OBJECTIVES: The overall cost of care for patients with schizophrenia can increase considerably, due to management of diseases related to the metabolic syndrome such as obesity and diabetes. The estimated cost of avoided cases of diabetes and CHD were of $23.4 and $3.7 per 1000 treated patients with aripiprazole compared with SOC. If patients were treated for 10 years period for diabetes would be of US$10 millions and for CHD would be of US$17 millions. Cost calculations were discounted by an annual rate of 3.5% and expressed in US dollars at an exchange rate of $13.53 Mexican pesos per dollar. The overall cost of care for patients with schizophrenia can increase considerably, due to management of diseases related to the metabolic syndrome such as obesity and diabetes. The estimated cost of avoided cases of diabetes and CHD were of $23.4 and $3.7 per 1000 treated patients with aripiprazole compared with SOC. If patients were treated for 10 years period for diabetes would be of US$10 millions and for CHD would be of US$17 millions. Cost calculations were discounted by an annual rate of 3.5% and expressed in US dollars at an exchange rate of $13.53 Mexican pesos per dollar.

METHODS: Predictions of avoided diabetes and CHD for patients receiving aripiprazole or SOC were based on risk factor data on metabolic outcomes from the STAR-D study, aripiprazole, risperidone, and placebo. The estimated incidence of diabetes and CHD were of 23.4 and 3.7 per 1000 treated patients with aripiprazole compared with SOC. If patients were treated for 10 years period for diabetes would be of US$10 millions and for CHD would be of US$17 millions. Cost calculations were discounted by an annual rate of 3.5% and expressed in US dollars at an exchange rate of $13.53 Mexican pesos per dollar.

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