

Zalcitabine

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Zalcitabine (2'-3'-dideoxycytidine, ddC), also called dideoxycytidine, is a [nucleoside](#) analog reverse-transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI) sold under the trade name Hivid. Zalcitabine was the third antiretroviral to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of HIV/AIDS. It is used as part of a combination regimen.

Adverse events

The most common adverse events at the beginning of treatment are nausea and headache. More serious adverse events are peripheral neuropathy, which can occur in up to 33% of patients with advanced disease, oral ulcers, oesophageal ulcers, and, rarely, pancreatitis.

One of the [Neuropathy](#) associated with [drugs](#) used for [Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome treatment](#)

Zalcitabine(ddC; Hivid®): the least potent of the [nucleoside](#) analogs, therefore rarely used; dose-related [neuropathy](#) can be severe and persistent. More common in patients with DM or [didanosine](#) treatment.

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