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# Dolutegravir-based antiretroviral regimens for HIV liver transplant patients in real life

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# Background

- ✓ Liver transplantation is now considered a safe procedure in selected HIV-infected patients with end-stage hepatic diseases thanks to the advent of potent antiretroviral therapies (ART)
- ✓ Potential concerns related to drug-drug interactions (DDIs) between immunosuppressive agents and ART have been overcome by the availability of booster-free, integrase inhibitor-based regimens

# Background

Immunosuppressant	metabolism
Tacrolimus	CYP3A4, CYP3A5
Cyclosporine	CYP3A4, CYP3A5
Sirolimus	CYP3A4, CYP3A5
Everolimus	CYP3A4, CYP3A5
Micophenolate	UGT1A9, UGT2B7
Azathioprine	Thiopurine methyltransferase
Glucocorticoids	CYP3A4, CYP3A5

Antiretroviral	metabolism
Raltegravir	UGT1A1
Elvitegravir/cobicistat	CYP3A4, CYP3A5
Dolutegravir	UGT1A1 (90%), CYP3A (10%)
Bictegravir	UGT1A1 (50%), CYP3A (50%)

# Background

- ✓ Dolutegravir may represent an attractive option for HIV-infected liver transplant recipients because of minimal dependence to CYP3A-mediated metabolism, high potency and high genetic barrier, as well as for longer half-life compared with raltegravir, allowing once daily administration\* and reduced pill burden
- ✓ However, only a few, scanty data are available on the use of dolutegravir in real life transplant settings, involving exclusively case reports of kidney transplant recipients

# Objective of the study

- ✓ In the present study, we sought to investigate the usefulness of dolutegravir-based maintenance antiretroviral therapies in HIV-infected liver transplant patients regularly followed in the ASST Fatebenefratelli Sacco University Hospital

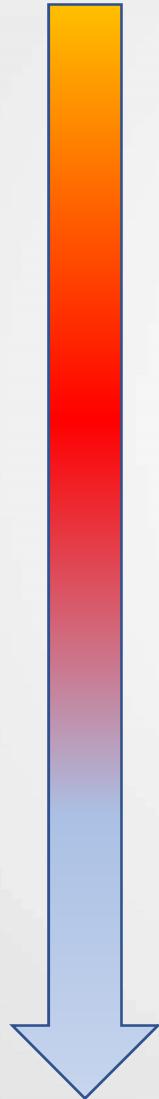
# Methods

- ✓ The database of our Infective Diseases Clinics (with 2300 HIV-infected patients on active follow-up) was investigated in search for HIV, liver transplant recipients on:
  - Calcineurin inhibitor-based immunosuppression;
  - Treated with dolutegravir for at least one month;
  - At least one year of follow-up after dolutegravir introduction/withdrawal;
  - Available data on therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressive trough concentrations

# Demographic characteristics

Demographics	Data
HIV-positive, Liver Tx	9 (8 men, 1 woman)
Mean age	57 ± 3 years
Reasons for liver Tx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hepatocellular carcinoma (n=2)</li> <li>- Hepatitis C (n=5)</li> <li>- HBV/δ related cirrhosis (n=2)</li> </ul>
Time to Tx (last F.U)	5.8 ± 3.2 years
Immunosuppressive therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tacrolimus (n=4)</li> <li>- Cyclosporine (n=5)</li> <li>- Everolimus (n=2)</li> </ul>
Antiretroviral therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TDF/FTC/raltegravir (n=5)</li> <li>- TDF/FTC/dolutegravir (n=1)</li> <li>- TDF/FTC/fosamprenavir (n=1)</li> <li>- ABC/3TC/raltegravir (n=1)</li> <li>- Raltegravir/darunavir/r (n=1)</li> </ul>
Tx: transplantation, F.U.: follow-up; TDF: tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; FTC: emtricitabine; ABC: abacavir; 3TC: lamivudine; r: ritonavir	

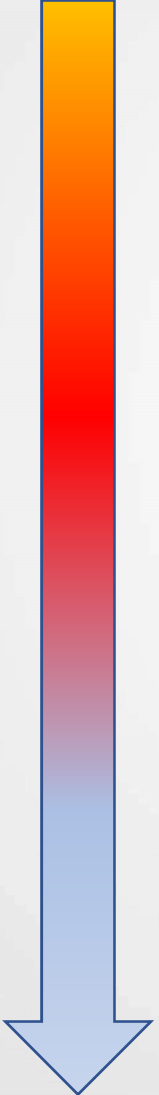
# Time-course of ARV therapy



- Time 0:**                      **Liver Tx (n=9)**
- TDF/FTC/raltegravir (n=5)
  - TDF/FTC/dolutegravir (n=1)
  - TDF/FTC/fosamprenavir (n=1)
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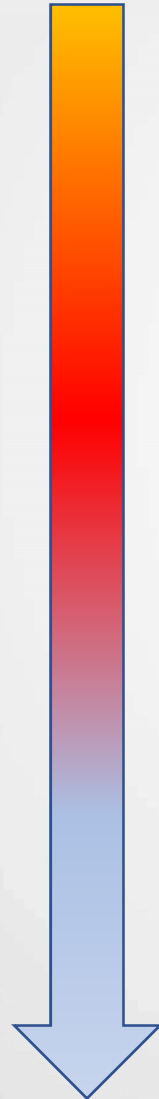
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- TAF/FTC/dolutegravir (n=6)
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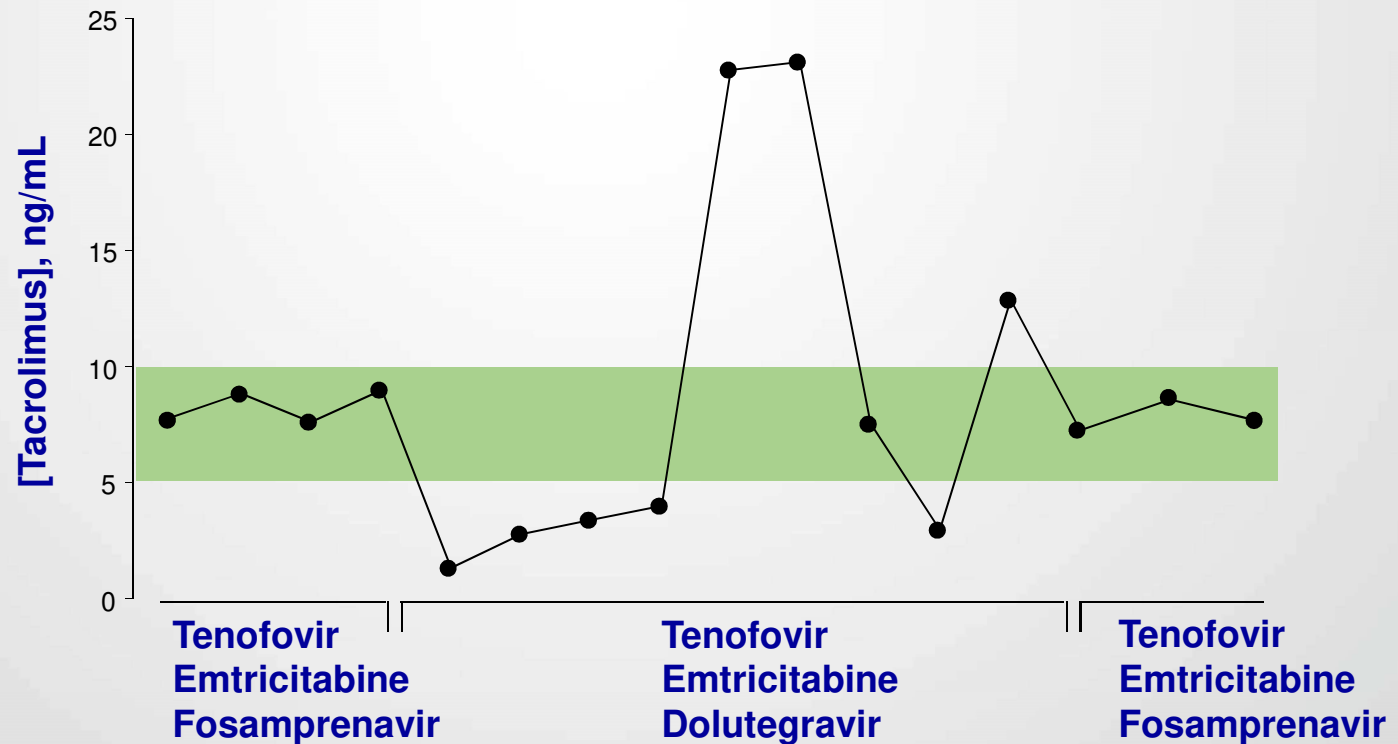
## Last follow-up: 5.8 ± 3.2 years

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- ABC/3TC/raltegravir (n=1)

} 4 out of the 9  
patients returned  
to previous ART

# Patient 1

	Before switch to dolutegravir	During the switch to dolutegravir
Serum AST (IU/L)	38	78 (+105%)
Serum ALT (IU/L)	19	100 (+426%)



# Dolutegravir: Clinical and Laboratory Safety in Integrase Inhibitor–Naive Patients

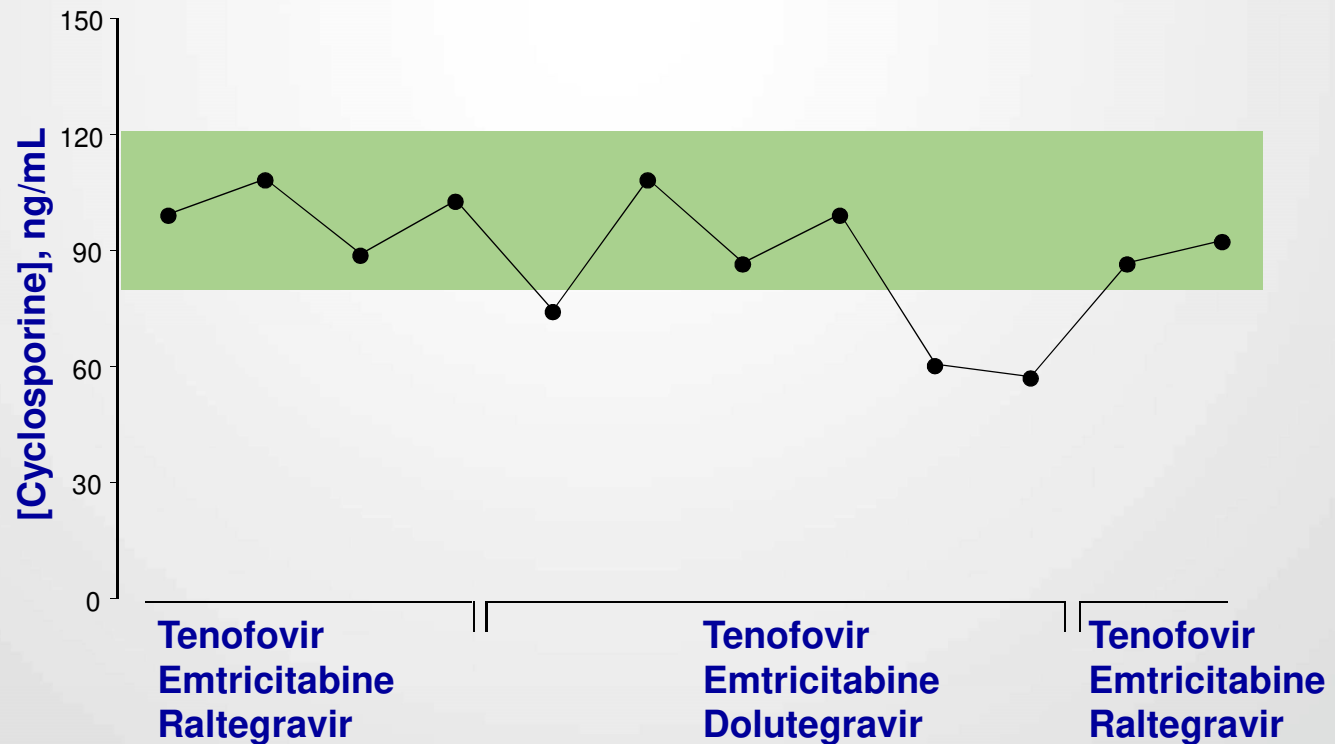
**Table 4.** Summary of grade 2 to 4 post-baseline-emergent liver chemistry toxicities for individuals coinfecting with HBV and/or HCV

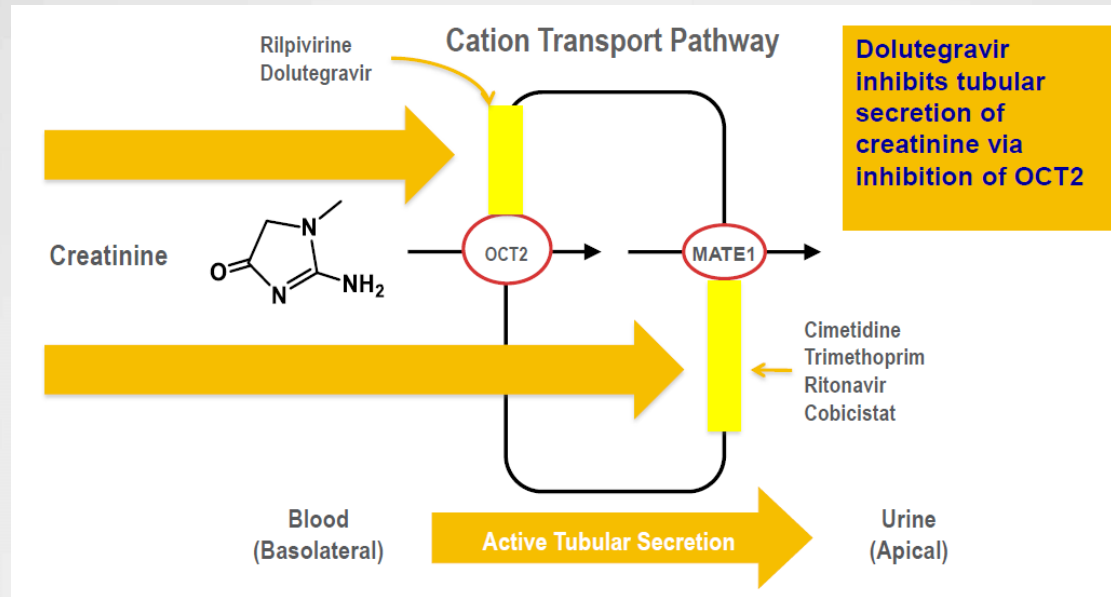
	HBV and/or HCV coinfecting						No HBV and/or HCV coinfection							
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ART naive														
<i>n</i>	116	43	30	20	1100	20	363	385	222	1100	272	385	222	222
ALT, <i>n</i> (%)	18 (16)	10 (23)	7 (23)	2 (10)	37 (3)	2 (10)	14 (4)	17 (4)	4 (2)	37 (3)	9 (3)	17 (4)	4 (2)	4 (2)
AST, <i>n</i> (%)	16 (14)	6 (14)	6 (20)	2 (10)	50 (5)	2 (10)	18 (5)	18 (5)	7 (3)	50 (5)	8 (3)	18 (5)	7 (3)	7 (3)
Bilirubin, <i>n</i> (%)	3 (3)	1 (2)	0	0	20 (2)	0	9 (2)	2 (<1)	1 (<1)	20 (2)	9 (2)	2 (<1)	1 (<1)	1 (<1)
ART experienced (INI naive)														
<i>n</i>	50	65	NA	NA	289	NA	272	NA	NA	289	272	NA	NA	NA
ALT, <i>n</i> (%)	11 (22)	5 (8)	NA	NA	10 (3)	NA	9 (3)	NA	NA	10 (3)	9 (3)	NA	NA	NA
AST, <i>n</i> (%)	10 (20)	12 (18)	NA	NA	8 (3)	NA	8 (3)	NA	NA	8 (3)	8 (3)	NA	NA	NA
Bilirubin, <i>n</i> (%)	6 (12)	8 (12)	NA	NA	35 (12)	NA	27 (10)	NA	NA	35 (12)	27 (10)	NA	NA	NA

Note: ALT = alanine aminotransferase; ART = antiretroviral therapy; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; DTG = dolutegravir; EFV = efavirenz; FTC = emtricitabine; DRV/r = darunavir + ritonavir; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV = hepatitis C virus; INI = integrase inhibitor; RAL = raltegravir; TDF = tenofovir.

# Patient 2

	Before switch to dolutegravir	During the switch to dolutegravir
S. creatinine (mg/dL)	0.8	1.8 (+125%)





...and/or...



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## Nephrotoxicity of Calcineurin Inhibitors

D. Abramowicz, K. M. Wissing, and N. Broeders

*Transplantation Proceedings*, 32 (Suppl 1A), 3S-5S (2000)

## Patient 3

	Before switch to dolutegravir	During the switch to dolutegravir
S. creatinine (mg/dL)	1.1	1.7 (+55%)

## Patient 4

	Before switch to dolutegravir	During the switch to dolutegravir
S. creatinine (mg/dL)	1.3	1.6 (+23%)
GI disturbances**	none	Nausea/vomiting

\*\* episodes of nausea/vomiting can be ascribed either to dolutegravir, cobicistat or calcineurin inhibitors...



**Gestione  
Ambulatoriale  
Politerapie**

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Dott. Dario Cattaneo  
& collaboratori

Mercoledì 13 Marzo 2019

- ✓ Paziente maschio (Vo.Si. 26/03/1961)
- ✓ Trapianto di fegato per cirrosi: 2014
- ✓ TARV al trapianto: raltegravir + atazanavir/r
- ✓ Semplificazione: introdotto dolutegravir, tolto ritonavir
- ✓ Aumento creatinina sierica....
- ✓ .....

Work in  
progress!!  
check back soon...



# Conclusions

- ✓ We have shown here that half of the LTx patients were switched back from dolutegravir-based to their previous antiretroviral regimens. However, not all safety concerns can be univocally ascribed to dolutegravir
- ✓ Significant fluctuation in the tacrolimus and cyclosporine concentrations were observed in some patients immediately after the switch to dolutegravir related to unknown mechanisms
- ✓ The management of HIV-infected liver transplant recipients in clinical practice is still a complex task...

# DDIs between INIs and CNIs

- ✓ Dolutegravir and raltegravir have low propensity to cause DDIs given their neutral effects on metabolic enzymes, however...

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**Reduced raltegravir clearance in HIV-infected liver transplant recipients: an unexpected interaction with immunosuppressive therapy?**

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Unanticipated effects of INIs on ABC transport proteins that play important roles in the disposition of CNI?



**Lower dolutegravir plasma concentrations in HIV-positive patients receiving valproic acid**

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Stefania Cheli

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