

Bixlenvo™ (bictegravir/lenacapavir)

Metabolic and Lipid Safety

This document is in response to your request for information regarding Bixlenvo™ (bictegravir/lenacapavir [BIC/LEN]) and metabolic and lipid safety data.

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Summary

Product Labeling¹

Weight increased is an adverse reaction that has been identified during postmarketing experience in patients receiving a BIC-containing regimen. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Clinical Data on BIC/LEN and Metabolic and Lipid Safety Data

ARTISTRY-1: An ongoing phase 2/3 study is evaluating the efficacy and safety of switching to BIC/LEN vs continuing a complex ART regimen in VS PWH.²

- In phase 3 from BL to Week 48, body weight remained stable in both groups, with a median (IQR) change of +0.6 (-1.1 to 2.6) kg in the BIC/LEN group and 0 (-2 to 2.4) kg in the complex ART regimen group. After participants switched to BIC/LEN, fasting levels of TC, LDL, and TG and the TC:HDL ratio were observed to improve from BL to Week 48; HDL levels remained stable.³
- In an analysis of phase 3 Week 48 metabolic outcomes based on BL PI use, switching from a complex ART regimen to BIC/LEN was associated with greater improvements in fasting lipid parameters, particularly among those who switched from a PI-containing regimen. All other assessed metabolic parameters were stable from BL to Week 48 in both treatment groups, regardless of BL PI use. Low rates of treatment-emergent dyslipidemia AEs were reported across all participants.⁴

ARTISTRY-2: An ongoing phase 3 study is evaluating the efficacy and safety of switching from BIC/FTC/TAF to BIC/LEN STR 75 mg/50 mg vs continuing BIC/FTC/TAF in VS PWH.⁵

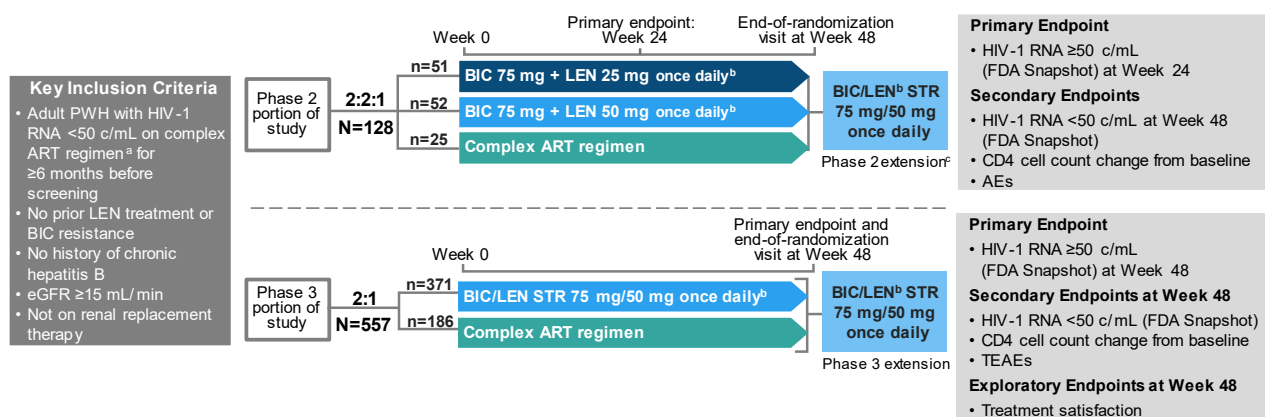
- Changes in body weight from BL to Week 48 remained stable, with a median (IQR) change of -0.2 (-2.5 to 1.8) kg in the BIC/LEN group and 0 (-2.2 to 2.3) kg in the BIC/FTC/TAF group.⁵
- Fasting lipid parameters remained stable in both treatment groups from BL to Week 48.⁵

Clinical Data on BIC/LEN and Metabolic and Lipid Safety Data

ARTISTRY-1: Switching to BIC/LEN vs Complex ART

An ongoing, randomized, multicenter, open-label, phase 2/3 study ([NCT05502341](#)) is evaluating the efficacy and safety of switching to BIC/LEN vs continuing their ART regimen in PWH who were receiving a complex ART regimen.^{2,6}

Figure 1. ARTISTRY-1 Phase 2/3: Study Design^{3,6,7}



Abbreviations: NNRTI=non-nucleos(t)ide reverse transcriptase; NRTI=nucleos(t)ide reverse transcriptase inhibitor.

^aDue to viral resistance, intolerance, or contraindication to existing STRs. Regimens contained the following: a boosted PI or NNRTI + ≥1 other third agent from a class other than NRTIs, or ≥2 pills/day or a dosing frequency >once daily, or parenteral ART (excluding a complete long-acting injectable regimen) plus oral ART.

^bOral loading doses of LEN (600 mg for 2 days) were given after participants switched from their complex ART regimen.

^cAll participants reached the Week 48 timepoint and completed the end-of-randomization visit before entering the OLE phase.

Phase 2 of ARTISTRY-1

During the phase 2 portion of the study, participants were randomly assigned to switch to BIC 75 mg + LEN (25 or 50 mg; oral) or to continue their complex ART regimen. After the randomized period, participants could continue on to the extension period and receive BIC/LEN STR (Figure 1).²

Table 1. Phase 2 of ARTISTRY-1: BL Demographics, Disease Characteristics, and Historical Resistance Mutations⁶

Key Demographics and Characteristics	BIC 75 mg + LEN 25 mg (n=51)	BIC 75 mg + LEN 50 mg (n=52)	Complex ART Regimen (n=25)	Total (N=128)
Age, median (range), years	62 (26–79)	62 (34–76)	58 (41–70)	60 (26–79)
Female sex assigned at birth, n (%)	13 (25.5)	7 (13.5)	4 (16)	24 (19)
Race, White/Black/Asian/other, %	56.9/35.3/3.9/3.9	65.4/30.8/3.8/0	80/20/0/0	64.8/30.5/3.1/1.6
Hispanic/Latinx, ^a n (%)	7 (14)	9 (17.6)	4 (16)	20 (15.9)

Key Demographics and Characteristics	BIC 75 mg + LEN 25 mg (n=51)	BIC 75 mg + LEN 50 mg (n=52)	Complex ART Regimen (n=25)	Total (N=128)
Duration of HIV treatment, ^b median (IQR), years	27.8 (22.7–32.4) ^c	27 (18.9–31.5)	26.9 (19.8–31.9)	27 (19.9–32)
Prior ARTs, ^d median (IQR), n	4 (2–9)	7 (3–11)	8 (3–13)	6 (3–11)

^aEthnicity data were not permitted to be collected for 1 patient each in the BIC 75 mg +LEN 25 mg and BIC 75 mg + LEN 50 mg arms.

^bCalculated with the following equation: (date of first dose – start date of first HIV treatment + 1 day)/365.25.

^cn=50.

^dDefined as ARTs taken on Day 1 or up to 14 days before Day 1. If participants received multiple ARTs, they were counted once per participant for each drug name and ART class.

Metabolic and lipid safety data

In general, with BIC + LEN treatment, most fasting lipid parameters decreased at Week 48, whereas increases in fasting glucose levels, body weight, and BMI were observed (Table 2). Rates of treatment-emergent metabolic disorders are summarized in Table 2.⁸

Table 2. Phase 2 of ARTISTRY-1: Median Changes in Metabolic Parameters at Week 48 and Treatment-Emergent Metabolic Disorders^{2,8}

		BIC 75 mg + LEN 25 mg	BIC 75 mg + LEN 50 mg	Complex ART Regimen
Metabolic parameter, median change from BL ^a	TC, mg/dL	–21 ^b	–14 ^b	+4 ^c
	LDL cholesterol, mg/dL	–10 ^b	–11 ^b	+5 ^c
	HDL cholesterol, mg/dL	–2 ^b	0 ^b	–3 ^c
	Triglycerides, mg/dL	–18 ^b	–9 ^b	+6 ^c
	TC:HDL cholesterol ratio	–0.3 ^b	–0.4 ^b	+0.2 ^c
	Fasting glucose, mg/dL	+3 ^b	+2 ^d	–6 ^c
	Body weight, ^e kg	+0.6 (–0.6 to +1.9) ^f	+0.9 (–2.1 to +3.3) ^g	–0.7 (–2.4 to +0.2) ^h
	BMI, kg/m ²	+0.2 ^f	+0.3 ^g	–0.2 ^h
	Systolic/diastolic BP, mm Hg	–5/–1 ^f	+2/+2 ^g	0/+1 ^h
Treatment-emergent metabolic disorders, ⁱ		3 (6)/2 (4)/	1 (2)/2 (4)/	1 (4)/1 (4)/
CKD/DM/HTN/dyslipidemia, n (%)		1 (2)/ 0	6 (12)/0	1 (4)/ 0

^aResults shown from participants with available data at both BL and Week 48.

^bn=42. ^cn=20. ^dn=43

^eIQR was reported for the change from BL to Week 48.

^fn=49. ^gn=48. ^hn=25.

ⁱReferred to grouped Standardized MedDRA Query. Disorders began at the beginning of the study and up to 60 days after stopping BIC or LEN (BIC + LEN groups) or at the beginning of the study and up to 30 days after stopping the complex ART regimen. Multiple AEs were counted once per participant.

^jIncluded HTN (n=5) and hypertensive crisis (n=1). All cases were reported among participants who had abnormal BP (systolic/diastolic BP, >120/>80 mm Hg), and none were deemed to be drug related.

Laboratory abnormalities were not reported at Week 48.^{2,9}

Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1

For the phase 3 portion of the study, participants were randomly assigned (2:1) to receive an STR of BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg (n=371) or continue their stable complex ART regimen (n=186) for 48 weeks (Figure 1).³

Table 3. Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1: BL Demographics and Disease Characteristics³

Key Demographics and Characteristics		BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg (n=371)	Complex ART Regimen (n=186)	Overall (N=557)
Age, median (range), years		60 (22–84)	60 (24–75)	60 (22–84)
Female sex assigned at birth, n (%)		64 (17)	36 (19)	100 (18)
Race, White/Black/Asian/other, ^a %		70/17/4/3	67/18/5/2	69/17/4/3
Hispanic/Latine, ^b n (%)		80 (22)	42 (23)	122 (22)
Duration of HIV treatment, median (IQR), years		28.3 (21.6–32.3) ^c	28.3 (21.4–31.8) ^d	28.3 (21.6–32.1) ^e
History of select comorbidities, ^f dyslipidemia/HTN/DM or hyperglycemia/CKD, %		66/51/25/13	72/48/23/16	68/50/24/14
Select concomitant medications, ^g n (%)	Antidiabetic agents	84 (23)	44 (24)	128 (23)
	Antihypertensive agents	203 (55)	101 (54)	304 (55)
	Lipid-lowering agents	262 (71)	134 (72)	396 (71)
	Antidiabetic and antihypertensive agents	58 (16)	36 (19)	94 (17)
	Antidiabetic, antihypertensive, and lipid-lowering agents	50 (13)	32 (17)	82 (15)
Select concomitant medications, 1/≥2, n (%)		62 (17)/237 (64)	50 (27)/102 (55)	112 (20)/339 (61)

^aLocal regulations did not permit the collection of race data for 19 participants in the BIC/LEN group and 17 in the complex ART regimen group. The “other” category included participants who were American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, or other.

^bLocal regulations did not permit the collection of ethnicity data for 21 participants in the BIC/LEN group and 16 in the complex ART regimen group.

^cn=358. ^dn=183. ^en=541.

^fNot mutually exclusive. Grouped terms per MedDRA.

^gAntidiabetic drugs included drugs with WHO ATC2 “drugs used in diabetes”; antihypertensive agents included drugs with WHO ATC2 “agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system”, “antihypertensives” (excluding ATC3 “other antihypertensives”), “beta-blocking agents”, “calcium channel blockers”, or “diuretics”; lipid-lowering agents included drugs with WHO ATC2 “drugs used in diabetes”.

Metabolic and lipid safety data

From BL to Week 48, body weight remained stable in both groups, with a median (IQR) change of +0.6 (-1.1 to 2.6) kg in the BIC/LEN group and 0 (-2 to 2.4) kg in the complex ART regimen group.³

After participants switched to BIC/LEN, fasting levels of TC, LDL, and TG and the TC:HDL ratio were observed to improve from BL to Week 48; HDL levels remained stable (Table 4).³

Table 4. Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1: Changes in Fasting Lipids From BL to Week 48^{3,10}

	TC		LDL		HDL		TG		TC:HDL	
	BL ^a	Change From BL to Week 48 ^b	BL ^a	Change From BL to Week 48 ^b	BL ^a	Change From BL to Week 48 ^b	BL ^a	Change From BL to Week 48 ^b	BL ^a	Change From BL to Week 48 ^b
BIC/LEN ^c	176	-15	97	-9	47	-1	130	-15	3.6	-0.3
Complex ART Regimen ^d	188	+2	105	+2	48	0	123	+4	3.7	0
P-Value ^e	<0.0001		<0.0001		0.46		0.0008		<0.0001	

^aMedian value; presented as mg/dL. ^bMedian change from BL; presented as mg/dL.

^cBL, n=316. ^dBL, n=147.

^eNominal P-values for comparison between treatment groups were estimated using the mixed model with repeated measures of the change from BL (fixed effects: treatment, visit, treatment by visit, BL value, and geographic region [US vs non-US]; random effect: participant).

Analysis of metabolic outcomes at Week 48 by BL PI use⁴

Changes from BL to Week 48 in fasting lipid levels, glucose parameters, body weight, BMI, and BP were assessed in each treatment group by BL PI use. BL demographics are presented in Table 5.

Table 5. Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1: BL Demographics and Disease Characteristics by BL PI Use⁴

Key Demographics and Characteristics		BIC/LEN		Complex ART Regimen	
		PI (n=279)	No PI (n=92)	PI (n=148)	No PI (n=38)
Age, median (range), years		60 (22–81)	62 (36–84)	60 (24–75)	61 (49–75)
Female sex at birth, n (%)		43 (15.4)	21 (22.8)	30 (20.3)	6 (15.8)
Race, White/Black/Asian/other, ^a		70.6/19.4/7.2/2.2	68.5/12/3.3/6.5	66.9/19.6/5.4/2	65.8/10.5/2.6/0
Hispanic/Latinx ethnicity, ^b n (%)		69 (24.7)	11 (12)	35 (23.6)	7 (18.4)
History of select comorbidities, dyslipidemia/HTN/DM or hyperglycemia/CKD, %		68.8/48/21.9/13.3	56.5/60.9/32.6/13	68.9/44.6/17.6/14.2	81.6/63.2/42.1/21.1
HbA1c, median (IQR), %	Overall	5.4 (5.2–5.7)	5.5 (5.3–6)	5.4 (5.1–5.7)	5.7 (5.2–6.1)
	In participants with hyperglycemia or DM	6 (5.4–6.8)	6.4 (5.8–7.2)	6.2 (5.7–6.7)	6.4 (5.8–7.2)
Select concomitant non-ARV medications, n (%)	1	49 (17.6)	13 (14.1)	43 (29.1)	7 (18.4)
	≥2	180 (64.5)	57 (62)	76 (51.4)	26 (68.4)
	Antidiabetics	62 (22.2)	22 (23.9)	31 (20.9)	13 (34.2)
	Antihypertensives	147 (52.7)	56 (60.9)	74 (50)	27 (71.1)
	Lipid-lowering agents	205 (73.5)	57 (62)	106 (71.6)	28 (73.7)

Abbreviation: ARV=antiretroviral.

^aLocal regulators did not allow the collection of race data for 19 participants in the BIC/LEN group (PI, n=10; no PI, n=9) and 17 in the complex ART regimen group (PI, n=9; no PI, n=8). “Other” included American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and other.

^bLocal regulators did not allow the collection of ethnicity data for 21 participants in the BIC/LEN group (PI, n=12; no PI, n=9) and 16 in the complex ART regimen group (PI, n=8; no PI, n=8).

From BL to Week 48, switching from a complex ART regimen to BIC/LEN was associated with greater improvements in fasting lipid parameters, particularly among those who switched from a PI-containing regimen (Table 6).

Table 6. Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1: Change From BL to Week 48 in Fasting Lipid Parameters by BL PI Use⁴

Parameter, Median		BIC/LEN		Complex ART Regimen	
		PI (n=233)	No PI (n=83)	PI (n=115)	No PI (n=32)
TC, mg/dL	BL	181	163	191	158
	Change from BL to Wk 48	-21	-5	+2	+3
LDL, mg/dL	BL	101	88	110	79
	Change from BL to Wk 48	-12	-1	+2	+2
HDL, mg/dL	BL	48	45	49	45
	Change from BL to Wk 48	-1	-1	0	-1
TG, mg/dL	BL	133	121	127	114
	Change from BL to Wk 48	-19	-5	+4	+4
TC:HDL ratio	BL	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7
	Change from BL to Wk 48	-0.4	-0.1	0	0

From BL to Week 48, fasting glucose, HbA1c levels, body weight, BMI, and systolic and diastolic BP remained stable across treatment groups regardless of BL PI use. A weight

gain of >10% in the BIC/LEN group was reported in 3.2% of participants (n/N=9/279) who were receiving a PI-containing regimen and in no participants who were not receiving a PI-containing regimen at BL. Among those in the complex ART regimen group, 0.7% of participants (n/N=1/148) who were on a PI-containing regimen at BL and no participants who were not on a PI-containing regimen at BL experienced a weight gain of >10% from BL.

Treatment-emergent dyslipidemia occurred at low rates across all treatment groups regardless of BL PI use (Table 7).

Table 7. Phase 3 of ARTISTRY-1: Treatment-Emergent Dyslipidemia AEs⁴

AE, n (%)	BIC/LEN		Complex ART Regimen	
	PI (n=279)	No PI (n=92)	PI (n=148)	No PI (n=38)
Participants with treatment-emergent dyslipidemia AEs ^a	8 (2.9)	2 (2.2)	4 (2.7)	0
Hypertriglyceridemia	2 (0.7)	1 (1.1)	0	0
Dyslipidemia	2 (0.7)	0	1 (0.7)	0
Hyperlipidemia	2 (0.7)	0	1 (0.7)	0
Hypercholesterolemia	1 (0.4)	1 (1.1)	2 (1.4)	0
Type V hyperlipidemia	1 (0.4)	0	0	0
Low-density lipoprotein increased	0	0	1 (0.7)	0

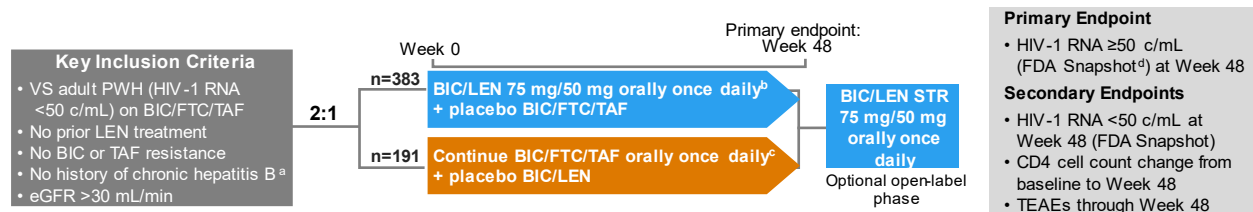
^aGrouped terms on standardized MedDRA narrow search were used. Data included treatment-emergent metabolic disorders that began on or after study drug initiation and up to 60 days after permanent study drug discontinuation in the BIC/LEN group and on/after Day 1 and up to 30 days after permanent discontinuation of a complex regimen in the complex ART regimen group. Multiple AEs were counted only once per participant.

ARTISTRY-2: Switching to BIC/LEN vs BIC/FTC/TAF

Study design and demographics⁵

An ongoing, randomized, multicenter, double-blind, active-controlled, phase 3 study ([NCT06333808](#)) is evaluating the efficacy and safety of switching from BIC/FTC/TAF to STR BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg vs continuing BIC/FTC/TAF in VS PWH. After the randomized period, participants could continue in the OLE phase and receive BIC/LEN.

Figure 2. ARTISTRY-2: Study Design⁵



Abbreviations: HBcAb=HBV core antibody; HBsAb=HBV surface antibody; HBsAg=HBV surface antigen.

^aDetermined by the following at the screening visit: either HBsAg+ status or HBcAb+ and HBsAb status.

^bOral loading doses of LEN 600 mg on Days 1 and 2 were given.

^cParticipants were given placebo to match LEN on Days 1 and 2 of treatment.

^dNon-inferiority margin: 4%.

Table 8. ARTISTRY-2: BL Demographics and Disease Characteristics⁵

Key Demographics and Characteristics	BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg (n=383)	BIC/FTC/TAF (n=191)	Total (N=574)
Age, median (range), years	47 (23–77)	51 (26–77)	49 (23–77)
Male sex assigned at birth, n (%)	314 (82)	149 (78)	463 (81)
Race, White/Black/Asian/American Indian or Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander/other, %	52/30/13/<1/<1/5	58/23/14/1/0/5	54/27/13/<1/<1/5
Hispanic/Latine, ^a n (%)	106 (28)	49 (26)	155 (27)
BMI, median (IQR), kg/m ²	26.8 (24.2–30.3)	27.1 (24.1–31.2)	26.8 (24.1–30.5)
History of select comorbidities, ^b dyslipidemia/HTN/DM or hyperglycemia/CKD, %	41/37/18/5	41/33/16/6	41/36/17/6
Number of select comorbidities, 1/≥2, n (%)	94 (25)/ 121 (32)	57 (30)/ 52 (27)	151 (26)/ 173 (30)

^aLocal regulations did not permit the collection of ethnicity data for 1 participant in the BIC/FTC/TAF group.

^bGrouped terms per MedDRA; not mutually exclusive.

Metabolic and lipid safety

Changes in body weight from BL to Week 48 remained stable, with a median (IQR) change of -0.2 (-2.5 to 1.8) kg in the BIC/LEN group and 0 (-2.2 to 2.3) kg in the BIC/FTC/TAF group.⁵

Grade ≥3 laboratory abnormalities occurred in 24% of participants in the BIC/LEN group and in 23% of participants in the BIC/FTC/TAF group (Table 9).¹¹

Table 9. ARTISTRY-2: Metabolic and Lipid-Related Laboratory Abnormalities (Safety Analysis Set)^{5,11}

Metabolic and Lipid-Related Laboratory Abnormality, n/N (%)		BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg	BIC/FTC/TAF
Grade ≥3 that occurred in ≥2% of participants in either treatment group	Increased fasting serum glucose	10/381 (3)	2/189 (1)
	Glycosuria	7/379 (2)	4/181 (2)
	Increased fasting TG	5/377 (1)	4/180 (2)
	Increased non-fasting serum glucose	3/235 (1)	3/126 (2)

Fasting lipid parameters remained stable in both treatment groups from BL to Week 48 (Table 10).

Table 10. ARTISTRY-2: Fasting Lipid Parameters at Week 48 and Changes From BL (Safety Analysis Set)⁵

Parameter	BIC/LEN 75 mg/50 mg		BIC/FTC/TAF	
	n	Median (IQR)	n	Median (IQR)
TC, mg/dL	355	174 (147–197)	165	174 (153–200)
Change from BL to Wk 48	343	0 (-16 to 17)	162	1 (-11 to 18)
HDL, mg/dL	354	49 (41–59)	165	46 (39–57)
Change from BL to Wk 48	341	0 (-4 to 5)	162	0 (-3 to 5)
LDL, mg/dL	355	100 (81–127)	165	104 (85–125)
Change from BL to Wk 48	343	1 (-12 to 15)	162	3 (-8 to 16)
TG, mg/dL	354	99 (71–139)	165	102 (80–148)
Change from BL to Wk 48	341	0 (-29 to 25)	162	-5 (-27 to 23)
TC:HDL	354	3.4 (2.8–4.3)	165	3.6 (3–4.5)
Change from BL to Wk 48	341	-0.1 (-0.4 to 0.3)	162	0 (-0.3 to 0.3)

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Abbreviations

AE=adverse event
ART=antiretroviral therapy
ATC2=Anatomical
Therapeutic Chemical
2nd/3rd level classification
BIC=bictegravir
BL=baseline
BP=blood pressure
c/mL=copies per mL

CD4=cluster of
differentiation 4
CKD=chronic kidney
disease
DM=diabetes mellitus
FTC=emtricitabine
HTN=hypertension
LEN=lenacapavir
MedDRA=Medical
Dictionary for Regulatory
Activities

OLE=open-label extension
PI=protease inhibitor
PWH=people with HIV
STR=single-tablet regimen
TAF=tenofovir alafenamide
TC=total cholesterol
TG=triglycerides
VS=virologically suppressed
WHO=World Health
Organization

Product Label

For the full indication, important safety information, and boxed warning(s), please refer to the BixlenVO US Prescribing Information available at:

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