

# Nuevos factores implicados en el pronóstico de la infección por VIH-1



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- Patogénesis Viral
- Biología Molecular y Celular
- Genética e Inmunología
- Retrovirología clínica
- Farmacología
- Vacunas

# AIDS could become a leading cause of illness and death worldwide by 2030

## **Leading Causes of Burden of Disease Worldwide in 2030**

**1<sup>st</sup> HIV/AIDS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Unipolar depressive disorders**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ischaemic heart disease**

## **Leading Causes of Death Worldwide in 2030**

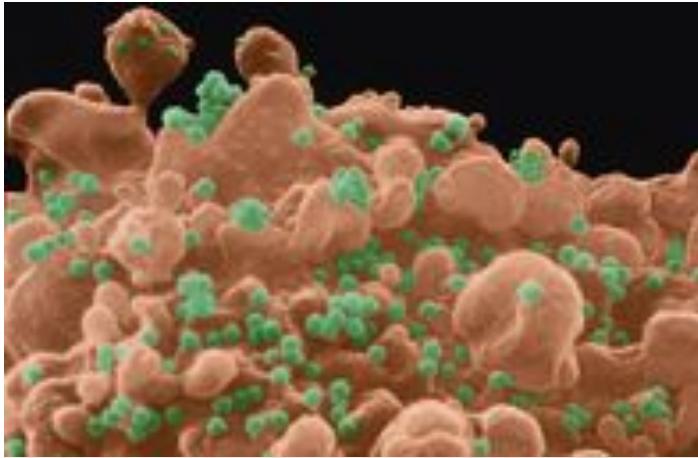
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Cerebrovascular disease**

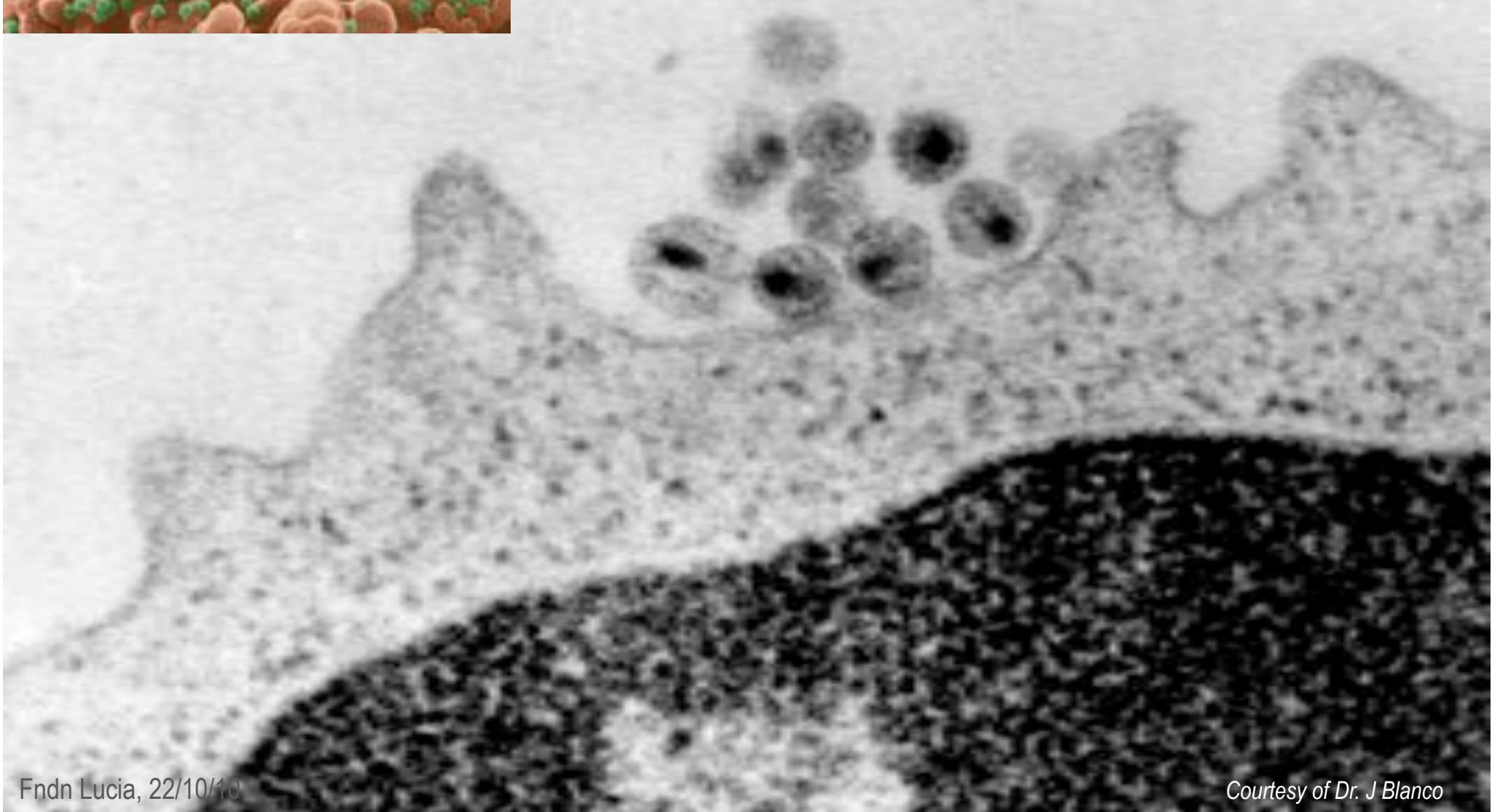
**3<sup>rd</sup> HIV/AIDS**

*Mathers & Loncar, PLOS 2006*

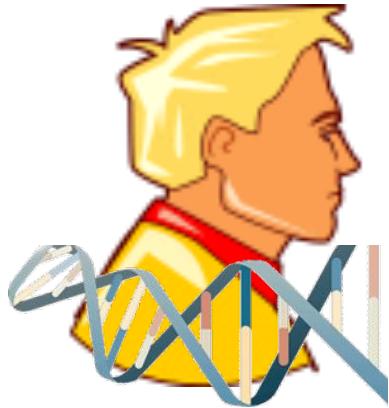
*Projections of Global Mortality and Burden of Disease from 2002 to 2030*  
UNAIDS & WHO



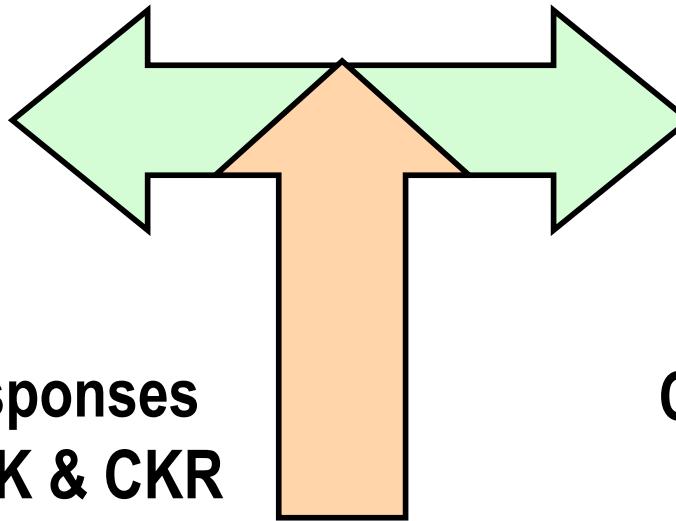
- ❖ **High degree of variability**
- ❖ **Viral persistence:**
  - Limited cytopathic potential
  - Escaping adaptive immune responses



# Factors affecting disease progression



**CD4 and CD8 T-cell responses  
Altered expression of CK & CKR  
HLA type**



**Coreceptor tropism  
 $\Delta$ nef, vpr R77Q  
Viral subtypes**



**Antiviral Rx**

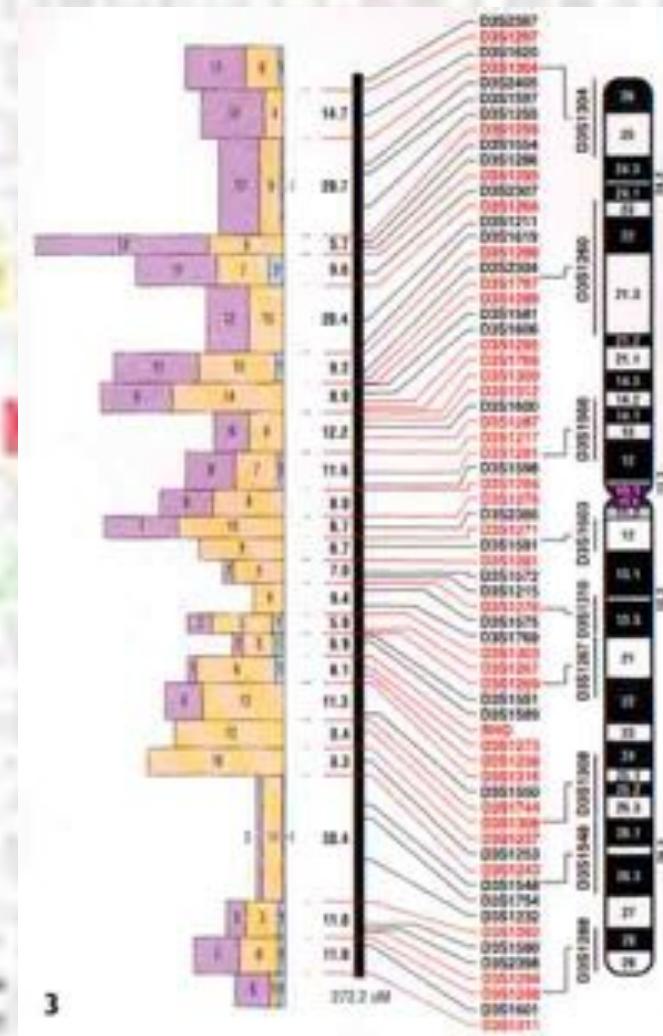
# Human Genome Project

- ✓ *15 years, 6 countries, 20 centers.*
- ✓ *3 billion \$, 3 billion letters. 1 \$ per letter—such a deal!*
- ✓ *23 chromosomes. Supposed to contain 100,000 genes. Turns out to only have 30,000 genes—or maybe 25,000. But it could be 40,000—check back with us next year.*
- ✓ *Said to have the answer to everything, absolutely everything. Diabetes, Asthma, Cancer, Evolution, Populations, Migrations, Life, Death, Taxes*



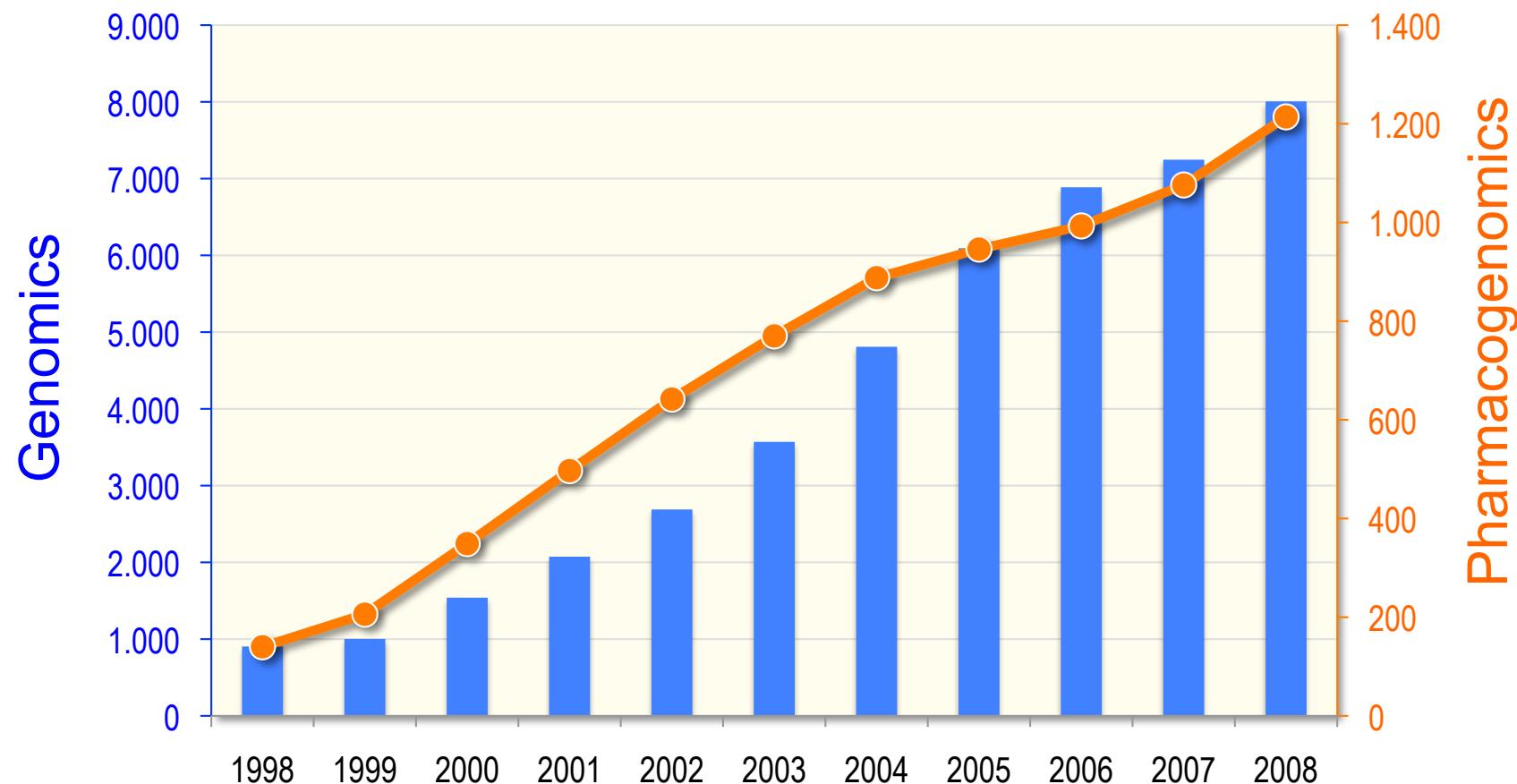
# But ... the human genome is harder to read than expected

- ~30,000 genes
- 3.7 *proteins per gene*
- 3 billion base pairs
- “Junk DNA”
- *Differential splicing*



# Is genomics interesting ?

PubMed references containing the terms ...



# Why now ? ⇒ Unprecedented Progress

1. High-throughput genotyping and sequencing
2. Knowledge about genetic variation in humans
3. Evolutionary genomics



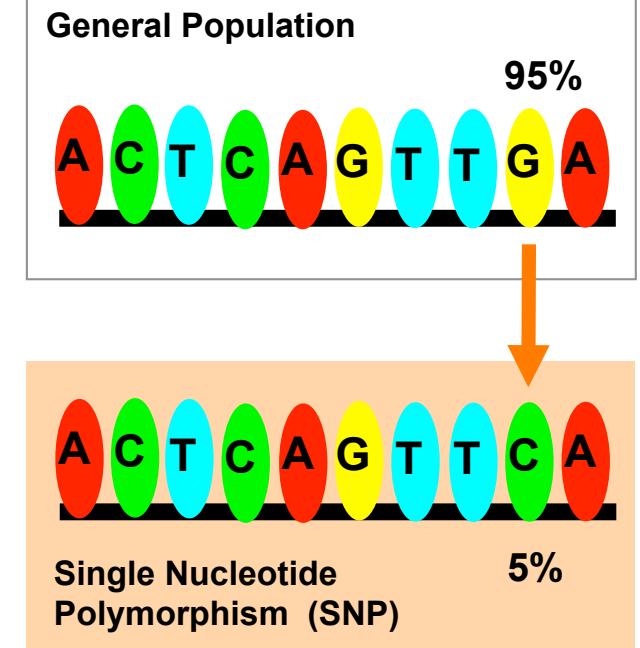
# Genetic variations



**Human genome: 3000 million nucleotides**

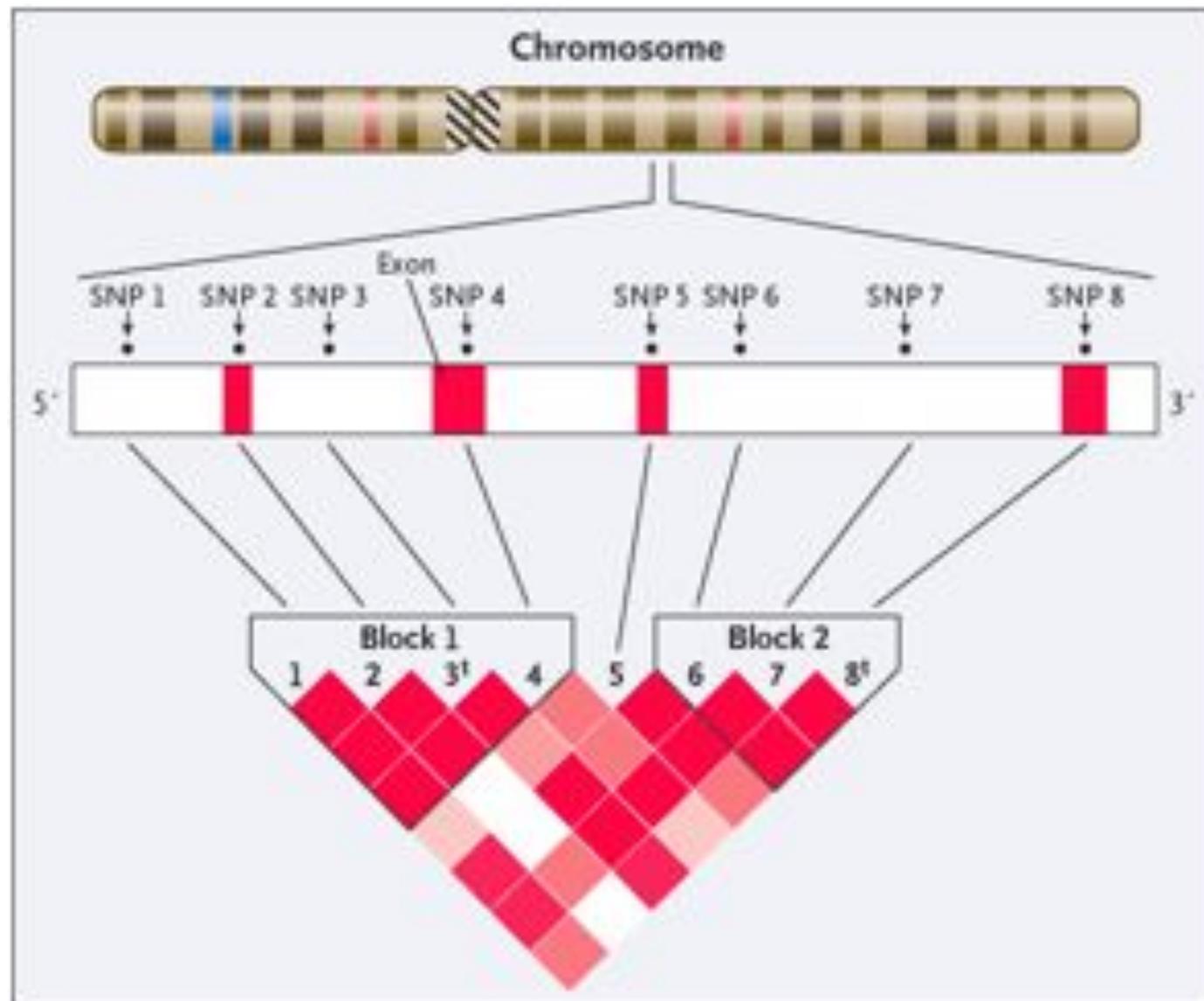
- We share 99.9% of our DNA
- We are different in 0.1% (1/1000)

*3 milion differences!*





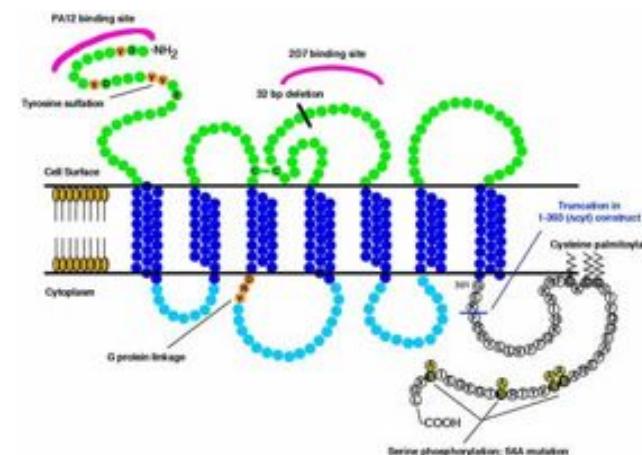
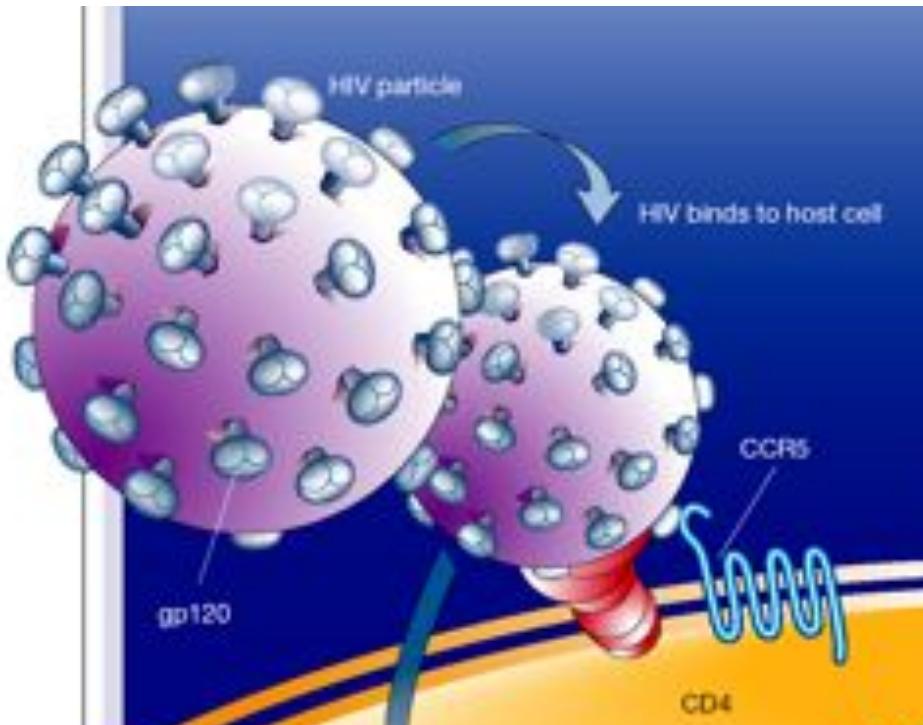
*Haplotype Map*  
*define patterns of genetic variation across human genome*



# Human gene polymorphisms that influence HIV-1 disease

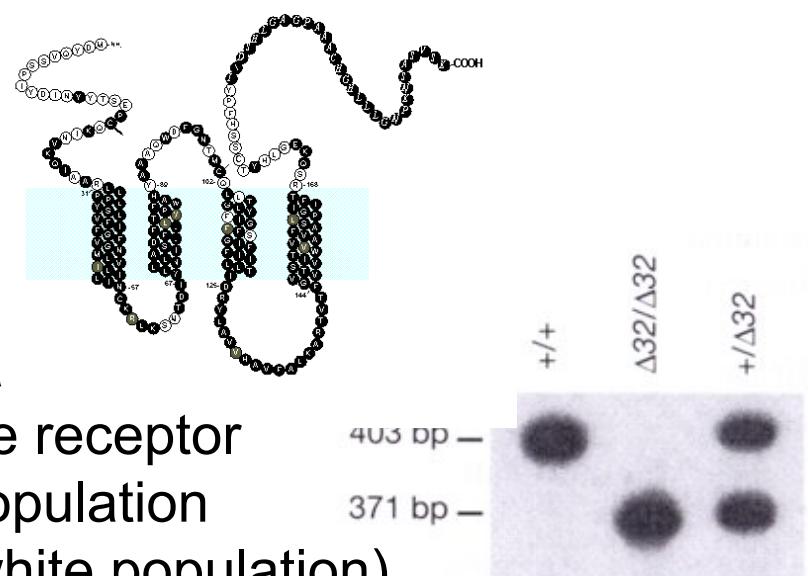


# Chemokine receptor/ligand system



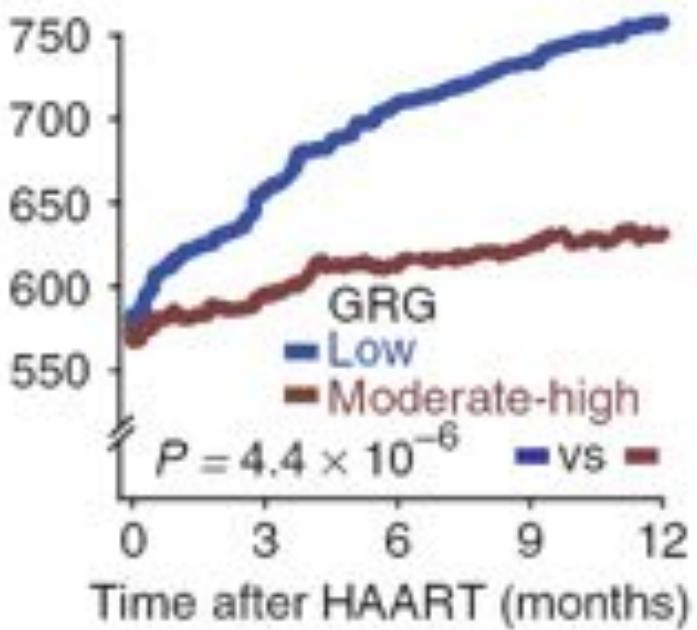
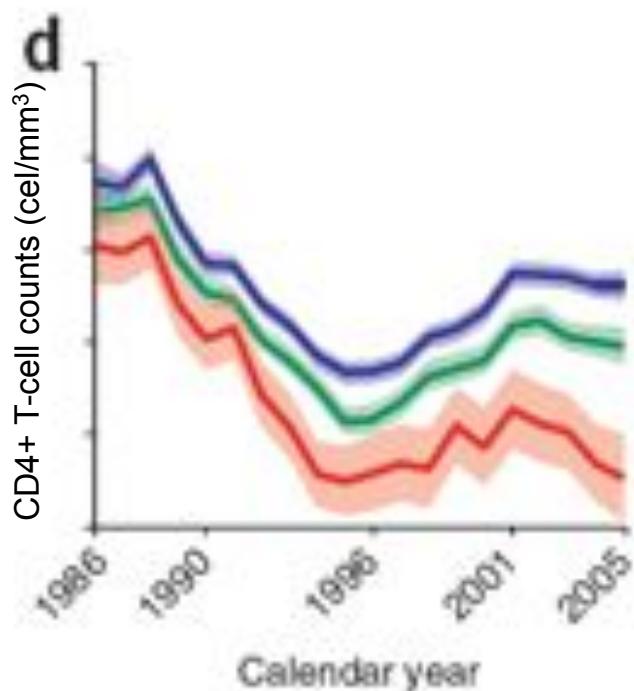
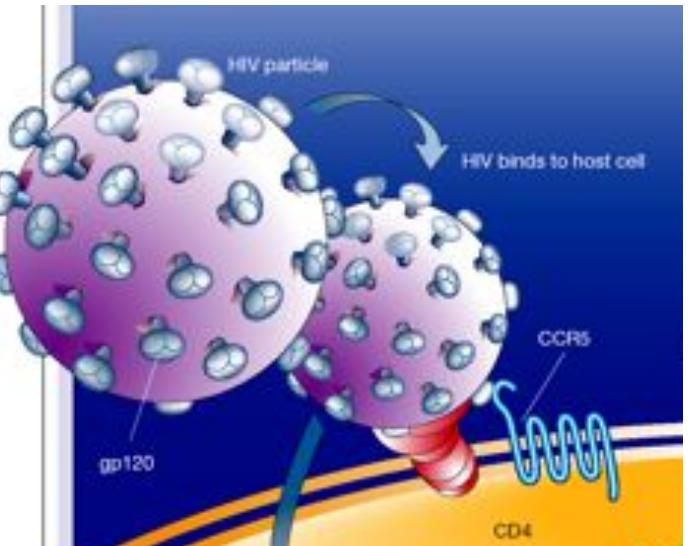
## CCR5 Δ32 (HHG\*2)

- 32-bp deletion in the region coding for a portion of a transmembrane domain of the receptor
- allele frequency of ~9% among white population
- **Homozygous** subjects (1%–2% of the white population)
  - ↳ nearly complete protection
- **Heterozygous** subjects ⇒ slight protection (*HR*: 0.5 to 0.8)



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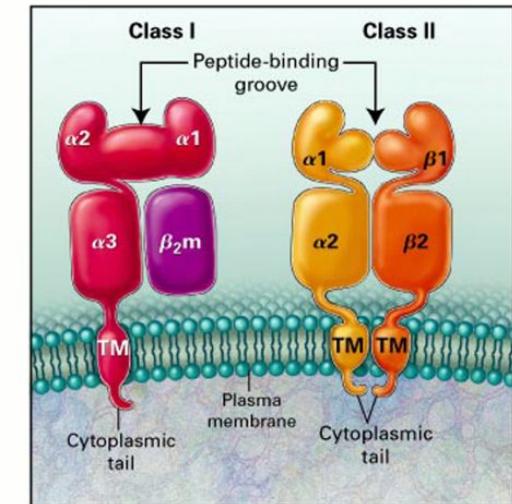
**CCL3L1 (MIP-1 $\alpha$ ):** copy number variation  
**CCR5:**  $\Delta 32$  + polymorphisms in promotor



# HLA and the Ag-Presenting System

## **HLA class I homozygosity**

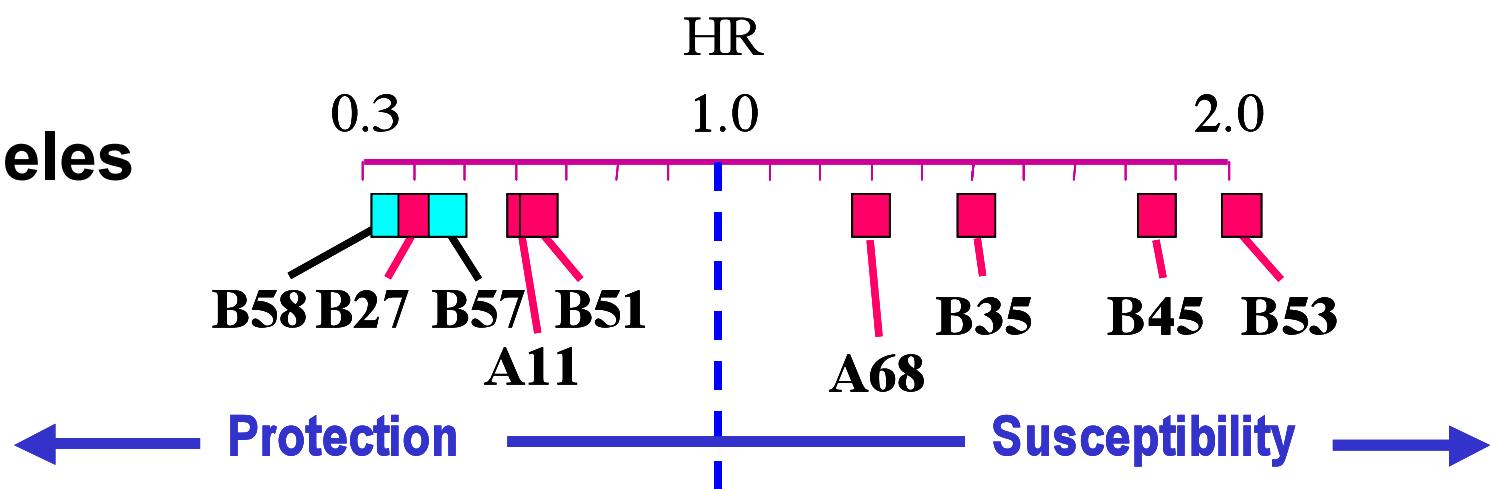
- homozygosity at class I loci strongly associated with
    - ⇒ poor control of infection
    - ⇒ relatively rapid disease progression



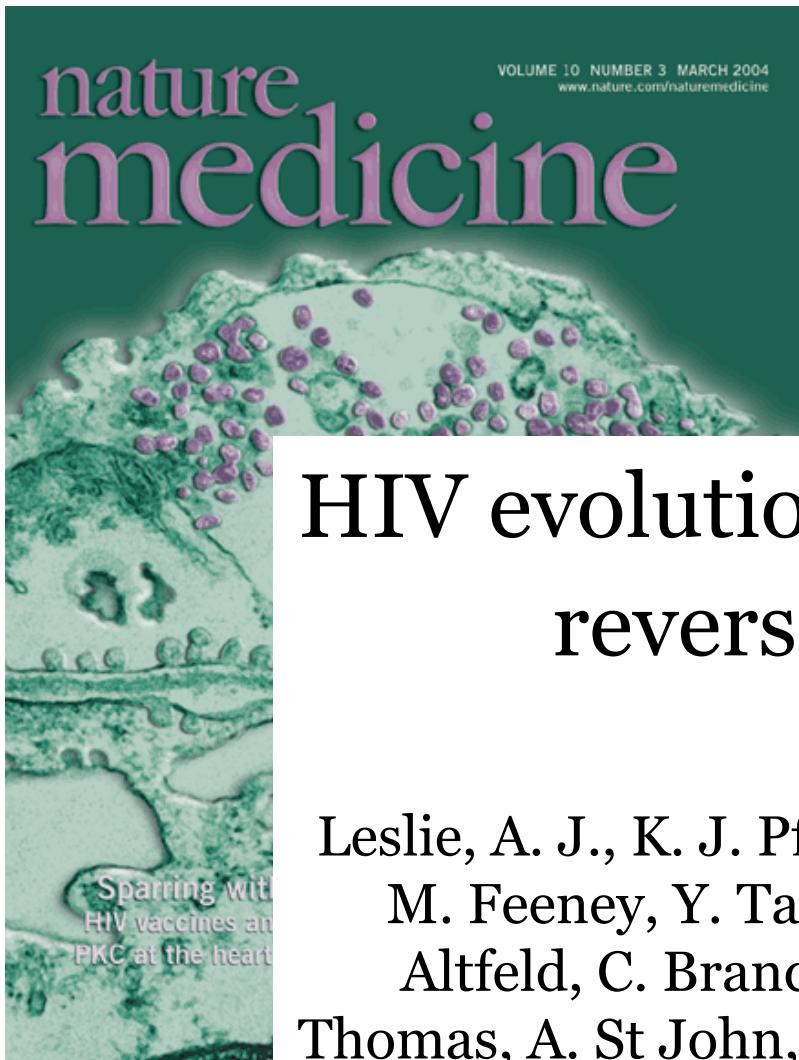
# HLA class I allele sharing (MTC transmission)

- identity of HLA class I alleles between potential virus donors and recipients ⇒ increases the susceptibility of the latter

# Individual HLA class I alleles



# Example 1

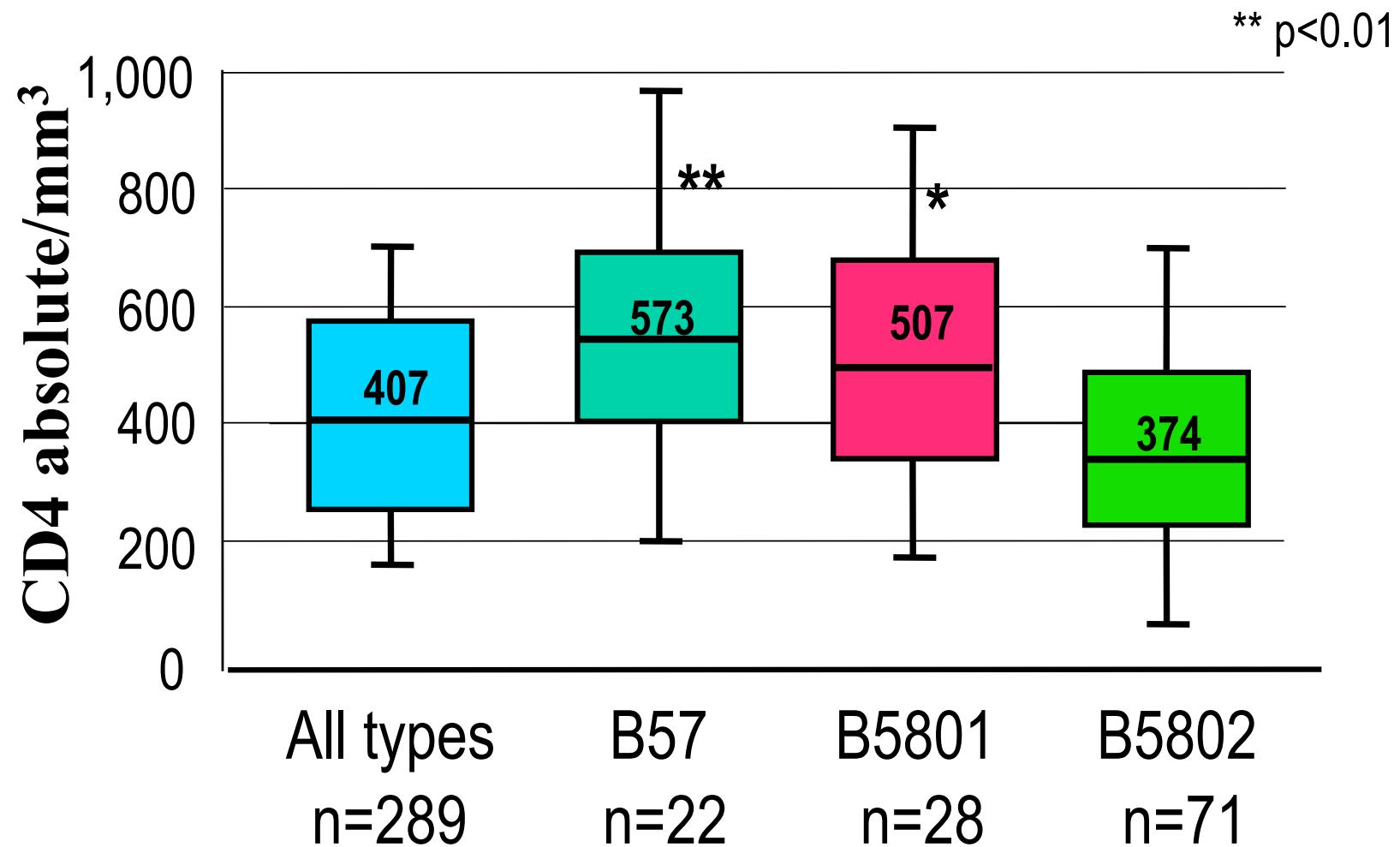


## HIV evolution: CTL escape mutation and reversion after transmission

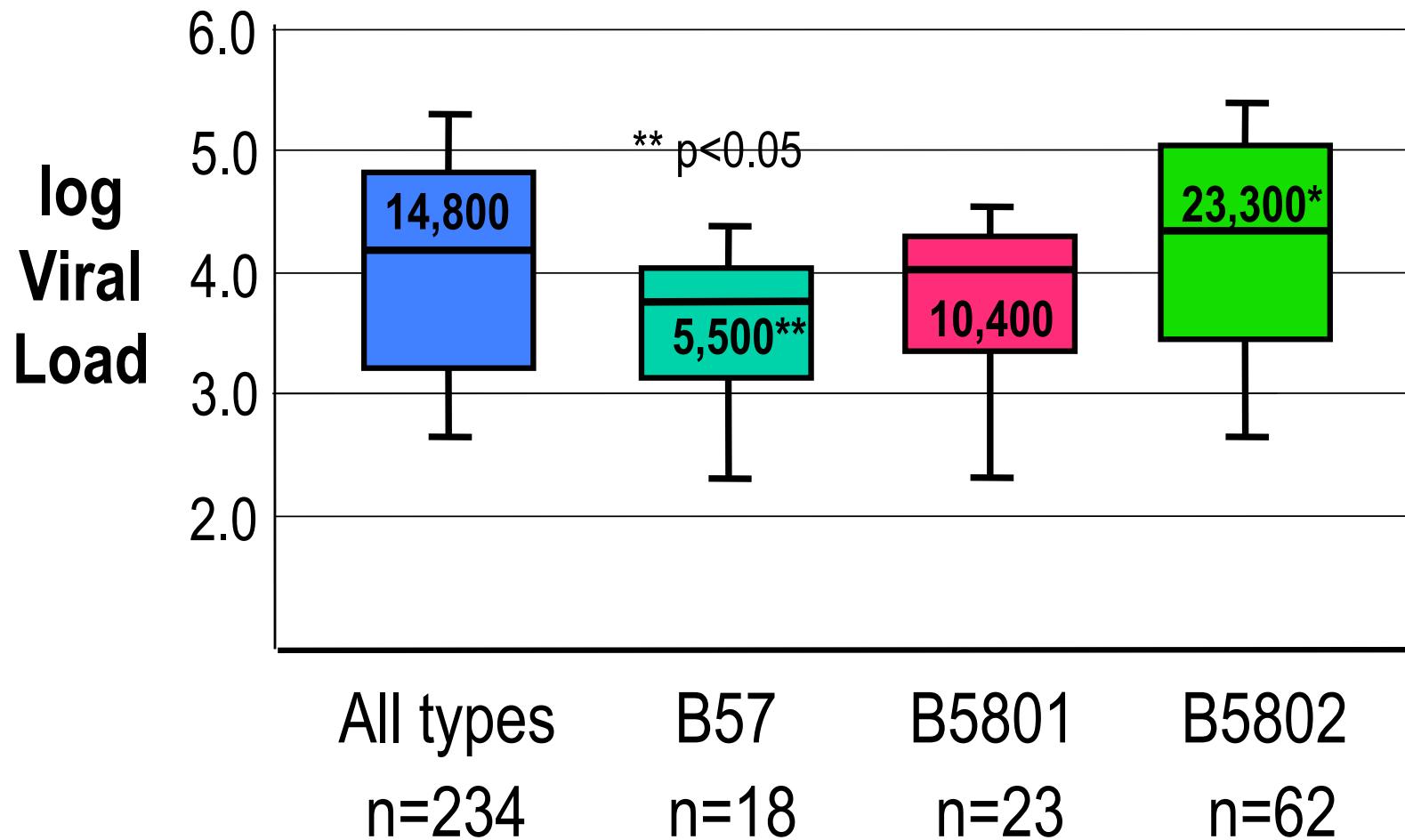
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Leslie *et al.* Nat Med 2004

# HLA-B57 is associated with higher absolute CD4 counts in C-clade infected people



# HLA-B57 is associated with low pVL in C-clade infected people



# Example 2



## ARTICLE

### Constraints on HIV-1 evolution and immunodominance revealed in monozygotic adult twins infected with the same virus

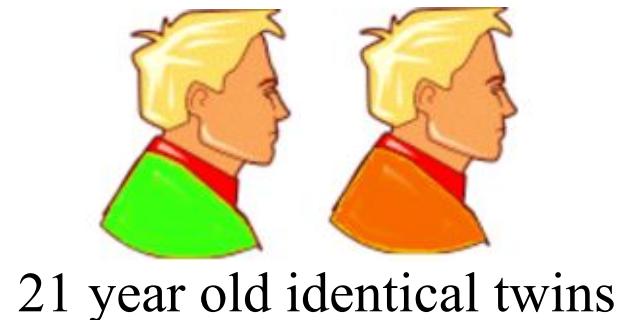
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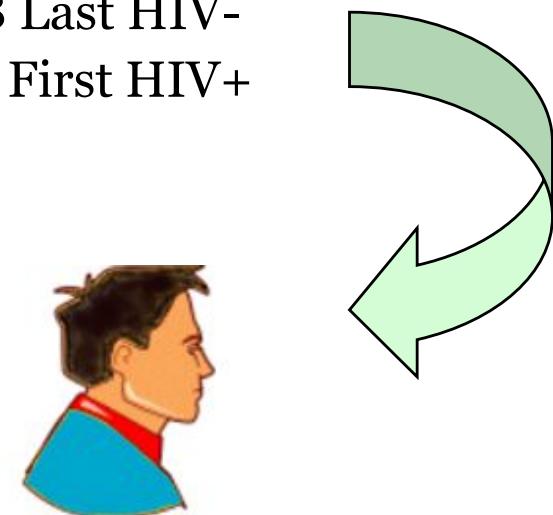
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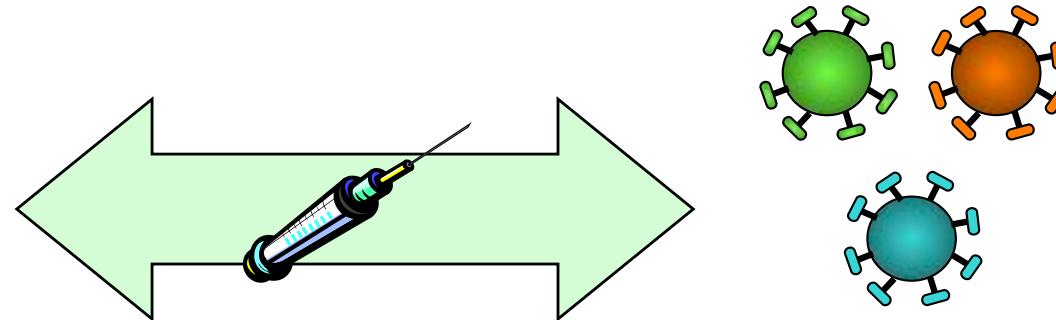
# Patients: zygosity identity and HLA Class I



**12/98** Last HIV-  
**9/99** First HIV+



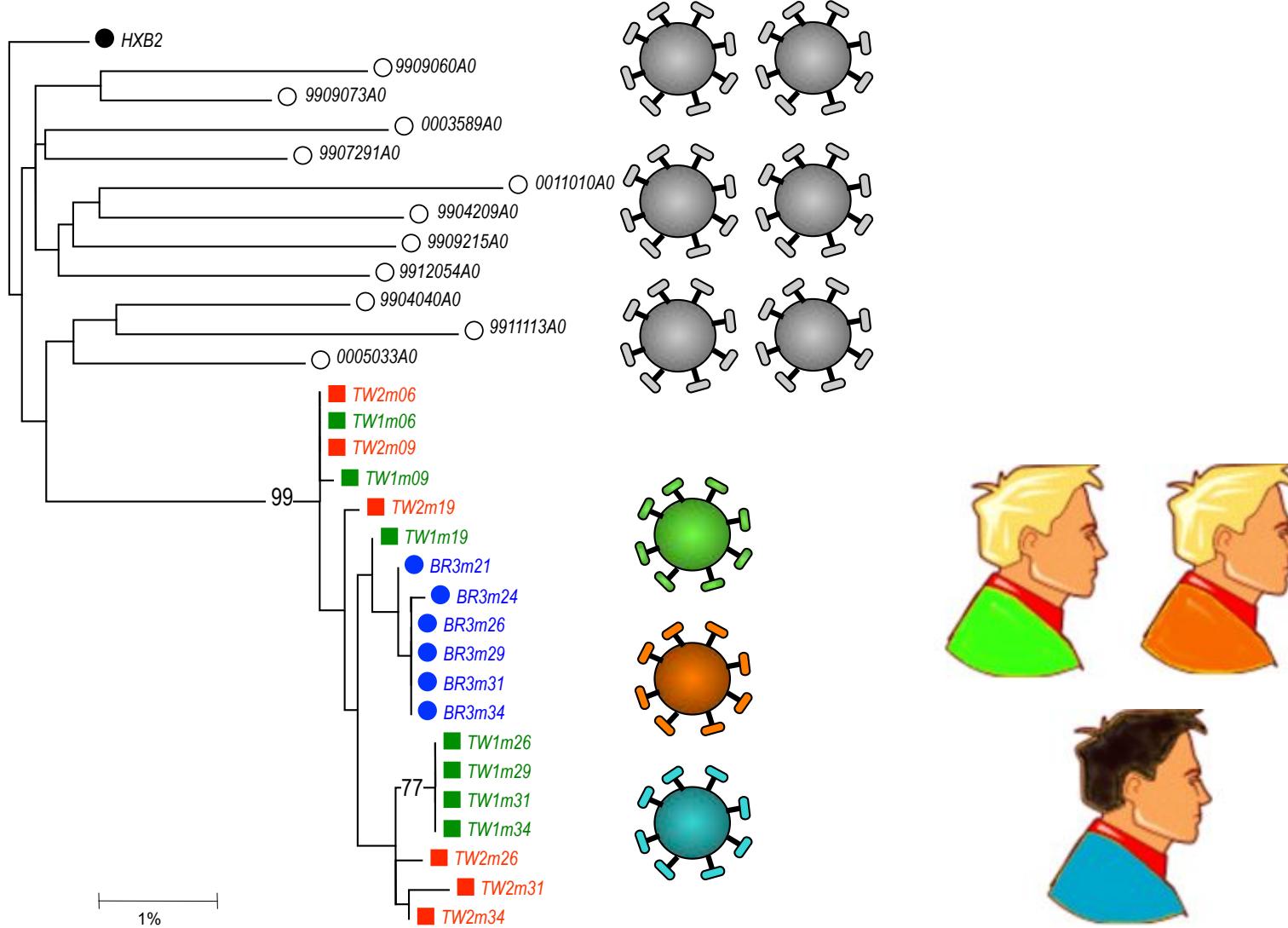
Sibling infected  
13 months later



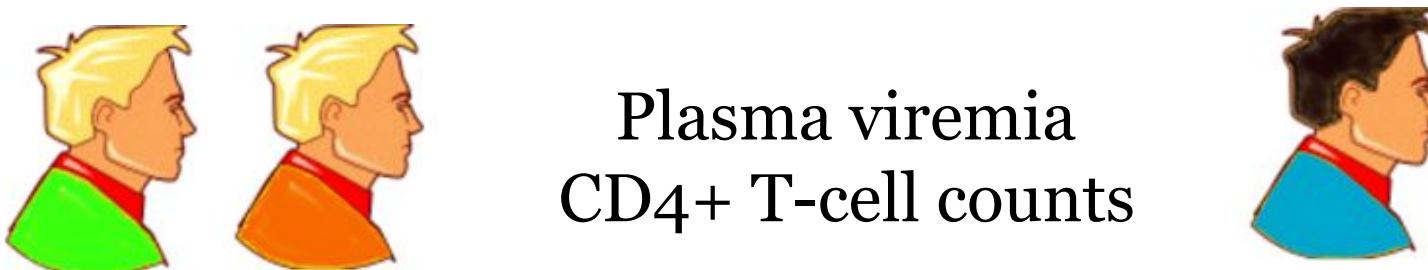
Zygotic identification  
↓  
polymorphic STR

HLA Class I	
TW1 & TW2	BR3
A0201, 2402	A0201, 0201
B4001, 5001	B4001, 44
Cw03, 04	Cw03, 05

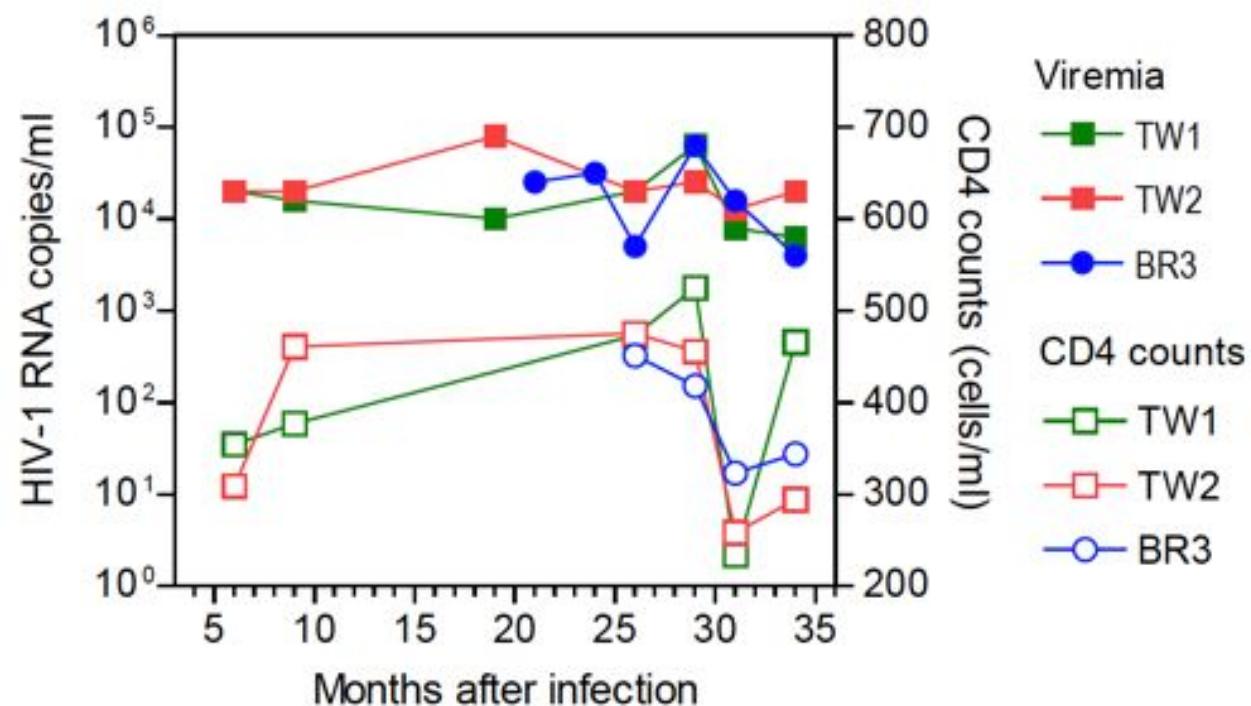
# Genetic identity of infecting HIV



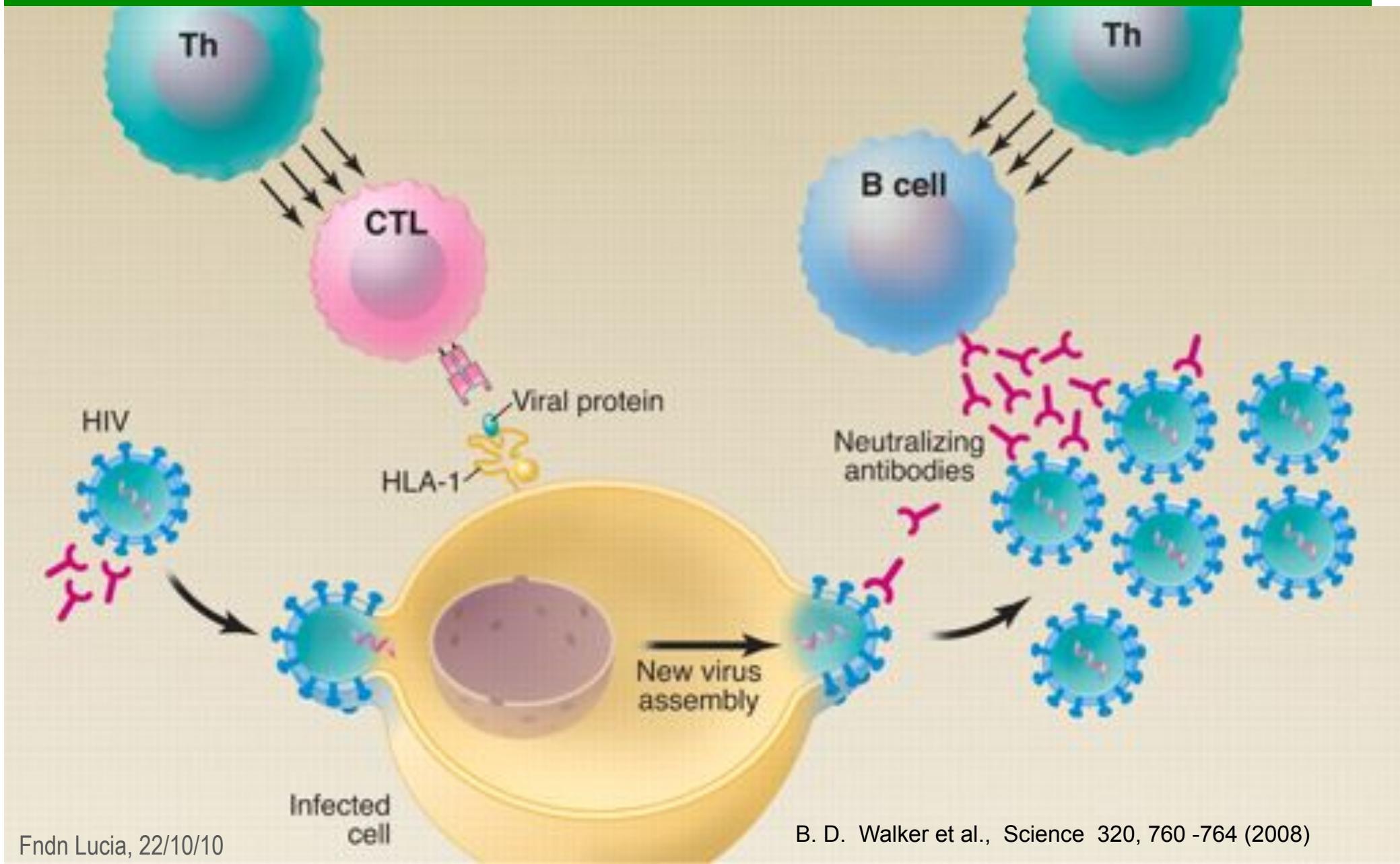
# Similar clinical course



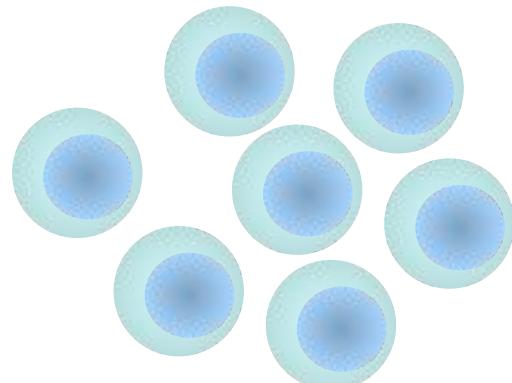
Plasma viremia  
CD4+ T-cell counts



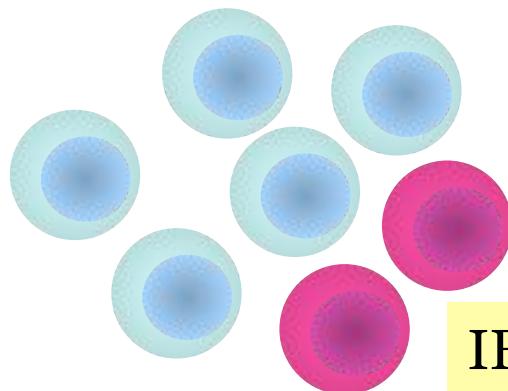
# Adaptive immune responses in HIV infection



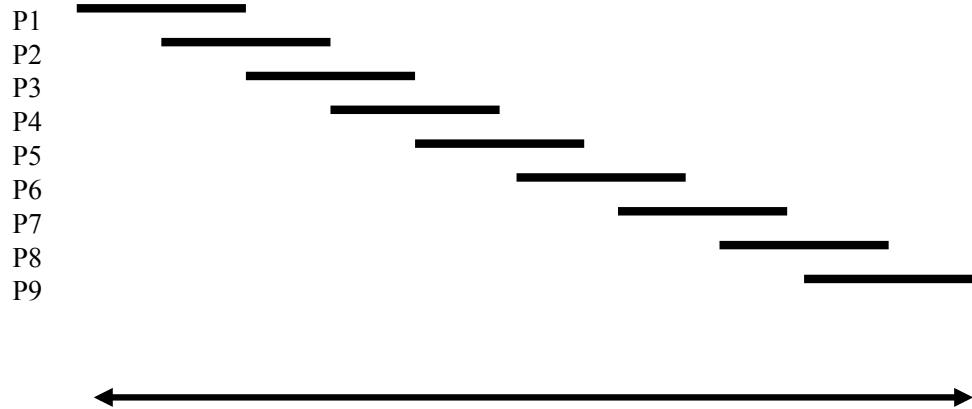
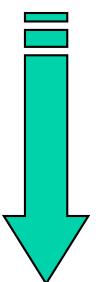
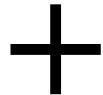
# ELISPOT assay for T-cell responses



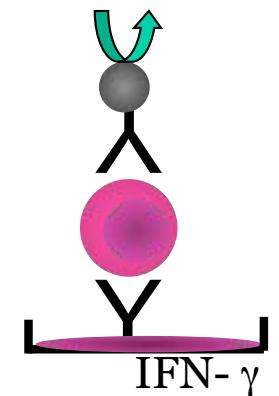
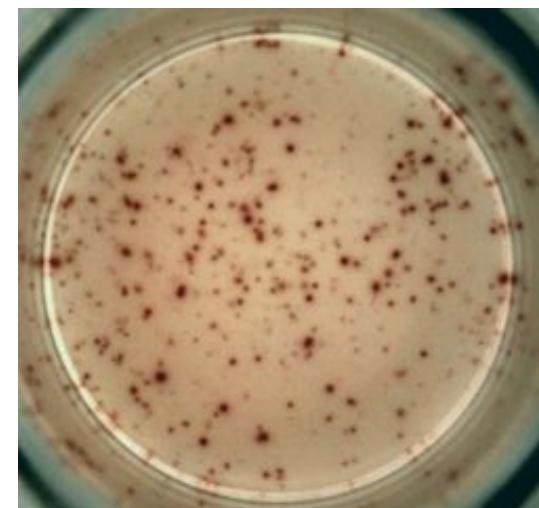
peripheral blood  
mononuclear cells



IFN-  $\gamma$



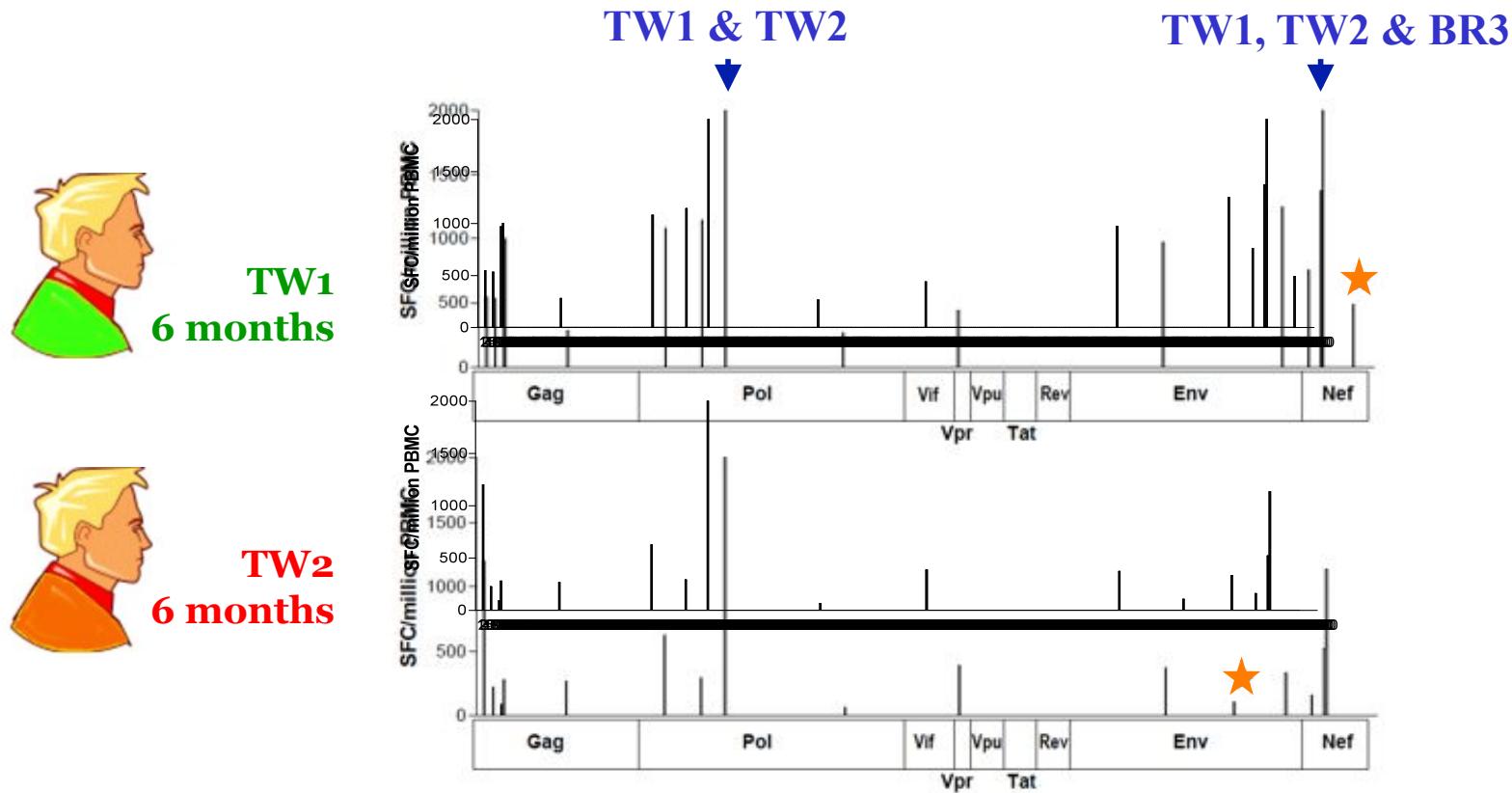
Overlapping peptides  
Gag, Pol, Nef, Env etc



Elispot read-out

# IFN- $\gamma$ T cell responses in the twins

- ELISPOT with overlapping peptides all throughout the viral genome
- 15/17 initial responses were shared between twins, including immunodominant responses.

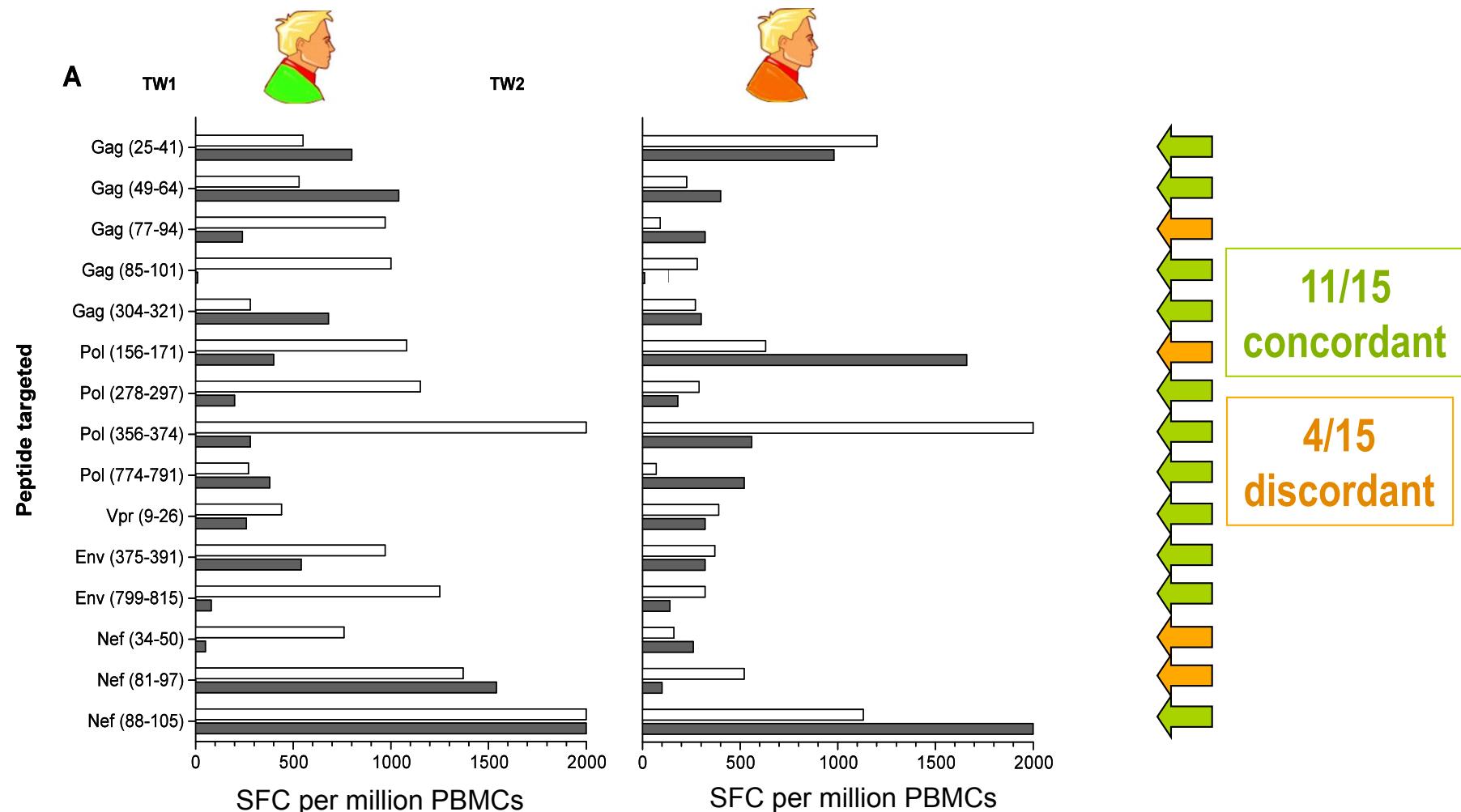


- ▼ immune-dominant response
- ★ response in only one twin

# T cell responses during the course of the study

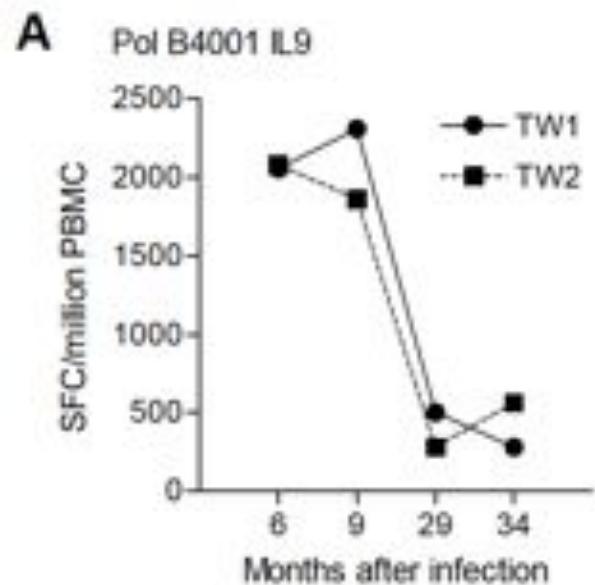
*Responses targeted by both twins at the first  
and last study time points  
15/17 initial responses were common*

6 months post-infection  
34 months post-infection

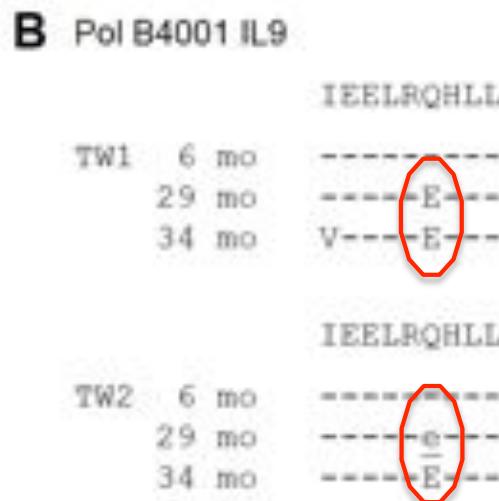


# Concordant CD8 T cell responses and viral evolution

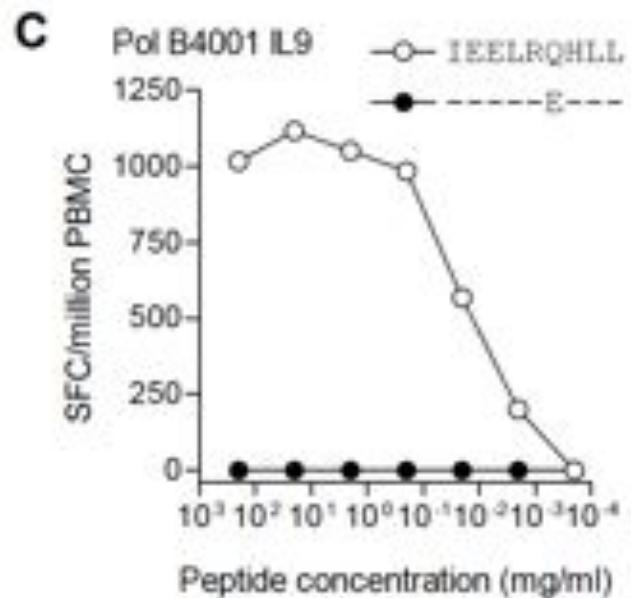
T-cell response over time



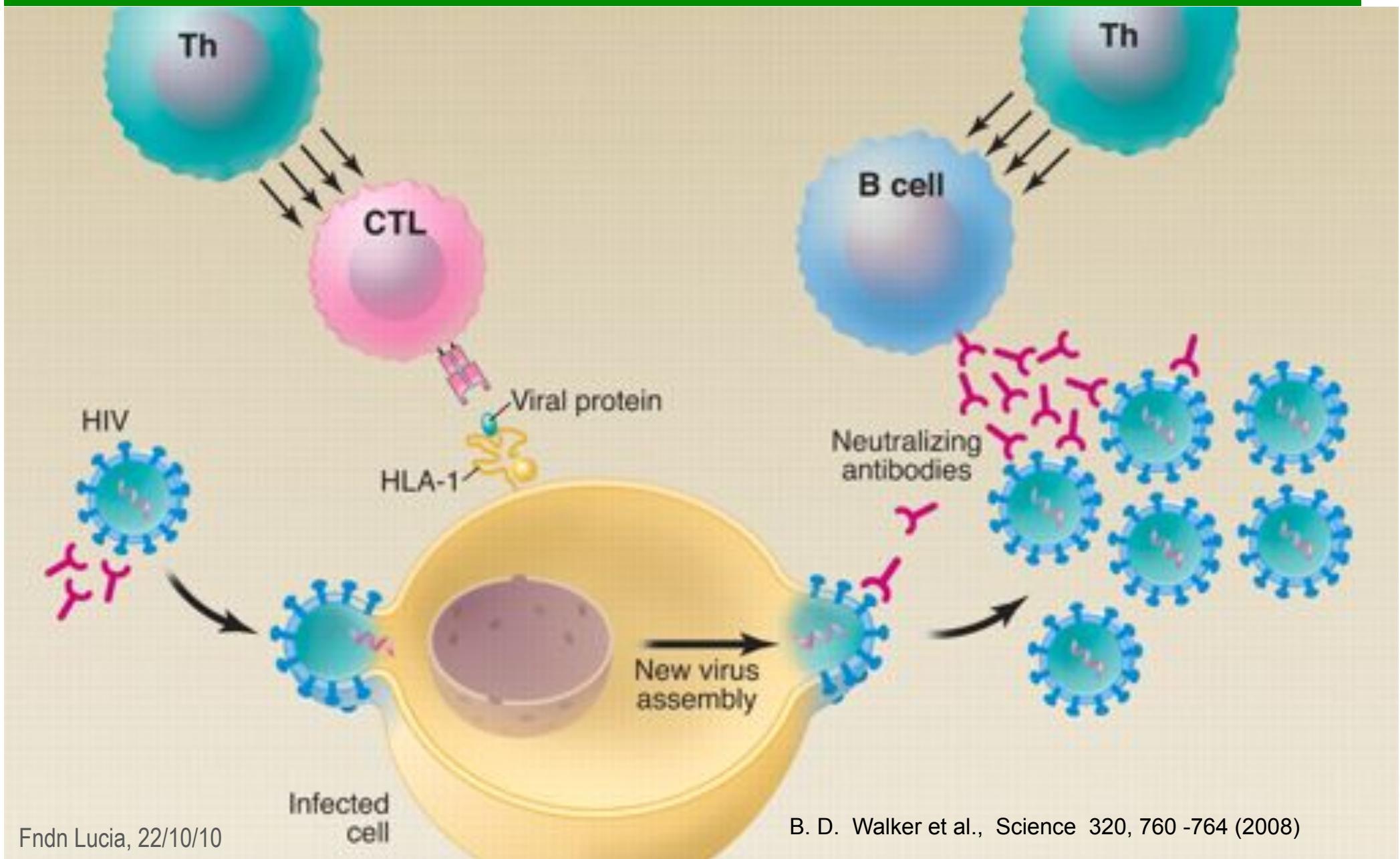
Viral evolution at the epitope



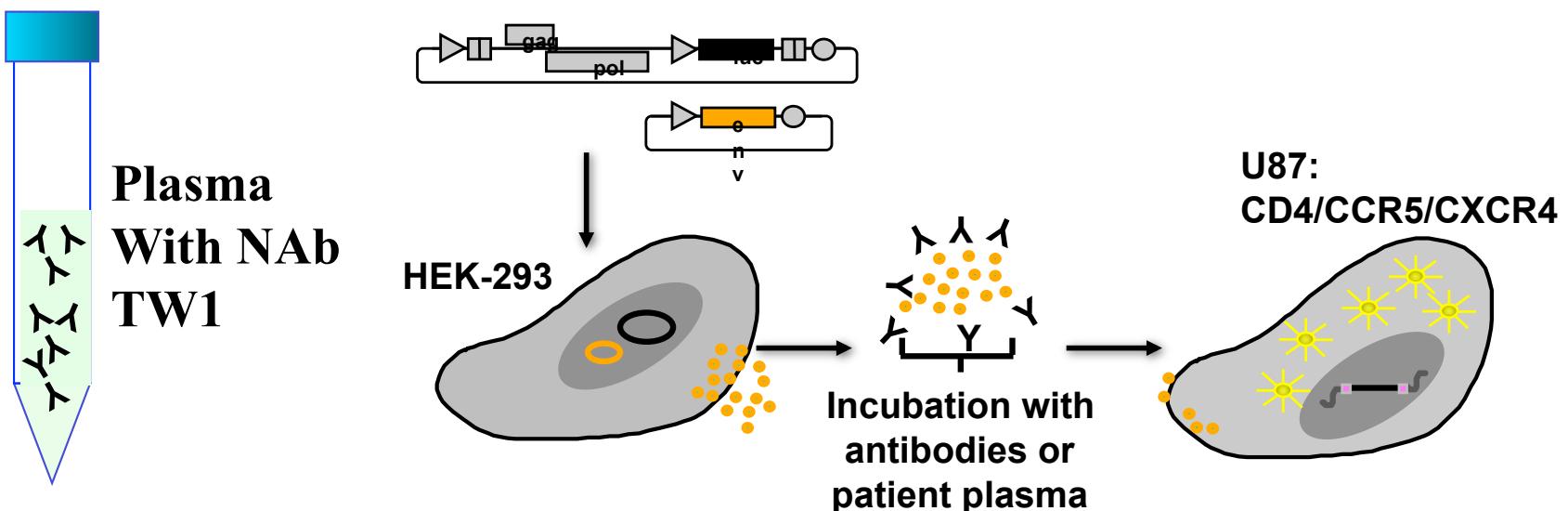
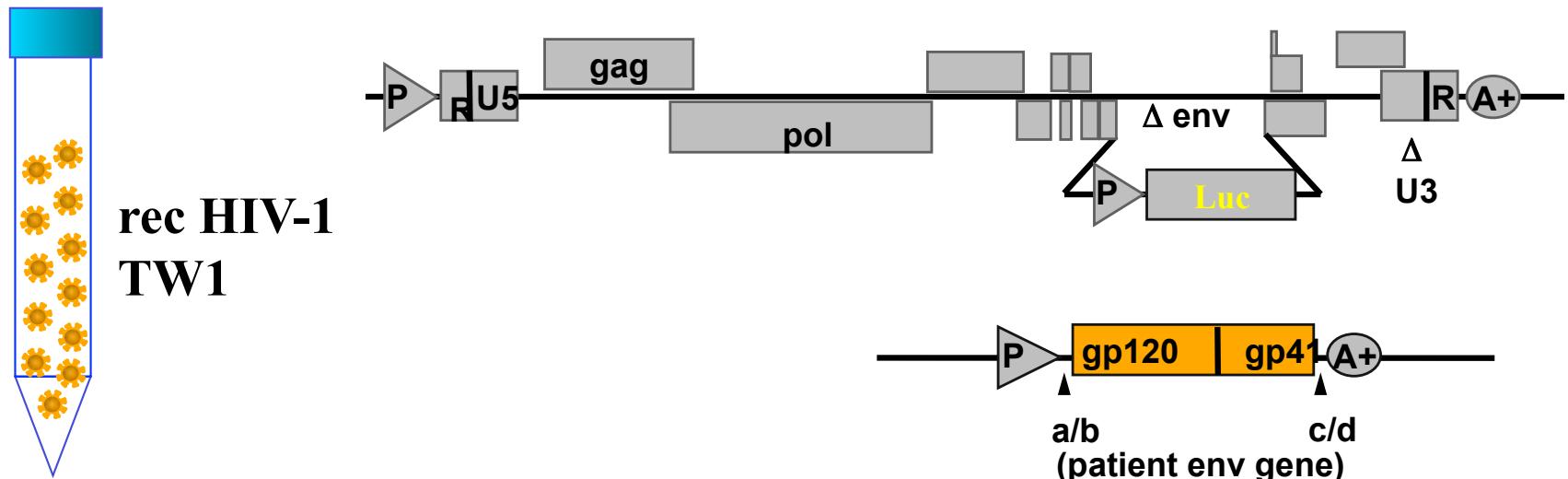
Peptide titration assay



# Adaptive immune responses in HIV infection

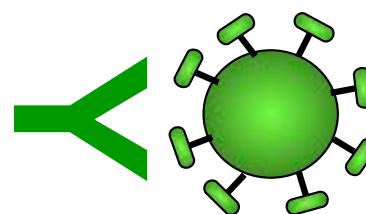
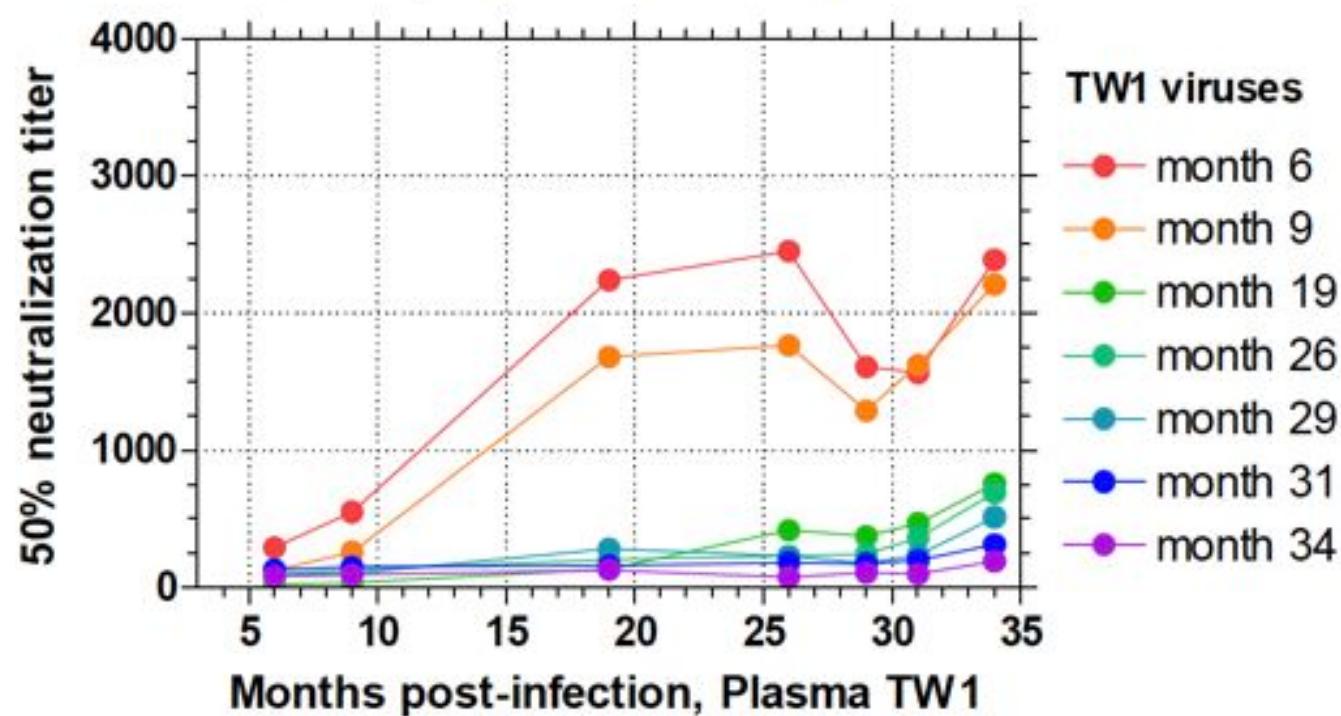


# Antibody neutralizing assay

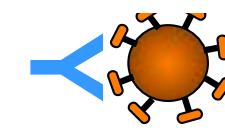
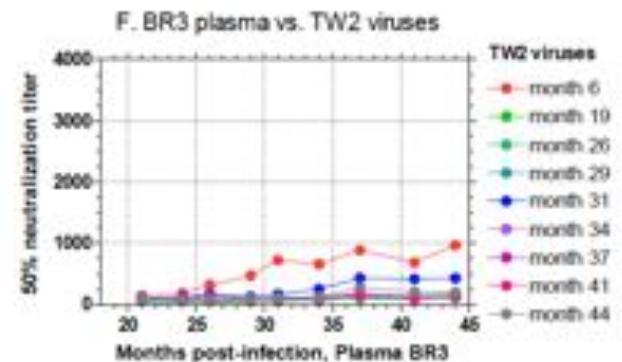
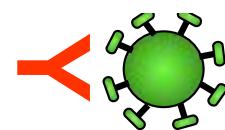
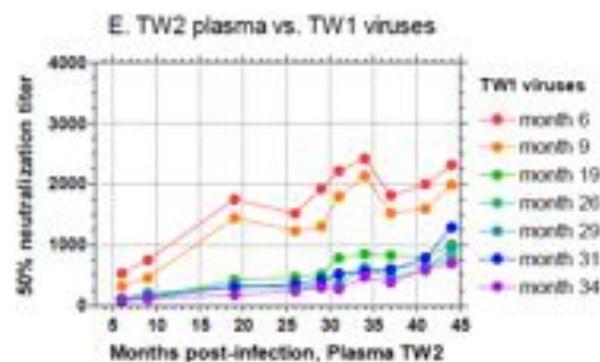
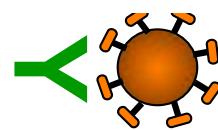
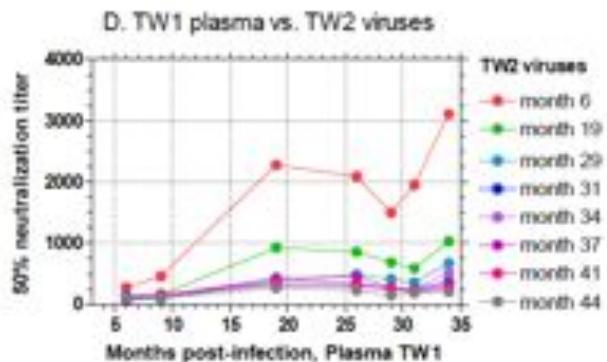
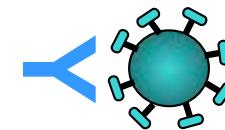
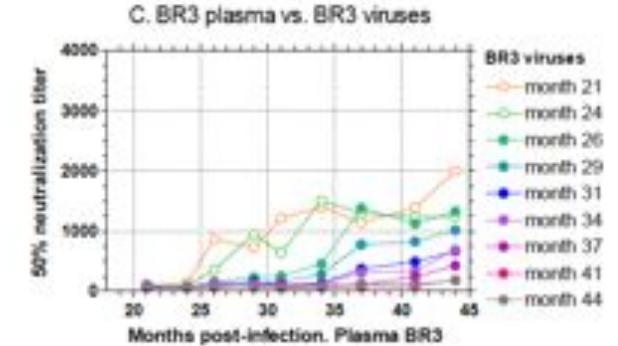
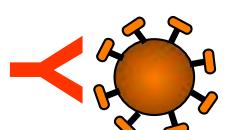
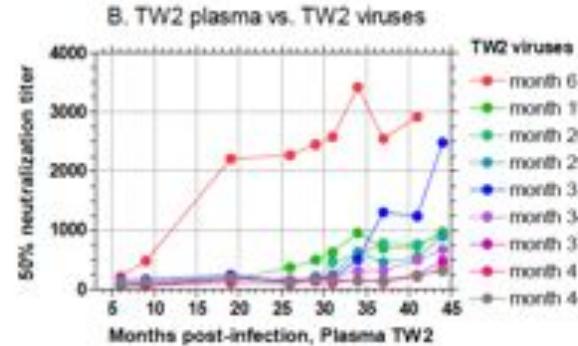
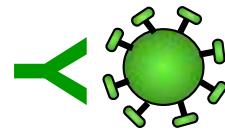
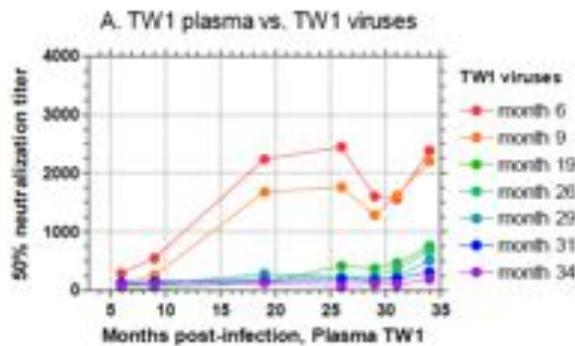


# Antibody neutralizing titers of TW1 against autologous viruses

A. TW1 plasma vs. TW1 viruses



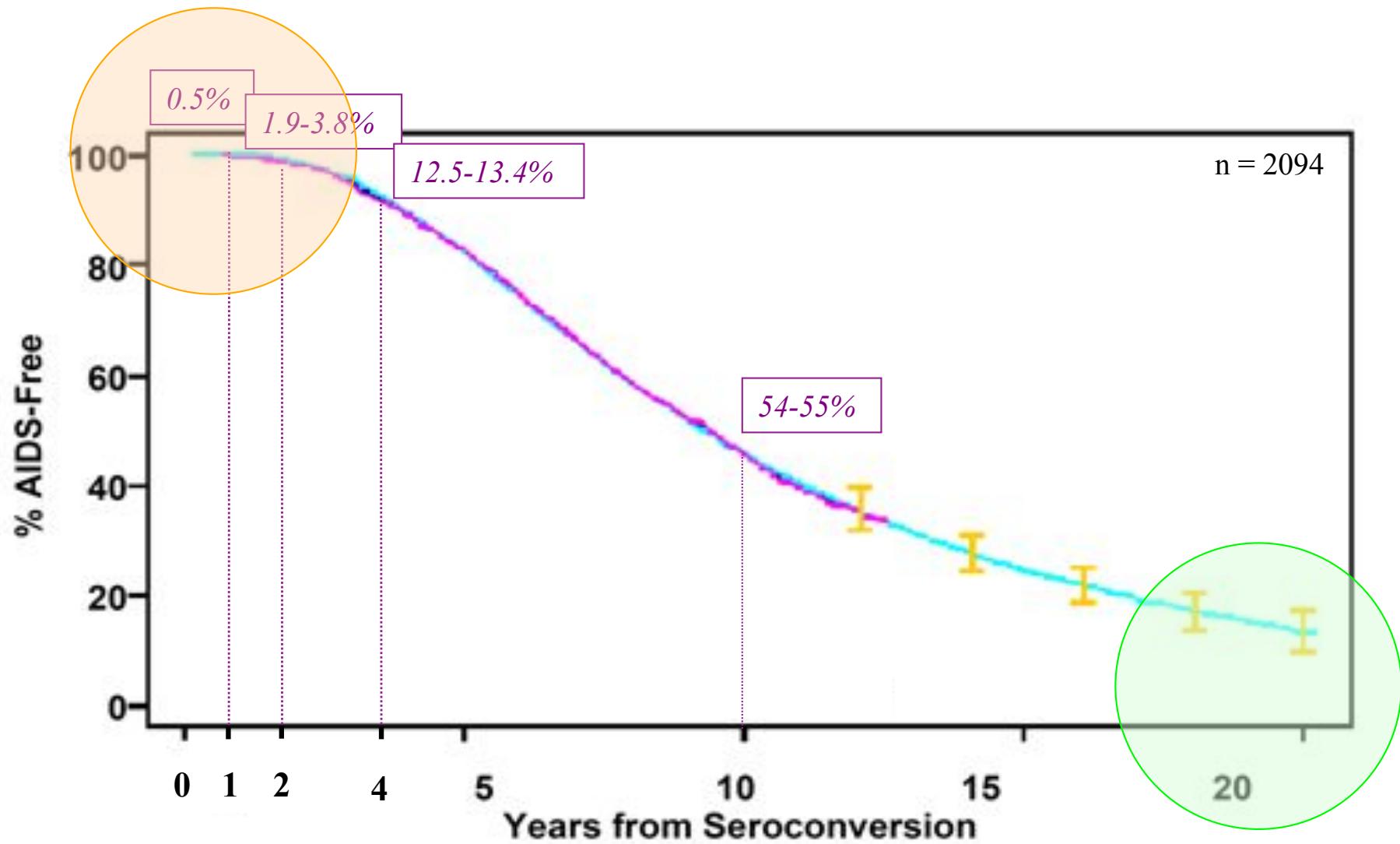
# Antibody neutralizing titers of TW1, TW2 and BR3 plasma against autologous and heterologous viruses



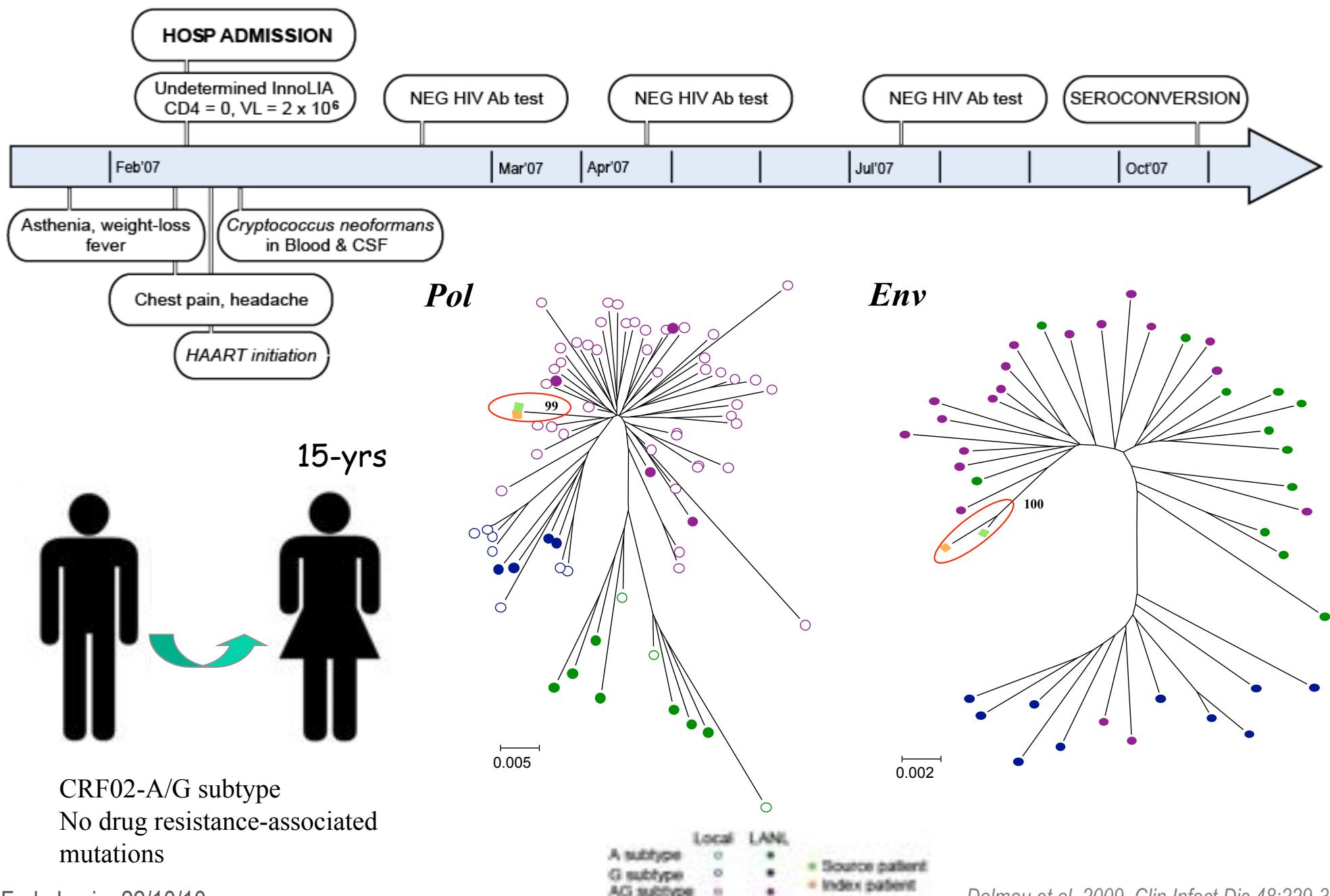
# Summary

- These twins experienced a similar ...
  - clinical course
  - breadth and magnitude of CD8 T cell responses
  - neutralizing Ab responses
  - constraints on HIV evolution under adaptative humoral and cellular immune selection pressure

# Estimated long term AIDS-free proportions prior to potent ART



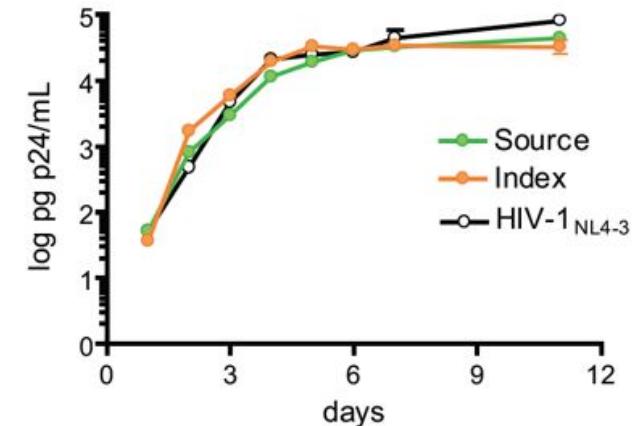
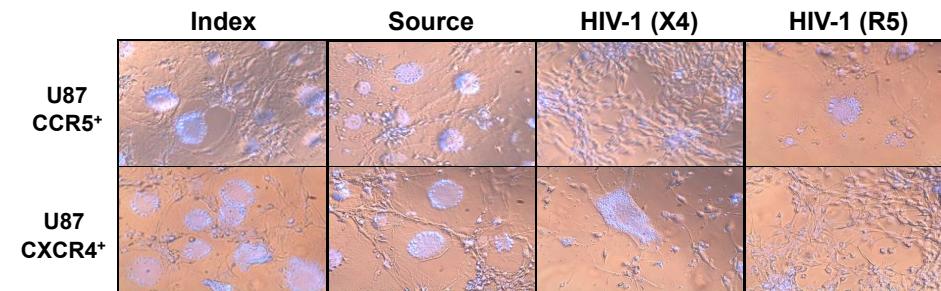
# Sexual Transmission of Severe PHI



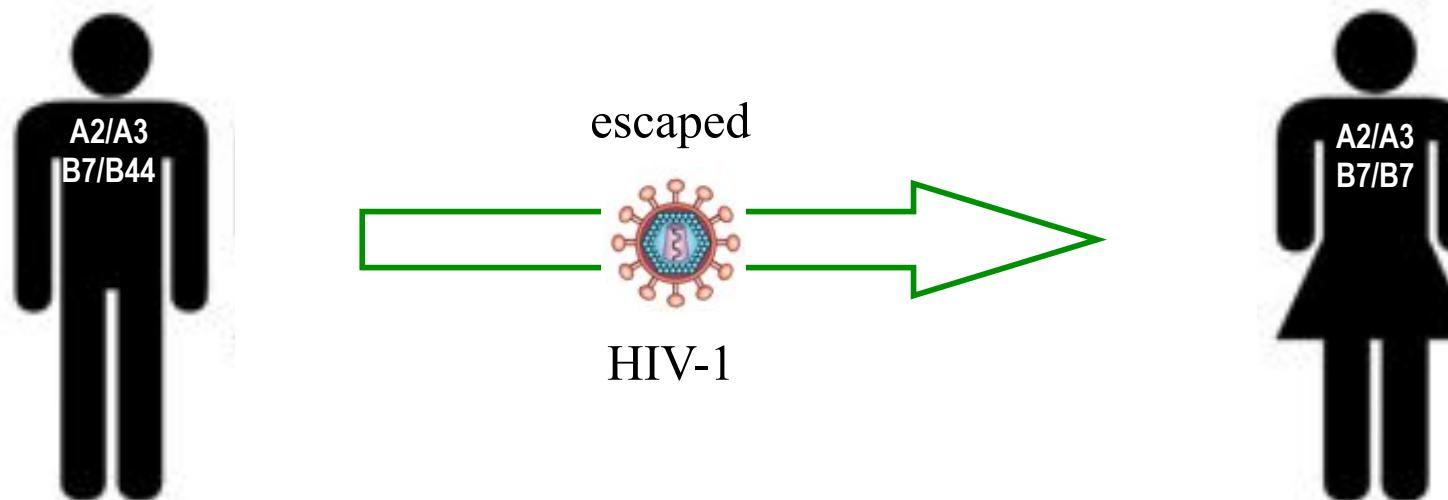
CRF02-A/G subtype  
No drug resistance-associated mutations

# Severe Primary Infections

Dual-Tropic highly replicative virus



Sharing same HLA-supertypes  $\Rightarrow$  lack of CTL responses



*CTL responses to  
3 epitopes in Gag, Nef, Pol*

*Weak CTL responses to  
1 epitope in Env*

# Severe PHI: humoral immune responses

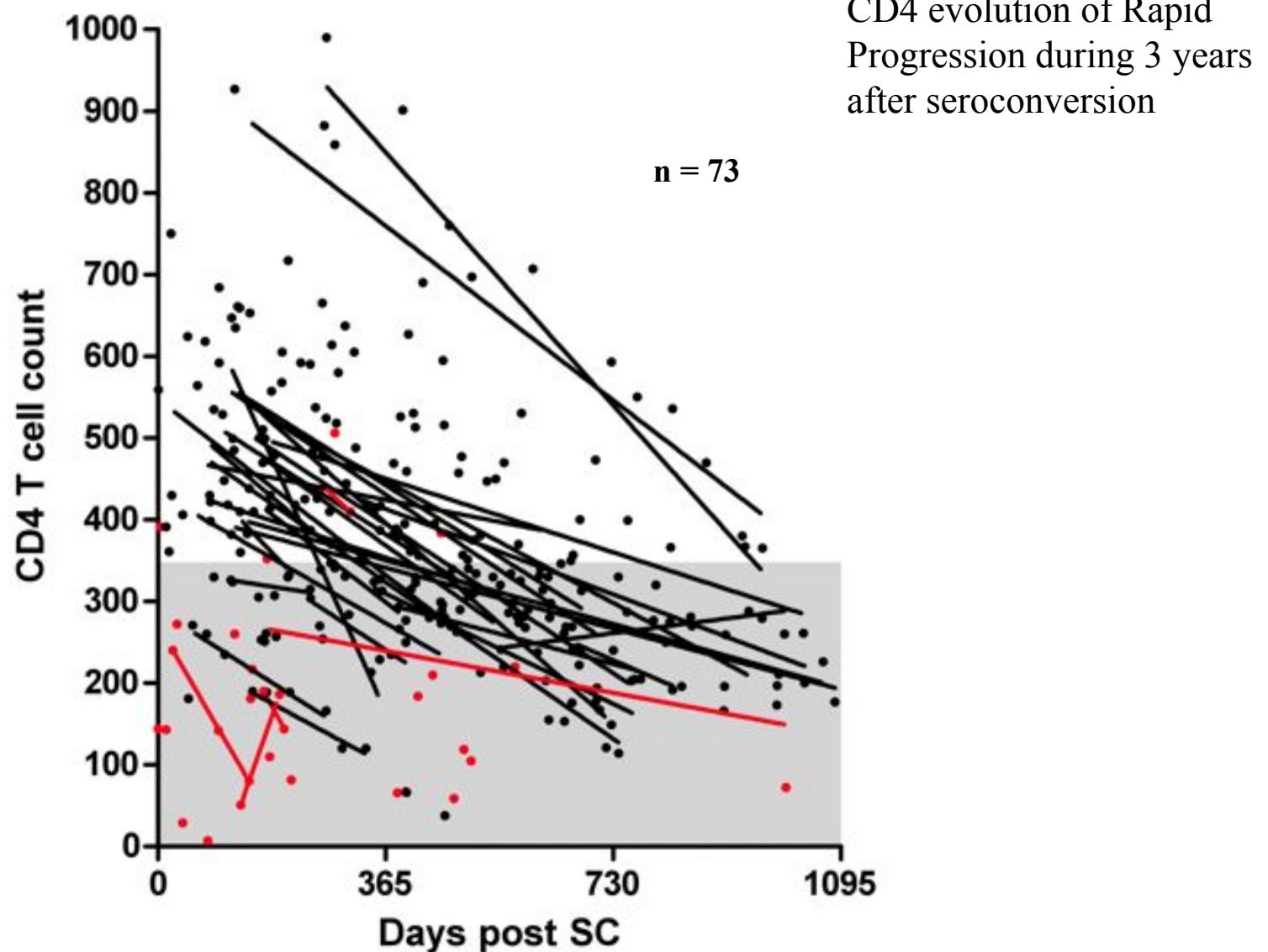
- HIV-1-specific antibody tests did not become positive until 9 months after the initiation of ART
  - *Related to slow CD4+ T cell recovery upon ART ?*
- Low mean diversity of index patient-derived Env clones: 1.8%
  - *Due to limited humoral pressure ?*
- Serum levels of IgG, IgM and IgA were within the reference range or higher: potential polyclonal B cell activation
- Positive IgG responses to CMV, *T. Gondii* and HAV: ability of ab to maintain an appropriate response against microorganisms that cause persistent infections

# Severe PHI: conclusions

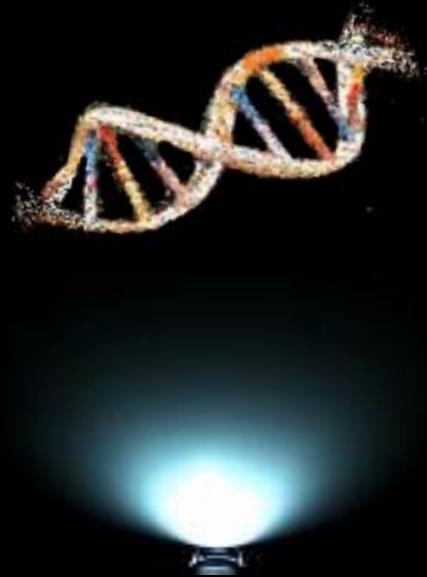
- Concurrence of viral and host factors contribute to the clinical severity of primary HIV-1 infection
- Patients infected with highly replicative, dual-tropic viruses are more prone to develop AIDS-defining symptoms during acute infection if they are unable to mount humoral and cellular HIV- 1-specific immune responses.
- The presence of concordant HLA supertypes might facilitate the preferential transmission of HLA-adapted viral variants, further accelerating disease progression.

# Way to go ...

CoRP



# Genetics



# Genomics

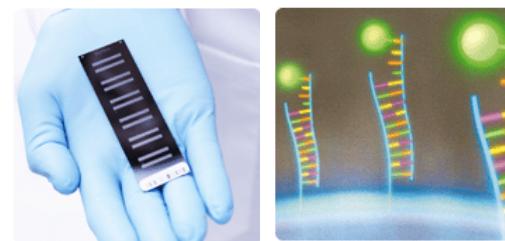


it is now possible to scan the whole genome to find the genetic determinants of key differences amongst people

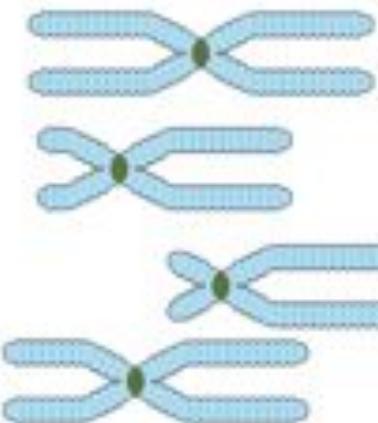
# EuroCHAVI: Genome-wide association analysis strategy



**Study phenotype**  
Susceptibility to infection  
Viral load set point



**Bioinformatics**  
Characterization of the candidate genomic region  
Comparative genomics of region  
Proposal of causal SNP

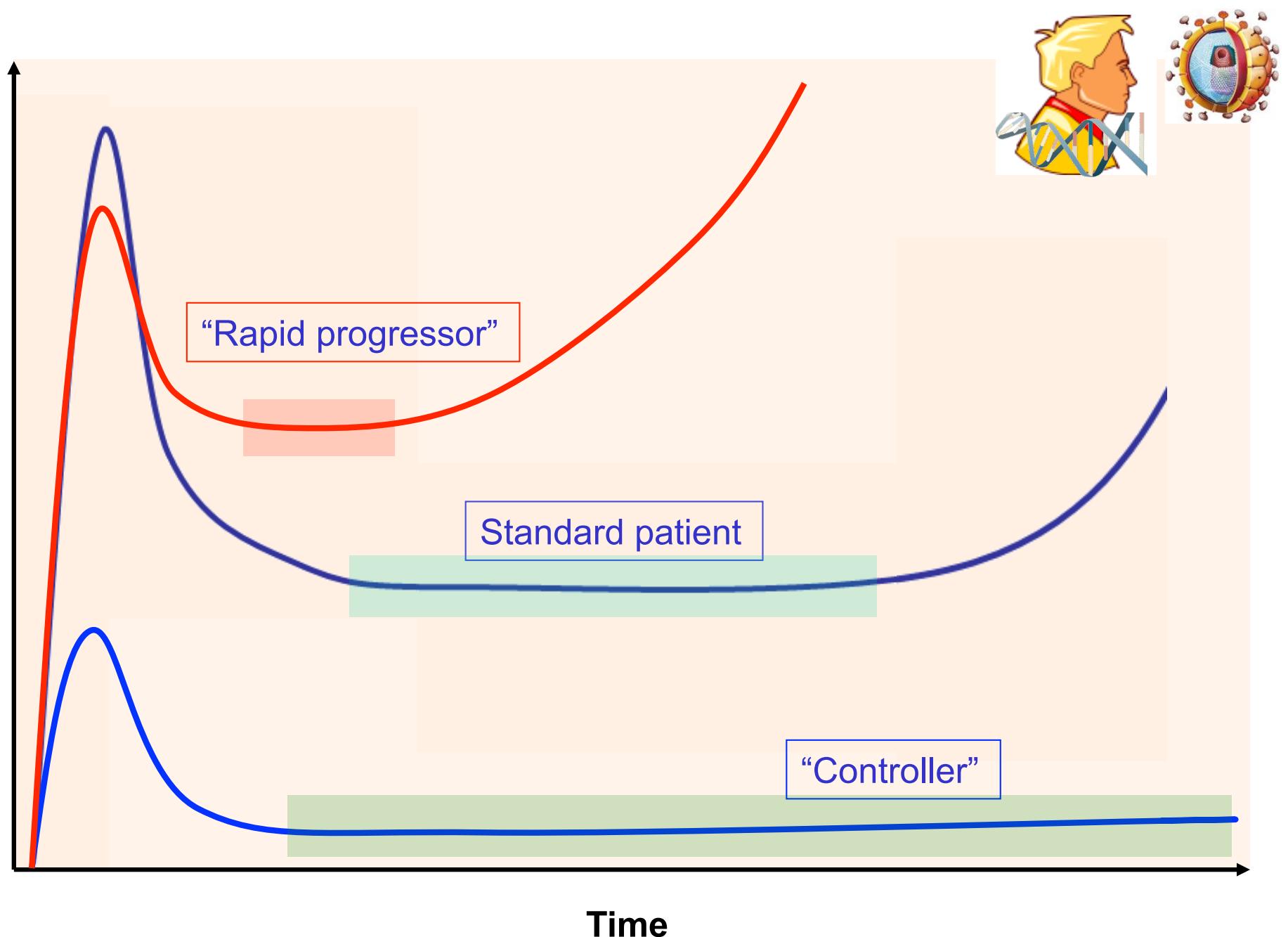


**Replication of genome-wide associations**  
Multiple cohort and joint replication analyses

**Study genotype**  
Whole-genome association analysis  
300,000 to 650,000 SNPs

**Biological plausibility**  
Assessment of candidate genes:  
Protein overexpression  
mRNA silencing  
Functional assessment of putative causal variant

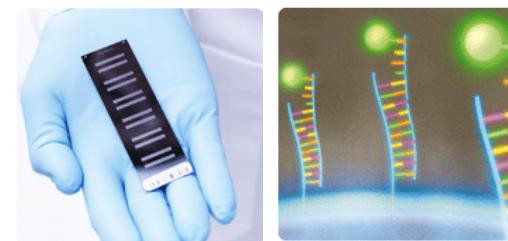
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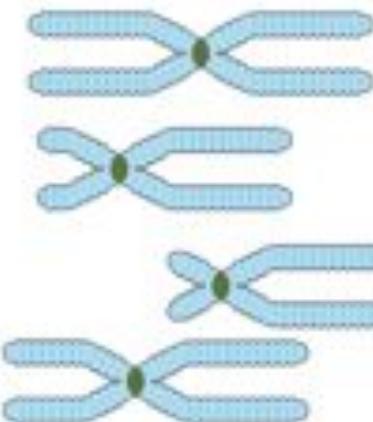
# EuroCHAVI: Genome-wide association analysis strategy



**Study phenotype**  
Susceptibility to infection  
Viral load set point



**Bioinformatics**  
Characterization of the candidate genomic region  
Comparative genomics of region  
Proposal of causal SNP

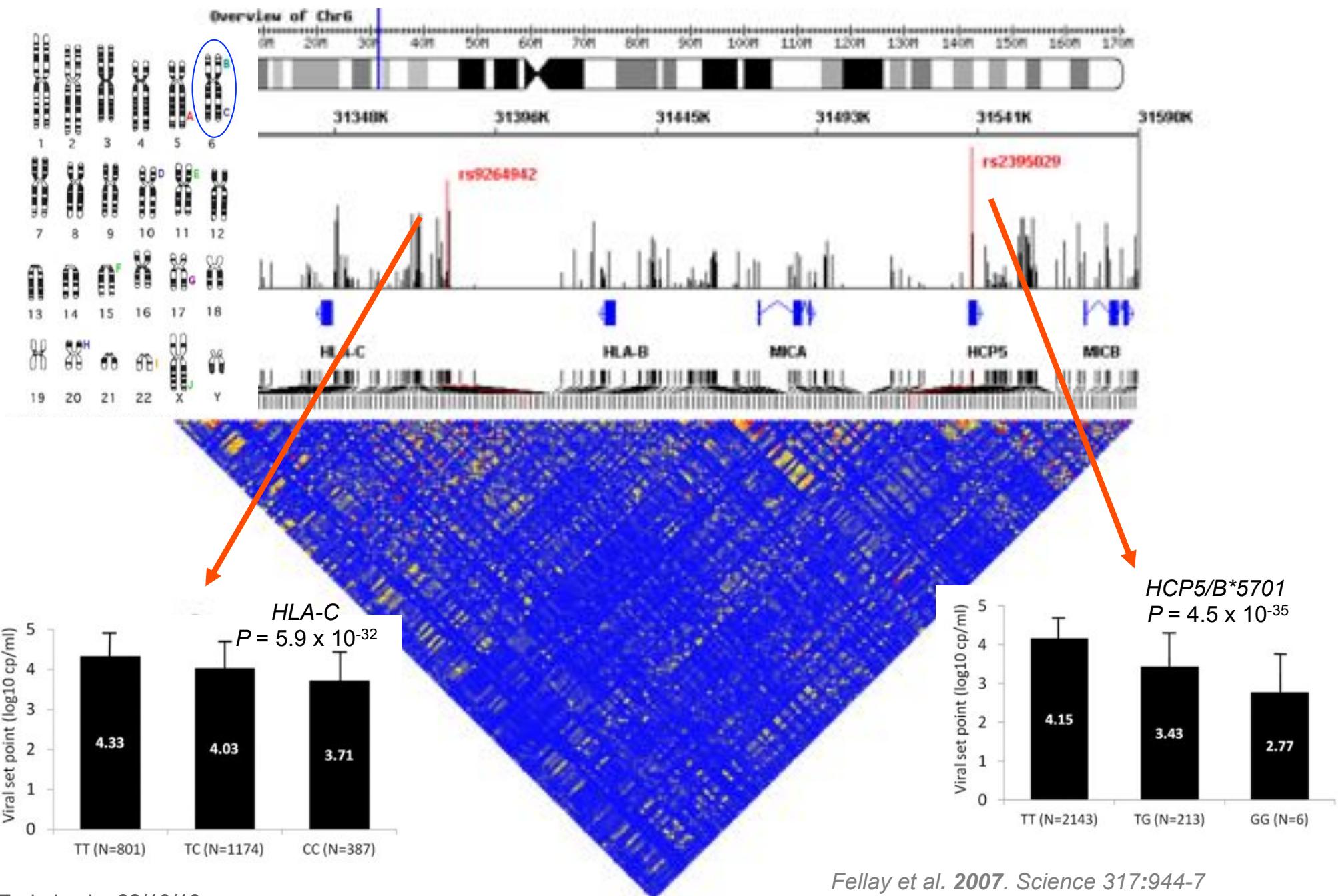


**Replication of genome-wide associations**  
Multiple cohort and joint replication analyses

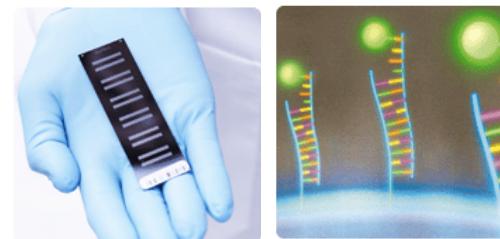
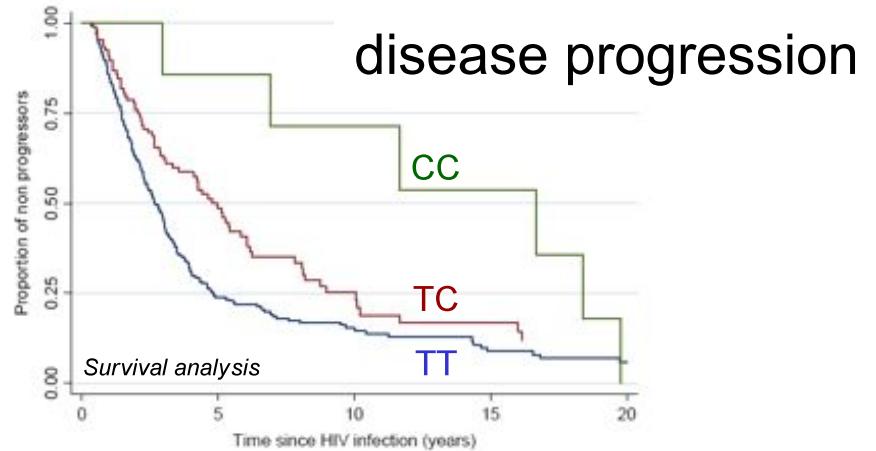
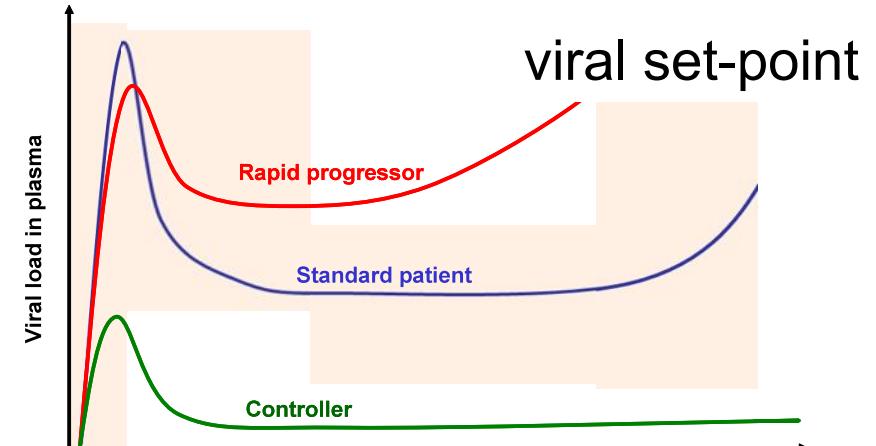
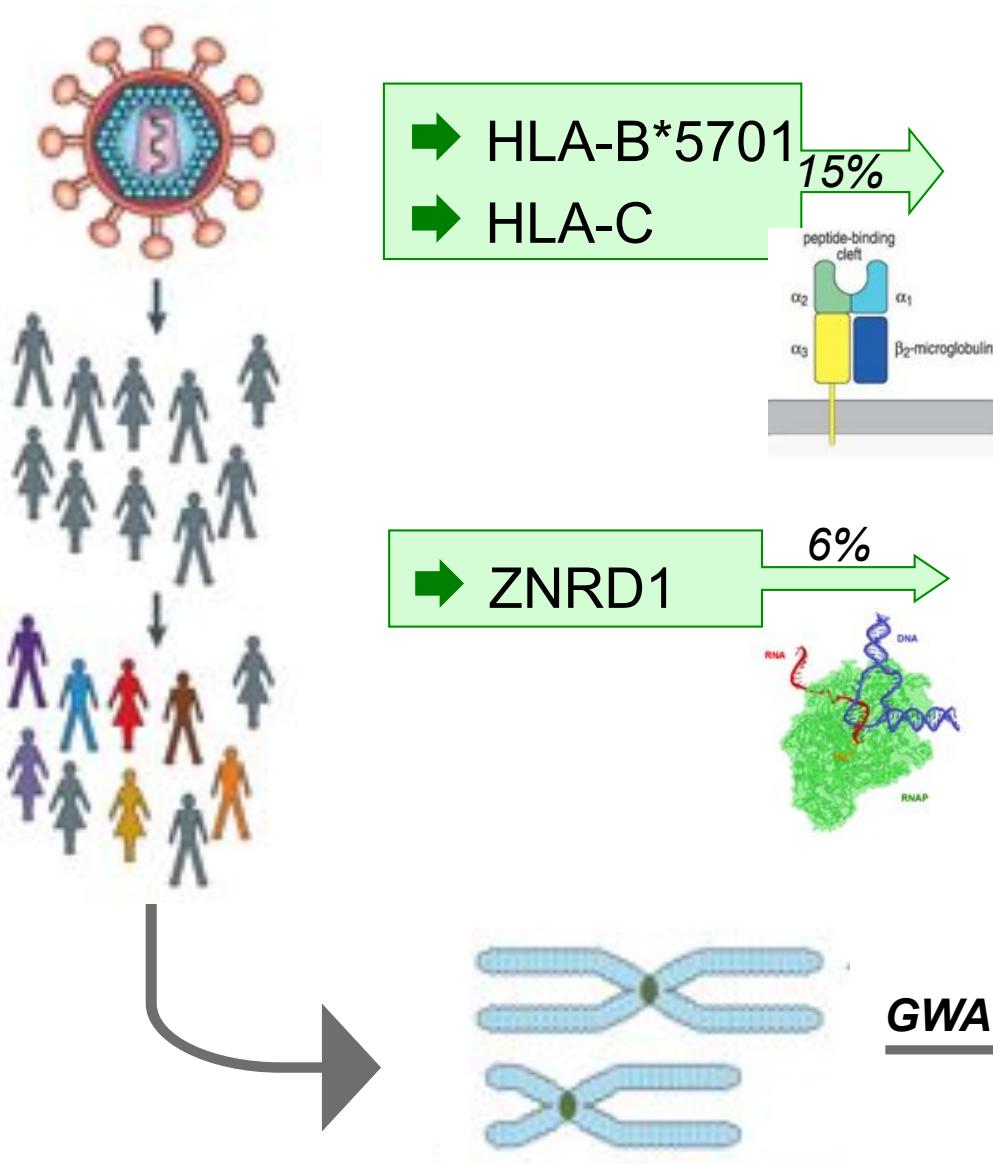
**Study genotype**  
Whole-genome association analysis  
300,000 to 650,000 SNPs

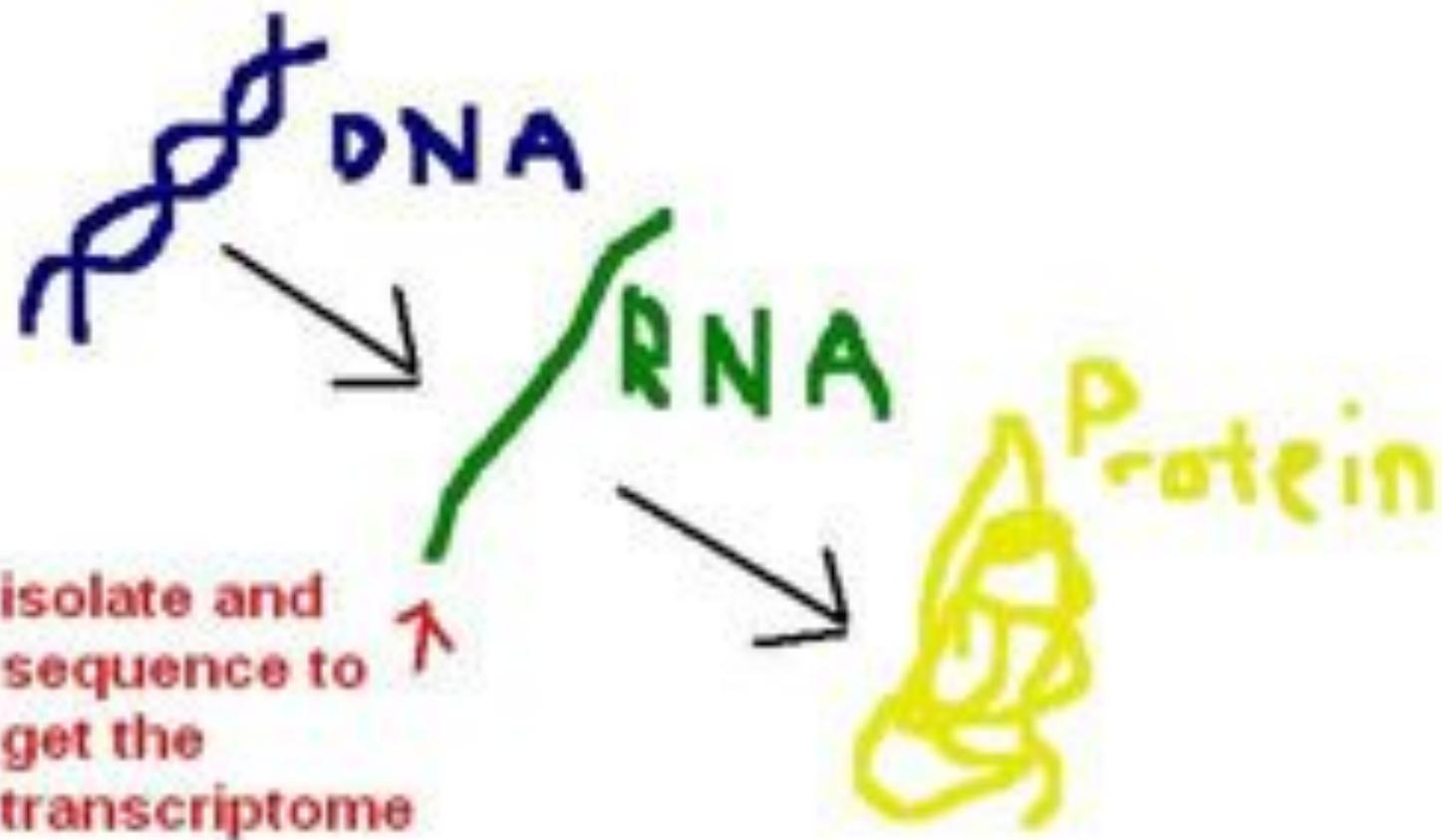
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# Chromosome 6 p21.3, HLA complex

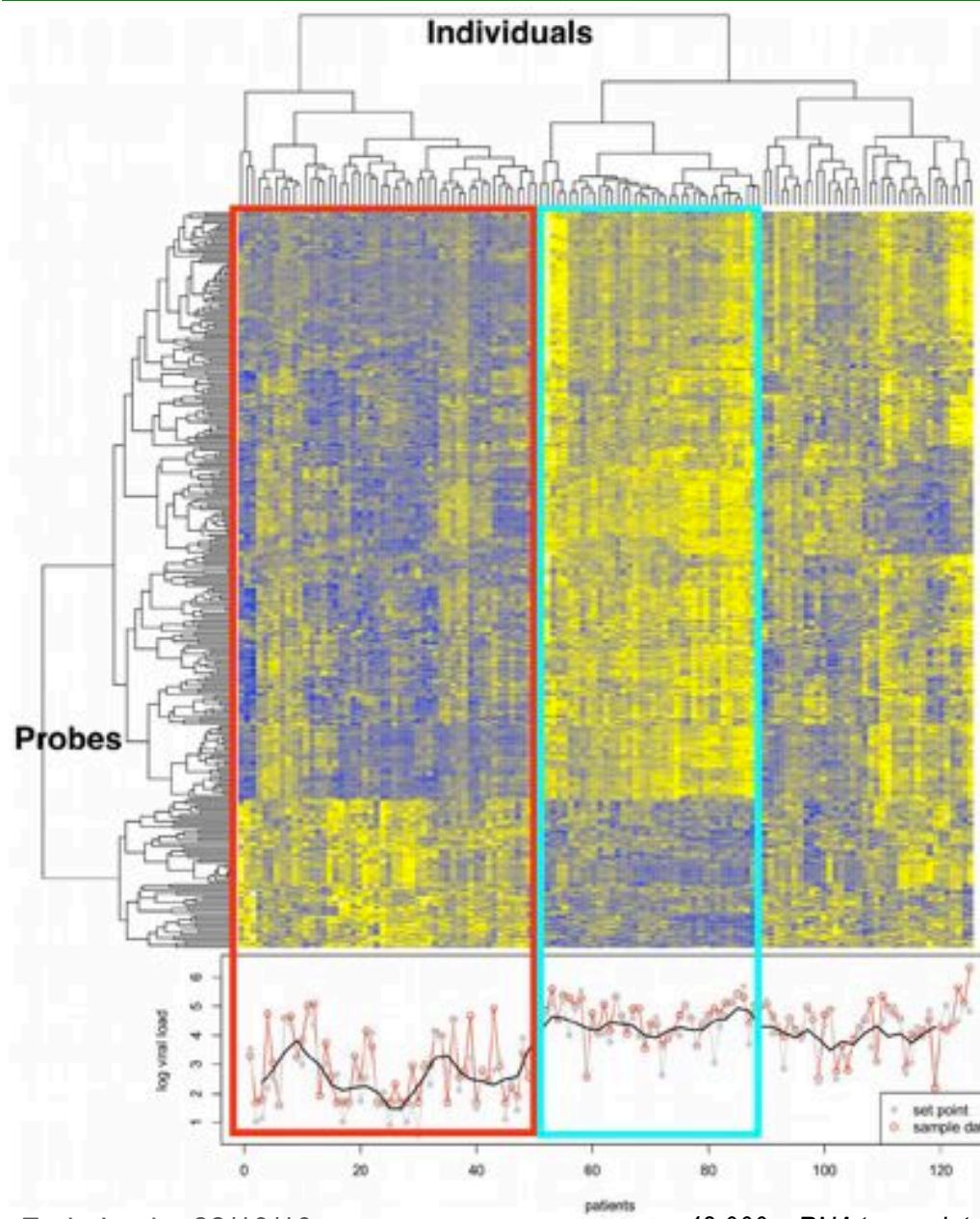


# Human gene polymorphisms that influence HIV-1 disease (1st genome-wide analysis)

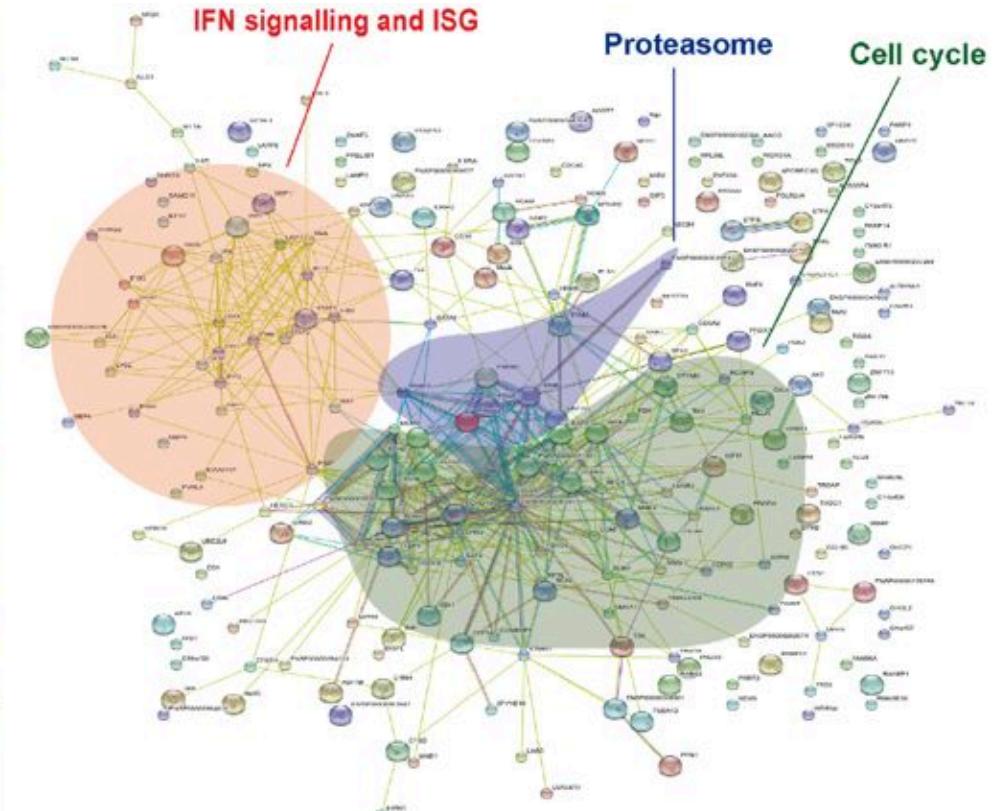




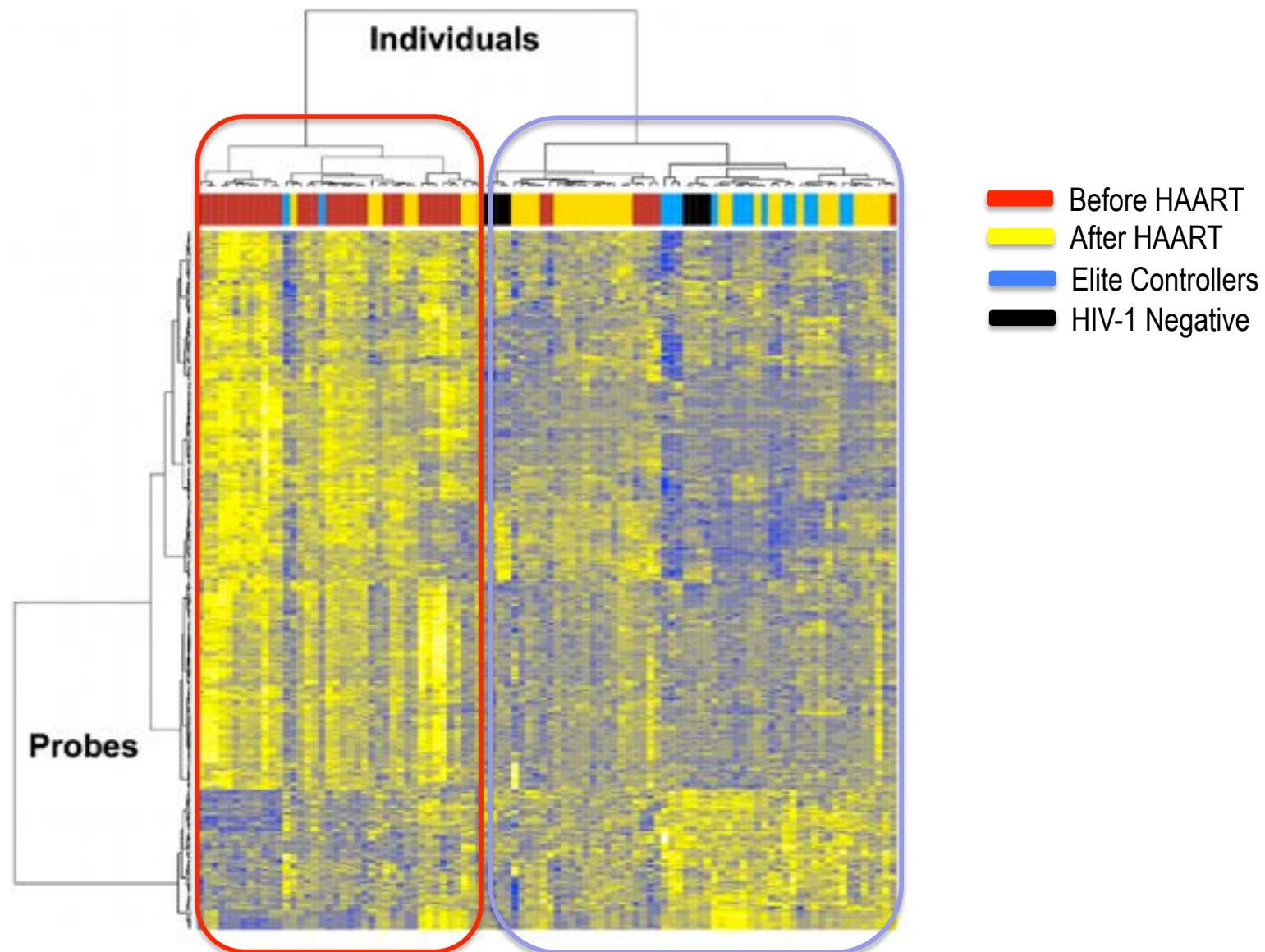
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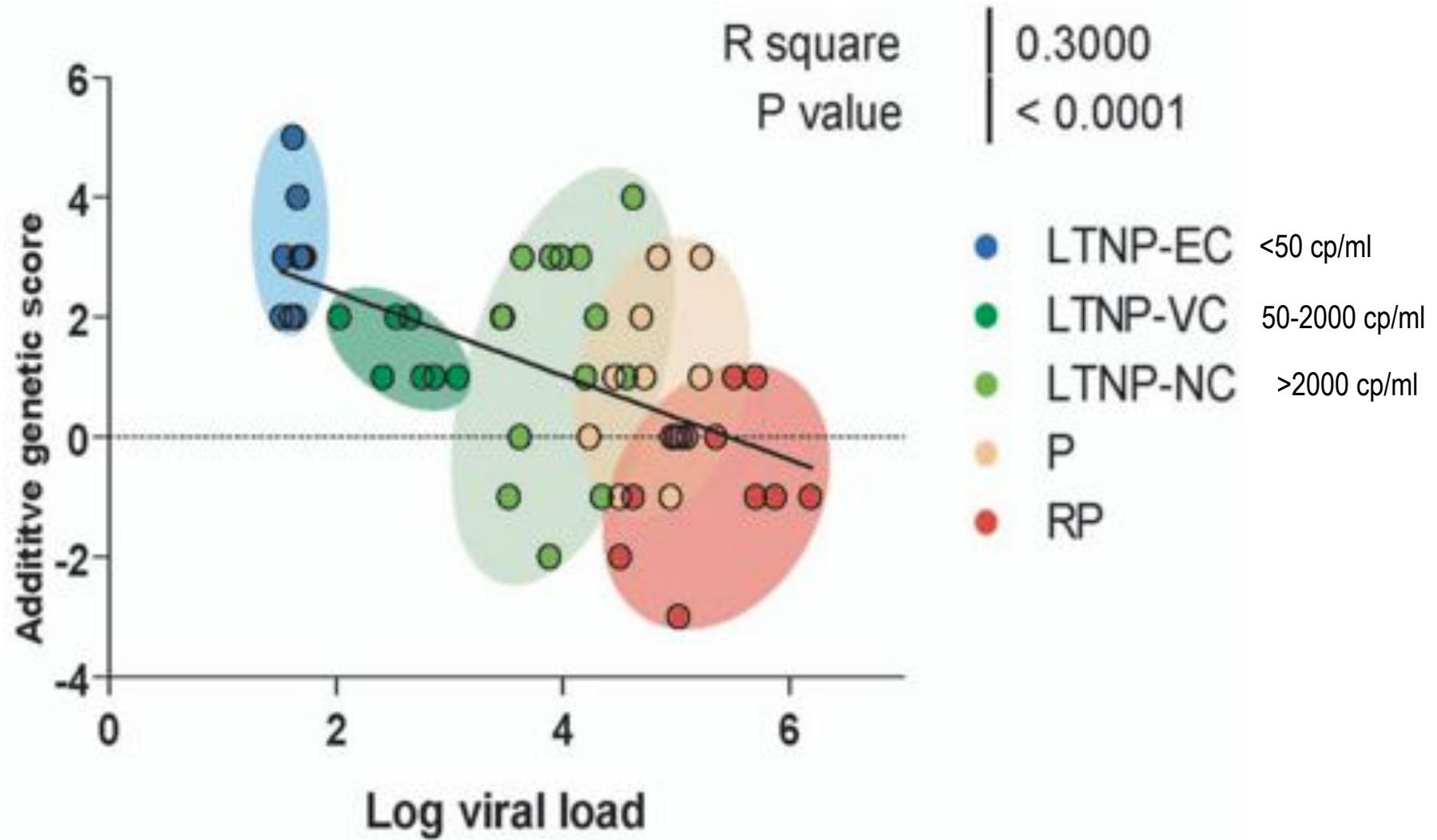
Predicted interaction networks of genes differentially expressed during HIV-1 infection



# Transcriptome analysis in CD4+ T cells from HIV-infected individuals before and after viral suppression



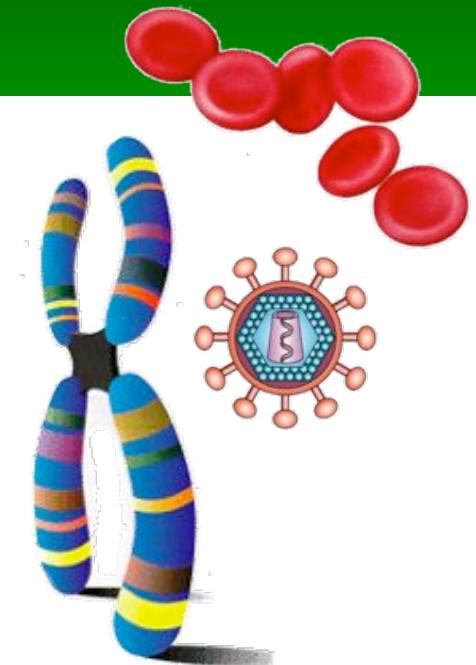
# Host and Viral Genetic Correlates of Clinical Definitions of HIV-1 Disease Progression



# Why some HIV-1 exposed people never get infected ?

## □ Purpose:

- To identify gene variants\* that influence susceptibility or resistance to HIV infection among highly exposed yet uninfected haemophilia subjects



## □ CHAVI 014:

- GWA in haemophiliacs exposed before systematic blood screening for HIV-1 and that never got infected
- International study

