The HIV bnAb pipeline and feasibility as HIV PrEP

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> 100-year history of antibodies to prevent infections

| INFECTION | INDICATION | PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Measles | Prevention Concentrated human gamma glo | | | |
| Polio | Prevention | Concentrated human gamma globulin | | |
| CMV | Prevention | Cytomegalovirus Immune Globulin | | |
| Hepatitis A | Prevention (travel) | Immune serum globulin (ISG) | | |
| Hepatitis B | Post Exposure | Hepatitis B Immune Globulin | | |
| Rabies | Post Exposure | Rabies Immune Globulin | | |
| RSV | Prevention (high-risk infants) | Monoclonal antibody | | |
| VZ | Post Exposure | Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin | | |
| SARS-CoV-2 | Prevention, Treatment | Monoclonal antibodies | | |
| Malaria | Prevention | Monoclonal antibodies | | |





Active and Passive Immunization Compared



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Active immunization

- Vaccination
- Vaccines (antigen) stimulate the immune system to make antibodies
- No immediate protection usually requires 2-3 immunizations to generate antibody response (weeks)
- Protection may last for years
- Vaccines may elicit other immune responses

Passive immunization

bnAb administration

- Direct administration of antibodies – no need for immune system to make
- Immediate protection Antibody response starts right after administration (hours)
- Protection lasts for months
- Repeated administration (for example every 6 months) will be required

HIV bnAb clinical trials in HIV-uninfected adults – 2013-2024



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HIV bnAbs are generally safe and well tolerated

- Key safety results from AMP studies HVTN 703/HPTN 081 and HVTN 704/HPTN 085
 - 41,116 IV infusions in 4,625 participants
 - Most participants have no solicited AEs
 - AE rates active product ~ placebo

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|--|---------|--------|------|
| WOST COMMON SOUCHED AES | Placebo | Low | High |
| Mild (grade 2) pain and/or tenderness at infusion site | 22% | 21% | 20% |
| Mild (grade 2) maximum systemic symptom severity | 35% | 33% | 33% |

 HIV bnAbs are human antibodies with a pathogen as the target (non-self), different mechanism of action (target) compared to oncology and antiinflammatory mAbs (anti-self)



What's next: Combine 3 HIV bnAbs to increase prevention efficacy

Combination:

- Each HIV bnAb targets a different part of the HIV envelope
- Potency & breadth greater than with single HIV bnAbs alone
- Double or triple coverage may limit early viral escape
- Reduced levels of incomplete neutralization
- CD4bs, V2, and V3 mix considered most promising





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What's next: Combinations and LS

- 3 bnAbs can be combined
- LS mutation in Fc part of antibodies allows Q6m dosing: serum half-life extends from ~20 to ~70 days and concentration in mucosa increases

HIV bnAb pharmacokinetics in VRC 602, VRC 605, VRC 606 clinical trials





HVTN 116 extended half-life of VRC01LS in rectum (IHC)



Image: M. Lemos, R. Astronomo, HVTN 116 Study Team.

Summary: HIV bnAbs in HIV-uninfected adults

- Administration of antibodies is an old (> 100 years) technique to prevent and treat infections
- HIV broadly neutralizing antibodies (bnAbs) are safe
- 3 HIV bnAbs can be combined
- LS modified HIV bnAbs allow dosing every 6 months
- AMP trials: HIV prevention with 1 bnAb is possible, but combination of 3 bnAbs needed to increase prevention efficacy
- We hope to start AMP follow up 'triple combo AMP' efficacy clinical trials in next 2 years
 - 3 bnAbs administered at the same time, fixed dosage, LS versions, IV
 - 3 doses, every 24 weeks, week 0, week 24, week 48
 - Determine prevention efficacy and correlates of protection



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https://goo.gl/maps/XvQsM92xTRwuqn2r5 http://theivbar.co.za

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Impact of Adding New Contraceptive Methods on the Number of Users, 1965–1973



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HIV Prevention Scorecard

| | Condoms | PrEP | | | | HIV Vaccine | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | Oral ARV – Truvada, Descovy, Cimduo | Vaginal ARV ring – Dapivirine | Long acting injectable ARV – Cabotegravir | Long acting injectable ARV – Lenacapavir | Long acting injectable HIV bnAbs | |
| Frequency of administration | On demand | Every day or as needed | Every month | Every 2 months | Every 6 months | Every 6 months | 1-2-3-4 shots, then protect for ≥ X years |
| Ease of administration | On demand | Oral | Vaginal | Intramuscular injection (IM) | Injection under the skin (SC) | Infusion in a vein (IV) or injection under the skin (SC) | Intramuscular injection (IM) |
| Compliance | Poor | Many users stop using | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Available | Yes | Limited | Limited | Limited | Not yet | Not yet | Not yet |



HIV VACCINE

Future HIV PrEP Landscape: Options



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