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Patented Medicine Prices Review Board  
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**Re: Notice and Comment – PMPRB Price Review Approach During the Interim Period following publication of Amendments to the *Patented Medicines Regulations***

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of millions of patients living with a gastrointestinal and liver disease or disorder, thank you for PMPRB's efforts to engage and encourage feedback from patients, stakeholders, and the public about the ongoing changes with the Guidelines.

As we have mentioned in our previous submissions<sup>1</sup> and in our letter to the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health, Government of Canada,<sup>2</sup> we applaud and welcome the decision of implementing the proposed changes to the basket of comparator countries. We have supported this change since the start of PMPRB's efforts to modernize the guidelines in 2018, when the Steering Committee, of which I was a member, was formed.

As PMPRB proposes to adopt a "status quo" approach to price reviews at this time, it must ensure that it does not hinder Canadians' access to the important treatments they need to live and have a good quality of life. We look forward to participating in future engagements and consultations on a new set of guidelines later in the year, and we also welcome other opportunities to discuss achieving healthcare savings while protecting patients' continuity of care and access to innovative therapies.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Gastrointestinal Society. Changes to Medicine Access in 2021. Available at <https://badgut.org/pmprb-impact-report/>.

<sup>2</sup> Gastrointestinal Society. PMPRB Letter to Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos. Available at: <https://badgut.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-04-20-GI-Society-PMPRB-Letter-to-Honourable-Jean-Yves-Duclos.pdf>.