

Using Climate-HIV to Describe Real-World Clinical Outcomes for People Living With HIV on Dolutegravir-Based Regimens (DBRs)



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Introduction

- Dolutegravir (DTG)-based regimens (DBRs) are first-line therapy in international HIV treatment guidelines¹
- Review of the effectiveness and safety of DBRs in real-world cohorts is important to assess outcomes in diverse patient populations

Objective

- To describe the real-world use, effectiveness, and safety of DTG in routine clinical practice in the United Kingdom

Methods

- Retrospective analysis using data pooled from 4 National Health Service trusts in England using the electronic care record system, Climate-HIV
- Patients aged ≥18 years prescribed a DBR from Dec 2012 to Feb 2018 were included
- Data were collected from the initiation of the DBR until the last recorded visit (ie, until patients were lost to follow-up, switched to another regimen, died, or discontinued DTG)
- Data regarding demographics, antiretroviral regimens, virologic outcomes, and reasons for switch were summarized with descriptive statistics

Results

Patient Characteristics

Table 1. Patient Characteristics

Variable	Overall cohort (N=934)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	597 (64)
Female	337 (36)
Age, n (%), y	
<50	667 (71)
≥50	267 (29)
Race/Ethnicity, n (%) ^{a,b}	
White	414 (47)
Black African	305 (34)
Black Caribbean/Other	87 (10)
Asian	42 (5)
≥1 Ethnicity/Race	42 (5)
Age, median (IQR), y	43 (34-51)
Treatment naive, n (%)	217 (23)
Treatment experienced, n (%)	717 (77)

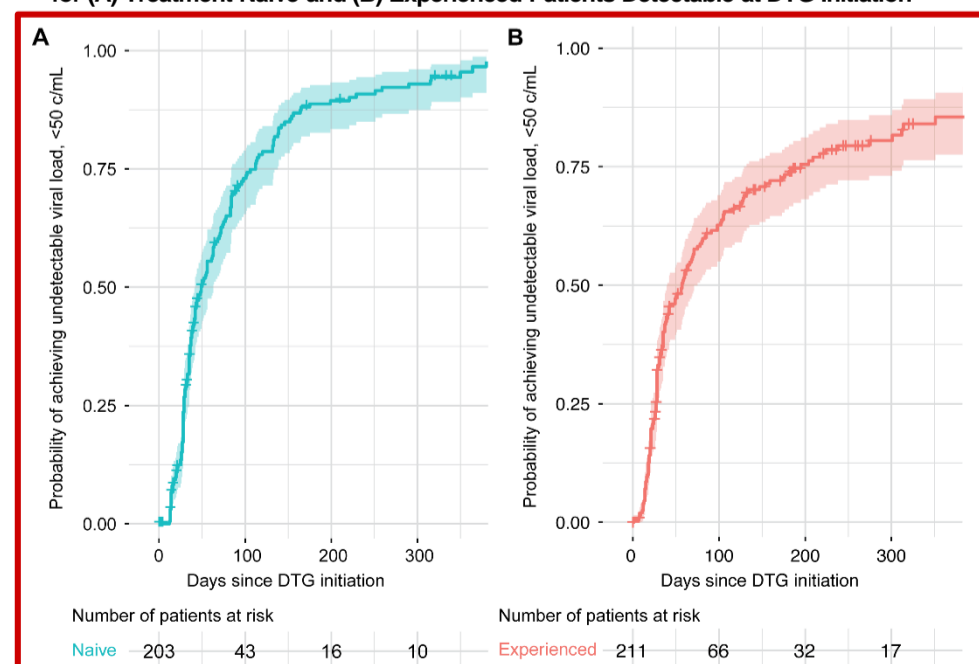
IQR, interquartile range. ^aN=890. ^bPercentages do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

- The majority of patients were receiving once-daily DTG (880/934 [94%]), with DTG/ABC/3TC (n=533 [61%]) and DTG + TDF/FTC (n=178 [20%]) being the most commonly prescribed DBRs

Efficacy

- At the final record/last visit, 809/934 (87%) patients remained on DBRs for a median follow-up of 377 days (interquartile range [IQR], 131-683)
- Among 809 patients still on DBRs, 681 (84%) had an undetectable viral load (<50 c/mL) in general, similar findings were observed across subgroups
- In patients with detectable viral load at DTG initiation (n=414), Kaplan–Meier analysis indicated median time to viral load <50 c/mL of 49 days (95% confidence interval [CI]: 42-63) for treatment-naive (TN) patients and 57 days (95% CI: 40-75) for treatment-experienced (TE) patients (Figure 1)
- The probability of achieving undetectable viral load (<50 c/mL) at 48 weeks was 96% (95% CI: 90-98) for TN patients (Day 350) and 86% (95% CI: 78-91) for TE patients (Day 351; Figure 1)

Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Curves for Probability of Achieving Undetectable Viral Load (<50 c/mL) for (A) Treatment-Naive and (B) Experienced Patients Detectable at DTG Initiation



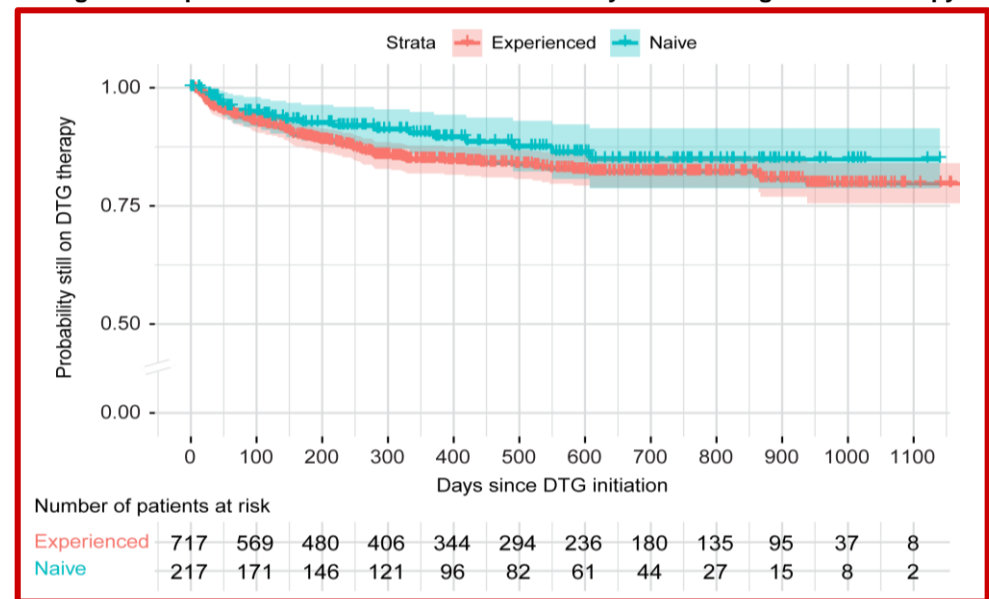
Patients censored at end of DTG therapy, end of follow-up, or end of study period. DTG, dolutegravir.

- Median (IQR) log decreases in viral load were 4.4 (3.7-5.1) for TN patients (n=184) and 2.5 (1.7-4.0) for TE patients (n=208)
- Median (IQR) increase from index in CD4 count was 182 cells/mm³ (74-325) for TN patients and 40 cells/mm³ (-51 to 140) for TE patients
- 60 patients (6%; 22 [10%] TN and 38 [5%] TE) experienced virologic failure defined as viral load ≥50 c/mL with subsequent measurement ≥200 c/mL in patients who were previously undetectable
 - Among 7 tested patients who switched/discontinued DTG, there were no cases of nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI)- or integrase strand transfer inhibitor (INSTI)-emergent resistance
 - 3 patients switched treatment due to virologic or CD4 cell count failure, as recorded by their clinician in Climate-HIV

Persistence

- Persistence of DBRs was 90% for TN and 86% for TE over a median of 362 and 385 days, respectively (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier Estimation of the Probability of Remaining on DTG Therapy



DTG, dolutegravir. Patients censored at end of follow-up or end of study period.

Discontinuations and switches

- 31 patients (3%; 8 TN and 23 TE) discontinued DBRs and did not start new antiretroviral treatment 3 months after treatment supplies finished these individuals were categorized as lost to follow up.
- 94 patients (10%; 14 TN and 80 TE) switched to non-DBRs
 - 16 patients (1.7%) switched treatment due to an adverse event (AE)

Table 2. Reasons for Switch From a Dolutegravir-Based Regimen to Another Regimen

Reason for switch, as per CLIMATE dropdown list n (%)	Patients who switched (n=94)	Treatment naive (n=14)	Treatment experienced (n=80)
Adverse event	16 (17)	5 (36)	11 (14)
Clinician decision	15 (16)	5 (36)	10 (13)
Cost reduction	13 (14)	0 (0)	13 (16)
Patient-related decision	7 (7)	1 (7)	6 (8)
Both CD4 count and viral load failure	3 (3)	0 (0)	6 (8)
Simplification	4 (4)	1 (7)	3 (4)
Other	4 (4)	0 (0)	4 (5)
Resistance	1 (1) ^a	0 (0)	1 (1) ^a
Missing data	28 (30)	2 (14)	26 (33)

^a1 resistance mutation was reported at baseline.

Conclusions

- DBRs showed high levels of virologic suppression and low rates of discontinuation in a large, diverse, UK-based HIV population
- The reported AEs leading to discontinuation were low at 1.7%
- In the overall population, no INSTI- or NRTI-emergent resistance was detected among individuals who switched off DBR or who had reported virologic failure
- These real-world findings are broadly consistent with safety and efficacy data from phase III clinical studies²⁻⁶

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