

# Effect of Incretin Analogues and Dipeptidyl-peptidase-IV inhibitors on colorectal cancer risk

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS9592

### Study ID

13643

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

☐ United States

## Study description

This will be a retrospective cohort study using a new-user active comparator design on Medicare Part A, B and D claims data from 2007-2012. The study population consists of Medicare enrollees initiating incretin-based drugs (GLP-1ra or DPP-4i) or other antidiabetic drugs (TZDs, sulfonylureas or long-acting insulins). New users of incretin-based drugs and other antidiabetic drugs will be compared with respect to incidence of colorectal cancer (primary outcome) and incidence of colorectal cancer combined with benign colorectal tumors (secondary outcome) adjusted for baseline information collected prior to drug initiation.

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## Study status

Finalised

# Research institutions and networks

## Institutions

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Institution

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## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 01/04/2015

Actual: 01/04/2015

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**Study start date**

Planned: 01/04/2015

Actual: 01/04/2015

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 01/04/2015

Actual: 01/04/2015

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 29/04/2016

Actual: 10/05/2016

## Sources of funding

- Other

## More details on funding

Unfunded

## Study protocol

[Colorectal Cancer Protocol clean 28APR2015.pdf](#)(258.61 KB)

## Regulatory

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

No

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**Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)?**

Not applicable

## Methodological aspects

### Study type

### Study type list

**Study topic:**

Disease /health condition

Human medicinal product

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**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Assessment of risk minimisation measure implementation or effectiveness

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

The primary objective of this study is to examine the effect of initiation of incretin-based therapies (DPP-4s and GLP-1s) relative to other anti-diabetic therapies (sulfonylureas, TZDs and long-acting insulins) on the incidence of colorectal cancer based on a new-user active comparator design.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(A10AE) Insulins and analogues for injection, long-acting

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(A10BB) Sulfonylureas

Sulfonylureas

(A10BG) Thiazolidinediones

Thiazolidinediones

(A10BH) Dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4) inhibitors

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

Diabetes mellitus

## Population studied

### **Short description of the study population**

66 years and older Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries (20% random sample) who were enrolled in Medicare Part A, B, and D plans for at least one calendar month during 2007-2012 and initiating incretin-based drugs (GLP-1ra or DPP-4i) or other antidiabetic drugs (TZDs, sulfonylureas or long-acting insulins).

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### **Age groups**

Adults (65 to < 75 years)

Adults (75 to < 85 years)

Adults (85 years and over)

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### **Special population of interest**

Other

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### **Special population of interest, other**

Diabetes mellitus patients

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

175000

## Study design details

## Outcomes

Incidence of colorectal cancer, Incidence of colorectal cancer or benign colorectal tumors, incidence of diagnostic work-up

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## Data analysis plan

New-users of incretin-based therapies will be compared with new users of sulfonylureas, TZDs or long-acting insulins with respect to incidence of colorectal cancer diagnosis and the incidence of colorectal cancer or benign colorectal tumors. Using propensity score weighting methods, Inverse Probability of Treatment Weighting (IPTW) and Standardized Morbidity Ratio Weighting (SMRW), we will implement COX models overall and stratified by time since initiation. Balance of the covariates will be assessed in the weighted pseudo-population and within deciles of the propensity score. Inverse probability weighted Kaplan-Meier survival functions will be compared between our cohorts, adjusted for the same baseline covariates. The main effect measure estimate will be standardized hazard ratios with the assumption that there is no unmeasured confounding. Please see full protocol for additional details and description of secondary and sensitivity analyses.

## Documents

### Study results

[Htoo et al GLP1 and DPP4 and cancer incidence.pdf](#) (525.13 KB)

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### Study publications

[Htoo, P.T., Buse, J.B., Gokhale, M. et al. Effect of glucagon-like peptide-1 re...](#)

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## Data management

## Data sources

**Data source(s), other**

20% random sample of Medicare claims data from 2007-2012 United States

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**Data sources (types)**

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

## 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

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## Data characterisation

**Data characterisation conducted**

No