



# Combination Medications

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## 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>

[Epzicom\\*](#) 2004 abacavir - NRTI  
lamivudine - NRTI ABC / 3TC [ViiV Healthcare](#)

[Truvada\\*](#) 2004 emtricitabine - NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI FTC / TDF [Gilead Sciences](#)

[Atripla\\*](#) 2006 efavirenz - NNRTI  
emtricitabine - NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI EFV / FTC / TDF [Gilead Sciences](#)

[Complera](#) 2011 emtricitabine - NRTI  
rilpivirine -- NNRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI FTC / RPV / TDF [Gilead Sciences](#)

[Stribild](#) 2012 elvitegravir - Integrase Inhibitor  
cobicistat - PK Enhancer  
emtricitabine -- NRTI  
tenofovir DF - NRTI QUAD  
EVG / COBI / FTC / TDF [Gilead Sciences](#)

[Triumeq](#) 2014 abacavir - NRTI  
dolutegravir - Integrase Inhibitor  
lamivudine - NRTI ABC / DTG / 3TC [ViiV Healthcare](#)

[Prezcobix](#) 2015 darunavir - PI  
cobicistat - PK Enhancer DRV / COBI [Janssen Therapeutics](#)

<a href="#">Evoxaz</a>	2015	atazanavir - PI cobicistat - PK Enhancer	ATV / COBI	<a href="#">Bristol-Myers Squibb</a>
<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>
<a href="#">Odefsey</a>	2016	emtricitabine - NRTI rilpivirine - NNRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	FTC / RPV / TAF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Descovy</a>	2016	emtricitabine -- NRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	FTC/TAF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Juluca</a>	2017	dolutegravir - Integrase Inhibitor rilpivirine - NNRTI	DTG / RPV	<a href="#">ViiV Healthcare</a>
<a href="#">Biktarvy</a>	2018	bictegravir - Integrase Inhibitor emtricitabine - NRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	BIC / FTC / TAF	<a href="#">Gilead Sciences</a>
<a href="#">Symfi and Symfi Lo*</a>	2018	efavirenz - NNRTI lamivudine - NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	EFV / 3TC / TDF	<a href="#">Viatris</a>

<a href="#">Cimduo</a>	2018	lamivudine - NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	Temixys 3TC / TDF	<a href="#">Viatris</a>
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<a href="#">Delstrigo</a>	2018	doravirine - NNRTI lamivudine - NRTI tenofovir DF - NRTI	DOR / 3TC / TDF	<a href="#">Merck &amp; Co., Inc.</a>
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<a href="#">Symtuza</a>	2018	darunavir - PI cobicistat - PK Enhancer emtricitabine - NRTI tenofovir AF - NRTI	DRV / COBI / FTC / TAF	<a href="#">Janssen Therapeutics</a>
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<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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