

Dolutegravir (as sodium) Tablets 50 mg

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Dolutegravir (as sodium) Tablets 50 mg

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each Film coated Tablet contains:

Dolutegravir Sodium.....52.6mg

Equivalent to Dolutegravir free acid.....50mg

Excipients with known effects: 145 mg mannitol per tablet.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Immediate Release Film-Coated Tablets

A pink, film-coated, round, biconvex, beveled edge tablet debossed with M on one side of the tablet and DT5 on the other side.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 *Therapeutic indications*

Dolutegravir is indicated in combination with other anti-retroviral medicinal products for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infected adults, adolescents and children above 6 years of age.

4.2 **Posology and method of administration**

Dolutegravir should be prescribed by physicians experienced in the management of HIV infection.

Posology

Pregnancy Testing before Initiation of Dolutegravir

Perform pregnancy testing before initiation of dolutegravir in adolescents and adults of childbearing potential.

Adults

Patients infected with HIV-1 without documented or clinically suspected resistance to the integrase class The recommended dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg (one tablet) orally once daily.

Dolutegravir should be administered twice daily in this population when co-administered with some medicines (e.g. efavirenz, nevirapine, tipranavir/ritonavir, or rifampicin). Please refer to section 4.5.

Patients infected with HIV-1 with resistance to the integrase class (documented or clinically suspected) The recommended dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg (one tablet) twice daily.

In the presence of documented resistance that includes Q148 + ≥ 2 secondary mutations from G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I, modelling suggests that an increased dose may be considered for patients with limited treatment options (less than 2 active agents) due to advanced multi class resistance (see section 5.2).

The decision to use dolutegravir for such patients should be informed by the integrase resistance pattern (see section 5.1).

Co-administration of Dolutegravir with some medicines should be avoided in this population (e.g. efavirenz, nevirapine, tipranavir/ritonavir, or rifampicin). Please refer to section 4.4 and 4.5.

Adolescents aged 12 and above

In adolescents (12 to less than 18 years of age and weighing at least 40 kg) infected with HIV-1 without resistance to the integrase class, the recommended dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg once daily. In the presence of integrase inhibitor resistance, there are insufficient data to recommend a dose for dolutegravir in adolescents.

Children 6 to less than 12 years of age

In patients infected with HIV-1 without resistance to the integrase class, the recommended dose of dolutegravir in children (6 to less than 12 years of age and weighing at least 15 kg) is determined according to the weight of the child. In the presence of integrase inhibitor resistance, there are insufficient data to recommend a dose for dolutegravir in children. Dose recommendations according to weight are presented in table 1.

Table 1 Paediatric dose recommendations

Body weight (kg)	Dose
15 to less than 20	20 mg once daily (Taken as two 10 mg tablets)
20 to less than 30	25 mg once daily
30 to less than 40	35 mg once daily (Taken as one 25 mg and one 10 mg tablet)
40 or greater	50 mg once daily

The specific dosage recommendation for the 10 mg tablet, as specified in Table 1, should be followed. Therefore, the 50 mg once daily dose should not be given as five 10 mg tablets (see section 5.2).

Missed doses

If the patient misses a dose of Dolutegravir, the patient should take Dolutegravir as soon as possible, providing the next dose is not due within 4 hours. If the next dose is due within 4 hours, the patient should not take the missed dose and simply resume the usual dosing schedule.

Elderly

There are limited data available on the use of dolutegravir in patients aged 65 years and over. There is no evidence that elderly patients require a different dose than younger adult patients (see section 5.2).

Renal impairment

No dosage adjustment is required in patients with mild, moderate or severe (CrCl <30 mL/min, not on dialysis) renal impairment. No data are available in subjects receiving dialysis although differences in pharmacokinetics are not expected in this population (see section 5.2).

Hepatic impairment

No dosage adjustment is required in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh grade A or B). No data are available in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh grade C); therefore dolutegravir should be used with caution in these patients (see section 5.2).

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of dolutegravir in children aged less than 6 years or weighing less than 15 kg have not yet been established. In the presence of integrase inhibitor resistance, there are insufficient data to recommend a dose for dolutegravir in children and adolescents. Currently available data are described in section 4.8, 5.1 and 5.2, but no recommendation on a posology can be made.

Method of administration

Oral use.

Dolutegravir can be taken with or without food (see section 5.2). In the presence of integrase class resistance, Dolutegravir should preferably be taken with food to enhance exposure (particularly in patients with Q148 mutations) (see section 5.2).

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1. Co-administration with dofetilide (see section 4.5).

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

While effective viral suppression with antiretroviral therapy has been proven to substantially reduce the risk of sexual transmission, a residual risk cannot be excluded. Precautions to prevent transmission should be taken in accordance with national guidelines.

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Preliminary data from an observational study showed that dolutegravir was associated with increased risk of neural tube defects when administered at the time of conception and in early pregnancy. As there is limited understanding of reported types of neural tube defects associated with dolutegravir use and because the date of conception may not be determined with precision, avoid use of dolutegravir at the time of conception through the first trimester of pregnancy.

If there are plans to become pregnant or if pregnancy is confirmed within the first trimester while on dolutegravir, if possible, switch to an alternative regimen.

Perform pregnancy testing before initiation of dolutegravir in adolescents and adults of childbearing potential to exclude use of dolutegravir during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Advise adolescents and adults of childbearing potential to consistently use effective contraception.

Integrase class resistance of particular concern

The decision to use dolutegravir in the presence of integrase class resistance should take into account that the activity of dolutegravir is considerably compromised for viral strains harbouring Q148+ \geq 2 secondary mutations from G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I (see section 5.1). To what extent dolutegravir provides added efficacy in the presence of such integrase class resistance is uncertain (see section 5.2).

Hypersensitivity reactions

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported with dolutegravir, and were characterized by rash, constitutional findings, and sometimes, organ dysfunction, including severe liver reactions. Dolutegravir and other suspect agents should be discontinued immediately if signs or symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions develop (including, but not limited to, severe rash or rash accompanied by raised liver enzymes, fever, general malaise, fatigue, muscle or joint aches, blisters, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, facial oedema, eosinophilia, angioedema). Clinical status including liver aminotransferases and bilirubin should be monitored. Delay in stopping treatment with dolutegravir or other suspect active substances after the onset of hypersensitivity may result in a life-threatening allergic reaction.

Immune Reactivation Syndrome

In HIV-infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of institution of combination antiretroviral therapy (CART), an inflammatory reaction to asymptomatic or residual opportunistic pathogens may arise and cause serious clinical conditions, or aggravation of symptoms. Typically, such reactions have been observed within the first few weeks or months of initiation of CART. Relevant examples are cytomegalovirus retinitis, generalised and/or focal mycobacterial infections, and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia. Any inflammatory symptoms should be evaluated and treatment instituted when necessary. Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves' disease) have also been reported to occur in the setting of immune reconstitution, however, the reported time to onset is more variable and these events can occur many months after initiation of treatment.

Liver biochemistry elevations consistent with immune reconstitution syndrome were observed in some hepatitis B and/or C co-infected patients at the start of dolutegravir therapy. Monitoring of liver biochemistries is recommended in patients with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection. Particular diligence should be applied in initiating or maintaining effective hepatitis B therapy (referring to treatment guidelines) when starting dolutegravir-based therapy in hepatitis B co-infected patients (see section 4.8).

Opportunistic infections

Patients should be advised that dolutegravir or any other antiretroviral therapy does not cure HIV infection and that they may still develop opportunistic infections and other complications of HIV infection. Therefore, patients should remain under close clinical observation by physicians experienced in the treatment of these associated HIV diseases.

Drug interactions

Factors that decrease dolutegravir exposure should be avoided in the presence of integrase class resistance. This includes co-administration with medicinal products that reduce dolutegravir exposure (e.g. magnesium/ aluminium-containing antacid, iron and calcium supplements, multivitamins and inducing agents, etravirine (without boosted protease inhibitors), tipranavir/ritonavir, rifampicin, St. John's wort and certain antiepileptic medicinal products) (see section 4.5).

Dolutegravir increased metformin concentrations. A dose adjustment of metformin should be considered when starting and stopping coadministration of dolutegravir with metformin, to maintain glycaemic control (see section 4.5). Metformin is eliminated renally and, therefore, it is of importance to monitor renal function when co-treated with dolutegravir. This combination may increase the risk for lactic acidosis in patients with moderate renal impairment (stage 3a creatinine clearance [CrCl] 45– 59 mL/min) and a cautious approach is recommended. Reduction of the metformin dose should be highly considered.

Osteonecrosis

Although the aetiology is considered to be multifactorial (including corticosteroid use, bisphosphonates, alcohol consumption, severe immunosuppression, higher body mass index), cases of osteonecrosis have been reported in patients with advanced HIV-disease and/or long-term exposure to CART. Patients should be advised to seek medical advice if they experience joint aches and pain, joint stiffness or difficulty in movement.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Effect of other agents on the pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir

All factors that decrease dolutegravir exposure should be avoided in the presence of integrase class resistance.

Dolutegravir is eliminated mainly through metabolism by UGT1A1. Dolutegravir is also a substrate of UGT1A3, UGT1A9, CYP3A4, Pgp, and BCRP; therefore medicinal products that induce those enzymes may decrease dolutegravir plasma concentration and reduce the therapeutic effect of dolutegravir (see Table 2). Co-administration of dolutegravir and other medicinal products that inhibit these enzymes may increase dolutegravir plasma concentration (see Table 2).

The absorption of dolutegravir is reduced by certain anti-acid agents (see Table 2).

Effect of dolutegravir on the pharmacokinetics of other agents

In vivo, dolutegravir did not have an effect on midazolam, a CYP3A4 probe. Based on *in vivo* and/or *in vitro* data, dolutegravir is not expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of medicinal products that are substrates of any major enzyme or transporter such as CYP3A4, CYP2C9 and P-gp (for more information see section 5.2).

In vitro, dolutegravir inhibited the renal organic cation transporter 2 (OCT2) and multidrug and toxin extrusion transporter (MATE) 1. *In vivo*, a 10-14% decrease of creatinine clearance (secretory fraction is dependent on OCT2 and MATE-1 transport) was observed in patients. *In vivo*, dolutegravir may increase plasma concentrations of medicinal products in which excretion is dependent upon OCT2 or MATE-1 (e.g. dofetilide, metformin) (see Table 2 and section 4.3).

In vitro, dolutegravir inhibited the renal uptake transporters, organic anion transporters (OAT1) and OAT3. Based on the lack of effect on the *in vivo* pharmacokinetics of the OAT substrate tenofovir, *in vivo* inhibition of OAT1 is unlikely. Inhibition of OAT3 has not been studied *in vivo*. Dolutegravir may increase plasma concentrations of medical products in which excretion is dependent upon OAT3.

Established and theoretical interactions with selected antiretrovirals and non-antiretroviral medicinal products are listed in Table 2.

Interaction table

Interactions between dolutegravir and co-administered medicinal products are listed in Table 2 (increase is indicated as “↑”, decrease as “↓”, no change as “↔”, area under the concentration versus time curve as “AUC”, maximum observed concentration as “C_{max}”, concentration at end of dosing interval as “C_τ”).

Table 2: Drug Interactions

Medicinal products by therapeutic areas	Interaction Geometric mean change (%)	Recommendations concerning co-administration
HIV-1 Antiviral Agents		
<i>Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors</i>		
Etravirine without boosted protease inhibitors	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 71% C _{max} ↓ 52% C _τ ↓ 88% Etravirine ↔ (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	Etravirine without boosted protease inhibitors decreased plasma dolutegravir concentration. The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with etravirine without boosted protease inhibitors. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be administered twice daily. Dolutegravir should not be used with etravirine without coadministration of atazanavir/ritonavir, darunavir/ritonavir or lopinavir/ritonavir in INIresistant patients (see further below in table).

Lopinavir/ritonavir + etravirine	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 11% C _{max} ↑ 7% C _t ↑ 28% LPV ↔ RTV ↔	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Darunavir/ritonavir + etravirine	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 25% C _{max} ↓ 12% C _t ↓ 36%	No dose adjustment is necessary.

	DRV ↔ RTV ↔	
Efavirenz	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 57% C _{max} ↓ 39% C _t ↓ 75% Efavirenz ↔ (historical controls) (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with efavirenz. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be administered twice daily. In the presence of integrase class resistance alternative combinations that do not include efavirenz should be considered (see section 4.4).
Nevirapine	Dolutegravir ↓ (Not studied, a similar reduction in exposure as observed with efavirenz is expected, due to induction)	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with nevirapine. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be administered twice daily. In the presence of integrase class resistance alternative combinations that do not include nevirapine should be considered (see section 4.4).
Rilpivirine	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 12% C _{max} ↑ 13% C _t ↑ 22% Rilpivirine ↔	No dose adjustment is necessary.
<i>Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors</i>		
Tenofovir	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 1% C _{max} ↓ 3% C _t ↓ 8% Tenofovir ↔	No dose adjustment is necessary.
<i>Protease Inhibitors</i>		

Atazanavir	Dolutegravir ↑ AUC ↑ 91% C _{max} ↑ 50% C _t ↑ 180% Atazanavir ↔ (historical controls) (inhibition of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	No dose adjustment is necessary. Dolutegravir should not be dosed higher than 50 mg twice daily in combination with atazanavir (see section 5.2) due to lack of data.
Atazanavir/ritonavir	Dolutegravir ↑ AUC ↑ 62% C _{max} ↑ 34% C _t ↑ 121% Atazanavir ↔ Ritonavir ↔ (inhibition of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	No dose adjustment is necessary. Dolutegravir should not be dosed higher than 50 mg twice daily in combination with atazanavir (see section 5.2) due to lack of data.
Tipranavir/ritonavir (TPV+RTV)	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 59% C _{max} ↓ 47% C _t ↓ 76%	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with tipranavir/ritonavir. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be

	(induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	administered twice daily. In the presence of integrase class resistance this combination should be avoided (see section 4.4).
Fosamprenavir/ritonavir (FPV+RTV)	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 35% C _{max} ↓ 24% C _t ↓ 49% (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	No dose adjustment is necessary in the absence of integrase class resistance. In the presence of integrase class resistance alternative combinations that do not include fosamprenavir/ritonavir should be considered.
Nelfinavir	Dolutegravir ↔ (Not studied)	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Darunavir/ritonavir	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 22% C _{max} ↓ 11% C ₂₄ ↓ 38% (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Lopinavir/ritonavir	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↓ 4% C _{max} ↔ 0% C ₂₄ ↓ 6%	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Other Antiviral agents		

Telaprevir	Dolutegravir ↑ AUC ↑ 25% C _{max} ↑ 19% C _τ ↑ 37% Telaprevir ↔ (historical controls) (inhibition of CYP3A enzyme)	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Boceprevir	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 7% C _{max} ↑ 5% C _τ ↑ 8% Boceprevir ↔ (historical controls)	No dose adjustment is necessary.
Daclatasvir	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 33% C _{max} ↑ 29% C _τ ↑ 45% Daclatasvir ↔	Daclatasvir did not change dolutegravir plasma concentration to a clinically relevant extent. Dolutegravir did not change daclatasvir plasma concentration. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Other agents		
<i>Antiarrhythmics</i>		
Dofetilide	Dofetilide ↑ (Not studied, potential increase via inhibition of OCT2 transporter)	Dolutegravir and dofetilide co-administration is contraindicated due to potential life-threatening toxicity caused by high dofetilide concentration (see section 4.3).
<i>Anticonvulsants</i>		
Carbamazepine	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 49% C _{max} ↓ 33% C _τ ↓ 73%	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with carbamazepine. In paediatric patients the weightbased once daily dose should be administered twice daily. Alternatives to carbamazepine should be used where possible for INI resistant patients.
Oxcarbazepine Phenytoin Phenobarbital	Dolutegravir ↓ (Not studied, decrease expected due to induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes, a similar reduction in exposure as observed with carbamazepine is expected)	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with these metabolic inducers. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be administered twice daily. Alternative combinations that do not include these metabolic inducers should be used where possible in INI resistant patients.
<i>Azole anti-fungal agents</i>		
Ketoconazole Fluconazole Itraconazole Posaconazole Voriconazole	Dolutegravir ↔ (Not studied)	No dose adjustment is necessary. Based on data from other CYP3A4 inhibitors, a marked increase is not expected.

<i>Herbal products</i>		
St. John's wort	Dolutegravir ↓ (Not studied, decrease expected due to induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes, a similar reduction in exposure as observed with carbamazepine is expected)	The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with St. John's wort. In paediatric patients the weightbased once daily dose should be administered twice daily. Alternative combinations that do not include St. John's wort should be used where possible in INI-resistant patients.
<i>Antacids and supplements</i>		
Magnesium/ aluminium-containing antacid	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 74% C _{max} ↓ 72% (Complex binding to polyvalent ions)	Magnesium/ aluminium-containing antacid should be taken well separated in time from the administration of dolutegravir (minimum 2 hours after or 6 hours before).
Calcium supplements	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 39% C _{max} ↓ 37% C ₂₄ ↓ 39% (Complex binding to polyvalent ions)	Calcium supplements, iron supplements or multivitamins should be taken well separated in time from the administration of dolutegravir (minimum 2 hours after or 6 hours before).
Iron supplements	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 54% C _{max} ↓ 57% C ₂₄ ↓ 56% (Complex binding to polyvalent ions)	
Multivitamin	Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 33% C _{max} ↓ 35% C ₂₄ ↓ 32% (Complex binding to polyvalent ions)	
<i>Corticosteroids</i>		
Prednisone	Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↑ 11% C _{max} ↑ 6% C _t ↑ 17%	No dose adjustment is necessary.
<i>Antidiabetics</i>		
Metformin	Metformin ↑ When co-administered with	A dose adjustment of metformin should be considered when starting and stopping

	<p>dolutegravir 50mg once daily: Metformin AUC ↑ 79% C_{max} ↑ 66%</p> <p>When co-administered with dolutegravir 50mg twice daily: Metformin AUC ↑ 145 % C_{max} ↑ 111%</p>	<p>coadministration of dolutegravir with metformin, to maintain glycaemic control. In patients with moderate renal impairment a dose adjustment of metformin should be considered when coadministered with dolutegravir, because of the increased risk for lactic acidosis in patients with moderate renal impairment due to increased metformin concentration (section 4.4).</p>
<i>Antimycobacterials</i>		
Rifampicin	<p>Dolutegravir ↓ AUC ↓ 54% C_{max} ↓ 43% C_t ↓ 72% (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)</p>	<p>The recommended adult dose of dolutegravir is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with rifampicin in the absence of integrase class resistance. In paediatric patients the weight-based once daily dose should be administered twice daily. In the presence of integrase class resistance this combination should be avoided (see section 4.4).</p>
Rifabutin	<p>Dolutegravir ↔ AUC ↓ 5% C_{max} ↑ 16% C_t ↓ 30% (induction of UGT1A1 and CYP3A enzymes)</p>	<p>No dose adjustment is necessary.</p>
<i>Oral contraceptives</i>		
Ethinyl estradiol (EE) and Norelgestromin (NGMN)	<p>Dolutegravir ↔ EE ↔ AUC ↑ 3% C_{max} ↓ 1%</p> <p>NGMN ↔ AUC ↓ 2% C_{max} ↓ 11%</p>	<p>Dolutegravir had no pharmacodynamic effect on Luteinizing Hormone (LH), Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) and progesterone. No dose adjustment of oral contraceptives is necessary when co-administered with dolutegravir.</p>
<i>Analgesics</i>		
Methadone	<p>Dolutegravir ↔ Methadone ↔ AUC ↓ 2% C_{max} ↔ 0% C_t ↓ 1%</p>	<p>No dose adjustment is necessary of either agent.</p>

Paediatric population

Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Preliminary data from an observational study has identified a possible increased risk of neural tube defects when Dolutegravir is administered at the time of conception compared with non-dolutegravir-containing antiretroviral regimens. As defects related to closure of the neural tube occur from conception through the first 6 weeks of gestation, embryos exposed to dolutegravir from the time of conception through the first 6 weeks of gestation are at potential risk. In addition, 2 of the 4 birth defects (encephalocele and iniencephaly), which have been observed with dolutegravir use, although often termed neural tube defects, may occur post-neural tube closure, the time period of which may be later than 6 weeks of gestation, but within the first trimester. Due to the limited understanding of the types of reported neural tube defects associated with dolutegravir use and because the date of conception may not be determined with precision, avoid use of Dolutegravir at the time of conception through the first trimester of pregnancy. No neural tube defects have been reported in infants born to mothers who have started Dolutegravir after the first trimester of pregnancy (*see Data*).

If there are plans to become pregnant or if pregnancy is confirmed while on Dolutegravir during the first trimester, if possible, switch to an alternative regimen. Advise pregnant adolescents and adults of the potential risk to the embryo exposed to Dolutegravir from the time of conception through the first trimester of pregnancy.

There are insufficient human data on the use of Dolutegravir during pregnancy to definitively assess a drug-associated risk for birth defects and miscarriage. The background risk for major birth defects for the indicated population is unknown.

In animal reproduction studies, no evidence of adverse developmental outcomes was observed with dolutegravir at systemic exposures (AUC) less than (rabbits) and approximately 27 times (rats) the exposure in humans at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of Dolutegravir (*see Data*).

Human Data: As of May 2018, in an ongoing birth outcome surveillance study in Botswana, there have been 4 cases of neural tube defects reported out of 426 births (0.94%) to mothers who were exposed to dolutegravir-containing regimens at the time of conception. In comparison, the neural tube defect prevalence rates were 0.12% (14/11,300) in the non-dolutegravir arm and 0.09% (61/66,057) in the HIV-uninfected arm. Four cases reported with dolutegravir included one case each of encephalocele, anencephaly, myelomeningocele, and iniencephaly. No infant born to a woman who started dolutegravir during pregnancy had a neural tube defect (n = 2,812).

Data analyzed to date from other sources including the APR, clinical trials, and postmarketing data are insufficient to address the risk of neural tube defects with dolutegravir.

Animal Data: Dolutegravir was administered orally at up to 1,000 mg per kg daily to pregnant rats and rabbits on gestation Days 6 to 17 and 6 to 18, respectively, and to rats on gestation Day 6 to lactation/post-partum Day 20. No adverse effects on embryo-fetal (rats and rabbits) or pre/post-natal (rats) development were observed at up to the highest dose tested. During organogenesis, systemic exposures (AUC) to dolutegravir in rabbits were less than the exposure in humans at the MRHD and in rats were approximately 27 times the exposure in humans at the MRHD. In the rat pre/post-natal development study, decreased body weight of the developing offspring was observed during lactation at a maternally toxic dose (approximately 27 times human exposure at the MRHD).

Breast-feeding

Risk Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that HIV-1-infected mothers in the United States not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV-1 infection.

It is not known whether Dolutegravir is present in human breast milk, affects human milk production, or has effects on the breastfed infant. When administered to lactating rats, dolutegravir was present in milk (*see Data*).

Because of the potential for (1) HIV-1 transmission (in HIV-negative infants), (2) developing viral resistance (in HIV-positive infants), and (3) adverse reactions in a breastfed infant similar to those seen in adults, instruct mothers not to breastfeed if they are receiving Dolutegravir.

Data

Animal Data: Dolutegravir was the primary drug-related component excreted into the milk of lactating rats following a single oral dose of 50 mg per kg on lactation Day 10, with milk concentrations of up to approximately 1.3 times that of maternal plasma concentrations observed 8 hours postdose.

Fertility

Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Pregnancy Testing

Perform pregnancy testing in adolescents and adults of childbearing potential before initiation of Dolutegravir.

Contraception

Adolescents and adults of childbearing potential should avoid use of Dolutegravir at the time of conception through the first trimester of pregnancy because of the potential risk of neural tube defects.

Advise adolescents and adults of childbearing potential who are taking Dolutegravir to consistently use effective contraception.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Patients should be informed that dizziness has been reported during treatment with dolutegravir. The clinical status of the patient and the adverse reaction profile of dolutegravir should be borne in mind when considering the patient's ability to drive or operate machinery.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile

The safety profile is based on pooled data from Phase IIb and Phase III clinical studies in 1222 previously untreated patients, 357 previously treated patients unexposed to integrase inhibitors and 264 patients with prior treatment failure that included an integrase inhibitor (including integrase class resistance). The most severe adverse reaction, seen in an individual patient, was a hypersensitivity reaction that included rash and severe liver effects (see section 4.4). The most commonly seen treatment emergent adverse reactions were nausea (13%), diarrhoea (18%) and headache (13%).

The safety profile was similar across the different treatment populations mentioned above.

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The adverse reactions considered at least possibly related to dolutegravir are listed by body system, organ class and absolute frequency. Frequencies are defined as very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$), rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$), very rare ($< 1/10,000$).

Table 3 Adverse Reactions

Immune system disorders	Uncommon	Hypersensitivity (see section 4.4)
	Uncommon	Immune Reconstitution Syndrome (see section 4.4)**
Psychiatric disorders	Common	Insomnia
	Common	Abnormal dreams
	Common	Depression
	Common	Anxiety
	Uncommon	Suicidal ideation or suicide attempt (particularly in patients with a pre-existing history of depression or psychiatric illness)
Nervous system disorders	Very common	Headache
	Common	Dizziness
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	Nausea
	Very common	Diarrhoea
	Common	Vomiting

	Common	Flatulence
	Common	Upper abdominal pain
	Common	Abdominal pain
	Common	Abdominal discomfort
Hepatobiliary disorders	Uncommon	Hepatitis
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common	Rash
	Common	Pruritus
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Uncommon	Arthralgia
	Uncommon	Myalgia
General disorders and administration site conditions	Common	Fatigue
Investigations	Common	Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and/or Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) elevations
	Common	Creatine phosphokinase (CPK) elevations

**see below under Description of selected adverse reactions.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Changes in laboratory biochemistries

Increases in serum creatinine occurred within the first week of treatment with dolutegravir and remained stable through 48 weeks. A mean change from baseline of 9.96 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ was observed after 48 weeks of treatment. Creatinine increases were comparable by various background regimens. These changes are not considered to be clinically relevant since they do not reflect a change in glomerular filtration rate.

Co-infection with Hepatitis B or C

In Phase III studies patients with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection were permitted to enrol provided that baseline liver chemistry tests did not exceed 5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN). Overall, the safety profile in patients co-infected with hepatitis B and/or C was similar to that observed in patients without hepatitis B or C co-infection, although the rates of AST and ALT abnormalities were higher in the subgroup with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection for all treatment groups. Liver chemistry elevations consistent with immune reconstitution syndrome were observed in some subjects with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection at the start of dolutegravir therapy, particularly in those whose anti-hepatitis B therapy was withdrawn (see section 4.4).

Immune response syndrome

In HIV-infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of initiation of combination antiretroviral therapy (CART), an inflammatory reaction to asymptomatic or residual opportunistic infections may arise. Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves' disease) have also been reported; however, the reported time to onset is more variable and these events can occur many months after initiation of treatment (see section 4.4).

Paediatric population

Based on limited available data in children and adolescents (6 to less than 18 years of age and weighing at least 15 kg), there were no additional types of adverse reactions beyond those observed in the adult population.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting system.

4.9 Overdose

There is currently limited experience with overdosage in dolutegravir.

Limited experience of single higher doses (up to 250 mg in healthy subjects) revealed no specific symptoms or signs, apart from those listed as adverse reactions.

Further management should be as clinically indicated or as recommended by the national poisons centre, where available. There is no specific treatment for an overdose of dolutegravir. If overdose occurs, the patient should be treated supportively with appropriate monitoring, as necessary. As dolutegravir is highly bound to plasma proteins, it is unlikely that it will be significantly removed by dialysis.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antivirals for systemic use, other antivirals, ATC code: J05AX12

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Mechanism of action

Dolutegravir inhibits HIV integrase by binding to the integrase active site and blocking the strand transfer step of retroviral Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) integration which is essential for the HIV replication cycle.

Pharmacodynamic effects

Antiviral activity in cell culture

The IC₅₀ for dolutegravir in various labstrains using PBMC was 0.5 nM, and when using MT-4 cells it ranged from 0.7-2 nM. Similar IC₅₀s were seen for clinical isolates without any major difference between subtypes; in a panel of 24 HIV-1 isolates of clades A, B, C, D, E, F and G and group O the mean IC₅₀ value was 0.2 nM (range 0.02-2.14). The mean IC₅₀ for 3 HIV-2 isolates was 0.18 nM (range 0.09-0.61).

Antiviral activity in combination with other antiviral agents

No antagonistic effects *in vitro* were seen with dolutegravir and other antiretrovirals tested: stavudine, abacavir, efavirenz, nevirapine, lopinavir, amprenavir, enfuvirtide, maraviroc and raltegravir. In addition, no antagonistic effects were seen for dolutegravir and adefovir, and ribavirin had no apparent effect on dolutegravir activity.

Effect of human serum

In 100% human serum, the mean protein fold shift was 75 fold, resulting in protein adjusted IC₉₀ of 0.064 ug/mL.

Resistance

Resistance in vitro

Serial passage is used to study resistance evolution *in vitro*. When using the lab-strain HIV-1 III_B during passage over 112 days, mutations selected appeared slowly, with substitutions at positions S153Y and F, resulting in a maximal fold change in susceptibility of 4 (range 2-4). These mutations were not selected in patients treated with dolutegravir in the clinical studies. Using strain NL432, mutations E92Q (FC 3) and G193E (also FC 3) were selected. The E92Q mutation has been selected in patients with pre-existing raltegravir resistance who were then treated with dolutegravir (listed as a secondary mutation for dolutegravir).

In further selection experiments using clinical isolates of subtype B, mutation R263K was seen in all five isolates (after 20 weeks and onwards). In subtype C (n=2) and A/G (n=2) isolates the integrase substitution R263K was selected in one isolate, and G118R in two isolates. R263K was reported from two ART experienced, INI naive individual patients with subtypes B and C in the clinical program, but without effects on dolutegravir susceptibility *in vitro*. G118R lowers the susceptibility to dolutegravir in site directed mutants (FC 10), but was not detected in patients receiving dolutegravir in the Phase III program.

Primary mutations for raltegravir/elvitegravir (Q148H/R/K, N155H, Y143R/H/C, E92Q and T66I) do not affect the *in vitro* susceptibility of dolutegravir as single mutations. When mutations listed as secondary integrase inhibitor associated mutations (for raltegravir/elvitegravir) are added to these primary mutations in experiments with site directed mutants, dolutegravir susceptibility is still unchanged (FC <2 vs wild type virus), except in the case of Q148-mutations, where a FC of 5-10 or higher is seen with combinations of certain secondary mutations. The effect by the Q148-mutations (H/R/K) was also verified in passage experiments with site directed mutants. In serial passage with strain NL432, starting with site directed mutants harbouring N155H or E92Q, no further selection of resistance was seen (FC unchanged around 1). In contrast, starting with mutants harbouring mutation Q148H (FC 1), a variety of secondary mutations were seen with a consequent increase of FC to values >10.

A clinically relevant phenotypic cut-off value (FC vs wild type virus) has not been determined; genotypic resistance was a better predictor for outcome.

Seven hundred and five raltegravir resistant isolates from raltegravir experienced patients were analyzed for susceptibility to dolutegravir. Dolutegravir has a less than or equal to 10 FC against 94% of the 705 clinical isolates.

Resistance in vivo

In previously untreated patients receiving dolutegravir + 2 NRTIs in Phase IIb and Phase III, no development of resistance to the integrase class, or to the NRTI class was seen (n=1118 follow-up of 48-96 weeks).

In patients with prior failed therapies, but naïve to the integrase class (SAILING study), integrase inhibitor substitutions were observed in 4/354 patients (follow-up 48 weeks) treated with dolutegravir, which was given in combination with an investigator selected background regimen (BR). Of these four, two subjects had a unique R263K integrase substitution, with a maximum FC of 1.93, one subject had a polymorphic V151V/I integrase substitution, with maximum FC of 0.92, and one subject had pre-existing integrase mutations and is assumed to have been integrase experienced or infected with integrase resistant virus by transmission. The R263K mutation was also selected *in vitro* (see above).

In the presence of integrase class-resistance (VIKING-3 study) the following mutations were selected in 32 patients with protocol defined virological failure (PDVF) through Week 24 and with paired genotypes (all treated with dolutegravir 50 mg twice daily + optimized background agents): L74L/M (n=1), E92Q (n=2), T97A (n=9), E138K/A/T (n=8), G140S (n=2), Y143H (n=1), S147G (n=1), Q148H/K/R (n=4), and N155H (n=1) and E157E/Q (n=1). Treatment emergent integrase resistance typically appeared in patients with a history of the Q148-mutation (baseline or historic). Five further subjects experienced PDVF between weeks 24 and 48, and 2 of these 5 had treatment emergent mutations. Treatment-emergent mutations or mixtures of mutations observed were L74I (n=1), N155H (n=2).

The VIKING-4 study examined dolutegravir (plus optimized background therapy) in subjects with primary genotypic resistance to INIs at Screening in 30 subjects. Treatment-emergent mutations observed were consistent with those observed in the VIKING-3 study.

Effects on electrocardiogram

No relevant effects were seen on the QTc interval, with doses exceeding the clinical dose by approximately three fold.

Clinical efficacy and safety

Previously untreated patients

The efficacy of dolutegravir in HIV-infected, therapy naïve subjects is based on the analyses of 96week data from two randomized, international, double-blind, active-controlled trials, SPRING-2 (ING113086) and SINGLE (ING114467). This is supported by 96 week data from an open-label, randomized and activecontrolled study FLAMINGO (ING114915) and additional data from the open-label phase of SINGLE to 144 weeks.

In SPRING-2, 822 adults were randomized and received at least one dose of either dolutegravir 50 mg once daily or raltegravir (RAL) 400 mg twice daily, both administered with either ABC/3TC or TDF/FTC. At baseline, median patient age was 36 years, 14% were female, 15% non-white, 11% had hepatitis B and/or C co-infection and 2% were CDC Class C, these characteristics were similar between treatment groups.

In SINGLE, 833 subjects were randomized and received at least one dose of either dolutegravir 50 mg once daily with fixed-dose abacavir-lamivudine (DTG + ABC/3TC) or fixed-dose efavirenz-tenofovir emtricitabine (EFV/TDF/FTC). At baseline, median patient age was 35 years, 16% were female, 32% nonwhite, 7% had hepatitis C co-infection and 4% were CDC Class C, these characteristics were similar between treatment groups.

The primary endpoint and other week 48 outcomes (including outcomes by key baseline covariates) for SPRING-2 and SINGLE are shown in Table 3.

Table 3 Response in SPRING-2 and SINGLE at 48 Weeks (Snapshot algorithm, <50 copies/mL)

	SPRING-2		SINGLE	
	Dolutegravir 50 mg Once Daily + 2 NRTI N=411	RAL 400 mg Twice Daily + 2 NRTI N=411	Dolutegravir 50 mg + ABC/3TC Once Daily N=414	EFV/TDF/FTC Once Daily N=419
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	88%	85%	88%	81%
Treatment Difference*	2.5% (95% CI: -2.2%, 7.1%)		7.4% (95% CI: 2.5%, 12.3%)	
Virologic non-response†	5%	8%	5%	6%
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL by baseline covariates				
Baseline Viral Load (cps/mL)				
≤100,000 >100,000	267 / 297 (90%) 94 / 114 (82%)	264 / 295 (89%) 87 / 116 (75%)	253 / 280 (90%) 111 / 134 (83%)	238 / 288 (83%) 100 / 131 (76%)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/ mm³)				
<200 200 to <350 ≥350	43 / 55 (78%) 128 / 144 (89%) 190 / 212 (90%)	34 / 50 (68%) 118 / 139 (85%) 199 / 222 (90%)	45 / 57 (79%) 143 / 163 (88%) 176 / 194 (91%)	48 / 62 (77%) 126 / 159 (79%) 164 / 198 (83%)
NRTI backbone				
ABC/3TC	145 / 169 (86%)	142 / 164 (87%)	N/A	N/A
TDF/FTC	216 / 242 (89%)	209 / 247 (85%)	N/A	N/A
Gender				
Male	308 / 348 (89%)	305 / 355 (86%)	307 / 347 (88%)	291 / 356 (82%)
Female	53 / 63 (84%)	46 / 56 (82%)	57 / 67 (85%)	47 / 63 (75%)
Race				
White African-American/African	306 / 346 (88%) 55 / 65 (85%)	301 / 352 (86%) 50 / 59 (85%)	255 / 284 (90%) 109 / 130 (84%)	238 / 285 (84%) 99 / 133 (74%)
Heritage/Other				
Age (years)				
<50	324/370 (88%)	312/365 (85%)	319/361 (88%)	302/375 (81%)
≥50	37/41 (90%)	39/46 (85%)	45/53 (85%)	36/44 (82%)

Median CD4 change from baseline	230	230	246‡	187‡
<p>* Adjusted for baseline stratification factors. † Includes subjects who changed BR to new class or changed BR not permitted per protocol or due to lack of efficacy prior to Week 48 (for SPRING-2 only), subjects who discontinued prior to Week 48 for lack or loss of efficacy and subjects who are ≥50 copies in the 48 week window. ‡ Adjusted mean treatment difference was statically significant (p<0.001)</p>				

At week 48, dolutegravir was non-inferior to raltegravir in the SPRING-2 study, and in the SINGLE study dolutegravir + ABC/3TC was superior to efavirenz/TDF/FTC (p=0.003), table 3 above. In SINGLE, the median time to viral suppression was shorter in the dolutegravir treated patients (28 vs 84 days, (p<0.0001, analysis pre-specified and adjusted for multiplicity).

At week 96, results were consistent with those seen at week 48. In SPRING-2, dolutegravir was still noninferior to raltegravir (viral suppression in 81% vs 76% of patients), and with a median change in CD4 count of 276 vs 264 cells/mm³, respectively. In SINGLE, dolutegravir + ABC/3TC was still superior to EFV/TDF/FTC (viral suppression in 80% vs 72%, treatment difference 8.0% (2.3, 13.8), p=0.006, and with an adjusted mean change in CD4 count of 325 vs 281 cells/ mm³, respectively. At 144 weeks in the openlabel phase of SINGLE, virologic suppression was maintained, the dolutegravir + ABC/3TC arm (71%) was superior to the EFV/TDF/FTC arm (63%), treatment difference was 8.3% (2.0, 14.6).

In FLAMINGO (ING114915), an open-label, randomised and active-controlled study, 484 HIV-1 infected antiretroviral naïve adults received one dose of either dolutegravir 50 mg once daily (n=242) or darunavir/ritonavir (DRV/r) 800 mg/100 mg once daily (n=242), both administered with either ABC/3TC or TDF/FTC. At baseline, median patient age was 34 years, 15% were female, 28% non-white, 10% had hepatitis B and/or C co-infection, and 3% were CDC Class C; these characteristics were similar between treatment groups. Virologic suppression (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL) in the dolutegravir group (90%) was superior to the DRV/r group (83%) at 48 weeks. The adjusted difference in proportion and 95% CI were 7.1% (0.9, 13.2), p=0.025. At 96 weeks, virologic suppression in the dolutegravir group (80%) was superior to the DRV/r group (68%), (adjusted treatment difference [DTG-(DRV+RTV)]: 12.4%; 95% CI: [4.7, 20.2].

Treatment emergent resistance in previously untreated patients failing therapy

Through 96 weeks in SPRING-2 and FLAMINGO and 144 weeks in SINGLE, no cases of treatment emergent primary resistance to the integrase- or NRTI-class were seen in the dolutegravir-containing arms. For the comparator arms, the same lack of treatment emergent resistance was also the case for patients treated with darunavir/r in FLAMINGO. In SPRING-2, four patients in the RAL-arm failed with major NRTI mutations and one with raltegravir resistance; in SINGLE, six patients in the EFV/TDF/FTC-arm failed with mutations associated with NNRTI resistance, and one developed a major NRTI mutation.

Patients with prior treatment failure, but not exposed to the integrase class

In the international multicentre, double-blind SAILING study (ING111762), 719 HIV-1 infected, antiretroviral therapy (ART)-experienced adults were randomized and received either dolutegravir 50 mg once daily or raltegravir 400 mg twice daily with investigator selected background regimen consisting of up to 2 agents (including at least one fully active agent). At baseline, median patient age was 43 years, 32% were female, 50% non-white, 16% had hepatitis B and/or C co-infection, and

46% were CDC Class C. All patients had at least two class ART resistance, and 49% of subjects had at least 3-class ART resistance at baseline.

Week 48 outcomes (including outcomes by key baseline covariates) for SAILING are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Response in SAILING at 48 Weeks (Snapshot algorithm, <50 copies/mL)

	Dolutegravir 50 mg Once Daily + BR N=354§	RAL 400 mg Twice Daily + BR N=361§
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	71%	64%
Adjusted treatment difference‡	7.4% (95% CI: 0.7%, 14.2%)	
Virologic non-response	20%	28%
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL by baseline covariates		
Baseline Viral Load (copies/mL)		
≤50,000 copies/mL	186 / 249 (75%)	180 / 254 (71%)
>50,000 copies/mL	65 / 105 (62%)	50 / 107 (47%)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/ mm³)		
<50	33 / 62 (53%)	30 / 59 (51%)
50 to <200	77 / 111 (69%)	76 / 125 (61%)
200 to <350	64 / 82 (78%)	53 / 79 (67%)
≥350	77 / 99 (78%)	71 / 98 (72%)
Background Regimen		
Genotypic Susceptibility Score*	155 / 216 (72%)	129 / 192 (67%)
<2 Genotypic Susceptibility Score* =2	96 / 138 (70%)	101 / 169 (60%)
Use of DRV in background regimen		
No DRV use	143 / 214 (67%)	126 / 209 (60%)
DRV use with primary PI mutations	58 / 68 (85%)	50 / 75 (67%)
DRV use without primary PI mutations	50 / 72 (69%)	54 / 77 (70%)
Gender		
Male	172 / 247 (70%)	156 / 238 (66%)
Female	79 / 107 (74%)	74 / 123 (60%)
Race		
White	133 / 178 (75%)	125 / 175 (71%)
African-America/African Heritage/Other	118 / 175 (67%)	105 / 185 (57%)
Age (years)		
<50	196 / 269 (73%)	172 / 277 (62%)
≥50	55 / 85 (65%)	58 / 84 (69%)
HIV sub type		
Clade B	173 / 241 (72%)	159 / 246 (65%)
Clade C	34 / 55 (62%)	29 / 48 (60%)
Other†	43 / 57 (75%)	42 / 67 (63%)
Mean increase in CD4+ T cell (cells/mm ³)	162	153

‡ Adjusted for baseline stratification factors.

§ 4 subjects were excluded from the efficacy analysis due to data integrity at one study site

*The Genotypic Susceptibility Score (GSS) was defined as the total number of ARTs in BR to which a subject's viral isolate showed susceptibility at baseline based upon genotypic resistance tests. †Other clades included: Complex (43), F1 (32), A1 (18), BF (14), all others <10.

In the SAILING study, virologic suppression (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL) in the Dolutegravir arm (71%) was statistically superior to the raltegravir arm (64%), at Week 48 (p=0.03).

Statistically fewer subjects failed therapy with treatment-emergent integrase resistance on Dolutegravir (4/354, 1%) than on raltegravir (17/361, 5%) (p=0.003) (refer to section 'Resistance in vivo' above for details).

Patients with prior treatment failure that included an integrase inhibitor (and integrase class resistance)

In the multicenter, open-label, single arm VIKING-3 study (ING112574), HIV-1 infected, ART-experienced adults with virological failure and current or historical evidence of raltegravir and/or elvitegravir resistance received Dolutegravir 50 mg twice daily with the current failing background regimen for 7 days but with optimised background ART from Day 8. The study enrolled 183 patients, 133 with INI-resistance at Screening and 50 with only historical evidence of resistance (and not at Screening). Raltegravir/elvitegravir was part of the current failing regimen in 98/183 patients (part of prior failing therapies in the others). At baseline, median patient age was 48 years, 23% were female, 29% non-white, and 20% had hepatitis B and/or C co-infection. Median baseline CD4+ was 140 cells/mm³, median duration of prior ART was 14 years, and 56% were CDC Class C. Subjects showed multiple class ART resistance at baseline: 79% had ≥2 NRTI, 75% ≥1 NNRTI, and 71% ≥2 PI major mutations; 62% had non-R5 virus.

Mean change from baseline in HIV RNA at day 8 (primary endpoint) was -1.4log₁₀ copies/mL (95% CI -1.3– -1.5log₁₀, p<0.001). Response was associated with baseline INI mutation pathway, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5 Virologic response (day 8) after 7 days of functional monotherapy, in patients with RAL/EVG as part of current failing regimen, VIKING 3 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

Baseline parameters	DTG 50 mg BID N=88*		
	n	Mean (SD) Plasma HIV-1 RNA log ₁₀ c/mL	Median
Derived IN mutation group at Baseline with ongoing RAL/EVG			
Primary mutation other than Q148H/K/R ^a	48	-1.59 (0.47)	-1.64
Q148+1 secondary mutation ^b	26	-1.14 (0.61)	-1.08
Q148+≥2 secondary mutations ^b	14	-0.75 (0.84)	-0.45
*Of 98 on RAL/EVG as part of current failing regimen, 88 had detectable primary INI mutations at Baseline and a Day 8 Plasma HIV-1 RNA outcome for evaluation			
a. Included primary IN resistance mutations N155H, Y143C/H/R, T66A, E92Q			

b. Secondary mutations from G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I.

In patients without a primary mutation detected at baseline (N=60) (i.e. RAL/EVG not part of current failing therapy) there was a 1.63 log₁₀ reduction in viral load at day 8.

After the functional monotherapy phase, subjects had the opportunity to re-optimize their background regimen when possible. The overall response rate through 24 weeks of therapy, 69% (126/183), was generally sustained through 48 weeks with 116/183 (63%) of patients with HIV-1 RNA <50c/mL (ITT-E,

Snapshot algorithm). When excluding patients who stopped therapy for non-efficacy reasons, and those with major protocol deviations (incorrect dolutegravir dosing, intake of prohibited comedication), namely, “the Virological Outcome (VO)-population”, the corresponding response rates were 75% (120/161, week 24) and 69% (111/160, week 48).

The response was lower when the Q148-mutation was present at baseline, and in particular in the presence of ≥2 secondary mutations, Table 6. The overall susceptibility score (OSS) of the optimised background regimen (OBR) was not associated with Week 24 response, nor with the week 48 response.

Table 6 Response by baseline Resistance, VIKING-3. VO Population (HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL, Snapshot algorithm)

	Week 24 (N=161)					Week 48 (N=160)
Derived IN Mutation						Total
Group	OSS=0	OSS=1	OSS=2	OSS>2	Total	
No primary IN mutation ¹					45/55	38/55
	2/2 (100%)	15/20 (75%)	19/21 (90%)	9/12 (75%)	(82%)	(69%)
Primary mutation other than Q148H/K/R2	2/2 (100%)	20/20 (100%)	21/27 (78%)	8/10 (80%)	51/59 (86%)	50/58 (86%)
Q148 + 1 secondary mutation ³	2/2 (100%)	8/12 (67%)	10/17 (59%)	-	20/31 (65%)	19/31 (61%)
Q148 + ≥2 secondary mutations ³	1/2 (50%)	2/11 (18%)	1/3 (33%)	-	4/16 (25%)	4/16 (25%)
<p>1. Historical or phenotypic evidence of INI resistance only. 2. N155H, Y143C/H/R, T66A, E92Q 3. G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I OSS: combined genotypic and phenotypic resistance (Monogram Biosciences Net Assessment)</p>						

The median change in CD4+ T cell count from baseline for VIKING-3 based on observed data was 61 cells/mm³ at Week 24 and 110 cells/mm³ at Week 48.

In the double blind, placebo controlled VIKING-4 study (ING116529), 30 HIV-1 infected, ART-experienced adults with primary genotypic resistance to INIs at Screening, were randomised to receive either dolutegravir 50 mg twice daily or placebo with the current failing regimen for 7 days followed by an open label phase with all subjects receiving dolutegravir. At baseline, median patient age was 49 years, 20% were female, 58% non-white, and 23% had hepatitis B and/or C co-infection. Median baseline CD4+ was 160 cells/mm³, median duration of prior ART was 13 years, and 63% were CDC Class C. Subjects showed multiple class ART resistance at baseline: 80% had ≥2 NRTI, 73% ≥1 NNRTI, and 67% ≥2 PI major mutations; 83% had non-R5 virus. Sixteen of 30 subjects (53%) harboured Q148 virus at baseline. The primary endpoint at Day 8 showed that dolutegravir 50 mg twice daily was superior to placebo, with an adjusted mean treatment difference for the change from Baseline in Plasma HIV-1 RNA of -1.2 log₁₀ copies/mL (95% CI -1.5 - -0.8 log₁₀ copies/mL, p<0.001). The day 8 responses in this placebo controlled study were fully in line with those seen in VIKING-3 (not placebo controlled), including by baseline integrase resistance categories. At week 48, 12/30 (40%) subjects had HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL (ITT-E, Snapshot algorithm).

In a combined analysis of VIKING-3 and VIKING-4 (n=186, VO population), the proportion of subjects with HIV RNA <50 copies/mL at Week 48 was 126/186 (68%). The proportion of subjects with HIV RNA <50 copies/mL was 96/126 (76%) for No Q148 mutations, 22/41 (54%) for Q148+1 and 5/19 (26%) for Q148+≥2 secondary mutations.

Paediatric population

In a Phase I/II 48 week multicentre, open-label study (P1093/ING112578), the pharmacokinetic parameters, safety, tolerability and efficacy of Dolutegravir has been evaluated in combination regimens in HIV-1 infected, treatment-experienced, INI naive children and adolescents (6 to less than 18 years of age). Subjects were stratified by age, receiving Dolutegravir (70 mg, as 35 mg twice daily, n=1; 50 mg once daily, n=5; 35 mg once daily, n=6; 25 mg once daily, n= 8; and 20 mg once daily, n=3) plus OBR.

Table 8 Virologic (Snapshot algorithm) and Immunologic Activity of Treatment for Subjects 6 Years and Older in P1093

	DOLUTEGRAVIR ~1 mg/kg Once Daily + OBR	
	Cohort I (12 to <18 years) (n=23)	Cohort IIA (6 to <12 years) (n=23)
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL at 24 weeks, n (%)	16 (70%)	14 (61%)
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL at 48 weeks, n (%)	14 (61%)	-
HIV-1 RNA <400 copies/mL at 24 weeks, n (%)	19 (83%)	18 (78%)
HIV-1 RNA <400 copies/mL at 48 weeks, n (%)	17 (74%)	-
Virologic non response	6	3
CD4+ Cell Count		
Median Change from Baseline, cells/mm ³	84 ^a	209 ^b
Median Percent Change from Baseline	5% ^a	8% ^b

^a 22 subjects contributed Week 48 CD4+ cell count data ^b 21 subjects contributed Week 24 CD4+ cell count data

The European Medicines Agency has deferred the obligation to submit the results of studies with Dolutegravir in paediatric patients aged 4 weeks to below 6 years with HIV infection (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Dolutegravir pharmacokinetics are similar between healthy and HIV-infected subjects. The PK variability of dolutegravir is low to moderate. In Phase I studies in healthy subjects, between-subject CVb% for AUC and C_{max} ranged from ~20 to 40% and C_t from 30 to 65% across studies. The between subject PK variability of dolutegravir was higher in HIV-infected subjects than healthy subjects. Within-subject variability (CVw%) is lower than between-subject variability.

Absorption

Dolutegravir is rapidly absorbed following oral administration, with median T_{max} at 2 to 3 hours post dose for tablet formulation.

Food increased the extent and slowed the rate of absorption of dolutegravir. Bioavailability of dolutegravir depends on meal content: low, moderate, and high fat meals increased dolutegravir AUC_(0-∞) by 33%, 41%, and 66%, increased C_{max} by 46%, 52%, and 67%, prolonged T_{max} to 3, 4, and 5 hours from 2 hours under fasted conditions, respectively. These increases may be clinically relevant in the presence of certain integrase class resistance. Therefore, Dolutegravir is recommended to be taken with food by patients infected with HIV with integrase class resistance (see section 4.2).

The absolute bioavailability of dolutegravir has not been established.

Distribution

Dolutegravir is highly bound (>99%) to human plasma proteins based on *in vitro* data. The apparent volume of distribution is 17 L to 20 L in HIV-infected patients, based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis. Binding of dolutegravir to plasma proteins is independent of dolutegravir concentration. Total blood and plasma drug-related radioactivity concentration ratios averaged between 0.441 to 0.535, indicating minimal association of radioactivity with blood cellular components. The unbound fraction of dolutegravir in plasma is increased at low levels of serum albumin (<35 g/L) as seen in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment.

Dolutegravir is present in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). In 13 treatment-naïve subjects on a stable dolutegravir plus abacavir/lamivudine regimen, dolutegravir concentration in CSF averaged 18 ng/mL (comparable to unbound plasma concentration, and above the IC₅₀).

Dolutegravir is present in the female and male genital tract. AUC in cervicovaginal fluid, cervical tissue and vaginal tissue were 6-10% of those in corresponding plasma at steady state. AUC in semen was 7% and 17% in rectal tissue of those in corresponding plasma at steady state.

Biotransformation

Dolutegravir is primarily metabolized through glucuronidation via UGT1A1 with a minor CYP3A component. Dolutegravir is the predominant circulating compound in plasma; renal elimination of unchanged active substance is low (< 1% of the dose). Fifty-three percent of total oral dose is excreted unchanged in the faeces. It is unknown if all or part of this is due to unabsorbed active substance or biliary excretion of the glucuronidate conjugate, which can be further degraded to form the parent compound in the gut lumen. Thirty-two percent of the total oral dose is excreted in the urine, represented by ether glucuronide of dolutegravir (18.9% of total dose), N-dealkylation metabolite (3.6% of total dose), and a metabolite formed by oxidation at the benzylic carbon (3.0% of total dose).

Drug interactions

In vitro, dolutegravir demonstrated no direct, or weak inhibition ($IC_{50} > 50 \mu M$) of the enzymes cytochrome P450 (CYP)1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6 CYP3A, uridine diphosphate glucuronosyl transferase (UGT)1A1 or UGT2B7, or the transporters Pgp, BCRP, BSEP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, OCT1, MATE2-K, MRP2 or MRP4. *In vitro*, dolutegravir did not induce CYP1A2, CYP2B6 or CYP3A4. Based on this data, dolutegravir is not expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of medicinal products that are substrates of major enzymes or transporters (see section 4.5).

In vitro, dolutegravir was not a substrate of human OATP 1B1, OATP 1B3 or OCT 1.

Elimination

Dolutegravir has a terminal half-life of ~14 hours. The apparent oral clearance (CL/F) is approximately 1L/hr in HIV-infected patients based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis.

Linearity/non-linearity

The linearity of dolutegravir pharmacokinetics is dependent on dose and formulation. Following oral administration of tablet formulations, in general, dolutegravir exhibited nonlinear pharmacokinetics with less than dose-proportional increases in plasma exposure from 2 to 100 mg; however increase in dolutegravir exposure appears dose proportional from 25 mg to 50 mg for the tablet formulation. With 50 mg twice daily, the exposure over 24 hours was approximately doubled compared to 50 mg once daily.

Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic relationship(s)

In a randomized, dose-ranging trial, HIV-1–infected subjects treated with dolutegravir monotherapy (ING111521) demonstrated rapid and dose-dependent antiviral activity, with mean decline in HIV-1 RNA of 2.5 log₁₀ at day 11 for 50 mg dose. This antiviral response was maintained for 3 to 4 days after the last dose in the 50 mg group.

PK/PD modelling using pooled data from clinical studies in integrase resistant patients suggest that increasing the dose from 50 mg twice daily to 100 mg twice daily may increase the effectiveness of dolutegravir in patients with integrase resistance and limited treatment options due to advanced multi class resistance. The proportion of responders (HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL) at week 24 was predicted

to increase around 4-18% in the subjects with Q148 + ≥ 2 secondary mutations from G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I. Although these simulated results have not been confirmed in clinical trials, this high dose may be considered in the presence of the Q148 + ≥ 2 secondary mutations from G140A/C/S, E138A/K/T, L74I in patients with overall limited treatment options due to advanced multi class resistance. There is no clinical data on the safety or efficacy of the 100 mg twice daily dose. Cotreatment with atazanavir increases the exposure of dolutegravir markedly, and should not be used in combination with this high dose, since safety with the resulting dolutegravir exposure has not been established.

Special patient populations

Children

The pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir in 10 antiretroviral treatment-experienced HIV-1 infected adolescents (12 to <18 years of age) showed that Dolutegravir (as sodium) 50 mg once daily oral dosage resulted in dolutegravir exposure comparable to that observed in adults who received Dolutegravir (as sodium) 50 mg orally once daily.

Elderly

Population pharmacokinetic analysis of dolutegravir using data in HIV-1 infected adults showed that there was no clinically relevant effect of age on dolutegravir exposure. Pharmacokinetic data for dolutegravir in subjects >65 years of age are limited.

Renal impairment

Renal clearance of unchanged active substance is a minor pathway of elimination for dolutegravir. A study of the pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir was performed in subjects with severe renal impairment (CLcr <30 mL/min) and matched healthy controls. The exposure to dolutegravir was decreased by approximately 40% in subjects with severe renal impairment. The mechanism for the decrease is unknown. No dosage adjustment is considered necessary for patients with renal impairment. Dolutegravir has not been studied in patients on dialysis.

Hepatic impairment

Dolutegravir is primarily metabolized and eliminated by the liver. A single dose of 50 mg of dolutegravir was administered to 8 subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B) and to 8 matched healthy adult controls. While the total dolutegravir concentration in plasma was similar, a 1.5- to 2-fold increase in unbound exposure to dolutegravir was observed in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment compared to healthy controls. No dosage adjustment is considered necessary for patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. The effect of severe hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of Dolutegravir has not been studied.

Polymorphisms in drug metabolising enzymes

There is no evidence that common polymorphisms in drug metabolising enzymes alter dolutegravir pharmacokinetics to a clinically meaningful extent. In a meta-analysis using pharmacogenomics samples collected in clinical studies in healthy subjects, subjects with UGT1A1 (n=7) genotypes conferring poor dolutegravir metabolism had a 32% lower clearance of dolutegravir and 46% higher AUC compared with subjects with genotypes associated with normal metabolism via UGT1A1 (n=41).

Gender

Population PK analyses using pooled pharmacokinetic data from Phase IIb and Phase III adult trials revealed no clinically relevant effect of gender on the exposure of dolutegravir.

Race

Population PK analyses using pooled pharmacokinetic data from Phase IIb and Phase III adult trials revealed no clinically relevant effect of race on the exposure of dolutegravir. The pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir following single dose oral administration to Japanese subjects appear similar to observed parameters in Western (US) subjects.

Co-infection with Hepatitis B or C

Population pharmacokinetic analysis indicated that hepatitis C virus co-infection had no clinically relevant effect on the exposure to dolutegravir. There are limited data on subjects with hepatitis B co-infection.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Dolutegravir was not mutagenic or clastogenic using *in vitro* tests in bacteria and cultured mammalian cells, and an *in vivo* rodent micronucleus assay. Dolutegravir was not carcinogenic in long term studies in the mouse and rat.

Dolutegravir did not affect male or female fertility in rats at doses up to 1000 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested (24 times the 50 mg twice daily human clinical exposure based on AUC).

Oral administration of dolutegravir to pregnant rats at doses up to 1000 mg/kg daily from days 6 to 17 of gestation did not elicit maternal toxicity, developmental toxicity or teratogenicity (27 times the 50 mg twice daily human clinical exposure based on AUC).

Oral administration of dolutegravir to pregnant rabbits at doses up to 1000 mg/kg daily from days 6 to 18 of gestation did not elicit developmental toxicity or teratogenicity (0.40 times the 50 mg twice daily human clinical exposure based on AUC). In rabbits, maternal toxicity (decreased food consumption, scant/no faeces/urine, suppressed body weight gain) was observed at 1000 mg/kg (0.40 times the 50 mg twice daily human clinical exposure based on AUC).

The effect of prolonged daily treatment with high doses of dolutegravir has been evaluated in repeat oral dose toxicity studies in rats (up to 26 weeks) and in monkeys (up to 38 weeks). The primary effect of dolutegravir was gastrointestinal intolerance or irritation in rats and monkeys at doses that produce systemic exposures approximately 21 and 0.82 times the 50 mg twice daily human clinical exposure based on AUC, respectively. Because gastrointestinal (GI) intolerance is considered to be due to local active substance administration, mg/kg or mg/m² metrics are appropriate determinates of safety cover for this toxicity. GI intolerance in monkeys occurred at 15 times the human mg/kg equivalent dose (based on a 50 kg human), and 5 times the human mg/m² equivalent dose for a clinical dose of 50 mg twice daily.

6.1 List of excipients

Tablet core

Mannitol

Microcrystalline Cellulose

Sodium Starch Glycolate

Povidone

Sodium Steryl Fumarate.

Tablet film-coat

Opadry II Brown 85F565142 (Polyvinyl Alcohol, Titanium Dioxide, Polyethylene Glycol/Macrogol, Talc, Iron Oxide Red and Iron Oxide Black)

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

24 months

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30°C. Store in the original container.

6.5 Nature and contents of container*

HDPE bottle pack comprises of blue opaque high density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle with blue opaque polypropylene cap.

Pack size: 30, 90 & 180 tablets

PVC/ACLAR blister pack comprises of PVC laminated with Aclar on one side and hard tempered aluminium foil coated with heat seal lacquer on the other side.

Pack size: 10's blister

*Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal

No special requirements.

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