

USE AND COST EVOLUTION OF ADALIMUMAB OVER EIGHT YEARS IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL

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Background and Importance

- Ongoing rise in healthcare costs makes necessary to establish containment strategies.
- Commitment to improve access to most effective and safest treatments.
- ✓ Biosimilar medicines are an opportunity for health systems (HS) and patients.

Aim and Objectives

- Aim: to evaluate use and cost evolution of adalimumab in a local hospital over last eight years.
- ✓ Biosimilar adalimumab was incorporated in 2019.

Materials and Methods

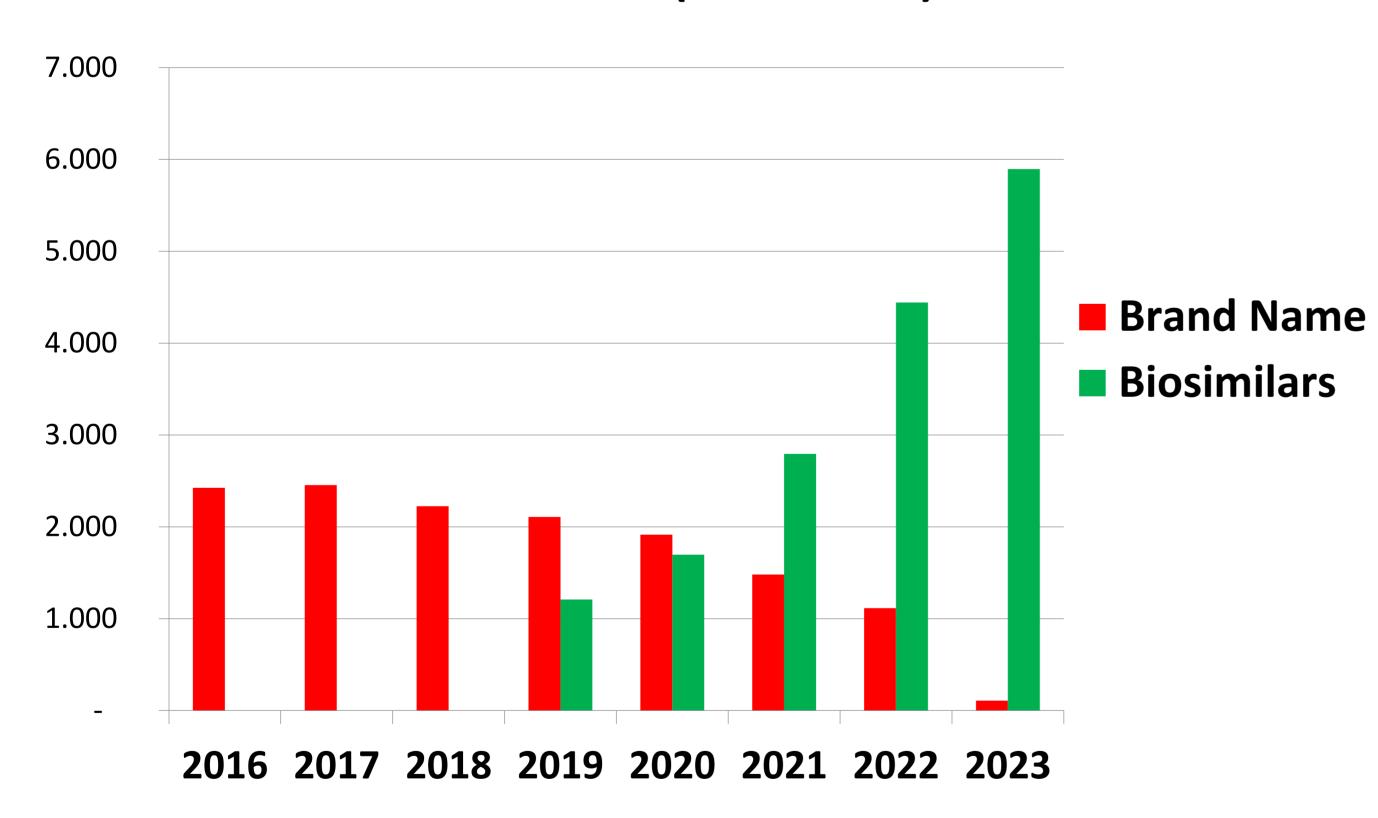
- ✓ Data collection: from January 2016 to July 2023.
- Vumber of 80 mg adalimumab syringes was multiplied by two in order to be able to add to 40 mg units.
- Consumption until June 2023 was extrapolated until December 2023 in order to compare values with complete years.
- Group different presentations of original brand and biosimilar molecules available and cost associated.

Results

✓ Adalimumab biosimilar was introduced in hospital at 2019 (penetration of biosimilars was 17.9% at 2019, reaching 99.6% at 2023).

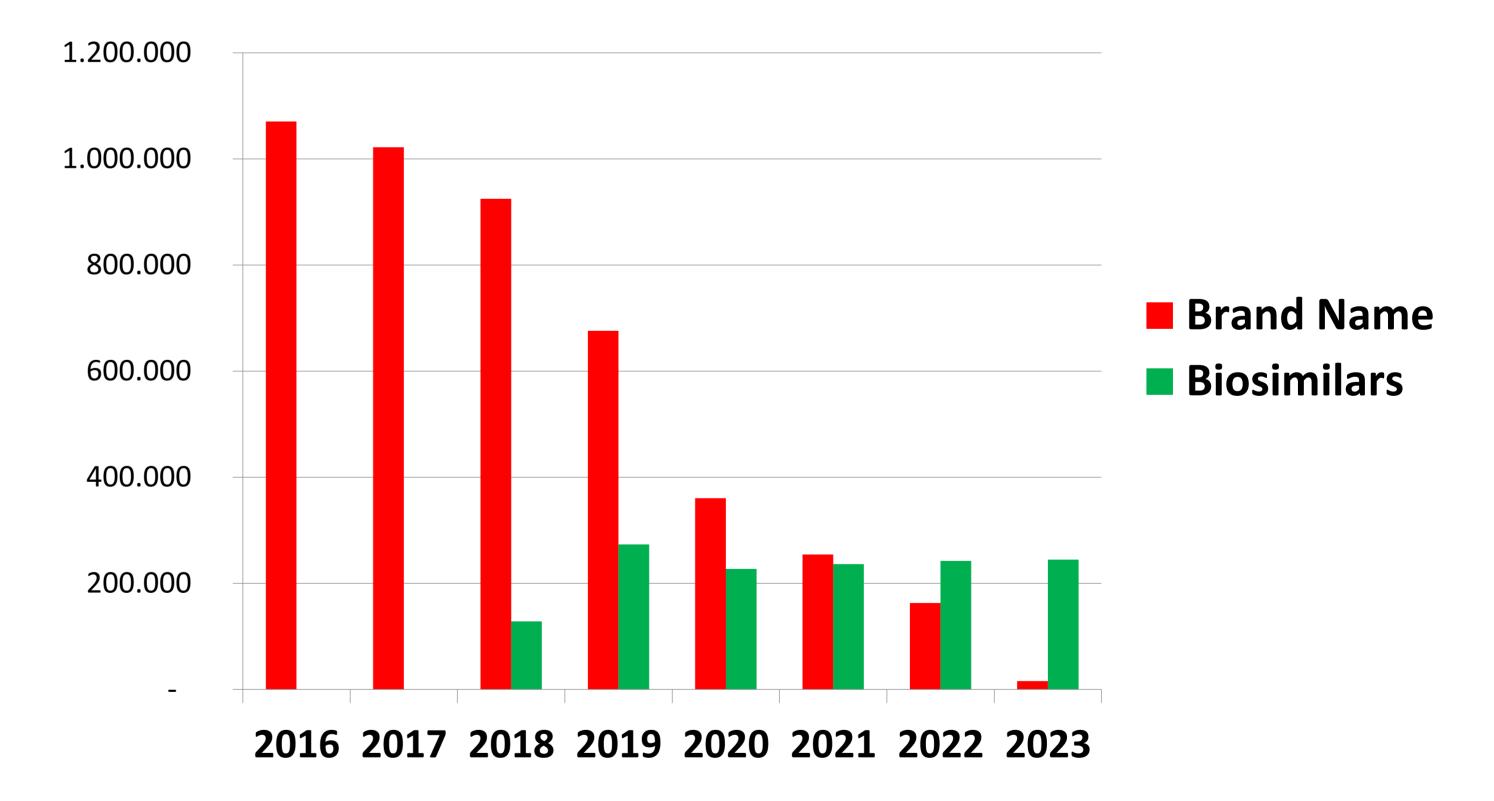
✓ Consumption adalimumab units (2016 to 2018), decrease slightly from 2,424 to 2,224 (-8.1 %), and also their cost dropped slightly, from 1,070,460 to 1,053,300 euros (-1.60%).

✓ Consumption adalimumab units (2019 to 2023), increases from 3,317 to 6,004 units (+81.0%) with an absolute cost reduction of 752,553 euros (-72.6%).



Adalimumab units (2016-2023)

Adalimumab cost (euros) (2016-2023)



Conclusion and Relevance

Innovation in biological therapies, has grown significantly during last years.

✓ Involvement of different clinical services with biosimilar molecules has led to significant savings (-75,7%) despite increase in units used (+147.7%).

- Commercialisation of **biosimilar molecules**:
 - ✓ promote **system's sustainability**,
 - ✓ increase access to a greater number of patients,
 - ✓ allow continued **incorporation of innovative molecules**.

