

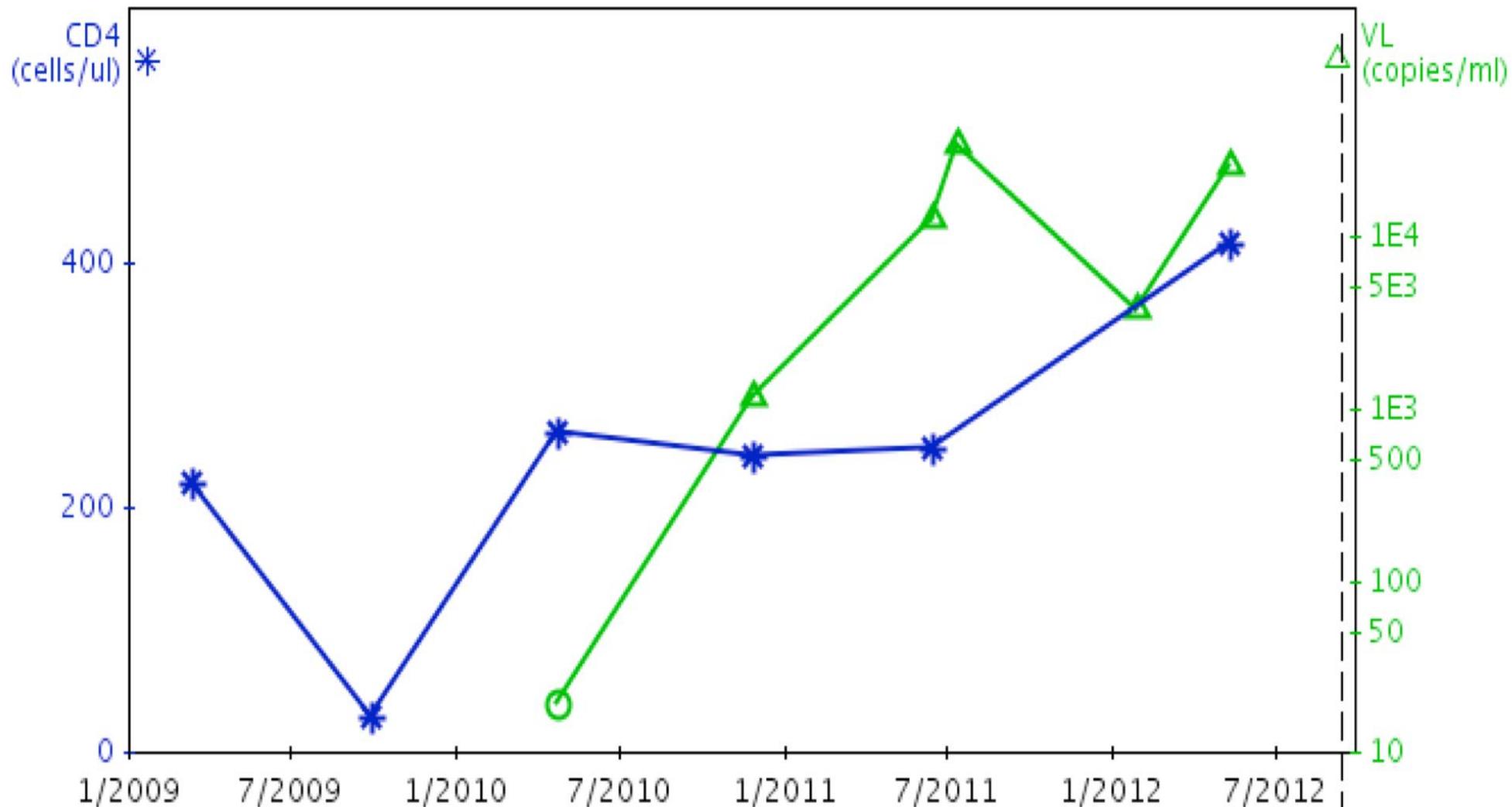
Viral Fitness – A Clinical Look

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+ Patient 1



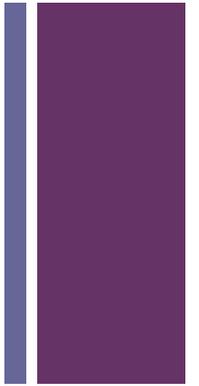
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+ Question 1: Do you think this patient has resistance?

A. Yes

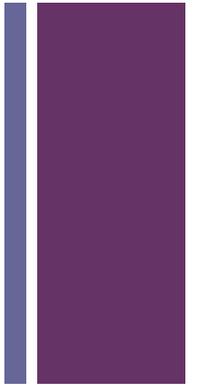
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C. I don't know



+ Question 2: How many mutations do you think this patient has?

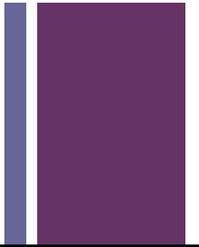
- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. More than three



+ Question 3: Why did the VL drop?

- A. Patient had stopped ART and has now restarted it
- B. Patient had been on treatment all-along but now the adherence has improved
- C. Patient has developed resistance to one or more of the drugs
- D. I don't know

+ Resistance Profile

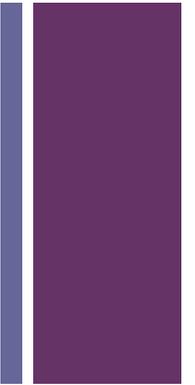


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nevirapine	101Q 103N 138K 181C	High-level resistance	5	0.0
delavirdine	101Q 103N 138K 181C	High-level resistance	5	0.0
efavirenz	101Q 103N 138K 181C	High-level resistance	5	0.0
etravirine	101Q 103N 138K 181C	High-level resistance	5	0.0
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ritonavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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nelfinavir		Susceptible	1	1.0
fosamprenavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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lopinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
atazanavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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+ Question 4: Will you change this patient's treatment?

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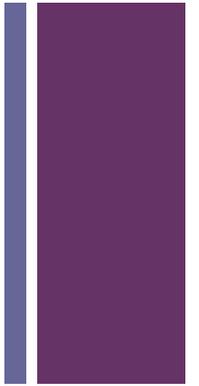
B. No



+ Question 5: What will be your next regimen of choice?

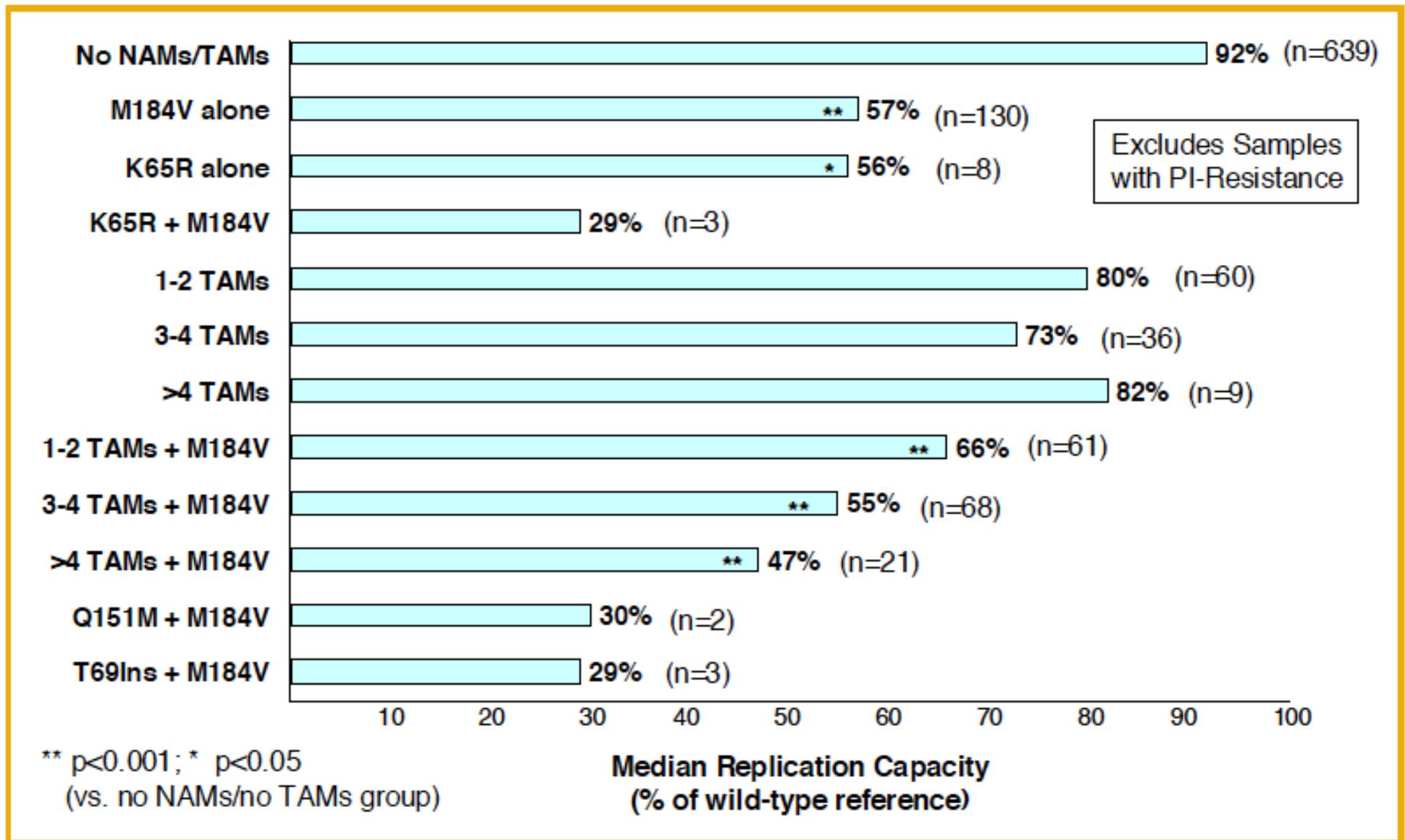
- A. d4T, 3TC, EFV
- B. d4T, 3TC, LPV/r
- C. AZT, 3TC, LPV/r
- D. TDF, FTC, LPV/r
- E. AZT, ABC, LPV/r

+ Questions to Consider



- Why do we recycle 3TC?
- Why can we get away with using only 2 active drugs?
- Why do we not recycle NNRTIs?

Figure 5 • Replication Capacity of HIV without Protease Inhibitor Resistance Mutations (n=1040)



Decreased Replication Capacity of HIV-1 Clinical Isolates Containing K65R or M184V RT Mutations

Mutation	Drug Affected	Effect
Reverse Transcriptase		
K65R, L74V, W88G, Y181C, and/or M184V*	Zidovudine, possibly stavudine [†]	Increased sensitivity of wild-type virus; partially reverse effects of TAMs
K65R, T69X, M184IV, and/or K65R/M184IV	Efavirenz	Hypersusceptibility
TAMs (V118I, H208Y, T215Y) [‡]	NNRTIs	Hypersusceptibility; uncertain effect on NNRTI resistance
Protease		
D30N (with or without N88S) [§]	Amprenavir	Hypersusceptibility
I47A in HIV-1 and V47A in HIV-2	Saquinavir	Hypersusceptibility
I50L and I50L/A71V	PIs (except atazanavir)	Hypersusceptibility; partially reverses resistance to other PIs
V82T [§]	Saquinavir	Hypersusceptibility
N88S	Amprenavir	Hypersusceptibility

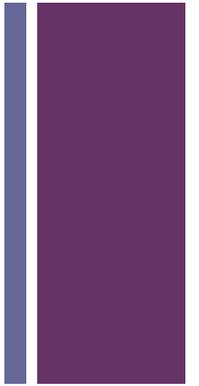
*The M184V mutation also enhances susceptibility to tenofovir, but K65R reverses this hypersusceptibility.

[†]The Y181C and M184V mutations enhance susceptibility to stavudine, but the effect of L74V and W88G on stavudine susceptibility is not well documented. The K65R mutation confers cross-resistance to stavudine.

[‡]In some analyses, the M41L, D67N, T69D, L74V, V75, K103R, V179I, M184V, L210W, T215Y, and K219Q mutations have been implicated in NNRTI hypersusceptibility.

[§]Not confirmed in clinical isolates.

+ Resistance to AZT



+ M184V–induced Hypersusceptibility

- M184V & Y181C (and L74V) are close to active site of HIV-1 RT
- Reduce the rate of nucleotide excision → called primer unblocking
- This increases the sensitivity of RT to inhibition by AZT
- Also suppresses effects of AZT mutations (re-sensitisation)
- Similar effect on susceptibility to TDF & d4T
- But effect may be transient and followed by evolution towards highly-mutated strains with broad resistance patterns

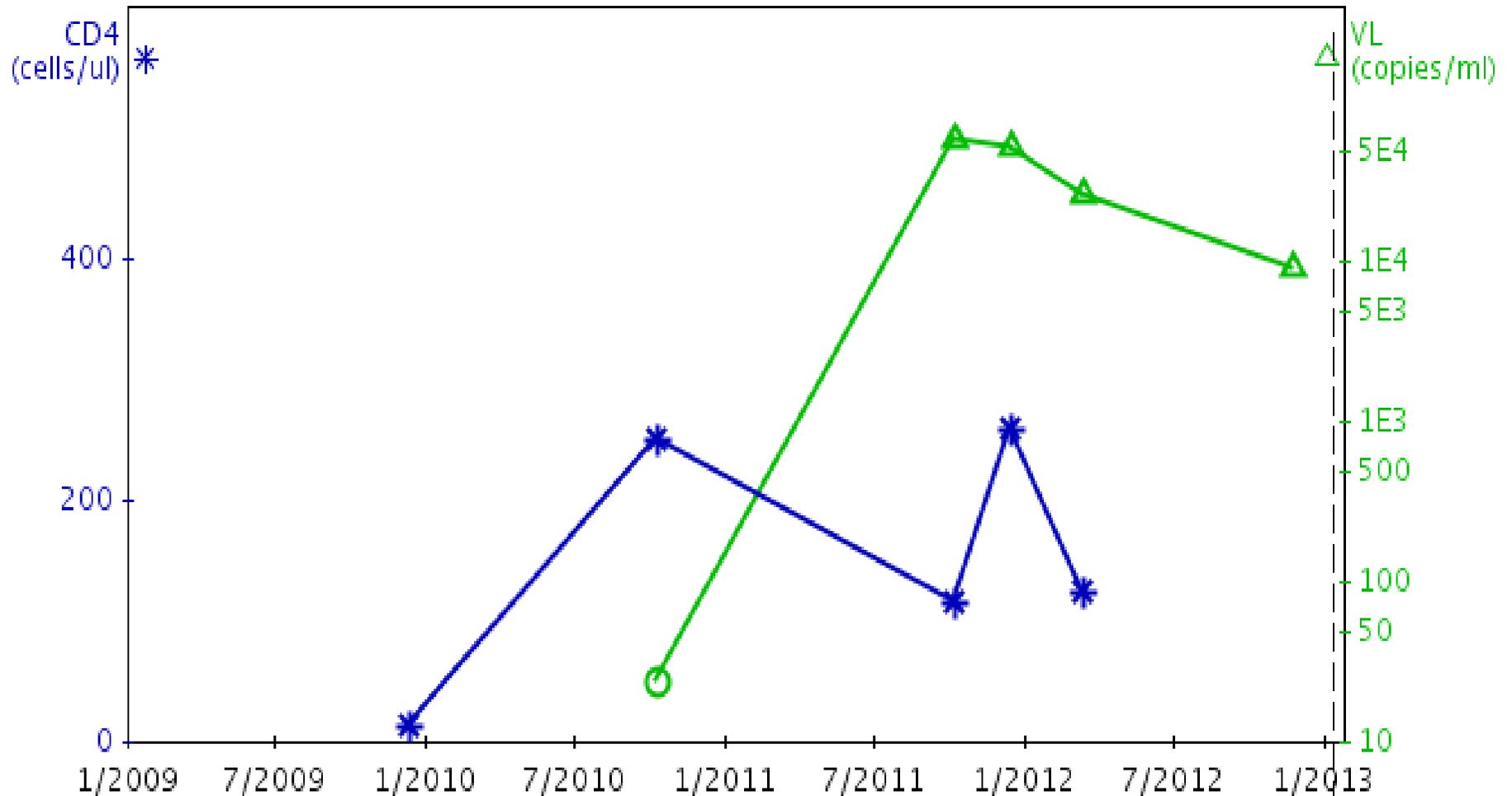
+ Outcome of 2nd-line regimens

- In patients with M184V as sole NRTI resistance mutation (\pm NNRTI mutations), comparable rates of VL suppression after switch to any of the following regimens:
 - 3TC/FTC + NRTI + boosted PI
 - 3TC/FTC + NRTI + boosted PI + additional active agent(s)
 - 3TC-sparing regimen
 - 2 NRTIs + boosted PI \pm other active agent(s)
- Early detection of isolated M184V & switch to boosted PI + 3TC/FTC-based regimen can achieve VL suppression without the need to switch to more complex regimens

+ Why don't we recycle NNRTIs?

- Continuing NNRTI when K103N is present provides little clinical benefit
- May complicate use of PI because of drug interactions
- May select for additional NNRTI mutations that can affect 2nd gen NNRTIs
- Secondary (compensatory) mutations emerge to restore the replicative capacity of the virus
- Similar to other NRTIs and PIs
- This is unlike the M184V mutation which is an evolutionary dead end for the virus

+ Patient 2



EFV



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3TC



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TDF



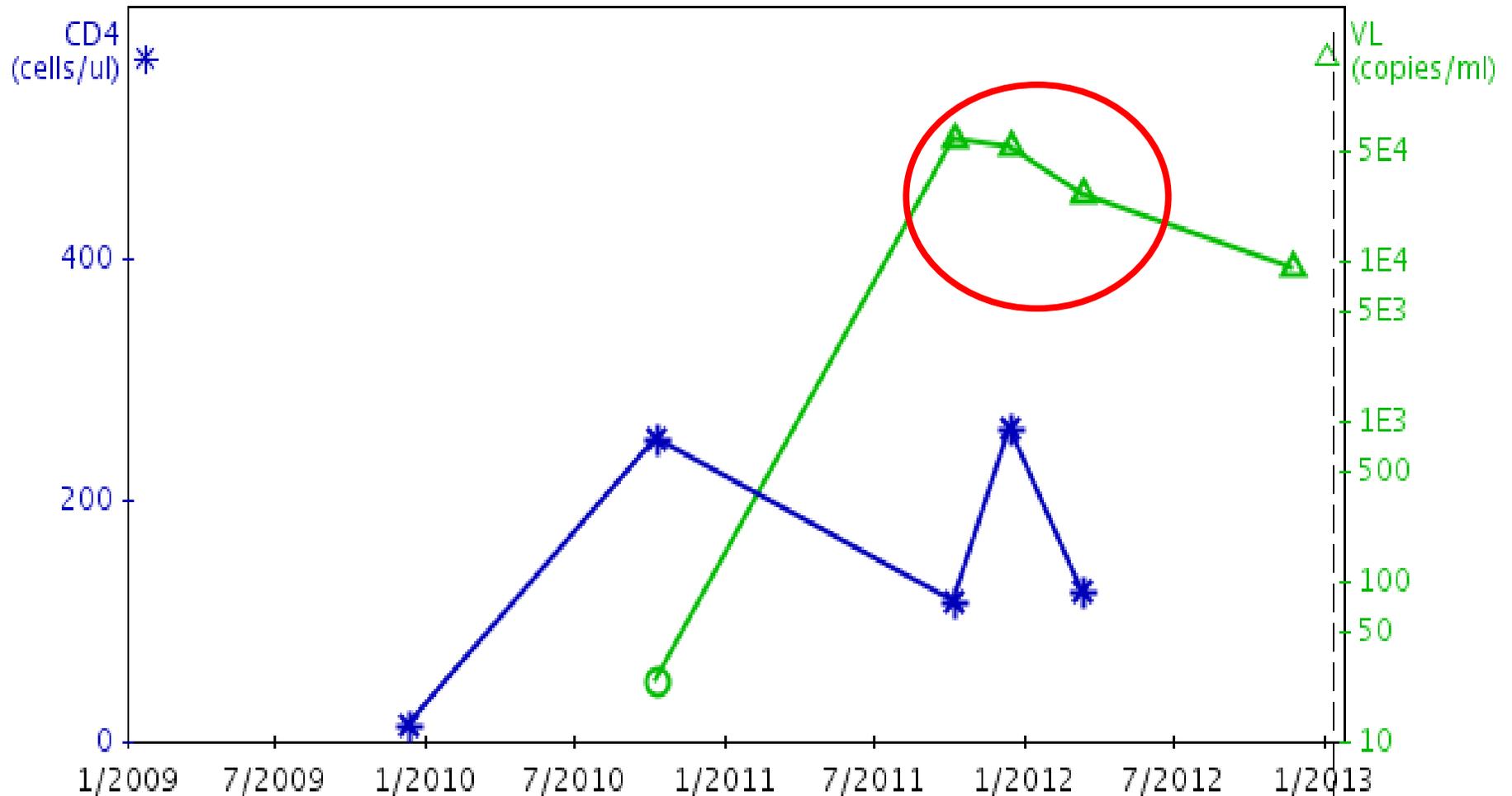
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abacavir	65R 69S 115F 118I 184V	High-level resistance	5	0.0
emtricitabine	65R 69S 118I 184V	High-level resistance	5	0.0
tenofovir	65R 69S 115F 118I 184V	Intermediate resistance	4	0.5
nevirapine	106M 188L	High-level resistance	5	0.0
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efavirenz	106M 188L	High-level resistance	5	0.0
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indinavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
nelfinavir		Susceptible	1	1.0
fosamprenavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
fosamprenavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
lopinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
atazanavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
atazanavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
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3TC



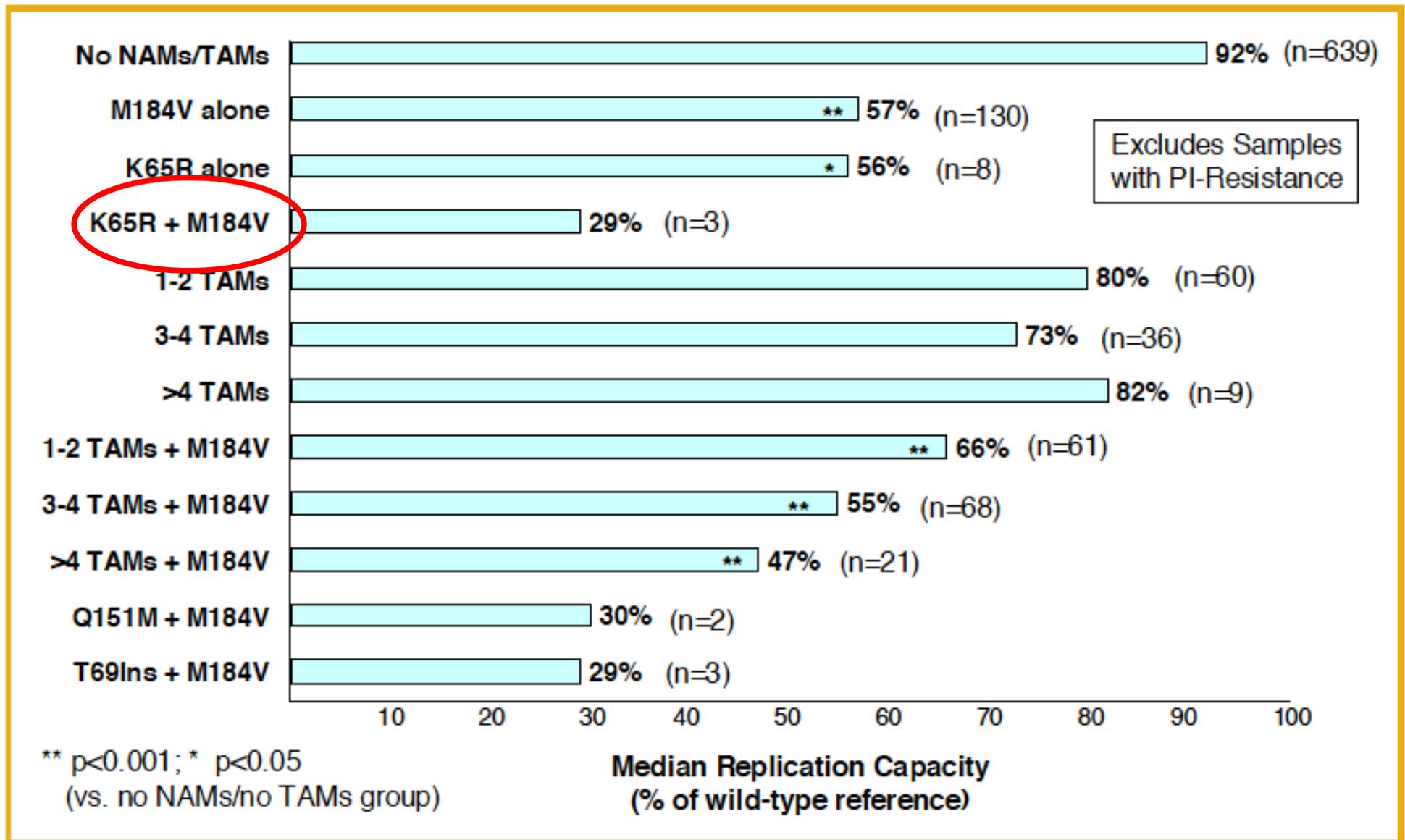
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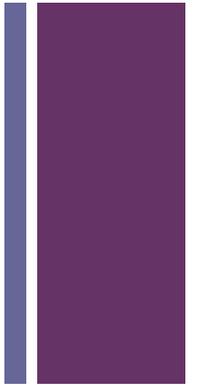
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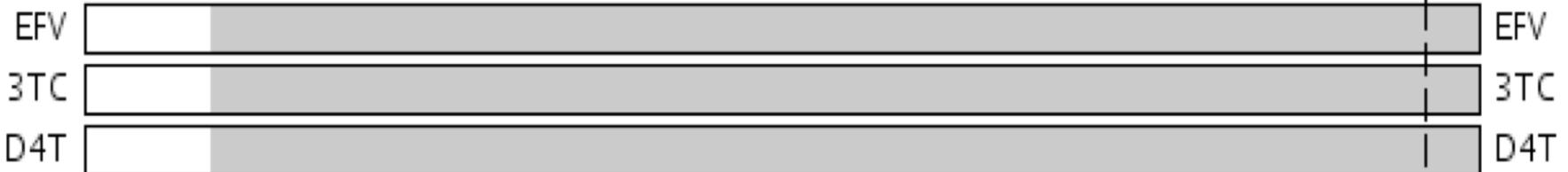
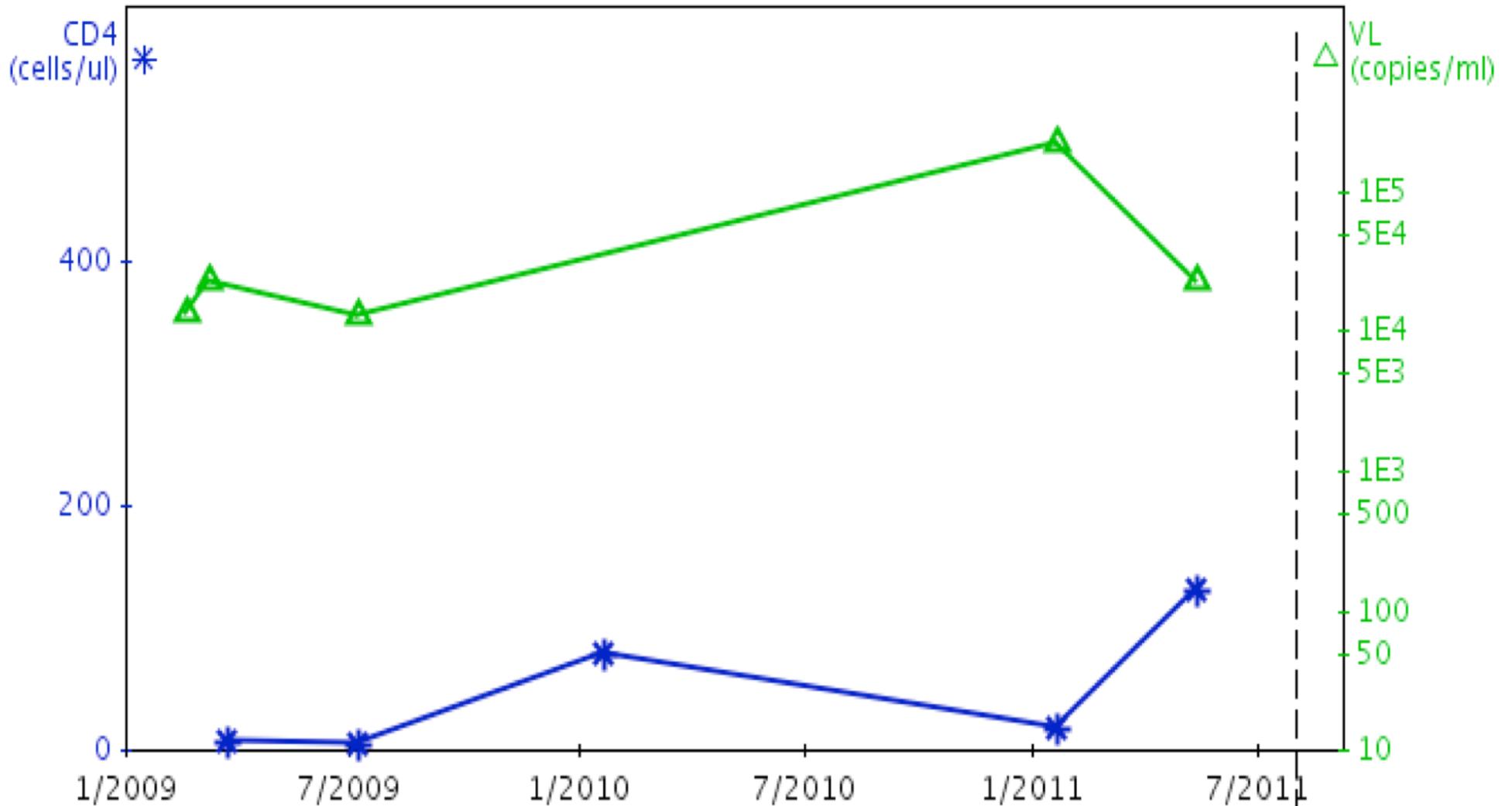
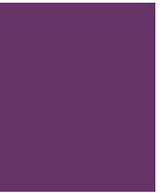
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+ K65R mutation

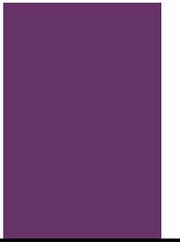
- Confers resistance to TDF, ABC, 3TC, FTC, ddI and ?d4T
- But sensitizes virus to AZT
- Mechanism similar to 3TC – reduced primer excision
- Tips balance in favour of hypersusceptibility to AZT and not towards resistance to other NRTIs
- Reverses M184V-induced hypersusceptibility to TDF



+ Patient 3



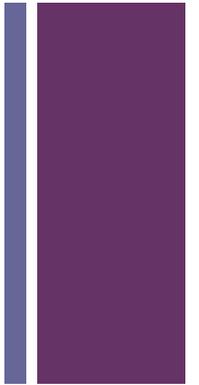
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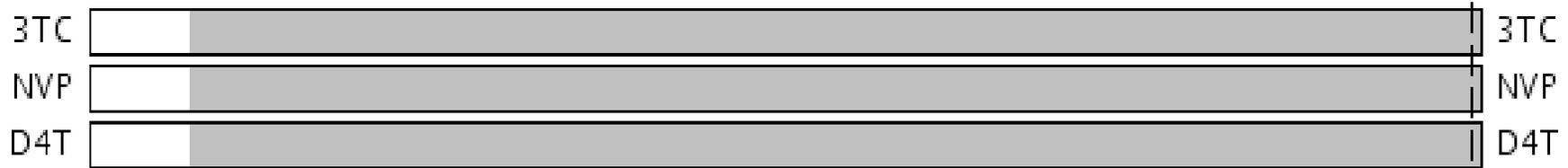
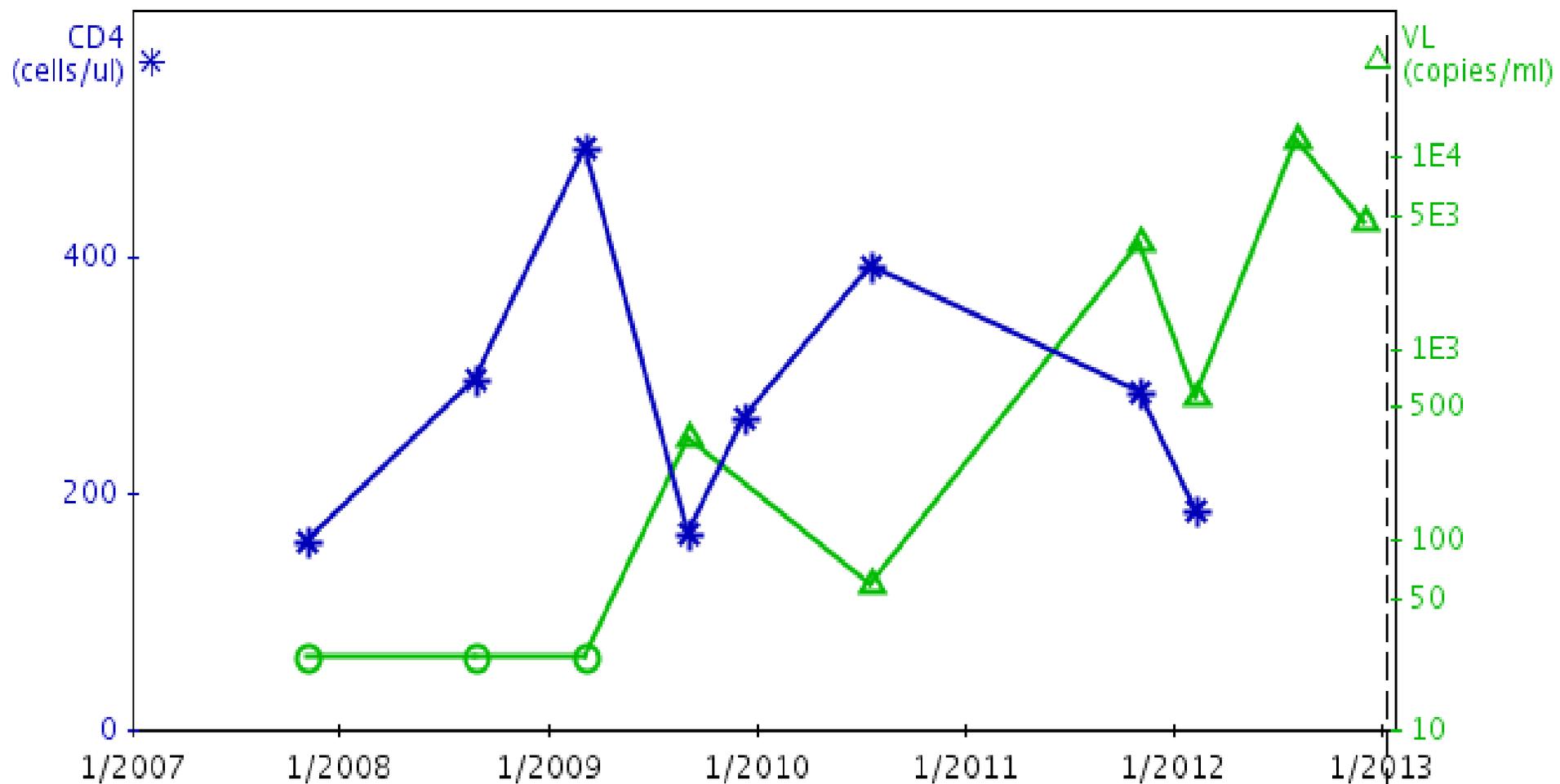
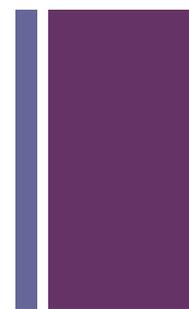
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nevirapine	103N	High-level resistance	5	0.0
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etravirine	103N	Potential low-level resistance	2	1.0
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saquinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
ritonavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
nelfinavir		Susceptible	1	1.0
fosamprenavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
fosamprenavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
lopinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
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tipranavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
darunavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0

+ Question 6: What would be your next regimen of choice?

- A. AZT, 3TC, LPV/r
- B. TDF, FTC, LPV/r
- C. ABC, 3TC, LPV/r
- D. FDC



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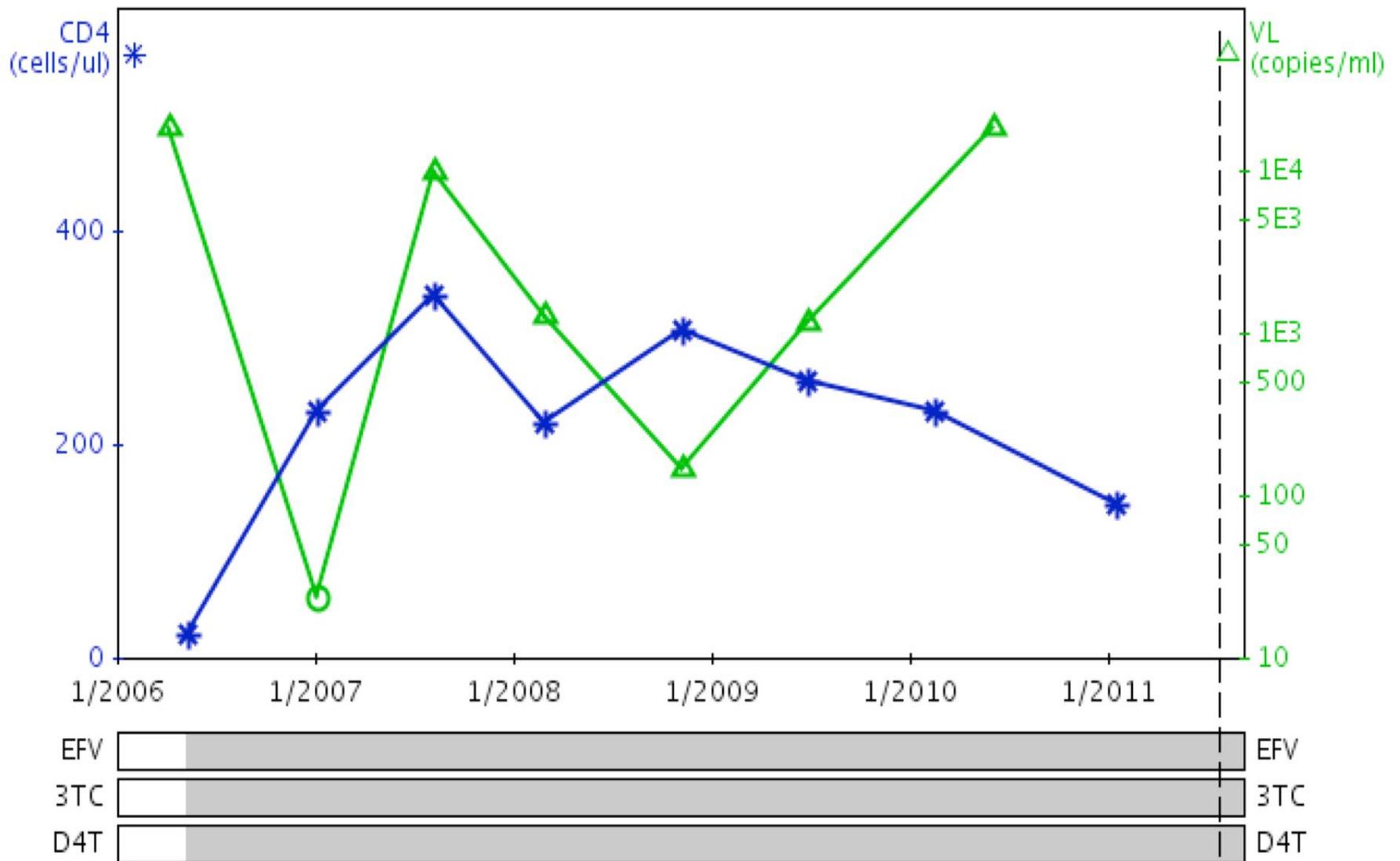
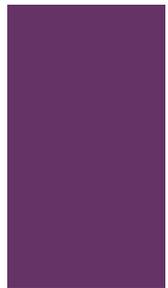


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efavirenz	103N 181C	High-level resistance	5	0.0
etravirine	103N 181C	Intermediate resistance	4	0.5
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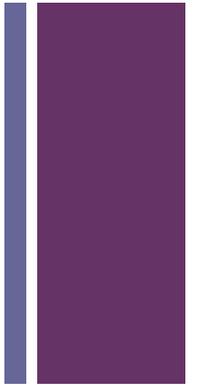
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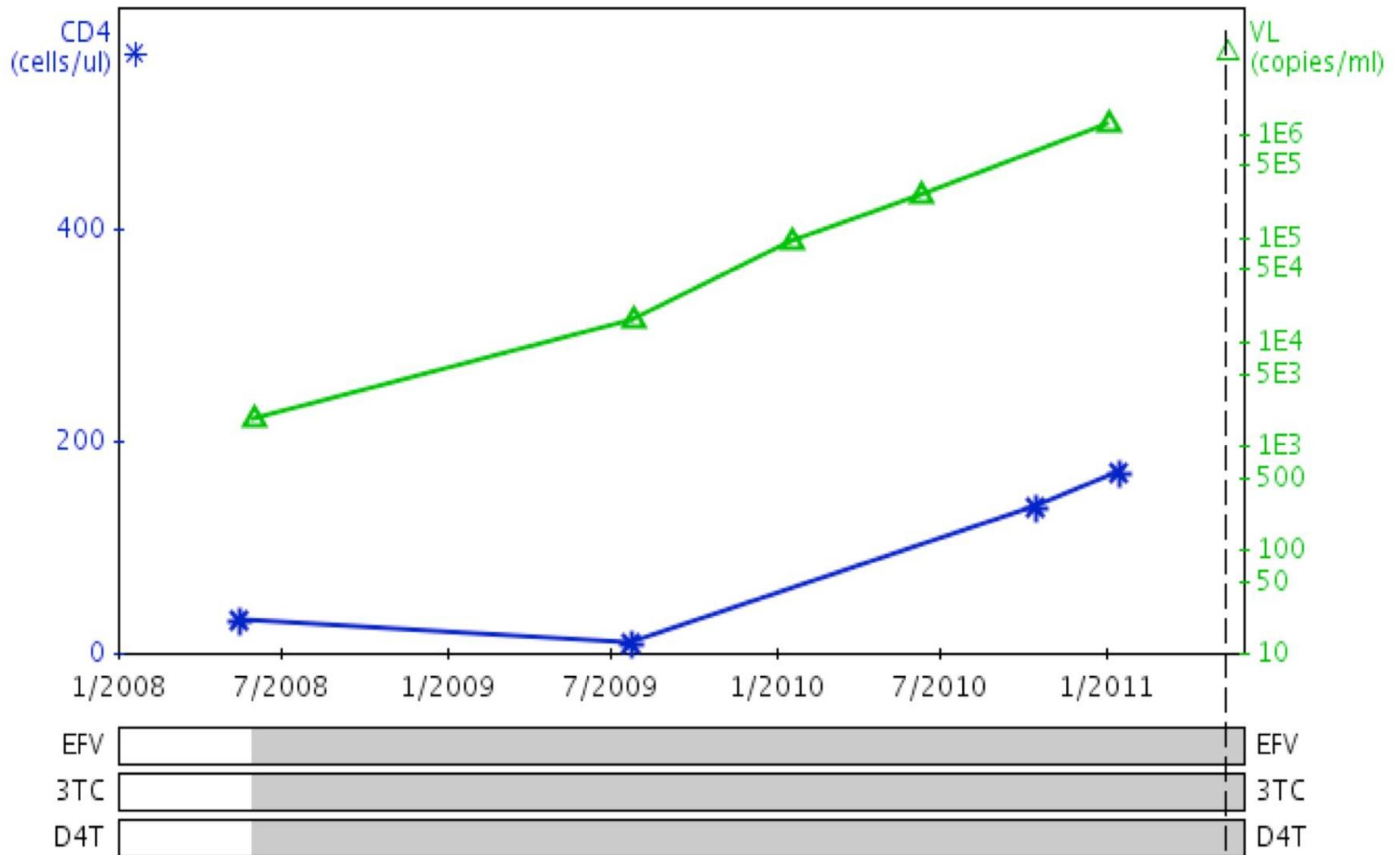
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- B. TDF, FTC, LPV/r
- C. ABC, 3TC, LPV/r
- D. RAL, ETV, LPV/r,
- E. RAL, ETV, DRV/r



+ Patient 3 +++



+ Resistance Profile

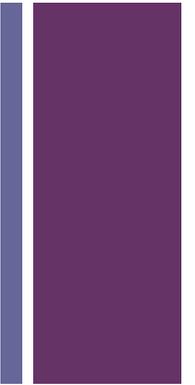


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+ Question 8: What now?

- A. Refer to 3rd line committee
- B. Continue on regimen
- C. RAL, ETV, LPV/r
- D. AZT, 3TC, LPV/r



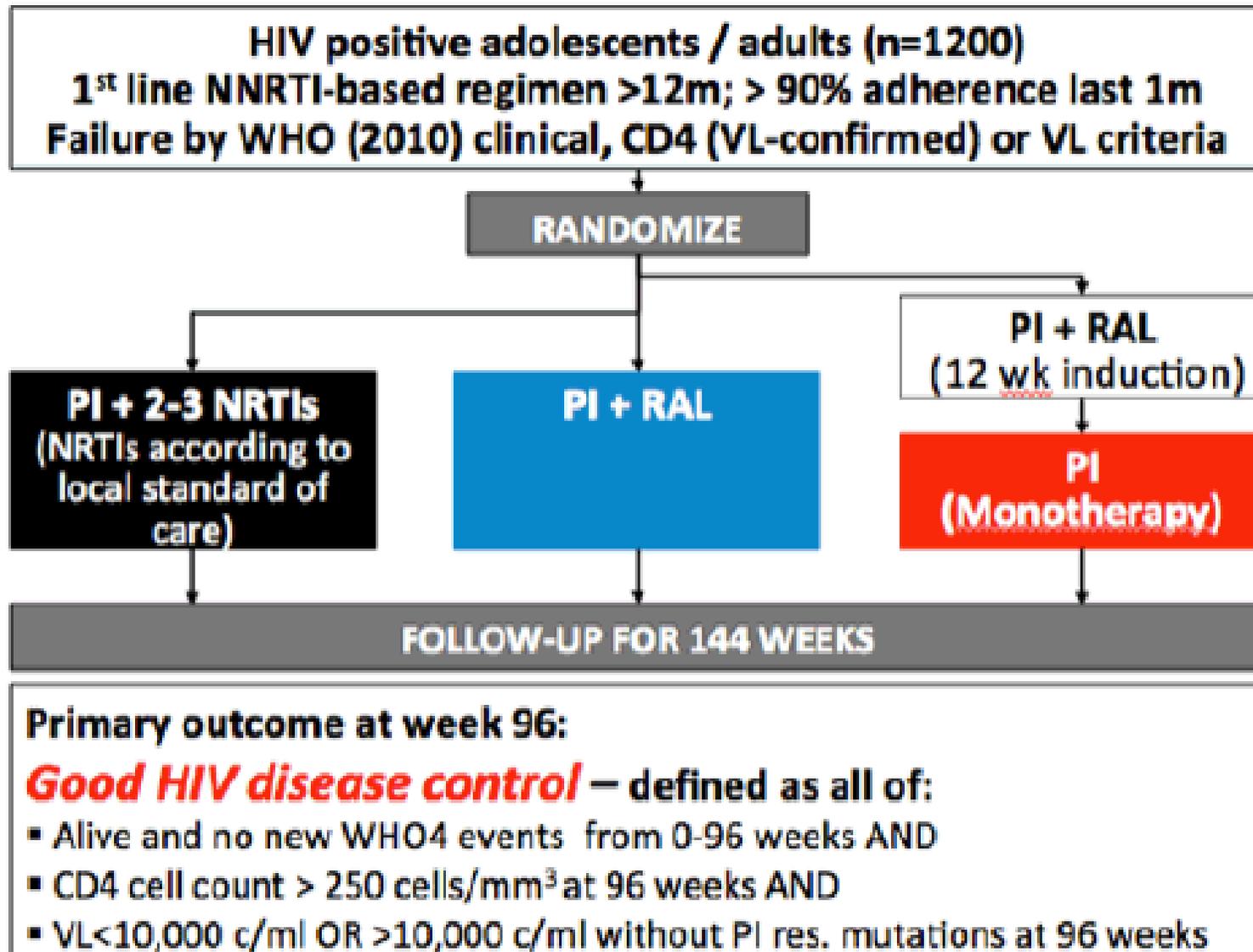
+ What Does the Literature Say?

- ACTG 5230 trial
 - PI monotherapy after 1st-line treatment failure in low-resource settings
 - 87% virological suppression after 6 months
- Recent meta-analysis
 - Boosted PI monotherapy inferior to standard triple ART regimens
 - Cannot be considered an alternative to standard treatment

+ What Does the Literature Say?

- PASER cohort: 243 participants who switched to 2nd-line PI-based regimen after 1st-line failure
- ART predicted partially active for 128 (55.2%)
 - drug-resistant virus with ↓ predicted susceptibility to at least 1 drug.
 - Of these, 60 (46.9%) received <2 active drugs
- After 12 months, 208 still on 2nd-line & 201 had VL results – 28 (13.9%) had virological failure
 - 11/80 (13.8%) predicted to receive fully active regimens
 - 17/112 (15.2%) with partially active regimens (P = .782)
 - 7/51 (13.7%) predicted to receive <2 active drugs

+ What Does the Literature Say?



	PI/NRTI participants N (%)
Total with baseline genotypes available	391 (100%)
Intermediate-high level resistance to	
- Tenofovir	223 (57%)
- Zidovudine	290 (74%)
- Lamivudine	371 (95%)
- Emcitrabine	71 (95%)
- Abacavir	318 (81%)
- Didanosine	301 (77%)
- Stavudine	309 (79%)
Number of NRTIs in initial second-line regimen with no more than low-level resistance	
- 0	230 (59%)
- 1	128 (33%)
- 2	33 (8%)

VL suppression at 96 weeks



PI/RAL vs PI/NRTI

P=0.36

P=0.87

P=0.97

P=0.88

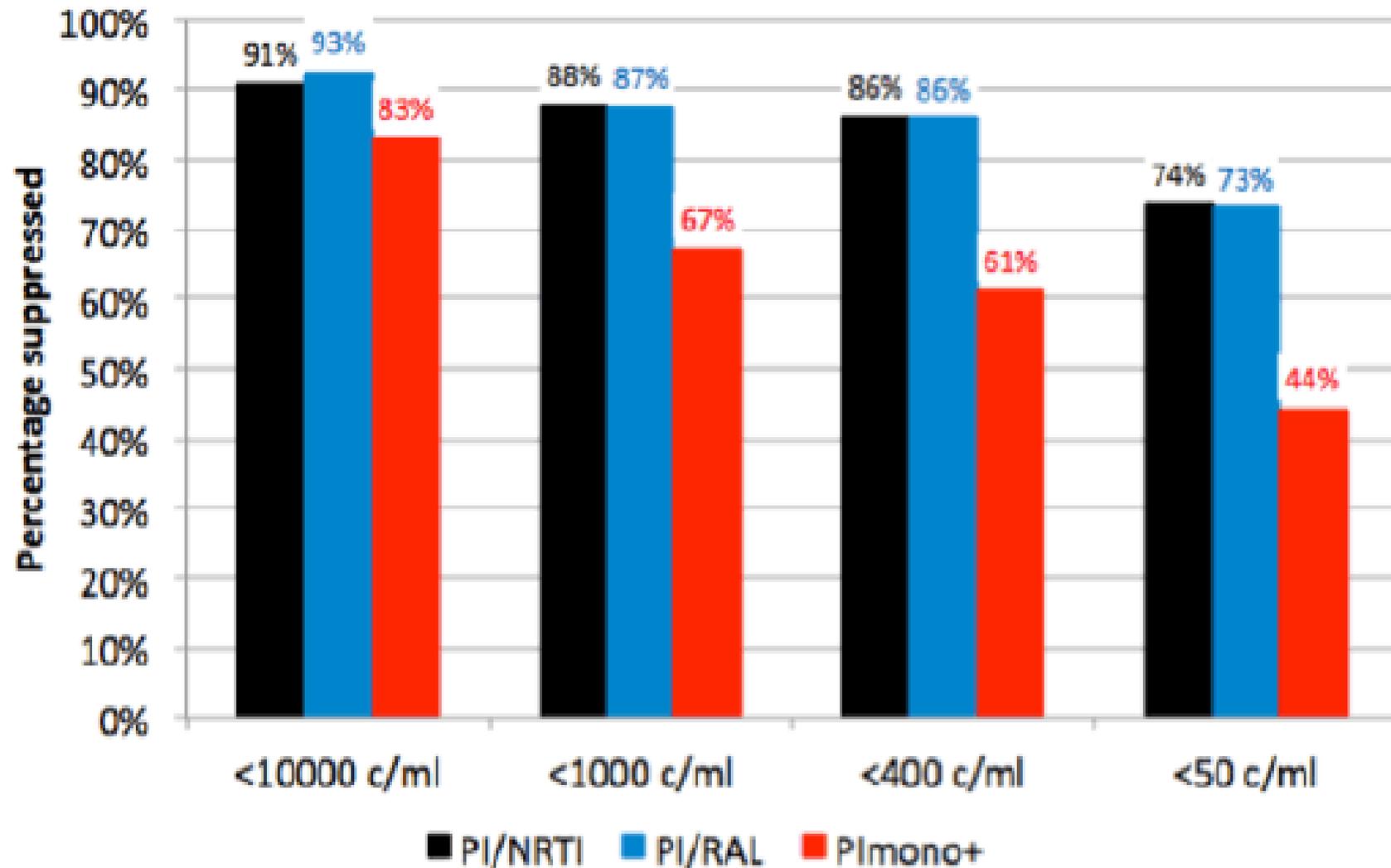
Plmono+ vs PI/NRTI

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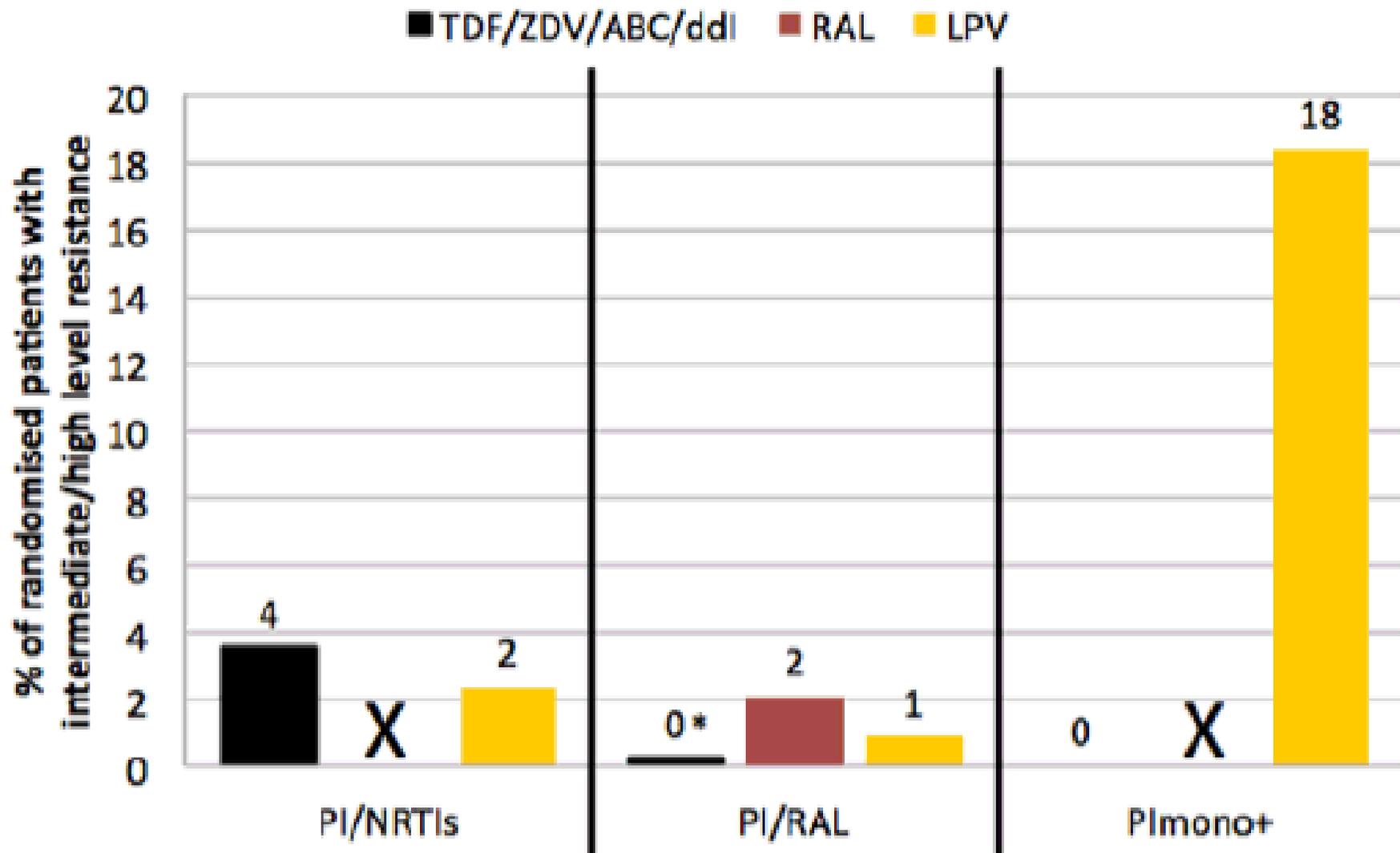
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Resistance at 96 weeks (predicted in whole population)



Note: assuming susceptible if VL < 1000 c/ml at week 96; and using inverse probability weighting for VL > 1000 c/ml with missing genotype at week 96 based on those with observed genotypes

*One patient in RAL/PI with intermediate/high level resistance to TDF had moved to 3TC TDF ALV at week 4 due to rash 13



TREATMENT

NRTI regimen prescribed:

- TDF+3/FTC 70%
- TDF/3TC/ZDV 9% (Malawi national guidelines)
- ddl+ABC 12% ZDV+3TC 4% Other 4%

LPV/r used throughout in >99%

Regimen consistent with randomised strategy at w96: >97%

Complete adherence (0 missed pills/last 1m): 88% of visits

FOLLOW UP

Protocol-mandated visits attended: > 95%

Withdrawal / lost to follow up before w96: 1.3%

+ Lessons Learned

- The best option is to have a fully active regimen with no resistance
- When resistance has occurred, use it to your best advantage
- Remember that compensatory mutations can occur at any time and will restore viral fitness
- HIV sequence differs significantly between patients due to:
 - random, divergent evolution,
 - host variation (immune response, genetic background, target cell availability)
 - viral factors (replication capacity, mutation rate, host cell tropism)
 - (Nijhuis et al., 2001; Clavel et al., 2000)