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In a major investigative piece of journalism on my website, prepispison.com, I break down the fraudulent and faulty clinical trials for Prep's FDA approval in 2012. I also provide backup documentation. There were four clinical trials of Truvada for PrEP, and all four were terminated early. The efficacy of PrEP is grossly overstated - only 1.5-2% based on two clinical trials. Gilead Sciences, however, did not show the other two clinical trials to the FDA which found in one case no efficacy, and in another case adverse efficacy. My 10,000 word report shows how the Principle Investigators of the trials fabricated efficacy by retroactively casting out "pre-existing seroconversions" and then strategically terminating the trial once it found its 2% statistical blip. This is known as "p-hacking." Moreover, the clinical trials took place in the developing world hardly comparable to Oregon where

Most critically, the cumulative toxic impact of PrEP for the expected duration of use has never been evaluated in a clinical trial ever. Unfortunately, the FDA's approval process has been horribly broken and doctors take it on faith that FDA approval is a mark of safety and efficacy. In PrEP's case, it is not. Truvada is a combination of two nucleoside analogues derived from the failed cancer chemotherapy AZT. These are known carcinogens.

Truvada is a black box drug, meaning at normal doses it has been known to kill adults. It is ridiculous to allow healthy people to take chemotherapy for their entire sexually active life. What other chemotherapies are sold over the counter or dispensed directly by a pharmacist to healthy people? Don't take my word for it that Truvada is chemotherapy - the title of the iPREX study published in the NEJM uses the word "chemoprophylaxis." A doctor who prescribes chemotherapy for life would lose his/her license. As further evidence of PrEP's ineffectiveness, even though it has been available since 2012, there has been no notable reduction in new HIV cases in Oregon since that time. Seroconversions hover at about 250 per year in the state.

The retail price of Truvada is \$1820 - and increasing sales of this ineffective drug through this proposed legislation will substantially increase expenditures in taxpayer-funded programs and raise insurance premiums for the general population.