

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use TRIZIVIR safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for TRIZIVIR.

TRIZIVIR (abacavir sulfate, lamivudine, and zidovudine) Tablets, for oral use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2000

**WARNING: RISK OF HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS, HEMATOLOGIC TOXICITY, MYOPATHY, LACTIC ACIDOSIS AND SEVERE HEPATOMEGALY, EXACERBATIONS OF HEPATITIS B**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Serious and sometimes fatal hypersensitivity reactions have been associated with abacavir-containing products. (5.1)
- Hypersensitivity to abacavir is a multi-organ clinical syndrome. (5.1)
- Patients who carry the HLA-B\*5701 allele are at high risk for experiencing a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir. (5.1)
- Discontinue TRIZIVIR as soon as a hypersensitivity reaction is suspected. Regardless of HLA-B\*5701 status, permanently discontinue TRIZIVIR if hypersensitivity cannot be ruled out. (5.1)
- Following a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir, NEVER restart TRIZIVIR or any other abacavir-containing product. (5.1)
- Hematologic toxicity, including neutropenia and anemia, has been associated with the use of zidovudine, a component of TRIZIVIR. (5.2)
- Symptomatic myopathy associated with prolonged use of zidovudine. (5.3)
- Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogues. (5.4)
- Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B have been reported in patients who are co-infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) and have discontinued lamivudine, a component of TRIZIVIR. Monitor hepatic function closely in these patients and, if appropriate, initiate anti-hepatitis B treatment. (5.5)

**RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**

Warnings and Precautions, Immune Reconstitution Syndrome (5.7) ----- 11/2011

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

TRIZIVIR, a combination of abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine, each nucleoside analogue HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors, is indicated in combination with other antiretroviral agents for the treatment of HIV-1 infection. (1)

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- A medication guide and warning card should be dispensed with each new prescription and refill. (2)
- Adults and Adolescents: 1 tablet twice daily. (2.1)
- Not recommended in adolescents who weigh less than 40 kg. (2.1)
- Do not prescribe for patients requiring dosage adjustment or patients with hepatic impairment. (2.2)

**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Tablets contain 300 mg abacavir, 150 mg of lamivudine, and 300 mg of zidovudine. (3)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Previously demonstrated hypersensitivity to abacavir or any other component of the product. (4, 5.1, 6)
- Hepatic impairment. (4)

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- See boxed warning for information about the following: hypersensitivity reactions, hematologic toxicity, myopathy, lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly, and severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B. (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5)
- Hepatic decompensation, some fatal, has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving combination antiretroviral therapy and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin. Discontinue TRIZIVIR as medically appropriate and consider dose reduction or discontinuation of interferon alfa, ribavirin, or both. (5.6)
- Exacerbation of anemia has been reported in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving ribavirin and zidovudine. Coadministration of ribavirin and zidovudine is not advised. (5.6)
- Immune reconstitution syndrome (5.7) and redistribution/accumulation of body fat (5.8) have been reported in patients treated with combination antiretroviral therapy.
- TRIZIVIR should not be administered with other products containing abacavir, lamivudine, or zidovudine; or with emtricitabine. (5.11)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The most commonly reported adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 10\%$ ) in clinical studies were nausea, headache, malaise and fatigue, and nausea and vomiting. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact ViiV Healthcare at 1-877-844-8872 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- Concomitant use with the following drugs should be avoided: stavudine (7.1), doxorubicin (7.2).
- Ethanol: Decreases the elimination of abacavir. (7.3)
- Bone marrow suppressive/cytotoxic agents: May increase the hematologic toxicity of zidovudine. (7.4)
- Methadone: An increased methadone dose may be required in a small number of patients. (7.6)

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5 **Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Serious and sometimes fatal hypersensitivity reactions have  
6 been associated with abacavir sulfate, a component of TRIZIVIR®. Hypersensitivity to  
7 abacavir is a multi-organ clinical syndrome usually characterized by a sign or symptom in  
8 2 or more of the following groups: (1) fever, (2) rash, (3) gastrointestinal (including nausea,  
9 vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain), (4) constitutional (including generalized malaise,  
10 fatigue, or achiness), and (5) respiratory (including dyspnea, cough, or pharyngitis).

11 **Discontinue TRIZIVIR as soon as a hypersensitivity reaction is suspected.**

12 **Patients who carry the HLA-B\*5701 allele are at high risk for experiencing a**  
13 **hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir. Prior to initiating therapy with abacavir, screening**  
14 **for the HLA-B\*5701 allele is recommended; this approach has been found to decrease the**  
15 **risk of hypersensitivity reaction. Screening is also recommended prior to reinitiation of**  
16 **abacavir in patients of unknown HLA-B\*5701 status who have previously tolerated**  
17 **abacavir. HLA-B\*5701-negative patients may develop a suspected hypersensitivity reaction**  
18 **to abacavir; however, this occurs significantly less frequently than in HLA-B\*5701-positive**  
19 **patients.**

20 **Regardless of HLA-B\*5701 status, permanently discontinue TRIZIVIR if**  
21 **hypersensitivity cannot be ruled out, even when other diagnoses are possible.**

22 **Following a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir, NEVER restart TRIZIVIR or any**  
23 **other abacavir-containing product because more severe symptoms can occur within hours**  
24 **and may include life-threatening hypotension and death.**

25 **Reintroduction of TRIZIVIR or any other abacavir-containing product, even in**  
26 **patients who have no identified history or unrecognized symptoms of hypersensitivity to**  
27 **abacavir therapy, can result in serious or fatal hypersensitivity reactions. Such reactions**  
28 **can occur within hours [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].**

29 **Hematologic Toxicity:** Zidovudine, a component of TRIZIVIR, has been associated with  
30 **hematologic toxicity, including neutropenia and severe anemia, particularly in patients**  
31 **with advanced Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1) disease [see Warnings and**  
32 **Precautions (5.2)].**

33 **Myopathy:** Prolonged use of zidovudine has been associated with symptomatic myopathy  
34 **[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].**

35 **Lactic Acidosis and Severe Hepatomegaly:** Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly  
36 **with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside**

37 analogues alone or in combination, including abacavir, lamivudine, zidovudine, and other  
38 antiretrovirals [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

39 **Exacerbations of Hepatitis B:** Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B have been  
40 reported in patients who are co-infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV) and HIV-1 and have  
41 discontinued lamivudine, which is one component of TRIZIVIR. Hepatic function should  
42 be monitored closely with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months  
43 in patients who discontinue TRIZIVIR and are co-infected with HIV-1 and HBV. If  
44 appropriate, initiation of anti-hepatitis B therapy may be warranted [see *Warnings and*  
45 *Precautions (5.5)*].

## 46 **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

47 TRIZIVIR is indicated in combination with other antiretrovirals or alone for the treatment  
48 of HIV-1 infection.

49 Additional important information on the use of TRIZIVIR for treatment of HIV-1  
50 infection:

- 51 • TRIZIVIR is one of multiple products containing abacavir. Before starting TRIZIVIR,  
52 review medical history for prior exposure to any abacavir-containing product in order to  
53 avoid reintroduction in a patient with a history of hypersensitivity to abacavir [see *Warnings*  
54 *and Precautions (5.1)*, *Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- 55 • TRIZIVIR is a fixed-dose combination of 3 nucleoside analogues: abacavir, lamivudine, and  
56 zidovudine and is intended only for patients whose regimen would otherwise include these  
57 3 components.
- 58 • Limited data exist on the use of TRIZIVIR alone in patients with higher baseline viral load  
59 levels (>100,000 copies/mL) [see *Clinical Studies (14)*].

## 60 **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 61 • A Medication Guide and Warning Card that provide information about recognition of  
62 hypersensitivity reactions should be dispensed with each new prescription and refill.
- 63 • To facilitate reporting of hypersensitivity reactions and collection of information on each  
64 case, an Abacavir Hypersensitivity Registry has been established. Physicians should register  
65 patients by calling 1-800-270-0425.
- 66 • TRIZIVIR can be taken with or without food.

### 67 **2.1 Adults and Adolescent Patients**

68 The recommended oral dose of TRIZIVIR is one tablet twice daily.

69 TRIZIVIR is not recommended in adolescents who weigh less than 40 kg because it is a  
70 fixed-dose tablet and cannot be dose adjusted.

### 71 **2.2 Dosage Adjustment**

72 Because it is a fixed-dose combination, TRIZIVIR should not be prescribed for:

- 73 • patients requiring dosage adjustment such as those with creatinine clearance <50 mL/min,
- 74 • patients with hepatic impairment.

75 **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

76 TRIZIVIR Tablets contain 300 mg of abacavir as abacavir sulfate, 150 mg of lamivudine,  
77 and 300 mg of zidovudine. The tablets are blue-green, capsule-shaped, film-coated, and  
78 imprinted with “GX LL1” on one side with no markings on the reverse side.

79 **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

80 TRIZIVIR Tablets are contraindicated in patients with:

- 81 • previously demonstrated hypersensitivity to abacavir or any other component of the product.  
82 NEVER restart TRIZIVIR or any other abacavir-containing product following a  
83 hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir, regardless of HLA-B\*5701 status [*see Warnings and*  
84 *Precautions (5.1), Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- 85 • hepatic impairment [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.7)*].

86 **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

87 **5.1 Hypersensitivity Reaction**

88 Serious and sometimes fatal hypersensitivity reactions have been associated with  
89 TRIZIVIR and other abacavir-containing products. Patients who carry the HLA-B\*5701 allele  
90 are at high risk for experiencing a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir. Prior to initiating therapy  
91 with abacavir, screening for the HLA-B\*5701 allele is recommended; this approach has been  
92 found to decrease the risk of a hypersensitivity reaction. Screening is also recommended prior to  
93 reinitiation of abacavir in patients of unknown HLA-B\*5701 status who have previously  
94 tolerated abacavir. For HLA-B\*5701-positive patients, treatment with an abacavir-containing  
95 regimen is not recommended and should be considered only with close medical supervision and  
96 under exceptional circumstances when the potential benefit outweighs the risk.

97 HLA-B\*5701-negative patients may develop a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir;  
98 however, this occurs significantly less frequently than in HLA-B\*5701-positive patients.  
99 Regardless of HLA-B\*5701 status, permanently discontinue TRIZIVIR if hypersensitivity  
100 cannot be ruled out, even when other diagnoses are possible.

101 Important information on signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity, as well as clinical  
102 management, is presented below.

103 Signs and Symptoms of Hypersensitivity: Hypersensitivity to abacavir is a  
104 multi-organ clinical syndrome usually characterized by a sign or symptom in 2 or more of the  
105 following groups.

106 Group 1: Fever

107 Group 2: Rash

108 Group 3: Gastrointestinal (including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain)

109 Group 4: Constitutional (including generalized malaise, fatigue, or achiness)

110 Group 5: Respiratory (including dyspnea, cough, or pharyngitis)

111 Hypersensitivity to abacavir following the presentation of a single sign or symptom has  
112 been reported infrequently.

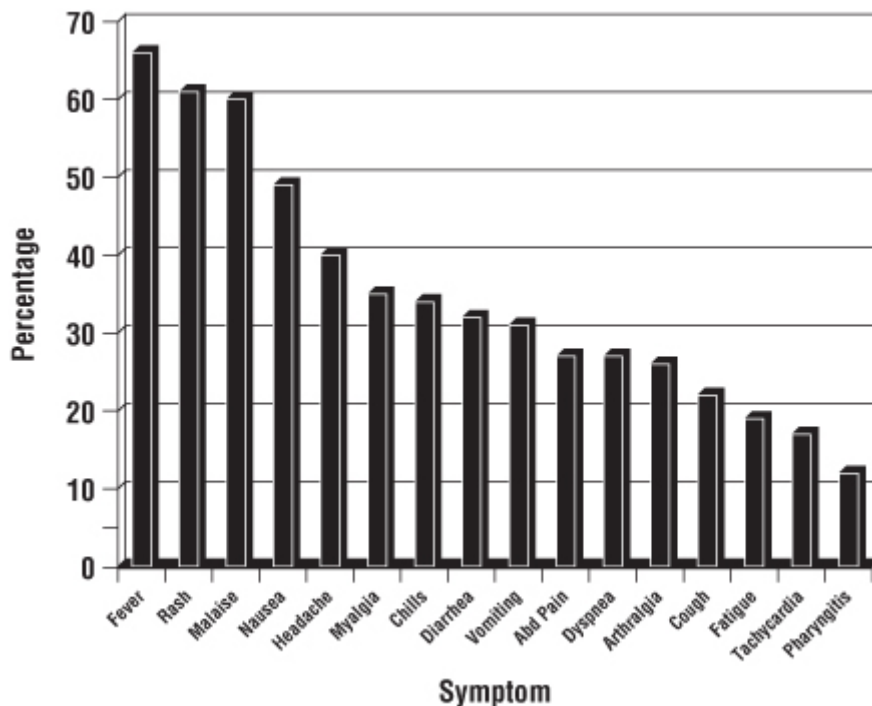
113 Hypersensitivity to abacavir was reported in approximately 8% of 2,670 subjects  
114 (n = 206) in 9 clinical studies (range: 2% to 9%) with enrollment from November 1999 to  
115 February 2002. Data on time to onset and symptoms of suspected hypersensitivity were collected  
116 on a detailed data collection module. The frequencies of symptoms are shown in Figure 1.  
117 Symptoms usually appeared within the first 6 weeks of treatment with abacavir, although the  
118 reaction may occur at any time during therapy. Median time to onset was 9 days; 89% appeared  
119 within the first 6 weeks; 95% of subjects reported symptoms from 2 or more of the 5 groups  
120 listed above.

121 A study with ZIAGEN<sup>®</sup> (abacavir sulfate) used double-blind ascertainment of suspected  
122 hypersensitivity reactions. During the blinded portion of the study, suspected hypersensitivity to  
123 abacavir was reported by investigators in 9% of 324 subjects in the abacavir group and 3% of  
124 325 subjects in the zidovudine group.

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126 **Figure 1. Hypersensitivity-Related Symptoms Reported With**  
127 **≥10% Frequency in Clinical Studies (n = 206 Subjects)**

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130 Other less common signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity include lethargy, myolysis,  
131 edema, abnormal chest x-ray findings (predominantly infiltrates, which can be localized), and  
132 paresthesia. Anaphylaxis, liver failure, renal failure, hypotension, adult respiratory distress  
133 syndrome, respiratory failure, and death have occurred in association with hypersensitivity  
134 reactions.

135 Physical findings associated with hypersensitivity to abacavir in some subjects include  
136 lymphadenopathy, mucous membrane lesions (conjunctivitis and mouth ulcerations), and rash.  
137 The rash usually appears maculopapular or urticarial, but may be variable in appearance. There

138 have been reports of erythema multiforme. Hypersensitivity reactions have occurred without  
139 rash.

140 Laboratory abnormalities associated with hypersensitivity to abacavir in some subjects  
141 include elevated liver function tests, elevated creatinine phosphokinase, elevated creatinine, and  
142 lymphopenia.

143 **Clinical Management of Hypersensitivity:** Discontinue TRIZIVIR as soon as a  
144 hypersensitivity reaction is suspected. To minimize the risk of a life-threatening hypersensitivity  
145 reaction, permanently discontinue TRIZIVIR if hypersensitivity cannot be ruled out, even when  
146 other diagnoses are possible (e.g., acute onset respiratory diseases such as pneumonia, bronchitis,  
147 pharyngitis, or influenza; gastroenteritis; or reactions to other medications).

148 Following a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir, NEVER restart TRIZIVIR or any other  
149 abacavir-containing product because more severe symptoms can occur within hours and may  
150 include life-threatening hypotension and death.

151 When therapy with TRIZIVIR has been discontinued for reasons other than symptoms of  
152 a hypersensitivity reaction, and if reinitiation of abacavir is under consideration, carefully  
153 evaluate the reason for discontinuation to ensure that the patient did not have symptoms of a  
154 hypersensitivity reaction. If the patient is of unknown HLA-B\*5701 status, screening for the  
155 allele is recommended prior to reinitiation of TRIZIVIR.

156 If hypersensitivity cannot be ruled out, DO NOT reintroduce TRIZIVIR or any other  
157 abacavir-containing product. Even in the absence of the HLA-B\*5701 allele, it is important to  
158 permanently discontinue abacavir and not rechallenge with abacavir if a hypersensitivity reaction  
159 cannot be ruled out on clinical grounds, due to the potential for a severe or even fatal reaction.

160 If symptoms consistent with hypersensitivity are not identified, reintroduction can be  
161 undertaken with continued monitoring for symptoms of a hypersensitivity reaction. Make  
162 patients aware that a hypersensitivity reaction can occur with reintroduction of abacavir and that  
163 abacavir reintroduction needs to be undertaken only if medical care can be readily accessed by  
164 the patient or others.

165 **Risk Factor: HLA-B\*5701 Allele:** Studies have shown that carriage of the HLA-B\*5701  
166 allele is associated with a significantly increased risk of a hypersensitivity reaction to abacavir.

167 CNA106030 (PREDICT-1), a randomized, double-blind study, evaluated the clinical  
168 utility of prospective HLA-B\*5701 screening on the incidence of abacavir hypersensitivity  
169 reaction in abacavir-naïve HIV-1-infected adults (n = 1,650). In this study, use of pre-therapy  
170 screening for the HLA-B\*5701 allele and exclusion of subjects with this allele reduced the  
171 incidence of clinically suspected abacavir hypersensitivity reactions from 7.8% (66/847) to 3.4%  
172 (27/803). Based on this study, it is estimated that 61% of patients with the HLA-B\*5701 allele  
173 will develop a clinically suspected hypersensitivity reaction during the course of abacavir  
174 treatment compared with 4% of patients who do not have the HLA-B\*5701 allele.

175 Screening for carriage of the HLA-B\*5701 allele is recommended prior to initiating  
176 treatment with abacavir. Screening is also recommended prior to reinitiation of abacavir in  
177 patients of unknown HLA-B\*5701 status who have previously tolerated abacavir. For

178 HLA-B\*5701-positive patients, initiating or reinitiating treatment with an abacavir-containing  
179 regimen is not recommended and should be considered only with close medical supervision and  
180 under exceptional circumstances where potential benefit outweighs the risk.

181 Skin patch testing is used as a research tool and should not be used to aid in the clinical  
182 diagnosis of abacavir hypersensitivity.

183 In any patient treated with abacavir, the clinical diagnosis of hypersensitivity reaction  
184 must remain the basis of clinical decision-making. Even in the absence of the HLA-B\*5701  
185 allele, it is important to permanently discontinue abacavir and not rechallenge with abacavir if a  
186 hypersensitivity reaction cannot be ruled out on clinical grounds, due to the potential for a severe  
187 or even fatal reaction.

188 Abacavir Hypersensitivity Reaction Registry: An Abacavir Hypersensitivity Registry  
189 has been established to facilitate reporting of hypersensitivity reactions and collection of  
190 information on each case. Physicians should register patients by calling 1-800-270-0425.

## 191 **5.2 Hematologic Toxicity/Bone Marrow Suppression**

192 Zidovudine, a component of TRIZIVIR, has been associated with hematologic toxicity  
193 including neutropenia and anemia, particularly in patients with advanced HIV-1 disease.  
194 TRIZIVIR should be used with caution in patients who have bone marrow compromise  
195 evidenced by granulocyte count less than 1,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or hemoglobin less than 9.5 g/dL.

196 Frequent blood counts are strongly recommended in patients with advanced HIV-1  
197 disease who are treated with TRIZIVIR. Periodic blood counts are recommended for other  
198 HIV-1-infected patients. If anemia or neutropenia develops, dosage interruption may be needed.

## 199 **5.3 Myopathy**

200 Myopathy and myositis, with pathological changes similar to that produced by HIV-1  
201 disease, have been associated with prolonged use of zidovudine, and therefore may occur with  
202 therapy with TRIZIVIR.

## 203 **5.4 Lactic Acidosis/Hepatomegaly With Steatosis**

204 Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been  
205 reported with the use of nucleoside analogues alone or in combination, including abacavir,  
206 lamivudine, zidovudine, and other antiretrovirals. A majority of these cases have been in women.  
207 Obesity and prolonged nucleoside exposure may be risk factors. Particular caution should be  
208 exercised when administering TRIZIVIR to any patient with known risk factors for liver disease;  
209 however, cases have also been reported in patients with no known risk factors. Treatment with  
210 TRIZIVIR should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings  
211 suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly and  
212 steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations).

## 213 **5.5 Patients With HIV-1 and Hepatitis B Virus Co-infection**

214 Posttreatment Exacerbations of Hepatitis: In clinical studies in non-HIV-1-infected  
215 subjects treated with lamivudine for chronic HBV, clinical and laboratory evidence of  
216 exacerbations of hepatitis have occurred after discontinuation of lamivudine. These  
217 exacerbations have been detected primarily by serum ALT elevations in addition to

218 re-emergence of hepatitis B viral DNA (HBV DNA). Although most events appear to have been  
219 self-limited, fatalities have been reported in some cases. Similar events have been reported from  
220 post-marketing experience after changes from lamivudine-containing HIV-1 treatment regimens  
221 to non-lamivudine-containing regimens in patients infected with both HIV-1 and HBV. The  
222 causal relationship to discontinuation of lamivudine treatment is unknown. Patients should be  
223 closely monitored with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months after  
224 stopping treatment. There is insufficient evidence to determine whether reinitiation of  
225 lamivudine alters the course of posttreatment exacerbations of hepatitis.

226 **Emergence of Lamivudine-Resistant HBV:** Safety and efficacy of lamivudine have  
227 not been established for treatment of chronic hepatitis B in subjects dually infected with HIV-1  
228 and HBV. In non-HIV-infected subjects treated with lamivudine for chronic hepatitis B,  
229 emergence of lamivudine-resistant HBV has been detected and has been associated with  
230 diminished treatment response (see full prescribing information for EPIVIR-HBV<sup>®</sup> [lamivudine]  
231 for additional information). Emergence of hepatitis B virus variants associated with resistance to  
232 lamivudine has also been reported in HIV-1-infected subjects who have received  
233 lamivudine-containing antiretroviral regimens in the presence of concurrent infection with  
234 hepatitis B virus.

## 235 **5.6 Use With Interferon- and Ribavirin-Based Regimens**

236 In vitro studies have shown ribavirin can reduce the phosphorylation of pyrimidine  
237 nucleoside analogues such as lamivudine and zidovudine. Although no evidence of a  
238 pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic interaction (e.g., loss of HIV-1/HCV virologic  
239 suppression) was seen when ribavirin was coadministered with lamivudine or zidovudine in  
240 HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*], hepatic decompensation  
241 (some fatal) has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects receiving combination  
242 antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1 and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin. Patients receiving  
243 interferon alfa with or without ribavirin and TRIZIVIR should be closely monitored for  
244 treatment-associated toxicities, especially hepatic decompensation, neutropenia, and anemia.  
245 Discontinuation of TRIZIVIR should be considered as medically appropriate. Dose reduction or  
246 discontinuation of interferon alfa, ribavirin, or both should also be considered if worsening  
247 clinical toxicities are observed, including hepatic decompensation (e.g., Child-Pugh greater than  
248 6) (see the complete prescribing information for interferon and ribavirin).

249 Exacerbation of anemia has been reported in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving  
250 ribavirin and zidovudine. Coadministration of ribavirin and TRIZIVIR is not advised.

## 251 **5.7 Immune Reconstitution Syndrome**

252 Immune reconstitution syndrome has been reported in patients treated with combination  
253 antiretroviral therapy, including TRIZIVIR. During the initial phase of combination antiretroviral  
254 treatment, patients whose immune systems respond may develop an inflammatory response to  
255 indolent or residual opportunistic infections (such as *Mycobacterium avium* infection,  
256 cytomegalovirus, *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia [PCP], or tuberculosis), which may  
257 necessitate further evaluation and treatment.

258 Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves' disease, polymyositis, and Guillain-Barré  
259 syndrome) have also been reported to occur in the setting of immune reconstitution, however, the  
260 time to onset is more variable, and can occur many months after initiation of treatment.

### 261 **5.8 Fat Redistribution**

262 Redistribution/accumulation of body fat including central obesity, dorsocervical fat  
263 enlargement (buffalo hump), peripheral wasting, facial wasting, breast enlargement, and  
264 "cushingoid appearance" have been observed in patients receiving antiretroviral therapy. The  
265 mechanism and long-term consequences of these events are currently unknown. A causal  
266 relationship has not been established.

### 267 **5.9 Myocardial Infarction**

268 In a published prospective, observational, epidemiological study designed to investigate  
269 the rate of myocardial infarction in patients on combination antiretroviral therapy, the use of  
270 abacavir within the previous 6 months was correlated with an increased risk of myocardial  
271 infarction (MI).<sup>1</sup> In a sponsor-conducted pooled analysis of clinical studies, no excess risk of  
272 myocardial infarction was observed in abacavir-treated subjects as compared with control  
273 subjects. In totality, the available data from the observational cohort and from clinical studies are  
274 inconclusive.

275 As a precaution, the underlying risk of coronary heart disease should be considered when  
276 prescribing antiretroviral therapies, including abacavir, and action taken to minimize all  
277 modifiable risk factors (e.g., hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus, and smoking).

### 278 **5.10 Therapy-Experienced Patients**

279 In clinical studies, patients with prolonged prior nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor  
280 (NRTI) exposure or who had HIV-1 isolates that contained multiple mutations conferring  
281 resistance to NRTIs had limited response to abacavir. The potential for cross-resistance between  
282 abacavir and other NRTIs should be considered when choosing new therapeutic regimens in  
283 therapy-experienced patients [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.4)*].

### 284 **5.11 Use With Other Abacavir-, Lamivudine-, Zidovudine-, and/or Emtricitabine- 285 Containing Products**

286 TRIZIVIR is a fixed-dose combination of abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine and is  
287 intended only for patients whose regimen would otherwise include these 3 components.  
288 TRIZIVIR should not be administered concomitantly with other abacavir-, lamivudine-, or  
289 zidovudine-containing products including ZIAGEN (abacavir sulfate) Tablets and Oral Solution,  
290 EPIVIR<sup>®</sup> (lamivudine) Tablets and Oral Solution, EPIVIR-HBV (lamivudine) Tablets and Oral  
291 Solution, RETROVIR<sup>®</sup> (zidovudine) Tablets, Capsules, Syrup, and IV Infusion, COMBIVIR<sup>®</sup>  
292 (lamivudine and zidovudine) Tablets, EPZICOM<sup>®</sup> (abacavir sulfate and lamivudine) Tablets; or  
293 emtricitabine-containing products, including ATRIPLA<sup>®</sup> (efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir  
294 disoproxil fumarate) Tablets, EMTRIVA<sup>®</sup> (emtricitabine) Capsules and Oral Solution,  
295 TRUVADA<sup>®</sup> (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) Tablets, or COMPLERA<sup>™</sup>  
296 (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) Tablets.

297 The complete prescribing information for all agents being considered for use with

298 TRIZIVIR should be consulted before combination therapy with TRIZIVIR is initiated.

## 299 **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

300 The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the  
301 labeling:

- 302 • Serious and sometimes fatal hypersensitivity reactions [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and*  
303 *Precautions (5.1)*].
- 304 • Hematologic toxicity, including neutropenia and anemia [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and*  
305 *Precautions (5.2)*].
- 306 • Symptomatic myopathy [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- 307 • Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and*  
308 *Precautions (5.4)*].
- 309 • Acute exacerbations of hepatitis B [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].
- 310 • Hepatic decompensation in patients co-infected with HIV-1 and hepatitis C [*Warnings and*  
311 *Precautions (5.6)*].
- 312 • Exacerbation of anemia in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving ribavirin and  
313 zidovudine [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].
- 314 • Immune reconstitution syndrome [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].
- 315 • Fat redistribution [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].
- 316 • Myocardial infarction [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].

### 317 **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

318 Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction  
319 rates observed in the clinical studies of a drug cannot be directly compared with rates in the  
320 clinical studies of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

321 Treatment-emergent clinical adverse reactions (rated by the investigator as moderate or  
322 severe) with a frequency greater than or equal to 5% during therapy with abacavir 300 mg twice  
323 daily, lamivudine 150 mg twice daily, and zidovudine 300 mg twice daily compared with  
324 indinavir 800 mg 3 times daily, lamivudine 150 mg twice daily, and zidovudine 300 mg twice  
325 daily from CNA3005 are listed in Table 1.

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327 **Table 1. Treatment-Emergent (All Causality) Adverse Reactions of at Least Moderate**  
 328 **Intensity (Grades 2-4, ≥5% Frequency) in Therapy-Naive Adults (CNA3005) Through**  
 329 **48 Weeks of Treatment**

| Adverse Reaction             | ZIAGEN plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 262) | Indinavir plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 264) |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Nausea                       | 19%   | 17%  |
| Headache                     | 13%   | 9%   |
| Malaise and fatigue          | 12%   | 12%  |
| Nausea and vomiting          | 10%   | 10%  |
| Hypersensitivity reaction    | 8%  | 2%   |
| Diarrhea                     | 7%  | 5%   |
| Fever and/or chills          | 6%  | 3%   |
| Depressive disorders         | 6%  | 4%   |
| Musculoskeletal pain         | 5%  | 7%   |
| Skin rashes                  | 5%  | 4%   |
| Ear/nose/throat infections   | 5%  | 4%   |
| Viral respiratory infections | 5%  | 5%   |
| Anxiety                      | 5%  | 3%   |
| Renal signs/symptoms         | <1%   | 5%   |
| Pain (non-site-specific)     | <1%   | 5%   |

330  
 331 Five subjects receiving abacavir in study CNA3005 experienced worsening of  
 332 pre-existing depression compared to none in the indinavir arm. The background rates of  
 333 pre-existing depression were similar in the 2 treatment arms.

334 Laboratory Abnormalities: Laboratory abnormalities in study CNA3005 are listed in  
 335 Table 2.

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337 **Table 2. Treatment-Emergent Laboratory Abnormalities (Grades 3/4) in Study CNA3005**

| Grade 3/4<br>Laboratory Abnormalities | Number of Subjects by Treatment Group             |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                       | ZIAGEN plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 262) | Indinavir plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 264) |
| Elevated CPK (>4 x ULN)               | 18 (7%)   | 18 (7%)  |
| ALT (>5.0 x ULN)                      | 16 (6%)   | 16 (6%)  |
| Neutropenia (<750/mm <sup>3</sup> )   | 13 (5%)   | 13 (5%)  |
| Hypertriglyceridemia (>750 mg/dL)     | 5 (2%)  | 3 (1%)   |
| Hyperamylasemia (>2.0 x ULN)          | 5 (2%)  | 1 (<1%)  |
| Hyperglycemia (>13.9 mmol/L)          | 2 (<1%)   | 2 (<1%)  |
| Anemia (Hgb ≤6.9 g/dL)                | 0 (0%)  | 3 (1%)   |

338 ULN = Upper limit of normal.  
339 n = Number of subjects assessed.

340

341 **Other Adverse Events:** In addition to adverse reactions in Tables 1 and 2, other adverse  
342 events observed in the expanded access program for abacavir were pancreatitis and increased  
343 GGT.

## 344 **6.2 Postmarketing Experience**

345 In addition to adverse reactions reported from clinical studies, the following reactions  
346 have been identified during postmarketing use of abacavir, lamivudine, and/or zidovudine.  
347 Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency  
348 cannot be made. These reactions have been chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their  
349 seriousness, frequency of reporting, or potential causal connection to abacavir, lamivudine and/or  
350 zidovudine.

### 351 **Abacavir:**

352 *Cardiovascular:* Myocardial infarction.

353 *Skin:* Suspected Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis  
354 (TEN) have been reported in patients receiving abacavir primarily in combination with  
355 medications known to be associated with SJS and TEN, respectively. Because of the overlap of  
356 clinical signs and symptoms between hypersensitivity to abacavir and SJS and TEN, and the  
357 possibility of multiple drug sensitivities in some patients, abacavir should be discontinued and  
358 not restarted in such cases.

359 There have also been reports of erythema multiforme with abacavir use.

### 360 **Abacavir, Lamivudine, and/or Zidovudine:**

361 *Body as a Whole:* Redistribution/accumulation of body fat [see Warnings and  
362 Precautions (5.8)].

363 *Cardiovascular:* Cardiomyopathy.

364 *Digestive:* Stomatitis.

365 *Endocrine and Metabolic:* Gynecomastia, hyperglycemia.

366 *Gastrointestinal:* Anorexia and/or decreased appetite, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, oral  
367 mucosal pigmentation.

368 *General:* Vasculitis, weakness.

369 *Hemic and Lymphatic:* Aplastic anemia, anemia (including pure red cell aplasia and  
370 severe anemias progressing on therapy), lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly, thrombocytopenia.

371 *Hepatic:* Lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*],  
372 elevated bilirubin, elevated transaminases, posttreatment exacerbation of hepatitis B [*see*  
373 *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

374 *Hypersensitivity:* Sensitization reactions (including anaphylaxis), urticaria.

375 *Musculoskeletal:* Arthralgia, myalgia, muscle weakness, CPK elevation,  
376 rhabdomyolysis.

377 *Nervous:* Dizziness, paresthesia, peripheral neuropathy, seizures.

378 *Psychiatric:* Insomnia and other sleep disorders.

379 *Respiratory:* Abnormal breath sounds/wheezing.

380 *Skin:* Alopecia, erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome.

## 381 **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- 382 • No drug interaction studies have been conducted using TRIZIVIR Tablets [*see Clinical*  
383 *Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### 384 **7.1 Antiretroviral Agents**

385 Zidovudine: *Stavudine:* Concomitant use of zidovudine with stavudine should be  
386 avoided since an antagonistic relationship has been demonstrated in vitro.

387 *Nucleoside Analogues Affecting DNA Replication:* Some nucleoside analogues  
388 affecting DNA replication, such as ribavirin, antagonize the in vitro antiviral activity of  
389 zidovudine against HIV-1; concomitant use of such drugs should be avoided.

### 390 **7.2 Doxorubicin**

391 Zidovudine: Concomitant use of zidovudine with doxorubicin should be avoided since  
392 an antagonistic relationship has been demonstrated in vitro.

### 393 **7.3 Ethanol**

394 Abacavir: Abacavir has no effect on the pharmacokinetic properties of ethanol. Ethanol  
395 decreases the elimination of abacavir causing an increase in overall exposure [*see Clinical*  
396 *Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### 397 **7.4 Hematologic/Bone Marrow Suppressive/Cytotoxic Agents**

398 Zidovudine: Coadministration of ganciclovir, interferon alfa, ribavirin, and other bone  
399 marrow suppressive or cytotoxic agents may increase the hematologic toxicity of zidovudine.

### 400 **7.5 Interferon- and Ribavirin-Based Regimens**

401 Lamivudine: Although no evidence of a pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic  
402 interaction (e.g., loss of HIV-1/HCV virologic suppression) was seen when ribavirin was  
403 coadministered with lamivudine in HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects, hepatic decompensation  
404 (some fatal) has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects receiving combination

405 antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1 and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin [see Warnings and  
406 Precautions (5.6), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

## 407 **7.6 Methadone**

408 Abacavir: The addition of methadone has no clinically significant effect on the  
409 pharmacokinetic properties of abacavir. In a study of 11 HIV-1-infected subjects receiving  
410 methadone-maintenance therapy with 600 mg of ZIAGEN twice daily (twice the currently  
411 recommended dose), oral methadone clearance increased [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].  
412 This alteration will not result in a methadone dose modification in the majority of patients;  
413 however, an increased methadone dose may be required in a small number of patients.

## 414 **7.7 Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX)**

415 Lamivudine: No change in dose of either drug is recommended [see Clinical  
416 Pharmacology (12.3)]. There is no information regarding the effect on lamivudine  
417 pharmacokinetics of higher doses of TMP/SMX such as those used to treat PCP.

## 418 **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

### 419 **8.1 Pregnancy**

420 TRIZIVIR: Pregnancy Category C. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of  
421 TRIZIVIR in pregnant women. Reproduction studies with abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine  
422 have been performed in animals (see Abacavir, Lamivudine, and Zidovudine sections below).  
423 TRIZIVIR should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefits outweigh the risks.

424 Abacavir: Studies in pregnant rats showed that abacavir is transferred to the fetus  
425 through the placenta. Fetal malformations (increased incidences of fetal anasarca and skeletal  
426 malformations) and developmental toxicity (depressed fetal body weight and reduced  
427 crown-rump length) were observed in rats at a dose which produced 35 times the human  
428 exposure, based on AUC. Embryonic and fetal toxicities (increased resorptions, decreased fetal  
429 body weights) and toxicities to the offspring (increased incidence of stillbirth and lower body  
430 weights) occurred at half of the above-mentioned dose in separate fertility studies conducted in  
431 rats. In the rabbit, no developmental toxicity and no increases in fetal malformations occurred at  
432 doses that produced 8.5 times the human exposure at the recommended dose based on AUC.

433 Lamivudine: Studies in pregnant rats showed that lamivudine is transferred to the fetus  
434 through the placenta. Reproduction studies with orally administered lamivudine have been  
435 performed in rats and rabbits at doses producing plasma levels up to approximately 35 times that  
436 for the recommended adult HIV dose. No evidence of teratogenicity due to lamivudine was  
437 observed. Evidence of early embryo/lethality was seen in the rabbit at exposure levels similar to  
438 those observed in humans, but there was no indication of this effect in the rat at exposure levels  
439 up to 35 times those in humans.

440 Zidovudine: Reproduction studies with orally administered zidovudine in the rat and in  
441 the rabbit at doses up to 500 mg/kg/day revealed no evidence of teratogenicity with zidovudine.  
442 Zidovudine treatment resulted in embryo/fetal toxicity as evidenced by an increase in the  
443 incidence of fetal resorptions in rats given 150 or 450 mg/kg/day and rabbits given

444 500 mg/kg/day. The doses used in the teratology studies resulted in peak zidovudine plasma  
445 concentrations (after one-half of the daily dose) in rats 66 to 226 times, and in rabbits 12 to  
446 87 times, mean steady-state peak human plasma concentrations (after one-sixth of the daily dose)  
447 achieved with the recommended daily dose (100 mg every 4 hours). In an additional teratology  
448 study in rats, a dose of 3,000 mg/kg/day (very near the oral median lethal dose in rats of  
449 approximately 3,700 mg/kg) caused marked maternal toxicity and an increase in the incidence of  
450 fetal malformations. This dose resulted in peak zidovudine plasma concentrations 350 times peak  
451 human plasma concentrations. No evidence of teratogenicity was seen in this experiment at doses  
452 of 600 mg/kg/day or less. Two rodent carcinogenicity studies were conducted [*see Nonclinical*  
453 *Toxicology (13.1)*].

454 Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant  
455 women exposed to TRIZIVIR or other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry  
456 has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling 1-800-258-4263.

### 457 **8.3 Nursing Mothers**

458 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that HIV-1-infected mothers  
459 not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

460 Abacavir, Lamivudine, and Zidovudine: Lamivudine and zidovudine are excreted in  
461 human breast milk; abacavir and lamivudine are secreted into the milk of lactating rats.

462 Because of both the potential for HIV-1 transmission and the potential for serious adverse  
463 reactions in nursing infants, mothers should be instructed not to breastfeed if they are receiving  
464 TRIZIVIR.

### 465 **8.4 Pediatric Use**

466 TRIZIVIR is not intended for use in pediatric patients and is not recommended in  
467 adolescents who weigh less than 40 kg because it is a fixed-dose tablet that cannot be adjusted  
468 for these patient populations.

469 Therapy-Experienced Pediatric Patients: A randomized, double-blind study,  
470 CNA3006, compared ZIAGEN plus lamivudine and zidovudine versus lamivudine and  
471 zidovudine in pediatric subjects, most of whom were extensively pretreated with nucleoside  
472 analogue antiretroviral agents. Subjects in this study had a limited response to abacavir.

### 473 **8.5 Geriatric Use**

474 Clinical studies of abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine did not include sufficient  
475 numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from  
476 younger subjects. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting  
477 the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease  
478 or other drug therapy [*see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

### 479 **8.6 Patients With Impaired Renal Function**

480 TRIZIVIR is not recommended for patients with impaired renal function (i.e., creatinine  
481 clearance <50 mL/min) because TRIZIVIR is a fixed-dose combination and the dosage of the  
482 individual components cannot be adjusted.

### 483 **8.7 Patients With Impaired Hepatic Function**

484 TRIZIVIR is contraindicated for patients with hepatic impairment because TRIZIVIR is a  
485 fixed-dose combination and the dosage of the individual components cannot be adjusted.

## 486 **10 OVERDOSAGE**

487 **Abacavir:** There is no known antidote for abacavir. It is not known whether abacavir can  
488 be removed by peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis.

489 **Lamivudine:** One case of an adult ingesting 6 grams of lamivudine was reported; there  
490 were no clinical signs or symptoms noted and hematologic tests remained normal. It is not  
491 known whether lamivudine can be removed by peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis.

492 **Zidovudine:** Acute overdoses of zidovudine have been reported in pediatric patients and  
493 adults. These involved exposures up to 50 grams. The only consistent findings were nausea and  
494 vomiting. Other reported occurrences included headache, dizziness, drowsiness, lethargy, and  
495 confusion. Hematologic changes were transient. All patients recovered. Hemodialysis and  
496 peritoneal dialysis appear to have a negligible effect on the removal of zidovudine, while  
497 elimination of its primary metabolite, 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-5'-O-β-D-glucopyranuronosylthymidine  
498 (GZDV), is enhanced.

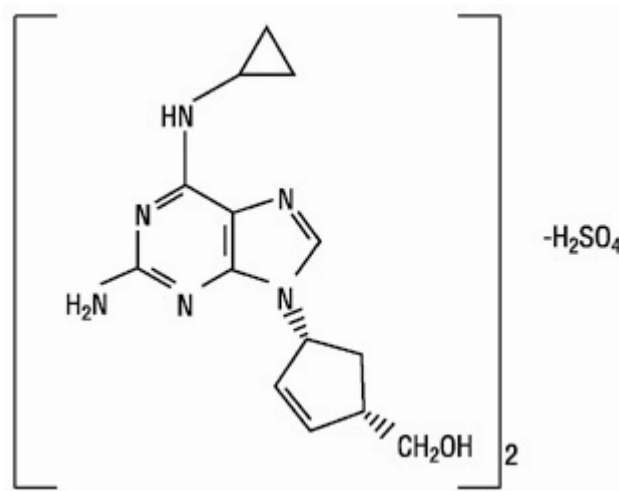
## 499 **11 DESCRIPTION**

500 **TRIZIVIR:** TRIZIVIR Tablets contain the following 3 synthetic nucleoside analogues:  
501 abacavir sulfate (ZIAGEN), lamivudine (also known as EPIVIR or 3TC), and zidovudine (also  
502 known as RETROVIR, azidothymidine, or ZDV) with inhibitory activity against HIV-1.

503 TRIZIVIR Tablets are for oral administration. Each film-coated tablet contains the active  
504 ingredients 300 mg of abacavir as abacavir sulfate, 150 mg of lamivudine, and 300 mg of  
505 zidovudine, and the inactive ingredients magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and  
506 sodium starch glycolate. The tablets are coated with a film (OPADRY® green 03B11434) that is  
507 made of FD&C Blue No. 2, hypromellose, polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, and yellow  
508 iron oxide.

509 **Abacavir Sulfate:** The chemical name of abacavir sulfate is (1*S*,*cis*)-4-[2-amino-6-  
510 (cyclopropylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]-2-cyclopentene-1-methanol sulfate (salt) (2:1). Abacavir  
511 sulfate is the enantiomer with 1*S*, 4*R* absolute configuration on the cyclopentene ring. It has a  
512 molecular formula of (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and a molecular weight of 670.76 daltons. It has the  
513 following structural formula:

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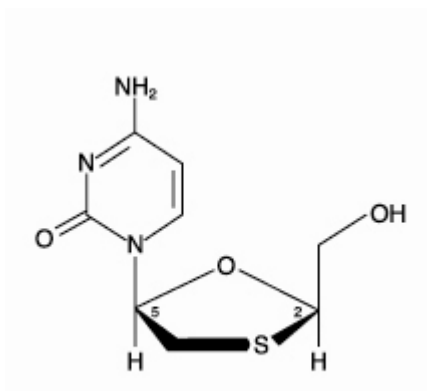
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517 Abacavir sulfate is a white to off-white solid with a solubility of approximately  
518 77 mg/mL in distilled water at 25°C.

519 In vivo, abacavir sulfate dissociates to its free base, abacavir. In this insert, all dosages  
520 for ZIAGEN (abacavir sulfate) are expressed in terms of abacavir.

521 **Lamivudine:** The chemical name of lamivudine is (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-  
522 hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one. Lamivudine is the (-)enantiomer of a  
523 dideoxy analogue of cytidine. Lamivudine has also been referred to as (-)2',3'-dideoxy, 3'-  
524 thiacytidine. It has a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$  and a molecular weight of 229.3  
525 daltons. It has the following structural formula:

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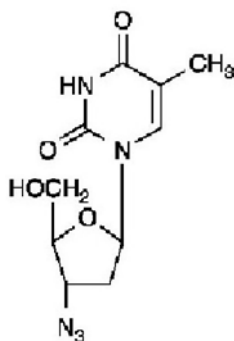
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529 Lamivudine is a white to off-white crystalline solid with a solubility of approximately  
530 70 mg/mL in water at 20°C.

531 **Zidovudine:** The chemical name of zidovudine is 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine. It has a  
532 molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$  and a molecular weight of 267.24 daltons. It has the  
533 following structural formula:

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537 Zidovudine is a white to beige, crystalline solid with a solubility of 20.1 mg/mL in water  
538 at 25°C.

## 539 **12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

### 540 **12.1 Mechanism of Action**

541 TRIZIVIR is an antiviral agent [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.4)*].

### 542 **12.3 Pharmacokinetics**

543 Pharmacokinetics in Adults: *TRIZIVIR*: In a single-dose, 3-way crossover  
544 bioavailability study of 1 TRIZIVIR Tablet versus 1 ZIAGEN Tablet (300 mg), 1 EPIVIR Tablet  
545 (150 mg), plus 1 RETROVIR Tablet (300 mg) administered simultaneously in healthy subjects  
546 (n = 24), there was no difference in the extent of absorption, as measured by the area under the  
547 plasma concentration-time curve (AUC) and maximal peak concentration (C<sub>max</sub>), of all  
548 3 components. One TRIZIVIR Tablet was bioequivalent to 1 ZIAGEN Tablet (300 mg),  
549 1 EPIVIR Tablet (150 mg), plus 1 RETROVIR Tablet (300 mg) following single-dose  
550 administration to fasting healthy subjects (n = 24).

551 *Abacavir*: Following oral administration, abacavir is rapidly absorbed and extensively  
552 distributed. Binding of abacavir to human plasma proteins is approximately 50%. Binding of  
553 abacavir to plasma proteins was independent of concentration. Total blood and plasma  
554 drug-related radioactivity concentrations are identical, demonstrating that abacavir readily  
555 distributes into erythrocytes. The primary routes of elimination of abacavir are metabolism by  
556 alcohol dehydrogenase to form the 5'-carboxylic acid and glucuronyl transferase to form the  
557 5'-glucuronide.

558 *Lamivudine*: Following oral administration, lamivudine is rapidly absorbed and  
559 extensively distributed. Binding to plasma protein is low. Approximately 70% of an intravenous  
560 dose of lamivudine is recovered as unchanged drug in the urine. Metabolism of lamivudine is a  
561 minor route of elimination. In humans, the only known metabolite is the trans-sulfoxide  
562 metabolite (approximately 5% of an oral dose after 12 hours).

563 *Zidovudine*: Following oral administration, zidovudine is rapidly absorbed and  
564 extensively distributed. Binding to plasma protein is low. Zidovudine is eliminated primarily by  
565 hepatic metabolism. The major metabolite of zidovudine is GZDV. GZDV AUC is about 3-fold  
566 greater than the zidovudine AUC. Urinary recovery of zidovudine and GZDV accounts for 14%

567 and 74% of the dose following oral administration, respectively. A second metabolite, 3'-amino-  
568 3'-deoxythymidine (AMT), has been identified in plasma. The AMT AUC was one-fifth of the  
569 zidovudine AUC.

570 In humans, abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine are not significantly metabolized by  
571 cytochrome P450 enzymes.

572 The pharmacokinetic properties of abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine in fasting  
573 subjects are summarized in Table 3.

574

575 **Table 3. Pharmacokinetic Parameters<sup>a</sup> for Abacavir, Lamivudine, and Zidovudine in**  
576 **Adults**

| Parameter                              | Abacavir    |        | Lamivudine          |        | Zidovudine            |       |
|--|-------------|--------|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Oral bioavailability (%)               | 86 ± 25     | n = 6  | 86 ± 16             | n = 12 | 64 ± 10               | n = 5 |
| Apparent volume of distribution (L/kg) | 0.86 ± 0.15 | n = 6  | 1.3 ± 0.4           | n = 20 | 1.6 ± 0.6             | n = 8 |
| Systemic clearance (L/hr/kg)           | 0.80 ± 0.24 | n = 6  | 0.33 ± 0.06         | n = 20 | 1.6 ± 0.6             | n = 6 |
| Renal clearance (L/hr/kg)              | .007 ± .008 | n = 6  | 0.22 ± 0.06         | n = 20 | 0.34 ± 0.05           | n = 9 |
| Elimination half-life (hr)             | 1.45 ± 0.32 | n = 20 | 5 to 7 <sup>b</sup> |        | 0.5 to 3 <sup>b</sup> |       |

577 <sup>a</sup> Data presented as mean ± standard deviation except where noted.

578 <sup>b</sup> Approximate range.

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580 **Effect of Food on Absorption of TRIZIVIR:** Administration with food in a single-dose  
581 bioavailability study resulted in lower C<sub>max</sub>, similar to results observed previously for the  
582 reference formulations. The average [90% CI] decrease in abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine  
583 C<sub>max</sub> was 32% [24% to 38%], 18% [10% to 25%], and 28% [13% to 40%], respectively, when  
584 administered with a high-fat meal, compared with administration under fasted conditions.  
585 Administration of TRIZIVIR with food did not alter the extent of abacavir, lamivudine, and  
586 zidovudine absorption (AUC), as compared with administration under fasted conditions (n = 24)  
587 [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

588 **Special Populations: Renal Impairment: TRIZIVIR:** Because lamivudine and  
589 zidovudine require dose adjustment in the presence of renal insufficiency, TRIZIVIR is not  
590 recommended for use in patients with creatinine clearance <50 mL/min [see *Use in Specific*  
591 *Populations (8.6)*].

592 **Hepatic Impairment: TRIZIVIR:** TRIZIVIR is contraindicated for patients with  
593 impaired hepatic function because TRIZIVIR is a fixed-dose combination and the dosage of the  
594 individual components cannot be adjusted. Abacavir is contraindicated in patients with moderate to  
595 severe hepatic impairment and dose reduction is required in patients with mild hepatic impairment.

596 **Pregnancy:** See *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*.

597 **Abacavir and Lamivudine:** No data are available on the pharmacokinetics of  
598 abacavir or lamivudine during pregnancy.

599            *Zidovudine*: Zidovudine pharmacokinetics have been studied in a Phase 1 study of  
600 8 women during the last trimester of pregnancy. As pregnancy progressed, there was no evidence  
601 of drug accumulation. The pharmacokinetics of zidovudine were similar to that of nonpregnant  
602 adults. Consistent with passive transmission of the drug across the placenta, zidovudine  
603 concentrations in neonatal plasma at birth were essentially equal to those in maternal plasma at  
604 delivery. Although data are limited, methadone maintenance therapy in 5 pregnant women did  
605 not appear to alter zidovudine pharmacokinetics. In a nonpregnant adult population, a potential  
606 for interaction has been identified [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

607            *Nursing Mothers*: See *Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*.

608            *Abacavir*: No data are available on the pharmacokinetics of abacavir in nursing  
609 mothers.

610            *Lamivudine*: Samples of breast milk obtained from 20 mothers receiving  
611 lamivudine monotherapy (300 mg twice daily) or combination therapy (150 mg lamivudine twice  
612 daily and 300 mg zidovudine twice daily) had measurable concentrations of lamivudine.

613            *Zidovudine*: After administration of a single dose of 200 mg zidovudine to  
614 13 HIV-infected women, the mean concentration of zidovudine was similar in human milk and  
615 serum [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*].

616            *Pediatric Patients*: TRIZIVIR is not intended for use in pediatric patients. TRIZIVIR  
617 is not recommended in adolescents who weigh less than 40 kg because it is a fixed-dose tablet  
618 that cannot be dose adjusted for this patient population.

619            *Geriatric Patients*: The pharmacokinetics of abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine  
620 have not been studied in subjects over 65 years of age.

621            *Gender*:

622            *Abacavir*: A population pharmacokinetic analysis in HIV-1-infected male (n = 304)  
623 and female (n = 67) subjects showed no gender differences in abacavir AUC normalized for lean  
624 body weight.

625            *Lamivudine and Zidovudine*: A pharmacokinetic study in healthy male (n = 12)  
626 and female (n = 12) subjects showed no gender differences in zidovudine exposure (AUC<sub>∞</sub>) or  
627 lamivudine (AUC<sub>∞</sub>) normalized for body weight.

628            *Race*:

629            *Abacavir*: There are no significant differences between blacks and  
630 Caucasians in abacavir pharmacokinetics.

631            *Lamivudine*: There are no significant racial differences in lamivudine  
632 pharmacokinetics.

633            *Zidovudine*: The pharmacokinetics of zidovudine with respect to race have not  
634 been determined.

635            **Drug Interactions**: The drug interactions described below are based on studies  
636 conducted with the individual nucleoside analogues.

637                   *Cytochrome P450:* In humans, abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine are not  
638 significantly metabolized by cytochrome P450 enzymes; therefore, it is unlikely that clinically  
639 significant drug interactions will occur with drugs metabolized through these pathways.

640                   *Glucuronyl Transferase:* Due to the common metabolic pathways of abacavir and  
641 zidovudine via glucuronyl transferase, 15 HIV-1-infected subjects were enrolled in a crossover  
642 study evaluating single doses of abacavir (600 mg), lamivudine (150 mg), and zidovudine  
643 (300 mg) alone or in combination. Analysis showed no clinically relevant changes in the  
644 pharmacokinetics of abacavir with the addition of lamivudine or zidovudine or the combination  
645 of lamivudine and zidovudine. Lamivudine exposure (AUC decreased 15%) and zidovudine  
646 exposure (AUC increased 10%) did not show clinically relevant changes with concurrent  
647 abacavir.

648                   *Lamivudine and Zidovudine:* No clinically significant alterations in lamivudine or  
649 zidovudine pharmacokinetics were observed in 12 asymptomatic HIV-1-infected adult subjects  
650 given a single dose of zidovudine (200 mg) in combination with multiple doses of lamivudine  
651 (300 mg q 12 hr).

652                   *Methadone:* In a study of 11 HIV-1-infected subjects receiving  
653 methadone-maintenance therapy (40 mg and 90 mg daily), with 600 mg of ZIAGEN twice daily  
654 (twice the currently recommended dose), oral methadone clearance increased 22% (90% CI: 6%  
655 to 42%) [*see Drug Interactions (7.6)*].

656                   *Ribavirin:* In vitro data indicate ribavirin reduces phosphorylation of lamivudine,  
657 stavudine, and zidovudine. However, no pharmacokinetic (e.g., plasma concentrations or  
658 intracellular triphosphorylated active metabolite concentrations) or pharmacodynamic (e.g., loss  
659 of HIV-1/HCV virologic suppression) interaction was observed when ribavirin and lamivudine  
660 (n = 18), stavudine (n = 10), or zidovudine (n = 6) were coadministered as part of a multi-drug  
661 regimen to HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].

662                   The effects of other coadministered drugs on abacavir, lamivudine, or zidovudine are  
663 provided in Table 4.

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665 **Table 4. Effect of Coadministered Drugs on Abacavir, Lamivudine, and Zidovudine AUC<sup>a</sup>**  
**Note: ROUTINE DOSE MODIFICATION OF ABACAVIR, LAMIVUDINE, AND ZIDOVUDINE IS NOT WARRANTED WITH COADMINISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING DRUGS.**

| <b>Drugs That May Alter Lamivudine Blood Concentrations</b>          |                            |          |                                  |                                     |   |
|--|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Coadministered Drug and Dose</b>                                  | <b>Lamivudine Dose</b>     | <b>n</b> | <b>Lamivudine Concentrations</b> |                                     | <b>Concentration of Coadministered Drug</b> |
|  |                            |          | <b>AUC</b>                       | <b>Variability</b>                  |   |
| Nelfinavir<br>750 mg q 8 hr x 7 to 10 days                           | single 150 mg              | 11       | ↑10%                             | 95% CI:<br>1% to 20%                | ↔   |
| Trimethoprim 160 mg/<br>Sulfamethoxazole<br>800 mg daily x<br>5 days | single 300 mg              | 14       | ↑43%                             | 90% CI:<br>32% to 55%               | ↔   |
| <b>Drugs That May Alter Zidovudine Blood Concentrations</b>          |                            |          |                                  |                                     |   |
| <b>Coadministered Drug and Dose</b>                                  | <b>Zidovudine Dose</b>     | <b>n</b> | <b>Zidovudine Concentrations</b> |                                     | <b>Concentration of Coadministered Drug</b> |
|  |                            |          | <b>AUC</b>                       | <b>Variability</b>                  |   |
| Atovaquone<br>750 mg q 12 hr<br>with food                            | 200 mg q 8 hr              | 14       | ↑31%                             | Range:<br>23% to 78% <sup>b</sup>   | ↔   |
| Clarithromycin<br>500 mg twice daily                                 | 100 mg q 4 hr x<br>7 days  | 4        | ↓AUC 12%                         | Range:<br>↓34% to ↑14%              | Not Reported                                |
| Fluconazole<br>400 mg daily  | 200 mg q 8 hr              | 12       | ↑74%                             | 95% CI:<br>54% to 98%               | Not Reported                                |
| Methadone<br>30 to 90 mg daily                                       | 200 mg q 4 hr              | 9        | ↑43%                             | Range:<br>16% to 64% <sup>b</sup>   | ↔   |
| Nelfinavir<br>750 mg q 8 hr x 7 to 10 days                           | single 200 mg              | 11       | ↓35%                             | Range:<br>28% to 41%                | ↔   |
| Probenecid<br>500 mg q 6 hr x<br>2 days                              | 2 mg/kg q 8 hr<br>x 3 days | 3        | ↑106%                            | Range:<br>100% to 170% <sup>b</sup> | Not Assessed                                |
| Rifampin<br>600 mg daily x<br>14 days                                | 200 mg q 8 hr x<br>14 days | 8        | ↓AUC 47%                         | 90% CI:<br>41% to 53%               | Not Assessed                                |
| Ritonavir<br>300 mg q 6 hr x 4                                       | 200 mg q 8 hr x<br>4 days  | 9        | ↓25%                             | 95% CI:<br>15% to 34%               | ↔   |

| days  |                           |    |                            |                                    |  |
|---|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Valproic acid<br>250 mg or 500 mg<br>q 8 hr x 4 days      | 100 mg q 8 hr x<br>4 days | 6  | ↑80%                       | Range:<br>64% to 130% <sup>b</sup> | Not Assessed                               |
| <b>Drugs That May Alter Abacavir Blood Concentrations</b> |                           |    |                            |                                    |  |
| Coadministered<br>Drug and Dose                           | Abacavir<br>Dose          | n  | Abacavir<br>Concentrations |                                    | Concentration of<br>Coadministered<br>Drug |
|   |                           |    | AUC                        | Variability                        |  |
| Ethanol<br>0.7 g/kg                                       | single 600 mg             | 24 | ↑41%                       | 90% CI:<br>35% to 48%              | ↔  |

666 ↑ = Increase; ↓ = Decrease; ↔ = no significant change; AUC = area under the concentration  
667 versus time curve; CI = confidence interval.

668 <sup>a</sup> See *Drug Interactions* (7) for additional information on drug interactions.

669 <sup>b</sup> Estimated range of percent difference.

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## 671 12.4 Microbiology

672 **Mechanism of Action: Abacavir:** Abacavir is a carbocyclic synthetic nucleoside  
673 analogue. Abacavir is converted by cellular enzymes to the active metabolite, carbovir  
674 triphosphate (CBV-TP), an analogue of deoxyguanosine-5'-triphosphate (dGTP). CBV-TP  
675 inhibits the activity of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT) both by competing with the natural  
676 substrate dGTP and by its incorporation into viral DNA. The lack of a 3'-OH group in the  
677 incorporated nucleotide analogue prevents the formation of the 5' to 3' phosphodiester linkage  
678 essential for DNA chain elongation, and therefore, the viral DNA growth is terminated. CBV-TP  
679 is a weak inhibitor of cellular DNA polymerases  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ .

680 **Lamivudine:** Lamivudine is a synthetic nucleoside analogue. Intracellularly,  
681 lamivudine is phosphorylated to its active 5'-triphosphate metabolite, lamivudine triphosphate  
682 (3TC-TP). The principal mode of action of 3TC-TP is inhibition of RT via DNA chain  
683 termination after incorporation of the nucleotide analogue. 3TC-TP is a weak inhibitor of cellular  
684 DNA polymerases  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ .

685 **Zidovudine:** Zidovudine is a synthetic nucleoside analogue. Intracellularly,  
686 zidovudine is phosphorylated to its active 5'-triphosphate metabolite, zidovudine triphosphate  
687 (ZDV-TP). The principal mode of action of ZDV-TP is inhibition of RT via DNA chain  
688 termination after incorporation of the nucleotide analogue. ZDV-TP is a weak inhibitor of the  
689 cellular DNA polymerases  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  and has been reported to be incorporated into the DNA of  
690 cells in culture.

691 **Antiviral Activity: Abacavir:** The antiviral activity of abacavir against HIV-1 was  
692 evaluated against a T-cell tropic laboratory strain HIV-1<sub>IIIB</sub> in lymphoblastic cell lines, a  
693 monocyte/macrophage tropic laboratory strain HIV-1<sub>BaL</sub> in primary monocytes/macrophages,  
694 and clinical isolates in peripheral blood mononuclear cells. The concentration of drug necessary  
695 to effect viral replication by 50 percent (EC<sub>50</sub>) ranged from 3.7 to 5.8  $\mu$ M

696 (1  $\mu\text{M}$  = 0.28 mcg/mL) and 0.07 to 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  against HIV-1<sub>III<sub>B</sub></sub> and HIV-1<sub>BaL</sub>, respectively, and  
697 was  $0.26 \pm 0.18 \mu\text{M}$  against 8 clinical isolates. The EC<sub>50</sub> values of abacavir against different  
698 HIV-1 clades (A-G) ranged from 0.0015 to 1.05  $\mu\text{M}$ , and against HIV-2 isolates, from 0.024 to  
699 0.49  $\mu\text{M}$ . Abacavir had synergistic activity in cell culture in combination with the NRTI  
700 zidovudine, the non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI) nevirapine, and the  
701 protease inhibitor (PI) amprenavir; and additive activity in combination with the NRTIs  
702 didanosine, emtricitabine, lamivudine, stavudine, tenofovir, and zalcitabine. Ribavirin (50  $\mu\text{M}$ )  
703 had no effect on the anti-HIV-1 activity of abacavir in cell culture.

704 **Lamivudine:** The antiviral activity of lamivudine against HIV-1 was assessed in a  
705 number of cell lines (including monocytes and fresh human peripheral blood lymphocytes) using  
706 standard susceptibility assays. EC<sub>50</sub> values (50% effective concentrations) were in the range of  
707 0.003 to 15  $\mu\text{M}$  (1  $\mu\text{M}$  = 0.23 mcg/mL). HIV-1 from therapy-naive subjects with no amino acid  
708 substitutions associated with resistance gave median EC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.429  $\mu\text{M}$  (range: 0.200 to  
709 2.007  $\mu\text{M}$ ) from Virco (n = 92 baseline samples from COLA40263) and 2.35  $\mu\text{M}$  (1.37 to  
710 3.68  $\mu\text{M}$ ) from Monogram Biosciences (n = 135 baseline samples from ESS30009). The EC<sub>50</sub>  
711 values of lamivudine against different HIV-1 clades (A-G) ranged from 0.001 to 0.120  $\mu\text{M}$ , and  
712 against HIV-2 isolates from 0.003 to 0.120  $\mu\text{M}$  in peripheral blood mononuclear cells. Ribavirin  
713 (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) decreased the anti-HIV-1 activity of lamivudine by 3.5-fold in MT-4 cells.

714 **Zidovudine:** The antiviral activity of zidovudine against HIV-1 was assessed in a  
715 number of cell lines (including monocytes and fresh human peripheral blood lymphocytes). The  
716 EC<sub>50</sub> and EC<sub>90</sub> values for zidovudine were 0.01 to 0.49  $\mu\text{M}$  (1  $\mu\text{M}$  = 0.27 mcg/mL) and 0.1 to  
717 9  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. HIV-1 from therapy-naive subjects with no amino acid substitutions  
718 associated with resistance gave median EC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.011  $\mu\text{M}$  (range: 0.005 to 0.110  $\mu\text{M}$ )  
719 from Virco (n = 92 baseline samples from COLA40263) and 0.0017  $\mu\text{M}$  (0.006 to 0.0340  $\mu\text{M}$ )  
720 from Monogram Biosciences (n = 135 baseline samples from ESS30009). The EC<sub>50</sub> values of  
721 zidovudine against different HIV-1 clades (A-G) ranged from 0.00018 to 0.02  $\mu\text{M}$ , and against  
722 HIV-2 isolates from 0.00049 to 0.004  $\mu\text{M}$ . In cell culture drug combination studies, zidovudine  
723 demonstrates synergistic activity with the NRTIs abacavir, didanosine, lamivudine, and  
724 zalcitabine; the NNRTIs delavirdine and nevirapine; and the PIs indinavir, nelfinavir, ritonavir,  
725 and saquinavir; and additive activity with interferon alfa. Ribavirin has been found to inhibit the  
726 phosphorylation of zidovudine in cell culture.

727 **Resistance:** HIV-1 isolates with reduced sensitivity to abacavir, lamivudine, or  
728 zidovudine have been selected in cell culture and were also obtained from subjects treated with  
729 abacavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine, or the combination of lamivudine and zidovudine.

730 **Abacavir:** Genotypic analysis of isolates selected in cell culture and recovered from  
731 abacavir-treated subjects demonstrated that amino acid substitutions K65R, L74V, Y115F, and  
732 M184V/I in HIV-1 RT contributed to abacavir resistance. In a study of subjects receiving  
733 abacavir once or twice daily in combination with lamivudine and efavirenz once daily, 39%  
734 (7/18) of the isolates from subjects who experienced virologic failure in the abacavir once-daily  
735 arm had a >2.5-fold decrease in abacavir susceptibility with a median-fold decrease of 1.3

736 (range: 0.5 to 11) compared with 29% (5/17) of the failure isolates in the twice-daily arm with a  
737 median-fold decrease of 0.92 (range: 0.7 to 13).

738 *Lamivudine*: Genotypic analysis of isolates selected in cell culture and recovered  
739 from lamivudine-treated subjects showed that the resistance was due to a specific amino acid  
740 substitution in the HIV-1 RT at codon 184 changing the methionine to either valine or isoleucine  
741 (M184V/I).

742 *Zidovudine*: Genotypic analyses of the isolates selected in cell culture and recovered  
743 from zidovudine-treated subjects showed mutations in the HIV-1 RT gene resulting in 6 amino  
744 acid substitutions (M41L, D67N, K70R, L210W, T215Y or F, and K219Q) that confer  
745 zidovudine resistance. In general, higher levels of resistance were associated with greater number  
746 of mutations. In some subjects harboring zidovudine-resistant virus at baseline, phenotypic  
747 sensitivity to zidovudine was restored by 12 weeks of treatment with lamivudine and zidovudine.  
748 Combination therapy with lamivudine plus zidovudine delayed the emergence of substitutions  
749 conferring resistance to zidovudine.

750 Cross-Resistance: Cross-resistance has been observed among NRTIs.

751 *Abacavir*: Isolates containing abacavir resistance-associated amino acid substitutions,  
752 namely, K65R, L74V, Y115F, and M184V, exhibited cross-resistance to didanosine,  
753 emtricitabine, lamivudine, tenofovir, and zalcitabine in cell culture and in subjects. The K65R  
754 substitution can confer resistance to abacavir, didanosine, emtricitabine, lamivudine, stavudine,  
755 tenofovir, and zalcitabine; the L74V substitution can confer resistance to abacavir, didanosine,  
756 and zalcitabine; and the M184V substitution can confer resistance to abacavir, didanosine,  
757 emtricitabine, lamivudine, and zalcitabine. An increasing number of thymidine analogue  
758 mutations (TAMs: M41L, D67N, K70R, L210W, T215Y/F, K219E/R/H/Q/N) is associated with  
759 a progressive reduction in abacavir susceptibility.

760 *Lamivudine*: Cross-resistance to abacavir, didanosine, tenofovir, and zalcitabine has  
761 been observed in some subjects harboring lamivudine-resistant HIV-1 isolates. In some subjects  
762 treated with zidovudine plus didanosine or zalcitabine, isolates resistant to multiple drugs,  
763 including lamivudine, have emerged (see under Zidovudine below). Cross-resistance between  
764 lamivudine and zidovudine has not been reported.

765 *Zidovudine*: In a study of 167 HIV-infected subjects, isolates (n = 2) with multi-drug  
766 resistance to didanosine, lamivudine, stavudine, zalcitabine, and zidovudine were recovered from  
767 subjects treated for  $\geq 1$  year with zidovudine plus didanosine or zidovudine plus zalcitabine. The  
768 pattern of resistance-associated amino acid substitutions with such combination therapies was  
769 different (A62V, V75I, F77L, F116Y, Q151M) from the pattern with zidovudine monotherapy,  
770 with the Q151M substitution being most commonly associated with multi-drug resistance. The  
771 substitution at codon 151 in combination with substitutions at 62, 75, 77, and 116 results in a  
772 virus with reduced susceptibility to didanosine, lamivudine, stavudine, zalcitabine, and  
773 zidovudine. TAMs are selected by zidovudine and confer cross-resistance to abacavir,  
774 didanosine, stavudine, tenofovir, and zalcitabine.

775 **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

776 **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

777 Carcinogenicity:

778 *Abacavir:* Abacavir was administered orally at 3 dosage levels to separate groups of  
779 mice and rats in 2-year carcinogenicity studies. Results showed an increase in the incidence of  
780 malignant and non-malignant tumors. Malignant tumors occurred in the preputial gland of males  
781 and the clitoral gland of females of both species, and in the liver of female rats. In addition,  
782 non-malignant tumors also occurred in the liver and thyroid gland of female rats. These  
783 observations were made at systemic exposures in the range of 6 to 32 times the human exposure  
784 at the recommended dose. It is not known how predictive the results of rodent carcinogenicity  
785 studies may be for humans.

786 *Lamivudine:* Long-term carcinogenicity studies with lamivudine in mice and rats  
787 showed no evidence of carcinogenic potential at exposures up to 10 times (mice) and 58 times  
788 (rats) those observed in humans at the recommended therapeutic dose for HIV-1 infection.

789 *Zidovudine:* Zidovudine was administered orally at 3 dosage levels to separate groups  
790 of mice and rats (60 females and 60 males in each group). Initial single daily doses were 30, 60,  
791 and 120 mg/kg/day in mice and 80, 220, and 600 mg/kg/day in rats. The doses in mice were  
792 reduced to 20, 30, and 40 mg/kg/day after day 90 because of treatment-related anemia, whereas  
793 in rats only the high dose was reduced to 450 mg/kg per day on day 91 and then to  
794 300 mg/kg/day on day 279.

795 In mice, 7 late-appearing (after 19 months) vaginal neoplasms (5 nonmetastasizing  
796 squamous cell carcinomas, 1 squamous cell papilloma, and 1 squamous polyp) occurred in  
797 animals given the highest dose. One late-appearing squamous cell papilloma occurred in the  
798 vagina of a middle-dose animal. No vaginal tumors were found at the lowest dose.

799 In rats, 2 late-appearing (after 20 months), nonmetastasizing vaginal squamous cell  
800 carcinomas occurred in animals given the highest dose. No vaginal tumors occurred at the low or  
801 middle dose in rats. No other drug-related tumors were observed in either sex of either species.

802 At doses that produced tumors in mice and rats, the estimated drug exposure (as  
803 measured by AUC) was approximately 3 times (mouse) and 24 times (rat) the estimated human  
804 exposure at the recommended therapeutic dose of 100 mg every 4 hours.

805 Two transplacental carcinogenicity studies were conducted in mice. One study  
806 administered zidovudine at doses of 20 mg/kg/day or 40 mg/kg/day from gestation day 10  
807 through parturition and lactation with dosing continuing in offspring for 24 months postnatally.  
808 At these doses, exposures were approximately 3 times the estimated human exposure at the  
809 recommended doses. After 24 months at the 40-mg/kg/day dose, an increase in incidence of  
810 vaginal tumors was noted with no increase in tumors in the liver or lung or any other organ in  
811 either gender. These findings are consistent with results of the standard oral carcinogenicity  
812 study in mice, as described earlier. A second study administered zidovudine at maximum  
813 tolerated doses of 12.5 mg/day or 25 mg/day (~1,000 mg/kg nonpregnant body weight or  
814 ~450 mg/kg of term body weight) to pregnant mice from days 12 through 18 of gestation. There

815 was an increase in the number of tumors in the lung, liver, and female reproductive tracts in the  
816 offspring of mice receiving the higher dose level of zidovudine.

817 It is not known how predictive the results of rodent carcinogenicity studies may be for  
818 humans.

819 Mutagenicity:

820 *Abacavir:* Abacavir induced chromosomal aberrations both in the presence and  
821 absence of metabolic activation in an in vitro cytogenetic study in human lymphocytes. Abacavir  
822 was mutagenic in the absence of metabolic activation, although it was not mutagenic in the  
823 presence of metabolic activation in an L5178Y/TK<sup>+/-</sup> mouse lymphoma assay. Abacavir was  
824 clastogenic in males and not clastogenic in females in an in vivo mouse bone marrow  
825 micronucleus assay. Abacavir was not mutagenic in bacterial mutagenicity assays in the presence  
826 and absence of metabolic activation.

827 *Lamivudine:* Lamivudine was mutagenic in an L5178Y/TK<sup>+/-</sup> mouse lymphoma  
828 assay and clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using cultured human lymphocytes. Lamivudine  
829 was negative in a microbial mutagenicity assay, in an in vitro cell transformation assay, in a rat  
830 micronucleus test, in a rat bone marrow cytogenetic assay, and in an assay for unscheduled DNA  
831 synthesis in rat liver.

832 *Zidovudine:* Zidovudine was mutagenic in an L5178Y/TK<sup>+/-</sup> mouse lymphoma  
833 assay, positive in an in vitro cell transformation assay, clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using  
834 cultured human lymphocytes, and positive in mouse and rat micronucleus tests after repeated  
835 doses. It was negative in a cytogenetic study in rats given a single dose.

836 Impairment of Fertility:

837 *Abacavir:* Abacavir had no adverse effects on the mating performance or fertility of  
838 male and female rats at a dose approximately 8 times the human exposure at the recommended  
839 dose based on body surface area comparisons.

840 *Lamivudine:* In a study of reproductive performance, lamivudine, administered to  
841 male and female rats at doses up to 130 times the usual adult dose based on body surface area  
842 considerations, revealed no evidence of impaired fertility judged by conception rates and no  
843 effect on the survival, growth, and development to weaning of the offspring.

844 *Zidovudine:* Zidovudine, administered to male and female rats at doses up to 7 times  
845 the usual adult dose based on body surface area considerations, had no effect on fertility judged  
846 by conception rates.

847 **13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology**

848 Myocardial degeneration was found in mice and rats following administration of abacavir  
849 for 2 years. The systemic exposures were equivalent to 7 to 24 times the expected systemic  
850 exposure in humans. The clinical relevance of this finding has not been determined.

851 **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

852 The following study was conducted with the individual components of TRIZIVIR [*see*  
853 *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

854 **CNA3005** was a multicenter, double-blind, controlled study in which  
855 562 HIV-1-infected, therapy-naive adults were randomized to receive either ZIAGEN (300 mg  
856 twice daily) plus COMBIVIR (lamivudine 150 mg/zidovudine 300 mg twice daily), or indinavir  
857 (800 mg 3 times a day) plus COMBIVIR twice daily. The study was stratified at randomization  
858 by pre-entry plasma HIV-1 RNA 10,000 to 100,000 copies/mL and plasma HIV-1 RNA  
859 >100,000 copies/mL. Study participants were male (87%), Caucasian (73%), black (15%), and  
860 Hispanic (9%). At baseline the median age was 36 years, the median pretreatment CD4+ cell  
861 count was 360 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, and median plasma HIV-1 RNA was 4.8 log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL. Proportions  
862 of subjects with plasma HIV-1 RNA <400 copies/mL (using Roche AMPLICOR HIV-1  
863 MONITOR<sup>®</sup> Test) through 48 weeks of treatment are summarized in Table 5.

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**Table 5. Outcomes of Randomized Treatment Through Week 48 (CNA3005)**

| Outcome  | ZIAGEN plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 262) | Indinavir plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 265) |
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| Responder <sup>a</sup>                         | 49%   | 50%  |
| Virologic failure <sup>b</sup>                 | 31%   | 28%  |
| Discontinued due to adverse reactions          | 10%   | 12%  |
| Discontinued due to other reasons <sup>c</sup> | 11%   | 10%  |

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<sup>a</sup> Subjects achieved and maintained confirmed HIV-1 RNA <400 copies/mL.

<sup>b</sup> Includes viral rebound and failure to achieve confirmed <400 copies/mL by Week 48.

<sup>c</sup> Includes consent withdrawn, lost to follow-up, protocol violations, those with missing data, clinical progression, and other.

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Treatment response by plasma HIV-1 RNA strata is shown in Table 6.

873 **Table 6. Proportions of Responders Through Week 48 By Screening Plasma HIV-1 RNA**  
874 **Levels (CNA3005)**

| Screening<br>HIV-1 RNA<br>(copies/mL) | ZIAGEN plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 262) |     | Indinavir plus<br>Lamivudine/Zidovudine<br>(n = 265) |     |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|--|-----|
|                                       | <400 copies/mL                                    | n   | <400 copies/mL                                       | n   |
| ≥10,000 - ≤100,000                    | 50%   | 166 | 48%  | 165 |
| >100,000                              | 48%   | 96  | 52%  | 100 |

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In subjects with baseline viral load >100,000 copies/mL, percentages of subjects with HIV-1 RNA levels <50 copies/mL were 31% in the group receiving abacavir vs. 45% in the group receiving indinavir.

Through Week 48, an overall mean increase in CD4+ cell count of about 150 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> was observed in both treatment arms. Through Week 48, 9 subjects (3.4%) in the group receiving

881 abacavir sulfate (6 CDC classification C events and 3 deaths) and 3 subjects (1.5%) in the group  
882 receiving indinavir (2 CDC classification C events and 1 death) experienced clinical disease  
883 progression.

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## 887 **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

888 TRIZIVIR is available as tablets. Each tablet contains 300 mg of abacavir as abacavir  
889 sulfate, 150 mg of lamivudine, and 300 mg of zidovudine. The tablets are blue-green capsule-  
890 shaped, film-coated, and imprinted with GX LL1 on one side with no markings on the reverse  
891 side. They are packaged as follows:

892 Bottles of 60 Tablets (NDC 49702-217-18).

893 **Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) (see USP**  
894 **Controlled Room Temperature).**

## 895 **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

896 See FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide)

897 Hypersensitivity Reaction: Inform patients:

- 898 • that a Medication Guide and Warning Card summarizing the symptoms of the abacavir  
899 hypersensitivity reaction and other product information will be dispensed by the pharmacist  
900 with each new prescription and refill of TRIZIVIR, and encourage the patient to read the  
901 Medication Guide and Warning Card every time to obtain any new information that may be  
902 present about TRIZIVIR. (The complete text of the Medication Guide is reprinted at the end  
903 of this document.)
- 904 • to carry the Warning Card with them.
- 905 • how to identify a hypersensitivity reaction[see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Medication*  
906 *Guide*].
- 907 • that if they develop symptoms consistent with a hypersensitivity reaction they should call  
908 their doctor right away to determine if they should stop taking TRIZIVIR.
- 909 • that a hypersensitivity reaction can worsen and lead to hospitalization or death if TRIZIVIR  
910 is not immediately discontinued.
- 911 • to not restart TRIZIVIR or any other abacavir-containing product following a  
912 hypersensitivity reaction because more severe symptoms can occur within hours and may  
913 include life-threatening hypotension and death.
- 914 • that a hypersensitivity reaction is usually reversible if it is detected promptly and TRIZIVIR  
915 is stopped right away.
- 916 • that if they have interrupted TRIZIVIR for reasons other than symptoms of hypersensitivity  
917 (for example, those who have an interruption in drug supply), a serious or fatal  
918 hypersensitivity reaction may occur with reintroduction of abacavir.

- 919 • to not restart TRIZIVIR or any other abacavir-containing product without medical  
920 consultation and that restarting abacavir needs to be undertaken only if medical care can be  
921 readily accessed by the patient or others.
- 922 • TRIZIVIR should not be coadministered with ATRIPLA, COMBIVIR, COMPLERA,  
923 EMTRIVA, EPIVIR, EPIVIR-HBV, EPZICOM, RETROVIR (zidovudine), TRUVADA, or  
924 ZIAGEN.

925 Neutropenia and Anemia: Patients should be informed that the important toxicities  
926 associated with zidovudine are neutropenia and/or anemia. They should be told of the extreme  
927 importance of having their blood counts followed closely while on therapy, especially for  
928 patients with advanced HIV-1 disease [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

929 Myopathy: Patients should be informed that myopathy and myositis with pathological  
930 changes, similar to that produced by HIV-1 disease, have been associated with prolonged use of  
931 zidovudine [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

932 Lactic Acidosis/Hepatomegaly: Inform patients that some HIV medicines, including  
933 TRIZIVIR, can cause a rare, but serious condition called lactic acidosis with liver enlargement  
934 (hepatomegaly) [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

935 HIV-1/ HBV Co-Infection: Patients co-infected with HIV-1 and HBV should be  
936 informed that deterioration of liver disease has occurred in some cases when treatment with  
937 lamivudine was discontinued. Patients should be advised to discuss any changes in regimen with  
938 their physician [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

939 HIV-1/HCV Co-Infection: Patients with HIV-1/HCV co-infection should be informed  
940 that hepatic decompensation (some fatal) has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients  
941 receiving combination antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1 and interferon alfa with or without  
942 ribavirin [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)].

943 Redistribution/Accumulation of Body Fat: Inform patients that redistribution or  
944 accumulation of body fat may occur in patients receiving antiretroviral therapy and that the cause  
945 and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time [see *Warnings and*  
946 *Precautions* (5.8)].

947 Information About HIV-1 Infection: TRIZIVIR is not a cure for HIV-1 infection and  
948 patients may continue to experience illnesses associated with HIV-1 infection, including  
949 opportunistic infections. Patients should remain under the care of a physician when using  
950 TRIZIVIR.

951 Patients should be advised to avoid doing things that can spread HIV-1 infection to  
952 others.

- 953 • **Do not share needles or other injection equipment.**
- 954 • **Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like**  
955 **toothbrushes and razor blades.**
- 956 • **Do not have any kind of sex without protection.** Always practice safe sex by using a  
957 latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal  
958 secretions, or blood.

**This label may not be the latest approved by FDA.  
For current labeling information, please visit <https://www.fda.gov/drugsatfda>**