

# Epidemiology Unit, Deutsches Rheuma-Forschungszentrum Berlin (DRFZ)

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Institution

Educational Institution

## Institution identification

### Institution ID

4443

### Institution countries

☐ Germany

### Type of institution

Educational Institution

### Institution website

<https://www.drfs.de>

### ENCePP partner

No

## Institution description

The German Rheumatism Research Centre (Deutsches Rheuma-Forschungszentrum Berlin, DRFZ, Head: Prof. Dr. Andreas Radbruch) is the national German institute for basic and epidemiologic research in rheumatology. It is a member of the Leibniz Scientific Community and is jointly funded by the Federal state of Germany and the State of Berlin. The Epidemiology Unit (Head: Prof. Dr. Angela Zink) is one out of two major areas of research of the institute. The pharmacoepidemiology group (Head: Dr. Anja Strangfeld) runs the German Biologics Register RABBIT. Since 2001, more than 8,000 patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with one out of seven licensed biologic agents, as well as a control group, have been observed for at least five years. The major focus is on long-term safety of all drugs under observation. RABBIT is jointly funded by all pharmaceutical companies producing these drugs and has full academic freedom in design, conduct, analysis and publication of results.

## Institution details

**Experience with collecting data directly from individual patients or respondents:**

Yes

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**Interest in carrying out research that is funded by pharmaceutical companies:**

No

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