HIV – when and what to start – antiretroviral therapy principles

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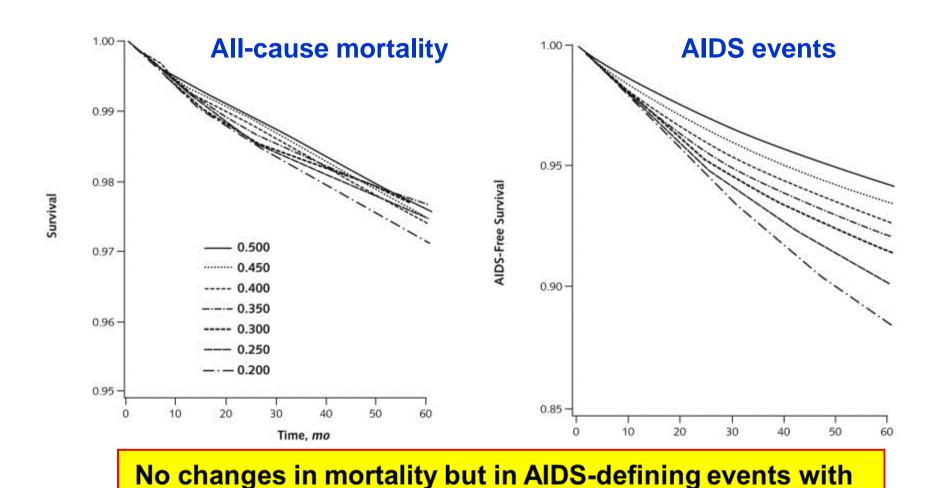




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5-year outcome by CD4 at starting ART



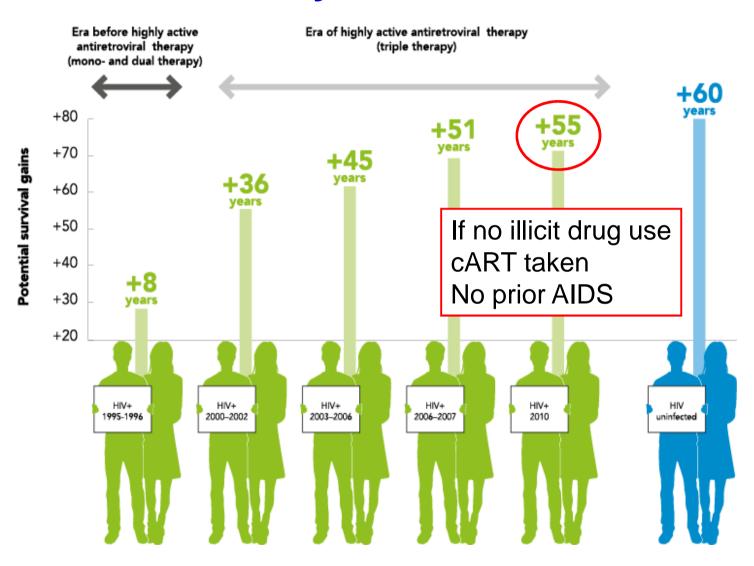
starting ART at increasing CD4 (>450 cells/µl)

Cain et al., Ann Intern Med, 2011:154:509-115

International Guidelines 2014 when to start

Guideline	AIDS or HIV- related symptoms	Asymptomatic CD4 cell count		
		<350	350-500	>500
EACS	Yes	Yes	Consider	Consider
US DHHS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IAS-USA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WHO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not addressed

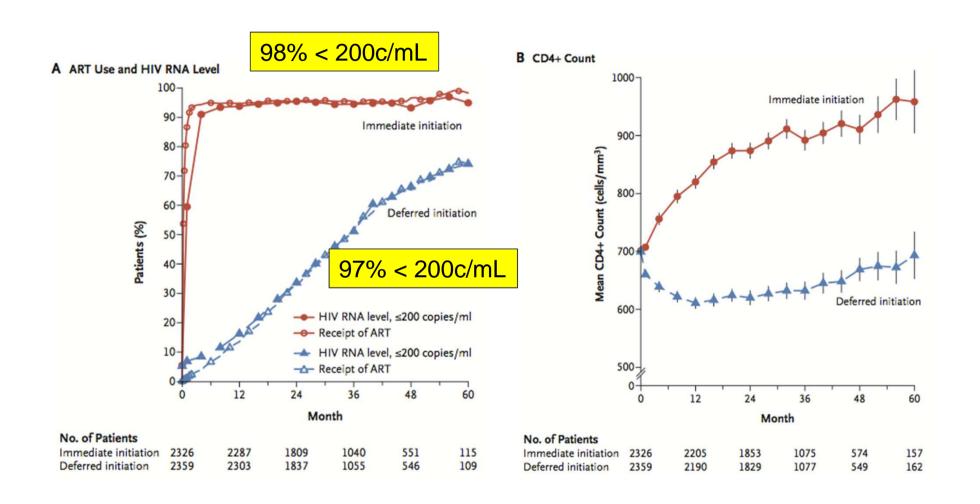
Mortality - almost no difference



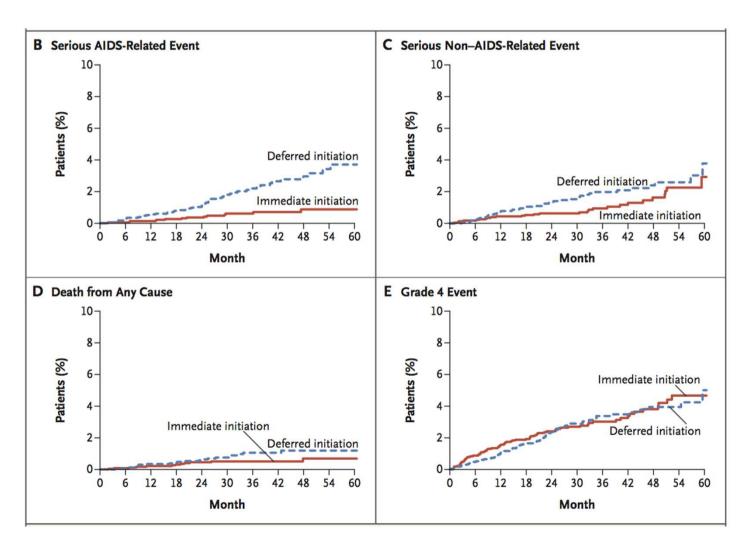
START: Immediate vs Deferred Therapy for Asymptomatic, ART-Naive Pts

- Composite primary endpoint: any serious AIDS-related (AIDS-related death or AIDS-defining event) or non-AIDS-related event (non-AIDS-related death, CVD, end-stage renal disease, decompensated liver disease, non-AIDS-defining cancer)
- Mean follow-up: 3 yrs; median baseline CD4+ cell count: 651 cells/mm³; median baseline HIV-1 RNA: 12,759 copies/mL
- Median CD4+ cell count at initiation of ART for deferred group: 408 cells/mm³

ART, HIV RNA and CD4 course



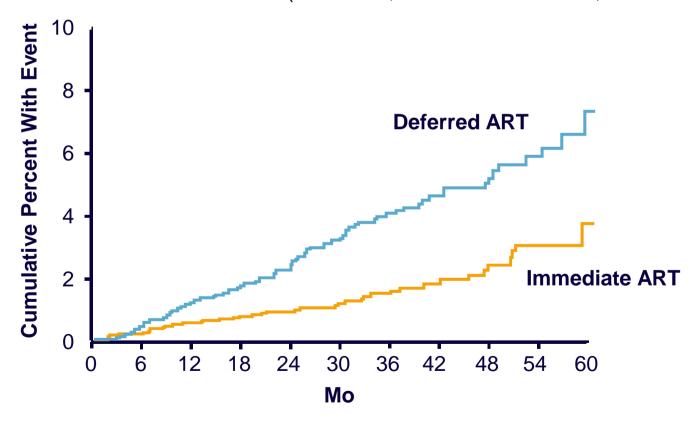
Events / Death



INSIGHT START Study Group. N Engl J Med. 2015; Lundgren J, et al. IAS 2015

START: 57% Reduced Risk of Serious Events or Death With Immediate ART

 4.1% vs 1.8% in deferred vs immediate arms experienced serious AIDS or non-AIDS—related event or death (HR: 0.43; 95% CI: 0.30-0.62; P < .001)



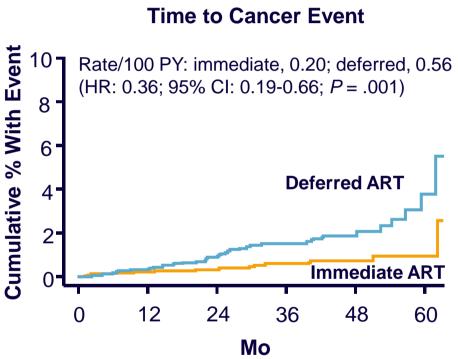
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START: Primary Endpoint Components With Immediate vs Deferred ART

Endpoint	Immediate ART (n = 2326)		Deferred ART (n = 2359)		HR · (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
	N	Rate/100 PY	N	Rate/100 PY	(93 /6 01)	
Serious AIDS-related event	14	0.20	50	0.72	0.28 (0.15-0.50)	< .001
Serious non-AIDS-related event	29	0.42	47	0.67	0.61 (0.38-0.97)	.04
All-cause death	12	0.17	21	0.30	0.58 (0.28-1.17)	.13
Tuberculosis	6	0.09	20	0.28	0.29 (0.12-0.73)	.008
Kaposi's sarcoma	1	0.01	11	0.16	0.09 (0.01-0.71)	.02
Malignant lymphoma	3	0.04	10	0.14	0.30 (0.08-1.10)	.07
Non-AIDS-defining cancer	9	0.13	18	0.26	0.50 (0.22-1.11)	.09
CVD	12	0.17	14	0.20	0.84 (0.39-1.81)	.65

START: Cancer Events With Immediate vs Deferred ART

Immediate ART (n = 2326)	Deferred ART (n = 2359)
14	39
1	11
3	10
2	3
2	2
1	2
1	2
4	9
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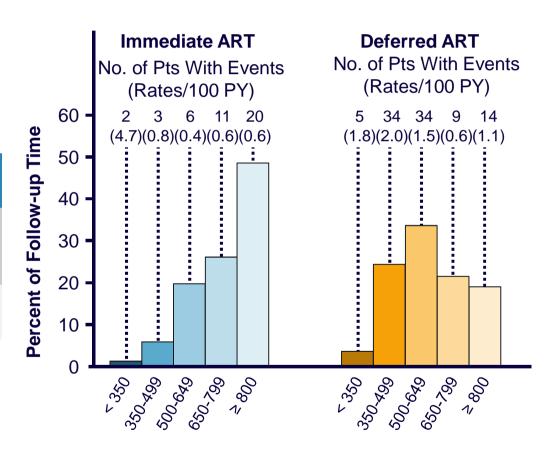


^{*}Immediate ART: squamous cell carcinoma, plasma cell myeloma, bladder cancer, fibrosarcoma. Deferred ART: gastric adenocarcinoma, breast cancer, ureteric cancer, malignant melanoma, myeloid leukemia, thyroid cancer, leiomyosarcoma, liver cancer, squamous cell carcinoma of head and neck.

START: Primary Endpoint Events by Latest CD4+ Cell Count

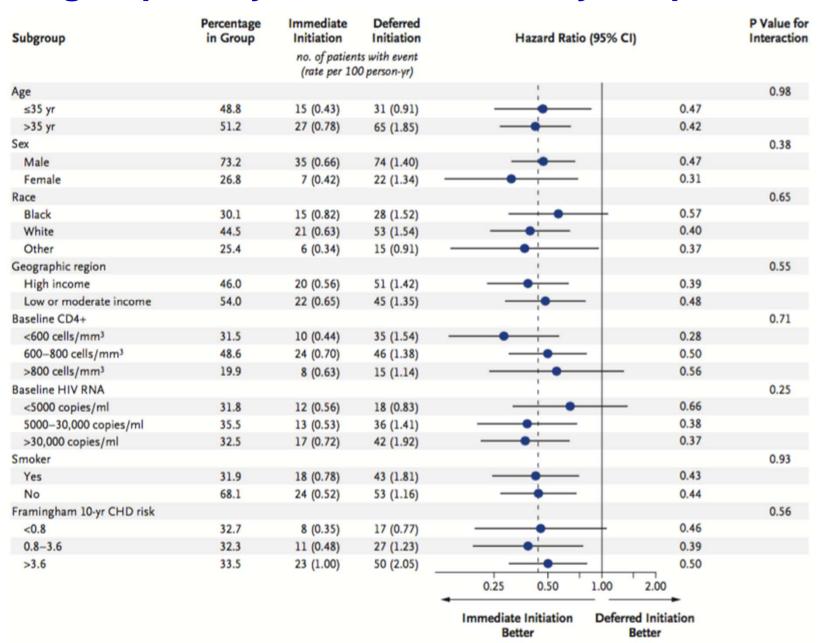
Latest CD4+ count > 500 cells/mm³

	Immediate ART	Deferred ART
Primary events, % (n/N)	88 (37/42)	59 (57/96)
Rate/100 PY	0.6	1.1



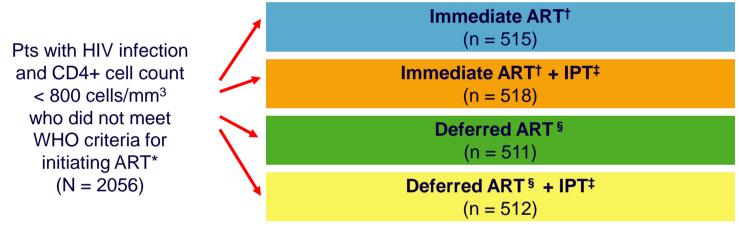
Latest CD4+ Cell Count (cells/mm³)

Subgroup Analyses for the Primary endpoint



TEMPRANO: Immediate or Deferred ART Initiation ± IPT for African Pts

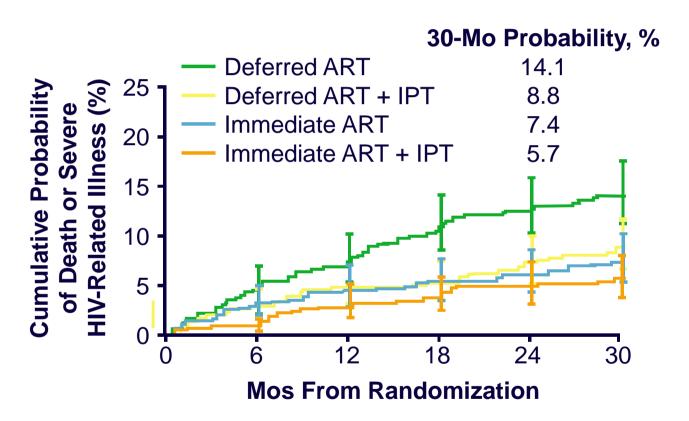
Randomized, controlled, unblinded, multicenter (Ivory Coast), 2 x 2 factorial



*WHO criteria evolved during the study (updates 2006, 2010, 2013). †ART initiated immediately following randomization. ‡IPT = 300 mg daily isoniazid initiated 1 mo after enrollment and terminated 7 mos after enrollment. §Deferred until meeting WHO criteria for initiating ART.

- Pts in the treatment arms well matched at baseline
 - First-line ART primarily EFV + TDF/FTC (68% to 71%) or LPV/RTV + TDF/FTC (22% to 24%)
- Median duration of follow-up: 29.9 mos

TEMPRANO: Immediate vs Deferred ART Initiation and IPT Delivery for African Pts



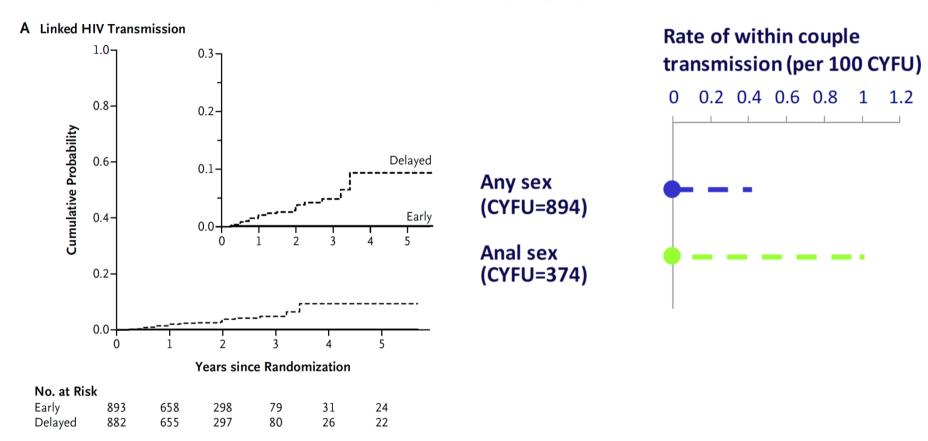
TB 42% and bacterial diseases 27% of primary endpoints

Conclusions

The initiation of antiretroviral therapy in HIV-positive adults with a CD4+ count of more than 500 cells per cubic millimeter provided net benefits over starting such therapy in patients after the CD4+ count had declined to 350 cells per cubic millimeter.

Symptomatic HIV disease (CDC B or C conditions, incl. tuberculosis)	Asymptomatic HIV infection	
Any CD4 count	Current C	D4 count ≥350
SR	SR	R

Impact of prevention of transmission on when to start



RCT: Delayed vs Early ART

1763 serodiscordant couples

→ 28 vs 1 transmissions*

* Not virologically suppressed

Cohen, New Engl J Med, 2011

Partner-study (longitudinal study)

→ Interim results after 984 elegible serodiscordant couple-years of FUP: HIV transmission rate of zero through condomless sex with HIV-RNA <200 c/mL on ART

Rodger et al., CROI 2014

Start at any CD4 vs < 350

- Reduction of Morbidity
 +++
- Reduction of Mortality +
- Prevention of Damage caused by Primary HIV Infection, especially with meningo-encephalitis
- Prevention if immunological Damage
- Well tolerated ARVs
- Lifetime duration versus short saving of drugs, approx 3 years

- Drug toxicity (+)
- Drug resistance +
- Number needed to treat high at early stage with high CD4

Primary HIV

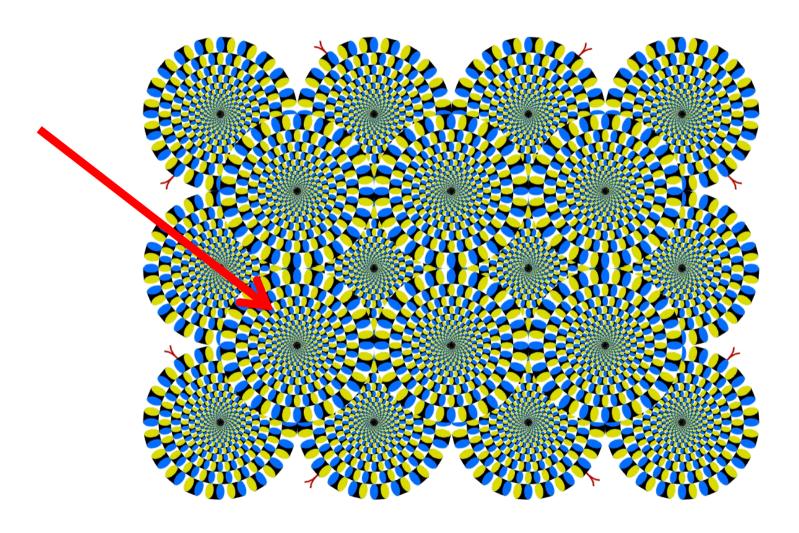
Pro ART

- Severity of acute symptoms; lower the VL set-point and size of the HIV DNA reservoir
- Reduce viral genetic evolution
- Reduce immune activation
- Preserve immune function
- Reduced risk of transmission
- Patients with PHI
 demonstrating symptoms of
 meningo-encephalitis should
 be treated urgently, if possible

Caveats

- Uncertain long-term clinical benefit
- Low likelihood of posttreatment control
- Treatment interruption leads to rebound of VL and inflammation markers
- Possible adverse consequences of long-term ART (toxicity, drug resistance)

Perception versus Reality



Is the patient ready for ART?

«I would like to talk about HIV medication»

... please wait ...

«What do you think about it?»

Patient Depression

Drug, alcohol addiction

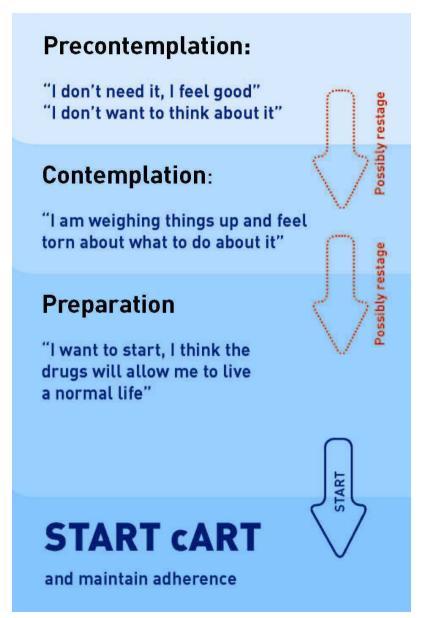
Cognitive problems

Low health literacy

System Health insurance

Continuity drug supply

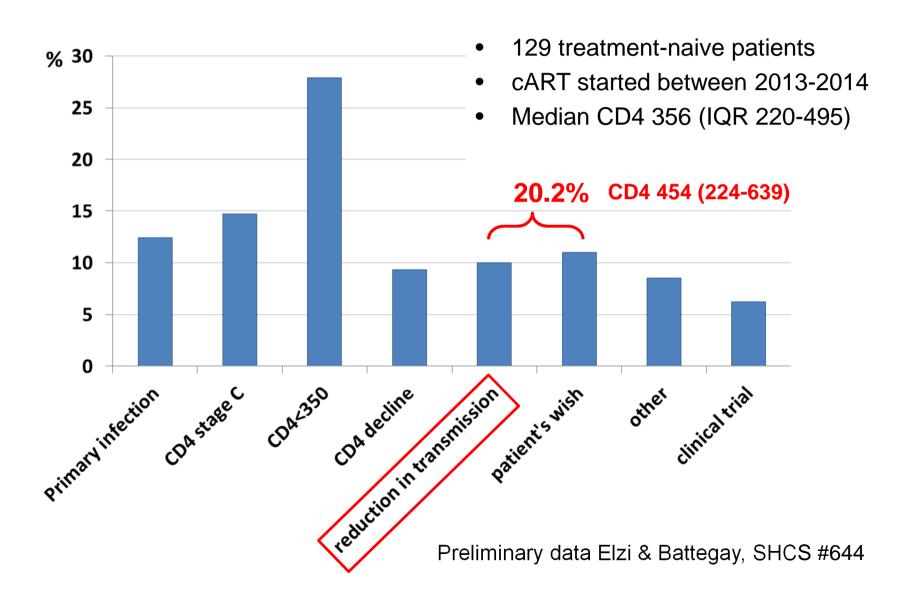
Low social support



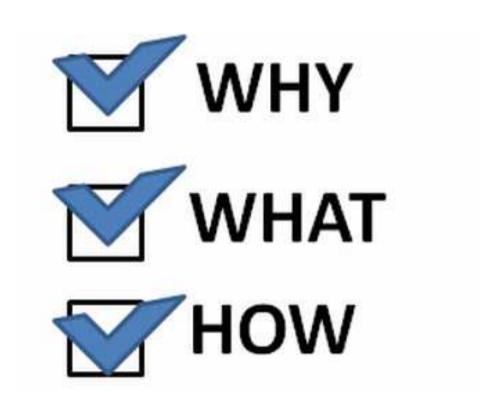
Fehr et al. Infection 2005, EACS Guidelines: www.eacsociety.org

Main reason for starting ART

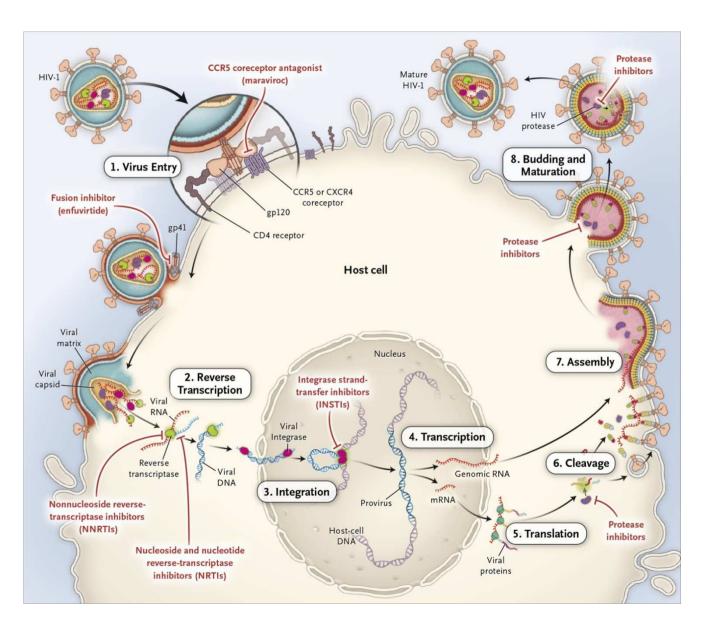




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HIV-1 Cycle and Sites of Action ART



What to start NNRTI

Efavirenz (EFV) Nevirapine (NVP) NRTI 2 NRTI + 1 NNRTI **Etravirine (ETV)** Rilpivirine (RPV) PI Abacavir (ABC) **Emtricitabine (FTC)** Atazanavir/r (ATV) 2 NRTI + 1 PI Lamivudine (3TC) Lopinavir/r (LPV) **Tenofovir (TDF)** Darunavir/r (DRV) Zidovudine (ZDV) 2 NRTI + 1 Int-Inh Integrase Inh. Raltegravir (RGV) **Elvitegravir (EVG)**

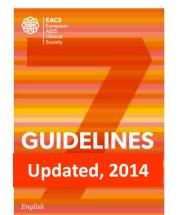
Dolutegravir (DGV)

EACS Guidelines 2014/15

Initial *recommended* regimens for ART-naive Adult HIV-positive persons

Class	Drug	Backbone
NNRTI	Efavirenz	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC
	Rilpivirine	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC
Boosted PI	Atazanavir/r	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC
	Darunavir/r	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC
INSTI	Elvitegravir/COBI	TDF-FTC
	Raltegravir	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC
	Dolutegravir	TDF-FTC or ABC-3TC

ABC contra-indicated if HLA B*5701 positive



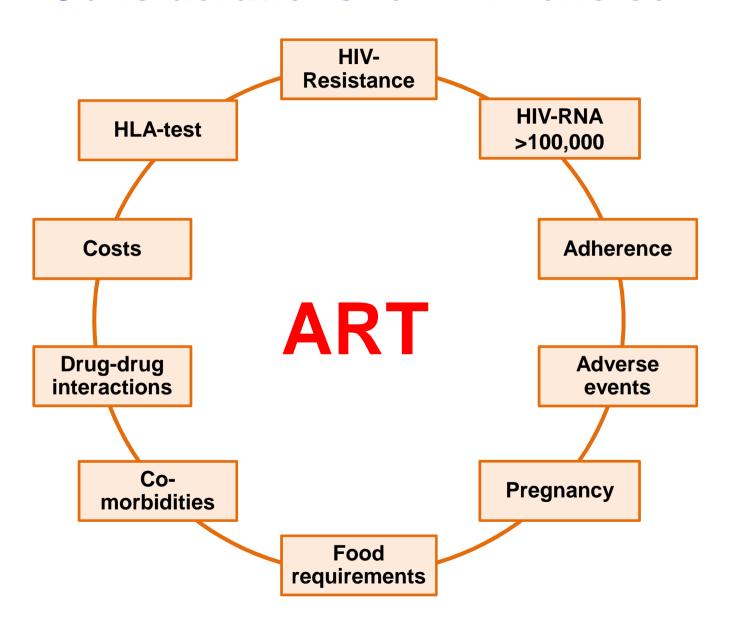
Newer antiretroviral drugs for HIV

	Rilpivirine	Elvitegravir/COBI	Dolutegravir
Study	Echo-Thrive Study	Study 102, 103	SPRING-2, SINGLE, FLAMINGO
Convenience	Small pill once-daily	Single tablet regimen	Small pill once-daily
Efficacy (HIV-RNA<50 at week 48, 96)	• Non-inferior to EFV if HIV-RNA <100,000 (84% vs 80%)	 Non-inferior to EFV (83% vs 82%) Non-inferior to ATV/r (84% vs 83%) 	 Non-inferior to RAL (81% vs 76%) Superior to EFV* (80% vs 72%) Superior to DRV/r (81% vs 76%)
Resistance	Cross-resistance with etravirine	2% failure with EVG/c resistance	No DTG resistance detected
Toxicity	Fewer CNS AE and rash than EFV	Rapid increase in serum creatinine	Rapid increase in serum creatinine
Interactions	Caution with PPI, H2- Blockers	Potential DDI through COBI	Few DDI

*In the SINGLE trial DTG was combined only with ABC/3TC

Sax PE, et al. Lancet. 2012; Zolopa A, et al. JAIDS, 2013; Wohl D, et al. ICAAC 2013; DeJesus E, et al. Lancet. 2012; Rockstroh J, et al. JAIDS; 2013; Clumeck N, et al. EACS 2013; Cohen CJ, AIDS 2013

Considerations for ART choice



Resistance

HLA-test HLA-test HV.RNA >100.500 Costs Adherence APT Drug-drug interactions Comorbidities Food requirements

HIV-Resistance

Transmitted HIV Drug Resistance in Europe

HIV-1 new diagnoses; 27 countries, 2002-2007

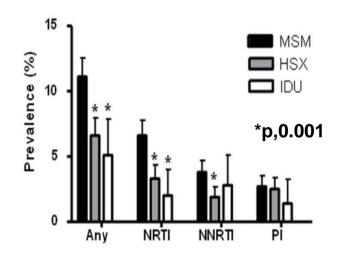
4317 patients

Prevalence of TDRM

MSM 11.1%

Heterosexuals 6.6%

PWID 5.1%



Genotypic resistance test recommended prior to ART (at HIV diagnosis); otherwise before initiation of ART. If ART needs to be initiated before results available, include a ritonavir-boosted PI in the first-line regimen.

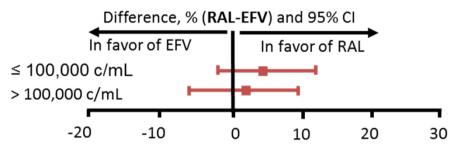


HIV-RNA >100,000 copies/ml

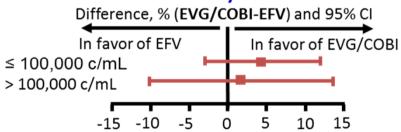


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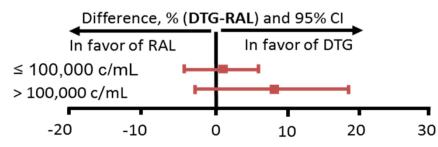




Study 102



SPRING-2



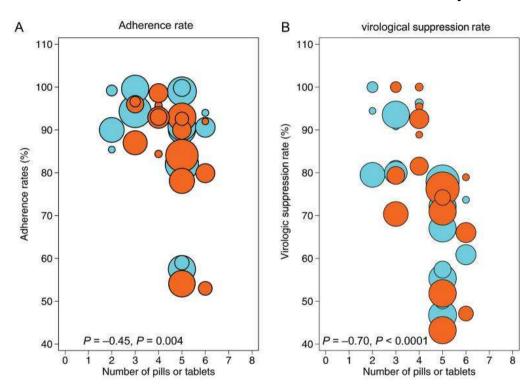
Inferior virologic response for

RPV-based regimens

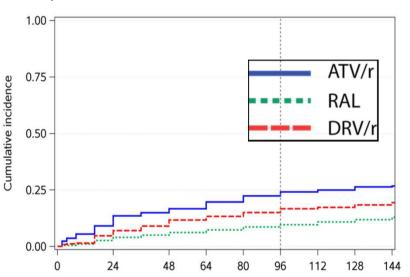
Adherence

Meta-analysis, n=6312

Once dailyTwice daily



ACTG A5257 RCT, n=600 each arm



ART

Adherence

Low pill burden → better adherence and virological suppression in OD and BID

OD *versus* **BID** → better adherence, but similar virological suppression to BID

BID vs OD regimens

RAL was superior to both PI/r regimens for combined tolerability and virologic efficacy

Adverse events*

AE (>5%)		Drug
Skin	Rash	all
GI-tract	Nausea, diarrhea	DRV/r, ATV/r, DTG, EVG/r
Liver	Hepatitis	EFV, RPV, ATV/r, DRV/r, MVC
	Jaundice	ATV/r
Metabolic	Bone density loss	TDF
	Dyslipidemia	EFV, ATV/r, DRV/r, EVG/c
CNS	Depression	EFV, RPV, EVG/c, RAL, ATV/r,
	Sleep disturbances	EFV, RAL, EVG/c, DTG
Renal	Proximal tubulopathy	TDF
	Nephrolithiasis	ATV/r
	Increase of creatinine	EVG/c, DTG
Muscle	CK increase	RAL

^{*}AE occurring > 5% in RCT's. No AE led to a stop of treatment in more than 10% of patients.

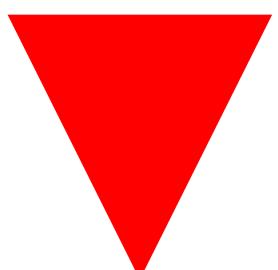


Adverse events

Effects on lipids



Adverse events



Efavirenz

∆TChol +33 mg/dL

Darunavir/r, Atazanavir/r

 Δ TChol +11 mg/dL Δ TChol +12 mg/dL

Rilpivirine

∆TChol +5 mg/dL

neutral

Raltegravir, EVG/COBI, Dolutegravir

ΔTChol -2 mg/dL ΔTChol ≈0 mg/dL ΔTChol ≈0 mg/dL

Significantly increased risk of MI with cumulative exposure of abacavir, lopinavir/r but not of efavirenz or atazanavir/r. Abacavir should be used with caution in persons with a high CVD risk. The D:A:D Study

Lennox J, et al. Lancet 2009; Daar ES, et al. Ann Intern Med 2011; Martinez et al., HIV Med 2014; Tebas et al., Clin Infect Dis 2014; Molina JM, et al. Lancet 2008; Ortiz R, et al. AIDS 2008, Westring Worm S et al., JID 2010, Monforte Ad et al. AIDS 2013

Renal function and kidney disease

Tenofovir: Proximal tubulopathy

Associated w. chronic renal impairment

Impairment greater when TDF

paired with a boosted PI

Atazanavir/r: Associated w. chronic renal impairment

rarely nephrolithiasis

Rilpivirine: rarely small, rapid ↑ serum creatinine*

Elvitegravir/c: small, rapid ↑ serum creatinine*

Dolutegravir: small, rapid ↑ serum creatinine*

*inhibition of tubular secretion of creatinine, renal function not altered

TDF: caution and/or dose reduction with existing kidney disease (eGFR <50mL/min).

DDI with NSAID, especially diclofenac.

EVG/COBI/TDF/FTC: should not be initiated in persons with eGFR <70 mL/min

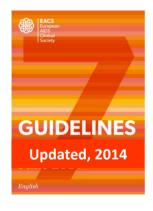


Comorbidities

Pregnancy



13,124 live births; 1994 and 2010, 42% (n=5,388) ART exposed in first trimester of pregnancy. Under EFV 4 neurological defects observed; significance depending on classification.



- Scenario on how to adapt ARV treatment in case of pregnancy or planned pregnancy
- Preferred drugs: LPV/r, SQV/r, ATV/r but EVF, DRV/r and RAL can be maintained if already used prepregnancy
- Consider adding RAL when ART started at a late stage of pregnancy

Food requirements



Food requirements

550 Kcal

375 Kcal

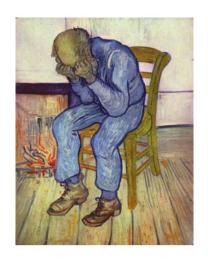
Rilpivirine

- Elvitegravir/COBI
- Darunavir/r
- Atazanavir/r

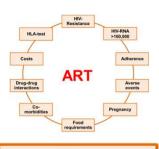
Fasting

Independent

- Efavirenz
- Dolutegravir
- Raltegravir

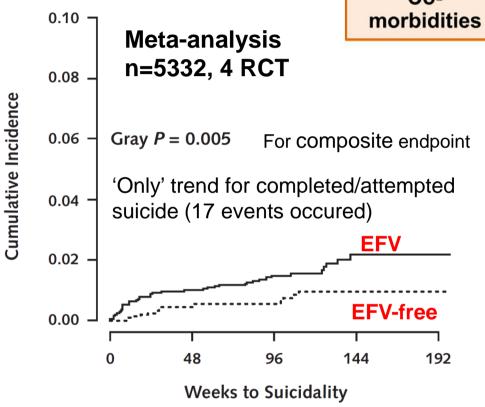


Depression



Co-

- Efavirenz (6%) 2x higher risk for suicidality
- Rilpivirine (8%)
- Elvitegravir/COBI (5%)
- Raltegravir (6%)
- Atazanavir/r (2%)



But Lack of association between use of efavirenz and death from suicide: evidence from the D:A:D study

C. Smith; L. Ryom; A. d'Arminio Monforte; P. Reiss; A. Mocroft; W. El-Sadr; R. Weber; M. Law;

C. Sabin; J. Lundgren.

Cohen et al., Lancet 2011; Molina et al, Lancet 2011; Elion et al., JAIDS 2013; Mollan et al, Ann Intern Med 2014

Gastroesophageal reflux

- Antacids:
 - → caution with:

Rilpivirine, Atazanavir, all INSTIs

- H₂ antagonists:
 - → caution with:

Rilpivirine, Atazanavir

AUC J 76% **AUC J** 23-41%

- Proton pump inhibitors:
 - → caution Rilpivirine, Atazanavir

Cmin J37% Cmin J 78-93%

If coadministration unavoidable, close monitoring. Doses of PPI comparable to omeprazole 20 mg should not be exceeded and taken approximately 12 hours prior to ATV/r.



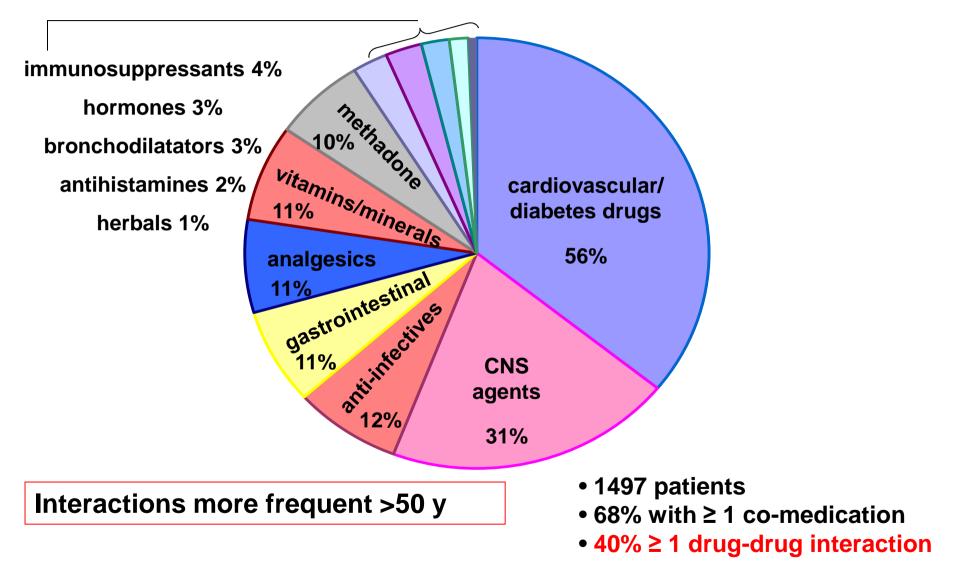
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Drug-drug interactions

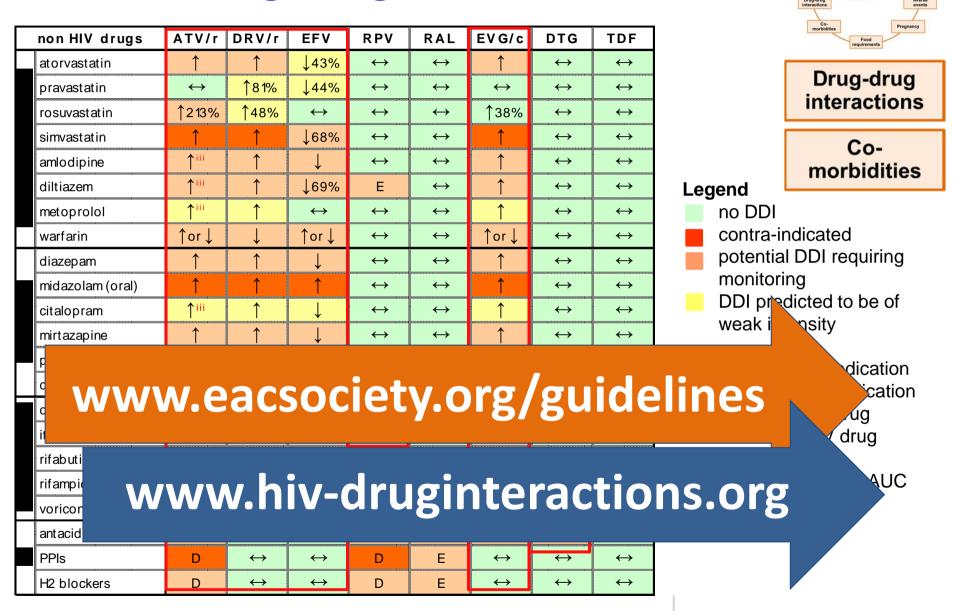


Co-medication in the SHCS





Drug-drug interactions



ART

Nuke free/sparing initial ART

PI

Atazanavir/r

Darunavir/r

Lopinavir/r

NNRTI

1 PI + 1 NNRTI

Efavirenz

INSTI

1 PI + 1 INSTI

Raltegravir

1 PI + 1 NRTI Lamivudine

FI 1 PI + 1 FI Maraviroc

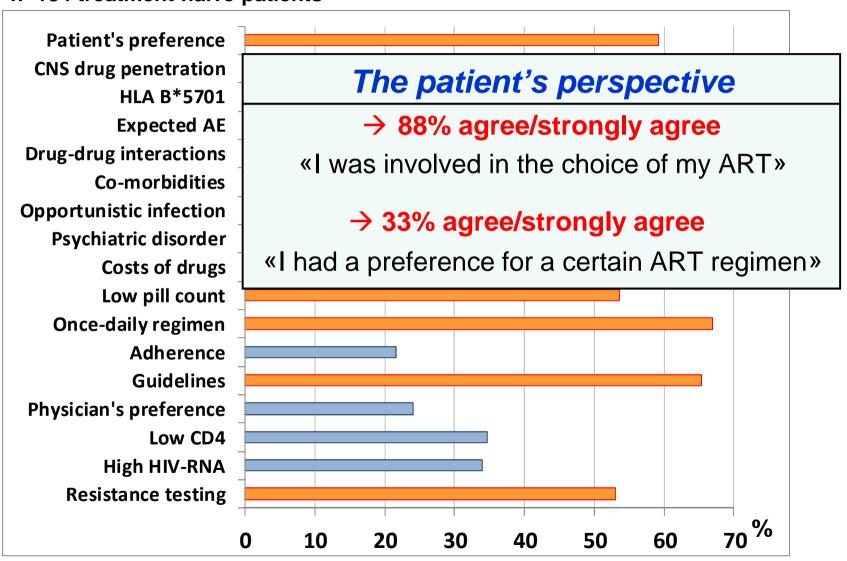
Nuke free/sparing initial ART

Study	Regimen	Comparison	Efficacy
SPARTAN	ATV/r + RAL	ATV/r + TDF-FTC	HIV-RNA <50 at wk 24: 74.6% vs 63.3% → non-inferior (but high bilirubinemia and resistance to RAL)
A4001078	ATV/r + MVC	ATV/r + TDF-FTC	HIV-RNA <50 at wk 48: 74.6% vs 83.6% → non-inferior
NEAT001/ ANRS143	DRV/r + RAL	DRV/r + TDF-FTC	Virological or clinical failure at wk 96: 17.8% vs 13.8% → non-inferior significantly inferior to standard therapy if CD4 <200/ml; trend for >100 000 c/mL
MODERN	DRV/r + MVC	DRV/r + TDF-FTC	HIV-RNA <50 at wk 48: 77.3% vs 86.8% → inferior
ACTG 5142	LPV/r + EFV	LPV/r + 2NRTI or EFV + 2NRTI	HIV-RNA<50 at wk 96: 83% vs 77% vs 89% → non-inferior
PROGRESS	LPV/r + RAL	LPV/r + TDF-FTC	HIV-RNA <40 at wk 96: 66.3% vs 68.6% → non-inferior
GARDEL	LPV/r + 3TC	LPV/r + 2 NRTI	HIV-RNA <50 at wk 48: 88.3% vs 83.7% → non-inferior, also >100 000 c/mL

Reasons for a specific initial ART: the physician's choice 2013-14



n=184 treatment naive patients



Genetic Associations of ART Toxicity

Gene	Toxicity	Evidence	
HLA B*5701	Abacavir hypersensitivity	Confirmed in large RCT	
HLA DRB1*0101, HLA B*3505, HLA Cw8	Nevirapin rash +/- hepatitis Efavirenz rash	HLA association confirmed, different ethnicities	
CYP 2B6*6, other	Higher serum EFV levels, higher CNS toxicity, virological success	Confirmed Not confirmed	
UGT1A1, SLC01B1	Hyperbilirubinemia ATV, IDV, LPV	confirmed	
mtDNA haplogroups T, L1c	d4T neuropathy	Not confirmed	
CFTR / SPINK	Pancreatitis	Confirmed in HIV seroneg.	
MDR1 3435	Hyperbilirubinemia, renal toxicity of TDF	Not confirmed	
Resistin	Metabolic syndrome	Not confirmed	
APOE4, Mannose binding lectin (MBL)-2	HIV associated cognitive disordes	Not confirmed	

Different treatments are very efficent in the 'real world'



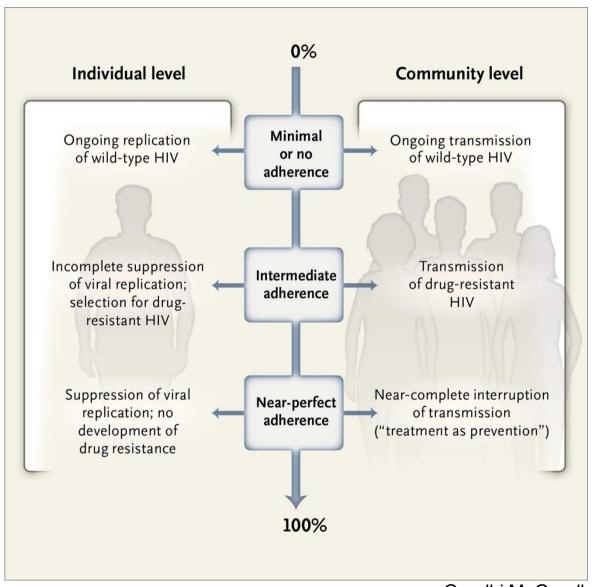
Variable	TDF-FTC efavirenz	TDF-FTC lopinavir/r	TDF-FTC atazanavir/r	ZDV-3TC lopinavir/r	ABC-3TC efavirenz	Other	p-value
HIV-RNA <50 copies/ml	92%	85%	86%	83%	90%	85%	0.003
Increase in CD4 cells	158 (84-240)	177 (97-284)	168 (96-279)	209 (107-326)	173 (96-257)	181 (83-270)	<0.001
Switch of cART	22%	40%	21%	50%	20%	36%	<0.001

Individualisation

Gender, Drug use, Hepatitis, CVD, high VL

SHCS 2014 data on file: overall 92% of approx. 9000 patients <50 c/ml

Effects on the Individual and Community of Various Levels of Adherence



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Drug	Considerations IN FAVOR	Considerations AGAINST
Efavirenz	Co-formulation, 1 pill ODMost experience	Higher risk of resistanceAE: CNSDrug-drug interactions
Rilpivirine	Well toleratedCo-formulation, 1 pill OD	 Less effective at high VL (>100,000) CD4 count < 200 cells/μL Restricted use with PPI, H2-Blockers
PI	Little risk of resistanceCan be given with low adherencePreferred in pregnancy	 No coformulation yet with NRTI Variable lipid effect, hyperbilirubinemia Drug-drug interactions
Dolutegravir	 Well-tolerated Once-daily without boosting Few drug-drug interactions Almost absent resistance 	• n.a.
Elvitegravir/ COBI	Well toleratedCo-formulation, 1 pill OD	 Cross-resistance with RAL Drug-drug interactions Concern of renal monitoring with COBI
Raltegravir	Well toleratedFew drug-drug interactionsLimited effect on lipids	No coformulation with NRTITwice dailyHigher risk of resistance

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- Different recommended initial ART regimens demonstrate excellent potency and low but existing risk for adverse events.
- The choice of initial ART should take into consideration many individually presented factors such as resistance, comorbidities, drug drug interactions, adherence, convenience and others.
- Individualization of therapy should actively be discussed also taking the view of the patient into consideration.
- Newer drugs and drug regimens as well as alternative regimens add to the excellent possibilities of initial choice of therapy.