

3. Protease inhibitors (PIs)

3.1 SAQUINAVIR (SQV) HGC			
FORMULATIONS			
Tablets	Hard gel capsules	Liquid	FDC
500 mg	200 mg	None	None
DOSE AND FREQUENCY OF DOSING			
Target dose – hard gel capsules (HGCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studies have reported using 33 mg/kg three times a day.			
Administration – tablets <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually taken with RTV• Should be taken with food as absorption is improved; it is suggested that it be taken within two hours after a meal.			
Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store capsules at room temperature (25°C; range 15 – 30°C) in a tightly closed container (to protect from moisture).• SQV HGCs do not need refrigeration.			
OTHER COMMENTS			
General <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not licensed for use in children less than 16 years of age or less than 25 kg in weight• Safety and effectiveness not yet well established in younger children			
Major drug interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None reported			

Ref: <http://www.gene.com/gene/products/information/invirase/pdf/pi.pdf>
<http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/paediatric/antiretroviral/en/index.html>