

# Pan European Multi-Database Bladder Cancer Risk Characterisation Study

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Study

Finalised

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**PURI**

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**EU PAS number**

EUPAS3626

**Study ID**

19338

**DARWIN EU® study**

No

## Study countries

Finland  
Netherlands  
Sweden  
United Kingdom

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## Study description

This observational study is being undertaken to further assess the association between pioglitazone use and bladder cancer risk among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in four European countries: Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

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## Study status

Finalised

# Research institution and networks

## Institutions

### EPID Research Oy

**First published:** 01/02/2024

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Institution

### Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD)

United Kingdom

**First published:** 15/03/2010

Last updated 02/07/2019

Institution

Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

ENCePP partner

### The PHARMO Institute for Drug Outcomes Research (PHARMO Institute)

Netherlands

**First published:** 07/01/2022

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Institution

Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

ENCePP partner

## Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology, Karolinska Institutet (CPE-KI)

Sweden

**First published:** 24/03/2010

Last updated

23/04/2024

Institution

Educational Institution

Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

Not-for-profit

ENCePP partner

## Global Database Studies (GloDaSt), IQVIA

Czechia

Finland

Germany

Slovakia

Spain

**First published:** 17/01/2011

Last updated

16/02/2024

Institution

ENCePP partner

Other

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned:

30/03/2012

Actual:

30/03/2012

### Data collection

Planned:

30/07/2013

Actual:

29/07/2014

## Date of final study report

Planned:

30/09/2016

Actual:

30/09/2016

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Takeda Global Research & Development Centre (Europe) Ltd

## Study protocol

[Appendices 1-5.pdf](#)(1008.28 KB)

[ER12-9433-Actos Pan-European bladder cancer protocol Version 2.0 20Jun2013\\_NEW CLEANwith signatures.pdf](#)(796.82 KB)

## Regulatory

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

Yes

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

EU RMP category 3 (required)

## 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 data collection

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**Main study objective:**

To estimate and compare the absolute and relative risk of bladder cancer in patients with type 2 diabetes who are ever exposed to pioglitazone vs. never exposed to pioglitazone.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

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

PIOGLITAZONE

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Type 2 diabetes mellitus

## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

Patients ? 40 years with type 2 diabetes mellitus in four European countries: Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, and United Kingdom whose antidiabetic treatment at cohort entry was modified to include pioglitazone or another antidiabetic medication.

Patients with following criteria were included:

- Treatment with any oral antidiabetic drugs at any time in the available medication records.
- Baseline is modified (cohort entry point) to include pioglitazone (exposure group) or another antidiabetic medication (reference group)
- Age ? 40 years at cohort entry
- At least 12 months of medication database membership during baseline period prior to

cohort entry

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### Age groups

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

Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients

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### Estimated number of subjects

760000

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## Study design details

### Outcomes

Date of diagnosis of the first incidence of bladder cancer after the entry into the study cohort. - All cause mortality- Bladder cancer mortality

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### Data analysis plan

Crude bladder cancer incidence and mortality rates with 95% CI will be estimated for each pioglitazone exposure definition separately within the strata of gender, age, year of cohort entry, duration of disease, medication and disease history. Crude incidence rates for each country will be provided separately. In the propensity score matched cohort analysis HR estimates with 95% CIs for each pioglitazone exposure definition will be estimated using Cox model with a counting process approach which enables the follow-up time of each patient to be split into several periods and thus allows adjustments for relevant baseline and time-dependent covariates in the model specification. Separate analyses of bladder cancer incidence, bladder cancer mortality and all-cause mortality will be performed for each country/dataset. In meta-analysis the pooled data set will be used and analysed using the similar methods as the individual cohort analyses.

## Documents

### Results tables

[Korhonen et al\\_pioglitazone use and bladder cancer risk\\_BMJ\\_2016.pdf](#)(718.21 KB)

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### Study, other information

[9433-2013-02-14-ENCePPProcessWithoutSealLetterFinalSigned.pdf\(58.49 KB\)](#)  
[ER-9515-Cause\\_of\\_Death\\_Analysis\\_Protocol-21-April-2016\\_signed\\_Korhonen.pdf\(540.56 KB\)](#)  
[ER12-9433-Actos-Pooled Analysis Protocol and Statistical Analysis Plan-Appendices 1-6.pdf\(1.28 MB\)](#)  
[ER12-9433-Actos-Pooled Analysis Protocol and Statistical Analysis Plan-Appendix 7.pdf\(1.89 MB\)](#)  
[ER12-9433-Pan\\_EU\\_bladder\\_cancer\\_Pooled\\_Analysis\\_Protocol\\_and\\_Statistical\\_Analysis\\_plan - 12-Feb-2014.pdf\(457.17 KB\)](#)

### **Study publications**

[Korhonen P, Heintjes EM, Williams R, Hoti F, Christopher S, Majak M, Bezemer I,...](#)  
[Korhonen P, Heintjes EM, Williams R, Hoti F, Christopher S, Majak M, Kool-Houwe...](#)  
[Strongman H, Korhonen P, Williams R, Bahmanyar S, Hoti F, Christopher S, Majak ...](#)

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## Data management

## ENCePP Seal

**This study has been awarded the ENCePP seal**



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**Conflicts of interest of investigators**

[2013-0017-DoIForm\\_Pasi Korhonen-SDPP-3626.pdf](#)(399.86 KB)

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**Composition of steering group and observers**

[2013-0017-Composition of SG-SDPP-3626.pdf](#)(106.91 KB)

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**Signed code of conduct**

[2013-0017-Declaration-CoC-SDPP-3626.pdf](#)(44.84 KB)

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**Signed code of conduct checklist**



**Signed checklist for study protocols**

[2013-0017-ChecklistforStudyProtocols-SDPP-3626.pdf](#)(283.42 KB)

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## Data sources

**Data source(s)**

Clinical Practice Research Datalink

National Prescribed Drugs Register / Läkemedelsregistret

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**Data source(s), other**

CPRD, The Swedish prescribed drug register

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**Data sources (types)**

[Administrative data \(e.g. claims\)](#)

[Drug dispensing/prescription data](#)

[Electronic healthcare records \(EHR\)](#)

[Other](#)

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**Data sources (types), other**

Prospective patient-based data collection, Prescription event monitoring, Population-wide registers in Finland and Sweden contain information e.g. on medication purchases, hospitalisations, cancers and deaths. The PHARMO database network contains info on drug dispensings, hospital morbidity, clinical labs etc. UK CPRD contains the anonymised longitudinal medical records managed by GPs working the NHS primary care setting.

## 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