

CAB LA FOR HIV PREVENTION IN AFRICAN CISGENDER FEMALE ADOLESCENTS (HPTN 084-01)

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Background



- Preventing HIV among key populations, especially adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Africa and sexual and gender minority youth globally, is critical to controlling the HIV pandemic.
- Despite global guidelines recommending oral PrEP for key youth populations, profound inequalities in PrEP access as well as challenges with adherence and persistence.
- Long-acting cabotegravir (CAB LA) has been found to be highly effective for preventing HIV among cisgender sexual minority men and transgender women (HPTN 083) as well as cisgender women (HPTN 084).
- HPTN 084-01 was a single arm, open label, Phase 2b safety study of CAB LA among African cisgender adolescent females.

Objectives



Primary

 To evaluate the safety, tolerability and acceptability of CAB LA in healthy, HIV uninfected female adolescents aged below 18 years

Secondary

- To examine adherence to, and timeliness of, injections over time among adolescent participants provided CAB LA and information regarding its safety and efficacy
- To examine patterns of sexual risk behavior over time among adolescent participants provided CAB LA and information regarding its safety and efficacy
- To characterize the pharmacokinetics of CAB LA in adolescents

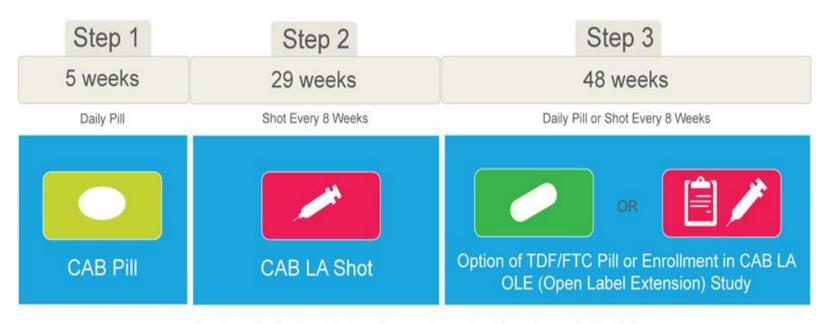
Inclusion Criteria



- Assigned female at birth
- Below 18 years of age
- Body weight ≥ 35 kg (72 lbs)
- Self-reported sexual activity with a male (oral, anal or vaginal) in the past 12 months
- Negative pregnancy test, not breastfeeding, and willing to use a reliable form of long-acting contraception
- In generally good health (including laboratory evidence)
- Willing to provide written informed assent/consent for the study and/or able to obtain written parental/guardian informed consent

Study Flow





*In step 2, the first two shots are four weeks apart and 8 weeks apart after that

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* This presentation covers Steps 1 & 2

Study Product

- Step 1: Oral CAB 30 mg QD
- Step 2: IM injections of 3 mL (600mg) administered in the gluteal muscle
- Step 3: Oral TDF/FTC (300mg/200mg) QD or move to 084 OLE for CAB LA

Study Sites

Uganda (Kampala; MU-JHU Research Collaboration CRS)

Zimbabwe (Harare; Spilhaus CRS)

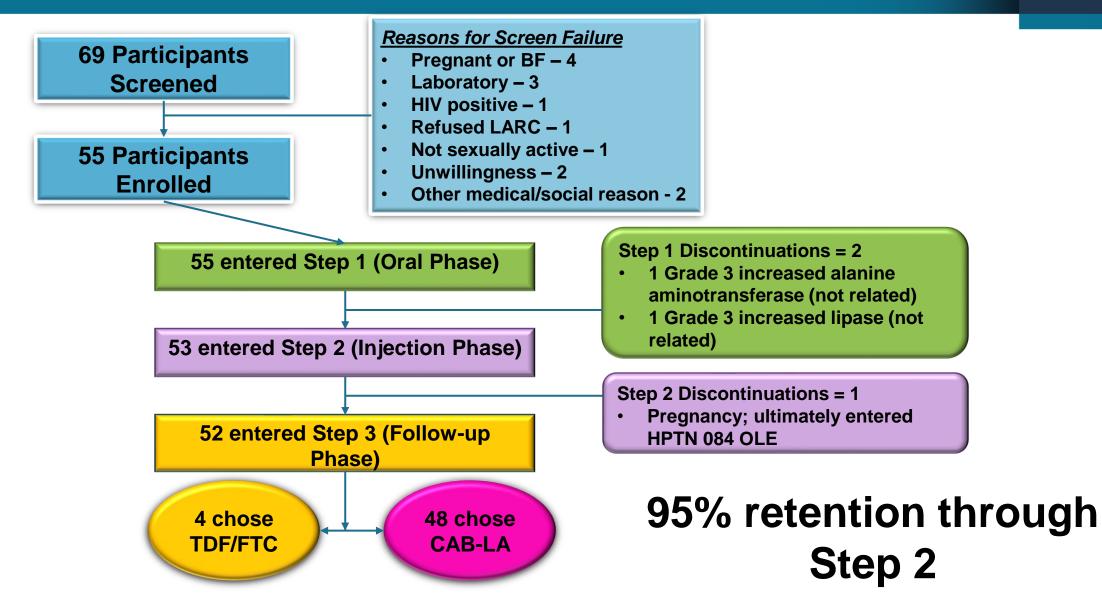
South Africa (Johannesburg; Ward 21 CRS)

Accrual completed in 9 months - - 3 months ahead of schedule!



Consort Diagram





Baseline Characteristics



Characteristic	Overall (n=55)
Mean Age (range)	16 (12-17) years
Black African race	100%
Weight 35 to < 50 kg ≥ 50 kg	27% 73%
Sexually Transmitted Infections Gonorrhea Chlamydia	7% 31%
At least one sex partner living with HIV	25%
Median episodes vaginal sex past month	2
Anal sex past month (yes)	5%
Transactional sex past month (yes)	22%
Significant depressive symptoms (CES-D-10)	36%

Safety



- No product related SAEs
- No product discontinuations due to AEs
- No incident HIV infections
- No events of weight gain, hepatoxicity, hypersensitivity, rash, seizures or pancreatitis

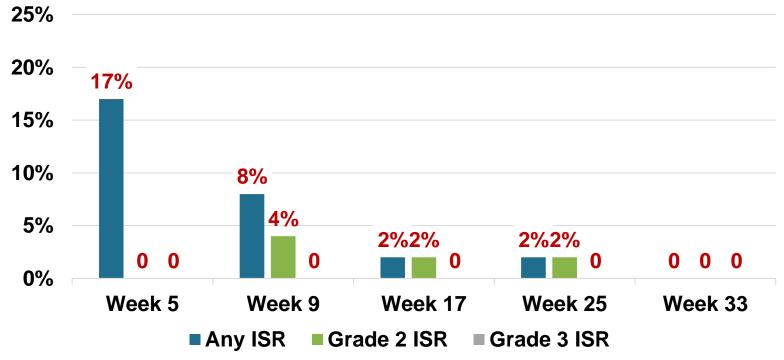
	AESI in Steps 1&2	# of pts	Severity (# of pts)	Detail
	CrCl decreased	41	Grade 2 – 39 Grade 3 – 2	Resolved without intervention
	Blood glucose increased	22	Grade 1 – 21 Grade 2 – 1	Resolved without intervention
	Blood creatinine increased	9	Grade 1 – 1 Grade 2 – 6 Grade 3 – 2	Resolved without intervention
•	Neuropsychiatric events	3	Grade 1 – 1 Grade 2 – 1 Grade 4 – 1	Depressive symptoms Anxiety (stress) Suicidal behavior/attempt All resolved with counseling
	Rhabdomyolysis	1	Grade 2	Myalgia resolved

Tolerability – Injection Site Reactions (ISR)



- No participants (n=53) discontinued early due to intolerability
- Most common ISR was injection site pain followed by induration and swelling

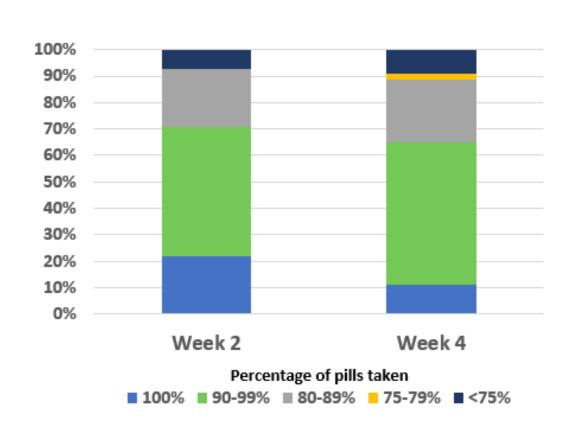




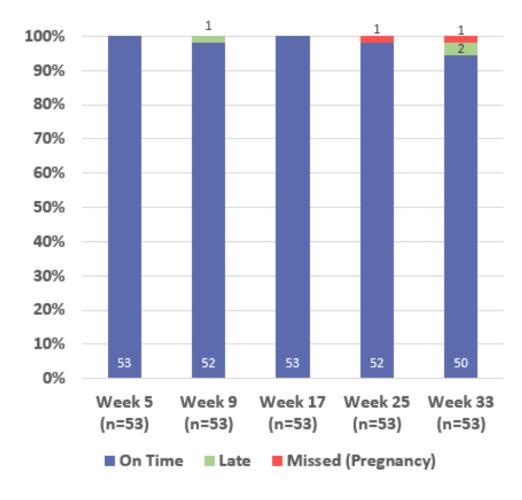
Adherence



Oral CAB Adherence (pill count)



Injection Adherence



Acceptability – Week 17 (after 3 injections)



What do you like about an injectable method?

Protects against HIV	54.7%
Easier to use than other methods	41.5%
Longer-term protection than other methods	22.6%
Can be used discreetly	18.9%
Administered by healthcare professional	9.4%
Doesn't interrupt sex	9.4%
Nothing	7.5%

What concerns do you have about an injectable method?

None	35.8%
May be painful	28.3%
May cause harmful side effects	18.9%
Once injected, it cannot be reversed	13.2%
May not protect against HIV	11.3%
Cannot be used discreetly	5.7%
May not be affordable	1.9%

Conclusions



- It is feasible to enroll sexually-active adolescents into biomedical HIV prevention trials, with parental/guardian consent
- Interest in a long-acting HIV prevention product was high among cisgender AGYW under the age of 18
- Adherence to the injection visits was exceptional
- CAB LA was found to be safe and tolerable, with no discontinuations of product due to adverse events
- Participants found CAB LA to be acceptable and expressed interest in future use
- Most participants (92%) chose to continue CAB LA over TDF/FTC when given a choice

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