

Combination of LY300082 with AZT and DDI Give Synergistic Effects on HIV Replication in Cells and on HIV Reverse Transcriptase. H. Zhang¹, L. Vrang¹, K. Backro², T. Unge², P. Engelhardt¹, M. Hogberg¹, J. Kangasmetsa¹, P. Lind¹, R. Noreen¹, C. Sahlberg¹, X.-X. Zhou¹, N. G. Johansson¹, J. M. Morin, Jr.³, R. J. Ternansky³, F. W. Bell³, C. L. Jordan³, M. D. Kinnick³, J. A. Palkowitz³, C. A. Parrish³, P. Pranc³, R. T. Vasileff³, S. J. West³, and B. Oberg^{1,2}.

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LY300082, a member of a new class of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors related to LY73497, inhibits HIV-1 replication *in vitro* at nanomolar concentration. Combinations of LY300082 with AZT or DDI were tested on MT4 cells infected with HIV-1 IIIB or HIV-1 IIIB containing two mutations, Leu100 to Ile and Tyr188 to His in RT gene. LY300082 was also tested in combination with AZT-TP for inhibition of recombinant HIV-1 RT wt and HIV-RTs with Ile 100 or Cys181 mutations. Analysis by the median effect plot method (Chou and Talalay) gave combination indices below 1 for all tested viruses in cell culture, as well as for the wild type and mutated RTs indicating synergistic inhibitory effects for LY300082 in combination with AZT.

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Comparative Efficacy of HIV Inhibitors on Cells Infected with Cell Free HIV or Cocultivated with HIV-Infected Cells. L. Vrang¹, C. Rydergard¹, C. Ahgren¹, P. Engelhardt¹, M. Hogberg¹, J. Kangasmetsa¹, P. Lind¹, R. Noreen¹, C. Sahlberg¹, X.-X. Zhou¹, N. G. Johansson¹, C. Lopez², J. M. Morin, Jr.², R. J. Ternansky², F. W. Bell², C. L. Jordan², M. D. Kinnick², J. A. Palkowitz², C. A. Parrish², P. Pranc², R. T. Vasileff², S. J. West², and B. Oberg¹.

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Several anti-HIV compounds were tested in MT2 cells infected with cell-free virus at a multiplicity of 5-25 TCID₅₀/10⁴ cells or cocultivated with infected MT2 cells in a ratio of 1000:1. Some cultures were maintained for three weeks and the compounds were removed at different time points. LY300082 and other compounds from this series of new non-nucleoside RT inhibitors were almost equally active in both systems, while compounds like AZT, DDC, DDI, 9-CI-TIBO, and L697,661 lost efficacy in the cultures where the virus was introduced with infected cells. The inhibitory effect of LY300082 remained after three weeks of culture in a cocultivation assay even if the compounds was removed after two weeks.