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Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) versus Adefovir Dipivoxil (ADV) in Asians with HBeAg-Positive and HBeAg-Negative Chronic Hepatitis B Participating in Studies 102 and 103

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Introduction

- Tenofovir DF has shown superior efficacy to adefovir dipivoxil in treatment-naïve patients with chronic hepatitis B in 2 pivotal studies
 After 48 weeks of tenofovir DF treatment 76% of HBeAg-positive patients and 93% of HBeAg-negative patients had HBV DNA <400 copies/mL (c/mL)
- Asian patients comprised a substantial subset of the participants in these pivotal studies
- Evaluation of efficacy and safety in Asian patients was considered important given the prevalence of HBV infection in this population

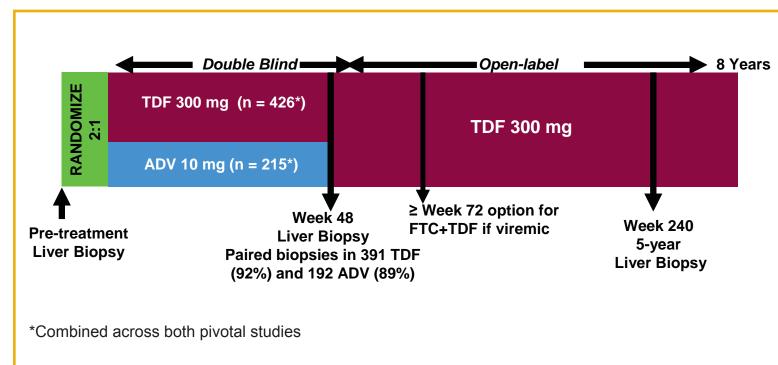
Objective

 To evaluate the efficacy and safety of tenofovir DF among Asian patients with chronic hepatitis B participating in tenofovir DF pivotal studies GS-174-0102 (HBeAg-) and GS-174-0103 (HBeAg+)

Methods

- Patients were randomized 2:1 to double-blind tenofovir DF (TDF) 300 mg or adefovir dipivoxil (ADV) 10 mg once daily for 48 weeks in studies GS-174-0102 (HBeAg-) and GS-174-0103 (HBeAg+)
- Virologic (HBV DNA < 400 c/mL [69 IU/mL]) and histologic response (≥ 2 point decrease in Knodell necroinflammation without worsening fibrosis) were prospectively evaluated
- HBV DNA and safety laboratory parameters were performed every 4 weeks through Week 48 with annual resistance surveillance
- Asian ethnicity was determined by self-report as recorded on the case report form

Figure 1. GS-174-0102 (HBeAg-) and GS-174-0103 (HBeAg+) Study Design



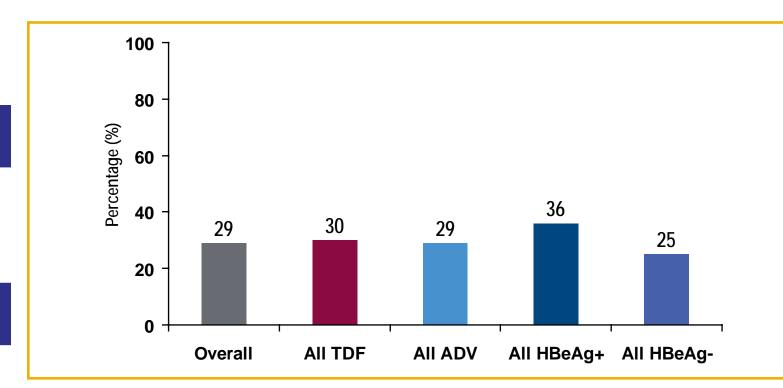
Eligibility criteria required elevated ALT*, Knodell necroinflammatory score ≥ 3, and viremia with HBV DNA > 10⁵ copies/mL with the Roche COBAS TaqMan assay (LLOQ=169 copies/mL [29 IU/mL])

(*Upper normal limit [ULN] 34 U/L for women; 43 U/L for men)

Methods (cont'd)

Figure 2. Asian Patients Participating in Pivotal Studies

- 189 Asians were enrolled across the 2 studies
- Asians comprised ~30% of all patients
- 127/426 (30%) on TDF
- 62/215 (29%) on ADV
- Combined study results are presented to maximize sample size



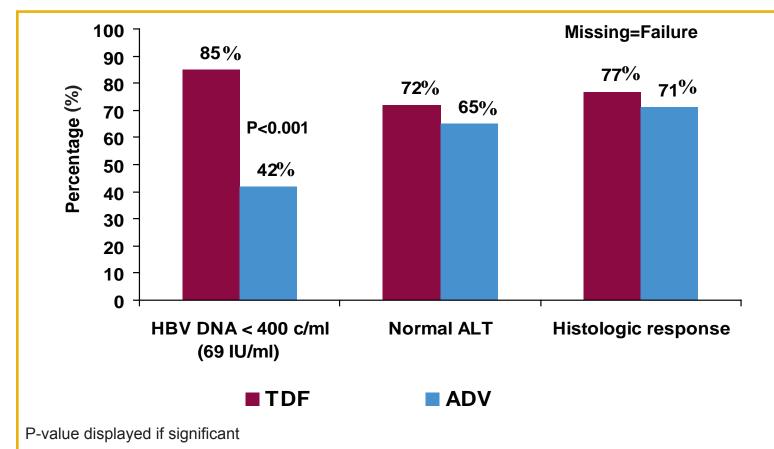
Results

Table 1. Asian Patients: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	TDF (n = 127)	ADV (n = 62)
Age (yr) (SD)	40 (10.8)	40 (11.2)
Weight Kg (SD)	63.1 (11.8)	68.5 (15.3)
Male n (%)	84 (66)	45 (73)
HBV DNA log ₁₀ copies/mL	7.55 (1.43)	7.88 (1.43)
HBeAg+	62 (49%)	33 (53%)
HBeAg-	65 (51%)	29 (47%)
Knodell necroinflammation	8.5 (2.1)	8.5 (2.1)
Cirrhosis (Knodell=4)	17%	21%
ALT U/L (SD)	137.1 (131.3)	150.7 (138.6)
Genotype A	7 (6%)	4 (6%)
В	44 (35%)	26 (42%)
С	64 (50%)	30 (48%)
D	7 (6%)	1 (2%)

Values are means for continuous variables. ALT ULN= 34 U/L for women; 43 U/L for men

Figure 3. Results- Efficacy at Week 48

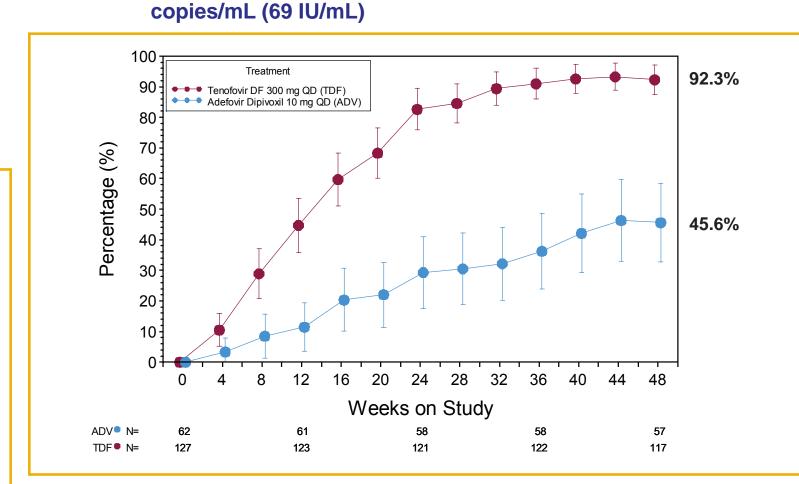


Combined histologic plus virologic response was attained in 74% of Asians on TDF and 34% on ADV (p < 0.001)

No patient lost HBsAg

16% developed anti-HBe in both treatment arms (last observation carried forward)

Figure 4. Observed Percentage of Asian Patients With HBV DNA < 400



Error bars are 95% confidence intervals (CI).

In the missing=failure analysis at Week 24, 78.7% of TDF-treated Asian patients and 27.4% of ADV-treated Asian patients had HBV DNA < 400 c/mL (69 IU/mL).

Figure 5. Asian Patients: Mean HBV DNA by Week of Study

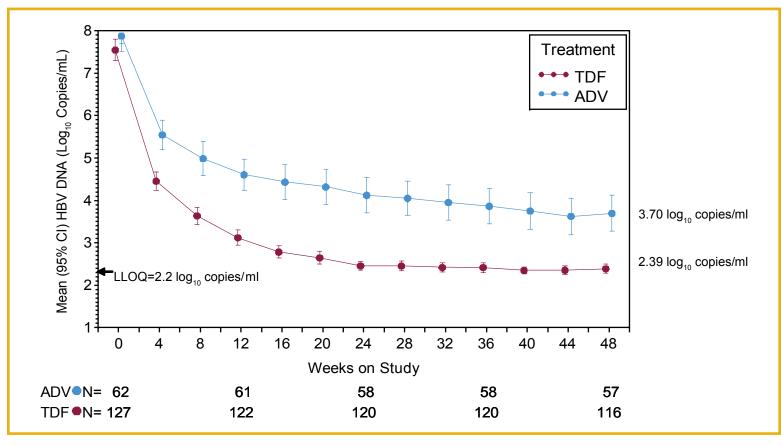
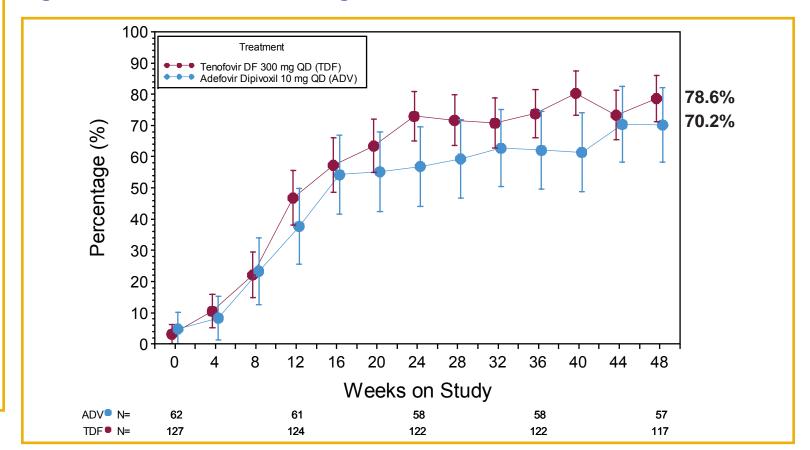


Figure 6. Observed Percentage of Asian Patients With Normal ALT



Error bars are 95% CIs. ALT ULN= 34 U/L for women; 43 U/L for men

In the missing=failure analysis at Week 24, 70.1% of TDF-treated Asian patients and 53.2% of ADV-treated Asian patients had normal ALT

Table 2. Safety and Tolerability in Asian Patients Through Week 48

Parameter	TDF (n = 127)	ADV (n = 62)
Grade 2 AEs	27 (21.3%)	17 (27.4%)
Grade 3 AEs	7 (5.5%)	3 (4.8%)
Grade 4 AEs	4 (3.1%)	1 (1.6%)
Serious AEs	6 (4.7%)	2 (3.2%)
Grade 3: ALT	11 (8.7%)	3 (4.8%)
AST	3 (2.4%)	2 (3.2%)
Amylase	7 (5.5%)	0 (0%)
Grade 4: ALT	3 (2.4%)	1 (1.6%)
Creatine kinase	3 (2.4%)	2 (3.2%)
Phosphorus < 2 mg/dl	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Creatinine ≥ 0.5 mg/dl increase	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
CrCl < 50 ml/min	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Specific Grade 3 or 4 laboratory analytes included if present in > 2 Asian patients in either arm

No Asian patient on TDF had treatment-emergent fracture

TDF Resistance Surveillance:

Results (cont'd)

- No HBV polymerase/reverse transcriptase amino acid substitutions associated with resistance to tenofovir were detected at Week 48 in any patient (see Poster 977 for details to Week 96)
- Across both pivotal studies 10 Asian patients had HBV DNA ≥ 400 copies/mL (≥ 69 IU/mL) at Week 48, which included 4 Asians with a virologic breakthrough* 3 of whom were non-adherent

(*Confirmed 1 \log_{10} increase in HBV DNA from nadir or increase to \geq 400 copies/mL)

Conclusions

- TDF demonstrated superior HBV DNA suppression relative to ADV in Asian patients following 48 weeks of randomized treatment
- Efficacy, safety and resistance analyses were consistent with the results of the overall studies following 48 weeks of randomized treatment

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