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The Big Picture

- Rectal microbicide development has made significant advances since 2001
- Tenofovir 1% gel is currently the lead candidate for Phase 3 development
- MTN-017 is ongoing and will provide critical data for making decisions about progression to Phase 3
 - Safety and acceptability
 - Preferences
 - PK/PD



MTN-017

- Phase 2 rectal safety study of tenofovir gel
- N = 186
- International sites
 - United States (4)
 - Thailand (2)
 - South Africa (1)
 - Peru (1)
- Endpoints
 - Safety
 - Adherence
 - Self report
 - **Real time PK**
 - Acceptability
 - PK/PD








MTN-017 Recruitment

Site	Total No. Screened	Screen Fails	Enrolled	Accrual Target
Bangkok, Thailand				24
Cape Town, South Africa	12	9	2	24
Boston, USA	11	4	7**	6
Chiang Mai, Thailand	24	11	13	24
Lima, Peru	21	3	15	24
Pittsburgh, USA	22	5	15	30
San Francisco	51	30	20	30
San Juan, Puerto Rico	8	2	6	24
TOTAL	149	64	78	186

May 12th, 2014



Timeline for Phase 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Phase 1								
MTN-017								
Phase 3								
Review								
Available								
Vaginal microbicides					?			



Where are the Gaps?

- Formulation
- Dosing
- Adherence
- Safety and acceptability
 - General
 - Mucosal
- Efficacy
- Phase 3 study design
- Alternative PrEP strategies



Formulation

- There are three tenofovir gels that have been evaluated in rectal microbicide clinical trials

Product	MTN-006	MTN-007	CHARM-01/02	MTN-017
Vaginal TFV	X			
Reduced glycerin TFV		X	X	X
Rectal specific TFV			X	

- Alternate formulations
 - Douche or suppository



Dosing

- MTN-017 will evaluate two dosing schedules
 - Daily
 - Before & after sex
- Which schedule should be advanced into Phase 3?
- Importance of Phase 1 PK studies



Adherence

- What is the best mechanism to track adherence in future studies?
 - Behavioral reports
 - Real time PK
 - Unblinding issues
- Can we develop novel adherence biomarkers for use in Phase 3?



Safety & Acceptability

- Rectal tenofovir appears generally safe
- Data from MTN-007 suggest that repeated exposure to tenofovir results in mucosal changes
 - Mitochondrial function
 - Changes in innate immunity
- Biological significance unclear
- More data will be available from MTN-017



Efficacy

- Traditionally microbicide products advance to Phase 3 based on appropriate safety and acceptability data
- Increasingly we have preclinical / non-human primate and explant efficacy data
- Can these PK/PD data be used further to optimize Phase 3 dosing



Populations for RM

- Licensure population
 - MSM & transgender
- Post licensure populations
 - Men and women practicing RAI
 - Higher risk subgroups
 - MSM with STI
- HIV positive individuals with non-ARV products



Phase 3 Study Design

- Design considerations
 - Dosing
 - Use of placebo or deferred exposure design
 - Provision of oral PrEP
 - Optimization of HIV testing process
 - Use of screening period with placebo products
- Populations
 - Geography (MTN-017 regions)
 - MSM & transgender populations



Other Issues

- Where is the TPP/STP/TMP for tenofovir gel?
- What do we really know about end user perspectives on rectal microbicides?
- What do we know about funders willingness to support roll-out of a rectal microbicide?
- What is the overall development plan for tenofovir gel?



Alternative RM Candidates

- Discovery phase
 - MIV-150 / Zn / Carageenan
 - 5P12 RANTES
 - Griffithsin
- Phase 1
 - Maraviroc



Alternative PrEP Strategies

- Oral PreP is licensed in the US
- Uptake still quite limited but improving

Unique PrEP users n (%)	2,319
Mean age in years	38 (12)
Younger < 25 y/o	12.3%
Female	48.8%
Medicaid	9.9%

January 2012 – September 2013 / 55% of US pharmacies

Mera Robertino et al. HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas, 2014

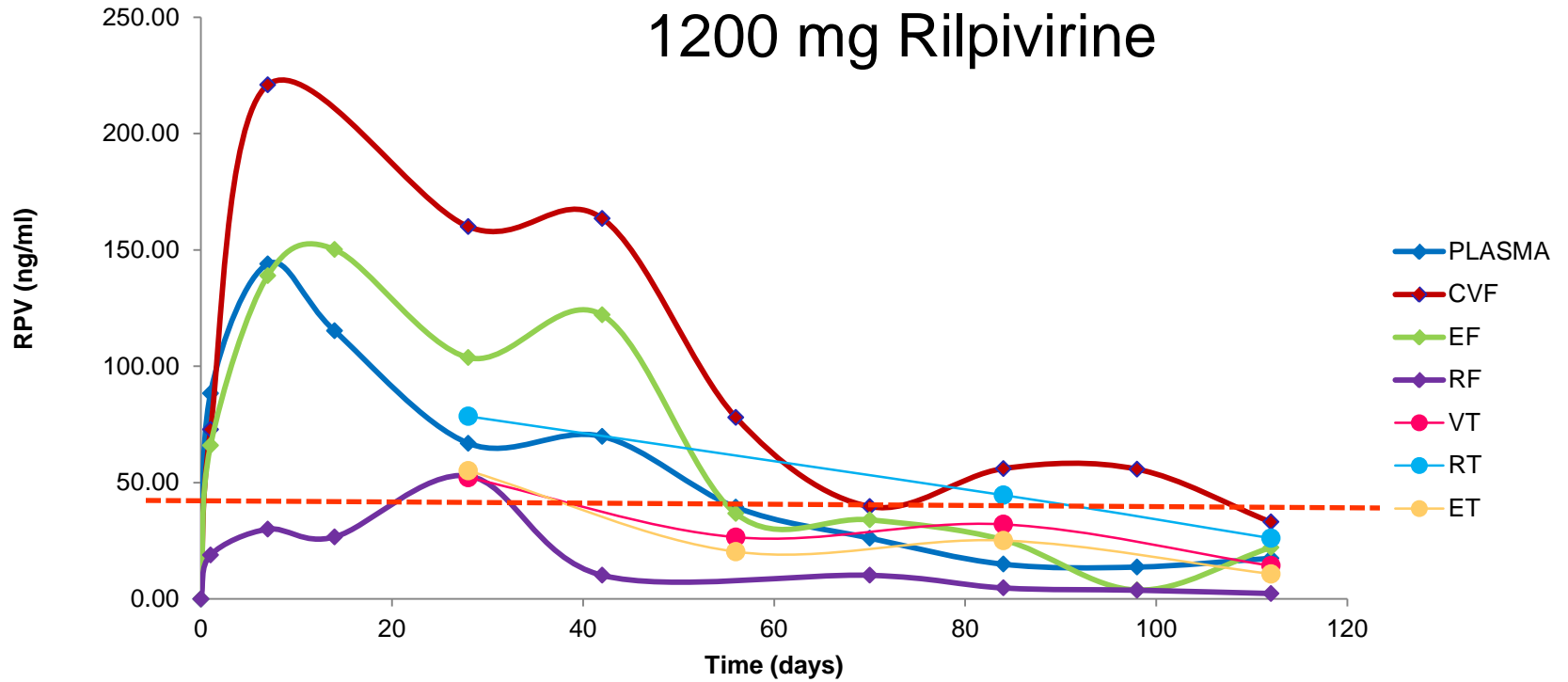


Alternatives to Rectal Microbicides?

- Two products under evaluation
- Rilpivirine (NNRTI)
- 744 (Integrase)
- IM injection
- Potential for 1-3 month delivery
- Supportive NHP data for 744
- Phase 1 PK/PD studies ongoing for TMC278
 - MWRI-01



PK Profile in MWRI-01



MWRI-01 PK/PD

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Who Is Sailing the TFV RM Ship?

CONRAD

DAIDS

Gilead



MTN

IPM



Summary (1)

- Many of the critical questions related to development of a TFV rectal microbicide will be addressed in MTN-017
- A Phase 3 study could start in Q4 2016
 - Planning needs to start now!
 - The landscape will be challenging
- We need continued efforts to create desire within a Phase 3 program and beyond



Summary (2)

- Undertake modelling of:
 - Clinical trial design
 - Effectiveness in subpopulations
 - Cost effectiveness
- Put comprehensive TFV RM development plan together including a target product profile
- Further assessment of end user needs and funding agency interest



Thank You

