

Table 4 Prescribers' perceptions about effectiveness of different antimalarial drugs for Plasmodium falciparum and P. vivax in the management of malaria in Pakistan

Antimalarial drug	Prescribers' perceptions (n = 360)			
	Least effective		Most effective	
	No.	%	No.	%
Artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT)	37	10.3	323	89.7
Dihydroartemisinin + piperaquine	145	40.3	215	59.7
Artesunate + tetracycline/ doxycycline/ clindamycin	88	24.4	272	75.6
Single-dose primaquine + ACT	278	77.2	82	22.8
Primaquine 0.75 mg/kg body weight	64	17.8	296	82.2
Chloroquine + primaquine	37	10.3	323	89.7
ACT + primaquine	87	24.2	273	75.8