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**Guidance for Submitting HIV-1
Resistance Data**

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Guidance for Submitting HIV-1 Resistance Data¹

Sponsors are encouraged to use the following sample format for submitting HIV-1 resistance data.

One dataset combines patient data, endpoint data, genotypic data, and phenotypic data. There are a number of ways datasets can be subdivided (i.e., by clinical study, baseline isolates, or virologic failure isolates) and this should be discussed with the Division of Antiviral Products (DAVP) before submission. To identify any potential formatting problems as early as possible, all sponsors are encouraged to submit preliminary (or mock) resistance datasets to the DAVP before assembling formal clinical trial resistance datasets.

For each study, we recommend constructing datasets as SAS transport files containing the following information:

- One record (row) per patient per isolate (e.g., baseline, failure, and other time points).
- Data in columns (with suggested column headings shown below) on all isolates.
- Genotypic data should be provided on the corresponding record for each patient isolate for baseline isolates of all patients in treatment-experienced studies, and the endpoint isolates of patients who are classified as virologic failures and discontinuations in all studies. In treatment-naïve studies, a baseline sample should be collected and stored from all patients for future phenotypic and genotypic analysis of virologic failures.
- Phenotypic data should be provided on the corresponding record for each patient isolate for baseline isolates and the endpoint isolates of patients who are classified as virologic failures and discontinuations. In treatment-experienced studies, it is recommended that baseline phenotypic data be obtained for all patients.

The specific criteria for defining virologic failures should be discussed with the DAVP and may include multiple primary and secondary protocol endpoints. The endpoints for virologic and resistance outcome analyses should be consistent.

Standardization of Column Headings and Variables for HIV-1 Resistance Datasets

Sponsors should consult with the DAVP in advance if considering alternative approaches to any of the recommended column headings, variables, or definitions.

Sponsors collecting and submitting next generation sequencing (NGS) data should consult with DAVP early in the experimental design process, as additional guidance will be necessary. To initiate discussions with DAVP, sponsors should provide the details of their planned NGS

¹ This guidance is being revised to provide the current format, recommended definitions, standardization of column headings and variables, and recommended data for submission of HIV resistance datasets.

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43 analyses, including the performance characteristics of the assay and bioinformatics software to
44 be used for analysis.

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Information to Include With Suggested Column Headings

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I. Patient Data:

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50 • **USUBJID:** Unique subject identification number (ID number should be unique for all
51 studies).

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53 • **STUDYID:** Study identification number.

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55 • **ARM:** Treatment group.

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57 • **VISIT:** (e.g., SCREENING, BASELINE, DAY#, WEEK#, FOLLOWUP WK#). Visit
58 windows should be as defined in the protocol or statistical analysis plan.

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60 • **VISITDY:** Study day (planned), protocol-defined, relative to initiation of protocol
61 treatment.

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63 • **ISOLDY:** Study day (actual) of isolate, relative to initiation of protocol treatment.

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65 • **ISOLID:** Unique identifier for isolate analyzed.

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67 • **ISOLDTC:** Date of isolate.

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69 • **EXTRTHIV:** Concomitant HIV-1 treatment drugs.

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71 • **HIVHIST:** Previous therapeutic products (listing of all previous antiretrovirals (ARVs)).

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73 • **PRVARV1:** Previous HIV-1 ARV product (e.g., AMPRENAVIR, ATAZANAVIR).
74 Additional columns should be added as needed to provide information on multiple ARV
75 exposures (e.g., PRVARV2, PRVARV3). NULL if no previous ARV products.

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77 • **HIVGTSC:** HIV-1 clade/genotype at screening.

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79 • **HBVCOINF:** Hepatitis B virus co-infected (Y or N).

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81 • **HCVCOINF:** Hepatitis C virus co-infected (Y or N).

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II. Endpoint Data:

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85 • **HIVVLBL:** HIV-1 ribonucleic acid (RNA) (copies/mL) at baseline (identify assay in
86 column heading description).

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- 88 • **LOGVLBL:** HIV-1 RNA (\log_{10} copies/mL) at baseline.
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- 90 • **HIVVL:** HIV-1 RNA (copies/mL) at time points in protocol (e.g., Week 24 and Week 48);
91 one row for each time point. HIV-1 RNA (copies/mL) from additional time points not
92 specified in protocol can also be included.
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- 94 • **LOGHIVVL:** HIV-1 RNA (\log_{10} copies/mL) at all time points from protocol, one row for
95 each time point. HIV-1 RNA (\log_{10} copies/ml) from additional time points not specified in
96 protocol can also be included.
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- 98 • **HIVVL(TIME):** Individual column headings for HIV-1 RNA measurements (copies/mL) at
99 selected visit times as appropriate depending on trial design. Each column represents a
100 single time point of interest. For example, Treatment Week 4 (HIVVLW4).
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- 102 • **HIVVLEOT:** HIV-1 RNA (copies/mL) at end of treatment (including loss of virologic
103 response; (i.e., virologic failure)) or discontinuation because of adverse event).
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- 105 • **LOGVLEOT:** HIV-1 RNA (\log_{10} copies/mL) at end of treatment (based on actual end of
106 treatment, not planned end of treatment).
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- 108 • **EFFICFL:** Achieved primary efficacy endpoint as defined in protocol and statistical analysis
109 plan (Y or N).
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- 111 • **NONRECAT:** Failure or Nonresponder category for currently tested therapy as defined by
112 the protocol (e.g., REBOUND, NEVER SUPPRESSED, DISCONTINUED WHILE
113 SUPPRESSED, DISCONTINUED BEFORE SUPPRESSED).
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- 115 • **DISCTXFL:** A flag used to indicate subject discontinued from protocol treatment (Y or N).
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- 117 • **DISCTXVL:** HIV-1 viral RNA load when subject discontinued protocol treatment.
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- 119 • **DISCREAS:** Reason for early protocol treatment discontinuation (e.g., ADVERSE EVENT,
120 DEATH, STOPPING RULE, LACK OF EFFICACY, LOST TO FOLLOW-UP,
121 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH STUDY DRUG; PHYSICIAN DECISION; PREGNANCY;
122 PROTOCOL VIOLATION; SCREEN FAILURE; WITHDRAWAL BY SUBJECT;
123 OTHER); or NULL if no information available or not applicable. Reasons are defined
124 according to protocol or statistical analysis plan.
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- 126 • **VFFL:** A flag (Y or NULL) used to indicate the specific study visit in which the subject met
127 the criteria for protocol-defined virologic failure (e.g., rebound, end of treatment).
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- 129 • **VLMET:** HIV-1 RNA viral load assay name and version.
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- 131 • **VLVEND:** Name of vendor, contract laboratory, or other central laboratory conducting
132 HIV-1 RNA viral load assessments.
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134 **III. Genotypic Data:**²

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136 Genotypic data should be provided for the HIV-1 target, one amino acid per column, with the
137 wild-type (WT) amino acid in the column heading. Changes from WT standard sequence should
138 be indicated in the row (i.e., blanks indicate no change).

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140 **COLUMN HEADING FORMAT EXAMPLE:**

141 **For reverse transcriptase (RT), RTAXXX where A = amino acid code and XXX is**
142 **amino acid position (e.g., RTK065, RTK103); for protease (PR), PRAXXX (e.g., PR**
143 **I084, PRL090); for integrase (IN), INAXXX.**

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145 • Changes from the reference sequence should be indicated for each reported sequence
146 (e.g., PRI084 change reported as “V”). Blank cells indicate no change from reference
147 strain sequence. Mixed populations of WT/Variant or Variant/Variant should be reported
148 as such (e.g., K65R/K reported as R/K; K103N/K reported as N/K).

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150 • To report insertions in subject sequence data relative to the reference strain used to
151 generate the dataset, additional columns should be added where appropriate. For
152 example, a four-amino acid stretch that includes a two-amino acid insertion between RT
153 position 69 and 70 should be reported under the column headings RTH069, RTH069A,
154 RTH069B, and RTK070.

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156 • To report deletions in subject sequence data relative to the prototypic reference strain
157 used to generate the dataset, a dash (-) should be reported in cell for appropriate
158 positions.

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160 • For ambiguous amino acids (i.e., nucleotide information was present but amino acid
161 could not be called due to non-interpretable translation), X should be reported for
162 appropriate positions.

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164 • Missing sequence data caused by poor sequence quality or other technical problems
165 should be reported as a question mark (?) for appropriate positions. Efforts should be
166 made not to have stretches of missing sequence information because of poor sequence
167 quality or other technical problems.

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169 • **GENOMET:** Genotypic assay name.

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171 • **GENOFAIL:** A flag used to identify samples with sufficient HIV-1 RNA to be analyzed
172 but results not reported because of poor sequence quality or other technical reasons (e.g.,
173 RT-PCR amplification not successful) (Y or NULL).

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- **RESISTFL:** A resistance analysis flag used to identify any isolate/time point (including baseline, on-treatment, and during follow-up) with resistance analysis data reported. This flag should allow reviewers to pull out all reported resistance data (Y or NULL).
 - **RESBLFL:** A flag used to identify baseline sample with resistance analysis data reported (Y or NULL).
 - **RESEOTFL:** A flag used to identify the last on-treatment isolate/time point with resistance analysis data reported. The flag should indicate no more than one time point per subject (Y or NULL).
 - **TOTCCR5:** Column with total number of CCR5 co-receptor antagonist substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTFI:** Column with total number of fusion inhibitor substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTINSTI:** Column with total number of INSTI substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTNNRTI:** Column with total number of NNRTI substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTNRTI:** Column with total number of NRTI substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTPI:** Column with total number of PI substitutions in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates). The specific substitutions to include should be discussed with the DAVP in advance.
 - **TOTDRG:** Column with total number of target substitutions (or mutations for genome-targeting products) in subject isolate (for baseline and endpoint isolates) for a drug with a novel target. *DRG* is a placeholder for the three-character abbreviation of drug.

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214 **IV. Phenotypic Data:**³

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216 For the candidate drug, approved/investigational drug(s) in the same class, and
217 approved/investigational drug(s) outside the candidate drug class with the same target protein
218 (e.g., NNRTIs and NRTIs) or protein complex (e.g., gp120/gp41), sponsors should provide the
219 following data:

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221 • **DRGEC50** (i.e., DRUG ABBREVIATION EC₅₀ value): EC₅₀ values (μM) at baseline and
222 post-baseline time points for candidate drug. DRG is a placeholder for the three-character
223 abbreviation of drug used in phenotype assay.

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225 • **DRGECRF** (i.e., DRUG ABBREVIATION RF): Fold change values in EC₅₀ value at time
226 of assessment (BASELINE or ENDPOINT) compared to reference strain for drug. DRG is a
227 placeholder for the three-character abbreviation of drug used in phenotype assay.

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229 • **DRGECBL** (i.e., DRUG ABBREVIATION BL): Fold change in EC₅₀ value at time of
230 endpoint assessment or failure compared to baseline for drug. DRG is a placeholder for the
231 three-character abbreviation of drug used in phenotype assay.

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233 • **PHENOMET**: Phenotypic method or assay name.

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235 • **PHENORF**: Reference strain.

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237 • **PHENFAIL**: Phenotype analysis conducted but failed because of poor replication in
238 phenotype assay (Y or NULL).

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240 • **DRGIQ** (i.e., DRUG ABBREVIATION IQ): Inhibitory quotient (C_{min} value/serum or
241 plasma adjusted EC₅₀ value when available). DRG is a placeholder for the three-character
242 abbreviation of drug used in phenotype assay.

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244 **V. Protease Cleavage Sites** (for protease inhibitors only):

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246 • **NC/p1 Gag cleavage sites**: Sponsors should show amino acid and position of cleavage site
247 of WT in column headings (as above for genotype) and indicate amino acid change if mutant
248 in row

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250 • **p1/p6 Gag cleavage sites**: Sponsors should show amino acid and position of cleavage site
251 of WT in column headings (as above for genotype) and indicate amino acid change if mutant
252 in row

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254 **VI. Co-Receptor Usage** (for all products targeting co-receptors):

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256 • **TRPBL:** Co-receptor usage of baseline isolates. Sponsors should indicate R5, X4, D for
257 dual-tropic, M for mixed-tropic, or D/M if the assay cannot distinguish between dual or
258 mixed, in a column.

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260 • **TRPBLR5:** Baseline R5 tropism assay value (e.g., RLUs).

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262 • **TRPBLX4:** Baseline X4 tropism assay value (e.g., RLUs).

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264 • **TRPEOT:** Co-receptor usage of virologic failures and end-of-study isolates (on therapy).
265 Sponsors should indicate R5, X4, D for dual-tropic, M for mixed-tropic, or D/M if the assay
266 cannot distinguish between dual or mixed, in a column.

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268 • **TRPEOTR5:** R5 tropism assay value at failure or end of study (e.g., RLUs).

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270 • **TRPEOTX4:** X4 tropism assay value at failure or end of study (e.g., RLUs).