



# A Cost/Cost-Utility Analysis of Cefaclor Hypersensitivity in South Korea

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| Background                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Purpose                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1. Cefaclor is one of the frequently prescribed antibiotics in South Korea.<br>2. Cefaclor is associated with hypersensitivity reactions, especially anaphylaxis.<br>→ Cefaclor Hypersensitivity can be an important issue in South Korea. | 1. Estimate the Cost of Cefaclor Hypersensitivity.<br>2. Cost-Utility Analysis of Cefaclor Hypersensitivity between the severity of the Cefaclor Hypersensitivity. |

## Method

Table 1. Data sources of estimating Cefaclor Hypersensitivity Cost.  
( Restricted Societal Perspective )

| Cost Category                                 | Data Source                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Direct Medical Cost                           | 1. Ajou University Hospital Medical Record (n=320)<br>2. Dong-A University Hospital Medical Record (n=87) |
| Direct Non-Medical Cost (transportation cost) | 1. Korea Health Panel Study Ver1.5 (KIHASA, NHIS)<br>2. Consumer Price Index (Statistics Korea)           |

- Cost analysis/Comparing Utility analysis was analyzed by p-value through Student t-test, and statistical significance level was 0.05.

Figure 1. Data sources of estimating Cefaclor Hypersensitivity Quality Of Lives.

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graph LR; Ajou["Ajou (n=7)"] --> EQ5D(["Cefaclor Hypersensitivity EQ-5D (n=17)"]); DongA["Dong-A (n=10)"] --> EQ5D;
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## Result

Table 2. Cost Analysis Result < Mean (SD) [Min, Max] >  
( 1 USD = 1,100.58 KRW, Based on 2018 exchange rate )

| < Unit: USD >                       | Cefaclor Hypersensitivity Severity |                       | p-value   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                                     | Mild-to-Moderate                   | Severe                |           |
| Total Cost                          | 604 (855) [14, 9,626]              | 869 (563) [18, 3,330] | <0.001*** |
| - Direct Medical Cost               |                                    |                       |           |
| Consultant Cost                     | 89 (101) [2, 875]                  | 97 (65) [0, 402]      | 0.303     |
| Examination Cost                    | 379 (366) [0, 3,620]               | 576 (296) [0, 1,717]  | <0.001*** |
| Treatment Cost                      | 58 (369) [0, 4,822]                | 68 (195) [0, 2,233]   | 0.712     |
| Hospitalization Cost                | 63 (291) [0, 3,658]                | 105 (229) [0, 1,248]  | 0.105     |
| Other Cost                          | 2 (5) [0, 44]                      | 4 (7) [0, 33]         | 0.002***  |
| Coverage Cost                       | 424 (687) [0, 8,789]               | 594 (430) [0, 2,728]  | 0.003***  |
| Non-Coverage Cost                   | 166 (385) [0, 4,919]               | 257 (191) [0, 1,242]  | 0.002***  |
| Copayment Cost                      | 373 (469) [4, 5,150]               | 505 (275) [7, 1,472]  | <0.001*** |
| Subtotal cost (Direct Medical Cost) | 590 (849) [12, 9,572]              | 851 (554) [16, 3,289] | <0.001*** |
| - Direct Non-Medical Cost           |                                    |                       |           |
| Transportation Cost                 | 14 (14) [1, 102]                   | 18 (15) [1, 75]       | 0.003***  |

\*: p<0.01, \*\*: p<0.05, \*\*\*: p<0.001  
- Cost data for data for an average of 113.6 days  
In terms of **Direct Medical Cost** and **Direct Non-Medical Cost** and **Total Cost**, the severe cases were higher than mild-to-moderate cases and were statistically significant.

Table 3. Cost-Utility Analysis of Cefaclor Hypersensitivity Result  
( 1 USD = 1,100.58 KRW, Based on 2018 exchange rate )

|                                                    | Cefaclor Hypersensitivity Severity |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                    | Mild-to-Moderate                   | Severe               |
| Annual Cost per person<br>< Unit: USD (KRW) >      | 1,939<br>(2,134,477)               | 2,793<br>(3,073,618) |
| Utility per person <sup>§</sup><br>< Unit: QALYs > | 0.787                              | 0.800                |

§ The utility difference according to the severity is not statistically significant.  
[ **Comparator: Mild-to-Moderate Cefaclor Hypersensitivity** ]  
· Difference in Annual cost per person:  
USD 853 (KRW 939,141)  
· Difference in Utility per person: 0.013153846 QALYs  
→ **ICER** = 64,872 USD/QALY (71,396,684 KRW/QALY)

### Conclusion

· In the Severe case, the cost of Cefaclor Hypersensitivity was higher.  
· However, the Severe case was not cost-effective compared to Mild-to-Moderate case.  
<Limitation> Study that uses more Cefaclor Hypersensitivity cost & EQ-5D data is needed.

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