



# Combination Medications

## WHAT ARE COMBINATION MEDICATIONS?

Combination medications are pills, tablets, or injections that contain more than one medication to treat HIV. They are listed in the tables below. Pharmaceutical companies have been working hard to make their medications easier to take. Part of this effort has been to combine more than one medication into a single pill. These combinations are referred to as fixed-dose combinations (FDCs). Combination [antiretroviral therapy \(ART\)](#), sometimes called highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), has revolutionized the management of HIV infection and rendered it a chronic manageable disease.

The first FDC to treat HIV was [Combivir](#), manufactured by [ViiV Healthcare](#). Combivir contains two [nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors \(NRTIs\)](#): [lamivudine](#) and zidovudine. This was followed by [Trizivir](#), also manufactured by ViiV Healthcare. Trizivir includes three NRTIs: [abacavir](#), lamivudine, and zidovudine. Both Combivir and Trizivir are no longer widely used in the U.S. due to the frequency and severity of side effects.

**Be sure that you do not take a combination medication along with any of its components!** For example, do not take [Truvada](#) (which contains [emtricitabine](#) and [tenofovir DF](#)) with tenofovir DF (Viread) or emtricitabine (Emtriva). Your healthcare provider will help you decide which HAART regimen is best for you; take your medications exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to.

## TABLE OF COMBINATION HIV MEDICATIONS

Brand name	Year Approved	Individual Components	Also Known As	Manufacturer
<a href="#">Kaletra*</a>	2000	lopinavir - PI ritonavir - PI	LPV / RTV	<a href="#">AbbVie Inc.</a>
<a href="#">Epzicom*</a>	2004	abacavir - NRTI lamivudine - NRTI	ABC / 3TC	<a href="#">ViiV Healthcare</a>
<a href="#">Truvada*</a>	2004	emtricitabine - NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	FTC / TDF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Atripla*</a>	2006	efavirenz - NNRTI emtricitabine - NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	EFV / FTC / TDF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>

<a href="#">Complera</a>	2011	emtricitabine - NRTI rilpivirine -- NNRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	FTC / RPV / TDF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
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<a href="#">Stribild</a>	2012	elvitegravir - Integrase Inhibitor cobicistat - PK Enhancer emtricitabine -- NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	QUAD EVG / COBI / FTC / TDF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
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<a href="#">Triumeq</a>	2014	abacavir - NRTI dolutegravir - Integrase Inhibitor lamivudine - NRTI	ABC / DTG / 3TC	<a href="#">ViiV Healthcare</a>
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<a href="#">Prezcobix</a>	2015	darunavir - PI cobicistat - PK Enhancer	DRV / COBI	<a href="#">Janssen Therapeutics</a>
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<a href="#">Evotaz</a>	2015	atazanavir - PI cobicistat - PK Enhancer	ATV / COBI	<a href="#">Bristol-Myers Squibb</a>
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<a href="#">Genvoya</a>	2015	elvitegravir - Integrase Inhibitor cobicistat - PK Enhancer emtricitabine - NRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	EVG / COBI / FTC / TAF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
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<a href="#">Odefsey</a>	2016	emtricitabine - NRTI rilpivirine - NNRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	FTC / RPV / TAF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
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[Descovy](#) 2016 emtricitabine -- NRTI  
tenofovir AF - NRTI FTC/TAF [Gilead Sciences](#)

[Juluca](#) 2017 dolutegravir - Integrase Inhibitor  
rilpivirine - NNRTI DTG / RPV [ViiV Healthcare](#)

[Biktarvy](#) 2018 bictegravir - Integrase Inhibitor  
emtricitabine - NRTI  
tenofovir AF - NRTI BIC / FTC / TAF [Gilead Sciences](#)

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Symfi Lo\\*](#) 2018 efavirenz - NNRTI  
lamivudine - NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI EFV / 3TC / TDF [Viatris](#)

[Cimduo](#) 2018 lamivudine - NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI Temixys  
3TC / TDF [Viatris](#)

[Delstrigo](#) 2018 doravirine - NNRTI  
lamivudine - NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI DOR / 3TC / TDF [Merck & Co., Inc.](#)

[Symtuza](#) 2018 darunavir - PI  
cobicistat - PK Enhancer  
emtricitabine - NRTI  
tenofovir AF - NRTI DRV / COBI / FTC / TAF [Janssen Therapeutics](#)

<a href="#">Dovato</a>	2019	dolutegravir - Integrase Inhibitor lamivudine - NRTI	DTG / 3TC	<a href="#">ViiV Healthcare</a>
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<a href="#">Cabenuva</a>	2021	cabotegravir - Integrase Inhibitor rilpivirine - NNRTI	CAB / RPV	<a href="#">ViiV Healthcare</a>
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\*Generic versions have been approved under the [President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#).

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