

## Workshop

### Update in ART: Should I stay or should I go?

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## Learning Objectives

- Have an increased understanding of currently used ART regimens in treatment-experienced patients
- Understand the principles of simplifying salvage regimens in suppressed patients with known resistance
- Feel more confident in modifying regimens to minimise toxicity
- Explore factors which must be considered when switching suppressed patients with unclear treatment histories and in the absence of resistance genotypes
- Feel confident to initiate conversations about switch/simplification in treatment-experienced patients





## Why Switch?

- In setting of virological control
  - Regimen simplification
  - Improve tolerability & decrease long-term toxicity
  - Lessen chance of drug-drug interactions
  - Pregnancy
- In setting of virological failure & resistant mutants
  - maintain virological suppression
  - Improve tolerability & decrease long-term toxicity
  - Lessen chance of drug-drug interactions



## CASE STUDY: TOXICITY





## Background

- 65-year-old male
- Diagnosed with HIV-1 infection in 1985
  - Risk factors: MSM only
- Treatment history (incomplete)
  - ZDV monotherapy
  - d4T-ddI + hydroxyurea
  - ZDV-3TC + **IDV (nephrolithiasis)**
  - ABC + **TDF** + RAL (**profound asthenia**)
  - ABC-3TC-DTG
- Immunovirological parameters (March 2018)
  - VL < 20 copies/mL plasma
  - CD4+  $1.00 \times 10^9$  cells/L (27% of lymphocytes)
  - No documented virological failure (wild-type genotype 2008)



## Background

- Other history
  - Diabetes mellitus (diagnosed at initial visit, 2017)
  - Prostate cancer & radical resection
  - Obesity
  - Osteoporosis (& lower back pain)
  - Depressed mood
- Concomitant medications
  - Paroxetine
  - Perindopril
  - Rosuvastatin
  - Denosumab
  - Tramadol
  - Esomeprazole
  - Metformin (commenced at initial visit)





## Examination

- Blood pressure 140/75 mmHg
- Weight 89.3 kg; BMI 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Adipose tissue
  - Marked subcutaneous lipoatrophy on face & limbs
  - Central abdominal obesity
- Cardio-respiratory examination & urinalysis normal



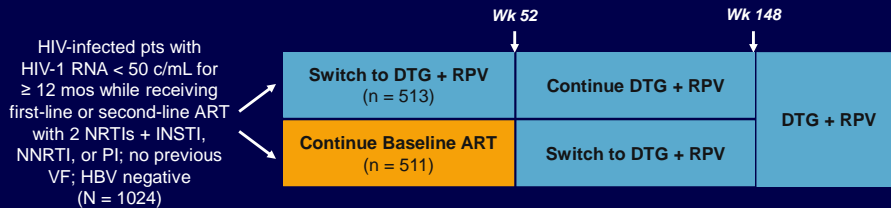
## Management priorities?

- Newly diagnosed diabetes mellitus
  - & other attendant cardiovascular risk
- HIV-1 infection
  - Very treatment experienced
- Prostate cancer
- Other?



## SWORD 1 & 2: Switch From Suppressive ART to DTG + RPV Dual Therapy

- Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase III trials
  - Primary endpoint: HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL at Wk 48 (ITT-E snapshot)



- 70% to 73% of pts receiving TDF at baseline

Llibre JM, et al. CROI 2017. Abstract 44LB.

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## DOLULAM study: Introduction and methods

- DTG is an INI with potent antiviral activity and a high genetic barrier to resistance
- However, during DTG monotherapy maintenance therapy, viral rebounds with emergence of integrase resistance mutations were observed
- M184I/V** mutations against 3TC could prevent the emergence of resistance mutations against DTG<sup>1</sup>

### Pilot, monocentre cohort study<sup>2</sup>

- Objective:** To explore the efficacy, safety and tolerability of switching to DTG + 3TC in HIV-1-infected patients who are virologically suppressed

- On a stable ARV regimen with HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL for > 12 months
- Tolerability issues on current regimen
- No INI-associated resistance mutations\*
- Informed consent
- N=27

Switch

DTG 50 mg + 3TC 300 mg QD

### Visits and laboratory tests:

- Plasma HIV-1 RNA levels<sup>†</sup> were scheduled at baseline, W6, W12, W24, W36, W48, then every 12–24 weeks

This study was conducted at the Infectious Diseases Department, Montpellier University Hospital  
\*Historical RNA Sanger genotypes and DNA Sanger genotypes  
†Roche Cobas Ampliprep/Cobas Taqman HIV-1 v2.0, limit of detection 20 copies/mL

1. Oliveira M et al AIDS 2016; 2. Reynes J et al IAS 2017 MOPEB0322



## DOLULAM study: Baseline (switch) characteristics

Switch to DTG + 3TC (N=27)		
Age (years): Median (range)	59	41–77
Male: n (%)	20	74%
CD4+ cell counts (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )		
Baseline: Median (range)	601	196–153
Nadir: Median (range)	167	8–450
Nadir <200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> : n (%)	17	63
Highest HIV-RNA pre-HAART: n (%)		
>300,000 copies/mL	8	30%
100,000–300,000 copies/mL	7	26%
<100,000 copies/mL	11	41%
Not available	1	3%
M184I/V mutations prior to switch		
M184V in historical RNA resistance genotypes	8	30%
M184V in historical RNA and/or DNA resistance genotypes*	10	37%
M184I/V combining all available genotype data†	17	63%
Duration of ARV therapy (months): Median (range)	215	22–329
Duration of last HAART (months): Median (range)	51	13–108
Regimen at switching: n (%)		
TDF-containing regimen	13	48%
PI/r-containing regimen	22	81%
RAL-containing regimen	7	26%

\*Sanger technology; †historical RNA genotypes + DNA Sanger genotypes + baseline DNA UDS genotype

Reynes J et al IAS 2017 MOPEB0322



## DOLULAM study: Disposition after 2 years

Disposition after 2 years (median follow-up 104 weeks, range 99–117)		
Virologic failure (defined as confirmed viral load >50 copies/mL)	0	
Discontinuations of DTG/3TC combination	3	
Due to adverse event	2*	Stop W16: fatigue, intestinal discomfort Stop W24: fatigue Intensification at Q18 after blip (W12, 52 copies/mL)
Patient decision	1†	
Lost in follow-up	0	
Severe biological adverse event	0	

\*The 2 patient returned to last treatment; W18 (before intensification) viral load <20 copies/mL.  
NB: the patient experienced blips before enrolment and after intensification

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## DOLULAM study: Virological data

### Values of plasma HIV-1 RNA

	Day 0 Switch n=27	Week 12 n=27	Week 24 n=25	Week 48 n=24	Week 104 n=24
<b>&lt;20 copies/mL, no signal</b>	17 (63%)	21 (78%)	18 (72%)	16 (67%)	20 (83%)
<b>&lt;20 copies/mL, PCR signal</b>	8	5	6	8	4
<b>≥20 copies/mL</b>	2 (21 and 22 copies/mL)	1 (blip; 52 copies/mL)	1 (31 copies/mL)	0	0

- Evolution of CD4 and CD4/CD8 ratio (median increase from baseline to W104): + 23 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, + 0.07
- Evolution of eGFR<sub>CKD-EPI</sub> median change (range) from baseline:
  - Baseline to W6: -9 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
  - Baseline to W104: -6 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

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## DOLULAM study: Discussion

- Over 2 years, all patients remained free from virological failure, only one patient experienced a blip and two subjects wanted to stop dual therapy for fatigue<sup>1</sup>
- The majority of these heavily treatment-experienced patients, with a previous history of virological failures and adverse events, expressed satisfaction for simplification (2 small pills QD) and absence of symptoms<sup>1</sup>
- We enrolled patients with excellent adherence and rigorous follow-up. However, many of our patients had potential factors of virological failure (low nadir CD4, high pre-therapeutic viral load, high HIV DNA)<sup>1</sup>
- Prior to switching, an M184I/V mutation was detected at least once in RNA/DNA genotypes in 63% of the patients without detrimental impact on the efficacy of DTG + 3TC dual therapy<sup>1</sup>
- It is noteworthy that the M184I mutation was exclusively present in defective viral genomes of the cellular reservoir whereas the M184V mutation was mainly detected at the time of previous virological failure in historical RNA genotypes<sup>2</sup>

Despite the small sample size, the impressive results of this first pilot study support the concept of a maintenance regimen combining DTG and 3TC in this heavily experienced population<sup>1</sup>

1. Reynes J et al IAS 2017 MOPEB0322 ; 2. Chapentier et al IAS 2017 MOPEB0315

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## CASE STUDY: TREATMENT FAILURE



### Case background

- Joseph, 35 year old heterosexual male,
- Living in Iran, Christian, fled persecution,
- Arrested in Turkey, imprisoned and tortured,
- Escaped to Greece and met Australian Iranian GF,
- Applied for asylum and moved to Australia,
- Both found to be HIV+ on immigration screening for PR
- PTSD





- Baseline CD4 430, VL 73,000, WT genotype,
- Smoker, unemployed,
- No social contacts, poor English
- HLA B5701-, normal other bloods,
- Commenced Atripla in 2008,
- Poor attendance and intermittent compliance,
- 2010 VL 5,300 copies.



Genotyping Test  
**GuideLines™ Rules 15.0**  
**RESISTANCE REPORT**

Sample ID: 10-4859185  
 Patient ID: DAC-2848  
 Patient Name: ASC, 029215  
 Date Drawn: 04-11-10  
 Physician: SMITH

St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney  
 NSW State Reference  
 Laboratory for HIV/AIDS  
 Tel: 61 2 8382 9178  
 Fax: 61 2 8382 2760

Report Date: November 19, 2010 12:19PM

Resistance associated RT Mutations: A62V, K65R\*, K101P/Q, K103N, M184V\*, K219E, P225H

Nucleoside and Nucleotide RT Inhibitors	Resistance Interpretation
abacavir (ABC)	Resistance
didanosine (ddI)	Resistance
lamivudine (3TC)/emtricitabine (FTC)	Resistance
stavudine (d4T)	Possible Resistance
tenofovir (TDF)	Resistance
zidovudine (AZT)	No Evidence of Resistance

NonNucleoside RT Inhibitors	Resistance Interpretation
efavirenz (EFV)	Resistance
etravirine (ETR)	Possible Resistance
nevirapine (NVP)	Resistance

Resistance associated PR Mutations: No relevant mutations detected.

Protease Inhibitors	Resistance Interpretation
atazanavir (ATV)	No Evidence of Resistance
ATV/r **	No Evidence of Resistance
darunavir + ritonavir (DRV/r)	No Evidence of Resistance
fosamprenavir (FPV)	No Evidence of Resistance
FPV/r **	No Evidence of Resistance
indinavir (IDV)	No Evidence of Resistance
IDV/r **	No Evidence of Resistance
lopinavir + ritonavir (LPV/r)	No Evidence of Resistance
nefinavir (NFV)	No Evidence of Resistance
saquinavir + ritonavir (SQV/r)	No Evidence of Resistance
tipranavir + ritonavir (TPV/r)	No Evidence of Resistance

\*\* Protease Inhibitors administered with low-dose ritonavir for pharmacological boosting.



## SUMMARY REPORT

DRUGS			FOLD <sup>1</sup> CHANGE	CUT-OFF <sup>2</sup>		RESISTANCE ANALYSIS <sup>3</sup>	CLINICAL NOTES (see p2 for details)
NRTI / NtRTI mutations <sup>4</sup> : 62wt/V, 65wt/R, 184V, 219wt/E							
NRTI/NtRTI	Retrovir®	Zidovudine	0.8	1.5	11.4	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Epivir®	Lamivudine	46.6	2.1	4.6	MINIMAL RESPONSE	
	Videx®	Didanosine	3.2	0.9	2.6	MINIMAL RESPONSE	
	Zerit®	Stavudine	1.0	1.0	2.3	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Ziagen®	Abacavir	4.0	0.9	3.5	MINIMAL RESPONSE	
	Emtriva®	Emtricitabine	41.1	3.1		RESISTANT	
	Viread®	Tenofovir DF	1.7	1.0	2.3	REDUCED RESPONSE	
NNRTI mutations <sup>4</sup> : 101P/Q, 103N, 225wt/H							
NNRTI	Viramune®	Nevirapine	72.1	6.0		RESISTANT	
	Sustiva® / Stocrin®	Efavirenz	>999.9	3.3		RESISTANT	
	Intelence™	Etravirine	190.4	3.2	27.6	MINIMAL RESPONSE	Note 2
PI mutations <sup>4</sup> : 15V, 72V							
PI	Crixivan®; boosted	Indinavir/r	0.6	2.3	27.2	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Viracept®	Nelfinavir	0.7	2.2	9.4	SUSCEPTIBLE	Note 1
	Invirase®; boosted	Saquinavir/r	0.6	3.1	22.6	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Lexiva®, Telzir®; boosted	Fosamprenavir/r	0.5	1.5	19.5	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Kaletra®	Lopinavir/r	0.7	6.1	51.2	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Reyataz®; boosted	Atazanavir/r	0.5	2.5	32.5	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	
	Aptivus®; boosted	Tipranavir/r	0.8	1.5	7.0	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	Note 2
	Prezista™; boosted	Darunavir/r	0.6	10.0	106.9	MAXIMAL RESPONSE	

## Case study, resistance from poor adherence

- Switched to dolutegravir + darunavir/r
- Variable adherence,
- 2017 dolutegravir + darunavir/c
- Now VL <20 -<50,
- Improved English
- Working as Uber driver
- Still smoking, now 45
- Any better ARV options?



## Advising remote colleagues

- Teleconf with patient and Dr K.
- Currently ARV of Kivexa, Kaletra, VL <20 but keen for once daily option as does shift work and heard better options around.
- Also hypercholesterolaemia, smoker, overweight.
- Past ARVs:
  - AZT/3TC/saquinavir *but viral failure*,
  - d4T/ddI, nevirapine *also viral failure*
  - tenofovir/kivexa/kaletra, *suppressed but creatinine creep*.
  - kivexa/kaletra.
- Treated for HCV last year, now SVR12.

