

Amir Attaran, 'How do Patents And Economic Policies Affect Access to Essential Medicines in Developing Countries?', *Health Affairs*, Volume 23, Number 3, May/June 2004, pp. 155-66

Abstract: This paper examines the link between patents in developing countries and access to medicines for 319 medicines and medical products from the WHO's list of essential medicines. The study shows that patent protection exists for less than 2% of these products and does not hinder access to these medicines.

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Orientation	Critical of IP	0
	Supportive of IP	1
	Neutral towards IP	0
Methodology	Theoretical	1
	Empirical	1
Type of IP discussed	Patents	1
	Trade Marks (Copyrights)	0
	Trade Secrets	0
Focus	Innovation	1
	Access	1
	FDI	0
	Economic Growth	0
Geographical focus	Global	1
	Regional	1
	Country specific (refers to specific countries via case studies or detailed examples)	1