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## Pharmaceutical patents and medical supplies for epidemical diseases: The struggle in less developed countries

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