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BACKGROUND

- First-line treatment with DTG leads to rapid suppression of HIV RNA which might lower the risk of mother-to-child HIV transmission (MTCT)
- Worldwide millions of women are taking DTG
- Hence, safety in pregnancy requires careful evaluation in RCTs
- Treatment associated obesity is linked to a wide range of adverse birth outcomes in women¹

METHODS

- Data on adverse birth outcomes was included from 5 RCTs: DoIPHIN-1, DoIPHIN-2, ADVANCE, NAMSAL and IMPAACT-2010
- These trials compared DTG with EFV as first-line treatment
- Data for the outcomes of neonatal deaths, stillbirths and MTCT were extracted from each trial
- The meta-analysis was conducted using RevMan Software
- The odds ratio (OR) for each endpoint was calculated using the Mantel-Haenszel test (Random-effects model).

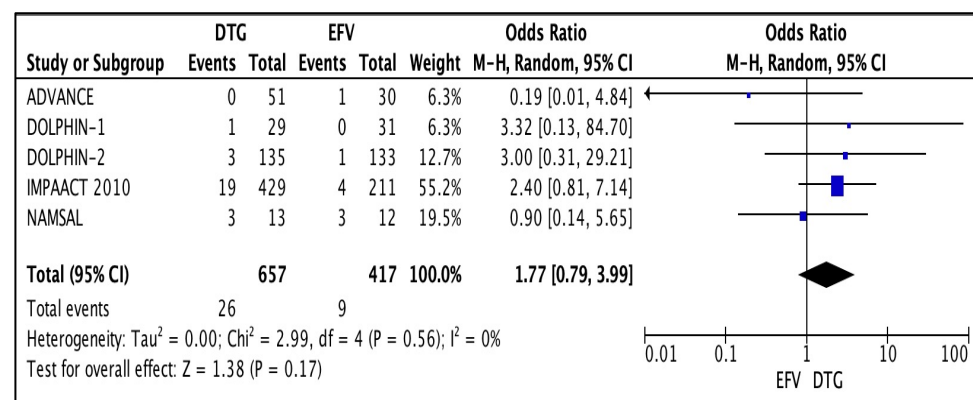


Figure 1: Forest plot for stillbirths

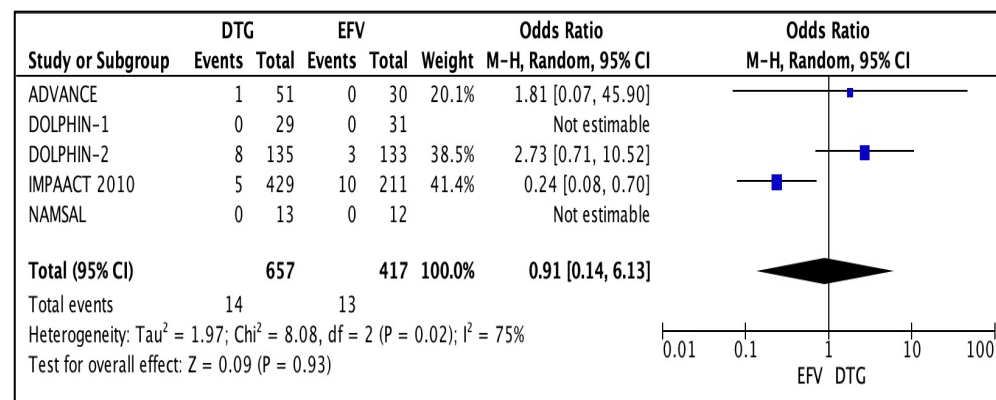


Figure 2: Forest plot for neonatal deaths

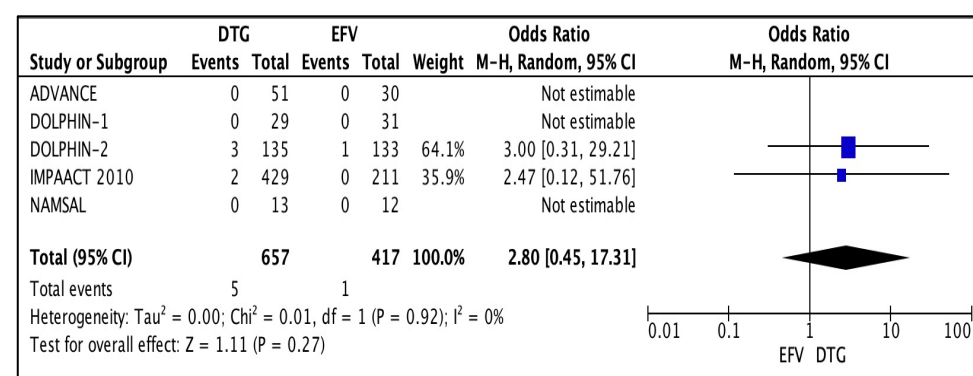


Figure 3: Forest plot for MTCT

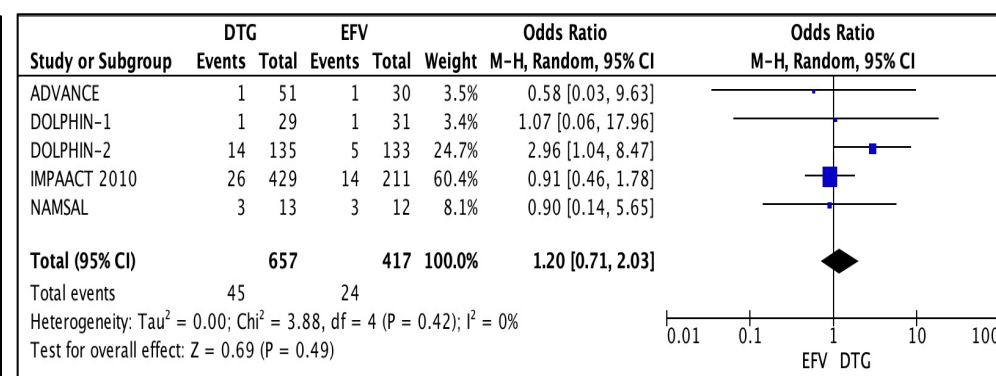


Figure 4: Forest plot for combined sum of stillbirths, neonatal deaths and MTCT

RESULTS

- DoIPHIN-1 and DoIPHIN-2 trials were conducted in South Africa and Uganda, ADVANCE in South Africa, NAMSAL in Cameroon and IMPAACT-2010 internationally.
- DoIPHIN-1, DoIPHIN-2 and IMPAACT-2010 were conducted in women already pregnant at screening. ADVANCE and NAMSAL were conducted in women who were not already pregnant at baseline
- On combining the sum of stillbirths, MTCT and neonatal deaths there were 45 events in the DTG arm and 24 in the EFV arm (OR=1.20, P-value=0.49) (Figure 5).
- No cases of Neural Tube Defects (NTDs) were observed among infants born in any of the trials
- In ADVANCE, the risk of developing clinical obesity was significantly higher for women taking DTG/FTC/TAF for 4 years (42%) versus DTG/FTC/TDF (27%) or EFV/FTC/TAF (20%)

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

- This analysis evaluated 1074 pregnant women in 5 RCTs
- There was no significant difference between DTG and EFV in the overall risk of neonatal deaths, stillbirths or MTCT cases
- This analysis includes outcomes after first-line treatment typically up to 6 months before birth
- Outcomes for women becoming pregnant after long term treatment could be different given higher risks of clinical obesity for DTG, especially if combined with TAF/FTC

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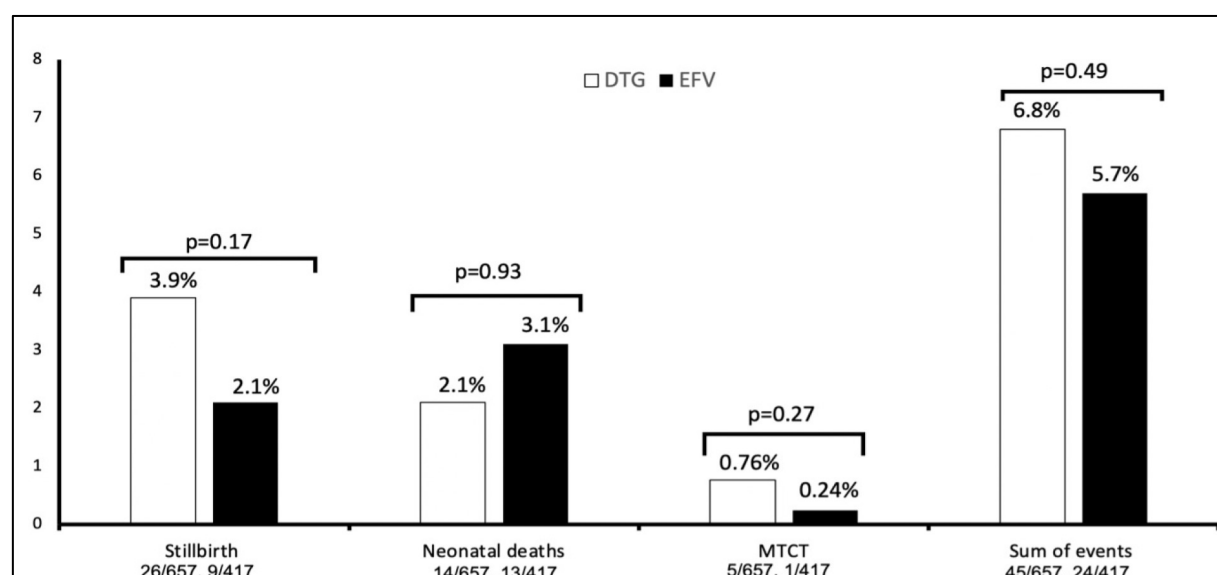


Figure 5: Meta-analysis of adverse birth outcomes