Once Daily Etravirine versus Efavirenz in Treatment-Naive SENSE Trial
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SENSE: Study Design

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- **Background**: Randomized, controlled, double-blind, phase 2 trial evaluating efficacy of once-daily etravirine compared with efavirenz in treatment-naïve HIV-infected patients

- **Inclusion Criteria (n = 157)**
  - Age ≥18
  - Antiretroviral-naïve
  - HIV RNA >5000 copies/mL
  - No resistance to study drugs

- **Treatment Arms**
  - ETR 400 mg daily + 2NRTIs*
  - Efavirenz 600 mg daily + 2NRTIs*

*NRTIs = tenofovir DF-emtricitabine, abacavir, lamivudine, or zidovudine-lamivudine

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**SENSE = Study of Efavirenz Neuropsychiatric events versus Etravirine**

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SENSE: Results

Week 48: Virologic Response (ITT-TLOVR*)

![Bar chart showing virologic response at Week 48 for Etravirine and Efavirenz arms.](chart)

- **Etravirine Arm**
  - All: 60/79, 58/78
  - ≤100,000 copies/mL: 40/52, 40/51
  - >100,000 copies/mL: 20/27, 18/27

- **Efavirenz Arm**
  - All: 76, 74
  - ≤100,000 copies/mL: 77, 78
  - >100,000 copies/mL: 74, 67

*ITT-TLOVR = Intention to Treat-Time to Loss of Virologic Response*

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SENSE: Result

Grade 1-4 Neuropsychiatric Adverse Events

Conclusion: “First-line treatment with etravirine 400mg once daily and two nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) led to similar rates of HIV RNA suppression, compared with efavirenz and two NRTIs. None of the patients with virological failure in the etravirine arm developed resistance to nonnucleosides.”

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