

# ADVANCE POC I Risk pillar - Testing new approaches to monitoring benefit/risk with pertussis vaccines as test case: Incidence rates of safety outcomes of whole-cell pertussis and acellular pertussis vaccines in pre-school children

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS13779

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### Study ID

21721

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

- Denmark
  - Italy
  - Spain
  - United Kingdom
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### **Study description**

**RATIONALE:** The ADVANCE proof-of-concept (POC) question is to test the system for benefit-risk monitoring of vaccines in Europe. For this POC feasibility study, the research question “Has the initial benefit-risk profile in children prior to school-entry booster been maintained after the switch from whole-cell pertussis (wP) vaccines to acellular pertussis (aP) vaccines?” is used.

**OBJECTIVES:** 1. To evaluate participating databases on quality criteria for inclusion in the study. 2. To provide incidence rates of specific events (i.e. injection site reactions, fever, somnolence, persistent crying, irritability, febrile or afebrile seizure/convulsion, hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode HHE, extensive limb swelling) within risk periods after each dose of wP or aP vaccine and within the periods outside the risk windows (baseline) in pre-school children for a benefit/risk analysis model. 3. To provide calendar time specific incidence data as test for methods development in ADVANCE WP4.

**STUDY DESIGN:** is a retrospective dynamic cohort study. The study will be conducted utilizing electronic health care data from ADVANCE partners in different European countries.

**POPULATION:** The study population will comprise all children registered in any of the participating databases during the study period and for whom an adequate start and end of follow-up and date of birth can be defined. Children will be followed from start of the study period, one month after date of birth, or date of valid data in the database (whichever is the latest) until the end of study period (31-12-2015, the school-entry pertussis booster, transferring out of the database, death, reaching age 6 years: whichever is the earliest).

**Data Analysis:** incidence rates (i.e. baseline and risk-window specific) of known adverse reactions following vaccination with pertussis-containing vaccines for use in a multi-criteria

decision analysis (MCDA) model of benefits and risks of wP versus aP pertussis vaccines.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

#### Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam

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**Institution**

#### Fundació Institut Universitari per a la Recerca a l'Atenció Primària de Salut Jordi Gol i Gurina, IDIAPJGol

Spain

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**Institution**

**Educational Institution**

**Laboratory/Research/Testing facility**

**Not-for-profit**

**ENCePP partner**

SSI Denmark, BIFAP Spain, FISABIO Spain, THIN UK

## Networks

Accelerated development of vaccine benefit-risk collaboration in Europe (ADVANCE)

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Network

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## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 01/10/2013

Actual: 01/10/2013

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### **Study start date**

Planned: 01/06/2016

Actual: 01/06/2016

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

Planned: 01/06/2016

Actual: 17/08/2017

## Sources of funding

- EU institutional research programme

## More details on funding

IMI

## Study protocol

[ADVANCE POC-Risk-Protocol.pdf](#) (1.84 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 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:**

1. To evaluate participating databases on quality criteria for inclusion in the study  
2. To provide incidence rates within specific risk windows after each dose of wP or aP vaccine in pre-school children and within the periods outside the risk windows (baseline) for a benefit/risk analysis model  
3. To provide calendar time specific incidence data as test for methods development in ADVANCE WP4.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

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

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

Injection related reaction

Somnolence

Crying

Convulsion in childhood

Lip swelling

## Population studied

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

All children registered in any of the participating databases during the study period and for whom an adequate start and end of follow-up and date of birth can be defined.

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### **Age groups**

- Infants and toddlers (28 days - 23 months)
  - Children (2 to < 12 years)
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### **Estimated number of subjects**

10000000

## Study design details

### **Outcomes**

Exposure of interest Any wP vaccines and aP pertussis-containing vaccines and their doses in the vaccine schedule (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5) Outcomes  Injection

site reactions: erythema, edema, induration/nodule/sterile abscess,  
pain/tenderness□ Fever□ Somnolence□ Persistent crying, irritability□  
Generalized convulsive seizures□ HHE□ Extensive limb swelling

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### **Data analysis plan**

Data Analysis: The purpose of this study is to provide incidence rates (i.e. baseline and risk-window specific) of known adverse reactions following vaccination with pertussis-containing vaccines for use in a multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) model of benefits and risks of wP versus aP pertussis vaccines (models are described in a separate benefit-risk study protocol). In some more recent databases, wP information will not be captured. To generate risk-window specific incidence rates for the wP period in these databases, the IR ratio originating from an SCCS analysis of wP versus baseline in other databases will be multiplied by the baseline IR.

## Documents

### **Study results**

[ADVANCE D5 6\\_ExecSummaryEU-PAS.docx.pdf](#) (221.73 KB)

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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.

## Signed checklist for study protocols

[ENCePPChecklistforStudyProtocols ADVANCE POC risk.doc.pdf](#) (117.04 KB)

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## Data sources

### Data source(s)

THIN® (The Health Improvement Network®)

Danish registries (access/analysis)

The Information System for Research in Primary Care (SIDIAP)

BIFAP - Base de Datos para la Investigación Farmacoepidemiológica en el  
Ámbito Público (Pharmacoepidemiological Research Database for Public Health  
Systems)

ARS Toscana

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### Data sources (types)

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

[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**

Unknown