

Psychotropic medications, recreational drugs and antiretrovirals

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Are clinicians concerned about DDI with psychotropic drugs?

The top 20 co-medications searches with darunavir as selected ARV in www.hiv-druginteractions.org for the past 12 months using MixPanel analytics

 UK
1. Atorvastatin
2. Omeprazole
3. Sertraline
4. Lansoprazole
5. Mirtazapine
6. Tenofovir
7. Citalopram
8. Amlodipine
9. Beclometasone
10. Emtricitabine
11. Ramipril
12. Paracetamol
13. Doxycycline
14. Amoxicillin
15. Trimetho./sulfa.
16. Codeine
17. Amitriptyline
18. Aspirin
19. Metformin
20. Clarithromycin

 Italy
1. Atorvastatin
2. Rosuvastatin
3. Pravastatin
4. Pantoprazole
5. Ramipril
6. Fluvastatin
7. Aspirin
8. Amlodipine
9. Clopidogrel
10. Bisoprolol
11. Metformin
12. Omeprazole
13. Simvastatin
14. Dolulegravir
15. Lorazepam
16. Quetiapine
17. Hydrochlorothia.
18. Raltegravir
19. Valproate
20. Alprazolam

 Spain
1. Atorvastatin
2. Omeprazole
3. Lorazepam
4. Paracetamol
5. Rosuvastatin
6. Methadone
7. Alprazolam
8. Pitavastatin
9. Quetiapine
10. Pravastatin
11. Trimetho./sulfa.
12. Simvastatin
13. Mirtazapine
14. Aspirin
15. Enalapril
16. Loratadine
17. Diazepam
18. Trazodone
19. Ibuprofen
20. Cobicistat

 Germany
1. Pantoprazole
2. Atorvastatin
3. Pravastatin
4. Simvastatin
5. Ramipril
6. Fluvastatin
7. Mirtazapine
8. Amlodipine
9. Dolulegravir
10. Rivaroxaban
11. Ibuprofen
12. Metoprolol
13. Citalopram
14. Bisoprolol
15. Pregabalin
16. Fluconazole
17. Aspirin
18. Clopidogrel
19. Clarithromycin
20. Levetiracetam

 France
1. Esomeprazole
2. Atorvastatin
3. Rosuvastatin
4. Omeprazole
5. Rifabutin
6. Trimetho./sulfa.
7. Dolulegravir
8. Venlafaxine
9. Atovaquone
10. Pravastatin
11. Clarithromycin
12. Fluconazole
13. Doxycycline
14. Bisoprolol
15. Tenofovir
16. Ethambutol
17. Metformin
18. Escitalopram
19. Ethinylestradiol
20. Valproate

Case presentation

45 year old man with a history of schizophrenia, depression, sleep disorder and newly infected with HIV.

Current psychotropic medications:

escitalopram 20 mg QD

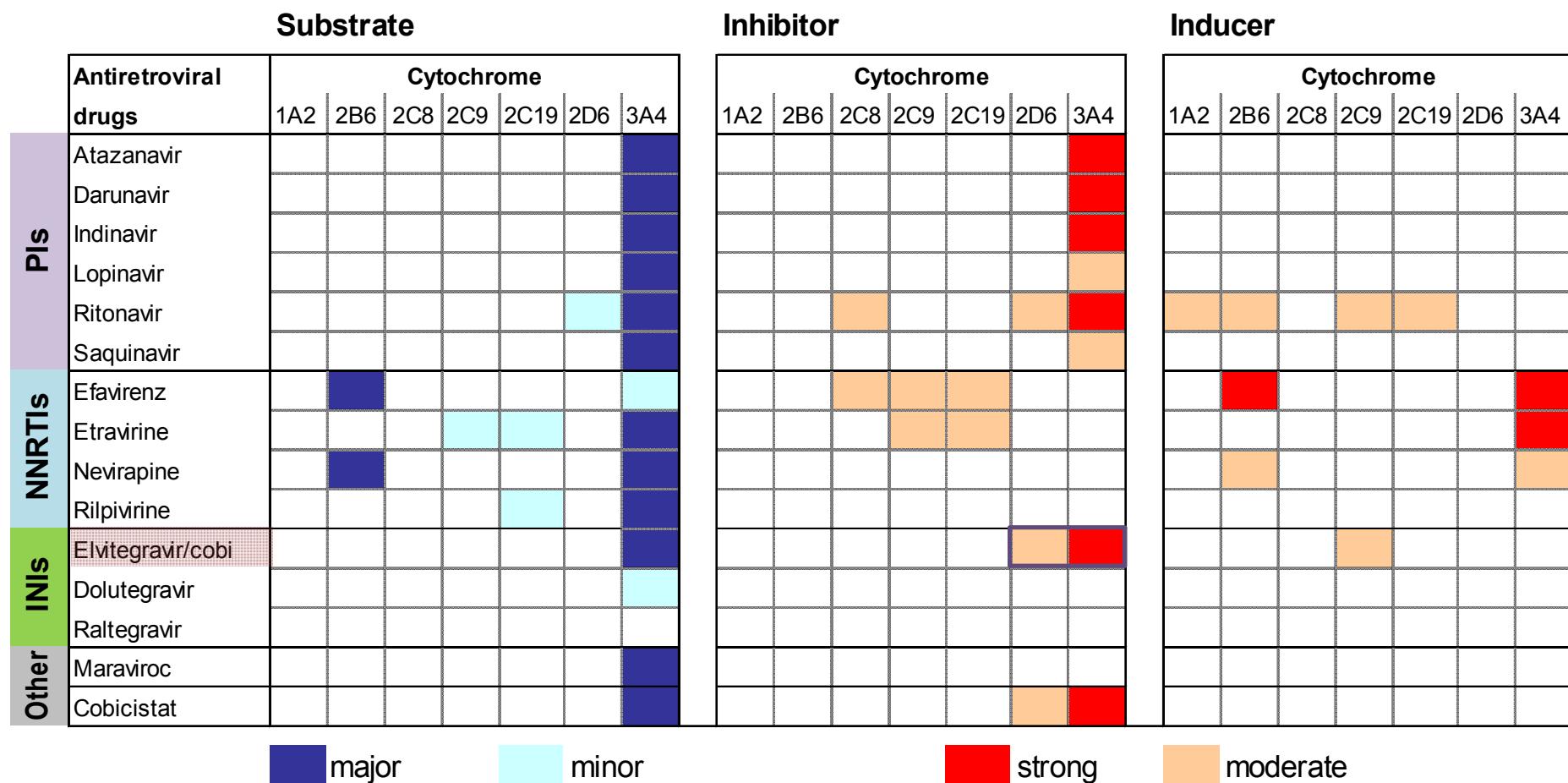
quetiapine 200 mg BID

zolpidem 10 mg QD

Patient is started on dolutegravir + tenofovir + emtricitabine but experiences recurrent headaches (possible side effect of dolutegravir).

Would you replace dolutegravir by raltegravir or by elvitegravir/cobicistat in this particular situation?

Metabolism of antiretroviral drugs



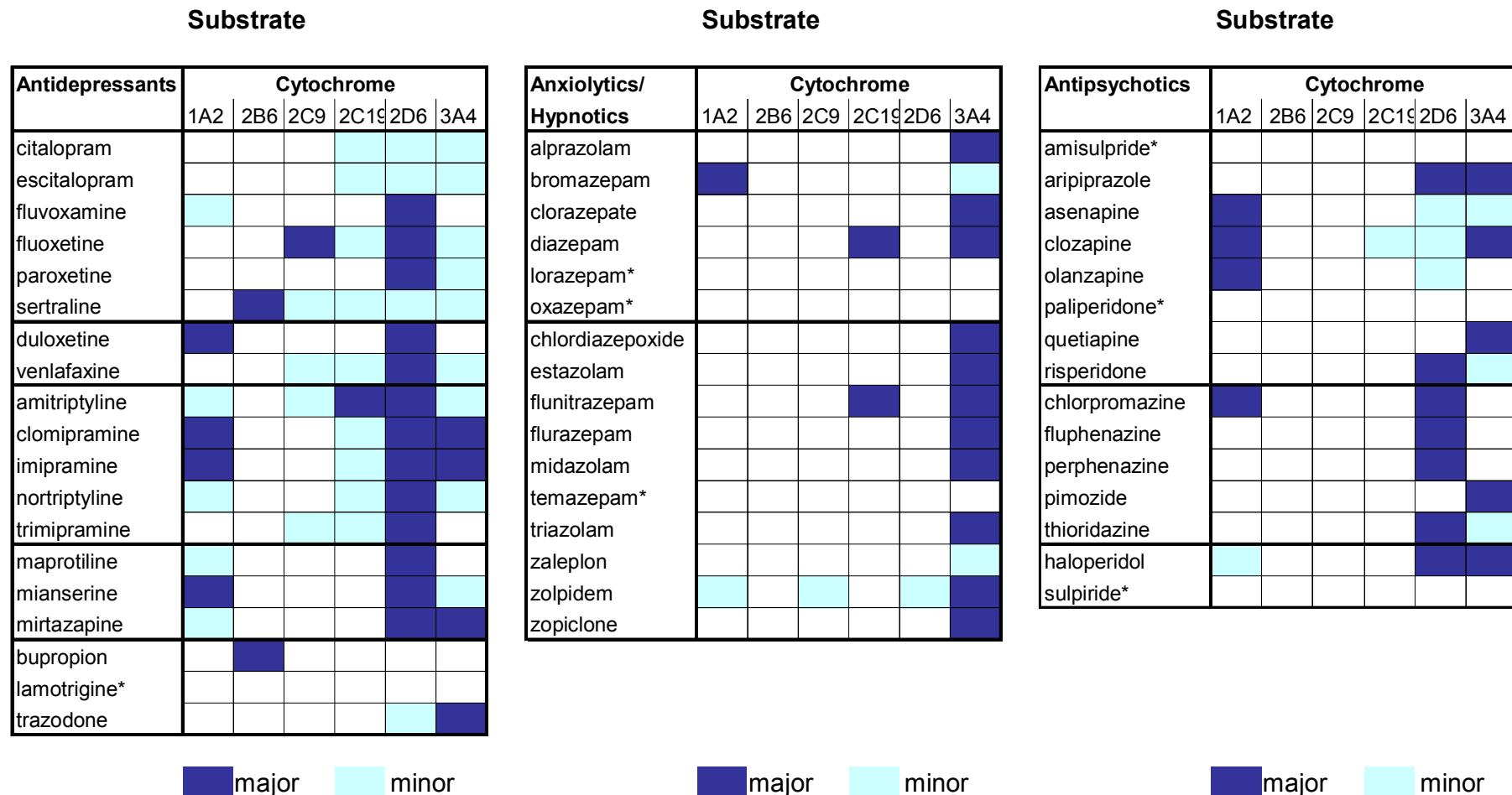
Raltegravir is metabolized by UGT1A1

Dolutegravir is mainly metabolized by UGT1A1 (CYP3A4 minor)

Elvitegravir is metabolized by UGT1A1> UGT1A3

NEW: bictegravir is equally metabolized by UGT1A1 and CYP3A4

Metabolism of antidepressants, anxiolytics and antipsychotics



major minor

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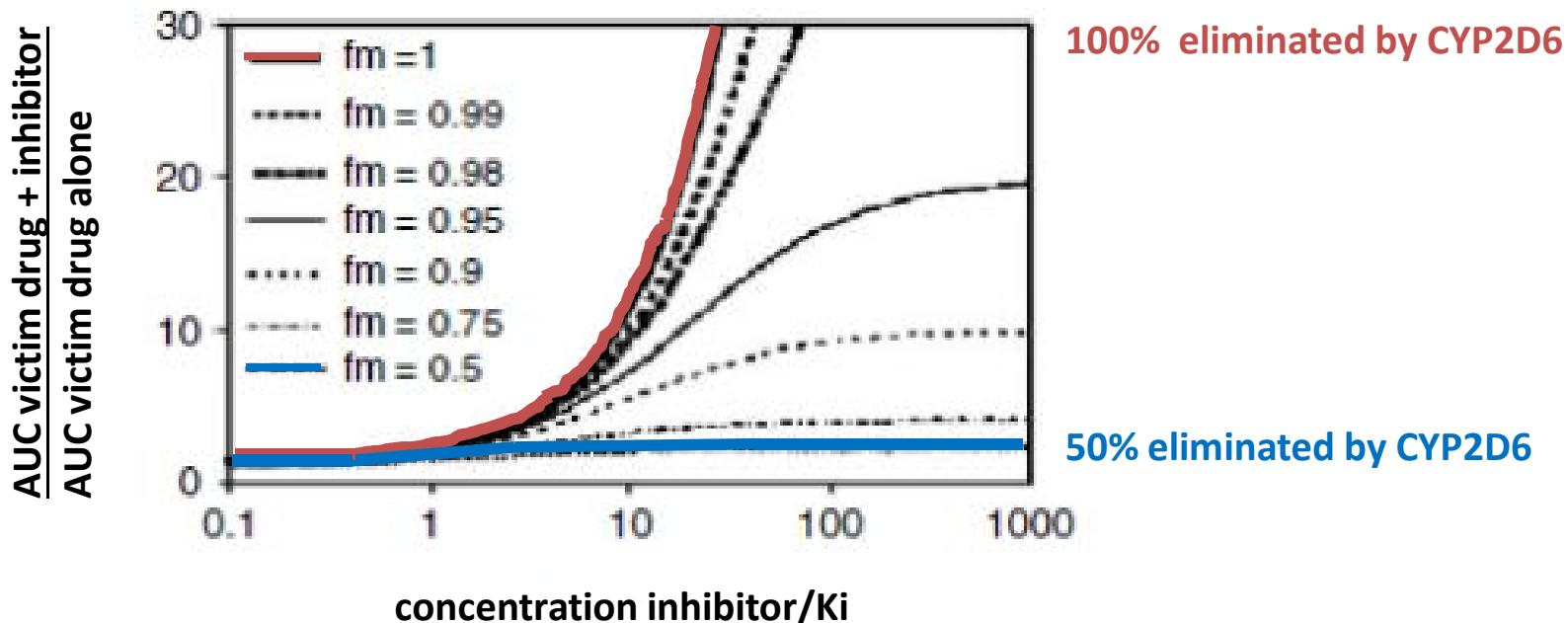
* lamotrigine is glucuronidated

* lorazepam, oxazepam, temazepam are glucuronidated

*amisulpride, paliperidone, sulpiride are mostly elim. unchanged

Multiple elimination pathways and magnitude of DDI

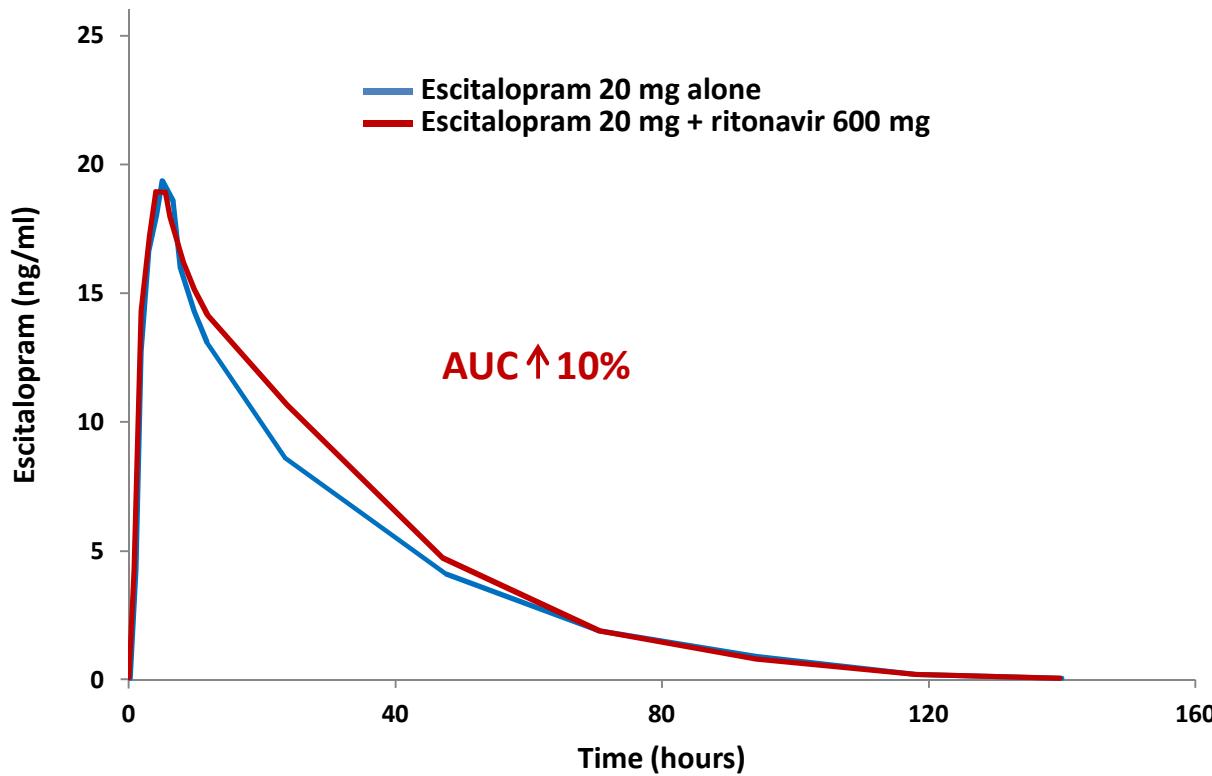
Effect of various extent of CYP2D6 metabolism on the magnitude of DDI



Drugs exclusively metabolized by CYP2D6 will be highly impacted by CYP2D6 inhibitors however the magnitude of DDI is mitigated for drugs eliminated by multiple pathways as metabolism can still occur through unaffected CYPs

Interaction between ritonavir and escitalopram

Escitalopram is metabolized by CYP3A4, CYP2C19, CYP2D6

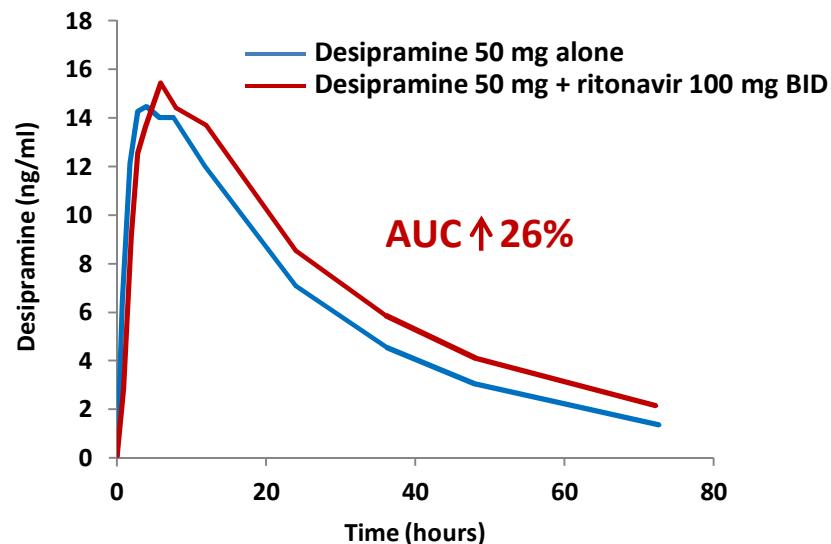


Ritonavir 600 mg does not significantly impact escitalopram exposure as multiple cytochromes contribute to metabolism (similar effect is expected with cobicistat).

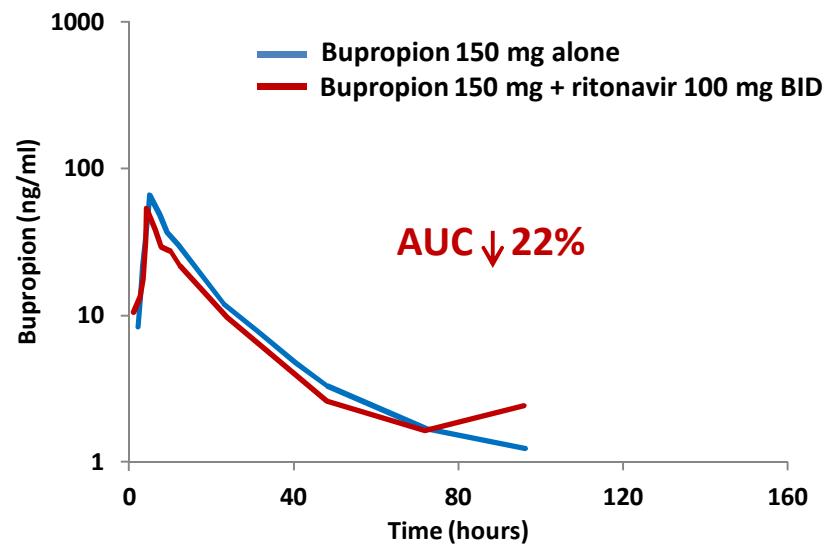
Gutierrez MM et al. Clin Ther 2003

Ritonavir effect on CYP2D6 and CYP2B6 when used as booster

Desipramine is metabolized by CYP2D6



Bupropion is metabolized by CYP2B6



Ritonavir used as PK booster has a weak inhibitory effect on CYP2D6 (comparable CYP2D6 inhibitory effect with cobicistat)

Ritonavir used as PK booster has a weak inducing effect on CYP2B6

Approach to quantify drug-drug interactions with ARVs

Magnitude of drug-drug interaction depends on:

- Fraction of disposition pathway mediated by the enzyme of interest (DPI)

Drug	DPI _{CYP3A4}	
triazolam	0.96	almost exclusively metabolized by CYP3A4
quetiapine	0.90	
zolpidem	0.26	CYP3A4 contributes to 26% of the overall metabolism

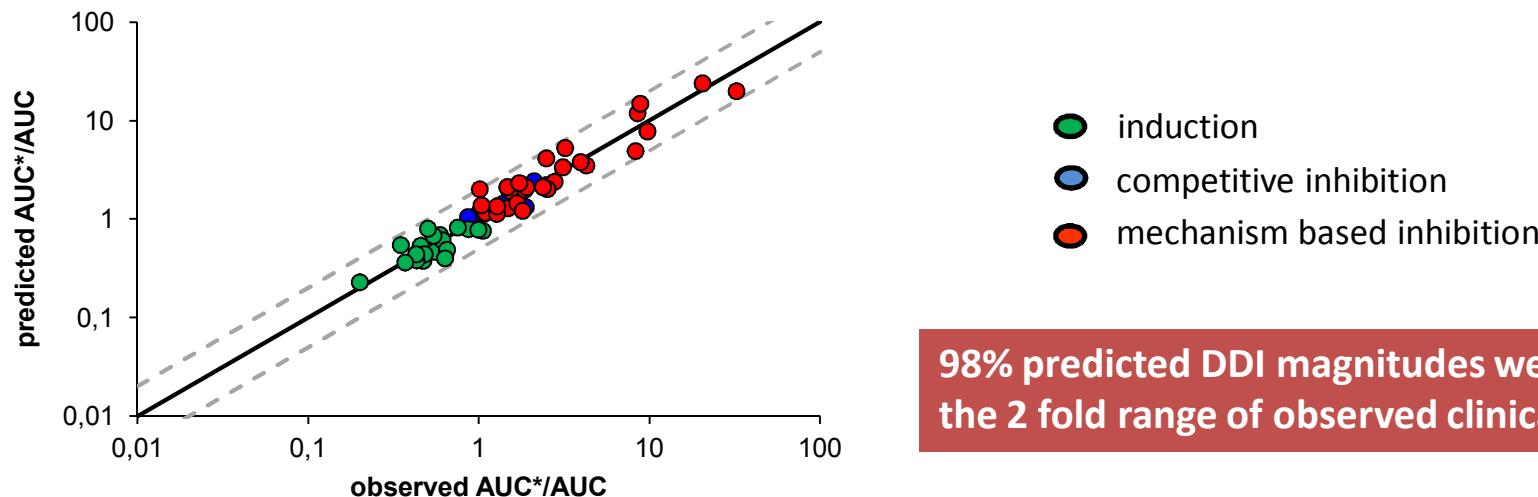
- Inhibitor (InR) and inducer (IcR) strength

Inhibitor _{CYP3A4}	InR _{CYP3A4}	
ritonavir	1.0	strong inhibitor CYP3A4
cimetidine	0.21	weak inhibitor CYP3A4

Inducer _{CYP3A4}	IcR _{CYP3A4}	
rifampicin	0.95	strong inducer CYP3A4
efavirenz	0.57	moderate inducer CYP3A4

- ➔ These parameters can be derived from available DDI studies involving similar drug combinations and reporting the magnitude of DDI
- ➔ These parameters can then be used to predict the magnitude of DDI for **uncharacterized drug combinations involving ARVs** to provide guidance on how to adjust dosage

Predictive performance and examples of DDI predictions



Predicted DDI magnitudes for selected psychotropic drugs

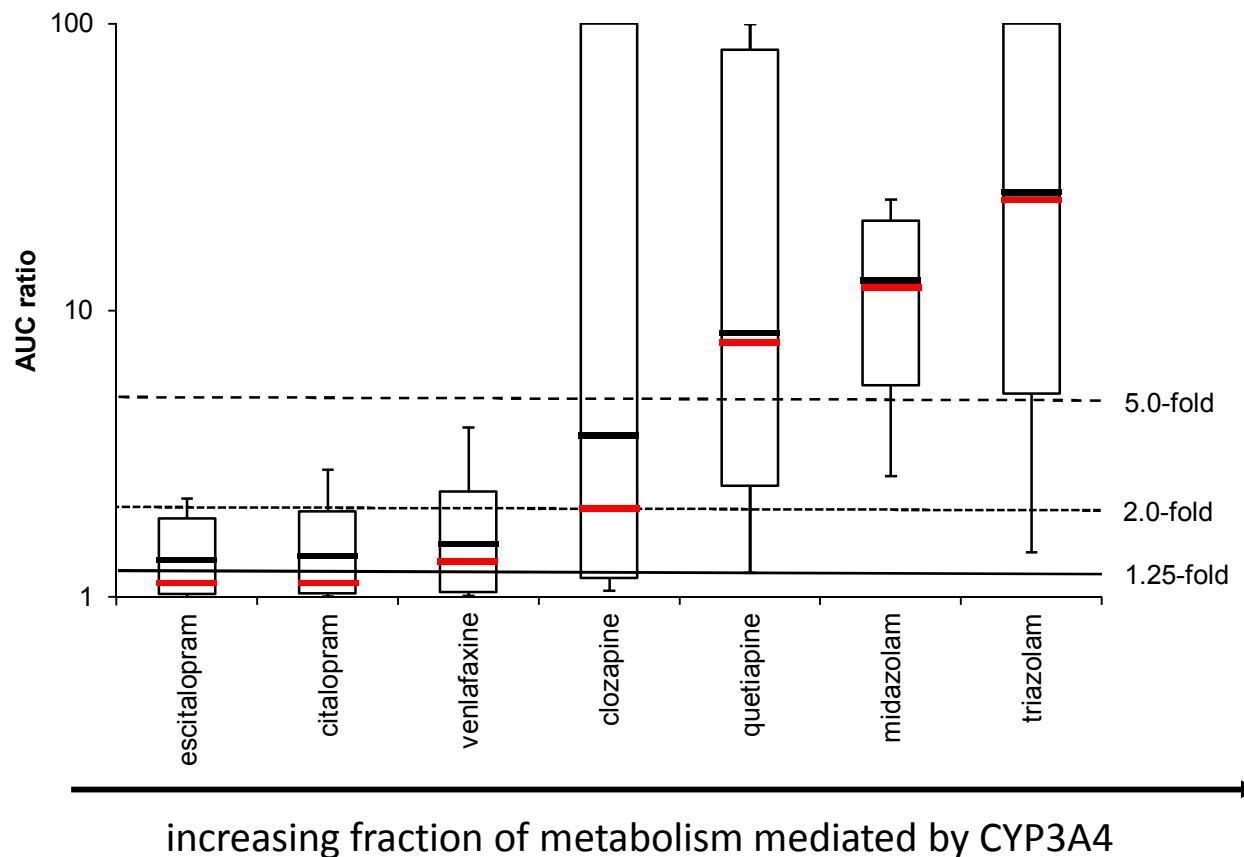
Psychotropic drug	DPI	↑ AUC with RTV (InR = 1)	↓ AUC with EFV (IcR = 0.582)
Triazolam	0.959	25.0 fold	0.4 fold
Midazolam	0.940	12.4 fold	0.4 fold
Quetiapine	0.896	8.0 fold	0.5 fold
Clozapine	0.499	2.0 fold	0.6 fold
Venlafaxine	0.205	1.3 fold	0.8 fold
Escitalopram	0.078	1.1 fold	0.9 fold
Citalopram	0.054	1.1 fold	0.9 fold

DDI magnitude depends on fraction metabolism via given CYP

Drug-drug interactions between ritonavir and various psychotropic drugs

Simulations using approach

Monte Carlo simulations capturing the observed variability in DDI studies (geometric mean + 95% CI)



Coming back to our case

45 year old man with a history of schizophrenia, depression, sleep disorder and newly infected with HIV.

Would you replace dolutegravir by raltegravir or by elvitegravir/cobicistat in this particular situation?

Psychotropic medications	metabolism	Dolutegravir no inhibitory effect	Raltegravir no inhibitory effect	Elvitegravir/c strong CYP3A4 inhibitor weak CYP2D6 inhibitor	Predicted AUC	Management
Escitalopram	CYP2C19, CYP3A4, CYP2D6	no DDI	no DDI	weak DDI	+ 10%	no action  QT risk
Zolpidem	CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP1A2, CYP2C9	no DDI	no DDI	weak DDI	+ 35%	no action
Quetiapine	CYP3A4	no DDI	no DDI	strong DDI	+ 700%	avoid  QT risk

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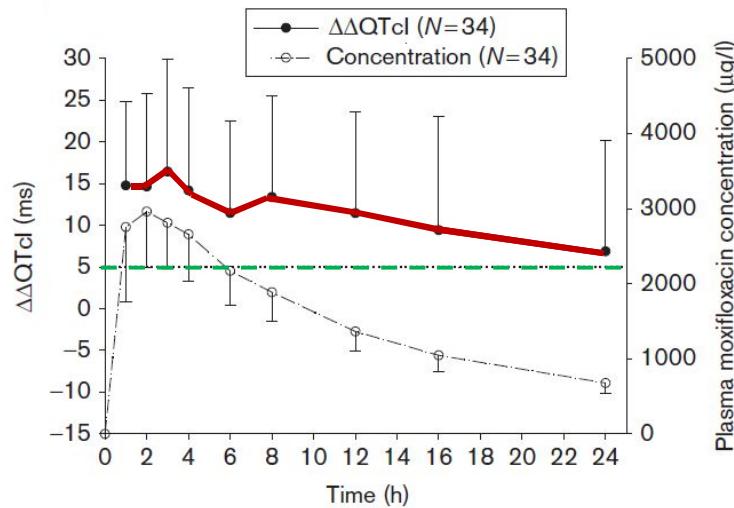
Overall, dolutegravir and raltegravir have a comparable favorable DDI profile
(main difference: dolutegravir inhibits the transporter OCT2 whereas raltegravir does not)

Novel integrase inhibitor BICTEGRAVIR has also a favorable DDI profile: no inhibitory/inducing effects on CYPs, UGTs. Inhibits transporter OCT2 but less than dolutegravir

- some psychotropic drugs have the potential to prolong QT interval
- excessive QT interval prolongation can be proarrhythmic and lead to fatal ventricular arrhythmia known as torsade de pointes (TdP)

QT prolongation potential of quetiapine and escitalopram

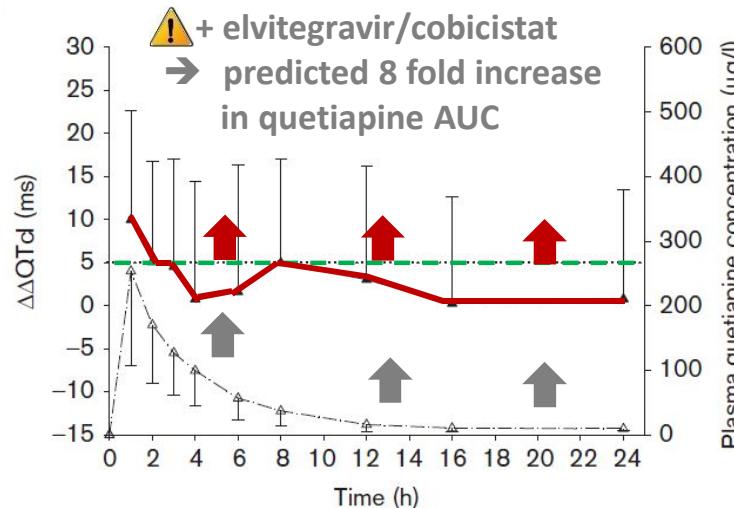
Moxifloxacin 400 mg (positive control)



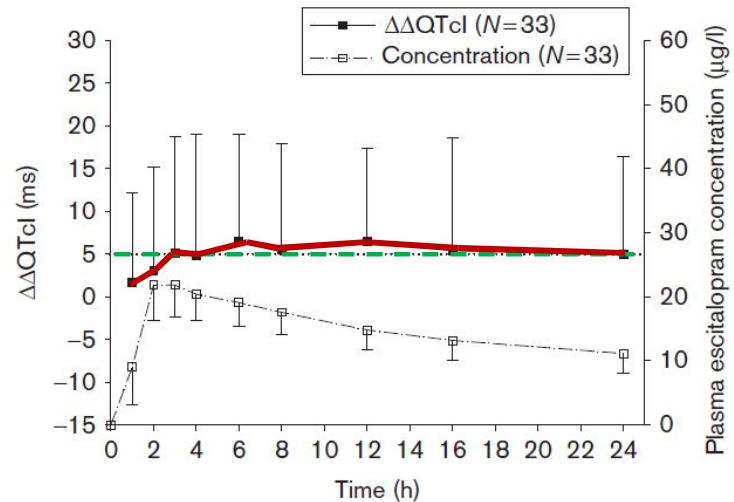
— threshold of regulatory concern for the ability of drugs to prolong the QT interval

Quetiapine and escitalopram have the potential to prolong QT interval

Quetiapine 100 mg



Escitalopram 20 mg



Drug-drug interactions between antidepressants and ARVs

Antidepressants		ATV/c	ATV/r	DRV/c	DRV/r	LPV/r	EFV	ETV	NVP	RPV	MVC	DTG	EVG/c	RAL
SSRI	citalopram	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔
	escitalopram	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔
	fluvoxamine	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	E	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	fluoxetine	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	paroxetine	↑↓?	↑↓?	↑↓?	↓39%	↑↓?	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑↓?	↔
	sertraline	↑	↓	↑	↓49%	↓	↓39%	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↓7%	↔
SNRI	duloxetine	↑	↑↓	↑	↑↓	↑↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	venlafaxine	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	D	↔	↑	↔
TCA	amitriptyline	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔
	clomipramine	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑ ^a	↔				
	desipramine	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑5% ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔
	doxepin	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	imipramine	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑ ^a	↔				
	nortriptyline	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔
	trimipramine	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
TeCA	maprotiline	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	mianserin	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
	mirtazapine	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↑	↔
Others	bupropion	↔	↓	↔	↓	↓57%	↓55%	↔	↓	↔	↔	↔	↑?	↔
	lamotrigine	↔	↓32%	↔	↓	↓50%	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
	nefazodone	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓E	↓E	↓E	E	E	↑	↑	↔
	St John's wort	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D?
	trazodone	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑	↑	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↑	↔

Colour legend

- no clinically significant interaction expected
- these drugs should not be co-administered
- potential clinically significant interaction that is likely to require additional monitoring, alteration of drug dosage or timing of administration
- potential interaction likely to be of weak intensity. Additional action/monitoring or dosage adjustment is unlikely to be required

The screenshot shows the homepage of the HIV Drug Interactions website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo of a white swirl icon, the text "HIV Drug Interactions", the University of Liverpool logo, and a "Interaction Checker" button. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with a purple header containing "About Us" and a green header containing "Support Us". The main content area contains several dropdown menus with the following options:

- Overview of Interactions
- Treatment Selectors (by therapeutic indication)
- Treatment Selectors (by patient characteristics) (this option is circled in green)
- Pharmacokinetic Fact Sheets - PIs
- Pharmacokinetic Fact Sheets - PK enhancer
- Pharmacokinetic Fact Sheets - NNRTIs

At the bottom of the page, there are three call-to-action boxes: "Educational Videos", "Prescribing Resources" (which is also circled in green), and "Twitter @hivinteractions".

Drug-drug interactions with anxiolytics/hypnotics

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Anxiolytic/Hypnotic Treatment Selector

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Anxiolytics	Alprazolam	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
	Bromazepam	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
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	Oxazepam	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
Hypnotics	Chlordiazepoxide	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
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	Midazolam (oral)	↑	↑	↑	↓ ^b	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
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	Zopiclone	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑

Drug-drug interactions with antipsychotics

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	Paliperidone	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	
	Quetiapine	↑ ^b	↑ ^b	↑ ^b	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^d	↑ ^b	↑ ^b	
	Risperidone	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	
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	Fluphenazine	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^d	↑	↑	
	Perphenazine	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^d	↑	↑	
	Pimozide	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↑	↓	↓	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	
	Prochlorperazine	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^d	↑	↑	
	Thioridazine	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^d	↑	↑	
Others	Haloperidol	↑ ^a	↑	↑ ^a	↓	↓	↓	↔ ^c	↑↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	
	Sulpiride	↔ ^a	↔	↔ ^a	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^c	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	

Cave: PK boosters impact differently cytochromes



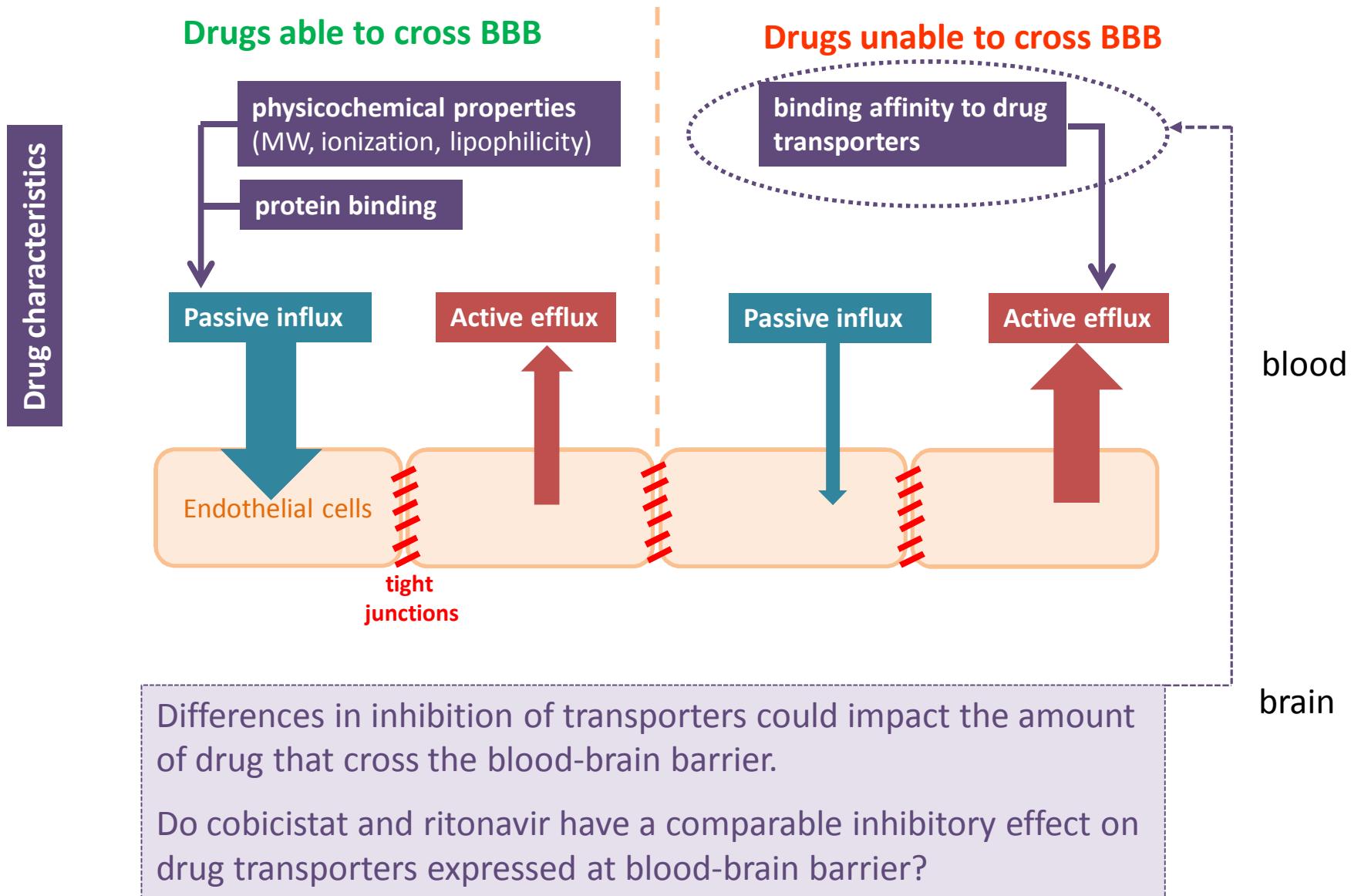
when switching pharmacokinetic booster:

ritonavir and cobicistat: similar **inhibition** of **CYP3A4** BUT

ritonavir induces CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP1A2 and UGTs whereas **cobicistat does not**

Therapeutic class	Drug	Metabolic pathway	Ritonavir	Cobicistat
Antidepressants	Agomelatine	CYP1A2	↓	↔
	Bupropion	CYP2B6	↓	↔
	Duloxetine	CYP2D6, CYP1A2	↑↓	↑
	Sertraline	CYP2B6>CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4	↓	↑
	Asenapine	UGT1A4, UGT1A2, CYP3A4	↓	↑
Antipsychotics	Olanzapine	CYP1A2, UGT1A4	↓	↔

Drug penetration across the blood-brain barrier

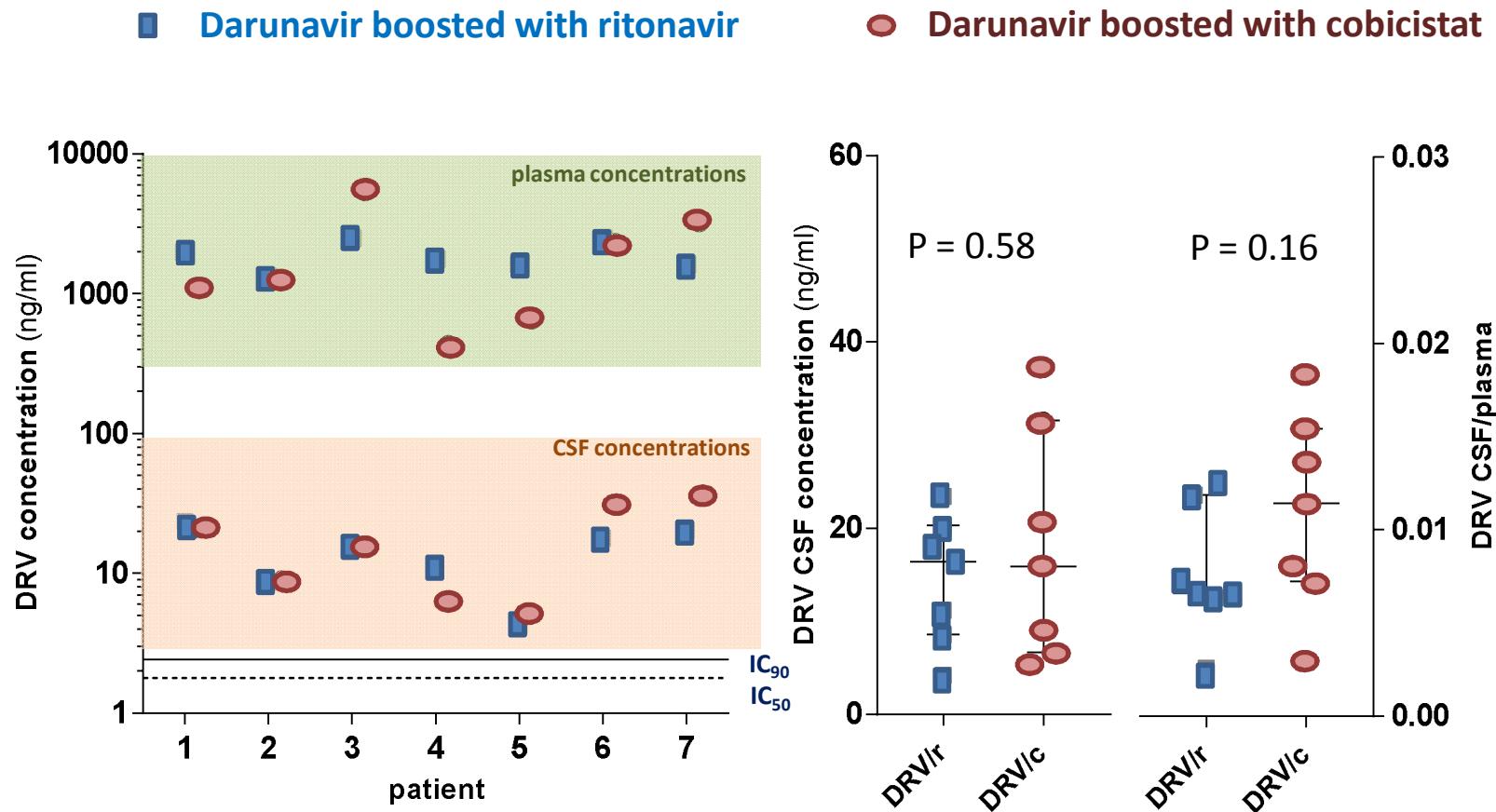


Clinical study design

Single-center, open, one-armed, sequential study

		Study period 1				Lumbar puncture		Study period 2				Lumbar puncture			
HIV patients with HAND requiring clinical investigation + treated or qualifying for DRV/r QD regimen		Treatment at least 30 days with DRV/r (800/100mg) (Prezista/Norvir)				Treatment at least 30 days with DRV/c (800/150mg) (Prezista/Tybost)				Switch to DRV/r					
Assessments	screening	treatment darunavir/ritonavir				treatment darunavir/cobicistat									
		week				week									
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4						
Visit	1				2							3			
Informed consent		X													
In-/exclusion criteria		X													
Phys. examination		X				X				X					
Hematology		X				X				X					
Biochemistry		X				X				X					
Lumbar puncture						X				X					
Albumin, glucose, lactate, cell in CSF						X				X					
Initiation/maintain of darunavir/ritonavir	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X		
initiation of darunavir/cobicistat															
HIV RNA viral load plasma						X				X					
HIV RNA viral load CSF						X				X					
Drug level						X				X					
Adherence evaluation	X					X				X					
Adverse effects						X				X					

RTV and Cobi gives similar darunavir CSF concentrations



Boosting with cobicistat and ritonavir give comparable effective darunavir concentrations in CSF and therefore can be used interchangeably to boost once daily darunavir regimens

Cave: pharmacogenetics can impact magnitude of DDI

Case report

Serotonin syndrome following initiation of **darunavir/r** (600/100 mg BID) and **esomeprazole** 40 mg QD in patient treated with **escitalopram** 10 mg BID.

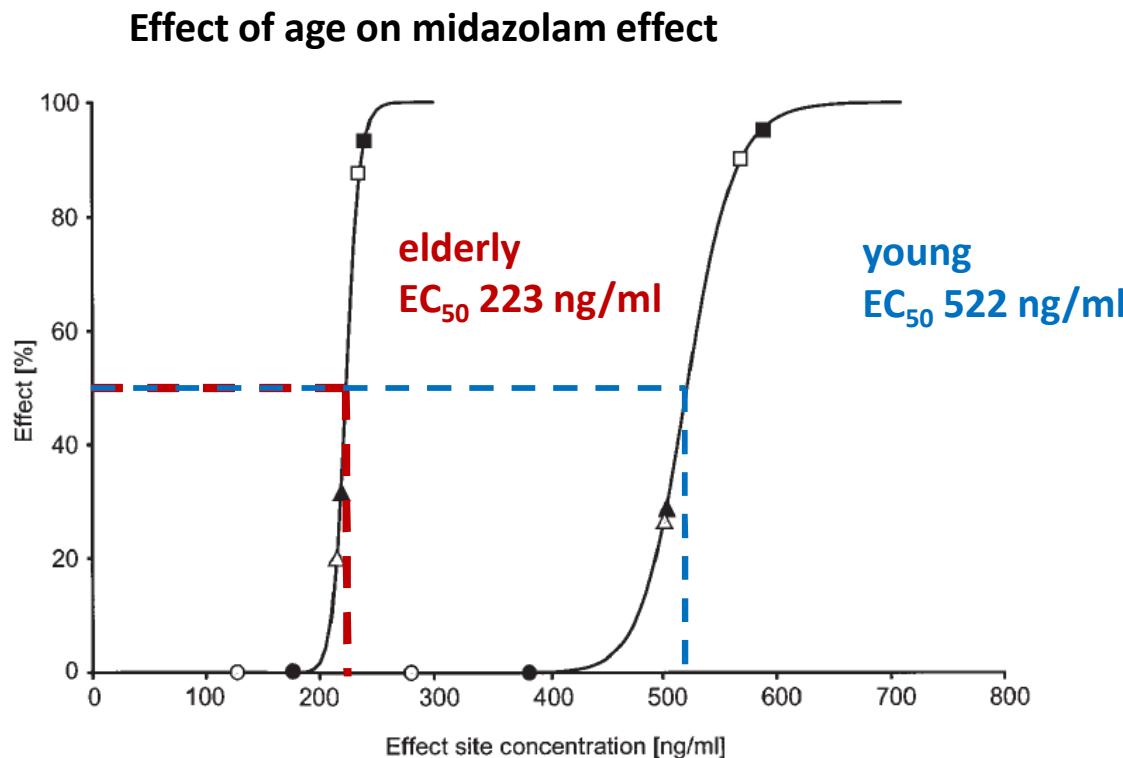
Investigations showed that patient is a poor metabolizer of CYP2D6 and CYP2C19.

escitalopram metabolism = + + → 13 fold increase escitalopram concentrations

deficient CYP function + CYP inhibition by esomeprazole and darunavir/r

Cave: use of psychotropic drugs in elderly individuals

Age associated changes in pharmacodynamics: → increase sensitivity to certain drugs



- Assessment of the concentration-hypnotic/sedative effect relationship of midazolam in young (24-28 y) and elderly (67-81 y)
- Total dose of midazolam needed to reach sedation in elderly is about half that needed in younger (age related changes in affinity of drugs to receptor sites or ↓ nb receptors)

Psychotropic drugs to avoid in elderly individuals

Psychotropic drug	Why avoid?	Recommendations
Benzodiazepines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">more sensitive to effectprolonged sedation → risk of fallsparadoxical psychiatric reactionscognitive impairmentdepressiondrug dependency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">very low-dose of short acting BZD for <u>short</u> duration
Tricyclic antidepressants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">peripheral anticholinergic side effectscentral anticholinergic side effects (sedation, confusion, delirium)cognitive impairment → risk of falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSRI SNRI, mirtazapinenon-pharmacological treatment
Antipsychotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">anticholinergic/extrapyramidal symptomssedation → risk of fallsassociation with increased risk of all-cause mortality in elderly patients with dementia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">atypical antipsychotics with favorable risk/benefit profile

Anticholinergic burden

Anticholinergic risk scale score

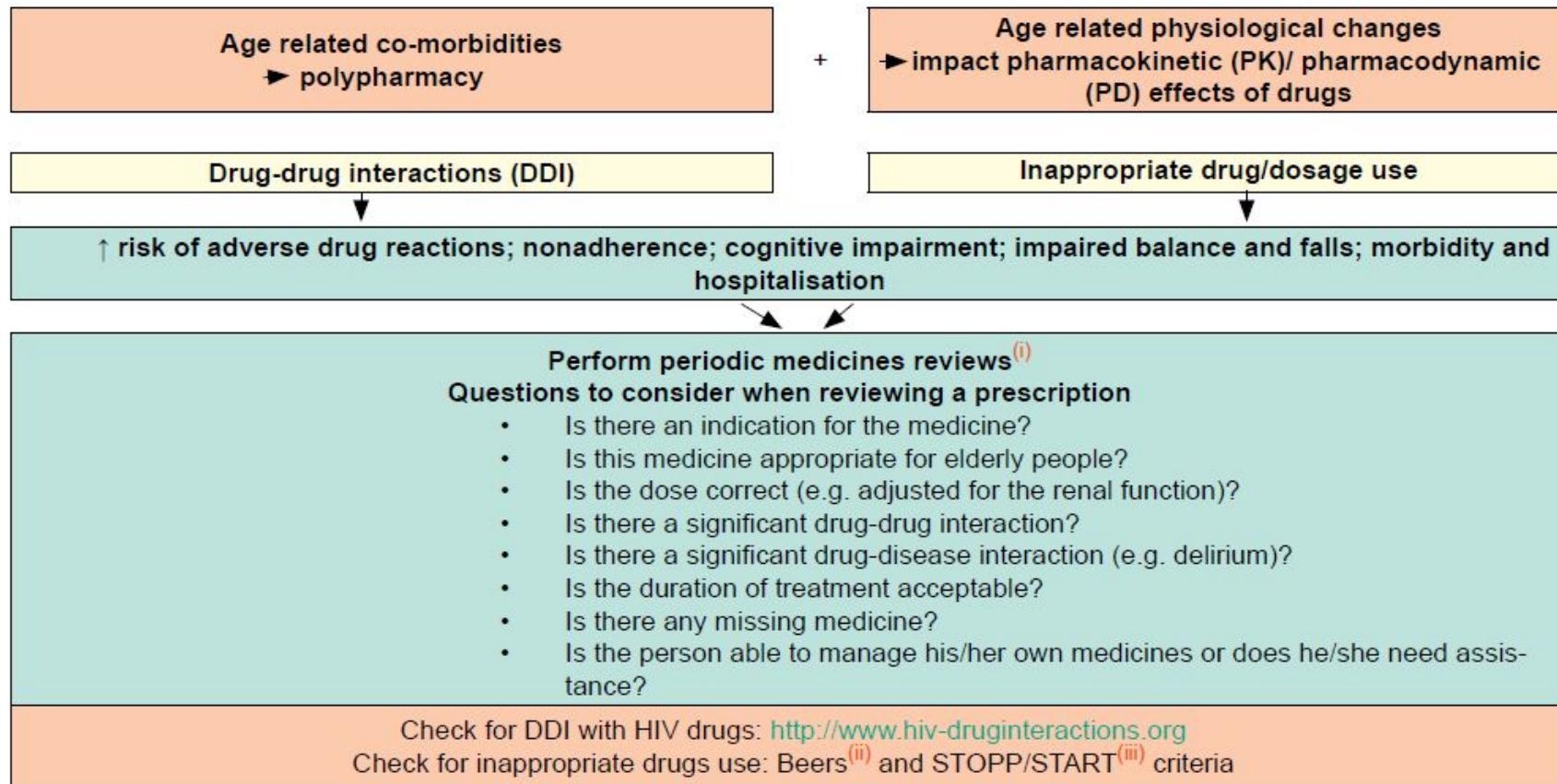
3 Points	2 Points	1 Point
Amitriptyline	Amantadine	Carbidopa-levodopa
Atropine/scopolamine	Baclofen	Entacapone
Benztropine	Cetirizine	Haloperidol
Chlorpromazine	Cimetidine	Methocarbamol
Clomipramine	Clozapine	Metoclopramide
Dicyclomine	Cyclobenzaprine	Mirtazapine
Diphenhydramine	Desipramine	Paroxetine
Doxepin	Loperamide	Pramipexole
Fluphenazine	Loratadine	Quetiapine
Flurazepam	Nortriptyline	Ranitidine
Hydroxyzine	Olanzapine	Risperidone
Hyoscyamine products	Prochlorperazine	Selegiline
Imipramine	Pseudoephedrine	Trazodone
Meperidine	Tiprolidine	Ziprasidone
Nitrazepam	Tolterodine	
Oxybutynin		
Perphenazine		
Solifenacin		
Trimipramine		

Elderly are more sensitive to adverse anticholinergic effects due to significant decrease in cholinergic receptors in the brain.

Drugs with anticholinergic properties can impair cognition (delirium, confusion) → increase risk of falls, negative impact on adherence.

Total anticholinergic risk scale score of ≥ 3 is considered high.

Prescribing in elderly



The Beers and STOPP criteria are tools established by experts in geriatric pharmacotherapy to detect and reduce the burden of inappropriate prescribing in elderly. Inappropriate medicines include, for instance, those which in elderly persons with certain diseases can lead to drug-disease interactions, are associated with a higher risk of adverse drug reactions in the elderly, medicines that predictably increase the risk of falls in the elderly or those to be avoided in case of organ dysfunction. The START criteria consist of evidence-based indicators of potential prescribing omission in elderly with specific medical conditions.

Prevalence of recreational drug use in HIV infected individuals

Reference	Country	N	Year survey	Population	Prevalence (%) of drug use				
Garin et al. BMJ 2017	Spain	208	2015	HIV positive (mostly MSM)	Cannabis 69	Nitrites 32	GHB 15	Ketamine 10	Mephedrone 4
					Cocaine 46	Ecstasy 20	Amphetamine 12		
					Sildenafil 28	Crystal met 12			
Pufall et al. CROI 2016	UK	526	2014	HIV positive MSM			GHB 20	Ketamine 11	Mephedrone 23
							Crystal met 15		
Allavena et al. J Int AIDS Soc 2014	France	1356	2012-2013	HIV positive	Cannabis 12				
					Cocaine 2				
Daskalopoulou et al Lancet HIV 2014	UK	2248	2011-2012	HIV positive MSM	Cannabis 21	Nitrites 27	GHB 10	Ketamine 13	Mephedrone 7
					Cocaine 20	Ecstasy 12	Amphetamine 3		
					Erectile dys. agents 21				
De Ryck et al. AIDS Care 2013	Europe	1118	2007	HIV positive		Nitrites/GHB/Ecstasy 18			
						Erectile dys. agents 15			
Dirks et al. HIV Med 2012	Germany	445	2009-2010	HIV positive MSM	Cannabis 19	Nitrites 26	GHB 3		
					Cocaine 3	Ecstasy 12			
					Erectile dys. agents 11				
Peretti-Watel et al. Drug Alcohol Depend 2006	France	2484	2003	HIV positive	Cannabis 27	Nitrites 12			
					Cocaine/ Ecstasy /Amphetamine 6				

Issues related to the use of recreational drugs

Use of recreational drugs raise concerns:

- **expansion of HIV and HCV epidemic and other STDs**
- **poor adherence**

Anonymous online survey on sexualized drug use (SDU) and sexual behavior among 742 HIV-positive MSM in Madrid

	No SDU (n=526)	SDU (n=16)	p
Age, median (IQR)	38 (32-46)	38 (33-44)	
On ART, n (%)	480 (95)	197 (97)	
Incomplete adherence to ART, n (%)	79 (17)	66 (34)	0.000
Stable partner, n (%)	272 (52)	91 (42)	0.019
≥ 20 sexual partners, n (%)	40 (8)	86 (44)	0.000
Unprotected anal intercourse, n (%)	226 (43)	189 (87)	0.000
Any STI, n (%)	282 (53)	183 (85)	0.000

- **drug-drug interactions with antiretrovirals**

Deleterious DDI between ARVs and recreational drugs

Life-Threatening Interactions Between HIV-1 Protease Inhibitors and the Illicit Drugs MDMA and γ -Hydroxybutyrate

Arch Intern Med 1999

Robert D. Harrington, MD; Jane A. Woodward, PharmD; Thomas M. Hooton, MD; John R. Horn, PharmD

Patient ttt with boosted PI experienced a prolonged effect of ecstasy and nearly fatal reaction from GHB

Fatal MDMA intoxication

De la Torre R et al. Lancet 1999

Sir—J A Henry and I R Hill (Nov 28, p 1751)¹ report a fatal interaction between ritonavir and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, “Ecstasy”). MDMA plasma

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Joan Nolla

Papaseit E et al. Intensive Care Med 2012

Surviving life-threatening MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, ecstasy) toxicity caused by ritonavir (RTV)

Possible fatal interaction between protease inhibitors and methamphetamine

Gillian Hales¹*, Norm Roth² and Don Smith¹

Antiviral Ther 2000

DDI potential between ARVs and recreational drugs

Higher potential for DDI with **ritonavir** or **cobicistat** containing regimens

Low potential with bictegravir, raltegravir, dolutegravir, rilpivirine, maraviroc and NRTIs

Illicit drug	Metabolism, theoretical DDI with RTV/Cobi	Signs of toxicity	Recommendations
Methamphetamine	CYP2D6: RTV/cobi as boosters limited CYP2D6 inhibition BUT small changes in PK could be relevant due to non linear PK . Cave: large variability in actual amount of drug and presence of other substances	Hypertension, seizure, hyperthermia, arrhythmia, tachycardia, teeth grinding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid combination if possible If unavoidable, start with 1/4-1/2 of the usual amount and watch for signs of toxicity
Mephedrone	CYP2D6: RTV/cobi as boosters limited CYP2D6 inhibition	Tachycardia, agitation, tachycardia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use lower dose, inform users of signs of toxicity
GHB	GHB dehydrogenase, CYP? : Risk DDI unknown. Caution due to GHB narrow therapeutic index .	Seizure, bradycardia, respiratory depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use with caution, use lower dose, inform users of signs of toxicity
Cocaine	CYP3A4 (minor): low-moderate risk of DDI	Tremor, paranoia, seizure, headache, hyperthermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical relevance unknown, inform users of signs of toxicity
Ketamine	CYP3A4: high potential for DDI	Respiratory depression, hallucinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid combination if possible If unavoidable, start with 1/3-1/2 of the usual amount
Benzodiazepines	CYP3A4: high potential for DDI	Drowsiness, disorientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid midazolam, triazolam Caution with other BZD, use lower dose
Sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil	CYP3A4: high potential for DDI	Chest pain, nausea, irregular heart beat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower dose: sildenafil 25mg/48h, tadalafil: 10mg/72h, vardenafil: 2.5 mg/72h
Nitrites (poppers)	Non CYP mediated: no DDI	Dizziness, hypotension	

Similar prevalence of recreational drugs use across ARV regimens

Recreational drug use drugs according to ARV regimen in 1167 MSM HIV infected individuals included in the ASTRA study:

Illicit drug use	PI boosted regimens	EFV or NVP regimens	Non interacting ARV regimens
Polydrug use	27%	27%	20%
Chemsex drug use	17%	15%	5%
Crystal met	10%	9%	5%
GHB	11%	10%	5%
Mephedrone	7%	6%	5%
Ketamine	11%	13%	30%
EDA	24%	20%	25%
Cocaine	22%	22%	25%
MDMA (ecstasy)	11%	11%	20%

Recreational drug use was comparable among treatment groups regardless on whether the patient was on a boosted PI regimen

- underrecognition by healthcare providers of illicit drug use in patients
- unawareness of the risk of DDI with ARV

In clinical practice

Take a full history of drug use

+

Discuss health risks associated with recreational drug use

+

Warn about risk of DDI and inform about toxicity signs

If patient does not want to stop using recreational drugs

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Switch to ARV regimen with low DDI potential if possible

If not possible

↓

Provide drug use recommendations to limit risk of toxicity

Drug-drug interactions with recreational drugs

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		ATV/r	DRV/r	LPV/r	EFV	ETV	NVP	RPV	MVC	DTG	RAL	ABC	FTC	3TC	TDF	ZDV	E/C/F/TAF	E/C/F/TDF
Stimulants	Amyl nitrate (Poppers)	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
	Cocaine	↑ ^{ab}	↑ ^a	↑ ^{ab}	↑ ^c	↑ ^c	↑ ^c	↔ ^b	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑ ^a	↑ ^a	
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	Methamphetamine	↑	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑	
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	Heroin (Diamorphine)	↓ ^k	↓ ^k	↓ ^k	↑	↔ ^k	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔ ^k	↔ ^k	
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	Hydromorphone	↓	↓	↓	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	
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	Cannabis	↑ ^o ↓	↑ ^o	↑ ^o	↑ ^p	↑ ^p	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑ ^o	↑ ^o	
	Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)	↑ ^q	↑ ^q	↑ ^q	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑ ^q	↑ ^q	
	Phencyclidine (PCP, angel dust)	↑ ^r	↑ ^r	↑ ^r	↓	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑ ^r	↑ ^r	

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