

# Impact of 12 month HAART on cell associated HIV-DNA in acute primary HIV-1 infection: The OPTIPRIM-ANRS 147 trial

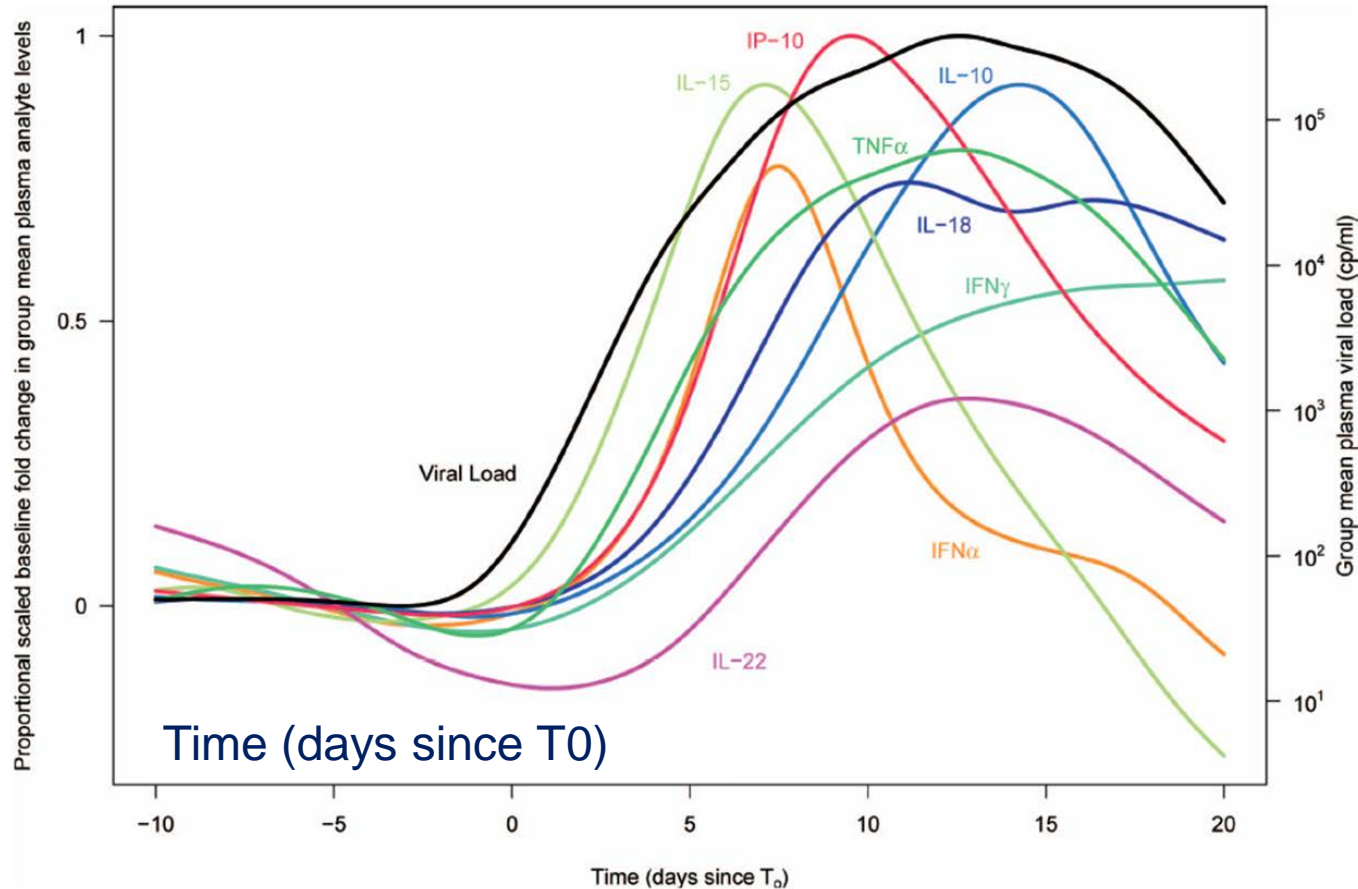
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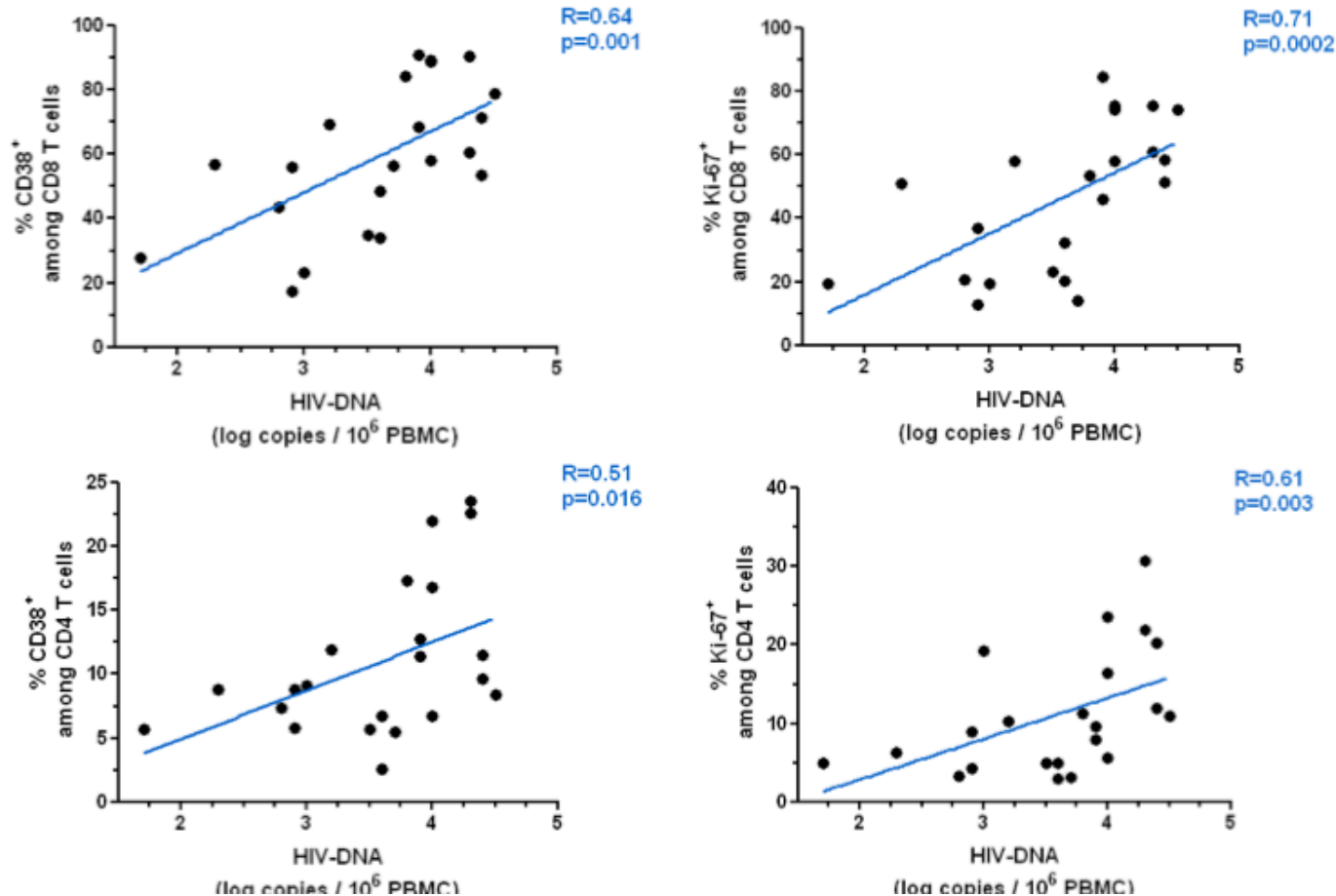


**Primary infection : immune homeostasis is skewed  
with a cytokin storm**

*Stacey R; J. Virol, 2008*

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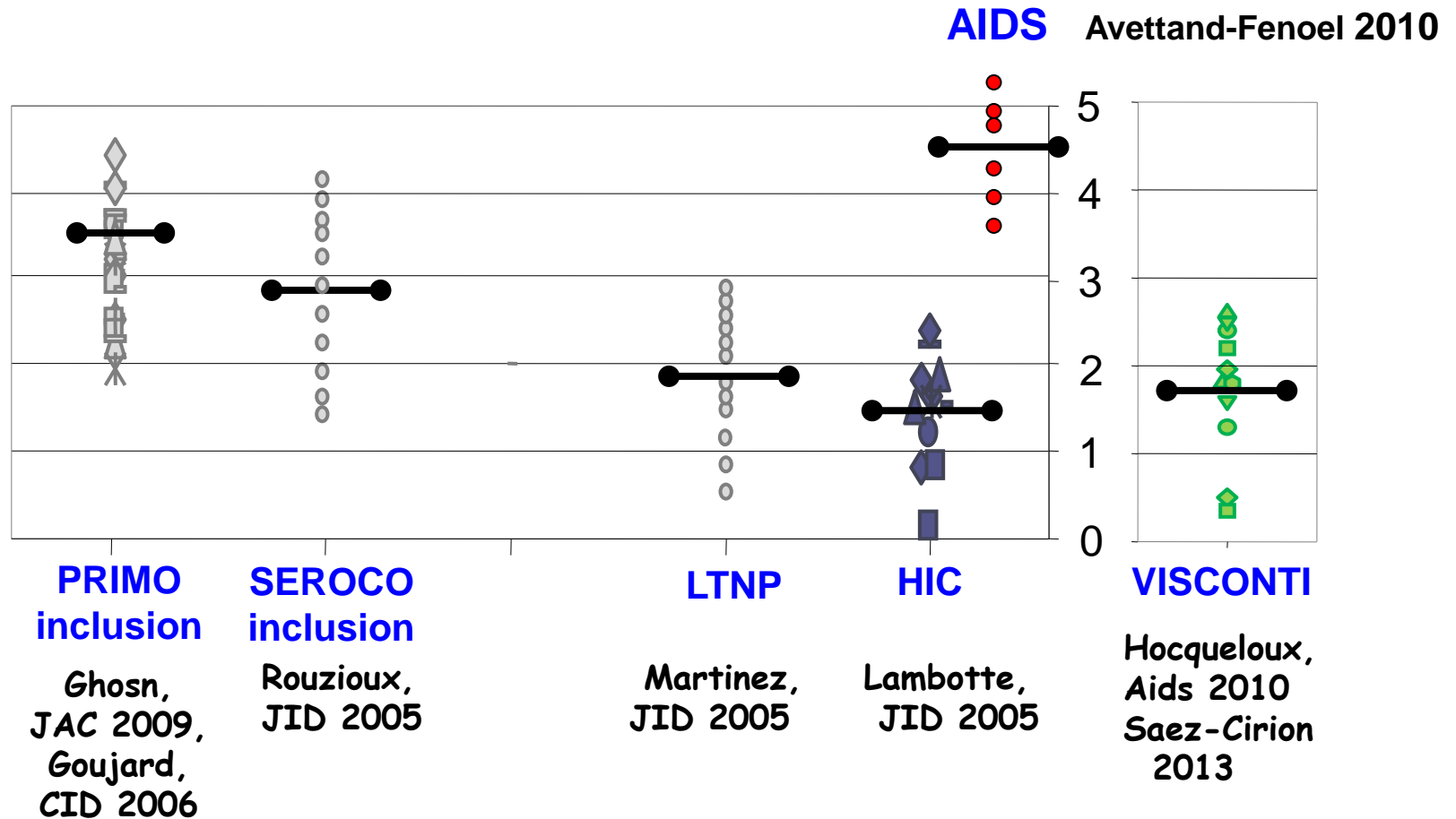
**Figure 2** HIV-DNA in PBMCs is associated with CD8 and CD4 T-cell activation in PHI patients. —



**Immune activation is correlated with HIV-DNA level**  
*Laurence weiss (Towards an HIV cure, July 2013)*

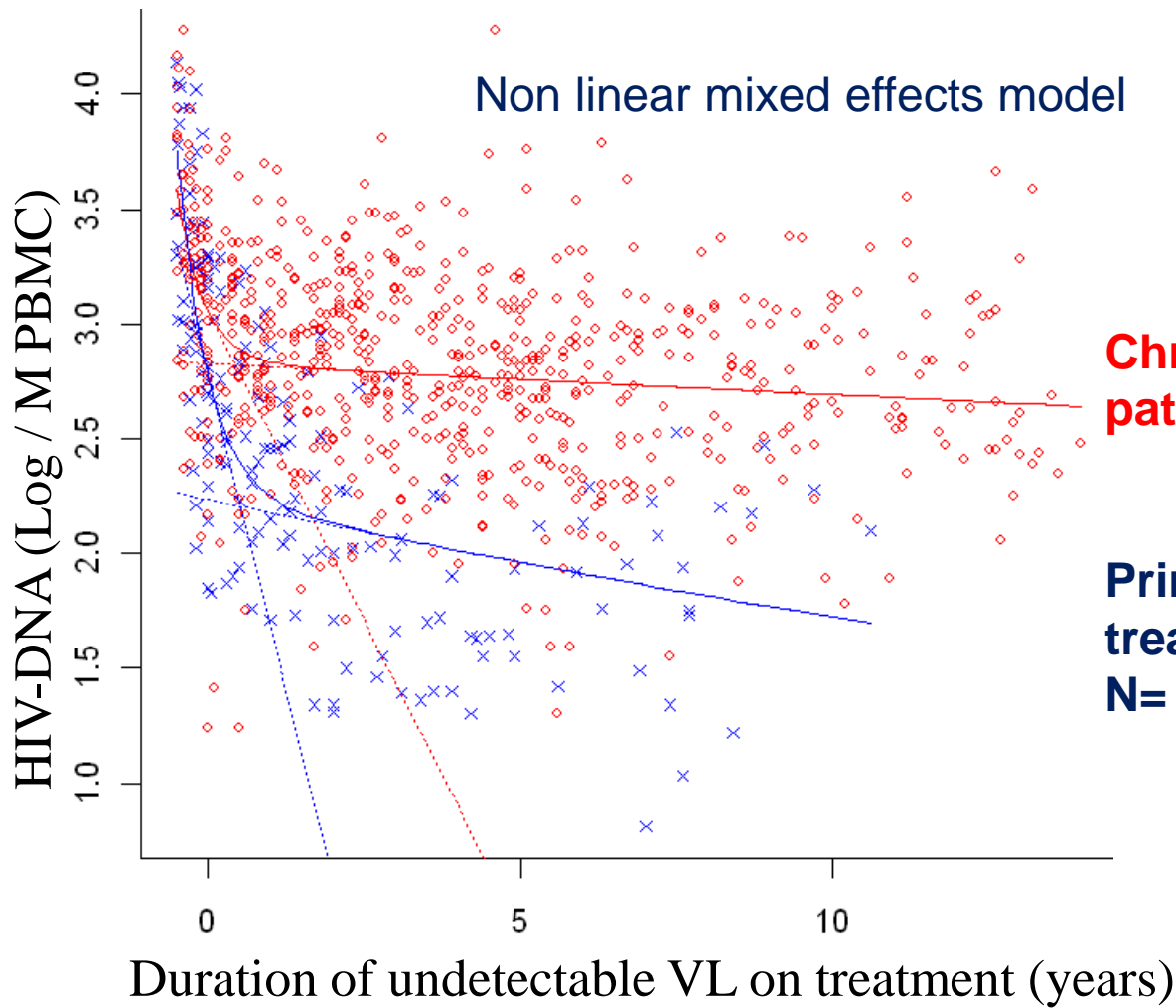


# HIV-DNA in PBMC : Natural history of HIV infection (ANRS cohort studies)



- HIV-DNA level varies according to the stage of HIV infection
- The highest level are found during primary HIV infection and AIDS patient.

# HIV Reservoirs and ARV Treatment



**Chronic HIV treated  
patients N= 135**

**Primary HIV infection  
treated patients  
N= 22**

***Hoqueloux et al JAC 2013***

1- S.Yerly, *AIDS* 2000

2-Gianella sara, *Antiviral Therapy* 2011;16:535-545

4-Ananworanich et al. *PLoS One*. 2012;7(3):e33948



# ANRS 147 OPTIPRIM : Rational

- ❑ **Very early intervention** with potent and well tolerated 5 drugs regimen may have
  - a greater impact on cell-associated HIV-DNA levels than standard 3 drugs PI based ART
  - a greater impact on immune restoration and decrease of activation/inflammation
- ❑ **Primary Endpoint**
  - Level comparison of cell-associated HIV-DNA (log10/10<sup>6</sup> PBMC) at M24 between the 2 treatment arms
- ❑ **Inclusion Criteria : (Randomization 1:1)**  
**Subjects with acute or early HIV-1 infection :**
  - HIV-1 Western Blot  $\leq$  4 antibodies
  - HIV-RNA >50copies/ml
  - symptomatic PHI
  - asymptomatic PHI if CD4<500 /mm<sup>3</sup>

# ANRS 147 OPTIPRIM : Study design

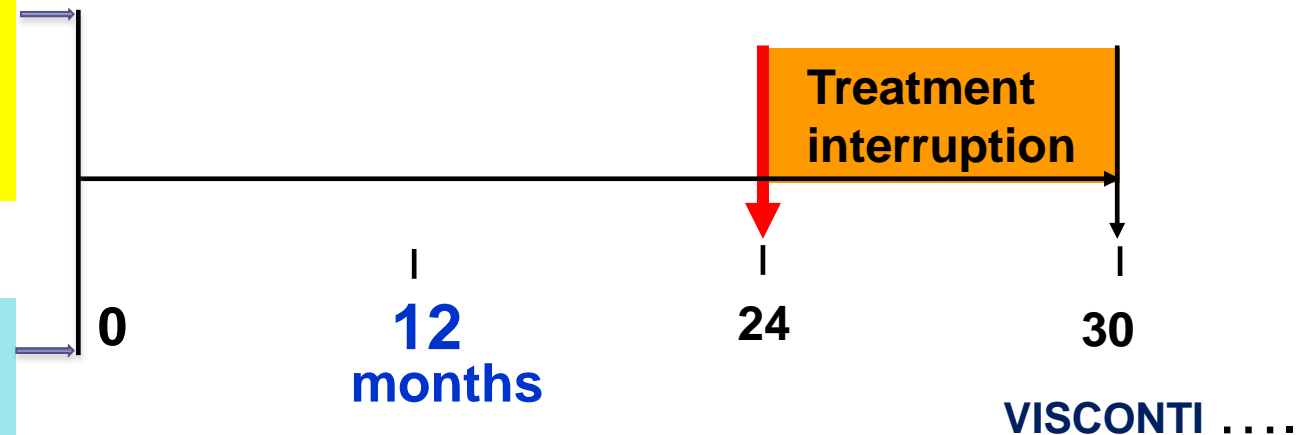
## Arm 1 (N=45):

Darunavir/R: 800/100 mg QD  
+ Tenofovir/emtricitabine:  
245/200 mg QD  
+ Raltegravir: 400 mg BID  
+ Maraviroc: 150 mg BID

## Arm 2(N=45):

Darunavir/R: 800/100 mg QD  
+ Tenofovir/emtricitabine:  
245/200 mg QD

**Primary end-point :** July 2013  
**HIV-DNA level at M24**



## Secondary Endpoints

- **Virologic:** HIV-DNA and HIV-RNA kinetics
- **Immunologic:** CD4 and CD4/CD8 changes
- **Tolerance :** 5 drugs or 3 drugs
- **Physiopathological studies :** for example  
HIV-RNA in semen and Rectal HIV-DNA biopsy  
innate and HIV specific immunity

# Baseline characteristics

	N=90
Men	92.2%
MSM	75.6%
Age, Median,[IQR]	35.5 [28 – 44] years
Symptomatic PHI	97%
Acute: 0 - 1 Ab on HIV-1 Western Blot <sup>a</sup>	43%
HIV-RNA log copies/ml (Abbott, Roche)	5.4 [4.9 - 5.8]
HIV-DNA log cp/million PBMC (technique ANRS commercialized by Biocentric)	3.6 [3.4 - 4.1]
CD4+ T cell /mm <sup>3</sup>	472 [368 – 640]

<sup>a</sup>(in the previous 7 days)

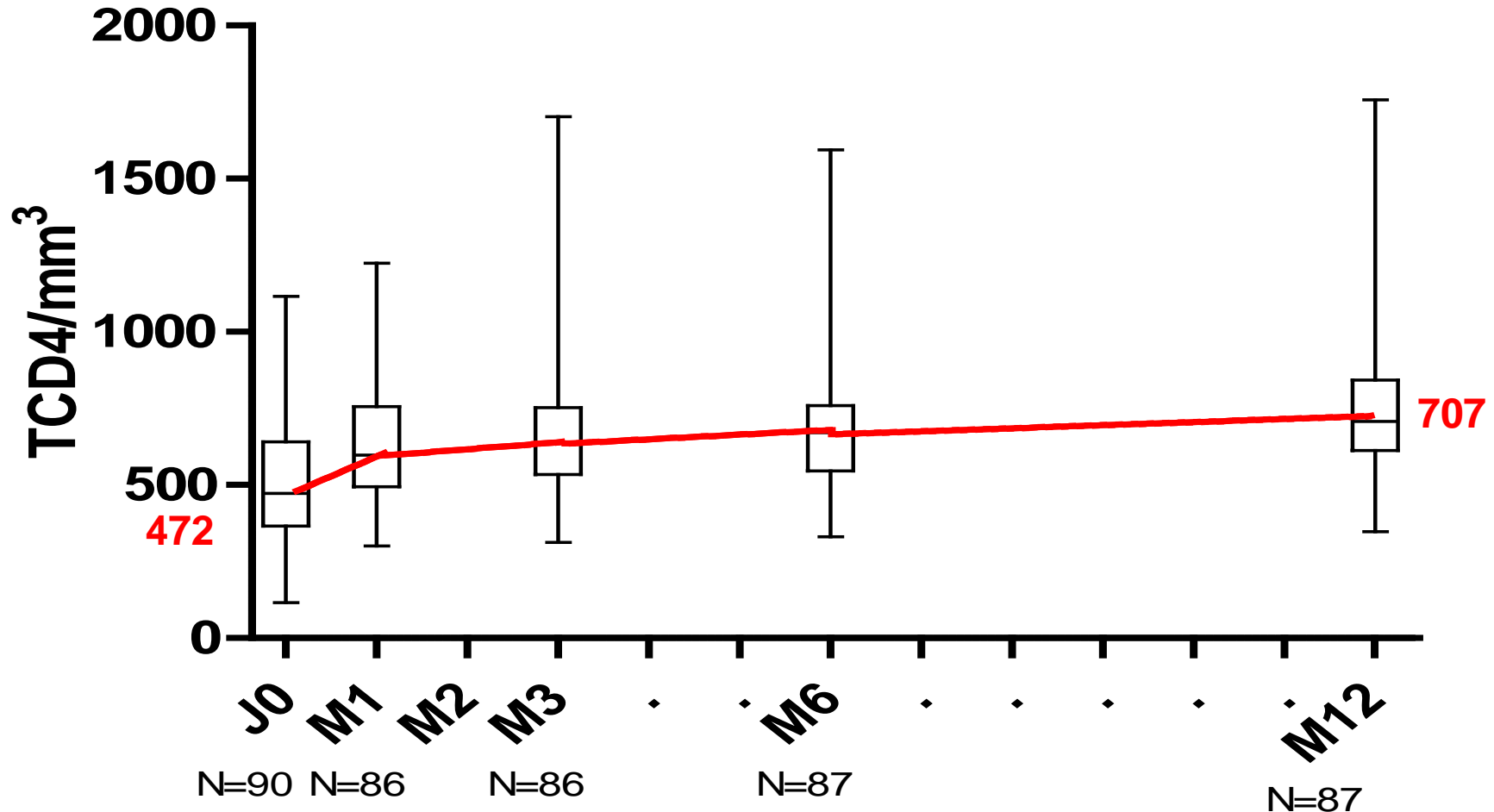


# Patient disposition - Month 12

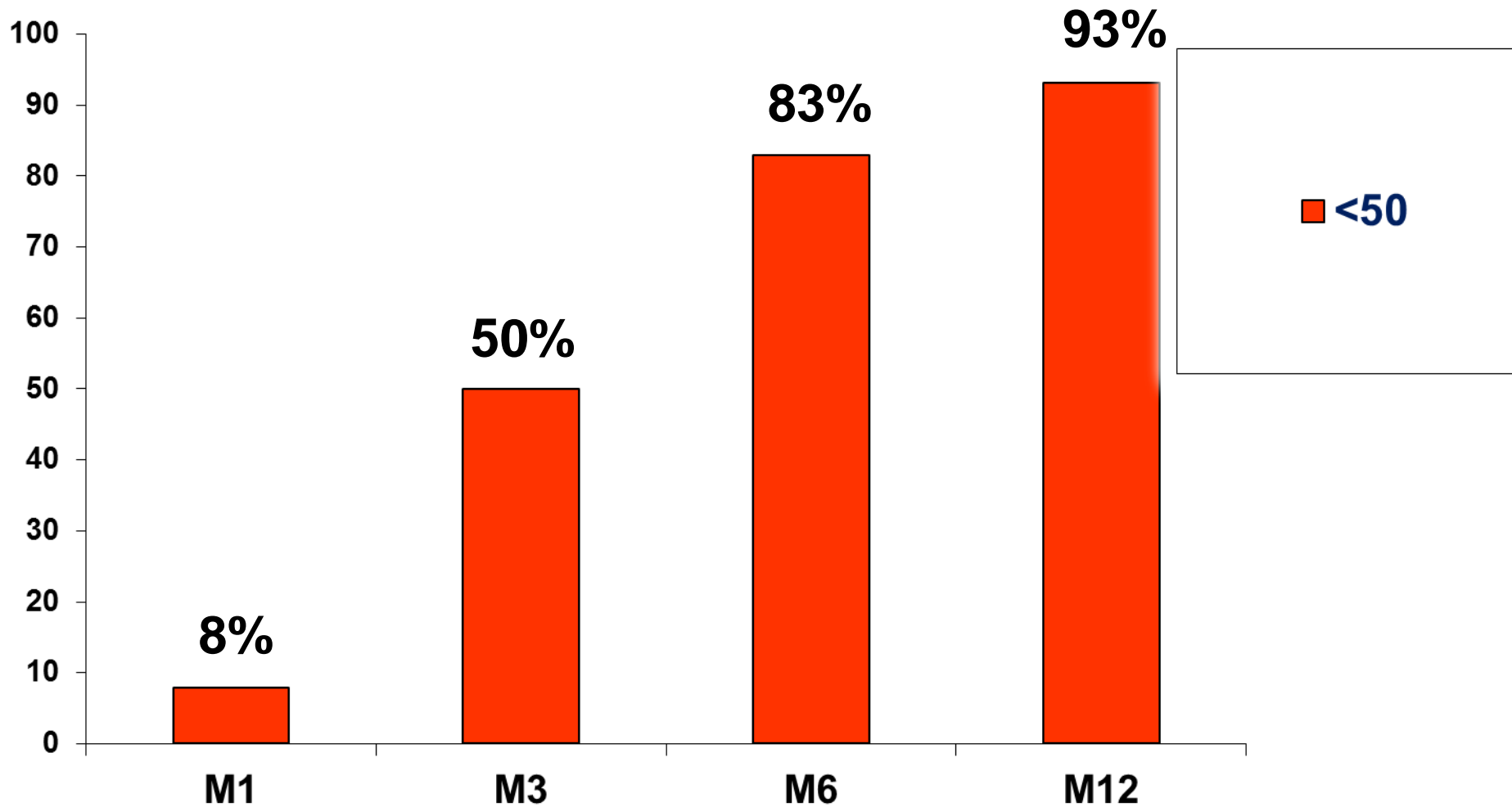
- ❑ 90 patients randomized
- 2 patients drop out, soon after enrolment (pregnancy, patient decision)
- ❑ Tolerance :
  - well tolerated (survey adherence)
  - 2 serious adverse side effects (both in the 3 drugs arm)
    - 1 lipodystrophy (20 kgs within a year)
    - 1 moderate acute pancreatitis

# Immunology : CD4+ T cells kinetic

Median TCD4 gain : + 235/mm<sup>3</sup> [119-378.5]  
Median CD4/CD8 : 1,13 [0.87-1.38]



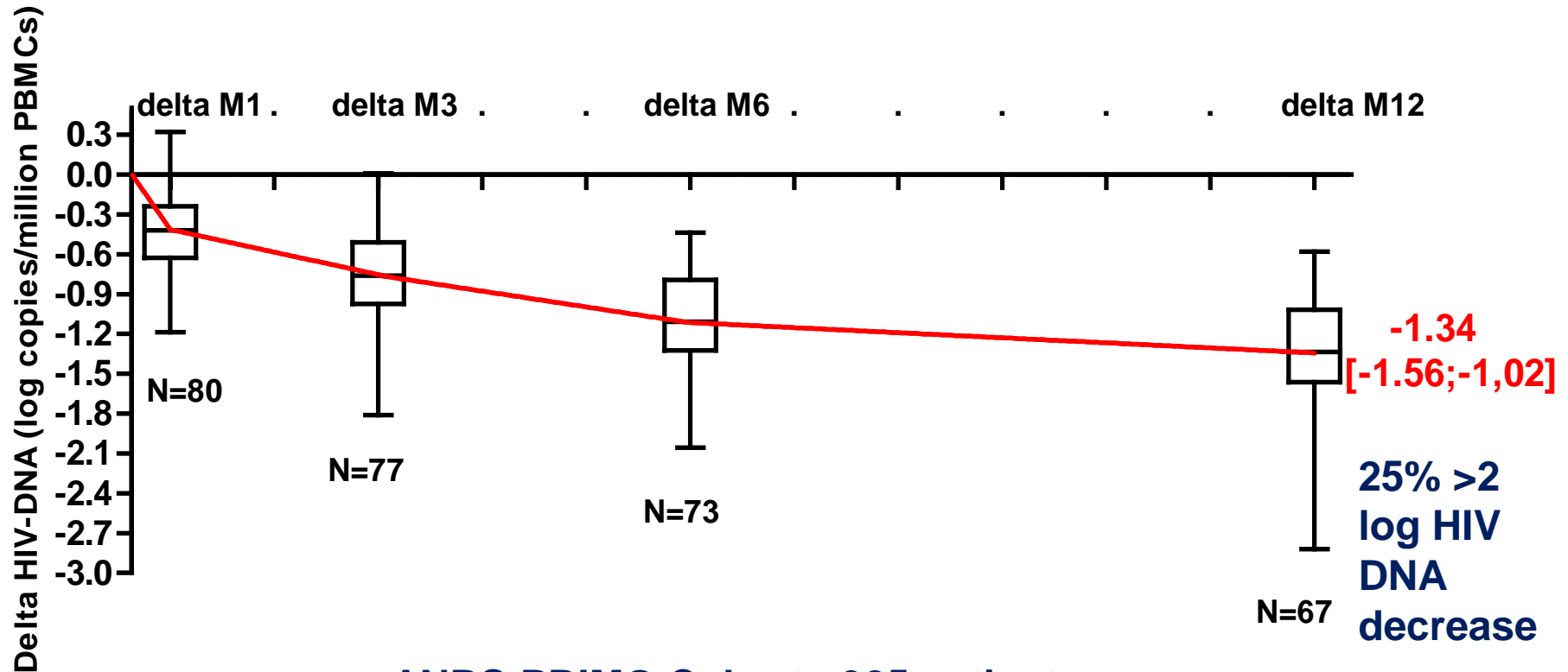
# Virology: HIV-RNA < 50 copies/mL



Percentage of patients with HIV-RNA < 50 copies/mL



# HIV-DNA Decrease over time



**ANRS PRIMO Cohort : 325 patients**

Median delta HIV-DNA M12 : **- 0,81[-1.14;-0.51]**

(data not published)

**Quest Cohort : 56 patients**

Median delta HIV-DNA M12 : **- 1.1[-1.6;-0.8]**

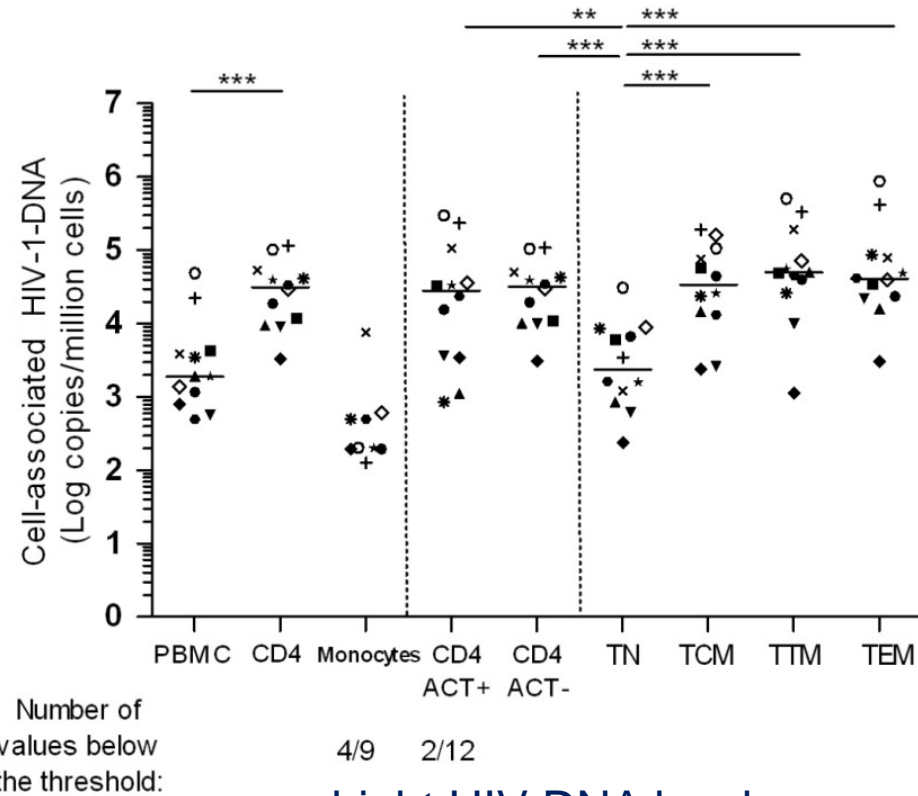
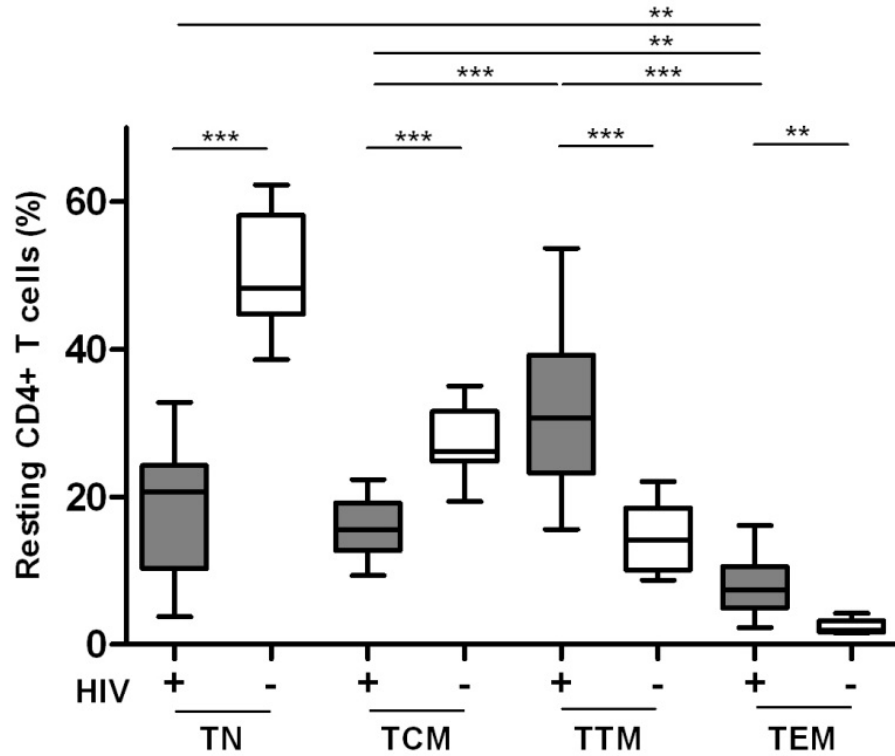
(B.Hoen, CID 2007)

# Factors associated with HIV-DNA decrease at Month 12

Baseline characteristics (N=67)	Delta HIV-DNA at Month 12 (r correlation coefficient)	P value
Time from PIS	0.15	0.26
CD4 cell count	0.0003	0.99
log HIV-RNA (cop/ml)	-0.37	<b>0.002</b>
LogHIV-DNA (cop/million PBMCs)	-0.31	<b>0.01</b>



# HIV-1 Reservoir in T CD4 subsets



- skewed CD4 subsets distribution, loss of TN, TCM for the benefit of the more differentiated TTM and TEM

a high HIV-DNA level.

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# CONCLUSION

- ❑ This is the first randomized study targeting reservoir in the early phase of PHI.
- ❑ Despite a virological and immunological storm, administered early treatment is effective as soon as the first three months.
- ❑ The effectiveness of this therapeutic approach on the reservoir and the immune system is :
  - clearly higher than that observed in chronic treated patients at M12.
  - related to the excellent tolerance and adherence whatever the treatment arm.
  - probably conditioned by the early protection of cells with a long half-life (TN, TCM). Responses in few months with the final results.

# CONCLUSION

- We are definitely convinced that treating at the time of primary infection might prepare patients as good candidates for treatment aiming at reducing reservoirs.
- This might be one the first steps for an HIV CURE or an HIV functional CURE.

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