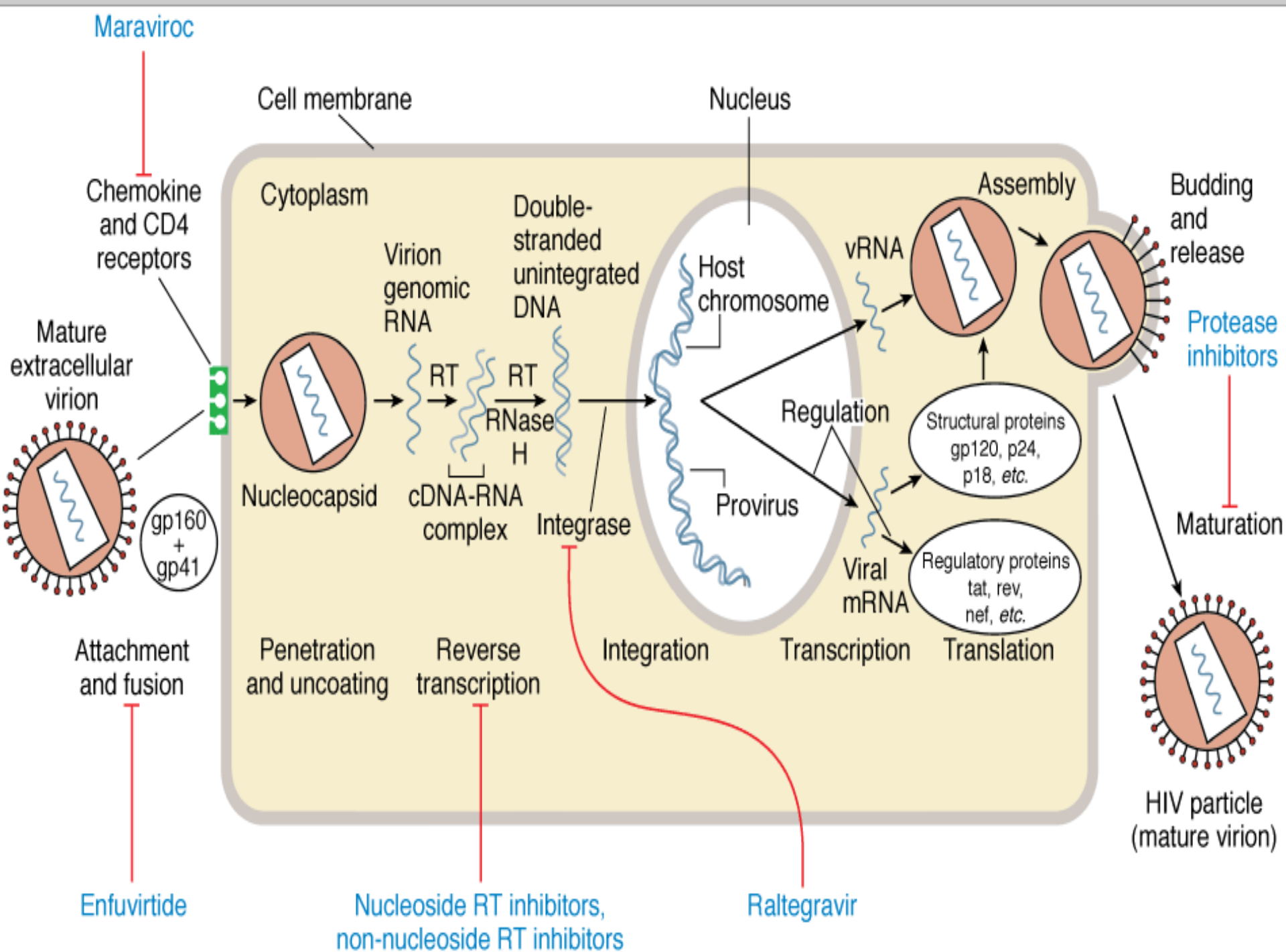


# PHARMACOTHERAPY OF HIV INFECTION



## **Nucleoside reverse transcriptase**

**inhibitors** : Zidovudine (AZT), Didanosine, Stavudine, Lamivudine, Abacavir, Tenofovir, Emtricitabine

## **Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase**

**inhibitors** : Nevirapine, Efavirenz, Etravirine

**Protease inhibitors**: Ritonavir, Atazanavir, Indinavir, Nelfinavir, Saquinavir, Lopinavir, Fosamprenavir, Darunavir

**Entry (Fusion) inhibitor**: Enfuvirtide

**CCR5 receptor inhibitor**: Maraviroc

**Integrase inhibitor**: Raltegravir, Dolutegavir

# **NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS (NRTIs)**

**Zidovudine, Stavudine** --- Thymidine  
analogues

**Didanosine, Tenofovir** --- Adenosine  
analogues

**Lamivudine, Emtricitabine** --- Cytosine  
analogue

**Abacavir** --- Guanosine analogue

Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Zidovudine</b> (AZT) 200 mg tid or 300 mg Bid</p> <p>Fixed-dose formulation with lamivudine + - Abacavir</p>	<p>Macrocytic anemia, neutropenia</p> <p>Lipoatrophy, dyslipidaemia, insulin resistance</p>	<p>Avoid concurrent stavudine and myelo- suppressive drugs (eg, ganciclovir, ribavirin)</p> <p>Safe in pregnancy</p>

Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Didanosine</b> (ddl)</p> <p>400 mg od or 200 mg bid</p> <p>Gap between meals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peripheral neuropathy, pancreatitis, hyperuricemia.</li><li>• Possible increase in myocardial infarction.</li><li>• Reports of retinal changes and optic neuritis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid concurrent neuropathic drugs (e.g. stavudine, isoniazid, ribavirin).</li><li>• Stavudine and ribavirin predispose to pancreatitis</li></ul>

Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Stavudine</b></p> <p>30–40 mg bid, depending on weight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peripheral neuropathy</li><li>• Pancreatitis, lipodystrophy, Hyperlipidemia.</li><li>• Progressive ascending neuro-muscular weakness (rare)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid concurrent zidovudine and neuropathic drugs (Didanosine, zalcitabine, isoniazid)</li></ul>

Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Lamivudine</b>  150 mg bid or  300 mg  od  100mg /day  in HBV</p> <p>FDC with  Zidovudine &amp;  Abacavir</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least toxic, headache, nausea.</li> <li>• Neutropenia</li> <li>• Pancreatitis in pediatric patients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also effective against HBV</li> <li>• Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole increase bio-availability</li> <li>• Safe in pregnancy</li> </ul>



Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Emtricitabine</b> 200 mg Od, only as FDC tablets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With tenofovir for preexposure prophylaxis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least toxic, Fatigue, headache, nausea, diarrhoea</li> <li>• Discoloration of exposed skin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also effective against HBV</li> <li>• Safe in pregnancy</li> <li>• one of first line HIV drugs</li> </ul>

Agent	Comments	Adverse Effects
<p><b>Abacavir</b></p> <p>300 mg bid or 600 mg OD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FDC with Lamivudine Zidovudine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Testing to rule out presence of HLA-B5701 allele is recommended prior to initiation of therapy.</li><li>• Avoid alcohol.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rash, hypersensitivity Reaction (8%), nausea.</li><li>• Possible increase in myocardial Infarction.</li></ul>

Agent	Adverse Effects	Comments
<p><b>Tenofovir</b></p> <p>300 mg od</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Also for HBV infection</li><li>• Di-phosphate active</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renal Insufficiency</li><li>• Excessive renal phosphate and calcium losses</li><li>• Osteomalacia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid concurrent Probenecid, didanosine.</li><li>• FDC with Emtricitabine, Efavirenz</li><li>• Take with food</li></ul>

# NONNUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

Agent	Comments	Adverse Effects
<p><b>Nevirapine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safe in pregnancy.</li><li>• Not in HIV 2</li><li>• Not with</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dose escalate from 200 mg daily over 14 days to decrease frequency of rash.</li><li>• Microsomal enzyme inducer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rash, hepatitis (occasionally fulminant).</li><li>• Adjust dose in hepatic Insufficiency.</li></ul>

# Etravirine

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

For resistant cases

Potent inducer of CYP3A4

Only in combination with 1NRTI +  
1NNRTI

Agent	Recommendations	Adverse Effects
<p><b>Efavirenz</b></p> <p>600 mg od</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not in HIV2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take on an empty stomach.</li><li>• Bedtime dosing recommended initially to minimize CNS side effects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central nervous system effects, rash, ↑ Liver enzymes.</li><li>• Teratogenic in primates</li></ul>

# **HIV PROTEASE INHIBITORS**

**Saquinavir, Atazanavir, Indinavir,  
Lopinavir/ ritonavir, Nelfinavir,  
Ritonavir, Fosamprenavir, darunavir**

## **Adverse effects**

GI intolerance, asthenia, headache, dizziness, limb and facial tingling, numbness and rashes. Lipodystrophy (abdominal obesity, buffalo hump with wasting of limbs and face), dyslipidaemia (raised triglycerides and cholesterol) and insulin resistance. Indinavir increases risk of urinary calculi.

**To be taken with food** --- Saquinavir,  
Atazanavir , Lopinavir, Nelfinavir, Ritonavir

**To be taken on empty stomach** ---  
Indinavir

**Adjust dose in hepatic insufficiency** ---  
Atazanavir, Indinavir, Lopinavir

**Ritonavir** --- Inhibits metabolism of all  
current HIV protease inhibitors ; combined  
with most ( **exception nelfinavir** ) ---

**Boosted Protease inhibitor regimen**



# FUSION INHIBITORS

## Enfuvirtide

- 90 mg s.c. bid, Store at room temperature as powder; refrigerate once reconstituted.
- **Not active against HIV-2**
- No cross resistance with other classes.
- Reserved for failed therapy with all other feasible antiretroviral regimens.

**Adverse effects** : injection-site reactions; pain, erythema, induration; nodules or cysts.

# CCR5 RECEPTOR INHIBITORS

## Maraviroc

- No effect on CXCR4 tropic or dual CCR5/CXCR4 tropic viruses.

**??? impaired immune surveillance and increased risk of infection/malignancy**

300 mg bid; 150 mg bid with CYP3A inhibitors;  
600 mg bid with CYP3A inducers.

Muscle and joint pain, diarrhea, sleep disturbance, ↑ liver enzymes. **Avoid rifampin**

# INTEGRASE INHIBITOR

**Raltegravir** --- both HIV-1 and HIV-2.

**Adverse effects** --- nonspecific; myopathy, Diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, headache, dizziness, muscle aches,  $\uparrow$  creatine kinase.

**Avoid rifampin**

400 mg bid. Increase dose to 800 mg bid if administered with rifampin, Separate dosing from antacids by  $\geq 4$ Hrs

## **Dolutegravir**, OD dosing

- 2nd Generation
- Active against both HIV 1 and HIV 2
- Cations affect absorption
- Dose doubled with enzyme inducers
- Good tolerability with infrequent rashes and hypersensitivity
- Now being used as a first line agent in Treatment naïve patients

# PRINCIPLES OF HIV CHEMOTHERAPY

- ‘Highly active antiretroviral therapy’ (**HAART**) --- combination of 3 or more drugs.
- Relapse when treatment discontinued --- rate of mutation high.
- Resistant mutants are selected by anti- HIV therapy.
- Each failing regimen limits future treatment options.

# First Line Antiretroviral regimens for adults and adolescents

## Preferred Regimens

1. **Tenofovir** + **Lamivudine** + **Efavirenz**<sup>1</sup>
2. **Tenofovir** + **Emtricitabine** + **Efavirenz**<sup>1</sup>

## Alternative regimens

1. **Lamivudine** + **Zidovudine** + **Efavirenz**<sup>1</sup>
2. **Lamivudine** + **Zidovudine** + **Nevirapine**<sup>1</sup>
3. **Lamivudine** + **Tenofovir** + **Dolutegavir**
4. **Emtricitabine** + **Tenofovir** + **Dolutegavir**
5. **Lamivudine** + **Nevirapine** + **Tenofovir**<sup>1</sup>
6. **Tenofovir** + **Emtricitabine** + **Nevirapine**<sup>1</sup>

# List of second line regimens\*

NRTI components

PI component

## Standard regimens

1. Tenofovir + Abacavir
2. Didanosine + Abacavir
3. Tenofovir + Zidovudine  
± Lamivudine (continued)

1. Lopinavir/r\*\*
2. Atazanavir/r
3. Saquinavir/r
4. Indinavir/r
5. *Nelfinavir*

**FDC of Ritonavir boosted darunavir can be used as alternative PI ( Cobicistat)**

Therapy not to be discontinued in case of acute opportunistic infection except in case of intolerance, interactions and toxicity.

## **Pre exposure Prophylaxis**

Tenofovir 300mg daily ± Emtricitabine 200mg daily

## **POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS OF HIV**

**Preferred NNRTI: Tenofovir** 300 mg + **Emtricitabine** 200 mg) ±

**Preferred PI: Lopinavir/r** (400+100mg)

Or **Atazanavir/r** (300+100mg) daily daily **for 4 weeks**

**Alternative 3 drug**

**Darunavir/r** (600+100mg) Bd or

**Raltegravir** (400mg)Bd or **Efavirenz** 600mg daily



# POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS OF HIV

**For children < 10 years**

**Preferred 2NRTI**

Zidovudine+ lamivudine

**Alternative NRTI:** Abacavir+lamivudine or  
Tenofovir+Lamivudine/Emtricitabine

**Preferred Pi:** Lopinavir

**Alternative 3<sup>rd</sup> drug:** Atazanavir/Darunavir/  
Efavirenz/Raltegravir

**Duration 4 weeks**

## **HIV Infection and Pregnancy**

Tenofovir 300mg+ Lamivudine 300mg+  
Efavirenz 600mg (FDC Tablet) once daily

Neonate: Given Syrup Nevirapine for 6  
weeks.

Delivery by cesarean section is advised if  
HIV RNA copies are > than 1000 copies / $\mu$ l