

Author's response to reviews

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Subject: Response to essential revision: all results must be presented as median (Q1-Q3), in the revised manuscript "Safety and effectiveness of generic version of abacavir/lamivudine and efavirenz in HIV/AIDS treatment naïve patients: a nonrandomized, open-label, phase IV study in Cali-Colombia, 2011-2012" (INFD-D-16-00081R2)

Dear editor.

By logging on to the system, we have resubmitted the reviewed article “Safety and effectiveness of generic version of abacavir/lamivudine and efavirenz in HIV/AIDS treatment naïve patients: a nonrandomized, open-label, phase IV study in Cali-Colombia, 2011-2012” (INFD-D-16-00081R2)”.

According to suggestion and due very small sample size all results were presented as median (Q1-Q3). All changes (including deletions) to the text had been underlined or highlighted. In detail:

1. In abstract (in methods, page 2): ... The paired Student’s t-test or repeated measures ANOVA were used to compare means... was deleted.
2. In abstract (in results, page 3): Related to CV risk, “1.2% increase in cardiovascular risk” was changed by: an increase of 2% in the median of the percentage of cardiovascular risk.
3. In Statistical analysis (page 12, first paragraph), it is denoted that data are reported as percentages or medians [quartile 1 (Q1)–quartile (Q3)]. In addition, “The paired Student’s t-test or repeated measures ANOVA were used to compare...” was deleted.
4. In results: Mean (SD)... was change by: “the median age (Q1–Q3) was 37.0 (26.7–42.7) years.
5. In results (Lipids and cardiovascular risk, page 13, last paragraph)... There was a significant increase of 1.2%, in the percentage... was change by: “There was a significant increase of 2%, in the median of the percentage”...
6. In discussion (page 17, third paragraph), the date presented in means was change by medians... “in medians of 65.0 mg/dL in TC, of 36.8 mg/dL in LDL-C, of 13.3 mg/dL in HDL-C, and of 55.0 mg/dL in triglycerides (Table 3). For example, in our study the median of percentage of CV risk based on the Framingham Equation [20] at baseline versus 48 weeks of follow-up showed an increase of only 2% (from -1% to 1%).
7. In table 3, all date presented as mean/SD were deleted.

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