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Authors' objectives
To summarize the available information on the use of enfuvirtide - also called pentafuside or T-20 - (sold as Fuzeon(TM), manufactured by Hoffmann-La Roche), for the treatment of patients with evidence of HIV-1 replication despite ongoing antiretroviral therapy.

Authors' conclusions
The addition of enfuvirtide to a failing antiretroviral regimen sustains the clinical response over one year. Long-term efficacy and safety studies are needed to determine this drug's place in therapy. The current recommendation is to limit its use to heavily treatment-experienced patients. An open-label phase III study is underway to assess serious adverse events.

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