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Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) establishes a persistent infection that results in acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) if left untreated. Around 37 million people in the world live with HIV-1, with around 2 million new infections each year. While combined antiretroviral therapy (ART) has been shown to be very effective, inhibiting HIV-1 replication and preventing the development of AIDS, it has to be administered life-long, exposing the patients to possible side-effects. In addition, increasing emergence of resistance to ARV drugs could challenge ART efficacy. especially considering the international effort to reach 40% of HIV-infected people that live in developing countries and are yet to receive treatment. Therefore, despite ART effectiveness, the generation of new drugs against novel targets or with more favorable pharmacokinetics profiles and the development of novel delivery systems has to continue.

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