**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use SUNLENCA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for SUNLENCA.**

**SUNLENCA® (lenacapavir) tablets, for oral use SUNLENCA® (lenacapavir) injection, for subcutaneous use Initial U.S. Approval: 2022**

**----------------------------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------------------------**

SUNLENCA, a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) capsid inhibitor, in combination with other antiretroviral(s), is indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in heavily treatment-experienced adults with multidrug resistant HIV-1 infection failing their current antiretroviral regimen due to resistance, intolerance, or safety considerations. (1)

**------------------------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----------------------**

* Recommended dosage – Initiation with one of two options followed by once every 6-months maintenance dosing. Tablets may be taken without regard to food. (2.1)

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| Initiation Option 1 | |
| Day 1 | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections)  600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 2 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Initiation Option 2 | |
| Day 1 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 2 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 8 | 300 mg orally (1 x 300 mg tablet) |
| Day 15 | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) |
| Maintenance | |
| 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) every 6 months (26 weeks) from the date of the last injection +/-2 weeks. | |

* Missed dose: If more than 28 weeks since last injection and clinically appropriate to continue SUNLENCA, restart initiation from Day 1, using either Option 1 or Option 2. (2.2)
* Two 1.5 mL subcutaneous injections are required for complete dose. (2.3)

**----------------------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS---------------------**

Tablets: 300 mg

Injection: 463.5 mg/1.5 mL (309 mg/mL) in single-dose vials. (3)

**-------------------------------CONTRAINDICATIONS-------------------------------**

Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA is contraindicated with strong CYP3A inducers. (4)

**-----------------------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS------------------------**

Immune reconstitution syndrome: May necessitate further evaluation and treatment. (5.1)

Residual concentrations of lenacapavir may remain in systemic circulation for up to 12 months or longer. Counsel patients regarding the dosing schedule; non-adherence could lead to loss of virologic response and development of resistance. (5.2)

May increase exposure and risk of adverse reactions to drugs primarily metabolized by CYP3A initiated within 9 months after the last subcutaneous dose of SUNLENCA. (5.2)

If discontinued, initiate an alternative, fully suppressive antiretroviral regimen where possible no later than 28 weeks after the final injection of SUNLENCA. If virologic failure occurs, switch to an alternative regimen if possible. (5.2)

Injection site reactions may occur, and nodules and indurations may be persistent. (5.3)

**-------------------------------ADVERSE REACTIONS------------------------------**

Most common adverse reactions (incidence greater than or equal to 3%, all grades) are nausea and injection site reactions. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Gilead Sciences, Inc. at 1-800-GILEAD-5 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or** [**www.fda.gov/medwatch**](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)**.**

**-------------------------------DRUG INTERACTIONS-------------------------------**

* Consult the Full Prescribing Information prior to and during treatment for important drug interactions. (4, 7, 12.3)

**------------------------USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS-----------------------**

* Lactation: Individuals infected with HIV should be instructed not to breastfeed due to the potential for HIV transmission. (8.2)

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and**

**FDA-approved patient labeling.**

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# FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

* 1. **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

SUNLENCA, in combination with other antiretroviral(s), is indicated for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in heavily treatment-experienced adults with multidrug resistant HIV-1 infection failing their current antiretroviral regimen due to resistance, intolerance, or safety considerations.

# DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

* + 1. **Recommended Dosage**

SUNLENCA can be initiated using one of two recommended dosage regimens, see [Table 1](#_bookmark0) and [Table 2](#_bookmark1) below. Healthcare providers should determine the appropriate initiation regimen for the patient *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*. SUNLENCA oral tablets may be taken with or without food.

# Table 1 Recommended Treatment Regimen for SUNLENCA Initiation and Maintenance, Option 1

|  |  |
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| **Treatment Time** |  |
| **Dosage of SUNLENCA: Initiation** | |
| Day 1 | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 2 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| **Dosage of SUNLENCA: Maintenance** | |
| Every 6 months  (26 weeks) a  +/-2 weeks | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) |

a. From the date of the last injection.

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# Table 2 Recommended Treatment Regimen for SUNLENCA Initiation and Maintenance, Option 2

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| **Treatment Time** |  |
| **Dosage of SUNLENCA: Initiation** | |
| Day 1 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 2 | 600 mg orally (2 x 300 mg tablets) |
| Day 8 | 300 mg orally (1 x 300 mg tablet) |
| Day 15 | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) |
| **Dosage of SUNLENCA: Maintenance** | |
| Every 6 months  (26 weeks) a  +/-2 weeks | 927 mg by subcutaneous injection (2 x 1.5 mL injections) |

a. From the date of the last injection.

# Missed Dose

During the maintenance period, if more than 28 weeks have elapsed since the last injection and if clinically appropriate to continue SUNLENCA treatment, restart the initiation dosage regimen from Day 1, using either Option 1 or Option 2 *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].*

# Preparation and Administration of Subcutaneous Injection

SUNLENCA injection is for administration into the abdomen by a healthcare provider.

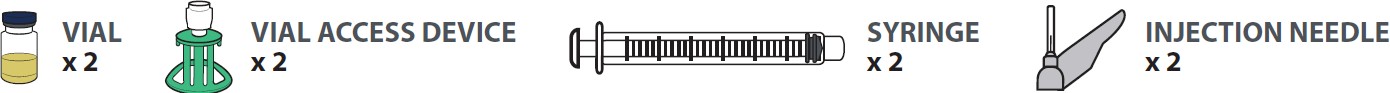
Use aseptic technique. Visually inspect the solution in the vials and prepared syringe for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. SUNLENCA injection is a yellow solution. Do not use SUNLENCA injection if the solution is discolored or if it contains particulate matter. Once the solution is withdrawn from the vials, the subcutaneous injections should be administered as soon as possible *[see How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)].*

Refer to Figure 1 to identify the components for use in the administration steps. The administration steps are provided in Figure 2.

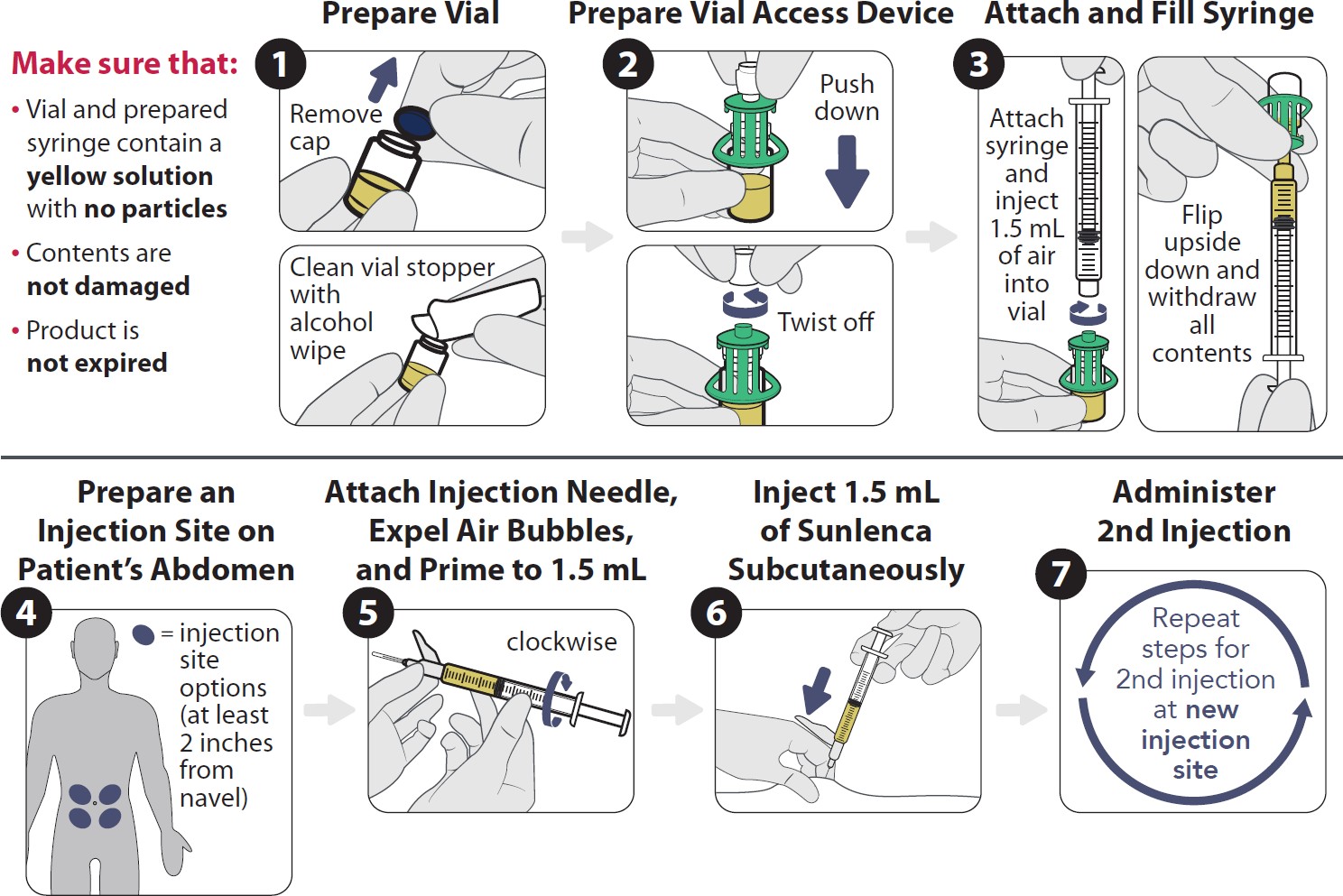
The injection kit components are for single use only. Use of a vial access device is required. Two 1.5 mL injections are required for a complete dose.

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# Figure 1 SUNLENCA Injection Kit Components



**Figure 2 SUNLENCA Injection Steps**



# DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

SUNLENCA tablets: Each tablet contains 300 mg of lenacapavir (present as

306.8 mg of lenacapavir sodium). The tablets are beige, capsule-shaped, film-coated, and debossed with ‘GSI’ on one side of the tablet and ‘62L’ on the other side of the tablet.

SUNLENCA injection: Each single-dose vial contains 463.5 mg/1.5 mL

(309 mg/mL) of lenacapavir (present as 473.1 mg/1.5 mL of lenacapavir sodium). The lenacapavir injectable solution is sterile, preservative-free, clear, and yellow with no visible particles.

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# CONTRAINDICATIONS

Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with strong CYP3A inducers is contraindicated due to decreased lenacapavir plasma concentrations, which may result in the loss of therapeutic effect and development of resistance to SUNLENCA *[see Drug Interactions (7.1)]*.

# WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

* + 1. **Immune Reconstitution Syndrome**

Immune reconstitution syndrome has been reported in patients treated with combination antiretroviral therapy. During the initial phase of combination antiretroviral treatment, patients whose immune system responds may develop an inflammatory response to indolent or residual opportunistic infections [such as *Mycobacterium avium* infection, cytomegalovirus, *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia (PCP), or tuberculosis], which may necessitate further evaluation and treatment.

Autoimmune disorders (such as Graves’ disease, polymyositis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, and autoimmune hepatitis) have also been reported to occur in the setting of immune reconstitution; however, the time to onset is more variable, and can occur many months after initiation of treatment.

# Long-Acting Properties and Potential Associated Risks with SUNLENCA

Residual concentrations of lenacapavir may remain in the systemic circulation of patients for prolonged periods (up to 12 months or longer after the last subcutaneous dose). It is important to counsel patients that maintenance dosing by injection is required every 6 months, because missed doses or non-adherence to injections could lead to loss of virologic response and development of resistance *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1)]*.

Lenacapavir, a moderate CYP3A inhibitor, may increase the exposure to, and therefore potential risk of adverse reactions from, drugs primarily metabolized by CYP3A initiated within 9 months after the last subcutaneous dose of SUNLENCA *[see Drug Interactions and Clinical Pharmacology (7.2, 12.3)]*.

If SUNLENCA is discontinued, to minimize the potential risk of developing viral resistance, it is essential to initiate an alternative, fully suppressive antiretroviral regimen where possible no later than 28 weeks after the final injection of SUNLENCA. If virologic failure occurs during treatment, switch the patient to an alternative regimen if possible *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2)].*

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# Injection Site Reactions

Administration of SUNLENCA may result in local injection site reactions (ISRs). If clinically significant ISRs occur, evaluate and institute appropriate therapy and follow- up.

Manifestations of ISRs may include swelling, pain, erythema, nodule, induration, pruritus, extravasation or mass. Nodules and indurations at the injection site may take longer to resolve than other ISRs. In clinical studies, after a median follow-up of 553 days, 30% of nodules and 13% of indurations (in 10% and 1% of subjects, respectively) associated with the first injections of SUNLENCA had not fully resolved. Measurements and qualitative assessments of ISRs were not routinely reported. Where described, the majority of the injection site nodules and indurations were palpable but not visible, and had a maximum size of approximately 1 to 4 cm *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*.

The mechanism driving the persistence of injection site nodules and indurations in some patients is not fully understood, but based on available data, they may be related to the presence of the subcutaneous drug depot. In some patients who had a skin biopsy performed of an injection site nodule or induration, dermatopathology revealed foreign body inflammation or granulomatous response.

# ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in other sections of the labeling:

* Immune Reconstitution Syndrome *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*
* Injection Site Reactions *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].*

# Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The primary safety assessment of SUNLENCA was based on data from heavily treatment-experienced adult subjects with HIV who received SUNLENCA in a Phase 2/3 trial (CAPELLA; N=72) through Week 52 (median duration on study of 71 weeks) *[see Clinical Studies (14)]*, as well as supportive data in treatment-naïve adult subjects with HIV who received SUNLENCA in a Phase 2 trial (CALIBRATE; N=157) through Week 54 (median duration of exposure of 66 weeks).

The most common adverse reactions (all Grades) reported in at least 3% of subjects in CAPELLA were nausea and injection site reactions. The proportion of subjects in CAPELLA who discontinued treatment with SUNLENCA due to adverse events, regardless of severity, was 1% (Grade 1 injection site nodule in 1 subject). [Table 3](#_bookmark2) displays the frequency of adverse reactions (all Grades) greater than or equal to 3% in the SUNLENCA group.

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# Table 3 Adverse Reactions (All Grades) Reported in ≥ 3% a of Heavily Treatment Experienced Adults with HIV-1 Receiving SUNLENCA in CAPELLA (Week 52 Analysis)

|  |  |
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| **Adverse Reactions** | **SUNLENCA +** |
| **Background Regimen** |
| (N=72) |
| Injection Site Reactions | 65% |
| Nausea | 4% |

* + - 1. Frequencies of adverse reactions are based on all adverse events attributed to trial drug by the investigator, based on all subjects (cohorts 1 and 2) in CAPELLA.

The majority (96%) of all adverse reactions associated with SUNLENCA were mild or moderate in severity.

Injection-Associated Adverse Reactions

*Local Injection Site Reactions (ISRs)*:

The most frequent adverse reactions were ISRs. Of the 72 subjects in CAPELLA, 65% had experienced an ISR attributed to study drug through at least the Week 52 visit.

Most subjects had mild (Grade 1, 44%) or moderate (Grade 2, 17%) ISRs. Four percent of subjects experienced a severe (Grade 3) ISR (erythema, pain, swelling) that resolved within 15 days. The ISRs reported in more than 1% of subjects were swelling (36%), pain (31%), erythema (31%), nodule (25%), induration (15%), pruritus (6%), extravasation (3%) and mass (3%). ISRs reported in 1% of subjects included discomfort, hematoma, edema, and ulcer.

Nodules and indurations at the injection site took longer to resolve than other ISRs. The median time to resolution of all ISRs, excluding nodules and indurations, was 5 days (range: 1 to 183). The median time to resolution of nodules and indurations associated with the first injections of SUNLENCA was 148 (range: 41 to 727) and 70 (range: 3 to 252) days, respectively. After a median follow up of 553 days, 30% of nodules and 13% of indurations (in 10% and 1% of subjects, respectively) associated with the first injections of SUNLENCA had not fully resolved. Qualitative descriptions of injection site nodules and indurations were not routinely reported, but, where reported, the majority of injection site nodules and indurations were palpable but not visible. Measurements of injection site nodules and indurations were not routinely performed or standardized, but where measurements were reported, the maximum size for the majority of injection site nodules and indurations was approximately 1 to 4 cm *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Laboratory Abnormalities

The frequency of laboratory abnormalities (Grades 3 to 4) occurring in at least 2% of subjects in CAPELLA are presented in [Table 4](#_bookmark3). A causal association between SUNLENCA and these laboratory abnormalities has not been established.

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# Table 4 Selected Laboratory Abnormalities (Grades 3 to 4) Reported in ≥ 2% of Subjects Receiving SUNLENCA in CAPELLA (Week 52 Analysis)

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| **Laboratory Parameter Abnormality** | **SUNLENCA +**  **Background Regimen**  (N=72) a |
| Creatinine ( >1.8 x ULN or ≥1.5 x baseline) | 13% |
| Glycosuria (>2+) b | 6% |
| Hyperglycemia (fasting) (>250 mg/dL) | 5% |
| Proteinuria (>2+) b | 4% |
| ALT (≥5 x ULN) b | 3% |
| AST (≥5 x ULN) | 3% |
| Direct Bilirubin (>ULN) b | 3% |

ALT= alanine aminotransferase; AST= aspartate aminotransferase; ULN = upper limit of normal

1. Frequencies are based on treatment-emergent laboratory abnormalities in all subjects

(cohorts 1 and 2) in CAPELLA. Percentages were calculated based on the number of subjects with post-baseline toxicity grades for each laboratory parameter (n=72 for all parameters except hyperglycemia fasting n=57).

1. Grade 3 only (no Grade 4 values reported).

# DRUG INTERACTIONS

* + 1. **Effect of Other Drugs on SUNLENCA** Lenacapavir is a substrate of P-gp, UGT1A1, and CYP3A. Strong or Moderate CYP3A Inducers

Drugs that are strong or moderate inducers of CYP3A may significantly decrease plasma concentrations of lenacapavir *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*, which may result in loss of therapeutic effect of SUNLENCA and development of resistance.

Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with strong CYP3A inducers during SUNLENCA treatment is contraindicated *[see Contraindications (4)]*. Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with moderate CYP3A inducers during SUNLENCA treatment is not recommended.

Combined P-gp, UGT1A1, and Strong CYP3A Inhibitors

Combined P-gp, UGT1A1, and strong CYP3A inhibitors may significantly increase plasma concentrations of SUNLENCA. Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with these inhibitors is not recommended.

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# Effect of SUNLENCA on Other Drugs

Lenacapavir is a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A. Due to the long half-life of lenacapavir following subcutaneous administration, SUNLENCA may increase the exposure of drugs primarily metabolized by CYP3A *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]* initiated within 9 months after the last subcutaneous dose of SUNLENCA, which may increase the potential risk of adverse reactions. See the prescribing information of the sensitive CYP3A substrate for dosing recommendations with moderate inhibitors of CYP3A.

# Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

[Table 5](#_bookmark4) provides a listing of clinically significant drug interactions with recommended prevention or management strategies, but is not all inclusive. The drug interactions described are based on studies conducted with SUNLENCA or are drug interactions that may occur with SUNLENCA *[see Contraindications (4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

# Table 5 Drug Interactions with SUNLENCA

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| **Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name** | **Effect on Concentration a** | **Clinical Comment** |
| **Antiarrhythmics:**  digoxin | ↑ digoxin | Use with caution and monitor digoxin therapeutic concentration. |
| **Anticoagulants:**  Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs)  rivaroxaban  dabigatran edoxaban | ↑ DOAC | Refer to the DOAC prescribing information for concomitant administration with combined moderate CYP3A and P-gp inhibitors. |
| **Anticonvulsants:** |  lenacapavir | Concomitant administration of |
| carbamazepine | carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, |
| oxcarbazepine | phenobarbital, or phenytoin may result in |
| phenobarbital | loss of therapeutic effect and development |
| phenytoin | of resistance.  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with carbamazepine or phenytoin is contraindicated.  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with oxcarbazepine or phenobarbital is not recommended. Consider use of alternative anticonvulsants. |
| **Antiretroviral Agents:** atazanavir/cobicistat b atazanavir/ritonavir  efavirenz b nevirapine tipranavir/ritonavir | ↑ lenacapavir (atazanavir/cobicistat, atazanavir/ritonavir)   lenacapavir (efavirenz, nevirapine, tipranavir/ritonavir) | Concomitant administration of efavirenz, nevirapine, or tipranavir/ritonavir may result in loss of therapeutic effect and development of resistance.  Concomitant administration with atazanavir/cobicistat, atazanavir/ritonavir, efavirenz, nevirapine, or tipranavir/ritonavir is not recommended. |

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| **Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name** | **Effect on Concentration a** | **Clinical Comment** |
| **Antimycobacterials:** |  lenacapavir | Concomitant administration of rifabutin, |
| rifabutin | rifampin and rifapentine may result in loss |
| rifampin b | of therapeutic effect and development of |
| rifapentine | resistance.  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with rifampin is contraindicated *[see Contraindications (4)]*.  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with rifabutin or rifapentine is not recommended. |
| **Corticosteroids (systemic):** | ↑ corticosteroids | Concomitant administration with |
| Dexamethasone | (systemic) | corticosteroids whose exposures are |
| Hydrocortisone/cortisone |  | significantly increased by CYP3A inhibitors  can increase the risk for Cushing's syndrome and adrenal suppression. Initiate with the lowest starting dose and titrate carefully while monitoring for safety. |
| **Ergot derivatives:** dihydroergotamine ergotamine  methylergonovine | ↑ dihydroergotamine  ↑ ergotamine  ↑ methylergonovine | Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with dihydroergotamine, ergotamine or methylergonovine is not recommended. |
| **Herbal Products:** |  lenacapavir | Concomitant administration of St. John’s |
| St. John’s wort c | wort may result in loss of therapeutic effect |
| *(Hypericum perforatum)* | and development of resistance.  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with St. John’s wort is contraindicated. |
| **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors:**  lovastatin simvastatin | ↑ lovastatin  ↑ simvastatin | Initiate lovastatin and simvastatin with the lowest starting dose and titrate carefully while monitoring for safety (e.g., myopathy). |
| **Narcotic analgesics** | ↑ fentanyl | Careful monitoring of therapeutic effects |
| **metabolized by CYP3A:**  e.g., fentanyl, oxycodone | ↑ oxycodone | and adverse reactions associated with  CYP3A-metabolized narcotic analgesics (including potentially fatal respiratory depression) is recommended with co- administration. |
| tramadol | ↑ tramadol | A decrease in dose may be needed for tramadol with concomitant use. |
| **Narcotic analgesic for** | buprenorphine: | Initiation of buprenorphine or methadone in |
| **treatment of opioid** | effects unknown | patients taking SUNLENCA: Carefully titrate |
| **dependence:** |  | the dose of buprenorphine or methadone to |
| buprenorphine, methadone | methadone: effects unknown | the desired effect; use the lowest feasible initial or maintenance dose.  Initiation of SUNLENCA in patients taking buprenorphine or methadone: A dose adjustment for buprenorphine or methadone may be needed. Monitor clinical signs and symptoms. |

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| **Concomitant Drug Class: Drug Name** | **Effect on Concentration a** | **Clinical Comment** |
| **Opioid Antagonist:**  naloxegol | ↑ naloxegol | Avoid use with SUNLENCA; if unavoidable, decrease the dosage of naloxegol and monitor for adverse reactions. |
| **Phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE-5) Inhibitors:**  sildenafil tadalafil vardenafil | ↑ PDE-5 inhibitors | Use of PDE-5 inhibitors for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH):  Concomitant administration of SUNLENCA with tadalafil for the treatment of PAH is not recommended.  Use of PDE-5 inhibitors for erectile dysfunction (ED):  Refer to the prescribing information of PDE- 5 inhibitors for dose recommendations. |
| **Sedatives/Hypnotics:**  midazolam (oral) b  triazolam | ↑ midazolam (oral)  ↑ triazolam | Use with caution when midazolam or triazolam is concomitantly administered with SUNLENCA |

* + - 1.  = Increase,  = Decrease.
      2. Drug-drug interaction study was conducted.
      3. The induction potency of St. John’s wort may vary widely based on preparation.

# Drugs without Clinically Significant Interactions with SUNLENCA

Based on drug interaction studies conducted with SUNLENCA, no clinically significant drug interactions have been observed with: darunavir/cobicistat, cobicistat, famotidine, pitavastatin, rosuvastatin, tenofovir alafenamide, and voriconazole.

# USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

* + 1. **Pregnancy**

Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in individuals exposed to SUNLENCA during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients by calling the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry (APR) at 1-800-258- 4263.

Risk Summary

There are insufficient human data on the use of SUNLENCA during pregnancy to inform a drug-associated risk of birth defects and miscarriage. In animal reproduction studies, no adverse developmental effects were observed when lenacapavir was administered to rats and rabbits at exposures (AUC) ≥16 times the exposure in humans at the recommended human dose (RHD) of SUNLENCA (*see Data*).

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The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. The background rate of major birth defects in a U.S. reference population of the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program (MACDP) is 2.7%. The rate of miscarriage is not reported in the APR. The estimated background rate of miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies in the U.S. general population is 15 to 20%.

Data

*Animal Data*

Lenacapavir was administered intravenously to pregnant rabbits (up to 20 mg/kg/day on gestation days (GD) 7 to 19), orally to rats (up to 300 mg/kg/day on GD 6 to 17), and subcutaneously to rats (up to 300 mg/kg on GD 6). No significant toxicological effects on embryo-fetal (rats and rabbits) or pre/postnatal (rats) development were observed at exposures (AUC) approximately 16 times (rats) and 39 times (rabbits) the exposure in humans at the RHD of SUNLENCA.

# Lactation

Risk Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that HIV-1-infected mothers in the United States not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV-1 infection.

It is not known whether SUNLENCA is present in human breast milk, affects human milk production, or has effects on the breastfed infant. After administration to pregnant rats, lenacapavir was detected in the plasma of nursing rat pups, without effects on these nursing pups *(see Data)*.

Because of the potential for 1) HIV transmission (in HIV-negative infants); 2) developing viral resistance (in HIV-positive infants); and 3) adverse reactions in a breastfed infant similar to those seen in adults, instruct mothers not to breastfeed if they are receiving SUNLENCA.

Data

*Animal Data*

Lenacapavir was detected at low levels in the plasma of nursing rat pups in the pre/postnatal development study (post-natal day 10).

# Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of SUNLENCA have not been established in pediatric patients.

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# Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of SUNLENCA did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects.

# Renal Impairment

No dosage adjustment of SUNLENCA is recommended in patients with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment (estimated creatinine clearance greater than or equal to 15 mL per minute)*.* SUNLENCA has not been studied in patients with ESRD (estimated creatinine clearance less than 15 mL per minute) *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].*

# Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustment of SUNLENCA is recommended in patients with mild (Child- Pugh Class A) or moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic impairment*.* SUNLENCA has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C) *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

# OVERDOSAGE

No data are available on overdose of SUNLENCA in patients. If overdose occurs, monitor the patient for evidence of toxicity. Treatment of overdose with SUNLENCA consists of general supportive measures including monitoring of vital signs as well as observation of the clinical status of the patient. As lenacapavir is highly bound to plasma proteins, it is unlikely to be significantly removed by dialysis.

# DESCRIPTION

SUNLENCA tablets and SUNLENCA injection contain lenacapavir sodium, a capsid inhibitor.

The chemical name of lenacapavir sodium is: Sodium (4-chloro-7-(2-((*S*)-1-(2- ((3b*S*,4a*R*)-5,5-difluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-3b,4,4a,5-tetrahydro-1*H*- cyclopropa[3,4]cyclopenta[1,2-*c*]pyrazol-1-yl)acetamido)-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl)-6- (3-methyl-3-(methylsulfonyl)but-1-yn-1-yl)pyridin-3-yl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1*H*-indazol- 3-yl)(methylsulfonyl)amide.

Lenacapavir sodium has a molecular formula of C39H31ClF10N7NaO5S2, a molecular weight of 990.3, and the following structural formula:

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Lenacapavir sodium is a light yellow to yellow solid and is practically insoluble in water.

SUNLENCA tablets are for oral administration. Each film-coated tablet contains 300 mg of lenacapavir (present as 306.8 mg lenacapavir sodium) and the following inactive ingredients: copovidone, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, and poloxamer 407. The tablets are film-coated with a coating material containing iron oxide black, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, talc, and titanium dioxide.

SUNLENCA injection is for subcutaneous administration. Each single-dose vial contains

463.5 mg/1.5 mL (309 mg/mL) of lenacapavir (present as 473.1 mg/1.5 mL of lenacapavir sodium) as a sterile, preservative-free, clear, yellow solution and the following inactive ingredients: 896.3 mg of polyethylene glycol 300 (as solvent) and water for injection. The apparent pH range of the injection is 9.0-10.2.

The vial stoppers are not made with natural rubber latex.

# CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

* 1. **Mechanism of Action**

SUNLENCA is an HIV-1 antiretroviral agent *[see Microbiology (12.4)]*.

# Pharmacodynamics

Exposure-Response

In CAPELLA, oral loading doses (600 mg on Day 1 and Day 2, 300 mg on Day 8) followed by subcutaneous doses (927 mg every 6 months starting on Day 15) of SUNLENCA in heavily treatment-experienced subjects with multiclass resistant HIV-1, efficacy outcomes (change in plasma HIV-1 RNA from Day 1 to Day 14, and percentage of subjects with HIV-1 RNA less than 50 copies/mL at Week 26) were similar across the range of observed lenacapavir exposures.

Cardiac Electrophysiology

At supratherapeutic exposures of lenacapavir (9-fold higher than the therapeutic exposures of SUNLENCA), SUNLENCA does not prolong the QTcF interval to any clinically relevant extent.

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# Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetic (PK) properties of lenacapavir are provided in [Table 6](#_bookmark5) and [Table 7](#_bookmark6). The estimated lenacapavir exposures are comparable between the two recommended dosing regimens.

# Table 6 Pharmacokinetic Properties of Lenacapavir

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Oral** | **Subcutaneous** |
| **Absorption** | | | |
| % Absolute bioavailability | | 6 to 10 | 100 a |
| Tmax b | | 4 hours | 77 to 84 days c |
| **Effect of Food** | | | |
| Effect of low- fat meal (relative to  fasting) d | AUCinf ratio | 98.6 (58.2,167.2) | - |
| Cmax ratio | 115.8 (55.4, 242.1) | - |
| Effect of high- fat meal (relative to fasting) e | AUCinf ratio | 115.2 (72.0, 184.5) | - |
| Cmax ratio | 145.2 (77.9, 270.5) | - |
| **Distribution** | | | |
| Apparent volume of distribution (Vd/F, L) | | 19240 | 9500 to 11700 |
| % bound to human plasma proteins | | >98.5 | |
| Blood-to-plasma ratio | | 0.5 to 0.7 f | |
| **Elimination** | | | |
| t1/2 | | 10 to 12 days | 8 to 12 weeks |
| Clearance (mean apparent clearance,  L/h) | | 55 | 4.2 |
| % of dose of unchanged drug in plasma g | | 69 | |
| **Metabolism** | | | |
| Metabolic pathway(s) | | CYP3A (minor) UGT1A1 (minor) | |
| **Excretion** | | | |
| Major routes of elimination | | Excretion of unchanged drug into feces h | |
| % of dose excreted in urine g | | <1 | |
| % of dose excreted in feces (% unchanged) h | | 76 (33) | |

* + 1. Values reflect absolute bioavailability following subcutaneous administration of the 927 mg dose.
    2. Values reflect administration of lenacapavir with or without food.
    3. Due to slow release from the site of subcutaneous administration, the absorption profile of subcutaneously administered lenacapavir is complex.
    4. Values refer to geometric mean ratio [low-fat meal/fasting] in PK parameters and (90% confidence interval). Low fat meal is approximately 400 kcal, 25% fat.

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* + 1. Values refer to geometric mean ratio [high-fat meal/fasting] in PK parameters and (90% confidence interval). High fat meal is approximately 1000 kcal, 50% fat.
    2. Values reflect the blood-to-plasma ratio of lenacapavir following a single dose intravenous administration of [14C] lenacapavir through 336 hours postdose.
    3. Dosing in mass balance studies: single dose intravenous administration of [14C] lenacapair to subjects without HIV-1 infection.
    4. Metabolized via oxidation, N-dealkylation, hydrogenation, amide hydrolysis, glucuronidation, hexose conjugation, pentose conjugation, and glutathione conjugation; primarily via CYP3A and UGT1A1 and no single circulating metabolite accounted for >10% of plasma drug-related exposure.

# Table 7 Lenacapavir Exposures Following Oral and Subcutaneous Administration of SUNLENCA in Heavily Treatment Experienced Subjects with HIV

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameter Mean (%CV)** | **Recommended Dosing Regimen, Option 1 a** | **Recommended Dosing Regimen, Option 2 b** | |
| **Day 1: 600 mg (oral) + 927 mg (SC)**  **Day 2: 600 mg (oral)** | **Days 1 and 2: 600 mg (oral),**  **Day 8: 300 mg (oral),**  **Day 15: 927 mg (SC)** | |
| **Day 1 to end of Month 6** | **Days 1 to 15** | **Day 15 to end of Month 6** |
| Cmax (ng/mL) | 97.1 (61.6) | 124.4 (85.1) | 87.3 (49.4) |
| AUCtau (h•ng/mL) | 234294.8 (65.1) | 25962.9 (67.8) | 251907.2 (48.2) |
| Ctrough (ng/mL) | 29.2 (90.8) | 48.6 (52.1) | 35.1 (59.2) |

CV = coefficient of variation; NA = not applicable; SC = subcutaneous

1. Predicted exposures.
2. Post hoc exposures from CAPELLA (N=62).

The estimated exposures of lenacapavir were 43% to 100% higher in subjects with HIV-1 infection compared to subjects without HIV-1 infection.

Specific Populations

There were no clinically significant differences in the pharmacokinetics of lenacapavir based on age (18 to 78 years), sex, ethnicity (hispanic or non-hispanic), race (white, black, asian or other), body weight (41.4 to 164 kg), severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance of 15 to less than 30 mL per minute, estimated by Cockroft-Gault method), or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B). The effect of end-stage renal disease (including dialysis), or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C), on the pharmacokinetics of lenacapavir is unknown. As lenacapavir is greater than 98.5% protein bound, dialysis is not expected to alter exposures of lenacapavir *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)].*

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Drug Interaction Studies

*Clinical Studies*

Clinical drug-drug interaction study indicated that lenacapavir is a substrate of CYP3A, P-gp, and UGT1A1. [Table 8](#_bookmark7) summarizes the pharmacokinetic effects of other drugs on lenacapavir.

Lenacapavir is a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A. Lenacapavir is an inhibitor of P-gp and BCRP but does not inhibit OATP. [Table 9](#_bookmark8) summarizes the pharmacokinetic effects of lenacapavir on other drugs.

# Table 8 Effect of Other Drugs on Lenacapavir a,b

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Coadministered Drug** | **Dose of Coadministered Drug (mg)** | **Mean Ratio of Lenacapavir Pharmacokinetic Parameters (90% CI); No effect = 1.00** | |
| **Cmax** | **AUC** |
| Cobicistat (fed)  (Inhibitor of CYP3A [strong] and P-gp) | 150  once daily | 2.10  (1.62, 2.72) | 2.28  (1.75, 2.96) |
| Darunavir / cobicistat (fed)  (Inhibitor of CYP3A [strong] and inhibitor and inducer of P-gp) | 800/150  once daily | 2.30  (1.79, 2.95) | 1.94  (1.50, 2.52) |
| Voriconazole (fasted)  (Inhibitor of CYP3A [strong]) | 400 twice daily, 200 twice daily c | 1.09  (0.81, 1.47) | 1.41  (1.10, 1.81) |
| Atazanavir / cobicistat (fed)  (Inhibitor of CYP3A [strong] and UGT1A1 and P-gp) | 300/150  once daily | 6.60  (4.99, 8.73) | 4.21  (3.19, 5.57) |
| Rifampin (fasted)  (Inducer of CYP3A [strong] and P-gp and UGT) | 600  once daily | 0.45  (0.34, 0.60) | 0.16  (0.12, 0.20) |
| Efavirenz (fasted)  (Inducer of CYP3A [moderate] and P-gp) | 600  once daily | 0.64  (0.45, 0.92) | 0.44  (0.32, 0.59) |
| Famotidine (2 hours before, fasted) | 40 once daily | 1.01  (0.75, 1.34) | 1.28  (1.00, 1.63) |

1. Single dose of lenacapavir 300 mg administered orally.
2. All interaction studies conducted in subjects without HIV-1.
3. 400 mg loading dose twice daily for a day, followed by 200 mg maintenance dose twice daily.

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# Table 9 Effect of Lenacapavir on Other Drugs a,b

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Coadministered Drug** | **Dose of Coadministered Drug (mg)** | **Mean Ratio of Coadministered Drug Pharmacokinetic Parameters (90% CI) c; No effect = 1.00** | |
| **Cmax** | **AUC** |
| Tenofovir alafenamide (fed) |  | 1.24 | 1.32 |
| (substrate of P-gp) | 25 single dose | (0.98, 1.58) | (1.09, 1.59) |
| Tenofovir d |  | 1.23 | 1.47 |
| (substrate of P-gp) |  | (1.05, 1.44) | (1.27, 1.71) |
| Pitavastatin (simultaneous administration, fed)  (substrate of OATP) | 2 single dose | 1.00  (0.84, 1.19) | 1.11  (1.00, 1.25) |
| Pitavastatin (3 days after lenacapavir, fed)  (substrate of OATP) | 2 single dose | 0.85  (0.69, 1.05) | 0.96  (0.87, 1.07) |
| Rosuvastatin (fed)  (substrate of BCRP and OATP) | 5 single dose | 1.57  (1.38, 1.80) | 1.31  (1.19, 1.43) |
| Midazolam (simultaneous administration, fed)  (substrate of CYP3A) | 2.5 single dose | 1.94  (1.81, 2.08) | 3.59  (3.30, 3.91) |
| 1-hydroxymidazolam e |  | 0.54 | 0.76 |
| (substrate of CYP3A) |  | (0.50, 0.59) | (0.72, 0.80) |
| Midazolam (1 day after lenacapavir, fed)  (substrate of CYP3A) | 2.5 single dose | 2.16  (2.02, 2.30) | 4.08  (3.77, 4.41) |
| 1-hydroxymidazolam e |  | 0.52 | 0.84 |
| (substrate of CYP3A) |  | (0.48, 0.57) | (0.80, 0.88) |

1. All interaction studies conducted in subjects without HIV-1.
2. Following 600 mg twice daily for 2 days, single 600 mg doses of lenacapavir were administered with each coadministered drug, resulting in lenacapavir exposures similar to or higher than those at the recommended dosage regimen.
3. All No Effect Boundaries are 70% to 143%.
4. Tenofovir alafenamide is converted to tenofovir *in vivo.*
5. Major active metabolite of midazolam.

*In Vitro Studies*

*Cytochrome P450 (CYP) Enzymes*: Lenacapavir is not a substrate, inducer, or inhibitor of CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2D6. Lenacapavir is not an inducer of CYP3A4.

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*Uridine diphosphate (UDP)-glucuronosyl transferase (UGT) Enzymes*: Lenacapavir is not an inhibitor of UGT1A1.

*Transporter Systems*: Lenacapavir is not an inhibitor of organic anion transporter 1 (OAT1), OAT3, organic cation transporter (OCT)1, OCT2, multidrug and toxin extrusion transporter (MATE) 1, or MATE 2-K. Lenacapavir is not a substrate of BCRP, OATP1B1, or OATP1B3.

# Microbiology

Mechanism of Action

Lenacapavir is a multistage, selective inhibitor of HIV-1 capsid function that directly binds to the interface between capsid protein (p24) subunits in hexamers. Surface plasmon resonance sensorgrams showed dose-dependent and saturable binding of lenacapavir to cross-linked wild-type capsid hexamer with an equilibrium binding constant (KD) of 1.4 nM. Lenacapavir inhibits HIV-1 replication by interfering with multiple essential steps of the viral lifecycle, including capsid-mediated nuclear uptake of HIV-1 proviral DNA (by blocking nuclear import proteins binding to capsid), virus assembly and release (by interfering with Gag/Gag-Pol functioning, reducing production of capsid protein subunits), and capsid core formation (by disrupting the rate of capsid subunit association, leading to malformed capsids).

Antiviral Activity in Cell Culture

Lenacapavir has antiviral activity that is specific to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1 and HIV-2). The antiviral activity of lenacapavir against laboratory and clinical isolates of HIV-1 was assessed in T-lymphoblastoid cell lines, PBMCs, primary monocyte/macrophage cells, and CD4+ T-lymphocytes with EC50 values ranging from 30 to 190 pM. Lenacapavir displayed antiviral activity in cell culture against all HIV-1 groups (M, N, O), including subtypes A, A1, AE, AG, B, BF, C, D, E, F, G with EC50 values ranging from 20 and 160 pM. The median EC50 value for subtype B isolates (n=8) was 40 pM. Lenacapavir was 15- to 25-fold less active against HIV-2 isolates relative to HIV-1.

In a study of lenacapavir in combination with representatives from the major classes of anti-retroviral agents (INSTIs, NNRTIs, NRTIs, and PIs), no antagonism of antiviral activity was observed.

Resistance

*In Cell Culture*

HIV-1 variants with reduced susceptibility to lenacapavir have been selected in cell culture. Resistance selections with lenacapavir identified 7 substitutions in capsid: L56I, M66I, Q67H, K70N, N74D/S, and T107N singly or in dual combination that conferred 4- to >3,226-fold reduced phenotypic susceptibility to lenacapavir relative to wild-type (WT) virus. The M66I substitution alone or in combination conferred >3,226-fold decreased

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susceptibility to lenacapavir in a single-cycle infectivity assay; substitutions Q67H and T107N, conferred 4- to 6.3-fold decreased susceptibility; K70N, N74D and Q67H/N74S conferred 22- to 32-fold decreased susceptibility; and L56I conferred 239-fold decreased susceptibility.

*In Clinical Trials*

In CAPELLA, 31% (22/72) of heavily treatment-experienced subjects met the criteria for resistance analyses through Week 52 (HIV-1 RNA ≥ 50 copies/mL at confirmed virologic failure [suboptimal virologic response at Week 4, virologic rebound, or viremia at last visit]) and were analyzed for lenacapavir resistance-associated substitution emergence. Lenacapavir resistance-associated capsid substitutions were found in 41% (n=9) of subjects with confirmed virologic failure who had post-baseline capsid genotypic resistance data (n=22). The M66I CA substitution was observed in 27% (6/22) of subjects, alone or in combination with other lenacapavir resistance-associated capsid substitutions including Q67Q/H, Q67Q/H/K/N, K70K/R, K70N/S, N74D, N74N/H, A105T, and T107A. The other 3 subjects with virologic failure had emergent lenacapavir resistance-associated capsid substitutions Q67K+K70H, Q67H+K70R+T107S, and Q67Q/H.

Phenotypic analyses of the confirmed virologic failure isolates with emergent lenacapavir resistance-associated substitutions showed 6- to >1428-fold decreases in lenacapavir susceptibility when compared to WT.

Among the 9 subjects with virologic failure who developed lenacapavir resistance- associated substitutions in capsid, 4 received SUNLENCA in combination with a background regimen with no fully active antiretrovirals based on the baseline genotypic and/or phenotypic resistance. Therefore, given the risk of developing resistance in situations of functional monotherapy, careful consideration should be given to having active drugs in addition to SUNLENCA in the treatment regimen.

Four subjects with virologic failure had emergent resistance substitutions to components of the optimized background regimen (OBR): emergent NRTI substitution M184I/V and NNRTI substitution K103N/Y with emtricitabine and doravirine plus atazanavir, bictegravir, and tenofovir alafenamide in OBR; emergent NNRTI substitution V106M from a mixture at baseline (in addition to lenacapavir resistance-associated substitutions M66I + T107A) with doravirine plus emtricitabine and ibalizumab in OBR; emergent NRTI substitutions K65R and S68N from mixtures at baseline (in addition to lenacapavir resistance-associated substitution M66I) with tenofovir alafenamide, plus emtricitabine, dolutegravir, darunavir/cobistat, and rilpivirine in OBR; and emergent NRTI substitution K65K/R with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate plus darunavir/cobistat, dolutegravir, and emtricitabine in OBR.

Cross-Resistance

The antiviral activity in cell culture of lenacapavir was determined against a broad spectrum of HIV-1 site-directed mutants and patient-derived HIV-1 isolates with resistance to the four main classes of anti-retroviral agents (INSTI, NNRTI, NRTI, and PI; n=58), as well as to viruses resistant to the gp120-directed attachment inhibitor

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fostemsavir, the CD4+-directed post-attachment inhibitor ibalizumab, the CCR5 co- receptor antagonist maraviroc, and the gp41 fusion inhibitor enfuvirtide (n=42). These data indicated that lenacapavir remained fully active against all variants tested, thereby demonstrating a non-overlapping resistance profile. In addition, the antiviral activity of lenacapavir in patient isolates was unaffected by the presence of naturally occurring Gag polymorphisms and substitutions at protease cleavage sites.

# NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

* 1. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

Carcinogenesis

Lenacapavir was not carcinogenic in a 6-month rasH2 transgenic mouse study in males or females at doses of up to 300 mg/kg/dose once every 13 weeks. A 2-year rat carcinogenicity study is ongoing.

Mutagenesis

Lenacapavir was not mutagenic in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* genotoxicity assays, including microbial mutagenesis, chromosome aberration in human peripheral blood lymphocytes, and in *in vivo* rat micronucleus assays.

Impairment of Fertility

There were no effects on fertility, mating performance or early embryonic development when lenacapavir was administered to rats at systemic exposures (AUC) 5 times the exposure to humans at the RHD of SUNLENCA.

# CLINICAL STUDIES

The efficacy and safety of SUNLENCA in HIV-1 infected, heavily treatment-experienced subjects with multidrug resistance is based on 52-week data from CAPELLA, a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, multicenter trial (NCT 04150068).

CAPELLA was conducted in 72 heavily treatment-experienced subjects with multiclass resistant HIV-1. Subjects were required to have a viral load ≥ 400 copies/mL, documented resistance to at least two antiretroviral medications from each of at least 3 of the 4 classes of antiretroviral medications (NRTI, NNRTI, PI and INSTI), and ≤ 2 fully active antiretroviral medications from the 4 classes of antiretroviral medications remaining at baseline due to resistance, intolerability, drug access, contraindication, or other safety concerns.

The trial was composed of two cohorts. Subjects were enrolled into the randomized cohort (cohort 1, N=36) if they had a < 0.5 log10 HIV-1 RNA decline compared to the screening visit. Subjects were enrolled into the non-randomized cohort (cohort 2, N=36) if they had a ≥ 0.5 log10 HIV-1 RNA decline compared to the screening visit or after cohort 1 reached its planned sample size.

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In the 14-day functional monotherapy period, subjects in cohort 1 were randomized in a 2:1 ratio in a blinded fashion to receive either SUNLENCA or placebo, while continuing their failing regimen. This period was to establish the virologic activity of SUNLENCA. After the functional monotherapy period, subjects who had received SUNLENCA continued on SUNLENCA along with an optimized background regimen (OBR); subjects who had received placebo during this period initiated SUNLENCA along with an OBR.

Subjects in cohort 1 had a mean age of 52 years (range: 24 to 71), 72% were male, 46% were White, 46% were Black, and 9% were Asian. 29% percent of subjects identified as Hispanic/Latino. The mean baseline plasma HIV-1 RNA was 4.3 log10 copies/mL (range: 2.3 to 5.4). 19% of subjects had baseline viral loads greater than 100,000 copies/mL. The mean baseline CD4+ cell count was 161 cells/mm3 (range: 6 to 827). 75% of subjects had CD4+ cell counts below 200 cells/mm3. The mean number of years since subjects first started HIV treatment was 24 years (range: 7 to 33); the mean number of antiretroviral agents in failing regimens at baseline was 4 (range: 1 to 7). The percentage of subjects in the randomized cohort with known resistance to at least 2 agents from the NRTI, NNRTI, PI and INSTI classes was 97%, 94%, 78% and 75%, respectively. In cohort 1, 53% of subjects had no fully active agents, 31% had 1 fully active agent, and 17% had 2 or more fully active agents within their initial failing regimen, including 6% of subjects were who were receiving fostemsavir, which was an investigational agent at the start of the CAPELLA trial.

Subjects in cohort 2 initiated SUNLENCA and an OBR on Day 1.

Subjects in cohort 2 had a mean age of 48 years (range: 23 to 78), 78% were male, 36% were White, 31% were Black, 33% were Asian, and 14% of subjects identified as Hispanic/Latino. The mean baseline plasma HIV-1 RNA was 4.1 log10 copies/mL (range: 1.3 to 5.7). 19% of subjects had baseline viral loads greater than 100,000 copies/mL. The mean baseline CD4+ cell count was 258 cells/mm3 (range: 3 to 1296). 53% of subjects had CD4+ cell counts below 200 cells/mm3. The mean number of years since subjects first started HIV treatment was 19 years (range: 3 to 35); the mean number of antiretroviral agents in failing regimens at baseline was 4 (range: 2 to 7). The percentage of subjects in the non-randomized cohort with known resistance to at least 2 agents from the NRTI, NNRTI, PI and INSTI classes was 100%, 100%, 83% and 64%, respectively. In cohort 2, 31% of subjects had no fully active agents, 42% had 1 fully active agent, and 28% had 2 or more fully active agents within their initial failing regimen, including 6% of subjects who were receiving fostemsavir, which was an investigational agent at the start of the CAPELLA trial.

The primary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of subjects in cohort 1 achieving

≥ 0.5 log10 copies/mL reduction from baseline in HIV-1 RNA at the end of the functional monotherapy period. The results of the primary endpoint analysis are shown in

[Table 10](#_bookmark9).

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# Table 10 Proportion of Subjects Achieving a ≥ 0.5 log10 Decrease in Viral Load at the End of the Functional Monotherapy Period in the CAPELLA Trial (Cohort 1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SUNLENCA (N=24)** | **Placebo (N=12)** |
| Proportion of Subjects Achieving a ≥ 0.5 log10  Decrease in Viral Load | 87.5% | 16.7% |
| Treatment Difference (95% CI) | 70.8% (34.9% to 90.0%) a | |

a. p < 0.0001

The results at Weeks 26 and 52 are provided in [Table 11](#_bookmark10) and [Table 12](#_bookmark11).

# Table 11 Virologic Outcomes (HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL) at Weeks 26 a and 52 b with SUNLENCA plus OBR in the CAPELLA Trial (Cohort 1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SUNLENCA plus**  **OBR (N=36)** | |
| **Week 26** | **Week 52** |
| HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL | 81% | 83% |
| HIV-1 RNA ≥ 50 copies/mLc | 19% | 14% |
| No virologic data in Week 26 or 52 Window | 0 | 3% |
| Discontinued Study Drug Due to AE or Death d | 0 | 0 |
| Discontinued Study Drug Due to Other Reasons e and Last Available HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL | 0 | 3% |
| Missing Data During Window but on Study Drug | 0 | 0 |

OBR = optimized background regimen

1. Week 26 window was between Days 184 and 232 (inclusive).
2. Week 52 window was between Days 324 and 414 (inclusive).
3. Includes subjects who had ≥ 50 copies/mL in the Week 26 or 52 window; subjects who discontinued early due to lack or loss of efficacy; subjects who discontinued for reasons other than an adverse event (AE), death or lack or loss of efficacy and at the time of discontinuation had a viral value of ≥ 50 copies/mL.
4. Includes subjects who discontinued due to AE or death at any time point from Day 1 through the time window if this resulted in no virologic data on treatment during the specified window.
5. Includes subjects who discontinued for reasons other than an AE, death or lack or loss of efficacy, e.g., withdrew consent, loss to follow-up, etc.

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# Table 12 Virologic Outcomes (HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL) by Baseline Covariates at Weeks 26 a and 52 b with SUNLENCA plus OBR in the CAPELLA trial (Cohort 1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SUNLENCA plus OBR (N=36)** | |
| **Week 26** | **Week 52** |
| Age (Years) |  | |
| < 50 | 100% (9/9) | 89% (8/9) |
| ≥ 50 | 74% (20/27) | 81% (22/27) |
| Gender |  | |
| Male | 77% (20/26) | 77% (20/26) |
| Female | 90% (9/10) | 100% (10/10) |
| Race |  | |
| Black | 81% (13/16) | 75% (12/16) |
| Non-Black | 84% (16/19) | 89% (17/19) |
| Baseline plasma viral load (copies/mL) |  | |
| ≤ 100,000 | 86% (25/29) | 86% (25/29) |
| > 100,000 | 57% (4/7) | 71% (5/7) |
| Baseline CD4+ (cells/mm3) |  | |
| < 200 | 78% (21/27) | 78% (21/27) |
| ≥ 200 | 89% (8/9) | 100% (9/9) |
| Baseline INSTI resistance profile |  | |
| With INSTI resistance | 85% (23/27) | 81% (22/27) |
| Without INSTI resistance | 63% (5/8) | 88% (7/8) |
| Number of fully active ARV agents in the OBR |  | |
| 0 | 67% (4/6) | 67% (4/6) |
| 1 | 86% (12/14) | 79% (11/14) |
| ≥ 2 | 81% (13/16) | 94% (15/16) |
| Use of DTG and/or DRV in the OBR |  | |
| With DTG and DRV | 83% (10/12) | 83% (10/12) |
| With DTG, without DRV | 83% (5/6) | 83% (5/6) |
| Without DTG, with DRV | 78% (7/9) | 89% (8/9) |
| Without DTG or DRV | 78% (7/9) | 78% (7/9) |

ARV = antiretroviral; DRV=darunavir; DTG=dolutegravir; INSTI = integrase strand-transfer inhibitor; OBR

= optimized background regimen;

1. Week 26 window was between Days 184 and 232 (inclusive).
2. Week 52 window was between Days 324 and 414 (inclusive).

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In cohort 1, at Weeks 26 and 52, the mean change from baseline in CD4+ cell count was 81 cells/mm3 (range: -101 to 522) and 82 cells/mm3 (range: -194 to 467), respectively.

In cohort 2, at Week 26 and 52, 81% (29/36) and 72% (26/36) of patients achieved HIV- 1 RNA < 50 copies/mL, respectively, and the mean change from baseline in CD4+ cell count was 97 cells/mm3 (range: -103 to 459) and 113 cells/mm3 (range: -124 to 405), respectively.

# HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

SUNLENCA tablets, 300 mg are beige, capsule-shaped, and film-coated with “GSI” debossed on one side and “62L” on the other side.

SUNLENCA tablets are packaged as follows:

* + SUNLENCA 4-Tablets™ blister pack contains 4 tablets (NDC 61958-3001-1)
  + SUNLENCA 5-Tablets™ blister pack contains 5 tablets (NDC 61958-3001-2)

Within the blister packs, tablets are packaged in a clear blister film sealed to a foil lidding material. The blister card is fitted between two paperboard cards, and packaged with silica gel desiccant in a sealed child-resistant flexible laminated pouch.

Store at 20 °C – 25 °C (68 °F – 77 °F), excursions permitted to 15 °C – 30 °C (59 °F – 86 °F).

Dispense and store only in original blister pack.

SUNLENCA injection is packaged in a dosing kit (NDC 61958-3002-1) containing:

* + - 2 single-dose clear glass vials, each containing sufficient volume to allow withdrawal of 463.5 mg/1.5 mL (309 mg/mL) of lenacapavir. The injection solution is sterile, preservative-free, clear, and yellow with no visible particles. Vials are sealed with a stopper and aluminium overseal with flip-off cap.
    - 2 vial access devices, 2 disposable syringes, and 2 injection safety needles for subcutaneous injection (22-gauge, ½ inch).

The vial stoppers are not made with natural rubber latex.

Store at 20 °C – 25 °C (68 °F – 77 °F), excursions permitted to 15 °C – 30 °C (59 °F – 86 °F).

Keep the vials in the original carton until just prior to preparation of the injections in order to protect from light.

Once the solution has been drawn into the syringes, the injections should be administered as soon as possible.

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Discard any unused portion of the solution.

# PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information). Drug Interactions

SUNLENCA may interact with certain drugs; therefore, advise patients to report to their healthcare provider the use of any other prescription or non-prescription medication or herbal products, including St. John’s wort, during treatment with SUNLENCA *[see Contraindications (4) and Drug Interactions (7)]*.

If SUNLENCA is discontinued, advise patients that SUNLENCA may remain in the body and affect certain other drugs for up to 9 months after receiving their last injection *[see Drug Interactions (7.2, 7.3)].*

Immune Reconstitution Syndrome

Advise patients to inform their healthcare provider immediately of any symptoms of infection, as in some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS), signs and symptoms of inflammation from previous infections may occur soon after anti-HIV treatment is started *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.

Adherence to SUNLENCA

Counsel patients about the importance of continued medication adherence and scheduled visits to maintain viral suppression and to reduce risk of loss of virologic response and development of resistance. Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately if they stop taking SUNLENCA or any other drug in their antiretroviral regimen *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.

Injection Site Reactions

Inform patients that injection site reactions (ISRs), such as swelling, pain, erythema, nodule, induration, pruritus, extravasation or mass, may occur. Nodules and indurations at the injection site may take longer to resolve than other ISRs and may be persistent. Instruct patients when to contact their healthcare provider about these reactions *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].*

Pregnancy Registry

Inform patients that there is an antiretroviral pregnancy registry to monitor fetal outcomes of pregnant individuals exposed to SUNLENCA *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].*

Lactation

Instruct individuals with HIV-1 infection not to breastfeed because HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.2)].*

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| **Patient Information**  **SUNLENCA® (sun-LEN-kuh) SUNLENCA® (sun-LEN-kuh) (lenacapavir) (lenacapavir)**  **tablets injection** |
| **What is SUNLENCA?**  SUNLENCA is a prescription medicine that is used with other human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) medicines to treat HIV-1 infection in adults:   * who have received HIV-1 medicines in the past, **and** * who have HIV-1 virus that is resistant to many HIV-1 medicines, **and** * whose current HIV-1 medicines are failing. Your HIV-1 medicines may be failing because the HIV-1 medicines are not working or no longer work, you are not able to tolerate the side effects, or there are safety reasons why you cannot take them.   HIV-1 is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is not known if SUNLENCA is safe and effective in children. |
| **Do not receive or take SUNLENCA if you** also take certain other medicines called strong CYP3A inducers. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure. |
| **Before receiving or taking SUNLENCA, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:**   * are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if SUNLENCA can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant during treatment with SUNLENCA.   **Pregnancy Registry:** There is a pregnancy registry for women who take SUNLENCA during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.   * are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take SUNLENCA.   + You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.   + It is not known if SUNLENCA can pass to your baby in your breast milk.   + Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby during treatment with SUNLENCA. **Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements, including St. John’s wort.   Some medicines may interact with SUNLENCA. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.   * You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with SUNLENCA. * **Do not start a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take SUNLENCA with other medicines. * SUNLENCA may affect certain other medicines for up to 9 months after your last injection. |
| **How should I receive and take SUNLENCA?**   * Your SUNLENCA treatment will consist of injections and tablets.   + **SUNLENCA injections** will be given to you by your healthcare provider under the skin (subcutaneous injection) in your stomach-area (abdomen).   + Take **SUNLENCA tablets** by mouth, with or without food. * There are two options (Option 1 and Option 2) to start treatment with SUNLENCA. Your healthcare provider will decide which starting option is for you.   + If **Option 1** is chosen:     - On Day 1, you will receive 2 SUNLENCA injections and take 2 SUNLENCA tablets.     - On Day 2, you will take 2 SUNLENCA tablets.   + If **Option 2** is chosen:     - On Day 1 and Day 2, you will take 2 SUNLENCA tablets each day.     - On Day 8, you will take 1 SUNLENCA tablet.     - On Day 15, you will receive 2 SUNLENCA injections. * After completing Option 1 or Option 2, you will receive 2 SUNLENCA injections every 6 months (26 weeks) from the date of your last injection. * Stay under the care of a healthcare provider during treatment with SUNLENCA. **It is important that you attend your planned appointments to receive your injections of SUNLENCA.** * If you miss your scheduled injection appointment, call your healthcare provider right away to discuss your treatment |

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| options. Missing an injection of SUNLENCA may cause the HIV-1 virus to change (mutate) and become harder to treat (resistant).   * Tell your healthcare provider right away if you stop receiving SUNLENCA or stop taking any other antiretroviral medicines. If you stop treatment with SUNLENCA you will need other medicines to treat your HIV-1 infection. If you do not take other HIV-1 medicines, the amount of virus in your blood may increase and the virus may become harder to treat. Call your healthcare provider right away to discuss your treatment options. * If you take too many SUNLENCA tablets, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away. |
| **What are the possible side effects of SUNLENCA? SUNLENCA may cause serious side effects, including:**   * **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV-1   medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having any new symptoms after starting your HIV-1 medicine.   * **Injection site reactions** may happen when you receive SUNLENCA injections and may include swelling, pain, redness, skin hardening, small mass or lump, and itching. Hardened skin or lumps at the injection site usually can be felt but not seen. If you develop hardened skin or a lump, it may take longer than other reactions at the injection site to go away, and the injection site may not completely heal on its own. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any injection site reactions.   **The most common side effects of SUNLENCA** are nausea and injection site reactions. These are not all of the possible side effects of SUNLENCA.  Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088. |
| **How should I store SUNLENCA tablets?**   * Store SUNLENCA tablets at room temperature between 68 °F to 77 °F (20 °C to 25 °C). * Keep SUNLENCA tablets in their original blister pack.   **Keep SUNLENCA and all medicines out of reach of children.** |
| **General information about the safe and effective use of SUNLENCA.**  Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use SUNLENCA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give SUNLENCA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about SUNLENCA that is written for health professionals. |
| **What are the ingredients in SUNLENCA? Active ingredient:** lenacapavir  **Inactive ingredients:**  **SUNLENCA tablets:** copovidone, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, and poloxamer 407. The tablets are film-coated with a coating material containing iron oxide black, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, talc, and titanium dioxide.  **SUNLENCA injection:** polyethylene glycol 300 and water for injection.  Manufactured and distributed by: Gilead Sciences, Inc. Foster City, CA 94404  SUNLENCA is a trademark of Gilead Sciences, Inc., or its related companies. All other trademarks referenced herein are the property of their respective owners.  © 2022 Gilead Sciences, Inc. All rights reserved. 215973-GS-000/IFU-000 For more information, call 1-800-445-3235 or go to [www.SUNLENCA.com.](http://www.SUNLENCA.com/) |

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