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Pharmacokinetics (PK), Safety and Efficacy of Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide (B/F/TAF) in Virologically Suppressed Pregnant Women With HIV

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Introduction



- Safe, effective and convenient treatment options are needed for pregnant women with HIV
- B/F/TAF is approved for treatment in people with HIV-1 (PWH)
- Limited data exist on B/F/TAF PK, safety and efficacy during pregnancy



- Bictegravir (BIC) is highly protein bound and metabolized by UGT1A1 and CYP3A4
- Increased activities of CYP3A4 and UGT1A1, along with alterations in protein binding and other physiological changes, have been reported in pregnancy



- To evaluate PK, safety and efficacy of B/F/TAF in pregnancy, a dedicated study was conducted
 - Open-label study (NCT03960645) in 33 pregnant women living with HIV-1
 - All participants were virologically suppressed at study start (HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL)

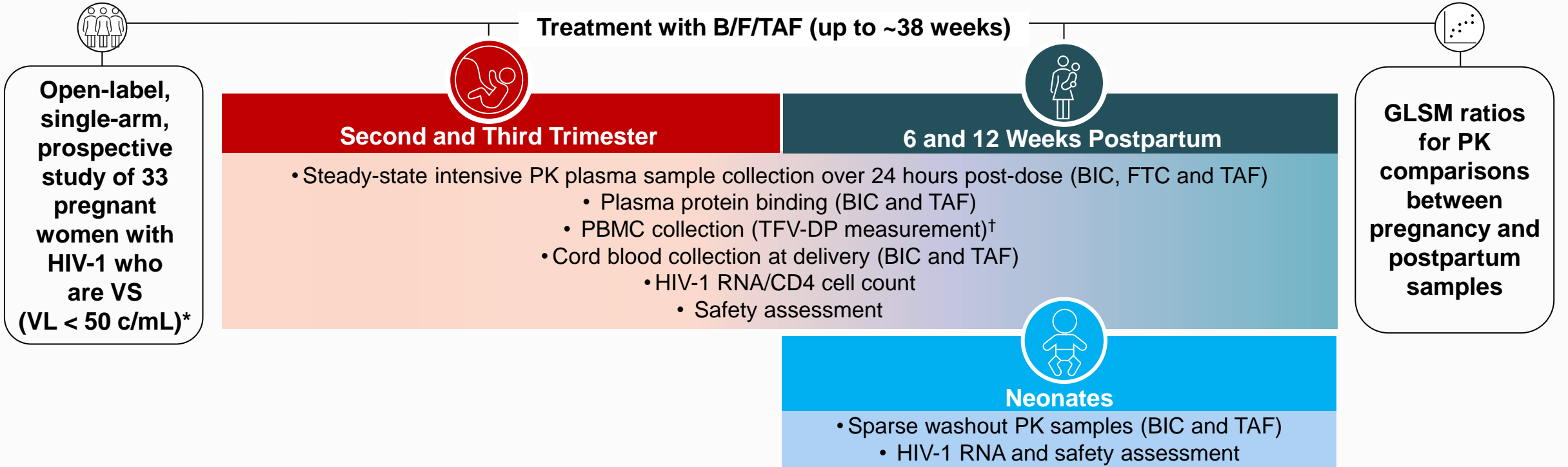
Primary Objective:

- Evaluate steady-state PK of BIC and confirm dose of B/F/TAF (50/200/25 mg FDC once daily) in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy

Secondary Objectives:

- Evaluate steady-state PK of FTC and TAF
- Assess maintenance of HIV-1 virologic suppression during the second and/or third trimesters of pregnancy

Study Design and Sampling Method



1 Primary Endpoint

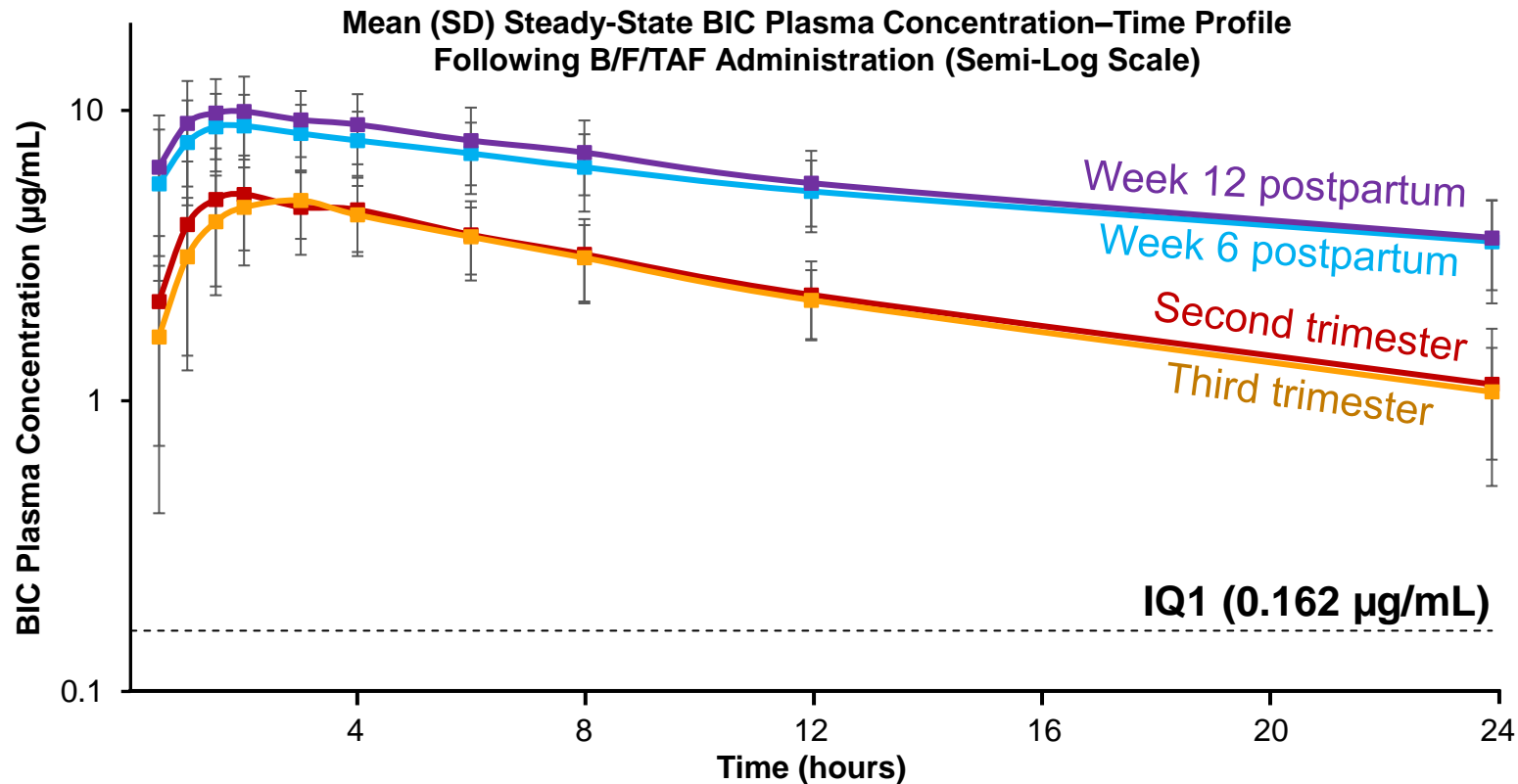
- AUC_{tau} of BIC during second and/or third trimesters through 6 and 12 weeks postpartum

2 Secondary Endpoints

- AUC_{tau} for FTC, TAF
- Other PK parameters (e.g., C_{max}, C_{trough}) for BIC, FTC and TAF
- HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL at time of delivery (M = E)

*Study inclusion criteria: aged ≥ 18 to < 40 years, documented VL < 50 c/mL for ≥ 6 months, on stable ART for ≥ 6 months, no documented or suspected resistance to any component of FTC, TFV or INSTIs, GFR ≥ 90 mL/min; [†]Exploratory endpoint. ART, antiretroviral therapy; AUC_{tau}, area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve over the dosing interval; B/F/TAF, bicitgravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide; BIC, bicitgravir; c, copies; C_{max}, maximum observed plasma drug concentration; C_{trough}, trough concentration; FTC, emtricitabine; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; GLSM, geometric least-squares mean; INSTI, integrase strand transfer inhibitor; M = E, missing = excluded; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cell; PK, pharmacokinetic; TAF, tenofovir alafenamide; TFV, tenofovir; TFV-DP, tenofovir diphosphate (active metabolite); VL, viral load; VS, virologically suppressed

Pharmacokinetics of BIC: Plasma Concentration–Time Profiles



- Concentrations were lower during pregnancy vs. postpartum, but similar within each period (second vs. third trimester; 6 vs. 12 weeks)
- Individual C_{trough} values were $> IQ1$ in all participants across each of the four periods except in one participant* during the second trimester; median C_{trough} was 6.9- and 6.0-fold of $IQ1$ during the second and third trimesters, respectively

*Participant on calcium and iron supplements, FTC and TAF exposures in typical population range ($>$ median) at second trimester; the same participant had $>$ 9-fold BIC exposure in third vs. second trimester (i.e., \sim 4.8-fold $IQ1$).
B/F/TAF, bicitgravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide; BIC, bicitgravir; C_{trough} , trough concentration; FTC, emtricitabine; $IQ1$, inhibitory quotient at protein-adjusted 95% effective concentration; SD, standard deviation; TAF, tenofovir alafenamide

Pharmacokinetics of BIC

Parameter Mean (%CV)	Second trimester (n = 21)	Third trimester (n = 30)	Week 6 postpartum (n = 31)	Week 12 postpartum (n = 32)	Third trimester vs. Week 12 postpartum (%GLSM ratio [90% CI])	Pregnancy vs. postpartum (%GLSM ratio)
Total AUC _{tau} , h•µg/mL	62.8 (32.2)	60.2 (29.1)	135 (26.9)	148 (28.5)	40.6 (36.8, 44.8)	41.2, 44.7
Unbound AUC _{tau} , h•µg/mL	0.224 (42.0)	0.219 (33.9)	0.354 (34.2)	0.374 (32.2)	58.8 (52.7, 65.7)	59.7, 62.4
C _{max} , µg/mL	5.82 (30.1)	5.37 (25.9)	9.77 (23.3)	11.0 (24.9)	48.2 (43.0, 53.9)	
C _{trough} , µg/mL	1.05 (45.2)	1.07 (41.7)	3.53 (38.4)	3.64 (34.1)	29.0 (25.7, 32.7)	

- Compared with 12 weeks postpartum, **total** and **unbound** BIC AUC_{tau} during the third trimester were lower by **~59%** and **~41%**, respectively
- In concordance with the current study data, IMPAACT data presented at CROI 2023 showed that total BIC exposure was lower in pregnancy vs. postpartum, while all BIC C_{trough} values were > IQ1¹

%CV, percentage coefficient of variation; AUC_{tau}, area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve over the dosing interval; BIC, bicitegravir; C_{max}, maximum observed plasma concentration of drug; C_{trough}, trough concentration; GLSM, geometric least-squares mean; IQ1, inhibitory quotient at protein-adjusted 95% effective concentration

1. Powis KM, et al. CROI 2023, Poster 783. [Pharmacokinetics And Virologic Outcomes Of Bicitegravir In Pregnancy And Postpartum - CROI Conference](#) (accessed June 22, 2023)

Pharmacokinetics of BIC

Parameter Mean (%CV)	Second trimester (n = 21)	Third trimester (n = 30)	Week 6 postpartum (n = 31)	Week 12 postpartum (n = 32)	Non-pregnant adult PWH (n = 1193) ^{1,2}
Total AUC _{tau} , h•µg/mL	62.8 (32.2)	60.2 (29.1)	135 (26.9)	148 (28.5)	102 (26.9)
Unbound AUC _{tau} , h•µg/mL	0.224 (42.0)	0.219 (33.9)	0.354 (34.2)	0.374 (32.2)	–
C _{max} , µg/mL	5.82 (30.1)	5.37 (25.9)	9.77 (23.3)	11.0 (24.9)	6.15 (22.9)
C _{trough} , µg/mL	1.05 (45.2)	1.07 (41.7)	3.53 (38.4)	3.64 (34.1)	2.61 (35.2)

- Exposure levels in pregnancy are closer to those in non-pregnant adults
 - Mean total BIC AUC_{tau} in the third trimester was ~41% lower than values reported in non-pregnant adult PWH¹

%CV, percentage coefficient of variation; AUC_{tau}, area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve over the dosing interval; BIC, bictegrovir; C_{max}, maximum observed plasma concentration of drug; C_{trough}, trough concentration; IQ1, inhibitory quotient at protein-adjusted 95% effective concentration; PWH, people with HIV-1. 1. Biktarvy USPI. https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/hiv/biktarvy/biktarvy_pi.pdf (accessed June 13, 2023); 2. FDA Biktarvy Uni-Review. https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2018/210251Orig1s000MultidisciplineR.pdf (accessed June 22, 2023)

Pharmacokinetics of FTC and TAF

- Plasma FTC exposures were lower during pregnancy compared with postpartum; %GLSM ratio for AUC_{τ} ranged from 64.3% to 69.2%
- Plasma TAF exposures were lower during pregnancy compared with postpartum; %GLSM ratio for total AUC_{τ} ranged from 56.5% to 77.6%
 - When adjusted for changes in protein binding, %GLSM ratio for unbound AUC_{τ} ranged from 83.6% to 89.3%
- Trough TFV-DP levels in PBMCs were generally similar (but variable) during pregnancy and postpartum period
- In other published literature, there were changes of similar magnitude in FTC and TAF exposure during pregnancy, and these were not associated with virologic failure or perinatal (vertical) transmission^{1,2}
- U.S. DHHS clinical guidelines state that no dose adjustments are required for FTC or TAF during pregnancy³

Neonatal PK for BIC



BIC

- Mean (%CV) cord blood to maternal blood plasma concentration ratio (n = 29): **1.4 (35%)**
- Median $t_{1/2}$ in neonates (n = 10): **43.1 hours**
- Other neonatal BIC PK parameters were not calculable or meaningful



BIC $t_{1/2}$ in neonates (43 hours) was longer than that in adults (~18 hours across postpartum)

All Participants Were Virologically Suppressed at Delivery and Up to 18 Weeks Postpartum



Virologic Suppression in Adults

- Virologic suppression was maintained during pregnancy, delivery and through Week 18 postpartum
- All (100%) adult participants had HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL at delivery (32/32) and through Week 18 postpartum (32/32)*
- No virologic failure or treatment-emergent resistance was observed



CD4 Cell Count and CD4% in Adults

- CD4 cell count at baseline median (Q1, Q3): **558 (409, 720) cells/μL**
- Change from baseline to Week 12 postpartum, median (Q1, Q3): **159 (27, 296) cells/μL**
- CD4% at baseline, median (Q1, Q3): **32.3% (27.0%, 40.2%)**
- Change from baseline at Week 12 postpartum, median (Q1, Q3): **0.1% (-2.3%, 4.2%)**



No Virologic Findings in Neonates







- Neonate participant data available for:
 - n = 2 at birth
 - n = 3 at 4–8 weeks post birth
- All 3 had HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL, indicating no perinatal (vertical) HIV-1 transmission

In concordance with the current study data efficacy, IMPAACT data presented at CROI 2023 reported that 90% of participants receiving B/F/TAF during pregnancy were virologically suppressed at delivery†¹

*Prespecified efficacy analysis using M = E; †Only one participant had a viral load > 200 c/mL
B/F/TAF, bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide; c, copies; M = E, missing = excluded; Q, quartile
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B/F/TAF Was Generally Well Tolerated in Adults and Neonates

	Maternal (N = 33)	Neonate (N = 29)
Type of AE n (%)		
Any AE	26 (79)	12 (41)
Common AEs	Back pain	4 (12)
	Gestational diabetes	4 (12)
	Anemia	3 (9)
	False labor	3 (9)
	Preeclampsia	3 (9)
	Neonatal jaundice	3 (10)
	Respiratory distress	3 (10)
Drug-related AE	1 (3)*	0
SAE	6 (18)	5 (17)
Drug-related SAE	1 (3)*	0
AE leading to premature discontinuation	0	0
Death	0	0
Laboratory evaluations		
Grade 1/2	24 (72)	5 (17)
Grade ≥ 3	6 (18)	0

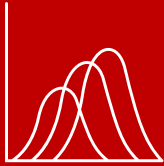
- All laboratory-related AEs were Grade 1 
- Majority of AEs were Grade 1/2; Grade ≥ 3 AE reported in 1 (3%) neonate (neonatal asphyxia) 
- Majority were Grade 1/2; Grade ≥ 3 reported in 2 (6%) participants (gestational diabetes and pyrexia) 
- One drug-related AE (false labor) was reported; this was an SAE 
- Grade 3 laboratory AEs of hematuria (5 [15%]) and glycosuria (1 [3%])[†] 
- There were no discontinuations due to AEs 

Median duration of B/F/TAF exposure was 27 weeks

*False labor; [†]Grade 3 glycosuria in a hyperglycemic participant with gestational diabetes

AE, adverse event; B/F/TAF, bictegavir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide; SAE, serious adverse event

Conclusions



- BIC exposure was lower during pregnancy than postpartum; extent of the difference was less pronounced for unbound exposures and in non-pregnant adult PWH¹
- Overall, individual C_{trough} values were > IQ1 in all participants across each of the four periods (except in one participant during the second trimester)
 - Median C_{trough} was ~7- and 6-fold higher than IQ1 in the second and third trimesters, respectively
- FTC and TAF PK observations were consistent with published literature^{2,3}



- All (32/32) adult participants had HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL at delivery and maintained virologic suppression through 18 weeks postpartum, with no observed virologic failure or treatment-emergent resistance
- Median CD4 cell count and CD4% remained stable for adult participants through 12 weeks postpartum
- BIC levels in neonates (n = 10) and cord blood data (n = 29) indicated that it crosses the placental barrier
- Data from available neonates (n = 3) did not show any perinatal HIV-1 transmission



- B/F/TAF was well tolerated in pregnant women through their second and third trimesters and postpartum
- No discontinuations due to AEs
- AEs were mostly Grade 1/2; overall incidence and types of AE were consistent with those expected

Data from this study and available evidence suggest the suitability of once-daily B/F/TAF use throughout pregnancy, including the second and third trimesters, and indicate that no dose change is needed²⁻⁵

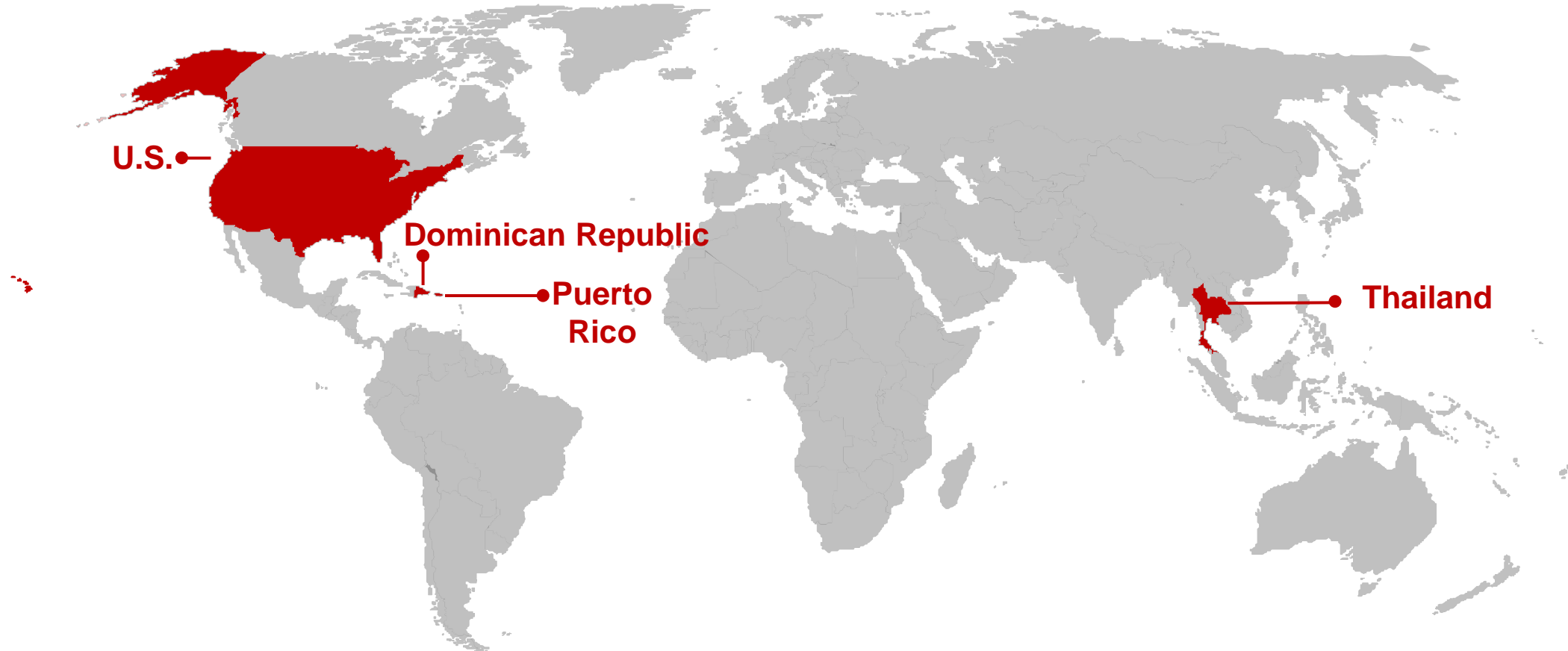
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Supplementary Materials

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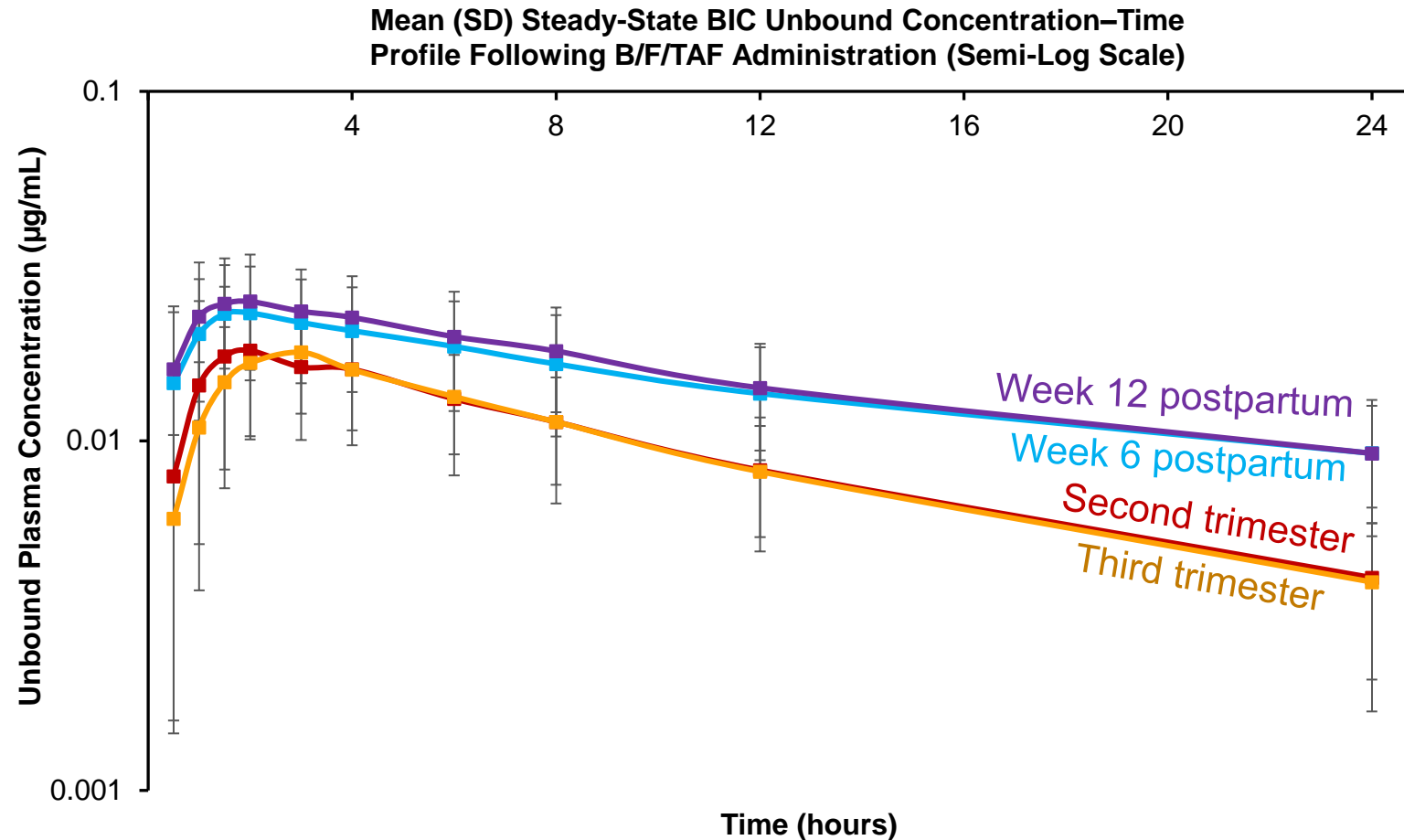
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Demographic and Baseline Characteristics

Adult participants	N = 33
Age, years, median (Q1, Q3)	30 (26, 34)
Race, n (%)	
Asian / Black / White / Other	25 (76) / 6 (18) / 1 (3) / 1 (3)
Ethnicity, n (%)	
Hispanic or Latinx	4 (12)
HIV-1 RNA < 50 c/mL, n (%)	33 (100)
CD4 count, cells/μL, median (Q1, Q3)	558 (409, 720)
CD4, %, median (Q1, Q3)	32 (27, 40)
Neonate participants	N = 29
Female sex at birth, n (%)	10 (35)
Race, n (%)	
Asian / Black / Other	24 (83) / 4 (14) / 1 (3)
Ethnicity, n (%)	
Hispanic or Latinx	4 (14)
HIV-1 RNA, n (%)	
< 50 c/mL	2 (7)
Missing	27 (93)
Apgar score, median (Q1 Q3)*	9 (9, 10)

*Used to assess status of newborn infants using five measures (appearance of skin color, pulse, grimace response, activity and respiration) on a scale of 0 to 2 for each measure with 10 being the maximum overall Apgar score
c, copies; Q, quartile

Pharmacokinetics of BIC: Unbound Plasma Concentration–Time Profiles



Plasma unbound BIC concentrations were lower during pregnancy vs. postpartum, but similar within each period (second vs. third trimester; 6 vs. 12 weeks)

Pharmacokinetics of FTC

Parameter	Second trimester (n = 21)	Third trimester (n = 30)	Week 6 postpartum (n = 31)	Week 12 postpartum (n = 32)	3rd trimester vs. 12 weeks postpartum (%GLSM ratio [90% CI])
Total AUC_{tau}, h•µg/mL, mean (%CV)	10.3 (20.0)	10.4 (20.3)	16.3 (24.7)	15.3 (21.9)	69.2 (65.9, 72.7)
C _{max} , µg/mL, mean (%CV)	2.64 (36.6)	2.59 (26.5)	3.39 (28.0)	3.36 (26.9)	77.5 (70.3, 85.3)
C _{trough} , µg/mL, mean (%CV)	0.0598 (104)	0.0514 (27.2)	0.152 (179)	0.0811 (33.7)	64.7 (59.3, 70.6)
T _{max} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	1.50 (1.00, 2.00)	1.50 (1.00, 2.00)	1.50 (1.00, 1.55)	1.00 (1.00, 1.75)	—
t _{1/2} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	6.43 (5.62, 6.70)	6.41 (5.59, 6.90)	6.27 (5.65, 6.76)	5.76 (5.29, 6.58)	—

FTC exposures were lower during pregnancy compared with postpartum

Pharmacokinetics of TAF

Parameter	Second trimester (n = 21)	Third trimester (n= 30)	Week 6 postpartum (n = 31)	Week 12 postpartum (n = 32)	3rd trimester vs. 12 weeks postpartum (%GLSM ratio [90% CI])
Total AUC_{tau} , h•µg/mL, mean (%CV)	0.236 (45.6)	0.212 (45.0)	0.374 (41.0)	0.296 (31.8)	69.7 (58.6, 82.9)
Unbound AUC_{tau} , h•µg/mL, mean (%CV)	0.015 (28.2)	0.016 (28.4)	0.018 (33.8)	0.017 (23.4)	89.2 (78.2, 102)
C _{max} , µg/mL, mean (%CV)	0.332 (52.1)	0.271 (42.1)	0.506 (49.2)	0.495 (52.5)	57.1 (46.0, 70.9)
C _{last} , µg/mL, mean (%CV)	0.00449 (114)	0.00480 (84.4)	0.00313 (59.1)	0.00336 (59.5)	–
T _{max} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	0.75 (0.50, 1.50)	1.00 (0.75, 1.50)	0.75 (0.50, 1.00)	0.75 (0.50, 1.00)	–
t _{1/2} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	0.30 (0.25, 0.46)	0.28 (0.22, 0.35)	0.40 (0.35, 0.51)	0.35 (0.30, 0.43)	–

TAF exposures were lower during pregnancy compared with postpartum

Percentage GLSM Ratios of AUC_{τ} for B/F/TAF

	BIC		FTC	TAF	
	AUC_{τ}	Unbound AUC_{τ}^*	AUC_{τ}	AUC_{τ}	Unbound AUC_{τ}^*
Second trimester vs. 6 weeks postpartum	n = 20/31		n = 21/31	n = 15/27	
	44.7 (40.0, 49.8)	61.8 (55.3, 69.0)	64.3 (61.0, 67.8)	62.5 (50.8, 77.0)	83.6 (72.9, 95.9)
Second trimester vs. 12 weeks postpartum	n = 20/32		n = 21/32	n = 15/30	
	41.2 (36.7, 46.3)	59.7 (52.5, 68.0)	67.4 (63.5, 71.6)	77.6 (65.4, 92.1)	89.3 (79.0, 100.8)
Third trimester vs. 6 weeks postpartum	n = 30/31		n = 30/31	n = 17/27	
	44.4 (40.0, 49.3)	62.4 (55.7, 69.9)	65.1 (61.8, 68.6)	56.5 (46.3, 69.0)	86.2 (71.9, 103.2)
Third trimester vs. 12 weeks postpartum	n = 30/32		n = 30/32	n = 17/30	
	40.6 (36.8, 44.8)	58.8 (52.7, 65.7)	69.2 (65.9, 72.7)	69.7 (58.6, 82.9)	89.2 (78.2, 101.6)

The range of % GLSM ratios for comparing BIC AUC_{τ} during pregnancy vs. postpartum (primary endpoint) was 41% to 45%; the corresponding range for unbound BIC was 59% to 62%

Values in the table are % GLSM ratios with 90% confidence intervals in parentheses; n = number of participants in the pregnancy (test)/postpartum (reference) analysis set

*Unbound $AUC_{\tau} = AUC_{\tau} \times \text{fraction unbound}$

AUC_{τ} , area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve over the dosing interval; B/F/TAF, bicitegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide; BIC, bicitegravir; FTC, emtricitabine; GLSM, geometric least-squares mean; TAF, tenofovir alafenamide

Additional Data: Pharmacokinetics of BIC, FTC and TAF

Parameter	Second trimester (n = 21)	Third trimester (n = 30)	Week 6 postpartum (n = 31)	Week 12 postpartum (n = 32)
BIC				
CL _{SS} /F, mL/h, mean (%CV)	912 (47.5)	902 (31.8)	399 (28.4)	362 (26.5)
V _Z /F, mL, mean (%CV)	11,900 (37.1)	13,400 (32.4)	10,300 (35.9)	8,690 (27.6)
T _{max} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	2.00 (1.50, 3.00)	2.00 (1.50, 3.00)	1.50 (1.00, 3.00)	1.50 (1.00, 2.00)
t _{1/2} , h, median (Q1, Q3)	9.09 (8.24, 11.5)	9.91 (9.10, 11.4)	18.2 (14.4, 21.5)	17.4 (14.3, 19.4)
FTC				
CL _{SS} /F, mL/h, mean (%CV)	20,200 (19.7)	20,000 (21.1)	13,000 (23.9)	13,600 (20.7)
V _Z /F, mL, mean (%CV)	182,000 (20.2)	185,000 (30.5)	117,000 (30.1)	118,000 (28.3)
TAF				
CL _{SS} /F, mL/h, mean (%CV)	123,000 (36.1)	135,000 (33.2)	76,900 (37.9)	92,900 (31.7)
V _Z /F, mL, mean (%CV)	62,300 (59.7)	53,200 (31.4)	44,400 (30.8)	49,800 (44.2)

%CV, percentage coefficient of variation; BIC, bictegravir; CL_{SS}/F, apparent oral clearance of the drug at steady state; FTC, emtricitabine; t_{1/2}, terminal elimination half-life; TAF, tenofovir alafenamide; T_{max}, observed time point of C_{max}; V_Z/F, apparent volume of distribution

Neonatal Pharmacokinetics for TAF



TAF

- Individual cord blood to maternal blood plasma concentration ratios (n = 2): **0.09, 1.12**
- **Other neonatal TAF PK parameters were not calculable due to undetectable TAF in all samples**



TAF was undetectable in all neonate plasma PK samples