An HIV Med That Tastes Yummy!

A new strawberry-flavored HIV med is a game changer for children living with HIV.

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Until recently, HIV drugs for babies and toddlers always came in hard-to-swallow pills or yucky-tasting syrups. But now there's Quadrimune. The pediatric formula comes in strawberry-flavored granules that can be sprinkled on food or mixed with milk. What's more, reports The New York Times, this game-changing med is priced at about a dollar a day. It's a product of Cipla, which manufactures generic drugs in India. The medication could save thousands of lives, notably in Africa, where nearly 80,000 babies die every year because of HIV-related illness. Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration, which approves meds for use in the United States, is currently reviewing Quadrimune; a decision is expected as soon as this spring.

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