

Long-term observational safety study to evaluate the nature and incidence of adverse effects of deferiprone treatment in patients with beta-thalassaemia major aged from 1 month to less than 18 years. (DEEP-3)

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Study

Ongoing

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS3803

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### Study ID

12034

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

- Albania
  - Cyprus
  - Egypt
  - Greece
  - Italy
  - Tunisia
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### **Study description**

The overall aim of this multi-centre, observational cohort study is to investigate the long-term safety of deferiprone in children and adolescent. The main objectives are to evaluate the incidence of serious and non-serious adverse drug reactions in patients with beta-thalassaemia receiving deferiprone and being aged between one month and 18 years at initiation of treatment. All patients being treated with deferiprone at the participating centres will be included. Data will be collected both retrospectively and prospectively. Adverse drug reactions will be identified using intensive chart review and by clinicians reporting. Patients will be followed up to October 2015 or until cessation of deferiprone treatment, whatever comes first. Cumulative ADR incidence and ADR incidence rate will be calculated to determine the safety of deferiprone use. Multivariate logistic regression will be used to identify risk factors for adverse drug reactions to deferiprone.

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### **Study status**

Ongoing

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

## University Hospital Erlangen

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Institution

Paediatric Clinical Study Centre, Department of  
Paediatric and Adolescents Medicine

## National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Institution

Cairo University Faculty of Medicine Egypt,  
National And Kapodistrian University Of Athens  
Greece, Qendra Spitalore Universitare "Nene  
Tereza" Tirane Albania, Cyprus Ministry of Health,  
Nicosia Thalassaemia Center Cyprus, Centre  
national de Greffe de Moelle Osseuse Tunisia,

Azienda Ospedaliera di Padova (Leading Centre in Italy) Italy, 10 additional centres Italy

## Networks

### TEDDY European Network of Excellence for Paediatric Clinical Research (TEDDY)

- Austria
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

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Network

ENCePP partner

DEEP Consortium (Coordinator: Consorzio per le  
Valutazioni Biologiche e Farmacologiche, CVBF,  
Pavia, Italy)

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### Primary lead investigator

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Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 31/12/2010

Actual: 31/12/2010

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### Study start date

Planned: 01/05/2012

Actual: 01/02/2013

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 01/03/2016

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**Date of interim report, if expected**

Planned: 31/12/2013

Actual: 31/05/2014

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 30/04/2016

## Sources of funding

- EU institutional research programme
- Other

## More details on funding

FP7 Grant HEALTH-F4-2010-261483, Participating Centres

## 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

**Main study objective:**

The main objective of the study is to investigate serious adverse reactions related to deferiprone treatment in children aged 1 month to less than 18 years diagnosed with beta-thalassaemia major.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Medicinal product name**

FERRIPROX

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**Medicinal product name, other**

Kelfer

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**Study drug International non-proprietary name (INN) or common name**

DEFERIPRONE

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**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(V03AC02) deferiprone

deferiprone

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

Thalassaemia beta

## Population studied

### **Age groups**

- Infants and toddlers (28 days - 23 months)
  - Children (2 to < 12 years)
  - Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)
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### **Estimated number of subjects**

330

## Study design details

### **Outcomes**

Primary outcome is the incidence of serious adverse drug reactions. Secondary outcome is the incidence of non-serious adverse drug reactions.

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### **Data analysis plan**

Descriptive analysis will be carried out on demographics, co-prescribing and co-morbidities as well as adverse drug reactions (ADRs). Data will be stratified by covariates such as age (e.g. <10 years, >10 years), gender and country.

Cumulative ADR incidence and ADR incidence rate will be calculated. Logistic regression will be used to investigate the risk factors for ADRs, Kaplan-Meier Survival and Cox regression analyses will be used to analyse time to withdrawal.

from deferiprone treatment in order to identify the risk factors for withdrawal. All estimates will be presented with 95% confidence intervals.

## Data management

### ENCePP Seal

The use of the ENCePP Seal has been discontinued since February 2025. The ENCePP Seal fields are retained in the display mode for transparency but are no longer maintained.

## Data sources

### Data sources (types)

[Other](#)

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### Data sources (types), other

Prospective patient-based data collection, Retrospective patient chart review

## 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