

ANNEX I
SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Truvada 200 mg/245 mg film-coated tablets

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each film-coated tablet contains 200 mg of emtricitabine and 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil (equivalent to 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or 136 mg of tenofovir).

Excipient with known effect

Each tablet contains 96 mg lactose monohydrate.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet.

Blue, capsule-shaped, film-coated tablet, of dimensions 19 mm x 8.5 mm, debossed on one side with "GILEAD" and on the other side with "701".

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Treatment of HIV-1 infection:

Truvada is indicated in antiretroviral combination therapy for the treatment of HIV-1 infected adults (see section 5.1).

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP):

Truvada is indicated in combination with safer sex practices for pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 infection in adults at high risk (see sections 4.4 and 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Truvada should be initiated by a physician experienced in the management of HIV infection.

Posology

Treatment or prevention of HIV in adults: One tablet, once daily.

Separate preparations of emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate are available for treatment of HIV-1 infection if it becomes necessary to discontinue or modify the dose of one of the components of Truvada. Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics for these medicinal products.

If a dose of Truvada is missed within 12 hours of the time it is usually taken, Truvada should be taken as soon as possible and the normal dosing schedule should be resumed. If a dose of Truvada is missed by more than 12 hours and it is almost time for the next dose, the missed dose should not be taken and the usual dosing schedule should be resumed.

If vomiting occurs within 1 hour of taking Truvada, another tablet should be taken. If vomiting occurs more than 1 hour after taking Truvada a second dose should not be taken.

Special populations

Elderly: No dose adjustment is required (see section 5.2).

Renal impairment: Emtricitabine and tenofovir are eliminated by renal excretion and the exposure to emtricitabine and tenofovir increases in individuals with renal dysfunction (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

Truvada should only be used in individuals with creatinine clearance (CrCl) <80 mL/min if the potential benefits are considered to outweigh the potential risks. See Table 1.

Table 1: Dosing recommendations in individuals with renal impairment

	Treatment of HIV-1 infection	Pre-exposure prophylaxis
Mild renal impairment (CrCl 50-80 mL/min)	Limited data from clinical studies support once daily dosing of Truvada (see section 4.4).	Limited data from clinical studies support once daily dosing of Truvada in HIV-1 uninfected individuals with CrCl 60-80 mL/min. Truvada is not recommended for use in HIV-1 uninfected individuals with CrCl < 60mL/min as it has not been studied in this population (see sections 4.4 and 5.2)-
Moderate renal impairment (CrCl 30-49 mL/min)	Administration of Truvada every 48 hours is recommended based on modelling of single-dose pharmacokinetic data for emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in non-HIV infected subjects with varying degrees of renal impairment (see section 4.4).	Truvada is not recommended for use in this population.
Severe renal impairment (CrCl <30mL/min) and haemodialysis patients	Truvada is not recommended because appropriate dose reductions cannot be achieved with the combination tablet.	Truvada is not recommended for use in this population.

Hepatic impairment: No dose adjustment is required in patients with hepatic impairment (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

Paediatric population: The safety and efficacy of Truvada in children under the age of 18 years have not yet been established (see section 5.2).

Method of administration

Oral administration. It is preferable that Truvada is taken with food.

Truvada tablets can be disintegrated in approximately 100 mL of water, orange juice or grape juice and taken immediately.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

Use of Truvada for pre-exposure prophylaxis in individuals with unknown or positive HIV-1 status.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

General

Transmission of HIV: While effective viral suppression with antiretroviral therapy has been proven to substantially reduce the risk of sexual transmission, a residual risk cannot be excluded. Precautions to prevent transmission should be taken in accordance with national guidelines.

Patients with HIV-1 harbouring mutations

Truvada should be avoided in antiretroviral-experienced patients with HIV-1 harbouring the K65R mutation (see section 5.1).

Overall HIV-1 infection prevention strategy

Truvada is not always effective in preventing the acquisition of HIV-1. The time to onset of protection after commencing Truvada is unknown.

Truvada should only be used for pre-exposure prophylaxis as part of an overall HIV-1 infection prevention strategy including the use of other HIV-1 prevention measures (e.g. consistent and correct condom use, knowledge of HIV-1 status, regular testing for other sexually transmitted infections).

Risk of resistance with undetected HIV-1 infection:

Truvada should only be used to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV-1 in individuals confirmed to be HIV negative (see section 4.3). Individuals should be re-confirmed to be HIV-negative at frequent intervals (e.g. at least every 3 months) using a combined antigen/antibody test while taking Truvada for pre-exposure prophylaxis.

Truvada alone does not constitute a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 and HIV-1 resistance mutations have emerged in individuals with undetected HIV-1 infection who are only taking Truvada.

If clinical symptoms consistent with acute viral infection are present and recent (< 1 month) exposures to HIV-1 are suspected, use of Truvada should be delayed for at least one month and HIV-1 status reconfirmed before starting Truvada for pre-exposure prophylaxis.

Importance of adherence:

HIV-1 uninfected individuals should be counselled to strictly adhere to the recommended Truvada dosing schedule. The effectiveness of Truvada in reducing the risk of acquiring HIV-1 is strongly correlated with adherence as demonstrated by measurable drug levels in blood.

Patients with hepatitis B or C virus infection

HIV-1 infected patients with chronic hepatitis B or C treated with antiretroviral therapy are at an increased risk for severe and potentially fatal hepatic adverse reactions. Physicians should refer to current HIV treatment guidelines for the management of HIV infection in patients co-infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV) or hepatitis C virus (HCV).

The safety and efficacy of Truvada for PrEP in patients with HBV or HCV infection has not been established.

In case of concomitant antiviral therapy for hepatitis B or C, please refer also to the relevant Summary of Product Characteristics for these medicinal products. See also under *Use with ledipasvir and sofosbuvir* below.

Tenofovir (disoproxil fumarate) is indicated for the treatment of HBV and emtricitabine has shown activity against HBV in pharmacodynamic studies but the safety and efficacy of Truvada have not been specifically established in patients with chronic HBV infection.

Discontinuation of Truvada therapy in patients infected with HBV may be associated with severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis. Patients infected with HBV who discontinue Truvada should be closely monitored with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months after stopping treatment. If appropriate, resumption of hepatitis B therapy may be warranted. In patients with advanced liver disease or cirrhosis, treatment discontinuation is not recommended since post-treatment exacerbation of hepatitis may lead to hepatic decompensation.

Liver disease

The safety and efficacy of Truvada have not been established in patients with significant underlying liver disorders. The pharmacokinetics of tenofovir has been studied in patients with hepatic impairment and no dose adjustment is required. The pharmacokinetics of emtricitabine has not been studied in patients with hepatic impairment. Based on minimal hepatic metabolism and the renal route of elimination for emtricitabine, it is unlikely that a dose adjustment would be required for Truvada in patients with hepatic impairment (see sections 4.2 and 5.2).

HIV-1-infected patients with pre-existing liver dysfunction, including chronic active hepatitis, have an increased frequency of liver function abnormalities during combination antiretroviral therapy (CART) and should be monitored according to standard practice. If there is evidence of worsening liver disease in such patients, interruption or discontinuation of treatment must be considered.

Renal effects

Emtricitabine and tenofovir are primarily excreted by the kidneys by a combination of glomerular filtration and active tubular secretion. Renal failure, renal impairment, elevated creatinine, hypophosphataemia and proximal tubulopathy (including Fanconi syndrome) have been reported with the use of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (see section 4.8).

Prior to initiating Truvada for the treatment of HIV-1 infection or for use in pre-exposure prophylaxis, it is recommended that creatinine clearance is calculated in all individuals.

In individuals without risk factors for renal disease, it is recommended that renal function (creatinine clearance and serum phosphate) is monitored after two to four weeks of use, after three months of use and every three to six months thereafter.

In individuals at risk for renal disease more frequent monitoring of renal function is required.

See also under Co-administration of other medicinal products below.

HIV-1 infected patients:

If serum phosphate is < 1.5 mg/dL (0.48 mmol/L) or creatinine clearance is decreased to < 50 mL/min in any patient receiving Truvada, renal function should be re-evaluated within one week, including measurements of blood glucose, blood potassium and urine glucose concentrations (see section 4.8, proximal tubulopathy). Consideration should be given to interrupting treatment with Truvada in patients with creatinine clearance decreased to < 50 mL/min or decreases in serum phosphate to < 1.0 mg/dL (0.32 mmol/L). Interrupting treatment with Truvada should also be considered in case of progressive decline of renal function when no other cause has been identified.

Renal safety with Truvada has only been studied to a very limited degree in HIV-1 infected patients with impaired renal function (creatinine clearance < 80 mL/min). Dose interval adjustments are recommended for HIV-1 infected patients with creatinine clearance 30-49 mL/min (see section 4.2). Limited clinical study data suggest that the prolonged dose interval is not optimal and could result in increased toxicity and possibly inadequate response. Furthermore, in a small clinical study, a

subgroup of patients with creatinine clearance between 50 and 60 mL/min who received tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in combination with emtricitabine every 24 hours had a 2-4-fold higher exposure to tenofovir and worsening of renal function (see section 5.2). Therefore, a careful benefit-risk assessment is needed when Truvada is used in patients with creatinine clearance < 60 mL/min, and renal function should be closely monitored. In addition, the clinical response to treatment should be closely monitored in patients receiving Truvada at a prolonged dosing interval. The use of Truvada is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min) and in patients who require haemodialysis since appropriate dose reductions cannot be achieved with the combination tablet (see sections 4.2 and 5.2).

Truvada for PrEP:

Truvada has not been studied in HIV-1 uninfected individuals with creatinine clearance < 60 mL/min and is therefore not recommended for use in this population. If serum phosphate is < 1.5 mg/dL (0.48 mmol/L) or creatinine clearance is decreased to < 60 mL/min in any individual receiving Truvada for pre-exposure prophylaxis, renal function should be re-evaluated within one week, including measurements of blood glucose, blood potassium and urine glucose concentrations (see section 4.8, proximal tubulopathy). Consideration should be given to interrupting use of with Truvada in individuals with creatinine clearance decreased to < 60 mL/min or decreases in serum phosphate to < 1.0 mg/dL (0.32 mmol/L). Interrupting use of Truvada should also be considered in case of progressive decline of renal function when no other cause has been identified.

Bone effects

Bone abnormalities (infrequently contributing to fractures) may be associated with proximal renal tubulopathy (see section 4.8). If bone abnormalities are suspected then appropriate consultation should be obtained.

HIV-1 infection:

In a 144-week controlled clinical study that compared tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with stavudine in combination with lamivudine and efavirenz in antiretroviral-naïve patients, small decreases in bone mineral density (BMD) of the hip and spine were observed in both treatment groups. Decreases in BMD of spine and changes in bone biomarkers from baseline were significantly greater in the tenofovir disoproxil fumarate treatment group at 144 weeks. Decreases in BMD of hip were significantly greater in this group until 96 weeks. However, there was no increased risk of fractures or evidence for clinically relevant bone abnormalities over 144 weeks.

In other studies (prospective and cross-sectional), the most pronounced decreases in BMD were seen in patients treated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate as part of a regimen containing a boosted protease inhibitor. Alternative treatment regimens should be considered for patients with osteoporosis that are at a high risk for fractures.

Truvada for PrEP:

In clinical studies of HIV-1 uninfected individuals, small decreases in BMD were observed. In a study of 498 men, the mean changes from baseline to week 24 in BMD ranged from - 0.4% to - 1.0% across hip, spine, femoral neck and trochanter in men who received daily Truvada prophylaxis (n=247) vs. placebo (n=251).

Weight and metabolic parameters

An increase in weight and in levels of blood lipids and glucose may occur during antiretroviral therapy. Such changes may in part be linked to disease control and life style. For lipids, there is in some cases evidence for a treatment effect, while for weight gain there is no strong evidence relating this to any particular treatment. For monitoring of blood lipids and glucose reference is made to established HIV treatment guidelines. Lipid disorders should be managed as clinically appropriate.

Mitochondrial dysfunction following exposure *in utero*

Nucleos(t)ide analogues may impact mitochondrial function to a variable degree, which is most pronounced with stavudine, didanosine and zidovudine. There have been reports of mitochondrial dysfunction in HIV negative infants exposed *in utero* and/or postnatally to nucleoside analogues; these have predominantly concerned treatment with regimens containing zidovudine. The main adverse reactions reported are haematological disorders (anaemia, neutropenia) and metabolic disorders (hyperlactatemia, hyperlipasemia). These events have often been transitory. Late onset neurological disorders have been reported rarely (hypertonia, convulsion, abnormal behaviour). Whether such neurological disorders are transient or permanent is currently unknown. These findings should be considered for any child exposed *in utero* to nucleos(t)ide analogues, who present with severe clinical findings of unknown etiology, particularly neurologic findings. These findings do not affect current national recommendations to use antiretroviral therapy in pregnant women to prevent vertical transmission of HIV.

Immune Reactivation Syndrome

In HIV infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of institution of CART, an inflammatory reaction to asymptomatic or residual opportunistic pathogens may arise and cause serious clinical conditions, or aggravation of symptoms. Typically, such reactions have been observed within the first few weeks or months of initiation of CART. Relevant examples are cytomegalovirus retinitis, generalised and/or focal mycobacterial infections, and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia. Any inflammatory symptoms should be evaluated and treatment instituted when necessary. Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves' disease) have also been reported to occur in the setting of immune reactivation; however, the reported time to onset is more variable and these events can occur many months after initiation of treatment.

Opportunistic infections

HIV-1 infected patients receiving Truvada or any other antiretroviral therapy may continue to develop opportunistic infections and other complications of HIV infection, and therefore should remain under close clinical observation by physicians experienced in the treatment of patients with HIV associated diseases.

Osteonecrosis

Although the aetiology is considered to be multifactorial (including corticosteroid use, alcohol consumption, severe immunosuppression, higher body mass index), cases of osteonecrosis have been reported particularly in patients with advanced HIV-disease and/or long-term exposure to CART. Patients should be advised to seek medical advice if they experience joint aches and pain, joint stiffness or difficulty in movement.

Co-administration of other medicinal products

Use of Truvada should be avoided with concurrent or recent use of a nephrotoxic medicinal product (see section 4.5). If concomitant use of Truvada and nephrotoxic agents is unavoidable, renal function should be monitored weekly.

Cases of acute renal failure after initiation of high dose or multiple non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have been reported in HIV-1 infected patients treated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and with risk factors for renal dysfunction. If Truvada is co-administered with an NSAID, renal function should be monitored adequately.

A higher risk of renal impairment has been reported in HIV-1 infected patients receiving tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in combination with a ritonavir or cobicistat boosted protease inhibitor. Close monitoring of renal function is required in these patients (see section 4.5). In HIV-1 infected patients with renal risk factors, the co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with a boosted protease inhibitor should be carefully evaluated.

Truvada should not be administered concomitantly with other medicinal products containing emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil (as fumarate), tenofovir alafenamide, or other cytidine analogues, such as lamivudine (see section 4.5). Truvada should not be administered concomitantly with adefovir dipivoxil.

Use with ledipasvir and sofosbuvir

Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir has been shown to increase plasma concentrations of tenofovir, especially when used together with an HIV regimen containing tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and a pharmacokinetic enhancer (ritonavir or cobicistat).

The safety of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate when co-administered with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and a pharmacokinetic enhancer has not been established. The potential risks and benefits associated with co-administration should be considered, particularly in patients at increased risk of renal dysfunction. Patients receiving ledipasvir/sofosbuvir concomitantly with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and a boosted HIV protease inhibitor should be monitored for adverse reactions related to tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine:

Co-administration is not recommended because it results in a 40-60% increase in systemic exposure to didanosine that may increase the risk of didanosine-related adverse reactions (see section 4.5). Rarely, pancreatitis and lactic acidosis, sometimes fatal, have been reported. Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine at a dose of 400 mg daily has been associated with a significant decrease in CD4 cell count, possibly due to an intracellular interaction increasing phosphorylated (i.e. active) didanosine. A decreased dosage of 250 mg didanosine co-administered with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate therapy has been associated with reports of high rates of virological failure within several tested combinations.

Triple nucleoside therapy

There have been reports of a high rate of virological failure and of emergence of resistance at an early stage in HIV-1 infected patients when tenofovir disoproxil fumarate was combined with lamivudine and abacavir as well as with lamivudine and didanosine as a once daily regimen. There is close structural similarity between lamivudine and emtricitabine and similarities in the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of these two agents. Therefore, the same problems may be seen if Truvada is administered with a third nucleoside analogue.

Elderly

Truvada has not been studied in individuals over the age of 65. Individuals over the age of 65 years are more likely to have decreased renal function, therefore caution should be exercised when administering Truvada to older people.

Excipients

Truvada contains lactose monohydrate. Consequently, patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactase deficiency, or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

As Truvada contains emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, any interactions that have been identified with these agents individually may occur with Truvada. Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

The steady-state pharmacokinetics of emtricitabine and tenofovir were unaffected when emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were administered together *versus* each medicinal product dosed alone.

In vitro and clinical pharmacokinetic interaction studies have shown the potential for CYP450 mediated interactions involving emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate with other medicinal products is low.

Concomitant use not recommended

Truvada should not be administered concomitantly with other medicinal products containing emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil (as fumarate), tenofovir alafenamide or other cytidine analogues, such as lamivudine (see section 4.4). Truvada should not be administered concomitantly with adefovir dipivoxil.

Didanosine: The co-administration of Truvada and didanosine is not recommended (see section 4.4 and Table 2).

Renally eliminated medicinal products: Since emtricitabine and tenofovir are primarily eliminated by the kidneys, co-administration of Truvada with medicinal products that reduce renal function or compete for active tubular secretion (e.g. cidofovir) may increase serum concentrations of emtricitabine, tenofovir and/or the co-administered medicinal products.

Use of Truvada should be avoided with concurrent or recent use of a nephrotoxic medicinal product. Some examples include, but are not limited to, aminoglycosides, amphotericin B, foscarnet, ganciclovir, pentamidine, vancomycin, cidofovir or interleukin-2 (see section 4.4).

Other interactions

Interactions between Truvada or its individual component(s) and other medicinal products are listed in Table 2 below (increase is indicated as “↑”, decrease as “↓”, no change as “↔”, twice daily as “b.i.d.” and once daily as “q.d.”). If available, 90% confidence intervals are shown in parentheses.

Table 2: Interactions between Truvada or its individual component(s) and other medicinal products

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	Effects on drug levels Mean percent change in AUC, C _{max} , C _{min} with 90% confidence intervals if available (mechanism)	Recommendation concerning co-administration with Truvada (emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg)
ANTI-INFECTIVES		
Antiretrovirals		
Protease inhibitors		
Atazanavir/Ritonavir/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (300 mg q.d./100 mg q.d./300 mg q.d.)	<p>Atazanavir: AUC: ↓ 25% (↓ 42 to ↓ 3) C_{max}: ↓ 28% (↓ 50 to ↑ 5) C_{min}: ↓ 26% (↓ 46 to ↑ 10)</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 37% C_{max}: ↑ 34% C_{min}: ↑ 29%</p>	No dose adjustment is recommended. The increased exposure of tenofovir could potentiate tenofovir associated adverse events, including renal disorders. Renal function should be closely monitored (see section 4.4).
Atazanavir/Ritonavir/Emtricitabine	Interaction not studied.	
Darunavir/Ritonavir/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (300 mg q.d./100 mg q.d./300 mg q.d.)	<p>Darunavir: AUC: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 22% C_{min}: ↑ 37%</p>	No dose adjustment is recommended. The increased exposure of tenofovir could potentiate tenofovir associated adverse events, including renal disorders. Renal function should be closely monitored (see section 4.4).
Darunavir/Ritonavir/Emtricitabine	Interaction not studied.	
Lopinavir/Ritonavir/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (400 mg b.i.d./100 mg b.i.d./300 mg q.d.)	<p>Lopinavir/Ritonavir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 32% (↑ 25 to ↑ 38) C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↑ 51% (↑ 37 to ↑ 66)</p>	No dose adjustment is recommended. The increased exposure of tenofovir could potentiate tenofovir associated adverse events, including renal disorders. Renal function should be closely monitored (see section 4.4).
Lopinavir/Ritonavir/Emtricitabine	Interaction not studied.	

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	Effects on drug levels Mean percent change in AUC, C _{max} , C _{min} with 90% confidence intervals if available (mechanism)	Recommendation concerning co-administration with Truvada (emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg)
NRTIs		
Didanosine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine results in a 40-60% increase in systemic exposure to didanosine that may increase the risk for didanosine-related adverse reactions. Rarely, pancreatitis and lactic acidosis, sometimes fatal, have been reported. Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine at a dose of 400 mg daily has been associated with a significant decrease in CD4 cell count, possibly due to an intracellular interaction increasing phosphorylated (i.e. active) didanosine. A decreased dosage of 250 mg didanosine co-administered with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate therapy has been associated with reports of high rates of virological failure within several tested combinations for the treatment of HIV-1 infection.	Co-administration of Truvada and didanosine is not recommended (see section 4.4).
Didanosine/Emtricitabine	Interaction not studied.	
Lamivudine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	<p>Lamivudine: AUC: ↓ 3% (↓ 8% to ↑ 15) C_{max}: ↓ 24% (↓ 44 to ↓ 12) C_{min}: NC</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↓ 4% (↓ 15 to ↑ 8) C_{max}: ↑ 102% (↓ 96 to ↑ 108) C_{min}: NC</p>	Lamivudine and Truvada should not be administered concomitantly (see section 4.4).
Efavirenz/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	<p>Efavirenz: AUC: ↓ 4% (↓ 7 to ↓ 1) C_{max}: ↓ 4% (↓ 9 to ↑ 2) C_{min}: NC</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↓ 1% (↓ 8 to ↑ 6) C_{max}: ↑ 7% (↓ 6 to ↑ 22) C_{min}: NC</p>	No dose adjustment of efavirenz is required.

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ANTI-INFECTIVES		
Hepatitis B virus (HBV) antiviral agents		
Adefovir dipivoxil /Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	<p>Adefovir dipivoxil: AUC: ↓ 11% (↓ 14 to ↓ 7) C_{max}: ↓ 7% (↓ 13 to ↓ 0) C_{min}: NC</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↓ 2% (↓ 5 to ↑ 0) C_{max}: ↓ 1% (↓ 7 to ↑ 6) C_{min}: NC</p>	Adefovir dipivoxil and Truvada should not be administered concomitantly (see section 4.4).
Hepatitis C virus (HCV) antiviral agents		
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (90 mg/400 mg q.d.) + Atazanavir/Ritonavir (300 mg q.d./100 mg q.d.) + Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (200 mg/300 mg q.d.) ¹	<p>Ledipasvir: AUC: ↑ 96% (↑ 74 to ↑ 121) C_{max}: ↑ 68% (↑ 54 to ↑ 84) C_{min}: ↑ 118% (↑ 91 to ↑ 150)</p> <p>Sofosbuvir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔</p> <p>GS-331007²: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↑ 42% (↑ 34 to ↑ 49)</p> <p>Atazanavir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↑ 63% (↑ 45 to ↑ 84)</p> <p>Ritonavir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↑ 45% (↑ 27 to ↑ 64)</p> <p>Emtricitabine: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↑ 47% (↑ 37 to ↑ 58) C_{min}: ↑ 47% (↑ 38 to ↑ 57)</p>	<p>Increased plasma concentrations of tenofovir resulting from co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and atazanavir/ritonavir may increase adverse reactions related to tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, including renal disorders. The safety of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate when used with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and a pharmacokinetic enhancer (e.g. ritonavir or cobicistat) has not been established.</p> <p>The combination should be used with caution with frequent renal monitoring, if other alternatives are not available (see section 4.4).</p>

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	Effects on drug levels Mean percent change in AUC, C _{max} , C _{min} with 90% confidence intervals if available (mechanism)	Recommendation concerning co-administration with Truvada (emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg)
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (90 mg/400 mg q.d.) + Darunavir/Ritonavir (800 mg q.d./100 mg q.d.) + Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (200 mg/300 mg q.d.) ¹	<p>Ledipasvir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Sofosbuvir: AUC: ↓ 27% (↓ 35 to ↓ 18) C_{max}: ↓ 37% (↓ 48 to ↓ 25)</p> <p>GS-331007²: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Darunavir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Ritonavir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↑ 48% (↑ 34 to ↑ 63)</p> <p>Emtricitabine: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 50% (↑ 42 to ↑ 59) C_{max}: ↑ 64% (↑ 54 to ↑ 74) C_{min}: ↑ 59% (↑ 49 to ↑ 70)</p>	<p>Increased plasma concentrations of tenofovir resulting from co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and darunavir/ritonavir may increase adverse reactions related to tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, including renal disorders. The safety of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate when used with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and a pharmacokinetic enhancer (e.g. ritonavir or cobicistat) has not been established.</p> <p>The combination should be used with caution with frequent renal monitoring, if other alternatives are not available (see section 4.4).</p>
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (90 mg/400 mg q.d.) + Efavirenz/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (600 mg/200 mg/300 mg q.d.)	<p>Ledipasvir: AUC: ↓ 34% (↓ 41 to ↓ 25) C_{max}: ↓ 34% (↓ 41 to ↑ 25) C_{min}: ↓ 34% (↓ 43 to ↑ 24)</p> <p>Sofosbuvir: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔</p> <p>GS-331007²: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Efavirenz: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p> <p>Emtricitabine: AUC: ↔ C_{max}: ↔ C_{min}: ↔</p>	<p>No dose adjustment is recommended. The increased exposure of tenofovir could potentiate adverse reactions associated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, including renal disorders. Renal function should be closely monitored (see section 4.4).</p>

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	Effects on drug levels Mean percent change in AUC, C _{max} , C _{min} with 90% confidence intervals if available (mechanism)	Recommendation concerning co-administration with Truvada (emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg)
	Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 98% (↑ 77 to ↑ 123) C _{max} : ↑ 79% (↑ 56 to ↑ 104) C _{min} : ↑ 163% (↑ 137 to ↑ 197)	
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (90 mg/400 mg q.d.) + Emtricitabine/Rilpivirine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (200 mg/25 mg/300 mg q.d.)	Ledipasvir: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Sofosbuvir: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ GS-331007 ² : AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Emtricitabine: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Rilpivirine: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 40% (↑ 31 to ↑ 50) C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↑ 91% (↑ 74 to ↑ 110)	No dose adjustment is recommended. The increased exposure of tenofovir could potentiate adverse reactions associated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, including renal disorders. Renal function should be closely monitored (see section 4.4).
Sofosbuvir (400 mg q.d.) + Efavirenz/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (600 mg/200 mg/300 mg q.d.)	Sofosbuvir: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↓ 19% (↓ 40 to ↑ 10) GS-331007 ² : AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↓ 23% (↓ 30 to ↑ 16) Efavirenz: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Emtricitabine: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↔ C _{min} : ↔ Tenofovir: AUC: ↔ C _{max} : ↑ 25% (↑ 8 to ↑ 45) C _{min} : ↔	No dose adjustment is required.

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	Effects on drug levels Mean percent change in AUC, C _{max} , C _{min} with 90% confidence intervals if available (mechanism)	Recommendation concerning co-administration with Truvada (emtricitabine 200 mg, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg)
Ribavirin/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Ribavirin: AUC: ↑ 26% (↑ 20 to ↑ 32) C _{max} : ↓ 5% (↓ 11 to ↑ 1) C _{min} : NC	No dose adjustment of ribavirin is required.
Herpes virus antiviral agents		
Famciclovir/Emtricitabine	Famciclovir: AUC: ↓ 9% (↓ 16 to ↓ 1) C _{max} : ↓ 7% (↓ 22 to ↑ 11) C _{min} : NC Emtricitabine: AUC: ↓ 7% (↓ 13 to ↓ 1) C _{max} : ↓ 11% (↓ 20 to ↑ 1) C _{min} : NC	No dose adjustment of famciclovir is required.
Antimycobacterials		
Rifampicin/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Tenofovir: AUC: ↓ 12% (↓ 16 to ↓ 8) C _{max} : ↓ 16% (↓ 22 to ↓ 10) C _{min} : ↓ 15% (↓ 12 to ↓ 9)	No dose adjustment is required.
ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES		
Norgestimate/Ethinyl oestradiol/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Norgestimate: AUC: ↓ 4% (↓ 32 to ↑ 34) C _{max} : ↓ 5% (↓ 27 to ↑ 24) C _{min} : NC Ethinyl oestradiol: AUC: ↓ 4% (↓ 9 to ↑ 0) C _{max} : ↓ 6% (↓ 13 to ↑ 0) C _{min} : ↓ 2% (↓ 9 to ↑ 6)	No dose adjustment of norgestimate/ethinyl oestradiol is required.
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS		
Tacrolimus/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/Emtricitabine	Tacrolimus: AUC: ↑ 4% (↓ 3 to ↑ 11) C _{max} : ↑ 3% (↓ 3 to ↑ 9) C _{min} : NC Emtricitabine: AUC: ↓ 5% (↓ 9 to ↓ 1) C _{max} : ↓ 11% (↓ 17 to ↓ 5) C _{min} : NC Tenofovir: AUC: ↑ 6% (↓ 1 to ↑ 13) C _{max} : ↑ 13% (↑ 1 to ↑ 27) C _{min} : NC	No dose adjustment of tacrolimus is required.
NARCOTIC ANALGESICS		
Methadone/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Methadone: AUC: ↑ 5% (↓ 2 to ↑ 13) C _{max} : ↑ 5% (↓ 3 to ↑ 14) C _{min} : NC	No dose adjustment of methadone is required.

NC = not calculated.

¹ Data generated from simultaneous dosing with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir. Staggered administration (12 hours apart) provided similar results.

² The predominant circulating metabolite of sofosbuvir.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

A moderate amount of data on pregnant women (between 300-1,000 pregnancy outcomes) indicate no malformations or foetal/neonatal toxicity associated with emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. Animal studies on emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate do not indicate reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). Therefore the use of Truvada may be considered during pregnancy, if necessary.

Breast-feeding

Emtricitabine and tenofovir have been shown to be excreted in human milk. There is insufficient information on the effects of emtricitabine and tenofovir in newborns/infants. Therefore Truvada should not be used during breast-feeding.

As a general rule, it is recommended that HIV infected women do not breast-feed their infants under any circumstances in order to avoid transmission of HIV to the infant.

Fertility

No human data on the effect of Truvada are available. Animal studies do not indicate harmful effects of emtricitabine or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate on fertility.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed. However, individuals should be informed that dizziness has been reported during treatment with both emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile

HIV-1 infection: The most frequently reported adverse reactions considered possibly or probably related to emtricitabine and/or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were nausea (12%) and diarrhoea (7%) in an open-label randomised clinical study (GS-01-934, see section 5.1). The safety profile of emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in this study was consistent with the previous experience with these agents when each was administered with other antiretroviral agents.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis: No new adverse reactions to Truvada were identified from two randomised placebo-controlled studies (iPrEx, Partners PrEP) in which 2,830 HIV-1 uninfected adults received Truvada once daily for pre-exposure prophylaxis. Patients were followed for a median of 71 weeks and 87 weeks, respectively. The most frequent adverse reaction reported in the Truvada group in the iPrEx study was headache (1%).

Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

The adverse reactions considered at least possibly related to treatment with the components of Truvada from clinical study and post-marketing experience in HIV-1 infected patients are listed in Table 3, below, by body system organ class and frequency. Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness. Frequencies are defined as very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$) or rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$).

Table 3: Tabulated summary of adverse reactions associated with the individual components of Truvada based on clinical study and post-marketing experience

Frequency	Emtricitabine	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
<i>Blood and lymphatic system disorders:</i>		
Common:	neutropenia	
Uncommon:	anaemia ²	
<i>Immune system disorders:</i>		
Common:	allergic reaction	
<i>Metabolism and nutrition disorders:</i>		
Very common:		hypophosphataemia ¹
Common:	hyperglycaemia, hypertriglyceridaemia	
Uncommon:		hypokalaemia ¹
Rare:		lactic acidosis
<i>Psychiatric disorders:</i>		
Common:	insomnia, abnormal dreams	
<i>Nervous system disorders:</i>		
Very common:	headache	dizziness
Common:	dizziness	headache
<i>Gastrointestinal disorders:</i>		
Very common:	diarrhoea, nausea	diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea
Common:	elevated amylase including elevated pancreatic amylase, elevated serum lipase, vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspepsia	abdominal pain, abdominal distension, flatulence
Uncommon:		pancreatitis
<i>Hepatobiliary disorders:</i>		
Common:	elevated serum aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and/or elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT), hyperbilirubinaemia	increased transaminases
Rare:		hepatic steatosis, hepatitis
<i>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:</i>		
Very common:		rash
Common:	vesiculobullous rash, pustular rash, maculopapular rash, rash, pruritus, urticaria, skin discolouration (increased pigmentation) ²	
Uncommon:	angioedema ³	
Rare:		angioedema
<i>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:</i>		
Very common:	elevated creatine kinase	
Uncommon:		rhabdomyolysis ¹ , muscular weakness ¹
Rare:		osteomalacia (manifested as bone pain and infrequently contributing to fractures) ^{1,3} , myopathy ¹

Frequency	Emtricitabine	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
<i>Renal and urinary disorders:</i>		
Uncommon:		increased creatinine, proteinuria, proximal renal tubulopathy including Fanconi syndrome
Rare:		renal failure (acute and chronic), acute tubular necrosis, nephritis (including acute interstitial nephritis) ³ , nephrogenic diabetes insipidus
<i>General disorders and administration site conditions:</i>		
Very common:		asthenia
Common:	pain, asthenia	

¹This adverse reaction may occur as a consequence of proximal renal tubulopathy. It is not considered to be causally associated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in the absence of this condition.

²Anaemia was common and skin discolouration (increased pigmentation) was very common when emtricitabine was administered to paediatric patients.

³This adverse reaction was identified through post-marketing surveillance but not observed in randomised controlled clinical studies in adults or paediatric HIV clinical studies for emtricitabine or in randomised controlled clinical studies or the tenofovir disoproxil fumarate expanded access program for tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. The frequency category was estimated from a statistical calculation based on the total number of patients exposed to emtricitabine in randomised controlled clinical studies (n = 1,563) or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in randomised controlled clinical studies and the expanded access program (n = 7,319).

Description of selected adverse reactions

Renal impairment: As Truvada may cause renal damage monitoring of renal function is recommended (see section 4.4). Proximal renal tubulopathy generally resolved or improved after tenofovir disoproxil fumarate discontinuation. However, in some HIV-1 infected patients, declines in creatinine clearance did not completely resolve despite tenofovir disoproxil fumarate discontinuation. Patients at risk of renal impairment (such as patients with baseline renal risk factors, advanced HIV disease, or patients receiving concomitant nephrotoxic medications) are at increased risk of experiencing incomplete recovery of renal function despite tenofovir disoproxil fumarate discontinuation (see section 4.4).

Interaction with didanosine: Co-administration of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine is not recommended as it results in a 40-60% increase in systemic exposure to didanosine that may increase the risk of didanosine-related adverse reactions (see section 4.5). Rarely, pancreatitis and lactic acidosis, sometimes fatal, have been reported.

Metabolic parameters: Weight and levels of blood lipids and glucose may increase during antiretroviral therapy (see section 4.4).

Immune Reactivation Syndrome: In HIV infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of initiation of CART, an inflammatory reaction to asymptomatic or residual opportunistic infections may arise. Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves' disease) have also been reported; however, the reported time to onset is more variable and these events can occur many months after initiation of treatment (see section 4.4).

Osteonecrosis: Cases of osteonecrosis have been reported, particularly in patients with generally acknowledged risk factors, advanced HIV disease or long-term exposure to CART. The frequency of this is unknown (see section 4.4).

Paediatric population

Truvada is not recommended in this population (see section 4.2).

Other special populations

Individuals with renal impairment: Since tenofovir disoproxil fumarate can cause renal toxicity, close monitoring of renal function is recommended in any individual with renal impairment treated with receiving Truvada (see sections 4.2, 4.4 and 5.2).

HIV/HBV or HCV co-infected patients: The adverse reaction profile of emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in a limited number of HIV-infected patients in study GS-01-934 who were co-infected with HBV (n=13) or HCV (n=26) was similar to that observed in patients infected with HIV without co-infection. However, as would be expected in this patient population, elevations in AST and ALT occurred more frequently than in the general HIV infected population.

Exacerbations of hepatitis after discontinuation of treatment: In HBV infected patients, clinical and laboratory evidence of hepatitis have occurred after discontinuation of treatment (see section 4.4).

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting system listed in Appendix V.

4.9 Overdose

If overdose occurs the individual must be monitored for evidence of toxicity (see section 4.8), and standard supportive treatment applied as necessary.

Up to 30% of the emtricitabine dose and approximately 10% of the tenofovir dose can be removed by haemodialysis. It is not known whether emtricitabine or tenofovir can be removed by peritoneal dialysis.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antiviral for systemic use; antivirals for treatment of HIV infections, combinations. ATC code: J05AR03

Mechanism of action

Emtricitabine is a nucleoside analogue of cytidine. Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate is converted *in vivo* to tenofovir, a nucleoside monophosphate (nucleotide) analogue of adenosine monophosphate. Both emtricitabine and tenofovir have activity that is specific to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1 and HIV-2) and hepatitis B virus.

Emtricitabine and tenofovir are phosphorylated by cellular enzymes to form emtricitabine triphosphate and tenofovir diphosphate, respectively. *In vitro* studies have shown that both emtricitabine and tenofovir can be fully phosphorylated when combined together in cells. Emtricitabine triphosphate and tenofovir diphosphate competitively inhibit HIV-1 reverse transcriptase, resulting in DNA chain termination.

Both emtricitabine triphosphate and tenofovir diphosphate are weak inhibitors of mammalian DNA polymerases and there was no evidence of toxicity to mitochondria *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

Antiviral activity *in vitro*

Synergistic antiviral activity was observed with the combination of emtricitabine and tenofovir *in vitro*. Additive to synergistic effects were observed in combination studies with protease inhibitors, and with nucleoside and non-nucleoside analogue inhibitors of HIV reverse transcriptase.

Resistance

In vitro: Resistance has been seen *in vitro* and in some HIV-1 infected patients due to the development of the M184V/I mutation with emtricitabine or the K65R mutation with tenofovir.

Emtricitabine-resistant viruses with the M184V/I mutation were cross-resistant to lamivudine, but retained sensitivity to didanosine, stavudine, tenofovir and zidovudine. The K65R mutation can also be selected by abacavir or didanosine and results in reduced susceptibility to these agents plus lamivudine, emtricitabine and tenofovir. Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate should be avoided in patients with HIV-1 harbouring the K65R mutation. In addition, a K70E substitution in HIV-1 reverse transcriptase has been selected by tenofovir and results in low-level reduced susceptibility to abacavir, emtricitabine, lamivudine and tenofovir. HIV-1 expressing three or more thymidine analogue associated mutations (TAMs) that included either the M41L or L210W reverse transcriptase mutation showed reduced susceptibility to tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

In vivo - treatment of HIV-1: In an open-label randomised clinical study (GS-01-934) in antiretroviral-naïve patients, genotyping was performed on plasma HIV-1 isolates from all patients with confirmed HIV RNA > 400 copies/mL at weeks 48, 96 or 144 or at the time of early study drug discontinuation. As of week 144:

- The M184V/I mutation developed in 2/19 (10.5%) isolates analysed from patients in the emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/efavirenz group and in 10/29 (34.5%) isolates analysed from the lamivudine/zidovudine/efavirenz group (p-value < 0.05, Fisher's Exact test comparing the emtricitabine+tenofovir disoproxil fumarate group to the lamivudine/zidovudine group among all patients).
- No virus analysed contained the K65R or K70E mutation.
- Genotypic resistance to efavirenz, predominantly the K103N mutation, developed in virus from 13/19 (68%) patients in the emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/efavirenz group and in virus from 21/29 (72%) patients in the comparative group.

In vivo –pre-exposure prophylaxis: Plasma samples from 2 clinical studies of HIV-1 uninfected subjects, iPrEx and Partners PrEP, were analysed for 4 HIV-1 variants expressing amino acid substitutions (i.e. K65R, K70E, M184V, and M184I) that potentially confer resistance to tenofovir or emtricitabine. In the iPrEx clinical study, no HIV-1 variants expressing K65R, K70E, M184V, or M184I were detected at the time of seroconversion among subjects who became infected with HIV-1 after enrollment in the study. In 3 of 10 subjects who had acute HIV infection at study enrollment, M184I and M184V mutations were detected in the HIV of 2 of 2 subjects in the Truvada group and 1 of 8 subjects in the placebo group.

In the Partners PrEP clinical study, no HIV-1 variants expressing K65R, K70E, M184V, or M184I were detected at the time of seroconversion among subjects who became infected with HIV-1 during the study. In 2 of 14 subjects who had acute HIV infection at study enrollment, the K65R mutation was detected in the HIV of 1 of 5 subjects in the tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate) group and the M184V mutation (associated with resistance to emtricitabine) was detected in the HIV of 1 of 3 subjects in the Truvada group.

Clinical data

Treatment of HIV-1 infection: In an open-label randomised clinical study (GS-01-934), antiretroviral-naïve HIV-1 infected patients received either a once daily regimen of emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and efavirenz (n=255) or a fixed combination of lamivudine and zidovudine administered twice daily and efavirenz once daily (n=254). Patients in the emtricitabine

and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate group were given Truvada and efavirenz from week 96 to week 144. At baseline the randomised groups had similar median plasma HIV-1 RNA (5.02 and 5.00 log₁₀ copies/mL) and CD4 counts (233 and 241 cells/mm³). The primary efficacy endpoint for this study was the achievement and maintenance of confirmed HIV-1 RNA concentrations < 400 copies/mL over 48 weeks. Secondary efficacy analyses over 144 weeks included the proportion of patients with HIV-1 RNA concentrations < 400 or < 50 copies/mL, and change from baseline in CD4 cell count.

The 48-week primary endpoint data showed that the combination of emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and efavirenz provided superior antiviral efficacy as compared with the fixed combination of lamivudine and zidovudine with efavirenz as shown in Table 4. The 144 week secondary endpoint data are also presented in Table 4.

Table 4: 48- and 144-week efficacy data from study GS-01-934 in which emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and efavirenz were administered to antiretroviral-naïve patients with HIV-1 infection

	GS-01-934 Treatment for 48 weeks		GS-01-934 Treatment for 144 weeks	
	Emtricitabine+ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate+efavirenz	Lamivudine+ zidovudine+efavirenz	Emtricitabine+ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate+efavirenz*	Lamivudine+ zidovudine+efavirenz
HIV-1 RNA < 400 copies/mL (TLOVR)	84% (206/244)	73% (177/243)	71% (161/227)	58% (133/229)
p-value	0.002**		0.004**	
% difference (95%CI)	11% (4% to 19%)		13% (4% to 22%)	
HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL (TLOVR)	80% (194/244)	70% (171/243)	64% (146/227)	56% (130/231)
p-value	0.021**		0.082**	
% difference (95%CI)	9% (2% to 17%)		8% (-1% to 17%)	
Mean change from baseline in CD4 cell count (cells/mm ³)	+190	+158	+312	+271
p-value	0.002 ^a		0.089 ^a	
Difference (95%CI)	32 (9 to 55)		41 (4 to 79)	

* Patients receiving emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and efavirenz were given Truvada plus efavirenz from week 96 to 144.

** The p-value based on the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Test stratified for baseline CD4 cell count

TLOVR=Time to Loss of Virologic Response

a: Van Elteren Test

In a randomised clinical study (M02-418), 190 antiretroviral-naïve adults were treated once daily with emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in combination with lopinavir/ritonavir given once or twice daily. At 48 weeks, 70% and 64% of patients demonstrated HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL with the once and twice daily regimens of lopinavir/ritonavir, respectively. The mean changes in CD4 cell count from baseline were +185 cells/mm³ and +196 cells/mm³, respectively.

Limited clinical experience in patients co-infected with HIV and HBV suggests that treatment with emtricitabine or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in antiretroviral combination therapy to control HIV infection results in a reduction in HBV DNA (3 log₁₀ reduction or 4 to 5 log₁₀ reduction, respectively) (see section 4.4).

Pre-exposure prophylaxis: The iPrEx study (CO-US-104-0288) evaluated Truvada or placebo in 2,499 HIV-uninfected men (or transgender women) who have sex with men and who were considered at high risk for HIV infection. Subjects were followed for 4,237 person-years. Baseline characteristics are summarised in Table 5.

Table 5: Study population from study CO-US-104-0288 (iPrEx)

	Placebo (n = 1248)	Truvada (n = 1251)
Age (Yrs), Mean (SD)	27 (8.5)	27 (8.6)
Race, N (%)		
Black/African American	97 (8)	117 (9)
White	208 (17)	223 (18)
Mixed/Other	878 (70)	849 (68)
Asian	65 (5)	62 (5)
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity, N (%)	906 (73)	900 (72)
Sexual Risk Factors at Screening		
Number of Partners Previous 12 Weeks, Mean (SD)	18 (43)	18 (35)
URAI Previous 12 Weeks, N (%)	753 (60)	732 (59)
URAI with HIV+ (or unknown status) Partner Previous 6 Mos, N (%)	1009 (81)	992 (79)
Involved in Transactional Sex Last 6 Month, N (%)	510 (41)	517 (41)
Known HIV+ Partner Last 6 Months, N (%)	32 (3)	23 (2)
Syphilis Seroreactivity, N (%)	162/1239 (13)	164/1240 (13)
Serum Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Infection, N (%)	430/1243 (35)	458/1241 (37)
Urine Leukocyte Esterase Positive, N (%)	22 (2)	23 (2)

URAI = unprotected receptive anal intercourse

The incidences of HIV seroconversion overall and in the subset reporting unprotected receptive anal intercourse are shown in Table 6. Efficacy was strongly correlated with adherence as assessed by detection of plasma or intracellular drug levels in a case-control study (Table 7).

Table 6: Efficacy in study CO-US-104-0288 (iPrEx)

	Placebo	Truvada	P-value^{a, b}
mITT Analysis			
Seroconversions / N	83 / 1217	48 / 1224	0.002
Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI) ^b	42% (18%, 60%)		
URAI Within 12 Weeks Prior to Screening, mITT Analysis			
Seroconversions / N	72 / 753	34 / 732	0.0349
Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI) ^b	52% (28%, 68%)		

^a P-values by logrank test. P-values for URAI refer to the null hypothesis that efficacy differed between subgroup strata (URAI, no URAI).

^b Relative risk reduction calculated for mITT based on incident seroconversion, ie, occurring post-baseline through first post-treatment visit (approximately 1 month after last study drug dispensation).

Table 7: Efficacy and adherence in study CO-US-104-0288 (iPrEx, matched case-control analysis)

Cohort	Drug Detected	Drug Not Detected	Relative Risk Reduction (2-sided 95% CI)^a
HIV-Positive Subjects	4 (8%)	44 (92%)	94% (78%, 99%)
HIV-Negative Matched Control Subjects	63 (44%)	81 (56%)	—

^a Relative risk reduction calculated on incident (post-baseline) seroconversion from the double-blind treatment period and through the 8-week follow-up period. Only samples from subjects randomized to Truvada were evaluated for detectable plasma or intracellular TDF-DP levels.

The Partners PrEP clinical study (CO-US-104-0380) evaluated Truvada, tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate), or placebo in 4,758 HIV-uninfected subjects from Kenya or Uganda in serodiscordant heterosexual couples. Subjects were followed for 7,830 person-years. Baseline characteristics are summarised in Table 8.

Table 8: Study population from study CO-US-104-0380 (Partners PrEP)

	Placebo (n = 1584)	Tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate) (n = 1584)	Truvada (n = 1579)
Age (Yrs), Median (Q1, Q3)	34 (28, 40)	33 (28, 39)	33 (28, 40)
Gender, N (%)			
Male	963 (61)	986 (62)	1013 (64)
Female	621 (39)	598 (38)	566 (36)
Key Couple Characteristics, N (%) or Median (Q1, Q3)			
Married to study partner	1552 (98)	1543 (97)	1540 (98)
Years living with study partner	7.1 (3.0, 14.0)	7.0 (3.0, 13.5)	7.1 (3.0, 14.0)
Years aware of discordant status	0.4 (0.1, 2.0)	0.5 (0.1, 2.0)	0.4 (0.1, 2.0)

The incidence of HIV seroconversion is shown in Table 9. The rate of HIV-1 seroconversion in males was 0.24/100 person-years of Truvada exposure and the rate of HIV-1 seroconversion in females was 0.95/100 person-years of Truvada exposure. Efficacy was strongly correlated with adherence as assessed by detection of plasma or intracellular drug levels and was higher among substudy participants who received active adherence counselling and as show in Table 10.

Table 9: Efficacy in study CO-US-104-0380 (Partners PrEP)

	Placebo	Tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate)	Truvada
Seroconversions / N^a	52 / 1578	17 / 1579	13 / 1576
Incidence per 100 person-years (95% CI)	1.99 (1.49, 2.62)	0.65 (0.38, 1.05)	0.50 (0.27, 0.85)
Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI)	—	67% (44%, 81%)	75% (55%, 87%)

^a Relative risk reduction calculated for mITT cohort based on incident (post-baseline) seroconversion. Comparisons for active study groups are made versus placebo.

Table 10: Efficacy and adherence in study CO-US-104-0380 (Partners PrEP)

Study Drug Quantification	Number with Tenofovir Detected/ Total Samples (%)		Risk Estimate for HIV-1 Protection: Detection Versus No Detection of Tenofovir	
	Case	Cohort	Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI)	p-value
FTC/TDF Group ^a	3 / 12 (25%)	375 / 465 (81%)	90% (56%, 98%)	0.002
TDF Group ^a	6 / 17 (35%)	363 / 437 (83%)	86% (67%, 95%)	< 0.001
Adherence Substudy	Adherence Substudy Participants ^b		Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI)	p-value
	Placebo	Tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate)+Truvada		
Seroconversions / N ^b	14 / 404 (3.5%)	0 / 745 (0%)	100% (87%, 100%)	< 0.001

^a 'Case' = HIV seroconverter; 'Cohort' = 100 randomly selected subjects from each of the tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate) and Truvada groups. Only Case or Cohort samples from subjects randomised to either tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate) or Truvada were evaluated for detectable plasma tenofovir levels.

^b Substudy participants received active adherence monitoring, e.g. unannounced home visits and pill counts, and counselling to improve compliance with study drug.

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of Truvada in children under the age of 18 years have not been established. The European Medicines Agency has deferred the obligation to submit the results of studies with Truvada in one or more subsets of the paediatric population in the treatment of HIV-1 infection and for pre-exposure prophylaxis (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption

The bioequivalence of one Truvada film-coated tablet with one emtricitabine 200 mg hard capsule and one tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 245 mg film-coated tablet was established following single dose administration to fasting healthy subjects. Following oral administration of Truvada to healthy subjects, emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate are rapidly absorbed and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate is converted to tenofovir. Maximum emtricitabine and tenofovir concentrations are observed in serum within 0.5 to 3.0 h of dosing in the fasted state. Administration of Truvada with food resulted in a delay of approximately three quarters of an hour in reaching maximum tenofovir concentrations and increases in tenofovir AUC and C_{max} of approximately 35% and 15%, respectively, when administered with a high fat or light meal, compared to administration in the fasted state. In order to optimise the absorption of tenofovir, it is recommended that Truvada should preferably be taken with food.

Distribution

Following intravenous administration the volume of distribution of emtricitabine and tenofovir was approximately 1.4 L/kg and 800 mL/kg, respectively. After oral administration of emtricitabine or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, emtricitabine and tenofovir are widely distributed throughout the body. *In vitro* binding of emtricitabine to human plasma proteins was < 4% and independent of concentration over the range of 0.02 to 200 µg/mL. *In vitro* protein binding of tenofovir to plasma or serum protein was less than 0.7 and 7.2%, respectively, over the tenofovir concentration range 0.01 to 25 µg/mL.

Biotransformation

There is limited metabolism of emtricitabine. The biotransformation of emtricitabine includes oxidation of the thiol moiety to form the 3'-sulphoxide diastereomers (approximately 9% of dose) and conjugation with glucuronic acid to form 2'-O-glucuronide (approximately 4% of dose). *In vitro* studies have determined that neither tenofovir disoproxil fumarate nor tenofovir are substrates for the CYP450 enzymes. Neither emtricitabine nor tenofovir inhibited *in vitro* drug metabolism mediated by any of the major human CYP450 isoforms involved in drug biotransformation. Also, emtricitabine did not inhibit uridine-5'-diphosphoglucuronyl transferase, the enzyme responsible for glucuronidation.

Elimination

Emtricitabine is primarily excreted by the kidneys with complete recovery of the dose achieved in urine (approximately 86%) and faeces (approximately 14%). Thirteen percent of the emtricitabine dose was recovered in urine as three metabolites. The systemic clearance of emtricitabine averaged 307 mL/min. Following oral administration, the elimination half-life of emtricitabine is approximately 10 hours.

Tenofovir is primarily excreted by the kidney by both filtration and an active tubular transport system with approximately 70-80% of the dose excreted unchanged in urine following intravenous administration. The apparent clearance of tenofovir averaged approximately 307 mL/min. Renal clearance has been estimated to be approximately 210 mL/min, which is in excess of the glomerular filtration rate. This indicates that active tubular secretion is an important part of the elimination of tenofovir. Following oral administration, the elimination half-life of tenofovir is approximately 12 to 18 hours.

Elderly

Pharmacokinetic studies have not been performed with emtricitabine or tenofovir in the elderly (over 65 years of age).

Gender

Emtricitabine and tenofovir pharmacokinetics are similar in male and female patients.

Ethnicity

No clinically important pharmacokinetic difference due to ethnicity has been identified for emtricitabine. The pharmacokinetics of tenofovir have not been specifically studied in different ethnic groups.

Paediatric population

Pharmacokinetic studies have not been performed with Truvada in children and adolescents (under 18 years of age). Steady-state pharmacokinetics of tenofovir were evaluated in 8 HIV-1 infected adolescent patients (aged 12 to < 18 years) with body weight \geq 35 kg and in 23 HIV-1 infected children aged 2 to < 12 years. Tenofovir exposure achieved in these paediatric patients receiving oral daily doses of tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate) or 6.5 mg/kg body weight tenofovir disoproxil (as fumarate) up to a maximum dose of 245 mg was similar to exposures achieved in adults receiving once-daily doses of tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (as fumarate). Pharmacokinetic studies have not been performed with tenofovir disoproxil (as fumarate) in children under 2 years. In general, the pharmacokinetics of emtricitabine in infants, children and adolescents (aged 4 months up to 18 years) are similar to those seen in adults.

Renal impairment

Limited pharmacokinetic data are available for emtricitabine and tenofovir after co-administration of separate preparations or as Truvada in patients with renal impairment. Pharmacokinetic parameters were mainly determined following administration of single doses of emtricitabine 200 mg or tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg to non-HIV infected subjects with varying degrees of renal impairment. The degree of renal impairment was defined according to baseline creatinine clearance (CrCl) (normal renal function when CrCl > 80 mL/min; mild impairment with CrCl = 50-79 mL/min; moderate impairment with CrCl = 30-49 mL/min and severe impairment with CrCl = 10-29 mL/min).

The mean (%CV) emtricitabine drug exposure increased from 12 (25%) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ in subjects with normal renal function, to 20 (6%) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, 25 (23%) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ and 34 (6%) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, in subjects with mild, moderate and severe renal impairment, respectively. The mean (%CV) tenofovir drug exposure increased from 2,185 (12%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ in subjects with normal renal function, to 3,064 (30%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, 6,009 (42%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ and 15,985 (45%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, in subjects with mild, moderate and severe renal impairment, respectively.

The increased dose interval for Truvada in HIV-1 infected patients with moderate renal impairment is expected to result in higher peak plasma concentrations and lower C_{min} levels as compared to patients with normal renal function. In subjects with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring haemodialysis, between dialysis drug exposures substantially increased over 72 hours to 53 (19%) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ of emtricitabine, and over 48 hours to 42,857 (29%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ of tenofovir.

A small clinical study was conducted to evaluate the safety, antiviral activity and pharmacokinetics of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in combination with emtricitabine in HIV infected patients with renal impairment. A subgroup of patients with baseline creatinine clearance between 50 and 60 mL/min, receiving once daily dosing, had a 2-4-fold increase in tenofovir exposure and worsening renal function.

Hepatic impairment

The pharmacokinetics of Truvada have not been studied in subjects with hepatic impairment.

The pharmacokinetics of emtricitabine have not been studied in non-HBV infected subjects with varying degrees of hepatic insufficiency. In general, emtricitabine pharmacokinetics in HBV infected subjects were similar to those in healthy subjects and in HIV infected patients.

A single 245 mg dose of tenofovir disoproxil was administered to non-HIV infected subjects with varying degrees of hepatic impairment defined according to Child-Pugh-Turcotte (CPT) classification. Tenofovir pharmacokinetics were not substantially altered in subjects with hepatic impairment suggesting that no dose adjustment is required in these subjects. The mean (%CV) tenofovir C_{max} and $\text{AUC}_{0-\infty}$ values were 223 (34.8%) ng/mL and 2,050 (50.8%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, respectively, in normal subjects compared with 289 (46.0%) ng/mL and 2,310 (43.5%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment, and 305 (24.8%) ng/mL and 2,740 (44.0%) $\text{ng}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ in subjects with severe hepatic impairment.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Emtricitabine: Non-clinical data on emtricitabine reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenic potential and toxicity to reproduction and development.

Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate: Non-clinical safety pharmacology studies on tenofovir disoproxil fumarate reveal no special hazard for humans. Repeated dose toxicity studies in rats, dogs and monkeys at exposure levels greater than or equal to clinical exposure levels and with possible relevance to clinical use include renal and bone toxicity and a decrease in serum phosphate concentration. Bone toxicity was diagnosed as osteomalacia (monkeys) and reduced BMD (rats and

dogs). The bone toxicity in young adult rats and dogs occurred at exposures \geq 5-fold the exposure in paediatric or adult patients; bone toxicity occurred in juvenile infected monkeys at very high exposures following subcutaneous dosing (\geq 40-fold the exposure in patients). Findings in the rat and monkey studies indicated that there was a substance-related decrease in intestinal absorption of phosphate with potential secondary reduction in BMD.

Genotoxicity studies revealed positive results in the *in vitro* mouse lymphoma assay, equivocal results in one of the strains used in the Ames test, and weakly positive results in an UDS test in primary rat hepatocytes. However, it was negative in an *in vivo* mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay.

Oral carcinogenicity studies in rats and mice only revealed a low incidence of duodenal tumours at an extremely high dose in mice. These tumours are unlikely to be of relevance to humans.

Reproductive toxicity studies in rats and rabbits showed no effects on mating, fertility, pregnancy or foetal parameters. However, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate reduced the viability index and weight of pups in a perinatal toxicity study at maternally toxic doses.

Combination of emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate: Genotoxicity and repeated dose toxicity studies of one month or less with the combination of these two components found no exacerbation of toxicological effects compared to studies with the separate components.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Tablet core:

Croscarmellose sodium
Lactose monohydrate
Magnesium stearate (E572)
Microcrystalline cellulose (E460)
Pregelatinised starch (gluten free)

Film-coating:

Glycerol triacetate (E1518)
Hypromellose (E464)
Indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132)
Lactose monohydrate
Titanium dioxide (E171)

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

4 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. Keep the bottle tightly closed.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

High density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle with a polypropylene child-resistant closure containing 30 film-coated tablets and a silica gel desiccant.

The following pack sizes are available: outer cartons containing 1 bottle of 30 film-coated tablets and outer cartons containing 90 (3 bottles of 30) film-coated tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Gilead Sciences International Ltd.
Cambridge
CB21 6GT
United Kingdom

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/305/001
EU/1/04/305/002

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation: 21 February 2005
Date of latest renewal: 20 January 2010

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>.

ANNEX II

- A. MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

A. MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer(s) responsible for batch release

Gilead Sciences Ireland UC
IDA Business & Technology Park
Carrigtohill
County Cork
Ireland

B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription (see Annex I: Summary of Product Characteristics, section 4.2).

C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

The holder of this marketing authorisation must inform the European Commission about the marketing plans for the medicinal product authorised by this decision.

- **Periodic Safety Update Reports**

The requirements for submission of periodic safety update reports for this medicinal product are set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and any subsequent updates published on the European medicines web-portal.

D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

- **Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

The MAH shall perform the required pharmacovigilance activities and interventions detailed in the agreed RMP presented in Module 1.8.2 of the Marketing Authorisation and any agreed subsequent updates of the RMP.

An updated RMP should be submitted:

- At the request of the European Medicines Agency;
- Whenever the risk management system is modified, especially as the result of new information being received that may lead to a significant change to the benefit/risk profile or as the result of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached.
- **Additional risk minimisation measures**

The Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH) shall ensure that all physicians who are expected to prescribe/use Truvada in adult patients are provided with a physician educational pack containing the Summary of Product Characteristics and an appropriate educational brochure, as detailed below:

- HIV renal educational brochure
- PrEP educational brochure for prescribers entitled 'Important Safety Information for Prescribers About Truvada for a Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Indication'
- PrEP Checklist for prescribers

- PrEP educational brochure for the individual at risk entitled ‘Important Information About Truvada to Reduce the Risk of getting Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection’
- PrEP reminder card

HIV renal educational brochure:

The HIV renal educational brochure should contain the following key messages:

- That there is an increased risk of renal disease in HIV infected patients associated with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate-containing products such as Truvada
- That Truvada should only be used in patients with impaired renal function if the potential benefits are considered to outweigh the potential risks
- That use of Truvada should be avoided with concomitant or recent use of nephrotoxic medicinal products. If Truvada is used with nephrotoxic medicinal products, renal function should be closely monitored according to the recommended schedule
- That patients should have their baseline renal function assessed prior to initiating Truvada therapy
- The importance of regular monitoring of renal function during Truvada therapy
- Recommended schedule for monitoring renal function considering the presence or absence of additional risk factors for renal impairment
- Instructions on the use of the creatinine clearance slide ruler

PrEP educational brochure for prescribers:

- Reminder of the key safety information regarding the use of Truvada for PrEP
- Reminder of factors to help identify individuals at high risk of acquiring HIV-1
- Reminder on the risk of development of HIV-1 drug resistance in undiagnosed HIV-1–Infected individuals
- Provides safety information on adherence, HIV testing, renal, bone and HBV status.

PrEP Checklist for prescribers:

- Reminders for evaluations/counselling at the initial visit and follow-up.

PrEP educational brochure for the individual at risk (to be provided by healthcare provider [HCP]):

- Reminders on what the individual should know before and while taking Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV infection
- Reminder on the importance of strict adherence to the recommended dosing regimen
- Provides information on how to take Truvada
- Provides information on the possible side effects
- Provides information on how to store Truvada.

PrEP reminder card for the individual at risk (to be provided by HCP):

- Reminders to adhere to the dosing schedule
- Reminder to attend scheduled clinic visits.

ANNEX III
LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING AND THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING

BOTTLE AND CARTON LABELLING

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Truvada 200 mg/245 mg film-coated tablets
Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each film-coated tablet contains 200 mg of emtricitabine and 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil (equivalent to 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or 136 mg of tenofovir).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Contains lactose monohydrate, see leaflet for further information.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

30 film-coated tablets.
90 (3 bottles of 30) film-coated tablets.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

Read the package leaflet before use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

8. EXPIRY DATE

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. Keep the bottle tightly closed.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/305/001 30 film-coated tablets
EU/1/04/305/002 90 (3 x 30) film-coated tablets

13. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

Truvada [outer packaging only]

17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE

2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.

18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – HUMAN READABLE DATA

PC: {number}
SN: {number}
NN: {number}

B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Truvada 200 mg/245 mg film-coated tablets Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet

1. What Truvada is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you take Truvada
3. How to take Truvada
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Truvada
6. Contents of the pack and other information

1. What Truvada is and what it is used for

Truvada contains two active substances, *emtricitabine* and *tenofovir disoproxil*. Both of these active substances are *antiretroviral* medicines which are used to treat HIV infection. Emtricitabine is a *nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor* and tenofovir is a *nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitor*. However, both are generally known as NRTIs and they work by interfering with the normal working of an enzyme (reverse transcriptase) that is essential for the virus to reproduce itself.

- **Truvada is used to treat Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1 (HIV-1) infection**, in adults aged 18 years and over.
 - Truvada should always be used combined with other medicines to treat HIV infection.
 - Truvada can be administered in place of emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil used separately at the same doses.

People who are HIV positive can still pass on HIV when taking this medicine, although the risk is lowered by effective antiretroviral therapy. Discuss with your doctor the precautions needed to avoid infecting other people.

This medicine is not a cure for HIV infection. While taking Truvada you may still develop infections or other illnesses associated with HIV infection.

- **Truvada is also used to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection**, when used as a daily treatment, together with safer sex practices:
See section 2 for a list of precautions to take against HIV infection.

2. What you need to know before you take Truvada

Do not take Truvada to treat HIV or to reduce the risk of getting HIV if you are allergic to emtricitabine, tenofovir, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

→ If this applies to you, tell your doctor immediately.

Before taking Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV:

Truvada can only help reduce your risk of getting HIV **before** you are infected.

- **You must be HIV negative before you start to take Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV.** You must get tested to make sure that you do not already have HIV infection. Do not take Truvada to reduce your risk unless you are confirmed to be HIV negative. People who do have HIV must take Truvada in combination with other drugs.
- **Many HIV tests can miss a recent infection.** If you get a flu-like illness, it could mean you have recently been infected with HIV. These may be signs of HIV infection:
 - tiredness
 - fever
 - joint or muscle aches
 - headache
 - vomiting or diarrhoea
 - rash
 - night sweats
 - enlarged lymph nodes in the neck or groin**→ Tell your doctor about any flu-like illness** – either in the month before starting Truvada, or at any time while taking Truvada.

Warnings and precautions

While taking Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV:

- Take Truvada every day **to reduce your risk, not just when you think you have been at risk of HIV infection.** Do not miss any doses of Truvada, or stop taking it. Missing doses may increase your risk of getting HIV infection.
- Get tested for HIV regularly.
- If you think you were infected with HIV, tell your doctor straight away. They may want to do more tests to make sure you are still HIV negative.
- **Just taking Truvada may not stop you getting HIV.**
 - Always practice safer sex. Use condoms to reduce contact with semen, vaginal fluids, or blood.
 - Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, such as toothbrushes and razor blades.
 - Do not share or re-use needles or other injection or drug equipment.
 - Get tested for other sexually transmitted infections such as syphilis and gonorrhoea. These infections make it easier for HIV to infect you.

Ask your doctor if you have any more questions about how to prevent getting HIV or spreading HIV to other people.

While taking Truvada to treat HIV or to reduce the risk of getting HIV:

- **Truvada may affect your kidneys.** Before and during treatment, your doctor may order blood tests to measure kidney function. Tell your doctor if you have had kidney disease, or if tests have shown kidney problems. If you have kidney problems, your doctor may advise you to stop taking Truvada or, if you already have HIV, to take Truvada less frequently. Truvada is not recommended if you have severe kidney disease or are on dialysis.

Bone problems (sometimes resulting in fractures) may also occur due to damage to kidney tubule cells (see section 4, *Possible side effects*).

- **Talk to your doctor if you have a history of liver disease, including hepatitis.** Patients infected with HIV who also have liver disease (including chronic hepatitis B or C), who are treated with antiretrovirals, have a higher risk of severe and potentially fatal liver complications. If you have hepatitis B or C, your doctor will carefully consider the best treatment regimen for you.
- **Know your hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection status** before starting Truvada. If you have HBV, there is a serious risk of liver problems when you stop taking Truvada, whether or not you also have HIV. It is important not to stop taking Truvada without talking to your doctor: see section 3, *Do not stop taking Truvada*.
- **Talk to your doctor if you are over 65.** Truvada has not been studied in patients over 65 years of age.
- **Talk to your doctor if you are intolerant to lactose** (see Truvada contains lactose later in this section).

Children and adolescents

Truvada is not for use in children and adolescents under 18 years of age.

Other medicines and Truvada

Do not take Truvada if you are already taking other medicines that contain the components of Truvada (emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) or any other antiviral medicines that contain tenofovir alafenamide, lamivudine or adefovir dipivoxil.

Taking Truvada with other medicines that can damage your kidneys: it is especially important to tell your doctor if you are taking any of these medicines, including

- aminoglycosides (for bacterial infection)
- amphotericin B (for fungal infection)
- foscarnet (for viral infection)
- ganciclovir (for viral infection)
- pentamidine (for infections)
- vancomycin (for bacterial infection)
- interleukin-2 (to treat cancer)
- cidofovir (for viral infection)
- non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs, to relieve bone or muscle pains)

If you are taking another antiviral medicine called a protease inhibitor to treat HIV, your doctor may order blood tests to closely monitor your kidney function.

It is also important to tell your doctor if you are taking ledipasvir/sofosbuvir to treat hepatitis C infection.

Taking Truvada with other medicines containing didanosine (for treatment of HIV infection):

Taking Truvada with other antiviral medicines that contain didanosine can raise the levels of didanosine in your blood and may reduce CD4 cell counts. Rarely, inflammation of the pancreas and lactic acidosis (excess lactic acid in the blood), which sometimes causes death, have been reported when medicines containing tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and didanosine were taken together. Your doctor will carefully consider whether to treat you with combinations of tenofovir and didanosine.

→ **Tell your doctor** if you are taking any of these medicines. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

Truvada with food and drink

- Whenever possible, Truvada should be taken with food.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

- Although there are limited clinical data on the use of Truvada in pregnant women, it is not usually used unless absolutely necessary.
- If you are a woman who could get pregnant during treatment with Truvada, you must use an effective method of contraception to avoid becoming pregnant.
- If you become pregnant, or plan to become pregnant, ask your doctor about the potential benefits and risks of therapy with Truvada to you and your child.

If you have taken Truvada during your pregnancy, your doctor may request regular blood tests and other diagnostic tests to monitor the development of your child. In children whose mothers took NRTIs during pregnancy, the benefit from the protection against HIV outweighed the risk of side effects.

- **Do not breast-feed during treatment with Truvada.** This is because the active substances in this medicine pass into human breast milk.
- If you are a woman with HIV it is recommended that you do not breast-feed, to avoid passing the virus to the baby in breast milk.

Driving and using machines

Truvada can cause dizziness. If you feel dizzy while taking Truvada, **do not drive** and do not use any tools or machines.

Truvada contains lactose

Tell your doctor if you are lactose-intolerant or intolerant to other sugars.

3. How to take Truvada

- **Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.** Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The recommended dose of Truvada to treat HIV or to reduce the risk of getting HIV is:

- **Adults:** one tablet each day. Whenever possible, Truvada should be taken with food.

If you have difficulty swallowing, you can use the tip of a spoon to crush the tablet. Then mix the powder with about 100 mL (half a glass) of water, orange juice or grape juice, and drink immediately.

- **Always take the dose recommended by your doctor.** This is to make sure that your medicine is fully effective, and to reduce the risk of developing resistance to the treatment. Do not change the dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- **If you are being treated for HIV infection** your doctor will prescribe Truvada with other antiretroviral medicines. Please refer to the patient information leaflets of the other antiretrovirals for guidance on how to take those medicines.
- **If you are taking Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV,** take Truvada every day, not just when you think you have been at risk of HIV infection.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about how to prevent getting HIV or prevent spreading HIV to other people.

If you take more Truvada than you should

If you accidentally take more than the recommended dose of Truvada, contact your doctor or nearest emergency department for advice. Keep the tablet bottle with you so that you can easily describe what you have taken.

If you miss a dose

It is important not to miss a dose of Truvada.

- **If you notice within 12 hours** of the time you usually take Truvada, take the tablet preferably with food as soon as possible. Then take the next dose at your usual time.
- **If you notice 12 hours or more after** the time you usually take Truvada, forget about the missed dose. Wait and take the next dose, preferably with food, at your usual time.

If you vomit less than 1 hour after taking Truvada, take another tablet. You do not need to take another tablet if you were sick more than 1 hour after taking Truvada.

Do not stop taking Truvada

- **If you take Truvada for treatment of HIV infection,** stopping tablets may reduce the effectiveness of the anti-HIV therapy recommended by your doctor.
- **If you are taking Truvada to reduce the risk of getting HIV,** do not stop taking Truvada or miss any doses. Stopping use of Truvada, or missing doses, may increase your risk of getting HIV infection.

→ Do not stop taking Truvada without contacting your doctor.

- **If you have hepatitis B,** it is especially important not to stop your Truvada treatment without talking to your doctor first. You may require blood tests for several months after stopping treatment. In some patients with advanced liver disease or cirrhosis, stopping treatment is not recommended as this may lead to worsening of your hepatitis, which may be life-threatening.

→ Tell your doctor immediately about new or unusual symptoms after you stop treatment, particularly symptoms you associate with hepatitis B infection

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Possible serious side effects:

- **Lactic acidosis** (excess lactic acid in the blood) is a rare but potentially life-threatening side effect. Lactic acidosis occurs more often in women, particularly if they are overweight, and in people with liver disease. The following may be signs of lactic acidosis:
 - deep rapid breathing
 - drowsiness
 - feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting)
 - stomach pain

→ **If you think you may have lactic acidosis, get medical help immediately.**

- **Any signs of inflammation or infection.** In some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS) and a history of opportunistic infections (infections that occur in people with a weak immune system), signs and symptoms of inflammation from previous infections may occur soon after anti-HIV treatment is started. It is thought that these symptoms are due to an improvement in the body's immune response, enabling the body to fight infections that may have been present with no obvious symptoms.
- **Autoimmune disorders**, when the immune system attacks healthy body tissue, may also occur after you start taking medicines to treat HIV infection. Autoimmune disorders may occur many months after the start of treatment. Look out for any symptoms of infection or other symptoms such as:
 - muscle weakness
 - weakness beginning in the hands and feet and moving up towards the trunk of the body
 - palpitations, tremor or hyperactivity

→ **If you notice these or any symptoms of inflammation or infection, get medical help immediately.**

Possible side effects:

Very common side effects

(may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- diarrhoea, being sick (vomiting), feeling sick (nausea)
- dizziness, headache
- rash
- feeling weak

Tests may also show:

- decreases in phosphate in the blood
- increased creatine kinase

Common side effects

(may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- pain, stomach pain
- difficulty sleeping, abnormal dreams
- problems with digestion resulting in discomfort after meals, feeling bloated, flatulence

- rashes (including red spots or blotches sometimes with blistering and swelling of the skin), which may be allergic reactions, itching, changes in skin colour including darkening of the skin in patches
- other allergic reactions, such as wheezing, swelling or feeling light-headed

Tests may also show:

- low white blood cell count (a reduced white blood cell count can make you more prone to infection)
- increased triglycerides (fatty acids), bile or sugar in the blood
- liver and pancreas problems

Uncommon side effects

(may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- pain in the abdomen (tummy) caused by inflammation of the pancreas
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat
- anaemia (low red blood cell count)
- breakdown of muscle, muscle pain or weakness which may occur due to damage to the kidney tubule cells

Tests may also show:

- decreases in potassium in the blood
- increased creatinine in your blood
- changes to your urine

Rare side effects

(may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)

- Lactic acidosis (see *Possible serious side effects*)
- fatty liver
- yellow skin or eyes, itching, or pain in the abdomen (tummy) caused by inflammation of the liver
- inflammation of the kidney, passing a lot of urine and feeling thirsty, kidney failure, damage to kidney tubule cells
- softening of the bones (with bone pain and sometimes resulting in fractures)
- back pain caused by kidney problems

Damage to kidney tubule cells may be associated with breakdown of muscle, softening of the bones (with bone pain and sometimes resulting in fractures), muscle pain, muscle weakness and decreases in potassium or phosphate in the blood.

→ **If you notice any of the side effects listed above or if any of the side effects get serious, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.**

The frequency of the following side effects is not known.

- **Bone problems.** Some patients taking combination antiretroviral medicines such as Truvada may develop a bone disease called *osteonecrosis* (death of bone tissue caused by loss of blood supply to the bone). Taking this type of medicine for a long time, taking corticosteroids, drinking alcohol, having a very weak immune system, and being overweight, may be some of the many risk factors for developing this disease. Signs of osteonecrosis are:
 - joint stiffness
 - joint aches and pains (especially of the hip, knee and shoulder)
 - difficulty with movement

→ **If you notice any of these symptoms tell your doctor.**

During treatment for HIV there may be an increase in weight and in levels of blood lipids and glucose. This is partly linked to restored health and life style, and in the case of blood lipids sometimes to the HIV medicines themselves. Your doctor will test for these changes.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system listed in Appendix V. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Truvada

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle and carton after {EXP}. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. Keep the bottle tightly closed.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Truvada contains

- **The active substances are** *emtricitabine* and *tenofovir disoproxil*. Each Truvada film-coated tablet contains 200 mg of emtricitabine and 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil (equivalent to 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or 136 mg of tenofovir).
- **The other ingredients are** croscarmellose sodium, glycerol triacetate (E1518), hypromellose (E464), indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132), lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate (E572), microcrystalline cellulose (E460), pregelatinised starch (gluten free) and titanium dioxide (E171).

What Truvada looks like and contents of the pack

Truvada film-coated tablets are blue, capsule-shaped tablets, engraved on one side with the word “GILEAD” and on the other side with the number “701”. Truvada comes in bottles of 30 tablets. Each bottle contains a silica gel desiccant that must be kept in the bottle to help protect your tablets. The silica gel desiccant is contained in a separate sachet or canister and should not be swallowed.

The following pack sizes are available: outer cartons containing 1 bottle of 30 film-coated tablets and 90 (3 bottles of 30) film-coated tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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