

Descovy[®] (FTC/TAF)

Coadministration with Valacyclovir

This document is in response to your request for information regarding Descovy[®] (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide [FTC/TAF]) and coadministration with valacyclovir.

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PK DDI Evaluation

This interaction has not been studied between the fixed-dose combination FTC/TAF and valacyclovir. Based on the PK profile of each active ingredient within FTC/TAF and valacyclovir, a PK interaction would be predicted.^{1,2} Coadministration with drugs that reduce renal function or compete for active tubular secretion, such as valacyclovir, may increase concentrations of FTC, TFV, and other renally eliminated drugs and this may increase the risk of adverse reactions.¹ For more information about valacyclovir, please refer to its product labeling.²

FTC/TAF PK¹

DDI Mechanism		FTC	TAF
Drug Transporters	P-gp/BCRP	N/A	Substrate
	OATP1B1	N/A	Substrate
	OATP1B3	N/A	Substrate
Drug Metabolizing Enzymes	CYP3A	N/A	Minor Substrate

Available Data

There are no Gilead studies evaluating the coadministration of FTC/TAF and valacyclovir.

Additionally, a literature search was conducted in Ovid MEDLINE and Embase databases for studies published between 1946 and January 09, 2025 using search terms that included Descovy, emtricitabine, tenofovir alafenamide, valacyclovir, and related search terms. No relevant citations were found.

References

1. Enclosed. Gilead Sciences Inc, DESCOVY® (emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide) tablets, for oral use. U.S. Prescribing Information. Foster City, CA.
 2. GlaxoSmithKline, VALTREX (valacyclovir) tablets, for oral use. U.S. Prescribing Information. Durham, NC.
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Abbreviations

BCRP=breast cancer
resistance protein
DDI=drug-drug interaction

FTC=emtricitabine
OATP=organic anion
transporting polypeptide
P-gp=P-glycoprotein

PK=pharmacokinetic(s)
TAF=tenofovir alafenamide
TFV=tenofovir

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