

# Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Risk Minimization Measures: Trimetazidine Drug Utilization Study in European Countries using databases – analysis for France, Hungary, Romania and Spain

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS9871

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### Study ID

28831

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

☐ France

☐ Hungary

☐ Romania

☐ Spain

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### **Study description**

TMZ-containing medicinal products were indicated in EU for various cardiology, ophthalmology and otolaryngology indications. Otolaryngology and ophthalmology indications included: i. Ancillary symptomatic treatment of vertigo and tinnitus and ii. Ancillary treatment of visual acuity decrease and visual field disturbances due to vascular reasons. On 22 April 2011, France had requested the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) to give its opinion under Article 31 of Directive 2001/83/EC on whether the marketing authorization for TMZ-containing medicinal products will be maintained, varied, suspended or withdrawn. The review conducted by the CHMP concluded that the evidence of the efficacy and safety in the ophthalmology and otolaryngology indications, initially suggested by the studies on the basis of multiple assessments was considered weak due to the methodology applied to the investigation and was no longer recommended since September 2012 (3). Potential prescribers were informed of this change in the indication of TMZ through “Direct Healthcare Professional Communications” (DHPCs) and other appropriate notifications. The drug utilization study presented here is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of these risk minimization measures (RMM) on the use of TMZ in targeted countries based on information from prescription databases. In a parallel protocol, a survey will be conducted to provide information on the knowledge, attitude and behaviour of the physicians in the targeted countries about the content of the DHPC and the updated SMPC are evaluated.

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### **Study status**

Finalised

## **Research institutions and networks**

## Institutions

### Real World Evidence Solutions, IMS Health

☐ France

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**Institution**

**Other**

NA

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### Primary lead investigator

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**Primary lead investigator**

## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 08/01/2015

Actual: 08/01/2015

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**Study start date**

Planned: 01/06/2015

Actual: 01/06/2015

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 30/09/2015

Actual: 16/09/2015

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## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Consortium headed by Lupin Pharma

## 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 1 (imposed as condition of marketing authorisation)

## Methodological aspects

### Study type

### Study type list

**Study topic:**

Human medicinal product

Disease /health condition

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**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Drug utilisation

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

The primary objective is to Assess, per country, the proportion of prescriptions of TMZ for ophthalmological or ENT diagnoses (within the scope of its past indications) among the total prescriptions of TMZ after the restriction of its indications.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cross-sectional

## Study drug and medical condition

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

TRIMETAZIDINE

**Medical condition to be studied**

Angina pectoris

## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

ENT specialists, ophthalmologists, cardiologist and GPs/other who has prescribed Trimetazidine.

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**Age groups**

Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)

Children (2 to < 12 years)

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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**Estimated number of subjects**

1500

## Study design details

## Data analysis plan

The statistical analysis will be conducted using SAS® software Version 9.3 for Windows™ (SAS Institute, North Carolina, USA). The analysis will include descriptive statistics. Interrupted time series (ITS) analysis will be conducted if the conditions are met. The number of missing data will be indicated. Missing data will not be replaced by imputation methods. The statistical unit will be the prescription (for extractions from PI) or the dispensed prescription (for extractions from NDI and NPA database). Prescribers' profile will be described per country: age, gender, speciality and region. Summaries will be reported at country level and by period (reference period and assessment period) categorized according to the speciality.

## Documents

### Study results

[Abstract Trimetazidine PASS DUS\\_Redacted.pdf](#) (88.21 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.

## Data sources

**Data source(s), other**

IMS health prescribing insights France, IMS health prescribing insights Spain,  
National diagnostic index Romania, National prescribing audit Hungary

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**Data sources (types)**

Other

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**Data sources (types), other**

Prescription event monitoring

## 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