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# Management of Acute HIV infection

The clinicians perspective

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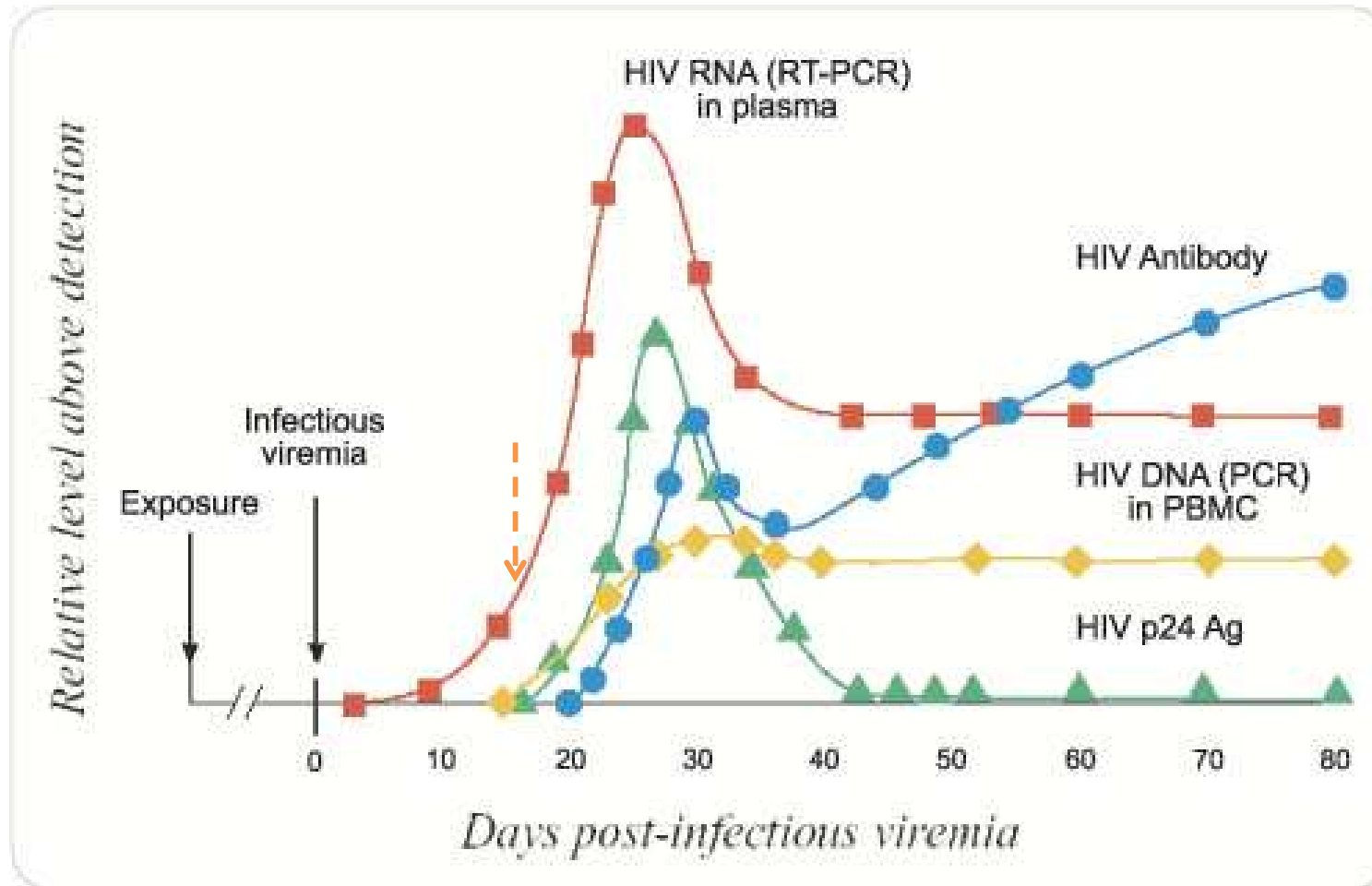
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# Case

- 35 year old man
- Asymptomatic MSM several CMP in preceding 2 months reported episodes of UPAI. No RMP
- STI screen negative for STS, CT GC, LGV
- HAV antibody positive, HBV antibody titre 260, HCV antibody & PCR negative
- HIV POCT NEGATIVE
- Venous blood *reactive* p24+ antibody negative

# Days post-infection



Adapted from New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute. Available from <http://www.hivguidelines.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/acute-hiv-infection-in-pregnancy-10-16-2012.pdf> [accessed 26 Mar 2014].

# Blood test results

- CD4 count 670
- CD4:8 ratio 0.3
- HIV Viral load 15 million copies
- HIV genotype WT B clade virus
- LFT: ALT 68,
- FBC normal
- Renal function normal
- UPC ratio normal
- HLA type B5701 negative

# BHIVA Guidelines 2012 for Primary HIV infection

- “We recommend ART for patients presenting with primary infection and meeting any of the following criteria start ART:
- Neurological involvement (1D)
- Any AIDS defining illness (1A)
- Confirmed CD4 < 350 (1C)
- **Auditable measure**
- Proportion of patients presenting with primary HIV infection and either neurological involvement or an AIDS defining illness or confirmed CD4 count <350 cells/ $\mu$ L started on ART”

# What would you discuss?

1. You don't need immediate ART your CD4 count is > 350



2. This is an important time to consider starting immediate ART to help protect your immune system and to prevent onward transmission



3. There is no evidence that you need to start ART straight away, best to wait and you wont "need" ART for years





# Would you change your advice if the VL was 300 copies?

1. Yes



2. No

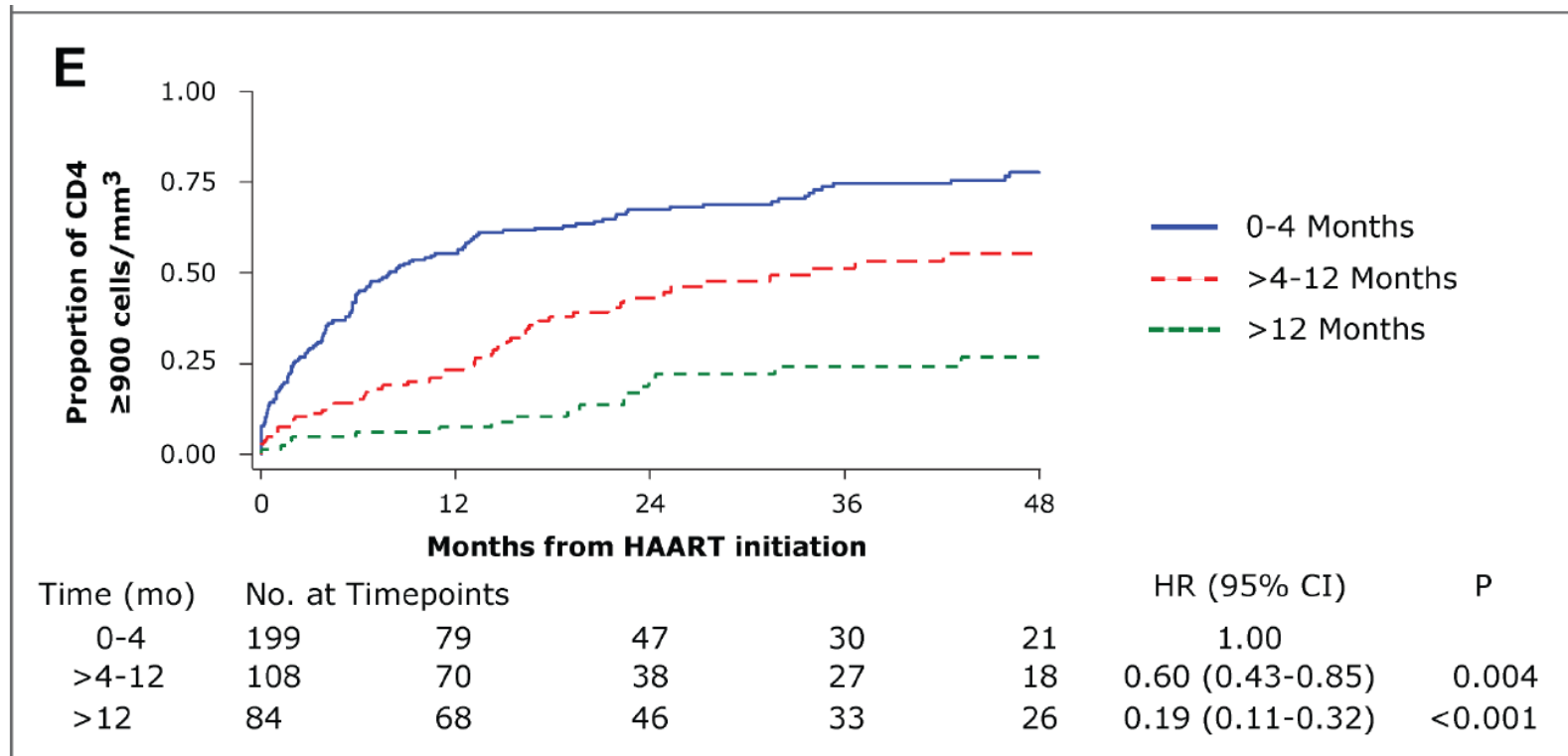


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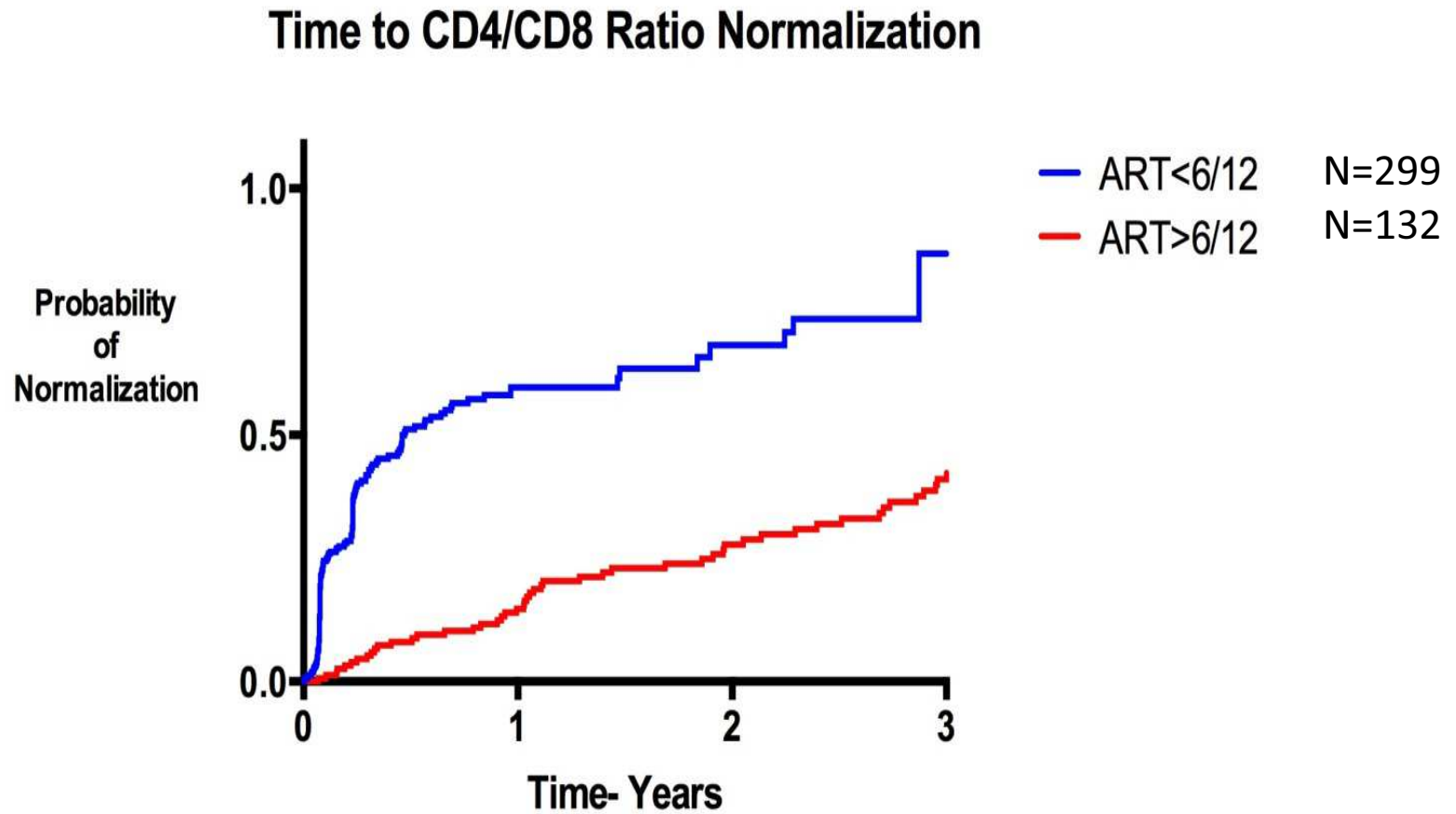
# Enhanced CD4+ T-Cell Recovery with Earlier HIV-1 Antiretroviral Therapy

Tuan Le, M.D., Dr.P.H., Edwina J. Wright, M.D., Davey M. Smith, M.D.,  
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# Probability of attaining post-ART 900 CD4 cell count depends on time from EDI to ART initiation



# Time to CD4:8 ratio normalisation with ART started < or > 6 months from acute infection



# What about RCT evidence?

- In order to offer robust evidence RCT data with clear survival outcomes is needed
- There have been 3 RCT comparing immediate with deferred ART in PHI : Spartac, ACTG5217 and PRIMO-SMH
- All used transient ART schedules and end points were time to CD4 decline or initiation of lifelong ART.

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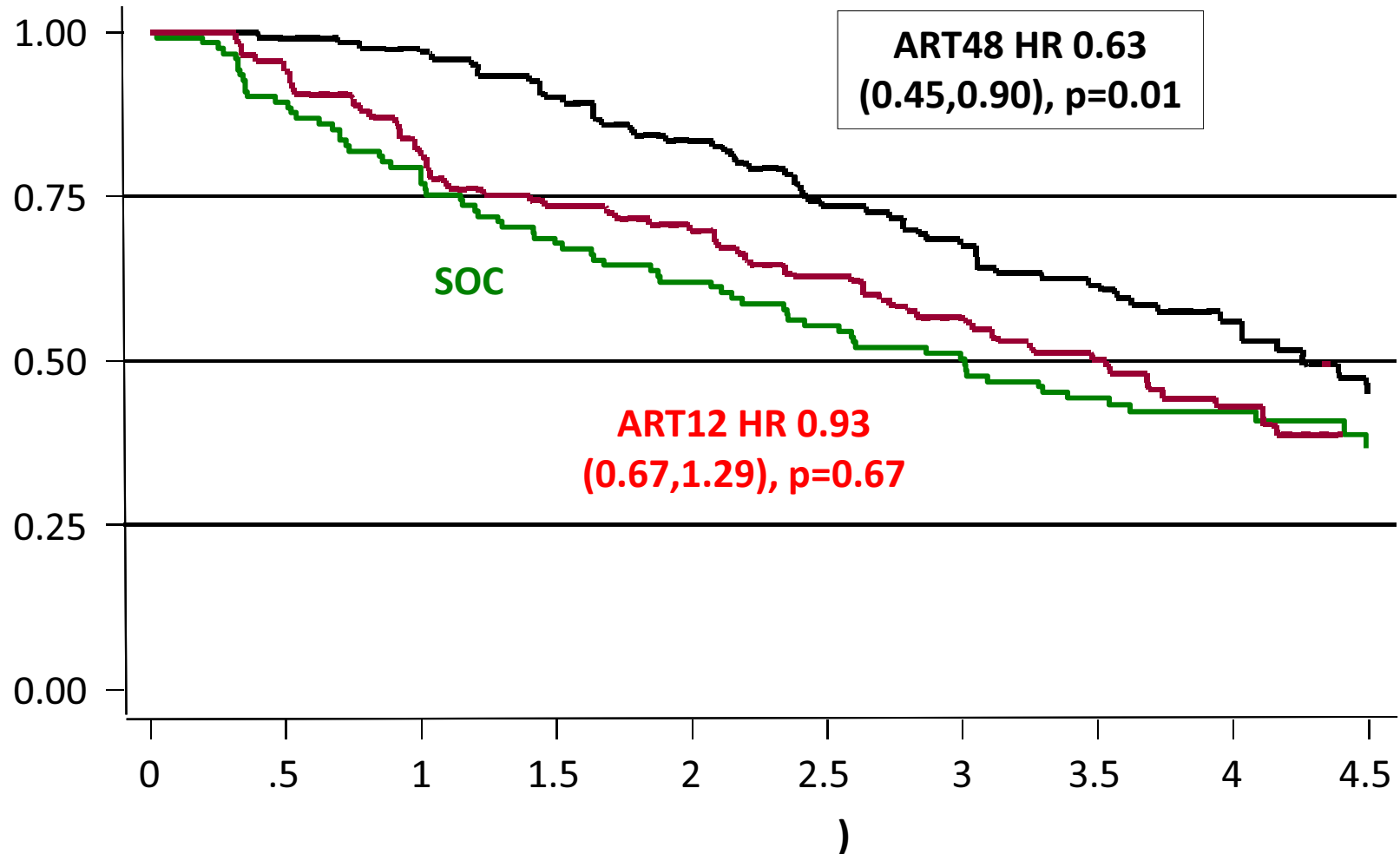
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Short-Course Antiretroviral Therapy in Primary HIV Infection

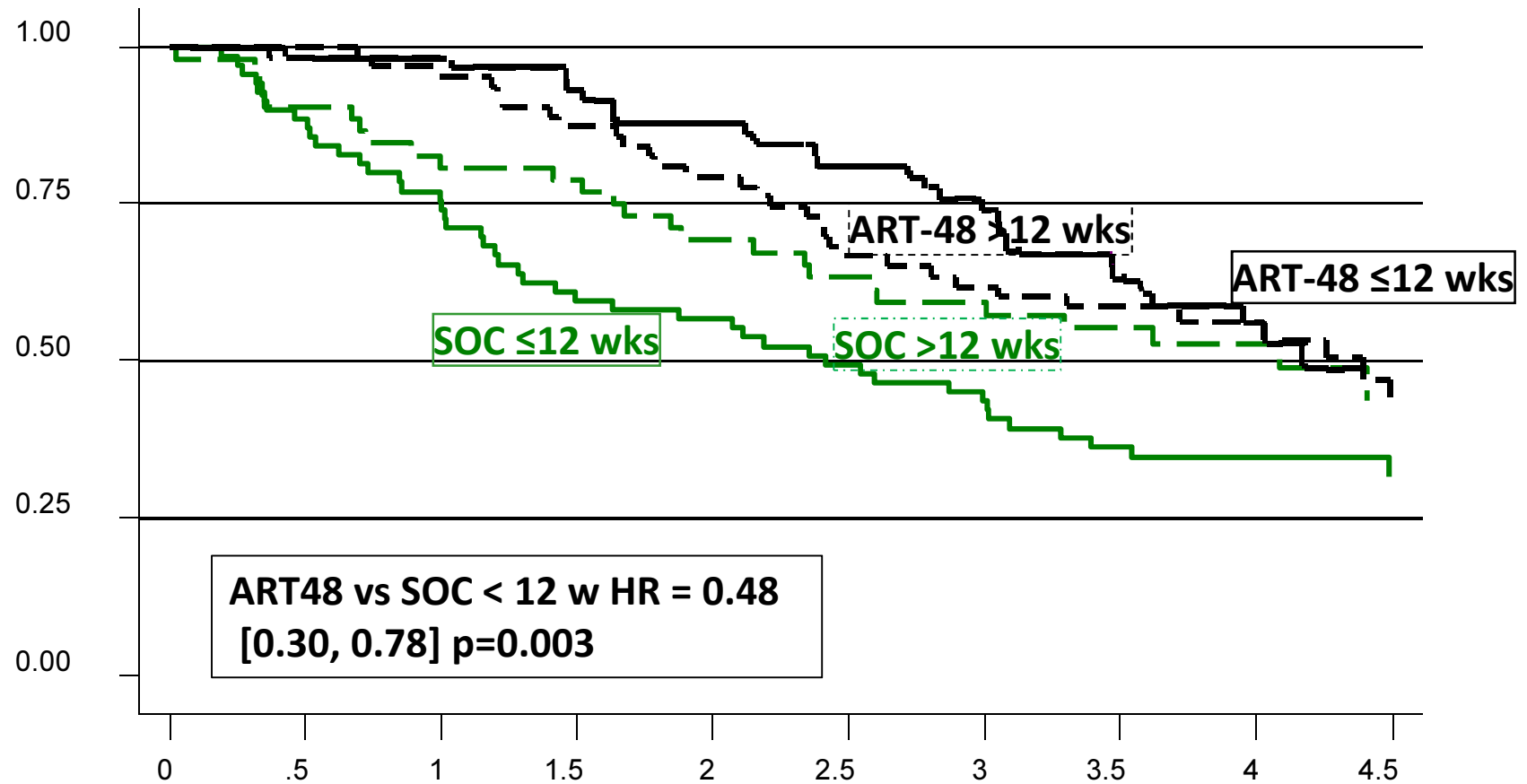
The SPARTAC Trial Investigators

# Time to primary endpoint



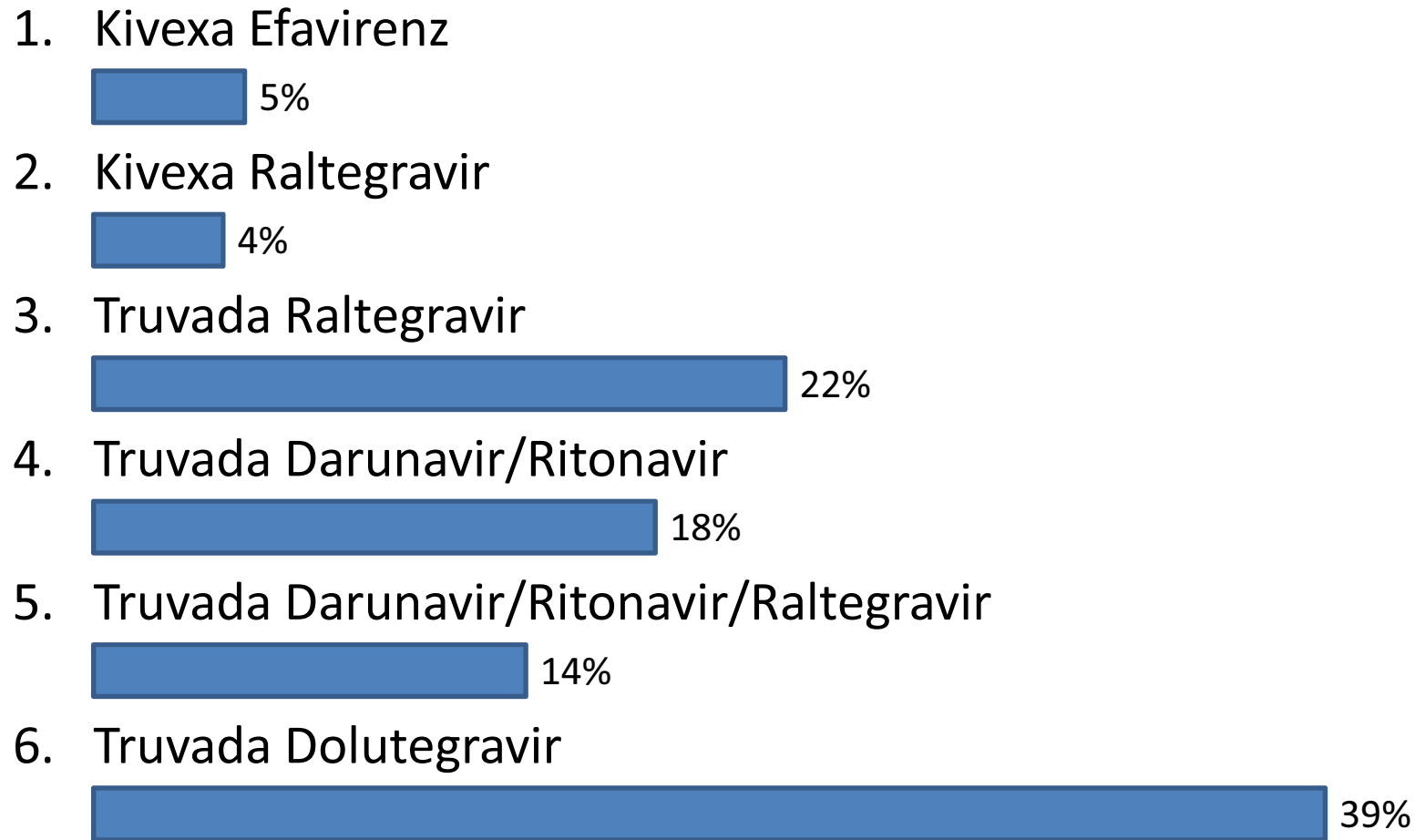
SOC	123	109	93	82	75	66	59	46	30	18
ART-12	120	110	95	84	79	71	63	49	32	21
ART-48	123	121	117	109	100	88	80	63	41	19

# Duration of infection and time to Primary Endpoint





# Mr X decides he would like to start ART now What ART regimen will you recommend?








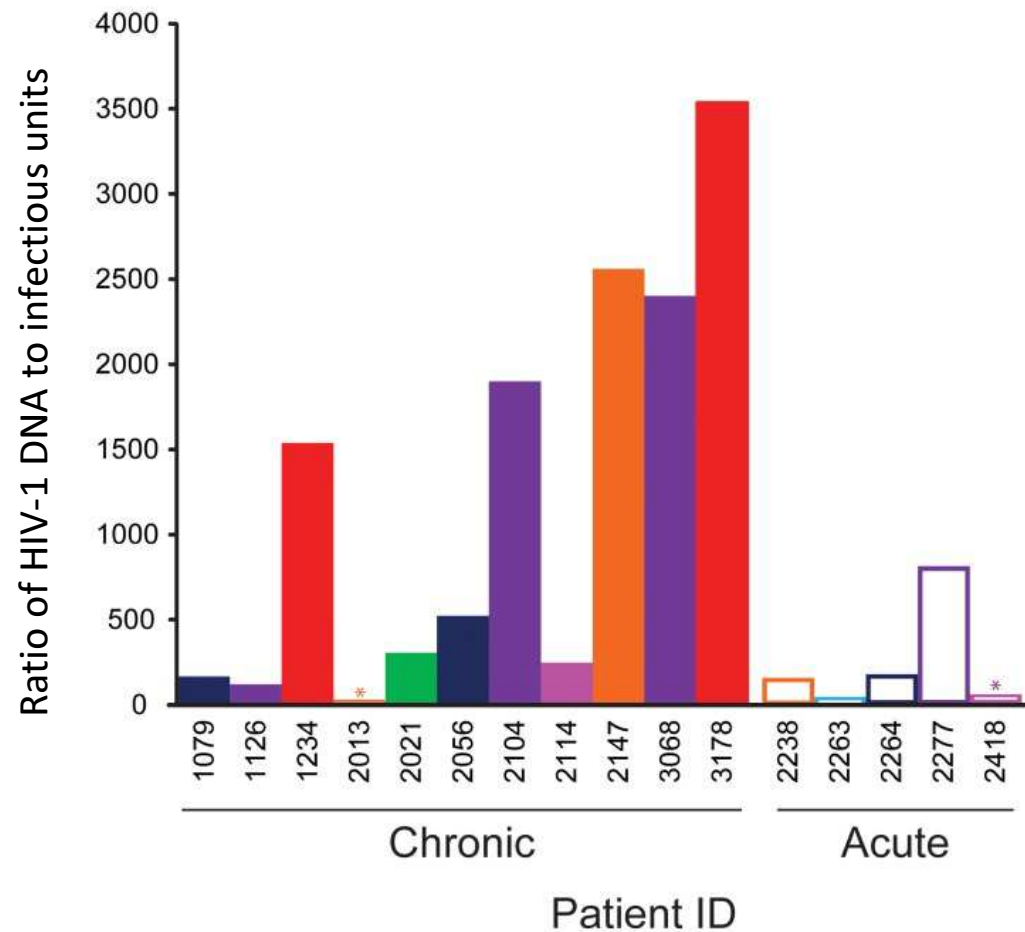
**A Randomized, Open-Label Trial of 5-Drug versus Standard 3-Drug PI-based cART Initiated During Acute and Early Infection: 48- and 96-Week Results**

**M. Markowitz, T. Evering, M. Caskey, D. Garmon, A. Figueroa, K. Rodriguez, B. Davis, L. St. Bernard, M. LaMar, S. Palmer, V. Sahi, N. Prada, and H. Mohri**

# He has heard about the Visconti patients and he would be interested in HIV cure What would you tell him?

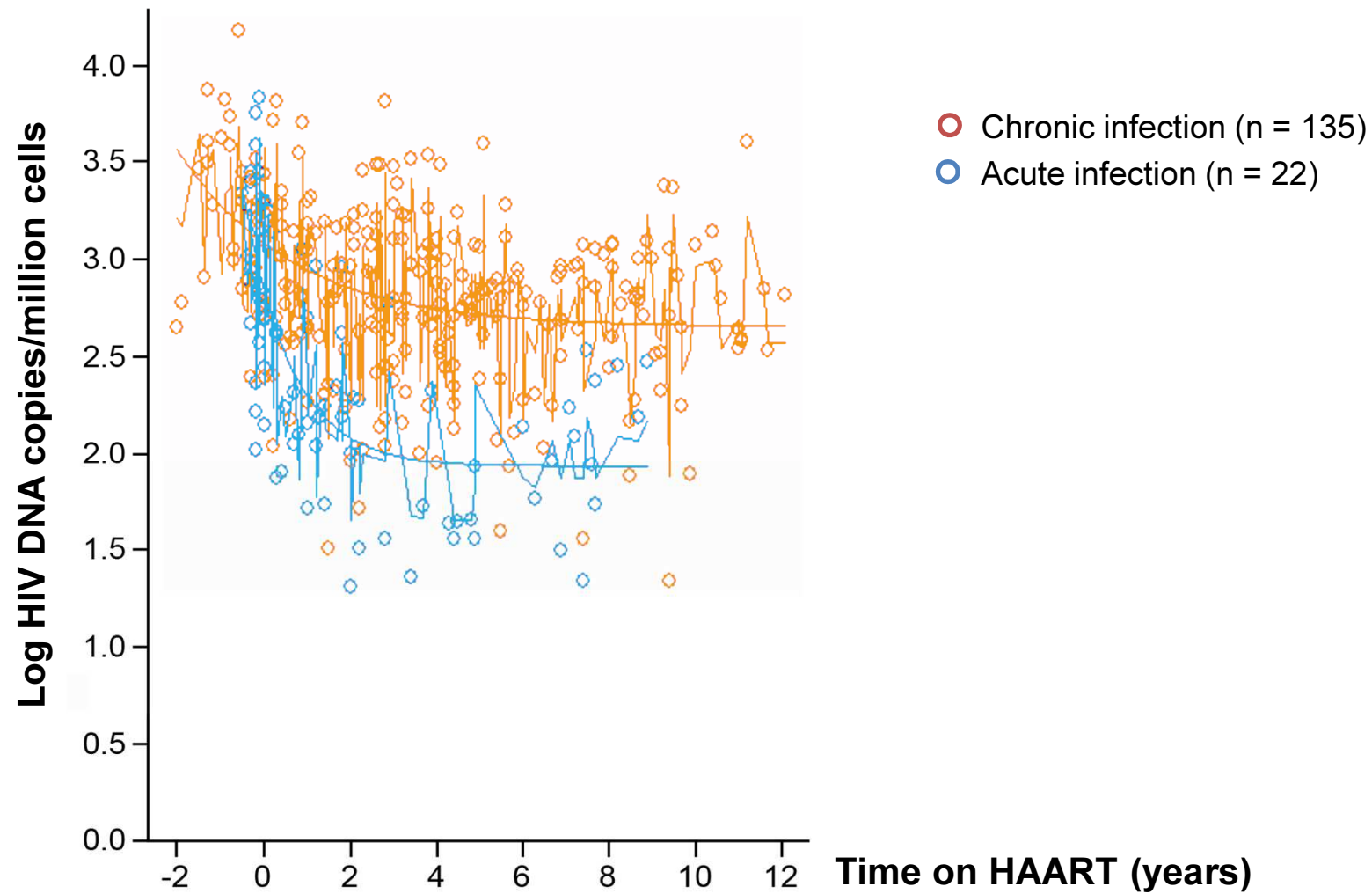
1. Visconti patients are very rare and shouldn't direct clinical decisions  
 10%
2. There is some evidence that ART in acute can reduce viral reservoirs and maybe very valuable for future cure interventions  
 84%
3. AIDS has no cure and there is only ONE patient in the world who has been cured so this should not direct ART choices  
 6%

# Reservoir of HIV is less in acutely infected individuals



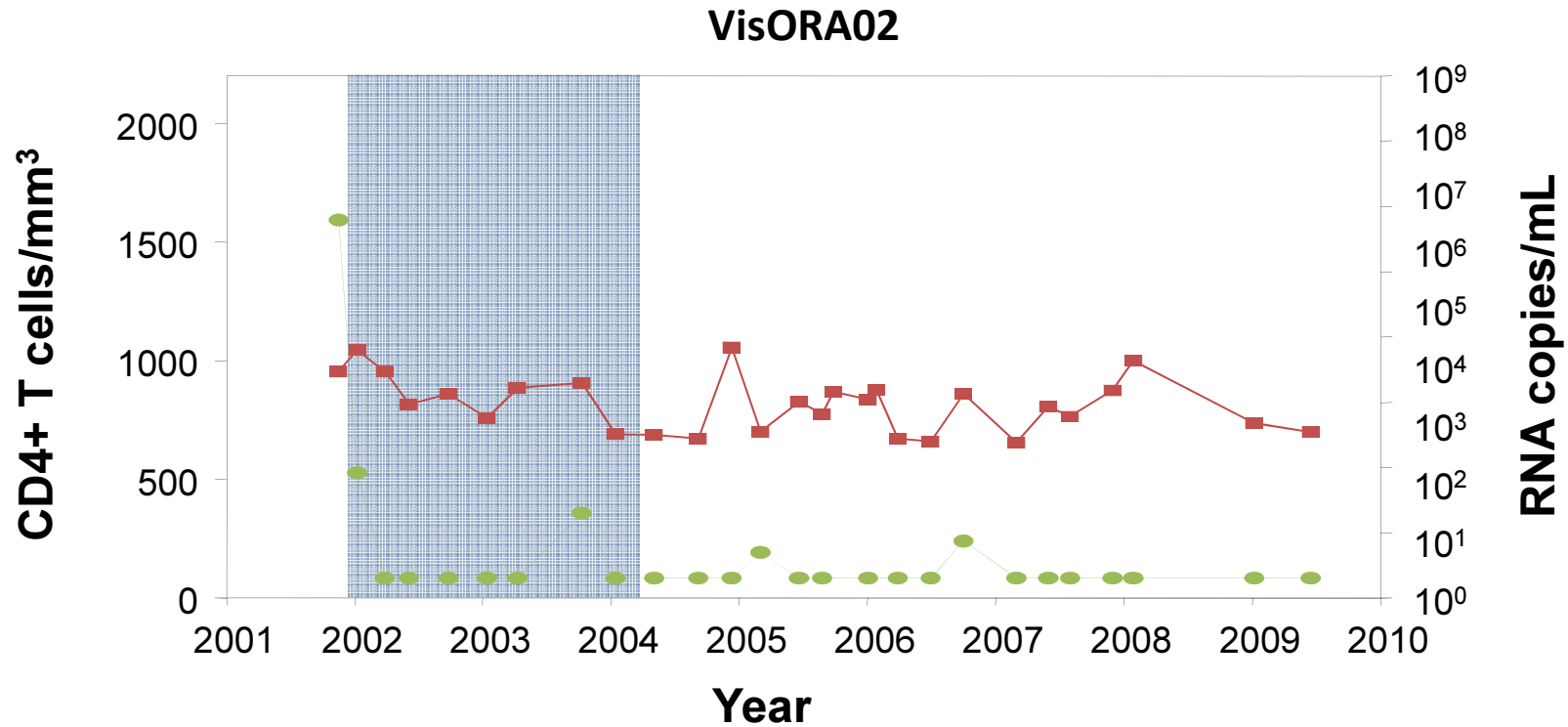
\* Indicates maximum values in cases in which the HIV-1 DNA level was below the limit of detection (2 copies/ml).  
Eriksson et al. PLoS Pathog 2013;9:e1003174.

# Reservoir reduced with early treatment



# VISCONTI

## Functional cure: post-ART controllers



VISCONTI cohort; n = 12, treated in acute infection;  
median times since treatment interruption at 72 months

# To treat or not to treat?

## Yes

- Better chance of immune recovery
- Better chance of limitation of viral reservoir in preparation for cure interventions
- Reduce risk of onward transmission
- Reduce the years of ongoing immune activation

## No now

- Patients have years of future ART why expose them any longer than needed to drug toxicities?
- Ambivalent to treatment and too many other psychological issues at time of PHI
- Increased risk of drug resistance developing if poorly adherent

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