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Table 1. Mortality rates and standardized mortality ratio (SMR) in HIV-infected adults, ANRS CO8 APROCO-COPILOTE and ANRS CO3 AQUITAINE cohorts, 1997-2005, overall and according to gender, HIV transmission group and co-infection by hepatitis C virus at baseline.

| | N | Median follow-up (years) | (interquartile range, IQR) | Person-years (PY) | Deaths (n) | Rates (/100 PY) | (95% CI) | SMR | (95% CI) |
|------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|-------------|
| Overall | 2435 | 6.8 | (4.1-7.9) | 13954 | 288 | 2.1 | (1.8-2.3) | 7.0 | (6.2-7.8) |
| Men | 1864 | 6.9 | (4.1-7.9) | 10777 | 226 | 2.1 | (1.8-2.4) | 4.8 | (4.2-5.5) |
| Women | 571 | 6.5 | (3.9-7.8) | 3177 | 62 | 2.0 | (1.5-2.4) | 13.0 | (10.0-16.7) |
| Hepatitis C | | | | | | | | | |
| positive | 574 | 6.4 | (3.6-7.8) | 3163 | 99 | 3.1 | (2.5-3.7) | 13.9 | (11.3-17.0) |
| negative | 1434 | 7.0 | (4.4-7.9) | 8519 | 120 | 1.4 | (1.2-1.7) | 4.4 | (3.6-5.2) |
| HIV transmission group | | | | | | | | | |
| injecting drug users | 527 | 6.2 | (3.2-7.8) | 2849 | 93 | 3.3 | (2.6-3.9) | 16.3 | (13.2-20.0) |
| others | 1908 | 6.9 | (4.2-7.9) | 11104 | 195 | 1.8 | (1.5-2.0) | 5.5 | (4.7-6.3) |

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus; CI: confidence interval

Table 2. Mortality rates and standardized mortality ratio (SMR) in HIV-infected adults, ANRS CO8 APROCO-COPILOTE and ANRS CO3 AQUITAINE cohorts, 1997-2005, according to cumulated time spent within each category of CD4 cell count.

| | N patients | Median time spent (years) | (interquartile range, IQR) | Person-years (PY) | Deaths (n) | Rates (/100 PY) | (95% CI) | SMR | (95% CI) |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|-------------|
| CD4 cell count $\geq 500/\text{mm}^3$ | 1208 | 4.5 | (2.1-7.0) | 5402 | 37 | 0.7 | (0.5-0.9) | 2.5 | (1.8-3.5) |
| CD4 cell count 350 to 499/ mm^3 | 1263 | 2.0 | (1.0-4.0) | 3446 | 40 | 1.2 | (0.8-1.5) | 3.5 | (2.5-4.8) |
| CD4 cell count 200 to 349/ mm^3 | 1296 | 2.0 | (0.6-3.9) | 3178 | 56 | 1.8 | (1.3-2.2) | 5.6 | (4.2-7.2) |
| CD4 cell count $<200/\text{mm}^3$ | 1118 | 0.6 | (0.2-2.7) | 1928 | 155 | 8.0 | (6.8-9.3) | 30.3 | (25.8-35.5) |

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus; CI: confidence interval

Table 3. Mortality rates and standardized mortality ratio (SMR) in HIV-infected adults, ANRS CO8 APROCO-COPILOTE and ANRS CO3 AQUITAINE cohorts, 1997-2005, according to cumulated time spent with CD4 cell count ≥ 500 /mm³, after the time of truncation[§].

| Time of truncation [§] after initiation of cART (year) | Total | | | Patients with CD4 ≥ 500 /mm ³ after the time of truncation | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | N patients | Person-years (PY) | Deaths (n) | N patients | Median time spent (years) | (interquartile range, IQR) | PY | Deaths (n) | Rates (/100 PY) | (95% CI) | SMR | (95% CI) |
| 0 | 2435 | 13954 | 288 | 1208 | 4.5 | (2.1-7.0) | 5402 | 37 | 0.7 | (0.5-0.9) | 2.5 | (1.8-3.5) |
| 1 | 2182 | 11685 | 208 | 1156 | 4.2 | (2.1-6.4) | 4817 | 29 | 0.6 | (0.4-0.8) | 2.1 | (1.4-3.1) |
| 2 | 2065 | 9561 | 176 | 1083 | 4.0 | (2.1-5.6) | 4080 | 26 | 0.6 | (0.4-0.9) | 2.2 | (1.4-3.2) |
| 3 | 1949 | 7551 | 141 | 1031 | 3.5 | (1.8-4.8) | 3345 | 22 | 0.7 | (0.4-0.9) | 2.1 | (1.3-3.2) |
| 4 | 1835 | 5660 | 108 | 967 | 3.0 | (1.5-3.8) | 2606 | 18 | 0.7 | (0.4-1.0) | 2.1 | (1.3-3.4) |
| 5 | 1648 | 3915 | 62 | 864 | 2.4 | (1.4-3.0) | 1880 | 12 | 0.6 | (0.3-1.0) | 1.9 | (1.0-3.2) |
| 6 | 1430 | 2389 | 25 | 763 | 1.6 | (1.0-2.2) | 1189 | 2 | 0.2 | (0.0-0.4) | 0.5 | (0.1-1.6) |
| 7 | 1143 | 1084 | 6 | 610 | 0.9 | (0.5-1.3) | 543 | 1 | 0.2 | (0.0-0.5) | 0.5 | (0.0-2.6) |

[§]truncation: the time period taken into account starts 1, 2, 3,... years after initiation of cART

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Table 4. Mortality rates and standardized mortality ratio (SMR) in HIV-infected adults, ANRS CO8 APROCO-COPILOTE and ANRS CO3 AQUITAINE cohorts, 1997-2005, according to time spent with CD4 cell count between 350 and 499 /mm³, after the time of truncation[§].

| Time of truncation [§] after initiation of cART (year) | Total | | | Patients with CD4 350 to 499 /mm ³ after the time of truncation | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | N patients | Person-years (PY) | Deaths (n) | N patients | Median time spent (years) | (interquartile range, IQR) | PY | Deaths (n) | Rates (/100 PY) | (95% CI) | SMR | (95% CI) |
| 0 | 2435 | 13954 | 288 | 1263 | 2.0 | (1.0-4.0) | 3446 | 40 | 1.2 | (0.8-1.5) | 3.5 | (2.5-4.8) |
| 1 | 2182 | 11685 | 208 | 1036 | 2.5 | (1.4-4.0) | 2960 | 35 | 1.2 | (0.8-1.6) | 3.4 | (2.4-4.8) |
| 2 | 2065 | 9561 | 176 | 915 | 2.2 | (1.4-3.7) | 2434 | 29 | 1.2 | (0.8-1.6) | 3.3 | (2.2-4.7) |
| 3 | 1949 | 7551 | 141 | 816 | 2.0 | (1.1-3.4) | 1925 | 26 | 1.4 | (0.8-1.9) | 3.6 | (2.3-5.2) |
| 4 | 1835 | 5660 | 108 | 705 | 1.9 | (1.0-3.0) | 1430 | 20 | 1.4 | (0.8-2.0) | 3.5 | (2.2-5.5) |
| 5 | 1648 | 3915 | 62 | 557 | 1.7 | (0.8-2.7) | 971 | 10 | 1.0 | (0.4-1.7) | 2.5 | (1.2-4.6) |
| 6 | 1430 | 2389 | 25 | 410 | 1.5 | (0.7-2.0) | 572 | 5 | 0.9 | (0.1-1.6) | 2.0 | (0.7-4.8) |
| 7 | 1143 | 1084 | 6 | 286 | 0.8 | (0.5-1.3) | 257 | 2 | 0.8 | (0.0-1.9) | 1.9 | (0.2-6.7) |

[§]truncation: the time period taken into account starts 1, 2, 3,... years after initiation of cART

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