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### General description

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**EML status history**

- First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum*
- Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax*
- Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum*
- Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax*
- Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale*
- Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae*
- Added in 1997 ([TRS 882](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Rheumatoid arthritis*
- Removed in 2007 ([TRS 946](https://www.who.int/medicines/dochome)) for *Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum*
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**Indications**

- *Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum*
- *Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax*

**Recommendations**

**Section**

- **Antimalarial medicines** > **For curative treatment**

- **Parenteral** > **General injections** > **IV**: 40 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule (as hydrochloride, phosphate or sulfate)
- **Oral** > **Liquid**: 50 mg per 5 mL syrup (as phosphate or sulfate)
- **Oral** > **Solid**: 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate); 100 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)
### Antimalarial medicines > For chemoprevention

Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL syrup (as phosphate or sulfate)
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**Indications**

- Malaria due to *Plasmodium vivax*
- Malaria due to *Plasmodium falciparum*
- Malaria due to *Plasmodium ovale*
- Malaria due to *Plasmodium malariae*

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### Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)

Oral > Solid: 100 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate); 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)

**Indications**

- Rheumatoid arthritis