

Biktarvy[®] (BIC/FTC/TAF) Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

This document is in response to your request for information regarding Biktarvy[®] (bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide [BIC/FTC/TAF]) and therapeutic drug monitoring.

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Product Labeling

The BIC/FTC/TAF US Prescribing Information does not provide guidance for therapeutic drug monitoring for HIV-1 positive individuals.¹

Available Data

Based on analyses of exposure quartiles from two Phase 3 registrational clinical trials, BIC and TAF did not demonstrate an exposure-safety or exposure-efficacy relationship. IQ ranges of 4.7—12.2 were observed in the lowest exposure quartile range for BIC C_{Tau} with a 99.3% virologic response rate. IQ is defined as the ratio of C_{Tau} to protein-adjusted IC_{95} for wild type HIV-1, which measures minimum in vivo exposure relative to in vitro potency.² Although BIC/FTC/TAF therapeutic drug monitoring is not required during HIV-1 treatment, drug level testing may be available through select commercial laboratories; please check with the individual laboratories for additional information.

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Abbreviations

C_{Tau} =drug concentration at trough 20-24 hours post-dose

FTC=emtricitabine
 IC_{95} =95% inhibitory quotient

IQ=inhibitory quotient
TAF=tenofovir alafenamide

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