

**Table 1** List of drugs for noncommunicable diseases included in the study

<b>Diabetes (A10)</b>		
ATC code	Name	Selected medicines (by INNs)
A10BA	Biguanides	Metformin
A10BB	Sulfonylureas	Glibenclamide, gliclazide
A10BG	Thiazolidinediones	Pioglitazone
A10BX	Other blood glucose lowering drugs, excluding insulins	Repaglinide
A10A	Insulins and analogues	NPH, Regular, Aspart, Glargine, Biphasic isophane
<b>Asthma (R03)</b>		
ATC code	Name	Selected medicines (by INNs)
R03CC	Selective $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor agonists	Salbutamol, salmeterol, formoterol
R03BA	Glucocorticoids	Budesonide, beclomethasone
R03BB	Anticholinergics	Ipratropium bromide
R03AK	Adrenergics in combination with corticosteroids or other drugs, excluding anticholinergics	Salmeterol/fluticasone, formoterol/budesonide, salbutamol/beclomethasone
R03AL	Adrenergics in combination with anticholinergics	Salbutamol/ipratropium bromide
<b>Multiple sclerosis (L03)<sup>a</sup></b>		
ATC code	Name	Selected medicines (by INNs)
L03AB	Interferons	Interferon $\beta_1a$
L03AB	Interferons	Interferon $\beta_1b$
<b>Cancer (L01, L02, G03)<sup>b</sup></b>		
ATC code	Name	Selected medicines (by INNs)
L01XE	Protein kinase inhibitors	Imatinin <sup>b</sup>
L01XE	Protein kinase inhibitors	Erlotinin <sup>b</sup>
L01BB	Purine analogues	Cladribine
L01BB	Purine analogues	Fludarabine phosphate
L01BC	Pyrimidine analogues	Cytarabine
L01BC	Pyrimidine analogues	Capecitabine
G03XC	Selective estrogen receptor modulators	Raloxifene
L02BA	Antiestrogens	Tamoxifen
L02AE	Gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues	Busereline acetate
L01CD	Taxanes	Docetaxel
L01DA	Actinomycines	Dactinomycin
L03AB	Interferons	Interferon $\alpha_2b$
L01DB	Anthracyclines and related substances	Daunorubicin
L01XX	Other antineoplastic agents	Estramustine sodium phosphate

<sup>a</sup>Due to different DDDs and treatment approaches used for the prescription of interferon  $\beta_1a$  and  $\beta_1b$ , they were analysed separately.

<sup>b</sup>Due to non-defined DDDs for many cancer medicines and/or different indications, cancer medicines in some ATC classification were analysed separately.

DDD = defined daily dose; INN = International Nonproprietary Name.