

# Effectiveness and Safety of Maintenance Treatment with Combination of Tiotropium and Olodaterol in comparison to Maintenance Treatment with a Combination of Inhaled Corticosteroids, Long-acting $\beta$ 2 Agonists and Long-acting Muscarinic Antagonists in COPD Patients

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Study

Planned

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS31932

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### Study ID

31933

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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## Study countries

☐ United States

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## Study description

The treatment of COPD involves multiple therapies, including long-acting  $\beta_2$  agonists (LABA) (with and without inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) and long-acting muscarinic antagonists (LAMA), with combinations of these drugs now formulated into single inhalers. There are recommendations to restrict triple therapy use further, to only patients who are likely to respond to ICS (such as those with asthma-COPD overlap or patients with high risk of exacerbations and elevated blood eosinophils. There is an increasing body of evidence suggesting that ICS are particularly effective at reducing the incidence of COPD exacerbations in patients only with a very high blood eosinophil concentration, but not in normal levels. Hence there is a clear need for better evidence on specific patient populations upon which to base treatment recommendations. This non-interventional study aims to assess the comparative effectiveness of combination Tiotropium and Olodaterol (Tio+Olo) (FDC) compared to combination LAMA/LABA and ICS (fixed or open).

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## Study status

Planned

# Research institutions and networks

## Institutions

**HealthCore**

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## Contact details

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Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 22/05/2019

Actual: 22/05/2019

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### Study start date

Planned: 01/11/2019

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### Date of final study report

Planned: 21/04/2020

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Boehringer ingelheim International GmbH

## 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 type list

#### **Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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#### **Scope of the study:**

Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

#### **Main study objective:**

The primary objective is to compare the effectiveness of new use of maintenance therapy initiation with the combination treatment Tiotropium and

Olodaterol (Tio+Olo) compared with new use of LABA/LAMA/ICS combination in COPD as the time to the first COPD exacerbation

## Study Design

### **Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

### **Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(R03AL06) olodaterol and tiotropium bromide

olodaterol and tiotropium bromide

(R03AA) Alpha- and beta-adrenoreceptor agonists

Alpha- and beta-adrenoreceptor agonists

(R03B) OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES, 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)

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

4000

## Study design details

### **Outcomes**

Severe exacerbation as hospitalization with a principal discharge diagnosis of COPD. Moderate exacerbation defined as ED visit with a discharge diagnosis of COPD and/or dispensing of an antibiotic and an oral corticosteroid on the same day

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### **Data analysis plan**

Patient characteristics at baseline in patients treated with Tio+Olo and patients treated with LABA/LAMA/ICS will be described using standard descriptive statistics. High-dimensional propensity scores including both pre-specified and data-derived variables will then be calculated. We will use fine stratification and reweighting of the exposure propensity score to control for measured covariates. Cox proportional hazard regression model will be used to perform an as-treated analysis that assesses the effect of current use of LABA-LAMA-ICS combination versus the Tio+Olo combination on the risk of a first COPD exacerbation. It will provide an estimate of the hazard ratio (HR) of a COPD exacerbation associated with LABA-LAMA-ICS use relative to Tio+Olo use, along with 95% confidence intervals (CI).

## 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 sources (types)

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

## 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