

# The use of NOAC for atrial fibrillation in patients after biologic valvular replacement or valvuloplasty

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### PURI

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### EU PAS number

EUPAS31606

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### Study ID

38312

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

Sweden

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### Study description

A retrospective registry-based observational study using data between 2010-2017 from the SWEDEHEART, and Swedish administrative health databases. The objective was to compare outcomes in patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing biological valve surgery, TAVI or valvuloplasty between patients treated with either apixaban or warfarin. According to protocol, after primary data analysis, a pre-planned feasibility assessment was conducted, which did not support moving forward with a comparative effectiveness study mainly due to low statistical power. A decision to not conduct any outcome analysis was taken 7th of April 2020.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Contact details

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## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Actual:

21/11/2019

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### Study start date

Planned:

26/08/2019

Actual:

26/08/2019

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### Data analysis start date

Planned:

11/12/2019

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### Date of interim report, if expected

Actual:

10/02/2020

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### Date of final study report

Planned:

17/12/2019

Actual:

05/11/2020

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Pfizer

## Study protocol

[B0661136\\_STUDY PROTOCOL\\_Final\\_191206.pdf\(1.45 MB\)](#)

## 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:**

Human medicinal product

Disease /health condition

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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

Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary data collection

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**Main study objective:**

Describe the patterns of OACs and outcomes for patients with AF after biological valve surgery, transcatheter valve intervention or after valvuloplasty.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

Other

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**Non-interventional study design, other**

Register-based observational study, Non-randomized registry study

## Study drug and medical condition

**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

100000144761

apixaban

100000094255

warfarin

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Atrial fibrillation

## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

The patient cohort will be identified using the SWEDEHEART national quality register and will include all patients treated with either biological valve surgery, transcatheter valve intervention, or valvuloplasty performed during 2010-2017.

**Inclusion criteria**

Patients must meet all of the following inclusion criteria to be eligible for inclusion in the study:

1. > 18 years at discharge.
2. Valvular disease requiring valve surgery, transcatheter valve intervention, or valvuloplasty
3. Registered in SWEDEHEART for the index valve intervention
4. Atrial fibrillation/flutter registered in SWEDEHEART or in the National Patient Register (NPR) before index intervention or during follow-up.

## Exclusion criteria

Patients meeting any of the following criteria will not be included in the study:

1. Treatment with a mechanical valve prosthesis
  2. Prescription of more than one type of OAC at discharge
  3. Death before discharge from the index valve intervention
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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

5000

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# Study design details

## Outcomes

To evaluate the association between apixaban versus warfarin treatment and the combination of all-cause death, stroke (ischemic and hemorrhagic), systemic embolization and major bleeding from 3 months post intervention to the end of follow up. To evaluate the association between apixaban versus warfarin treatment and the combination of all cause-death, stroke (ischemic and hemorrhagic), systemic embolization and major bleeding from hospital discharge post intervention to the end of follow up. To evaluate the separated endpoints, from hospital discharge post intervention and from 3 months post intervention.

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## Data analysis plan

Step 1. To assess the feasibility, with respect to data quality, crude event counts by type of OAC and power estimation, to conduct a comparative analysis between apixaban and warfarin using the specified data. Step 2. ( If the result of feasibility assessment is positive, step 1) To evaluate the association between apixaban versus warfarin treatment on the composite endpoint of all-cause death, stroke (ischemic and hemorrhagic), systemic embolization and major bleeding from 3 months post intervention to the end of follow up. Methodology: To compare the risk of outcome events across the study cohorts, time to event analysis will be undertaken, using adjusted Cox regression models for intention to treat and time-varying Cox regression models for intention to treat and time-varying Cox regression models for on treatment analyses

# Data management

## Data sources

**Data source(s)**

National Prescribed Drugs Register / Läkemedelsregistret

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**Data source(s), other**

The Swedish prescribed drug register

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**Data sources (types)**

Administrative data (e.g. claims)

Disease registry

Drug dispensing/prescription data

Other

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**Data sources (types), other**

Prospective patient-based data collection

## 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