

# Risk of lactic acidosis with metformin use in type 2 diabetes mellitus with renal impairment: retrospective cohort study

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS8658

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### Study ID

18820

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

☐ United Kingdom

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## Study description

This study will be conducted using the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD). The CPRD is the English NHS observational data and interventional research service and will be the primary data source for patients in the United Kingdom. This is a retrospective cohort study in observational data. Eligible patients are those diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) with or without therapy. Patients will be included if: 1) had at least one measure of Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) between 2007-2012 or their chronic kidney disease (CKD) measured, 2) regardless of T2DM diagnoses date, 3) with or without therapy, 4) regardless of whether they were using insulin concomitant to other OAD drugs, and 5) have at least 1 follow-up during the study period. Patients will be excluded if: 1) they are exclusively type I diabetes insulin.

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## Study status

Finalised

# Research institutions and networks

## Institutions

**Merck Healthcare KGaA**

☐ Germany

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**Institution**

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Responsible Medical

Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Actual: 30/06/2013

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**Study start date**

Actual: 15/07/2013

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**Date of final study report**

Actual: 17/10/2013

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Merck KGaA

## 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:**

To estimate the incidence of lactic acidosis associated with metformin use in patients with moderate renal impairment (GFR 30-59ml/min) compared to

patients with a GFR >60 ml/min.

## Study Design

### **Non-interventional study design**

Other

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### **Non-interventional study design, other**

Prescription event monitoring

## Study drug and medical condition

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

METFORMIN

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

Diabetes mellitus

Renal impairment

## Population studied

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

Patients who were diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) with or without therapy. Patients were included if: 1) had at least one measure of Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) between 2007-2012 or their chronic kidney disease (CKD) measured; 2) regardless of T2DM diagnoses date, 3) with or without therapy, 4) regardless of whether they were using insulin concomitant

to other OAD drugs, and 5) have at least 1 follow-up during the study period.

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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**

Renal impaired

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

135000

## Study design details

### **Data analysis plan**

Data analysis will consist of incidence rates in 100,000 person-years of lactic acidosis in patients with T2DM using metformin and having different CKD staging. A secondary analysis of the incidence of LA in patients using Metformin versus those using other antidiabetic drugs by stages of CKD will be performed. Lactic acidosis includes both cases of fatal and cases of non-fatal lactic acidosis. Upper and lower limits of 95% confidence intervals will be given.

## Data management

### Data sources

**Data source(s)**

Clinical Practice Research Datalink

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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**

No