

ARE PATIENTS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WILLING TO EXCHANGE ON THE PRICE OF TREATMENTS TO CHOOSE A BIOSIMILAR?

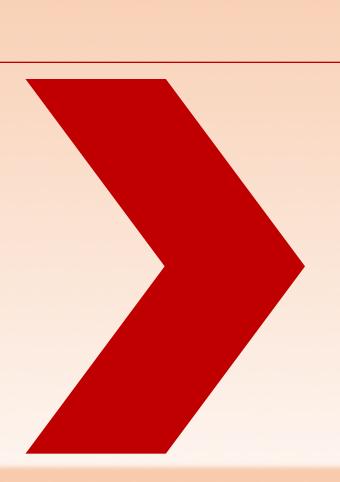
- Experience based on DELPHI method in hematoloy care unit -

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BACKGROUND

- → Development of biosimilar drugs can lower the price of medicines.
- → According to a study, only 6%¹ of the population is aware of what a biosimilar drug is.



OBJECTIVES

→ Our study aimed to establish a consensus on the important information to be given to patients, to define if discussion about cost and biosimilar can exist.

STUDY DESIGN

Population



50 patients interrogated



22 Health Care
Professional (HCP):

- -10 Physician and
- -12 Pharmacist

Method

We collected patients and HCP opinions in 3 rounds, using questionnaires based on DELPHI METHOD:

- 1. What informations are useful to know about the treatment?
- 2. Prioritize 3 of these informations.
- 3. After informations about biosimilar, do you accept or reject biosimilar drugs?
- Questionnaire is presented in Figure 1.

WHAT IS DELPHI METHOD?

→ Process based on the results of questionnaires sent to a panel of experts. Three turns are required before establishing a consensus between experts.

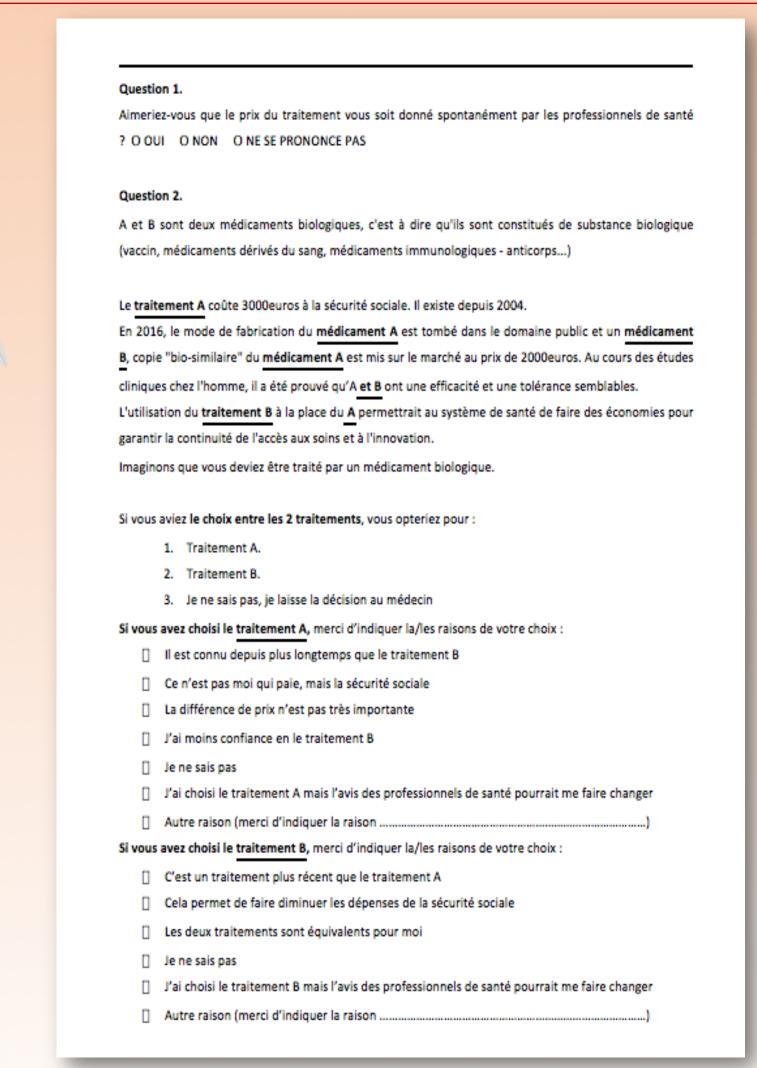


Figure 1. Patients questionnaire

RESULTS

Characteristics Patients and HCP

| A.Patients (n=50)0 | | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Age (years) | Median: 59,5 (49,3-69,5) | |
| | Average : 58,6 (écart type 14,37) | |
| Gender | Woman : 25 (50%) | |
| | Man : 25 (50%) | |
| Profession | Farmer: 3 | |
| | Trader, CEOs: 5 | |
| | Professor, managerial staff: 5 | |
| | Employees: 11 | |
| | Students : 2 | |
| | Workers : 6 | |
| | Others: | |
| | - Retirees: 7 | |
| | - Not available: 11 | |
| Pathology | <u>Lymphoma</u> : 21 (42%) | |
| | Multiple myeloma: 17 (34%) | |
| | Acute leukemia: 10 (20%) | |
| | Chronic Leukemia: 2 (4%) | |
| B. Health care professionals | | |
| Profession (n=22) | | Pharmacist : 12 (54%) |
| | | Physician : 10 (46%) |
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Patients Opinion

- → A lot of informations are considered useful to know by patients. Among them: price is quoted by 64% of patients, but only by 33% of pharmacist and 40% of physician.
- → When we asked them to prioritize, patients quoted mostly :
- Intake modalities
- Side effect
- And Efficacity

But suprisingly 7% quoted drug costs, 7% manufacturing method and 3% type of drug (biologic or biosimilar).

About price and biosimilar?

of experts assessed useful to know the item « cost of treatment » and « type of drugs (Biosimilar/generic) »

776 of patients consider that cost is as important to know as « intake modalities » or « side effect »

55% of patients choose spontaneously biosimilar drug and 40% trusted HCP's decision.

93% of HCP promoted biosimilar switch.

REASONS TO ACCEPT

BIOSIMILAR

→ Reducing drug costs

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 → Treatments seems
 equals
 → Promoting research

BIOSIMILAR

→ Want the better for

REASONS TO REJECT

→ Trusting HCP's decision

→ Not enough studies in several indications

CONCLUSION

- There is a real desire on both sides to establish a discussion about biosimilar drugs.
- Patients consider very important to decrease the society cost of drugs.

