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# ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE & CONTEMPORARILY USED PROTEASE INHIBITORS

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#### D:A:D CVD & PIs: Methods

#### Definitions

- CVD was defined, as in previous D:A:D analyses, a composite endpoint including the following, centrally adjudicated, events:
  - Myocardial infarction
  - Stroke
  - Sudden cardiac death
  - Invasive cardiovascular procedures
    - Coronary bypass
    - Coronary angioplasty
    - Carotid endarterectomy





## D:A:D CVD & PIs: Baseline Characteristics

|                   |                       | N      | %       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| All               |                       | 35711  | 100.0   |
| Gender            | Male                  | 26288  | 73.6    |
| Race              | White                 | 17085  | 47.8    |
| HIV Exposure      | MSM                   | 16447  | 46.1    |
| нсу               | Positive              | 6864   | 19.2    |
| HBV               | Positive              | 1439   | 4.0     |
| VL <400 copies/mL | Yes                   | 27290  | 76.4    |
| Smoking           | Current               | 14014  | 39.2    |
| Diabetes          |                       | 1805   | 5.1     |
| Hypertenstion     |                       | 3471   | 9.7     |
| Dyslipidemia      |                       | 14347  | 40.2    |
| Prior AIDS        | Yes                   | 9799   | 27.4    |
| Prior CVD         | Yes                   | 8515   | 28.6    |
| D:A:D CVD Risk    | >10%                  | 1753   | 5.3     |
| D:A:D CKD Risk    | High (≥5)             | 11952  | 38.4    |
|                   |                       | Median | IQR     |
| Age               | Years                 | 44     | 38-44   |
| CD4               | Cells/mm <sup>3</sup> | 501    | 360-689 |
| Nadir CD4         | Cells/mm <sup>3</sup> | 210    | 100-322 |







### **D:A:D CVD & PIs: Conclusions**

- In this large heterogeneous cohort of HIV-positive persons, cumulative use of DRV/r, but not ATV/r was independently associated with a small, but gradually increasing risk of CVD of 59% per 5 years exposure
- The strength of the DRV/r association is of a similar size as found for the older PIs indinavir (IDV) and (ritonavir boosted lopinavir) LPV/r, but in contrast the DRV/r association does not seem to be modified by dyslipidemia
- Cautious interpretation is warranted due to the observational nature of the study and the risks of unmeasured confounding
- Finding call for further investigations of possible mechanisms

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