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Answers to the queries

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All tables, figures are double checked and renumbered. Table S5 is indeed S3, this has been changed in text. Table S2 also mentioned in the text
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Reviewer reports:

Enrique Seoane-Vazquez (Reviewer 1): The manuscript address an important public health problem. I only have the following minor comments.

Abstract. Spell "NCD" and do not capitalize the first letter of generic names bisoprolol, metformin and atorvastatin.

Yes this is done

Results. The regression results do not indicate the distribution of the price data. The results section should include a sentence confirming that the price data was normally distributed.

A statement is included in the result

Line: 346. The use of the terms "mean (median)" is confusing. Is this the average of median prices? Please clarify.

It’s a median of the median prices so this is rectified

Limitations: Include the main limitations of the study.

A limitation section is included at the end (before conclusion)