

Table 2. Preclinical and Clinical Data Relevant to the Use of Antiretrovirals During Pregnancy
(see [Safety and Toxicity of Individual Antiretroviral Drugs in Pregnancy](#) for more detail on drugs)

Antiretroviral drug	FDA pregnancy category †	Placental passage (newborn: mother drug ratio)	Long-term animal carcinogenicity studies	Animal teratogen studies
Nucleoside and nucleotide analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitors				
Abacavir (Ziagen, ABC)	C	Yes (rats)	Positive (malignant and non-malignant tumors of liver, thyroid in female rats, and preputial and clitoral gland of mice and rats)	Positive (rodent anasarca and skeletal malformations at 1000 mg/kg (35x human exposure) during organogenesis; not seen in rabbits)
Didanosine (Videx, ddI)	B	Yes (human) [0.5]	Negative (no tumors, lifetime rodent study)	Negative
Emtricitabine (Emtriva, FTC)	B	Unknown	Not completed	Negative
Lamivudine (Epivir, 3TC)	C	Yes (human) [~1.0]	Negative (no tumors, lifetime rodent study)	Negative
Stavudine (Zerit, d4T)	C	Yes (rhesus monkey) [0.76]	Positive (mice and rats, at very high dose exposure, liver and bladder tumors)	Negative (but sternal bone calcium decreases in rodents)
Tenofovir DF (Viread)	B	Yes (rat and monkey)	Not completed	Negative (osteomalacia when given to juvenile animals at high doses)
Zalcitabine (HIVID, ddC)	C	Yes (rhesus monkey) [0.30–0.50]	Positive (rodent, thymic lymphomas)	Positive (rodent-hydrocephalus at high dose)
Zidovudine † (Retrovir, AZT, ZDV)	C	Yes (human) [0.85]	Positive (rodent, noninvasive vaginal epithelial tumors)	Positive (rodent-near lethal dose)
Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors				
Delavirdine (Rescriptor)	C	Unknown	Positive (hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas in male and female mice but not rats, bladder tumors in male mice)	Positive (rodent-ventricular septal defect)
Efavirenz (Sustiva)	C	Yes (cynomolgus monkey, rat, rabbit) [~1.0]	Positive (increased hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas and pulmonary alveolar/bronchiolar adenomas in female but not male mice)	Positive (cynomolgus monkey-anencephaly, anophthalmia, microphthalmia)
Nevirapine (Viramune)	C	Yes (human) [~1.0]	Positive (hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas in mice and rats)	Negative
Protease inhibitors				
Amprenavir (Agenerase)	C	Unknown	Positive (hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas in male mice and rats)	Negative (but deficient ossification and thymic elongation in rats and rabbits)
Atazanavir	B	Unknown	Not completed	Negative
Fosamprenavir (Lexiva)	C	Unknown	Positive (increased benign and malignant liver tumors in male rodents)	Negative (deficient ossification with amprenavir but not fosamprenavir)
Indinavir (Crixivan)	C	Minimal (humans)	Positive (thyroid adenomas in male rats at highest dose)	Negative (but extra ribs in rodents)
Lopinavir/Ritonavir (Kaletra)	C	Unknown	Not completed	Negative (but delayed skeletal ossification and increase in skeletal variations in rats at maternally toxic doses)
Nelfinavir (Viracept)	B	Minimal (humans)	Positive (thyroid follicular adenomas and carcinomas in rats)	Negative
Ritonavir (Norvir)	B	Minimal (humans)	Positive (rodent, liver adenomas and carcinomas in male mice)	Negative (but cryptorchidism in rodents)
Saquinavir (Fortovase)	B	Minimal (humans)	Not completed	Negative
Fusion inhibitors				
Enfuvirtide (Fuzeon)	B	Unknown	Not done	Negative

† Food and Drug Administration Pregnancy Categories:

- A - Adequate and well-controlled studies of pregnant women fail to demonstrate a risk to the fetus during the first trimester of pregnancy (and there is no evidence of risk during later trimesters).
- B - Animal reproduction studies fail to demonstrate a risk to the fetus, and adequate but well-controlled studies of pregnant women have not been conducted.
- C - Safety in human pregnancy has not been determined; animal studies are either positive for fetal risk or have not been conducted, and the drug should not be used unless the potential benefit outweighs the potential risk to the fetus.
- D - Positive evidence of human fetal risk based on adverse reaction data from investigational or marketing experiences, but the potential benefits from the use of the drug in pregnant women may be acceptable despite its potential risks.
- X - Studies among animals or reports of adverse reactions have indicated that the risk associated with the use of the drug for pregnant women clearly outweighs any possible benefit.