

# Comparative risk of major bleeding with new oral anticoagulants (NOACs) and Phenprocoumon in patients with atrial fibrillation: a retrospective claims database study in Germany (CARBOS)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS11313

### Study ID

16728

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

☐ Germany

## Study description

The aim of this study is to investigate whether there are differences in the occurrence of major bleeding events in patients with AF under oral anticoagulation therapies in a real-world setting. It will be investigated whether the occurrence of major bleeding events in AF patients under anticoagulant therapy differs between patients treated with VKA (e.g. Phenprocoumon) and patients treated with NOACS, Apixaban, Dabigatran or Rivaroxaban respectively.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

[Health Risk Institute](#)

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## Study timelines

### **Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 29/05/2015

Actual: 29/05/2015

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### **Study start date**

Planned: 16/10/2015

Actual: 16/10/2015

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### **Data analysis start date**

Planned: 12/11/2015

Actual: 19/10/2015

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### **Date of final study report**

Planned: 30/11/2016

Actual: 28/09/2016

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb

## Study protocol

[Study\\_Protocol\\_CARBOS\\_20150922\\_v1.0.pdf](#)(1.82 MB)

[Study\\_Protocol\\_CARBOS\\_20160108\\_amended.pdf](#)(1.85 MB)

## 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:**

Investigate whether the occurrence of major bleeding events in AF patients under anticoagulant therapy differs between patients treated with VKA and patients treated with NOACS.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Other

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**Non-interventional study design, other**

Non-interventional retrospective database analysis

## Study drug and medical condition

**Name of medicine**

ELIQUIS

PRADAXA

XARELTO

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**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(B01AA04) phenprocoumon

phenprocoumon

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Atrial fibrillation

## Population studied

## Short description of the study population

Insured patient who have been prescribed an oral anticoagulant (OAC) therapy within 01.01.2013 and 31.12.2014 because of documented non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf) in the same or preceding quarter of treatment initiation.

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### 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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### Special population of interest

Other

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### Special population of interest, other

Patients with atrial fibrillation

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### Estimated number of subjects

36700

## Study design details

### Outcomes

Major bleeding events, Gastrointestinal bleedings eventsany bleeding events“net clinical” combined outcome consisting of stroke, systemic embolism, major bleeding or death from any cause

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## Data analysis plan

Adjusted hazard ratios of the primary and secondary endpoints will be estimated by means of (i) a cox-proportional hazards model and (ii) a marginal structural model (MSM) accounting treatment switching, for time-varying confounders and exposures

## Documents

### Study results

[Summary\\_of\\_results.pdf](#)(171.85 KB)

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## Data management

## Data sources

### Data source(s), other

Health Risk Institute Germany

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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

Data characterisation

**Data characterisation conducted**

Unknown