

Guiding Principles and Policy Options

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Drug Procurement Cooperation (LIS)

IIS prepare the basis and specifications for purchase and delivery agreements of pharmaceuticals in cooperation with the state owned hospitals

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5,2 million inhabitants

Publicly financed system providing universal health coverage

Not an EU member, but does follow EU regulations Troms

Drug sa NOK 23 NOK 15

Nord-

Trøndelag

Trondelag

Hedmark

Akershus Oslo

Vestfold stfold

Møre og Romsdal

Oppland

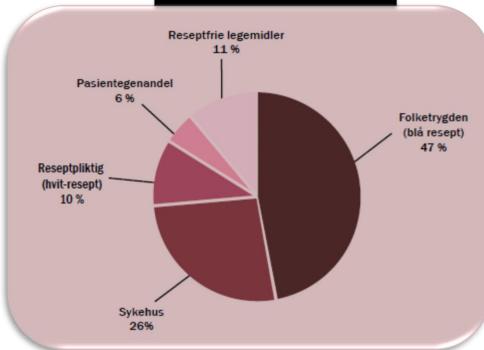
Sogn og Fjordane

Rogaland

Hordaland Buskerud

Drug sales 2015: NOK 23,4 billion (PP) NOK 15,2 billion (PPP)

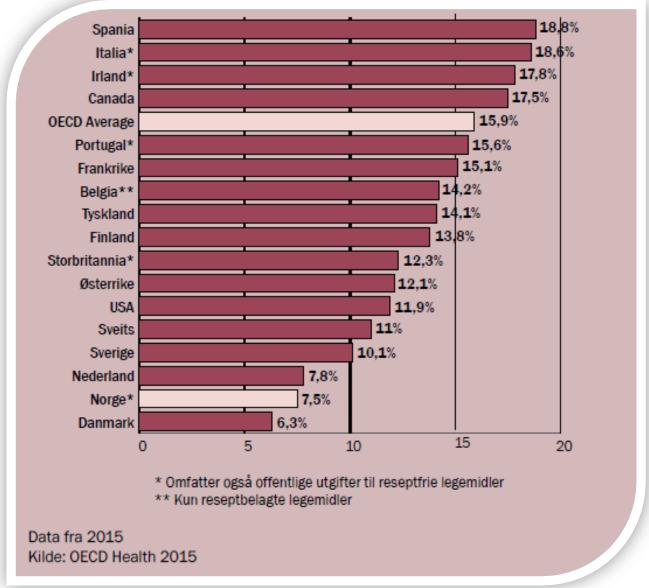
Funding of drugs 2014



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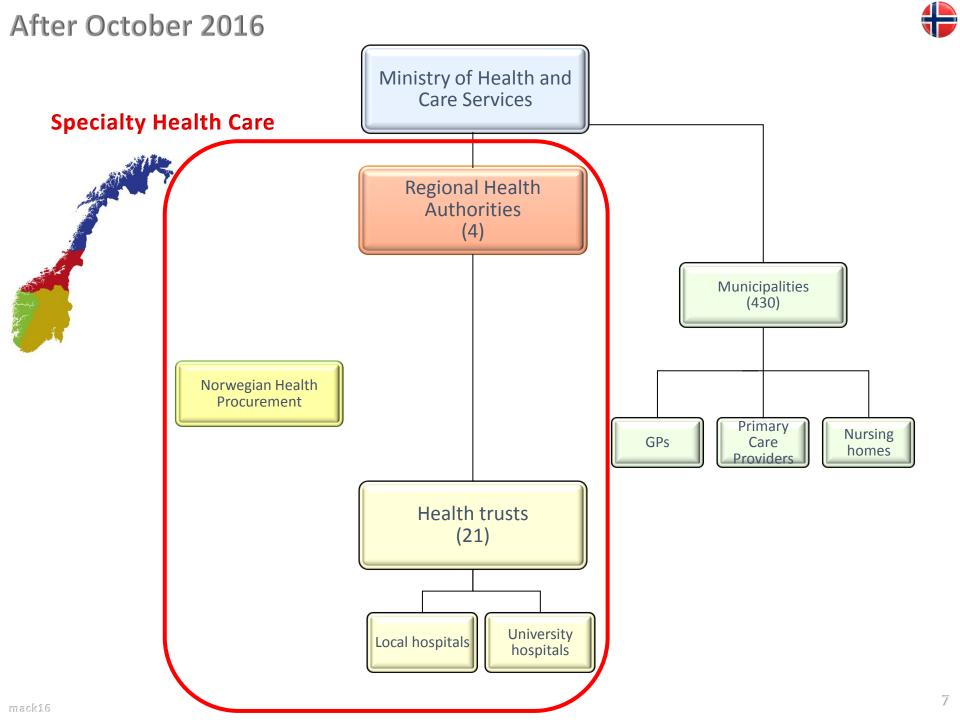


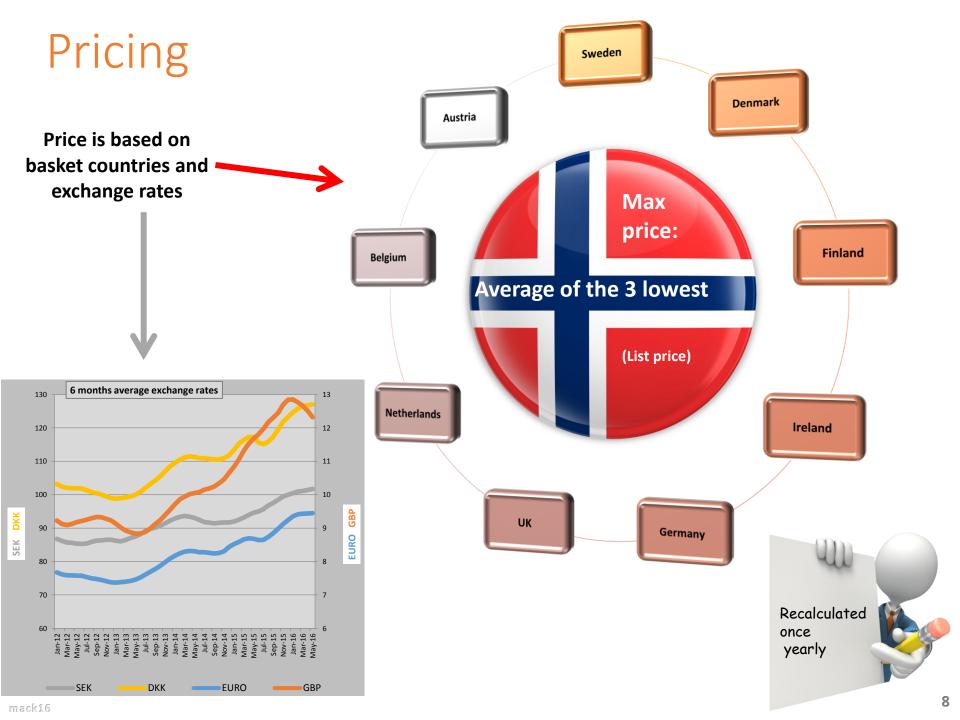




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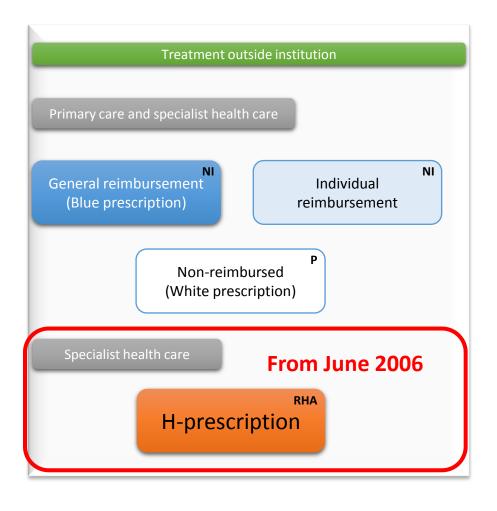
After June 2015 Ministry of Health and Care Services **Specialty Health Care** Regional Health Authorities (4) Municipalities (430)HINAS/LIS Norwegian Health **Procurement** Local purchasing organizations Primary Nursing GPs Care homes **Providers** Health trusts (21)University Local hospitals hospitals 6 mack1.6





Purchase drugs in Norway, who pays?









P: patient

NI: National Insurance (small patient co-payment)
RHA: Regional Health Authority (no patient co-payment)

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- Passive attitude choose to do nothing
 - Let biosimilars promote themselves
 - Price difference is the primary cause for success
 - Biosimilar supplier needs to do active marketing
- but does this work?
 - Are doctors innovative enough to do this?
 - How big price difference is needed to start using biosimilars?
- We tried this in Norway





- No guiding principles
- No information from the authorities
- Much negative information from industry 2010 –
 2013 (to doctors, politicians, patient organizations)
- Low impact on prices
- Low impact on biosimilar market share
- Some discount for inpatient use in hospital (filgrastim, epoetin)





- 2010 authorities tried to include filgrastim for automatic switch in pharmacies (like generics)
- Lost against industry in court case
- 2013 Norwegian Medicines Agency on their webpage asks doctors to use the cheapest somatropin (Omnitrope)
- Low impact





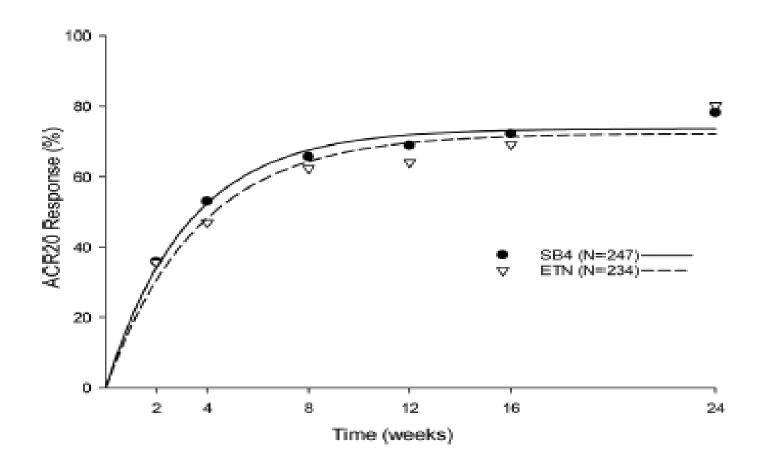
- Passive attitude did not work
- Industry's campaign against biosimilars focusing mainly on safety did work well.
- To make biosimilars a success, patients, health personnel and payers need to feel that it is safe to use
- Several meetings and a lot of focus in media have shown what is most important



Guiding principles – biosimilar access policy

- Important principles for biosimilar access
 - Document the effect of biosimilars
 - Document the safety of biosimilars
 - Immunogenicity is important
 - Good communication with the patient
 - Explain why extrapolation is safe
 - Doctors treating the patients need support from their superiors
 - Education of health personnel and patient organizations

Clinical effect

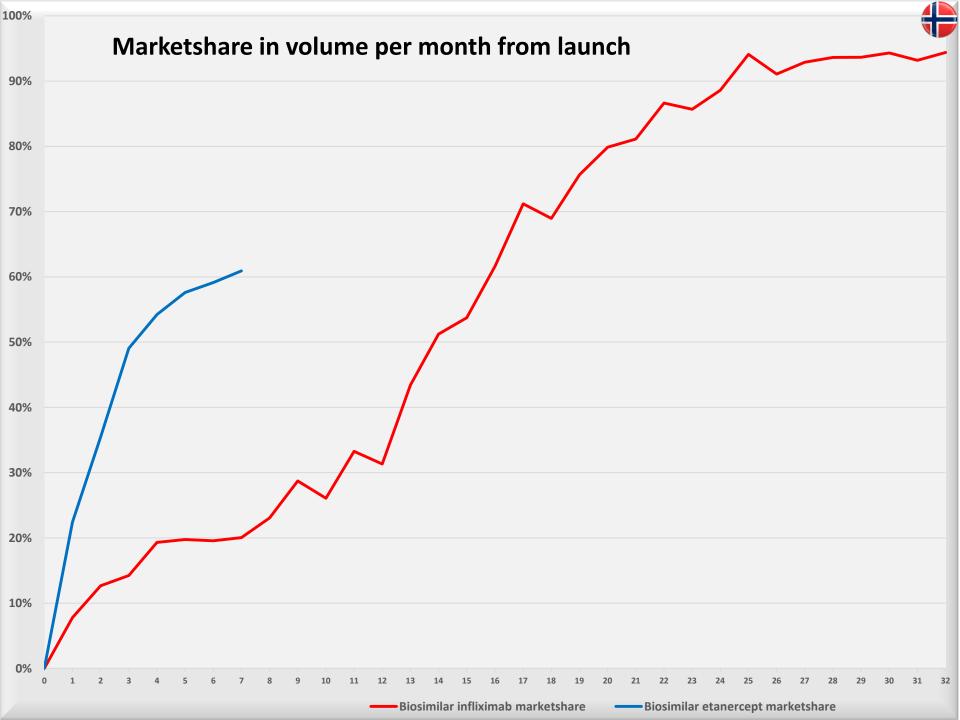


Emery P et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2015;0:1-7.





- With biosimilar infliximab came a possibility to include a biosimilar in an existing national tender for both inpatient and outpatient use
 - Tender lasts one year
 - Products are ranked per indication based on price
 - Not allowed to parallell export with tender prices
- Two years later biosimilar etanercept included in the same tender
- This initiative was taken by LIS







- The other product groups with existing biosimilars were transferred from National Insurance funding to Hospital funding from January 1st 2016 to use the advantage of using a tender.
- Discounts in these tenders from 50 to 76 %.

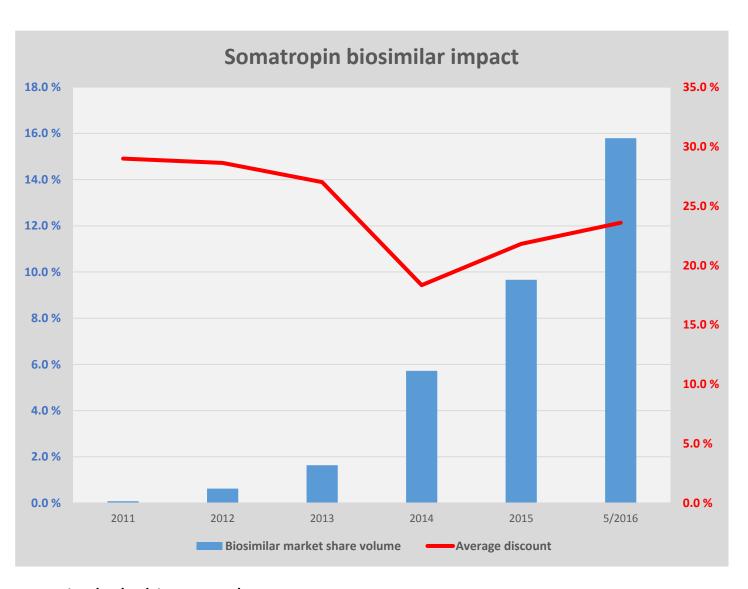


Outpatient medicines funded by the hospitals

Anti-TNFs	Biosimilars
MS (multiple sclerosis)	
Oncology (some indications)	
HCV (hepatitis C)	
Growth hormone	Biosimilars
Colony stimulating factors	Biosimilars
Coagulation factors	
Anaemia	Biosimilars

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76 %

Originator

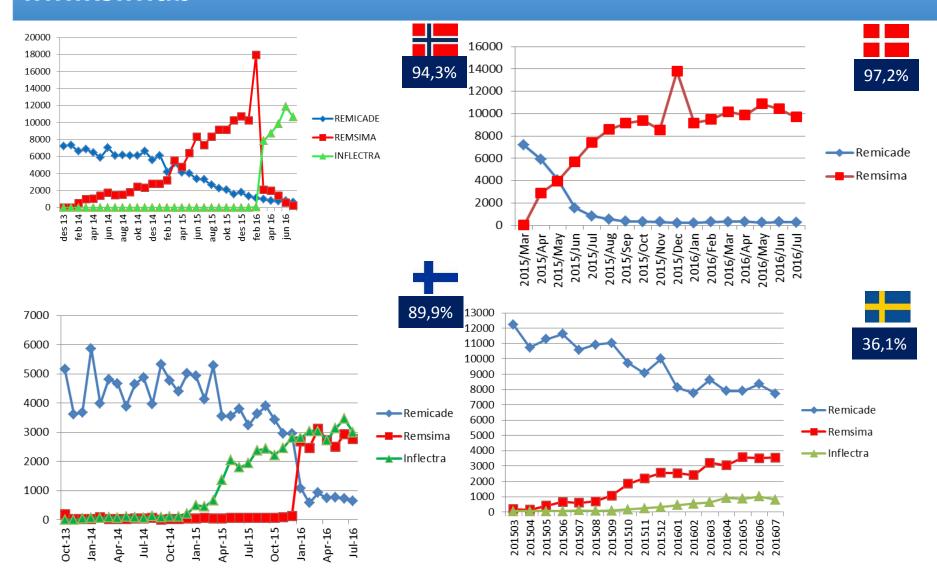
30 %

Biosimilar

Tender from 1st June 2016

Not included in a tender

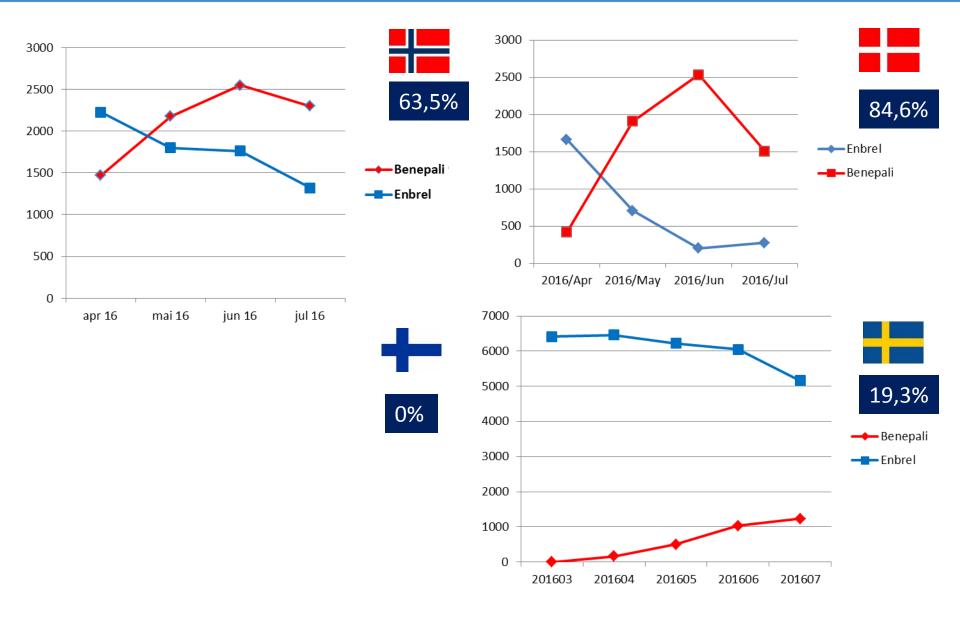
Infliksimab



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Etanercept 50mg



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Prices and savings with biosimilar infliximab in Norway

Patient	Year	Remicade	Remsima	Inflectra	Saving per patient	Discou nt
toid arthritis, 75 kg, one year	2014	84 000 NOK 10 500 EUR 14 000 USD	51 000 NOK 6 400 EUR 8 500 USD	(60 000 NOK) (7 500 EUR) (10 000 USD)	33 000 NOK 4 100 EUR 5 500 USD	39%
	2015	83 400 NOK 9 700 EUR 11 000 USD	26 000 NOK 3 000 EUR 3 400 USD	(51 000 NOK) (5 900 EUR) (6 700 USD)	57 400 NOK 6 700 EUR 7 600 USD	69%
	2016	83 000 NOK 8 700 EUR 9 800 USD	(40 400 NOK) (4 300 EUR) (4 800 USD)	32 400 NOK 3 400 EUR 3 800 USD	50 600 NOK 5 300 EUR 6 000 USD	61%

Policy options



- Decide for switch in pharmacy (same as for generics)
 - MoH (Ministry of Health) lost court case in 2011
 - MoH gave NoMA (Norwegian Medicines Agency) an assignment in 2012 to look upon price regulation and exchange list option for biosimilars
 - Nothing has happened so far
 - Biologics are injectables. Can be difficult to switch.
- Access to marketing authorization can be simplified
- Access to reimbursement can be simplified
- Decide to use the cheapest drug for all, not only new patients

Policy options





A RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PARALLEL-GROUP STUDY TO EVALUATE THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF SWITCHING FROM INNOVATOR INFLIXIMAB TO BIOSIMILAR INFLIXIMAB COMPARED WITH CONTINUED TREATMENT WITH INNOVATOR INFLIXIMAB IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, SPONDYLOARTHRITIS, PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS, ULCERATIVE COLITIS, CROHN'S DISEASE AND CHRONIC PLAQUE PSORIASIS

The Nor Switch study

EudraCT Number: 2014-002056-40

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Policy options



- Use tender to control use of originator and biosimilar.
- LIS is handling biosimilars by including biosimilars in tenders.
 - All products compete on price.
 - LIS makes treatment guidelines with ranking based on price
 - Our ranking is supported by the managing directors in the reional health authorities.
 - Tenders first ranked for new patients. Now also a lot of switching is taking place



What works?



No stimulation, low implementation, low discounts



The authorities can create competition through tenders



Tenders increase biosimilars impact considerably



Tenders cut prices both on biosimilar and originator prod.

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Drug purchasing based on LIS agreements LIS total 2014 and 2015

NOK 1000	Max price	LIS price	Discount NOK	Discount %
2014	5 579 353	4 016 655	1 562 698	28,0
2015	7 135 659	4 989 011	2 146 648	30,1