

Cost Assessment of Implementation of ITI in Iran

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OBJECTIVES

This study was designed to compare costs attributed to implementation of immune tolerance induction (ITI) for management of Good risk Iranian hemophilia patients with high titer and high responding inhibitors, and on-demand (OD) use of bypassing agents for them from the perspective of the national health system.

The main objective was to find the **breakeven point for ITI method in comparison with on-demand (OD) use** of bypassing agents in Iranian hemophilia patients with high titer and high responding inhibitors.

METHODS

According to the consensus of three main study groups on ITI in the world. Patients with Peak historical titer less than 200 BU ; pre ITI titer less than 10 BU ;and an interval of less than 5 years between inhibitor diagnosis and the start of ITI considered as good risk patients. After a systematic review of articles, we used the results for Pre-assumption for both arms of study:

Table 1- Pre assumption for ITI arm

Success rate of ITI	80%
FVIII dose	100 IU/kg/day
Mean time to success	12 months
Dose of Novoseven® for controlling bleeding events in 1 st year	Minor event 270 mcg/kg Intermediate 540 mcg/kg Major 5400 mcg/kg
No. of bleeding events in 1 st year (during ITI)	Minor events 1.5 Intermediate events 1 Major events 0.1
No. of events in 2 nd and 3 rd year (for on demand therapy with FVIIa)	Minor events 27 Intermediate events 3 Major events 0.2
Dose of fitr controlling bleeding events with Factor VIII in 2 nd and 3 rd year	Minor event 40 IU/Kg/day Intermediate 80 IU/Kg/day Major 100 IU/Kg/day
FVIII price*	2500 Rials /IU
Mean estimated patient's weight of 6 years old child	20 kg (with annual 10% increase)

*Based on official exchange rate 1USD=1,2000 Rials

Table 2- Pre assumption for by passing agent group

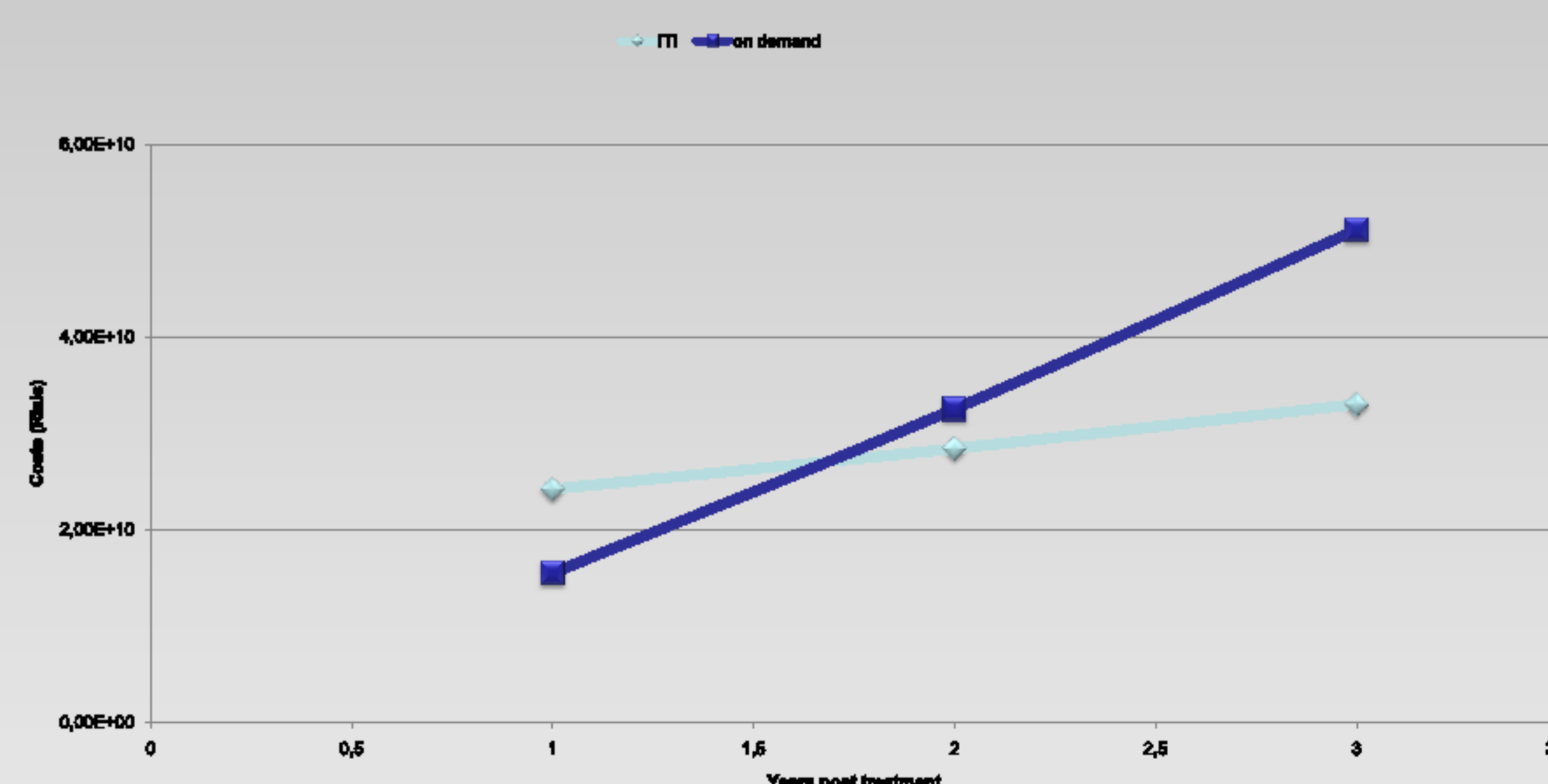
Success rate of Novoseven®	95%
Novoseven® Dose for controlling bleeding events	Minor event 270 mcg/kg Intermediate 540 mcg/kg Major 5400 mcg/kg
No. of bleeding events/year in On Demand treatment	Minor events 27 Intermediate events 3 Major events 0.2
Novoseven® price*	7750 Rials/mcg

*Based on official exchange rate 1USD=1,2000 Rials

FVIII price(2011)	2,000-4,000
	Rials/IU
Novoseven® price (2011)	6,000-8,000
	Rials/mcg

RESULTS

According to this analysis, breakeven point of ITI and Novoseven® methods varies between 16-34 months (Mean: 21 Months) post treatment.



Year	ITI		On-demand		Total Costs (cumulative)	
	FVIII: IU/kg/day	Patient Wt. (kg)	No. of Events	Price of rFVIIa/mcg		
1st Year	100	20	365	730,000	2,190,000,000	
	270	20	1.5	7,750	82,775,000	
	540	20	1	7,750	83,700,000	
	5400	20	0.1	7,750	83,700,000	
2nd year	40	22	27	23,760	71,280,000	
	80	22	3	5,280	15,840,000	
	1000	22	0.2	4,400	13,200,000	
	270	22	27	7,750	1,242,945,000	
	540	22	3	7,750	35,640,000	
	5400	22	0.2	7,750	23,760,000	
	3rd year	40	24	27	25,920	77,780,000
		80	24	3	5,760	17,280,000
		1000	24	0.2	4,800	14,400,000
		270	24	27	7,750	1,355,940,000
		540	24	3	7,750	38,880,000
		5400	24	0.2	7,750	200,880,000

Table – Sample of costs calculation for ITI method versus on demand therapy with Novoseven®

CONCLUSIONS

❖ The most realistic scenario for price of FVIII and Novoseven® Iranian market show that breakeven point for these two methods will be at 21 months post treatment. Therefore Iran MOH will recover all costs attributed to ITI method in 21 months and will have substantial saving on management of these patients in coming years afterwards.

❖ Both medicines used for management of these patients (FVIII and Novoseven®) are imported medicines and exchange rate play a major role in their final price. this might have effect on final result and conclusion of this study

❖ this study clearly show that ITI method is a cost saving method for management of high responder inhibitor haemophilia patients when compared with on demand therapy with by passing agents

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