

# Background rates of Adverse Events of Special Interest for monitoring COVID-19 vaccines (ACCESS-BGR)

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Study

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#### EU PAS number

EUPAS37273

#### Study ID

50442

#### DARWIN EU® study

No

## Study countries

Denmark  
France  
Germany  
Italy  
Netherlands  
Spain  
United Kingdom

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## Study description

This study aims to generate background rates of adverse events of special interest for monitoring of COVID-19 vaccines, in 10 healthcare databases in 7 European countries

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## Study status

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# Research institution and networks

## Institutions

### University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU)

Netherlands

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Institution

Hospital/Clinic/Other health care facility

Educational Institution

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### Division of Pharmacoepidemiology & Clinical Pharmacology (PECP), Utrecht Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences (UIPS), Utrecht University

Netherlands

**First published:** 01/03/2010

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16/04/2024

Institution

ENCePP partner

Educational Institution

## Netherlands Pharmacovigilance Centre Lareb

Netherlands

**First published:** 05/02/2010

Last updated

19/07/2016

Institution

ENCePP partner

Not-for-profit

## Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance department, Spanish Agency of medicines and medical devices (AEMPS)

Spain

**First published:** 31/07/2014

Last updated

18/10/2018

Institution

EU Institution/Body/Agency

Not-for-profit

Regulatory Authority

ENCePP partner

## Fundació Institut Català de Farmacologia (FICF)

Spain

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17/09/2019

Institution

Hospital/Clinic/Other health care facility

Not-for-profit

Educational Institution

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## Department of Biomedical and Dental Sciences and Morphofunctional Imaging, University of Messina

Italy

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01/12/2021

Institution

Hospital/Clinic/Other health care facility

Educational Institution

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## Bordeaux PharmacoEpi, University of Bordeaux

France

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08/02/2023

Institution

Hospital/Clinic/Other health care facility

Educational Institution

Not-for-profit

ENCePP partner

Multiple centres: 12 centres are involved in the study

## Networks

### EU Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance (PE&PV) Research Network

Netherlands

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Network

## Study timelines

**Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned:

19/05/2020

Actual:

19/05/2020

**Data collection**

Planned:

01/10/2020

Actual:

01/10/2020

**Start date of data analysis**

Planned:

16/11/2020

**Date of interim report, if expected**

Planned:

15/12/2020

**Date of final study report**

Planned:

29/01/2021

Actual:

30/06/2021

## Sources of funding

- EMA

## Study protocol

[ACCESS\\_BGRprotocolSept222020.pdf](#) (1.31 MB)

## Regulatory

**Was the study required by a regulatory body?**

Yes

**Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)?**

Not applicable

## Methodological aspects

### Study type

**Study topic:**

Disease /health condition

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**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Disease epidemiology

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary data collection

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**Main study objective:**

To generate background incidence rates of adverse events of special interest (AESI) that may be used to monitor benefit-risk profile of upcoming COVID-19 vaccines.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

Other

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**Non-interventional study design, other**

Retrospective multi-database dynamic study

## Study drug and medical condition

**Medical condition to be studied**

Narcolepsy

Acute aseptic arthritis

Thrombocytopenia

Microangiopathy

Cardiac failure

Arrhythmia

Myocarditis

Embolism

Haemorrhage

Liver injury

Encephalitis

Erythema multiforme

Pernio-like erythema

Anosmia  
Anaphylactic reaction  
COVID-19  
Stillbirth  
Death

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**Additional medical condition(s)**

Stress cardiomyopathy, Generalized convulsion, Multisystem Inflammatory disease, Preeclampsia, Major congenital anomaly

## Population studied

**Short description of the study population**

The study population included individuals registered in health insurance data (BIPS, SNDS), hospitalisation record linkage data (PHARMO, Danish registries, FISABIO, SIDIAP, ARS) or data from general practitioners (CPRD, PEDIANET, BIFAP) from 2017 to 2020, including the period of SARS-CoV-2 circulation in Europe until the date of last data availability for each data source.

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**Age groups**

Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)  
Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)  
Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)  
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**

Hepatic impaired  
Immunocompromised  
Pregnant women  
Renal impaired

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**Estimated number of subjects**

130

## Study design details

## Outcomes

Incidence rates of adverse events of special interest (AESI) and pregnancy outcomes in the general population by calendar year and data source over the period 2017 to 2020, Weekly and monthly incidence rates of COVID-19 (overall and by severity level) in 2020 by data source, Monthly incidence rates of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) in 2020 by data source. Incidence rates of AESI by calendar month, year, sex, age group, and data source over the period 2017 to 2020, Incidence rates of multisystem MIS-C in 2020 by month, sex, age group, and data source, Prevalence of high-risk medical conditions for developing severe COVID-19 by year and data source, incidence rates of AESI in the at-risk population by year, sex, age group, and data source

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## Data analysis plan

Incidence rates (and 95%CI) of AESI and pregnancy outcomes by calendar year will be calculated by dividing the number of incident (new) cases by the total person-time at risk. Prevalence rates (and 95%CI) of at-risk medical conditions for developing severe COVID-19 by calendar year will be calculated by dividing the number of existing cases in a year by the average of the total number of persons recorded monthly. Incidence rates (and 95%CI) of AESI among at-risk populations will also be computed. Sensitivity analyses will be conducted according to the time prior to SARS-CoV2 circulation and during SARS-CoV2 circulation period to investigate the impact of circulating virus on incidence rates.

## Documents

### Results tables

[ACCESS Final Report Zenodo link.pdf](#)(50.71 KB)

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### Study publications

[Willame C, Dodd C, Durán CE, Elbers R, Gini R, Bartolini C, Paoletti O, Wang L,...](#)  
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## Data management

## Data sources

### Data source(s)

Clinical Practice Research Datalink  
Danish registries (access/analysis)  
The Information System for Research in Primary Care  
PHARMO Data Network  
German Pharmacoepidemiological Research Database



Base de Datos para la Investigación Farmacoepidemiológica en el Ámbito Público  
(Pharmacoepidemiological Research Database for Public Health Systems)  
ARS Toscana  
Pedianet network

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**Data source(s), other**

CPRD/HES, Danish Registries (access/analysis), SIDIAP, PHARMO Data Network, BIFAP, ARS, Pedianet

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**Data sources (types)**

Administrative data (e.g. claims)  
Drug dispensing/prescription data  
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