

**Supplementary Table S1.** Characteristics of children with HIV infection receiving ART, *n* (%)

Variables	Study Population ( <i>n</i> = 441)
Age at HIV diagnosis, months	
≤ 24	124 (28.1)
25–60	173 (39.2)
> 60	141 (32.0)
Unknown	3 (0.7)
Time period between HIV diagnosis and ART initiation, months	
≤ 6	298 (67.6)
> 6	140 (31.7)
Unknown	3 (0.7)
Age at ART initiation, months	
≤ 24	80 (18.1)
25–60	153 (34.7)
> 60	208 (47.2)
Sex	
Male	231 (52.4)
Female	210 (47.6)
WHO clinical stage	
I	253 (57.4)
II	45 (10.2)
III	87 (19.7)
IV	56 (12.7)
Baseline CD4 <sup>+</sup> T cell count, cells/μL	
≤ 500	261 (59.2)
> 500	173 (39.2)
Baseline CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cell count, cells/μL	
≤ 760	65 (14.7)
761–1,138	76 (17.2)
> 1,138	292 (66.2)

**Note.** ART, antiretroviral therapy. HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. WHO, World Health Organization.

**Supplementary Table S2.** Factors associated with mortality among HIV-infected children

Factors	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> <sub>HR</sub>	aHR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> <sub>aHR</sub>
Age at HIV diagnosis, months				
≤ 24	1	–	1	–
25–60	0.717 (0.298–1.724)	0.458	0.348 (0.080–1.510)	0.159
> 60	0.684 (0.259–1.802)	0.442	1.005 (0.060–16.952)	0.997
Time period between HIV diagnosis and ART initiation, months				
≤ 6	1	–	1	–
> 6	0.793 (0.335–1.880)	0.599	1.368 (0.398–4.700)	0.619
Age at ART initiation, months				
≤ 24	1	–	1	–
25–60	1.124 (0.427–2.959)	0.813	2.718 (0.484–15.261)	0.256
> 60	0.567 (0.196–1.642)	0.296	0.375 (0.020–7.054)	0.512
Sex				
Male	1	–	1	–
Female	1.440 (0.674–3.079)	0.346	1.852 (0.825–4.157)	0.135
WHO clinical stage				
I/II	1	–	1	–
III/IV	9.332 (3.530–24.668)	< 0.001	8.223 (2.583–26.180)	0.000
Baseline CD4 <sup>+</sup> T cell count, cells/μL				
≤ 500	1	–	1	–
> 500	0.197 (0.059–0.656)	0.008	0.396 (0.104–1.514)	0.176
Baseline CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cell count, cells/μL				
≤ 760	1	–	1	–
761–1,138	1.765 (0.543–5.737)	0.345	3.324 (0.913–12.108)	0.069
> 1,138	0.628 (0.204–1.932)	0.417	0.862 (0.248–2.999)	0.815
Baseline ART regimens				
LPV/r-based	1	–	1	–
NVP-based	3.782 (1.272–11.248)	0.017	4.350 (1.193–15.860)	0.026
EFV-based	1.415 (0.399–5.019)	0.591	1.702 (0.396–7.320)	0.475
TB infection				
Yes	1	–	1	–
No	0.373 (0.112–1.240)	0.108	0.705 (0.188–2.648)	0.605
Opportunistic infection				
Yes	1	–	1	–
No	0.310 (0.145–0.661)	0.002	1.182 (0.466–3.002)	0.725

**Note.** ART, antiretroviral therapy. HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. LPV/r, ritonavir-boosted lopinavir. NVP, nevirapine. EFV, efavirenz. WHO, World Health Organization. TB, tuberculosis. HR, hazard ratio. aHR, adjusted hazard ratio.

**Supplementary Table S3.** The mortality of children with HIV infection, group by ART regimen and WHO clinical stage

Baseline ART regimen	WHO clinical stage	Total children, <i>n</i>	Dead, <i>n</i> (%)	Person-years	Dead/1,000 Persons-years (95% CI)	<i>P</i> <sup>#</sup>
LPV/r-based	I/II	99	1 (1.0)	498.25	2.0 (-1.8–5.8)	0.056
	III/IV	32	3 (9.4)	216.47	13.9 (-1.4–29.1)	
NVP-based	I/II	98	3 (3.1)	532.27	5.6 (-0.6–11.9)	< 0.001
	III/IV	60	14 (23.3)	310.28	45.1 (22.1–68.2)	
EFV-based	I/II	101	1 (1.0)	400.47	2.5 (-2.3–7.3)	0.009
	III/IV	51	5 (9.8)	225.93	22.1 (3.2–41.0)	
Total		441	27 (6.1)	2183.67	12.4 (7.8–16.9)	

**Note.** ART, antiretroviral therapy. HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. LPV/r, ritonavir-boosted lopinavi. NVP, nevirapine. EFV, efavirenz. WHO, World Health Organization. <sup>#</sup>*P* by log-rank test.

**Supplementary Table S4.** Comparison of mortality of HIV-infected children, group by WHO clinical stage

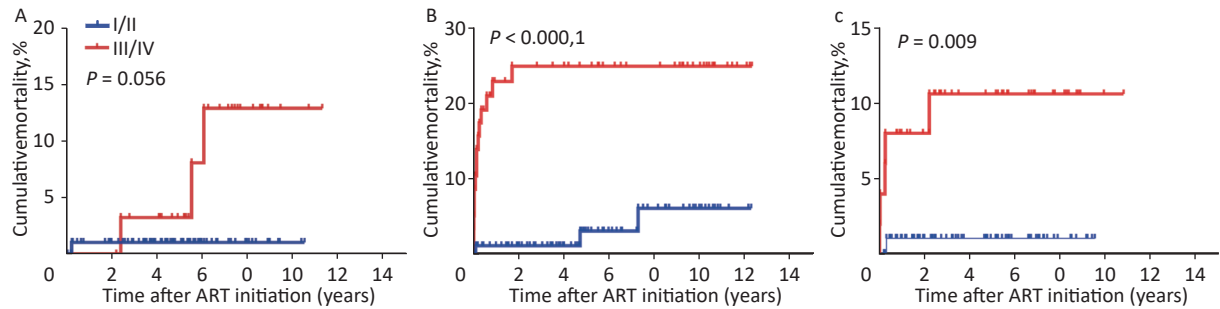
WHO clinical stage	Baseline ART regimen	Total children, <i>n</i>	Dead, <i>n</i> (%)	Person-years	Dead/1000 Persons-years (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
I/II	LPV/r-based	99	1 (1.0)	498.25	2.0 (-1.8 to 5.8)	0.521
	NVP-based	98	3 (3.1)	532.27	5.6 (-0.6 to 11.9)	
	EFV-based	101	1 (1.0)	400.47	2.5 (-2.3 to 7.3)	
III/IV	LPV/r-based	32	3 (9.4)	216.47	13.9 (-1.4 to 29.1)	0.018
	NVP-based	60	14 (23.3)	310.28	45.1 (22.1 to 68.2)	
	EFV-based	51	5 (9.8)	225.93	22.1 (3.2 to 41.0)	
Total		441	27 (6.1)	2183.67	12.4 (7.8 to 16.9)	

**Note.** HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. LPV/r, ritonavir-boosted lopinavir. NVP, nevirapine. EFV, efavirenz. WHO, World Health Organization.

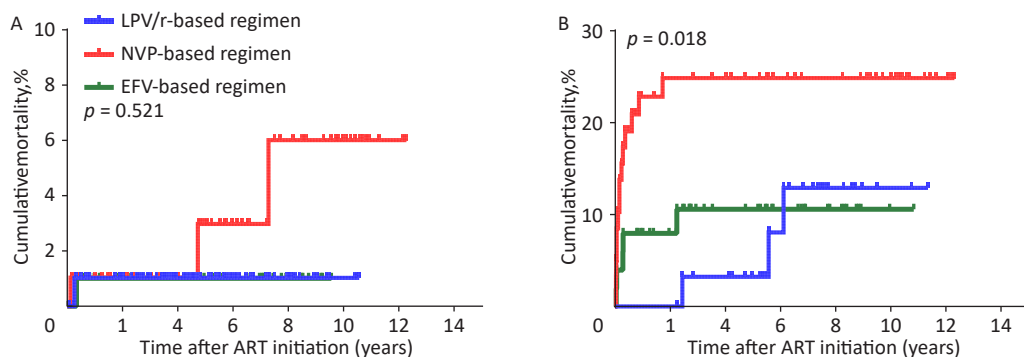
**Supplementary Table S5.** Comparison of mortality of HIV-infected children receiving different ART regimen, group by WHO clinical stage

WHO clinical stage	ART regimen	LPV/r-based		NVP-based		EFV-based	
		$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>	$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>	$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>
I/II	LPV/r-based	–	–	0.853	0.356	0.001	0.980
	NVP-based	0.853	0.356	–	–	0.682	0.409
	EFV-based	0.001	0.980	0.682	0.409	–	–
III/IV	LPV/r-based	–	–	5.193	0.023	0.889	0.346
	NVP-based	5.193	0.023	–	–	3.978	0.046
	EFV-based	0.889	0.346	3.978	0.046	–	–

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**Supplementary Figure S1.** Kaplan-Meier analysis of cumulative mortality in HIV-infected children, grouped by ART regimen and WHO clinical stage. (A) Children received LPV/r-based regimen. (B) Children received NVP-based regimen. (C) Children received EFV-based regimen. The statistical significance was measured by log-rank test. ART, antiretroviral therapy. HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. LPV/r, ritonavir-boosted lopinavir. NVP, nevirapine. EFV, efavirenz. WHO, World Health Organization.



**Supplementary Figure S2.** Kaplan-Meier analysis of cumulative mortality of children with HIV infection, grouped by WHO clinical stage. (A) children with HIV infection were in WHO clinical stage I/II. (B) children with HIV infection were in WHO clinical stage III/IV. HIV, human immunodeficiency virus, WHO, World Health Organization.