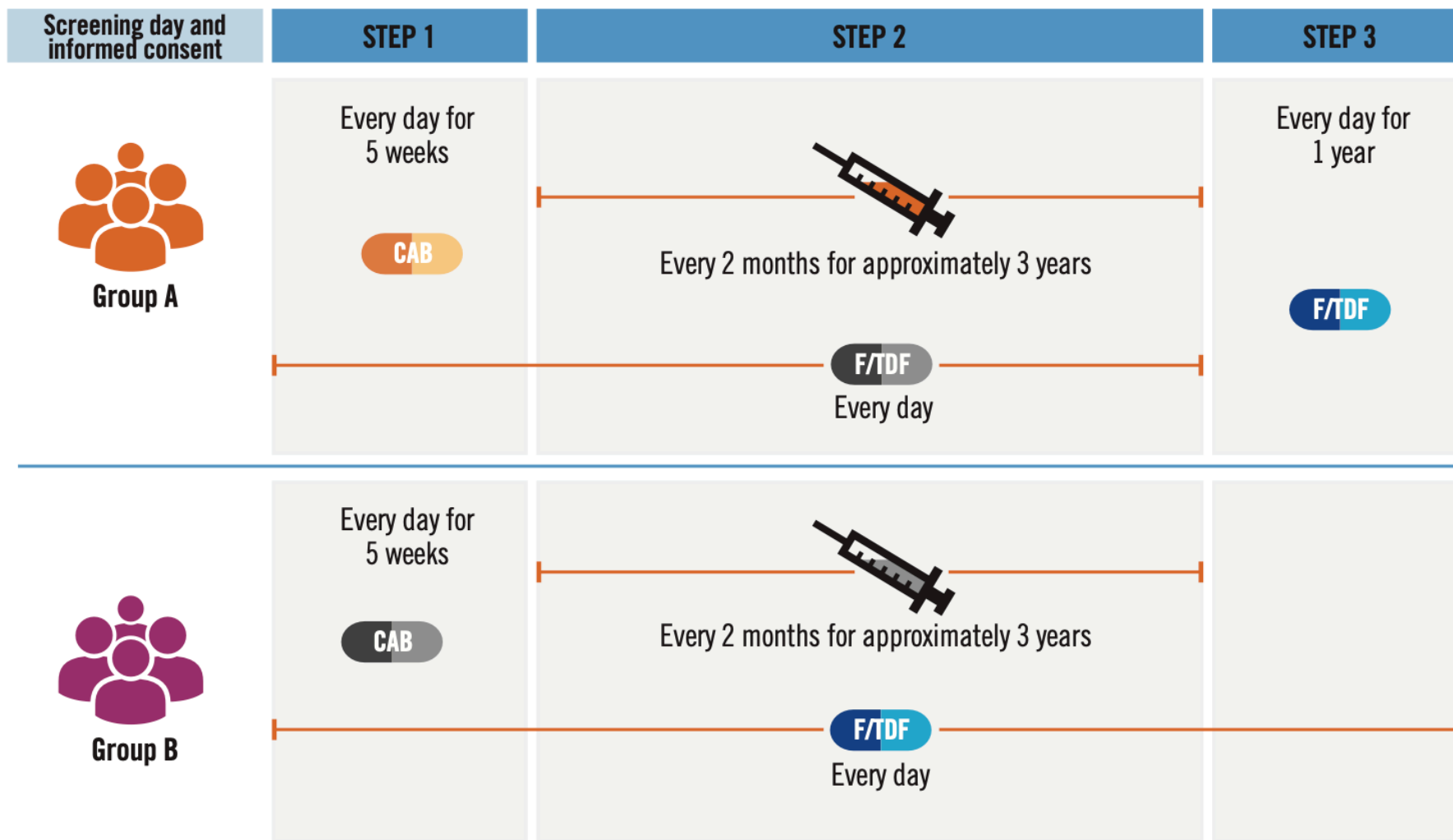


Efficacy Study Design



 TDF/FTC pill

 Cabotegravir (CAB) pill



Cabotegravir (CAB) injection

 Placebo F/TDF pill

 Placebo cabotegravir (CAB) pill



Placebo cabotegravir (CAB) injection

Participants were randomized to either CAB-LA (Group A) or oral F/TDF (Group B) study arms. In Step 1, Group A received an active tablet of cabotegravir (CAB) and placebo tablet of F/TDF for the first five weeks to establish that cabotegravir was safe and well-tolerated. In Step 2, Group A participants received an active CAB injection and continued the F/TDF placebo pill. Group B received a placebo CAB tablet and active F/TDF for the first five weeks. Any participant who stopped CAB injections, either due to personal choice or at the end of the three-year follow-up period, was offered oral F/TDF for a year.