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# FINAL REPORT

## Data Extraction

The main structured data is downloaded from AIFA website <https://www.aifa.gov.it/liste-dei-farmaci> as instructed in the project's requirements.

To extract additional information for each medicine, a Python script is written and executed on Google Collab environment.

The link of the code Git repository is [https://github.com/thisishasan/prog\\_mod\\_b](https://github.com/thisishasan/prog_mod_b)

The script uses following libraries:

- 1) **Pandas** - Used for loading and manipulating the CSV dataset.
- 2) **Requests** - Used to send HTTP GET requests to the **AIFA API** and download PDFs.
- 3) **fitz (from PyMuPDF)** - Used to read and extract text from downloaded PDF files. Handles PDF page access and text parsing.
- 4) **Re** - Python's regular expressions module. Used for cleaning and parsing text (e.g., normalizing whitespace, identifying section headers).
- 5) **Csv** - Used to specify quoting behavior in `to_csv()` function for properly formatted output.

The data is loaded into a Pandas DataFrame (df), keeping only relevant columns 'Principio Attivo', 'Descrizione Gruppo', 'Denominazione e Confezione', 'Titolare AIC', 'AIC', 'Codice Gruppo Equivalenza'

A specific range of rows is selected from the dataset: from index 470 to 802

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")

df = df[['Principio Attivo', 'Descrizione Gruppo', 'Denominazione e Confezione', 'Titolare AIC', 'AIC', 'Codice Gruppo Equivalenza']]

df = df.iloc[472-2:804-2]
```

Performed data quality checks including missing values and duplicates records

```
df.isnull().sum()
```

	0
Principio Attivo	0
Descrizione Gruppo	0
Denominazione e Confezione	0
Titolare AIC	0
AIC	0
Codice Gruppo Equivalenza	0

dtype: int64

```
[ ] df.duplicated().sum()
```

```
np.int64(0)
```

The core logic revolves around iterating through each row (drug) in the DataFrame

#### 1) API Query

- Uses the AIC code to query the AIFA API  
<https://api.aifa.gov.it/aifa-bdf-eif-be/1.0.0/formadosaggio/ricerca?query={aic}&spellingCorrection=true&page=0> for drug formulation and dosage info.

#### 2) Parses the JSON response to extract:

- ATC code (Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification)
- Drug description
- Unique URLs for the online leaflet and downloadable PDF
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```
# Build the API URL
url = f"https://api.aifa.gov.it/aifa-bdf-eif-be/1.0.0/formadosaggio/ricerca?query={aic}&spellingCorrection=true&page=0"

# Make the GET request
response = requests.get(url)

# Check for successful response
if response.status_code == 200:
    json_data = response.json() # Parse the response as JSON

    # Access the nested data field
    content = json_data.get('data', {}).get('content', [])
```

#### 3) These are stored back into the DataFrame.

#### 4) The PDF is downloaded from the AIFA API endpoint

[https://api.aifa.gov.it/aifa-bdf-eif-be/1.0.0/organizzazione/{codice\\_sis}/farmaci/{aic6}/stampati?ts=RCP](https://api.aifa.gov.it/aifa-bdf-eif-be/1.0.0/organizzazione/{codice_sis}/farmaci/{aic6}/stampati?ts=RCP)

```
# Print each item in the content list
for item in content:
    id = item.get('id')
    codice_atc = item.get('codiceAtc')[0]
    df.at[index, 'ATC'] = codice_atc
    descrizione_atc = item.get('descrizioneAtc')
    codice_sis = item.get('medicinale').get('codiceSis')
    aic6 = item.get('medicinale').get('aic6')
    leaflet_url = f"https://medicinali.aifa.gov.it/it/#/it/organizzazione/{codice_sis}/farmaci/{aic6}/stampati/FI"
    pdf_url = f"https://api.aifa.gov.it/aifa-bdf-eif-be/1.0.0/organizzazione/{codice_sis}/farmaci/{aic6}/stampati?ts=RCP"
    df.at[index, 'URL'] = leaflet_url
```

#### 5) Using fitz, the script:

- Reads all pages
- Combines the text into a single string

- Normalizes whitespace and broken lines

```
# creating a pdf reader object
#doc = PdfReader(pdf_path)
doc = fitz.open(pdf_path)

# Combine all page text into one string
full_text = ""
#for page in doc.pages:
for page in doc:
    #full_text += page.extract_text().strip()
    full_text += page.get_text()
doc.close()

# Normalize the text: fix words broken across lines
text = re.sub(r'([a-zA-Z])\n([a-zA-Z])', r'\1 \2', full_text) # fix broken words
text = re.sub(r'\n+', '\n', text)
text = re.sub(r'\s{2,}', ' ', text) # collapse long spaces
```

6) The text is parsed to extract specific regulatory sections based on the headings

- A regex pattern is dynamically built to match section headers.
- Text between matched sections is extracted.
- Each section is stored in a new column of the DataFrame under its corresponding title.

```
# Create a regex pattern for section headers
section_regex = [
    fr"({num})[\.\s]*{re.escape(title)}"
    for num, title in sections
]
pattern = '|'.join(section_regex)
pattern = re.compile(pattern, flags=re.IGNORECASE)

# Find all section starts
matches = list(pattern.finditer(text))

# Extract section contents
extracted = {}
for i in range(len(matches)):
    start = matches[i].start()
    end = matches[i+1].start() if i+1 < len(matches) else len(text)

    header = matches[i].group().strip()
    content = text[start:end].replace(header, '', 1).strip()

    # Match section by header prefix (e.g. "4.2")
    matched_section = next((f"({num}) {title}" for num, title in sections if num in header), header)
    extracted[matched_section] = content

# Save each section in a separate variable
for title, content in extracted.items():
    section_name = title.replace(" ", "_").replace(".", "") # Create a valid variable name
    globals()[section_name] = content # Dynamically assign the content to a variable
    df.at[index, title] = content.replace(title, " ").strip()

# Print the results
print(f"\n{'='*80}\n{title}\n{'='*80}\n{content}...\n")
```

Any remaining missing values are replaced with "Not available".

```
[ ] df = df.fillna("Not available")
```

The enriched dataset is saved as a new CSV file named `updated_data.csv` with UTF-8 encoding and all fields quoted.

```
import csv
df.to_csv("updated_data.csv", index=False, encoding="utf-8", quoting=csv.QUOTE_ALL)
```

## Relational Database Management System

1) Create a database named 'medicine\_data'

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS medicine_data;
```

2) Create a table 'medicines' into the database

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS medicines (  
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,  
  active_ingredient LONGTEXT,  
  group_description LONGTEXT,  
  medicine_name_and_packaging LONGTEXT,  
  marketing_authorization_holder LONGTEXT,  
  aic_code BIGINT,  
  equivalence_group_code VARCHAR(20),  
  atc VARCHAR(50),  
  leaflet_url LONGTEXT,  
  pdf_url LONGTEXT,  
  therapeutic_indications LONGTEXT,  
  posology_and_method_of_administration LONGTEXT,  
  contraindications LONGTEXT,  
  special_warnings_and_precautions_for_use LONGTEXT,  
  interactions_with_other_medicinal_products LONGTEXT,  
  fertility_pregnancy_and_lactation LONGTEXT,  
  effects_on_ability_to_drive_and_use_machines LONGTEXT,  
  undesirable_effects_side_effects LONGTEXT,  
  overdose LONGTEXT,  
  incompatibilities LONGTEXT  
);
```

3) Import the updated CSV into the table 'medicines'

```
LOAD DATA INFILE '/var/lib/mysql-files/updated_data.csv'  
INTO TABLE medicines  
CHARACTER SET utf8  
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','  
ENCLOSED BY '"'  
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'  
IGNORE 1 LINES
```

```
(
  active_ingredient,
  group_description,
  medicine_name_and_packaging,
  marketing_authorization_holder,
  aic_code,
  equivalence_group_code,
  atc,
  leaflet_url,
  pdf_url,
  therapeutic_indications,
  posology_and_method_of_administration,
  contraindications,
  special_warnings_and_precautions_for_use,
  interactions_with_other_medicinal_products,
  fertility_pregnancy_and_lactation,
  effects_on_ability_to_drive_and_use_machines,
  undesirable_effects_side_effects,
  overdose,
  incompatibilities
);
```

- 4) Due to data redundancy, Create separate tables for columns (active\_ingredient, atc, equivalence\_group\_code and marketing\_authorization\_holder)

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS active_ingredients (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  active_ingredient VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS atc_codes (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  atc_code VARCHAR(20) UNIQUE
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS equivalence_group_codes (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  equivalence_group_code VARCHAR(5) UNIQUE
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS marketing_authorization_holders (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  marketing_authorization_holder VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE
);
```

- 5) Insert records into new tables (active\_ingredients, atc, equivalence\_group\_codes and marketing\_authorization\_holders) from medicines tables

```
INSERT INTO active_ingredients (active_ingredient)
SELECT distinct medicines.active_ingredient FROM medicines
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE
active_ingredient = VALUES(active_ingredient);
```

```
INSERT INTO atc_codes (atc_code)
SELECT distinct medicines.atc FROM medicines
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE
atc_code = VALUES(atc_code);
```

```
INSERT INTO equivalence_group_codes (equivalence_group_code)
SELECT distinct medicines.equivalence_group_code FROM medicines
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE
equivalence_group_code = VALUES(equivalence_group_code);
```

```
INSERT INTO marketing_authorization_holders (marketing_authorization_holder)
SELECT distinct medicines.marketing_authorization_holder FROM medicines
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE
marketing_authorization_holder = VALUES(marketing_authorization_holder);
```

- 6) Alter table 'medicines' and add new columns (active\_ingredient\_id, atc\_code\_id, equivalence\_group\_code\_id, marketing\_authorization\_holder\_id) into the table

```
ALTER TABLE medicines ADD COLUMN active_ingredient_id INT AFTER active_ingredient;
ALTER TABLE medicines ADD COLUMN atc_code_id INT AFTER atc;
ALTER TABLE medicines ADD COLUMN equivalence_group_code_id INT AFTER equivalence_group_code;
ALTER TABLE medicines ADD COLUMN marketing_authorization_holder_id INT AFTER marketing_authorization_holder;
```

- 7) Update table 'medicines' and set values for the new columns (active\_ingredient\_id, atc\_code\_id, equivalence\_group\_code\_id, marketing\_authorization\_holder\_id) from the corresponding tables (active\_ingredients, atc\_codes, equivalence\_group\_codes, marketing\_authorization\_holders)

```
UPDATE medicines m
JOIN active_ingredients ai ON m.active_ingredient = ai.active_ingredient
SET m.active_ingredient_id = ai.id;
```

```
UPDATE medicines m
JOIN atc_codes ai ON m.atc = ai.atc_code
SET m.atc_code_id = ai.id;
```

```
UPDATE medicines m
JOIN equivalence_group_codes ai ON m.equivalence_group_code =
ai.equivalence_group_code
SET m.equivalence_group_code_id = ai.id;
```

```
UPDATE medicines m
JOIN marketing_authorization_holders ai ON m.marketing_authorization_holder =
ai.marketing_authorization_holder
SET m.marketing_authorization_holder_id = ai.id;
```

- 8) Drop columns (active\_ingredient, atc, equivalence\_group\_code, marketing\_authorization\_holder) from the table 'medicines'

```
ALTER TABLE medicines
DROP COLUMN active_ingredient,
DROP COLUMN atc,
DROP COLUMN equivalence_group_code,
DROP COLUMN marketing_authorization_holder;
```

- 9) Alter table 'medicines' and apply foreign key constraints to the columns (active\_ingredient\_id, atc\_code\_id, equivalence\_group\_code\_id, marketing\_authorization\_holder\_id) with referenced tables created earlier (active\_ingredients, atc\_codes, equivalence\_group\_codes, marketing\_authorization\_holders)

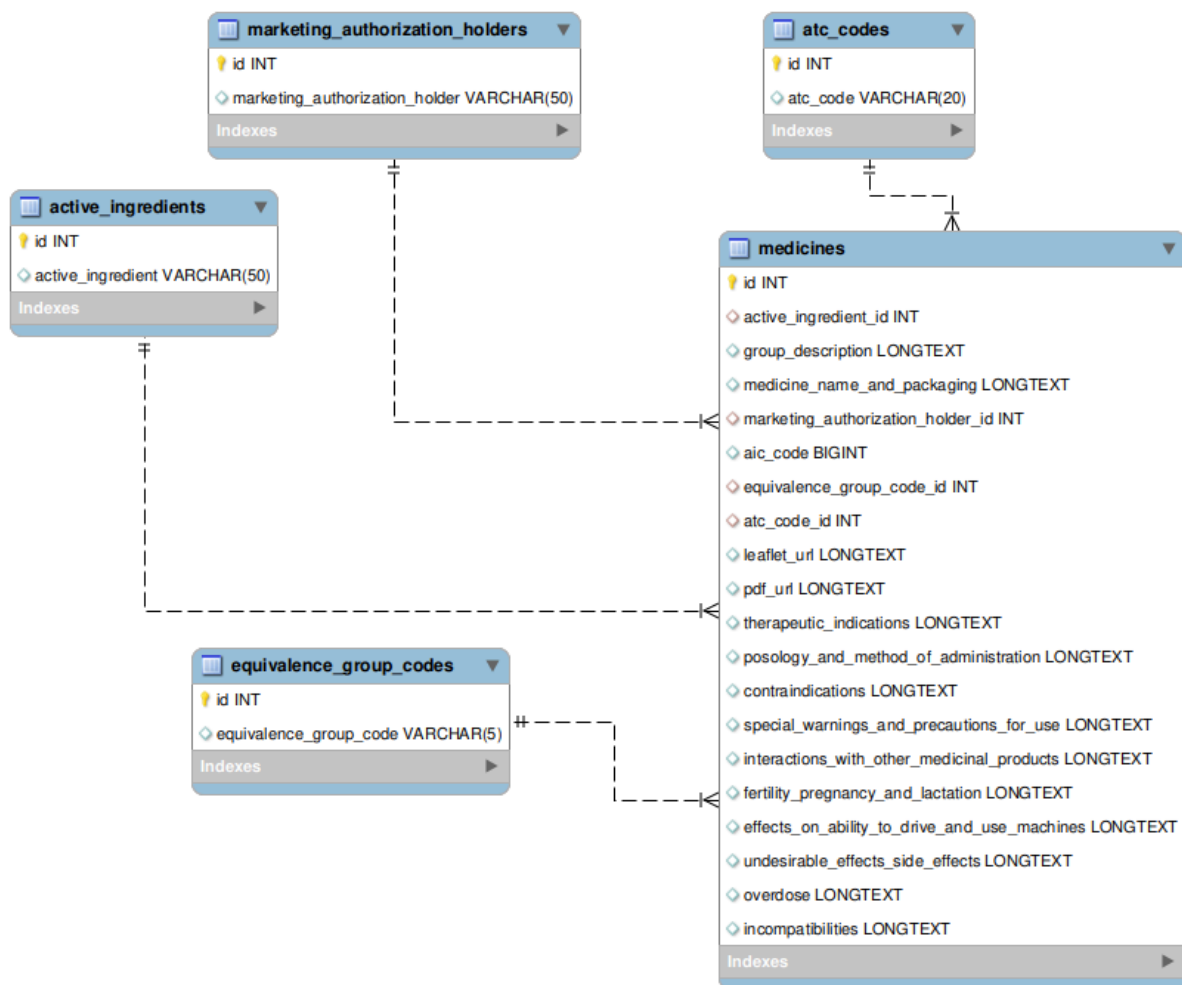
```
ALTER TABLE medicines
ADD CONSTRAINT fk_active_ingredient
FOREIGN KEY (active_ingredient_id) REFERENCES active_ingredients(id),
```

```

ADD CONSTRAINT fk_atc_code
  FOREIGN KEY (atc_code_id) REFERENCES atc_codes(id),
ADD CONSTRAINT fk_equivalence_group_code
  FOREIGN KEY (equivalence_group_code_id) REFERENCES
equivalence_group_codes(id),
ADD CONSTRAINT fk_marketing_authorization_holder
  FOREIGN KEY (marketing_authorization_holder_id) REFERENCES
marketing_authorization_holders(id);

```

## 10) ERD Diagram of the database





## 11) Some Analytical SQL Queries

### Count of Medicines per Active Ingredient

```
mysql> SELECT ai.active_ingredient, COUNT(m.id) AS medicine_count
-> FROM medicines m
-> JOIN active_ingredients ai ON m.active_ingredient_id = ai.id
-> GROUP BY ai.active_ingredient
-> ORDER BY medicine_count DESC;
```

active_ingredient	medicine_count
Amoxicillina/acido clavulanico	115
Amlodipina	101
Amoxicillina	30
Aripiprazolo	28
Anastrozolo	19
Amlodipina/Valsartan	9
Amlodipina/Valsartan/idroclorotiazide	7
Amitriptilina	6
Anagrelide	5
Apixaban	5
Ampicillina/sulbactam	2
Apomorfina	2
Apremilast	2
Apraclonidina	1

14 rows in set (0.00 sec)

### Count of Medicines by Marketing Authorization Holder

```
mysql> SELECT mah.marketing_authorization_holder AS holder_name, COUNT(m.id) AS total_medicines
-> FROM medicines m
-> JOIN marketing_authorization_holders mah ON m.marketing_authorization_holder_id = mah.id
-> GROUP BY mah.marketing_authorization_holder
-> ORDER BY total_medicines DESC;
```

holder_name	total_medicines
SANDOZ SpA	18
ZENTIVA ITALIA Srl	14
GLAXOSMITHKLINE SpA	14
DOC GENERICI Srl	14
EG SpA	13
MYLAN SpA	12
TEVA ITALIA Srl	10
AUROBINDO PHARMA ITALIA Srl	9

### Find Medicines Belonging to a Specific ATC Code (e.g., "N04BC07")

```
mysql> SELECT m.medicine_name_and_packaging, ai.active_ingredient, ac.atc_code
-> FROM medicines m
-> JOIN active_ingredients ai ON m.active_ingredient_id = ai.id
-> JOIN atc_codes ac ON m.atc_code_id = ac.id
-> WHERE ac.atc_code = 'N04BC07';
```

medicine_name_and_packaging	active_ingredient	atc_code
APOFIN STYLO*1 penna priempita SC 30 mg/3 ml	Apomorfina	N04BC07
APOFIN STYLO*5 penne priempita SC 30 mg/3 ml	Apomorfina	N04BC07

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

## Frequency of Incompatibility Mentions Across Medicines

```
mysql> SELECT
->     CASE
->         WHEN incompatibilities = 'Not available' THEN 'Missing'
->         ELSE 'Provided'
->     END AS incompatibility_status,
->     COUNT(*) AS count
-> FROM medicines
-> GROUP BY incompatibility_status;
+-----+-----+
| incompatibility_status | count |
+-----+-----+
| Provided              | 246   |
| Missing               | 86    |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

## Top 10 Most Frequently Mentioned Therapeutic Indications

```
mysql> SELECT CONCAT(SUBSTRING(therapeutic_indications, 1, 100), '...') AS therapeutic_indications, COUNT(*) AS count
-> FROM medicines
-> GROUP BY therapeutic_indications
-> ORDER BY count DESC
-> LIMIT 10;
+-----+-----+
| therapeutic_indications | count |
+-----+-----+
| Not available...       | 85    |
| Ipertensione Angina pectoris cronica stabile Angina conseguente a vasospasmo (angina di Prinzmetal)... | 28    |
| Augmentin è indicato nel trattamento delle seguenti infezioni negli adulti e nei bambini (vedere par... | 8     |
| Trattamento dell'ipertensione essenziale come terapia sostitutiva in pazienti adulti nei quali la pr... | 7     |
| Clavulin è indicato nel trattamento delle seguenti infezioni negli adulti e nei bambini (vedere para... | 6     |
| [6]Ipertensione [6]Angina pectoris cronica stabile [6]Angina conseguente a vasospasmo (angina di Prinzmetal)... | 6     |
| Trattamento del tromboembolismo venoso (TEV) e prevenzione del TEV ricorrente nei pazienti pediatrici... | 5     |
| AMOXICILLINA E ACIDO CLAVULANICO EG STADA è indicato per il trattamento delle seguenti infezioni negli adulti e nei bambini (vedere par... | 5     |
| Neoduplamox è indicato nel trattamento delle seguenti infezioni negli adulti e nei bambini (vedere par... | 5     |
| - Ipertensione. - Angina pectoris cronica stabile. - Angina conseguente a vasospasmo (angina di Prinzmetal)... | 5     |
+-----+-----+
10 rows in set, 1 warning (0.01 sec)
```

## Most Common Side Effects Keywords (Using LIKE)

```
mysql> SELECT
->     COUNT(*) AS count,
->     'nausea' AS keyword
-> FROM medicines
-> WHERE undesirable_effects_side_effects LIKE '%nausea%'
->
-> UNION ALL
->
-> SELECT
->     COUNT(*),
->     'headache'
-> FROM medicines
-> WHERE undesirable_effects_side_effects LIKE '%headache%'
->
-> UNION ALL
->
-> SELECT
->     COUNT(*),
->     'rash'
-> FROM medicines
-> WHERE undesirable_effects_side_effects LIKE '%rash%';
+-----+-----+
| count | keyword |
+-----+-----+
| 246   | nausea  |
| 0     | headache |
| 135   | rash    |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

## Top 10 Longest Therapeutic Indications (For Review)

```
mysql> SELECT
-> id,
-> CHAR_LENGTH(therapeutic_indications) AS length,
-> SUBSTRING(therapeutic_indications, 1, 200) AS preview
-> FROM medicines
-> ORDER BY length DESC
-> LIMIT 10;
```

id	length	preview
270	6849	L'uso del medicinale è indicato per il trattamento delle infezioni delle v
269	6849	L'uso del medicinale è indicato per il trattamento delle infezioni delle v
327	1182	Aripiprazolo Teva è indicato per il trattamento della schizofrenia e dei
312	1182	Aripiprazolo Teva è indicato per il trattamento della schizofrenia e dei
147	1160	Amoxicillina Aurobindo Italia è indicata per il trattamento delle infezioni
152	1160	Amoxicillina Aurobindo Italia è indicata per il trattamento delle infezioni
141	1150	Amoxicillina Mylan Generics è indicato per il trattamento delle infezioni
236	1148	Amoxicillina e Acido Clavulanico TecniGen Italia è indicato per il trattamento
237	1148	Amoxicillina e Acido Clavulanico TecniGen Italia è indicato per il trattamento
239	1145	Amoxicillina e Acido clavulanico PENSA PHARMA è indicato nel trattamento

10 rows in set (0.00 sec)

## Data Visualization through POWER BI

### Dashboard

#### Filter by Active Ingredients

- ☒ Select all
- ☐ Amitriptilina
- ☐ Amlodipina
- ☐ Amlodipina/Valsartan
- ☐ Amlodipina/Valsartan/idroc...
- ☐ Amoxicillina
- ☐ Amoxicillina/acido clavulani...
- ☐ Ampicillina/sulbactam
- ☐ Anagrelide
- ☐ Anastrozolo
- ☐ Apixaban
- ☐ Apomorfina
- ☐ Apraclonidina
- ☐ Apremilast
- ☐ Aripiprazolo

332

Total Medicines

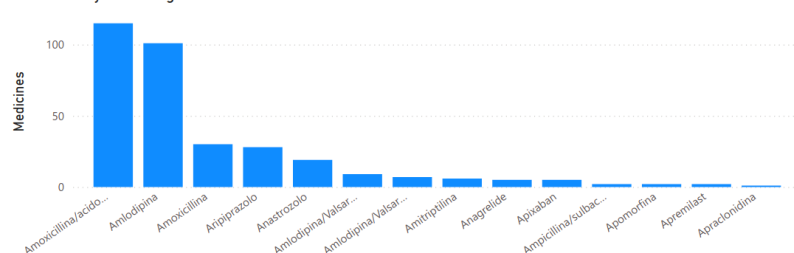
79

Total Marketing Authorization H...

39

Total Equivalence Group Codes

Medicines by Active Ingredients



## Project Requirements

Programming Platform: Google Collab

RDBMS: MySQL Ver 8.0.42

Data Visualization Tool: Power BI