Tackling Resistance: Managing Virologic Failure in Treatment-Experienced Patients

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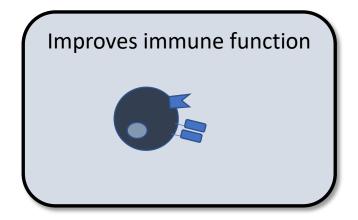
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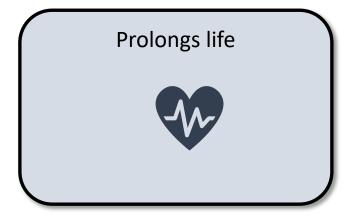
- Review the Considerations for Managing Treatment-Experienced Patients with Resistance
- Discuss Specific Clinical Considerations in Specific Scenarios
- Emphasize the Importance of the Therapeutic Alliance in Treatment Experienced Patients

The Benefits of Durable Viral Suppression





Lowers the risk of both AIDS-defining and non-AIDS-defining complications





Why is achieving undetectable viremia important in treatment-experienced patients?

Successful outcomes in treatment-experienced patients are more difficult to achieve as a result of low CD4 count and multiple previous virologic failures



Patients on ART who do not achieve undetectable viremia can develop resistance mutations¹

Further mutation accumulations restrict the already limited options in treatment-experienced patients³

Some studies indicate that viral load of >200 copies/mL is predictive of virologic rebound¹



Getting this under control mitigates the higher risk of disease progression and mortality in treatmentexperienced patients compared to treatment-naïve patients³

People with an undetectable viral load have effectively **no risk of transmitting HIV** to their HIV-negative sexual partners²



Transmission of resistance from treatment-experienced to treatment-naïve patients remains a significant problem⁴

Let's Meet Daniel MacGuffin.

- 57-year-old-male
- Comorbidities: type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension
- Has been receiving treatment since 2003



We will continue to learn more about Daniel throughout this presentation.

How might treatment-experienced patients with HIV like him differ?



Part 1: Considerations for Managing Treatment-Experienced Patients with Resistance

Revisiting Daniel MacGuffin, Our Treatment-Experienced Patient

- First-line treatment: ddI/3TC/TDF/ABC
- Second-line treatment: T20, LPV/r and 3TC/ABC/ZDV
- Experiencing virologic failure on his third-line regimen of DRV/r/ETR/DTG BID (600/100/200/50 mg), FTC/TAF QD and ZDV QD (300 mg)
- His HCP attributed his virologic failure to several factors:
 - Difficulty tolerating the pill burden
 - Difficulty controlling his blood sugar
 - GI adverse effects

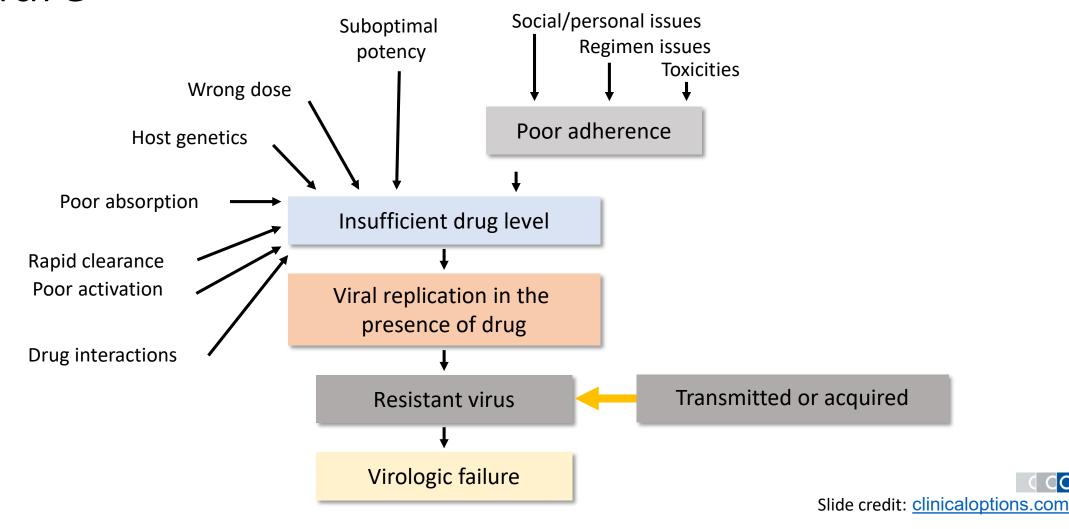




What are some other potential causes of virologic failure, particularly in treatment-experienced patients?



There Are Many Possible Causes of Virologic Failure





Undetectability <u>is</u> Achievable: Considerations for incomplete viral suppression...

For some ART-experienced patients with drug resistance, maximal virologic suppression may not be possible¹

- In this case, ART should be continued with regimens designed to minimize toxicity, preserve CD4 cell counts, and delay clinical progression
- In some classes, incomplete activity can lead to **class-wide resistance**, a problem for treatment-experienced patients with limited options^{2,3}



Potential for preservation if failing regimens are modified early²



Spach DH and Kinney RG. https://www.hiv.uw.edu/go/antiretroviral-therapy/evaluation-management-virologic-failure/core-concept/all

Now back to Daniel...

Despite being on third-line therapy and demonstrating an extensive archived resistance mutation profile, Daniel was able to achieve virologic suppression on his third-line regimen, reaching HIV RNA <20 copies/mL



Daniel's resistance profile

NRTI: M41L, D67N, M184V, L210W, T215F/I/N/S/Y

NNRTI: K101Q, K103N, V108I, G190A

INI: None

PI: L10F/V, K20I, E35D, M36I, M46I, Q58E, I62V, A71V,

L76V, 184V, 185V, L90M

Trofile: X4

A curated public database to represent, store and analyze HIV drug resistance data.

HOME GENOT

GENOTYPE-RX

GENOTYPE-PHENO

GENOTYPE-CLINICAL

HIVDB PROGRAM

ABOUT HIVDB

SUPPORT HIVDB!



Reference Library: Dolutegravir Resistance

A body of literatures reviewed, annotated and searchable Integrase DRMs for Transmitted Resistance Surveillance

> <u>DRMs proposed</u> / <u>Added to CPR analysis</u> / <u>Criteria and rational</u>



Sierra 2.3.2

release notes / web service Jul 17, 2019



Published virus sequences from >95,000 ART-naïve persons over 120 countries



INTERACTIVE MAP

Surveillance Mutations

Reference Library / Dolutegravir Resistance

Point-of-Care / Essential Mutations

HIVDB released on Jul 2, 2019

Query / Download



Genotype-treatment

ARV selection data comprising 165,194 protease, 174,533 RT and 21,345 integrase HIV-1 virus sequences from 184,328 persons; 915 protease, 715 RT and 269 integrase HIV-2 virus sequences from 954 persons.



Genotype-phenotype

<u>Drug susceptibility data</u> comprising 25,434 PI, 19,858 NRTI, 11,536 NNRTI and 4,606 INI susceptibility results from HIV-1 virus isolates



Genotype-clinical

Clinical outcome data comprising genotype, treatments, plasma HIV-1 RNA levels and CD4 counts from 13 clinical trials and >1500 Treatment-Change Episodes



References

1,661 references of genotype-treatment and/or genotype-phenotype data according to author-yr, including 138 references collected since 2019-01-01.

3,042 Genbank submission sets according to author-yr and submission title, including 42 new submissions from Genbank release on 2019-04-15.

HIVdb Program

Drug Resistance Summaries (Download PDF)

PIS NRTIS

NRTIS NNRTIS INSTIS

HIVseq Program

HIValg Program

HIV-1 Genetic Variability for Drug Resistance

Single Genome Sequence
Database

Daniel MacGuffin's Stanford Profile

Mutat	ion	Scor	ring	: RT

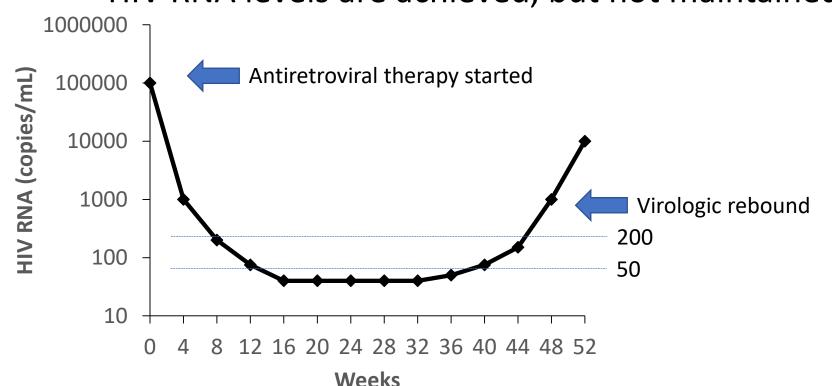
NRTI	ABC	AZT	FTC	3 TC	TDF
M184V	15	-10	60	60	-10
L210W	5	15	0	0	5
L210W + T215FY	10	10	5	5	10
<u>T215FY</u>	10	40	0	0	10
M41L	5	15	0	0	5
M41L + L210W	10	10	0	0	10
M41L + L210W + T215FY	5	0	5	5	5
M41L + T215FY	15	10	5	5	10
<u>M41L + D67N +</u> <u>T215FY</u>	5	5	5	5	5
<u>D67N</u>	5	15	0	0	5
Total	85	110	80	80	55

NNRTI	DOR	EFV	ETR	NVP	RPV	
<u>V108I</u>	10	10	0	15	0	
<u>K103N</u>	0	60	0	60	0	
<u>G190A</u>	0	45	10	60	15	
Total	10	115	10	135	15	



Virologic Failure Can Be Defined as Undetectability Not Maintained

• Possible definition of virologic failure (2/2): Undetectable plasma HIV RNA levels are achieved, but not maintained¹⁻³



In treatmentexperienced patients, the time to virologic failure is shorter⁴



Low-Level Viremia Is Increasing, with Consequences for Treatment-Experienced Patients

DHHS: Confirmed, persistent **detectable**HIV RNA level <200 copies/mL (**50–199 copies/mL**)¹

IAS-USA: Between limits of assay quantification (20–50 copies/mL) and 1000 copies/mL²

 Resistance mutations can emerge with persistent HIV-1 RNA 100–200 copies/mL³



 Whether it is associated with potential virologic rebound remains controversial¹



Treatment-experienced patients failing with LLV are at increased risk of death, despite comparable rates of AIDS diagnoses when compared with treatment-experienced patients who achieved maximal viral suppression⁴



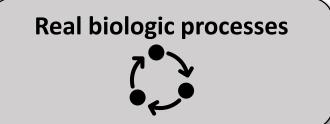
In Some Treatment-Experienced Patients, Viral Blips May Occur

 After virologic suppression is achieved, a detectable HIV RNA level (typically low level) occurs during a single measurement and subsequently returns to undetectable levels^{1,2}

• The source and clinical relevance of viral blips are unknown, and may

reflect:3





In one study, patients on second-line therapy who required a switch to third-line therapy had a higher frequency of viral blips than those who did not switch⁴

Current guidelines do not include recommendations for treatment modification based on the presence of a blip¹

Key Treatment Considerations



Are drugs with partial activity effective in treatment-experienced patients?

ARVs with partial activity are those predicted to reduce HIV RNA, but to a lesser extent than when there is no underlying drug resistance¹

ARVs with partial activity can be used selectively in combination with fully active agents²



Treatment-Experienced Patients Should Receive at Least Two, <u>Preferably Three</u>, Fully Active ARTs



- Fully-active agents are expected to have uncompromised activity on the basis of the patient's:
 - ART history
 - Current drug resistance test results
 - Past drug resistance test results
- A fully active agent may also have a novel mechanism of action

Adding a single ARV agent to a failing regimen is not recommended

 This may risk the development of resistance to all drugs in the regimen to which treatment-experienced patients may already have several mutations



In Treatment-Experienced Patients, Fully-Active ARV Options Are Limited with Each Successive Failure¹

- Using a "new" drug that a patient has never used previously does not ensure that the drug will be fully active²
 - Potential for cross-resistance among drugs from the same class

 Phenotypic drug susceptibility

Weeks in culture

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Resistance mutation	DTG	EVG	RAL	MK-2048
G118R	1	0.9	0.8	0.4
G118R, E138K	1.7	4.1	4.4	139
G118R, E138K, T66A	6.5	6.6	4.6	175
G118R, E138K, T66A, L74M, V151I	8.0	10.0	11.3	300

Example: G118R resistance pathway conferring cross-resistance to integrase inhibitors³



Key Treatment Consideration: Performing and Interpreting Resistance Testing

- Test for HIV drug-resistance when changing ART regimens in patients with:
 - Virologic failure and HIV RNA levels >1000 copies/mL
 - HIV RNA levels >500 copies/mL but <1000 copies/mL, drug-resistance testing may be unsuccessful but should still be considered
 - Suboptimal viral load reduction

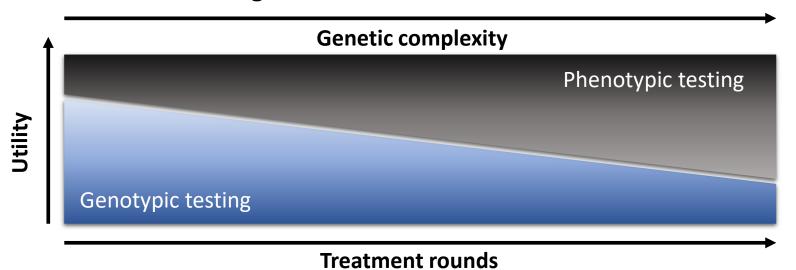


All prior and current drug-resistance testing results should be reviewed and considered when designing a new regimen for a patient experiencing virologic failure



As The Treatment-Experienced Patient Progresses, Different Resistance Testing Needed To Construct New Regimen

 Genotypic and phenotypic resistance assays are used to assess viral strains and select treatment strategies¹



Some specific resistance tests may need to be ordered separately:1

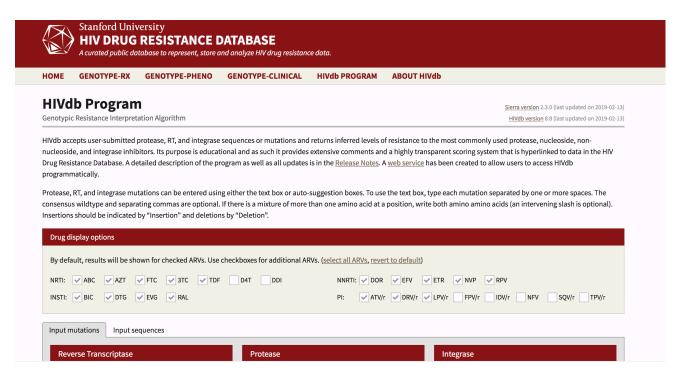
- INSTI-resistance
- Fusion inhibitor resistance
- Coreceptor tropism

- A standard genotypic resistance assay is preferred for first- or second-line regimen failure¹
- Phenotypic testing can provide additional useful information in patients with complex drug resistance mutation patterns¹



Resources Can Help Interpret Resistance Testing

 Various tools are available to assist providers in interpreting resistance test results, such as the Stanford HIV Drug Resistance Database (HIVDB)¹



In treatment-experienced patients, the accumulation of resistance mutations to NRTIs, NNRTIs, and PIs is considered common²

Therefore, appropriate interpretation of resistance testing is essential when selecting a new regimen²



Regimen Selection in Treatment-Experienced Patients Is More Challenging

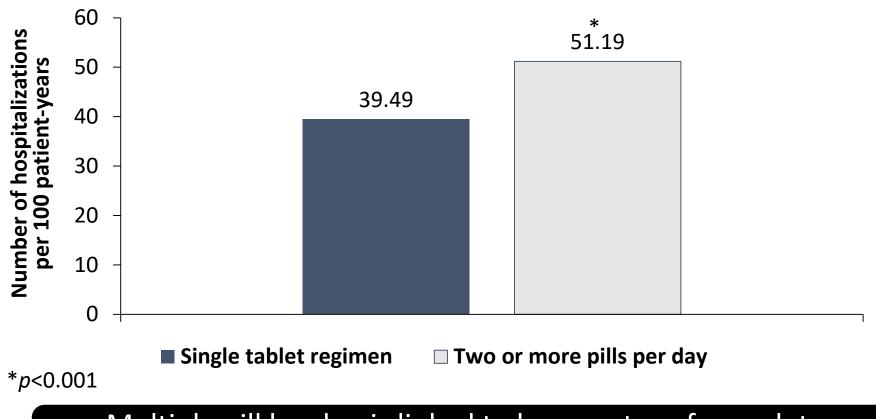
- INSTIs have become a main component of first- and second-line treatment¹
- Newer INSTIs, BIC and DTG, have higher barriers to resistance than other agents in this class (RAL or EVG)¹
 - Although DTG and BIC have lower barriers once secondary or accessory mutations are present

However, this higher barrier to resistance was observed in vitro or in ART-naïve studies.

There are no clinical trial data to guide therapy for INSTI failures¹



Patient Factors Are Also Important Drivers of Success in Treatment-Experienced Patients



Multiple pill burden is linked to lower rates of complete adherence and increased hospitalizations¹

Revisiting Daniel...

As mentioned, Daniel is failing his third-line regimen – his HIV-1 RNA has increased from 20 copies/mL, to 87 copies/mL, and most recently was measured at 654 copies/mL



What would you do next for Daniel?



Part 2: Managing Virologic Failure in Different Clinical Scenarios



Overview: Recommended Treatments for Virologic Failure – First Regimen Failure

Type of Failing Regimen	Resistance Considerations	New Regimen Options ^{a,b}	Goal
NNRTI plus 2 NRTIs	Most likely resistant to NNRTI +/3TC/FTC (i.e. NNRTI mutations +/- M184V/I). ^c Additional NRTI mutations may also be present	 Boosted PI plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AIII); or DTG^d plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AI); or Boosted PI plus INSTI (AIII) 	Resuppression
Boosted PI plus 2 NRTIs	Most likely no resistance, or resistance only to 3TC/FTC (i.e. M184V/I, without resistance to other NRTIs) ^c	 Continue same regimen (AII); or Another boosted PI plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AII); or INSTI plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active; if only 1 of the NRTIs is fully active, or, if adherence is a concern, DTG^d is preferred over the other INSTIs) (AIII); or Another boosted PI plus INSTI (BIII) 	Resuppression
INSTI plus 2 NRTIs	No INSTI resistance (can have 3TC/FTC resistance, i.e. only M184V/I, usually without resistance to other NRTIs) ^c	 Boosted PI plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AIII); or DTG^d plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AIII); or Boosted PI plus INSTI (BIII) 	Resuppression
	EVG or RAL +/- 3TC/FTC resistance Resistance to first-line BIC or DTG is rare	 Boosted PI plus 2 NRTIs (at least 1 active) (AIII); or DTG^{d,e} twice daily (if patient is sensitive to DTG) plus 2 active NRTIs (AIII); or DTG^{d,e} twice daily (if patient is sensitive to DTG) plus a boosted PI (AIII) BIC has not been studied in this setting and cannot be recommended 	Resuppression

a There are insufficient data to provide a recommendation for the continuation of 3TC/FTC in the presence of M184V/I. b When switching an ARV regimen in a patient with HIV/HBV coinfection, ARV drugs that are active against 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 Preliminary data from Botswana suggested that there is an increased risk of NTDs in infants born to those who were receiving DTG at the time of conception. Pregnancy testing should therefore be performed for those of childbearing potential prior to initiation of DTG. e Response to DTG depends on the type and number of INSTI mutations.



Different Mechanism of Action Is Recommended for Second Regimen Failure and Beyond

Type of Failing Regimen	Resistance Considerations	New Regimen Options ^{a,b}	Goal
Drug resistance with active treatment options	Use past and current genotypic +/- phenotypic resistance testing and ART history in designing new regimen	 At least 2, and preferably 3, fully active agents (AI) Partially active drugs may be used when no other options are available Consider using an ARV with a different mechanism of action 	Resuppression
Multiple or extensive drug resistance with few treatment options	Use past and current genotypic and phenotypic resistance testing to guide therapy Consider viral tropism assay if use of MVC is considered	 Identify as many active or partially active drugs as possible based on resistance test results Consider using an ARV with a different mechanism of action Consider enrolment into clinical trials or expanded access programs for investigational agents, if available 	Resuppression, if possible; otherwise, keeping viral load as low as possible and CD4 cell count as high as possible
	Consult an expert in drug resistance, if needed	Discontinuation of ARVs is not recommended	

MVC maraviroc; Rating of Recommendations: A = Strong: B =

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An Overview of the Data in Treatment-Experienced Patients

Agent	Study	Week 24	Week 48	First line failure	2 nd line failure & Beyond
ENF	TORO 1+2 ¹⁻³	16	18	٧	V
DTG	VIKING-44 ⁴	47	40	٧	٧
IBA	TMB-301, TMB- 311 ^{5,6}	43	59*		V
DRV/r	POWER 1+2 ⁷	45	45	٧	٧
RAL	BENCHMRK 1+28	62	62	٧	٧
ETR	DUET 1+2 ⁹	61	61	٧	V
MVC	MOTIVATE 1+2 ¹⁰	45	47	٧	V

*Completer analysis

ALT, alanine transaminase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; VL, viral load

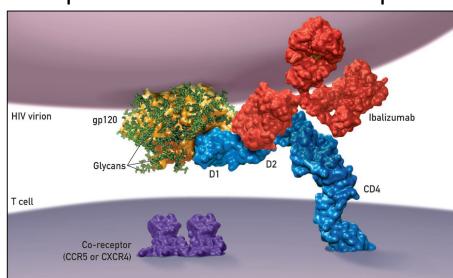
Approved Agents for Treatment-Experienced Patients With Virologic Failure



Ibalizumab Approved Agent for 2nd Line Regimen Failure

ibalizumab – approved by the FDA in March 2018

- Humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG4 backbone) that binds to domain 2 of CD4
- Therapeutic class: CD4-directed post-attachment HIV-1 inhibitor



- Prevents conformational changes induced by gp120-CD4 interaction via steric hindrance
- gp120 binds CD4 in the presence of ibalizumab

First long-acting,
IV monoclonal antibody
approved for HIV

Infusion every 2 weeks dosed for a minimum duration of 15 minutes

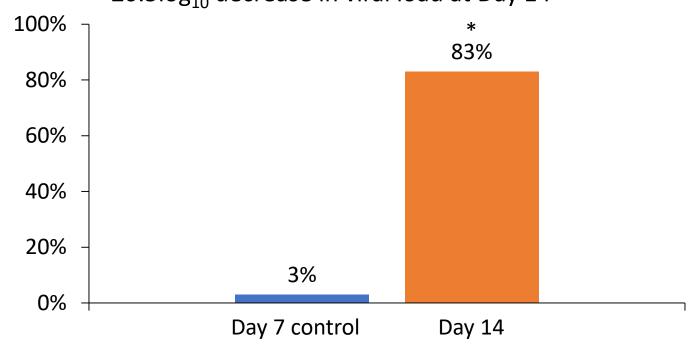
Based on ibalizumab's mechanism of action and target-mediated drug disposition, drugdrug interactions are not expected



Ibalizumab Demonstrated a Significant Reduction in Viral Load During the Functional Monotherapy Period

24-week Phase 3 study TMB-301

Primary endpoint: Proportion of patients achieving ≥0.5log₁₀ decrease in viral load at Day 14



*p<0.0001

Ibalizumab Maintained Viral Suppression Over 25 Weeks in Treatment-Experienced Patients

- Patients began their OBR on Day 14
- Patients received maintenance dose of 800 mg every 2 weeks as of Day 21

	ITT-MEF (N=40)	Completer (N=31)
Mean (± SD) VL reduction	$1.7 \pm 1.5 \log_{10}$	$2.2 \pm 1.4 \log_{10}$
Median VL reduction	1.8 log ₁₀	2.5 log ₁₀
Percent with VL<50 copies	43%	55%
Percent with VL<200 copies	50%	65%
Percent with ≥1.0 log ₁₀ reduction	58%	74%
Percent with ≥2.0 log ₁₀ reduction	48%	61%

All Patients <50 copies/mL at Week 25 Maintained Viral Suppression with Ibalizumab to Week 48

TMB-311:

- Patients received maintenance dose of 800 mg every 2 weeks until Week 48
- Week 48 corresponds to weeks from beginning of ibalizumab dosing in TMB-301

	ITT-MEF (N=27)	Completer (N=24)
Mean (± SD) VL reduction	2.1 ± 1.6 log ₁₀	$2.3 \pm 1.4 \log_{10}$
Median VL reduction	2.8 log ₁₀	2.9 log ₁₀
Percent with VL<50 copies	59%	67%
Percent with VL<200 copies	59%	67%
Percent with ≥1.0 log ₁₀ reduction	67%	75%
Percent with ≥2.0 log ₁₀ reduction	59%	67%



Patients Maintained Viral Suppression to Week 96

Efficacy:

At Week 96,

56% (15 of 27) had VL <50 copies/mL

Median VL reduction from 2.8 log₁₀ baseline (of TMB-301)

Safety:

- Treatment-related adverse reactions mild to moderate
- No safety concerns emerged between Week 25 and 96
- No patient developed anti-ibalizumab antibodies

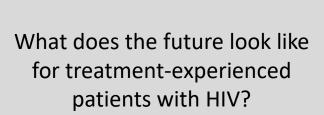
TMB-311 expanded access: Week 96* safety, efficacy results

- Patients (n=27) who completed Week 25 in Study TMB-301 were enrolled
- Patients continued to receive 800 mg every 2 weeks until Week 96
- 22 of 27 (82%) completed study to Week 96

Revisiting Daniel ...

- First-line treatment: ddl/3TC/TDF/ABC
- Second-line treatment: T20, LPV/r and 3TC/ABC/ZDV
- Third-line treatment: DRV/r/ETR/DTG BID (600/100/200/50 mg), FTC/TAF QD and ZDV QD (300 mg)
- Daniel was started on ibalizumab (2000 mg followed by 800 mg Q2WK) as well as DTG 50 mg BID, doravirine 100 mg QD, and FTC/TAF 200/25 mg QD
- He is getting infused at home, and he prefers it over previous treatment
- He has been on this new regimen for a month:
 - His GI side effects have resolved
 - His blood sugar is better controlled
 - He feels better, his VL decreased to 30 copies/mL, and CD4 increased to 560





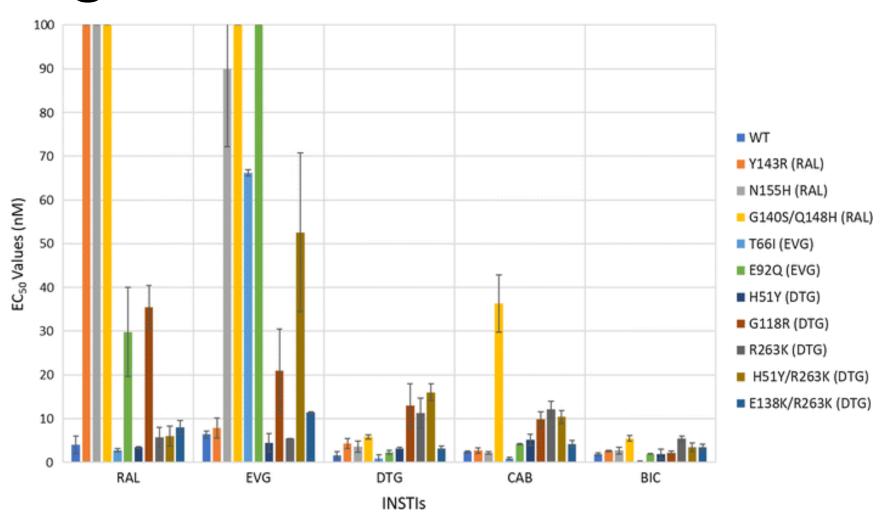


Cabotegravir

- INSTI in phase III development for treatment and prevention
- Potentially will be available in both oral and injection formulations
- In vitro data suggests it may not be susceptible to common INSTI resistance mutations/pathways
- ATLAS and FLAIR are the ongoing trials



Cabotegravir



Doravirine

- FDA Approved in 2018
- Metabolized by CYP(3A)
- Available as single tablet or combination
- Has activity against other common NNRTI resistance mutations



TABLE 1 Resistance selection with DOR, EFV, and RPV in subtype B virus using MT4-GFP cells in the presence 10% FBS

NNRTI	Pathway	Evolution of mutants as NNRTI concn increases ^a
DOR	1	V106A → V106A/F227L
		(9.6 ± 1.8) (>2,000)
	2	$V106A \rightarrow V106A/L234I \rightarrow V106A/L234I/F227L$
		(9.6 ± 1.8) (173 ± 17.5) (>2,000)
EFV	1	$L100I \rightarrow L100I/K103N$
		(16 ± 0.6) (>2,000)
	2	$L100I \rightarrow L100I/V179D \rightarrow L100I/V179D/P225H \ or \ M230I$
		$(16 \pm 0.6) (76 \pm 15) (465 \pm 127)$
	3	$K103N \rightarrow K103N/L100I$
		(58 ± 13) (>2,000)
RPV	1	$E138K \rightarrow E138K/L100I \rightarrow E138K/L100I/V179I$
		$(3.8 \pm 0.6) (2.0 \pm 0.01) (8.7 \pm 3.8)$
	2	$E138K \rightarrow E138K/V106A$
		$(3.8 \pm 0.6) (8.1 \pm 2.1)$
	3	$K101P \rightarrow K101P/V179I$
		$(40 \pm 18) (199 \pm 40)$

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