between ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) and concomitant medications. This is particularly important in the outpatient setting, where close monitoring may not be feasible. Expert consultation should be considered.

In situations where drug-drug interaction risks cannot be mitigated or where the effectiveness of ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) may be compromised, consider using alternative COVID-19 therapies (see the Panel's statement on treatment options for nonhospitalized patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 for more information).

Prescribe an alternative COVID-19 therapy for patients who are receiving any of the medications listed.	**Before prescribing ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid), determine whether the patient is receiving any of the medications listed.** • If the patient is receiving any of these medications, withhold the medication if clinically appropriate. • If withholding is not clinically appropriate, use an alternative concomitant medication or COVID-19 therapy.[a]
• Amiodarone • Apalutamide • Bosentan • Carbamazepine • Cisapride • Clopidogrel • Clozapine • Colchicine in patients with renal and/or hepatic impairment • Disopyramide • Dofetilide • Dronedarone • Eplerenone • Ergot derivatives • Flecainide • Flibanserin • Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir • Ivabradine • Lumateperone • Lurasidone • Mexiletine • Phenobarbital • Phenytoin • Pimozide • Propafenone • Quinidine • Ranolazine • Rifampin • Rifapentine • Rivaroxaban • Sildenafil for pulmonary hypertension • St. John's wort • Tadalafil for pulmonary hypertension • Ticagrelor • Vorapaxar	• Alfuzosin • Alprazolam • Atorvastatin • Avanafil • Clonazepam • Codeine • Cyclosporine[b] • Diazepam • Everolimus[b] • Fentanyl • Hydrocodone • Lomitapide • Lovastatin • Meperidine (pethidine) • Midazolam (oral) • Oxycodone • Piroxicam • Propoxyphene • Rosuvastatin • Salmeterol • Sildenafil for erectile dysfunction • Silodosin • Simvastatin • Sirolimus[b] • Suvorexant • Tacrolimus[b] • Tadalafil for erectile dysfunction • Tamsulosin • Tramadol • Triazolam • Vardenafil

[a] Expert consultation may be considered. In some cases, dose reduction of the concomitant medication may be an appropriate management strategy.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Potential for PAXLOVID to Affect Other Drugs

PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir) is an inhibitor of CYP3A and may increase plasma concentrations of drugs that are primarily metabolized by CYP3A. Co-administration of PAXLOVID with drugs highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening events is contraindicated *[see Contraindications (4) and Table 1]*. Co-administration with other CYP3A substrates may require a dose adjustment or additional monitoring as shown in Table 1

7.2 Potential for Other Drugs to Affect PAXLOVID

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir are CYP3A substrates; therefore, drugs that induce CYP3A may decrease nirmatrelvir and ritonavir plasma concentrations and reduce PAXLOVID therapeutic effect.

7.3 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Table 1 provides listing of clinically significant drug interactions, including contraindicated drugs. Drugs listed in Table 1 are a guide and not considered a comprehensive list of all possible drugs that may interact with PAXLOVID The healthcare provider should consult appropriate references for comprehensive information *[see Contraindications (4)]*

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Alpha 1-adrenoreceptor antagonist	alfuzosin	↑ alfuzosin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential hypotension *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Analgesics	pethidine, piroxicam, propoxyphene	↑ pethidine ↑ piroxicam ↑ propoxyphene	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious respiratory depression or hematologic abnormalities *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Antianginal	ranolazine	↑ ranolazine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Antiarrhythmics	amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine	↑ antiarrhythmic	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for cardiac arrhythmias *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Antiarrhythmics	bepridil, lidocaine (systemic)	↑ antiarrhythmic	Caution is warranted and therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for antiarrhythmics if available.
Anticancer drugs	apalutamide	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance *[see Contraindications (4)]*.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Anticancer drugs	abemaciclib, ceritinib, dasatinib, encorafenib, ibrutinib, ivosidenib, neratinib, nilotinib, venetoclax, vinblastine, vincristine	↑ anticancer drug	Avoid co-administration of encorafenib or ivosidenib due to potential risk of serious adverse events such as QT interval prolongation. Avoid use of neratinib, venetoclax or ibrutinib. Co-administration of vincristine and vinblastine may lead to significant hematologic or gastrointestinal side effects. For further information, refer to individual product label for anticancer drug.
Anticoagulants	warfarin rivaroxaban	↑↓ warfarin ↑ rivaroxaban	Closely monitor INR if co-administration with warfarin is necessary Increased bleeding risk with rivaroxaban. Avoid concomitant use.
Anticonvulsants	carbamazepine[a], phenobarbital, phenytoin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir ↑ carbamazepine ↓ phenobarbital ↓ phenytoin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Antidepressants	bupropion trazodone	↓ bupropion and active metabolite hydroxy-bupropion ↑ trazodone	Monitor for an adequate clinical response to bupropion. Adverse reactions of nausea, dizziness, hypotension, and syncope have been observed following co-administration of trazodone and ritonavir A lower dose of trazodone should be considered. Refer to trazadone product label for further information.
Antifungals	voriconazole, ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate itraconazole[a]	↓ voriconazole ↑ ketoconazole ↑ isavuconazonium sulfate ↑ itraconazole ↑ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Avoid concomitant use of voriconazole. Refer to ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate, and itraconazole product labels for further information.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Anti-gout	colchicine	↑ colchicine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions in patients with renal and/or hepatic impairment *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Anti-HIV protease inhibitors	amprenavir, atazanavir, darunavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir	↑ protease Inhibitor	For further information, refer to the respective protease inhibitors' prescribing information. Patients on ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing HIV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or protease inhibitor adverse events with concomitant use of these protease inhibitors *[see Dosage and Administration (2.4)]*.
Anti-HIV	didanosine, delavirdine, efavirenz, maraviroc, nevirapine, raltegravir, zidovudine bictegravir/ emtricitabine/ tenofovir	↑ didanosine ↑ efavirenz ↑ maraviroc ↓ raltegravir ↓ zidovudine ↑ bictegravir ↔ emtricitabine ↑ tenofovir	For further information, refer to the respective anti-HIV drugs prescribing information.
Anti-infective	clarithromycin, erythromycin	↑ clarithromycin ↑ erythromycin	Refer to the respective prescribing information for anti-infective dose adjustment.
Antimycobacterial	rifampin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance. Alternate antimycobacterial drugs such as rifabutin should be considered *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Antimycobacterial	bedaquiline rifabutin	↑ bedaquiline ↑ rifabutin	Refer to the bedaquiline product label for further information. Refer to rifabutin product label for further information on rifabutin dose reduction.
Antipsychotics	lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine	↑ lurasidone ↑ pimozide ↑ clozapine	Co-administration contraindicated due to serious and/or life-threatening reactions such as cardiac arrhythmias *[see Contraindications (4)]*.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Antipsychotics	quetiapine	↑ quetiapine	If co-administration is necessary, reduce quetiapine dose and monitor for quetiapine-associated adverse reactions. Refer to the quetiapine prescribing information for recommendations.
Calcium channel blockers	amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, nicardipine, nifedipine	↑ calcium channel blocker	Caution is warranted and clinical monitoring of patients is recommended. A dose decrease may be needed for these drugs when co-administered with PAXLOVID. If co-administered, refer to individual product label for calcium channel blocker for further information.
Cardiac glycosides	digoxin	↑ digoxin	Caution should be exercised when co-administering PAXLOVID with digoxin, with appropriate monitoring of serum digoxin levels. Refer to the digoxin product label for further information.
Endothelin receptor Antagonists	bosentan	↑ bosentan	Discontinue use of bosentan at least 36 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID. Refer to the bosentan product label for further information.
Ergot derivatives	dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine	↑ dihydroergotamine ↑ ergotamine ↑ methylergonovine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for acute ergot toxicity characterized by vasospasm and ischemia of the extremities and other tissues including the central nervous system *[see Contraindications (4)]*.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Hepatitis C direct acting antivirals	elbasvir/grazoprevir, glecaprevir/pibrentasvir	↑ antiviral	Increased grazoprevir concentrations can result in ALT elevations. It is not recommended to co-administer ritonavir with glecaprevir/pibrentasvir
	ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir and dasabuvir		Refer to the ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir and dasabuvir label for further information.
	sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir		Refer to the sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir product label for further information. Patients on ritonavir-containing HCV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or HCV drug adverse events with concomitant use *[see Dosage and Administration (2.4)]*.
Herbal products	St. John's Wort (*hypericum perforatum*)	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	lovastatin, simvastatin	↑ lovastatin ↑ simvastatin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for myopathy including rhabdomyolysis *[see Contraindications (4)]*. Discontinue use of lovastatin and simvastatin at least 12 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID.
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	atorvastatin, rosuvastatin	↑ atorvastatin ↑ rosuvastatin	Consider temporary discontinuation of atorvastatin and rosuvastatin during treatment with PAXLOVID.
Hormonal contraceptive	ethinyl estradiol	↓ ethinyl estradiol	An additional, non-hormonal method of contraception should be considered.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Immunosuppressants	cyclosporine, tacrolimus, sirolimus	↑ cyclosporine ↑ tacrolimus ↑ sirolimus	Therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for immunosuppressants. Avoid use of PAXLOVID when close monitoring of immunosuppressant serum concentrations is not feasible. Avoid concomitant use of sirolimus and PAXLOVID. If co-administered, refer to individual product label for immunosuppressant for further information.
Long-acting beta-adrenoceptor agonist	salmeterol	↑ salmeterol	Co-administration is not recommended. The combination may result in increased risk of cardiovascular adverse events associated with salmeterol, including QT prolongation, palpitations, and sinus tachycardia.
Narcotic analgesics	fentanyl	↑ fentanyl	Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects (including potentially fatal respiratory depression) is recommended when fentanyl is concomitantly administered with PAXLOVID.
	methadone	↓ methadone	Monitor methadone-maintained patients closely for evidence of withdrawal effects and adjust the methadone dose accordingly
PDE5 inhibitor	sildenafil (Revatio®) when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension	↑ sildenafil	Co-administration contraindicated due to the potential for sildenafil associated adverse events, including visual abnormalities hypotension, prolonged erection, and syncope *[see Contraindications (4)]*.
Sedative/hypnotics	triazolam, oral midazolam	↑ triazolam ↑ midazolam	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for extreme sedation and respiratory depression *[see Contraindications (4)]*.

Table 1 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Sedative/hypnotics	midazolam (administered parenterally)	↑ midazolam	Co-administration of midazolam (parenteral) should be done in a setting which ensures close clinical monitoring and appropriate medical management in case of respiratory depression and/or prolonged sedation. Dosage reduction for midazolam should be considered, especially if more than a single dose of midazolam is administered Refer to the midazolam product label for further information.
Systemic corticosteroids	betamethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, dexamethasone, fluticasone, methylprednisolone, mometasone, prednisone, triamcinolone	↑ corticosteroid	Increased risk for Cushing's syndrome and adrenal suppression. Alternative corticosteroids including beclomethasone and prednisolone should be considered.

a. See Pharmacokinetics, Drug Interaction Studies Conducted with Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir (12.3).

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

There are no available human data on the use of nirmatrelvir during pregnancy to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Published observational studies on ritonavir use in pregnant women have not identified an increase in the risk of major birth defects. Published studies with ritonavir are insufficient to identify a drug-associated risk of miscarriage *(see Data).* There are maternal and fetal risks associated with untreated COVID-19 in pregnancy *(see Clinical Considerations).*

In an embryo-fetal development study with nirmatrelvir, reduced fetal body weights following oral administration of nirmatrelvir to pregnant rabbits were observed at systemic exposures (AUC) approximately 10 times higher than clinical exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID No other adverse developmental outcomes were observed in animal reproduction studies with nirmatrelvir at systemic exposures (AUC) greater than or equal to 3 times higher than clinical exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID *(see Data)*

In animal reproduction studies with ritonavir, no evidence of adverse developmental outcomes was observed following oral administration of ritonavir to pregnant rats and rabbits at doses (based on body surface area conversions) or systemic exposures (AUC) greater than or equal to 3 times higher than clinical doses or exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID *(see Data).*

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S.