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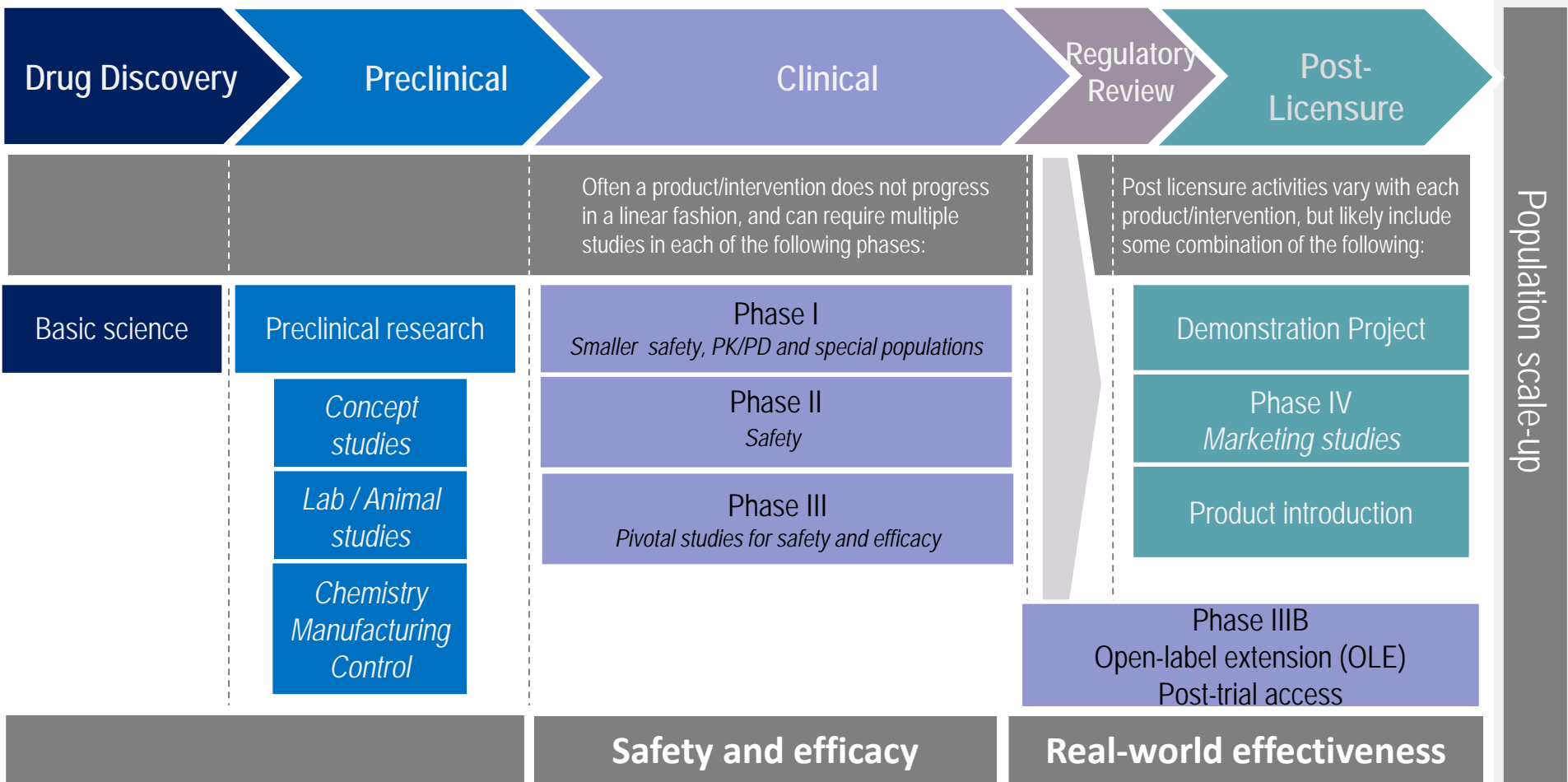
The Path to Licensure for the Dapivirine Ring

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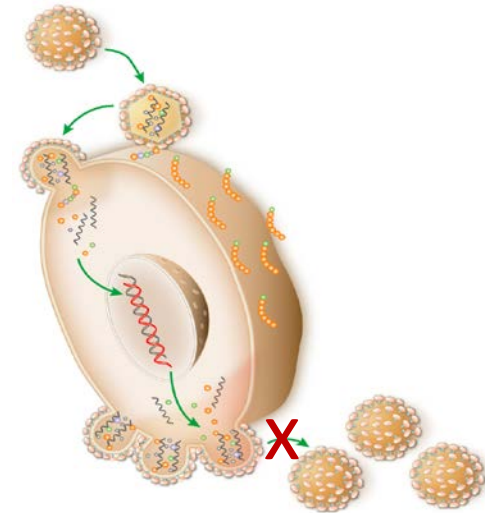
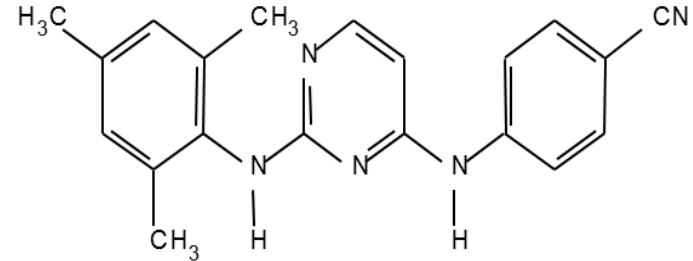
Developing HIV Prevention *Products*
for **Women** *worldwide*

Dapivirine Development Pathway



Dapivirine

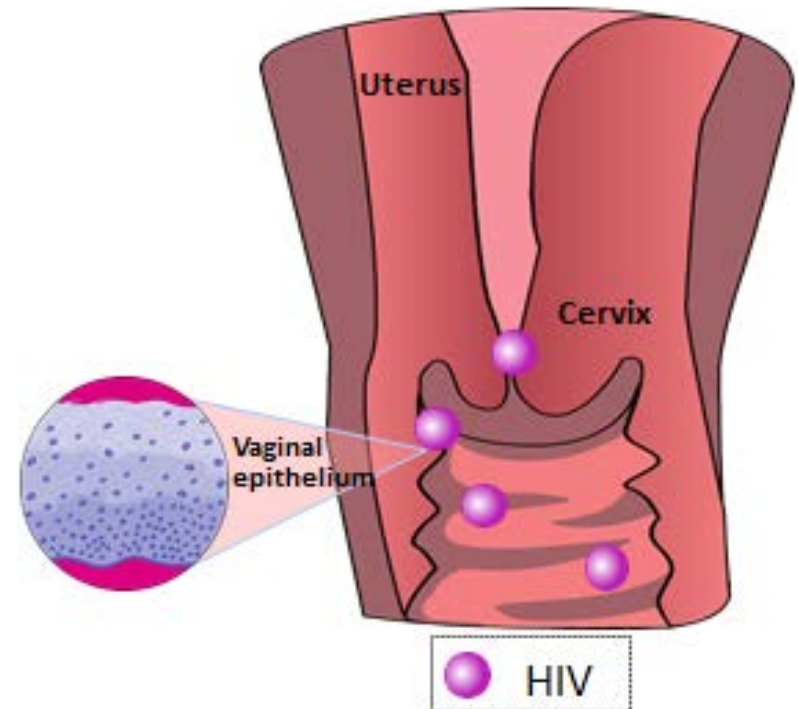
- Highly potent ARV (NNRTI)
- Developed by Janssen
 - Evaluated in preclinical and clinical studies as oral therapeutic
- Licensed to IPM in 2004
 - Royalty-free license to develop as topical microbicide for HIV prevention in developing countries
- Acts inside cells in the vagina to block the ability of HIV to multiply



HIV Prevention Method: Microbicides

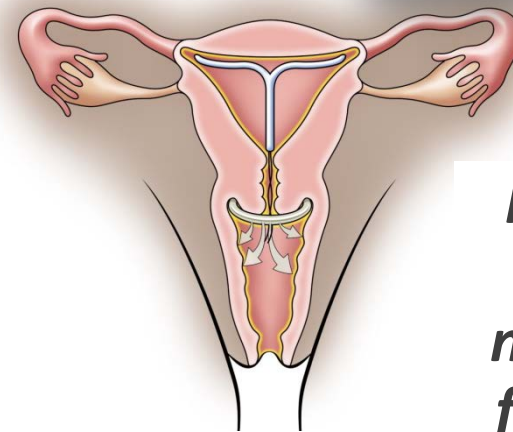
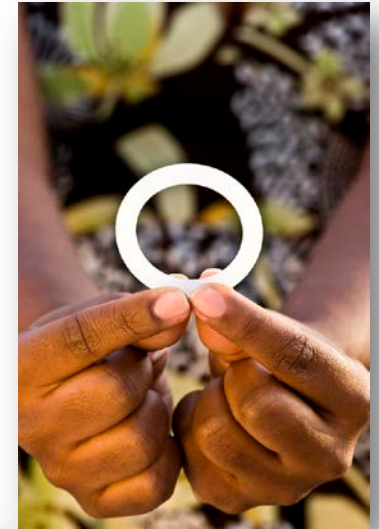
Critical to deliver:

- the right *drug* to
- the right *place* at
- the right *time*



Microbicide Vaginal Rings

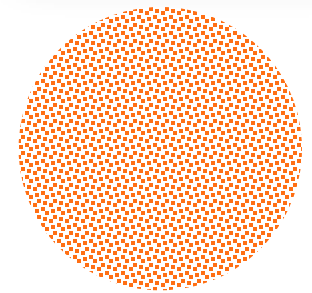
- **Long-acting: monthly or longer**
 - Could potentially improve adherence
 - Better adherence → better effectiveness
- **Easy to use, comfortable**
 - Flexible ring, can be self-inserted
 - Rarely felt by women or male partners
 - Little or no impact on sexual activity
- **Suitable for developing world**
 - Relatively low manufacturing cost
 - Good safety and acceptability data



*Important
potential
new option
for women*

Dapivirine Vaginal Ring-004

- Off-white flexible platinum-cured silicone matrix ring (56mm x 7.7mm)
- Manufactured by mixing dapivirine into liquid silicone
- The mixture is put into a ring mold and heated
- The solid ring can slowly release drug into vaginal tissue



Cross-sectional profile

Preclinical Studies

- **Primary Pharmacology**
 - *In vitro*
 - Lab adapted isolates, cell-associated isolates, primary HIV-1 strains across clades, against drug-resistant strains
 - In cell lines & primary cells
 - In relevant physiological fluids and across pH
 - Mode of action studies
 - Development of resistance
 - *Ex vivo* – in tissue explants
 - *In vivo* – in mice
- **Secondary & Safety Pharmacology**
 - Receptor, enzyme & ion channel screens
 - Central & peripheral nervous system
 - Respiratory system
 - Cardiovascular system
- **Pharmacokinetics**
 - Absorption
 - Distribution
 - Metabolism
 - Excretion
 - Drug interactions
- **General Toxicology**
 - Acute - mice and rats
 - Sub-chronic - Rodent and non-rodent
 - Chronic - rodent (6 months) & non-rodent (9 months)
- **Reproductive Toxicology**
 - Fertility & reproductive performance (rat)
 - Embryofetal development (rat & rabbit)
 - Peri- & post-natal development (rat)
- **Genotoxicity**
 - *In vitro* – microbial & mammalian cell
 - *In vivo* – micronucleus test (mouse or rat)
- **Carcinogenicity**
 - 2 years (rat)
- **Other**
 - Sensitization assay
 - Sperm toxicity
 - Compatibility with vaginal flora
 - Biomarkers (pro-inflammatory/ innate immunity)
 - Biocompatibility (medical device)



Phase I: Safety and PK

Dapivirine Ring-004

Single and
Multiple Rings

- Multiple dosing of monthly rings well tolerated, no safety concerns
- Supported sustained-release over 28-days and 35-days
- Vaginal fluid levels on Day 28 were at least 4000 times higher and on Day 35 at least 3000 times higher than the *in vitro* 99% inhibitory concentration (3.3 ng/ml) in cervical tissue
- The potential for the ring to be effective for a period of at least 35 days was supported by *ex vivo* experiments in which viral replication in susceptible cells challenged with HIV-1 in the presence of fluids collected by cervicovaginal lavage showed protection
- The lavage procedure meant that the fluids were substantially diluted during collection, but high levels of inhibition were seen even when the fluids were diluted by a further 10-fold
- Plasma levels < 1 ng/ml

Phase I: Safety and PK cont.

Dapivirine Ring-004
Extended Use
(up to 12 weeks)
of a Single Ring

- Dapivirine plasma and vaginal fluid concentrations decreased after 4 weeks with the duration of ring use
- The minimum vaginal fluid level at 12 weeks was at least 300 times higher than the *in vitro* 99% inhibitory concentration (3.3 ng/ml) in cervical tissue
- Dapivirine ring residual levels indicate that ≈ 4 mg dapivirine is released from Ring-004 over 4 weeks and ≈ 10 mg dapivirine over 12 weeks

Phase I cont.

Dapivirine Ring-004 Vaginal Miconazole (1200mg capsule)

- Concomitant use of Dapivirine vaginal ring and miconazole nitrate was safe and well tolerated
- Dapivirine release from Ring-004 was similar in the presence and absence of miconazole nitrate
- Changes in local and systemic exposure of both compounds were observed but considered unlikely to adversely affect the efficacy of either drug (HIVR4P 2014, Poster P15.09)

Placebo Ring Male & Female Condom Functionality Studies

- Male and Female condom use was safe and well tolerated with vaginal ring use
- The presence of the ring did not negatively affect the total clinical failure rate of neither male nor female condoms (Male Condom Study Poster: HIVR4P 2014, Poster P53.01)
- No ring expulsions or removals during intercourse were reported with the female condom

Phase I : Planned

Menses and
Tampon use
impact on
Dapivirine PK
levels

- Objective:
 - To determine if menses and tampon use have an effect on local and systemic dapivirine concentrations
- Design:
 - Open-label, randomised, crossover trial
 - Two cohorts of 16 healthy HIV-negative women

Phase II

Dapivirine Ring-004

Safety
Acceptability

- Multiple ring use (3 consecutive rings inserted monthly) was well tolerated with no safety concerns in healthy, HIV-negative African women
- High acceptability was reported by women and their partners
- Self-reported adherence was good
- Ring was highly acceptable to women in Africa
- Progressed to Phase III clinical program

Special Populations:

- Adolescents
- Post-Menopausal

- Objective:
 - Safety , PK and acceptability of dapivirine ring
- Design:
 - Double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trials
 - 96 participants each, 3:1 randomisation
 - Three consecutive rings inserted monthly

Regulatory: Authority Consultations

Scientific and regulatory advice on Phase III trial design and requirements:

- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Country-specific requirements from national regulatory authorities (NRAs):

- Kenya
- Malawi
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



Phase III



	IPM 027 (The Ring Study) V1.0 Amendment 3.0	MTN-020 (ASPIRE)
Primary Objective	Safety & Efficacy	Safety & Effectiveness
Design	fixed time	endpoint driven
Endpoints: confirmed HIV-1 seroconversions	expected 96	≈120
Number of participants	Total 1950 Active arm 1300	Final Enrolled 2629 (planned ≈ 3476) Active arm ≈1315 (planned ≈1738)
Randomization	2:1 Double-blind; Placebo-controlled	1:1 Double-blind; Placebo-controlled
Power	81% power to detect 50% treatment effect	90% power to detect 60% treatment effect with a lower bound of 25% treatment effect
Age	18-45 yrs	18-45 yrs
Product use period	24 months fixed	until end of study (12 months min)



Regulatory: Application Requirements

- Each country has a different application format
- However, each country requires the same types of data from early preclinical tests in the lab through efficacy studies
- For the dapivirine ring, this means that IPM will have organized **13 years of data and findings from nearly 250 studies** into each application
- The average length of a dossier is approximately **500,000 pages** and could fill a **3x3 meter room**

A Peek Inside a Regulatory Application

- Index
- Summary
- Chemistry, manufacturing and control (CMC)
- Samples, methods validation package and labeling
- Nonclinical pharmacology and toxicology
- Human pharmacokinetics and bioavailability
- Microbiology (for anti-microbial drugs only)
- Clinical data
- Statistics



- Integrated Safety update report
- Case report tabulations
- Case report forms
- Patent information
- Patent certification

Ongoing

IPM is actively assembling a **global dossier** of all the data on dapvirine ring's development:

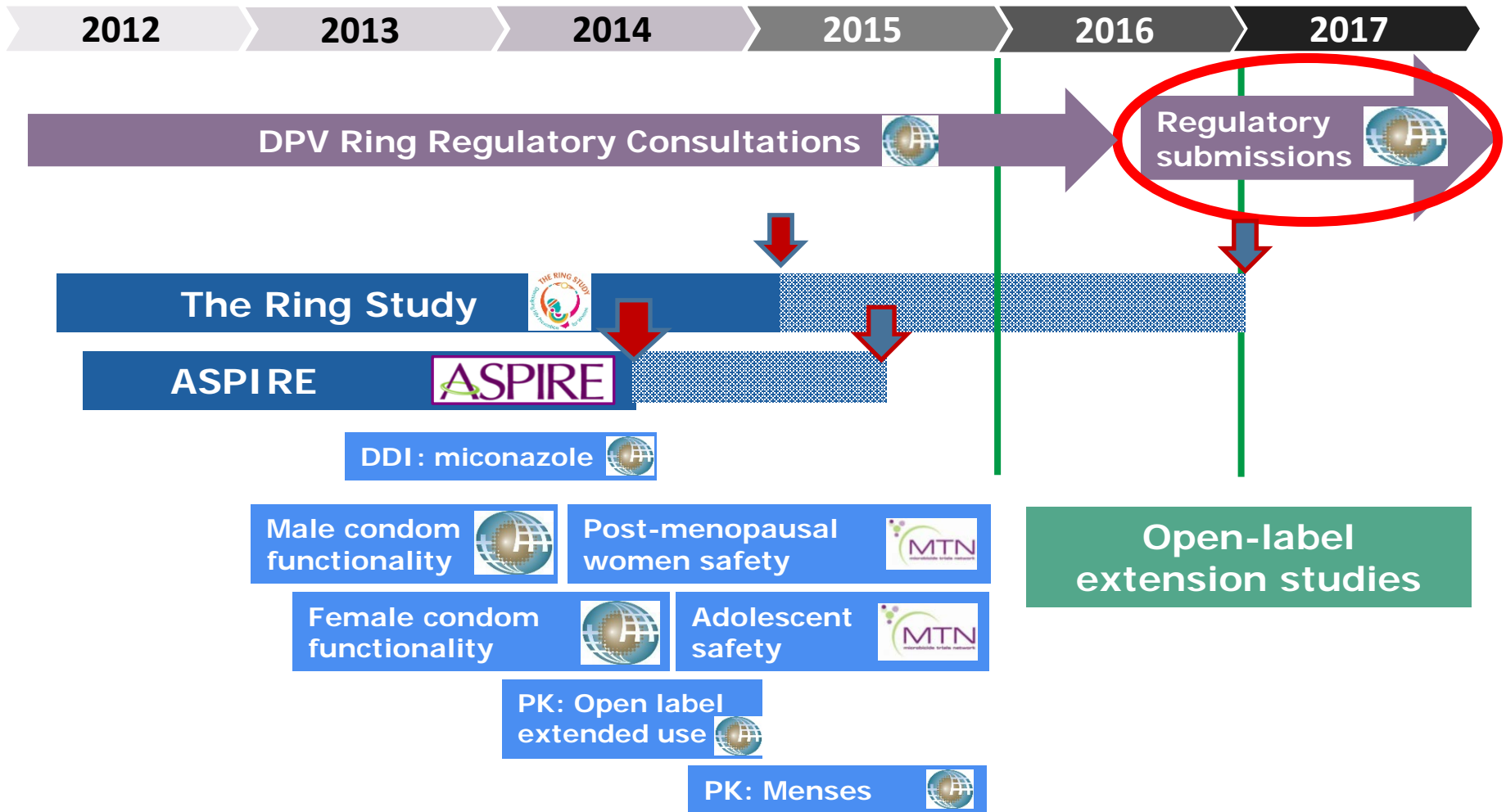
- ❑ Product quality (CMC)
 - Janssen and IPM preclinical study data
- ❑ Safety and Pharmacology
 - Janssen and IPM preclinical study data
 - IPM clinical safety study data
 - IPM pharmacokinetic study data
 - Integrated safety data of Phase III clinical studies
- ❑ Efficacy (The Ring Study and ASPIRE)
 - Integrated efficacy data of Phase III clinical studies

This will allow us to more quickly format specific applications to different regulatory agencies throughout Africa

Phase IIIB

	IPM 032 A Follow-on Open-label Trial to Assess continued Long-term Safety of and Adherence to Dapivirine (25 mg) Vaginal Ring-004 in HIV-negative women	MTN-025 An Open-Label Follow-on Trial to Assess the Continued Safety of a Vaginal Ring Containing Dapivirine
Primary Objective	Long-term Safety Adherence	Long-term Safety Adherence
Design	Open-label; Randomised	Open-label
Number of participants	Follow-on to IPM 027	Follow-on to MTN-020
Randomization	Open-label	Open-label
Follow-up Schedule	1-monthly 3-monthly (2 additional rings)	1-monthly 3-monthly (2 additional rings)
Treatment Regimen	1-monthly ring replacement	1-monthly ring replacement
Product use period	Approx. 1-year follow-up with option to extend	Approx. 1-year follow-up

Dapivirine Ring Program Timeline



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