

# Closing & Awards Ceremony

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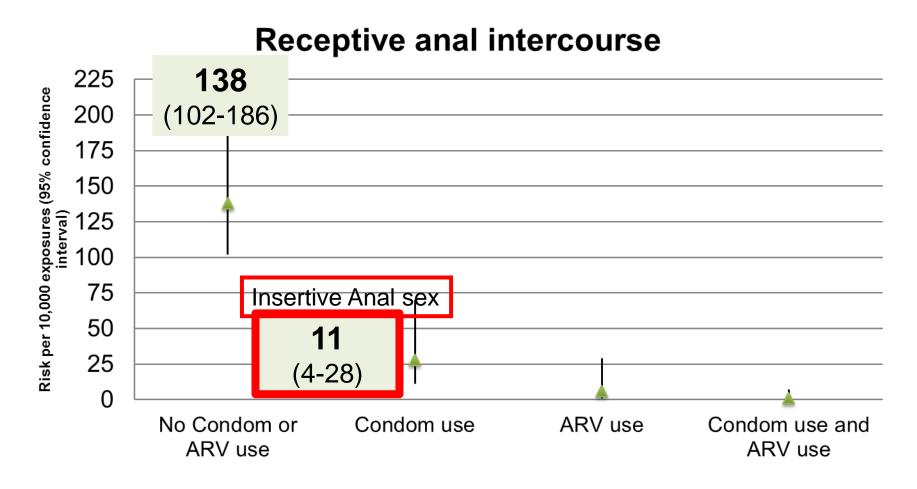
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### Receptive

Receptive - Meaning:

Adjective. 1: Willing to accept or explore something new. 2: quick to pick up things.

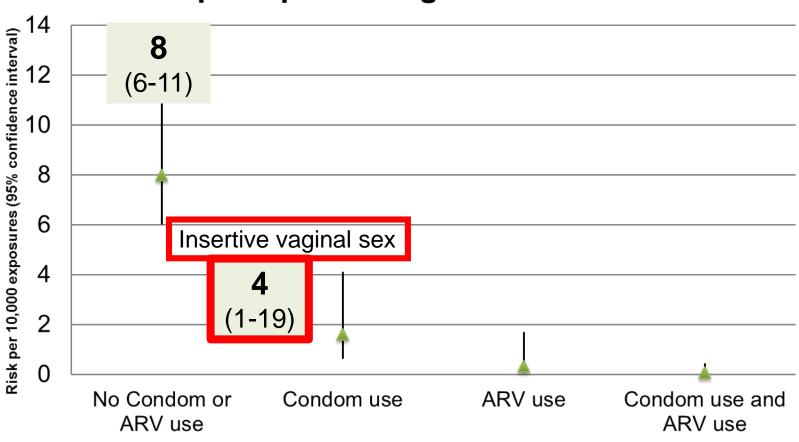
## People Receptive in Sex Need Better Tools



Patel et al. AIDS 2014, 28:1509-1519.

#### And Women too

#### Receptive penile-vaginal intercourse



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- Microbicides deliver high levels of drugs to the site of infection with lower systemic exposure to drugs- SAFE

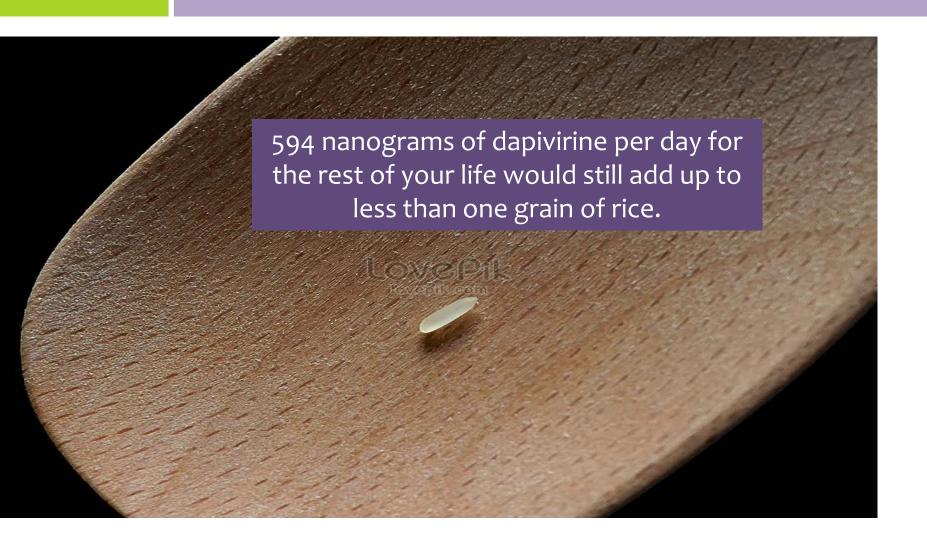


9 grams total ARV exposure over a month of oral PrEP



4 mg total drug released over a month of ring use

## For a breastfeeding infant- protecting the mother while minimizing dug exposure



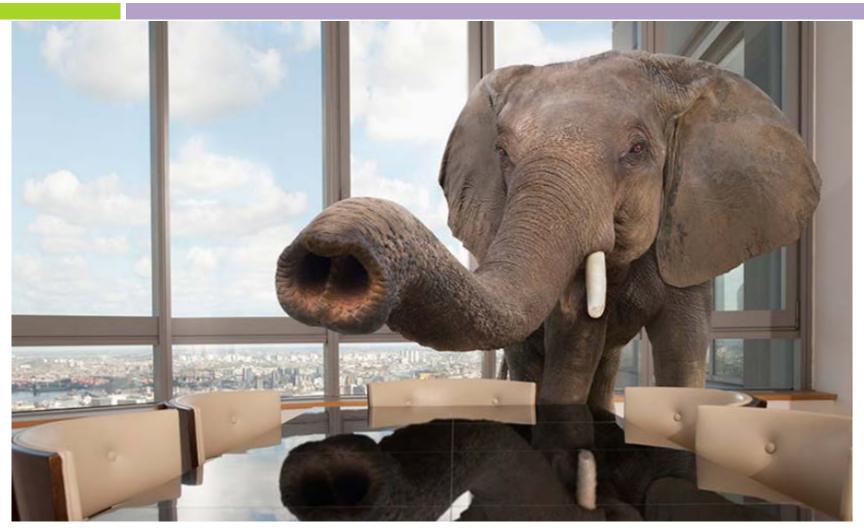
## What are we trying to build?

 SAFE products which fit into people's lives so that sex can be more FUN (worry free)

Microbicides=Recreational Products for Receptive People



## It Has Been a Great Meeting, but...



### The Simple Truth

- The MTN will not continue past November
   30, 2020 aside from completion of Deliver
  - Our goal is to have all of our other studies fully enrolled by that time
  - We have written our last protocol (MTN-045)
  - We will only have one more annual meeting
- We still have a lot of work to get done in the past year completing our studies
- But what next?

## Prevention going forward

**Funding Opportunity Title** 

HIV Prevention Clinical Trials Network Leadership and Operations Center (UM1 Clinical Trial Required)

#### **Novel ARV-based HIV Prevention Methods and Delivery Systems**

Focus on delivery methods that help to address the challenges of adherence including and not limited to long-acting agents and sustained release systems is encouraged. The delivery method should achieve systemic protection from infection or protection from all routes of sexual exposure for the target key population.

However, products that do not achieve complete systemic protection but do address an agreed upon compelling specific public health need can be considered on a case-by-case basis if the scientific data support moving them forward to clinical testing.

#### **Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (MPTs)**

MPTs are defined as the coformulation and/or simultaneous delivery of a licensed pregnancy and/or STI prevention strategy with a HIV prevention method.

### How will this happen?

- Get the work ahead of us done as beautifully and perfectly as humanly possible
- Be advocates for choice so people can have access to products which are safe, easy to use and fit in their lives
- Work to build bridges with HPTN to integrate our work in reproductive heath (rectal microbicides, MPTs, sage products for pregnant and breastfeeding women)
- The bridges have not been built yet!

#### Science that Advances HIV Prevention



crobicide trials network

We are HIV prevention researchers.

We support the development and rollout of **all** safe and effective HIV prevention strategies.

We recognize that topically applied products my have lower ceilings of efficacy than systemic PrEP

We also assert that imperfect products which can be used easily with minimal medical monitoring may still have a significant public health impact

## **Awards Ceremony**

 Recognizing the work of people in the MTN family who have contributed to our success