

# Pharmacology of antiretroviral drugs in the aging patient and drug-drug interactions

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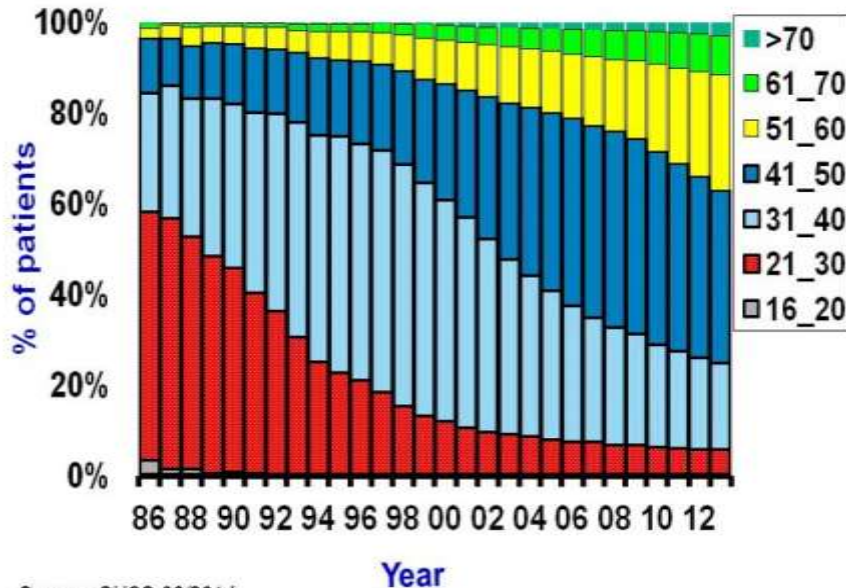
# Presentation outline

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- Aging of HIV population and prevalence of comorbidities
- Age related physiological changes and impact on drug pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
- Risk for DDI and DDI of interest in the aging HIV population

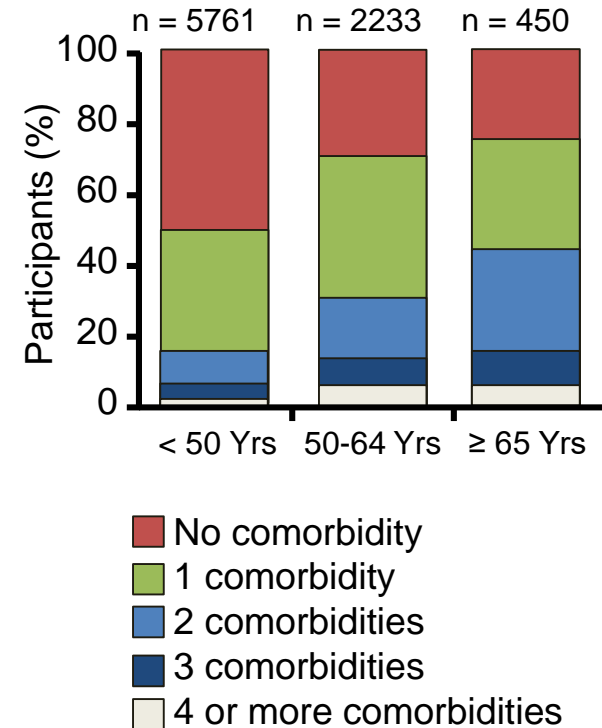
# Aging of HIV population and comorbidities

## Age distribution of active patients by year in the SHCS, 1986-2013



- proportion of older HIV-infected individuals has increased in recent years

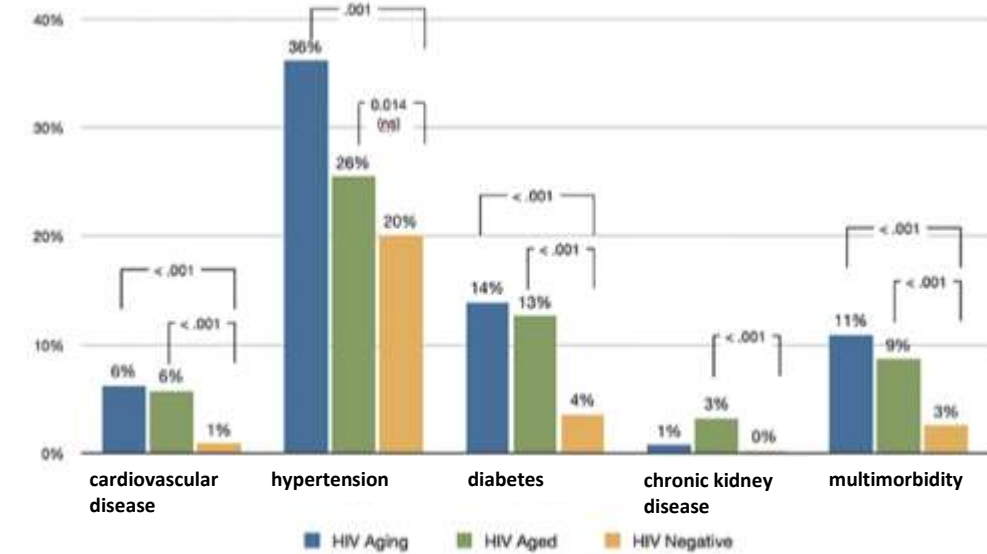
## Number of non-AIDS comorbidities stratified by age



- number of comorbidities increases with older age

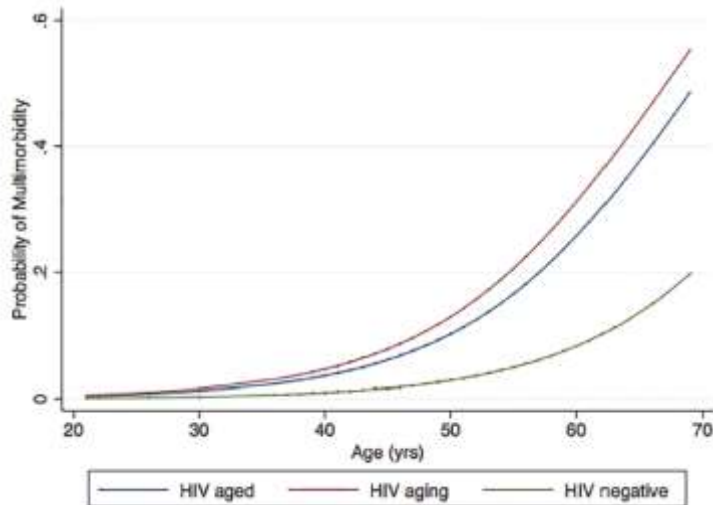
# Prevalence of comorbidities in HIV+ vs HIV- individuals

## Prevalence of comorbidities and multimorbidity



Higher rates of comorbidities and multimorbidity in HIV infected individuals compared to age matched uninfected individuals

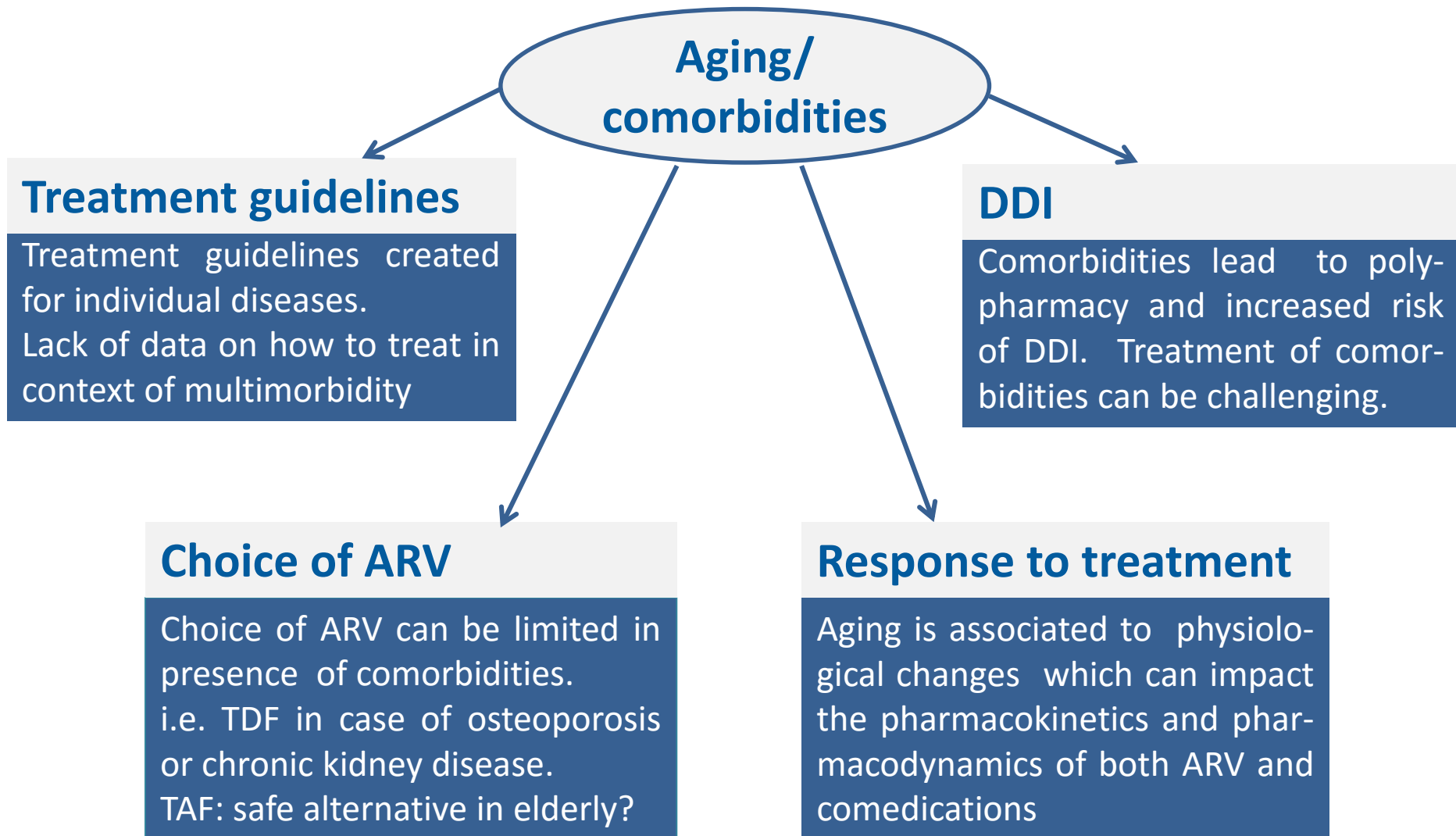
## Probability for multimorbidity according to HIV status and duration of infection



Risk of multimorbidity is higher in individuals with longer duration of HIV infection relative to uninfected individuals and also to individuals who seroconverted at older ages

# Aging and comorbidities pose therapeutic challenges

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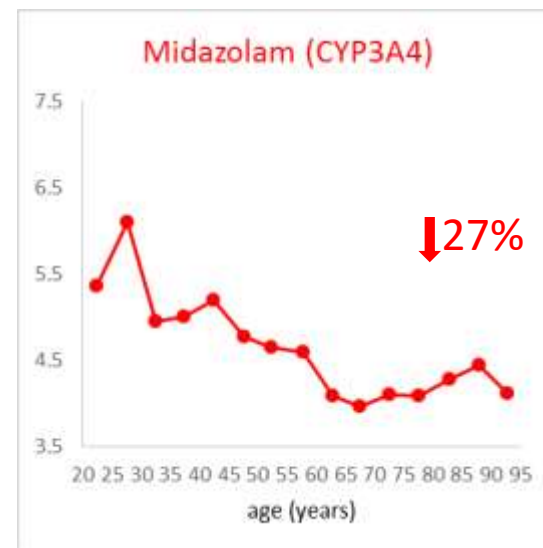
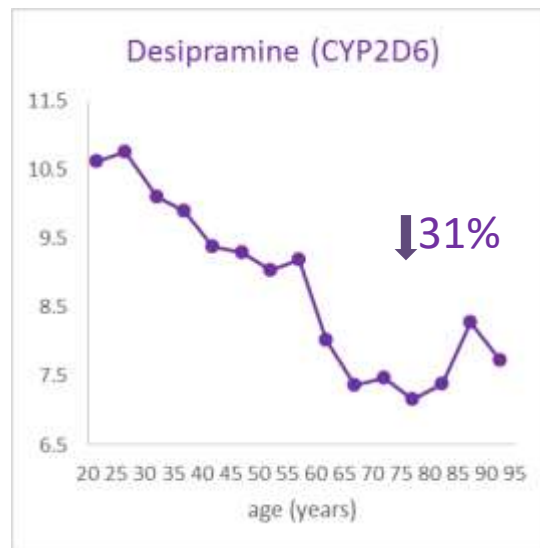
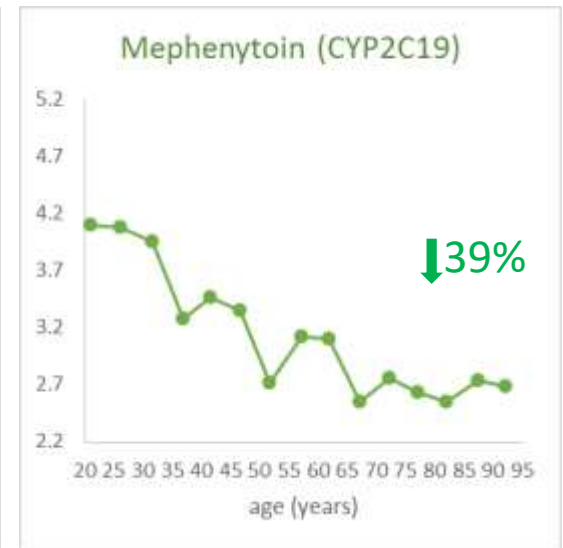
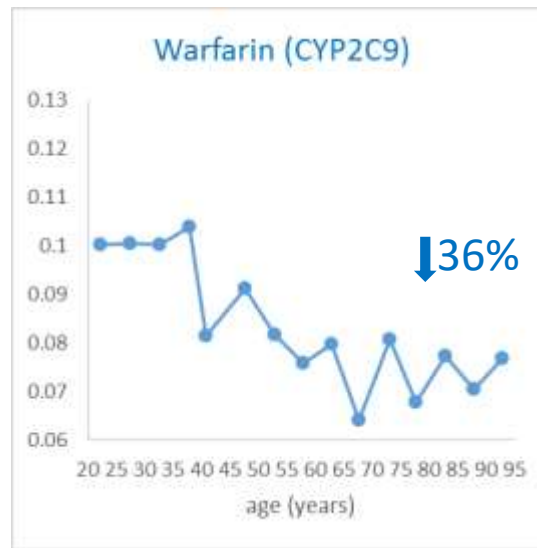
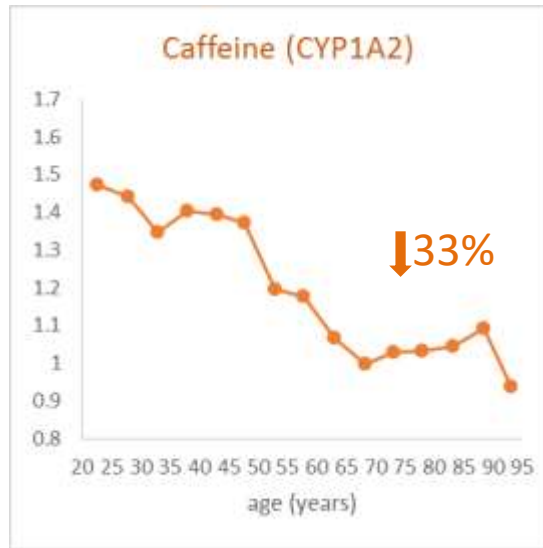


# Age related pharmacokinetics changes

| PK parameter | Altered physiology with aging                                 | Comments  |
|--------------|---|---|
| Absorption   | ↑ gastric pH<br>↓ GI mobility<br>↓ GI blood flow              | ↓ absorption ( <a href="#">atazanavir</a> , <a href="#">rilpivirine</a> )<br>rate of absorption may be delayed  |
| Distribution | ↓ albumin<br>↑ body fat<br>↓ lean muscle and total body water | ↑ free fraction of drugs<br>↑ Vd of lipophilic drugs ( <a href="#">PI</a> , <a href="#">NNRTI</a> )<br>↑ plasma concentration of hydrophilic drugs  |
| Metabolism   | ↓ hepatic mass<br>↓ hepatic blood flow (≈40%)                 | reduced hepatic CL ( <a href="#">PI</a> , <a href="#">NNRTI</a> )<br><br>of note: decrease in hepatic mass will impact<br>low hepatic extraction drugs (capacity limited)<br><br>decrease in blood flow will impact<br>high hepatic extraction drugs (flow limited) |

# Impact of age on drug clearance

Predicted total drug clearance (ml/min kg)



# Age related pharmacokinetics changes

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| PK parameter | Altered physiology with aging                | Comments  |
|--------------|--|---|
| Elimination  | ↓ GFR<br>↓ renal blood flow<br>↓ kidney mass | drug accumulation for renally cleared drugs ( <b>NRTI</b> ) |

Serum creatinine is commonly used to estimate renal function using the equations: Cockcroft-Gault, MDRD or CKD-EPI

**Cave:** estimation of renal function using serum creatinine **may be inaccurate in elderly** as daily creatinine production may be reduced due to decreased muscle mass and/or due to decreased dietary protein intake → overestimation of renal function



# Dose adjustments in case of impaired renal function

| eGFR <sup>(i)</sup> (mL/min) |         |                     |                             |                                     |                                 | Haemodialysis                        |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                              |         | ≥ 50                | 30-49                       | 10-29                               | < 10                            |                                      |
| NRTIs                        |         |                     |                             |                                     |                                 |                                      |
| ABC                          |         | 300 mg q12h         | No dose adjustment required |                                     |                                 |                                      |
| ddl <sup>(ii)</sup>          | ≥ 60 kg | 400 mg q24h         | 200 mg q24h                 | 150 mg q24h                         | > 60 kg: 100 mg/24h             |                                      |
|                              | < 60 kg | 250 mg q24h         | 125 mg q24h                 | 100 mg q24h                         | < 60 kg: 75 mg/24h              |                                      |
| d4T                          | > 60 kg | 30 mg q12h          | 15 mg q12h                  | 15 mg q24h                          | 15 mg q24h                      | 15 mg q24h <sup>(iv)</sup>           |
|                              | < 60 kg | 40 mg q12h          | 20 mg q12h                  | 20 mg q24h                          | 20 mg q24h                      | 20 mg q24h <sup>(iv)</sup>           |
| FTC                          |         | 200 mg q24h         | 200 mg q48h                 | 200 mg q72h                         | 200 mg q96h                     | 200 mg q96h                          |
| 3TC                          |         | 300 mg q24h         | 150 mg q24h                 | 100 mg q24h <sup>(iii)</sup>        | 50-25 mg q24h <sup>(iii)</sup>  | 50-25 mg q24h <sup>(iii), (iv)</sup> |
| TDF <sup>(v), (vi)</sup>     |         | 245 mg q24h         | 245 mg q48h                 | Not recommended                     | Not recommended                 | 245 mg q7d <sup>(iv)</sup>           |
|                              |         |                     |                             | (245 mg q72-96h, if no alternative) | (245 mg q7d, if no alternative) |                                      |
| ZDV                          |         | 300 mg q12h         | No dose adjustment required |                                     | 100 mg q8h                      | 100 mg q8h                           |
| ABC/3TC                      |         | 600/300 mg q24h     | Use individual drugs        |                                     |                                 |                                      |
| ZDV/3TC                      |         | 300/150 mg q12h     |                             |                                     |                                 |                                      |
| ABC/3TC/ZDV                  |         | 300/150/300 mg q12h |                             |                                     |                                 |                                      |
| TDF/FTC                      |         | 245/200 mg q24h     | 245/200 mg q48h             | Use individual drugs                |                                 |                                      |

# Available data on PK of ARV in older HIV patients

| ARV   | Pharmacokinetics in older HIV patients   |
|-------|--|
| PI    | increase in exposure of ritonavir and some boosted PI (ATV, LPV):<br>impact on the magnitude of a drug-drug interaction? |
| NNRTI | no clear evidence of an age effect on exposure of NNRTI  |
| NRTI  | emtricitabine exposure shown to be increased, some data showed altered tenofovir levels                                  |
| INI   | raltegravir exposure not modified  |

## Limitations of current studies:

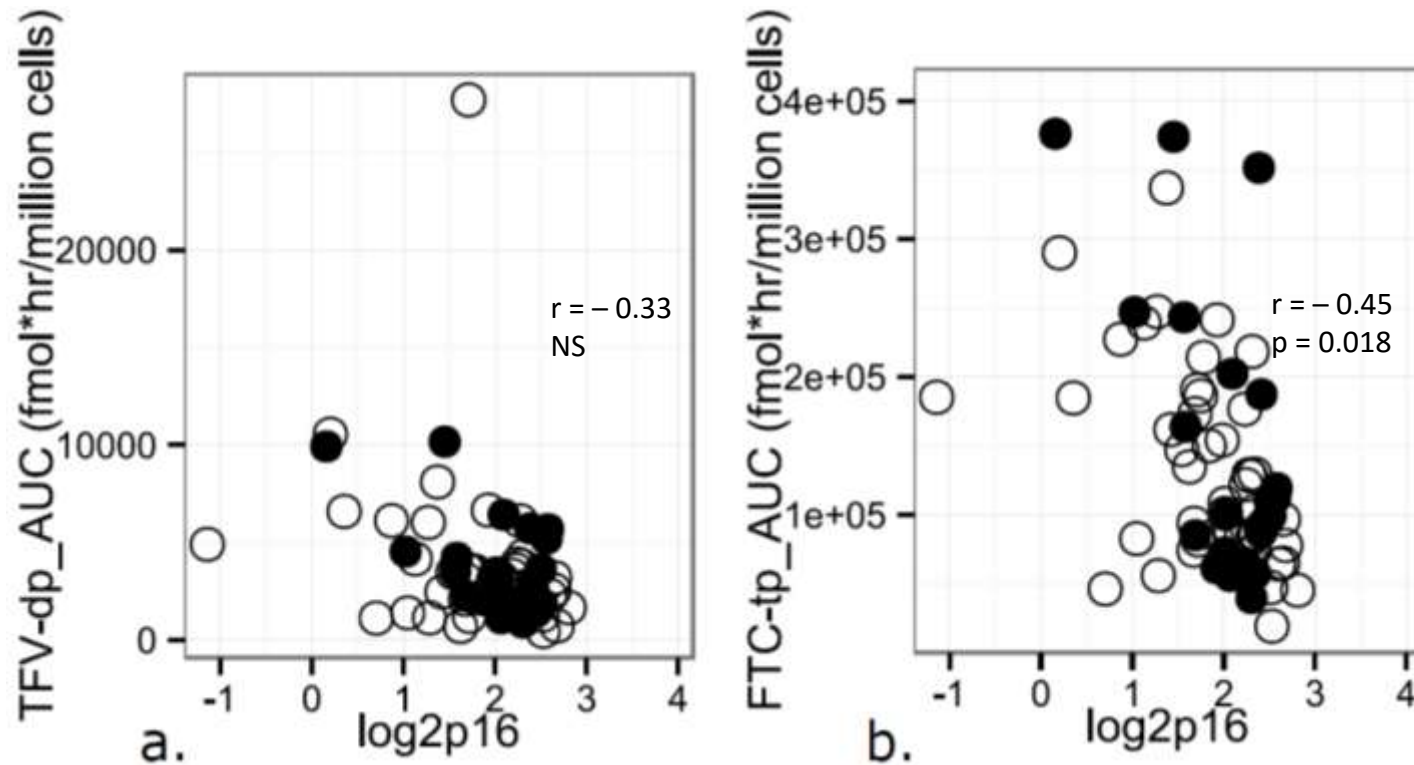
- small amount of patients > 65 years
- exclusion of individuals with significant comorbidities or frailty  
→ possible underestimation of magnitude of pharmacokinetic changes
- data on tolerance/toxicity are missing

Winston A et al. J Antimicrob Chemother 2013; Crawford K et al. AIDS Res Hum Retrovir 2010; Avihingsanon A et al. AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses 2013; Dumond JB et al. HIV Med 2013; Kakuda TN et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther 2010; Vera JH et al. HIV Clin Trials 2015

# T-cell senescence marker and TDF/FTC metabolites

- small study found negative correlation between expression of T-cell senescence marker (p16<sup>INK4a</sup>) and FTC intracellular triphosphate as well as endogenous nucleotide.

Senescence alteration of cellular transport of nucleotides and/or alteration of phosphorylation activity?



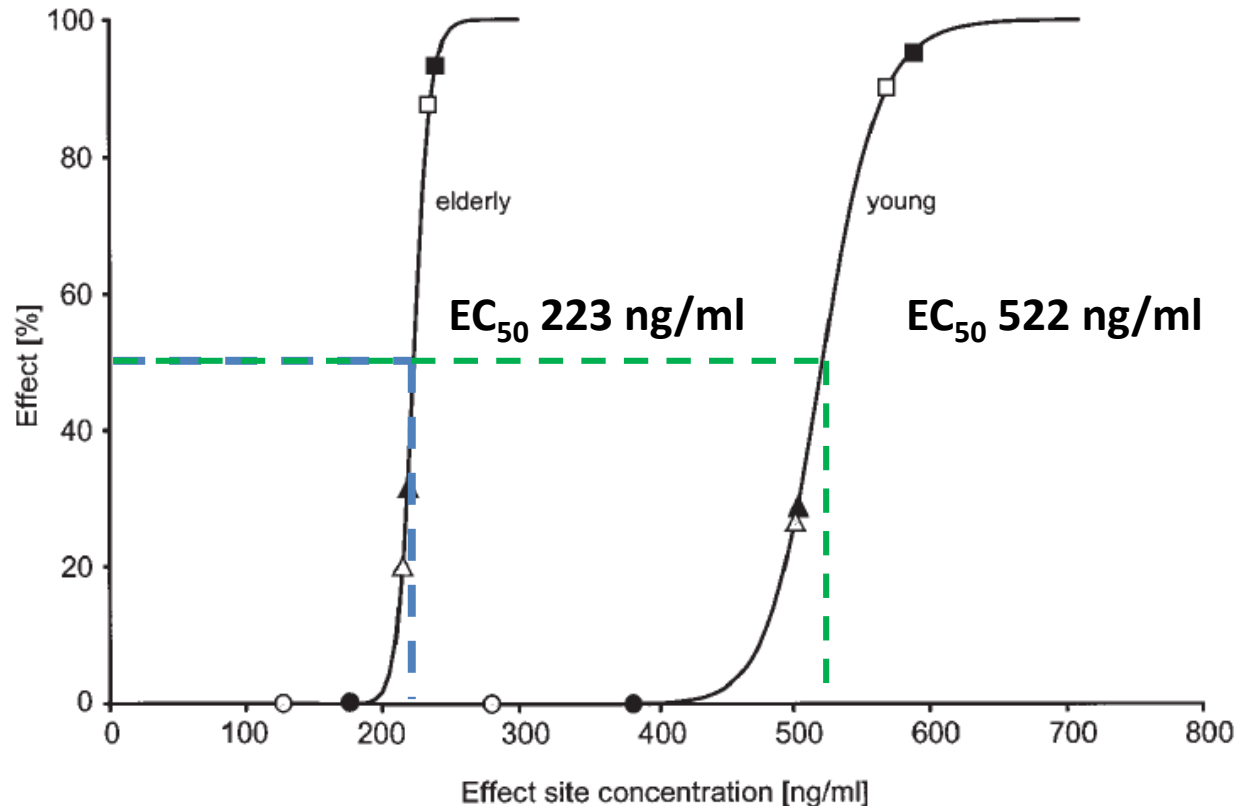
# Age related pharmacodynamic changes

- Age-related changes in the affinity of some medications to receptor sites or in the number of receptors
  - ➔ affect efficacy or increase sensitivity to certain drugs
- Aging can affect the regulation of some physiological processes (i.e renal hemodynamics)

| Drug class             | Potential PD issues   | Comments  |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Antihypertensives      | orthostatic hypotension   | use with caution, start with lower dose           |
| Benz                   | <b>Effects can be aggravated by inhibition of metabolism by PI/r, cobicistat</b>                                |   |
| β-blockers             | β-receptors less responsive   | may require ↑ β-blocker doses to have same effect |
| Diuretics              | ↑ sensitivity drug action   | monitor blood pressure and electrolytes           |
| Anticholinergic agents | ↑ sensitivity (agitation, confusion, decompensation of glaucoma, dry mouth, constipation, urinary retention...) | avoid   |

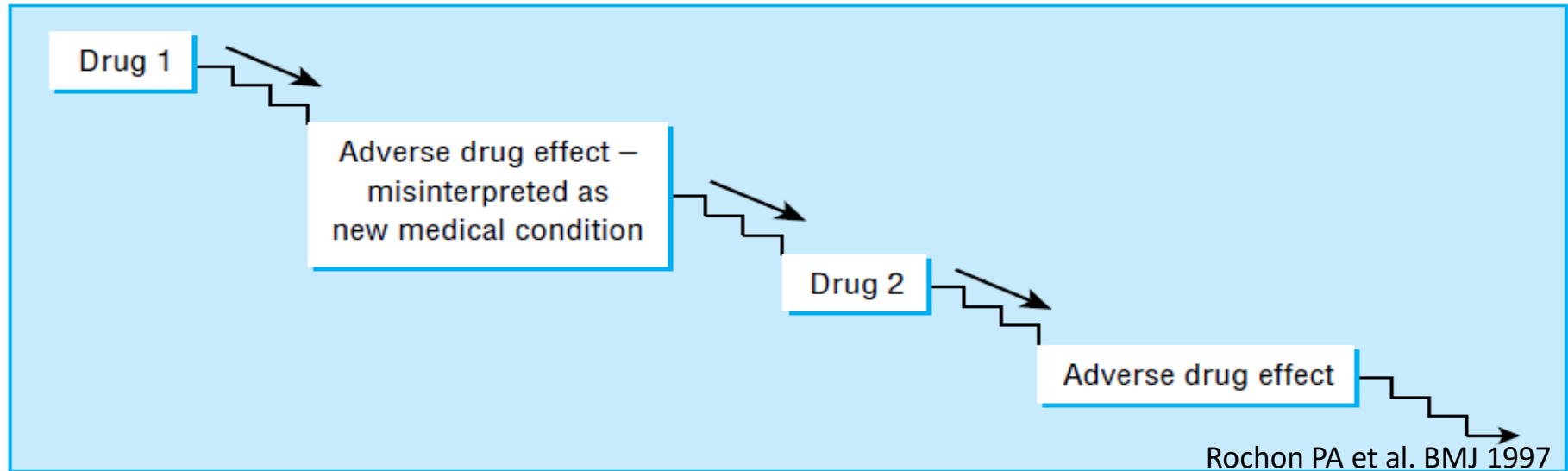
# Effect of age on the PD of midazolam

- assessment of the concentration-hypnotic/sedative effect relationship of midazolam in young (24-28 years) and elderly (67-81 years)



- total dose of midazolam needed to reach sedation in younger was about twice that needed in elderly.

# Adverse drug reactions and the prescribing cascade



## American Geriatrics Society 2015 Updated Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

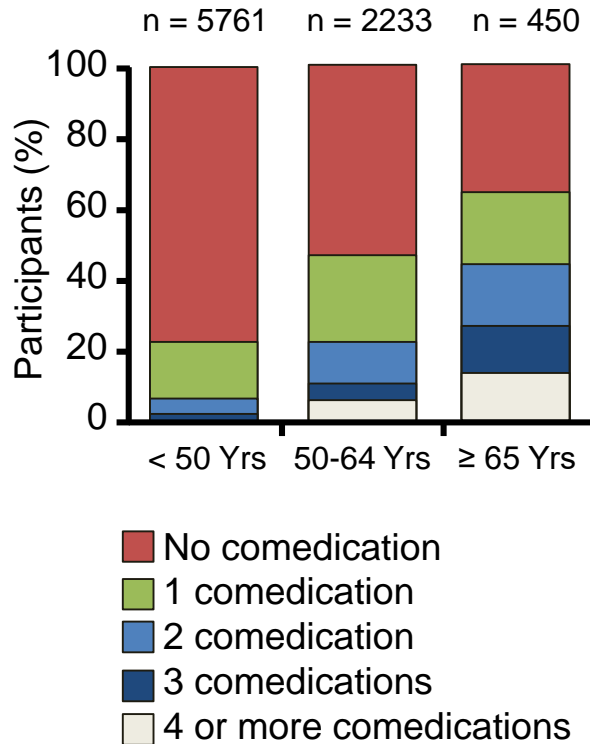
*By the American Geriatrics Society 2015 Beers Criteria Update Expert Panel*

### **STOPP/START criteria for potentially inappropriate prescribing in older people: version 2**

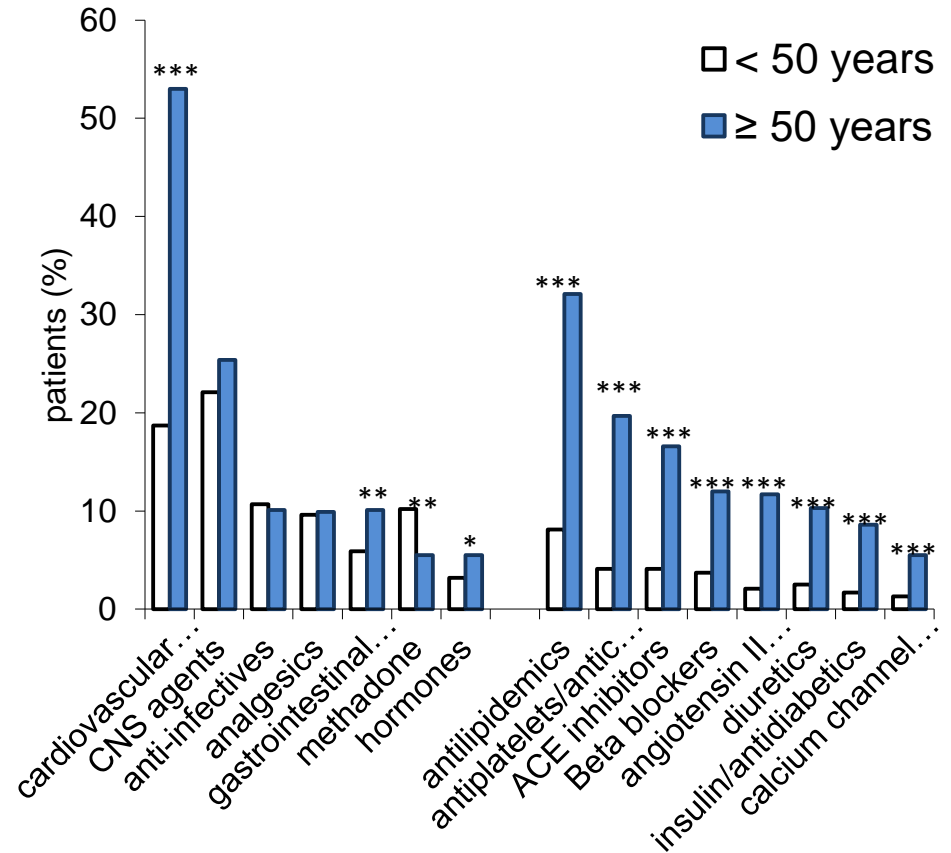
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# Older HIV patients and risk of drug-drug interactions

## Number of non-HIV co-medications stratified by age

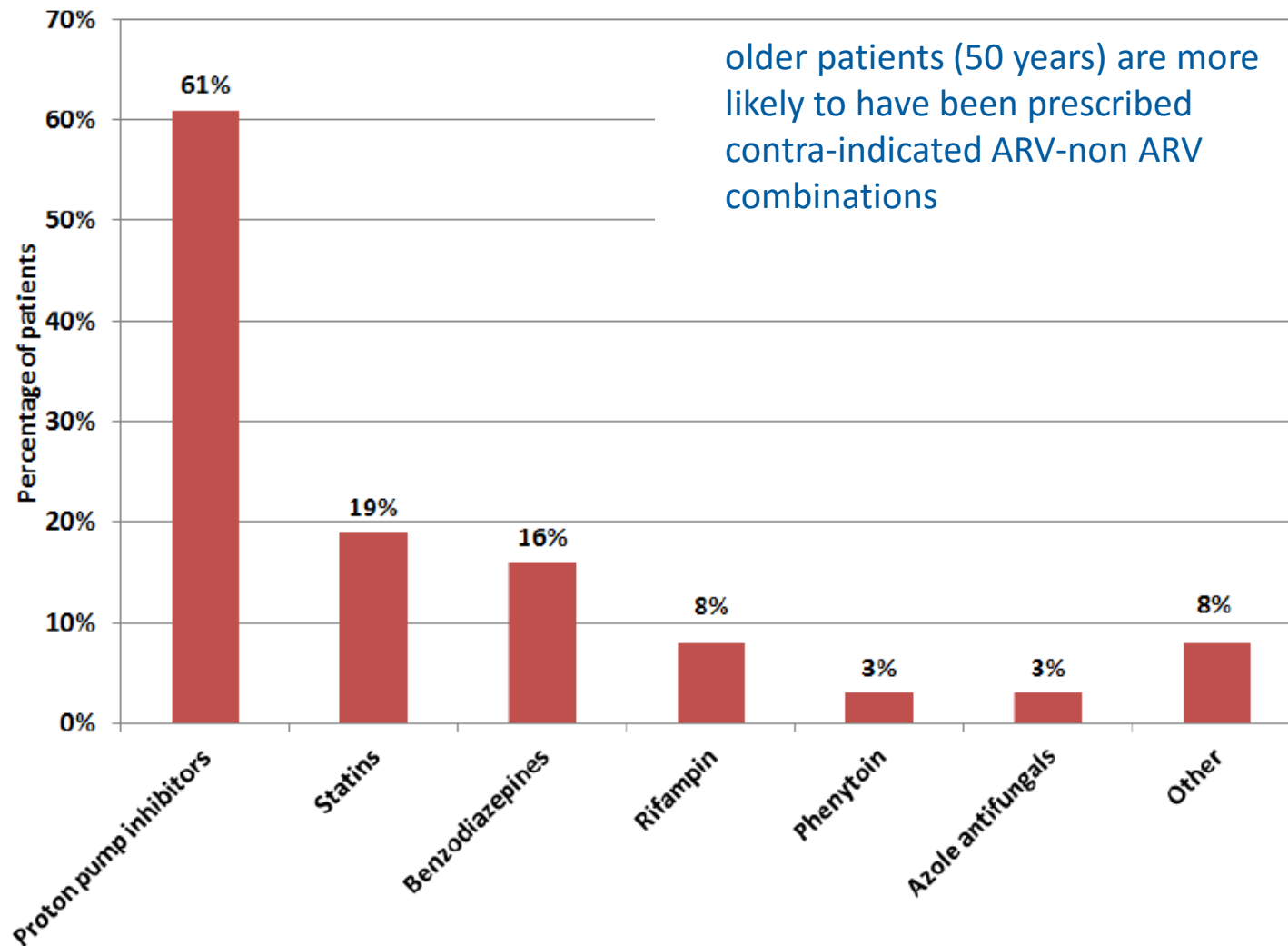


## Prescribed therapeutic classes



older patients receive a higher number of co-medications and thus are more likely to have DDI

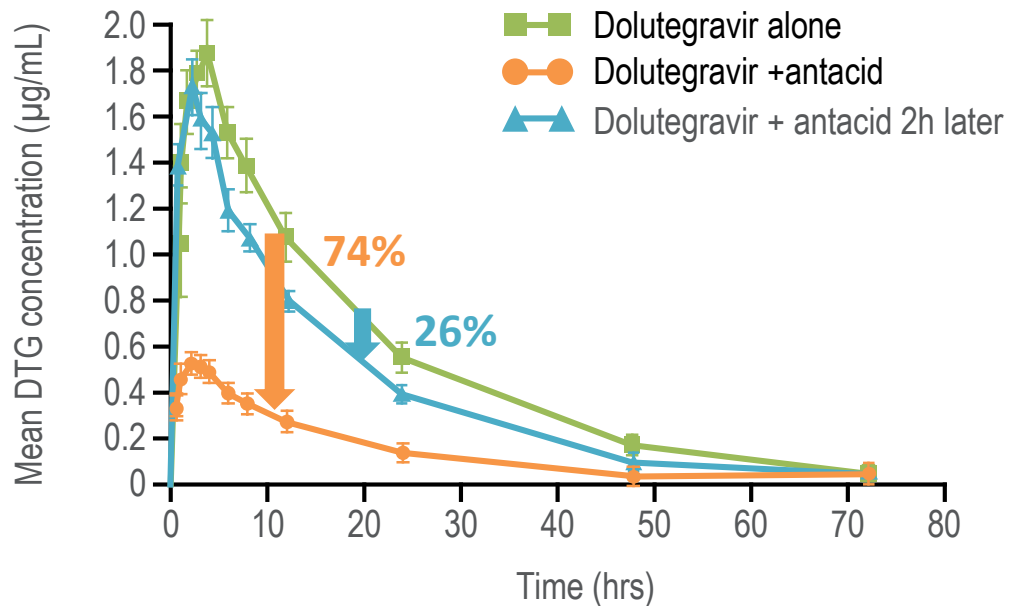
# Contra-indicated ARV/non-ARV drug combinations





# Selected DDI of interest in the aging population

- First-line therapy for osteoporosis consists of biphosphonates: no DDI with ARV  
However biphosphonates are often given with calcium supplementation  
**Cave:** calcium impairs absorption of HIV integrase inhibitors

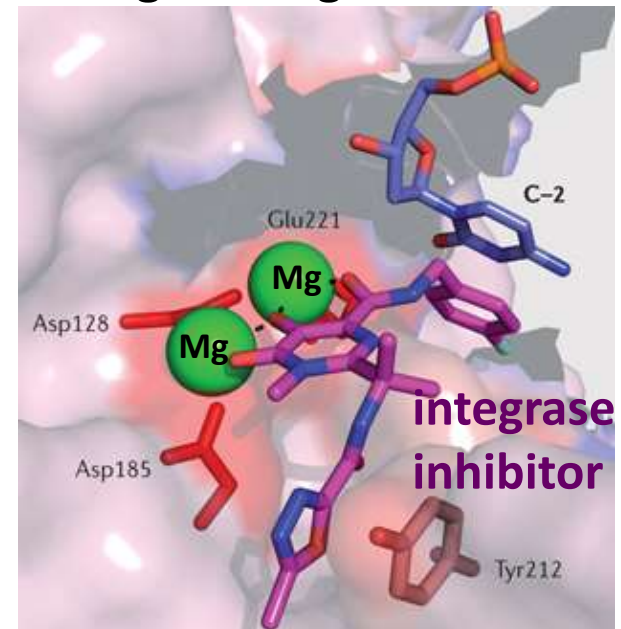


**Chelation of integrase inhibitors with divalent cations (magnesium, calcium, iron, aluminium)**

**Cave:** mineral supplements, antacids

➔ **Separate intake integrase inhibitors with drugs containing divalent cations**

## Binding of integrase inhibitors



# Virologic Failure with a Raltegravir-Containing Antiretroviral Regimen and Concomitant Calcium Administration

Jennie L. Roberts, B.S., Jennifer J. Kiser, Pharm.D., Jason T. Hindman, Pharm.D., M.B.A., and  
Amie L. Meditz, M.D.

Pharmacotherapy 2011

calcium carbonate 1 g–vitamin D<sub>3</sub> 400 IU 3 times/day was started for prevention of osteoporosis associated with long-term glucocorticoid use. After 10 months of an undetectable plasma HIV-1 RNA level and clinical evidence of a high level of adherence, he subsequently developed detectable HIV-1 RNA levels with documented resistance to raltegravir. His antiretroviral therapy was changed back to a protease inhibitor–based regimen, and his HIV-1 RNA level rapidly resuppressed. Calcium binding to the divalent metal ion–chelating motif of raltegravir may have led to subtherapeutic raltegravir levels in this patient. It is important for clinicians to be aware of the potential interaction between polyvalent cation–containing agents, such as calcium,

# Drug-drug interactions with anticoagulants

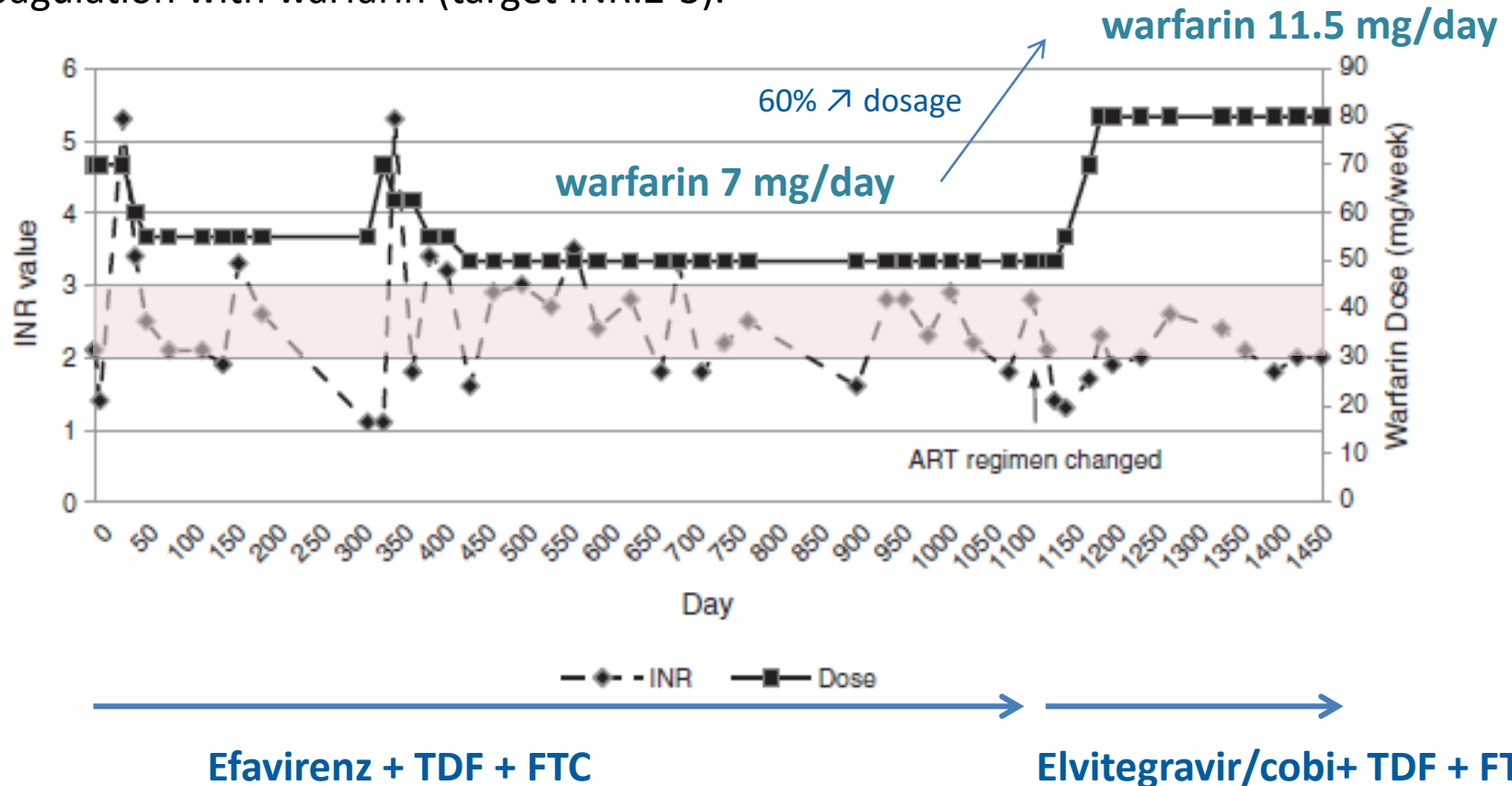
- **acenocoumarol**: substrate CYP2C9 (major), CYP1A2, CYP2C19
- **phenprocoumon**: substrate CYP2C9, CYP3A4
- **warfarin**: CYP2C9 (S-enantiomer, more potent); CYP3A4, CYP1A2, CYP2C19 (R-enantiomer)
- **apixaban, rivaroxaban**: substrates CYP3A4, P-gp,
- **edoxaban**: substrate P-gp, eliminated renally and through biliary secretion
- **dabigatran**: prodrug substrate P-gp, mainly eliminated renally

| anticoagulants | ATV/r | DRV/c | DRV/r | LPV/r | SQV/r | EFV | ETV | NVP | RPV | MVC | DTG | EVG/c | RAL |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| acenocoumarol  | ↓     | ↔     | ↓     | ↓     | ↓     | ↓   | ↑   | ↓   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↓     | ↔   |
| phenprocoumon  | ↑↓    | ↑     | ↑↓    | ↑↓    | ↑↓    | ↓   | ↑↓  | ↓   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↑↓    | ↔   |
| warfarin       | ↓     | ↑     | ↓     | ↓     | ↓     | ↑↓  | ↑↓  | ↓   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↓     | ↔   |
| heparine       | ↔     | ↔     | ↔     | ↔     | ↔     | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔     | ↔   |
| apixaban       | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↓   | ↓   | ↓   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↑     | ↔   |
| rivaroxaban    | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↓   | ↓   | ↓   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↑     | ↔   |
| edoxaban       | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↔   | ↑   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↑     | ↔   |
| dabigatran     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↑     | ↔   | ↑   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↔   | ↑     | ↔   |

- **cave**: when switching pharmacokinetic booster:  
ritonavir and cobicistat: equally potent inhibitors of CYP3A  
**ritonavir induces CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP1A2** whereas **cobicistat does not**  
however cobicistat can be co-formulated with EVG which induces CYP2C9

# Interaction between warfarin and elvitegravir/cobicistat

HIV-infected patient with bilateral lower extremity deep venous thromboembolism requiring anticoagulation with warfarin (target INR:2-3).



**warfarin:** CYP2C9 (S-enantiomer, more potent); CYP3A4, CYP1A2, CYP2C19 (R-enantiomer)

# Cobicistat versus ritonavir and differences in DDI profile

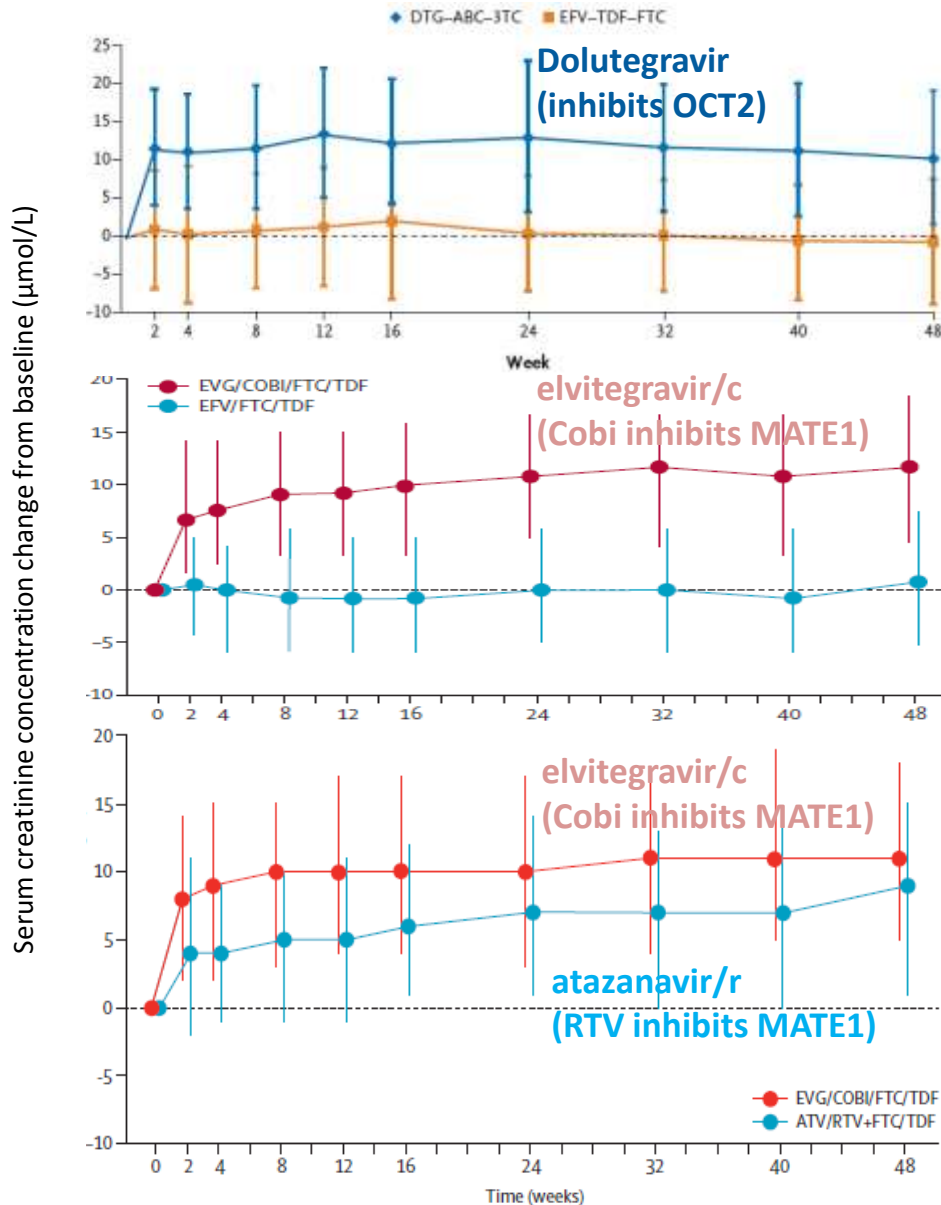
| Therapeutic class       | Drug                    | Metabolic pathway/comments               | RTV | Cobi |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|------|
| Anaesthetics            | <b>propofol</b>         | UGT1A9, UGT1A8 + CYP2B6                  | ↓   | ↔    |
| Analgesics              | <b>diamorphine</b>      | deacetylation + UGT2B7, UGT1A1           | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>dihydrocodeine</b>   | CYP2D6 + UGT2B7 > CYP3A4                 | ↓↑  | ↑    |
|                         | <b>hydromorphone</b>    | UGT2B7                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>morphine</b>         | UGT2B7, UGT1A1                           | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>pethidine</b>        | CYP2B6 > CYP3A4                          | ↓   | ↑    |
| Antibacterials          | <b>sulfadiazine</b>     | CYP2C9                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
| Anti-coagulants         | <b>acenocoumarol</b>    | CYP2C9 > CYP1A2, CYP2C19                 | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>eltrombopag</b>      | UGT1A1, UGT1A3 + CYP1A2, CYP2C8          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>phenprocoumon</b>    | CYP2C9, CYP3A4                           | ↓↑  | ↑    |
|                         | <b>warfarin</b>         | CYP2C9 > CYP1A2, CYP3A4, CYP2C19         | ↓   | ↑    |
| Anticonvulsants         | <b>lamotrigine</b>      | UGT1A4                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>valproate</b>        | UGT1A6, UGT1A9, UGT2B7 + CYP2C9, CYP2C19 | ↓   | ↔    |
| Antidepressants         | <b>agomelatine</b>      | CYP1A2                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>bupropion</b>        | CYP2B6                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>duloxetine</b>       | CYP2D6, CYP1A2                           | ↓↑  | ↑    |
|                         | <b>sertraline</b>       | CYP2B6 > CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4 | ↓   | ↑    |
| Anti-diabetics          | <b>gliclazide</b>       | CYP2C9 > CYP2C19                         | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>glimepiride</b>      | CYP2C9                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>glipizide</b>        | CYP2C9                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>nateglinide</b>      | CYP2C9 > CYP3A4                          | ↓↑  | ↑    |
|                         | <b>rosiglitazone</b>    | CYP2C8 > CYP2C9                          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>tolbutamide</b>      | CYP2C9 > CYP2C8, CYP2C19                 | ↓   | ↔    |
| Antiprotozoals          | <b>amodiaquine</b>      | CYP2C8                                   | ↑   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>atovaquone</b>       | glucuronidation                          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>proguanil</b>        | CYP2C19 > CYP3A4                         | ↓   | ↔    |
| Antipsychotics          | <b>asenapine</b>        | UGT1A4, CYP1A2, CYP3A4                   | ↓   | ↑    |
|                         | <b>olanzapine</b>       | CYP1A2, UGT1A4                           | ↓   | ↔    |
| Antiretrovirals         | <b>efavirenz</b>        | cobicistat administered 150 mg QD is     | *   | D    |
|                         | <b>etravirine</b>       | not sufficient to overcome induction by  | *   | D    |
|                         | <b>nevirapine</b>       | EFV, ETV, NVP                            | *   | D    |
| Beta-blockers           | <b>carvedilol</b>       | UGT1A1, UGT2B4, UGT2B7 + CYP2D6          | ↓↑  | ↑    |
|                         | <b>oxprenolol</b>       | glucuronidation                          | ↓   | ↔    |
| Bronchodilators         | <b>theophylline</b>     | CYP1A2                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
| Contraceptives/HRT      | <b>estradiol</b>        | CYP3A4, CYP1A2 + glucuronidation         | ↓   | ↑    |
|                         | <b>ethinylestradiol</b> | CYP3A4 > CYP2C9, glucuronidation         | ↓   | ↑    |
|                         | <b>norethisterone</b>   | CYP3A4, glucuronidation                  | ↓   | ↑    |
|                         | <b>anastrozole</b>      | CYP3A4 + UGT1A4                          | ↓↑  | ↑    |
| Cytotoxics              | <b>dacarbazine</b>      | CYP1A2 > CYP2E1                          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>droloxifene</b>      | glucuronidation                          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>epirubicin</b>       | UGT2B7                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>formestane</b>       | partly glucuronidation                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>procarbazine</b>     | CYP2B6, CYP1A2                           | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>alosetron</b>        | CYP1A2 > CYP2C9, CYP3A4                  | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>irbesartan</b>       | glucuronidation + CYP2C9                 | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>labetalol</b>        | UGT1A1, UGT2B7                           | ↓   | ↔    |
| Gastrointestinal agents | <b>losartan</b>         | CYP2C9                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>torasemide</b>       | CYP2C9                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>mycophenolate</b>    | UGT1A9, UGT2B7                           | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>gemfibrozil</b>      | UGT2B7                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
| Lipid lowering agents   | <b>pitavastatin</b>     | UGT1A3, UGT2B7 > CYP2C9, CYP2C8          | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>apomorphine</b>      | glucuronidation, sulfation               | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>rasagiline</b>       | CYP1A2                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
| Parkinsonism agents     | <b>ropinirole</b>       | CYP1A2                                   | ↓   | ↔    |
|                         | <b>dexmedetomidine</b>  | UGT1A4, UGT2B10, CYP2A6                  | ↓   | ↔    |

## Differences in DDI profile with co-medications:

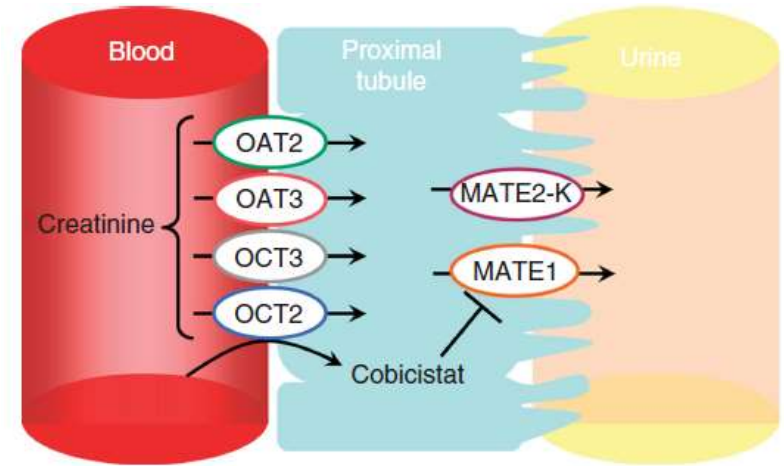
- drugs glucuronidated and/or metabolized by inducible CYPs and without CYP3A involvement  
➔ ↓ RTV and ↔ Cobi
- drugs glucuronidated and/or metabolized by inducible CYPs > CYP3A  
➔ ↓ RTV and ↑ Cobi
- drugs whose metabolism is subject to induction or inhibition  
➔ ↑↓ RTV and ↑ Cobi



# DDI at the level of the kidney



## Renal transporters involved in active tubular secretion of creatinine



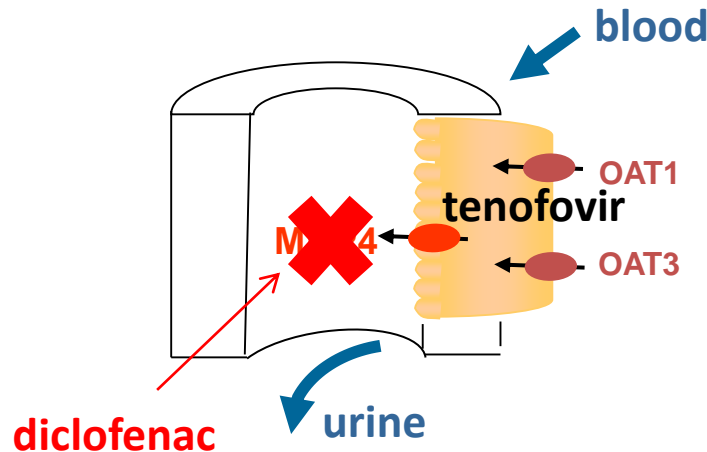
OCT2 mediated uptake of cobicistat into proximal tubule cells facilitates inhibition of MATE1

# Cumulative risk factors leading to acute renal failure

- 70-year old HIV-infected patient well controlled with darunavir/r + TDF + FTC
- co-morbidities: hypertension treated with lisinopril  
dyslipidemia treated with pravastatin
- patient is hospitalized for **anuric acute renal failure**
- five days before admission, patient suffered from nausea, diarrhea, vomiting. He took diclofenac for abdominal pain.

**Question: what is your explanation for the anuric acute renal failure?**

**interaction between diclofenac and tenofovir**

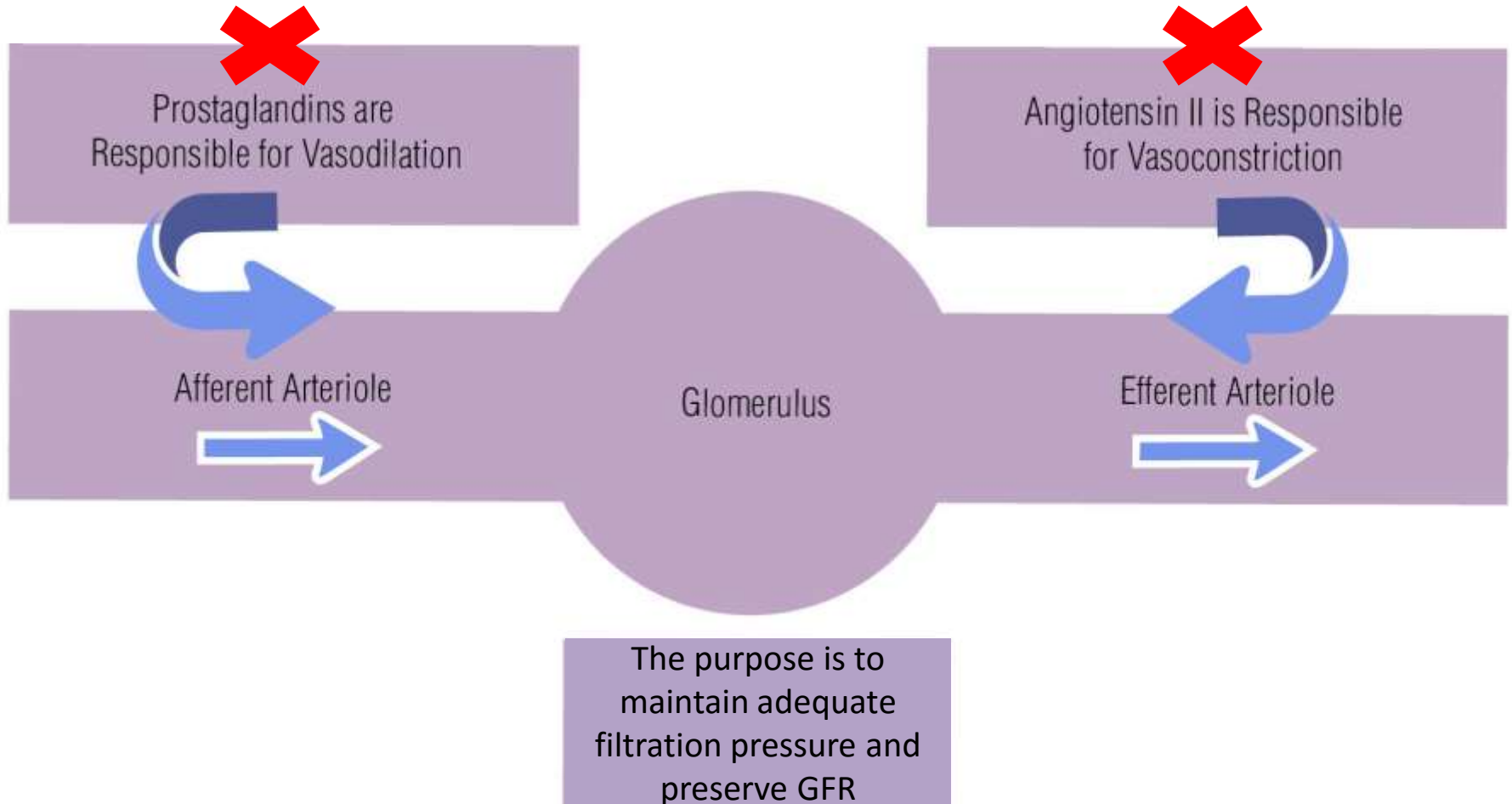


| NSAID             | IC50 MRP4 [uM] |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Celecoxib         | 35             |
| <b>Diclofenac</b> | <b>0.006</b>   |
| Ibuprofen         | 26.3           |
| Indomethacin      | 6.1            |
| Naproxen          | 42.3           |
| Piroxicam         | 216            |

# Hemodynamics of blood flow through glomerulus

NSAID inhibits production of prostaglandins

Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor blocks production of angiotensin II



Renal hemodynamic responses decline with age



# Risk factors for drug-induced nephrotoxicity

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## Drug related risk factors

- altered intraglomerular hemodynamics
- tubular cell toxicity
- nephrolithiasis
- thrombotic microangiopathy
- acute interstitial nephritis
- glomerulonephritis
- rhabdomyolysis
- drug dose and duration of treatment, rate of infusion (iv administration)

## Patient related risk factors

- **older age**
- underlying renal insufficiency
- volume depletion (i.e. diarrhea, vomiting, poor oral intake, fever)
- diabetes
- heart failure

## Preventive measures

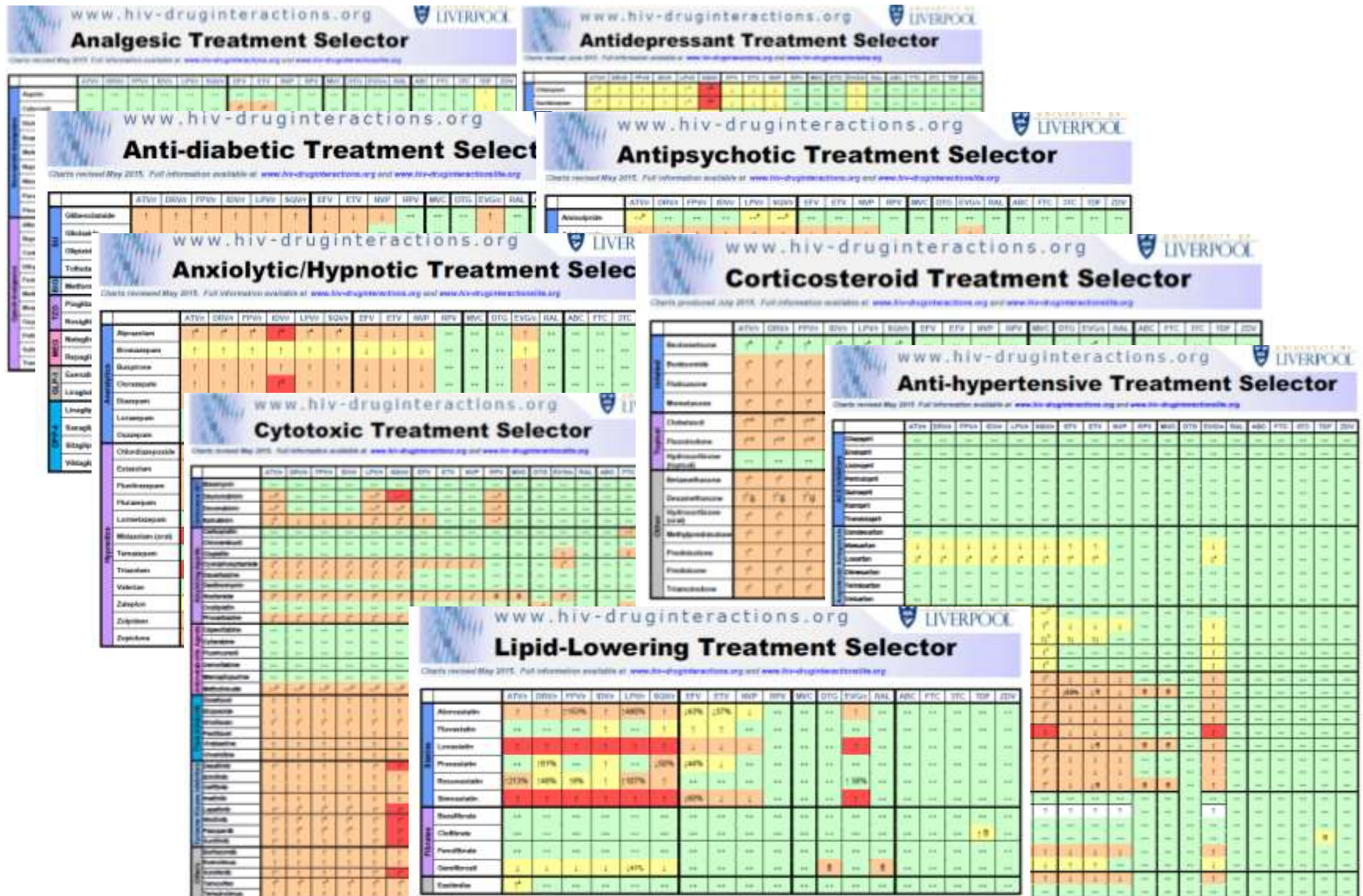
- avoid nephrotoxic drug combinations
- ensure adequate hydration before and during therapy with potential nephrotoxic drugs
- monitor renal function
- inform the patient

**+ early intervention**

# Other DDI of interest in the aging patients

| Drug class                | ARV         | comment  |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Steroids                  | PI,<br>Cobi | increase risk of Cushing syndrome (inhibition of steroids metabolism). If possible avoid PI/r, cob. Beclomethasone: preferred agent (for inhalation)             |
| Antidepressants           | PI,<br>Cobi | avoid tricyclic antidepressants as can cause anticholinergic effects, sedation and orthostatic hypotension. Side effects reinforced by inhibition of metabolism  |
| Benzodiazepines           | PI,<br>Cobi | avoid due to increased sensitivity in elderly (increased risk of cognitive impairment, falls and fractures). Side effects reinforced by inhibition of metabolism |
| Calcium channel blockers  | PI,<br>Cobi | PI/r, cob. can increase hypotensive effect of CCB (inhibition of metabolism). Decrease dosage and slowly titrate with close monitoring                           |
| Peripheral alpha blockers | PI,<br>Cobi | avoid due to risk of orthostatic hypotension. Side effect reinforced by inhibition of metabolism   |
| Statins                   | PI,<br>Cobi | can significantly increase exposure of some statins and thus increase risk of rhabdomyolysis. Follow dosage recommendations                                      |
| NSAID                     | TDF         | avoid long term use and closely monitor renal function   |

# Drug-drug interactions tables



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