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# Discordant twins: perinatal management of HIV

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## Maternal history

- Mother was diagnosed with HIV when she developed 1B two years ago – completed 6 months TB treatment
- Started on ART (Tenofovir, Emtricitabine, Efavirenz FDC) 1 year before conception with TWINS
- She continued ART throughout pregnancy; however on first Ante-natal visit at 20 weeks gestation –
  - CD4 count was 127 cells/ul
  - HIV Viral load was 933 064 copies/ml.
- The mother was counseled during pregnancy regarding improving adherence and importance of maintaining an undetectable viral load.
- However her viral load remained more than a 1000 c/ml throughout her pregnancy.

#### 1st question for panel:



 If she has a normal vaginal delivery, and the twins prove to be discordantly infected (one infected, the other not infected)....

which twin is more likely to be infected?

# 2<sup>nd</sup> question for panel:



How would you have managed this pregnancy?

ART Management

Obstetric Care

### Infant management



 Post delivery, PCR was performed on each baby, and both infants were discharged on prophylactic ART

- 3<sup>rd</sup> question for panel
- What prophylaxis would you have given these infants, and for how long?

#### Day 3



• The birth PCR for Twin 2 has come back positive while for Twin 1 it is negative.

Twin 1 is growing well without any problems

# Siya (Twin 2) is called back



The baby is 3.0 kg and is feeding well



What ARVs are you going to give Siya?

#### Infant nutrition



Both infants are being exclusively breastfed.

 Mother knows that her VL is high and wants advice regarding the best feeding option for the babies.

What are you going to advise?