

# Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Safety of ARVs during Pregnancy

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# Outline

- Considerations in Pregnancy – Brief Review
- Summary of PK in Pregnancy Across Drug Classes
- Questions about Study Design in Pregnancy
- Infant Washout PK Studies
- Infant Safety & Additional Comments

# Considerations for Therapy during Pregnancy

- Does the dose need to be altered?
- What are appropriate target exposures?
  - Are they different for the mother as compared to the fetus?
- Can we gather initial infant PK data?
- What are the effects on pregnancy outcomes?
- What is the potential for short or long-term toxic effects for the fetus/infant/child (if known)?

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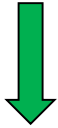


# Overview:

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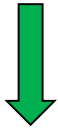
## Biopharmaceutics

Drug in Dosage Form



*Release*

Drug particles in GI fluids



*Dissolution*

Drugs in solution



**Absorption**

**Excretion & Metabolism**

## Pharmacodynamics

**Sites of Action  
Pharmacologic Effects**

## Pharmacokinetics

## Distribution

**Circulation**

**Free**

**Bound**

**Kidney**

**Excretion & Metabolism**

**Excretion & Metabolism**



# Drug Absorption & Distribution in Pregnancy

## A

- Decreased GI motility = Delayed drug absorption and lower peak concentrations
- Nausea and vomiting may limit tolerability
- Food intake altered
  - high fat meals frequently necessary for optimal protease inhibitor absorption





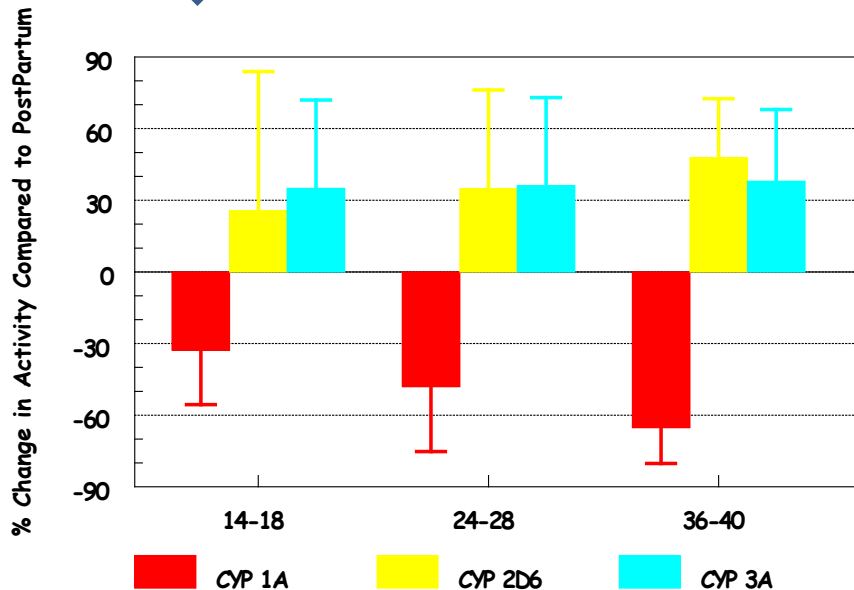
## D

- Changes in body water, plasma volume and fat
  - Altered volume of distribution and peak plasma concentrations
- Protein binding changes
  - Increased free or unbound (active) drug
  - Increased clearance, lower total drug concentrations
- Transporter changes
  - Largely unknown

# Drug Metabolism & Excretion in Pregnancy

- Metabolic activity may increase or decrease

-  CYP 2D6, 3A, 2C9, UGT 1A4
-  CYP 2C19

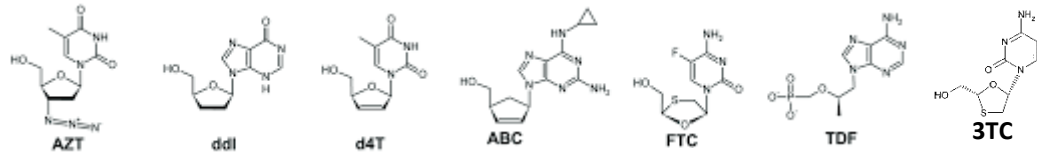


- Increased cardiac output, GFR, renal plasma flow
  - Increased elimination, lower trough concentrations for renally-cleared drugs
- Transporter changes
  - Largely unknown
  - Cholestasis in pregnancy may be result of changes in transport activity

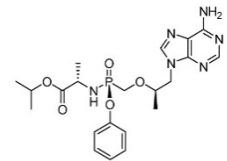
# Table 1. PK of NRTIs in Pregnancy

Drug Name	1° Elimination Pathway(s)	PK Disposition in Pregnancy	Dosing Recommendation	Cord / Maternal Ratios
Abacavir	UGT & Alcohol dehydrogenase	Insignificant changes	Standard doses	1.0
Didanosine	Renal (metabolites)	Not significantly altered	Standard doses	0.38
Emtricitabine	Renal (unchanged)	Exposure moderately lowered	Standard doses	1.2
Lamivudine	Renal (unchanged)	22% higher clearance	Standard doses	0.86
Stavudine	Renal (unchanged)	Similar to non-pregnant	Standard doses	1.0 – 1.3
Tenofovir alafenamide	Cathepsin B, CES1	???	???	???
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Renal (unchanged)	20 – 40% lower exposure in pregnancy	Standard doses	0.6 – 1.03
Zidovudine	UGT2B7	Not significantly altered	Standard doses	0.8

# NRTIs – Summary



- Generally higher clearance and lower exposure during pregnancy, but changes are small enough that they are not considered clinically important
  - Note: minimal CYP or UGT metabolism involved
- Active moiety, intracellular di- or tri-phosphates, have much longer half-lives; changes in plasma concentrations may not be as relevant for this drug class (but can be a rough surrogate)
- TAF – In progress, stay tuned...



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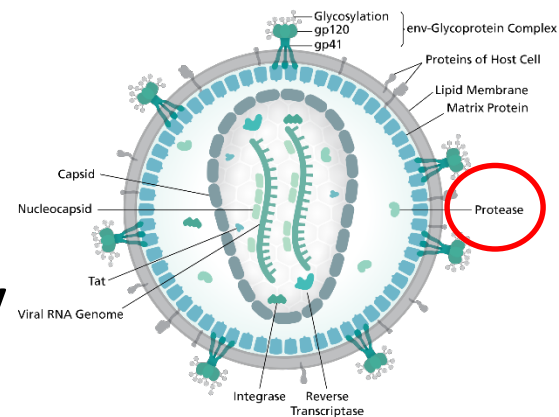


## Table 2. PK of PIs in Pregnancy

Drug Name	1° Elimination Pathway(s)	PK Disposition in Pregnancy	Dosing Recommendation	Cord / Maternal Ratios
ATV/rtv	CYP3A	↓ exposure	Boosted only; standard or increased doses	0.13 – 0.21
DRV/rtv	CYP3A	↓ exposure	BID only; standard doses	0.13 – 0.24
FPV/rtv	CYP3A	↓ exposure	Boosted & BID only; standard dose	0.24
IDV/rtv	CYP3A	↓ exposure	Boosted only; standard dose	0.12
LPV/rtv	CYP3A	↓ exposure, ↑ $f_u$	BID only; standard or increased	0.2
NFV	CYP3A, 2C19	↓ exposure	Standard dose	0.14
SQR/rtv	CYP3A	Older formulations: ↓ 500 mg tablet: ↔	Standard dose	0.0-0.3
TPV/rtv	CYP3A	No data	No data	0.4 – 1 case

## PIs – Summary

- Lower exposure during pregnancy
  - BID dosing recommended over QD
  - Highly protein bound: Increased free fraction may or may not overcome total exposure decreases
- PIs often alter activity of CYP, UGT, transporters
- Dosing depends on potency of agent, clinical factors of patients
- DRV/COBI & ATV/COBI...under study



## Table 3. PK of NNRTIs & Enhancers in Pregnancy

Drug Name	1° Elimination Pathway(s)	PK Disposition in Pregnancy	Dosing Recommendation	Cord / Maternal Ratios
Efavirenz	CYP2B6, 3A	↓ exposure	Standard dose	0.49
Etravirine	CYP3A, 2C9, 2C19	↑ exposure	Standard dose	0.32 – 0.76
Nevirapine	CYP2B6, 3A & UGT	↔ or ↓ exposure	Standard dose	0.60 – 1.02
Rilpivirine	CYP3A	↓ exposure	Individualize??	0.55 – 0.74
Ritonavir	CYP3A, 2D6	↓ exposure	Standard dose	0.05
Cobicistat	CYP3A	↓ exposure	?	0

## NNRTIs & Pharmacoenhancers – Summary

- Each NNRTI behaves differently in pregnancy, consistent with the variety of metabolic pathways
  - Cannot generalize across class
  - Prediction becomes more difficult with more pathways involved (ETR)
- Ritonavir decreases moderately, similar to other PIs
  - Standard doses recommended, partly due to tolerability concerns
- Cobicistat – preliminary information suggests larger decreases during pregnancy

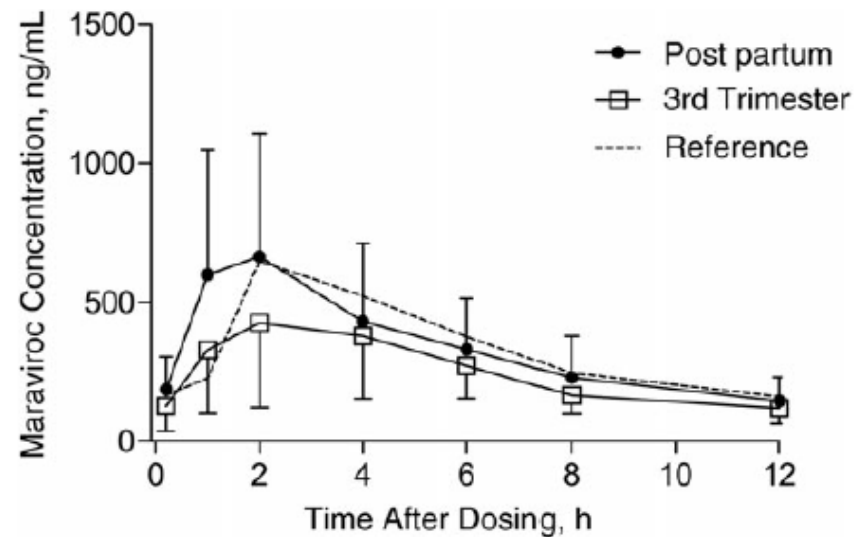


## Table 4. PK of INSTIs, Entry/Fusion in Pregnancy

Drug Name	1° Elimination Pathway(s)	PK Disposition in Pregnancy	Dosing Recommendation	Cord / Maternal Ratios
Dolutegravir	UGT1A1	↓ compared to PP, still therapeutic	Standard dose	1.3
Elvitegravir	CYP3A	↓ exposure	??	1.0 – 1 case
Raltegravir	UGT1A1	↓ AUC; ↔ trough, highly variable	Standard dose	1.2 – 1.5
Enfuvirtide	Catabolism	No data	No data	minimal
Maraviroc	CYP3A	↓ exposure	Standard dose – adjusted for concomitant ARVs	0.33

## INSTIs, Entry/Fusion Inhibitors – Summary

- For DTG and RAL (UGT 1A1) decreases in exposure during pregnancy compared to postpartum, but still therapeutic
- For EVG – substantial decreases
  - No class-specific effect
- MVC, similar decreased exposure as noted with PIs



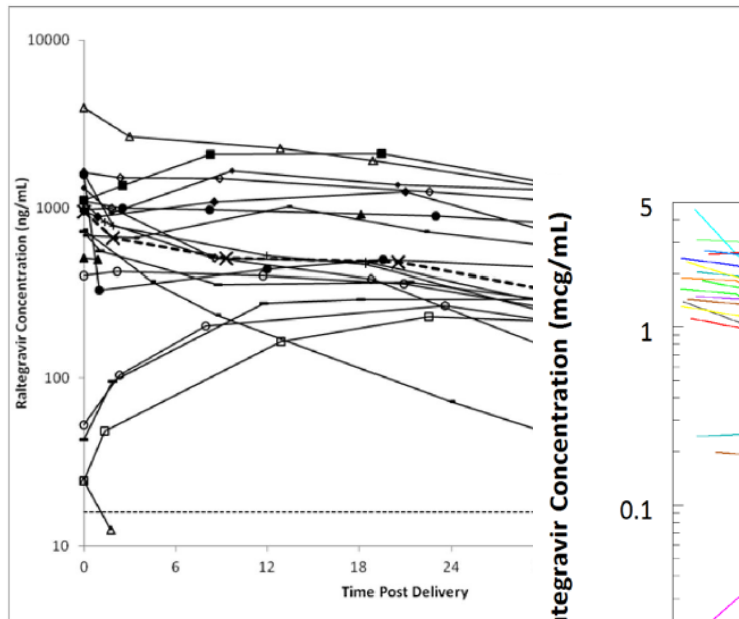
# PK Conclusions Across Classes

- Can we generalize across classes?
- Are all pharmacoenhancers created equal?
- Do we need to do PK studies for every new drug?
- Are opportunistic PK studies sufficient?
  - What about pharmacogenomics?
- When should efficacy studies be considered in pregnancy?
- Balance between optimal and feasible...

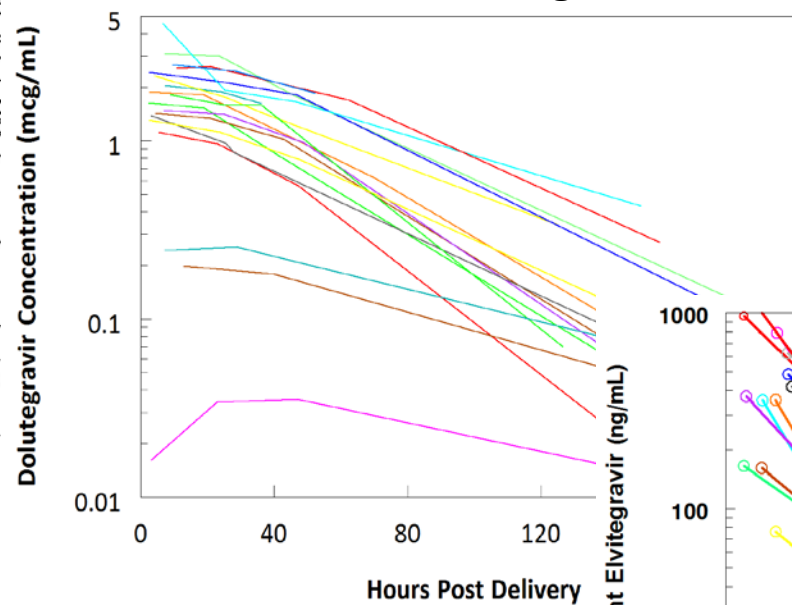


# Are Infant Washout PK Data Useful?

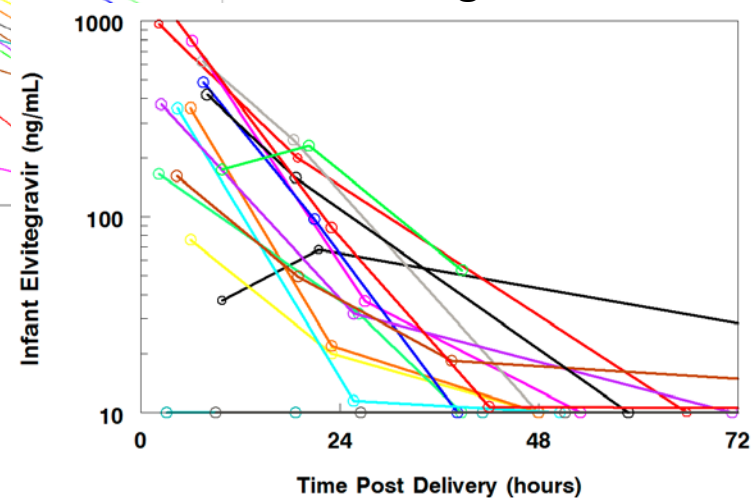
## Infant Raltegravir



## Infant Dolutegravir



## Infant Elvitegravir





# Safety: Pregnancy & Infant Outcomes

- In general, birth defect rate from women on ARVs is similar to rate in women not on ARVs
  - Some questions about EFV, TDF, ZDV, ATV
- ART (PIs, NNRTIs, NRTIs) may or may not increase risk of preterm delivery
  - Study results conflict; confounding is an issue
  - Data insufficient for INSTIs, Fusion/Entry Inhibitors
- Elective C-section may reduce infant infection, but not significantly in women who are suppressed/on ART – has other risks, decision must be individualized

Kennedy CE et al. Elective cesarean section for women living with HIV: a systematic review of risks and benefits. AIDS 2017 May 5, Epub.



# Additional Comments

- Pharmacodynamics of ART for fetus:
  - Preventing transmission depends on control of maternal virus in systemic circulation and in genital tract; crossing the placenta for adequate pre-exposure prophylaxis in fetus; post-exposure prophylaxis for infant
  - Long-term risks of ARV exposure remain unclear
- Considerations Beyond Just PK and AEs:
  - Women taking INSTIs have lower mean fetal fraction (prenatal genetic test)
  - NIPT test may not be as effective in this population; more research is needed

Aziz A, et al "Detection of fetal fraction during noninvasive prenatal screening in HIV infected pregnant women" ACOG 2017; Abstract 210P.





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