

# Forteo/Forsteo post-approval osteosarcoma surveillance study

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS8540

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### Study ID

20579

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### DARWIN EU® study

No


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### Study countries

 Denmark

 Finland

 Iceland

 Norway

 Sweden

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## Study description

Teriparatide caused dose-dependent increases in the incidence of osteosarcoma in rats during preclinical testing. Studies have shown that the rat skeleton is more sensitive to the pharmacological effects of parathyroid hormone in formation of new bone and osteosarcoma than monkey or human skeletons. Study GHBX has three components: case-finding surveillance in Europe and the United States and a Forteo Patient Registry in the United States. The case-finding surveillance components were designed to identify documented cases of osteosarcoma among men and women aged 40 years and older and determine which cases, if any, had a history of teriparatide treatment. This report contains results of the European case-finding surveillance component.

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## Study status

Finalised


## Research institutions and networks


### Institutions


#### RTI Health Solutions (RTI-HS)

 France

 Spain

 Sweden

 United Kingdom

 United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

 United States

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Institution

Not-for-profit

ENCePP partner

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Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Actual: 30/07/2003

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### Study start date

Actual: 01/01/2004

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### Data analysis start date

Actual: 01/01/2004

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### Date of final study report

Actual: 30/06/2014

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Eli Lilly & Company

## 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:**

Other

**If 'other', further details on the scope of the study**

Case-finding surveillance study

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

The primary objective was to identify newly diagnosed cases of osteosarcoma among men and women aged 40 years or older in selected countries and identify incident osteosarcoma cases with a history of teriparatide treatment. The secondary objective was to collect additional patient information and data related to other risk factors for osteosarcoma.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Other

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**Non-interventional study design, other**

Case-finding surveillance study

## Study drug and medical condition

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

TERIPARATIDE

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Osteosarcoma

## Population studied

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

Men and women aged 40 years or older at the time of diagnosis and had histological confirmation of osteosarcoma or one of five other tumour types with a primary bone site were identified through the Scandinavian Sarcoma Group (SSG) registry and the Finnish and Swedish National Cancer Registries.

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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**

Osteosarcoma patients

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## **Estimated number of subjects**

112

# Study design details

## **Outcomes**

Osteosarcoma

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## **Data analysis plan**

The analysis compared the observed number of patients with osteosarcoma(OS) with a possible or confirmed exposure to teriparatide to the number of exposed

OS cases expected to be identified by cancer registries. The number of patients treated with teriparatide expected to be diagnosed with OS was calculated using the estimated size of the exposed population and background rate for OS in the Nordic countries (i.e. assuming no association between drug exposure and disease). The incidence rate for OS was generated from population estimates for each country, as well as published population-based OS incidence. Population estimates for adults aged 40+ yrs were based on national statistics data for each country. Because this population grew from approximately 12 million in 2004 to 13.24 million in 2013, the population at the approximate midpoint of the study (2008), 12.6 million people aged 40+ yrs, was used for relevant estimates.

## Documents

### Study results

[GHBX\\_Nordic Country FSR\\_PASS.pdf](#) (246.74 KB)

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### Study publications

[Andrews EB, Gilsean AW, Midkiff K, Sherrill B, Wu Y, Mann BH, et al. The US pos...](#)

[von Scheele B, Martin RD, Gilsean AW, Ceberg J, Andrews EB, Masica D, Alvegård...](#)

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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 source(s), other**

Scandinavian Sarcoma Group Denmark, Scandinavian Sarcoma Group Finland, Scandinavian Sarcoma Group Iceland, Scandinavian Sarcoma Group Norway, Scandinavian Sarcoma Group Sweden

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

[Administrative healthcare records \(e.g., claims\)](#)

[Disease registry](#)

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

## 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