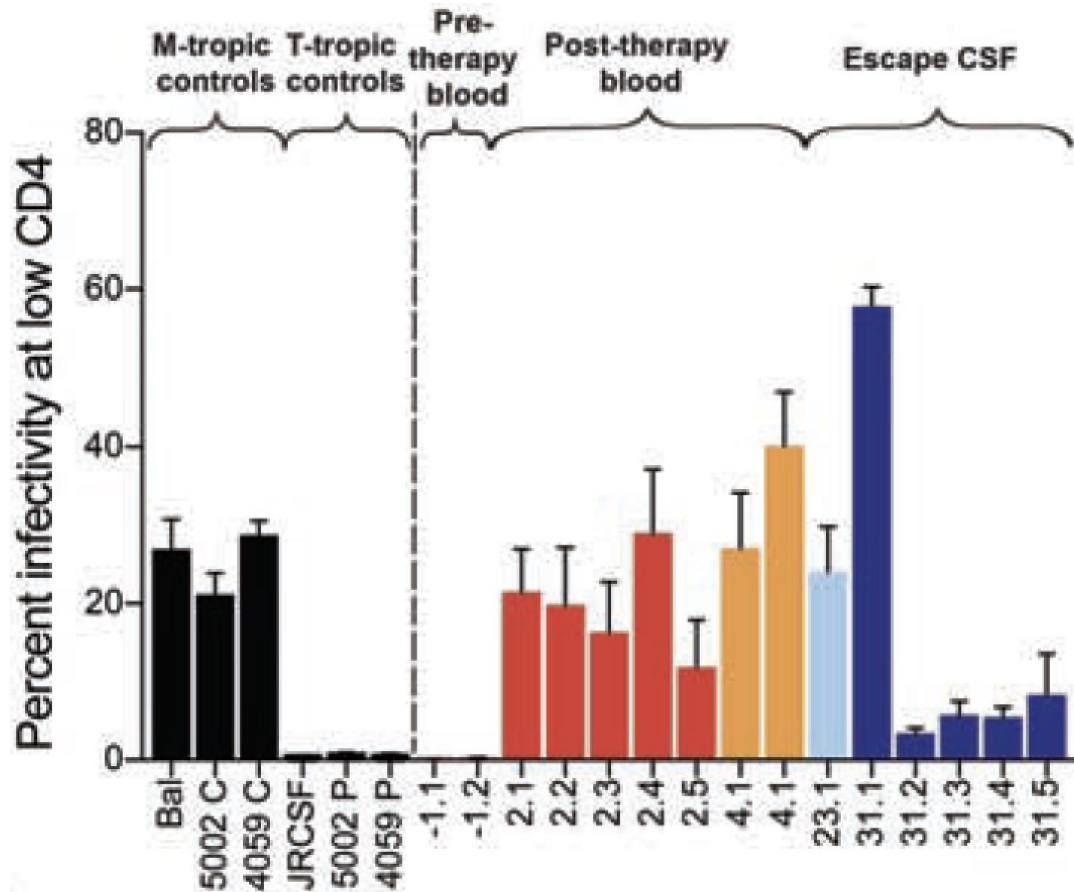
Correlates of CSF Viral Escape



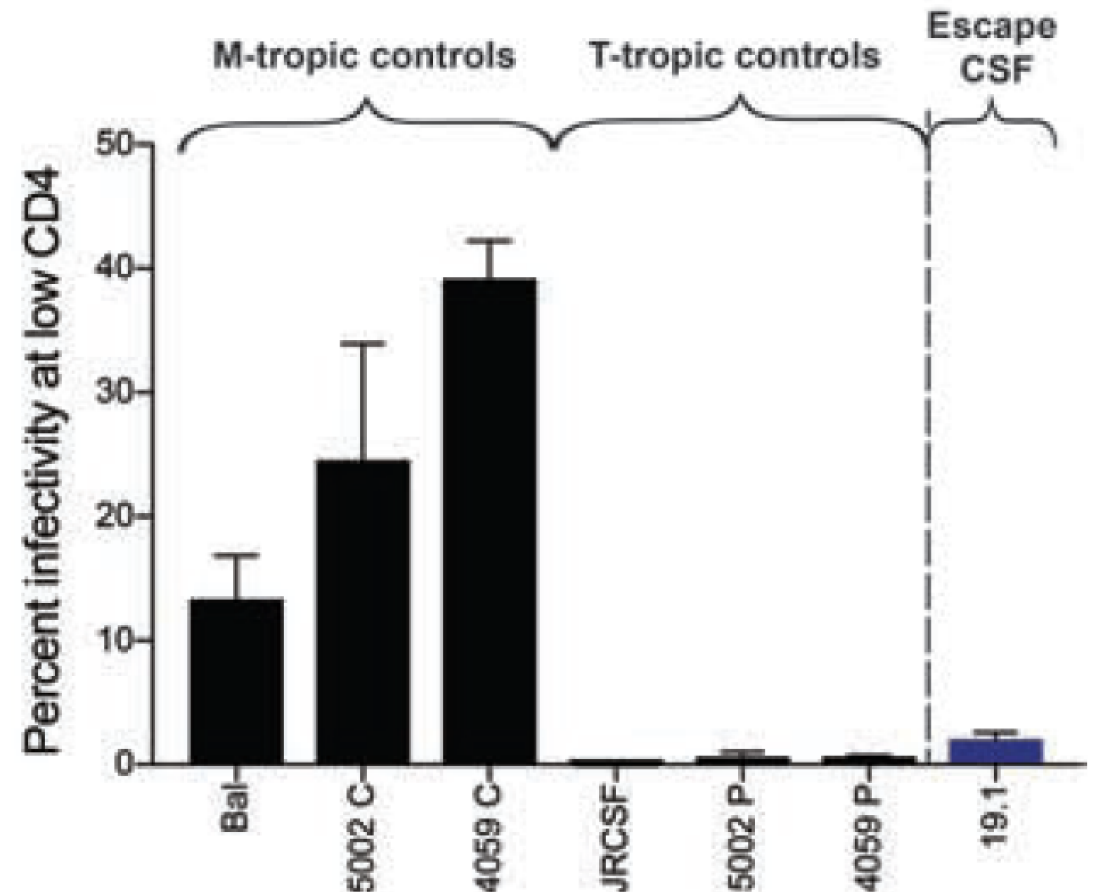
Mukerji, et al, *Clin Infect Dis*. 2018; 67(8):1182–90
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 Dravid et al, *Medicine* (2018) 97:8(e9969)

CSF Viral Escape can Occur with M-Tropic or T-cell-Tropic HIV

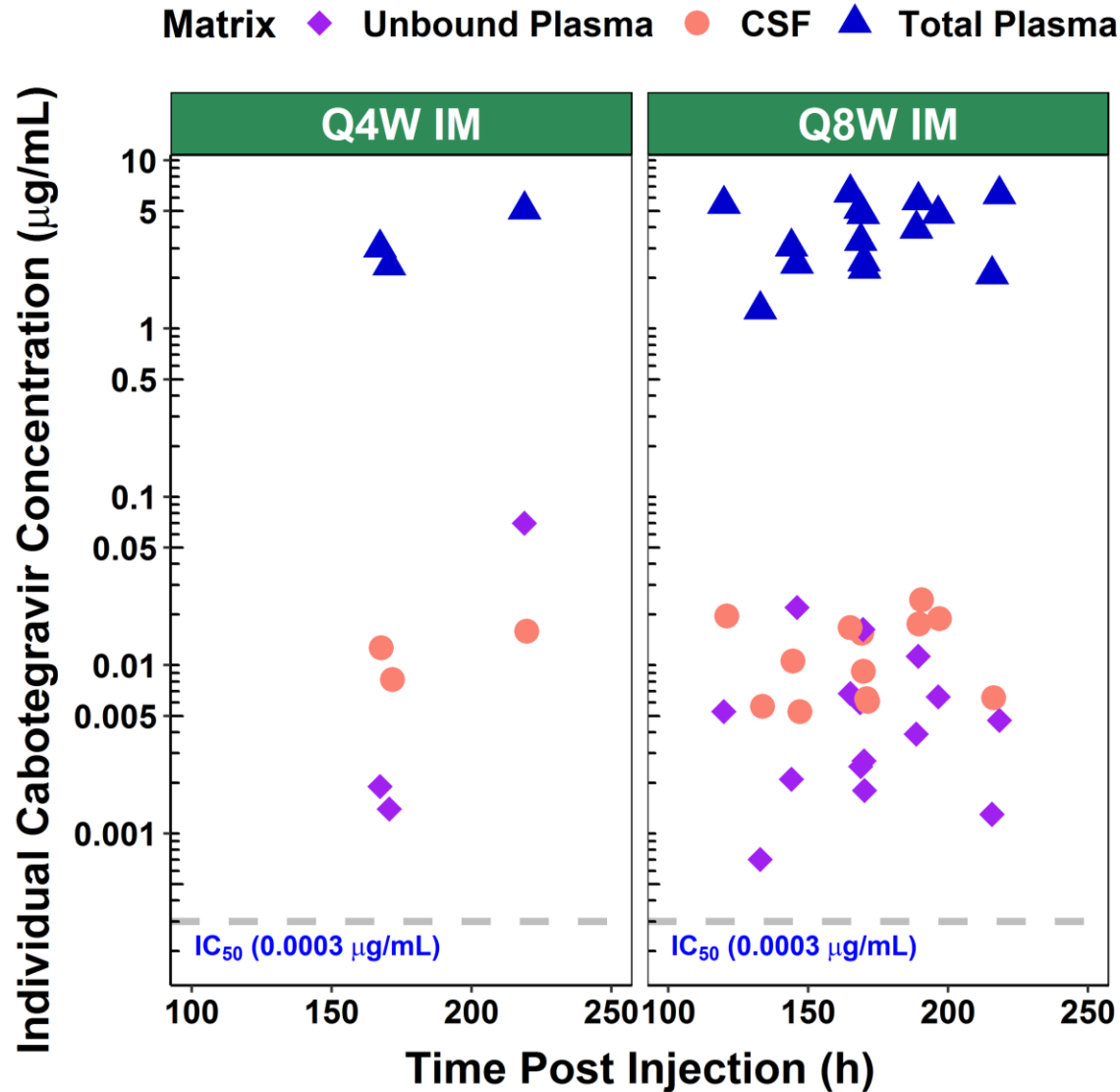
Persistent Escape: M-Tropic



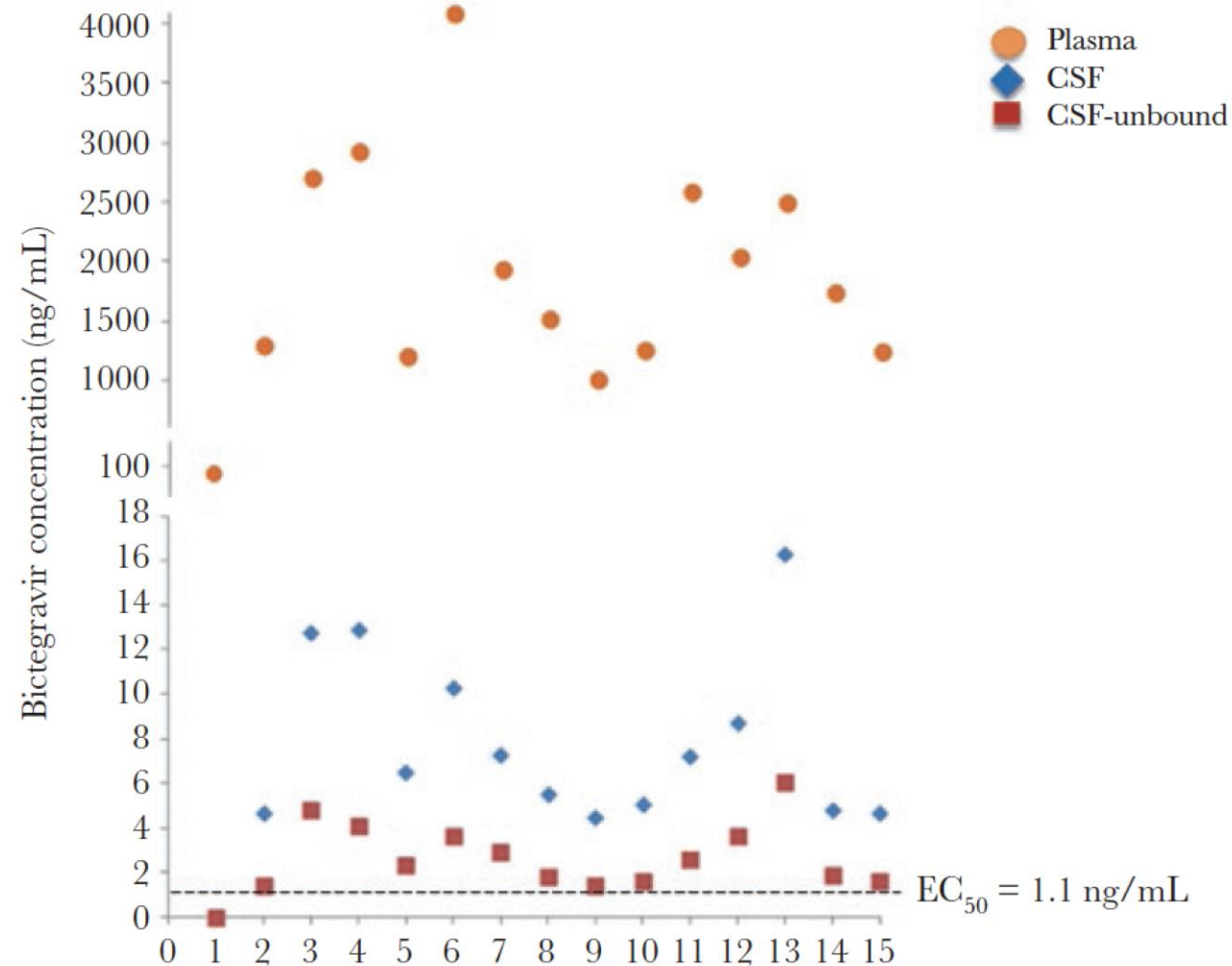
Transient Escape: T-Tropic



Concentrations of CAB and BIC in CSF

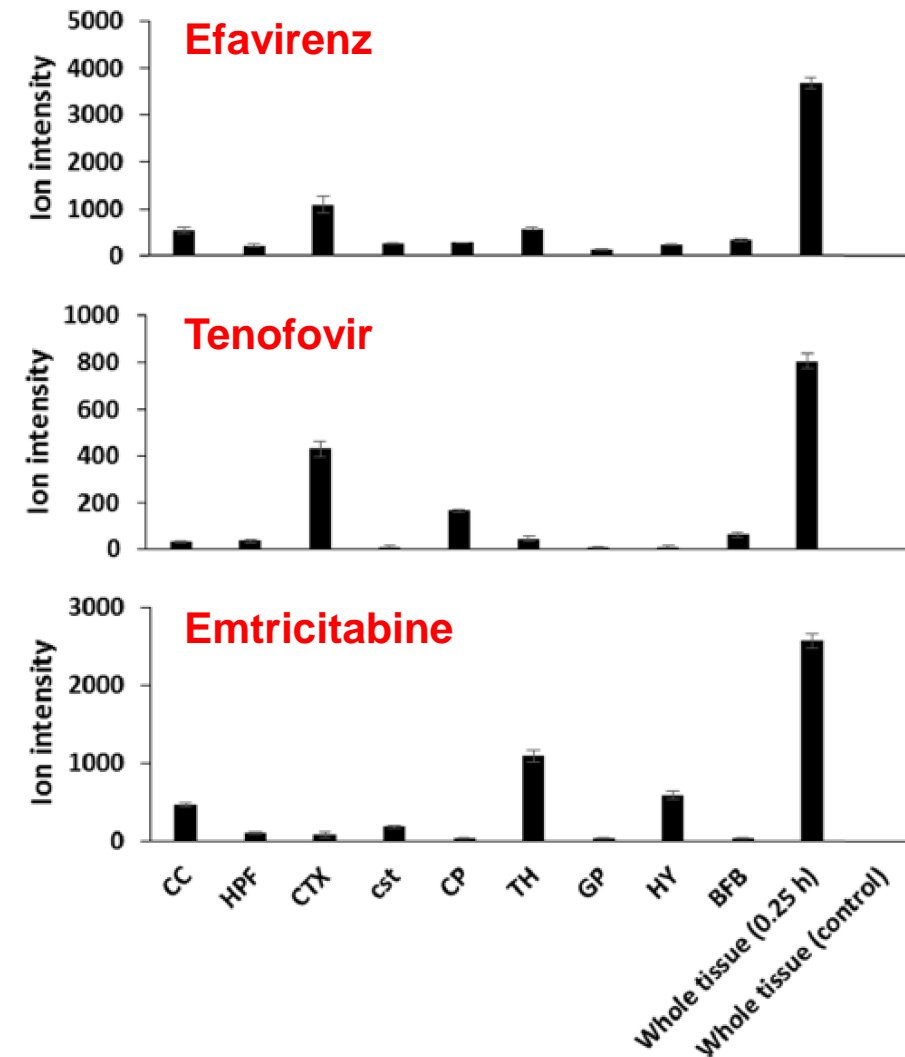
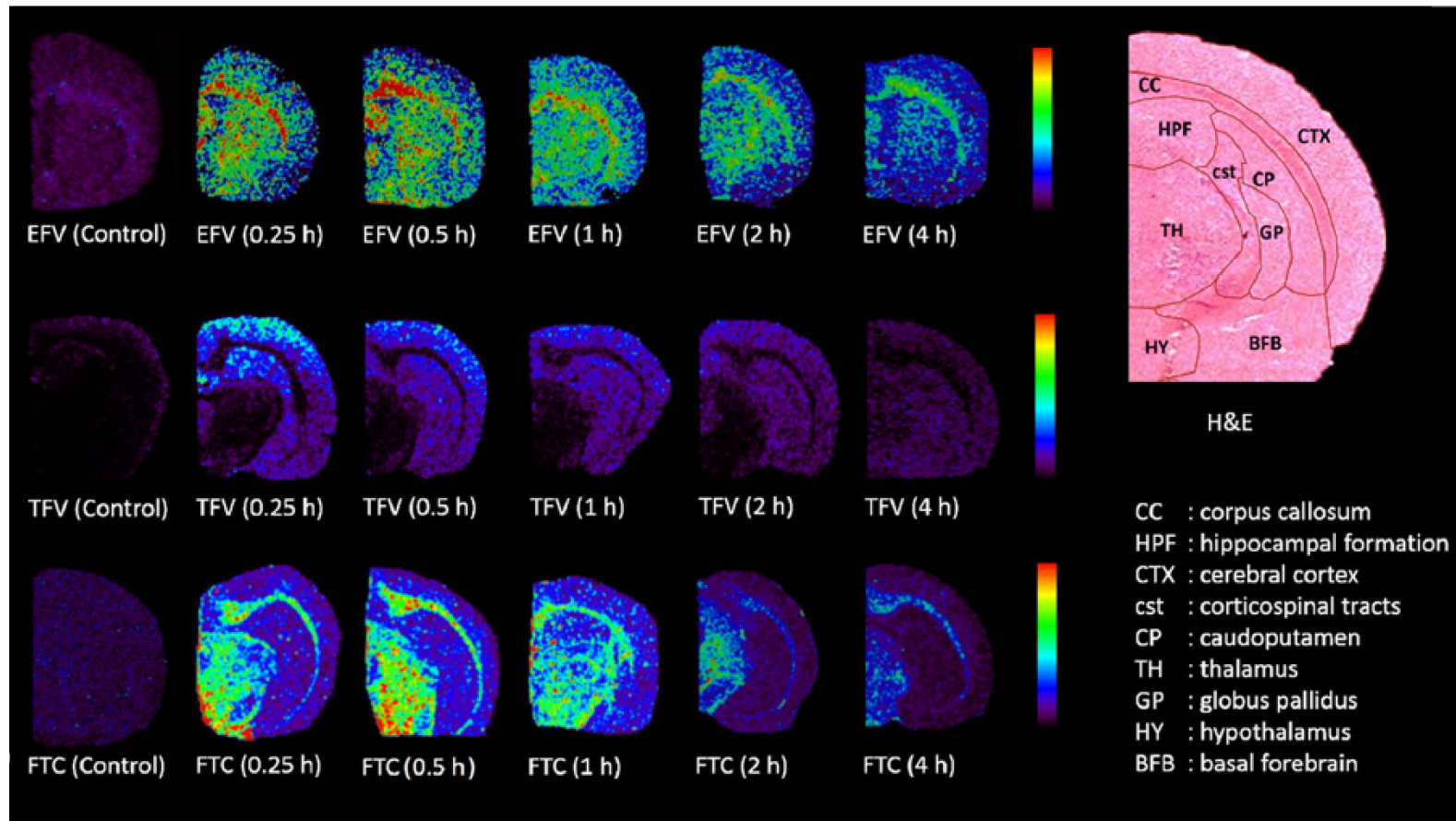


Letendre et al. HIV Glasgow; 2018. Oral O346.



Tiraboschi et al. J Infect Dis 2019, PMID: 31784745

Brain Regional Variation of ART Concentrations in Rats



Inconsistent Results on InSTI Neurotoxicity

First author	Abstract	Sample Size	Drugs	Design	Neurobehavioral Findings	Neuroimaging Findings
Vera	122	12	Raltegravir Dolutegravir	Switch 120 Days	<u>Global NP</u> : No difference <u>PRO</u> : No difference	<u>fMRI</u> : No difference <u>FC</u> : Increase in 3 resting-state networks
Mora-Peris	443	20	Raltegravir Dolutegravir	Switch 120 Days	<u>Global NP</u> : No difference <u>PRO</u> : No difference	<u>¹H-MRS</u> : Higher NAA/Cr with DTG (p=0.07)
Prats	439	42	InSTIs	Early vs. Chronic HIV 48 Weeks	<u>NPZ12</u> : No differences <u>Depressive, Anxiety, and Stress</u> : Worse at Baseline in Early HIV	<u>sMRI</u> : Decrease in medial orbital frontal cortex in Chronic HIV
O'Halloran	442	202	InSTIs vs. Non-InSTIs	Clinical cohort	<u>Global & Learning/Memory</u> : InSTIs worse	<u>sMRI</u> : Lower total and subcortical GM with InSTIs
Chan	440	254	Dolutegravir	Switch 48 Weeks	<u>NPZ4</u> : Improved <u>PHQ-9 Somatic</u> : Worsened	None reported

PRO=Patient-Related Outcome

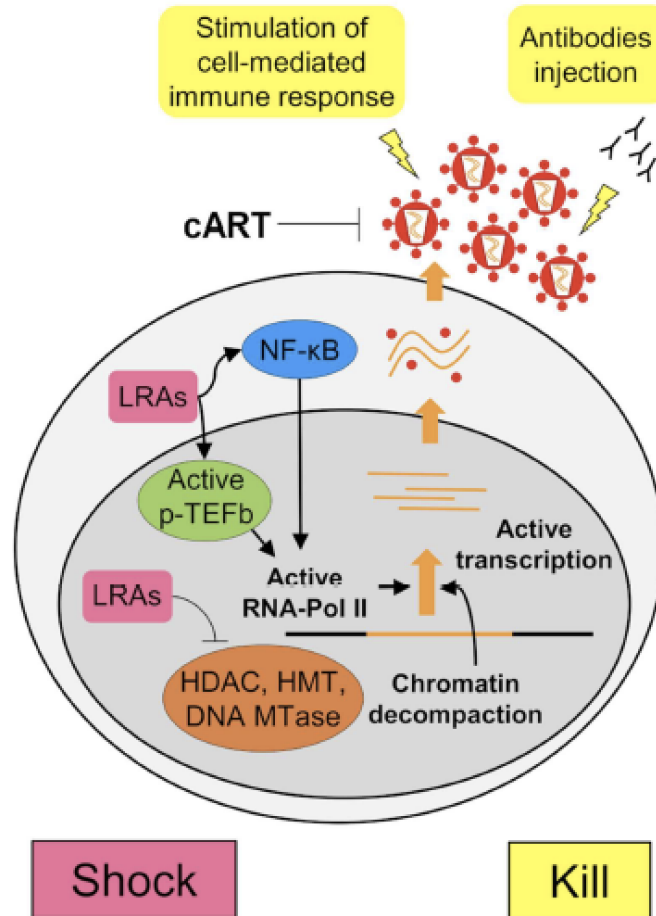
FC=Functional Connectivity

InSTI=Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors

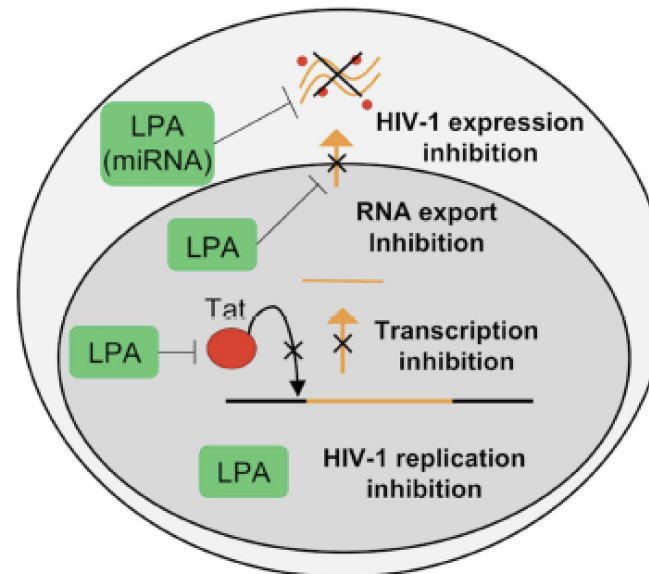
PHQ=Patient Health Questionnaire

HIV Eradication Strategies

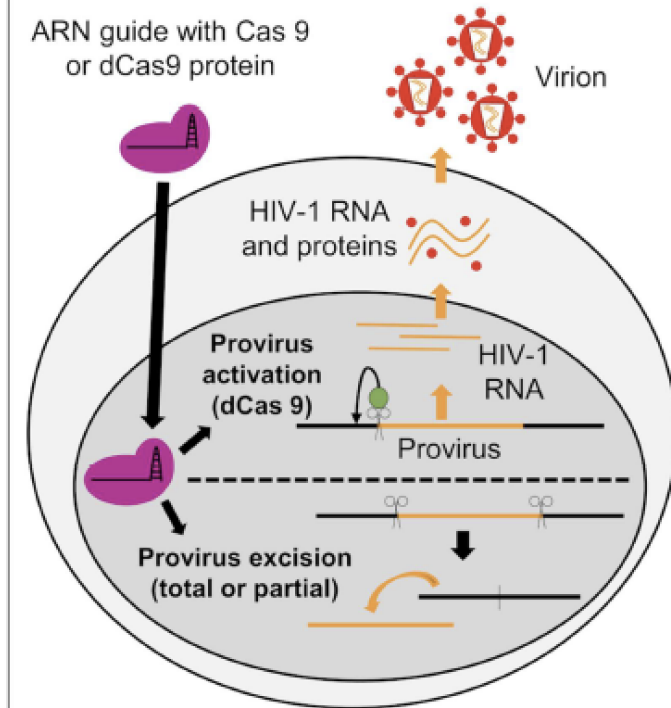
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Block and Lock (LPAs)

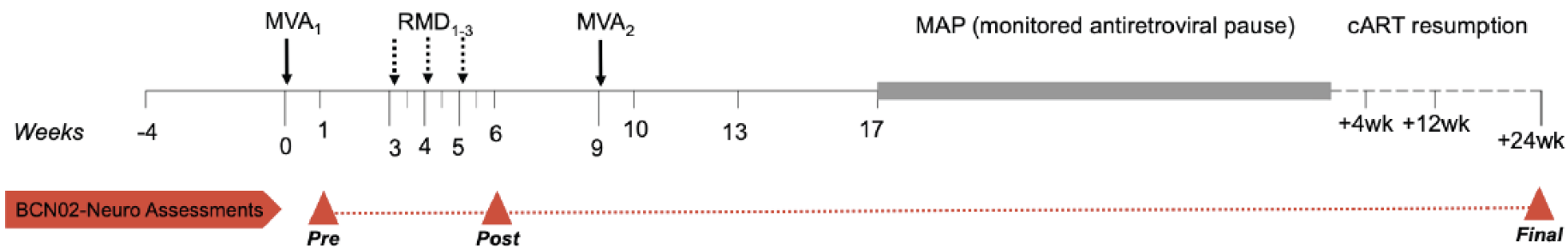


Gene therapy (CRISPR-Cas9)

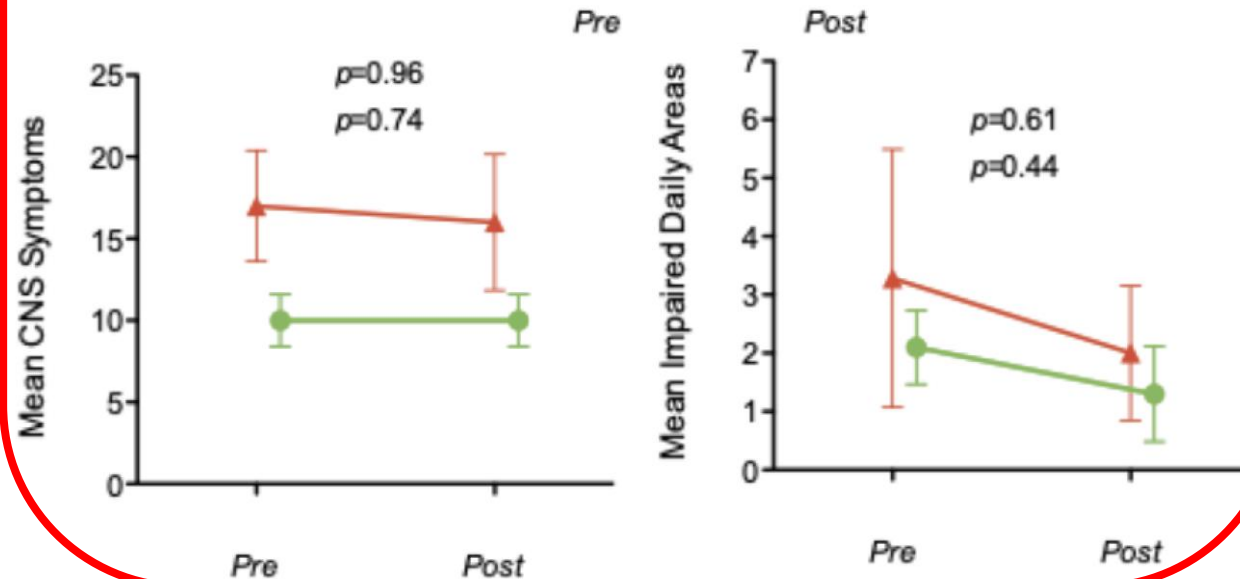
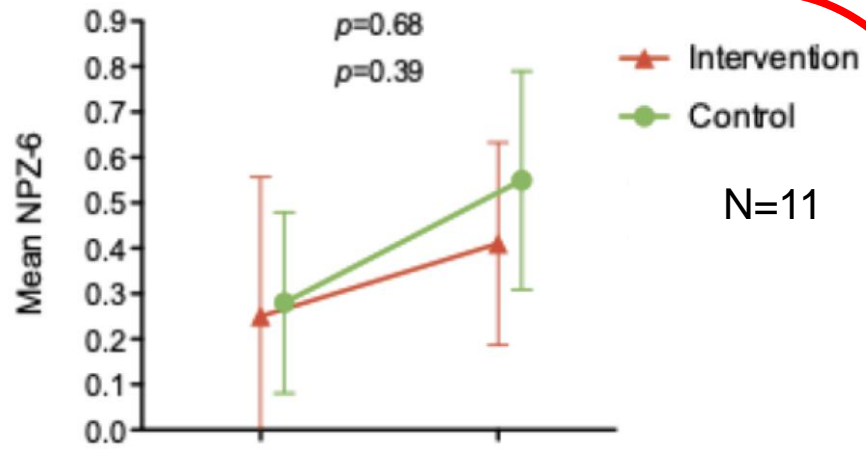


LRA: Latency Reversing Agents

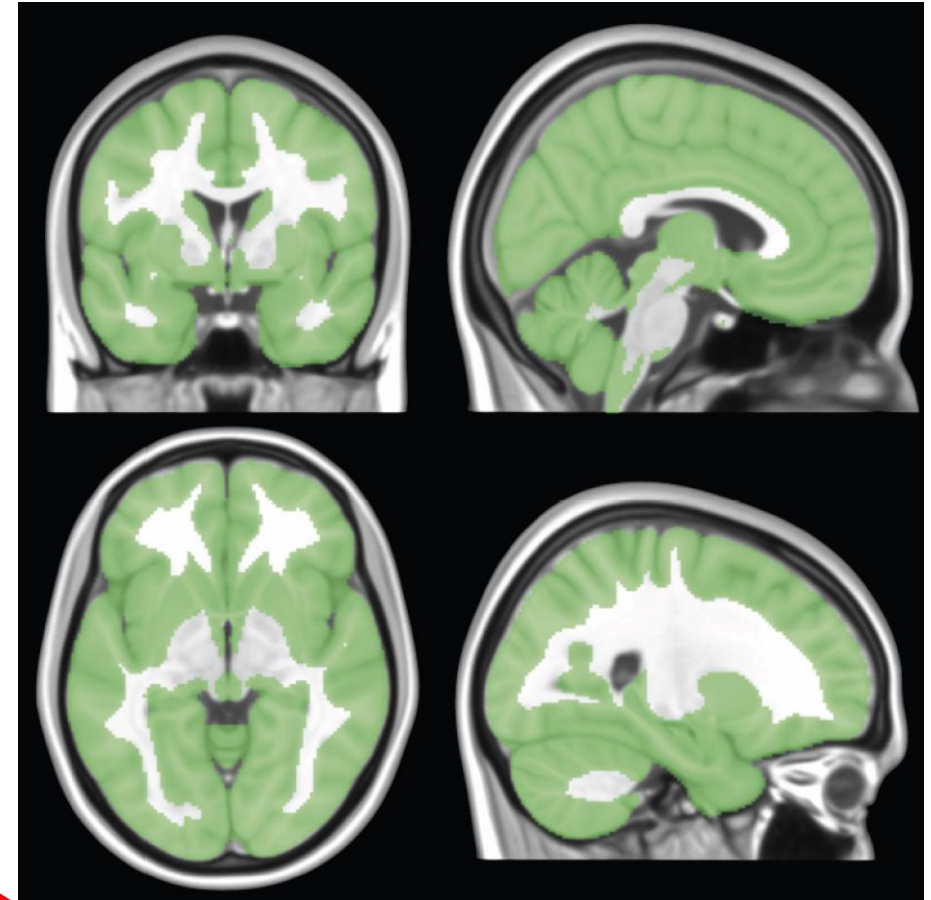
LPA: Latency Promoting Agents

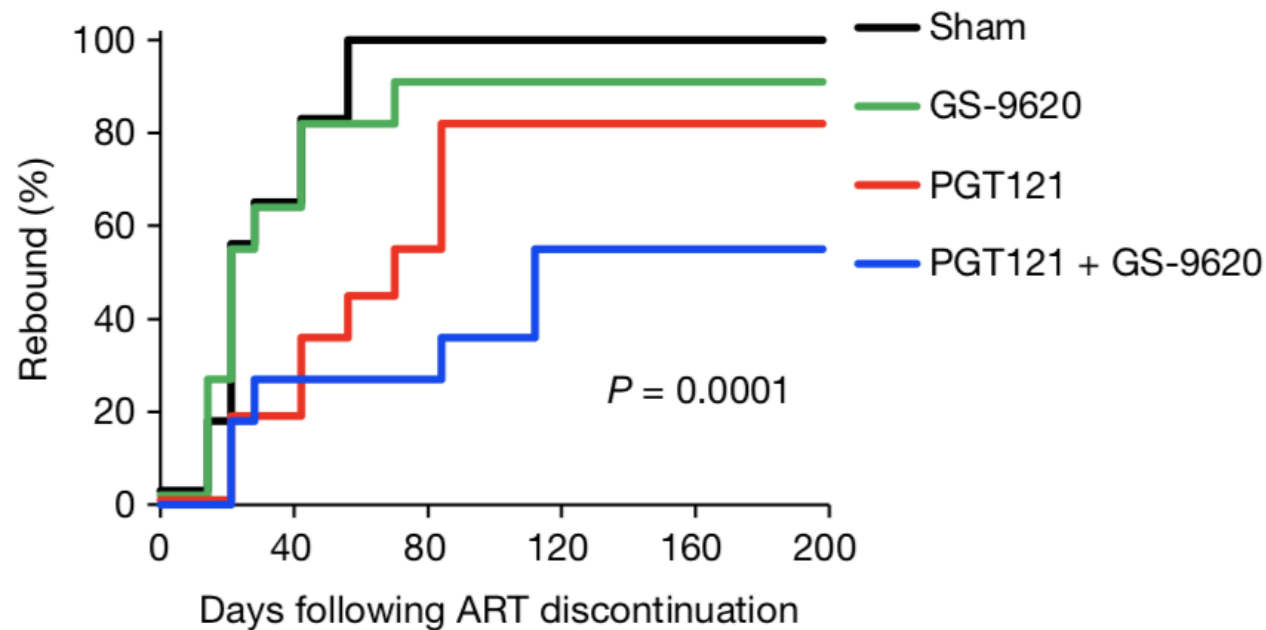
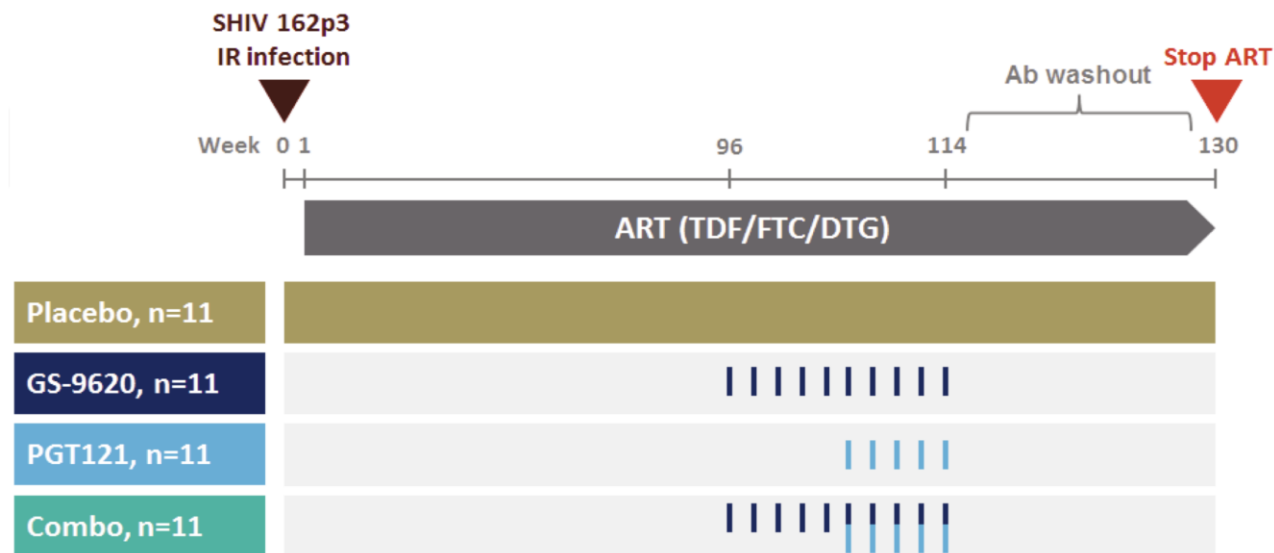


MVA: MVA.HIVcons vaccine
RMD: Romidepsin
MAP: Monitored ART Pause

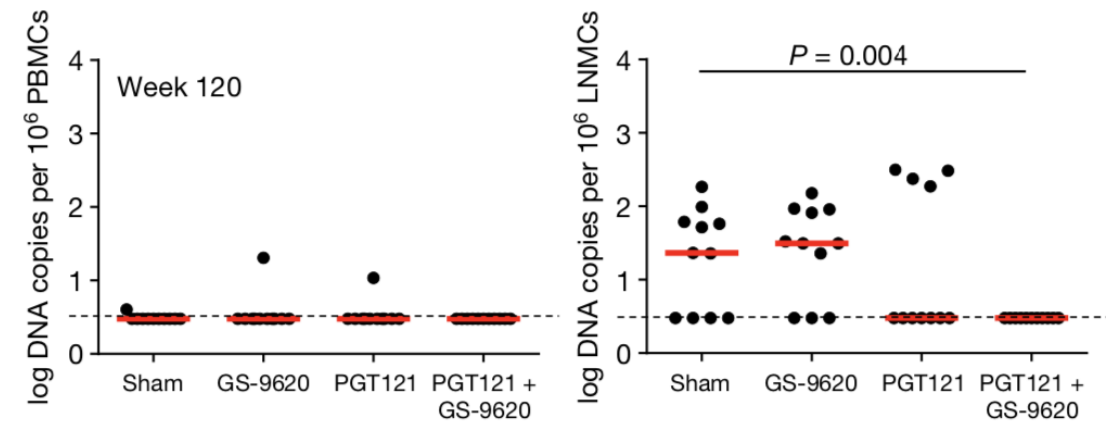


Structural, T1-weighted, 3T MRI

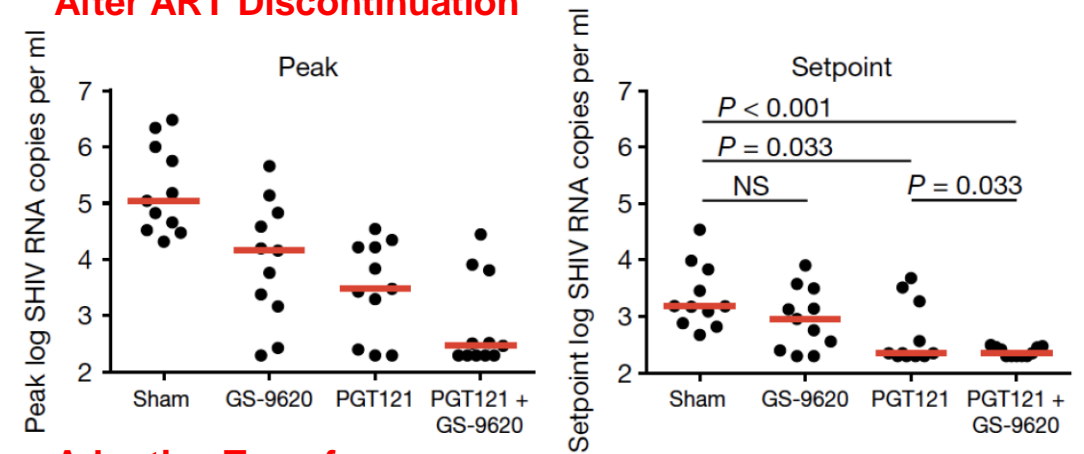




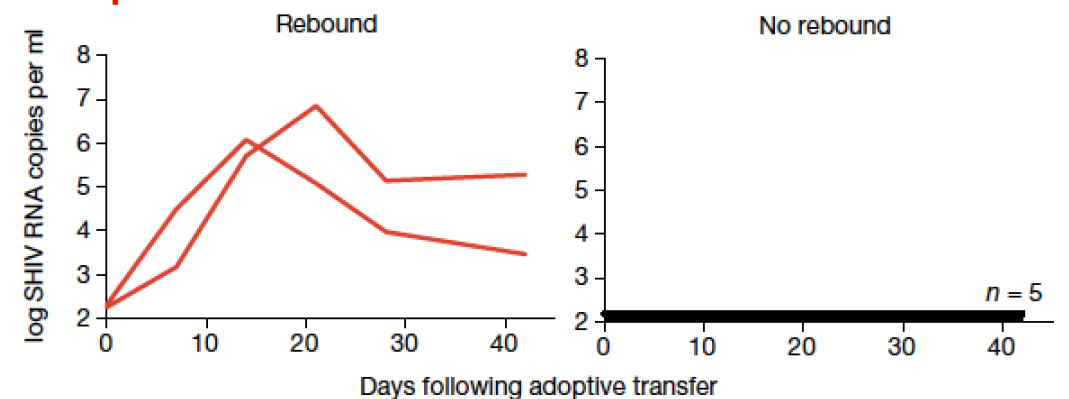
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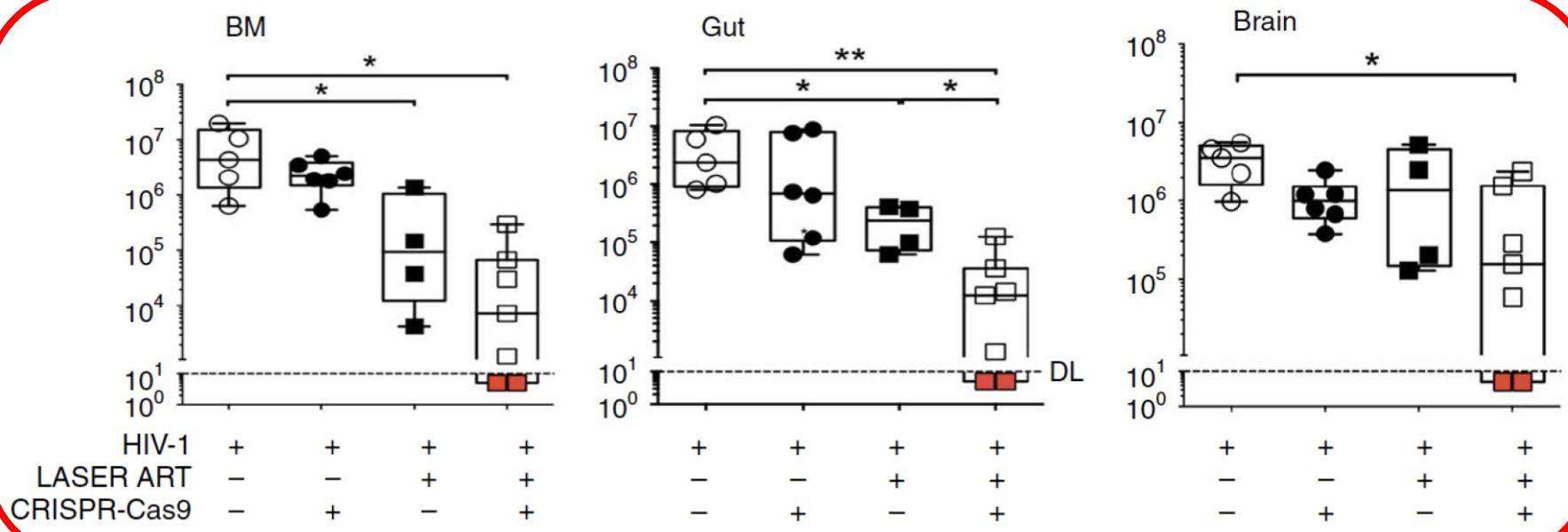
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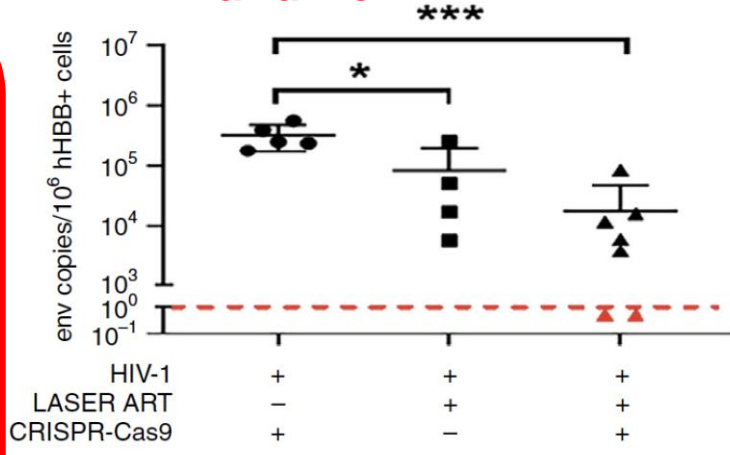
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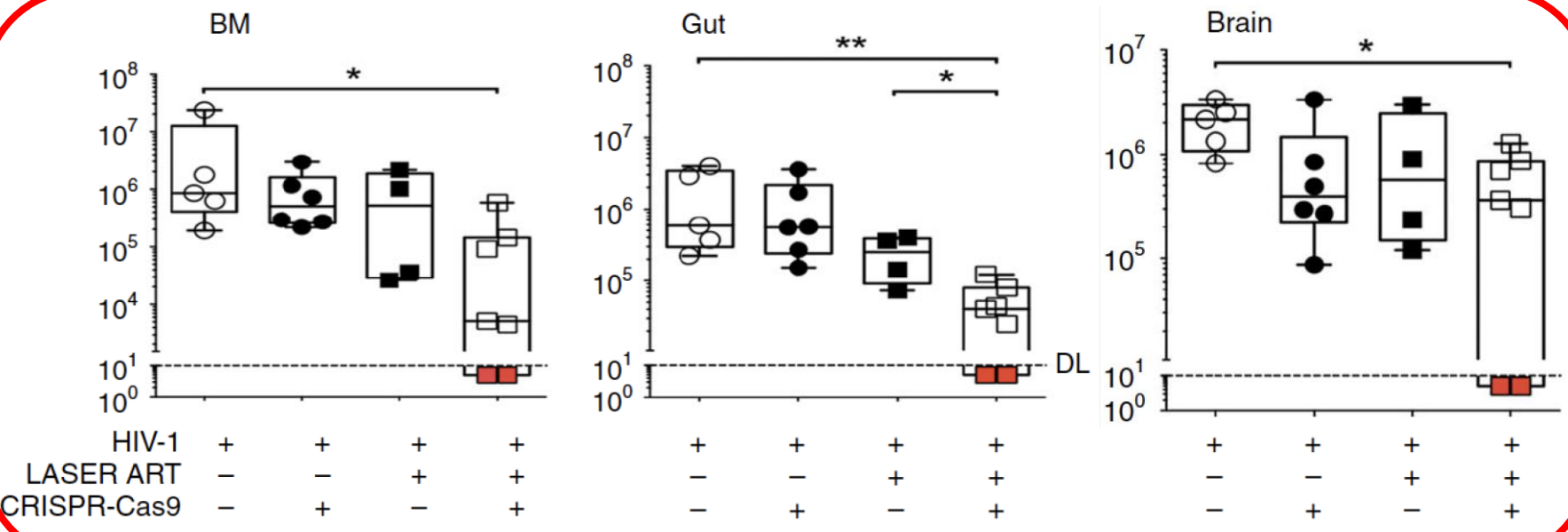
HIV RNA



HIV Env and Pol

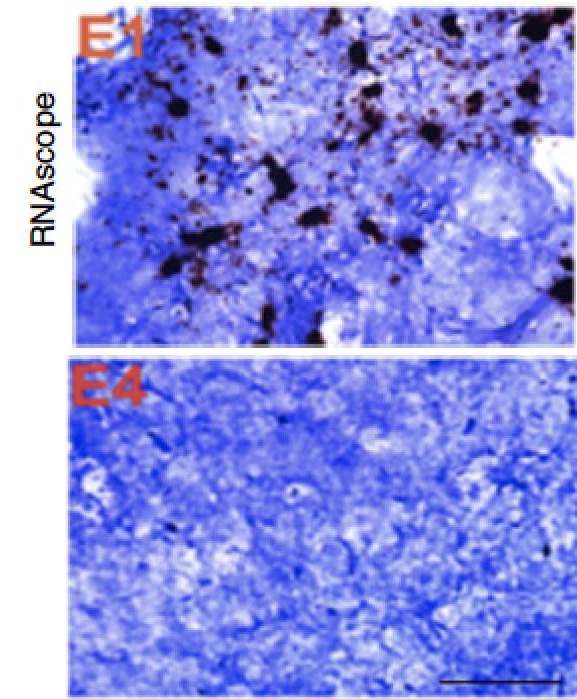


HIV DNA



LASER: Long-acting slow-effective release

HIV RNA in Situ



Dash et al, Nature Communications 2019
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Will the Same Intervention Eradicate HIV from the CNS of All PWH?

- Younger
- Early presenter
- Shorter HIV duration
- Early ART initiator
- Integrase inhibitor
- Fewer coinfections
- No addiction
- Equilibrated HIV
- Smaller CNS reservoir

Most PWH

- Older
- Late presenter
- Longer HIV duration
- Late ART initiator
- Older ART drugs
- More coinfections
- Drug use disorder
- Compartmentalized HIV
- Larger CNS reservoir





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