

# MACROLIDES: WELL-KNOWN AND LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

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## *Summary*

A general information about the group of antibacterial medicines macrolides, their antibacterial spectrum and list of trade-names, registered in Ukraine, have been presented in this article. The authors have characterized the clinical effectiveness of macrolides in infectious diseases of respiratory tract, highlighted their anti-inflammatory, immunity-modulating and bronchodilator effects. The mechanism of interrelations between macrolides and *P. aeruginosa* and the ability of clarithromycin to potentiate antibacterial effects of other antimicrobials have been described.