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Reviewer: Arunangshu Ghoshal

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the current legal scenario in Austria relevant to end of life care needs to be explicitly stated
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