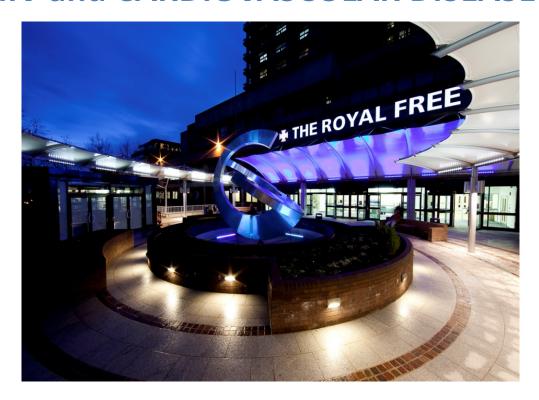
#### **HIV and CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**



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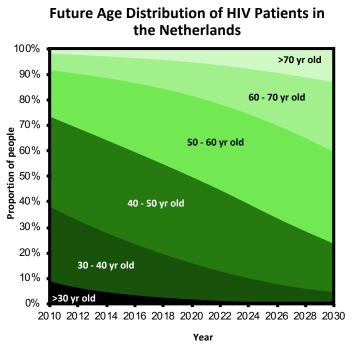
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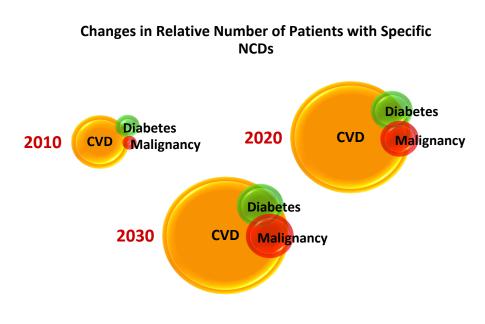
- BURDEN OF CVD IN HIV
- PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF CVD
- CVD RISK
- SCREENING APPROACHES & INTERVENTION
  - 1. Risk Assessment
  - 2. Guidelines
  - 3. What do I do?

## **BURDEN OF CVD IN HIV**

# Increased Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Polypharmacy

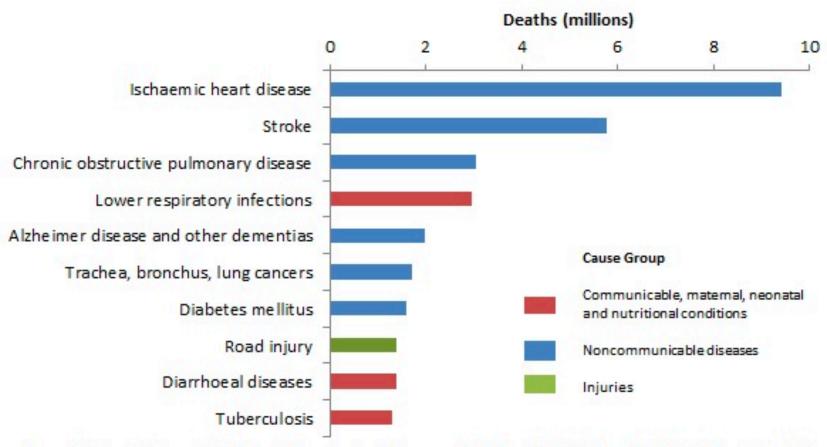
An individual-based model of an ageing HIV-population following patients on treatment as they age, develop NCDs and start co-administered medications





- In the ATHENA cohort, proportion of patients on ART aged ≥50 years old will increase from 28% to 73% between 2010 and 2030
- Burden of NCDs mostly driven by larger increases in cardiovascular disease compared with increases in other comorbidities
- Polypharmacy is being driven by increase in cardiovascular medications

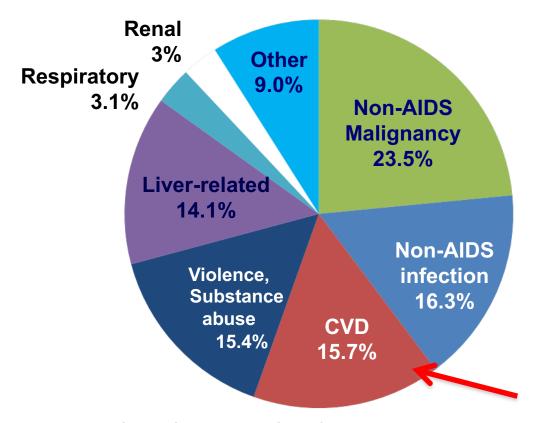
#### Top 10 global causes of deaths, 2016



Source: Global Health Estimates 2016: Deaths by Cause, Age, Sex, by Country and by Region, 2000-2016. Geneva, World Health Organization; 2018.

#### HIV-related CVD – Significant Mortality

- 1,876 deaths among 39,727 patients
- Non-AIDS related deaths accounted for 50.5%
- ~16% were due to CVD



13 HIV Cohorts 1996-2006 Europe & N America

Antiretroviral Therapy Cohort Collaboration. Clin Infect Dis. 2010;50:1387-1396

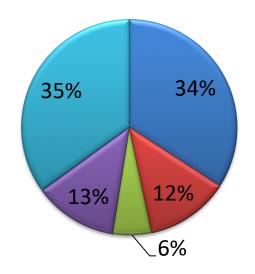
# Management of cardiovascular conditions in a cohort of patients with HIV: experience from a joint HIV/cardiology clinic

Authors: Sudheer Koganti, A Sabine Kinloch-de Loes, B Samantha Hutchinson, Margaret Johnson and Roby D Rakhit E

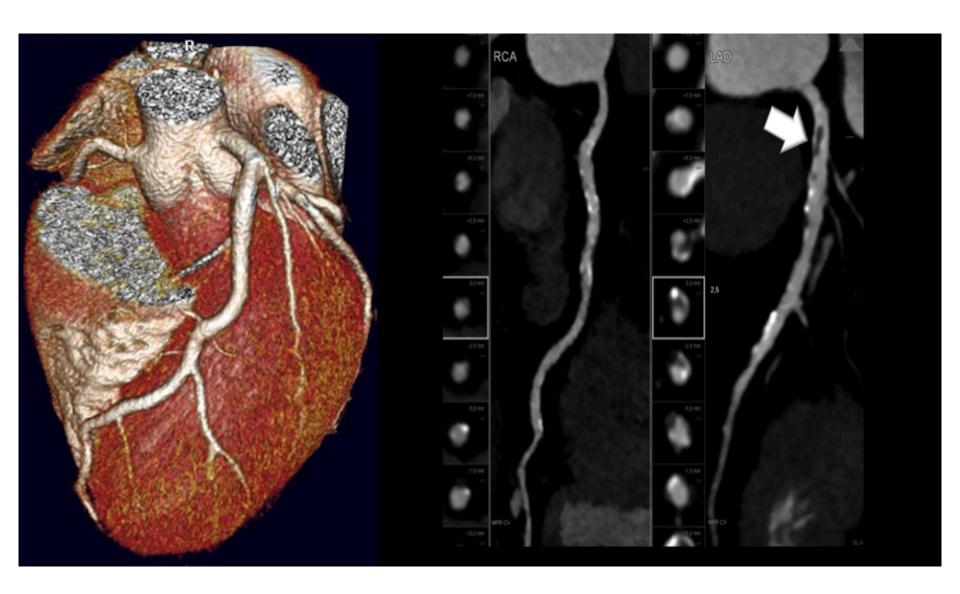
#### Diagnoses n=316



■ Cardiomyopathy ■ Others



Diagnosis	n
Non cardiac chest pain	14
Palpitations	14 (normal 24-hou Holter in all cases)
Ventricular septal defect	2
PE	2
Stoke/TIA	2
Cardiac amyloid	1
Pericardial cyst	1 (required surgical removal)
Spontaneously resolved pericardial effusion	1
Aortic stenosis requiring AVR	1
Abnormal ECG	1
Infective endocarditis	1 (required mitral valve replacement)
Syncope	1



# Coronary Artery Calcium in HAART-treated HIV patients

Coronary Artery Caldium in HIV-infected Men 153

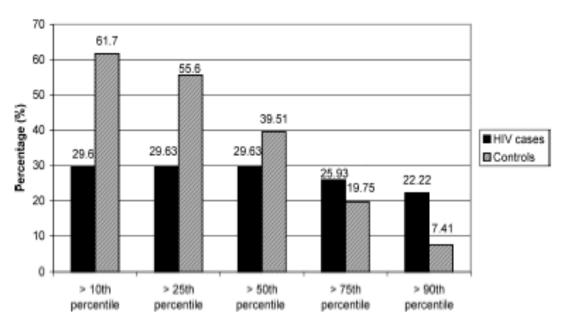


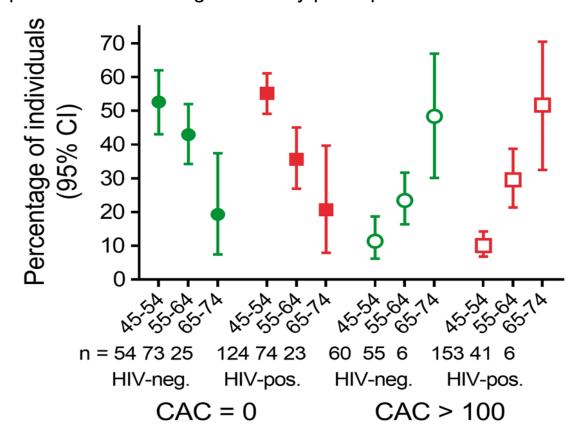
FIGURE 1. Percentage of HIV cases (n = 27) and controls (n = 81) scoring above the mean specified percentile of the control database (n = 25,250) of coronary artery calcium scores. The frequency of controls scoring above the 10th ( $\chi^2(1) = 8.39$ , P = .004) and 25th ( $\chi^2(1) = 5.45$ , P = .02) percentiles is significantly greater than the frequency of HIV cases, and the frequency of HIV cases scoring above the 90th percentile is significantly greater than the frequency of controls ( $\chi^2(1) = 4.5$ , P = .034). There are no significant differences between groups above the 50th or 75th percentiles.



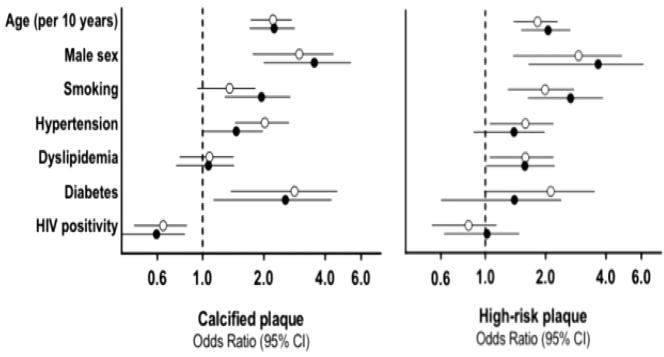
#### Subclinical coronary artery disease in Swiss **HIV-positive and HIV-negative persons**

Philip E. Tarr<sup>1\*</sup>, Bruno Ledergerber<sup>2</sup>, Alexandra Calmy<sup>3</sup>, Thanh Doco-Lecompte<sup>3</sup>, Alex Marzel<sup>2</sup>, Rainer Weber<sup>2</sup>, Philipp A. Kaufmann<sup>4</sup>, René Nkoulou<sup>5†</sup>, Ronny R. Buechel<sup>4†</sup>, and Helen Kovari<sup>2†</sup>; and the Swiss HIV Cohort Study

Figure 1 Prevalence of coronary artery calcification by age in HIVpositive and HIV-negative study participants. ...



## Subclinical atherosclerosis associated with traditional cardiovascular risk factors but NOT HIV



- Unadjusted models
- Adjusted models

# Coronary atherosclerosis characteristics in HIV-infected patients on long-term antiretroviral therapy: insights from coronary computed tomography—angiography

*AIDS* 2019, **33**:1853–1862

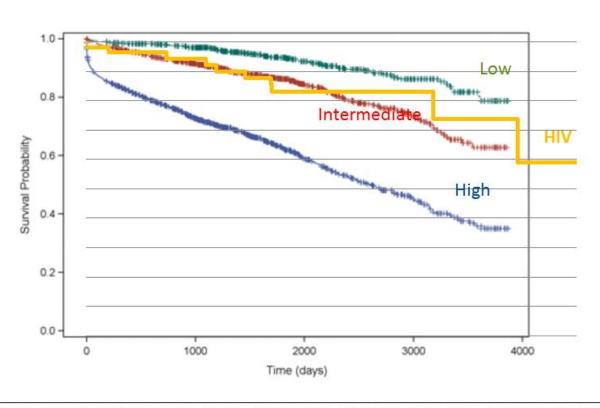
Table 2. Computed tomography-angiography results.

	HIV+ (n=67)	HIV- (n = 67)	P value
CAD prevalence (any plaque), n (%)	56 (83.6)	46 (68.7)	0.043
SSS, mean $\pm$ SD	$1.16 \pm 1.6$	$0.95 \pm 2.1$	0.038
CAD RADS			
0	11	22	
1	11	7	
2	10	21	< 0.001
3	23	4	
4	12	13	
Total greater than 50%, n (%)	35 (52.2)	17 (25.4)	0.001
CAD RADS, mean $\pm$ SD	$2.21 \pm 1.4$	$1.69 \pm 1.5$	0.031
SIS, mean $\pm$ SD	$3.93 \pm 3.0$	$3.06 \pm 3.1$	0.067
G-score mean $\pm$ SD	$10.04 \pm 8.5$	$5.76 \pm 5.9$	0.003
Calcium score mean $\pm$ SD	$149.4 \pm 287.1$	$133.2 \pm 329.3$	0.015
HRP, n (%)	23 (34.3)	8 (12.1)	0.002
HRP, n	36	10	< 0.001
Noncalcifying plaque component, n (%)	44 (65.7)	34 (51.5)	0.097
Ectatic coronary segments, n (%)	10 (14.5)	0 (0)	0.003

CAD RADS, coronary artery disease reporting and data system; CCS, coronary calcium score; HRP, high-risk plaque; SIS, segment involvement score; SSS, stenosis severity score.

# Our unpublished data

Comparison of HIV cohort and GRACE UK-Belgian Study in people with ACS

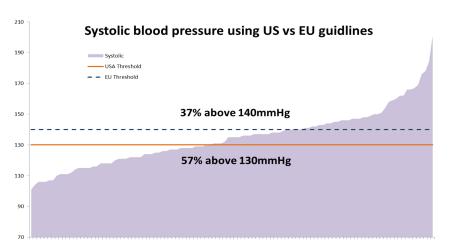


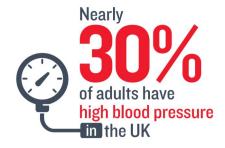
**Figure 1.** Survival according to GRACE score. Green = low risk, Red = intermediate risk, Blue = high risk (categories as in ESC Guidelines <108, 109-140, >140). Orange = HIV Cohort.

#### **UK Data from British Heart Foundation**

#### **High Blood Pressure**

- Nearly 30% of adults in the UK have high blood pressure and up to half are not receiving treatment.
- People with high blood pressure are up to three times more likely to develop heart disease or have a stroke.









BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120 – 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1	130 – 139	or	80 – 89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (consult your doctor immediately)	HIGHER THAN 180	and/o r	HIGHER THAN 120







## Audit Results

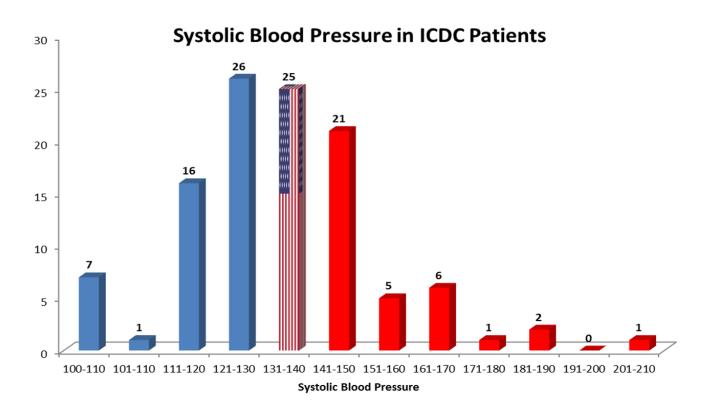
#### **Demographics**

1 week in March 111 patients attended outpatient appointments Males n81 (73%) Females n30 (27%) Average age 49.6 years old Average Blood Pressure (BP) 134.6/82.2 mmHg









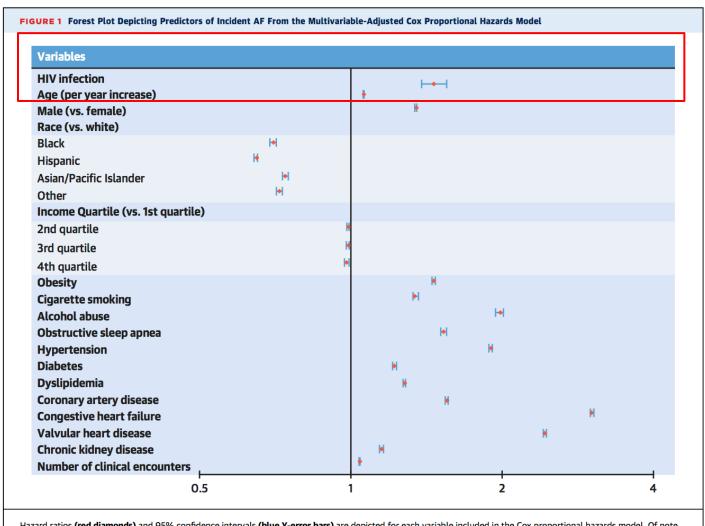
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### HIV and Incident AF

Sardana M eta | JACC 2019; 74:1512



UCUP California State Database

PLWH = 18242

AF incidence 18.2 vs 8.9 per 100- person years fu

Hazard ratios (red diamonds) and 95% confidence intervals (blue Y-error bars) are depicted for each variable included in the Cox proportional hazards model. Of note, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection was a time-updated covariate in the model. AF = atrial fibrillation.

#### The Risk for Sudden Cardiac Death Among Patients Living With Heart Failure and Human Immunodeficiency Virus



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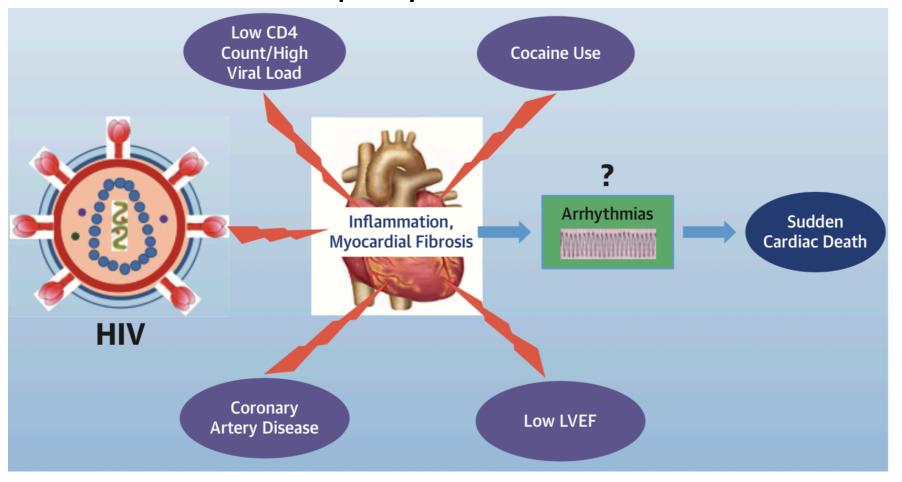
TABLE 2 Analysis of Association and Predictors of Sudden Cardiac Death Among Persons Living With Human Immunodeficiency Virus With Heart Failure

	Univariate Analysis				Multivariate Analysis*			
		95% CI				95% CI		
	Hazard Ratio	Lower	Upper	p Value	Hazard Ratio	Lower	Upper	p Value
Gender	1.223	0.821	1.843	0.28				
Age	1.027	0.965	1.086	0.22				
BMI	0.937	0.856	1.018	0.14				
Diabetes	1.453	0.827	2.639	0.27				
Hypertension	1.077	0.652	1.745	0.83				
Hyperlipidemia	1.242	0.854	1.866	0.16				
Smeking	1.162	0.825	1.724	0.37				
History of CAD	1.231	1.127	1.311	< 0.001†	1.772	1.264	2.368	< 0.001
Cocaine	1.372	1.185	1.516	<0.001†	1.571	1.223	2.113	0.002
LVEF	0.956	0.929	0.983	0.009†	0.803	0.727	0.985	0.017
PASP	1.035	0.986	1.164	0.09				
SBP	1.122	0.632	1.868	0.53				
DBP	1.138	0.588	1.726	0.50				
HR	1.151	0.863	1.611	0.47				
QRS duration	1.654	1.136	2.842	<0.001†	1.433	1.175	2.151	0.005
QTc interval duration	1.132	1.008	1.648	0.009†				
SA	1.020	0.814	1.253	0.97				
Viral load	1.211	1.123	1.492	< 0.001†				
CD4 count	0.983	0.969	0.991	<0.001†	0.907	0.861	0.997	0.004
ART duration	1.011	0.933	1.245	0.83				
Beta-blocker	0.754	0.622	0.944	<0.001†	0.535	0.341	0.773	0.002
ACE inhibitor/ARB	0.966	0.842	1.224	0.73				
Spironolactone	1.114	0.883	1.463	0.81				
Furosemide	1.231	0.655	2.453	0.56				

\*Cox proportional hazard regression for multivariate analysis for primary outcome (sudden cardiac death) among persons living with human immunodeficiency virus infection with heart failure, adjusting for

#### N=344 PLWH AND HF

- 3 Fold increase in SCD in HIV
- 10% risk of SCD per year



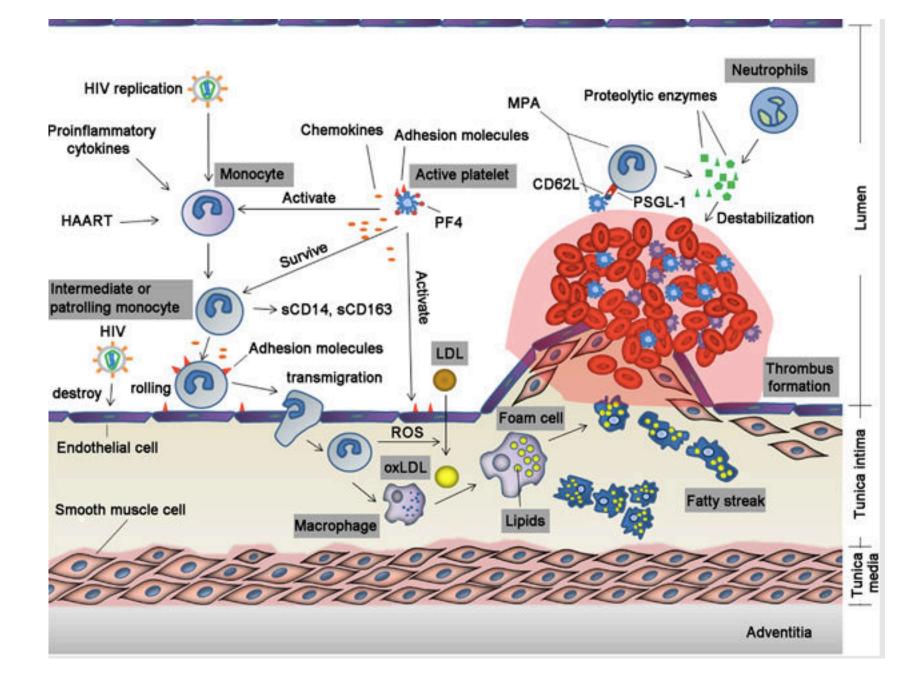
#### PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF CVD IN HIV

# **HIV and Coronary Disease**

- HIV infection is atherogenic
  - T cell proliferation/activation
  - Inflammatory markers
  - HIV coronary "arteriopathy"
- Protease inhibitors
  - 1998 first report of severe CAD in HAART patients
  - HAART-associated metabolic syndrome (Fat redistribution, dyslipidaemia,insulin resistance)

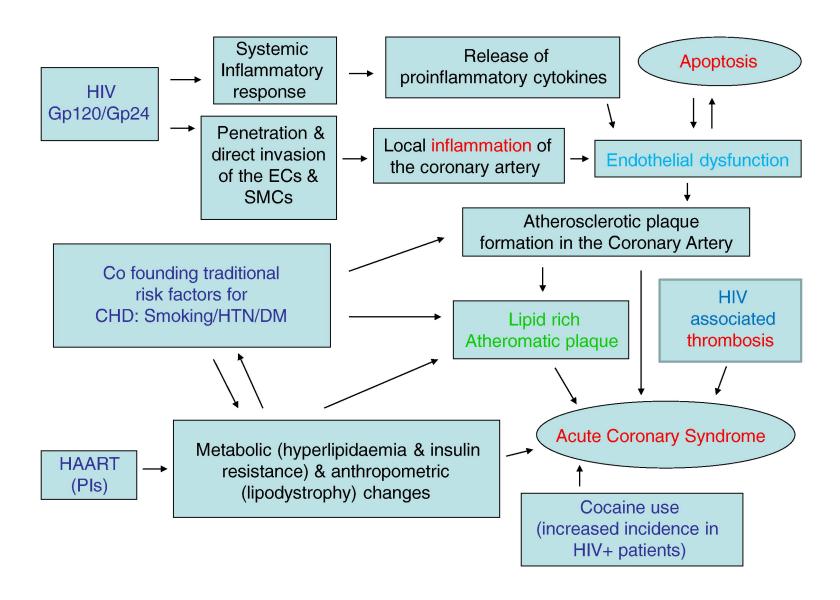
#### Combination ART and the metabolic syndrome

- Hyperlipdaemia
  - Affects 50% of patients using PI's
  - 28% average increase in cholesterol
  - 96% average increase in triglycerides
- Hyperglycaemia
- Hypertension
- Lipodystrophy (lipoatrophy or lipohypertrophy)



# Role of monocyte activation

- Monoctye activation occurs in HIV due to different mechanisms:
  - Replicating virus
  - Microbial translocation
  - Cytokine activation
  - Platelet activation
- SCD14 & SCD 163 are specific markers of monocyte activation in HIV





# **CVD RISK**

#### Early Studies signaling risk of MI in HIV

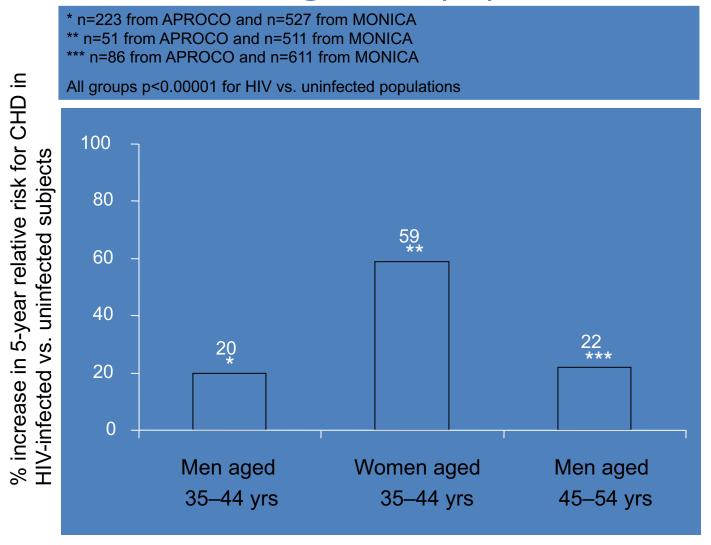
Study	Event	N	Comment
VA <sup>1</sup>	1,207 CHD	36,766	No increase risk of MI with HAART or PI
DAD <sup>2</sup>	126 MI	23,490	Greater risk with CART
Kaiser <sup>3</sup>	65 MI	4408	Greater risk of MI HIV+ vs HIV- No greater risk on PIs
Medi-Cal <sup>4</sup>	N/A	20,742	Greater risk of CHD with ART in 18 to 33 year olds, but not older individuals
French <sup>5</sup>	49 MI	34,976	Greater risk of MI on PI vs HIV-
Johns Hopkins <sup>6</sup>	43 CHD	2671	Greater risk of CHD HIV+ vs HIV-
German <sup>7</sup>	29 MI	4993	Greater risk of MI prior to HAART
HOPS <sup>8</sup>	21 MI	5672	Greater risk of MI PI vs no PI

<sup>\*</sup>Retrospective and prospective studies; others retrospective.

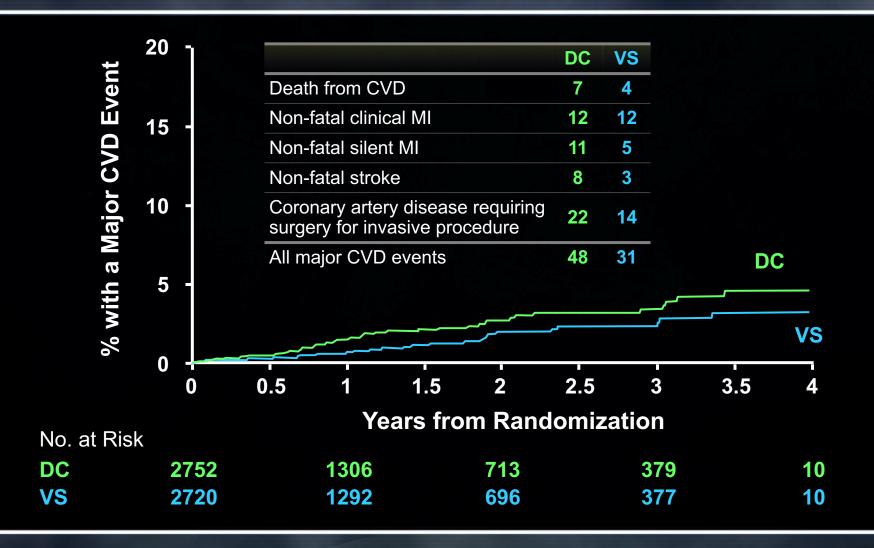
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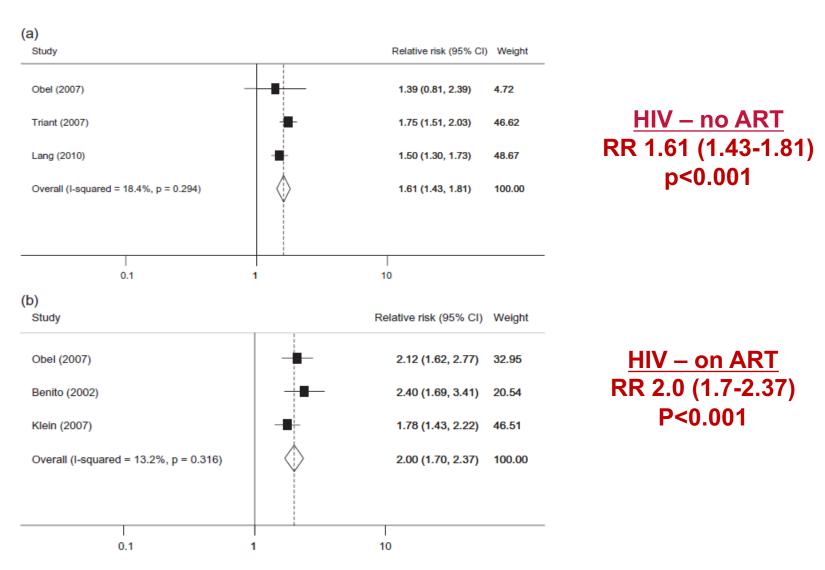
# Increased risk of CHD in HIV infected subjects vs. the general population



## Risk of CVD with ART Interruptions



#### Risk of CVD in HIV vs. Non-HIV Patients



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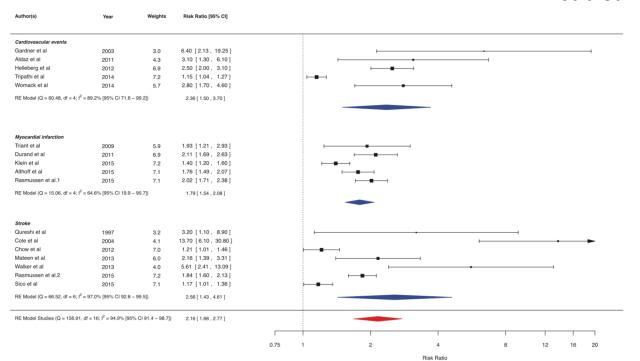
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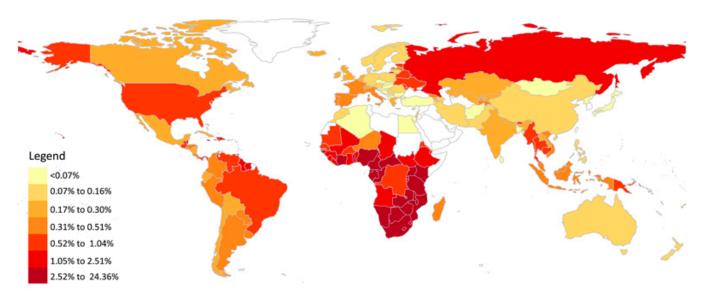
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#### Global Burden of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease in People Living With HIV

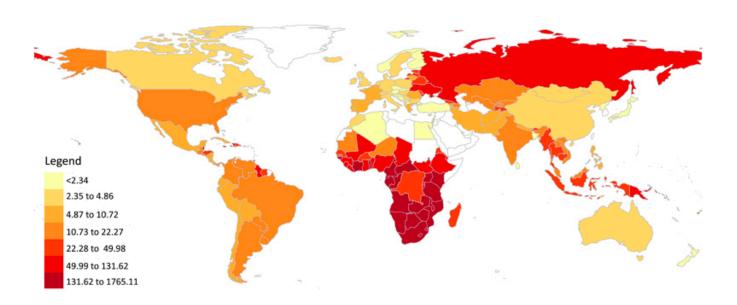
Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

- 793635 PLWH
- Random-effects metanalysis
- 80 studies
- Over 26 years global population attributable fraction of CVD attributable to HIV increased from 0.36% to 0.92%
- DALYs increased from 0.74 to 2.6 million
- RR 2.16
- sub-Saharan Africa and Asia++





B Disability adjusted life years per 100,000 persons by country



# Cardiovascular risk: our patients

Royal Free Hospital Q-Risk 2 Audit:

Average Q risk

HIV+ Women 3.5 % Vs National 1.5 %

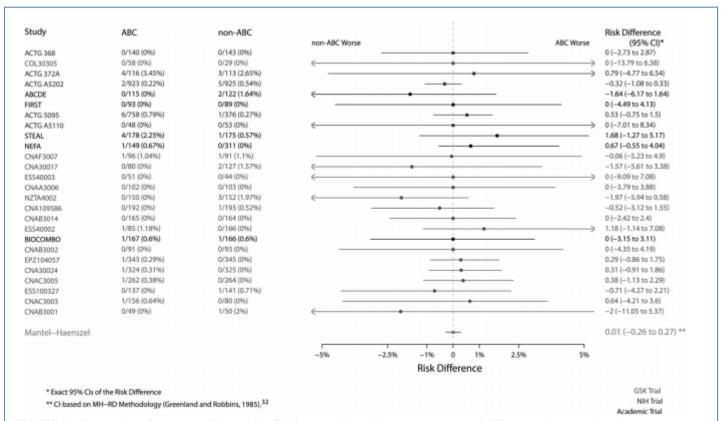
(aged 46yrs in our area) RR = 2.33

**HIV+ Men** 12.46 % Vs National 7.9 %

(aged 54yrs in our area) RR = 1.58

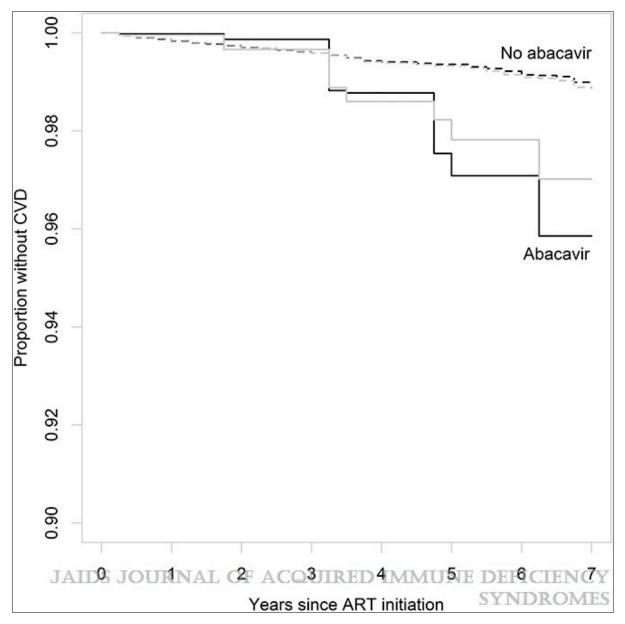
#### No Association of Abacavir Use With Myocardial Infarction: Findings of an FDA Meta-Analysis

Xiao Ding, PhD,\* Eugenio Andraca-Carrera, PhD,\* Charles Cooper, MD,† Peter Miele, MD,‡ Cynthia Kornegay, PhD,§ Mat Soukup, PhD,\* and Kendall A. Marcus, MD‡



**FIGURE 2.** Forest plot of meta-analysis results. Trials sorted based on person-years of follow-up, longest duration on top to shortest duration on bottom.

#### FIGURE 1



# Use of Abacavir and Risk of Cardiovascular Disease Among HIV-Infected Individuals

Marcus, Julia L.; Neugebauer, Romain S.; Leyden, Wendy A.; Chao, Chun R.; Xu, Lanfang; Quesenberry, Charles P. Jr; Klein, Daniel B.; Towner, William J.; Horberg, Michael A.; Silverberg, Michael J. JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes71(4):413-419, April 1st, 2016.

Risk of CVD among HIV-infected individuals initiating ART regimens with and without abacavir, Kaiser Permanente California, 1998–2011. Survival curves show the cumulative proportion without CVD after ART initiation.



## **SCREENING APPROACHES**

# 1. RISK ASSESSMENT

Global risk scores (such as the Framingham, Q-risk, JBS-3) use multiple traditional cardiovascular risk factors for risk assessment in all asymptomatic adults without a clinical history of CHD

 The problem is that all risk scores are weighted heavily upon age such that risk assessment in the younger HIV population tends to underestimate risk

Framingham*	Q-risk	JBS
Age Sex Total cholesterol HDL cholesterol Smoking, Systolic blood pressure	Age Sex Ethnicity Post Code Smoking Diabetes CKD Family history Atrial Fibrillation Blood pressure Cholesterol/HDL ratio Rheumatoid Arthritis BMI	As Q-risk Uses Townsend quintile Gives Heart Age

## How to risk assess in HIV?

- Framingham X 1.5<sub>1</sub>
- Q RISK 2 X 1.6<sub>2</sub>
- D:A:D score<sub>3</sub>

- 1 Veterans administration cohort
- 2 Q Risk UK
- 2 D:A:D study group

## D:A:D model

- Based on observations in 32,663 HIV-positive persons from 20 European countries and Australia
- Participants were free of CVD at study entry and who provided full information on cardiovascular risk factors.
- The rate of a composite CVD end point, comprising myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, coronary artery revascularization, carotid endarterectomy, or any CVD death, was assessed over 186,364.5 person-years.
- Full and reduced D:A:D models were developed to calculate estimated 5-year risks of CVD.

## D:A:D model

- Currently Cigarette Smoker?: Yes/No
- Previous Cigarette Smoker?: Yes/No
- Diabetic ?: Yes/No
- Family CVD history?: Yes/No
- Currently using Indinavir? (Y/N): Yes/No (no of years)
- Currently using Lopinavir?: Yes/No (no of years)
- Currently using abacavir?: (Y/N): Yes/No
- Systolic blood pressure:
- Total cholesterol: HDL:

About you—				
Age (25-84): 64				
Sex: • Male Female				
Ethnicity: White or not stated 💠				
UK postcode: leave blank if unknown				
Postcode:				
Clinical information—				
Smoking status: non-smoker				
Diabetes status: none 🗘				
Angina or heart attack in a 1st degree relative < 60? □				
Chronic kidney disease (stage 4 or 5)? □				
Atrial fibrillation?				
On blood pressure treatment?				
Rheumatoid arthritis?				
Leave blank if unknown				
Cholesterol/HDL ratio:				
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg):				
Body mass index				
Height (cm):				
Weight (kg):				
Calculate risk				

# Q RISK 2 2017

# % 10 year risk of MI & CVA

About you			
Age (25-84): 64 Sex: Male Female			
Ethnicity: White or not stated			
UK postcode: leave blank if unknown			
Postcode:			
-Clinical information			
Smoking status: non-smoker			
Diabetes status: none 😊			
Angina or heart attack in a 1st degree relative $< 60?$			
Chronic kidney disease (stage 3, 4 or 5)? □			
Atrial fibrillation?			
On blood pressure treatment?			
Do you have migraines? □			
Rheumatoid arthritis?			
Systemic lupus erythematosis (SLE)?			
Severe mental illness? □			
On atypical antipsychotic medication?			
Are you on regular steroid tablets? □			
A diagnosis of or treatment for erectile disfunction?			
Leave blank if unknown			
Cholesterol/HDL ratio:			
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg):			
Standard deviation of at least two most			
recent systolic blood pressure readings			
(mmHg):			
Body mass index			

# Q RISK 3 2018

## Welcome to the QRISK®3-2017 risk calculator

Welcome to the QRISK®3-2017 Web Calculator. You can use this calculator to work out your risk of developing a heart attack or stroke over the next 10 years by answering some simple questions.

The QRISK<sup>®</sup>3 algorithm has been developed by doctors and academics working in the UK National Health Service and is based on routinely collected data from many thousands of GPs across the country who have freely contributed data to the QResearch database for medical research.

QRISK<sup>®</sup>3 has been developed for the UK population, and is intended for use in the UK. All medical decisions need to be taken by a patient in consultation with their doctor. The authors and the sponsors accept no responsibility for clinical use or misuse of this score.

The science underpinning QRISK®3 has been published in the BMJ -- see the publications tab for details.

## What is the difference between QRISK®3 and QRISK®2?

QRISK<sup>®</sup>3 includes more factors than QRISK<sup>®</sup>2 to help enable doctors to identify those at most risk of heart disease and stroke.

These are

- Chronic kidney disease, which now includes stage 3 CKD
- Migraine
- Corticosteroids
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- · atypical antipsychotics
- severe mental illness
- · erectile dysfunction
- · a measure of systolic blood pressure variability

# How do the scoring systems compare?

	Framingham 10 year risk N=195/1153	10 year risk	DAD 5 year risk N=195
Number of patients with a risk of ≥20.0%	25 (12.8%)	41 (21.0%)	4 (2.1%)
Number of patients with a risk of 10.0%- 19.9%	170 (87.2%)	83 (42.6%)	19 (9.7%)
Number of patients with a risk of 5.0% - 9.9%	0	50 (25.6%)	66 (33.8%)
Number of patients with a risk of < 5.0%	0	21 (10.8%)	106 (54.4%)

## Cardiovascular assessment

- Estimate overall cardiac risk<sup>(1-3)</sup>
  - Fasting assessments prior to ART initiation or switching,
     3 to 6 months later, and annually during stable ART¹
    - Total, HDL, and LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, and glucose<sup>2,3</sup>
    - HbA1c or oral glucose tolerance test in those at risk of type 2 diabetes or with severe lipodystrophy<sup>3</sup>
- Assess ALL other modifiable cardiac risk factors
  - Blood pressure
  - Smoking
  - Exercise/BMI
  - Recreational drugs
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# 2. GUIDELINES

## **BHIVA 2016**



BHIVA guidelines on the routine investigation and monitoring of HIV-1-positive adults

#### Recommendations

- We recommend that patients with established CVD and those at increased risk of CVD (10 year CVD risk >10%) are screened annually for hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidaemia and chronic kidney disease, and that BMI, smoking status and antiretroviral therapy are reviewed annually (GPP).
- We recommend against the evaluation of inflammatory or coagulation biomarkers and imaging studies as part of routine clinical care (GPP).

#### Evidence

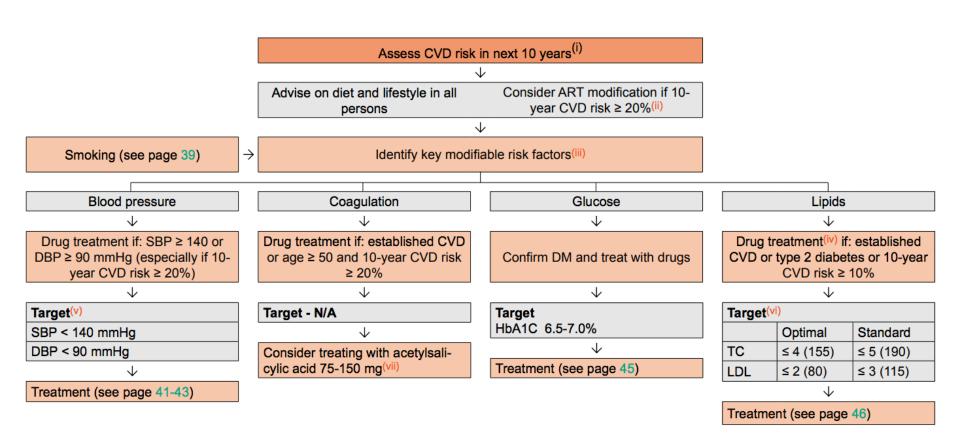
HIV-positive patients are at increased risk of myocardial infarction (MI) and other manifestations of cardiovascular disease [1,2], although the CVD incidence may be decreasing due to better control of modifiable risk factors such as hypertension and dyslipidaemia [3]. Hypertension, dyslipidaemia, diabetes and smoking are major, modifiable risk factors [4]. In addition, some studies have identified an association between MI or cardiovascular disease (CVD) events and exposure to abacavir, didanosine and/or lopinavir [5-7], and these drugs may be best avoided in patients at high CVD risk [8]. Poor HIV control may further contribute to the heightened risk of cardiovascular complications in this population [9].

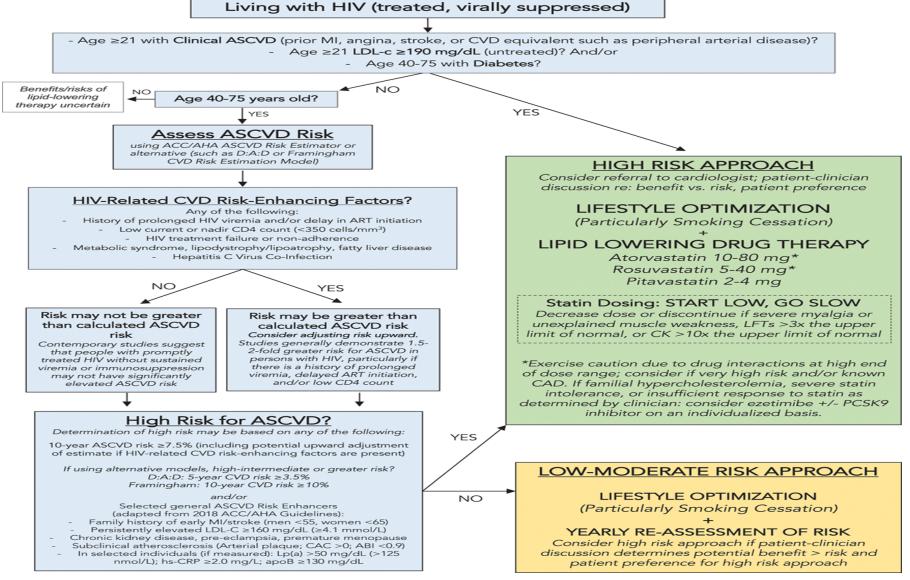
NICE guidelines recommend that patients with established CVD receive advice on restricting dietary salt, saturated fat, cholesterol and alcohol intake, weight reduction, physical activity and smoking cessation, and receive high-dose (80 mg) atorvastatin [10]. Although firm evidence in HIV populations is lacking, we endorse this recommendation for HIV-positive patients.

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## Prevention of CVD

**Principles:** The intensity of efforts to prevent CVD depends on the underlying risk of CVD, which can be estimated<sup>(i)</sup>. The preventive efforts are diverse in nature and require involvement of a relevant specialist, in particular if the risk of CVD is high and always in persons with a history of CVD.

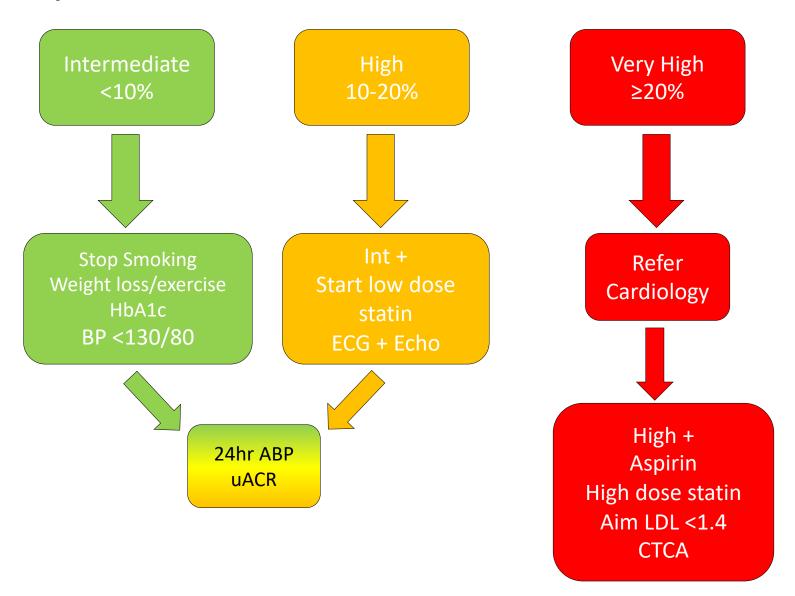




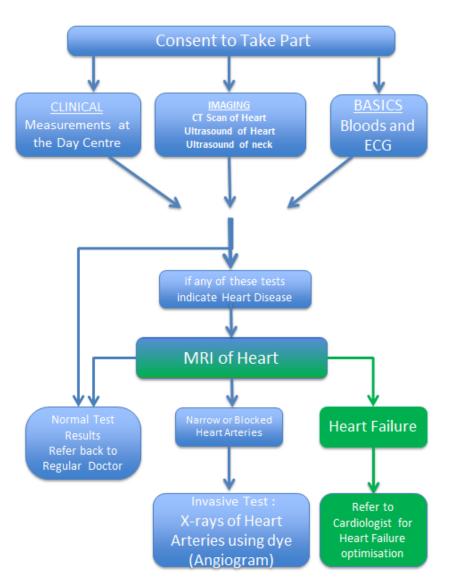


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## Royal Free PLWH Modified Q-Risk Pathway



## H-ART to HEART





35 – 55 yrs. old
African/Caribbean Women
Or Caucasian Men (MSM)
No known Cardiac Risk Factors
No Symptoms of Chest Pain or SOB
Non-smokers
Not on statin therapy

Contact: g.manmathan@nhs.net
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## Conclusions

- Patients with HIV are at risk of premature coronary disease due to an interplay between conventional risk factors, the effects of ART and immune reactivation
- CVD burden will increase as this population ages
- Cardiomyopathy, HT and arrhythmia are also common problems seen
- Risk stratification and early detection is important for patients on ART. Current risk assessment tools are limited
- Interventions should be aimed at increasing awareness, lifestyle modification and aggressive treatment of HT, Dyslipidaemia and glucose intolerance
- A dedicated Multi-disciplinary HIV Cardiac clinic is a proposed model of care

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