Sharing a database of 137 national essential medicines lists to improve health

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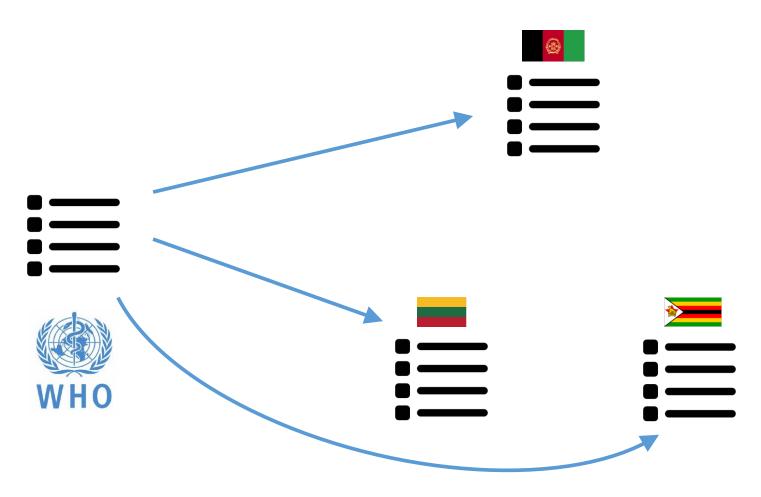
Medicines listed by almost every country

- metronidazole (n=136; 99 %)
- 2. salbutamol (135, 98 %)
- 3. insulin (135, 98 %)
- 4. doxycycline (135, 98 %)
- 5. diazepam (134, 98 %)
- 6. lidocaine (134, 98 %)
- 7. carbamazepine (134, 98 %)
- 8. metformin (133, 97 %)
- 9. hydrocortisone (133, 97 %)
- 10. gentamicin (133, 97 %)

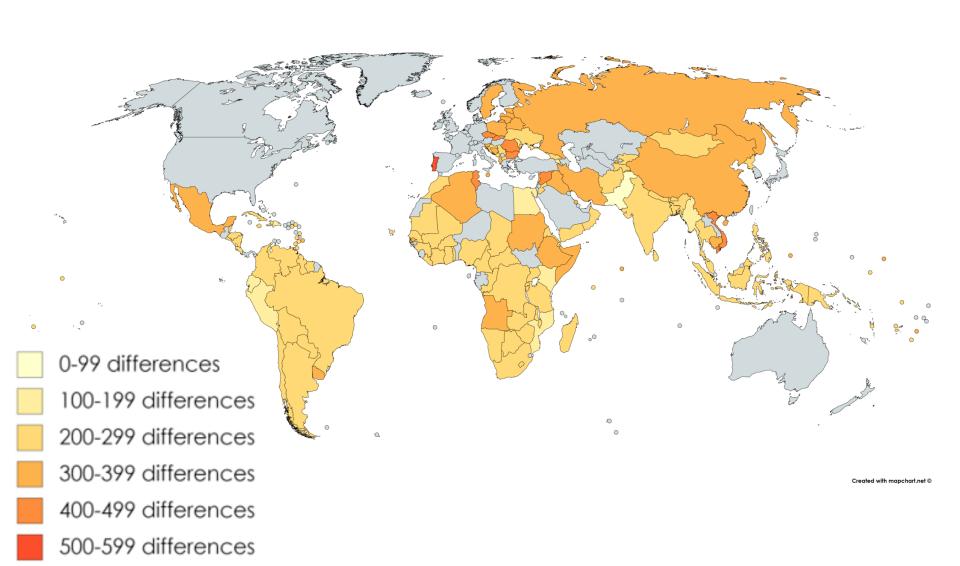


Compare each country's list with...

...WHO model list

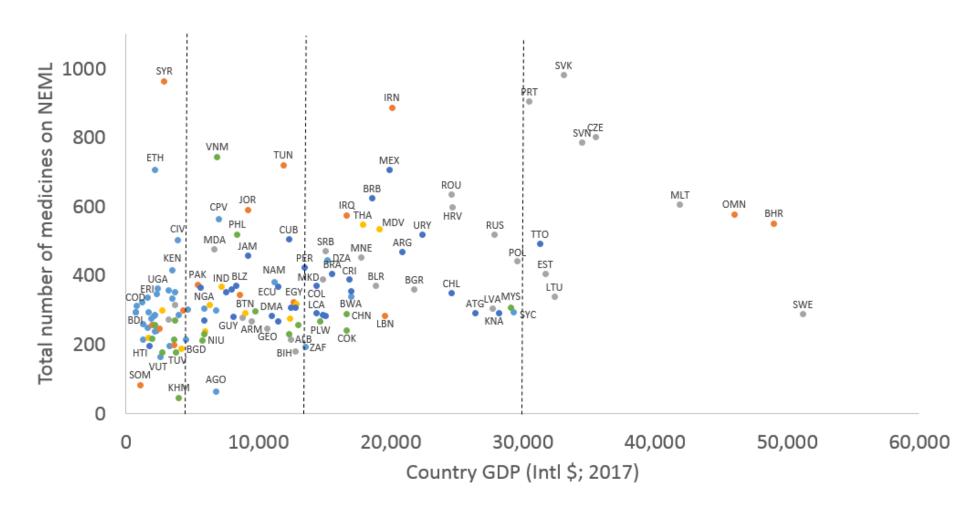


Number of differences from WHO model list



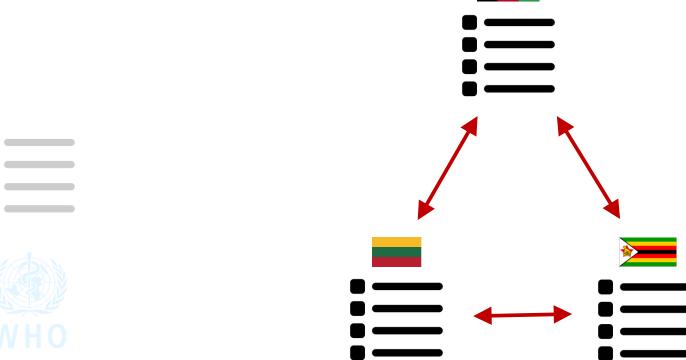
Length of national EML versus GDP per capita

Africa • Eastern Mediterranean • Europe • South-East Asia • The Americas • Western Pacific



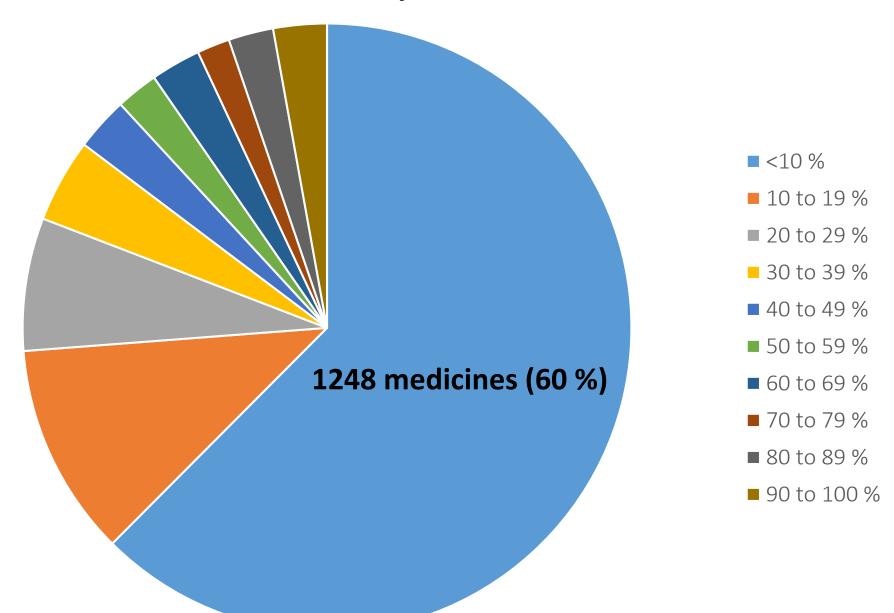
Compare each country's list with...

...lists of other countries





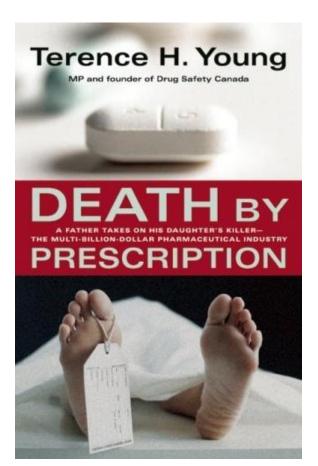
Most medicines are listed by less than 10 % of countries

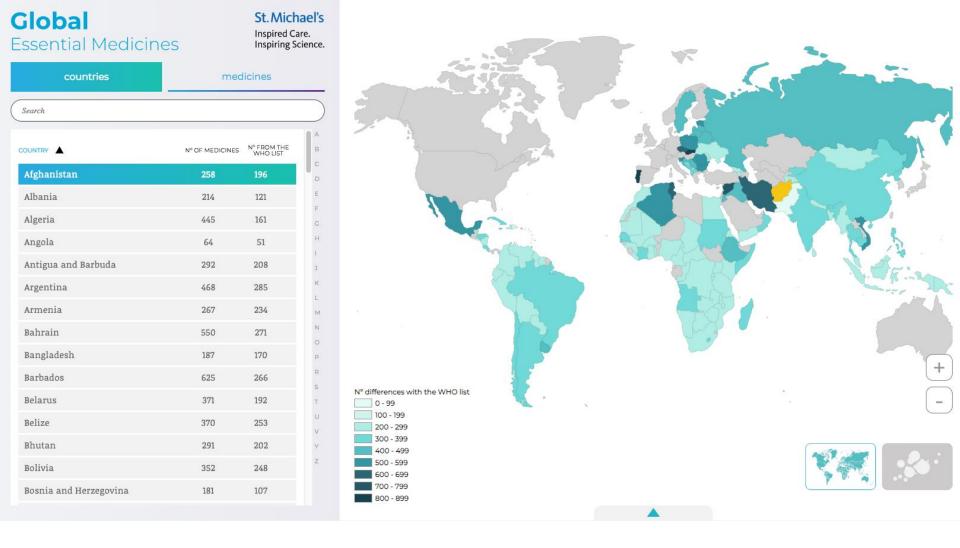


96 withdrawn medicines listed on country EMLs

- thioridazine (39 countries)
- fenoterol (31 countries)
- rosiglitazone (18 countries)
- cisapride (9 countries)
- sibutramine (2 countries)







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