Update on risk factors, detection, and management of neurocognitive impairment in HIV-infected persons

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Updated research nosology for HIVassociated neurocognitive disorders

	Acquired Impairment in ≥ 2 Cognitive Abilities	Interferes with Daily Functioning	No Cause Prior to HIV	No Current Strongly Confounding Condition
Asymptomatic Neurocognitive Impairment (ANI)		Νο	~	
Mild Neurocognitive Disorder (MND)		Mild		
HIV-Associated Dementia (HAD)	Marked	Marked	\checkmark	



Antinori et al, Neurology 2007, 69: 1789-99

Asymptomatic HIV-associated neurocognitive impairment increases risk for symptomatic decline



- 347 adults who were either unimpaired (n = 226) or had ANI (n = 121)
- Assessed every 6 months with median follow-up of 45.2 months
- Symptomatic decline was based on self-report or objective, performance-based problems in everyday functioning
- Current CD4 and depression were significant time-dependent covariates



Grant et al, Neurology 2014;82:1–8

More Subjects Meet Criteria for Symptomatic HAND if the Requirement for Attribution of Problems to a Cognitive Disorder is Eliminated



Heaton et al, Unpublished CHARTER Data

Neurocognitive Change in the Era of HIV Combination Antiretroviral Therapy: The Longitudinal CHARTER Study

 Analyzed incidence and predictors of neurocognitive change over mean 35 months in 436 HIV+ adults who were assessed every 6 months



Neuropsychiatry

Heaton et al, Clinical Infectious Diseases 2015; 60(3):473–80

	Decli	ne		Improv	vement
	Risk	RR		Risk	RR
Sex	Female	1.76*	Sex	-	-
Ethnicity ¹	Hispanic	2.35**	Education	Higher ⁺	1.10
ART Use ¹	Off ART	1.91**	Est. IQ Before HIV ¹	Higher ⁺	1.02*
Current CD4 Count	Lower ⁺	1.14**	HIV RNA in CSF	Lower ⁺	1.47*
HIV RNA in Plasma	Higher ⁺	1.26**	HIV RNA in Plasma	Lower ⁺	1.27*
Serum Albumin ¹	Lower ⁺	2.36***	Serum Total Protein ¹	Lower ⁺	1.96***
Hematocrit ¹	Lower ⁺	1.10***	Hematocrit	Higher ⁺	1.06*
Neuropsychiatric Comorbidities ¹	Severe	2.47**	Serum Hepatic AST ¹	Lower ⁺	1.01*
Lifetime Methamphetamine Diagnosis ¹	Present	1.81*	Lifetime Substance Use Diagnosis	Absent	1.63
Beck Depression Inventory ¹	Higher ⁺	1.03	Lifetime Major Depression Disorder ¹	Absent	1.63*

p < 0.05, p < 0.01, p < 0.001

[†]CD4: per 100 cells; HIV RNA: per 1 log₁₀ c/mL; Albumin, Hematocrit, Total Protein, AST: Per 1 "unit"; Beck Depression: Per 1 unit; IQ: Per 1 unit; Education: Per year; Hepatic AST: Per 1 mg/dL; Total Protein: Per 1 g/dL ¹Included in the final multivarable model (in red)

As the US Incidence of HIV in Women Rose, Early Findings Were Mixed

- An early pilot study published of HIV+ women identified that women performed worse than men on tests of neurocognitive functioning
- A subsequent larger, prospective study found no difference



Robertson K, et al. J Neuro-AIDS. 1996;1: 166; Robertson K, et al, J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr 2004;36:817–822

Pattern of Impaired Cognitive Abilities May Differ Between Women and Men

- 122 adults who differed by HIV serostatus and sex
- HIV was associated with impairment to a similar extent in men (52%) and women (55%) but the pattern of impairment differed



Figure 2. Type of impairment. ■ Visual memory; □ Attention/Psychomotor speed; □ Abstract reasoning/Verbal intelligence; □ Verbal memory for texts; ■ Verbal memory for digits and words.

Faílde-Garrido JM et al, Psych Clin Neurosci 2008; 62: 494



Interaction of Cognitive Functioning and Mood Symptoms

- 708 HIV+ and 278 HIV- women from the WIHS
- HIV, but not menopausal stage, was associated with worse performance on all cognitive measures

	Verbal Learning	Memory	Executive Function
HIV Serostatus	p < 0.01	p < 0.05	p < 0.05
Depressive Symptoms	p < 0.05	p < 0.05	p < 0.05
Anxiety Symptoms	p < 0.05	p < 0.01	-
Sleep Disturbances	-	-	-
HIV x Anxiety Interaction*	p < 0.001	-	-

*Anxiety was associated with worse learning only among HIV+ women



Rubin et al, Menopause 2014. 21(9): 997-1006 Also see: Giesbrecht et al, PLoS One 2014. 9(3): e89556

Challenges to the Implementation of the Current Approach to HAND Diagnosis

- Screening instruments are not consistently sensitive between sites
- We do not routinely perform comprehensive neurocognitive testing in clinic
- Many of our patients are unemployed or have below average socioeconomic status, complicating assessment of daily functioning
- Confidently deciding that a condition confounds attribution of the cause of impairment to HIV can be difficult



Soluble Biomarkers Identify a Preclinical Stage in Alzheimer's



ANI and MND are Associated with Higher Neopterin but not NFL

- Cross-sectional analysis of 150 HIV+ subjects taking suppressive ART without significant neuropsychiatric confounds
- Subjects were classified as NP-normal (NPN, n=79) or NP-impaired (ANI, n = 38; MND, n=33)



Higher Soluble CD163 in Plasma in MND but not ANI





Burdo et al, AIDS 2013, 27:1387–1395

Higher HIV DNA Content is Associated with Worse Neurocognitive Performance



Valcour V et al, Neurology, 2009. 72(11):992-8

Possible Biological Classification of HAND

	Higher HIV DNA	Higher sCD163	Higher Neopterin	Higher Neurofilament Light	Alternative Diagnosis on Imaging
	Blood	Blood	CSF	CSF	-
Asymptomatic Neurocognitive Impairment (ANI)	•	Νο	~	Νο	Νο
Mild Neurocognitive Disorder (MND)	~	✓	~	Νο	Νο
HIV-Associated Dementia (HAD)	~~	~	~~	~	Νο

Additional challenges:

- Clinical standardization of assays
- Identification of clinically relevant cutpoints



CSF/Plasma Albumin Ratio is Elevated in HAND



Anesten et al, CROI 2015. Abstract 59



Neuroasymptomatic, off ART



BBB Permeability During ART May Define Different HAND Phenotypes





CHARTER Data, Manuscript in Preparation

Biomarkers of HAND May Differ in Younger and Older HIV+ Adults

- Similar in older and younger adults
 - HIV RNA (SCA)
 - Neurofilament light
 - sCD163
 - Neopterin
 - D-dimer, hsCRP

Stronger in older adults

- HIV DNA
- Telomere length and other aging^{AC}
 biomarkers
- IL-6, MCP-1, sCD40L
- Amyloid β1-42, p-Tau

	Corre	elation	Interaction	
	Age	GDS	Age x Biomarker	
Viral				
- HIV RNA (SCA)	×	X	-	
- HIV DNA	-	-	×	
Neuronal				
- Phospho-Tau (181)	×	X	×	
- Total tau	×	X	-	
- Neurofilament Light	×	-	-	
Aging				
- Telomere Length	×	-	×	
 Mitochondrial Common Deletion 	×	X	-	
 Free Mitochondrial DNA 	×	-	×	
- 8-OHdG	×	X	×	
 Protein Carbonyls 	×	X	×	
- F2-isoprostanes	×	-	×	
Macrophage/Glial				
uind ^{MCP-1}	×	X	×	
- sCD163	×	X	-	
- Neopterin	×	X	-	
- GFAP	×	-	-	
Metabolic/Vascular/Inflammation				
- IL-6	X	X	×	
- sCD40L	×	-	×	
- D-dimer	×	-	-	
- hsCRP	-	-	-	
- Amyloid β1-42	-	-	×	

Correlates of Shorter Telomere Length

	Risk	Effect size	P value	n
Sex	Male	d = 1.6	0.005	48
Ethnicity	White/Other	d = 1.0	0.001	48
Age	Older	r = -0.32	0.03	48
Est. Duration of HIV	Longer	r = -0.31	0.06	38
Duration of ART	Longer	r = -0.27	0.08	44
Plasma HIV RNA	> 50 c/mL	d = 1.0	0.07	34
Total Cholesterol	Lower	r = 0.33	0.03	43
Global Deficit Score		r = 0.04	0.80	47
GDS Impairment		X ² = 0.09	0.76	47

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Higher *Lactobacillales* proportion in gut microbiome is associated with higher CD4 Count and CD4/CD8 ratio





Pérez Santiago et al, AIDS. 2013; 27(12):1921-31

Gut Microbiome Clustered by Presence or Absence of Neurocognitive Impairment



Pérez Santiago et al, International Symposium on Neurovirology 2015



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Multiple Characteristics Can Influence the Effectiveness of ART in the CNS

- Distribution of ART drugs
 into the brain
 - CSF may not be equivalent to brain

Efficacy of the drugs

- Macrophages are the target cells in the brain
- Drug resistance

Toxicity of the drugs

- Neurotoxicity
- Metabolic and vascular disease

Timing of ART initiation

 Earlier ART initiation may better prevent HAND

Host factors

- Older age
- Blood-brain barrier permeability
- Coinfections and other comorbidities





Ideal Characteristics of Analyses of CNS Effectiveness of ART

- Studies should be randomized and longitudinal
- Power and duration should be sufficient
- Assessments should be standardized and comprehensive
- Drug regimen potency and toxicity should be similar
 - For those that focus on CPE, regimens should have the same number of drugs

Recent Reports Have Mixed Findings

		Ν	NP	Duration	Principal Finding	Notes
Ciccarelli ¹	C-S	101	С	-	Beneficial	2010 version stronger than 2008 version
Ciccarelli ²	C-S	215	С	-	Beneficial	Adjusted CPE using GSS
Casado ³	C-S	69	В	-	Trend toward benefit	Beneficial when CD4 < 200
Vassallo ⁴	L	96	С	22 months	Beneficial	~25% were not virologically suppressed
Cross ⁶	L	69	С	~1 year	No association	Binary transformation only
Ellis⁵	RCT	49	С	16 weeks	No association	Beneficial in subgroup
Wilson ⁷	C-S	118	В	-	Detrimental on 2 tests	Binary transformation only Substance users only
Kahouadji ⁸	C-S	93	В	-	Detrimental on 1 test	Methodological flaws
Caniglia ⁹	L	61,938	Ν	-	Detrimental	Absolute risk 1.1% vs. 0.9%

C-S = Cross-sectional, L = Longitudinal, RCT = Randomized clinical trial, C = Comprehensive, B = Brief, N = None, GSS = Genotype Susceptibility Score

¹Ciccarelli et al, Antiviral Therapy 2013, 18: 153-160; ²Ciccarelli et al, 20th CROI 2013, Abstract 405; ³Casado et al, J Neurovirol 2014, 20: 54-61; ⁴Vassallo et al, AIDS 2014, 28(4):493-501; ⁵Ellis et al, Clin Infect Dis. 2014;58(7):1015-22; ⁶Cross et al, S Afr Med J 2013;103(10):758-762; ⁷Wilson et al, J Clin Experim Neuropsych 2013, 35:915-25, ⁸Kahouadji et al, HIV Medicine 2013, 14: 311-5.

Maraviroc Intensification May Be Beneficial



- Open-label, single-arm intensification trial with MVC In 12 adults on suppressive ART
- Reduced circulating intermediate and nonclassical CD16-expressing monocytes, monocyte HIV DNA content and sCD163 by 24 weeks
- This was associated with significant improvement in NP performance in the 6 subjects who had mild to moderate cognitive impairment.

Ndhlovu et al, J Neurovirol. 2014;20(6):571-82



- 12 month prospective open-label, randomized, placebo-controlled trial
- 14 adults on suppressive ART with recent progression to HAND completed the trial
- Large effect (d 0.77) at 6-months and moderate effect at 12-months (d 0.55)
 - Arm x Time interaction: p < 0.05
- Glutamate concentration in BG was stable in MA arm but increased in control arm at 12-months

Gates et al, CROI 2015. Abstract 441

Clinical Trial of CNS Penetrating ART to Prevent HAND in China

250 HIV+ Adults ART Naive, CD4 < 350/mm³ <u>Normal</u> Neurocognitive Performance

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Nevirapine + Zidovudine + Lamivudine Blinded to Treatment Arm: Investigators from US, China CDC, and Beijing University Mental Health Institute

Follow-up: 96 Weeks at 2 Hospitals in Beijing Safety Assessments & Data Safety Monitoring Board Standardized Neurocognitive Testing Functional Assessments Targeted Pharmacogenetics Inflammation Biomarkers in Blood

Zhang et al, CROI 2015, Abstract 56

Neurocognitive Methods

- An 8-test battery that assessed 5 cognitive abilities was administered at 48 and 96 weeks
- Cross-sectional & longitudinal normative data
 - Adjust for effects of age, gender, and education using data from <u>HIV-</u>
 <u>adults in China</u>
- Summary measures
 - Primary outcome: Summary Change Score*
 - Secondary outcomes: Global neurocognitive impairment, Global deficit score

Neurocognitive Test Battery

- Hopkins Verbal Learning Test-Revised - Total Learning
- Brief Visuospatial Learning Test-Revised - Total Learning
- WAIS-III Digit Symbol Test
- Grooved Pegboard Test
- WMS-III Spatial Span
- Action Fluency Test
- Paced Auditory Serial Addition Task (PASAT)-50

*Cysique et al, J Clinical Experimental Neuropsychology 2011. 33 (5), 505–522



Before Treatment, Arms were Comparable

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P Value
Sample Size	128	122	-
Demographic Characteristics			
Age (Years)	32.9 (7.7)	31.9 (8.3)	0.31
Sex (Men)	124 (97%)	122 (100%)	0.12
Ethnicity (Han)	121 (94.5%)	116 (95.1%)	0.84
Education (Years)	11.6 (3.6)	11.8 (3.9)	0.72
Body Mass Index	22.3 (2.9)	21.8 (2.5)	0.16
Disease Characteristics			
AIDS Diagnosis	42 (32.8%)	39 (32.0%)	0.89
HIV RNA, Plasma (log ₁₀ c/mL)	4.2 (0.8)	4.2 (0.9)	0.78
CD4+ T-cells (/mm³)	235.1 (89.8)	222.1 (83.6)	0.24
CD8+ T-cells (/mm³)	823.6 (355.7)	836.2 (439.0)	0.80
HCV Seropositive	3 (2%)	3 (2%)	0.99
HBV Surface Antigen	1 (0.8%)	1 (0.8%)	0.99
	^Values are eith	ner mean (SD), medial	n [IQK], or number (%)

Before Treatment, Arms were Comparable

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P Value
Sample Size	128	122	-
Neurocognitive & Mood Characterist	ics		
Global Deficit Score (GDS)	0.12 (0.15)	0.14 (0.14)	0.25
Beck Depression Inventory	9.8 (7.6)	9.7 (8.3)	0.92
Other Lab Characteristics			
Total WBC Count (x 10 ⁹ /L)	5.1 (1.5)	4.9 (1.3)	0.55
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	14.7 (1.1)	14.8 (1.2)	0.55
Platelets (x 10 ⁹ /L)	191 (51)	187 (46)	0.57
Alanine Aminotransferase, Serum	22.9 [16.0, 33.8]	21.1 [15.0, 30]	0.24
Total Bilirubin, Serum	0.12 (0.05)	0.12 (0.04)	0.46
Albumin, Serum	4.7 (0.3)	4.7 (0.4)	0.76
Total Protein, Serum	8.2 (0.5)	8.2 (0.6)	0.92
Creatinine, Serum	0.73 (0.10)	0.73 (0.11)	0.68

*Values are either mean (SD), median [IQR], or number (%)

On Treatment, Indicators of Antiviral Efficacy Were Comparable

Week 48 (ITT-Completer)

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P Value
Sample Size	114	119	-
HIV RNA, Plasma (No. (%) ≤ 50 c/mL)	103 (91.2%)	109 (91.6%)	1.00
CD4+ T-cells (/µL)	396.6 (158.0)	396.5 (153.4)	1.00
CD8+ T-cells (/µL)	789.4 (368.0)	760.5 (360.8)	0.54
100% Adherence in Past 4 Days	113 (99.1%)	119 (100%)	0.49

Week 96 (ITT-Completer)

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P Value
Sample Size	112	118	-
HIV RNA, Plasma (No. (%) ≤ 50 c/mL)	104 (92.0%)	112 (95.7%)	0.28
CD4+ T-cells (/mm ³)	447.2 (179.3)	483.8 (183.8)	0.13
CD8+ T-cells (/mm ³)	811.3 (322.4)	850.6 (408.7)	0.42
100% Adherence in Past 4 Days	112 (100%)	116 (100%)	1.00

*Values are either mean (SD), median [IQR], or number (%)

EFV-TDF-3TC Was Associated with Greater Decline After 96 Weeks



Zhang et al, CROI 2015, Abstract 56

EFV-TDF-3TC Was Associated with Shorter Time-to-Impairment



Zhang et al, CROI 2015, Abstract 56

107 Subjects Had at Least One Adverse Event

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P value
Subjects with at least	1 Adverse Event*		< 0.001
	66 (57.9%)	41 (34.4%)	
Most Severe Adverse	Event Grade*		0.006
- Grade 1	19 (16.7%)	25 (21.0%)	
- Grade 2	15 (13.2%)	8 (6.7%)	
- Grade 3	18 (15.8%)	5 (4.2%)	
- Grade 4	14 (12.3%)	3 (2.5%)	
Adverse Event-Relate	d Discontinuations*		< 0.001
	41 (32%)	1 (0.8%)	

 All Adverse Event-Related Discontinuations Occurred before 28 Weeks

*Denominator is Number of Subjects in the ITT-C Analysis

Liver toxicity, Hypersensitivity, and Bone Marrow Suppression Were More Common with NVP-ZDV-3TC

	NVP-ZDV-3TC	EFV-TDF-3TC	P value
Elevated ALT or AST	40 (35.1%)	23 (19.3%)	0.008
Rash	24 (21.0%)	3 (2.5%)	< 0.001
Neutropenia/Leukopenia	20 (17.5%)	5 (4.2%)	0.001
Fever	13 (11.4%)	1 (0.8%)	< 0.001
Anemia	9 (7.9%)	0 (0%)	0.001
Thrombocytopenia	6 (5.3%)	5 (4.2%)	0.76
Hyponatremia/Hypokalemia	3 (2.6%)	9 (7.6%)	0.08

- All adverse events were reversible
- 14 (6.0%) hospitalizations occurred
 - 8 were considered "Definitely Related" to study treatment
- No deaths occurred

*Denominator is Number of Subjects in the ITT-C Analysis

Adverse Events and Discontinuations Differed by Site

	Site 1	Site 2	P value
Sample Size	138	95	-
Subjects with ≥ 1 Adverse Event	69 (50%)	38 (40%)	0.14
Most Severe Adverse	0.003		
- Grade 1	33 (47.8%)	11 (28.9%)	
- Grade 2	19 (27.5%)	4 (10.5%)	
- Grade 3	10 (14.5%)	13 (34.2%)	
- Grade 4	7 (10.1%)	10 (26.3%)	
Discontinuations Per	< 0.001		
	19/69 (27.5%)	23/38 (60.5%)	

 Data Safety Monitoring Board recommended early termination of enrollment at Site 2

*Denominator is Number of Subjects with Adverse Events at each Site

Sites Differed in Other Characteristics

	Site 1	Site 2	P Value
Sample Size	138	95	-
Demographic Characteristics			
Age (Years)	33.3 (8.6)	31.4 (7.2)	0.07
Education (Years)	9 [9-12]	14 [9-16]	< 0.001
Sex (Number (%) Men)	134 (97.8%)	94 (98.9%)	0.65
Ethnicity (Number (%) Han)	133 (96.4%)	89 (93.7%)	0.72
HIV Disease Characteristics			
AIDS Diagnosis	51 (21.9%)	27 (28.4%)	0.15
HIV RNA, Plasma (log ₁₀ c/mL)	4.2 (0.9)	4.2 (0.8)	0.57
CD4+ T-cells (/mm ³)	225.8 (78.9)	227.4 (85.0)	0.89
Other Lab Characteristics			
Hemoglobin	14.5 (11.2)	15.0 (11.0)	< 0.001
Aspartate Transaminase, Serum	25.0 (8.1)	22.8 (11.2)	< 0.001
Total Protein, Serum	8.0 (5.3)	8.3 (4.9)	< 0.001

*Values are either mean (SD), median [IQR], or number (%)

EFV-TDF-3TC Was Associated with Shorter Time-to-Impairment at Site 1



Nested Case-Control Study of 15 Decliners and 15 Matched Non-Decliners



Ma et al, CROI 2015, Abstract 444

DHHS Preferred Regimens (ART Naive)



- Short- and long-term neurotoxicity
- CSF concentrations do not consistently exceed inhibitory concentrations
- Associated with CSF viral escape
- CSF concentrations exceed 50% inhibitory concentrations in all
- CSF concentrations exceed 50% inhibitory concentrations in all
- No CSF pharmacokinetic data
- CSF concentrations do not consistently exceed inhibitory concentrations
- CSF concentrations exceed 50% inhibitory concentrations in all
- Fewer CNS side effects than EFV
- No CSF ABC pharmacokinetic data on daily dosing

¹May be combined with ABC-3TC when HIV RNA < 100,000 copies/mL; ²In patients with HIV RNA < 100,000 copies/mL; Last updated 1 May 2014; Available at http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines

US DHHS Preferred Regimens (ART



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Last updated 8 April 2015; Available at http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines

Women May Have Different Exposure of Some ART Drugs Than Men

- Reviews of ART pharmacokinetics indicate that women can have higher drug exposure
- Difference exists for:
 - Zidovudine
 - Lamivudine
 - Ritonavir-Boosted PIs
- Mixed data for nonnucleoside RTIs

- Body weight and composition, blood and organ volumes (e.g. bone mass)
- Absorption, intestinal motility and secretions
- Transport and distribution
- Protein binding and tissue affinity
- Metabolism: phase I (hydrolysis, reduction, oxidation, cyclization, decyclization)
- Metabolism: phase II (conjugation)
- Excretion (glomerular filtration rate, renal clearance)
- Intracellular metabolism
- Activity of drug transporters
- Differential (hormone-mediated) gene expression

Effect modifiers:

- Adherence
- Diet and nutritional factors
- Nutritional status
- Concomitant treatments
- Hormonal environment
- Reproductive status
- Smoking

Floridia et al, Pharmacological Research 2008, 58:173–182 Ofotokun et al, Gender Medicine, 4(2):106-

HCV may not be as clear a risk factor for HAND as once thought

Absence of neurocognitive impairment in a large Chinese sample of HCV-infected injection drug users receiving methadone treatment

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Absence of neurocognitive effect of hepatitis C infection in HIV-coinfected people

HCV Co-Infection May Alter the Relation-ship Between ART Drugs & the CNS



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Letendre et al, CROI 2013, Abstract 407

ART Drugs May Alter the Relationship Between HCV Co-Infection & the CNS



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Protease Inhibitor Use is Associated with Cerebral Small Vessel Disease



- 144 adults with HIV/AIDS who died between 1999 and 2011 and had been evaluated prior to death in the California NeuroAIDS Tissue Network
- Protease inhibitor use was associated with cerebral small vessel disease
 - Mild: OR 2.8 (95% CI 1.03-7.9)
 - Moderate-severe: 2.6 (95% CI 1.03–6.7)
- Mild CSVD was associated with HAND
 - OR 4.8 (95% CI 1.1-21.2)



Soontornniyomkij et al, AIDS 2014, 28:1297–1306

ART Drug Concentrations in Brain: Regional Variation, CSF Comparability

	n	Overall Mean	WM mean (ng/mL)	GP mean (ng/mL)	CGM mean (ng/mL)	CSF (ng/mL)
Concentrations Similar to Historical CSF Concentration						
Atazanavir (ATV)	2	< 25	< 25	< 25	< 25	10.3 ¹
Efavirenz (EFV)	2	38.6	45.2	34.8	35.9	15.6 ²
Emtricitabine (FTC)	4	181.3	230.4	173.2	140.3	109.0 ³
Lamivudine (3TC)	3	196.9	205.5	209.8	175.4	107.84
Concentrations in White Mitter Higher than Historical CSF Concentration						
Lopinavir (LPV)	4	153.3	410.6	< 25	< 25	16.8 ⁵
Concentrations Higher than Historical CSF Concentration						
Tenofovir (TDF)	6	206.0	220.0	212.1	185.8	5.5 ⁶

WM = White Matter; GP = Globus Pallidus (Deep Gray Matter); CGM = Cortical Gray Matter

Across all drugs, concentrations were lower in CGM than in the other two regions (p=0.01, paired signed rank test)

Summary

- More HIV+ adults may have symptomatic HAND than previously appreciated
- Aging and perhaps sex appear to alter the presentation of HAND
- In China, EFV-TDF-3TC was associated with earlier neurocognitive decline
 - Primarily at one of the two sites
- Treatment guidelines have tended to move toward ART drugs that are less neurotoxic
 - Maraviroc intensification may have promise
 - Protease inhibitors may accentuate CNS damage from HCV



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We invite you to submit your abstracts in the following categories:

- Neurology .
- Pharmacology
- . Immunology
- Metabolic/ cardiovascular complications
- Effect of aging on organ systems (renal, musculoskeletal, hepatic and endocrine)
- Malignancy
- Geriatrics and Clinical care

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Laboratory Measures of Activities of Daily Living

- Finances (budget, pay bills, manage checkbook)
- Shopping (from memory and with list)
- Meal Planning and Preparation
- Restaurant Scenario
- Medication Management
- Standardized Work Samples

The relationship of CPE to HIV dementia Slain by an ugly fact?

Design

- Data from 61,938 patients combined from 9 independent HIV cohorts from Europe and the U.S.
- Patients were evaluated prior to ART initiation between 1998 and 2013
- "Intent-to-treat" analysis
- CPE transformed into 3 categories
 - "Low": ≤ 7
 - "Medium": 8-9
 - "High": ≥ 10

Findings

- 235 "HAD" events in 259,858 person-years of follow-up
 - 1 per 1106 person-years
- "High" CPE group had a 74% increased hazard ratio of "HAD"



Caniglia et al, Neurology 2014;83:1–8; Berger & Clifford, Neurology 2014;83:1–2

The relationship of CPE to HIV dementia

Slain by an ugly fact?

- Did not use standardized assessments for diagnosing "HAD"
 - "...diagnostic procedures that reflect standard clinical practice"
- The categorical transformation of CPE is unusual
 - Only 8.8% were in the "high CPE" group
 - No statistically significant association was found with CPE when analyzed continuously or as a 4-category variable
- The between-group difference in absolute risk is not clinically meaningful: 1 "HAD" case per > 4,500 person-years of follow-up
- Does not account for factors that were associated with:
 - <u>Changes in ART over time</u>: 68% changed their initial regimen during observation
 - <u>"High" CPE regimens</u>: more than 3 antiretroviral drugs, initiation of ART prior to 2004
 - <u>Non-HIV causes of neurocognitive disease</u>: psychiatric disease, substance use, co-infections

Reasons for Greater Risk for Cognitive & Mood Disorders in HIV+ Women

- Social, financial and healthcare disadvantage
- Stress due to sexual violence and food insecurity
- Comorbid conditions, e.g., metabolic syndrome, drug use, depression
- Co-infections, e.g., CMV, HPV, STIs

- Differences in immune responses, inflammation, and oxidative stress
- Impact of sex hormones: Pregnancy and Menopause
- Differences in pharmacology and toxicity of ART and other drugs

