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**TREATMENT OF MALARIA AMONG OUTPATIENTS
ATTENDING GURU-NANAK HOSPITAL BETWEEN JANUARY
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ABSTRACT

Malaria is an infectious febrile disease caused by protozoa of the genus plasmodia and transmitted by the bites of the anopheles mosquitoes. The disease symptoms occur at interval depending on the time required for development and the generation of parasite in the body

The research aimed to determine the drugs of choice used in the treatment of malaria among outpatient attending the guru Nanak hospital. The study was cross-sectional involving observing the records kept for the month of January to march.

Data analyzed by use of tables, graphs, interviews, questionnaires and calculation of percentages.

According to guru Nanak different types of anti malarial found in the market dihydroartemesinin drugs (coartem) had the highest dispensing rates.

Upon other observations, pharmacists should also be encouraged to stock ant malarial drugs with dose regimens that are easier to follow e.g. once daily dosage