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- The tumor necrosis factor alpha-inhibitor infliximab has been shown to be efficacious and offer an acceptable safety profile in the treatment of inflammatory autoimmune diseases.
- Biosimilar infliximab (Remsima®) gained marketing approval in Europe in 2013, based on a data package demonstrating the clinical equivalence of Remsima and reference infliximab (Remicade®).
- The annual drug-cost savings resulting from the introduction of Remsima were projected to range from €2.887 million (Belgium, 10% discount) to €33.798 million (Germany, 30% discount).
- The cumulative drug-cost savings across the five included countries (Germany, the UK, Italy, the Netherlands, and Belgium) and the six licensed disease areas were projected to range from €25.8 million (10% discount) to €77.4 million (30% discount).
- If such savings made were realized and used to treat additional patients with Remsima, approximately 250 (Belgium, 10% discount) to 2,602 (Germany, 30% discount) additional patients could be treated.

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