

The role of doravirine in the treatment of multidrug-resistant HIV: data from the PRESTIGIO Registry

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PURPOSE

- Doravirine (DOR) is a new NNRTI with improved antiviral activity against NNRTI-resistant viral strains compared to other drugs in the same class [1,2].
- A few small trials have investigated DOR-containing regimens in heavily treatment-experienced people with HIV (PWH) [3-5], but no real-life data are available in the population with 4-class drug-resistant (4DR) strains.
- Therefore, our aim was to explore outcomes of DOR-containing regimens in 4DR-PWH.

METHODS

- Cohort study on PWH with resistance to NRTIs, NNRTIs, PIs and INSTIs from the PRESTIGIO Registry (NCT04098315; <https://registroprestigio.org>) [6] on antiretroviral therapy (ART), who started a DOR-containing regimen.
- The primary outcome was DOR durability (by Kaplan-Meier curve).
- Secondary outcomes included:
 - virological suppression [(VS) ≥ 1 viral load (VL) <50 copies/mL for viremic PWH (by cumulative incidence function);
 - virological failure [(VF) ≥ 2 consecutive VLs ≥ 50 copies/mL or ≥ 1 VL ≥ 1000 copies/mL] for non-viremic individuals (by cumulative incidence function)
 - CD4+ and CD4+/CD8+ changes (by Wilcoxon signed-rank test).
- Follow-up accrued from DOR initiation [baseline (BL)] to its discontinuation or the last available VL.
- Descriptions by median (interquartile range, IQR) or frequency (%); comparison by Mann-Whitney or Fisher's exact test.

CONCLUSIONS

- In our cohort of 4DR-PWH, DOR-containing regimens showed good durability and virological effectiveness.
- These findings support a role for DOR in heavily treatment-experienced individuals, particularly as a switch strategy in the context of suppressed viremia.

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RESULTS

- Overall, 29 viremic and 23 non-viremic 4DR-PWH initiated a DOR-containing regimen (Table 1).
- During a median follow-up of 2.4 [interquartile range (IQR)=0.9-3.2] years, 19 (36.5%) individuals discontinued DOR (Figure 1; Table 2).
- Among the 29 viremic 4DR-PWH, 17 (58.6%) achieved VS (Figure 2).
 - Three/17 (17.6%) had a new VF after undetectability: 2 of them (66.7%) regained VS on DOR (1 with and 1 without changes in accompanying drugs).
- Among the 23 non-viremic individuals, 4 (17.4%) experienced VF (Figure 3).
 - Three/4 (75%) regained undetectability on DOR (1 with and 2 without changes in accompanying drugs).
- Three PWH (all viremic at baseline) selected new resistance-associated mutations: all to DOR, 2 also to accompanying drugs.
- Regarding immunological outcomes, there was a trend towards improvement in the group viremic at baseline (Table 3).

Table 3. Immunological outcomes of DOR-containing regimens in 4DR-PWH

	BL CD4+ count (cell/mm ³)	Last CD4+ count (cell/mm ³)	P	BL CD4+/CD8+ (%)	Last CD4+/CD8+ (%)	p
Overall	494 (171-897)	558 (402-818)	0.372	0.56 (0.16-0.96)	0.45 (0.26-0.86)	0.372
4DR-PWH with BL VL ≥ 50 copies/mL	363 (93-931)	475 (120-888)	0.179	0.35 (0.11-1.38)	0.42 (0.15-1.68)	0.108
4DR-PWH with BL VL <50 copies/mL	652 (438-790)	614 (432-738)	0.708	0.6 (0.46-0.88)	0.57 (0.38-0.78)	0.782

Figure 1. Cumulative probabilities of DOR retention in 4DR-PWH

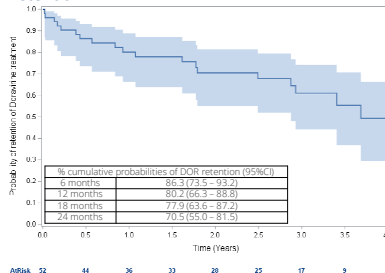


Figure 2. Cumulative probabilities of VS in 4DR-PWH who started DOR at VL ≥ 50 copies/mL

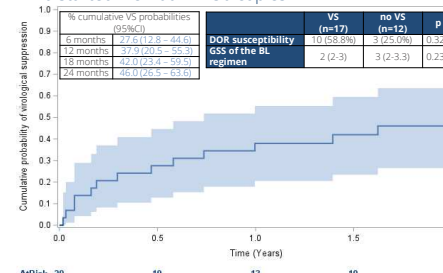


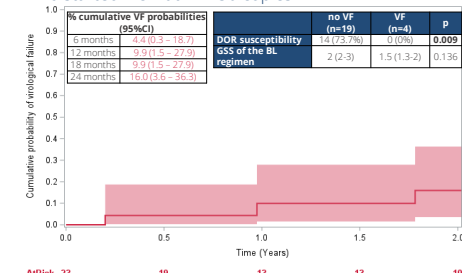
Table 1. BL characteristics of 4DR-PWH who initiated a DOR-containing regimen

BL characteristics	4DR-PWH with BL VL ≥ 50 copies/mL (n=29)	4DR-PWH with BL VL <50 copies/mL (n=23)
Age (years)	57.4 (54.1-62.4)	57.7 (51.5-60.3)
Male sex assigned at birth	24 (82.8%)	16 (69.6%)
ART duration (years)	25.0 (22.6-28.7)	26.6 (23.9-28.8)
VL (copies/mL)	295 (123-17800)	19 (<1-29)
CD4+ T-cell count (cells/mm ³)	360 (93-931)	630 (405-808)
CD4+ nadir (cells/mm ³)	64 (8-171)	92 (27-201)
Number of drugs in the BL regimen	4 (4-6)	3 (2-5)
Drugs contained in the BL regimen		
≥1 NRTI	24 (82.8%)	10 (43.5%)
DOR	29 (100%)	23 (100%)
PI/b	16 (55.2%)	10 (43.5%)
2nd generation INSTI	18 (62.1%)	17 (73.9%)
MVC and/or T20	6 (20.7%)	4 (17.4%)
FTI and/or LEN and/or ISL	15 (51.7%)	7 (30.4%)
GSS of the BL regimen	2.5 (2-3)	2 (1.5-2.5)
DOR susceptibility	13 (44.8%)	14 (60.9%)

Table 2. Reasons for DOR discontinuation in 4DR-PWH

	4DR-PWH with BL VL ≥ 50 copies/mL (n=29)	4DR-PWH with BL VL <50 copies/mL (n=23)
DOR discontinuation	19 (65.5%)	4 (17.4%)
VS	6 (31.6%)	7 (35.3%)
Upgrade	1 (16.7%)	4 (57.1%)
Pill burden reduction	2 (33.3%)	0 (0%)
Toxicity	1 (16.7%)	2 (28.6%)
Drug-drug interactions	0 (0%)	1 (20%)
Loss to follow-up	1 (16.7%)	0 (0%)
Death	1 (16.7%)	1 (25%)

Figure 3. Cumulative probabilities of VF in 4DR-PWH who started DOR at VL <50 copies/mL



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