

Treating HIV in 2020 — Interactive Cases From the Clinic(ians)

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Learning Objectives

After attending this presentation, learners will be able to select antiretroviral therapy in patients who :

- Are starting initial therapy
- Are Elite Controllers
- Are debating between starting TDF or TAF
- Are pregnant
- Have persistent low-level viremia
- Have M184V at baseline
- Have a slow CD4 count response to Rx

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Question

Seems like we are now starting ARV therapy for about everyone, what about starting therapy immediately at time of diagnosis?

Case 1

- 30 yo male was diagnosed with HIV infection 4 hours ago in the ER
- Asymptomatic
- **Initial:** No Viral Load, CD4, Resistance Data, or HLA-B57 neg
- Other labs are normal
WBC 3800 / Lymphocytes 20%
- No prior medical history.
- Ok to start therapy if you think he should

ARS Question 1: When would you choose to start therapy?

1. Right now in the ED
2. Within 1 - 2 days (outpt Clinic)
3. In the next 2 weeks (outpt Clinic)
4. Within 2 – 4 weeks
5. Some other option

Question

What regimen should I use as initial therapy for this patient?

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ARS Question 2: At this point which regimen would you choose?

1. TDF / 3TC / low dose (400mg) EFV (fdc; generic)
2. ABC/ 3TC / DTG (fdc)
3. TAF/ FTC (fdc) + DTG
4. DTG + 3TC
5. TAF / FTC/ ELV / co bi (fdc)
6. TAF/ FTC / BIC (fdc)
7. TAF / FTC (fdc) + RAL (once daily)
8. TAF / FTC / RPV (fdc)
9. TAF/ FTC (fdc) + DRV/r (or co bi / fdc)
10. Some other option (e.g., DRV/r + DTG or ...)

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Question

What regimen should I use as initial therapy?

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Case 2

- 48 yo male presents with newly diagnosed HIV infection
- Asymptomatic
- **Initial:** HIV RNA 28,000 c/ml
CD4 count 650 cells/ul
- Other labs are normal
- Genotype is Wild-type virus
- No prior medical history. Normal renal function
- Ok to start therapy if you think he should

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ARS Question 3: At this point which regimen would you choose?

1. TDF / 3TC / low dose (400mg) EFV (fdc; generic)
2. ABC/ 3TC / DTG (fdc)
3. TAF/ FTC (fdc) + DTG
4. TAF / FTC/ ELV / coBI (fdc)
5. TAF/ FTC / BIC (fdc)
6. 3TC/DTG (fdc)
7. TAF / FTC / RPV (fdc)
8. TAF/ FTC (fdc) + DRV/r (or coBI / fdc)
9. Some other option (e.g., DRV/r + DTG or ...)

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ARS Question 4: Would you use TAF or TDF with an InSTI?

1. TAF
2. TDF
3. Either

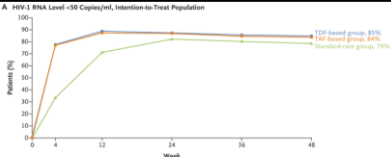
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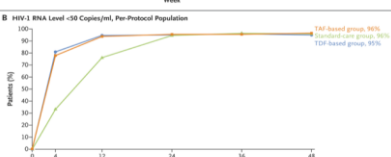
DTG/TAF/FTC
vs
DTG/TDF/FTC
vs
EFV/TDF/FTC

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A HIV-1 RNA Level <50 Copies/mL, Intention-to-Treat Population



B HIV-1 RNA Level <50 Copies/mL, Per-Protocol Population





Adverse Event

TAF-Based Group (N=352)

Adverse event leading to discontinuation of trial regimen — no. of patients

Elevated liver enzymes

Neuropsychiatric disorders, including dizziness

Rash

Renal disorder

Most common grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormalities — no. of patients

Elevated γ -glutamyltransferase

Elevated aspartate aminotransferase

Abnormal creatinine clearance

Low hemoglobin

New obesity — no./total no. (%)

Male patients

Female patients

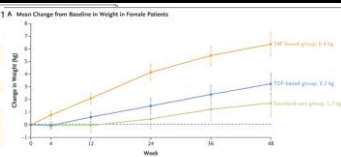
New underweight — no./total no. (%)**

Male patients

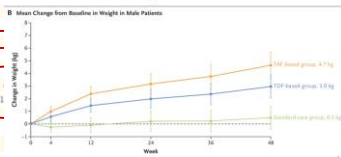
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1 A Mean Change from Baseline in Weight in Female Patients



B Mean Change from Baseline in Weight in Male Patients





Renal Toxicity

Boosted

Events Total Events Total Weight M-H, Random, 95% CI

GS-US-292-0102

EMERALD

GS-US-292-0109

GS-US-292-0111 and GS-US-292-0104 pooled

GS-US-299-0102

GS-US-311-1089

ANRS

Subtotal (95% CI)

Total events

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 0.00$, $df = 6$ ($P = 0.84$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.51$ ($P = 0.61$)

Un-boosted

Events Total Events Total Weight M-H, Random, 95% CI

GS-US-366-1160

GS-US-366-1216

GS-US-320-0108 and GS-US-320-0110

Subtotal (95% CI)

Total events

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 0.00$, $df = 2$ ($P = 1.00$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.42$ ($P = 0.67$)

Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 0.09$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.77$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Total (95% CI)

Total events

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 2.47$, $df = 9$ ($P = 0.98$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.42$ ($P = 0.67$)

Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 0.09$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.77$); $I^2 = 0\%$

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Hill et al. J Viral Erad 1976-2018, updated

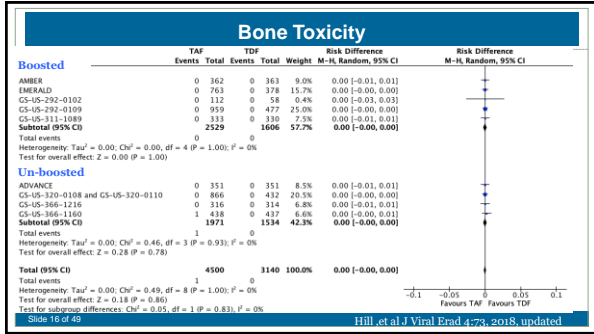
Risk Difference

M-H, Random, 95% CI

Favours TAF Favours TDF

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Question

Does InSTI therapy cause weight gain?

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Case 3

- 47 yo female starts on BIC/FTC/TAF 12 months ago from her original ARV regimen (TDF/FTC/DRV/r)
- Diagnosed 4 years ago
- **Initial:** HIV RNA 28,000 c/ml (Wildtype virus)
CD4 count 450 cells/uL
- **Current:** HIV RNA <20 c/mL / CD4+ count 930 /uL
- Since starting her current regimen her weight has increased from **145 lbs to 171 lbs**

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ARS Question 5: At this point you would

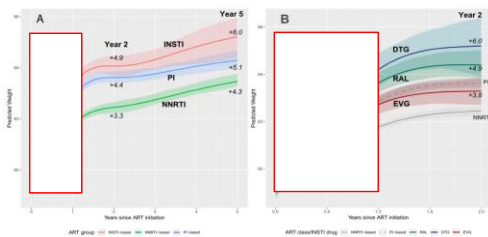
1. **Keep her on her current Rx (TAF/FTC/BIC)**
Or Switch her to:
2. TDF / FTC (fdc) / DRV/r
3. TAF / FTC / DRV/c (fdc)
4. TDF / FTC / RPV (fdc)
5. DTG / RLP (fdc)
6. TAF / FTC / ATV/c
7. Some other option

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Change in Weight Overtime – NA-ACCORD

Bourgi et al CROI 2019

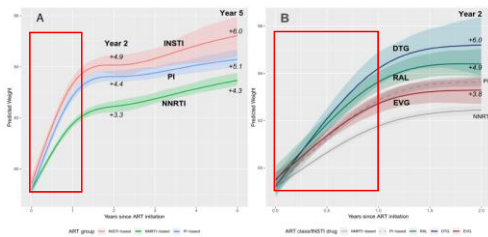
INSTI distribution: 4,740 Total; 1,681 (35%) RAL; 2,124 (45%) EVG; 935 (20%) DTG



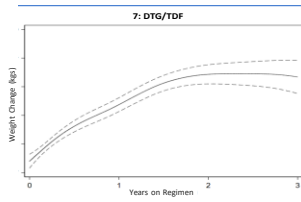
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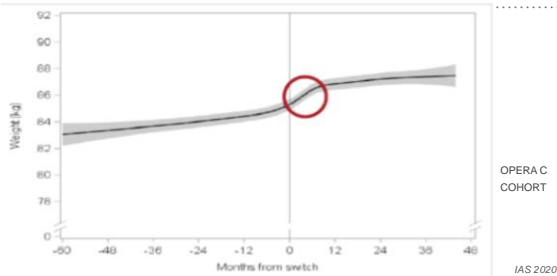
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GAM PLOT: CHANGE IN WEIGHT IN KG OVER TIME



WEIGHT GAIN AFTER SWITCH FROM TDF TO TAF



Question

What regimen should I use as initial therapy in a pregnant patient?

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Case 4

- 30 yo female presents with newly diagnosed HIV infection
- Asymptomatic, 2.5 months pregnant
- **Initial:** HIV RNA 28,000 c/ml
CD4 count 650 cells/ul
- Other labs are normal; HLA-B57 neg
- Genotype is Wild-type virus
- No prior medical history. First pregnancy
- Ok to start therapy if you think she should

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ARS Question 6: At this point which regimen would you choose?

1. TDF / FTC / EFV (fdc)
2. ABC/ 3TC / DTG (fdc)
3. TAF / FTC/ ELV / coBI (fdc)
4. TDF / FTC / RPV (fdc)
5. TAF/ 3TC (fdc) / DTG (fdc)
6. TDF/ FTC (fdc) / DRV/r (or coBI / fdc)
7. TAF/ FTC / ATV/r (or coBI / fdc)
8. TDF / FTC / ATV/r (or coBI / fdc)
9. Some other option

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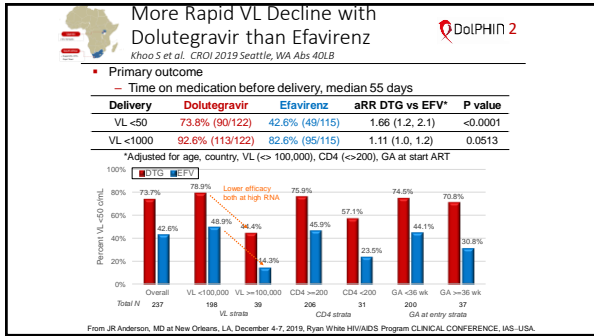
Prospective Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry (APR): Integrase Inhibitors (InSTI) and Neural Tube Defects (NTD) *Albano J et al. CROI 2019 Seattle, WA Abs. 747*

- 1,193 live births with InSTI exposure at any time in pregnancy; 604 periconceptional exposure, including 174 DTG, 186 EVG, 244 RAL.
- 2 CNS defect cases were reported with InSTI exposure at any time (both DTG, one 1st trimester, one 2nd/3rd trimester).
- There were **no NTD** among **prospective cases** for any InSTI drug.

| | Earliest Trimester of Exposure – Prospective Cases | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Periconception Defects/live birth | 1 st Trimester Defects/live birth | 2 nd /3 rd Trimester Defects/live birth |
| Exposure to any InSTI | 16/604 (2.6%) | 4/135 (3.0%) | 17/452 (3.8%) |
| Dolutegravir | 6/174 (3.4%) | 2/55 (3.6%) | 4/137 (2.9%) |
| Eltigravir | 5/186 (2.7%) | 0/27 (0%) | 0/57 (0%) |
| Raltegravir | 5/244 (2.0%) | 4/68 (5.9%) | 13/290 (4.5%) |

No InSTI fully defined
CNS: 2 (1) microcephaly – neural migration disorder with periconception DTG; 1 (1) microcephaly with 2nd/3rd trimester DTG exposure
Face, ear, neck, limb: 2 (1) Microcephaly
Chest: 1 (1) Microcephaly
Respiratory: 1 (1) Microcephaly
Cardiac/Circulatory: 1 (1) Microcephaly
Lower GI: 1 (1) Microcephaly
Other organ systems: 1 (1) Microcephaly
Specified syndromes: 1 (1) Microcephaly

From: JR Anderson, MD at New Orleans, LA, December 4-7, 2019, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program CLINICAL CONFERENCE, IAS-USA.



Recommendations of Perinatal Guidelines
 Panel: DTG (November 2019)

- **DTG is a preferred INSTI for ART-naïve women irrespective of trimester**
 - For pregnant women receiving DTG and present to care in 1st trimester, counsel about risks/benefits of continuing DTG vs switch to alternative regimen. In most cases, continuation of DTG is recommended (AIII)
 - NTDs may have already occurred
 - Additional risk of NTD may be small, depending on current GA
 - Background risk of NTD (0.06% in US)
 - Changes in ART, even in 1st trimester, may increase risk of viral rebound
- DTG +TDF/FTC is recommended with acute HIV in pregnancy
- DTG is an alternative agent for women trying to conceive

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Question

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Case 5

- 30 yo male was diagnosed with HIV infection 7 years ago
- Asymptomatic
- **Initial:** HIV RNA < 50 c/ml (HIV DNA positive)
CD4 count 870 cells/ul
- Other labs are normal; HLA-B57 neg
- Genotype determined from DNA is wild-type
- No prior medical history.
- Ok to start therapy if you think he should

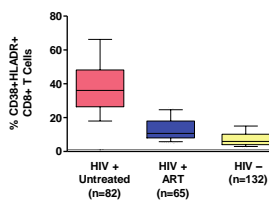
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ARS Question 7: Would you choose to start therapy at this time?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Maybe

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T cell "activation" is lower in treated than untreated adults, but consistently higher than "normal"



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Hunt et al. *JID* 2003, *PLoS ONE* 2011 and unpublished

Question

What do I do with a patient who has persistently detectable viremia?

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Case 6

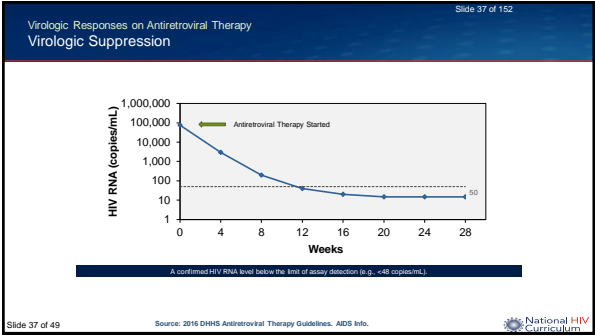
- 55 yo male referred to you for evaluation
- Diagnosed 18 years ago with HIV infection
- **Initial:** HIV RNA 936,000c/ml
CD4 count 70 cells/ul
- **Current:** HIV RNA 85 c/ml (prior value 62 c/ml)
CD4 count 525 cells/ul
- Started on NEL/D4T/3TC; subsequently treated with
 - LOP-r / TDF/FTC,
 - EFV/ FTC/ TDF (fdc),
 - Now **DTG / DRVc / 3TC**
- No historical resistance tests are available

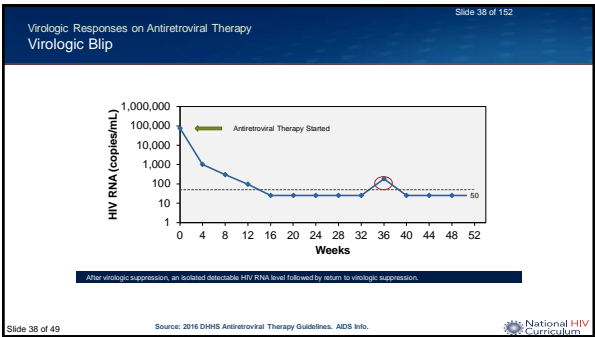
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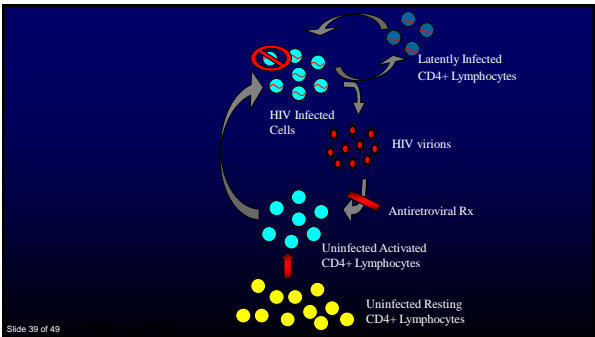
ARS Question 8: Should you change ARV therapy now?

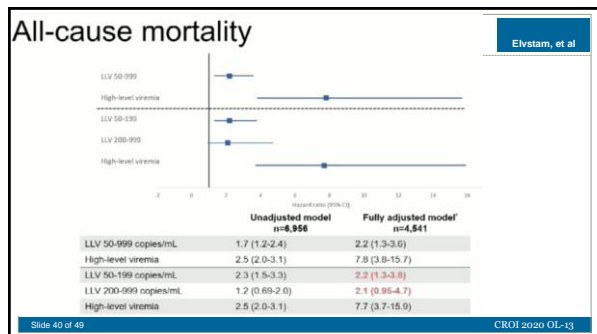
1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

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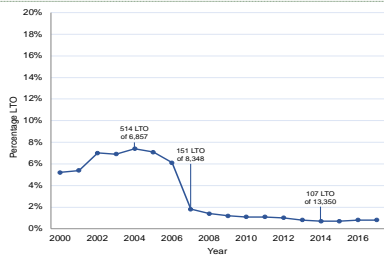


Question

How do I manage a heavily experienced patient who is experiencing virologic failure ?

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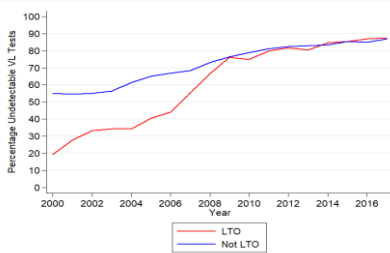
Prevalence of Patients with Limited Treatment Options



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Crane et al, IAS 2019

Virologic Success in Those with or without LTO



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Crane et al, IAS 2019

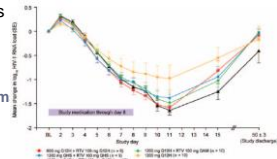
Discussion

- Confirm the virologic failure
- Explore all prior regimens and resistance tests
- Identify 2 fully active drugs (if possible)
 - Use Dolutegravir (50 mg) twice daily
 - Some form of Tenofovir (as long as no K65R)
 - Boosted darunavir
 - 3TC or FTC (despite resistance)
 - » Ibalizumab
 - » Fostemsavir

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Fostemsavir (FTR): Oral HIV Attachment Inhibitor

- Prodrug of **temsavir (TMR)**
- Inhibits CD4 binding by **binding to gp120**
- PK suggests daily dosing without boosting
- Phase 1 dose-escalation over 8 days
 - 5 doses (4 with RTV)
 - up to 1.5 log cps/ml ↓
 - ↓ baseline susceptibility in 12% of pts due to envelope polymorphism



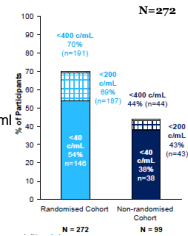
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Nettles JID 2012;206:1002

Fostemsavir (FTR): BRIGHT (Phase 3)

Heavily rx-experienced (1-2 remaining ART classes)
NOT screened for susceptibility

- Randomized to FTR 600 mg bid or placebo
 - Those with no remaining ART classes non-randomized)
- Day 8 (primary endpoint):
 - mean HIV RNA Δ: -0.2 log (placebo) vs. -0.8 cps/ml (FTR) (p<0.0001)
- Then, optimized background ART
 - wk 48: VL <40: 54% (randomized) vs. 38% (non-randomized)
- Approved July 2020



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Aberg/Ackerman Glasgow 2018, #344

Conclusions

- ARV therapy should be initiated with an InSTI-based regimen (unless otherwise indicated), as close to time of Dx as possible
- Do not change Rx in setting of low-level viremia
- Do not change Rx in setting of low CD4 count response
- DTG is drug of choice in (most) pregnant women (GIVE FOLATE)
- Weight gain is associated with initiation of ARV Rx, with more weight gain observed in InSTI- and TAF-containing regimens
- Use two active drugs (if possible) in treating Virologic Failure

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Question-and-Answer Session
