

# Effects of cobicistat on tenofovir exposure and its long-term tolerability: is it time to rethink at TAF trials?

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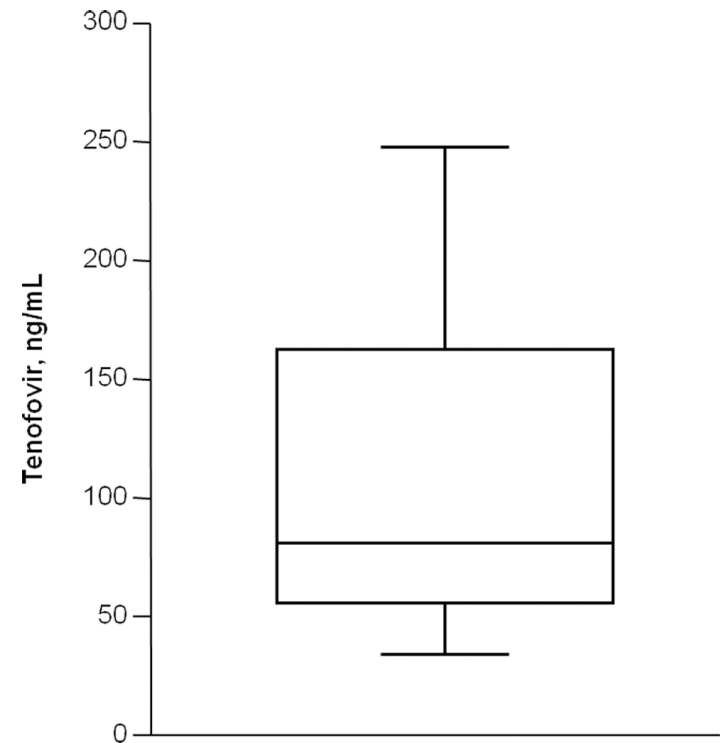


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- ✓ Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) is given at 300 mg daily according to a “one dose fits all” approach
- ✓ It has been demonstrated that there is a large inter-individual variability in the exposure to the drug



Box-plot of Tenofovir (TDF) plasma trough concentrations measured in 100 HIV-infected patients.

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# Plasma tenofovir trough concentrations are associated with renal dysfunction in Japanese patients with HIV infection: a retrospective cohort study

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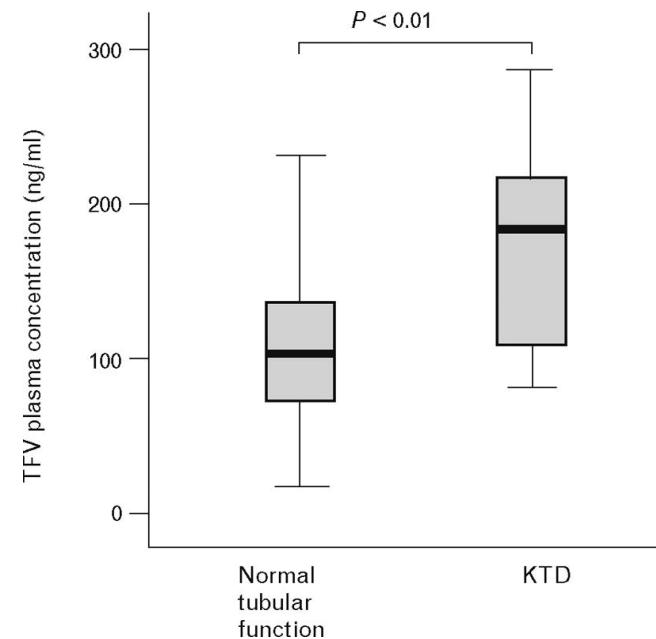
## Impairment in kidney tubular function in patients receiving tenofovir is associated with higher tenofovir plasma concentrations

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Rodriguez-Nova et al, AIDS. 2010

# Low Body Weight in Females Is a Risk Factor for Increased Tenofovir Exposure and Drug-Related Adverse Events

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Common clinical conditions – age, low BMI, ritonavir use, mild renal impairment – affect tenofovir pharmacokinetics in a large cohort of HIV-infected women

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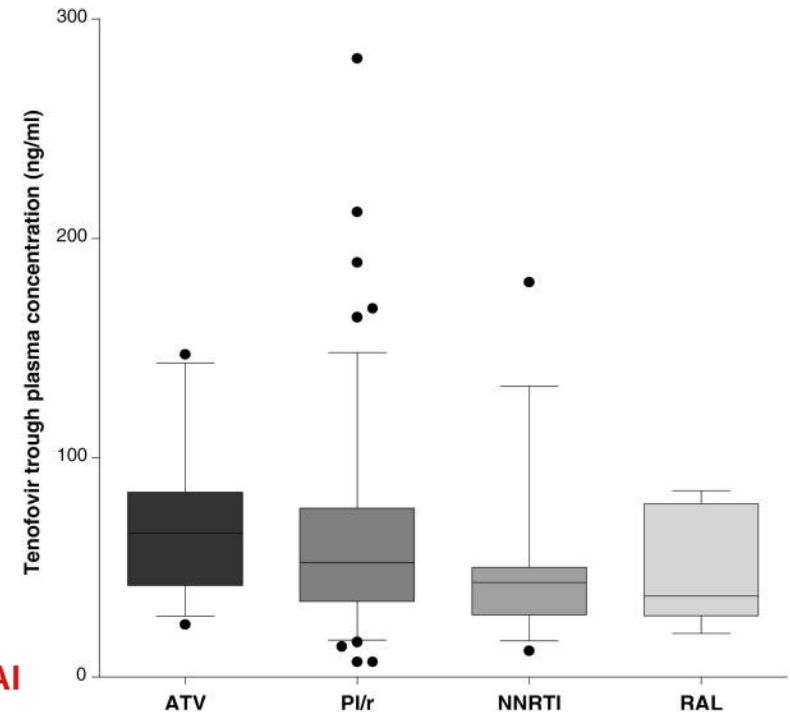
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# Tenofovir Plasma Concentrations According to Companion Drugs: a Cross-Sectional Study of HIV-Positive Patients with Normal Renal Function

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- Paediatric subjects
- Patients with severe hepatic impairment (defined as Child-Pugh Class B or C)
- Patients with history of kidney or bone disease
- Patients with Cl Cr <80 ml/min before starting TFV

# Materials and methods

## Statistical analysis:

Uni- and multivariate regression analyses

TFV concentration = dependent variable

Clinical characteristics recorded at the time of TDM = independent covariates

Data were grouped in 4 main drug classes:

- protease inhibitors/ritonavir (atazanavir, darunavir, lopinavir, fosamprenavir)
- non nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (efavirenz, rilpivirine, nevirapine)
- integrase inhibitors (dolutegravir, raltegravir)
- elvitegravir/cobicistat co-fomulation



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## Statistical analysis:

The composite outcome of “TDF toxicity” included:

- patients who discontinued TDF for drug-related toxicity (established by the attending physicians)
- patients that remained on TDF but experienced a clinical worsening in the renal (defined by a >30% increment in serum creatinine concentration from the baseline to the last available) or bone (development of osteopenia or osteoporosis ) function



# Results 1:



**Total Patients: 510**

PIs/r (n=207, 41.6%)

NNRTIs (n=178, 34.5%)

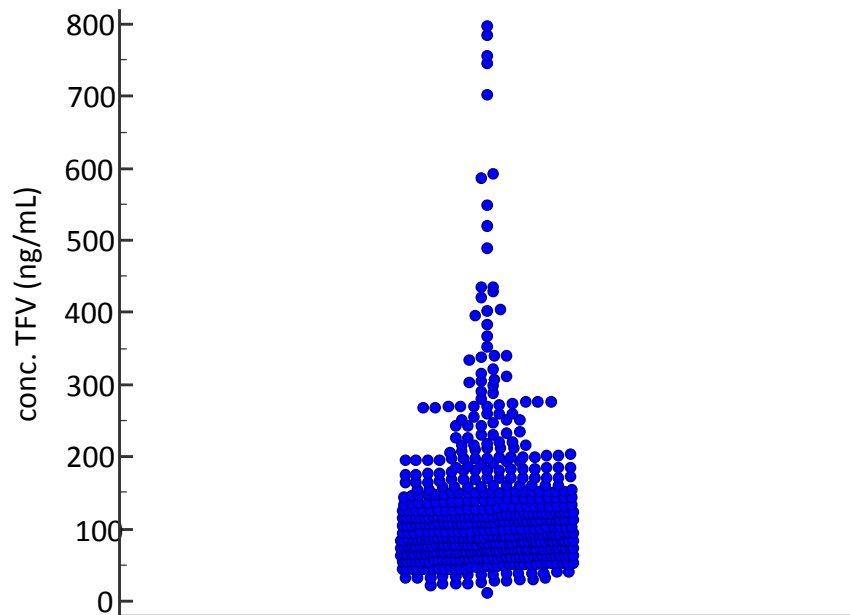
INIs (n=49, 9.0%)

ELV/COBI (n=76, 14.9%)

	<b>PIs/r</b>	<b>NNRTIs</b>	<b>INIs</b>	<b>ELV/COBI</b>
<b>Males (%)</b>	63%	77%	67%	85%
<b>Age (years)</b>	47±10	48± 10	48± 9	44±9
<b>Body weight (Kg)</b>	68±16	70±14	69±13	71±12
<b>Tenofovir therapy (days)</b>	1642±1209	1809±1124	1445±1115	455±680
<b>Serum creatinine (mg/dL)</b>	0.9±0.3	0.9±0.2	0.9±0.3	1.0±0.2
<b>Co-infections (%)</b>	43%	23%	49%	23%
<b>Viral load &gt;37 copies/mL (%)</b>	21%	5%	14%	23%
<b>CD4 cell count &lt;250 cells/mL (%)</b>	12%	5%	17%	16%

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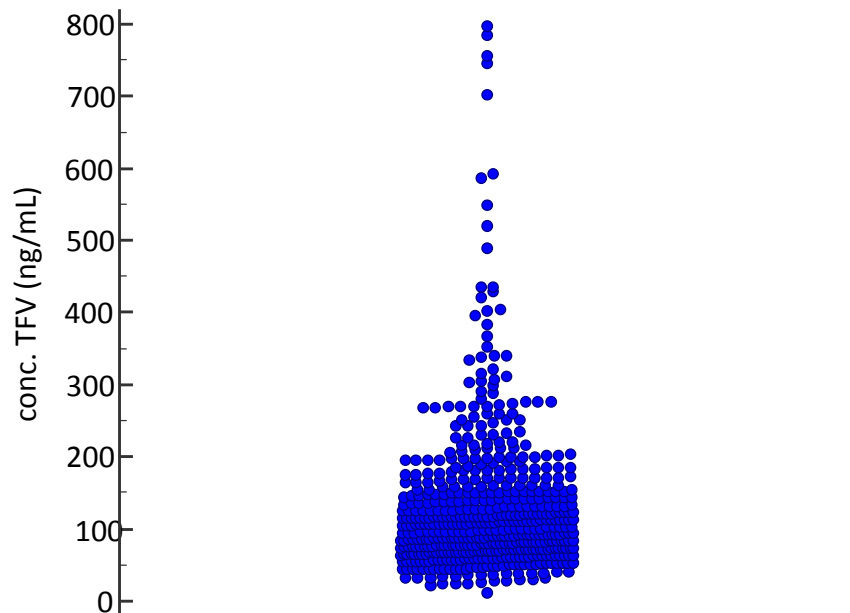
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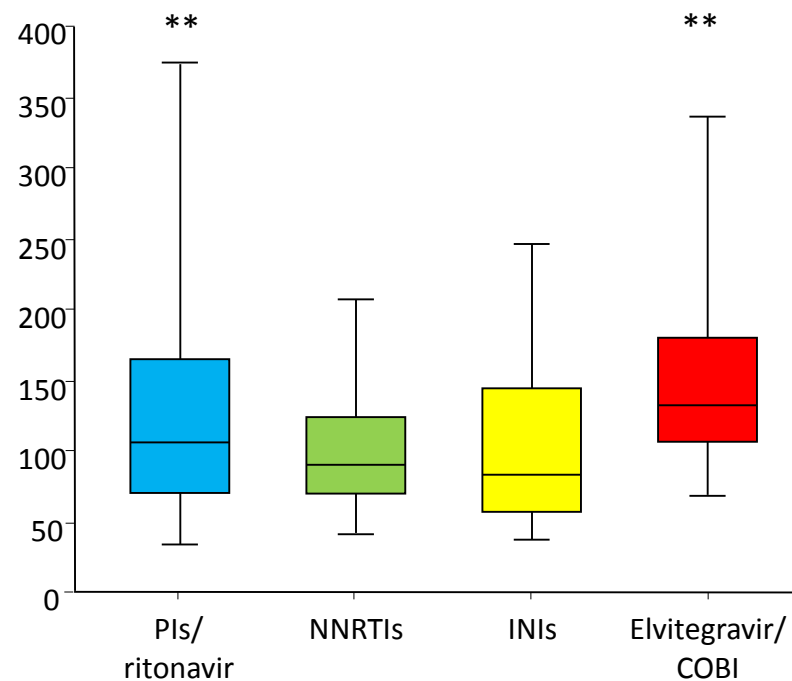
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TFV concentrations clustered according to the companion antiretroviral classes



Box and Whiskers plots represent the 5th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 95th percentiles, respectively

\*\*p < 0.01 vs NNRTIS and INIs

# Results 1:

Uni- and multi-variate regression analyses using TFV plasma trough concentrations as the dependent variable and clinical covariates as independent variables

	Univariate analysis			Multivariate analysis		
	<u>beta</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>p-value</u>	<u>beta</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>p-value</u>
<b>Concomitant ART</b>			<0.0001			<0.0001
- ELV/COBI vs. PIs	0.21	0.08	0.011	0.27	0.08	0.001
- INIs vs. PIs	-0.18	0.10	0.064	-0.20	0.10	0.035
- NNRTIs vs. PIs	-0.17	0.06	0.007	-0.12	0.06	0.046
<b>Gender (females vs. males)</b>	0.14	0.06	0.018	0.20	0.08	0.004
<b>Co-infections (NO vs YES)</b>	0.07	0.06	0.275			
<b>CD4 cell count (cells/mL)</b>			0.680			
- [0-250] vs. [250-500]	0.08	0.09	0.385			
- [250-500] vs. [ >500]	0.005	0.06	0.936			
<b>Viral load (<math>\geq 37</math> vs <math>&lt; 37</math> copies/mL)</b>	-0.01	0.08	0.883			
<b>Duration of TDF therapy</b>			0.722			
- $\leq 1$ yr vs. $> 6$ yrs	-0.05	0.08	0.566			
- (1 yr-3 yrs] vs. $> 6$ yrs	0.05	0.08	0.583			
- (3 yr-6 yrs] vs. $> 6$ yrs	-0.04	0.08	0,628			
<b>Patients' age</b>	0.01	0.003	0.0001	0.01	0.003	<0.0001
<b>Body weight</b>	-0.006	0.002	0.001	-0.01	0.002	0.006
<b>Serum creatinine</b>	0.53	0.10	<0.001	0.32	0.11	<0.0001





## Results 2:

Total cases of TDF toxicity: **149**



PIs/r (n=75/207, 36,2%)

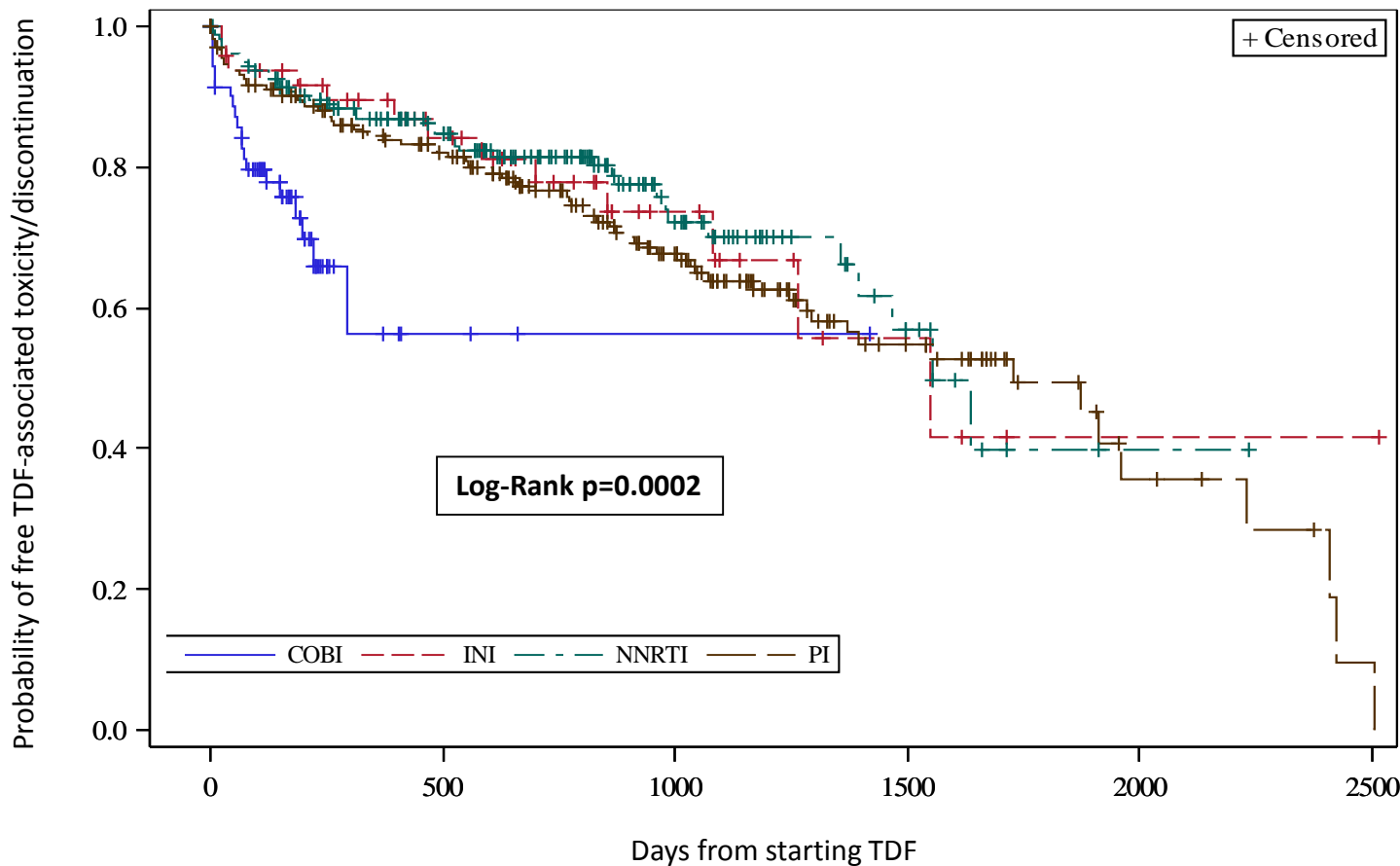
NNRTIs (n=41/178, 23,0%)

INIs (n=13/49, 26,5%)

ELV/COBI (n=20/76, 26,3%)

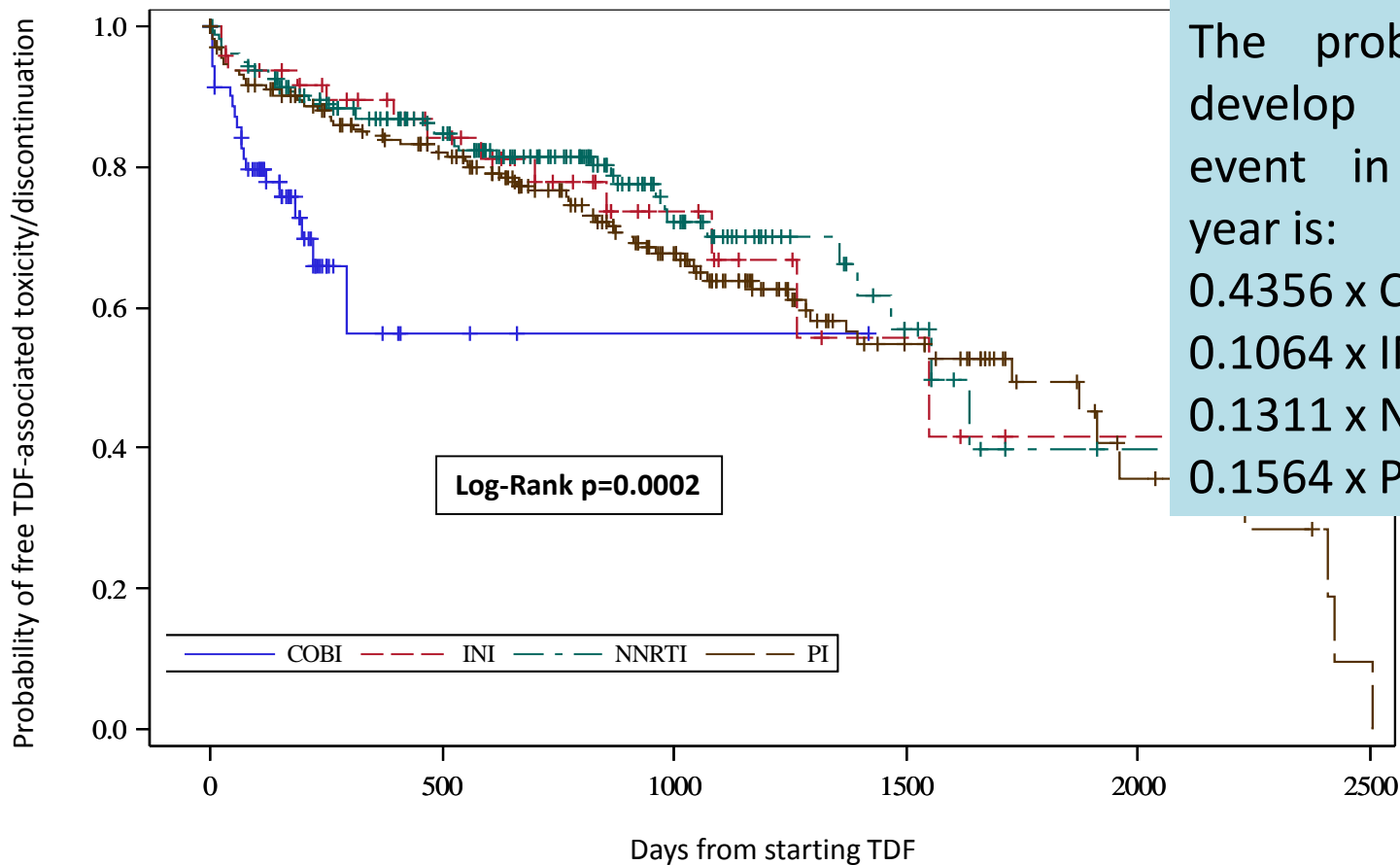
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The probability to develop a toxic event in the first year is:  
0.4356 x COBI  
0.1064 x INI  
0.1311 x NNRTI  
0.1564 x PI



# Results 2:

Cox proportional hazards model to investigate the role of clinical and pharmacological covariates on TDF tolerability (estimated both as development of TDF toxicity or TDF discontinuation)

Parameter	Stratification	Overall Type 3	Probability >Chi-Square	Hazard Ratio	HR-CI
Antiretroviral therapy <sup>1</sup>		0.0277			
	ELV/COBI		0.0067	2.284	1.257 4.151
	INIs		0.8306	0.936	0.511 1.715
	NNRTIs		0.5607	0.881	0.574 1.351
Serum creatinine		0.1230		1.759	0.858 3.606
Body weight		0.1242		0.988	0.974 1.003
Gender <sup>2</sup>	females	0.7804		1.064	0.687 1.648
Patients' age		0.3861		0.992	0.974 1.010
CD4 cell count <sup>3</sup>		0.1315			
	[250-500]		0.1090	0.636	0.365 1.106
	[>500]		0.7379	0.911	0.529 1.570
Duration of TDF therapy <sup>4</sup>		0.5585			
	[1yr-3yrs]		0.6825	0.894	0.524 1.527
	[3yrs-6yrs]		0.1696	0.686	0.400 1.175
	[>6yrs]		0.5691	0.859	0.508 1.451
Tenofovir concentrations*		0.0048		1,021*	1.006 1.036

<sup>1</sup>PIs as the reference; <sup>2</sup>males as the reference; <sup>3</sup>CD4 [0-250] as the reference; <sup>4</sup> <1 yr as the reference.

•per 10 ng/mL increment of TFV concentrations



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TAF:

is used at 25 mg in absence of P-gp inhibitor

is used at 10 mg in presence of P-gp inhibitor

- The possibility that the lack of proper dose adjustment for TDF when given with COBI (or with RTV) could have introduced a bias in the comparison of safety between TAF and TDF during registrative trials, cannot be ruled out



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