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Mrs/Miss/Ms [add patient’s name]

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[add date]

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

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

**Mercilon®** (20 mcg ethinylestradiol + 150 mcg desogestrel)

**To:**

**Bimizza®** (20 mcg ethinylestradiol + 150 mcg desogestrel)

Bimizza® contains the **same active ingredients in the same amounts** as Mercilon®,and is therefore considered to **work in the same way.1–3**

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®.1,2

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, click on ‘*I have been prescribed a Morningside Contraceptive’* and then select ‘*view more*’ under Bimizza®.

Changing to Bimizza® is as simple as getting used to the new packaging – you’ll take the same number of tablets each month, and request repeat prescriptions in the same way as when you took Mercilon®.1,2 When taken correctly, Bimizza® is just as effective at preventing pregnancy as Mercilon®.3 However, if you wish to discuss this change, please arrange to speak with one of our GPs or our Family Planning Nurse.

Yours sincerely,

Dr [add name]

Dr [add name] and Partners

**Bimizza®** is a registered trademark of Morningside Healthcare Ltd

**Mercilon®** is a registered trademark of Organon Pharma (UK) Ltd

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