

A longitudinal study of 4 cohorts of patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis: one treated with Otezla (apremilast), one with an injectable comparator drug, one with an oral comparator drug and one with an oral and an injectable comparator drug (Otezla-CPRD-001)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

**EU PAS number**

EUPAS11891

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**Study ID**

39206

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**DARWIN EU® study**

No

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## Study countries

 United Kingdom

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## Study description

The study is designed to provide long-term surveillance of as per the protocol defined adverse events of special interest (AESIs) in patients with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis exposed to Otezla (apremilast) by calculating rates of events and comparing the rates with those in Otezla non-exposed populations.

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## Study status

Finalised

# Research institutions and networks

## Institutions

### Amgen

 United States

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**Institution**

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## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Actual: 19/11/2015

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**Study start date**

Planned: 13/02/2015

Actual: 13/02/2015

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 01/12/2016

Actual: 01/12/2016

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**Date of interim report, if expected**

Planned: 01/08/2018

Actual: 17/10/2018

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 13/08/2020

Actual: 26/01/2021

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Amgen

## 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:**

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

Disease epidemiology

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

To identify all cases of adverse events of special interest (AESIs) among users of the newly marketed drug Otezla (exposed) and to compare the rates of these events with the rates in 2 populations of patients with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis who received non-Otezla treatments (non-exposed): patients who received oral treatments and patients who received injectable treatments.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Medicinal product name**

OTEZLA

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**Medical condition to be studied**

Psoriasis

Psoriatic arthropathy

## Population studied

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

Patients with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.

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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**

Immunocompromised

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

1065

## **Study design details**

### **Outcomes**

The outcomes proposed in the study were selected based on adverse events of special interest observed in the clinical trials for apremilast (marketed as Otezla). These events include: malignancy, opportunistic and serious infections, suicide and suicide ideation, depression, major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), vasculitis, tachyarrhythmia, hypersensitivity, and anxiety/nervousness.

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### **Data analysis plan**

For phase 1, the population of Otezla users after the first year of marketing of the drug will be described since there is a gradual uptake of a new drug in a market and there may not be a sufficient number of patients exposed within the

first year. Descriptions/counts of all AESIs that occur in this population of users will be provided. Only data that do not allow identification of patients will be reported to comply with UK confidentiality rulings. For phases 2 and 3, the rates of each AESI will be described separately for the Otezla study cohort and the Otezla non-exposed cohorts using Kaplan Meier curves. Composite events, which will include MACE codes, will also be examined. Incidence rates of each of the AESIs, with 95% confidence intervals, for each cohort will be estimated. Rates between the Otezla-exposed cohort and 2 treatment comparator cohorts will be compared by calculating both crude and adjusted incidence rate ratios.

## Documents

### Study results

[20200261 Observational Research Study Report Published Report\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
(86.88 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 source(s)**

Clinical Practice Research Datalink

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**Data sources (types)**

[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