

# Safety Data on Etoricoxib From Swedish Registries of Spondyloarthritis/Ankylosing Spondylitis Patients (MK-0663-159; EP07013.013.11.082)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### PURI

<https://redirect.ema.europa.eu/resource/27099>

### EU PAS number

EUPAS19202

### Study ID

27099

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

Sweden

### Study description

This study is a population- and register-based nationwide matched cohort study using data from 1987-2010, with updated linkage and repeat analysis planned for 2013-14. The study period will begin on 01-Jan-2001 and end on 31-Dec-2009 (or the latest date for which data are available from the various registers). This study is being conducted by Merck & Co. Inc. as a post-licensure commitment to the European Medicines Agency (EMA). The rationale for the study is to provide additional post-marketing safety data regarding the use of etoricoxib for the indication of ankylosing spondylitis. The specific project objectives are to:

1) Describe the characteristics of Swedish participants with inflammatory spondyloarthropathy / ankylosing spondylitis (SpA/AS), 2) Describe the use of etoricoxib and other cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2 inhibitors)/non-selective nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (nsNSAIDs) in Swedish participants with SpA/AS, and 3) Estimate and compare the rates of clinical outcomes of special interest (gastrointestinal (GI), renovascular, cardiovascular (CV), and cerebrovascular) with use of etoricoxib and other COX-2 inhibitors/nsNSAIDs in Swedish patients with SpA/AS.

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### Study status

Finalised

## Research institution and networks

### Institutions

**Merck & Co.**

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Institution

### Contact details

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### Study timelines

#### Date when funding contract was signed

Actual:

08/02/2011

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#### Study start date

Actual:

15/02/2011

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#### **Data analysis start date**

Planned:

30/11/2018

Actual:

06/12/2018

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#### **Date of interim report, if expected**

Actual:

30/05/2013

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

Planned:

14/12/2018

Actual:

06/12/2018

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

## Study protocol

[MK-0663-159-00 Protocol Summary.pdf\(2.05 MB\)](#)

## 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)

## Other study registration identification numbers and links

NCT01327638

## 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  
Disease epidemiology  
Drug utilisation

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary data collection

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**Main study objective:**

Describe characteristics of Swedish participants with inflammatory SpA/AS, describe use of etoricoxib & other COX-2 inhibitors/nsNSAIDs in Swedish participants with SpA/AS, estimate & compare rates of clinical outcomes of special interest (GI, renovascular, CV, cerebrovascular) with use of etoricoxi

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

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

ETORICOXIB

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**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

100000096957

etoricoxib

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Ankylosing spondylitis

Spondyloarthropathy

## Population studied

## Short description of the study population

A patient was eligible for inclusion on the first date who have met all of the following criteria:

- Attended an out-patient clinic 2001-2010
  - Age  $\geq$ 16 years on the date attended the out-patient clinic
  - Registered with an ICD-code corresponding to SPA/AS (i.e. ICD10: M46.1, M46.8, M46.9, and ICD9: 720B, 720C or 720X for the appropriate periods) and AS (i.e. ICD10: M459 and ICD9: 720A for the appropriate periods)
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## Age groups

Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)  
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

Other

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## Special population of interest, other

Ankylosing spondylitis and Spondyloarthritis patients

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## Estimated number of subjects

21108

# Study design details

## Outcomes

Number of participants with characteristics of inflammatory SpA/AS, participants who used etoricoxib, participants who used other COX-2 inhibitors, participants who used nsNSAIDs, clinical outcomes of special interest. Outcomes included atherosclerotic CV events, atherosclerotic cerebrovascular events, congestive heart failure, severe hypertension, renovascular, and GI events.

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## Data analysis plan

Comparisons of clinical outcomes among the drugs of interest will be made by descriptive comparison of the point estimates for the incidence rates and their associated 95% confidence intervals (CIs), using both clinical and epidemiological judgment and in light of the limitations of this observational study. No formal statistical significance testing will be performed for purposes of such comparisons.

# Documents

## Study results

[MK-0663-159 Interim Results Summary.pdf\(3.36 MB\)](#)

[p159mk0663-final-report\\_Final Redaction .pdf\(3.65 MB\)](#)

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# Data management

## Data sources

### Data source(s)

National Prescribed Drugs Register / Läkemedelsregistret

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### Data sources (types)

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

[Disease registry](#)

[Drug dispensing/prescription data](#)

[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