

## **Supplemental Digital Content 1:**

### **Cost-Effectiveness of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Goal of Increasing Linkage to Care for HIV-Infected Persons**

The Progression and Transmission of HIV/AIDS (PATH) is an individual Monte Carlo simulation health state transition model that tracks individuals (index patients) with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and their infected partners from the time of infection until death.<sup>1</sup> We used PATH to estimate the costs and life-measures for analyzing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy on increasing linkage to care of HIV infected individuals. Details of the PATH model have been described by Prabhu et. al., PLoS One, 2011<sup>1</sup> and here we only give a brief description of the model. Since its original publication, the PATH model has been updated to include recent changes in HIV treatment, costs, and the transmission analysis. Therefore, we also discuss these updates to the model.

#### **Brief description of PATH**

The model initially simulates a first generation of HIV-infected individuals (index persons) from the time of infection through the following disease stages: acute infection, asymptomatic infection, symptomatic infection/AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), and death. We assumed individuals entered the model, i.e. were infected, at age 35 years and that HIV was transmitted through injection drug use (IDU) for 12.9% of the individuals and through sexual transmission for all others.<sup>2</sup> We did not model behavioral differences in risk

groups (men who have sex with men (MSM), high-risk heterosexual or IDU), and we did not stratify by gender or race. We present a schematic flowchart of disease progression for HIV-infected individuals in the PATH model in Figure S1. We ran the model with both point estimates and distributions of values around the point estimates for key variables.

The acute phase of infection is characterized by high HIV viral load in the initial weeks of infection. We modeled the acute phase to last for one calendar-year quarter, which is the time unit in our model, and to have a viral load of  $5.3 \log_{10}$  copies/ml.<sup>3,4</sup> We assumed the CD4 count at infection was 900 cells/ $\mu$ L.<sup>5</sup>

During the asymptomatic infection phase we assumed there were no AIDS-related symptoms, but the stage was marked by a steady viral load (the HIV viral load set point of  $4.5 \log_{10}$  copies/ml)<sup>6</sup> and declining CD4 count in the absence of treatment. We used estimates of the rate of CD4 count decline for different ranges of HIV viral load reported by Rodriguez et al. (2006).<sup>7</sup>

Symptomatic HIV infection or AIDS was characterized by the occurrence of an opportunistic infection (OI), determined by different probabilities, or a drop in CD4 count to below 200 cells/ $\mu$ L. We assumed the probability of having an OI increased with a decline in CD4 count, and we modeled six categories of such illnesses.<sup>8,9</sup>

We assumed HIV-infected individuals in the model could die from causes either related to HIV/AIDS or other factors. For individuals who were not yet on treatment, we used different quarterly probabilities of death for persons infected through sexual transmission<sup>10</sup> or through IDU transmission.<sup>11</sup> These

probabilities increased as an individual's CD4 count declined. The maximum number of years of life remaining for an individual infected with HIV in the PATH model was limited by life expectancy at the age of infection based on U.S. life tables.

We assumed individuals could be tested at any time after the acute phase of infection with the exact time determined by the setting under review. For example, in the linkage to care setting in the main paper, CD4 count was used to determine the time of diagnosis. We assumed that HIV testing was conducted using a rapid test followed by a confirmatory Western blot. Linkage to care and treatment initiation occurred at some time after testing, the criteria for which were described in the main paper.

We assumed the natural progression of HIV described above was altered upon initiation of treatment with antiretroviral therapy (ART), which is associated with suppressed viral load, higher CD4 cell counts, improved life expectancy, and improved quality of life.<sup>12,13</sup> We modeled a maximum of four treatment regimens followed by one non-suppressive or salvage regimen.<sup>14</sup> Once suppressed, HIV viral load was assumed to remain constant at 1.3 log<sub>10</sub> copies/ml as long as the regimen was effective.<sup>15</sup> When a particular treatment regimen ceased to be effective, we assumed that the HIV viral load rebounded to 3.7 log<sub>10</sub> copies/ml.<sup>16</sup> Regimen durations were based on the literature.<sup>16-18</sup> We assumed that CD4 counts increased when ART regimens were effective. The maximum CD4 count that could be achieved during sustained HIV viral load suppression depended upon the CD4 count at initiation of the first ART

regimen.<sup>19</sup> Probabilities of death for patients on ART varied by CD4 count at initiation of ART, age, mode of transmission (sexual or IDU), and whether patients had an OI.<sup>12,13</sup>

To estimate quality-adjusted life years (QALYs), we assigned utility weights for each quarter that were based on Tenga and Lin (2002)<sup>20</sup> and that varied by CD4 count and presence of an OI during that quarter. Once we aggregated QALYs over the life of an individual, we subtracted the sum from the QALYs associated with an HIV-uninfected person and estimated QALYs lost due to HIV infection. Measuring QALYs lost from infection resulted in consistent quality of life estimates when transmissions to partners were included in the model.

The PATH model also included disease progression in a second generation of infected individuals arising from transmissions from the index persons. The number of transmissions in each quarter was determined by probabilities defined by the phase of infection and treatment status of the index person. During the course of the simulation, the model tracked and collected cost and life expectancy measures for index patients and their infected partners. A summary of the input parameters including updated values is provided in Table S1.

#### Updates to the PATH Model

The PATH model has been updated with recent estimates of HIV-related measures as described below.

#### Treatment regimen:

Depending on the linkage to care assumption, an individual initiated treatment at a CD4 count of either 350, 200, or 40 cells/ $\mu$ L starting with the first line of regimen. In accordance with expert opinion and recent clinical trials,<sup>21-25</sup> we assumed the probability of initial viral load suppression depended on the CD4 count at start of treatment.

#### Cost components:

Costs were incurred at different stages of infection and components included costs for non-HIV medication, HIV diagnosis, treatment, follow-up CD4 cell count and RNA tests, health care utilization, and opportunistic infection treatment. Costs, originally derived from Schackman et al. (2006),<sup>26</sup> were updated using estimates from Gebo et al., (2010)<sup>27</sup> and adjusted to \$US 2009. We retained the ART regimens and treatment costs developed by Schackman et al. (2010).<sup>26</sup>

#### Updated estimates of HIV transmission to sexual and needle sharing partners:

An infected index person can transmit HIV infection through sexual contact or injection drug use (IDU) at a rate dependent on the infection phase. Pinkerton et. al. (2007) and Prabhu et. al. (2009)<sup>28,29</sup> estimated sexual transmission rates as a ratio of incidence to prevalence in each of three transmittable populations: acute unaware, non-acute unaware, and non-acute aware. In our model we subdivided the aware population further to differentiate between persons on and not on ART and the success of viral load suppression from treatment. Modifying the model in Pinkerton et. al. (2007)<sup>28</sup>,

$I$  = total number of sexual transmissions on any given day,

$\gamma_k$  = daily transmission rate in group  $k$ ,

$N_k$  = number of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) in group  $k$ , and

$I_k$  = proportion of new infections transmitted by group  $k$ , where,

$k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  constitute the HIV transmittable populations grouped according to their stage of infection, i.e., 1= acute unaware; 2= non-acute unaware; 3= non-acute aware not on treatment; 4= non-acute aware on treatment with viral load not suppressed; 5 = non-acute aware on treatment with suppressed viral load. Then,

$$I = \sum_{k=1}^5 \gamma_k N_k$$

$$I_1 = \frac{\gamma_1 N_1}{I} = \frac{\frac{\gamma_1 N_1}{\gamma_2}}{\frac{\sum_{k=1}^5 \gamma_k N_k}{\gamma_2}} = \frac{\mu_{12} \mu_{23} N_1}{\mu_{12} \mu_{23} N_1 + \mu_{23} N_2 + N_3 + \frac{1}{\mu_{34}} N_4 + \frac{1}{\mu_{35}} N_5}, \text{ where,}$$

$$\mu_{12} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2}; \mu_{23} = \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_3}; \mu_{34} = \frac{\gamma_3}{\gamma_4}; \mu_{35} = \frac{\gamma_3}{\gamma_5}; \text{ and } \mu_{12} \mu_{23} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_3}.$$

In general,  $\mu_{ij}$  is the ratio of daily transmission rate in group  $i$  (i.e.,  $\gamma_i$ ) to the daily transmission rate in group  $j$  (i.e.,  $\gamma_j$ ). For example,  $\mu_{12} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2}$  = the daily transmission rate in acute unaware group divided by the daily transmission rate in non-acute unaware group.

Denoting the denominator as  $D = \mu_{12} \mu_{23} N_1 + \mu_{23} N_2 + N_3 + \frac{1}{\mu_{34}} N_4 + \frac{1}{\mu_{35}} N_5$ ,

we can write:  $I_2 = \frac{\mu_{23} N_2}{D}$ ;  $I_3 = \frac{N_3}{D}$ ;  $I_4 = \frac{\frac{1}{\mu_{34}} N_4}{D}$ ;  $I_5 = \frac{\frac{1}{\mu_{35}} N_5}{D}$ . Let  $n_k$  be the total

number of unprotected sex acts across all partners, and  $\alpha_k$  be the average per-act transmission probability for individuals in group  $k$ . Pinkerton et.al. (2007)<sup>28</sup>

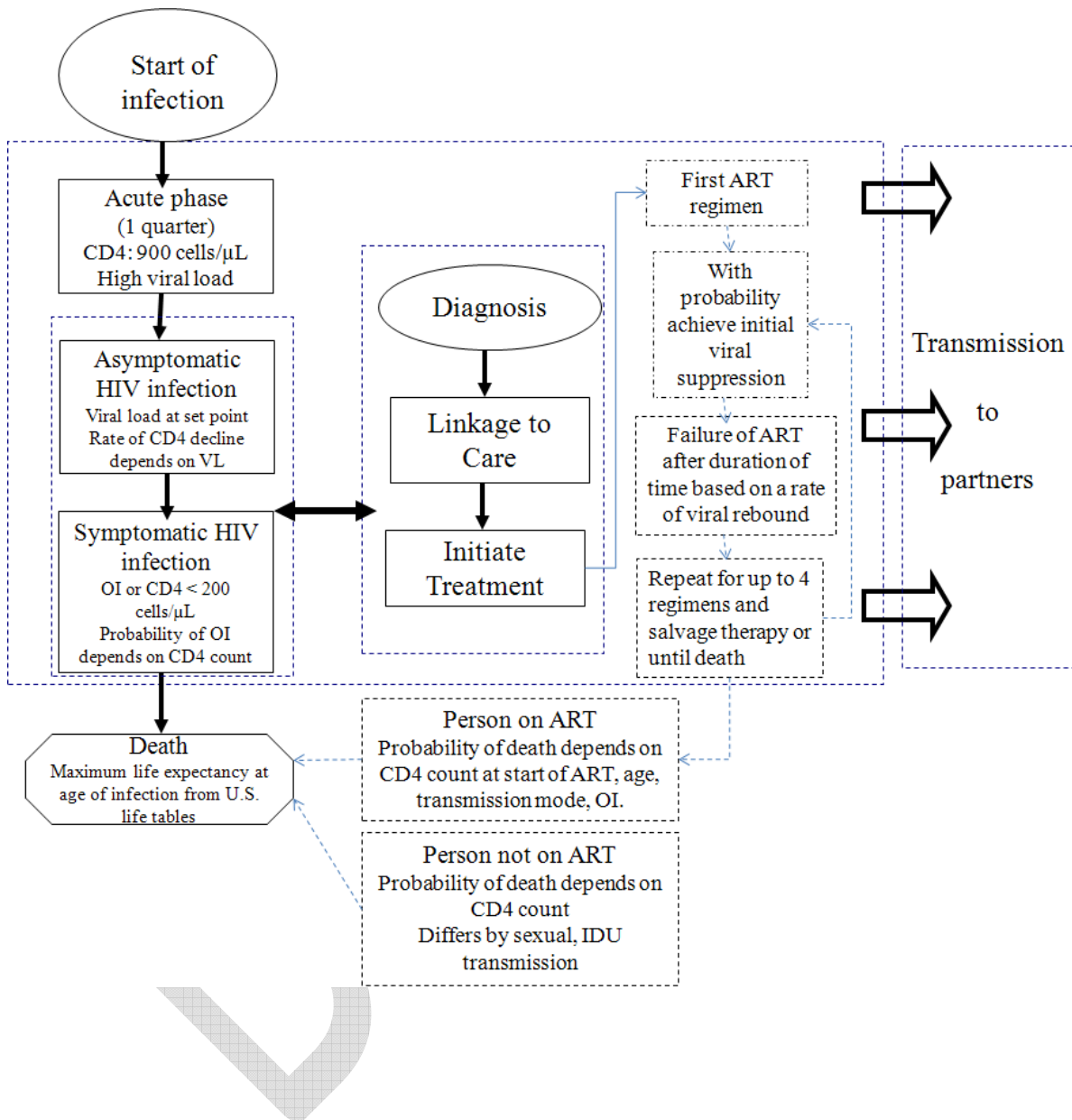
estimated  $\mu_{12} = 8.1$  and, under the assumption that the risk of transmission from condom-protected acts is zero, estimated  $\gamma_2 \sim n_2 \alpha_2$  since  $\alpha_2$  is a relatively small value. Similarly, we use  $\gamma_k \sim n_k \alpha_k$  for  $k = \{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\mu_{ij} = \frac{n_i \alpha_i}{n_j \alpha_j}$  for  $ij = \{23, 34, 35\}$ , and estimate values of  $\mu_{ij}$  by assuming a 57% [range 52-59%] reduction in the prevalence of UAV (unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse) with at-risk partners in the aware group compared to unaware group,<sup>30,31</sup> no change in behavior across groups 3, 4, and 5 (i.e.,  $n_3 = n_4 = n_5$ ), no change in virology across groups 2, 3, and 4 (i.e.,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4$ ), and a 90% [range 80-99%] reduction in infectivity due to viral load suppression from treatment.<sup>32</sup> Therefore, we can write  $\mu_{23} = \frac{1}{1-0.9} = 2.33$ ,  $\mu_{34} = 1$ , and  $\mu_{35} = \frac{1}{1-0.9} = 10$ . Note that, though we assumed equal transmission rate between groups 3 and 4 (i.e.,  $\mu_{34} = 1$ ), we separated the groups to allow for future consideration of partial reduction in transmission arising from treatment even when viral load is not completely suppressed. As in Prabhu et al. (2009),<sup>29</sup> values of  $N_k$  were estimated using the 2006 U.S. estimates of incidence and prevalence, i.e., the total number of PLWH was 1,106,300,<sup>33</sup> incidence of HIV infections was 56,300, of which 47,207 incidences were from sexual transmission,<sup>2</sup> the number of undiagnosed HIV cases was 232,700,<sup>33</sup> and the number of diagnosed cases of HIV was 873,600.  $N_1$  was estimated by assuming that the acute phase of infection lasts for 49 days,<sup>28</sup> and during this phase, the person was assumed to remain serostatus-unaware.  $N_3$ ,  $N_4$ , and  $N_5$  were estimated by assuming that 65% of the aware population were linked to care of which 80% were on ART, and 80% of people

on ART had a suppressed viral load [expert opinion].<sup>34</sup> Values for  $I_k$  were estimated by applying the estimates of  $N_k$  and  $\mu_{i,j}$  in the formulation for  $I_k$  presented earlier. The number of new infections from group  $k$  per year was estimated as  $I_k \times 47,207$  and the annual transmission rates as incidence divided by prevalence, i.e.,  $\frac{I_k \times 47,207}{N_k}$ .

IDUs were assumed to contribute 12.9% of new HIV infections and the transmission rate from the non-acute unaware population was assumed to be 0.165 per year.<sup>35,36</sup> IDU transmission rates for all other groups were estimated by using the proportion of sexual transmission rates across the groups.



**Figure S1. Schematic flowchart of PATH model overview**



**Table S1: Complete List of Input Parameters**

| Variable                                                                                                                         | Mean Value              | Range       | Source       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Age at infection (years)                                                                                                         | 35                      | 30 - 40     | <sup>a</sup> |
| Discount rate for costs and quality-adjusted life years (QALYs)                                                                  | 3%                      |             | 37           |
| <b>Natural Disease Progression</b>                                                                                               |                         |             |              |
| CD4 cell count when infected (cells/ $\mu$ L)                                                                                    | 870                     | 750 - 900   | 5            |
| Acute phase HIV viral load ( $\log_{10}$ copies/ml)                                                                              | 5.3                     | 4.4 – 6.2   | 3,4          |
| HIV viral load set point ( $\log_{10}$ copies/ml)                                                                                | 4.5                     | 4.0 – 5.0   | 6,17         |
| Natural rate of CD4 cell count decline (cells/ $\mu$ L/quarter) as a function of HIV viral load stratum ( $\log_{10}$ copies/ml) |                         |             | 7            |
| $\leq 2.7$                                                                                                                       | 5.1                     | 2.4 – 7.8   |              |
| 2.7 – 3.3                                                                                                                        | 9.9                     | 7.2 – 12.3  |              |
| 3.3 – 4.0                                                                                                                        | 12                      | 9.9 – 13.8  |              |
| 4.0 – 4.6                                                                                                                        | 14.1                    | 11.7 – 16.2 |              |
| $\geq 4.6$                                                                                                                       | 19.5                    | 17.1 – 21.9 |              |
| <b>Quarterly Probability of Developing an Opportunistic Infection (OI) (%)</b>                                                   |                         |             | 12,13        |
| <i>Pneumocystis pneumonia</i> (PCP)                                                                                              | 0.1 – 10.7 <sup>b</sup> |             |              |
| <i>Mycobacterium avium</i> complex                                                                                               | 0.0 – 3.6               |             |              |
| Toxoplasmosis                                                                                                                    | 0.0 – 0.8               |             |              |
| Cytomegalovirus infection                                                                                                        | 0.0 – 5.5               |             |              |
| Fungal infection                                                                                                                 | 0.0 – 3.3               |             |              |
| Other                                                                                                                            | 0.1 – 11.4              |             |              |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Cumulative probability for all OIs                                                           | 0.3 – 35.3 |           |       |
| <b>Quarterly Probability of Death for Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)-Naïve Individuals (%)</b> |            |           |       |
| Sexual transmission: CD4 cell count (cells/ $\mu$ L)                                         |            |           | 10    |
| $\geq 650$                                                                                   | 0.043      |           |       |
| 500 – 649                                                                                    | 0.05       |           |       |
| 350 – 499                                                                                    | 0.08       |           |       |
| 200 – 349                                                                                    | 0.145      |           |       |
| 50 – 199                                                                                     | 0.767      |           |       |
| < 50                                                                                         | 4.9        |           |       |
| Injection drug use (IDU) transmission: CD4 cell count (cells/ $\mu$ L)                       |            |           | 11    |
| $\geq 350$                                                                                   | 1.069      |           |       |
| 200 – 349                                                                                    | 1.486      |           |       |
| < 200                                                                                        | 4.068      |           |       |
| <b>ART Regimens</b>                                                                          |            |           |       |
| Minimum CD4 cell count to initiate ART (cells/ $\mu$ L)                                      | 350        |           | 38    |
| Suppressed HIV viral load level ( $\log_{10}$ copies/ml)                                     | 1.3        | 1.0 – 2.7 | 15    |
| Rebound HIV viral load level ( $\log_{10}$ copies/ml)                                        | 3.7        | 3.1 – 4.5 | 16    |
| Maximum number of ART regimens                                                               | 4          |           | c     |
| Probability of virologic suppression in ART regimens 1 – 4: CD4 cell count (cells/ $\mu$ L)  |            |           | 21,22 |
| >200                                                                                         | 0.84       |           |       |
| 50 - 200                                                                                     | 0.79       |           |       |
| < 50                                                                                         | 0.774      |           |       |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Rate of HIV viral load rebound (% experiencing rebound after one year, first regimen)                           | 7.4                      |           | 16,17 |
| Percent increase in rate of HIV viral load rebound for each successive regimen compared to its previous regimen | 18                       |           | 18    |
| HIV viral load above set-point during salvage therapy (log <sub>10</sub> copies/ml)                             | 0.8                      | 0.0 – 1.5 | 35    |
| HIV viral load above set-point during salvage therapy after onset of AIDS (log <sub>10</sub> copies/ml)         | 1                        | 0.0 – 2.0 | 35    |
| Quarterly increase in CD4 cell count during HIV viral load suppression (cells/μL/quarter)                       |                          |           | 19    |
| Quarters 1 – 2                                                                                                  | 68                       |           |       |
| Quarters 3 – 12                                                                                                 | 40                       |           |       |
| Quarters 12+                                                                                                    | 0                        |           |       |
| Maximum CD4 cell count achieved based on CD4 cell count at initiation of ART (cells/μL)                         |                          |           | 19    |
| < 50                                                                                                            | 410                      |           |       |
| 50 – 200                                                                                                        | 548                      |           |       |
| 201 – 350                                                                                                       | 660                      |           |       |
| 351 - 500                                                                                                       | 780                      |           |       |
| > 500                                                                                                           | 870                      |           |       |
| <b>Quarterly Probability of Death After Initiation of ART (%)</b>                                               |                          |           | 12,13 |
| Sexual transmission                                                                                             |                          |           |       |
| No AIDS symptoms                                                                                                |                          |           |       |
| Age 16 – 29 years                                                                                               | 0.09 – 0.26 <sup>d</sup> |           |       |

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| Age 30 – 39 years                                                                                                                         | 0.12 – 0.32             |  |    |
| Age 40 – 49 years                                                                                                                         | 0.15 – 0.43             |  |    |
| Age ≥ 50 years                                                                                                                            | 0.29 – 0.81             |  |    |
| Clinical symptoms of AIDS                                                                                                                 |                         |  |    |
| Age 16 – 29 years                                                                                                                         | 0.19 – 0.53             |  |    |
| Age 30 – 39 years                                                                                                                         | 0.25 – 0.69             |  |    |
| Age 40 – 49 years                                                                                                                         | 0.32 – 0.93             |  |    |
| Age ≥ 50 years                                                                                                                            | 0.64 – 1.77             |  |    |
| Injection drug use transmission                                                                                                           |                         |  |    |
| No AIDS symptoms                                                                                                                          |                         |  |    |
| Age 16 – 29 years                                                                                                                         | 0.27 – 0.75             |  |    |
| Age 30 – 39 years                                                                                                                         | 0.35 – 0.99             |  |    |
| Age 40 – 49 years                                                                                                                         | 0.46 – 1.30             |  |    |
| Age ≥ 50 years                                                                                                                            | 0.87 – 2.44             |  |    |
| Clinical symptoms of AIDS                                                                                                                 |                         |  |    |
| Age 16 – 29 years                                                                                                                         | 0.58 – 1.63             |  |    |
| Age 30 – 39 years                                                                                                                         | 0.75 – 2.06             |  |    |
| Age 40 – 49 years                                                                                                                         | 0.99 – 2.77             |  |    |
| Age ≥ 50 years                                                                                                                            | 1.84 – 5.11             |  |    |
| <b>Utility Weights to Estimate Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYs)</b>                                                                    |                         |  | 20 |
| OI or CD4 count < 200 cells/μL                                                                                                            | 0.702                   |  |    |
| CD4 cell count ≥ 200, < 350 cells/μL                                                                                                      | 0.818                   |  |    |
| CD4 cell count > 350 cells/μL                                                                                                             | 0.935                   |  |    |
| <b>Quarterly Costs (2009 \$)</b>                                                                                                          |                         |  |    |
| Individuals in care: cost components include inpatient, outpatient, and emergency department resource utilization, and non-HIV medication | 1221- 6135 <sup>e</sup> |  | 27 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Individuals not in care:<br>non-HIV medication costs<br>only               | 542 <sup>f</sup>            |  | 27                          |
| Additional costs of<br>opportunistic infections<br>(each occurrence)       | 3,492 – 20,542 <sup>g</sup> |  | 26                          |
| Cost of ART (each quarter)                                                 |                             |  | 26                          |
| Regimen 1                                                                  | 4,143                       |  |                             |
| Regimen 2                                                                  | 4,542                       |  |                             |
| Regimen 3                                                                  | 6,686                       |  |                             |
| Regimen 4                                                                  | 13,699                      |  |                             |
| Salvage Therapy                                                            | 7,159                       |  |                             |
| CD4 cell count test (one<br>each quarter)                                  | 42                          |  | 27                          |
| HIV viral load test (one<br>each quarter)                                  | 101                         |  | 27                          |
| HIV genotype test<br>(beginning of each<br>regimen)                        | 425                         |  | 27                          |
| <b>Annual Rates of<br/>Transmission (# events<br/>per year per person)</b> |                             |  |                             |
| Sexual transmission                                                        |                             |  | Derived from<br>28,29       |
| Acute                                                                      | 0.733                       |  |                             |
| Non-acute unaware                                                          | 0.091                       |  |                             |
| Non-acute aware, not on<br>ART                                             | 0.039                       |  |                             |
| Non-acute aware, on ART<br>but viral load not<br>suppressed                | 0.039                       |  |                             |
| Non-acute aware, on ART<br>with suppressed viral load                      | 0.004                       |  |                             |
| IDU transmission                                                           |                             |  | Derived from<br>28,29,35,36 |
| Acute                                                                      | 1.337                       |  |                             |
| Non-acute unaware                                                          | 0.165                       |  |                             |

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Non-acute aware, not on ART                           | 0.071 |  |  |
| Non-acute aware, on ART but viral load not suppressed | 0.071 |  |  |
| Non-acute aware, on ART with suppressed viral load    | 0.007 |  |  |

<sup>a</sup>Written communication, R. Song, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, June, 2008.

<sup>b</sup>The lower and upper bounds for various types of OIs reflect probabilities for CD4 cell counts of > 500 cells/ $\mu$ L and 0 – 50 cells/ $\mu$ L respectively. Probabilities of an OI at intermediate CD4 cell counts lie within these bounds.

<sup>c</sup>Expert opinion (2009)

<sup>d</sup>The lower and upper bounds reflect the probability of death for CD4 cell counts  $\geq$  350 cells/ $\mu$ L and < 25 cells/ $\mu$ L, respectively. Probabilities of death at intermediate CD4 cell counts lie within these bounds.

<sup>e</sup>The lower and upper bounds for costs reflect costs for CD4 cell counts > 500 cells/ $\mu$ L and  $\leq$  50 cells/ $\mu$ L, respectively. Costs for intermediate CD4 cell counts lie within these bounds.

<sup>f</sup>Reflects average cost over all CD4 cell count ranges.

<sup>g</sup>Numbers represent costs for different opportunistic illnesses.

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