

STaR Study: Single-Tablet Regimen Rilpivirine/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir DF Is Non-Inferior Compared to Efavirenz/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir DF and Improves Patient Reported Outcomes through Week 96

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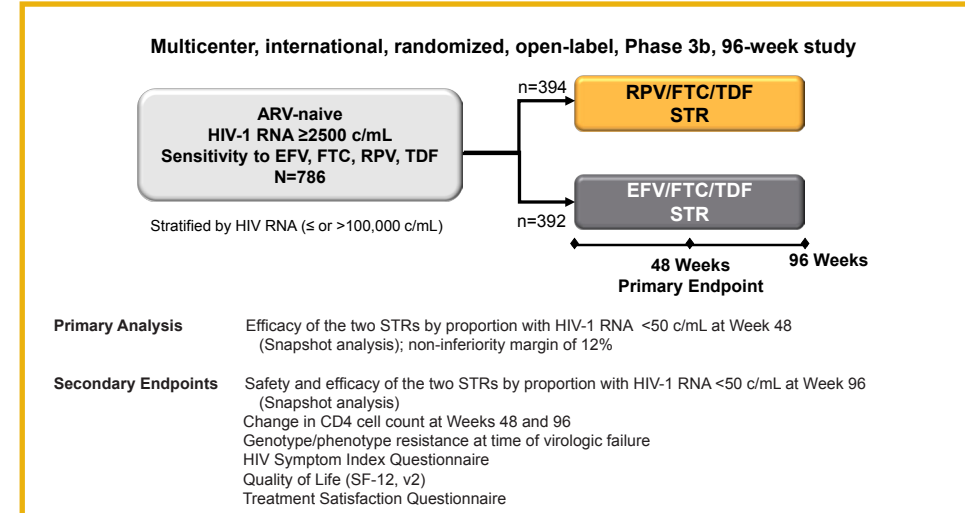
Introduction

- RPV/FTC/TDF is a well-tolerated, once daily single-tablet regimen (STR) treatment option^{1,2}
- ECHO and THRIVE established RPV+FTC/TDF as non-inferior to EFV+FTC/TDF in ART-naïve patients
- These studies were blinded, placebo-controlled and used multi-pill regimens which had different food requirements resulting in twice-daily dosing
- STaR is the first head-to-head study to compare the efficacy, safety and tolerability of the two single-tablet regimens, RPV/FTC/TDF and EFV/FTC/TDF
- Patient-reported side effects and symptoms are associated with:
 - Quality of life
 - Physical health
 - Treatment satisfaction
 - Adherence
 - Virologic failure

1. COMPLERA. US Prescribing Information 01/2013. Gilead Sciences, Inc.
2. EVIPLERA. Summary of Prescribing Characteristics 01/2013. Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Methods

Figure 1. Study Design



Results

Table 1. Baseline Demographics and Characteristics

	RPV/FTC/TDF n=394	EFV/FTC/TDF n=392
Median age, years (Q1, Q3)	37 (29, 45)	35 (28, 45)
Male	93%	93%
White race	68%	67%
Black race	25%	24%
Latino ethnicity	15%	19%
Mean CD4 cell count, cells/mm ³ (SD)	396 (180)	385 (187)
Mean HIV-1 RNA, log ₁₀ c/mL, (SD)	4.8 (0.7)	4.8 (0.6)
≤100,000 c/mL, n (%)	260 (66%)	250 (64%)
>100,000 c/mL, n (%)	134 (34%)	142 (36%)
Subjects HBV co-infected, n (%)	13 (3%)*	10 (3%)
Subjects HCV co-infected, n (%)	15 (4%)*	18 (5%)

*Two subjects in the RPV/FTC/TDF arm were co-infected with HIV-1, HBV, and HCV
Figure 2. Virologic Outcomes by Snapshot Analysis and CD4 Change at Weeks 48 & 96

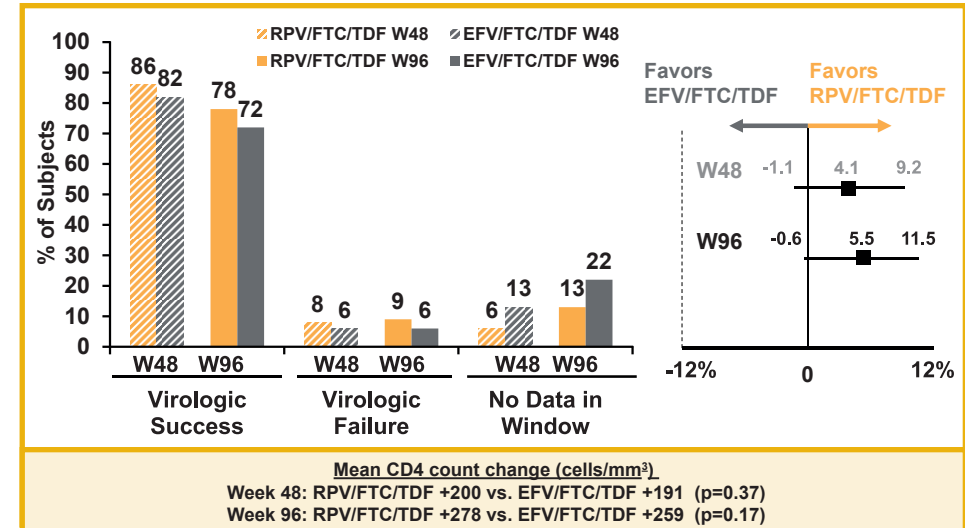
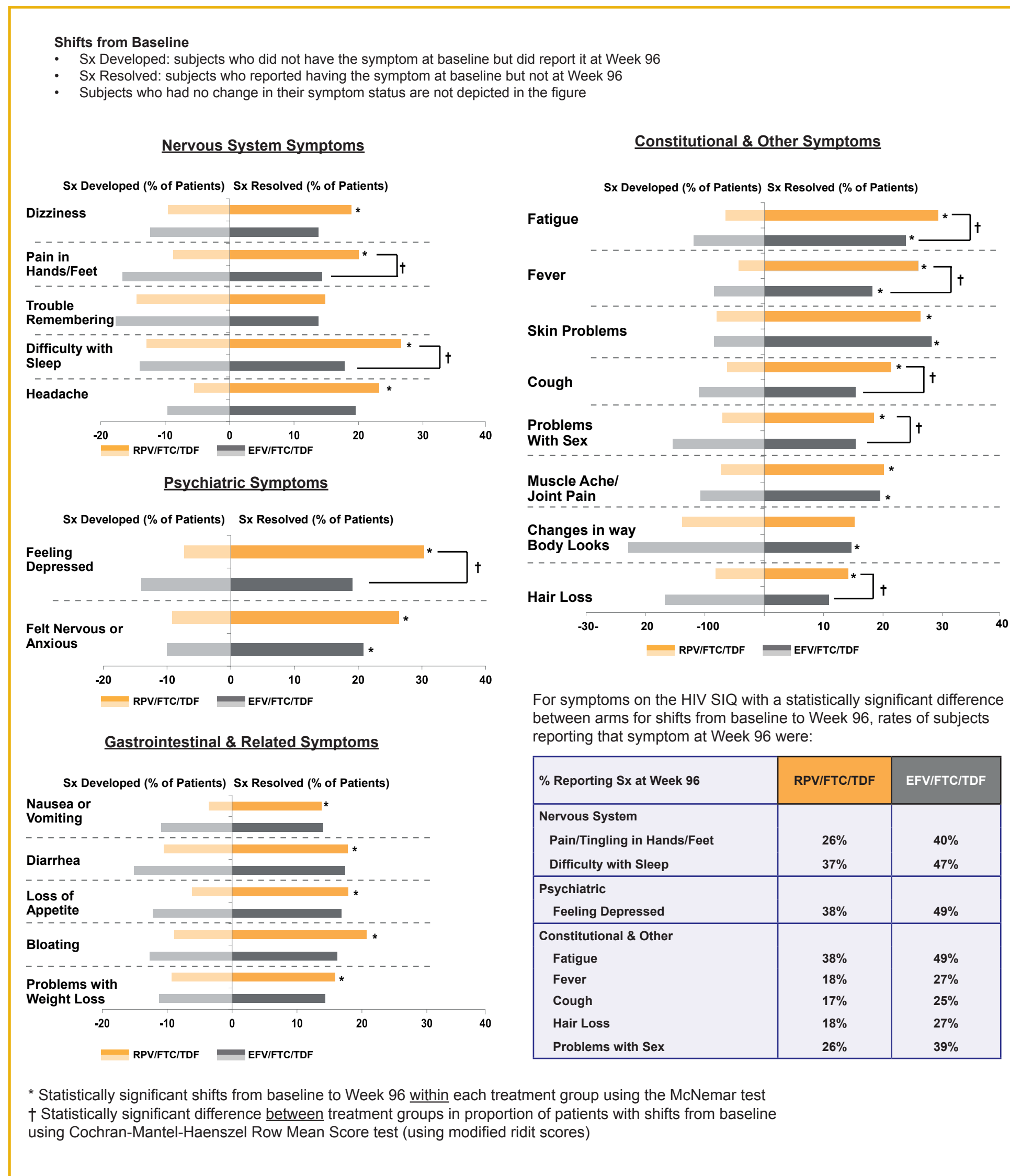


Figure 3. HIV Symptom Index: Shifts From Baseline at Week 96



Results (cont'd)

Figure 4. Quality of Life SF-12 (v2) - Changes from Baseline to Week 96

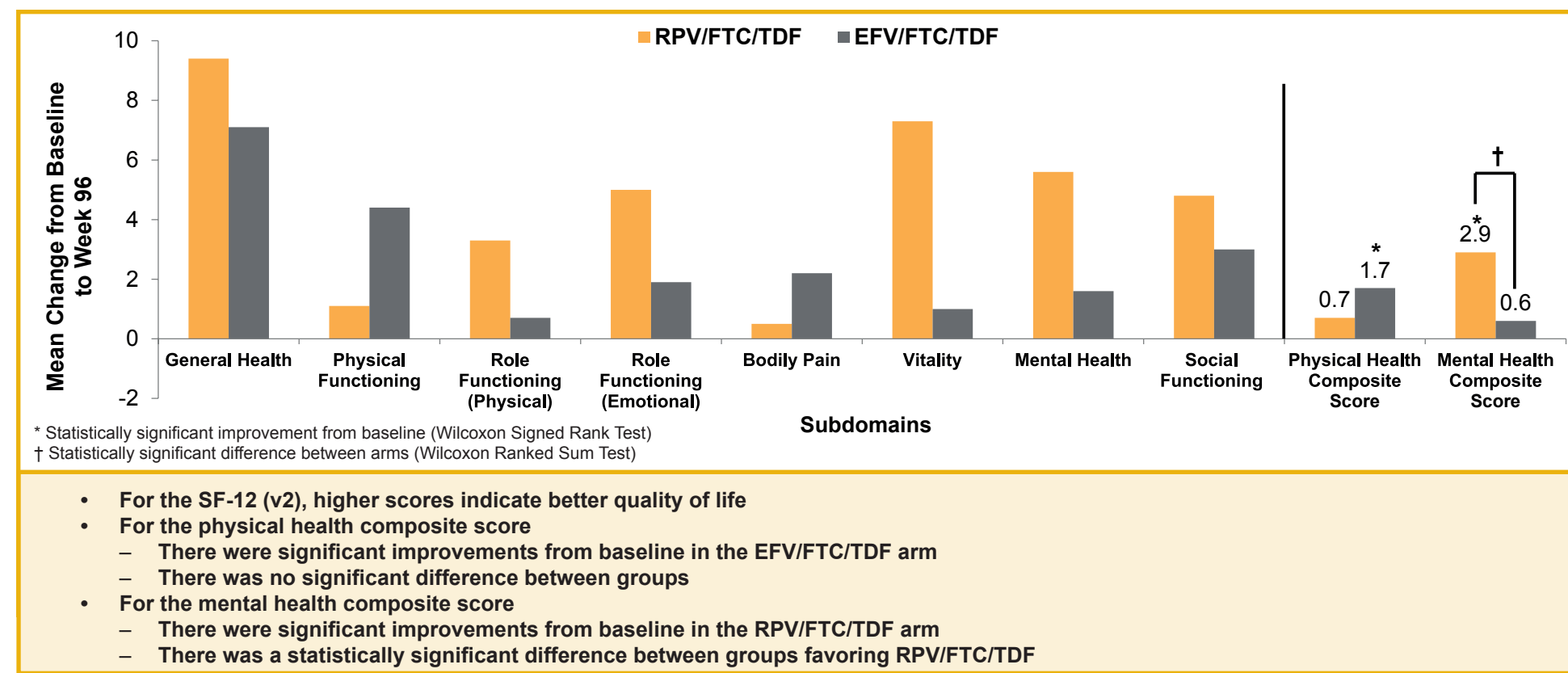


Figure 5. Between Group Differences in Proportion of Subjects Responding Most Favorably (Score of 6) to Each HIV Treatment Satisfaction Question at Week 96

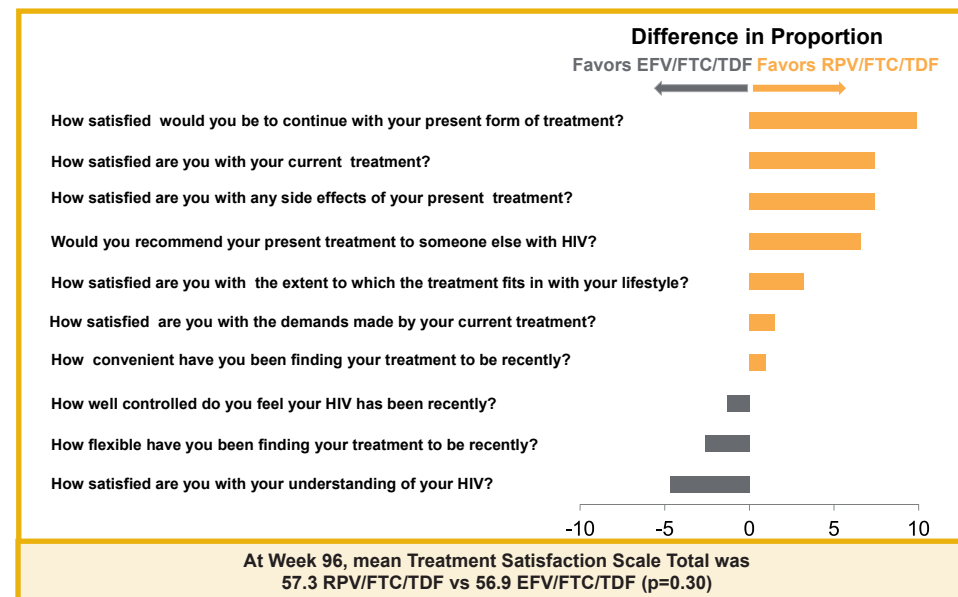


Table 2. Grade 3 or 4 Adverse Events and Laboratory Abnormalities through Weeks 48 & 96

	RPV/FTC/TDF n=394		EFV/FTC/TDF n=392	
	BL-W48	W48 -W96	BL-W48	W48 -W96
Treatment Emergent Adverse Events, all Grades	349 (89%)	+13 (3%)	365 (93%)	+3 (0.8%)
Grade 3 or 4 Adverse Events ¹ , n (%)	29 (7%)	+11 (3%)	54 (14%)	+11 (3%)
Nervous System Disorders	3 (0.8%)	+1 (0.3%)	5 (1.3%)	+2 (0.5%)
Nervous System Disorders	5 (1.3%)	+1 (0.3%)	5 (1.3%)	+1 (0.3%)
Psychiatric Disorders	6 (1.5%)	+1 (0.3%)	13 (3%)	+4 (1%)
Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	1 (0.3%)	+0	3 (0.8%)	+0
Grade 3 or 4 Laboratory Abnormalities ¹ , n (%)	68 (17%)	+18 (5%)	63 (16%)	+15 (4%)

¹ Specific events occurring in >1 subject in the RPV/FTC/TDF arm: diarrhea, fatigue, appendicitis, syncope, depression, nephrolithiasis; and in the EFV/FTC/TDF arm: diarrhea, abdominal pain, gastroenteritis, bronchitis, hepatic enzyme increased, headache, pyrexia, convulsion, depression, anxiety, insomnia, suicidal ideation, bipolar disorder, suicide attempt

Table 3. Adverse Events Leading to Discontinuation of Study Drug through Weeks 48 & 96

	RPV/FTC/TDF n=394		EFV/FTC/TDF n=392	
	BL-W48	W48 -W96	BL-W48	W48 -W96
Discontinuations ^a Due to AE, n (%)	10 (3%)	+2 (0.5%)	34 (9%)	+9 (2.3%)
AE leading to discontinuation in >1 subject in either arm				
Nervous System Disorders	3 (0.8%)	+0	7 (1.8%)	+1 (0.3%)
Dizziness	0	+0	5 (1.3%)	+1 (0.3%)
Psychiatric Disorders	1 (0.3%)	+0	18 (5%)	+6 (1.5%)
Abnormal Dreams	0	+0	4 (1%)	+1 (0.3%)
Anxiety	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0
Depression	0	+0	7 (1.8%)	+4 (1%)
Insomnia	1 (0.3%)	+0	3 (0.8%)	+1 (0.3%)
Nightmare	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0
Suicidal Ideation	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+1 (0.3%)
GI, General, Skin Disorders				
Diarrhea	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0
Fatigue	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0
Pyrexia	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0
Toxic Skin Eruption	0	+0	2 (0.5%)	+0

^a per safety population
^{**} p value is for comparison of RPV/FTC/TDF vs EFV/FTC/TDF at Week 96 using Fisher's exact test

Table 4. All Grades Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events of Importance* through Week 96

	RPV/FTC/TDF n=394	EFV/FTC/TDF n=392
Nervous System Events, n (%)	107 (27%)	186 (47%)
Dizziness	27 (7%)	90 (23%)
Headache	56 (14%)	62 (16%)
Somnolence	10 (3%)	30 (8%)
Psychiatric Events ¹ , n (%)	111 (28%)	192 (49%)
Abnormal Dreams	23 (6%)	101 (26%)
Anxiety	28 (7%)	37 (9%)
Depression	36 (9%)	47 (12%)
Insomnia	45 (11%)	59 (15%)
Rash Events, Overall ¹ , n (%)	62 (16%)	95 (24%)
Rash	31 (8%)	52 (13%)

*Prespecified evaluation for common adverse events included in the US Prescribing Information and EMA SmPC for efavirenz, rilpivirine, COMPLERA/EVIPLERA and ATRIPLA[®]
¹ One suicide occurred in the EFV/FTC/TDF arm, Day 36 of study
² The larger category of Rash Events, Overall includes several different types of skin events such as blister, allergic dermatitis, pruritis, and different types of rashes such as macular, pustular, vesicular, etc. Rash falls into this grouping

Conclusions

- Overall RPV/FTC/TDF had non-inferior virologic suppression compared to EFV/FTC/TDF through Week 96
 - Virologic failure rates by Snapshot analysis were 9% for RPV/FTC/TDF and 6% for EFV/FTC/TDF
- On the HIV Symptom Index Questionnaire, there were statistically significant differences between arms in shifts from baseline to Week 96 in:
 - Nervous system symptoms of pain or tingling in the hands or feet and difficulty with sleep
 - Psychiatric symptom of feeling depressed
 - Constitutional and other symptoms of fatigue, fever, cough, hair loss, and problems with sex
- On the Quality of Life SF-12 (v2)
 - There was no significant difference between arms in terms of physical health composite score at Week 96; however in the EFV/FTC/TDF arm there was a significant improvement compared to baseline
 - Subjects in the RPV/FTC/TDF arm showed a significant improvement from baseline as well as a significantly higher score than the EFV/FTC/TDF arm in the mental health composite score at Week 96
- There were similar rates of treatment satisfaction in both arms at Week 96 as measured by the HIV Treatment Satisfaction Questionnaire
- Based on adverse event reports, RPV/FTC/TDF was better tolerated than EFV/FTC/TDF with
 - Significantly lower rates of important nervous system, psychiatric, and rash adverse events common to the EFV and RPV US Prescribing Information and EMA SmPC
 - Significantly lower rates of discontinuations due to adverse events
- Differences in rates of symptoms reported on patient reported outcome measures vs adverse events may be due to
 - The fact that adverse events are spontaneously reported while patient reported outcome questionnaires solicit information about specific symptoms
 - Patient reported outcome questionnaires only address symptoms from the previous 30 days
 - Subjects discontinuing due to adverse events were not included in Week 96 results of patient reported outcome measures

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