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Control Number #: 3392

Session # / Title: 026/HIV: Antiretroviral Treatment

Session Type: Poster Session Presentation Number: H-366

Presentation Title: No Increased Antiretroviral Potency By The Addition Of Enfuvirtide To A Haart Regimen Including Boosted

P.i In Naive Hiv-infected Patients, Anrs Co3 Aquitaine Cohort

Session Day / Time: 9/17/2007 1:00:00 PM

Session Location: Hall D

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Sincerely,

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No increased antiretroviral potency by the addition of Enfuvirtide to a HAART regimen including boosted P.I. in naive HIV-infected patients, ANRS CO3 Aquitaine cohort.

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Background : Six months after HAART, current CD4 cells count and viral load (VL), but not values at baseline, are strongly associated with disease progression. We hypothesize that HAART potency might be enhance by combination of enfuvirtide (T20).

Our study aims to assess whether T20 can early enhance a HAART regimen efficiency in naive HIV1-infected patients.

Patients and methods: All naïve patients beginning a HAART regimen (boosted PI with two NRTI or analogous) between 01/01/2004 and 31/12/2006 were included (T20+HAART group). A sample of patients matched by CD4 and VL at baseline, therapeutic criteria, was selected for comparison (HAART group).

We analyzed CD4 and VL evolution six month after HAART initiation.

Results: At baseline, 21 patients were recruited (90.5% male) (table 1). No T20 resistance-associated mutations were identified. The median time of T20 used was 103 days (IQR: 86-117). At 6 months, in the T20+HAART group, the median CD4 count was 383/mL (IQR: 268-609) *versus* 295/mL (IQR: 159-404) in the HAART group (p=0.12); the percentage of CD4 was 23.2 [16.3-32.1] *versus* 23.4 [15.9-28.4], (p=0.73); VL decline was 4.13 log [3.73-4.48] *versus* 3.92 log [3.48-4.33], (p=0.39).

Conclusion: At 6 months, viral suppression and CD4 cells progression have not been improved by the association of T20 with a HAART regimen including a boosted PI.

Table 1: Patients characteristics at baseline according to patients groups

Characteristics	Н	AART group (n = 21)	T20	+HAART group (n = 21)	p
	n	(%)	n	(%)	
Male gender	14	(66.7)	19	(90.5)	0.06
Disease stage A	14	(66.7)	12	(57.1)	0.557
В	3	(14.3)	2	(9.5)	
C (AIDS)	4	(19.0)	7	(33.4)	
Transmission group MSM	10	(47.6)	12	(57.1)	0.159
IDU	1	(4.8)	-		
Heterosexual	10	(47.6)	6	(28.6)	
Other	-		3	(14.3)	
	median	[IQR]	median	[IQR]	
Age (years)	42.9	[37.2-50.2]	42.6	[38.9-49.0]	0.772
CD4 cells, median (/mL)	176	[83-266]	162	[47-249]	0.521
CD4 cells (%)	14.2	[9.9-17.8]	10.6	[4.5-18.4]	0.414
VL (copies/mL)	347348	[153101-870330]	527200	[225900-1198000]	0.517