

Table 7(a) PBS Drugs comparison (with Drs Bag), sorted by highest cost to Government variation

Rank	Drug	1996-97				1997-98				Variation	
		Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Govt cost	% change
1	Simvastatin	3,507,344	152,918,150	177,741,488	50.68	4,069,518	182,849,540	212,774,560	52.28	29,931,390	19.57%
2	Olanzapine	0	0	0	0.00	71,295	18,033,459	18,458,545	258.90	18,033,459	0.00%
3	Omeprazole	1,438,154	128,887,009	139,529,405	97.02	1,597,536	145,555,065	158,122,590	98.98	16,668,056	12.93%
4	Pravastatin	605,439	27,503,458	32,092,304	53.01	892,196	41,851,466	49,035,911	54.96	14,348,007	52.17%
5	Losartan	0	0	0	0.00	356,242	12,207,235	15,349,842	43.09	12,207,235	0.00%
6	Atorvastatin	0	0	0	0.00	241,045	12,028,343	14,409,512	59.78	12,028,343	0.00%
7	Interferon Beta	7,224	9,548,885	9,629,488	1332.99	16,918	21,195,878	21,384,069	1263.98	11,646,993	121.97%
8	Alendronic Acid	23,184	2,072,056	2,221,675	95.83	173,125	12,905,959	13,911,448	80.35	10,833,902	522.86%
9	Venlafaxine	81,269	4,808,813	5,612,515	69.06	232,594	14,082,309	16,323,442	70.18	9,273,496	192.84%
10	Fluticasone	137,141	10,943,888	11,861,654	86.49	389,359	18,004,590	21,002,460	53.94	7,060,702	64.52%
11	Lansoprazole	242,585	20,234,955	22,260,388	91.76	323,201	27,182,927	30,058,156	93.00	6,947,972	34.34%
12	Alprostadil	40,283	2,816,433	3,142,192	78.00	123,946	8,802,941	9,815,371	79.19	5,986,508	212.56%
13	Amlodipine Besylate	1,911,494	42,222,973	55,976,061	29.28	2,233,265	47,802,419	64,739,622	28.99	5,579,446	13.21%
14	Sertraline	823,149	34,294,864	41,881,275	50.88	1,209,105	38,972,272	50,451,102	41.73	4,677,408	13.64%
15	Goserelin	56,426	22,143,438	22,551,662	399.67	49,744	26,674,708	27,046,999	543.72	4,531,271	20.46%
16	Pantoprazole	63,374	5,346,677	5,874,833	92.70	112,698	9,504,563	10,487,996	93.06	4,157,886	77.77%
17	Fluvastatin	323,881	7,723,955	10,348,370	31.95	475,307	11,835,296	15,687,197	33.00	4,111,342	53.23%
18	Valaciclovir	5,576	1,528,514	1,589,072	284.98	37,989	5,447,825	5,939,747	156.35	3,919,312	256.41%
19	Paroxetine	587,093	25,788,435	31,205,150	53.15	860,403	29,381,680	37,548,089	43.64	3,593,245	13.93%
20	Morphine	528,380	18,251,887	19,898,719	37.66	624,091	21,743,390	23,780,719	38.10	3,491,504	19.13%
21	Perindopril	1,082,591	24,042,033	32,675,448	30.18	1,271,227	27,513,278	38,026,718	29.91	3,471,245	14.44%
22	Insulin Lispro	10,372	2,506,603	2,624,056	252.99	23,909	5,664,649	5,934,521	248.21	3,158,046	125.99%
23	Isotretinoin	132,885	22,855,960	24,623,471	185.30	151,785	26,002,856	28,223,635	185.94	3,146,897	13.77%
24	Nefazodone	2,350	57,293	74,703	31.79	110,387	3,165,169	4,054,944	36.73	3,107,876	5424.53%
25	Risperidone	77,275	12,329,260	12,743,996	164.92	104,544	15,434,665	16,031,374	153.35	3,105,405	25.19%
26	Quinapril	299,586	6,944,226	9,428,241	31.47	453,038	9,920,409	13,647,914	30.13	2,976,183	42.86%
27	Salmeterol	201,867	8,010,990	9,395,511	46.54	276,592	10,920,202	12,936,893	46.77	2,909,212	36.32%
28	Pneumococcal	138,356	4,632,608	5,423,989	39.20	223,439	7,474,804	8,834,066	39.54	2,842,195	61.35%
29	Omeprazole and Metronidazole and Amoxicillin	0	0	0	0.00	30,519	2,816,558	3,139,451	102.87	2,816,558	0.00%
30	Lamotrigine	78,550	8,458,733	8,944,856	113.87	100,331	11,208,981	11,878,689	118.40	2,750,248	32.51%
31	Trandolapril	377,149	7,981,448	11,146,820	29.56	530,302	10,689,376	15,164,051	28.60	2,707,929	33.93%
32	Ipratropium Bromide	1,150,949	56,380,294	61,446,854	53.39	1,212,599	59,075,795	64,592,618	53.27	2,695,501	4.78%
33	Insulin (human)	347,884	52,325,916	54,945,781	157.94	356,027	54,992,227	57,788,076	162.31	2,666,312	5.10%
34	Fosinopril	822,111	17,187,559	23,723,871	28.86	879,468	19,315,376	26,680,997	30.34	2,127,817	12.38%
35	Lisinopril	1,428,267	32,011,386	43,095,612	30.17	1,542,605	34,109,099	46,664,958	30.25	2,097,714	6.55%