

# VERIFIIE (Velphoro Evaluation of Real-IIfe saFety, effectIveness and adherencE): Non-interventional study to investigate the short- and long-term real-life safety, effectiveness, and adherence of Velphoro in patients with hyperphosphataemia undergoing haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS11502

### Study ID

35019

### DARWIN EU® study

### **Study countries**

- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Spain
- United Kingdom

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### **Study description**

The new oral highly potent P binder Velphoro is a mixture of polynuclear iron(III)-oxyhydroxide, sucrose, and starches. It was well tolerated in the clinical development program. Velphoro has been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (August 2014). The approved indication in the European Union (EU) is to control sP levels in adult CKD patients on HD or PD. Experience to date in the use of Velphoro results from more than 1,100 patients who have participated in clinical trials. During clinical trials, the most common side effects included gastrointestinal (GI) disorders (mostly diarrhoea and stool discolouration) and abnormal product taste. The majority of GI disorders occurred early during treatment and receded with continued drug application. It is of major interest to observe the drug in daily use outside of controlled trial Settings. The Marketing Authorisation Holder wishes to obtain further systematic data within this non-interventional study to investigate short and long-term (beyond 1 year) safety, including GI effects, potential masking of GI bleedings due to stool discolouration, and the risk of iron accumulation. Evaluation of PD patients is of special interest, since their numbers have been limited within the clinical trials. Furthermore, effectiveness and treatment adherence during real-life use will be evaluated.

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## **Study status**

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France

Multiple centres: 178 centres are involved in the study

## Contact details

### **Study institution contact**

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### **Primary lead investigator**

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## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 30/09/2015

Actual: 30/09/2015

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**Study start date**

Planned: 29/01/2016

Actual: 06/04/2016

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 06/04/2019

Actual: 14/06/2019

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**Date of interim report, if expected**

Planned: 26/07/2018

Actual: 26/07/2018

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 31/12/2019

Actual: 16/12/2019

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## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France

## 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)

## 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:**

Assessment of risk minimisation measure implementation or effectiveness

Drug utilisation

Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

**Data collection methods:**

Combined primary data collection and secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

The MAH wishes to obtain further systematic data within this non-interventional study to investigate short and long-term (beyond 1 year) safety, including GI effects, potential masking of GI bleedings due to stool discolouration, and the risk of iron accumulation. Evaluation of PD patients is of special interest, since their numbers have been limited within the clinical trials.

## Study Design

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

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

### **Medicinal product name**

VELPHORO

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### **Medical condition to be studied**

Hyperphosphataemia

## Population studied

### **Short description of the study population**

Patients with hyperphosphataemia undergoing haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.

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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**

Renal impaired

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## **Estimated number of subjects**

1400

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# Study design details

## **Outcomes**

- To evaluate short and long-term (beyond 1 year) safety and tolerability of Velphoro in general in HD and PD patients.
- To specifically assess the potential risk of iron accumulation of Velphoro in HD and PD patients.
- To investigate the potential masking of GI bleedings in patients treated with Velphoro in HD and PD patients.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of Velphoro in routine clinical practice.
- To evaluate the adherence to Velphoro therapy.

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## **Data analysis plan**

Statistical analyses will be of an exploratory and descriptive nature. All variables will be analysed descriptively with appropriate statistical methods: categorical variables by frequency tables (absolute and relative frequencies) and continuous variables by descriptive statistics (i.e. number of patients (n), mean, standard deviation, minimum, median, quartiles, and maximum). Continuous variables will be summarised by absolute value and changes from baseline per analysis time point, if applicable. All analyses will be performed for the total study population (overall analysis). In addition, data will be stratified

by type of dialysis treatment (HD or PD respectively) and by duration of Velphoro treatment. Whenever reasonable and dependent on the number of patients in each specific subgroup, data will be stratified by further parameters. The sample size and disposition information by analysis time point will be displayed in a frequency table.

## Documents

### Study results

[2019-12-10\\_CLMD\\_VPH\\_VERIFIE\\_Final\\_Report\\_Synopsis\\_Redacted.pdf](#) (175.92 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 sources (types)

Other

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### Data sources (types), other

Prospective patient-based data collection, Medical records, routine measurements and assessments (e.g. laboratory parameters), patients questionnaires.

## 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

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## Data characterisation

### **Data characterisation conducted**

No