

1 Title: DRUG INTERACTIONS BETWEEN DOLUTEGRAVIR AND ARTEMETHER-
2 LUMEFANTRINE OR ARTESUNATE-AMODIAQUINE

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25 **ABSTRACT**

26 Across sub-Saharan Africa, patients with HIV on antiretrovirals often get malaria and need co-
27 treatment with artemisinin-containing therapies. We undertook two pharmacokinetic studies in
28 healthy volunteers, using standard adult doses of artemether-lumefantrine (AL) or artesunate-
29 amodiaquine (AS-AQ) given with 50mg once daily dolutegravir (DTG) to investigate the drug-
30 drug interaction between artemether-lumefantrine or artesunate-amodiaquine and DTG. The
31 DTG/artemether-lumefantrine interaction was evaluated in a two-way cross-over study and
32 measured artemether (ARM), dihydroartemisinin (DHA), lumefantrine (LF), desbutyl-
33 lumefantrine (DBL) over 264h. The DTG/artesunate-amodiaquine interaction was investigated
34 using a parallel study design due to long half-life of the amodiaquine metabolite,
35 desethylamodiaquine (DEAQ) and measured artesunate (ARS), amodiaquine (AQ), DEAQ over
36 624h. Non-compartmental analysis was performed, and geometric mean ratios and 90%
37 confidence intervals generated for evaluation of both interactions. Dolutegravir did not
38 significantly change the maximum concentration in plasma, time to maximum concentration and
39 area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) for ARM, DHA, LF and DBL nor significantly
40 alter AUC for ARS, DHA, AQ and DEAQ. Co-administration of dolutegravir with AL resulted in a
41 37% decrease in DTG trough concentrations. Co-administration of dolutegravir with AS-AQ
42 resulted in a decrease of approximately 42% and 24% in DTG trough concentrations and AUC
43 respectively. Study drugs were well-tolerated with no serious adverse events. Standard doses of
44 artemether-lumefantrine and artesunate-amodiaquine should be used in patients receiving DTG.
45 The significant decreases in DTG trough concentrations with artemether-lumefantrine and
46 artesunate-amodiaquine and DTG exposure with artesunate-amodiaquine are unlikely to be of
47 clinical significance as DTG trough concentrations were above DTG target concentrations of
48 64ng/mL.

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53 INTRODUCTION

54 Over 90% of malaria cases occur in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) the region with the greatest
55 burden of HIV(1). Drug-drug interactions (DDIs) between antiretrovirals and artemisinin-based
56 combination therapies (ACT) frequently occur and may affect the clinical effectiveness of
57 commonly utilized antimalarials artemether-lumefantrine (AL) and artesunate-amodiaquine (AS-
58 AQ)(2-4).The likely adoption of dolutegravir (DTG) in preferred first-line antiretroviral therapy
59 (ART) regimens(5) makes a DDI study with antimalarials an urgent priority. Dolutegravir is
60 predominately metabolized via uridine diphosphate glucuronyl transferase 1A1 (UGT 1A1) with
61 minor input from cytochrome P450 (CYP)-3A4(6).

62 Both artemether (ARM) and lumefantrine (LF) are predominantly metabolized via CYP3A4,
63 CYP2B6, CYP2C9 and CYP2C19 to active metabolites dihydroartemisinin (DHA) and desbutyl-
64 lumefantrine (DBL) respectively. Artesunate (AS) is a prodrug and substrate of CYP2A6 and
65 undergoes rapid hydrolysis to DHA while amodiaquine (AQ) is extensively metabolized by CYP
66 2C8 to its active metabolite, N-desethylamodiaquine (DEAQ)(5,7). Co-administration of
67 artemether-lumefantrine with inducers of CYP3A4 results in significant reductions in artemether
68 and dihydroartemisinin exposures(8). Similarly, clinically significant DDIs with ritonavir-boosted
69 protease inhibitor ART regimens have been reported(3). However, data for dolutegravir are
70 lacking. We investigated the pharmacokinetic (PK) interactions between dolutegravir with
71 artemether-lumefantrine or artesunate-amodiaquine and assessed safety and tolerability of the
72 drug combinations.

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74 **METHODS**

75 **Ethics:** The study was approved by the Joint Clinical Research Centre Institutional Review
76 Board, Kampala, Uganda and University of Liverpool Research Ethics Committee, Liverpool, UK
77 and registered on ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT 02242799). The study was conducted in compliance
78 with International Council for Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice guidelines, the current
79 ethical principles in the Declaration of Helsinki and applicable local regulatory requirements.

80 **Study Design:** Two open-label, fixed sequence studies between DTG and artemether-
81 lumefantrine (Study A), or artesunate-amodiaquine (Study B) were conducted at the Infectious
82 Diseases Institute, Kampala, Uganda. Inclusion of 16 subjects in Study A was calculated to
83 have a >80% power to detect a change in area under the concentration-time curve (AUC)
84 outside FDA limits for bioequivalence for dolutegravir and lumefantrine (assuming coefficient of
85 variation $\leq 30\%$), and to detect a $\geq 32\%$ change in dihydroartemisinin levels. Including 30
86 subjects in Study B would yield an 80% power to detect an AUC difference of >25-30% (DTG
87 and DEAQ), and a $\geq 42\%$ change for dihydroartemisinin.

88 **Eligibility Criteria:** Consenting healthy adults (≥ 18 years) weighing above 40 kg, without
89 malaria and HIV were eligible to participate if they had no evidence of systemic disease, were
90 willing to use mosquito bed nets and able to comply with study procedures. Pregnant or
91 breastfeeding women and female volunteers unwilling to use reliable contraception during the
92 study were also excluded.

93 **Dosing and Sampling**

94 Study A (Artemether-lumefantrine)

95 Study A used a random sequence two-way crossover study design with participants randomized
96 to Arm 1 or Arm 2. In Arm 1, participants received six doses of oral artemether-lumefantrine

97 (80/480 mg) tablets over three days (regimen used for treatment of uncomplicated malaria) with
98 PK sampling at 0,1,2,3,4,8,12,24,48,72,96,168 and 264 hours after the final dose. After a 21
99 day washout, they received dolutegravir alone for six days with PK sampling on day 6 at
100 0,1,2,3,4,8,12 and 24 hours post-dosing. Subsequently they received three days of twice daily
101 AL plus dolutegravir, with PK sampling at 0,1,2,3,4,8,12,24,48,72,96,168 and 264 hours after
102 the final doses of both drugs using the sampling time points described. In Arm 2, participants
103 received the dolutegravir and DTG-AL combination with PK sampling as detailed for Arm 1,
104 followed by artemether-lumefantrine alone after the 21 day washout period.

105 Study B (Artesunate-amodiaquine)

106 Study B used a parallel group design due to the long half-life of the amodiaquine active
107 metabolite DEAQ. Participants were randomized to receive AS-AQ (4 mg/Kg AS, 10 mg/kg AQ)
108 once daily for three days with PK sampling at 0,1,2,3,4,8,12,24,48,72,96,120,228 and 624 hours
109 post-last dose (Arm 1), or dolutegravir for seven days with PK sampling at 0,1,2,3,4,8,12 and 24
110 hours after the last dose, followed by AS-AQ once daily together with dolutegravir once daily for
111 three days, with PK sampling after the last dose of both drugs using the sampling time points
112 listed (Arm 2).

113 **Safety assessments**

114 At screening, a medical history, physical examination, urine pregnancy test, rapid malaria and
115 HIV tests and safety bloods (hemoglobin, white cell count, platelets, urea, creatinine,
116 electrolytes, ALT) were performed. A 12-lead ECG was performed at screening, intensive PK
117 and at end of study. Safety bloods were repeated at every intensive PK visit and prior to
118 discharge from the study. Laboratory and clinical abnormalities were graded for severity
119 according to the U.S National Institutes for Health Division of AIDS (DAIDS) Table for Grading
120 Severity of Adult and Pediatric Adverse Events.

121 **Pharmacokinetic analysis**

122 Dolutegravir blood samples were collected in ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) tubes(9).
123 Samples for artemisinin-based combination therapies were collected in either lithium heparin or
124 fluoride-oxalate tubes to minimize ex-vivo degradation of artemisinins to DHA by plasma
125 esterases(10). Blood samples were delivered within 15 minutes of collection to the laboratory for
126 separation and storage at -80°C until shipment to the Liverpool Bioanalytical Facility and
127 Mahidol University for quantification of dolutegravir and ACTs, respectively. Both laboratories
128 participate in external Quality Assurance programmes and operate to GCP with assays
129 validated according to published FDA guidelines.
130 Dolutegravir was extracted using liquid-liquid extraction and analyzed using a validated
131 reversed phase liquid chromatography with a lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) set at 10 ng/ml
132 and precision of 5% at low QC (30ng/mL)(9).
133 Antimalarial drugs were extracted using solid-phase extraction, and quantified by liquid
134 chromatography tandem-mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). For artemether/dihydroartemisinin
135 the total assay coefficient of variation was < 6% with LLOQ of 1.14 ng/ml. For artesunate/
136 dihydroartemisinin the coefficient of variation was < 7% with LLOQ of 0.119 ng/ml (AS) and
137 0.196 ng/ml (DHA)(10). For lumefantrine/desbutyl-lumefantrine total coefficient variation was
138 <6% with LLOQ of 7.77 ng/ml (LF) and 0.81 ng/ml (DBL)(11). For amodiaquine/N-
139 desethylamodiaquine the total coefficient of variation was <8% with LLOQ of 0.86 ng/ml (AQ)
140 and 1.13 ng/ml (DEAQ).

141 **Statistical analysis**

142 Pharmacokinetic parameters including the area under the concentration-time curve to the last
143 measurable time point (AUC_{0-t}), terminal elimination half-life ($t_{1/2}$), maximum concentration (C_{max})
144 and time to C_{max} (T_{max}) were estimated using non-compartmental analysis (WinNonlin, Phoenix,

145 version 6.1, Pharsight, Mountain View, CA). PK data were log-transformed to calculate
146 geometric mean ratios (GMR), with 90% CI evaluated using paired (Study A) or unpaired (Study
147 B) t-tests and back-transformed to absolute ng/mL concentrations. An analysis of variance
148 (ANOVA) was performed by SPSS (Windows Standard version 22; SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL) on
149 PK parameters (AUC_{0-t} , C_{max} , C_{24}) using generalized linear models procedures to assess
150 potential sequence and period related effects.

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152 **RESULTS**

153 Forty-eight participants were enrolled into both studies of whom 39 completed study procedures.
154 Demographic variables of participants who completed study procedures are presented in Table
155 1.

156 **Antimalarial Pharmacokinetics**

157 **Effect of dolutegravir on artemether-lumefantrine pharmacokinetics (Study A)**

158 In study A, 14 participants received AL (7 Arm 1; 7 Arm 2). The artemether/dihydroartemisinin
159 PK profiles (0-24 hours), lumefantrine/desbutyl-lumefantrine PK profiles (0-264 hours), and
160 associated PK parameters are presented in Table 2.

161 When artemether-lumefantrine was administered alone, geometric mean (GM 90% CI)
162 artemether maximum concentrations of 31.9 ng/ml (20.6-43.2) were reached on average in 2
163 hours, with AUC_{0-t} of 129.6 ng.h/ml (79.4-179.8). The active metabolite DHA achieved peak
164 concentrations of 110.4 ng/ml (92.9-128.0) after 2.3 hours with AUC_{0-t} of 389.3 ng.h/ml (344.5-
165 434.0). Artemether and dihydroartemisinin were eliminated from plasma with an average half-
166 life of 5 and 2.5 hours, respectively.

167 Lumefantrine showed peak concentrations approximately four hours after drug administration,
168 with a C_{max} and AUC_{0-t} of 9976 ng/ml (8318-11633) and 389350 ng.h/ml (333608-445092),

169 respectively. The lumefantrine metabolite DBL had a C_{max} and AUC_{0-t} of 51.7 ng/ml (37.5-66.0)
170 and 6699 ng.h/ml (4804-7796) respectively, representing approximately 1.7% of total circulating
171 lumefantrine. The elimination half-life of lumefantrine and desbutyl-lumefantrine were 83 and
172 142 hours, respectively.

173 The GMR for each antimalarial and metabolite are presented in Table 2. Co-administration of
174 artemether-lumefantrine with DTG did not significantly alter C_{max} , AUC_{0-t} or clearance of
175 artemether, lumefantrine or their metabolites. Furthermore, the time of the last measurable
176 concentration (t) for all artemether-lumefantrine components did not significantly differ when
177 administered alone or in combination with DTG. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) showed no
178 evidence of a significant sequence or period effect upon artemether-lumefantrine PK.

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180 **Effect of dolutegravir on artesunate-amodiaquine pharmacokinetics (Study B)**

181 In study B, 25 participants received AS-AQ. 13 subjects in Arm 1 were administered artesunate-
182 amodiaquine alone, and 12 subjects in Arm 2 were administered artesunate-amodiaquine with
183 DTG. The artesunate/ dihydroartemisinin PK profiles (0-12 hours), amodiaquine/N-
184 desethylamodiaquine PK profiles (0-624 hours), and associated PK parameters are presented
185 in Table 2.

186 When artesunate-amodiaquine was administered alone, maximum artesunate concentrations of
187 61.3 ng/ml (41.5-81.0) were reached within 1.2 hours, with an overall AUC_{0-t} of 128.4 ng.h/ml
188 (90.8-165.9). Dihydroartemisinin exposures were on average 6-fold higher than corresponding
189 artesunate AUC_{0-t} values. Artesunate and dihydroartemisinin geometric mean half-life was 1.9
190 and 2.2 hours, respectively. Similarly, amodiaquine was rapidly absorbed (T_{max} = 2.4 hours) and
191 was detectable in plasma for approximately 70 hours post-dose; overall amodiaquine AUC_{0-t}
192 was 256.1 ng.h/ml (222.5-289.8). Amodiaquine was rapidly and extensively converted to DEAQ

193 ($T_{max} = 2.7$ hours); N-desethylamodiaquine exposures were approximately 122-fold higher than
194 amodiaquine, and persisted in plasma for up to 624 hours post-dose (terminal elimination half-
195 life ~10 days).

196 Co-administration of DTG with artesunate-amodiaquine did not significantly alter the AUC_{0-t} for
197 AS ($p=0.77$), DHA ($p=0.27$), AQ ($p=0.14$) or DEAQ ($p=0.69$).

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199 **Dolutegravir pharmacokinetics**

200 Dolutegravir was administered with and without antimalarials to 14 participants in study A (7
201 Arm 1; 7 Arm 2) and 12 participants in study B (Arm 2). Individual PK profiles, geometric mean
202 (90% CI) dolutegravir PK profiles (0-24 hours) for study A and B are depicted in Figure 1 and
203 Figure 2 respectively.

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205 **Effect of artemether-lumefantrine on dolutegravir pharmacokinetics (Study A)**

206 In study A, dolutegravir C_{max} of 5018 ng/ml (4512-5525) was reached at 3.9 hours post-dose,
207 with an overall AUC_{0-24} of 78753.4 ng.h/ml (70615-86891).

208 Co-administration of DTG with artemether-lumefantrine resulted in a 37% decrease in
209 dolutegravir C_{24} [GMR = 0.63 (0.48-0.82)]. No significant changes were observed in dolutegravir
210 AUC_{0-24} or C_{max} when DTG was administered with artemether-lumefantrine (Table 2). The
211 ANOVA revealed no significant sequence effect upon dolutegravir PK. However, there was a
212 significant period effect (DTG alone vs. DTG + AL) for dolutegravir C_{24} in both arms ($p=0.025$).

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214 **Effect of artesunate-amodiaquine on dolutegravir pharmacokinetics (Study B)**

215 In study B, dolutegravir C_{max} of 5114 ng/ml (4562-5667) was reached at 3.7 hours post-dose,
216 with an overall AUC_{0-24} of 77936 ng.h/ml (67805-88068).

217 Co-administration of DTG with artesunate-amodiaquine resulted in a significant decrease of
218 approximately 42% and 24% in dolutegravir C_{24} and AUC_{0-24} , respectively as presented in Table
219 2.

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221 **Safety**

222 All adverse events were Grade 1 or 2 in severity. Gastro-intestinal adverse events were more
223 frequent among participants receiving artesunate-amodiaquine.

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226 **DISCUSSION**

227 This is the first study to examine for drug interactions between dolutegravir with artemether-
228 lumefantrine and artesunate-amodiaquine. We found no significant impact of dolutegravir upon
229 drug exposure of either antimalarial regimen, suggesting that standard doses of artemether-
230 lumefantrine and artesunate-amodiaquine should be used when co-administered with
231 dolutegravir. These findings are important given the increasing use of dolutegravir in first-line
232 antiretroviral therapy regimens. The results confirm the low propensity for dolutegravir to
233 perpetrate clinically significant DDIs, as judged by in-vitro observations of minimal effects on
234 drug transporters and cytochrome P450 enzymes(6,12).

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236 We observed that artemether-lumefantrine was not associated with any significant change in
237 dolutegravir exposure parameters (C_{max} , AUC_{0-24}). However, dolutegravir C_{24} was 37% lower
238 with artemether-lumefantrine than when given alone. The reasons for this are unclear but may
239 have been driven in part by an unexplained rise in dolutegravir C_{24} in some participants or weak
240 induction of CYP3A4 by artemether and dihydroartemisinin. Additional intake of dolutegravir

241 prior to the last sampling point at 24 hours was unlikely, as subjects were instructed not to take
242 the next dose before this time-point, and were issued with an exact number of pills which
243 precluded such additional intake.

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245 With artesunate-amodiaquine, we observed an unexplained statistically significant reduction of
246 42% and 24% for dolutegravir C_{24} and AUC_{0-24} respectively. However, in all subjects who
247 received DTG with artemether-lumefantrine or artesunate-amodiaquine, the dolutegravir C_{trough}
248 was comparable to or above 1100ng/mL, the mean C_{trough} observed in prior dolutegravir phase 3
249 adults trials. The target minimum effective concentrations for dolutegravir are unknown,
250 although a DTG protein-adjusted IC_{90} of 64ng/mL has been proposed. In a phase II study, C_{trough}
251 concentrations over 324ng/mL after 10 days of DTG monotherapy were associated with
252 virological efficacy(12). All subjects in our study had C_{trough} concentrations exceeding these
253 targets, suggesting that the modest pharmacokinetic changes observed have unlikely clinical
254 significance, especially given the short duration of antimalarial therapy.

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256 Surprisingly, dolutegravir concentrations in this study of black African healthy volunteers were
257 somewhat higher than previously reported in Caucasians. It should be noted that dolutegravir
258 was dosed with a moderate fat meal, and concentrations observed are consistent with reports
259 on the food effect upon DTG bioavailability(13).

260 The combination of dolutegravir with artemether-lumefantrine and artesunate-amodiaquine was
261 well tolerated. Nausea, the most common study drug-related adverse event, was reported
262 predominately in the artesunate-amodiaquine arm. This safety profile was consistent with the
263 approved drug labelling (13-15).

264 In conclusion, standard treatment regimens of artesunate-amodiaquine, and of artemether-
265 lumefantrine should be prescribed when treating malaria in HIV-infected patients receiving a
266 dolutegravir based antiretroviral regimen.

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336 **LEGEND TO TABLES AND FIGURES**

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339 Table 2. Artemether-lumefantrine, artesunate-amodiaquine pharmacokinetic parameters alone
340 and in combination with dolutegravir

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342 **FIGURES**

343 Figure 1. Study A (DTG+AL) pharmacokinetics

344 Figure 2. Study B (DTG ± AS-AQ) pharmacokinetics

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Table 1. Participant median (IQR) baseline demographic variables

Parameter (n=39)	Study A (n=14)		Study B (n=25)	
	Sequence1(n=7)	Sequence 2 (n=7)	Arm 1 (n=13)	Arm 2 (n=12)
Age (years)	29 (21-32)	25 (23-29)	24 (23-28)	30.5 (23.5-34)
Weight (Kg)	55.5 (54-64)	59 (54-62)	59.5 (57-65)	60.25 (58-68.25)
BMI (Kg/m ²)	21.1 (17-22.8)	21.2 (20.1-21.5)	21.4 (19.8-24.5)	20.5 (18.95-24.5)
Haemoglobin (g/dL)	15.1 (13.3-17.7)	14.7 (13.7-17.0)	15.2 (13.5-16.2)	15.3 (14.5-16.3)
ALT (IU/L)	12 (9-20)	15 (12-17)	15 (13-19)	18 (13-20)
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.7 (0.4-0.9)	0.6 (0.4-1.1)	0.5 (0.3-0.7)	0.6 (0.35-1.65)
Urea (mg/dL)	7 (6-9)	7 (6-9)	7 (5-8)	8 (6.5-11)
Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.76 (0.59-0.93)	0.75 (0.62-0.79)	0.82 (0.67-0.92)	0.85 (0.69-0.92)
Corrected QT*interval (ms)	387 (378-407)	415 (397-429)	396 (369-408)	400.5 (373.5-414.5)

Note: QTc*- Fridericia's formula

Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; BMI, body mass index; ALT, alanine transaminase

Table 2. Artemether-lumefantrine, artesunate-amodiaquine pharmacokinetic parameters alone and in combination with dolutegravir

	Alone (GM, 90% CI)	In combination ^a (GM, 90% CI)	GMR (90% CI)
Study A			
ARM			
C _{max}	31.9 (20.6, 43.2)	27.88 (10.30, 45.47)	0.87 (0.67, 1.14)
T _{max}	2.03 (1.64, 2.43)	2.16 (1.75, 2.56)	1.06 (0.84, 1.34)
AUC _{0-t}	129.6 (79.4, 179.8)	136.44 (60.3, 212.6)	1.05 (0.84, 1.32)
DHA			
C _{max}	110.4 (92.9, 128)	89.91 (71.07, 108.74)	0.81 (0.64, 1.03)
T _{max}	2.31 (1.98, 2.64)	2.70 (1.99, 3.42)	1.17 (0.92, 1.49)
AUC _{0-t}	389.3 (344.5, 434.0)	357.3 (275, 439.6)	0.92 (0.79, 1.07)
LF			
C _{max}	9976(8318, 11633)	11203 (9533, 12873)	1.12 (0.97, 1.29)
T _{max}	3.92 (2.49, 5.35) ^b	6.48 (1.43, 11.54) ^c	1.65 (1.02, 2.69)
AUC _{0-t}	389350.00 (333608,445092)	429736(379911, 479561)	1.10 (0.96, 1.27)
DBL			
C _{max}	51.7(37.50, 66.00)	49.95 (41.54, 58.35)	0.97 (0.79, 1.18)
T _{max}	4.78 (3.43, 6.12)	9.52 (4.48, 14.56) ^c	3.00 (2.06, 4.36)
AUC _{0-t}	6299(4804, 7796)	6049 (5235, 6862)	0.96 (0.80, 1.15)
Study B			
ARS			
C _{max}	61.3 (41.5, 81.0)	52.01 (31.70, 72.33)	0.85 (0.56, 1.28)
T _{max}	1.17 (0.78, 1.56)	1.66 (1.14, 2.17)	1.41 (1.01, 1.98)
AUC _{0-t}	128.4 (90.8, 165.9)	115.7 (83, 148)	0.90 (0.59, 1.37)
DHA			

C_{max}	217.66 (157.37, 277.95)	290.43 (197.26, 383.59)	1.33 (0.88, 2.02)
T_{max}	1.58 (1.16, 2.00)	2.02 (1.52, 2.52)	1.28 (0.91, 1.79)
AUC_{0-t}	788.25 (622.06, 954.43)	946.78 (760.15, 1133.40)	1.20 (0.89, 1.62)
AQ			
C_{max}	17.79 (14.91, 20.68)	19.17 (15.95, 22.39)	1.08 (0.84, 1.38)
T_{max}	2.4 (1.06, 3.65)	1.97 (1.43, 2.51)	0.84 (0.55, 1.27)
AUC_{0-t}	256.1 (222.5, 289.8)	225.02 (198.93, 251.10)	0.88 (0.72, 1.07)
DEAQ			
C_{max}	393.96 (325.91, 462.01)	385.6 (346.8, 424.3)	0.98 (0.79, 1.21)
T_{max}	2.7(1.9, 3.5)	3.4 (2.4, 4.4)	1.26 (0.89, 1.78)
AUC_{0-t}	31493(28721, 34265)	26943 (22913, 30973)	0.86 (0.70, 1.05)
DTG			
Study A			
C_{24}	2456.5(2062, 2851)	1543(1122, 1965)	0.63 (0.48, 0.82)
C_{max}	5018 (4512, 5525)	5216 (46234, 5809)	1.04 (0.92, 1.18)
T_{max}	3.9(1.4, 6.5)	3.00 (1.9, 4.1)	0.90 (0.66, 1.24)
AUC_{0-24}	78753 (70615, 86891)	73738 (63420, 84057)	0.94 (0.86, 1.02)
Study B			
C_{24}	2174(1567, 2781)	1272(1025, 1518)	0.58 (0.50, 0.69)
C_{max}	5114(4562, 5667)	4667(3940, 5393)	0.91 (0.80, 1.04)
T_{max}	3.7 (2.7, 4.7)	2.7 (1.8, 3.5)	0.72 (0.50, 1.04)
AUC_{0-24}	77936 (67805, 88068)	59491 (52480, 66502)	0.76 (0.69, 0.84)

Abbreviations: ARM, Artemether; DHA, dihydroartemisinin; LF, lumefantrine; DBL, desbutyl-lumefantrine; ARS, artesunate; AQ, amodiaquine; DEAQ, desethylamodiaquine

NOTE: ^aAL or AS-AQ plus DTG; ^bone subject had a T_{max} at 0 hours; ^cone subject had a T_{max} at 48 hours as a secondary peak

For study A, time of last measurable concentration (t) = 11.8 h (7.1-16.5) ARM alone, 16.5 h (8.5-24.5) ARM + DTG; 11.7 h (11.2-12.1) DHA alone, 13.3 h (9.0-17.4) DHA + DTG; 264 h LF alone, LF + DTG, DBL alone, DBL + DTG

For study B, time of last measurable concentration (t) = 9.15 h (7.95, 10.34) AS alone, 7.44 h (6.22, 8.67) AS + DTG; 11.63 h (11.12, 12.14) DHA alone, 11.60 h (11.05, 12.15) DHA + DTG; 69.16 h (63.74, 74.58) AQ alone, 60.81 (54.92, 66.69) AQ + DTG, 624 h DEAQ alone, 509.96 h (430.24, 589.68) DEAQ + DTG

Figure 1. Study A (DTG+AL) pharmacokinetics

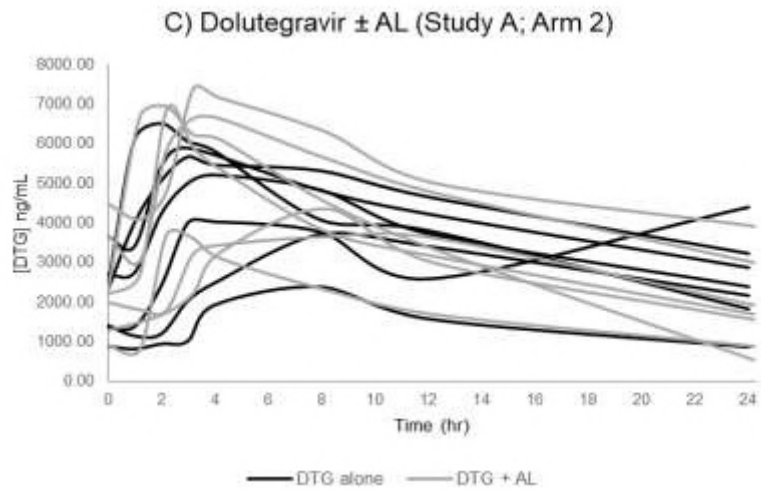
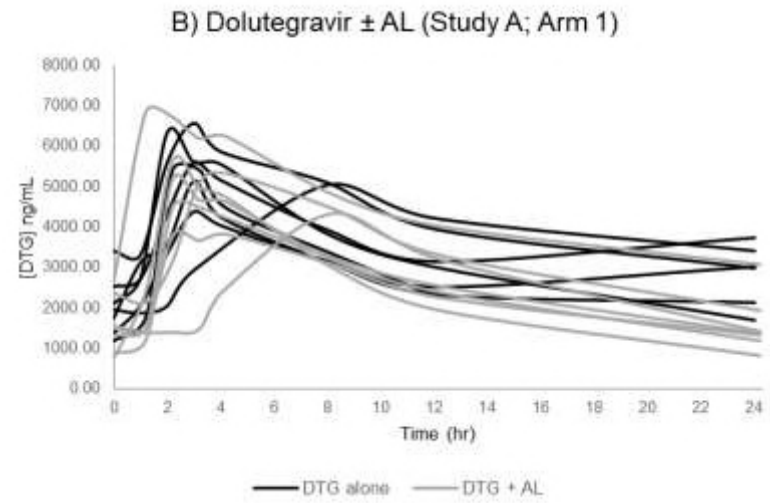
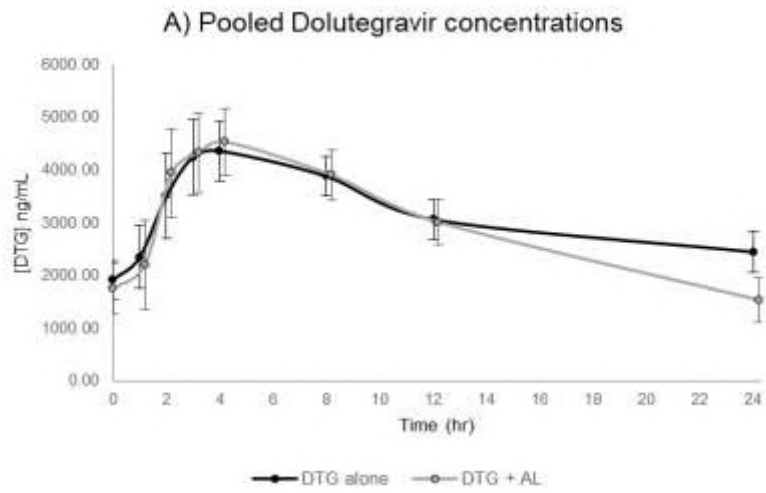
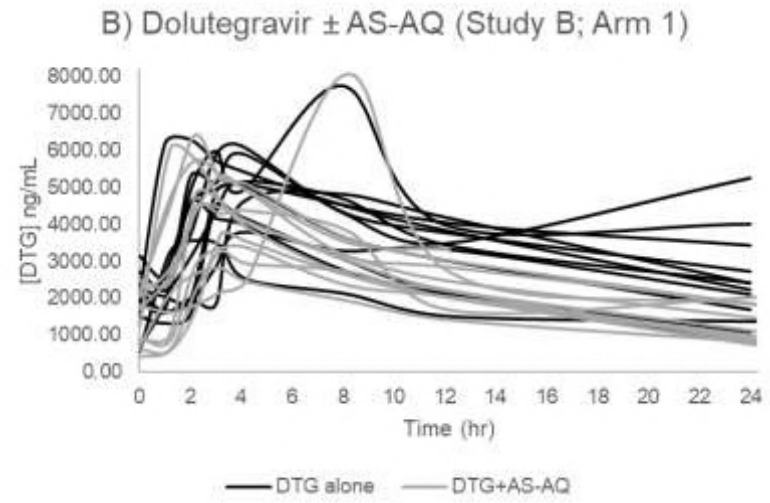
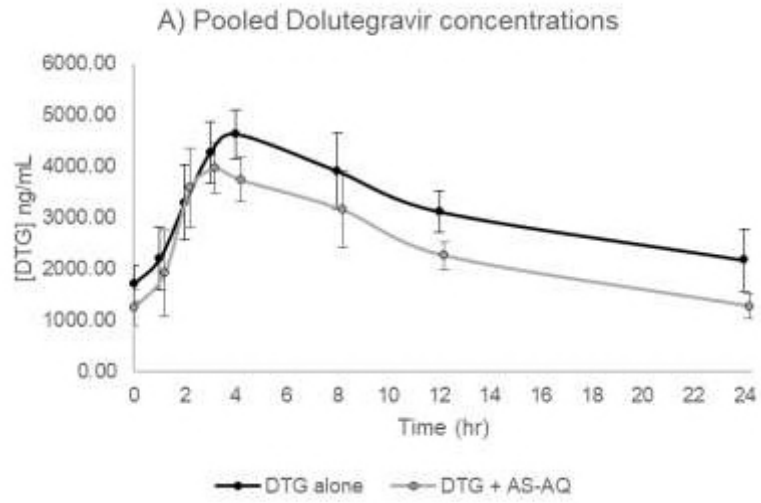
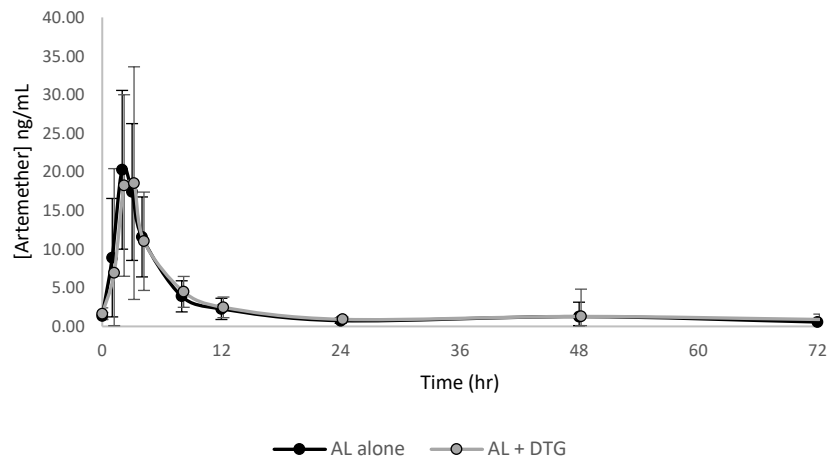


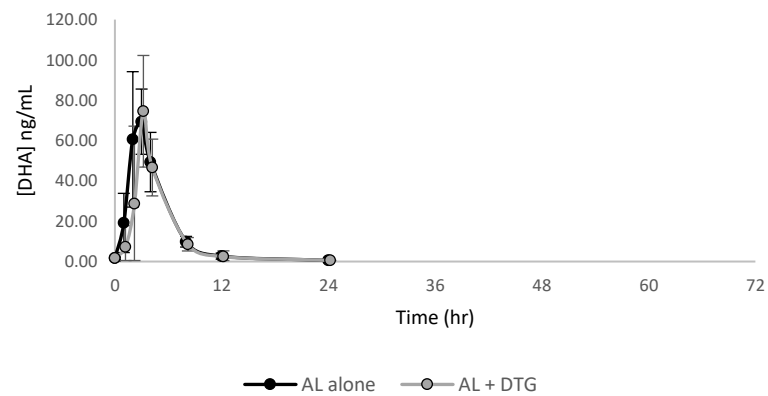
Figure 2 Study B (DTG ± AS-AQ) pharmacokinetics



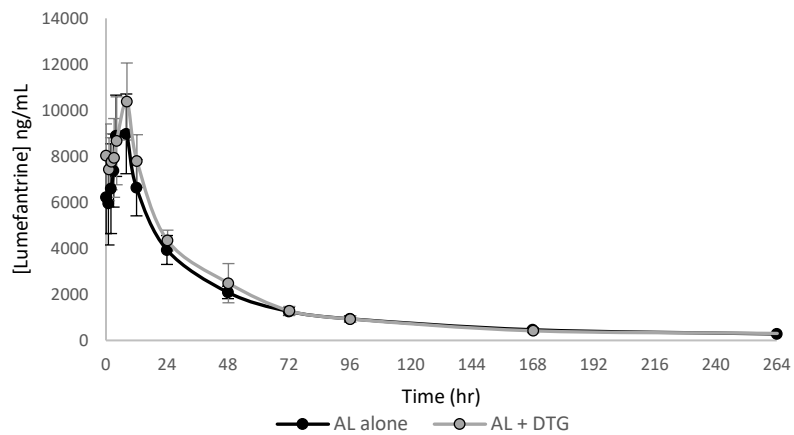
A) Artemether



B) Dihydroartemisinin (DHA)



C) Lumefantrine



D) Desbutyl-lumefantrine (DBL)

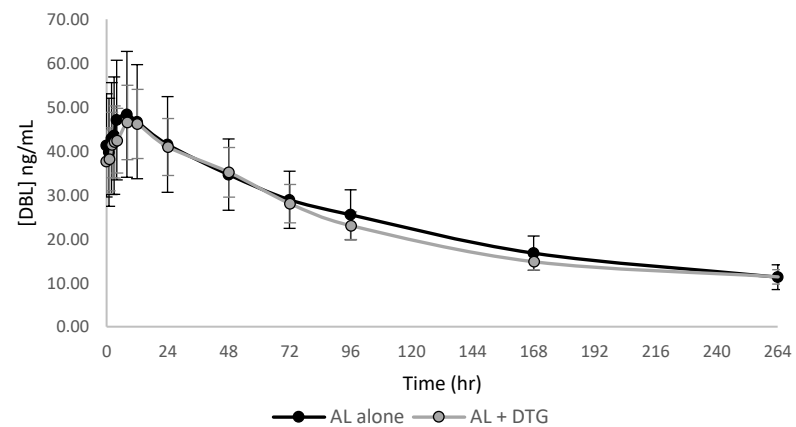


FIG S1. Artemether-lumefantrine parent and active metabolite PK

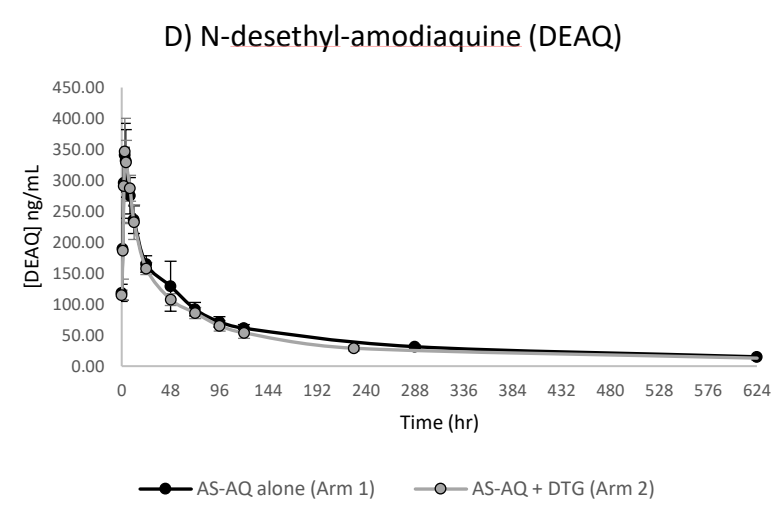
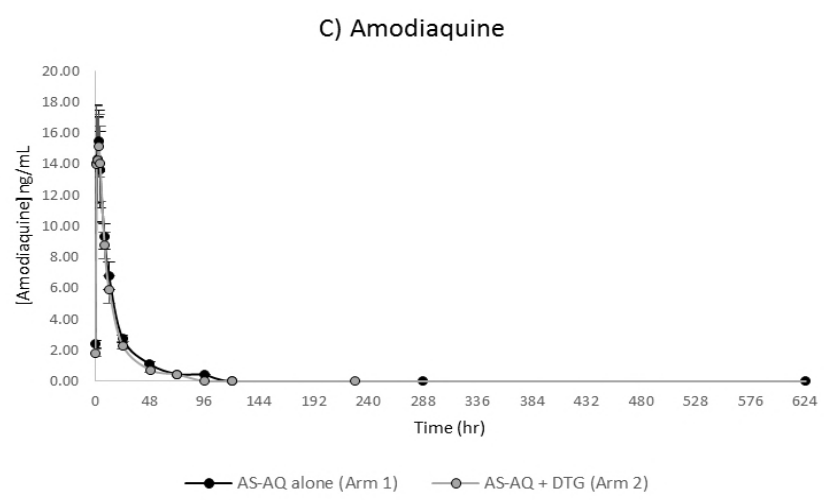
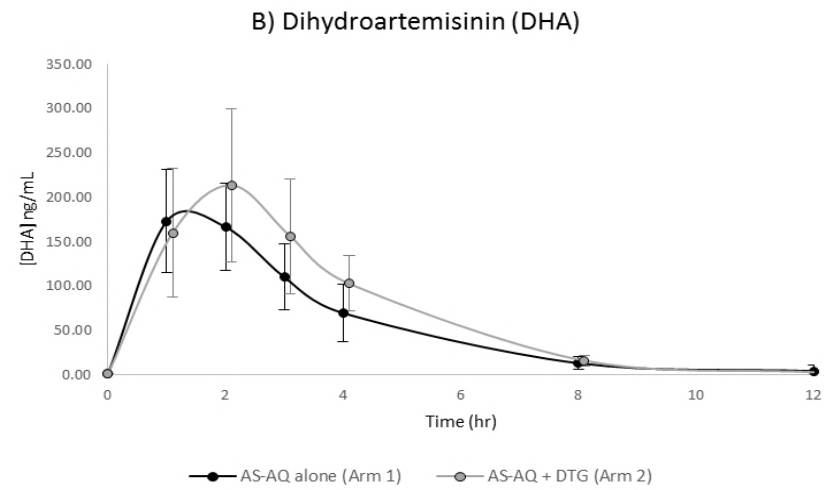
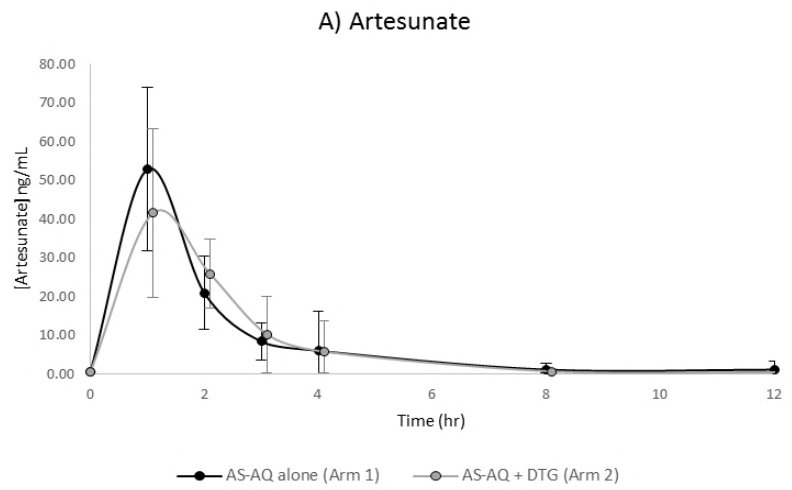


FIG S2. Artesunate-amodiaquine parent and active metabolite PK