

Table 1: Percentage change in real pharmaceutical expenditure and its components in selected countries.

Country	Sweden	Sweden	Italy	Taiwan	China	Greece	Sudan
Type of expenditure in the analysis	Outpatient	Inpatient and outpatient		prescription drugs	Inpatient*	inpatient and outpatient	inpatient and outpatient†
Period of study	1990-1995	1990-2000	2000-2001	1997-2001	2003-2007	2000-2004	2006–2010
Authors	Gerdham et al. 1998 ¹⁵	Gerdham and Lundin 2004 ¹⁷	Addis and Magrini 2002 ¹⁶	Hsieh and Sloan 2008 ¹⁸	Wu et al. 2013 ¹⁹	Lambrelli and O'Donnell ²⁰	Mousnad et al. 2013 ²¹
Real pharmaceutical expenditure‡	50%	119%	13.5%	56%	9%	39.5%	66.3%
Price component‡	-9%	-7%	-1%	-18%	-33%	-10%	6.7%
Quantity component ‡ (DDDs) [§]	27%	41%	9.5%	20%	10%	31%	91.0%
Prescribing choices component‡	30%	67%	4.8%	59%	48%	18%	-18.4%

* anti-infective drugs, † medicine expenditure of the National Health Insurance Fund, ‡ % change, §DDDs: Defined Daily Doses.