

# SATuRN HIV Treatment Failure Clinic Model

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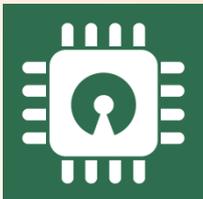
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# SATuRN Vision

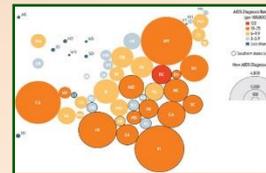
**Develop advanced yet affordable HIV & TB drug resistance diagnostics, implement it at primary health care clinics in resource limited settings and create a collaborative system for surveillance, research and capacity building.**



**ADVANCED  
DIAGNOSTICS**



**PHC  
CLINICS**



**SURVEILLANCE  
& RESEARCH**



**COLLABORATION &  
CAPACITY BUILDING**

# What is the SATuRN?

a network consisting of biomedical scientists, clinicians, epidemiologists and public health experts



**SATuRN** managed at the Africa Centre and the SA-MRC

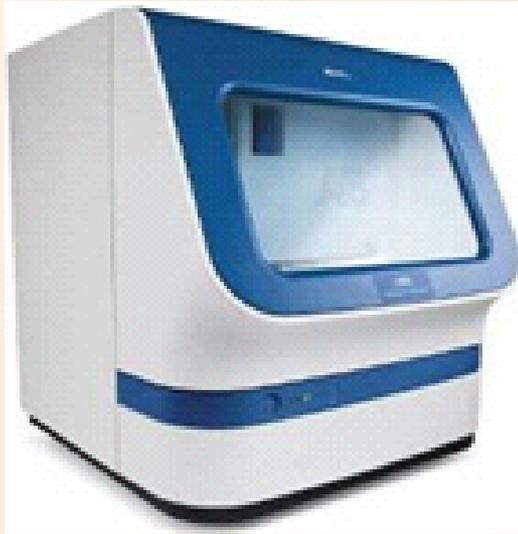
**CURRENT PARTNERS** includes 24 partners in southern Africa

**SETUP A RESISTANCE NETWORK**  
**ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES** of the European Commission MRC funding.  
Funding complemented by US CDC

Collaborators & implementation sites  
info at [www.bioafrica.net/saturn/](http://www.bioafrica.net/saturn/)



# Research & Development: Diagnostics



3500 ABI Sanger DNA Analyzer

**Genotyping system is the most accurate diagnostic test for HIV drug resistance. It was prohibited for national implementation due to its cost and complexity.**

## AFFORDABLE & OPEN ACCESS GENOTYPING

**Genotyping price reduced from US\$ 250 to Approx. US\$ 50 per sample (Sanger ABI).**

**Open Access protocol in VIDEO format.**

**All open accessible protocols curated at [bioafrica.net](http://bioafrica.net) website.**

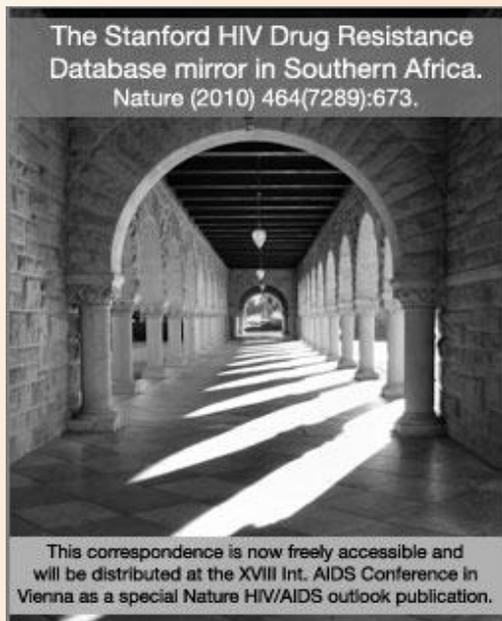


Filming of SATuRN/Life Open Access protocol (available at JOVE and Youtube)

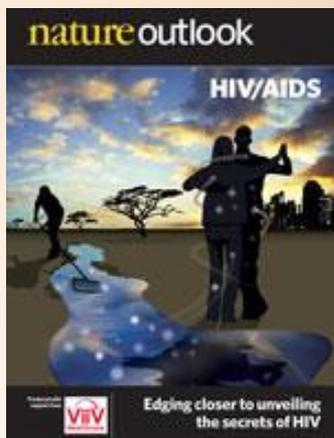
*Manasa et al. J. Visual Exp. (JoVE) 2013*  
*Manasa et al. PLoS On 2010*



## 2- Research & Development: Bioinformatics Databases and Tools



Stanford HIVDB mirror in southern Africa



**Bioinformatics system for HIV and other pathogens**

**PUBLIC & FREE OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE**

**Use of gold, standard, free open source software databases and tools.**

**RegaDB for clinical management and Stanford HIVDB for genotypes after publication.**

**We aim to enhance the capacity of physicians and scientists to produce research results and of policy makers to use research evidence.**

*De Oliveira et al. Nature 2010*  
*Libin et al. Bioinformatics 2013*  
*Manasa et al. Database 2013*



17 PHC Clinics in rural  
KwaZulu-Natal

Medical  
officer

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Africa Centre  
Lab  
(UKZN)

HIV  
specialist

RegaDB  
MRC

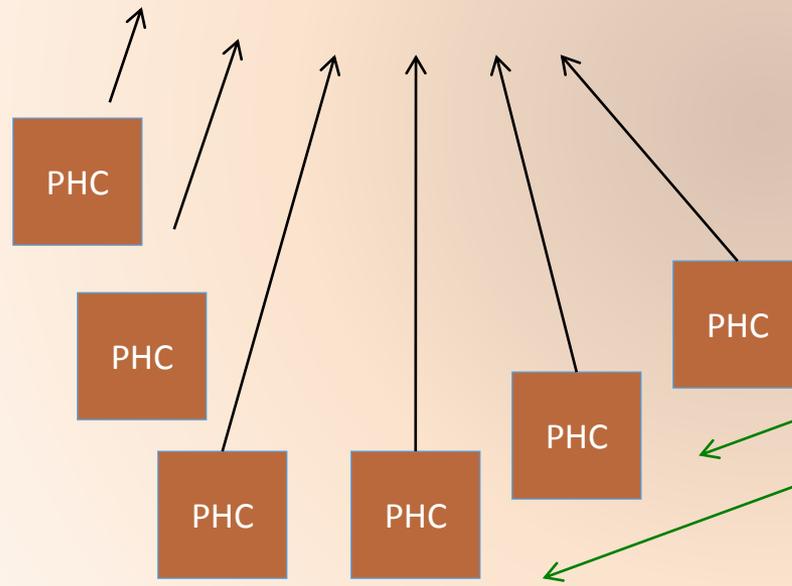


Centre of Excellence  
Pelonomi, Bloenfomtein  
(referral centre)

Medical  
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UFS Virology  
(NHLS lab)

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Primary health care (PHC) clinics  
in the Free State



No clinical and laboratory information - no genotype.

Objective is to provide enough information to be used for clinical decision.

Laboratory tests: VL, CD4, HBV, Creatinine clearance

Treatment: current and previous regimens

Demographic: age, gender

Other OIs: TB and other OIs

Adherence: questions, social worker interview



# Report 2-3 pages: drug resistance, interpretation & specialist suggestion



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24/02/2012

Dear Clinician,

I enclose the report of the genotyping that you requested

**Patient ID on the SATuRN Rega database\*:** RES007 /

*\*Please notice that no patient personal identification information should be stored in this database, please use an sequential study number as patientID.*

**Sample ID / Sample Date:** ACRES007 - 19/01/2011  
**Antiretroviral experience:** [D4T, 3TC, TDF, EFV, LPV/r]  
**Subtype:** HIV-1 Subtype C

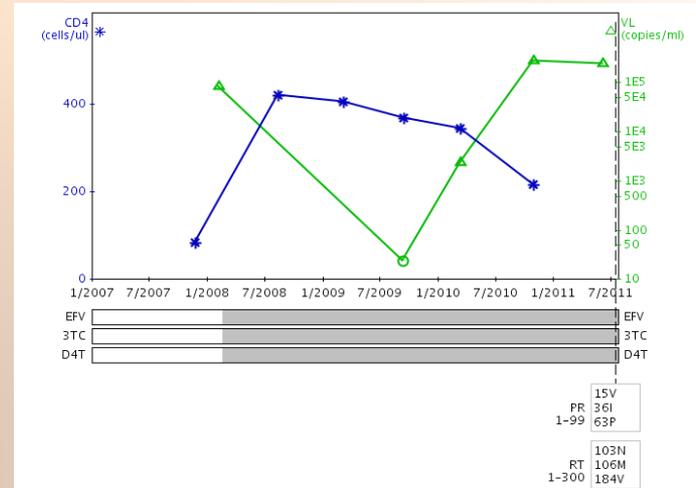
**Resistance interpretations: HIVDB 6.0.5**

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Drug	Mutations	Description	Level	GSS
zidovudine	184V	Susceptible	1	1.0
zalcitabine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
didanosine	184V	Susceptible	1	1.0
lamivudine	184V	High-level resistance	5	0.0
stavudine	184V	Susceptible	1	1.0
abacavir	184V	Potential low-level resistance	2	1.0
emtricitabine	184V	High-level resistance	5	0.0
tenofovir	184V	Susceptible	1	1.0
nevirapine	106M 190A	High-level resistance	5	0.0
delavirdine	106M	High-level resistance	5	0.0
efavirenz	106M 190A	High-level resistance	5	0.0
etravirine	106M 190A	Low-level resistance	3	0.5
saquinavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
saquinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
ritonavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
indinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
nelfinavir		Susceptible	1	1.0
fosamprenavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
fosamprenavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
lopinavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
atazanavir	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
atazanavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
tipranavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0
darunavir/r		Susceptible	1	1.0

**Advice:**  
 - Antiretrovirals for which the virus showed a reduced sensitivity, may still be partially active in a combination therapy. Antiretroviral agents against resistant virus are not recommended but may still exhibit a temporary activity when on HAART (> 3 Antiretrovirals).  
 - The interpretations of enfuvirtide (Envelope entry inhibitor) and tipranavir (boosted PI) are based on limited clinical information. These interpretations should be taken with care.

**List of all amino acid mutations observed in:**



**Clinical chart and resistance interpretation:**

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This patient's viral load has never fully suppressed in had a very good immunological response after the initiation of therapy. However this lasted for less than a year only and the CD4 count started on a downward trend. Her last three viral loads done in a space of fifteen months have all been above 2000 RNA copies/ml.

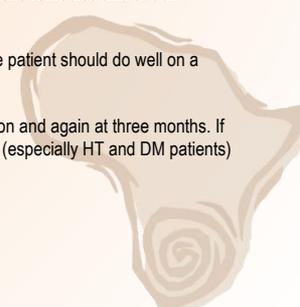
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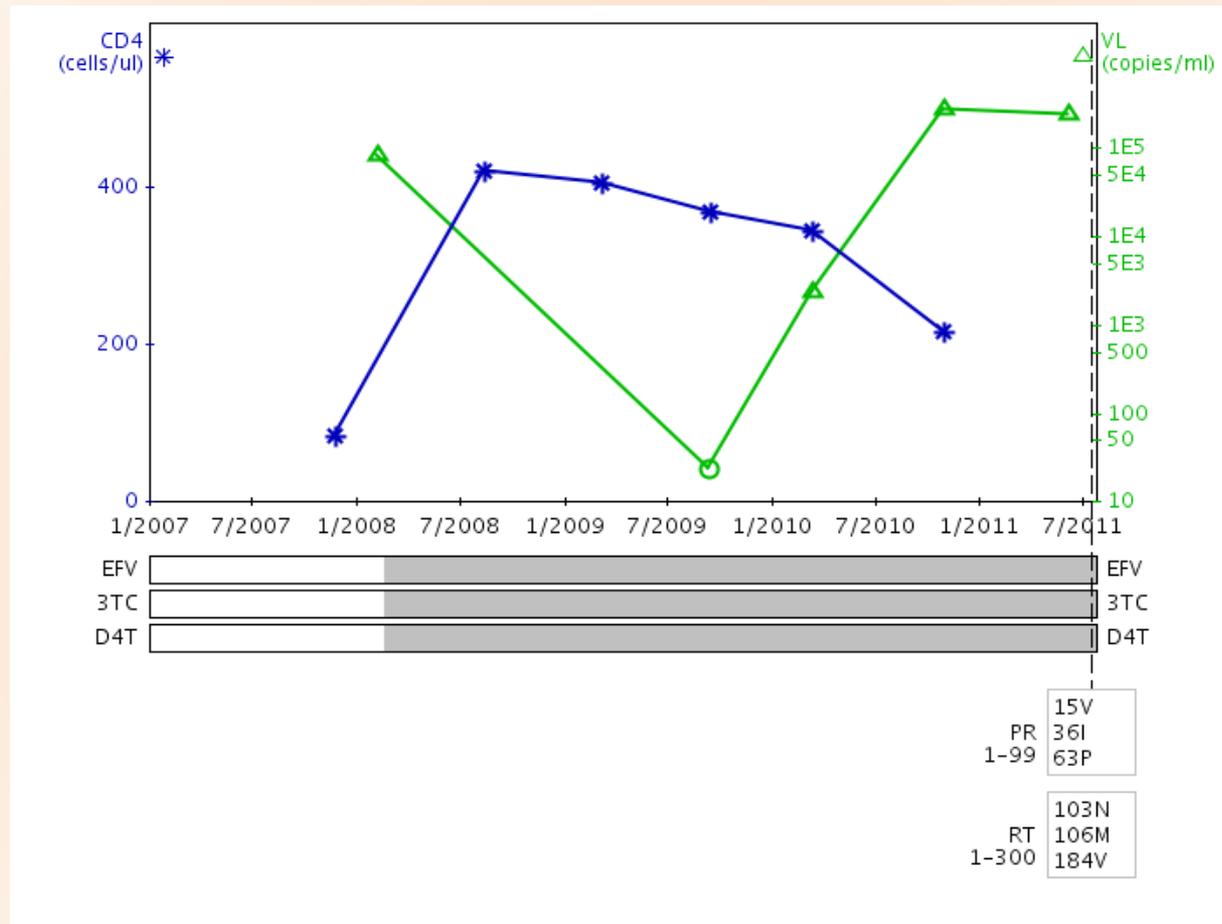
Adherence: Intensive adherence support is needed and the use of alternative remedies and social deterrents to adherence should be thoroughly explored.

Treatment recommendation: Since the virus is still susceptible to TDF, the patient should do well on a standard second line consisting of TDF, 3TC and LPV/r.

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## CLINICAL information



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# Can our clinical management model be replicated nationally?



**Suggested by the South African HIV Clinician Society Guidelines as the database and failure system to be used for national implementation.**

**South Africa Department of Health (DoH) has SATuRN executive members to take part in the National HIV Drug Resistance Work Group.**



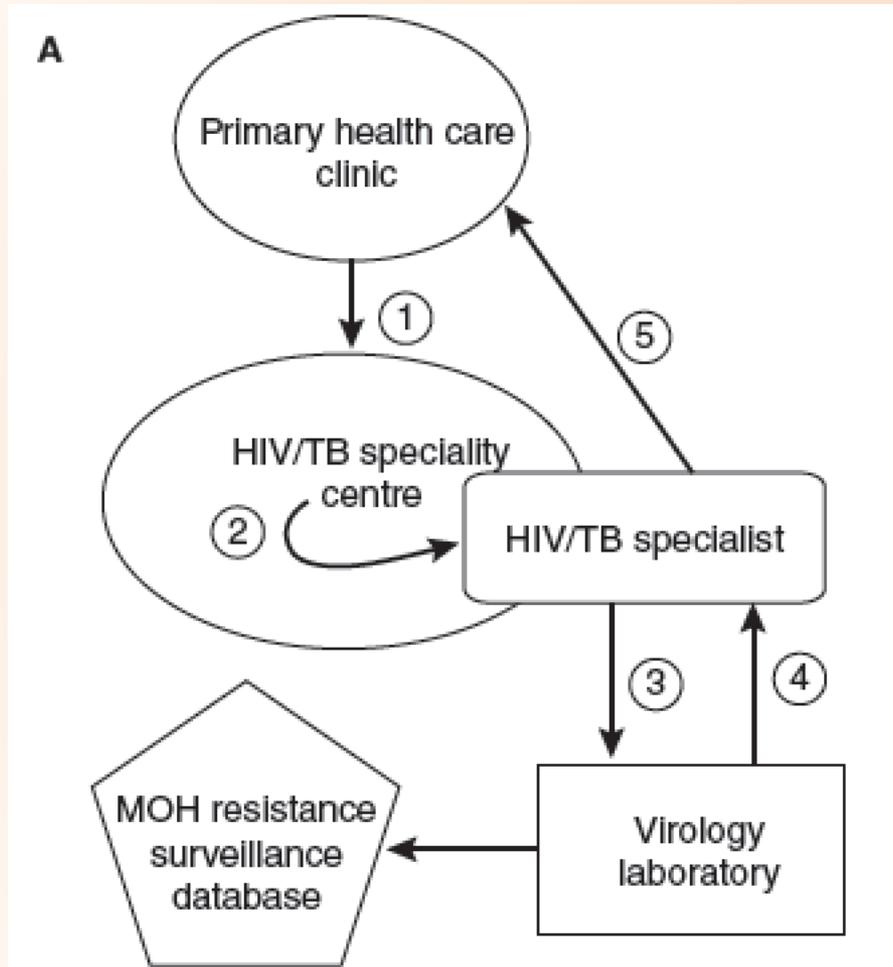
**Operation and inclusion in the functioning of the provincial ART program**

**Databases and resistance genotyping implemented as part of National programme**

*Conradie et al SAHIVClinicians 2012*  
*Lessells et al. AIDS Reviews 2013*



# National HIV/TB Drug Resistance Model in Botswana.



1. Patient identified with HIV virological failure at Primary Health Care Clinic is referred to Specialist HIV/TB Centre (national or regional) for evaluation by HIV/TB specialist clinician.
2. Resistance test request (with full clinical history) is approved by the HIV/TB specialist clinician.
3. Specimen and resistance test request is submitted to virology laboratory.
4. Resistance test results are sent back to HIV/TB specialist clinician for interpretation.
5. Final resistance report with interpretation and treatment recommendations are documented and acted upon at the Specialist HIV Centre and once stabilized patient is returned to the Primary Health Care Clinic.



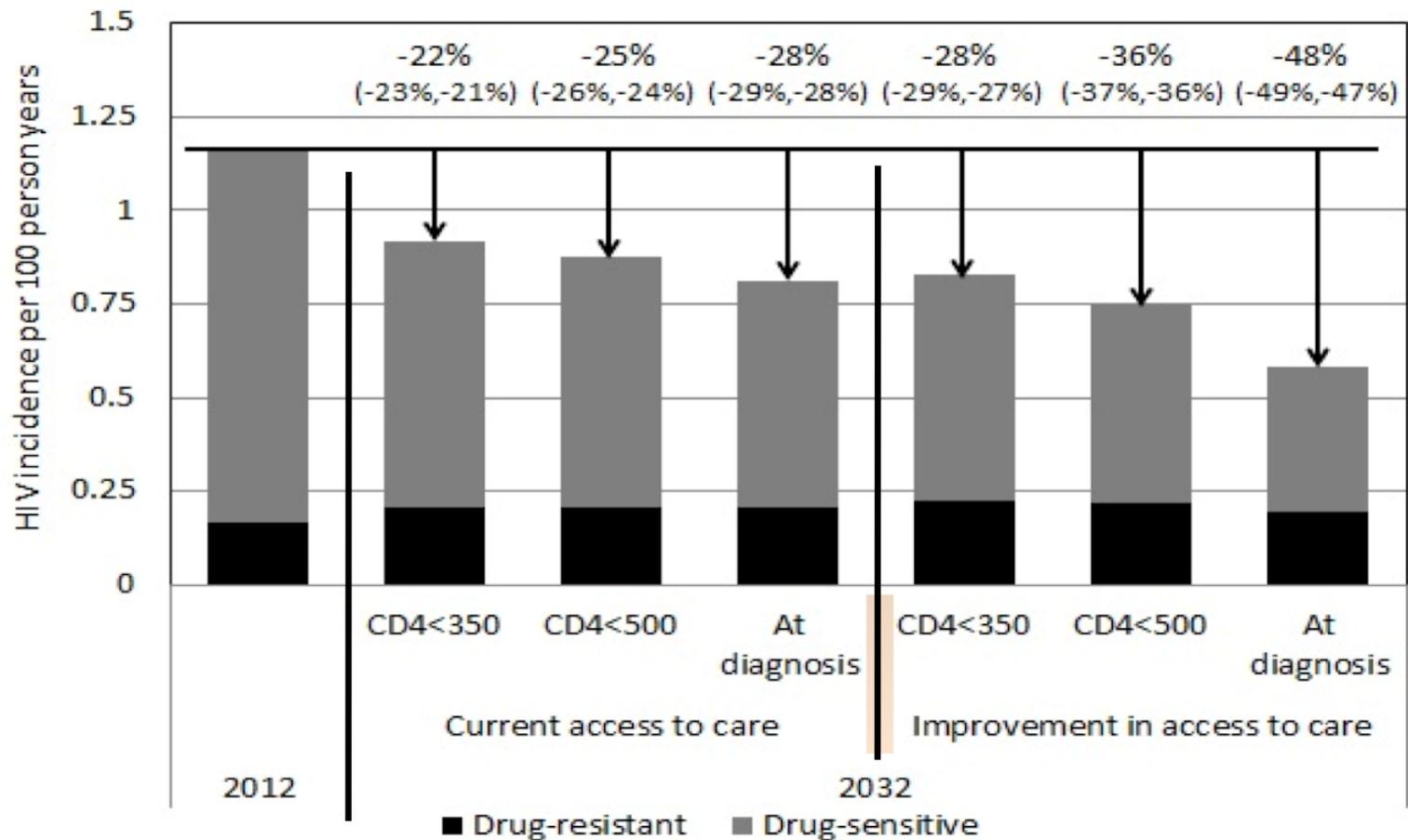
# Surveillance: Primary & Acquired Drug Resistance

Results	Primary 2012 (n=377)	Adult* 2010-2013 (n=491)	Children* 2011-2012 (n=90)
Estimates of HIVDR prevalence	6%	82%	83%
Estimates of HIVDR to $\geq 2$ drugs	2%	74%	71.8%
GSS for the standard second-line regimen was $<2$ , suggesting a significantly compromised standard regimen	0%	17%	7%
Average time on therapy		47 months	39 months
Average time on failing regimen		27 months	20 months

- Approximately 15% of Adults and 25% of children have a viral load  $> 1,000$  on failing regimen.



# Will drug resistance jeopardize the elimination of HIV?



# SATuRN education and capacity building

We have organized and presented in > 20 workshops, including 7 annual workshops, which we have **trained > 2,500 participants** (mostly physicians, health care workers and researchers trained).

SATuRN/PASER 8<sup>th</sup> annual workshop, Bloemfontein, 20-22 November 2013.

**Open access books and reports produced by SATuRN:**

**SATuRN Life Technologies Discounted genotyping manual**

**HIV/TB Drug Resistance & Clinical Management Case Book**

**Newsletters and annual report**

**Website: [www.bioafrica.net](http://www.bioafrica.net)**

**Popular website with >1,000 pages visited per day.**

**Interaction with the community by blogs, news, twitter.**



# SATuRN HIV & TB Drug Resistance Case Book



Roland van Geer Ambassador of the EU to South Africa, authors and Ronnie Anderson of University of Pretoria.

10,000 copies being distributed to health care workers, book used at medical schools and NGOs

The book is linked to a capacity building program, which we have trained > 2,500 participants (mostly physicians, health care workers and researchers trained).



# Conclusion

Presented about the 4 pillars of SATuRN:

- Advanced diagnostics
- Implementation at PHC clinics
- Surveillance and research
- Education, collaboration and capacity building.

We believe that our system has the potential to be implemented at national and continental scale. It has also great potential to be a national strategic resource for drug resistance diagnostic and surveillance.



## Introduction

BioAfrica presents the research, software and publications of [Prof. Tulio de Oliveira](#) and [members of his research group](#).

Prof. Tulio de Oliveira research team is based the Wellcome Trust Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal with some of its bioinformatics servers hosted at the South African Medical Research Council. Our molecular virology laboratory is based at the DDMRI building, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal. BioAfrica also hosts the [Southern African Treatment and Resistance Network \(SATuRN\) website](#).

### Databases & Software



Mirror Stanford HIV Drug Resistance Database and SATuRN



SATuRN RegaDB  
a collaborative clinical HIV Drug Resistance database



RNA Virus Database  
an international database to all RNA virus genomes.



HIV-1 Quality Analysis Tool



HIV-1 Epitope Analysis Tool

### Software & Resources



BlastAlign Web Server Tool



HIV-1, HCV & HBV Blast Servers Tool



HIV-1 Subtype C Molecular Epidemiology



HIV-1 Proteomics Resources



Virus Genotyping Tools Version 2.0

### Viruses Subtyping Tools



REGA HIV-1 Subtyping Tool



Hepatitis C Subtyping Tool



LASP HTLV-1 Subtyping Tool



Hepatitis B Subtyping Tool



Human Papillomavirus Subtyping Tool

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