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Novel Antiretrovirals: An Update

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- **Dolutegravir:** Superior to Boosted Darunavir!
- **Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF):** Benefits and Drawbacks
- **Long-Acting Agents:** Whats Coming...Hopefully

FLAMINGO Trial:
Dolutegravir vs. Boosted Darunavir
in Treatment-Naïve Individuals

FLAMINGO: Dolutegravir vs. Darunavir/Ritonavir in Treatment-Naïve Individuals

Study Design

Protocol

- Multicenter, open-label, randomized
- HIV-infected adults, VL >1,000
- Stratified by baseline VL and NRTI's (TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC)
- Primary endpoint: proportion with HIV RNA <50 (snapshot analysis)

**Dolutegravir 50 mg QD
+ 2 NRTI's**
(n = 242)

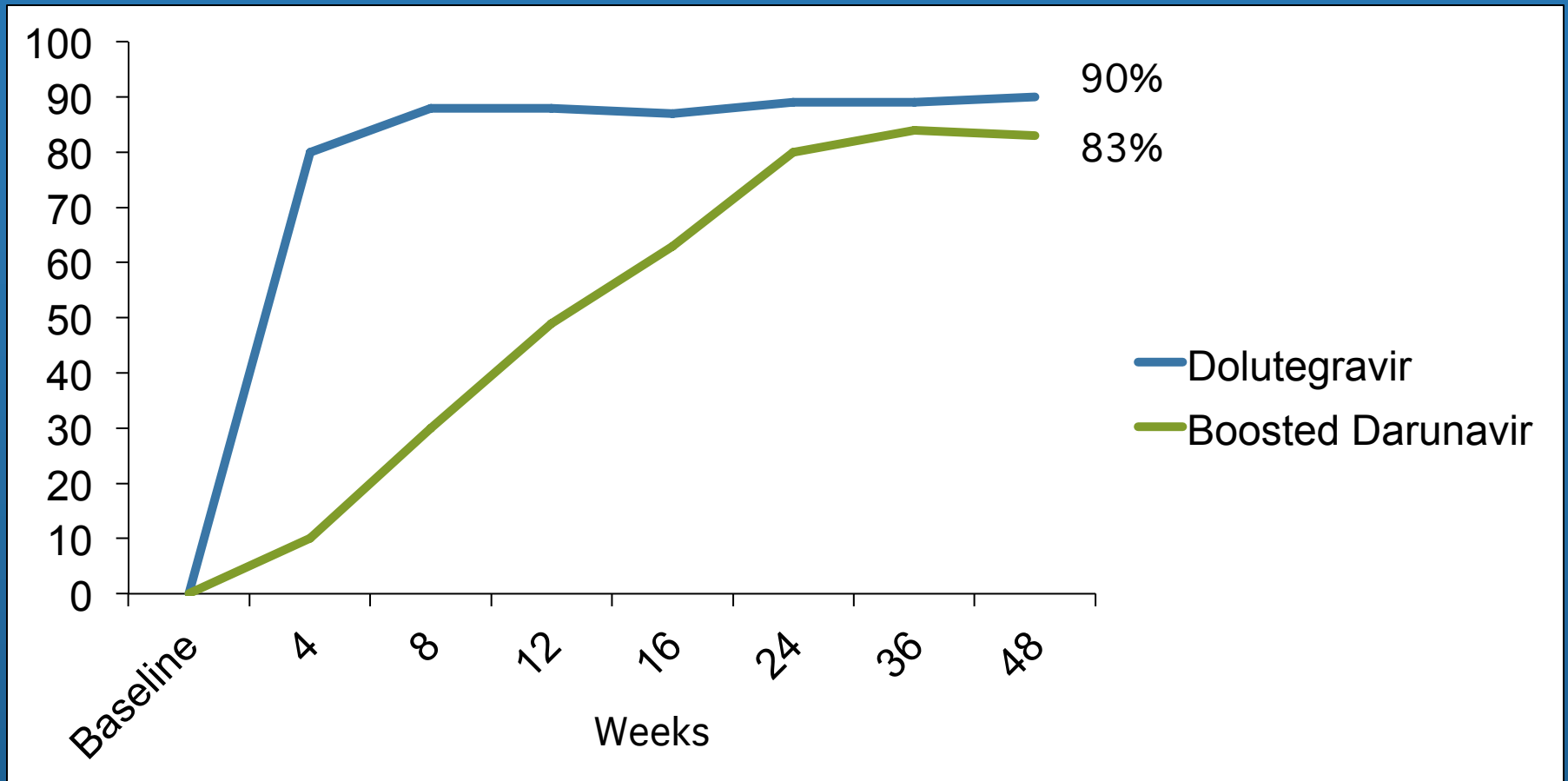
**Darunavir 800 mg +
Ritonavir 100 mg + 2 NRTI's**
(n = 242)

Week 48 Results:

- Similar baseline characteristics (median age 34, 15% women, 28% non-white)
- One third of participants started ABC-3TC, others TDF-FTC
- Week 48 FDA snapshot analysis: dolutegravir superior (90% vs. 83%)

FLAMINGO Trial 48-Week Results

Proportion with HIV RNA <50 vs. Weeks on Therapy



Reasons for Superiority of Dolutegravir (DTG)

- 1) Fewer adverse events & study withdrawals (7% vs. 12%)
 - Less diarrhea, lipid effects with DTG
 - More headache with DTG, similar rates of nausea
- 2) Fewer virological non-responders at high viral loads
 - Fewer non-responders if baseline HIV RNA >100,000
 - No emergent NRTI, PI, INSTI resistance mutations in either arm
- 3) Open-label design?
 - Some who got DRV/r may have been hoping for DTG
 - However, dropouts did not occur early

Summary of Dolutegravir Trials in Treatment-Naïve Individuals

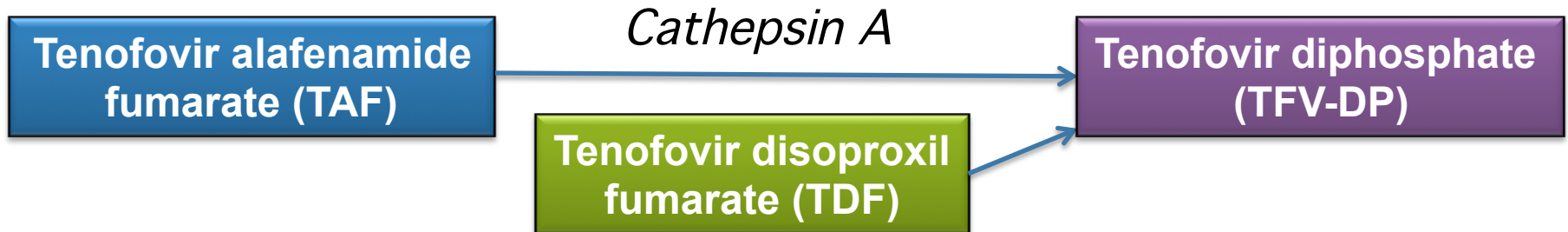
- **FLAMINGO**: *Superior* to boosted darunavir
- **SINGLE**: *Superior* to efavirenz
- **SPRING-2**: Non-inferior to raltegravir

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- 2) Walmsley S et al. 52nd Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy; September 9-12, 2012; San Francisco, California. Abstract H-556b.
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Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF): Update on Study 102

Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF)

- What is it? Novel pro-drug of tenofovir (TFV)



- What is the advantage?
 - 10x ↓ plasma levels = less drug to bone, kidneys
 - 5x ↑ intracellular levels = more in PBMC's, lymph tissue, key targets
 - Small dose = easily co-formulated (10 mg w/cobicistat, 25 mg w/out)

Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF): Study 102

48-Week Data from ICAAC 2013

Study Design

Protocol

- Randomized, double-blind, phase 2
- HIV-infected adults with HIV RNA >5,000, CD4 >50, normal GFR, no resistance to TDF, FTC
- Randomized 2:1

EVG-COBI-FTC-TAF

(n = 112)

EVG-COBI-FTC-TDF

(n = 58)

Key Results:

- Subjects: 97% male, 32% non-white, 21% HIV RNA >100,000 copies/mL
- Proportion with VL <50 copies/mL at 48 weeks equivalent (88% vs. 88%)
- Resistance found in 0/3 subjects with VF on TAF, 2/3 subjects with VF on TDF

Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF)

48-Week Data from ICAAC 2013: Side Effects

	Change in eGFR (mL/min)	Change in BMD at Hip	Change in BMD at Spine	Nausea	Grade 3/4 Neutropenia	LDL Increases
TAF	-5.5*	-0.62%**	-1.0%**	21%	5%	9%
TDF	-10.0	-2.39%	-3.37%	12%	2%	3%

*Also markers of proximal tubulopathy lower with TAF (retinol binding protein, beta-2-microglobulin)

**In vitro cultures of osteoblasts did not concentrate TAF like PBMC's (no toxicity to osteoblasts with TAF)

- 1) Sax PE et al. 53rd ICAAC, Denver CO, Sept 10-13, 2013, Abstract H-1464d.
- 2) Liu Y et al. 53rd ICAAC, Denver CO, Sept 10-13, 2013, Abstract H-664.

Long-Acting Antiretrovirals: Data from Recent Conferences

Long-Acting Antiretrovirals

- **What's in the works?**

- GSK-744: a long-acting integrase inhibitor
- TMC-278 LA: long-acting rilpivirine

- **Data from ICAAC 2013:**

- Meta-analysis of safety data on GSK-744:
 - 245 subjects in 8 phase I/IIa studies with oral and LA forms
 - Well-tolerated, mostly injection site reactions - primarily grade 1 and not treatment-limiting
 - Supports clinical development

A Complete Long-Acting ARV Regimen?

- **From IAS 2013:**

- 40 HIV-uninfected adults received IM or SC GSK-744 + IM TMC-278
- Overall well-tolerated, mostly injection site reactions
- Monthly or quarterly dosing achieved adequate plasma levels

- **From ID Week 2013:**

- Model of cost-effectiveness of long-acting ARV regimen
- Lifetime cost, cost per QALY:
 - First-line daily oral ART: \$400,000
 - First-line LA-ART: \$670,000, \$6,190,000/QALY
 - Second-line LA-ART: \$490,000, \$980,000/QALY
 - LA-ART after multiple failures: \$420,000, \$90,000/QALY

1) Spreen W et al. IAS July 2013, Kuala Lumpur. Abstract WEAB 0103.

2) Ross E et al. IDWeek 2013. October 2-6, 2013. San Francisco. Abstract 78.

Summary

- **Dolutegravir:** superior to boosted darunavir for treatment-naïve individuals (primarily due to fewer SE's)
- **TAF:** less bone and renal toxicity, but possible increased nausea, neutropenia, and lipid effects require further study
- **Long-acting ARV's:** in early-stage development but promising and may be cost-effective for patients with heavy treatment experience and multiple virological failures