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Mrs/Miss/Ms [add patient’s name]

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Dear Mrs/Miss/Ms [add patient’s name],

**Reminder: the name of your oral contraceptive has changed from:**

**Mercilon®** (20 micrograms of ethinylestradiol and 150 micrograms of desogestrel)

**To:**

**Bimizza®** (20 micrograms of ethinylestradiol and 150 micrograms of desogestrel)

Bimizza® contains the **same active ingredients in the same amounts** as Mercilon®,and therefore **works in the same way**.

Please continue to take Mercilon® until you run out of tablets. As Bimizza® is the same strength as Mercilon®, after your normal ‘pill-free’ interval, simply start taking Bimizza® in the same way you took Mercilon®.

Your Bimizza® pack will contain a patient information leaflet, which will answer many of the questions you may have about your new brand of pill. You can also find out about Bimizza® at: [www.morningsidecontraceptives.com](http://www.morningsidecontraceptives.com). Simply go the website and click on ‘*I have been prescribed a Morningside Contraceptive’* then select ‘*Bimizza®*’.

Changing your prescription to Bimizza® should not cause you any problems or inconvenience.Bimizza® is just as effective at preventing pregnancy as Mercilon®. However, if you wish to discuss this change then please arrange to speak with one of our GPs or our Family Planning Nurse.

Yours sincerely,

Dr [add name]

Dr [add name] and Partners

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