

# Antiviral Agents- Section2

# Drugs Used to Treat Viral Infections

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## Drugs covered in this chapter:

### INHIBITORS OF VIRAL ATTACHMENT, PENETRATION OR EARLY REPLICATION

- Amantadine
- Amphotericin B methyl
- Ester
- Interferon/PEG-IFN
- Rimantadine
- Tecovirimat

### NEURAMINIDASE INHIBITORS

- Oseltamivir
- Peramivir
- Zanamivir
- Baloxavir marboxil

### FUSION INHIBITORS

- Enfuvirtide
- Maraviroc

### ACYCLIC NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

- Acyclovir
- Adefovir dipivoxil
- Cidofovir
- Famciclovir
- Ganciclovir
- Penciclovir
- Valacyclovir

### CONVENTIONAL NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

- Ribavirin

### NONNUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

- Foscarnet
- Letermovir

### ANTIRETROVIRAL AGENTS—NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

- Abacavir
- Didanosine
- Emtricitabine
- Lamivudine
- Stavudine
- Tenofovir disoproxil
- Zidovudine

### ANTIRETROVIRAL AGENTS—NONNUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

- Delavirdine
- Doravirine
- Efavirenz
- Etravirine
- Nevirapine
- Rilpivirine

### HIV PROTEASE INHIBITORS

- Atazanavir
- Darunavir
- Fosamprenavir
- Indinavir
- Lopinavir
- Nelfinavir
- Ritonavir
- Saquinavir
- Tipranavir

### INHIBITORS OF HCV PROTEASE NS3/NS4A

- Glecaprevir
- Grazoprevir
- Paritaprevir
- Voxilaprevir

### INHIBITORS OF HCV PROTEASE NS5A AND NS5B

- Daclatasvir
- Dasabuvir
- Elbasvir
- Ledipasvir
- Ombitasvir
- Pibrentasvir
- Sofosbuvir
- Velpatasvir

### DRUG COMBINATIONS FOR HCV INFECTION

- Epclusa
- Harvoni
- Mavyret
- Technivie
- Viekira Pak/Viekira XR
- Zepatier

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- Dolutegravir
- Elvitegravir
- Raltegravir
- Bictegravir

# Steps Involved in Viral Life Cycle: A DNA Virus

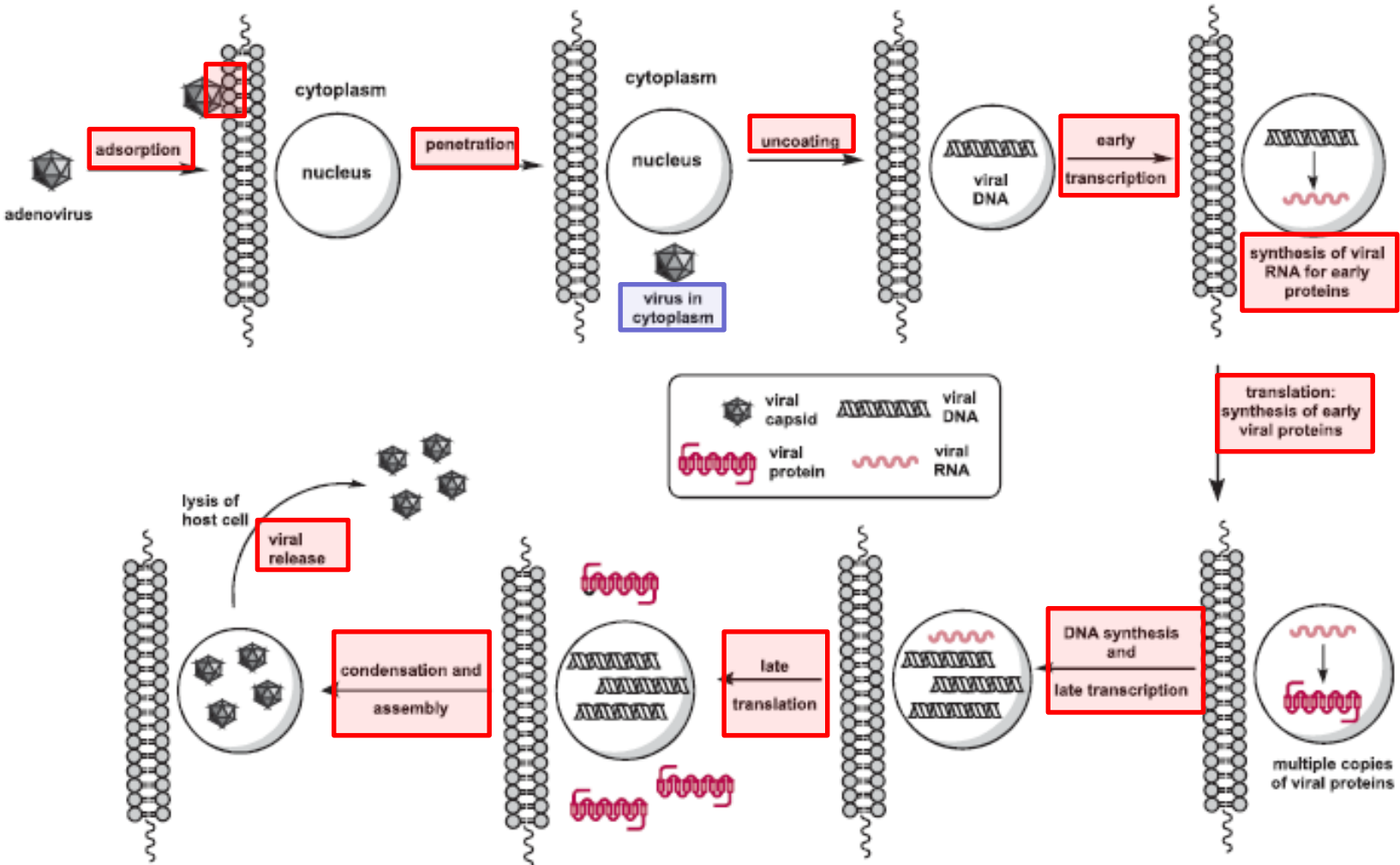


Figure 30.1 Steps involved in the viral life cycle.

# Classes of Antiviral Agents

- 1- Penetration interfering agents; chemokine binders:
  - 1a- Early step antiviral agents
  - 1b- NeurAminidase Inhibitors (NAIs): anti Influenza virus
  - 1c- HIV fusion inhibitors against gp41/ gp120 & CCR5 as antagonist: anti HIV
- 2- DNA interfering agents; DNA polymerase inhibitors:
  - 2a- Acyclic nucleoside analogues (antimetabolite)
  - 2b- Conventional nucleoside analogues (antimetabolite)
  - 2c- Non-nucleoside analogues
  - 2d- agents affecting translation by the ribosome
  - 2e- Endonuclease inhibitor: anti Influenza virus
- 3- INtegrase (Strand Transfer) Inhibitors (IN(ST)Is): anti-retrovirus: anti HIV
- 4- Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (RTIs): anti HIV
  - 4a- Nucleoside RTI (NRTI)
  - 4b- Non- Nucleoside RTI (NNRTI): anti HIV
- 5- PRotease Inhibitors (PRIs): anti HIV & anti HCV
- 6- RNA dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) Inhibitors
- 7- siRNA
- 8-Vaccines

# 3- INtegrase SStrand TTransfer IInhibitors (INSTIs; INIs): Anti HIV

*Drugs Covered in This Chapter\**

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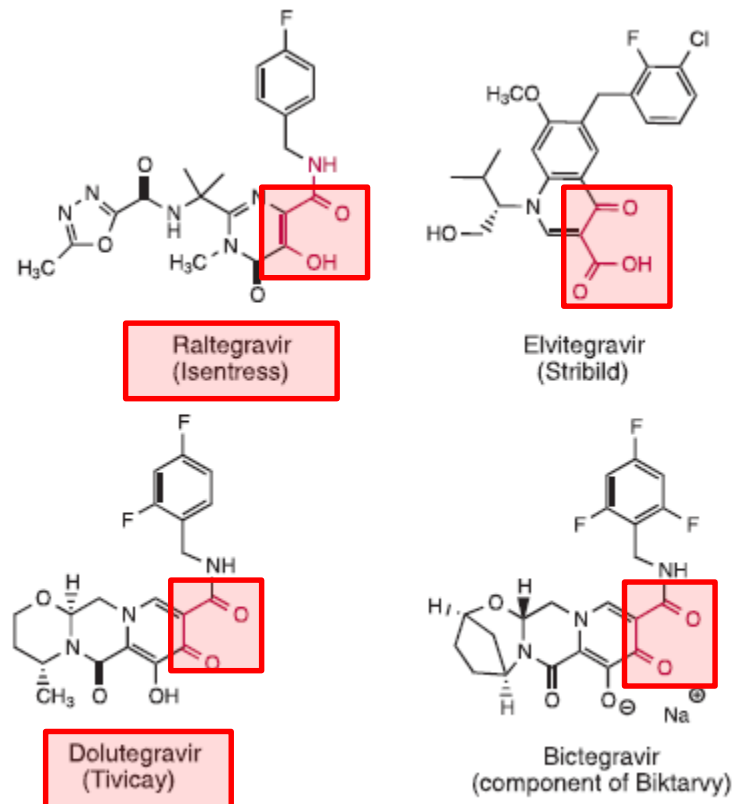
# 3- HIV INtegrase & INIs

- HIV Integrase: 32KD & three domains including:
  - ✓ Amino domain: Zn binding site
  - ✓ Catalytic domain: CCD: Mg binding site
  - ✓ Carboxy domain
- MOA: retroviral integrase (IN): beneficial in HIV
  - ✓ essential for replication of the HIV virus
- Each HIV contains 40-100 integrase molecules:
  - ✓ to facilitate the insertion of viral cDNA into the host cell genome
- Integrase inhibitor: inhibit insertion of viral genome to the host DNA
  - ✓ Raltegravir
  - ✓ Elvitegravir: phase III clinical trial

# 3-Integrase Inhibitors (INIs): Anti HIV: SAR

- Chemistry:

- ✓ di-keto/acid or amide: 1,2 or 1,3-dicarbonyl: to provide chelate
- ✓ acts near acid catalytic residues in enzyme (integrase)



**Figure 30.18** Integrase strand transfer inhibitors (INSTIs). Red highlight indicates the pharmacophore in INSTIs.





# Antiretroviral (Anti-HIV) Agents:

## 4- Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (RTIs):

4a- Nucleoside RTIs (NRTIs)

4b- Non-Nucleoside RTIs (NNRTIs)

# 4-Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (RTIs)

- MOA:
  - ✓ interfere with replication of HIV
  - ✓ stop synthesis of infective viral particles

## 4a- Nucleoside RTIs (NRTIs)

## 4b- Non-Nucleoside RTIs (NNRTIs)

- HIV protease inhibitors: inactivate RT & block release of viral particles from the infected cells



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## 4a

### ANTIRETROVIRAL AGENTS—NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

- Abacavir
- Didanosine
- Emtricitabine
- Lamivudine
- Stavudine
- Tenofovir disoproxil
- Zidovudine

## 4b

### ANTIRETROVIRAL AGENTS—NONNUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS

- Delavirdine
- Doravirine
- Efavirenz
- Etravirine
- Nevirapine
- Rilpivirine

# 4a- NRTI

- In combination with PrI & NNRTI gives synergistic effects:
  - Zidovudine (AZT)
  - Didansine (ddI): DDI
  - Zalcitabine (ddc)
  - Stavudine
  - Lamivudine
  - Abacavir
  - Emtricitabine

# 4a- Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs)

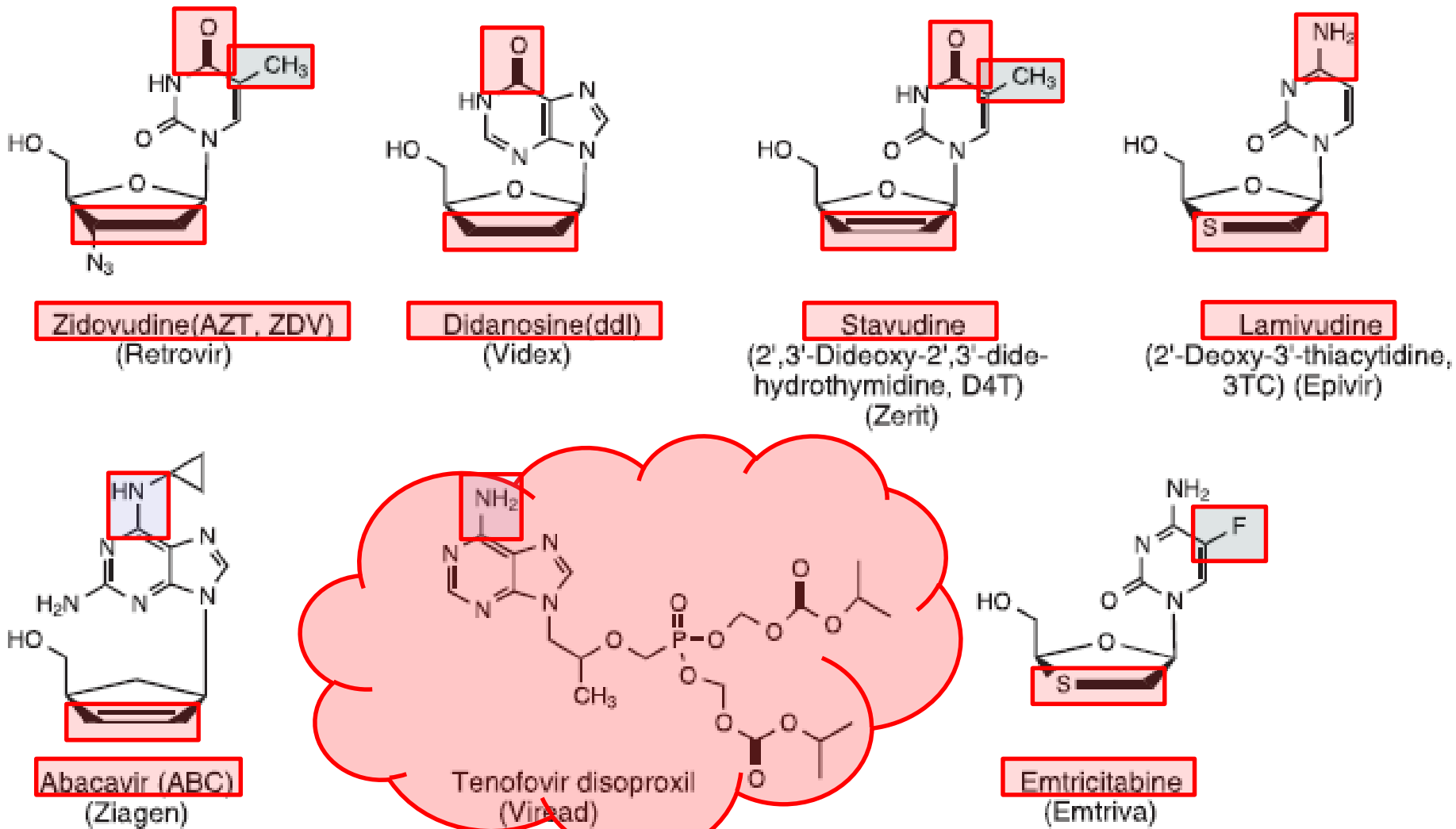


Figure 30.13 Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs).

# 4a- Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs): SAR

- SAR: Chemistry: purine & pyrimidine analogues
- + ribose mimicking portion:
  - ✓ removal of 3'-hydroxy group on ribosyl group
  - ✓ removal of 2'&3'-hydroxy: dideoxy-adenosine; dideoxy-cytidine
  - ✓ removal of 2'&3'-hydroxy & dihydrogen of C2'-C3': didehydro-dideoxy-thymidine
  - ✓ +/-bio-isosterism of C3' at ribosyl: by S (thio)
- or substitution of C3' - N<sub>3</sub> (azide)

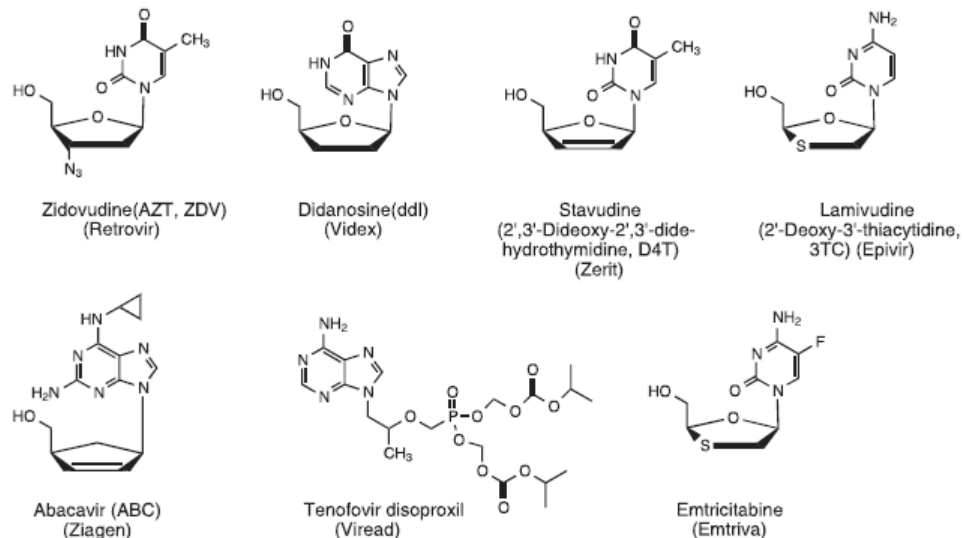
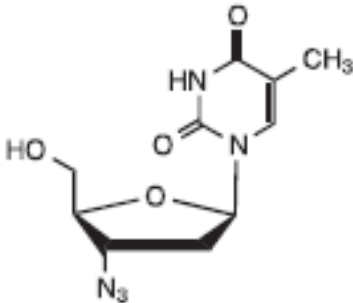


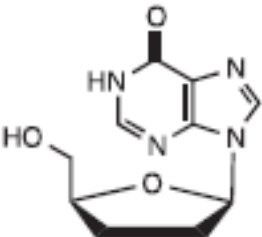
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# 4a- Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs): MOA

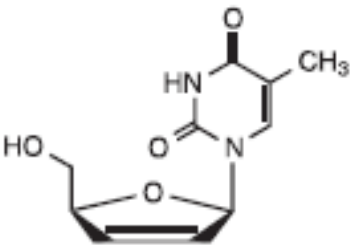
- MOA: incorporation into the viral DNA: chain terminating blockade due to lack of 3'-hydroxy needed for DNA propagation



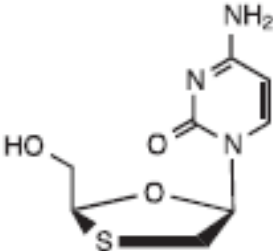
Zidovudine(AZT, ZDV)  
(Retrovir)



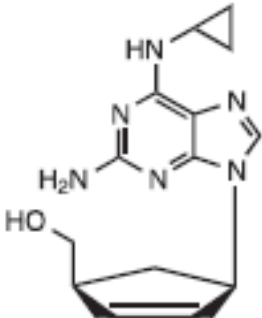
Didanosine(ddl)  
(Videx)



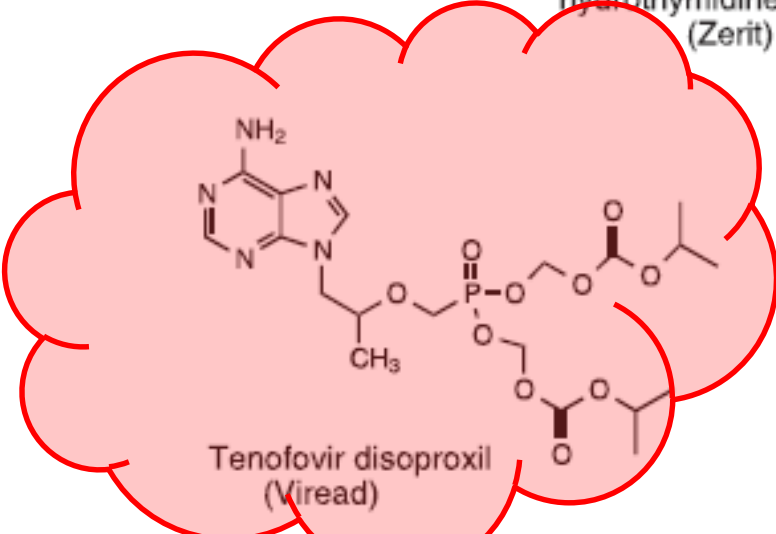
Stavudine  
(2',3'-Dideoxy-2',3'-dideohydrothymidine, D4T)  
(Zerit)



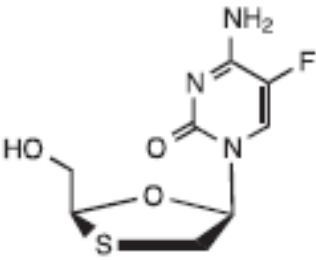
Lamivudine  
(2'-Deoxy-3'-thiacytidine, 3TC)  
(Epivir)



Abacavir (ABC)  
(Ziagen)



Tenofovir disoproxil  
(Viread)



Emtricitabine  
(Emtriva)

**Figure 30.13** Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs).



# 4a-NRTI: Tenofovir

- Adenosine analogue: as **disoproxil** derivative
- Prodrug: active metabolite: diphosphate form:
- ✓ Produced initially by plasma esterase then by kinase:
- ✓ competes with dATP

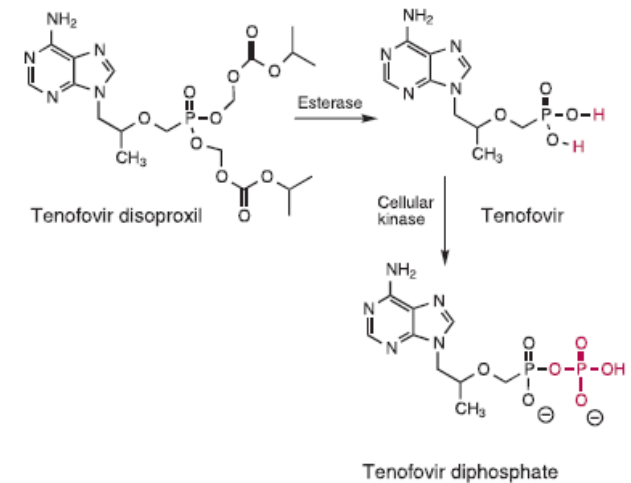
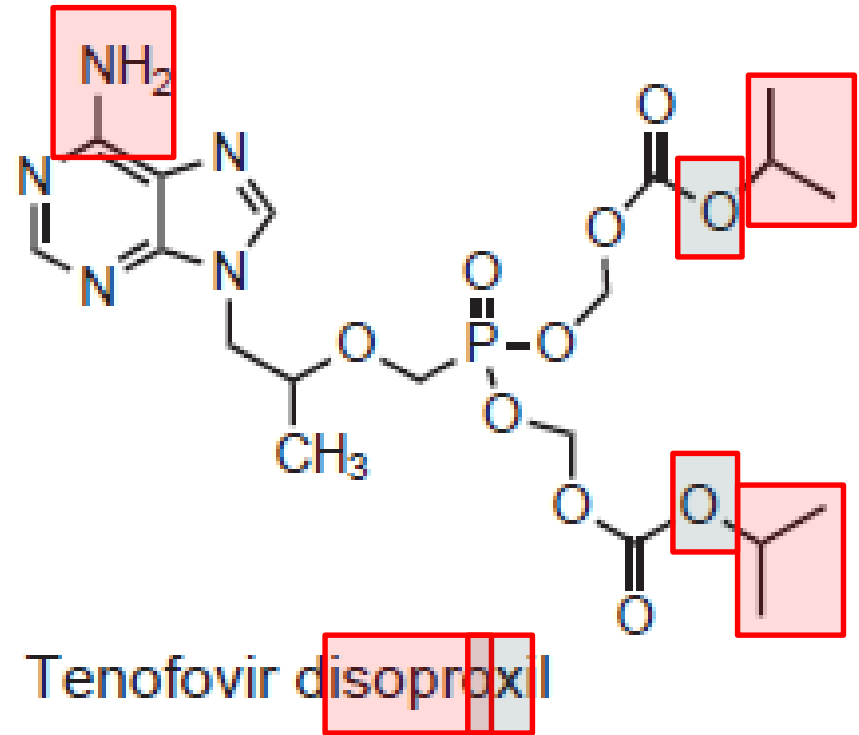


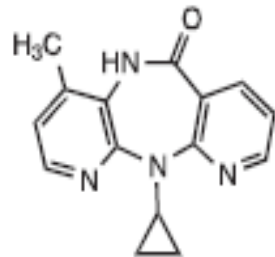
Figure 30.14 Metabolic activation of tenofovir disoproxil.

- MOA: reverse transcriptase inhibitor
- ✓ also might compete with deoxyadenosine triphosphate
- ✓ incorporate into viral DNA
- ✓ & results in premature termination

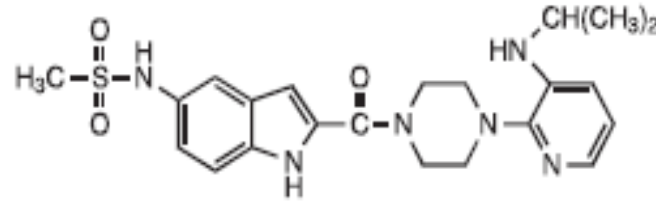
# 4a-NRTI: Tenofovir: Dosage Forms



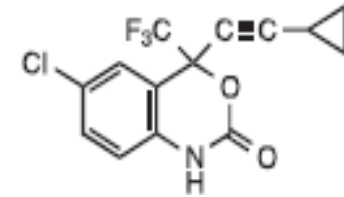
# 4b- Non-Nucleoside RTI: SAR



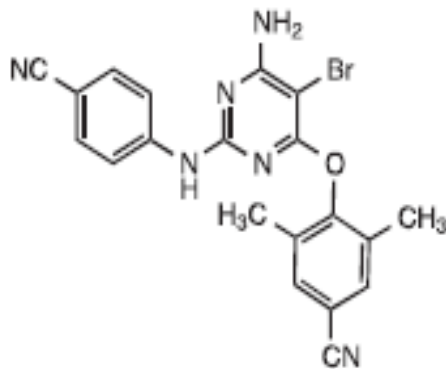
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(Viramune)



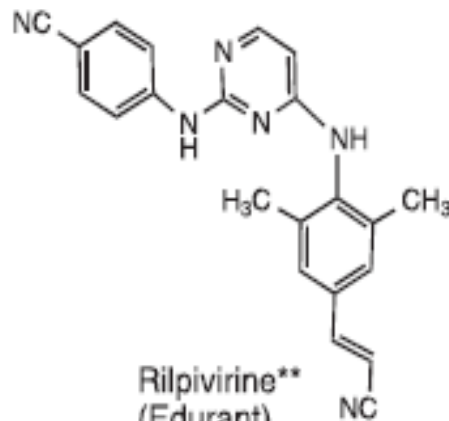
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(Rescriptor)



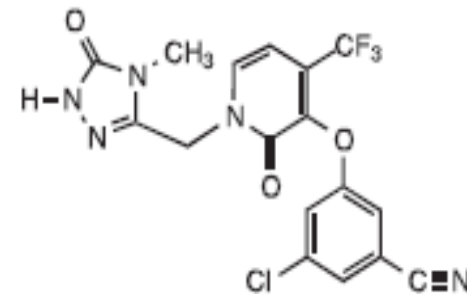
Efavirenz\*, EFV  
(Sustiva)



Etravirine\*\*  
(Intelence)



Rilpivirine\*\*  
(Edurant)



Doravirine\*\*  
(Pifeltro)

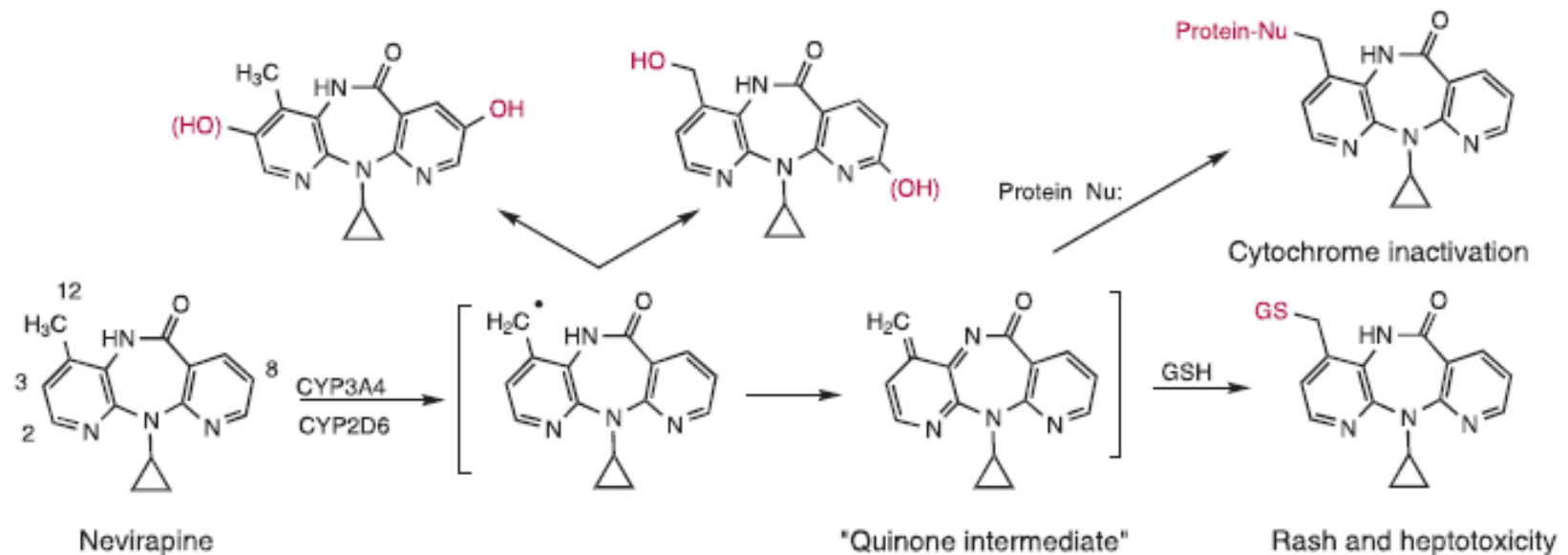
\*First-generation NNRTIs \*\*Second-generation NNRTIs

**Figure 30.15** Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs).

# 4b-NNRTI: MOA

- In combination with Prl & NRTI gives synergistic effects:
- MOA: Binding site; selectivity
  
- Nevirapine;
- Delavirdine;
- Efavirenz

# Metabolism of Nevirapine



**Figure 30.16** Metabolic oxidation of nevirapine by CYP3A4 leading to C2 or C12 hydroxylation or by CYP2D6 leading to C3 or C8 hydroxylation and an explanation for side effects associated with a quinone intermediate.

## 5- Protease Inhibitors (PIs):

- ✓ anti-HIV
- ✓ anti HCV

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## HIV PROTEASE INHIBITORS

- Atazanavir
  - Darunavir
  - Fosamprenavir
  - Indinavir
  - Lopinavir
  - Nelfinavir
  - Ritonavir
  - Saquinavir
  - Tipranavir
- ✓ Saquinavir: the first FDA approved PrI
  - ✓ Ritonavir
  - ✓ Indinavir
  - ✓ Nelfinavir
  - ✓ Lopinavir
  - ✓ Amprenavir/Fosamprenavir
  - ✓ Tipranavir

# 5- HIV PrIs: SAR

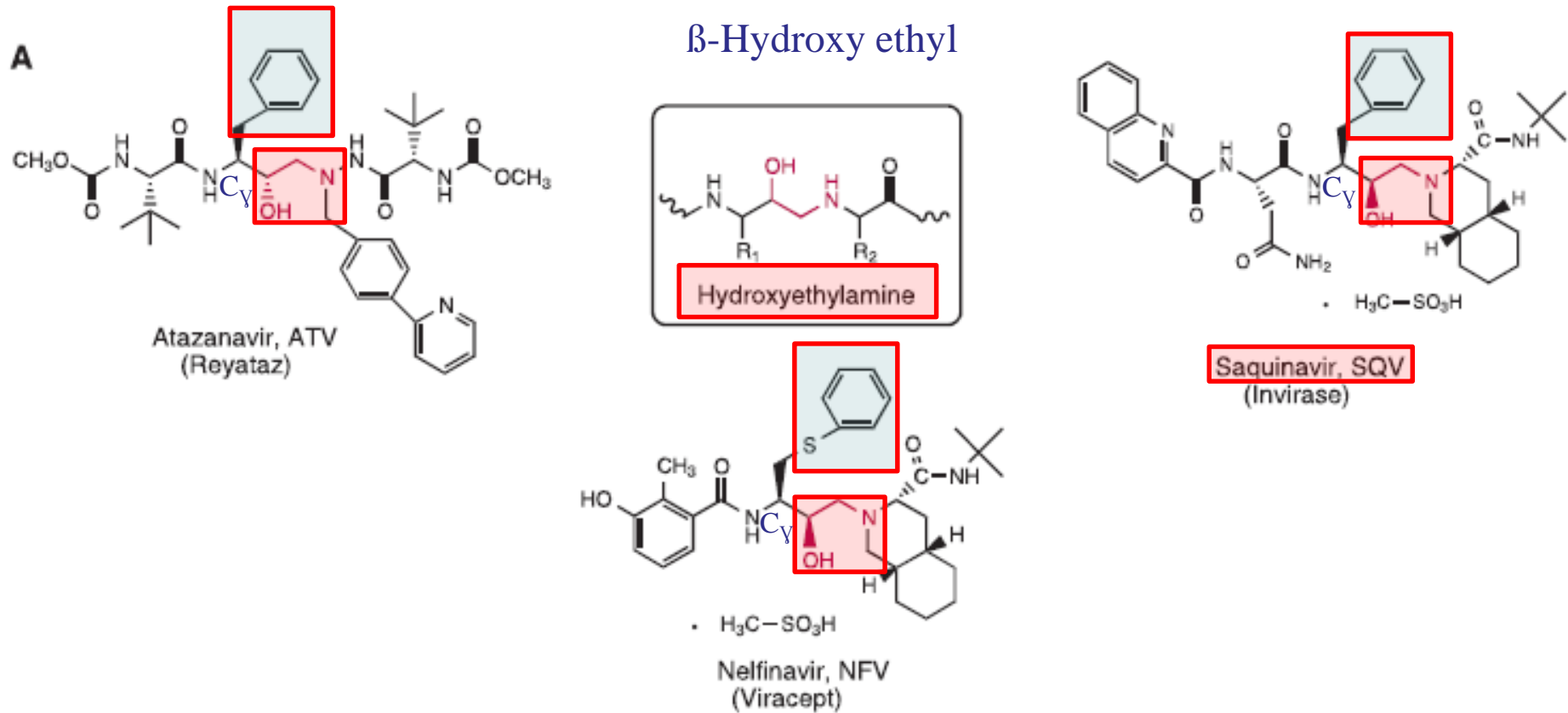


Figure 30.23 Structures of HIV protease inhibitors that are used clinically.



# 5- HIV PrIs- Continued

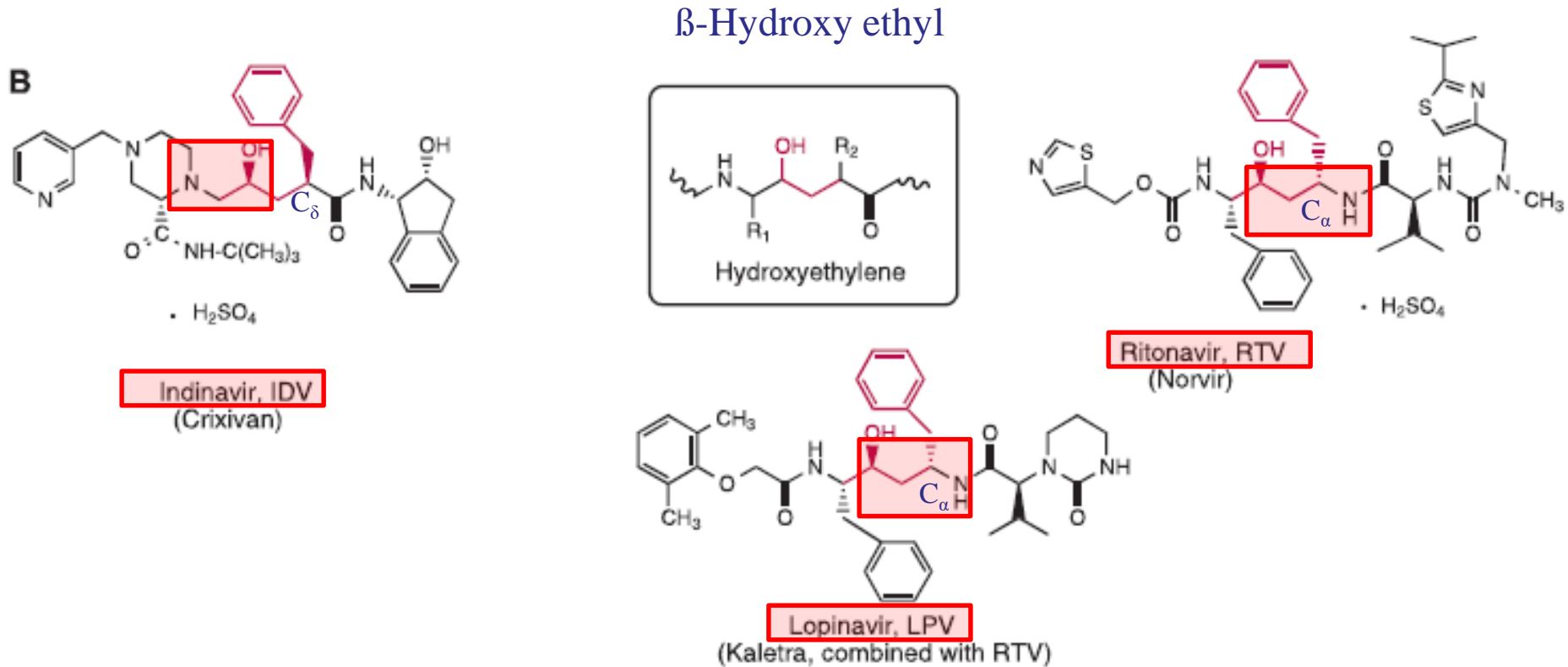
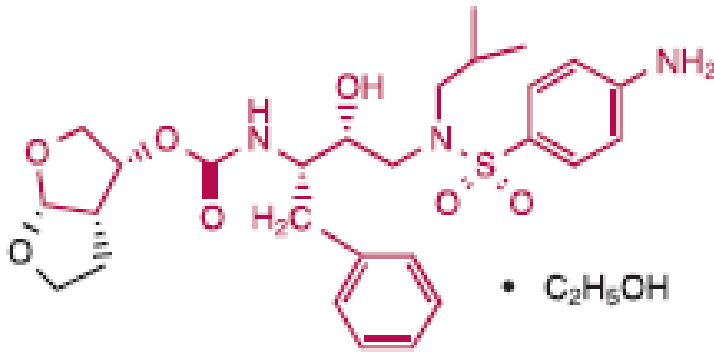


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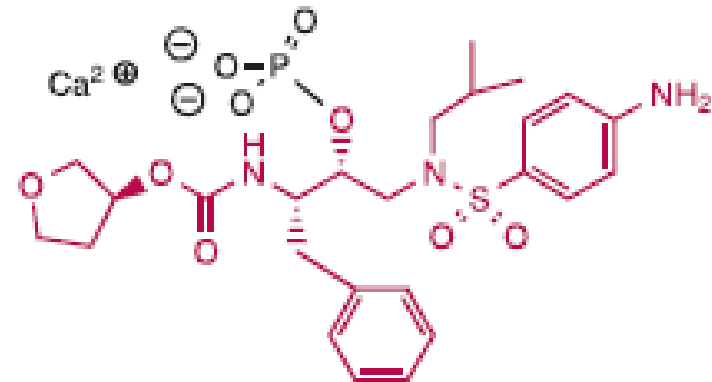
# 5- HIV PrIs- Continued

$\beta$ -Hydroxy ethyl

C



Darunavir ethanolate  
(Prezista)



Fosamprenavir calcium, FOS-APV  
(Lexiva)

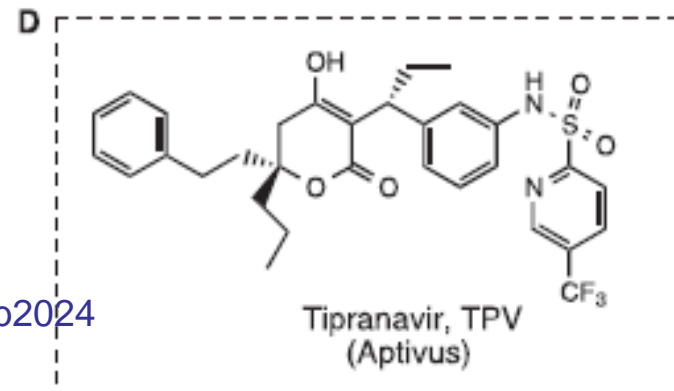
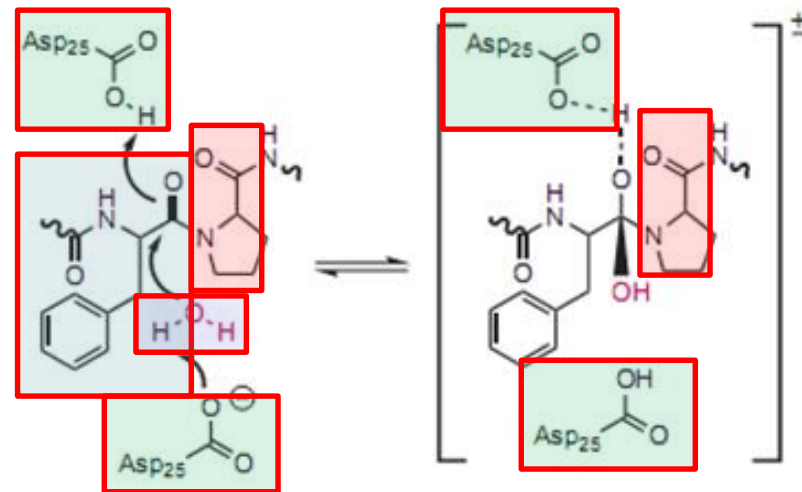


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# 5- HIV Protease

- Protease: essential for growth of HIV (RNA virus)
  - mediate **post-translational** modification of proteins
  - similar to CYP450 related metabolizing enzymes
  - dimer structure with Asp residues: two conserved Asp<sub>25</sub> residues = **aspartic** protease
- Activates RT
- Plays an important role in the release of infectious viral particles
- Several HIV protease cleavage sites:
- but enzyme prefers **amino** terminal side of a **Pro** in adjacency to **Phe**



B. Role of two Asp<sub>25</sub> residues in formation of the hydrolytic transition state.

# HIV Protease Inhibitor Design

- Pepstatin: Statin:
- Asp-protease Inhibitors:
  - ✓ possessing un-natural amino acid:
  - ✓ mimic tetrahedral transition state
  - ✓ possessing hydroxyl group

- Pharmacophores for PrIs:
  - ✓  $\text{HO-CH}_2\text{CH}_2^-$
  - ✓  $\text{HO-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-NH}_2$

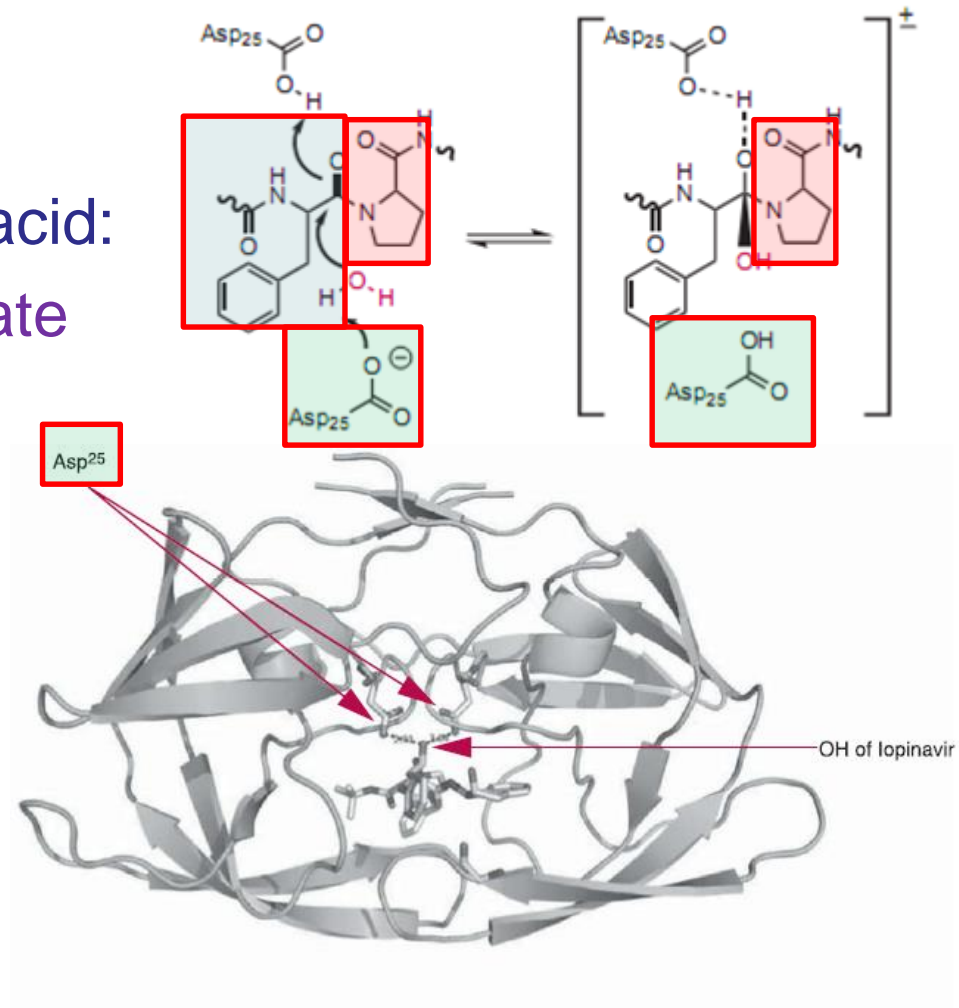


Figure 30.22 Model of the HIV protease inhibitor lopinavir bound to wild type HIV protease.

# 5- Protease Inhibitors (PrIs)

- PrI rational design: as transition state mimetic
- mimic tetrahedral transition state of hydrolysis in active site of protease
- Chemistry: oligopeptide like structures:
  - ✓ peptidomimetic:  
possessing  $\text{HO-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-}$ ;  $\text{HO-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-NH}_2$  as pharmacophore & non-peptide structures
- PrI in RNA virus such as HIV: inactivate RT & also block release of viral particles from the infected cells

# Metabolism for Saquinavir

- Inactive metabolites

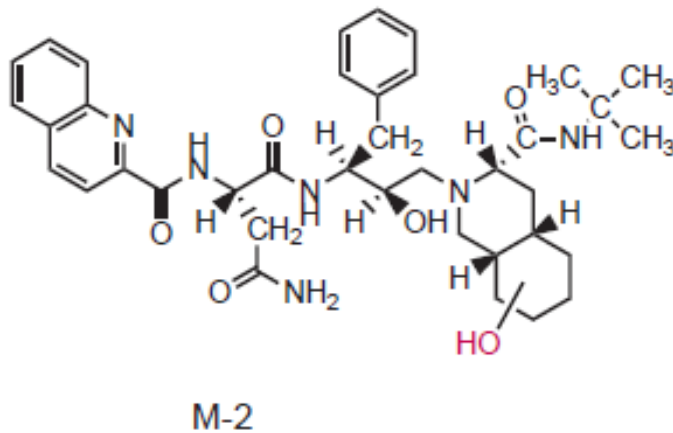
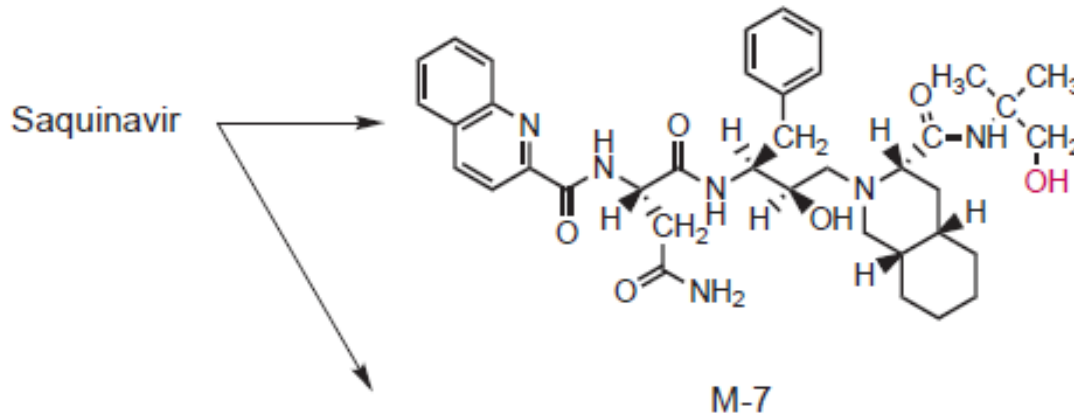


FIGURE 38.21 Major metabolic products from saquinavir.



# Novel Targets in Hepatitis Viral Infections (HCV): NS3/4A; NS5A & NS5B Inhibitors

- NS Pr<sub>s</sub>: Non-Structure proteins
  - ✓ located in endoplasmic reticulum
  - ✓ phosphoproteins responsible in RNA replication
  - ✓ acts via RNA polymerase
  - ✓ Essential NS3/4A enzyme: cleaves HCV polyprotein:
  - ✓ generate NS4A, NS4B, NS5A, NS5B
  - ✓ critical in HCV virus: hepatitis
- Current drugs:
  - ✓ sobiovir<sup>®</sup>; sofosbuvir
  - ✓ daklibiox<sup>®</sup>; daclatasvir



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## **INHIBITORS OF HCV PROTEASE NS3/NS4A**

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- Grazoprevir
- Paritaprevir
- Voxilaprevir

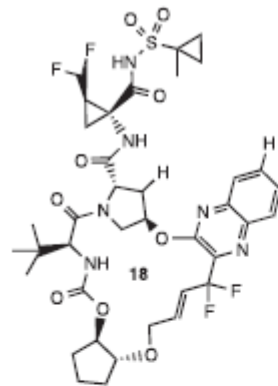
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- Mavyret
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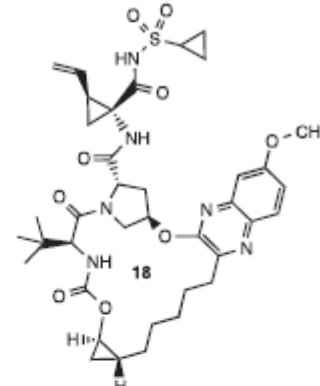
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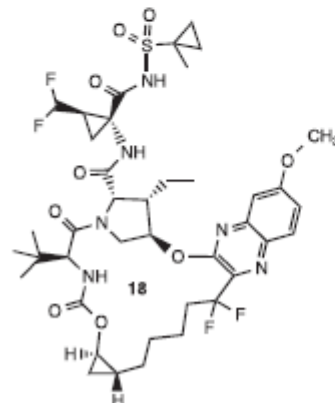
# 5- HCV Protease NS3/4A Inhibitors



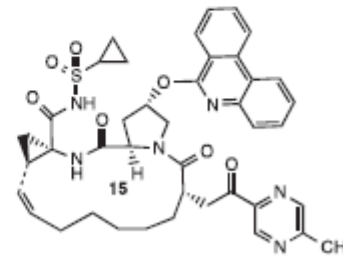
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Grazoprevir  
(component of Zepatier)

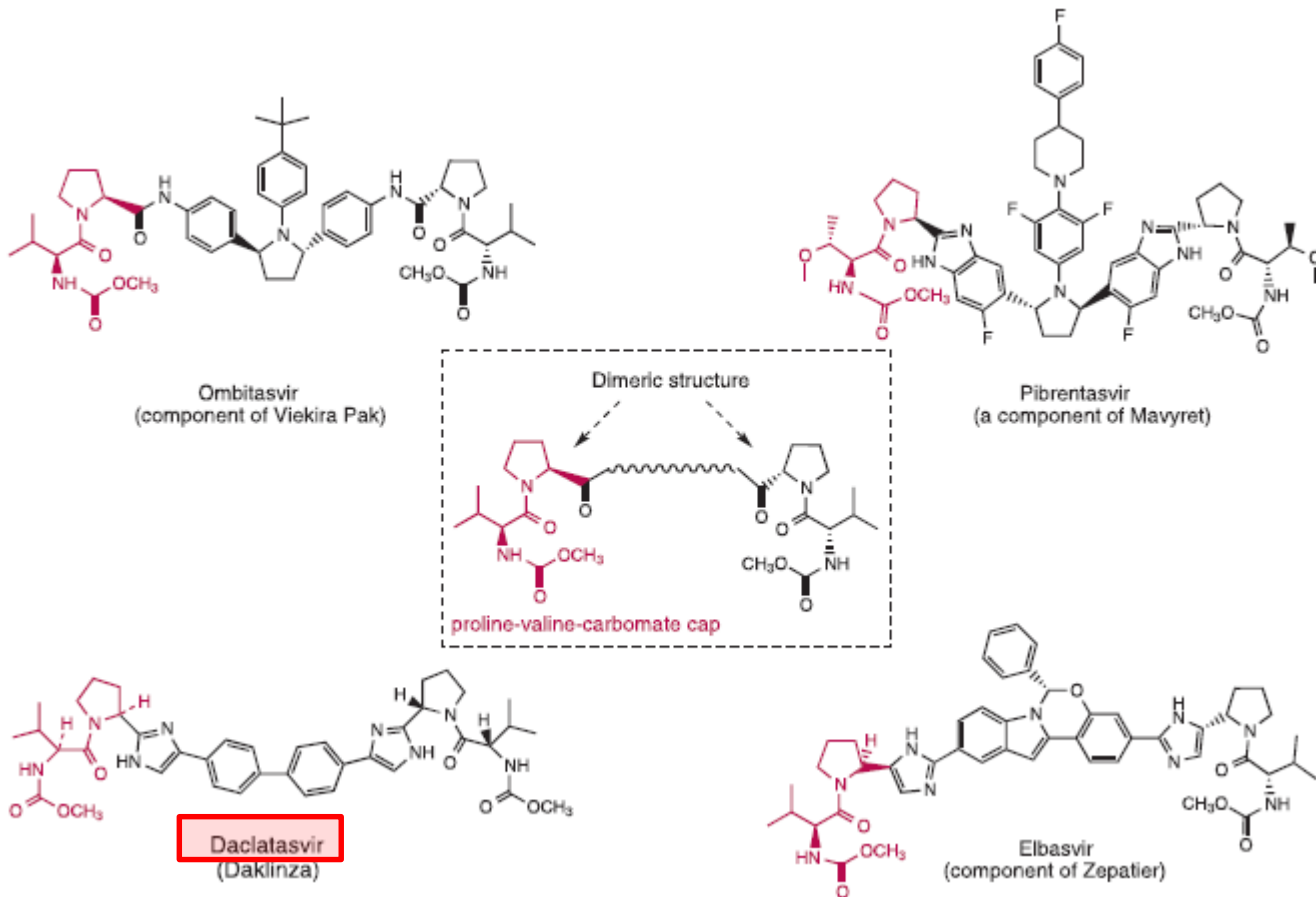


Voxilaprevir  
(component of Vosevi)



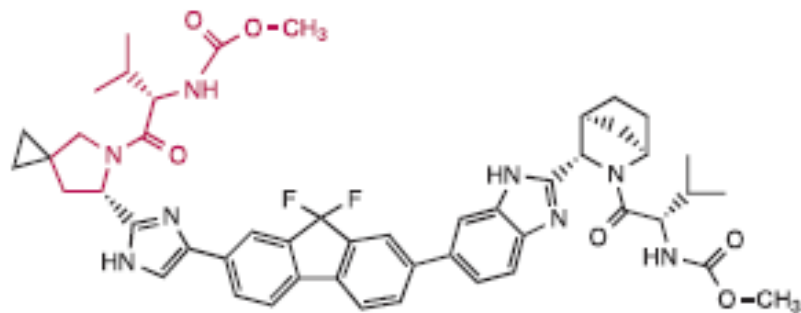
**Figure 30.25** Inhibitors of HCV protease NS3/4A.

# 5- HCV Protease NS3/4A Inhibitors

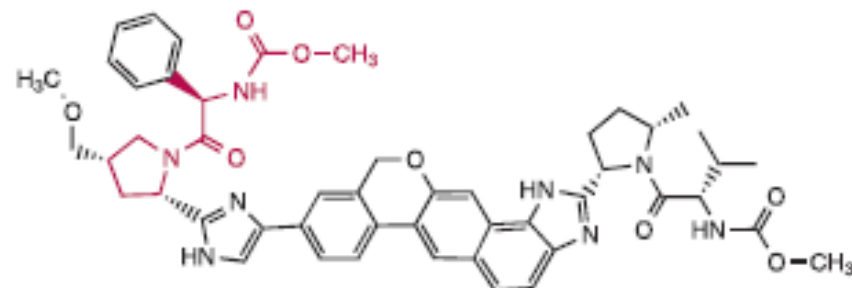


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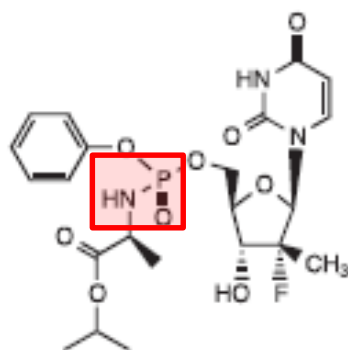
# 5- HCV Protease NS5A & NS5B Inhibitors



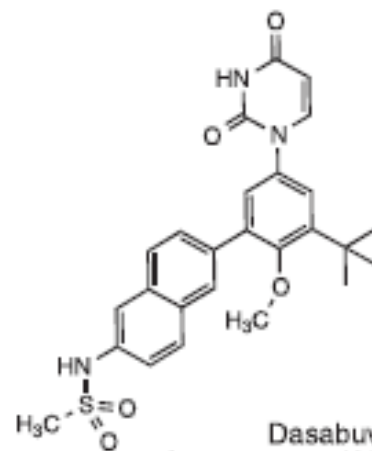
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Velpatasvir  
(a component of Epclusa and Vosevi)



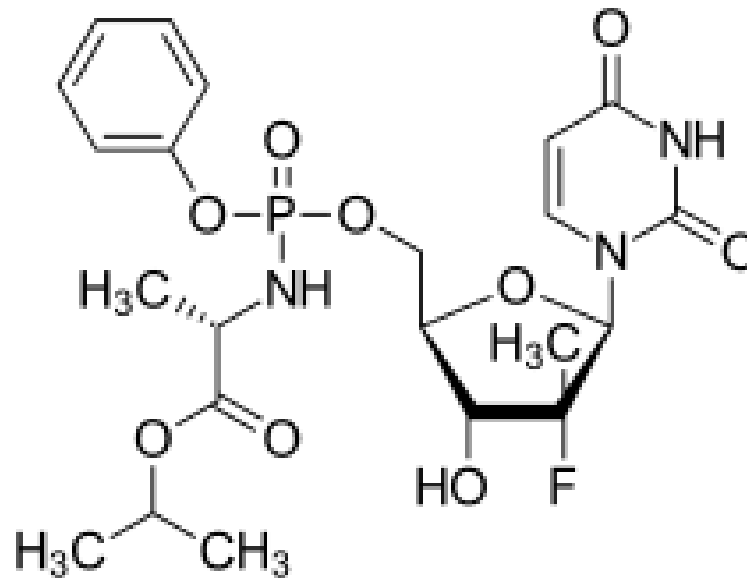
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(component of Epclusa,  
Harvoni, Vosevi)

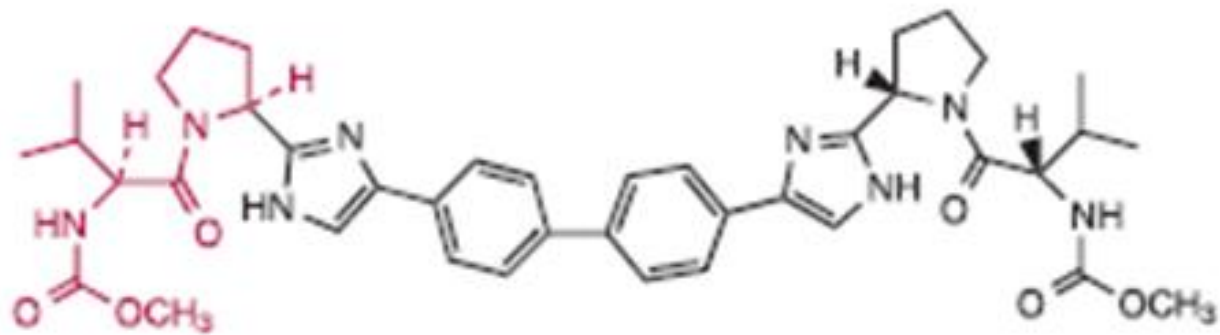


Dasabuvir  
(component of Viekira Pak)

Figure 30.26 Inhibitors of HCV protease NS5A and NS5B.

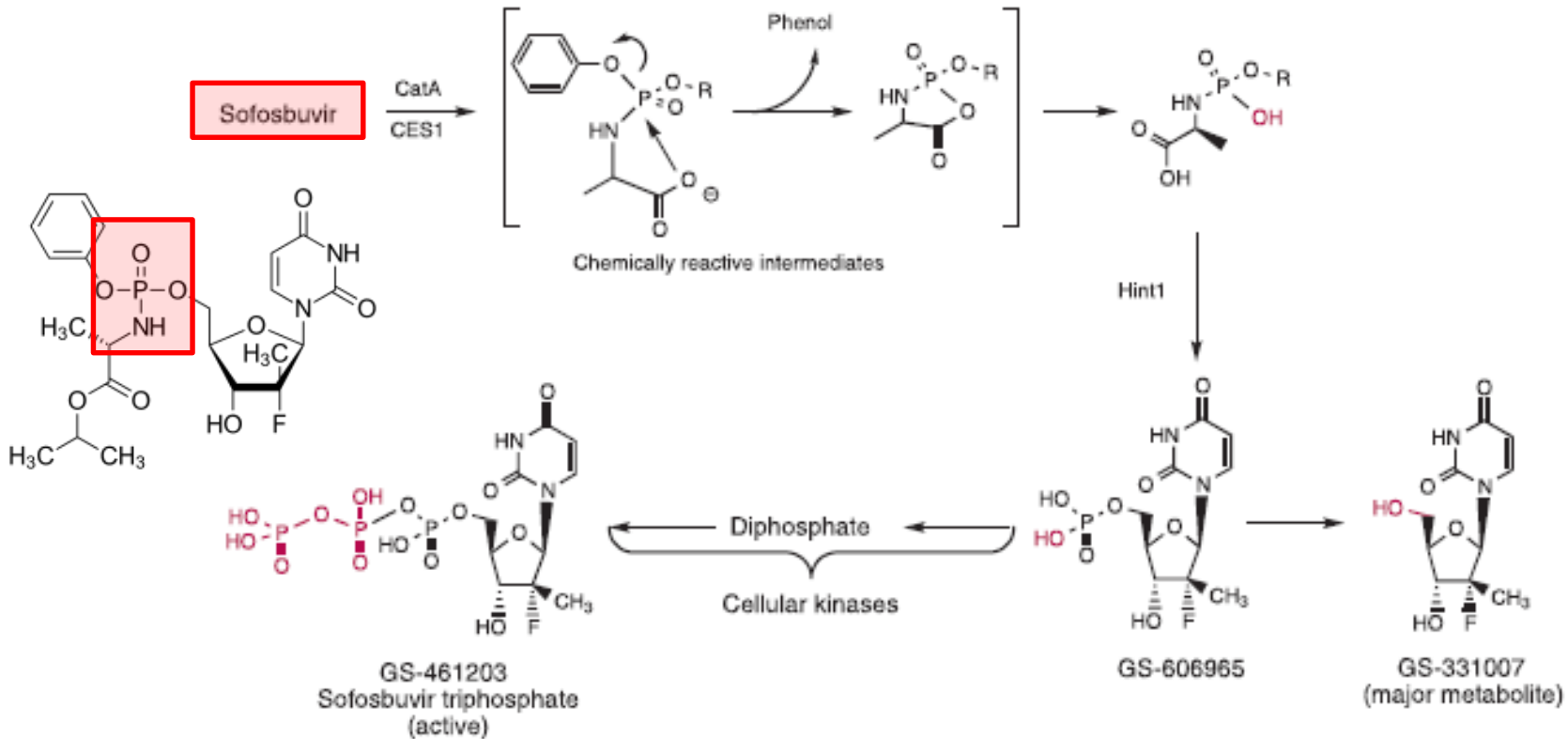
Activa





Daclatasvir  
(Daklinza)

# Metabolism for Sofosbuvir



**Figure 30.28** Metabolic activation of sofosbuvir to the active triphosphate form. This process is sequentially catalyzed by cathepsin A (CatA), carboxylesterase I (CESI) and histidine triad nucleotide-binding protein (Hint1). The intermediate constituent GS-606965 is inactivated by dephosphorylation, or activated to the triphosphate by cellular kinases.

# RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase (RdRp) Inhibitors as Anti-Covvid19

Remdesivir

Favipiravir

Molnupiravir



# RNA Dependent RNA Polymerase (RdRp)

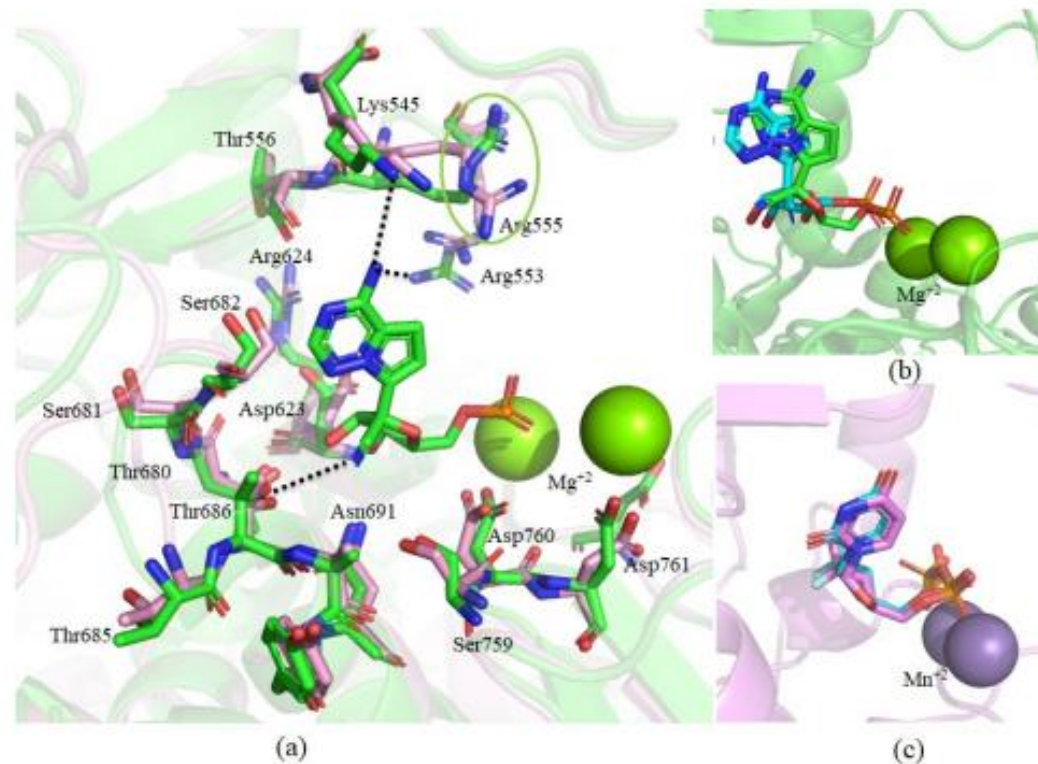
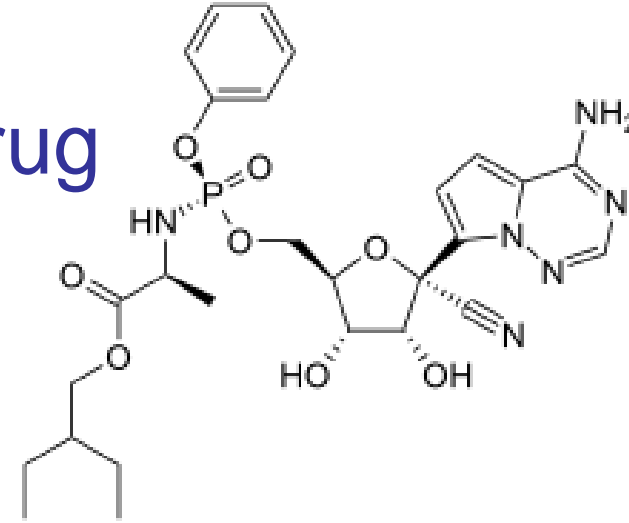


Fig. 1: (a) Superposition of the RdRp without metal ions (in pink, pdb id 6M71 ) onto the RdRp-Mg<sup>2+</sup>-RMP complex (in green, pdb id 7BV2). The Arg555 moving away from the active site in the latter structure is marked by a green circle. The hydrogen-bonding interactions (dotted lines) of RMP with different residues of the RdRp protein are also depicted to explain its binding mode. The comparison of docked (in cyan) and experimental binding modes of (b) AMP (in green, pdb id 7BV2), and (c) SMP (in violet, pdb id 4WTG) are also shown.

# Remdesivir

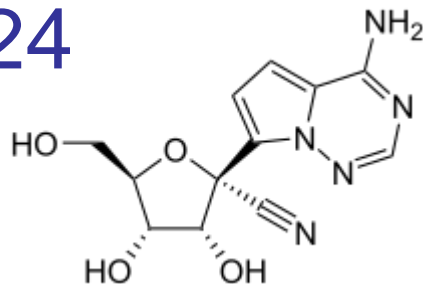
- Ribonucleotide analogue: prodrug



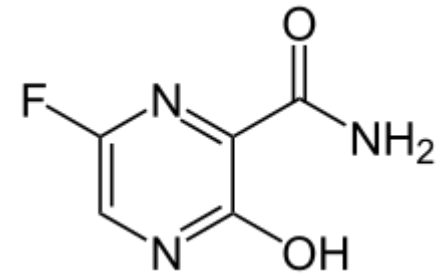
- MOA: interfere with viral RNA dependent RNA polymerase

✓ active metabolite: tri-phosphate analogue of

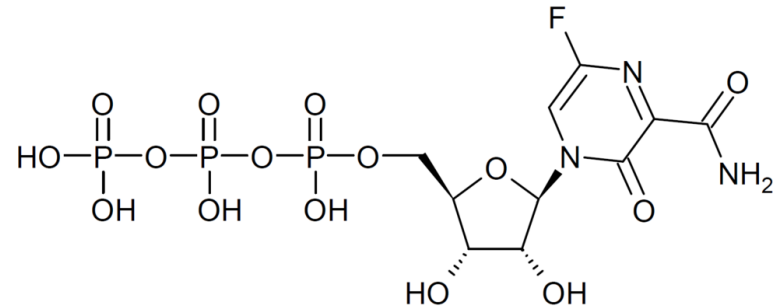
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# Favipiravir



- Chemistry:
- Since 2014 in Japan
- MOA: selective inhibition of viral RdRp
- Mimics ATP & GTP
- Against influenza



# Molnupiravir

- MOA: promotes mutation in the replication of viral RNA
- SAR: prodrug: triphosphate analogue

