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	EMLc ATC codes: J05ABC
Indication	Viral haemorrhagic fever, not elsewhere classified ICD11 code: 1D86
INN	Ribavirin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)
Additional notes	For the treatment of viral haemorrhagic fevers.
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1000 mg per 10 mL phosphate buffer solution ; 800 mg per 10 mL phosphate buffer solution Oral > Solid: 200 mg ; 400 mg ; 600 mg
EML status history	First added in 2007 (TRS 946) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
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	Ribavirin 🗹
DrugBank	Ribavirin 🗹

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Ribavirin was added to the main list in March 2007 for use for viral haemorrhagic fevers, including use in children. The Subcommittee recommended that this be included on the list as essential for children but, given concerns about potential inappropriate use of this medicine in children, added a note that it was for the treatment of viral haemorrhagic fevers only.

