



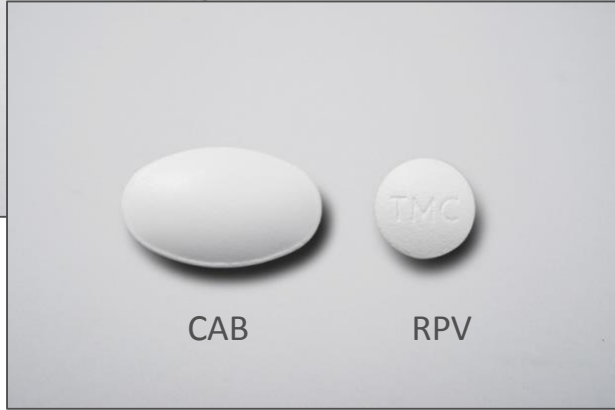
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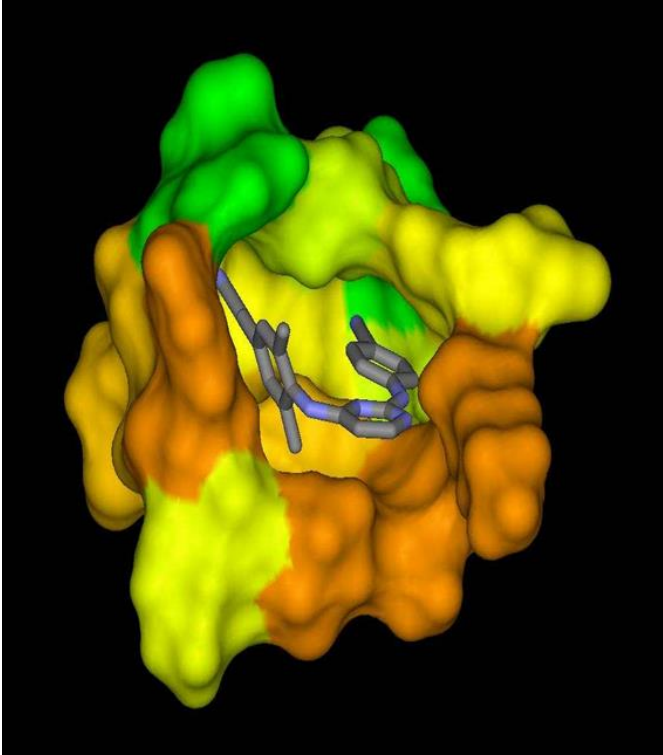
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Rilpivirine, a potent NNRTI

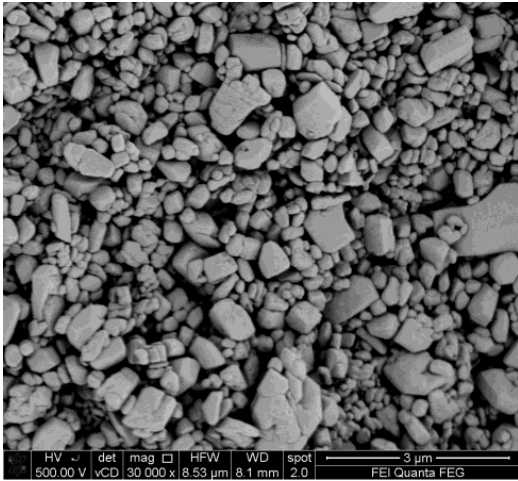


- 0.26 nM median EC_{50} against HIV-1 primary clinical isolates¹
- $t_{1/2}$ ~45 hours²
- CYP3A substrate
- no clinically relevant impact on metabolism of other drugs²
- therapeutic oral dose 25 mg qd³
- Approved as single agent (EDURANT[®]) for treatment of HIV-1 combined with other ARVs, and as part of once-daily full regimen FDC (COMPLERA/EVIPLERA/ODEFSEY[®], GSI)*
- other (co-)developments ongoing

*In most countries, including US and EU, the use of EDURANT is restricted to ARV treatment-naïve patients with a viral load $\leq 100,000$ c/mL

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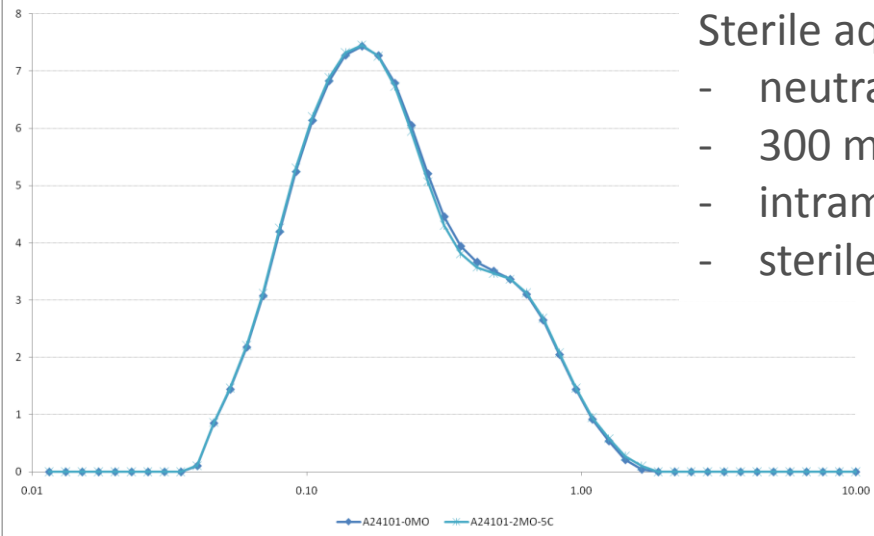
Rilpivirine Long-Acting Nanosuspension



NanoCrystal® technology*

- improved bioavailability and absorption of sparingly soluble/insoluble drugs
- wet bead milling (Netzsch)
- particles of pure RPV, average size of 200 nm (D10 ~ 75 nm; D50 ~200 nm; D90 ~600-700 nm)

Typical Particle Size Distribution G001



Sterile aqueous formulation G001

- neutral pH
- 300 mg/mL
- intramuscular injection
- sterile manufacturing process



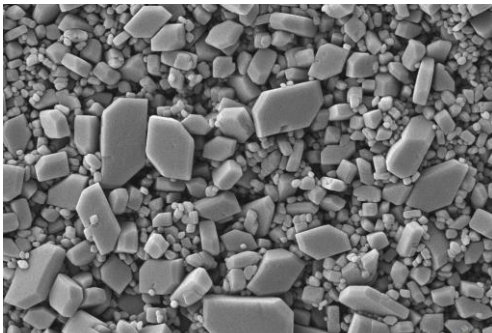
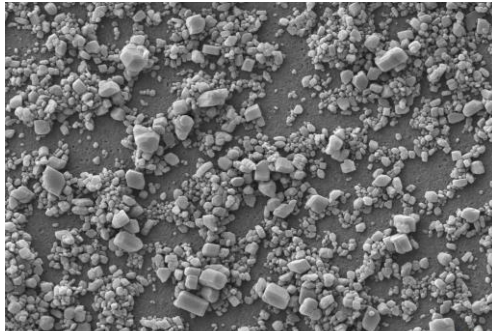
RPV LA: G001 formulation

- apparent terminal half-life 30–90 days
- substantial distribution into genital and rectal tract
- generally well tolerated
- cold chain storage (2 – 8 °C) - Or not?

Refrigerated
product



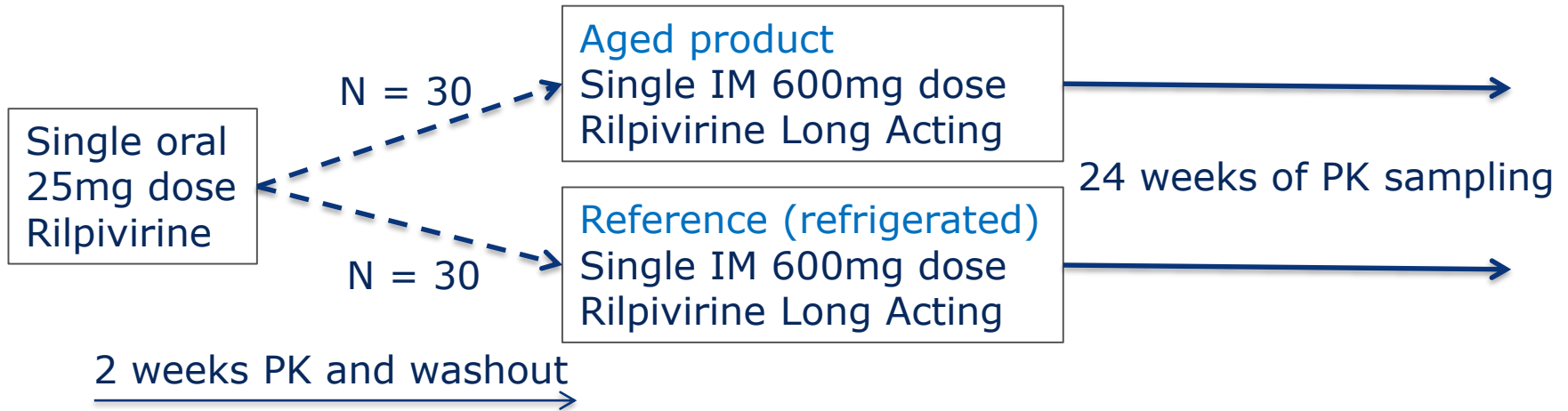
'Aged' product



- Storage at room temperature
 - Impact on particle size/morphology
 - Impact on *in vitro* dissolution profile
 - In vivo relevance unknown
- Phase 1 relative bioavailability study (TMC278LAHTX1001)

Parallel group PK study, NCT02547870

- N=60 HIV-negative volunteers, randomisation stratified for gender and BMI



May lead to further study and evaluation of **IVIVC**

- **IVIVC = In Vitro (dissolution) In Vivo (PK) Correlation**
- Objectives
 - Evaluate the in vivo impact of particle size differences:
 - different milling times
 - stability sample (1-2M at 40 °C)
 - Support clinically relevant specifications for particle size and in vitro release

RPV LA (G001) Clinical development

- Study SSAT040 (NCT01275443)¹
 - Single dose (300, 600, 1200 mg), mainly in female healthy volunteers (HV), n=66
- Study C158 (NCT01031589)²
 - Single (300, 600 mg) and multiple dose (1200/600/600 mg) in HV, n=17
- Study LAI115428 (NCT01593046)³
 - Multiple dose (1200/600 or 1200/900 mg) in HV, n=20
- PK/PD study TMC278-MWRI-01 (NCT01656018)⁴
 - Single dose (300, 600, 1200 mg) in HV, n=36
 - Multiple dose (1200/1200/1200 mg) in HV, n=12 (ongoing)
- Study TMC278LAHTX1001 (NCT02547870)
 - Single dose (600 mg) of fresh or aged G001, in HV, n=60 (ongoing)
- HPTN076 (NCT02165202)
 - Phase 2 Safety and Acceptability Study of RPV LA for PrEP (ongoing)
 - 6 injections (Q8W) of (2:1) RPV LA 1200 mg or placebo, n=132 seronegative women
- CAB LA + RPV LA Phase 2b study - LATTE-2 (NCT02120352)⁵
 - Q4wks (n=115), Q8wks (n=115) versus oral ART (n=56) (ongoing)
- CAB LA + RPV LA Phase 3 studies – ATLAS and FLAIR (planned)⁶

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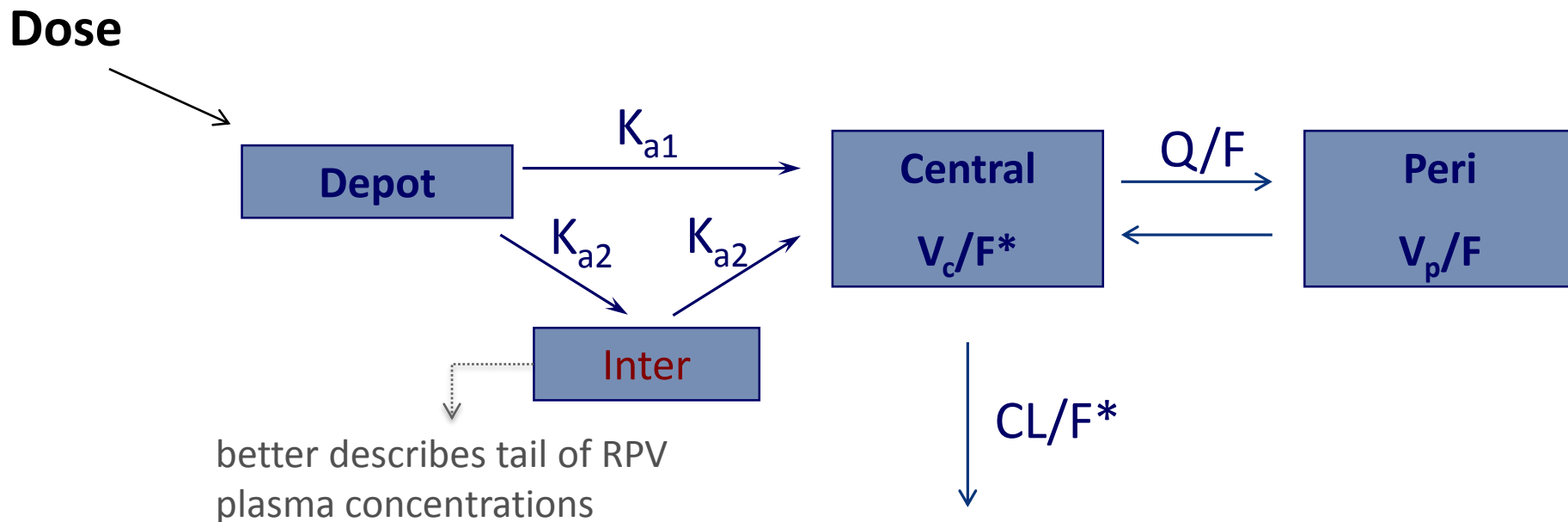
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Population Pharmacokinetic model (POPPK) Structural model

2-compartment model with
first order absorption, linear pharmacokinetics
first order elimination from the central compartment



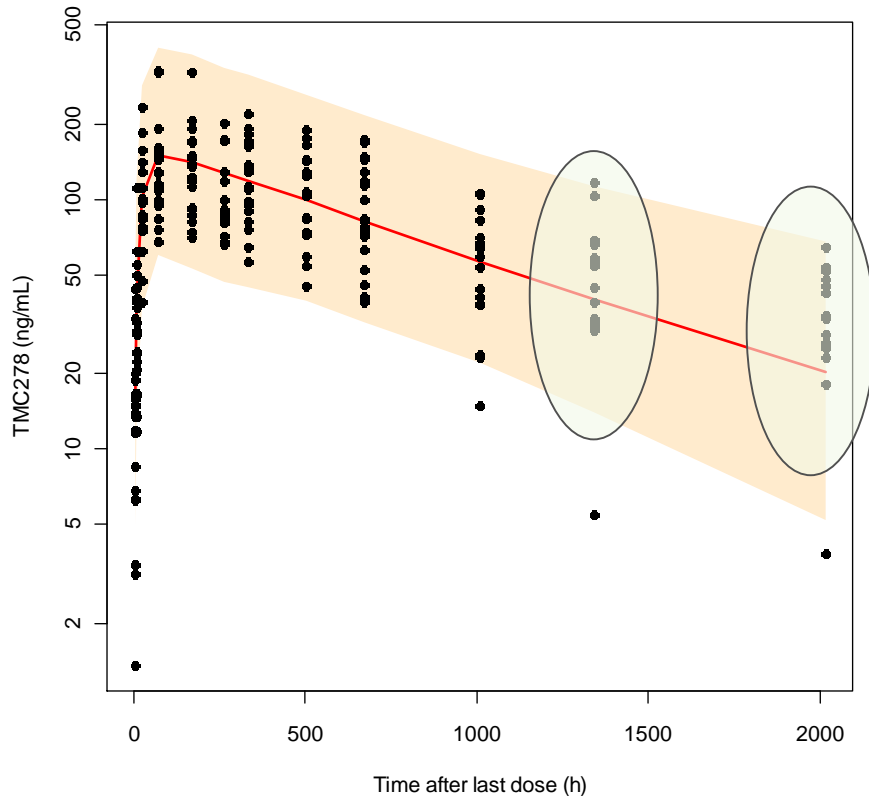
* fixed to oral RPV PK model¹
parameters

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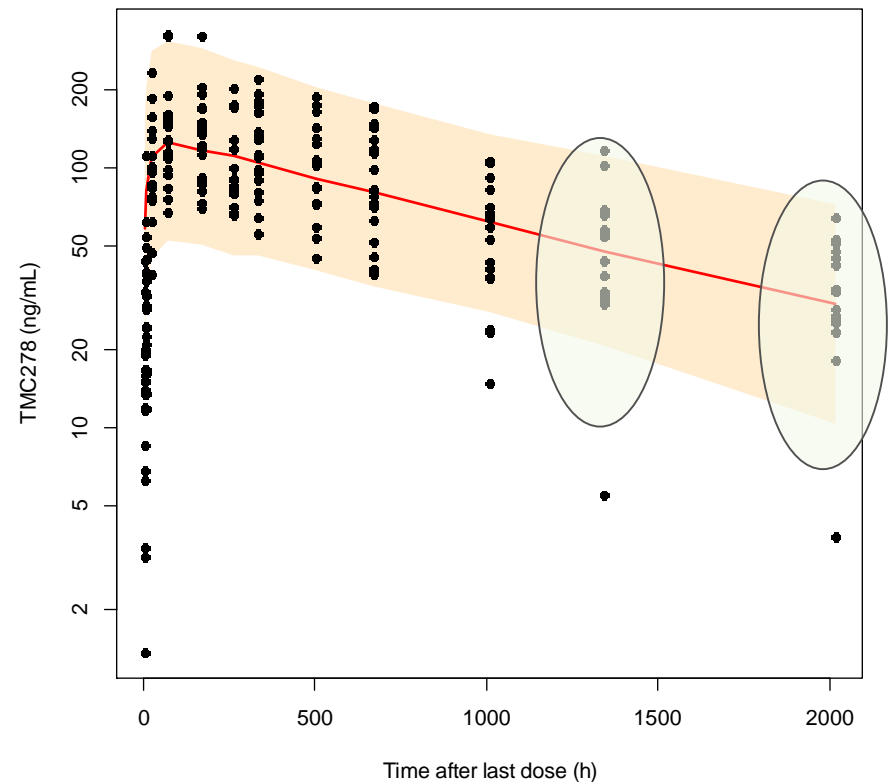
Visual Predictive Check (VPC) model with and w/o intermediate compartment

- Before using the model for simulation purposes, a VPC was performed to evaluate the model predictiveness

No intermediate compartment



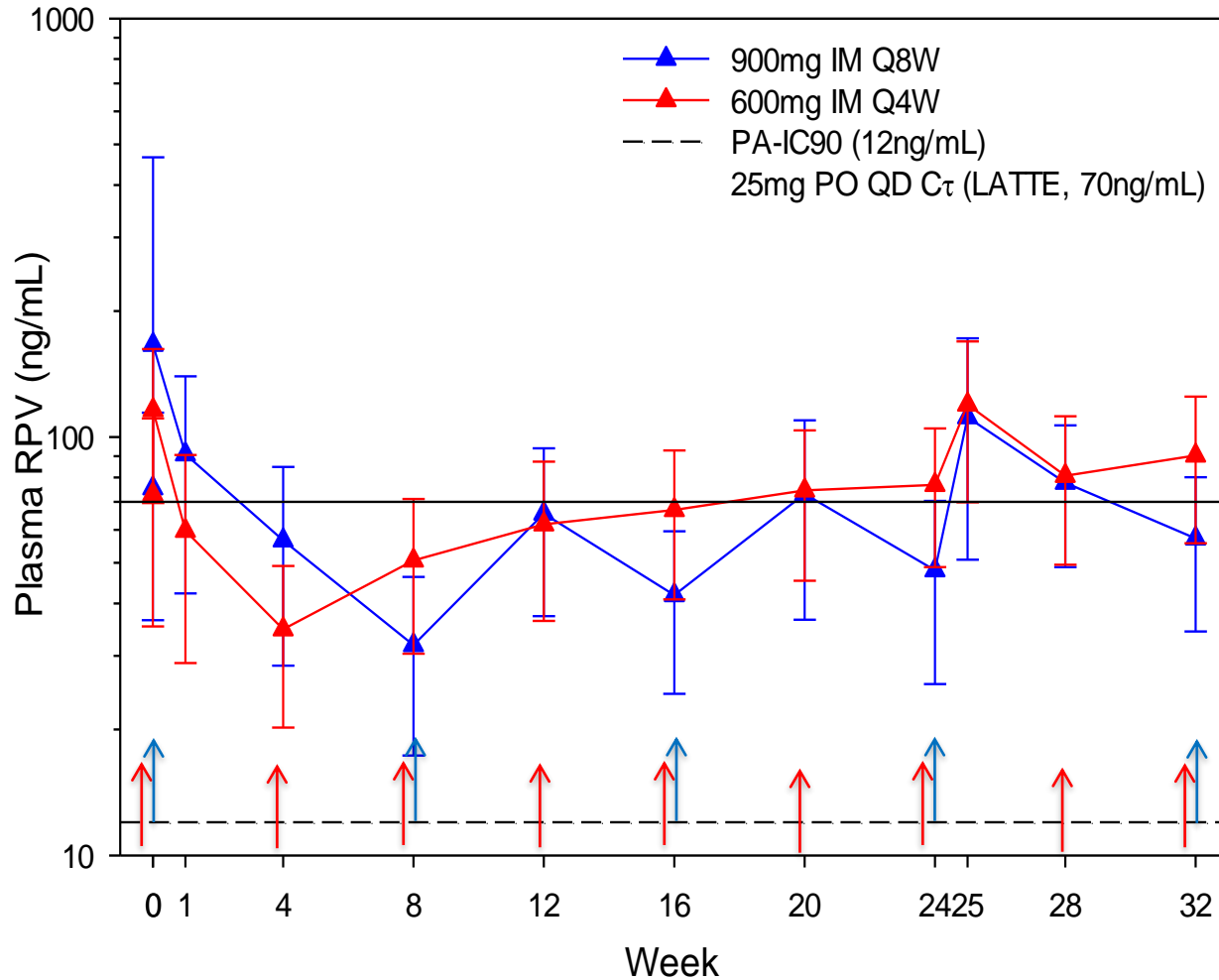
With intermediate compartment



Optimisation LA Dosing Regimens

- Design CAB LA + RPV LA dosing regimen that
 - achieves steady-state as soon as possible
 - avoids lower ARV plasma concentrations early on
 - is an aligned regimen for both compounds
 - is practically feasible regimen (also beyond clinical trial)
- Several strategies evaluated, e.g.
 - different timings (interval) in between 1st and 2nd dose
 - higher 1st dose
 - evaluate impact oral lead-in for PK after LA

Mean (SD) RPV Observed Plasma Concentrations Over Time, Q4Wk and Q8Wk (LATTE-2, W32)

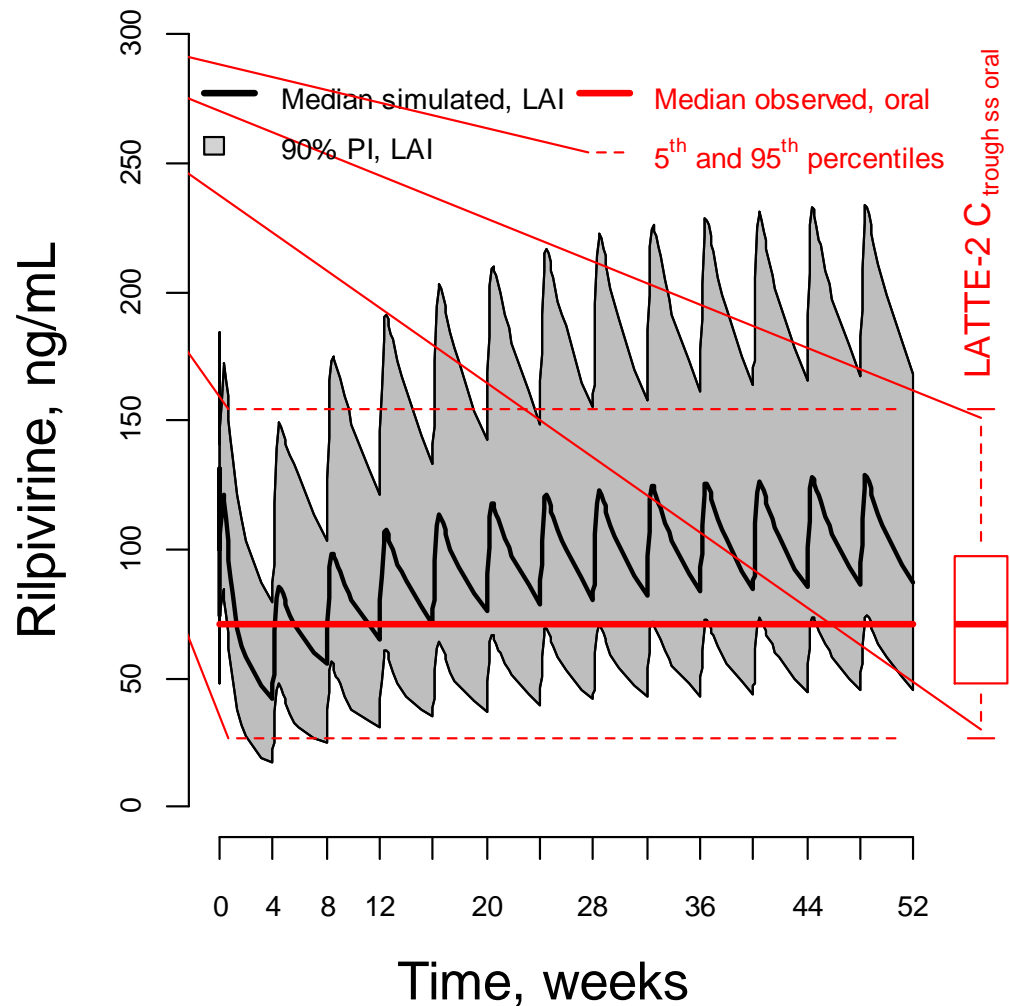


mean C_{0h} oral RPV Phase 3
(range: 1.5 – 300 ng/mL)

- similar in LATTE
- similar at start of injections LATTE-2

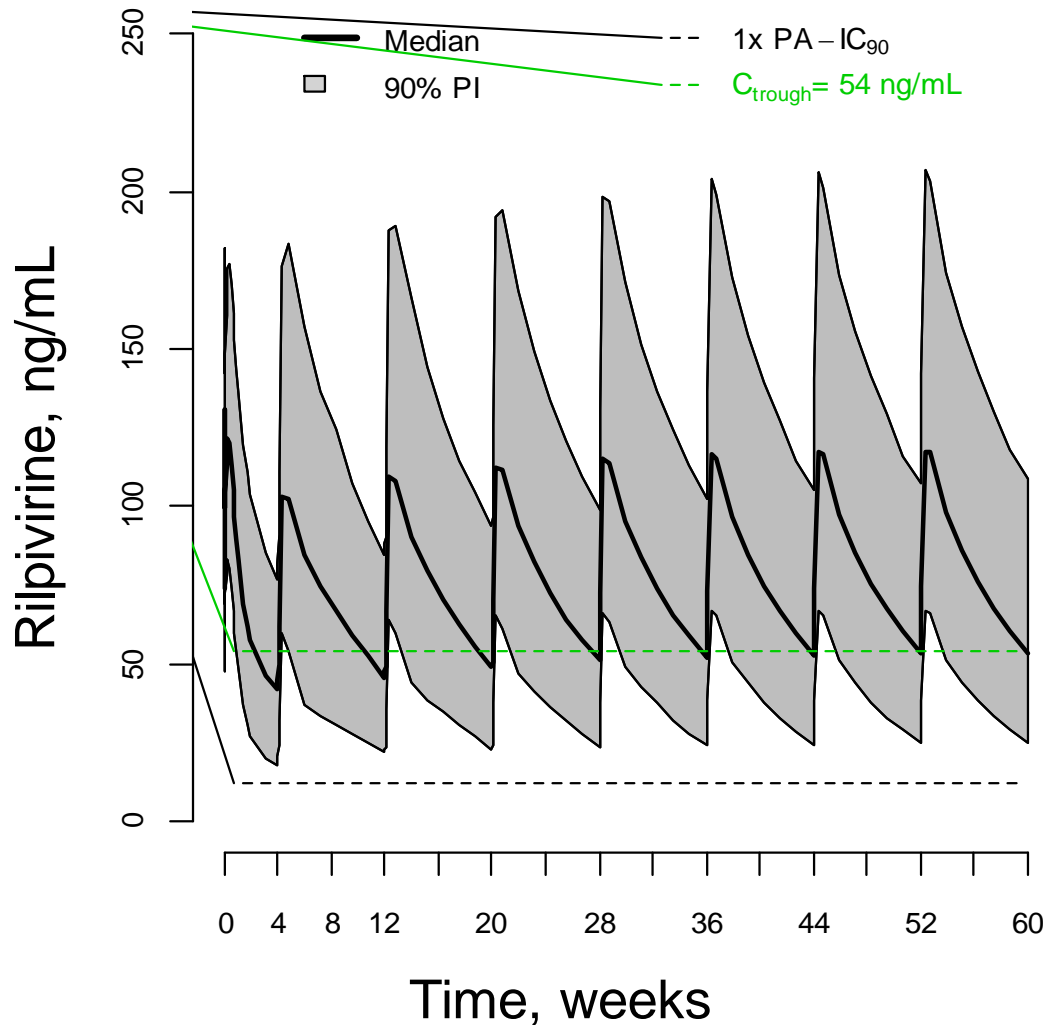
↑ Injection Q4Wk
↑ Injection Q8Wk

Revised Q4W dosing regimen RPV LA



- Loading dose Day 1: 900mg (3mL)
- Week 4 and onwards:
 - 600mg (2mL)
 - every 4 weeks
- Median $C_{trough} \sim 86\text{ng/mL}$
- $\sim 99.5\%$ subjects with C_{trough} above 5th percentile LATTE-2 C_{trough} at steady state (2x PA IC₉₀)

Revised Q8W dosing regimen RPV LA



- 900mg on Day 1 and Week 4
- Week 12 and onwards:
 - 900mg
 - every 8 weeks
- Median C_{trough} ~54ng/mL
- ~93% subjects with C_{trough} above 5th percentile LATTE-2 C_{trough} at steady state (2x PA IC90)

Oral lead-in of rilpivirine (EDURANT) 25mg q.d.?

- 4 weeks dosing before the first LA injection during which any serious adverse drug reaction could be detected
- apparent half-life of RPV LA means RPV may be detectable in plasma (LLOQ = 1ng/mL) more than a year after an LA injection

Included oral lead-in

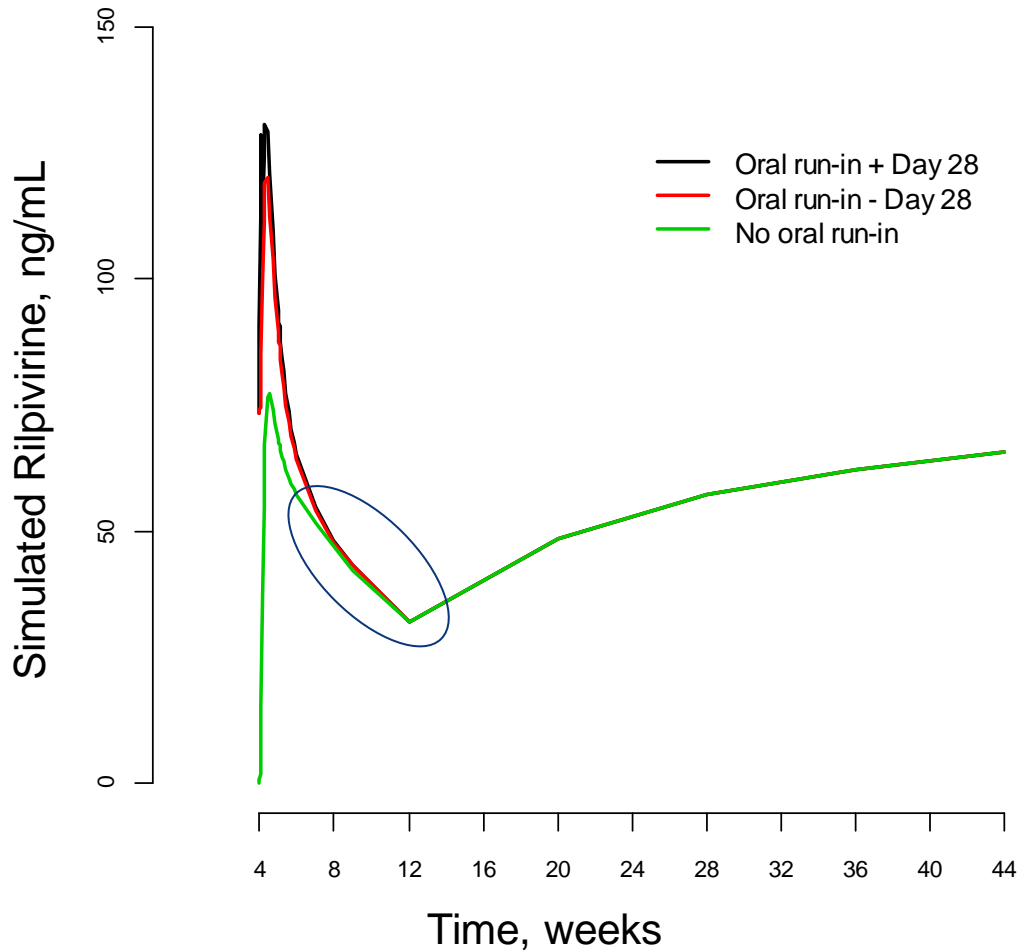
LATTE-2 (n= 230 patients)
HPTN 076 (n= 80 HV)

Not included

C158 (n= 17 HV)
SSAT040 (n = 60 HV)
MWRI-01 (n = 36 +12 HV)
LAI115428 (n = 20 HV)
HTX1001 (n = 60 HV)

*Supported by safety in RPV clinical Phase 3, n= 686 patients
Pharmacovigilance since approvals of oral formulations in 2011*

Oral lead-in has no significant impact for RPV LA PK profile



- Higher concentrations on day of injection (peak oral)
- No significant impact on RPV LA PK profile from ~2 weeks postdose onwards
- Inclusion of oral lead-in based on safety considerations only

RPV LA: Conclusion and Future Perspective

From the results obtained in development so far, RPV LA may have a substantial role to play as

- intermittent PrEP intervention
- half of the first all-injectable ARV maintenance regimen
 - innovative therapeutic paradigm for patients, who find adherence to oral ARV therapy challenging
 - currently in Phase 2 of development¹
 - Phase 3 in preparation²

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