

# Adherence, persistence and switching patterns – once- and twice-daily direct oral anticoagulants (QD versus BID DOACs)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS28224

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### Study ID

32840

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

☐ Germany

☐ Italy

☐ Netherlands

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

#### The PHARMO Institute for Drug Outcomes Research (PHARMO Institute)

☐ Netherlands

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Institution

Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

ENCePP partner

#### Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology - BIPS

☐ Germany

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Institution

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**Primary lead investigator**

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 17/10/2018

Actual: 17/10/2018

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### Study start date

Planned: 02/01/2019

Actual: 02/01/2019

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### Date of final study report

Planned: 29/11/2019

Actual: 19/12/2019

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Daiichi Sankyo Europe GmbH

## Study protocol

[PHARMO - Protocol QD vs BID DOACs -15jan2019.pdf](#)(530.51 KB)

## 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 topic:**

Disease /health condition  
Human medicinal product

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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 objectives of this study are to:

- determine the relationship between adherence and QD vs. BID
- determine the relationship between persistence and QD vs. BID
- determine the relationship between adherence and switchers vs. non-switchers
- determine the relationship between persistence and switchers vs. non-switchers
- compare switching patterns for QD and BID

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(B01AE07) dabigatran etexilate

dabigatran etexilate

(B01AF) Direct factor Xa inhibitors

Direct factor Xa inhibitors

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Atrial fibrillation

## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

Patients using direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) for the treatment of Atrial fibrillation (AF).

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**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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**Special population of interest**

Other

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**Special population of interest, other**

Atrial fibrillation patients

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**Estimated number of subjects**

130000

## Study design details

## Outcomes

Adherence and persistence

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### Data analysis plan

Adherence to treatment will be defined based on the proportion of days covered (PDC) during the exposure period. Persistence with treatment will be defined as the time from index date to treatment discontinuation and will be based on DOAC treatment episodes. Switching patterns will be assessed from the day after index date until the end of follow-up based on DOAC treatment episodes. This will be defined as either the occurrence of a dosage regimen switch or a BID/QD cluster switch (i.e. to another DOAC with the same dosage regimen).

## Documents

### Study results

[PHARMO - Report QD vs BID DOACs - June2019.pdf](#)(1.06 MB)

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## Data management

## Data sources

### Data source(s)

PHARMO Data Network

German Pharmacoepidemiological Research Database

ARS Toscana

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**Data source(s), other**

PHARMO Data Network, GePaRD, ARS

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**Data sources (types)**

Administrative healthcare records (e.g., claims)

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**

No