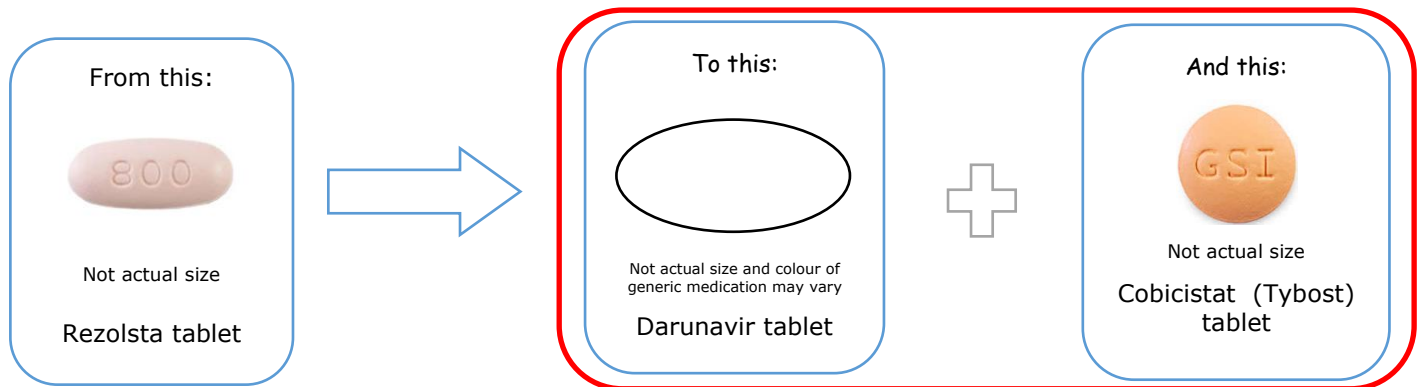


# Information for people switching from Rezolsta® to cobicistat (Tybost) and generic darunavir.



Rezolsta® is the brand name of the medication you are taking which contains the active drugs darunavir and cobicistat. You are being asked to switch from Rezolsta to two separate tablets: darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost).

## What is a 'generic' drug?

When a drug company makes a new medicine, it is controlled under a patent. It has an approved, or generic name, as well as its own brand name, chosen by the company. For example ibuprofen is the generic name and Nurofen® is the brand name. Once the patent runs out, other drug companies can make the drug at a lower cost. These are called 'generic' drugs. The NHS always tries to use generic drugs. This is normal practice for most health conditions. If you are on medications prescribed by your GP for another condition, you may have always been prescribed generic drugs or been switched to generic drugs in the past, as it is standard procedure within the NHS.

## Will darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) taken separately work the same way as Rezolsta?

Yes. Darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) should work in the same way as Rezolsta as long as both darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) are taken together alongside any additional antiretroviral medication you are taking.

## What will the new darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) tablets look like?

Cobicistat (Tybost) is an orange, round, biconvex, film-coated tablet, debossed with "GSI" on one side and plain-faced on the other side of the tablet. The colour and shape of your darunavir tablets may change from time to time depending on which generic manufacturer your hospital is using. This is why it is so important to read the packaging and the label to ensure you are always taking one darunavir and one cobicistat (Tybost) tablet once a day.

## Will there be any side effects when I switch?

As darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) are the two active medicines within Rezolsta there is no expected side effects, but do speak to your clinic doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you experience any new side effects.

## How do I take darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) tablets?

- As soon as your Rezolsta runs out you should then switch to the darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) tablets.
- Darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) should be swallowed whole with a drink such as water or milk.
- You must take **both** darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) **together** at the same time every day alongside any other antiretroviral you may be taking.
- It is recommended to take darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) with food to ensure the medication is absorbed and to improve how the medication is tolerated. However this is not critical and it can be taken without food.
- **Interactions with other medicines:** Darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) can interact with other medicines, herbal, complementary or over the counter medicines that you might buy. In particular medicines such as steroids, statins used to treat cholesterol and antidepressants. It is important that you tell the doctor, pharmacist or nurse about any medicines you are taking so that they can check that they are compatible. Make sure you read the patient information leaflet you received with your HIV medicines for a full list.

**If you have any questions about darunavir and cobicistat (Tybost) please contact your clinic doctor, pharmacist or nurse.**

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