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#### CUSTOMIZE: OVERALL RESULTS FROM A HYBRID III IMPLEMENTATION-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY EXAMINING IMPLEMENTATION OF CABOTEGRAVIR AND RILPIVIRINE LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE FOR HIV TREATMENT IN US HEALTHCARE SETTINGS; FINAL PATIENT AND PROVIDER DATA

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### Introduction

- Cabotegravir (CAB) and rilpivirine (RPV) is the first complete and only approved long-acting (LA) injectable regimen recommended by treatment guidelines indicated for the maintenance of virologic suppression in people living with HIV-1<sup>1-3</sup>
- CAB + RPV LA administered monthly or every 2 months is an alternative to daily oral dosing, requires regular clinic visits for injections, and may need additional resources in a clinical setting
- To achieve optimal patient health outcomes with this novel therapy, it is necessary to understand how to best support implementation into routine clinical care
- Healthcare provider and patient participant perspectives following implementation of oncemonthly CAB + RPV LA in diverse US healthcare settings through 12 months in the CUSTOMIZE study are reported

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### **Methods**

- CUSTOMIZE is a phase IIIb, hybrid III implementation-effectiveness study that examined barriers to, facilitators of, and effective strategies for successful implementation of the CAB + RPV LA injectable regimen in US clinical practice settings
- Healthcare staff (including physicians, nurses/injectors, and front desk staff/administrators) from 8 US clinics completed surveys and interviews at baseline, Month 4, and Month 12
- Virologically suppressed PLHIV received monthly CAB + RPV LA injections after a 1-month oral lead-in of CAB and RPV
  - Patient participants completed surveys at baseline, Month 4, and Month 12
  - A subset also completed interviews at baseline and Month 12
- Interviews were recorded, transcribed, and analyzed using ATLAS.ti (version 8.1)

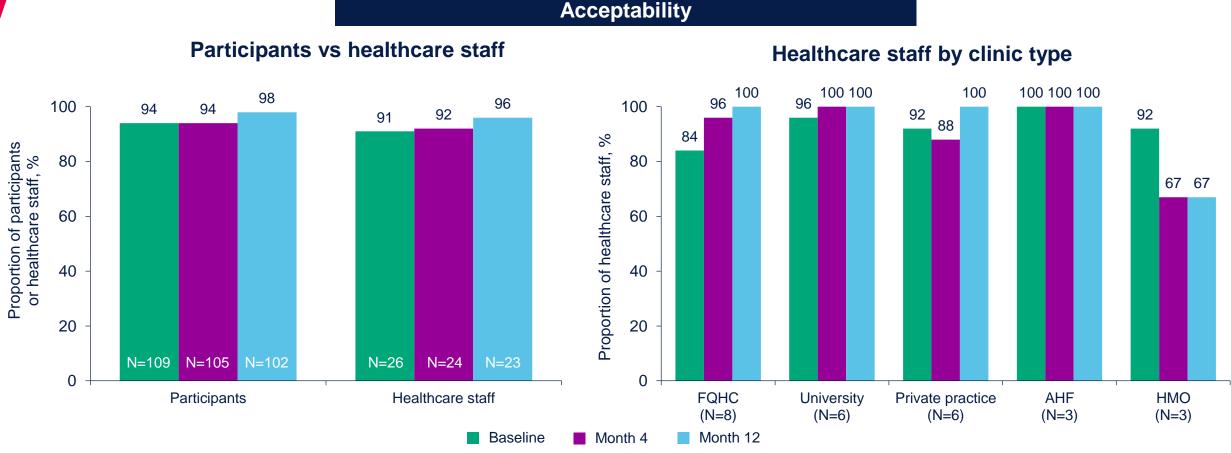
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# Locations and Types of Clinics in CUSTOMIZE

- Healthcare staff and participants enrolled in CUSTOMIZE were from 5 different clinic types in 8 cities across the United States
- Clinic types included
  - Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs; n=2)
  - University practices (n=2)
  - Private practices (n=2)
  - AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) clinics (n=1)
  - Health maintenance organizations (HMOs; n=1)



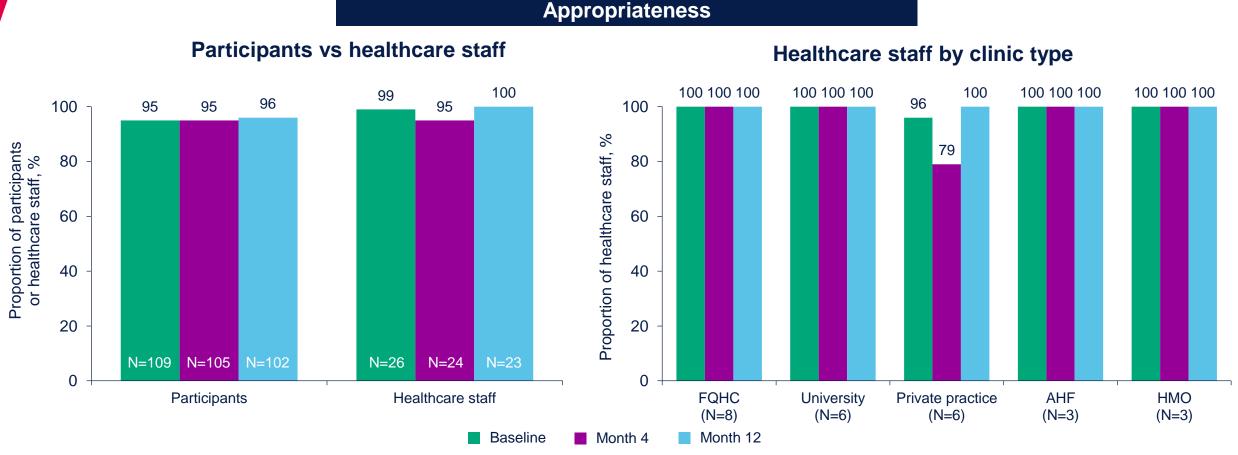
#### Participants and Healthcare Staff Across Clinic Types Found CAB + RPV LA Acceptable to Implement



AHF, AIDS Healthcare Foundation; AIM, acceptability of intervention measure; CAB, cabotegravir; FQHC, federally qualified health center; HMO, health maintenance organization; LA, long-acting; RPV, rilpivirine. AIM was a 4-item survey that utilized a 5-point rating scale (1 = completely disagree to 5 = completely agree). Each bar represents the mean proportion of participants or healthcare staff who agreed or completely agreed with each of the following 4 AIM statements: CAB + RPV LA meets my needs (participant) or approval (healthcare staff); CAB + RPV LA is appealing to me; I like the idea of CAB + RPV LA; and I welcome CAB + RPV LA.

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#### Participants and Healthcare Staff Across Clinic Types Found CAB + **RPV LA Appropriate to Implement**

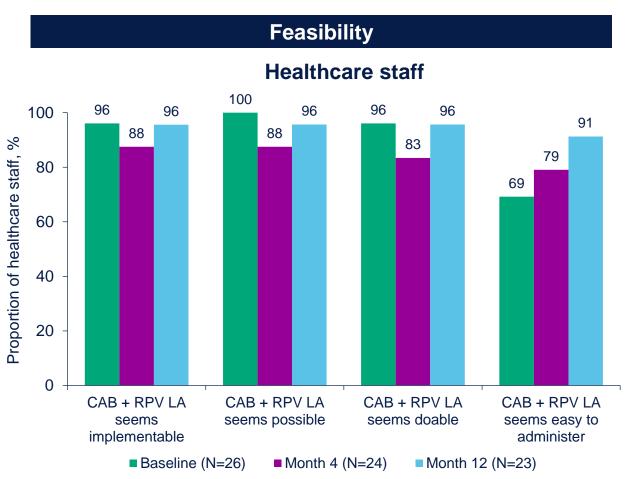


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### Healthcare Staff Found CAB + RPV LA Feasible to Implement Across Clinic Types

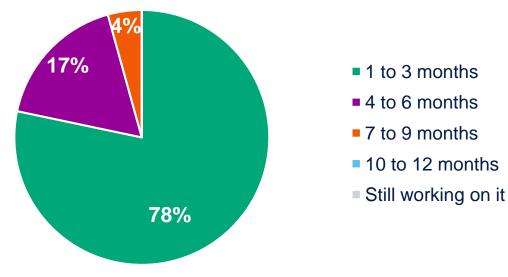
- Feasibility scores were generally high before any injections were provided
- At Month 4, feasibility scores generally decreased slightly as healthcare staff realized some adjustments may be needed in the clinic
- By Month 12 and despite COVID-19, feasibility scores increased, demonstrating that after a few months of initial implementation support, healthcare staff found LA HIV-1 therapy to be very feasible to implement in clinics
- At Month 12, the proportion of healthcare staff who agreed or completely agreed with all feasibility items was highest at FQHC, university, and HMO practices (100%) and lowest at private practices (80%)
  - 100% of healthcare staff at AHF practices agreed or completely agreed with the first 3 feasibility items; 67% felt that CAB + RPV LA seems easy to administer



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# Most Healthcare Staff Felt Optimal Implementation Was Achieved in 1 to 3 Months

Month 12: How many months did it take to implement CAB + RPV LA optimally in your clinic/practice?<sup>a</sup>



- No differences in time to optimal implementation were observed by type of healthcare staff
- HMO and university practices were least likely to report optimal implementation in 1 to 3 months (33% and 50% of healthcare staff, respectively)

- Key strategies for successful clinic implementation<sup>b</sup>
  - Good staff communication
  - Teamwork
  - Use of web-based treatment planner
- Key implementation strategies for patient adherence<sup>b</sup>
  - Good communication about dosing window
  - Effective appointment reminder systems
  - Designated staff for appointment tracking
- Healthcare staff were most positive about communication and least positive about strategic planning and organizational capacity

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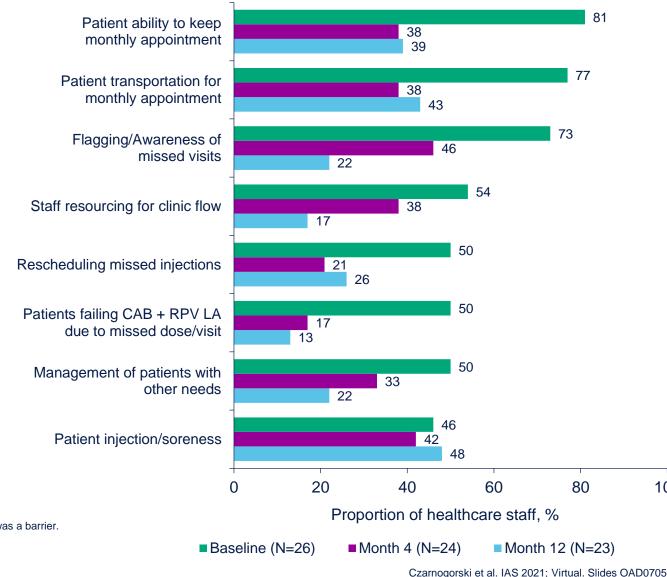
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#### **Perceived Barriers to Implementation Among Healthcare Staff Decreased From Baseline to Month 12**

 At baseline, ability of patients to keep monthly visits, obtain transportation, and flag missed visits were the most frequently reported concerns among healthcare staff

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 As perceived by healthcare staff, all barriers to implementation substantially decreased by Month 12 except for patient injection/soreness

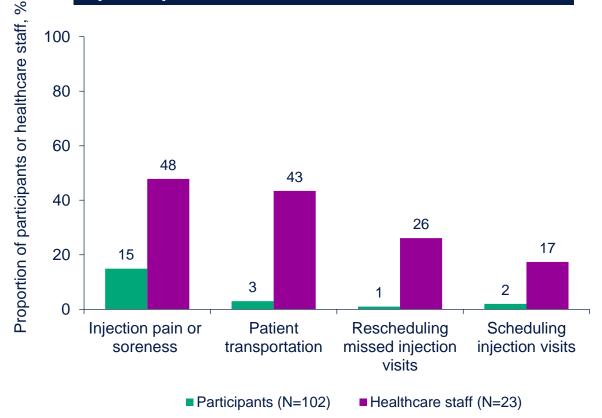


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#### Participants Reported Fewer Concerns Regarding Receiving CAB + RPV LA Injections Compared With Healthcare Staff at Month 12

- At Month 12, 74% of participants reported that nothing interfered with their ability to receive CAB + RPV LA injections
- The factor most reported as interfering with participants' ability to receive injections was injection pain or soreness (15%)
- Participants reported fewer factors interfering with their ability to receive CAB + RPV LA injections compared with healthcare staff perceptions

# Perceived barriers to implementation among participants and healthcare staff at Month 12



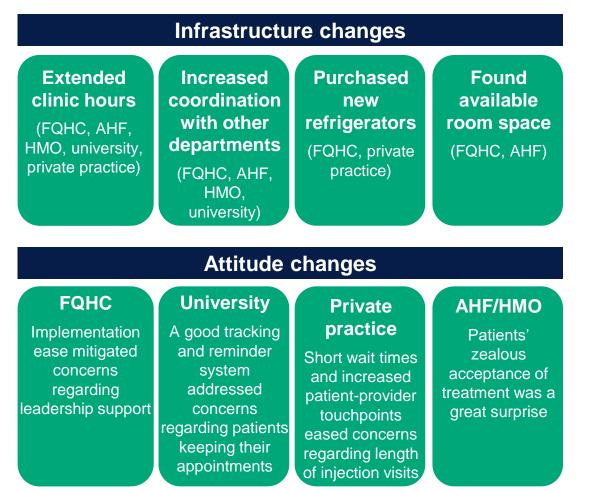
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# **Common Processes for Injection Visits Across Clinics**

Arrive at clinic	Prepare lab kit	Get medications	Patient labs	Administer injections	
Patient texts clinic that they have arrived	<ul> <li>Sometimes lab kit is prepared before patient arrival</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patient waits         ~5 minutes while         coordinator gets         medications from         the pharmacy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patient's blood work and questionnaires are completed while medication is brought to room temperature</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>After 15 minutes, patient is taken to a room</li> <li>Injections are administered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patient waits for a few minutes after injections</li> <li>The next appointment is scheduled, confirmed, or rescheduled</li> </ul>
Stopwatch indicates the media	an study visit length from start to end of	appointment at Month 11	32 min		

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# Summary of Changes Made Through Month 12 and Best Practices by Clinic Type



Clinic type	Summary of best practices
FQHC	<ul> <li>Calling the patient 2 days after the first injection to check in is reassuring to the patient and clinic staff</li> </ul>
AHF	<ul> <li>Adding the Physician in Charge to their morning huddles; this will likely become an AHF-wide practice after commercialization</li> </ul>
НМО	<ul> <li>Utilizing telehealth portal to send videos and product information to patients</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Scheduling visits as far out as the clinic schedule allows (~3 months for their clinic)</li> </ul>
University	<ul> <li>Booking &gt;1 month in advance to prevent frequent overbooking</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Designing their own EMR template for injection visits</li> </ul>
Private practice	<ul> <li>Designating "before" and "after-hours" time slots for walk-in injections for people who must reschedule a visit</li> </ul>

AHF, AIDS Healthcare Foundation; EMR, electronic medical record; FQHC, federally qualified health center; HMO, health maintenance organization.

# **Facilitators and Benefits of Monthly Clinic Visits**

- Participants were offered educational and support items as part of the CUSTOMIZE toolkit
- At Month 12, the toolkit items most highly endorsed by participants as being very or extremely helpful were
  - Verbal information (98%)
  - Information and resources (89%)
  - Reminder calls (88%)
  - Reminder text messages (80%)
- 70% (16/23) of healthcare staff interviewed at Month 12 expressed that monthly visits provided an added benefit for patients

#### Benefits of monthly visits

Improving patient engagement and relationship with provider

Discussing and/or screening for STIs

Patients becoming more aware of their health

Addressing issues such as AEs

Monitoring higher-risk patients

**Counseling patients about alcohol** 

Reminding patients about routine care

AE, adverse event; STI, sexually transmitted infection.

#### Conclusions

- Healthcare staff found CAB + RPV LA acceptable, appropriate, feasible, and sustainable to implement across diverse US clinic types, with most feeling that optimal implementation was achieved in 1 to 3 months
- Among healthcare staff, perceived barriers to implementation decreased from baseline by Month 12 and were mitigated with minor process adjustments that varied by clinic type
- Participants reported few barriers to monthly injection appointments
- CUSTOMIZE demonstrates that CAB + RPV LA can be successfully implemented across a wide range of US healthcare settings and was perceived as a convenient and appealing alternative treatment option by healthcare providers and PLHIV
- Overall, the CUSTOMIZE study provides important insights that inform CAB + RPV LA implementation in post-approval, real-world settings

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