

## Splitting or Crushing *Dovato* Tablets

### Summary

- The efficacy, safety, stability, pharmacokinetic, and physiochemical properties of *Dovato* (dolutegravir/lamivudine [DTG/3TC]) tablets when split or crushed prior to administration have not been evaluated.<sup>1</sup> *Dovato* tablets should be taken orally once daily with or without food.<sup>2</sup> To ensure administration of the entire dose of a *Dovato* tablet, it should be swallowed whole to prevent loss of drug during preparation.<sup>1</sup>
- For patients who cannot swallow a *Dovato* tablet whole, the tablets may, in theory, be split into halves immediately prior to administration of both halves.<sup>1</sup> If a physician decides to do so, based on his/her clinical judgement, a *Dovato* tablet may, in theory, be crushed and added to a small amount of semi-solid food or liquid, all of which should be consumed immediately.
- Important safety information and boxed warning(s) can be found in the [Prescribing Information link](#) and can also be accessed at [Our HIV Medicines](#).

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### ADMINISTRATION AND CHARACTERISTICS OF DOVATO

*Dovato* (50 mg DTG/300 mg 3TC) tablets are intended for oral administration, with or without food.<sup>2</sup> *Dovato* is a film-coated, non-scored, and non-sustained release tablet formulation.<sup>1</sup> Each oval tablet is approximately 18.5 mm x 9.5 mm in size and weighs approximately 918 mg.

### SPLITTING OR CRUSHING DOVATO TABLETS

The efficacy, safety, stability, pharmacokinetic, and physiochemical properties of *Dovato* tablets that have been split or crushed prior to administration have not been evaluated.<sup>1</sup> To ensure administration of the entire dose of a *Dovato* tablet, it should be swallowed whole to prevent loss of drug during preparation. Therefore, it is not recommended that *Dovato* tablets be split or crushed.

For patients who cannot swallow a *Dovato* tablet whole, the tablets may, in theory, be split into halves immediately prior to administration of both halves.<sup>1</sup> Splitting should only be done to facilitate swallowing of a whole tablet in patients with difficulty swallowing tablets whole. If a physician decides to do so, based on his/her clinical judgement, the tablet may, in theory, be crushed and added to a small amount of semi-solid food or liquid, all of which should be consumed immediately. The conclusions for splitting or crushing *Dovato* tablets are based on the overall stability profile of intact *Dovato* tablets and assume the splitting or crushing process is performed as practically close to dosing as possible with no loss of active ingredients.

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## REFERENCES

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