



Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe

Clinical Trials Registry

PUBLIC TITLE/ACRONYM BREATHER+

Scientific Title A randomized open-label 2-arm, 96-week trial evaluating the efficacy, safety and acceptability of short cycle (five days on, two days off) dolutegravir/tenofovir-based triple antiretroviral therapy (ART) compared to daily dolutegravir/tenofovir-based trip

Primary Sponsor Details

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Countries of Recruitment *

Zimbabwe

South Africa

Uganda

Kenya

Source of Funds Funded

Health Condition(s) or Problem(s) Studied * A randomized open-label 2-arm, 96-week trial evaluating the efficacy, safety and acceptability of short cycle (five days on, two days off) dolutegravir/tenofovir-based triple antiretroviral therapy (ART) compared to daily dolutegravir/tenofovir-based triple ART in virologically suppressed HIV-infected adolescents aged 12 to 19 years of age in sub-Saharan Africa.

Medicine Name * Dolutegravir with Tenofovir and Lamivudine or Emtricitabine

Quantity of medicine required * 1 500

7.0 PRINCIPAL INCLUSION CRITERIA *

1. HIV-1-infected
2. Aged 12 to 19 years
3. Aware of HIV status
4. On ART for ≥ 1 year, with no previous regimen change for treatment failure
5. On ART consisting of DTG, tenofovir and lamivudine/emtricitabine for ≥ 1 month prior to screening
6. Virologically suppressed with all HIV-1 RNA viral loads < 50 copies/mL in the last 12 months up to and including screening. Additionally, there must be one result < 50 copies/mL at least 12 months prior to screening and the viral load at trial screening must be < 50 copies/mL
7. Girls who are sexually active must be willing to adhere to highly effective methods of contraception
8. Written informed consent provided by participant (if aged 18 to 19 years) and/or carer/legal guardian (if participant aged 12 to 17 years) as appropriate
9. Written informed assent in participants aged 12 to 17 years

7.1 PRINCIPAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA *

1. Females who are pregnant or breastfeeding
2. Females who plan to become pregnant during the trial follow-up or are unwilling to use a highly effective method of contraception for the duration of the trial if sexually active
3. Moderate or High-risk score on the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale
4. On treatment for any active TB
5. Contraindication to continued receipt of dolutegravir or any formulation of tenofovir, lamivudine/emtricitabine
6. Underlying medical condition that in the opinion of the Investigator precludes participation
7. Previous randomisation in the LATA trial

7.2 PRIMARY END POINTS *

The proportion of participants with confirmed virological rebound, defined as the first of 2 consecutive plasma HIV-RNA ≥ 50 copies/mL at any time up to the 96-week assessment.

9.0 DESIGN OF THE TRIAL

Type of trial * Opened

If controlled

Randomised Yes

Single Blind No

Double Blind No

Parallel group No

Cross over No

Other No

If yes to other, specify

**If controlled, specify the
comparator**

Other medicinal product(s) Yes

Placebo No

Other No

If yes to other, specify

Other No

Expected Number of participants in Zimbabwe *	130
Total enrolment in each site: (if competitive enrolment, state minimum and maximum number per site.) *	130
Total participants worldwide *	460

Time period for the trial * 1 October 2021 - 31 December 2025