

Design Challenges in the Elvitegravir Phase 3 Programs

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- Monotherapy dose- and dose-interval ranging
- Tx-experienced subjects
 - Phase 2 dose-ranging
 - 20, 50, 125 mg vs. investigator-selected comparative protease inhibitor (each w/ OBR)
 - **Phase 3**
 - ***Ongoing single non-inferiority study of EVG QD vs. RAL BID + OBR comprised of fully-active PI/r + one additional agent***
- Tx-naïve subjects
 - Ph 2 and Ph 3 studies as a fixed-dose combination tablet (EVG/COBI/FTC/TDF) vs. NNRTI- (EFV/FTC/TDF FDC) and PI-based (ATV/r + FTC/TDF) regimens
 - Non-inferiority Phase 3 studies

General Design Challenges

- Selection of a non-inferiority margin
 - 10% vs. 12%
 - EU vs. US requirements
 - Statistical methodologies
- Use of TaqMan vs. Amplicor
- Evolution of snapshot vs. TLOVR analyses for primary endpoint

Tx-Experienced Ph 3 Challenges

- Impact of DRV/r, ETV and MVC approvals
 - Not possible to demonstrate benefit of investigational agent over placebo due to overly active OBR
 - EVG tx-experienced Phase 3 study assures two but no more than three active drugs in regimen
- Dwindling numbers of suitable tx-experienced subjects
 - Many subjects already receiving DRV/r + other new agent(s)
 - Heavily-experienced patients with few active ARVs to configure appropriate OBR
 - Consideration given to Phase 3 study in adolescents
- Desire for within-class assessment vs. RAL regulatory status
 - RAL not approved during initial design discussions
 - Consideration given to comparison of EVG vs. MVC

Future Challenges

- Continuing challenges with studying tx-experienced subjects in registrational studies
 - Availability of integrase inhibitors add to challenge
- Switch studies
 - Desire to simplify HAART for as many patients as possible
 - Risk / benefit to patients
 - Unavoidable impact of making any change to an established regimen on primary endpoint
 - Can this approach be used for tx-experienced population?
 - Design (I/E criteria) is critical for successful trial
 - Standardization needed if this approach is used for development path and/or registrational studies