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Effectiveness of 2 versus 3+ dose of IPTp with SP to prevent malaria in pregnancy: n

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WHO Policy Brief for the Implementation of Intermittent Preventive Treatment of Malaria in Pregnancy using Sulfadoxine-Pyrimethamine (IPTp-SP)

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WHO's Updated IPTp-SP Policy Apr 2013

- Start as early as possible in 2nd trimester
- **At each scheduled ANC visit until delivery**, at least one month apart
- Last dose can be administered up to delivery without safety concerns
 - Ideally as DOT
 - Can be given either on an empty stomach or with food.
 - Not be administered to women receiving co-trimoxazole
 - Avoid Folic acid > 5mg daily

Kayentao et
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Intermittent Preventive Therapy for Malaria During Pregnancy Using 2 vs 3 or More Doses of Sulfadoxine-Pyrimethamine and Risk of Low Birth Weight in Africa

Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Importance Intermittent preventive therapy with sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine to control malaria during pregnancy is used in 37 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and 31 of those countries use the standard 2-dose regimen. However, 2 doses may not provide protection during the last 4 to 10 weeks of pregnancy, a pivotal period for fetal weight gain.

Objective To perform a systematic review and meta-analysis of trials to determine whether regimens containing 3 or more doses of sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine for intermittent preventive therapy during pregnancy are associated with a higher birth weight or lower risk of low birth weight (LBW) (<2500 g) than standard 2-dose regimens.

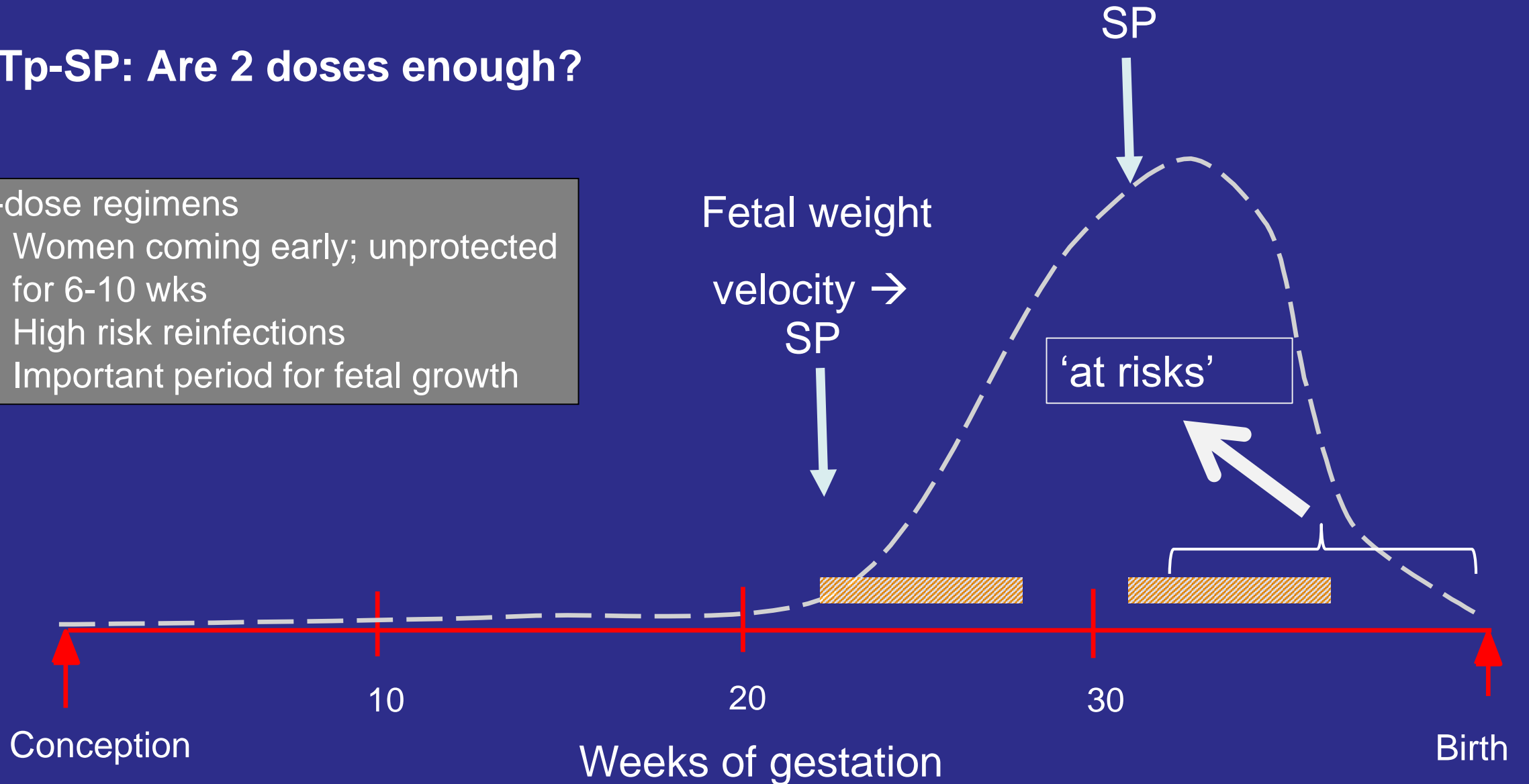
Data Sources and Study Selection ISI Web of Knowledge, EMBASE, SCOPUS, PubMed, LILACS, the Malaria in Pregnancy Library, Cochrane CENTRAL, and trial registries from their inception to December 2012, without language restriction. Eligible studies included randomized and quasi-randomized trials of intermittent preventive therapy during pregnancy with sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine monotherapy.

Data Extraction Data were independently abstracted by 2 investigators. Relative risk

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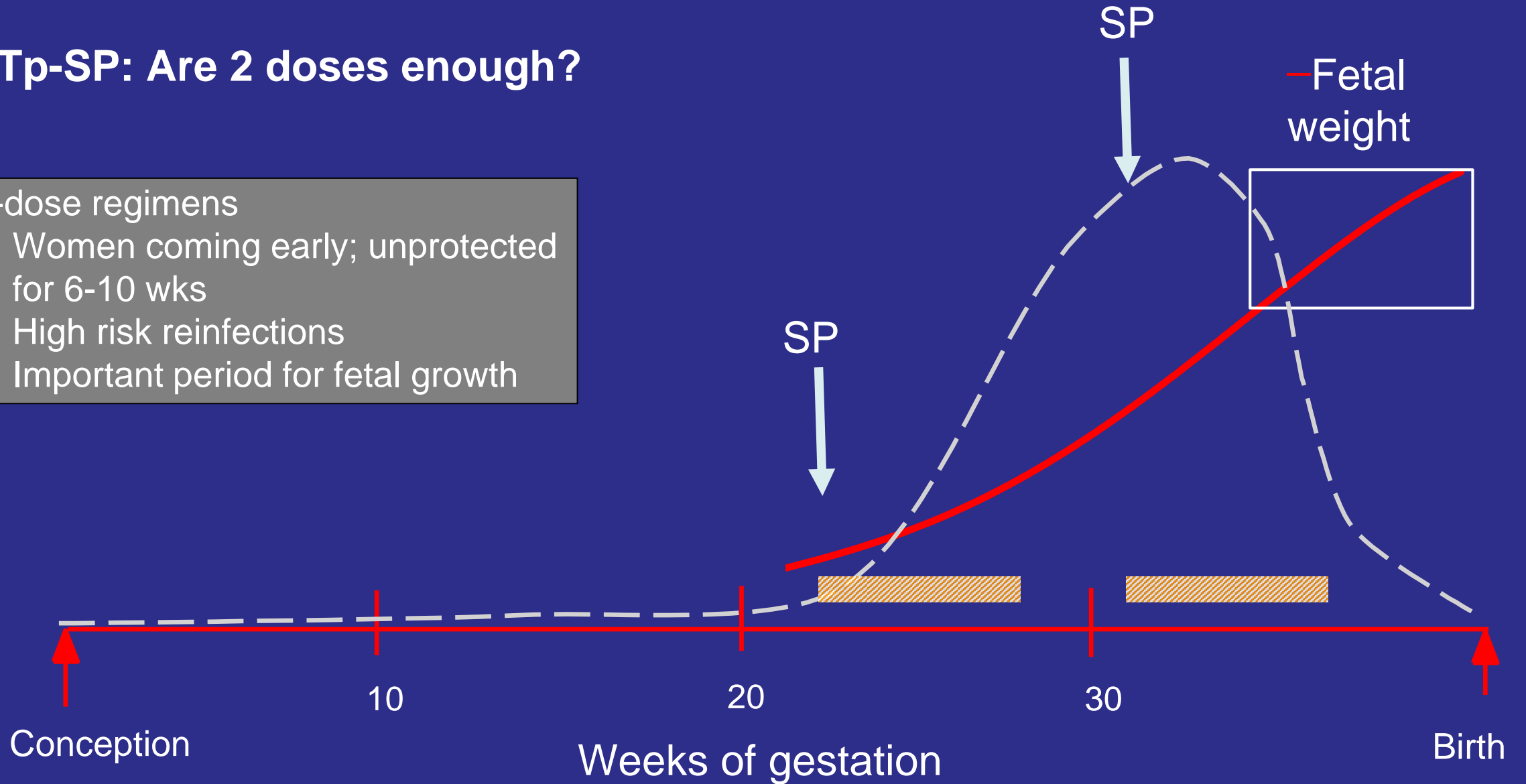
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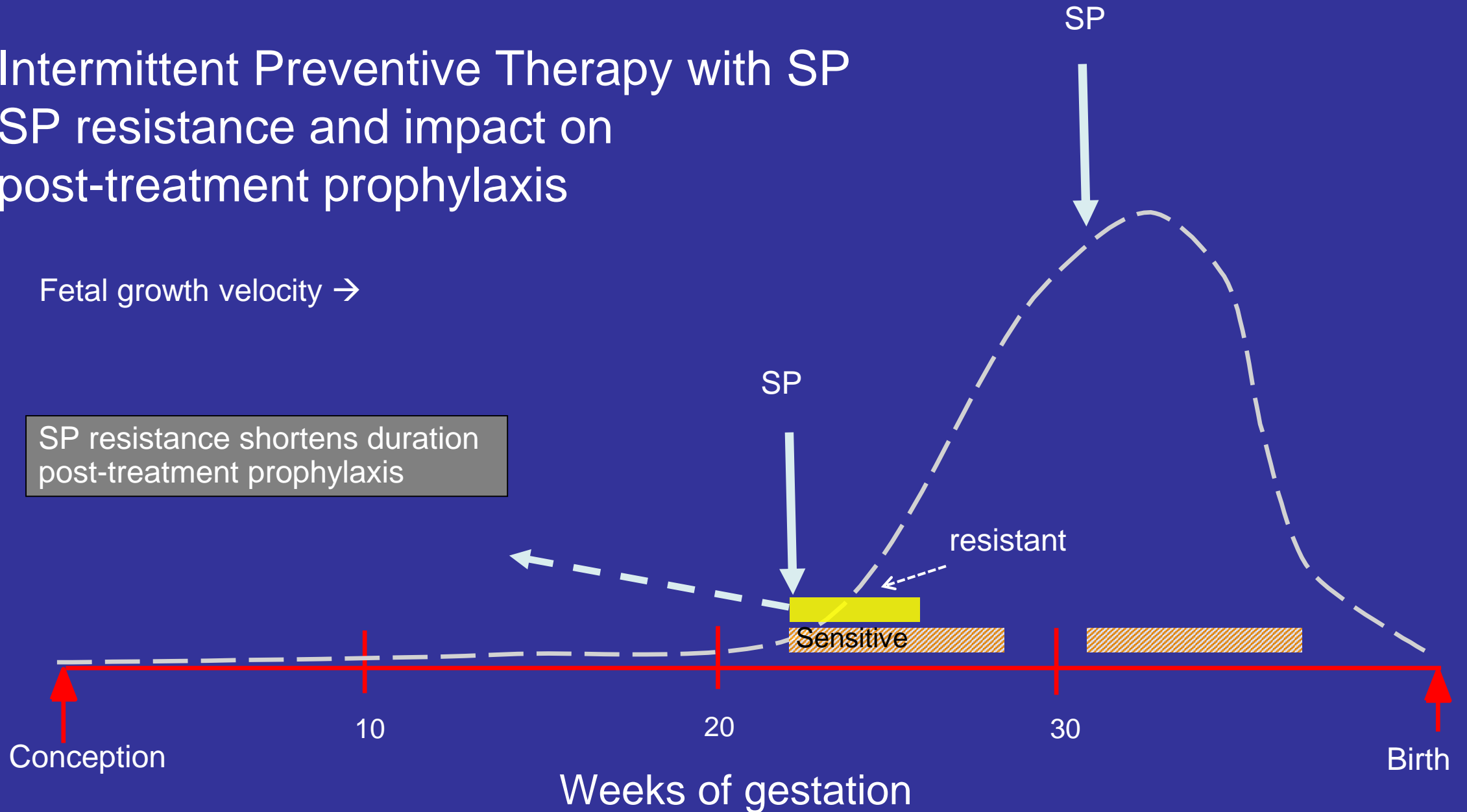
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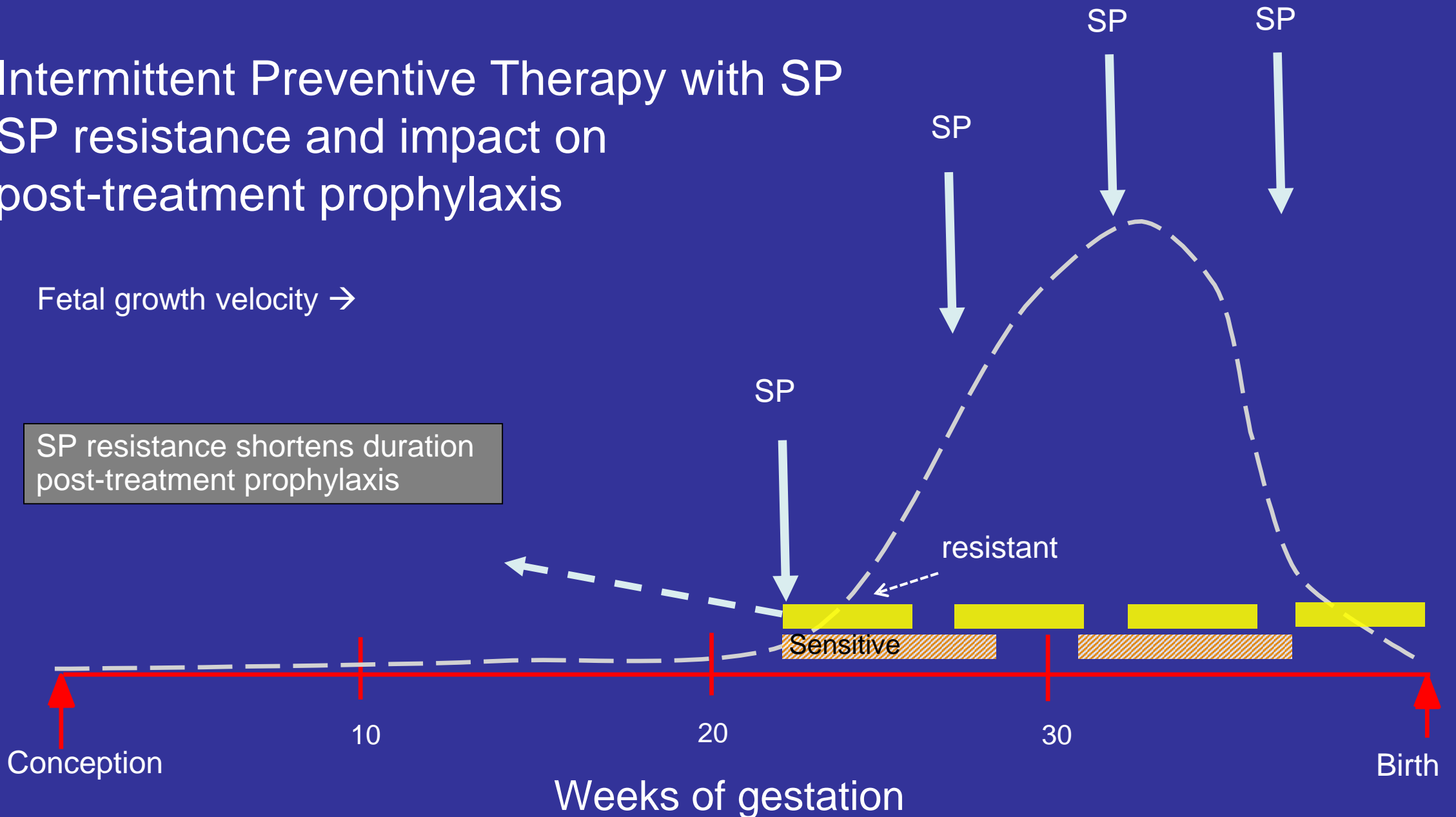
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3+ strategies: Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, Kenya

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Methods

Search strategies: All relevant studies

- CIDG, CENTRAL, MEDLINE, EMBASE, LILACS
- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trial
- Database : Malaria in Pregnancy Library
- Individual researchers and organizations
- Reference lists

Inclusion criteria

- Type of studies: RCT
- Type of participants: Pregnant women
- Type of interventions: 3-or monthly versus 2-dose IPT

Data extraction

Risk of Bias → Quality of studies

Data synthesis Stata

- Measure of the effect: RR and Mean diff (95%CI)
- Heterogeneity I-square
- Sub group by gravidity and HIV status
- Sensitivity analysis



EDCTP

Results: 7 trials, 6,281 pregnancies



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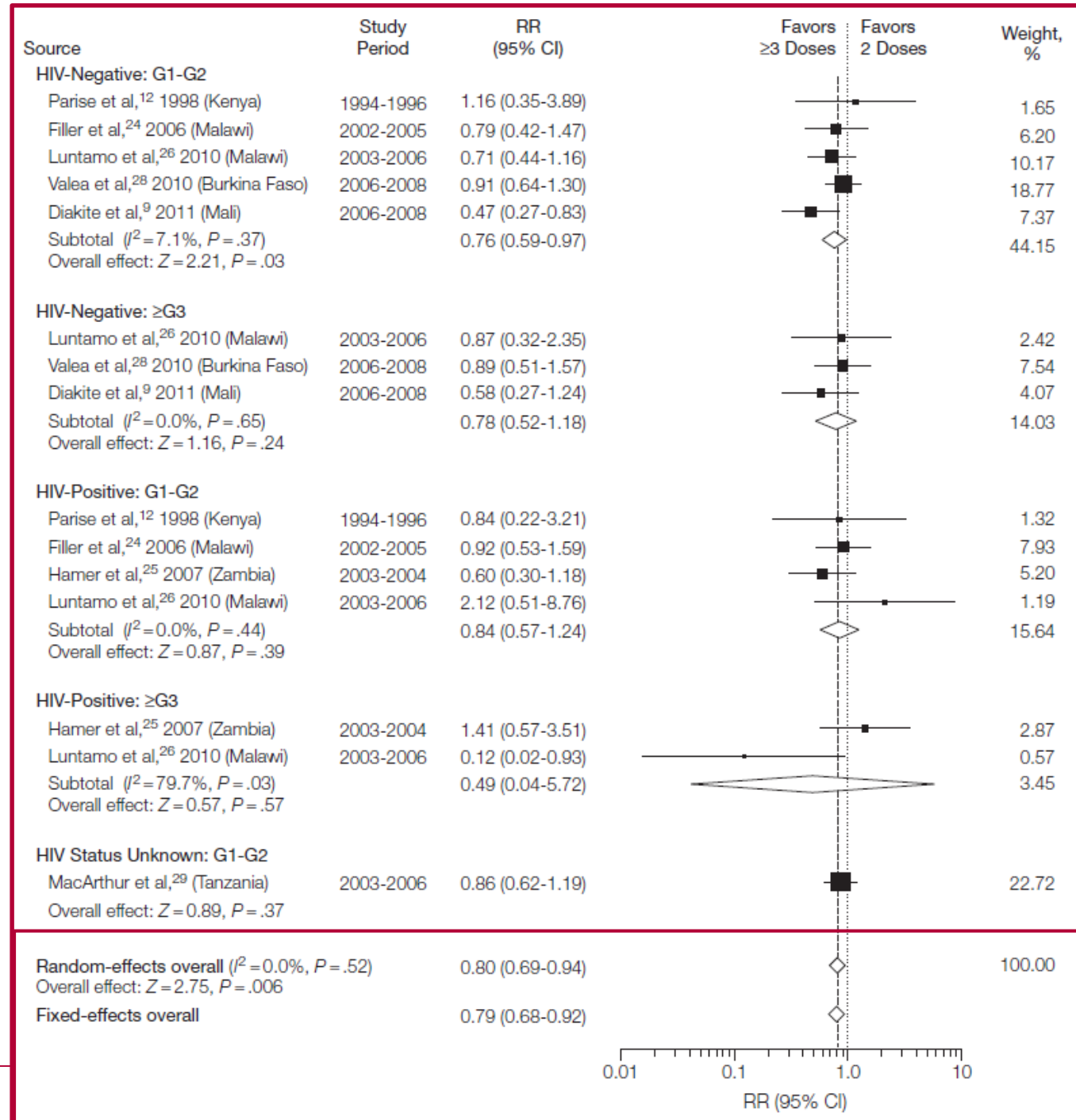
	Year publish	Country	Year of study	HIV status	Gravidity	# Subjects
Parise et al.	1998	Kenya	94-96	(+) & (-)	1 & 2	1341
Filler et al.	2006	Malawi	02-05	(+) & (-)	1 & 2	698
Hamer et al.	2007	Zambia	03-04	(+)	All	456
Luntamo et al.	2010	Malawi	03-06	(+) & (-)	All	877
Valea et al.	2010	Burkina F.	06-08	(-)	All	1,296
Maiga et al.	2011	Mali	06-08	(-)	All	814
MacArthur et al.	Unpub	Tanzania	03-06	Unk	1&2	799



Results

Risk of Low birth Weight

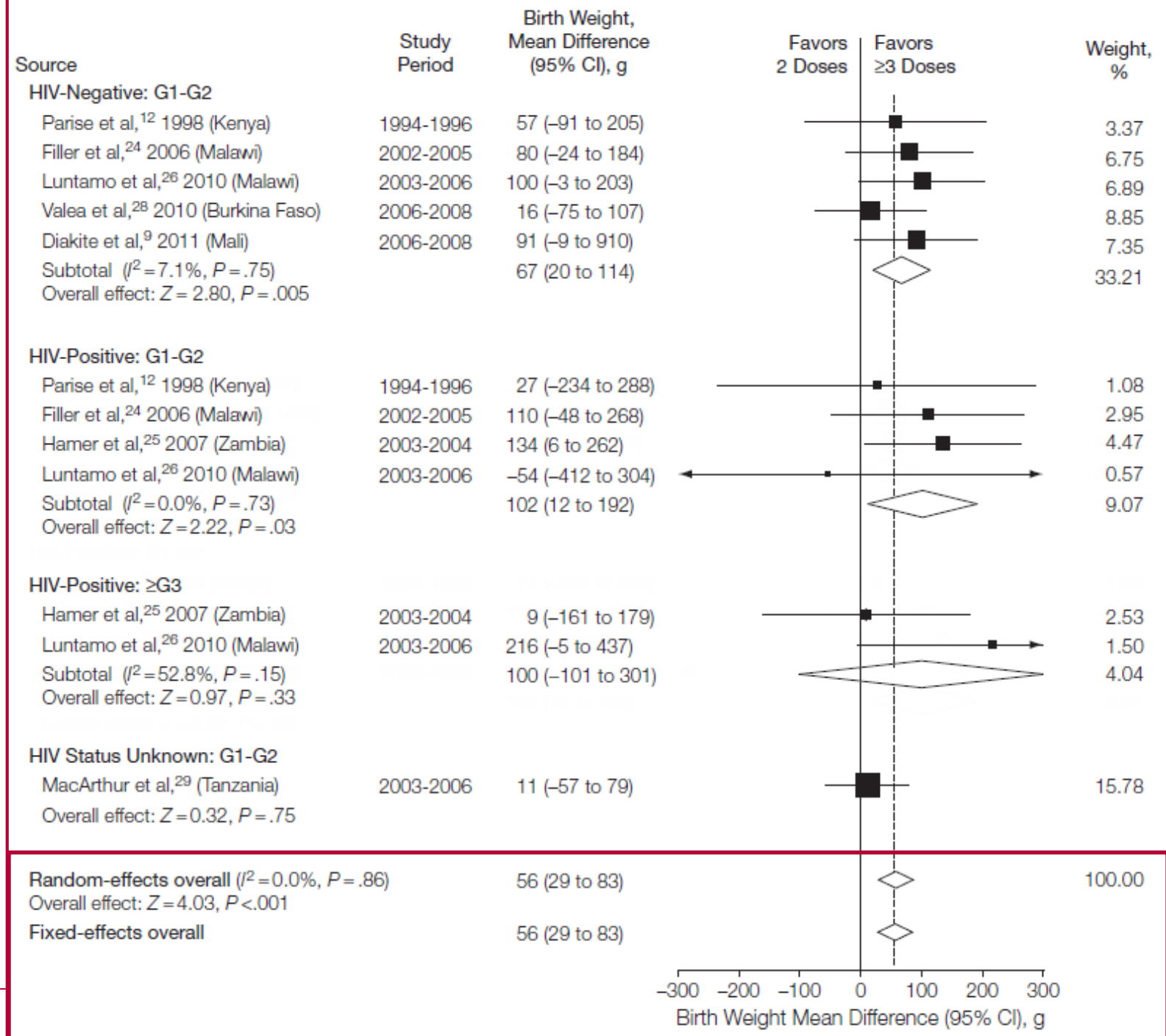
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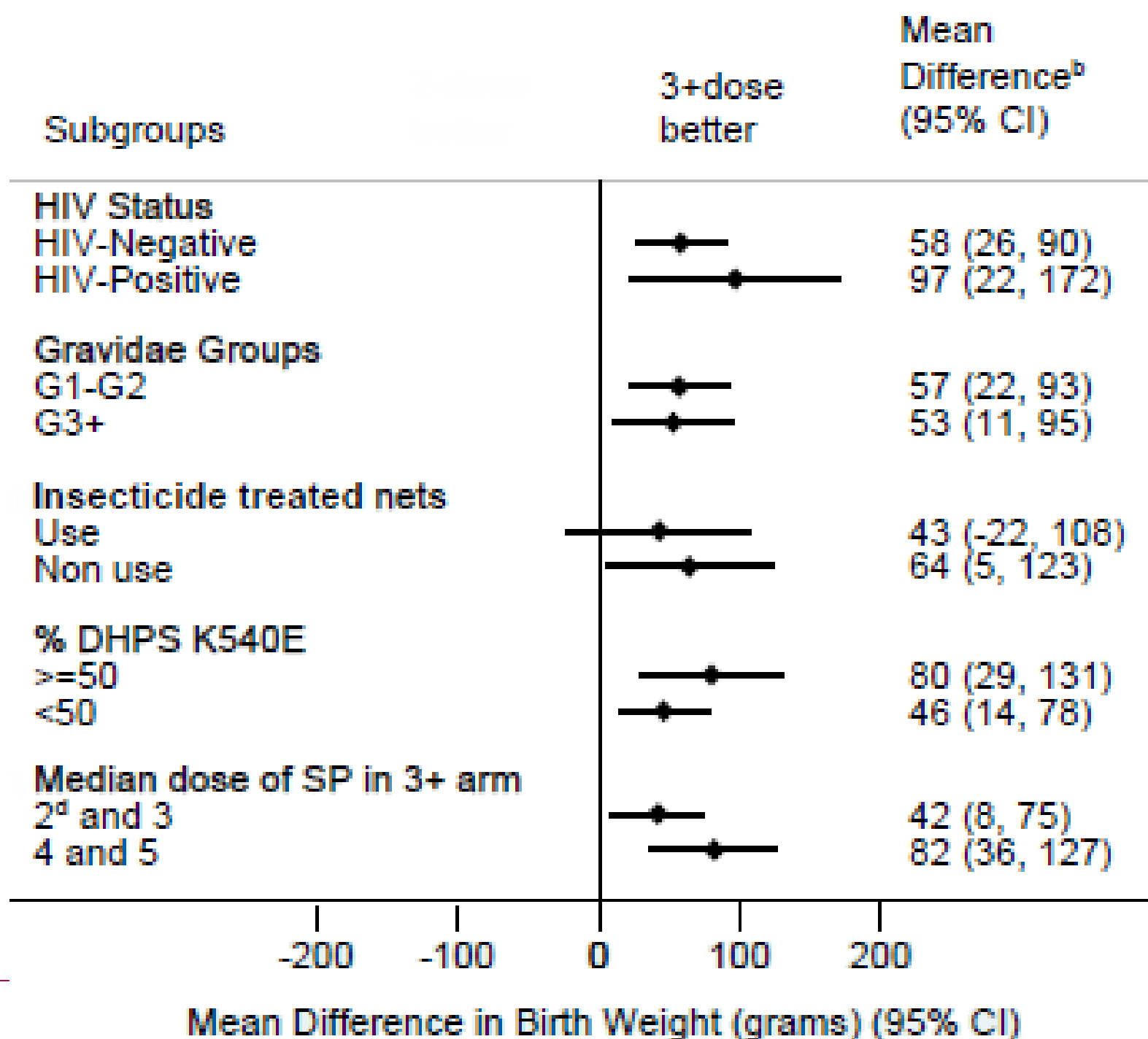
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Mean birth Weight

- 3+ doses more effective
 - Increased by an extra 56 gm
 - 95 CI: 29-83
 - $P < 0.001$
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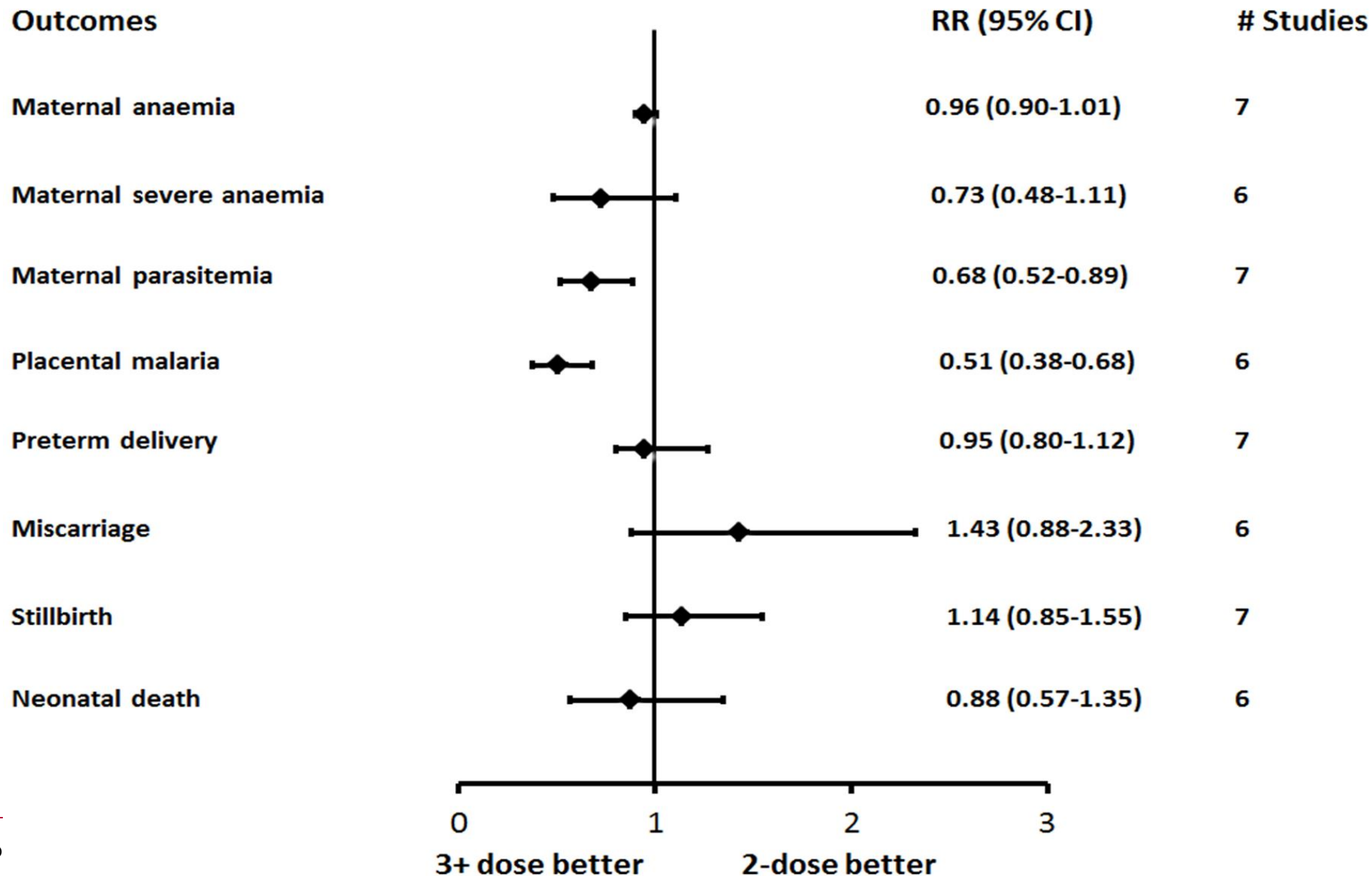
Benefit on birth weight consistent across range of subgroups and sites



Safety Data

- Miscrriage, stillbirth, congenital malformations similar in both arms
- Severe skin reactions
 - 1 case reported (IPTp Monthly) in one study over the 6 studies with 2744 participants in the 3-dose regimen (before the second dose)

Secondary outcomes



Summary

- 7 trials, 6281 pregnancies
- 3+ doses associated with
 - 56 g higher birth weight (95% CI, 29-83 g), $I^2=0\%$
 - 20% less LBW: RR 0.80 (0.69-0.94), $I^2=0\%$
 - 49% less placental malaria: RR 0.51 (0.38-0.68), $I^2=0\%$
 - 40% less severe mat. anaemia: RR 0.60 (0.36-0.99), $I^2=20\%$ (G1/G2)
- Benefit consistent across studies
- No differences in rates of serious adverse events

Dihydroartemisinin-Piperaquine (DP) for IPTp: 3 vs monthly dosing

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Table 2. Efficacy Outcomes.*

Outcome	Sulfadoxine– Pyrimethamine†	Three-Dose Dihydroartemisinin–Piperaquine			Monthly Dihydroartemisinin–Piperaquine		
			Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value	
Preterm delivery‡	8/99 (8.1)	11/89 (12.4)	1.53 (0.64–3.63)	0.33	5/98 (5.1)	0.63 (0.21–1.86)	0.40
Congenital anomaly‡	2/98 (2.0)	4/89 (4.5)	2.20 (0.41–11.7)	0.43	0/96	0 (0–1.62)	0.50
Low birth weight‡	14/99 (14.1)	14/89 (15.7)	1.11 (0.56–2.20)	0.76	8/98 (8.2)	0.58 (0.25–1.31)	0.18
Symptomatic malaria during pregnancy — no. of events (incidence per person- year at risk)	41 (0.95)	12 (0.31)	0.33 (0.17–0.64)¶	0.001	0	0 (0–0.05)¶	<0.001
Detection of malaria parasites by LAMP during pregnancy — no. of events/ total no. (%)	206/509 (40.5)	74/445 (16.6)	0.41 (0.30–0.54)	<0.001	26/496 (5.2)	0.13 (0.08–0.21)	<0.001
Anemia during pregnancy — no. of events/ total no. (%) **	94/269 (34.9)	72/237 (30.4)	0.87 (0.61–1.23)	0.43	61/258 (23.6)	0.66 (0.44–0.98)	0.04

Conclusion



- 3+ courses of SP better than 2 courses of SP
- Monthly dosing of DP is better than 3 courses of DP
- Significantly reduces
 - The risk of placental malaria and LBW, severe maternal anaemia among HIV negative pregnant women
- Starting early in 2nd trimester is likely beneficial
- Countries should switch to the ‘at each scheduled visit’ WHO regimen
- Highly Cost-effectiveness way to reduce LBW
- Counteracts reduced effectiveness due to partial resistance
- Uptake: Could it enhance ANC repeat visits? (aligned with FANC)

Thank you !



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