Healthcare Costs Among Commercially-Insured Patients with Hereditary Angioedema Managed with Long-Term Prophylaxis: A Retrospective US Claims Database Analysis

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Background

- Hereditary angioedema (HAE) is a rare genetic disease associated with unpredictable, painful, and debilitating attacks of tissue swelling in various locations of the body that can be life-threatening depending on the location(s) affected
- Management of HAE consists of lifestyle management, on-demand treatment, and, for appropriate patients, the addition of long-term prophylaxis (LTP)
- Although reductions in HAE attack frequency have been demonstrated with LTP, most patients continue to experience attacks requiring on-demand treatment¹
- Given the increasing number of patients receiving non-androgen LTP and the limited data on related real-world healthcare costs in the US, we estimated these costs using a large retrospective insurance claims database

Methods

- We conducted a retrospective study using the IQVIA PharMetrics® Plus Database (April 1, 2017—March 31, 2022)
- As there are no HAE-specific International Classification of Diseases diagnosis codes, we used a claims-based algorithm to identify potential patients, which required either ≥1 claim for exclusive HAE therapies or ≥2 claims with HAE-related codes with ≥1 claim for other HAE medications²
- Patients were ≥12 years old at index, commercially insured, had ≥6 months of continuous enrollment before and ≥3 months following index
 - Index date = date of first claim for a non-androgen LTP therapy
 - Follow-up period: patients were followed from index date until the earliest of either health plan disenrollment or end of data availability
- This analysis examined outcomes among commercially-insured patients receiving non-androgen LTP (lanadelumab, berotralstat, intravenous [IV] and subcutaneous [SC] C1 inhibitor [C1-INH])
- Patients may have been treated with more than one LTP during the study period; given the small sample size, the outcomes of each cohort were described based on the index treatment
- Statistical analyses included descriptive measures such as mean ± standard deviation (SD), frequency, and percentage distributions
- HAE-related healthcare costs associated with outpatient visits, inpatient admissions, emergency room visits (ER), and home healthcare visits were described per patient per year (PPPY) with 95% confidence intervals (CI) for patients with ≥1 claim in each domain

Figure 1. Analytic Cohort Selection of Commercially-Insured Patients Receiving Non-Androgen LTPs

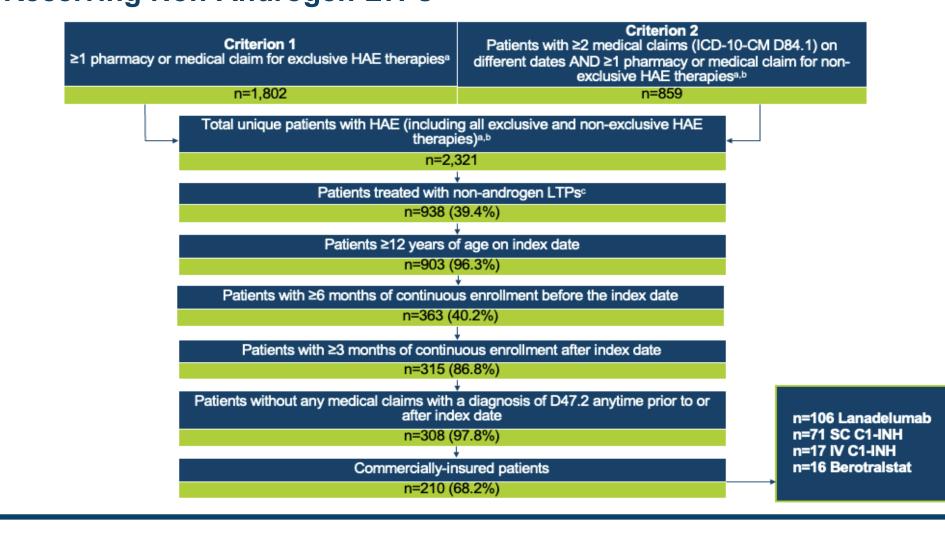
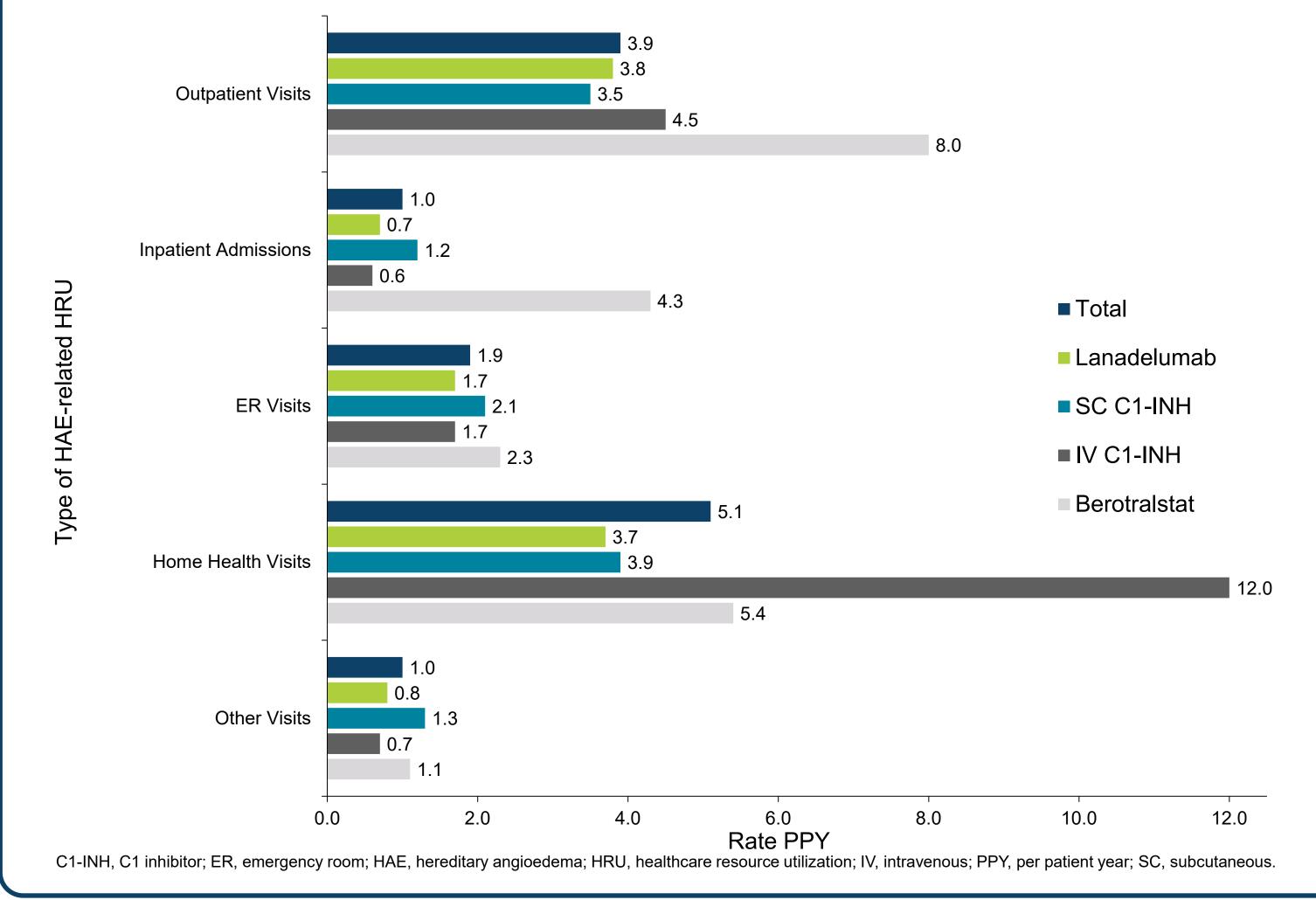


Table 1. Patient Characteristics (Analytic Cohort)

| | Total (N=210) | Lanadelumab (n=106) | SC C1-INH (n=71) | IV C1-INH (n=17) | Berotralstat (n=16) |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age on Index Date (years) | | | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 40.9 ± 14.1 | 42.1 ± 14.4 | 40.1 ± 13.4 | 35.5 ± 13.1 | 43.0 ± 15.5 |
| Median (IQR) | 41.7 (30.1, 52.1) | 43.8 (30.2, 52.4) | 39.7 (30.8, 51.1) | 35.1 (26.0, 44.3) | 49.9 (30.3, 53.1) |
| Female, n (%) | 152 (72.4) | 76 (71.7) | 50 (70.4) | 16 (94.1) | 10 (62.5) |
| Geographic Region, n (%) | | | | | |
| South | 100 (47.6) | 54 (50.9) | 33 (46.5) | 8 (47.1) | 5 (31.3) |
| Midwest | 43 (20.5) | 22 (20.8) | 12 (16.9) | 5 (29.4) | 4 (25.0) |
| West | 44 (21.0) | 17 (16.0) | 20 (28.2) | 1 (5.9) | 6 (37.5) |
| Northeast | 22 (10.5) | 12 (11.3) | 6 (8.5) | 3 (17.6) | 1 (6.3) |
| Unknown/missing | 1 (0.5) | 1 (0.9) | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) |
| Year of Index, n (%) | | | | | |
| 2017 ^a | 10 (4.8) | 0 (0.0) | 3 (4.2) | 7 (41.2) | 0 (0.0) |
| 2018 | 59 (28.1) | 20 (18.9) | 32 (45.1) | 7 (41.2) | 0 (0.0) |
| 2019 | 55 (26.2) | 42 (39.6) | 12 (16.9) | 1 (5.9) | 0 (0.0) |
| 2020 | 26 (12.4) | 15 (14.2) | 10 (14.1) | 0 (0.0) | 1 (6.3) |
| 2021 | 60 (28.6) | 29 (27.4) | 14 (19.7) | 2 (11.8) | 15 (93.8) |
| Top 5 Comorbidities, n (%) | | | | | |
| Gastrointestinal disorders | 68 (32.4) | 39 (36.8) | 19 (26.8) | 5 (29.4) | 5 (31.3) |
| Anxiety or depression | 53 (25.2) | 32 (30.2) | 12 (16.9) | 6 (35.3) | 3 (18.8) |
| Hypertension | 40 (19.0) | 19 (17.9) | 12 (16.9) | 4 (23.5) | 5 (31.3) |
| Cardiovascular diseases | 37 (17.6) | 21 (19.8) | 11 (15.5) | 2 (11.8) | 3 (18.8) |
| Autoimmune diseases | 32 (15.2) | 14 (13.2) | 10 (14.1) | 3 (17.6) | 5 (31.3) |
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C1-INH, C1 inhibitor; ER, emergency room; HAE, hereditary angioedema; HRU, healthcare resource utilization; IV, intravenous; PPY, per patient year; SC, subcutaneous.

Figure 2. Rate of HAE-Related HRU PPY, Among Patients with ≥1 Visit



Results

- During a median 16-month follow-up, nearly all patients (95%) had ≥1 all-cause outpatient visit, and most (90%) had HAE-related outpatient visits; allergists were the most commonly seen specialists (69%)
- Approximately one-third of patients had ≥1 HAE-related ER visits during follow-up (33%), and nearly one-quarter (22%) had ≥1 HAE-related home health visit
- The highest rate of HAE-related HRU was observed for home health visits (among patients with ≥1 visit: 5.1 PPY, 95% CI 4.7, 5.6) (**Figure 2**)

Table 2. HAE-Related Healthcare Costs Among Commercially-Insured Patients Treated with Non-Androgen LTP

| | Total | Lanadelumab | SC C1-INH | IV C1-INH | Berotralstat |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | (N=210) | (n=106) | (n=71) | (n=17) | (n=16) |
| Total Healthcare Costs, | \$641,166 | \$588,755 | \$718,374 | \$698,343 | \$585,030 |
| Mean Costs PPPY 95% CI) | (\$561,682, \$736,853) | (\$518,477, \$676,818) | (\$527,344, \$955,253) | (\$420,001, \$1,055,464) | (\$466,017, \$708,281) |
| Pharmacy Costs, | \$579,585 | \$573,719 | \$630,592 | \$415,580 | \$566,354 |
| Mean Costs PPPY (95% CI) | (\$508,662, \$664,653) | (\$504,731, \$662,329) | (\$451,076, \$860,339) | (\$222,327, \$642,922) | (\$447,902, \$692,069) |
| Outpatient Costs, Patients with ≥1 Visit, Mean Costs PPPY (95% CI) | \$3,297 | \$3,995 | \$1,371 | \$7,178 | \$3,312 |
| | (\$1,263, \$6,914) | (\$749, \$11,600) | (\$800, \$2,059) | (\$1,614, \$15,424) | (\$421, \$7,317) |
| Inpatient Costs, Patients with ≥1 Visit, Mean Costs PPPY (95% CI) | \$30,061 | \$18,140 | \$41,127 | \$3,873 | \$42,673 |
| | (\$11,708, \$55,763) | (\$3,222, \$38,836) | (\$10,614, \$92,733) | (\$3,873, \$3,873) | (\$42,673, \$42,673) |
| Emergency Room Costs, Patients with ≥1 Visit, Mean Costs PPPY (95% CI) | \$25,606 | \$2,394 | \$67,947 | \$4,077 | \$4,517 |
| | (\$4,085, \$56,763) | (\$1,310, \$3,729) | (\$6,637, \$158,046) | (\$820, \$8,360) | (\$1,403, \$8,323) |
| Home Health Costs, Patients with ≥1 Visit, Mean Costs PPPY (95% CI) | \$207,784 | \$53,253 | \$220,455 | \$581,046 | \$63,583 |
| | (\$92,170, \$366,674) | (\$12,130, \$103,232) | (\$38,325, \$535,451) | (\$172,967, \$1,088,598) | (\$56, \$188,171) |

- Total HAE-related healthcare care costs (\$718,374), pharmacy costs (\$630,592), and emergency room costs (\$67,947) were highest for patients treated with SC C1-INH (Table 2)
- Patients using IV C1-INH experienced the highest outpatient costs (\$7,178) and home health costs (\$581,046) in patients that had ≥1 outpatient or home visit, respectively
- Inpatient costs were highest for the berotralstat cohort (\$42,673) in patients that had ≥1 inpatient visit

Conclusions

- This large retrospective insurance claims database study revealed that HAE-related resource utilization and costs were substantial, despite the use of LTP treatments
- Most (90%) patients had HAE-related outpatient visits and approximately one-third of patients had ≥1 HAE-related emergency room visit
- Home health visits were the most frequently used HAE-related HRU for patients with ≥1 visit
- Total HAE-related healthcare care costs, pharmacy costs, and emergency room costs were highest for patients treated with SC C1-INH

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