

# Efficacy and Safety of Lenacapavir, Teropavimab, and Zinlirvimab: Phase 2 Week 26 Primary Outcome

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# Background

- Lenacapavir (LEN), an HIV-1 capsid inhibitor, can be administered subcutaneously (SC) twice-yearly (Q6M) and is approved for the treatment of multidrug-resistant HIV-1 infection<sup>1</sup>
- Teropavimab (TAB) and zinlirvimab (ZAB) are broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs) with extended half-lives dosed Q6M<sup>2</sup>
  - TAB targets the CD4-binding site and ZAB targets the V3 loop glycan on the HIV-1 envelope
- In a proof-of-concept Phase 1b study (NCT04811040), the combination of LEN, TAB, and ZAB maintained virologic suppression (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL) for 6 months in 18/20 people with HIV-1 highly susceptible to both bNAbs<sup>3</sup>

**Objective: To evaluate the Phase 2 efficacy, safety and pharmacokinetics (PK) of switching to LEN, TAB, and ZAB Q6M versus staying on an oral stable baseline regimen**

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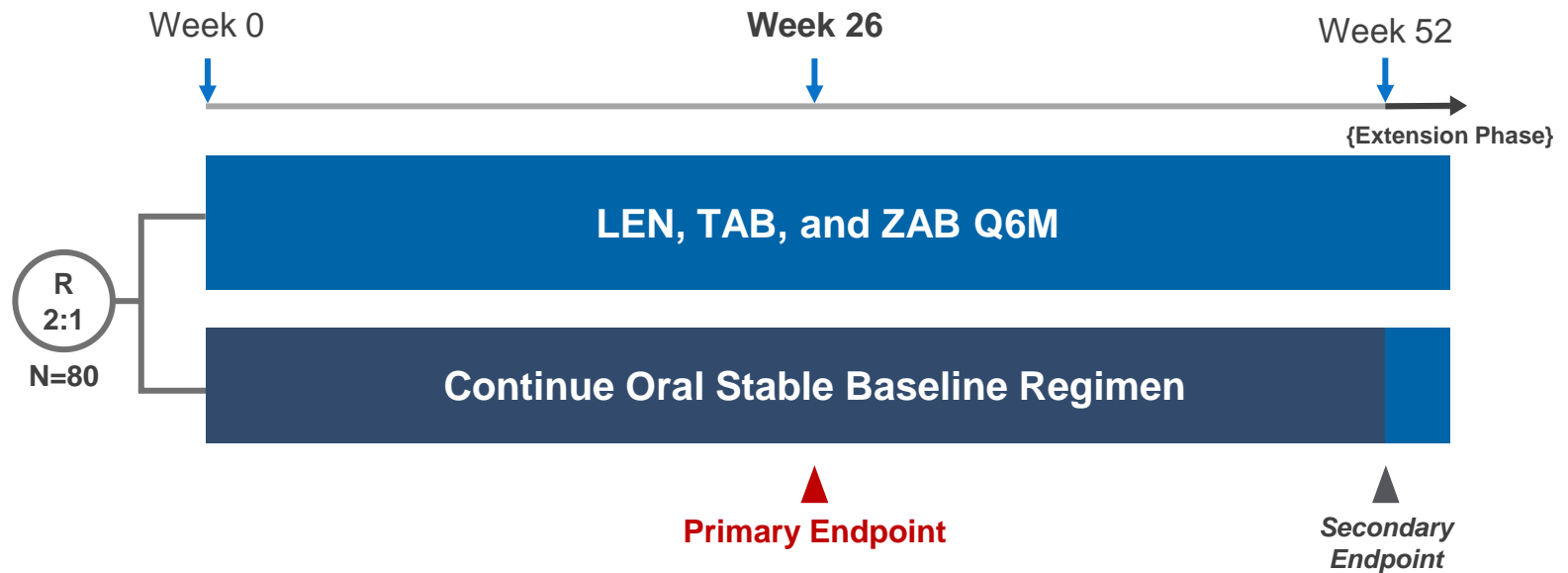
**bNAb**, broadly neutralizing antibody; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **PK**, pharmacokinetics; **Q6M**, every 6 months; **SC**, subcutaneously; **TAB**, teropavimab; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

# Phase 2 Study Design<sup>a</sup>



## Key inclusion criteria

- Age 18–65 years
- HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL for ≥12 months
- On stable oral ART (≤2 classes) for ≥12 months
- CD4+ T-cell count ≥200 cells/μL
- HBV negative
- Highly susceptible to **both** bNAbs (IC<sub>90</sub> ≤2 μg/mL)<sup>b</sup>



**Primary Outcome (Efficacy):** HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL at Week 26 per FDA snapshot algorithm

**Secondary Outcomes:** Safety (adverse events); change from baseline in CD4+ T-cell count, PK of LEN, TAB, and ZAB; anti-drug antibodies (ADAs) at Week 26

<sup>a</sup>NCT05729568. <sup>b</sup>By PhenoSense® mAb Assay (Monogram Biosciences).

**ADAs**, anti-drug antibodies; **ART**, antiretroviral therapy; **bNAbs**, broadly neutralizing antibody; **HBV**, hepatitis B virus; **IC<sub>90</sub>**, 90% inhibitory concentration; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **PK**, pharmacokinetics; **Q6M**, every 6 months; **R**, randomized; **TAB**, teropavimab; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

# Phase 2 Dose Rationale

- In the Phase 1b study, all participants who received TAB and ZAB 30 mg/kg remained virologically suppressed on the study regimen
- A fixed dose of 2550 mg for both TAB and ZAB was predicted to produce similar exposures to the 30 mg/kg weight-based dose<sup>a</sup>

## LEN, TAB, and ZAB Phase 2 Dosing Schedule

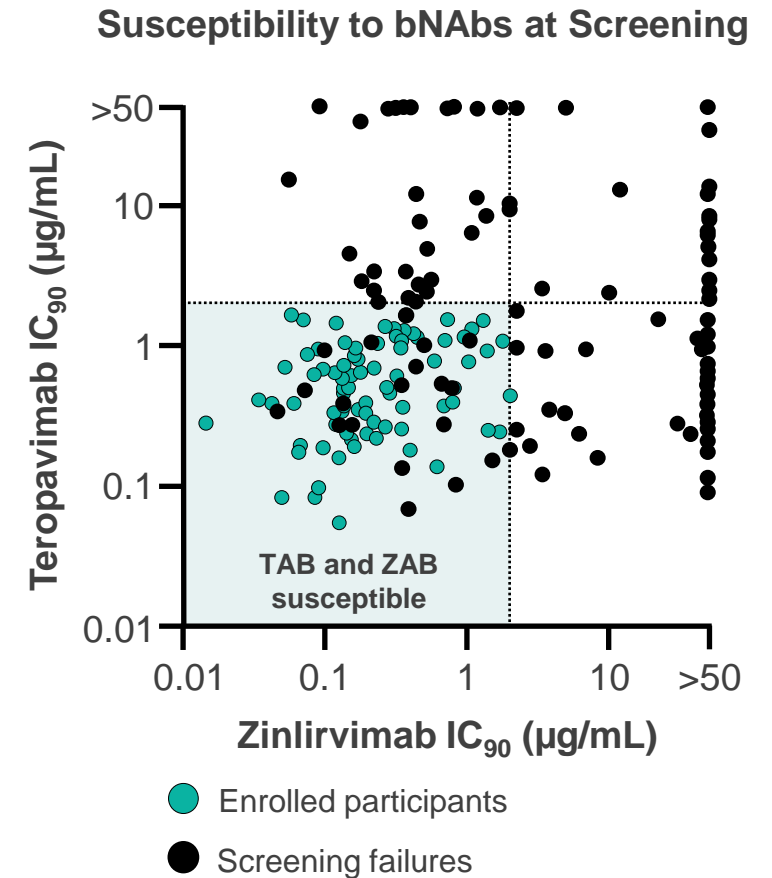
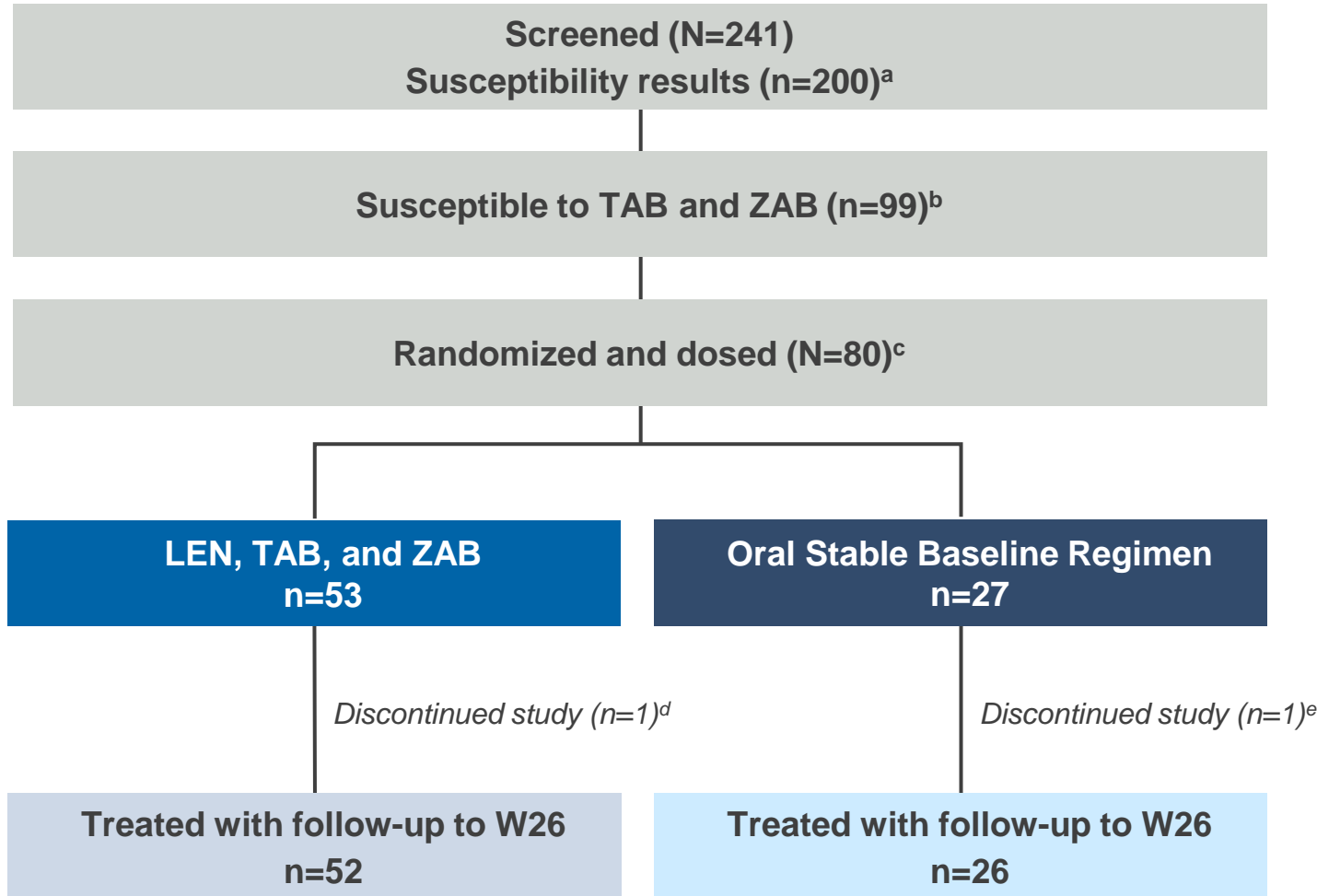
**Q6M  
(+/- 2 weeks)**

- SC LEN 927 mg<sup>b</sup>
- IV TAB 2550 mg
- IV ZAB 2550 mg

**Fixed doses of TAB 2550 mg and ZAB 2550 mg were selected for the Phase 2 study**

<sup>a</sup>Modeled on weight distribution of a prior Phase 3 HIV-1 treatment study. <sup>b</sup>Loading doses of oral LEN 600 mg were administered on Days 1 and 2. **IV**, intravenous; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **Q6M**, every 6 months; **SC**, subcutaneous; **TAB**, teropavimab; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

# Participant Disposition and bNAb Susceptibility



<sup>a</sup>41 with assay failure, 195 with screening data and 5 with results from the Phase 1b study; <sup>b</sup>TAB only: 47 (24%); ZAB only: 31 (16%); neither: 23 (12%). <sup>c</sup>84 participants met all eligibility criteria; 1 eligible but not randomized (participant decision); 3 randomized but not dosed (participant decision). <sup>d</sup>Discontinued study drug and study due to investigator's discretion (relocation). <sup>e</sup>Discontinued oral stable baseline regimen and study due to adverse event (metastatic pancreatic carcinoma).

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# Baseline Characteristics

	LEN, TAB, and ZAB n=53	Oral Stable Baseline Regimen n=27
Median (range) age, years	46 (20–65)	57 (28–65)
Female sex at birth, n (%)	8 (15)	4 (15)
Race, n (%)		
Asian	1 (2)	1 (4)
Black	21 (40)	8 (30)
White	28 (53)	16 (59)
Other	3 (6)	2 (7)
Hispanic or Latine ethnicity, n (%)	13 (25)	7 (26)
Median (range) weight, kg	93 (56–156)	87 (58–157)
Median (IQR) BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	29.2 (25.5–33.8)	29.2 (25.5–32.0)
Median (IQR) CD4+ T-cell count, cells/μL	710 (552–895)	738 (583–869)
USA region <sup>a</sup> , n (%)	48 (91)	19 (70)

<sup>a</sup>Ex-US regions include Australia, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Participants were enrolled across 34 sites.  
**BMI**, body mass index; **IQR**, interquartile range; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **TAB**, teropavimab; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

# Week 26 Virologic Outcomes (FDA Snapshot Algorithm)

Participants, n (%)	LEN, TAB, and ZAB n=53	Oral Stable Baseline Regimen n=27
HIV-1 RNA $\geq$ 50 copies/mL	1 (1.9)	0
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	51 (96.2)	26 (96.3)
No virologic data in Week 26 window <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup> (1.9)	1 <sup>c</sup> (3.7)

— Mean CD4+ T-cell counts increased at Week 26 in both treatment arms with no difference between groups ( $p=0.2$ )<sup>d</sup>

**Efficacy of LEN, TAB, and ZAB at Week 26 was comparable to continuing daily oral ART**

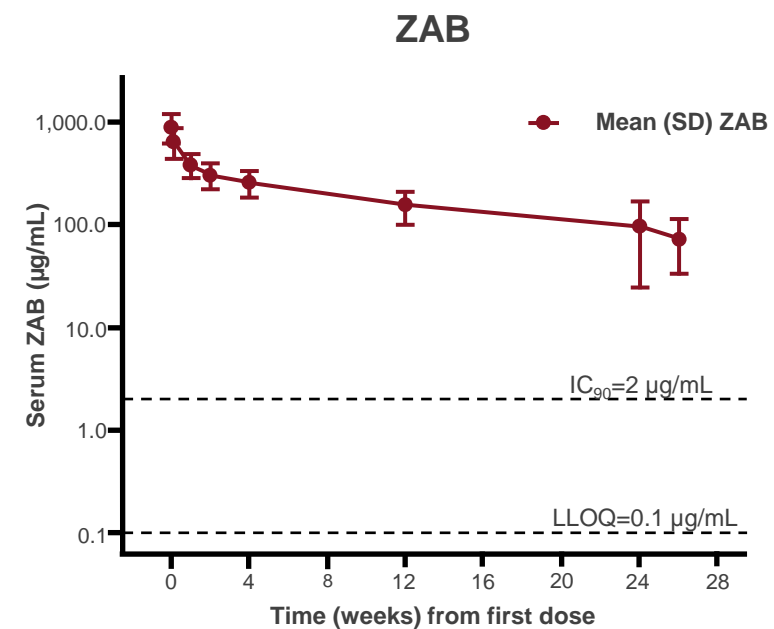
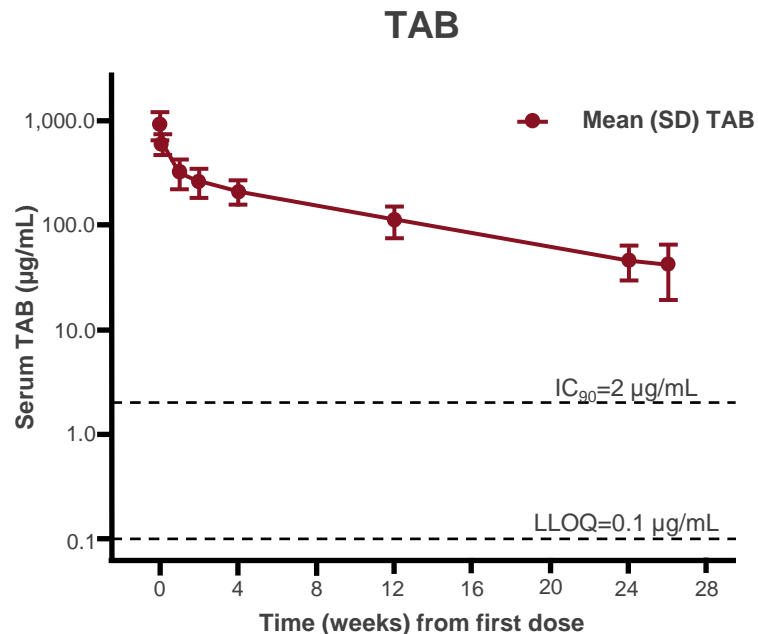
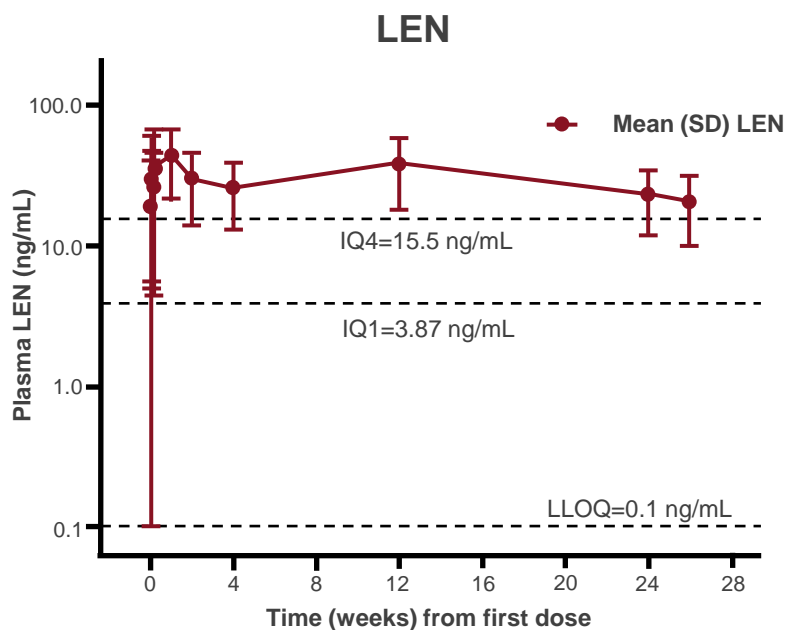
<sup>a</sup>Last available HIV-1 RNA was <50 copies/mL for both participants with no virologic data in the Week 26 window. <sup>b</sup>Discontinued study drug due to investigator's discretion (relocation). <sup>c</sup>Discontinued stable baseline regimen due to adverse event (metastatic pancreatic carcinoma). <sup>d</sup>The difference was calculated as the difference in least-squares means. Mean (SD) change: +23 (143) cells/ $\mu$ L in the LEN, TAB, and ZAB group and +69 (203) cells/ $\mu$ L in the stable baseline regimen group.

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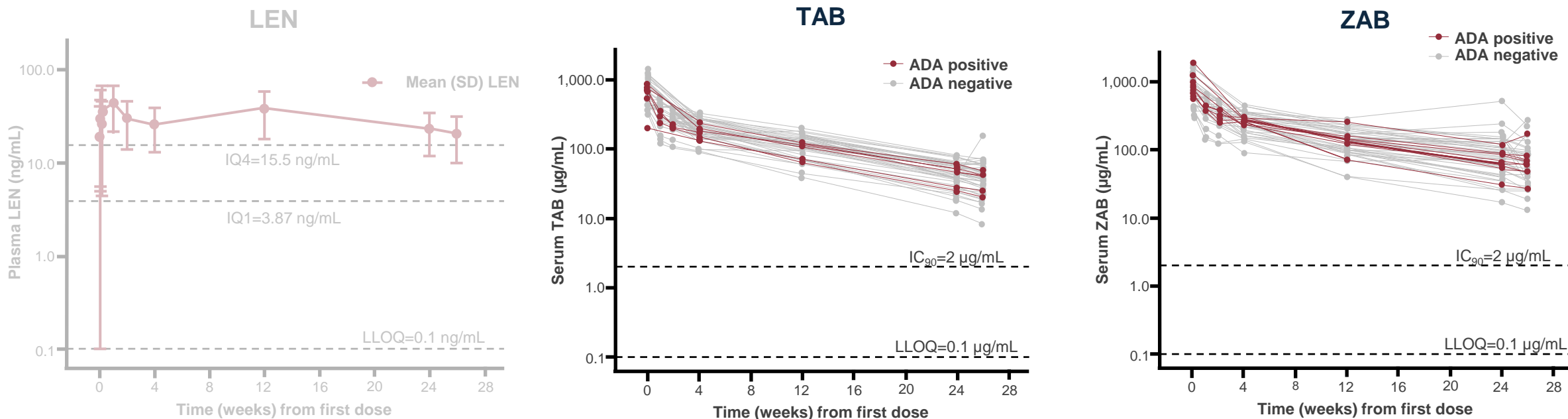
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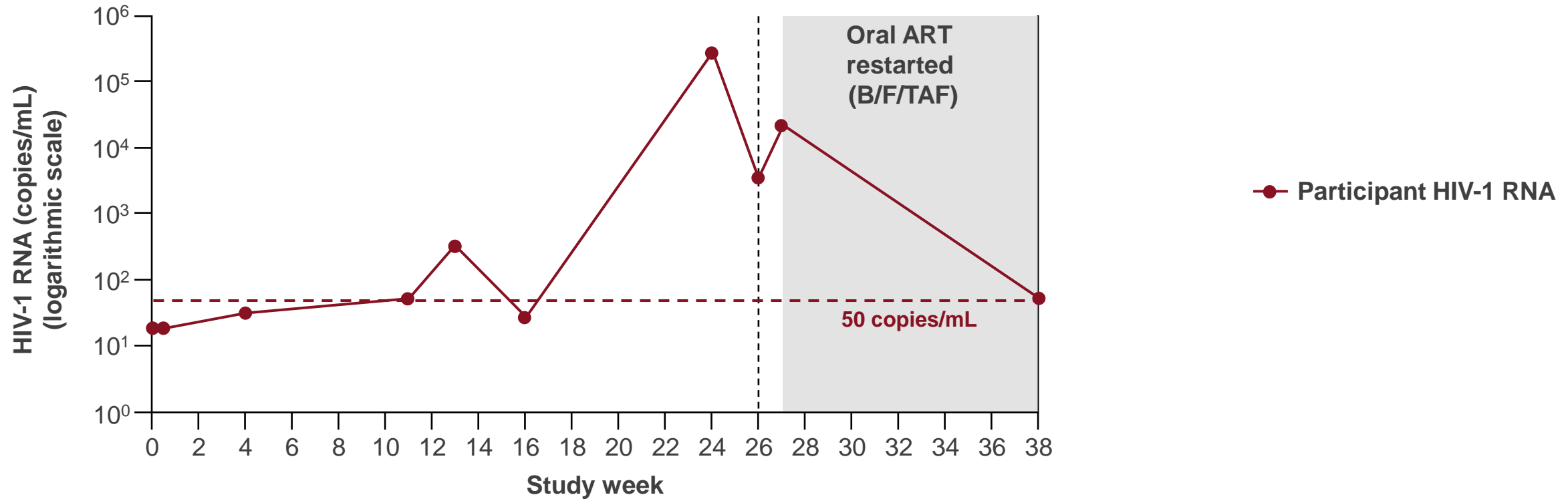


Treatment-emergent ADAs against: TAB in 6 (11.3%) participants, ZAB in 9 (17.0%) participants<sup>a</sup>  
**PK and safety profiles were similar in participants with and without ADAs**

<sup>a</sup>Median (minimum, maximum) time to onset of ADAs against TAB and ZAB was 182 (83, 183) and 84 (81, 183) days, respectively.

**ADA**, anti-drug antibody; **IC<sub>90</sub>**, 90% inhibitory concentration; **IQ**, inhibitory quotient; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **LLOQ**, lower limit of quantification; **PK**, pharmacokinetic; **TAB**, teropavimab; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

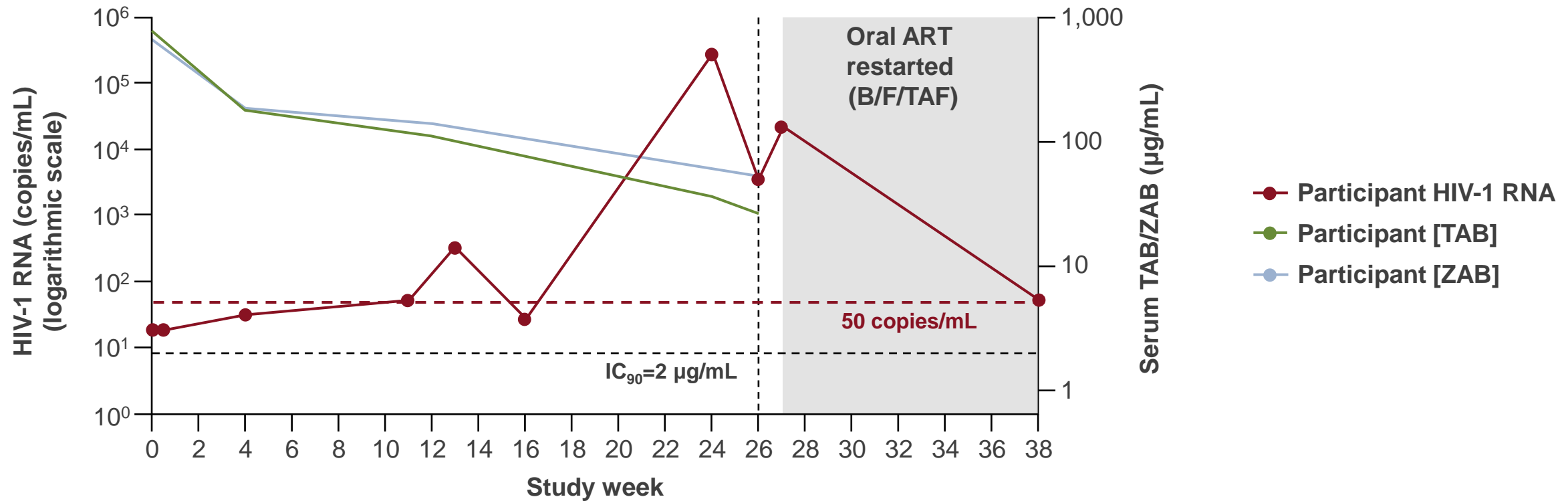
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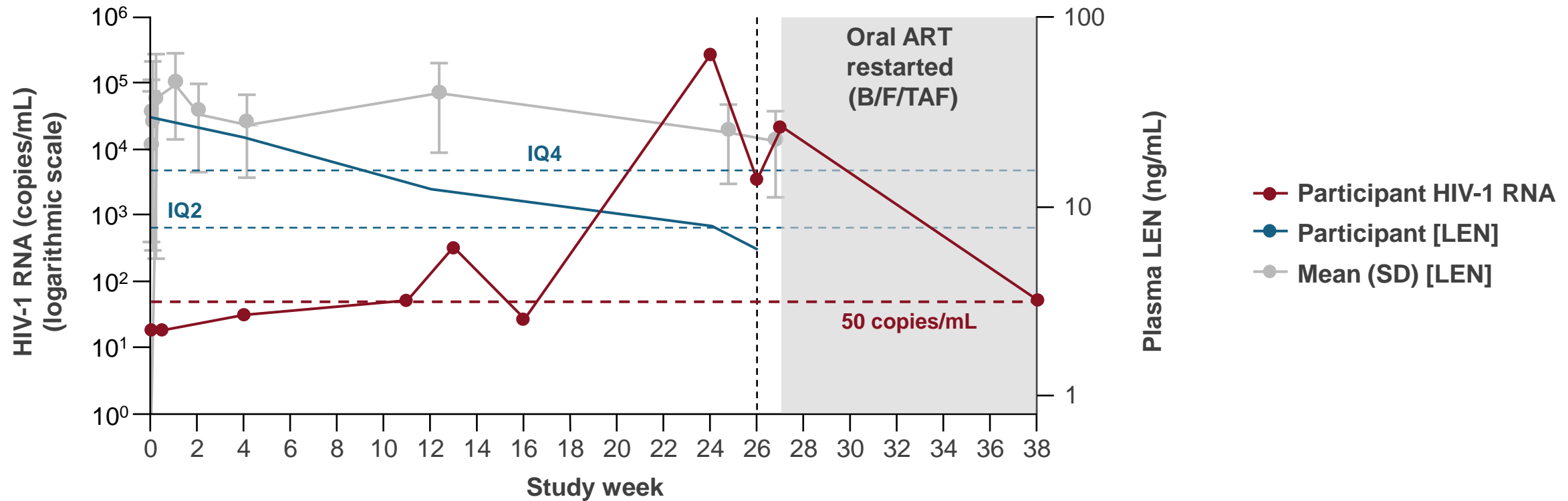
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# Participant with Virologic Failure (LEN PK)



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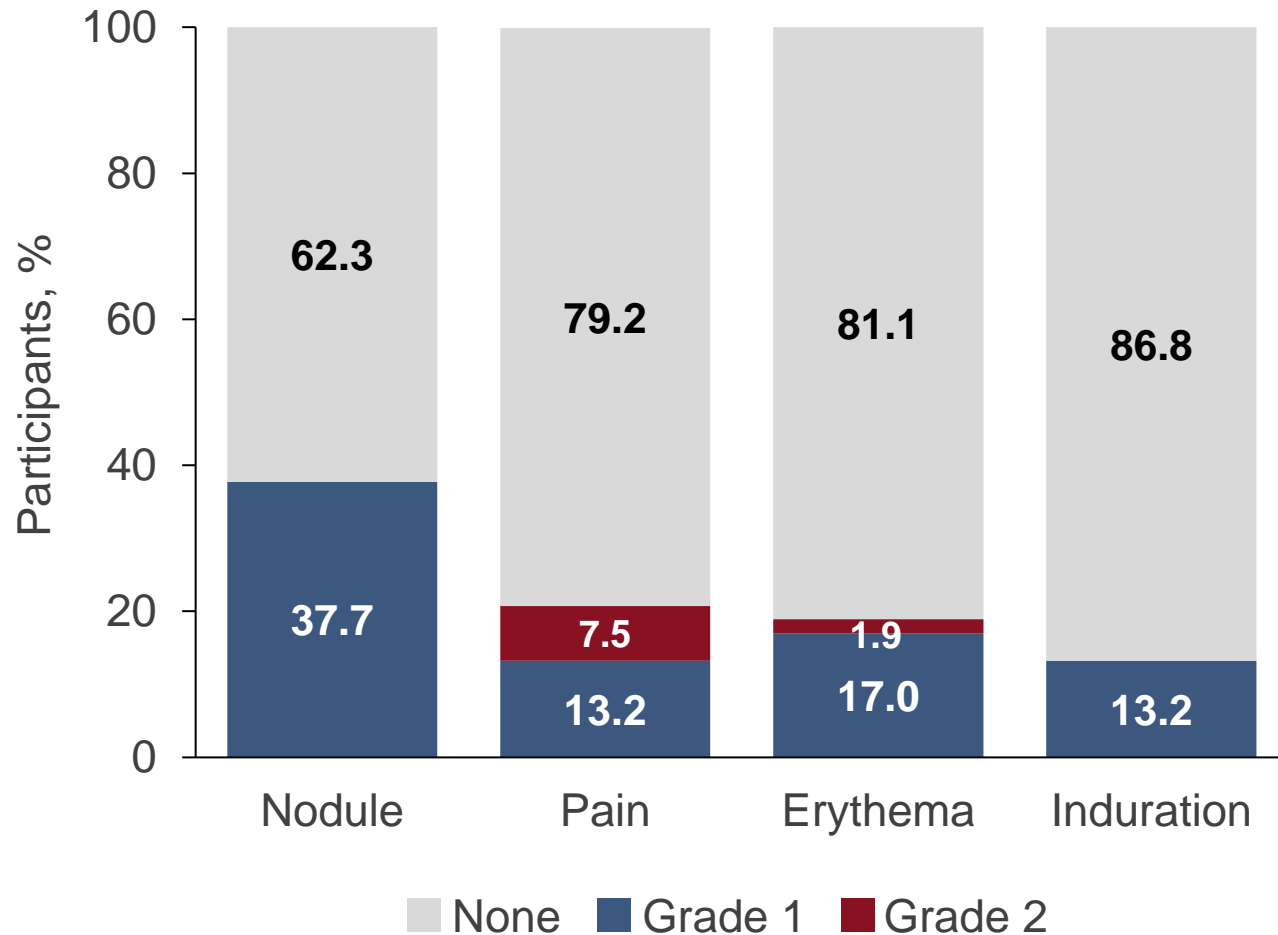
- No ADAs detected
- TAB and ZAB concentrations similar to mean concentrations through Week 26
- LEN concentrations were lower than one standard deviation below the mean by Week 12

# Safety Overview

Participants, n (%)	LEN, TAB, and ZAB n=53	Oral Stable Baseline Regimen n=27
<b>Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)<sup>a</sup></b>	36 (67.9) <sup>b</sup>	17 (63.0)
Grade ≥3	2 (3.8) <sup>c</sup>	2 (7.4)
<b>Treatment-related TEAEs<sup>a</sup></b>	6 (11.3) <sup>d</sup>	0
Grade ≥3	0	0
<b>Serious TEAEs</b>	0	1 (3.7) <sup>e</sup>
<b>TEAEs leading to study drug discontinuation</b>	0	1 (3.7) <sup>e</sup>
<b>TEAEs in ≥5% of participants<sup>f</sup></b>		
Upper respiratory tract infection	4 (7.5)	0
Sinusitis	3 (5.7)	1 (3.7)
COVID-19	1 (1.9)	2 (7.4)
Diarrhea	5 (9.4)	1 (3.7)
Constipation	3 (5.7)	0

<sup>a</sup>Excludes ISRs. <sup>b</sup>45 participants (84.9%) including ISRs. <sup>c</sup>Acute pyelonephritis, urethritis, and kidney stone in one participant and glycosuria in another; all unrelated. <sup>d</sup>Lacrimation increased, nausea, device dislocation, abnormal dreams, insomnia. 36 participants (67.9%) including ISRs. <sup>e</sup>Metastatic pancreatic cancer. <sup>f</sup>≥5% of participants in either group, excluding ISRs. **ISR**, injection site reaction; **LEN**, lenacapavir; **TAB**, teropavimab; **TEAE**, treatment-emergent adverse event; **ZAB**, zinlirvimab.

# Injection Site Reactions and Infusion Related Reactions



- ISRs<sup>a</sup> related to SC LEN occurred in 33 (62.3%) participants
  - Grade 1: 29 (54.7%) participants
  - Grade 2: 4 (7.5%) participants
  - Grade  $\geq 3$ : 0
- No participants discontinued due to ISRs

**There were no infusion-related reactions to TAB or ZAB**

Figure reports ISRs occurring in >10% of participants.

<sup>a</sup>Following Day 1 SC injection.

ISR, injection site reaction; LEN, lenacapavir; SC, subcutaneous; TAB, teropavimab; ZAB, zinlirvimab.

# Conclusions

- In people living with HIV-1 highly susceptible to both bNAbs, the efficacy of switching to the long-acting combination of Q6M LEN, TAB, and ZAB was consistent with continuing oral standard of care
  - 96% of participants receiving LEN, TAB, and ZAB maintained virologic suppression at Week 26
- There were no infusion-related reactions to TAB or ZAB
- Up to Week 26, ADAs did not impact PK and safety
- The most common AEs were expected ISRs related to SC LEN injection; most were Grade 1
- These data support continued investigation of LEN, TAB, and ZAB as the first complete twice-yearly combination treatment for people with HIV-1
  - Upcoming analyses will evaluate secondary endpoints of longer-term efficacy and safety at Week 52, along with patient-reported outcomes



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