

# How do you measure HIV cure

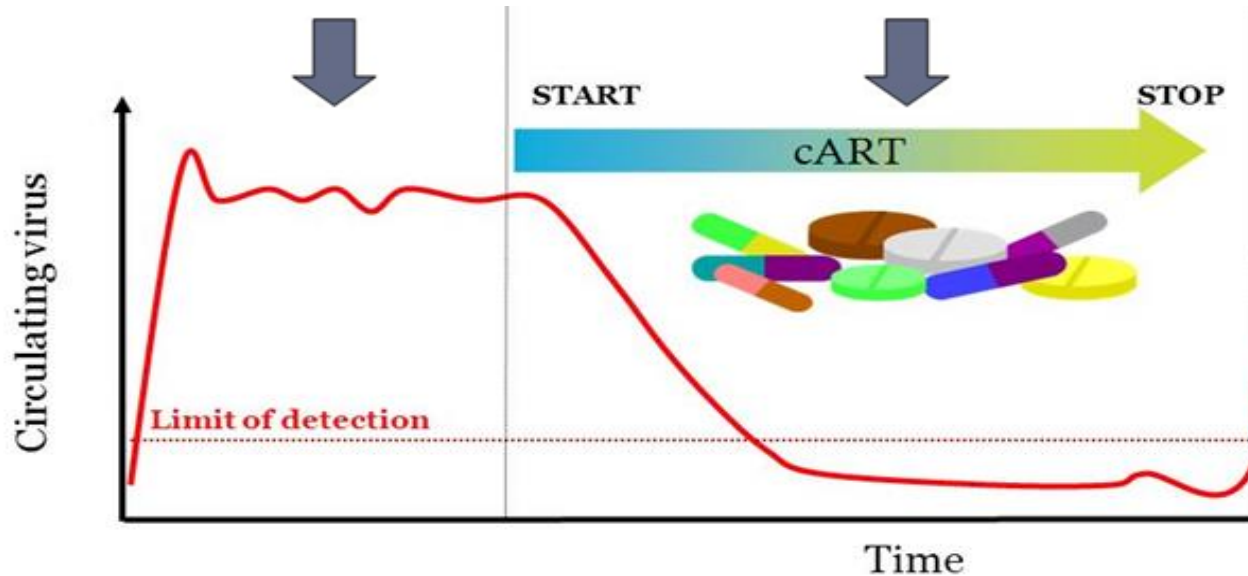
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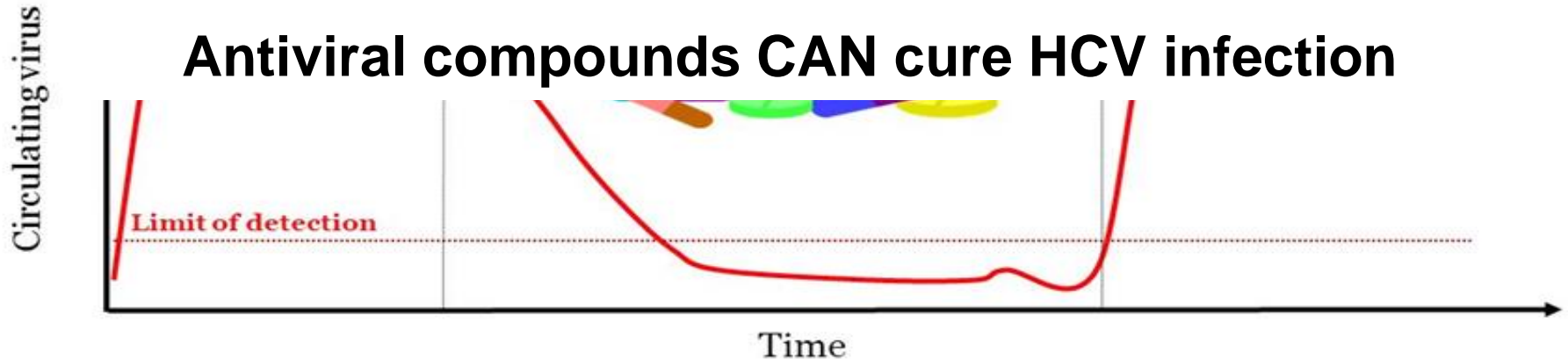
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HIV rebounds

Potent antiretroviral compounds can NOT cure HIV infection

Antiviral compounds CAN cure HCV infection



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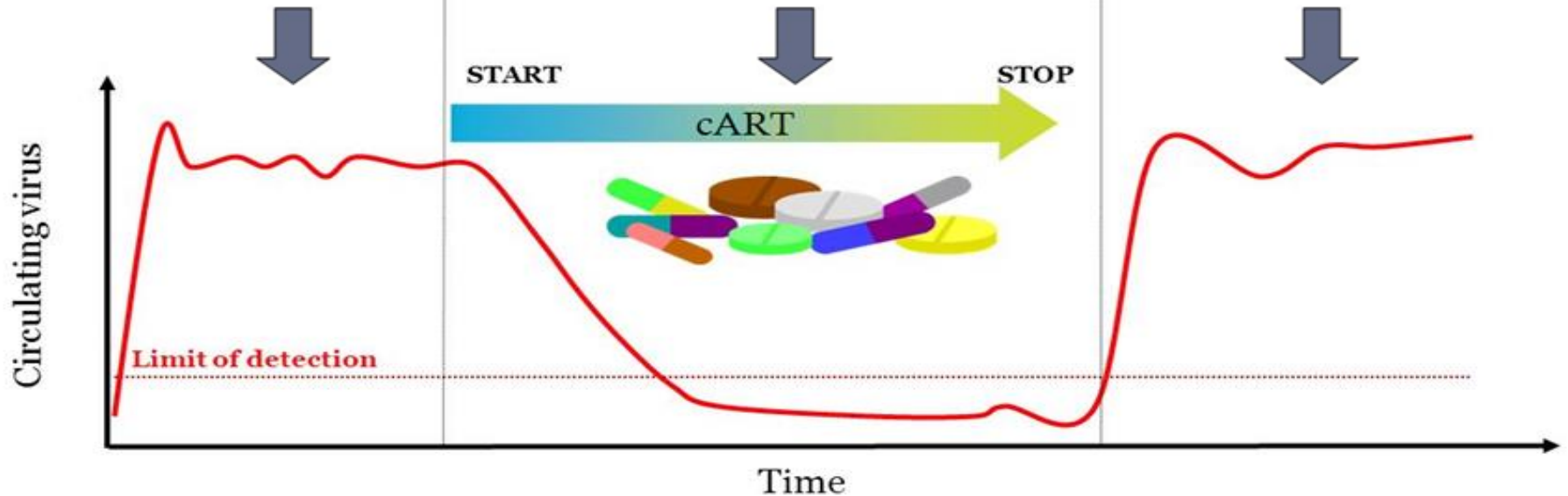
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Establishment of viral reservoir

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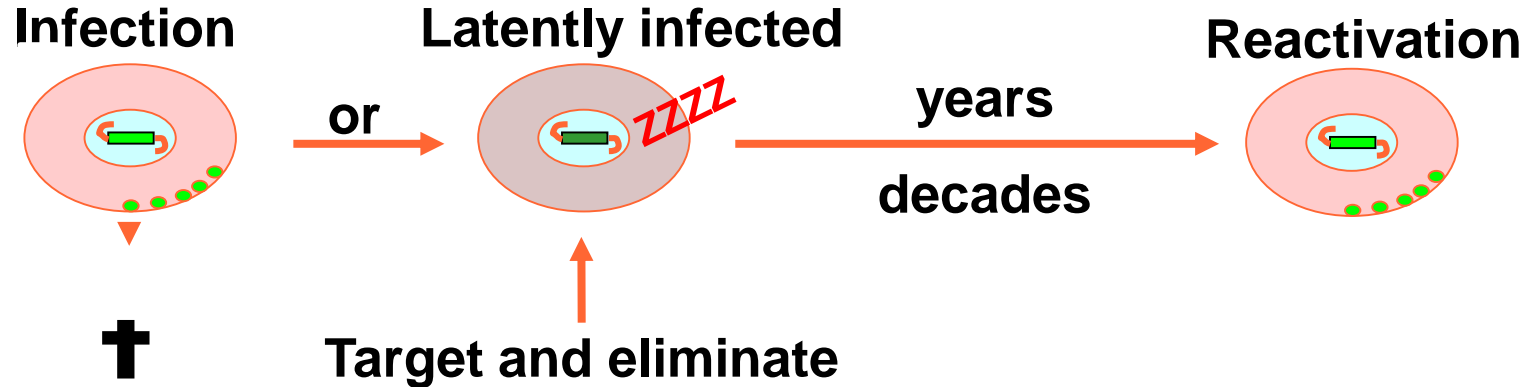
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HIV rebounds from viral reservoir

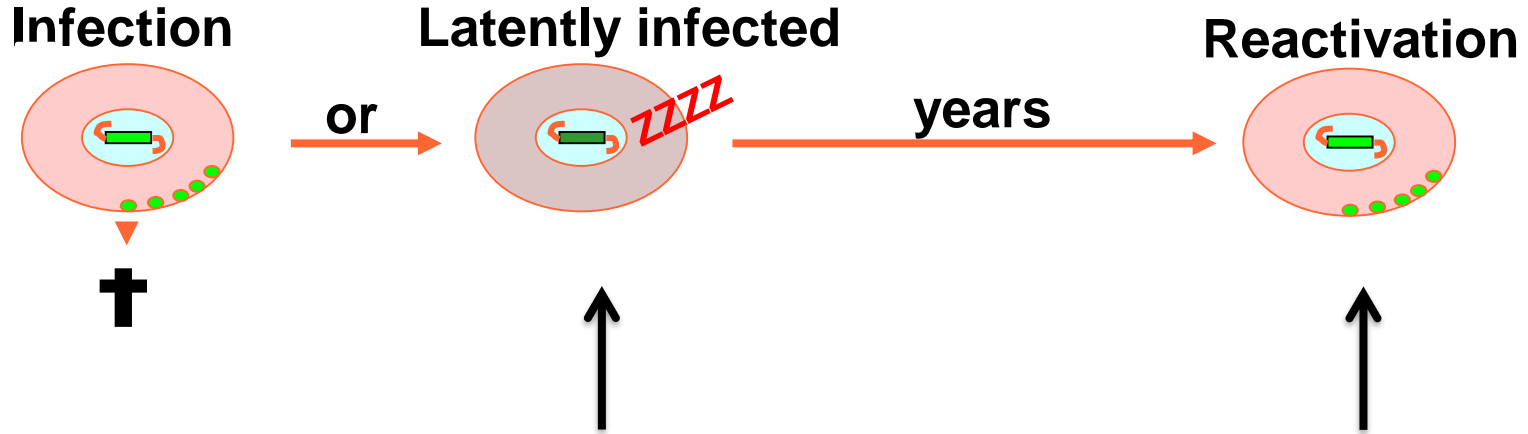


# Major hurdle towards HIV cure

- HIV reservoir of latently infected cells
- How is the viral reservoir been formed



# Measure of HIV Cure = Measure the viral reservoir



How much HIV DNA can we detect inside the latent cells

How many cells can reactivate infectious virus

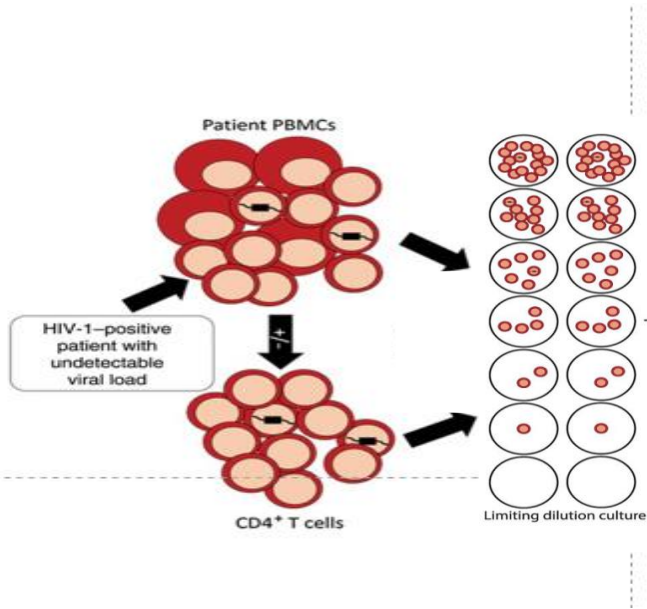


# What do we know about the viral reservoir?



# Measure the viral reservoir: HIV reactivation

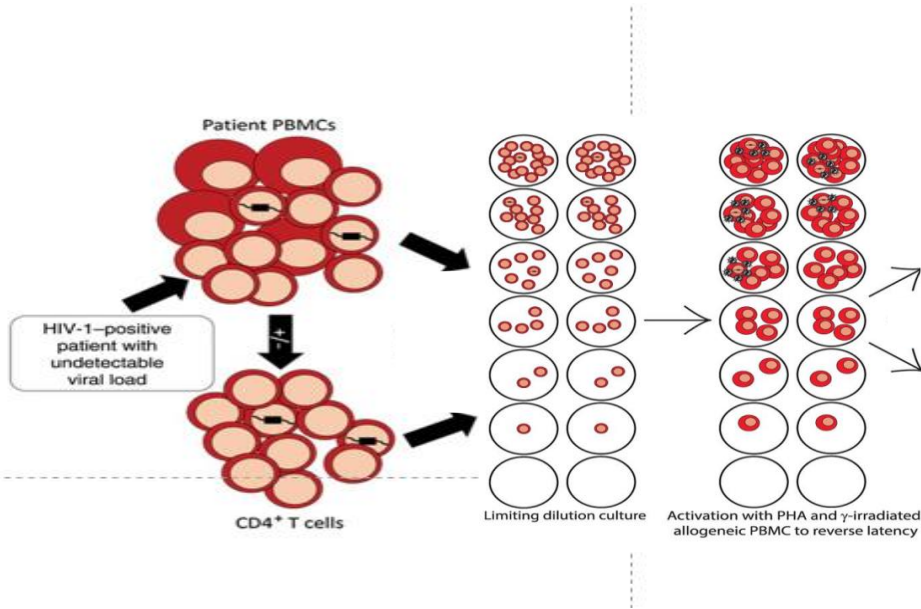
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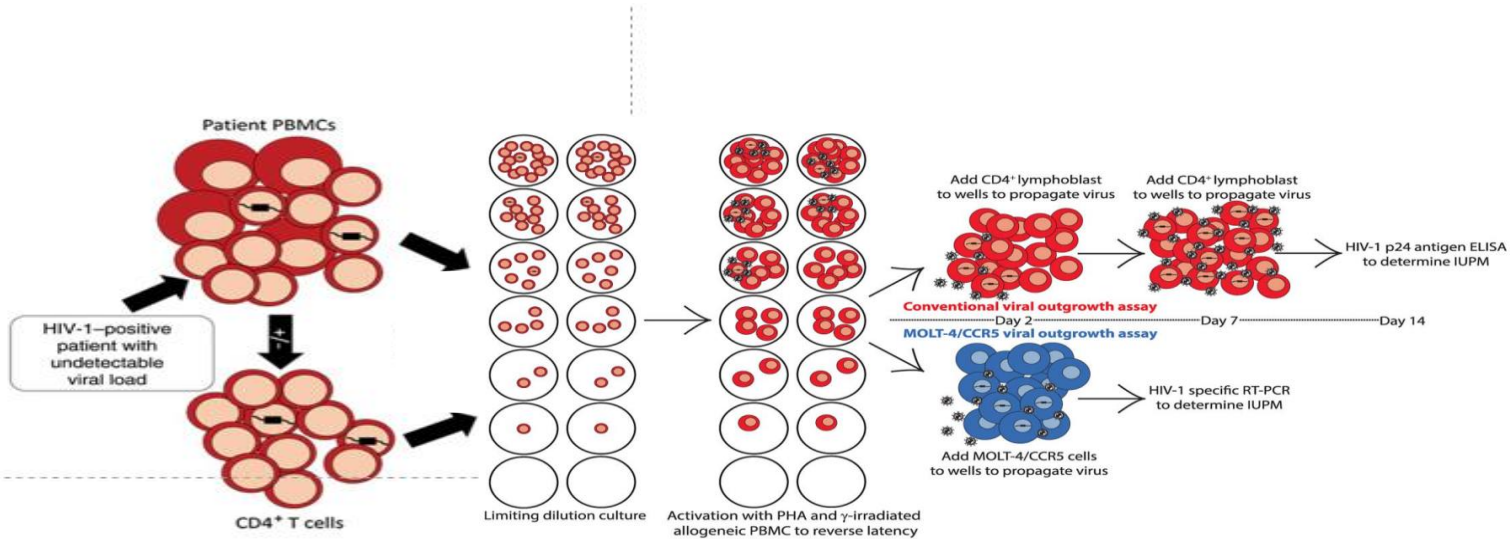
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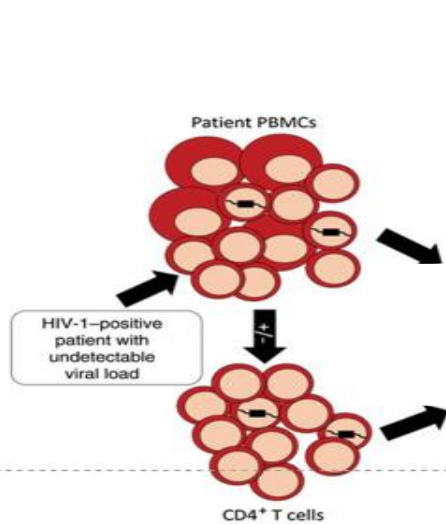
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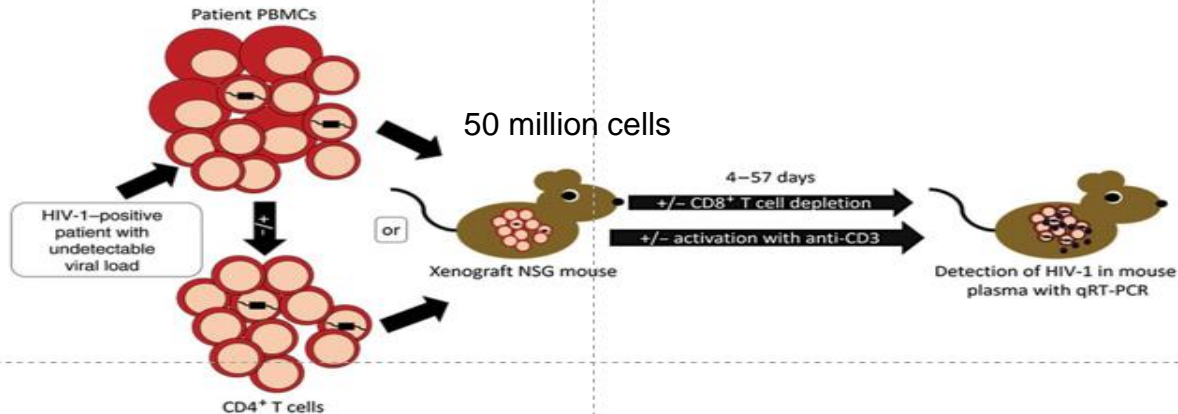
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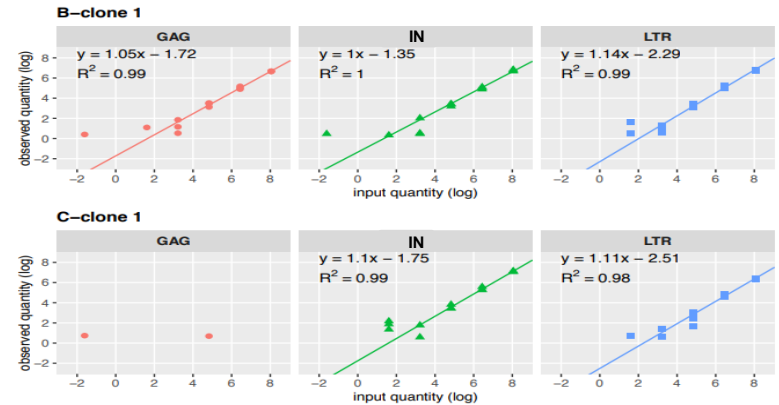
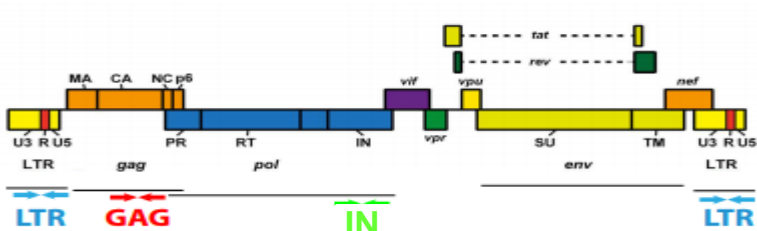
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## Humanized immune system

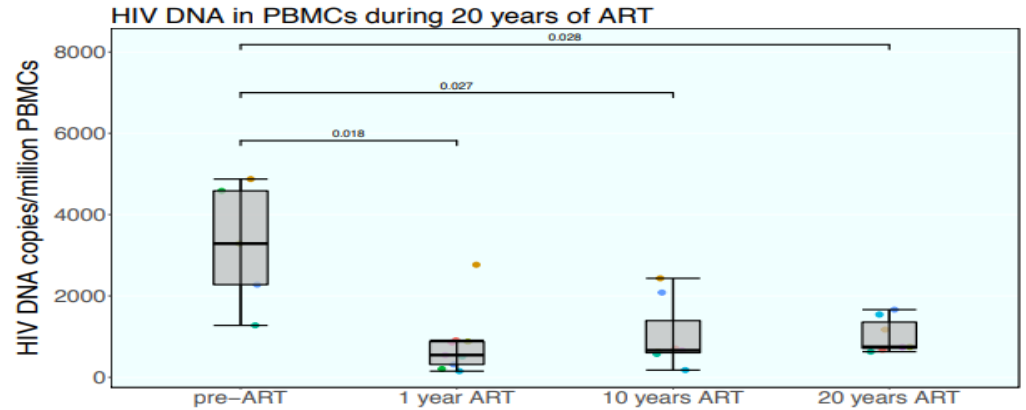
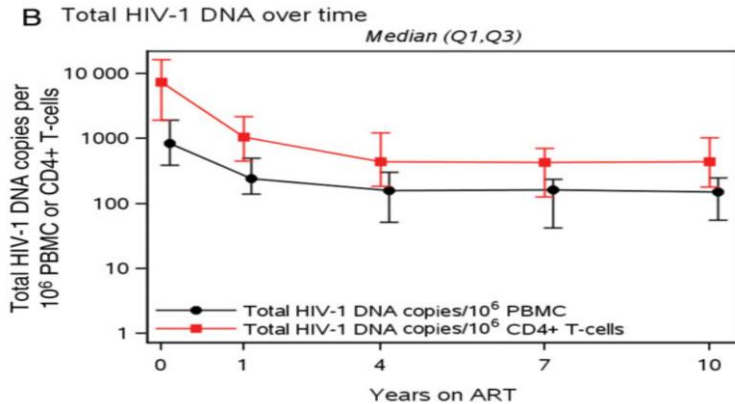


# Measure the viral reservoir: HIV DNA

- Development of ultra-sensitive techniques (LTR-IN)
- Detect large majority of HIV subtypes and CRFs > 95% infections worldwide HIV-1 subtypes



# Measure the viral reservoir: HIV DNA



# Apply measure of HIV reservoir in a Cure strategy

Berlin Patient: HIV infected, on ARVs and diagnosed with AML

Transplantation with stem cells from a donor lacking the CCR5 receptor for virus entry into the cell

ARVs were stopped at transplantation

No sign of HIV replication afterwards (>10 years)



# HIV Cure: stem cell transplantation: IciStem

International collaboration to guide and investigate the potential for HIV cure in HIV-infected patients requiring allogeneic stem cell transplantation for hematological disorders



# HIV Cure: stem cell transplantation: IciStem

- 37 patients registered from 9 different countries
- 30 patients transplanted
- All patients are on ARVs
- Mean follow-up: 887 days
  - 12 patients beyond 2nd year post-SCT

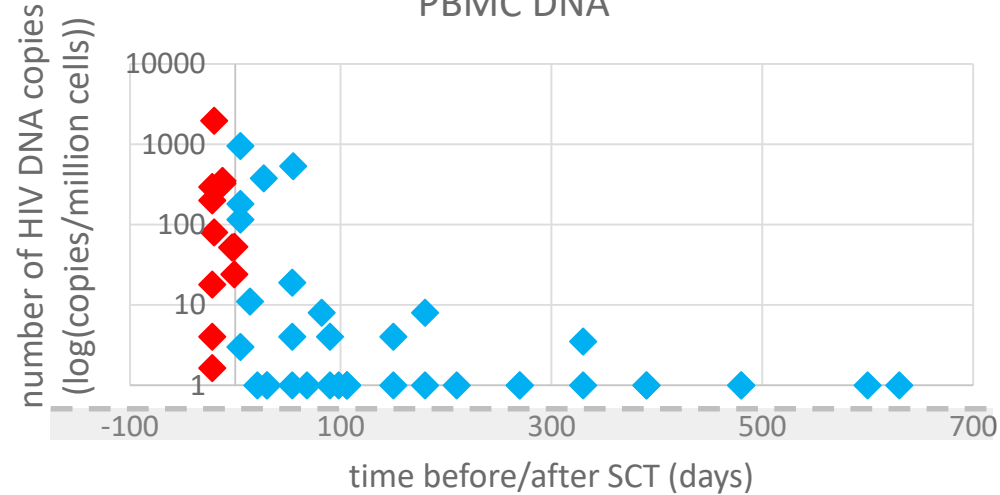
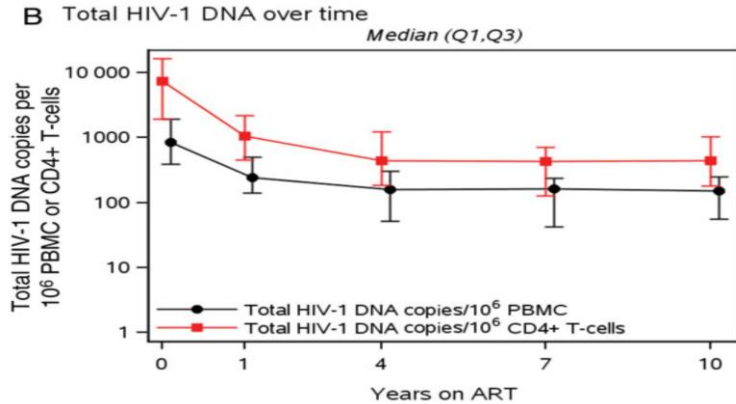
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Adult Donor	20*	7	27 →	17
Umbilical Cord	1	2	3 →	1
	21	9		
	↓	↓		
alive	13	5		

\*3 CCR5  $\Delta$ 32/WT

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Ultra-sensitive HIV DNA quantification in total PBMC DNA



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IciS-19  
CCR5d32 Gvhd

IciS-03  
CCR5WT Gvhd

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**Measure of HIV reservoir = Measure of HIV cure**

Tot

QVOA (IUPM)

undetectable

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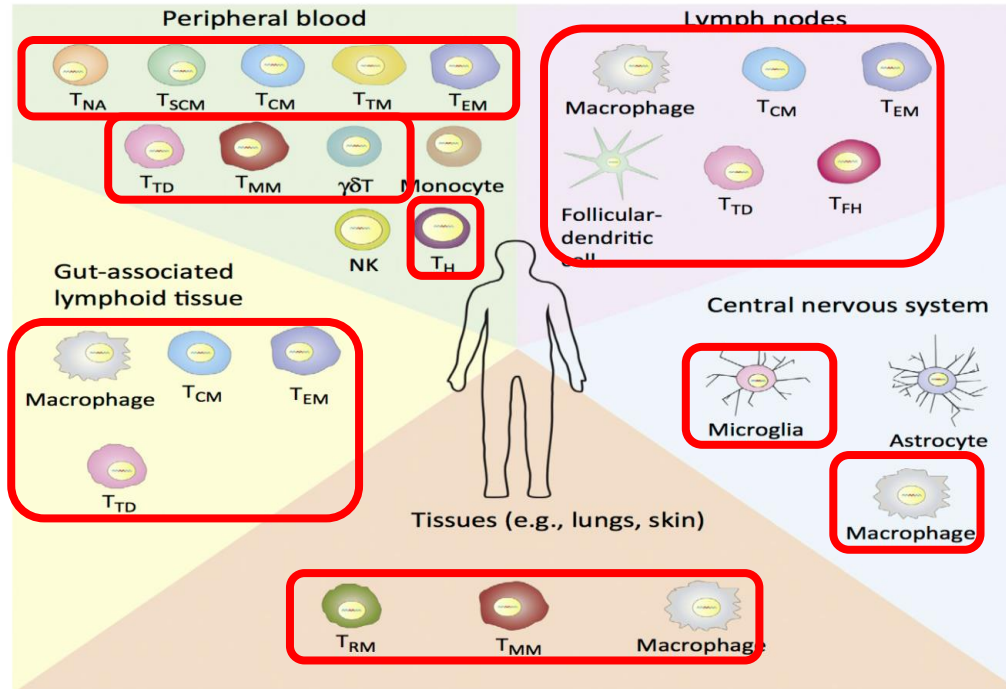
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# Measure of viral reservoir



Autopsy studies  
(FIND study in SA)



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**NO HIV detected in CSF, gut and LN**

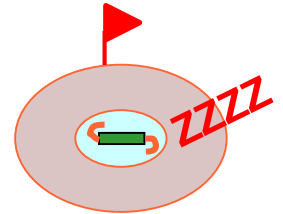
**Measure of HIV reservoir = Measure of HIV Cure**

**Analytical treatment interruption**



# Concluding remarks

- We have very sensitive techniques to measure the viral reservoir
- We can not measure the viral reservoir in the whole body
- Measure of HIV reservoir  $\neq$  Measure of HIV cure
- A specific biomarker to identify the reservoir
  - Quantify and characterize the reservoir
  - Can be used in total body PET scan
  - Can be used in specific HIV targeting and elimination



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