

# Prophylactic pegfilgrastim to prevent febrile neutropenia among patients receiving Q2W chemotherapy regimen: A systematic review of efficacy, effectiveness, and safety (20190355) (Pegfilgrastim in Q2W regimen: A systematic review)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### **PURI**

<https://redirect.ema.europa.eu/resource/38452>

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### **EU PAS number**

EUPAS31967

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### **Study ID**

38452

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## **DARWIN EU® study**

No

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### **Study countries**

United Kingdom

United States

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### **Study description**

Febrile neutropenia (FN) following myelosuppressive chemotherapy is a potentially life-threatening complication and is associated with loss of treatment efficacy because of dose delays, and dose reductions. To prevent FN, the National Comprehensive Care Network (NCCN) guidelines recommends prophylactic use of granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF) for patients receiving a chemotherapy regimen associated with high risk of developing FN ( $\geq 20\%$ ) or those receiving regimens with intermediate-risk of FN (10-20%) and have at least one patient-level risk factor. Pegfilgrastim is a long-acting G-CSF that is administered once per cycle and is the most commonly used G-CSF in the US. The US prescribing information for pegfilgrastim specifies that Neulasta should not be administered in the period between 14 days before and 24 hours after administration of myelosuppressive chemotherapy. This restriction was placed because of the potential for an increase in sensitivity of rapidly dividing myeloid cells stimulated by pegfilgrastim to myelosuppressive chemotherapy. However, this restriction precludes the prophylactic use of pegfilgrastim among several Q2W chemotherapy regimens associated with high or intermediate risk for FN. The European label for pegfilgrastim does not include the 14-day exclusion period for Neulasta prior to chemotherapy, only exclusion in the 24 hours after cytotoxic chemotherapy is administered. The latest NCCN guidelines recommend that there should be at least 12 days between the dose of pegfilgrastim and the next cycle of chemotherapy supporting the use of prophylactic pegfilgrastim in patients receiving Q2W regimens. This is

consistent with the guidelines of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). The objective of this review is to provide a single-source information for oncologists and payers to make evidence-based decisions.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

Amgen

United States

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Institution

Multiple centres: 2 centres are involved in the study

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## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 13/08/2019

Actual: 13/08/2019

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**Study start date**

Planned: 15/12/2019

Actual: 27/11/2019

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 01/01/2020

Actual: 10/12/2019

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 31/10/2020

Actual: 07/12/2020

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Amgen

## Study protocol

[01.02.06 Public Redacted Protocol Ver 1.0 2019-10-08 English.pdf\(332.83 KB\)](#)

## 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:**

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 use of data

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**Main study objective:**

Among patients with Q2W regimens with high or intermediate risk for FN, systematically review the evidence regarding risk of 1) FN 2) grade 1-4 neutropenia 3) all-cause hospitalization 4) dose delays or dose reductions 5) adverse events, and 6) mortality for patients receiving prophylactic pegfilgrastim versus no prophylactic pegfilgrastim

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Systematic review and meta-analysis

## Study drug and medical condition

**Study drug International non-proprietary name (INN) or common name**

PEGFILGRASTIM

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Febrile neutropenia

## Population studied

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

Patients diagnosed with non-myeloid malignancy and treated with a Q2W chemotherapy regimen with high (>20%) or intermediate (10-20%) risk for Febrile neutropenia (FN) and receiving prophylactic pegfilgrastim.

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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**

Non-myeloid malignancy patients

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

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## **Study design details**

### **Outcomes**

FN: defined as an ANC of  $< 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ , or a count of  $< 1.0 \times 10^9/L$  that is predicted to fall to  $< 0.5 \times 10^9/L$  within 48 hours, with fever or clinical signs of sepsis. OR defined as an in-patient stay with a diagnosis claim for neutropenia or fever or infection, We will not exclude studies if the FN definition is a variant of the commonly used definitions presented above.

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## Data analysis plan

This review will include randomized trials and observational studies of patients diagnosed with non-myeloid malignancies receiving Q2W myelosuppressive chemotherapy regimen and a primary prophylactic pegfilgrastim. Comparators will include “no primary prophylactic pegfilgrastim”, “primary prophylaxis with other G-CSF”, or “placebo”. We will also include studies where comparator is patients receiving Q3W chemotherapy regimens with primary prophylactic pegfilgrastim. Only publications that address relevant outcomes such as FN, grade 3 or 4 neutropenia, all-cause hospitalization, dose delays or dose reductions, adverse events, or mortality will be included. Systematic reviews that include studies of patients receiving Q2W chemotherapy regimens with primary prophylactic pegfilgrastim will also be reviewed for additional data that include the relevant outcomes.

## Documents

### Study results

[20190355\\_Observational Research Study Report Published Report\\_Redacted.pdf](#)(354.02 KB)

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## Data management

## Data sources

### Data sources (types)

[Other](#)

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## **Data sources (types), other**

Ovid, MEDLINE, Embase, and Cochrane Reviews databases

## 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