of patients free of recurrence compared to 48% who received IM for only one year, with a 18% relative risk reduction. This result will determine the new standard of 3 years of adjuvant IM treatment in GIST patients at high risk of recurrence.

**Purpose** To analyse the budget impact on Piedmont Region, over 3 years, after the approval by the Italian National Regulatory Agency of 3 years’ adjuvant treatment in high-risk GIST.

**Materials and Methods** The analysis was performed considering the estimated incidence of 60 new cases of GIST in Piedmont: 28 patients are at very low/low risk of relapse and don’t need IM; 8 patients are at intermediate risk of recurrence and should receive IM only for 1 year; 12 patients are at very high/high risk and are treated with adjuvant IM for 3 years; 12 patients are metastatic at diagnosis and require lifelong treatment (5–13 years). The price of IM considered in this study was fixed (€6–2011) in the regional competition in Piedmont (at €16.7508/100 mg capsule).

**Results** The annual expenditure for 12 very high/high risk patients is 293,118.6€ which adds up to a total of 879,355.08€ in 3 years. Given the stability of GIST incidence (5 cases/1,000,000 people) and 30% drop off from treatment for intolerance as reported in the SSG/AIO study, the result of our study was: in the first year 12 patients were treated at a total cost of 293,118.36€. The second year for 20 patients (8 from the first year +2 new) the expenditure was 488,580.6€ (+66.6%). The third year there were 27 patients (7 from the first year, 8 from the second year, 12 new) and a total amount of 659,516.31€ (+35% compared to the second year). The total expenditure on very high/high risk patients at the end of 3 years of observational study was 1,441,165.26€ and the overall incremental cost was +125%.

**Conclusions** The cost of health interventions in rare tumours should be carefully planned with a specific cancer and pharmacological registry. The availability of comprehensive databases or regional registries of these treatments would allow a more accurate analysis that takes into account both the cost of medicines and ambulatory treatment and follow-up cost. Even though data on current costs are alarming it is important to consider that in 2014 IM will lose the Novartis patent and costs will drop about 30–40%.

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**DGI-019** | **CISPLATIN DESENSITISATION PROTOCOL**

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**Background** Hypersensitivity reactions are adverse events that represent a challenge, because in some cases there isn’t an alternative treatment. Consequently, the only option is to desensitise the patient.

**Purpose** To describe a cisplatin desensitisation protocol (CDP) in a patient with a previous anaphylactic reaction.

**Materials and Methods** Male diagnosed with lung cancer, who started chemotherapy with cisplatin 75 mg/m² and oral vinorelbine 60 mg/m². During the cisplatin infusion, he suffered an anaphylactic reaction, so it was decided to perform skin tests, to confirm the possible association with the cytostatic.

Due to the cross-reactivity between platinum salts, these tests were performed with all similar substances. Stock solutions used: cisplatin 1 mg/ml, carboplatin 5 mg/ml and oxaliplatin 10 mg/ml. Dilutions prepared for intradermal administration: 1/10000, 1/1000, 1/100 and 1/10.

**Results** Cisplatin skin tests were positive for the stock solution and negative for the other dilutions. All the other platinum salts were negative, so we developed a protocol for administering the next cycle of cisplatin.

The CDP consisted of 12 stages in which to administer the total dose (140 mg). Three solutions (250 ml) were prepared with dilutions 1/100, 1/10 and 1/1. The 1/100 solution (0.0056 mg/ml) was administered at 9.25 ml in 1 hour in 4 stages (administration rate increments every 15 minutes: 2 ml/h, 5 ml/h, 10 ml/h and 20 ml/h). The 1/10 solution (0.0056 mg/ml) was administered completely, starting with 10 ml/h and doubling the rate every 15 minutes until 40 ml/h. Solution 1/1 (0.56 mg/ml) was administered completely, starting with 10 ml/h and increasing every 15 min to 20, 40 and 80 ml/h, being the final perfusion rate. It was performed under medical supervision, taking in total 5 hours and 37 minutes. The patient didn’t have any complications.

**Conclusions** In this patient, the CDP developed enabled the chemotherapy to be given safely. All this was possible by the interdisciplinary collaboration of allergy, oncology and pharmacy services. No conflict of interest.