Recommendations for Use of Antiretroviral Drugs in Pregnant HIV-1-Infected Women for Maternal Health and Interventions to Reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission in the United States

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**Maraviroc (Selzentry, MVC)**

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The limited data available on the use of maraviroc during pregnancy are not sufficient to assess any potential drug-associated risk of birth defects.

**Animal Studies**

**Carcinogenicity**

Maraviroc was neither mutagenic nor clastogenic in a series of *in vitro* and animal *in vivo* screening tests. Long-term animal carcinogenicity studies of maraviroc in rats showed no drug-related increases in tumor incidence at exposures approximately 11 times those observed in humans at the therapeutic dose.

**Reproduction/Fertility**

Reproductive toxicity has been evaluated in rats and rabbits. Maraviroc produced no adverse effects on fertility of male or female rats at doses with exposures (area under the curve [AUC]) up to 20-fold higher than in humans given the recommended 300-mg, twice-daily dose.

**Teratogenicity/Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes**

In animal reproduction studies, no evidence of adverse developmental outcomes was observed with maraviroc. During organogenesis in the rat and rabbit, systemic exposures (area under the curve [AUC]) to maraviroc were approximately 20 times (in rats) and 5 times (in rabbits) the exposure in humans at the recommended 300-mg, twice-daily dose. In the rat prenatal and postnatal development study, maternal maraviroc AUC was approximately 14 times the exposure in humans at the recommended 300-mg, twice-daily dose.

**Placental and Breast Milk Passage**

Minimal placental passage was demonstrated in a study of single-dose maraviroc in rhesus macaques that showed poor placental transfer and rapid clearance from infant monkeys’ blood. Studies in lactating rats indicate that maraviroc is extensively secreted into rat milk.

**Human Studies in Pregnancy**

**Pharmacokinetics**

A U.S./European study of intensive, steady-state, 12-hour pharmacokinetic profiles in the third trimester, and at least 2 weeks postpartum, included 18 women taking maraviroc as part of clinical care. Sixty-seven percent were taking 150 mg BID with a protease inhibitor; 11% took 300 mg BID and 22% took an alternative regimen. The geometric mean ratios for third-trimester versus postpartum AUC were 0.72 and 0.70 for maximum maraviroc concentration. Despite the overall 30% decrease in maraviroc exposure during pregnancy and 15% decrease in $C_{\text{trough}}$, $C_{\text{trough}}$ exceeded the minimum target concentration of 50 ng/mL, and only one woman had a $C_{\text{trough}}$ below that level both during pregnancy and postpartum. These data suggest that the standard adult dose adjusted for concomitant antiretroviral (ARV) drugs seems appropriate in pregnancy. A review of drug interactions between ARV drugs and oral contraceptives found that it is safe to coadminister oral contraceptives with maraviroc.

**Placental and Breast Milk Passage**

An *ex vivo* human placental cotyledon perfusion model demonstrated minimal placental passage of maraviroc. In a study in humans of 6 mother/infant pairs, the median ratio of cord blood-to-maternal-plasma drug concentrations was 0.33 (0.03–0.56). Whether maraviroc is secreted into human milk is unknown.

**Teratogenicity/Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes**

The 26 cases of first-trimester exposure that have been monitored to date in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry and other available first-trimester exposure data are insufficient to make a risk determination regarding birth defects.
Other Safety Information

A retrospective study from an English-Irish cohort of 857 pregnant women showed an increased rate of hepatotoxicity among the 492 who started antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy. Maraviroc was one of three drugs that was associated with an increased risk of liver enzyme elevation during pregnancy with an aHR of 4.19 [1.34–13.1, \( P = 0.01 \)], along with efavirenz and nevirapine. In a model using human placental BeWo cells, maraviroc inhibited transplacental passage of two fluorescent organic cations, suggesting that it might influence placental drug transfer and cause drug-drug interactions.

Excerpt from Table 9

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\(^\text{a}\) Individual ARV drug dosages may need to be adjusted in renal or hepatic insufficiency (for details, see Adult and Adolescent Guidelines, Appendix B, Table 7).

\(^\text{b}\) Placental transfer categories—Mean or median cord blood/maternal delivery plasma drug ratio:

**Key to Acronyms:** ARV = antiretroviral; AUC = area under the curve; BID = twice daily; EFV = efavirenz; ETR = etravirine; MVC = maraviroc; PI = protease inhibitor; PK = pharmacokinetic

References


