

SYMFI- efavirenz, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate tablet, film coated **Mylan Specialty L.P.**

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SYMFI™ (efavirenz, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) tablets, for oral use

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WARNING: POST TREATMENT ACUTE EXACERBATIONS OF HEPATITIS B

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- **Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B have been reported in patients who are co-infected with HBV and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) and have discontinued lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. Monitor hepatic function closely in these patients and, if appropriate, initiate anti-hepatitis B treatment. (5.2)**

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SYMFI is three-drug combination of efavirenz (EFV), a non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, and lamivudine (3TC) and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF), both nucleo(t)side reverse transcriptase inhibitors and is indicated as a complete regimen for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in adult and pediatric patients weighing at least 40 kg. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Testing:** Prior to initiation and during treatment with SYMFI, patients should be tested for hepatitis B virus infection, and estimated creatinine clearance, urine glucose, and urine protein should be obtained. (2.1)
- **Recommended dose:** One tablet taken orally once daily on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime. (2.2)
- **Renal Impairment:** Not recommended in patients with CrCL less than 50 mL/min or patients with end-stage renal disease requiring hemodialysis. (2.3)
- **Hepatic Impairment:** Not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment. Use caution in patients with mild hepatic impairment. (2.4)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 600 mg efavirenz, 300 mg lamivudine and 300 mg tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (equivalent to 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil). (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- SYMFI is contraindicated in patients with previous hypersensitivity (e.g., Stevens-Johnson syndrome, erythema multiforme, or toxic skin eruptions) to any of the components of this product. (4)
- Coadministration with elbasvir/grazoprevir. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Lactic Acidosis/Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis:** Discontinue treatment in patients who develop symptoms or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity. (5.1)
- **New Onset or Worsening Renal Impairment:** Can include acute renal failure and Fanconi syndrome. Assess estimated creatinine clearance before initiating treatment with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, a component of SYMFI. In patients at risk for renal dysfunction, assess estimated creatinine clearance, serum phosphorus, urine glucose and urine protein before initiating treatment with tenofovir and periodically during treatment. Avoid administering SYMFI with concurrent or recent use of nephrotoxic drugs. (5.4)

- **Nervous System Symptoms (NSS):** NSS are frequent, usually begin 1 to 2 days after initiating therapy and resolve in 2 to 4 weeks. Dosing at bedtime may improve tolerability. NSS are not predictive of onset of psychiatric symptoms. (5.6)
- **Rash:** Rash usually begins within 1 to 2 weeks after initiating therapy and resolves within 4 weeks. Discontinue if severe rash develops. (5.8)
- **Hepatotoxicity:** Monitor liver function tests before and during treatment in patients with underlying hepatic disease, including hepatitis B or C coinfection, marked transaminase elevations, or who are taking medications associated with liver toxicity. Among reported cases of hepatic failure, a few occurred in patients with no pre-existing hepatic disease. (5.9, 8.7)
- **Hepatic decompensation, some fatal, has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving combination antiretroviral therapy and interferon- and ribavirin-based regimens. Monitor for treatment-associated toxicities. Discontinue SYMFI, as medically appropriate, and consider dose reduction or discontinuation of interferon alfa, ribavirin, or both. (5.10)**
- **Pancreatitis:** Use with caution in pediatric patients with a history of pancreatitis or other significant risk factors for pancreatitis. Discontinue SYMFI as clinically appropriate. (5.11)
- **Convulsions:** Use caution in patients with a history of seizures. (5.12)
- **Lipids:** Total cholesterol and triglyceride elevations. Monitor before therapy and periodically thereafter. (5.13)
- **Decreases in Bone Mineral Density (BMD):** Observed in HIV-infected patients. Consider assessment of BMD in patients with a history of pathologic fracture or other risk factors for osteoporosis or bone loss. (5.14)
- **Immune Reconstitution Syndrome:** Observed in HIV-infected patients. May necessitate further evaluation and treatment. (5.15)
- **Redistribution/Accumulation of Body Fat:** Observed in HIV-infected patients receiving antiretroviral combination therapy. (5.16)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Most common adverse reactions are impaired concentration, abnormal dreams, headache, nausea, malaise and fatigue, nasal signs and symptoms, diarrhea, rash, dizziness, insomnia, pain, depression, asthenia, and cough. (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Mylan at 1-877-446-3679, (1-877-4-INFO-RX) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088, or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- SYMFI should not be administered with other antiretroviral medications for the treatment of HIV-1 infection. (7.1)
- Coadministration of SYMFI can alter the concentrations of other drugs and other drugs may alter the concentration of SYMFI. The potential for drug-drug interactions should be considered before and during therapy. (5.3, 7)

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- **Pregnancy:** Women should avoid pregnancy during EFV therapy, a component of SYMFI, and for 12 weeks after discontinuation. (5.7, 8.1, 8.3)
- **Lactation:** Breastfeeding not recommended due to potential for HIV transmission. (8.2)
- **Females and Males of Reproductive Potential:** Pregnancy testing and contraception are recommended. (8.3)

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- Serious Psychiatric Symptoms: Immediate medical evaluation is recommended for serious psychiatric symptoms such as severe depression or suicidal ideation. (5.5)

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WARNING: POST TREATMENT ACUTE EXACERBATIONS OF HEPATITIS B

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 or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, two components of SYMFI. Monitor hepatic function closely in these patients and, if appropriate, initiate anti-hepatitis B treatment [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SYMFI™ (efavirenz, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) is indicated as a complete regimen for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in adult and pediatric patients weighing at least 40 kg.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Testing Prior to Initiation and During Treatment with SYMFI

Prior to initiation of SYMFI, test patients for hepatitis B virus infection [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

It is recommended that serum creatinine, serum phosphorus, estimated creatinine clearance, urine glucose, and urine protein be assessed before initiating SYMFI and during therapy in all patients as clinically appropriate [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

Monitor hepatic function prior to and during treatment with SYMFI [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].

2.2 Recommended Dosage for Adult and Pediatric Patients Weighing at Least 40 kg

SYMFI is a three-drug fixed-dose combination product containing 600 mg of efavirenz (EFV), 300 mg of lamivudine (3TC), and 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF). The recommended dosage of SYMFI in HIV-1-infected adults and pediatric patients who weigh at least 40 kg, and can swallow a solid tablet, is one tablet taken orally once daily. SYMFI tablets should be taken on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime. Dosing at bedtime may improve the tolerability of nervous system symptoms [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

2.3 Not Recommended in Renal Impairment

Because SYMFI is a fixed-dose combination tablet and cannot be dose adjusted, it is not recommended for patients with impaired renal function (creatinine clearance less than 50 mL/min) or patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring hemodialysis [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

2.4 Not Recommended in Moderate to Severe Hepatic Impairment

SYMFI is not recommended in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C) [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9) and Use in Specific Populations (8.7)*].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 600 mg of efavirenz, 300 mg of lamivudine, and 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (equivalent to 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil).

The tablets are white, film-coated, capsule shaped, debossed with **M 152** on one side of the tablet and plain on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

SYMFI is contraindicated:

- in patients with a previous hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., Stevens-Johnson syndrome, erythema multiforme, or toxic skin eruptions) to any of the components contained in the formulation [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].
- when coadministered with elbasvir and grazoprevir [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Drug Interactions (7.5)*].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Lactic Acidosis and Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis

Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogs and other antiretrovirals. Treatment should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase

elevations).

5.2 Severe Acute Exacerbation of Hepatitis B in Patients Coinfected with HIV-1 and HBV

Posttreatment Exacerbations of Hepatitis

All patients with HIV-1 should be tested for the presence of chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) before initiating antiretroviral therapy. Discontinuation of anti-HBV therapy, including 3TC and TDF, may be associated with severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis. Patients infected with HBV who discontinue SYMFI should be closely monitored with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months after stopping treatment. If appropriate, resumption of anti-hepatitis B therapy may be warranted.

Important Differences Among Lamivudine-Containing Products

SYMFI tablets contain a higher dose of the same active ingredient, 3TC, than EPIVIR-HBV® tablets. EPIVIR-HBV was developed for patients with chronic hepatitis B. The formulation and dosage of 3TC in EPIVIR-HBV are not appropriate for patients co-infected with HIV-1 and HBV. Safety and efficacy of 3TC have not been established for treatment of chronic hepatitis B in patients co-infected with HIV-1 and HBV.

If treatment with EPIVIR-HBV, TDF, or a tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)-containing product is prescribed for chronic hepatitis B for a patient with unrecognized or untreated HIV-1 infection, rapid emergence of HIV-1 resistance is likely to result because of the subtherapeutic dose and the inappropriateness of monotherapy HIV-1 treatment.

5.3 Risk of Adverse Reactions or Loss of Virologic Response Due to Drug Interactions

The concomitant use of SYMFI and other drugs may result in known or potentially significant drug interactions, some of which may lead to [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#) and [Drug Interactions \(7.5\)](#)]:

- Loss of therapeutic effect of SYMFI and possible development of resistance.
- Possible clinically significant adverse reactions from greater exposures of concomitant drugs.

See Table 3 for steps to prevent or manage these possible and known significant drug interactions, including dosing recommendations [see [Drug Interactions \(7.5\)](#)]. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during SYMFI therapy; review concomitant medications during SYMFI therapy; and monitor for the adverse reactions associated with the concomitant drugs.

5.4 New Onset or Worsening Renal Impairment

TDF, a component of SYMFI is principally eliminated by the kidney. Renal impairment, including cases of acute renal failure and Fanconi syndrome (renal tubular injury with severe hypophosphatemia), has been reported with the use of TDF [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.2\)](#)].

It is recommended that estimated creatinine clearance be assessed in all patients prior to initiating therapy and as clinically appropriate during therapy with TDF. In patients at risk of renal dysfunction, it is recommended that estimated creatinine clearance, serum phosphorus, urine glucose, and urine protein be assessed prior to initiation of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, and periodically during TDF therapy.

Avoid SYMFI with concurrent or recent use of a nephrotoxic agent (e.g., high-dose or multiple non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)) [see [Drug Interactions \(7.3\)](#)]. Cases of acute renal failure after initiation of high dose or multiple NSAIDs have been reported in HIV-infected patients with risk factors for renal dysfunction who appeared stable on TDF. Some patients required hospitalization and renal replacement therapy. Alternatives to NSAIDs should be considered, if needed, in patients at risk for renal dysfunction.

Persistent or worsening bone pain, pain in extremities, fractures and/or muscular pain or weakness may be manifestations of proximal renal tubulopathy and should prompt an evaluation of renal function in at-risk patients.

5.5 Psychiatric Symptoms

Serious psychiatric adverse experiences have been reported in patients treated with EFV, a component of SYMFI. In controlled trials of 1008 patients treated with regimens containing EFV for a mean of 2.1 years and 635 patients treated with control regimens for a mean of 1.5 years, the frequency (regardless of causality) of specific serious psychiatric events among patients who received EFV or control regimens, respectively, were severe depression (2.4%, 0.9%), suicidal ideation (0.7%, 0.3%), nonfatal suicide attempts (0.5%, 0), aggressive behavior (0.4%, 0.5%), paranoid reactions (0.4%, 0.3%), and manic reactions (0.2%, 0.3%). When psychiatric symptoms

similar to those noted above were combined and evaluated as a group in a multifactorial analysis of data from a study using EFV 600 mg. Treatment with EFV was associated with an increase in the occurrence of these selected psychiatric symptoms. Other factors associated with an increase in the occurrence of these psychiatric symptoms were history of injection drug use, psychiatric history, and receipt of psychiatric medication at study entry; similar associations were observed in both the EFV and control treatment groups. In a study using EFV 600 mg, onset of new serious psychiatric symptoms occurred throughout the study for both EFV-treated and control-treated patients. One percent of EFV-treated patients discontinued or interrupted treatment because of one or more of these selected psychiatric symptoms.

There have also been occasional postmarketing reports of death by suicide, delusions, psychosis-like behavior, although a causal relationship to the use of EFV cannot be determined from these reports [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.2\)](#)]. Postmarketing cases of catatonia have also been reported and may be associated with increased efavirenz exposure. Patients with serious psychiatric adverse experiences should seek immediate medical evaluation to assess the possibility that the symptoms may be related to the use of EFV, and if so, to determine whether the risks of continued therapy outweigh the benefits.

5.6 Nervous System Symptoms

Fifty-three percent (531/1008) of patients receiving EFV, a component of SYMFI, in controlled trials reported central nervous system symptoms (any grade, regardless of causality) compared to 25% (156/635) of patients receiving control regimens. These symptoms included, but were not limited to, dizziness (28.1% of the 1008 patients), insomnia (16.3%), impaired concentration (8.3%), somnolence (7.0%), abnormal dreams (6.2%), and hallucinations (1.2%). These symptoms were severe in 2.0% of patients and 2.1% of patients discontinued therapy as a result. These symptoms usually begin during the first or second day of therapy and generally resolve after the first 2 to 4 weeks of therapy. After 4 weeks of therapy, the prevalence of nervous system symptoms of at least moderate severity ranged from 5% to 9% in patients treated with regimens containing EFV and from 3% to 5% in patients treated with a control regimen. Inform patients that these common symptoms were likely to improve with continued therapy and were not predictive of subsequent onset of the less frequent psychiatric symptoms [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.5\)](#)]. Dosing at bedtime may improve the tolerability of these nervous system symptoms [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.2\)](#)].

5.7 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

EFV, a component of SYMFI, may cause fetal harm when administered during the first trimester to a pregnant woman. Advise females of reproductive potential who are receiving EFV to avoid pregnancy [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.1, 8.3\)](#)].

5.8 Skin and Systemic Hypersensitivity Reaction

In controlled clinical trials, 26% (266/1008) of patients treated with 600 mg EFV experienced new-onset skin rash compared with 17% (111/635) of patients treated in control groups. Rash associated with blistering, moist desquamation, or ulceration occurred in 0.9% (9/1008) of patients treated with EFV. The incidence of Grade 4 rash (e.g., erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome) in patients treated with EFV in all studies and expanded access was 0.1%. Rashes are usually mild-to-moderate maculopapular skin eruptions that occur within the first 2 weeks of initiating therapy with EFV (median time to onset of rash in adults was 11 days) and, in most patients continuing therapy with EFV, rash resolves within 1 month (median duration, 16 days). The discontinuation rate for rash in clinical trials was 1.7% (17/1008).

EFV can generally be reinitiated in patients interrupting therapy because of rash. EFV should be discontinued in patients developing severe rash associated with blistering, desquamation, mucosal involvement, or fever. Appropriate antihistamines and/or corticosteroids may improve the tolerability and hasten the resolution of rash. For patients who have had a life-threatening cutaneous reaction (e.g., Stevens-Johnson syndrome), alternate therapy should be considered [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)].

5.9 Hepatotoxicity

Postmarketing cases of hepatitis, including fulminant hepatitis progressing to liver failure requiring transplantation or resulting in death, have been reported in patients treated with EFV. Reports have included patients with underlying hepatic disease, including coinfection with hepatitis B or C, and patients without pre-existing hepatic disease or other identifiable risk factors.

EFV, a component of SYMFI, is not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment. Careful monitoring is recommended for patients with mild hepatic impairment receiving EFV [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#) and [Use in Specific Populations \(8.7\)](#)].

Monitoring of liver enzymes before and during treatment is recommended for all patients [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.1\)](#)]. Consider discontinuing SYMFI in patients with persistent elevations of serum transaminases to greater than five times the upper limit of the normal range.

Discontinue SYMFI if elevation of serum transaminases is accompanied by clinical signs or symptoms of hepatitis or hepatic decompensation.

5.10 Risk of Hepatic Decompensation When Used with Interferon- and Ribavirin-Based Regimens

In vitro studies have shown ribavirin can reduce the phosphorylation of pyrimidine nucleoside analogues such as 3TC, a component of SYMFI. Although no evidence of a pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic interaction (e.g., loss of HIV-1/HCV virologic suppression) was seen when ribavirin was coadministered with 3TC in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients [see [Clinical Pharmacology \(12.3\)](#)], hepatic decompensation (some fatal) has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving combination antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1 and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin. Patients receiving interferon alfa with or without ribavirin and 3TC should be closely monitored for treatment-associated toxicities, especially hepatic decompensation. Discontinuation of 3TC should be considered as medically appropriate. Dose reduction or discontinuation of interferon alfa, ribavirin, or both should also be considered if worsening clinical toxicities are observed, including hepatic decompensation (e.g., Child-Pugh > 6). See the full prescribing information for interferon and ribavirin.

5.11 Pancreatitis

In pediatric patients with a history of prior antiretroviral nucleoside exposure, a history of pancreatitis, or other significant risk factors for the development of pancreatitis, 3TC, a component of SYMFI, should be used with caution. Treatment with SYMFI should be stopped immediately if clinical signs, symptoms, or laboratory abnormalities suggestive of pancreatitis occur [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)].

5.12 Convulsions

Convulsions have been observed in patients receiving EFV, generally in the presence of known medical history of seizures [see [Nonclinical Toxicology \(13.2\)](#)]. Caution should be taken in any patient with a history of seizures. Patients who are receiving concomitant anticonvulsant medications primarily metabolized by the liver, such as phenytoin and phenobarbital, may require periodic monitoring of plasma levels [see [Drug Interactions \(7.5\)](#)].

5.13 Lipid Elevations

Treatment with EFV has resulted in increases in the concentration of total cholesterol and triglycerides. Cholesterol and triglyceride testing should be performed before initiating EFV therapy and at periodic intervals during therapy.

5.14 Bone Effects

Bone Mineral Density (BMD)

In clinical trials in HIV-1-infected adults, TDF was associated with slightly greater decreases in BMD and increases in biochemical markers of bone metabolism, suggesting increased bone turnover relative to comparators. Serum parathyroid hormone levels and 1,25 Vitamin D levels were also higher in subjects receiving TDF [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)].

The effects of TDF-associated changes in BMD and biochemical markers on long-term bone health and future fracture risk are unknown. Assessment of BMD should be considered for adults who have a history of pathologic bone fracture or other risk factors for osteoporosis or bone loss. Although the effect of supplementation with calcium and vitamin D was not studied, such supplementation may be beneficial for all patients. If bone abnormalities are suspected then appropriate consultation should be obtained.

Mineralization Defects

Cases of osteomalacia associated with proximal renal tubulopathy, manifested as bone pain or pain in extremities and which may contribute to fractures, have been reported in association with the use of TDF [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.2\)](#)]. Arthralgias and muscle pain or weakness have also been reported in cases of proximal renal tubulopathy. Hypophosphatemia and osteomalacia secondary to proximal renal tubulopathy should be considered in patients at risk of renal dysfunction who present with persistent or worsening bone or muscle symptoms while receiving products containing TDF [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.4\)](#)].

5.15 Immune Reconstitution Syndrome

Immune reconstitution syndrome has been reported in HIV-infected patients treated with combination antiretroviral therapy, including EFV, 3TC, and TDF. During the initial phase of combination antiretroviral treatment, patients whose immune system responds may develop an inflammatory response to indolent or residual opportunistic infections (such as *Mycobacterium avium* infection, cytomegalovirus, *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia [PCP], or tuberculosis), which may necessitate further evaluation and treatment.

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

5.16 Fat Redistribution

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

5.17 QTc Prolongation

QTc prolongation has been observed with the use of EFV [see *Drug Interactions (7.2, 7.5) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. Consider alternatives to products containing EFV when coadministered with a drug with a known risk of Torsade de Pointes or when administered to patients at higher risk of Torsade de Pointes.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in other sections of the labeling:

- Lactic Acidosis/Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- Exacerbations of Hepatitis B [see *Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- New Onset or Worsening Renal Impairment [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].
- Psychiatric Symptoms [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].
- Nervous System Symptoms [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].
- Skin and Systemic Hypersensitivity Reaction [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].
- Hepatotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].
- Hepatic Decompensation in Patients Co-infected with HIV-1 and Hepatitis C [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.10)*].
- Pancreatitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.11)*].
- Decreases in Bone Mineral Density [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.14)*].
- Immune Reconstitution Syndrome [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.15)*].
- Fat Redistribution [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.16)*].

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

Efavirenz, Lamivudine and Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Treatment-Naïve Patients

Study 903 - Adverse Reactions

The most common adverse reactions seen in a double-blind comparative controlled study in which 600 treatment-naïve subjects received TDF (N = 299) or stavudine (d4T) (N = 301) in combination with 3TC and EFV for 144 weeks were mild to moderate gastrointestinal events and dizziness.

Mild adverse reactions (Grade 1) were common with a similar incidence in both arms, and included dizziness, diarrhea, and nausea. Selected moderate to severe adverse reactions are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Selected Adverse Reactions* (Grades 2-4) Reported in ≥ 5% in Any Treatment Group in Study 903 (0-144 Weeks)

	TDF + 3TC + EFV	d4T + 3TC + EFV
	N = 299	N = 301

Body as a Whole		
Headache	14%	17%
Pain	13%	12%
Fever	8%	7%
Abdominal pain	7%	12%
Back pain	9%	8%
Asthenia	6%	7%
Digestive System		
Diarrhea	11%	13%
Nausea	8%	9%
Dyspepsia	4%	5%
Vomiting	5%	9%
Metabolic Disorders		
Lipodystrophy [†]	1%	8%
Musculoskeletal		
Arthralgia	5%	7%
Myalgia	3%	5%
Nervous System		
Depression	11%	10%
Insomnia	5%	8%
Dizziness	3%	6%
Peripheral neuropathy [‡]	1%	5%
Anxiety	6%	6%
Respiratory		
Pneumonia	5%	5%
Skin and Appendages		
Rash event [§]	18%	12%

* Frequencies of adverse reactions are based on all treatment-emergent adverse events, regardless of relationship to study drug.

[†] Lipodystrophy represents a variety of investigator-described adverse events not a protocol-defined syndrome.

[‡] Peripheral neuropathy includes peripheral neuritis and neuropathy.

[§] Rash event includes rash, pruritus, maculopapular rash, urticaria, vesiculobullous rash, and pustular rash.

Laboratory Abnormalities

With the exception of fasting cholesterol and fasting triglyceride elevations that were more common in the stavudine group (40% and 9%) compared with TDF (19% and 1%) respectively, laboratory abnormalities observed in this study occurred with similar frequency in the tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and stavudine treatment arms. A summary of Grade 3 and 4 laboratory abnormalities is provided in Table 2.

Table 2. Grade 3/4 Laboratory Abnormalities Reported in ≥ 1% of Patients Randomized to Efavirenz, Lamivudine and Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate in Study 903 (0-144 Weeks)

	TDF + 3TC + EFV	d4T + 3TC + EFV
	N = 299	N = 301
Any ≥ Grade 3 Laboratory Abnormality	36%	42%
Fasting Cholesterol (> 240 mg/dL)	19%	40%

Creatine Kinase (M: > 990 U/L; F: > 845 U/L)	12%	12%
Serum Amylase (> 175 U/L)	9%	8%
AST (M: > 180 U/L; F: > 170 U/L)	5%	7%
ALT (M: > 215 U/L; F: > 170 U/L)	4%	5%
Hematuria (> 100 RBC/HPF)	7%	7%
Neutrophils (< 750/mm ³)	3%	1%
Fasting Triglycerides (> 750 mg/dL)	1%	9%

Pancreatitis

Pancreatitis, which has been fatal in some cases, has been observed in antiretroviral nucleoside-experienced pediatric subjects receiving 3TC alone or in combination with other antiretroviral agents [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.11)*].

Changes in Bone Mineral Density

In HIV-1-infected adult subjects in Study 903, there was a significantly greater mean percentage decrease from baseline in BMD at the lumbar spine in subjects receiving TDF + 3TC + EFV (-2.2% ± 3.9) compared with subjects receiving d4T + 3TC + EFV (-1.0% ± 4.6) through 144 weeks. Changes in BMD at the hip were similar between the two treatment groups (-2.8% ± 3.5 in the TDF group vs. -2.4% ± 4.5 in the d4T group). In both groups, the majority of the reduction in BMD occurred in the first 24-48 weeks of the trial and this reduction was sustained through Week 144. Twenty-eight percent of TDF-treated subjects vs. 21% of the d4T-treated subjects lost at least 5% of BMD at the spine or 7% of BMD at the hip. Clinically relevant fractures (excluding fingers and toes) were reported in 4 subjects in the TDF group and 6 subjects in the d4T group. In addition, there were significant increases in biochemical markers of bone metabolism (serum bone-specific alkaline phosphatase, serum osteocalcin, serum C telopeptide, and urinary N telopeptide) and higher serum parathyroid hormone levels and 1,25 Vitamin D levels in the TDF group relative to the d4T group; however, except for bone-specific alkaline phosphatase, these changes resulted in values that remained within the normal range [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.14)*].

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use for each of the individual components of SYMFI (EFV, 3TC, and TDF). Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish causal relationship to drug exposure. These reactions have been chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their seriousness, frequency of reporting, or potential causal connection to EFV, 3TC, and TDF.

Efavirenz

Body as a Whole: allergic reactions, asthenia, redistribution/accumulation of body fat [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.16)*].

Central and Peripheral Nervous System: abnormal coordination, ataxia, cerebellar coordination and balance disturbances, convulsions, hypoesthesia, paresthesia, neuropathy, tremor, vertigo.

Endocrine: gynecomastia.

Gastrointestinal: constipation, malabsorption.

Cardiovascular: flushing, palpitations.

Liver and Biliary System: hepatic enzyme increase, hepatic failure, hepatitis.

Metabolic and Nutritional: hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia.

Musculoskeletal: arthralgia, myalgia, myopathy.

Psychiatric: aggressive reactions, agitation, delusions, emotional lability, mania, neurosis, paranoia, psychosis, suicide, catatonia.

Respiratory: dyspnea.

Skin and Appendages: erythema multiforme, photoallergic dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome.

7.4 Cannabinoid Test Interaction

EFV does not bind to cannabinoid receptors. False-positive urine cannabinoid test results have been reported with some screening assays in uninfected and HIV-infected subjects receiving EFV. Confirmation of positive screening tests for cannabinoids by a more specific method is recommended.

7.5 Established and Other Potentially Significant Interactions

EFV has been shown *in vivo* to induce CYP3A and CYP2B6. Other compounds that are substrates of CYP3A or CYP2B6 may have decreased plasma concentrations when coadministered with EFV.

Drugs that induce CYP3A activity (e.g., phenobarbital, rifampin, rifabutin) would be expected to increase the clearance of EFV resulting in lowered plasma concentrations.

No drug interaction studies have been conducted using SYMFI. However, drug interaction studies have been conducted with the individual components of SYMFI (EFV, 3TC, and TDF) [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

Drug interactions with EFV are summarized in Table 3 [for pharmacokinetics data see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3, Tables 6 and 7)*]. This table includes potentially significant interactions, but is not all inclusive.

Table 3. Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions with EFV: Alteration in Dose or Regimen May Be Recommended Based on Drug Interaction Studies or Predicted Interaction

Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name	Effect	Clinical Comment
Anticoagulant: Warfarin	↑ or ↓ warfarin	Monitor INR and adjust warfarin dosage if necessary.
Anticonvulsants: Carbamazepine	↓ carbamazepine* ↓ EFV*	There are insufficient data to make a dose recommendation for EFV. Alternative anticonvulsant treatment should be used.
Phenytoin Phenobarbital	↓ anticonvulsant ↓ EFV	Monitor anticonvulsant plasma levels periodically because of potential for reduction in anticonvulsant and/or EFV plasma levels.
Antidepressants: Bupropion	↓ bupropion*	Increases in bupropion dosage should be guided by clinical response. Bupropion dose should not exceed the maximum recommended dose.
Sertraline	↓ sertraline*	Increases in sertraline dosage should be guided by clinical response.
Antifungals: Itraconazole Ketoconazole Posaconazole	↓ itraconazole* ↓ hydroxyitraconazole* ↓ ketoconazole ↓ posaconazole*	Consider alternative antifungal treatment because no dose recommendation for itraconazole or ketoconazole can be made. Avoid concomitant use unless the benefit outweighs the risks.
Anti-infective: Clarithromycin	↓ clarithromycin* ↑ 14-OH metabolite*	Consider alternatives to macrolide antibiotics because of the risk of QT interval prolongation.
Antimycobacterial: Rifabutin	↓ rifabutin*	Increase daily dose of rifabutin by 50%. Consider doubling the

Rifampin	↓ EFV*	rifabutin dose in regimens where rifabutin is given 2 or 3 times a week. Increase EFV total daily dose to 800 mg once daily when coadministered with rifampin to patients weighing 50 kg or more.
Antimalarials: Artemether/lumefantrine	↓ artemether* ↓ dihydroartemisinin* ↓ lumefantrine*	Consider alternatives to artemether/lumefantrine because of the risk of QT interval prolongation [<i>see Warnings and Precautions (5.17)</i>].
Atovaquone/proguanil	↓ atovaquone ↓ proguanil	Concomitant administration is not recommended.
Calcium channel blockers: Diltiazem	↓ diltiazem* ↓ desacetyl diltiazem* ↓ N-monodesmethyldiltiazem*	Diltiazem dose adjustments should be guided by clinical response (refer to the full prescribing information for diltiazem).
Others (e.g., felodipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, verapamil)	↓ calcium channel blocker	When coadministered with EFV, dosage adjustment of calcium channel blocker may be needed and should be guided by clinical response (refer to the full prescribing information for the calcium channel blocker).
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors: Atorvastatin Pravastatin Simvastatin	↓ atorvastatin* ↓ pravastatin* ↓ simvastatin*	Plasma concentrations of atorvastatin, pravastatin, and simvastatin decreased. Consult the full prescribing information for the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor for guidance on individualizing the dose.
Hepatitis C antiviral agents: Boceprevir Elbasvir/Grazoprevir	↓ boceprevir* ↓ elbasvir ↓ grazoprevir	Concomitant administration of boceprevir is not recommended. Coadministration of EFV with elbasvir/grazoprevir is contraindicated [<i>see Contraindications (4)</i>] because it may lead to loss of virologic response to elbasvir/grazoprevir.
Pibrentasvir/Glecaprevir	↓ pibrentasvir ↓ glecaprevir	Coadministration of EFV is not recommended because it may lead to reduced therapeutic effect of pibrentasvir/glecaprevir.
Simeprevir	↓ simeprevir* ↔ EFV	Concomitant administration of simeprevir is not recommended.
Velpatasvir/Sofosbuvir	↓ velpatasvir	Coadministration of EFV and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir is not recommended because it may result in loss of therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.

Velpatasvir/Sofosbuvir/ Voxilaprevir	↓ velpatasvir ↓ voxilaprevir	Coadministration of EFV and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir is not recommended because it may result in loss of therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir.
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir	↑ TDF	Monitor for adverse reactions associated with TDF.
Hepatitis B antiviral agents Adefovir dipivoxil		Concomitant administration of adefovir dipivoxil is not recommended.
Hormonal contraceptives: Oral Ethinyl estradiol/ Norgestimate	↓ active metabolites of norgestimate*	A reliable method of barrier contraception should be used in addition to hormonal contraceptives.
Implant Etonogestrel	↓ etonogestrel	A reliable method of barrier contraception should be used in addition to hormonal contraceptives. Decreased exposure of etonogestrel may be expected. There have been postmarketing reports of contraceptive failure with etonogestrel in EFV-exposed patients.
Immunosuppressants: Cyclosporine, tacrolimus, sirolimus, and others metabolized by CYP3A	↓ immunosuppressant	Dose adjustments of the immunosuppressant may be required. Close monitoring of immunosuppressant concentrations for at least 2 weeks (until stable concentrations are reached) is recommended when starting or stopping treatment with EFV.
Narcotic analgesic: Methadone	↓ methadone*	Monitor for signs of methadone withdrawal and increase methadone dose if required to alleviate withdrawal symptoms.

This table is not all-inclusive.

* The interaction between EFV and the drug was evaluated in a clinical study. All other drug interactions shown are predicted.

7.6 Drugs without Clinically Significant Interactions

No dosage adjustment is recommended when SYMFI is administered with the following: aluminum/magnesium hydroxide antacids, azithromycin, cetirizine, famotidine, fluconazole, and lorazepam.

7.7 Drugs Inhibiting Organic Cation Transporters

3TC, a component of SYMFI, is predominantly eliminated in the urine by active organic cationic secretion. The possibility of interactions with other drugs administered concurrently should be considered, particularly when their main route of elimination is active renal secretion via the organic cationic transport system (e.g., trimethoprim) [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. No data are available regarding interactions with other drugs that have renal clearance mechanisms similar to that of 3TC.

7.8 Sorbitol

Coadministration of single doses of 3TC and sorbitol resulted in a sorbitol dose-dependent reduction in 3TC exposures. When possible, avoid use of sorbitol-containing medicines with 3TC [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to SYMFI during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients by calling the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry (APR) at 1-800-258-4263 [\[5\]](#).

Risk Summary

There are retrospective case reports of neural tube defects in infants whose mothers were exposed to EFV-containing regimens in the first trimester of pregnancy.

Although a causal relationship has not been established between exposure to EFV in the first trimester and neural tube defects, similar malformations have been observed in studies conducted in monkeys at doses similar to the human dose. In addition, fetal and embryonic toxicities occurred in rats, at a dose ten times less than the human exposure at recommended clinical dose. Because of the potential risk of neural tube defects, EFV should not be used in the first trimester of pregnancy. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

Prospective pregnancy data from the APR are not sufficient to adequately assess this risk of birth defects or miscarriage. EFV and 3TC have been evaluated in a limited number of women as reported to the APR. Available data from the APR show no difference in the risk of major birth defects for EFV and 3TC compared to the background rate for major birth defects of 2.7% in the U.S. reference population of the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program (MACDP) (see *Data*).

3TC produced embryonic toxicity in rabbits at a dose that produced similar human exposures as the recommended clinical dose. The relevance of animal findings to human pregnancy registry data is not known. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies with TDF in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, TDF should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

The rate of miscarriage is not reported in the APR. The estimated background rate of miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies in the U.S. general population is 15% to 20%. The background risk for major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. The APR uses the MACDP as the U.S. reference population for birth defects in the general population. The MACDP evaluates women and infants from a limited geographic area and does not include outcomes for births that occurred at less than 20 weeks' gestation.

Human Data

Efavirenz

There are retrospective postmarketing reports of findings consistent with neural tube defects, including meningocele, all in infants of mothers exposed to EFV-containing regimens in the first trimester [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

Based on prospective reports from the APR of approximately 1000 live births following exposure to EFV-containing regimens (including over 800 live births exposed in the first trimester), there was no difference between EFV and overall birth defects compared with the background birth defect rate of 2.7% in the U.S. reference population of the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program. As of the interim APR report issued December 2014, the prevalence of birth defects following first-trimester exposure was 2.3% (95% CI: 1.4%-3.6%). One of these prospectively reported defects with first-trimester exposure was a neural tube defect. A single case of anophthalmia with first-trimester exposure to EFV has also been prospectively reported. This case also included severe oblique facial clefts and amniotic banding, which have a known association with anophthalmia.

Lamivudine

Based on prospective reports from the APR of over 11,000 exposures to 3TC during pregnancy resulting in live births (including over

4,300 exposed in the first trimester), there was no difference between 3TC and overall birth defects compared with the background birth defect rate of 2.7% in the U.S. reference population of the MACDP. The prevalence of defects in the first trimester was 3.1% (95% CI: 2.6% to 3.7%).

3TC pharmacokinetics were studied in pregnant women during 2 clinical trials conducted in South Africa. The trials assessed pharmacokinetics in 16 women at 36 weeks gestation using 150 mg 3TC twice daily with zidovudine, 10 women at 38 weeks gestation using 150 mg 3TC twice daily with zidovudine, and 10 women at 38 weeks gestation using 3TC 300 mg twice daily without other antiretrovirals. These trials were not designed or powered to provide efficacy information.

3TC pharmacokinetics in pregnant women were similar to those seen in non-pregnant adults and in postpartum women. 3TC concentrations were generally similar in maternal, neonatal, and umbilical cord serum samples. In a subset of subjects, amniotic fluid specimens were collected following natural rupture of membranes and confirmed that lamivudine crosses the placenta in humans. Amniotic fluid concentrations of lamivudine were typically 2 times greater than maternal serum levels and ranged from 1.2 to 2.5 mcg per mL (150 mg twice daily) and 2.1 to 5.2 mcg per mL (300 mg twice daily).

Animal Data

Efavirenz

Effects of EFV on embryo-fetal development have been studied in three nonclinical species (cynomolgus monkeys, rats, and rabbits). In monkeys, EFV 60 mg/kg/day was administered to pregnant females throughout pregnancy (gestation days 20 through 150). The maternal systemic drug exposures (AUC) were 1.3 times the exposure in humans at the recommended clinical dose (600 mg/day), with fetal umbilical venous drug concentrations approximately 0.7 times the maternal values. Three of 20 fetuses/infants had one or more malformations; there were no malformed fetuses or infants from placebo-treated mothers. The malformations that occurred in these three monkey fetuses included anencephaly and unilateral anophthalmia in one fetus, microphthalmia in a second, and cleft palate in the third. There was no NOAEL (no observable adverse effect level) established for this study because only one dosage was evaluated. In rats, EFV was administered either during organogenesis (gestation days 7 to 18) or from gestation day 7 through lactation day 21 at 50, 100, or 200 mg/kg/day. Administration of 200 mg/kg/day in rats was associated with increase in the incidence of early resorptions; and doses 100 mg/kg/day and greater were associated with early neonatal mortality. The AUC at the NOAEL (50 mg/kg/day) in this rat study was 0.1 times that in humans at the recommended clinical dose. Drug concentrations in the milk on lactation day 10 were approximately 8 times higher than those in maternal plasma. In pregnant rabbits, EFV was neither embryo lethal nor teratogenic when administered at doses of 25, 50, and 75 mg/kg/day over the period of organogenesis (gestation days 6 through 18). The AUC at the NOAEL (75 mg/kg/day) in rabbits was 0.4 times that in humans at the recommended clinical dose.

Lamivudine

Studies in pregnant rats showed that 3TC is transferred to the fetus through the placenta. Reproduction studies with orally administered 3TC have been performed in rats and rabbits at doses producing plasma levels up to approximately 35 times that for the recommended adult HIV dose. No evidence of teratogenicity due to 3TC was observed. Evidence of embryo-lethality was seen in the rabbit at exposure levels similar to those observed in humans but there was no indication of this effect in the rat at exposure levels up to 35 times those in humans.

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Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits at doses up to 14 and 19 times the human dose based on body surface area comparisons and revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to tenofovir.

8.2 Lactation

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

Efavirenz

EFV has been shown to pass into human breast milk. There is no information available on the effects of EFV on the breastfed infant, or the effects of EFV on milk production.

Lamivudine

3TC is excreted into human milk. Samples of breast milk obtained from 20 mothers receiving 3TC monotherapy, 300 mg twice daily (2

times the dose in SYMFI), had measurable concentrations of 3TC. There is no information on the effects of 3TC on the breastfed infant, or the effects of 3TC on milk production.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Samples of breast milk obtained from five HIV-1-infected mothers in the first postpartum week show that tenofovir is excreted in human milk at low levels. The impact of this exposure in breastfed infants is unknown and the effects of TDF on milk production is unknown.

Because of the potential for 1) HIV transmission (in HIV-negative infants); 2) developing viral resistance (in HIV-positive infants); and 3) adverse reactions in a breastfed infant similar to those seen in adults, instruct mothers not to breastfeed if they are receiving SYMFI.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Because of potential teratogenic effects, pregnancy should be avoided in women receiving SYMFI [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7), Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

Pregnancy Testing

Females of reproductive potential should undergo pregnancy testing before initiation of SYMFI.

Contraception

Females of reproductive potential should use effective contraception during treatment with SYMFI and for 12 weeks after discontinuing SYMFI due to the long half-life of EFV. Barrier contraception should always be used in combination with other methods of contraception. Hormonal methods that contain progesterone may have decreased effectiveness [*see Drug Interactions (7.5)*].

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of SYMFI as a fixed-dose tablet in pediatric patients infected with HIV-1 and weighing at least 40 kg have been established based on clinical studies using the individual components (efavirenz, lamivudine, and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate).

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of SYMFI did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. In general, caution should be exercised in the administration of 3TC in elderly patients reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

8.6 Renal Impairment

SYMFI is not recommended for patients with impaired renal function (i.e., creatinine clearance less than 50 mL/min) or patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring hemodialysis because it is a fixed-dose combination formulation that cannot be adjusted [*see Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

SYMFI is not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment because there are insufficient data to determine whether dose adjustment is necessary. Patients with mild hepatic impairment may be treated with SYMFI without any adjustment in dose [*see Dosage and Administration (2.4), Warnings and Precautions (5.9) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

10 OVERDOSAGE

If overdose occurs the patient must be monitored for evidence of toxicity, and standard supportive treatment applied as necessary.

Efavirenz: Some patients accidentally taking 600 mg twice daily have reported increased nervous system symptoms. One patient experienced involuntary muscle contractions.

Treatment of overdose with EFV should consist of general supportive measures, including monitoring of vital signs and observation of the patient's clinical status. Administration of activated charcoal may be used to aid removal of unabsorbed drug. There is no specific

antidote for overdose with efavirenz. Since efavirenz is highly protein bound, dialysis is unlikely to significantly remove the drug from blood.

Lamivudine: There is no known specific treatment for overdose with 3TC. If overdose occurs, the patient should be monitored and standard supportive treatment applied as required because a negligible amount of 3TC was removed via (4-hour) hemodialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, and automated peritoneal dialysis, it is not known if continuous hemodialysis would provide clinical benefit in a 3TC overdose event.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate: Limited clinical experience at doses higher than the therapeutic dose of TDF 300 mg is available.

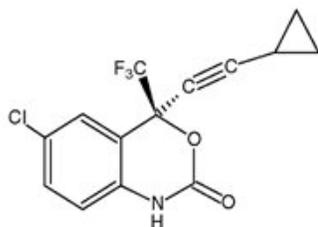
Tenofovir is efficiently removed by hemodialysis with an extraction coefficient of approximately 54%. Following a single 300 mg dose of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, a 4-hour hemodialysis session removed approximately 10% of the administered tenofovir dose.

11 DESCRIPTION

SYMFI tablets contain efavirenz, an HIV-1 specific, non-nucleoside, reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI), lamivudine (also known as 3TC), a synthetic nucleoside analogue with activity against HIV-1 and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or tenofovir DF (a prodrug of tenofovir), a fumaric acid salt of bis-isopropoxycarbonyloxymethyl ester derivative of tenofovir. *In vivo* tenofovir DF is converted to tenofovir, an acyclic nucleoside phosphonate (nucleotide) analog of adenosine 5'-monophosphate. Tenofovir exhibits activity against HIV-1 reverse transcriptase.

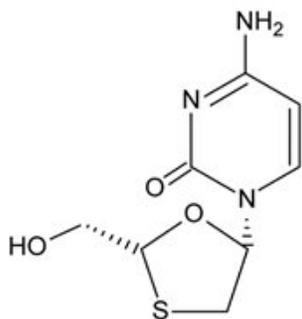
SYMFI tablets are for oral administration. Each film-coated tablet contains 600 mg of efavirenz, 300 mg of lamivudine and 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, which is equivalent to 245 mg of tenofovir disoproxil, and the following inactive ingredients: croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, sodium lauryl sulfate, talc and titanium dioxide.

Efavirenz: The chemical name of efavirenz is (4*S*)-6-chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-1,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-3,1-benzoxazin-2-one. Its molecular formula is $C_{14}H_9ClF_3NO_2$ and its structural formula is:



Efavirenz is a white to slightly pink crystalline powder with a molecular mass of 315.68. It is soluble in methanol and practically insoluble in water (< 10 microgram/mL).

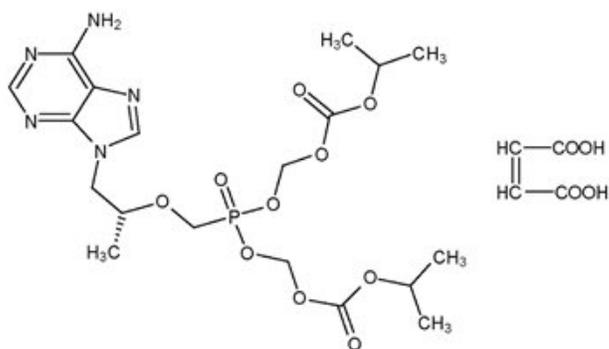
Lamivudine: The chemical name of lamivudine is (-)-1-[(2*R*,5*S*)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl]cytosine. Lamivudine is the (-)-enantiomer of a dideoxy analogue of cytidine. Lamivudine has also been referred to as (-)-2',3'-dideoxy, 3'-thiacytidine. It has a molecular formula of $C_8H_{11}N_3O_3S$ and a molecular weight of 229.26 g per mol. It has the following structural formula:



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

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate: The chemical name of tenofovir DF is 9-[(*R*)-2-

[[Bis[[[(isopropoxycarbonyl)oxy]methoxy]phosphinyl]methoxy]propyl]adenine fumarate (1:1). It has a molecular formula of $C_{19}H_{30}N_5O_{10}P \cdot C_4H_4O_4$ and a molecular weight of 635.51. It has the following structural formula:



Tenofovir DF is a white to off-white powder with a solubility of 13.4 mg/mL in distilled water at 25°C. It has an octanol/phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) partition coefficient (log p) of 1.25 at 25°C.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

SYMFI is a fixed-dose combination of antiviral drugs EFV, 3TC, and TDF with antiviral activity against HIV-1 [see [Microbiology \(12.4\)](#)].

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Cardiac Electrophysiology

The effect of EFV on the QTc interval was evaluated in an open-label, positive and placebo-controlled, fixed single sequence 3-period, 3-treatment crossover QT study in 58 healthy subjects enriched for CYP2B6 polymorphisms. The mean C_{max} of EFV in subjects with CYP2B6 *6/*6 genotype following the administration of 600 mg daily dose for 14 days was 2.25-fold the mean C_{max} observed in subjects with CYP2B6 *1/*1 genotype. A positive relationship between EFV concentration and QTc prolongation was observed. Based on the concentration-QTc relationship, the mean QTc prolongation and its upper bound 90% confidence interval are 8.7 ms and 11.3 ms in subjects with CYP2B6*6/*6 genotype following the administration of 600 mg daily dose for 14 days [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.17\)](#)].

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The effect of food on SYMFI has not been evaluated.

Efavirenz

In HIV-1-infected subjects, time-to-peak plasma concentrations were approximately 3 to 5 hours and steady-state plasma concentrations were reached in 6 to 10 days. EFV is highly bound (approximately 99.5 to 99.75%) to human plasma proteins, predominantly albumin. Following administration of ^{14}C -labeled EFV, 14 to 34% of the dose was recovered in the urine (mostly as metabolites) and 16 to 61% was recovered in feces (mostly as parent drug). *In vitro* studies suggest CYP3A and CYP2B6 are the major isozymes responsible for EFV metabolism. EFV has been shown to induce CYP enzymes, resulting in induction of its own metabolism. EFV has a terminal half-life of 52 to 76 hours after single doses and 40 to 55 hours after multiple doses.

Lamivudine

After oral administration of 2 mg/kg of 3TC twice a day to 9 adults with HIV-1, the peak serum 3TC concentration (C_{max}) was 1.5 ± 0.5 mcg/mL (mean \pm SD). The area under the plasma concentration versus time curve (AUC) and C_{max} increased in proportion to oral

dose over the range from 0.25 to 10 mg/kg and absolute bioavailability in 12 adult patients was $86\% \pm 16\%$ (mean \pm SD) for the 150-mg tablet and $87\% \pm 13\%$ for the oral solution. Binding of 3TC to human plasma proteins is low ($< 36\%$). Within 12 hours after a single oral dose of 3TC in 6 HIV-1-infected adults, $5.2\% \pm 1.4\%$ (mean \pm SD) of the dose was excreted as the trans-sulfoxide metabolite in the urine. The majority of 3TC is eliminated unchanged in urine by active organic cationic secretion and the observed mean elimination half-life ($t_{1/2}$) ranged from 5 to 7 hours in most single-dose studies with serum sampling for 24 hours after dosing.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Following oral administration of a single 300 mg dose of TDF to HIV-1-infected subjects in the fasted state, maximum serum concentrations (C_{max}) were achieved in 1.0 ± 0.4 hrs (mean \pm SD) and C_{max} and AUC values were 296 ± 90 ng/mL and 2287 ± 685 ng•hr/mL, respectively. The oral bioavailability of tenofovir from TDF in fasted subjects is approximately 25%. Less than 0.7% of tenofovir binds to human plasma proteins *in vitro* and the binding is independent of concentration over the range of 0.01 to 25 mcg/mL. Approximately 70 to 80% of the intravenous dose of tenofovir is recovered as unchanged drug in the urine. Tenofovir is eliminated by a combination of glomerular filtration and active tubular secretion with a renal clearance in adults with normal renal function of 243 ± 33 mL/min (mean \pm SD). Following a single oral dose, the terminal elimination half-life of tenofovir is approximately 17 hours.

Special Populations

Race

Efavirenz and Lamivudine

There are no significant or clinically relevant racial differences in EFV and 3TC pharmacokinetics.

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There were insufficient numbers from racial and ethnic groups other than Caucasian to adequately determine potential pharmacokinetic differences among these populations.

Gender

There are no significant or clinically relevant gender differences in the pharmacokinetics of EFV, 3TC, and TDF.

Geriatric Patients

The pharmacokinetics of 3TC and TDF have not been studied in patients over 65 years of age.

Patients with Renal Impairment

[See [Use in Specific Populations \(8.6\)](#).]

Efavirenz

The pharmacokinetics of EFV have not been studied in patients with renal impairment.

Lamivudine

The pharmacokinetics of 3TC are altered in subjects with renal impairment (Table 4).

Table 4. Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Mean \pm SD) after a Single 300-mg Oral Dose of 3TC in Subjects with Varying Degrees of Renal Function

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Parameter	Creatinine Clearance Criterion (Number of Subjects)		
	> 60 mL/min (n = 6)	10-30 mL/min (n = 4)	< 10 mL/min (n = 6)
Creatinine clearance (mL/min)	111 ± 14	28 ± 8	6 ± 2
C _{max} (mcg/mL)	2.6 ± 0.5	3.6 ± 0.8	5.8 ± 1.2
AUC _∞ (mcg•h/mL)	11.0 ± 1.7	48.0 ± 19	157 ± 74
Cl/F (mL/min)	464 ± 76	114 ± 34	36 ± 11

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

The pharmacokinetics of TDF are altered in subjects with renal impairment [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]. In subjects with creatinine clearance below 50 mL/min or with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring dialysis, C_{max}, and AUC_{0-∞} of tenofovir were increased.

Table 5. Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Mean ± SD) of Tenofovir in Subjects after a Single 300-mg Oral Dose of TDF in Subjects with Varying Degrees of Renal Function

Baseline Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)	> 80 (N = 3)	50-80 (N = 10)	30-49 (N = 8)	12-29 (N = 11)
C _{max} (µg/mL)	0.34 ± 0.03	0.33 ± 0.06	0.37 ± 0.16	0.60 ± 0.19
AUC _{0-∞} (µg•hr/mL)	2.18 ± 0.26	3.06 ± 0.93	6.01 ± 2.50	15.98 ± 7.22
CL/F (mL/min)	1043.7 ± 115.4	807.7 ± 279.2	444.4 ± 209.8	177.0 ± 97.1
CL _{renal} (mL/min)	243.5 ± 33.3	168.6 ± 27.5	100.6 ± 27.5	43.0 ± 31.2

Patients with Hepatic Impairment

Efavirenz

A multiple-dose study showed no significant effect on EFV pharmacokinetics in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A) compared with controls. There were insufficient data to determine whether moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B or C) affects EFV pharmacokinetics.

Lamivudine

The pharmacokinetic properties of 3TC have been determined in adults with impaired hepatic function. Pharmacokinetic parameters were not altered by diminishing hepatic function. Safety and efficacy of 3TC have not been established in the presence of decompensated liver disease.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

The pharmacokinetics of tenofovir following a 300 mg single dose of TDF have been studied in non-HIV infected subjects with moderate to severe (Child-Pugh B to C) hepatic impairment. There were no substantial alterations in tenofovir pharmacokinetics in

subjects with hepatic impairment compared with unimpaired subjects.

Assessment of Drug Interactions

[See [Drug Interactions \(7\)](#).]

Efavirenz

EFV has been shown *in vivo* to cause hepatic enzyme induction, thus increasing the biotransformation of some drugs metabolized by CYP3A and CYP2B6. *In vitro* studies have shown that EFV inhibited CYP isozymes 2C9, 2C19, and 3A4 with K_i values (8.5 to 17 μM) in the range of observed EFV plasma concentrations. In *in vitro* studies, EFV did not inhibit CYP2E1 and inhibited CYP2D6 and CYP1A2 (K_i values 82 to 160 μM) only at concentrations well above those achieved clinically. Coadministration of EFV with drugs primarily metabolized by 2C9, 2C19, and 3A isozymes may result in altered plasma concentrations of the coadministered drug. Drugs which induce CYP3A activity would be expected to increase the clearance of EFV resulting in lowered plasma concentrations.

Drug interaction studies were performed with EFV and other drugs likely to be coadministered or drugs commonly used as probes for pharmacokinetic interaction. The effects of coadministration of EFV on the C_{max} , AUC, and C_{min} are summarized in Table 6 (effect of EFV on other drugs) and Table 7 (effect of other drugs on EFV). For information regarding clinical recommendations see [Drug Interactions \(7.5\)](#).

Table 6. Effect of Efavirenz on Coadministered Drug Plasma C_{max} , AUC, and C_{min}

Coadministered Drug	Dose	Efavirenz Dose	Number of Subjects	Coadministered Drug (mean % change)		
				C_{max} (90% CI)	AUC (90% CI)	C_{min} (90% CI)
Boceprevir	800 mg tid x 6 days	600 mg qd x 16 days	NA	↓ 8% (↓ 22-↑ 8%)	↓ 19% (11-25%)	↓ 44% (26-58%)
Simeprevir	150 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	23	↓ 51% (↓ 46-↓ 56%)	↓ 71% (↓ 67-↓ 74%)	↓ 91% (↓ 88-↓ 92%)
Ledipasvir/ Sofosbuvir*	90/400 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	15	↓ 34 (↓ 25-↓ 41)	↓ 34 (↓ 25-↓ 41)	↓ 34 (↓ 24-↓ 43)
Ledipasvir				↔	↔	NA
Sofosbuvir GS-331007†				↔	↔	↔
Sofosbuvir‡ GS-331007†	400 mg qd single dose	600 mg qd x 14 days	16	↓ 19 (↓ 40-↑ 10)	↔	NA
				↓ 23 (↓ 16-↓ 30)	↓ 16 (↓ 24-↓ 8)	NA
Sofosbuvir/ Velpatasvir§ Sofosbuvir GS-331007† Velpatasvir	400/100 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	14			
				↑ 38 (↑ 14-↑ 67)	↔	NA
				↓ 14 (↓ 20-↓ 7)	↔	↔
				↓ 47 (↓ 57-↓ 36)	↓ 53 (↓ 61-↓ 43)	↓ 57 (↓ 64-↓ 48)
Azithromycin	600 mg single dose	400 mg qd x 7	14	↑ 22% (4-	↔	NA

		days		42%)		
Clarithromycin 14-OH metabolite	500 mg q12h x 7 days	400 mg qd x 7 days	11	↓ 26% (15- 35%)	↓ 39% (30- 46%)	↓ 53% (42- 63%)
				↑ 49% (32- 69%)	↑ 34% (18- 53%)	↑ 26% (9- 45%)
Fluconazole	200 mg x 7 days	400 mg qd x 7 days	10	↔	↔	↔
Itraconazole	200 mg q12h x 28 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	18	↓ 37% (20- 51%)	↓ 39% (21- 53%)	↓ 44% (27- 58%)
Hydroxy- itraconazole				↓ 35% (12- 52%)	↓ 37% (14- 55%)	↓ 43% (18- 60%)
Posaconazole	400 mg (oral suspension) bid x 10 and 20 days	400 mg qd x 10 and 20 days	11	↓ 45% (34- 53%)	↓ 50% (40- 57%)	NA
Rifabutin	300 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	9	↓ 32% (15- 46%)	↓ 38% (28- 47%)	↓ 45% (31- 56%)
Voriconazole	400 mg po q12h x 1 day, then 200 mg po q12h x 8 days	400 mg qd x 9 days	NA	↓ 61% [¶]	↓ 77% [¶]	NA
	300 mg po q12h days 2-7	300 mg qd x 7 days	NA	↓ 36% [#] (21- 49%)	↓ 55% [#] (45- 62%)	NA
	400 mg po q12h days 2-7	300 mg qd x 7 days	NA	↑ 23% [#] (↓ 1-↑ 53%)	↓ 7% [#] (↓ 23-↑ 13%)	NA
Artemether/ lumefantrine	Artemether 20 mg/ lumefantrine 120 mg tablets (6 4- tablet doses over 3 days)	600 mg qd x 26 days	12			
Artemether				↓ 21%	↓ 51%	NA
dihydroartemisinin				↓ 38%	↓ 46%	NA
lumefantrine				↔	↓ 21%	NA
Atorvastatin	10 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15 days	14	↓ 14% (1- 26%)	↓ 43% (34- 50%)	↓ 69% (49- 81%)
Total active (including metabolites)				↓ 15% (2- 26%)	↓ 32% (21- 41%)	↓ 48% (23- 64%)
Pravastatin	40 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15 days	13	↓ 32% (↓ 59-↑ 12%)	↓ 44% (26- 57%)	↓ 19% (0- 35%)
Simvastatin	40 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15 days	14	↓ 72% (63- 79%)	↓ 68% (62- 73%)	↓ 45% (20- 62%)
Total active (including metabolites)				↓ 68% (55- 78%)	↓ 60% (52- 68%)	NA ^P
Carbamazepine	200 mg qd x	600 mg	12	↓ 20%	↓ 27%	↓ 35%

	3 days, 200 mg bid x 3 days, then 400 mg qd x 29 days	qd x 14 days		(15-24%)	(20-33%)	(24-44%)
Epoxide metabolite				↔	↔	↓ 13% (↓ 30-↑ 7%)
Cetirizine	10 mg single dose	600 mg qd x 10 days	11	↓ 24% (18-30%)	↔	NA
Diltiazem	240 mg x 21 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	13	↓ 60% (50-68%)	↓ 69% (55-79%)	↓ 63% (44-75%)
Desacetyl diltiazem				↓ 64% (57-69%)	↓ 75% (59-84%)	↓ 62% (44-75%)
N-monodesmethyl diltiazem				↓ 28% (7-44%)	↓ 37% (17-52%)	↓ 37% (17-52%)
Ethinyl estradiol/Norgestimate	0.035 mg/0.25 mg x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days				
Ethinyl estradiol			21	↔	↔	↔
Norelgestromine			21	↓ 46% (39-52%)	↓ 64% (62-67%)	↓ 82% (79-85%)
Levonorgestrel			6	↓ 80% (77-83%)	↓ 83% (79-87%)	↓ 86% (80-90%)
Lorazepam	2 mg single dose	600 mg qd x 10 days	12	↑ 16% (2-32%)	↔	NA
Methadone	Stable maintenance 35-100 mg daily	600 mg qd x 14-21 days	11	↓ 45% (25-59%)	↓ 52% (33-66%)	NA
Bupropion	150 mg single dose (sustained-release)	600 mg qd x 14 days	13	↓ 34% (21-47%)	↓ 55% (48-62%)	NA
Hydroxy-bupropion				↑ 50% (20-80%)	↔	NA
Paroxetine	20 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	16	↔	↔	↔
Sertraline	50 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	13	↓ 29% (15-40%)	↓ 39% (27-50%)	↓ 46% (31-58%)

↑ Indicates increase ↓ Indicates decrease ↔ Indicates no change or a mean increase or decrease of < 10%.

NA = not available.

* Study conducted with ATRIPLA® coadministered with HARVONI®.

† The predominant circulating nucleoside metabolite of sofosbuvir.

‡ Study conducted with ATRIPLA coadministered with SOVALDI® (sofosbuvir).

§ Study conducted with ATRIPLA coadministered with EPCLUSA®.

¶ 90% CI not available.

Relative to steady-state administration of voriconazole (400 mg for 1 day, then 200 mg po q12h for 2 days).

P Not available because of insufficient data.

Table 7. Effect of Coadministered Drug on Efavirenz Plasma C_{max}, AUC, and C_{min}

Coadministered Drug	Dose	Efavirenz Dose	Number of Subjects	Efavirenz (mean % change)		
				C _{max} (90% CI)	AUC (90% CI)	C _{min} (90% CI)
Boceprevir	800 mg tid x 6 days	600 mg qd x 16 days	NA	↑ 11% (2-20%)	↑ 20% (15-26%)	NA
Simeprevir	150 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	23	↔	↓ 10% (5-15%)	↓ 13% (7-19%)
Azithromycin	600 mg single dose	400 mg qd x 7 days	14	↔	↔	↔
Clarithromycin	500 mg q12h x 7 days	400 mg qd x 7 days	12	↑ 11% (3-19%)	↔	↔
Fluconazole	200 mg x 7 days	400 mg qd x 7 days	10	↔	↑ 16% (6-26%)	↑ 22% (5-41%)
Itraconazole	200 mg q12h x 14 days	600 mg qd x 28 days	16	↔	↔	↔
Rifabutin	300 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	11	↔	↔	↓ 12% (↓ 24-↑ 1%)
Rifampin	600 mg x 7 days	600 mg qd x 7 days	12	↓ 20% (11-28%)	↓ 26% (15-36%)	↓ 32% (15-46%)
Voriconazole	400 mg po q12h x 1 day, then 200 mg po q12h x 8 days	400 mg qd x 9 days	NA	↑ 38%*	↑ 44%*	NA
	300 mg po q12h days 2-7	300 mg qd x 7 days	NA	↓ 14%† (7-21%)	↔†	NA
	400 mg po q12h days 2-7	300 mg qd x 7 days	NA	↔†	↑ 17%† (6-29%)	NA
Artemether/Lumefantrine	Artemether 20 mg/ lumefantrine 120 mg tablets (6 4-tablet doses over 3 days)	600 mg qd x 26 days	12	↔	↓ 17%	NA
Atorvastatin	10 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15	14	↔	↔	↔

Pravastatin	40 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15 days	11	↔	↔	↔
Simvastatin	40 mg qd x 4 days	600 mg qd x 15 days	14	↓ 12% (↓ 28-↑ 8%)	↔	↓ 12% (↓ 25-↑ 3%)
Aluminum hydroxide 400 mg, magnesium hydroxide 400 mg, plus simethicone 40 mg	30 mL single dose	400 mg single dose	17	↔	↔	NA
Carbamazepine	200 mg qd x 3 days, 200 mg bid x 3 days, then 400 mg qd x 15 days	600 mg qd x 35 days	14	↓ 21% (15-26%)	↓ 36% (32-40%)	↓ 47% (41-53%)
Cetirizine	10 mg single dose	600 mg qd x 10 days	11	↔	↔	↔
Diltiazem	240 mg x 14 days	600 mg qd x 28 days	12	↑ 16% (6-26%)	↑ 11% (5-18%)	↑ 13% (1-26%)
Famotidine	40 mg single dose	400 mg single dose	17	↔	↔	NA
Paroxetine	20 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	12	↔	↔	↔
Sertraline	50 mg qd x 14 days	600 mg qd x 14 days	13	↑ 11% (6-16%)	↔	↔

↑ Indicates increase ↓ Indicates decrease ↔ Indicates no change or a mean increase or decrease of < 10%.

NA = not available.

* 90% CI not available.

† Relative to steady-state administration of efavirenz (600 mg once daily for 9 days).

Lamivudine

Effect of 3TC on the Pharmacokinetics of Other Agents

Based on *in vitro* study results, 3TC at therapeutic drug exposures is not expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of drugs that are substrates of the following transporters: organic anion transporter polypeptide 1B1/3 (OATP1B1/3), breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP), P-glycoprotein (P-gp), multidrug and toxin extrusion protein 1 (MATE1), MATE2-K, organic cation transporter 1 (OCT1), OCT2, or OCT3.

Effect of Other Agents on the Pharmacokinetics of 3TC

3TC is a substrate of MATE1, MATE2-K, and OCT2 *in vitro*. Trimethoprim (an inhibitor of these drug transporters) has been shown to increase 3TC plasma concentrations. This interaction is not considered clinically significant as no dose adjustment of 3TC is needed.

3TC is a substrate of P-gp and BCRP; however, considering its absolute bioavailability (87%), it is unlikely that these transporters play a significant role in the absorption of 3TC. Therefore, coadministration of drugs that are inhibitors of these efflux transporters is unlikely to affect the disposition and elimination of 3TC.

Interferon Alfa

There was no significant pharmacokinetic interaction between 3TC and interferon alfa in a trial of 19 healthy male subjects [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

Ribavirin

In vitro data indicate ribavirin reduces phosphorylation of 3TC, stavudine, and zidovudine. However, no pharmacokinetic (e.g., plasma concentrations or intracellular triphosphorylated active metabolite concentrations) or pharmacodynamic (e.g., loss of HIV-1/HCV virologic suppression) interaction was observed when ribavirin and 3TC (n = 18), stavudine (n = 10), or zidovudine (n = 6) were coadministered as part of a multi-drug regimen to HIV-1/HCV co-infected subjects [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

Sorbitol (Excipient)

3TC and sorbitol solutions were coadministered to 16 healthy adult subjects in an open-label, randomized sequence, 4-period, crossover trial. Each subject received a single 300-mg dose of 3TC oral solution alone or coadministered with a single dose of 3.2 grams, 10.2 grams, or 13.4 grams of sorbitol in solution. Coadministration of 3TC with sorbitol resulted in dose-dependent decreases of 20%, 39%, and 44% in the AUC₍₀₋₂₄₎, 14%, 32%, and 36% in the AUC_(∞), and 28%, 52%, and 55% in the C_{max} of lamivudine.

Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole

3TC and TMP/SMX were coadministered to 14 HIV-1-positive subjects in a single-center, open-label, randomized, crossover trial. Each subject received treatment with a single 300-mg dose of 3TC and TMP 160 mg/SMX 800 mg once a day for 5 days with concomitant administration of 3TC 300 mg with the fifth dose in a crossover design. Coadministration of TMP/SMX with 3TC resulted in an increase of 43% ± 23% (mean ± SD) in 3TC AUC_∞, a decrease of 29% ± 13% in 3TC oral clearance, and a decrease of 30% ± 36% in 3TC renal clearance. The pharmacokinetic properties of TMP and SMX were not altered by coadministration with 3TC. There is no information regarding the effect on 3TC pharmacokinetics of higher doses of TMP/SMX such as those used in treating PCP.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

At concentrations substantially higher (~300-fold) than those observed *in vivo*, tenofovir did not inhibit *in vitro* CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, or CYP2E1. However, a small (6%) but statistically significant reduction in metabolism of CYP1A substrate was observed. Based on the results of *in vitro* experiments and the known elimination pathway of tenofovir, the potential for CYP mediated interactions involving TDF with other medicinal products is low.

Table 8 summarizes pharmacokinetic effects of coadministered drug on tenofovir pharmacokinetics. No clinically significant drug interactions have been observed between tenofovir and ribavirin.

Table 8. Drug Interactions: Changes in Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Tenofovir* in the Presence of the Coadministered Drug

Coadministered Drug	Dose of Coadministered Drug (mg)	N	% Change of Tenofovir Pharmacokinetic Parameters [†] (90% CI)		
			C _{max}	AUC	C _{min}
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir ^{‡§}	90/400 once daily x 10 days	24	↑ 47 (↑ 37 to ↑ 58)	↑ 35 (↑ 29 to ↑ 42)	↑ 47 (↑ 38 to ↑ 57)
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir ^{‡¶}		23	↑ 64 (↑ 54 to ↑ 74)	↑ 50 (↑ 42 to ↑ 59)	↑ 59 (↑ 49 to ↑ 70)
Ledipasvir/			↑ 79	↑ 98	↑ 163

Sofosbuvir Sofosbuvir [#]	90/400 once daily x 14 days	15	(↑ 56 to ↑ 104)	(↑ 77 to ↑ 123)	(↑ 132 to ↑ 197)
Sofosbuvir ^D	400 single dose	16	↑ 25 (↑ 8 to ↑ 45)	↔	↔
Tacrolimus	0.05 mg/kg twice daily x 7 days	21	↑ 13 (↑ 1 to ↑ 27)	↔	↔

* Subjects received tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg once daily.

† Increase = ↑; Decrease = ↓; No Effect = ↔; NC = Not Calculated

‡ Data generated from simultaneous dosing with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir. Staggered administration (12 hours apart) provide similar results.

§ Comparison based on exposures when administered as atazanavir/ritonavir + emtricitabine/tenofovir DF.

¶ Comparison based on exposures when administered as darunavir/ritonavir + emtricitabine/tenofovir DF.

Study conducted with efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate coadministered with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir.

D Study conducted with efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate coadministered with sofosbuvir.

12.4 Microbiology

Mechanism of Action

Efavirenz

EFV is an NNRTI of HIV-1. EFV activity is mediated predominantly by noncompetitive inhibition of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT). HIV-2 RT and human cellular DNA polymerases α , β , γ , and δ are not inhibited by EFV.

Lamivudine

3TC is a synthetic nucleoside analogue with activity against HIV-1 and HBV. Intracellularly, 3TC is phosphorylated to its active 5'-triphosphate metabolite, lamivudine triphosphate (3TC-TP). The principal mode of action of 3TC-TP is inhibition of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT) via DNA chain termination after incorporation of the nucleotide analogue.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

TDF is an acyclic nucleoside phosphonate diester analog of adenosine monophosphate. TDF requires initial diester hydrolysis for conversion to tenofovir and subsequent phosphorylations by cellular enzymes to form tenofovir diphosphate. Tenofovir diphosphate inhibits the activity of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase and HBV reverse transcriptase by competing with the natural substrate deoxyadenosine 5'-triphosphate and, after incorporation into DNA, by DNA chain termination. Tenofovir diphosphate is a weak inhibitor of mammalian DNA polymerases α , β , and mitochondrial DNA polymerase γ .

Antiviral Activity

Efavirenz

The concentration of EFV inhibiting replication of wild-type laboratory adapted strains and clinical isolates in cell culture by 90 to 95% ($EC_{90 \text{ to } 95}$) ranged from 1.7 to 25 nM in lymphoblastoid cell lines, peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), and macrophage/monocyte cultures. EFV demonstrated antiviral activity against clade B and most non-clade B isolates (subtypes A, AE, AG, C, D, F, G, J, N), but had reduced antiviral activity against group O viruses.

Lamivudine

The antiviral activity of 3TC against HIV-1 was assessed in a number of cell lines (including monocytes and fresh human peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBMCs) using standard susceptibility assays. EC₅₀ values were in the range of 3 to 15,000 nM. (1 μM = 0.23 mcg/mL). The median EC₅₀ values of 3TC were 60 nM (range: 20 to 70 nM), 35 nM (range: 30 to 40 nM), 30 nM (range: 20 to 90 nM), 20 nM (range: 3 to 40 nM), 30 nM (range: 1 to 60 nM), 30 nM (range: 20 to 70 nM), 30 nM (range: 3 to 70 nM), and 30 nM (range: 20 to 90 nM) against HIV-1 clades A-G and group O viruses (n = 3 except n = 2 for clade B), respectively. The EC₅₀ values against HIV-2 isolates (n = 4) ranged from 3 to 120 nM in PBMCs. 3TC was not antagonistic to all tested anti-HIV agents. Ribavirin (50 μM) used in the treatment of chronic HCV infection decreased the anti-HIV-1 activity of 3TC by 3.5-fold in MT-4 cells.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

The antiviral activity of tenofovir against laboratory and clinical isolates of HIV-1 was assessed in lymphoblastoid cell lines, primary monocyte/macrophage cells and peripheral blood lymphocytes. The EC₅₀ (50% effective concentration) values for tenofovir were in the range of 0.04 μM to 8.5 μM. Tenofovir displayed antiviral activity in cell culture against HIV-1 clades A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and O (EC₅₀ values ranged from 0.5 μM to 2.2 μM) and strain-specific activity against HIV-2 (EC₅₀ values ranged from 1.6 μM to 5.5 μM). Please see the full prescribing information for VIREAD® for information regarding the inhibitory activity of TDF against HBV.

Resistance

Efavirenz

In cell culture, HIV-1 isolates with reduced susceptibility to EFV (> 380-fold increase in EC₉₀ value) emerged rapidly in the presence of drug. Genotypic characterization of these viruses identified single amino acid substitutions L100I or V179D, double substitutions L100I/V108I, and triple substitutions L100I/V179D/Y181C in reverse transcriptase.

Clinical isolates with reduced susceptibility in cell culture to EFV have been obtained. One or more RT substitutions at amino acid positions A98, L100, K101, K103, V106, V108, Y188, G190, P225, F227 and M230 were observed in patients failing treatment with EFV in combination with indinavir, or with 3TC plus zidovudine. The K103N substitution was the most frequently observed.

Lamivudine

3TC-resistant variants of HIV-1 have been selected in cell culture. Genotypic analysis showed that resistance was predominantly due to a methionine to valine or isoleucine (M184V/I) substitution in reverse transcriptase.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

HIV-1 isolates with reduced susceptibility to tenofovir have been selected in cell culture. These viruses expressed a K65R substitution in reverse transcriptase and showed a 2- to 4-fold reduction in susceptibility to tenofovir. In addition, a K70E substitution in HIV-1 reverse transcriptase has been selected by tenofovir and results in low-level reduced susceptibility to tenofovir. K65R substitutions developed in some subjects failing a tenofovir disoproxil fumarate regimen.

Cross-Resistance

Efavirenz

Cross-resistance among NNRTIs has been observed. Clinical isolates previously characterized as EFV-resistant were also phenotypically resistant in cell culture to delavirdine and nevirapine compared to baseline. Delavirdine- and/or nevirapine-resistant clinical viral isolates with NNRTI resistance-associated substitutions (A98G, L100I, K101E/P, K103N/S, V106A, Y181X, Y188X, G190X, P225H, F227L, or M230L) showed reduced susceptibility to EFV in cell culture. Greater than 90% of NRTI-resistant clinical isolates tested in cell culture retained susceptibility to EFV.

Lamivudine

Cross-resistance among NRTIs has been observed. 3TC-resistant HIV-1 isolates were cross-resistant in cell culture to didanosine (ddI). Cross-resistance is also expected with abacavir and emtricitabine as these select M184V substitutions.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Cross-resistance among NRTIs has been observed. The K65R and K70E substitutions selected by tenofovir are also selected in some

HIV-1-infected subjects treated with abacavir or didanosine. HIV-1 isolates with the K65R substitution also showed reduced susceptibility to FTC and 3TC. HIV-1 isolates from subjects (N = 20) whose HIV-1 expressed a mean of 3 zidovudine-associated RT amino acid substitutions (M41L, D67N, K70R, L210W, T215Y/F, or K219Q/E/N) showed a 3.1-fold decrease in the susceptibility to tenofovir. Subjects whose virus expressed an L74V substitution without zidovudine resistance-associated substitutions (N = 8) had reduced response to VIREAD. Limited data are available for patients whose virus expressed a Y115F substitution (N = 3), Q151M substitution (N = 2), or T69 insertion (N = 4), all of whom had a reduced response.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Efavirenz

Long-term carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats were carried out with efavirenz. Mice were dosed with 0, 25, 75, 150, or 300 mg/kg/day for 2 years. Incidences of hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas and pulmonary alveolar/bronchiolar adenomas were increased above background in females. No increases in tumor incidence above background were seen in males. There was no NOAEL in female established for this study because tumor findings occurred at all doses. AUC at the NOAEL (150 mg/kg) in the males was approximately 0.9 times that in humans at the recommended clinical dose. In the rat study, no increases in tumor incidence were observed at doses up to 100 mg/kg/day, for which AUCs were 0.1 (males) or 0.2 (females) times those in humans at the recommended clinical dose.

EFV tested negative in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* genotoxicity assays. These included bacterial mutation assays in *S. typhimurium* and *E. coli*, mammalian mutation assays in Chinese hamster ovary cells, chromosome aberration assays in human peripheral blood lymphocytes or Chinese hamster ovary cells, and an *in vivo* mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay.

EFV did not impair mating or fertility of male or female rats, and did not affect sperm of treated male rats. The reproductive performance of offspring born to female rats given EFV was not affected. The AUCs at the NOAEL values in male (200 mg/kg) and female (100 mg/kg) rats were approximately ≤ 0.15 times that in humans at the recommended clinical dose.

Lamivudine

Long-term carcinogenicity studies with 3TC in mice and rats showed no evidence of carcinogenic potential at exposures up to 10 times (mice) and 58 times (rats) the human exposures at the recommended dose of 300 mg. 3TC was not mutagenic in a microbial mutagenicity assay, in an *in vitro* cell transformation assay, in a rat micronucleus test, in a rat bone marrow cytogenetic assay, and in assay for unscheduled DNA synthesis in rat liver. 3TC showed no evidence of *in vivo* genotoxic activity in the rat at oral doses of up to 2000 mg per kg, producing plasma levels of 35 to 45 times those in humans at the recommended dose for HIV-1 infection. In a study of reproductive performance, 3TC administered to rats at doses up to 4000 mg per kg per day, producing plasma levels 47 to 70 times those in humans, revealed no evidence of impaired fertility and no effect on the survival, growth, and development to weaning of the offspring.

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Long-term oral carcinogenicity studies of TDF in mice and rats were carried out at exposures up to approximately 16 times (mice) and 5 times (rats) those observed in humans at the therapeutic dose for HIV-1 infection. At the high dose in female mice, liver adenomas were increased at exposures 16 times that in humans. In rats, the study was negative for carcinogenic findings at exposures up to 5 times that observed in humans at the therapeutic dose.

TDF was mutagenic in the *in vitro* mouse lymphoma assay and negative in an *in vitro* bacterial mutagenicity test (Ames test). In an *in vivo* mouse micronucleus assay, TDF was negative when administered to male mice.

There were no effects on fertility, mating performance or early embryonic development when TDF was administered to male rats at a dose equivalent to 10 times the human dose based on body surface area comparisons for 28 days prior to mating and to female rats for 15 days prior to mating through day seven of gestation. There was, however, an alteration of the estrous cycle in female rats.

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Efavirenz

Nonsustained convulsions were observed in 6 of 20 monkeys receiving EFV at doses yielding plasma AUC values 4- to 13-fold greater

than those in humans given the recommended dose [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.12)*].

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

Tenofovir and TDF administered in toxicology studies to rats, dogs, and monkeys at exposures (based on AUCs) greater than or equal to 6-fold those observed in humans caused bone toxicity. In monkeys the bone toxicity was diagnosed as osteomalacia. Osteomalacia observed in monkeys appeared to be reversible upon dose reduction or discontinuation of tenofovir. In rats and dogs, the bone toxicity manifested as reduced bone mineral density. The mechanism(s) underlying bone toxicity is unknown.

Evidence of renal toxicity was noted in 4 animal species. Increases in serum creatinine, BUN, glycosuria, proteinuria, phosphaturia, and/or calciuria and decreases in serum phosphate were observed to varying degrees in these animals. These toxicities were noted at exposures (based on AUCs) 2 to 20 times higher than those observed in humans. The relationship of the renal abnormalities, particularly the phosphaturia, to the bone toxicity is not known.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Clinical Efficacy in Patients with HIV-1 Infection

Treatment-Naïve Adult Patients

The efficacy of EFV 600 mg, 3TC 300 mg, and TDF 300 mg in the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults with no antiretroviral treatment history was established in Trial 903.

Trial 903

Data through 144 weeks are reported for Trial 903, a double-blind, active-controlled multicenter trial comparing EFV 600 mg + 3TC 300 mg + TDF 300 mg vs. EFV 600 mg + 3TC 300 mg + stavudine (d4T) 40 mg in 600 antiretroviral-naïve subjects. Subjects had a mean age of 36 years (range 18-64); 74% were male, 64% were Caucasian, and 20% were Black. The mean baseline CD4+ cell count was 279 cells/mm³ (range 3-956) and median baseline plasma HIV-1 RNA was 77,600 copies/mL (range 417–5,130,000). Subjects were stratified by baseline HIV-1 RNA and CD4+ cell count. Forty-three percent of subjects had baseline viral loads > 100,000 copies/mL and 39% had CD4+ cell counts < 200 cells/mm³. Treatment outcomes through 48 and 144 weeks are presented in Table 9.

Table 9. Outcomes of Randomized Treatment at Week 48 and 144 (Study 903)

Outcomes	At Week 48		At Week 144	
	EFV + 3TC + TDF (N = 299)	EFV + 3TC + d4T (N = 301)	EFV + 3TC + TDF (N = 299)	EFV + 3TC + d4T (N = 301)
Responder*	79%	82%	68%	62%
Virologic failure†	6%	4%	10%	8%
Rebound	5%	3%	8%	7%
Never suppressed	0%	1%	0%	0%
Added an antiretroviral agent	1%	1%	2%	1%
Death	< 1%	1%	< 1%	2%
Discontinued due to adverse event	6%	6%	8%	13%
Discontinued for other reasons‡	8%	7%	14%	15%

* Subjects achieved and maintained confirmed HIV-1 RNA < 400 copies/mL through Week 48 and 144.

† Includes confirmed viral rebound and failure to achieve confirmed < 400 copies/mL through Week 48 and 144.

‡ Includes lost to follow-up, subject's withdrawal, noncompliance, protocol violation and other reasons.

Achievement of plasma HIV-1 RNA concentrations of less than 400 copies/mL at Week 144 was similar between the two treatment groups for the population stratified at baseline on the basis of HIV-1 RNA concentration ($>$ or \leq 100,000 copies/mL) and CD4+ cell count ($<$ or \geq 200 cells/mm³). Through 144 weeks of therapy, 62% and 58% of subjects in the TDF and stavudine arms, respectively, achieved and maintained confirmed HIV-1 RNA $<$ 50 copies/mL. The mean increase from baseline in CD4+ cell count was 263 cells/mm³ for the TDF arm and 283 cells/mm³ for the stavudine arm.

Through 144 weeks, 11 subjects in the TDF group and 9 subjects in the stavudine group experienced a new CDC Class C event.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

SYMFI (efavirenz, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) Tablets 600 mg/300 mg/300 mg are white, film-coated, capsule shaped, debossed with **M 152** on one side of the tablet and plain on the other side. They are available as follows:

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cartons containing bottles of 30 tablets with desiccant, induction seal and child-resistant cap

Store below 30°C (86°F).

Keep the bottle tightly closed.

Dispense in original container.

Do not use if seal over bottle opening is broken or missing.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling ([Patient Information](#)).

Drug Interactions: SYMFI may interact with many drugs; therefore, advise patients to report to their healthcare provider the use of any other prescription, nonprescription medication, or herbal products, particularly St. John's wort [*see [Contraindications \(4\)](#) and [Drug Interactions \(7\)](#)*].

Lactic Acidosis and Severe Hepatomegaly: Inform patients that lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported. Treatment with SYMFI should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical symptoms suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (including nausea, vomiting, unusual or unexpected stomach discomfort, and weakness) [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)*].

Post Treatment Acute Exacerbation of Hepatitis B in Patients with HBV Co-Infection: Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis have been reported in patients who are infected with HBV or coinfecting with HBV and HIV-1 and have discontinued 3TC and TDF, components of SYMFI. Test patients with HIV-1 for hepatitis B virus (HBV) before initiating antiretroviral therapy. In patients with chronic hepatitis B, it is important to obtain HIV antibody testing prior to initiating 3TC and TDF, components of SYMFI [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.2\)](#)*].

New Onset or Worsening Renal Impairment: Inform patients that renal impairment, including cases of acute renal failure and Fanconi syndrome, has been reported. Advise patients with impaired renal function (i.e., creatinine clearance less than 50 mL/min) or patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring hemodialysis to avoid SYMFI with concurrent or recent use of a nephrotoxic agent (e.g., high-dose or multiple NSAIDs) for patients [*see [Dosage and Administration \(2.3\)](#), [Warnings and Precautions \(5.4\)](#)*].

Psychiatric Symptoms: Inform patients that serious psychiatric symptoms including severe depression, suicide attempts, aggressive behavior, delusions, paranoia, psychosis-like symptoms and catatonia have been reported in patients receiving EFV [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.5\)](#)*]. Advise patients to seek immediate medical evaluation if they experience severe psychiatric adverse experiences. Advise patients to inform their physician of any history of mental illness or substance abuse.

Nervous System Symptoms: Inform patients that central nervous system symptoms (NSS) including dizziness, insomnia, impaired concentration, drowsiness, and abnormal dreams are commonly reported during the first weeks of therapy with EFV, a component of SYMFI [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.6\)](#)*]. Dosing at bedtime may improve the tolerability of these symptoms, which are likely to improve with continued therapy. Alert patients to the potential for additive effects when used concomitantly with alcohol or psychoactive drugs. Instruct patients that if they experience NSS they should avoid potentially hazardous tasks such as driving or operating machinery.

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Advise female patients that EFV, a component of SYMFI may cause fetal harm when administered during the first trimester to a pregnant woman. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception as well as a barrier method during treatment with SYMFI and for 12 weeks after discontinuation of use. Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider if they plan to become pregnant, become pregnant, or if pregnancy is suspected during treatment with SYMFI [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.7\)](#), [Use in Specific Populations \(8.1, 8.3\)](#)*].

Rash: Inform patients that rash is a common side effect of EFV [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.8\)](#)*]. Rashes usually go away without

any change in treatment. However, since rash may be serious, patients should be advised to contact their physician promptly if rash occurs.

Hepatotoxicity: Inform patients to watch for early warning signs of liver inflammation or failure, such as fatigue, weakness, lack of appetite, nausea and vomiting, as well as later signs such as jaundice, confusion, abdominal swelling, and discolored feces and to consult their healthcare provider promptly if such symptoms occur [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.9\)](#)].

Risk of Hepatic Decompensation in Patients with HIV-1/HCV Co-Infection: Inform patients with HIV-1/HCV co-infection that hepatic decompensation (some fatal) has occurred in HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients receiving combination antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1 and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.10\)](#)].

Pancreatitis: Advise patients or guardians to monitor pediatric patients for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.11\)](#)].

Convulsions: Advise patients that convulsions have been observed in patients receiving EFV, a component of SYMFI, generally in patients with known medical history of seizures [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.12\)](#)].

Lipid Elevations: Advise patients treatment with EFV, a component of SYMFI has resulted in increases in the concentration of total cholesterol and triglycerides [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.13\)](#)].

Decreases in Bone Mineral Density: Advise patients that decreases in bone mineral density have been observed with the use of 3TC and TDF, components of SYMFI, in patients with HIV [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.14\)](#)].

Immune Reconstitution Syndrome: Advise patients to inform their healthcare provider immediately of any symptoms of infection, as in some patients with advanced HIV infection, signs and symptoms of inflammation from previous infections may occur soon after anti-HIV treatment is started [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.15\)](#)].

Fat Redistribution: Inform patients that redistribution or accumulation of body fat may occur in patients receiving antiretroviral therapy, including SYMFI, and that the cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.16\)](#)].

Administration Instructions: Inform patients that it is important to take SYMFI once daily on a regular dosing schedule on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime, and to avoid missing doses as it can result in development of resistance. Advise patients if a dose is missed, take it as soon as possible unless it is almost time for the next dose. Also advise patients that dosing at bedtime may improve the tolerability of nervous system symptoms [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.2\)](#)].

Pregnancy Registry: Advise patients that there is an antiretroviral pregnancy registry to monitor fetal outcomes in women exposed to SYMFI [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.1\)](#)].

Lactation: Instruct women with HIV-1 infection not to breastfeed because HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.2\)](#)].

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tablets

What is the most important information I should know about SYMFI?

SYMFI can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. **Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms that could be signs of lactic acidosis:**
 - feel very weak or tired
 - feel cold, especially in your arms and legs

- unusual (not normal) muscle pain
- trouble breathing
- stomach pain with nausea or vomiting
- feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat
- **Severe liver problems.** In some cases, severe liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). Inflammation of your liver (hepatitis) that can lead to liver failure requiring a liver transplant has been reported in some people treated with SYMFI. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your liver before and during treatment with SYMFI.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms of liver problems:

- your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
- dark or “tea-colored” urine
- light-colored stools (bowel movements)
- confusion
- tiredness
- loss of appetite for several days or longer
- nausea and vomiting
- pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach-area
- weakness
- stomach (abdomen) swelling

- **Worsening of hepatitis B infection.** If you have Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 (HIV-1) and hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking SYMFI. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. Your healthcare provider will test you for HBV infection before you start treatment with SYMFI.

- It is not known if SYMFI is safe and effective in people who have both HIV-1 and HBV infection.
- Do not run out of SYMFI. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your SYMFI is all gone.
- **Do not stop SYMFI without first talking to your healthcare provider.** If you stop taking SYMFI, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your liver.

- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider may do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with SYMFI. Tell your healthcare provider if you get signs and symptoms of kidney problems, including bone pain that does not go away or worsening bone pain, pain in your arms, hands, legs or feet, broken (fractured) bones, muscle pain or weakness.

- **Serious mental health problems. Get medical help right away if you get any of the following symptoms:**

- feel sad or hopeless
- feel anxious or restless
- do not trust other people
- hear or see things that are not real
- are not able to move or speak normally
- have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself or others
- are not able to tell the difference between what is true or real and what is false or unreal

For more information about side effects, see “What are the possible side effects of SYMFI?”

What is SYMFI?

SYMFI is a prescription medicine that is used without other antiretroviral medicines to treat Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1 (HIV-1) in adults and children weighing at least 88 pounds (40 kg).

HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

SYMFI contains the prescription medicines efavirenz, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

Do not take SYMFI if you:

- are allergic to efavirenz, lamivudine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or any of the ingredients in SYMFI. See the end of this Patient Information leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in SYMFI.
- are currently taking elbasvir and grazoprevir.

Before you take SYMFI, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have liver problems, including hepatitis B or C infection
- have kidney problems, including end-stage renal disease (ESRD) that requires dialysis
-

have a history of mental health problems

- have a history of drug or alcohol abuse
- have a heart problem, including QT prolongation
- have bone problems, including a history of bone fractures
- have a history of seizures
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. SYMFI may harm your unborn baby.
 - You should not become pregnant during treatment with SYMFI. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you think you may be pregnant or become pregnant during treatment with SYMFI.
 - Females who are able to become pregnant should use effective birth control during treatment with SYMFI and for 12 weeks after stopping treatment. A barrier form of birth control should always be used along with another type of birth control.
 - If you are able to become pregnant, your healthcare provider should do a pregnancy test before you start SYMFI.

Pregnancy Registry. There is a pregnancy registry for women who take SYMFI during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.

- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take SYMFI.
 - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
 - Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.

Some medicines interact with SYMFI. SYMFI may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how SYMFI works. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

- You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with SYMFI.
- Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take SYMFI with other medicines.

How should I take SYMFI?

- Take SYMFI exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
- Take SYMFI 1 time each day, preferably at bedtime. Taking SYMFI at bedtime might help to make some of the side effects less bothersome.
- Take SYMFI on an empty stomach.
- Do not miss a dose of SYMFI. If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose of SYMFI, do not take the missed dose. Take the next dose at your regular time.
- Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with SYMFI.
- Do not run out of SYMFI. The virus in your blood may increase and the virus may become harder to treat. When your supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy.
- If you take too much SYMFI, go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking SYMFI?

You should avoid taking medicines that contain sorbitol during treatment with SYMFI.

What are the possible side effects of SYMFI?

SYMFI may cause serious side effects, including:

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about SYMFI?”**
- **Nervous system symptoms** are common in people who take SYMFI, but can be severe. These symptoms usually begin during the first or second day of treatment with SYMFI and usually go away after 2 to 4 weeks of treatment. These symptoms may become worse if you drink alcohol or take a medicine for mental health problems. Symptoms may include:
 - dizziness
 - trouble concentrating
 - drowsiness
 - trouble sleeping
 - unusual dreams
 - hallucinations

If you get nervous system symptoms during treatment with SYMFI, you should avoid driving, operating machinery, or doing anything that needs you to be alert.

- **Skin reactions and allergic reactions.** Skin reactions or rash can happen and can sometimes be severe. Skin rash usually goes away without any change in treatment. If you develop a rash or a rash with any of the following symptoms, call your healthcare provider right away:

- itching
- fever
- swelling of your face
- blisters or skin lesions
- peeling skin
- mouth sores
- red or inflamed eyes

- **Use with interferon- and ribavirin-based regimens.** Worsening of liver disease that has caused death has happened in people infected with HIV-1 and hepatitis C virus who were taking antiretroviral medicines for HIV-1 and were also being treated for hepatitis C with interferon alfa with or without ribavirin. If you are taking SYMFI and interferon alfa with or without ribavirin, tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms.
- **Risk of inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis).** Children may be at risk for developing pancreatitis during treatment with SYMFI if they:
 - have taken nucleoside analogue medicines in the past
 - have a history of pancreatitis
 - have other risk factors for pancreatitis

Call your healthcare provider right away if your child develops signs and symptoms of pancreatitis including severe upper stomach-area pain, with or without nausea and vomiting. Your healthcare provider may tell you to stop giving SYMFI to your child if their symptoms and blood test results show that your child may have pancreatitis.

- **Seizures.** Seizures are more likely to happen if you have had seizures in the past.
- **Increases in blood fat levels** (cholesterol and triglycerides). Your healthcare provider will check your blood fat levels before and during treatment with SYMFI.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take SYMFI. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bones. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any bone pain, pain in your hands or feet, or muscle pain or weakness during treatment with SYMFI.
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV-1 medicine.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in some people who take HIV-1 medicines. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known.
- **Changes in the electrical activity of your heart called QT prolongation. QT prolongation can cause irregular heartbeats that can be life-threatening.** Tell your healthcare provider if you feel faint, lightheaded, dizzy, or feel your heart beating irregularly or fast during treatment with SYMFI.

The most common side effects of SYMFI are:

- trouble concentrating
- headache
- not feeling well
- nasal signs and symptoms
- rash
- trouble sleeping
- depression
- cough
- abnormal dreams
- nausea
- tiredness
- diarrhea
- dizziness
- pain
- weakness

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of SYMFI. **Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.**

How should I store SYMFI?

- Store SYMFI tablets below 86°F (30°C).
- Keep SYMFI tablets in the original container.

Keep SYMFI and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of SYMFI.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use SYMFI for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give SYMFI to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about SYMFI that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in SYMFI?

Active ingredient: efavirenz, lamivudine, and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Inactive ingredients: croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, sodium lauryl sulfate, talc and titanium dioxide.

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fumarate) tablets
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**Note to pharmacist: Do not cover
ALERT box with pharmacy label.**

**ALERT: Find out about
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be taken with SYMFI™.**

30 tablets

*Each film-coated tablet contains:

Efavirenz, USP 600 mg

Lamivudine, USP 300 mg

Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg

(equivalent to 245 mg of tenofovir
disoproxil)

Usual Dosage: See accompanying
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**Keep this and all medication
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Store below 30°C (86°F).

Dispense only in original container.

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Product Information			
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:49502-475

Route of Administration	ORAL			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
	Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength	
	EFAVIRENZ (UNII: JE6H2O27P8) (EFAVIRENZ - UNII:JE6H2O27P8)	EFAVIRENZ	600 mg	
	LAMIVUDINE (UNII: 2T8Q726O95) (LAMIVUDINE - UNII:2T8Q726O95)	LAMIVUDINE	300 mg	
	TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE (UNII: OTT9J7900I) (TENOFVIR ANHYDROUS - UNII:W4HFE001U5)	TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE	300 mg	
Inactive Ingredients				
	Ingredient Name	Strength		
	CROSCARMELOSE SODIUM (UNII: M28OL1HH48)			
	HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: 9XZ8H6N6OH)			
	LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE (UNII: EWQ57Q8I5X)			
	MAGNESIUM STEARATE (UNII: 70097M6I30)			
	MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE (UNII: OP1R32D61U)			
	POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: 3WJQ0SDW1A)			
	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: 532B59J990)			
	SODIUM CHLORIDE (UNII: 451W47IQ8X)			
	SODIUM LAURYL SULFATE (UNII: 368GB5141J)			
	TALC (UNII: 7SEV7J4R1U)			
	TITANIUM DIOXIDE (UNII: 15FIX9V2JP)			
Product Characteristics				
Color	WHITE	Score	no score	
Shape	OVAL (capsule shaped)	Size	23mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code	M;152	
Contains				
Packaging				
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1		30 in 1 BOTTLE, PLASTIC; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
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