

Are there cures for malaria

If detected early and treated properly, malaria may be cured. Since 2005, the World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended that malaria be treated with the potent antimalarial drug artemisinin as part of combination therapy. Coartem is a highly effective artemisinin-based fixed-dose combination that cures up to 95 percent of cases, even in areas of multi-drug resistance. Coartem is the only antimalarial prequalified by WHO, and is the only malaria therapy added to WHO's Essential Medicines List. Since 2001, Novartis has provided more than 160 million treatments without profit to those most in need. To accelerate access to its state-of-the-art antimalarial treatment, Novartis reduced the average price of Coartem for the public market by 20 percent on World Malaria Day (April 25, 2008).