

Table 3 Comparison of cost of maintenance therapy for an episode of depression, schizophrenia or bipolar disorder using various drugs, combined with psychosocial treatment

Type of mental illness	Older medications		Newer medications	
	Drugs	Cost of treatment ^a	Drugs	Cost of treatment ^a
Depression	Episodic treatment with clomipramine 150 mg, oral, 1× day, for 12 weeks (LL 109 980/US\$ 72.2)	LL 1 million (US\$ 663)	Episodic treatment with Prozac® (fluoxetine) 20 mg, oral, 1× day, for 12 weeks (LL 256 872/US\$ 168.5) ^b	LL 1.16 million (US\$ 759)
Bipolar disorder	Maintenance therapy with lithium 400 mg, oral, 3× day, for 6 months (LL 75 600/US\$ 49.6)	LL 1.88 million (US\$ 1230)	Maintenance therapy with Depakote® (divalproex sodium) 500 mg, oral, 2× day, for 6 months (LL 102 271/US\$ 68.2)	LL 1.9 million (US\$ 1248)
Schizophrenia	Maintenance therapy with haloperidol depot injection 50 mg/month for 6 months (LL 98 184/US\$ 64.4)	LL 1.9 million (US\$ 1245) ^c	Maintenance therapy with Risperdal® (risperidone) 2 mg, oral, 2× day, for 6 months (LL 399 094/US\$ 261.9)	LL 2.2 million (US\$ 1443)

^a1 session of psychosocial treatment, estimated cost per week: LL 75 000 (US\$ 50) plus drugs (2007 prices); ^bAlternative: generic fluoxetine 20 mg, 1× day for 12 weeks: LL 128 571 (US\$ 84.4); ^cAlternative: chlorpromazine 100 mg, oral, 3× day, for 6 months: LL 54 000 (US\$ 35).