



# HIV and Ageing: What does the evidence say?



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## The graying of HIV: 1 in 6 new U.S. cases are people older than 50

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CATIE's bite-sized HIV and hepatitis C news bulletins.

### Older people with HIV face different long-term health challenges

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HIV infection prematurely ages humans by an average of 5 years

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Thanks to combination antiretroviral therapy, many people with HIV can be expected to live decades after being infected. Yet doctors have observed that these patients often show signs of premature aging. Now a study published April 21 in *Molecular Cell* has applied a highly accurate biomarker to measure just how much HIV infection ages people at the biological level--an average of almost 5 years.

## Managing non-communicable diseases among people living with HIV

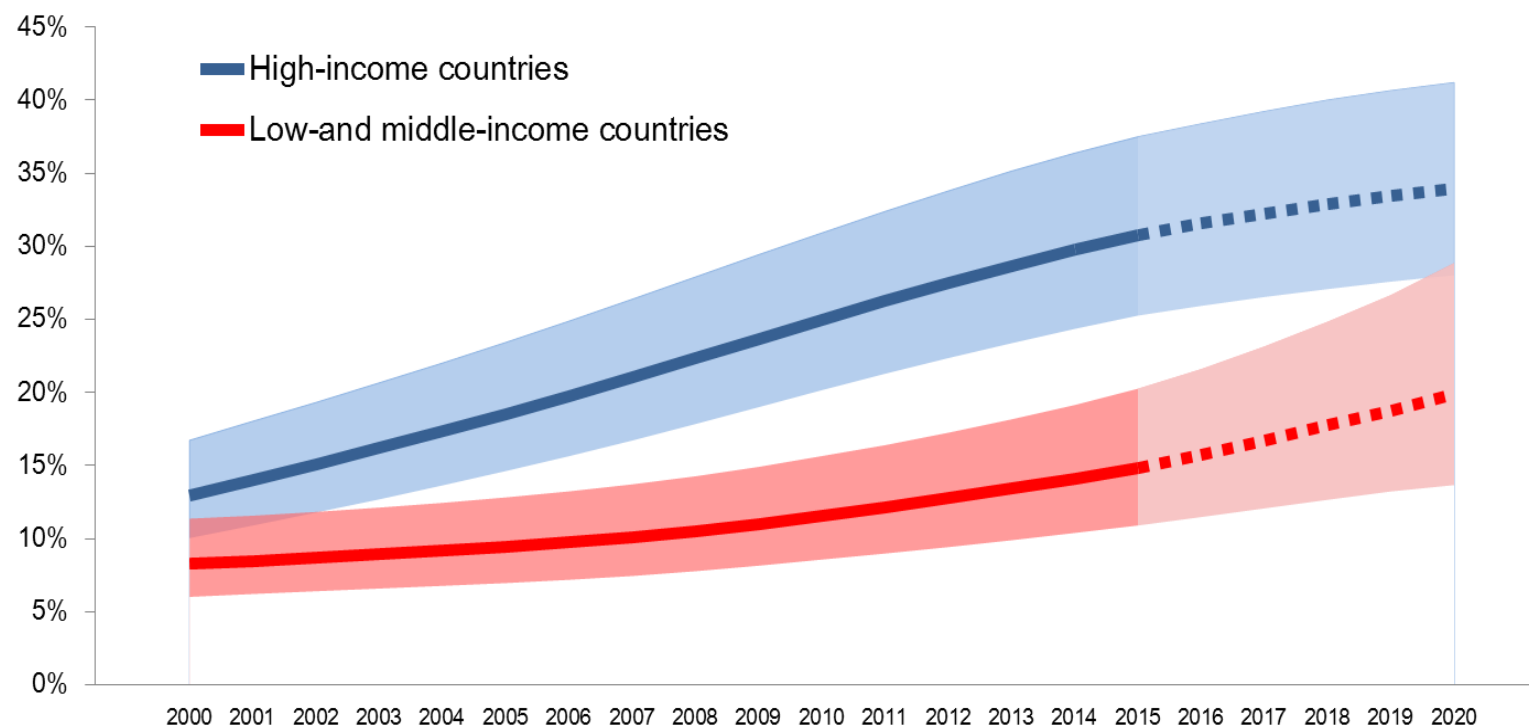
### Older HIV patients 'need more support'

By Nick Triggle  
Health correspondent, BBC News

# Treated HIV and Life Expectancy: Mind the Gap

- Access to antiretroviral therapy has extended the lives of millions of people worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- The improvement in longevity is greatest for those who start ART earlier
- Life expectancy for treated HIV approaches the general population: ~ 10 year gap<sup>2-5</sup>

Figure 1: Among adults (15+) living with HIV, the percent who are aged 50 and over, high-income countries and low-and middle-income countries, 2000–2020



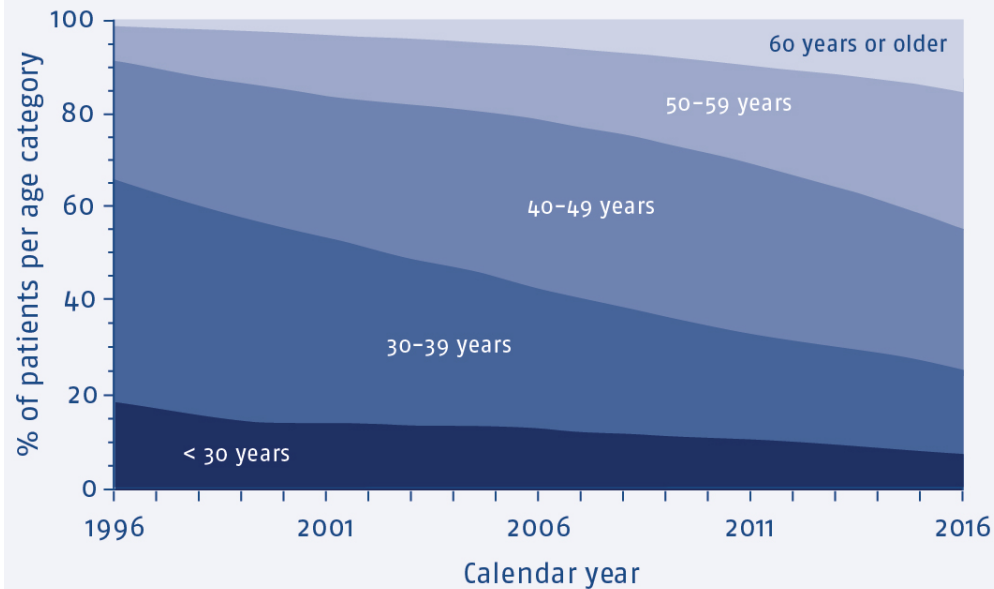
Source: UNAIDS 2016 Estimates. Projections 2016-2020 are based on an assumed scale-up of ART to reach 81% coverage by 2020.  
Note: Based on 2015 high-income and low-and-middle-income countries definitions.

# Population of patients in care in the Netherlands increasingly ages

Of the almost 19000 HIV patients in care in the Netherlands



The Graying of AIDS



2015:  
median age 48

45 % 50-plus

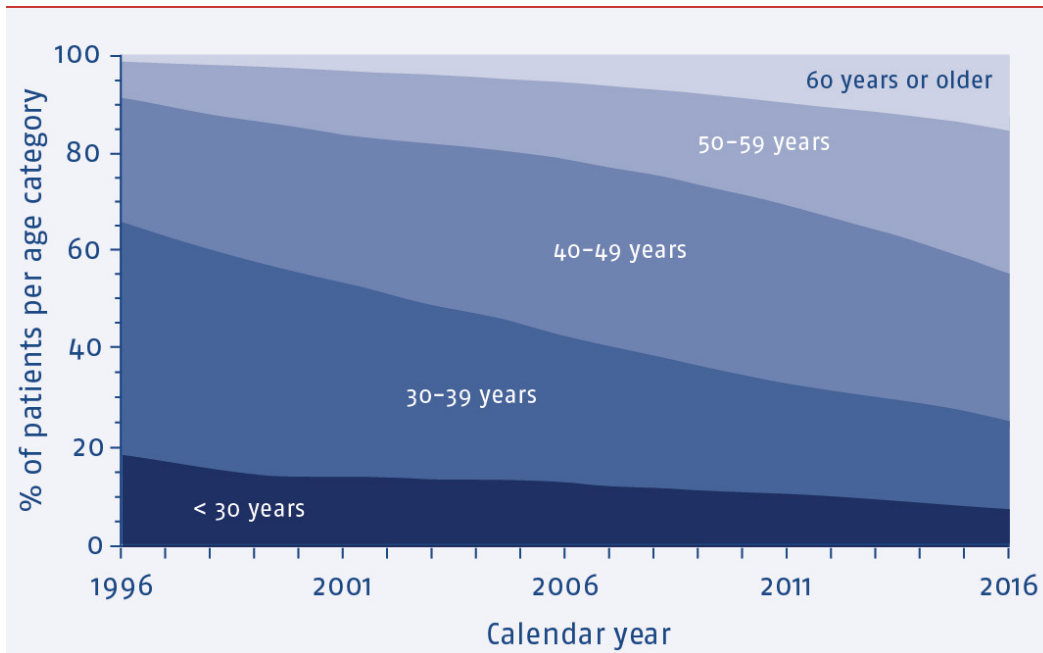
15 % 60-plus



Mounting impression that chronic non-communicable co-morbidities seemed more common in people with HIV, possibly occurring at relatively young age, including in those on suppressive antiviral treatment

# Population of patients in care in the Netherlands is will age further...

*Increasing age of the HIV-positive population in care, now...*

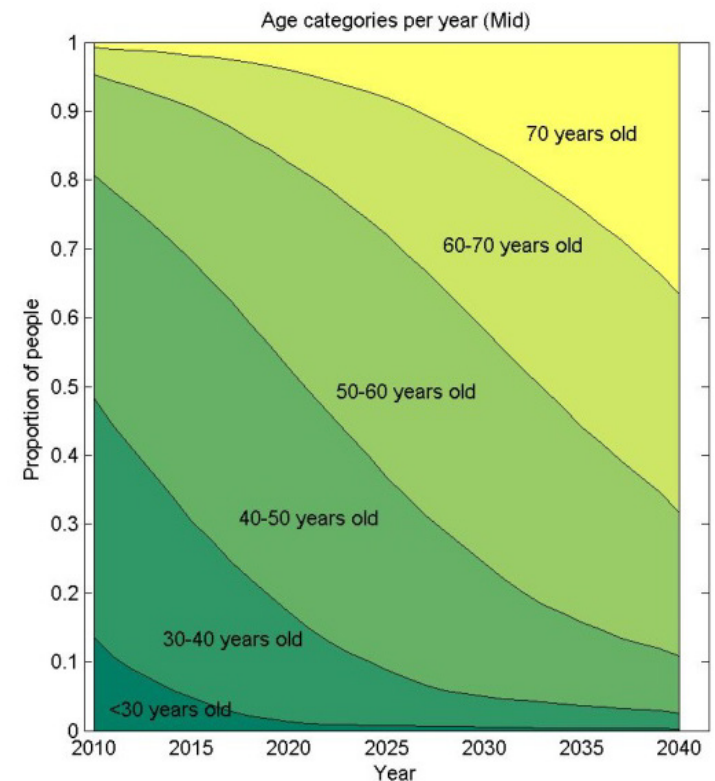


*Stichting HIV Monitoring; Monitoring Report 2016*

**2015:  
45% > 50 yrs**

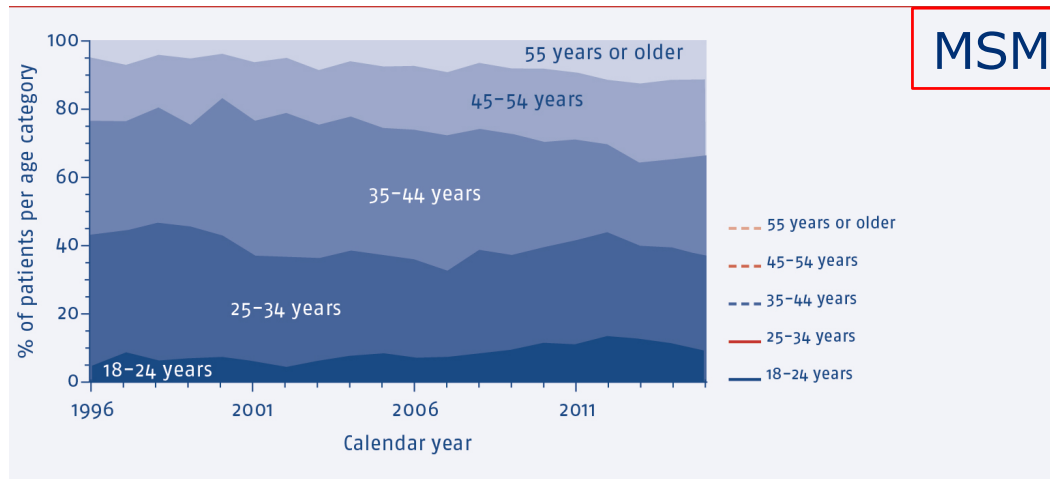
**2030:  
75% > 50 yrs**

*... and in the future*



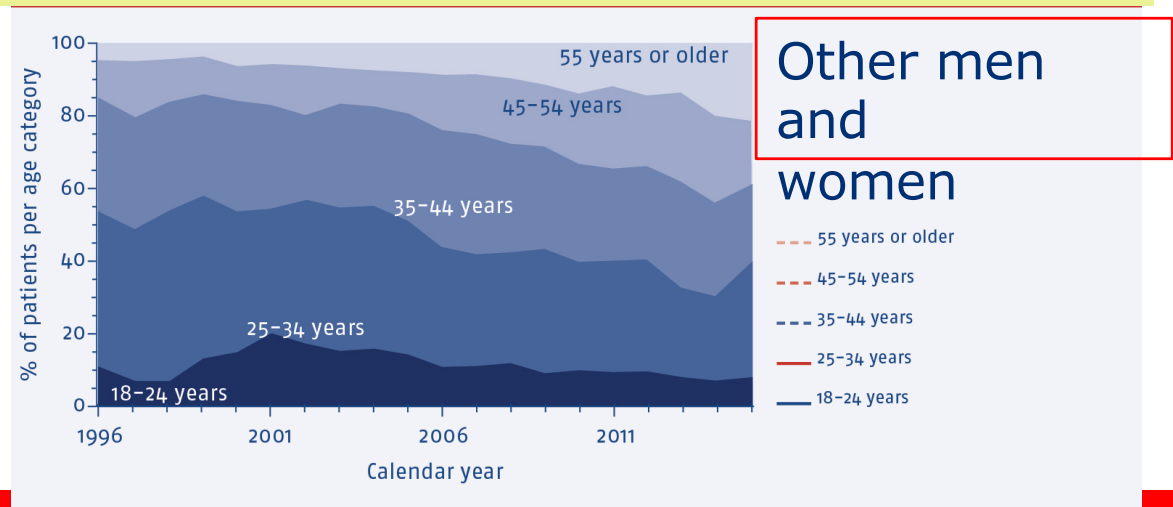
*Smit et al, Lancet ID 2015*

# Increase in proportion of people who are diagnosed HIV-positive at older age

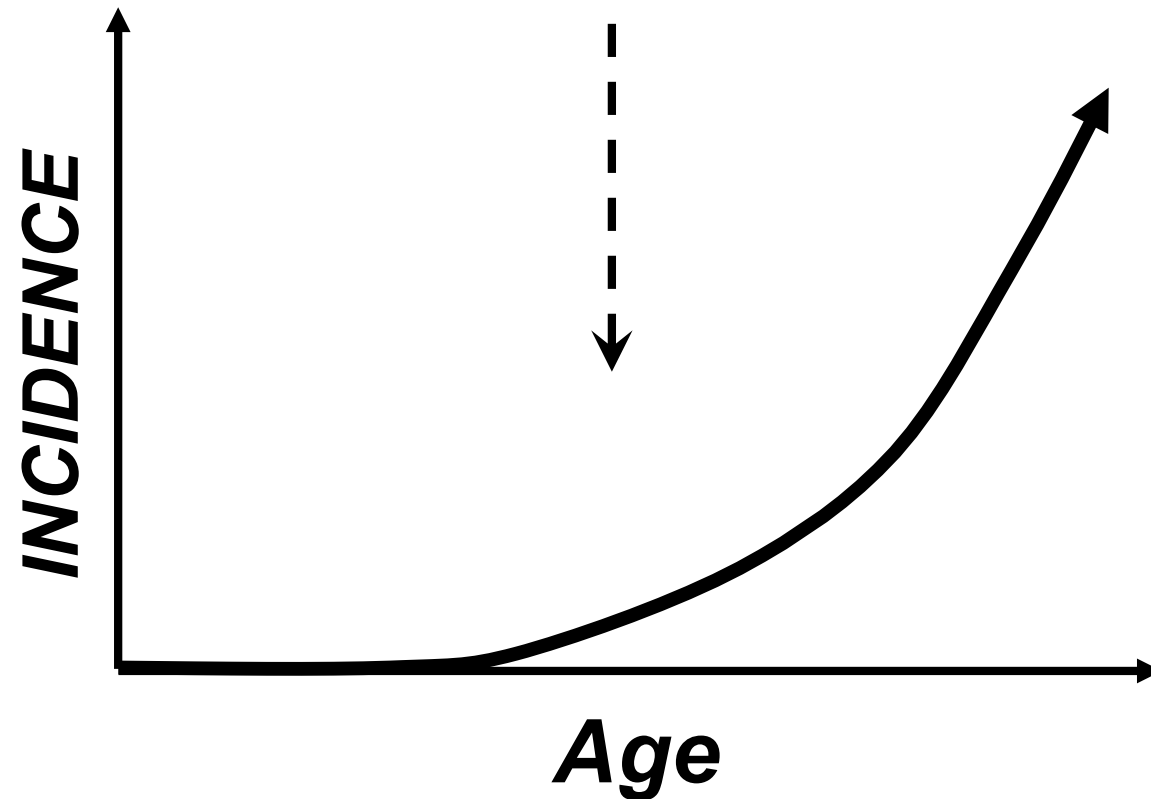


About 25% of newly diagnosed persons in 2015 were > 50 yrs:  
More often the case for Dutch MSM & other Dutch men and women than for those from other regions of origin than the Netherlands

Late presentation more common in those who enter care and are over 45 yrs of age



Age-related chronic diseases  
rise exponentially with age



Age is the largest single risk factor



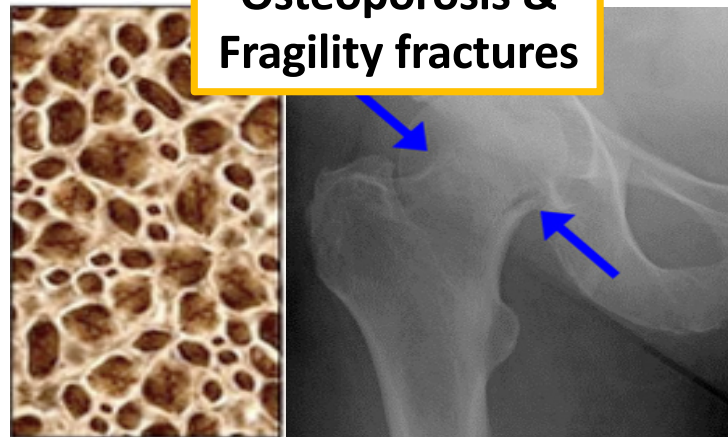
**Cardiovascular disease**



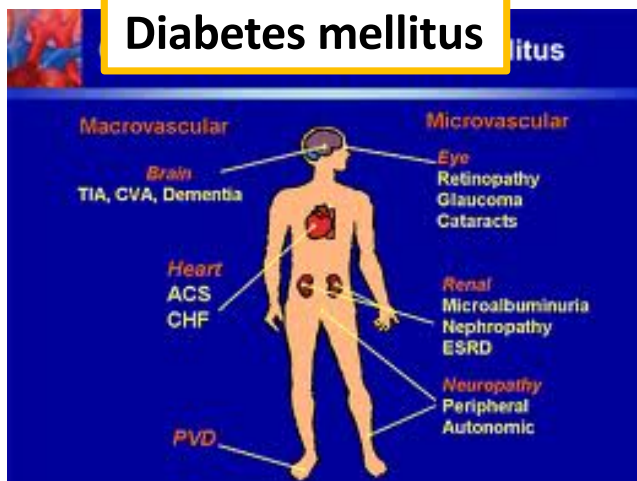
**Non-AIDS cancers**



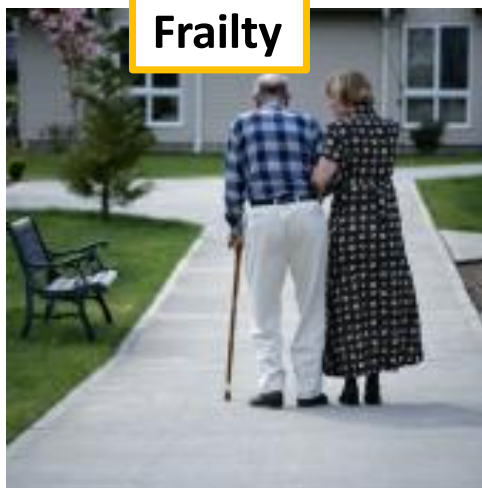
**Osteoporosis & Fragility fractures**



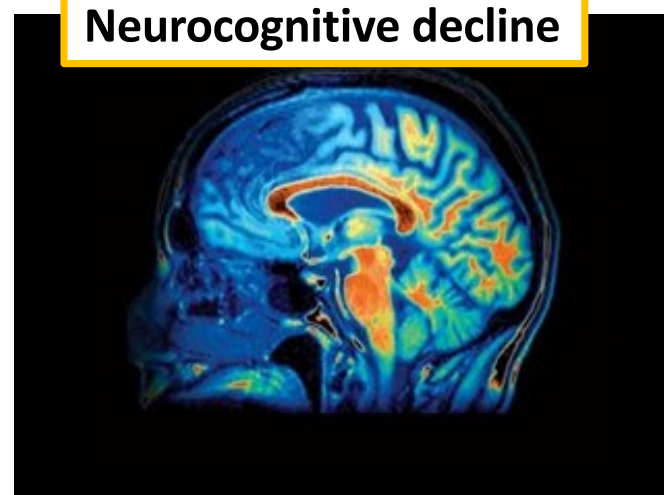
**Diabetes mellitus**



**Frailty**



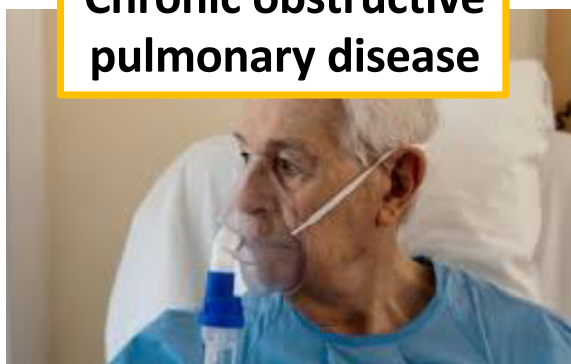
**Neurocognitive decline**



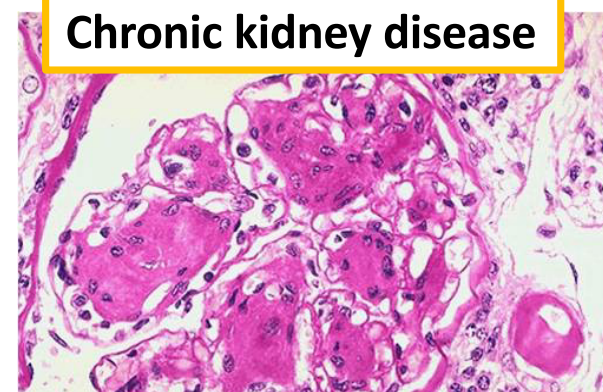
**Chronic liver disease**



**Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease**

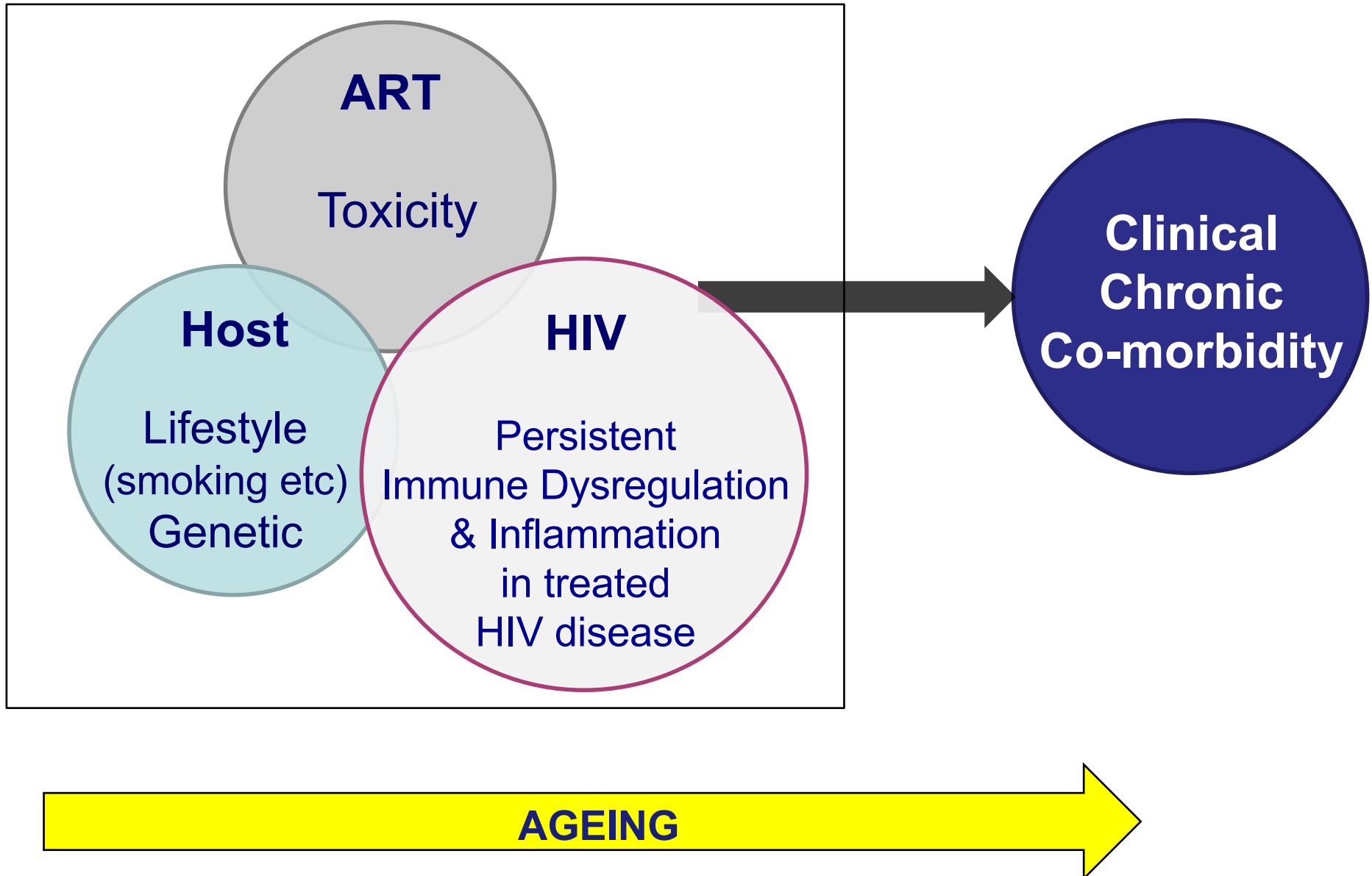


**Chronic kidney disease**



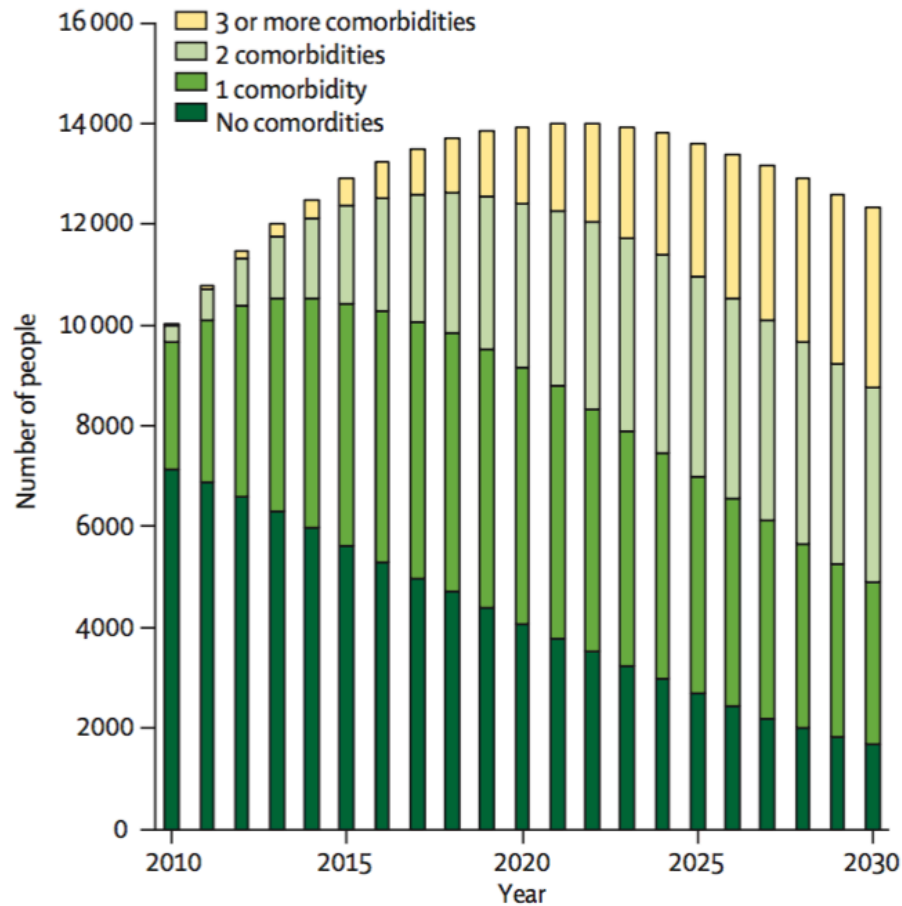


# Chronic disease drivers (known and suspected) acting in concert in HIV

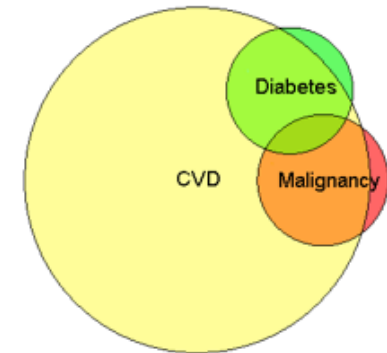


# Higher incidence of non-AIDS comorbidities among HIV-positive patients in the Netherlands

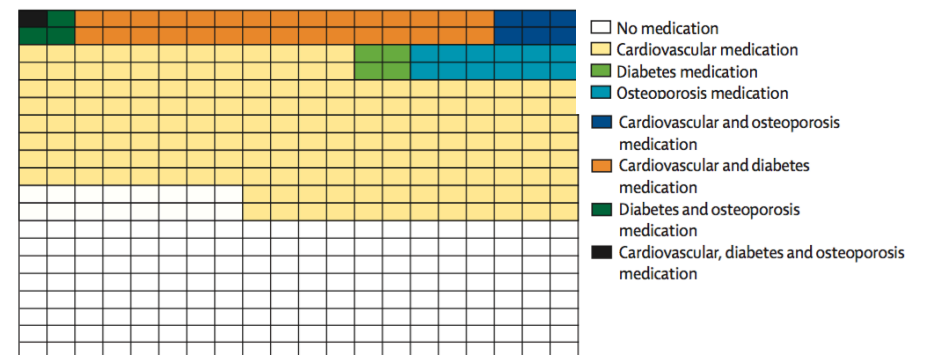
... more multiple co-morbidities are predicted in the future



Smit et al, Lancet ID 2015

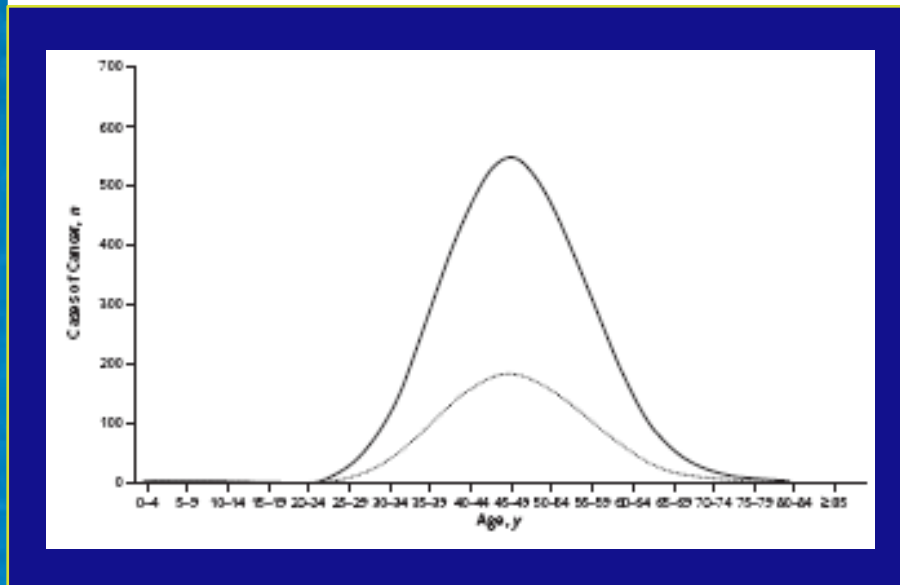


Mostly CVD, diabetes and malignancies...

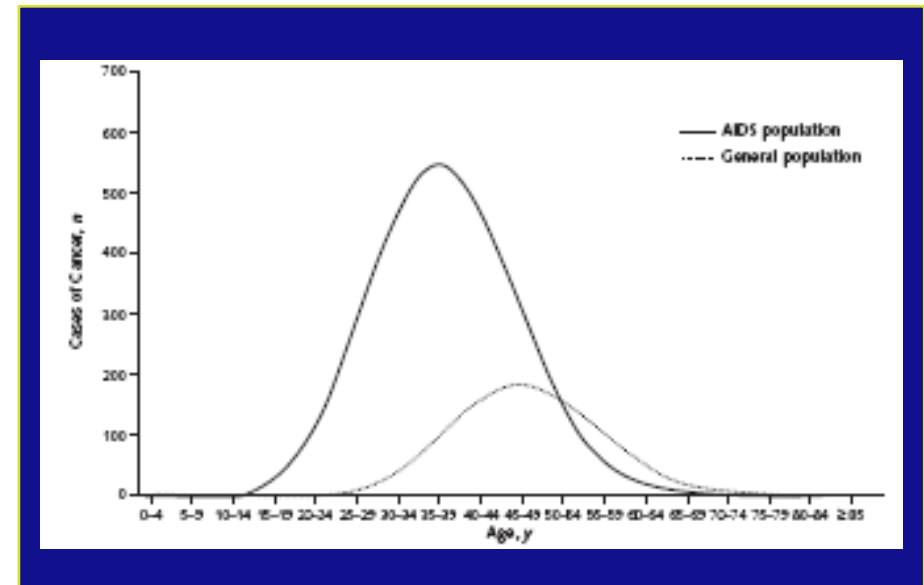


... with CVD medication contributing greatest burden

# Are age-related chronic conditions which contribute to the persistent survival gap just Accentuated or also Accelerated in HIV?



Accentuated risk  
Condition occurs at the same age but more often in those with HIV than among HIV-uninfected comparators

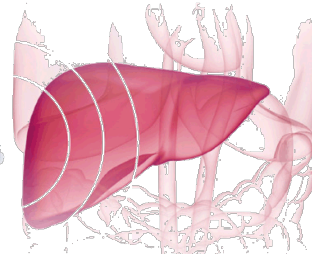
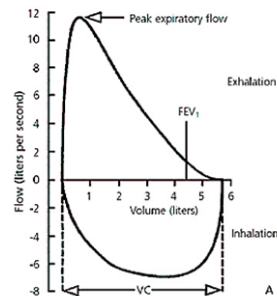
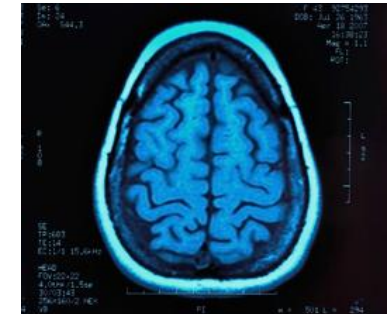
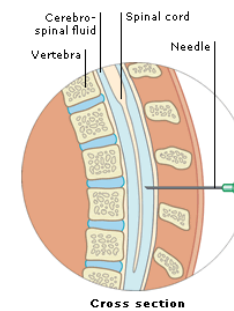
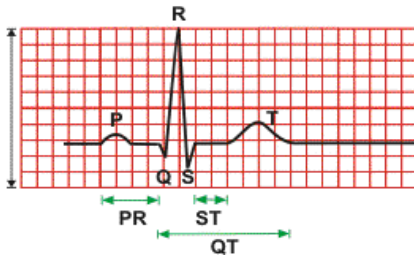


Accentuated & Accelerated  
Condition occurs more often and at younger age among those with HIV than among HIV-uninfected comparators

# Prospective comparative observational cohort study with standardized screening for comorbidities, organ dysfunction and risk factors



- BLUE GREEN YELLOW
- PINK RED ORANGE
- GREY BLACK PURPLE
- TAN WHITE BROWN

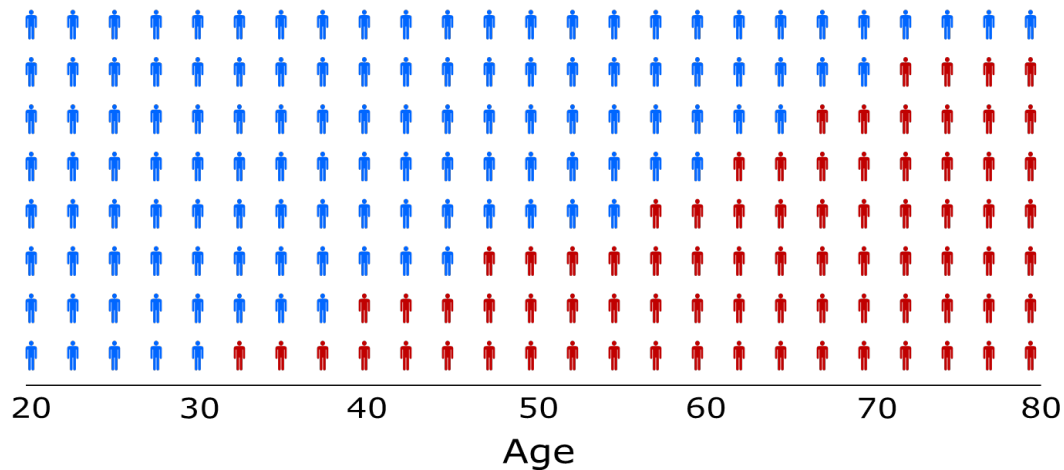


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# Major strength of the AGEHIV & COBRA cohorts: a highly comparable control group with very similar age distribution & solid data on confounders

Typical general population cohort with unrestricted age range from 20 to 80 years

Median age at diagnosis = 67.5 years

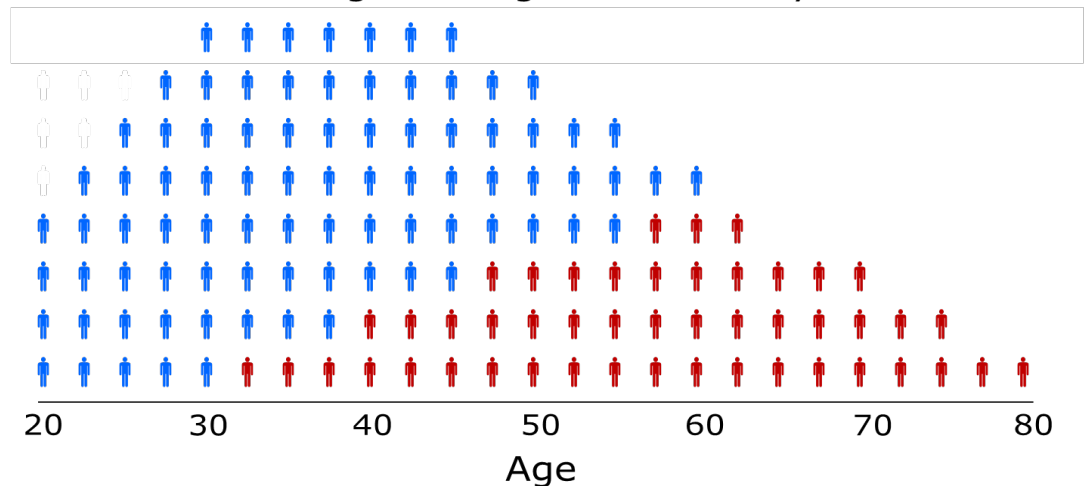


Without appropriate adjustment for differences in age distribution, one could wrongly conclude HIV to be associated with comorbidity occurring at younger age

Attributing risk to being HIV-pos needs to account for other factors which may confound the association with comorbidity incidence ( gender, ethnic origin, behavioural, lifestyle and viral (coinfections) factors)

Typical HIV cohort with younger age distribution

Median age at diagnosis = 57.5 years



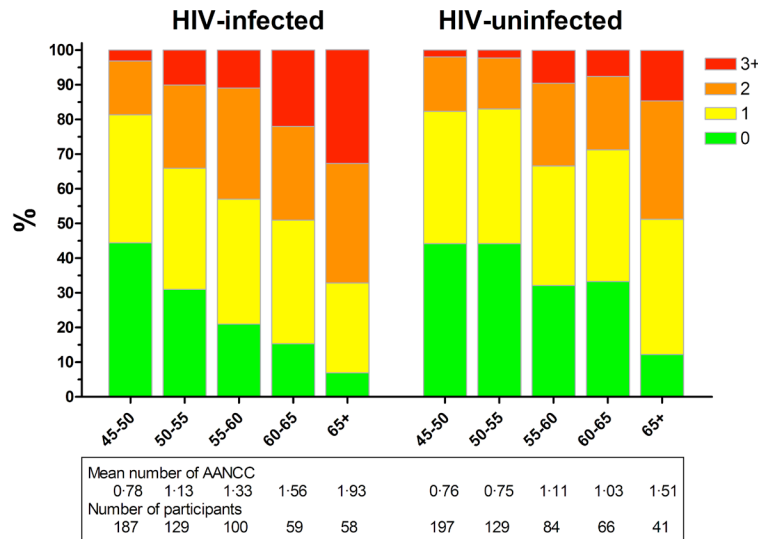
**Red** figures: individuals in the cohort who have the comorbidity at their age of diagnosis

**Blue** figures: individuals in the cohort who remain free of the comorbidity

who remain free of the comorbidity

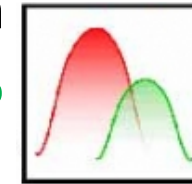
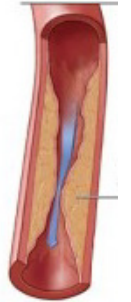
# Comorbidity burden is higher among HIV+ patients

## More multimorbidity

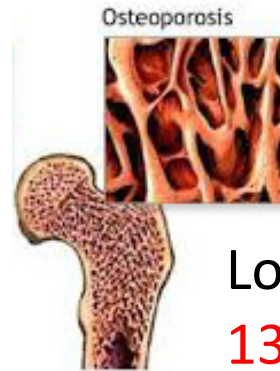


Hypertension  
48 % vs. 36 %

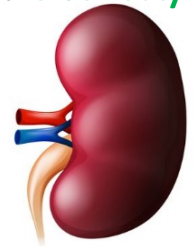
Cardiovascular disease  
10 % vs. 5 %



Arterial stiffness  
7.9 vs. 7.7 m/s

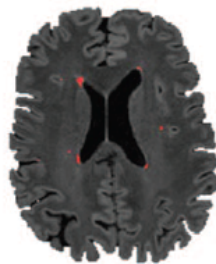


Low bone mineral density  
13 % vs. 7 %



CKD  
26 % vs. 7 %

Significant liver fibrosis  
38.2 % vs. 29.5 %



WM hyperintensities  
1.0 vs. 0.7 mL

Cognitive impairment  
17 % vs. 5 %

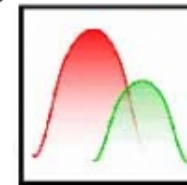
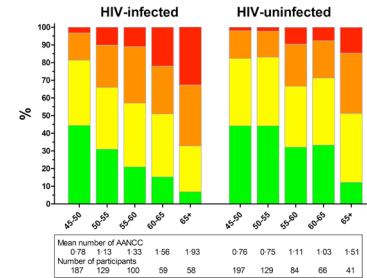
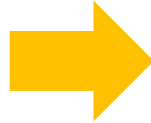


GMV 659 vs. 673 mL  
FA 0.477 vs. 0.484

# Multiple (HIV-specific) factors contribute to a higher burden of (individual) comorbidities



32 % vs. 25 %

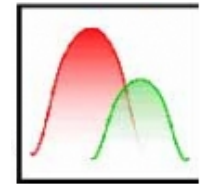
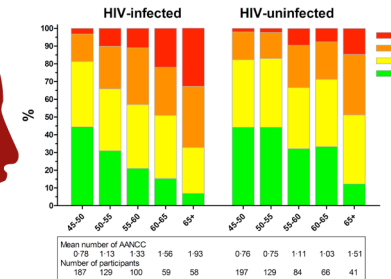


WHR

84 % vs. 62 %

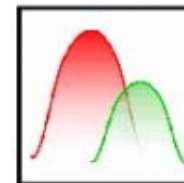
Overweight

41 % vs. 43%

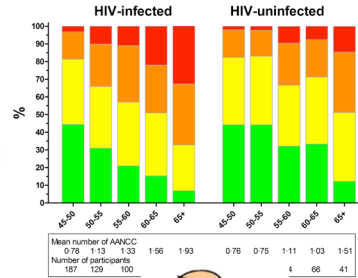
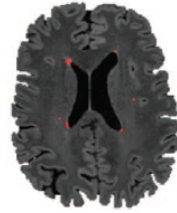
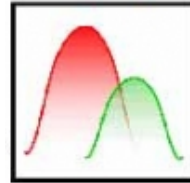
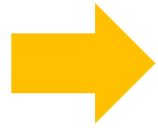


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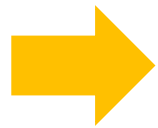
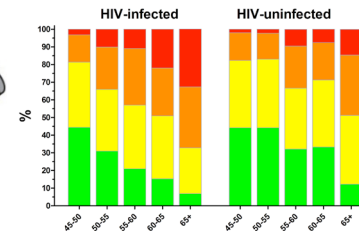
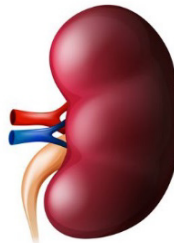
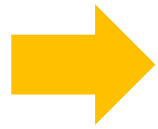
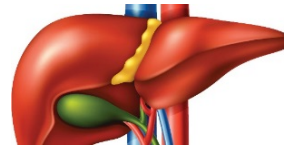
8 % vs. 3%



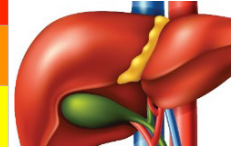
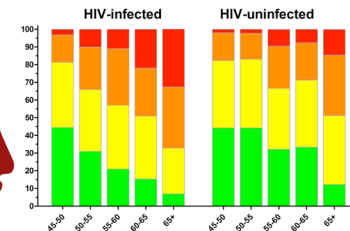
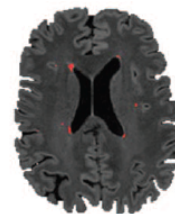
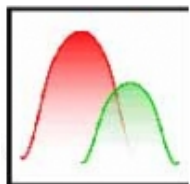
# Multiple (HIV-specific) factors contribute to a higher burden of (individual) comorbidities



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180 cells/ $\mu$ L  
31%



(RTV)

(TDF)

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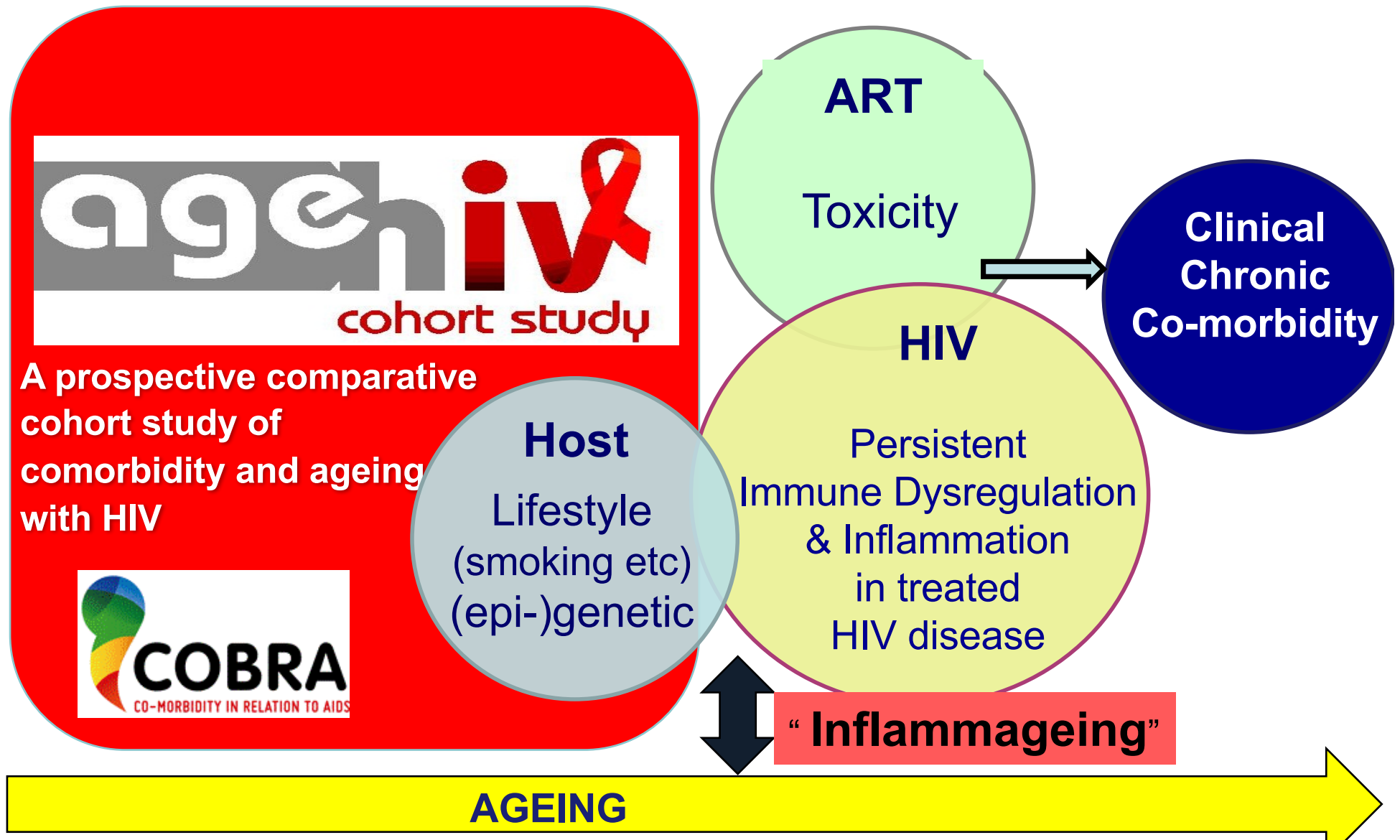
(RTV)

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(PIs)



# May HIV and Antiretroviral Therapy Interact with the Biology of Ageing?



# Summary and lessons learned so far...

- Comorbidity burden consistently increased in HIV
- Traditional (lifestyle-related) factors are key drivers. Additional risk from HIV/ART for some but not all co-morbidities
- Longer time spent at low CD4 counts, rather than longer overall exposure to ART, generally contributes to greater risk
- Persistent inflammation and innate immune activation contributes towards risk for some but not all co-morbidities
- Whether comorbidity onset and/or ageing is accelerated in people with treated HIV infection remains to be determined
- Promotion of healthy lifestyle and management of traditional risk are key. Early HIV diagnosis and treatment reduces risk

# Thank you for your attention



*“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination”*



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