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THEME SECTION

Options for improving malaria treatment: Introduction

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This Theme Section of IJTAHC presents summaries of six policy briefs that address scaling up of artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs) in the treatment of uncomplicated falciparum malaria in Africa. The methods used to develop the policy briefs are described in the Section Editorial. Each summary assesses the problem, potential policy options to address the problem, and strategies for implementing those options.

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