PREVALENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT COMBINATIONS USED IN HIV PATIENTS NOT COLLECTED IN GUIDELINES

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BACKGROUND
Most studies in HIV-infected patients focus on effectiveness of antiretroviral therapies (ART) combinations included in clinical Guidelines. However, few studies analyze the combinations not listed in these Guidelines.

OBJECTIVES

To analyze the prevalence and effectiveness of ART combinations not included in HIV Guidelines.

METHODS

A retrospective observational study was carried out between January 2014 and December 2015. All patients with ART followed for at least 1 year by the Outpatient Pharmacy were included.

ART were classified into two groups:
- Combinations not listed in GESIDA Guidelines.

To determine the effectiveness of the treatment, plasma viral load (VL) and CD4+ lymphocytes were reviewed. Two analyses according to different criteria were conducted:
- Criteria reflected in Spanish GESIDA Guidelines: VL < 50 copies/ml (undetectable) and CD4 repeatedly greater than 300 cells/μL, at least twice consecutive.
- Criteria reflected in American DHHS Guidelines: VL < 200 copies/ml (to prevent errors by blip) and CD4 repeatedly greater than 300 cells/μL, at least twice consecutive.

Data were analyzed with SPSS 20.0 software.

RESULTS

245 patients were analyzed. 68.6% (168) were male. The median age was 48.5 years (IQC: 43.5 to 53).

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<td>Total (n,%)</td>
<td>224 (91.4%)</td>
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<td>VL &lt;50 copies/ml and CD4&gt;300 cells/μL</td>
<td>110 (49.1%)</td>
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<td>OR = 1.287; 95% CI OR: 0.521-3.174; p = 0.584</td>
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<td>VL&lt;200 copies/ml and CD4&gt;300 cells / μL</td>
<td>174 (77.7%)</td>
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<td>OR = 1.740; 95% CI OR: 0.666-4.545; p = 0.253</td>
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CONCLUSION

- This study shows that few patients receive ART combinations not collected in clinical practice Guidelines.
- The high power of current ART could explain the similar effectiveness between listed and not listed therapies in the Guidelines.

NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST