

# EFFECT OF PAST VIROLOGICAL FAILURE ON DOLUTEGRAVIR + LAMIVUDINE AS MAINTENANCE REGIMEN

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## BACKGROUND

- 2DR with DTG+3TC resulted effective as maintenance therapy in RCT (Tango, Aspire), in pts with no prior VF and no documented NRTI or INSTI resistance
- The high virological efficacy of DTG+3TC has been extensively showed also in unselected real-life cohorts<sup>1</sup>
- Real-life data showed also that up to 40% of all 2DR prescriptions are in pts with prior VF, 14% of DTG+3TC<sup>2</sup>
- Few data about the use of DTG+3TC in the context of previous VF are available:
  - Dolulam study: pilot study, 27 HTE pts with tolerability issues, 67% of pts at least 1 RAM, 52% at least resistant to one drug<sup>3</sup>
  - ART-PRO pilot study: 21 pts with historical resistance to 3TC, no VF at 48w<sup>4</sup>

## AIMS

- Compare virological efficacy of 2DR DTG+3TC in patients with and without prior VF
- Analyze the impact of previous VF on virological efficacy of 2DR DTG+3TC

## METHODS

### Study population:

- PLWH >18 years old
- Enrolled in Iona Foundation Study cohort or in 5 Italian monocentric Cohorts (L.Spallanzani, Rome; Modena Hospital; San Raffaele Institute, Milan; San Paolo Hospital, Milan; Papa Giovanni XXIII Hospital, Bergamo)
- Starting DTG+3TC with HIV-RNA < 50 cp/mL from any ART

### Endpoints:

- Viral rebound (VR, confirmed HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/mL)
- Viral blip (VB, HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/mL not confirmed by the following measurement)

### Definitions:

- Previous VF (Def 1): single HIV-RNA ≥ 1000 c/mL or confirmed HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/mL on any ART
- Previous VF (Def 2): single HIV-RNA ≥ 1000 c/mL or confirmed HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/mL on a NRTI or INSTI-containing regimen and VR as confirmed HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/mL or a single HIV-RNA ≥ 50 c/ml followed by change of ART

### Statistical analysis:

- Standard survival analysis (Kaplan-Meier curves and Log-rank)
- Weighted Cox regression model to estimate causal HR of VR and VB, after controlling for confounding variables

**Sensitivity analysis:** excluding pts with incomplete history of viral load data (>1 year gap in measurements)

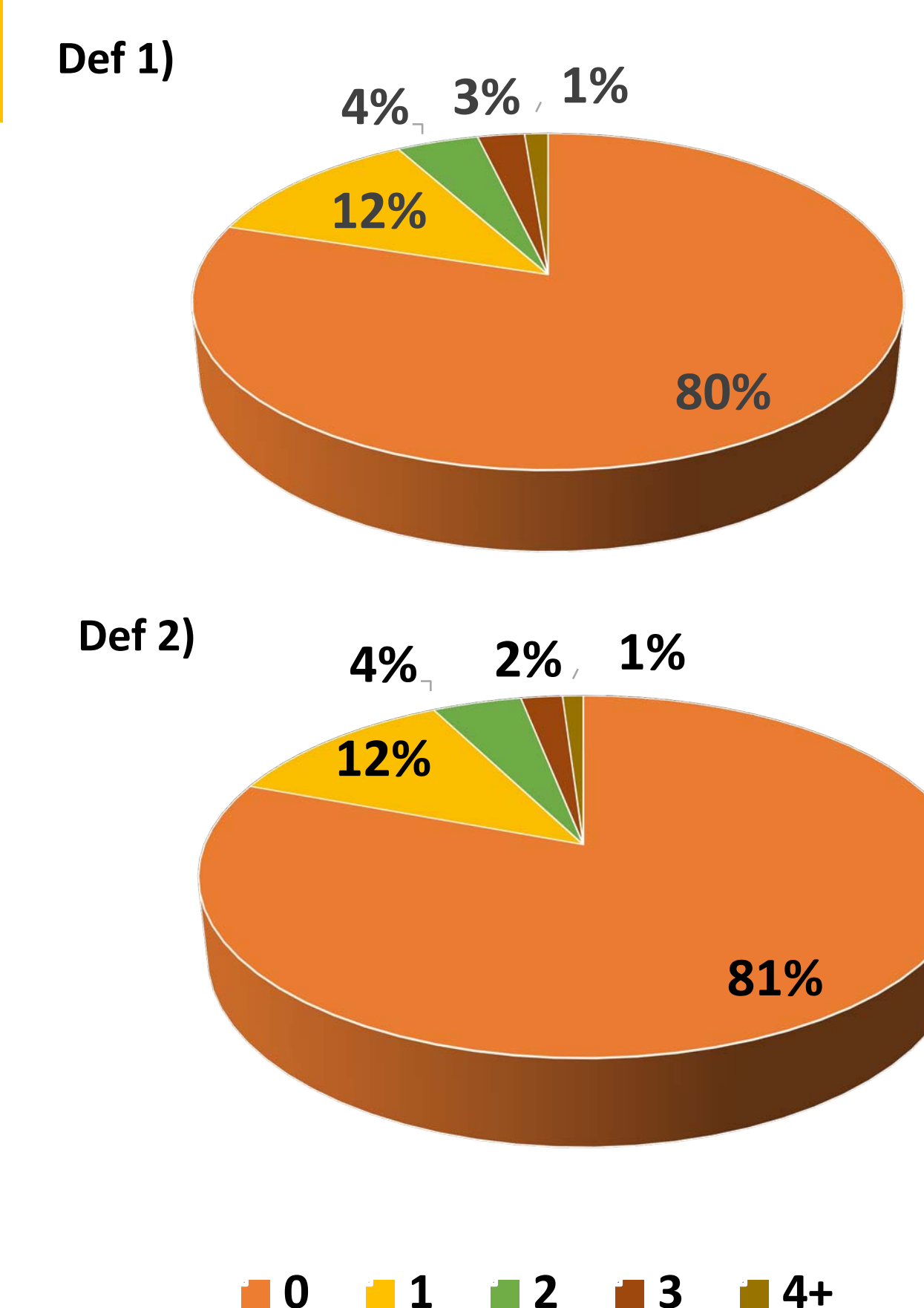
## RESULTS

A total of 966 patients were included in this study. Median observation time was 15 months (IQR 6-32).

Table 1 – Patients baseline characteristics

	Overall population N=966	No previous VF N=772	≥1 previous VF N=194	p-value
Female gender, n(%)	248 (25.7%)	189 (24.5%)	59 (30.4%)	0.091
Age, median (IQR)	51 (44-57)	50 (42-57)	53 (49-58)	<0.001
Mode of HIV transmission, n(%)				<0.001
	heterosexual	340 (35.2%)	274 (35.5%)	66 (34.0%)
	IVDU	146 (15.1%)	94 (12.2%)	52 (26.8%)
	MSM	356 (36.9%)	307 (39.8%)	49 (25.3%)
	Other/unknown	124 (12.8%)	97 (12.6%)	27 (13.9%)
CDC stage C, n(%)	150 (15.5%)	107 (13.9%)	43 (22.2%)	0.017
HCV Ab, n(%)				<0.001
	negative	753 (78.0%)	623 (80.7%)	130 (67.0%)
	positive	172 (17.8%)	111 (14.4%)	61 (31.4%)
	missing	41 (4.2%)	38 (4.9%)	3 (1.6%)
HBsAg, n(%)				0.008
	negative	834 (87.7%)	653 (86.3%)	181 (93.3%)
	positive	15 (1.6%)	11 (1.4%)	4 (2.1%)
	missing	102 (10.7%)	93 (12.3%)	9 (4.6%)
Nadir CD4, cell/mmc, median (IQR)	247 (98-372)	268 (126-400)	165 (44-270)	<0.001
CD4 at switch, cell/mmc, median (IQR)	699 (541-888)	695 (545-898)	714 (525-864)	0.870
Years of HIV Infection, median (IQR)	12 (6-21)	9 (5-17)	22 (19-27)	<0.001
Years of ART, median (IQR)	8.4 (4.0-17.5)	6.6 (3.3-12.1)	18.9 (16.5-20.7)	<0.001
Years of viral suppression, median (IQR)	7.0 (3.4-12.0)	5.9 (2.9-10.6)	12.0 (8.4-14.3)	<0.001

Number of previous VF according to definition



Def 1

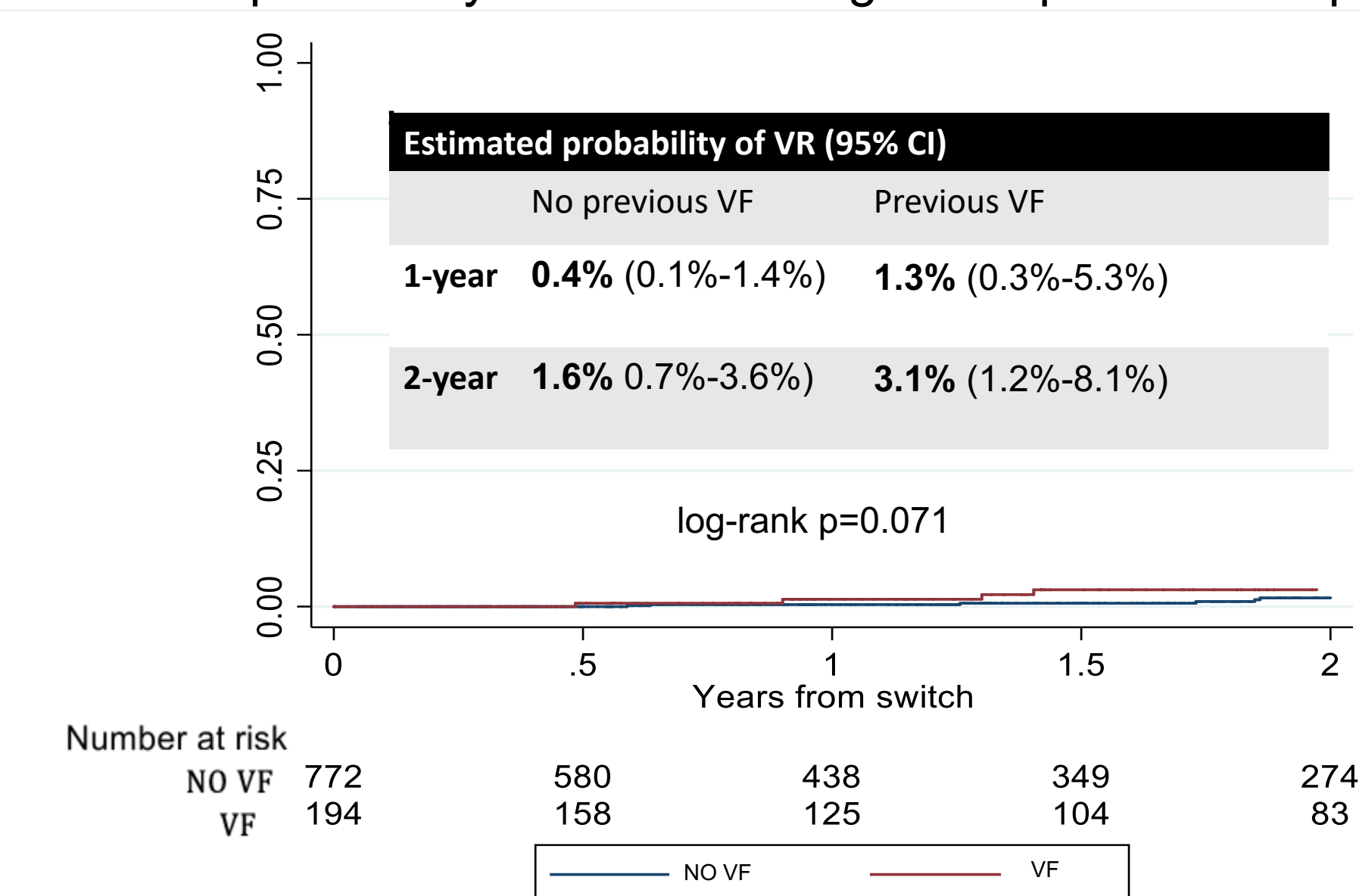
### Virological Rebound by previous VF definition

Def 2

Virological rebound: **11** events over 1555 PYFU  
 IR=0.7 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.4-1.3)  
 > 0.5 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.2-1.1) in pts w/o previous VF  
 > 1.4 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.6-3.4) in pts w/ ≥ 1 previous VF

Virological rebound: **18** events over 1505 PYFU  
 IR=1.2 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.7-1.9)  
 > 1.0 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.6-1.8) in pts w/o previous VF  
 > 1.9 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.8-4.2) in pts w/ ≥ 1 previous VF

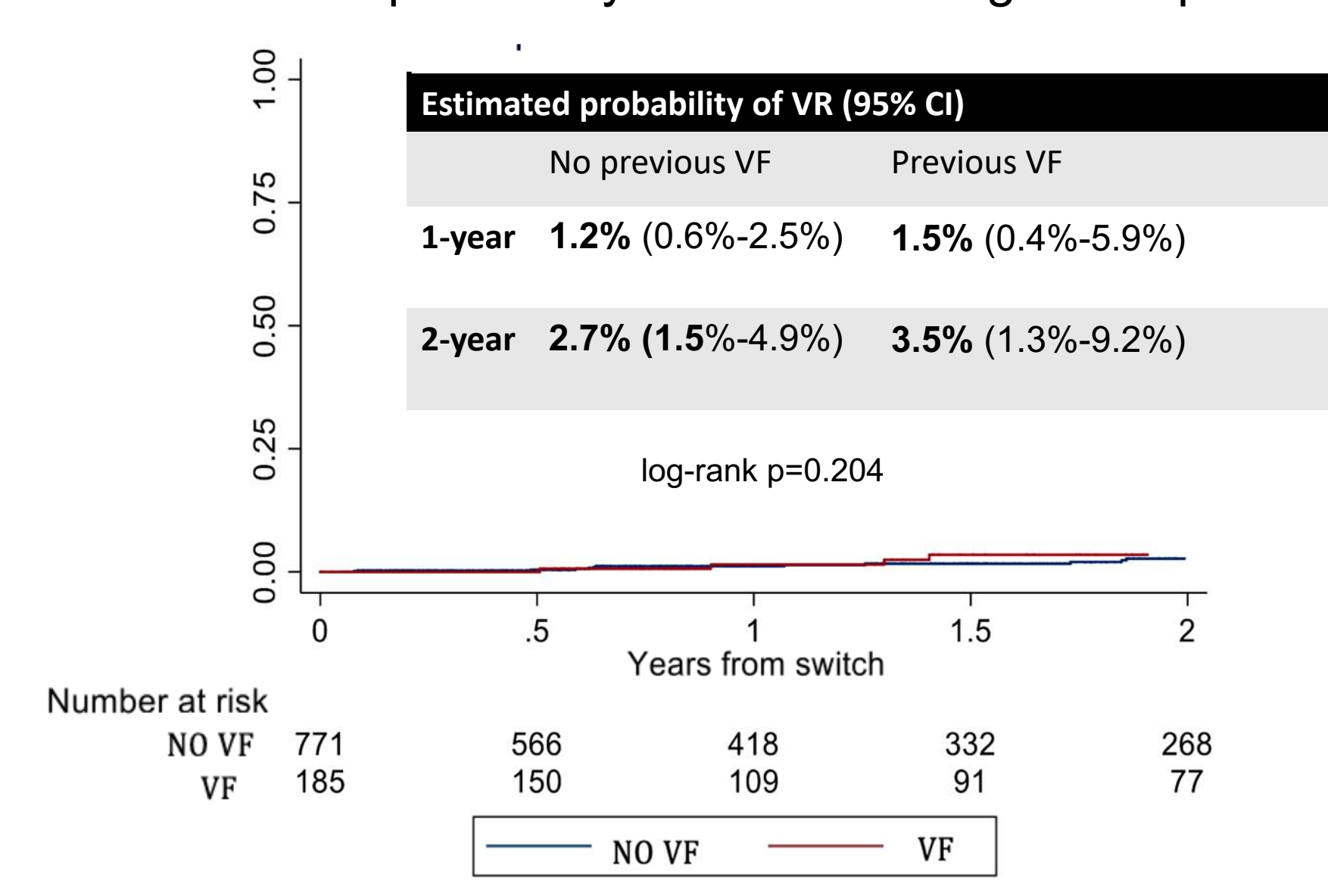
Estimated probability of VR according to the presence of previous VF



#### At sensitivity analysis

Virological rebound: 8 over 1051 PYFU.  
 IR=0.7 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.4-1.5)  
 • 0.6 x 100 PYFU (0.2-1.4) in pts w/o previous VF  
 • 1.6 x 100 PYFU (0.6-4.8) in pts w/ ≥ 1 previous VF

Estimated probability of VR according to the presence of previous VF



#### At sensitivity analysis

Virological rebound: 12 over 1018 PYFU.  
 IR=1.2 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 0.7-2.1)  
 • 1.1 x 100 PYFU (0.5-2.0) in pts w/o previous VF  
 • 1.8 x 100 PYFU (0.6-5.5) in pts w/ ≥ 1 previous VF

### Risk of Virological Rebound by VF definition

Viral Rebound [Def 1]	HR 95%CI	p-value	AHR 95%CI	p-value	AHR 95% CI (sensitivity analysis)	p-value
Previous VF 1 vs 0	2.81 (0.70-11.25)	0.144	2.87 (0.65-12.74)	0.166	3.71 (0.53-25.75)	0.185
Previous VF ≥ 1 vs 0	2.88 (0.74-11.13)	0.125	3.39 (0.77-14.90)	0.106	5.39 (0.99-29.30)	0.051

Viral Rebound [Def 2]	HR 95%CI	p-value	AHR 95%CI	p-value	AHR 95% CI (sensitivity analysis)	p-value
Previous VF 1 vs 0	2.62 (0.93-7.42)	0.069	2.37 (0.75-7.51)	0.142	2.69 (0.53-13.60)	0.231
Previous VF ≥ 1 vs 0	1.88 (0.71-4.99)	0.204	2.36 (0.73-7.63)	0.152	4.32 (1.00-18.53)	0.049

Crude and adjusted hazard ratios (95%CI) of the risk of VR from fitting a weighted Cox regression model according to presence and number of previous virological failures and by standard and modified definitions [Def 2]. Sensitivity analysis excluded pts with uncomplete data about past viral loads. AHR are adjusted for nadir CD4 (<350 cell/mmc) and total time of virological suppression.

## Virological Blips

IR=4.3 x 100 PYFU (95%CI 3.5-5.5)

- >4.0 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 3.0-5.2) in pts w/o previous VF
- >5.7 x 100 PYFU (95% CI 2.7-10.3) in pts w/ ≥ 1 previous VF

Estimated probability of viral blips at 1 year: log-rank p=0.124

- No previous VF: 2.7% (95% CI 1.7%-4.4%)
- Previous VF: 3.8% (95% CI 1.7%-8.3%)

## CONCLUSIONS

### Limitations

- ✓ Short follow-up
- ✓ Few number of events
- ✓ Lack of information on resistance

### Conclusions

- ✓ In real-life, DTG+3TC is prescribed also in patients with **history of previous VF** (~20% of cases)
- ✓ The **risk of viral rebound** and viral blip is **increased** in pts with previous VF, especially in those with ≥ 1 VF in comparison to those without previous VF
- ✓ 1-year **probability of VR** was **very low** throughout all the analyses and comparable to the one found in a recent meta-analysis of DTG-based 2DR<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ DTG+3TC should be cautiously used in pts with current viral suppression but a history of VF
- ✓ Further studies are necessary to evaluate how historical/archived genotypic resistance could help to discriminate patients at higher risk of virological failure

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