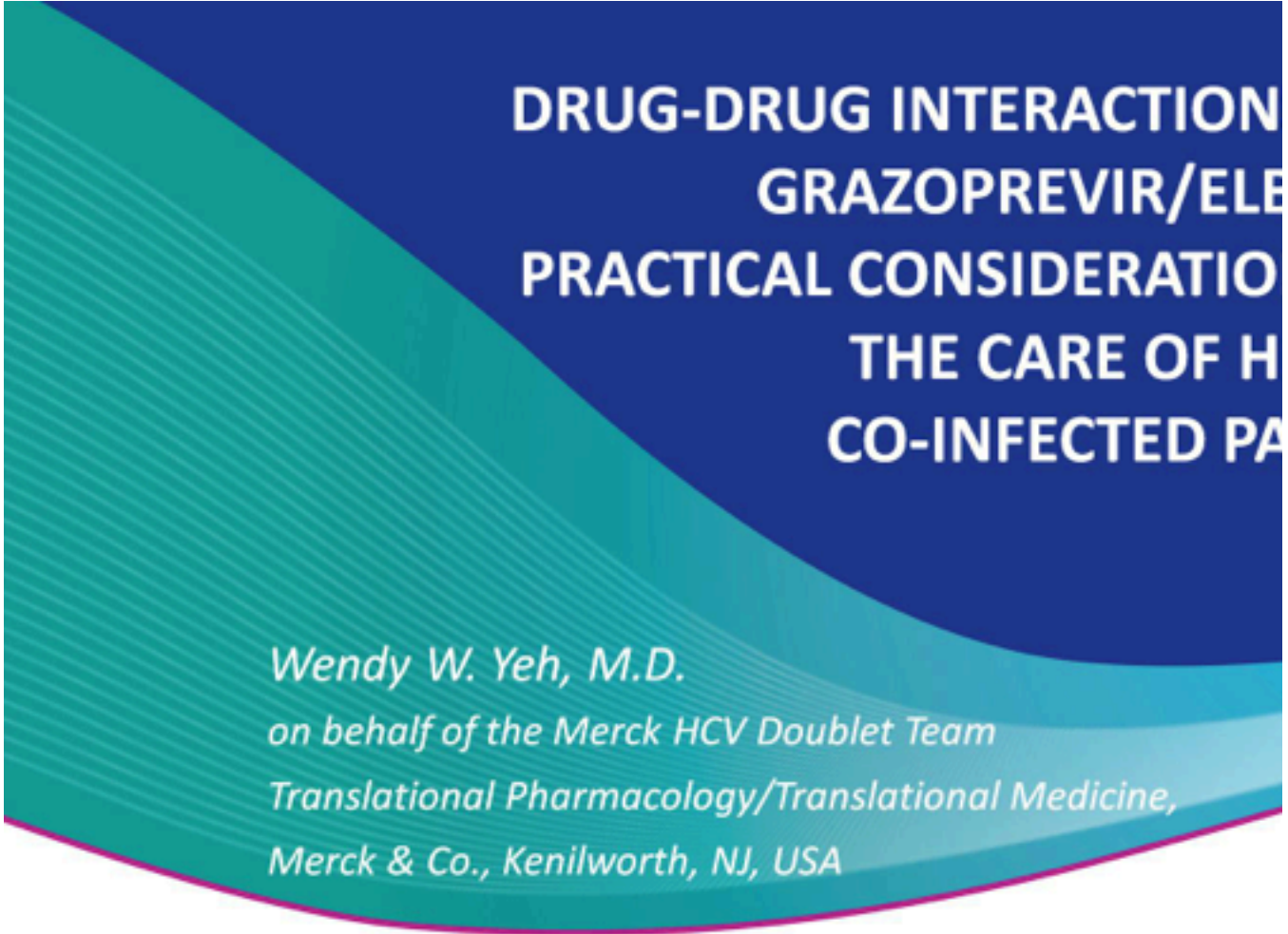


# Drug-Drug Interactions with Grazoprevir/Elbasvir: Practical Considerations for the Care of HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients

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DRUG-DRUG INTERACTION  
GRAZOPREVIR/ELBASVIR  
PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
FOR THE CARE OF HIV/HCV  
CO-INFECTED PATIENTS

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## BACKGROUND

- HCV NS3/4A inhibitor
- 100 mg once daily, oral



Grazoprevir  
(MK-5172)

- HCV NS5A inhibitor
- 50 mg once daily, oral



Elbasvir  
(MK-8742)

- Broad *in vitro* activity against most HCV genotypes<sup>1-3</sup>
- Retains *in vitro* activity against many clinically relevant resistance associated v
- All-oral, once-daily, one tablet, fixed-dose combination regimen

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# GRAZOPREVIR/ELBASVIR: RELEVANT METABOLISM AND TRANSPORTER PROPERTIES

- **GRAZOPREVIR (GZR)**
  - **Metabolism**
    - CYP3A/P-gp substrate
    - Weak CYP3A inhibitor (34% ↑ in midazolam)
  - **Transporters**
    - Substrate of Organic Anion-Transporting Polypeptides
    - Inhibitor of intestinal Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (oral abstract #17)
- **ELBASVIR (EBR)**
  - **Metabolism**
    - CYP3A/P-gp substrate
  - **Transporters**
    - Inhibitor of intestinal BCRP (oral abstract #17)
    - Minimal P-gp inhibition

Petry et al., AASLD 2010; Talaty et al., AASLD 2013; Caro et al., AASLD 2013; Caro et al., AASLD 2013; Yeh et al., CROI 2014 ; Yeh et al., IWCPHHT 2014; Yeh et al., CROI 2015; Yeh et al., IWCPHHT 2015; Caro et al., IWCPHHT 2015

## BACKGROUND

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- HCV infection is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among patients with HIV-1<sup>1-3</sup>
  - rapid progression of liver disease
  - increased risk of cirrhosis, end-stage liver disease, and
  - Treatment of HCV infection in the coinfecting population represents an important unmet medical need
- Since medications to treat HIV/HCV concurrently may give to clinically significant drug-drug interactions, it is important to evaluate the potential for these interactions to inform coadministration of HIV ART with HCV DAA in co-infected patients

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## GZR/EBR DDI RESULTS WITH COMMONLY USED HIV ART

HIV ARV	Effect on GZR AUC	Effect on EBR AUC	Effect on Interacting Drug AUC	R <sub>0</sub>
tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	↔ 0.9x	↔ 0.9x	↑1.2x with GZR ↑1.3x with EBR	1
raltegravir	↔ 0.9x	↔ 1.0x	↑1.4x with GZR ↔1.0x with EBR	1
dolutegravir	↔ 1.0x	↔ 1.0x	↑1.2x with GZR+EBR	1
#63 rilpivirine	↔ 0.9x	↔ 1.1x	↔ 1.1x with GZR+EBR	1
efavirenz	↓ 0.2x	↓ 0.5x	↔ 1.0x with GZR ↓0.8x with EBR	1
darunavir/ritonavir	↑ 7.5x	↑ 1.7x	↔1.1x with GZR ↔1.0x with EBR	1
atazanavir/ritonavir	↑ 10.6x	↑ 4.8x	↑1.4x with GZR ↔1.1x with EBR	1
lopinavir/ritonavir	↑ 12.9x	↑ 3.7x	↔1.0x with GZR ↔1.0x with EBR	1

Talaty et al., AASLD 2013; Caro et al., AASLD 2013; Yeh et al., CROI 2014 ; Yeh et al., CROI 2014; Yeh et al., CROI 2015; Yeh et al., IWCPH1

## COMMONLY USED HIV ART THAT ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE NO DDI WITH GZR/EBR

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- No DDI study with abacavir, lamivudine, emtricitabine, but expected DDI= **no dose adjustments**
  - ABC, 3TC, FTC not expected to inhibit or induce any relevant metabolic enzymes or transporters of GZR and EBR
  - GZR and EBR are unlikely to alter the PK of ABC, 3TC, FTC since they are renally cleared
- No DDI study with etravirine (moderate CYP3A inducer), but etravirine is expected to decrease GZR and EBR exposures based on efavirenz DDI results= **not recommended**
- No DDI study with other HIV PIs, but unboosted atazanavir, saquinavir/r, tipranavir/r are expected to significantly increase exposures via OATP1B inhibition= **not recommended**



# C-EDGE CO-INFECTED: PHASE 3 STUDY OF GRAZOPREVIR AND VELPATASVIR IN PATIENTS WITH HCV

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# STUDY DESIGN

Grazoprevir  
(100 mg)



- An open-label, single-arm, multicenter study across Europe, US and Australia
- Primary endpoint: SVR12 (HCV RNA <15 IU/mL\*)
- HCV treatment-naive patients with HCV GT1, 4 or 6 infection with or without cirrhosis
- Co-infected with HIV-1:
  - Naive to ART with CD4+ >500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and HIV RNA <50,000 copies/mL
  - On stable on ART for ≥8 weeks and CD4+ >200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and undetectable
  - Stable antiretroviral therapy (ART) included TDF or abacavir, and either 3TC plus raltegravir, dolutegravir, or rilpivirine

\*COBAS TaqMan v2.0 [LLOQ <15 IU/mL]

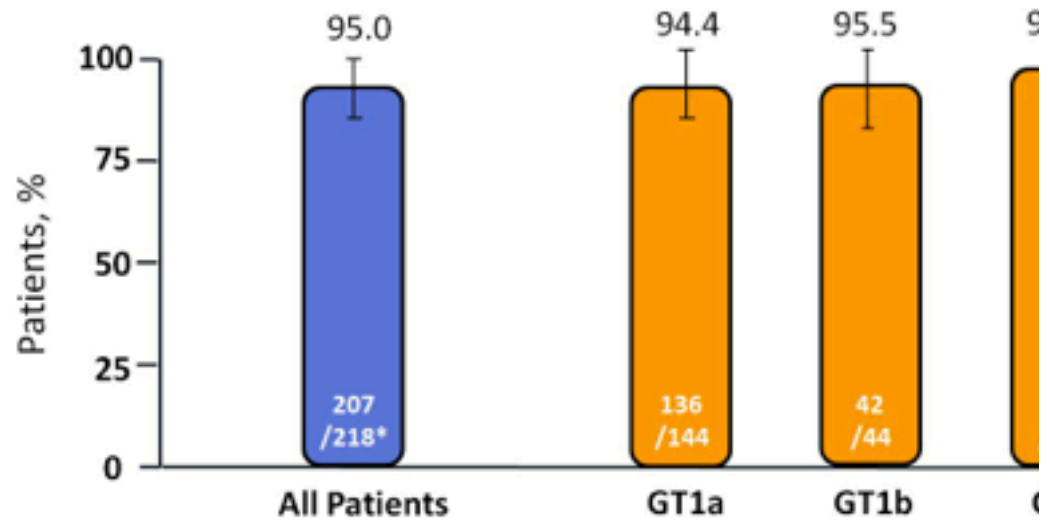


## DEMOGRAPHICS: HIV DISEASE

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(100)

	All Patients N = 218
Antiretroviral therapy, n (%)	
Receiving ART with undetectable HIV RNA	211 (96.8)
Naïve to ART	7 (3.2)
Baseline CD4 count (cells/ $\mu$ L)	
Mean (SD)	613 (0.57)
Median (1 <sup>st</sup> quartile – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile)	568 (424-766)
Antiretroviral therapy, n (%)	
Abacavir containing regimen	47 (21.6)
Tenofovir containing regimen	164 (75.2)
Raltegravir	113 (51.8)
Dolutegravir	59 (27.1)
Rilpivirine	38 (17.4)

# SVR12 – FULL ANALYSIS SET



LTFU or discontinued unrelated to VF	4	3	1
Breakthrough	0	0	0
Relapse	6	4	1
Reinfection	1	1	0

\*1 patient with GT6 infection and 1 patient with GT1 not-otherwise subtyped were also included; both patients achieved SVR12.

GT = genotype; LTFU = lost to follow-up

# ADVERSE EVENTS

Patients with:	All Patients N = 218
Serious AE, n (%)	6* (2.8)
Serious drug-related AE, n (%)	0 (0)
Discontinuation due to AE, n (%)	0 (0)
Deaths, n (%)	0 (0)
Any adverse event <sup>†</sup> , n (%)	167 (76.6)
Fatigue	29 (13.3)
Headache	27 (12.4)
Nausea	20 (9.2)
Late ALT or AST >5.0 x ULN <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	2 (0.9)
Lowest hemoglobin on treatment, n (%)	
≥8.5 to <10 g/dL	1 (0.5)
Elevation of total bilirubin <sup>¶</sup> , n (%)	
>2.5 – 5.0 x baseline	8 (3.7)
>5.0 x baseline	1 (0.5)
Creatinine >2.5 x baseline, n (%)	0 (0)

\*2 SAEs were reported during the treatment period (convulsion and pneumonia) and 4 SAEs were reported during follow-up (acute psychosis and urinary retention; ulnar fracture; and spontaneous bacterial peritonitis)

<sup>†</sup>All AEs, regardless of relationship to study drug reported in >5% of patients.

<sup>‡</sup>ALT/AST >5x ULN after TW4 with an ALT/AST ≤ ULN between TW2 and TW4

<sup>¶</sup>Bilirubin elevations were not associated with simultaneous ALT increases

# SUMMARY OF GRAZOPREVIR AND ELBASVIR METABOLISM

Grazoprevir  
(100 mg)

- Other drugs may affect pharmacokinetics of grazoprevir (a substrate of CYP3A/P-gp and OATP1B) and elbasvir (CYP3A/substrate)
  - CYP3A/P-gp inhibitors may be coadministered with GZR/
  - Coadministration with CYP3A/P-gp inducers with GZR/El not recommended
  - Coadministration of OATP1B inhibitors with GZR is not recommended
- GZR and EBR are intestinal BCRP inhibitors\*
  - Dosing recommendations for specific statins that are BC substrates when coadministered with GZR/EBR

\*Caro et al., IWCPHHT 2015, oral abstract #17



## SUMMARY OF GRAZOPREVIR AND ELBASVIR IN HIV/HCV CO-INFECTED PATIENTS

Grazoprevir  
(100 mg)

- High rates of SVR were achieved with excellent safety profile in patients with HCV GT1, 4 and 6 and HIV co-infection receiving the all-oral FDC of Grazoprevir and Elbasvir
- Current DDI guidance for treatment of HIV/HCV co-infection:
  - HIV NRTI (TDF, 3TC, FTC, ABC) may be coadministered with GZR/EBR without dose adjustment
  - HIV Integrase Inhibitors (raltegravir, dolutegravir) may be coadministered with GZR/EBR without dose adjustment
  - HIV NNRTI rilpivirine may be coadministered with GZR/EBR without dose adjustment
  - Moderate/strong CYP3A/P-gp inducers (including efavirenz and etravirine) are not recommended for coadministration, since they decrease or is expected to decrease GZR and EBR concentrations
  - HIV protease inhibitors are not recommended for coadministration, since they increase or are expected to increase GZR and EBR concentrations