

HVTN 702: A **pivotal** phase 2b/3 multi-site, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ALVAC-HIV (vCP2438) and Bivalent Subtype C gp120/MF59 in preventing HIV-1 infection in adults in South Africa



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WHO ARE WE?



Who is the HVTN?

The HVTN is an international collaboration of scientists, clinical trial sites, and community representatives working with governments and industry in the global search for an HIV vaccine with a goal of speeding the development and testing of HIV vaccine candidates.



We need a vaccine.

...to conquer global *and* local HIV epidemics.



Globally-

- 35 million people are living with HIV/AIDS
- About 7,000 new infections take place each day



Locally- South Africa (as of 2013)

- There are more than 6 million people living with HIV/AIDS
- About 20% of adults aged 15-49 are living with HIV

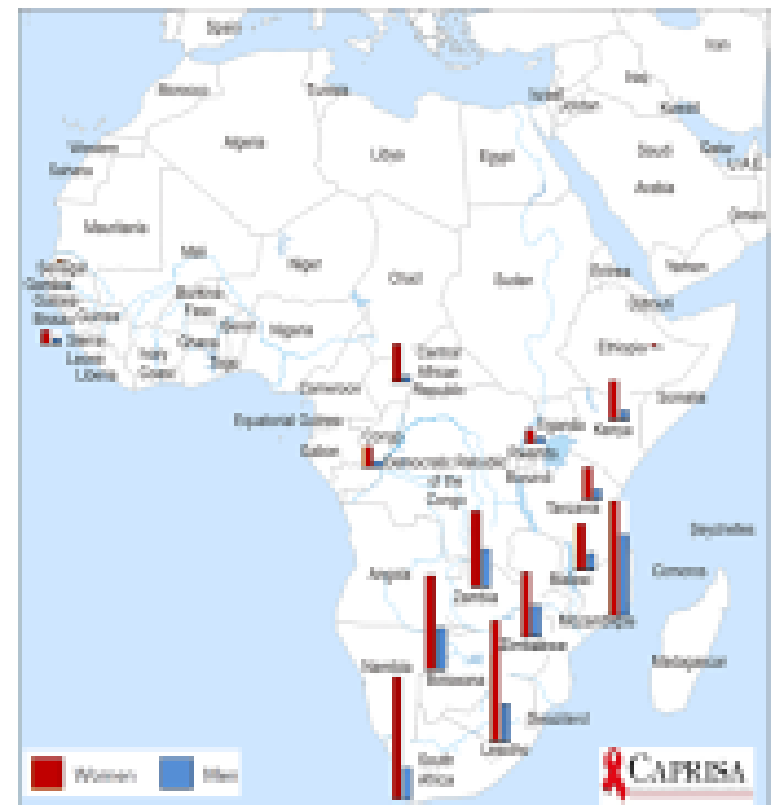
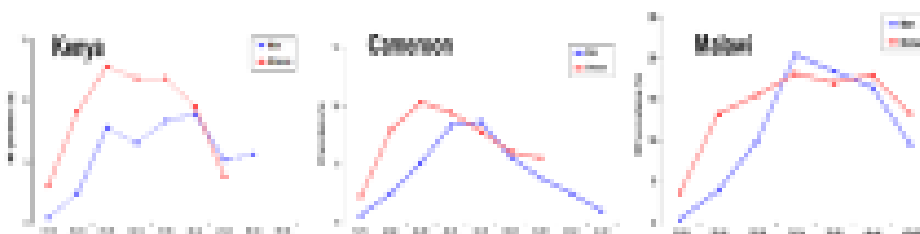
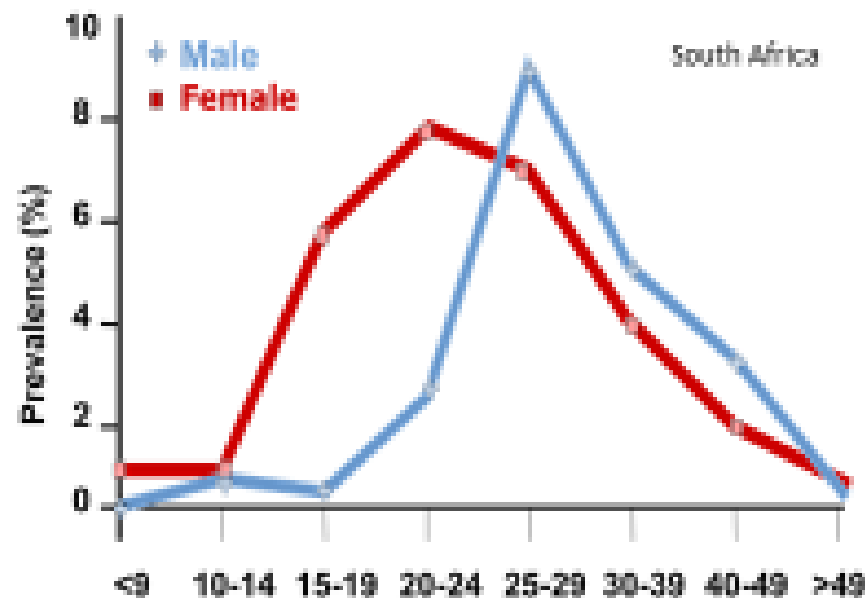
Disproportionate burden of HIV in young women in South Africa



HIV infection and tuberculosis in South Africa: an urgent need to escalate the public health response

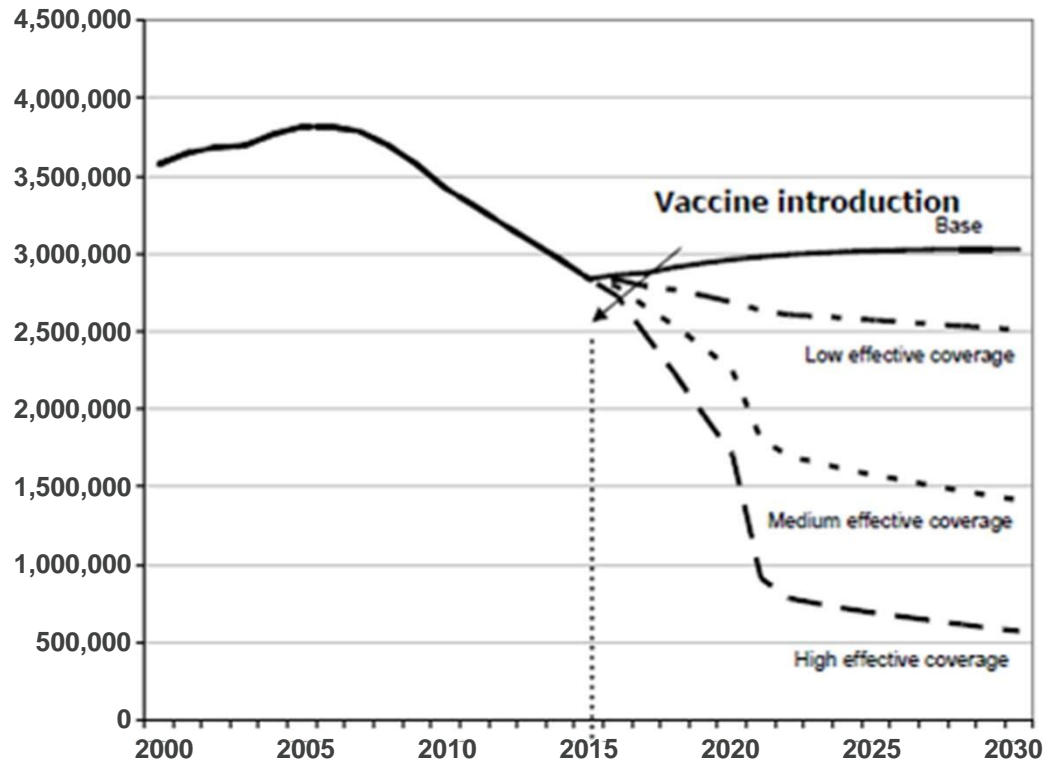
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Potential Impact of a Vaccine

New Adult Infections in Low- and Middle-Income Countries by Year and Vaccine Scenario



Total new infections averted by an AIDS vaccine between 2015-2030

30% efficacy,
20% coverage

5.5 million

50% efficacy,
30% coverage

17 million

70% efficacy,
40% coverage

28 million

Even a vaccine with low efficacy and limited coverage can impact the epidemic and play a role in preventing future infections

Stover J, et al. The impact of an AIDS Vaccine in Developing Countries: A New Model and Initial Results. *Health Affairs* 26(4):1147-1158 (2007)



First Signal of Efficacy in an HIV Vaccine Clinical Trial



The
New England
Journal of Medicine

Established in 1811 as THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

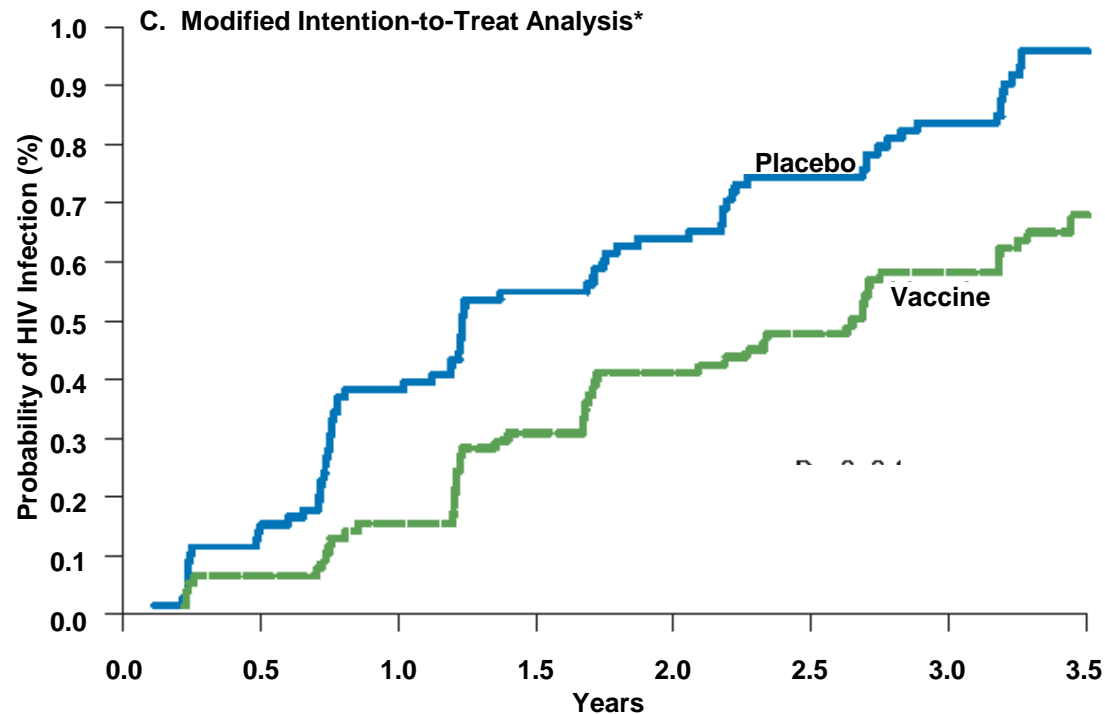
Published at www.nejm.org -- October 20, 2009

Vaccination with ALVAC and AIDSVAX to Prevent HIV-1 Infection in Thailand

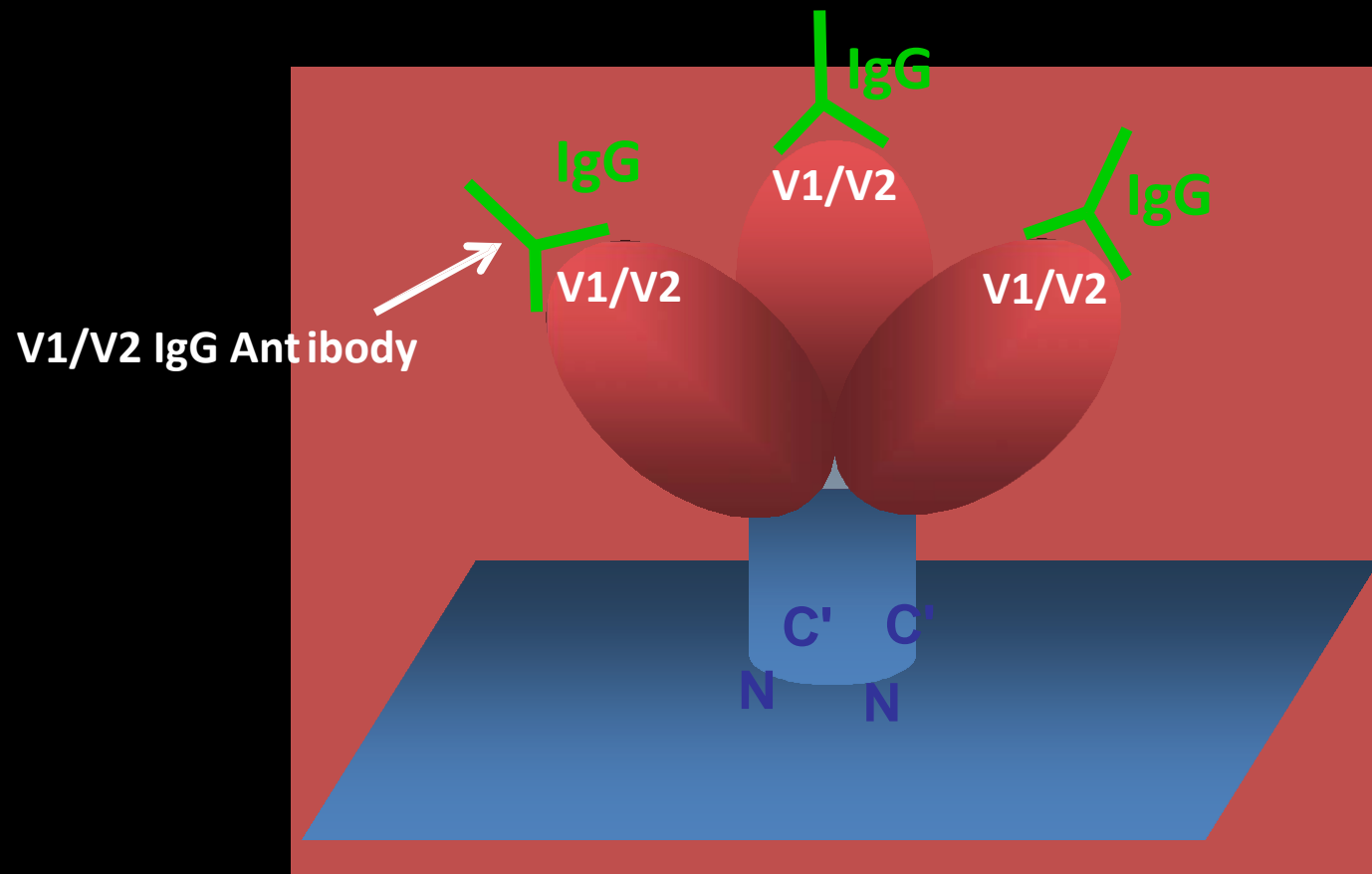
S Rerks-Ngarm, JH Kim et al. for the
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RV144 ALVAC Prime, AIDSVAX B/E Trial

31.2% Estimated Vaccine Efficacy



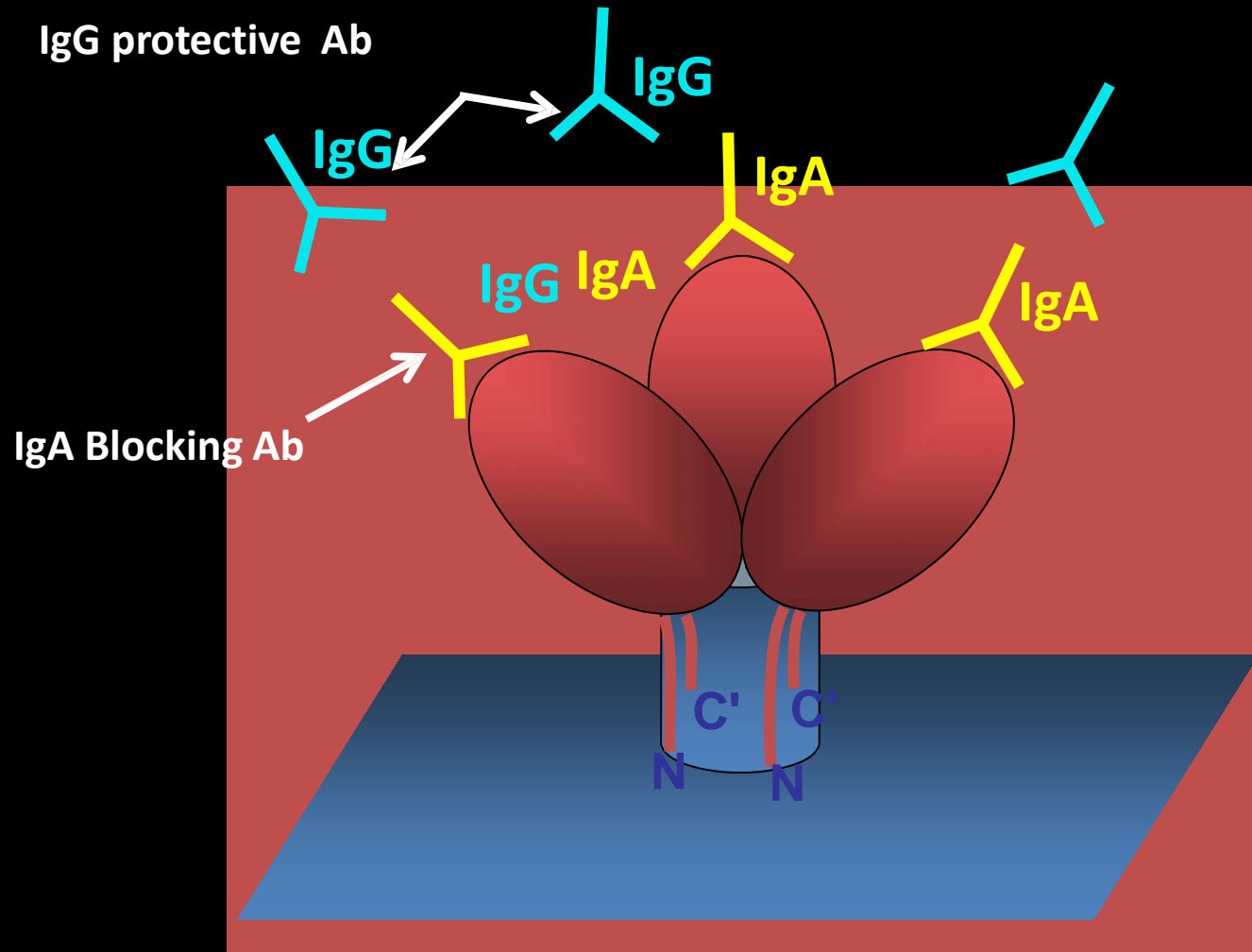
Hypothesis: IgG Antibodies to V1/V2 Can Protect Against HIV-1 Infection



NEJM 366: 1275, 2012

Envelope on HIV-1 Infected Cell

Hypothesis: Monomeric IgA Can Block IgG Binding to HIV-1 Env on Infected Cells and Prevent IgG Protective Functions

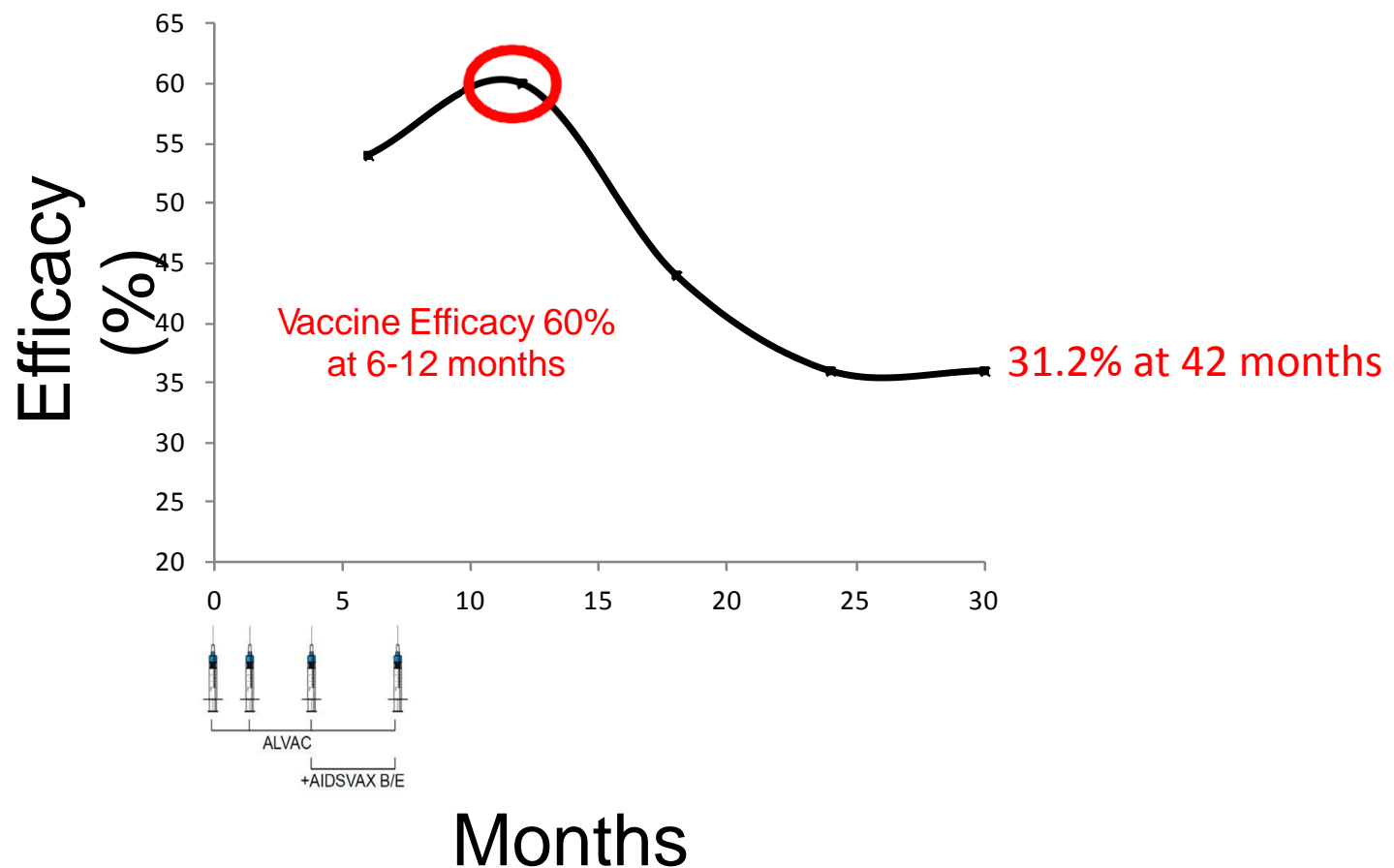


Advancing the findings of RV144 in a clade C region of the world (P5 partnership)

Prime: ALVAC vCP1521

Boost: ALVAC vCP1521 plus VAXGEN env protein (B/E)

Schedule: 0,1,3,6 months; 16,000 volunteers; 1:1 vaccine: placebo; follow-up for 3 years

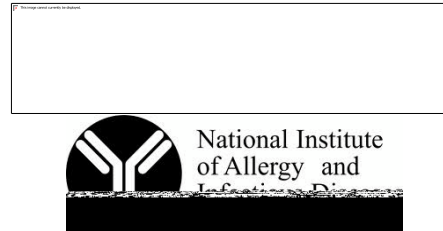
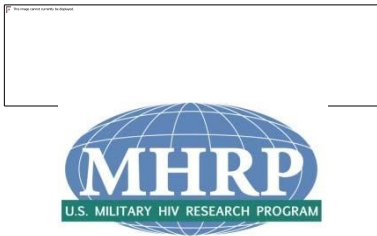


Although protective efficacy was 31.2% at the primary analysis, 42 months after first vaccination, the highest efficacy was observed at 6-12 months¹



Pox-Protein Public-Private Partnership (P5)

P5 is a partnership among Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, HIV Vaccine Trials Network, NIAID, South African MRC, Novartis, Sanofi Pasteur, and U.S. Military HIV Research Program.



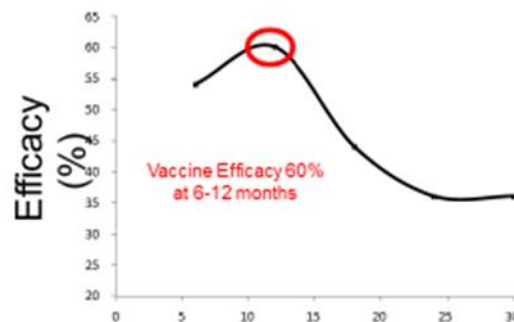
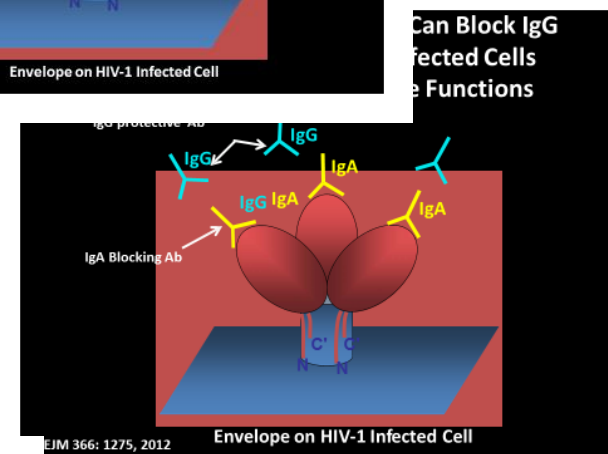
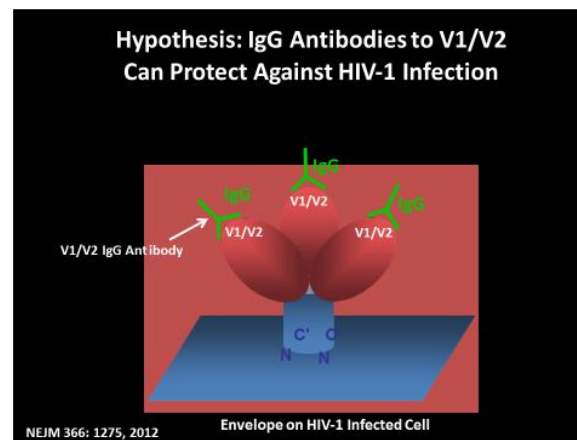
Purpose:
To build on the RV144 result and develop and ultimately license HIV pox-protein vaccines with the potential for broad and timely public health impact.

1. Continue to build public-private partnerships critical for success.
2. Work with host countries to support a flexible regulatory strategy in target populations and regions.
3. Generate and incorporate knowledge from the assessment of next-generation vaccine concepts.

Goals : next generation of HIV vaccines

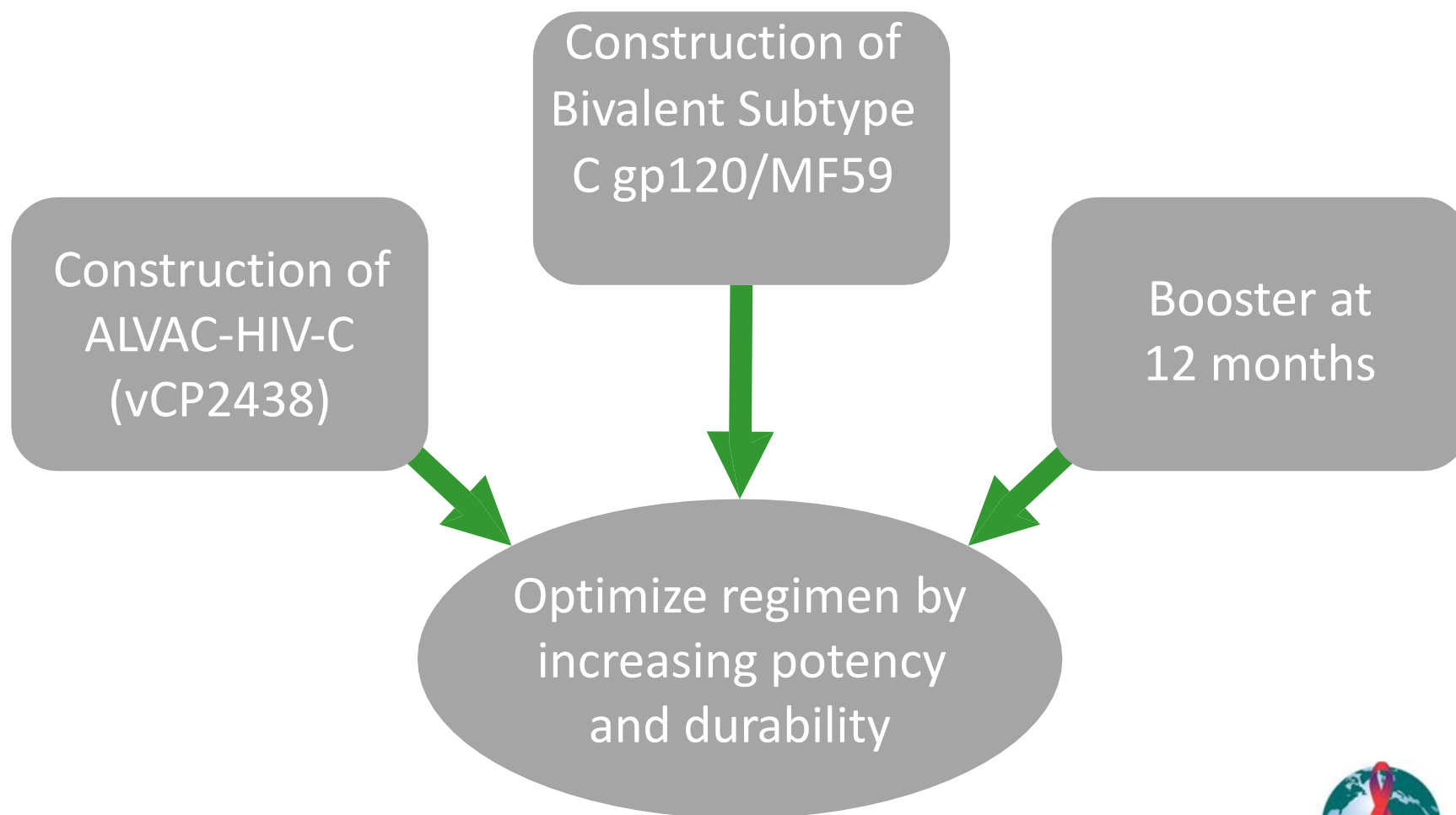
Same if not better prevention of HIV infection in South Africa compared to the RV144

- Correlates of risk consistent across both populations and epidemics?
- Better and longer lasting protection –?



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The Strategy for the ALVAC/Protein Phase 3 Program



HVTN 100: Phase 1-2 Trial

First clinical test of the new products (**HIV –ve, low risk individuals**)

n=252

- Ensure products are safe
- Ensure products illicit an immune response

HVTN 702 : Phase 2b – 3 Trial

n= 5400 (**HIV –ve , high risk individuals**)

- Focus on efficacy
- Extended safety
- Licensure



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Strategy for the Phase 3 Program

HVTN 097

Designed to evaluate RV144 vaccine regimen in RSA and compare immunogenicity to that in Thailand

HVTN 100

A standard phase 1 trial of clade C products to decide whether to proceed to phase 3

HVTN 702

A classic phase 3 RCT assessing efficacy and safety aimed at licensure



Study Schema: HVTN 100/702

N (total 252)	Primary Vaccine Regimen				Booster
	Month 0	Month 1	Month 3	Month 6	Month 12
210	ALVAC-HIV (vCP2438)	ALVAC-HIV (vCP2438)	ALVAC-HIV+ Bivalent Subtype C gp120/MF59 [®]	ALVAC-HIV+ Bivalent Subtype C gp120/MF59 [®]	ALVAC-HIV+ Bivalent Subtype C gp120/MF59 [®]
42	Placebo	Placebo	Placebo + Placebo	Placebo + Placebo	Placebo + Placebo

Products:

- ALVAC-HIV (vCP2438) expressing HIV-1 env (clade C gp120), clade B (gp41), gag (clade B) & protease (clade B) (Dose: $>1 \times 10^6$ CCID₅₀)
- Bivalent subtype C gp120/MF59 containing 100mcg TV1.Cgp120 & 100mcg 1086.Cgp120

Community Engagement

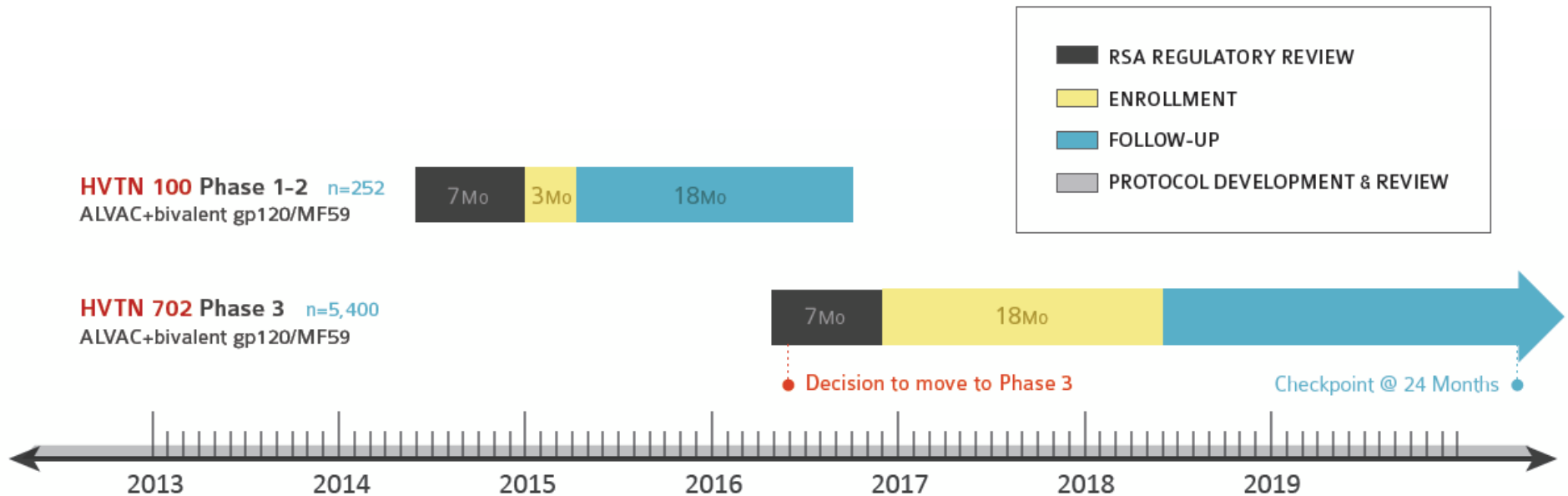
Figure 2. Layers of Biomedical HIV Prevention Trial Stakeholders



From UNAIDS/AVAC Good Participatory Practice Guidelines for Biomedical HIV Prevention Trials

Various stakeholders may influence or be affected by a biomedical HIV prevention trial. Stakeholders include trial participants and other community stakeholders as well as a broader range of national and international stakeholders.

Timeline for Phase 3 Program



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Questions??