HIV CURE on trial: hype or hope?



Biological challenges of HIV

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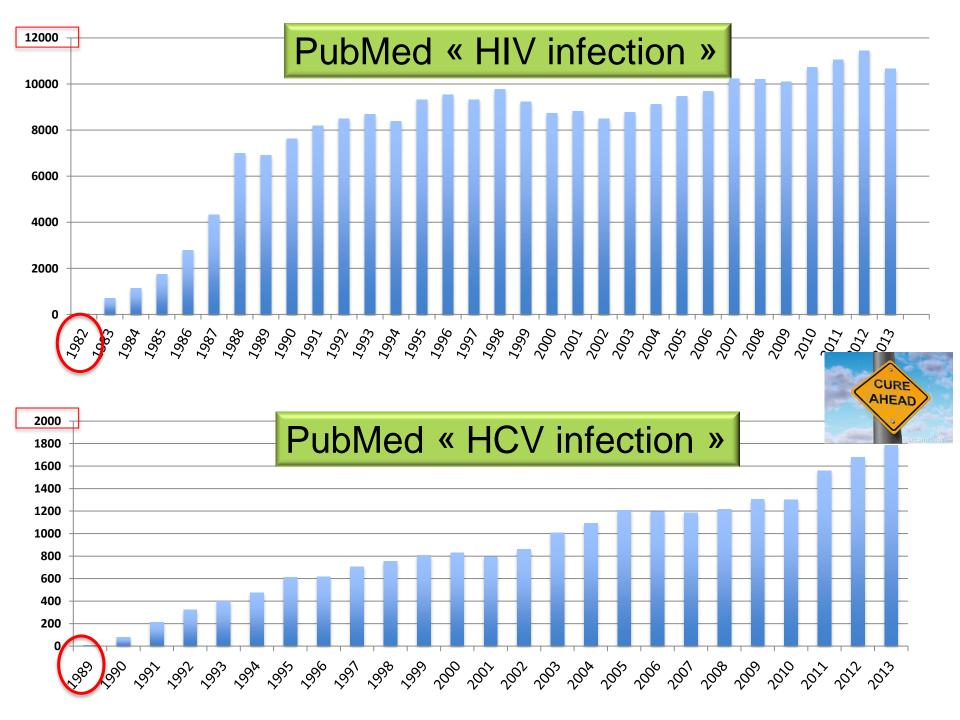
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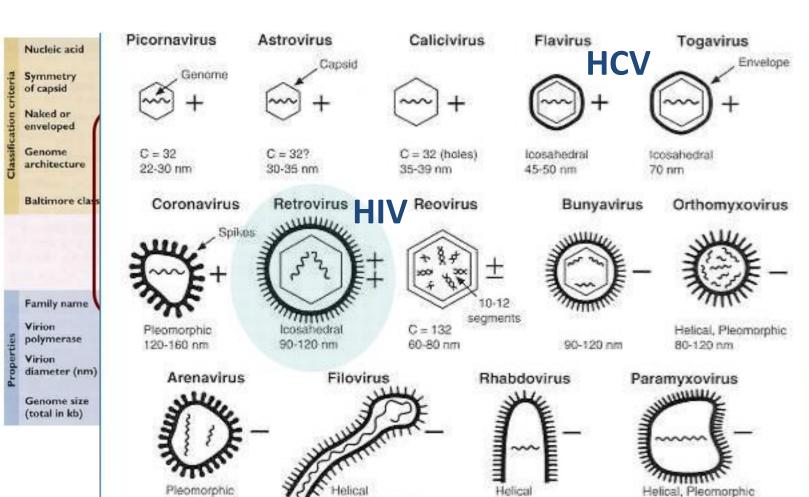




Conflits d'Intérêt

- Board d'experts:
- Viiv Health care, Bristol Myers Squibb, MSD
- Invitation Congrès:
- Viiv Health care, Bristol Myers Squibb, Janssen
- Participation à des symposium Modérateur/Intervenant:
- Viiv Health care, Bristol Myers Squibb, Gilead, MSD

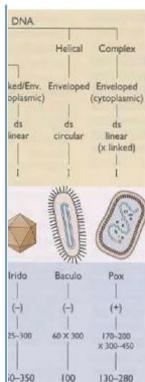




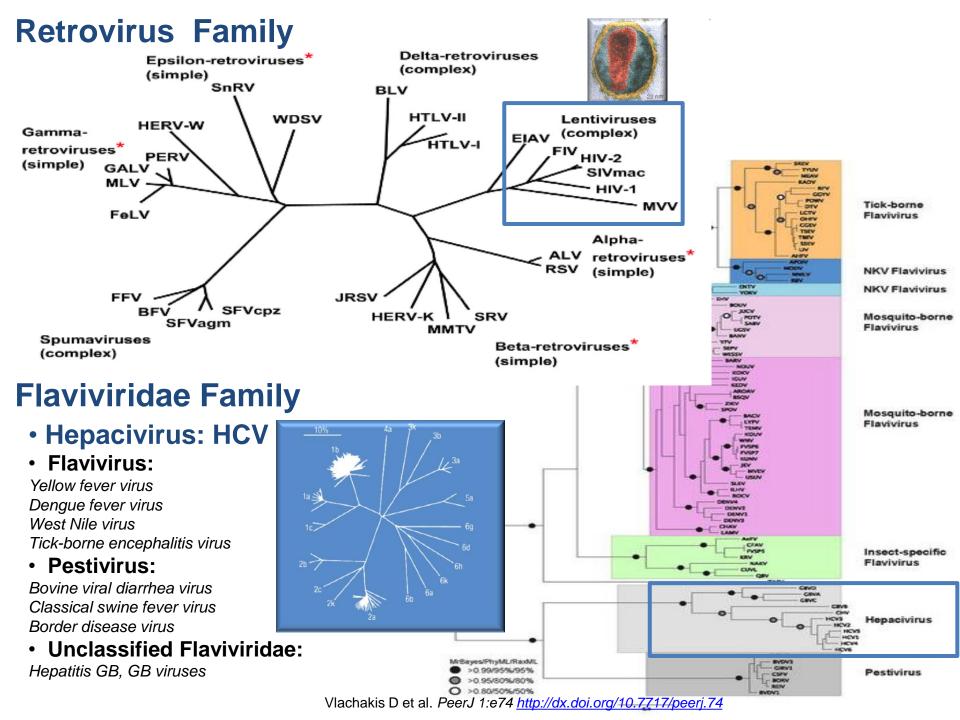
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60x180 nm

110-130 nm



150-300 nm





High genetic diversity





7 sous-types A B C D E F G

Sous-types non recombinants (« purs ») :

ABCDFGHJK

□Sous - sous-types: F1 F2

Formes recombinantes circulantes (CRF) :

Nom	Souche de réf.	Sous-types	Nom	Souche de réf.	Sous-types
CRF01_AE	CM240	A, E	CRF08_BC	GX-6F	B', C
CRF02_AG	IbNG	A, G	CRF09_?	p2911	non publié
CRF03_AB	Kal153	A, B	CRF10_CD	TZBF061	C, D
CRF04 cpx	94CY032	A, G, H, K, U	CRF11_cpx	GR17	A, CRF01, G, J
CRF05 DF	VI1310	D, F	CRF12_BF	ARMA159	B, F
CRF06_cpx	BFP90	A, G, J, K	CRF13_cpx	Non connue	A, E, G, J, U
CRF07 BC	CN54	B'. C	CRF14_BG	X397	B, G

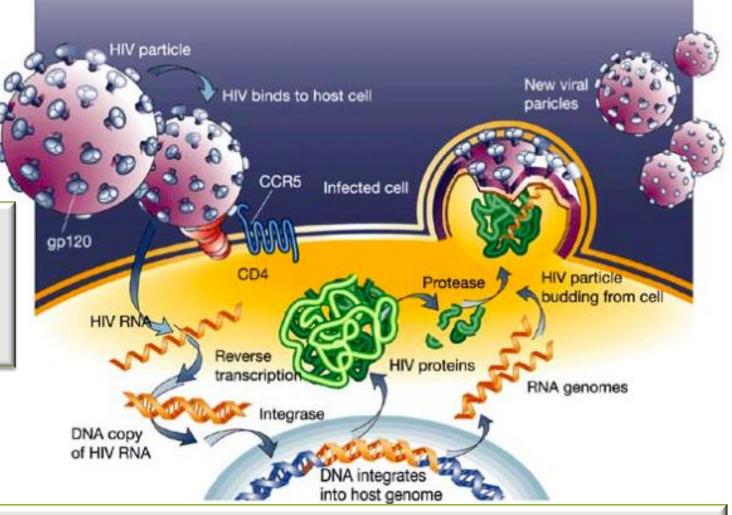


Groupe O (Outlier)

Très rares isolats Grande diversité génétique



HIV lifecycle is more complex: Integration and latency



Integration:
Viral genome
persists in the
infected cell

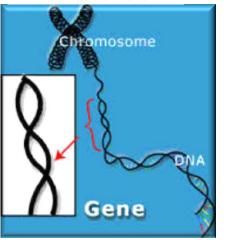
But don't forget, despite the lack of integration of HCV in the infected cell, some viral proteins may be involved in the progression to HCC (proteins C and NS5A or NS3 protease)



HIV lifecycle is more complex: Integration and latency



Basically HIV was thought to integrate itself randomly within our DNA in those areas that are actively being transcribed (at the time of integration) rather than in areas that are condensed and surrounded by histone proteins, around which our DNA is "stored..."



The sites of HIV-1 integration in the human genome determines basal transcriptional activity and response to Tat transactivation

A Jordan et al, EMBO Journal, 2001; 20, 1728-1738

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Retroviral DNA Integration: ASLV, HIV, and MLV Show Distinct Target Site Preferences

2004: 2:1127-1137

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Chromosomal regions rich in expressed genes were favored for HIV integration

HIV Integration: not randomly ...



Proliferation of Cells With HIV Integrated Into Regulatory Genes Is a Mechanism of Persistence

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The Role of HIV Integration Sites in Extensive Clonal Expansion of Infected Cells in Patients

Abstract LB 407

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- Multiple identical HIV integration sites were detected within each individual; these replicates accounted for 39.6% (213/538) of integration sites (...). Infected clones persisted in patients for at least 11 years.
- The integration site recovered most frequently (32 times) was in **MDC1**, which has a known role in cell cycle arrest and apoptosis(....)The only gene with HIV integrated into multiple sites and in multiple (2 of 3) participants was **BACH2**, recently identified as a tumor suppressor.
- (...)Integrations in the same orientation in a specific intron of **two different** genes (MKL2 and BACH2), both these genes have been linked to the control of cell growth and human cancers

HIV persistence: at least two mechanisms...

- If some infected cells still produce new HIVs that infect virgin cells, refilling the pool (particularly in tissue that drugs have difficulty reaching), more importantly, the infected cells make copies of themselves: a cloning process known as homeostatic proliferation
- Furthermore, HIV integration into specific sites in the human chromosome may modify gene function, allowing proliferation and prolonged persistence of specific infected cells.

CANCER GENES HELP HIV PERSIST, COMPLICATING CURE EFFORTS

J Cohen, Science 14 March 2014: Vol. 343 no. 6176 pp. 1188



HIV latency...



- Many viruses, especially the human herpesviruses, can remain in host cells throughout life without causing disease. They may be reactivated by immunosuppression or others phenomenom, however, and cause disease.
- Individual components of the nucleus of the host cells interact with virus to maintain genome "silent" in specific nuclear compartments during viral latency. This interaction is probably part of the antiviral response of the nucleus to infection and could be one of the barriers to raise during viral reactivation leading to disease onset

HSV-1 genome subnuclear positioning and associations with host-cell PML-NBs and centromeres regulate LAT locus transcription during latency in neurons.

F. Catez, PLoS Pathogens (2012), 8(8):e1002852



Mechanisms of HIV latency



- **Mechanisms** underlying establishment and maintenance of HIV latency are **complex...**
- Although most proviruses integrate in transcriptionally active genomic regions, in most of cases these proviruses remained repressed...

Transcriptional control of HIV latency: Cellular signaling pathways, epigenetics, happenstance and the hope for a cure

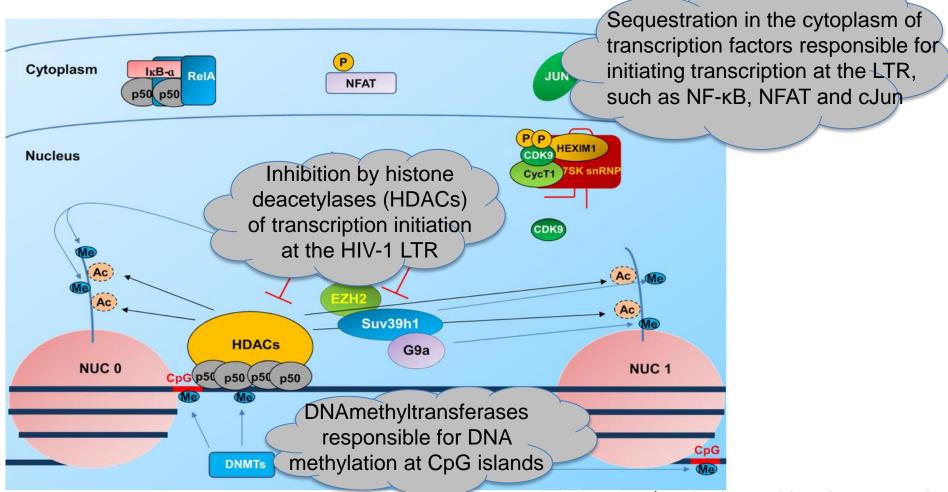
Uri Mbonye, Jonathan Karn* Virology 454-455 (2014) 328-339

HIV-1 Latency: An Update of Molecular Mechanisms and Therapeutic Strategies *Viruses* 2014, 6, 1715-1758;

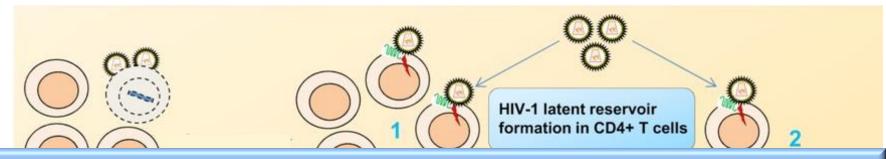
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Mechanisms of HIV latency: multiple and complex



Establishment of post-integration latency

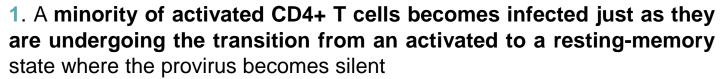


Proviruses integrated in long-lived cells is **not recognized by immune responses**, **not eliminated under cART** and is the **main obstacle to achieving an HIV cure**.

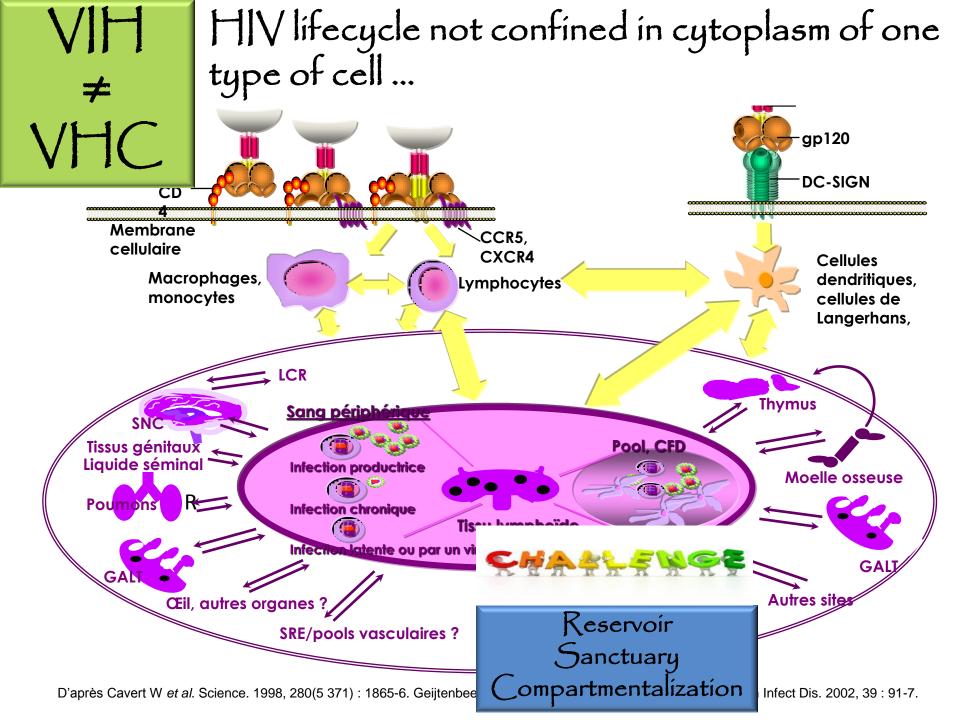
CP. Passaes, A Saez-Cirion. Virology 2014;454-454:340-352

cytopathic effect of the virus

Latent HIV-1 reservoir survival through homeostatic proliferation

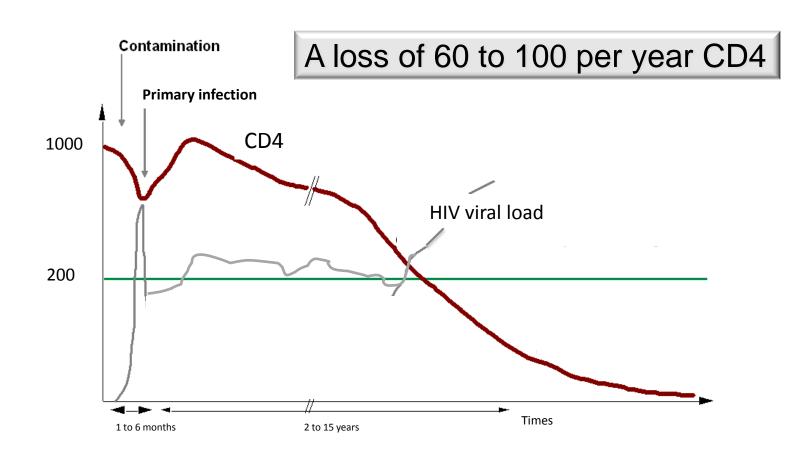


- 2. Latent infection may arise from direct infection of resting CD4+ T cells
- 3. The established latent reservoir in the T CD4+ resting memory compartment then survives through homeostatic proliferation





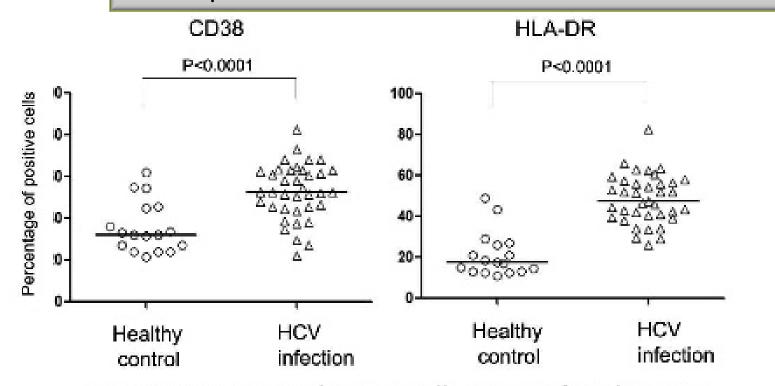
Impact on immune system: A gradual establishment of Immune Deficiency





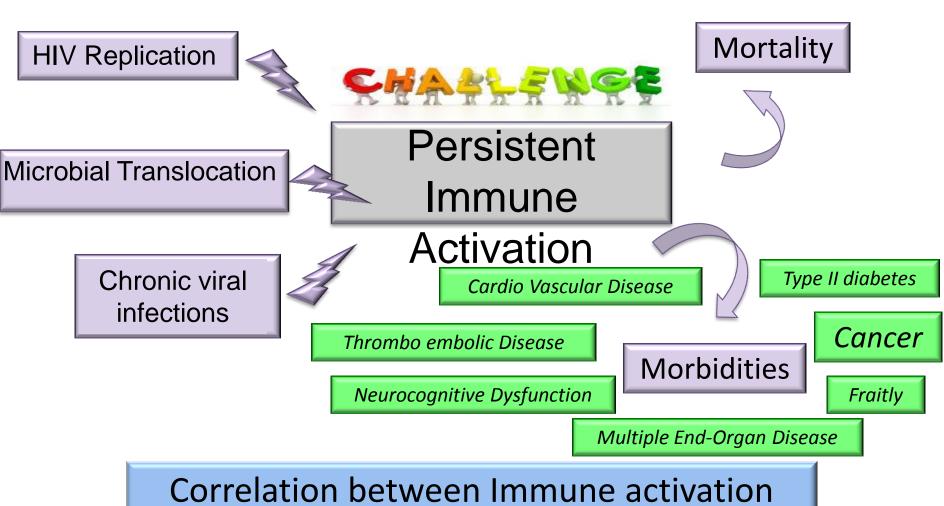
Impact on immune system: Immune activation and chronic inflammation as in all chronic infection

Chronic HCV infection induces CD8⁺ T cell activation and impaired balance of T cell-homeostasis



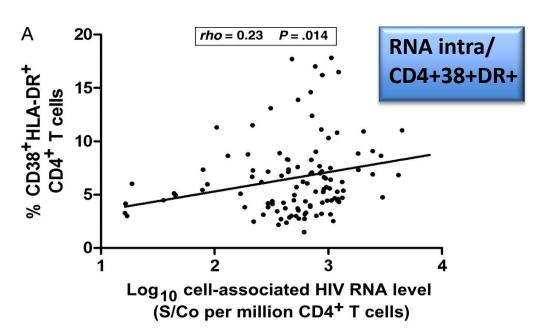
CD38, HLA-DR on total CD8+ T cells in HCV-infected patients.

HIV and Inflammation: Mechanisms and Consequences Curr HIV/AIDS Rep (2012) 9:139-147 Peter W. Hunt



Correlation between Immune activation and viral persistence/reservoir?

Cell-based measures of viral persistence are modestly associated with immune activation.

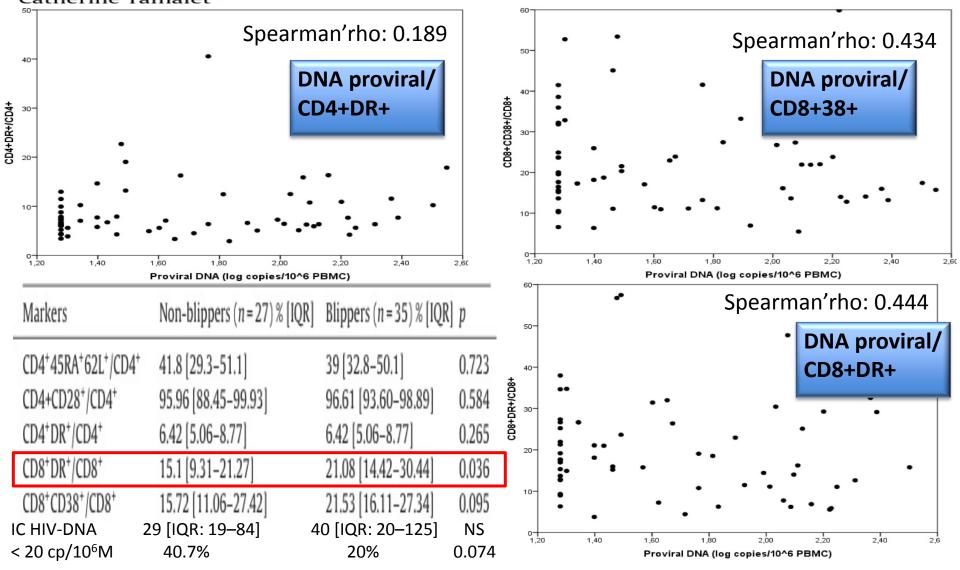


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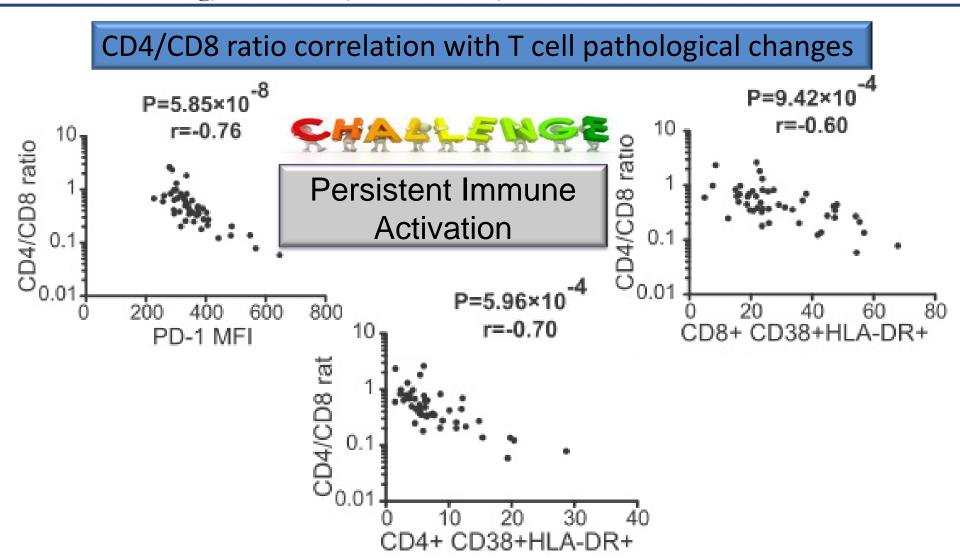
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Multiparametric Bioinformatics Distinguish the CD4/CD8 Ratio as a Suitable Laboratory Predictor of Combined T Cell **Pathogenesis in HIV Infection** The Journal of Immunology, 2014, 192: 2099–2108.

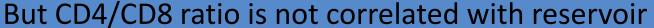
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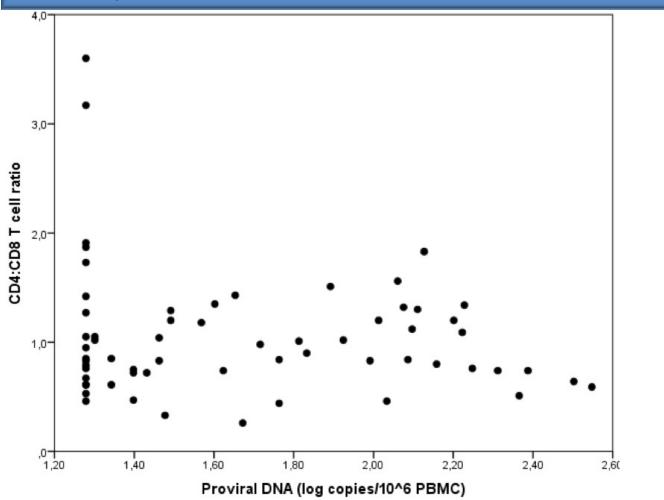


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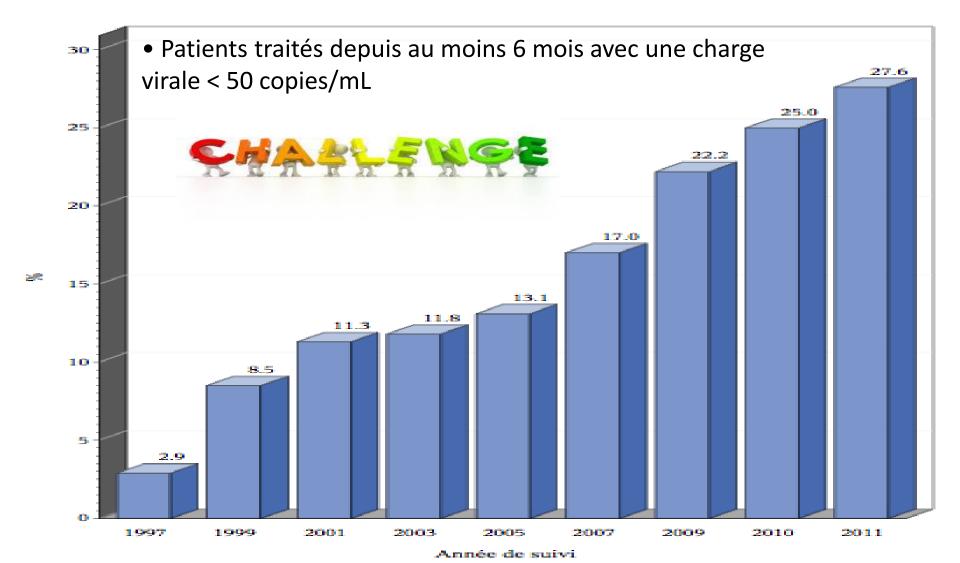
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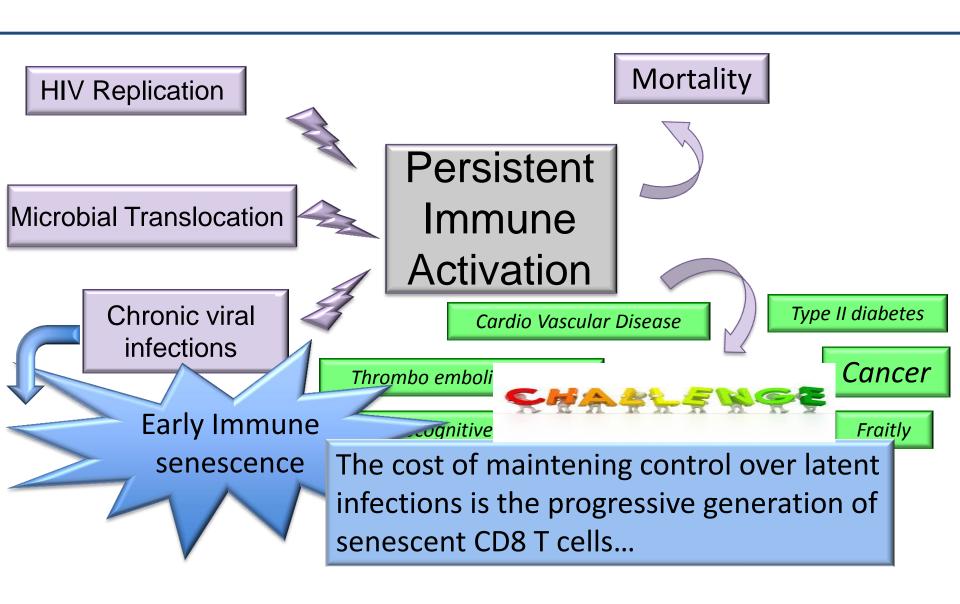


Ratio CD4/CD8 > 1 in less than 30% of ART treated patients





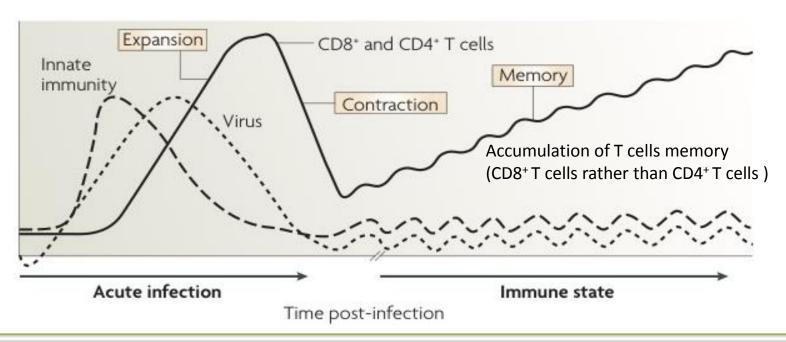
Immunosenescence: the cost of maintening control over latent infections





Ageing and life-long maintenance of T-cell subsets in the face of latent persistent infections J Nikolich-Zugich Nature Rev Immunol 2008; 8:512-522)

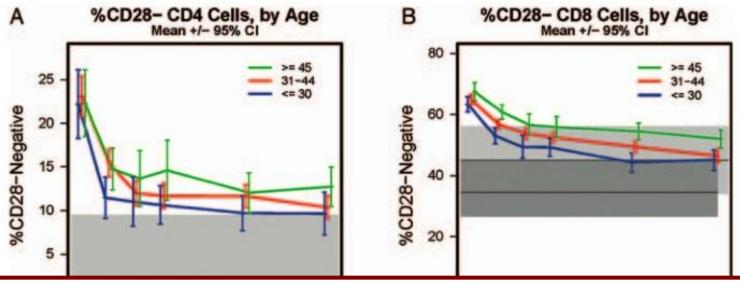
• Latent persistent pathogens (HSV, CMV) determine the extent of age associated immune deficiency ?



• During chronic infection (such as HIV, HCV) immune cells (including T cells) are constantly and systematically stimulated. This persistent immune activation lead to a premature immunosenescence and an exhaustion of immune resources.

CD28-Negative CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T Cells in Antiretroviral Therapy–Naive HIV-Infected Adults Enrolled in Adult Clinical Trials Group Studies

N= 1291 HIV infected treatment naive adults from 5 ACTG ART Studies and the ALLERT cohort vs 48 HIV negative adults (HIV negative control study 18-3€;45-66y)



The apoptose resistance of the CD28⁻ CD8⁺ T cells leads to

- an accumulation of memory T cell pool: ratio CD4:CD8 <1
- an excessive production of proinflammatory mediators such as TNFα, IL1β and IL6

Low Proportions of CD28⁻ CD8⁺ T cells Expressing CD57 Can Be Reversed by Early ART Initiation and Predict Mortality in Treated

HIV Infection

Sulggi A. Lee,¹ Elizabeth Sinclair,¹ Vivek Jain,¹ Yong Huang,¹ Lorrie Epling,¹ Mark Van Natta,² Curtis L. Meinert,² Jeffrey N. Martin,¹ Joseph M. McCune,¹ Steven G. Deeks,¹ Michael M. Lederman,³ Frederick M. Hecht,¹ and Peter W. Hunt¹ Journal of Infectious Diseases Advance Access published March 21, 2014

Duration of ART (years)

