

# Calcium channel blocker treatments and cancer risk. A methodological protocol to compare the results between databases, across designs: Evaluation of the impact of design/database/population differences on the outcome of the studied association

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Study

Ongoing

## Administrative details

### PURI

<https://redirect.ema.europa.eu/resource/4428>

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### EU PAS number

EUPAS2388

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### Study ID

4428

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## **DARWIN EU® study**

No

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### **Study countries**

☐ Denmark

☐ Germany

☐ Netherlands

☐ Spain

☐ United Kingdom

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### **Study description**

The studies described in this protocol are all performed within the framework of PROTECT (Pharmacoepidemiological Research on Outcomes of Therapeutics by a European ConsorTium) Work Package 2 and Working Group 1. The primary aim of these studies is to develop, test and disseminate methodological standards for the design, conduct and analysis of Pharmacoepidemiological (PE) studies applicable to different safety issues and using different data sources. To achieve this, results from PE studies on 5 key Drug / adverse events (D-AEs) pairs performed in different databases will be evaluated. The Use of calcium channel blockers associated with the risk of cancer is one of the key D-Ae pair of interest. Therefore, emphasis will be on the methodological aspects of the studies in this protocol and not on the clinical consequences of studying the association under investigation.

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### **Study status**

Ongoing

## **Research institutions and networks**

### **Institutions**

## Real World Studies, LA-SER Research

☐ France

☐ United Kingdom

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**Institution**

Other

ENCePP partner

## Division of Pharmacoepidemiology & Clinical Pharmacology (PECP), Utrecht Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences (UIPS), Utrecht University

☐ Netherlands

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**Institution**

Educational Institution

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## Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios (Spanish Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices, AEMPS)

☐ Spain

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Institution

EU Institution/Body/Agency

Not-for-profit

Regulatory Authority

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## European Medicines Agency (EMA)

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Institution

## Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

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Institution

Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios (AEMPS) Spain, European Medicines Agency (EMA) United Kingdom, Lægemiddelstyrelsen (Danish Medicines Agency) (DKMA) Denmark, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität-München (LMU MUENCHEN) Germany, L.A. Sante Epidemiologie Evaluation Recherche (LASER)

# United Kingdom

## Networks

### PROTECT

- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ France
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ Switzerland
- ☐ United Kingdom

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Network

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#### Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

#### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 19/08/2009

Actual: 19/08/2009

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#### Study start date

Planned: 03/10/2011

Actual: 03/10/2011

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#### Date of final study report

Planned: 30/09/2013

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector
- EU institutional research programme

## More details on funding

Amgen, AstraZeneca, Genzyme, GlaxoSmithKline, MerckSerono, Novartis, Roche, Pfizer, Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)

## Study protocol

## Regulatory

### **Was the study required by a regulatory body?**

No

## Methodological aspects

### Study type

### Study type list

#### **Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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#### **Scope of the study:**

Assessment of risk minimisation measure implementation or effectiveness

Disease epidemiology

Other

#### **If 'other', further details on the scope of the study**

Analysis of discrepancies in results between different databases

#### **Main study objective:**

To assess the association between the use of calcium channel blockers and the risk of cancer with different study designs across different primary care databases and to compare the results between databases, across designs to

evaluate the impact of design/database/population differences on the outcome of the studied association.

## Study Design

### **Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

Other

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### **Non-interventional study design, other**

Case-crossover, Descriptive study = description of exposure and/or outcome in the whole database during a defined period of time

## Study drug and medical condition

### **Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(C08C) SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS

SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS

(C08D) SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH DIRECT CARDIAC EFFECTS

SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH DIRECT CARDIAC EFFECTS

(C08E) NON-SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

NON-SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

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### **Medical condition to be studied**

Colorectal cancer metastatic

Breast cancer

Prostate cancer stage I



Malignant melanoma  
Renal cancer  
Colon cancer stage II  
Benign soft tissue neoplasm  
Bone cancer metastatic  
Hepatic neoplasm  
Non-small cell lung cancer recurrent

## Population studied

### Age groups

Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)  
Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)  
Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)  
Children (2 to < 12 years)  
Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)  
Adults (18 to < 46 years)  
Adults (46 to < 65 years)  
Adults (65 to < 75 years)  
Adults (75 to < 85 years)  
Adults (85 years and over)

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### Estimated number of subjects

55700000

## Study design details

### Data analysis plan

Preliminary analyses will use non-parametric univariate and bivariate analyses  
Cox proportional hazard models with time-dependent covariates

adjusted on confounders will be used to calculate the association between CCB exposure and risk of cancer. RR and 95 % CI will be established. CCB first-time and non-users between 01/01/1996 and 31/12/2009 will be followed from entry to the study until the earliest of: diagnosis date of study outcome (cancer), date of disenrollment from database, reaching 80 years of age, date of death, or end of study period. Three models will be performed: One model will be with at least 1 prescription. One model with pooled data with cumulated exposure. Analysis based on the main treatment groups. Propensity score will also be computed for the previous analyses.

## Data management

### ENCePP Seal

#### **Signed checklist for study protocols**

[ENCePP Checklist for Study Protocols\\_L Grimaldi signed.pdf](#) (401.59 KB)

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## Data sources

#### **Data source(s)**

THIN® (The Health Improvement Network®)

Clinical Practice Research Datalink

Danish registries (access/analysis)

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#### **Data sources (types)**

[Administrative healthcare records \(e.g., claims\)](#)

[Drug dispensing/prescription data](#)

[Electronic healthcare records \(EHR\)](#)

## Use of a Common Data Model (CDM)

**CDM mapping**

No

Data quality specifications

**Check conformance**

Unknown

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**Check completeness**

Unknown

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**Check stability**

Unknown

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**Check logical consistency**

Unknown

Data characterisation

**Data characterisation conducted**

No