

## [Ofloxacin](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J01MA01](#)

Indication

Multi-drug resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis ICD11 code: [ML32.00](#)

INN

Ofloxacin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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List type

Complementary

Additional notes

Levofloxacin may be an alternative based on availability and programme considerations.

Formulations

**Oral > Solid:** 200 mg ; 400 mg

EML status history

First added in 1999 ([TRS 895](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 946](#))

Removed in 2013 ([TRS 985](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

On the basis of WHO guideline recommendations, public health needs and available evidence on efficacy and safety, the Expert Committee recommended that ofloxacin should be replaced by levofloxacin, with a note to indicate that ofloxacin and moxifloxacin may be used as alternatives in the treatment of MDR-TB.