Healthcare Resource Utilization 12 Months Following Initiation of Olanzapine/Samidorphan: Real-World Assessment of Patients With Schizophrenia

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BACKGROUND

- Antipsychotic medications are effective options for managing the symptoms of schizophrenia and improving quality of life[1]
- Despite their efficacy, atypical antipsychotics are associated with adverse effects, including weight gain, which can negatively affect persistence on treatment, as well as patients' health and well-being[2-4]
- The combination of olanzapine and samidorphan (OLZ/SAM) provides the established antipsychotic efficacy of olanzapine while mitigating olanzapine-associated weight gain[5-7]
- OLZ/SAM treatment was associated with significant reductions in acute healthcare resource utilization (HCRU) in a previous real-world study comparing the 6 months before and after initiating OLZ/SAM[8]
- This analysis builds on the previous 6-month analysis[8] by extending the pre- and post-OLZ/SAM periods to 12 months

OBJECTIVE

- To assess and compare HCRU among adult patients with schizophrenia in the 12 months before and after initiating OLZ/SAM treatment

METHODS

Data Source

- This retrospective analysis used inpatient (IP), outpatient (OP), and pharmacy claims data from October 18, 2020, to December 31, 2023, from Komodo Healthcare Map, a fully deidentified US-based database of ~150 million patients covered by a commercial (66%), Medicaid (27%), or Medicare Advantage (7%) plan

Patients and Study Design

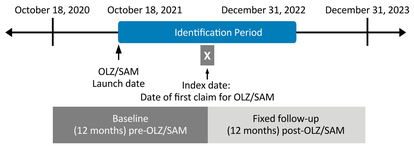
Inclusion Criteria

- Age ≥18 years with ≥1 pharmacy or medical claim for OLZ/SAM
- ≥12 months of continuous enrollment with medical and pharmacy benefits before (baseline period) and after (fixed follow-up period) the index date (date of first medical or pharmacy claim for OLZ/SAM)
- ≥1 medical claim for schizophrenia during the baseline or follow-up period
  - Patients with medical claims for both schizophrenia and bipolar I disorder were assigned an indication of schizophrenia

Exclusion Criterion

- A pharmacy or medical claim for OLZ/SAM during the baseline period

Figure 1. Study Design



OLZ/SAM, combination olanzapine and samidorphan.

Outcomes

- Baseline patient demographics, clinical characteristics, and medication use
- Treatment patterns of OLZ/SAM, including adherence, persistence, and discontinuation
- HCRU, including IP admissions, emergency department (ED) and OP visits, average number of IP days in hospital per patient, and average length of stay (LOS) per hospitalization in each of the following categories:
  - All-cause HCRU
  - Mental health–related HCRU
  - Schizophrenia-related HCRU

Statistics

- Baseline patient demographics and clinical characteristics are reported as numbers and percentages for categorical variables and means and SDs for continuous variables
- The following unadjusted pairwise comparisons were used for 12-month pre-post comparisons:
  - Paired t test for normally distributed continuous variables
  - Wilcoxon signed-rank test for non-normally distributed continuous variables
  - McNemar test for dichotomous variables
- A secondary completer analysis of HCRU was conducted in the subset of patients who received continuous treatment with OLZ/SAM for the full 12 months of follow-up

RESULTS

- After applying the eligibility criteria, the analysis included data from 1287 patients with schizophrenia; of these patients, 481 (37.4%) were continuously treated with OLZ/SAM for the full 12 months

Table 1. Baseline Patient Demographics

Characteristics	N=1287
Age, years, mean (SD)	38.8 (13.0)
Sex, n (%)	
Female	590 (45.8)
Male	681 (52.9)
Unknown	16 (1.2)
Region, n (%)	
West	431 (33.5)
South	400 (31.1)
Midwest	263 (20.4)
Northeast	193 (15.0)
Insurance type, n (%)	
Medicaid	810 (62.9)
Medicare Advantage	289 (22.5)
Commercial	185 (14.4)
Unknown	3 (0.2)

Table 2. Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Characteristics	N=1287
Select health characteristics reported by ≥10% of patients during baseline period, n (%)	
Anxiety disorder	707 (54.9)
Obesity	537 (41.7)
Major depressive disorder	534 (41.5)
Any substance use disorder	492 (38.2)
Hypertension	486 (37.8)
Hyperlipidemia	469 (36.4)
Type 2 DM	283 (22.0)
Posttraumatic stress disorder	239 (18.6)
Alcohol use disorder	217 (16.9)
Intentional self-inflicted injury	151 (11.7)
Last antipsychotic use before index date, n (%)	
Any second-generation oral[a]	1083 (84.1)
Any second-generation LAI	102 (7.9)
Any first-generation oral	83 (6.4)
Any first-generation LAI	29 (2.3)
None	32 (2.5)
Other common medications taken during baseline period, n (%)	
Antidepressant	919 (71.4)
Mood stabilizer	735 (57.1)
Antihypertensive	640 (49.7)
Anxiolytic	625 (48.6)
Metformin	264 (20.5)
Patients with type 2 DM	169/264 (64.0)

[a]Olanzapine was used by 52.3% of patients and quetiapine by 10.3% of patients.
DM, diabetes mellitus; LAI, long-acting injectable.

HCRU: All Patients

- Significant reductions in the proportions of patients with ≥1 all-cause (**Figure 2**), mental health–related (**Figure 3**), and schizophrenia-related (**Figure 4**) IP admissions and ED visits, average number of IP days in hospital per patient, and average LOS per hospitalization were observed in the 12 months after initiating OLZ/SAM treatment

Completer Analysis

- Statistically significant and numerically larger reductions in proportions of patients with ≥1 all-cause (**Figure 5**), mental health–related (**Figure 6**), and schizophrenia-related (**Figure 7**) IP admissions and ED visits, average IP LOS per patient, and average LOS per hospitalization were observed in the subset of patients receiving OLZ/SAM treatment for the entire 12-month follow-up period (n=481) compared with the overall study cohort

Figure 2. All-Cause HCRU: All Patients[a,b]

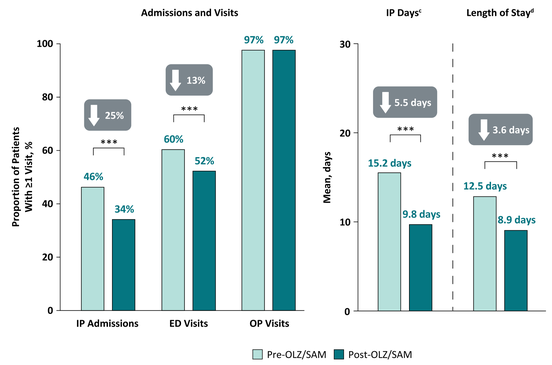


Figure 3. Mental Health–Related HCRU: All Patients[a,b]

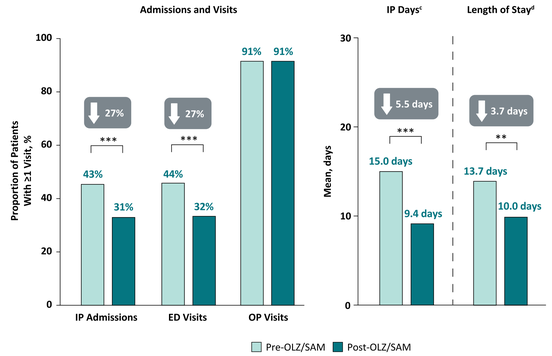
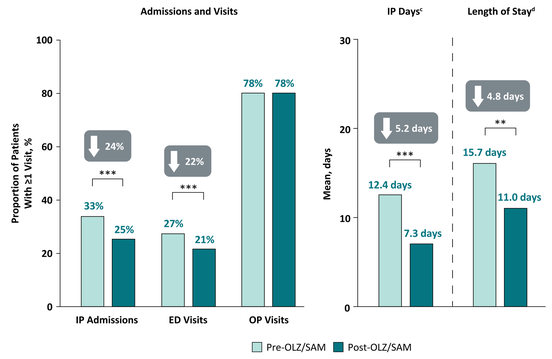


Figure 4. Schizophrenia-Related HCRU: All Patients[a,b]



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ED, emergency department; HCRU, healthcare resource utilization; IP, inpatient; OLZ/SAM, combination olanzapine and samidorphan; OP, outpatient.

Figure 5. All-Cause HCRU: Completers on OLZ/SAM for Entire 12 Months[a,b]

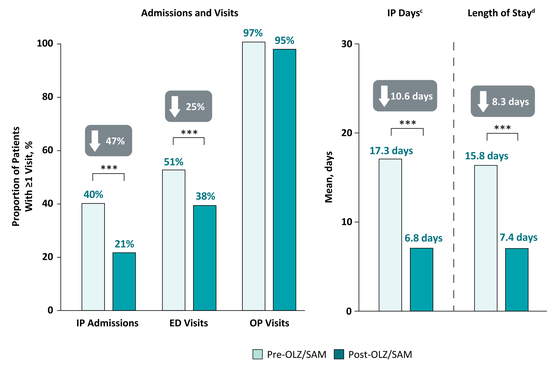

Figure 6. Mental Health–Related HCRU: Completers on OLZ/SAM for Entire 12 Months[a,b]

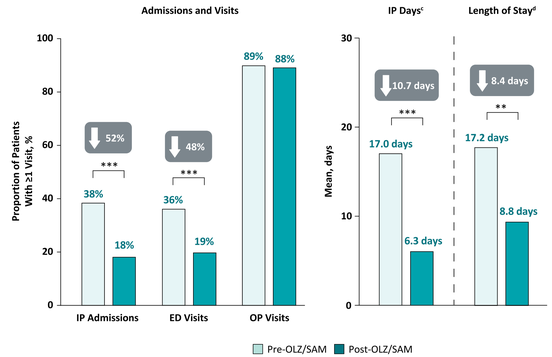

Figure 7. Schizophrenia-Related HCRU: Completers on OLZ/SAM for Entire 12 Months[a,b]

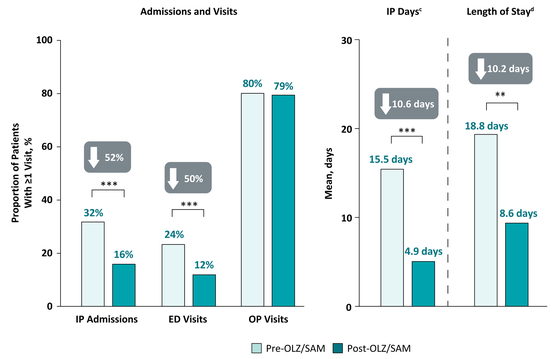

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Table 3. Adherence, Persistence, and Discontinuation After OLZ/SAM Initiation

Follow-up[a] treatment patterns	N=1287
Medication possession ratio,[b] mean (SD)	0.87 (0.19)
Proportion of days covered,[c] mean (SD)	0.54 (0.37)
Days persistent,[d] mean (SD)	196.6 (144.6)
Discontinuation of index therapy,[e] n (%)	806 (62.6)

[a]The follow-up period began on the index date and ended 12 months after the index date. [b]Calculated as sum of days' supply of index medication during follow-up divided by number of days in the follow-up period. [c]Calculated as number of days for which medication was available (based on filled prescriptions) divided by the number of days in the follow-up period. [d]Measured as the number of days from the index date to the discontinuation date (for patients who discontinued) or from the index date to the end of the follow-up period (for patients who did not discontinue). [e]Defined as a minimum 45-day gap in therapy.
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LIMITATIONS

- Results from this study may not be generalizable to uninsured populations
- A claim for a filled prescription does not indicate medication adherence
- The presence of a diagnosis code may not definitively be indicative of disease presence or causality, nor does the presence of a claim indicate disease severity
- Because of the fixed follow-up time, HCRU and treatment patterns reported herein may not fully capture the effects of longer-term (>12-month) OLZ/SAM use

CONCLUSIONS

- In this real-world analysis of HCRU in patients with schizophrenia, OLZ/SAM initiation was associated with significant reductions in hospital-based HCRU
- After initiating OLZ/SAM, significant decreases in rates of IP admissions and ED visits, as well as mean number of IP days, were observed across all HCRU categories; rates of OP visits were similar
- Average LOS per hospitalization decreased significantly for all-cause, mental health–related, and schizophrenia-related HCRU
- Patients continuously treated with OLZ/SAM for the full 12 months had numerically greater reductions in hospital-based HCRU compared with the overall study cohort
- Results indicate that OLZ/SAM initiation may result in clinically meaningful reductions in real-world disease burden (as evidenced by decreases in hospital-based HCRU) and that longer treatment retention (persistence) is associated with improved effectiveness

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