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	EM	Lc	ATC codes: J01FA1	
Indication	Yaws ICD11 code: 1C5D			
INN	Azithromycin			
Medicine type	Chemical agent			
Antibiotic groups	W WATCH			
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)			
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid (EMLc) Oral > Solid > dosage form: 500 mg (anhydrous) ; 250 mg (anhydrous)			
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)			
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	Azithromycin 🗹			
DrugBank	Azithromycin 🗹			

Expert Committee recommendation

In consideration of the review of the age appropriateness of formulations of medicines on the EMLc, and the comparison report of the EML versus EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended changes to the EMLc for addition of new, age-appropriate formulations and strengths of existing essential medicines, deletion of unavailable or age-inappropriate formulations and strengths, and other listing modifications as proposed in the application. The Committee also endorsed the proposals for further review of the public health relevance and evidence for specific medicines for use in children for potential future consideration for inclusion on the EMLc. The Committee noted and welcomed the ongoing review being coordinated by the Secretariat for the remaining sections of the EMLc for consideration by the 2025 Expert Committee. As a result of the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - replacing the oral liquid formulation of azithromycin (200 mg/5 mL) with powder for oral liquid 200 mg/5 mL on the EML and EMLc.

EML recommendations: Yaws				
	First choice	Second choice		
	azithromycin			

