# Breakthroughs and Big Questions: AIDS vaccine research in 2014

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# Future of HIV-1 vaccines is bright

Major breakthroughs in last 5 years converge:

- First Efficacy signal RV144
- New technology viral targets, Env structure
- Human broadly neutralizing Abs protect NHP
- CD8 T cells protect NHP, clear infection

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# How long does it take to make a vaccine?

Disease	Years to develop vaccine
Typhoid	105
Haemophilus influenzae B	92
Pertussis	89
Polio	30
Measles	42
Hepatitis B	15
HIV	30 and counting

Source: Modified from H. Markel, NEJM 2005

# **Do they work?**

"How Vaccines Have Changed Our World in One Graphic" www.forbes.com Feb. 19, 2013 (using data from JAMA 2010)



# Most effective vaccines induce Abs to key viral surface protein(s)



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# **RV144 – First link to Clinical Efficacy**



#### Modified ITT Population

	VACCINE			PLACEBO			
Timepoint	Events	KM Rate (%)	SE (%)	Events	KM Rate (%)	SE (%)	Efficacy (%)
6	5	0.06	0.028	11	0.14	0.042	54.46
12	12	0.15	0.044	30	0.38	0.069	59.95
18	24	0.31	0.063	43	0.55	0.083	43.97
24	32	0.41	0.072	50	0.64	0.09	35.7
30	37	0.48	0.078	58	0.74	0.097	35.96
36	45	0.58	0.086	65	0.84	0.103	30.42
42	51	0.68	0.096	74	0.96	0.111	29.15

### Waning durability Ab?

# **RV144 Antibody Correlates**

### Antibodies to variable loop regions (V1V2)



### V2 IgG Abs correlate with <u>decreased</u> infection risk\*

# Pox-Protein Public Private Partnership (P5)

• **Goal:** Substantiate and extend the RV144 result in high incidence populations

• **Partnership:** BMGF, NIAID/DAIDS, Novartis, Sanofi-Pasteur and USMHRP with critical linkages to:

-Medical Research Council of RSA

-GlaxoSmithKline (provide ASO1B)

• Implementers: HIV Vaccine Trials Network

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### Licensure Track

#### **Products**

#### ALVAC-HIV (vCP2438)

- HIV-1 Clade C (ZM96) gp120 env
- HIV-1 Clade B (LAI) gag, pro and gp41 tm anchor sequence

#### gp120 Env proteins

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MF59 Adjuvant

### **Correlates/Discovery Track**

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• HIV-1 Clade C

#### NYVAC-HIV-PT1/PT4

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#### MF59, ASO1B Adjuvants

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### Sites of vulnerability = targets of BNabs



# **Critical Challenge in the Development of an HIV Vaccine**

# Neutralizing Epitope Immunogen

# **Neutralizing Antibody Approach to HIV Prevention**



### Neutralizing antibody hurdle

**Recent study in AIDS 2014 showed exciting news:** 

Modestly neutralizing Abs may be more common than we think

- •There is a spectrum of responses
- Most sera shows some level of cross-neutralization
- •Approx. 50% of sera neutralize 50% of viruses
- Titers of neutralization (potency) were correlated with breadth
- •Many sera had breadth ~ to several of less potent bNAbs

#### • Good news for vaccine induced antibodies

Hraber et al, AIDS 2014, 28:163-169

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### Immune Clearance of Highly Pathogenic SIV Infection

SG Hansen, LJ Picker et al.

Live CMV vector vaccine induces potent CD8+ T cell response in monkeys that results in profound early control and progressive immune clearance of highly pathogenic SIV

Implications for preventive and therapeutic HIV vaccines

### **RhCMV- SIV Vector controls SIV challenge**

Key finding: 50% animals 'cleared' infection; Effector Memory



<sup>19</sup> **Picker, et al 2012** 

# Vaccine Induced Antibodies: Major Questions to Address Going Forward

- 1. <u>Antibody Durability</u>
- 2. Quality of IgG and IgA Binding
- 3. <u>Mucosal Antibodies</u>
- 4. Neutralization

# Thank you