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PIPELINE OF HIV MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES FOR PREVENTION OF HIV

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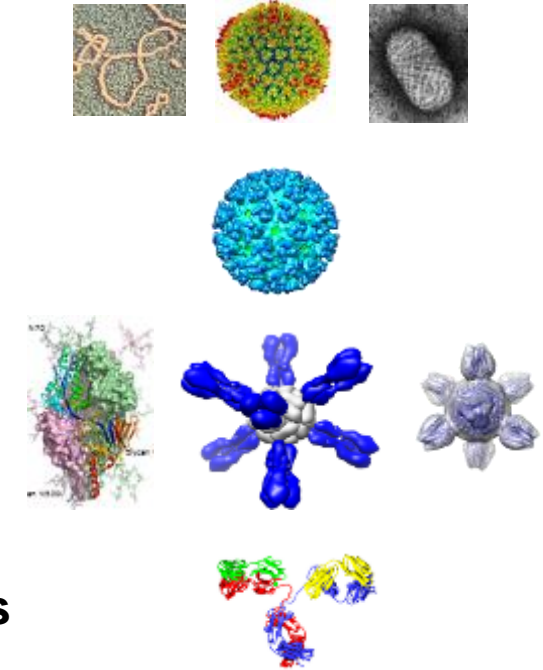


VRC Research & Development: From AIDS to Zika

August 2000



- AIDS/HIV
- Chikungunya
- Ebola/Marburg
- Influenza
- Malaria
- MERS-CoV, SARS
- RSV
- Smallpox
- Tuberculosis
- W/E/V equine encephalitis viruses
- West Nile virus, Zika



Engineering Lab



Pilot Plant



Vaccine Evaluation Clinic



Immunology Lab



Partners for
Advanced
Development

Functional Activity of Anti-Viral Antibodies

- Neutralization
 - Aggregation
 - Attachment blocking
 - Cleavage inhibition
 - Fusion inhibition
 - Preventing particle release
- Fc-mediated functions
 - Antibody dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (NK, Macrophage, Neutrophil)
 - Complement binding and activation
- Opsinization and clearance by non-susceptible cells
- Blocking pathogenic immunomodulatory molecules

Long History of Using Antibodies to Treat Infectious Diseases (Serum Therapy)

1890: Emil von Behring and Shibasaburo Kitasato worked on “anti-toxins” for tetanus and diphtheria that led to concept for serum therapy

1901: Emil von Behring - 1901 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

“For his work on serum therapy, especially its application against diphtheria, by which he has opened a new road in the domain of medical science and thereby placed in the hands of the physician a victorious weapon against illness and deaths”.

Also worked with Paul Ehrlich on serum therapy for streptococcal infections in pre-antibiotic era



Shibasaburo Kitasato

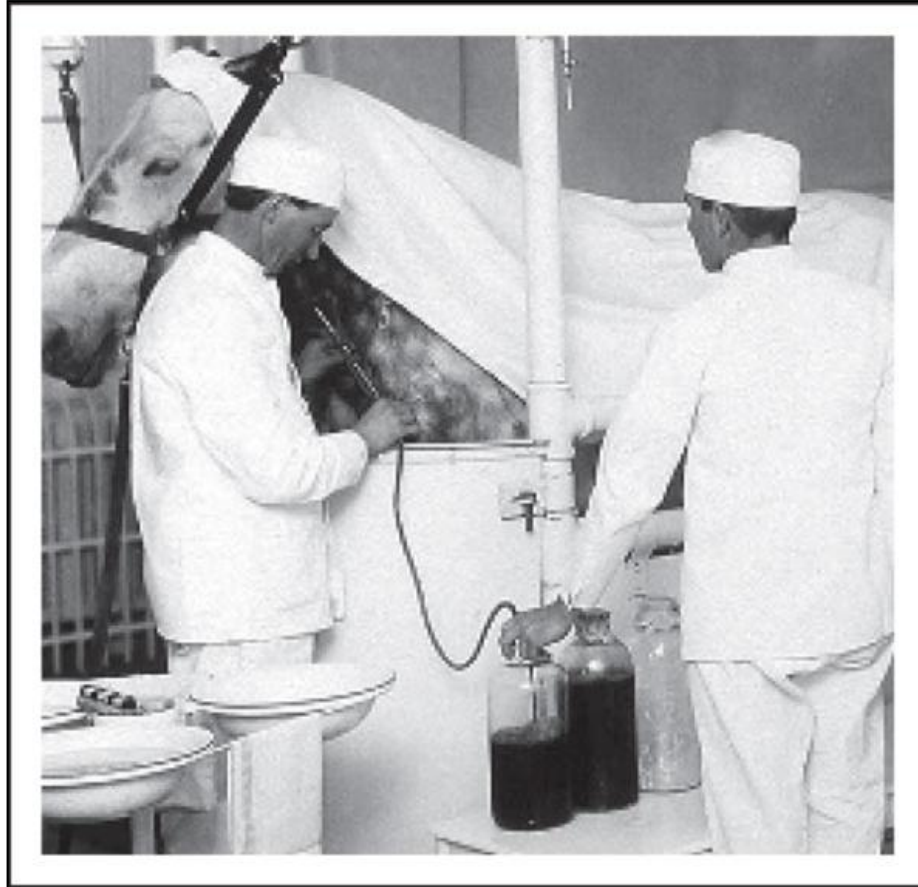


Wernicke, Frosch, and Behring in Koch's Berlin Lab



Balto's route

Application and Regulation of Serum Therapy



Collection of blood for production of anti-diphtheria horse serum. Jin was the horse associated with the deaths of 13 children treated with immune serum collected near the time of his death from tetanus in 1901. The 1902 Biologics Control Act established standards for the processing and labeling of biological products for human use.

Graham & Ambrosino. **History of passive antibody administration for prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.** *Current Opinion in HIV & AIDS.* 2015; 10:129-134.

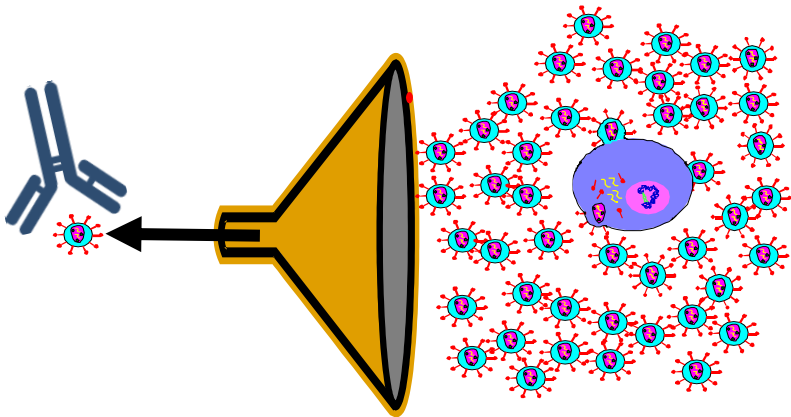
Clinical Use of Antibodies

Prevention and Treatment are Different

Prevention

- Prevent acquisition of infection

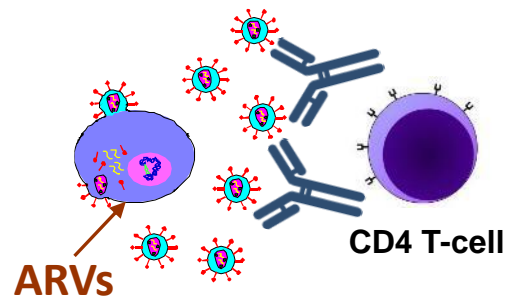
Block
Transmission event



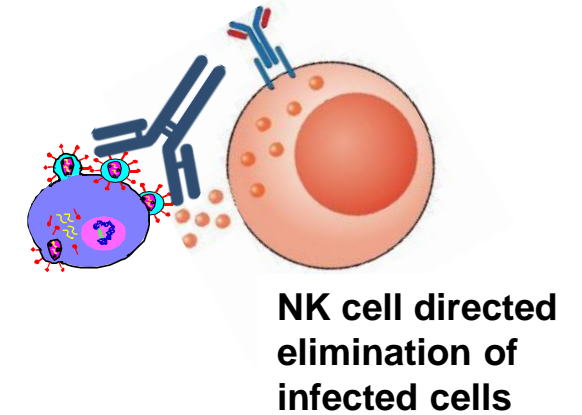
Treatment

- Different mechanism of action
- Eliminate infected cells; reduce viral reservoir
- Maintain viral suppression induced by ARV

Block viral entry

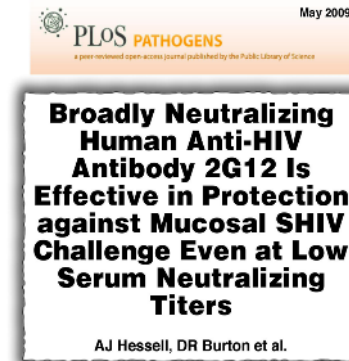
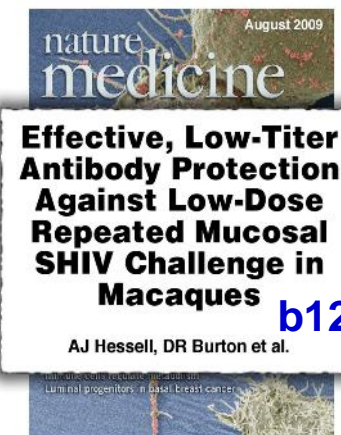


Cell killing

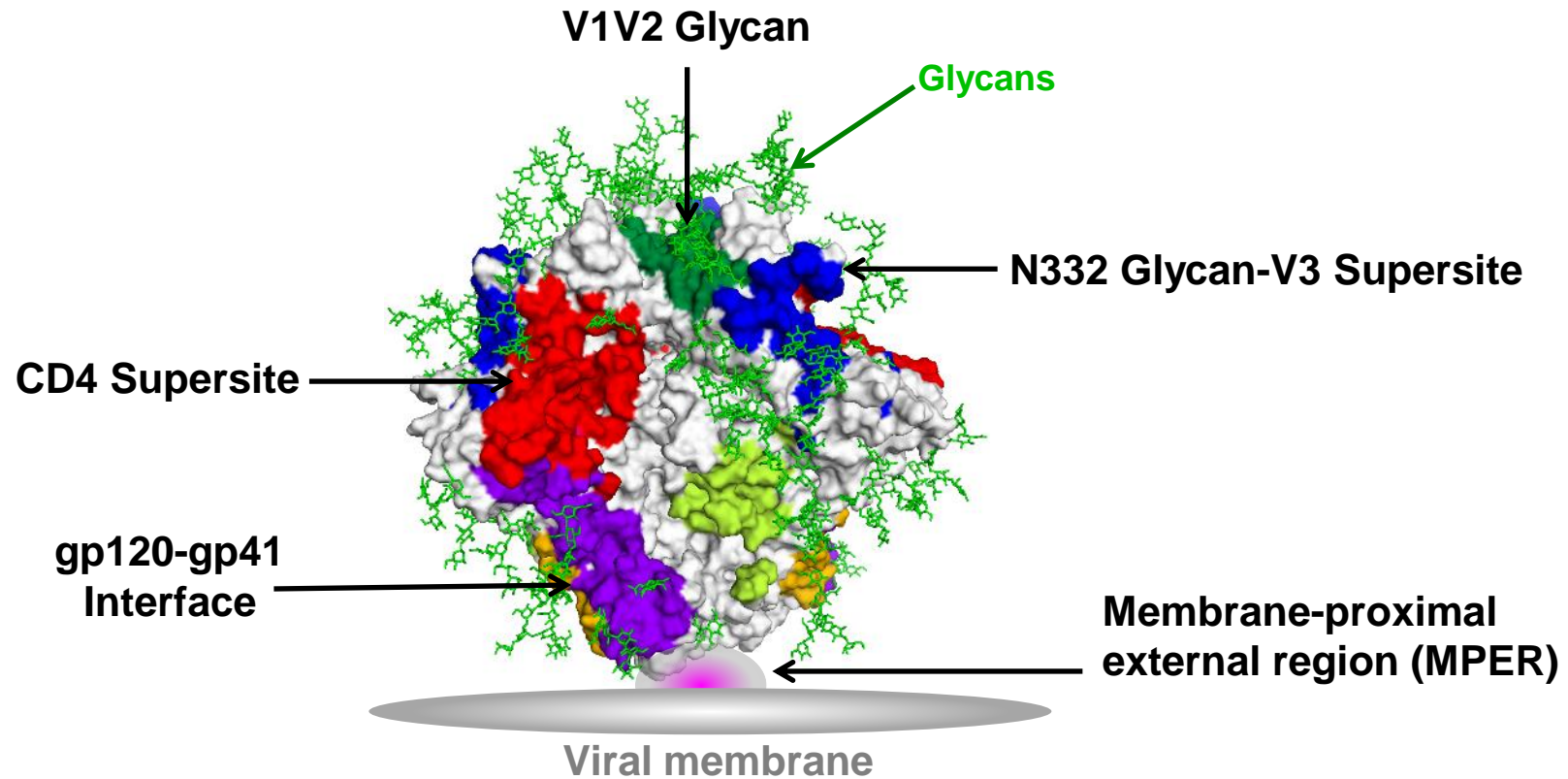


Passive Antibody Prevention of HIV/SHIV in NHP for > 25 years

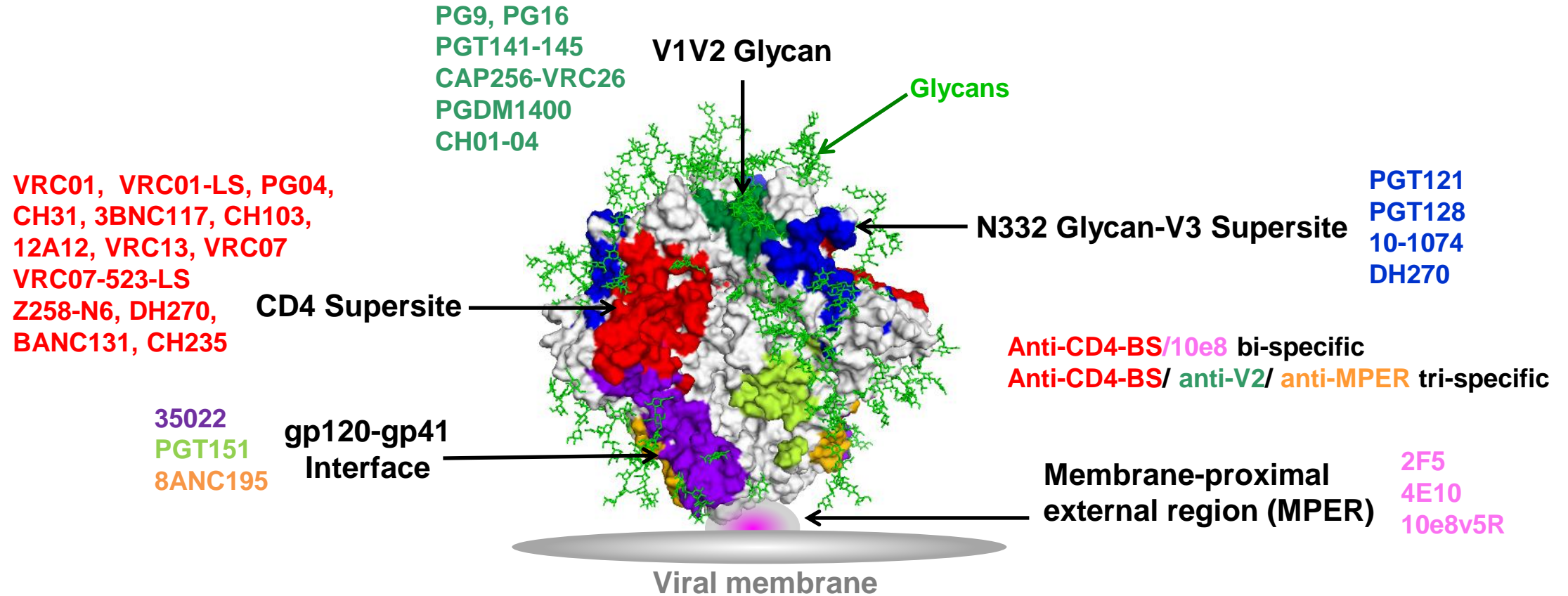
- 1990 - polyclonal IgG protects Chimps from HIV
- 1998 - polyclonal IgG protects against SHIV
- 2000 - first use of use of mAbs (2F5, 2G12, F105) and protection against mucosal challenge
- 2009 - Low-dose mucosal SHIV challenge
- 2012 - Protection with newer generation mAbs (PGT121, 3BNC117, 10-1074, VRC01, VRC07)
- 2016 – Clearance of SHIV infection in neonatal macaques when treated with mAbs post-challenge



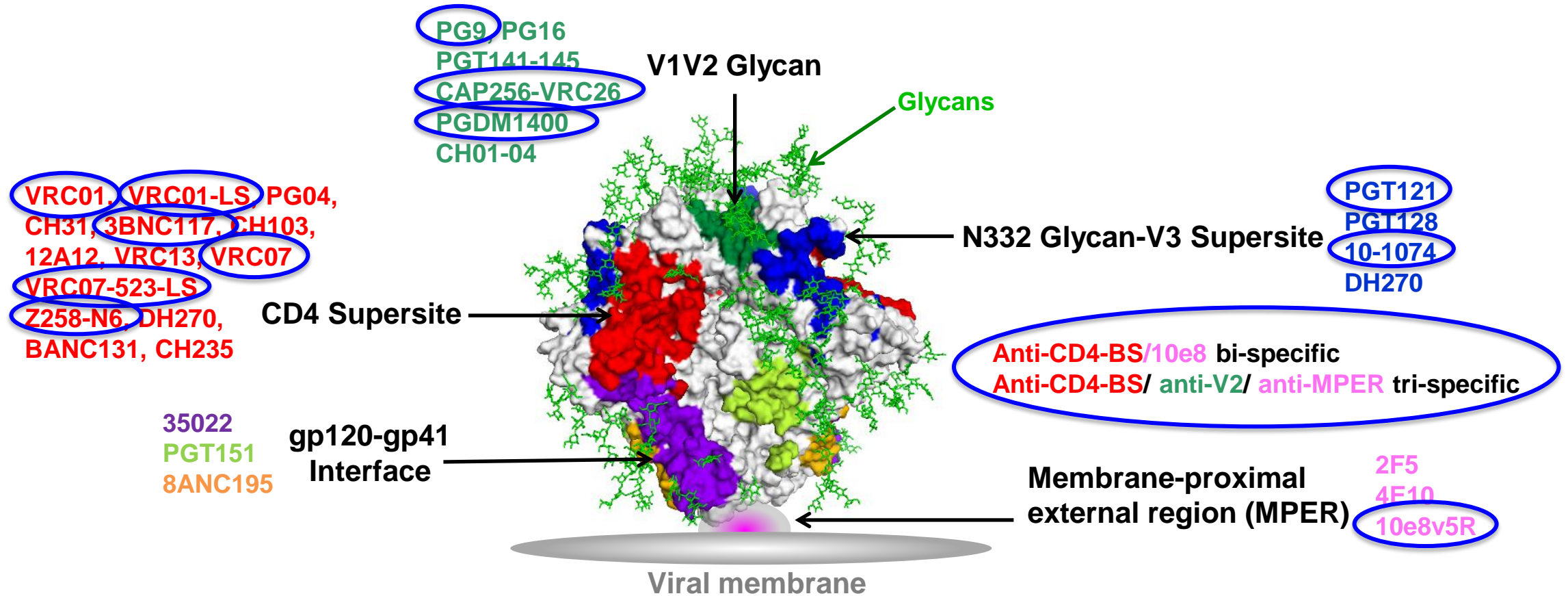
Key Sites of Neutralization-Sensitivity on HIV-1 gp160



Broadly Neutralizing mAbs in Development



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Target Product Profile for mAb Prevention

Product	Two (possibly 3) IgG mAbs (or one bi-/tri-specific)
Indication	Prevention of HIV infection
Efficacy Profile	Prevents infection by >98% strains
Target Population	Adolescents/adults: high-risk of HIV infection Infants of HIV+ mothers: at birth; during breastfeeding
Dosage Administration	Adolescents/adults: 5 mg/kg SQ q3-6 months Infants: one birth dose ~20 mg/kg SQ
Safety/Tolerability	Adverse event frequency – rare
Cost of Goods	<\$50 per person, per year



**Hinges on human efficacy data,
commercial interest in producing mAbs for broad use**

AMP = Antibody Mediated Prevention Studies

VRC01 administered at 30 mg/kg, or 10 mg/kg, vs placebo

Administered once every 8 weeks by IV infusion

Two
harmonized
studies

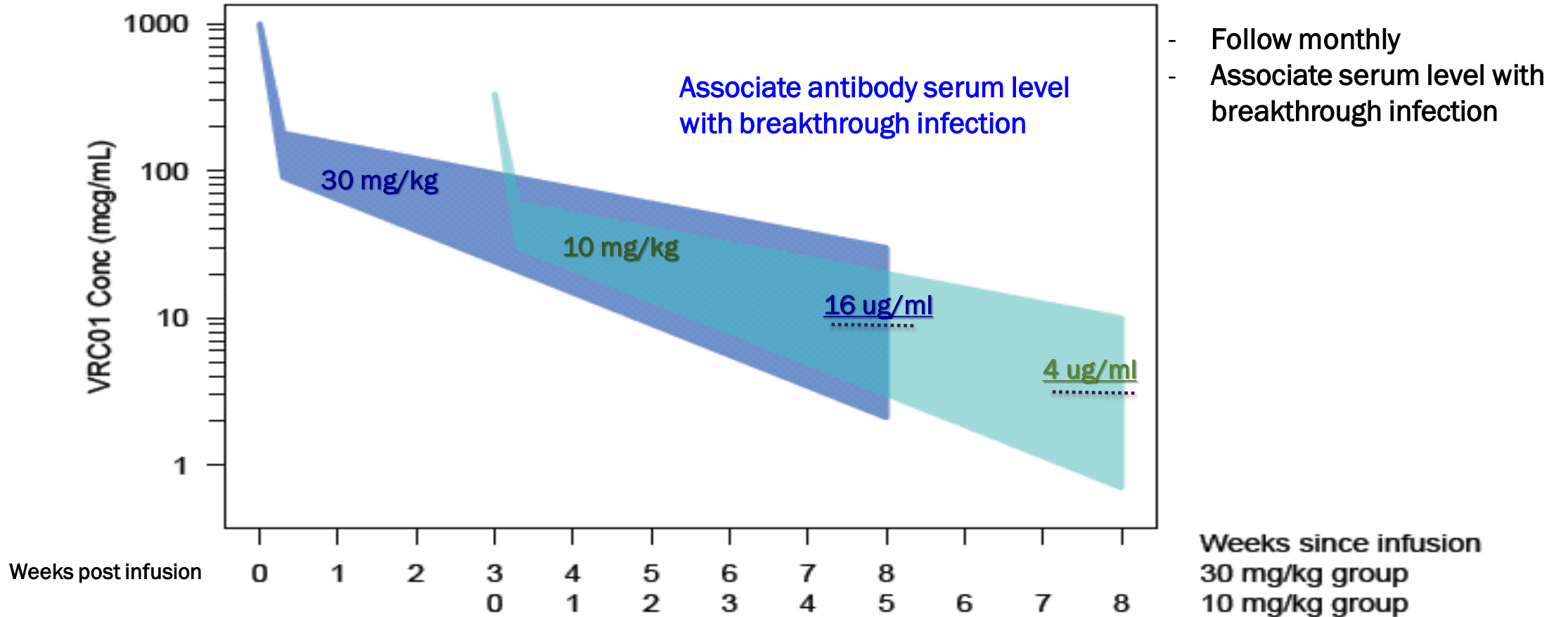
- High risk men in North and South America
- High risk women in South and East Africa

4600
subjects
3725 enrolled as
of March 19, 2018

What serum level of mAb is associated with protection?
Powered to define an overall 60% efficacy

VRC01 Concentrations Over Time

HVTN104: Mayer et al. PLoS Medicine (2017)



AMP Approaches to Learning About Correlates of Prevention Efficacy (PE)

1. Compare VRC01 dose groups

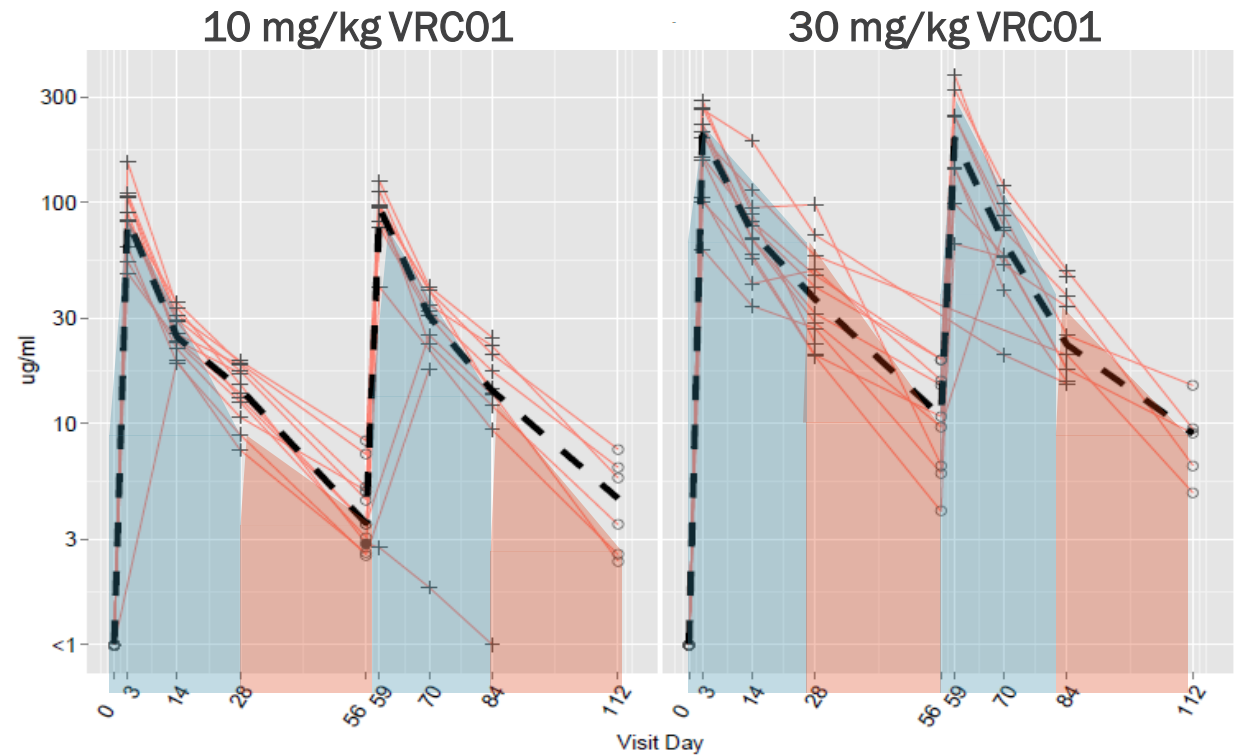
- Compare PE of the 10 vs. 30 mg/kg VRC01 dose groups

2. Case-control VRC01 marker analysis

- Assess how HIV-1 risk and PE varies over subgroups defined by VRC01 markers

3. Sieve analysis (VRC01 vs. placebo)

- Assess how PE varies with AA sequence and phenotypic characteristics of breakthrough founder HIV-1s



- HIV-1 Dx tests included between peaks and troughs

Improving HIV mAbs for Prevention

- ❑ Longer half-life = VRC01 is I.V. every 2 months
Goal: SQ injection once every 3 - 6 months
- ❑ More potent (10x) = protect at lower concentration
Goal: Use less mAb - SQ injection
- ❑ Broader coverage = VRC01 breadth 80-90%
Goal: 98% circulating viruses in all regions of world

LS Modification Prolongs Half-Life of VRC01

RESEARCH ARTICLE

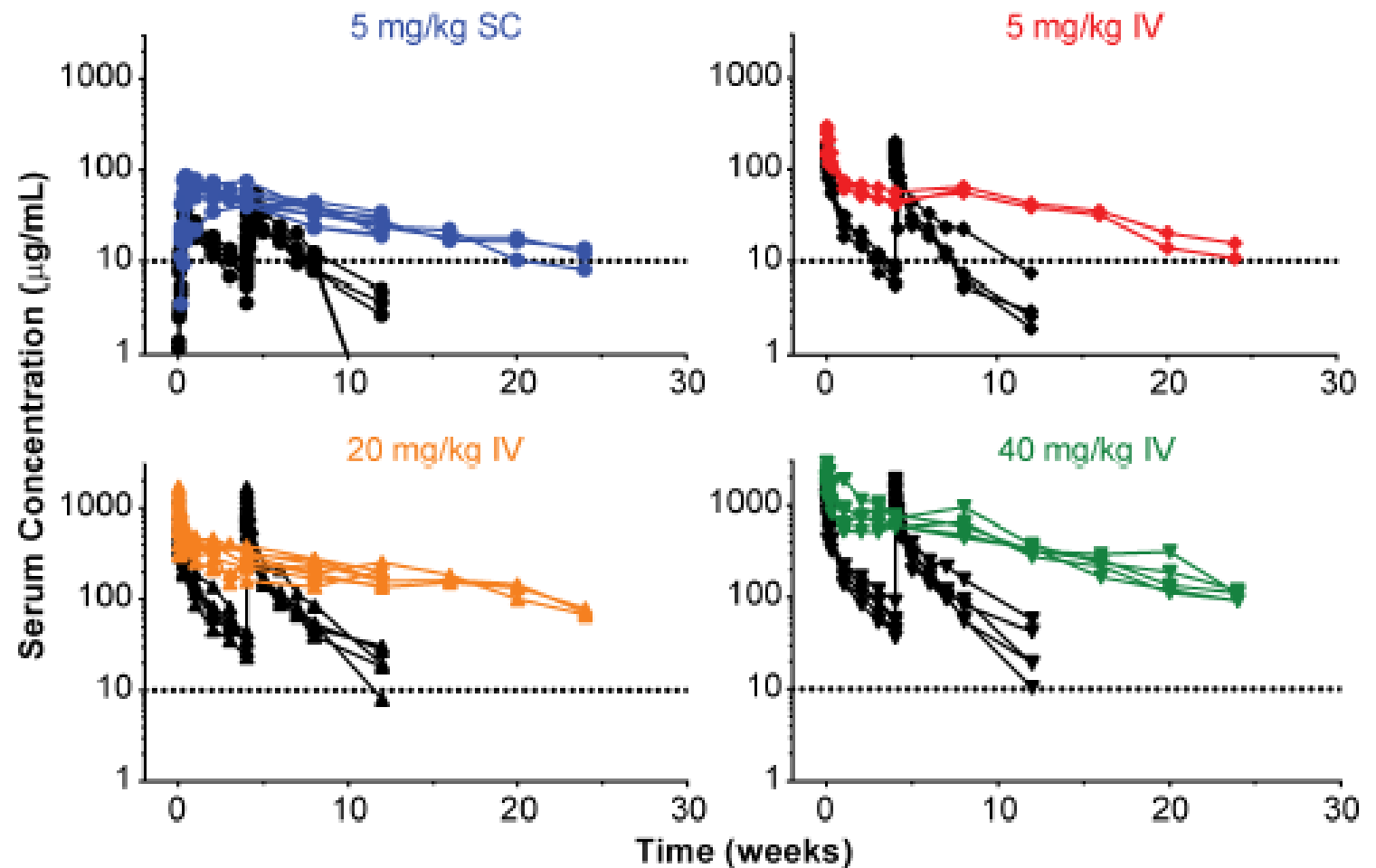
Safety and pharmacokinetics of the Fc-modified HIV-1 human monoclonal antibody VRC01LS: A Phase 1 open-label clinical trial in healthy adults

Martin R. Gaudinski^{1,6}, Emily E. Coates^{1,6}, Katherine V. Houser¹, Grace L. Chen¹, Galina Yamshchikov¹, Jamie G. Saunders¹, LaSonji A. Holman¹, Ingelise Gordon¹, Sarah Plummer¹, Cynthia S. Hendel¹, Michelle Conan-Cibotti¹, Margarita Gomez Lorenzo², Sandra Sitar¹, Kevin Carlton¹, Carolyn Laurencot¹, Robert T. Bailer¹, Sandeep Narpala¹, Adrian B. McDermott¹, Aryan M. Namboodiri³, Janardan P. Pandey³, Richard M. Schwartz¹, Zonghui Hu⁴, Richard A. Koup¹, Edmund Capparelli⁵, Barney S. Graham¹, John R. Mascola¹, Julie E. Ledgerwood^{1*}, the VRC 606 Study Team¹

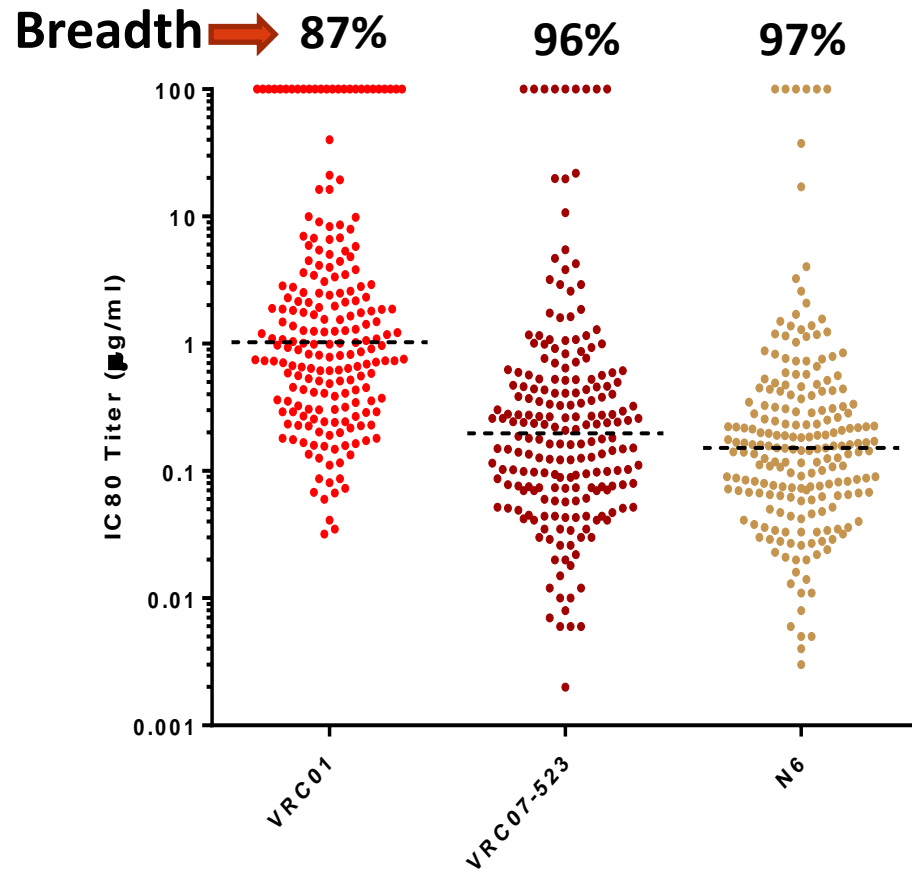
Dose/Route VRC01LS

- 5 mg/kg SC
- ◆ 5 mg/kg IV
- ▲ 20 mg/kg IV
- ▼ 40 mg/kg IV

Black symbols indicate serum concentrations of corresponding VRC01 infusions from Ledgerwood JE, Clin Exp Immunol. 2015;182(3):289-301.



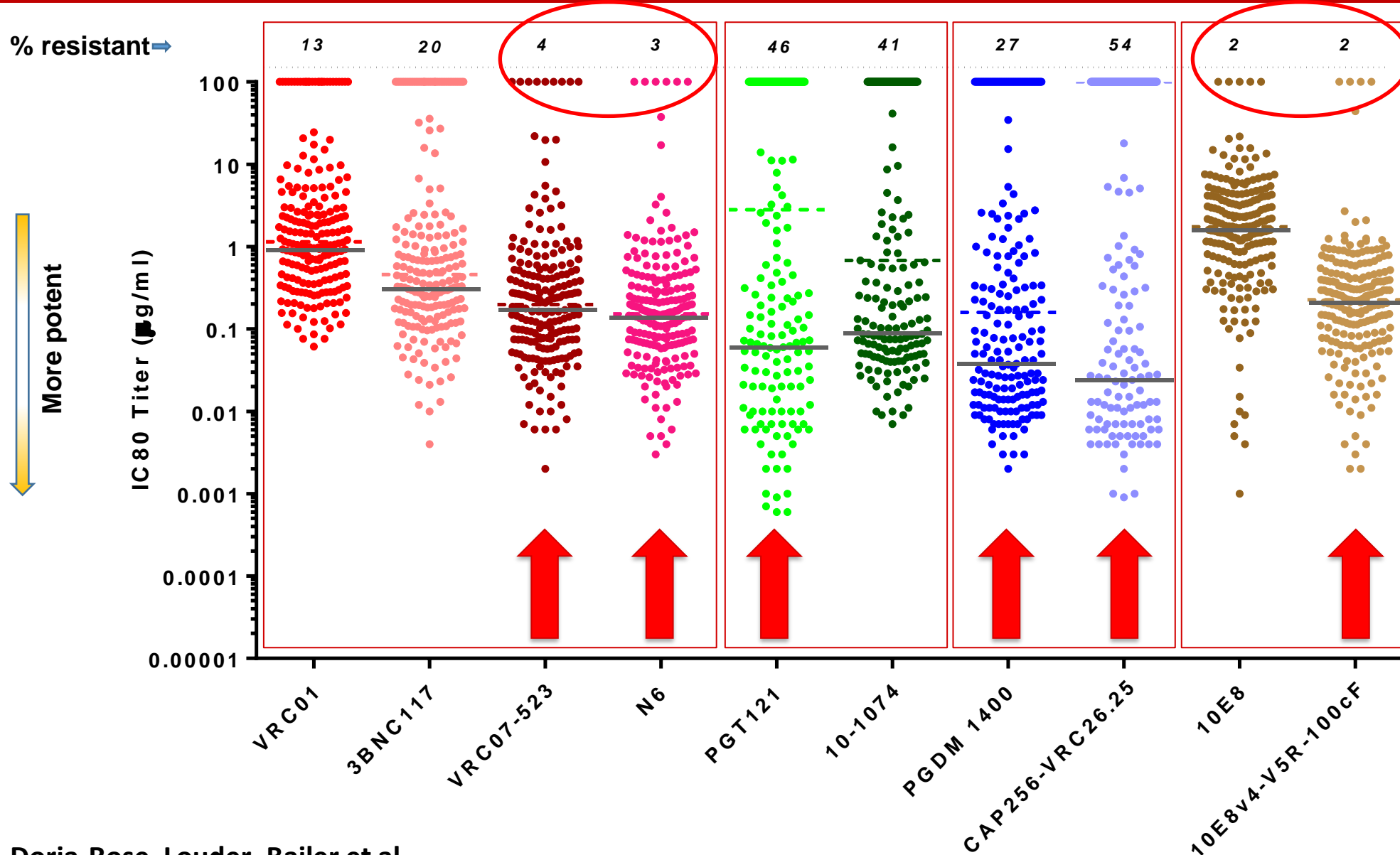
Improve Potency and Breadth of CD4-BS mAbs



- VRC 07-523 is 5-fold more potent than VRC01
- Coverage improves to >96%
- VRC07-523-LS phase 1 fully enrolled/ HVTN 127 written
- N6 phase I in spring 2018

Panel of 206 Env-pseudoviruses:
Doria-Rose, Louder, Bailer et al.

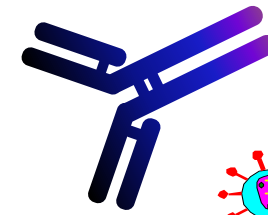
Other Antibodies with Improved Potency/Breadth



Other considerations: How transmission occurs

How transmission occurs may impact antibody efficacy

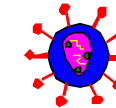
How does antibody block HIV-1 transmission event?



Human mAb against HIV

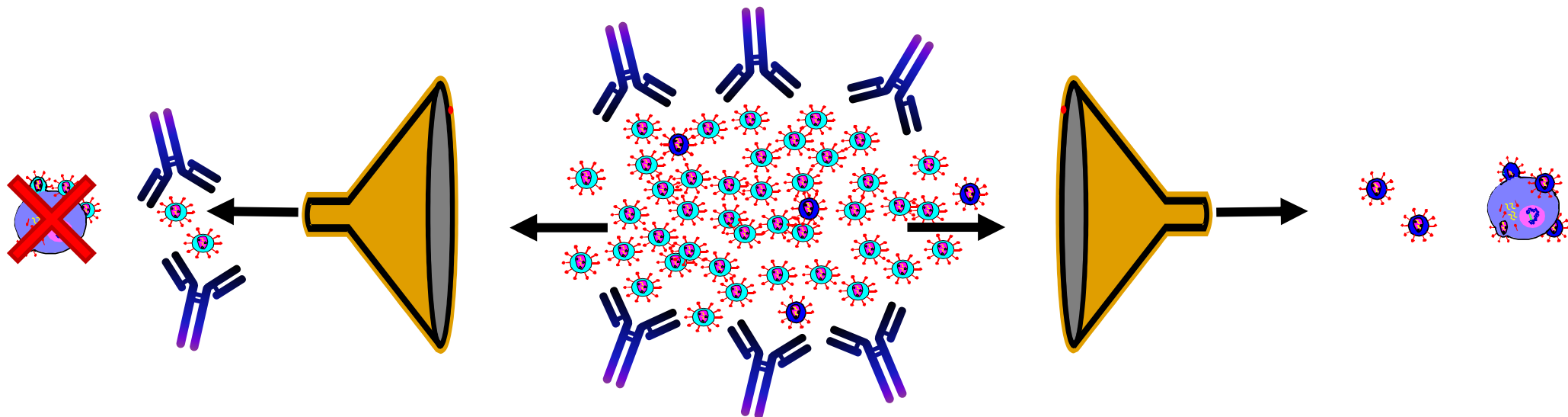


Sensitive virus



Resistant virus

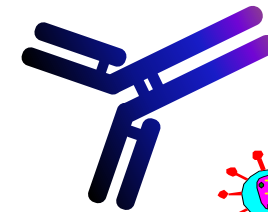
Mucosal Surface



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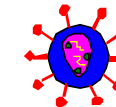
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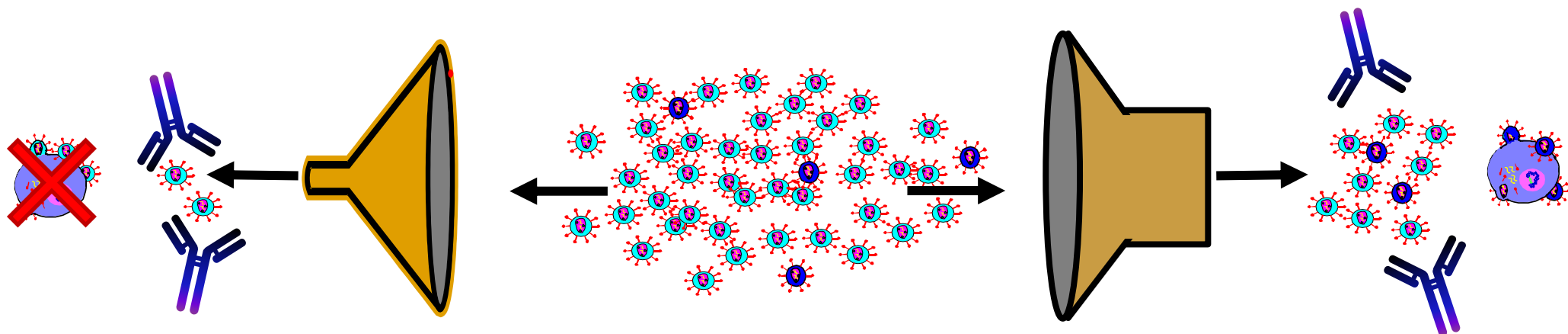


Sensitive virus



Resistant virus

May differ by route and target population



Advanced Development and Implementation

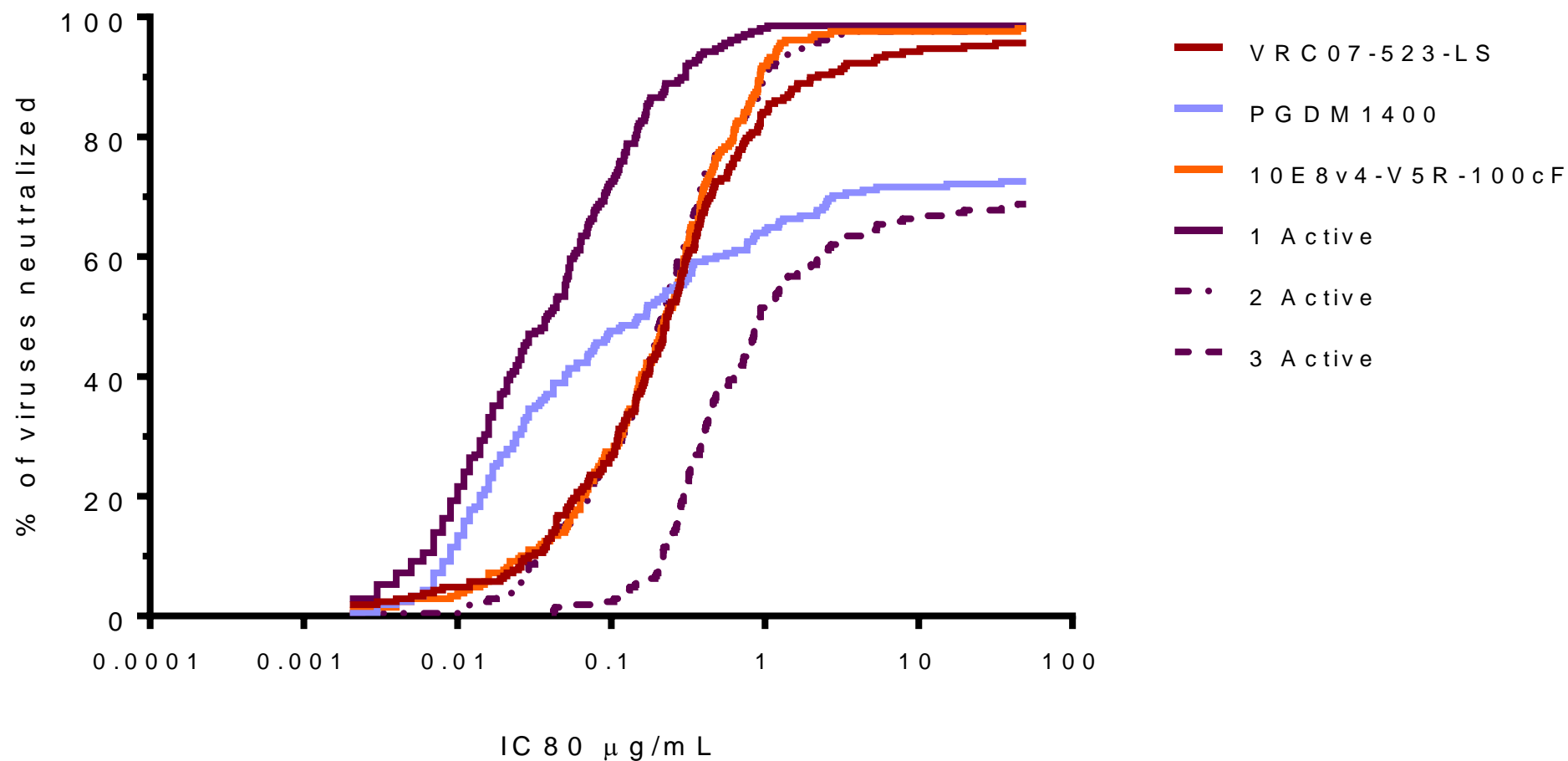
- ❑ Development of a preventive mAb combination product would be greatly facilitated by big Pharma interest/investment
- ❑ Big Pharma mostly interested if there is a therapeutic indication
- ❑ Therapeutic product could then be used as a preventive agent
- ❑ TPP for therapeutic agent will be different from that of preventive agent
- ❑ Alternatively, need government or NPO to establish manufacturing and distribution capacity

**Will likely require coverage of viruses by
at least two mAbs to avoid escape**

Achieving dual coverage in combination mAb Rx

Theoretical Combinations of VRC07-523-LS+10E8v4-V5R-100cF+PGDM1400

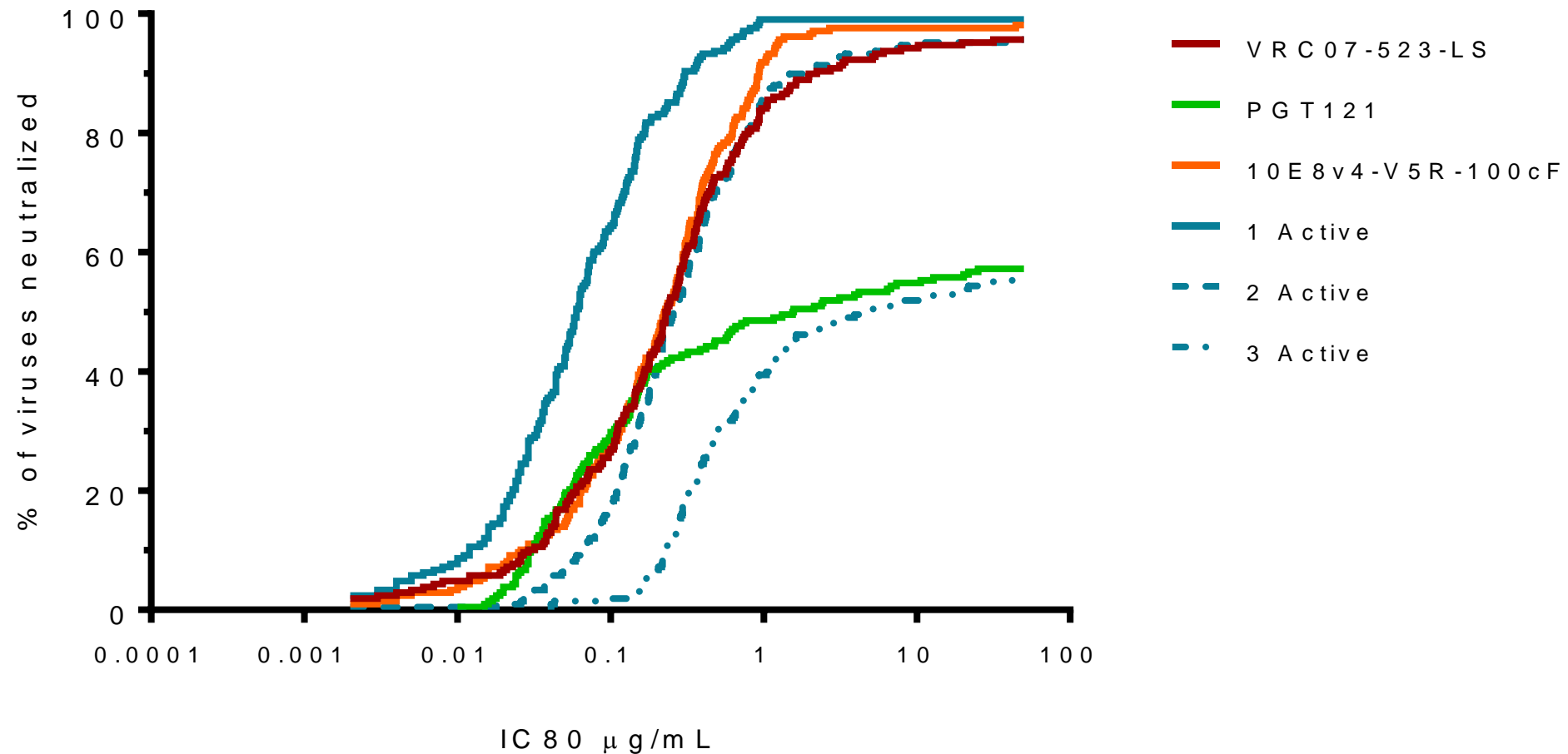
Multiclude Virus Panel (n = 208)



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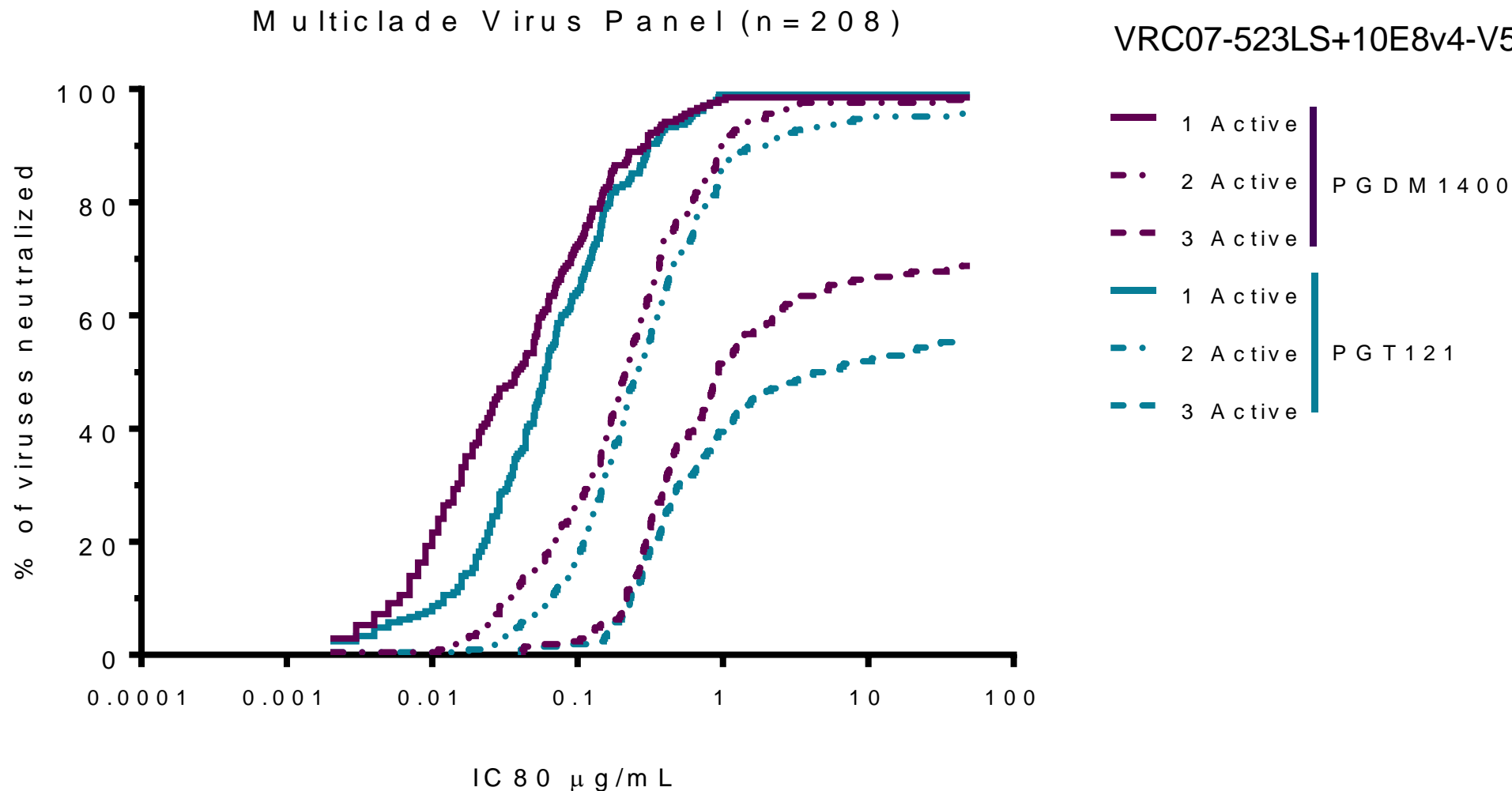
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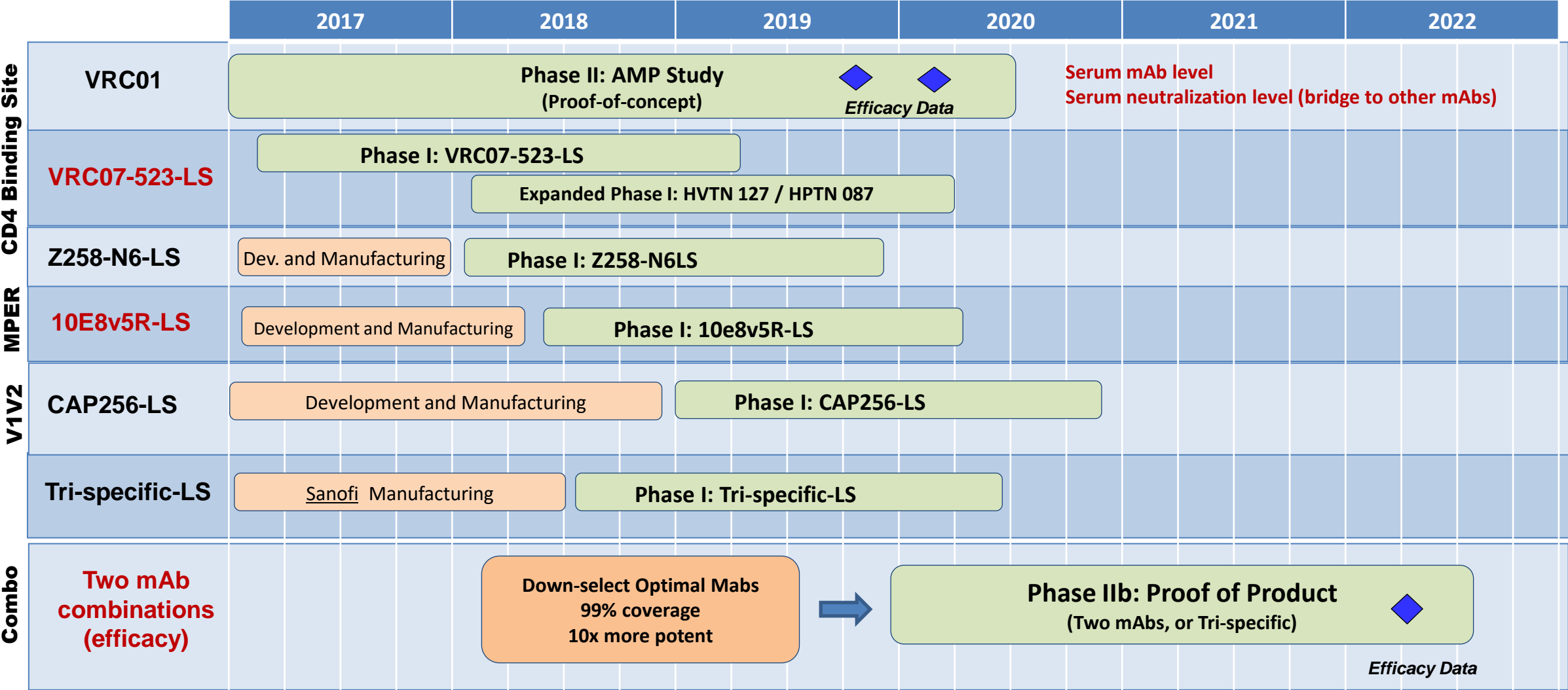


Achieving dual coverage in combination mAb Rx

Theoretical Combinations of VRC07-523-LS+10E8v4-V5R-100cF+ either PGDM1400 or PGT121



VRC HIV-1 mAb Portfolio and Timelines



Summary

- Passive immunization with immunoglobulins for prevention and treatment of viral diseases has a long successful history
- mAbs can prevent SIV/SHIV infections in NHP
- Using mAbs for HIV prevention is becoming a practical option
 - engineering potency, breadth, and extended half-life
 - manufacturing advances
- Proof-of-concept for prevention of HIV infection with neutralizing mAb will be available in ~2 years
- Planning for success should include developing new business plans for large scale manufacturing and product deployment



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Decision to Proceed with Proof-of-Product Trial

VRC01 Phase 2b
AMP study
(proof-of-concept)

<u>Efficacy</u>	<u>Selection for (R)</u>	<u>Phase 2b/3 study</u>
<u>None</u> : < 30%	Weak*	Do not proceed
	Mod/Strong**	Possibly proceed with 2 or 3
<u>Low</u> : 30-40%	Weak	Do not proceed
	Mod/Strong	Probably Proceed with 2 or 3
<u>Moderate</u> : 40 – 60%	Weak	Proceed, possibly with 2 or 3
	Mod/Strong	Proceed with 2 or 3
<u>High</u> : 60 – 80%	Weak	Proceed, possibly with 2
	Mod/Strong	Proceed with 2

*Weak selection for NT escape suggests need for improved potency, dose, or distribution

**Moderate to strong selection suggests need for more targets and improved breath