1	"Comparative safety study of tramadol and codeline users: a population-based
2	cohort study."
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12	ABSTRACT
13	Background: Despite the growing awareness of the harms produced by chronic opioid
14	use, tramadol is still favourably recommended by remarkable clinical guidelines even
15	as a first line therapy in certain subgroup of patients such as those with high
16	cardiovascular risk. Objectives To assess the incidence of adverse events among
17	incident users of tramadol compared to codeine users among subjects $\geq 18$ years old in
18	Catalonia, Spain.
19	Methods: population-based cohort study (SIDIAP database). Inclusion criteria: all
20	incident users of study drugs (tramadol/codeine) (2007-2017) with no use in the
21	previous year and $\geq$ 18 years old, $\geq$ 1 year of valid data. Exclusions: Combined
22	dispensation of tramadol and codeine in the same day. Subjects with any of the outcome
23	events of interest (ICD-10 in annex) at the index date. Follow-up: (latest of) start of the
24	study period or 1-year of valid data until (earliest of) end of enrolment, date of last
25	capturing data, event of interest or end of follow-up.
26	Exposures: Incident tramadol or codeine (active comparator). Outcomes: Composite
27	cardiovascular events (cardiac arrythmia, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke),
28	delirium, fractures (hip, pelvis, wrist, humerus), falls, sleep disorders (sleep apnoea,
29	somnolence), constipation, opioid dependence/abuse, all-cause mortality. Confounders:
30	Age, sex, geographic region, BMI (WHO classification), socioeconomic status
31	(MEDEA), life style factors (alcohol and tobacco status); Medical conditions:
32	Charlson comorbidity index (CCI), cancer, pulmonary oedema, peripheral vascular
33	disease, diabetes (type 1 and 2), diarrhoea, malabsorption disorders, COPD, chronic
34	cough, neurologic pathologies (migrane), burn injuries, chronic musculoskeletal pain

- disorders, rheumatologic disorders, cardiovascular events (angina, TIA), alzheimer and
- 2 parkinson disease, chronic liver and chronic kidney disease, major surgeries;
- 3 medications (ATC codes): hypnotics, benzodiazepines, aspirin, SSRI, anticonvulsant.
- 4 ATCs prescribed, GP visits, hospital admissions and traffic accidents.
- 5 <u>Statistics</u>: Incidence rates (IR), absolute rate difference (RDs), and adjusted hazard ratios
- 6 (HRs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated using cause-specific Cox
- 7 proportional hazards regression model accounting for competing risk of death.
- 8 Propensity-score (PS) matching was used to minimize confounding.

## **KEY WORDS:** tramadik, adverse events, primary care

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### BACKGROUND

- Opioids act as pain relievers through the interaction with the opioid receptor on nerve
- cells in the brain and nervous system. Traditionally these drugs were used to relieve
- pain in cancer patients, however, in the late 90s', concerns on the lack of pain relief on
- certain non-cancer patients broadened the prescription of these drugs for the treatment
- of acute, end-of life and non-cancer pain. This led to a fourfold increase in the sales of
- opioids in the United States from 1999 to 2010 [1], with 6.9% of the adults in 2011-
- 20 2012 reporting use of opioids in the last 30 days [2]. The increase in the use of these
- drugs also affected Spain; the Spanish Agency of Drugs and Health Products (AEMPs)
- reported that between 2008 and 2015 the use of opioids increased an 83.5% [3] and
- more recent reports reflect an increase of weak opioids, such as tramadol [4].
- Despite the growing awareness of the harms produced by chronic opioid use [5],
- tramadol is still favourably recommended by remarkable clinical guidelines [6-8] even
- as a first line therapy in certain subgroup of patients such as those with high
- 27 cardiovascular risk[9]. As a result, tramadol prescriptions have seen a substantial surge
- around the world. For example, tramadol is the top utilized opioid in the UK[10], the
- Netherlands[11], Denmark, Sweden and Norway[12]. In the United States, though not
- 30 used as commonly as in European countries, prescriptions of tramadol had continuously
- 31 increased by 22.8% between 2012 and 2015[13].
- 32 Serious adverse events related to tramadol overdose is well established, but current
- evidence regarding potential harms attributed to the standard tramadol use is
- inconclusive [14-15], which in fact may lead to more safety issues than its overdose or

1	abuse from the population level. A few case studies have reported that tramadol can		
2	possibly cause or exacerbate fatal acute cardiovascular events[16-17]. Concerns for		
3	tramadol safety have been recently raised by two large observational studies suggesting		
4	tramadol therapy was associated with increased risks of all-cause mortality[18]		
5	compared to NSAIDs and prolonged opioid use compared to even strong opioids[19].		
6	Considering the growing and favourable use of tramadol to treat a wide range of pain		
7	conditions, especially escalating chronic non-cancer pains. It is crucial to		
8	comprehensively assess the safety profile of tramadol to help re-weight its beneficial		
9	analgesic effects against potential harms. The objectives of this large population-based		
10	cohort study were to 1) examine whether use of tramadol is associated with comparable		
11	or elevated risks of previously reported adverse events than codeine, another weak		
12	potency opioid 2) investigate whether the risks were consistent across various pain		
13	conditions in adults.		
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15	HYPOTHESIS:		
16	• Adverse events are more frequently diagnosed among tramadol users compared		
17	to codeine users		
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19	OBJECTIVES:		
20	• To assess the incidence of adverse events among incident users of tramadol		
21	compared to codeine users among subjects ≥ 18 years old in Catalonia, Spain.		
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23	This objective will be addressed for the overall population but also after stratification by		
24	indication (muscle-skeletal diagnosis vs others), sex and age ( $\geq$ 18 to $<$ 44, $\geq$ 44 to $<$ 64, $\geq$		
25	64 and over)		
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28	METHODS:		
29	Study design:		
30	We will use a population-based cohort study which will encompass two cohorts:		
31	1-Incident tramadol users		
32	2- incident codeine users (active comparator)		
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34	Setting:		

We will use data from the SIDIAP database. SIDIAP comprises electronic medical records of patients registered in any of the 274 participating primary health care practices in Catalonia, covering a population of 5.8 million patients (70% of the Catalonian population in 2006) and with a total of 3414 participating general practitioners. SIDIAP encompasses the clinical and referral events registered in primary care medical records, comprehensive demographic information, prescriptions, referrals and laboratory test results and has recently been validated for OA. Health professionals gather this information using International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) 10 codes for symptoms and co-morbidities and structured spreadsheets designed for the collection of clinical and administrative variables, including country of origin, gender, age, BMI, smoking status and drinking status. Encoding personal and clinic identifiers ensures the confidentiality of the information in the SIDIAP database. SIDIAP is fully linked to the official pharmacy invoice database, which will be the source of data on drug utilization for the current study.

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## **Source population:**

- All subjects registered for at least 1 year in the SIDIAP database during the study period.
- The source population includes all users of any of the study drugs (tramadol/codeine) during the study period, aged 18 years or older at the time of therapy initiation.

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## **Study period:**

• from 1st January 2007 to the 31st December 2017 (future updating of the results will be carried out when data is available)

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## **Study population:**

- The study population for the drug safety study will include all incident users (with no use in the previous one year) of any of the study drugs (tramadol/codeine) during the study period aged 18 years or older at the time of therapy initiation.
- For a detailed list of study drugs see annex 1

## Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

## 2 Inclusion criteria:

- Continuous enrolment in the database for at least 1 year previous to the
  inclusion in the cohort (start date).
- Age 18 years or older at start date.
  - No use of both index and comparator drug (tramadol/codeine) in the previous 1
    year.

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## Cohort construction:

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 COHORT 1: At least 1 pharmacy dispensations of tramadol (with no previous use of codeine either in separate dispensation or combined) dispensed (as per pharmacy invoice records) during the study period (1st January 2007 to 31st December 2017).

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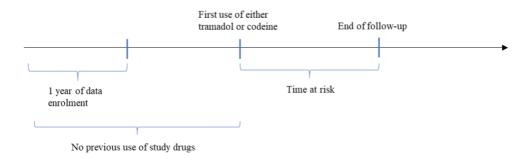
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- COHORT 2: At least 1 pharmacy dispensations of codeine (with no previous use of tramadol either in separate dispensation or combined) dispensed (as per pharmacy invoice records) during the study period (1st January 2007 to 31st December 2017).
- Events will be identified through the medical records (ICD-10 Codes). Only the adverse events occurring during the exposure period will be considered (see Variable section, Outcome WP2 page 10)

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#### Example of eligibility for incident tramadol or codeine users



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#### **Exclusion criteria:**

1	- Combined dispensation of tramadol and codeine in the same day		
2	- Subjects with any of the outcome events of interest (ICD-10 in annex) at the		
3	index date		
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5	Follow-up:		
6	Patients will be followed from the date of the incident dispensation of tramadol or		
7	codeine (index date), which follows the latest of the following dates (start date):		
8	- Start of the study period		
9	- One year of valid data in database		
10	Until the earliest of:		
11	- End of enrolment in the database (due to moving out or death)		
12	- Date of last data capturing in the database (31st December 2019)		
13	- Event of interest.		
14	- End of follow-up (one year after index date or end of continuous drug use		
15	depending on the definition of time at-risk)		
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17	Variables:		
18	Exposures (ATC in the Annex):		
19	The main drugs of interest will tramadol and codeine (active comparator).		
20	Patients will hence be categorised into at least one of these two exposure cohorts:		
21	1. tramadol		
22	2. codeine (active comparator)		
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24	If multiple new use episodes are identified for a person, we will restrict our analyses		
25	only to the first one as it is more likely to be the first-ever use episode in contrast to		
26	subsequent ones.		
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28	Exposure categorization		
29	Incidence rates of each of the study events will be calculated during the period at-risk		
30	(one-year range after index date or continuous drug use period). In order to define		
31	periods of continuous use of study drugs, any two dispensations of the same drug will		
32	be concatenated if the gap between the end of the first of the two prescriptions and the		
33	start of the second of the two prescriptions was less than 90 days apart, a carry-over		
34	period of 30 days will be added after last prescription to account for lack of compliance		

1	and carryover effects.		
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3	Outcomes (ICD-10 in the annex):		
4	the following outcomes will be analysed		
5	1. Composite cardiovascular events (cardiac arrythmia, heart failure,		
6	myocardial infarction, stroke)		
7	2. Delirium		
8	3. Fractures (hip, pelvis, wrist, humerus)		
9	4. Falls		
10	5. Sleep disorders (sleep apnoea, somnolence)		
11	6. Constipation		
12	7. Opioid dependence/abuse		
13	8. All-cause mortality		
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15	Events will be identified through the medical records (ICD-10 Codes in annex 3). Only		
16	the adverse events occurring during the exposure period will be considered within 1		
17	year following the initial prescription of tramadol or its comparator codeine		
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19	Potential confounders (to be assessed in the year before index):		
20	All potential confounders will be identified from medical records through ICD-10 codes		
21	(see table in annex 4).		
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23	General confounders:		
24	Age		
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27	BMI (WHO classification)		
28	Socioeconomic status (MEDEA)		
29	Life style factors (alcohol and tobacco status)		
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31	Medical conditions:		
32	Charlson comorbidity index (CCI)		
33	Cancer (all cancers will be considered except skin cancer without metastasis) on or		
34	before cohort entry		

- 1 Pulmonary oedema at cohort entry
- 2 Peripheral vascular disease on or before cohort entry
- 3 Diabetes (type 1 and 2) on or before cohort entry
- 4 Diarrhoea at cohort entry
- 5 Malabsorption disorders at cohort entry
- 6 COPD on or before cohort entry
- 7 Chronic cough at cohort entry
- 8 Neurologic pathologies (migrane) at cohort entry
- 9 Burn injuries at cohort entry
- 10 Chronic musculoskeletal pain disorders (see ICD codes annex) on or before cohort entry
- 11 Rheumatologic disorders (see ICD-10 codes annex) on or before cohort entry,
- 12 Cardiovascular events (angina, TIA) at cohort entry
- 13 Alzheimer and Parkinson disease on or before cohort entry,
- 14 Chronic liver and chronic kidney disease on or before cohort entry
- 15 Charlson Comorbidity Index
- 16 Procedures: major surgeries at cohort entry
- Drugs: use of specific medications at cohort entry assessed through ATC codes
- 18 (hypnotics (ATC N05C), benzodiazepines (ATC N05B), aspirin (ATC B01AC06),
- 19 SSRI (ATC N06AB), anticonvulsant (ATC N03))
- Number of different ATCs prescribed at cohort entry
- 21 Other:
- Number of GP visits during the drug exposure period
- Number of hospital admissions, assessed through linkage with CMBD database, during
- the drug exposure period
- 25 Traffic accidents assessed through ICD-10 codes, during the drug exposure period

## 28 Statistical analysis:

- 29 Unadjusted incidence rates (and 95%CIs) of each of the events of interest stratified by
- drug exposure cohort will be calculated. We will use both a propensity score-matched
- and multivariable survival analysis to compare time to first adverse event amongst new
- tramadol users or codeine users. Propensity score and multivariable adjustment methods
- will be used to address the issue of non-randomisation of different opioid users with
- 34 accounting for potential confounders. The propensity score represents the probability of

- 1 the use of target drug, conditional on the values of observed confounding variables. We
- 2 will calculate the propensity score by fitting multivariable logistic regression models
- 3 (including potentially confounding factors). On propensity score, target drug users will
- 4 be matched to active comparison drug users, using a caliper width of 0.2 SD. Any
- 5 confounders with remaining imbalance between target and comparison groups even
- 6 after propensity score matching will be included in the survival model. Both "intention
- 7 to treatment" and "on treatment" analyses approaches will be adopted. Cox
- 8 proportional hazard regression models will be used to estimate relative risk. Competing
- 9 survival will be considered for the competing risk of death.

## Sample size

- All subjects registered in the SIDIAP database, aged at least 18 years old who fulfil the
- inclusion criteria will be included in the study. In a previous feasibility study carried out
- to explore the expected population to be included, out of 7,251,277 subjects with data
- available in the SIDIAP database, 1,186,887 subjects were aged at least 18 years old
- and were prescribed an opioid pain killer during the period of study (2007-2016).

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- 18 Missing information:
- 19 Since the underlying data represent attended medical care, we assume that absence of
- information of clinical events means absence of that condition. Variables with
- 21 missingness will treated as categorical with a missing category.

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### LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY:

- 24 Information collected from population databases such as the SIDIAP database that
- 25 nourishes itself from the information of the computerized medical records of primary
- 26 care health centres have one main difference with the traditional cohort studies; there
- 27 can be an under-registration of the events of interest. This classification bias is random
- and it could underestimate the association between the adverse events analysed and the
- drug used, leading to conclusions that do not represent reality.
- 30 The information gathered from the pharmacy invoices reflects the dispensation of the
- 31 medications analysed but we are not going to be able to fully determine if the patient
- 32 takes the treatment or not. However, we are only including repeated dispensations (at
- least 2) to overcome this limitation. At last, hospital information is only available for a
- 34 subgroup of hospitals, those pertaining to the ICS ("Institut Catala de la Salut") which

- 1 might lead to an underestimation of the adverse events, however, the SIDIAP database
- 2 covers >80% of the primary health care centres and it is likely that subjects suffering an
- 3 adverse event in an no ICS hospital will afterwards report to their general practitioner in
- 4 the primary health care centre and therefore the adverse events missed will be
- 5 recaptured then minimizing the underestimation bias described above.

## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 8 This study has been approved by the Ethics Committee of reference from the IDIAP
- 9 Jordi Gol the 30/05/2018 with the code P18/085.

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### **WORK PLAN:**

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- 13 APRIL-MAY 2018: protocol elaboration and submission to the ethical committee of
- reference (CR, DPA)
- 15 SEPTEMBER 2019-DECEMBER 2019: Data extraction and data management
- 16 (SIDIAP team)
- 17 JANUARY-APRIL 2021- Data analysis and Drug safety study results (WP1) (JX, CR,
- 18 DPA)
- 19 MAY-JUNE 2021: 1. Analysis and internal discussion of the results (JX, CR, DPA)
- JULY-SEPTEMBER: Interim report of results and writing of manuscripts for high
- 21 impact journal (JX, CR, DPA, DML, CC, ADP, XNS, AT, ME)

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#### **EXPERIENCE OF THE TEAM:**

- The PI Carlen Reyes, has actively participated in several research projects since 2007
- with different research centres (Biomedical institute San Pau (IIB Sant Pau)-Eap
- 27 Sardenya and IDIAP Jordi Gol). In 2014 she obtained her thesis with 2 studies, the first
- a case-control multi-centric study aimed to determine the association between the
- proton-pump inhibitors and the incidence of fragility fracture (Bone 2013
- Feb;52(2):557-61) and the second analysing the association between the charlson
- 31 comorbidity index and the hip fracture in men using the SIDIAP database (Osteoporosis
- 32 International 2014. June;25(6);1751-8). From January to March 2014, she did a short-
- 33 fellowship in the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital (Oxford University) supervised by
- Daniel Prieto Alhambra, where she continued her epidemiological studies with the

- 1 SIDIAP database with several published manuscript as a result. Since 2015, the PI
- works for the IDIAP Jordi Gol research institute under the supervision of Dr. Daniel
- 3 Prieto Alhambra as post-doctoral researcher with whom she has collaborated and
- 4 published 7 studies in high impact journals as the first author.
- 5 Junqing Xie is a DPhil student who studied preventive medicine at Shandong University
- 6 (2015) and completed an MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Peking University
- 7 (2018) in China. Actually is working with Dr Prieto Alhambra in the Nuffield
- 8 Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences (NDORMS)
- 9 in Oxford. Before joining the NDORMS, he was awarded a Statistical Programming
- Training Fellowship (2018-2019) in the Clinical Trial Service Unit and Epidemiological
- Studies Unit (CTSU) based on the Big Data Institute of the University of Oxford. His
- 12 DPhil research focuses on using pharmacoepidemiologic and pharmacogenomic
- approaches to study opioid safety.
- Overall, the research team counts with more than 30 manuscripts published in high
- impact journals and has received several national grants for research; three grants from
- Barcelona city for research in primary care (2008, 2009 and 2012) and two grants from
- the Spanish Society of Bone Mineral Metabolism (SEIOMM) among others.
- Furthermore, many of the researchers pertaining to the team have received awards
- related to their research: Award of the Hispanic Foundation of Osteoporosis and
- 20 Metabolic Illnesses (FHOEMO) in 2011 "Prevalencia de hipovitaminosis D en una
- 21 población con fractura osteoporótica atendida en la Atención Primaria de Salud"), 2014
- 22 ("Factores de riesgo previos a una fractura por fragilidad y abordaje de los mismos
- 23 desde la Atención Primaria de Salud") and 2016 ("Persistencia a dos años entre usuarias
- de distintos fármacos anti-osteoporóticos: estudio de cohortes de base poblacional").
- They were also awarded with the Italofármaco award to the best communication in the
- 26 SEIOMM Congress 2012( "Los estadios previos al diagnóstico de la diabetes tipo 2 no
- afectan al riesgo de fractura: estudio de base poblacional DIAFOS"), 2015
- 28 ("Tratamiento con insulina y riesgo de fracturas óseas en pacientes con diabetes
- 29 mellitus tipo 2: estudio de cohortes poblacionales apareadas por propensity score") and
- 30 2016 ("Uso de fármacos anti-osteoporosis en pacientes con DM2: estudio de cohortes
- 31 de base poblacional"). Finally, two ESCEO-Health Care Provider Scholarships in 2014
- and 2015, granted by the International Osteoporosis Foundation for the research works

1 on the risk of hip fracture among type 2 diabetic patients and mortality predictors after

2 the vertebral fracture.

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### **FUNDING**

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6 There is no funding for this project given that it is an internal project already agreed

with the technical committee. Neither the PI nor the other members of the research team

have conflict of interest for this study.

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### APPLICABILITY AND RELEVANCE OF THE FINDINGS:

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There has been an increase in the opioid prescription reported worldwide which has led to an increase in the severe adverse events secondary to the use, abuse and dependence of such drugs. There is scarcity of data regarding real incidence of adverse events linked to the use of tramadol in the Spanish population and given that these medications are

mostly prescribed as pain-killers, which is a frequent consequence in many age-related

chronic diseases, it is important to analyse the incidence of the most frequent adverse

events in our setting using real world data. Given that there are other medications that

could be prescribed as pain-killers it is also important to compare the safety of tramadol

use with another weak opioid such as the codeine. The results of this study will help to

better assess the real incidence of adverse events associated to the use of tramadol an

codeine in our population.

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### RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT THE STUDY

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The data for this study will be provided thanks to an internal agreement between Dr

Daniel Prieto Alhambra and the IDIAP Jordi Gol foundation. The PI, Dr Carlen Reyes

is nowadays working 20h/week for the IDIAP Jordi Gol, which enables her to carry out

this study. Furthermore, this study is part of the DPhil research of Junqing Xie carried

out actually in the NDORMS in Oxford. The other members of the research team have

also agreed to collaborate to carry out this study.

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## 1 ANNEXES:

# 2 1- ATC opioid codes:

ATC code	Name
N02AA59	codeine,
	combinations excl.
	psycholeptics
N02AA79	codeine,
	combinations with
	psycholeptics
N02AJ06	codeine and
	paracetamol
N02AJ07	codeine and
	acetylsalicylic acid
N02AJ08	codeine and
	ibuprofen
N02AJ09	codeine and other
	non-opioid
	analgesics
N02AJ13	tramadol and
	paracetamol
N02AJ14	tramadol and
	dexketoprofen
N02AJ15	tramadol and other
	non-opioid
	analgesics
N02AX02	tramadol
R05DA04	codeine

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## 5 2- ICD-10 Codes for chronic musculoskeletal disorders:

Musculoskeletal medical condition	ICD-10 code
Osteoarthritis polyarticular	M15
Hand OA	M18
	M15.2
Hip OA	M16
Knee OA	M17
Spine OA	M47.8
	M47.9
Unspecific OA	M19
Rheumatoid arthritis	M06.9
Osteoporosis unspecified	M80.9

Postmenopausal osteoporosis	M80.0
Other osteoporosis	M80.8
Osteoporosis of disuse	M80.2
Idiopathic osteoporosis	M80.5
Drug-induced osteoporosis	M80.4
Postoophorectomy osteoporosis	M80.1
Fybromialgia	M79.7

## 3- ICD-10 Codes for adverse events:

Delirium		F05, F050, F051, F058,
		F059, F114, F194
Falls		V00-Y99
Opioid abuse		F11.1
Opioid dependence		F11.2
All-cause mortality		A00-Y89
Composite cardiova	scular events	
Atrial fibrilation		A52.06, I48.91, I49.8
Flutter		I48.92, I49.8, I49.02
Arrytmia		I49.9
Bradiarrytmia		I49.8
Cardiac	Heart failure	I50*
insufficiency /heart		
failure		
	Heart failure, unspecified	I50.9
	Congestive heart failure	I50.0
	Congestive heart disease	I50.9
	Left ventricular failure	I50.1
	Hypertensive heart disease	I11.0
	with (congestive) heart	
	failure	

	Hypertensive heart and renal	I13.0
	disease with (congestive)	
	heart failure	
	Hypertensive heart and renal	I13.2
	disease with both	
	(congestive) heart failure	
	and renal failure	
Myocardial	Cardiac infarction	I22*
infarction	Cardiac infarction	I21*
	Acute myocardial infarction	I21*
	Acute myocardial infarction,	I21.9
	unspecified	1210
	Myocardial infarction	I21.3
	(acute) NOS	
	Old myocardial infarction#	125.2
	Subsequent/recurrent	122
	myocardial infarction	
	Subsequent myocardial	I22.9
	infarction of unspecified site	
	Subsequent myocardial	I22.8
	infarction of other sites	
	Subsequent myocardial	122.0
	infarction of anterior wall	
	Subsequent myocardial	I22.1
	infarction of inferior wall	122.1
	Subsequent acute sub	122.2
	endocardial myocardial	122.2
	infarction	
	Subsequent non transmural	122.2
	myocardial infarction NOS	122.2
	Subsequent myocardial	I22.9
	infarction (acute) NOS	122.7
	marchon (acute) 1105	

	Acute sub endocardial	I21.4
	myocardial infarction	
	Non transmural myocardial	I21.4
	infarction	
	Acute transmural	I21.3
	myocardial infarction of	
	unspecified site	
	Acute transmural	I21.0
	myocardial infarction of	122.0
	anterior wall	
	Acute transmural	I21.1
	myocardial infarction of	I21.19
	inferior wall	122.1
	Acute transmural	I21.2
	myocardial infarction of	I21.29
	other sites	122.8
	Non-Q wave myocardial	I21.4
	infarction NOS	122.2
	Non-ST elevation	I21.4
	(NSTEMI) myocardial	122.2
	infarction	
Stroke	Stroke, not specified as	I64
	hemorrhage or	
	Stroke NOS	I63.9
	Intracerebral haemorrhage	I61*
	Non-traumatic	I60*
	subarachnoidal bleeding	
	Sequelae of stroke, not	I69*
	specified as hemorrhage or	
	infarction	
	Brain stem stroke syndrome	G46.3
	Cerebellar stroke syndrome	G46.4

	Other and unspecified	I62*
	intracranial haemorrhage	
	Cerebral infarction	I63*
	Sequelae of stroke NOS	169.3
Constipation		K59.00, K59.02, K59.09
Sleep disorders		
Sleep apnea		G47.30
Somnolence		R40.0
Fractures:		'
Osteoporosis with	pathological fracture	M80
Fracture of clavicle	);	S42.0
Fracture of scapula		S42.1
FRACTURE OF h	numerus	S42.2-S42.4
Fracture of forearm	1	S52
Fracture of hand		S62.0-S62.4
Fracture of thoracio	e vertebra	S22.0
Multiple fractures	of thoracic spine	S22.1
Fracture of lumbar	vertebra	S32.0
Multiple fractures	of lumbar spine and pelvis	S32.7
Fracture of other pa	art of pelvis	S32.8
Fracture of spine, l	evel unspecified	T08
Fracture of sternum	1	S22.2
Fracture of rib		S22.3
Fractures of two or more ribs		S22.4
Flail chest		S22.5
Fracture of sacrum		S32.1
Fracture of coccyx		S32.2
Fracture of ilium		S32.3
Fracture of acetabulum		S32.4
Fracture of pubis		S32.5

Fracture of head and neck of femur	S72.0
Fracture femur	S72.1-S72.4
Multiple fractures of femur	S72.7
Other fractures of femur	S72.8
Fracture of femur, part unspecified	S72.9
Fracture of patella	S82.0
Fracture of tibia	S82.1-S82.8
Fracture of calcaneus	S92.0
Fracture of talus	S92.1
Fracture of other and unspecified tarsal bone(s)	S92.3

# 3 4- ICD-10 Codes for confounders

Variable		ICD-10 code
Cancer		C02.4-C26.9, C30-C97
Pulmonary oedema		J81
Peripheral vascular disease		173.9
Diabetes (Type 1 and 2)	Diabetes	E11*,E12*, E13*, E14*
	Type 1 Diabetes	E10*
	mellitus	
Diarrhoea		K59.1
Malabsorption disorder	Intestinal malabsorption	K90*
	Intestinal malabsorption	K90.9
	unspecified	
COPD	Chronic obstructive	J44.9
	pulmonary disease,	
	unspecified	
	Other chronic	J44
	obstructive pulmonary	
	disease	
	Other specified chronic	J44.8
	obstructive pulmonary	
	disease	

	Chronic obstructive	J44.1
	pulmonary disease with	
	acute exacerbation,	
	unspecified	
	Chronic obstructive	J44.0
	pulmonary disease with	
	acute lower respiratory	
	infection	
Cough		R05
Dyspnea		R06.0
Neurologic pathologies		G43*
(Migrane)		
Burn injuries		T30.0
Angina	Angina pectoris	I20*
	Angina pectoris,	I20.9
	unspecified	
	Angina of effort	I20.8
	Anginal syndrome	I20.9
	Cardiac angina	I20.9
	Ischemic chest pain	I20.9
	Unstable angina	I20.0
	Intermediate coronary	I20.0
	syndrome	
	Acute coronary	
	syndrome	
	Angina pectoris with	I20.1
	documented spasm	
	Other forms of angina	I20.8
	pectoris	
TIA	Transient cerebral	G45.9
	ischemic attack,	
	unspecified	

	TIA - Transient	G45.0, -G45.3
	ischemic attack	
	Other transient cerebral	G45.8
	ischemic attacks and	
	related syndromes	
Alzheimer disease	Alzheimer disease	F00*,G30*
	Alzheimer disease	G30.9
	unspecified	
Parkinson disease		G20, G21, G21.1, G21.2,
		G21.3, G21.8, G21.9, G22
Chronic Liver disease	Chronic hepatitis	K73.9
	Hepatic cirrhosis	K74.60
Chronic kidney disease	Chronic kidney disease	N18*
	Chronic kidney disease	N18.9
	unspecified	
Traffic accidents	Traffic accident	V87.9
	With Collision	V87.7