

Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Impact Analyses of Enzalutamide for the Treatment of Non-Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer in Mexico

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Objective

- To estimate the cost-effectiveness and budget impact of enzalutamide treatment in patients with high-risk non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC) from the Mexican health care system’s perspective.

Conclusions

- Enzalutamide is a cost-effective treatment option for patients with high-risk nmCRPC, increasing the life-years gained (LYG) by 0.04 with a dominant incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) over a 5-year time horizon as compared with apalutamide.
- With potential budget savings, enzalutamide can help optimize the institutional resources within the Mexican health care system.

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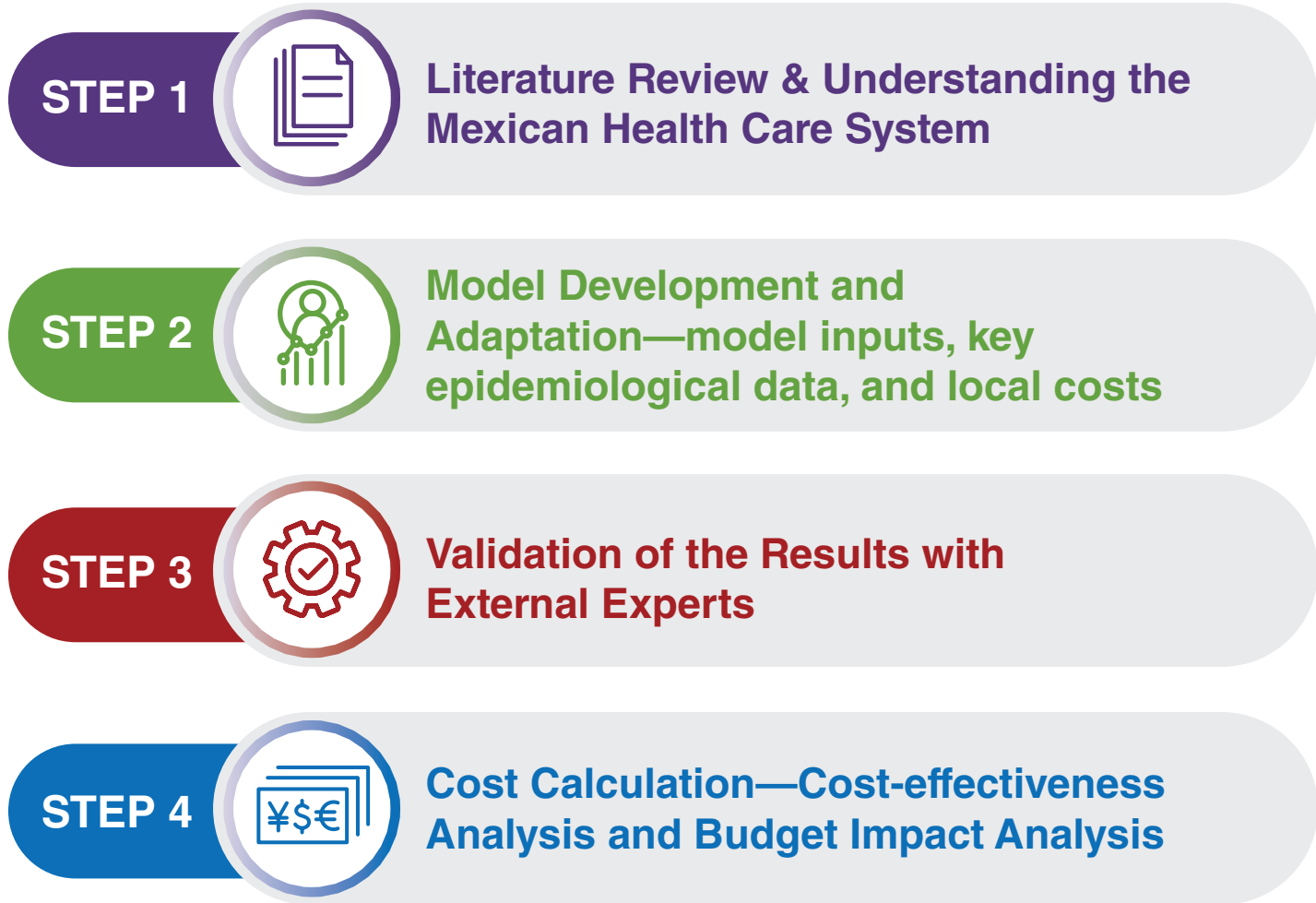
Background

- In Mexico, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. It is the leading cause of cancer-related mortality in men, accounting for 7457 deaths and 26,742 incident cases in 2020 alone, thus posing a considerable burden on the Mexican health care system.¹
- The Mexican health care system includes multiple institutions, such as the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS, Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social), Institute of Health for Wellbeing (INSABI, Instituto de Salud para el Bienestar), Institute of Safety and Social Services for the Federal Workers (ISSSTE, Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado), Health Services of the National Oil Company (PEMEX, Petróleos Mexicanos), Health Services for the Ministry of National Defense (SEDENA, Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional), and Health Services for the Ministry of Navy (SEMAR, Secretaría de Marina), which jointly cover the health care requirement of almost 72% of the total population.²
- nmCRPC refers to patients diagnosed with prostate cancer, with elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and serum testosterone at castration levels <50 ng/dL, despite treatment with androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) and no signs of distant metastasis on conventional imaging studies.³ High-risk nmCRPC is defined as a PSA doubling time of ≤10 months.
- Since 2018, novel hormonal therapies (NHTs) have demonstrated in several clinical trials that treating men with nmCRPC improves survival by delaying metastatic disease.⁴
- The combination of apalutamide and ADT is currently the only NHT-reimbursed treatment option for patients with high-risk nmCRPC in Mexico, as seen in the National Compendium of Medicines and Health Supplies.⁵
- Phase 3 clinical trials have shown that enzalutamide (another NHT) in combination with ADT demonstrates an improvement in median metastatic-free survival of 36.6 months vs 14.7 months when compared with ADT + placebo ($P<0.001$)⁶ and a median overall survival of 67.0 months vs 56.3 months, respectively ($P=0.001$),⁷ in patients with nmCRPC.
- This evolution in the treatment landscape has potentially provided a future alternative treatment option (enzalutamide + ADT) for patients with nmCRPC.

Methods

- A cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) and budget impact analysis (BIA) were performed to compare apalutamide with enzalutamide, both in combination with ADT, for the treatment of patients with high-risk nmCRPC from the Mexican health care system’s perspective (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Study methodology



- The estimates of the target population were calculated based on the total number of adult (≥18 years) males in Mexico⁸ and patient segmentation (incidence of prostate cancer [35.5/100,000],⁹ percentage of patients with CRPC [17.8%],¹⁰ non-metastatic status [30%],¹¹ high-risk status [60%],¹² and insurance status within the Mexican health care system [71.77%]¹³).
- The costs were extracted from the published databases of the Mexican health care system (IMSS, PEMEX, INSABI, ISSSTE, SEDENA, SEMAR). These extracted costs along with the model inputs and assumptions were employed for the data analysis (Table 1).

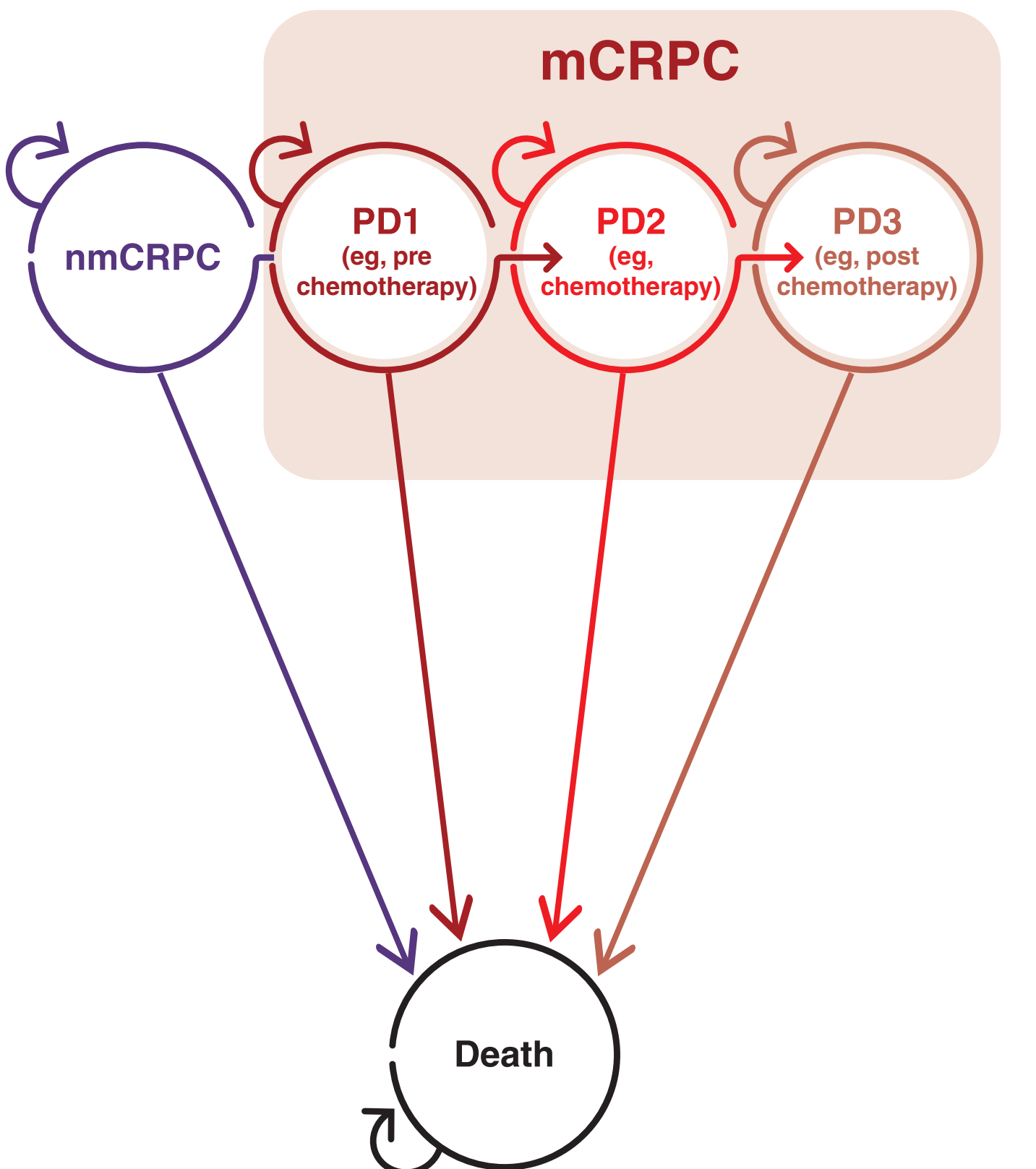
Table 1: Model inputs and key elements

| Element | Input/source |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Analytical tool | Microsoft® Excel |
| Time horizon | 5 years |
| Eligible patient population | Population with high-risk nmCRPC in the Mexican public health care system (IMSS, PEMEX, INSABI, ISSSTE, SEDENA, SEMAR) |
| Comparison | Apalutamide vs enzalutamide |
| Market share | Anticipated uptake of enzalutamide was considered to increase from 10% in Year 1, to 30% in Year 2, and 50% in Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 |
| Currency | USD (conversion rate: 1 USD = 20.55 MxP) ¹³ |
| Discounting | At 5% rate |
| Cost inputs | |
| Cost of treatments | Cost of active treatments: enzalutamide (projected cost) and apalutamide (currently reimbursed cost – ISSSTE) Cost of treatments to progression (ISSSTE) Cost of ADT (ISSSTE) Cost of concomitant treatments (ISSSTE) |
| Cost of monitoring | Cost of patient monitoring + office/inpatient visits obtained from IMSS |
| Cost of adverse events | Cost of adverse events from GRDs obtained from the IMSS |

GRD, Diagnosis Related Group; MxP, Mexican peso; USD, United States dollar.

- The CEA was performed using a Markov model. Besides emulating the disease progression, the model split the mCRPC health state into three separate mutually exclusive health states (Figure 2), in order to capture the gradual decline in quality of life and expected current/future treatment options. The cost-effectiveness was measured as LYG over a 5-year time horizon with 5% discounting.

Figure 2: Simplified schema of the 3-health state Markov model



PD1, progressed disease 1 health state; PD2, progressed disease 2 health state; PD3, progressed disease 3 health state.

- The BIA estimated the differences in total cost between the current reimbursed scenario (apalutamide + ADT) and the future scenario (inclusion of enzalutamide + ADT) over a 5-year time horizon with 5% discounting.

Results

TARGET POPULATION

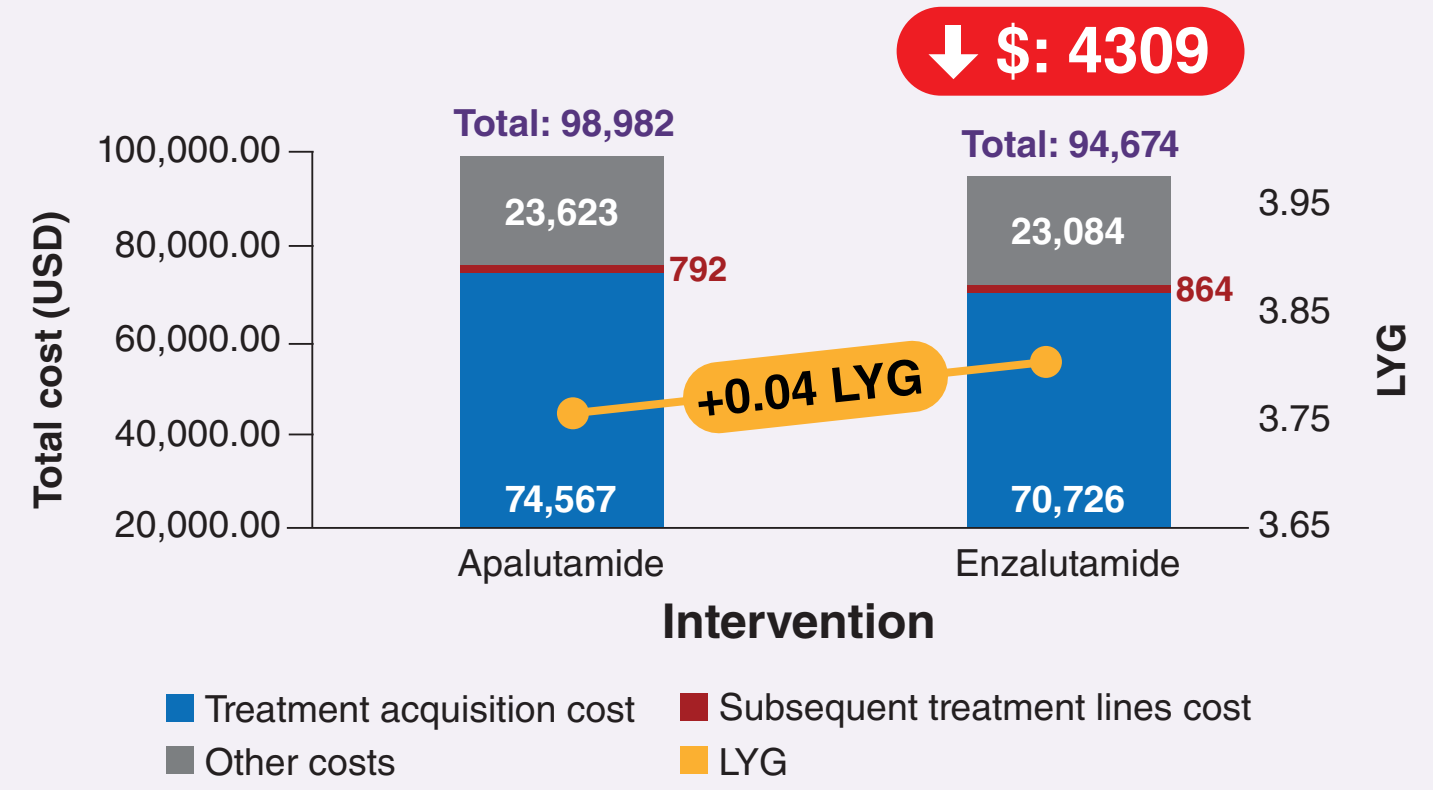
- The estimated target population included in the analyses over a 5-year time horizon ranged from 353 to 370 patients (Table 2).

Table 2. Target population (entering point Year 2023)

| Screening criteria (n) | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Male population in Mexico (adults ≥18 years old) ⁸ | 43,268,227 | 43,803,146 | 44,328,700 | 44,843,476 | 45,348,501 |
| Mexican population with prostate cancer | 15,360 | 15,550 | 15,737 | 15,919 | 16,099 |
| Mexican population with CRPC | 2734 | 2768 | 2801 | 2834 | 2866 |
| Mexican population with nmCRPC | 820 | 830 | 840 | 850 | 860 |
| Mexican population with high-risk nmCRPC | 492 | 498 | 504 | 510 | 516 |
| Mexican population with high-risk nmCRPC in public health institutes | 353 | 358 | 362 | 366 | 370 |

- The treatment acquisition cost accounted for a majority of the cost associated with treatment of high-risk nmCRPC (apalutamide: USD 74,567 vs enzalutamide: USD 70,726) (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Total costs and life-years gained with apalutamide and enzalutamide NHTs over a 5-year time horizon



- Thus, the ICER revealed that enzalutamide was the dominant treatment (Table 3).

Table 3. Overall life-years gained with NHTs over a 5-year time horizon

| Parameters | Apalutamide | Enzalutamide |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| LYG | 3.76 | 3.80 |
| LYG difference | - | +0.04 |
| ICER (cost/LYG) | - | Dominant |

BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS

- A comparison of the current and future scenario in the BIA estimated an average 5-year reduction of cost by USD 119,211 in the future scenario with an average percent impact on the medical budget of −0.00263%.

- The incremental year-wise budget impact of the two scenarios is presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Overall budget impact of NHTs over a 5-year time horizon

| Parameters | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current scenario | | | | | |
| Population with high-risk nmCRPC in public health institutes* treated with apalutamide | 353 | 358 | 362 | 366 | 370 |
| Total cost | \$6,992,782 | \$7,079,233 | \$7,164,170 | \$7,247,366 | \$7,328,985 |
| Future scenario | | | | | |
| Population with high-risk nmCRPC in public health institutes* treated with apalutamide | 318 | 250 | 181 | 183 | 185 |
| Cost | \$6,293,504 | \$4,955,463 | \$3,582,085 | \$3,623,683 | \$3,664,493 |
| Population with high-risk nmCRPC in public health institutes* treated with enzalutamide | 35 | 107 | 181 | 183 | 185 |
| Cost | \$668,839 | \$2,031,324 | \$3,426,160 | \$3,465,947 | \$3,504,981 |
| Total cost | \$6,962,343 | \$6,986,787 | \$7,008,245 | \$7,089,630 | \$7,169,473 |
| Budget impact analysis | | | | | |
| Difference in budget with current scenario and future scenario (USD) | −\$30,439 | −\$92,446 | −\$155,925 | −\$157,735 | −\$159,512 |
| % Impact on the medical budget | −0.0007% | −0.0020% | −0.0034% | −0.0035% | −0.0035% |

*Public Health Institutions include IMSS, INSABI, ISSSTE, PEMEX, SEDENA, and SEMAR.

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