



Section: 29. Medicines for diseases of joints > 29.2. Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)

		EMLc	ATC codes: P01BA02
Indication	Systemic lupus erythematosus	ICD11 code: 4A40.0Z	
INN	Hydroxychloroquine		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 200 mg (as sulfate)		
EML status history	First added in 2011 (TRS 965) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)		
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 about patents .		
Wikipedia	Hydroxychloroquine		
DrugBank	Hydroxychloroquine		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The Expert Committee recommended inclusion of hydroxychloroquine on the complementary list of the EML for the treatment of adults with systemic lupus erythematosus, given its beneficial effects in this condition. (Refer to the 2021 recommendation for hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of cutaneous lupus erythematosus).

