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How early to start: what do observational data suggest?

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National and international guidelines on antiretroviral therapy for HIV infection recently changed to recommend earlier treatment, following the publication during 2009 of two collaborative analyses of HIV cohort studies [1,2]. These studies used different methodologies, and reached different conclusions about the benefits of very early treatment. I will describe their methods, and possible reasons for differences in their results.

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