

Actualities of Hungarian pharmaceutical financing market

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- **Legislations** come into force from April 2013: Act CLIV of 1997 (2013.04.29.); EüM Decree No. 31/2010. (2013.04.01.); ESzCsM Decree No. 32/2004. (2013.04.01.); Gov.Decree No. 323/2010. (2013.04.29.); Gov.Decree No. 337/2008. (2013.04.29.); Gov.Decree No. 43/1999. (2013.04.27.); Gov.Decree No. 59/2011. (2013.04.29.); NM Decree No. 9/1993. (2013.04.01.); Act XCV of 2005 (2013.04.29.)
- **NEWS:** „The result of the first centralised medicine tender is available” [link](#)
- **NEWS:** „Healthcare Fund recorded a strong surplus of 40 billion HUF till the end of the period from January to April” [link](#)
- **NEWS:** „Director-general of GYEMSZI: This year will be the year of struggle in the area of healthcare” [link](#)

Macro approach to financing healthcare and medicinal products

Balance of the Health Insurance Fund

Health Security Fund	2012. I-XII.	2013 original appropriation	2013		
			I-III.	% of appropriation	% of last year
Total of Budgetary Expenditures	1 791,3	1 804,3	436,7	96,8%	102,4%
Curative preventive provisions	842,1	880,6	204,6	93,0%	108,9%
Medicine subsidies	315,1	280,0	72,5	103,6%	859,8%
Total Of Budgetary Revenues	1 744,3	1 804,3	464,8	103,0%	108,3%
Social Security Contributions	854,2	727,0	189,0	104,0%	93,4%
Contribution of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Wholesalers	75,0	49,0	16,5	134,9%	71,4%
Balance	-47,0	0,0	28,0		1007,2%

Billion HUF

The 2013 budget counts with 0,7% increase in the expenditure and 3,4% increase in the revenues, while the balance is nil. The social security contribution is planned to be less with 15% than last year fulfilment, and this gap is filled with central budget contribution. The medicine subsidies plan are lower with 11% than last year expenses but higher with 2 billion HUF than last year budget plan.

In the first three months of 2013 the Health Security Fund produced a significant surplus thanks to the higher revenues (+3%) and the lower expenses (-3,2%) compared to the original budget appropriation.

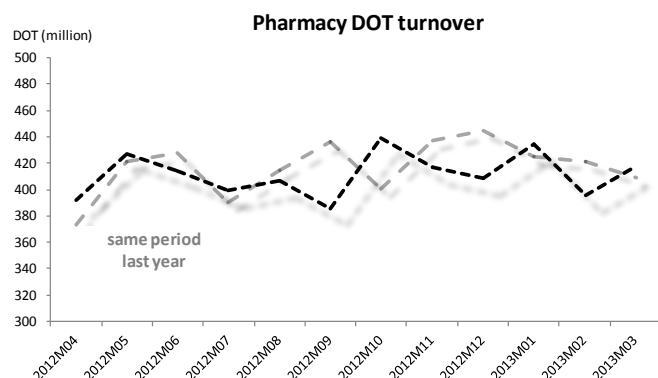
Changes to subsidised medicinal product categories

	Changes in the public drug list						
	2012 Dec.	2013 Jan.	2013 Feb.	2013 Mar.	2013 Apr.	2013 May	2013
Number of new products	33	43	34	26	30	54	187
Number of new AI	0	2	0	5	3	1	11
Number of delisted products	14	88	19	20	74	59	260
Prices							
Decrease	11	61	13	14	712	7	807
Increase	1	0	0	1	1	0	2

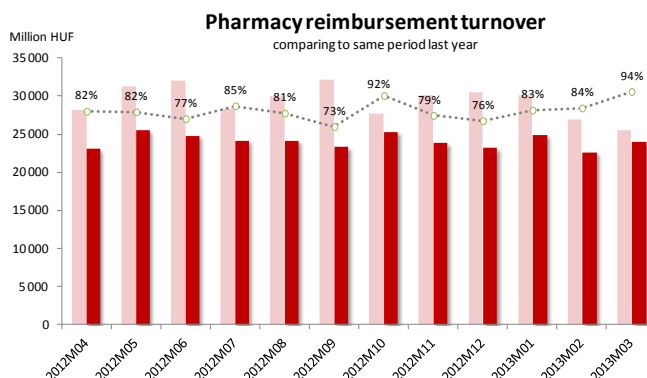
	Changes in the public drug list						
	2012 Dec.	2013 Jan.	2013 Feb.	2013 Mar.	2013 Apr.	2013 May	2013
Reimbursement							
Decrease	4	71	7	16	1 346	20	1 460
Increase	0	4	0	3	224	0	231
Co-payment							
Decrease	16	107	18	27	858	26	1 036
Increase	3	22	0	1	813	2	838

Source: Healthware analysis based on OEP-PUPHA data

Dynamics of the sales/circulation of prescription-only-medicine



Source: Healthware analysis based on OEP's data



Source: Healthware analysis based on OEP's data

While the turnover of reimbursed medicines in pharmacies decreased by 1,6% in 2012 (measured in DOT), the total medicine subsidy of Health Security Fund was lower by 17%. The main causes of this saving were the reallocation of the drug budget (expensive therapies were transferred to the hospital budget), and the new process of reference price system which lead to significant cuts in prices and reimbursements.

Drug sales in the first quarter of 2013 was 0,7% lower than the same period last year, while the average reimbursement per DOT remained the same level as from the last reference price procedure.

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Market data

Marketing authorisation information

2012	EMA	OGYI	2013 - Q1	EMA	OGYI	March 2013	EMA	OGYI
New brands	64	427	New brands	16	72	New brands	5	26
New SKUs	798	4 230	New SKUs	204	577	New SKUs	89	221

Source: Healthware analysis based on OGYI's and EMA's data

TOP10 MAH by all reimbursement paid in March 2013



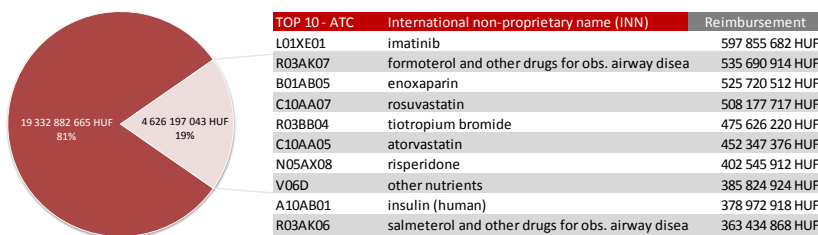
Source: Healthware analysis based on the sales turnover that pharmacies produced from POM

TOP10 BRAND by all reimbursement paid in March 2013



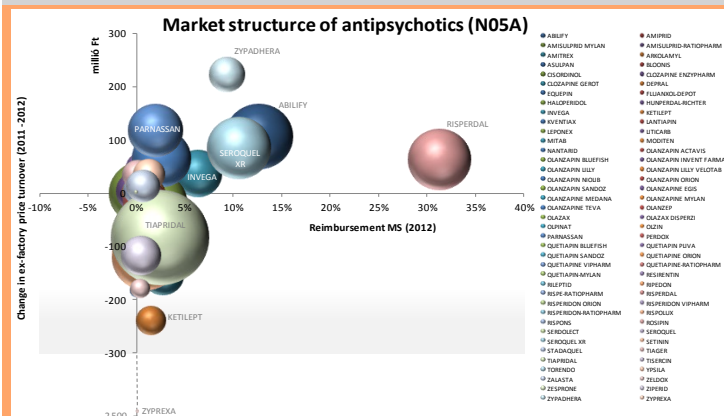
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TOP10 ATC by all reimbursement paid in March 2013



Source: Healthware analysis based on the sales turnover that pharmacies produced from POM

Market structure change of antipsychotics market (2011-2012) — Case study



reimbursement outflow, and the large generic products could realize definite and significant sales increase. Standard deviation can be considered high, the mean amounts close to minus HUF 10 Mn. Original products concerned in FX process and products of large generic manufacturers realized sales decrease, larger more than double of the standard deviation. Change of sales of smaller generic products is scattered around zero. In case of oral olanzapine the original product did not entered price competition at the first blind bid, and delisted from reimbursement.

The null-hypothesis, that co-payment of antipsychotics is price-sensitive, and that smaller generic distributors, generating price competition manage to acquire a remarkable part of the market due to price cuts and increase sales, and that role of active substances, got over strong price erosion increases in prescribing patterns, cannot be confirmed. Based on the pattern on the chart, it can be concluded, that the price is not the only factor, that determines market trends, a more complex analysis is needed to discover the other key factors.

Further research directions are feasible in order to implement a more complex examination of market structure patterns:

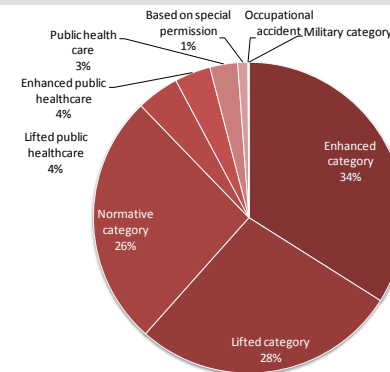
- Separating original/generic market
- Price elasticity, price sensitivity of co-payments
- Prescribing pattern of specialists, therapy switches, distribution of refills by ICD code, therapy-compliance, therapy persistence based on real OEP (NHIFA) data

Average number of medical sales reps; 03/2013

All	1 811
Medicinal products	1 550
Medical aids	229
Both	32

Source: Healthware analysis based on OGYI's

Drug reimbursement by legal title; 03/2013



Source: Healthware analysis based on the sales turnover that pharmacies produced from POM

In course of the following case study we examined the market structure of the antipsychotics market (ATC4: N05A) between 2011 and 2012. The market was considered as a market with lots of market players, almost 80 brands had reimbursed turnover in the two years. Market of some active substances became a generic market, in other cases the patent status of the original products still exists. In case of these typically 100% reimbursed active substances, the blind bid system, introduced in the end of 2011 meant a significant breakpoint in market patterns, the changes had large impact on the turnover ratios, size of market shares, number of market players. In course of the analysis we examined, what direction the antipsychotic market trends were led to by the introduction of the process, generating price competition. The following pattern was set up as a null-hypothesis of the analysis: the market is price-sensitive (HUF300 unit price), turnover of products, taking active role in price competition increases, turnover of original products decreases in case of active substances, concerned in blind bid process, and total turnover of active substances with lower price level due to blind bid increases.

On the chart above the reimbursement based market share in 2012 (Axis X), the yearly change of ex-factory price turnover (Axis Y), and relative growth of DOT turnover (bubbles) can be observed. It is displayed, that original brands with patent and high