

# Treatment Patterns of newly initiated oral anticoagulants on Japanese non-vascular atrial fibrillation patients using a Japanese claims database

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS16392

### Study ID

16393

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

☐ Japan

### Study description

A retrospective, observational study using health insurance claims data to describe the prescription pattern of oral anticoagulants in Japanese patients with atrial fibrillation. The primary outcome is the type and dose of oral anti-coagulant (warfarin, apixaban, rivaroxaban, dabigatran and edoxaban). The secondary outcome is the patient baseline characteristics of Japanese NVAf patients in each oral anticoagulant cohort. The datasource is Medical Data Vision's claims data containing approximately 480,000 Japanese patient data with diagnostic claim of atrial fibrillation. The study includes new starters of anti-coagulants without prior treatment of oral anticoagulant with AF. PS matching between warfarin and dabigatran exposed groups will be conducted based on baseline characteristics and concurrent drug treatment as co-variables.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

**Boehringer Ingelheim**

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**Institution**

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## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 24/11/2016

Actual: 24/11/2016

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### Study start date

Planned: 24/11/2016

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### Data analysis start date

Planned: 29/11/2016

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### Date of final study report

Planned: 22/12/2016

Actual: 07/07/2017

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Nippong Boehringer Ingelheim

## Study protocol

[non-interventional-study-protocol-oacs-PDFfinal.pdf](#) (148.16 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 type:

Non-interventional study

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#### Scope of the study:

Disease epidemiology

Drug utilisation

**Data collection methods:**

Primary data collection

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**Study design:**

A retrospective, observational study using health insurance claims data

**Main study objective:**

The main objective to evaluate the number of non-valvular atrial fibrillation patients newly treated with oral anticoagulants between the period of March 2011 to June 2016 and type/dose of oral anti-coagulants these patients have received.

## Study drug and medical condition

**Medicinal product name**

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**Medicinal product name, other**

warfarin, Prazaxa

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**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(B01AA03) warfarin

warfarin

(B01AE07) dabigatran etexilate

dabigatran etexilate

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Atrial fibrillation

## Population studied

## **Age groups**

- 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**

480000

# **Study design details**

## **Setting**

MDV clinical database between April 2010 and June 2016 was used.

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## **Outcomes**

Type and dose of newly prescribed anti-coagulant to AF patients, Patient baseline characteristics including past medical history, demographics and concurrent drug treatment

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## **Data analysis plan**

Descriptive statistics of each oral anti-coagulant for baseline characteristics and treatment status on index date defined as the date of first prescription of anti-coagulant. Exploratory analysis to use propensity score matching method to see if treatment groups can be matched using various co-variates such as clinical history, gender, age, previous and concomitant medication, year and month of index date, time from AF diagnosis, type and dose of oral anti-coagulant.

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## **Summary results**

Among the patients diagnosed as NVAF between April 2010 and June 2016, 48,696 patients were prescribed dabigatran, warfarin, apixaban, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban as the first OACs. Among them, the number of eligible patients for those prescribed dabigatran, warfarin, apixaban, rivaroxaban, or edoxaban as the first OAC were 4,943, 12,497, 11,415, 8,767, or 2,272, respectively. Some baseline characteristics such as age distribution, history of hospitalization, some AF risk factor scores, distribution of year of initiating treatment, and some concomitant medication were different among the treatment groups. After propensity score matching based on matching ratio of 1:1, using caliper factor of 0.10, it was confirmed that the distribution of propensity score was similar between the patients prescribed dabigatran and warfarin. The number of matching patients after the matching was 4,421 for both treatment groups. There was no background factor with standardized difference at more than 0.1.

## Documents

### Study results

[1160-0279\\_Synopsis.pdf](#) (201.52 KB)

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## 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)

[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

## Data characterisation

### Data characterisation conducted



No