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# Preventing HIV in Women: *Current Status of Microbicide Efficacy Trials*

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# The Face of HIV/AIDS in Africa

- **Female**

- HIV/AIDS leading cause of death globally among women 15-44
- Nearly 60% of adults living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa are women

- **Young**

- Young women are *at least* as twice as likely to be infected than young men

- **Married or living with a partner**

- Stable relationships not a haven

- **A mother**

- 12-18% of pregnancy-related deaths due to HIV/AIDS

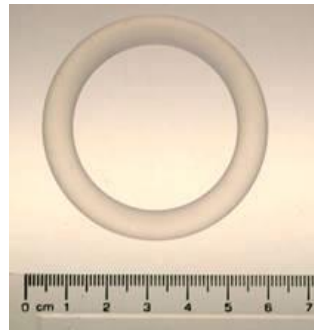


# What Are Microbicides?

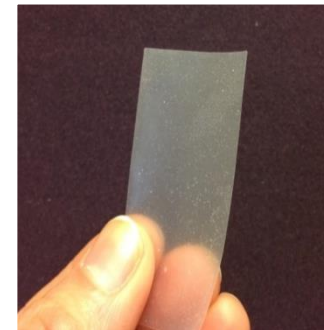
- Products being developed to help prevent HIV during sex
- Most contain ARVs, already used successfully to *treat* HIV
- Microbicides for women could offer convenience, more options
  - Use around the time of sex; monthly or longer
  - Option to combine ARVs, contraceptives and other drugs



**Vaginal gel applicator**



**Long-acting  
vaginal ring**



**Vaginal film tablet,  
soft gel, capsule**

- Ideally safe, effective, low cost, user-friendly

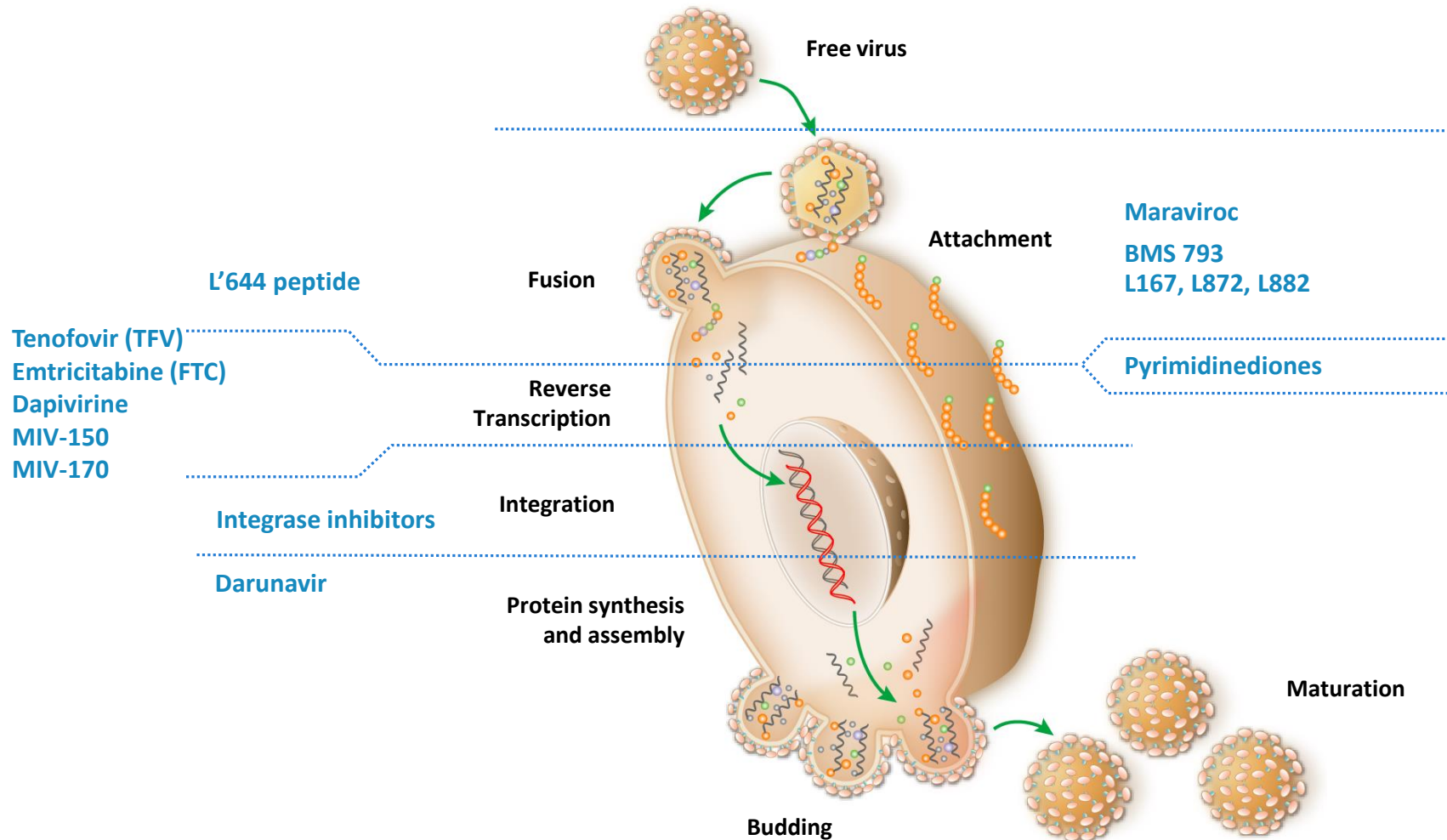
# Evidence of ARVs for HIV Prevention

- Prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)
- Early ARV treatment as prevention (TasP)
- Oral Truvada approved by FDA (PrEP)
- Tenofovir gel proof-of-concept (microbicide)
- Work is under way to identify the most promising ARV drugs, combinations and delivery mechanisms that would be acceptable for use in multiple populations

**There will be no silver bullet for HIV prevention –  
women need multiple choices**



# ARV Microbicides in Development



# Microbicides in Efficacy Trials

## Tenofovir gel

- FACTS 001
- Results Q1 2015



Source: FACTS 001

## Dapivirine ring

- The Ring Study and ASPIRE
- Results by 2016



Source: IPM



# Tenofovir Gel

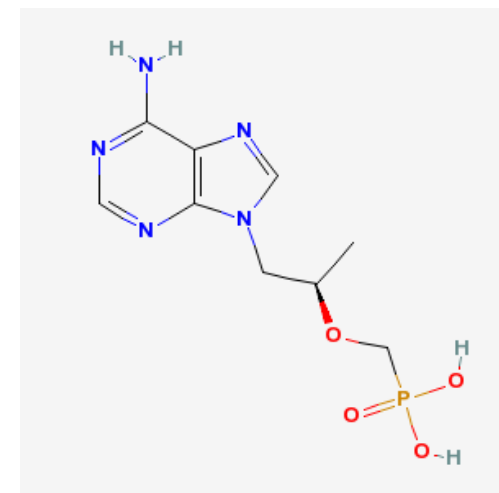


Source: Mapping Pathways



# Tenofovir Gel

- **Tenofovir:** Nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI)
  - Stops HIV from copying its genetic material inside human cells
  - Marketed as oral therapeutic Viread®
  - Gilead license to CONRAD & IPM (2006) for HIV prevention
- **Tenofovir gel:** most clinically advanced ARV-based microbicide
  - **Proof-of-concept:** CAPRISA 004 trial showed 39% efficacy against HIV
    - VOICE trial stopped for futility (once-daily dosing)
  - Efficacy against HSV-2: CAPRISA 004 (51%) and VOICE (46%) trials
  - FACTS 001 confirmatory study





# FACTS 001: at-a-glance



- **FACTS:** Follow-on African Consortium for Tenofovir Studies
- **FACTS 001**
  - Phase III tenofovir gel safety and effectiveness trial
    - To confirm whether before and after sex dosing (BAT24) regimen is effective for HIV and HSV-2 prevention
    - To provide additional safety and efficacy data for product registration



# FACTS 001: at-a-glance



- Randomized, double-blind
- Endpoint driven
- Population: 2,900 women 18-30 years at nine sites in South Africa
  - Includes subset of 300 women over age 30
- Screening began Oct. 2011
- ***Results expected early 2015***

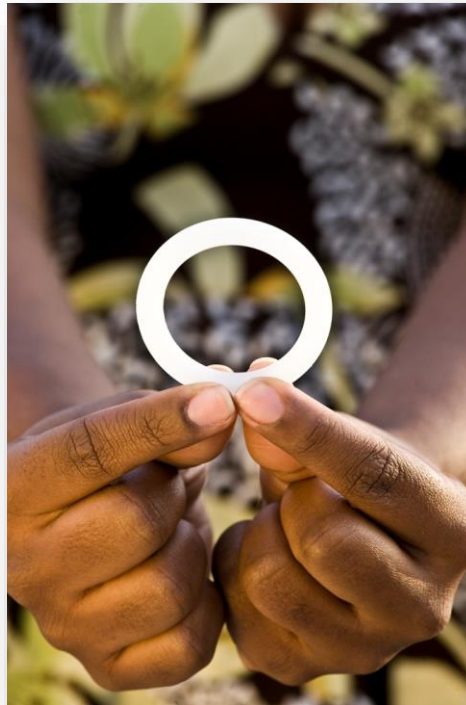


# Tenofovir Gel: Next Steps

- Follow-up studies
  - CAPRISA 008: Ongoing, HIV-negative participants
  - CAPRISA 009: Ongoing, HIV-positive participants
  - Studies in adolescents, post-menopausal women, drug-drug interactions
- Approvals and access
  - Possible regulatory approvals in 2016/17



# Dapivirine Ring



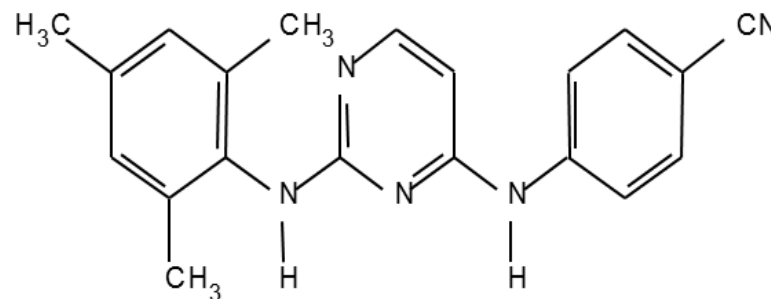
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# Dapivirine Ring

Dapivirine: Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI)

- Acts inside cells in the vagina to block the ability of HIV to multiply
- Originally tested by Janssen as therapeutic in 11 studies
- Licensed to IPM in 2004, expansion to exclusive worldwide rights in 2014



Dapivirine vaginal ring

- Off-white flexible ring
- Self-inserted every 4 weeks
- Slowly releases drug into vaginal tissue
- Good safety profile in 17 Phase I/II studies (dapivirine ring or gel)
- Dapivirine Ring Licensure Program launched in 2012

# Dapivirine Ring Licensure Program

## IPM 027

*The Ring Study*

### Long-term safety and efficacy study

- 1959 participants, ongoing (2012-2016) in Africa

## MTN-020

*ASPIRE*

### Safety and efficacy study

- 2629 participants, ongoing (2012-2015) in Africa

## Additional safety studies

- Drug-drug interaction (completed)
- Male condom functionality (data analysis)
- Female condom functionality (data analysis)
- Extended use PK (data analysis)
- Safety in women >45 (ongoing)
- Safety in adolescents (ongoing)



# Dapivirine Ring Phase III Studies

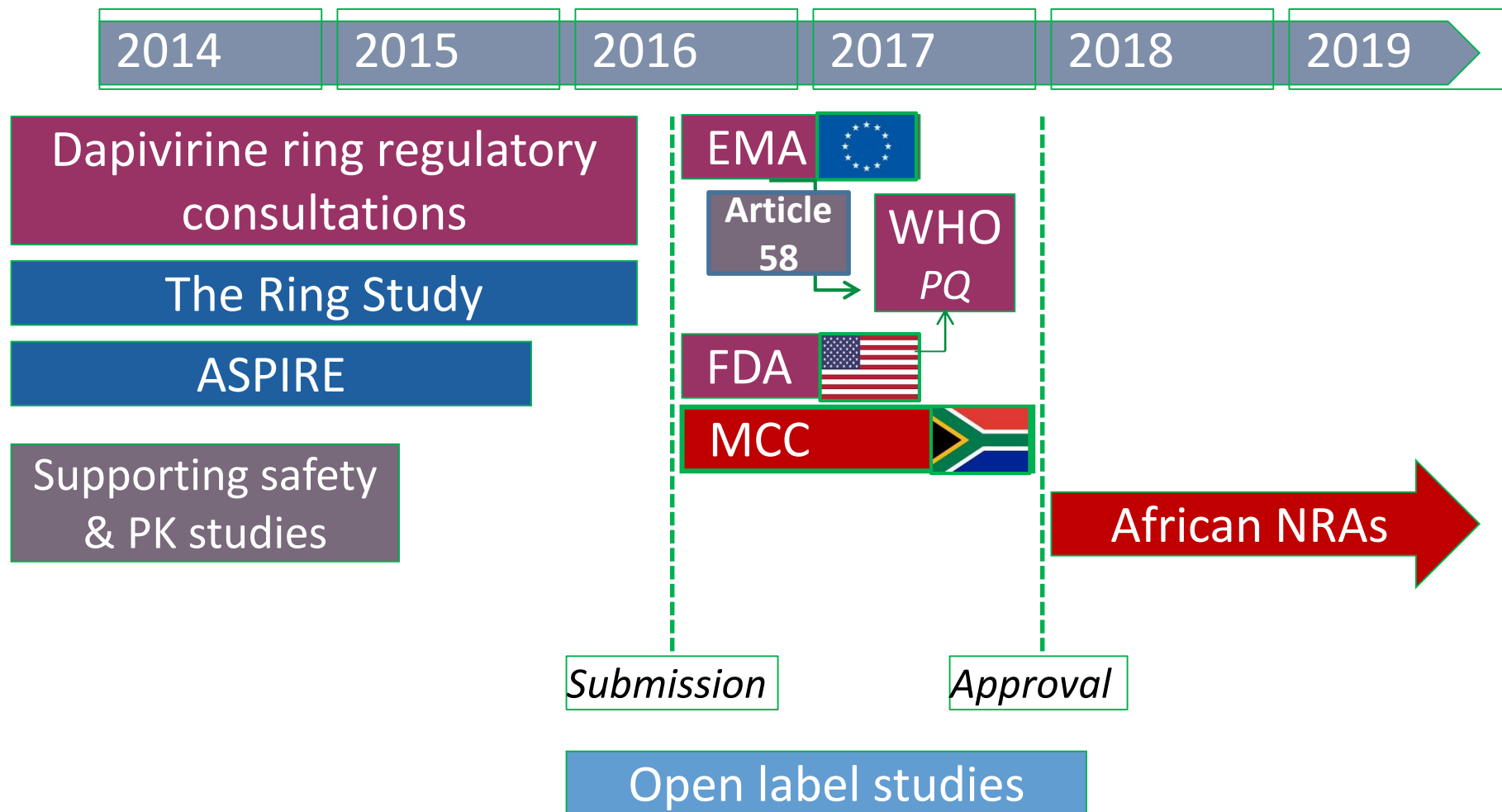
|                              | The Ring Study (IPM 027)                                 | ASPIRE (MTN-020)  |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Objectives</b>            | Long-term safety and efficacy                            | Safety and effectiveness                                  |
| <b>Study design</b>          | Double-blind, randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled       | Double-blind, randomized (1:1), placebo-controlled        |
| <b>Endpoints</b>             | 96 endpoints, 2 year on IP                               | Endpoint driven: 120 endpoints                            |
| <b>Power</b>                 | 81% power to detect 50% treatment effect                 | 90% power to detect 60% treatment effect                  |
| <b>Enrollment</b>            | 1959 women, ages 18-45 (completed enrollment)            | 2629 women, ages 18-45 (completed enrollment)             |
| <b>Sites in Africa</b>       | 7 IPM research center partners (South Africa and Uganda) | 15 MTN research centers in 4 countries (NIH CTUs)         |
| <b>Participant follow-up</b> | 2 years + 6 weeks following ring discontinuation         | Approx 1-2 years + 4 weeks following ring discontinuation |
| <b>Initiation</b>            | Q1-2012  | Q2-2012   |



# Dapivirine Ring Phase IIIb Open-Label Trials

|                              | IPM 032   | MTN-025   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Study design</b>          | Open-label; monthly visits for first 3 months, then quarterly                 | Open-label; monthly visits for first 3 months, then quarterly |
| <b>Population</b>            | HIV-negative women, ages 18-45, priority to those who participated in IPM 027 | HIV-negative women, ages 18-45, who participated in MTN-020   |
| <b>Countries</b>             | South Africa and Uganda   | Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe                        |
| <b>Participant follow-up</b> | 12 months   | 12 months   |
| <b>Study period</b>          | Between determination of efficacy and regulatory approval                     | 12 months starting from determination of efficacy             |

# Dapivirine Ring Licensure Program



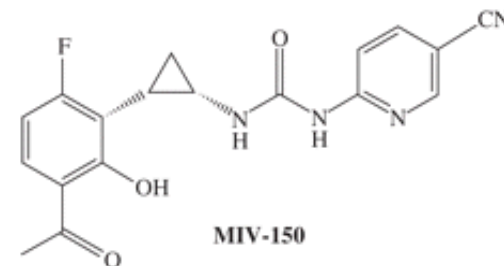
# Additional Products in Phase I/II Trials

- **Tenofovir (TFV)**

- Reformulated TFV gel for rectal use (MTN)
  - Phase I study ongoing
- TFV-only and TFV/FTC rapid disintegrating tablet (CONRAD)
  - Phase I study ongoing
- TFV ring (CONRAD)
  - Phase I planned in 2015

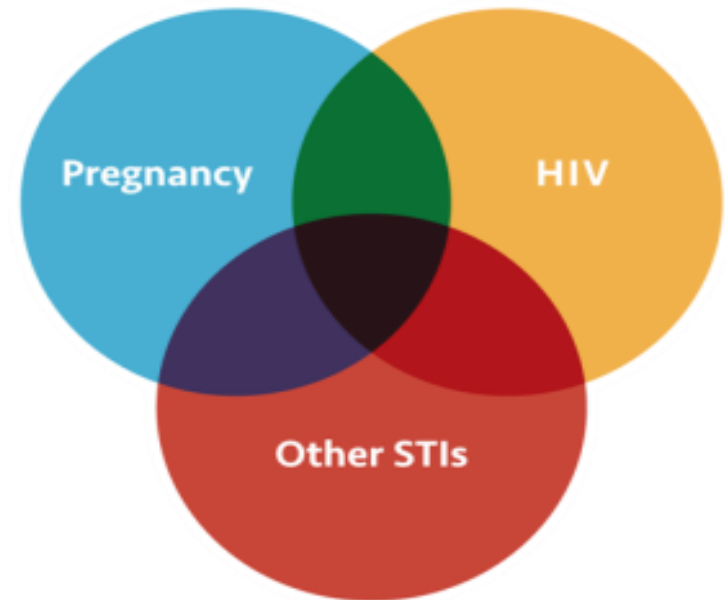
- **MIV-150**

- NNRTI developed by Medivir AB
- Licensed to Population Council in 2003
- PC-1005 vaginal gel: MIV-150/zinc acetate/carrageenan
  - Phase I study launched in 2014



# Multipurpose Prevention Technologies

- An MPT is a single product with at least two SRH prevention indications
  - Contraception
  - HIV prevention
  - STI prevention (e.g., HSV)
  - Other health benefits



Graphic from: CAMI/PATH, *Saving Lives with Multipurpose Prevention Technologies*, 2010

# “On-demand” MPTs

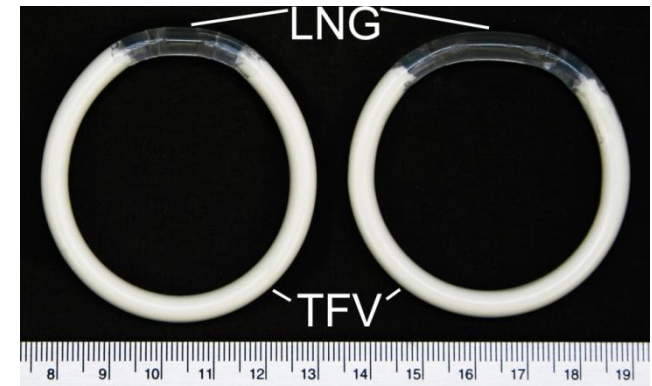
- ***Tenofovir gel***
  - CONRAD
  - Building on CAPRISA 004, FACTS 001
  - HIV + HSV-2
- ***Caya (SILCS) diaphragm with tenofovir gel***
  - PATH/CONRAD/NICHHD
  - Non-hormonal barrier method with 24-hour effectiveness
  - Pregnancy + HIV + HSV-2
  - Phase I study planned Q1 2015
- ***PC-1005 vaginal gel with MIV-150***
  - Population Council
  - MIV-150 (an ARV), zinc acetate, carrageenan
  - HIV + HSV-2
  - Phase I study launched in 2014



# MPT Rings

- ***90-day tenofovir-levonorgestrel (LNG) ring***

- CONRAD
- HIV + HSV-2 + pregnancy
- 90-day sheep study complete
- Phase 1 trial launched in late 2014



- ***90-day MZCL ring***

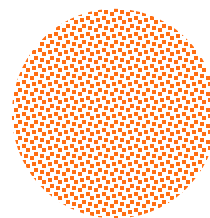
- Population Council
- Contains the ARV drug MIV-150 along with zinc acetate, carrageenan and LNG
- HIV + HSV-2 + HPV + pregnancy
- Prototype development and preclinical evaluation ongoing
- Additional formulations planned: 30-day & on-demand nanofibers

# MPT Rings (cont'd)

- ***90-day dapivirine-LNG ring***
  - IPM
  - HIV + pregnancy
  - Silicone matrix ring
  - Phase I clinical study planned in 2015
  - Focus on low-cost formulations, accelerated development timeline
  - Will guide design of more complex, longer-acting rings



Courtesy of Karl Malcolm, QUB



Matrix ring



# Summary

- **Proof-of-concept established for ARV prevention products in adults**
  - ARVs can reduce risk of infection in certain populations
- **Adherence matters; consistent use leads to greater protection**
  - Longer-acting products such as monthly vaginal rings or injectable PrEP could increase adherence, effectiveness
- **Resistance not a concern in trials to date; research continues**
  - Evaluated in all efficacy trials and follow-up studies
- **Multiple prevention tools needed**
  - No one prevention option will satisfy all

