

MedsPaL

THE MEDICINES PATENTS AND LICENCES DATABASE

About MedsPaL

MedsPaL provides information on the patent and licensing status of HIV, hepatitis C, tuberculosis and other patented medicines on the World Health Organization (WHO) Model List of Essential Medicines in low- and middle-income countries. Developed by the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP), it offers an overview of the intellectual property status of priority medicines in developing countries.

MedsPaL in Numbers



Patent status data on more than 6,800 national patent applications



From more than 110 low- and middle- income countries



Covering 70 priority medicines (130+ formulations)



With information on 39 licences and other access agreements in low- and middle-income countries



And data exclusivity information from 15 countries

Key Features of MedsPaL

- Searchable by key words, pharmaceutical products and countries
- Regularly updated through automated data feeds, online searches, patent holder disclosures and collaboration with patent experts, national/regional patent offices and international organisations (e.g. WHO, World Intellectual Property Organization)
- Patent cards with legal status, patent numbers, expected expiry dates and other patent information
- Links to patents available on Espacenet, the European Patent Office's public database
- Licence cards with publicly-available information on relevant licences, including links to further information and to full MPP licences
- E-mail sign-up to enable regular communications with users on updates and upcoming features
- Information on regulatory data exclusivity in countries where such exclusivity is provided under national law
- Possibility to export results for further analysis



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