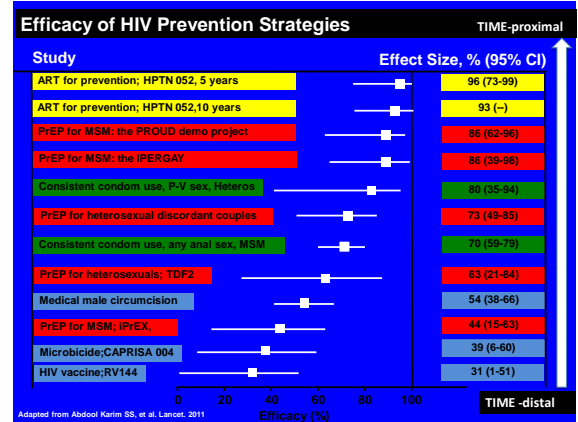
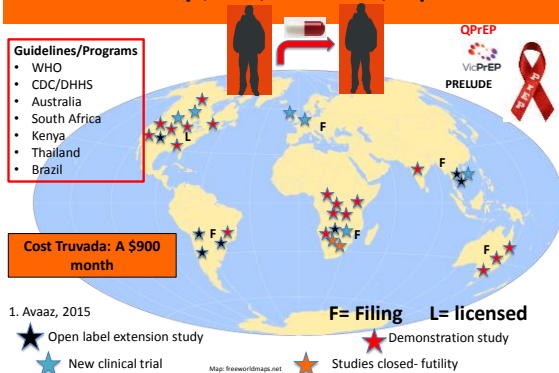


PrEP availability and Access Options in Australia

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PrEP Access options in Australia: “legal”

- **Three PrEP Demonstration Projects**
 - Approximately 600 places on Eastern seaboard only
 - Funded by State Departments of Health and study drug donated by Gilead Sciences
- **Truvada self-importation with script from doctor**
 - Informal estimates only
 - Victoria, approximately 100 people
 - Recently WA Health issued directive to support practitioners in this process
 - Great leadership
 - Other States may also pursue this approach
- **Some States are paying for PrEP for highly vulnerable individuals**
 - Including Medicare ineligible HIV+ people

PrEP Access options in Australia: “Other”

- **Truvada importation without script**
 - Informal estimates only
 - Victoria, ? 40
- **Informal use of Truvada from friends and partners**
- **Presenting for NPEP on single or repeated occasions**
 - Anecdotal
 - Not ideal for person presenting, healthcare provider, or the service

Current status of Truvada in TGA approval process for use as PrEP

- **TGA approval => PBS subsidization**
 - = Linear submission approach taken by Gilead
 - TGA result due late 2015
 - Did have the option of taking a parallel TGA and PBS submission approach
 - Possible PBS listing in 2017 if TGA listing successful

Future options for Truvada Access

Access Truvada through research grant applications

- NHMRC & other funding bodies
- Using CTN and purchase generic Truvada
- Time and intense competition for funding are critical issues for this option

State and Commonwealth allocate funding

- States currently fund PEP (non-PBS subsidised)
- PEP services and funding allocations could transition to PrEP provision for PEP re-representers as an urgent priority
- Commonwealth could provide funding to pay for Truvada until it receives TGA approval and PBS listing

Other options

- Gilead could provide Truvada free of charge for individuals outside of research projects
- TGA asks Gilead to urgently submit Truvada to PBAC for consideration of PBS subsidisation