No Evidence of an Association Between Efavirenz Exposure and Suicidality Among HIV Patients Initiating Antiretroviral Therapy in a Real-World Data Analysis

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Supplemental Digital Content

| | Commercial | Medicaid Database, n (%) |
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| Patients with ≥1 prescription fill for an HIV-related ARV | 90,086 (100.0) | 26,981 (100.0) |
| medication | | |
| Efavirenz | 43,617 | 9766 |
| Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors | 9060 | 1983 |
| Protease inhibitors (excluding ritonavir) | 33,760 | 14,857 |
| Integrase inhibitors | 7764 | 1588 |
| Fusion inhibitors | 278 | 106 |
| CC chemokine receptor type 5 antagonists | 565 | 93 |
| AND aged ≥ 12 years at time of first ARV prescription fill | 89,845 (99.7) | 26,521 (98.3) |
| AND have continuous enrollment for 6 months prior to index | 34,004 (37.7) | 11,431 (42.4) |
| date | | |
| AND do not have eligibility for Medicare | 34,004 (37.7) | 11,416 (42.3) |
| AND have no evidence of HIV-related ARV use prior to | 24,050 (26.7) | 5763 (21.4) |
| index date* | | |
| AND have an HIV diagnosis prior to index date* or | 19,983 (22.2) | 5154 (19.1) |
| following index date | | |
| Final study cohorts | 19,983 (100.0) | 5154 (100.0) |
| Initiated efavirenz-containing regimen | 11,187 (56.0) | 2224 (43.2) |
| Initiated efavirenz-free regimen | 8796 (44.0) | 2930 (56.9) |

Supplemental Table 1. Cohort Selection Attrition

HIV = human immunodeficiency virus; ARV = antiretroviral.

* Evaluated in available data starting January 1, 2004.

| | Commercial Database | Medicaid Database |
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| HRs of outcomes, treating efavirenz-free regimens | as reference | |
| PS-adjusted HR (95% CI) of suicidality | | |
| \leq 180 days after initiation | 0.980 (0.515–1.867) | 0.782 (0.492–1.242) |
| 181–365 days after initiation | 0.789 (0.136–4.586) | 0.451 (0.104–1.949) |
| >365 days after initiation | 0.676 (0.033–13.990) | 0.407 (0.035–4.763) |
| PS-adjusted HR (95% CI) of suicide attempt* | NA | NA |
| PS-adjusted HR (95% CI) of suicide attempt (expa | nded) | |
| \leq 180 days after initiation | 0.856 (0.370-1.983) | 0.419 (0.152–1.152) |
| 181–365 days after initiation | 1.999 (0.145–27.511) | 0.552 (0.015-20.581) |
| >365 days after initiation | 1.143 (0.014–95.889) | 0.941 (0.005–166.912 |
| IRRs and IRDs of outcomes, treating efavirenz-free | e regimens as reference | |
| PS-adjusted IRR (95% CI) of suicidality | 0.925 (0.559–1.548) | 0.814 (0.546–1.202) |
| PS-adjusted IRD (95% CI) of suicidality | -20 (-250 to 180) | -520 (-2520 to 1180) |
| PS-adjusted IRR (95% CI) of suicide attempt | 4.488 (0.566-204.425) | 0.096 (0.002-0.661) |
| PS-adjusted IRD (95% CI) of suicide attempt* | — | — |
| PS-adjusted IRR (95% CI) of suicide attempt | 0.888 (0.436-1.89) | 0.554 (0.241–1.198) |
| (expanded) | | |
| PS-adjusted IRD per 100,000 PYs (95% CI) of | -20 (-200 to 130) | -540 (-1360 to 200) |
| suicide attempt (expanded) | | |
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Supplemental Table 2. Additional Results for Propensity Score-Adjusted Models

HR = hazard ratio; PS = propensity score; CI = confidence interval; NA = not available; IRR = incidence rate ratio;

IRD = incidence rate difference; PY = person-year.

* Models did not converge given small number of events.