

Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents with HIV



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It is emphasized that concepts relevant to HIV management evolve rapidly. The Panels have a mechanism to update recommendations on a regular basis, and the most recent information is available on the Clinicalinfo website (<https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/>).

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Table 1. Outline of the Guidelines Development Process

| Topic | Comment |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Goal of the guidelines | Provide guidance to HIV care practitioners on the optimal use of antiretroviral (ARV) agents for the treatment of HIV in adults and adolescents in the United States. |
| Panel members | The Panel is composed of approximately 50 voting members who have expertise in HIV care and research and includes at least one representative from each of the following U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH). Approximately two-thirds of the Panel members are nongovernmental scientific members. The Panel also includes four to five community members with knowledge of HIV treatment and care. The U.S. government representatives are appointed by their respective agencies; other Panel members are selected after an open call for nominations. Each member serves on the Panel for a 4-year term, with an option for reappointment for an additional term. See the Panel Roster for a list of current Panel members. |
| Financial disclosure | All members of the Panel submit a written financial disclosure annually, reporting any association with manufacturers of ARV drugs or diagnostics used to manage HIV infection. The latest version of the Financial Disclosure list is available on the Clinicalinfo website. |
| Users of the guidelines | HIV treatment providers |
| Developer | Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents—a working group of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) |
| Funding source | Office of AIDS Research, NIH |
| Evidence collection | The recommendations in the guidelines are based on studies published in peer-reviewed journals or data available in FDA drug labels. On some occasions, particularly when new information may affect patient safety, unpublished data presented at major conferences or prepared by the FDA and/or manufacturers as warnings to the public may be used as evidence to revise the guidelines. |
| Recommendation grading | As described in Table 2 below |
| Method of synthesizing data | Each section of the guidelines is assigned to a working group of Panel members with expertise in the section's area of interest. The working groups synthesize available data and propose recommendations to the Panel. The Panel discusses all proposals during monthly teleconferences. Recommendations endorsed by the Panel are included in the guidelines. |
| Other guidelines | <p>These guidelines focus on antiretroviral therapy (ART) for adults and adolescents with HIV. For a more detailed discussion on the use of ART in children and prepubertal adolescents (those with sexual maturity ratings of 1 to 3), clinicians should refer to the Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines.</p> <p>These guidelines also include a brief discussion on the management of persons of childbearing potential and pregnant persons. For more details on the use of ARV drugs during pregnancy, see the Perinatal Guidelines.</p> |
| Update plan | The Panel meets monthly by teleconference to review data that may warrant modification of the guidelines. Updates may be prompted by new drug approvals (or new indications, dosing formulations, or frequency of dosing), new safety or efficacy data, or other information relating to ARV drugs that may have an impact on the clinical care of people with HIV. In the event of new data of clinical importance, the Panel may post an interim announcement with recommendations on the Clinicalinfo website until the guidelines can be updated with the appropriate changes. Updated guidelines are available on the Clinicalinfo website. |

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| Topic | Comment |
|-----------------|--|
| Public comments | A 2-week public comment period follows the release of the updated guidelines on the Clinicalinfo website. The Panel reviews comments to determine whether additional revisions to the guidelines are indicated. The public also may submit comments to the Panel at any time at HIVinfo@NIH.gov . |

Table 2. Rating Scheme for Recommendations

Recommendations in these guidelines are based on scientific evidence and expert opinion. Each recommendation statement includes a letter (**A**, **B**, or **C**) that represents the strength of the recommendation and a Roman numeral (**I**, **II**, or **III**) that represents the quality of the evidence that supports the recommendation (see Table 2 below).

| Strength of Recommendation | Quality of Evidence for Recommendation |
|--|---|
| A: Strong recommendation for the statement | I: One or more randomized trials with clinical outcomes and/or validated laboratory endpoints |
| B: Moderate recommendation for the statement | II: One or more well-designed, nonrandomized trials or observational cohort studies with long-term clinical outcomes |
| C: Weak recommendation for the statement | III: Expert opinion |

Table 3. Laboratory Testing Schedule for Monitoring People With HIV Before and After Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy^a

| Laboratory Test | Timepoint or Frequency of Testing | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| | Entry Into Care | ART Initiation ^b or Modification | 4 to 8 Weeks After ART Initiation or Modification | Every 3 Months | Every 6 Months | Every 12 Months | Treatment Failure | Clinically Indicated | If ART Initiation Is Delayed ^c |
| HIV Antigen/Antibody Test | √ If HIV diagnosis has not been confirmed | | | | | | | | |
| CD4 Count | √ | √ | | √ ^d If CD4 count is <300 cells/mm ³ | √ During the first 2 years of ART, if CD4 count is ≥ 300 cells/mm ³ | √ After 2 Years on ART with Consistently Suppressed Viral Load CD4 Count 300–500 cells/mm ³ • Every 12 months CD4 Count >500 cells/mm ³ • CD4 count monitoring is optional. | √ | √ | √ Every 3–6 months |
| HIV Viral Load | √ | √ | √ ^e | √ ^f | √ ^g | | √ | √ | Repeat testing is optional. |

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| Genotypic Resistance Testing (PR/RT Genes) ^g | √ | √ | | | | | √ | √ | √ |
| Genotypic Resistance Testing (Integrase Genes) ^g | √ If transmitted INSTI resistance is suspected or if there is a history of CAB-LA use for PrEP | √ If transmitted INSTI resistance is suspected or if there is a history of INSTI use | | | | | √ If there is a history of INSTI use | √ If there is a history of INSTI use | |
| Tropism Testing | | √ If considering a CCR5 antagonist | | | | | √ If considering a CCR5 antagonist, or for patients with virologic failure on a CCR5 antagonist | √ | |
| HLA-B*5701 Testing | | √ If considering ABC | | | | | | | |

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| Hepatitis B Serology (HBsAb, HBsAg, HBcAb total) ^{h,i,j} | √ | In patients not immune to HBV, consider retesting if switching to a regimen that does not contain TDF or TAF. | | | | | | √ Including before starting HCV DAA | |
| Hepatitis C Screening (HCV antibody or, if indicated, HCV RNA) ^k | √ | | | | | √ Repeat HCV screening for at-risk patients ^l | | √ | |
| Basic Metabolic Panel ^{m,n} | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | | √ | √ Every 6–12 months |
| ALT, AST, Total Bilirubin | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | | √ | √ Every 6–12 months |
| CBC with Differential ^o | √ | √ | | √ When monitoring CD4 count (if required by lab) | √ When monitoring CD4 count (if required by lab) | √ When no longer monitoring CD4 count | | √ | |

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| | Entry Into Care | ART Initiation ^b or Modification | 4 to 8 Weeks After ART Initiation or Modification | Every 3 Months | Every 6 Months | Every 12 Months | Treatment Failure | Clinically Indicated | If ART Initiation Is Delayed ^c |
| Lipid Profile ^p | √ | | Consider 1–3 months after ARV initiation or modification | | | √ If normal at baseline but with CV risk | | If normal at baseline, every 5 years or if clinically indicated | |
| Random or Fasting Glucose ^q | √ | √ | | | | | √ | √ | |
| Urinalysis ^{n,r} | √ | | | | | | | √ E.g., in patients with CKD or DM | |
| Pregnancy Test ^s | √ | √ | | | | | | √ | |

^a This table pertains to laboratory tests done to select an ARV regimen and monitor for treatment responses or ART toxicities. Please refer to the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America's (HIVMA/IDSA) [Primary Care Guidance for Persons with HIV](#) for other laboratory tests generally recommended for primary health care maintenance of HIV patients.¹

^b If ART is initiated soon after HIV diagnosis and entry into care, repeat baseline laboratory testing is not necessary.

^c ART is indicated for all people with HIV and should be started as soon as possible. However, if ART initiation is delayed, patients should be retained in care, with periodic monitoring as noted above.

^d After 2 years of consistently suppressed HIV RNA, less frequent monitoring (e.g., every 6 months) may be considered.

^e If HIV RNA is detectable at 4–8 weeks, repeat testing every 4–8 weeks until viral load is suppressed to <50 copies/mL. Thereafter, repeat testing every 3–6 months.

^f For patients on ART, viral load typically is measured every 3–6 months. More frequent monitoring may be considered in individuals having difficulties with ART adherence or at risk for nonadherence. However, for adherent patients with consistently suppressed viral load and stable immunologic status for more than 1 year, monitoring can be extended to 6-month intervals.

^g Standard genotypic drug-resistance testing in ARV-naïve persons should focus on testing for mutations in the PR and RT genes. If transmitted INSTI resistance is a concern, or if a person has a history of INSTI use as PrEP or treatment, or a person presents with viremia while on an INSTI, providers also should test for resistance mutations in the IN gene. In ARV-naïve patients who do

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not immediately begin ART, repeat testing before initiation of ART is optional if drug-resistance testing was performed at entry into care. In patients with virologic suppression who are switching therapy because of toxicity or for convenience, viral amplification will not be possible; see the [Drug-Resistance Testing](#) section for a discussion of the potential limitations and benefits of proviral DNA assays in this situation. Results from prior drug-resistance testing should be considered because they can be helpful in constructing a new regimen.

^h If a patient has HBV infection (as determined by a positive HBsAg or HBV DNA test result), TDF or TAF plus either FTC or 3TC should be used as part of the ARV regimen to treat both HBV and HIV infections (see the [Hepatitis B Virus/HIV Coinfection](#) section).

ⁱ If HBsAg, HBsAb, and HBeAb test results are negative, HBV vaccine series should be administered. Refer to the HIVMA/IDSA's [Primary Care Guidance for Persons with HIV](#) and the [Adult and Adolescent Opportunistic Infection Guidelines](#) for detailed recommendations.^{1,2}

^j Most patients with isolated HBeAb have resolved HBV infection with loss of HBsAb. Consider performing an HBV viral load test for confirmation. If the HBV viral load test is positive, the patient may be acutely infected (and will usually display other signs of acute hepatitis) or chronically infected. If the test is negative, the patient should be vaccinated. Refer to the HIVMA/IDSA's [Primary Care Guidance for Persons with HIV](#) and the [Adult and Adolescent Opportunistic Infection Guidelines](#) for more detailed recommendations.²

^k The HCV antibody test may not be adequate for screening in the setting of recent HCV infection (acquisition within the past 6 months) or advanced immunodeficiency (CD4 count <100 cells/mm³). HCV RNA screening is indicated in persons who have been successfully treated for HCV or who spontaneously cleared prior infection. HCV antibody-negative patients with elevated ALT may need HCV RNA testing.

^l Injection drug users, people with a history of incarceration, men with HIV who have unprotected sex with men, and people with percutaneous/parenteral exposure to blood in unregulated settings are at risk of HCV infection.

^m Serum Na, K, HCO₃, Cl, BUN, creatinine, glucose, and Cr-based eGFR. Serum P should be monitored in patients with CKD who are on TDF-containing regimens.³

ⁿ Consult the HIVMA/IDSA's [Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Patients Infected with HIV](#) for recommendations on managing patients with renal disease.³ More frequent monitoring may be indicated for patients with evidence of kidney disease (e.g., proteinuria, decreased glomerular dysfunction) or increased risk of renal insufficiency (e.g., patients with diabetes, hypertension).

^o CBC with differential should be done when a CD4 count is performed. When CD4 count is no longer being monitored, the recommended frequency of CBC with differential is once a year. More frequent monitoring may be indicated for people receiving medications that potentially cause cytopenia (e.g., TMP-SMX).

^p If random lipids are abnormal, fasting lipids should be obtained. Consult the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association's [2018 Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol](#) for diagnosis and management of patients with dyslipidemia.⁴

^q If random glucose is abnormal, fasting glucose should be obtained. HbA1C is no longer recommended for diagnosis of diabetes in people with HIV on ART (see the [American Diabetes Association Guidelines](#)).⁵

^r Urine glucose and protein should be assessed before initiating TAF- or TDF-containing regimens and monitored during treatment with these regimens.

^s For persons of childbearing potential.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; BUN = blood urea nitrogen; CAB-LA = cabotegravir long-acting; CBC = complete blood count; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CKD = chronic kidney disease; Cl = chloride; Cr = creatinine; CV = cardiovascular; DAA = direct-acting antiviral; DM = diabetes mellitus; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; FTC = emtricitabine; HbA1C = hemoglobin A1c; HBeAb = hepatitis B core antibody; HBsAb = hepatitis B surface antibody; HBsAg = hepatitis B surface antigen; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCO₃ = bicarbonate; HCV = hepatitis C virus; IN = integrase; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; K = potassium; Na = sodium; P = phosphorus; PR = protease; PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis; RT = reverse transcriptase; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TMP-SMX = trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole

Table 4. Recommendations on the Indications and Frequency of Viral Load and CD4 Count Monitoring^a

| Clinical Scenario | Viral Load Monitoring | CD4 Count Monitoring |
|---|---|--|
| Before initiating ART | At entry into care (AIII) If ART initiation is deferred, repeat before initiating ART (AIII). In patients not initiating ART, repeat testing is optional (CIII). | At entry into care (AI) If ART is deferred, every 3 to 6 months ^a (AIII) |
| After initiating ART | Preferably within 4 to 8 weeks after initiation of ART (AIII); thereafter, every 4 to 8 weeks until viral load is suppressed (BIII). | 3 months after initiation of ART (AIII) |
| After modifying ART because of drug toxicities or for regimen simplification in a patient with viral suppression | 4 to 8 weeks after modification of ART to confirm effectiveness of new regimen (AIII). | Monitor according to prior CD4 count and duration on ART, as outlined below. |
| After modifying ART because of virologic failure | Preferably within 4 to 8 weeks after modification (AIII); thereafter, every 4 to 8 weeks until viral load is suppressed (BIII). If viral suppression is not possible, repeat viral load testing every 3 months or more frequently if indicated (AIII). | Every 3 to 6 months (AI) |
| During the first 2 years of ART | Every 3 months (AIII) | Every 3 months if CD4 <300 cells/mm ³ (BII) Every 6 months if CD4 ≥300 cells/mm ³ (BII) |
| After 2 years of ART (VL consistently suppressed, CD4 remains <300 cells/mm ³) | Can extend to every 6 months for patients with consistent viral suppression for ≥2 years (AIII). | Every 6 months (BII) |
| After 2 years of ART (VL consistently suppressed, CD4 consistently 300–500 cells/mm ³) | Can extend to every 6 months for patients with consistent viral suppression for ≥2 years (AIII). | Every 12 months (BII) |
| After 2 years of ART (VL consistently suppressed, CD4 consistently >500 cells/mm ³) | Can extend to every 6 months for patients with consistent viral suppression for ≥2 years (AIII). | Optional (CIII) |
| While on ART with detectable viremia (VL repeatedly >200 copies/mL) | Every 3 months (AIII) or more frequently if clinically indicated (see Virologic Failure). | Every 3 to 6 months (AIII) |
| Change in clinical status (e.g., new HIV clinical symptom or initiation of chronic systemic corticosteroids, or antineoplastic therapy) | Every 3 months (AIII) | Perform CD4 count and repeat as clinically indicated ^b (AIII) |

^a Some experts may repeat CD4 count measurement every 3 months in patients with low baseline CD4 counts (<200–300 cells/mm³) before ART but every 6 months in those who initiated ART at higher CD4 counts (e.g., >300 cells/mm³).

^b The following are examples of clinically indicated scenarios: changes in a patient's clinical status that may decrease CD4 count and thus prompt initiation of prophylaxis for opportunistic infection, such as new HIV-associated symptoms, or initiation of treatment with medications that are known to reduce CD4 count.

Key: ART = antiretroviral therapy; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; VL = viral load

Table 5. Recommendations for the Use of Drug-Resistance Assays

| Clinical Setting and Recommendation | Rationale |
|---|--|
| <p>In Early (Acute and Recent) HIV</p> <p>Drug-resistance testing is recommended (AII). A genotypic assay is generally preferred (AIII). Treatment should not be delayed while awaiting results of resistance testing (AIII).</p> | <p>Drug-resistance testing can determine whether drug-resistant virus was transmitted or acquired while using PrEP. The initial ARV regimen can be modified, if necessary, once resistance test results are available. Genotypic testing is preferred to phenotypic testing because of lower cost, faster turnaround time, and greater sensitivity for detecting mixtures of wild-type and resistant virus.</p> |
| <p>If ART is deferred, repeat resistance testing may be considered when therapy is initiated (CIII). A genotypic assay is generally preferred (AIII).</p> | <p>Repeat testing when ART is initiated may be considered because the patient may have acquired a drug-resistant virus (i.e., superinfection).</p> |
| <p>Before ART Initiation in Patients With Chronic HIV</p> <p>Drug-resistance testing is recommended at entry into HIV care to guide the selection of initial ART (AII). A genotypic assay is generally preferred (AIII). Treatment should not be delayed while awaiting results of resistance testing (AIII).</p> | <p>Transmitted HIV with baseline resistance to at least one drug is seen in 9% to 14% of patients, and suboptimal virologic responses may be seen in patients with baseline resistance mutations to ARVs in the prescribed regimen. Some drug-resistance mutations can remain detectable for years in untreated patients with chronic HIV.</p> |
| <p>If transmitted INSTI resistance is a concern, providers should supplement standard resistance testing with a specific INSTI genotypic resistance assay, which may need to be ordered separately (AIII).</p> <p>Given the prolonged half-lives of long-acting injectable ARV drugs, INSTI-resistance testing should be considered in all people with HIV who previously received CAB-LA for PrEP, regardless of the time since drug discontinuation (AIII).</p> | <p>Genotypic assays provide information on resistance to NRTIs, NNRTIs, PIs, and INSTIs. In some circumstances, INSTI-resistance tests need to be ordered separately (clinicians should check with the testing laboratory). Currently, transmitted INSTI resistance is infrequent, but the risk of a patient acquiring INSTI-resistant strains may be greater in certain known exposure settings.</p> <p>INSTI-resistance testing should be ordered for all people with prior exposure to INSTIs for PrEP.</p> |
| <p>For pregnant people or if ART will be initiated on the day of or soon after HIV diagnosis, treatment can be initiated prior to receiving resistance testing results.</p> | <p>If necessary, the ARV regimen can be modified once resistance test results are available.</p> |
| <p>If therapy is deferred, repeat resistance testing may be considered before initiation of ART (CIII). A genotypic assay is generally preferred (AIII).</p> | <p>Repeat testing before initiation of ART may be considered, because the patient may have acquired a drug-resistant virus (i.e., a superinfection).</p> <p>Genotypic testing is preferred to phenotypic testing because of lower cost, faster turnaround time, and greater sensitivity for detecting mixtures of wild-type and resistant virus.</p> |
| <p>If use of a CCR5 antagonist is being considered, a co-receptor tropism assay should be performed (AI).</p> | <p>See Co-Receptor Tropism Assays section.</p> |

Table 5. Recommendations for the Use of Drug-Resistance Assays

| Clinical Setting and Recommendation | Rationale |
|--|---|
| <p>In Patients With Virologic Failure</p> <p>Drug-resistance testing is recommended in patients on combination ART with HIV-RNA levels >200 copies/mL (AI for >1,000 copies/mL, AIII for 501–1,000 copies/mL) and a confirmed HIV RNA 201–500 copies/mL (CIII). In patients with confirmed HIV-RNA levels between 201–500 copies/mL, testing may not be successful but should still be considered.</p> | <p>Drug-resistance testing can help determine the role of resistance in virologic failure and maximize the clinician's ability to select active drugs for the new regimen.</p> <p>Resistance testing for HIV-RNA levels 201–500 copies/mL may need to be conducted within a research setting.</p> |
| <p>Resistance testing should be done while the patient is taking ART or, if that is not possible, within 4 weeks after discontinuation of non-long-acting ARV drugs (AII). If >4 weeks have elapsed, resistance testing may still be useful to guide therapy; however, previously-selected mutations can be missed due to lack of drug-selective pressure (CIII).</p> | <p>The absence of detectable resistance in such patients must be interpreted with caution when designing subsequent ARV regimens, as mutations may decay with time.</p> |
| <p>A standard genotypic resistance assay is generally preferred for patients experiencing virologic failure on their first or second ARV regimens and for those with expected noncomplex resistance patterns (AII).</p> | <p>Genotypic testing is preferred to phenotypic testing because of lower cost, faster turnaround time, and greater sensitivity for detecting mixtures of wild-type and resistant HIV.</p> |
| <p>All prior and current drug-resistance testing results should be reviewed and considered when designing a new ARV regimen for a patient experiencing virologic failure (AIII).</p> | <p>Drug-resistance mutations may decay with time, and mutations detected in prior resistance tests may not be detected in current tests, though they remain clinically relevant.</p> |
| <p>When virologic failure occurs in a patient on an INSTI-based regimen or in a patient with a history of INSTI use, genotypic testing for INSTI resistance should be performed to determine whether to include drugs from this class in subsequent regimens (AII).</p> | <p>Genotypic assays provide information on resistance to NRTI-, NNRTI-, PI-, and INSTI-associated mutations. In some circumstances, INSTI-resistance tests need to be ordered separately (clinicians should check with the testing laboratory).</p> |
| <p>Adding phenotypic testing to genotypic testing is generally preferred in patients with known or suspected complex drug-resistance patterns (BIII).</p> | <p>Phenotypic testing can provide additional useful information in patients with complex drug-resistance mutation patterns.</p> |
| <p>In Patients With Suboptimal Suppression of Viral Load</p> <p>Drug-resistance testing is recommended in patients with suboptimal viral load suppression after initiation of ART (AII).</p> | <p>Testing can determine the role of resistance in suboptimal viral suppression, and it can help the clinician identify the number of active drugs available in the current ARV regimen and assess the need for a new regimen.</p> |
| <p>In Pregnant People With HIV</p> <p>Genotypic resistance testing is recommended for all pregnant people before initiation of ART (AIII) and for those entering pregnancy with detectable HIV-RNA levels while on therapy (AI).</p> | <p>The goals of ART in pregnant people with HIV are to achieve maximal viral suppression for treatment of maternal HIV and to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV. Genotypic resistance testing will assist the clinician in selecting the optimal ARV regimen for the patient. However, treatment should not be delayed while awaiting results of resistance testing. The initial regimen can be modified once resistance test results are available, if needed.</p> |

Table 5. Recommendations for the Use of Drug-Resistance Assays

| Clinical Setting and Recommendation | Rationale |
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| <p>In Patients With Undetectable Viral Load or Low-Level Viremia Who Are Planning to Change Their ARV Regimen</p> <p>HIV-1 proviral DNA resistance assays may be useful in patients with HIV RNA below the limit of detection or with low-level viremia, where a HIV-RNA genotypic assay is unlikely to be successful (CIII).</p> | <p>This test may provide information about previously circulating resistant viral variants that are archived within proviral DNA. These assays may miss some or all prior resistance mutations that have occurred within the viral quasi-species and, therefore, they should be interpreted with caution. The clinical utility of HIV-1 proviral DNA assays has not been fully determined.</p> |

Key: ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; CAB-LA = cabotegravir long-acting; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitors; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors; NRTI = nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors; PI = protease inhibitor; PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis

Table 6. Recommended Antiretroviral Regimens for Initial Therapy

Selection of a regimen should be individualized based on virologic efficacy, potential adverse effects, childbearing potential and use of effective contraception, pill burden, dosing frequency, drug–drug interaction potential, comorbid conditions, cost, access, and resistance-test results. A pregnancy test should be performed in persons of childbearing potential, and choice of ART for pregnant individuals should be guided by recommendations from the [Perinatal Guidelines](#). Drug classes and regimens within each class are arranged first by evidence rating and, when ratings are equal, in alphabetical order. See [Table 7](#) for ARV recommendations based on specific clinical scenarios.

| Recommended Initial Regimens for Most People With HIV |
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| <p>Recommended regimens are those with demonstrated durable virologic efficacy, favorable tolerability and toxicity profiles, and ease of use. Choice of ART during pregnancy should be guided by recommendations from the Perinatal Guidelines.</p> |
| <p><i>For people who do not have a history of CAB-LA use as PrEP, the following regimens are recommended:</i></p> <p>INSTI plus Two NRTIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIC/TAF/FTC (AI)^a• DTG/ABC/3TC (AI)—if HLA-B*5701 negative• DTG plus (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC) (AI) <p>INSTI plus One NRTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DTG/3TC (AI), except for individuals with HIV RNA >500,000 copies/mL, HBV coinfection, or in whom ART is to be started before the results of HIV genotypic resistance testing for reverse transcriptase or HBV testing are available <p><i>For people with HIV and a history of CAB-LA use as PrEP, INSTI genotypic resistance testing should be performed before the start of ART. If treatment is begun prior to results of genotypic testing, the following regimen is recommended:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DRV/c^b or DRV/r with (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC)—pending the results of the genotype test (AIII) |
| Recommended Initial Regimens in Certain Clinical Situations |
| <p>These regimens are effective and tolerable but have some disadvantages when compared with the regimens listed above or have fewer supporting data from randomized clinical trials. However, in certain clinical situations, one of these regimens may be preferred (see Table 7 for examples).</p> |
| <p>INSTI plus Two NRTIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EVG/c/(TAF or TDF)^c FTC (BI)^b• RAL plus (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC) (BI for TDF/[FTC or 3TC], BII for TAF/FTC) <p>Boosted PI plus Two NRTIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In general, boosted DRV is preferred over boosted ATV• (DRV/c^b or DRV/r) plus (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC) (AI)^b• (ATV/c^b or ATV/r) plus (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC) (BI)^b• (DRV/c^b or DRV/r) plus ABC/3TC—if HLA-B*5701 negative (BII)^b <p>NNRTI plus Two NRTIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOR/TDF^c/3TC (BI) or DOR plus TAF^c/FTC (BIII) |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EFV plus (TAF or TDF)^c plus (FTC or 3TC)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ EFV 600 mg plus TDF plus (FTC or 3TC) (BI)○ EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC (BI)○ EFV 600 mg plus TAF/FTC (BII)• RPV/(TAF or TDF)^c/FTC (BII for TAF and BI for TDF)—if HIV RNA <100,000 copies/mL and CD4 count >200 cells/mm³ <p>Regimens to Consider When ABC, TAF, and TDF Cannot Be Used or Are Not Optimal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DTG/3TC (AI), except for individuals with HIV RNA >500,000 copies/mL, HBV coinfection, or in whom ART is to be started before the results of HIV genotypic resistance testing for reverse transcriptase or HBV testing are available• DRV/r plus RAL twice a day (CI)—if HIV RNA <100,000 copies/mL and CD4 count >200 cells/mm³• DRV/r once daily plus 3TC (CI) |
| <p>Rating of Recommendations: A = Strong; B = Moderate; C = Weak</p> <p>Rating of Evidence: I = Data from randomized controlled trials; II = Data from well-designed nonrandomized trials, observational cohort studies with long-term clinical outcomes, relative bioavailability/bioequivalence studies, or regimen comparisons from randomized switch studies; III = Expert opinion</p> |

^a BIC should not be initiated in pregnant people due to insufficient data.

^b COBI should be avoided in pregnancy because lower concentrations of COBI and its boosted drugs—EVG, DRV, and ATV—have been observed during the second and third trimesters. For individuals with viral suppression who become pregnant while on a COBI-containing regimen and wish to remain on that regimen after counseling regarding lower drug concentration, frequent viral load monitoring is recommended. For further information, refer to the [Perinatal Guidelines](#).

^c TAF and TDF are two forms of TFV approved by the FDA. TAF has fewer bone and kidney toxicities than TDF, while TDF is associated with lower lipid levels. Safety, cost, and access are among the factors to consider when choosing between these drugs.

Note: The following are available as coformulated drugs: ABC/3TC, ATV/c, BIC/TAF/FTC, DOR/TDF/3TC, DRV/c, DRV/c/TAF/FTC, DTG/3TC, DTG/ABC/3TC, EFV (400 mg or 600 mg)/TDF/3TC, EFV/TDF/FTC, EVG/c/TAF/FTC, EVG/c/TDF/FTC, RPV/TAF/FTC, RPV/TDF/FTC, TAF/FTC, TDF/3TC, and TDF/FTC.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; CAB-LA = cabotegravir long-acting; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration; FTC = emtricitabine; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HLA = human leukocyte antigen; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TFV = tenofovir

Table 7. Antiretroviral Regimen Considerations for Initial Therapy Based on Specific Clinical Scenarios

This table guides clinicians in choosing an initial antiretroviral (ARV) regimen according to various patient and regimen characteristics and specific clinical scenarios. When more than one scenario applies to a person with HIV, clinicians should review considerations for each relevant scenario and use their clinical judgment to select the most appropriate regimen. This table is intended to guide the choice of an initial regimen. However, if a person is doing well on a particular regimen, it is not necessary to switch to another regimen based on the scenarios outlined in this table. Please see [Table 9](#) for additional information regarding the advantages and disadvantages of particular ARV medications.

| Patient or Regimen Characteristics | Clinical Scenario | Consideration(s) | Rationale/Comments |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Pre-ART Characteristics | CD4 count <200 cells/mm ³ | Do Not Use the Following Regimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV-based regimens • DRV/r plus RAL | A higher rate of virologic failure has been observed in those with low pre-treatment CD4 counts. |
| | HIV RNA >100,000 copies/mL (also see next row if HIV RNA >500,000 copies/mL) | Do Not Use the Following Regimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV-based regimens • ABC/3TC with EFV or ATV/r • DRV/r plus RAL | Higher rates of virologic failure have been observed in those with high pre-treatment HIV RNA levels. |
| | HIV RNA >500,000 copies/mL | Do Not Use the Following Regimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV-based regimens • ABC/3TC with EFV or ATV/r • DRV/r plus RAL • DTG/3TC | For DTG/3TC, limited data are available in patients with viral loads above this threshold. |
| | HLA-B*5701 positive or result unknown | Do not use ABC-containing regimens. | ABC hypersensitivity, a potentially fatal reaction, is highly associated with the presence of the HLA-B*5701 allele. |
| | Prior exposure to CAB-LA PrEP. | Avoid INSTI-based regimens, unless an INSTI genotype shows no resistance mutations. Recommended Regimen Pending INSTI Genotype Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (DRV/r or DRV/c) plus (TAF or TDF)^a plus (3TC or FTC) | Mutations conferring resistance to INSTIs have been seen in association with CAB-LA PrEP. CAB-LA has a very long half-life, and drug exposure may persist at levels suboptimal to prevent infection and may select for resistant virus. |
| | An ARV regimen should be started before HIV drug resistance results are available (e.g., in a person with acute HIV) | Avoid NNRTI-based regimens and DTG/3TC. Avoid ABC. | Transmitted mutations conferring NNRTI and NRTI resistance are more likely than mutations associated with PI or INSTI resistance. |

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| | or when ART is being initiated rapidly. | <p>Recommended ARV Regimens in Persons Without Exposure to CAB-LA PrEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIC/TAF/FTC • DTG plus (TAF or TDF)^a plus (3TC or FTC) • (DRV/r or DRV/c) plus (TAF or TDF)^a plus (3TC or FTC) <p>Recommended ARV Regimen in Persons on CAB-LA PrEP Prior to HIV Acquisition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (DRV/r or DRV/c) plus (TAF or TDF)^a plus (3TC or FTC) | <p>HLA-B*5701 results may not be available rapidly, thus ABC is not recommended.</p> <p>Transmitted resistance to DRV, BIC, and DTG is rare, and these drugs have high barriers to resistance.</p> <p>Mutations conferring resistance to INSTIs have been seen in association with CAB-LA PrEP. CAB-LA has a very long half-life, and drug exposure may persist at levels suboptimal to prevent infection and may select for resistant virus.</p> |
| ART-Specific Characteristics | A one-pill, once-daily regimen is desired. | <p>STR Options as Initial ART Include the Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIC/TAF/FTC • DOR/TDF/3TC • DRV/c/TAF/FTC • DTG/ABC/3TC • DTG/3TC • EFV/TDF/FTC • EFV/TDF/3TC • EVG/c/TAF/FTC • EVG/c/TDF/FTC • RPV/TAF/FTC • RPV/TDF/FTC | <p>Do not use DTG/ABC/3TC if the patient is HLA-B*5701 positive.</p> <p>DTG/3TC is not recommended if HIV RNA is >500,000 copies/mL.</p> <p>Do not use DTG/ABC/3TC or DTG/3TC in the setting of HBV coinfection or unknown HBV status.</p> <p>Do not use RPV-based regimens if HIV RNA is >100,000 copies/mL and CD4 count is <200 cells/mm³.</p> <p>See Appendix B, Table 12 for ARV dose recommendations in the setting of renal impairment.</p> |
| | Food effects | <p>Regimens That Can Be Taken Without Regard to Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIC-, DOR-, DTG-, or RAL-based regimens | Oral bioavailability of these regimens is not significantly affected by food. |

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| | | <p>Regimens That Should Be Taken With Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV/r- or ATV/c-based regimens • DRV/r- or DRV/c-based regimens • EVG/c/TAF/FTC^a • EVG/c/TDF/FTC^a • RPV-based regimens | <p>Food improves absorption of these regimens. RPV-containing regimens should be taken with ≥ 390 calories of food.</p> |
| | | <p>Regimens That Should Be Taken on an Empty Stomach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFV-based regimens | <p>Food increases EFV absorption and may increase CNS side effects.</p> |
| <p>Presence of Other Conditions</p> | <p>Chronic kidney disease (defined as CrCl <60 mL/min)</p> | <p>In general, avoid TDF.</p> <p>ABC may be used if patient is HLA-B*5701 negative. If HIV RNA is >100,000 copies/mL, do not use ABC/3TC plus EFV or ATV/r.</p> <p>TAF may be used if CrCl >30 mL/min or if the patient is on chronic hemodialysis (studied only with EVG/c/TAF/FTC).</p> <p>Consider avoiding ATV.</p> <p>ART Options When ABC, TAF, or TDF Cannot Be Used</p> <p>(For patients with HBV coinfection, consult Hepatitis B Virus/HIV Coinfection for HBV treatment options.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG/3TC (if HIV RNA <500,000 copies/mL) • DRV/r plus 3TC • DRV/r plus RAL (if CD4 count >200 cells/mm³ and HIV RNA <100,000 copies/mL) | <p>TDF has been associated with proximal renal tubulopathy. Higher rates of renal dysfunction have been reported in patients using TDF in conjunction with RTV-containing regimens.</p> <p>An adjusted dose of TDF can be used in patients with ESRD or in those who are on hemodialysis. Refer to Appendix B, Table 12 for specific dosing recommendations.</p> <p>TAF has less impact on renal function and lower rates of proteinuria than TDF.</p> <p>ATV has been associated with chronic kidney disease in some observational studies.</p> <p>ABC has not been associated with renal dysfunction.</p> <p>Avoid the use of TDF- or TAF-sparing regimens in the setting of HBV coinfection or unknown HBV status, unless also receiving a fully active HBV regimen (see Hepatitis B Virus/HIV Coinfection).</p> |
| | <p>Liver disease with cirrhosis</p> | <p>Some ARVs are contraindicated or may require dosage modification in patients with Child-Pugh class B or C disease.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix B, Table 12 for specific dosing recommendations.</p> |

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| | | | Patients with cirrhosis should be carefully evaluated by an expert in advanced liver disease. |
| | Concern for excess weight gain | For many people with HIV, gaining weight after starting ART is part of a "return to health." However, some ARV regimens are associated with greater weight gain than others, suggesting that particular drugs may contribute to weight gain. | <p>Initiation of INSTI-containing regimens, particularly BIC and DTG, has been associated with greater weight gain than NNRTI-containing or boosted PI-regimens.</p> <p>Greater weight gain has been observed with initiation of TAF than TDF or with a switch from TDF to TAF.</p> <p>ARV-associated weight gain appears to disproportionately affect women and Black and Hispanic people.</p> |
| | Osteoporosis | <p>Avoid TDF.^a</p> <p>ABC may be used if the patient is HLA-B*5701 negative. If HIV RNA is >100,000 copies/mL, do not use ABC/3TC plus (EFV or ATV/r).</p> | TDF is associated with decreases in BMD along with renal tubulopathy, urine phosphate wasting, and resultant osteomalacia. TAF ^a and ABC are associated with smaller declines in BMD than TDF. |
| | Psychiatric illnesses | <p>Consider avoiding EFV- and RPV-based regimens.</p> <p>Patients on INSTI-based regimens who have preexisting psychiatric conditions should be closely monitored.</p> <p>Some ARVs are contraindicated, and some psychiatric medications need dose adjustments when coadministered with certain ARVs.</p> | <p>EFV and RPV can exacerbate psychiatric symptoms and may be associated with suicidality.</p> <p>INSTIs have been associated with adverse neuropsychiatric effects in some retrospective cohort studies and case series.</p> <p>See the drug–drug interaction tables (Tables 24a, 24b, and 24d) for dosing recommendations when drugs used for psychiatric illnesses are used with certain ARVs.</p> |
| | HIV-associated dementia | Avoid EFV-based regimens if possible. | The beneficial effects of ART on HIV-associated dementia symptoms may be confounded by EFV-related neuropsychiatric effects. |
| | Medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder | <p>Opioid withdrawal may occur when EFV is initiated in patients who are on a stable dose of methadone.</p> <p>Clinical monitoring is recommended, because medications used to treat</p> | <p>EFV reduces methadone concentrations and may lead to withdrawal symptoms.</p> <p>See the drug–drug interaction tables (Tables 24a, 24b, and 24d) for dosing recommendations.</p> |

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| | | opioid dependence may need to be adjusted in some patients. | |
| | Cardiac QTc interval prolongation | Consider avoiding EFV- or RPV-based regimens if the patient is taking other medications with known risk of Torsades de Pointes or in patients at higher risk of Torsades de Pointes. | High EFV or RPV concentrations may cause QT prolongation. |
| | High cardiac risk | Consider avoiding ABC-based regimens. If a boosted PI is the desired option, an ATV-based regimen may have advantages over a DRV-based regimen. Refer to Hyperlipidemia, below, for regimens associated with more favorable lipid profiles. | An increased risk of CV events with ABC has been observed in some studies. Observational cohort studies reported an association between some PIs (DRV and LPV/r) and an increased risk of CV events; this risk has not been seen with ATV (see Protease Inhibitor-Based Regimens). Further study is needed. Certain ARV regimens are associated with more favorable lipid profiles than other regimens, although evidence on whether this improves CV outcomes is lacking. |
| | Hyperlipidemia | The Following ARV Drugs Have Been Associated With Dyslipidemia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PI/r or PI/c • EFV • EVG/c BIC, DOR, DTG, RAL, and RPV have fewer lipid effects. TDF lowers lipids; therefore, switching from TDF to TAF is associated with increased lipids. | TDF has been associated with lower lipid levels than ABC or TAF. |
| | Patients with history of poor adherence to non-ARV medications or inconsistent engagement in care | Consider using regimens with a boosted PI or BIC or DTG. | These regimens have a high genetic barrier to resistance. |
| | Pregnancy | Refer to the Perinatal Guidelines for further guidance on ARV use during pregnancy. | |
| Presence of Coinfections | HBV infection | Avoid regimens that do not contain NRTIs. | TDF, TAF, FTC, and 3TC are active against both HIV and HBV. 3TC- or FTC-associated HBV mutations can |

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| | | Use (TDF or TAF) with (FTC or 3TC) as part of the ARV regimen. If TDF and TAF Are Contraindicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For treatment of HBV, use FTC or 3TC with entecavir and a suppressive ARV regimen (see Hepatitis B Virus/HIV Coinfection). | emerge rapidly when these drugs are used without another drug that is active against HBV. |
| | HCV treatment required | Refer to recommendations in Hepatitis C Virus/HIV Coinfection , with special attention to potential interactions between ARV drugs and HCV drugs. | |
| | Treating TB with rifamycin antibiotics (rifabutin, rifampin, and rifapentine) | Recommended regimens may require dose adjustment. See the drug-drug interaction tables (Table 24a , Table 24b , Table 24c , Table 24d , and Table 24e) and Tuberculosis/HIV Coinfection for information on ARV use with rifamycin antibiotics. | Rifamycin antibiotics are inducers of CYP3A4 and UGT1A1 enzymes, causing significant decreases in concentrations of PIs, INSTIs, and RPV. |

^a TAF and TDF are two FDA-approved forms of TFV. TAF has fewer bone and kidney toxicities than TDF, whereas TDF is associated with lower lipid levels. Safety, cost, and access are among the factors to consider when choosing between these drugs.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; BMD = bone mineral density; **CAB-LA = cabotegravir long acting**; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CNS = central nervous system; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CV = cardiovascular; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ESRD = end stage renal disease; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; FPV = fosamprenavir; FTC = emtricitabine; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV = hepatitis C virus; HLA = human leukocyte antigen; IDV = indinavir; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = cobicistat-boosted protease inhibitor; PI/r = ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitor; **PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis**; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TB = tuberculosis; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TFV = tenofovir; UGT = uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase

Table 8a. Characteristics of Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor Options Recommended for Antiretroviral Therapy-Naive Patients

| Characteristics | ABC/3TC | 3TC ^a | TDF/3TC | TAF/FTC | TDF/FTC |
|---|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Dosing Frequency | Once daily | Once daily | Once daily | Once daily | Once daily |
| Available Coformulations for ART-Naive Patients | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC/3TC • DTG/ABC/3TC | DTG/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDF/3TC • DOR/TDF/3TC • EFV 600 mg/TDF/3TC • EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF 25 mg/FTC • BIC/TAF 25 mg/FTC • DRV/c/TAF 10 mg/FTC • EVG/c/TAF 10 mg/FTC • RPV/TAF 25 mg/FTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDF/FTC • EFV/TDF/FTC • EVG/c/TDF/FTC • RPV/TDF/FTC |
| Adverse Effects | <p>ABC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSR to ABC is associated with the presence of HLA-B*5701 allele. • Increase in CV events is associated with ABC use in some cohort studies. | See below | <p>TDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal insufficiency, proximal renal tubulopathy • Decrease in BMD • Renal and bone toxicity are exacerbated by pharmacologic boosters. | <p>TAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal insufficiency, proximal renal tubulopathy (less frequent than with TDF) • Decrease in BMD (less than with TDF; similar to with ABC) • Some studies have reported greater weight gain with TAF than with TDF. | <p>TDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal insufficiency, proximal renal tubulopathy • Decrease in BMD • Renal and bone toxicity are exacerbated by pharmacologic boosters. |
| | 3TC: No significant adverse effects | | | FTC: Skin discoloration | |
| Other Considerations | <p>ABC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform HLA-B*5701 testing before initiating ABC; if result is positive, do not start ABC and add ABC to patient's allergy list. <p>3TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epivir HBV is for the treatment of HBV and contains a different dose of 3TC than the formulation for ART. Thus, Epivir HBV should not be used for HIV treatment. • Coadministration of 3TC with sorbitol-containing drugs decreases 3TC concentration and should be avoided. | | <p>FTC should not be used as sole treatment for HBV due to development of resistance. Discontinuation may precipitate HBV flare if no other agents active against HBV are present.</p> | | |
| | <p>3TC or ABC/3TC should not be used as treatment for HBV due to the development of resistance. Discontinuation may precipitate HBV flare if no other agents active against HBV are present.</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also used for HBV treatment. Discontinuation may precipitate HBV flare. • See Appendix B, Table 12 for dose recommendations in patients with renal insufficiency. | | |

Table 8a. Characteristics of Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor Options Recommended for Antiretroviral Therapy-Naive Patients

^a 3TC is recommended for use with DTG in ART-naive persons and with DRV/r if ABC, TDF, and TAF are not optimal. Otherwise, dual-NRTI backbones are recommended.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; BIC = bictegravir; BMD = bone mineral density; CV = cardiovascular; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HLA = human leukocyte antigen; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; RPV = rilpivirine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Table 8b. Characteristics of Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors That Are Recommended for Antiretroviral Therapy–Naive Patients

| | BIC | DTG | EVG | RAL |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Dosing Frequency | Once daily | <p>Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In ART-naive or INSTI-naive persons <p>Twice Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If used with certain CYP3A4 and UGT1A1 inducers; <i>or</i> In INSTI-experienced persons with certain INSTI drug resistance mutations | Once daily; requires boosting with COBI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400 mg twice daily, <i>or</i> 1,200 mg (two 600-mg tablets) once daily |
| STR Available for ART-Naive Patients | BIC/TAF/FTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG/ABC/3TC DTG/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EVG/c/TAF/FTC EVG/c/TDF/FTC | No |
| Available as an STR | No | Yes | No | Yes, but requires two tablets per dose |
| Virologic Efficacy Against EVG- or RAL-Resistant HIV | <i>In vitro</i> data indicate activity, but clinical trial data are not available. | Yes, for some isolates; effective with DTG 50 mg twice-daily dose | No | No |
| Adverse Effects | Weight gain, nausea, diarrhea, headache, insomnia; depression and suicidality are rare, occurring primarily in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions. | | | |
| | ↑ CPK 4% | Hypersensitivity, hepatotoxicity, ↑ CPK, myositis | ↑ TG, ↑ LDL | ↑ CPK, myopathy, hypersensitivity, SJS/TEN |
| CYP3A4 Drug–Drug Interactions | CYP3A4 substrate | CYP3A4 substrate (minor) | EVG is a CYP3A4 substrate; COBI is a CYP3A4 inhibitor | No |
| Chelation with Polyvalent Cation Supplements and Antacids | Oral absorption of all INSTIs may be reduced by polyvalent cations. See Table 24d for recommendations regarding dosing separation of INSTIs and these drugs. | | | |
| Other Key Potential Drug Interaction Mechanisms | P-gp substrate, UGT1A1 substrate, OCT2 and MATE1 inhibitor | P-gp substrate, UGT1A1 substrate | EVG is a UGT1A1 substrate; COBI is a P-gp inhibitor. | UGT1A1 substrate |

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; BIC = bicitgravir; COBI = cobicistat; CPK = creatine phosphokinase; CYP = cytochrome P; DTG = dolutegravir; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LDL = low density lipoprotein; MATE = multidrug and toxic compound extrusion; OCT2 = organic cation transporter 2; P-gp = p-glycoprotein; RAL = raltegravir; SJS/TEN = Stevens Johnson Syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TG = triglyceride; UGT = uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase+

Table 8c. Characteristics of Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTIs) That Are Recommended as Initial Therapy for People With HIV

| Characteristics | DOR | EFV | RPV ^a |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Dosing Frequency | Once daily | Once daily | Once daily |
| Food Requirement | With or without food | On an empty stomach | With a meal |
| STR Available for ART-Naive Patients | DOR/TDF/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFV 600 mg/TDF/FTC • EFV 600 mg/TDF/3TC • EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV/TAF/FTC • RPV/TDF/FTC |
| Available as a Single-Drug Tablet | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Adverse Effects | Generally well tolerated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNS side effects, including dizziness, abnormal dreams, headache, depression, suicidality, insomnia, somnolence • Skin rash • QTc prolongation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depression, headache • Skin rash • QTc prolongation |
| CYP3A4 Drug-Drug Interactions | CYP3A4 substrate | CYP3A4 substrate, mixed inducer/inhibitor | CYP3A4 substrate |
| Other Significant Drug Interactions | None | CYP2B6 and 2C19 inducer | RPV oral absorption is reduced with increased gastric pH. Use of RPV with PPIs is not recommended; see Drug-Drug Interactions for dosing recommendations when RPV is coadministered with H2 blocker or antacids. |

^a See [Optimizing Antiretroviral Therapy](#) section and [Appendix B, Table 4](#) for information regarding injectable RPV.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ART = antiretroviral therapy; CNS = central nervous system; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; EFV = efavirenz; FTC = emtricitabine; H2 = histamine 2; PPI = proton pump inhibitor; QTc = QT corrected for heart rate; RPV = rilpivirine; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Table 8d. Characteristics of Protease Inhibitor Options That Are Recommended as Initial Therapy for People With HIV

| Characteristic | ATV | DRV |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Dosing Frequency | Once daily | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once daily for PI-naive patients Twice daily for PI-experienced patients with certain PI mutations |
| PK Boosting | PK boosting with RTV or COBI generally is recommended. Unboosted ATV also is FDA-approved for ART-naive patients. | DRV only should be used with a PK booster (i.e., RTV or COBI). |
| Fixed-Dose Formulation | ATV/c | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRV/c DRV/c/TAF/FTC |
| Available as a Single-Drug Tablet | Yes | Yes |
| Adverse Effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaundice Indirect hyperbilirubinemia Cholelithiasis Nephrolithiasis PR prolongation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skin rash Increase in serum transaminases Hyperlipidemia A higher cardiovascular risk was reported in participants taking DRV-based regimens than in those taking ATV-based regimens in an observational cohort study. |
| CYP3A4 Drug-Drug Interactions | CYP3A4 substrate, inhibitor | CYP3A4 substrate, inhibitor |
| Other Significant Drug Interactions | ATV absorption is reduced when ATV is given with acid-lowering therapies. See Table 24a for ATV dosing recommendations when the drug is coadministered with acid-lowering agents. | N/A |

Key: ART = antiretroviral therapy; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; COBI = cobicistat; CYP = cytochrome P; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; FTC = emtricitabine; N/A = not applicable; PI = protease inhibitor; PK = pharmacokinetic; RTV = ritonavir; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide

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Note: All drugs within an ARV class are listed in alphabetical order.

| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-----------|--------------|--|---|
| Dual-NRTI | ABC/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with DTG • Generic formulations are available for ABC/3TC, ABC, and 3TC. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May cause life-threatening HSRs in patients who test positive for the HLA-B*5701 allele. As a result, HLA-B*5701 testing is required before use. • In the ACTG 5202 study, patients with baseline HIV RNA $\geq 100,000$ copies/mL showed inferior virologic responses when ABC/3TC was given with EFV or ATV/r as opposed to TDF/FTC. This difference was not seen when ABC/3TC was used in combination with DTG. • ABC use has been associated with CV disease and cardiac events in some, but not all, observational studies. |
| | TAF/FTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with BIC, DRV/c, EVG/c, or RPV • Active against HBV; a recommended dual-NRTI option for patients with HBV/HIV coinfection • Smaller decline in renal function, less proteinuria, and smaller reductions in BMD than TDF/FTC • Approved for patients with eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min • Can be used in patients with eGFR < 30 mL/min and on chronic hemodialysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDF is associated with lower lipid levels than TAF, perhaps because TDF results in higher plasma levels of tenofovir, which lowers lipids. • See discussion in text regarding weight gain with TAF. |
| | TDF/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with DOR • Generic formulations are available for TDF, 3TC, TDF/3TC, and EFV/TDF/3TC. • Long-term clinical experience • Active against HBV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal toxicity, including proximal tubulopathy and acute or chronic renal insufficiency, especially when combined with pharmacologic boosters. • Osteomalacia has been reported as a consequence of proximal tubulopathy. • Decreased BMD has been associated with use of TDF, especially when combined with pharmacologic boosters. |

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| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-------------|--------------|--|--|
| | TDF/FTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with EFV, EVG/c, and RPV as STRs • Active against HBV; a recommended dual-NRTI option for patients with HIV/HBV coinfection • Better virologic responses than ABC/3TC in patients with baseline viral loads $\geq 100,000$ copies/mL when combined with ATV/r or EFV • Associated with lower lipid levels than ABC or TAF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal toxicity, including proximal tubulopathy and acute or chronic renal insufficiency, especially when combined with pharmacologic boosters. • Osteomalacia has been reported as a consequence of proximal tubulopathy. • Decreased BMD has been associated with use of TDF, especially when combined with pharmacologic boosters. |
| Single NRTI | 3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with DTG as STR • Avoids potential toxicities associated with TDF, TAF, ABC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG/3TC is not recommended for individuals with HIV RNA $>500,000$ copies/mL, HBV coinfection, or in whom ART is to be started before the results of HIV genotypic resistance testing for reverse transcriptase or HBV testing are available. |
| INSTI | BIC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with TAF/FTC • Higher barrier to resistance than EVG and RAL • No food requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral absorption of BIC can be reduced by simultaneous administration with drugs or supplements containing polyvalent cations (e.g., Al-, Ca-, or Mg-containing antacids or supplements or multivitamin tablets with minerals). See dosing recommendations in Table 24d. • Inhibits tubular secretion of Cr without affecting glomerular function. • CYP3A4 and UGT1A1 substrate (but not a CYP3A4 inducer or inhibitor); potential for drug-drug interactions. • Should not be used in pregnancy because of lack of data for BIC. • See discussion in text regarding weight gain related to INSTIs. |
| | DTG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher barrier to resistance than EVG or RAL • Coformulated with ABC/3TC and 3TC • No food requirement • Minimal CYP3A4 interactions • Favorable lipid profile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral absorption of DTG can be reduced by simultaneous administration with drugs containing polyvalent cations (e.g., Al-, Ca-, or Mg-containing antacids or supplements or multivitamin tablets with minerals). See dosing recommendations in Table 24d. • Inhibits renal tubular secretion of Cr and can increase serum Cr without affecting glomerular function. |

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| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-----------|--------------|---|---|
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGT1A1 substrate; potential for drug interactions (see Table 24d). • Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions). • See discussion in text regarding weight gain related to INSTIs. • Updated data from Botswana suggest that DTG exposure during conception may be associated with a small risk of NTDs in the infant compared with non-DTG ARV drugs (1.9 per 1,000 versus 1.1 per 1,000), with a prevalence difference that was not statistically significant. Clinicians should discuss with people of childbearing potential and refer to the Perinatal Guidelines. |
| | EVG/c | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with TDF/FTC or TAF/FTC • Compared with ATV/r, EVG/c causes smaller increases in total and LDL cholesterol. • EVG/c/TAF/FTC can be used in patients on chronic hemodialysis. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVG/c/TDF/FTC is recommended only for patients with baseline CrCl ≥ 70 mL/min; this regimen should be discontinued if CrCl decreases to < 50 mL/min. • COBI is a potent CYP3A4 inhibitor, which can result in significant interactions with CYP3A substrates. • Oral absorption of EVG can be reduced by simultaneous administration with drugs containing polyvalent cations (e.g., Al³⁺, Ca²⁺, or Mg²⁺-containing antacids or supplements or multivitamin tablets with minerals). See dosing recommendations in Table 24d. • COBI inhibits active tubular secretion of Cr and can increase serum Cr without affecting renal glomerular function. • Has a lower barrier to resistance than boosted PI-, BIC-, or DTG-based regimens. • Food requirement. • Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions). • EVG/c should be avoided in pregnancy, because levels of COBI and its boosted drugs are lower in the second and third trimesters. If women who are pregnant with suppressed virus on EVG/c elect to continue on the drug, frequent viral load monitoring is recommended. • See discussion in text regarding weight gain related to INSTIs. |

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| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-----------|--------------|---|---|
| | RAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compared to other INSTIs, has longest post-marketing experience • No food requirement • No CYP3A4 interactions • Favorable lipid profile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a lower barrier to resistance than boosted PI-, BIC-, or DTG-based regimens. • Increases in creatine kinase, myopathy, and rhabdomyolysis have been reported. • Rare cases of severe HSRs (including SJS and TEN) have been reported. • Higher pill burden than other INSTI-based regimens. • No FDC formulation. • Oral absorption of RAL can be reduced by simultaneous administration with drugs containing polyvalent cations (e.g., Al-, Ca-, or Mg-containing antacids or supplements or multivitamin tablets with minerals). See dosing recommendations in Table 24d. • UGT1A1 substrate; potential for drug interactions (see Table 24d). • Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions). • See discussion in text regarding weight gain related to INSTIs. |
| NNRTI | DOR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with TDF/3TC • Compared to EFV, fewer CNS side effects • No food requirement • Favorable lipid profile • Lack of association with weight gain compared with boosted DRV or EFV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorter-term clinical experience than with EFV and RPV. • Potential for CYP450 drug interactions (see Tables 24b, 25a and 25b). • Treatment-emergent DOR resistance mutations may confer resistance to certain NNRTIs. |
| | EFV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFV 600 mg is coformulated with TDF/FTC and TDF/3TC. • EFV 400 mg is coformulated with TDF/3TC. • EFV 600-mg dose has long-term clinical experience and EFV-based regimens (except for EFV plus ABC/3TC) have well-documented efficacy in patients with high HIV RNA. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short- and long-term neuropsychiatric (CNS) side effects, including depression and, in some studies, suicidality and catatonia. Late-onset ataxia and encephalopathy also have been reported. • Periodic screening for depression and suicidality is recommended in people with HIV who are taking a regimen that includes EFV. • Dyslipidemia • Rash |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFV 400 mg has fewer CNS side effects than EFV 600 mg. • EFV 600 mg can be given with rifamycin antibiotics (rifampin, rifabutin, or rifapentine). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QTc interval prolongation; consider using an alternative to EFV in patients taking medications with known risk of causing Torsades de Pointes or in those at higher risk of Torsades de Pointes. • Transmitted resistance is more common than with PIs and INSTIs. • Greater risk of resistance at the time of treatment failure than with PIs. • Potential for CYP450 drug interactions (see Tables 24b and 25a). • Should be taken on an empty stomach (food increases drug absorption and CNS toxicities). |
| | RPV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated with TDF/FTC and TAF/FTC • RPV/TDF/FTC and RPV/TAF/FTC have smaller pill sizes than other coformulated ARV drugs • Compared with EFV: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fewer CNS adverse effects ○ Fewer lipid effects ○ Fewer rashes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not recommended in patients with pre-ART HIV RNA >100,000 copies/mL or CD4 counts <200 cells/mm³ because of higher rate of virologic failure in these patients. • Depression and suicidality • QTc interval prolongation; consider using an alternative to RPV in patients taking medications with known risk of causing Torsades de Pointes or in those at higher risk of Torsades de Pointes. • Rash • Transmitted resistance is more common than with PIs and INSTIs. • More NNRTI-, TDF-, and 3TC-associated mutations at virologic failure than with regimens that contain EFV and 2 NRTIs. • Potential for CYP450 drug interactions (see Tables 24b and 25a). • Meal requirement (>390 kcal) • Requires acid for adequate absorption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contraindicated with PPIs. ○ Use with H2 antagonists or antacids with caution (see Table 24a for detailed dosing information). |

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| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| PIs | ATV/c or ATV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher barrier to resistance than NNRTIs, EVG, and RAL • PI resistance at the time of treatment failure is uncommon with PK-enhanced PIs. • ATV/c and ATV/r have similar virologic activity and toxicity profiles. • Observational cohort studies have found an association between some PIs (DRV, LPV/r, FPV, IDV) and an increased risk of CV events; this risk has not been seen with ATV. Further study is needed. See text for discussion. • Individual ATV and RTV components are available as generics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonly causes indirect hyperbilirubinemia, which may manifest as scleral icterus or jaundice. • Food requirement • Absorption depends on food and low gastric pH (see Table 24a for interactions with H2 antagonists, antacids, and PPIs). • Nephrolithiasis, cholelithiasis, nephrotoxicity • GI adverse effects • CYP3A4 inhibitors and substrates: potential for drug interactions (see Table 24a). |
| | ATV/c Specific considerations | Coformulated tablet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBI inhibits active tubular secretion of Cr and can increase serum Cr without affecting renal glomerular function. • Coadministration with TDF is not recommended in patients with CrCl <70 mL/min. • COBI (like RTV) is a potent CYP3A4 inhibitor, which can result in significant interactions with CYP3A substrates. • COBI should be avoided in pregnancy, because levels of COBI and its boosted drugs are lower in the second and third trimesters. If women who are pregnant with suppressed virus on ATV/c elect to continue on the drug, frequent viral load monitoring is recommended. |
| | DRV/c or DRV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher barrier to resistance than NNRTIs, EVG, and RAL. • PI resistance at the time of treatment failure is uncommon with PK-enhanced PIs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin rash • Food requirement • GI adverse effects • CYP3A4 inhibitors and substrates: potential for drug interactions (see Table 24a). • Increased CV risk reported in one observational cohort study. • Hepatotoxicity has been reported, especially in those with preexisting liver disease. |

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| ARV Class | ARV Agent(s) | Advantage(s) | Disadvantage(s) |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | DRV/c Specific considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coformulated as DRV/c and DRV/c/TAF/FTC. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBI inhibits active tubular secretion of Cr and can increase serum Cr without affecting renal glomerular function. • Coadministration with TDF is not recommended in patients with CrCl <70 mL/min. • COBI (like RTV) is a potent CYP3A4 inhibitor, which can result in significant interactions with CYP3A substrates. • COBI should be avoided in pregnancy, because levels of COBI and its boosted drugs are lower in the second and third trimesters. If women who are pregnant with suppressed virus on DRV/c elect to continue on the drug, frequent viral load monitoring is recommended. |

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Table 10. Antiretroviral Components or Regimens Not Recommended as Initial Therapy

| ARV Components or Regimens | Reasons for <i>Not</i> Recommending as Initial Therapy |
|---|--|
| Combination INSTI plus NNRTI | |
| CAB plus RPV (PO or IM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This regimen only is approved for people who have achieved viral suppression on another ARV regimen. It has not been studied as initial ARV regimen. |
| DTG plus RPV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This regimen only is approved for people who have achieved viral suppression on another ARV regimen. It has not been studied as initial ARV regimen. |
| NRTIs | |
| ABC/3TC/ZDV (Coformulated) As triple-NRTI combination regimen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inferior virologic efficacy |
| ABC/3TC/ZDV plus TDF As quadruple-NRTI combination regimen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inferior virologic efficacy |
| d4T plus 3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant toxicities (including lipoatrophy, peripheral neuropathy) and hyperlactatemia (including symptomatic and life-threatening lactic acidosis, hepatic steatosis, and pancreatitis) |
| ddI plus 3TC (or FTC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inferior virologic efficacy Limited clinical trial experience in ART-naive patients ddI toxicities, such as pancreatitis and peripheral neuropathy |
| ddI plus TDF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High rate of early virologic failure Rapid selection of resistance mutations Potential for immunologic nonresponse/CD4 cell decline Increased ddI drug exposure and toxicities |
| ZDV/3TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater toxicities (including bone marrow suppression, GI toxicities, skeletal muscle myopathy, cardiomyopathy, and mitochondrial toxicities such as lipoatrophy, lactic acidosis, and hepatic steatosis) than recommended NRTIs |
| NNRTIs | |
| DLV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inferior virologic efficacy Inconvenient (three times daily) dosing |
| ETR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient data in ART-naive patients |
| NVP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associated with serious and potentially fatal toxicity (hepatic events and severe rash, including SJS and TEN) When compared to EFV, NVP did not meet noninferiority criteria |

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| ARV Components or Regimens | Reasons for <i>Not</i> Recommending as Initial Therapy |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| PIs | |
| ATV (Unboosted) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less potent than boosted ATV |
| DRV (Unboosted) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use without RTV or COBI has not been studied |
| FPV (Unboosted) or FPV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virologic failure with unboosted FPV-based regimen may result in selection of mutations that confer resistance to FPV and DRV • Less clinical trial data for FPV/r than for other RTV-boosted PIs |
| IDV (Unboosted) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconvenient dosing (3 times daily with meal restrictions) • Fluid requirement • IDV toxicities, such as nephrolithiasis and crystalluria |
| IDV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluid requirement • IDV toxicities, such as nephrolithiasis and crystalluria |
| LPV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher pill burden than other PI-based regimens • Higher RTV dose than other PI-based regimens • GI intolerance |
| NFV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferior virologic efficacy • Diarrhea |
| RTV as sole PI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High pill burden • GI intolerance • Metabolic toxicity |
| SQV (Unboosted) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate bioavailability • Inferior virologic efficacy |
| SQV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High pill burden • Can cause QT and PR prolongation; requires pretreatment and follow-up ECG |
| TPV/r | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferior virologic efficacy • Higher rate of adverse events than other RTV-boosted PIs • Higher dose of RTV required for boosting than other RTV-boosted PIs |
| Entry Inhibitors | |
| FTR gp120 Attachment Inhibitor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only studied in a very small number of patients with virologic failure |
| IBA CD4 Post-Attachment Inhibitor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only studied in a very small number of patients with virologic failure • Requires IV therapy |

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| ARV Components or Regimens | Reasons for <i>Not</i> Recommending as Initial Therapy |
|---------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost |
| <p>MVC CCR5 Antagonist</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires testing for CCR5 tropism before initiation of therapy • No virologic benefit when compared with other recommended regimens • Requires twice-daily dosing |
| <p>T20 Fusion Inhibitor</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only studied in patients with virologic failure • Twice-daily subcutaneous injections • High rate of injection site reactions |

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Table 11. Antiretroviral Options for Patients with Virologic Failure

Designing a new regimen for patients who are experiencing treatment failure should always be guided by ARV history and results from current and past resistance testing. This table summarizes the text above and displays the most common or likely clinical scenarios seen in patients with virologic failure. For more detailed descriptions, please refer to the texts above and/or consult an expert in HIV drug resistance to assist in the design of a new regimen. It is also crucial to provide continuous adherence support to all patients before and after regimen changes.

| Clinical Scenario | Type of Failing Regimen | Resistance Considerations | New Regimen Options ^{a,b} | Goal |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| First Regimen Failure | NNRTI plus two NRTIs | Most likely resistant to NNRTI +/- 3TC or FTC (i.e., NNRTI mutations +/- M184V/I). ^c Additional NRTI mutations also may be present. | DTG (or possibly BIC) plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active*) (AI) ; <i>or</i> Boosted PI plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active) (AI) ; <i>or</i> Boosted PI plus INSTI (CI or AIII) ^d | Resuppression |
| | Boosted PI plus two NRTIs | Most likely no resistance or resistance only to 3TC or FTC (i.e., M184V/I, without resistance to other NRTIs) ^c | DTG, or possibly BIC, plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active; if only one of the NRTIs is fully active* or if adherence is a concern, DTG is currently preferred over other INSTIs) (AIII) ; <i>or</i> Continue same regimen (AI) ; <i>or</i> Another boosted PI plus INSTI (CI or AIII) ^d ; <i>or</i> Another boosted PI plus two NRTIs (at least one fully active*) (AIII) | Resuppression |
| | INSTI plus two NRTIs | If failure on DTG or BIC, typically no INSTI resistance Can have 3TC or FTC resistance (i.e., only M184V/I, usually without resistance to other NRTIs) ^c | Boosted PI plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active*) (AIII) ; <i>or</i> DTG, or likely BIC, plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active*) (AIII) ; <i>or</i> Boosted PI plus DTG (AIII) | Resuppression |

Table 11. Antiretroviral Options for Patients with Virologic Failure

| Clinical Scenario | Type of Failing Regimen | Resistance Considerations | New Regimen Options ^{a,b} | Goal |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | If failure on EVG or RAL, often have INSTI resistance, but potentially susceptible to DTG Can have 3TC or FTC resistance | Boosted PI plus two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active*) (AIII) ; <i>or</i> DTG ^e twice daily or possibly BIC (if HIV is sensitive) plus two fully active NRTIs (BIII) ; <i>or</i> DTG ^e twice daily or possibly BIC (if HIV is sensitive) plus a boosted PI (AIII) | Resuppression |
| Second Regimen Failure and Beyond | Drug resistance with fully active treatment options— | Use past and current genotypic- +/- phenotypic-resistance testing and ART history when designing new regimen. | New regimen according to original treatment type— | Resuppression |
| | (i) Boosted PI, but not second-generation INSTI, fully active | | (i) Boosted PI with two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active) | |
| | (ii) Second-generation INSTI, but not boosted PI, fully active | | (ii) DTG or BIC with two NRTIs (preferably at least one fully active) | |
| | (iii) Both PI and INSTI fully active | | (iii) The two options above or boosted PI with INSTI | |
| | Multiple or extensive drug resistance with few treatment options (e.g., fully active boosted PI or second-generation INSTI unavailable) | Use past and current genotypic- and phenotypic-resistance testing to guide therapy. Confirm with a viral tropism assay when use of MVC is considered. Consult an expert in drug resistance if needed. | New regimen should include at least two, and preferably three, fully active agents, including those with novel mechanisms of action (e.g., IBA, FTR, LEN). If <3 fully active drugs, include as many fully active drugs as possible, along with potentially partially active drugs. Consider enrollment into clinical trials or expanded access programs for investigational agents if available. Discontinuation of all ARV drugs is not recommended . | Resuppression if possible; otherwise, keep viral load as low as possible and CD4 count as high as possible. |

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| ART-Experienced Patients with Suspected Drug Resistance and Limited or Incomplete ARV and Resistance History | Unknown | Obtain medical records if possible. Resistance testing may be helpful in identifying drug-resistance mutations, even if the patient has been off ART. Keep in mind that resistance mutations may not be detected in the absence of drug pressure. | Consider restarting the old regimen with careful monitoring of virologic response and early resistance testing if inadequate virologic suppression. If no ARV history is available, consider initiating a regimen with drugs with high genetic barriers to resistance (e.g., DTG, BIC, and/or boosted DRV) with careful monitoring of virologic response and early resistance testing, if inadequate virologic suppression. | Resuppression |
|---|---------|--|--|---------------|

^a Data are insufficient to provide a recommendation for the continuation of 3TC or FTC in the presence of M184V/I.

^b When switching an ARV regimen in a patient with HBV/HIV coinfection, ARV drugs that are active against HBV and have high resistance barrier to HBV should be continued as part of the new regimen. Discontinuation of these drugs may lead to the reactivation of HBV, which may result in serious hepatocellular damage.

^c If other NRTI-resistance mutations are present, use resistance test results to guide NRTI usage in the new regimen.

^d **CI** for LPV/r + RAL; **AIII** for other boosted PIs (e.g., DRV) or INSTIs (e.g., DTG).

^e Response to DTG depends on the type and number of INSTI mutations.

* See text for details and additional options in special settings.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bictegravir; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; DRV = darunavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EVG = elvitegravir; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; HBV = hepatitis B virus; IBA = ibalizumab; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; RAL = raltegravir

Table 12. Identifying, Diagnosing, and Treating Acute and Recent HIV Infection

| Suspicion of Acute HIV Infection |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health care providers should consider the possibility of acute HIV infection in individuals with the signs, symptoms, or laboratory findings described below and in asymptomatic individuals with a possible recent (within 2–6 weeks) exposure to HIV.^a<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Signs, symptoms, or laboratory findings of acute HIV infection may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: fever, lymphadenopathy, skin rash, myalgia, arthralgia, headache, diarrhea, pharyngitis, oral ulcers, leucopenia, thrombocytopenia, and transaminase elevation.○ High-risk exposures include sexual contact with a person who has HIV or a person at risk of HIV infection; sharing needles and syringes to inject drugs, as well as equipment used to prepare drugs for injection; or any exposure in which an individual's mucous membranes or any breaks in the skin come in contact with bodily fluid that potentially carries HIV. <p><i>Differential Diagnosis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The differential diagnosis of acute HIV infection may include, but is not limited to, viral illnesses, such as COVID-19, EBV and non-EBV (e.g., CMV) infectious mononucleosis syndromes, influenza, viral hepatitis, streptococcal infection, or syphilis. Diagnosis of any STI should prompt HIV testing and consideration of acute HIV infection. |
| Testing to Diagnose/Confirm Acute HIV Infection |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute HIV infection is defined as detectable HIV RNA or p24 antigen (the specific antigen used in currently available HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab combination assays) in the setting of a negative or indeterminate HIV antibody test result.• A reactive HIV antibody test result or Ag/Ab combination test result must be followed by supplemental confirmatory testing.• A negative or indeterminate HIV antibody test result in a person with a reactive Ag/Ab test result or in whom acute HIV infection is suspected requires plasma HIV RNA testing to diagnose acute HIV infection.• A positive result on a quantitative or qualitative plasma HIV RNA test in the setting of a negative or indeterminate antibody test result indicates that acute HIV infection is highly likely. In this case, the diagnosis of HIV infection should be confirmed by subsequent documentation of HIV antibody seroconversion.• A positive HIV Ag/Ab test result or a positive HIV RNA test result in the setting of a negative HIV antibody test result in a person taking PrEP should prompt immediate confirmation of HIV diagnosis. It is important to collect a new blood specimen to verify the HIV diagnosis before initiating HIV treatment. |
| Antiretroviral Therapy After Diagnosis of Early HIV Infection |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ART is recommended for all people with HIV, including those with early HIV infection (AI). ART should be initiated as soon as possible after HIV diagnosis (AII).• Once initiated, the goals of ART are to achieve sustained plasma virologic suppression and to prevent HIV transmission (AII).• All persons of childbearing potential who receive a diagnosis of early HIV infection should have a pregnancy test (AIII).• Pregnant people with early HIV infection should begin ART as soon as possible for their own health and to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV (AI).• A blood sample for genotypic drug-resistance testing should be obtained before initiating ART to guide the selection of the regimen (AIII), but ART should be initiated as soon as possible, often before resistance-test results are available. If resistance is subsequently identified, treatment should be modified as needed.• ART can be initiated before the results of drug-resistance testing are known. For individuals who do not have a history of using CAB-LA as PrEP, one of the following ARV regimens is recommended (AIII):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ DTG with (TAF or TDF)^b plus (FTC or 3TC)○ BIC/TAF/FTC |

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- Boosted DRV with (TAF or TDF)^b plus (FTC or 3TC)
- For individuals with a history of using CAB-LA as PrEP, genotypic resistance testing done before starting ART should include screening for INSTI-resistance mutations (**AIII**). Recommended regimens include the following:
 - Boosted DRV with (TAF or TDF)^b plus (FTC or 3TC)—pending the results of the genotype (**AIII**). Empiric INSTI-containing regimens **are not recommended (AIII)**, because INSTI resistance may be present in those who become infected during the use of CAB-LA and possibly up to 4 years after.
- Pregnancy testing should be performed in people of childbearing potential before initiating ART (**AIII**).

^a In some settings, behaviors that increase the risk of HIV infection may not be recognized or perceived as risky by the health care provider, the patient, or both. Thus, even in the absence of reported high-risk behaviors, symptoms and signs consistent with acute retroviral syndrome should motivate health care providers to consider a diagnosis of acute HIV infection.

^b TAF and TDF are two forms of tenofovir that are approved in the United States. TAF has fewer bone and kidney toxicities than TDF, whereas TDF is associated with lower lipid levels. Safety, cost, and accessibility are among the factors to consider when choosing between these drugs.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; Ag/Ab = antigen/antibody; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bictegravir; CAB-LA = cabotegravir long-acting; CMV = cytomegalovirus; DRV = darunavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EBV = Epstein-Barr virus; FTC = emtricitabine; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis; STI = sexually transmitted infection; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Table 13. Antiretroviral Therapy-Specific Strategies to Improve Medication Adherence

| Antiretroviral Therapy-Specific Strategies to Improve Medication Adherence | |
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| Regimen selection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple ART regimens (e.g., fixed-dose, once daily combinations) with high barriers to resistance are preferable, if possible.³⁵• Minimal side effects (e.g., gastrointestinal) |
| Treatment plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop the plan in partnership with AYA with HIV, considering daily schedule; tolerance of pill number, size, and frequency; issues affecting absorption; and potential adverse effects and interactions with other medications.^{34,36}• Design adolescent-friendly reminder systems³⁷ (e.g., apps, cell phone reminders, pill boxes) for adherence support.³⁸ |
| Motivators | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasize personal benefits (e.g., viral suppression, improved health).• Undetectable equals untransmittable (U=U) status disclosure to sexual partners without HIV may act as a particularly strong motivator for reducing stigma and improving adherence among AYA with HIV. |

Table 14: Approaches to Optimize Care Transition for AYA With HIV

| Pediatric/Adolescent | Adult |
|--|--|
| Personnel | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage a multidisciplinary team knowledgeable about medical and psychosocial issues of AYA with HIV, including the challenges of transitioning youth to adult care settings. Utilize combined internal medicine and pediatrics-trained providers if available. Assign a transition point person and have their contact information readily available. Educate HIV care teams and staff about transitioning AYA with HIV and their needs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage a multidisciplinary adult care team knowledgeable about medical and psychosocial issues of AYA with HIV, including the challenges of transitioning youth to adult care settings. Utilize combined internal medicine and pediatrics providers if available. Assign a transition point person and have their contact information readily available. Identify outreach specialists, navigators, social workers, case managers, and providers with a youth-friendly approach. Educate clinic personnel about AYA with HIV and their challenges to enhance sensitivity and understanding and minimize stigma. |
| Education and Preparation of AYA with HIV | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance AYA with HIV health literacy, including understanding of HIV and their medical history. Address patient and family resistance to transition of care caused by lack of information, concerns about stigma or risk of disclosure, and differences in practice styles. Help youth develop life skills, including, but not limited to, counseling on appropriate use of a primary care provider and how to manage appointments; the importance of prompt symptom recognition and reporting; and self-efficacy in managing medications, insurance, and assistance benefits. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet AYA with HIV before transition, if possible. Clearly outline policies and expectations before and during the first visit. Have an orientation plan to acquaint newly transitioned AYA with HIV to the clinic environment and adult clinical care program. Implement interventions that may improve outcomes, such as patient navigators, peer support groups, mental health assessment, and inclusion of parents and guardians where available. Address health literacy and ensure AYA with HIV understand HIV, goals of care, etc. Continue to work with AYA with HIV toward developing life skills, etc. |
| Strategies and Approaches | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify adult care providers able to provide youth-friendly care for adolescents and young adults. Develop a formal, purposeful individualized transition plan to address comprehensive care needs, including medical, psychosocial, and financial aspects of transitioning to adult HIV care. Optimize provider communication between adolescent and adult clinics, including a warm multidisciplinary, comprehensive medical history hand-off that includes prior regimens and outcomes (e.g., adherence, virologic failure and resistance). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a realistic clinic model based on specific needs (e.g., simultaneous transition of mental health and/or case management versus a gradual phase-in) and staffing. Engage in a warm handoff from the pediatric team, which allows the accepting adult team to learn about and understand the multidisciplinary challenges and goals for the patient. Devise a plan for how to continue building the skills on the adult side. Build in flexibility (e.g., permissive grace period for appointments, leniency for missed appointments, particularly when first transitioning). Incorporate other aspects of care beyond HIV management, if possible (e.g., family planning, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, mental health, substance use). |

Table 14: Approaches to Optimize Care Transition for AYA With HIV

| Pediatric/Adolescent | Adult |
|--|-------|
| Communication | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster regular dialogue between pediatric and adolescent and adult teams before and after transition through regular meetings, case conferences, etc.• Solicit feedback from the AYA with HIV• Use technology (e.g., texting, HIPAA-compliant messaging apps, telemedicine). | |
| Evaluation | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement ongoing evaluation to measure the success of the selected model (retention in adult care). | |

Table 15: AYA With HIV ARV Adherence Barriers and Strategies to Support Adherence

| ART Adherence Barrier | Adherence Support Strategy | Rationale for Adherence Support Strategy |
|--|---|--|
| Prioritization of short-term goals and socialization with peers over daily HIV treatment adherence | Youth-friendly reminder systems (e.g., text, phone, apps) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily adherence to ARV regimens may not take priority in the lives of AYA with HIV. • AYA with HIV benefit from reminder systems to facilitate adherence. |
| | Novel ART delivery strategies (e.g., long-acting oral or injectable ARVs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYA with HIV show interest in long-acting alternatives for ART delivery. • Long-acting ARVs are a promising tool to facilitate adherence, once approved for AYA with HIV. |
| Social concerns related to loss of confidentiality | Simple ARV regimens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescents do not want to be different from peers; adherence to complex regimens is particularly challenging. • Simple ARV regimens are preferable for AYA with HIV. |
| | User-friendly and discreet regimens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoidance of HIV-related stigma and of unintentional disclosure of HIV status is a priority for AYA with HIV. • Protect confidentiality with user-friendly and discreet adherence supports (e.g., discreet pill bottles, reminder systems, etc.). |
| Side effects/fear of side effects | ARV regimens that minimize side effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side effects are associated with nonadherence to ARVs. • Regimens with minimal side effects and medications that manage side effects have utility for AYA with HIV. |
| Denial or dismissal of HIV diagnosis | Motivational interviewing (MI) and motivational enhancement therapy (MET) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MI and MET acknowledge AYA with HIV's autonomy and potential ambivalence about treatment adherence. • MI and MET have shown promise for improving adherence to chronic disease treatment, including HIV. |
| | Positive affirmation messages (e.g., text, app) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronically delivered positive affirmation messages can improve self-esteem and ARV adherence among AYA with HIV. |
| Lack of health literacy regarding the benefits of ART | Health literacy support and U=U education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYA with HIV may not fully understand the importance of taking ARVs daily, particularly when they are asymptomatic. • Increased health literacy is associated with better adherence to ARV regimens. • U=U education holds promise for AYA with HIV. |
| Mistrust of providers and the medical establishment | Empathetic and patient-centered communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication exploring the needs of AYA with HIV patients can build trust, including exploring needs not directly related to HIV treatment (e.g., school, employment, relationships, etc.). |
| Mental health and/or substance use | Individualized mental health and substance use services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive mental health and substance use services have shown promise for improving viral suppression among AYA with HIV. • Service should be delivered based on individualized needs assessments. |

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| ART Adherence Barrier | Adherence Support Strategy | Rationale for Adherence Support Strategy |
|--|---|--|
| | Directly observed therapy may be considered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For some AYA with HIV with difficult adherence problems, directly observed therapy may be considered. |
| Lack of familial and social support | Family and peer support groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family members and peers are a defense against stigma and social isolation, source of emotional support, and partners in medication management. Family and peer support groups have utility for AYA with HIV living with HIV. |
| Provider views of AYA with HIV as “risky” and/or not ready for ART | Promote development of a positive rather than risk-centered identity among AYA with HIV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adolescence and young adulthood are periods of identity development where HIV stigma is particularly problematic. Providers should not conceptualize AYA with HIV as “high risk” to reduce stigma and improve ARV adherence. |
| Provider implicit biases of AYA with HIV | Implicit bias training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consciously changing biased associations and repeated bias self-regulation training can reduce providers’ implicit biases. |
| | Gender-affirming care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transgender individuals are more likely to achieve viral suppression when HIV care providers affirm their gender (e.g., use chosen name and pronoun). For a more detailed discussion, see guidelines for Transgender People with HIV. |

Table 15: AYA With HIV ARV Adherence Barriers and Strategies to Support Adherence

| ART Adherence Barrier | Adherence Support Strategy | Rationale for Adherence Support Strategy |
|---|---|---|
| Lack of youth-friendly services | Dedicated youth HIV clinic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic days or hours dedicated to AYA with HIV patients better address unique adherence needs; youth-friendly services include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ flexible hours, easy scheduling, telephone/telehealth appointments; ○ providers trained in working with AYA with HIV; ○ youth-friendly waiting rooms and physical spaces; ○ supplemental services that comprehensively address psychosocial and health needs of AYA with HIV; and ○ incentives for AYA with HIV care engagement. |
| | Youth-friendly hours, staff, and physical space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where dedicated hours and services are not possible, youth-friendly service elements can be integrated into existing clinic structures, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ offering evening hours; ○ staff training on service delivery to AYA with HIV; and ○ youth-friendly waiting rooms and physical spaces. |
| | Referrals to more youth-friendly HIV providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where youth-friendly services are not possible, referrals to more youth-friendly HIV care providers should be considered. • Referral decisions should be made collaboratively with the patient. |
| Lack of comprehensive services that address common psychosocial stressors | Supplemental health, behavioral health, and psychosocial support services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized delivery of comprehensive supplemental services helps address unique needs of AYA with HIV, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ primary care and sexual and reproductive health services; ○ behavioral health services; and ○ psychosocial support services (e.g., school support, transportation, support groups, housing and food assistance). |
| | Collaboration with and referrals to outside support services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where delivery of comprehensive supplemental services is not possible, collaborations with and referrals to outside support services should be considered. |

Key: ART = antiretroviral treatment; ARV = antiretroviral; AYA = adolescent and young adult; U=U = undetectable equals untransmittable

Table 16. Medications for Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

| Medication | Dose and Recommendations | Potential Interaction with ARV Drugs | Comments |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Alcohol Use Disorder | | | |
| Acamprosate | 666 mg PO three times a day <i>or</i> 333 mg PO three times a day for patients with CrCl 30–50 mL/min | No significant interaction with ARV drugs expected. | Contraindicated in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min. |
| Disulfiram | 250 mg PO once daily | Use with caution when prescribing an ARV oral solution that contains ethanol and/or propylene glycol (e.g., FPV, LPV/r, RTV). | Counsel patients regarding disulfiram reaction when taken with alcohol; symptoms for the reaction may include flushing, tachycardia, nausea, vomiting, or hypotension. |
| Naltrexone | 50–100 mg PO once daily Depot formulation is a fixed-dose monthly injection. | No significant interaction with ARV drugs expected. | Has the greatest efficacy of all FDA-approved medications for alcohol use disorder. |
| Opioid Use Disorder | | | |
| Buprenorphine | Individualize buprenorphine dosing based on a patient’s opioid use. The dose range is 4–24 mg sublingually. Dosing is once daily or twice daily. | Potential interaction with ARV drugs that are CYP inhibitors or inducers. See Drug-Drug Interactions for further recommendations. | Buprenorphine has 90% first-pass hepatic metabolism. Verify that the patient is using the appropriate technique for sublingual administration before adjusting the dose, because improper administration will result in poor absorption and low drug levels. |
| Methadone | Individualize the dose. Patients who receive higher doses (>100 mg) are more likely to remain in treatment. | Potential interaction with ARV drugs that are CYP inhibitors or inducers. See Drug-Drug Interactions for further recommendations. | QTc prolongation is a concern at higher doses. Methadone can be prescribed for OUD only by a licensed OTP. |
| Naltrexone | 50–100 mg PO once daily Depot formulation is a fixed-dose monthly injection. | No significant interaction with ARV drugs expected. | Longer time of continuous abstinence in those who received depot formulation naltrexone compared with placebo after transition from prison to community. |
| Nicotine Use Disorder | | | |
| Nicotine Replacement Therapy | FDA has approved a wide variety of nicotine-replacement products. All formulations are effective. | No significant interaction with ARV drugs expected. | Work with the patient to identify the route of delivery that the patient will use and find most helpful. |
| Bupropion | Start at 150 mg PO daily for 3 days, then increase to either 150 mg twice daily or 300 mg once daily (use only formulations that are approved for once-daily dosing). | Concentration may be reduced when used with ARV drugs that are CYP2D6 inducers. See Drug-Drug Interactions for further recommendations. | Tobacco quit date ideally should be 1 week after starting therapy. |

Table 16. Medications for Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

| Medication | Dose and Recommendations | Potential Interaction with ARV Drugs | Comments |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| Varenicline | Titrate the dose based on tolerability until the desired effect is achieved. The goal is to reach a dose of 1 mg PO twice daily. Requires dose adjustment in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min. | No significant interaction with ARV drugs expected. | Tobacco quit date ideally should be 1 week after starting therapy. |

Key: ARV = antiretroviral; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CYP = cytochrome P; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; FPV = fosamprenavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; OUD = opioid use disorder; OTP = opioid treatment program; PO = orally; RTV = ritonavir

Table 17. Potential Interactions Between the Drugs Used in Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy and Antiretroviral Drugs

| Potential Effect on GAHT Drugs | ARV Drugs | GAHT Drugs that may be Affected by ARV Drugs | Clinical Recommendations for GAHT |
|---|--|--|--|
| ARV Drugs with the Least Potential to Impact GAHT Drugs | All NRTIs Entry Inhibitors • IBA • MVC • T-20 Unboosted INSTIs • BIC • DTG • RAL NNRTIs • RPV • DOR | None | No dose adjustments necessary. Titrate dose based on desired clinical effects and hormone concentrations. |
| ARV Drugs That May Increase Concentrations of Some GAHT Drugs | EVG/c All boosted PIs | Dutasteride Finasteride Testosterone | Monitor patient for associated adverse effects; decrease the doses of GAHT drugs as needed to achieve the desired clinical effects and hormone concentrations. |
| ARV Drugs That May Decrease Concentrations of GAHT Drugs | PI/r NNRTIs • EFV • ETR • NVP | Estradiol | Increase the dose of estradiol as needed to achieve the desired clinical effects and hormone concentrations. |
| | NNRTIs • EFV • ETR • NVP | Dutasteride Finasteride Testosterone | Increase the doses of GAHT drugs as needed to achieve the desired clinical effects and hormone concentrations. |
| ARV Drugs with an Unclear Effect on GAHT Drugs | EVG/c PI/c | Estradiol | There is the potential for increased or decreased estradiol concentrations. Adjust the dose of estradiol to achieve the desired clinical effects and hormone concentrations. |

Note: See Tables [24a](#), [24b](#), [24c](#), [24d](#), and [24e](#) for additional information regarding drug–drug interactions between ARV drugs and gender-affirming medications.

Key: ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bictegravir; DOR = doravirine; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; GAHT = gender-affirming hormone therapy; IBA = ibalizumab; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = protease inhibitor/cobicistat; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; T-20 = enfuvirtide

Table 18. Concomitant Use of Selected Antiretroviral Drugs and Hepatitis C Virus Direct-Acting Antiviral Drugs for Treatment of Hepatitis C Virus in Adults With HIV

The recommendations in this table for concomitant use of select HIV drugs with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved HCV DAA drugs are based on available pharmacokinetic (PK) interaction data or are predictions based on the known metabolic pathways of the agents. (Instances where PK interaction data are limited or not available are indicated in the table.) Whenever HIV and HCV drugs are used concomitantly, patients should be closely monitored for HIV and HCV virologic efficacy and potential toxicities. Because the field of HCV therapy is rapidly evolving, readers also should refer to the latest drug product labels and the [HCV Guidance](#) for updated information.

Note: Interactions with fosamprenavir (FPV) and nelfinavir (NFV) are **not** included in this table. Please refer to the FDA product labels for information regarding drug interactions with these HIV protease inhibitors (PIs).

| ARV Drugs | Individual Drug | Coformulated | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | <i>SHOULD NOT BE USED IN THOSE WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT</i> (Cirrhosis classified as Child-Pugh class B or C) | | | | |
| | Sofosbuvir | Ledipasvir/ Sofosbuvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir/ Voxilaprevir | Glecaprevir/ Pibrentasvir | Elbasvir/ Grazoprevir |
| 3TC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ABC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| FTC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| TAF | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| TDF | ✓ | ✓ Monitor for TDF- associated adverse events. | ✓ Monitor for TDF- associated adverse events. | ✓ Monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. | ✓ | ✓ |
| Unboosted ATV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| ATV/r or ATV/c | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |

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| ARV Drugs | Individual Drug | Coformulated | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--|--|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | <p><i>SHOULD NOT BE USED IN THOSE WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT</i></p> <p>(Cirrhosis classified as Child-Pugh class B or C)</p> | | | | |
| | Sofosbuvir | Ledipasvir/ Sofosbuvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir/ Voxilaprevir | Glecaprevir/ Pibrentasvir | Elbasvir/ Grazoprevir |
| DRV/r or DRV/c | ✓ | If a PI/r or PI/c is used with TDF, ↑ TDF concentrations are expected. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. ^a | If a PI/r or PI/c is used with TDF, ↑ TDF concentrations are expected. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. ^a | ✓ If a PI/r is used with TDF, ↑ TDF concentrations are expected. Monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. ^a Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity. ^b | ✗ | ✗ |
| LPV/r | ✓ | | | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| TPV/r | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| DOR | ✓ | If used with TDF, monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| EFV | ✓ | | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| ETR | ✓ | | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| NVP | ✓ | | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| RPV PO and IM | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BIC/TAF/FTC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| CAB PO and IM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DTG | ✓ | ✓ If used with TDF, monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Table 18. Concomitant Use of Selected Antiretroviral Drugs and Hepatitis C Virus Direct-Acting Antiviral Drugs for Treatment of Hepatitis C Virus in Adults With HIV

| ARV Drugs | Individual Drug | Coformulated | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | <i>SHOULD NOT BE USED IN THOSE WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT</i> (Cirrhosis classified as Child-Pugh class B or C) | | | | |
| | Sofosbuvir | Ledipasvir/ Sofosbuvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir | Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir/ Voxilaprevir | Glecaprevir/ Pibrentasvir | Elbasvir/ Grazoprevir |
| EVG/c/TDF/FTC | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ If used with TDF, monitor for TDF- associated adverse events. | ✓ If used with TDF, monitor for TDF-associated adverse events. Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity. ^b | ✓ If used with TDF, monitor for TDF- associated adverse events. Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity. ^c | ✗ |
| EVG/c/TAF/FTC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity. ^e | ✓ Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity. ^f | ✗ |
| RAL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| MVC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| FTR | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ Use alternative HCV regimen if possible. | ✓ | ✗ Use alternative HCV regimen if possible. |
| LEN | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

^a Consider using an alternative HCV treatment or ARV regimen to avoid increases in TDF exposure. If coadministration is necessary, monitor patient for TDF-associated adverse events.

^b Voxilaprevir exposures can increase when it is coadministered with pharmacologically boosted DRV or EVG. Until more safety data in clinical settings become available, patients who are receiving voxilaprevir and pharmacologically boosted DRV or EVG should be monitored for hepatotoxicity.

^c Glecaprevir exposures can increase when it is coadministered with EVG/c. Until more safety data in clinical settings become available, patients who are receiving glecaprevir and EVG/c should be monitored for hepatotoxicity.

Key to Symbols:

✓ = ARV agents that can be used concomitantly

✗ = ARV agents not recommended

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? = Data on PK interactions with ARV drug are limited or not available

↑ = Increase

↓ = Decrease

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; DAA = direct-acting antiviral; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; HCV = hepatitis C virus; IM = intramuscular; **LEN = lenacapavir**; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = protease inhibitor/cobicistat; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; PK = pharmacokinetic; PO = oral; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TPV/r = tipranavir/ritonavir

Table 19. Strategies to Improve Linkage to Care, Retention in Care, Adherence to Appointments, and Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy

| Strategies | Examples |
|--|--|
| Provide an accessible, trustworthy, nonjudgmental multidisciplinary health care team. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include care providers, nurses, social workers, case managers, pharmacists, medication managers, and administrative staff on the care team; train all members on providing compassionate and patient-centered care. |
| Strengthen early linkage to care and retention in care. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage health care team participation in linkage to and retention in care. • Use ARTAS training (if available). • Actively support linkage to care with assistance in making appointments and linkage to services to overcome barriers to care. • Streamline Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program eligibility verification processes for uninsured and underinsured clients. |
| Evaluate the patient's knowledge about HIV infection, prevention, and treatment and, based on this assessment, provide HIV-related information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping the patient's current knowledge base in mind, provide information about HIV, including the natural history of the disease, HIV viral load and CD4 count and expected clinical outcomes according to these parameters, therapeutic and prevention consequences of poor adherence, and importance of staying in HIV care. |
| Identify facilitators, potential barriers to adherence, and necessary medication management skills both when starting ART and on an ongoing basis. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the patient's cognitive competence and impairment. • Assess behavioral and psychosocial challenges, including depression, mental illnesses, trauma, levels of social support, levels of alcohol consumption and current substance use, nondisclosure of HIV serostatus, and stigma. • Identify and address language and literacy barriers. • Assess beliefs, perceptions, and expectations about taking ART (e.g., impact on health, side effects, disclosure issues, consequences of poor adherence). • Ask about medication-taking skills and foreseeable challenges with adherence (e.g., past difficulty keeping appointments, adverse effects from previous medications, issues managing other chronic medications, need for medication reminders and organizers). • Assess structural issues, including unstable housing, lack of income, unpredictable daily schedule, lack of prescription drug coverage, lack of continuous access to medications, and transportation problems. |
| Provide needed resources. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide or refer for mental health and/or substance use treatment. • Provide resources to obtain prescription drug coverage (e.g., AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs), Pharmaceutical Company HIV Patient Assistance Programs and Cost-Sharing Assistance Programs). • Assist patients during insurance enrollment periods to facilitate enrollment in plans that cover antiretrovirals. • Provide resources about stable housing, social support, transportation assistance, and income and food security. |

Table 19. Strategies to Improve Linkage to Care, Retention in Care, Adherence to Appointments, and Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy

| Strategies | Examples |
|---|---|
| Involve the patient in ARV regimen selection. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review potential side effects, dosing frequency, pill burden, storage requirements, food requirements, and consequences of poor adherence. • Assess daily activities and tailor regimen to predictable and routine daily events. • Consider preferential use of PI/r-based or DTG-based or BIC-based ART if poor adherence is anticipated. • Consider use of STR or fixed-dose-combination formulations to reduce pill burden. • Consider use of long-acting injectables in people with suppressed viral load if clinically appropriate. • Assess if the cost or copayment for drugs will affect adherence and access to medications. |
| Assess adherence at every clinic visit. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor viral load as a strong biologic measure of adherence. • Use a simple behavioral rating scale or self-reported assessment. • Employ a structured format that normalizes or assumes less-than-perfect adherence and minimizes socially desirable or “white-coat adherence” responses. • Ensure that other members of the health care team also assess and support adherence. |
| Use positive reinforcement to foster adherence success. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform patients of benefits of low or nondetectable levels of HIV viral load (e.g., “Undetectable = Untransmittable”) and increases in CD4 cell counts. • Thank patients for attending their appointments. |
| Identify the type of and reasons for poor adherence and target ways to improve adherence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to understand dosing instructions. • Complexity of regimen (e.g., pill burden, size, dosing schedule, food requirements, polypharmacy). • Pill aversion or pill fatigue. • Adverse effects. • Inadequate understanding of drug resistance and its relationship to adherence. • The patient is unaware of appointments, or appointments are not scheduled with proper patient input. • Cost-related issues (e.g., copays for medications or visits, missed work time). • Depression, drug and alcohol use, homelessness, or poverty. • Stigma of taking pills or attending HIV-related appointments. • Nondisclosure of status or privacy concerns leading to missed doses, refills, or appointments. |

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| Strategies | Examples |
|---|--|
| <p>Select from among available effective adherence and retention interventions.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the CDC’s Compendium of Evidence-Based Interventions and Best Practices for HIV Prevention for a summary of best practice interventions to improve linkage, retention, and adherence. • Use adherence-related tools to complement education and counseling interventions (e.g., text messaging, pill box monitors, pill boxes, alarms). • Use community resources to support adherence (e.g., visiting nurses, community workers, family, peer advocates, transportation assistance, pharmacy delivery). • Use patient prescription assistance programs (see above in the table, under “Provide needed resources”). • Use motivational interviews. • Provide outreach for patients who drop out of care. • Use peer or paraprofessional treatment navigators. • Recognize positive clinical outcomes resulting from better adherence. • Arrange for DOT for persons in substance use treatment (if feasible). • Enhance clinic support and structures to promote linkage and retention (e.g., reminder calls, flexible scheduling, open access, active referrals, improved patient satisfaction). • Offer telehealth services for primary care, as well as supportive services when appropriate. |
| <p>Systematically monitor retention in care.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record and follow up on missed visits. |

Key: ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARTAS = Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services; ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bicitgravir; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; DOT = directly observed therapy; DTG = dolutegravir; PI/r = ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitor; STR = single-tablet regimen

Table 20. Common and/or Severe Adverse Effects Associated with Antiretroviral Therapy

Adverse effects for ARV drugs that are no longer commonly used in clinical practice (ddI, d4T, FPV/r, IDV, NFV, SQV/r, and TPV/r) have been removed from this table, with the exception of lipodystrophy and peripheral neuropathy associated with ddI and d4T. Because these effects may persist long after discontinuation of ddI or d4T, and patients may still present with these long-lasting toxicities, the drugs remain listed among the ARVs associated with these two effects. Refer to the product labels or to the [archived July 10, 2019, version of the Guidelines](#) for information regarding the adverse effects associated with these older ARVs.

This table focuses on ARV-associated adverse effects that a patient may experience as a result of taking an ARV regimen. For information regarding potential adverse effects of ARVs on fetuses and newborns when certain ARVs are taken around the time of conception or during pregnancy, refer to the [Perinatal Guidelines](#).

In this table, N/A indicates either that there are no reported cases for that particular side effect or that data for that specific ARV drug class are not available. See Appendix B, [Tables 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10](#) for additional information listed by drug.

| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------|--|---------------|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| Bone Density Effects | <p>TDF: Associated with greater loss of BMD than other NRTIs, especially when given with a PK booster. Osteomalacia may be associated with renal tubulopathy and urine phosphate wasting.</p> <p>TAF: Associated with smaller declines in BMD than those seen with TDF.</p> | Decreases in BMD observed after the initiation of any ART regimen | | | N/A | Not evaluated |
| Bone Marrow Suppression | ZDV: Anemia, neutropenia. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cardiac Conduction Effects | N/A | RPV and EFV: QTc prolongation | ATV/r and LPV/r: PR prolongation. Risk factors include pre-existing heart disease and concomitant use of | N/A | FTR: QTc prolongation was seen at four times the recommended dose. Use with caution in patients with pre-existing heart disease or QTc prolongation, or concomitant use | N/A |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| | | | medications that may cause PR prolongation. | | of medications that may prolong QTc interval. | |
| Cardiovascular Disease | ABC: Associated with an increased risk of MI in some cohort studies. Absolute risk greatest in patients with traditional CVD risk factors. | N/A | Boosted DRV and LPV/r: Associated with cardiovascular events in some cohorts | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cholelithiasis | N/A | N/A | ATV: Cholelithiasis and kidney stones may present concurrently. Median onset is 42 months after ARV initiation. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Diabetes Mellitus and Insulin Resistance | ZDV | N/A | LPV/r, but not with boosted ATV or DRV | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Dyslipidemia | ZDV > ABC: ↑ TG and ↑ LDL TAF: ↑ TG, ↑ LDL, and ↑ HDL (no change in TC:HDL ratio) TDF has been associated with lower lipid levels than ABC or TAF. | EFV: ↑ TG, ↑ LDL, ↑ HDL | All RTV- or COBI-boosted PIs: ↑ TG, ↑ LDL, ↑ HDL LPV/r > DRV/r and ATV/r: ↑ TG | EVG/c: ↑ TG, ↑ LDL, ↑ HDL | N/A | N/A |
| Gastrointestinal Effects | ZDV > other NRTIs: Nausea and vomiting | N/A | GI intolerance (e.g., diarrhea, nausea, vomiting) LPV/r > DRV/r and ATV/r: Diarrhea | EVG/c: Nausea and diarrhea | N/A | LEN: Nausea and diarrhea |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--|-----|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| Hepatic Effects | <p>When TAF, TDF, 3TC, and FTC are withdrawn in patients with HBV/HIV coinfection or when HBV resistance develops: Patients with HBV/HIV coinfection may develop severe hepatic flares.</p> <p>ZDV: Steatosis</p> | <p>EFV: Most cases relate to an increase in transaminases. Fulminant hepatitis leading to death or hepatic failure requiring transplantation have been reported.</p> <p>NVP: Severe hepatotoxicity associated with skin rash or hypersensitivity. A 2-week NVP dose escalation may reduce risk. Risk is greater for women with pre-NVP CD4 counts >250 cells/mm³ and men with pre-NVP CD4 counts >400 cells/mm³.</p> <p>NVP should never be used for post-exposure prophylaxis.</p> <p>EFV and NVP are not recommended in patients with hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh class B or C).</p> | <p>All PIs: Drug-induced hepatitis and hepatic decompensation have been reported.</p> <p>ATV: Jaundice due to indirect hyperbilirubinemia</p> | <p>DTG: Persons with HBV or HCV coinfection may be at higher risk of DTG-associated hepatotoxicity.</p> | <p>MVC: Hepatotoxicity with or without rash or HSRs has been reported.</p> <p>FTR: Transaminase elevation was seen more commonly in patients with HBV/HCV. Transient elevation of bilirubin observed in clinical trials.</p> | N/A |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----|--|--|-----|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| <p>Hypersensitivity Reaction Excluding rash alone or Stevens-Johnson syndrome</p> | <p>ABC: Contraindicated if patient is HLA-B*5701 positive.</p> <p>Median onset for HSR is 9 days after treatment initiation; 90% of reactions occur within 6 weeks.</p> <p>HSR symptoms (in order of descending frequency): Fever, rash, malaise, nausea, headache, myalgia, chills, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspnea, arthralgia, and respiratory symptoms</p> <p>Symptoms worsen with continuation of ABC.</p> <p>Patients should not be rechallenged with ABC if HSR is suspected, regardless of their HLA-B*5701 status.</p> | <p>NVP: Hypersensitivity syndrome of hepatotoxicity and rash that may be accompanied by fever, general malaise, fatigue, myalgias, arthralgias, blisters, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, facial edema, eosinophilia, renal dysfunction, granulocytopenia, or lymphadenopathy</p> <p>Risk is greater for ARV-naive women with pre-NVP CD4 counts >250 cells/mm³ and men with pre-NVP CD4 counts >400 cells/mm³. Overall, risk is higher for women than men.</p> <p>A 2-week dose escalation of NVP reduces risk.</p> | N/A | <p>RAL: HSR reported when RAL is given with other drugs also known to cause HSRs. All ARVs should be stopped if HSR occurs.</p> <p>DTG: Reported in <1% of patients in clinical development program</p> | <p>MVC: HSR reported as part of a syndrome related to hepatotoxicity.</p> | N/A |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----|---|--|--|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| Injection Site Reaction | | RPV IM injection: Reported in >80% of patients; reactions may include localized pain/discomfort (most common), nodules, induration, swelling, erythema, hematoma. | | CAB IM injection: Reported in >80% of patients; reactions may include localized pain/discomfort (most common), nodules, induration, swelling, erythema, hematoma. | T-20 SQ injection: Reported in almost all patients; reactions may include pain, tenderness, nodules, induration, ecchymosis, erythema. | LEN SQ injection: Reported in 47–62% of patients; reactions may include swelling, erythema, pain, nodules, inflammation, induration. Nodules and induration may persist for months in some patients. |
| Lactic Acidosis | Reported with older NRTIs, d4T, ZDV, and ddI, but not with ABC, 3TC, FTC, TAF, or TDF. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Lipodystrophy | Lipoatrophy: Associated with history of exposure to d4T or ZDV (d4T > ZDV). Not reported with ABC, 3TC or FTC, or TAF or TDF. | Lipohypertrophy: Trunk fat increase is observed with EFV-, PI-, and RAL-containing regimens; however, a causal relationship has not been established. | | | N/A | N/A |
| Myopathy/Elevated Creatine Phosphokinase | ZDV: Myopathy | N/A | N/A | RAL and DTG: ↑ CPK, rhabdomyolysis, and myopathy or myositis have been reported. | N/A | N/A |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| Nervous System/Psychiatric Effects | History of exposure to ddI, ddC, or d4T: Peripheral neuropathy (can be irreversible) | <p>Neuropsychiatric events: EFV > RPV, DOR, ETR</p> <p>EFV: Somnolence, insomnia, abnormal dreams, dizziness, impaired concentration, depression, psychosis, suicidal ideation, ataxia, encephalopathy. Some symptoms may subside or diminish after 2–4 weeks. Bedtime dosing and taking without food may reduce symptoms. Risk factors include psychiatric illness, concomitant use of agents with neuropsychiatric effects, and genetic factors.</p> <p>RPV: Depression, suicidality, sleep disturbances</p> <p>DOR: Sleep disorders and disturbances, dizziness, altered sensorium; depression and suicidality and self-harm</p> | N/A | All INSTIs: Insomnia, depression, and suicidality have been reported with INSTI use, primarily in patients with pre-existing psychiatric conditions. | N/A | LEN: Headache |
| Rash | FTC: Hyperpigmentation | All NNRTIs | ATV, DRV, and LPV/r | All INSTIs | MVC, IBA, FTR | N/A |

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| Adverse Effect | Drug Class | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|-----|
| | NRTIs | NNRTIs | PIs | INSTIs | EIs | CI |
| Renal Effects/ Urolithiasis | TDF: ↑ SCr, proteinuria, hypophosphatemia, urinary phosphate wasting, glycosuria, hypokalemia, and non-anion gap metabolic acidosis. Concurrent use of TDF with COBI- or RTV-containing regimens appears to increase risk. TAF: Less impact on renal biomarkers and lower rates of proteinuria than TDF | RPV: Inhibits Cr secretion without reducing renal glomerular function | ATV and LPV/r: Associated with increased risk of chronic kidney disease in a large cohort study. ATV: Stone or crystal formation; adequate hydration may reduce risk COBI (as a boosting agent for DRV or ATV): Inhibits Cr secretion without reducing renal glomerular function | DTG, COBI (as a boosting agent for EVG), and BIC: Inhibits Cr secretion without reducing renal glomerular function | IBA: SCr abnormalities ≥Grade 3 reported in 10% of trial participants FTR: SCr >1.8 x ULN seen in 19% in a clinical trial, but primarily with underlying renal disease or other drugs known to affect creatinine | N/A |
| Stevens-Johnson Syndrome/Toxic Epidermal Necrosis | N/A | NVP > EFV, ETR, RPV | Some reported cases for DRV, LPV/r, and ATV | RAL | N/A | N/A |
| Weight Gain | Weight gain has been associated with initiation of ART and subsequent viral suppression. The increase appears to be greater with INSTIs than with other drug classes. Greater weight increase has also been reported with TAF than with TDF and with DOR than with EFV. | | | INSTI > other ARV drug classes | N/A | N/A |

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART= antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; BMD = bone mineral density; CAB = cabotegravir; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CI = capsid inhibitor; CNS = central nervous system; COBI = cobicistat; CPK = creatine phosphokinase; Cr = creatinine; CVD = cardiovascular disease; d4T = stavudine; ddC = zalcitabine; ddI = didanosine; DLV = delavirdine; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; ECG = electrocardiogram; EFV = efavirenz; EI = entry inhibitor; ETR = etravirine; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FPV = fosamprenavir; FPV/r = fosamprenavir/ritonavir; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; GI = gastrointestinal; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV = hepatitis C virus; HDL = high-density lipoprotein; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; IBA = ibalizumab; IDV = indinavir; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MI = myocardial infarction; MVC = maraviroc; NFV = nelfinavir; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; SCr = serum creatinine; SQ = subcutaneous; SQV = saquinavir; SQV/r = saquinavir/ritonavir; T-20 = enfuvirtide; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TC = total cholesterol; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TG = triglycerides; TPV = tipranavir; TPV/r = tipranavir/ritonavir; ULN = upper limit of normal; ZDV = zidovudine

Table 21. Antiretroviral Therapy-Associated Adverse Effects That Can Be Managed with Substitution of Alternative Antiretroviral Agents

This table focuses on ARV-associated adverse effects that patients may experience as a result of a current ARV regimen. For information regarding ARV choices to use in individuals of childbearing potential and during pregnancy to avoid potential ARV adverse effects on fetuses and newborns refer to the [Perinatal Guidelines](#).

| Adverse Event | ARV Agent(s) or Drug Class | | Comments |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| | Switch from | Switch to | |
| Bone Density Effects | TDF ^a | TAF or ABC ^b NRTI-sparing regimens or regimens using only 3TC or FTC as the NRTI may be considered, if appropriate. | Declines in BMD have been observed upon initiation of most ART regimens. Switching from TDF to alternative ARV agents has been shown to increase bone density, but the clinical significance of this increase remains uncertain. TAF is associated with smaller declines in BMD than TDF, and patients show improvement in BMD upon switching to TAF. The long-term impact of TAF on patients with osteopenia or osteoporosis is unknown; close clinical monitoring is recommended in this setting. |
| Bone Marrow Suppression | ZDV | Regimen not including ZDV | ZDV has been associated with neutropenia and macrocytic anemia. |
| Calculi Nephrolithiasis and cholelithiasis | ATV, ATV/c, ATV/r | DRV/c, DRV/r, INSTI, or NNRTI | This switch should be made if ATV is the presumed cause of the calculi. |
| Cardiac QTc Interval Prolongation | EFV, RPV, FTR | Boosted ATV or DRV, DOR, or INSTI-based regimen (that does not combine with RPV) | High EFV, RPV, and FTR exposures may cause QT prolongation. Consider switching from EFV- or RPV- based regimens if patient is taking other medications with known risk of Torsades de Pointes, or in patients at higher risk of Torsades de Pointes. For FTR, if there is no alternative ARV drug option, consider switching the concomitant medication. |
| Cardiovascular Events Myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke | ABC | TDF or TAF | ABC use has been associated with CV disease and cardiac events in some, but not all, observational studies. TDF has been associated with lower lipid levels than TAF. |
| | RTV- or COBI-boosted PI regimens, EFV | INSTI, RPV, or DOR | If lipids are a concern, see Dyslipidemia below. Large observation cohorts have found an association between some PIs (DRV, FPV, IDV, LPV/r) and an increased risk of CV events. However, this association has not been seen with ATV. Further study is needed. |
| Dyslipidemia | RTV- or COBI-boosted PI, | INSTI, DOR, or RPV | Elevated TG and LDL levels are more common with LPV/r and FPV/r than with other RTV-boosted PIs. |

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| Adverse Event | ARV Agent(s) or Drug Class | | Comments |
|---|---|---|--|
| | Switch from | Switch to | |
| Hypertriglyceridemia (with or without elevated LDL level) | EFV-based regimens | | Improvements in TG and LDL levels have been observed with switch from LPV/r to ATV or ATV/r. ^c |
| Gastrointestinal Effects Nausea, diarrhea | LPV/r | Boosted ATV or DRV, INSTI, NNRTI | GI intolerance is common with boosted PIs and is linked to the total dose of RTV. More GI toxicity is seen with LPV/r than with ATV/r or DRV/r. GI effects are often transient and do not warrant ARV substitution unless they are persistent and intolerable. |
| | Other RTV- or COBI-boosted regimens | BIC, DTG, RAL, or NNRTI | In a trial of treatment-naïve patients, rates of diarrhea and nausea were similar for EVG/c/TDF/FTC and ATV/r plus TDF/FTC. |
| Hypersensitivity Reaction | ABC | Any appropriate ABC-sparing regimen | Never rechallenge with ABC following a suspected HSR, regardless of the patient's HLA-B*5701 status. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV | Non-NNRTI ART | Risk of HSR with NVP is higher for women and those with high CD4 counts. |
| | DTG, RAL | Non-INSTI ART | Reactions to NVP, ETR, RAL, DTG, and MVC may be accompanied by elevated liver transaminases. |
| | MVC | Suitable alternative ART | |
| Insulin Resistance | LPV/r | INSTI, NNRTI | Results of switch studies have been inconsistent. Studies in HIV-negative patients suggest a direct causal effect of LPV/r on insulin resistance. However, traditional risk factors for insulin resistance may be stronger risk factors than the use of any PI. |
| Jaundice and Icterus | ATV, ATV/c, ATV/r | DRV/c, DRV/r, INSTI, or NNRTI | Increases in unconjugated bilirubin are common with ATV and generally do not require modification of therapy unless resultant symptoms are distressing to the patient. |
| Lipoatrophy | Peripheral lipoatrophy (loss of subcutaneous fat of the limbs, face, and buttocks) is associated with prior thymidine analog (d4T and ZDV) use. Despite switching from these ARVs, fat recovery remains slow (may take years) and incomplete. | | |
| Lipohypertrophy | Accumulation of visceral, truncal, dorsocervical, and breast fat has been observed during ART, particularly during use of older PI-based regimens (e.g., IDV), but whether ART directly causes fat accumulation remains unclear. There is no clinical evidence that switching to another first line regimen will reverse lipohypertrophy. | | |
| Neuropsychiatric Side Effects Dizziness, suicidal ideation, abnormal dreams, depression, ataxia, encephalopathy | EFV, RPV | DOR, ETR, PI/c, or PI/r INSTIs may be used, but monitoring is recommended (see Comments column). | In most patients, EFV-related CNS effects subside within 4 weeks after initiation of the drug, but in some patients, ataxia or encephalopathy may appear months to years after EFV-initiation. Persistent or intolerable effects should prompt substitution of EFV. INSTIs are associated with insomnia. Depression and suicidality have been infrequently reported with INSTI use, primarily in patients with pre-existing psychiatric conditions. |
| Rash | NNRTIs (especially NVP and EFV) | PI- or INSTI-based regimen | Mild rashes that develop after initiation of NNRTIs other than NVP rarely require treatment switch. When serious |

Table 21. Antiretroviral Therapy-Associated Adverse Effects That Can Be Managed with Substitution of Alternative Antiretroviral Agents

| Adverse Event | ARV Agent(s) or Drug Class | | Comments |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| | Switch from | Switch to | |
| | | | rash develops due to any NNRTI, switch to another drug class. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r | ATV/c, ATV/r, or another drug class (e.g., INSTI) | Mild rashes following DRV/r use may resolve without modification of therapy. For more severe reactions, change to an alternative boosted PI or an agent from another drug class. |
| Renal Effects Including proximal renal tubulopathy and elevated creatinine | TDF ^a | ABC, ^b TAF (for patients with CrCl >30 mL/min, unless on chronic hemodialysis), NRTI-sparing regimens, or regimens using only 3TC or FTC as the NRTI may be considered if appropriate. | TDF may cause tubulopathy. Switching from TDF to TAF is associated with improvement in proteinuria and renal biomarkers. The long-term impact of TAF on patients with pre-existing renal disease, including overt proximal tubulopathy, is unknown, and close clinical monitoring is recommended in this setting. |
| | ATV/c, ATV/r, LPV/r | BIC, DTG, EVG/c/TAF/FTC, RAL, boosted DRV, or NNRTI | COBI, DTG, BIC, and, to a lesser extent, RPV, can increase SCr through inhibition of creatinine secretion. This effect does not affect glomerular filtration. However, assess patient for renal dysfunction if SCr increases by >0.4 mg/dL. |

^a In patients with chronic active HBV infection, another agent that is active against HBV should be substituted for TDF.

^b ABC should be used only in patients known to be HLA-B*5701 negative.

^c TDF reduces ATV levels; therefore, unboosted ATV should not be coadministered with TDF.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; BMD = bone mineral density; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CNS = central nervous system; COBI = cobicistat; CrCl = creatine clearance; CV = cardiovascular; d4T = stavudine; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FPV = fosamprenavir; FPV/r = fosamprenavir/ritonavir; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; GI = gastrointestinal; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; IDV = indinavir; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = protease inhibitor/cobicistat; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; SCr = serum creatinine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TC = total cholesterol; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TG = triglycerides; ZDV = zidovudine

Table 22a. Insurance and Health Program Prescription Drug Pricing and Access

| Insurance/Health Program | Prescription Drug Pricing and Access |
|--------------------------|---|
| Medicaid | <p>Drug manufacturers must participate in the MDRP for their drugs to be covered by Medicaid and under Medicare Part B.</p> <p>Manufacturers are required to pay Medicaid programs a rebate of at least 23.1% of the AMP for most brand-name drugs (13% for generics) sold to retail pharmacies or outpatient care providers (notably infused, injected, implanted, inhaled, or instilled drugs). Manufacturers pay additional rebates if this confidential AMP increases faster than the CPI-U rate of inflation. Additionally, many states negotiate with manufacturers for supplemental rebates.</p> <p>States are permitted to require “nominal” cost sharing for medical and pharmacy benefits for some beneficiaries, although many elect not to do so. States can obtain a waiver to allow them to apply higher cost sharing.</p> |
| Medicare | <p>ARVs are one of six “protected drug classes” under Medicare Part D. Part D plans must provide access to all, or substantially all, FDA-approved ARVs. Part-D plan sponsors, or PBMs on their behalf, negotiate rebates on outpatient drugs with manufacturers; the extent of rebating is unclear.</p> <p>Most physician-administered drugs and biologics are covered under Medicare Part B at a set cost: ASP plus 6%. This pricing mechanism controls spending by narrowing the spread between what is actually paid for the drug and what is actually billed to Medicare.</p> <p>Premiums and cost-sharing payments may be significant for both services and prescription drugs; Part A (hospital care) and Part B place no cap on out-of-pocket spending.</p> <p>Some subsidies and supplemental coverage are offered for low-income beneficiaries. Manufacturer copay assistance programs cannot be applied to Part B or Part D cost sharing; cost-sharing support is available from ADAPs, foundations, and other sources and is based on financial eligibility criteria.</p> |
| Commercial Insurance | <p>Private insurance plans, or PBMs on their behalf, negotiate rebates on inpatient and outpatient drugs with manufacturers; the extent of rebating is unclear.</p> <p>Formulary restrictions and utilization management (prior authorization, step therapy, higher cost sharing) involving drugs and biologics covered under plans’ pharmacy benefit or medical benefit (e.g., infused or injected ARVs) are possible cost-containment measures.</p> <p>Cost sharing can be highly variable. Manufacturer copay assistance programs can be applied in most cases but may not count toward annual ACA cost-sharing limits; cost-sharing support is also available from ADAPs, foundations, and other sources and is based on financial eligibility criteria.</p> |
| ADAPs | <p>Significant discounting on most ARVs negotiated by the ADAP Crisis Task Force is allowed under the 340B Drug Pricing Program.</p> <p>There is usually no cost sharing for ADAP clients who are uninsured. ADAP can assist with commercial or public insurance out-of-pocket costs.</p> |
| Veterans Affairs | <p>The FCP is the maximum price manufacturers may charge the four largest federal purchasers of pharmaceuticals (the “Big Four”): The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Department of Defense, Public Health Service (including the Indian Health Service), and the Coast Guard. The FCP of a drug includes a 24% discount on a drug’s average price paid by non-federal purchasers. Additional discounts may be applied if non-federal purchase prices increase faster than the CPI-U inflation rate.</p> <p>Big Four prices may be 40% to 50% below list prices. The VA may negotiate further price reductions.</p> <p>Prescription drug cost sharing is generally nominal; medications are not withheld from those who cannot afford cost-sharing expenses.</p> |

Table 22a. Insurance and Health Program Prescription Drug Pricing and Access

| Insurance/Health Program | Prescription Drug Pricing and Access |
|--------------------------|--|
| Community Health Centers | <p>Many community health centers are enrolled in the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which allows discounted drug purchasing using the MDRP formula.</p> <p>Discounts start at 23.1% off AMP, with additional discounts if the AMP increases faster than the CPI-U rate of inflation.</p> <p>Cost sharing in community health centers is first driven by payer source. For clients who are uninsured, cost sharing, if required, is typically based on a sliding fee scale.</p> |

Key: ACA = Affordable Care Act; ADAP = AIDS Drug Assistance Program; AMP = average manufacturer price; ARV = antiretroviral; ASP = average sales price; CPI-U = consumer price index-urban; FCP = federal ceiling price; FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration; MDRP = Medicaid Drug Rebate Program; PBM = pharmacy benefits manager

Table 22b. Monthly Average Prices of Commonly Used Antiretroviral Drugs

Table 22b includes three benchmark prices, rounded to the nearest dollar, for commonly used ARV drugs^a as a general reference for health care providers when considering the cost of HIV treatment. Health care providers should contact patients’ pharmacies or payers regarding actual prices, comparative cost savings, formulary restrictions, and patient cost-sharing requirements. **WAC** is the list price published by manufacturers for prescription drugs or biologics sold to wholesalers. The WAC price approximates what retail pharmacies pay wholesalers for single-source (e.g., brand-name) drugs. There is a range of WAC prices for generic ARV drugs, because these are multiple-source products with variable list prices. With increasing competition, actual transactional prices of generic drugs decrease substantially among wholesalers and pharmacies. **AWP** has historically been used as the basis for setting public (e.g., Medicaid) and private (e.g., commercial insurer) reimbursement rates for pharmacies. Neither WAC nor AWP includes variable price concessions along supply and payment chains, including discounts and rebates to wholesalers, pharmacies, federal purchasers (e.g., the Department of Veterans Affairs), pharmacy benefit managers, commercial insurers, Medicaid, 340B pharmacies, and ADAPs. The availability of these discounts and rebates depends on product demand, market competition, and WAC price increases set by manufacturers. Maximum Medicaid payment rates are assigned to generic products with three or more therapeutically and pharmaceutically equivalent products, as determined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This federally established pharmacy reimbursement limit is the **FUL**. Federal Medicaid will reimburse state Medicaid programs up to this limit for multiple-source drugs (plus the dispensing fee); states may set their own **SMACs** and commercial insurers set their own reimbursement upper limits with pharmacies. Whereas WACs and AWP are generally set annually, FULs are adjusted on a monthly basis, particularly for multiple-source drugs with fluctuating pharmacy acquisition costs. In this table, the FUL for a drug is described as “pending” if a generic drug currently lacks the competition required to trigger a FUL.

| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| NRTIs | | | | | |
| <i>Abacavir</i> | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$100 to \$150 | \$578 to \$603 | \$25 |
| Ziagen | 300-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$559 | \$670 | |
| <i>Emtricitabine</i> | | | | | |
| Generic | 200-mg capsule | 30 capsules | \$464 | \$579 | Pending |
| Emtriva | 200-mg capsule | 30 capsules | \$537 | \$644 | |
| <i>Lamivudine</i> | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$75 to \$343 | \$324 to \$430 | \$51 |
| Epivir | 300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$416 | \$499 | |

Table 22b. Monthly Average Prices of Commonly Used Antiretroviral Drugs

| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$27 to \$142 | \$167 to \$1,216 | \$50 |
| Viread | 300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,254 | \$1,504 | |
| Zidovudine | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$36 to \$54 | \$54 to \$365 | \$13 |
| NRTI Combination Products | | | | | |
| Abacavir/Lamivudine | | | | | |
| Generic | 600-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$185 to \$1,116 | \$1,393 to \$1,395 | \$59 |
| Epzicom | 600-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,292 | \$1,550 | |
| Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Descovy | 25-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,159 | \$2,591 | N/A |
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$25 to \$853 | \$70 to \$2,100 | \$17 |
| Truvada | 300-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,842 | \$2,211 | |
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine | | | | | |
| Cimduo | 300-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,129 | \$1,354 | N/A |
| Zidovudine/Lamivudine | | | | | |
| Generic | 300-mg/150-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$125 to \$578 | \$265 to \$932 | \$55 |
| Combivir | 300-mg/150-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$901 | \$1,082 | |
| Abacavir Sulfate/Zidovudine/Lamivudine | | | | | |
| Trizivir | 300-mg/300-mg/150-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,610 | \$1,932 | N/A |
| NNRTIs | | | | | |
| Efavirenz | | | | | |
| Generic | 600-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$80 to \$980 | \$1,073 to \$1,117 | \$215 |

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| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Sustiva | 600-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$981 | \$1,177 | |
| Doravirine | | | | | |
| Pifeltro | 100-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,677 | \$2,012 | N/A |
| Etravirine | | | | | |
| Generic | 200-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,287 | \$1,609 | \$1,154 |
| Intelence | 200-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,469 | \$1,762 | |
| Nevirapine | | | | | |
| Generic | 200-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$10 to \$45 | \$648 to \$651 | \$47 |
| Generic XR | 400-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$135 to \$565 | \$595 to \$706 | \$149 |
| Viramune XR | 400-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$840 | \$1,008 | |
| Rilpivirine | | | | | |
| Edurant | 25-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,350 | \$1,620 | N/A |
| PIs | | | | | |
| Atazanavir | | | | | |
| Generic | 200-mg capsule | 60 capsules | \$178 to \$800 | \$1,517 to \$1,668 | \$711 |
| Reyataz | 200-mg capsule | 60 capsules | \$1,463 | \$1,756 | |
| Generic | 300-mg capsule | 30 capsules | \$178 to \$1,018 | \$1,502 to \$1,652 | \$187 |
| Reyataz | 300-mg capsule | 30 capsules | \$1,449 | \$1,739 | |
| Atazanavir/Cobicistat | | | | | |
| Evotaz | 300-mg/150-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,605 | \$1,927 | N/A |
| Darunavir | | | | | |
| Prezista | 600-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$2,095 | \$2,514 | N/A |
| Prezista | 800-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,095 | \$2,514 | N/A |
| Prezista | 100-mg/mL suspension | 200 mL | \$2,095 | \$2,514 | N/A |

Table 22b. Monthly Average Prices of Commonly Used Antiretroviral Drugs

| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Darunavir/Cobicistat | | | | | |
| Prezcobix | 800-mg/150-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,395 | \$2,874 | N/A |
| Lopinavir/Ritonavir | | | | | |
| Generic | 200-mg/50-mg tablet | 120 tablets | \$885 | \$1,106 | Pending |
| Kaletra | 200-mg/50-mg tablet | 120 tablets | \$1,024 | \$1,229 | |
| Tipranavir | | | | | |
| Aptivus | 250-mg capsule | 120 capsules | \$1,995 | \$2,394 | N/A |
| INSTIs | | | | | |
| Dolutegravir | | | | | |
| Tivicay | 50-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,131 | \$2,557 | N/A |
| Tivicay | 50-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$4,262 | \$5,114 | N/A |
| Raltegravir | | | | | |
| Isentress | 400-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,910 | \$2,292 | N/A |
| Isentress HD | 600-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,910 | \$2,202 | N/A |
| Fusion Inhibitor | | | | | |
| Enfuvirtide | | | | | |
| Fuzeon | 90-mg injection kit | 60 doses (1 kit) | \$3,586 | \$4,303 | N/A |
| CCR5 Antagonist | | | | | |
| Maraviroc | | | | | |
| Generic | 150-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,141 | \$1,764 | Pending |
| Selzentry | 150-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,730 | \$2,076 | |
| Generic | 300-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,141 | \$1,764 | Pending |
| Selzentry | 300-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$1,730 | \$2,076 | |
| Selzentry | 300-mg tablet | 120 tablets | \$3,460 | \$4,152 | N/A |

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| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| CD4-Directed Post-Attachment Inhibitor | | | | | |
| <i>Ibalizumab-uiyk</i> | | | | | |
| Trogarzo | 200-mg vial | 8 vials | \$11,452 | \$13,740 | N/A |
| gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor | | | | | |
| <i>Fostemsavir</i> | | | | | |
| Rukobia | 600-mg tablet | 60 tablets | \$8,505 | \$10,206 | N/A |
| Capsid Inhibitor | | | | | |
| <i>Lenacapavir</i> | | | | | |
| Sunlenca | 300-mg tablet | 4 tablets | \$3,250 | \$3,900 | N/A |
| Sunlenca | 300-mg tablet | 5 tablets | \$4,063 | \$4,875 | N/A |
| Sunlenca | 927-mg injection kit | 2 vials (1 kit every 6 months) | \$19,500 (every 6 months) | \$23,400 (every 6 months) | N/A |
| Coformulated Combination Products as Single-Tablet Regimens | | | | | |
| <i>Bictegravir/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine</i> | | | | | |
| Biktarvy | 50-mg/25-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,795 | \$4,554 | N/A |
| <i>Darunavir/Cobicistat/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine</i> | | | | | |
| Symtuza | 800-mg/150-mg/10-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$4,593 | \$5,511 | N/A |
| <i>Dolutegravir/Abacavir/Lamivudine</i> | | | | | |
| Triumeq | 50-mg/600-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,537 | \$4,225 | N/A |
| <i>Dolutegravir/Lamivudine</i> | | | | | |
| Dovato | 50-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,810 | \$3,372 | N/A |
| <i>Dolutegravir/Rilpivirine</i> | | | | | |
| Juluca | 50-mg/25-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,315 | \$3,978 | N/A |
| <i>Doravirine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine</i> | | | | | |

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| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Delstrigo | 100-mg/300-mg/300-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,552 | \$3,063 | N/A |
| Efavirenz/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Generic | 600-mg/300-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$120 to \$252 | \$302 to \$3,414 | \$151 |
| Atripla | 600-mg/300-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$2,995 | \$3,594 | |
| Efavirenz/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine | | | | | |
| Symfi | 600-mg/300-mg/150-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,835 | \$2,201 | N/A |
| Symfi Lo | 400-mg/300-mg/150-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$1,835 | \$2,201 | N/A |
| Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Genvoya | 150-mg/150-mg/10-mg/ 200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,795 | \$4,554 | N/A |
| Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Stribild | 150-mg/150-mg/300-mg/ 200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,981 | \$4,777 | N/A |
| Rilpivirine/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Odefsey | 25-mg/25-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,454 | \$4,145 | N/A |
| Rilpivirine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine | | | | | |
| Complera | 25-mg/300-mg/200-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$3,454 | \$4,145 | N/A |
| Copackaged Combination Products as Injectable Regimens | | | | | |
| Cabotegravir + Rilpivirine | | | | | |
| Cabenuva | 600 mg (3 mL) | 2 vials (every other month) | \$6,334 (every other month) | \$7,601 (every other month) | NA |
| | 900 mg (3 mL) | | | | |
| Cabenuva | 400 mg (2 mL) | 2 vials | \$4,223 | \$5,067 | NA |
| | 600 mg (2 mL) | | | | |
| PK Enhancers (Boosters) | | | | | |
| Cobicistat | | | | | |

Table 22b. Monthly Average Prices of Commonly Used Antiretroviral Drugs

| ARV Drug (Generic and Brand Names) | Strength, Formulation | Tablets, Capsules, or mLs (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) | WAC (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | AWP (Monthly, Unless Otherwise Noted) ^b | FUL (As of February 28, 2023) ^c |
|--|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Tybost | 150-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$283 | \$340 | N/A |
| <i>Ritonavir</i> | | | | | |
| Generic | 100-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$80 to \$160 | \$278 | \$75 |
| Norvir | 100-mg tablet | 30 tablets | \$257 | \$309 | |

^a The following less commonly used ARV drugs are not included in this table: fosamprenavir and nelfinavir.

^b Source: Micromedex Red Book [database]. IBM Watson Health. 2023. Available at: <https://www.micromedexsolutions.com>.

^c Source: Federal Upper Limits–March 2023 [database]. Medicare & Medicaid Services. 2023. Available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/prescription-drugs/pharmacy-pricing/index.html>.

Key: ADAP = AIDS Drug Assistance Program; ARV = antiretroviral; AWP = average wholesale price; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; FUL = federal upper limit; HD = high dose; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; N/A = not applicable; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PK = pharmacokinetic; SMAC = state maximum allowable cost; WAC = wholesale acquisition cost; XR = extended release

Table 23. Mechanisms of Antiretroviral-Associated Drug Interactions

Pharmacokinetic interactions may occur during absorption, metabolism, or elimination of the antiretroviral (ARV) drug and/or the interacting drug. This table does not include a comprehensive list of all possible mechanisms of interactions for individual ARV drugs (e.g., transporters); however, the table lists the most common mechanisms of known interactions and focuses on absorption and cytochrome P 450 (CYP)– and uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase (UGT) 1A1–mediated interactions.

Note: N/A indicates that there are no clinically relevant interactions by the mechanism. Identified mechanisms are specific to the ARV drugs described in the row and may not be reflective of complete ARV regimens. The older ARVs—fosamprenavir, nelfinavir, tipranavir, and zidovudine—are not commonly used in clinical practice and are **not** included in this table. Please refer to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration product labels for these ARVs for information regarding drug interactions.

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | Mechanisms That May Affect Oral Absorption of ARV Drugs | | | Enzymes That Metabolize or Are Induced or Inhibited by ARV Drugs | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Increasing Gastric pH | Cationic Chelation | P-gp | CYP Substrate | CYP Inhibitor | CYP Inducer | UGT1A1 |
| INSTIs | | | | | | | |
| BIC | N/A | Concentrations of PO INSTIs are decreased by products that contain polyvalent cations (e.g., Ca, Mg, Al, Fe, Zn). | Substrate | 3A4 | N/A | N/A | Substrate |
| CAB | N/A | | Substrate | N/A | N/A | N/A | Substrate |
| DTG | N/A | | Substrate | 3A4 (minor) | N/A | N/A | Substrate |
| EVG/c | N/A | | Inhibitor | 3A4 | 3A4, 2D6 | 2C9 | Substrate |
| RAL | N/A | | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Substrate |
| PIs | | | | | | | |
| ATV | Concentration decreased | N/A | Substrate, Inducer, Inhibitor | 3A4 | 3A4, 2C8 | N/A | Inhibitor |
| ATV/c | Concentration decreased | N/A | Substrate, Inhibitor | 3A4 | 3A4, 2D6, 2C8 | N/A | Inhibitor |
| ATV/r | Concentration decreased | N/A | Substrate, Inhibitor | 3A4, 2D6 | 3A4, 2D6, 2C8 | 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19 | ATV: Inhibitor RTV: Inducer |

Table 23. Mechanisms of Antiretroviral-Associated Drug Interactions

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | Mechanisms That May Affect Oral Absorption of ARV Drugs | | | Enzymes That Metabolize or Are Induced or Inhibited by ARV Drugs | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | Increasing Gastric pH | Cationic Chelation | P-gp | CYP Substrate | CYP Inhibitor | CYP Inducer | UGT1A1 |
| PIs (continued) | | | | | | | |
| DRV/c | N/A | N/A | Substrate, Inhibitor | 3A4 | 3A4, 2D6 | N/A | No data |
| DRV/r | N/A | N/A | Substrate, Inhibitor | 3A4, 2D6 | 3A4, 2D6 | 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19 | Inducer |
| LPV/r | N/A | N/A | Substrate | 3A4, 2D6 | 3A4 | 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19 | Inducer |
| NNRTIs | | | | | | | |
| DOR | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3A4, 3A5 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| EFV | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2B6 (primary), 2A6, 3A4 | 3A4 | 3A4, 2B6, 2C19 | N/A |
| ETR | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3A4, 2C9, 2C19 | 2C9, 2C19 | 3A4 | N/A |
| NVP | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3A4, 2B6 | N/A | 3A4, 2B6 | N/A |
| RPV | Only RPV PO: Concentration decreased | N/A | N/A | 3A4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| NRTIs | | | | | | | |
| ABC | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| FTC | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 3TC | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TAF | N/A | N/A | Substrate | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TDF | N/A | N/A | Substrate | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Capsid Inhibitor | | | | | | | |
| LEN (SQ and PO) | N/A | N/A | Substrate | 3A4 | 3A4 | N/A | Substrate |
| CCR5 Antagonist | | | | | | | |
| MVC | N/A | N/A | Substrate | 3A4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Table 23. Mechanisms of Antiretroviral-Associated Drug Interactions

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | Mechanisms That May Affect Oral Absorption of ARV Drugs | | | Enzymes That Metabolize or Are Induced or Inhibited by ARV Drugs | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|-----------|--|---------------|-------------|--------|
| | Increasing Gastric pH | Cationic Chelation | P-gp | CYP Substrate | CYP Inhibitor | CYP Inducer | UGT1A1 |
| gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor | | | | | | | |
| FTR | N/A | N/A | Substrate | 3A4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Fusion Inhibitor | | | | | | | |
| T-20 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Post-Attachment Inhibitor | | | | | | | |
| IBA | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; Al = aluminum; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; Ca = calcium; CAB = cabotegravir; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; Fe = iron; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; IBA = ibalizumab; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; Mg = magnesium; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; NVP = nevirapine; P-gp = P-glycoprotein; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = oral; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; **SQ = subcutaneous**; T-20 = enfuvirtide; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; UGT = uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase; Zn = zinc

Table 24a. Drug Interactions Between Protease Inhibitors and Other Drugs

This table provides information on the known or predicted interactions between protease inhibitors (PIs) and non-antiretroviral (ARV) drugs. When information is available, interactions for boosted atazanavir (ATV) (with either ritonavir [RTV] or cobicistat [COBI]) and unboosted ATV are listed separately. The term “all PIs” refers to both unboosted ATV and ATV, darunavir (DRV), and lopinavir (LPV) boosted with either RTV or COBI. This table does not include interactions for fosamprenavir (FPV), nelfinavir (NFV), or tipranavir (TPV). For information regarding interactions between PIs and other ARV drugs, including dosing recommendations, refer to Tables [24c](#), [25a](#), and [25b](#).

Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ depending on whether a new ARV drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or whether a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. In cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative, providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use.

Note: FPV, NFV, and TPV are no longer commonly used in clinical practice and are **not** included in this table. Please refer to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration product labels for information regarding drug interactions between these PIs and concomitant medications.

| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Acid Reducers | | | |
| Antacids | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | When Given Simultaneously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ ATV expected | Administer ATV at least 2 hours before or 2 hours after antacids or buffered medications. |
| H2 Receptor Antagonists | ATV (unboosted) | When Given Simultaneously With Famotidine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV AUC ↓ 41% When Given 2 Hours Before and ≥10 Hours After H2RA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↔ ATV | A single dose of H2RA should not exceed a dose equivalent to famotidine 20 mg, and the total daily dose should not exceed a dose equivalent to famotidine 20 mg twice daily in PI-naïve patients. Give ATV with food at least 2 hours before and at least 10 hours after the H2RA. Do not coadminister unboosted ATV plus H2RA in PI-experienced patients. |
| | ATV/c, ATV/r | ↓ ATV expected | H2RA dose should not exceed a dose equivalent to famotidine 40 mg twice daily in ART-naïve patients or famotidine 20 mg twice daily in ART-experienced patients. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| | | | <p>Give ATV 300 mg (plus COBI 150 mg or RTV 100 mg) with food simultaneously with and/or ≥10 hours after the dose of H2RA.</p> <p>If using TDF and H2RA in ART-experienced patients, administer ATV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg with food simultaneously with and/or ≥10 hours after the dose of H2RA.</p> <p>Do not coadminister ATV/c with TDF and H2RA in ART-experienced patients.</p> |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | <p>With Ranitidine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ DRV/r ↔ PI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Proton Pump Inhibitors | ATV (unboosted) | <p>With Omeprazole 40 mg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATV AUC ↓ 94% | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV/c, ATV/r | <p>With Omeprazole 40 mg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATV AUC ↓ 76% <p>When Omeprazole 20 mg Is Given 12 Hours Before ATV/c or ATV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATV AUC ↓ 42% | <p>PPI dose should not exceed a dose equivalent to omeprazole 20 mg daily in PI-naive patients.</p> <p>PPIs should be administered at least 12 hours before ATV/c or ATV/r.</p> <p>Do not coadminister in PI-experienced patients.</p> |
| | DRV/c, LPV/r | ↔ PI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DRV/r | <p>↔ DRV/r</p> <p>Omeprazole AUC ↓ 42%</p> | Consider alternative ARV or acid reducer. If coadministered, monitor for omeprazole efficacy. If the patient does not experience symptomatic relief, increase the dose to no more than omeprazole 40 mg daily. |
| Alpha-Adrenergic Antagonists for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia | | | |
| Alfuzosin | All PIs | ↑ alfuzosin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Doxazosin | All PIs | ↑ doxazosin possible | Initiate doxazosin at lowest dose and titrate while monitoring for clinical response/adverse events. Dose reduction may be necessary. |

Table 24a. Drug Interactions Between Protease Inhibitors and Other Drugs

| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|-----------------|---|---|
| Tamsulosin | All PIs | ↑ tamsulosin expected | Do not coadminister unless benefits outweigh risks. If coadministered, monitor for tamsulosin-related adverse events. |
| Terazosin | All PIs | ↔ or ↑ terazosin possible | Initiate terazosin at lowest dose and titrate while monitoring for clinical response/adverse events. Dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Silodosin | All PIs | ↑ silodosin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Antibacterials—Antimycobacterials | | | |
| Bedaquiline | All PIs | <p>With LPV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedaquiline AUC ↑ 1.9-fold <p>With Other PI/r, ATV/c, or DRV/c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ bedaquiline possible | Do not coadminister unless benefits outweigh risks. Monitor liver function and ECG for QTc prolongation. |
| Rifabutin | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ rifabutin AUC expected | Recommended dose is rifabutin 150 mg once daily. |
| | ATV/r | <p>Compared With Rifabutin (300 mg Once Daily) Alone, Rifabutin (150 mg Once Daily) Plus ATV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rifabutin AUC ↑ 110% and metabolite AUC ↑ 2,101% | <p>Monitor for antimycobacterial activity and consider therapeutic drug monitoring. Monitor for rifabutin-related adverse events, including neutropenia and uveitis.</p> <p>PK data in this table are results from healthy volunteer studies. Lower rifabutin exposure has been reported in patients with HIV than in healthy study participants.</p> |
| | DRV/r | <p>Compared With Rifabutin (300 mg Once Daily) Alone, Rifabutin (150 mg Every Other Day) Plus DRV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↔ rifabutin AUC and metabolite AUC ↑ 881% | |
| | LPV/r | <p>Compared With Rifabutin (300 mg Daily) Alone, Rifabutin (150 mg Once Daily) Plus LPV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rifabutin AUC ↑ 203% and metabolite AUC ↑ 375% | |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| | PI/c | ↑ rifabutin expected ↓ COBI expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Rifampin | All PIs | ↓ PI concentration by >75% | Contraindicated. Increasing the dose of RTV does not overcome this interaction and may increase hepatotoxicity. Increasing the COBI dose is not recommended. Consider rifabutin if a rifamycin is indicated. |
| Rifapentine | All PIs | ↓ PI expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antibacterials—Macrolides | | | |
| Azithromycin | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | ↑ azithromycin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r | ↔ azithromycin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Clarithromycin | ATV (unboosted) | Clarithromycin AUC ↑ 94% ATV ↑ 28% | Reduce clarithromycin dose by 50% or consider alternative ARV or azithromycin. Monitor for clarithromycin-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| | ATV/r, PI/c | ↑ clarithromycin expected ↑ ATV/r and PI/c expected | Consider alternative ARV or azithromycin. |
| | DRV/r, LPV/r | DRV/r ↑ clarithromycin AUC 57% LPV/r ↑ clarithromycin expected RTV 500 mg twice daily ↑ clarithromycin 77% | Consider alternative ARV or azithromycin. If use of clarithromycin is necessary in a patient with impaired renal function, reduce clarithromycin dose by 50% in patients with CrCl 30 to 60 mL/min. In patients with CrCl <30 mL/min, reduce clarithromycin dose by 75%. Monitor for clarithromycin-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Erythromycin | All PIs | ↑ erythromycin expected ↑ PIs expected | Consider alternative ARV or use azithromycin. |
| Anticoagulants | | | |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Apixaban | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ apixaban possible | No data available for dose recommendation. Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ apixaban expected | Do not coadminister in patients who require apixaban 2.5 mg twice daily. In Patients Requiring Apixaban 5 mg or 10 mg Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce apixaban dose by 50%. |
| Dabigatran | ATV (unboosted), DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | No data | No data available for dose recommendation. Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant. |
| | ATV/c, ATV/r | With COBI 150 mg Alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dabigatran AUC ↑ 110% to 127% With ATV/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ dabigatran expected | Dabigatran dosing recommendation depends on indication and renal function. Refer to dabigatran prescribing information for dosing instructions when using dabigatran concomitantly with P-glycoprotein inhibitors. |
| Edoxaban | ATV (unboosted), DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | No data | No data available for dose recommendation. Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant. |
| | ATV/r, ATV/c | ↑ edoxaban expected | Stroke Prevention in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation Indication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dose adjustment needed. Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Indication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer edoxaban 30 mg once daily. |
| Rivaroxaban | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ rivaroxaban possible | No data available for dose recommendation. Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ rivaroxaban expected | Do not coadminister. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| Warfarin | PI/c | No data | Monitor INR closely when stopping or starting PI/c or PI/r and adjust warfarin dose accordingly. |
| | PI/r | ↓ warfarin possible | If switching between RTV and COBI, the effect of COBI on warfarin is not expected to be equivalent to RTV's effect on warfarin. |
| Anticonvulsants | | | |
| Carbamazepine | ATV (unboosted) | May ↓ PI concentrations substantially | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV/r, LPV/r | ↑ carbamazepine possible May ↓ PI concentrations substantially | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, consider monitoring concentrations of both drugs and assess virologic response. Carbamazepine dose reduction may be necessary. Do not coadminister with LPV/r once daily. |
| | DRV/r | Carbamazepine AUC ↑ 45% ↔ DRV | Monitor anticonvulsant concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| | PI/c | ↑ carbamazepine possible ↓ COBI expected ↓ PI expected | Contraindicated. |
| Eslicarbazepine | All PIs | ↓ PI possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for virologic response. Consider monitoring anticonvulsant and PI concentrations. |
| Ethosuximide | All PIs | ↑ ethosuximide possible | Monitor for ethosuximide-related adverse events. |
| Lamotrigine | ATV (unboosted) | ↔ lamotrigine | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ATV/r | Lamotrigine AUC ↓ 32% | A dose increase of lamotrigine may be needed; monitor lamotrigine concentration or consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. |
| | LPV/r | Lamotrigine AUC ↓ 50% ↔ LPV | |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| | DRV/r | ↓ lamotrigine possible | |
| | PI/c | No data | Monitor anticonvulsant concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| Oxcarbazepine | All PIs | ↓ PI possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for virologic response. Consider monitoring anticonvulsant and PI concentrations. |
| Phenobarbital | ATV (unboosted) | ↓ ATV expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV/r, DRV/r | ↓ phenobarbital possible ↓ PI possible | Consider alternative anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, consider monitoring concentrations of both drugs and assessing virologic response. |
| | LPV/r | ↓ phenobarbital possible ↓ LPV/r possible | Do not coadminister with LPV/r once daily. Consider alternative anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, consider monitoring concentrations of both drugs and assessing virologic response. |
| | PI/c | ↓ COBI expected ↓ PI expected | Contraindicated. |
| Phenytoin | ATV (unboosted) | ↓ ATV expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV/r, DRV/r | ↓ phenytoin possible ↓ PI possible | Consider alternative anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, consider monitoring concentrations of both drugs and assessing virologic response. |
| | LPV/r | Phenytoin AUC ↓ 31% LPV/r AUC ↓ 33% | Do not coadminister with LPV/r once daily. Consider alternative anticonvulsant or monitor concentrations of both drugs and assess virologic response. |
| | PI/c | ↓ COBI expected ↓ PI expected | Contraindicated. |
| Valproic Acid | All PIs | ↓ or ↔ VPA possible | Monitor VPA concentrations and monitor for PI tolerability. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|-----------------|---|--|
| | | LPV AUC ↑ 38% No data for other PIs | |
| Antidepressants, Anxiolytics, and Antipsychotics Also see the Sedative/Hypnotics section below | | | |
| Bupropion | ATV (unboosted) | ↔ bupropion expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ATV/r, DRV/r | ↓ bupropion possible | Titrate bupropion dose based on clinical response. |
| | LPV/r | Bupropion AUC ↓ 57% | |
| | PI/c | ↔ bupropion expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Buspirone | All PIs | ↑ buspirone expected | Administer lowest dose of buspirone with caution and titrate buspirone dose based on clinical response. Dose reduction may be necessary. Monitor for buspirone-related adverse events. |
| Nefazodone | All PIs | ↑ nefazodone expected ↑ PI possible | Monitor for nefazodone-related adverse events and PI tolerability. |
| Trazodone | All PIs | RTV 200 mg twice daily (for 2 days) • Trazodone ↑ AUC 240% | Administer lowest dose of trazodone and monitor for CNS and CV adverse events. |
| Tricyclic Antidepressants Amitriptyline, amoxapine, clomipramine, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, maprotiline, nortriptyline, protriptyline, trimipramine | All PIs | ↑ TCA expected | Administer lowest possible TCA dose and titrate based on clinical assessment and/or drug concentrations. Monitor for TCA-related adverse events. |
| | DRV/r | Paroxetine AUC ↓ 39% | Titrate SSRI dose based on clinical response. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|----------------------|---|---|
| Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (e.g., citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline) | | Sertraline AUC ↓ 49% | |
| | All PIs except DRV/r | No data | Titrate SSRI dose using the lowest available initial or maintenance dose. |
| Antipsychotics | | | |
| Aripiprazole | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ aripiprazole expected | Administer 50% of the usual aripiprazole dose. Titrate dose based on clinical monitoring for efficacy/adverse events. Refer to aripiprazole label for doses to use in patients who have major depressive disorder or who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ aripiprazole expected | Administer 25% of the usual aripiprazole dose. Titrate dose based on clinical monitoring for efficacy/adverse events. Refer to aripiprazole label for doses to use in patients who have major depressive disorder or who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers. |
| Brexpiprazole | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ brexpiprazole expected | Administer 50% of the usual brexpiprazole dose. Titrate dose based on clinical monitoring for efficacy/adverse events. Refer to brexpiprazole label for doses to use in patients who have major depressive disorder or who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ brexpiprazole expected | Administer 25% of the usual brexpiprazole dose. Titrate the dose based on clinical monitoring for efficacy/adverse events. Refer to brexpiprazole label for doses to use in patients who have major depressive disorder or who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers. |
| Cariprazine | All PIs | ↑ cariprazine expected | <p>Starting Cariprazine in a Patient Who Is Already Receiving a PI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer cariprazine 1.5 mg on Day 1 and Day 3, with no dose given on Day 2. From Day 4 onward, administer cariprazine 1.5 mg daily. Dose can be increased to a maximum of cariprazine 3 mg daily. If the PI is withdrawn, cariprazine dose may need to be increased. <p>Starting a PI in a Patient Who Is Already Receiving Cariprazine</p> |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|-----------------------|---|--|
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For patients receiving cariprazine 3 mg or cariprazine 6 mg daily, reduce the dose by half. For patients taking cariprazine 4.5 mg daily, the dose should be reduced to cariprazine 1.5 mg or cariprazine 3 mg daily. For patients taking cariprazine 1.5 mg daily, change to cariprazine 1.5 mg every other day. If PI is withdrawn, the cariprazine dose may need to be increased. |
| Iloperidone | All PIs | ↑ iloperidone expected | Decrease iloperidone dose by 50%. |
| Lumateperone | All PIs | ↑ lumateperone expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Lurasidone | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ lurasidone expected | <p>Consider alternative ARV or antipsychotic.</p> <p>If coadministration is necessary and atazanavir is added to lurasidone therapy, reduce lurasidone dose by 50%.</p> <p>If coadministration is necessary and lurasidone is added to ATV therapy, the recommended starting dose of lurasidone is 20 mg daily and the maximum recommended dose is 80 mg daily.</p> |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ lurasidone expected | Contraindicated. |
| Olanzapine | ATV (unboosted), PI/c | ↔ olanzapine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | PI/r | ↓ olanzapine possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of olanzapine. |
| Other Antipsychotics CYP3A4 and/or CYP2D6 substrates (e.g., clozapine, perphenazine, risperidone, thioridazine) | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ antipsychotic possible | Titrate the antipsychotic dose using the lowest initial dose or adjust the maintenance dose accordingly. Monitor for adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Pimavanserin | ATV (unboosted) | No data | <p>No data available for dose recommendation.</p> <p>Consider alternative ARV or antipsychotic.</p> |
| | LPV/r | ↑ pimavanserin expected | Do not coadminister , due to risk for QTc prolongation. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| | All other PIs | ↑ pimavanserin expected | Reduce pimavanserin dose to 10 mg once daily. |
| Pimozide | All PIs | ↑ pimozide expected | Contraindicated. |
| Quetiapine | All PIs | ↑ quetiapine expected | <p>Starting Quetiapine in a Patient Receiving a PI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate quetiapine at the lowest dose and titrate up as needed. Monitor for quetiapine effectiveness and adverse events, including QTc prolongation. <p>Starting a PI in a Patient Receiving a Stable Dose of Quetiapine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider alternative ARV. If coadministered, reduce quetiapine dose to 1/6 of the current dose. Closely monitor for quetiapine effectiveness and adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Ziprasidone | LPV/r | ↑ ziprasidone expected | Do not coadminister , due to risk for QTc prolongation. |
| | All other PIs | ↑ ziprasidone expected | Monitor for ziprasidone-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Antifungals | | | |
| Fluconazole | All PIs | ↔ PI expected ↔ fluconazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Isavuconazole | LPV/r | Isavuconazole AUC ↑ 96% LPV AUC ↓ 27% RTV AUC ↓ 31% | If coadministered, monitor isavuconazole concentrations and adverse events. Monitor for virologic response. |
| | All PIs except LPV/r | ↑ isavuconazole expected ↑ PI possible | If coadministered, monitor isavuconazole concentrations and monitor for isavuconazole-related adverse events. Monitor for PI tolerability. |
| Itraconazole | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ itraconazole expected | Dose based on itraconazole concentrations and monitor for itraconazole-related adverse events. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| | PI/r, PI/c | <p>↑ itraconazole expected</p> <p>↑ PI expected</p> | Itraconazole doses >200 mg/day are not recommended unless dosing is guided by itraconazole concentrations. |
| Posaconazole | ATV (unboosted) | <p>ATV AUC ↑ 268%</p> <p>↑ or ↓ posaconazole possible</p> | If coadministered, monitor posaconazole concentrations and monitor for posaconazole-related or PI-related adverse events. |
| | ATV/r | <p>ATV AUC ↑ 146%</p> <p>↑ posaconazole possible</p> | |
| | All other PIs | <p>↑ PI expected</p> <p>↑ posaconazole possible</p> | |
| Voriconazole | ATV (unboosted) | <p>↑ or ↓ PI possible</p> <p>↑ or ↓ voriconazole possible</p> | If coadministered, monitor voriconazole concentrations and monitor for voriconazole-related or PI-related adverse events. |
| | PI/c | No data | Do not coadminister voriconazole and RTV or COBI unless benefits outweigh risks. If coadministered, monitor voriconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| | PI/r | RTV 100 mg twice daily ↓ voriconazole AUC 39% | |
| Antimalarials | | | |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
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| Artemether/Lumefantrine | ATV (unboosted), PI/c | ↑ lumefantrine expected No data for artemether | Clinical significance is unknown. If coadministered, monitor closely for antimalarial efficacy and lumefantrine-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| | DRV/r | Artemether AUC ↓ 16% DHA ^a AUC ↓ 18% Lumefantrine AUC ↑ 175% ↔ DRV | |
| | LPV/r | Artemether AUC ↓ 40% DHA AUC ↓ 45% Lumefantrine AUC ↑ 4.8-fold ↔ LPV | |
| Atovaquone/Proguanil | ATV/r, LPV/r | <p>With ATV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atovaquone AUC ↓ 46% • Proguanil AUC ↓ 41% <p>With LPV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atovaquone AUC ↓ 74% • Proguanil AUC ↓ 38% | Clinical significance is unknown. Consider alternative ARV or malaria prophylaxis. |

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| Mefloquine | All PIs | <p>With RTV 200 mg Twice Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTV AUC ↓ 31% and C_{min} ↓ 43% • ↔ mefloquine <p>With ATV (Unboosted), PI/c, or PI/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No data • ↑ mefloquine possible | Clinical significance is unknown. Consider alternative ARV or antimalarial drug. If coadministered, monitor for mefloquine-related adverse events, including psychiatric symptoms and QTc prolongation. Monitor virologic response. |
| Antiplatelets | | | |
| Clopidogrel | All boosted PIs | Clopidogrel active metabolite AUC ↓ 69% in people with HIV compared to healthy volunteers without HIV. Impaired platelet inhibition observed in people with HIV. | Do not coadminister. |
| Prasugrel | All boosted PIs | Prasugrel active metabolite AUC ↓ 52% in people with HIV compared to healthy volunteers without HIV. Adequate platelet inhibition observed in people with HIV. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ticagrelor | All PIs | ↑ ticagrelor expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Vorapaxar | All PIs | ↑ vorapaxar expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antipneumocystis and Antitoxoplasmosis Drug | | | |
| Atovaquone Oral suspension | ATV/r | ↔ atovaquone | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All other PIs | ↔ atovaquone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Mpox, Smallpox) | | | |
| Brincidofovir | All PIs | ↑ brincidofovir possible | Give PI dose at least 3 hours after administering brincidofovir and monitor for brincidofovir-related adverse events (i.e., elevations in ALT/AST and bilirubin and GI adverse events). |

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| Cidofovir | All PIs | ↔ cidofovir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | All PIs | ↔ tecovirimat | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Beta-Agonists, Long-Acting Inhaled | | | |
| Arformoterol, Formoterol | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | ↑ arformoterol possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | ↔ arformoterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Indacaterol | All PIs | With RTV 300 mg Twice Daily • Indacaterol AUC ↑ 1.7-fold | No dose adjustment needed in patients receiving indacaterol 75 mcg daily. |
| Olodaterol | All PIs | ↑ olodaterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Salmeterol | All PIs | ↑ salmeterol possible | Do not coadminister , due to potential increased risk of salmeterol-related CV events. |
| Cardiac Medications | | | |
| Amiodarone | ATV/r | ↑ amiodarone possible ↑ PI possible | Contraindicated. |
| | All other PIs | ↑ amiodarone possible ↑ PI possible | Do not coadminister unless the benefits outweigh the risks. If coadministered, monitor for amiodarone-related adverse events and consider monitoring ECG and amiodarone drug concentration. |
| Antiarrhythmics (e.g., disopyramide, dofetilide, lidocaine, mexiletine, propafenone) | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ antiarrhythmic possible | Consider alternative ARV or antiarrhythmics. If coadministered, monitor for antiarrhythmic-related adverse events. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ antiarrhythmic possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ dronedarone possible | Do not coadminister. |

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| Dronedarone | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ dronedarone expected | Contraindicated. |
| Flecainide | All PIs | ↑ flecainide possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Propafenone | All PIs | ↑ propafenone possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Quinidine | ATV/r | ↑ quinidine expected | Contraindicated. |
| | All other PIs | ↑ quinidine possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Beta-Blockers (e.g., carvedilol, metoprolol, timolol) | All PIs | ↑ beta-blockers possible | May need to decrease beta-blocker dose; adjust dose based on clinical response. Consider using beta-blockers that are not metabolized by CYP2D6 enzymes (e.g., atenolol, labetalol, nadolol, sotalol). |
| Bosentan | All PIs | <p>With LPV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ bosentan 48-fold (Day 4) and ↑ 5-fold (Day 10) <p>With other PI</p> <p>↑ bosentan expected</p> <p>With ATV (unboosted)</p> <p>↓ ATV expected</p> | <p>Do not coadminister bosentan and unboosted ATV.</p> <p>In Patients on a PI (Other Than Unboosted ATV) >10 Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start bosentan at 62.5 mg once daily or every other day. <p>In Patients on Bosentan Who Require a PI (Other Than Unboosted ATV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop bosentan ≥36 hours before PI initiation and restart bosentan 10 days after PI initiation at 62.5 mg once daily or every other day. <p>When Switching Between COBI and RTV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain same bosentan dose. |
| Calcium Channel Blockers, Except Diltiazem | All PIs | <p>↑ dihydropyridine possible</p> <p>↑ verapamil possible</p> | Titrate CCB dose and monitor closely. ECG monitoring is recommended when CCB is used with ATV. |

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| Digoxin | PI/c, PI/r | RTV 200 mg twice daily ↑ digoxin AUC 29% and ↑ half-life 43% DRV/r ↑ digoxin AUC 36% COBI ↑ digoxin C _{max} 41% and ↔ AUC | Monitor digoxin concentrations. Digoxin dose may need to be decreased. Titrate initial digoxin dose. |
| Diltiazem | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | Unboosted ATV ↑ diltiazem AUC 125% Greater ↑ of diltiazem AUC is likely with ATV/c or ATV/r | Decrease diltiazem dose by at least 50%. If starting diltiazem, start with the lowest dose and titrate according to clinical response and adverse events. ECG monitoring is recommended. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | ↑ diltiazem possible | Titrate diltiazem dose according to clinical response and adverse events. |
| Eplerenone | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ eplerenone expected | Contraindicated. |
| Ranolazine | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ ranolazine possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ ranolazine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Ivabradine | All PIs | ↑ ivabradine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Corticosteroids | | | |
| Beclomethasone Inhaled or intranasal | DRV/r | ↔ 17-BMP (active metabolite) AUC RTV 100 mg twice daily ↑ 17-BMP AUC 2-fold | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All PIs except DRV/r | ↔ 17-BMP expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Budesonide, Ciclesonide, Fluticasone, Mometasone Inhaled or intranasal | All PIs | ↑ glucocorticoids possible RTV 100 mg twice daily ↑ fluticasone AUC 350-fold | Do not coadminister unless the potential benefits of inhaled or intranasal corticosteroid outweigh the risks of adverse events associated with corticosteroids. Coadministration can result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. Consider alternative inhaled/intranasal corticosteroid (e.g., beclomethasone). |

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| Betamethasone, Budesonide Systemic | All PIs | ↑ glucocorticoids possible ↓ PI possible | Do not coadminister unless the potential benefits of systemic corticosteroid outweigh the risks of adverse events associated with systemic corticosteroids. Coadministration can result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. |
| Dexamethasone Systemic | All PIs | ↑ glucocorticoids possible ↓ PI possible | Consider alternative corticosteroid for long-term use. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response to ART. |
| Prednisone, Prednisolone Systemic | LPV/r | ↑ prednisolone AUC 31% | Coadministration may be considered if the potential benefits outweigh the risks of adverse events associated with systemic corticosteroids. If coadministered, monitor for adrenal insufficiency, Cushing's syndrome, and other corticosteroid-related adverse events. |
| | All PIs | ↑ prednisolone possible | |
| Betamethasone, Methylprednisolone, Triamcinolone Local injections, including intra-articular, epidural, or intra-orbital | All PIs | ↑ glucocorticoids expected | Do not coadminister. Coadministration can result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. |
| Glucose-Lowering Medications | | | |
| Canagliflozin | ATV (unboosted), PI/c | ↔ canagliflozin | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | PI/r | ↓ canagliflozin expected | If a patient is already tolerating canagliflozin 100 mg daily, increase canagliflozin dose to 200 mg daily. If a patient is already tolerating canagliflozin 200 mg daily and requires additional glycemic control, management strategy is based on renal function. In Patients with eGFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canagliflozin dose may be increased to 300 mg daily. In Patients with eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider adding another antihyperglycemic agent. |

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| Saxagliptin | All PIs | ↑ saxagliptin expected | Limit saxagliptin dose to 2.5 mg once daily. |
| Dapagliflozin/Saxagliptin | All PIs | ↑ saxagliptin expected | Do not coadminister. Dapagliflozin is only available as a coformulated drug that contains 5 mg of saxagliptin. When coadministered with EVG/c, the dose of saxagliptin should not exceed 2.5 mg once daily; thus, this combination is not recommended . |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents | | | |
| Daclatasvir | ATV/c, ATV/r | ↑ daclatasvir | Decrease daclatasvir dose to 30 mg once daily. |
| | ATV (unboosted), DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | ↔ daclatasvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Dasabuvir plus Paritaprevir/Ombitasvir/ RTV | ATV (unboosted) | ↔ ATV | ATV 300 mg alone, without COBI or additional RTV , should be given in the morning with dasabuvir plus paritaprevir/ombitasvir/RTV. |
| | ATV/c, ATV/r | No data | This HCV regimen contains RTV. If ATV is part of the ARV regimen, prescribe ATV 300 mg daily without COBI or RTV. ATV should be administered in the morning, at the same time as ombitasvir/paritaprevir/RTV plus dasabuvir. Resume RTV or COBI regimen when HCV therapy is completed. |
| | DRV | DRV C _{min} ↓ 43% to 48% | Do not coadminister. |
| | LPV/r | Paritaprevir AUC ↑ 117% | Do not coadminister. |
| | DRV/c | No data | Do not coadminister. |

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| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | ATV/r | Elbasvir AUC ↑ 4.8-fold Grazoprevir AUC ↑ 10.6-fold Elbasvir ↔ ATV Grazoprevir ↑ ATV AUC 43% | <p>Contraindicated.</p> <p>May increase the risk of ALT elevations due to a significant increase in grazoprevir plasma concentrations caused by OATP1B1/3 inhibition.</p> |
| | DRV/r | Elbasvir AUC ↑ 66% Grazoprevir AUC ↑ 7.5-fold ↔ DRV | |
| | LPV/r | Elbasvir AUC ↑ 3.7-fold Grazoprevir AUC ↑ 12.9-fold ↔ LPV | |
| | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, DRV/c | ↑ grazoprevir expected | |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | <p>With (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glecaprevir AUC ↑ 6.5-fold • Pibrentasvir AUC ↑ 64% | Contraindicated. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r | <p>With (DRV 800 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glecaprevir AUC ↑ 5-fold • ↔ pibrentasvir | Do not coadminister. |
| | LPV/r | Glecaprevir AUC ↑ 4-fold Pibrentasvir ↑ 2.5-fold | Do not coadminister. |

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| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | ATV/r | ATV AUC ↑ 33% Ledipasvir AUC ↑ 113% ↔ sofosbuvir | No dose adjustment needed. Coadministration of ledipasvir/sofosbuvir with TDF and a PI/r results in increased exposure to TDF. The safety of the increased TDF exposure has not been established. Consider alternative HCV or ARV drugs to avoid increased risk of TDF toxicities. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for TDF-related adverse events. |
| | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, DRV/c, DRV/r, LPV/r | ↔ PI expected ↔ ledipasvir and sofosbuvir | |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | ATV/r | ↔ ATV/r ↔ sofosbuvir Velpatasvir AUC ↑ 2.4-fold | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DRV/r | ↔ DRV/r Sofosbuvir AUC ↓ 28% ↔ velpatasvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, DRV/c, LPV/r | ↔ sofosbuvir and velpatasvir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/ Voxilaprevir | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | With ATV/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voxilaprevir AUC ↑ 4.3-fold • Velpatasvir AUC ↑ 93% • Sofosbuvir AUC ↑ 40% | Do not coadminister. |
| | LPV/r | ↑ voxilaprevir expected | Do not coadminister. |

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| | DRV/c, DRV/r | With DRV/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voxilaprevir AUC ↑ 2.4-fold • ↔ DRV/r, velpatasvir, and sofosbuvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Herbal Products | | | |
| St. John's Wort | All PIs | ↓ PI expected | Contraindicated. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | | |
| Contraceptives—Injectable Depot MPA | LPV/r | MPA AUC ↑ 46% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All other PIs | No data | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Contraceptives—Oral | ATV (unboosted) | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↑ 48% Norethindrone AUC ↑ 110% | Prescribe an oral contraceptive that contains no more than 30 mcg of ethinyl estradiol ^b or use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. Oral contraceptives that contain less than 25 mcg of ethinyl estradiol or progestins other than norethindrone or norgestimate have not been studied. |
| | ATV/c | Drospirenone AUC ↑ 130% Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 22% | Contraindicated with drospirenone-containing hormonal contraceptive due to potential for hyperkalemia. Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. |
| | | ↔ ethinyl estradiol AUC and C _{min} ↓ 25% ↔ levonorgestrel | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ATV/r | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 19% and C _{min} ↓ 37% Norgestimate AUC ↑ 85% Norethindrone AUC ↑ 51% and C _{min} ↑ 67% | Oral contraceptive should contain at least 35 mcg of ethinyl estradiol. ^c |
| | DRV/c | Drospirenone AUC ↑ 58% | Clinical monitoring is recommended due to the potential for hyperkalemia. Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. |

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| | | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 30% | |
| | DRV/r | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 44% and C _{min} ↓ 62% Norethindrone AUC ↓ 14% and C _{min} ↓ 30% | <p>When Used for Contraception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. If combined, consider using an oral contraceptive with at least 35 mcg of ethinyl estradiol. <p>When Used for Other Clinical Indications (e.g., Acne, Menstrual Cycle Regulation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for clinical effectiveness of hormonal therapy. |
| | LPV/r | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 42% and C _{min} ↓ 32% to 58% Norethindrone AUC ↓ 17% and C _{min} ↓ 32% ↔ C _{min} etonogestrel (metabolite of oral desogestrel) | Consider using an oral contraceptive with at least 35 mcg of ethinyl estradiol. |
| Contraceptives—Subdermal Implant Etonogestrel | LPV/r | Etonogestrel AUC ↑ 52% and C _{min} ↑ 34% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All other PIs | ↑ etonogestrel expected | |
| Contraceptives—Subdermal Implant Levonorgestrel | All PIs | ↑ levonorgestrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Contraceptives—Transdermal Ethinyl Estradiol/Norelgestromin | LPV/r | ↔ LPV Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 45% Norelgestromin AUC ↑ 83% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All other PIs | No data | |

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| Contraceptives—Vaginal Ring Etonogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol | ATV/r | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 26% Etonogestrel AUC ↑ 79% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All other PIs | No data | |
| Contraceptives—Vaginal Ring Segesterone/Ethinyl Estradiol | All PIs | No data | Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. |
| Emergency Contraceptives Levonorgestrel (oral) | All PIs | ↑ levonorgestrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Gender-Affirming Therapy | PI/c | ↑ estradiol possible | Adjust estradiol dose as needed based on clinical effects and endogenous hormone concentrations. |
| | PI/r | ↓ or ↑ estradiol possible | |
| | All PIs | ↔ goserelin, leuprolide acetate, and spironolactone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | All PIs | ↑ dutasteride possible ↑ finasteride possible | Adjust dutasteride dose as needed based on clinical effects and endogenous hormone concentrations. No dose adjustment needed for finasteride. |
| | All PIs | ↑ testosterone possible | Adjust testosterone dose as needed based on clinical effects and endogenous hormone concentrations. |
| Menopausal Hormone Replacement Therapy | All PIs | ↓ or ↑ estrogen possible with estradiol or conjugated estrogen (equine and synthetic) | Adjust estrogen dose as needed based on clinical effects. |
| | All PIs | ↑ drospirenone possible ↑ medroxyprogesterone ↑ micronized progesterone | Adjust progestin/progesterone dose as needed based on clinical effects. Drospirenone is not contraindicated with ATV/c products, because it is prescribed at a lower dose for menopausal HRT than products used for hormonal contraceptives. |

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| | | See the different Contraceptives entries for other progestin-PI interactions | |
| Immunosuppressants | | | |
| Cyclosporine, Sirolimus, Tacrolimus | All PIs | ↑ immunosuppressant expected | Initiate with an adjusted dose of immunosuppressant to account for potential increased concentrations of the immunosuppressant and monitor for immunosuppressant-related adverse events. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with a specialist as necessary. |
| Everolimus | DRV/c, DRV/r | ↑ immunosuppressant expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | All other PIs | ↑ immunosuppressant expected | Initiate with an adjusted dose of immunosuppressant to account for potential increased concentrations of the immunosuppressant and monitor for immunosuppressant-related adverse events. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with a specialist as necessary. |
| Lipid-Modifying Agents | | | |
| Atorvastatin | ATV (unboosted), ATV/r | ↑ atorvastatin possible | Administer the lowest effective atorvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| | ATV/c | Atorvastatin AUC ↑ 9.2-fold and C _{max} ↑ 18.9-fold | Do not coadminister. |
| | DRV/c | Atorvastatin AUC ↑ 3.9-fold and C _{max} ↑ 4.2-fold | Administer the lowest effective atorvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed 20 mg atorvastatin daily. |
| | DRV/r | DRV/r plus atorvastatin 10 mg similar to atorvastatin 40 mg administered alone | Administer the lowest effective atorvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed 20 mg atorvastatin daily. |
| | LPV/r | Atorvastatin AUC ↑ 5.9-fold and C _{max} ↑ 4.7-fold | Administer the lowest effective atorvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed 20 mg atorvastatin daily. |
| Lomitapide | All PIs | ↑ lomitapide expected | Contraindicated. |
| Lovastatin | All PIs | Significant ↑ lovastatin expected | Contraindicated. |

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| Pitavastatin | All PIs | <p>With Unboosted ATV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ pitavastatin AUC 31% and C_{max} ↑ 60% • ↔ ATV <p>With DRV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ pitavastatin AUC 26% • ↔ DRV/r <p>With LPV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ pitavastatin AUC 20% • ↔ LPV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Pravastatin | ATV (unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | No data | Administer the lowest effective pravastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| | DRV/c, DRV/r | <p>With DRV/r</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pravastatin AUC ↑ 81% following single dose of pravastatin • Pravastatin AUC ↑ 23% at steady state | Administer the lowest effective pravastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| | LPV/r | Pravastatin AUC ↑ 33% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rosuvastatin | ATV (unboosted) | ↑ rosuvastatin expected | Administer the lowest effective rosuvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed rosuvastatin 10 mg daily. |
| | ATV/r | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 3-fold and C _{max} ↑ 7-fold | |
| | ATV/c | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 3.4-fold and C _{max} ↑ 10.6-fold | |
| | DRV/c | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 1.9-fold and C _{max} ↑ 3.8-fold | Administer the lowest effective rosuvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed rosuvastatin 20 mg daily. |

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| | DRV/r | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 48% and C _{max} ↑ 2.4-fold | Administer the lowest effective rosuvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| | LPV/r | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 2.1-fold and C _{max} ↑ 4.7-fold | Administer the lowest effective rosuvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed rosuvastatin 10 mg daily. |
| Simvastatin | All PIs | Significant ↑ simvastatin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | | |
| Buprenorphine Sublingual, buccal, or implant | ATV (unboosted) | Buprenorphine AUC ↑ 93% Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↑ 76% ↓ ATV possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | ATV/r | Buprenorphine AUC ↑ 66% Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↑ 105% | Monitor for sedation and other signs or symptoms of overmedication. Buprenorphine dose reduction may be necessary. It may be necessary to remove implant and treat with a formulation that permits dose adjustments. |
| | DRV/r | ↔ buprenorphine Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↑ 46% and C _{min} ↑ 71% | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for buprenorphine-related adverse events. When transferring buprenorphine from transmucosal delivery to implantation, monitor to ensure buprenorphine effect is adequate and not excessive. |
| | LPV/r | ↔ LPV/r | |
| | PI/c | No data | Titrate buprenorphine dose using the lowest initial dose. Dose adjustment of buprenorphine may be needed. It may be necessary to remove implant and treat with a formulation that permits dose adjustments. Monitor for buprenorphine-related adverse events. |
| Fentanyl | All PIs | ↑ fentanyl possible | Monitor for fentanyl-related adverse events, including potentially fatal respiratory depression. |
| Lofexidine | ATV (unboosted) | ↔ lofexidine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ lofexidine possible | Monitor for lofexidine-related adverse events, including symptoms of orthostasis and bradycardia. |
| Methadone | ATV (unboosted) | ↔ ATV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | PI/c | No data | Titrate methadone dose using the lowest feasible initial dose. Dose adjustment of methadone may be needed. Monitor for methadone-related adverse events. |
| | All PI/r | ATV/r and DRV/r ↓ R-methadone ^d AUC 16% to 18% LPV/r ↓ methadone AUC 26% to 53% | Opioid withdrawal is unlikely but may occur. Monitor for opioid withdrawal and increase methadone dose as clinically indicated. |
| Oxycodone | All PIs | LPV/r ↑ oxycodone AUC 2.6-fold Other PIs: ↑ oxycodone expected | Monitor for opioid-related adverse events, including potentially fatal respiratory depression. Oxycodone dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Tramadol | All PIs | ↑ tramadol expected ↓ M1 (active metabolite) possible | Tramadol dose adjustments may be necessary. Monitor for clinical response and tramadol-related adverse events. |
| PDE5 Inhibitors | | | |
| Avanafil | ATV (unboosted) | No data | Avanafil dose should not exceed 50 mg once every 24 hours. |
| | PI/c, PI/r | RTV 600 mg twice daily (for 5 days) ↑ avanafil AUC 13-fold and ↑ C _{max} 2.4-fold | Do not coadminister. |
| Sildenafil | All PIs | DRV/r plus sildenafil 25 mg similar to sildenafil 100 mg alone RTV 500 mg twice daily ↑ sildenafil AUC 1,000% | For Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with sildenafil 25 mg every 48 hours and monitor for adverse events of sildenafil. Contraindicated for treatment of PAH. |

Table 24a. Drug Interactions Between Protease Inhibitors and Other Drugs

| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Tadalafil | All PIs | RTV 200 mg twice daily ↑ tadalafil AUC 124% | <p>For Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with tadalafil 5 mg and do not exceed a single dose of tadalafil 10 mg every 72 hours. Monitor for adverse events of tadalafil. <p>For Treatment of PAH</p> <p><i>In Patients on a PI >7 Days</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with tadalafil 20 mg once daily and increase to tadalafil 40 mg once daily based on tolerability. <p><i>In Patients on Tadalafil Who Require a PI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop tadalafil ≥24 hours before PI initiation. Seven days after PI initiation, restart tadalafil at 20 mg once daily and increase to tadalafil 40 mg once daily based on tolerability. <p><i>In Patients Switching Between COBI and RTV</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain tadalafil dose. <p>For Treatment of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum recommended daily dose is tadalafil 2.5 mg per day. |
| Vardenafil | All PIs | RTV 600 mg twice daily ↑ vardenafil AUC 49-fold | Start with vardenafil 2.5 mg every 72 hours and monitor for adverse events of vardenafil. |
| Sedative/Hypnotics | | | |
| Alprazolam, Clonazepam, Diazepam | All PIs | <p>↑ benzodiazepine possible</p> <p>RTV 200 mg twice daily (for 2 days) ↑ alprazolam half-life 222% and ↑ AUC 248%</p> | Consider alternative benzodiazepines, such as lorazepam, oxazepam, or temazepam. |
| Lorazepam, Oxazepam, Temazepam | All PIs | No data | These benzodiazepines are metabolized via non-CYP450 pathways and, therefore, have less interaction potential than other benzodiazepines. |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|----------------------------|------------|---|---|
| Midazolam | All PIs | ↑ midazolam expected | <p>Oral midazolam is contraindicated with PIs.</p> <p>Parenteral midazolam can be used with caution when given in a monitored situation with appropriate medical management available in case of respiratory sedation and/or prolonged sedation. Consider dose reduction, especially if more than a single dose of midazolam is administered.</p> |
| Suvorexant | All PIs | ↑ suvorexant expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Triazolam | All PIs | <p>↑ triazolam expected</p> <p>RTV 200 mg twice daily ↑ triazolam half-life 1,200% and ↑ AUC 2,000%</p> | Contraindicated. |
| Zolpidem | PI/c, PI/r | ↑ zolpidem possible | Initiate zolpidem at a low dose and monitor for zolpidem-related adverse events. Dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Miscellaneous Drugs | | | |
| Calcifediol | All PIs | ↑ calcifediol possible | Dose adjustment of calcifediol may be required, and serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, intact PTH, and serum calcium concentrations should be closely monitored. |
| Cisapride | All PIs | ↑ cisapride expected | Contraindicated. |
| Colchicine | All PIs | <p>RTV 100 mg twice daily ↑ colchicine AUC 296% and C_{max} ↑ 184%</p> <p>Significant ↑ colchicine expected with all PIs, with or without COBI or RTV</p> | <p>For Treatment of Gout Flares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer a single dose of colchicine 0.6 mg, followed by colchicine 0.3 mg 1 hour later. Do not repeat dose for at least 3 days. <p>For Prophylaxis of Gout Flares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If original dose was colchicine 0.6 mg twice daily, decrease to colchicine 0.3 mg once daily. If dose was 0.6 mg once daily, decrease to 0.3 mg every other day. <p>For Treatment of Familial Mediterranean Fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not exceed colchicine 0.6 mg once daily or colchicine 0.3 mg twice daily. <p>Contraindicated in patients with hepatic (Child-Pugh Score A, B, or C) or renal impairment (CrCl <60 mL/min).</p> |

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| Concomitant Drug | PI | Effect on PI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-------------------|---------|--|---|
| Dronabinol | All PIs | ↑ dronabinol possible | Monitor for dronabinol-related adverse events. |
| Eluxadoline | All PIs | ↑ eluxadoline expected | Administer eluxadoline at a dose of 75 mg twice daily and monitor for eluxadoline-related adverse events. |
| Ergot Derivatives | All PIs | ↑ dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, and methylergonovine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Flibanserin | All PIs | ↑ flibanserin expected | Contraindicated. |

^a DHA is an active metabolite of artemether.

^b The following products contain no more than 30 mcg of ethinyl estradiol combined with norethindrone or norgestimate: Lo Minastrin Fe; Lo Loestrin Fe; Loestrin 1/20, 1.5/30; Loestrin Fe 1/20, 1.5/30; Loestrin 24 Fe; Minastrin 24 Fe; Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo. Generic formulations also may be available.

^c The following products contain at least 35 mcg of ethinyl estradiol combined with norethindrone or norgestimate: Brevicon; Femcon Fe; Modicon; Norinyl 1/35; Ortho-Cyclen; Ortho-Novum 1/35, 7/7/7; Ortho Tri-Cyclen; Ovcon 35; Tri-Norinyl. Generic formulations also may be available.

^d R-methadone is the active form of methadone.

Key to Symbols

↑ = increase

↓ = decrease

↔ = no change

Key: 17-BMP = beclomethasone 17-monopropionate; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; **AST = aspartate aminotransferase**; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; C_{max} = maximum plasma concentration; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; CCB = calcium channel blocker; CNS = central nervous system; COBI = cobicistat; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CV = cardiovascular; CYP = cytochrome P; DHA = dihydroartemisinin; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; ECG = electrocardiogram; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; **GI = gastrointestinal**; H2RA = H2 receptor antagonist; HCV = hepatitis C virus; HRT = hormone replacement therapy; INR = international normalized ratio; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MPA = medroxyprogesterone acetate; OATP = organic anion-transporting polypeptide; PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension; PDE5 = phosphodiesterase type 5; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = protease inhibitor/cobicistat; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; PK = pharmacokinetic; PPI = proton pump inhibitor; PTH = parathyroid hormone; QTc = QT corrected for heart rate; RTV = ritonavir; SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor; TCA = tricyclic antidepressant; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; VPA = valproic acid

Table 24b. Drug Interactions Between Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Other Drugs

This table provides information on the known or predicted interactions between non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs) and non-antiretroviral (ARV) drugs. Cabotegravir (CAB) intramuscular (IM) plus rilpivirine (RPV) IM are co-packaged into a single product and are coadministered as a complete regimen; therefore, the dosing recommendations and clinical comments reflect the combination of CAB IM and RPV IM treatments. Drug interaction studies were not conducted with either CAB IM or RPV IM. Drug interaction studies with oral CAB and RPV were leveraged to make the dosing recommendations for CAB IM and RPV IM. For information regarding interactions between NNRTIs and other ARV drugs, including dosing recommendations, refer to Tables [24c](#), [24e](#), [24f](#), [25a](#), and [25b](#).

Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ, depending on whether a new ARV drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or if a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. When an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative, providers should exercise their clinical judgment to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use.

RPV 75 mg and 300 mg oral once daily (3 and 12 times the recommended dose, respectively) were shown to prolong the QTc interval. Known and expected/theoretical pharmacokinetic interactions, resulting in increased RPV exposures, are included in this table due to the safety concern of QTc prolongation. There is limited information about the potential for pharmacodynamic interactions between RPV (in the absence of increased RPV exposures) and drugs that prolong the QTc interval; therefore, these are not included in this table.

| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Acid Reducers | | | |
| Antacids | DOR, EFV, NVP | ↔ NNRTI AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ETR | ↔ ETR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ RPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↓ RPV expected when given simultaneously | Give antacids at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after RPV. |
| H2 Receptor Antagonists | DOR, NVP | ↔ NNRTI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↔ EFV AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ETR | ↔ ETR AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ RPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | RPV AUC ↓ 76% when famotidine 40 mg is taken 2 hours prior | Give H2 receptor antagonists at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after RPV. |
| Proton Pump Inhibitors | DOR | DOR AUC ↓ 17% and C _{min} ↓ 16% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, NVP | ↔ EFV and NVP expected | |
| | ETR | With Omeprazole 40 mg Daily ETR AUC ↑ 41% | |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| | RPV IM | ↔ RPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | With Omeprazole 20 mg Daily RPV AUC ↓ 40% and C _{min} ↓ 33% | Contraindicated. |
| Alpha-Adrenergic Antagonists for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia | | | |
| Alfuzosin, Doxazosin, Silodosin, Terazosin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ alpha-adrenergic antagonists expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ alpha-adrenergic antagonists expected | Consider alternative ARV or alpha-antagonist therapy. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of alpha antagonist. |
| Tamsulosin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ tamsulosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ tamsulosin expected | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of tamsulosin after 2–4 weeks. May need to increase dose to tamsulosin 0.8 mg once daily for patients who fail to respond to the 0.4-mg dose. |
| Antimycobacterials | | | |
| Bedaquiline | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ bedaquiline expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR | ↓ bedaquiline possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | NVP | ↔ bedaquiline AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rifabutin | DOR | DOR AUC ↓ 50% | Increase DOR dose to 100 mg twice daily. No dose adjustment is needed for rifabutin. |
| | EFV | Rifabutin ↓ 38% | The recommended dosing range is rifabutin 450–600 mg per day. |
| | ETR | ↔ rifabutin and metabolite AUC ETR AUC ↓ 37% | Do not coadminister ETR plus PI/r with rifabutin. Use rifabutin 300 mg once daily if ETR is administered without PI/r. |
| | NVP | Rifabutin AUC ↑ 17% and metabolite AUC ↑ 24% NVP C _{min} ↓ 16% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV IM | ↓ RPV expected | Contraindicated. |
| | RPV PO | Rifabutin plus RPV 50 mg PO Once Daily Compared to RPV 25 mg Once Daily Alone ↔ RPV AUC and C _{min} | Increase RPV dose to 50 mg PO once daily. No dose adjustment for rifabutin is needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Rifampin | DOR | DOR AUC ↓ 88% | Contraindicated. After stopping rifampin, wait 4 weeks before initiating DOR. |
| | EFV | EFV AUC ↓ 26% | Do not use EFV 400 mg with rifampin. Maintain EFV dose at 600 mg once daily and monitor for virologic response. |
| | ETR | Significant ↓ ETR possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | NVP | NVP ↓ 20% to 58% | Do not coadminister. |
| | RPV IM | ↓ RPV expected | Contraindicated. |
| | RPV PO | RPV AUC ↓ 80% | Contraindicated. |
| Rifapentine | DOR | DOR 100 mg Twice Daily plus Once-Weekly Rifapentine and Isoniazid Compared to DOR 100 mg Twice Daily Alone DOR AUC ↓ 29%, C _{min} ↓ 31% | Contraindicated. After stopping rifapentine, wait 4 weeks before initiating DOR. |
| | EFV | ↔ EFV concentrations | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ETR | ↓ ETR possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | NVP | NVP C _{min} ↓ 27% | Do not coadminister. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↓ RPV expected | Contraindicated. |
| Antibacterials—Macrolides | | | |
| Azithromycin | All NNRTIs | ↔ azithromycin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Clarithromycin | DOR | ↔ clarithromycin expected ↑ DOR possible | Monitor for ARV tolerability if used in combination. |
| | EFV | Clarithromycin AUC ↓ 39% | Monitor for effectiveness, or consider alternative agent (e.g., azithromycin) for MAC prophylaxis and treatment. |
| | ETR | Clarithromycin AUC ↓ 39% ETR AUC ↑ 42% | Consider alternative macrolide (e.g., azithromycin) for MAC prophylaxis and treatment. |
| | NVP | Clarithromycin AUC ↓ 31% NVP AUC ↑ 26% | Monitor for effectiveness, or consider alternative macrolide (e.g., azithromycin) for MAC prophylaxis and treatment. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ clarithromycin expected ↑ RPV possible | Consider alternative macrolide (e.g., azithromycin) for MAC prophylaxis and treatment. If coadministered, monitor for QTc prolongation. |
| Erythromycin | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | Monitor for ARV tolerability if used in combination. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---------------------|--|---|
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↑ EFV, ETR, and NVP possible ↓ erythromycin possible | Monitor for ARV tolerability and antibiotic efficacy if used in combination. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | Consider alternative macrolide (e.g., azithromycin). If coadministered, monitor for QTc prolongation. |
| Anticoagulants | | | |
| Apixaban | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ apixaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ apixaban possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant therapy. |
| Dabigatran | All NNRTIs | ↔ dabigatran expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Edoxaban | All NNRTIs | ↔ edoxaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rivaroxaban | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ rivaroxaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ rivaroxaban possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant therapy. |
| Warfarin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ warfarin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↑ or ↓ warfarin possible | Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dose accordingly. |
| Anticonvulsants | | | |
| Carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin | DOR | ↓ DOR possible | Contraindicated. After stopping anticonvulsant, wait 4 weeks before initiating DOR. |
| | EFV | Carbamazepine plus EFV Carbamazepine AUC ↓ 27% EFV AUC ↓ 36% Phenytoin plus EFV ↓ EFV ↑ or ↓ phenytoin possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor anticonvulsant and EFV concentrations. |
| | ETR | ↓ anticonvulsant and ETR possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | NVP | ↓ anticonvulsant and NVP possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor anticonvulsant and NVP concentrations and virologic response. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↓ RPV possible | Contraindicated. |
| Eslicarbazepine | All NNRTIs | ↓ NNRTI possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response and consider monitoring plasma concentrations of ARVs. |
| Oxcarbazepine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↓ NNRTI possible | Contraindicated. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ NNRTI possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response and consider monitoring plasma concentrations of ARVs. |
| Ethosuximide, Lacosamide, Tiagabine, Zonisamide | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ anticonvulsant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ anticonvulsant possible | Monitor seizure control. Consider anticonvulsant therapeutic drug monitoring. |
| Lamotrigine | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ lamotrigine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↓ lamotrigine possible | Monitor seizure control and plasma concentrations of lamotrigine. |
| Antidepressants, Anxiolytics, and Antipsychotics Also see the Sedative/Hypnotics section below. | | | |
| Bupropion | DOR, ETR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ bupropion expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Bupropion AUC ↓ 55% | Titrate bupropion dose based on clinical response. |
| | NVP | ↓ bupropion possible | |
| Citalopram, Escitalopram | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antidepressant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antidepressant possible | Titrate antidepressant dose based on clinical response. |
| Fluoxetine, Fluvoxamine | All NNRTIs | ↔ antidepressant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Paroxetine | DOR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ paroxetine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR | ↔ paroxetine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Nefazodone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ NNRTI possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ nefazodone expected ↑ NNRTI possible | Monitor antidepressant effect. Titrate dose as necessary based on clinical response. |
| Sertraline | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ sertraline expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Sertraline AUC ↓ 39% | Monitor the antidepressant effect. Titrate dose as necessary based on clinical response. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ sertraline possible | |
| Trazodone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ trazodone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ trazodone possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of trazodone and titrate dose as necessary. |
| Antipsychotics | | | |
| Aripiprazole | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ aripiprazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ aripiprazole expected | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. Consider doubling usual dose of aripiprazole over 1–2 weeks. Refer to aripiprazole prescribing information for dose recommendations. |
| Brexpiprazole | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ brexpiprazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ brexpiprazole expected | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. Consider doubling the usual dose of brexpiprazole and making further adjustments based on clinical response. Refer to brexpiprazole prescribing information. |
| Cariprazine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ cariprazine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ cariprazine and ↑ or ↓ active metabolite possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Iloperidone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. |
| Lumateperone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Lurasidone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. |
| Olanzapine | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ olanzapine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↓ olanzapine possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of olanzapine. |
| Other Antipsychotics CYP3A4 substrates (e.g., clozapine, perphenazine, risperidone) | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. |
| Pimavanserin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ pimavanserin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ pimavanserin expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Pimozide | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ pimozide expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ pimozide possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of pimozide. |
| Quetiapine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. |
| Ziprasidone | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antipsychotic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antipsychotic possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of antipsychotic. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Antifungals | | | |
| Fluconazole | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↔ fluconazole expected ↔ EFV AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | ETR | ETR AUC ↑ 86% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | NVP | NVP AUC ↑ 110% | Consider alternative ARV or antifungal agent. Increased risk of hepatotoxicity is possible with this combination. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered, consider monitoring for QTc prolongation. |
| Isavuconazole | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ isavuconazole possible | Monitor isavuconazole concentration and antifungal response. Dose adjustments for isavuconazole may be necessary. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered, consider monitoring for QTc prolongation. |
| Itraconazole | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Itraconazole and OH-itraconazole AUC, C _{max} , and C _{min} ↓ 37% to 44% | Do not coadminister unless potential benefits outweigh the risks. Failure to achieve therapeutic itraconazole concentrations has been reported. If coadministration is necessary, closely monitor itraconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| | ETR | ↓ itraconazole possible ↑ ETR possible | Dose adjustments for itraconazole may be necessary. Monitor itraconazole concentration and antifungal response. |
| | NVP | Itraconazole AUC ↓ 61% ↑ NVP possible | Do not coadminister unless potential benefits outweigh the risks. If coadministration is necessary, monitor itraconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered, consider monitoring for QTc prolongation. |
| Posaconazole | DOR, ETR, NVP | ↑ NNRTI possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Posaconazole AUC ↓ 50% ↔ EFV AUC | Do not coadminister unless potential benefits outweigh the risks. If coadministration is necessary, monitor posaconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered, consider monitoring for QTc prolongation. |
| | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Voriconazole | EFV | Voriconazole AUC ↓ 77% EFV AUC ↑ 44% | Contraindicated at standard doses. Adjust dose to voriconazole 400 mg twice daily plus EFV 300 mg daily. |
| | ETR | ↔ voriconazole AUC ETR AUC ↑ 36% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | NVP | ↓ voriconazole possible ↑ NVP possible | Consider alternative ARV or antifungal agent. If coadministration is necessary, monitor ARV tolerability and antifungal response and/or voriconazole concentration. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered, consider monitoring for QTc prolongation. |
| Antimalarials | | | |
| Artemether/Lumefantrine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antimalarial expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Artemether AUC ↓ 79% DHA AUC ↓ 75% Lumefantrine AUC ↓ 30% to 56% | Consider alternative ARV or antimalarial drug. If used in combination, monitor closely for antimalarial efficacy. |
| | ETR | Artemether AUC ↓ 38% ↔ DHA AUC ↔ lumefantrine AUC ↔ ETR AUC | Clinical significance of the reduced antimalarial drug concentrations is unknown. If used in combination with ETR, monitor for antimalarial efficacy. |
| | NVP | Artemether AUC ↓ 67% to 72% DHA Study results are conflicting. DHA AUC ↓ 37% in one study, no difference in another. Lumefantrine Study results are conflicting. Lumefantrine AUC ↓ 25% to 58% in two studies, but ↑ 50% to 56% in another. | Clinical significance is unknown. If used in combination, monitor closely for antimalarial efficacy and lumefantrine toxicity. |
| Atovaquone/Proguanil | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | No data | Monitor for antimalarial efficacy. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | EFV | Atovaquone AUC ↓ 75% Proguanil AUC ↓ 43% | No dose recommendation. Consider alternative drug for malaria prophylaxis, if possible. |
| Antiplatelets | | | |
| Clopidogrel | DOR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ clopidogrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR | ↓ activation of clopidogrel possible | Consider alternative ARV or antiplatelet. ETR may prevent metabolism of clopidogrel to its active metabolite. |
| Prasugrel | All NNRTIs | ↔ prasugrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ticagrelor | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ ticagrelor expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ ticagrelor expected | Consider alternative ARV or anticoagulant therapy. |
| Vorapaxar | DOR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ vorapaxar expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR | ↓ vorapaxar expected | Insufficient data to make a dose recommendation. |
| Antipneumocystis and Anti-Toxoplasmosis Drugs | | | |
| Atovaquone (oral solution) | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | No data | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of atovaquone. |
| | EFV | Atovaquone AUC ↓ 44% to 47% | Consider alternative ARV or agent for PCP or toxoplasmosis treatment or prophylaxis. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of atovaquone. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Smallpox, Mpox) | | | |
| Brincidofovir | All NNRTIs | ↔ brincidofovir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Cidofovir | All NNRTIs | ↔ cidofovir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | DOR, RPV PO | ↓ DOR or RPV expected but not likely to be clinically relevant | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↔ EFV, ETR, or NVP expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| | RPV IM | ↓ RPV expected but not likely to be clinically relevant | No dose adjustment needed. If there is a concern for suboptimal RPV exposure, seek expert consultation. Do not initiate CAB/RPV IM during and within 2 weeks after tecovirimat treatment. (Refer to Table 24d for interaction with CAB.) |
| Cardiac Medications | | | |
| Bosentan | DOR | ↓ DOR possible | Consider alternative ARV or alternative to bosentan. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ NNRTI possible ↓ bosentan possible | Consider alternative ARV or alternative to bosentan. If coadministration is necessary, monitor bosentan efficacy and virologic response. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↓ RPV possible | Consider alternative ARV or alternative to bosentan. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response. |
| Dihydropyridine CCBs | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ CCBs expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ CCBs possible | Titrate CCB dose based on clinical response. |
| Diltiazem, Verapamil | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ CCBs expected ↑ NNRTI possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Diltiazem AUC ↓ 69% ↓ verapamil possible | Titrate diltiazem or verapamil dose based on clinical response. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ diltiazem or verapamil possible | |
| Corticosteroids | | | |
| Dexamethasone | DOR, EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ NNRTI possible | Consider alternative corticosteroid for long-term use. If dexamethasone is used with NNRTI, monitor virologic response. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | Significant ↓ RPV possible | Contraindicated with more than a single dose of dexamethasone. |
| Glucose-Lowering Agents | | | |
| Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin, Sitagliptin | All NNRTIs | ↔ antihyperglycemic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Linagliptin, Saxagliptin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ antihyperglycemic expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ antihyperglycemic possible | Monitor glycemic control. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---------------------|--|---|
| Metformin | DOR | ↔ metformin AUC DOR AUC ↓ 26% and C _{max} ↓ 24% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↔ metformin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ metformin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ metformin AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents | | | |
| Daclatasvir | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | No data | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | Daclatasvir 120 mg Once Daily plus EFV 600 mg Daily Compared to Daclatasvir 60 mg Alone Daclatasvir C _{min} ↓ 17% and AUC ↑ 37% | The recommended dose is daclatasvir 90 mg once daily. |
| Dasabuvir plus Paritaprevir/Ombitasvir/RTV | DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | No data | Contraindicated. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ DAAs possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | RPV IM | ↑ RPV expected | Do not coadminister due to the potential for QTc prolongation with higher concentrations of RPV. |
| | RPV PO | RPV AUC ↑ 150% to 225% | Do not coadminister due to the potential for QTc prolongation with higher concentrations of RPV. |
| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | DOR | ↔ elbasvir and grazoprevir DOR AUC ↑ 56% and C _{min} ↑ 41% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Elbasvir AUC ↓ 54% Grazoprevir AUC ↓ 83% ↔ EFV | Contraindicated. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ elbasvir and grazoprevir expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ elbasvir and grazoprevir expected ↔ RPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ elbasvir and grazoprevir ↔ RPV AUC and C _{min} | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | DOR | ↑ DOR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↓ glecaprevir and pibrentasvir expected | Do not coadminister. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | ETR | ↓ glecaprevir and pibrentasvir possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | NVP | ↓ glecaprevir and pibrentasvir possible | Consider alternative ARV or HCV regimen. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for HCV treatment efficacy. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ glecaprevir and pibrentasvir expected ↑ RPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ glecaprevir and pibrentasvir RPV AUC ↑ 84% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | DOR | ↔ ledipasvir and sofosbuvir ↔ DOR | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Ledipasvir AUC, C _{min} , and C _{max} ↓ 34% ↔ sofosbuvir | |
| | ETR, NVP | No significant effect expected | |
| | RPV IM | ↔ ledipasvir, sofosbuvir, and RPV expected | |
| | RPV PO | ↔ ledipasvir and sofosbuvir ↔ RPV | |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | No significant effect expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Velpatasvir AUC ↓ 43%, C _{max} ↓ 37%, and C _{min} ↓ 47% | Do not coadminister. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ velpatasvir expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | No significant effect expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Velpatasvir AUC ↓ 43%, C _{max} ↓ 37%, and C _{min} ↓ 47% ↓ voxilaprevir expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ voxilaprevir expected ↓ velpatasvir expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Herbal Products | | | |
| St. John's Wort | DOR | ↓ DOR expected | Contraindicated. After stopping St. John's Wort, wait 4 weeks before initiating DOR. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--|---|--|
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ EFV, ETR, and NVP expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↓ RPV expected | Contraindicated. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | | |
| Contraceptives—Injectable Depot MPA | DOR, ETR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ MPA expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, NVP | ↔ MPA | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Contraceptives—Oral | DOR | ↔ ethinyl estradiol ↔ levonorgestrel | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↔ ethinyl estradiol Etonogestrel (metabolite of oral desogestrel) C _{min} ↓ 61% Levonorgestrel (metabolite of oral norgestimate) AUC ↓ 83% Norelgestromin (metabolite of oral norgestimate) AUC ↓ 64% | When Used for Contraception Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. When Used for Other Clinical Indications (e.g., Acne, Menstrual Cycle Regulation) Monitor for clinical effectiveness of hormonal therapy. |
| | ETR | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↑ 22% ↔ norethindrone | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | NVP | Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 29% and C _{min} ↓ 58% Norethindrone AUC ↓ 18% Etonogestrel (metabolite of oral desogestrel) C _{min} ↓ 22% | No dose adjustment needed based on clinical data that demonstrated no change in effectiveness. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ ethinyl estradiol expected ↔ norethindrone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ ethinyl estradiol ↔ norethindrone | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | Contraceptives—Subdermal Implant Etonogestrel | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ etonogestrel expected |
| EFV | | Etonogestrel AUC ↓ 63% to 82% | Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. |
| ETR | | ↓ etonogestrel possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| NVP | | ↔ etonogestrel | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| Contraceptives— Subdermal Implant Levonorgestrel | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ levonorgestrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Levonorgestrel AUC ↓ 42% to 47% | Use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. Unintended pregnancies were observed in women who used EFV and levonorgestrel implant concomitantly. |
| | ETR | ↓ levonorgestrel possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| | NVP | Levonorgestrel AUC ↑ 35% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Contraceptives— Transdermal Ethinyl Estradiol/ Norelgestromin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ ethinyl estradiol or norelgestromin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↓ ethinyl estradiol or norelgestromin expected | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ ethinyl estradiol or norelgestromin possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Contraceptives—Vaginal Ring Etonogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Ethinyl estradiol (intravaginal ring) AUC ↓ 56% Etonogestrel (intravaginal ring) AUC ↓ 81% | Consider alternative ARV or contraceptive method. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Contraceptives—Vaginal Ring Segesterone/Ethinyl Estradiol | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ segesterone and ethinyl estradiol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ segesterone and ethinyl estradiol possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Emergency Contraceptives Levonorgestrel (oral) | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ levonorgestrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Levonorgestrel AUC ↓ 58% | Effectiveness of emergency postcoital contraception may be diminished. |
| | NVP, ETR | ↓ levonorgestrel possible | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Gender-Affirming Therapy | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ hormonal concentrations expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | <p>↓ estradiol possible</p> <p>↓ cyproterone and progestogens possible</p> <p>↔ goserelin, leuprolide acetate, and spironolactone expected</p> <p>↓ dutasteride and finasteride possible</p> | Monitor feminizing effects of estrogen and antiandrogen therapy. Titrate dose as necessary to achieve therapeutic goals. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ testosterone possible | Monitor masculinizing effects of testosterone. Titrate testosterone dose as necessary to achieve therapeutic goals. |
| Menopausal Replacement Therapy | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ hormonal concentrations expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | <p>↓ estrogen possible with estradiol or conjugated estrogen (equine and synthetic)</p> <p>↓ medroxyprogesterone possible</p> <p>↓ micronized progesterone possible</p> <p>↓ drospirenone possible</p> <p>See Contraceptives—Oral above for other progestin-NNRTI interactions</p> | Monitor menopausal symptoms. Titrate to the dose of hormonal therapy that achieves menopausal symptom relief. |
| Immunosuppressants | | | |
| Cyclosporine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | <p>↔ cyclosporine expected</p> <p>↑ NNRTI possible</p> | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ cyclosporine possible | Increase in immunosuppressant dose may be necessary. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with specialist as necessary. |
| Everolimus, Sirolimus, Tacrolimus | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ immunosuppressant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ immunosuppressant possible | Increase in immunosuppressant dose may be necessary. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with specialist as necessary. |
| Lipid-Modifying Agents | | | |
| | DOR | ↔ atorvastatin AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Atorvastatin | EFV, ETR | Atorvastatin AUC ↓ 32% to 43% | Adjust atorvastatin dose according to lipid response, but do not exceed the maximum recommended dose. |
| | NVP | ↓ atorvastatin possible | Adjust atorvastatin dose according to lipid response, but do not exceed the maximum recommended dose. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ atorvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ atorvastatin AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Fluvastatin | DOR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ fluvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR | ↑ fluvastatin possible | Dose adjustments for fluvastatin may be necessary. Monitor for fluvastatin toxicity. |
| Lovastatin, Simvastatin | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ lovastatin and simvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Simvastatin AUC ↓ 60% to 68% Simvastatin active metabolite AUC ↓ 60% | Adjust simvastatin dose according to lipid response, but do not exceed the maximum recommended dose. |
| | ETR, NVP | ↓ lovastatin possible ↓ simvastatin possible | Adjust lovastatin or simvastatin dose according to lipid response, but do not exceed the maximum recommended dose. |
| Pitavastatin | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ pitavastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↔ pitavastatin AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Pravastatin | DOR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ pravastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Pravastatin AUC ↓ 44% | Adjust statin dose according to lipid responses, but do not exceed the maximum recommended dose. |
| | ETR | ↓ pravastatin possible | |
| Rosuvastatin | DOR, EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ rosuvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | | |
| Buprenorphine | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ buprenorphine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Sublingual or buccal | EFV | Buprenorphine AUC ↓ 50% Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↓ 71% | No dose adjustment needed, monitor for withdrawal symptoms. |
| | ETR | Buprenorphine AUC ↓ 25% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | NVP | No significant effect | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Buprenorphine Implant | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ buprenorphine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | No data | Clinical monitoring is recommended when NNRTI is initiated after insertion of buprenorphine implant. |
| Lofexidine | DOR, EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ lofexidine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Methadone | DOR | ↔ methadone AUC DOR AUC ↓ 26% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | Methadone AUC ↓ 52% | Opioid withdrawal common; monitor and increase methadone dose as necessary. |
| | ETR | ↔ methadone AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | NVP | Methadone AUC ↓ 37% to 51% ↔ NVP | Opioid withdrawal common; monitor and increase methadone dose as necessary. |
| | RPV IM | ↓ methadone AUC expected | No dose adjustment needed, but monitor for withdrawal symptoms. |
| | RPV PO | R-methadone ^a AUC ↓ 16% | No dose adjustment needed, but monitor for withdrawal symptoms. |
| PDE5 Inhibitors | | | |
| Sildenafil | DOR | ↔ sildenafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, NVP | ↓ sildenafil possible | May need to titrate sildenafil dose based on clinical effect. |
| | ETR | Sildenafil AUC ↓ 57% | May need to titrate sildenafil dose based on clinical effect. |
| | RPV IM | ↔ sildenafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RPV PO | ↔ sildenafil AUC and C _{max} | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tadalafil | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ tadalafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NNRTI | Effect on NNRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ tadalafil possible | May need to titrate tadalafil dose based on clinical effect. |
| Avanafil, Vardenafil | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ avanafil or vardenafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ avanafil or vardenafil possible | May need to increase PDE5 inhibitor dose based on clinical effect. |
| Sedative/Hypnotics | | | |
| Alprazolam, Triazolam | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ alprazolam or triazolam expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, ETR, NVP | ↓ alprazolam or triazolam possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of benzodiazepine. |
| Diazepam | DOR, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ diazepam expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV, NVP | ↓ diazepam possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of diazepam. |
| | ETR | ↑ diazepam possible | Decreased dose of diazepam may be necessary. Monitor for diazepam toxicity. |
| Lorazepam | DOR, ETR, NVP, RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ lorazepam expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↔ lorazepam AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Midazolam | DOR | ↔ midazolam AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EFV | ↑ or ↓ midazolam possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness and toxicity of midazolam. |
| | ETR | Midazolam AUC ↓ 31% Midazolam active metabolite C _{max} ↑ 57% | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of midazolam. |
| | NVP | ↓ midazolam possible | Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of midazolam. |
| | RPV IM, RPV PO | ↔ midazolam expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

^a R-methadone is the active form of methadone.

Key to Symbols

- ↑ = increase
- ↓ = decrease
- ↔ = no change

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Key: ARV = antiretroviral; AUC = area under the curve; C_{max} = maximum plasma concentration; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; CAB = cabotegravir; CCB = calcium channel blocker; DAA = direct-acting antiviral; DHA = dihydroartemisinin; DOR = doravirine; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; HCV = hepatitis C virus; IM = intramuscular; INR = international normalized ratio; isoniazid = isonicotinic acid hydrazide; MAC = *Mycobacterium avium* complex; MPA = medroxyprogesterone acetate; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; OH-itraconazole = active metabolite of itraconazole; PCP = *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia; PDE5 = phosphodiesterase type 5; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; PO = orally; QTc = QT corrected for heart rate; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir.

Table 24c. Drug Interactions between Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

This table provides information on the known or predicted interactions between nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) and non-antiretroviral drugs.

Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ depending on whether a new antiretroviral (ARV) drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or whether a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. In cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative, providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use.

Interactions associated with zidovudine are **not** included in this table. Please refer to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration product labels for information regarding drug interactions between these NRTIs and other drugs.

| Concomitant Drug | NRTI | Effect on NRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|-----------|---|--|
| Antimycobacterials | | | |
| Rifabutin | TAF | ↓ TAF possible | Do not coadminister unless benefits outweigh risks. If coadministered, monitor for virologic response. |
| | TDF | ↔ AUC TFV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rifampin | TAF | TAF with Rifampin Compared with TDF Alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFV-DP AUC ↑ 4.2-fold TAF with Rifampin Compared with TAF Alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF AUC ↓ 55% • TFV-DP AUC ↓ 36% TAF 25 mg Twice Daily with Rifampin Compared with TAF Once Daily Alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF AUC ↓ 14% • TFV-DP AUC ↓ 24% | Do not coadminister unless benefits outweigh risks. Intracellular TFV-DP levels are higher when TAF is coadministered with rifampin than when TDF is administered alone, but clinical outcomes have not been studied. If coadministered, monitor virologic response. |
| | TDF | ↔ AUC TFV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rifapentine | TAF | ↓ TAF possible | Do not coadminister unless benefits outweigh risks. If coadministered, monitor for virologic response. |
| | TDF | ↔ AUC TFV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Smallpox, Mpox) | | | |
| Brincidofovir | All NRTIs | ↔ brincidofovir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | NRTI | Effect on NRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------------------|---|--|
| Cidofovir | ABC, 3TC, FTC, TAF | ↔ cidofovir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | ↑ TDF and cidofovir possible | Potential for renal toxicity when TDF is given with a nephrotoxic agent, such as cidofovir. If concomitant use is necessary, closely monitor renal function. |
| Tecovirimat | All NRTIs | ↔ tecovirimat expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Cytomegalovirus and Hepatitis B Antivirals | | | |
| Adefovir | TAF, TDF | No data | Do not coadminister. Serum concentrations of TDF and/or other renally eliminated drugs may increase. |
| Ganciclovir, Valganciclovir | TAF, TDF | No data | Serum concentrations of ganciclovir and/or TFV may increase. Monitor for dose-related toxicities. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | | |
| 17-β-estradiol | FTC | FTC AUC ↓ 14% to 24% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV AUC ↓ 12% to 27% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Other hormones used for contraception, gender affirming therapy, or menopausal replacement therapy | All NRTIs | No change expected. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents | | | |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | TAF | ↔ TFV AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV AUC ↑ 29% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | TAF | TFV AUC ↑ 27% | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24c. Drug Interactions between Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug | NRTI | Effect on NRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|----------|--|---|
| | TDF | <p>Ledipasvir ↑ TFV AUC 35% to 98% when TDF is given with various PIs and NNRTIs.</p> <p>Ledipasvir ↑ TFV C_{min} 55% to 80% when TDF is given with various PIs, NNRTIs, or INSTIs.</p> <p>Further ↑ TFV AUC and C_{max} possible when TDF, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, and PIs are coadministered.</p> | <p>Do not coadminister with EVG/c, TDF, or FTC.</p> <p>If TDF is used, monitor for TDF toxicities.</p> <p>Consider using TAF in patients at risk of TDF-associated adverse events.</p> <p>Consider using TAF or alternative HCV therapy in patients on TDF plus a PI/r or PI/c. The safety of increased TFV exposure with this combination has not been established.</p> |
| Ribavirin | TDF | <p>Ribavirin with Sofosbuvir 400 mg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ TFV AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | TAF | ↔ TFV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV C _{max} ↑ 44% to 46% and AUC ↑ 40% when coadministered with various ARV combinations. | <p>If TDF is used in these patients, monitor for TDF-related toxicities.</p> <p>Consider using TAF in patients at risk of TDF-related adverse events.</p> |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | TAF | ↔ TAF expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV C _{max} ↑ 48% and AUC ↑ 39% when coadministered with various ARV combinations. | <p>If TDF is used in these patients, monitor for TDF-related toxicities.</p> <p>Consider using TAF in patients at risk of TDF-related adverse events.</p> |
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | | |
| Buprenorphine | 3TC, TDF | ↔ 3TC, TDF, and buprenorphine | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TAF | ↔ TAF expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Methadone | ABC | Methadone clearance ↑ 22% | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24c. Drug Interactions between Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug | NRTI | Effect on NRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---------------|--|---|
| Other Drugs | | | |
| Anticonvulsants Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin | TAF | With Carbamazepine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF AUC ↓ 55% • ↓ TAF possible with other anticonvulsants | Do not coadminister. |
| Riociguat | ABC | Riociguat AUC ↑ 200% | If coadministered, initiate riociguat at 0.5 mg three times daily and monitor for riociguat-related adverse effects (e.g., hypotension). |
| St. John's Wort | TAF | ↓ TAF possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Antiretroviral Drugs | | | |
| Capsid Inhibitor | | | |
| LEN (SQ and PO) | ABC, FTC, 3TC | ↔ ABC, FTC, 3TC, LEN expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TAF | TAF AUC ↑ 32% ↔ LEN | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TDF AUC ↑ 47% ↔ LEN | No dose adjustment needed. |
| INSTIs | | | |
| DTG | TAF | ↔ TAF AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | ↔ TDF AUC ↔ DTG AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| RAL | TDF | RAL AUC ↑ 49% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| PIs | | | |
| ATV (Unboosted), ATV/c, ATV/r | TAF | TAF 10 mg with ATV/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF AUC ↑ 91% TAF 10 mg with ATV/c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAF AUC ↑ 75% | No dose adjustment needed (use TAF 25 mg). |
| | TDF | With ATV (Unboosted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV AUC ↓ 25% and C_{min} ↓ 23% to 40% (higher C_{min} with RTV than without RTV) • TFV AUC ↑ 24% to 37% | Do not coadminister unboosted ATV with TDF. Use ATV 300 mg plus (RTV 100 mg or COBI 150 mg) daily when coadministering TDF 300 mg daily. If using TDF and an H2 receptor antagonist in an ART-experienced |

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| Concomitant Drug | NRTI | Effect on NRTI and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|------|---|--|
| | | | patient, use ATV 400 mg plus (RTV 100 mg or COBI 150 mg) daily Monitor for TDF-associated toxicities. |
| DRV/c | TAF | TAF 25 mg with DRV/c • ↔ TAF | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV ↑ possible | Monitor for TDF-associated toxicities. |
| DRV/r | TAF | TAF 10 mg with DRV/r • ↔ TAF AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | TFV AUC ↑ 22% and C _{min} ↑ 37% | Clinical significance is unknown. If coadministered, monitor for TDF-associated toxicities. |
| LPV/r | TAF | TAF 10 mg with LPV/r • TAF AUC ↑ 47% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | TDF | ↔ LPV/r AUC TFV AUC ↑ 32% | Clinical significance is unknown. If coadministered, monitor for TDF-associated toxicities. |

Key to Symbols

↑ = increase

↓ = decrease

↔ = no change

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; COBI = cobicistat; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; HCV = hepatitis C virus; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/c = protease inhibitor/cobicistat; PI/r = protease inhibitor/ritonavir; RAL = raltegravir; RTV = ritonavir; **SQ = subcutaneous**; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TFV = tenofovir; TFV-DP = tenofovir diphosphate

Table 24d. Drug Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Other Drugs

This table provides information on the known or predicted interactions between integrase strand transfer inhibitors (INSTIs) (bictegravir [BIC], dolutegravir [DTG], elvitegravir [EVG], or raltegravir [RAL]) and non-antiretroviral (ARV) drugs. EVG is always coadministered with cobicistat. Cabotegravir (CAB) intramuscular (IM) plus rilpivirine (RPV) IM are co-packaged into a single product and are coadministered as a complete regimen; therefore, the dosing recommendations and clinical comments reflect the combination of CAB IM and RPV IM treatments. Drug interaction studies were not conducted with either CAB IM or RPV IM. Drug interaction studies with oral CAB and RPV were leveraged to make the dosing recommendations for CAB IM and RPV IM. For information regarding interactions between INSTIs and other ARV drugs, including dosing recommendations, refer to Tables [24c](#), [24e](#), [24f](#), and [25b](#).

Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ, depending on whether a new ARV drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or whether a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. In cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative, providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use.

| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------|---|---|
| Acid Reducers | | | |
| Al, Mg, +/- Ca-Containing Antacids Please refer to the Miscellaneous Drugs section of this table for recommendations on use with other polyvalent cation products (e.g., Fe and Ca supplements, multivitamins). | BIC | Al/Mg Hydroxide Antacid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ BIC AUC if antacid is administered 2 hours after BIC and under fasting conditions BIC AUC ↓ 52% if antacid is administered 2 hours before BIC BIC AUC ↓ 47% to 79% if administered simultaneously with antacid CaCO₃ Antacid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ BIC AUC if administered with food BIC AUC ↓ 33% if administered under fasting conditions | With Antacids That Contain Al/Mg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer antacids that contain Al/Mg at least 2 hours after or 6 hours before BIC. With Antacids That Contain Ca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer BIC and antacids that contain Ca together with food. Do not coadminister BIC simultaneously with antacids that contain Ca on an empty stomach. |
| | CAB PO | CAB PO ↓ expected | With Antacids That Contain Polyvalent Cations (Al, Mg, or Ca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer antacid products at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after taking CAB PO. |
| | CAB IM | ↔ CAB IM expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | DTG | DTG AUC ↓ 74% if administered simultaneously with antacid DTG AUC ↓ 26% if administered 2 hours before antacid | Administer DTG at least 2 hours before or at least 6 hours after antacids that contain polyvalent cations. |
| | EVG/c | EVG AUC ↓ 40% to 50% if administered simultaneously with antacid EVG AUC ↓ 15% to 20% if administered 2 hours before or after antacid; ↔ with a 4-hour interval | Separate EVG/c and antacid administration by more than 2 hours. |
| | RAL | Al/Mg Hydroxide Antacid • RAL C _{min} ↓ 49% to 63% CaCO₃ Antacid • RAL 400 mg twice daily: C _{min} ↓ 32% • RAL 1,200 mg once daily: C _{min} ↓ 48% to 57% | Do not coadminister RAL and Al/Mg hydroxide antacids. Use alternative acid-reducing agent. With CaCO₃ Antacids • RAL 1,200 mg once daily: Do not coadminister. • RAL 400 mg twice daily: No dose adjustment or separation needed. |
| H2-Receptor Antagonists | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, EVG/c | ↔ INSTI | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RAL | RAL AUC ↑ 44% and C _{max} ↑ 60% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Proton Pump Inhibitors | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, EVG/c | ↔ INSTI | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RAL | RAL AUC ↑ 37% and C _{min} ↑ 24% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Alpha-Adrenergic Antagonists for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia | | | |
| Alfuzosin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ alfuzosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ alfuzosin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Doxazosin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ doxazosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ doxazosin possible | Initiate doxazosin at lowest dose. Titrate based on doxazosin efficacy and adverse events. Doxazosin dose reduction may be needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Tamsulosin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ tamsulosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ tamsulosin expected | Do not coadminister unless the benefits outweigh the risks. If coadministered, monitor for tamsulosin-related adverse events. |
| Terazosin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ terazosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ terazosin possible | Initiate terazosin at lowest dose. Titrate based on terazosin efficacy and adverse events. Terazosin dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Silodosin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ silodosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ silodosin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Antibacterials - Antimycobacterials | | | |
| Rifabutin | BIC | Rifabutin 300 mg Once Daily • BIC AUC ↓ 38% and C _{min} ↓ 56% | Do not coadminister. |
| | CAB PO | CAB PO AUC ↓ 23% and C _{min} ↓ 26% ↔ rifabutin | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB IM | ↓ CAB IM and RPV expected ↔ rifabutin expected | Contraindicated due to ↓ RPV, which is co-packaged and coadministered with CAB IM. |
| | DTG | Rifabutin 300 mg Once Daily • ↔ DTG AUC and C _{min} ↓ 30% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Rifabutin 150 mg Every Other Day With EVG/c Once Daily Compared to Rifabutin 300 mg Once Daily Alone • ↔ rifabutin AUC • 25-O-desacetyl-rifabutin AUC ↑ 625% • EVG AUC ↓ 21% and C _{min} ↓ 67% | Do not coadminister. |
| | RAL | RAL AUC ↑ 19% and C _{min} ↓ 20% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rifampin | BIC | BIC AUC ↓ 75% | Contraindicated. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| | CAB PO | CAB PO AUC ↓ 59% and C _{min} ↓ 50% | Contraindicated. |
| | CAB IM | CAB IM ↓ expected | Contraindicated. |
| | DTG | <p>Rifampin With DTG 50 mg Twice Daily Compared to DTG 50 mg Twice Daily Alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↓ 54% and C_{min} ↓ 72% <p>Rifampin With DTG 50 mg Twice Daily Compared to DTG 50 mg Once Daily Alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↑ 33% and C_{min} ↑ 22% | <p>Use DTG 50 mg twice daily (instead of DTG 50 mg once daily) in patients without suspected or documented INSTI-associated resistance mutations.</p> <p>Consider an alternative to rifampin, such as rifabutin, in patients with certain suspected or documented INSTI-associated resistance mutations.</p> |
| | EVG/c | Significant ↓ EVG and COBI expected | Contraindicated. |
| | RAL | <p>RAL 400 mg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↓ 40% and C_{min} ↓ 61% <p>Rifampin With RAL 800 mg Twice Daily Compared to RAL 400 mg Twice Daily Alone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↑ 27% and C_{min} ↓ 53% | <p>Use RAL 800 mg twice daily instead of 400 mg twice daily.</p> <p>Do not coadminister RAL 1,200 mg once daily with rifampin.</p> <p>Monitor closely for virologic response or consider using rifabutin as an alternative rifamycin.</p> |
| Rifapentine | BIC, EVG/c | Significant ↓ BIC, EVG, and COBI expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | Significant ↓ CAB (PO and IM) expected | Contraindicated. |
| | DTG | <p>Rifapentine 900 mg Once Weekly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↓ 26% and C_{min} ↓ 47% | <p>With once-weekly rifapentine, DTG 50 mg daily may be used in patients with viral suppression on daily DTG. Monitor for virologic efficacy.</p> <p>Do not coadminister in patients who require twice-daily DTG.</p> <p>Do not coadminister DTG with once-daily rifapentine.</p> |
| | RAL | <p>Rifapentine 900 mg Once Weekly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↑ 71% and C_{min} ↓ 12% <p>Rifapentine 600 mg Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL C_{min} ↓ 41% | <p>For once-weekly rifapentine and RAL 400 mg twice daily, no dose adjustment is needed.</p> <p>Do not coadminister with once-daily rifapentine.</p> |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Antibacterials - Macrolides | | | |
| Azithromycin | All INSTIs | ↔ azithromycin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Clarithromycin | BIC | ↑ BIC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ clarithromycin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ clarithromycin expected ↑ COBI possible | Reduce clarithromycin dose by 50% in patients with CrCl 50 to 60 mL/min. Do not coadminister in patients with CrCl <50 mL/min. Consider alternative ARV or use azithromycin. |
| Erythromycin | BIC | ↑ BIC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ erythromycin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ erythromycin expected ↑ COBI possible | No data available for dose recommendation. Consider alternative ARV or use azithromycin. |
| Anticoagulants | | | |
| Apixaban | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ apixaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ apixaban expected | Do not coadminister in patients who require apixaban 2.5 mg twice daily. Reduce apixaban dose by 50% in patients who require apixaban 5 mg or 10 mg twice daily. |
| Dabigatran | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ dabigatran expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ dabigatran expected With COBI 150 mg Alone • Dabigatran AUC ↑ 110% to 127% | Dabigatran dosing recommendation depends on indication and renal function. Refer to dabigatran prescribing information for dosing instructions when using dabigatran concomitantly with P-glycoprotein inhibitors. |
| Edoxaban | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ edoxaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ edoxaban expected | Stroke Prevention in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation • No dose adjustment needed. Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism • Administer edoxaban 30 mg once daily. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Rivaroxaban | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ rivaroxaban expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ rivaroxaban expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Warfarin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ warfarin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ or ↓ warfarin possible | Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dose accordingly. |
| Anticonvulsants | | | |
| Carbamazepine | BIC | ↓ BIC possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↓ CAB expected | Contraindicated. |
| | DTG | DTG AUC ↓ 49% | Increase DTG dose to 50 mg twice daily in ART-naïve or ART-experienced (but INSTI-naïve) patients. Do not coadminister in INSTI-experienced patients with known or suspected INSTI resistance. |
| | EVG/c | Carbamazepine AUC ↑ 43% EVG AUC ↓ 69% and C _{min} ↓ >99% ↓ COBI expected | Contraindicated. |
| | RAL | ↓ or ↔ RAL possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Eslicarbazepine | All INSTIs | ↓ INSTI possible ↓ COBI possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. |
| Ethosuximide | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ ethosuximide expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ ethosuximide possible | Monitor for ethosuximide-related adverse events. |
| Lamotrigine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lamotrigine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | No data | Monitor anticonvulsant concentrations and adjust dose accordingly. |
| Oxcarbazepine | BIC, DTG | ↓ BIC and DTG possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↓ CAB expected | Contraindicated. |
| | EVG/c, RAL | ↓ EVG/c and RAL possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. |
| Phenobarbital, Phenytoin | BIC, DTG, RAL | ↓ BIC and DTG possible ↓ or ↔ RAL possible | Do not coadminister. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | CAB (PO and IM), EVG/c | ↓ CAB and EVG/c expected | Contraindicated. |
| Valproic Acid | All INSTIs | No data | Monitor valproic acid concentration and virologic response. |
| Antidepressants, Anxiolytics, and Antipsychotics Also see the Sedative/Hypnotics section below | | | |
| Bupropion | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ bupropion expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ bupropion possible | Titrate bupropion dose based on clinical response. |
| Buspirone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ buspirone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ buspirone possible | Initiate buspirone at a low dose. Buspirone dose reduction may be needed. |
| Nefazodone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ nefazodone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ nefazodone expected | Consider alternative ARV or antidepressant. |
| Trazodone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ trazodone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tricyclic Antidepressants Amitriptyline, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, nortriptyline | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ TCA expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Desipramine AUC ↑ 65% | Initiate with lowest dose of TCA and titrate dose carefully. |
| | | ↑ TCA expected | Initiate with lowest dose of TCA. Titrate dose carefully based on antidepressant response and/or drug concentrations. |
| Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors Citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline | EVG/c | ↔ sertraline | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ other SSRIs possible | Initiate with lowest dose of SSRI. Titrate dose carefully based on antidepressant response. |
| | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ SSRI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antipsychotics | | | |
| Aripiprazole | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ aripiprazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ aripiprazole expected | Administer 25% of the usual aripiprazole dose. Titrate based on aripiprazole efficacy and adverse events. Refer to aripiprazole label for dosing recommendations |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | in patients who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers or who have major depressive disorder. |
| Brexipiprazole | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ brexpiprazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ brexpiprazole expected | Administer 25% of the usual brexpiprazole dose. Titrate based on brexpiprazole efficacy and adverse events. Refer to brexpiprazole label for dosing recommendations in patients who are known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers or who have major depressive disorder. |
| Cariprazine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ cariprazine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ cariprazine expected | <p>Starting Cariprazine in a Patient Who Is Already Receiving EVG/c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer cariprazine 1.5 mg on Day 1 and Day 3, with no dose given on Day 2. From Day 4 onward, administer cariprazine 1.5 mg daily. Dose can be increased to a maximum of cariprazine 3 mg daily. If EVG/c is withdrawn, cariprazine dose may need to be increased. <p>Starting EVG/c in a Patient Who Is Already Receiving Cariprazine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For patients receiving cariprazine 3 mg or cariprazine 6 mg daily, reduce the dose by half. For patients receiving cariprazine 4.5 mg daily, reduce dose to cariprazine 1.5 mg or cariprazine 3 mg daily. For patients receiving cariprazine 1.5 mg daily, change to cariprazine 1.5 mg every other day. If EVG/c is withdrawn, cariprazine dose may need to be increased. |
| Iloperidone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ iloperidone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ iloperidone expected | Decrease iloperidone dose by 50%. |
| Lumateperone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lumateperone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ lumateperone expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Lurasidone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lurasidone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ lurasidone expected | Contraindicated. |
| Olanzapine | All INSTIs | ↔ olanzapine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Other Antipsychotics CYP3A4 and/or CYP2D6 substrates (e.g., perphenazine, risperidone, thioridazine) | EVG/c | ↑ antipsychotic possible | Initiate antipsychotic at a low dose. Antipsychotic dose reduction may be needed. |
| Pimavanserin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ pimavanserin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ pimavanserin expected | Reduce pimavanserin dose to 10 mg. |
| Pimozide | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ pimozide expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ pimozide expected | Contraindicated. |
| Quetiapine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ quetiapine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ quetiapine AUC expected | <p>Starting Quetiapine in a Patient Receiving EVG/c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start quetiapine at the lowest dose and titrate up as needed. Monitor for quetiapine efficacy and adverse events. <p>Starting EVG/c in a Patient Receiving a Stable Dose of Quetiapine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce quetiapine dose to 1/6 of the current dose. Closely monitor for quetiapine efficacy and adverse events. |
| Ziprasidone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ ziprasidone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ ziprasidone possible | Monitor for ziprasidone-related adverse events. |
| Antifungals | | | |
| Isavuconazole | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↑ INSTI possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ isavuconazole expected ↑ or ↓ EVG and COBI possible | If coadministered, consider monitoring isavuconazole concentrations and assessing virologic response. |
| Itraconazole | BIC | ↑ BIC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ itraconazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ itraconazole expected ↑ EVG and COBI possible | Consider monitoring itraconazole concentrations to guide dose adjustments. Do not coadminister with |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
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| | | | high itraconazole doses (>200 mg/day) unless guided by itraconazole concentrations. |
| Posaconazole | BIC | ↑ BIC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ posaconazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ EVG and COBI possible ↑ posaconazole possible | If coadministered, monitor posaconazole concentrations. |
| Voriconazole | BIC | ↑ BIC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ voriconazole expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ voriconazole expected ↑ EVG and COBI possible | Do not coadminister voriconazole and COBI, unless the benefit outweighs the risk. If coadministered, consider monitoring voriconazole concentrations and adjust dose accordingly. |
| Antihyperglycemics | | | |
| Metformin | BIC | Metformin AUC ↑ 39% | Monitor for adverse events of metformin. |
| | DTG | DTG 50 mg Once Daily plus Metformin 500 mg Twice Daily • Metformin AUC ↑ 79% and C _{max} ↑ 66% DTG 50 mg Twice Daily plus Metformin 500 mg Twice Daily • Metformin AUC ↑ 2.4-fold and C _{max} ↑ 2-fold | Start metformin at the lowest dose and titrate based on glycemic control. Monitor for adverse events of metformin. When starting/stopping DTG in patients on metformin, dose adjustment of metformin may be necessary to maintain optimal glycemic control and/or minimize adverse events of metformin. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), RAL | ↔ metformin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Saxagliptin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ saxagliptin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ saxagliptin expected | Limit saxagliptin dose to 2.5 mg once daily. |
| Dapagliflozin/ Saxagliptin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ dapagliflozin or saxagliptin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ saxagliptin expected | Do not coadminister. Dapagliflozin is available only as a coformulated drug that contains 5 mg of saxagliptin. When coadministered with EVG/c, the dose of saxagliptin should not exceed 2.5 mg once daily; thus, this combination is not recommended . |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
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| Antiplatelets | | | |
| Clopidogrel | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ clopidogrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↓ clopidogrel active metabolite, with impaired platelet inhibition expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Prasugrel | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ prasugrel expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↓ prasugrel active metabolite, with no impairment of platelet inhibition expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ticagrelor | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ ticagrelor expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ ticagrelor expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Vorapaxar | BIC, CAB (PO and IM) DTG, RAL | ↔ vorapaxar expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ vorapaxar expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Smallpox, Mpox) | | | |
| Brincidofovir | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ brincidofovir possible ↑ EVG possible | Administer EVG/c dose at least 3 hours after administering brincidofovir and monitor for brincidofovir-related adverse events (i.e., elevations in ALT/AST and bilirubin and GI adverse events). |
| Cidofovir | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ cidofovir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | CAB (IM) | ↔ CAB expected | No dose adjustment needed. Do not initiate CAB/RPV IM during or within 2 weeks after tecovirimat treatment. (Refer to Table 24b for interaction with RPV.) |
| | BIC, CAB (PO), DTG, EVG/c, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Beta-Agonists, Long-Acting Inhaled | | | |
| Arformoterol, Formoterol | All INSTIs | ↔ arformoterol or formoterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Indacaterol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ indacaterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ indacaterol expected | |
| Olodaterol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ olodaterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ olodaterol expected | |
| Salmeterol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ salmeterol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ salmeterol possible | Do not coadminister due to the potential for increased risk of salmeterol-associated cardiovascular events. |
| Cardiac Medications | | | |
| Amiodarone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ amiodarone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ INSTI possible ↑ amiodarone possible | Do not coadminister unless the benefits outweigh the risks. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for amiodarone-related adverse events and consider monitoring ECG and amiodarone concentrations. |
| Bepiridil, Digoxin, Disopyramide, Dronedaron, Flecainide, Systemic Lidocaine, Mexilitine, Propafenone, Quinidine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG | ↔ expected for the listed antiarrhythmics, except for disopyramide ↑ disopyramide possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for disopyramide-related adverse events. |
| | RAL | ↔ expected for the listed antiarrhythmics | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ antiarrhythmics possible Digoxin C _{max} ↑ 41% and ↔ AUC | Therapeutic drug monitoring for antiarrhythmics, if available, is recommended. |
| Beta Blockers (e.g., metoprolol, timolol) | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ beta blocker expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ beta blocker possible | Beta blocker dose may need to be decreased; adjust dose based on clinical response. Consider using an alternative ARV or a beta blocker that is not metabolized by CYP450 enzymes (e.g., atenolol, labetalol, nadolol, sotalol). |
| Bosentan | BIC, DTG | ↓ BIC and DTG possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ bosentan expected | Consider using alternative ARV or an alternative to bosentan because bosentan may ↓ RPV, which is co-packaged and coadministered with CAB IM. If |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | bosentan is used with RPV, monitor virologic response to ART. |
| | RAL | ↔ bosentan expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ bosentan possible | <p>In Patients on EVG/c ≥10 Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start bosentan at 62.5 mg once daily or every other day based on individual tolerability. <p>In Patients on Bosentan Who Require EVG/c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop bosentan ≥36 hours before EVG/c initiation. At least 10 days after initiation of EVG/c, resume bosentan at 62.5 mg once daily or every other day based on individual tolerability. |
| Calcium Channel Blockers | BIC | <p>↑ BIC possible with diltiazem</p> <p>↔ expected for all other CCBs</p> | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | <p>↔ INSTI expected</p> <p>↔ CCB expected</p> | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ CCB possible | Titrate CCB dose and monitor for CCB efficacy and adverse events. |
| Dofetilide | BIC, DTG | ↑ dofetilide expected | Contraindicated. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), RAL | ↔ dofetilide expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ dofetilide possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Eplerenone | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ eplerenone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ eplerenone expected | Contraindicated. |
| Ivabradine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ ivabradine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ ivabradine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Ranolazine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ ranolazine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ ranolazine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Corticosteroids | | | |
| Beclomethasone Inhaled or intranasal | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, EVG/c, RAL | ↔ glucocorticoid expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
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| Budesonide, Ciclesonide, Fluticasone, Mometasone Inhaled or intranasal | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ glucocorticoid expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ glucocorticoid possible | Do not coadminister unless the potential benefits of inhaled or intranasal corticosteroid outweigh the risks of systemic corticosteroid adverse effects. Coadministration can result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. Consider using an alternative corticosteroid (e.g., beclomethasone). |
| Betamethasone, Budesonide Systemic | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ glucocorticoid expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ glucocorticoid possible ↓ EVG possible | Do not coadminister unless the potential benefits of systemic budesonide outweigh the risks of systemic corticosteroid adverse effects. Coadministration can result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. |
| Dexamethasone Systemic | BIC | ↓ BIC possible | Consider alternative corticosteroid for long-term use or alternative ARV. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response to ART. |
| | CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↓ EVG and COBI possible | Consider alternative corticosteroid for long-term use or alternative ARV. If coadministration is necessary, monitor virologic response to ART. |
| Prednisone, Prednisolone Systemic | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ glucocorticoid expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ prednisolone possible | Coadministration may be considered if the potential benefits outweigh the risks of systemic corticosteroid adverse effects. If coadministration is necessary, monitor for adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. |
| Betamethasone, Methylprednisolone, Prednisolone, Triamcinolone Local injections, including intra-articular, epidural, or intra-orbital | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ glucocorticoid expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ glucocorticoid expected | Do not coadminister. Coadministration may result in adrenal insufficiency and Cushing's syndrome. |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents | | | |
| Daclatasvir | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), RAL | ↔ daclatasvir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DTG | ↔ daclatasvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ daclatasvir | Decrease daclatasvir dose to 30 mg once daily. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
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| Dasabuvir plus Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir/RTV | BIC | ↔ BIC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ CAB expected ↑ RPV IM expected | Do not coadminister due to potential for QTc prolongation with higher concentrations of RPV. RPV is co-packaged and coadministered with CAB IM. |
| | DTG | ↔ DTG, dasabuvir, plus ombitasvir/paritaprevir/RTV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | No data | Do not coadminister. |
| | RAL | RAL AUC ↑ 134% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | BIC | ↔ BIC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ CAB, elbasvir, and grazoprevir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DTG | ↔ DTG ↔ elbasvir ↔ grazoprevir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ elbasvir expected ↑ grazoprevir expected | Do not coadminister. |
| | RAL | ↔ RAL with elbasvir RAL AUC ↑ 43% with grazoprevir ↔ elbasvir ↔ grazoprevir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | BIC, CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ BIC or CAB expected |
| DTG | | ↔ DTG and glecaprevir/pibrentasvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| RAL | | No significant effect RAL AUC ↑ 47% | |
| EVG/c | | Glecaprevir AUC ↑ 3-fold Pibrentasvir AUC ↑ 57% EVG AUC ↑ 47% | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered with TDF, monitor for TDF-related adverse events. Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity if coadministered with TDF or TAF. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | BIC, DTG, RAL | ↔ BIC, DTG, and RAL | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ CAB expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c/TDF/FTC | ↑ TDF expected ↑ ledipasvir expected | Do not coadminister. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| | EVG/c/TAF/FTC | ↔ EVG/c/TAF/FTC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, EVG/c | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ sofosbuvir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | RAL | ↔ RAL and sofosbuvir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | BIC, DTG, RAL | ↔ sofosbuvir and velpatasvir | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered with TDF, monitor for TDF-related adverse events. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ CAB expected ↔ sofosbuvir and velpatasvir expected | |
| | EVG/c | ↔ EVG/c/TAF/FTC Velpatasvir AUC ↑ 50% | |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | BIC | When Administered With Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir (400 mg/100 mg/100 mg) plus Voxilaprevir 100 mg • ↔ BIC, sofosbuvir, velpatasvir, voxilaprevir | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | When Administered With Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir (400 mg/100 mg/100 mg) plus Voxilaprevir 100 mg • Sofosbuvir AUC ↑ 22% • ↔ velpatasvir • Voxilaprevir AUC ↑ 2-fold | No dose adjustment needed. If coadministered with TDF, monitor for TDF-related adverse events. Consider monitoring for hepatotoxicity if coadministered with TDF or TAF. |
| | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ INSTI expected ↔ sofosbuvir, velpatasvir, and voxilaprevir expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Herbal Products | | | |
| St. John's Wort | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG | ↓ BIC and DTG possible | Do not coadminister. |
| | EVG/c | ↓ EVG and COBI expected | Contraindicated. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | | |
| Contraceptives: Non-Oral | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | Etonogestrel (subdermal implant) ↑ 27% with DTG | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | ↔ expected with BIC, CAB, RAL | |
| | EVG/c | No data | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Contraceptives: Oral | BIC, DTG, RAL | ↔ ethinyl estradiol and norgestimate ↔ INSTI | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | CAB (PO and IM) | ↔ ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel with CAB PO | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Norgestimate AUC, C _{max} , and C _{min} ↑ > 2-fold Ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 25% and C _{min} ↓ 44% | The effects of increases in progestin (norgestimate) are not fully known and may include insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, acne, and venous thrombosis. Decreased ethinyl estradiol may lead to more intermenstrual bleeding. Weigh the risks and benefits of using the drug and consider using an alternative ARV or contraceptive method. |
| | | ↑ drospirenone possible | Clinical monitoring is recommended due to the potential for hyperkalemia. Consider using alternative ARV or contraceptive method. |
| Gender-Affirming Therapy | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, EVG/c, RAL | ↔ goserelin, leuprolide acetate, and spironolactone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ estrogen expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | | ↔ testosterone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ estradiol possible ↑ cyproterone, dutasteride, and finasteride possible | Adjust dutasteride dose as needed based on clinical effects and endogenous hormone concentrations. |
| ↑ testosterone possible | | Monitor masculinizing effects of testosterone and monitor for adverse effects. Adjust testosterone dose as necessary. | |
| Menopausal Replacement Therapy | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ estrogen expected with estradiol or conjugated estrogen (equine and synthetic) ↔ drospirenone, medroxyprogesterone, and micronized progesterone expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↓ or ↑ estrogen possible ↑ drospirenone possible ↑ oral medroxyprogesterone possible | Adjust estrogen and progestin dose as needed based on clinical effects. |

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|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| | | ↑ oral micronized progesterone possible | |
| Immunosuppressants | | | |
| Cyclosporine, Everolimus, Sirolimus, Tacrolimus | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ immunosuppressant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ immunosuppressant possible | Initiate with an adjusted dose of immunosuppressant to account for potential increased concentrations of the immunosuppressant. Monitor for immunosuppressant-related adverse events. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with a specialist as necessary. |
| Lipid-Modifying Agents | | | |
| Atorvastatin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ atorvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Atorvastatin AUC ↑ 2.6-fold and C _{max} ↑ 2.3-fold | Titrate statin dose carefully. Administer the lowest effective dose while monitoring for adverse events. Do not exceed 20 mg atorvastatin daily. |
| Lomitapide | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lomitapide expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ lomitapide expected | Contraindicated. |
| Lovastatin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lovastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Significant ↑ lovastatin expected | Contraindicated. |
| Pitavastatin, Pravastatin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ statin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | No data | No data available for dose recommendation. |
| Rosuvastatin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ rosuvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 38% and C _{max} ↑ 89% | Titrate statin dose carefully and use the lowest effective dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| Simvastatin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ simvastatin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Significant ↑ simvastatin expected | Contraindicated. |

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|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | | |
| Buprenorphine Sublingual, buccal, or implant | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG | ↔ buprenorphine and norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | Buprenorphine AUC ↑ 35% and C _{min} ↑ 66% Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↑ 42% and C _{min} ↑ 57% | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for adverse events of buprenorphine. When transferring buprenorphine from transmucosal administration to implantation, monitor to ensure buprenorphine effect is adequate and not excessive. |
| | RAL | ↔ buprenorphine and norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) (sublingual) ↔ buprenorphine or norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) expected (implant) | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Fentanyl | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ fentanyl expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ fentanyl | Monitor for fentanyl efficacy and adverse events, including potentially fatal respiratory depression. |
| Lofexidine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ lofexidine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ lofexidine possible | Monitor for lofexidine-related adverse events, including symptoms of orthostasis and bradycardia. |
| Methadone | All INSTIs | ↔ methadone | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tramadol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ tramadol and M1 (active metabolite) expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ tramadol expected ↓ M1 (active metabolite) possible | Tramadol dose adjustments may be necessary. Monitor for clinical response and tramadol-related adverse events. |
| PDE5 Inhibitors | | | |
| Avanafil | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ avanafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | No data | Do not coadminister. |
| Sildenafil | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ sildenafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| | EVG/c | ↑ sildenafil expected | <p>For Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with sildenafil 25 mg every 48 hours and monitor for adverse effects of sildenafil. <p>Contraindicated for treatment of PAH.</p> |
| Tadalafil | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ tadalafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ tadalafil expected | <p>For Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with tadalafil 5 mg. Do not exceed a single dose of tadalafil 10 mg every 72 hours. Monitor for adverse effects of tadalafil. <p>For Treatment of PAH</p> <p><i>In Patients on EVG/c >7 Days</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with tadalafil 20 mg once daily. Increase to tadalafil 40 mg once daily based on tolerability. <p><i>In Patients on Tadalafil who Require EVG/c</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop tadalafil ≥24 hours before EVG/c initiation. Seven days after EVG/c initiation, restart tadalafil at 20 mg once daily and increase to tadalafil 40 mg once daily based on tolerability. |
| Vardenafil | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ vardenafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ vardenafil expected | Start with vardenafil 2.5 mg every 72 hours and monitor for adverse effects of vardenafil. |
| Sedative/Hypnotics | | | |
| Alprazolam, Clonazepam, Clorazepate, Diazepam, Estazolam, Flurazepam | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ benzodiazepine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ benzodiazepine possible | <p>Dose reduction of benzodiazepine may be necessary. Initiate with a low dose and monitor for benzodiazepine-related adverse events.</p> <p>Consider using an alternative benzodiazepine, such as lorazepam, oxazepam, or temazepam.</p> |
| Midazolam, Triazolam | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), RAL | ↔ benzodiazepine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | DTG | <p>With DTG 25 mg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ midazolam AUC | No dose adjustment needed. |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| | EVG/c | <p>↑ midazolam expected</p> <p>↑ triazolam expected</p> | <p>Contraindicated.</p> <p>Do not coadminister triazolam or oral midazolam and EVG/c.</p> <p>Parenteral midazolam can be administered in a closely monitored setting. Consider dose reduction, especially if >1 dose is administered.</p> |
| Suvorexant | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ suvorexant expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ suvorexant expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Zolpidem | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ zolpidem expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ zolpidem expected | Initiate zolpidem at a low dose. Dose reduction of zolpidem may be necessary. |
| Miscellaneous Drugs | | | |
| Calcifediol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ calcifediol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ calcifediol possible | Dose adjustment of calcifediol may be required. Monitor serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, intact PTH, and serum Ca concentrations. |
| Cisapride | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ cisapride expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ cisapride expected | Contraindicated. |
| Colchicine | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ colchicine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ colchicine expected | <p>Do not coadminister in patients with hepatic or renal impairment.</p> <p>For Treatment of Gout Flares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer a single dose of colchicine 0.6 mg, followed by colchicine 0.3 mg 1 hour later. Do not repeat dose for at least 3 days. <p>For Prophylaxis of Gout Flares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If original dose was colchicine 0.6 mg twice daily, decrease to colchicine 0.3 mg once daily. If dose was 0.6 mg once daily, decrease to 0.3 mg every other day. |

Table 24d. Drug Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Other Drugs

| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | <p>For Treatment of Familial Mediterranean Fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not exceed colchicine 0.6 mg once daily or 0.3 mg twice daily. |
| Dronabinol | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ dronabinol expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ dronabinol possible | Monitor for dronabinol-related adverse events. |
| Eluxadoline | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ eluxadoline expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ eluxadoline possible | Monitor for eluxadoline-related adverse events. |
| Ergot Derivatives | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, and methylergonovine expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, and methylergonovine expected | Contraindicated. |
| Flibanserin | BIC, CAB (PO and IM), DTG, RAL | ↔ flibanserin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| | EVG/c | ↑ flibanserin expected | Contraindicated. |
| <p>Polyvalent Cation Supplements</p> <p>Mg, Al, Fe, Ca, Zn, including multivitamins with minerals</p> <p>Note: Please refer to the Acid Reducers section in this table for recommendations on use with Al-, Mg-, and Ca-containing antacids.</p> | BIC | <p>↔ BIC AUC if administered simultaneously with Fe or Ca and food</p> <p>BIC AUC ↓ 33% if administered simultaneously with CaCO₃ under fasting conditions</p> <p>BIC AUC ↓ 63% if administered simultaneously with Fe under fasting conditions</p> | <p>With Supplements That Contain Ca or Fe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer BIC and supplements that contain Ca or Fe together with food. <p>Do not coadminister BIC under fasting conditions simultaneously with, or 2 hours after, supplements that contain Ca or Fe.</p> |
| | CAB | ↓ INSTI possible | <p>If coadministration is necessary, administer INSTI at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after supplements that contain polyvalent cations, including but not limited to the following products: cation-containing laxatives; Fe, Ca, or Mg supplements; and sucralfate. Monitor for virologic response.</p> <p>Many oral multivitamins also contain varying amounts of polyvalent cations; the extent and significance of chelation is unknown.</p> |
| | DTG | DTG AUC ↓ 39% if administered simultaneously with CaCO ₃ under fasting conditions | <p>With Supplements That Contain Ca or Fe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer DTG and supplements that contain Ca or Fe together with food, or administer DTG at least 2 hours before or at least 6 hours after supplement. |

Table 24d. Drug Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Other Drugs

| Concomitant Drug | INSTI | Effect on INSTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------|------------|--|--|
| | | DTG AUC ↓ 54% if administered simultaneously with Fe under fasting conditions ↔ DTG when administered with Ca or Fe supplement simultaneously with food | Do not coadminister DTG under fasting conditions simultaneously with, or 2 hours after, supplements that contain Ca or Fe. |
| | EVG/c, RAL | ↓ INSTI possible | If coadministration is necessary, administer INSTI at least 2 hours before or at least 6 hours after supplements that contain polyvalent cations, including but not limited to the following products: cation-containing laxatives; Fe, Ca, or Mg supplements; and sucralfate. Monitor for virologic response. Many oral multivitamins also contain varying amounts of polyvalent cations; the extent and significance of chelation is unknown. |

Key to Symbols

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↓ = decrease

↔ = no change

Key: Al = aluminum; **ALT = alanine aminotransferase**; ART = antiretroviral therapy; ARV = antiretroviral; **AST = aspartate aminotransferase**; AUC = area under the curve; BIC = bictegravir; Ca = calcium; CAB = cabotegravir; CaCO₃ = calcium carbonate; CCB = calcium channel blocker; C_{max} = maximum plasma concentration; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; COBI = cobicistat; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CYP = cytochrome P; DTG = dolutegravir; ECG = electrocardiogram; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; Fe = iron; FTC = emtricitabine; **GI = gastrointestinal**; IM = intramuscular; INR= international normalized ratio; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; Mg = magnesium; PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension; PDE5 = phosphodiesterase type 5; PO = orally; PTH = parathyroid hormone; QTc = QT corrected for heart rate; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TCA = tricyclic antidepressants; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; Zn = zinc

Table 24e. Drug Interactions between the CCR5 Antagonist Maraviroc and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

In the table below, “no dose adjustment needed” indicates that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration–approved dose of maraviroc (MVC) 300 mg twice daily should be used. Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ, depending on whether a new antiretroviral (ARV) drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. In cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative, providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use.

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on CCR5 Antagonist and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|--|
| Antibacterials—Macrolides | | |
| Azithromycin | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Clarithromycin | ↑ MVC possible | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Erythromycin | ↑ MVC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Anticonvulsants | | |
| Carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin | ↓ MVC possible | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 600 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Eslicarbazepine | ↓ MVC possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. |
| Oxcarbazepine | ↓ MVC possible | Consider alternative ARV or anticonvulsant. |
| Antifungals | | |
| Fluconazole | ↑ MVC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Isavuconazole | ↑ MVC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Itraconazole | ↑ MVC possible | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Posaconazole | ↑ MVC possible | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Voriconazole | ↑ MVC possible | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Antimycobacterials | | |
| Rifabutin | MVC AUC ↔ and C _{min} ↓ 30% | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 300 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 150 mg twice daily |

Table 24e. Drug Interactions between the CCR5 Antagonist Maraviroc and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on CCR5 Antagonist and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|--|
| Rifampin | MVC AUC ↓ 63% | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 600 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider alternative ARV or antimycobacterial. |
| Rifapentine | ↓ MVC expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antivirals - Orthopoxviruses (Smallpox, Mpox) | | |
| Brincidofovir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Cidofovir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | When Given with MVC without a Boosted PI or Other Potent CYP3A4 Inhibitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ MVC possible but not expected to be clinically relevant When Given with MVC Plus a Boosted PI or Other Potent CYP3A4 Inhibitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ MVC expected | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dose adjustment needed. If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antivirals | | |
| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Simeprevir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Herbal Products | | |
| St. John's Wort | ↓ MVC expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | |
| Hormonal Contraceptives | ↔ ethinyl estradiol or levonorgestrel | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Menopausal Hormone Replacement Therapy | ↔ MVC or hormone replacement therapies expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapies | ↔ MVC or gender-affirming hormones expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24e. Drug Interactions between the CCR5 Antagonist Maraviroc and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on CCR5 Antagonist and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Antiretroviral Drugs | | |
| <i>Attachment Inhibitor</i> | | |
| FTR ^a | MVC AUC ↑ 25% ↔ TMR ^a | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>Capsid Inhibitor</i> | | |
| LEN (SQ and PO) | ↑ MVC possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>INSTIs</i> | | |
| BIC, CAB (IM and PO), DTG | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| EVG/c | ↑ MVC possible | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| RAL | MVC AUC ↓ 21% RAL AUC ↓ 37% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>NNRTIs</i> | | |
| DOR, RPV (IM and PO) | ↔ MVC expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| EFV | MVC AUC ↓ 45% | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 600 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| ETR | MVC AUC ↓ 53% | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 600 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| NVP | ↔ MVC AUC | If Used <i>without</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 300 mg twice daily If Used <i>with</i> a Strong CYP3A Inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| <i>PIs</i> | | |
| ATV Unboosted, ATV/c, ATV/r | With Unboosted ATV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC AUC ↑ 257% With (ATV/r 300 mg/100 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC AUC ↑ 388% | MVC 150 mg twice daily |

Table 24e. Drug Interactions between the CCR5 Antagonist Maraviroc and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on CCR5 Antagonist and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| DRV/c, DRV/r | <p>With (DRV/r 600 mg/100 mg) Twice Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC AUC ↑ 305% <p>With (DRV/r 600 mg/100 mg) Twice Daily and ETR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC AUC ↑ 210% | MVC 150 mg twice daily |
| LPV/r | <p>MVC AUC ↑ 295%</p> <p>With LPV/r and EFV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC AUC ↑ 153% | MVC 150 mg twice daily |

^a FTR is a prodrug metabolized to its active moiety, TMR. Therefore, the effect on gp120-directed attachment inhibitor in the table refers to TMR concentrations.

Key to Symbols

↑ = increase

↓ = decrease

↔ = no change

Key: ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTR = fostemsavir; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; **SQ = subcutaneous**; TMR = temsavir

Table 24f. Drug Interactions between HIV-1 gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

Fostemsavir (FTR), an HIV-1 gp120-directed attachment inhibitor, is a prodrug of temsavir (TMR). In this table, the effect on gp120-directed attachment inhibitor refers to TMR concentrations. Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ depending on whether a new antiretroviral (ARV) drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or whether a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. Providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use in cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative.

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--|--|
| Acid Reducers | | |
| H2 Receptor Antagonists | ↔ TMR | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Anticonvulsants | | |
| Carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, Phenytoin | ↓ TMR expected | Contraindicated. |
| Antibacterials—Antimycobacterials | | |
| Rifabutin | With Rifabutin 300 mg Once Daily and without RTV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMR AUC ↓ 30% With Rifabutin 150 mg Once Daily and with RTV 100 mg Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMR AUC ↑ 66% | If Used <i>without</i> Pl/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dosage adjustment needed. If Used <i>with</i> Pl/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended dose is rifabutin 150 mg once daily. • No dosage adjustment of FTR. |
| Rifampin | TMR AUC ↓ 72% | Contraindicated. |
| Rifapentine | ↓ TMR expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Smallpox, Mpox) | | |
| Brincidofovir | ↑ brincidofovir possible | Give FTR dose at least 3 hours after administering brincidofovir, and monitor for brincidofovir-related adverse events (i.e., elevations in ALT/AST and bilirubin and GI adverse events). |
| Cidofovir | ↔ TMR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | ↔ TMR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antivirals | | |

Table 24f. Drug Interactions between HIV-1 gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|---|
| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | ↑ grazoprevir expected | Increased grazoprevir exposures may increase the risk of ALT elevations. Use an alternative HCV regimen. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | ↑ voxilaprevir expected | Use an alternative HCV regimen if possible. |
| Herbal Products | | |
| St. John's Wort | ↓ TMR expected | Contraindicated. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | |
| Contraceptives: Oral | ethinyl estradiol AUC ↑ 40% ↔ norethindrone | Prescribe oral contraceptive that contains no more than 30 mcg of ethinyl estradiol ⁹ or use alternative ARV or contraceptive methods. |
| Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapies | No data | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Menopausal Hormone Replacement Therapy | No data | No data available to make dose recommendation. |
| Lipid-Modifying Agents | | |
| Atorvastatin, Fluvastatin, Pitavastatin, Simvastatin | ↑ statin possible ↔ expected | Increased statin concentration may not be clinically relevant. Follow clinical guidelines. Administer the lowest effective statin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| Rosuvastatin | Rosuvastatin AUC ↑ 69% | Increased rosuvastatin concentration may not be clinically relevant. Follow clinical guidelines. Administer the lowest effective dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | |
| Buprenorphine/Naloxone | Buprenorphine AUC ↑ 30% Norbuprenorphine (active metabolite) AUC ↑ 39% | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24f. Drug Interactions between HIV-1 gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Methadone | ↔ Total methadone ↔ R(-) methadone (active metabolite) ↔ S(+) methadone | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antiretroviral Drugs | | |
| <i>Capsid Inhibitor</i> | | |
| LEN (SQ and PO) | ↔ TMR expected ↔ LEN expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>CCR5 Antagonist</i> | | |
| MVC | ↔ TMR MVC AUC ↑ 25% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>CD4 Post Attachment Inhibitor</i> | | |
| IBA | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>INSTIs</i> | | |
| BIC, CAB (IM and PO), DTG, EVG/c | ↔ TMR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| RAL plus TDF | ↔ TMR | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>NRTIs</i> | | |
| TDF | ↔ TMR ↔ TDF | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>NNRTIs</i> | | |
| DOR, RPV (IM and PO) | ↔ TMR expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| EFV | ↓ TMR possible ↔ EFV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24f. Drug Interactions between HIV-1 gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitor and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| ETR | TMR AUC ↓ 50% ↔ ETR | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ETR plus DRV/r | TMR C _{max} and AUC ↑ 34% to 53% ↔ DRV, RTV ETR AUC ↑ 28% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| PIs | | |
| ATV Unboosted, ATV/c | ↑ TMR possible ↔ ATV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ATV/r | TMR C _{max} and AUC ↑ 54% to 58% ↔ ATV, RTV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/c | TMR C _{max} and AUC ↑ 79% to 97% ↔ DRV, RTV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/r | TMR C _{max} and AUC ↑ 52% to 63% ↔ DRV, RTV | No dose adjustment needed. |
| LPV/r | ↑ TMR possible ↔ LPV expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

^a The following products contain no more than 30 mcg of ethinyl estradiol combined with norethindrone or norgestimate: Lo Minastrin Fe; Lo Loestrin Fe; Loestrin 1/20, 1.5/30; Loestrin Fe 1/20, 1.5/30; Loestrin 24 Fe; Minastrin 24 Fe; Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo. Generic formulations also may be available.

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Key: ALT = alanine aminotransferase; ARV = antiretroviral; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; BIC = bictegravir; C_{max} = maximum plasma concentration; CAB = cabotegravir; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTR = fostemsavir; GI = gastrointestinal; HCV = hepatitis C virus; IBA = ibalizumab; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PI/r = ritonavir-boosted PI; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; **SQ = subcutaneous**; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil

Table 24f. Drug Interactions between HIV-1 gp120-Directed Attachment Inhibitors and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Agents)

fumarate; TMR = temsavir

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

This table provides information on the known or predicted interactions between lenacapavir (LEN), an HIV capsid inhibitor, and other drugs, including antiretroviral (ARV) drugs.

LEN is available as an oral tablet (to be used only as initial therapy) and a long-acting injectable formulation that is administered every 6 months. LEN is a moderate cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4 inhibitor and may increase the concentration of drugs metabolized by CYP3A4. Due to the long half-life of the injectable formulation, this inhibitory effect may persist, and clinicians should continue to assess for drug interactions for up to 9 months after the last LEN injection. Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ depending on whether LEN is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or whether a new medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable LEN-containing ARV regimen.

The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly. Providers should exercise their clinical judgement to select the most appropriate alternative medication to use in cases where an interacting drug needs to be replaced with an alternative. People with HIV should be counseled about the importance of informing all their health care providers about their HIV regimen prior to starting any new concomitant medications (e.g., prescription, over the counter, and herbs or dietary supplements) to minimize the risk of drug–drug interactions.

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|--|
| Alpha-Adrenergic Antagonists for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia | | |
| Alfuzosin | ↑ alfuzosin expected | Consider an alternative to alfuzosin or an alternative ARV. If coadministered, monitor blood pressure. |
| Doxazosin | ↑ doxazosin possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor blood pressure. |
| Tamsulosin | ↑ tamsulosin possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor blood pressure. |
| Terazosin | ↔ terazosin expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Silodosin | ↑ silodosin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antibacterials—Antimycobacterials | | |
| Bedaquiline | ↑ bedaquiline possible | Consider alternatives unless benefits outweigh risks. Monitor liver function and ECG for QTc prolongation. |
| Rifabutin | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Rifampin | LEN AUC ↓84% | Contraindicated. |
| Rifapentine | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Antibacterials—Macrolides | | |
| Azithromycin | ↔ LEN expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Clarithromycin | ↑ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Erythromycin | ↑ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---|--|
| Anticoagulants | | |
| Apixaban | ↑ apixaban possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for apixaban-related adverse events, such as increased bleeding. |
| Dabigatran | ↑ dabigatran possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for dabigatran-related adverse events, such as increased bleeding. |
| Edoxaban | ↑ edoxaban possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for edoxaban-related adverse events, such as increased bleeding. |
| Rivaroxaban | ↑ rivaroxaban possible | Monitor for rivaroxaban-related adverse events, such as increased bleeding, and adjust rivaroxaban dose accordingly. |
| Warfarin | ↑ warfarin possible | Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dose accordingly. |
| Anticonvulsants | | |
| Carbamazepine | ↓ LEN expected | Contraindicated. |
| Eslicarbazepine | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. Consider alternative anticonvulsant or ARV. |
| Ethosuximide | ↑ ethosuximide possible | Monitor for ethosuximide-related adverse events and adjust ethosuximide dose accordingly. |
| Lamotrigine | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Oxcarbazepine | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. Consider alternative anticonvulsant or ARV. |
| Phenobarbital | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. Consider alternative anticonvulsant or ARV. |
| Phenytoin | ↓ LEN expected | Contraindicated. |
| Valproic Acid | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antidepressants, Anxiolytics, and Antipsychotics Also see the Sedative/Hypnotics section below. | | |
| Bupropion | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Buspirone | ↑ buspirone expected | Administer lowest dose of buspirone with caution and titrate buspirone dose based on clinical response. Dose reduction may be necessary. Monitor for buspirone-related adverse events. |
| Nefazodone | ↑ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---|---|
| Trazodone | ↑ trazodone expected | Administer lowest dose of trazodone and monitor for CNS and CV adverse events. |
| Tricyclic Antidepressants Amitriptyline, amoxapine, clomipramine, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, maprotiline, nortriptyline, protriptyline, trimipramine | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor Paroxetine | ↑ paroxetine possible | Dose reduction may be necessary. Monitor for paroxetine-related adverse events. |
| Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (e.g., citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, sertraline) | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antipsychotics | | |
| Aripiprazole | ↑ aripiprazole possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Brexpiprazole | ↑ aripiprazole expected | If patient is known CYP2D6 poor metabolizer, then administer quarter of usual brexpiprazole dose. |
| Cariprazine | ↑ cariprazine possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Iloperidone | ↑ iloperidone possible | No dose adjustment needed or consider dose reduction. Monitor for iloperidone-related adverse events. |
| Lumateperone | ↑ lumateperone expected | Recommended dose of lumateperone is 21 mg once daily. |
| Lurasidone | ↑ lurasidone expected | If LEN is added to lurasidone therapy, administer half of lurasidone dose. If lurasidone is added to LEN therapy, the recommended starting dose of lurasidone is 20 mg daily, and the maximum recommended dose is 80 mg daily. |
| Olanzapine | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Pimavanserin | ↑ pimavanserin possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor ECG for QTc prolongation. |
| Pimozide | ↑ pimozide expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Quetiapine | ↑ quetiapine expected | Consider alternatives unless benefits outweigh risks. Monitor ECG for QTc prolongation and consider dose reduction accordingly. |
| Ziprasidone | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antifungals | | |
| Fluconazole | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Isavuconazole | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Itraconazole | ↑ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Posaconazole | ↑ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Voriconazole | ↑ LEN AUC 41% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antimalarials | | |
| Artemether/Lumefantrine | ↑ artemether and lumefantrine possible | Monitor for lumefantrine-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Atovaquone/Proguanil | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Mefloquine | ↑ mefloquine possible | Monitor for mefloquine-related adverse events, including QTc prolongation. |
| Antiplatelets | | |
| Clopidogrel | ↓ clopidogrel active metabolite possible | Consider alternative ARV or antiplatelet drug. If coadministered, monitor for clopidogrel-related adverse events. |
| Prasugrel | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ticagrelor | ↑ ticagrelor possible | No dose adjustment needed. Monitor for ticagrelor-related adverse events. |
| Vorapaxar | ↑ vorapaxar possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antiretroviral Drugs | | |
| <i>CCR5 Antagonist</i> | | |
| MVC | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>CD4 Post Attachment Inhibitor</i> | | |
| IBA | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>gp120 Attachment Inhibitor</i> | | |
| FTR | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>INSTIs</i> | | |
| BIC, CAB (IM or PO), DTG, EVG/c, RAL | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>NRTIs</i> | | |
| ABC, 3TC, FTC | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| TAF | TAF AUC ↑ 32% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| TDF | TDF AUC ↑ 47% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| <i>NNRTIs</i> | | |
| EFV | LEN AUC ↓ 56% | Do not coadminister. |
| ETR | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|---|
| DOR | ↑ DOR possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| NVP | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |
| RPV (IM or PO) | ↑ RPV possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| PIs | | |
| ATV unboosted, ATV/r | ↑ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |
| ATV/c | LEN AUC ↑ 4-fold | Do not coadminister. |
| DRV/c | DRV/c AUC ↑ 94% | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/r | ↑ LEN expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| LPV/r | ↑ LEN expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Antivirals—Orthopoxviruses (Mpox, Smallpox) | | |
| Brincidofovir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Cidofovir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Tecovirimat | ↓ LEN possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Beta-Agonists, Long-Acting Inhaled | | |
| Arformoterol, Formoterol, Indacaterol, Olodaterol, Salmeterol | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Cardiac Medications | | |
| Amiodarone | ↑ amiodarone expected ↑ LEN possible | Do not coadminister. |
| Disopyramide | ↑ disopyramide expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Lidocaine, Propafenone | ↑ lidocaine possible ↑ propafenone possible | Consider alternative ARV or antiarrhythmics. If coadministered, monitor for antiarrhythmic-related adverse events and monitor concentrations, if available. |
| Dofetilide, Fecainide, Mexiletine | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Dronedarone | ↑ dronedarone possible ↑ LEN possible | Consider alternative ARV or cardiac medication. If coadministered, monitor for dronedarone-related adverse events. |
| Quinidine | ↑ quinidine expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Beta Blockers (e.g., carvediol, metoprolol, timolol) | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Bosentan | ↓ LEN expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Calcium Channel Blockers | | |
| Diltiazem, Verapamil | ↑ diltiazem and verapamil possible | Monitor and dose adjust according to clinical response and adverse events. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|--|---|
| Digoxin | ↑ digoxin expected | Consider alternative ARV or antiarrhythmic. If coadministered, monitor digoxin therapeutic concentration. |
| Eplerenone | ↑ eplerenone expected | For Post-MI CHF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dosing of eplerenone should not exceed 25 mg daily. For Hypertension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate at 25 mg once daily. Dosing may be increased to a maximum of 25 mg twice daily. |
| Ranolazine | ↑ ranolazine expected | Limit ranolazine to 500 mg twice daily. |
| Ivabradine | ↑ ivabradine expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Corticosteroids | | |
| Beclomethasone Inhaled or intranasal Ciclesonide Inhaled | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Budesonide, Fluticasone, Mometasone Inhaled or intranasal | ↑ budesonide, fluticasone, mometasone possible | Initiate with the lowest starting dose and titrate carefully and monitor for adrenal insufficiency, Cushing's syndrome, and other corticosteroid-related adverse events. |
| Betamethasone Systemic | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Budesonide, Prednisone, Prednisolone Systemic | ↑ glucocorticoids expected | Initiate with the lowest starting dose, titrate carefully, and monitor for adrenal insufficiency, Cushing's syndrome, and other corticosteroid-related adverse events. |
| Dexamethasone Systemic | ↑ dexamethasone expected ↓ LEN expected if used with dexamethasone >16 mg/day | Initiate with the lowest starting dose, titrate carefully, and monitor for adrenal insufficiency, Cushing's syndrome, and other corticosteroid-related adverse events. Do not coadminister with dexamethasone >16 mg/day. |
| Betamethasone, Methylprednisolone, Triamcinolone Local injections, including intra-articular, epidural, or intra-orbital | ↑ glucocorticoids possible | Monitor for adrenal insufficiency, Cushing's syndrome, and other corticosteroid-related adverse events. |
| Glucose-Lowering Medications | | |
| Canagliflozin | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |

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| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|---|
| Saxagliptin | ↑ saxagliptin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Dapagliflozin/Saxagliptin | ↑ saxagliptin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antiviral Agents | | |
| Elbasvir/Grazoprevir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Herbal Products | | |
| St. John's Wort | ↓ LEN expected | Contraindicated. |
| Hormonal Therapies | | |
| Contraceptives—Injectable Depot MPA | ↑ MPA possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Contraceptives—Oral Drospirinone, Ethinyl Estradiol, Levonorgestrel, Norethindrone, Norgestimate Subdermal Implant Etonogstrel Subdermal Implant Levonorgestrel Transdermal Ethinyl Estradiol/Norelgestromin Vaginal Ring Etonogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol Vaginal Ring Segesterone/Ethinyl Estradiol | ↑ contraceptive exposures possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Emergency Contraceptives Levonorgestrel (oral) | ↑ levonorgestrel possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Gender-Affirming Therapy | | |
| Estradiol, Goserelin, Leuprolide Acetate, Finasteride | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Dutasteride, Testosterone | ↑ dutasteride and testosterone possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Menopausal Hormone Replacement Therapy | | |
| Conjugated Estrogen (equine and synthetic), Micronized | ↑ estrogen and progesterone possible | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|--|---|---|
| Progesterone, Medroxyprogesterone | | |
| Drospirenone | ↑ drospirenone possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Immunosuppressants | | |
| Cyclosporine, Everolimus, Sirolimus, Tacrolimus | ↑ immunosuppressant expected | Initiate with an adjusted dose of immunosuppressant to account for potential increased concentrations of the immunosuppressant and monitor for immunosuppressant-related adverse events. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with a specialist as necessary. |
| Lipid-Modifying Agents | | |
| Atorvastatin | ↑ atorvastatin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Lomitapide | ↑ lomitapide expected | Contraindicated. |
| Lovastatin | ↑ lovastatin expected | Administer the lowest effective lovastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events |
| Pitavastatin | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Pravastatin | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Rosuvastatin | ↑ rosuvastatin possible | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Simvastatin | ↑ simvastatin expected | Administer the lowest effective simvastatin dose while monitoring for adverse events. |
| Narcotics and Treatment for Opioid Dependence | | |
| Buprenorphine Sublingual, buccal, or implant | ↑ buprenorphine possible | <p>Initiation of Buprenorphine in Patients Taking LEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titrate buprenorphine dose to desired effect and use the lowest feasible initial dose. <p>Initiation of LEN in Patients Taking Buprenorphine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dose adjustment for buprenorphine may be needed. Monitor for buprenorphine-related adverse events. |
| Fentanyl | ↑ fentanyl possible | Monitor for fentanyl-related adverse events, including potentially fatal respiratory depression. Fentanyl dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Lofexidine | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Methadone | ↑ methadone possible | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Oxycodone | ↑ oxycodone possible | Monitor for opioid-related adverse events, including potentially fatal respiratory depression. Oxycodone dose reduction may be necessary. |
| Tramadol | ↑ tramadol possible | Tramadol dose adjustments may be necessary. Monitor for clinical response and tramadol-related adverse events. |
| PDE5 Inhibitors | | |
| Avanafil | ↑ avanafil expected | Avanafil dose should not exceed 50 mg once every 24 hours. |
| Sildenafil | ↑ sildenafil expected | <p>For Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with sildenafil 25 mg and monitor for sildenafil-related adverse events. <p>For Treatment of PAH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the dose of sildenafil to 20 mg three times a day when discontinuing treatment with LEN. |
| Tadalafil | ↑ tadalafil expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Vardenafil | ↑ vardenafil expected | Vardenafil dose should not exceed 5 mg once every 24 hours. |
| Sedative/Hypnotics | | |
| Alprazolam | ↑ alprazolam expected | Consider lowest dose and monitor for alprazolam-related adverse events. |
| Clonazepam | ↑ clonazepam possible | Consider alternative benzodiazepines. |
| Diazepam | ↑ diazepam possible | Consider lowest dose and monitor for benzodiazepine-related events. |
| Lorazepam, Oxazepam, Temazepam | ↔ expected | No dose adjustment needed. |
| Midazolam (Oral) | ↑ midazolam expected | Use with caution and consider alternative benzodiazepine. |
| Suvorexant | ↑ midazolam expected | Initiate suvorexant dose at 5 mg daily. Suvorexant dose can be increased to 10 mg once per night if the 5 mg dose is not effective. |
| Triazolam | ↑ triazolam expected | Use with caution and consider alternative benzodiazepine. |
| Zolpidem | ↑ zolpidem possible | Consider initiating zolpidem at a low dose. |
| Miscellaneous Drugs | | |
| Cisapride | ↑ cisapride expected | Do not coadminister. |

Table 24g. Drug Interactions Between the Capsid Inhibitor Lenacapavir and Other Drugs (Including Antiretroviral Drugs)

| Concomitant Drug Class/ Name | Effect on LEN and/or Concomitant Drug Concentrations | Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments |
|---|---|--|
| Colchicine | ↑ colchicine expected | <p>For Treatment of Gout Flares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer single colchicine dose of 1.2 mg. Do not repeat dose for at least 3 days. <p>For Treatment of Familial Mediterranean Fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colchicine dose should not exceed 1.2 mg daily (may be given as 0.6 mg twice a day). |
| Ergot Derivatives Dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine | ↑ dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Flibanserin | ↑ flibanserin expected | Do not coadminister. |
| Naloxegol | ↑ naloxegol expected | Avoid use; if coadministration is necessary, decrease dosage of naloxegol and monitor for naloxegol-related adverse events. |

Key to Symbols

↑ = increase

↓ = decrease

↔ = no change

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; AUC = area under the curve; ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; CHF = congestive heart failure; CNS = central nervous system; CV = cardiovascular; CYP = cytochrome P 450; DOR = doravirine; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; ECG = electrocardiogram; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = fostemsavir; IBA = ibalizumab; IM = intramuscular; INR = international normalized ratio; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; QTc = QT corrected for heart rate; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MI = myocardial infarction; MPA = medroxyprogesterone acetate; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PAH = pulmonary arterial hypertension; PDE5 = phosphodiesterase type 5; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Table 25a. Interactions Between Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Protease Inhibitors

Note: Interactions associated with DLV, FPV, IDV, NFV, **TPV**, and SQV are **not** included in this table. Please refer to the Food and Drug Administration product labels for information regarding interactions between these drugs and other concomitant drugs.

Rilpivirine (RPV) intramuscular (IM) is not included in this table, because the combination of cabotegravir IM plus RPV IM is a two-drug co-packaged product. Therefore, RPV IM is not expected to be used as a protease inhibitor.

| PIs | | NNRTIs | | | | |
|------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | DOR | EFV | ETR | NVP | RPV |
| ATV Unboosted | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ ATV expected | ↔ EFV ATV AUC ↓ 74% | ETR AUC ↑ 50% and C _{min} ↑ 58% ↔ ATV AUC and C _{min} ↓ 47% | ↑ NVP possible ↓ ATV possible | ↑ RPV PO possible ↔ ATV expected |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | Do not coadminister. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ATV/c | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ ATV expected | ↔ EFV expected ↓ ATV possible ↓ COBI possible | ↑ ETR possible ↓ ATV possible ↓ COBI possible | ↑ NVP possible ↓ ATV possible ↓ COBI possible | ↑ RPV PO possible ↔ ATV expected |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | ATV/c in ART-Naive Patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV 400 mg plus COBI 150 mg once daily • Do not use coformulated ATV 300 mg/ COBI 150 mg. ATV/c in ART-Experienced Patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not coadminister. No dose adjustment needed for EFV. | Do not coadminister. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ATV/r | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ ATV expected | ↔ EFV expected (ATV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily | (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETR AUC and C_{min} both ↑ ~30% | (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily | ↑ RPV PO possible ↔ ATV expected |

Table 25a. Interactions Between Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Protease Inhibitors

| PIs | | NNRTIs | | | | |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | DOR | EFV | ETR | NVP | RPV |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV concentrations similar to (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) without EFV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↔ ATV AUC and C_{min} | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV AUC ↓ 42% and C_{min} ↓ 72% • NVP AUC ↑ 25% | |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | ATV/r in ART-Naive Patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ATV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) once daily ATV/r in ART-Experienced Patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not coadminister. No dose adjustment needed for EFV. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/c | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ DRV expected | ↔ EFV expected ↓ DRV possible ↓ COBI possible | ETR 400 mg Once Daily with (DRV 800 mg plus COBI 150 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↔ ETR AUC and C_{min} • ↔ DRV AUC and C_{min} ↓ 56% • COBI AUC ↓ 30% and C_{min} ↓ 66% | ↑ NVP possible ↓ DRV possible ↓ COBI possible | ↔ DRV expected ↑ RPV PO possible |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | Do not coadminister. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/r | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ DRV expected | With (DRV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFV AUC ↑ 21% • ↔ DRV AUC and C_{min} ↓ 31% | ETR 100 mg Twice Daily with (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETR AUC ↓ 37% and C_{min} ↓ 49% • ↔ DRV | With (DRV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVP AUC ↑ 27% and C_{min} ↑ 47% • DRV AUC ↑ 24%^a | RPV 150 mg PO Once Daily with (DRV 800 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV PO AUC ↑ 130% and C_{min} ↑ 178% • ↔ DRV |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | Clinical significance unknown. Use standard doses and monitor patient closely. Consider monitoring drug levels. | No dose adjustment needed. Despite reduced ETR concentration, safety and efficacy of this combination | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 25a. Interactions Between Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors and Protease Inhibitors

| PIs | | NNRTIs | | | | |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | | DOR | EFV | ETR | NVP | RPV |
| | | | | have been established in a clinical trial. | | |
| LPV/r | PK Data | ↑ DOR expected ↔ LPV expected | ↔ EFV expected With LPV/r 500 mg/125 mg^b Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPV concentration similar to that of LPV/r 400 mg/100 mg twice daily without EFV | ETR AUC ↓ 35% (comparable to the decrease seen with DRV/r) ↔ LPV AUC | ↑ NVP possible LPV AUC ↓ 27% and C _{min} ↓ 51% | RPV 150 mg PO Once Daily with LPV/r <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPV PO AUC ↑ 52% and C_{min} ↑ 74% ↔ LPV |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | LPV/r 500 mg/125 mg ^a twice daily LPV/r 533 mg/133 mg twice daily when using oral solution No dose adjustment needed for EFV. | No dose adjustment needed. | LPV/r 500 mg/125 mg ^a twice daily LPV/r 533 mg/133 mg twice daily when using oral solution No dose adjustment needed for NVP. | No dose adjustment needed. |

^a Use a combination of two LPV/r 200 mg/50 mg tablets plus one LPV/r 100 mg/25 mg tablet to make a total dose of LPV/r 500 mg/125 mg.

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- ↔ = no change

Key: ART = antiretroviral therapy; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; COBI = cobicistat; DLV = delavirdine; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; FPV = fosamprenavir; IDV = indinavir; **IM = intramuscular**; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; NFV = nelfinavir; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = oral; PK = pharmacokinetic; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; SQV = saquinavir; TPV = tipranavir

Table 25b. Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors or Protease Inhibitors

Recommendations for managing a particular drug interaction may differ depending on whether a new antiretroviral (ARV) drug is being initiated in a patient on a stable concomitant medication or a new concomitant medication is being initiated in a patient on a stable ARV regimen. The magnitude and significance of drug interactions are difficult to predict when several drugs with competing metabolic pathways are prescribed concomitantly.

Information on drug interactions with oral (PO) cabotegravir (CAB) is not included in this table. The CAB PO tablet is not available in retail pharmacies and will be provided directly to patients for short-term use only (PO lead-in and to bridge intramuscular [IM] administration is delayed).

CAB IM and rilpivirine (RPV) IM also are not included in this table because the combination is a two-drug co-packaged product. Therefore, it is not anticipated that they will be used with oral NNRTIs or PIs.

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | | INSTIs | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| | | BIC | DTG | EVG/c | RAL |
| NNRTIs | | | | | |
| DOR | PK Data | ↔ DOR and BIC expected | ↔ DOR DTG AUC ↑ 36% and C _{min} ↑ 27% | ↑ DOR expected ↔ EVG | ↔ DOR and RAL expected |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| EFV | PK Data | ↓ BIC expected | With DTG 50 mg Once Daily • DTG AUC ↓ 57% and C _{min} ↓ 75% | ↑ or ↓ EVG, COBI, and EFV possible | With RAL 400 mg Twice Daily • RAL AUC ↓ 36% and C _{min} ↓ 21% With RAL 1,200 mg Once Daily • ↔ RAL AUC and C _{min} |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | In Patients Without INSTI Resistance • DTG 50 mg twice daily In Patients with Certain INSTI-Associated Resistance ^a or Clinically Suspected INSTI Resistance • Consider alternative combination. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 25b. Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors or Protease Inhibitors

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | | INSTIs | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| | | BIC | DTG | EVG/c | RAL |
| ETR | PK Data | ↓ BIC expected | <p>ETR 200 mg Twice Daily plus DTG 50 mg Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG AUC ↓ 71% and C_{min} ↓ 88% <p>ETR 200 mg Twice Daily with (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily and DTG 50 mg Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG AUC ↓ 25% and C_{min} ↓ 37% <p>ETR 200 mg Twice Daily with (LPV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily and DTG 50 mg Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG AUC ↑ 11% and C_{min} ↑ 28% | ↑ or ↓ EVG, COBI, and ETR possible | <p>ETR 200 mg Twice Daily plus RAL 400 mg Twice Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETR C_{min} ↑ 17% • RAL C_{min} ↓ 34% |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | <p>Do not coadminister ETR and DTG without concurrently administering ATV/r, DRV/r, or LPV/r.</p> <p>In Patients Without INSTI Resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG 50 mg once daily with ETR (concurrently with ATV/r, DRV/r, or LPV/r) <p>In Patients with Certain INSTI-Associated Resistance^a or Clinically Suspected INSTI Resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG 50 mg twice daily with ETR (concurrently with ATV/r, DRV/r, or LPV/r) | Do not coadminister. | <p>RAL 400 mg twice daily</p> <p>Coadministration with RAL 1,200 mg once daily is not recommended.</p> |
| NVP | PK Data | ↓ BIC expected | <p>With DTG 50 mg Once Daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG AUC ↓ 19% and C_{min} ↓ 34% | ↑ or ↓ EVG, COBI, and NVP possible | No data |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |

Table 25b. Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors or Protease Inhibitors

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | | INSTIs | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| | | BIC | DTG | EVG/c | RAL |
| RPV | PK Data | No data | With DTG 50 mg Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ DTG AUC and C_{min} ↑ 22% ↔ RPV PO AUC and C_{min} ↑ 21% | ↑ or ↓ EVG, COBI, and RPV PO possible | ↔ RPV PO RAL C _{min} ↑ 27% |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| PIs | | | | | |
| ATV | PK Data | ATV 400 mg Once Daily plus BIC 75 mg Single Dose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIC AUC ↑ 315% | (ATV 400 mg plus DTG 30 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↑ 91% and C_{min} ↑ 180% | ↑ or ↓ EVG, COBI, and ATV possible | With Unboosted ATV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↑ 72% With Unboosted ATV and RAL 1,200 mg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↑ 67% |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ATV/c | PK Data | BIC AUC ↑ 306% | No data | Not applicable | No data |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister two COBI-containing products. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| ATV/r | PK Data | ↑ BIC expected | (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily plus DTG 30 mg Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↑ 62% and C_{min} ↑ 121% | Not applicable | With (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↑ 41% |
| | Dose | Do not coadminister. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister RTV and COBI. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV | PK Data | Not applicable | Not applicable | ↔ DRV or EVG expected | Not applicable |
| | Dose | Do not administer DRV without RTV or COBI. | Do not administer DRV without RTV or COBI. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not administer DRV without RTV or COBI. |

Table 25b. Interactions Between Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors and Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors or Protease Inhibitors

| ARV Drugs by Drug Class | | INSTIs | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | BIC | DTG | EVG/c | RAL |
| DRV/c | PK Data | BIC AUC ↑ 74% | DRV/c plus DTG Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ DTG, DRV, and COBI DTG 50 mg Once Daily and DRV/r Once Daily Switched to DRV/c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG C_{min} ↑ 100% | Not applicable | No data |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister two COBI-containing products. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| DRV/r | PK Data | No data | (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily with DTG 30 mg Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTG AUC ↓ 22% and C_{min} ↓ 38% | Not applicable | With (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAL AUC ↓ 29% and C_{min} ↑ 38% |
| | Dose | No dose adjustment needed. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister RTV and COBI. | No dose adjustment needed. |
| LPV/r | PK Data | No data | With (LPV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) Twice Daily and DTG 30 mg Once Daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↔ DTG | Not applicable | ↓ RAL ↔ LPV/r |
| | Dose | Consider alternative combination. | No dose adjustment needed. | Do not coadminister RTV and COBI. | No dose adjustment needed. |

^a Refer to DTG product label for details.

Key to Symbols

- ↑ = increase
- ↓ = decrease
- ↔ = no change

Key: ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; AUC = area under the curve; BIC = bictegravir; C_{min} = minimum plasma concentration; CAB = cabotegravir; COBI = cobicistat; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DRV/r = darunavir/ritonavir; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PK = pharmacokinetic; PO = oral; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir

Appendix B, Table 1. Coformulated and Copackaged Antiretroviral Regimens

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved coformulated and copackaged antiretroviral regimens for adults with HIV. Not all products are FDA-approved for adolescents with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#). Please see the class-specific drug characteristics tables (Appendix B, Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6) for details about the individual drugs included in these products, including information on elimination and metabolic pathways, serum and intracellular half-lives, and adverse effects. The products in this table are listed by drug class and arranged in **alphabetical order** by trade name within each class.

| Trade Name (Abbreviation) | ARV Drugs Included in the Regimen | Dosing Recommendation ^a |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| INSTI plus Two NRTIs | | |
| Biktarvy (BIC/TAF/FTC) | Bictegravir 50 mg/tenofovir alafenamide 25 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| Genvoya (EVG/c/TAF/FTC) | Elvitegravir 150 mg/cobicistat 150 mg/tenofovir alafenamide 10 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |
| Stribild (EVG/c/TDF/FTC) | Elvitegravir 150 mg/cobicistat 150 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |
| Triumeq (DTG/ABC/3TC) | Dolutegravir 50 mg/abacavir 600 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| INSTI plus One NRTI | | |
| Dovato (DTG/3TC) | Dolutegravir 50 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| PI plus Two NRTIs | | |
| Symtuza (DRV/c/TAF/FTC) | Darunavir 800 mg/cobicistat 150 mg/tenofovir alafenamide 10 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |
| NNRTI plus Two NRTIs | | |
| Atripla (EFV/TDF/FTC) | Efavirenz 600 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime |
| Complera (RPV/TDF/FTC) | Rilpivirine 25 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |

Appendix B, Table 1. Coformulated and Copackaged Antiretroviral Regimens

| Trade Name (Abbreviation) | ARV Drugs Included in the Regimen | Dosing Recommendation ^a |
|--|---|--|
| Delstrigo (DOR/TDF/3TC) | Doravirine 100 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| Odefsey (RPV/TAF/FTC) | Rilpivirine 25 mg/tenofovir alafenamide 25 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |
| Symfi (EFV/TDF/3TC) | Efavirenz 600 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime |
| Symfi Lo (EFV/TDF/3TC) | Efavirenz 400 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime |
| INSTI plus One NNRTI | | |
| Cabenuva (CAB IM and RPV IM) | <p>Cabenuva 600-mg/900-mg kit contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB 600-mg/3-mL vial and RPV 900-mg/3-mL vial <p>Cabenuva 400-mg/600-mg kit contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB 400-mg/2-mL vial and RPV 600-mg/2-mL vial | <p>Optional Lead-in with Oral CAB and RPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB 30 mg and RPV 25 mg PO once daily with food for 4 weeks <p>Monthly IM CAB and RPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading dose: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose • Continuation phase: CAB 400 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks and RPV 600 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks <p>Every 2-Month IM CAB and RPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading dose: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM once monthly for 2 doses • Continuation phase: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM every 2 months |
| Juluca (DTG/RPV) | Dolutegravir 50 mg/rilpivirine 25 mg | One tablet PO once daily with food |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#). When no food restriction is listed, the product can be taken with or without food.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FTC = emtricitabine; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = orally; RPV = rilpivirine; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Appendix B, Table 2. Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor–Based, Fixed-Dose Combination Tablets for Use as Part of an Antiretroviral Regimen

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved dual nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor fixed-dose combination (FDC) products for adults with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#). These FDC tablets are not complete regimens and must be administered in combination with other antiretroviral drugs. FDC products that contain zidovudine (ZDV) have been removed from this table. Please refer to the FDA product labels for information regarding ZDV-containing FDCs. Please see the class-specific drug characteristics tables (Appendix B, Tables [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), and [6](#)) for details about the individual drugs contained in these FDC products, including information on elimination and metabolic pathways, serum and intracellular half-lives, and adverse effects. The FDC tablets in this table are listed by trade name.

| Trade Name (Abbreviation) | ARV Drugs Included in the FDC Tablet | Dosing Recommendation ^a |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| TAF or TDF plus an NRTI | | |
| Descovy (TAF/FTC) | Tenofovir alafenamide 25 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| Cimduo (TDF/3TC) | Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| Truvada (TDF/FTC) | Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg | One tablet PO once daily |
| Other NRTI-Based, FDC Tablets | | |
| Epzicom (ABC/3TC) Note: Generic product is available. | Abacavir 600 mg/lamivudine 300 mg | One tablet PO once daily |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#). All FDC tablets listed in this table can be taken without regard to food.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ARV = antiretroviral; FDC = fixed-dose combination; FTC = emtricitabine; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; PO = orally; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Appendix B, Table 3. Characteristics of Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor products for adults with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#). The older nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors didanosine (ddI) and stavudine (d4T) have been discontinued in the United States. Zidovudine (ZDV) is no longer used commonly in clinical practice. Therefore, these antiretrovirals have been removed from this table. Please refer to the U.S. FDA product label for ZDV for information regarding this drug.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum/ Intracellular Half-Lives | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Abacavir (ABC) <i>Ziagen</i> Note: Generic tablet formulation is available. | Ziagen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300-mg tablet • 20-mg/mL oral solution Generic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300-mg tablet • Also available as FDC with 3TC FDC Tablets That Contain ABC^c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epzicom (ABC/3TC) STRs That Contain ABC^d <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triumeq (DTG/ABC/3TC) | Ziagen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC 600 mg PO once daily, <i>or</i> • ABC 300 mg PO twice daily See Appendix B, Tables 1 and 2 for dosing information for FDC tablets that contain ABC. | Metabolized by alcohol dehydrogenase and glucuronyl transferase 82% of ABC dose is excreted in the urine as metabolites of ABC. Dose adjustment is recommended in patients with hepatic insufficiency (see Appendix B, Table 12). | 1.5 hours/12–26 hours | Patients who test positive for HLA-B*5701 are at the highest risk of experiencing HSRs. HLA screening should be done before initiating ABC. For patients with a history of HSRs, rechallenge is not recommended . Symptoms of HSRs may include fever, rash, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, malaise, fatigue, or respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath). Some cohort studies suggest an increased risk of MI with recent or current use of ABC, but this risk is not substantiated in other studies. |
| Emtricitabine (FTC) <i>Emtriva</i> | Emtriva <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-mg hard gelatin capsule • 10-mg/mL oral solution FDC Tablets That Contain FTC^c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descovy (TAF/FTC) | Emtriva <i>Capsule</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTC 200 mg PO once daily <i>Oral Solution</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTC 240 mg (24 mL) PO once daily | 86% of FTC dose is excreted renally. See Appendix B, Table 12 for dosing recommendations in patients with renal insufficiency. | 10 hours/ >20 hours | Minimal toxicity Hyperpigmentation/skin discoloration Severe acute exacerbation of hepatitis may occur in patients with HBV/HIV coinfection who discontinue FTC. |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum/ Intracellular Half-Lives | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truvada (TDF/FTC) <p>STRs That Contain FTC^d</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atripla (EFV/TDF/FTC) • Biktarvy (BIC/TAF/FTC) • Complera (RPV/TDF/FTC) • Genvoya (EVG/c/TAF/FTC) • Odefsey (RPV/TAF/FTC) • Stribild (EVG/c/TDF/FTC) • Symtuza (DRV/c/TAF/FTC) | <p>See Appendix B, Tables 1 and 2 for dosing information for FDC tablets that contain FTC.</p> | | | |
| <p>Lamivudine (3TC) <i>Epivir</i></p> <p>Note: Generic products are available.</p> | <p>Epivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150-mg and 300-mg tablets • 10-mg/mL oral solution <p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150-mg and 300-mg tablets • Also available as FDC with ABC <p>FDC Tablets That Contain 3TC^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cimduo (TDF/3TC) • Epzicom (ABC/3TC) <p>STRs That Contain 3TC^d</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delstrigo (DOR/TDF/3TC) • Dovato (DTG/3TC) • Symfi (EFV 600 mg/TDF/3TC) • Symfi Lo (EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC) • Triumeq (DTG/ABC/3TC) | <p>Epivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3TC 300 mg PO once daily, <i>or</i> • 3TC 150 mg PO twice daily <p>See Appendix B, Tables 1 and 2 for dosing information for FDC tablets that contain 3TC.</p> | <p>70% of 3TC dose is excreted renally.</p> <p>See Appendix B, Table 12 for dose recommendations in patients with renal insufficiency.</p> | <p>5–7 hours/18–22 hours</p> | <p>Minimal toxicity</p> <p>Severe acute exacerbation of hepatitis may occur in patients with HBV/HIV coinfection who discontinue 3TC.</p> |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum/ Intracellular Half-Lives | Adverse Events ^b |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <p>Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF) <i>Vemlidy</i></p> <p>Note: Vemlidy is available as a 25-mg tablet for the treatment of HBV.</p> | <p>FDC Tablets That Contain TAF^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descovy (TAF/FTC) <p>STRs That Contain TAF^d</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biktarvy (BIC/TAF/FTC) • Genvoya (EVG/c/TAF/FTC) • Odefsey (RPV/TAF/FTC) • Symtuza (DRV/c/TAF/FTC) | <p>See Appendix B, Tables 1 and 2 for dosing information for FDC tablets that contain TAF.</p> | <p>Metabolized by cathepsin A</p> <p>See Appendix B, Table 12 for dosing recommendations in patients with renal insufficiency.</p> | <p>0.5 hour/ 150–180 hours</p> | <p>Renal insufficiency, Fanconi syndrome, and proximal renal tubulopathy are less likely to occur with TAF than with TDF.</p> <p>Osteomalacia and decreases in BMD are less likely to occur with TAF than with TDF.</p> <p>Severe acute exacerbation of hepatitis may occur in patients with HBV/HIV coinfection who discontinue TAF.</p> <p>Diarrhea, nausea, headache</p> <p>Greater weight increase has been reported with TAF than with TDF.</p> |
| <p>Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) <i>Viread</i></p> <p>Note: Generic product is available.</p> | <p>Viread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300-mg tablet • 40-mg/g oral powder <p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300-mg tablet <p>FDC Tablets that Contain TDF^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cimduo (TDF/3TC) • Truvada (TDF/FTC) <p>STRs that Contain TDF^d</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atripla (EFV/TDF/FTC) • Complera (RPV/TDF/FTC) • Delstrigo (DOR/TDF/3TC) | <p>Viread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDF 300 mg PO once daily, <i>or</i> • 7.5 level scoops of oral powder PO once daily (dosing scoop dispensed with each bottle; one level scoop contains 1 g of oral powder). <p>Mix oral powder with 2–4 ounces of a soft food that does not require chewing (e.g., applesauce, yogurt). Do not mix oral powder with liquid.</p> | <p>Renal excretion is the primary route of elimination.</p> <p>See Appendix B, Table 12 for dose recommendations in patients with renal insufficiency.</p> | <p>17 hours/ >60 hours</p> | <p>Renal insufficiency, Fanconi syndrome, proximal renal tubulopathy</p> <p>Osteomalacia, decrease in BMD</p> <p>Asthenia, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, flatulence</p> <p>Severe acute exacerbation of hepatitis may occur in patients with HBV/HIV coinfection who discontinue TDF.</p> |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum/ Intracellular Half-Lives | Adverse Events ^b |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stribild (EVG/c/TDF/FTC) • Symfi (EFV 600 mg/TDF/3TC) • Symfi Lo (EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC) | <p>See Appendix B, Tables 1 and 2 for dosing information for FDC tablets that contain TDF.</p> | | | |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#). When no food restriction is listed, the antiretroviral drug can be taken with or without food.

^b Also see [Table 20](#).

^c See [Appendix B, Table 2](#) for information about these formulations.

^d See [Appendix B, Table 1](#) for information about these formulations.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; BIC = bictegravir; BMD = bone mineral density; DOR = doravirine; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FDC = fixed-dose combination; FTC = emtricitabine; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HLA = human leukocyte antigen; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; MI = myocardial infarction; PO = orally; RPV = rilpivirine; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Appendix B, Table 4. Characteristics of Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor products for adults with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#). The older non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor delavirdine (DLV) has been discontinued in the United States and is **not** listed in this table.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------|--|
| Doravirine (DOR) <i>Pifeltro</i> | Pifeltro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-mg tablet Also available as part of the STR Delstrigo (DOR/TDF/3TC) ^c | Pifeltro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOR 100 mg PO once daily See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for Delstrigo. | CYP3A4/5 substrate | 15 hours | Nausea Dizziness Abnormal dreams |
| Efavirenz (EFV) Note: The branded product Sustiva has been discontinued. | Efavirenz (generic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600-mg tablet STRs that Contain EFV ^c <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atripla (EFV/TDF/FTC) Symfi (EFV 600 mg/TDF/3TC) Symfi Lo (EFV 400 mg/TDF/3TC) | Efavirenz (generic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFV 600 mg PO once daily, at or before bedtime Take on an empty stomach to reduce side effects. See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for STRs that contain EFV. | Metabolized by CYP2B6 (primary), 3A4, and 2A6 CYP3A4 mixed inducer/inhibitor (more an inducer than an inhibitor) CYP2B6 and 2C19 inducer | 40–55 hours | Rash ^d Neuropsychiatric symptoms ^e Serum transaminase elevations Hyperlipidemia QT interval prolongation Use of EFV may lead to false-positive results with some cannabinoid and benzodiazepine screening assays. |
| Etravirine (ETR) <i>Intence</i> | Intence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-mg and 200-mg tablets | Intence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETR 200 mg PO twice daily Take following a meal. | CYP3A4, 2C9, and 2C19 substrate CYP3A4 inducer CYP2C9 and 2C19 inhibitor | 41 hours | Rash, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome ^d HSRs, characterized by rash, constitutional findings, and sometimes organ dysfunction (including hepatic failure), have been reported. |

Appendix B, Table 4. Characteristics of Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | | Nausea |
| <p>Nevirapine (NVP) <i>Viramune</i> <i>Viramune XR</i></p> <p>Note: Generic products are available.</p> | <p>Viramune</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-mg tablet • 50-mg/5-mL oral suspension <p>Viramune XR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400-mg tablet <p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-mg tablet • 400-mg extended-release tablet • 50-mg/5-mL oral suspension | <p>Viramune</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVP 200 mg PO once daily for 14 days (lead-in period); thereafter, NVP 200 mg PO twice daily, <i>or</i> • NVP 400 mg (Viramune XR tablet) PO once daily <p>Take without regard to food.</p> <p>Repeat lead-in period if therapy is discontinued for >7 days.</p> <p>In patients who develop mild-to-moderate rash without constitutional symptoms, continue lead-in dose until rash resolves, but do not extend lead-in period beyond 28 days.</p> | <p>CYP450 substrate</p> <p>CYP3A4 and 2B6 inducer</p> <p>Contraindicated in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment.</p> <p>Dose adjustment is recommended in patients on hemodialysis (see Appendix B, Table 12).</p> | 25–30 hours | <p>Rash, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome^d</p> <p>Symptomatic Hepatitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptomatic hepatitis, including fatal hepatic necrosis, has been reported. • Rash has been reported in approximately 50% of cases. • Symptomatic hepatitis occurs at a significantly higher frequency in ARV-naive female patients with pre-NVP CD4 counts >250 cells/mm³ and in ARV-naive male patients with pre-NVP CD4 counts >400 cells/mm³. • NVP should not be initiated in these patients unless the benefit clearly outweighs the risk. |
| <p>Rilpivirine (RPV) <i>Edurant</i></p> | <p>Edurant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-mg tablet <p>Coformulated STRs that Contain RPV^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complera (RPV/TDF/FTC) • Juluca (DTG/RPV) • Odefsey (RPV/TAF/FTC) <p>Copackaged Intramuscular Regimen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabenuva (CAB plus RPV) | <p>Edurant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV 25 mg PO once daily <p>Take with food.</p> <p>See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for coformulated and copackaged regimens that contain RPV.</p> | CYP3A4 substrate | <p>PO: 50 hours</p> <p>IM: 13–28 weeks</p> | <p>Rash^d</p> <p>Depression, insomnia, headache</p> <p>Hepatotoxicity</p> <p>QT interval prolongation</p> <p>IM Formulation Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injection-site reactions (pain, induration, swelling, nodules) • Rare post-injection reaction (dyspnea, agitation, abdominal cramps, flushing) occurring within a few minutes after RPV IM injection; possibly associated with inadvertent IV administration. |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#). When no food restriction is listed, the antiretroviral drug can be taken with or without food.

Appendix B, Table 4. Characteristics of Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

^b Also see [Table 20](#).

^c See [Appendix B, Table 1](#) for information about these formulations.

^d Rare cases of Stevens-Johnson syndrome have been reported with the use of most NNRTIs; the highest incidence of rash was seen among patients who were receiving NVP.

^e Adverse events can include dizziness, somnolence, insomnia, abnormal dreams, depression, suicidality (e.g., suicide, suicide attempt or ideation), confusion, abnormal thinking, impaired concentration, amnesia, agitation, depersonalization, hallucinations, and euphoria. Approximately 50% of patients who are receiving EFV may experience any of these symptoms. Symptoms usually subside spontaneously after 2–4 weeks, but discontinuation of EFV may be necessary in a small percentage of patients. Late-onset neurotoxicities, including ataxia and encephalopathy, have been reported.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ARV = antiretroviral; CAB = cabotegravir; CD4 = CD4 T lymphocyte; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; FTC = emtricitabine; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; IM = intramuscular; IV = intravenous; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PO = orally; RPV = rilpivirine; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; XR = extended release

Appendix B, Table 5. Characteristics of Protease Inhibitors

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved protease inhibitor products for adults with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#). The older protease inhibitors indinavir (IDV) and saquinavir (SQV) have been discontinued in the United States; fosamprenavir (FPV), nelfinavir (NFV), and tipranavir (TPV) are no longer used commonly in clinical practice. These agents have been removed from this table. Please refer to the July 10, 2019, version of the guidelines (found in the [Adult and Adolescent Antiretroviral Archived Guidelines](#) section of Clinicalinfo) or to the U.S. Food and DrugFDA product labels for information regarding these drugs.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|
| <p>Atazanavir (ATV) <i>Reyataz</i></p> <p>(ATV/c) <i>Evotaz</i></p> <p>Note: Generic products of ATV are available.</p> | <p>Reyataz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-mg and 300-mg capsules • 50-mg oral powder/packet <p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-mg and 300-mg capsules <p>Evotaz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV 300-mg/COBI 150-mg tablet | <p>Reyataz</p> <p><i>In ARV-Naive Patients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily; <i>or</i> • ATV 400 mg PO once daily • Take with food. <p><i>With TDF or in ARV-Experienced Patients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily • Unboosted ATV is not recommended. • Take with food. <p><i>With EFV in ARV-Naive Patients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ATV 400 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily • Take with food. <p>Evotaz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tablet PO once daily • Take with food. | <p>ATV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP3A4 inhibitor and substrate • Weak CYP2C8 inhibitor • UGT1A1 inhibitor <p>COBI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP3A inhibitor and substrate • CYP2D6 inhibitor <p>Dose adjustment is recommended in patients with hepatic insufficiency (see Appendix B, Table 12).</p> | 7 hours | <p>Indirect hyperbilirubinemia</p> <p>Cholelithiasis</p> <p>Nephrolithiasis</p> <p>Renal insufficiency</p> <p>Serum transaminase elevations</p> <p>Hyperlipidemia (especially with RTV boosting)</p> <p>Skin rash</p> <p>Hyperglycemia</p> <p>Fat maldistribution</p> <p>An increase in serum creatinine may occur when ATV is administered with COBI.</p> <p>PR interval prolongation: First-degree symptomatic AV block has been reported. Use with caution in patients who have underlying conduction defects or who are on concomitant medications that can cause PR prolongation.</p> |

Appendix B, Table 5. Characteristics of Protease Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of ATV/c is not recommended for patients who are taking TDF and who have baseline CrCl <70 mL/min (see Appendix B, Table 12 for the equation for calculating CrCl). <p>For dosing recommendations for patients who also are receiving H2 antagonists and PPIs, refer to Table 24a.</p> | | | |
| <p>Darunavir (DRV) <i>Prezista</i></p> <p>(DRV/c) <i>Prezcobix</i></p> | <p>Prezista</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600-mg and 800-mg tablets 100-mg/mL oral suspension <p>Prezcobix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRV 800-mg/COBI 150-mg tablet <p>Also available as part of the STR Symtuza (DRV/c/TAF/FTC)</p> | <p>Prezista</p> <p><i>In ARV-Naive Patients or ARV-Experienced Patients with No DRV Mutations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (DRV 800 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily Take with food. <p><i>In ARV-Experienced Patients with One or More DRV Resistance Mutations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO twice daily Take with food. <p>Unboosted DRV is not recommended.</p> <p>Prezcobix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One tablet PO once daily Take with food. Not recommended for patients with one or more DRV resistance-associated mutations. Coadministering Prezcobix and TDF is not recommended for patients with baseline CrCl <70 mL/min (see Appendix B, Table 12 for the equation for calculating CrCl). | <p>DRV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CYP3A4 inhibitor and substrate CYP2C9 inducer <p>COBI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CYP3A inhibitor and substrate CYP2D6 inhibitor | <p>15 hours when combined with RTV</p> <p>7 hours when combined with COBI</p> | <p>Hepatotoxicity</p> <p>Diarrhea, nausea</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Hyperlipidemia</p> <p>Serum transaminase elevation</p> <p>Hyperglycemia</p> <p>Fat maldistribution</p> <p>An increase in serum creatinine may occur when DRV is administered with COBI.</p> <p>Skin rash: DRV has a sulfonamide moiety; however, incidence and severity of rash are similar in those with or without a sulfonamide allergy—Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis, and erythema multiforme have been reported.</p> |

Appendix B, Table 5. Characteristics of Protease Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for Symtuza. | | | |
| <p>Lopinavir/Ritonavir (LPV/r) <i>Kaletra</i></p> <p>Note: LPV is only available as a component of an FDC tablet that also contains RTV.</p> | <p>Kaletra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPV/r 200-mg/50-mg tablets • LPV/r 100-mg/25-mg tablets • LPV/r 400 mg/100 mg per 5 mL of oral solution. Oral solution contains 42% alcohol. | <p>Kaletra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPV/r 400 mg/100 mg PO twice daily, <i>or</i> • LPV/r 800 mg/200 mg PO once daily. However, once-daily dosing is not recommended for patients with three or more LPV-associated mutations, pregnant persons, or patients receiving EFV, NVP, carbamazepine, phenytoin, or phenobarbital. <p><i>With EFV or NVP in PI-Naive or PI-Experienced Patients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPV/r 500-mg/125-mg tablets PO twice daily (use a combination of two LPV/r 200-mg/50-mg tablets plus one LPV/r 100-mg/25-mg tablet to make a total dose of LPV/r 500 mg/125 mg), <i>or</i> • LPV/r 533 mg/133 mg oral solution twice daily <p>Food Restrictions</p> <p><i>Tablet</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take without regard to food. <p><i>Oral Solution</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take with food. | CYP3A4 inhibitor and substrate | 5–6 hours | <p>GI intolerance, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</p> <p>Pancreatitis</p> <p>Asthenia</p> <p>Hyperlipidemia (especially hypertriglyceridemia)</p> <p>Serum transaminase elevation</p> <p>Hyperglycemia</p> <p>Insulin resistance/diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Fat maldistribution</p> <p>Possible increase in the frequency of bleeding episodes in patients with hemophilia</p> <p>PR interval prolongation</p> <p>QT interval prolongation and Torsades de Pointes have been reported; however, causality could not be established.</p> |

Appendix B, Table 5. Characteristics of Protease Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------|---|
| <p>Ritonavir (RTV) <i>Norvir</i></p> <p>Note: Generic is available.</p> <p>Although RTV was initially developed as a PI for HIV treatment, RTV is currently used at a lower dose of 100 mg to 200 mg once or twice daily as a PK enhancer to increase the concentrations of other PIs.</p> | <p>Norvir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100-mg tablet • 100-mg single packet oral powder <p>Also available as part of the FDC tablet Kaletra (LPV/r)</p> | <p>As a PK Booster (or Enhancer) for Other PIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTV 100–400 mg PO per day in one or two divided doses (refer to other PIs for specific dosing recommendations). <p>Food Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take with food. | <p>CYP3A4 > 2D6 substrate</p> <p>Potent CYP3A4 and 2D6 inhibitor</p> <p>Inducer of UGT1A1 and CYPs 1A2, 2C8, 2C9, and 2C19</p> | <p>3–5 hours</p> | <p>GI intolerance, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</p> <p>Paresthesia (circumoral and extremities)</p> <p>Hyperlipidemia (especially hypertriglyceridemia)</p> <p>Hepatitis</p> <p>Asthenia</p> <p>Taste perversion</p> <p>Hyperglycemia</p> <p>Fat maldistribution</p> <p>Possible increase in the frequency of bleeding episodes in patients with hemophilia</p> |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#).

^b Also see [Table 20](#).

Key: ARV = antiretroviral; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; AV = atrioventricular; COBI = cobicistat; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CYP = cytochrome P; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; EFV = efavirenz; FDC = fixed-dose combination; FTC = emtricitabine; GI = gastrointestinal; H2 = histamine H2 receptor; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PK = pharmacokinetic; PO = orally; PPI = proton pump inhibitor; RTV = ritonavir; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; UGT1 = uridine diphosphate glucuronyl transferase 1 family

Appendix B, Table 6. Characteristics of Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors

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The following table includes dose recommendations for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved integrase strand transfer inhibitor products for adults with HIV. Not all products are FDA-approved for adolescents with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#).

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathways | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Bictegravir (BIC) | BIC is available only as a component of the STR Biktarvy (BIC/TAF/FTC). ^c | Biktarvy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One tablet PO once daily | CYP3A4 substrate UGT1A1-mediated glucuronidation | ~17 hours | Diarrhea Nausea Headache Weight gain |
| Cabotegravir (CAB) | Available as part of the copackaged IM long-acting regimen Cabenuva (CAB IM and RPV IM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400-mg/2-mL vial 600-mg/3-mL vial Also available as an individual product for IM long-acting pre-exposure prophylaxis Apretude (CAB IM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600-mg/3-mL vial Also available in oral tablet formulation Vocabria (CAB PO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-mg tablet Must be obtained from manufacturer for oral lead-in and oral bridging during administration of Cabenuva (CAB IM/RPV IM) | See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for coformulated and copackaged regimens that contain CAB. | UGT1A1 and UGT1A9-mediated glucuronidation | Oral: 41 hours IM: 6–12 weeks | Headache Nausea Abnormal dreams Anxiety Insomnia Depressive disorders Hepatotoxicity IM formulation only: Injection-site reactions (e.g., pain, induration, swelling, nodules) |

Appendix B, Table 6. Characteristics of Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathways | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <p>Dolutegravir (DTG) <i>Tivicay</i></p> | <p>Tivicay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-mg tablet <p>STRs that Contain DTG^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dovato (DTG/3TC) • Juluca (DTG/RPV) • Triumeq (DTG/ABC/3TC) | <p>In ARV-Naive or ARV-Experienced, INSTI-Naive Patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG 50 mg PO once daily <p>In ARV-Naive or ARV-Experienced, INSTI-Naive Patients when Coadministered with EFV, FPV/r, TPV/r, or Rifampin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG 50 PO mg twice daily <p>In INSTI-Experienced Patients with Certain INSTI Mutations (See Product Label) or with Clinically Suspected INSTI Resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTG 50 mg PO twice daily <p>See Appendix B, Table 1 for dosing information for STRs that contain DTG.</p> | <p>UGT1A1-mediated glucuronidation</p> <p>Minor substrate of CYP3A4</p> | <p>~14 hours</p> | <p>Insomnia</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually occurs in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions)</p> <p>Weight gain</p> <p>Hepatotoxicity</p> <p>Potential for increased risk of NTDs in infants born to individuals who received DTG around the time of conception is lower than previously reported. Refer to Appendix B, Table 6 for more information.</p> <p>HSRs, including rash, constitutional symptoms, and organ dysfunction (including liver injury), have been reported.</p> |
| <p>Elvitegravir (EVG)</p> | <p>EVG is only available as a component of an STR tablet that also contains COBI, FTC, and either TDF or TAF.</p> <p>STRs that Contain EVG^c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genvoya (EVG/c/TAF/FTC) • Stribild (EVG/c/TDF/FTC) | <p>Genvoya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tablet PO once daily with food • See Appendix B, Table 12 for recommendations on dosing in persons with renal insufficiency. <p>Stribild</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tablet PO once daily with food • Not recommended for patients with baseline CrCl <70 mL/min (see Appendix B, Table 12 for the CrCl calculation equation). | <p>EVG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP3A and UGT1A1/3 substrate <p>COBI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP3A inhibitor and substrate • CYP2D6 inhibitor | <p>EVG/c: ~13 hours</p> | <p>Nausea</p> <p>Diarrhea</p> <p>Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually occurs in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions)</p> |

Appendix B, Table 6. Characteristics of Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulations | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathways | Serum Half-Life | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Raltegravir (RAL) <i>Isentress</i> <i>Isentress HD</i> | Isentress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400-mg tablet • 100-mg single-use packet for oral suspension Isentress HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600-mg tablet | Isentress <i>In ARV-Naive Patients or ARV-Experienced Patients</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 mg PO twice daily <i>With Rifampin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 mg PO twice daily Isentress HD <i>In ARV-Naive or ARV-Experienced Patients with Virologic Suppression on a Regimen Containing RAL 400 mg Twice Daily</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,200 mg (two 600-mg tablets) PO once daily <i>With Rifampin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not recommended | UGT1A1-mediated glucuronidation | ~9 hours | Rash, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, HSR, and toxic epidermal necrolysis Nausea Headache Diarrhea Pyrexia CPK elevation, muscle weakness, and rhabdomyolysis Weight gain Insomnia Depression and suicidal ideation (rare; usually occurs in patients with preexisting psychiatric conditions) |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#). When no food restriction is listed, the antiretroviral drug can be taken with or without food.

^b Also see [Table 20](#).

^c See [Appendix B, Table 1](#) for information about these formulations.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ARV = antiretroviral; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; COBI = cobicistat; CPK = creatine phosphokinase; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CYP = cytochrome P; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FPV/r = fosamprenavir/ritonavir; FTC = emtricitabine; HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; NTD = neural tube defect; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir; RPV = rilpivirine; STR = single-tablet regimen; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; TPV/r = tipranavir/ritonavir; UGT1 = uridine diphosphate glucuronyl transferase 1 family

Appendix B, Table 7. Characteristics of the Fusion Inhibitor

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The following table includes dose recommendations for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved fusion inhibitor. For additional information regarding the use of this medication in adolescents with HIV, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#).

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulation | Dosing Recommendation | Serum Half-Life | Elimination | Adverse Events ^a |
|--|--|--|-----------------|---|---|
| Enfuvirtide (T-20) Fuzeon | Fuzeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injectable; supplied as lyophilized powder. Each vial contains 108 mg of T-20; reconstitute with 1.1 mL of sterile water for injection for delivery of approximately 90 mg/1 mL. Refer to prescribing information for storage instruction. | Fuzeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-20 90 mg/1 mL SQ twice daily | 3.8 hours | Expected to undergo catabolism to its constituent amino acids, with subsequent recycling of the amino acids in the body pool. | Local injection site reactions (e.g., pain, erythema, induration, nodules and cysts, pruritus, ecchymosis) in almost 100% of patients Increased incidence of bacterial pneumonia HSR occurs in <1% of patients. Symptoms may include rash, fever, nausea, vomiting, chills, rigors, hypotension, or elevated serum transaminases. Re-challenge is not recommended. |

^a Also see [Table 20](#).

Key: HSR = hypersensitivity reaction; SQ = subcutaneous; T-20 = enfuvirtide

Appendix B, Table 8. Characteristics of the CCR5 Antagonist

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The following table includes dose recommendations for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved CCR5 antagonist. For additional information regarding the use of this medication in adolescents with HIV, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#).

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulation | Dosing Recommendations ^a | Serum Half-Life | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Adverse Events ^b |
|--|---|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Maraviroc (MVC) Selzentry | Selzentry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150-mg and 300-mg tablets 20-mg/1-mL oral solution | Selzentry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVC 150 mg PO twice daily when given with drugs that are strong CYP3A inhibitors (with or without CYP3A inducers), including PIs (except TPV/r) MVC 300 mg PO twice daily when given with NRTIs, T-20, TPV/r, NVP, RAL, and other drugs that are not strong CYP3A inhibitors or inducers MVC 600 mg PO twice daily when given with drugs that are CYP3A inducers, including EFV, ETR, etc. (without a CYP3A inhibitor) <p>Take MVC without regard to food.</p> | 14–18 hours | CYP3A4 substrate | Abdominal pain Cough Dizziness Musculoskeletal symptoms Pyrexia Rash Upper respiratory tract infections Hepatotoxicity, which may be preceded by severe rash or other signs of systemic allergic reactions Orthostatic hypotension, especially in patients with severe renal insufficiency |

^a For dose adjustments in patients with hepatic insufficiency, see [Appendix B, Table 12](#).

^b Also see [Table 20](#).

Key: CYP = cytochrome P; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; MVC = maraviroc; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir; T-20 = enfuvirtide; TPV/r = tipranavir/ritonavir

Appendix B, Table 9. Characteristics of the CD4 Post-Attachment Inhibitor

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The following table includes dose recommendations for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved CD4 post-attachment inhibitor. Ibalizumab is not Food and Drug Administration–approved for use in adolescents with HIV.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) <i>Trade Name</i> | Formulation | Dosing Recommendations | Serum Half-Life | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Adverse Events |
|---|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Ibalizumab (IBA) <i>Trogarzo</i> | Trogarzo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-dose 2-mL vial containing 200 mg/1.33 mL (150 mg/mL) of ibalizumab | Trogarzo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer a single loading dose of IBA 2,000-mg IV infusion over 30 minutes, followed by a maintenance dose of IBA 800-mg IV infusion over 15 minutes or IV push over 30 seconds every 2 weeks. See prescribing information for additional instructions for preparing, storing, and administering IBA, and for monitoring patients who are receiving IBA. | ~64 hours | Not well defined | Diarrhea Dizziness Nausea Rash Hypersensitivity, including anaphylaxis and infusion-related reactions, have been reported. |

Key: IBA = ibalizumab; IV = intravenous

Appendix B, Table 10. Characteristics of the gp120 Attachment Inhibitor

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The following table includes dose recommendations for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved gp120 attachment inhibitor. Fostemsavir is not Food and Drug Administration–approved for use in adolescents with HIV.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulation | Dosing Recommendations | Serum Half-Life | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Adverse Events |
|--|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Fostemsavir (FTR) <i>Rukobia</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600-mg extended-release tablets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTR 600 mg PO twice daily | 11 hours | Hydrolysis (esterases), CYP3A4 | <p>Nausea</p> <p>Transaminase elevation; transient bilirubin elevation</p> <p>Sleep disturbance, dizziness</p> <p>QTc prolongation was seen at 4 times the recommended dose. Use with caution in patients with preexisting heart disease, QTc prolongation, or concomitant use of medications that may prolong QTc interval.</p> |

Key: CYP = cytochrome P; FTR = fostemsavir; PO = orally; QTc = corrected QT interval

Appendix B, Table 11. Characteristics of the Capsid Inhibitor

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The following table includes dose recommendations for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved capsid inhibitor. Lenacapavir is not Food and Drug Administration–approved for use in adolescents with HIV.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Formulation | Dosing Recommendations | Serum Half-Life | Elimination/ Metabolic Pathway | Adverse Events |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| Lenacapavir (LEN) <i>Sunlenca</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300-mg tablet Single-dose 463.5-mg/1.5-mL vial for injection | <p>Initiation Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1: 927 mg SQ x 1 dose + 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 2: 600 mg PO x 1 dose <p>Initiation Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1: 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 2: 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 8: 300 mg PO x 1 dose Day 15: 927 mg SQ x 1 dose <p>Maintenance Dosing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 927 mg by SQ injection every 6 months from the date of the last injection (+/-2 weeks) | <p>PO: 10–12 days</p> <p>SQ: 8–12 weeks</p> | <p>Substrate of P-glycoprotein, CYP3A (minor), UGT1A1 (minor)</p> <p>CYP3A4 inhibitor (moderate)</p> | <p>Nausea, diarrhea, headache</p> <p>Injection site reactions</p> |

Key: CYP = cytochrome P; LEN = lenacapavir; PO = orally; SQ = subcutaneous

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Not all products are Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved for adolescents with HIV. For information regarding the use of these medications in adolescents with HIV, including weight limitations and additional dosage forms, please consult FDA product labeling or the [Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines](#).

The older antiretroviral drugs fosamprenavir (FPV), nelfinavir (NFV), tipranavir (TPV), and zidovudine (ZDV) have been removed from this table. Please refer to the FDA product labels for these drugs for recommendations on dosing in adults and adolescents with renal or hepatic insufficiency.

See the reference section at the end of this table for creatinine clearance calculation formulas and criteria for Child-Pugh classification.

| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>Some FDC products are not recommended in persons with different degrees of renal insufficiency. The recommendations for individual FDCs based on CrCl level are outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CrCl <70 mL/min</i>: Initiation of Stribild is not recommended. • <i>CrCl <50 mL/min</i>: FDCs not recommended: Atripla, Cimduo, Complera, Delstrigo, Truvada, Symfi, Symfi-Lo • <i>CrCl <30 mL/min</i>: FDCs not recommended: Dovato, Epzicom, Triumeq • <i>CrCl <30 mL/min and not on HD</i>: FDCs not recommended: Biktarvy, Descovy, Genvoya, Odefsey, and Symtuza. <p>The component drugs in some of the FDC products listed above may be prescribed as individual formulations with dose adjustment based on CrCl level as indicated below in this table.</p> | | | |
| NRTIs | | | |
| Abacavir (ABC) <i>Ziagen</i> | ABC 300 mg PO twice daily <i>or</i> ABC 600 mg PO once daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A</i> : ABC 200 mg PO twice daily (use oral solution) <i>Child-Pugh Class B or C</i> : Contraindicated |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | | | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment | |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| Abacavir/Lamivudine (ABC/3TC) <i>Epzicom</i> | One tablet PO once daily | Not recommended if CrCl <30 mL/min. Instead, use the individual component drugs and adjust 3TC dose according to CrCl. | | | <i>Child-Pugh Class A:</i> Patients with mild hepatic impairment require a dose reduction of ABC. Use the individual drugs instead of the FDC tablet in these patients. <i>Child-Pugh Class B or C:</i> Contraindicated due to the ABC component | |
| Emtricitabine (FTC) <i>Emtriva</i> | FTC 200-mg oral capsule once daily <i>or</i> FTC 240-mg (24-mL) oral solution once daily | Dose by Formulation | | | No dose recommendation. | |
| | | CrCl (mL/min) | Capsule | Solution | | |
| | | 30–49 | 200 mg every 48 hours | 120 mg every 24 hours | | |
| | | 15–29 | 200 mg every 72 hours | 80 mg every 24 hours | | |
| | | <15 | 200 mg every 96 hours | 60 mg every 24 hours | | |
| On HD ^b | 200 mg every 24 hours | 240 mg every 24 hours | | | | |
| Lamivudine^c (3TC) <i>Epivir</i> | 3TC 300 mg PO once daily <i>or</i> 3TC 150 mg PO twice daily | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | | No dose adjustment necessary. | |
| | | 15–29 | 1 × 150 mg, then 100 mg every 24 hours | | | |
| | | 5–14 | 1 × 150 mg, then 50 mg every 24 hours | | | |
| | | <5 or on HD | 1 × 50 mg, then 25 mg every 24 hours | | | |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | |
| Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF) <i>Vemlidy</i> | Vemlidy is available as a 25-mg tablet for the treatment of HBV. | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | <i>Child-Pugh Class B or C: Not recommended</i> |
| | | <15 and not on HD | Not recommended | |
| | | On HD | One tablet PO once daily | |
| Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine (TAF/FTC) <i>Descovy</i> | TAF for HIV treatment is only available as a component of FDC tablets (i.e., in Descovy, Genvoya, Odefsey, Biktarvy, and Symtuza). TAF 10 mg PO daily with EVG/c (Genvoya) or DRV/c (Symtuza) TAF 25 mg PO daily in other FDC tablets | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B: No dose adjustment</i> <i>Child-Pugh Class C: No dose recommendation</i> |
| | | <30 and not on HD | Not recommended | |
| | | <30 and on HD | One tablet once daily | |
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) <i>Viread</i> | TDF 300 mg PO once daily | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | No dose adjustment necessary. |
| | | 30–49 | 300 mg every 48 hours | |
| | | 10–29 | 300 mg twice weekly (every 72–96 hours) | |
| | | <10 and not on HD | No recommendation | |
| | | On HD | 300 mg every 7 days | |
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) <i>Truvada</i> | One tablet PO once daily | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | No dose recommendation. |
| | | 30–49 | One tablet every 48 hours | |
| | | <30 or on HD | Not recommended | |
| Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine (TDF/3TC) <i>Cimduo</i> | One tablet PO once daily | CrCl (mL/min) | Dose | No dose recommendation. |
| | | <50 or on HD | Not recommended | |
| NNRTIs | | | | |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|---|---|--|--|
| Doravirine (DOR) <i>Pifeltro</i> | DOR 100 mg PO once daily | No dose adjustment required in mild, moderate, or severe renal impairment. Has not been studied in individuals with ESRD or on HD. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not studied |
| Doravirine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine (DOR/TDF/3TC) <i>Delstrigo</i> | One tablet PO once daily | Not recommended if CrCl <50 mL/min. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not studied |
| Efavirenz (EFV) <i>Sustiva</i> | EFV 600 mg PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime | No dose adjustment necessary. | No dose recommendation; use with caution in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| Efavirenz/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine (EFV/TDF/FTC) <i>Atripla</i> | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime | Not recommended if CrCl <50 mL/min. Instead, use the individual component ARVs and adjust TDF and FTC doses according to CrCl level. | No dose recommendation; use with caution in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| Efavirenz 600 mg/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine (EFV/TDF/3TC) <i>Symfi</i> | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime | Not recommended if CrCl <50 mL/min or if patient is on HD. Instead, use the individual component ARVs and adjust TDF and 3TC doses according to CrCl level. | Not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment. Use with caution in patients with mild hepatic impairment. |
| Efavirenz 400 mg/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Lamivudine (EFV/TDF/3TC) <i>Symfi Lo</i> | One tablet PO once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime | Not recommended if CrCl <50 mL/min or if patient is on HD. Instead, use the individual component ARVs and adjust TDF and 3TC doses according to CrCl level. | Not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment. Use with caution in patients with mild hepatic impairment. |
| Etravirine (ETR) <i>Intence</i> | ETR 200 mg PO twice daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|---|--|--|---|
| Nevirapine (NVP) <i>Viramune</i> <i>Viramune XR</i> | NVP 200 mg PO twice daily <i>or</i> NVP 400 mg PO once daily (using Viramune XR formulation) | No dose adjustment for patients with renal impairment. Patients on HD should receive an additional dose of NVP 200 mg following each dialysis treatment. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class B or C:</i> Contraindicated |
| Rilpivirine (RPV PO) <i>Edurant</i> | RPV 25 mg PO once daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |
| Rilpivirine IM plus Cabotegravir IM (RPV IM and CAB IM) <i>Cabenuva</i> | Monthly Dosing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading dose: RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose and CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose • Continuation phase: RPV 600 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks and CAB 400 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks Every 2-Month Dosing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading dose: RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM and CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM monthly for 2 doses • Continuation phase: RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM and CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM every 2 months | No dose adjustment necessary for mild or moderate renal impairment. For patients with severe renal impairment or on HD, increase monitoring for adverse events. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No recommendation |
| Rilpivirine/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine (RPV/TAF/FTC) <i>Odefsey</i> | One tablet PO once daily | In Patients on Chronic HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tablet once daily. On HD days, administer after dialysis. Not recommended in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min who are not receiving chronic HD. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|--|--|---|
| Rilpivirine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine (RPV/TDF/FTC) <i>Complera</i> | One tablet PO once daily | Not recommended if CrCl <50 mL/min. Instead, use the individual component ARVs and adjust TDF and FTC doses according to CrCl level. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |
| Rilpivirine/Dolutegravir (RPV/DTG) <i>Juluca</i> | One tablet PO once daily with food | No dose adjustment necessary. In patients with CrCl <30 mL/min, monitor closely for adverse effects. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |
| PIs | | | |
| Atazanavir (ATV) <i>Reyataz</i> | ATV 400 mg PO once daily <i>or</i> (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily | No dose adjustment for patients with renal dysfunction who do not require HD. In ARV-Naive Patients on HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ATV 300 mg plus RTV 100 mg) once daily In ARV-Experienced Patients on HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATV and ATV/r are not recommended | <i>Child-Pugh Class A:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class B:</i> ATV 300 mg once daily (unboosted) for ARV-naive patients only <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not recommended RTV boosting is not recommended in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| Atazanavir/Cobicistat (ATV/c) <i>Evotaz</i> | One tablet PO once daily | If Used with TDF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not recommended if CrCl <70 mL/min | Not recommended in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| Darunavir (DRV) <i>Prezista</i> | In ARV-Naive Patients and ARV-Experienced Patients with No DRV Resistance Mutations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (DRV 800 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO once daily with food In ARV-Experienced Patients with at Least One DRV Resistance Mutation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (DRV 600 mg plus RTV 100 mg) PO twice daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>In Patients with Mild-to-Moderate Hepatic Impairment:</i> No dose adjustment <i>In Patients with Severe Hepatic Impairment:</i> Not recommended |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|---|--|---|
| Darunavir/Cobicistat (DRV/c) Prezcobix | One tablet PO once daily | If Used with TDF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not recommended if CrCl <70 mL/min | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not recommended |
| Darunavir/Cobicistat/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine (DRV/c/TAF/FTC) Symtuza | One tablet PO once daily | In Patients on Chronic HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One tablet once daily. On HD days, administer after dialysis. Not recommended in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min who are not receiving chronic HD. | Not recommended for patients with severe hepatic impairment. |
| Lopinavir/Ritonavir (LPV/r) Kaletra | (LPV/r 400 mg/100 mg) PO twice daily <i>or</i> (LPV/r 800 mg/200 mg) PO once daily | Avoid once-daily dosing in patients on HD. | No dose recommendation; use with caution in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| Ritonavir (RTV) Norvir | As a PI-Boosting Agent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTV 100–400 mg PO per day | No dose adjustment necessary. | Refer to recommendations for the primary (i.e., boosted) PI. |
| INSTIs | | | |
| Bictegravir/Tenofovir Alafenamide/Emtricitabine (BIC/TAF/FTC) Biktarvy | One tablet PO once daily | In Patients on Chronic HD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One tablet once daily. On HD days, administer after dialysis. Patients receiving chronic HD should be virologically suppressed before Biktarvy is initiated. Not recommended in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min who are not receiving chronic HD. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not recommended |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>Cabotegravir (CAB PO) <i>Vocabria</i></p> | <p>Treatment (As Optional Oral Lead-In or As Oral Bridging)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAB 30 mg PO once daily, given with RPV 25 mg PO, with food before switching to CAB IM and RPV IM <p>Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (Optional Oral Lead-In)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAB 30 mg PO once daily before switching to CAB IM | <p>No dose adjustment necessary.</p> | <p><i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment</p> <p><i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No recommendation</p> |
| <p>Cabotegravir (CAB IM) <i>Apretude</i></p> | <p>Pre-exposure Prophylaxis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading dose: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM monthly for 2 doses Continuation phase: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM every 2 months | <p>No dose adjustment necessary.</p> | <p><i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment</p> <p><i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No recommendation</p> |
| <p>Cabotegravir IM plus Rilpivirine IM (CAB IM plus RPV IM) <i>Cabenuva</i></p> | <p>Monthly Dosing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading dose: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM × 1 dose Continuation phase: CAB 400 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks and RPV 600 mg/2 mL IM every 4 weeks <p>Every 2-Month Dosing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading dose: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM monthly for 2 doses Continuation phase: CAB 600 mg/3 mL IM and RPV 900 mg/3 mL IM every 2 months | <p>No dose adjustment necessary for mild or moderate renal impairment.</p> <p>For patients with severe renal impairment or on HD, increase monitoring for adverse events.</p> | <p><i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment</p> <p><i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No recommendation</p> |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|--|--|--|
| Dolutegravir (DTG) <i>Tivicay</i> | DTG 50 mg PO once daily <i>or</i> DTG 50 mg PO twice daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not recommended |
| Dolutegravir/Abacavir/ Lamivudine (DTG/ABC/3TC) <i>Triumeq</i> | One tablet PO once daily | Not recommended if CrCl <30 mL/min. Instead, use the individual component drugs and adjust 3TC dose according to CrCl. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A:</i> Patients with mild hepatic impairment require a dose reduction of ABC. Use the individual drugs instead of the FDC tablet in these patients. <i>Child-Pugh Class B or C:</i> Contraindicated due to the ABC component |
| Dolutegravir/Lamivudine (DTG/3TC) <i>Dovato</i> | One tablet PO once daily | Not recommended if CrCl <30 mL/min. Instead, use the individual component drugs and adjust 3TC dose according to CrCl. | <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> Not recommended |
| Dolutegravir/Rilpivirine (DTG/RPV) <i>Juluca</i> | One tablet PO once daily with food | No dose adjustment necessary. In patients with CrCl <30 mL/min, monitor closely for adverse effects. | <i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment <i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No dose recommendation |
| Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/ Tenofovir Alafenamide/ Emtricitabine (EVG/c/TAF/FTC) <i>Genvoya</i> | One tablet PO once daily | In Patients on Chronic HD • One tablet once daily. On HD days, administer after dialysis. Not recommended in patients with CrCl <30 mL/min who are not receiving chronic HD. | <i>In Patients with Mild-to-Moderate Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> No dose adjustment necessary <i>In Patients with Severe Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> Not recommended |
| Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/ Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/Emtricitabine (EVG/c/TDF/FTC) <i>Stribild</i> | One tablet PO once daily | EVG/c/TDF/FTC should not be initiated in patients with CrCl <70 mL/min. Discontinue EVG/c/TDF/FTC if CrCl declines to <50 mL/min while patient is on therapy. | <i>In Patients with Mild-to-Moderate Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> No dose adjustment necessary <i>In Patients with Severe Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> Not recommended |

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| Generic Name (Abbreviation) Trade Name | Usual Dose ^a | Dosing in Adults with Renal Insufficiency | Dosing in Adults with Hepatic Impairment |
|--|--|---|---|
| Raltegravir (RAL) <i>Isentress</i> <i>Isentress HD</i> | RAL 400 mg PO twice daily (using Isentress formulation) <i>or</i> RAL 1,200 mg PO once daily (using Isentress HD formulation only) | No dose adjustment necessary. | <i>In Patients with Mild-to-Moderate Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> No dose adjustment necessary <i>In Patients with Severe Hepatic Insufficiency:</i> No recommendation |
| Fusion Inhibitor | | | |
| Enfuvirtide (T-20) <i>Fuzeon</i> | T-20 90 mg SQ twice daily | No dose adjustment necessary. | No dose adjustment necessary. |
| CCR5 Antagonist | | | |
| Maraviroc (MVC) <i>Selzentry</i> | The recommended dose differs based on concomitant medications and potential for drug-drug interactions. See Appendix B, Table 8 for detailed dosing information. | In Patients with CrCl <30 mL/min or Patients Who Are on HD <i>Without Potent CYP3A Inhibitors or Inducers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVC 300 mg twice daily; if postural hypotension occurs, reduce to MVC 150 mg twice daily <i>With Potent CYP3A Inducers or Inhibitors</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not recommended | No dose recommendations. MVC concentrations will likely be increased in patients with hepatic impairment. |
| CD4 Post-Attachment Inhibitor | | | |
| Ibalizumab (IBA) <i>Trogarzo</i> | Loading dose: IBA 2,000 mg IV Maintenance dose: IBA 800 mg IV every 2 weeks | No dose adjustment recommended. | No recommendation. |
| gp-120 Attachment Inhibitor | | | |

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|--|--|---|---|
| Fostemsavir (FTR) <i>Rukobia</i> | FTR 600 mg PO twice daily | No dose adjustment recommended. | No dose adjustment recommended. |
| Capsid Inhibitor | | | |
| Lenacapavir (LEN) <i>Sunlenca</i> | <p>Initiation Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1: 927 mg SQ x 1 dose plus 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 2: 600 mg PO x 1 dose <p>Initiation Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1: 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 2: 600 mg PO x 1 dose Day 8: 300 mg PO x 1 dose Day 15: 927 mg SQ x 1 dose <p>Maintenance Dosing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 927 mg by SQ injection every 6 months from the date of the last injection (+/-2 weeks) | No dose adjustment recommended. | <p><i>Child-Pugh Class A or B:</i> No dose adjustment</p> <p><i>Child-Pugh Class C:</i> No recommendation</p> |

^a Refer to Appendix B, Tables 1–10 for additional dosing information.

^b The prescribing information for emtricitabine (Emtriva) recommends a dose of 200 mg every 96 hours for patients with CrCl <15 mL/min or on hemodialysis. However, the prescribing information for several FDC products that contain emtricitabine (including Descovy, Biktarvy, Genvoya, and Odefsey) recommends that the standard dose (emtricitabine 200 mg) can be given once daily in these patients (i.e., on the days of hemodialysis, administer standard dose after completion of dialysis). The recommendation in this table incorporates the dosing guidance from the FDC products.

^c The prescribing information for lamivudine (Epivir) recommends dosage adjustment from 300 mg once daily to 150 mg once daily for patients with CrCl 30–49 mL/min. However, the prescribing information for several FDC products that contain lamivudine (including Epzicom, Dovato, and Triumeq) recommends no dose adjustment for CrCl 30–49 mL/min. The recommendation in this table incorporates the dosing guidance from the FDC products.

Key: 3TC = lamivudine; ABC = abacavir; ATV = atazanavir; ATV/c = atazanavir/cobicistat; ATV/r = atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC = bictegravir; CAB = cabotegravir; COBI = cobicistat; CrCl = creatinine clearance; CYP = cytochrome P; DOR = doravirine; DRV = darunavir; DRV/c = darunavir/cobicistat; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; ESRD = end stage renal disease; ETR = etravirine; EVG = elvitegravir; EVG/c = elvitegravir/cobicistat; FDC = fixed-dose combination; FTC = emtricitabine; FTR = Fostemsavir; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HD = hemodialysis; IBA = ibalizumab; IM = intramuscular; INSTI = integrase strand transfer inhibitor; IV = intravenous; LEN = lenacapavir; LPV = lopinavir; LPV/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; MVC = maraviroc; NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; NVP = nevirapine; PI = protease inhibitor; PO = orally; RAL = raltegravir;

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RPV = rilpivirine; RTV = ritonavir; SQ = subcutaneous; T-20 = enfuvirtide; TAF = tenofovir alafenamide; TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; XR = extended release

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| Creatinine Clearance Calculation | |
|---|---|
| Male: $\frac{(140 - \text{age in years}) \times \text{weight in kg}}{72 \times \text{serum creatinine}}$ | Female: $\frac{(140 - \text{age in years}) \times \text{weight in kg} \times 0.85}{72 \times \text{serum creatinine}}$ |

| Child-Pugh Score | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Component | Points Scored | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Encephalopathy ^a | None | Grade 1–2 | Grade 3–4 |
| Ascites | None | Mild or controlled by diuretics | Moderate or refractory despite diuretics |
| Albumin | >3.5 g/dL | 2.8–3.5 g/dL | <2.8 g/dL |
| Total Bilirubin, <i>or</i> | <2 mg/dL (<34 μmol/L) | 2–3 mg/dL (34–50 μmol/L) | >3 mg/dL (>50 μmol/L) |
| Modified Total Bilirubin ^b | <4 mg/dL | 4–7 mg/dL | >7 mg/dL |
| Prothrombin Time (Seconds Prolonged), <i>or</i> | <4 | 4–6 | >6 |
| International Normalized Ratio (INR) | <1.7 | 1.7–2.3 | >2.3 |

^a Encephalopathy Grades

Grade 1: Mild confusion, anxiety, restlessness, fine tremor, slowed coordination

Grade 2: Drowsiness, disorientation, asterixis

Grade 3: Somnolent but rousable, marked confusion, incomprehensible speech, incontinence, hyperventilation

Grade 4: Coma, decerebrate posturing, flaccidity

^b Modified total bilirubin is used for patients who have Gilbert’s syndrome or who are taking atazanavir.

| Child-Pugh Classification | Total Child-Pugh Score ^a |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Class A | 5–6 points |
| Class B | 7–9 points |
| Class C | >9 points |

^a Sum of points for each component of the Child-Pugh Score.