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Taribavirin

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An orally available prodrug of ribavirin, a synthetic nucleoside analog of ribofuranose with activity against a wide range of viruses, especially the hepatitis C virus and influenza virus. Taribavirin is converted into ribavirin, which is incorporated into viral nucleic acid, thereby inhibiting viral RNA synthesis, inducing viral genome mutations, and inhibiting normal viral replication.