

# Asthma medication during pregnancy : a cohort study in EFEMERIS

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS7994

### Study ID

17493

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

France

### Study description

Asthma affects around 8% of pregnant women. Studies show that women experience changes in prescriptions for asthma medications during pregnancy, maybe because of concerns about their possible adverse effects on the fetus.

The objective of the study is to describe asthma medications before and during pregnancy in France and to assess the possible association between asthma medications and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Women from EFEMERIS, a French database including prescribed and dispensed reimbursed drugs during pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, who delivered between July 1, 2005 and December 31, 2012 will be included. Women with at least 2 dispensations for any asthma medication (ATC code R03) from the 30 days prior to conception through their date of delivery will be considered asthmatic. First, a description of prescription of asthma medications will be made. Second, we will compare pregnancy outcomes and newborn health between asthmatic and non-asthmatic women.

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### Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

#### Pharmacologie En Population cohorteS biobanqueS (PEPSS), Hopitaux de Toulouse

France

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**Institution**

**Educational Institution**

**Hospital/Clinic/Other health care facility**

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# Study timelines

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

Planned: 01/01/2015

Actual: 01/01/2015

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## **Study start date**

Planned: 01/01/2015

Actual: 01/01/2015

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## **Date of final study report**

Planned: 31/12/2016

Actual: 31/12/2016

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# Sources of funding

- Other

## More details on funding

Agence Nationale de Sécurité des Médicaments et produits de santé (ANSM),  
Clinical Research Hospital Program

## 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

Drug utilisation

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

The aim of the study is to describe asthma medications before and during pregnancy in France and to assess the possible association between asthma medications and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(R03) DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES

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## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

Pregnant women in EFEMERIS database who delivered between July 1, 2005 and December 31, 2012.

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## Age groups

- Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)
- Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)
- Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)

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## Special population of interest

Pregnant women

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## Estimated number of subjects

70000

## Study design details

### Outcomes

prescription of asthma medication, pregnancy losses, birth defects, preterm births, low birth weight.

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### Data analysis plan

First, a description of prescription of asthma medications will be made. Second, we will compare pregnancy outcomes and newborn health between asthmatic and non-asthmatic women. We will use multiple logistic regression to analyze risks for each outcome associated with asthma, taking into potential confounders. Unadjusted and adjusted odds ratios will be presented.

## Documents

### Study publications

[Beau AB, Didier A, Hurault-Delarue C, Montastruc JL, Lacroix I, Damase-Michel C...](#)

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## Data management

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 source(s)**

EFEMERIS

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

Administrative healthcare records (e.g., claims)

Other

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### **Data sources (types), other**

Prospective patient-based data collection

## 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