

**Supplemental Table S1**  
**Frequencies of alleles<sup>1</sup>**  
**in major**  
**racial/ethnic groups<sup>2</sup>**

South American	1,321	2.6
African	8,570	1.0
Middle Eastern	1,029	2.5
Mexican	3,391	2.2
Asian	12,175	1.6 <sup>3</sup>
Southwest Asian	326	11.0

<sup>1</sup>Average allele frequencies are reported based on the average from the actual numbers of subjects with each allele reported in multiple studies. See Supplemental Table S2 for references.

<sup>2</sup>Racial/ethnic group designations correspond to those indicated in Supplemental Table S2.

<sup>3</sup>Carrier frequency varies from 0-6.7% in this population. For estimates from specific geographic regions refer to Table S2.

**Supplemental Table  
S2**  
Detailed table with  
all references and  
clear assignment of  
racial/ethnic groups

Pooled Grouping	Ethnicity	<i>HLA-B*57:01</i> carrier frequency (%)	Sample Size
Caucasian	Australian (New South Wales) Caucasian <sup>1</sup>	0.0	134
Caucasian	Austrian <sup>1</sup>	5.5	200
Caucasian	Belgian <sup>1</sup>	4.0	99
Caucasian	British/Caucasian <sup>14</sup>	8.5	577
Caucasian	Azorean <sup>15</sup>	5.6	231
Caucasian	British <sup>16</sup>	7.9	618
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>8</sup>	6.7	718
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>17</sup>	7.6	523
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>18</sup>	10.1	375
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>19</sup>	4.2	265
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>20</sup>	9.0	1,238
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>21</sup>	7.7	7,868
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>1</sup>	6.2	129
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>22</sup>	7.3	537
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>1</sup>	3.7	135
Caucasian	Caucasian <sup>1</sup>	6.0	166
Caucasian	Caucasian or White Arabic/North African <sup>23</sup>	7.2	443
Caucasian	Cuban Caucasian <sup>24</sup>	7.1	70
Caucasian	Czech <sup>1</sup>	6.6	106
Caucasian	Dutch <sup>16</sup>	7.0	229
Caucasian	Finnish <sup>16</sup>	2.2	93
Caucasian	Finnish <sup>1</sup>	3.3	91
Caucasian	Eastern European Americans <sup>25</sup>	2.8	558
Caucasian	Georgian <sup>26</sup>	5.6	160
Caucasian	Georgian <sup>1</sup>	1.8	109
Caucasian	German <sup>16</sup>	7.7	1,717
Caucasian	German <sup>27</sup>	6.6	8,862
Caucasian	Irish <sup>16</sup>	5.6	142
Caucasian	Irish (Northern) <sup>28</sup>	7.5	1,000
Caucasian	Irish (Southern) <sup>1</sup>	11.2	250
Caucasian	Madeiran <sup>29</sup>	3.2	185
Caucasian	Polish <sup>30</sup>	4.7	234
Caucasian	Polish <sup>31</sup>	5.0	200
Caucasian	Portuguese <sup>16</sup>	1.9	108
Caucasian	Romanian <sup>1</sup>	1.4	348
Caucasian	Serbian <sup>1</sup>	6.9	102
Caucasian	Swedish (Northern Sami) <sup>32</sup>	0.6	154
Caucasian	Swedish (Southern Sami) <sup>32</sup>	3.8	130

Caucasian	Swiss <sup>16</sup>	10.2	325
Mediterranean	Bulgarian <sup>33</sup>	3.6	55
Mediterranean	Croatian <sup>1</sup>	4.0	150
Mediterranean	French <sup>16</sup>	6.8	1,798
Mediterranean	French <sup>1</sup>	6.9	130
Mediterranean	Italian <sup>16</sup>	6.3	1,545
Mediterranean	Macedonian <sup>1</sup>	3.2	216
Mediterranean	Spanish <sup>16</sup>	6.4	1,103
Mediterranean	Spanish <sup>34</sup>	6.5	1,105
Mediterranean	Spanish (Andalusia Gypsy) <sup>1</sup>	14.1	99
South American	American Indian <sup>16</sup> (includes Central American)	3.1	161
South American	Argentinian (Toba) <sup>1</sup>	2.3	86
South American	American Indian <sup>19</sup>	2.1	187
South American	Brazilian <sup>24</sup>	1.1	95
South American	Chilean <sup>35</sup>	2.8	792
African	African/African American <sup>16</sup>	0.3	1,578
African	African/African American <sup>23</sup>	2.8	246
African	African/African American <sup>17</sup>	9.0	134
African	African American <sup>18</sup>	0.8	264
African	African American <sup>19</sup>	2.4	251
African	African American <sup>36</sup>	0.3	564
African	African American <sup>1</sup>	2.1	94
African	African American <sup>21</sup>	1.0	2,410
African	African American <sup>20</sup>	2.2	587
African	Afro-Asiatic, Nilo-Saharan, or Khoisan <sup>14</sup>	0.0	61
African	Bissau-Guinean <sup>37</sup>	0.0	65
African	Black Caribbean/African American <sup>14</sup>	0.0	61
African	Cameroonian <sup>38</sup>	0.0	92
African	Cape Verdean <sup>37</sup>	3.2	124
African	Kenyan <sup>1</sup>	0.7	144
African	Kenyan Luo <sup>39</sup>	0.8	265
African	Kenyan Nandi <sup>39</sup>	0.8	240
African	Malian <sup>39</sup>	0.0	138
African	Nigerian/Congolese (Bantu) <sup>14</sup>	0.2	514
African	South African (Zulu) <sup>24</sup>	0.0	100
African	Ugandan <sup>40</sup>	0.0	247
African	Ugandan <sup>39</sup>	3.1	161
African	Zimbabwean (Shona) <sup>1</sup>	0.9	230
Middle Eastern	Iranian (Baloch) <sup>41</sup>	2.0	100
Middle Eastern	Israeli <sup>1</sup>	1.8	109
Middle Eastern	Israeli (Druze) <sup>1</sup>	3.0	101
Middle Eastern	Jordanian <sup>42</sup>	2.1	146
Middle Eastern	Moroccan (Berber) <sup>43</sup>	2.9	69
Middle Eastern	Moroccan (Chaouya) <sup>44</sup>	5.5	73
Middle Eastern	Omani <sup>24</sup>	2.5	118

Middle Eastern	Saudi Arabian <sup>1</sup>	0.5	213
Middle Eastern	Tunisian <sup>45</sup>	6.0	100
Mexican	Mexican mestizo <sup>46</sup>	1.0	103
Mexican	Mexican (Mixe) <sup>47</sup>	1.9	52
Mexican	Mexican (Mixtec) <sup>47</sup>	0.0	51
Mexican	Mexican (Zapotec) <sup>47</sup>	0.0	66
Mexican	Mexican American <sup>48</sup>	4.0	553
Mexican	Pima Indian <sup>49</sup>	0.0	218
Mexican	US Hispanic <sup>19</sup>	1.9	234
Mexican	US Hispanic <sup>21</sup>	2.2	1,999
Mexican	US Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	1.7	115
Asian	Alaskan Native (Yup'ik) <sup>50</sup>	0.0	252
Asian	Asian <sup>16</sup>	4.0	149
Asian	Asian American <sup>19</sup>	1.0	358
Asian	Asian American <sup>21</sup>	4.1	1,767
Asian	Australian (Cape York Peninsula) Aborigines <sup>1</sup>	3.0	100
Asian	Australian (Groote Eylandt) Aborigines <sup>1</sup>	1.3	75
Asian	Australian (Yuendumu) Aborigines <sup>1</sup>	0.0	191
Asian	Buryat (Eastern Siberia) <sup>51</sup>	2.4	148
Asian	Chinese (Beijing) <sup>1</sup>	1.5	67
Asian	Chinese (Guangzhou) <sup>1</sup>	0.0	102
Asian	Chinese-Korean <sup>51</sup>	0.0	197
Asian	Han Chinese (Ghangzhou) <sup>52</sup>	6.6	106
Asian	Hong Kong Chinese <sup>53</sup>	0.3	572
Asian	Hui Chinese <sup>54</sup>	1.8	110
Asian	Indonesian (Java) <sup>55</sup>	2.5	236
Asian	Japanese <sup>56</sup>	0.0	274
Asian	Japanese <sup>51</sup>	0.0	1,500
Asian	Japanese <sup>57</sup>	0.0	371
Asian	Japanese <sup>58</sup>	0.0	117
Asian	Lakota Sioux (South Dakota) <sup>59</sup>	1.0	202
Asian	Man Chinese <sup>51</sup>	2.6	171
Asian	Mongolian <sup>51</sup>	1.1	187
Asian	Mongolian <sup>54</sup>	3.9	102
Asian	Northern Han Chinese <sup>51</sup>	2.6	196
Asian	Northern Han Chinese <sup>60</sup>	1.9	618
Asian	Northern Han Chinese <sup>61</sup>	6.7	105
Asian	Singapore-Chinese <sup>24</sup>	0.0	149
Asian	Singapore-Han Chinese <sup>1</sup>	1.1	94
Asian	Singapore-Javanese <sup>1</sup>	3.9	51
Asian	Singapore-Riau Malay <sup>1</sup>	4.5	132
Asian	South Korean <sup>62</sup>	0.0	534
Asian	South Korean <sup>51</sup>	0.5	212
Asian	South Korean <sup>63</sup>	0.2	485
Asian	Taiwanese <sup>64</sup>	0.3	320

Asian	Taiwanese <sup>65</sup>	0.3	364
Asian	Taiwanese <sup>66</sup>	1.4	212
Asian	Taiwanese <sup>67</sup>	0.1	710
Asian	Thai <sup>1</sup>	3.5	142
Asian	Tibetan <sup>68</sup>	1.9	158
Asian	Tuvan (Southern Siberia) <sup>1</sup>	6.5	169
Asian	Vietnamese (Kinh) <sup>69</sup>	5.9	170
Southwest Asian	Indian (New Delhi) <sup>1</sup>	7.0	71
Southwest Asian	Nadar (Southern) Indian <sup>70</sup>	16.4	61
Southwest Asian	Northern Indian <sup>71</sup>	9.9	91
Southwest Asian	Northern Indian <sup>72</sup>	3.8	52
Southwest Asian	South African (Tamil) <sup>1</sup>	19.6	51
Southwest Asian	Southern Indian (Golla) <sup>1</sup>	5.4	111





**Supplemental Table  
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**Evidence linking  
genotype with  
phenotype**

<b>Type of experimental model (in vitro, in vivo preclinical, or clinical)</b>	<b>Major Findings</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
In vitro	Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) from abacavir hypersensitive patients show CD8 proliferation when cultured with abacavir	Phillips et al <sup>73</sup> , Martin et al <sup>74</sup> , Chessman et al <sup>75</sup>	High
In vitro	PBMCs from abacavir hypersensitive patients have significantly higher levels of TNF-alpha when cultured with abacavir, compared to abacavir tolerant patients	Martin et al <sup>74</sup> , Almeida et al <sup>76</sup> , Stekler et al <sup>77</sup>	High
In vitro	PBMCs from abacavir hypersensitive patients have significantly higher levels of interferon-gamma when cultured with abacavir, compared to abacavir tolerant patients	Martin et al <sup>78</sup> , Chessman et al <sup>75</sup> , Almeida et al <sup>76</sup> , Stekler et al <sup>77</sup>	High
In vitro	Culture with abacavir induces cytokine production in isolated CD8+ T cells in healthy abacavir-naïve <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> -positive patients, but not in those with closely related B57 alleles	Chessman et al <sup>75</sup>	High
Clinical	Presence of <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> is predictive of clinically diagnosed abacavir hypersensitivity	Zucman et al <sup>79</sup> , Mallal et al <sup>8</sup> , Hetherington et al <sup>80</sup> , Mallal et al <sup>81</sup> , Martin et al <sup>74</sup> , Hughes et al <sup>82</sup> , Stekler et al <sup>77</sup> , Rodriguez et al <sup>83</sup> , Saag et al <sup>84</sup> , Rauch et al <sup>85</sup> ,	High



		Hughes et al <sup>86</sup>	
Clinical	Presence of <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> is predictive of immunologically confirmed (patch test) hypersensitivity	Phillips et al <sup>73</sup> , Mallal et al <sup>8</sup> , Saag et al <sup>84</sup>	High
Clinical	Prospective screening of <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> reduces the incidence of clinically diagnosed abacavir hypersensitivity	Rauch et al <sup>87</sup> , Waters et al <sup>17</sup> , Young et al <sup>23</sup> , Mallal et al <sup>8</sup> , Martin et al <sup>74</sup>	High
Clinical	Prospective screening of <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> reduces the incidence of immunologically confirmed (patch test) hypersensitivity	Rauch et al <sup>87</sup> , Young et al <sup>23</sup> , Mallal et al <sup>8</sup>	High
Clinical	Abacavir skin patch testing results strongly correlate with presence of <i>HLA-B*57:01</i> and can still be reactive years after original presentation of abacavir hypersensitivity, indicating a durable immune response.	Phillips et al <sup>73</sup> , Phillips et al <sup>88</sup>	High



## Supplemental Material

### Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for *HLA-B* Genotype and Abacavir Dosing

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#### CPIC Updates

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) guidelines are published in full on the PharmGKB website ([www.pharmgkb.org](http://www.pharmgkb.org)). Relevant information will be periodically reviewed and updated guidelines will be published online.

#### Focused Literature Review

We searched the PubMed database (1966 to April 2011) and Ovid MEDLINE (1950 to April 2011) for keywords ((HLA OR HLA-B OR HLA-B57 OR HLA-B\*5701) AND (abacavir)), as well as a more general search for (abacavir hypersensitivity).

To construct a *HLA-B\*57:01* minor allele frequency table based on ethnicity, the PubMed® database (1966 to April 2011) and Ovid MEDLINE (1950 to April 2011) were searched using the following criteria: ((HLA-B OR HLA-B57 OR HLA-B\*5701) AND (genotype OR allele OR

frequency)) with filter limits set to retrieve “full-text” and “English” literature. Studies were considered for inclusion if, (1) the ethnicity of the population was clearly indicated; (2) either allele frequencies or alleles for *HLA-B\*57:01* genotypes were reported; (3) the method by which *HLA-B* was genotyped was reliable and proven (no proof-of-principle experiments); (4) the sample population consisted of at least 50 individuals, (5) the study represented publication of novel data (no reviews or meta-analyses) and (6) the population studied did not have any concomitant disease (such as autoimmune conditions) that would be expected to result in a distribution of *HLA-B* alleles that were different from the general population. In instances where genotype data from large cohorts of ethnically-diverse individuals were reported, without respect to ethnicity, studies were only considered if one ethnicity was  $\geq 95\%$  of the majority. Additional studies were also included from the Allele Frequency Net Database<sup>1</sup> ([www.allelefrequencies.net](http://www.allelefrequencies.net)), an online repository for HLA allele frequencies from both previously published and unpublished sources, if they met the previously described inclusion criteria. All previously published data were manually checked against the original publications to verify the *HLA-B\*57:01* allele frequencies. In some cases, sample sizes or allele frequencies were updated to reflect only subjects successfully genotyped for *HLA-B\*57:01* (rather than the total sample size of the study) or to correct errata in the original publication. The combined analysis included ~~29,429~~35,630 ~~Europeans-Caucasians~~, ~~6,201~~ ~~Mediterraneans~~, 1,321 South Americans, 8,570 Africans, 1,029 Middle Easterners, 3,391 Mexicans, 12,175 Asians, and 326 Southwest Asians.

### **HLA Allele Nomenclature**

Like many other genes, the different alleles of the HLA genes are assigned star (\*) designations based upon their nucleotide sequence. However, due to the significant number of genetic variants within these genes and the complexities involved in properly describing individual alleles, the World Health Organization (WHO) formed an official Nomenclature Committee for

Factors of the HLA System tasked with standardizing the naming of HLA alleles. The nomenclature was last updated in April 2010 and includes up to four sets of digits separated by colons, possibly followed by a letter suffix. This is significantly different than the star allele naming of other gene groups, such as the cytochrome P450s (CYPs), where the reference allele is denoted as \*1 and variant allele designations are typically only one to two digits in length. In the case of HLA-B, *HLA-B\*07:02:01* is used as the reference sequence because it was one of the first HLA alleles to be identified, due to its high prevalence in Caucasians, and was the first *HLA-B* allele sequenced by the WHO. As can be seen in Supplementary Figures S1 and S2, *HLA-B\*07:02:01* and *HLA-B\*57:01:01* differ by a significant number of nucleotides, which result in numerous amino acid changes.

Of note, previous versions of HLA nomenclature did not use colons and represented alleles as a string of four pairs of digits. Each pair of digits in the old nomenclature corresponds to each set of digits, separated by colons, in the new nomenclature. Further information on specific HLA locus star alleles, including their genomic and amino acid sequences, as well as related publications, can be found in the IMGT/HLA Database ([www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla)).

The first set of digits describes the “type” of the allele. Frequently these correspond to the “antigen” designation that was used to describe HLA alleles prior to the use of genetic sequencing. These antigen groups often have a biological and genetic basis and thus they have been kept in the current HLA nomenclature.

The second set of digits describes the “subtype” of the allele. The combination of the first and second set of digits can describe every HLA allele for which there is a nucleotide polymorphism that changes the amino acid sequence of the protein (i.e. a nonsynonymous substitution). For

example, HLA-B\*57:01 is of B57 “type” and 01 “subtype.” The closely related allele HLA-B\*57:03 differs from HLA-B\*57:01 by two nonsynonymous substitutions.

A third set of digits may be used to describe alleles that differ only by synonymous substitutions, meaning that the nucleotide polymorphisms do not result in a change in the amino acid sequence of the protein. A fourth set of digits may also be used to describe alleles that differ in non-coding regions, such as introns and the 5’ or 3’ flanking regions of exons. These sets of digits may or may not be needed to fully describe a given allele. For example, the HLA-B\*57:01 protein can actually be encoded by several different genetic sequences, *HLA-B\*57:01:01* through *HLA-B\*57:01:07*. These sequences are genetically distinct at the nucleotide level, but these genetic differences do not result in amino acid changes in the final protein.

Additionally, alleles may also be described by a letter suffix which describes the allele’s protein expression. These suffixes include ‘N’ (“null,” meaning that the allele does not express a functional protein), ‘L’ (“low” surface expression), ‘S’ (expressed as a soluble “secreted” protein, but not present on the cell surface), ‘C’ (protein present in “cytoplasm” but not on the cell surface), ‘A’ (“aberrant” expression, where there is uncertainty as to whether the protein is expressed), and ‘Q’ (“questionable” expression). If no letter suffix is given, as is the case with HLA-B\*57:01, it is assumed that the protein expresses normally.

### **Available Genetic Test Options & Interpretation**

Commercially available genetic testing options change over time. Information that may assist in evaluating options is available below, as well as on the Pharmacogenetic Tests section of PharmGKB ([http://pharmgkb.org/resources/forScientificUsers/pharmacogenomic\\_tests.jsp](http://pharmgkb.org/resources/forScientificUsers/pharmacogenomic_tests.jsp)).

Several different options are commercially available for detection of *HLA-B\*57:01*. One option is direct sequence-based typing, where the DNA coding for *HLA-B* is amplified and then fully sequenced. The sequence can then be checked against known *HLA-B* alleles and assigned the proper star allele. The results of this test are reported as the diplotype of both *HLA-B* alleles. While this method does give high resolution genotyping and is the most accurate, it is also more time-consuming and expensive than other methods. Because full resolution of non-*\*57:01* alleles is not clinically relevant for abacavir hypersensitivity, direct sequence-based typing is not generally performed.

Another option is an allele-specific polymerase chain reaction<sup>2</sup> (PCR). This method involves the use of oligonucleotide probes that are designed to only amplify specific alleles. This type of testing may be clinically available as a bundle of tests across one or more HLA-related loci for the detection of multiple alleles (such as in transplant), but many clinical laboratories may also offer a single test for *HLA-B\*57:01*. The results of this test are either “positive” (*HLA-B\*57:01* is present) or “negative” (*HLA-B\*57:01* is not present). Quality assurance studies in multiple laboratories performing this test have shown extremely high sensitivity and specificity<sup>3</sup>, indicating that detection of *HLA-B\*57:01* is consistent between different labs. Example CPT codes from LabCorp for this test are: 83890 – molecular isolation or extraction (x1), 83893 – Dot/slot blot production (x3), 83896 – nucleic acid probe (x3), 83898 – amplification of patient nucleic acid (x1), and 83912 – interpretation and report (x1).

It is also possible to test for *HLA-B\*57:01* by checking for the presence of a nearby single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) that is in linkage disequilibrium, meaning that it is co-inherited with *HLA-B\*57:01* and can be used as a surrogate marker. SNP rs2395029 is located in the nearby HLA complex P5 gene (*HCP5*) approximately 100 kilobases away from *HLA-B* and has been shown to significantly correlate with the presence of *HLA-B\*57:01* in Caucasians<sup>4,5</sup> and

Hispanics<sup>6</sup>. While published studies show a sensitivity of 100% (i.e., all patients tested that were *HLA-B\*57:01*-positive also had the rs2395029 variant), rare recombination events between *HLA-B* and *HCP5* do lead to a lower positive predictive value of approximately 94% (i.e., 6% of patients that test positive for the rs2395029 variant will not be *HLA-B\*57:01*-positive). This will lead to misclassification of some patients due to the indirect nature of the test and will result in denial of abacavir to individuals that are not at increased risk of hypersensitivity. However, because of the greater ease of use of this test, some clinical laboratories choose to perform SNP testing over allele-specific PCR. Example CPT codes from ARUP for this test are: 83891 – isolation (x1), 83898 – amplification (x1), 83896 – nucleic acid probe (x2), 83912 – interpretation and report (x1). One important caveat to this test is that the linkage between rs2395029 and *HLA-B\*57:01* has not been explored in large African or Asian cohorts. While rates of *HLA-B\*57:01* are already lower in these populations than in Caucasians, there is the potential that the linkage in these populations may not be as strong and could lead to misclassification of genotype.

Additionally, *HLA-B* alleles may also be detected using flow cytometry. Researchers have produced a monoclonal antibody that detects the B57 and B58 serotypes<sup>7</sup> and correlates very strongly with sequence-based typing. While this method cannot by itself distinguish between *HLA-B\*57:01* and other B57 or B58 non-risk alleles, it does provide an easy method of identifying individuals that do not carry *HLA-B\*57:01*, do not require further sequence-based typing, and may be safely given abacavir. This method does not appear to be currently commercially available, but may be of some use in settings where sequence-based typing is not available.



Clinicians should always be mindful of which method of testing is being used when interpreting the test results. Regardless of reported genotype, all cases of clinically diagnosed abacavir hypersensitivity should be taken seriously.

### **Abacavir Skin Patch Testing**

Abacavir skin patch testing, although not commercially available, may be a useful complementary test in individuals with clinically diagnosed HSR. It involves the use of a range of abacavir concentrations placed on a patch on an individual's back, which can then be examined for an inflammatory reaction on the skin. Data from prospective trials, such as PREDICT-1, has shown that only around only one-third of clinically diagnosed hypersensitivity is actually immunologically confirmed<sup>8</sup>, suggesting either a high false-positive rate in clinical diagnosis, low sensitivity of patch testing, other non-immune mechanisms contributing to abacavir adverse events, or some combination thereof. While a positive skin patch test may increase confidence in a clinically diagnosed HSR, a negative skin patch test does not exclude the possibility that a patient had abacavir HSR. Due to the inability to readminister abacavir orally to confirm HSR, it is difficult to assess the correlation of skin patch test results with “true” HSR. Consequently, while it has utility in a research setting, the test is not routinely used in mainstream clinical practice.

### **Levels of Evidence linking genotype to phenotype**

The evidence summarized in Supplemental Table S3 is graded<sup>9</sup> on a scale of high, moderate, and weak, based upon the level of evidence:

**High:** Evidence includes consistent results from well-designed, well-conducted studies.

**Moderate:** Evidence is sufficient to determine effects, but the strength of the evidence is limited by the number, quality, or consistency of the individual studies, generalizability to routine practice, or indirect nature of the evidence.

**Weak:** Evidence is insufficient to assess the effects on health outcomes because of limited number or power of studies, important flaws in their design or conduct, gaps in the chain of evidence, or lack of information.

Every effort was made to present evidence from high-quality studies, which provided the framework for the strength of therapeutic recommendations in Table 2.

### **Strength of Recommendations**

We chose to use a slight modification of a transparent and simple system<sup>9</sup> with just three categories for recommendations: strong, where “the evidence is high quality and the desirable effects clearly outweigh the undesirable effects”; moderate, in which “there is a close or uncertain balance” as to whether the evidence is high quality and the desirable clearly outweigh the undesirable effects; and optional, for recommendations in-between strong and weak where there is room for differences in opinion as to the need for the recommended course of action. CPIC’s dosing recommendations are based weighing the evidence from a combination of preclinical functional and clinical data, as well as on some existing disease-specific consensus guidelines<sup>10-13</sup>. Some of the factors that are taken into account include *in vitro* cytokine profiling of abacavir-stimulated immune cells in patients with various *HLA-B* alleles, as well as both retrospective and prospective *in vivo* clinical outcome data for abacavir. Overall, the dosing recommendations are simplified to allow rapid interpretation by clinicians. They have been adopted from the rating scale for evidence-based therapeutic recommendations on the use of retroviral agents<sup>11</sup>.

A: Strong recommendation for the statement

B: Moderate recommendation for the statement

C: Optional recommendation for the statement

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**Supplementary Figure S1. Nucleotide coding sequence alignment of HLA-B\*57:01:01 and the reference sequence HLA-B\*07:02:01.** Nucleotide differences between the two sequences are highlighted in grey. This alignment was generated using the IMGT/HLA Database's alignment tool ([www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla/align.html](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla/align.html)) and visualized in Jalview.

**Supplementary Figure S2. Amino acid sequence alignment of HLA-B\*57:01 and the reference sequence HLA-B\*07:02.** Amino acid differences between the two sequences are highlighted in grey. This alignment was generated using the IMGT/HLA Database's alignment tool ([www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla/align.html](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/imgt/hla/align.html)) and visualized in Jalview.

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