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Typically, the annual cost of treatment for patients suffering from rare diseases runs into several crores, and is therefore unaffordable for a majority of patients.