# Administration of pediatric ARV medicine with DTG-10 mg



#### **STEP 1: DETERMINE DOSE**

Add correct number of prescribed ARV tablets to a clean empty glass or bowl based on the child's weight (See dosing table)

Note: You can easily break the tablet from the middle on the solid line.

ARV drugs dosing schedule for CLHIV weighing less than 20 Kg

Child's Weight (in Kg)	DTG 10 mg (Once a day-OD)	AL 60/30 mg (Twice a day-BD)	AL 120/60 mg (Once a day-OD)	ZL 60/30 mg (Twice a day-BD)
3-5.9 kg	0.5 🕒	1	1	1
6-9.9 kg	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
10-13.9 kg	2	2	2	2
14-19.9 kg	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5



## **STEP 2: PREPARE DTG-10 mg MIXTURE**

 For 1-3 tablets, dissolve DTG-10 mg in 5 ml or 1 teaspoon drinking water



When combining DTG-10 mg with AL or ZL tablets, dissolve in 20 ml or
4 teaspoons of drinking water

Note: Ensure the suspension should be stirred well, so that no lumps remain.

### **STEP 3: GIVE MIXTURE TO THE CHILD**



Make sure the child drinks all the medicine immediately or within 30 minutes of preparation

Note: If any medicine remains in the glass/bowl, add little water to the glass/bowl and ensure child takes the complete dose.

#### BENEFITS



Simplified dosing schedule



**Easier administration** 



Better taste



Better tolerance and lesser side-effects



Faster VL suppression



High genetic barrier for resistance

#### **REMINDERS**

- Remember DTG-10 mg should be given immediately or within 30 minutes of mixing with water
  - If the child vomits within 30 minutes of taking medicine, give another full dose of DTG-10 mg
  - However, if the child vomits after 30 minutes, do NOT give an additional dose on the same day
- If your child has any challenge in taking medicine, or if you have any questions, please contact your ART centre

