

Lenacapavir for Persons with Multidrug-Resistant HIV
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Lenacapavir in Multidrug Resistant HIV

CAPELLA Study: Background

- **Background**

- Phase 3, randomized, trial with oral and subcutaneous lenacapavir, a first-in-class capsid inhibitor, versus optimized background therapy (OBT)

- **Enrollment Criteria:**

- Age ≥ 12 years
- Virologic failure on current ART
- HIV RNA > 400 copies/mL for ≥ 8 wks
- Documented HIV drug resistance to at least 2 HIV medications from at least 3 of the 4 main classes
- At least one fully active agent available for HIV treatment

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CAPELLA Study: Study Design

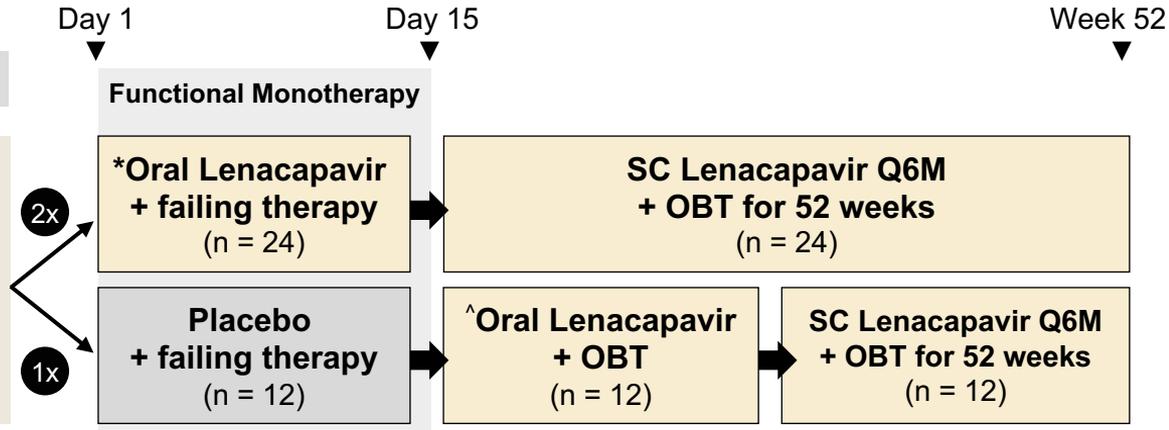
Study Cohorts

Cohort 1 (Randomized, Stable Viremia)

- First 36 participants with:
 - HIV RNA decrease <0.5 log between the screening and cohort-selection visits
and
 - HIV-1 RNA \geq 400 copies/mL during screening

Cohort 2 (Nonrandomized, Reduced Viremia)

- Participants with:
 - HIV RNA decrease \geq 0.5 log between the screening and cohort-selection visits
or
 - HIV-1 RNA <400 copies/mL during screening



OBT = optimized background regimen

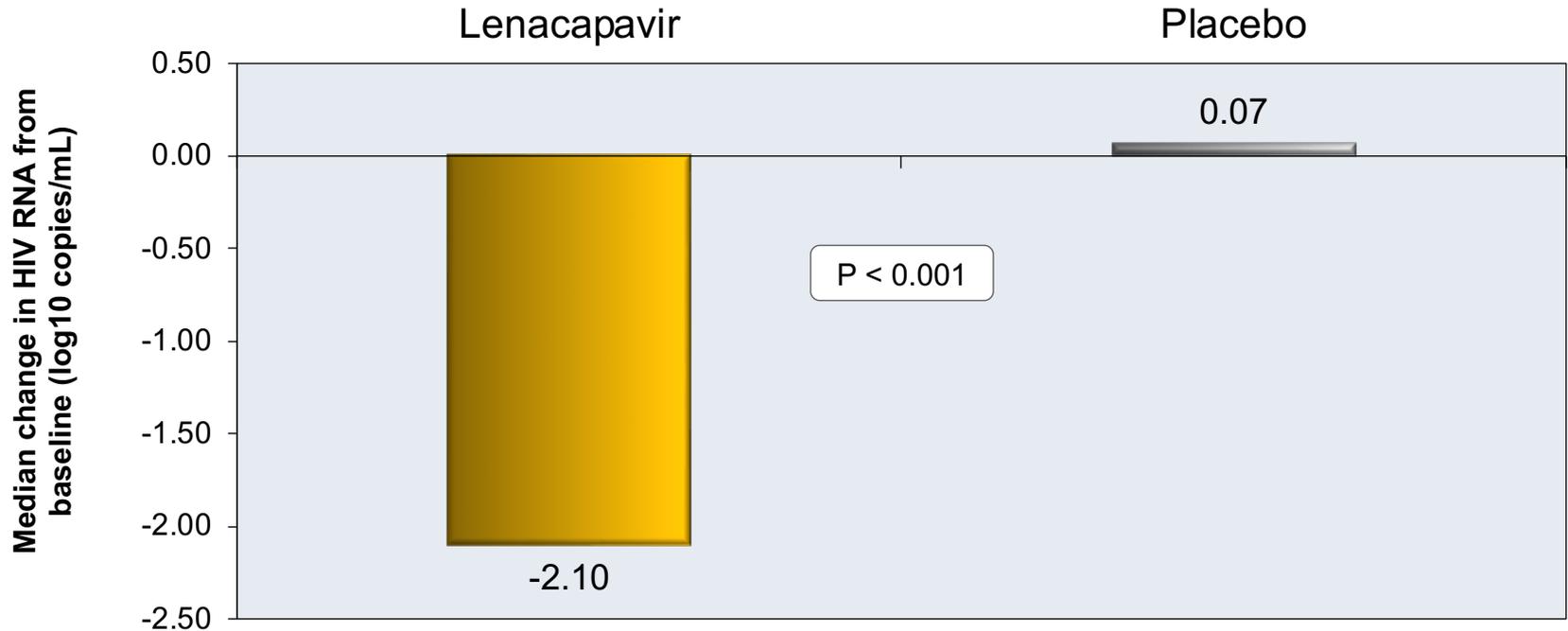
*Oral lenacapavir = 600 mg days 1 and 2, 300 mg day 8

^Oral lenacapavir = 600 mg days 15 and 16, 300 mg day 22

SC Lenacapavir = 927 mg every 6 months

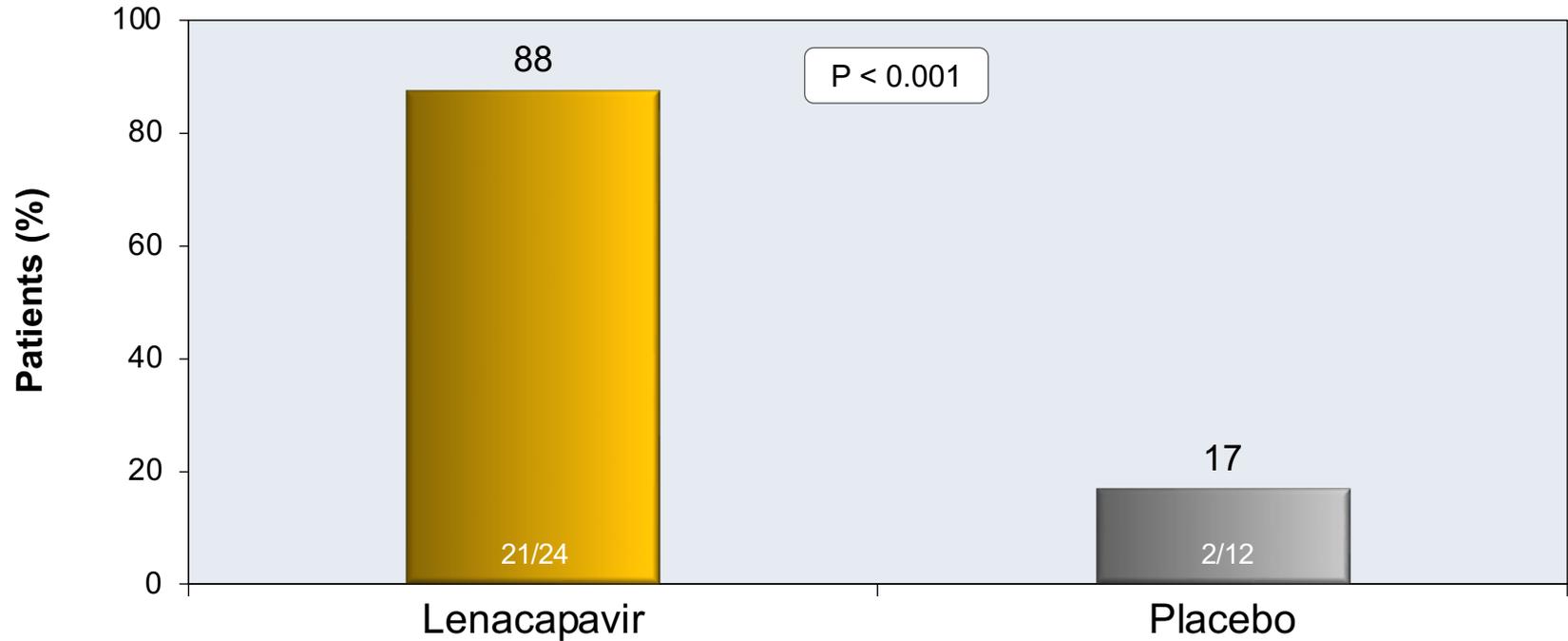
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Baseline to Day 15 Change in HIV RNA Level (Functional Monotherapy in Randomized Cohort)



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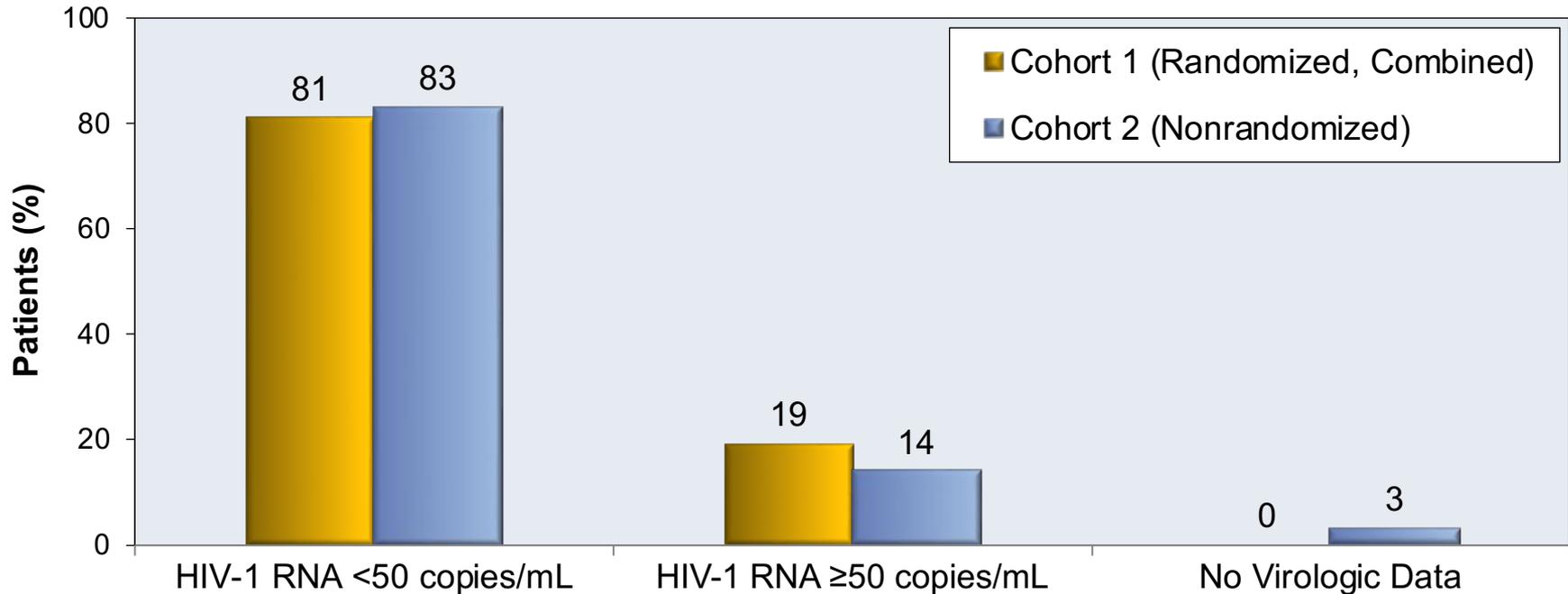
Decrease in HIV RNA Level of ≥ 0.5 log at Day 15 (Functional Monotherapy in Randomized Cohort)



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CAPELLA Study: Results

Virologic Responses at 26 Weeks



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CAPELLA Study: Capsid Inhibitor Resistance

Lenacapavir-related capsid substitutions developed in 8 participants

- 5 with M66I (alone)
- 1 with M66I + N74D
- 1 with Q67H + K70R
- 1 with K70H (alone)

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CAPELLA Study: Capsid Inhibitor Resistance

Mutations and median change in lenacapavir susceptibility

- M66I: 234-fold decrease
- 1 with Q67H + K70R: 15-fold decrease
- 1 with K70H: 265-fold decrease

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CAPELLA Study: Conclusions

Conclusions: “In patients with multidrug-resistant HIV-1 infection, those who received lenacapavir had a greater reduction from baseline in viral load than those who received placebo.”

Lenacapavir for Treatment-Naïve Persons with HIV

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Lenacapavir in Treatment-Naïve Persons with HIV

CALIBRATE: Background

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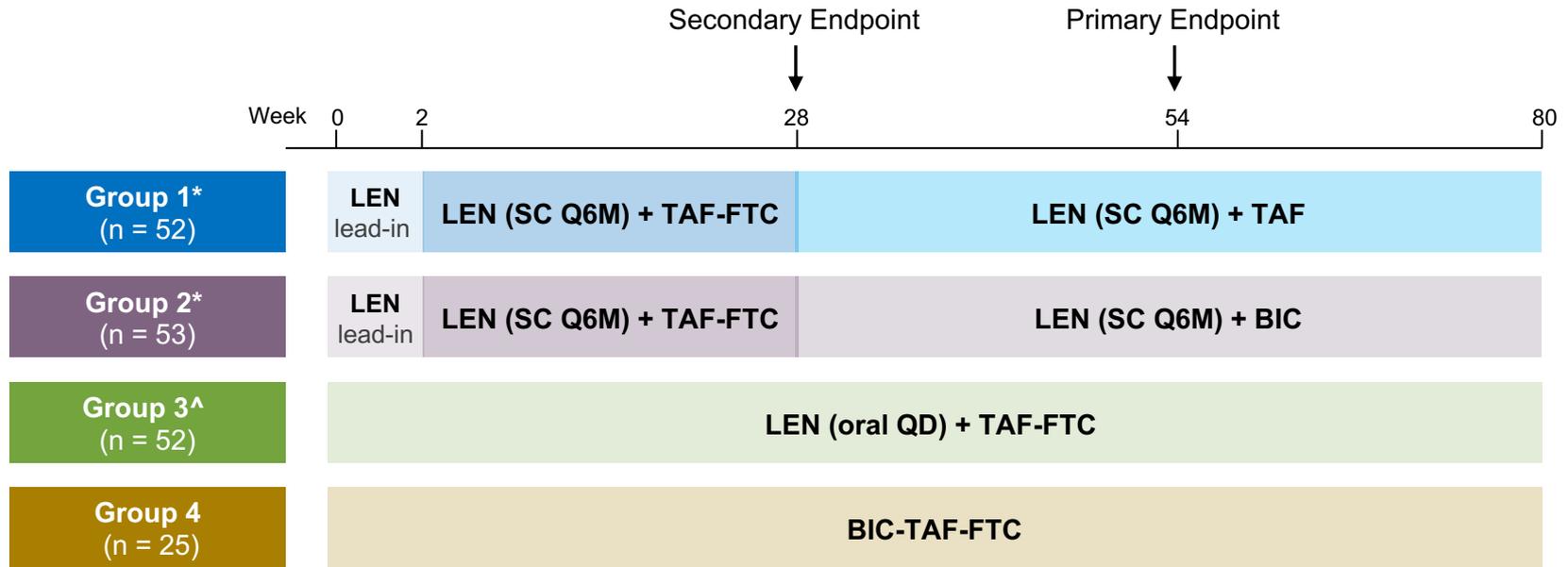
- Phase 2 randomized, open-label trial in United States and Dominican Republic evaluating the efficacy of lenacapavir in various combinations as initial and maintenance antiretroviral therapy in persons with HIV

- **Enrollment Criteria:**

- Age ≥ 18 years
- Antiretroviral naïve
- HIV RNA ≥ 200 copies/mL
- CD4 count ≥ 200 cells/mm³
- Negative pregnancy test for women
- Exclusions: hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or any active opportunistic infection

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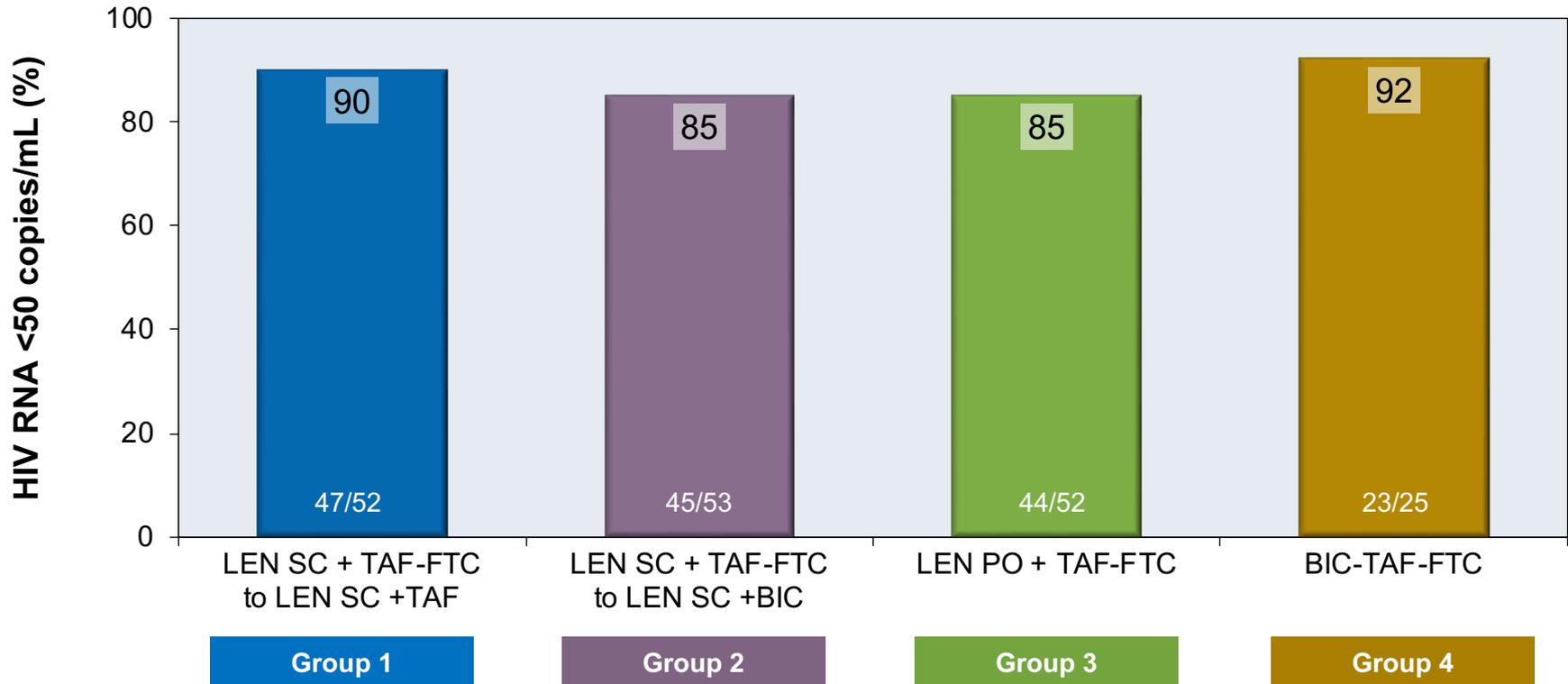
*Groups 1 and 2: LEN Oral lead in = 600 mg days 1 and 2, 300 mg day 8; first dose LEN SC = 927 mg on day 15; requires HIV RNA <50 copies/mL on weeks 16 and 22 to change to 2-drug regimen

^Group 3: LEN oral 600 mg days 1 and 2, followed by 50 mg daily

Abbreviations: LEN = lenacapavir; SC = subcutaneous; TAF-FTC = tenofovir alafenamide-emtricitabine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; BIC = bicitegravir; BIC-TAF-FTC = bicitegravir-tenofovir alafenamide-emtricitabine

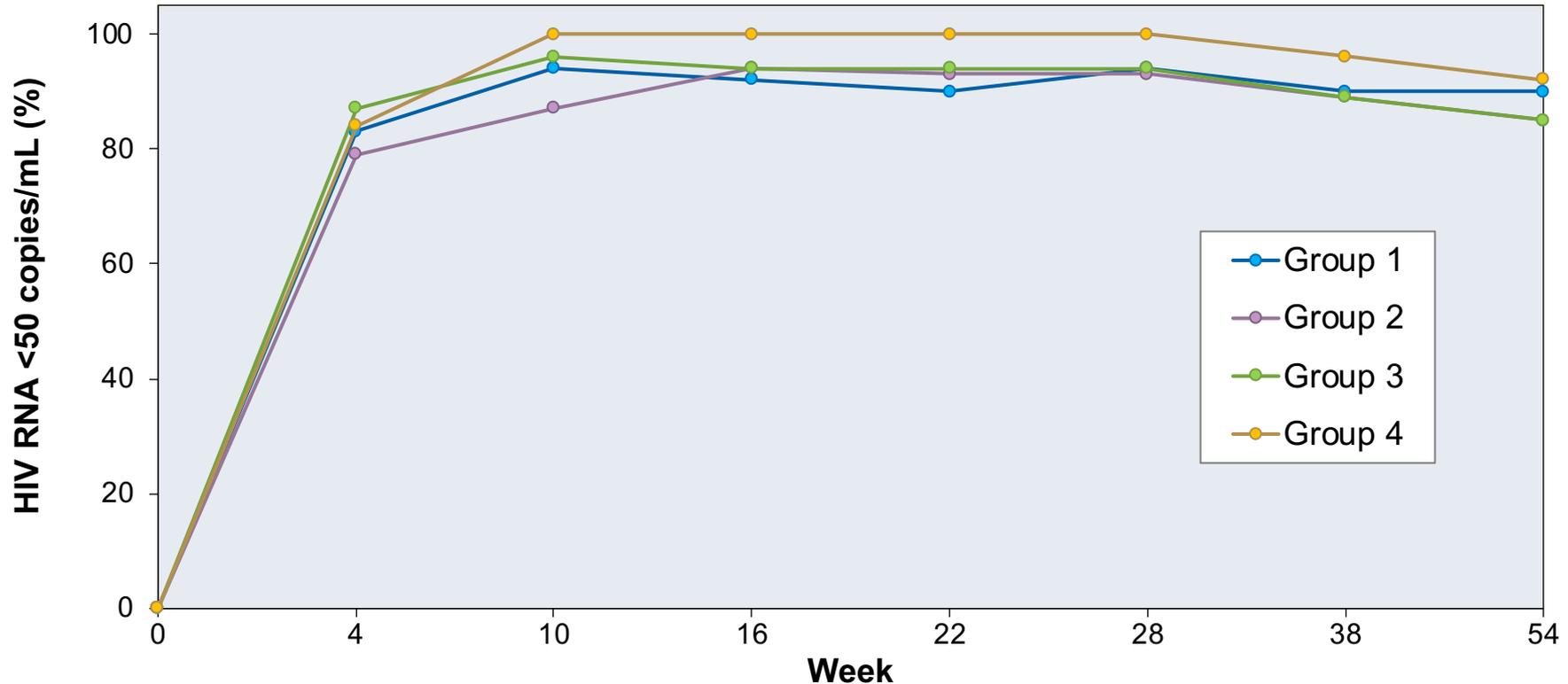
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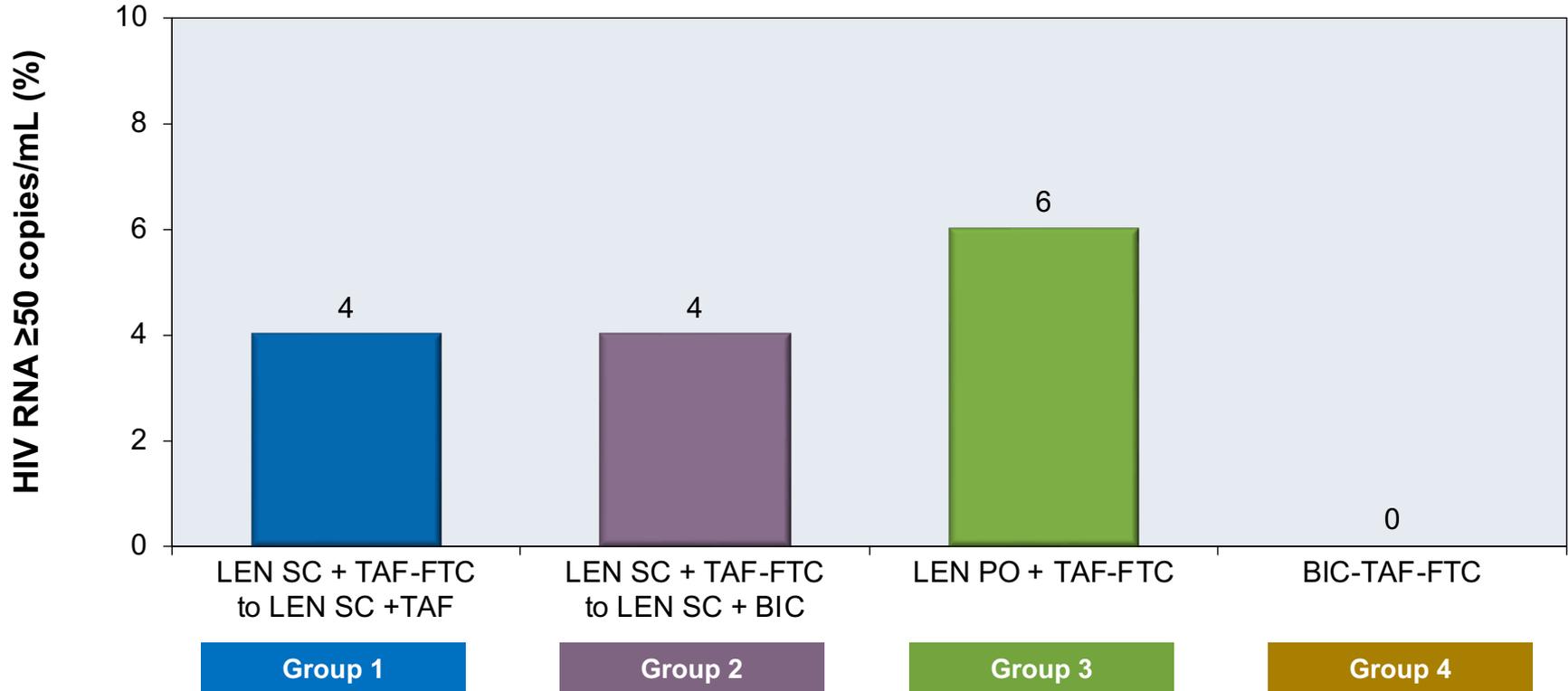
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Source: Gupta SK, et al. Lancet HIV. 2023;10:e15-e23.

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Lenacapavir in Treatment-Naïve Persons with HIV

CALIBRATE: Resistance

Lenacapavir-related capsid substitutions developed in 2 of 157 participants

- Group 2 participant: Q67H + K70R
- Group 3 participant: Q67H

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CALIBRATE Study: Results

Interpretation: “Lenacapavir warrants further investigation as a potential antiretroviral used orally and as injection in combination with other antiretroviral drugs.”

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