

# DRIVE Brand-specific influenza vaccine effectiveness in Europe, season 2020/21 (DRIVE 2020/21)

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### PURI

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### EU PAS number

EUPAS40875

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### Study ID

43939

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### DARWIN EU® study

No

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### Study countries

Austria

- Finland
  - France
  - Iceland
  - Italy
  - Romania
  - United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)
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## **Study description**

The Development of Robust and Innovative Vaccine Effectiveness (DRIVE) project is a public-private partnership aiming to build capacity in Europe for estimating brand-specific influenza vaccine effectiveness (IVE). The DRIVE Project, which is funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), was initiated as a response to the changes for licensing of influenza vaccines in Europe. The new guidance on influenza vaccines by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) came into effect in the beginning of 2017. This guidance states that the performance of influenza vaccines should no longer be assessed based on serological assays, but should be based on post-authorization effectiveness studies <sup>1</sup>. The main objective of the 2019/20 season is to estimate brand-specific seasonal IVE in Europe by health care setting and age group. In DRIVE, data from several independently operating national or regional study sites is analysed jointly to obtain sufficient geographical coverage and sample size for brand-specific IVE estimates. This document describes the characteristics of the participating study sites, the site-specific statistical analysis as well as the statistical analysis to pool data across study sites for the 2019/20 influenza season. The DRIVE platform is still expanding, and not all vaccine brands used in Europe will be covered during the 2019/20 season. <sup>1</sup> Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use. Guideline on Influenza Vaccines - Non-clinical and Clinical Module. EMA/CHMP/BWP/310834/2012. In. London: Eur Med Agency, 2016.

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## Study status

Finalised

## Research institutions and networks

### Institutions

#### P95 Clinical and Epidemiology Services

- Belgium
- Colombia
- Netherlands
- South Africa
- Thailand
- United States

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**Institution**

Laboratory/Research/Testing facility

Non-Pharmaceutical company

ENCePP partner

Medical University Vienna (MUV) Austria, Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) Italy, Royal College of General Practitioners Research and Surveillance Centre (RCGPRSC) & University of Oxford (OX) United Kingdom, Centro Interuniversitario di

Ricerca sull'Influenza e sulle altre infezioni trasmissibili Italian Hospital Network (CIRI-IT BIVE) Italy, National Institute for Infectious Disease “Prof. Dr. Matei Balș”, Bucharest Romania, Vall d’Hebron University Hospital (HUVH), Barcelona, Spain & Hospital Universitari Doctor Josep Trueta (HUJT), Gerona Spain, Fundación para el Fomento de la Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de la Comunitat Valenciana (FISABIO) Spain, Hospital Universitario La Paz (LPUH), Madrid Spain, Germans Trias i Pujol University Hospital (GTPUH), Badalona Spain, Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM) France

## Networks

### Development of Robust and Innovative Vaccine Effectiveness (DRIVE)

- Belgium
- European Union
- Finland

- France
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Spain
- United Kingdom

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Network

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Primary lead investigator

## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 23/05/2017

Actual: 23/05/2017

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**Study start date**

Planned: 01/10/2020

Actual: 01/10/2020

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 10/05/2021

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 30/09/2021

Actual: 19/08/2021

## Sources of funding

- Non-for-profit organisation (e.g. charity)
- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Abbott, GSK, SP, Seqirus, Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI-2)

## Study protocol

[DRIVE\\_SAP\\_Season2021\\_v1.3\\_clean-.pdf](#)(1.26 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:**

Disease /health condition

Human medicinal product

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**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

**Data collection methods:**

Combined primary data collection and secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

To estimate brand-specific seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness in Europe by health care setting and age group, influenza season 2020/21.

## Study Design

## **Non-interventional study design**

Case-control

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

### **Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

(J07BB) Influenza vaccines

Influenza vaccines

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

Influenza

## Population studied

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

In all TND studies and the register-based study, the population under study is the general population. In the 2020/21 season, the NIID hospital is dedicated to the treatment of COVID-19, hence, for NIID the study population is the general population with a hospitalized COVID-19 infection.

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### **Age groups**

Children (2 to < 12 years)

Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)

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**

Influenza patients

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### **Estimated number of subjects**

200000

## Study design details

### **Outcomes**

laboratory confirmed influenza, by type and subtype/lineage

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### **Data analysis plan**

Site-specific confounder-adjusted influenza vaccine effectiveness estimates will be obtained using logistic or Poisson regression, depending on the study design. The site-specific estimates will be pooled using random effects meta-analysis.

## Documents

### **Study results**

[DRIVE\\_Report\\_Season-2020-21.pdf](#)(2.7 MB)

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### **Study publications**

[D7.8 Brand-specific influenza vaccine effectiveness in Europe Season 2020/21 RE...](#)

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Data management

Data sources

## **Data sources (types)**

Electronic healthcare records (EHR)

Other

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

Prospective patient-based data collection, Case-control surveillance database

# 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