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# CLINICAL CASES AND QUESTIONS FROM A JOINT HIV ENDOCRINE CLINIC

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# Background

Endocrine problems in HIV	
Pre HAART era	Advanced disease
	Opportunistic infections
	Tumours
Early HAART era	Metabolic complications of ARV's
	Lipodystrophy, Insulin resistance
Late HAART era	Age related Drug interactions IRIS

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# Case 1

45 yr MSM

HIV+ 10 yrs

VL<40 CD4 450

On Truvada, darunavir/ritonavir

Lipodystrophy

c/o fatigue, 'tired all the time' (TATT), poor libido, erectile dysfunction, low mood

# Question 1: What do you do with a “tired all the time”?

1. Tell him his CD4 count and VL are fine and you'll see you in 4/12
2. Tell him his HIV is well controlled and to go and see his GP about his tiredness
3. Check his testosterone
4. Check his vitamin D
5. Check his growth hormone
6. Do a glucose tolerance test
7. Refer to an endocrinologist

# Question 1: What do you do with a “tired all the time”?

1. Tell him his CD4 count and VL are fine and you'll see him in 4/12

 8%

2. Tell him his HIV is well controlled and to go and see his GP about his tiredness

 18%

3. Check his testosterone

 46%

4. Check his vitamin D

 9%

5. Check his growth hormone

0%

6. Do a glucose tolerance test

 9%

7. Refer to an endocrinologist

 10%

# TATT screen

Male	Female
Testosterone - 08.00	Cortisol - 08.00
Cortisol - 08.00	Thyroid function
Thyroid function	Fasting glucose
Fasting glucose	Female hormones if amenorrhea

Vitamin D, Vitamin B12 & folate, Fe studies

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# Case: Results

## Testosterone - random

Total testosterone: 9.5 (9.47-28.3 nmol/l)

SHBG: 88 (21-77nmol/l)

## Thyroid function

T4: 10 (12-22 pmol/l)

TSH: 2.4 (0.3-4.2)

Cortisol: 470 (171-536)

Glucose: 5.0

## Question 2: Is he hypogonadal and /or hypothyroid?

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2. Hypothyroid
3. Both
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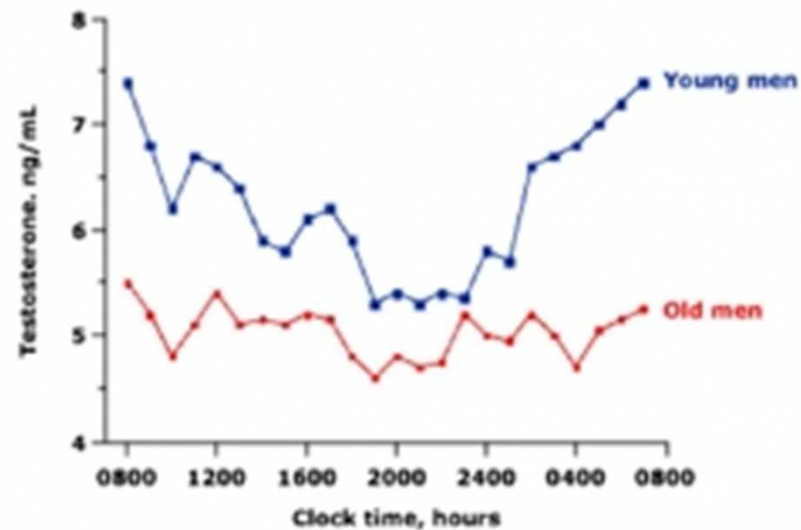
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# What next?

Repeat 08.00

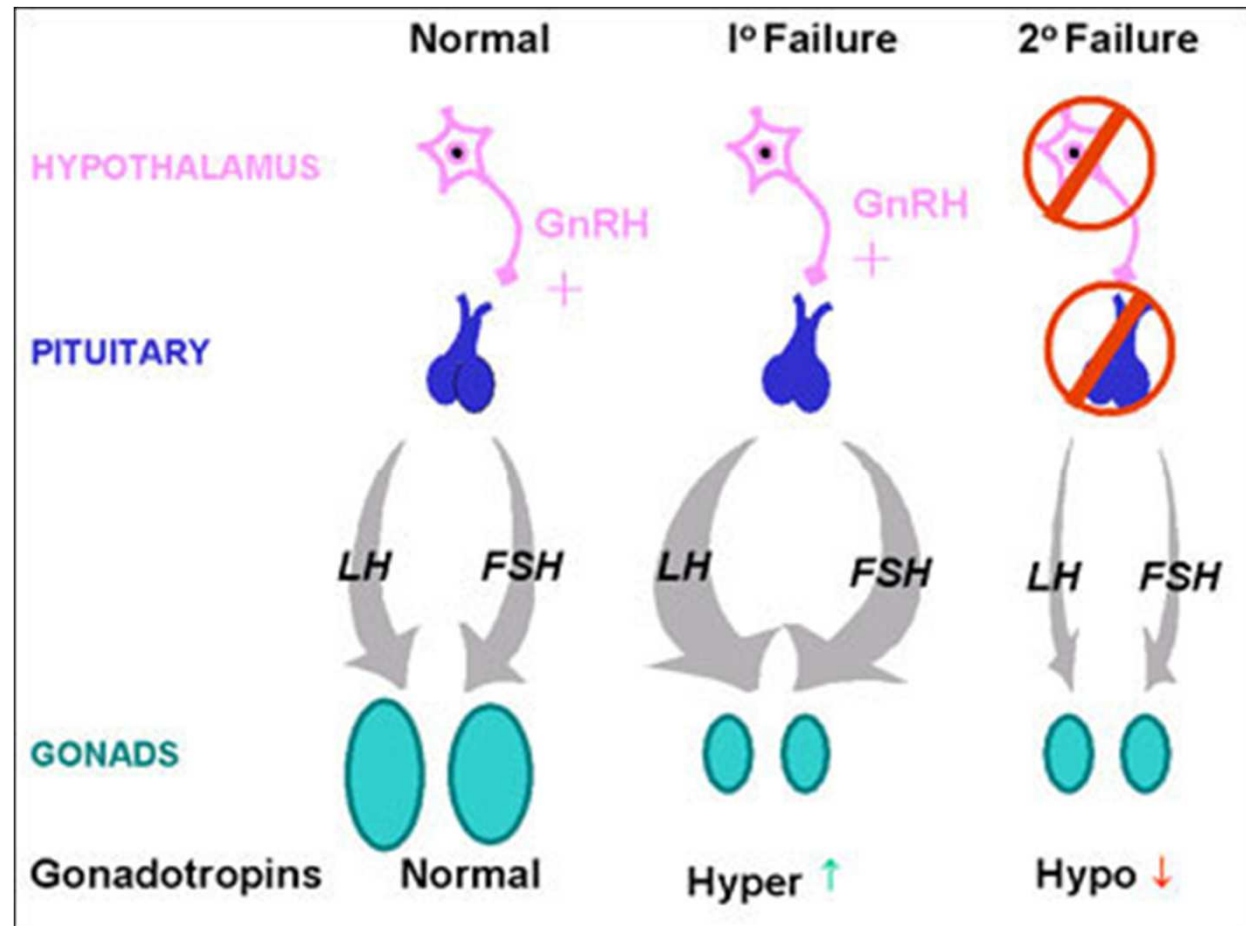
Testosterone

Plus:

LH

FSH

Prolactin



## Case: Results

Total testosterone:	10.0	(9.47-28.3 nmol/l)
SHBG:	88	(21-77 nmol/l)
Free testosterone:	165	(185-437 pmol/l)
LH :	1.9	(1.7 – 8.6 iu/l)
FSH:	4.9	(1.5-12.0 iu/l)
Prolactin:	110	(86-234 miu/ml)

# Management

- Who?
  - Threshold, age
- What with?
  - Injectables vs gel/patches
- Monitoring?
  - What
  - Whose job is it
- What should improve?
  - Duration
- Risks?



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? new slide of which therapeutic options? include nil.....

slide on monitoring and other investigations - PSA, DEXA, therapeutic goal - clinical? hormonal? - is it forever?

whose job is it?

does everyone need to see an endocrinologist?

whats the role of the GP?

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## What about his thyroid function?

T4: 10 (12-22 pmol/l)

TSH: 2.4 (0.3-4.2)

# Sick euthyroidism?


- Repeat TFT's plus
  - thyroid autoantibodies
  - T3
  - Cortisol
- No indication for T4
- Monitor

## Case 2

- 52 yr MSM
- HIV+ 15 yrs
- Long ARV history
- VL<40 on Truvada/darunavir/ritonavir
- Impaired glucose tolerance
- Hyperlipidaemia
- c/o Fatigue
- TATT screen : normal



**Has seen adverts for growth hormone on the internet and wants to take it**



Question 3: How many patients have you tested for growth hormone deficiency in the last year?

1. 1-5
2. 6-10
3. >10
4. None

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3. >10

0%

4. None



# Symptoms & signs of GH deficiency

- Fatigue
- Changes in memory and concentration
- Depression, Anxiety
- Insomnia
- Fibromyalgia syndrome
- Central adiposity, decreased muscle mass & bone density
- Decreased insulin sensitivity
- Accelerated atherogenesis, increased LDL
- Prothrombotic state
- Decreased sweating and thermoregulation

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Show this slide

Then repeat the question!

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Question 4: How many patients do you think you will test for growth hormone deficiency in the next year?

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3. >10
4. None



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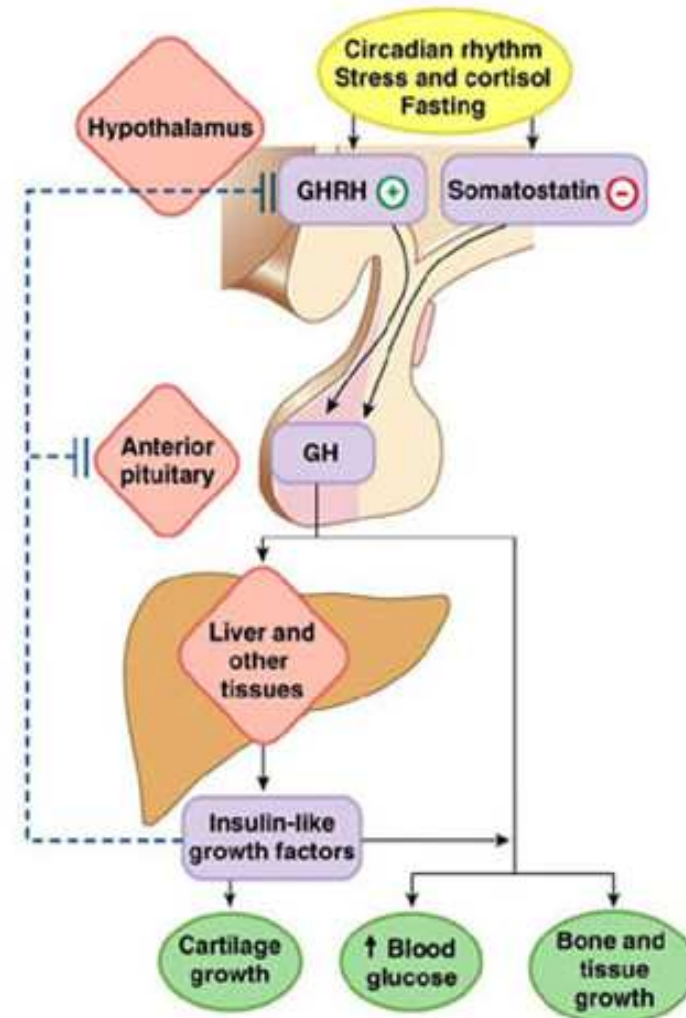
4. None



# Growth hormone

- GH
  - Released in pulses
  - Breaks down fat
  - Gluconeogenesis
  - Stimulates insulin like GF from liver
  - Muscle building
  - Bone growth

## HOW HGH WORKS



# Growth hormone

- Who should we test?
  - Only those with documented evidence of pituitary dysfunction
  - Only those already optimally treated with other hormones
- How to test ?
  - IGF1
  - Arginine stimulation
  - Insulin stress test

# Case: Results

Arginine stimulation test	
Time (minutes)	Growth hormone (ug/l)
0	<0.1
30	2.3
45	2.9
60	2.9
75	1.7
90	1.3
105	1.2
120	0.8
Normal: increase to >9 ug/l	
IGF-1	17.6 (7.0 - 25)

Endocrine screen	
FSH	5.0 (1.5-12)
LH	6.0 (1.7-8.6)
prolactin	300 (86-324)
TSH	2.0 (0.3-4.2)
T4	10 (12-22)
Cortisol	420 (170-570)
Glucose	9

# Management

- Who to consider treating
- GH therapy practical issues?
  - Monitoring
  - Risks

## Case 3

- 35 yr HIV+ woman
- On Truvada/Atazanavir/Ritonavir
- VL<40 CD4 600
- Fibromyalgia/seronegative spondyloarthropathy
- c/o 4/52 history fatigue, proximal myopathy, polydypsia and polyuria, weight gain

Given Kenalog® intra articularly 6/52 ago

# Examination & investigations

Cushingoid appearance  
Central obesity  
Proximal myopathy  
BP : 130/90

results	
glucose	20 mmol/l
FBC	normal
K	low
LFT	normal
TFT	normal

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Question of what test - clinical diagnosis is iatrogenic Cushings - what test to prove?  
what to test to decide whether intervention necessary?

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## Question 5: What test would you do to confirm the diagnosis?

1. Random cortisol
2. 08.00 cortisol
3. 24 hr urinary cortisol +/- dexamethasone suppression test
4. 08.00 cortisol plus Synacthen test
5. ACTH
6. None of the above
7. Don't know

## Question 5: What test would you do to confirm the diagnosis?

1. Random cortisol  
0%
2. 08.00 cortisol  
14%
3. 24 hr urinary cortisol +/- dexamethasone suppression test  
35%
4. 08.00 cortisol plus Synacthen test  
34%
5. ACTH  
5%
6. None of the above  
3%
7. Don't know  
9%

# Case: Results

Random cortisol: 14 (171- 536 nmol/l)

## Synacthen test

Time (minutes)	Cortisol nmol/l
0	7
30	120

### Normal:

- Rise of >200nmol between 0-30 min.
- >550nmol/l at 30 min

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**drop the HbA1c; give normal ranges**

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# Iatrogenic Cushing's with secondary adreno-cortical suppression

## Case Presentation

### Iatrogenic Cushing Syndrome After Epidural Steroid Injections for Lumbar Radiculopathy in an HIV-Infected Patient Treated With Ritonavir: A Case Report Highlighting Drug Interactions for Spine Interventionalists

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#### INTRODUCTION

In patients infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), ritonavir is used frequently to enhance plasma concentrations of more potent protease inhibitors (PIs) [1]. Ritonavir achieves this effect by inhibiting the cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP 3A4) isoenzyme [2], effectively altering the metabolism of drugs processed through this common pathway. Although this strategy has translated into improved virologic outcomes and simplified dosing with regard to PI-based treatment regimens, Foisy et al [3] found that the authors of a growing number of reports suggest the need for increased surveillance regarding potential unintended drug interactions.

Care must be taken when prescribing pharmaceutical agents that are metabolized by the CYP 3A4 pathway, given the potential for clinically significant metabolic effects [3]. Coadministration of corticosteroids can be particularly problematic because confusion between iatrogenic Cushing syndrome and the more prevalent antiretroviral-associated lipodystrophy can lead to a delayed diagnosis with severe manifestations for the patient [4]. We present one such case in which iatrogenic Cushing syndrome developed in a patient taking ritonavir in the setting of multiple epidural triamcinolone injections for low back and radicular pain.

### Iatrogenic Cushing syndrome after intra-articular triamcinolone in a patient receiving ritonavir-boosted darunavir

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#### Abstract

Drug interactions involving human immunodeficiency virus protease inhibitors are common due to their inhibition of the cytochrome P450 3A4 isoenzyme. We describe the case of an HIV-infected patient treated with ritonavir-boosted darunavir who developed cushingoid features following an intra-articular injection of triamcinolone

#### Case report

### Adrenal suppression due to an interaction between ritonavir and injected triamcinolone: a case report

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#### Abstract

Two HIV-1 infected patients developed signs and symptoms consistent with adrenal suppression after being exposed to intra-articular triamcinolone acetate while also receiving ritonavir as part of their highly active antiretroviral therapy. Laboratory evaluation confirmed secondary adrenal suppression in both cases. Both patients recovered without the need for chronic replacement steroids. Adrenal suppression has been described as an adverse outcome in patients treated with fluticasone and concomitant ritonavir. In the reported cases, the adrenal suppression likely developed as a result of increased systemic concentrations of triamcinolone due to an inhibition of cytochrome p450 3A4 metabolism. Practitioners of HIV medicine should be aware of the potential

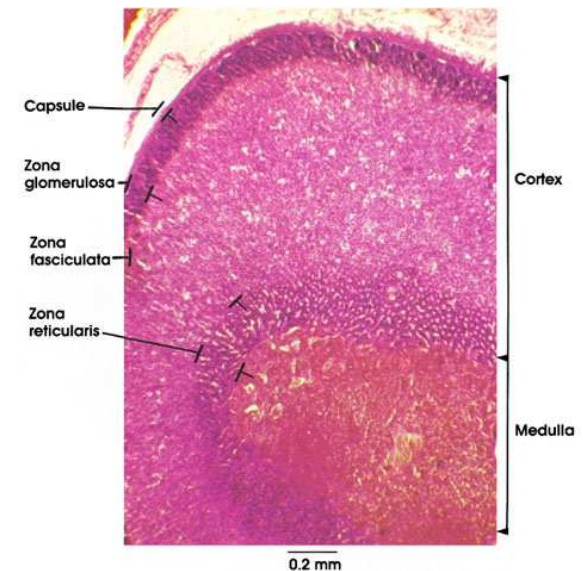
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## Corticosteroid drug interactions with ritonavir

	Steroid	Trade names	notes
Inhaled steroids	Fluticasone	Flixotide flixonase Seretide	✘
	Mometasone	Nasonex	✘
	Budesonide	Pulmicort Symbicort Rhinocort	✘
	Triamcinolone	Nasocort	✘
	Beclamethasone	Becotide	✓
Oral Steroids	Prednisolone		↓
	Dexamethasone		✓
Injectable steroids <i>Intrarticular, im, epidural</i>	Triamcinolone	Kenalog	✘
	Depomedrone		✓

# Iatrogenic adreno-cortical suppression

- When is steroid replacement needed?
- For how long?
- When is it safe to stop ?
- Any other investigations needed?
  - DEXA
  - HbA1c/GTT



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whats the role of the HIV physician?

when safe to stop?

when is steroid replacement needed?

for how long?

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## Case: outcome

- Remained on replacement steroids for 9 months
- Insulin discontinued after 6 months
- Proximal myopathy and osteoporosis persists
- Compensation settlement £ ?

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what other things to test for?

HbA1c/OGTT

DEXA

etc.....

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# Learning points

TATT screen

Hypogonadism

Consider growth hormone deficiency

Performance enhancing/recreational drugs

Serious drug drug interactions with corticosteroids and ritonavir

Education of patients and non HIV prescribers

Co-manage complex patients with endocrinology



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# Question

- In a population at risk of Diabetes what is the best method of screening?
- Random glucose or annual HbA1c ?

# Ritonavir – drug interactions

- Highly potent inhibitor of Cytochrome P450 3A4
- Inhaled fluticasone:
  - Bioavailability 0.51%
  - Metabolised by CYP 3A4 in gut mucosa
  - 200-800 µg nasally produces plasma levels of <50 pg/ml
  - 3 patients on ritonavir and fluticasone
  - Levels 604, 299, 77 pg/ml