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## Real-World Evidence use in medicines regulation

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By 2025 the use of Real-World Evidence will have been enabled and the value will have been established across the spectrum of regulatory use cases

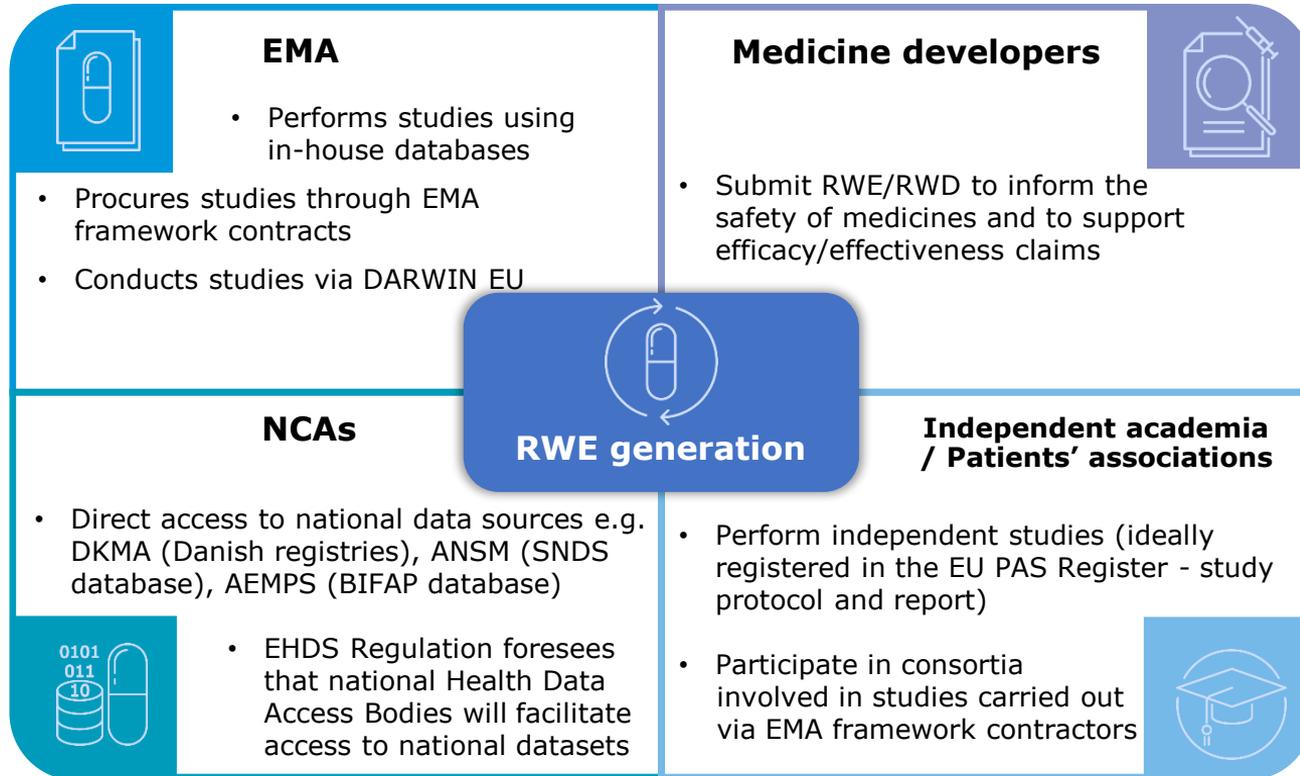
- European Medicines Regulatory Network (EMRN) [strategy to 2025](#) -

# Enabling use & establishing the value of RWE

- Facilitating access
- Build business processes
- Set standards
- Validate methods
- Train/share knowledge
- Establish value across use cases
- International collaboration:
  - build on ICMRA → [RWE statement](#): 4 collaboration areas
  - [ICH](#) RWE reflection [paper](#) 'International harmonisation of real-world convergence of general principles regarding planning and reporting with a focus on effectiveness of medicines' → public consultation



# Supply: Real-world evidence



	<a href="#">Flynn et al. (2021)</a> <b>What was the Contribution of Real-World Evidence in EU?</b>	<a href="#">Eskola et. al (2021)</a> <b>Use of Real-World Data and Evidence in Drug Development in EU</b>	<a href="#">Purpura et al. (2021)</a> <b>The Role of Real-World Evidence in FDA</b>
<b>Number of products reviewed</b>	158	111	136
<b>Period</b>	Jan 2018 – Dec 2019 (submitted marketing applications, including non-published information)	Jan 2018 – Dec 2019 (approved marketing applications, only published information)	Jan 2019 – June 2021 (approved marketing applications, only published information)
<b>Number of products with RWE included</b>	<b>63 (39.9%)</b>	<b>111 (100%)</b>	<b>116 (85.2%)</b>
<b>Therapeutic area with higher use of RWE</b>	Oncology and anti-infectives	Oncology, hematology and anti-infectives	Oncology and anti-infectives
<b>Key messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widespread use of RWE to support evaluation of marketing applications</li> <li>RWE in pre-authorization (1/3) and post-authorization (2/3)</li> <li>RWE included to support safety (87.3%) and efficacy (49.2%)</li> <li>Most common data sources were registries (60.3%) followed by hospital data (31.7%)</li> </ul>	<p>The study confirms that RWD/RWE contribute to medicines development learning and regulatory decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in virtually all phases</li> <li>across different therapeutic areas</li> <li>product characteristics</li> </ul> <p>RWD/RWE particularly supports conditional marketing authorizations and approval of orphan medicines.</p>	<p>Successful use of RWE in regulatory approvals required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fit-for-purpose data</li> <li>good study design, appropriate data collection, and thoughtful data analysis</li> <li>proactive communication with FDA</li> </ul>

# HMA / EMA Big Data Steering Group

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) and Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA) set up a joint task force to describe the big data landscape from a regulatory perspective and identify practical steps for the **European Medicines Regulatory Network to make best use of big data in support of innovation and public health** in the European Union (EU). This led to the creation of the Joint HMA/EMA Big Data Steering Group and Big Data Steering Group Work Plan.

**Jan. 2020**

'[Ten recommendations to unlock the potential of big data for public health in the EU](#)'

**Sep. 2020**

Publication of the 1<sup>st</sup> [BDSG workplan 2020/2021](#)



1<sup>st</sup> Big data steering group meeting in May 2020

**May 2020**



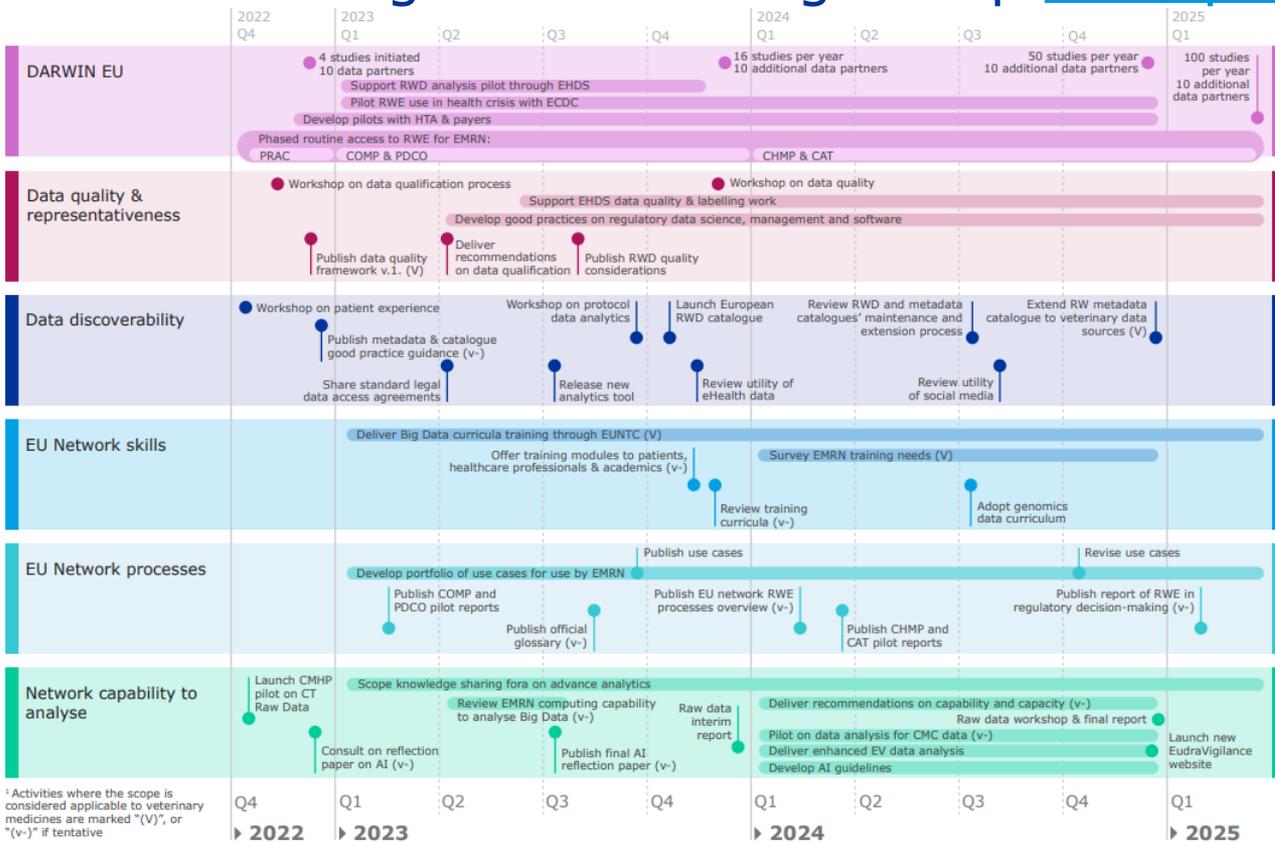
Publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> [BDSG workplan 2021/2023](#)

**Aug. 2021**

**Jul 2022**

3<sup>rd</sup> [BDSG workplan](#)

# HMA-EMA Joint Big Data Steering Group work plan



<sup>1</sup> Activities where the scope is considered applicable to veterinary medicines are marked "(V)", or "(v-)" if tentative

Delivery of expert advice

Governance framework

International initiatives

Stakeholder engagement

Veterinary recommendations

# Why can RWD analyses be useful for regulators?

 **Ultimate goal:** better informed and more efficient regulatory decision-making



To help fill knowledge gaps

- Providing additional information needed for decision-making such as more recent data or additional sensitivity analyses, or access to more and different databases (e.g. those established and maintained by public health authorities)



Transparent and tailored analyses

- Transparent and trusted sources of RWD
- Tailored to the Committee's questions, with involvement of the Committee/requester at every step

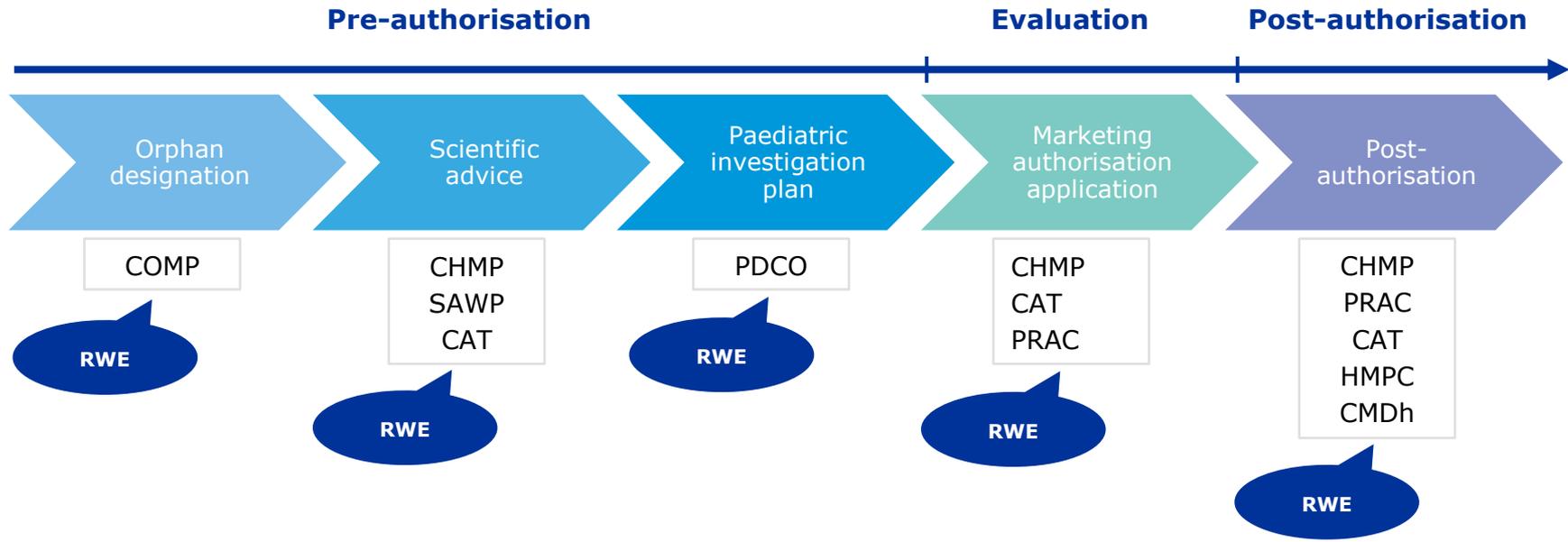


Faster evidence generation, avoiding the procedural steps for imposing and supervising MAH sponsored studies



Ability to study multiple substances of the same class avoiding unnecessary duplication and inefficiency that might be feature of studies done by industry

# RWE use across the medicinal product lifecycle



# Towards delivering the 2025 RWE vision



## EMA studies using in-house databases

- **Primary care** health records from the **France, Germany, UK, Italy, Spain** and **Romania**. Some data sources include data on specialist.



## Studies procured through EMA FWCs

- New framework contract (FWC) since September 2021: services of **8 research organisations** and academic institutes
- Access to **wide network of data sources**: 59 data sources from 21 EU countries
- Ability to leverage external **scientific expertise**



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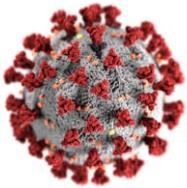
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# Demand: Three main areas for which RWD analyses can support committees' decision-making

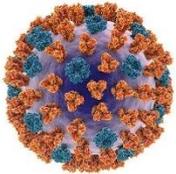


# DARWIN EU® as central pillar for health crisis planning & response



## Possible use cases include

- Monitoring the use of medicines to predict **demand and shortages**
- Understanding the disease **natural history** to support **development of vaccines and therapeutics**
- Provide evidence for **repurposing existing medicines**
- Monitor the **safety and effectiveness** of vaccines and therapeutics **post-authorisation**



DARWIN EU® will support decision making on medicines and future crisis responses with an **operational infrastructure** for conducting RWE studies

# RWE studies experience [report published](#) + [infosheet](#)



Take stock of the **experience with regulatory-led RWD studies** and evaluate the **opportunities and challenges in supporting regulatory decision making**

## 1. RWE needs

Understand:

- the **needs** for RWE of CxMP and SAWP;
- the **ability** and **capacity** of the current RWE framework to **respond** to these needs;
- the **usefulness** of the RWE provided.

## 2. Suitability of data sources

Understand:

- the **suitability** of available **RWD sources** and **pathways**;
- the **methodological challenges** of data collection, study design and reporting.

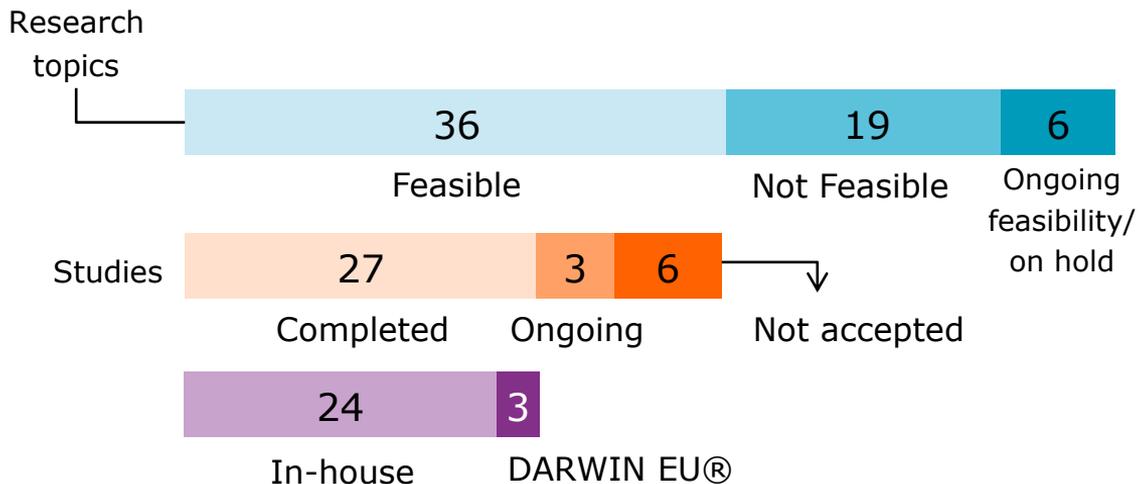
## 3. Process for RWE studies

Review the process for:

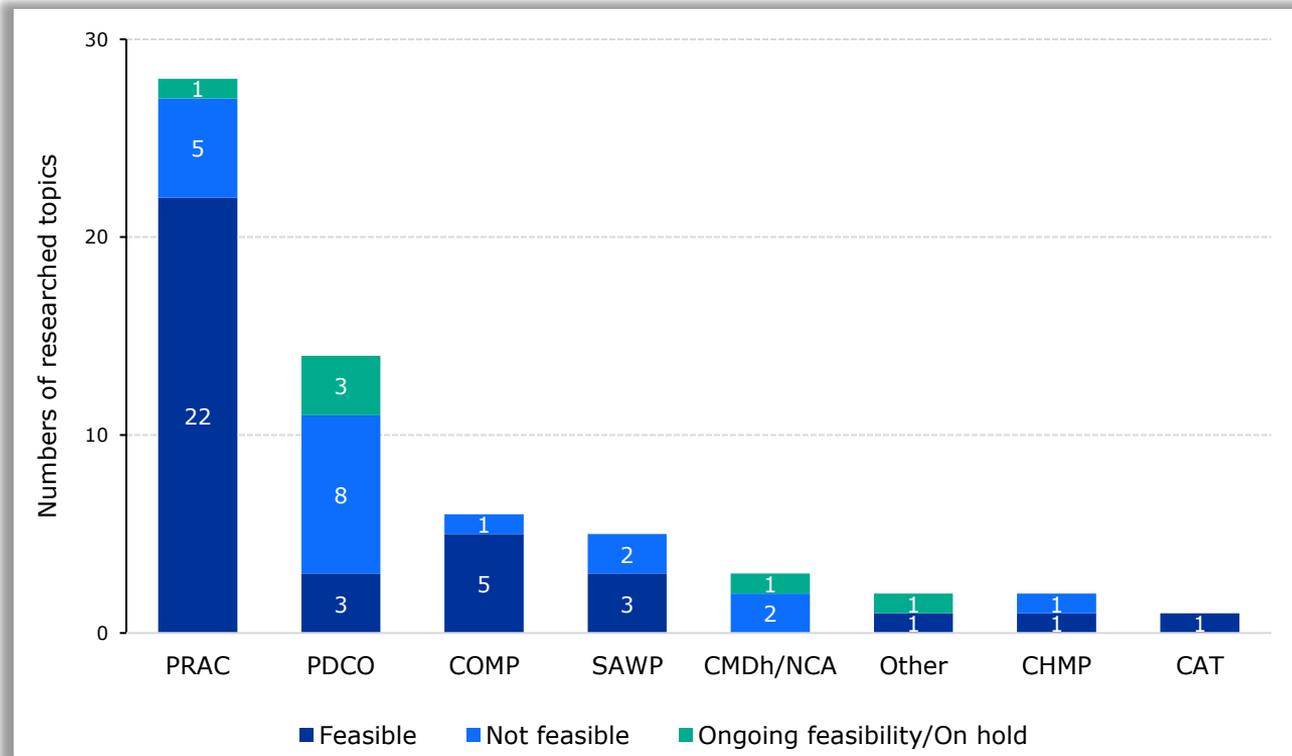
- receiving **study requests**, **proactively offering** and **conducting** RWE studies;
- identify **opportunities for improvements**.

September 2021 – February 2023

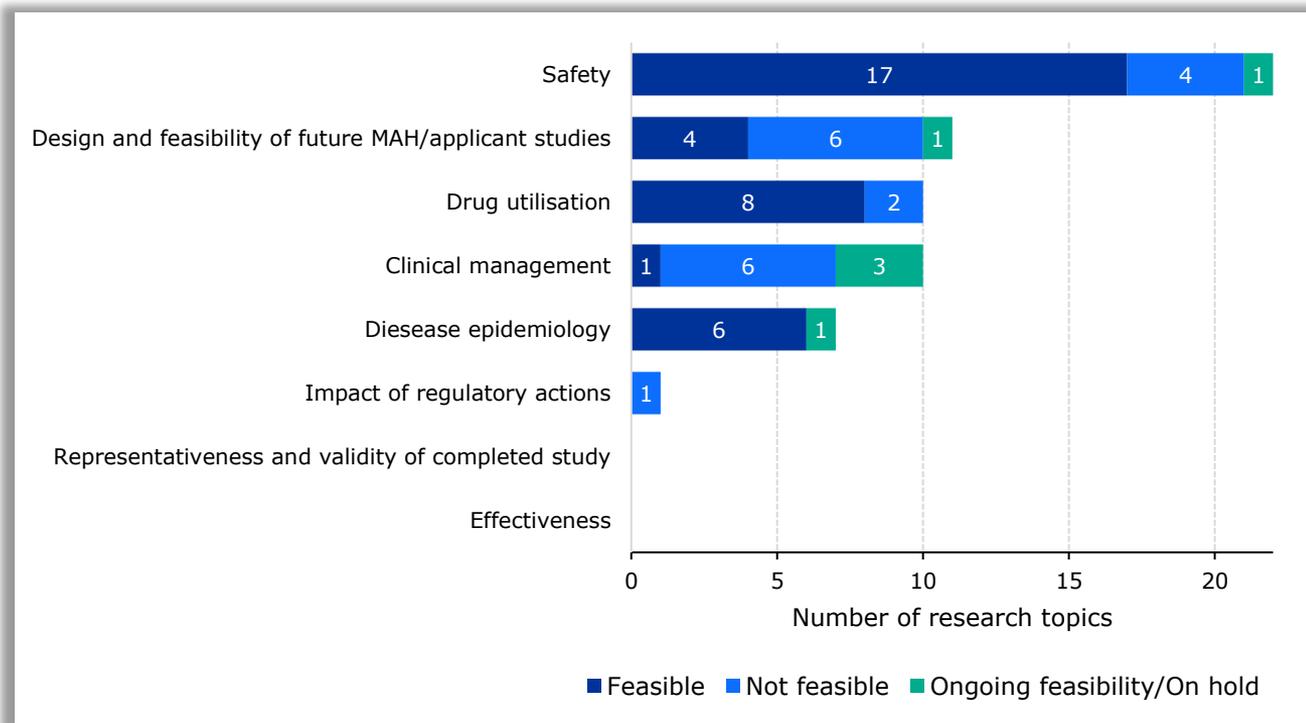
# Main results – Overview of RWE studies



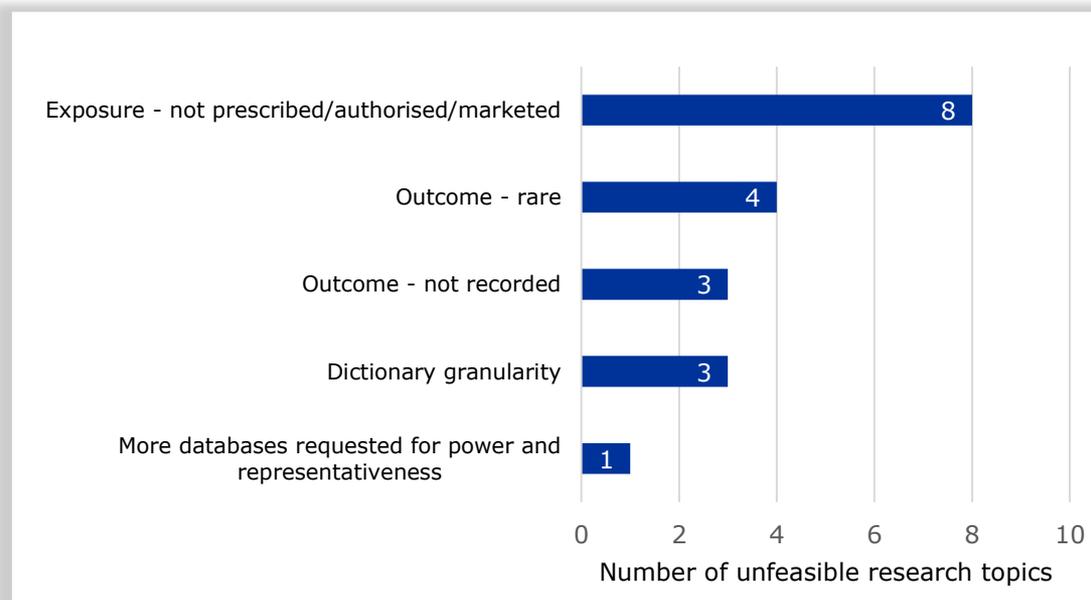
## Research topics by committees/requester



# Use case categories



## Reasons for unfeasibility of studies (19)



\* **Lack of granularity in the information contained in the databases** includes outcomes that are poorly captured by the coding system, or insufficient information on prescribing, dose, duration of use, and indication

# Towards delivering the 2025 RWE vision

Countdown to 2025

Enabling use



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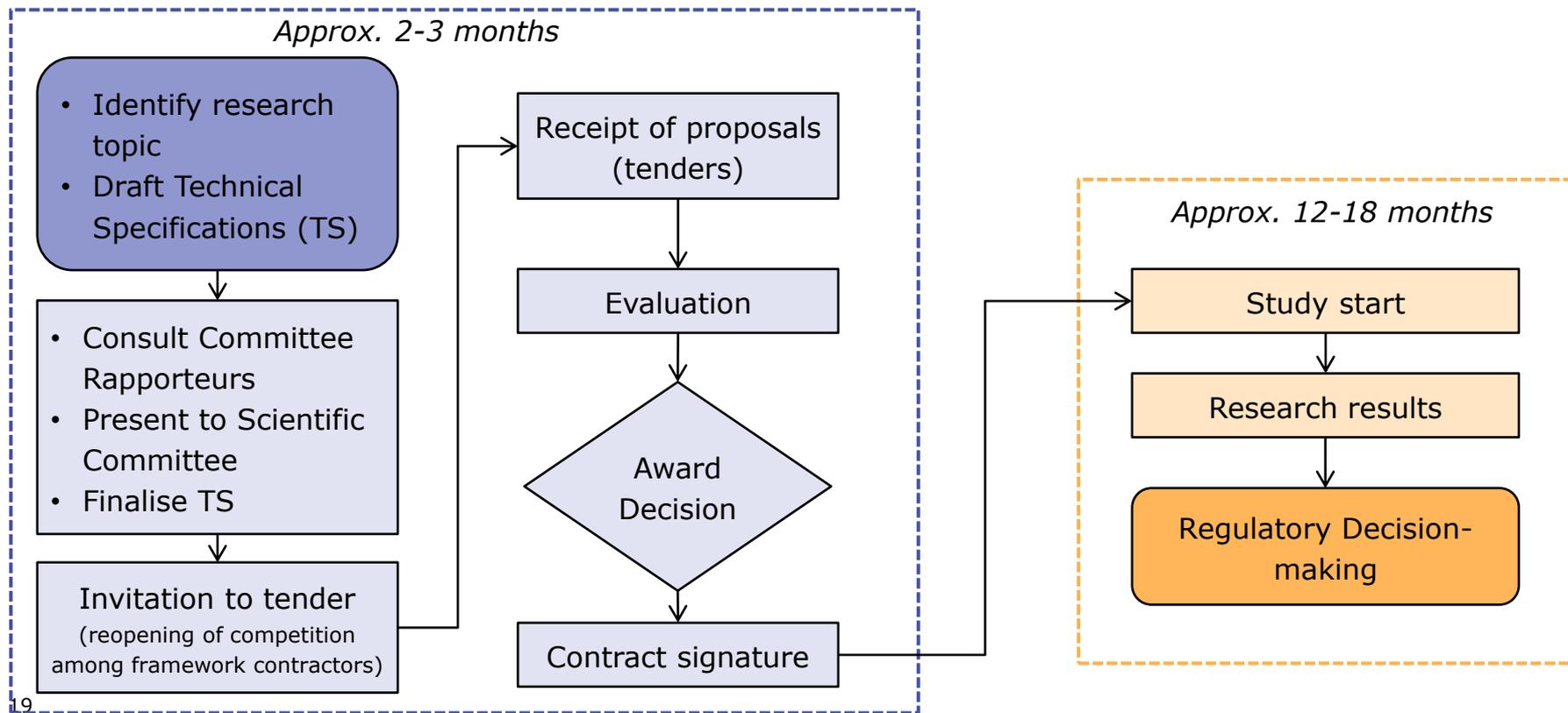


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# EMA-funded (FWC) studies – the process



EMA FWC study based on registry data in collaboration with Aetion and TREAT NMD

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Status: Planned

First registered on: 27/01/2023

Last updated on: 08/03/2023

### 1. Study identification

EU PAS Register Number	EUPAS50476
Official title	A registry-based cohort study of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) disease to describe the natural history of SMA, the evolution of SMA care management and disease progression considering new disease modifying therapies (DMTs).
Study title acronym	
Study type	Observational study
Brief description of the study	To investigate SMA patients' course of disease and standards of care delivery over time in multiple European countries: Objective 1: To describe, by SMA type, the natural history of SMA (the disease and its progression) in the UNTREATED cohort and the TREATED cohort also stratified by DMT, including patients characteristics, disease progression based on motor function assessment as well as respiratory, nutritional and skeletal deformities, post-diagnostic outcomes of interest and serious adverse events of special interest. Objective 2: To describe by SMA type the evolution of diagnosis methods and of medicinal and non-medicinal treatment over time, including adoption of DMTs in the "ALL" cohort and the DMTs patterns.

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*A tale with three pathways...*



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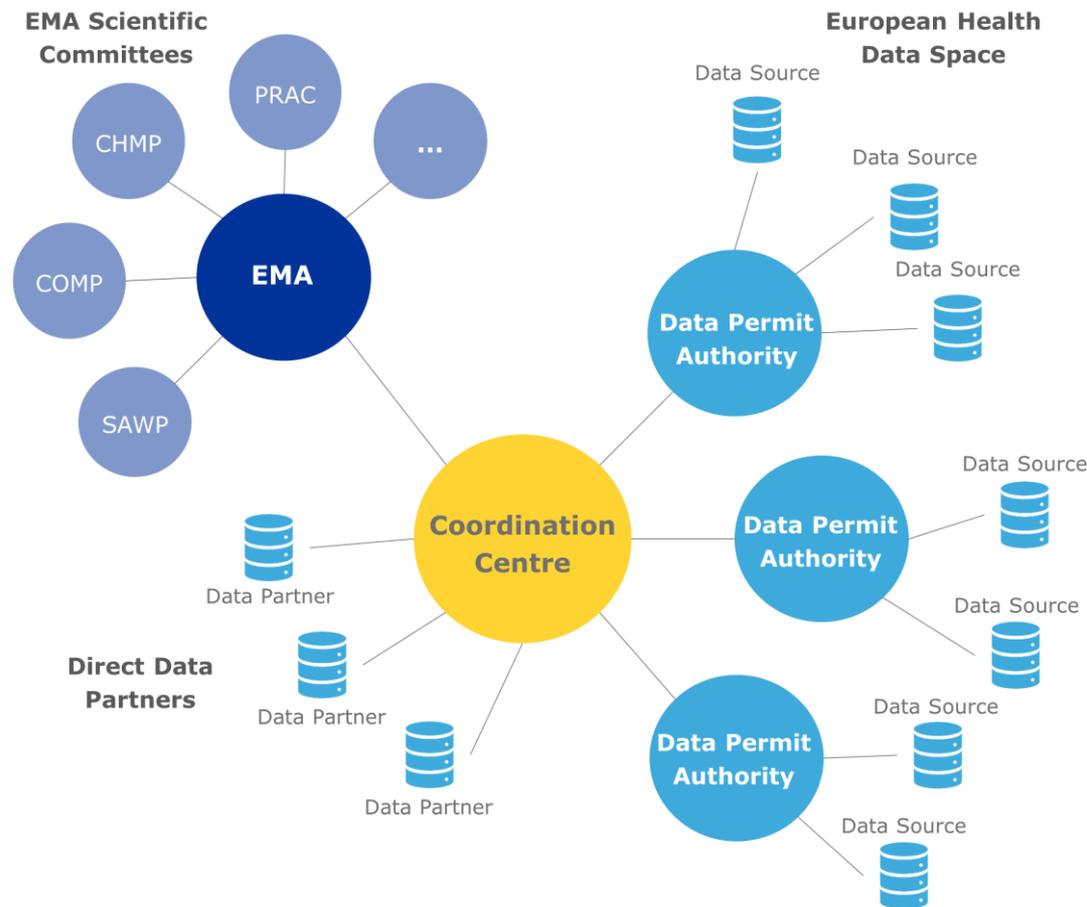
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DARWIN EU® is a federated **network of data, expertise and services** that supports better decision-making throughout the product lifecycle by generating reliable **evidence from real world healthcare data**

#### FEDERATED NETWORK PRINCIPLES

- Data stays **local**
- **Use of Common Data Model** (where applicable) to perform studies in a timely manner and increase consistency of results



# Data Partners – Phase I

**UK**

1. Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD GOLD)

**Belgium**

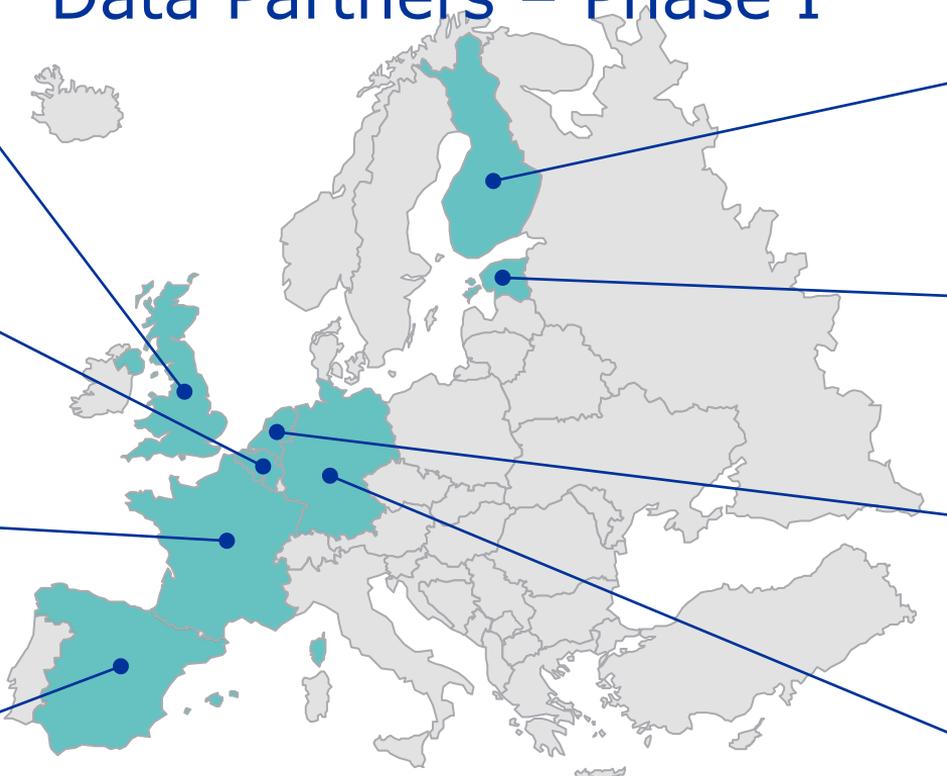
2. IQVIA Belgium Longitudinal Patient Data

**France**

3. Bordeaux University Hospital

**Spain**

4. IDIAPJGol
5. Parc Salut Mar Barcelona, Hospital del Mar (IMIM)



**Finland**

6. Auria Clinical Informatics at Hospital District of Southwest Finland (HDSF)

**Estonia**

7. University of Tartu (Biobank)

**Netherlands**

8. Integrated Primary Care Information
9. Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation

**Germany**

10. IQVIA Germany Disease Analyser

~26 million active patients

Currently selecting Phase II DPs after [open call for expression of interest](#)

## DARWIN EU establishment in 2023

- ✓ Phase II in progress, delivery on target and according to plan
- ✓ Focus on selection of further Data Partners and study conduct (various use cases)
- ✓ Establishment of standard analytical pipelines and codes

		Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Option I	Option II
<b>Studies</b>	<b>Off the shelf</b>	2	6	30	60	60
	<b>Routine repeated</b>	1	6	30	60	60
	<b>Complex study</b>	1	4	12	24	24
	<b>Very complex</b>	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Data Partners (total)</b>		10	20	30	40	40

## Studies started in 2022 (year 1/ phase I)

Additional 16 studies to start in 2023 (Phase II) – including HTA/payers, ECDC, EHDS2 pilots

Type	Studies	Data Partners	Planned RWE use
Off the Shelf	<b>Population level epidemiology</b> study on prevalence of <b>rare blood cancers</b> from 2010 <a href="#">EUPAS50800</a>	NL, ES, UK, BE, DE	Support COMP in orphan designation decision making & useful as background rates for other committees
Off the Shelf	Patient level <b>drug utilization</b> study of <b>valproate-containing medicinal products</b> in women of childbearing potential from 2010 <a href="#">EUPAS50789</a>	NL, ES, UK, BE, DE, FI	Assess the use of valproate after safety referral
Off the Shelf	Patient level <b>drug utilisation</b> study of <b>antibiotics</b> on the Watch list of the WHO AWaRe classification, 2010-2021 <a href="#">EUPAS103381</a>	NL, FR, ES, DE, UK	Inform PRAC/CHMP decision making, AMR strategy
Complex	Background all-cause <b>mortality rates in patients with severe asthma aged ≥12 years</b> old <a href="#">EUPAS103936</a>	NL, ES x2, UK, EE	Support CHMP post-authorisation inform future decision making

More detail in protocols + study reports in EU PAS Register + shiny apps

	Study Report for C1-003	
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V1.0	23/01/2023	First Version for EMA review
V2.0	06/02/2023	Second Version for EMA review
V3.0	15/02/2023	Final version incorporating EMA comments
V3.1	27/03/2023	Link to Shiny App added

## Ongoing studies

Background all-cause **mortality rates in patients with severe asthma aged ≥12 years old**  
[[EUPAS103936](#)]

CHMP  
Complex

**EHDS** coagulopathy of COVID-19

EC/EHDS  
Complex

**Effectiveness of COVID-19** vaccines against severe COVID-19 and post-acute outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

ECDC/VMP  
Complex

**Drug utilisation** study on co-prescribing of **endothelin receptor antagonists** (ERAs) and **phosphodiesterate-5 inhibitors** (PDE-5is) in pulmonary arterial hypertension.

CHMP  
OTS

**Erythromycin** use as prokinetic

NCA  
OTS

**Multiple myeloma:** patient characterisation, treatments and survival in the period 2012-2022

HTA/Payers  
OTS

**Naloxone** use in treatment of opioid overdose.

CHMP  
OTS

Drug utilisation study of prescription **opioids**.

PRAC  
OTS

## Closing remarks

- RWE use is being enabled and established across regulatory use cases, informing regulatory decision making on medicines
- Three pathways of RWE generation
- DARWIN EU establishment focus on DPs, studies, pilot use cases and developing pipelines, leading to high study volume meeting the demand and shorter timelines in future years



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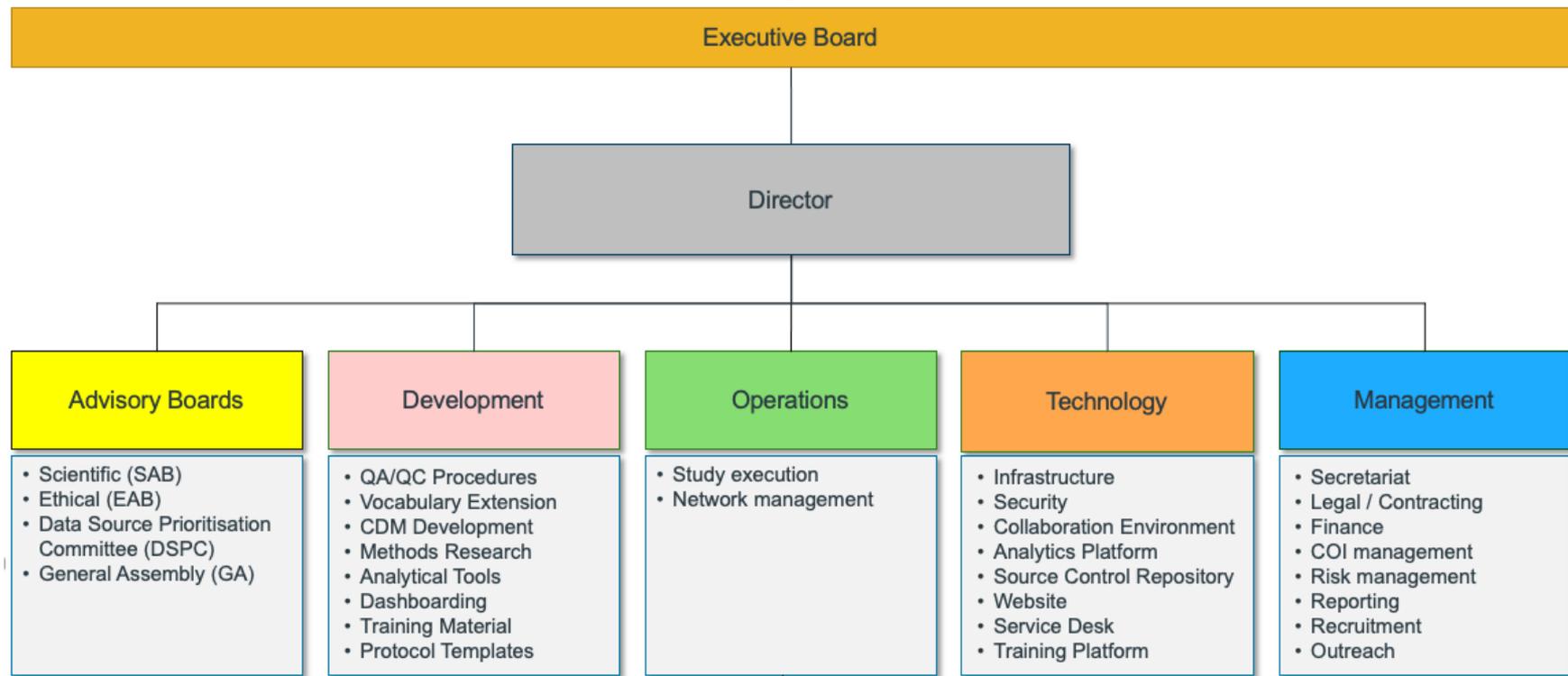
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## Structure of the DARWIN EU® Coordination Centre





# Coordination Centre

## Development

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- Overview of development activities
- Example use of DARWIN EU® R packages

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# Catalogue of Standard Data Analyses



## Off-the-shelf studies

These are mainly characterisation questions that can be executed with a generic protocol. This includes disease epidemiology, for example the estimation of the prevalence, incidence of health outcomes in defined time periods and population groups, or drug utilization studies at the population or patient level.

- + Patient-level characterisation
- + Patient-level DUS analyses
- + Population-level DUS analyses
- + Population-level descriptive epidemiology

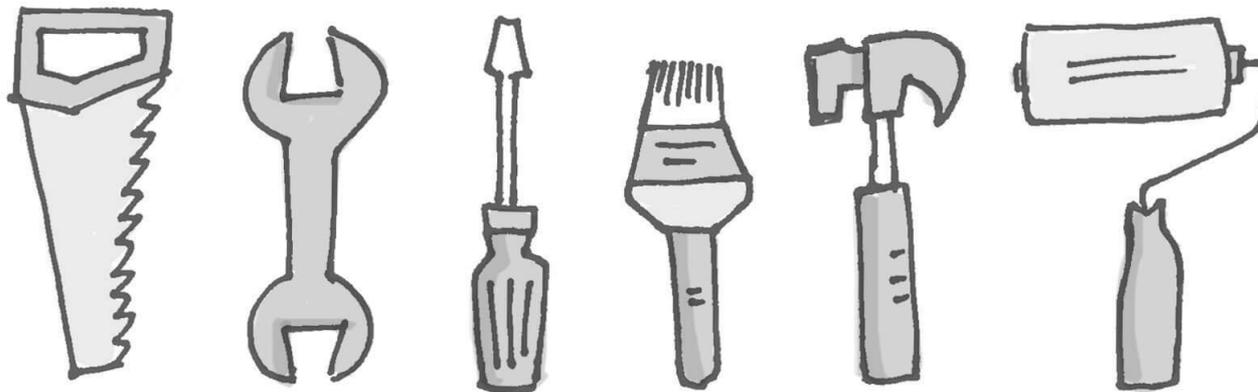


## Complex

These are studies requiring development or customisation of specific study designs, protocols, analytics, phenotypes. This includes studies on the safety and effectiveness of medicines and vaccines.

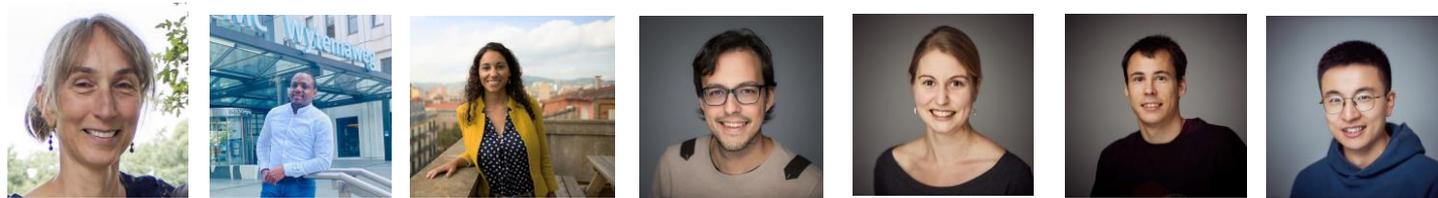
- + Prevalent user active comparator cohort studies
- + New user active comparator cohort
- + Self-controlled case risk interval
- + Self-controlled case series
- + Time series analyses and Difference-in-difference studies
- + RMM effectiveness

## Building tools

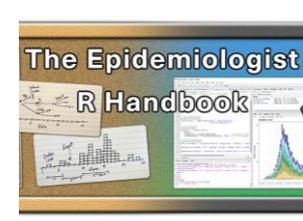
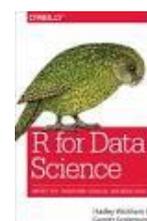
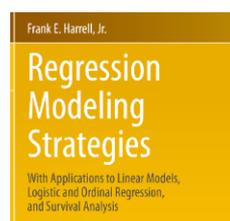
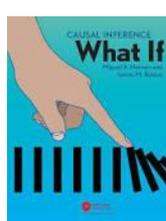
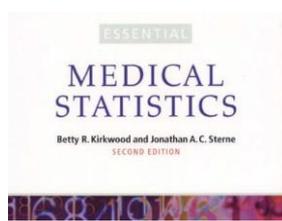
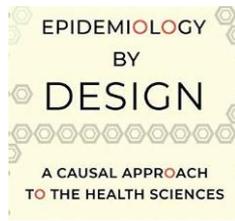
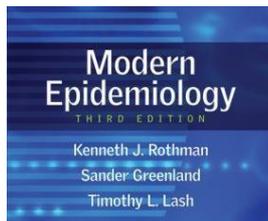


Primary focus of the development pillar is providing tools (mostly R packages) to help users to perform standard data analyses

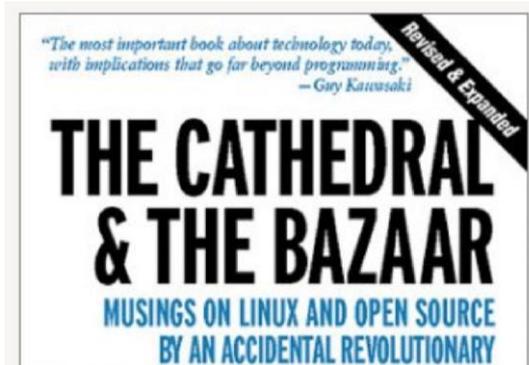
# User profiles



- Epidemiologists and data scientists
- Interact with our R packages directly, preparing analysis scripts that use them
- Value flexibility and extensibility in tools



## Users as co-developers



TREATING YOUR USERS AS CO-DEVELOPERS IS YOUR LEAST-HASSLE ROUTE TO RAPID CODE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFECTIVE DEBUGGING.

RELEASE EARLY. RELEASE OFTEN. AND LISTEN TO YOUR CUSTOMERS.

# User-centered design

## EstimateIncidence

Closed edward-burn opened this issue

edward-burn commented on Nov 21, 2022

### Function

```
estimateIncidence <- f
```

### Example usage

In this example, this is a function population (in a table called "denominator") with repeated events over 365 days. To note the other argument, the estimates will be provided by

Closed EstimateIncidence name and argument details #161  
edward-burn opened

mderidder95 commented on Nov 21, 2022

How would 'database starting' be determined, is that the earliest observation start date among the complete database population? Or among the persons in the denominator selection? It would be related to the organization of the database if this is a reasonable definition. In theory it can be one person then determining this start, or a certain GP practice. I would be very careful on using this, but maybe we should leave that to the organization. Concerning the name, I think it should be more descriptive, like 'fullPeriodsInDenominator'.

edward-burn commented on Nov 21, 2022

@daniprietoalhambra share your thoughts.

Do the argument name and the function name match?

Also, are you happy with the current name?

albertpratsu commented on Nov 21, 2022

It looks good to me, but I think it should be more descriptive.

edward-burn commented on Nov 21, 2022

@albertpratsu fullPeriodsInDenominator captures all the data from 1st July 2017, if we raise it to TRUE (but if set to FALSE we only capture the data from the start date). I was thinking this option would be particularly useful for seasonal data.

I agree the name is not ideal.

edward-burn added the enhancement label on Nov 21, 2022

edward-burn moved this from In progress to Done in IncidencePrevalence on Nov 27, 2022

edward-burn commented on Nov 21, 2022

@mderidder95 this is based on the latest and observation period end study date periods instead of the start date.

How about: fullDatabasePeriod option is applied at the interval level (week, year, etc) depending on the interval?

edward-burn added the enhancement label on Nov 21, 2022

edward-burn added the enhancement label on Nov 21, 2022

mderidder95 commented on Nov 22, 2022

I would prefer completeDatabaseIntervals

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edward-burn mentioned this issue on Nov 23, 2022

improved function documentation #166

Merged

github-project-automation (bot) moved this from In progress to Done in IncidencePrevalence on Nov 27, 2022

edward-burn closed this as completed on Nov 27, 2022

# User contributions

## add information from drug\_strength table #43

Merged edward-burn merged 3 commits into main from drug\_strength on Nov 15, 2022

Conversation 10 Commits 3 Checks 16 Files changed 9

Commits on Nov 9, 2022

### add information from drug\_strength table

Xintong-Li-ZnCu committed on Nov 9, 2022 ✓

Commits on Nov 14, 2022

### add tests

Xintong-Li-ZnCu

### tweaks

edward-burn

## Update estimatePrevalence function to check for "overall" time interv...

Merged catalamarti merged 2 commits into main from overall\_estimatePrev on Jan 24

Conversation 0 Commits 2 Checks 3 Files changed 1

Commits on Jan 24, 2023

### Update estimatePrevalence function to check for "overall" time interv...

KimLopezGuell committed on Jan 24 ✓

### Update estimatePrevalence.R

catalamarti committed on Jan 24 ✓

Verified

Contributors 9

## Select statements #86

Merged ginberg merged 4 commits into

Conversation 2 Commits 4

Commits on Feb 6, 2023

### select update

tiozab committed on Feb 6

### further select amendment

tiozab committed on Feb 6

### type rectified

tiozab committed on Feb 6 ✗

Commits on Feb 7, 2023

### dplyr::relocate() fixed

tiozab committed on Feb 7 ✓

Languages

R 100.0%

Development

```

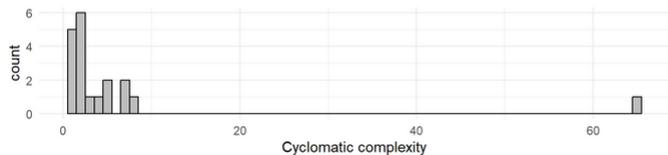
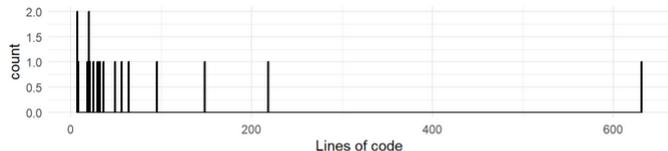
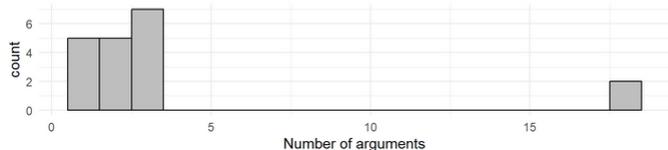
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# Package Reviewer (PaRe)

Summary of package functions

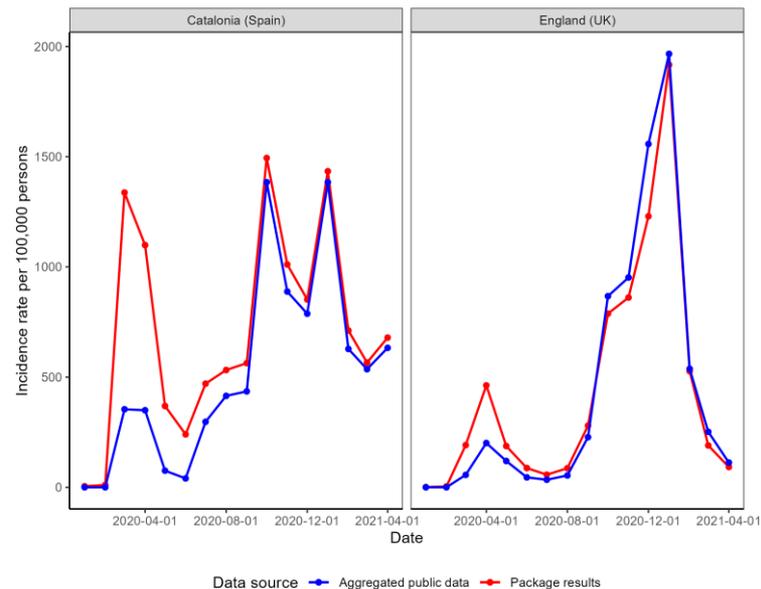
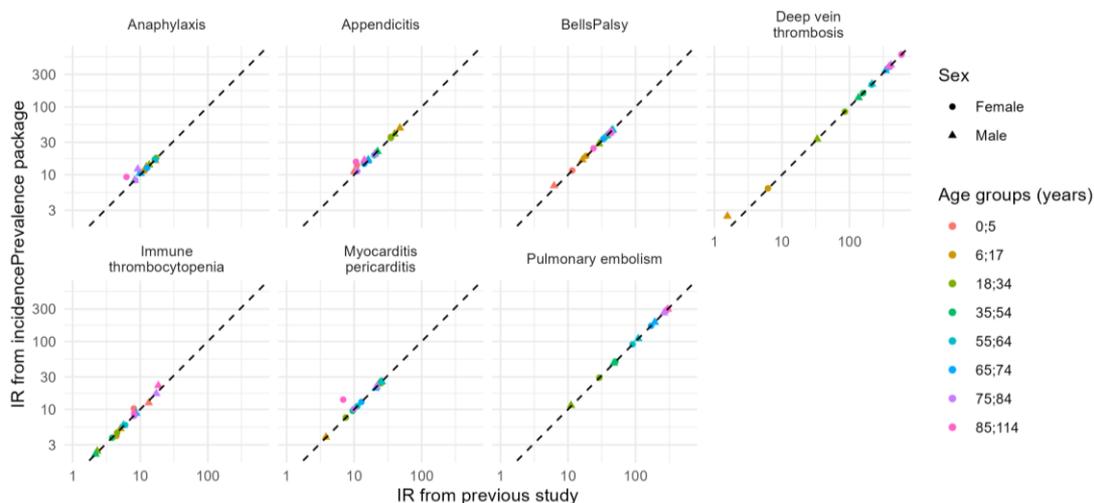
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Number of arguments	1	2	18
Lines of code	7	30	631
Cyclomatic complexity	1	2	65



Function	Number of arguments	Lines of code	Cyclomatic complexity	Location
runSearch	18	631	65	runSearch.R (from line: 34)
getCandidateCodes	18	148	8	getCandidateCodes.R (from line: 97)
mockVocabRef	1	218	7	mockVocabRef.R (from line: 28)
getMatches	2	32	7	runSearch.R (from line: 690)
getMappings	3	95	5	getMappings.R (from line: 46)
getFuzzyMatches	3	29	5	runSearch.R (from line: 736)
getConceptClassId	3	64	4	vocabUtilities.R (from line: 176)
getDomains	2	56	3	vocabUtilities.R (from line: 66)
checkDbType	3	7	2	utils.R (from line: 17)
checkTableExists	3	8	2	utils.R (from line: 26)



# Software validation: IncidencePrevalence



# Software performance : IncidencePrevalence



<b>Task</b>	<b>CPRD AURUM (n=39,999,011)</b>	<b>CPRD GOLD (n=15,662,217)</b>	<b>SIDIAP (n=8,265,343)</b>	<b>IPCI (n=2,612,850)</b>
Generating denominator (8 cohorts)	19 mins	8 mins	3 mins	1 min
Yearly period prevalence	11 mins	5 mins	5 mins	1 min
Monthly period prevalence	17 mins	6 mins	8 mins	2 mins
Yearly incidence	8 mins	3 mins	4 mins	1 min
Monthly incidence	13 mins	5 mins	7 mins	1 min

- Overview of development activities
- Example use of DARWIN EU® R packages

# CDMConnector and PatientProfiles

CDMConnector 1.0.0 **Reference** Articles ▾ Changelog

## Create a CDM reference object from a database connection

Source: [R/cdm.R](#)

Create a CDM reference object from a database connection

### Usage

```
cdm_from_con(
  con,
  cdm_schema = NULL,
  write_schema = NULL,
  cohort_tables = NULL,
  cdm_version = "5.3",
  cdm_name = NULL
)
```

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cdmFromCon(
  con,
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  writeSchema = NULL,
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  cdmName = NULL
)
```

PatientProfiles 0.2.0 **Reference** Articles ▾

## Compute demographic characteristics at a certain date

Compute demographic characteristics at a certain date

### Usage

```
addDemographics(
  x,
  cdm,
  indexDate = "cohort_start_date",
  age = TRUE,
  ageName = "age",
  ageDefaultMonth = 1,
  ageDefaultDay = 1,
  ageImposeMonth = FALSE,
  ageImposeDay = FALSE,
  ageGroup = NULL,
  sex = TRUE,
  sexName = "sex",
  priorObservation = TRUE,
  priorObservationName = "prior_observation",
  futureObservation = TRUE,
  futureObservationName = "future_observation",
  tablePrefix = NULL
)
```

# CodelistGenerator

## Vocabulary based code list

CodelistGenerator 1.5.0 [Reference](#) [Articles](#) [Changelog](#)

### Get descendant codes for drug ingredients

Get descendant codes for drug ingredients

#### Usage

```
getDrugIngredientCodes(cdm, name = NULL, doseForm = NULL)
```

#### Arguments

##### cdm

cdm\_reference via CDMConnector

##### name

Names of ingredients of interest. For example, c("acetaminophen", "codeine"), would result in a list of length two with the descendant concepts for these two particular drug ingredients.

##### doseForm

Only descendants codes with the specified dose form will be returned. If NULL, descendant codes will be returned regardless of dose form.

## Code list from systematic search

CodelistGenerator 1.5.0 [Reference](#) [Articles](#) [Changelog](#)

### Generate candidate codelist for the OMOP CDM

This function generates a set of codes that can be considered for creating a phenotype using the OMOP CDM.

#### Usage

```
getCandidateCodes(
  cdm,
  keywords,
  exclude = NULL,
  domains = "Condition",
  conceptClassId = NULL,
  doseForm = NULL,
  vocabularyId = NULL,
  standardConcept = "Standard",
  exactMatch = FALSE,
  searchInSynonyms = FALSE,
  searchViaSynonyms = FALSE,
  searchNonStandard = FALSE,
  includeSequelae = FALSE,
  includeDescendants = TRUE,
  includeAncestor = FALSE,
  fuzzyMatch = FALSE,
  maxDistanceCost = 0.1,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

# DrugExposureDiagnostics and DrugUtilisation

Population-level DUS analyses

DrugExposureDiagnostics 0.4.3 [Reference](#) [Articles](#) [Changelog](#)

## Execute all checks on Drug Exposure.

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### Usage

```
executeChecks(
  cdm,
  ingredients = c(1125315),
  subsetToConceptId = NULL,
  checks = c("missing", "exposureDuration", "type", "route", "sourceConcept",
    "daysSupply", "verbatimEndDate", "dose", "sig", "quantity", "histogram"),
  minCellCount = 5,
  sample = 1e+06,
  tablePrefix = NULL,
  earliestStartDate = "2010-01-01",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

DrugUtilisation 0.2.1 [Reference](#)

## This function is used to summarise the dose table over multiple cohorts.

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### Usage

```
summariseDrugUse(
  cohort,
  cdm,
  strata = list(),
  drugUseVariables = drugUseColumns(cohort),
  drugUseEstimates = c("median", "q25", "q75"),
  minCellCount = 5
)
```

# IncidencePrevalence

- + Population-level DUS analyses
- + Population-level descriptive epidemiology
- + Time series analyses and Difference-in-difference studies
- + RMM effectiveness

IncidencePrevalence 0.4.0 [Reference](#) [Articles](#) ▾

## Estimate period prevalence

Estimate period prevalence

### Usage

```
estimatePeriodPrevalence(
  cdm,
  denominatorTable,
  outcomeTable,
  denominatorCohortId = NULL,
  outcomeCohortId = NULL,
  outcomeLookbackDays = 0,
  interval = "years",
  completeDatabaseIntervals = TRUE,
  fullContribution = FALSE,
  minCellCount = 5,
  temporary = TRUE,
  returnParticipants = FALSE
)
```

IncidencePrevalence 0.4.0 [Reference](#) [Articles](#) ▾

## Collect population incidence estimates

Collect population incidence estimates

### Usage

```
estimateIncidence(
  cdm,
  denominatorTable,
  outcomeTable,
  denominatorCohortId = NULL,
  outcomeCohortId = NULL,
  interval = "years",
  completeDatabaseIntervals = TRUE,
  outcomeWashout = Inf,
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)
```



# Coordination Centre

## STUDY OPERATIONS

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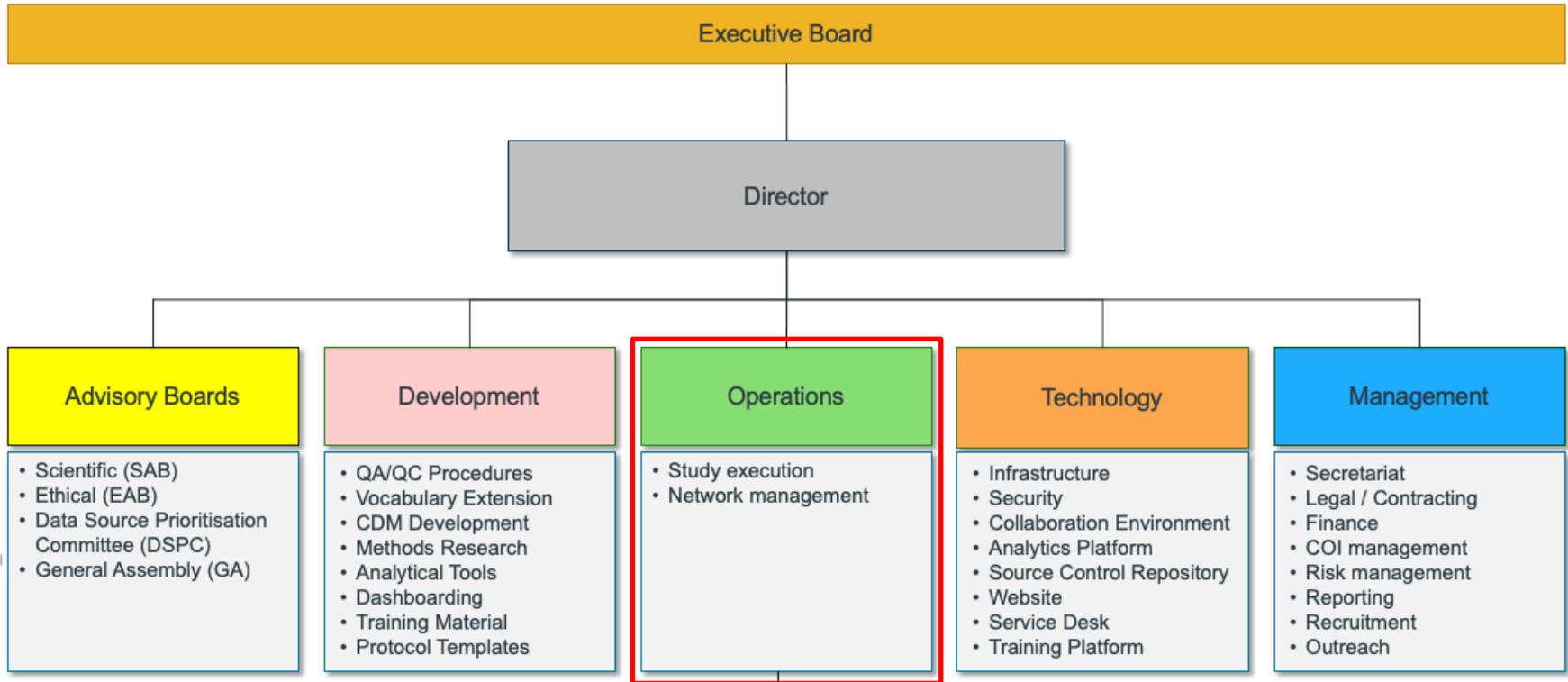
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# Establishment and Evolution of the Coordination Centre



# What analyses and studies will DARWIN EU<sup>®</sup> deliver?

Category of observational analyses and studies	Description
 <b>Routine repeated analyses</b>	<p><b>Routine analyses</b> based on a <b>generic study protocol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodical estimation of drug utilisation</li> <li>• Safety monitoring of a medicinal product</li> <li>• Estimation of the incidence of a series of adverse events</li> </ul>
 <b>Off-the-shelf studies</b>	<p>Studies for which a <b>generic protocol</b> is adapted to a research question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate the prevalence, incidence or characteristics of exposures</li> <li>• Health outcomes</li> <li>• Describe population characteristics</li> </ul>
 <b>Complex Studies</b>	<p>Studies <b>requiring development or customisation</b> of specific study designs, protocols and Statistical Analysis Plans (SAPs), with extensive collection or extraction of data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Etiological study measuring the strength and determinants of an association between an exposure and the occurrence of a health outcome considering sources of bias, potential confounding factors and effect modifiers</li> </ul>
 <b>Very Complex Studies</b>	<p>Studies which <b>cannot rely only on electronic health care databases</b>, or which would require <b>complex methodological work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies where it may be necessary to combine a diagnosis code with other data such as results of laboratory investigations, or studies requiring additional data collection</li> </ul>

# Expected number of studies



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### 1. Study Exploration

- Study Feasibility- Study request by EMA:
- Do we have the data? – Darwin Portal
  - Do we have the analytical pipelines? (OTS)

EMA

### 2. Study Initiation

- Work Order Form Data Partners
- Creation of Study Team: PI/data analyst
- Declaration of Interest

Database Partners

### 3. Study Implementation

- Study outline/Protocol – Upload to EUPAS register
- IRB approval - Kick-off meeting
- Phenotyping – Cohort Diagnostics
- Study Package – Test Run

### 4. Study Execution

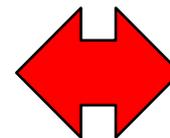
- Data Partners run Study Package
- Data QC by Data Partners
- Results uploaded to DRE
- Results reviewed by PI

### 5. Study Dissemination

- Generation of Study Report (ENCePP template)
- Upload to EUPAS register
- Manuscript generation
- Study archiving

Darwin CC:

- Network Pillar
- Development Pillar
- Technology Pillar
- Management Pillar



Study Title	Committees	Study Type	Type of analysis	Data bases	Status
DARWIN EU® - <b>Prevalence of rare blood cancers in Europe</b>	COMP	OTS	Disease Epidemiology	IPCI (NI) SIDIAP (Spain) CPRD Gold (UK) IQVIA LPD (Be) IQVIA DA (Ge)	Completed
DARWIN EU® - <b>Drug utilisation of valproate</b> -containing medicinal products in women of childbearing potential	Following safety referral	OTS	Drug Utilisation Study	IPCI (NI) SIDIAP (Spain) CPRD Gold (UK) IQVIA LPD (Be) IQVIA DA (Ge)	Completed
DARWIN EU® - <b>DUS of Antibiotics</b> in the 'Watch' category of the WHO AWaRe classification of antibiotics for evaluation and monitoring of use	PRAC/CHMP	OTS	Drug Utilisation Study	HDSF (Fi) IPCI (NI) CHUBX (France) SIDIAP (Spain) IMASIS (Spain) IQVIA DA (Ge) CPRD Gold (UK)	Completed
DARWIN EU® - <b>Background rates</b> of serious adverse events to contextualise safety assessments in clinical trials and non-interventional studies in adolescent and adult patients with <b>severe asthma</b> .	CHMP	Complex (complex phenotype)	Disease Epidemiology	IPCI (NI) SIDIAP (Spain) IMASIS (Spain) CPRD Gold (UK) Estonian Biobank	Ongoing

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DARWIN EU® - <b>Multiple myeloma</b> : patient characterisation, treatments and survival in the period 2012-2022	HTA/Payers	OTS	Disease Epidemiology and Treatment Pattern analysis	IQVIA DA (Ge) SIDIAP (Spain) IMASIS (Spain) Estonian Biobank ACI Varha (Fi) CHUBX (France) IKNL (NI)	Ongoing
DARWIN EU® <b>Drug Utilisation Study of prescription opioids.</b>	PRAC	OTS	Drug Utilisation Study	Estonian Biobank IPCI (NI) SIDIAP (Spain) CHUBX (France) IQVIA LPD (Be) IQVIA DA (Ge) ACI Varha (Fi)	Ongoing
DARWIN EU® - <b>EHDS Use Case: Natural history of coagulopathy in COVID-19 patients and persons vaccinated</b> against SARS-CoV-2 in the context of the OMICRON variant	EC/EHDS	Complex	SIR	IPCI (NL) SIDIAP (Spain) IQVIA DA (Ge) Estonian Biobank CPRD GOLD (UK)	Ongoing
DARWIN EU® - Co-prescribing of endothelin receptor antagonists (ERAs) and phosphodiesterate-5 inhibitors (PDE-5is) in <b>pulmonary arterial hypertension</b> (PAH)	CHMP	OTS	Disease Epidemiology and Treatment Pattern analysis	CHUBX (France) CPRD GOLD (UK) Estonian Biobank IQVIA DA (Ge)	Ongoing

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DARWIN EU® - <b>Use of take-home naloxone</b> for opioid overdose treatment	CHMP	OTS	Drug Utilisation Study	IQVIA DA (Ge) IQVIA DA (Be) CPRD Gold (UK) SIDIAP	Ongoing
DARWIN EU® <b>DUS of medicines with prokinetic properties</b> in children and adults diagnosed with gastroparesis	NCA	OTS	Drug Utilisation Study	IPCI (NI) CHUBX (France) SIDIAP (Spain) IMASIS (Spain) IQVIA DA (Ge) IQVIA LPD (Be) CPRD Gold (UK)	Ongoing

### Study Feasibility:

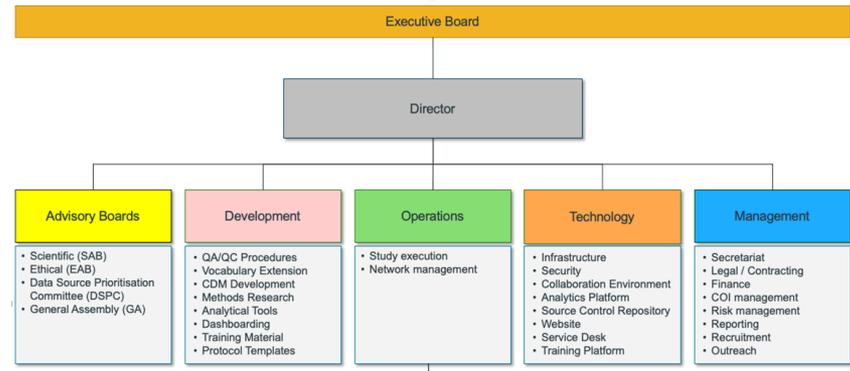
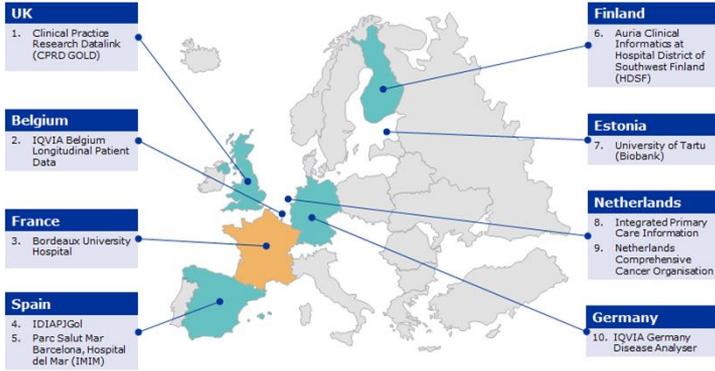
As of to date: **13 feasibility requests** in year 2:

- 6 studies received green light
- 4 studies suggested to put on hold → different reasons: lack of data or need of more recent data
- 3 Feasibility assessments either just received or under review by EMA

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# The SIDIAP experience as Data Partner in DARWIN EU

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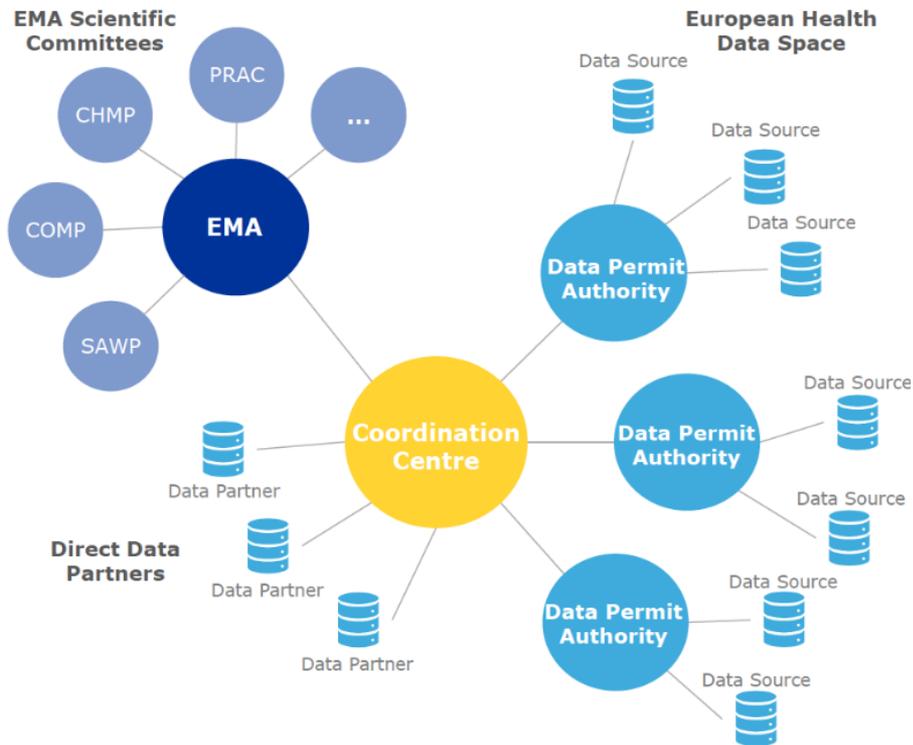
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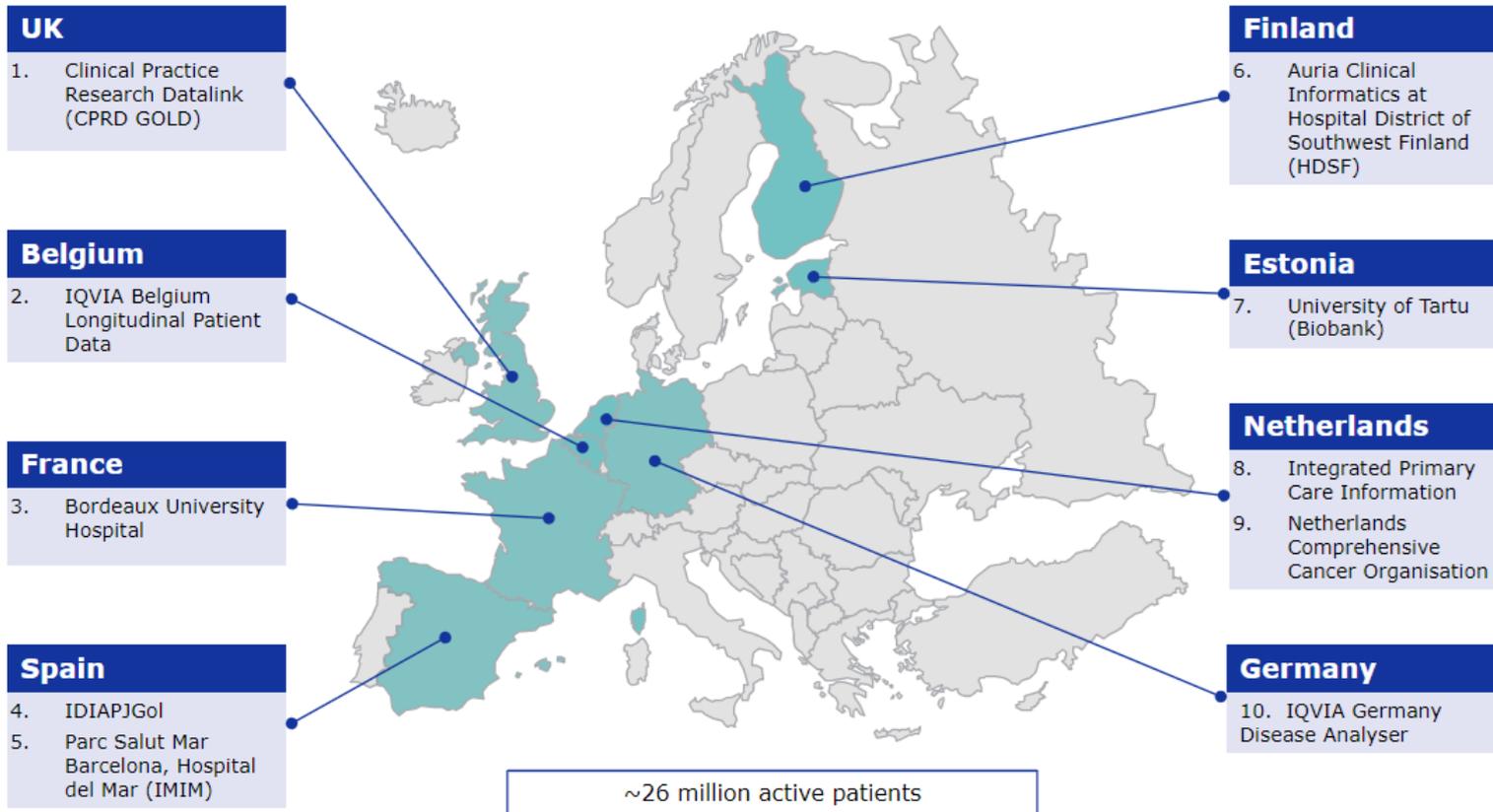
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## FEDERATED NETWORK PRINCIPLES

- Data stays **local**
- **Use of Common Data Model** (where applicable) to perform studies in a timely manner and increase consistency of results



# DARWIN EU Data Partners in Phase I



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# IDIAP Jordi Gol and SIDIAP



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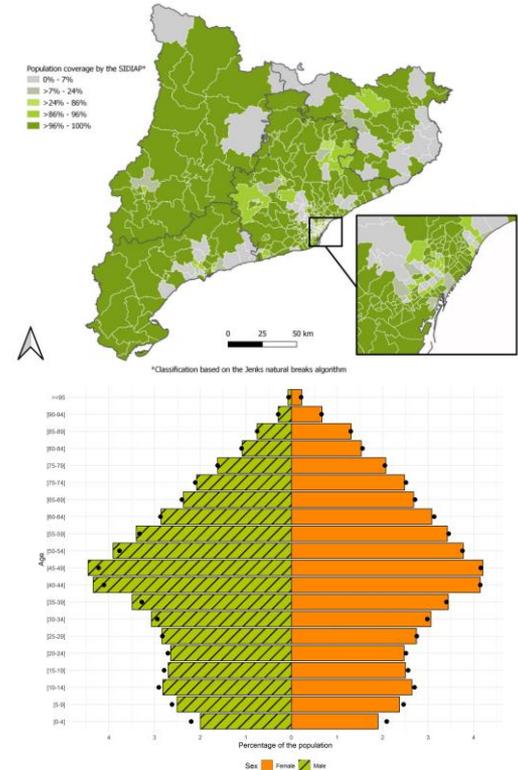


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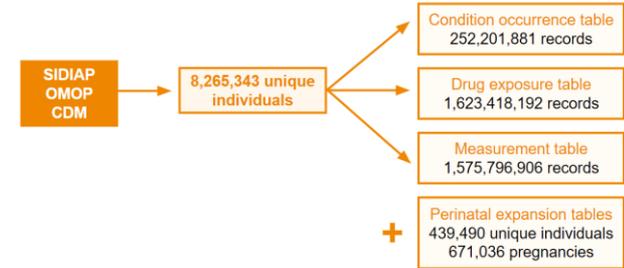


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- Representative of the general population living in Catalonia

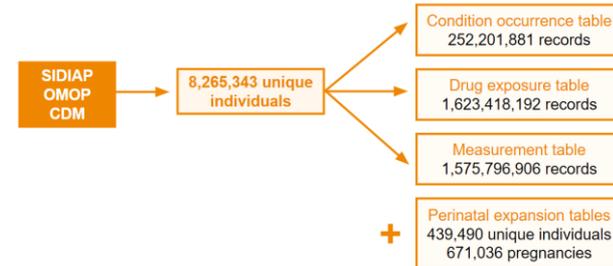


Recalde M et al. Data Resource Profile: The Information System for Research in Primary Care (SIDIAP). *Int J Epidemiol*, December 2022, Pages e324–e336, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyac068>

- EMIF (2015) → EHDEN (2019 and 2020)



- EMIF (2015) → EHDEN (2019 and 2020)



- Evidence generating in local and network studies



Open access Original research

## BMJ Open Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on diagnoses of common mental health disorders in adults in Catalonia, Spain: a population-based cohort study

Berta Raventós<sup>1,2</sup>, Andrea Pistillo<sup>1</sup>, Carlen Reyes<sup>1</sup>, Sergio Fernández-Bertolin<sup>1</sup>, Maria Aragón<sup>1</sup>, Anna Berenguera<sup>1,2</sup>, Constanza Jacques-Aviñó<sup>1,2</sup>, Laura Medina-Perucha<sup>1,2</sup>, Edward Burn<sup>1,2</sup>, Talita Duarte-Salles<sup>1</sup>

ARTICLE

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-18849-z> OPEN

Deep phenotyping of 34,128 adult patients hospitalised with COVID-19 in an international network study

Edward Burn et al.<sup>#</sup>

nature communications

Article

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## Thrombosis and thrombocytopenia after vaccination against and infection with SARS-CoV-2 in Catalonia, Spain

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RESEARCH

## Association between covid-19 vaccination, SARS-CoV-2 infection, and risk of immune mediated neurological events: population based cohort and self-controlled case series analysis

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# DARWIN EU studies - SIDIAP

SIDIAP has been invited to participate in **the first four studies** of the DARWIN EU® network:

- **Prevalence of rare blood cancers** in Europe
- **Drug utilisation of valproate**-containing medicinal products in **women** of childbearing potential
- **Drug utilisation** study of **antibiotics** in the **'Watch'** category of the WHO AWaRe classification of antibiotics for evaluation and monitoring of antibiotic use
- Background rates of **serious adverse events** to contextualise safety assessments in clinical trials and non-interventional studies in **adolescent and adult patients with severe asthma**



SIDIAP has also participated in many **feasibility assessments**

# Challenges as DPs



## Time

- For approvals
- Study execution
- Review results



## Technical issues



## Funding

# Opportunities and Benefits for DPs



# Final remarks



- ✓ Challenges that lead to opportunities
- ✓ Endless opportunities
  - To improve internal processes
  - To participate in the development of standardized methodologies and analytics that will shape the future of regulatory research
  - To contribute to the generation of real-world evidence to support regulatory decision-making
- ✓ Potential for improving healthcare outcomes through data-driven research

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Drug utilisation of valproate-containing medicinal products  
in women of childbearing age: a network study part of  
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## Report – ENCEPP 84554

<https://www.encepp.eu/encepp/viewResource.htm?id=84554>



## Shiny App

<https://data-dev.darwin-eu.org/EUPAS50789/>



## Background

**Valproic acid**/valproate-containing medicine (VPA)

Indicated for **Epilepsy, Bipolar disorder, Migraine** prevention.

Teratogen – risk of neurodevelopmental impairment and **congenital malformations**

Use in **women of childbearing age** is restricted :

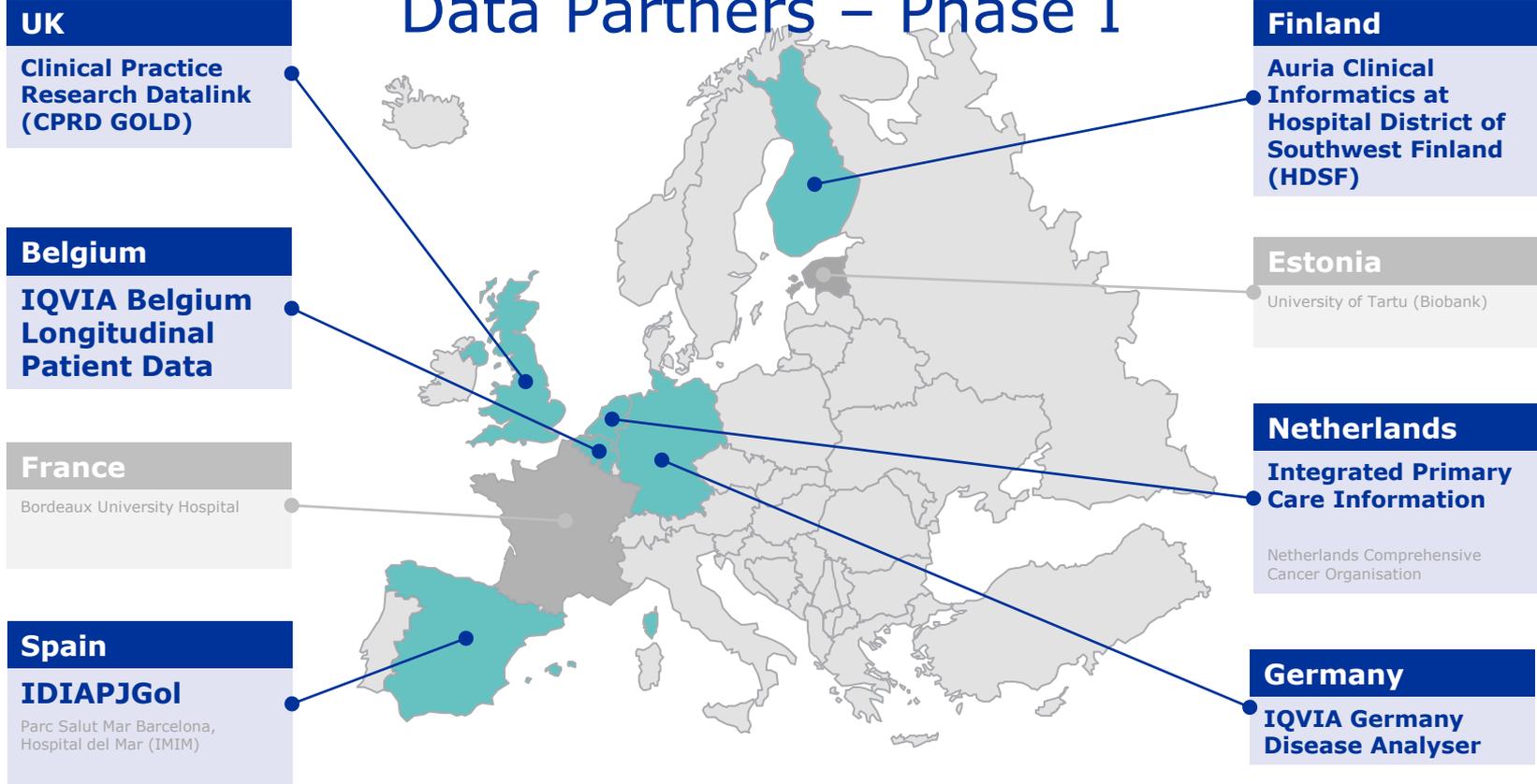
EMA has issued risk minimisation measures in 2014 and 2018

# Objectives

The objectives of this study are

1. To characterise the **prevalence and incidence** of use of VPA and alternative antiepileptic therapies among **women** aged **12 to 55 years** of age. Analyses will be stratified by calendar year and age.
2. To characterise the **use of VPA** among women aged 12 to 55 years of age. Analyses will be stratified by indication (i.e. epilepsy, bipolar disorder and migraine prevention), calendar year and age.

# Data Partners – Phase I



# Variables

Exposure/s

**Drug of interest: VPA** Valproic acid, Sodium valproate, Magnesium valproate, Valproate semisodium and Valpromide

**Alternative treatments**

Covariates for stratification in population-level drug utilisation study:

**Age:** 5-year age bands will be used: 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, ... , 50-54, 55.

Covariates for patient-level drug utilisation study:

**Indication:** Epilepsy , Bipolar disorder , Migraine

Co-morbidities and co-medication for **large-scale patient characterisation**

STUDY TYPE		STUDY CLASSIFICATION	TYPE OF ANALYSIS
Population Level DUS		Off-the-shelf (C1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Population-based incidence rates</li> <li>- Population-based prevalence</li> </ul>
Patient Level DUS		Off-the-shelf (C1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Characterisation of patient-level features for new VPA users</li> <li>- Frequency and % of indication/s</li> <li>- Estimation of minimum, p25, median, p75, and maximum initially prescribed or dispensed dose/strength of VPA</li> <li>- Estimation of minimum, p25, median, p75, and maximum treatment duration VPA</li> </ul>

For all analyses a minimum cell count of 5 will be used when reporting results, with any smaller counts obscured.

## Timelines

*Feasibility – 15<sup>th</sup> July*

*Approval Feasibility – 26<sup>th</sup> July*

*Protocol Submission – 1<sup>st</sup> September*

*Protocol Approval - 24th October*

*KO meeting - 17th November*

*Study package execution – November - January*

*Final Results – 6th January*

*Final Report – 17th January*

From request to report:  
**6 months**

Protocol writing:  
**1 Month**

Protocol Approval to report:  
**2-2.5 Months**

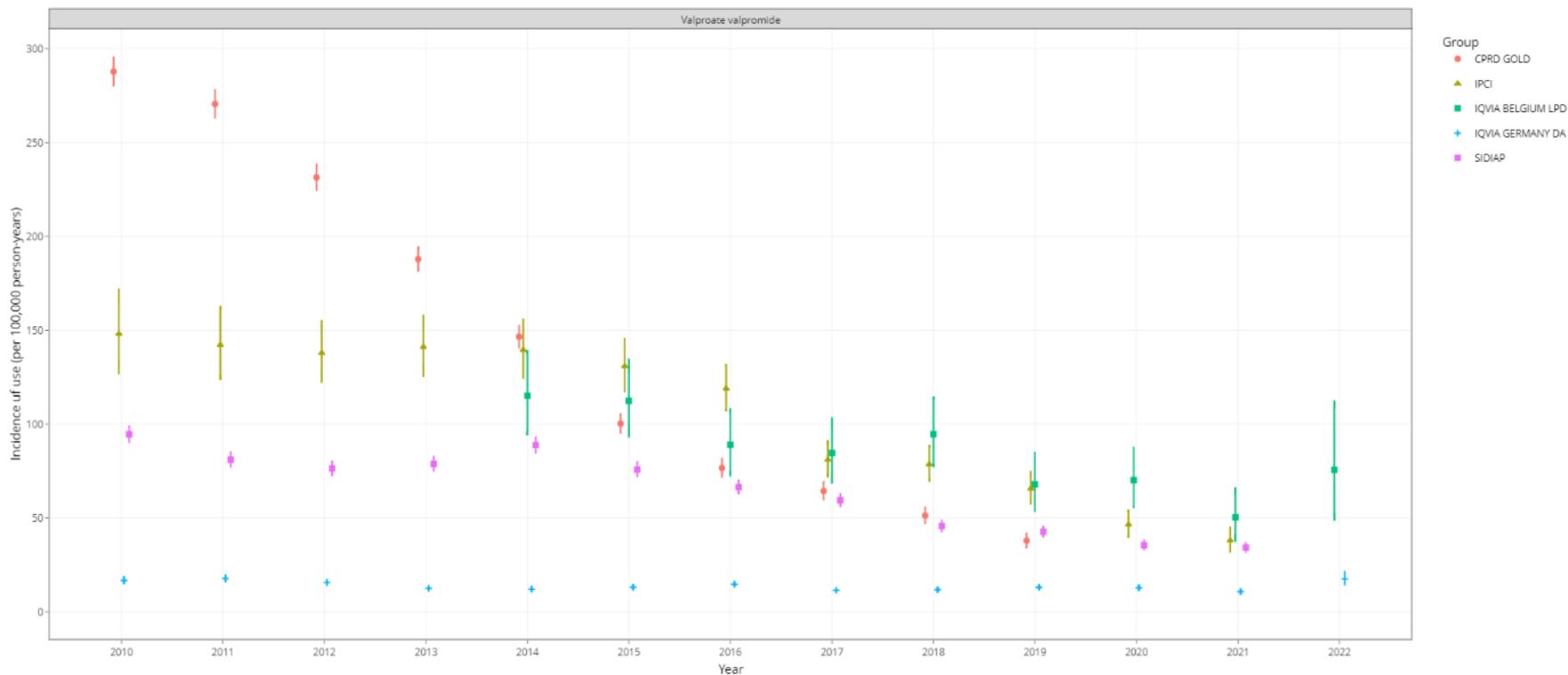
## Results Population Level

The **incidence** of new use and **prevalence** of VPA amongst women 12 to 55 years **decreased** over the period 2010-2021

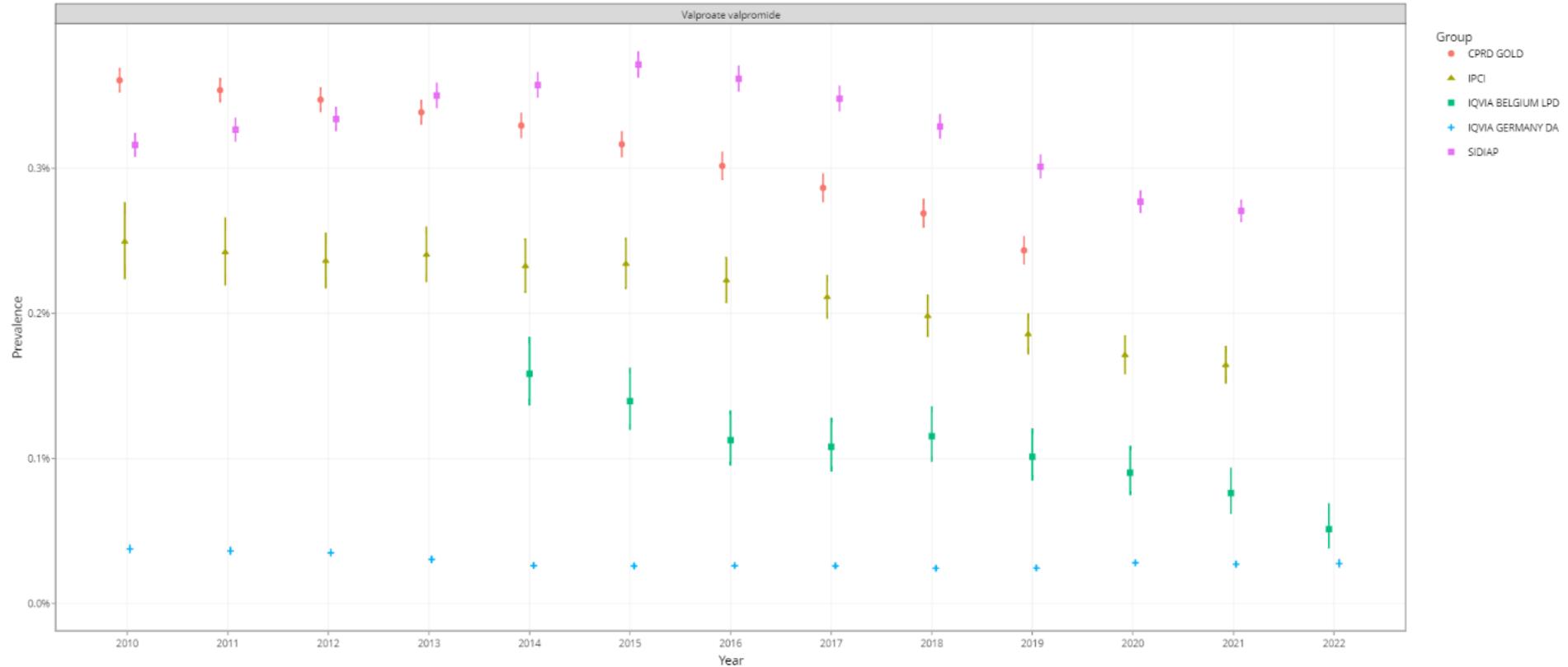
The **older age groups** ( $\geq 45$ ) had **higher prevalence** remained **stable** or increased during the study period. Younger age groups ( $<45$ ) had a lower prevalence, which decreased over time.

Incidence of use of VPA showed a decreasing pattern for all age groups in all databases.

# Incidence rates of VPA use in women 12 to 55



# Prevalence of VPA use in women 12 to 55



## Results Patient Level

<b>Database</b>	<b>CPRD GOLD</b>	<b>IPCI</b>	<b>SIDIAP</b>	<b>IQVIA Belgium LPD</b>	<b>IQVIA Germany DA</b>
<b>Number subjects</b>	6416	1241	10398	945	4002
<b>Sex, N (%)</b>					
<b>Female</b>	6416 (100%)	1241 (100%)	10398 (100%)	945 (100%)	4002 (100%)
<b>Age</b>					
<b>median</b>	40	43	40	41	43
<b>[p25 - p75]</b>	[29 - 47]	[32 - 49]	[30 - 48]	[31 - 49]	[31 - 50]

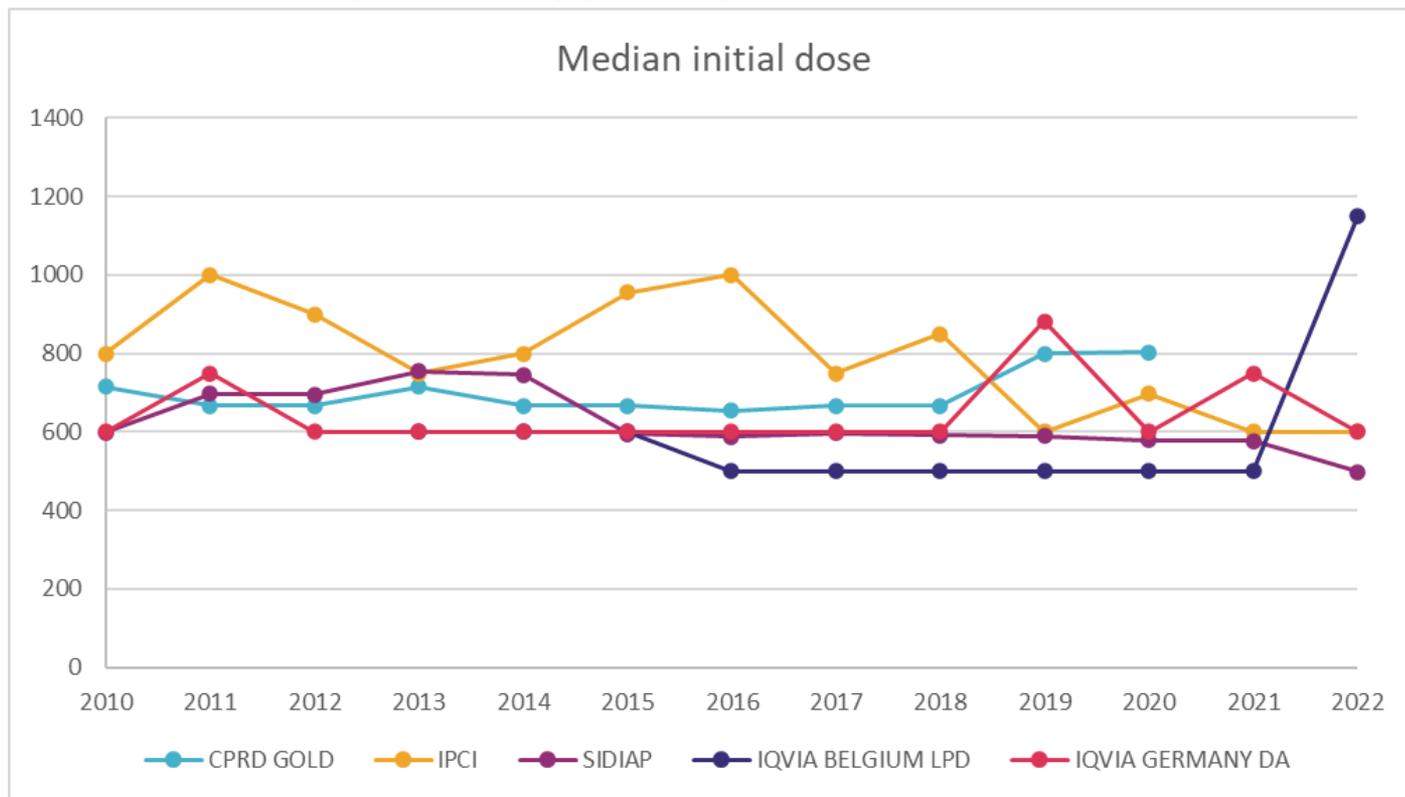
# Results Patient Level

Database	OPRD GOLD	EPIC	OPDRN	QVVA Belgium EPD	QVVA Germany DA
<b>Anxiety</b>	2260 (35.2%)	392 (31.6%)	4099 (39.4%)	307 (32.5%)	806 (20.1%)
<b>Asthma</b>	1017 (15.9%)	102 (8.2%)	545 (5.2%)	143 (15.1%)	234 (5.8%)
<b>Chronic Kidney Disease</b>	146 (2.3%)	<5	128 (1.2%)	<5	63 (1.6%)
<b>Chronic Liver Disease</b>	20 (0.3%)	<5	103 (1%)	NA	16 (0.4%)
<b>COPD</b>	82 (1.3%)	21 (1.7%)	96 (0.9%)	113 (12%)	135 (3.4%)
<b>Dementia</b>	23 (0.4%)	<5	37 (0.4%)	<5	64 (1.6%)
<b>Depressive disorder</b>	2460 (38.3%)	194 (15.6%)	2610 (25.1%)	414 (43.8%)	1420 (35.5%)
<b>Diabetes</b>	252 (3.9%)	57 (4.6%)	366 (3.5%)	59 (6.2%)	208 (5.2%)
<b>GERD</b>	174 (2.7%)	19 (1.5%)	262 (2.5%)	172 (18.2%)	84 (2.1%)
<b>Heart failure</b>	13 (0.2%)	6 (0.5%)	18 (0.2%)	<5	43 (1.1%)
<b>HIV</b>	6 (0.1%)	NA	53 (0.5%)	<5	5 (0.1%)
<b>Hypertension</b>	333 (5.2%)	96 (7.7%)	601 (5.8%)	166 (17.6%)	431 (10.8%)
<b>Hypothyroidism</b>	366 (5.7%)	56 (4.5%)	896 (8.6%)	104 (11%)	313 (7.8%)
<b>Infertility</b>	63 (1%)	NA	144 (1.4%)	<5	<5
<b>Inflammatory Bowel Disease</b>	40 (0.6%)	6 (0.5%)	36 (0.3%)	7 (0.7%)	30 (0.7%)
<b>Malignant neoplastic disease</b>	199 (3.1%)	59 (4.8%)	332 (3.2%)	27 (2.9%)	137 (3.4%)
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	10 (0.2%)	<5	16 (0.2%)	<5	13 (0.3%)
<b>Osteoporosis</b>	44 (0.7%)	7 (0.6%)	84 (0.8%)	22 (2.3%)	32 (0.8%)
<b>Pneumonia</b>	89 (1.4%)	51 (4.1%)	369 (3.5%)	29 (3.1%)	115 (2.9%)
<b>Rheumatoid Arthritis</b>	25 (0.4%)	9 (0.7%)	24 (0.2%)	5 (0.5%)	32 (0.8%)
<b>Stroke</b>	81 (1.3%)	37 (3%)	142 (1.4%)	14 (1.5%)	81 (2%)
<b>Venous Thromboembolism</b>	88 (1.4%)	25 (2%)	59 (0.6%)	28 (3%)	65 (1.6%)

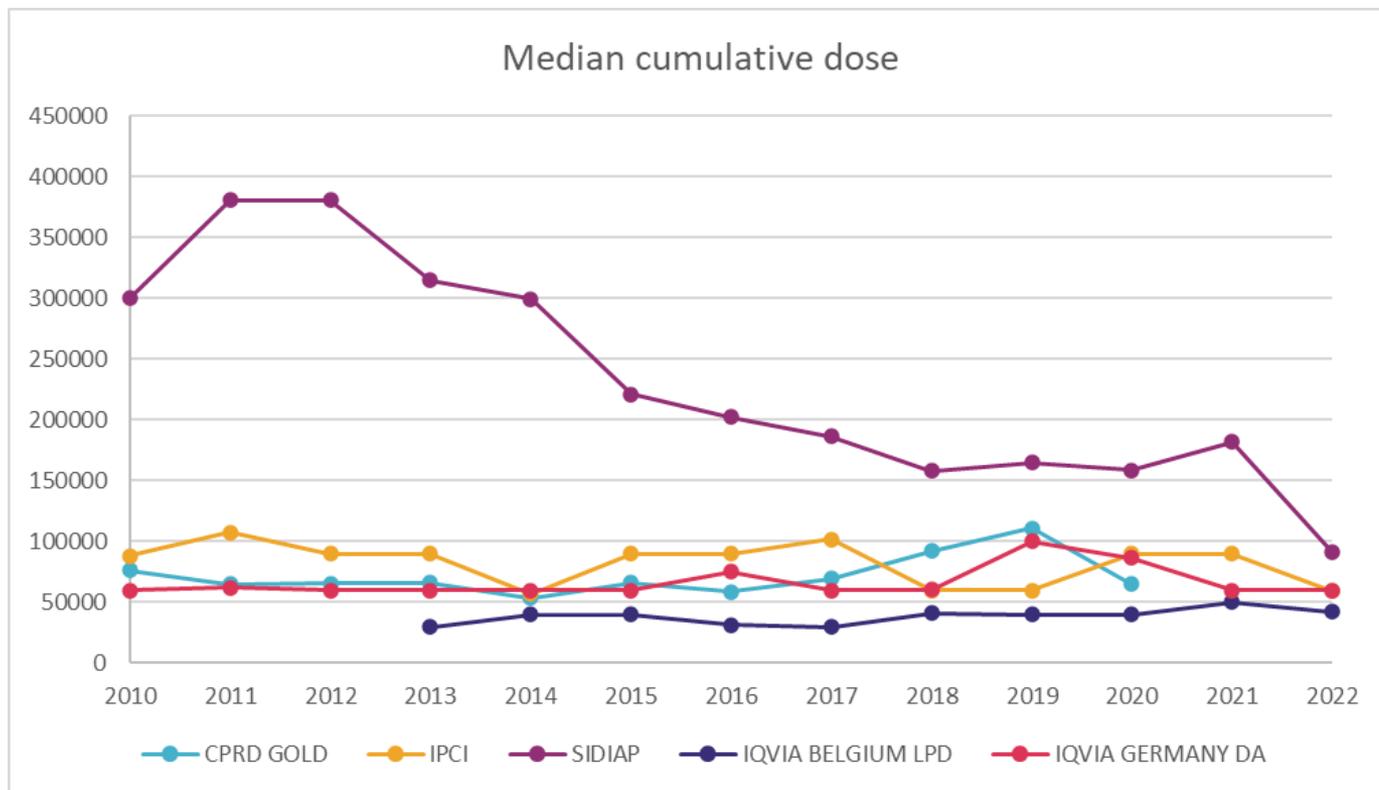
# Results Patient Level

Database	CPRD GOLD	IPCI	SIDIAP	IQVIA Belgium LPD	IQVIA Germany DA
<b>Agents acting on Renin Angiotensin System</b>	366 (5.7%)	132 (10.6%)	618 (5.9%)	59 (6.2%)	228 (5.7%)
<b>Antibacterials (systemic)</b>	3043 (47.4%)	395 (31.8%)	3668 (35.3%)	308 (32.6%)	441 (11%)
<b>Antidepressants</b>	3774 (58.8%)	381 (30.7%)	6243 (60%)	365 (38.6%)	1102 (27.5%)
<b>Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic Agents</b>	2233 (34.8%)	460 (37.1%)	5357 (51.5%)	368 (38.9%)	627 (15.7%)
<b>Antineoplastic agents</b>	<5	18 (1.5%)	100 (1%)	11 (1.2%)	18 (0.4%)
<b>Antithrombotics</b>	448 (7%)	78 (6.3%)	263 (2.5%)	27 (2.9%)	101 (2.5%)
<b>Beta Blocking Agents</b>	1079 (16.8%)	242 (19.5%)	695 (6.7%)	167 (17.7%)	270 (6.7%)
<b>Calcium Channel Blockers</b>	220 (3.4%)	50 (4%)	219 (2.1%)	30 (3.2%)	86 (2.1%)
<b>Diuretics</b>	314 (4.9%)	56 (4.5%)	348 (3.3%)	38 (3.2%)	172 (4.3%)
<b>Drugs for Acid related disorder</b>	1861 (29%)	382 (30.8%)	3519 (33.8%)	258 (27.3%)	507 (12.7%)
<b>Drugs for obstructive airway diseases</b>	1242 (19.4%)	315 (25.4%)	1858 (17.9%)	207 (21.9%)	197 (4.9%)
<b>Drugs used in diabetes</b>	262 (4.1%)	45 (3.6%)	283 (2.7%)	47 (5%)	102 (2.5%)
<b>Hormonal contraceptives (systemic)</b>	1291 (20.1%)	136 (11%)	415 (4%)	150 (15.9%)	59 (1.5%)
<b>Immunosuppressants</b>	48 (0.7%)	12 (1%)	76 (0.7%)	<5	18 (0.4%)
<b>Lipid modifying agents</b>	414 (6.5%)	82 (6.6%)	736 (7.1%)	63 (6.7%)	97 (2.4%)

## Median initial dose (mg/day) by year and database



# Median cumulative annual dose (mg) by year and database



## Conclusion

The **incidence and prevalence of use of VPA among women of childbearing age have declined** in BE, DE, ES, NL, and the UK. Specially in younger women.

Although **initial dose did not change over time**, cumulative annual use decreased in ES (but not in any of the other countries).

Quick analytics -> ~ 2m from protocol approval to report with winter holidays

## Report

<https://www.encepp.eu/encepp/viewResource.htm?id=84554>



## Shiny App

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# Coordination Centre

Drug utilisation of antibiotics in the 'Watch' category of the WHO AWaRe classification of antibiotics for evaluation and monitoring of use: a network study part of DARWIN EU®

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# Background

The WHO [2021 AWARe classification \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/antimicrobials-classification) of antibiotics for evaluation and monitoring of use classifies 258 antibiotics into 3 categories (**Access/Watch/Reserve**) according to their impact on antimicrobial resistance.

The Watch list includes antibiotic classes that have higher resistance potential and includes most of the highest priority agents among the [Critically Important Antimicrobials for Human Medicine](#) and/or antibiotics that are at relatively high risk of selection of bacterial resistance. These medicines should be prioritized as key targets of stewardship programs and monitoring.



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## 2021 AWARe classification

WHO access, watch, reserve, classification of antibiotics for evaluation and monitoring of use

30 September 2021 | Guidance (normative)

2021 AWARe classification

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### Overview

The AWARe Classification of antibiotics was developed in 2017 by the WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines as a tool to support antibiotic stewardship efforts at local, national and global levels. Antibiotics are classified into three groups, Access, Watch and Reserve, taking into account the impact of different antibiotics and antibiotic classes on antimicrobial resistance, to emphasize the importance of their appropriate use. The 2021 update of the AWARe classification includes an additional 78 antibiotics not previously classified, bringing the total to 258.

It is a useful tool for monitoring antibiotic consumption, defining targets and monitoring the effects of stewardship policies that aim to optimize antibiotic use and curb antimicrobial resistance. The WHO 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of Work 2019–2023 includes a country-level target of at least 60% of total antibiotic consumption being Access group antibiotics.

# Objectives

1. To investigate **the incidence rate and prevalence of use** of antibiotics (from the WHO Watch list) stratified by calendar year, age, sex and country/database during the study period 2012-2021.
2. To explore **duration of antibiotic use** as well as **indication for antibiotic prescribing/dispensing**.

# Methods (1)

- Retrospective cohort study
- Data sources: All mapped to **OMOP CDM**

Country	Name of Database	Health Care setting (e.g. primary care, specialist care, hospital care)	Type of Data (EHR, claims, registries)	Number of subjects in database	End of calendar period covered
NL	IPCI	Primary care	EHR	2.7 million	30/6/2022
FR	CHUBX	Secondary care (in and outpatients)	EHR	2.2 million	18/12/2022
ES	SIDIAP	Primary care	EHR	8.3 million	30/6/2022
ES	IMASIS	Secondary care (in and outpatients)	EHR	1.0 million	9/7/2022
DE	IQVIA Germany	Primary care and outpatient specialist care	EHR	8.5 million	30/6/2022
UK	CPRD GOLD	Primary care	EHR	15.7 million	30/6/2020

- Study period: 2012 - 2021

## Methods (2)

- ***Population-level utilisation of antibiotics:***
  - ❑ **Annual incidence** - the number of new users after 30 days of no use per 100,000 person-years of the population at risk of getting exposed during the period for each calendar year
  - ❑ **Prevalence** - total number of individuals who use the drug of interest during a given year divided by the population at risk of getting exposed during that year
- ***Patient-level utilisation of antibiotics:***
  - ❑ **Duration of use** - two drug eras were merged into one continuous drug era if the distance in days between end of the first era and start of the second era was  $\leq 7$  days.

## Results (1)

The Watch list from the WHO consists of 141 antibiotics (137 individual antibiotics with some additional entries for oral or parenteral use).

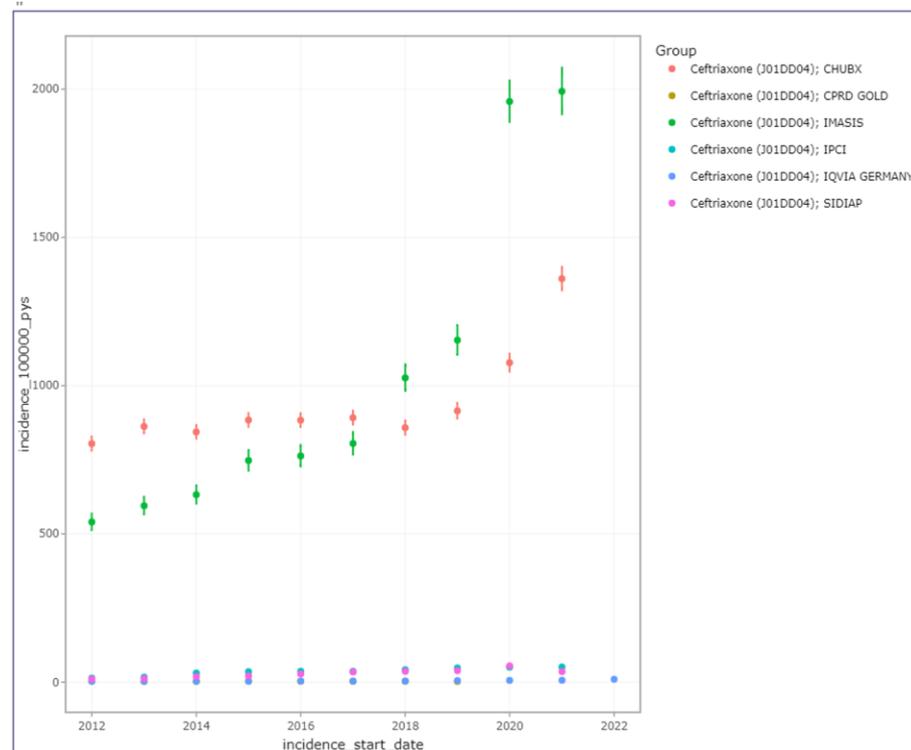
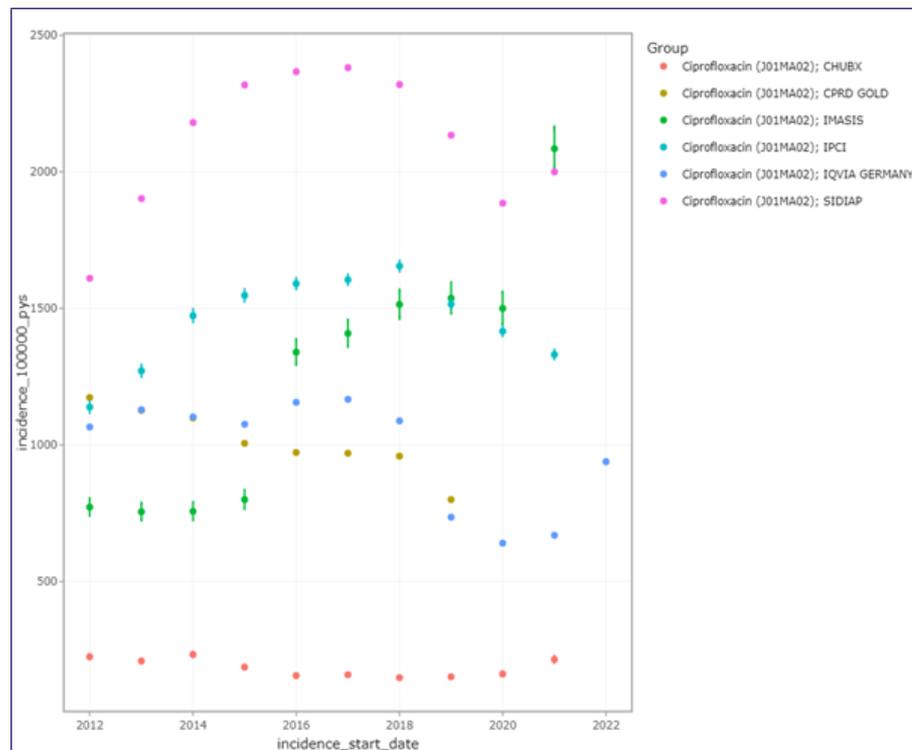
Of these antibiotics, only 78 appeared as used/prescribed in at least one of the data sources during the study period

## Results (2) – Incidence of antibiotic use

CPRD GOLD		IPCI		SIDIAP		IMASIS		CHUBX		IQVIA Germany	
Incidence	Antibiotic	Incidence	Antibiotic	Incidence	Antibiotic	Incidence	Antibiotic	Incidence	Antibiotic	Incidence	Antibiotic
3,577 (3,571; 3,583)	Clarithromycin	1,862 (1,853; 1,870)	Azithromycin	3,165 (3,160; 3,169)	Fosfomycin	1,218 (1,202; 1,234)	Levofloxacin	961 (952; 970)	Ceftriaxone	1353 (1350; 1355)	Cefuroxime
2,073 (2,068; 2,078)	Erythromycin	1,462 (1,455; 1,470)	Ciprofloxacin	2,567 (2,563; 2,571)	Azithromycin	1,213 (1,197; 1,229)	Ciprofloxacin	493 (487; 499)	Piperacillin_ tazobactam	985 (983;987)	Ciprofloxacin
1,023 (1,020; 1,026)	Ciprofloxacin	1,190 (1,184; 1,197)	Fosfomycin	2,098 (2,094; 2,101)	Ciprofloxacin	980 (966; 994)	Ceftriaxone	204 (200; 208)	Ofloxacin	981 (979; 984)	Azithromycin
868 (865; 871)	Lymecycline	828 (822; 834)	Clarithromycin	1,485 (1,482; 1,488)	Levofloxacin	831 (818; 844)	Azithromycin	191 (187; 195)	Ciprofloxacin	587 (585; 589)	Fosfomycin
518 (515; 520)	Oxytetracycline	517 (512; 521)	Pheneticillin	959 (956; 961)	Cefuroxime	830 (817; 843)	Fosfomycin	133 (129; 136)	Vancomycin	537 (535; 539)	Cefaclor

Number of new users/100,000 PY

# Results (3) – Incidence of ciprofloxacin & ceftriaxone use



## Results (4) – Duration of antibiotic use

CPRD GOLD	IPCI	SIDIAP	IMASIS	CHUBX	IQVIA Germany
Antibiotic	Duration (median, p25-p75)				
<b>Azithromycin</b>	3 (1 - 3)	4 (4 - 4)	3 (3 - 3)	3 (3 - 3)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Cefaclor</b>	7 (5 - 7)	9 (8 - 9)	7 (6 - 7)	5 (1 - 7)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Ceftriaxone</b>	7 (4 - 7)	5 (2 - 5)	30 (1 - 30)	7 (2 - 10)	2 (1 - 2)
<b>Cefuroxime</b>	7 (7 - 7)	8 (6 - 8)	7 (7 - 7)	6 (6 - 7)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Ciprofloxacin</b>	5 (5 - 5)	8 (8 - 8)	7 (7 - 7)	5 (5 - 10)	2 (1 - 2)
<b>Clarithromycin</b>	7 (7 - 7)	8 (8 - 8)	7 (7 - 7)	7 (5 - 7)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Erythromycin</b>	7 (5 - 7)	9 (8 - 9)	7 (7 - 7)	30 (8 - 30)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Fosfomycin</b>	1 (1 - 1)	3 (3 - 3)	1 (1 - 1)	1 (1 - 1)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Levofloxacin</b>	10 (7 - 10)	8 (8 - 8)	14 (7 - 14)	7 (5 - 10)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Lymecycline</b>	56 (28 - 56)	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Ofloxacin</b>	14 (14 - 14)	11 (8 - 11)	14 (7 - 14)	30 (5 - 30)	NA
<b>Oxytetracycline</b>	28 (7 - 28)	8 (4 - 8)	17 (12 - 17)	5 (5 - 7)	1 (1 - 1)
<b>Pheneticillin</b>	NA	NA	7 (7 - 7)	NA	NA
<b>Piperacillin_tazobactam</b>	28 (28 - 28)	NA	37 (18 - 37)	30 (30 - 30)	6 (3 - 6)
<b>Vancomycin</b>	10 (10 - 10)	11 (6 - 11)	10 (7 - 10)	7 (5 - 10)	4 (2 - 4)
<b>Azithromycin</b>	3 (1 - 3)	4 (4 - 4)	3 (3 - 3)	3 (3 - 3)	1 (1 - 1)

# Conclusions

- Incidence rate were mainly below 100/100.000 PY except for use of ciprofloxacin, clarithromycin, fosfomycin and azithromycin in most of the database.
- The incidence rates of use remained stable or decreased over time for all antibiotics ...
- ... except for ceftriaxone, cefuroxime, piperacilline-tazobactam and vancomycin, that increased in use over time, mainly due to secondary care use
- For the majority of investigated antibiotics, the incidence increased with age and was comparable by sex.
- The median duration of use was usually around one week but shorter in secondary care



# Data Analysis and Real World Interrogation Network (DARWIN EU<sup>®</sup>)

## Questions and Answers Session



# Closing Remarks

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# A great journey ahead!

- Further growth of the Data Network
- Multiple new European projects
- National Nodes Expansion
- Many research studies on more data sources
- Many publications on methods
- Further expansion of training curriculum driven by the European Health Data and Evidence Network (EHDEN)
- DARWIN EU® going into its Operational Phase with a strong increase in number of studies to support regulatory decision making.





# Join the Community

## Join Our Workgroup Efforts!

Join A Workgroup

Weekly Workgroup Meeting Schedule

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#### Dentistry

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There are 32 Workgroups!



### July Community Calls

Date	Topic
July 4	No Meeting
July 11	European Symposium Review
July 18	Vulcan: An HL7 FHIR Accelerator Transforming Clinical & Translational Research
July 25	Around The Asia-Pacific Region



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# How to close this symposium..



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Getting to the  
OHDSI Symposium  
this year was quite  
a ride for Patrick  
and Peter



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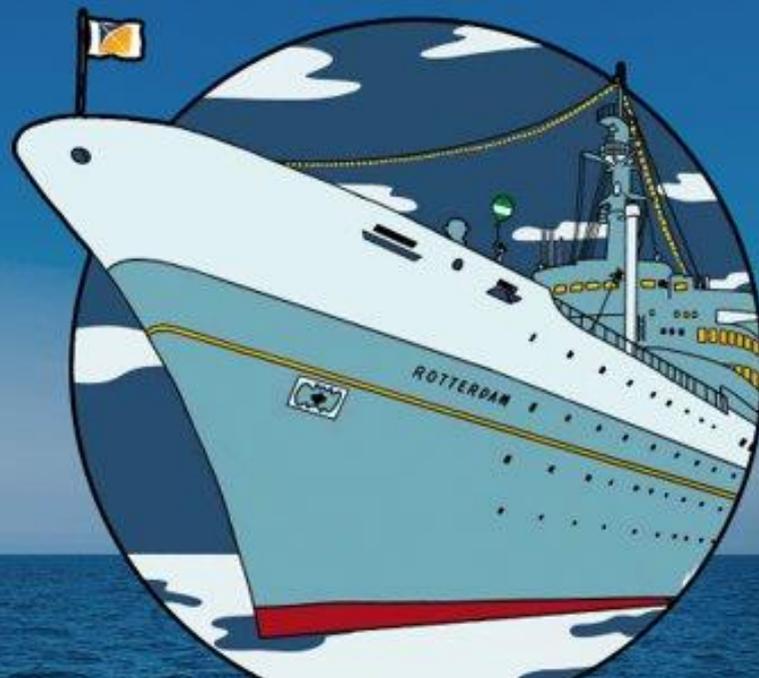


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