

PRODUCT MONOGRAPH
INCLUDING PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

^{Pr}**VOCABRIA**

Cabotegravir Tablets
30 mg cabotegravir (as cabotegravir sodium)

^{Pr}**CABENUVA**

Cabotegravir Extended Release Injectable Suspension

200 mg cabotegravir/mL
(600 mg/3mL and 400 mg/2mL)

and

Rilpivirine Extended Release Injectable Suspension

300 mg rilpivirine/mL
(900 mg/3mL and 600mg/2mL)

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RECENT MAJOR LABEL CHANGES

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PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS

VOCABRIA (cabotegravir tablets) is indicated, in combination with EDURANT (rilpivirine tablets), as a complete regimen for short-term treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in adults who are virologically stable and suppressed (HIV-1 RNA less than 50 copies/mL) as:

- an oral lead-in to assess tolerability of cabotegravir prior to initiating CABENUVA
- oral bridging therapy for missed CABENUVA injections

CABENUVA (cabotegravir and rilpivirine extended release injectable suspensions) is indicated:

- as a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults to replace the current antiretroviral regimen in patients who are virologically stable and suppressed (HIV-1 RNA less than 50 copies/mL).

1.1 Pediatrics

Pediatrics (< 18 years of age): The safety and efficacy of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been established in pediatric patients less than 18 years of age.

1.2 Geriatrics

Geriatrics (> 65 years of age): Clinical studies of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 years and older to determine whether they respond differently from adult patients < 65 years of age.

2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

VOCABRIA and CABENUVA are contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to cabotegravir or rilpivirine or to any ingredient in the formulations, including any non-medicinal

ingredient, or component of the containers. For a complete listing, see **DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING**.

VOCABRIA is contraindicated with strong inducers of UGT1A1 or UGT1A9, including the following (see **DRUG INTERACTIONS**):

- Anticonvulsants: Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, and phenytoin
- Antimycobacterials: Rifampin, rifapentine

Prior to initiation of VOCABRIA, healthcare professionals should be aware that use of CABENUVA with rifabutin is contraindicated.

As VOCABRIA is taken in combination with rilpivirine tablets, the prescribing information for EDURANT should be consulted for additional contraindications.

CABENUVA is contraindicated in combination with the following (see **DRUG INTERACTIONS**):

- Anticonvulsants: Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, and phenytoin
- Antimycobacterials: Rifabutin, rifampin, rifapentine
- Glucocorticoid: Systemic dexamethasone (more than a single-dose)
- St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) (see **DRUG INTERACTIONS, Drug-Herb Interactions**)

3 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Dosing Considerations

- As with all antiretroviral drugs, therapy should be initiated by a healthcare professional experienced in the management of HIV infection.
- VOCABRIA and CABENUVA should not be used in patients with known or suspected resistance to cabotegravir or rilpivirine. Baseline archived RPV RAMs, in combination with other factors (HIV-1 subtype A6/A1, and/or \geq BMI 30 kg/m²) are associated with an increased risk of virologic failure (See WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, and CLINICAL TRIALS).
- Since VOCABRIA is indicated in combination with EDURANT, as a complete regimen, the product monograph for EDURANT should be consulted.
- Prior to starting CABENUVA, healthcare professionals should carefully select patients who agree to the required injection dosing schedule and counsel patients about the importance of adherence to scheduled dosing visits to help maintain viral suppression, reduce the risk of viral rebound and potential development of resistance with missed doses (see **WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS**).
- The date of the first initiation injection becomes the target treatment date going forward. The dose can be given up to 7 days before or 7 days after the target treatment date (e.g. if the target treatment date is the 12th of the month, the injection window is the 5th to the 19th of the same month, regardless of when the injection was given the previous month).
- Should there be an interruption in dosing (e.g. due to a missed injection or use of oral bridging therapy, see **Table 4**), the date the injections are resumed becomes the revised target treatment date.
- Cabotegravir and rilpivirine injections should be administered at separate gluteal injection sites during the same visit.

3.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

Dosing for CABENUVA consists of 3 distinct phases: An oral lead-in with VOCABRIA taken together with EDURANT, initiation injections of CABENUVA (3 mL), and continuation injections with CABENUVA (3 mL every 2 months or 2 mL every month).

Oral lead-in

The recommended dose of VOCABRIA is one tablet, taken together with one tablet of EDURANT (rilpivirine), orally once daily with a meal.

VOCABRIA is recommended to be administered for approximately one month (at least 28 days) prior to the initiation of CABENUVA to assess tolerability of the patient to cabotegravir. The final oral doses of VOCABRIA and EDURANT should be taken on the same day injections with CABENUVA are started. See [Table 1](#) for recommended oral dosing schedule.

If a patient plans to miss a scheduled CABENUVA injection visit by more than 7 days, VOCABRIA may be used in combination with EDURANT once daily to replace up to 2 consecutive planned missed monthly injection visits (see [Table 4](#)).

Following use of the oral lead-in there are two possible dosing schedules using CABENUVA injections: monthly or every 2 months.

Monthly Intramuscular Injection Dosing

Initiation Injections (3 mL Dosing Kit)

Initiate injections on the final day of oral lead-in (see [Table 1](#)). The recommended initial injection doses of CABENUVA are a single 3 mL (600 mg) intramuscular injection of cabotegravir and a single 3 mL (900 mg) intramuscular injection of rilpivirine. Continuation injections should be initiated a month after the initiation injection.

Continuation Injections (2mL Dosing Kit)

One month following the initiation injections (see [Table 1](#)), the recommended continuation injection doses of CABENUVA are a single 2 mL (400 mg) intramuscular injection of cabotegravir and a single 2 mL (600 mg) intramuscular injection of rilpivirine administered once monthly.

Patients may be given CABENUVA up to 7 days before or after the date of the scheduled injection dosing visit (see [Table 4](#)).

Table 1 Recommended Monthly Dosing Schedule in Adults

ORAL LEAD-IN	I.M. INITIATION INJECTIONS	I.M. CONTINUATION INJECTIONS
Month 1*	Month 2**	Month 3 onwards
<u>VOCABRIA</u> 30 mg cabotegravir tablet once daily	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir injection and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injection	<u>CABENUVA</u> 2 mL (400 mg) cabotegravir injection once monthly and 2 mL (600 mg) rilpivirine injection once monthly
<u>EDURANT</u> 25 mg rilpivirine tablet once daily		

IM = Intramuscular injection

*At least 28 days

**Final oral doses of VOCABRIA and EDURANT should be taken on the same day as initiation injections are started.

Every 2-Month Intramuscular Injection Dosing

Initiation Injections (3 mL Dosing Kit)

On the final day of oral lead-in, the recommended initial injection doses of CABENUVA in adults are a single 3 mL (600 mg) intramuscular injection of cabotegravir and a single 3 mL (900 mg) intramuscular injection of rilpivirine (Month 2) (see [Table 2](#)).

One month later (Month 3), a second set of 3mL initiation injections should be administered. The second set of injections may be given to patients up to 7 days before or after the date of the scheduled injection dosing visit (see [Table 2](#)).

Continuation Injections (3 mL Dosing Kit)

After the initiation injections, the recommended continuation injection doses (Month 5 and every 2-months onwards) of CABENUVA in adults are a single 3 mL (600 mg) intramuscular injection of cabotegravir and a single 3 mL (900 mg) intramuscular injection of rilpivirine (see [Table 2](#)).

Patients may be given CABENUVA up to 7 days before or after the date of the scheduled injection dosing visit (see [Table 2](#)).

Table 2 Recommended Every 2-Month Dosing Schedule in Adults

ORAL LEAD-IN	I.M. INITIATION INJECTIONS	I.M. CONTINUATION INJECTIONS
Month 1*	Month 2** and Month 3 ^a	Month 5 and every 2 months onwards
<u>VOCABRIA</u> 30 mg cabotegravir tablet once daily	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir injection and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injection	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir injection and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injection
<u>EDURANT</u> 25 mg rilpivirine tablet once daily		

I.M. = Intramuscular injection

*At least 28 days

**Final oral doses of VOCABRIA and EDURANT should be taken on the same day as initiation injections are started.

^aInitiation injection doses should be given one month apart

Dosing recommendations when Switching from Monthly to Every 2-Month Injections

For patients switching from a monthly injection dosing schedule to an every 2-month injection dosing schedule please see [Table 3](#).

Table 3 Recommended Dosing Schedule: Switching from Monthly to Every 2 Months Dosing in Adults

Monthly Dosing	SWITCH 	Every 2 Month Dosing
		One Month after last monthly dose, and every 2 months thereafter
<u>CABENUVA</u> 2 mL (400 mg) cabotegravir injection and 2 mL (600 mg) rilpivirine injection		<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir injection and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injection

I.M. = Intramuscular injection

Pediatrics (< 18 years of age): The safety and efficacy of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been established in pediatric patients less than 18 years of age.

Geriatrics (> 65 years of age): Clinical studies of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 years and older to determine whether they respond differently from adult patients < 65 years of age. In general, caution should be exercised in administration of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA in elderly patients reflecting greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant diseases or other drug therapy.

Renal insufficiency: No dosage adjustment of VOCABRIA or CABENUVA is required for patients with mild to moderate renal impairment (CrCl \geq 30 to < 90 mL/min). No dosage adjustment of VOCABRIA is required for patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl \geq 15 to < 30 mL/min, not on dialysis). CABENUVA has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment or end stage renal disease (CrCl < 30 mL/min) or in patients on dialysis; increased monitoring for adverse events is recommended (see **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, Renal Insufficiency**).

Hepatic insufficiency: No dosage adjustment of VOCABRIA or CABENUVA is required in patients with mild or moderate hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh score A or B). VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been studied in patients with severe hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh score C) and therefore, caution should be exercised when administering VOCABRIA and CABENUVA to these patients (see **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, Hepatic Insufficiency**).

3.3 Administration

Intramuscular Injections of CABENUVA

Injections must be administered by a healthcare professional. A complete dose requires 2 injections: one injection of cabotegravir and one injection of rilpivirine. Refer to the Instructions for Use for complete administration instructions with illustrations.

CABENUVA injections are intended for gluteal intramuscular use only. Do not administer by any other route. Administer each injection at separate gluteal injection sites during the same visit. The ventrogluteal site is recommended. Consider the body mass index (BMI) of the patient to ensure that the needle length is sufficient to reach the gluteus muscle. Longer needle lengths (not included in the dosing kit) may be required for patients with higher BMI (greater than 30 kg/m²) to ensure that injections are administered intramuscularly as opposed to subcutaneously.

3.4 Missed Dose

Missed VOCABRIA or EDURANT Tablet

If the patient misses a dose of VOCABRIA or EDURANT, the patient should take the dose as soon as they remember if it is more than 12 hours until the next dose. If the next dose is due within 12 hours, the patient should skip the missed dose and resume the usual dosing schedule.

Missed CABENUVA Injections

Adherence to the CABENUVA injection dosing schedule is strongly recommended. Patients who miss a scheduled injection visit should be clinically reassessed to ensure resumption of therapy remains appropriate. Refer to [Table 4](#), [Table 5](#), and [Table 6](#) for dosing recommendations after missed injections.

Table 4 Monthly Dosing Schedule: Recommendations for Missed Injections

Time Since Last Injection	Recommendations for Oral Bridging
Less than or equal to 1 Month + 7 days	Continue with 2 mL (400 mg) cabotegravir and 2 mL (600 mg) rilpivirine injections.
Greater than 1 Month + 7 days	<p><u>Planned Missed Injections</u></p> <p>If a patient plans to miss a scheduled injection visit by more than 7 days, the patient should be initiated on oral therapy (1 tablet each of VOCABRIA and EDURANT, once daily), with the first oral dose taken approximately 1 month after the last injection doses. Injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing. Oral therapy can be used to replace up to 2 consecutive monthly injection visits.</p>
Greater than 1 Month + 7 days	<p><u>Unplanned Missed Injections</u></p> <p>If a patient's monthly injection visit is missed or delayed for more than 7 days and oral therapy has not been taken, patients should be clinically reassessed to ensure resumption of injections remains appropriate (e.g. evaluate patient commitment to comply with the dosing schedule and consider HIV-1 RNA viral load retesting).</p>
Time Since Last Injection	Recommendation for Resumption of Injections
Less than or equal to 2 months	If clinically appropriate, resume with 2 mL (400 mg) cabotegravir and 2 mL (600 mg) rilpivirine injections as soon as possible. If the patient was on oral therapy, injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing.
Greater than 2 months	If clinically appropriate, reinstate the patient on 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine, and then continue to follow the monthly 2 mL (400 mg) cabotegravir and 2 mL (600 mg) rilpivirine injection schedule. If the patient was on oral therapy, injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing.

Table 5 Every 2-Month Dosing Schedule: Recommendation for Missed 2nd Initiation Injection

Time Since Last Injection	Recommendations for Oral Bridging
Less than or equal to 1 Month + 7 days	Continue with 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine initiation injections.
Greater than 1 Month + 7 days	<p>It is strongly recommended that patients begin the every 2-month dosing regimen only if they are able to attend both initiation injections visits.</p> <p>If the patient plans to miss the second initiation injection visit by more than 7 days, the patient should be initiated on oral therapy (1 tablet each of VOCABRIA and EDURANT, once daily) approximately 1 month after the initial initiation injection for up to two months. Injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing</p> <p>If oral therapy has not been taken, patients should be clinically reassessed to ensure resumption of injections remains appropriate (e.g. evaluate patient commitment to comply with the dosing schedule and consider HIV-1 RNA viral load retesting).</p>
Time Since Last Injection	Recommendations for Resumption of Injections
Less than or equal to 2 Months	If clinically appropriate, resume with 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections as soon as possible. Then follow with the every 2-month injection dosing schedule.
Greater than 2 Months	If clinically appropriate, reinstate the patient on 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections, followed one month later by a second dose of 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections. Then follow the every 2-month injection dosing schedule.

Table 6 Every 2-Month Dosing Schedule: Recommendation for Missed Continuation Injection

Time Since Last Injection	Recommendations for Oral Bridging
Less than or equal to 2 Months + 7 days	Continue with 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections.
Greater than 2 Months + 7 days	<p><u>Planned Missed Injections</u></p> <p>If a patient plans to miss a scheduled injection visit by more than 7 days, the patient should be initiated on oral therapy (1 tablet each of VOCABRIA and EDURANT, once daily), with the first oral dose taken approximately 2 months after the last injection doses. Injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing. Oral therapy can be used for a duration of up to two months.</p>
Greater than 2 Months + 7 days	<p><u>Unplanned Missed Injections</u></p> <p>If a patient's injection visit is missed or delayed for more than 7 days and oral therapy has not been taken, patients should be clinically reassessed to ensure resumption of injections remains appropriate (e.g. evaluate patient commitment to comply with the dosing schedule and consider HIV-1 RNA viral load retesting).</p>
Time Since Last Injection	Recommendation for Resumption of Injections
Less than or equal to 3 Months	If clinically appropriate, resume with 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections as soon as possible. If the patient was on oral therapy, injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing. Continue with the every 2-month injection dosing schedule.
Greater than 3 Months	If clinically appropriate, reinstitute the patient on 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections, followed one month later by the second initiation dose of 3 mL (600 mg) cabotegravir and 3 mL (900 mg) rilpivirine injections. If the patient was on oral therapy, injections are to be resumed on the same day as the last day of oral therapy dosing. Continue with the every 2-month injection dosing schedule.

4 OVERDOSAGE

Symptoms and signs

Experience with overdose with cabotegravir or rilpivirine is limited.

Treatment

There is no known specific treatment for overdose with cabotegravir or rilpivirine. If overdose occurs, the patient should be monitored and standard supportive treatment applied as required.

For CABENUVA this includes monitoring of vital signs and ECG (QT interval) as well as observation of the clinical status of the patient. As both cabotegravir and rilpivirine are highly bound to plasma proteins, it is unlikely that either would be significantly removed by dialysis. Consider the prolonged exposure to cabotegravir and rilpivirine (components of CABENUVA) following an injection when assessing treatment needs and recovery.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional poison control centre.

5 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Table 7 Dosage Forms, Strengths, Composition and Packaging.

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength/Composition	Non-medicinal Ingredients
Oral	Tablet / 30 mg cabotegravir (as cabotegravir sodium)	hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, sodium starch glycolate, and titanium dioxide
Intramuscular	Extended Release Injectable Suspension/ 600 mg cabotegravir / 3 mL Extended Release Injectable Suspension/ 900 mg rilpivirine / 3 mL	Cabotegravir: mannitol, polysorbate 20, polyethylene glycol (PEG) 3350, water for injection Rilpivirine: citric acid monohydrate, glucose monohydrate, poloxamer 338, sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium hydroxide, water for injection
Intramuscular	Extended Release Injectable Suspension/ 400 mg cabotegravir / 2 mL Extended Release Injectable Suspension/ 600 mg rilpivirine / 2 mL	

Dosage Forms

VOCABRIA tablets are white, film-coated, oval tablets debossed with “SV CTV” on one side. Each film-coated tablet contains 30 mg of cabotegravir (equivalent to 31.62 mg cabotegravir sodium).

CABENUVA kits contain cabotegravir 200 mg/mL as a white to light pink, free-flowing extended release injectable suspension and rilpivirine 300 mg/mL as a white to off-white extended release injectable suspension.

Packaging

VOCABRIA tablets are supplied in white HDPE (high density polyethylene) bottles with child-resistant closures. Each bottle contains 30 film-coated tablets.

CABENUVA is supplied as 2 mL and 3 mL dosing kits. Each kit contains cabotegravir extended release injectable suspension 200 mg/mL and rilpivirine extended release injectable suspension 300 mg/mL, as follows:

2 mL CABENUVA Kit containing:

- One 2 mL single-dose vial, with a dark grey flip-off cap, of cabotegravir extended release injectable suspension containing 400 mg of cabotegravir.
- One 2 mL single-dose vial, with a mist grey flip-off cap, of rilpivirine extended release injectable suspension containing 600 mg of rilpivirine.

3 mL CABENUVA Kit containing:

- One 3 mL single-dose vial, with an orange flip-off cap, of cabotegravir extended release injectable suspension containing 600 mg of cabotegravir.
- One 3 mL single-dose vial, with a yellow flip-off cap, of rilpivirine extended release injectable suspension containing 900 mg of rilpivirine.

Each 2 mL and 3 mL dosing kit also contains 2 syringes, 2 vial adaptors, and 2 needles for intramuscular injection (23-gauge, 1½ inch). The vial stoppers are not made with natural latex rubber.

6 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

General

As with other antiretroviral medicinal products, resistance testing and/or historical resistance data should guide the use of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA. The regimen should not be used in patients with known or suspected resistance to cabotegravir or rilpivirine.

Patients receiving VOCABRIA or CABENUVA or any other antiretroviral therapy may still develop opportunistic infections and other complications of HIV infection. Therefore, patients should remain under close clinical observation by physicians experienced in the treatment of these associated HIV diseases.

While effective viral suppression with antiretroviral therapy has been proven to substantially reduce the risk of sexual transmission, a residual risk cannot be excluded. Precautions to prevent transmission should be taken in accordance with national guidelines.

Baseline and Pharmacokinetic factors associated with virologic failure

Multivariable analyses indicate that the following baseline factors may be associated with an increased risk of virologic failure when present in a combination of at least 2: archived rilpivirine resistance mutations, HIV-1 subtype A6/A1, and/or \geq BMI 30 kg/m². In patients with an incomplete or uncertain treatment history without pre-treatment resistance analyses, caution is warranted in the presence of either BMI \geq 30 kg/m² and/or HIV-1 A6/A1 subtype (see CLINICAL TRIALS, Post Hoc Analysis).

Depressive Disorders

Depressive disorders (including depressed mood, depression, dysphoria, major depression, mood altered, negative thoughts, suicide attempt, and suicidal ideation) have been reported with rilpivirine-containing products (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). Promptly evaluate patients with severe depressive symptoms to assess whether the symptoms are related to CABENUVA and to determine whether the risks of continued therapy outweigh the benefits.

Hepatotoxicity

Cases of hepatotoxicity, presenting as serum transaminase elevations, have been reported in patients receiving cabotegravir with or without known pre-existing hepatic disease or other identifiable risk factors (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**).

Hepatic adverse events have been reported in patients receiving oral rilpivirine-containing regimens. Patients with underlying hepatitis B or C or marked elevations in transaminases prior to treatment may be at increased risk for worsening or development of transaminase elevations. A few cases of hepatotoxicity have been reported in adult patients receiving oral rilpivirine-containing regimens who had no pre-existing hepatic disease or other identifiable risk factors.

Monitoring of liver chemistries is recommended, and treatment with VOCABRIA and CABENUVA should be discontinued if hepatotoxicity is suspected (see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Long-Acting Properties of CABENUVA and Risk of Resistance Due to Treatment Discontinuation**).

Loss of Virologic Response Due to Drug Interactions

The concomitant use of VOCABRIA or CABENUVA and other drugs may result in known or potentially significant drug interactions, some of which may lead to loss of therapeutic effect of VOCABRIA and/or CABENUVA and possible development of viral resistance (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS**).

EDURANT at the recommended oral dose of 25 mg once daily is not associated with a clinically relevant effect on QTc interval (see **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacodynamics**). Plasma rilpivirine concentrations after rilpivirine injections are comparable to those during EDURANT therapy which do not prolong the QTc interval. In healthy subjects, 75 mg oral once daily rilpivirine (3 times the dose of EDURANT) and 300 mg once daily (12 times the dose of EDURANT) have been shown to prolong the QTc interval of the electrocardiogram (see **DRUG INTERACTIONS; ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacodynamics**).

CABENUVA should be used with caution when used in combination with drugs that are known to have a risk of Torsade de Pointes. See **DRUG INTERACTIONS, Drug-Drug Interactions, Table 11** for steps to prevent or manage these possible and known significant drug interactions, including dosing recommendations. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during therapy with VOCABRIA and CABENUVA; review concomitant medications during therapy with VOCABRIA and CABENUVA.

Skin and Hypersensitivity Reactions

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in association with other integrase inhibitors (INSTIs). These reactions were characterized by rash, constitutional findings, and sometimes organ dysfunction, including liver injury. While no such reactions have been observed to date in association with cabotegravir, remain vigilant and discontinue VOCABRIA, CABENUVA or other suspected agents, immediately if there is a suspicion of hypersensitivity reaction.

Severe skin and hypersensitivity reactions have been reported during post marketing experience with oral rilpivirine-containing regimens including cases of Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS). While some skin reactions were accompanied by constitutional symptoms such as fever, other skin reactions were associated with organ dysfunctions, including elevations in hepatic serum biochemistries. During the Phase 3 clinical trials of oral rilpivirine, treatment-related rashes with at least Grade 2 severity were reported in 3% of patients. No Grade 4 rash was reported (see [ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

Discontinue VOCABRIA or CABENUVA immediately if signs or symptoms of severe skin or hypersensitivity reactions develop (including, but not limited to, severe rash, or rash accompanied by fever, general malaise, fatigue, muscle or joint aches, blisters or peeling of the skin, mucosal involvement [oral blisters or lesions], conjunctivitis, facial edema, hepatitis, eosinophilia, angioedema, or difficulty breathing). Clinical status, including laboratory parameters with liver transaminases, should be monitored and appropriate therapy initiated.

For information regarding the long-acting properties of CABENUVA, see [WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#). Administer the oral lead-in dosing prior to administration of CABENUVA to help identify patients who may be at risk of a hypersensitivity reaction (see [CONTRAINDICATIONS](#); [DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION](#)).

Long-Acting Properties of CABENUVA

Residual concentrations of cabotegravir and rilpivirine injections may remain in the systemic circulation of patients for prolonged periods (up to 12 months or longer). Consider the long-acting characteristics of cabotegravir and rilpivirine injections if CABENUVA is discontinued (see [WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#); [DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

Risk of Resistance Due to Treatment Discontinuation

It is important to carefully select patients who agree to the required monthly injection dosing schedule because non-adherence to monthly injections could lead to loss of virologic response and development of resistance. To minimize the risk of developing viral resistance, it is essential to adopt an alternative, fully suppressive antiretroviral regimen. The regimen should begin no later than 1 month after the final injection doses of CABENUVA when on a monthly injection regimen, and no later than two months after the final injection doses of CABENUVA when on an every 2-month injection regimen. If virologic failure is suspected, switch the patient to an alternative regimen as soon as possible (see [DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

Post-Injection Reactions

In clinical trials, serious post-injection reactions were reported within minutes after the injection of rilpivirine, including dyspnea, agitation, abdominal cramping, flushing, sweating, oral numbness, presyncope and changes in blood pressure. These events were reported in less than 0.5% of subjects and began to resolve within a few minutes after the injection. These events may have been associated with inadvertent (partial) intravenous administration.

Carefully follow the Instructions for Use when preparing and administering CABENUVA to avoid accidental intravenous administration. If a patient experiences a post-injection reaction, monitor and treat as clinically indicated.

Sexual Health

Reproduction

Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry (APR): To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women with HIV exposed to VOCABRIA, CABENUVA and other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients:

<http://www.apregistry.com>

Telephone: (800) 258-4263

Fax: (800) 800-1052

Fertility

There are no data on the effects of cabotegravir and/or rilpivirine on human male or female fertility. Animal studies indicate no effects of cabotegravir or rilpivirine on male or female fertility.

Cabotegravir when administered orally to male and female rats at exposure (AUC) greater than 20 times the exposure at the Maximum Recommended Human Dose (MRHD) of 30 mg dosed orally or 400 mg IM injection did not cause adverse effects on male or female reproductive organs or spermatogenesis, and no functional effects on mating or fertility were observed.

In rats, there were no effects on mating or fertility with rilpivirine at exposures >28 times the exposure at the MRHD of 25 mg orally once daily or 600 mg IM injection monthly.

6.1 Special Populations

6.1.1 Pregnant Women

VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been studied in pregnant women. There are insufficient human data on the use of CABENUVA during pregnancy to adequately assess a drug-associated risk of birth defects and miscarriage. While there are insufficient human data to assess the risk of neural tube defects (NTDs) with exposure to CABENUVA during pregnancy, NTDs were reported with dolutegravir, another integrase inhibitor. VOCABRIA and CABENUVA should not be used in pregnant women unless the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks to the fetus.

Cabotegravir

Reproductive toxicity studies in pregnant rats showed that cabotegravir crosses the placenta and can be detected in fetal tissue. Cabotegravir was not teratogenic when studied in pregnant rats and rabbits but in rats caused decreased fetal weight, a delay in the onset of parturition and increased stillbirths and neonatal deaths at exposures higher than for therapeutic doses. The relevancy to human pregnancy is unknown.

In an embryo-fetal development study, there were no adverse developmental outcomes following oral administration of cabotegravir to pregnant rabbits at doses with exposures up to 0.66 times the exposure at the MRHD of 30 mg. In rats, alterations in fetal growth (decreased body weights) were observed at exposures that were 28 times the exposure at the MRHD.

In the rat pre- and post-natal studies at exposures 28 times the exposures at the MRHD of 30 mg oral or 400 mg IM dose, cabotegravir was associated with delayed onset of parturition, and increased number of stillbirths and neonatal mortalities immediately after birth. In a cross-fostering study, similar incidences of stillbirths and early postnatal deaths were observed when rat pups born to cabotegravir-treated mothers were nursed from birth by control mothers. There was no effect on neonatal survival of control pups nursed from birth by cabotegravir-treated mothers. A lower dose of cabotegravir (at exposures >10 times the exposure at the MRHD of 30 mg oral or 400 mg IM dose) was not associated with delayed parturition or neonatal mortality in rats. In rabbit and rat studies there was no effect on survival when fetuses were delivered by caesarean section.

Rilpivirine

No significant toxicological effects were observed in embryo-fetal toxicity studies performed with rilpivirine in rats and rabbits at exposures ≥ 12 (rats) and ≥ 57 (rabbits) times the exposure at the MRHD of 25 mg orally once daily or 600 mg IM injection monthly dose of rilpivirine in HIV-1 infected patients. In a rat pre and postnatal development study, no adverse effects were noted in the offspring at maternal exposures ≥ 51 times the exposure at the MRHD of 25 mg orally once daily or 600 mg IM injection monthly dose of rilpivirine in HIV-1 infected patients.

Oral rilpivirine in combination with a background regimen was evaluated in a clinical trial of 19 pregnant women during the second and third trimesters, and postpartum. The pharmacokinetic data demonstrate that total exposure (AUC) to rilpivirine as a part of an antiretroviral regimen was approximately 30% lower during pregnancy compared with postpartum (6-12 weeks). Virologic response was preserved throughout the trial period. No mother to child transmission occurred in all 10 infants born to the mothers who completed the trial and for whom the HIV status was available. Rilpivirine was well tolerated during pregnancy and postpartum. There were no new safety findings compared with the known safety profile of rilpivirine in HIV-1 infected adults.

Viral load should be monitored closely if the patient receives CABENUVA during pregnancy. Cabotegravir and rilpivirine have been detected in systemic circulation for up to 12 months or longer after the last injections have been administered. Therefore, consideration should be given to the potential for fetal exposure during pregnancy (see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**).

6.1.2 Breastfeeding

HIV-1 infected mothers should not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV-1 infection. Based on animal studies, it is expected that cabotegravir and rilpivirine could be present in breast milk. HIV-1-infected mothers should be instructed not to breastfeed if they are receiving VOCABRIA or CABENUVA. After the last injection has been administered, cabotegravir and rilpivirine could be present in human milk for 12 months or longer.

6.1.3 Pediatrics

Pediatrics (<18 years): Safety and efficacy of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been established in pediatric patients less than 18 years of age.

6.1.4 Geriatrics

Geriatrics (>65 years): Clinical studies of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 and older to determine whether they respond differently from adult patients less than 65 years of age.

7 ADVERSE REACTIONS

7.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

The following adverse drug reactions are discussed in the **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** section:

- Depressive disorders
- Hepatotoxicity
- Post-injection reactions
- Skin and hypersensitivity reactions

7.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

Because clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions, the adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse reaction information from clinical trials is useful for identifying drug-related adverse events and for approximating rates.

The safety assessment of CABENUVA and VOCABRIA in HIV-1-infected, virologically-suppressed patients is based on primary Week 48 analyses of data from 3 international, multicenter open-label studies: FLAIR and ATLAS (pooled analysis), and ATLAS-2M. Additional safety information from Phase 1 and 2 studies is presented where relevant.

In FLAIR and ATLAS, a total of 1,182 HIV-1 infected patients were randomized to receive either a cabotegravir plus rilpivirine monthly dosing regimen or remain on their baseline antiretroviral regimen. Patients randomized to receive the cabotegravir plus rilpivirine monthly dosing regimen, initiated treatment with daily oral lead-in dosing with one VOCABRIA tablet plus one EDURANT tablet for at least 4 weeks followed by treatment with CABENUVA, with injections administered once a month, for at least an additional 44 weeks.

In ATLAS, patients were antiretroviral treatment-experienced and virologically-suppressed (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies per mL) at time of study enrollment. In FLAIR, patients were antiretroviral treatment-naive at time of enrollment and received a dolutegravir (INSTI)-containing regimen for 20 weeks. If virologically-suppressed, patients were randomized into the cabotegravir plus rilpivirine regimen or continued with their dolutegravir (INSTI)-containing regimen.

In ATLAS 2M, patients were antiretroviral treatment-experienced and virologically-suppressed (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies per mL) at time of study enrollment and entered the study either from a current standard of care (SOC) regimen or from ATLAS. Patients (n=1045) were randomized and received either cabotegravir + rilpivirine either as a monthly or every 2-month dosing regimen. Those transitioning from their current SOC regimen, initiated treatment with daily oral lead-in dosing with one VOCABRIA tablet plus one EDURANT tablet for at least 4 weeks followed by treatment with CABENUVA.

Adverse reactions were reported following exposure to CABENUVA long-acting injectable suspensions (median exposure time: 54 weeks in ATLAS and FLAIR, and 64 weeks in ATLAS-2M). Adverse reactions were also reported following exposure to VOCABRIA (cabotegravir) tablets and EDURANT (rilpivirine) tablets administered in combination as oral lead-in therapy (median time exposures: 5.3 weeks in ATLAS and FLAIR, and 5.6 weeks in ATLAS-2M). Adverse reactions include those attributable to both the oral and injectable formulations of cabotegravir and rilpivirine administered as a combination regimen. Refer to the prescribing information for EDURANT for other adverse reactions associated with oral rilpivirine.

Overall, 4% of patients receiving CABENUVA and 2% of patients in the control group discontinued due to adverse events in ATLAS and FLAIR. Adverse events leading to discontinuation and occurring in more than 1 patient were injection site reactions, hepatitis A, acute hepatitis B, headache, and diarrhea which occurred with an incidence of $\leq 1\%$. In ATLAS-2M, 2% of patients in both treatment groups discontinued due to adverse events. Adverse events leading to discontinuation and occurring in more than 1 patient in ATLAS-2M were injection site reactions, fatigue, pyrexia, headache, presyncope, acute hepatitis B and abnormal dreams which occurred with an incidence of $\leq 1\%$ in either treatment group.

The most common adverse reactions of all Grades reported in $\geq 2\%$ of patients in the individual and pooled analyses from the FLAIR and ATLAS studies are presented in [Table 8](#). In ATLAS-2M, the types and frequencies of adverse reactions reported in subjects receiving CABENUVA once monthly or CABENUVA once every 2-months for 48 weeks were similar (see [Table 8](#)). Selected laboratory abnormalities are included in [Table 10](#).

Table 8 Adverse Reactions (Grades 1 to 4) Reported in ≥2% of Virologically Suppressed Subjects with HIV-1 Infection in FLAIR, ATLAS, and ATLAS-2M Trials (Week 48)

Adverse Reaction ^a	FLAIR		ATLAS		POOLED (FLAIR and ATLAS)		ATLAS-2M	
	CAB plus RPV (n=283)	CAR (n=283)	CAB plus RPV (n=308)	CAR (n=308)	CAB plus RPV (n=591)	CAR (n=591)	CAB plus RPV monthly dosing (n=523)	CAB plus RPV every 2-month dosing (n=522)
Injection site reactions ^b	84%	0	81%	0	83%	0	75%	75%
Pyrexia ^c	8%	0	8%	0	8%	0	8%	7%
Fatigue ^d	5%	2%	5%	0	5%	<1%	6%	5%
Headache	5%	1%	4%	0	4%	<1%	2%	2%
Musculoskeletal pain ^e	2%	<1%	3%	0	3%	<1%	2%	1%
Nausea	1%	2%	4%	0	3%	1%	2%	<1%
Sleep disorders ^f	<1%	<1%	3%	<1%	2%	<1%	1%	<1%
Dizziness	1%	<1%	2%	0	2%	<1%	<1%	2%
Rash ^g	2%	0	2%	0	2%	0	<1%	<1%
Diarrhoea	2%	<1%	<1%	0	1%	<1%	<1%	2%

^a Adverse reactions defined as “treatment-related” as assessed by the investigator.

^b See Injection-Associated Adverse Reactions for additional information.

^c Pyrexia: includes pyrexia, feeling hot, chills, influenza-like illness, body temperature increased.

^d Fatigue: includes fatigue, malaise, asthenia.

^e Musculoskeletal pain: includes musculoskeletal pain, musculoskeletal discomfort, back pain, myalgia, pain in extremity.

^f Sleep disorders: includes insomnia, poor quality sleep, somnolence.

^g Rash: includes erythema, pruritis, pruritis generalized, purpura, rash, rash- erythematous, generalized, macular.

CAR = current antiretroviral regimen.

Local Injection Site Reactions (ISRs)

Local ISRs were the most frequent adverse events associated with the intramuscular administration of CABENUVA. Overall, ISRs were similar in frequency and type for every 2-months and monthly dosing injections. When dosing monthly, out of 30,393 injections, 6,815 ISRs were reported. When dosing every two months, out of 8,470 injections, 2,507 ISRs were reported. The severity of reactions for both dosing regimens was generally mild (Grade 1, 70% to 75% of subjects) or moderate (Grade 2, 27% to 36% of subjects). Severe ISRs (Grade 3) were experienced by 3% to 4% of subjects, and no subjects experienced Grade 4 ISRs. The median duration of overall ISR events was 3 days. The percentage of subjects reporting ISRs decreased over time. In each of the phase III studies, FLAIR, ATLAS, and ATLAS-2M, approximately ≤1% of patients discontinued treatment with CABENUVA because of ISRs.

At the Week 48 analysis, at least 1 local ISR were reported by up to 84% of patients in the monthly dosing arms (FLAIR and ATLAS (pooled), ATLAS-2M) and by 75% of patients in the

every 2-month dosing arm (ATLAS-2M). **Table 9** shows the frequencies of ISRs reported in more than 1% of patients during the analysis period.

Table 9 Injection Site Reactions (Grades 1 to 3) Reported in ≥1% of Subjects in FLAIR and ATLAS (pooled) and ATLAS-2M Trials (Week 48)

Injection Site Reactions ^a	Monthly Dosing ^b Pooled FLAIR and ATLAS n=591 ATLAS-2M n=523	Every 2-Month Dosing ATLAS-2M n=522
Pain/discomfort	79%	73%
Nodules	17%	10%
Induration	12%	8%
Swelling	8%	5%
Erythema	4%	2%
Pruritis	5%	5%
Bruising/discolouration	3%	2%
Warmth	2%	1%
Haematoma	3%	<1%

^aMedDRA system organ class preferred term

^bHighest frequency observed for either FLAIR and ATLAS pooled or ATLAS-2M monthly dosing arm.

Anaesthesia, abscess, cellulitis, and hemorrhage (minor bleeding) at the injection site were each reported in <1% of patients.

Other Injection-Associated Adverse Reactions

Vasovagal or pre-syncope reactions were reported in less than 1% of patients after injection with rilpivirine or cabotegravir.

In the ATLAS and FLAIR clinical trials, an increased incidence of pyrexia (8%) was reported by patients receiving CABENUVA injections (see **Table 8**) compared with no events among patients receiving current antiretroviral regimen. In ATLAS and FLAIR, no cases were serious or led to withdrawal and the occurrences of pyrexia may represent a response to administration of CABENUVA via intramuscular injection. In ATLAS-2M, incidences of pyrexia led to withdrawal in a few cases.

In ATLAS and FLAIR, reports of musculoskeletal pain (3%) and less frequently, sciatica, were also more common in patients receiving CABENUVA compared with the current antiretroviral regimen and some events had a temporal association with injection.

7.3 Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

Select adverse reactions of all Grades that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving cabotegravir and rilpivirine are presented below.

Gastrointestinal Disorders: Abdominal pain (including upper abdominal pain), gastritis, dyspepsia, flatulence, nausea, vomiting.

Hepatobiliary Disorders: Hepatotoxicity.

Investigations: Weight increase.

Psychiatric Disorders: Anxiety (including irritability), depression, abnormal dreams.

Skin and Hypersensitivity: Hypersensitivity reactions.

7.4 Abnormal Laboratory Findings: Hematologic, Clinical Chemistry and Other Quantitative Data

Selected laboratory abnormalities with a worsening grade from baseline and representing the worst-grade toxicity are presented in [Table 10](#).

Table 10 Selected Laboratory Abnormalities (Grades 3 to 4) in FLAIR ATLAS, and ATLAS-2M Studies (Week 48)

Laboratory Parameter Preferred Term	FLAIR and ATLAS (pooled)		ATLAS-2M	
	CAB + RPV Monthly Dosing (n = 591)	CAR (n = 591)	CAB + RPV Every 2-Month Dosing (n = 522)	CAB + RPV Monthly Dosing (n = 523)
ALT (≥ 5.0 x ULN)	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%
AST (≥ 5.0 x ULN)	3%	<1%	<1%	1%
Bilirubin (≥ 2.6 x ULN)	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Creatine phosphokinase (≥ 10.0 x ULN)	8%	4%	3%	4%
Lipase (≥ 3.0 x ULN)	5%	3%	3%	2%

ULN = Upper limit of normal.

Changes in Transaminases: Elevated transaminases (ALT/AST) were observed in patients receiving the cabotegravir and rilpivirine regimens during clinical trials. These elevations were primarily attributed to acute viral hepatitis. A few subjects had transaminase elevations attributed to suspected drug-related hepatotoxicity.

Changes in Total Bilirubin: Small, non-progressive increases in total bilirubin (without clinical jaundice) were observed with cabotegravir and rilpivirine regimens. These changes are not considered clinically relevant as they likely reflect competition between cabotegravir and unconjugated bilirubin for a common clearance pathway (UGT1A1) (see **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics**).

Changes in Creatine Phosphokinase (CPK): Asymptomatic CPK elevations, mainly in association with exercise, have also been reported with cabotegravir plus rilpivirine.

Changes in Lipase

Elevated lipases were observed during clinical trials with cabotegravir and rilpivirine; Grade 3 and 4 lipase increases occurred at a higher incidence (see [Table 10](#)) with cabotegravir and

rilpivirine compared with CAR. These elevations were generally asymptomatic and did not lead to discontinuation.

Weight Increased: At Week 48, patients in FLAIR and ATLAS who received cabotegravir plus rilpivirine had a median weight gain of 1.5 kg; those in the CAR group gained a median weight gain of 1.0 kg (pooled analysis). In the individual FLAIR and ATLAS studies, the median weight gain in patients receiving cabotegravir plus rilpivirine were 1.3 kg and 1.8 kg respectively, compared to 1.5 kg and 0.3 kg in patients receiving CAR. At Week 48, patients in ATLAS-2M had a median weight gain in both the monthly and every 2-month cabotegravir plus rilpivirine dosing arms of 1.0 kg.

Adrenal Function:

In the pooled Phase 3 trials of EDURANT (rilpivirine), the overall mean change from baseline in basal cortisol was -0.69 (-1.12, 0.27) micrograms/dL in the group receiving EDURANT compared with -0.02 (-0.48, 0.44) micrograms/dL in the control group. Abnormal responses to ACTH stimulation tests were also higher in the group receiving EDURANT. The clinical significance of the higher abnormal rate of ACTH stimulation tests in the group receiving EDURANT is not known. Refer to the EDURANT product monograph for additional information.

7.5 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions (Pediatrics)

There are no clinical study data with VOCABRIA or CABENUVA in the pediatric population.

7.6 Post-Market Adverse Reactions

These events have been chosen for inclusion due to either their seriousness, frequency of reporting, potential causal connection to oral rilpivirine-containing regimens, or a combination of these factors. Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made.

Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders: Severe skin and hypersensitivity reactions, including DRESS (see [WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#)).

8 DRUG INTERACTIONS

8.1 Overview

VOCABRIA (in combination with EDURANT) and CABENUVA are complete regimens, therefore, co-administration with other antiretroviral medications for the treatment of HIV-1 infection is not recommended. However, there are no limitations on the use of other antiretroviral medications if VOCABRIA or CABENUVA are discontinued (see **DRUG INTERACTIONS, Drug-Drug Interactions, Established or Potential Drug Interactions**). For additional drug interactions involving oral rilpivirine see the EDURANT product monograph.

8.2 Drug-Drug Interactions

Effect of Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine on the Pharmacokinetics of Other Agents

In vitro, cabotegravir did not inhibit ($IC_{50} > 50$ micromolar) the enzymes and transporters: cytochrome P450 (CYP) 1A2, 2A6, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4; uridine diphosphate glucuronosyl transferase (UGT) 1A1, 1A3, 1A4, 1A6, 1A9, 2B4, 2B7, 2B15, and 2B17; P-glycoprotein (P-gp); breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP); Bile salt export pump (BSEP);

organic cation transporter (OCT)1, OCT2; organic anion transporter polypeptide (OATP) 1B1, OATP1B3; multidrug and toxin extrusion transporter (MATE) 1, MATE 2-K; multidrug resistance protein (MRP) 2 or MRP4.

In vitro, cabotegravir is a metabolism dependent inhibitor of CYP3A4; however, no clinical drug interaction was observed with repeat administration of cabotegravir once daily with the CYP3A4 substrates midazolam or rilpivirine (see [Table 12](#)).

In vitro, cabotegravir inhibited the basolateral renal transporters, organic anion transporters (OAT) 1 (IC₅₀=0.81 micromolar) and OAT3 (IC₅₀=0.41 micromolar). However, based on physiologically based pharmacokinetics (PBPK) modelling no interaction with OAT substrates is expected at clinically relevant concentrations. Therefore, caution is advised when co-dosing CABENUVA with narrow therapeutic index OAT 1/3 substrate drugs (e.g. methotrexate).

In vitro, cabotegravir did not induce CYP1A2, CYP2B6, or CYP3A4. Based on these data and the results of drug interaction studies, cabotegravir is not expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of drugs that are substrates of these enzymes or transporters.

Rilpivirine injection is not likely to have a clinically relevant effect on the exposure of drugs metabolized by CYP enzymes.

Based on their *in vitro* and clinical drug interaction profiles, cabotegravir and rilpivirine are not expected to alter concentrations of other antiretroviral medications including protease inhibitors, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, integrase inhibitors, entry inhibitors, and ibalizumab.

Effect of Other Agents on the Pharmacokinetics of Cabotegravir or Rilpivirine

Cabotegravir

Cabotegravir is metabolized by UGT1A1 with some contribution from UGT1A9. Drugs which are strong inducers of UGT1A1 or 1A9 are expected to decrease cabotegravir plasma concentrations and may result in loss of virologic response; therefore, co-administration with these drugs is contraindicated (see [CONTRAINDICATIONS](#)). Simulations using PBPK modeling show that no clinically significant interaction is expected with co-administration of cabotegravir with drugs that inhibit these enzymes.

In vitro, cabotegravir is not a substrate of OATP1B1, OATP1B3, or OCT1 therefore drugs that solely modulate these transporters are not expected to affect cabotegravir plasma concentration.

In vitro, cabotegravir is a substrate of BCRP and P-gp, however, because of its high permeability, no alteration in cabotegravir absorption is expected when co-administered with BCRP or P-gp inhibitors.

Antacid products containing polyvalent cations (e.g. Aluminum or magnesium hydroxide, calcium carbonate) are recommended to be administered at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after taking VOCABRIA.

No drug interaction studies have been performed with cabotegravir injection. The drug interaction data provided in [Table 11](#) is obtained from studies with oral cabotegravir.

Rilpivirine

Rilpivirine is primarily metabolized by CYP3A, and medicinal products that induce or inhibit CYP3A may affect the clearance of rilpivirine. Co-administration of rilpivirine with medicinal products that induce CYP3A may result in decreased plasma concentrations of rilpivirine and

loss of virologic response and possible resistance to rilpivirine or to the class of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTIs). Co-administration of rilpivirine and medicinal products that inhibit CYP3A may result in increased plasma concentrations of rilpivirine (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS; ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**).

QT-Prolonging Drugs: Oral rilpivirine (EDURANT) at the recommended dose of 25 mg once daily is not associated with a clinically relevant effect on QTc interval. Plasma rilpivirine concentrations after rilpivirine injections are comparable to those during EDURANT therapy. In healthy subjects, 75 mg and 300 mg once daily oral doses of rilpivirine (3 times and 12 times the dose of EDURANT) has been shown to prolong the QTc interval of the electrocardiogram (see **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacodynamics**). CABENUVA should be used with caution in combination with drugs with a known risk of Torsade de Pointes.

No drug interaction studies have been performed with rilpivirine injection. The drug interaction data provided in **Table 11** is obtained from studies with oral rilpivirine.

Established or Potential Drug Interactions

Established and theoretical interactions with selected medicinal products are listed in **Table 11**. The drugs listed in this table are not all-inclusive. Recommendations are based on either drug interaction studies, or potential or predicted interactions due to the expected magnitude of interaction and/or potential for serious adverse events or loss of efficacy.

Table 11 Established or Potential Drug-Drug Interactions

Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name	Effect on Concentration	Clinical comment
Antacids containing polyvalent cations (e.g., aluminum or magnesium hydroxide, calcium carbonate)	↓Cabotegravir (tablets)	Administer antacid products at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after taking VOCABRIA.
Anticonvulsants: Carbamazepine Oxcarbazepine Phenobarbital Phenytoin	↓Cabotegravir ↓Rilpivirine	Co-administration is contraindicated with VOCABRIA and CABENUVA.
Antimycobacterials: Rifampin ^a Rifapentine	↓Cabotegravir ↓Rilpivirine	Co-administration is contraindicated with VOCABRIA and CABENUVA.
Antimycobacterial: Rifabutin ^a	↓Cabotegravir ↔Rifabutin ↓Rilpivirine	No dose adjustment is required with VOCABRIA. Co-administration is contraindicated with CABENUVA.

Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name	Effect on Concentration	Clinical comment
Glucocorticoid (systemic): Dexamethasone (more than a single-dose treatment)	↓Rilpivirine	Co-administration is contraindicated with CABENUVA.
Macrolide or ketolide antibiotics: Clarithromycin Erythromycin Telithromycin	↔Cabotegravir ↑Rilpivirine	For co-administration with CABENUVA, where possible, consider alternatives, such as azithromycin.
Narcotic analgesic: Methadone ^a	↔Cabotegravir ↓Methadone ↔Rilpivirine	No dose adjustment is required when starting coadministration of methadone with CABENUVA. However, clinical monitoring is recommended as methadone maintenance therapy may need to be adjusted in some patients.

Legend: ↑ = Increase, ↓ = Decrease, ↔ = No change.

^aSee Tables 7 to 10 for magnitude of interaction.

Drugs without Clinically Significant Interactions

Cabotegravir

Based on drug interaction study results, the following drugs can be co-administered with cabotegravir without a dose adjustment: etravirine, midazolam, oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel and ethinyl estradiol, and rilpivirine (see [Table 12](#) and [Table 13](#)).

Rilpivirine

Based on drug interaction study results, the following drugs can be co-administered with rilpivirine: acetaminophen, atorvastatin, cabotegravir, chlorzoxazone, dolutegravir, ethinyl estradiol, norethindrone, raltegravir, ritonavir-boosted atazanavir, ritonavir-boosted darunavir, sildenafil, tenofovir alafenamide, and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. Rilpivirine did not have a clinically significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of digoxin or metformin. No clinically relevant drug-drug interaction is expected when rilpivirine is co-administered with maraviroc, ribavirin, or the nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) abacavir, emtricitabine, lamivudine, stavudine, and zidovudine (see [Table 14](#) and [Table 15](#)).

The effects of CAB and RPV on the exposure of co-administered drugs are shown in [Table 12](#) and [Table 14](#), respectively. The effects of co-administered drugs on the exposure of CAB and RPV are shown in [Table 13](#) and

Table 15, respectively.

Table 12 Effect of Cabotegravir on the Pharmacokinetics of Coadministered Drugs

Coadministered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Cabotegravir	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Coadministered Drug with/without Cabotegravir No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _τ or C ₂₄
Ethinyl estradiol 0.03 mg once daily	30 mg once daily	19	0.92 [0.83, 1.03]	1.02 [0.97, 1.08]	1.00 [0.92, 1.10]
Levonorgestrel 0.15 mg once daily	30 mg once daily	19	1.05 [0.96, 1.15]	1.12 [1.07, 1.18]	1.07 [1.01, 1.15]
Midazolam 3 mg	30 mg once daily	12	1.09 [0.94, 1.26]	1.10 [0.95, 1.26]	NA
Rilpivirine 25 mg once daily	30 mg once daily	11	0.96 [0.85, 1.09]	0.99 [0.89, 1.09]	0.92 [0.79, 1.07]

CI = Confidence Interval; n = Maximum number of subjects with data; NA = Not available.

Table 13 Effect of Co-administered Drugs on the Pharmacokinetics of Cabotegravir

Co-administered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Cabotegravir	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Cabotegravir Pharmacokinetic Parameters with/without Co-administered Drugs No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _τ or C ₂₄
Etravirine 200 mg twice daily	30 mg once daily	12	1.04 [0.99, 1.09]	1.01 [0.96, 1.06]	1.00 [0.94, 1.06]
Rifabutin 300 mg once daily	30 mg once daily	12	0.83 [0.76, 0.90]	0.79 [0.74, 0.83]	0.74 [0.70, 0.78]
Rifampin 600 mg once daily	30 mg single dose	15	0.94 [0.87, 1.02]	0.41 [0.36, 0.46]	NA
Rilpivirine 25 mg once daily	30 mg once daily	11	1.05 [0.96, 1.15]	1.12 [1.05, 1.19]	1.14 [1.04, 1.24]

CI = Confidence Interval; n = Maximum number of subjects with data; NA = Not available.

Table 14 Effect of Rilpivirine on the Pharmacokinetics of Co-administered Drugs

Co-administered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Rilpivirine	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Co-administered Drug Pharmacokinetic Parameters with/without EDURANT No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _{min}
Other Drugs					
Acetaminophen 500 mg single dose	150 mg once daily ^a	16	0.97 (0.86 to 1.10)	0.91 (0.86 to 0.97)	NA
Atorvastatin 40 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	1.35 (1.08 to 1.68)	1.04 (0.97 to 1.12)	0.85 (0.69 to 1.03)
Chlorzoxazone 500 mg single dose taken 2 hours after rilpivirine	150 mg once daily ^a	16	0.98 (0.85 to 1.13)	1.03 (0.95 to 1.13)	NA
Darunavir/ritonavir 800/100 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	15	0.90 (0.81-1.00)	0.89 (0.81-0.99)	0.89 (0.68-1.16)
Didanosine 400 mg once daily delayed release capsules taken 2 hours before rilpivirine	150 mg once daily ^a	13	0.96 (0.80-1.14)	1.12 (0.99-1.27)	NA
Digoxin 0.5 mg single dose	25 mg once daily	22	1.06 (0.97 to 1.17)	0.98 (0.93 to 1.04) ^c	NA
Ethinyl estradiol 0.035 mg once daily	25 mg once daily	17	1.17 (1.06 to 1.30)	1.14 (1.10 to 1.19)	1.09 (1.03 to 1.16)
Norethindrone 1 mg once daily			0.94 (0.83 to 1.06)	0.89 (0.84 to 0.94)	0.99 (0.90 to 1.08)
Ketoconazole 400 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	14	0.85 (0.80 to 0.90)	0.76 (0.70 to 0.82)	0.34 (0.25 to 0.46)
Lopinavir/ritonavir 400/100 mg twice daily (soft gel capsule)	150 mg once daily ^a	15	0.96 (0.88-1.05)	0.99 (0.89-1.10)	0.89 (0.73-1.08)
Methadone 60-100 mg once daily, individualized dose R(-) methadone	25 mg once daily	13	0.86 (0.78 to 0.95)	0.84 (0.74 to 0.95)	0.78 (0.67 to 0.91)
S(+) methadone			0.87 (0.78 to 0.97)	0.84 (0.74 to 0.96)	0.79 (0.67 to 0.92)

Co-administered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Rilpivirine	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Co-administered Drug Pharmacokinetic Parameters with/without EDURANT No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _{min}
Metformin 850 mg single dose	25 mg once daily	20	1.02 (0.95 to 1.10)	0.97 (0.90 to 1.06) ^b	NA
Raltegravir 400 mg twice daily	25 mg once daily	23	1.10 (0.77-1.58)	1.09 (0.81-1.47)	1.27 (1.01-1.60)
Rifampin 600 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	1.02 (0.93 to 1.12)	0.99 (0.92 to 1.07)	NA
Sildenafil 50 mg single dose	75 mg once daily ^a	16	0.93 (0.80 to 1.08)	0.97 (0.87 to 1.08)	NA
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	1.19 (1.06-1.34)	1.23 (1.16-1.31)	1.24 (1.10-1.38)

CI = Confidence Interval; n = Maximum number of subjects with data; NA = Not available.

^a This interaction study has been performed with a dose higher than the recommended dose for rilpivirine (25 mg once daily) assessing the maximal effect on the coadministered drug.

^b N (maximum number of subjects with data) for AUC_(0-∞) = 15.

^c AUC_(0-last).

Table 15 Effect of Co-administered Drugs on the Pharmacokinetics of Rilpivirine

Coadministered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Rilpivirine	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Rilpivirine Pharmacokinetic Parameters with/without Coadministered Drugs No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _{min}
Other Drugs					
Acetaminophen 500 mg single dose	150 mg once daily ^a	16	1.09 (1.01 to 1.18)	1.16 (1.10 to 1.22)	1.26 (1.16 to 1.38)
Atorvastatin 40 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	0.91 (0.79 to 1.06)	0.90 (0.81 to 0.99)	0.90 (0.84 to 0.96)
Chlorzoxazone 500 mg single dose taken 2 hours after rilpivirine	150 mg once daily ^a	16	1.17 (1.08 to 1.27)	1.25 (1.16 to 1.35)	1.18 (1.09 to 1.28)
Darunavir/ritonavir 800/100 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	14	1.79 (1.56-2.06)	2.30 (1.98-2.67)	2.78 (2.39-3.24)

Coadministered Drug(s) and Dose(s)	Dose of Rilpivirine	n	Geometric Mean Ratio (90% CI) of Rilpivirine Pharmacokinetic Parameters with/without Coadministered Drugs No Effect = 1.00		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _{min}
Didanosine 400 mg once daily delayed release capsules taken 2 hours before rilpivirine	150 mg once daily ^a	21	1.00 (0.90-1.10)	1.00 (0.95-1.06)	1.00 (0.92-1.09)
Ethinyl estradiol/ Norethindrone 0.035 mg once daily/ 1 mg once daily	25 mg once daily	15	↔ ^b	↔ ^b	↔ ^b
Ketoconazole 400 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^b	15	1.30 (1.13 to 1.48)	1.49 (1.31 to 1.70)	1.76 (1.57 to 1.97)
Methadone 60-100 mg once daily, individualized dose	25 mg once daily	12	↔ ^b	↔ ^b	↔ ^b
Rifabutin 300 mg once daily	25 mg once daily	18	0.69 (0.62 to 0.76)	0.58 (0.52 to 0.65)	0.52 (0.46 to 0.59)
Rifabutin 300 mg once daily	50 mg once daily	18	1.43 (1.30 to 1.56)	1.16 (1.06 to 1.26)	0.93 (0.85 to 1.01)
			(as compared to 25-mg-once-daily rilpivirine alone)		
Rifampin 600 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	0.31 (0.27 to 0.36)	0.20 (0.18 to 0.23)	0.11 (0.10 to 0.13)
Sildenafil 50 mg single dose	75 mg once daily ^a	16	0.92 (0.85 to 0.99)	0.98 (0.92 to 1.05)	1.04 (0.98 to 1.09)
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg once daily	150 mg once daily ^a	16	0.96 (0.81-1.13)	1.01 (0.87-1.18)	0.99 (0.83-1.16)

CI = Confidence Interval; n = Maximum number of subjects with data; NA = Not available; ↔ = No change.

^a This interaction study has been performed with a dose higher than the recommended dose for rilpivirine (25 mg once daily) assessing the maximal effect on the co-administered drug.

^b Comparison based on historic controls.

8.3 Drug-Food Interactions

VOCABRIA may be taken without regard to food. EDURANT should be taken with a meal to ensure optimal rilpivirine plasma concentrations. A protein-rich nutritional drink is not considered a meal (see [ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY](#)).

8.4 Drug-Herb Interactions

Co-administration of St. John's wort with regimens that include rilpivirine (i.e. EDURANT and CABENUVA) may significantly decrease rilpivirine plasma concentrations, resulting in loss of therapeutic effect. Co-administration of these regimens with products containing St. John's wort is contraindicated.

8.5 Drug-Laboratory Test Interactions

No Drug-Laboratory interactions have been identified.

9 ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

9.1 Mechanism of Action

Cabotegravir inhibits HIV integrase by binding to the integrase active site and blocking the strand transfer step of retroviral deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) integration which is essential for the HIV replication cycle.

Rilpivirine is a diarylpyrimidine NNRTI of HIV-1. Rilpivirine activity is mediated by non-competitive inhibition of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT). Rilpivirine does not inhibit the human cellular DNA polymerases α , β , and γ .

9.2 Pharmacodynamics

Effects on Electrocardiogram

Cabotegravir

In a randomized, placebo-controlled, 3-period cross-over trial, 42 healthy subjects were randomized into 6 random sequences and received 3 oral doses of placebo, cabotegravir 150 mg every 12 hours (mean steady state C_{max} was approximately 2.8-fold, 5.4-fold and 5.6-fold above the 30-mg oral once-daily dose, the 400 mg cabotegravir injection monthly dose and the 600 mg cabotegravir injection every 2 month dose, respectively), and a single dose of moxifloxacin 400 mg (active control). After baseline and placebo adjustment, the maximum time-matched mean QTc change based on Fridericia's correction method (QTcF) for cabotegravir was 2.62 msec (1-sided 90% upper CI: 5.26 msec). Cabotegravir did not prolong the QTc interval over 24 hours post dose.

Rilpivirine

The effect of rilpivirine at the recommended oral dose of 25 mg once daily on the QTcF interval was evaluated in a randomised, placebo and active (moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily) controlled crossover study in 60 healthy adults. Rilpivirine at the recommended dose of 25 mg once daily is not associated with a clinically relevant effect on QTc. The maximum mean time-matched (95% upper confidence bound) differences in QTcF interval from placebo after baseline correction was 2.0 (5.0) msec (i.e., below the threshold of clinical concern).

When supratherapeutic doses of 75 mg and 300 mg once daily oral of rilpivirine were studied in healthy adults, the maximum mean time-matched (95% upper confidence bound) differences in QTcF interval from placebo after baseline correction were 10.7 (15.3) and 23.3 (28.4) msec, respectively. Steady-state administration of rilpivirine 75 mg and 300 mg once daily resulted in a mean C_{max} approximately 4.4-fold and 11.6-fold, respectively, higher than the mean steady-state C_{max} observed with the recommended 600-mg monthly dose of rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension (see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS**). Steady state administration of oral rilpivirine 75 mg once daily and 300 mg once daily resulted in a mean C_{max} approximately 4.1-fold and 10.7-fold, respectively, higher than the mean steady state C_{max} observed with the recommended 900-mg every 2 months dose of rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension.

9.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetic (PK) properties of the components of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA are provided in **Table 16**. The multiple-dose pharmacokinetic parameters are provided in **Table 17** and **Table 18**.

Table 16 Pharmacokinetic Properties of VOCABRIA (Cabotegravir Tablets) and CABENUVA (Cabotegravir Injection and Rilpivirine Injection)

	Cabotegravir Tablets	Cabotegravir Injection	Rilpivirine Injection
Absorption			
T_{max} , median	3 hours	7 days	3 to 4 days
Effect of high-fat meal (relative to fasting): AUC_T ratio ^a	1.14 (1.03, 1.27)	NA	NA
Distribution			
Bound to human plasma proteins	>99.8%	>99.8%	99.7%
Blood-to-plasma ratio	0.5	0.5	0.7
Metabolism			
Metabolic pathways	UGT1A1 UGT1A9 (minor)	UGT1A1 UGT1A9 (minor)	CYP3A
Elimination			
$t_{1/2}$, mean	41 (h)	5.6 to 11.5 (wks.) ^b	13 to 28 (wks.) ^b
Major route of elimination	Metabolism	Metabolism	Metabolism
% Dose excreted as total ¹⁴ C (unchanged drug) in urine ^c	27 (0)	27(0)	6(<1)
% Dose excreted as total ¹⁴ C (unchanged drug) in feces ^c	59 (47)	59 (47)	85 (26)

^a Geometric mean ratio (fed/fasted) in pharmacokinetic parameters and 90% confidence interval. High calorie/high-fat meal = 870 kcal, 53% fat.

^b $t_{1/2}$ absorption rate limited; wks. = weeks

^c Dosing in mass balance studies: single-dose oral administration of [¹⁴C] cabotegravir; single-dose oral administration of [¹⁴C] rilpivirine.

Table 17 Multiple-Dose Pharmacokinetic Properties of VOCABRIA (Cabotegravir Tablets)

Parameter	Geometric Mean (95% CI) ^a
C _{max} (mcg/mL)	8.1 (7.9, 8.2)
AUC _{tau} (mcg.h/mL)	146 (143, 149)
C _{trough} (mcg/mL)	4.7 (4.6, 4.8)

^a Pharmacokinetic parameter values were based on individual post-hoc estimates from the final population pharmacokinetic model for subjects receiving 30 mg of oral cabotegravir once daily in FLAIR and ATLAS

Table 18 Multiple-Dose Pharmacokinetic Parameters following Monthly and Every 2-Month IM Injections of the Components of CABENUVA (Cabotegravir Injection and Rilpivirine Injection)

Drug	Dose	Geometric Mean (95% CI) ^a		
		AUC _{tau} (mcg•h/mL)	C _{max} (mcg/mL)	C _{trough} (mcg/mL)
Cabotegravir	400-mg monthly IM Injection	2,461 (2,413, 2,510)	4.2 (4.1, 4.3)	2.9 (2.9, 3.0)
	600-mg every 2 month IM Injection	3764 (3689, 3841)	4.0 (3.9, 4.1)	1.6 (1.6, 1.7)
Rilpivirine	600-mg monthly IM Injection	65,603 (63,756, 67,503)	116 (113, 119)	82.2 (79.9, 84.6)
	900-mg every 2 month IM Injection	127,031 (123,117, 131,069)	133 (129, 137)	65.6 (63.5, 67.8)

^a Pharmacokinetic (PK) parameter values were based on individual post-hoc estimates from separate cabotegravir and rilpivirine population PK models for patients in FLAIR and ATLAS for the monthly regimen and in ATLAS-2M for the every 2-month regimen.

Absorption:

Oral Cabotegravir

Cabotegravir is rapidly absorbed following oral administration of the tablet formulation, with median T_{max} at 3 hours. Following oral administration of the tablet formulation, cabotegravir pharmacokinetics was slightly less than dose-proportional from 5 mg to 50 mg. With once daily dosing, pharmacokinetic steady-state is achieved by 7 days.

The absolute bioavailability of cabotegravir has not been established.

Effects of Food on Oral Absorption

Food increased the rate and extent of absorption of cabotegravir: high fat meals increased cabotegravir AUC_(T) by 14% and increased C_{max} by 14% relative to fasted conditions. These increases are not clinically significant.

Cabotegravir Injection

Cabotegravir injection exhibits absorption-limited (flip-flop) kinetics resulting from slow absorption from the gluteal muscle into systemic circulation resulting in sustained plasma

concentrations. Following a single intramuscular dose, plasma cabotegravir concentrations are detectable on the first day and gradually rise to reach maximum plasma concentration with a median T_{max} of 7 days. Cabotegravir has been detected in plasma up to 52 weeks or longer after administration of a single injection. Pharmacokinetic steady-state is achieved by 44 weeks.

Plasma cabotegravir exposure increases in proportion or slightly less than in proportion to dose following single and repeat IM injection of doses ranging from 100 to 800 mg.

Rilpivirine Injection

Rilpivirine injection exhibits absorption-limited (flip-flop) kinetics resulting from slow absorption from the gluteal muscle into the systemic circulation resulting in sustained plasma concentrations. Following a single intramuscular dose, plasma rilpivirine concentrations are detectable on the first day and gradually rise to reach maximum plasma concentration with a median T_{max} of 3-4 days. Rilpivirine has been detected in plasma for longer than 52 weeks after administration of a single injection. About 80% of the rilpivirine steady-state exposure is reached by 48 weeks. After that, there is limited accumulation, with pharmacokinetic steady-state reached after approximately 2 years.

Plasma rilpivirine exposure increases in proportion or slightly less than in proportion to dose following single and repeat IM injection of doses ranging from 300 to 1200 mg.

Distribution:

Cabotegravir

Cabotegravir is highly bound (approximately >99%) to human plasma proteins, based on *in vitro* data. Following administration of oral tablets, the mean apparent oral volume of distribution (V_z/F) in plasma was 12.3 L. In humans, the estimate of plasma cabotegravir V_c/F was 5.27 L and V_p/F was 2.43 L. These volume estimates, along with the assumption of high F , suggest some distribution of cabotegravir to the extracellular space.

Cabotegravir is present in the female and male genital tract. Median cervical and vaginal tissue:plasma ratios ranged from 0.16 to 0.28 and median rectal tissue:plasma ratios were ≤ 0.08 following a single 400mg IM injection at 4, 8, and 12 weeks after dosing.

Rilpivirine

Rilpivirine is highly bound (approximately 99.7%) to plasma proteins *in vitro*, primarily to albumin. Data from investigator studies suggest that rilpivirine distributes into genital tract.

Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

Cabotegravir is present in CSF. In HIV-1 infected patients receiving cabotegravir long-acting injectable suspension plus rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension in combination, the median cabotegravir CSF-to-plasma concentration ratio (n=16) was 0.304% to 0.344% (range: 0.218% to 0.449%) and higher than corresponding median unbound cabotegravir concentrations in plasma 1 week following a steady-state cabotegravir injection or rilpivirine injection given monthly or every 2 months. Rilpivirine is present in CSF. In the same 16 patients, the median rilpivirine CSF to plasma ratio was 1.07% to 1.32% (range: not quantifiable to 1.69%). Consistent with therapeutic cabotegravir and rilpivirine concentrations in the CSF, CSF HIV-1 RNA concentrations (n=16) were <50 copies/mL in 100% and <2 copies/mL in 15/16 (94%) of patients. At the same time point, plasma HIV-1 RNA concentrations (n=18) were <50 copies/mL in 100% and <2 copies/mL in 12/18 (66.7%) of patients.

Metabolism:

Cabotegravir

Cabotegravir is primarily metabolised by UGT1A1 with a minor UGT1A9 component. Cabotegravir is the predominant circulating compound in plasma, representing > 90% of plasma total radiocarbon. Following oral administration in humans, cabotegravir is primarily eliminated through metabolism; renal elimination of unchanged cabotegravir is low (<1% of the dose). Forty-seven percent of the total oral dose is excreted as unchanged cabotegravir in the faeces. It is unknown if all or part of this is due to unabsorbed drug or biliary excretion of the glucuronide conjugate, which can be further degraded to form the parent compound in the gut lumen. Cabotegravir was observed to be present in duodenal bile samples. The glucuronide metabolite was also present in some but not all of the duodenal bile samples. Twenty-seven percent of the total oral dose is excreted in the urine, primarily as a glucuronide metabolite (75% of urine radioactivity, 20% of total dose).

Rilpivirine

In vitro experiments indicate that rilpivirine primarily undergoes oxidative metabolism mediated by the cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A system.

Elimination:

Oral Cabotegravir

Cabotegravir has a mean terminal half-life of 41 h and an apparent clearance (CL/F) of 0.21 L/h.

Cabotegravir Injection

Cabotegravir mean apparent terminal phase half-life is absorption-rate limited and is estimated to be 5.6 to 11.5 weeks after a single dose IM injection. The significantly longer apparent half-life compared to oral administration reflects absorption from the injection site into the systemic circulation. The apparent CL/F was 0.151 L/h.

Rilpivirine Injection

The rilpivirine apparent terminal elimination half-life after IM injection is absorption-rate limited and estimated to be 13 to 28 weeks. The apparent plasma clearance (CL/F) of rilpivirine after IM administration was 5.08 L/h. After single-dose oral administration of ¹⁴C-rilpivirine, on average 85% and 6.1% of the radioactivity could be retrieved in feces and urine, respectively. In feces, unchanged rilpivirine accounted for on average 25% of the administered dose. Only trace amounts of unchanged rilpivirine (< 1% of dose) were detected in urine.

Special Populations and Conditions

Pediatrics: VOCABRIA and CABENUVA have not been studied in the pediatric population.

Geriatrics: Population pharmacokinetic analyses indicated age had no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of cabotegravir or rilpivirine. Pharmacokinetic data in subjects aged 65 years and older are limited.

Sex: Population pharmacokinetic analyses revealed that gender had no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of cabotegravir or rilpivirine.

Ethnic origin: Population pharmacokinetic analyses revealed that race had no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of cabotegravir or rilpivirine.

Hepatic Insufficiency: No clinically important pharmacokinetic differences between patients with moderate hepatic impairment and matching healthy subjects were observed with oral cabotegravir. No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score A or B). The effect of severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score C) on the pharmacokinetics of cabotegravir has not been studied.

Rilpivirine exposure was 47% higher in subjects (n = 8) with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score A) and 5% higher in subjects (n = 8) with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score B) compared with matched controls. The effect of severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score C) on the pharmacokinetics of rilpivirine has not been studied.

Renal Insufficiency: No clinically important pharmacokinetic differences between subjects with severe renal impairment (CrCL <30 mL/min and not on dialysis) and matching healthy subjects were observed with oral cabotegravir. No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild to severe renal impairment (not on dialysis). Cabotegravir has not been studied in patients requiring dialysis.

Population pharmacokinetic analyses indicated that mild renal impairment had no clinically relevant effect on the exposure of oral rilpivirine. There is limited or no information regarding the pharmacokinetics of rilpivirine in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment, end-stage renal disease, or patients requiring dialysis.

Obesity: Population pharmacokinetic analyses revealed no clinically relevant effect of BMI on the exposure of cabotegravir or rilpivirine, therefore no dose adjustment is required on the basis of BMI. When preparing to administer CABENUVA, consider the BMI of the patient to ensure that the needle length is sufficient to reach the gluteus muscle.

Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C Co-infection: Cabotegravir plus rilpivirine has not been studied in patients with hepatitis B co-infection. There is limited experience in patients with hepatitis C co-infection without evidence of advanced liver disease receiving cabotegravir and rilpivirine.

Polymorphisms in Drug Metabolising Enzymes: In a meta-analysis of healthy and HIV-infected subjects, HIV-infected subjects with UGT1A1 genotypes conferring poor cabotegravir metabolism had a 1.2-fold increase in mean steady-state cabotegravir AUC, C_{max} , and C_{tau} following cabotegravir long-acting injection vs. 1.38-fold mean increase following oral cabotegravir administration. This was similar to 1.3- to 1.5-fold mean increase in steady-state cabotegravir, cabotegravir AUC, C_{max} , and C_{tau} observed following oral cabotegravir in healthy and HIV infected subjects combined. Polymorphisms in UGT1A9 were not associated with differences in the pharmacokinetics of cabotegravir, therefore, no dose adjustment is required in subjects with either UGT1A1 or UGT1A9 polymorphisms.

10 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

Store VOCABRIA up to 30°C.

Store CABENUVA in refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C in the original carton. Do not freeze.

11 SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

CABENUVA

Prior to administration, vials should be brought to room temperature (not to exceed 25°C). Vials may remain in the carton at room temperature for up to 6 hours. If not used after 6 hours, they must be discarded.

Once the suspension has been drawn into the respective syringes, the injections should be administered as soon as possible, but may remain in the syringe for up to 2 hours. If 2 hours are exceeded, the medications, syringes, and needles must be discarded.

PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

12 PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

Cabotegravir – Oral Tablets

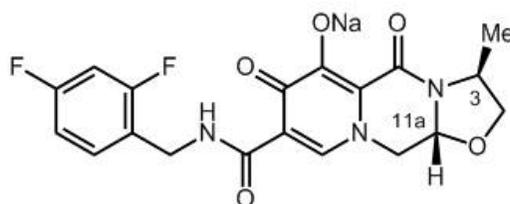
Drug Substance

Common name: cabotegravir sodium

Chemical name: sodium (3S,11aR)-N-[(2,4-difluorophenyl)methyl]-6-hydroxy-3-methyl-5,7-dioxo-2,3,5,7,11,11a-hexahydro[1,3]oxazolo[3,2-a]pyrido [1,2-d]pyrazine-8-carboxamide

Molecular formula and molecular mass: $C_{19}H_{16}F_2N_3NaO_5$
427.33 g/mol

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Cabotegravir sodium is a white to almost white solid that is slightly soluble in water. Over most of the physiological pH range cabotegravir sodium is practically insoluble.

Cabotegravir – Extended Release Injectable Suspension

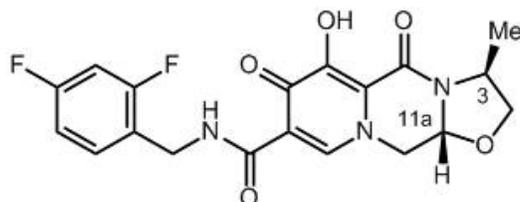
Drug Substance

Common name: cabotegravir

Chemical name: (3S,11aR)-N-[(2,4-Difluorophenyl)methyl]-6-hydroxy-3-methyl-5,7-dioxo-2,3,5,7,11,11a-hexahydro[1,3]oxazolo[3,2-a]pyrido[1,2-d]pyrazine-8-carboxamide

Molecular formula and molecular mass: $C_{19}H_{17}F_2N_3O_5$
405.35 g/mol

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Cabotegravir is white to almost white solid that is practically insoluble in water. Over most of the physiological pH range cabotegravir is practically insoluble.

Rilpivirine – Extended Release Injectable Suspension

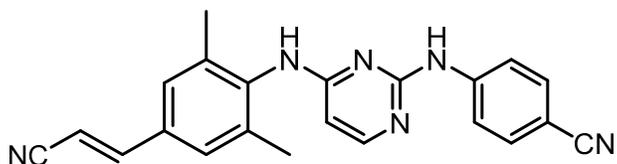
Drug Substance

Common name: rilpivirine

Chemical name: 4-[[4-[[4-[(E)-2-cyanoethenyl]-2,6-dimethylphenyl]amino]-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile

Molecular formula and molecular mass: C₂₂H₁₈N₆
366.42 g/mol

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Rilpivirine drug substance is a white to slightly yellow powder. It is practically insoluble or insoluble in aqueous media over the physiological range.

13 CLINICAL TRIALS

13.1 FLAIR and ATLAS Trial Design and Study Demographics

The efficacy of VOCABRIA and CABENUVA monthly dosing has been evaluated in two Phase 3 randomised, multicenter, active-controlled, parallel-arm, open-label, non-inferiority trials, [FLAIR (201584) and ATLAS (201585)] in virologically-suppressed patients.

Table 19 Summary of Study Design for FLAIR and ATLAS (Pivotal Phase 3 studies)

Study #	Study design	Dosage, route of administration and duration
<p>FLAIR (201584)</p>	<p>Randomized, multicenter, active-controlled, parallel-arm, open-label, non-inferiority study.</p> <p>HIV-1-infected, antiretroviral treatment-naive patients (n = 629) received a dolutegravir INSTI-containing regimen for 20 weeks (either DTG/ABC/3TC or DTG plus 2 other NRTIs if subjects were HLA-B*5701 positive).</p> <p>Subjects who were virologically-suppressed (HIV-1 RNA <50 copies per mL, n = 566) were then randomised to receive the cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen (oral lead-in + monthly injections) or remain on CAR.</p> <p>Primary endpoint: The proportion of subjects with plasma HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL at Week 48 (snapshot algorithm for the ITT-E population).</p>	<p>Cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen: Oral Lead-In (at least 4 weeks): Daily oral lead-in dosing with one 30-mg cabotegravir (VOCABRIA) tablet plus one 25-mg rilpivirine tablet (EDURANT).</p> <p>Monthly IM injections (additional 44 weeks): cabotegravir long-acting injectable suspension plus rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension (CABENUVA).</p> <p>CAR (Current Antiretroviral Regimen): 48-weeks: Oral dosing of DTG/ABC/3TC or DTG plus 2 other NRTIs if HLA B*5701 positive.</p>
<p>ATLAS (201585)</p>	<p>Randomized, multicenter, active-controlled, parallel-arm, open-label, non-inferiority study.</p> <p>HIV-1-infected, ART-experienced, virologically-suppressed patients [HIV-1 RNA <50 copies per mL, for at least 6 months (median 4.3 years), n = 616] were randomised and received the cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen (oral lead-in + monthly injections) or remain on CAR.</p> <p>Primary endpoint: The proportion of subjects with plasma HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL at Week 48 (snapshot algorithm for the ITT-E population).</p>	<p>Cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen: Oral Lead-In (at least 4 weeks): Daily oral lead-in dosing with one 30-mg cabotegravir (VOCABRIA) tablet plus one 25-mg rilpivirine tablet (EDURANT).</p> <p>Monthly IM injections (additional 44 weeks): cabotegravir long-acting injectable suspension plus rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension (CABENUVA).</p> <p>CAR: 48-weeks: Oral dosing of NNRTI+2NRTIs or PI+2NRTIs or INSTI+2NRTIs.</p>

A summary of the demographic characteristics for FLAIR and ATLAS are presented in [Table 20](#) and [Table 21](#).

Table 20 Summary of Demographic Characteristics for Studies FLAIR (201584), ATLAS (201585) and Pooled Data (ITT-E Population)

Demographic Characteristic	FLAIR 201584		ATLAS 201585		Pooled	
	CAB + RPV N=283	CAR N=283	CAB + RPV N = 308	CAR N = 308	CAB + RPV N = 591	CAR N = 591
Age (yrs)						
Median (range)	34.0 (19 - 68)	34.0 (18 - 68)	40.0 (21 - 74)	43.0 (18 - 82)	38.0 (19 - 74)	38.0 (18 - 82)
Age, Groups (yrs), n (%)						
<35	143 (51)	145 (51)	80 (26)	80 (26)	223 (38)	225 (38)
35 to <50	107 (38)	109 (39)	162 (53)	132 (43)	269 (46)	241 (41)
≥50	33 (12)	29 (10)	66 (21)	96 (31)	99 (17)	125 (21)
Sex at Birth, n (%)						
Female	63 (22)	64 (23)	99 (32)	104 (34)	162 (27)	168 (28)
Male	220 (78)	219 (77)	209 (68)	204 (66)	429 (73)	423 (72)
Body Mass Index (kg/m²) at Baseline ^a						
Median (range)	24.10 (17.3 - 44.9)	24.00 (12.6 - 47.4)	25.50 (15.3-50.9)	25.50 (17.8-57.7)	24.90 (15.3-50.9)	24.80 (12.6-57.7)
Race Subgroups, n (%)						
African American/African Heritage	47 (17)	56 (20)	62 (20)	77 (25)	109 (18)	133 (23)
Asian	12 (4)	15 (5)	22 (7)	13 (4)	34 (6)	28 (5)
White	216 (76)	201 (71)	214 (69)	207 (67)	430 (73)	408 (69)
Other	8 (3)	9 (3)	10 (3)	11 (4)	18 (3)	20 (3)
CAR = Current antiretroviral regimen For Study 201584, CAR = ABC/DTG/3TC or DTG+2NRTIs if HLA B*5701 positive For Study 201585, CAR = NNRTI+2NRTIs or PI+2NRTIs or INSTI+2NRTIs a. 201584 Baseline values = Induction Baseline (Week -20)						

Table 21 Summary of Baseline Characteristics for Studies FLAIR (201584), ATLAS (201585) and Pooled Data (ITT-E Population)

	FLAIR 201584		ATLAS 201585		Pooled	
	CAB + RPV	CAR	CAB + RPV	CAR	CAB + RPV	CAR
	(N=283)	(N=283)	(N=308)	(N=308)	(N=591)	(N=591)
Induction Baseline (Week -20) HIV-1 RNA c/mL, n (%)						
<100,000	227 (80)	227 (80)	NA	NA	NA	NA
≥100,000	56 (20)	56 (20)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Time from First HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL until Maintenance Phase Start						
Median (Weeks) (IQR)	16.10 (12.40, 16.10)	16.10 (15.30, 16.30)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Time Since First ART Until Maintenance Phase Start						
Time	20 weeks ^a	20 weeks ^a	52 months ^b (IQR 33, 87)	52 months ^b (IQR 33, 84)		
Baseline CD4+ (cells/mm³)						
Median (IQR)	624 (473, 839)	625 (472, 799)	654 (497, 816)	653 (488, 844)	645 (487, 824)	641 (480, 821)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/mm³), n (%)						
<350	19 (7)	27 (10)	23 (7)	27 (9)	42 (7)	54 (9)
≥350 to <500	64 (23)	60 (21)	56 (18)	57 (19)	120 (20)	117 (20)
≥500	200 (71)	196 (69)	229 (74)	224 (73)	429 (73)	420 (71)
Derived Baseline CDC Classification, n (%)						
HIV infection stage 1	200 (71)	196 (69)	229 (74)	224 (73)	429 (73)	420 (71)
HIV infection stage 2	78 (28)	82 (29)	78 (25)	83 (27)	156 (26)	165 (28)
HIV infection stage 3	5 (2)	5 (2)	1 (<1)	1 (<1)	6 (1)	6 (1)
Induction Baseline (Week -20) Most Prevalent HIV-1 Subtype						
A	46 (16)	36 (13)	NA	NA	NA	NA
B	174 (61)	174 (61)	NA	NA	NA	NA
C	18 (6)	20 (7)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baseline Third Agent Class, n (%)						
NNRTI	NA	NA	155 (50)	155 (50)	NA	NA
INSTI ^c	NA	NA	102 (33)	99 (32)	NA	NA
PI	NA	NA	51 (17)	54 (18)	NA	NA
Hepatitis C, n (%)						
Non-reactive	264 (93)	274 (97)	285 (93)	277 (90)	NA	NA
Reactive	19 (7)	9 (3)	23 (7)	31 (10)	NA	NA

CAR = Current antiretroviral regimen

For Study 201584, CAR = ABC/DTG/3TC or DTG+2NRTIs if HLA B*5701 positive

For Study 201585, CAR = NNRTI+2NRTIs or PI+2NRTIs or INSTI+2NRTIs

a. Represents the 20-week Induction period for Study 201584

b. Median results are presented

c. All FLAIR (201584) subjects received INSTI Baseline Third Agent Class.

13.2 FLAIR and ATLAS Study Results

The primary endpoint of FLAIR and ATLAS was the proportion of patients with plasma HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL at week 48 (snapshot algorithm for the ITT-E population).

In FLAIR and ATLAS studies, CABENUVA was non-inferior to CAR on the proportion of patients having plasma HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL (see [Table 22](#)).

The non-inferiority result established in the FLAIR and ATLAS studies provides evidence that the length of HIV-1 RNA virologic suppression (i.e. < 6 months or ≥ 6 months) prior to initiation of CABENUVA did not impact overall response rates.

Treatment differences across baseline characteristics in FLAIR and ATLAS (CD4+ count, gender, age, race, BMI, baseline 3rd agent treatment class) were comparable (see [Table 23](#)). Patients in FLAIR and ATLAS were virologically-suppressed prior to Day 1 or study entry, respectively, no clinically relevant change from baseline in CD4+ cell counts was observed.

Table 22 Virologic Outcomes of Randomized Treatment of FLAIR, ATLAS and Pooled Data (ITT-E) at 48 Weeks (Snapshot analysis)

	FLAIR		ATLAS		Pooled Data	
	CAB + RPV (N = 283) n (%)	CAR (N = 283) n (%)	CAB + RPV (N = 308) n (%)	CAR (N = 308) n (%)	CAB + RPV (N = 591) n (%)	CAR (N = 591) n (%)
HIV-1 RNA ≥50 copies/mL^a	6 (2)	7 (2)	5 (2)	3 (1)	11 (2)	10 (2)
Treatment Difference^b	-0.4% (95% CI: -2.8%, 2.1%)		0.7% (95% CI: -1.2%, 2.5%)		0.2% (95% CI: -1.4%, 1.7%)	
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	265 (94)	264 (93)	285 (93)	294 (95)	550 (93)	558 (94)
Treatment Difference^c	0.4% (95% CI: -3.7%, 4.5%)		-3.0% (95% CI: -6.7%, 0.7%)		-1.4% (95% CI: -4.1%, 1.4%)	
No virologic data at Week 48 window	12 (4)	12 (4)	18 (6)	11 (4)	30 (5)	23 (4)
Discontinued due to adverse event or death	8 (3)	2 (<1)	11 (4)	5 (2)	19 (3)	7 (1)
Discontinued for other reasons	4 (1)	10 (4)	7 (2)	6 (2)	11 (2)	16 (3)
Missing data during window but on study	0	0	0	0	0	0

^aIncludes subjects who discontinued for lack of efficacy, discontinued while not suppressed.

^bTreatment difference [(cabotegravir plus rilpivirine)–current antiretroviral regimen]. Adjusted for baseline stratification factors and assessed using a non-inferiority margin of 6% (FLAIR and ATLAS) and 4% (Pooled) (Intent-to-Treat Exposed population).

^cTreatment difference [(cabotegravir plus rilpivirine)–current antiretroviral regimen] Adjusted for baseline stratification factors and assessed using a non-inferiority margin of -10% (FLAIR, ATLAS and Pooled) (Intent-to-Treat Exposed population).

n = Number of subjects in each treatment group, CI = Confidence interval, CAB = Cabotegravir, RPV = Rilpivirine, CAR = Current antiretroviral regimen.

Table 23 Proportion of Subjects in FLAIR and ATLAS with Plasma HIV-1 RNA \geq 50 copies/mL at Week 48 for Key Baseline Factors (Snapshot Algorithm).

Baseline Factor	FLAIR and ATLAS Pooled Data	
	CAB + RPV N = 591 n/N (%)	CAR N = 591 n/N (%)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/ mm³)		
<350	0/42	2/54 (4)
\geq 350 to <500	5/120 (4)	0/117
\geq 500	6/429 (1)	8 / 420 (2)
Gender		
Male	6/429 (1)	9/423 (2)
Female	5/162 (3)	1/168 (<1)
Race		
White	9/430 (2)	7/408 (2)
African-American/African Heritage	2/109 (2)	3/133 (2)
Asian/Other	0/52	0/48
BMI		
<30 kg/m ²	6/491 (1)	8/488 (2)
\geq 30 kg/m ²	5/100 (5)	2/103 (2)
Age (years)		
<50	9/492 (2)	8/466 (2)
\geq 50	2/99 (2)	2/125 (2)
Baseline antiviral therapy at randomization		
PI containing regimen	1/51 (2)	0/54
INSTI containing regimen	6/385 (2)	9/382 (2)
NNRTI containing regimen	4/155 (3)	1/155 (<1)

Notes: CAB = Cabotegravir, RPV = Rilpivirine, CAR = Current antiretroviral regimen.

13.3 ATLAS-2M Trial Design and Study Demographics

The efficacy of the CABENUVA every 2-months dosing has been evaluated in a Phase 3 randomised, multicenter, parallel-arm, open-label, non-inferiority trials in virologically-suppressed patients.

Table 24 Summary of Study Design for ATLAS-2M

Study #	Study design	Dosage, route of administration and duration
<p>ATLAS-2M (207966)</p>	<p>Randomized, multicenter, parallel-arm, open-label, non-inferiority study.</p> <p>HIV-1-infected, ART-experienced, virologically-suppressed patients [n = 1045] either on a current standard of care regimen or from the ATLAS study, were randomised and received the cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen administered either monthly or every 2 months.</p> <p>Primary endpoint: The proportion of subjects with plasma HIV-1 RNA \geq50 copies/mL at Week 48 (snapshot algorithm for the ITT-E population).</p>	<p>Subjects initially on non-cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimens received oral lead-in (at least 4 weeks): One 30-mg cabotegravir (VOCABRIA) tablet plus one 25-mg rilpivirine tablet (EDURANT) daily.</p> <p>Monthly dosing Cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen: Monthly IM injections (additional 44 weeks): After initiation injections, cabotegravir 2 mL (400 mg) long-acting injectable suspension plus rilpivirine 2 mL (600 mg) long-acting injectable suspension (CABENUVA).</p> <p>Every 2-Months dosing Cabotegravir + rilpivirine regimen: IM injections every 2 months (additional 44 weeks): After initiation injections, cabotegravir 3 mL (600 mg) long-acting injectable suspension plus rilpivirine 3 mL (900 mg) long-acting injectable suspension (CABENUVA).</p>

A summary of the demographic characteristics for ATLAS-2M are presented [Table 25](#) and [Table 26](#).

Table 25 Summary of Demographic Characteristics for ATLAS-2M (207966) (ITT-E Population)

Demographic Characteristic	Every 2-month Dosing (N=522)	Monthly Dosing (N=523)
Age (yrs)		
Median (range)	42.0 (20 – 83)	42.0 (19 – 75)
Age, Groups (yrs), n (%)		
<35	137 (26)	145 (28)
35 to <50	242 (46)	239 (46)
≥50	143 (27)	139 (27)
Sex at Birth, n (%)		
Female	137 (26)	143 (27)
Male	385 (74)	380 (73)
Body Mass Index (kg/m²) at Baseline		
Median (range)	25.724 (17.75 – 48.27)	25.923 (16.57 – 77.52)
Race, n (%)		
White	370 (71)	393 (75)
Non-White	152 (29)	130 (25)
Black or African American	101 (19)	90 (17)

Table 26 Summary of Baseline Characteristics for ATLAS-2M (207966) (ITT-E Population)

	Every 2-month Dosing (N=522)	Monthly Dosing (N=523)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/mm³)		
Median (IQR)	642 (499, 827)	688 (523, 878)
Baseline CD4+ (cells/mm³), n (%)		
<350	35 (7)	27 (5)
350 to <500	96 (18)	89 (17)
≥500	391 (75)	407 (78)
Derived Baseline CDC Classification, n(%)		
HIV infection stage 1	391 (75%)	407 (78%)
HIV infection stage 2	129 (25%)	113 (22%)
HIV infection stage 3	2 (<1%)	3 (<1%)
Baseline Third Agent Class, n (%)		
NNRTI	368 (70)	382 (73)
INSTI	334 (64)	341 (65)
PI	115 (22)	111 (21)
Hepatitis B		
n	522	522
Negative	520 (>99)	521 (>99)
Positive	2 (<1)	1 (<1)
Hepatitis C		
n	522	522
Negative	517 (>99)	516 (99)
Positive	5 (<1)	6 (1)
Hepatitis B and C		
n	522	522
B only	2 (<1)	1 (<1)
C only	5 (<1)	6 (1)
B and C	0	0
Neither	515 (99)	515 (99)

Note: Subjects classified as Hepatitis B positive at entry by serology but subsequently determined to have no active Hepatitis B infection, and were allowed to participate in the study.

Note: Hepatitis C positive was determined based on positive detection of HCV antibody and RNA.

13.4 ATLAS-2M Study Results

In ATLAS-2M, cabotegravir + rilpivirine administered every 2 months was non-inferior to cabotegravir and rilpivirine administered every month on the proportion of subjects having plasma HIV-1 RNA ≥50 c/mL (1.7% and 1.0% respectively) at Week 48. The adjusted treatment difference between cabotegravir + rilpivirine administered every 2 months and every month (0.8; 95% CI: -0.6, 2.2) met the non-inferiority criterion (upper bound of the 95% CI below 4%). Furthermore, cabotegravir + rilpivirine dosed every 2 months was non-inferior to CAB+RPV dosed every month on the proportion of subjects having plasma HIV-1 RNA <50 c/mL (94% and 93%, respectively) at Week 48. The adjusted treatment difference between cabotegravir +

rilpivirine dosed every 2 months and monthly (0.8; 95% CI: -2.1, 3.7) met the non-inferiority criteria (lower bound of the 95% CI greater than -10% (see [Table 27](#)).

The non-inferiority result established in ATLAS-2M, were also supported by prior treatment exposure to cabotegravir plus rilpivirine (i.e. 0., 1 to 24 weeks and >24 weeks) which did not impact overall response rates.

In ATLAS-2M, treatment differences across the baseline characteristics; CD4+ count, age, race, BMI and age were comparable between the two treatment groups. In females with prior exposure to cabotegravir plus rilpivirine ≥ 1 week, and for cabotegravir plus rilpivirine baseline third agent class, a statistically significant difference in proportion between treatment groups was observed.

Table 27 Virologic Outcomes of Randomized Treatment of ATLAS-2M at 48 Weeks (Snapshot analysis)

	Every 2-month Dosing	Monthly Dosing
	N=522 (%)	N=523 (%)
HIV-1 RNA\geq50 copies/mL[†]	9 (1.7)	5 (1.0)
Treatment Difference % (95% CI)*	0.8 (-0.6, 2.2)	
HIV-1 RNA <50 copies/mL	492 (94.3)	489 (93.5)
Treatment Difference % (95% CI)*	0.8 (-2.1, 3.7)	
No virologic data at week 48 window	21 (4.0)	29 (5.5)
Reasons:		
Discontinued study due to AE or death	9 (1.7)	13 (2.5)
Discontinued study for other reasons ^a	12 (2.3)	16 (3.1)
On study but missing data in window	0	0

* Adjusted for baseline stratification factors.

† Includes subjects who discontinued for lack of efficacy, discontinued while not suppressed.

N = Number of subjects in each treatment group, CI = confidence interval, CAR = current antiviral regimen.

Table 28 Proportion of Subjects with Plasma HIV-1 RNA \geq 50 copies/mL at Week 48 for key baseline factors (Snapshot Outcomes).

		Number of HIV-1 RNA \geq 50 c/mL/ Total Assessed (%)	
		2 Month Dosing	Monthly dosing
Baseline CD4+ cell count (cells/mm³)	<350	1/ 35 (2.9)	1/ 27 (3.7)
	350 to <500	1/ 96 (1.0)	0/ 89
	\geq 500	7/391 (1.8)	4/407 (1.0)
Gender	Male	4/385 (1.0)	5/380 (1.3)
	Female	5/137 (3.5)	0/143
Race	White	5/370 (1.4)	5/393 (1.3)
	Non-White	4/152 (2.6)	0/130
	Black/African American	4/101 (4.0)	0/ 90
	Non-Black/African American	5/421 (1.2)	5/421 (1.2)
BMI	<30 kg/m ²	3/409 (0.7)	3/425 (0.7)
	\geq 30 kg/m ²	6/113 (5.3)	2/98 (2.0)
Age (years)	<35	4/137 (2.9)	1/145 (0.7)
	35 to <50	3/242 (1.2)	2/239 (0.8)
	>50	2/143 (1.4)	2/139 (1.4)
Prior exposure CAB/RPV	None	5/327 (1.5)	5/327 (1.5)
	1-24 weeks	3/69 (4.3)	0/68
	>24 weeks	1/126 (0.8)	0/128

BMI= body mass index

In the ATLAS-2M study, treatment differences on the primary endpoint across baseline characteristics (CD4+ lymphocyte count, gender, race, BMI, age and prior exposure to cabotegravir/rilpivirine) were not clinically meaningful.

Post-Hoc Analysis

Multivariable analyses of pooled phase 3 studies (ATLAS, FLAIR, and ATLAS-2M), including data from 1039 HIV-infected adults with no prior exposure to cabotegravir and rilpivirine long acting injection, examined the influence of baseline viral and participant characteristics, dosing regimen, and post-baseline plasma drug concentrations on confirmed virologic failure (CVF) using regression modelling with a variable selection procedure. Through Week 48 in these studies, 13/1039 (1.25%) of participants had CVF while receiving cabotegravir and rilpivirine.

Four covariates were significantly associated ($P < 0.05$ for each adjusted odds ratio) with increased risk of CVF: rilpivirine resistance mutations at baseline identified by proviral DNA genotypic assay, HIV-1 subtype A6/A1 (associated with integrase L74I polymorphism), rilpivirine trough concentration 4 weeks following initial injection dose, body mass index of at least 30 kg/m^2 (associated with cabotegravir pharmacokinetics). Other variables including Q4W or Q8W dosing, female gender, or other viral subtypes (non A6/A1) had no significant association with CVF. No baseline factor, when present in isolation, was predictive of virologic failure. However, a combination of at least 2 of the following baseline factors was associated with an increased risk of CVF: rilpivirine resistance mutations, HIV-1 subtype A6/A1, or BMI $\geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$.

Table 29 Week 48 outcomes by presence of key baseline factors of rilpivirine resistance associated mutations, Subtype A6/A1¹, and BMI $\geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$

Baseline Factors (number)	Virologic Successes (%) ²	Confirmed Virologic Failure (%) ³
0	694/732 (94.8)	3/732 (0.41)
1	261/272 (96.0)	1/272 (0.37) ⁴
≥ 2	25/35 (71.4)	9/35 (25.7) ⁵
TOTAL (95% Confidence Interval)	980/1039 (94.3) (92.74%, 95.65%)	13/1039 (1.25) (0.67%, 2.13%)

¹ HIV-1 subtype A1 or A6 classification based on Los Alamos National Library panel from HIV Sequence database (June 2020)

² Based on the FDA Snapshot algorithm of RNA < 50 copies/mL.

³ Defined as two consecutive measurements of HIV RNA > 200 copies/mL.

⁴ Positive Predictive Value (PPV) $< 1\%$; Negative Predictive Value (NPV) 98%; sensitivity 8%; specificity 74%

⁵ PPV 26%; NPV 99.6%; sensitivity 69%; specificity 97.5%

14 MICROBIOLOGY

Antiviral Activity in Cell Culture

Cabotegravir exhibited antiviral activity against laboratory strains of wild-type HIV-1 with mean concentration of cabotegravir necessary to reduce viral replication by 50 percent (EC_{50}) values of 0.22 nM to 1.4 nM in peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMCs) and 293 cells. Cabotegravir demonstrated antiviral activity in cell culture against a panel of 24 HIV-1 clinical isolates (3 in each group of M [clades A, B, C, D, E, F, and G] and 3 in group O) with EC_{50} values ranging from 0.02 nM to 1.06 nM for HIV-1. Cabotegravir EC_{50} values against 4 HIV-2 clinical isolates ranged from 0.10 nM to 0.14 nM.

Rilpivirine exhibited activity against laboratory strains of wild-type HIV-1 in an acutely infected T-cell line with a median EC_{50} value for HIV-1_{IIIB} of 0.73 nM (0.27 ng per mL). Rilpivirine also demonstrated antiviral activity against a broad panel of HIV-1 group M (clades A, B, C, D, F, G,

and H) primary isolates with EC₅₀ values ranging from 0.07 nM to 1.01 nM and group O primary isolates with EC₅₀ values ranging from 2.88 to 8.45 nM.

Antiviral Activity in Combination with Other Antiviral Agents

Neither cabotegravir nor rilpivirine were antagonistic with all tested anti-HIV agents or with each other when tested in combination (*in vitro* assessments were conducted in combination with rilpivirine, lamivudine, tenofovir and emtricitabine).

Effect of Human Serum and Serum Proteins

in vitro studies suggested a 408-fold shift in EC₅₀ of cabotegravir in the presence of 100% human serum (by method of extrapolation), and the protein adjusted EC₅₀ (PA-EC₅₀) was estimated to be 102 nM in MT4 cells. Rilpivirine is highly bound (approximately 99.7%) to plasma proteins *in vitro*, primarily to albumin.

Resistance *In Vitro*

Isolation from wild-type HIV-1 and activity against resistant strains:

Cabotegravir-resistant viruses were selected during passage of HIV-1 strain IIIB in MT-2 cells in the presence of cabotegravir. Amino acid substitutions in integrase which emerged and conferred decreased susceptibility to cabotegravir included Q146L (fold change: 1.3 to 4.6), S153Y (fold change: 2.8 to 8.4), and I162M (fold change: 2.8). The integrase substitution T124A also emerged alone (fold change: 1.1 to 7.4 in cabotegravir susceptibility), in combination with S153Y (fold change: 3.6 to 6.6 in cabotegravir susceptibility), or I162M (2.8-fold change in cabotegravir susceptibility). Cell culture passage of virus harboring integrase substitutions Q148H, Q148K, or Q148R selected for additional substitutions (C56S, V72I, L74M, V75A, T122N, E138K, G140S, G149A, and M154I), with substituted viruses having reduced susceptibility to cabotegravir of 2.0-fold to 410-fold change. The combinations of E138K+Q148K and V72I+E138K+Q148K conferred the greatest reductions of 53-fold to 260-fold change and 410-fold change, respectively.

Rilpivirine-resistant strains were selected in cell culture starting from wild-type HIV-1 of different origins and subtypes as well as NNRTI-resistant HIV-1. The frequently observed amino acid substitutions that emerged and conferred decreased phenotypic susceptibility to rilpivirine included: L100I; K101E; V106I and A; V108I; E138K and G, Q, R; V179F and I; Y181C and I; V189I; G190E; H221Y; F227C; and M230I and L.

Resistance *In Vivo*

In LATTE (oral), there were three Confirmed Virologic Failure with resistance through Week 96. Three additional Confirmed Virologic Failure with resistance occurred through Week 264. The substitutions associated with resistance to oral cabotegravir through week 264 are Q148R (3), E138Q (1), G140A (1), and G140S (1). The substitutions associated with rilpivirine resistance are E138A (1), K101E (1), K101K/E (1), and E138E/K (1). All CVFs had Subtype B virus.

In LATTE-2 (long acting injection) there was one subject with Confirmed Virologic Failure with resistance through Week 48. The substitution associated with resistance to cabotegravir is Q148R. The substitutions associated with NNRTI resistance are K103N, E138G, and K238T. This CVF had Subtype AG virus. There were no confirmed virologic failures after Week 48.

In FLAIR Baseline genotyping was performed on HIV-1 RNA; mutations were reported as treatment emergent. ATLAS Baseline genotyping was performed on PBMC DNA and mutations

were reported as on treatment. The number of patients who met confirmed virologic failure (CVF) criteria was low across the pooled FLAIR and ATLAS studies. In the pooled analysis, there were 7 CVFs on cabotegravir plus rilpivirine (7/591, 1.2%) and 7 CVFs on current antiretroviral regimen (7/591, 1.2%). The substitutions associated with resistance to cabotegravir long-acting injection observed in the pooled ATLAS and FLAIR trials, are G140R (n = 1), Q148R (n = 2), and N155H (n = 1). The substitutions associated with resistance to rilpivirine are K101E (1), E138E/A/K/T (1), E138K (2), E138A (1), E138E/K (1) and E138K (1). The CVFs had subtypes A, A1, or AG

In the ATLAS-2M trial confirmed virologic failure was low with 10 subjects meeting confirmed virologic failure criteria through Week 48: 8 subjects (1.5%) in the every 2-months dosing arm and 2 subjects (0.4%) in the monthly dosing arm. Eight subjects met confirmed virologic failure criteria at or before the Week 24.

At Baseline in the every 2-months dosing arm, 5 subjects had RPV resistance-associated mutations of Y181Y/C + H221H/Y, Y188Y/F/H/L, Y188L, E138A or E138E/A and 1 subject contained cabotegravir resistance mutation, G140G/R (in addition to the above Y188Y/F/H/L resistance-associated mutation). At the suspected virologic failure timepoint in the every 2-months dosing arm, 7 subjects had major NNRTI resistance-associated substitutions with 2 of these subjects having an addition of K101E and 1 subject having an addition of E138E/K from Baseline to the suspected virologic failure timepoint. Rilpivirine fold change for these 7 subjects ranged from 2.4 to 15. Five of the 7 subjects with NNRTI resistance-associated substitutions, also had major INSTI resistance-associated substitutions N155H (2), Q148R, or Q148Q/R+N155N/H (2). Fold changes for subjects in the every 2 months dosing arm ranged from 0.6 to 9.1 for cabotegravir, 0.8 to 2.2 for dolutegravir and 0.8 to 1.7 for bictegravir. The integrase genotype and phenotype assay failed for one subject and cabotegravir phenotype was unavailable for another. INSTI polymorphism L74I was seen in 4 of 7 subjects. Three subjects had NRTI resistance-associated substitutions that were also present at Baseline.

In the monthly dosing arm, neither subject had any RPV or INSTI resistance-associated substitutions at Baseline. One subject had the NNRTI polymorphisms G190Q + V189I. These subjects also had NRTI resistance-associated substitutions M41L+D67N+L210W, or D67N. At the suspected virologic failure timepoint, one subject had RPV resistance-associated mutations, K101E + M230L and the other had an addition of NNRTI polymorphism, V179V/I. Rilpivirine fold changes were 17 and >119.2. Both subjects had INSTI resistance-associated mutations, either N155N/H or Q148R + E138E/K with cabotegravir fold changes of 1.8 and 4.6, dolutegravir fold changes of 1.0 and 1.4 and bictegravir fold changes of 1.1 and 1.5, respectively. Both subjects had NRTI resistance-associated substitutions that were also present at Baseline.

Association of Subtype A1 and Baseline L74I Substitution in Integrase with Cabotegravir plus Rilpivirine Virologic Failure

Five of the 7 cabotegravir plus rilpivirine virologic failures in FLAIR and ATLAS had HIV-1 subtype A1 and the integrase L74I substitution (IN L74I) detected at baseline and failure timepoints. Patients with subtype A1 infection whose virus did not have IN L74I at baseline did not experience virologic failure (FLAIR results shown in [Table 30](#)). In addition, there was no detectable phenotypic resistance to cabotegravir conferred by the presence of IN L74I at baseline.

The other 2 virologic failures had subtype AG and did not have the IN L74I substitution. Six of the virologic failures with subtype A1 and AG were from Russia where the prevalence of subtypes A, A1, and AG are high. Subtypes A, A1, and AG are uncommon in Canada.

The presence of the IN L74I substitution in other subtypes, such as subtype B commonly seen in Canada, was not associated with virologic failure (Table 30). In contrast to the FLAIR and ATLAS Phase 3 trials where all virologic failures were subtype A, A1 or AG, in the ATLAS-2M Phase 3 trial, subtypes of the cabotegravir plus rilpivirine virologic failures included A1, A, B, C and complex.

Table 30 Rate of Virologic Failure in FLAIR Trial: Baseline Analysis (Subtypes A1 and B, and Presence of IN L74I)

Patient Characteristics	Cabotegravir plus Rilpivirine ^a	Current Antiretroviral Regimen ^b
Subtype A1	3/8 (38%)	1/4 (25%)
+IN L74I	3/5 (60%)	1/3 (33%)
-IN L74I	0/3	0/1
Subtype B	0/174	2/174 (1%)
+IN L74I	0/12	0/11
-IN L74I	0/153	2/150 (1%)
Missing data	0/9	0/13
Russia	4/54 (7%)	1/39 (3%)
+IN L74I	3/35 (9%)	1/29 (3%)
-IN L74I	1/12 (8%)	0/7
Missing data	0/7	0/3

^aThere were 4 virologic failures in the cabotegravir arm. One virologic failure in the cabotegravir arm had subtype AG.

^bThere were 3 virologic failures in the current antiretroviral regimen arm. Two virologic failures in the current antiretroviral regimen arm had subtype B.

Cross-resistance

Cabotegravir: Cross-resistance has been observed among INSTIs. Cabotegravir had reduced susceptibility (greater than 5-fold change) to recombinant HIV-1 strain NL432 viruses harbouring the following integrase amino acid substitutions: G118R, Q148K, Q148R, T66K+L74M, E92Q+N155H, E138A+Q148R, E138K+Q148K/R, G140C+Q148R, G140S+Q148H/K/R, Y143H+N155H, and Q148R+N155H (range: 5.1-fold to 81-fold). The substitutions E138K+Q148K and Q148R+N155H conferred the greatest reductions in susceptibility of 81-fold and 61-fold, respectively. Cabotegravir was active against viruses harboring the NNRTI substitutions K103N or Y188L, or the NRTI substitutions M184V, D67N/K70R/T215Y, or V75I/F77L/F116Y/Q151M.

Rilpivirine: Cross-resistance in site-directed mutant virus has been observed among NNRTIs. The single NNRTI substitutions K101P, Y181I, and Y181V conferred 52-, 15-, and 12 times fold change to rilpivirine, respectively. The K103N substitution did not show reduced susceptibility to

rilpivirine by itself. Combinations of 2 or 3 NNRTI resistance-associated substitutions gave 3.7- to 554-fold change to rilpivirine in 38% and 66% of substitutions, respectively. Considering all available cell culture and clinical data, any of the following amino acid substitutions, when present at baseline, are likely to decrease the antiviral activity of rilpivirine: K101E and P; E138A, G, K, R, and Q; V179L; Y181C, I, and V; Y188L; H221Y; F227C; M230I and L, and the combination of L100I/K103N.

15 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

General Toxicology

The effect of prolonged daily treatment with high doses of cabotegravir has been evaluated in repeat oral dose toxicity studies in rats (26 weeks) and in monkeys (39 weeks). There were no drug-related adverse effects in rats or monkeys given cabotegravir orally at doses that produced exposures >20 times or 4 to 6 times the exposure in humans at the MRHD, respectively.

In the 14-day monkey toxicity study, a dose of 1,000 mg/kg/day was not tolerated and resulted in morbidity associated with gastro-intestinal (GI) effects (body weight loss, emesis, loose/watery feces, and moderate to severe dehydration).

In the 28-day monkey toxicity study, end of study exposure at 500 mg/kg/day a dose that produced no adverse effects was similar to that achieved in the 14-day study at 1000 mg/kg/day. This suggests that GI intolerance observed in the 14-day study was the result of local drug administration and not systemic toxicity.

In a 3-month study in rats, when cabotegravir was administered by monthly subcutaneous (SC) injection (up to 100 mg/kg/dose); monthly IM injection (up to 75 mg/kg/dose) or weekly SC injection (up to 100 mg/kg/dose), there were no adverse effects noted and no new target organ toxicities (at exposures >30 times the exposure in humans at the MRHD of 400 mg IM dose). Local effects at the injection sites were observed and these included dose-proportional increases in redness and swelling at all dose-levels accompanied by inflammatory reactions (erythema and edema graded very slight to severe) in animals given monthly IM injections, at all doses in female animals given monthly SC injections (≥ 5 mg/kg/month) and in males given ≥ 30 mg/kg/month. Treatment-related microscopic findings consisted of granulomatous inflammation and mixed inflammatory cell infiltration at the injection sites, with correlating macroscopic changes (pale areas, nodules, and masses).

Animal toxicology studies have been conducted with rilpivirine in mice, rats, rabbits, dogs and cynomolgus monkeys. The target organs and systems of toxicity were the adrenal cortex and the associated steroid biosynthesis (mouse, rat, dog, cynomolgus monkey), the reproductive organs (female mouse, male and female dog), the liver (mouse, rat, dog), the thyroid and pituitary gland (rat), the kidney (mouse, dog), the hematopoietic system (mouse, rat, dog), and the coagulation system (rat).

Studies of IM administration of rilpivirine long-acting injections were conducted in minipigs (9-month study with once monthly repeated IM dosing) and dogs (2 IM injections with a 2-week interval). There were no new target organ toxicities identified due to the change in route of administration (rilpivirine IM) versus what was seen in oral rilpivirine toxicity studies.

Carcinogenesis/mutagenesis

Two-year carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats were conducted with cabotegravir. In mice, no drug-related increases in tumor incidence were observed at cabotegravir exposures (AUC) up to 8 times (males) and 7 times (females) MRHD. In rats, no drug-related increases in tumor incidence were observed at cabotegravir exposures up to 26 times MRHD. Cabotegravir was not genotoxic in the bacterial reverse mutation assay, mouse lymphoma assay, or in the *vivo* rodent micronucleus assay.

Rilpivirine was not carcinogenic in rats. In mice, rilpivirine was positive for hepatocellular neoplasms in both males and females. The observed hepatocellular findings in mice may be rodent specific. At the lowest tested doses in mice, the systemic exposures (based on AUC) to rilpivirine were >17 times the exposure in human at the MRHD of 25 mg once daily in HIV-1–infected patients or 600 mg IM injection dose of rilpivirine long-acting injectable suspension. Rilpivirine was not genotoxic in the bacterial reverse mutation assay, mouse lymphoma assay, or in the *in vivo* rodent micronucleus assay.

16 SUPPORTING PRODUCT MONOGRAPHS

1. EDURANT (tablets, 25 mg rilpivirine), submission control #223685, Product Monograph, Janssen Inc. (March 4, 2019)

READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE
PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

Pr**VOCABRIA**

30 mg Cabotegravir Tablets

Pr**CABENUVA**

600 mg / 3 mL (200 mg/mL) Cabotegravir Extended Release Injectable Suspension and
900 mg / 3 mL (300 mg/mL) Rilpivirine Extended Release Injectable Suspension

400 mg / 2 mL (200 mg/mL) Cabotegravir Extended Release Injectable Suspension and
600 mg / 2 mL (300 mg/mL) Rilpivirine Extended Release Injectable Suspension

Read this carefully before you start taking **VOCABRIA or CABENUVA** and each time you get a refill or have a new injection visit. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **VOCABRIA or CABENUVA**.

What is VOCABRIA used for?

- VOCABRIA is taken together with EDURANT (rilpivirine) to treat HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection in adults:
 - in the month before you begin your treatment on CABENUVA to test how well you tolerate these medicines (cabotegravir and rilpivirine) and
 - as a replacement for CABENUVA injections if you need to miss your next scheduled injection (e.g. vacation).

What is CABENUVA used for?

- CABENUVA is used to treat HIV infection in adults.
- CABENUVA replaces your current HIV treatment.

How do VOCABRIA and CABENUVA work?

VOCABRIA tablets contain a medicine, cabotegravir, that is used to treat HIV infection when taken together with the medicine rilpivirine tablets (EDURANT).

CABENUVA kits contain long-acting injections of the medicines cabotegravir and rilpivirine.

These medicines work together to keep the amount of virus in your body at a low level. This helps maintain the number of CD4+ cell count in your blood. CD4+ cells are a type of white blood cells that are important in helping your body to fight infection. VOCABRIA and CABENUVA do not cure HIV infection.

What are the ingredients in VOCABRIA?

Medicinal ingredients: 30 mg cabotegravir (as cabotegravir sodium)

Non-medicinal ingredients: hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, sodium starch glycolate, and titanium dioxide

What are the ingredients in CABENUVA?

Cabotegravir Injections (2 mL or 3 mL):

Medicinal ingredients: 400 mg / 2 mL or 600 mg / 3 mL cabotegravir

Non-medicinal ingredients: mannitol, polysorbate 20, polyethylene glycol (PEG) 3350, water for injection.

Rilpivirine Injections (2 mL or 3 mL):

Medicinal ingredients: 600 mg / 2 mL or 900 mg / 3 mL rilpivirine

Non-medicinal ingredients: citric acid monohydrate, glucose monohydrate, poloxamer 338, sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium hydroxide, water for injection

VOCABRIA comes in the following dosage forms:

30 mg cabotegravir tablets.

CABENUVA comes in the following dosage forms:

2 mL Dosing Kit: 400 mg / 2 mL cabotegravir injection + 600 mg / 2 mL rilpivirine injection.

3 mL Dosing Kit: 600 mg / 3 mL cabotegravir injection + 900 mg / 3 mL rilpivirine injection.

Do not use VOCABRIA or CABENUVA if:

- You are allergic (*hypersensitive*) to cabotegravir or rilpivirine or to any of the other ingredients of VOCABRIA or CABENUVA. See “What are the ingredients in VOCABRIA/CABENUVA?”.

Do not use VOCABRIA if:

- You are taking any of these medicines:
 - carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, or phenytoin (also known as anticonvulsants used to treat epilepsy and prevent seizures).
 - Rifampin or rifapentine (to treat some bacterial infections such as tuberculosis).

When taking VOCABRIA with EDURANT, please read the EDURANT Patient Medication Information for any additional medicines that should not be taken with rilpivirine.

Do not use CABENUVA if:

- You are taking any of these medicines:
 - carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, or phenytoin (also known as anticonvulsants used to treat epilepsy and prevent seizures).
 - Rifampin, rifapentine or rifabutin (to treat some bacterial infections such as tuberculosis).
 - Dexamethasone – more than one dose (a corticosteroid used in a variety of conditions such as inflammation and allergic reactions).
 - products that contain St John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) (a herbal product used to treat depression).

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take VOCABRIA or CABENUVA. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- have ever had a mental health problem.
- have had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C infection.
- have ever had a severe skin rash or an allergic reaction to cabotegravir or rilpivirine (COMPLERA, EDURANT, or ODEFSEY).

Other warnings you should know about:

Pregnancy

Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Your doctor will consider the benefit to you and the risk to your baby when taking VOCABRIA or CABENUVA while you are pregnant. .

It is not known if VOCABRIA or CABENUVA will harm your unborn baby. There is a registry for women who take antiretroviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare professional about how you can take part in this registry.

Breastfeeding

Do not breastfeed if you are taking VOCABRIA and CABENUVA. There is a risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby if you breastfeed. It is not known whether the ingredients of VOCABRIA can pass into breast milk and harm your baby. CABENUVA may pass into breastmilk for 12 months or longer after the last injection of CABENUVA. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Infecting others with HIV

VOCABRIA or CABENUVA will not stop you from passing HIV to others, although this risk is lower if you take your HIV medicine as instructed by your healthcare professional. You should take steps to avoid this by:

- Using condoms when you have oral or penetrative sex.
- Not reusing or sharing needles, syringes, or other injection equipment.

More Information about Long-Acting Medications

CABENUVA is a long acting medication, so if you stop treatment CABENUVA may remain in your system for up to a year or more after your last injection. It is important that you attend your planned appointments to receive CABENUVA injections. It is important for you to talk to your healthcare professional if you are thinking about stopping treatment. You will need to take other medicines to treat HIV infection and to reduce the risk of developing viral resistance.

Reactions to Injections

Post-injection reaction symptoms have happened within minutes in some people after receiving their rilpivirine injection. Most symptoms resolved within a few minutes after the injection. Symptoms of post-injection reactions may include: difficulty breathing, stomach cramps, sweating, numbness of your mouth, feeling anxious, feeling warm, feeling lightheaded or feeling like you are going to pass out (faint), and blood pressure changes. Tell your healthcare professional if you experience these symptoms after you receive your injections.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

The following may interact with VOCABRIA:

- medicines called antacids to treat indigestion and heartburn or laxatives, or other products that contain aluminum and/or calcium carbonate, magnesium or buffered medicines.
 - Taking antacids can stop VOCABRIA from being absorbed into your body and not make it work as well.
 - Antacids should be taken at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after you take VOCABRIA.

As VOCABRIA is to be taken together with EDURANT, please read the EDURANT Patient Medication Information for any additional interactions that may occur with rilpivirine.

The following may interact with CABENUVA:

- clarithromycin, erythromycin, antibiotics used to treat bacterial infections.
- methadone, a medicine used to treat narcotic withdrawal and dependence.

Talk to your healthcare professional for further advice if you are taking any of these medicines.

How to take VOCABRIA (and EDURANT):

Take VOCABRIA with EDURANT every day exactly as your doctor has told you to, for as long as your doctor has told you to. When starting to take VOCABRIA for the first time it should be taken for at least 28 days. VOCABRIA and EDURANT must be taken with a meal to help get the right amount of the medicine rilpivirine in your body. A protein drink alone does not replace a meal. Check with your healthcare professional if you are not sure or if you have questions.

Usual dose of VOCABRIA:

The usual dose of VOCABRIA is one tablet (30 mg cabotegravir) taken once a day with one tablet of EDURANT (25 mg rilpivirine).

How to take CABENUVA:

CABENUVA will be administered by your healthcare professional.

Usual dose of CABENUVA:

CABENUVA is given by your healthcare professional as two injections into the muscle of your buttocks (one each for cabotegravir and rilpivirine). CABENUVA may be administered either as a once a month dosing schedule or a once every two months dosing schedule. Your healthcare professional will determine the best dosing schedule for you. **Do not change your dosing schedule without discussing with your healthcare professional.**

Schedule for Monthly Dosing

ORAL LEAD-IN	INITIATION INJECTIONS	CONTINUATION INJECTIONS
Month 1*	Month 2	Month 3 onwards
<u>VOCABRIA</u> cabotegravir tablet once daily	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL cabotegravir injection	<u>CABENUVA</u> 2 mL cabotegravir injection
<u>EDURANT</u> rilpivirine tablet once daily	3 mL rilpivirine injection	2 mL rilpivirine injection

*It is important to take your oral lead-in tablets, with a meal, for at least 28-days, including on

the day you start your first injections.

Schedule for Every 2 Months Dosing

ORAL LEAD-IN	INITIATION INJECTIONS	CONTINUATION INJECTIONS
Month 1*	Month 2 and Month 3	Month 5 onwards
<u>VOCABRIA</u> cabotegravir tablet once daily	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL cabotegravir injection	<u>CABENUVA</u> 3 mL cabotegravir injection
<u>EDURANT</u> rilpivirine tablet once daily	3 mL rilpivirine injection	3 mL rilpivirine injection

*It is important to take your oral lead-in tablets, with a meal, for at least 28-days, including on the day you start your first injections.

Overdose:

If you think you have taken too much VOCABRIA, contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

Missed Dose:

If you miss a tablet, take VOCABRIA soon as you remember. If your next dose is due within 12 hours, skip the dose you missed and take the next one at the usual time. Then continue your treatment as before. Don't take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

Missed Injections:

It is important to not miss any of your planned appointments. If you are going to miss, or have missed, an injection of CABENUVA, talk to your doctor or healthcare professional as soon as possible. Your doctor may recommend you take VOCABRIA together with EDURANT tablets until you are able to take CABENUVA injections again.

What are possible side effects from using VOCABRIA and CABENUVA?

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking VOCABRIA or CABENUVA. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional.

The most common side effects of CABENUVA are:

- Injection site reactions; such as pain and discomfort, a hardened mass or lump, swelling, redness, itching, bruising, and warmth at the site of the injection. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if the symptoms you experience at the injection site becomes severe or troublesome.

The most common side effects of CABENUVA and VOCABRIA are:

- Fever / feeling hot
- Feeling tired or weak, lack of energy
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Sleep problems (difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep)
- Dizziness
- Rash (mild)
- Diarrhea

Additional side effects that may occur with both CABENUVA and VOCABRIA include: intestinal gas (wind/flatulence), being sick (vomiting), stomach pain, abnormal dreams, weight gain, feeling sleepy, malaise (feeling unwell), and at the injection site, numbness, minor bleeding, cellulitis (infection) or an abscess (collection of pus). During or after an injection of CABENUVA you may feel lightheaded which could lead to fainting.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. For more information, ask your healthcare professional.

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
UNCOMMON			
Severe skin rash and allergic (hypersensitivity) reactions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin rash, fever, lack of energy (fatigue), difficulty breathing, swelling of the mouth or face causing difficulty in breathing, blisters or peeling of the skin, sores in mouth, muscle or joint aches 			✓
Depression or mood changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feelings of deep sadness • Feelings of unworthiness • Have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) • Have tried to hurt yourself (behavior) • Anxiety; feelings of worry, nervousness or unease. 		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Liver problems and blood test results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes • Dark or tea coloured urine • Pale coloured stools/ bowel movements • Nausea/ vomiting • Loss of appetite • Pain, aching or tenderness on right side below the ribs • Inflammation (Hepatitis) • Bilirubin increase (substance produced by liver) • Increase of muscle enzymes (CPK, creatinine) 		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.

Reporting Side Effects

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada/adverse-reaction-reporting.html>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

Storage:

Store VOCABRIA at up to 30°C.

Store CABENUVA in the refrigerator at 2° to 8°C in the original carton until ready to use. Do not freeze.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

If you want more information about VOCABRIA or CABENUVA:

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>); the manufacturer's website www.viivhealthcare.ca, or by calling 1-877-393-8448.

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