Levofloxacin

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EMLc | ATC codes: J01MA12

Indication	Multi-drug resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis ICD11 code: MG52.00
INN	Levofloxacin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	WATCH
List type	Core
Additional notes	Medicines for the treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) should be used in specialized centres adhering to WHO standards for TB contol.
Formulations	**Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet:** 100 mg (EMLc) **Oral > Solid > tablet:** 250 mg ; 500 mg ; 750 mg (EML)
EML status history	First added in 1999 (TRS 895) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2011 (TRS 965) Changed in 2013 (TRS 985) Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2019 (TRS 1021) Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064)
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	Levofloxacin
DrugBank	Levofloxacin

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The Expert Committee recommended the transfer of listings for medicines for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis from the complementary to the core list of the EML and EMLc.