Foreign Justification

This proposal's team includes co-investigators [redacted full name 1] and [redacted full name 2], who are with the world-renown Department of [redacted] at [redacted institutional affiliation] in [City, Country redacted]. Drs.[redacted last name 1] and [redacted last name 2] are internationally regarded experts in epidemiology and biostatistics with areas of focus directly relevant to the proposed research. In particular, Drs. [redacted last name 1] and [redacted last name 2] have led the development and application of cutting-edge pharmacoepidemiologic analyses of large-scale health data. They will strengthen the rigor and novelty of the proposed research with their experience and expertise. **We are aware of no comparable US research group with the relevant capabilities**. Their contributions to the proposed research are unique for the following reasons:

1) [redacted full name 1] has over a decade of experience in pharmacoepidemiology research on [redacted] medications, with support from [redacted] and international funders (e.g., [publication redacted]. For example, **[they have] directed studies using [redacted] designs in US healthcare insurance claims**, which are the methods and data source for the proposed research (e.g.,[redacted publication].
2) [redacted full name 2] is a biostatistician with a focus on methodology for causal inference. [They have] created analysis software packages (e.g., [publication redacted] and has helped develop methods for confounding and other bias reduction (e.g., [redacted publication]. In particular, **[they have] led methodologic research on [redacted]**.
3) Finally, we stress that the PI and other [USA university redacted] personnel have years of close collaboration with the [redacted affiliation] group, **including on research on [redacted] in US healthcare insurance claims data** (e.g., [publication redacted]. For example, the PI has collaborated with [redacted last name 1], [redacted last name 2], or both on 1X publications to date. This history demonstrates the successful productivity of our collaboration.