




		EMLc	ATC codes: B03BB01
Indication	Folate deficiency anaemia	ICD11 code: <a href="#">3A02.Z</a>	
INN	Folic acid		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 1 mg tablet ; 5 mg tablet		
EML status history	First added in 1977 ( <a href="#">TRS 615</a> ) Changed in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> ) Changed in 1991 ( <a href="#">TRS 825</a> ) Changed in 2003 ( <a href="#">TRS 920</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 950</a> )		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Folic acid</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Folic acid</a> 		

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee accepted the public health need for supplementation with folic acid in children. Therefore, the Subcommittee agreed to endorse folic acid as an essential medicine for children. Appropriate formulations of folic acid need to be included to cover the needs of neonates to adolescents. They should have appropriate excipients for children.

