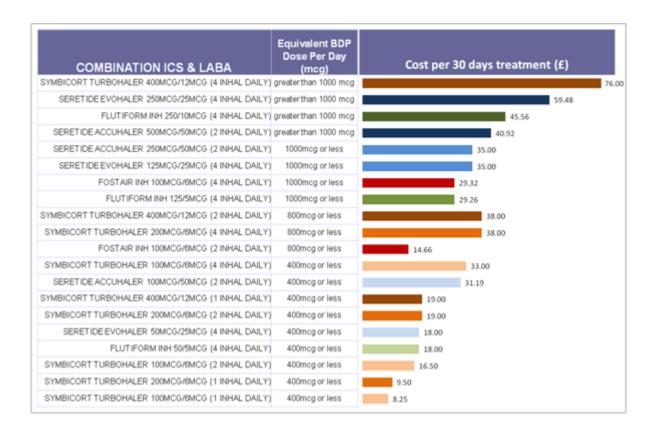
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Appendix 1B

Cost comparison chart – 30 days treatment of combination (ICS and LABA) inhalers



Notes

1. Prices and dose details from BNF 65 Mar-Sep 2013.

2. Potency equivalence from SIGN/BTS Asthma Guideline and/or Summary of Product Characteristics (the dose ratio with beclometasone dipropionate for budesonide is 1:1, for fluticasone propionate it is 2:1 and for Fostair[®] it is 5:2 due to the extra-fine particles of beclometasone dipropionate created by the hydrofluoroalkane propelled metered dose inhaler, i.e. 400mcg extra-fine beclometasone equivalent to 1000mcg beclometasone:).

3. The dose of inhaled corticosteroid with Symbicort[®] and Fostair[®] is controlled by increasing or decreasing the number of inhalations rather than changing to a higher or lower potency inhaler, as is the case with Flutiform[®] and Seretide[®] which is why the Symbicort[®] and Fostair[®] inhalers appear more than once in the table.

4. The daily dose of an inhaled steroid is classified as a high dose if the equivalent daily dose is greater than 800mcg of BDP daily e.g. Flutiform inhaler 125/5mcg (4 inhal daily) is classified as high dose.