



## **Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1-Infected Adults and Adolescents**

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**Table 15b. Drug Interactions between Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors\* and Other Drugs (Last updated February 12, 2013; last reviewed February 12, 2013) (page 1 of 7)**

This table provides information relating to pharmacokinetic (PK) interactions between non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs) and non-antiretroviral (ARV) drugs. For interactions between ARV agents and for dosing recommendations, refer to [Table 16b](#).

\* Delavirdine (DLV) is not included in this table. Please refer to the DLV Food and Drug Administration package insert for information regarding drug interactions.

Concomitant Drug Class/Name	NNRTI <sup>a</sup>	Effect on NNRTI or Concomitant Drug Concentrations	Dosing Recommendations and Clinical Comments
<b>Acid Reducers</b>			
<b>Antacids</b>	RPV	↓ RPV expected when given simultaneously	Give antacids at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after RPV.
<b>H2-Receptor Antagonists</b>	RPV	↓ RPV	Give H2-receptor antagonists at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after RPV.
<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI)</b>	RPV	↓ RPV	<b>Contraindicated. Do not co-administer.</b>
<b>Anticoagulants/Antiplatelets</b>			
<b>Warfarin</b>	EFV, NVP	↑ or ↓ warfarin possible	Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dose accordingly.
	ETR	↑ warfarin possible	Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dose accordingly.
<b>Clopidogrel</b>	ETR	↓ activation of clopidogrel possible	ETR may prevent metabolism of clopidogrel (inactive) to its active metabolite. Avoid co-administration, if possible.
<b>Anticonvulsants</b>			
<b>Carbamazepine Phenobarbital Phenytoin</b>	EFV	carbamazepine + EFV: carbamazepine AUC ↓ 27% and EFV AUC ↓ 36% phenytoin + EFV: ↓ EFV and ↓ phenytoin possible	Monitor anticonvulsant and EFV levels or, if possible, use alternative anticonvulsant to those listed.
	ETR	↓ anticonvulsant and ETR possible	<b>Do not co-administer.</b> Consider alternative anticonvulsant.
	NVP	↓ anticonvulsant and NVP possible	Monitor anticonvulsant and NVP levels and virologic responses or consider alternative anticonvulsant.
	RPV	↓ RPV possible	<b>Contraindicated. Do not co-administer.</b> Consider alternative anticonvulsant.
<b>Antidepressants</b>			
<b>Bupropion</b>	EFV	bupropion AUC ↓ 55%	Titrate bupropion dose based on clinical response.
<b>Paroxetine</b>	EFV, ETR	No significant effect	No dosage adjustment necessary.
<b>Sertraline</b>	EFV	sertraline AUC ↓ 39%	Titrate sertraline dose based on clinical response.

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<b>Antifungals</b>			
<b>Fluconazole</b>	EFV	No significant effect	No dosage adjustment necessary.
	ETR	ETR AUC ↑ 86%	No dosage adjustment necessary. Use with caution.
	NVP	NVP AUC ↑ 110%	Increased risk of hepatotoxicity possible with this combination. Monitor NVP toxicity or use alternative ARV agent.
	RPV	↑ RPV possible	No dosage adjustment necessary. Clinically monitor for breakthrough fungal infection (RPV 150 mg/day reduces ketoconazole exposure; no data on interaction with fluconazole).
<b>Itraconazole</b>	EFV	itraconazole and OH-itraconazole AUC, C <sub>max</sub> , and C <sub>min</sub> ↓ 35%–44%	Failure to achieve therapeutic itraconazole concentrations has been reported. Avoid this combination if possible. If co-administered, closely monitor itraconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly.
	ETR	↓ itraconazole possible ↑ ETR possible	Dose adjustments for itraconazole may be necessary. Monitor itraconazole level and antifungal response.
	NVP	↓ itraconazole possible ↑ NVP possible	Avoid combination if possible. If co-administered, monitor itraconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly.
	RPV	↑ RPV possible	No dosage adjustment necessary. Clinically monitor for breakthrough fungal infection. (RPV 150 mg/day reduces ketoconazole exposure; no data on interaction with itraconazole.)
<b>Posaconazole</b>	EFV	posaconazole AUC ↓ 50% ↔ EFV	Avoid concomitant use unless the benefit outweighs the risk. If co-administered, monitor posaconazole concentration and adjust dose accordingly.
	ETR	↑ ETR possible	No dosage adjustment necessary.
	RPV	↑ RPV possible	No dosage adjustment necessary. Clinically monitor for breakthrough fungal infection. (RPV 150 mg/day reduces ketoconazole exposure; no data on interaction with posaconazole.)

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<b>Antifungals, continued</b>			
<b>Voriconazole</b>	EFV	voriconazole AUC ↓ 77% EFV AUC ↑ 44%	<b>Contraindicated at standard doses.</b> Dose: voriconazole 400 mg BID, EFV 300 mg daily.
	ETR	voriconazole AUC ↑ 14% ETR AUC ↑ 36%	No dosage adjustment necessary; use with caution. Consider monitoring voriconazole level.
	NVP	↓ voriconazole possible ↑ NVP possible	Monitor for toxicity and antifungal response and/or voriconazole level.
	RPV	↑ RPV possible	No dosage adjustment necessary. Clinically monitor for breakthrough fungal infection (RPV 150 mg/day reduces ketoconazole exposure; no data on interaction with voriconazole).
<b>Antimycobacterials</b>			
<b>Clarithromycin</b>	EFV	clarithromycin AUC ↓ 39%	Monitor for effectiveness or consider alternative agent, such as azithromycin, for MAC prophylaxis and treatment.
	ETR	clarithromycin AUC ↓ 39% ETR AUC ↑ 42%	Consider alternative agent, such as azithromycin, for MAC prophylaxis and treatment.
	NVP	clarithromycin AUC ↓ 31%	Monitor for effectiveness or use alternative agent, such as azithromycin, for MAC prophylaxis and treatment.
	RPV	↔ clarithromycin expected ↑ RPV possible	Consider alternative macrolide, such as azithromycin, for MAC prophylaxis and treatment.
<b>Rifabutin</b>	EFV	rifabutin ↓ 38%	Dose: rifabutin 450–600 mg once daily or 600 mg three times a week if EFV is not co-administered with a PI.
	ETR	rifabutin and metabolite AUC ↓ 17% ETR AUC ↓ 37%	<b>If ETR is used with an RTV-boosted PI, rifabutin should not be co-administered.</b>  Dose: rifabutin 300 mg once daily if ETR is not co-administered with an RTV-boosted PI.
	NVP	rifabutin AUC ↑ 17% and metabolite AUC ↑ 24% NVP C <sub>min</sub> ↓ 16%	No dosage adjustment necessary. Use with caution.
	RPV	RPV AUC ↓ 46%	<b>Contraindicated. Do not co-administer.</b>
<b>Rifampin</b>	EFV	EFV AUC ↓ 26%	Maintain EFV dose at 600 mg once daily and monitor for virologic response. Consider therapeutic drug monitoring.  Some clinicians suggest EFV 800 mg dose in patients who weigh more than 60 kg.
	ETR	Significant ↓ ETR possible	<b>Do not co-administer.</b>
	NVP	NVP ↓ 20%–58%	<b>Do not co-administer.</b>
	RPV	RPV AUC ↓ 80%	<b>Contraindicated. Do not co-administer.</b>

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<b>Antimycobacterials, continued</b>			
Rifapentine	EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV	↓ NNRTI expected	<b>Do not co-administer.</b>
<b>Benzodiazepines</b>			
Alprazolam	EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV	No data	Monitor for therapeutic effectiveness of alprazolam.
Diazepam	ETR	↑ diazepam possible	Decreased dose of diazepam may be necessary.
Lorazepam	EFV	lorazepam C <sub>max</sub> ↑ 16%, AUC ↔	No dosage adjustment necessary.
Midazolam	EFV	Significant ↑ midazolam expected	<b>Do not co-administer with oral midazolam.</b> Parenteral midazolam can be used with caution as a single dose and can be given in a monitored situation for procedural sedation.
Triazolam	EFV	Significant ↑ triazolam expected	<b>Do not co-administer.</b>
<b>Cardiac Medications</b>			
Dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers (CCBs)	EFV, NVP	↓ CCBs possible	Titrate CCB dose based on clinical response.
Diltiazem Verapamil	EFV	diltiazem AUC ↓ 69% ↓ verapamil possible	Titrate diltiazem or verapamil dose based on clinical response.
	NVP	↓ diltiazem or verapamil possible	
<b>Corticosteroids</b>			
Dexamethasone	EFV, ETR, NVP	↓ EFV, ETR, NVP possible	Consider alternative corticosteroid for long-term use. If dexamethasone is used with NNRTI, monitor virologic response.
	RPV	Significant ↓ RPV possible	<b>Contraindicated with more than a single dose of dexamethasone.</b>

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<b>Hepatitis C NS3/4A - Protease Inhibitors</b>			
<b>Boceprevir</b>	EFV	EFV AUC ↑ 20% boceprevir AUC ↓ 19%, C <sub>min</sub> ↓ 44%	<b>Co-administration is not recommended.</b>
	ETR	ETR AUC ↓ 23% boceprevir AUC, C <sub>max</sub> ↑ 10%	No dosage adjustment necessary.
<b>Telaprevir</b>	EFV	EFV AUC ↔ telaprevir AUC ↓ 26%, C <sub>min</sub> ↓ 47% With TDE: EFV AUC ↓ 15%–18%, telaprevir AUC ↓ 18%–20%	Increase telaprevir dose to 1125 mg q8h.
<b>Herbal Products</b>			
<b>St. John's wort</b>	EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV	↓ NNRTI	<b>Do not co-administer.</b>
<b>Hormonal Contraceptives</b>			
<b>Hormonal contraceptives</b>	EFV	ethinyl estradiol ↔ levonorgestrel AUC ↓ 83% norelgestromin AUC ↓ 64% ↓ etonogestrel (implant) possible	Use alternative or additional contraceptive methods. Norelgestromin and levonorgestrel are active metabolites of norgestimate.
	ETR	ethinyl estradiol AUC ↑ 22% norethindrone: no significant effect	No dosage adjustment necessary.
	NVP	ethinyl estradiol AUC ↓ 20% norethindrone AUC ↓ 19%	Use alternative or additional contraceptive methods.
		DMPA: no significant change	No dosage adjustment necessary.
RPV	ethinyl estradiol AUC ↑ 14% norethindrone: no significant change	No dosage adjustment necessary.	
<b>Levonorgestrel (for emergency contraception)</b>	EFV	levonorgestrel AUC ↓ 58%	Effectiveness of emergency post-coital contraception may be diminished.
<b>HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors</b>			
<b>Atorvastatin</b>	EFV, ETR	atorvastatin AUC ↓ 32%–43%	Adjust atorvastatin according to lipid responses, not to exceed the maximum recommended dose.
	RPV	atorvastatin AUC ↔ atorvastatin metabolites ↑	No dosage adjustment necessary.

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<b>HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors, continued</b>			
Fluvastatin	ETR	↑ fluvastatin possible	Dose adjustments for fluvastatin may be necessary.
Lovastatin Simvastatin	EFV	simvastatin AUC ↓ 68%	Adjust simvastatin dose according to lipid responses, not to exceed the maximum recommended dose. If EFV used with RTV-boosted PI, simvastatin and lovastatin should be avoided.
	ETR, NVP	↓ lovastatin possible ↓ simvastatin possible	Adjust lovastatin or simvastatin dose according to lipid responses, not to exceed the maximum recommended dose. If ETR or NVP used with RTV-boosted PI, simvastatin and lovastatin should be avoided.
Pitavastatin	EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV	No data	No dosage recommendation.
Pravastatin Rosuvastatin	EFV	pravastatin AUC ↓ 44% rosuvastatin: no data	Adjust statin dose according to lipid responses, not to exceed the maximum recommended dose.
	ETR	No significant effect expected	No dosage adjustment necessary.
<b>Immunosuppressants</b>			
Cyclosporine Sirolimus Tacrolimus	EFV, ETR, NVP	↓ immunosuppressant possible	Increase in immunosuppressant dose may be necessary. Therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressant is recommended. Consult with specialist as necessary.
<b>Narcotics/Treatment for Opioid Dependence</b>			
Buprenorphine	EFV	buprenorphine AUC ↓ 50% norbuprenorphine <sup>b</sup> AUC ↓ 71%	No dosage adjustment recommended; monitor for withdrawal symptoms.
	ETR	buprenorphine AUC ↓ 25%	No dosage adjustment necessary.
	NVP	No significant effect	No dosage adjustment necessary.
Methadone	EFV	methadone AUC ↓ 52%	Opioid withdrawal common; increased methadone dose often necessary.
	ETR	No significant effect	No dosage adjustment necessary.
	NVP	methadone AUC ↓ 37%–51% NVP: no significant effect	Opioid withdrawal common; increased methadone dose often necessary.
	RPV	R-methadone <sup>c</sup> AUC ↓ 16%	No dosage adjustment necessary, but monitor for withdrawal symptoms.

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<b>Phosphodiesterase Type 5 (PDE5) Inhibitors</b>			
<b>Avanafil</b>	EFV, ETR, NVP, RPV	No data	<b>Co-administration is not recommended.</b>
<b>Sildenafil</b>	ETR	sildenafil AUC ↓ 57%	May need to increase sildenafil dose based on clinical effect.
	RPV	sildenafil ↔	No dosage adjustment necessary.
<b>Tadalafil</b>	ETR	↓ tadalafil possible	May need to increase tadalafil dose based on clinical effect.
<b>Vardenafil</b>	ETR	↓ vardenafil possible	May need to increase vardenafil dose based on clinical effect.
<b>Miscellaneous Interactions</b>			
<b>Atovaquone/ proguanil</b>	EFV	↓ atovaquone AUC 75% ↓ proguanil AUC 43%	No dosage recommendation. Consider alternative drug for malaria prophylaxis, if possible.

<sup>a</sup> Approved dose for RPV is 25 mg once daily. Most PK interaction studies were performed using 75 to 150 mg per dose.

<sup>b</sup> Norbuprenorphine is an active metabolite of buprenorphine.

<sup>c</sup> R-methadone is the active form of methadone.

**Key to Abbreviations:** ARV = antiretroviral, AUC = area under the curve, BID = twice daily, CCB = calcium channel blocker, C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration, C<sub>min</sub> = minimum plasma concentration, DLV = delavirdine, DMPA = depot medroxyprogesterone acetate, EFV = efavirenz, ETR = etravirine, FDA = Food and Drug Administration, INR = international normalized ratio, MAC = *Mycobacterium avium* complex, NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, NVP = nevirapine, OH-clarithromycin = active metabolite of clarithromycin, PDE5 = phosphodiesterase type 5, PI = protease inhibitor, PPI = proton pump inhibitor, RPV = rilpivirine, RTV = ritonavir, TDF = tenofovir disoproxil fumarate