# Effectiveness of Fostair® (ICS/LABA) vs. dual bronchodilation (LABA/LAMA) in COPD (FELICITI)

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# Administrative details

## **EU PAS number**

EUPAS29223

## Study ID

31702

## **DARWIN EU® study**

No

## **Study countries**

United Kingdom

## **Study description**

Historical cohort study comparing effectiveness of Fostair® (ICS/LABA) against dual bronchodilation in frequently exacerbating patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The primary objective is to examine whether the effectiveness, in terms of reducing COPD exacerbations, of initiating Fostair® is non-inferior, with a non-inferiority margin of 15%, to that of dual bronchodilation (LAMA/LABA) in patients with COPD. The secondary objective is to study the potential heterogeneity of the comparative effectiveness driven by severity of COPD and blood eosinophil count.

Study status

Ongoing

# Research institutions and networks

# Institutions

# Observational & Pragmatic Research Institute Pte (OPRI)

United Kingdom

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Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

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# Study timelines

## Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 31/10/2018 Actual: 31/10/2018

Study start date Planned: 03/04/2019 Actual: 03/04/2019

Data analysis start date Planned: 24/04/2019

Actual: 24/04/2019

Date of interim report, if expected

Planned: 31/05/2019

Actual: 12/08/2019

Date of final study report

Planned: 31/12/2019

# Sources of funding

• Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

# More details on funding

Chiesi Pharmaceuticals

# Regulatory

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

No

Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)? Not applicable

Methodological aspects

# Study type

# Study type list

**Study type:** Non-interventional study

## Scope of the study:

Assessment of risk minimisation measure implementation or effectiveness Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

## Main study objective:

Determine if treatment with beclometasone/formoterol (Fostair®) is non-inferior in terms of effectiveness, compared to LABA/LAMA treatment in frequently exacerbating COPD patients. Also, differential responses to Fostair® treatment across patient subgroup will be explored.

# Study Design

Non-interventional study design

Cohort

# Study drug and medical condition

## Name of medicine, other

Fostair

# Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code

(R03A) ADRENERGICS, INHALANTS

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# Medical condition to be studied

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

# Population studied

#### Age groups

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)

## Estimated number of subjects

4000

# Study design details

## Outcomes

The rate of moderate/severe COPD exacerbations during the entire follow-up. a) Time to treatment failure, b) rate of acute respiratory events, c) rate of acute OCS course, d) rate of antibiotic courses for COPD, e) mMRC score within 18 months, f) time until first pneumonia

## Data analysis plan

Patients initiating Fostair or LAMA/LAMA will be identified, and the rate of exacerbations (plus other outcomes) will be determined during the follow-up period. Patients will be right-censored when an important treatment change occurs, or at the end of data availability. A set of confounding handling approaches will be evaluated, and the best one with regard to residual bias will be chosen. Direct matching, propensity score matching, direct+propensity score matching and inverse probability of treatment weighting are the candidate approaches. Bias potential as well as restriction of study population will be used to determine the optimal approach. Event rates during follow-up will be analysed using negative binomial regression, taking the follow-up duration into account.

# 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)

Optimum Patient Care Research Database

#### Data sources (types)

Electronic healthcare records (EHR)

# Use of a Common Data Model (CDM)

## CDM mapping

No

# Data quality specifications

## **Check conformance**

Unknown

## **Check completeness**

Unknown

## **Check stability**

Unknown

## Check logical consistency

Unknown

# Data characterisation

## Data characterisation conducted

No