

# Women and AMP in Africa Study Design Discussion



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# AMP = Antibody Mediated Prevention

Can a passively infused monoclonal antibody prevent HIV-1 infection in high risk adults?

Two harmonized protocols:  
The AMP Studies:

**HVTN 704/HPTN 085**  
( 2700 MSM and TG in the Americas)

**HVTN 703/HPTN 081**  
( 1500 Women in sub-Saharan Africa)

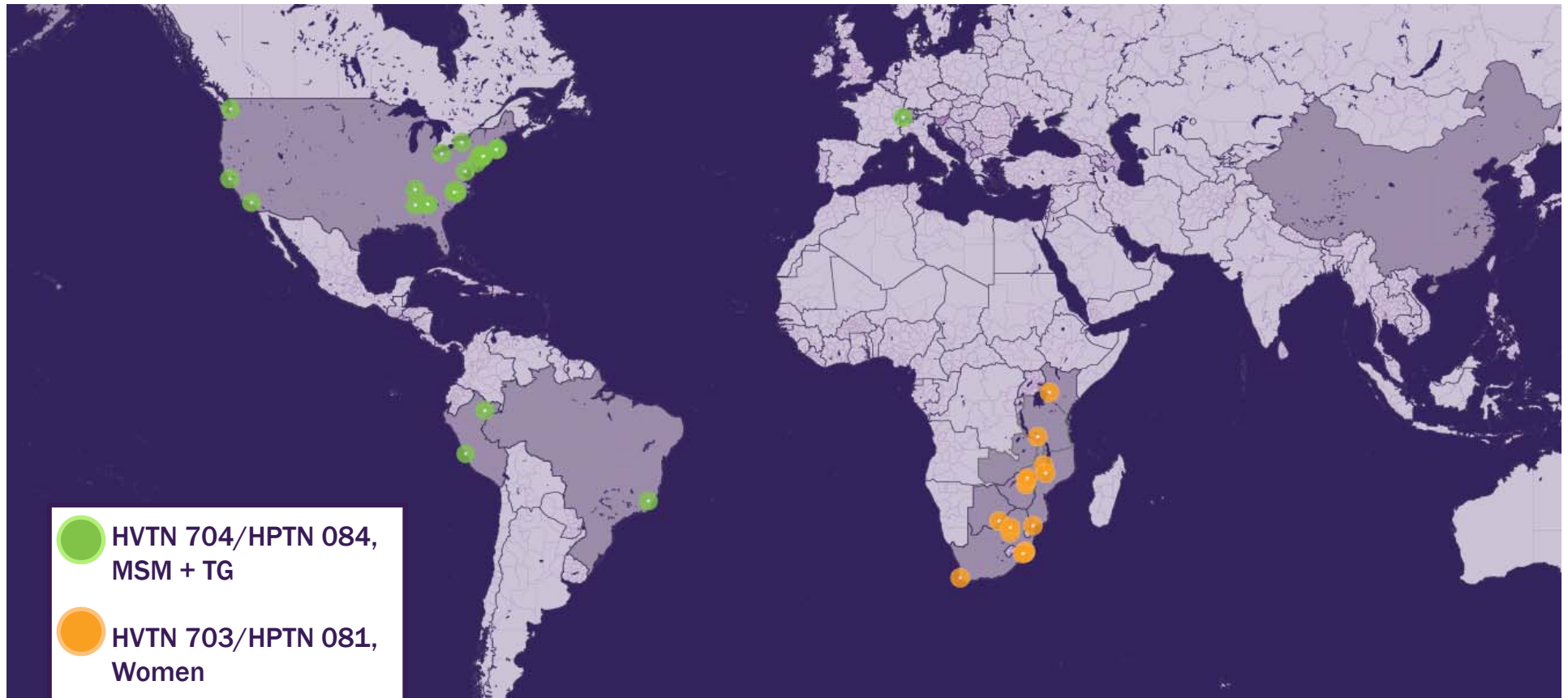
# The AMP Studies

Being conducted by the  
HIV Vaccine Trials Network and the  
HIV Prevention Trials Network,  
in partnership with their combined clinical trial  
sites.



# AMP Study Research Sites

(As of January, 2017)



# The AMP Study: Objectives & Endpoints

## PRIMARY

- **Safety & Tolerability of VRC01 infusion**
  - Reactogenicity, AEs, SAEs, discontinuation rates
- **Efficacy to prevent HIV infection**
  - HIV infection by week 80 in those HIV-negative at enrollment

## SECONDARY

- **Develop a marker(s) of VRC01 that correlates with the level and antigenic specificity of efficacy**
  - Serum VRC01 concentration
  - Serum mAb effector functions
  - Breakthrough HIV infection sequences
  - VRC01 neutralization sensitivity of, & effector functions against, HIV strains from infected trial participants

# The Main AMP Study Questions

- Is the VRC01 antibody **safe** to give to people?
- Are people able to “tolerate” the antibody **without becoming too uncomfortable?**
- Does the antibody **lower people’s chances of getting infected with HIV?**
- If the antibody does lower people’s chances of getting infected with HIV, **how much of it is needed** to provide protection from HIV?

# Study Schema for The AMP Studies

HVTN 704/HPTN 085



HVTN 703/HPTN 081



REGIMEN	MSM & TG in the Americas	Women in sub-Saharan Africa	TOTAL	
VRC01 10 mg/kg	900	500	1300	10 infusions total - given every 8 weeks
VRC01 30 mg/kg	900	500	1300	
Control	900	500	1300	
Total	2700	1500	4200	Study duration: ~22 months

# MSM+TG AMP Schema: HVTN 704/HPTN 085

		Infusion schedule (Weeks) [A = VRC01 infusion; C = Control infusion]												
	Treatment	N*	W0	W8	W16	W24	W32	W40	W48	W56	W64	W72	W80 <sup>♦</sup>	W92 <sup>†</sup>
Group 1	VRC01 10 mg/kg	900	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Group 2	VRC01 30 mg/kg	900	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Group 3	Control	900	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Total:		2700 (900 VRC01 30 mg/kg; 900 VRC01 10 mg/kg; 900 control)												

♦ Week 80 is the last study visit for the primary endpoint analysis of prevention efficacy.

† Week 92 is the last study visit for the co-primary endpoint analysis of safety and tolerability.

\*An interim safety assessment will be performed through the Week 24 visit for the first 450 enrolled participants. Infusions for those 450 participants will continue while the interim safety assessment is conducted. Following enrollment of the 450<sup>th</sup> participant, enrollment can continue, subject to the following condition: No more than 25% of the total study population may be enrolled before the interim safety report is complete, reviewed by the DSMB, and submitted to the US FDA. Enrollment will then continue only if the safety record for the run-in subgroup is deemed satisfactory.



# SSA Women AMP Schema: HVTN 703/HPTN 081

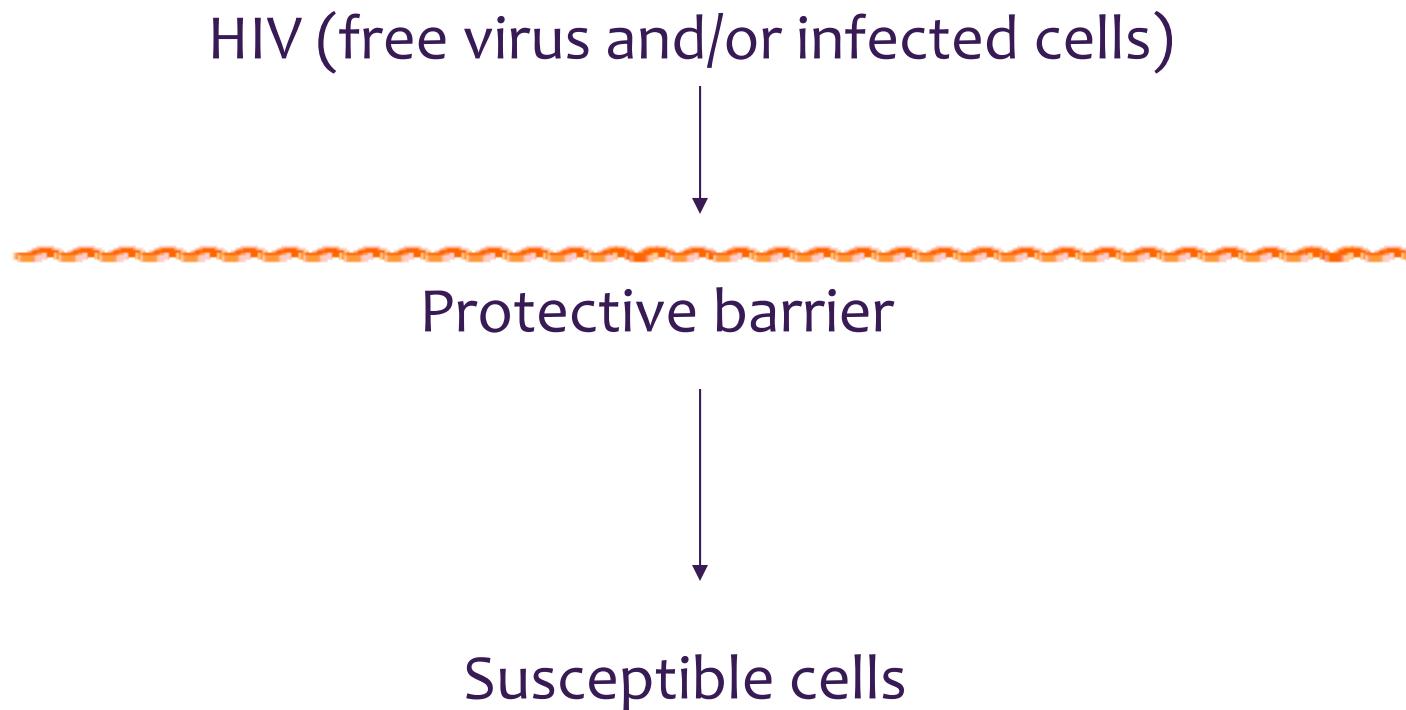
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Group 3	Control	500	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Total:		1500 (500 VRC01 30 mg/kg; 500 VRC01 10 mg/kg; 500 control)												

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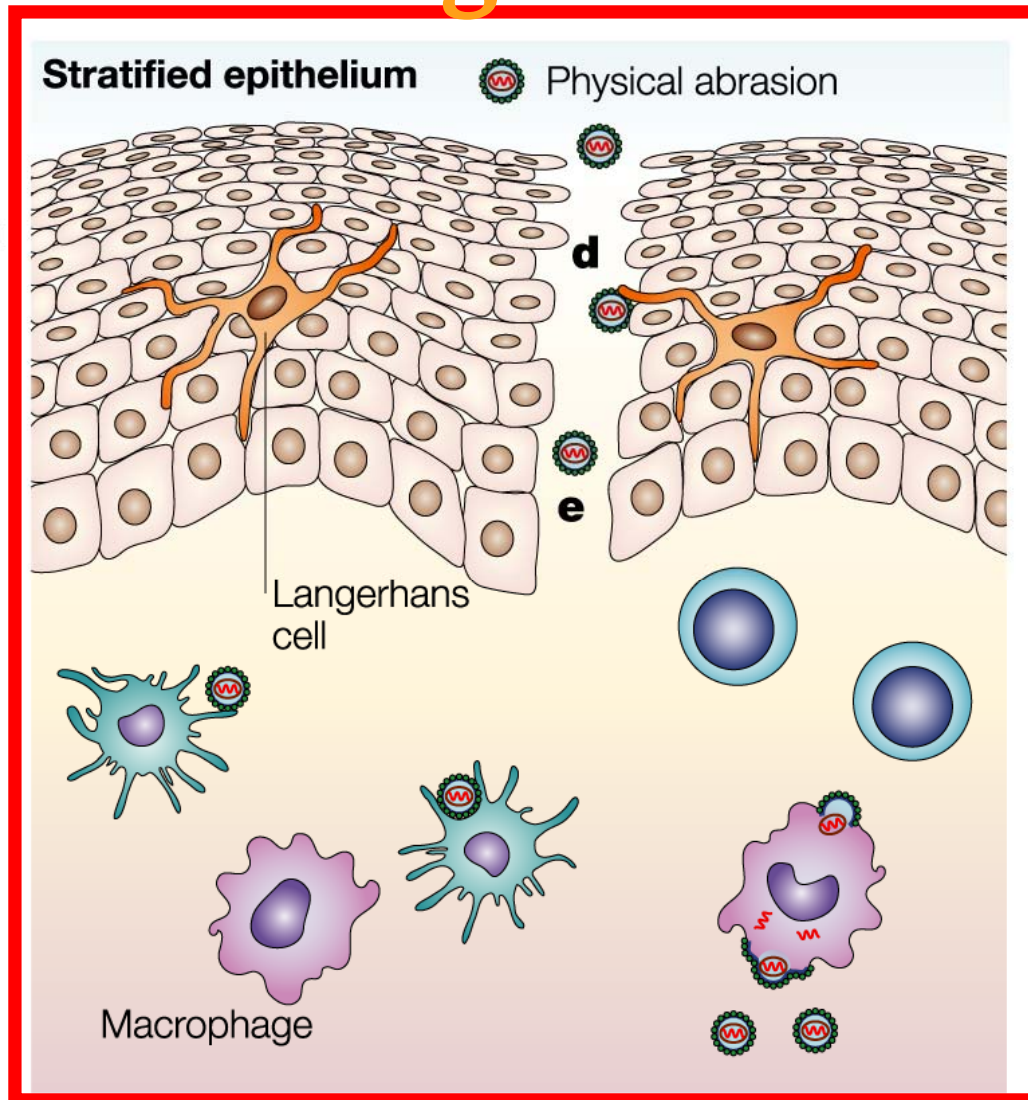
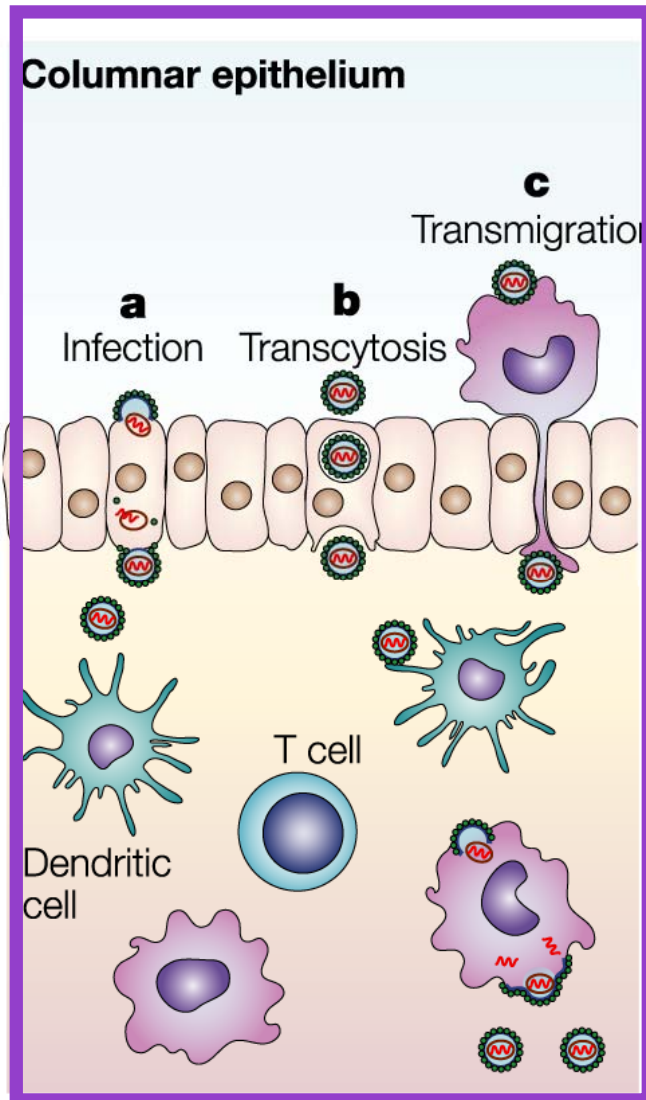
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# What increases the risk of HIV infection?

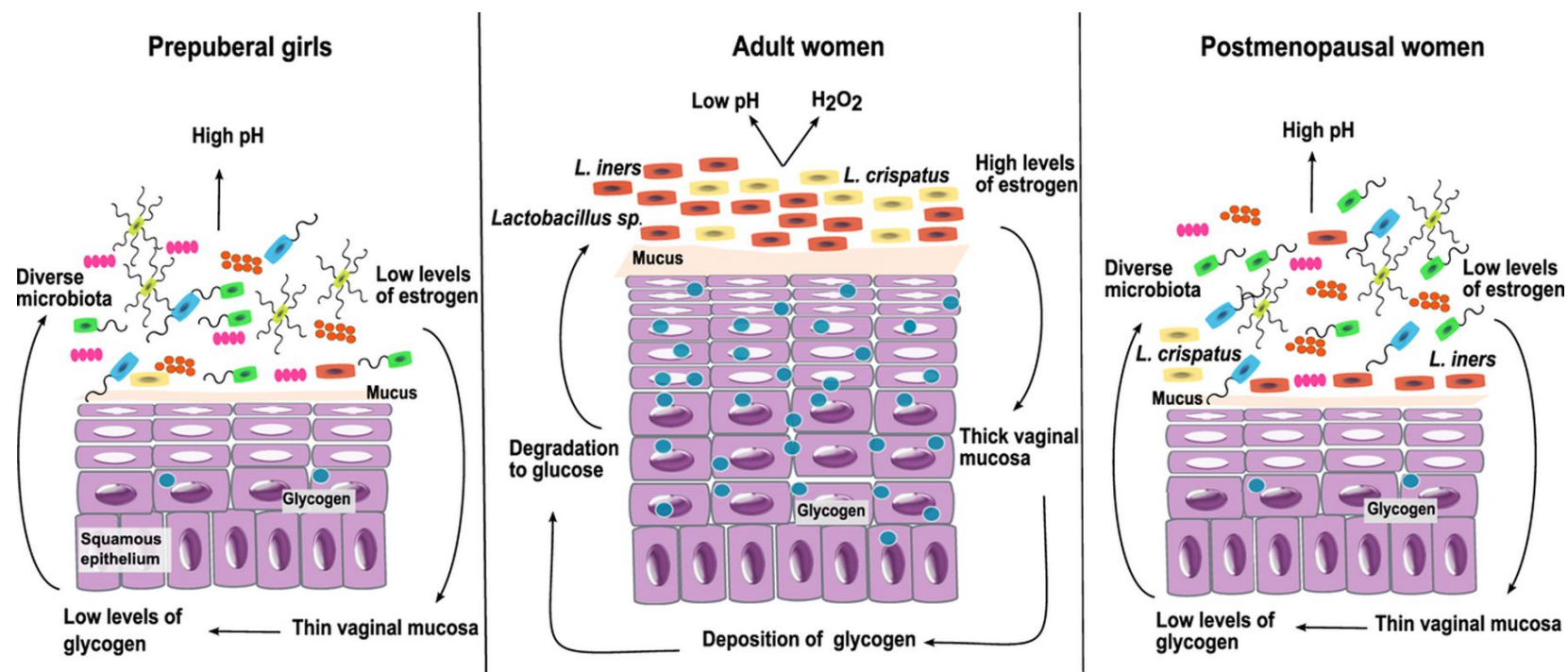
<u>Mechanism</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Increased amount of HIV	Increased viral production Type of body fluid
Breakdown of natural barrier	Trauma Inflammation Immune, genetic factors (?) Hormonal contraception
Larger pool of susceptible cells	Inflammation Genetic factors

# Why are young women so vulnerable to HIV?

- Low sexual frequency but high risk sex
- ? Partners are recently infected men 5-10 years older
- Low condom use
- Biologic vulnerability of the genital tract, potentially including:
  - Ectopy - larger surface area of vulnerable cells exposed?
  - Increased HIV co-receptors in cervical cells
  - Recent HSV-2 infection
  - Intra-vaginal practices
  - Trauma during sex

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# Changes in the vaginal mucosae during different stages of a woman's life



# Rationale for 2 Cohorts

- As these are Test-of-Concept trials we selected the two populations in which novel biomedical interventions are needed
  - MSM + TG
  - Heterosexual women in sub-Saharan Africa
- We suspect that route of acquisition and genital tract immunology and anatomy may influence the distribution of VRC01 and potential efficacy

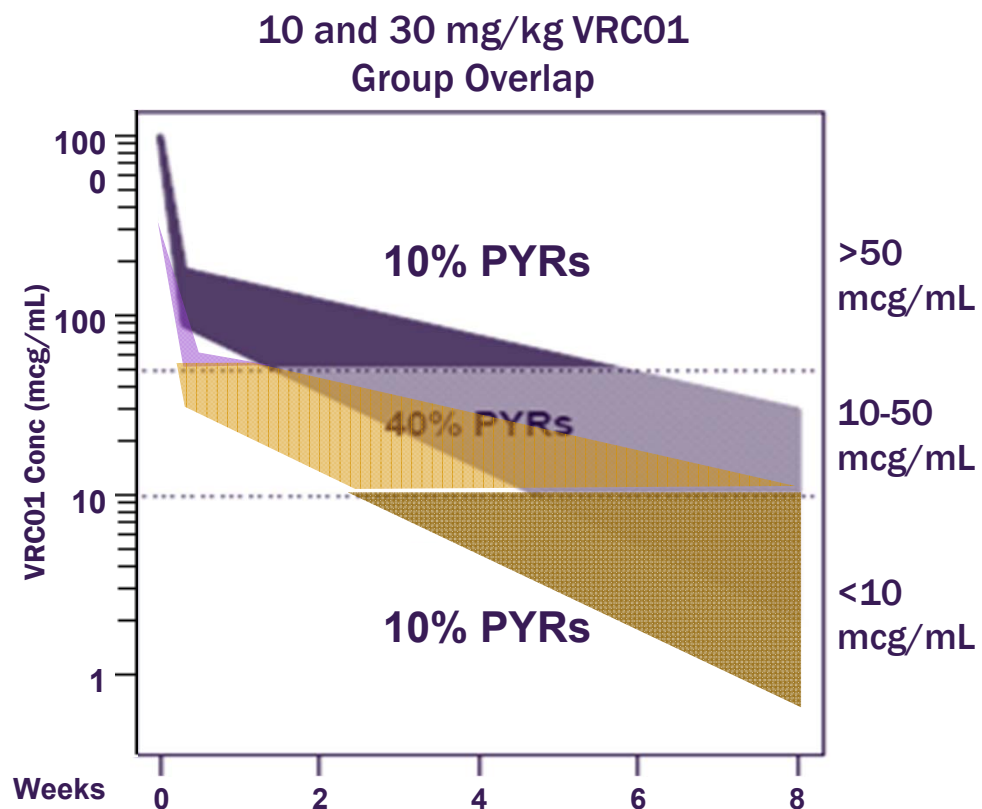


# Rationale for 3 Arms

- The primary analysis compares the combined VRC01 group vs. control, therefore having similar sample size as a 2-arm trial
- Assessment of PE at two doses provides data for modeling how PE would change given a new dose and/or schedule
- Multiple doses improves assessment of correlates of protection



# Two Dose Groups: Overlapping Serum Concentrations



	10 mg/kg	30 mg/kg	Overlap
High (>50 mcg/mL)	10% PYRs	50% PYRs	<b>10% PYRs</b>
Medium (10 to 50 mcg/mL)	40% PYRs	40% PYRs	<b>40% PYRs</b>
Low (<10 mcg/mL)	50% PYRs	10% PYRs	<b>10% PYRs</b>
<b>Total Overlap = 60% PYRs or Person Years at Risk</b>			

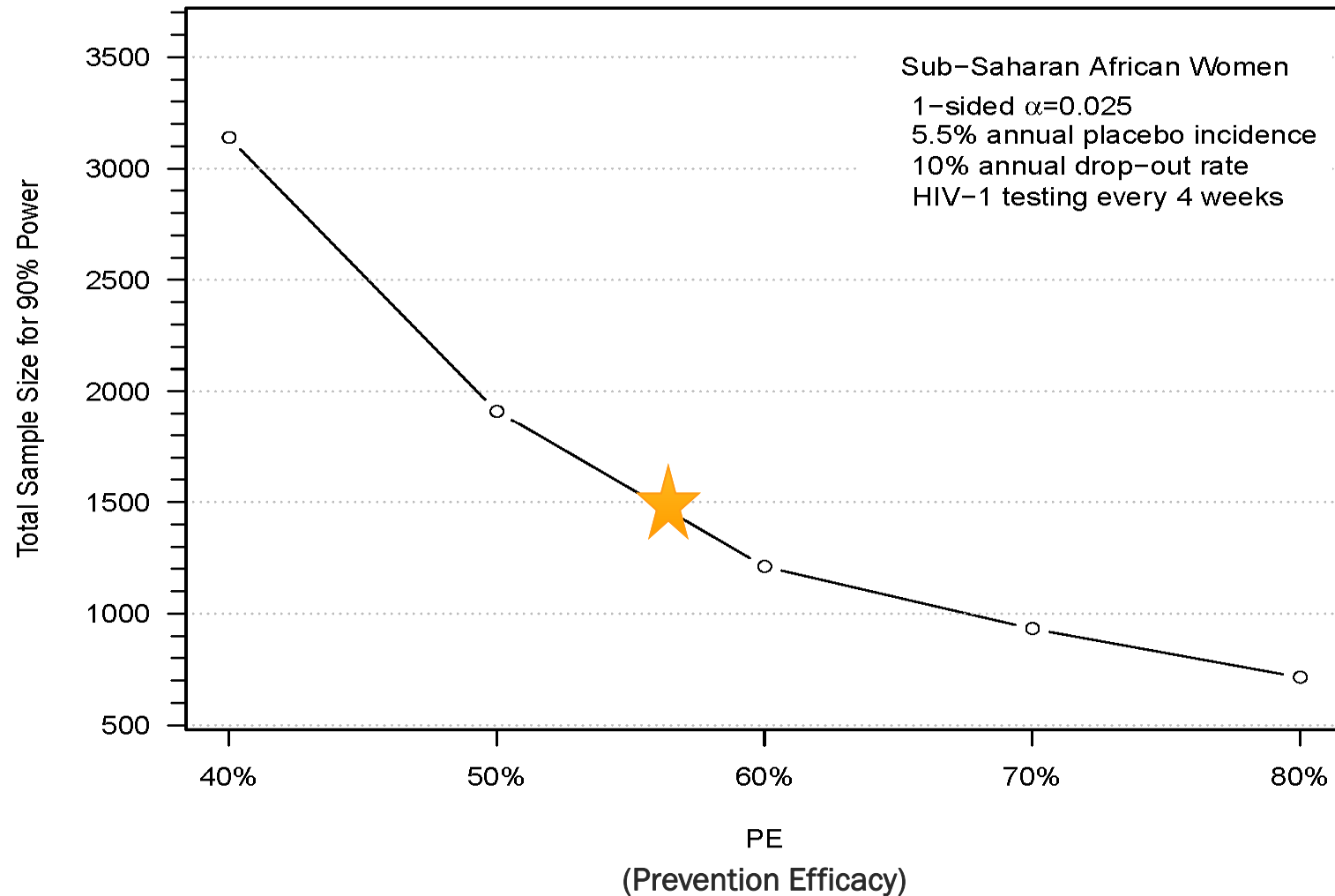
# Trial Design Rationale

- Passive administration of VRC01 antibody will **reduce acquisition of HIV infection** in high risk populations
- Doses selected will determine the **activity of the antibody** across a range of serum concentration in diverse populations across multiple geographic regions of the world
- Level of VRC01 antibody required for protection will **vary by type of sexual exposure**
- Concentration of antibody in serum will be directly associated with the rate of protection; that is, **higher levels of antibody will give greater rates of protection than lower levels**
- Breakthrough isolates will have greater resistance to neutralization and will exhibit molecular signatures associated with **escape from neutralization**.

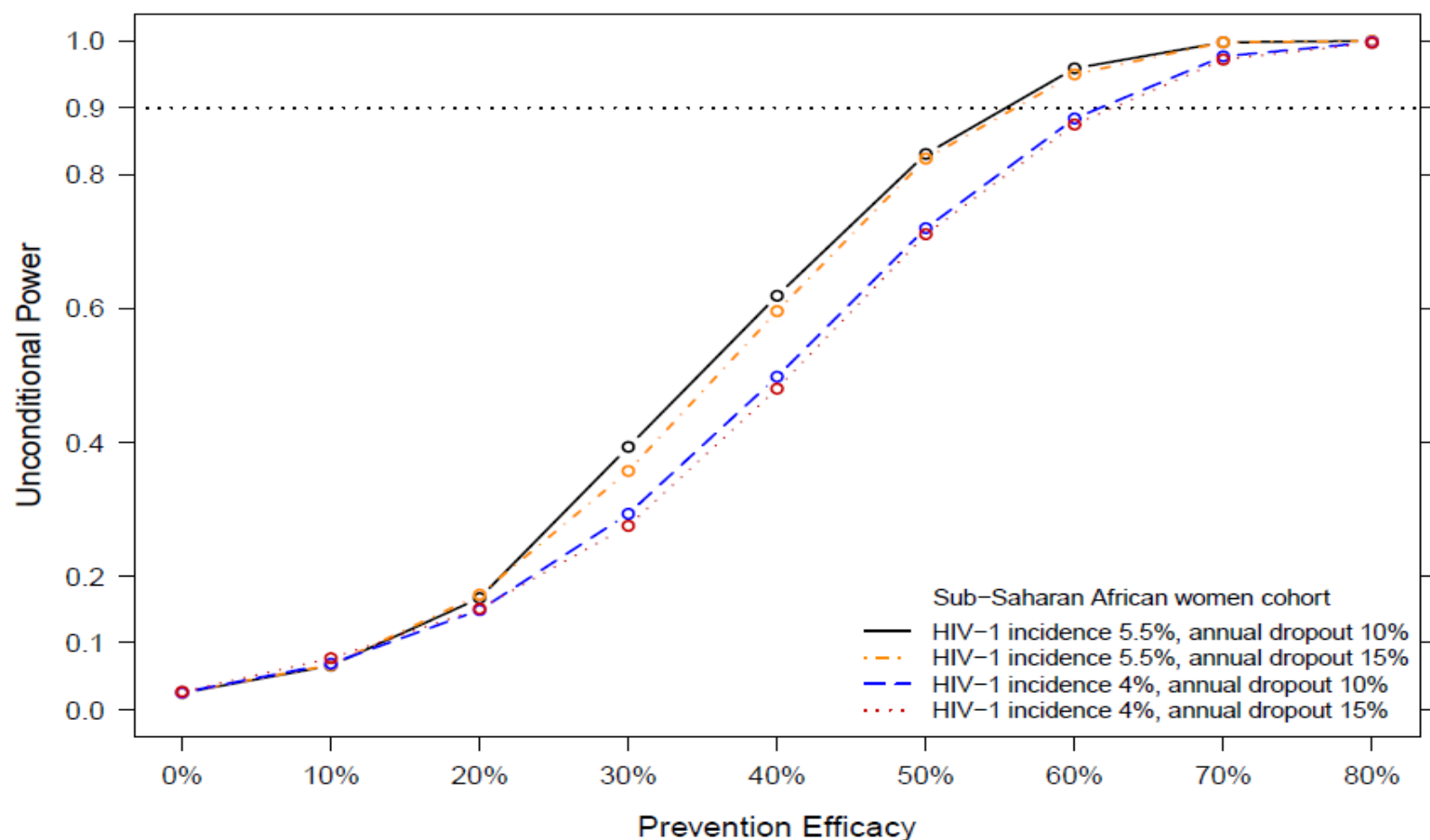
# Assumptions for Sample Size Calculations

- The two trials have identical statistical designs and analysis plans
- Each trial powered to detect 60% (vs. 0%) prevention efficacy
- Incidence
  - 5.5% annual HIV-1 incidence in the sub-Saharan African women placebo group
  - 3% annual HIV-1 incidence in the MSM+TG placebo group
- ~30 month uniform accrual period
- Q4-weekly visits for HIV-1 diagnostic tests
- 10% annual dropout incidence in each study group

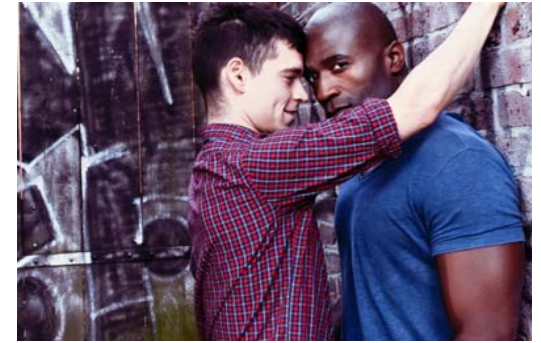
# Sample size selection for SSA women



## Sample size & power calculations are robust over a range of HIV incidence & dropout assumptions: **WOMEN**



# HVTN 704/HPTN 085: Select Eligibility Criteria



- Men & transgender people who have sex with men, 18-50 years of age
- HIV uninfected
- Risk behavior related criteria:
  - Male or TG who has had condomless anal intercourse with  $\geq 1$  male or TG partner(s) or any anal intercourse with  $\geq 2$  male or TG partners in the past 6 months
  - All volunteers in a mutually monogamous relationship with an HIV(-) partner for  $> 1$  year are excluded.
- Volunteers with clinically significant medical conditions are excluded

# HVTN 703/HPTN 081: Select Eligibility Criteria



- Heterosexual Women, 18-40 years of age
- HIV uninfected
- Risk behavior related criteria:
  - Female who has had vaginal or anal intercourse with a male partner in the past 6 months
  - All volunteers in a mutually monogamous relationship with an HIV(-) partner for > 1 year are excluded.
- Volunteers with clinically significant medical conditions are excluded



# AMP Study Procedures

- **IV:** receive an IV over a 30-60 minute period every 8 weeks (10 times total)
- **Blood draw:** get a blood draw at the clinic every 4 weeks (includes an HIV test)
- **STI testing:** get STI testing (urine and rectal swabs) about every 6 months
- **Questionnaires:** complete questionnaires about sexual behavior & general health every 4-8 weeks

**STUDY DURATION: about 22 months**



# AMP Studies: Summary

- **1st large scale, phase 2b studies with an IV intervention for HIV prevention in men & women**
- **1st efficacy trials with an anti-HIV mAb**
- **Cross-Network collaboration: HVTN & HPTN**
- **Global trials in 2 cohorts on 4 continents**
  - 2700 MSM + TG in North & South America (Clade B)
  - 1500 Women in sub-Saharan Africa (Clades C, A, D)



# AMP Protocol Team



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