

# HIGH RATES OF VIROLOGIC SUPPRESSION WITH DTG/3TC IN NEWLY DIAGNOSED ADULTS WITH HIV-1 INFECTION AND BASELINE VIRAL LOAD $\geq 500,000$ C/ML: 48-WEEK SUBGROUP ANALYSIS OF THE STAT STUDY

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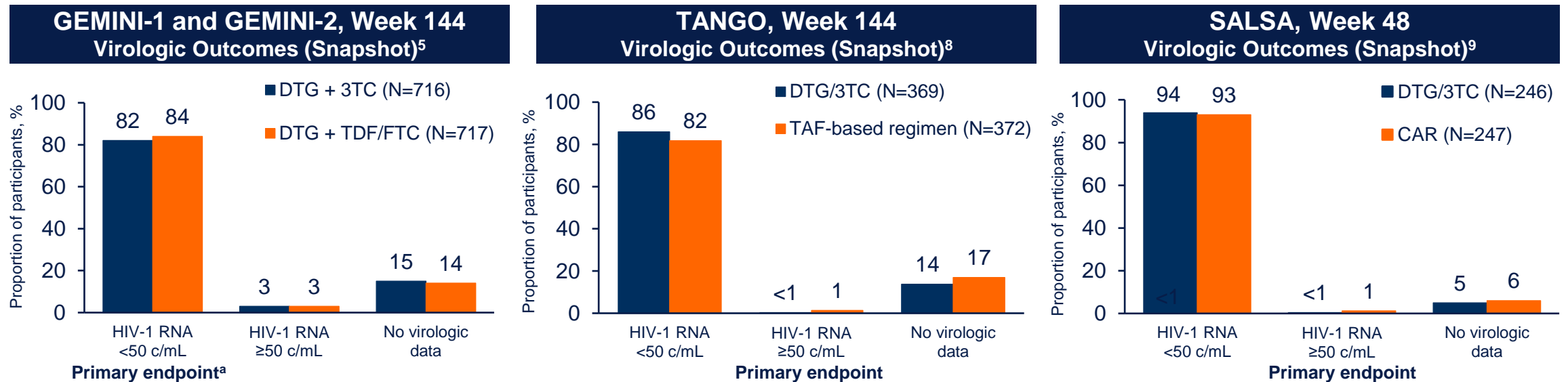
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# DTG/3TC Has Demonstrated Non-Inferior Efficacy Versus Other ART Regimens in Treatment-Naive and Treatment-Experienced PLWH

- Rapid treatment of HIV-1 infection has been associated with improved linkage to and retention in care and reduced time to virologic suppression in PLWH<sup>1,2</sup>
- DTG/3TC has demonstrated non-inferior efficacy, a good safety profile, and a high barrier to resistance in treatment-naive PLWH in the GEMINI studies (vs DTG + TDF/FTC)<sup>3-5</sup> and treatment-experienced, virologically suppressed PLWH in the TANGO (vs continuing 3- or 4-drug TAF-based regimens)<sup>6-8</sup> and SALSA studies (vs continuing any current 3- or 4-drug ART regimen)<sup>9</sup>



<sup>a</sup>For participants with baseline HIV-1 RNA >500,000 c/mL: DTG + 3TC, 10/13 (77%); DTG + TDF/FTC, 12/15 (80%).<sup>10</sup>

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# There Are Specific Considerations for Using DTG/3TC in a Test-and-Treat Setting

## Transmitted drug resistance

- Transmitted INSTI resistance is rare, with studies from several countries reporting prevalence ranging from 0.2% to 3%<sup>1-3</sup>
- 3TC-associated transmitted resistance mutations at positions M184 and K65 have been estimated to occur in 1% and <1% of the global population, respectively<sup>4</sup>
- In the real-world REDOLA study of DTG/3TC in ART-naive adults (N=135), 72% initiated treatment before the availability of baseline drug resistance testing results. Prevalence of transmitted M184V was low, with only 2 participants requiring ART modifications; both achieved HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL by Week 4<sup>5</sup>

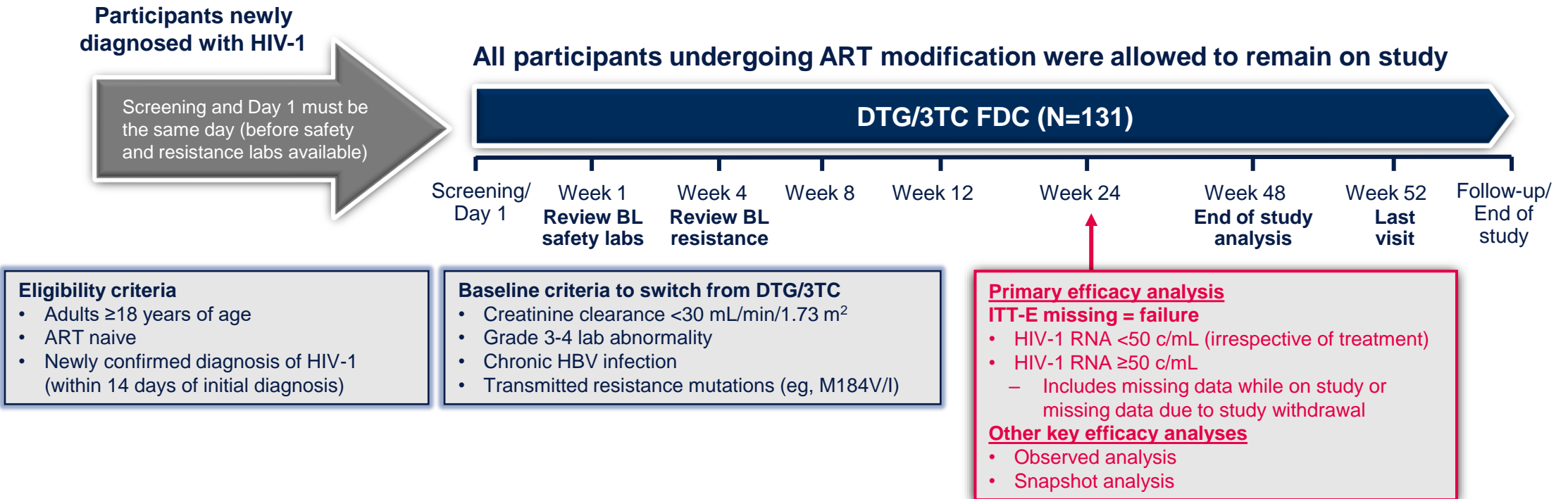
## Hepatitis B virus

- Although 3TC has activity against HBV, it is not recommended for use as monotherapy in individuals with HBV because of the risk of resistance development
  - Resistance rates of 15% to 32% after 1 year of treatment have been reported in individuals with HBV treated with 3TC monotherapy, with mutations rarely detected before 36 weeks<sup>6</sup>

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# STAT Is a Phase IIIb, Multicenter, Open-label, Single-Arm, Pilot Study Evaluating DTG/3TC as a Rapid Test-and-Treat Intervention

- In the primary analysis of STAT (ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT03945981) at Week 24, 78% (102/131) of all participants and 92% (102/111) of those with data available irrespective of ART achieved HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL
- Here we show results from the key secondary efficacy analyses through Week 48 of the STAT study, including among participants with high baseline viral load ( $\geq 500,000$  c/mL)



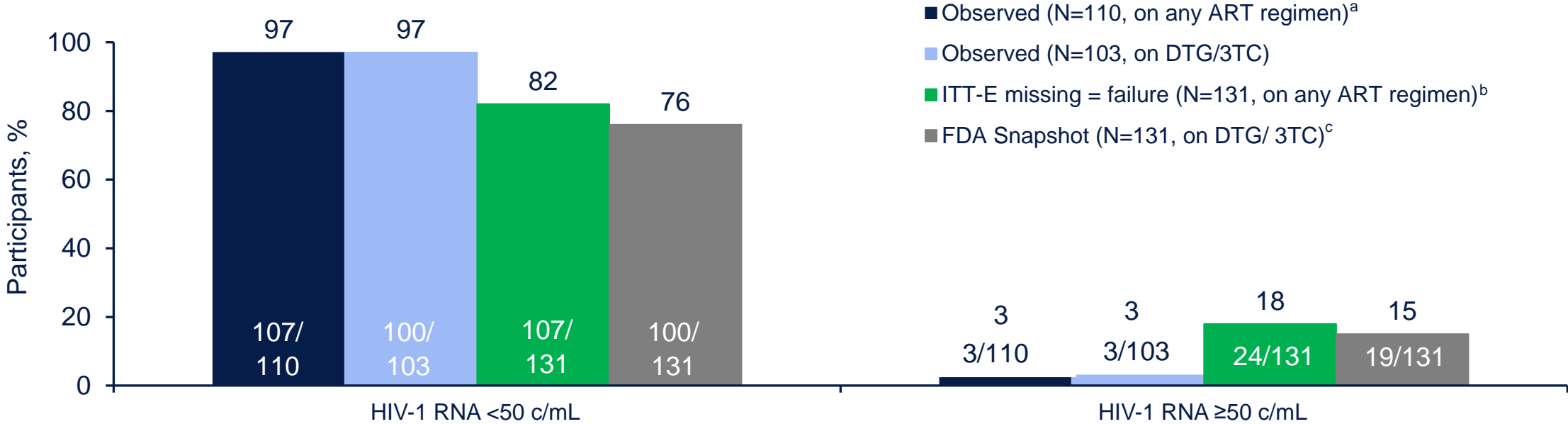
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# Selected Baseline Demographics and Participant Characteristics

Characteristic	DTG/3TC (N=131)
Age, median (range), years	31 (18-63)
Cisgender female, n (%)	10 (8)
Transgender female, n (%)	1 (<1)
Race, n (%)	
Black/African American	61 (47)
White	65 (50)
Other	5 (4)
Time to enrollment since diagnosis, median (range), days	5 (0-15) <sup>a</sup>
HIV-1 RNA, median (range), c/mL, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	63,056 (<40 to 68,706,840) <sup>c</sup>
<100,000	79 (60)
100,000 to <500,000	32 (24)
500,000 to <1,000,000	9 (7)
≥1,000,000	10 (8)
CD4+ cell count, median (range), cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	389 (<20 to 1466) <sup>d</sup>
<200, n (%)	37 (28) <sup>e</sup>
HBV co-infection, n (%) <sup>f,g</sup>	7 (5)
M184V resistance mutation, n (%) <sup>f</sup>	1 (<1)
Enrolled on day of diagnosis	34 (26)
Weight, median (range), kg	74.2 (66.0-86.7)

<sup>a</sup>1 participant joined the study past the 14-day window after diagnosis (15 days) due to error in entry of diagnosis date; participant remained on study. <sup>b</sup>1 (<1%) participant had missing plasma HIV-1 RNA results at baseline. <sup>c</sup>Lower limit of quantification is 40 c/mL. <sup>d</sup>Lower limit of quantification is 20 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. <sup>e</sup>11/37 participants had baseline viral load ≥500,000 c/mL. <sup>f</sup>Baseline HIV-1 resistance was identified at Week 4 and HBV co-infection was identified at Week 1 from samples taken at baseline. <sup>g</sup>2 participants with HBV co-infection but no evidence of ongoing HBV viral replication remained on DTG/3TC.

# High Rates of Virologic Suppression Were Observed Across All Efficacy Analyses at Week 48



- ITT-E non-suppression rates were driven by non-virologic factors (ie, high withdrawal rate)
- Snapshot non-suppression rates were driven by study withdrawals and ART modifications

<sup>a</sup>The observed analysis included all participants with available HIV-1 RNA data, regardless of ART regimen. <sup>b</sup>The ITT-E missing = failure analysis included all participants in the ITT-E population, regardless of ART regimen. Of the 24 participants classified as HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL, 3 had HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL, 3 were on study but missing data at Week 48 (1 due to COVID-19), and 18 discontinued from study for non-treatment-related reasons (eg, withdrawn consent, lost to follow-up). <sup>c</sup>In the Snapshot analysis (missing data or switch considered failure), the 100 participants with HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL were all on DTG/3TC; of the 19 participants classified as HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL, 3 had HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL (all under DTG/3TC), 10 modified ART, and 6 discontinued from study for non-treatment-related reasons (eg, withdrawn consent, lost to follow-up) and had HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL; 12/131 had no virologic data at Week 48.

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# Few Participants Required a Change From DTG/3TC for Baseline Resistance or HBV Co-infection

Reason for switch	Baseline plasma HIV-1 RNA, c/mL	Baseline CD4+ cell count, cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	Visit window	Modified ART	Plasma HIV-1 RNA at Week 48, c/mL
BL HBV	108,597	60	Week 1	DTG/3TC + TAF	<40
BL HBV	129,665	98	Week 1	BIC/FTC/TAF	<40
BL HBV	37,290	101	Week 4	DTG + TAF/FTC	<40
BL HBV	256,879	<20 <sup>a</sup>	Week 4	BIC/FTC/TAF or DTG + TDF/FTC <sup>b</sup>	NA <sup>c</sup>
Decision by participant or proxy	90,575	133	Week 4	BIC/FTC/TAF	NA <sup>d</sup>
BL HBV	13,170	327	Week 8	DTG/3TC + TAF	<40
BL M184V	18,752	456	Week 8	DTG/RPV	NA <sup>e</sup>
AE (rash) <sup>f</sup>	2,592,169	464	Week 12; Week 12	DRV/COBI/FTC/TAF; BIC/FTC/TAF	<40
Decision by participant or proxy	8091	308	Week 24	BIC/FTC/TAF	<40
Pregnancy	8406	1192	Week 24	RAL + TDF/FTC	327; <40
<b>Participants who switched after Week 48 HIV-1 RNA assessment</b>					
Lack of efficacy	123,644	41	Week 48	DTG + 3TC <sup>g</sup>	223; 182; 831
Non-adherence	27,294	423	Post-Week 48	Off treatment <sup>h</sup>	NA

<sup>a</sup>Lower limit of quantification is 20 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. <sup>b</sup>Participant modified ART by subsequently joining a double-blind clinical trial and was switched to either BIC/FTC/TAF or DTG + TDF/FTC. <sup>c</sup>Week 36 HIV-1 RNA was 57 c/mL. <sup>d</sup>Participant withdrew consent after switch from DTG/3TC. <sup>e</sup>Participant had HIV-1 RNA <40 c/mL on Day 47, switched to DTG/RPV on Day 49 due to M184V (despite viral load <40 c/mL), and had last HIV-1 RNA 54 c/mL on Day 57; participant withdrew consent (due to relocation) on Day 106 (Week 12). <sup>f</sup>Participant switched ART twice. <sup>g</sup>Participant switched to BIC/FTC/TAF post-Week 48 HIV-1 RNA assessment (after the 831 c/mL assessment); HIV-1 RNA was 51 c/mL at last follow-up visit. <sup>h</sup>Participant stopped DTG/3TC on Day 314 (before Week 48 assessment) due to non-adherence and re-started DTG/3TC ~4 months later; last HIV-1 RNA was 104 c/mL at last follow-up visit.

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# Among Participants With CVF or Baseline HBV Co-infection, No Evidence of Treatment-Emergent Resistance Was Observed

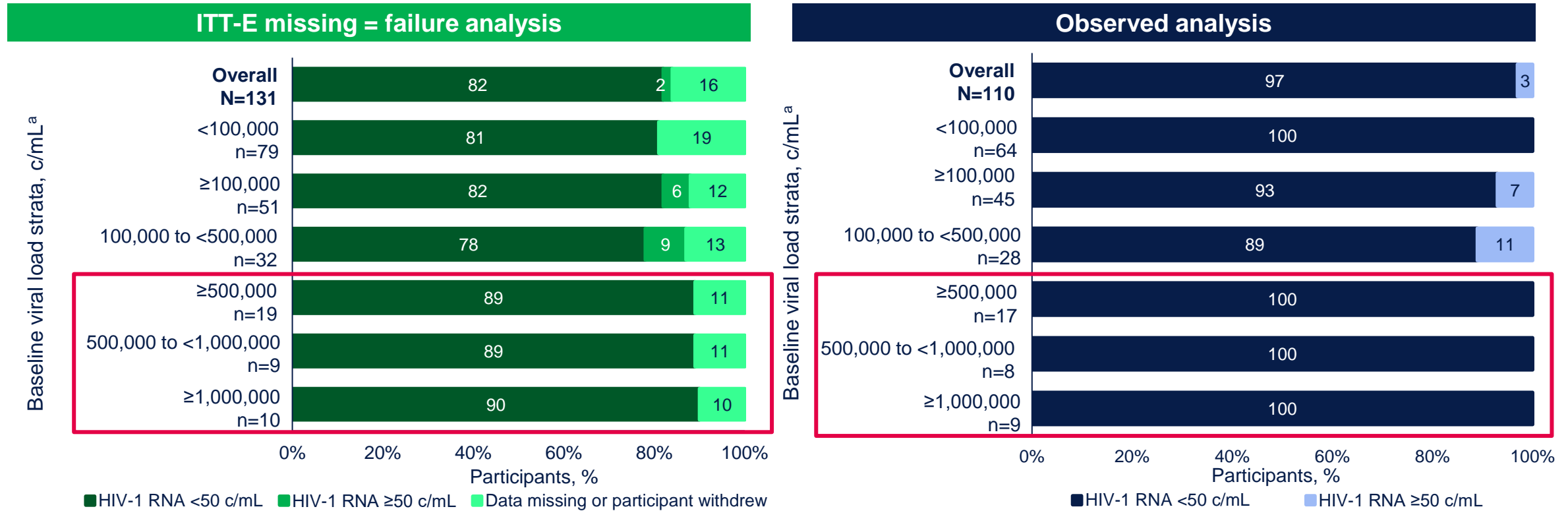
	Participants meeting CVF criteria at Week 48	Number of HIV resistance-associated mutations detected
Total population	2	0
Participants with baseline HIV-1 RNA $\geq$ 500,000 c/mL	1	0

- Both participants meeting CVF criteria remained on DTG/3TC in study (1 participant suppressed to HIV-1 RNA  $<$ 50 c/mL and 1 participant had HIV-1 RNA 70 c/mL at Week 48)
  - The participant with high baseline viral load (13,987,640 c/mL) was not suppressed at Week 24; HIV-1 RNA was 220 c/mL at Week 36 (CVF criteria met) and 63 c/mL at Week 48 followed by a retest at 48 c/mL

	Participants with baseline HBV co-infection	Number of HBV resistance-associated mutations detected
Total population	7	0
Participants with successful resistance tests	3	0

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# At Week 48, Virologic Suppression Rates Were High in Participants With Baseline Viral Load $\geq 500,000$ c/mL



- 11/19 participants with baseline HIV-1 RNA  $\geq 500,000$  c/mL had CD4+ cell count  $< 200$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>; 10 achieved HIV-1 RNA  $< 50$  c/mL at Week 48 and 1 withdrew at Week 4 due to physician decision
- Median (95% CI) time to suppression for participants with baseline viral load  $\geq 500,000$  c/mL was 60 (56-169) days

ITT-E missing = failure analysis: all participants in the ITT-E population, regardless of ART regimen; observed analysis: all participants with available HIV-1 RNA data, regardless of ART regimen.

<sup>a</sup>1 (<1%) participant had missing plasma HIV-1 RNA results at baseline.

# Most Participants With HIV-1 RNA $\geq 1,000,000$ c/mL Achieved HIV-1 RNA $< 50$ c/mL by Week 48

- 9/10 (90%) participants with very high baseline viral load ( $\geq 1,000,000$  c/mL) achieved virologic suppression by Week 48; 8 were suppressed by Week 24
  - 1 participant switched from DTG/3TC before the Week 48 assessment because of an AE (rash)

Participant	Baseline CD4+	HIV-1 RNA (c/mL) by study visit							
	cell count	Baseline	Week 1	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Week 24	Week 36	Week 48
A	410	68,706,840	518,812	9781	NA	90,912	NA <sup>a</sup>	—	—
B	128	13,987,640	123,843	1682	297	493	191/ 157 / 302	124	63 / 48
C	613	5,794,931	98,499	96	<40	<40	<40	<40	<40
D	534	5,034,556	33,293	304	<40	<40	<40	NA	<40
E	464	2,592,169	1046	115	<40	<40 <sup>b</sup>	<40	<40	<40
F	387	2,319,328	19,210	122	<40	52	<40	<40	<40
G	532	2,252,702	6241	136	48	42	<40	NA	<40
H	671	1,981,995	8373	245	<40	<40	<40	<40	<40
I	56	1,291,792	2618	222	147	71	<40	<40	<40
J	94	1,013,606	8646	725	242	185	<40	<40	<40

□ HIV-1 RNA  $\geq 50$  c/mL   ■ HIV-1 RNA  $< 50$  c/mL   ▨ On modified ART

Values after / denote viral load at retesting. NA, not available.

<sup>a</sup>Participant confirmed many missed doses before Week 12 and withdrew consent due to incarceration. <sup>b</sup>Participant switched to DRV/COBI/FTC/TAF on Day 92 (Week 12) due to AE (rash); participant switched again to BIC/FTC/TAF on Day 113 (Week 12) due to a different rash.

# Among Participants With HIV-1 RNA Between 500,000 and 1,000,000 c/mL, Most Achieved HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL by Week 48

- 8/9 (89%) participants with baseline viral load between 500,000 and 1,000,000 c/mL achieved virologic suppression by Week 48; 5 were suppressed by Week 24
- None switched from DTG/3TC

Participant	Baseline CD4+	HIV-1 RNA (c/mL) by study visit							
	cell count	Baseline	Week 1	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Week 24	Week 36	Week 48
K	167	899,271	3076	476	326	104	51/58	46	41
L	20	672,828	41,003	313	NA <sup>a</sup>	—	—	—	—
M	196	642,333	1045	43	<40	<40	<40	<40	<40
N	24	610,485	2107	112	116	98	<40	<40	<40
O	28	599,427	7981	2248	1364	419	82/164	176	132/47
P	<20	598,848	3173	339	<40	<40	<40	<40	<40
Q	301	540,063	1369	<40	73	69	<40	<40	<40
R	43	527,632	1076	112	<40	90	<40	<40	<40
S	150	520,354	16,766	403	280	216	90/106/72	NA <sup>b</sup>	65/40

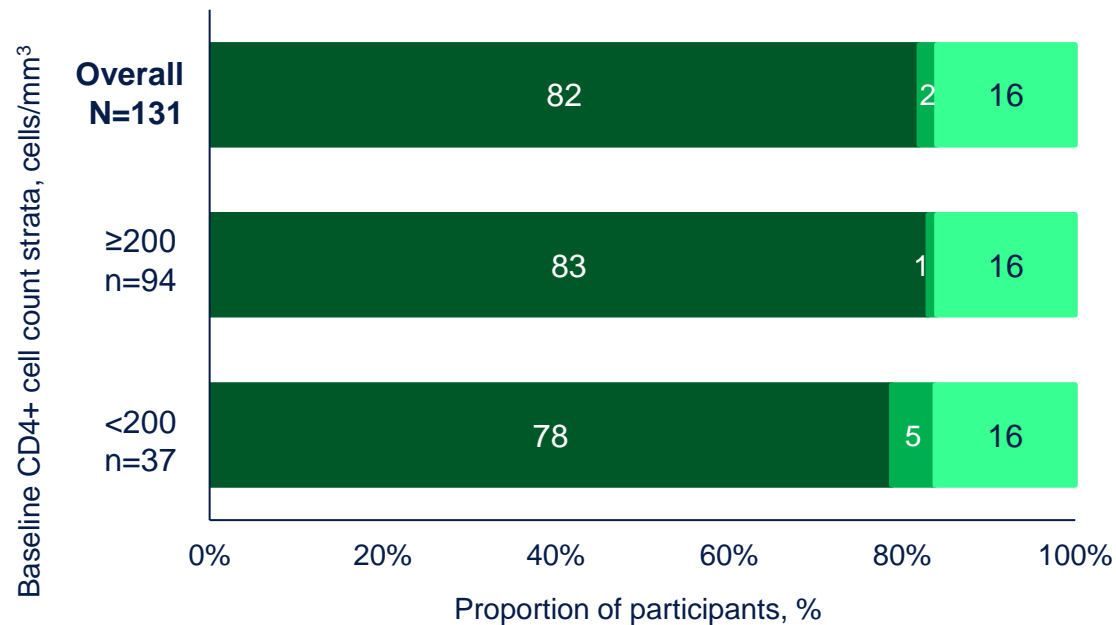
□ HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL    ■ HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL

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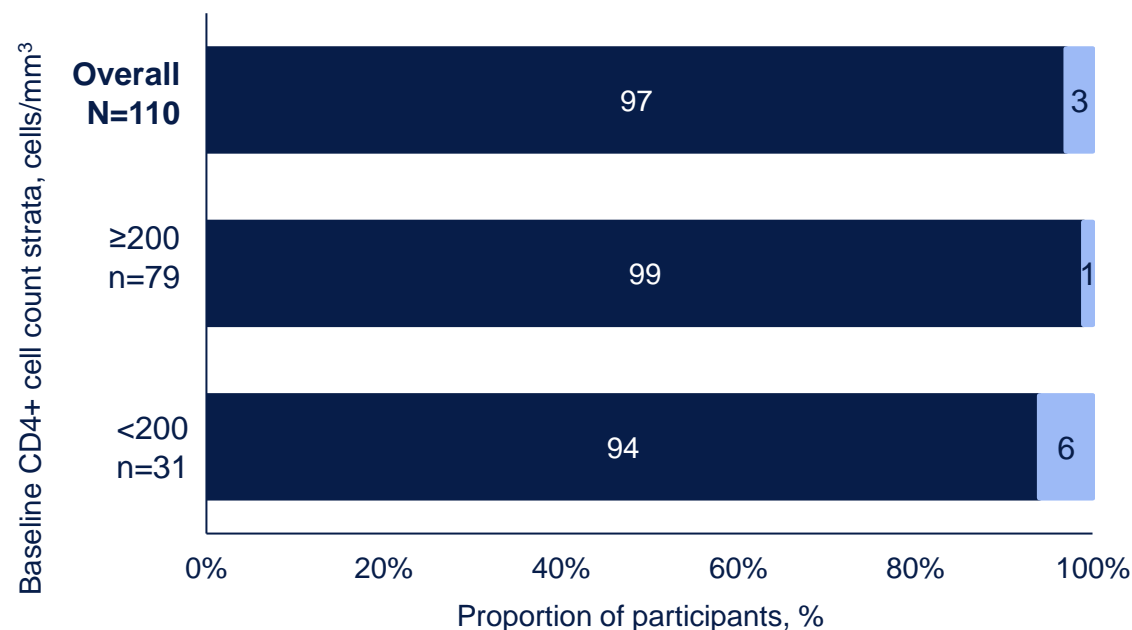
<sup>a</sup>Participant withdrew at Week 4 due to physician decision. <sup>b</sup>Participant had a remote visit without labs (hence HIV-1 RNA assessment was missed) due to COVID-19.

# At Week 48, Virologic Suppression Rates Were High in Participants Irrespective of Baseline CD4+ Cell Count

## ITT-E missing = failure analysis



## Observed analysis



■ HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL ■ HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL ■ Data missing or participant withdrew

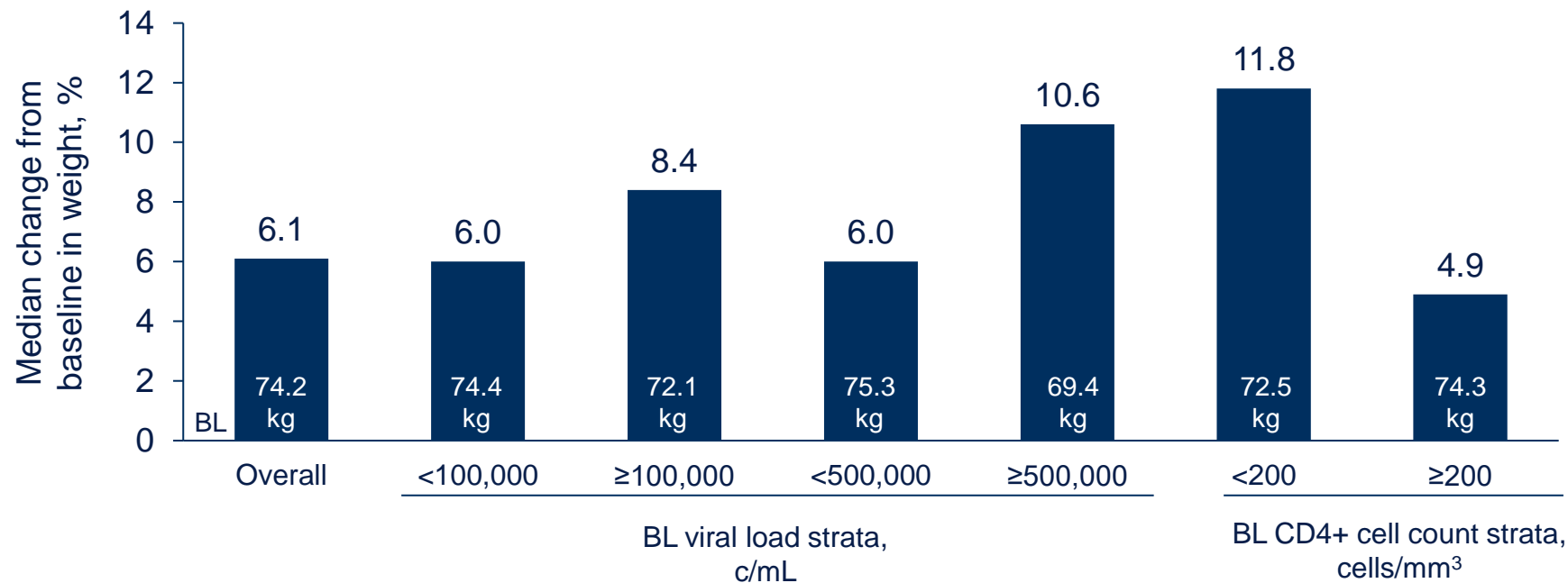
■ HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL ■ HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL

- 25/37 participants with baseline CD4+ cell count <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> had CD4+ cell count ≥200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> at Week 48; 6 participants discontinued study and did not have Week 48 assessments
- Median (95% CI) time to suppression for participants with baseline CD4+ cell count <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> was 79 (57-168) days

ITT-E missing = failure analysis: all participants in the ITT-E population, regardless of ART regimen; observed analysis: all participants with available HIV-1 RNA data, regardless of ART regimen.

# Weight Gain Overall and by Baseline Viral Load and CD4+ Cell Count

- On DTG/3TC, median (IQR) percent change in weight was 5.2% (1.4%-8.4%) from baseline to Week 24 and 6.1% (0.5%-11.7%) from baseline to Week 48
- Median percent change in weight from baseline to Week 48 was 6.0% in participants with baseline viral load <500,000 c/mL vs 10.6% in those with baseline viral load ≥500,000 c/mL
- Weight gain after treatment initiation may be related to improvements in viral load and CD4+ cell count



# DTG/3TC Was Well Tolerated Through Week 48, With Low Rates of Discontinuation Due to AEs

- DTG/3TC was well tolerated, with low rates of grade 2-5 drug-related AEs (2%) and serious AEs (2%)
- 1 participant with very high baseline viral load ( $\geq 1,000,000$  c/mL) had an AE leading to discontinuation of DTG/3TC (rash); the event resolved

AEs, n (%)	DTG/3TC (N=131)
Any AE	100 (76)
AEs occurring in $\geq 7\%$ of participants	
Headache	12 (9)
Diarrhea	10 (8)
Depression	9 (7)
Nausea	9 (7)
Drug-related AEs	10 (8)
Grade 2-5 drug-related AEs <sup>a</sup>	3 (2)
AEs leading to discontinuation of DTG/3TC	1 (<1)
Any SAE <sup>b</sup>	2 (2)
Psychiatric disorders <sup>c</sup>	24 (18)

<sup>a</sup>All AEs were grade 2. <sup>b</sup>2 SAEs occurred (cellulitis, streptococcal bacteremia). No fatal SAEs occurred. <sup>c</sup>All psychiatric AEs were grade 1 or 2. AEs were coded using MedDRA v23.1.

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# Conclusions

- These data provide evidence for the efficacy and feasibility of using DTG/3TC as a first-line regimen in a test-and-treat setting, including among individuals with high baseline viral load
- In participants with newly diagnosed HIV-1 who initiated DTG/3TC in a test-and-treat setting, high virologic suppression rates were observed at Week 48, including in those with baseline viral load  $\geq 500,000$  c/mL
  - 17 of the 19 participants with baseline viral load  $\geq 500,000$  c/mL suppressed to  $< 50$  c/mL by Week 48; 1 participant modified ART before 48 weeks because of an AE (rash)
  - 9 of the 10 participants with baseline viral load  $\geq 1,000,000$  c/mL suppressed to  $< 50$  c/mL by Week 48
- Only 2 participants met criteria for confirmed virologic failure (1 with baseline viral load  $\geq 500,000$  c/mL), and none had evidence of treatment-emergent resistance; both participants remained on DTG/3TC
- No participants with available genotyping developed treatment-emergent HBV resistance
- DTG/3TC was well tolerated, with only 1 AE leading to discontinuation of study drug
  - Weight gain was high in participants with high baseline viral loads and low CD4+ cell counts



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