



**REGIONAL DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS CENTRE
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COST COMPARISON CHARTS

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INTRODUCTION

Charts are organised by BNF classification and show comparative costs at basic NHS prices (as of April 2012) for selected agents. Except where indicated otherwise, each chart shows the cost of 1 year¹ of treatment at a standard daily dose (shown in brackets). The doses given are not intended to imply therapeutic equivalence and for some drug groups – such as ACE inhibitors – doses may vary according to indication. Additionally, in some therapeutic areas – such as antibacterial drugs – the duration of treatment may differ from that shown. In the case of inhaled preparations the cost of supplying 28 days at a range of doses for particular agents is given.

NEW - Cost comparison charts are now available in Excel format to all stakeholders (under password protection) on our NHS website:

http://www.rdtc.nhs.uk/Services/presc_supp/rx_reports/rx_reports.php

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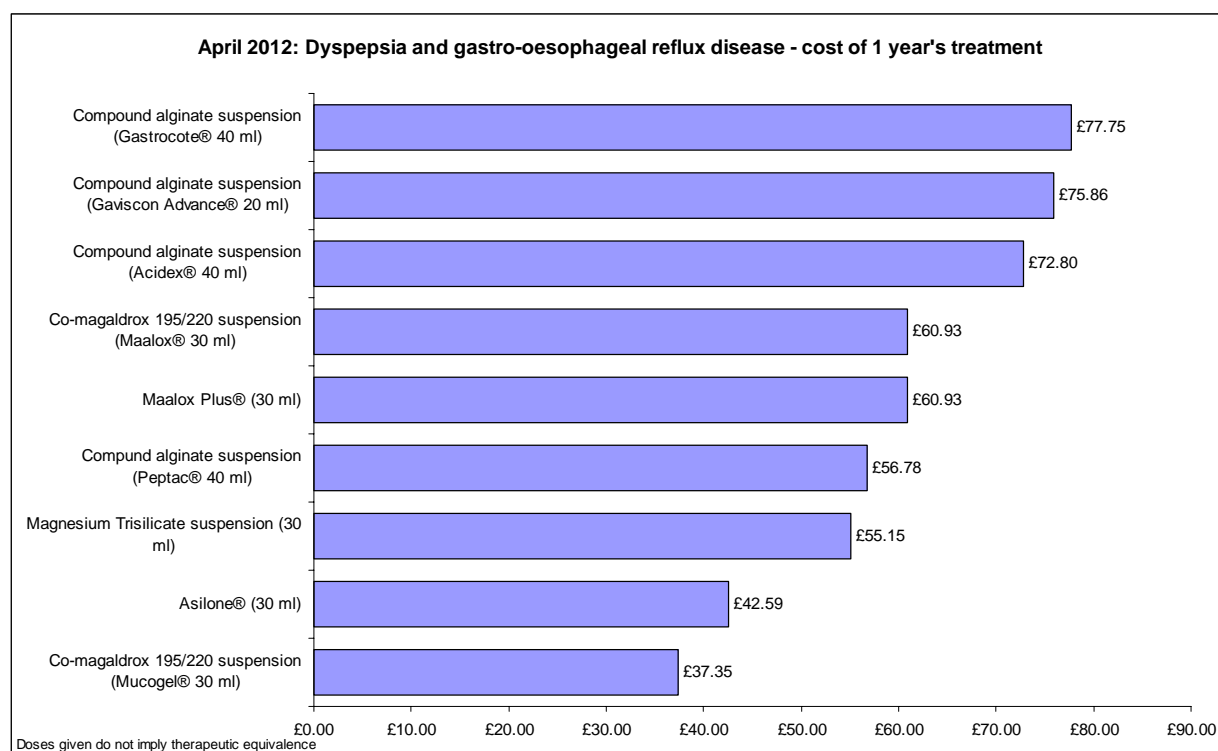
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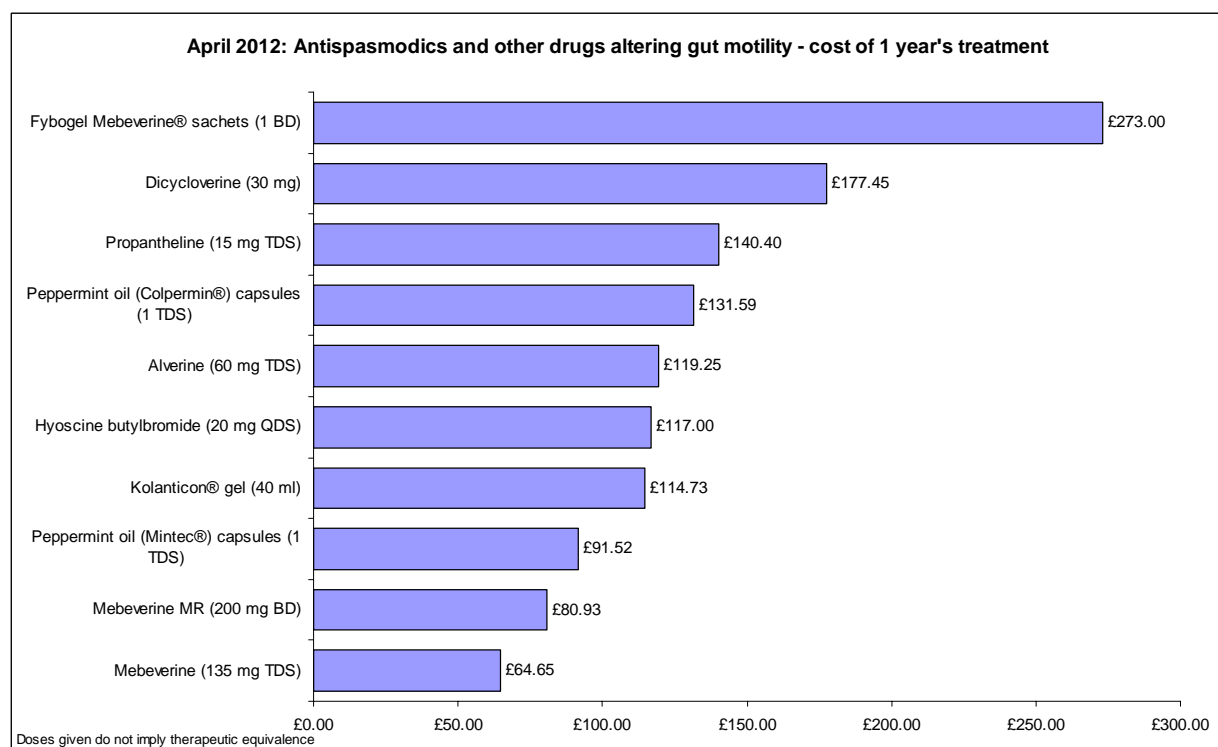
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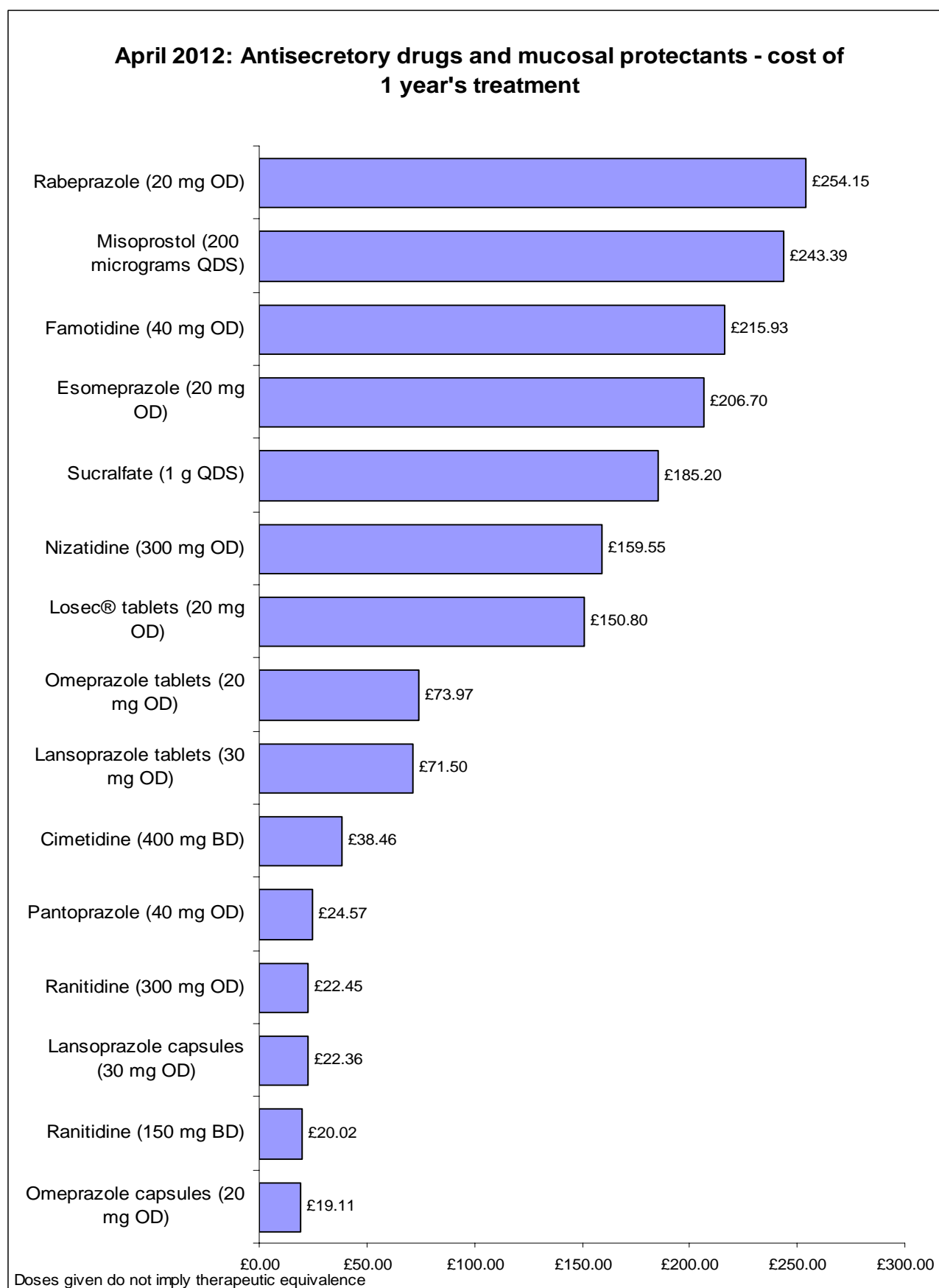


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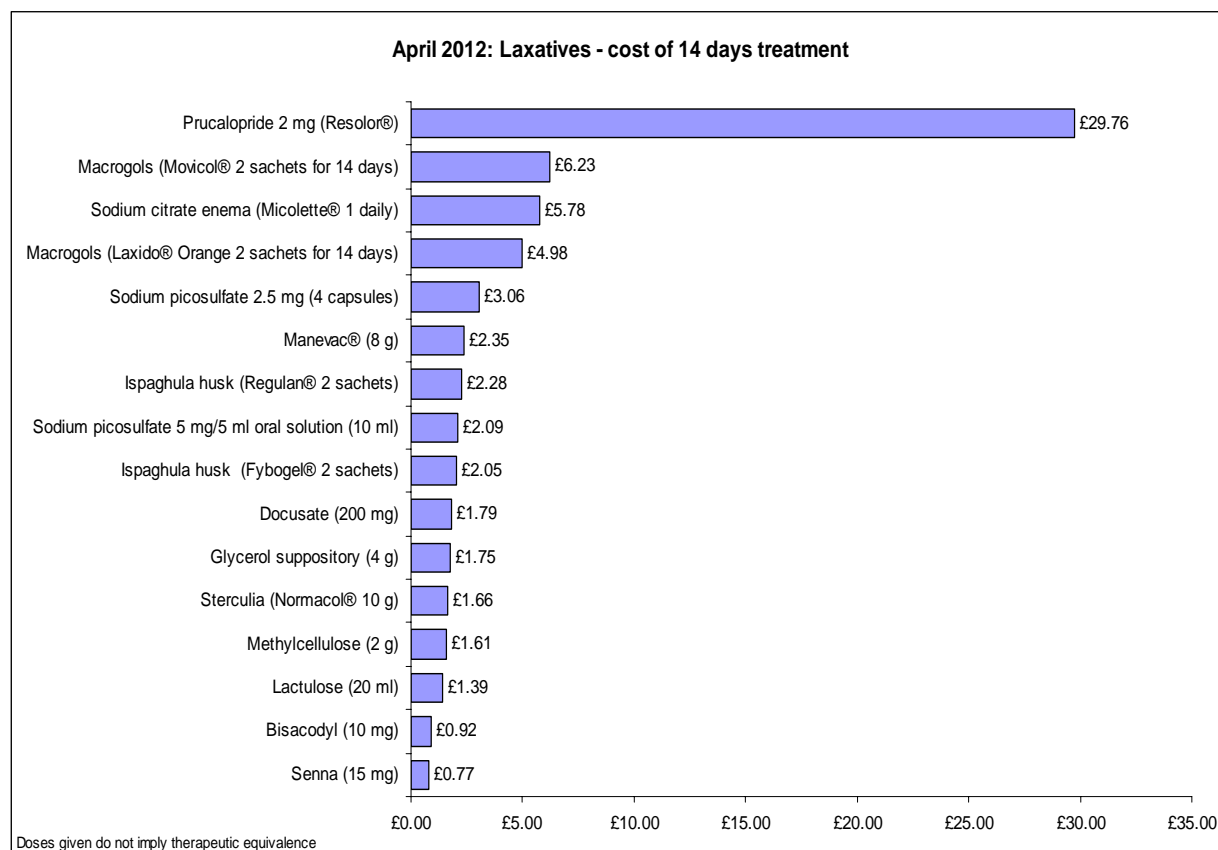
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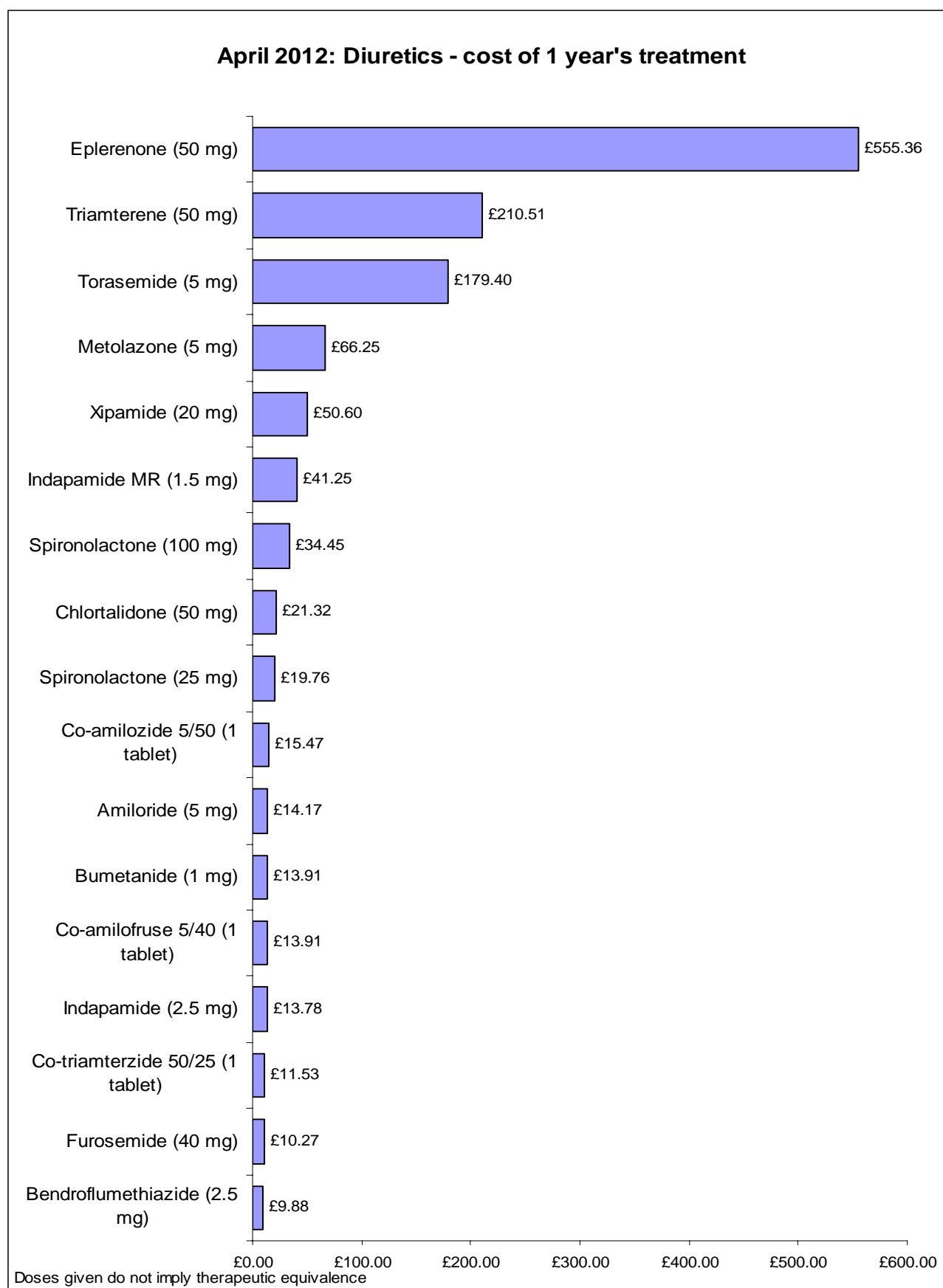
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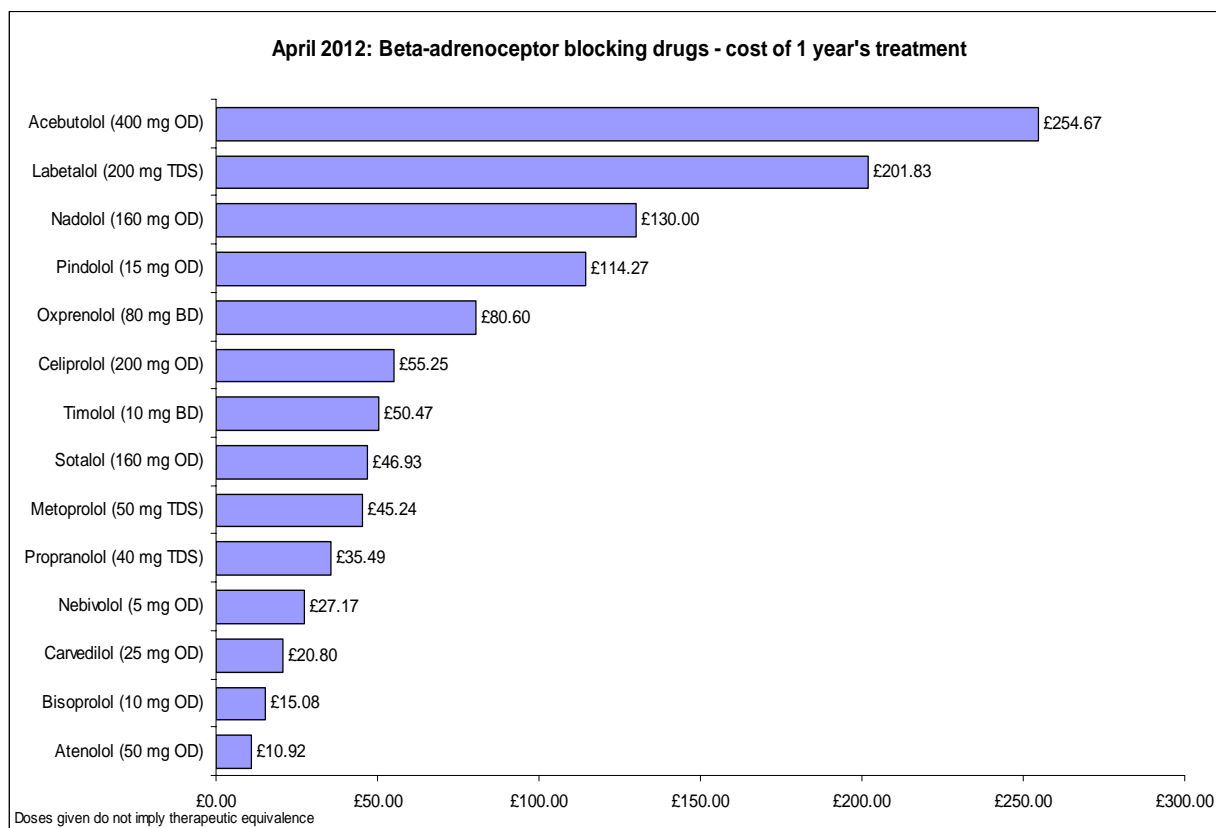
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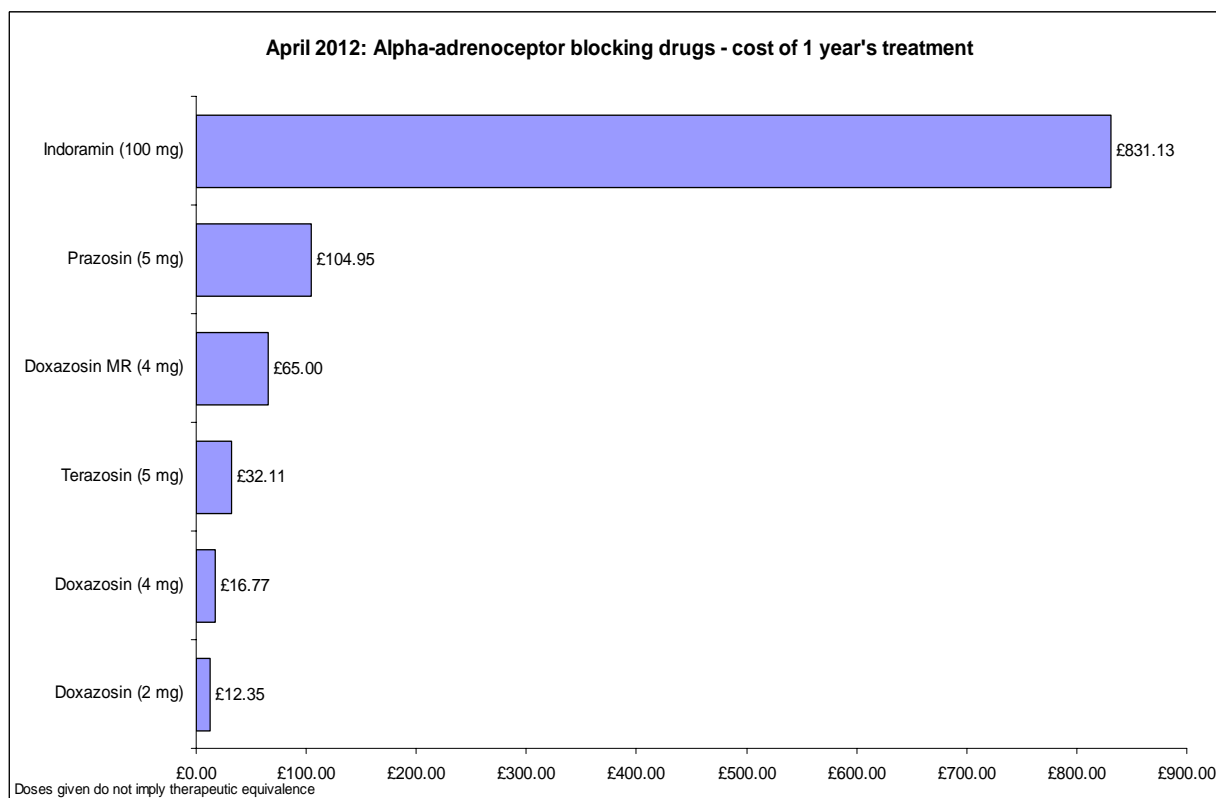


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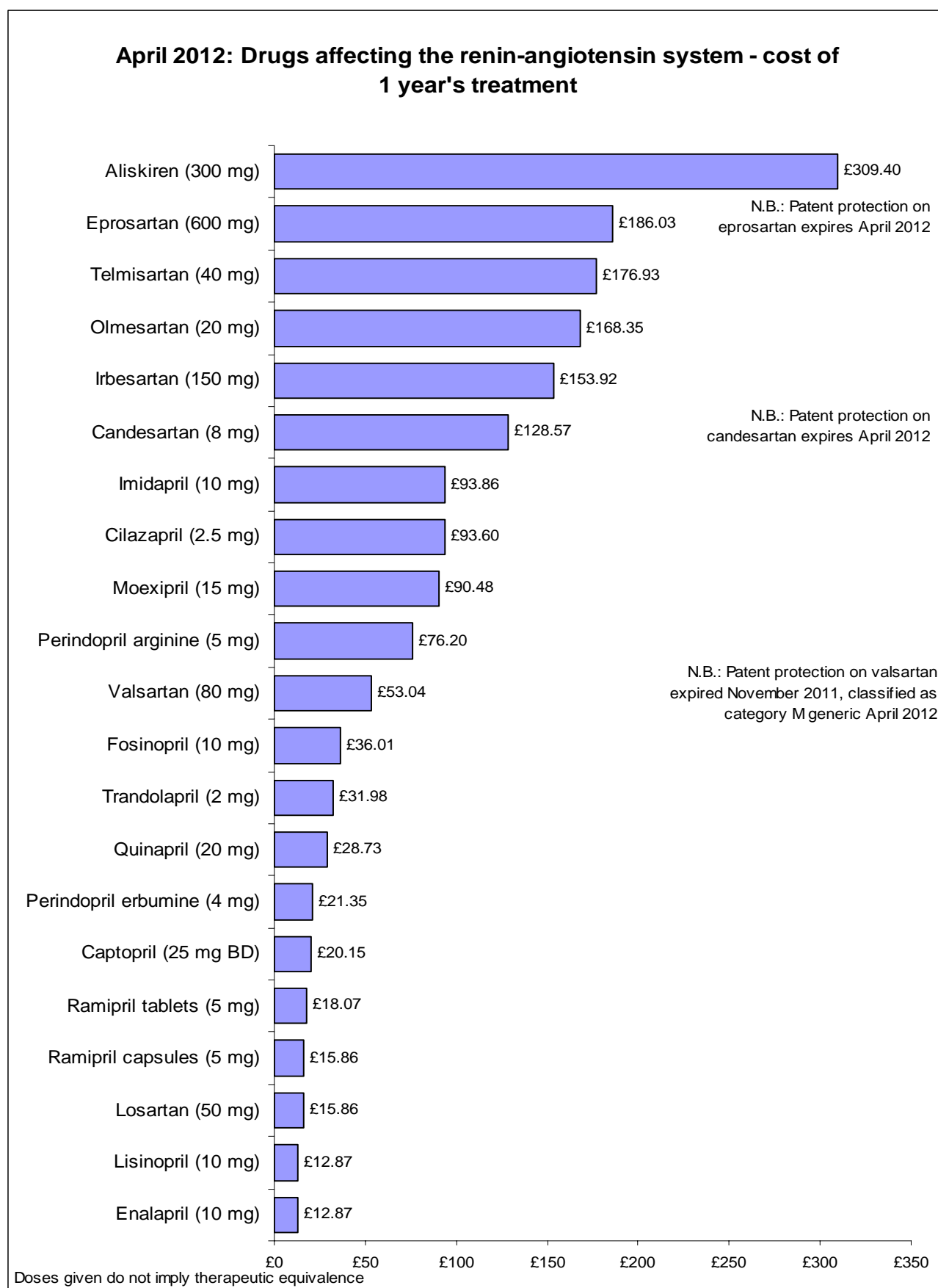


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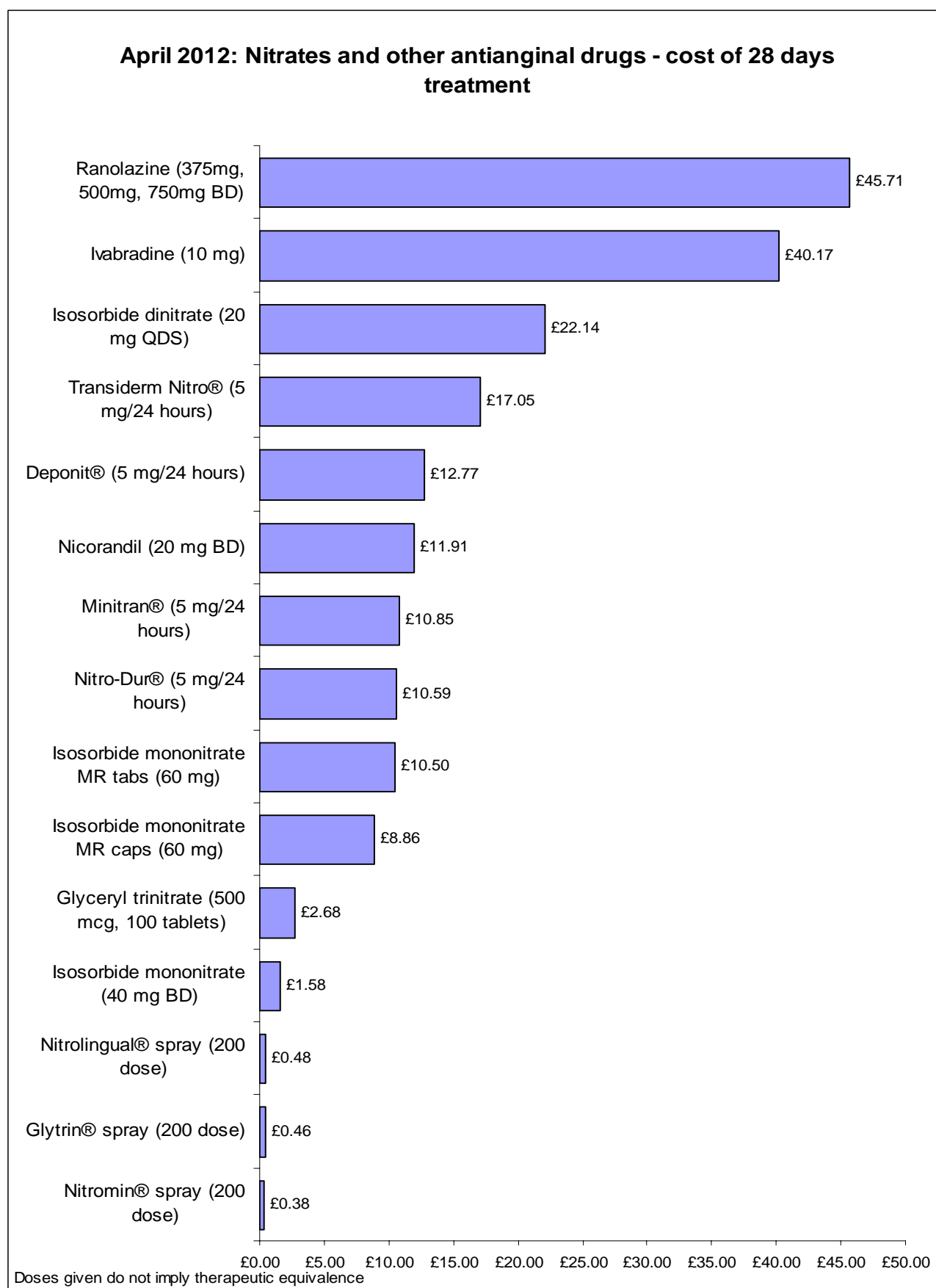


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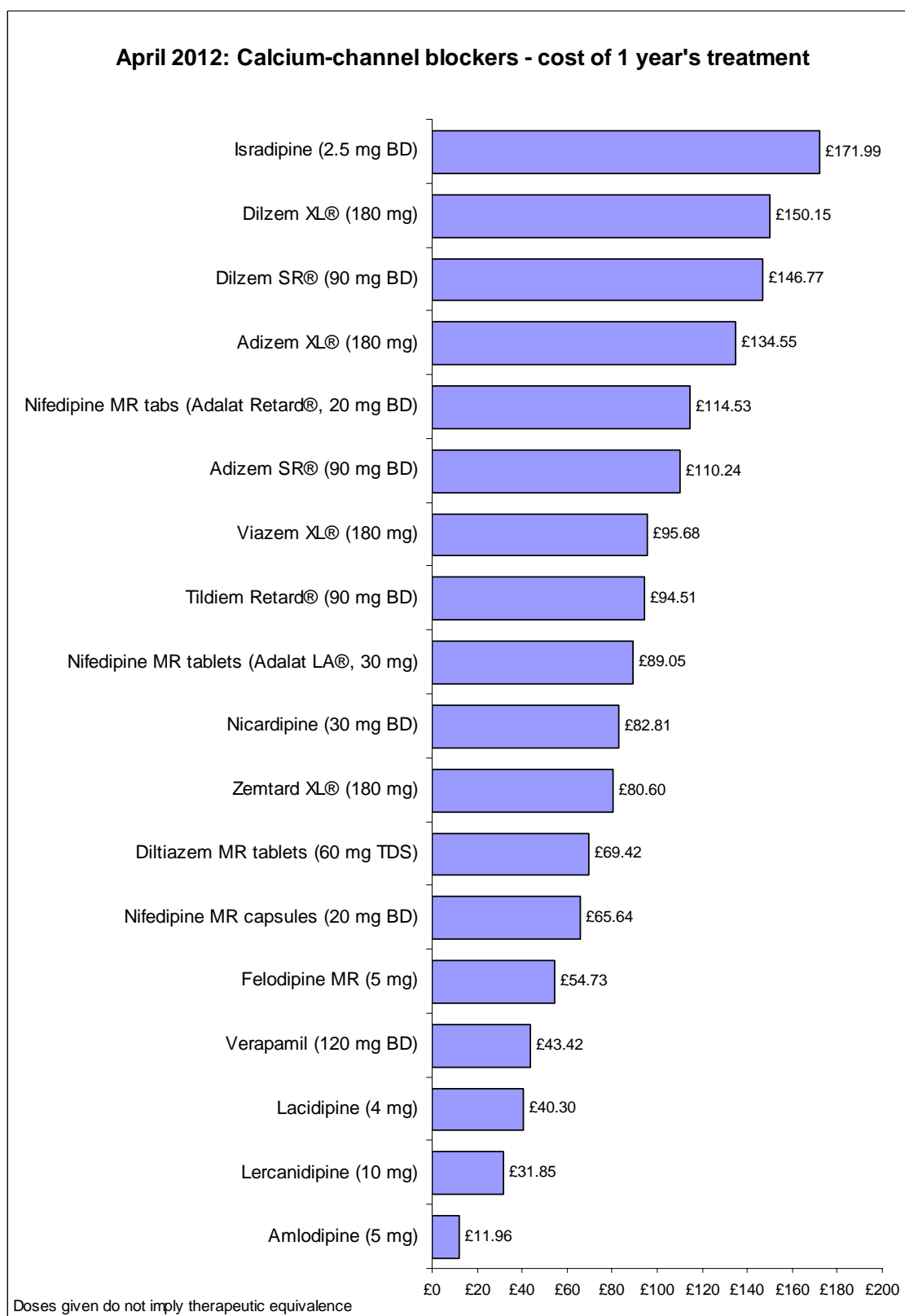
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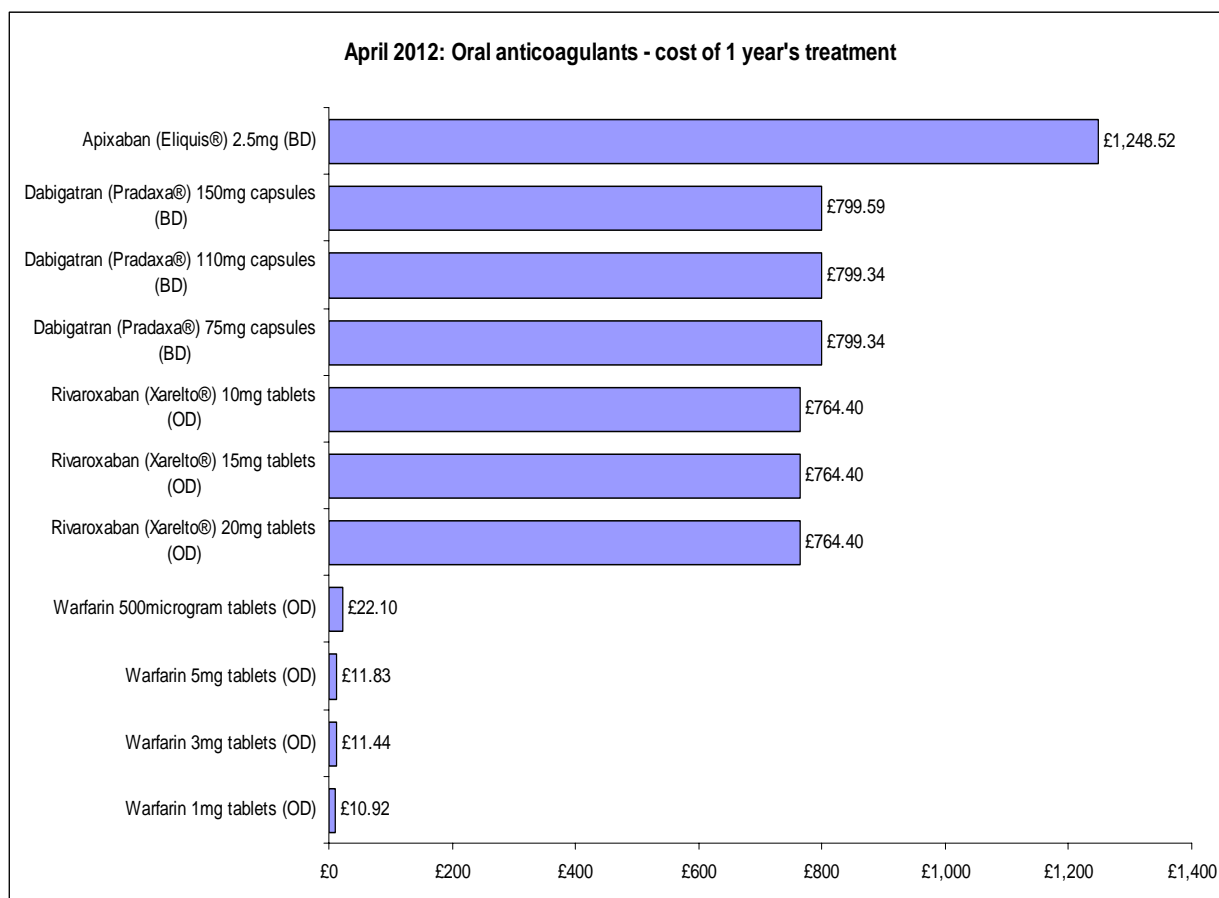
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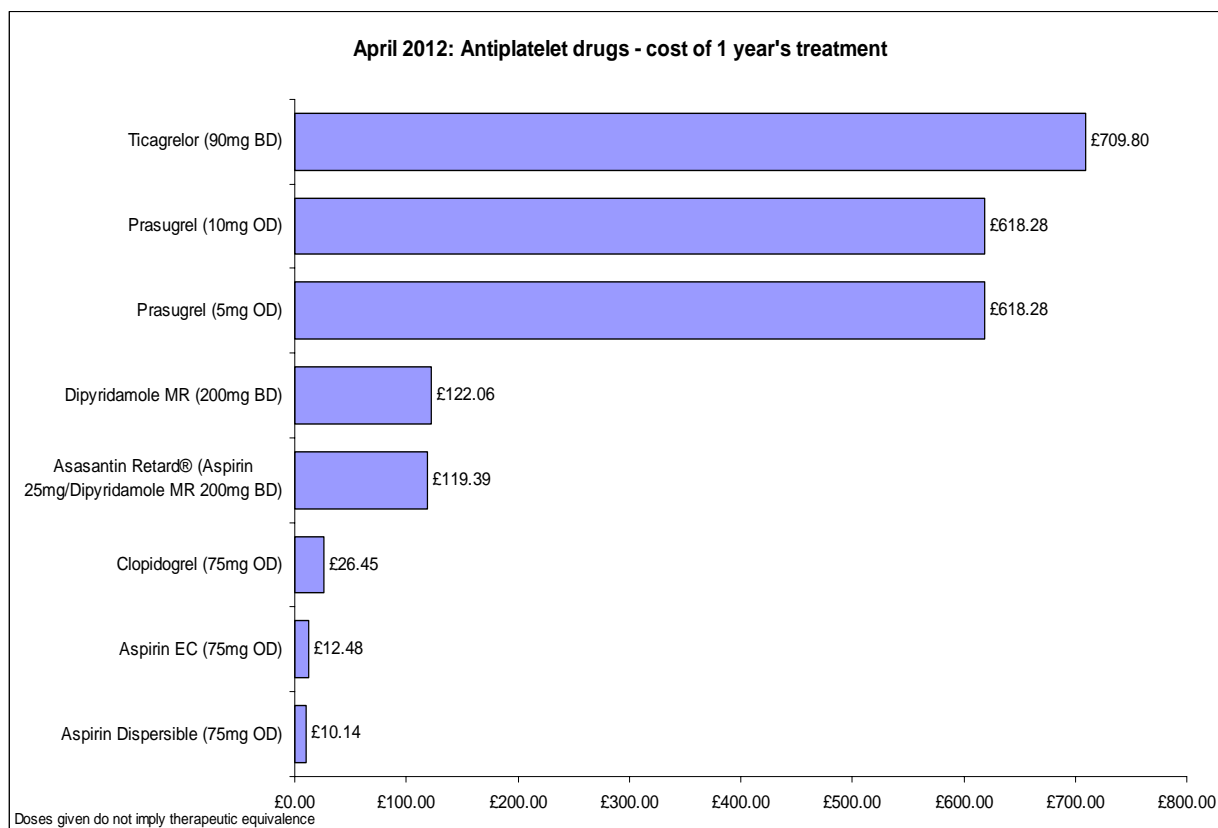
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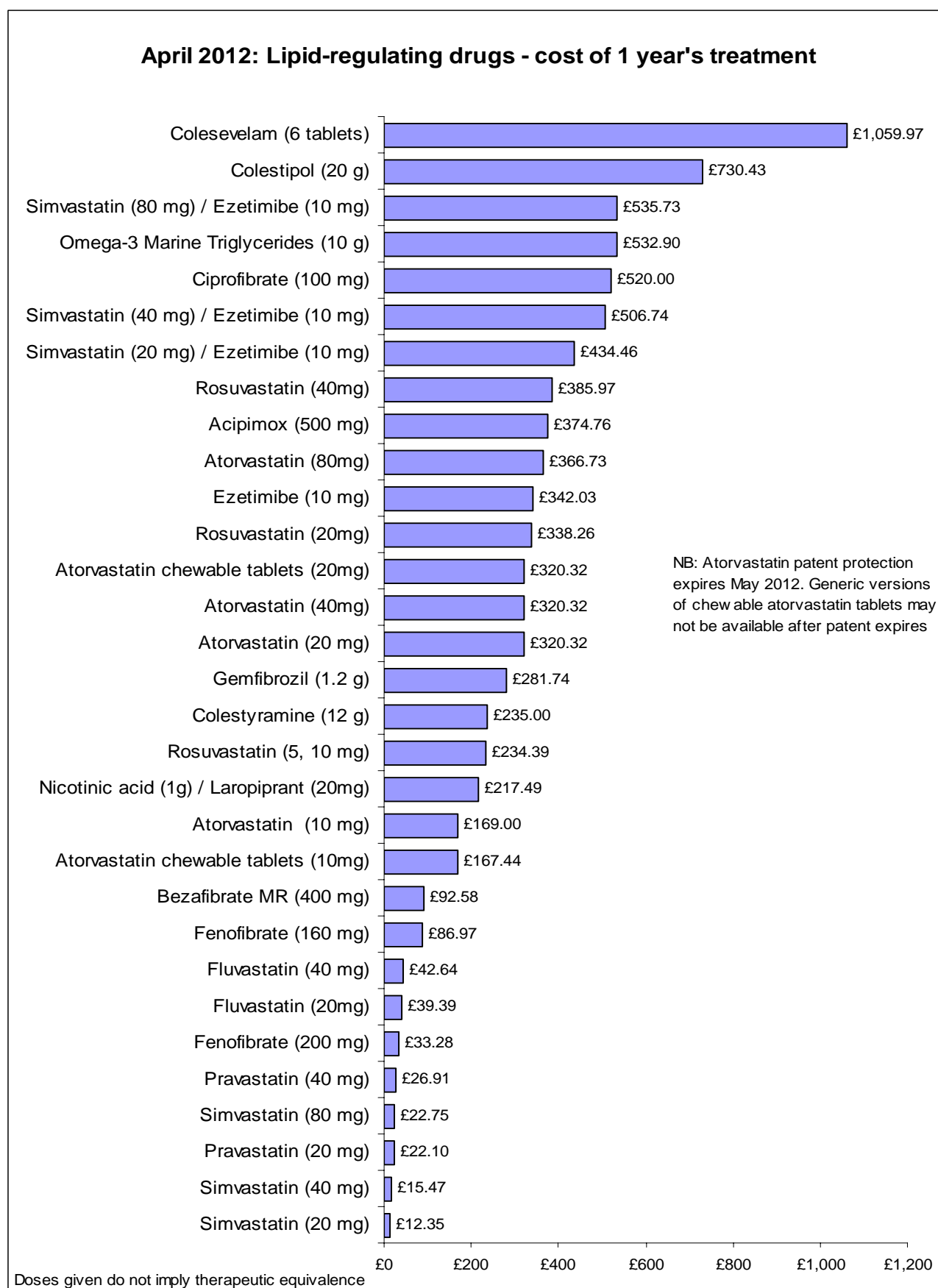
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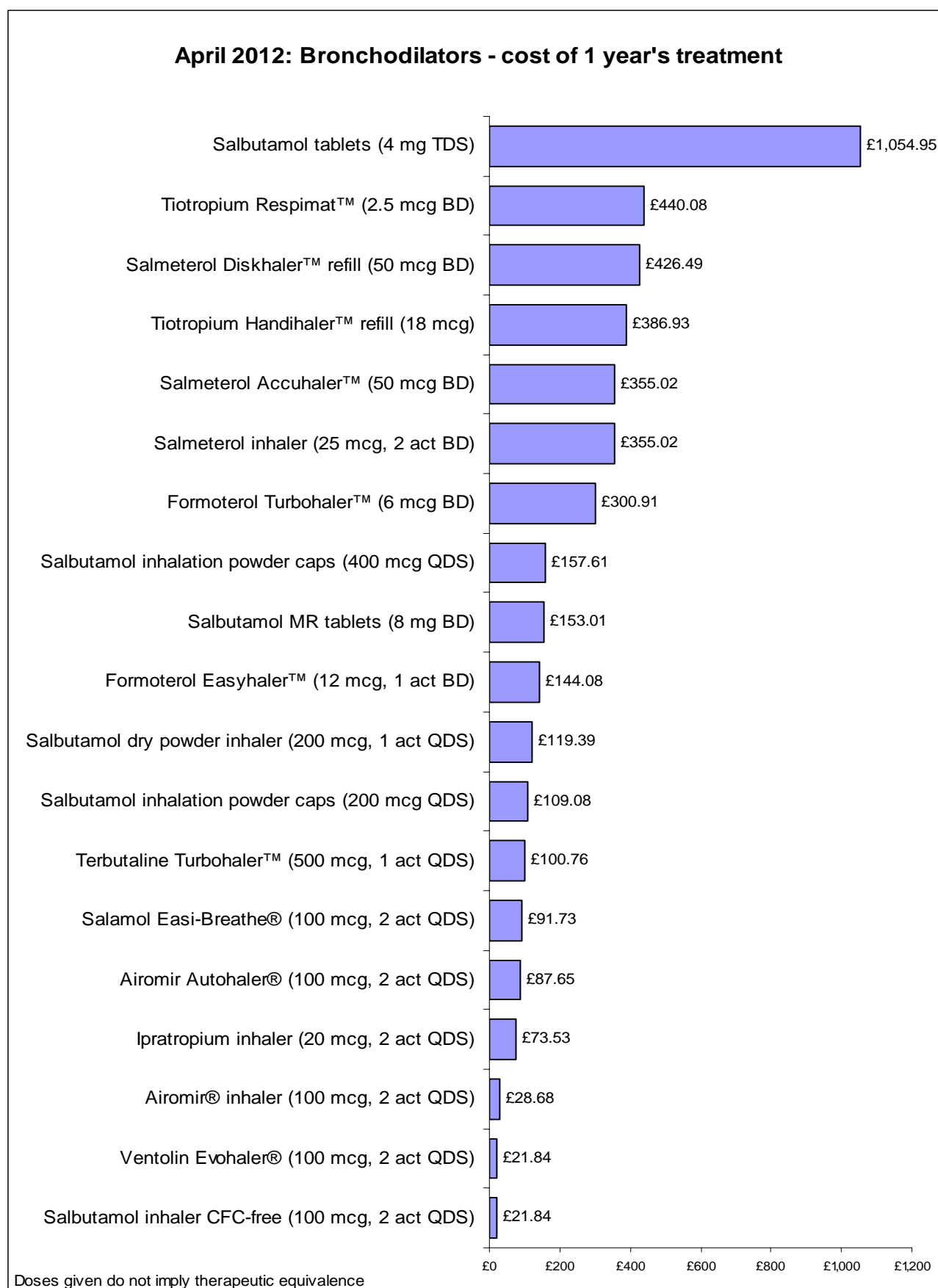
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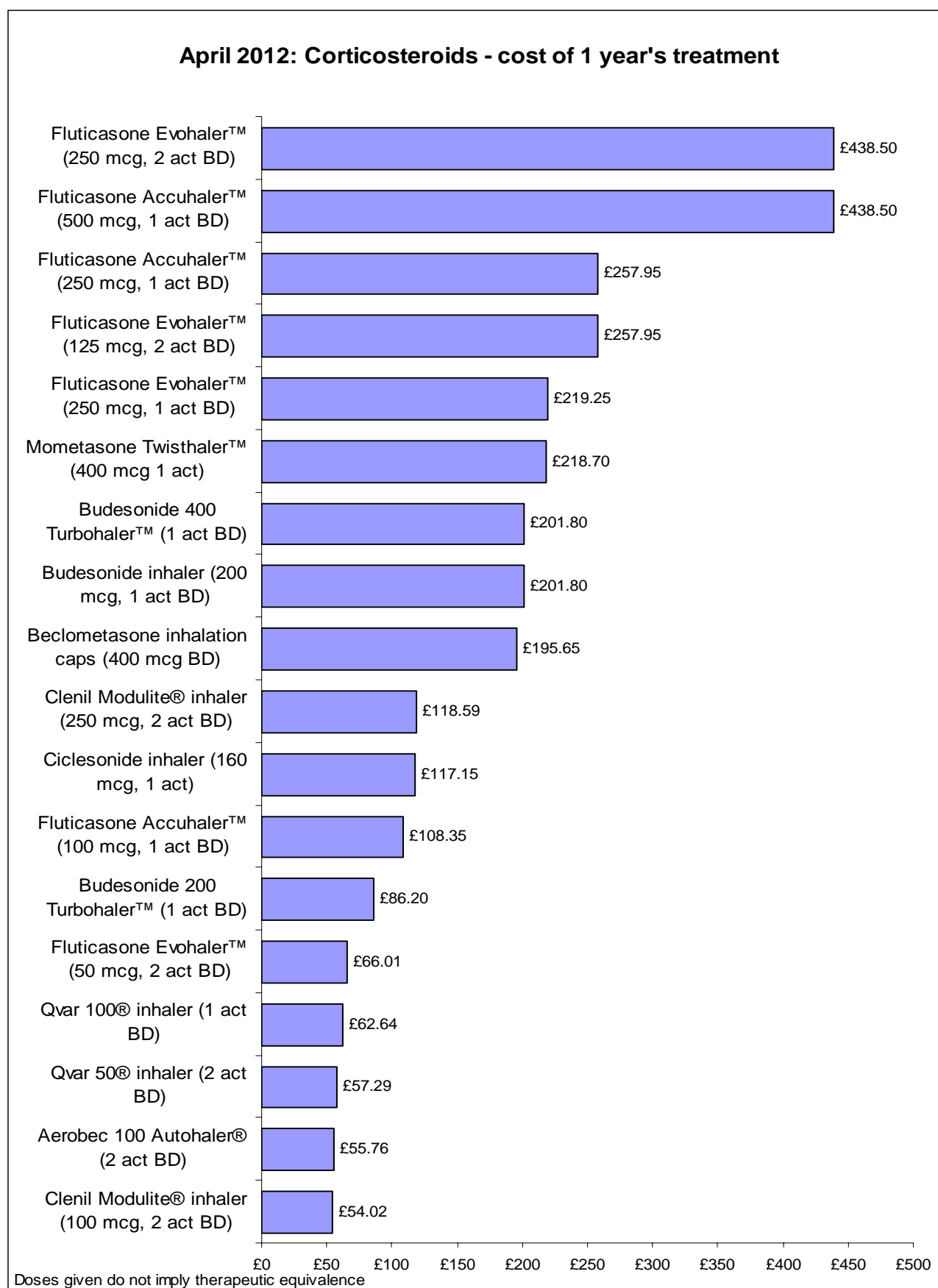
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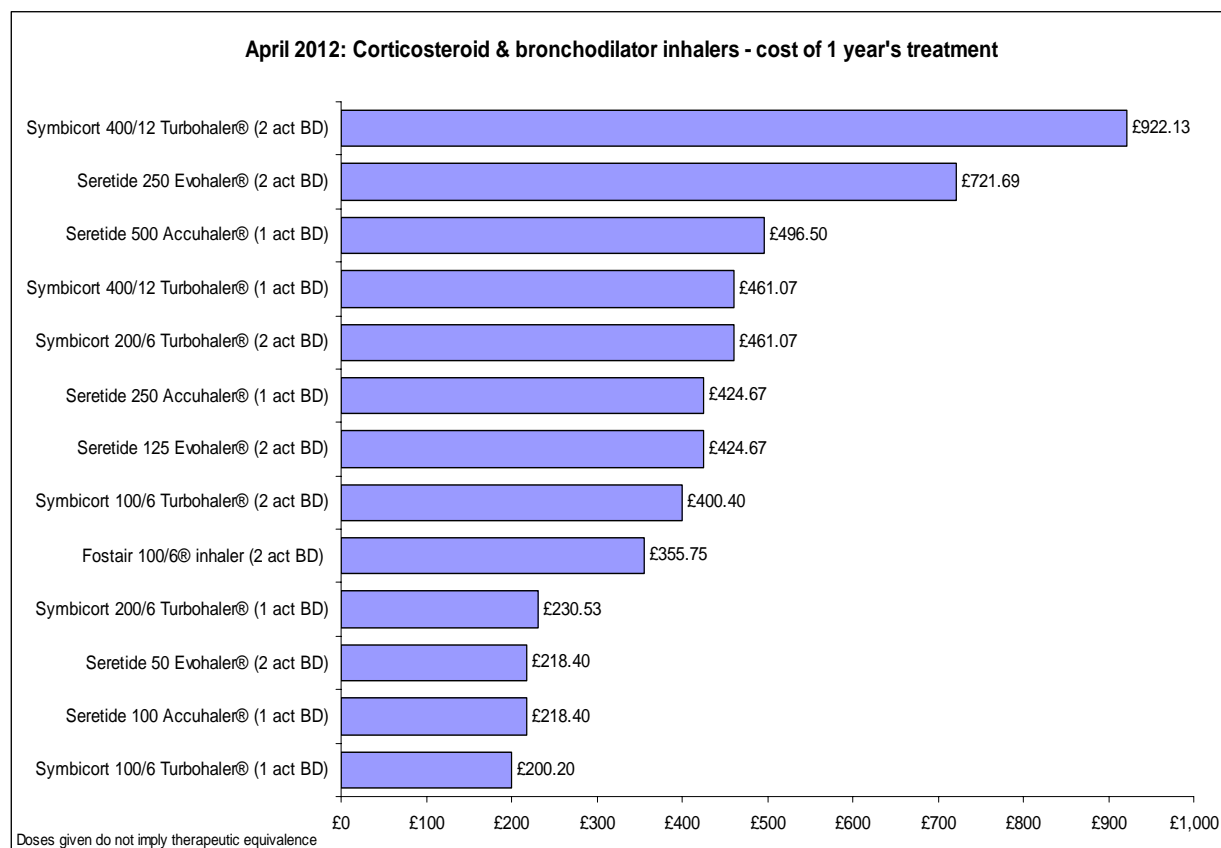
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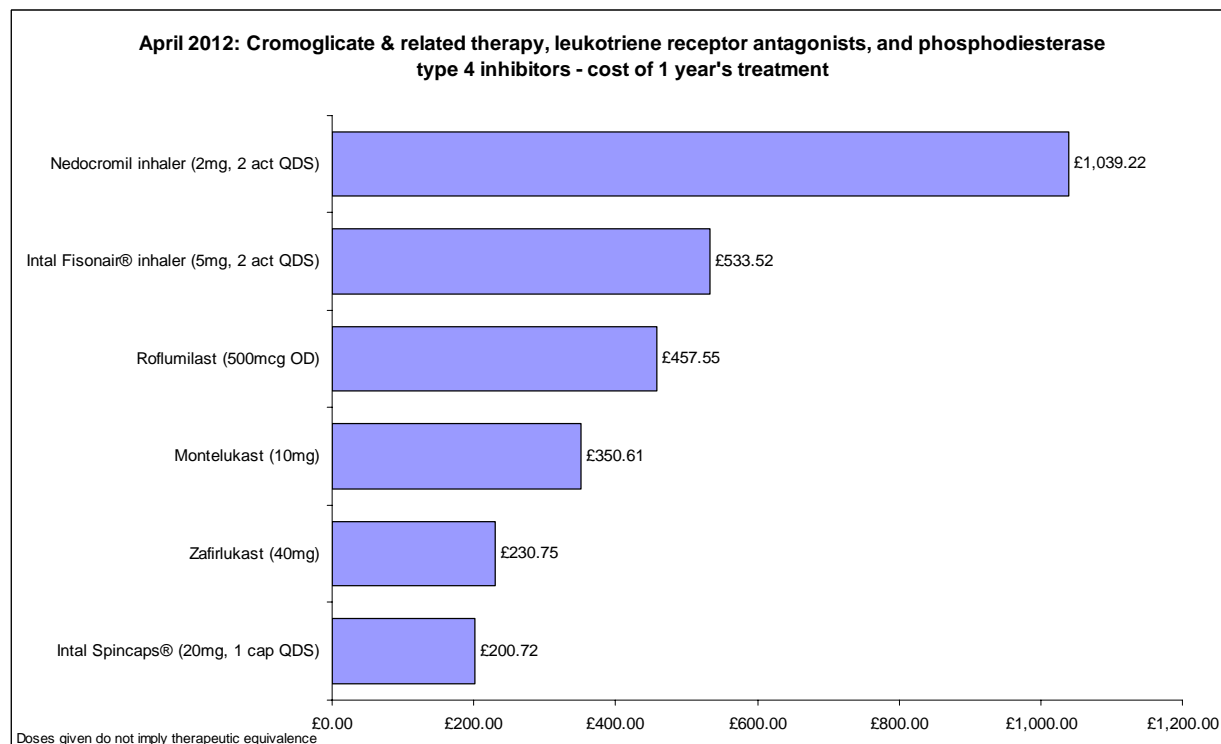


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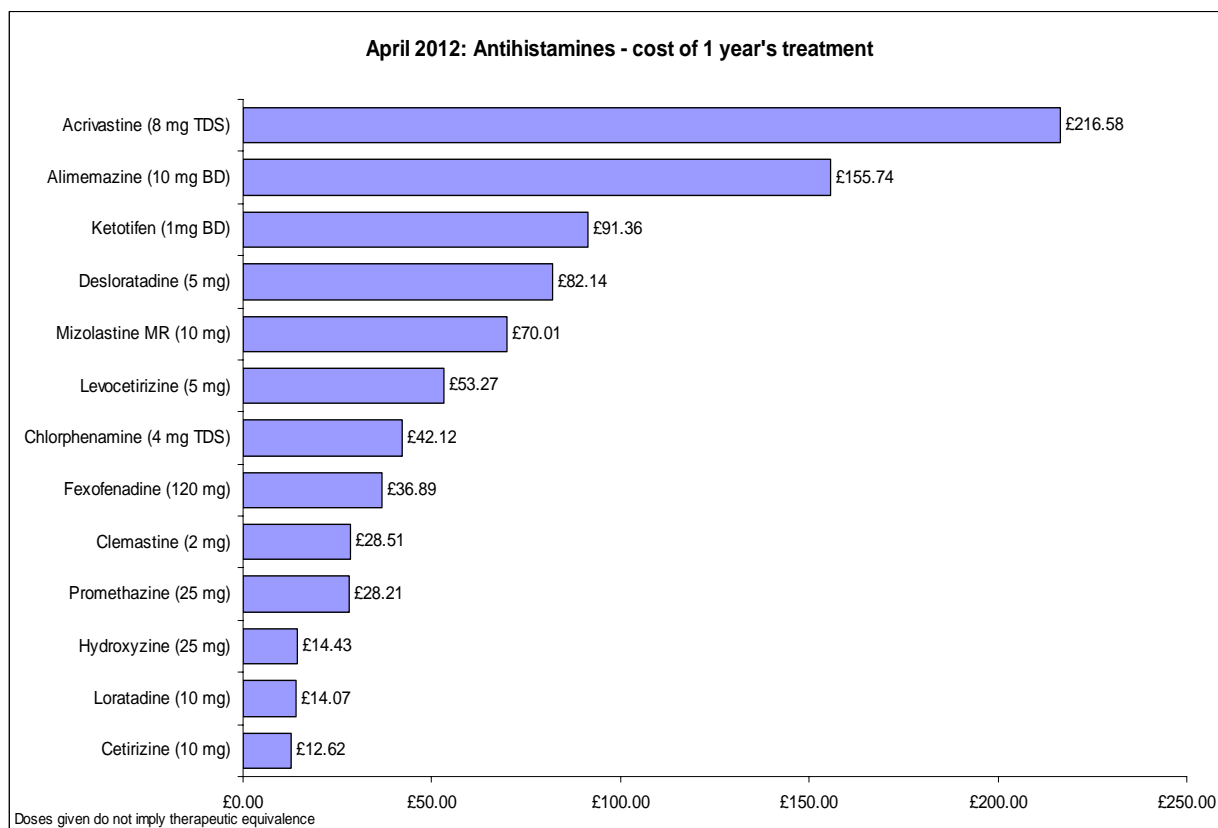


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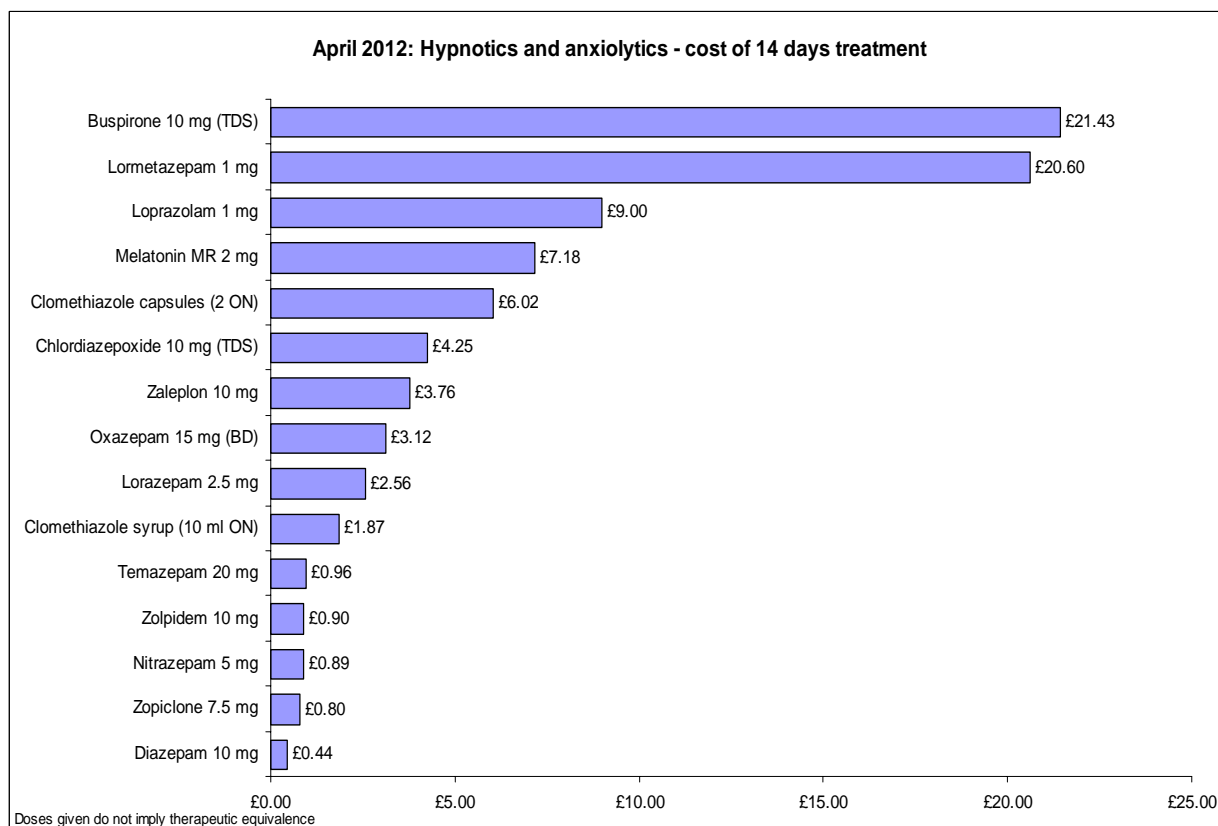


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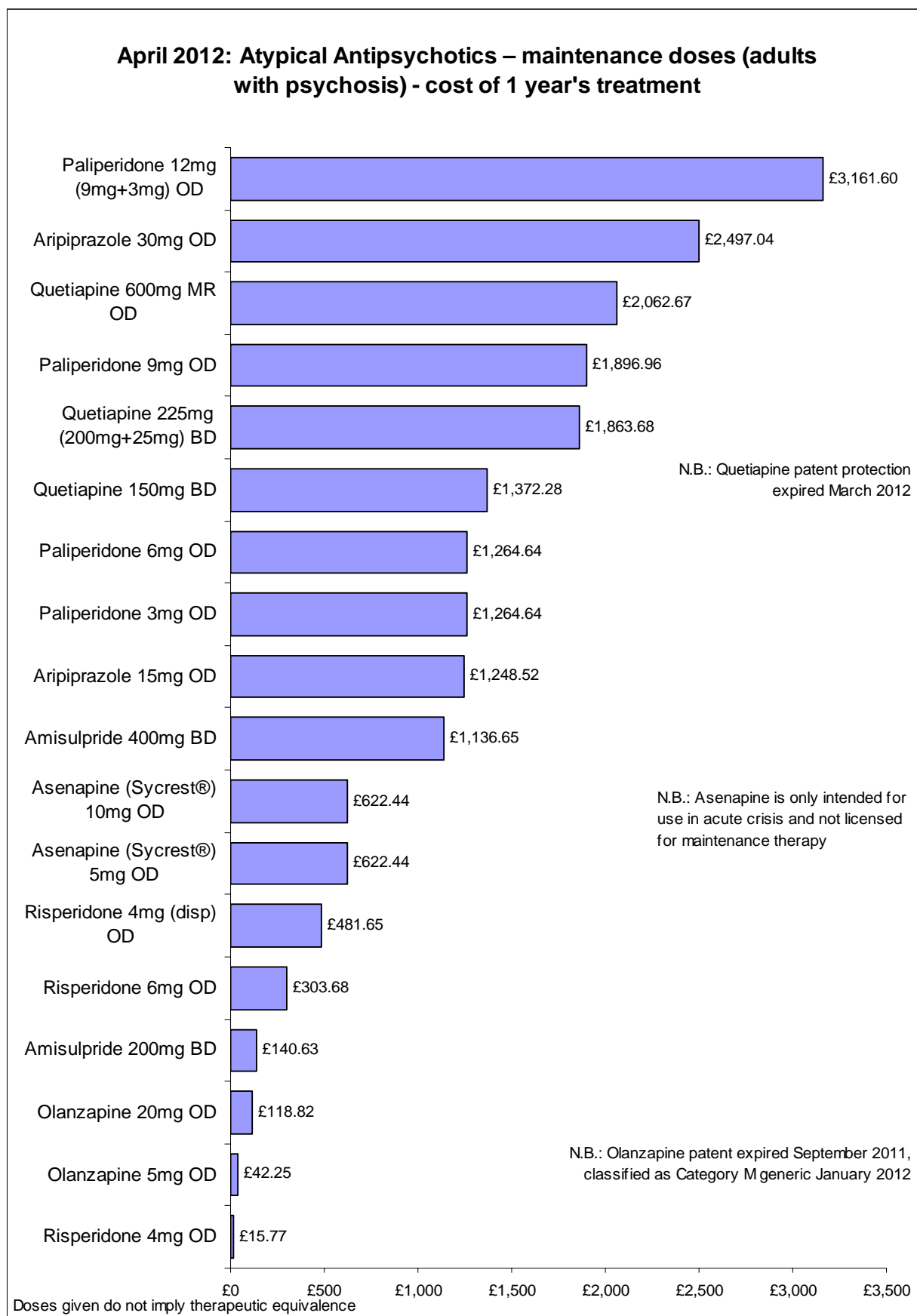


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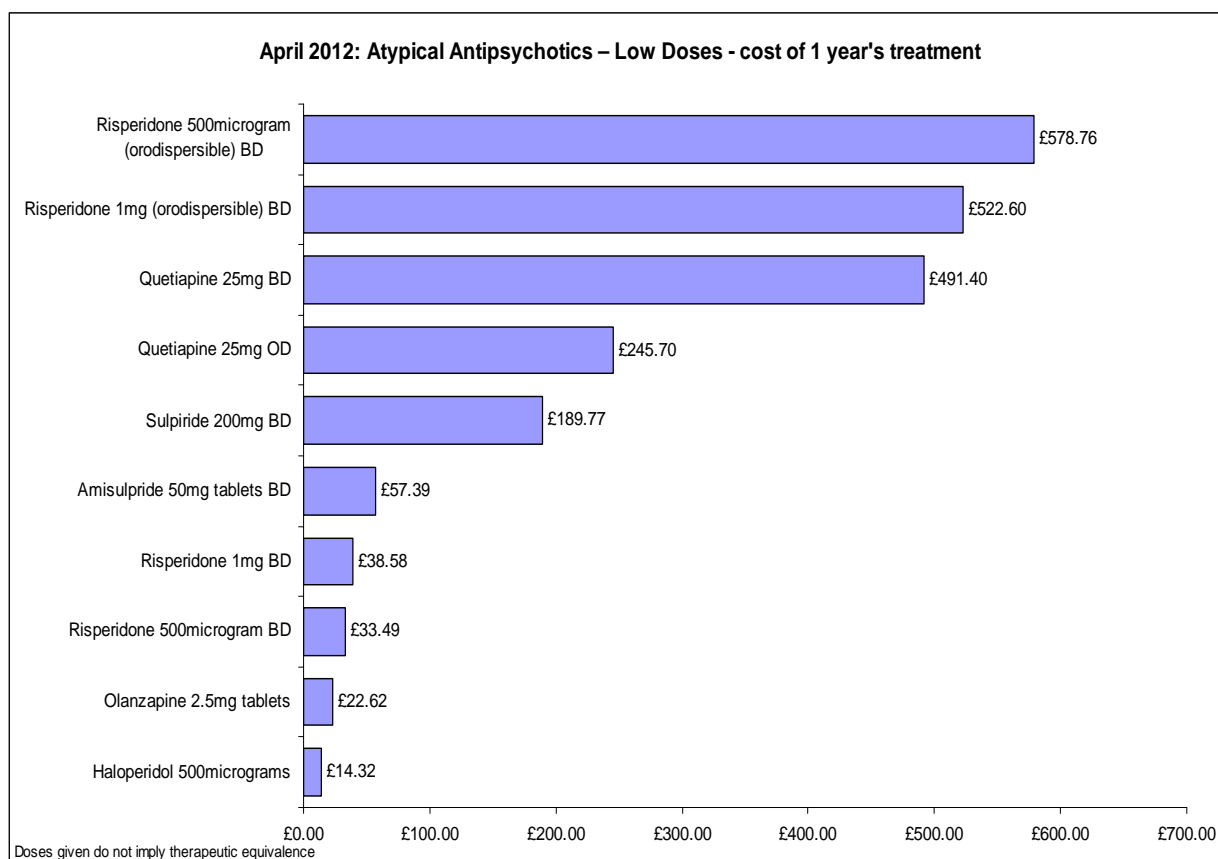
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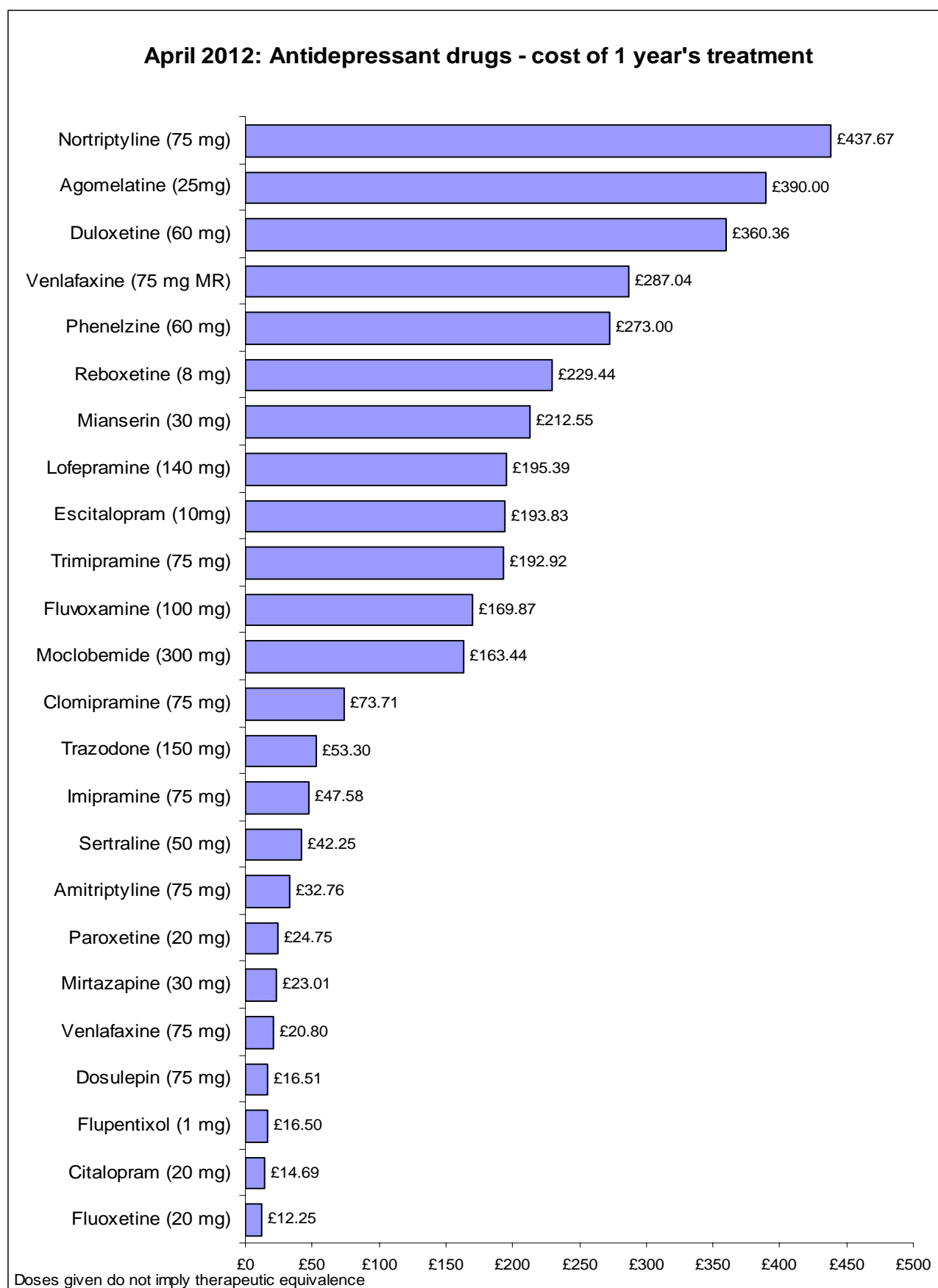
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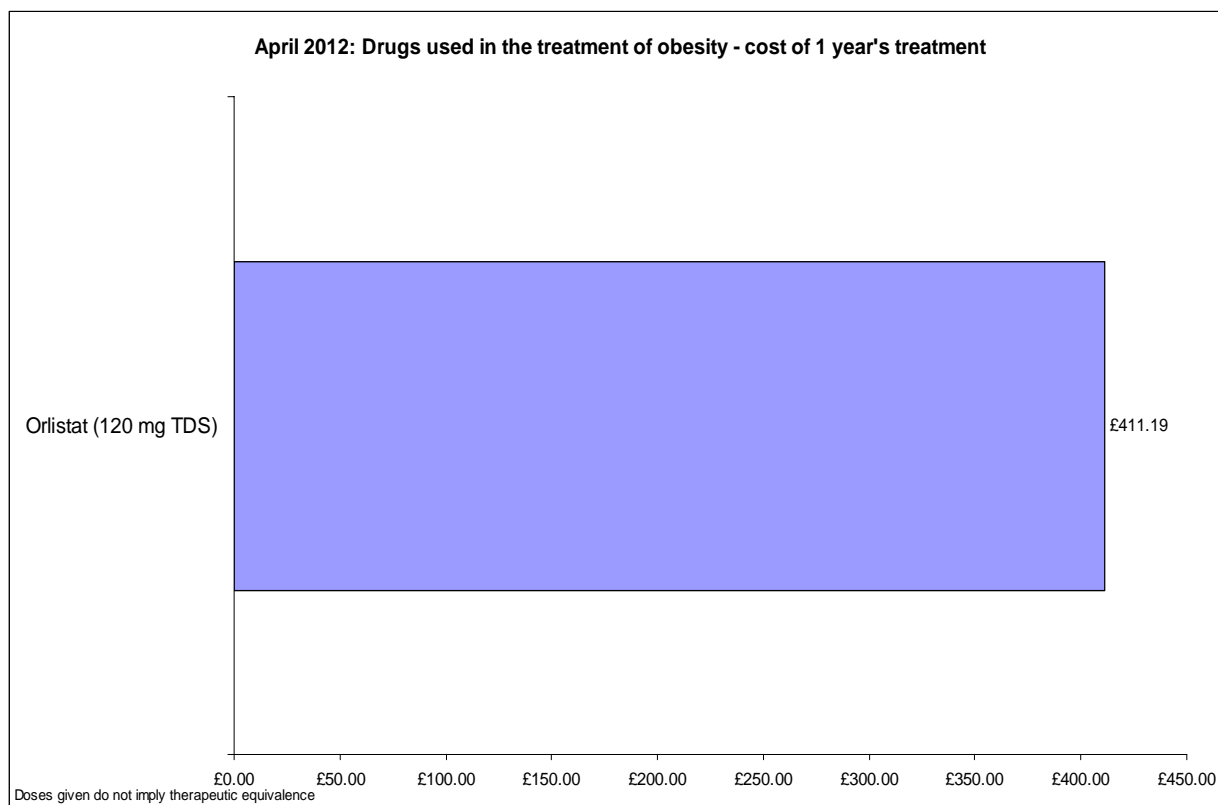
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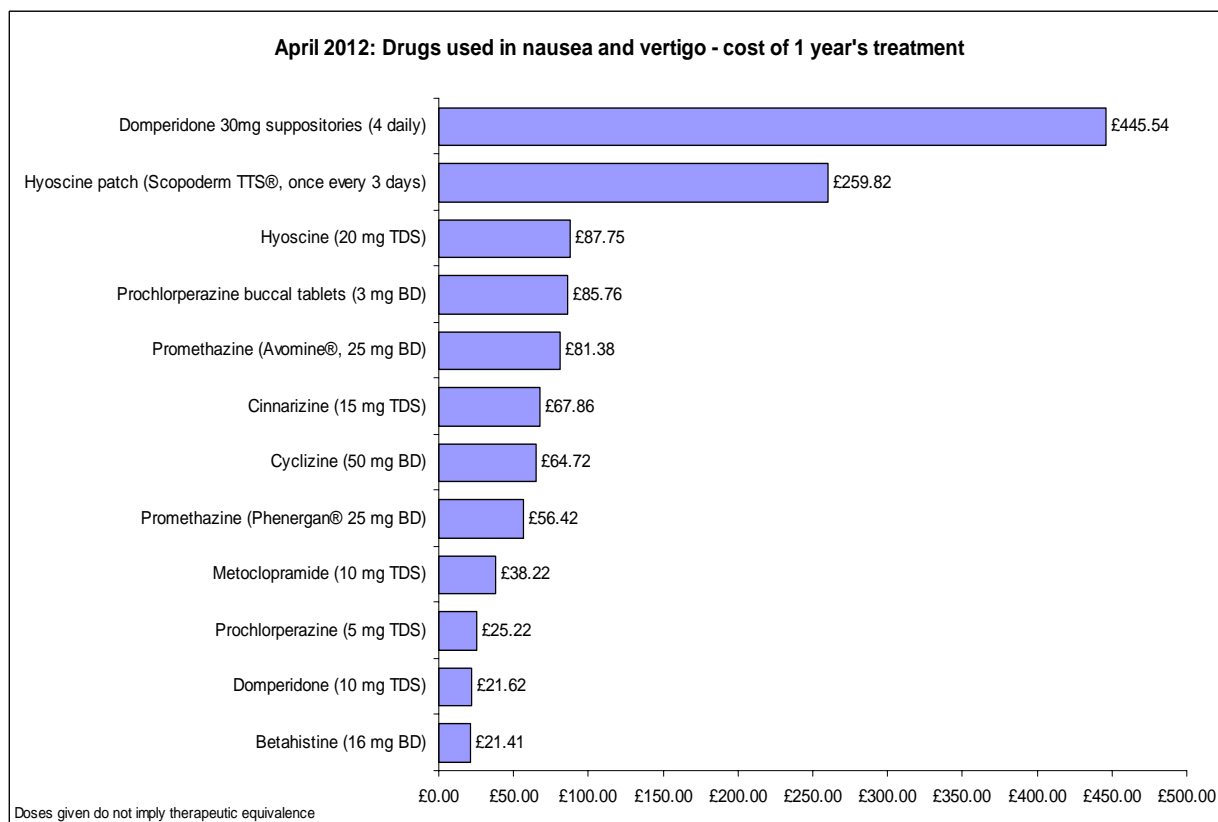
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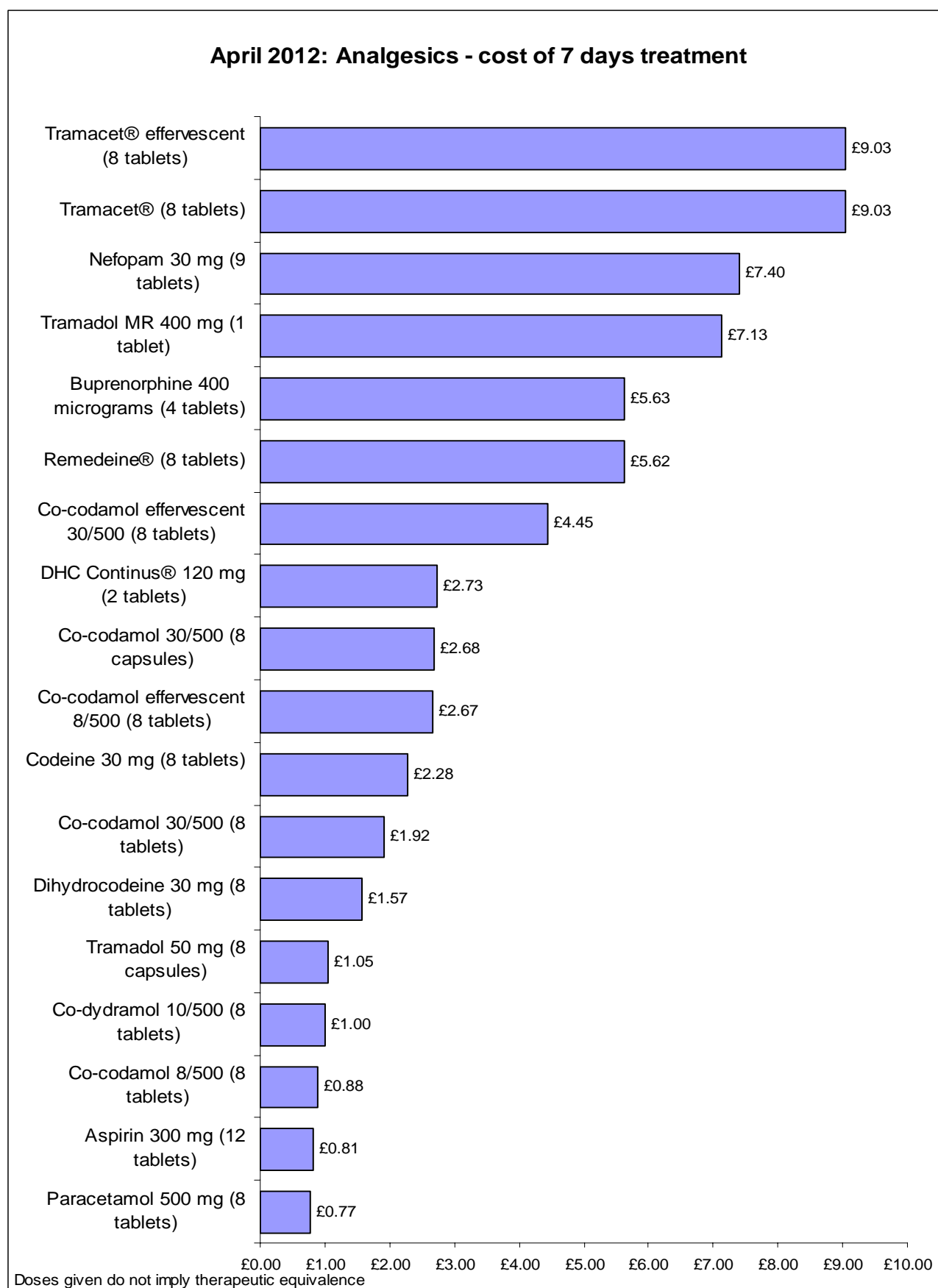
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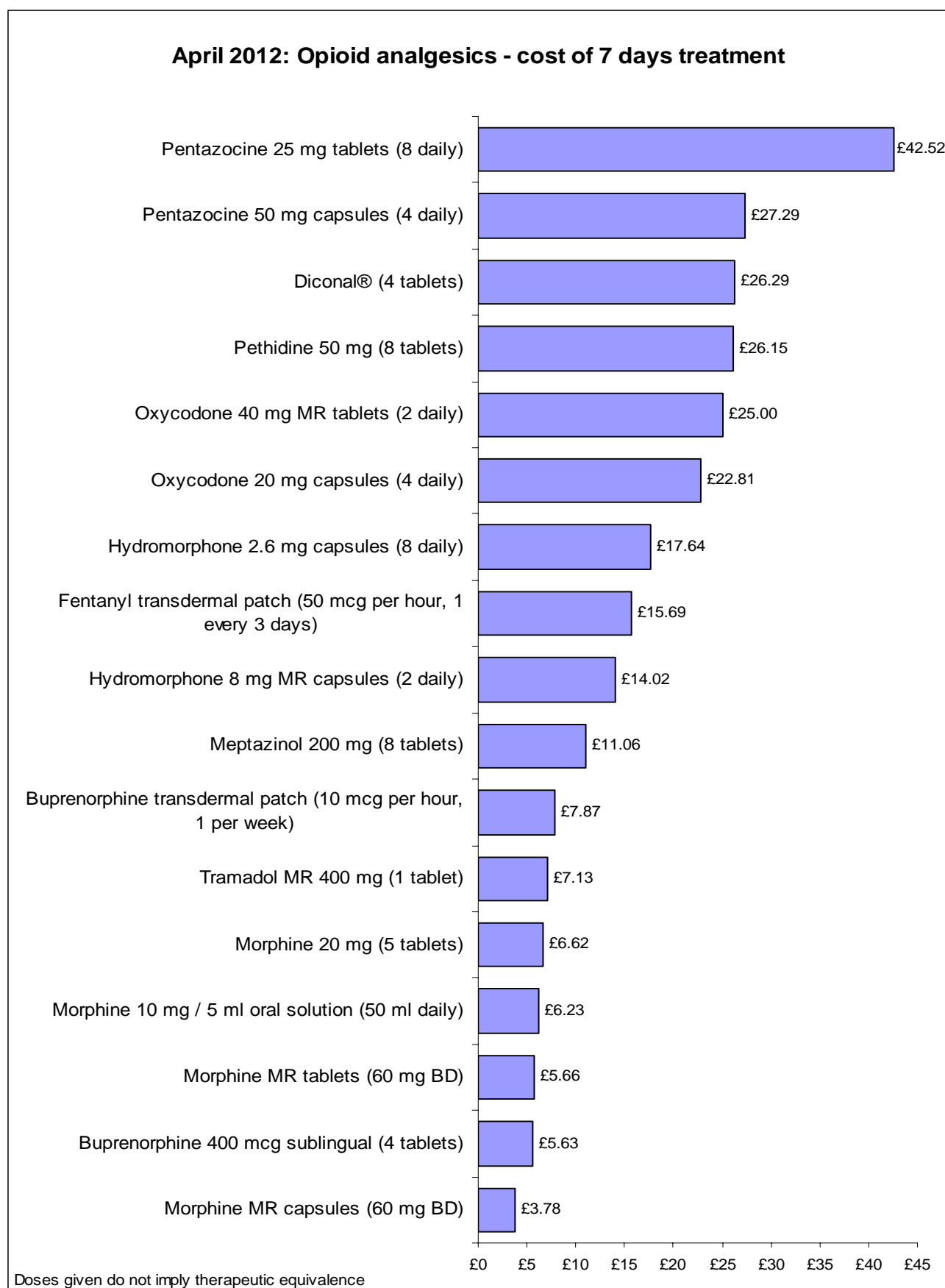
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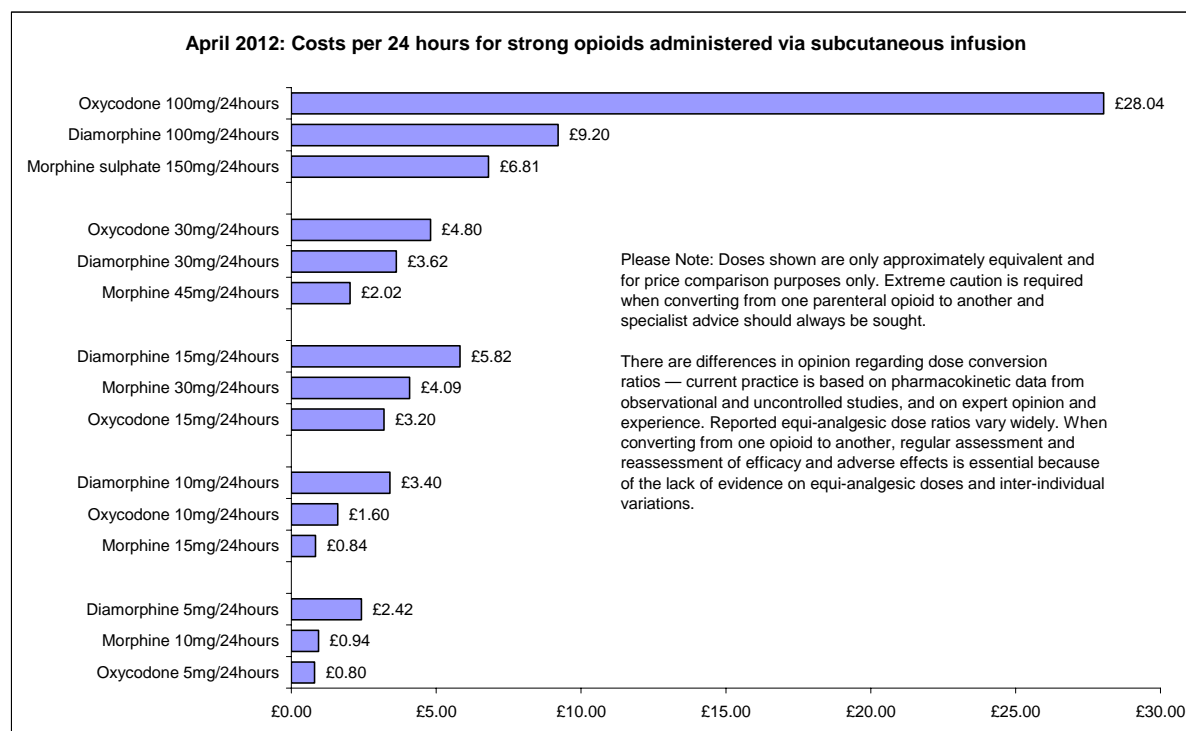
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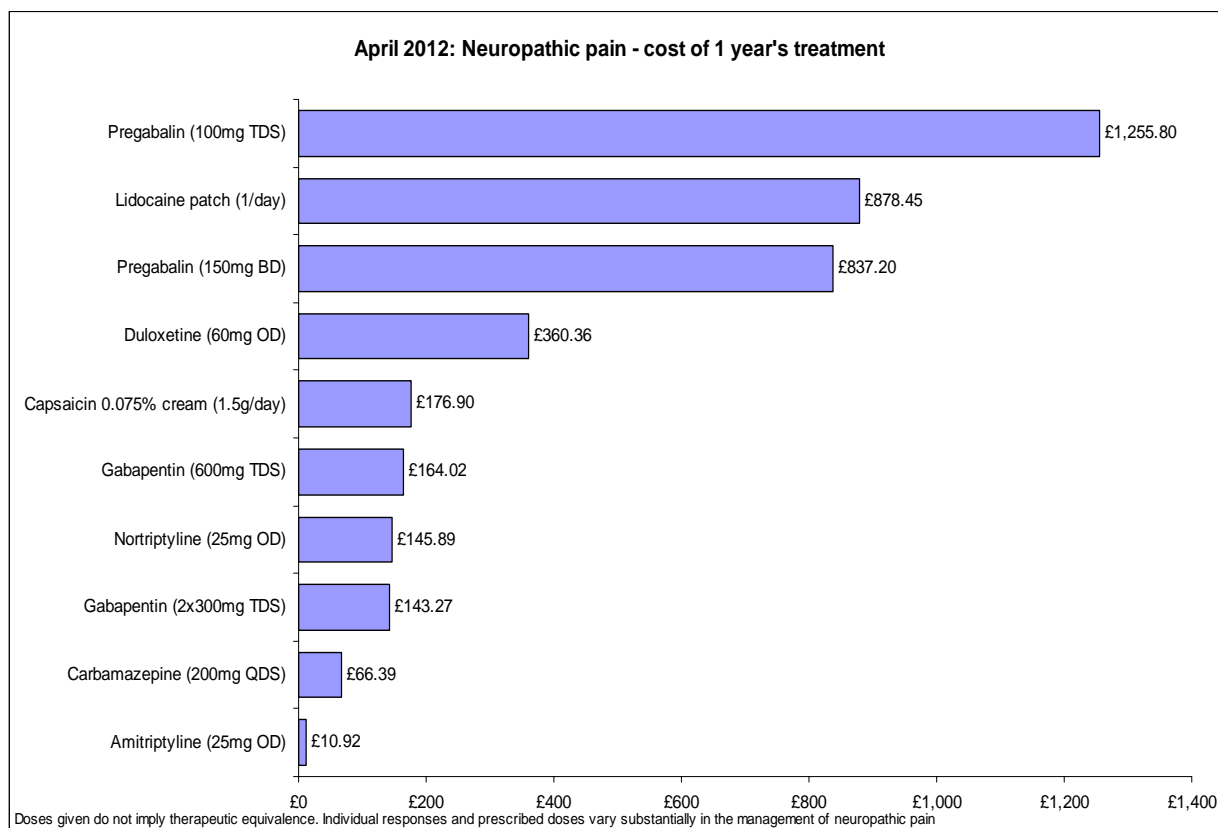
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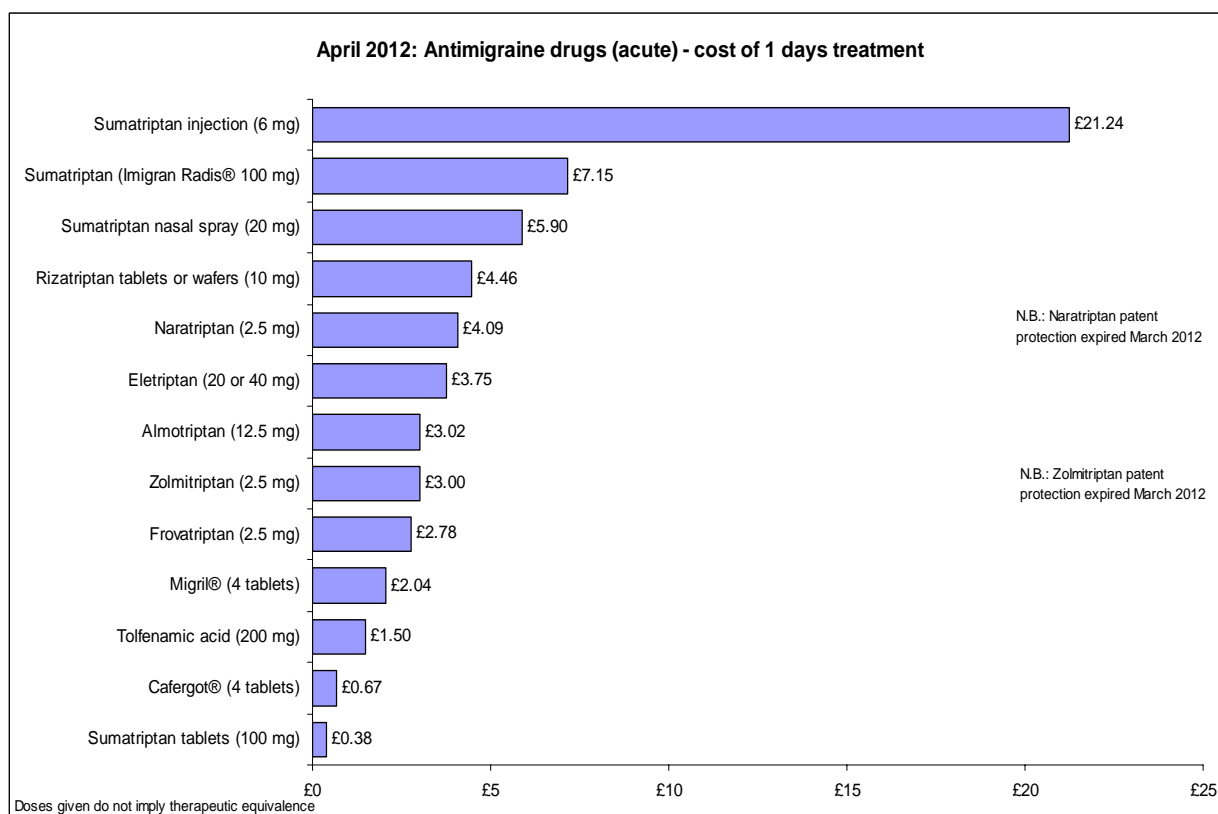
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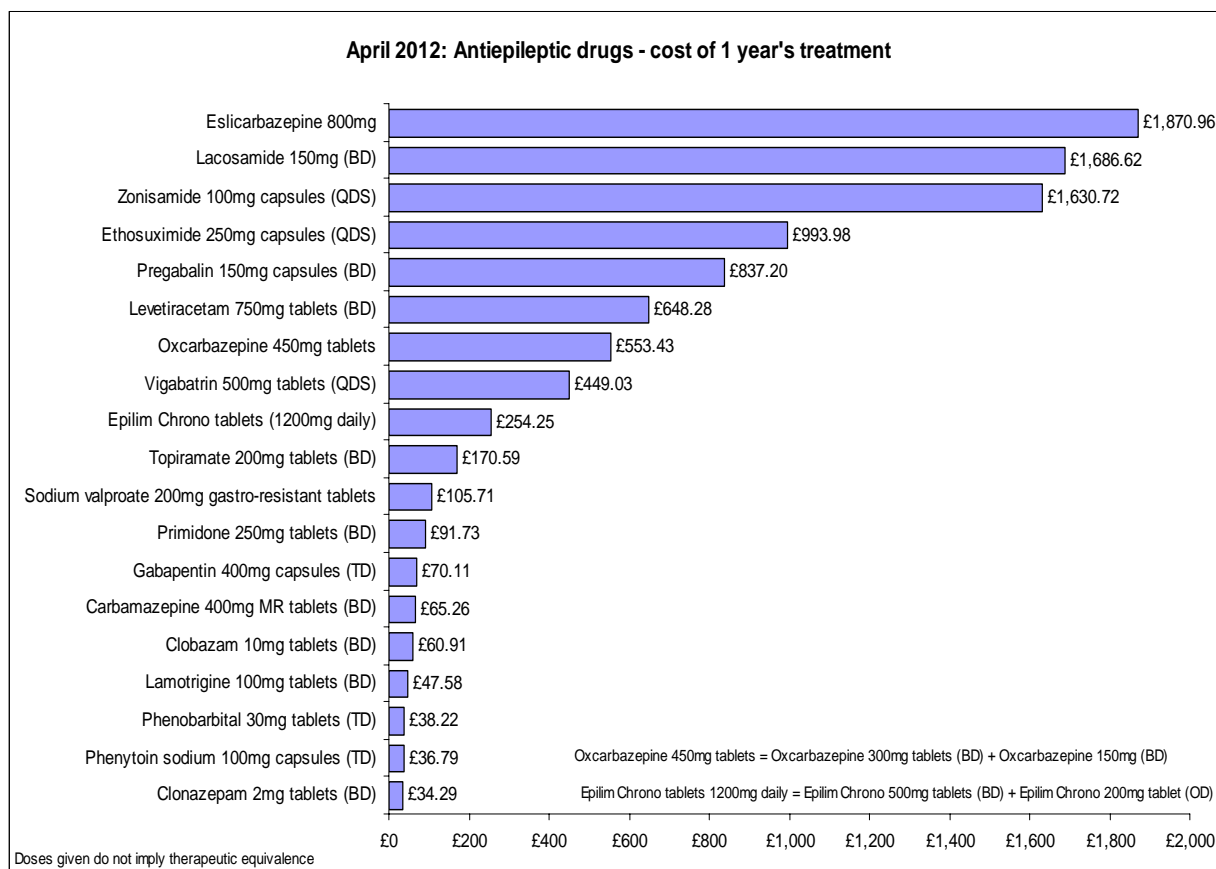
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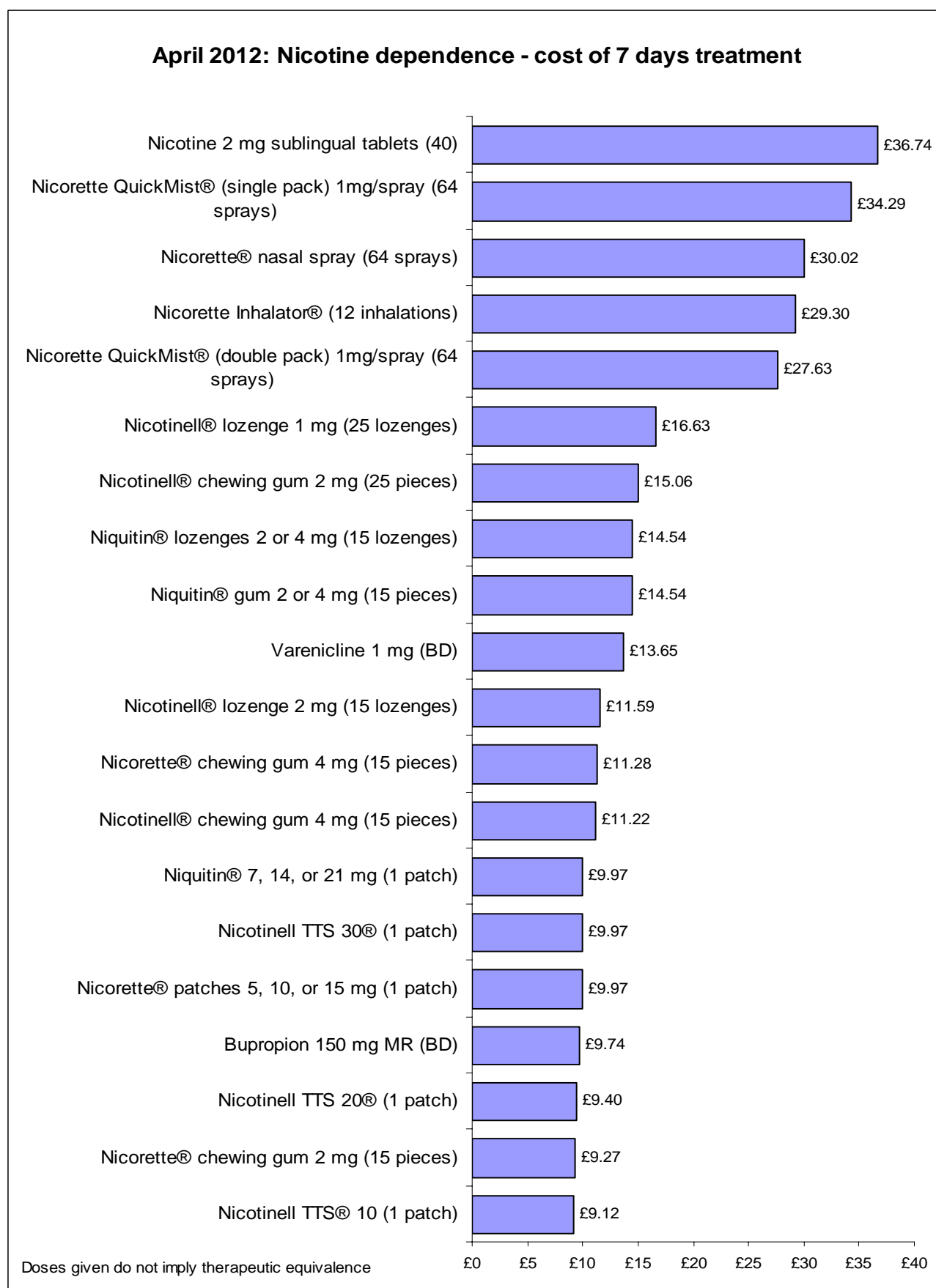
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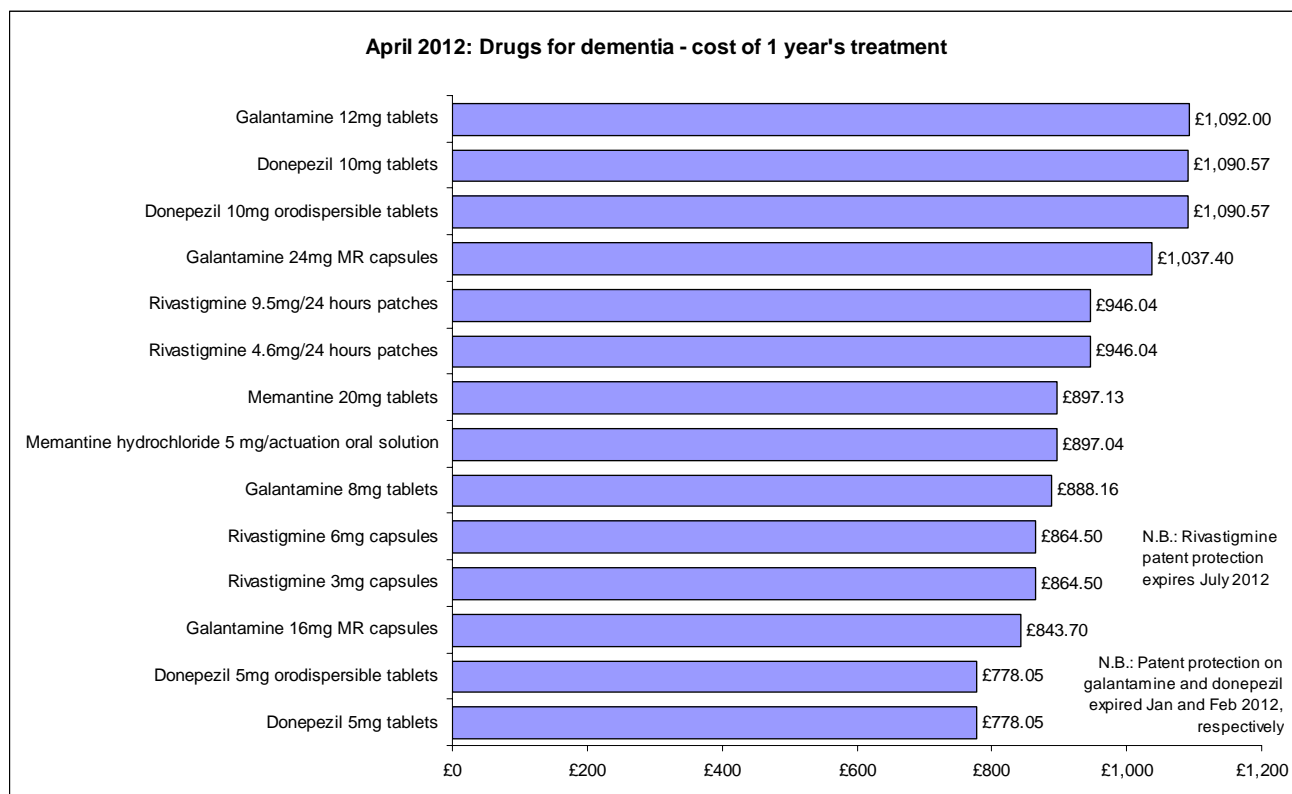
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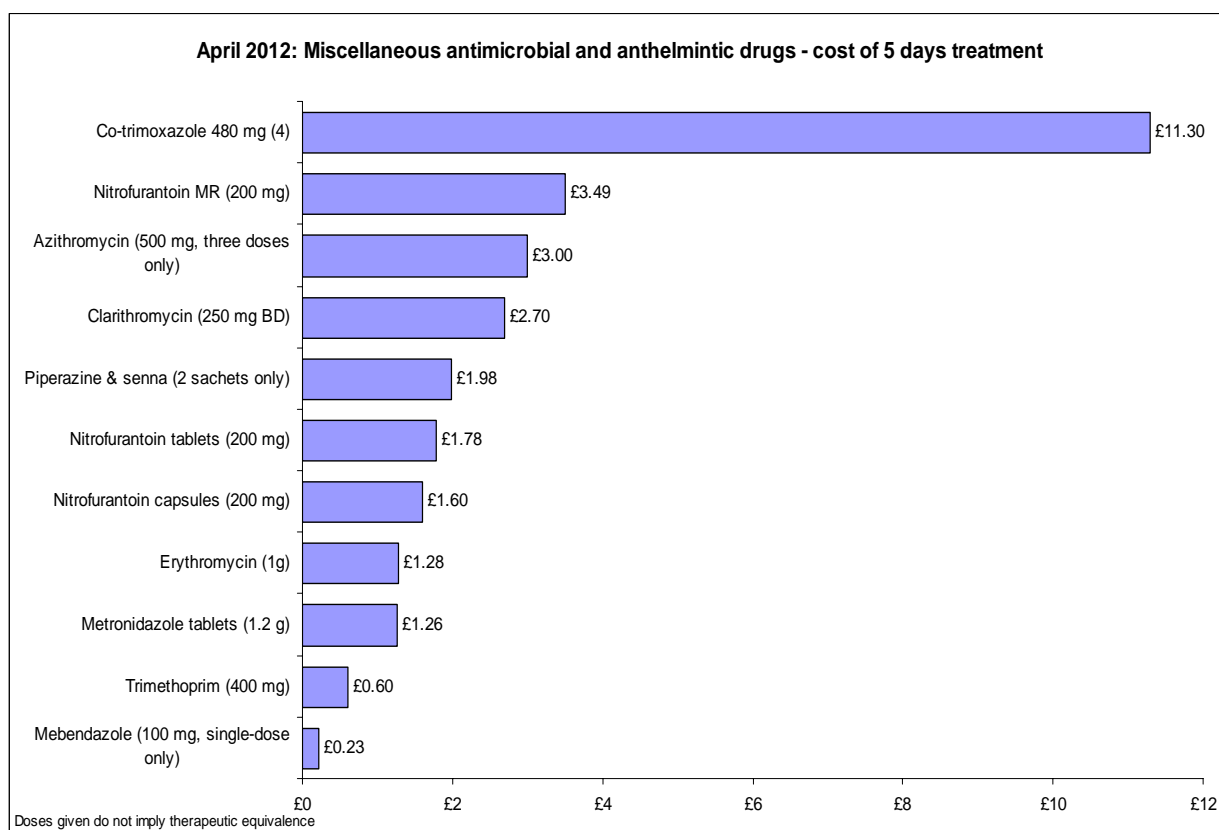
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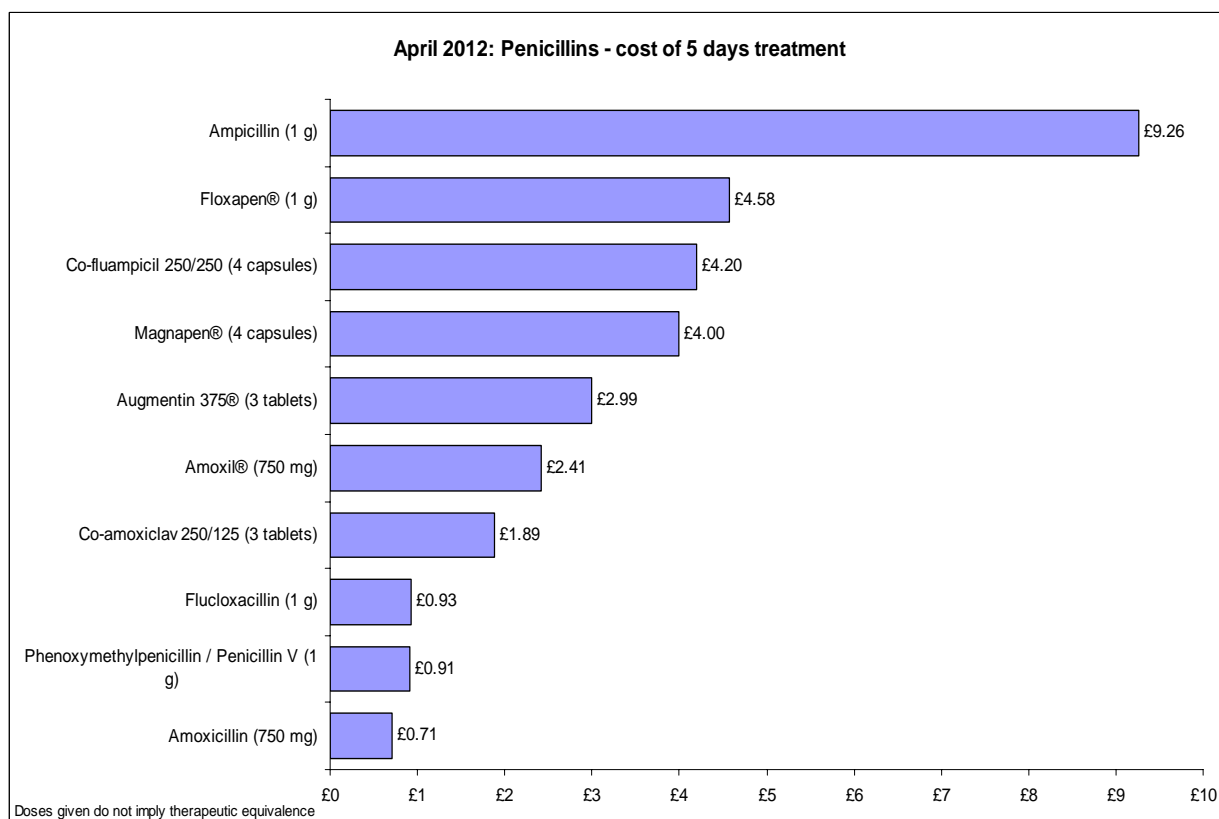


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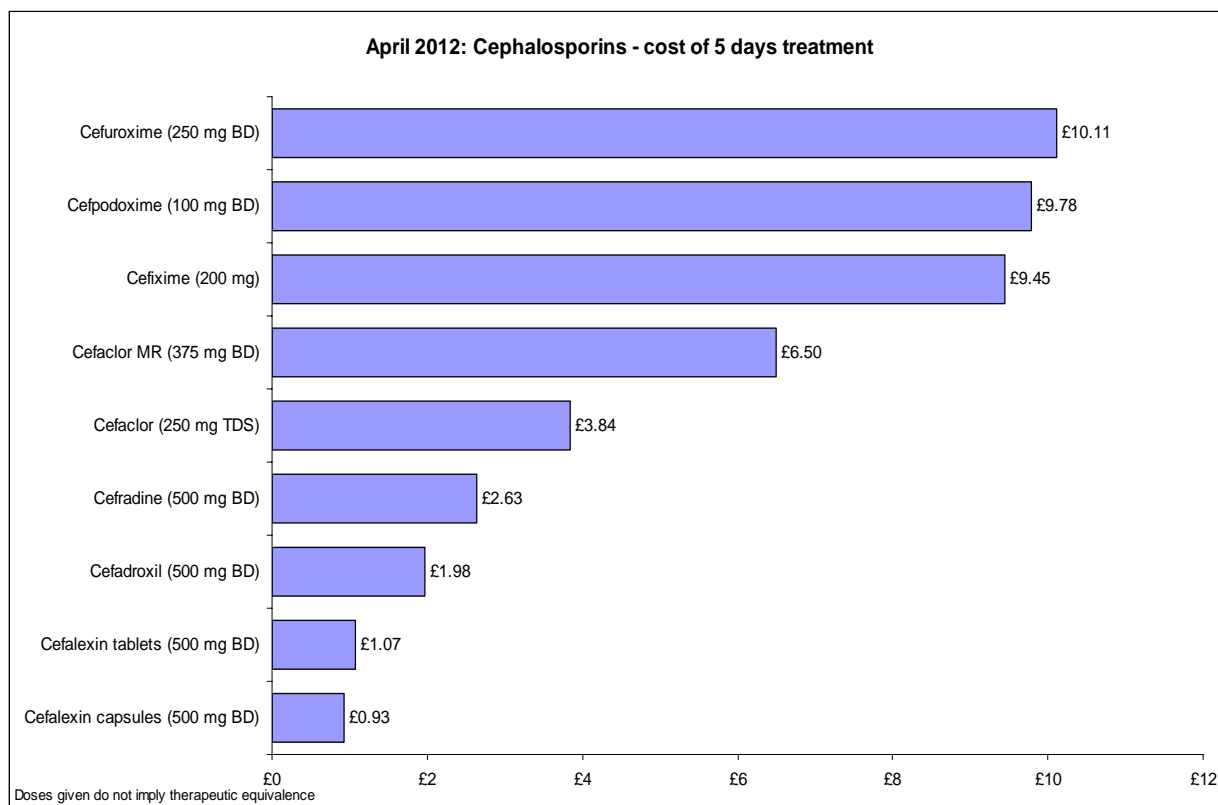


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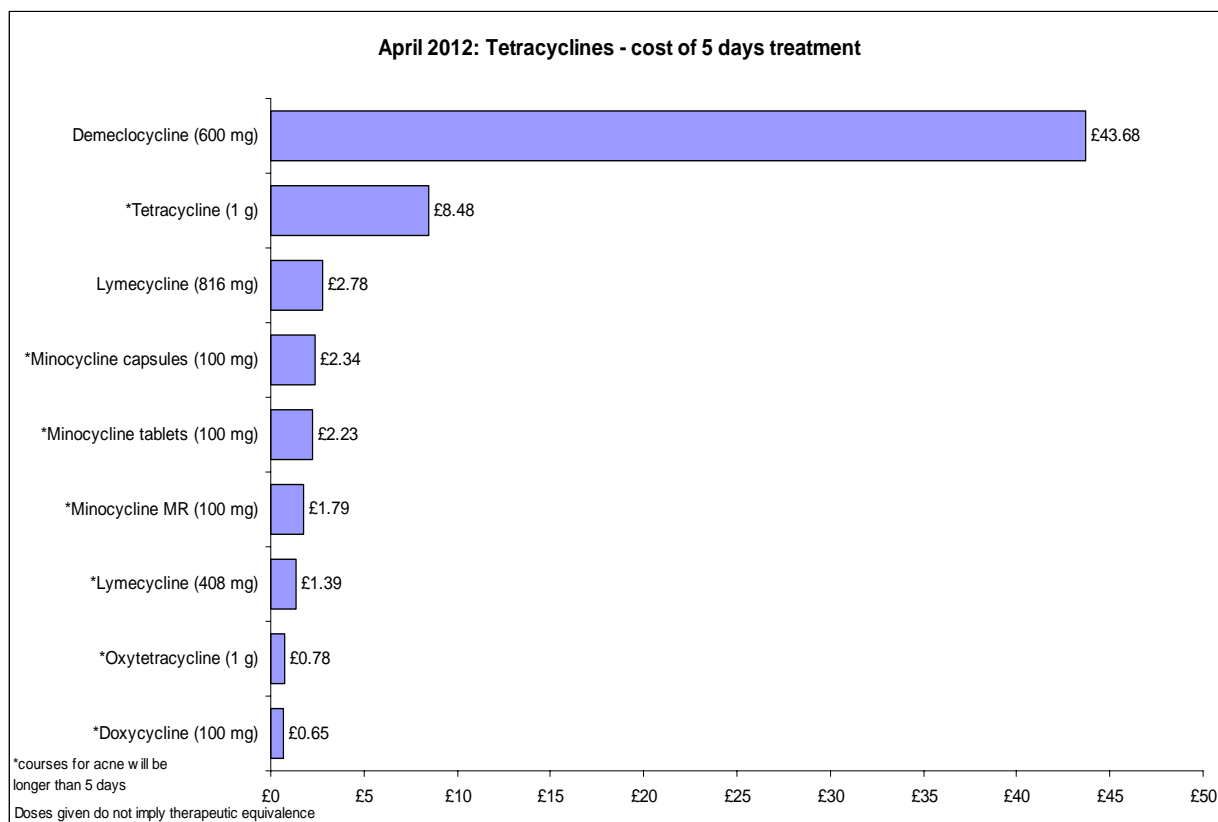


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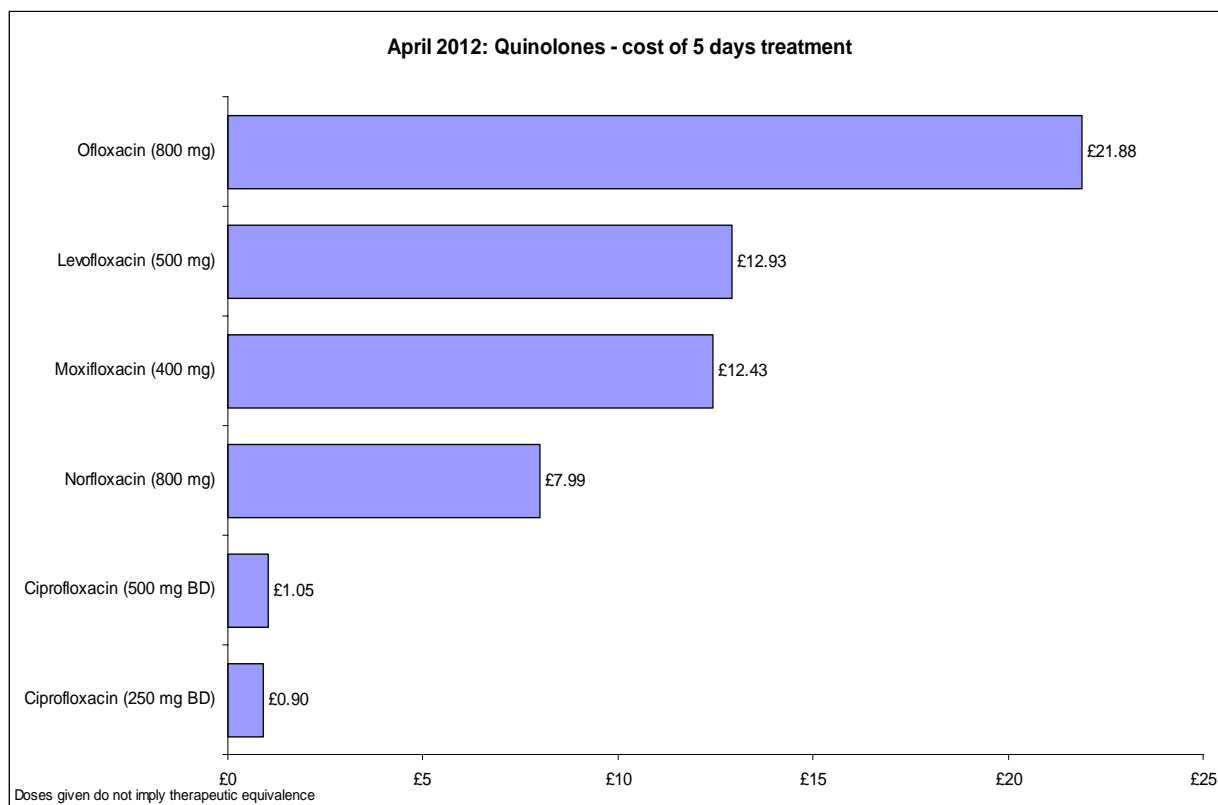


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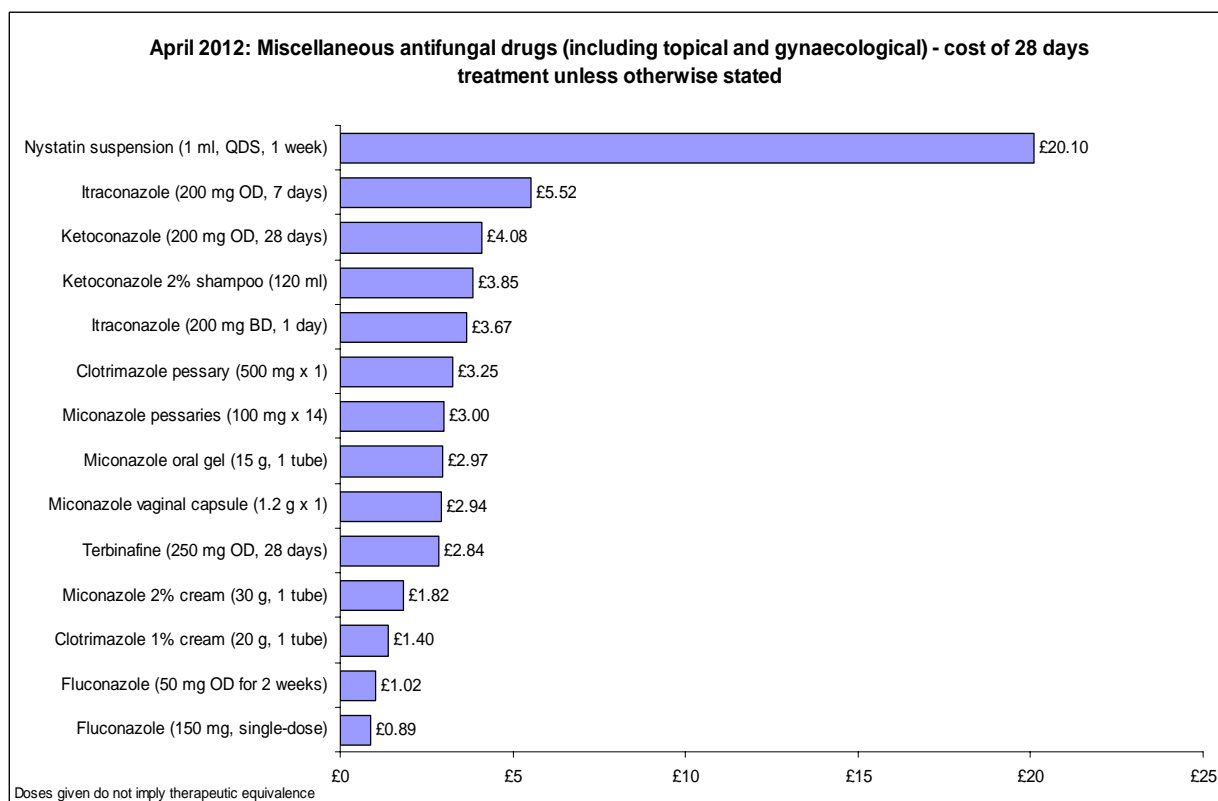


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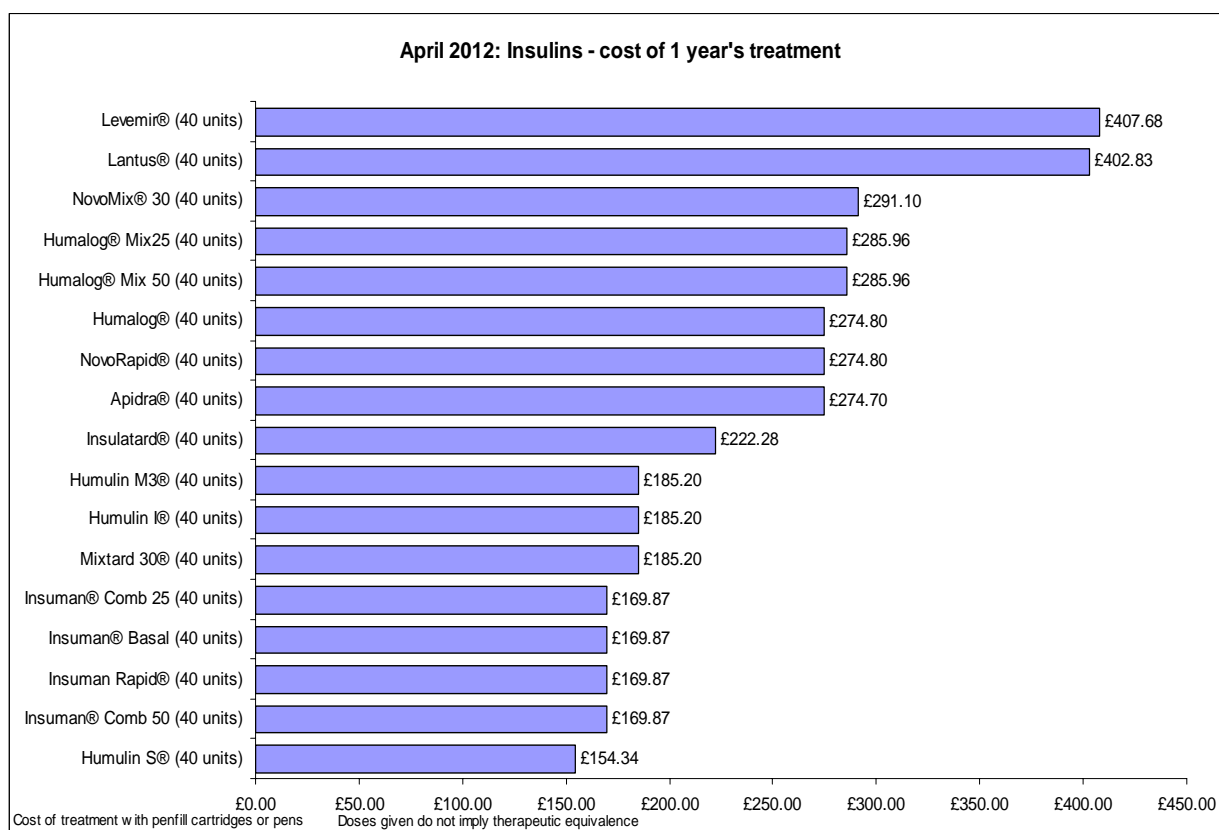


5.2 Miscellaneous antifungal drugs (including topical and gynaecological)



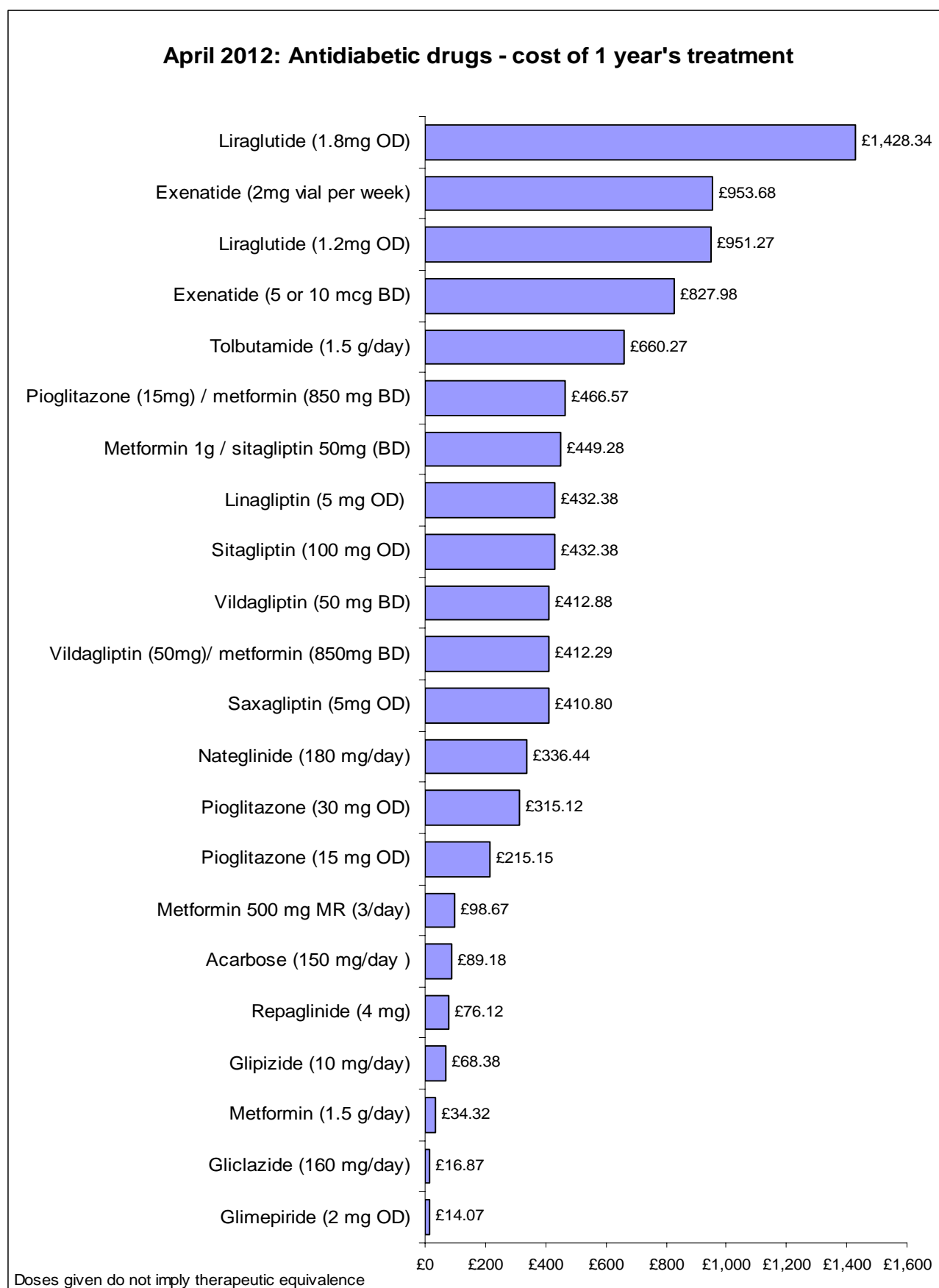
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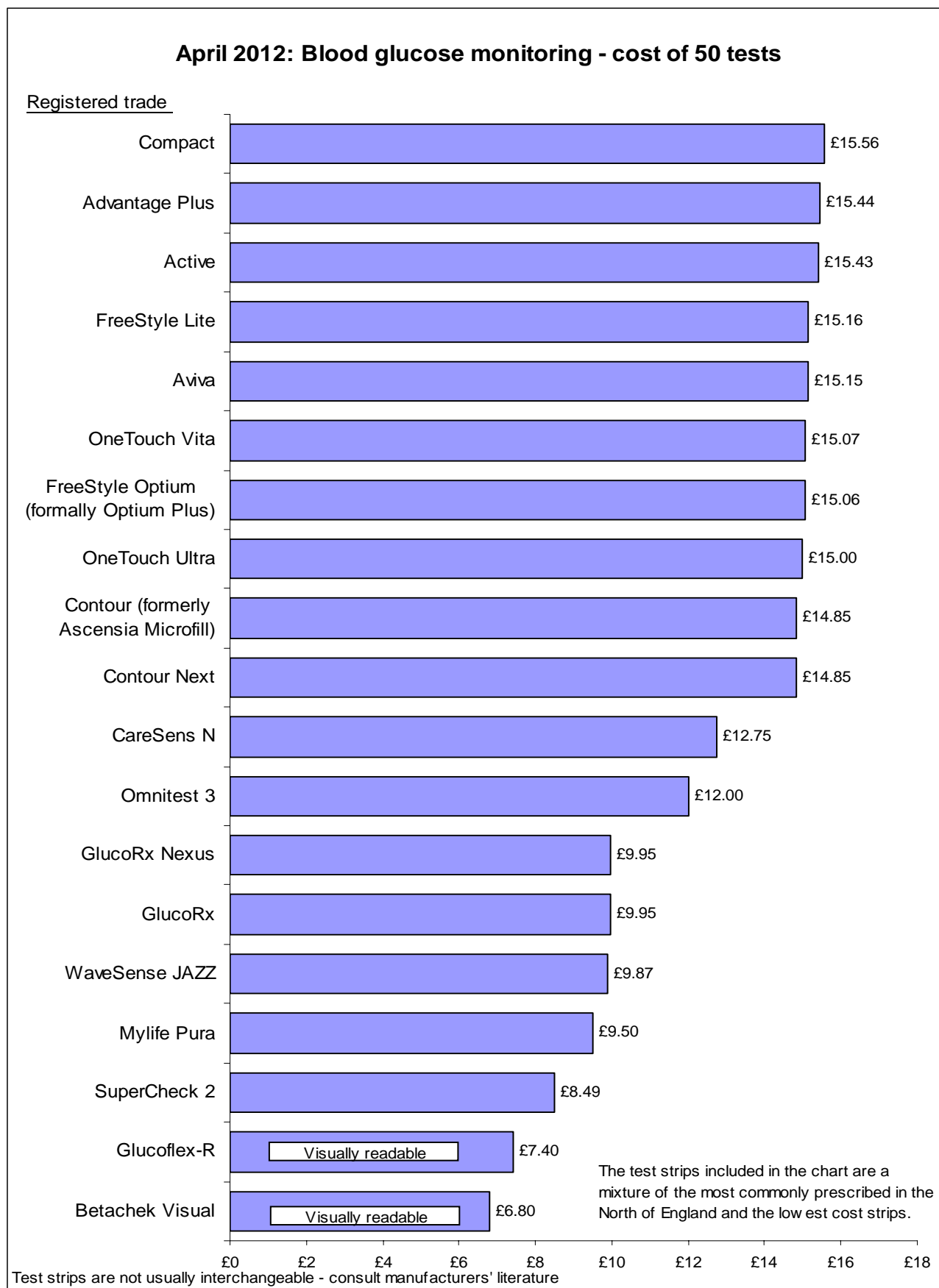
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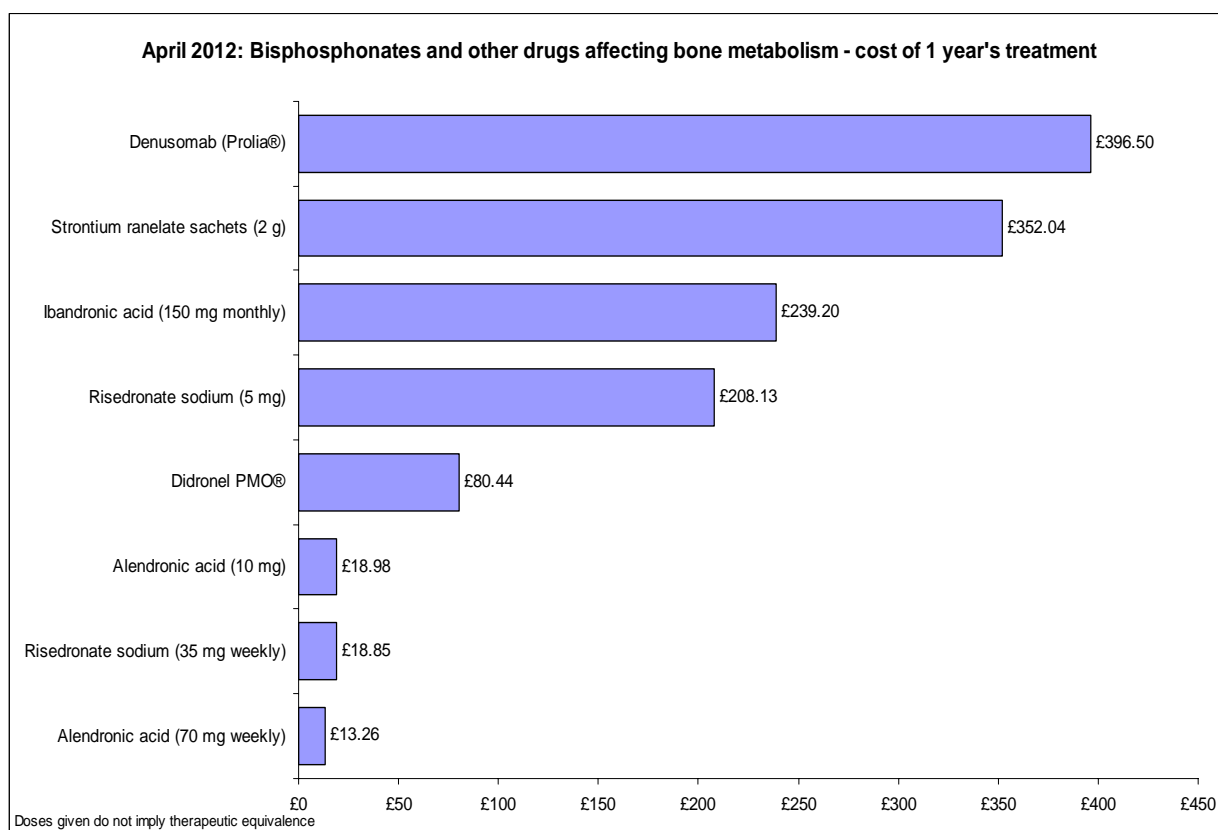
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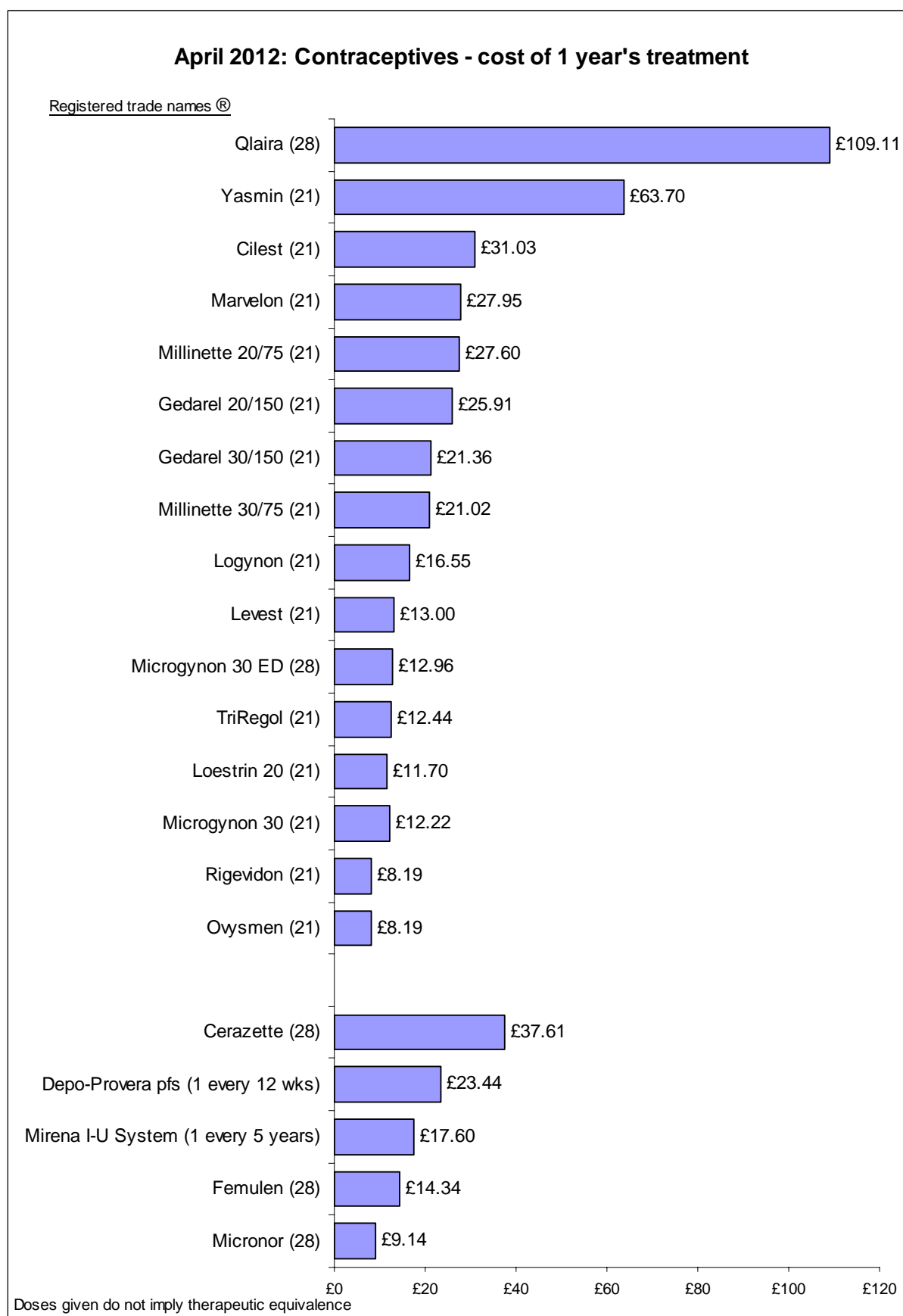
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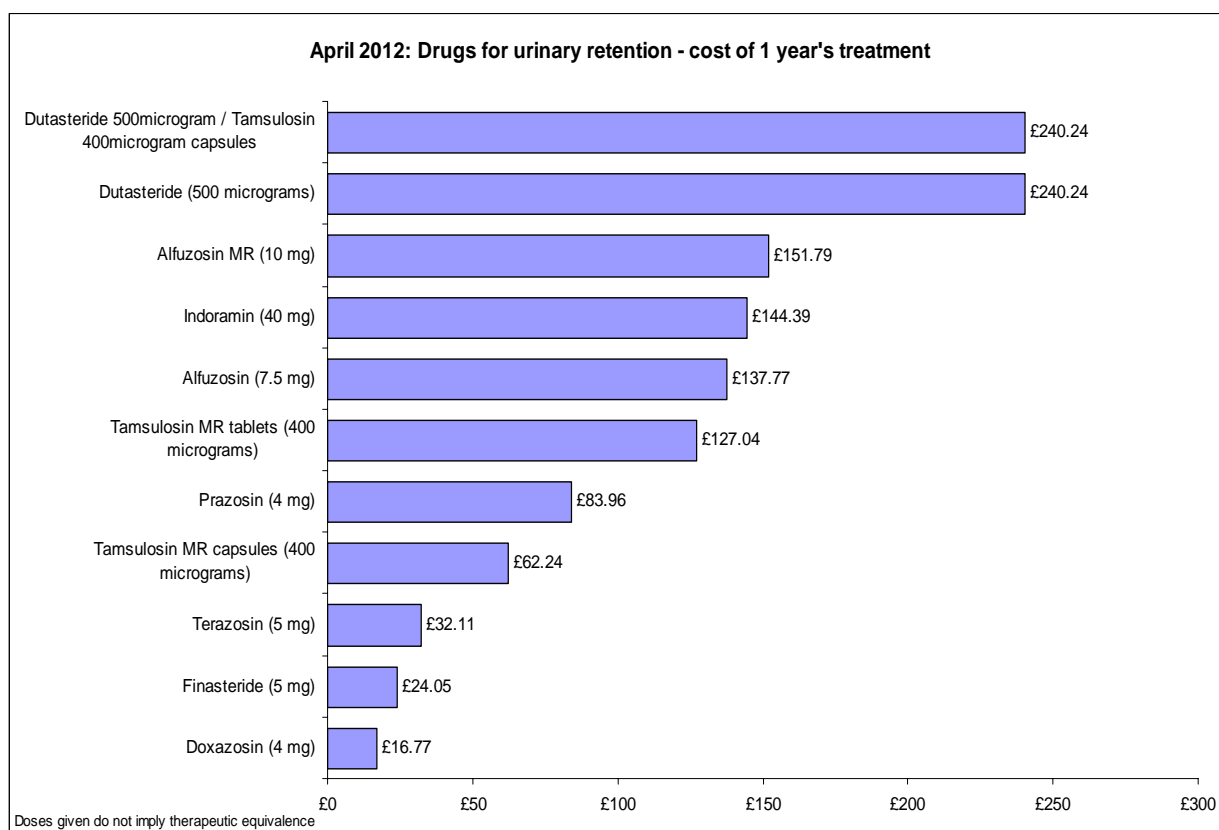
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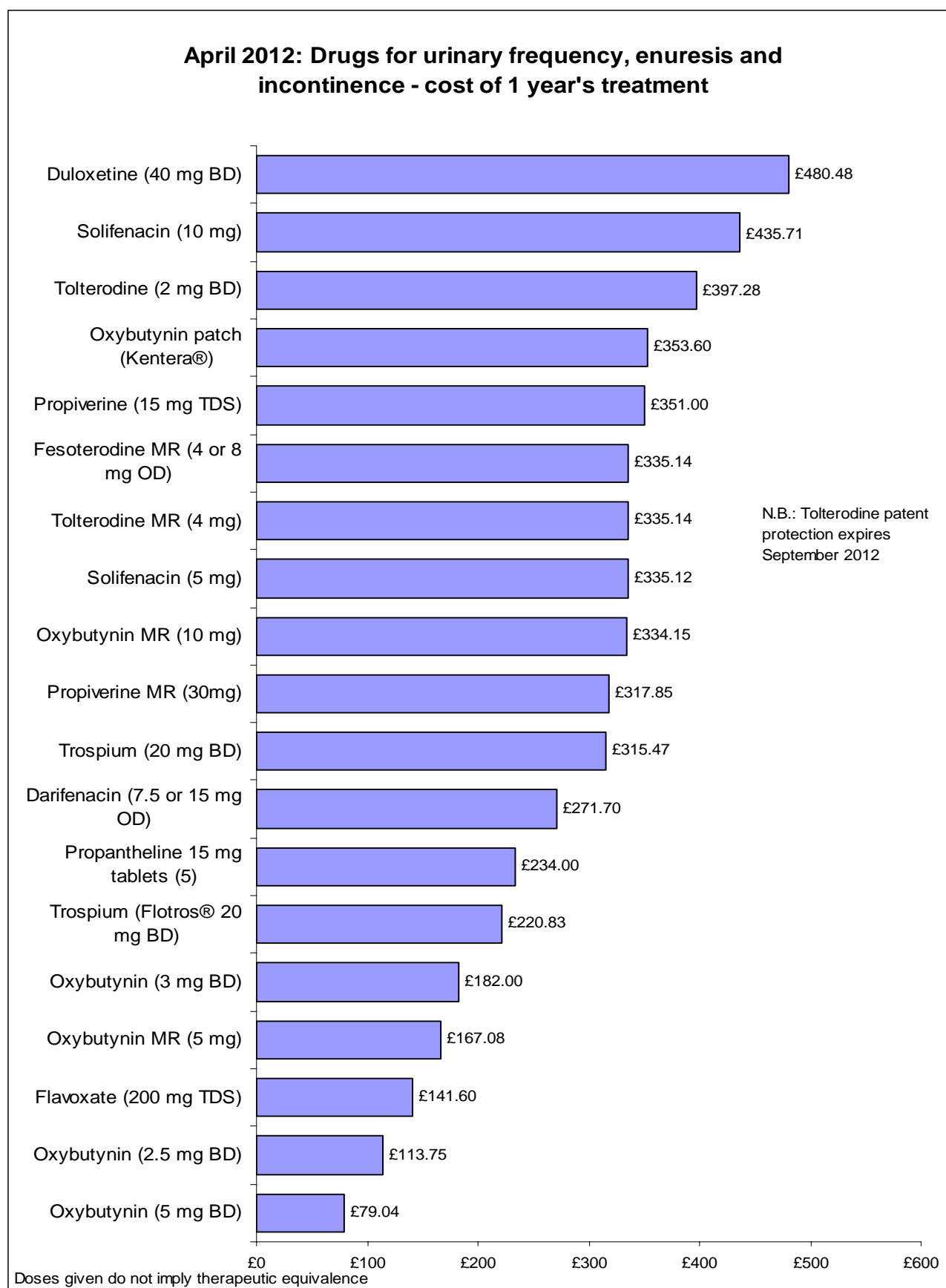


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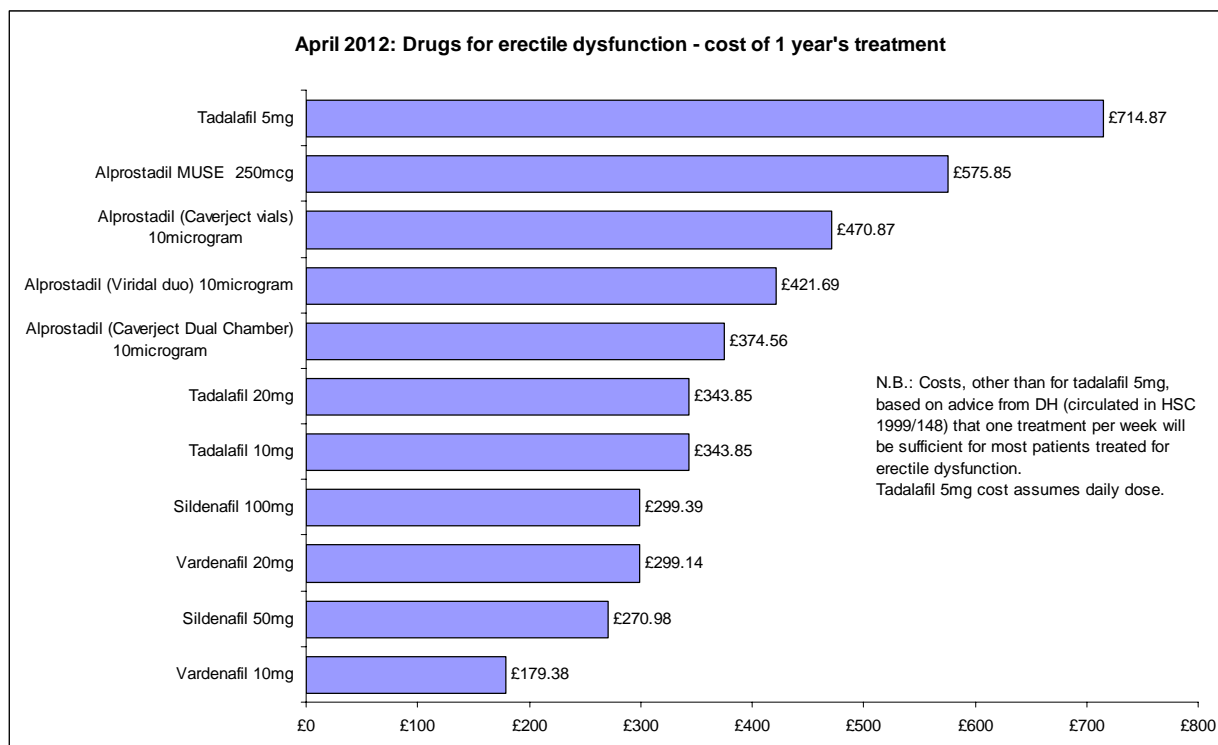
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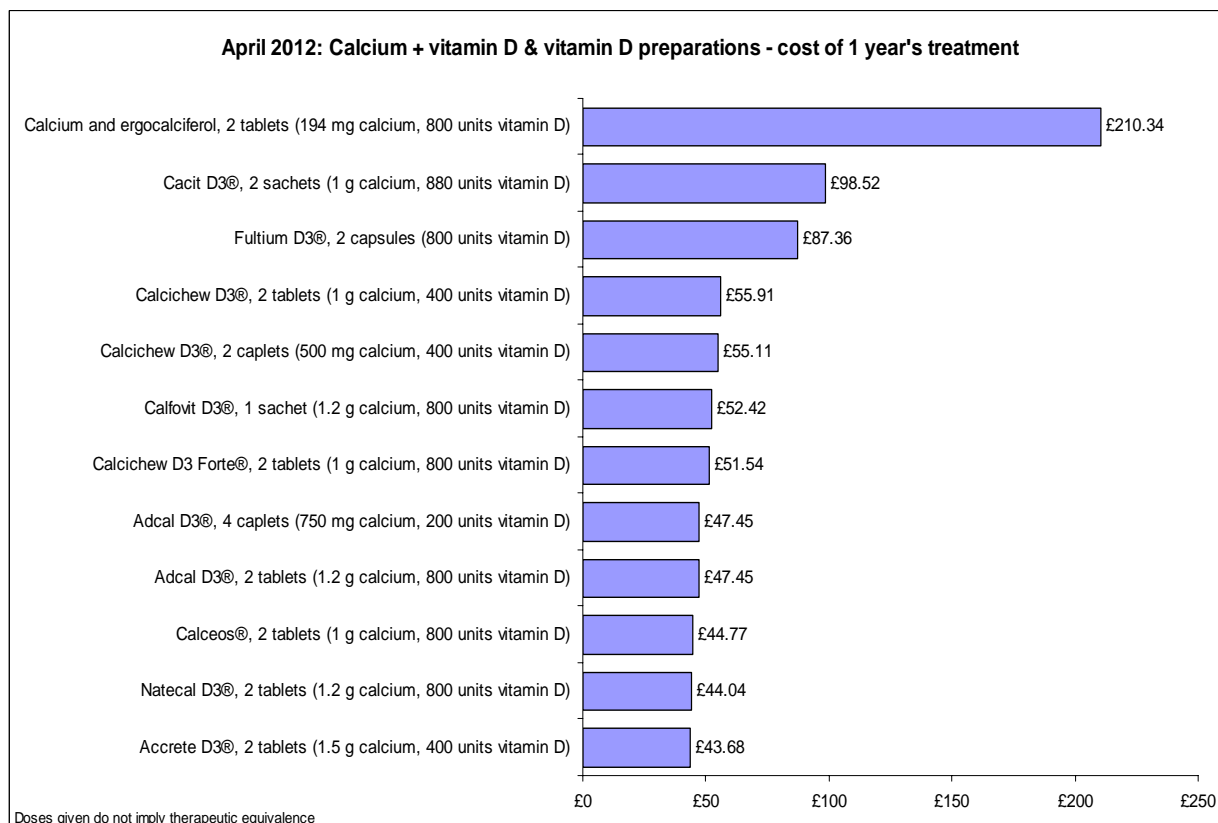
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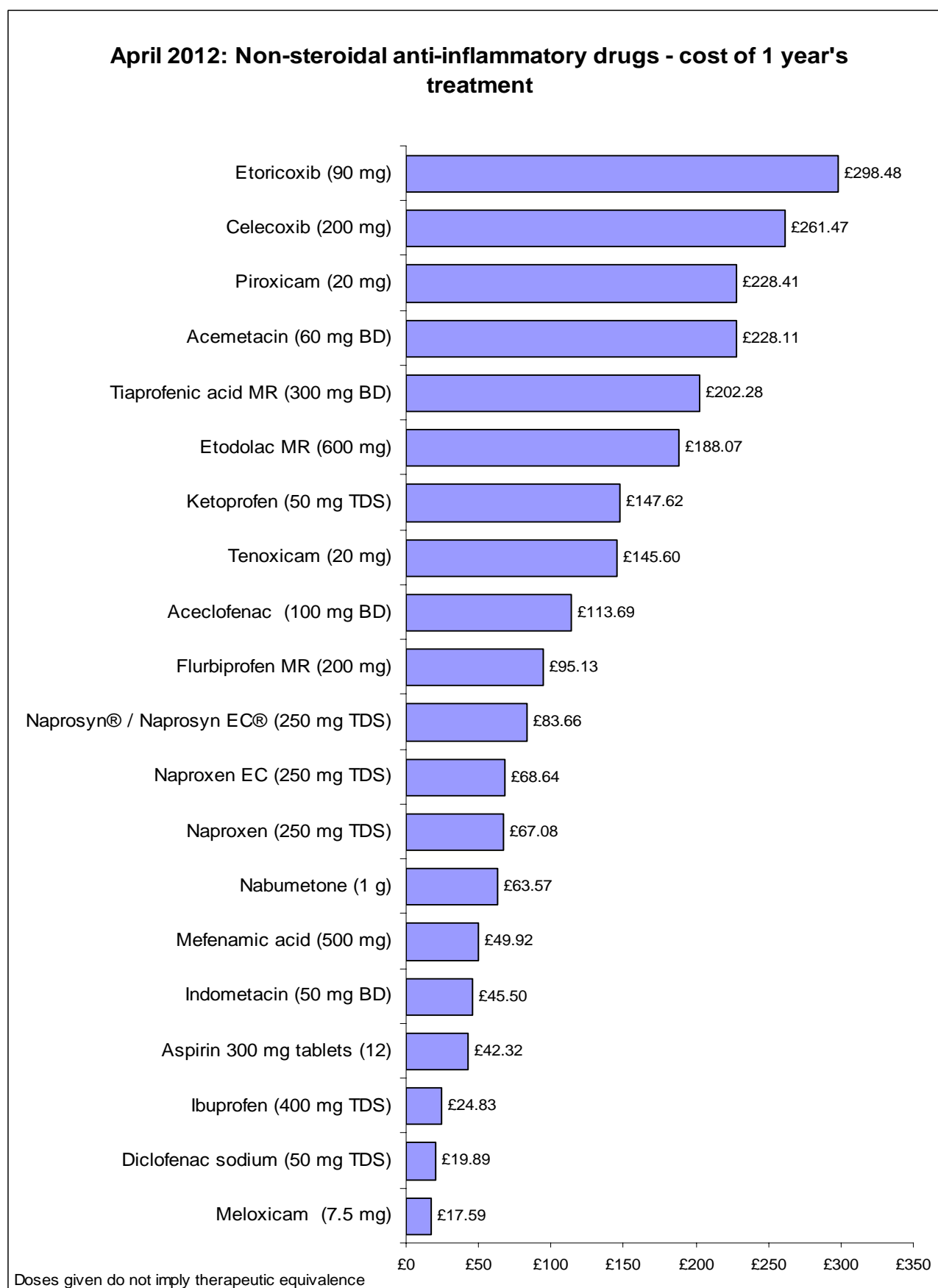
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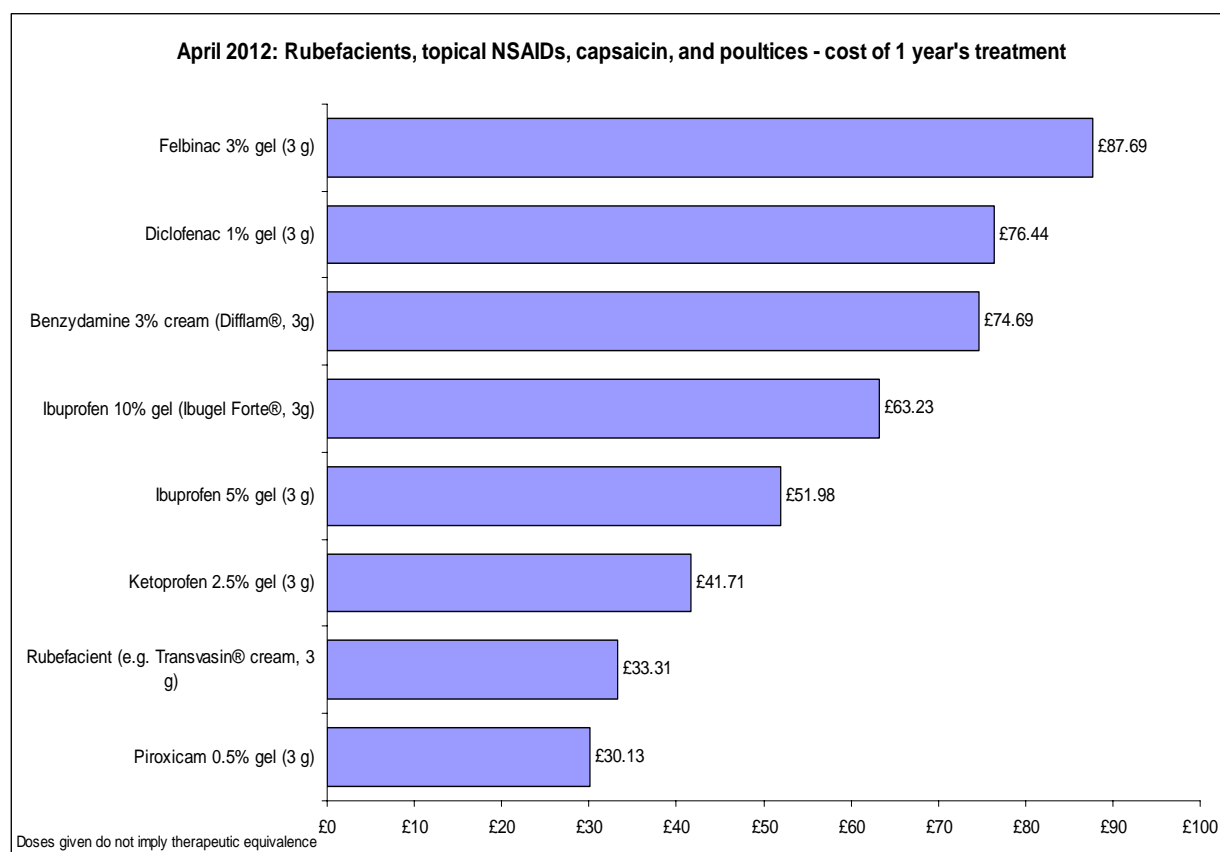


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