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As the study did not involve human subjects or animals, it did not require the review and approval of the Ethics Board of the Medical School, University of Montreal. Medical cost data were collected under the responsibility of hospital department heads in all four countries (members of the working group and co-authors) and these professors of medicine have the required authority to collect and use the data. Furthermore, the identity of the hospitals and pharmacies where price information was collected was not divulged. Additionally, the prices are known to the public and displayed in hospitals and pharmacies. Therefore, no further authorization or special permission to use the data was necessary.

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