



# **OHDSI Network in Action: The Risk of Angioedema associated with Levetiracetam Use**

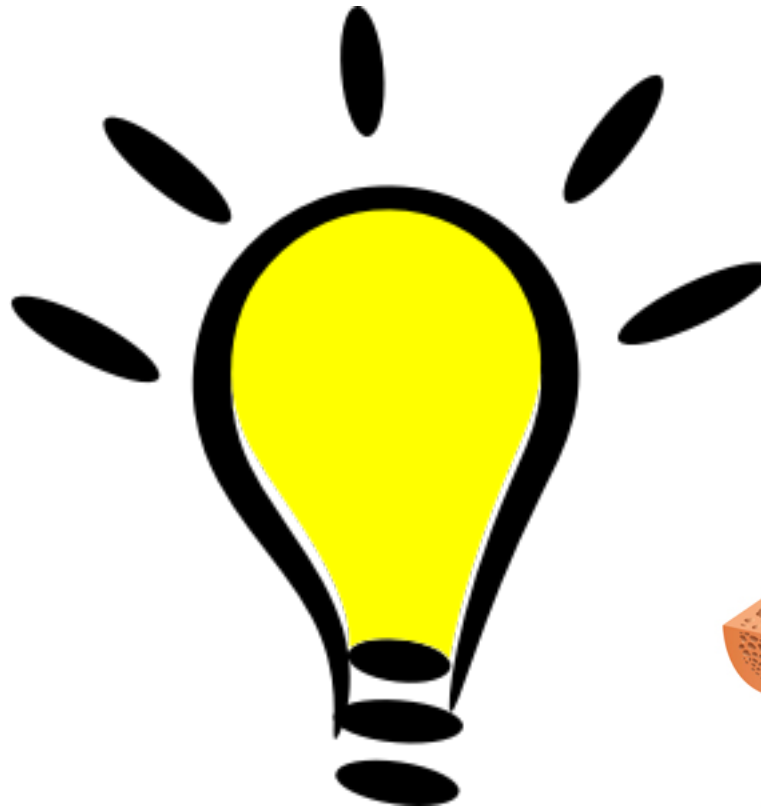


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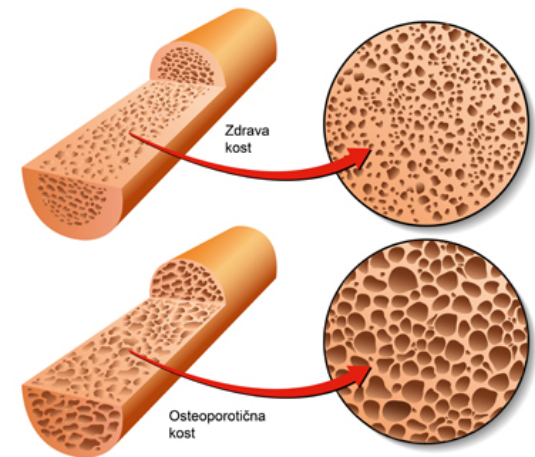




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*Idea*





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## Anyone interested in looking at ASA effects on osteoporosis?

■  Staff



jon\_duke 

< 1m

Hi, I'm an endocrinologist at MUNC and have been looking at this question of whether aspirin causes bone loss and can lead to osteoporosis. The data out there are pretty conflicting. Here's the conclusion for a recent review paper.

Despite a positive effect on bone mineral density, the limited human epidemiological studies revealed that aspirin could not reduce fracture risk. A study even suggested that the use of aspirin increased fracture risk. As a conclusion, aspirin may increase bone mineral density but its effect on fracture prevention is inconclusive. More data are needed to determine the effects of aspirin and bone health in human.

Is anyone else interested in taking a look at this?



 Reply

## *Discussion*

[forums.ohdsi.org](https://forums.ohdsi.org)





# Anyone working on opioid crisis related projects?

 Researchers



**shawndolley**

May 16

Folks, I am engaging with some stakeholders with funding opportunities for work related to preventing, stopping, understanding the US opioid addiction public health crisis. If anyone here is doing or interested in working in this area, can you let me know at [sdolley@cloudera.com](mailto:sdolley@cloudera.com) or dial 202.460.4660?

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**Andrew** Andrew Williams

May 16

Hi Shawn  
I'm interested in finding out more.  
Andrew

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**farbodr** Fred R.

May 16

I'm interested too. We are in process of setting up OMOP (still a couple of months away). We've done some prelim work using claims data for about 800k members. Would love to get involved in something like this.

FR

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# OHDSI Network Studies

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## Protocols under Development

- **Risk of Osteoporosis with Exposure to Aspirin**
- Learning Effective Clinical Treatment Pathways from Data
- Investigation of global incidence and outcome of sudden cardiac arrest
- Characterization of Oral Antibiotics for Acne Treatment
- Large-scale modeling of patients with thyroid conditions
- Treatments in cancer
  
- New Study Template

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*Protocol*  
[ohdsi.org/web/wiki](http://ohdsi.org/web/wiki)



# < Title of the research study >

**Objective:** *<summarize study objective>*

**Rationale:** *<summarize study rationale>*

**Project Lead(s):** *<initial proposers, list may grow>*

**Coordinating Institution(s):** *<your institution>*

**Additional Participants:** *<usually blank initially, list will grow as individuals are added who are not project leads>*

**Full Protocol:** *<if available, a link to protocol. not necessary for initial planning>*

**Initial Proposal Date:**

**Launch Date:** *<fill out once finalized>*

**Study Closure Date:** *<fill out once finalized>*

**Results Submission:** *<method of submission, eg. ✉ [Email](#) or SFTP>*

## Requirements

**CDM:** *<V4 or V5 or both>*

**Table Accessed:** *<e.g., person, drug\_exposure, observations>*



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This repository is for developing study packages for OHDSI studies. Once completed, they can be moved to the StudyProtocols repository.

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<b>AspirinOsteoporosis</b>	cohort counts output	22 days ago
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<b>DataQuality</b>	units	a month ago
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<b>EvaluatingCaseControl</b>	Mork work on method evaluation	24 days ago
<b>HypertensionCombination</b>	fixing minor error (DB disconnection)	15 days ago


## Preliminary Code

[github.com/ohdsi](https://github.com/ohdsi)





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*Final Code*



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 AspirinOsteoporosis.Rproj

 DESCRIPTION

 NAMESPACE

 README.md

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## Requirements

- A database in [Common Data Model version 5](#) in one of these platforms: SQL Server, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Amazon RedShift, or Microsoft APS.
- R version 3.2.2 or newer
- On Windows: [RTools](#)
- [Java](#)
- 100 GB of free disk space

## Recommended

- 8 CPU cores or more
- 32 GB of memory or more

## How to run

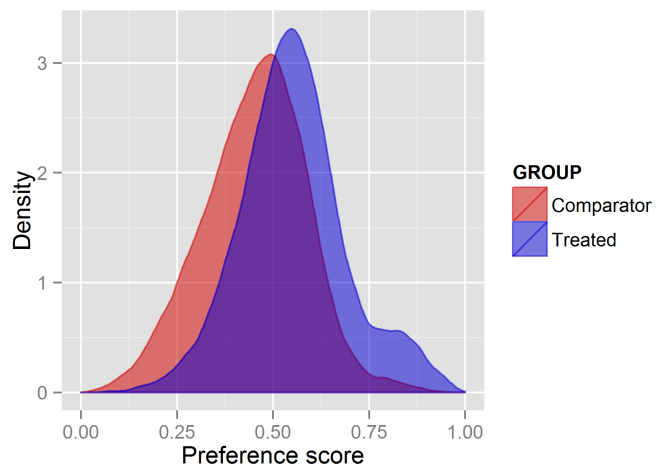
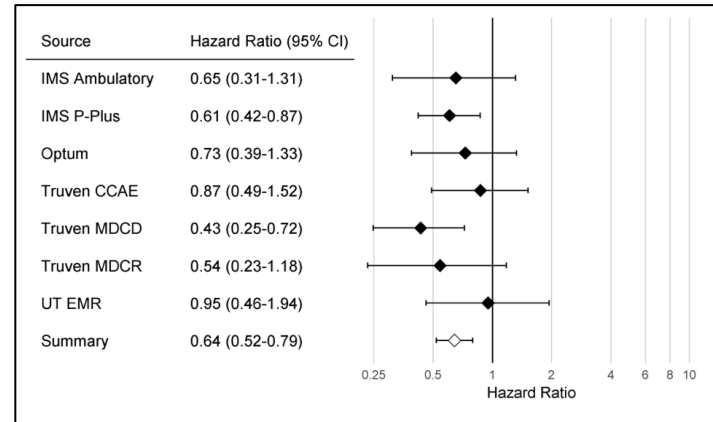
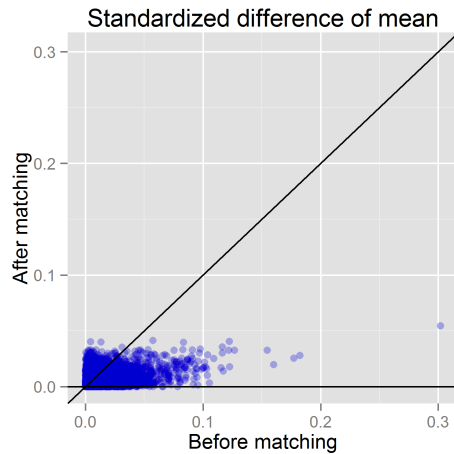
1. Make sure that you have [Java](#) installed, and on Windows make sure that [RTools](#) is installed. See the [OHDSI Wiki](#) for help on setting up your R environment
2. In `R`, use the following code to install the study package and its dependencies:

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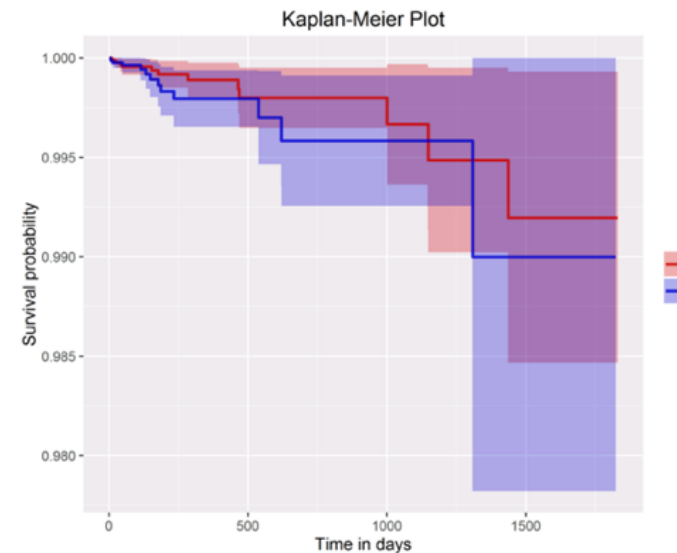
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## Results







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**Risk of Osteoporosis Associated with Aspirin Use: Findings of the Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics Research Network**

**Microsoft Office User**  
Should we change to OHDSI?

<sup>1</sup>Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) Consortium

<sup>2</sup>Georgia Institute of Technology

<sup>3</sup>Janssen Research and Development

<sup>4</sup>University of California Los Angeles

<sup>5</sup>Columbia University

<sup>6</sup>Quintiles-IMS

<sup>7</sup>University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

<sup>8</sup>Stanford University

*Draft Paper!*



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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

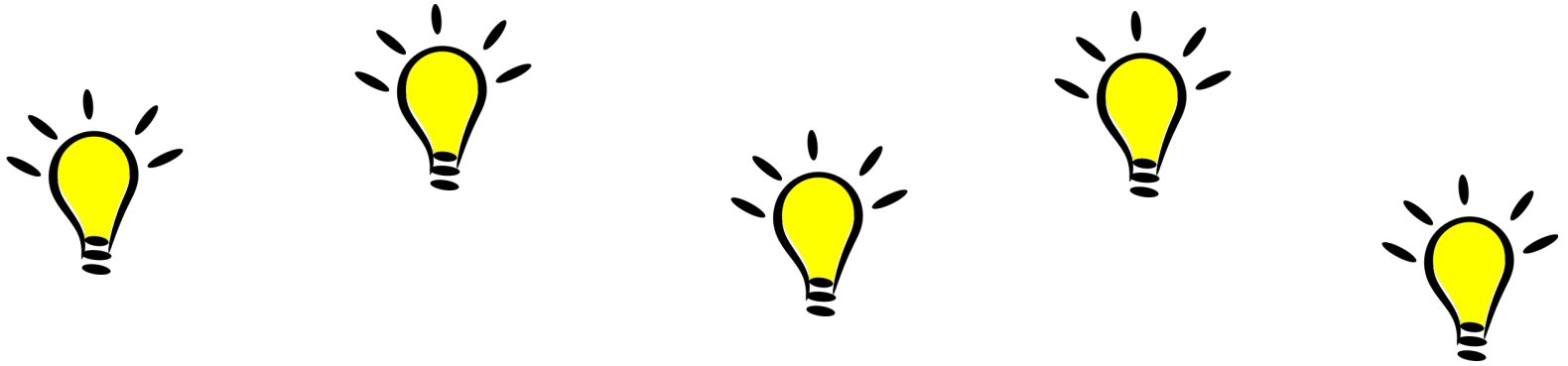
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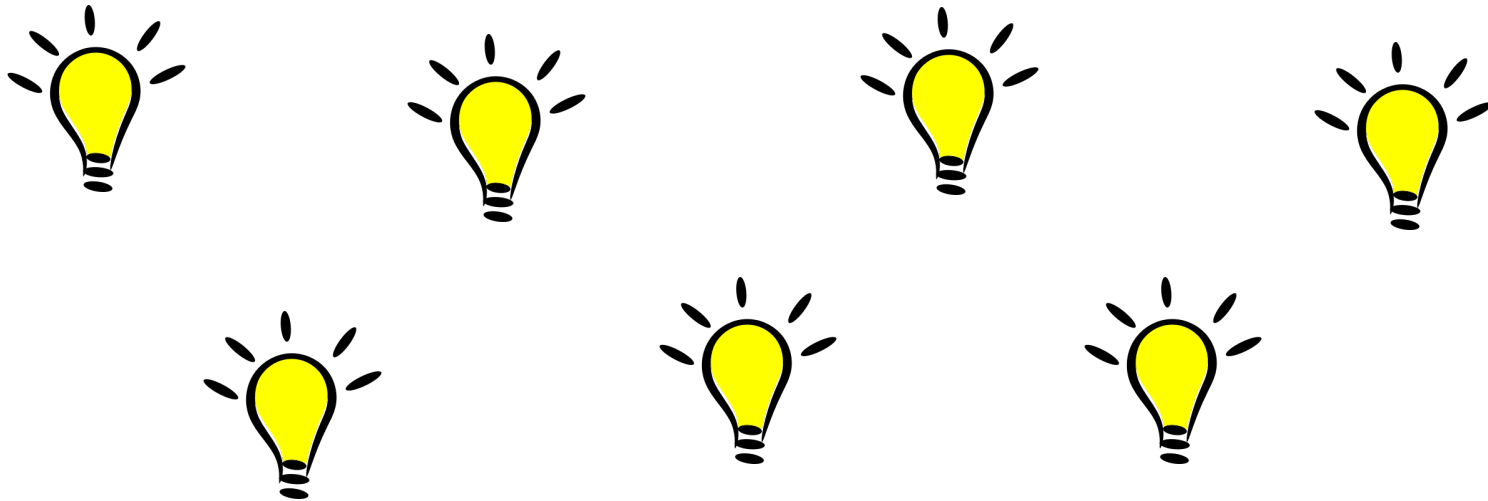
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All it takes is an **Idea** to get started.





# FDA Highlights a Potential Risk

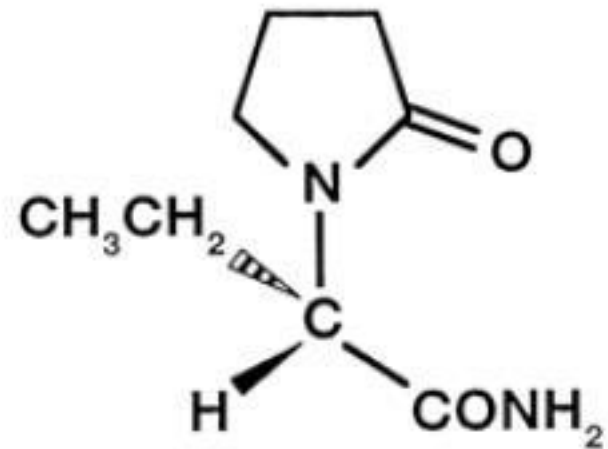
**Potential Signals of Serious Risks/New Safety Information Identified by the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) between October - December 2015**

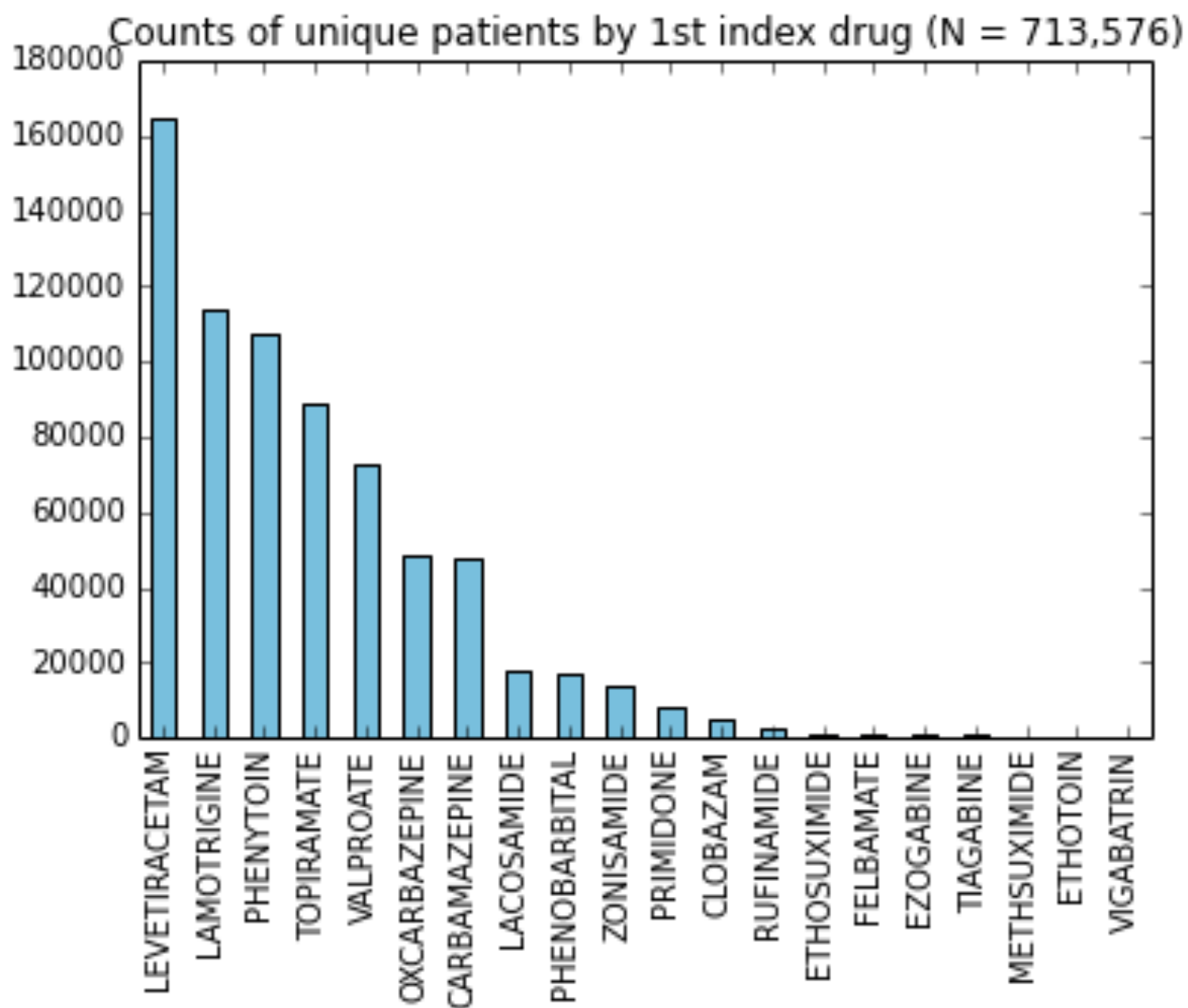
Keppra (levetiracetam) tablet, oral solution, injection	Angioedema	FDA is evaluating the need for regulatory action.
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# What is Levetiracetam?

## Anticonvulsants

Drug	Mechanism of action	Modern approach	Other indications
Carbamazepine	<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b> channel blocker: binds inactive Na channel, extend inactivation	simple partial, complex partial, secondary generalized (narrow)	bipolar disorder, trigeminal neuralgia
Phenytoin	<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b> channel blocker: complex actions	simple partial, complex partial, secondary generalized (narrow)	n/a
Lamotrigine	<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b> channel blocker: selective for excitatory neuron NT like glutamate	all seizure types (broad spectrum)	bipolar disorder; antidepressant effects
Ethosuximide	<b>Ca<sup>2+</sup></b> channel blocker ( $\alpha$ subunit, T type, thalamic)	<b>absence</b> seizures (narrow spectrum)	n/a; just first line for absence seizures
Phenobarbital	<b>GABA</b> antagonist: augments GABA receptor (Cl channel)	simple partial, complex partial, secondary generalized (narrow)	Tremors (similar to primidone for essential tremor)
Valproate	many: blocks Na, enhance GABA, block Ca	all seizure types (broad spectrum)	Migraine prophylaxis, bipolar disorder
Topiramate	many: blocks Na, enhance GABA, block glutamate (NMDA) receptor	all seizure types (broad spectrum)	Migraine prophylaxis
Gabapentin	unknown or partially known mechanism	simple partial, complex partial, secondary generalized (narrow)	Neuropathic pain, chronic pain
Pregabalin	unknown or partially known mechanism	simple partial, complex partial, secondary generalized (narrow)	Neuropathic pain; fibromyalgia
Levetiracetam	unknown or partially known mechanism	all seizure types (broad spectrum)	n/a









# What is Angioedema?



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# Why is it hard to study?

- Angioedema is very rare
- Hereditary form incidence 1/50000
- Drug-induced angioedema is more common but still rare as we have seen (reported rates with ACE-inhibitors ranging from 2 to 7/1000 person-years)
- Perfect opportunity for a network study!

Miller DR, Oliveria SA, Berlowitz DR, Fincke BG, Stang P, Lillienfeld DE. Angioedema incidence in US veterans initiating angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors. Hypertension. 2008 Jun 1;51(6):1624-30.





# OHDSI Springs into Action!





# Protocol Development

- Transparent protocol development

## 3 Abstract

This study aims to evaluate angioedema risk in seizure disorder patients exposed to Keppra (levetiracetam) compared with those exposed to phenytoin sodium. A potential link between levetiracetam and angioedema has been recently raised by the Food and Drug Administration in their review of spontaneous reporting data. In this study, we will analyze data from a distributed network using the OHDSI CohortMethod package.

## 4 Amendments and Updates

0.1	18 April 2016	Jon Duke	Initial draft
0.2	30 April 2016	Jon Duke	Added negative controls and updates exclusion criteria
0.3	2 May 2016	Jon Duke	Updated negative controls
0.4	3 May 2016	Jon Duke	Additional edits to negative controls
0.5	17 May 2016	Martijn Schuemie	Updated Methods section



# Levetiracetam and Risk of Angioedema in patients with Seizure Disorder

**Objective:** To assess the risk between exposure to Keppra (levetiracetam) and angioedema.

**Rationale:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has [recently announced](#) that they are evaluating the need for regulatory action regarding a potential association between exposure to the anti-seizure drug Keppra and angioedema. OHDSI seeks to support evidence generation for questions of importance to FDA and other stakeholders seeking to protect and promote the public's health.

**Project Lead(s):** Jon Duke, Patrick Ryan, Marc Suchard, George Hripcsak, [?Adler], Christian Reich, Yuriy Khoma, Marie-Sophie Schwalm, Yonghui Hu, [Stanford- Juan?], Martijn Schuemie.

**Coordinating Institution(s):** Regenstrief Institute / Georgia Tech

**Participating Institution(s):** Regenstrief Institute, Georgia Tech, Janssen Research and Development, Columbia University, University of California Los Angeles, University of Texas Houston, Stanford University, QuintilesIMS.

**Full Protocol:** [Keppra and Angioedema Risk Protocol](#)

**Initial Proposal Date:** 5/3/2016

**Launch Date:** 5/18/2016

**Receive Results for Analysis Date:** 7/15/2016

**Study Closure Date:** 12/1/2016 (Study closed)

**Results Submission:** Via the OHDSI Sharing module embedded in study or via [Email](#).



# Code Development

- Leveraged OHDSI CohortMethod R package
- Code tested at 2 sites prior to study start
- All code posted on GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'OHDSI / StudyProtocols'. The main content area displays a list of files and folders with their commit history. The files listed are: `R`, `extras`, `inst`, `man`, `.Rbuildignore`, `.gitignore`, `DESCRIPTION`, `KeppraAngioedema.Rproj`, `NAMESPACE`, and `README.md`. The commit history for each file is shown, including the commit message and the time since the last commit. For example, the `README.md` file was last committed 11 months ago with the message 'Update README.md'.

File	Commit Message	Time
<code>R</code>	Adapting code for new version of CohortMethod	6 months ago
<code>extras</code>	Added meta-analysis and forest plots to Keppra study	2 months ago
<code>inst</code>	Added R environment snapshot for later replication.	3 months ago
<code>man</code>	Added population characteristics to output.	9 months ago
<code>.Rbuildignore</code>	Moved KeppraAngioedema from sandbox to StudyProtocols	11 months ago
<code>.gitignore</code>	Moved KeppraAngioedema from sandbox to StudyProtocols	11 months ago
<code>DESCRIPTION</code>	Added meta-analysis and forest plots to Keppra study	2 months ago
<code>KeppraAngioedema.Rproj</code>	Moved KeppraAngioedema from sandbox to StudyProtocols	11 months ago
<code>NAMESPACE</code>	Added writeReport to package functions	11 months ago
<code>README.md</code>	Update README.md	11 months ago

The `README.md` file content is also visible, showing the title 'OHDSI Keppra and the Risk of Angioedema study' and a paragraph describing the study's purpose: 'This study aims to evaluate angioedema risk in seizure disorder patients exposed to Keppra (levetiracetam) compared with those exposed to phenytoin sodium. A potential link between levetiracetam and angioedema has been recently raised by the Food and Drug Administration in their review of spontaneous reporting data. In this study, we will analyze data from a distributed network using the OHDSI CohortMethod package.'



# Study Overview

- Retrospective observational new-user cohort study
- Inclusion: Exposure to levetiracetam or phenytoin with prior diagnosis of [seizure disorder](#)
  - Phenytoin selected because common first-line anti-seizure treatment, no labeled warning for angioedema after 60 yrs on market, PRR <1 for phenytoin and angioedema in FAERS
- Outcome: diagnosis of [angioedema](#) during the time at risk (per protocol and intent-to-treat)
- Exclusion: <6 months continuous observation prior to exposure, previous dx of angioedema



# Study Overview

- PS-matched treatment and comparator cohorts using variable ratio matching
- Cox proportional hazard models to assess HRs
- To identify residual bias, calculated HRs for 100 negative controls in order to compute calibrated p-values for angioedema in each dataset
- Performed meta-analysis if low heterogeneity between databases ( $I^2 < .25$ ) and min residual bias
- Set a nominal type 1 error rate of 5% without adjusting for multiple testing



# Study Announced

- Once protocol was completed and the code tested, study was announced on forums

## OHDSI Study: Levetiracetam and Risk of Angioedema in patients with Seizure Disorder



■ Researchers



jon\_duke 

May '16

Good afternoon OHDSI researchers!

We are pleased to announce the official start of the Keppra and Angioedema study! See [full details on the wiki](#)  including study rationale, protocol, and [code](#) .

So far we have participation from UCLA, Columbia University, Regenstrief, and Janssen. We would be delighted for you to join!

If you have any questions, please respond via this thread.

Thanks,

Jon, Martijn, Marc, Patrick, George

- 50 viewed protocol, 25 viewed the code, and 7 sites ran the code on 10 databases (5 claims / 5 EHR)



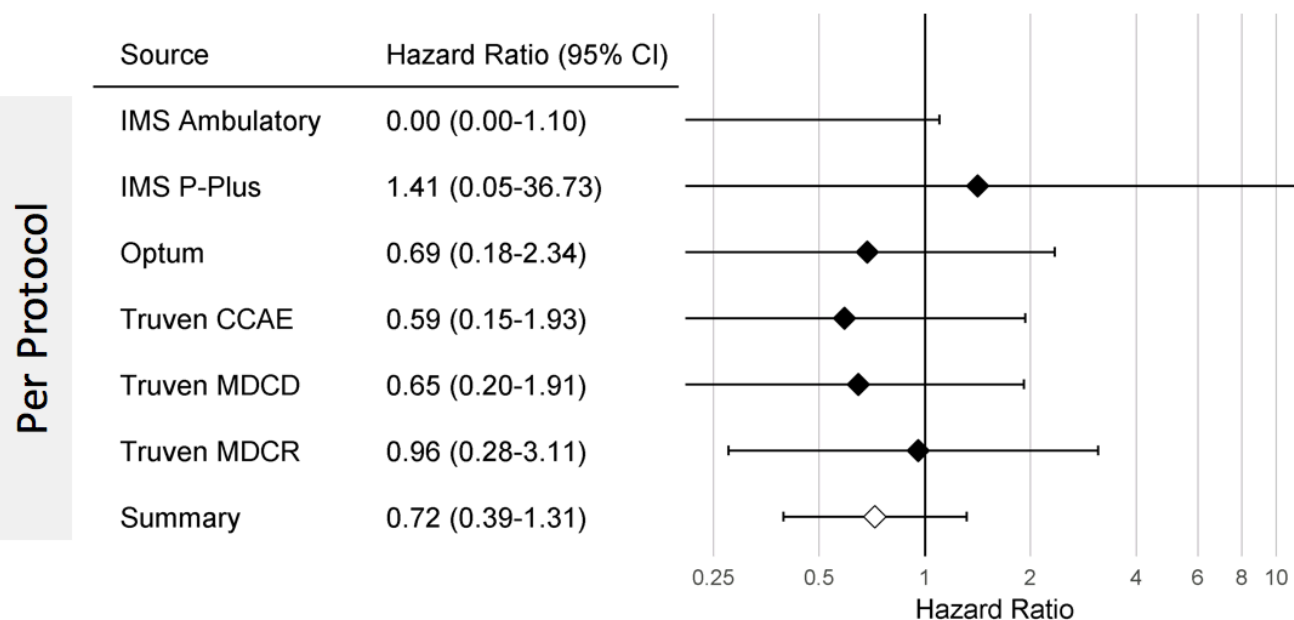
# Cohorts

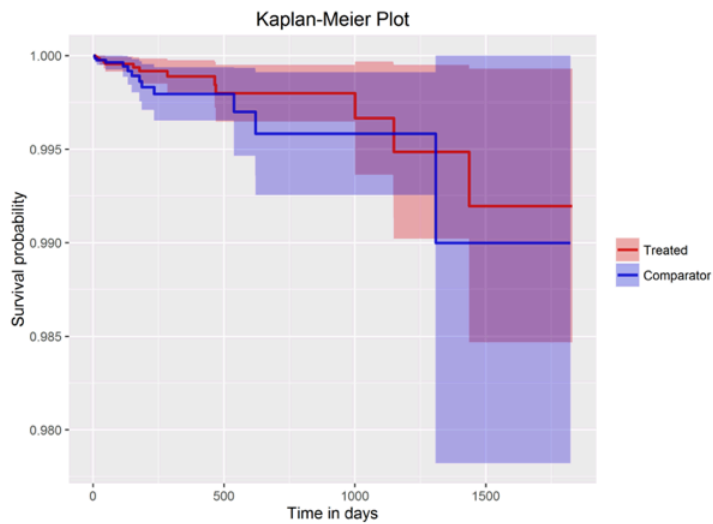
- Per protocol: 59,367 levetiracetam users matched with 74,550 phenytoin users
  - cumulative follow-up of 11,199,152 and 10,597,206 days respectively
- Intent to treat: 75,056 levetiracetam users matched with 95,598 phenytoin users
  - cumulative observation periods of 80,164,173 and 96,182,651 days respectively



# Per Protocol Results

	Source	Levetiracetam			Phenytoin			Hazard Ratio (CI)	p-value (calibrated)
		Patients	Days Treated	Events	Patients	Days Treated	Events		
Per Protocol	IMS P-Plus	6,893	351,090	2	7,745	398,827	2	1.41 (0.05 - 36.73)	0.83 (0.79)
	Optum	10,819	3,150,504	14	14,115	3,030,739	19	0.69 (0.18 - 2.34)	0.57 (0.62)
	Truven_CCAE	13,088	3,549,812	13	16,234	2,962,530	14	0.59 (0.15 - 1.93)	0.41 (0.45)
	Truven_MDCD	8,227	1,883,518	15	9,969	1,666,857	19	0.65 (0.20 - 1.91)	0.45 (0.55)
	Truven_MDCR	4,592	1,400,797	8	6,433	1,564,355	14	0.96 (0.28 - 3.11)	0.94 (0.94)
	IMS Ambulatory	8,762	618,757	1	10,732	730,158	3	0.00 (0.00 - 1.41)	0.23 (0.23)
	Cerner Health Facts (UT)	5,584	54,852	1	7,624	93,543	0	---	---
	Columbia	501	111,307	0	603	68,251	0	---	---
	IMS French_EMR	7	552	0	37	2,463	0	---	---
	Stanford EMR	404	12,313	0	460	13,525	0	---	---

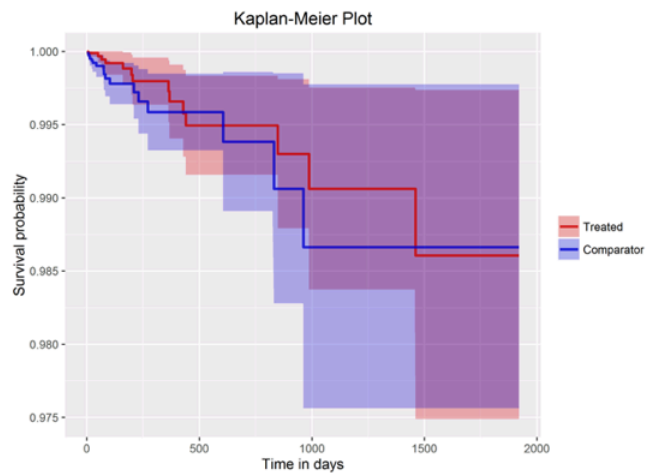




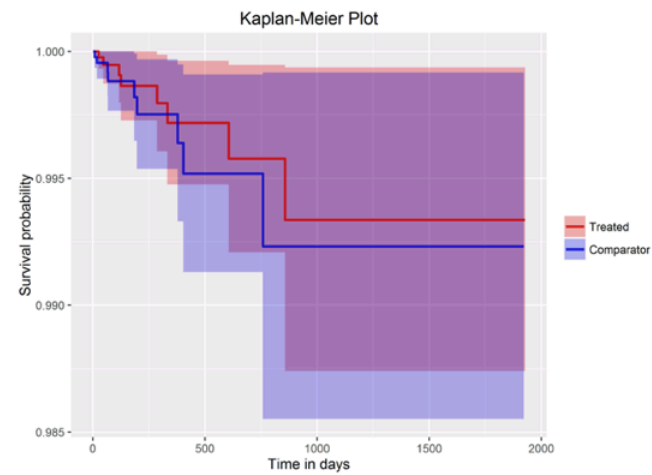
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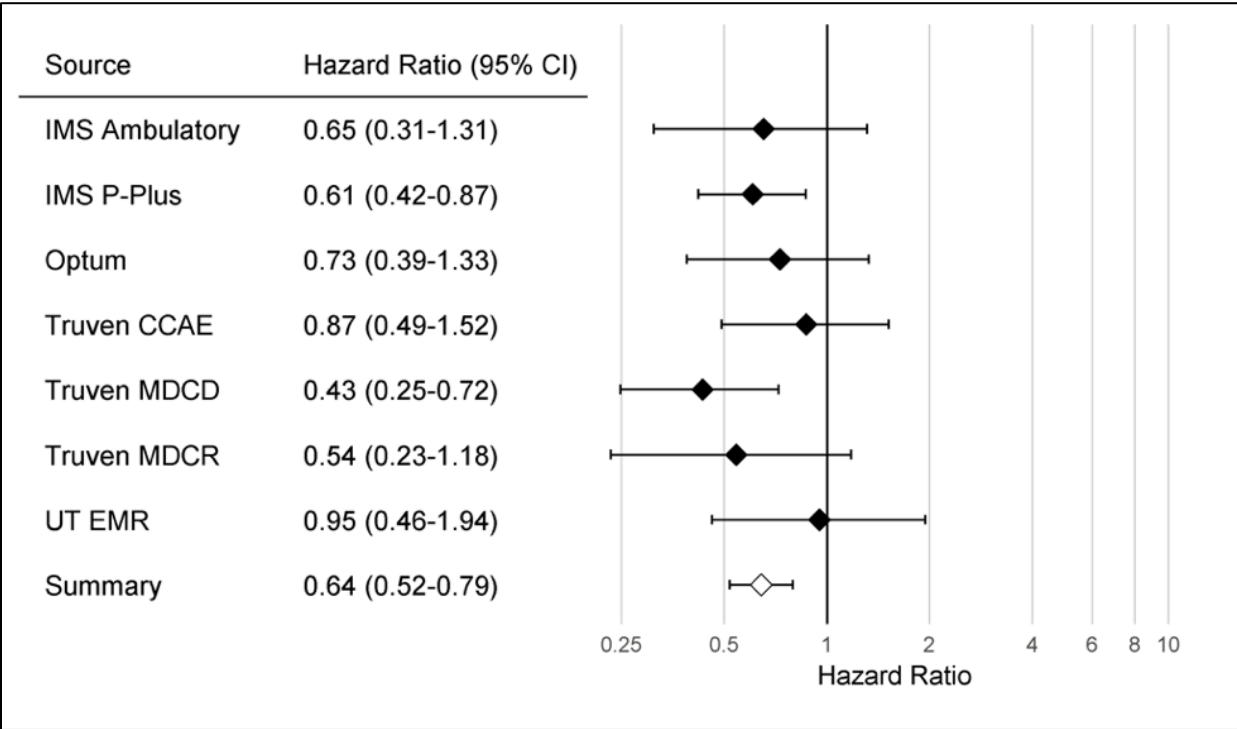


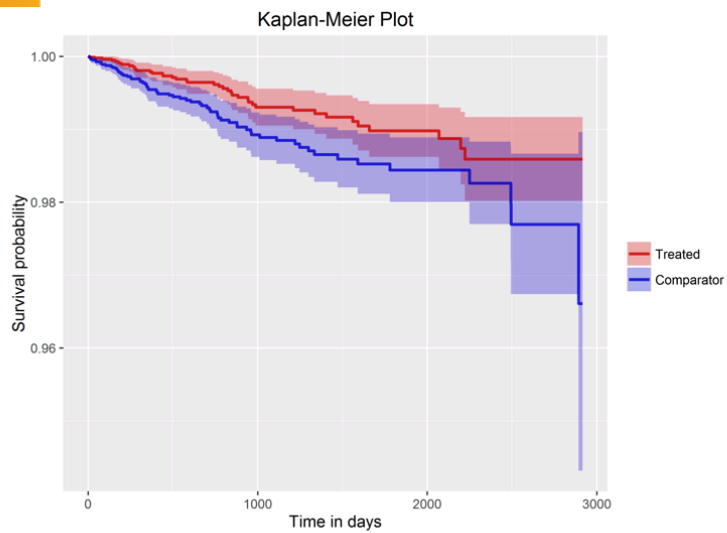
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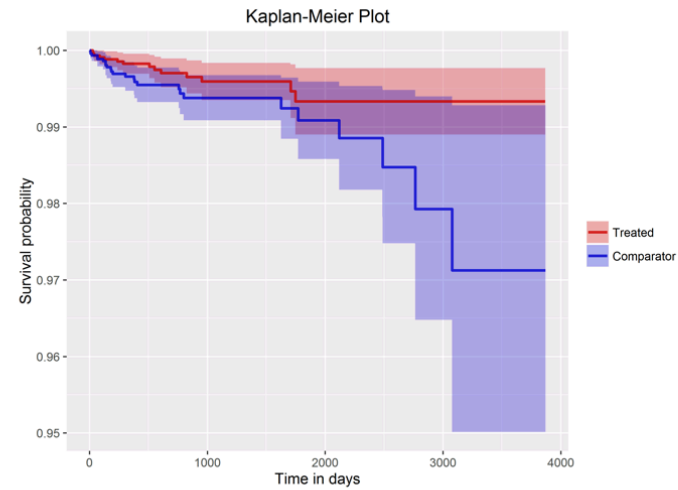
# Intent to Treat Results

		Levetiracetam			Phenytoin				
Intent-to-Treat	Source	Patients	Days Treated	Events	Patients	Days Treated	Events	Hazard Ratio (CI)	p-value (calibrated)
	IMS P-Plus	18,213	16,233,093	78	21,631	18,398,218	117	0.61 (0.42 - 0.87)	0.01 (0.008)
	Optum	10,890	9,101,161	31	14,254	10,818,306	65	0.73 (0.39 - 1.33)	0.31 (0.36)
	Truven_CCAE	13,434	11,347,801	41	16,886	13,390,915	61	0.87 (0.49 - 1.52)	0.63 (0.57)
	Truven_MDCD	8,536	7,328,658	41	11,688	9,603,677	96	0.43 (0.25 - 0.72)	0.00 (0.002)
	Truven_MDCR	4,656	4,317,982	15	6,534	5,516,323	37	0.54 (0.23 - 1.18)	0.14 (0.19)
	IMS Ambulatory	8,762	9,978,497	19	10,732	12,739,915	28	0.65 (0.31 - 1.31)	0.25 (0.25)
	Cerner Health Facts (UT)	9,094	5,842,344	22	12,076	8,229,377	29	0.95 (0.46 - 1.94)	0.90 (0.69)
	Columbia	553	523,215	1	686	643,655	1	---	---
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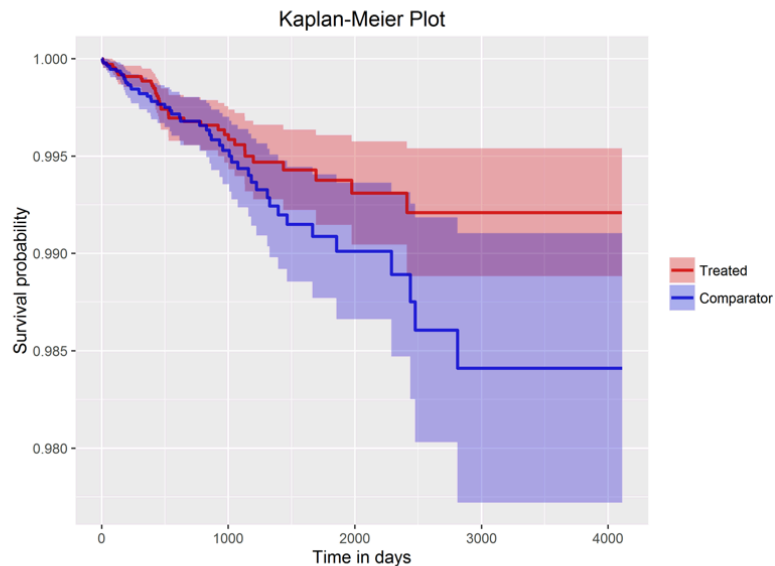




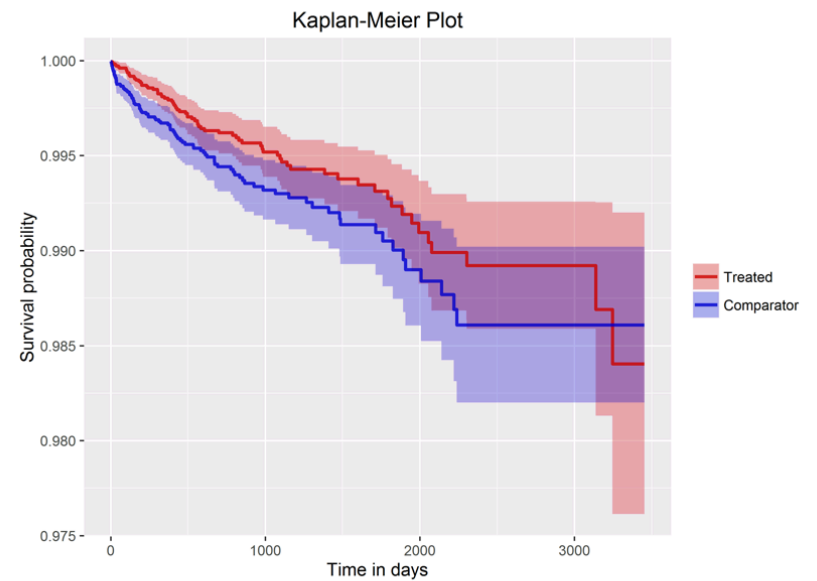
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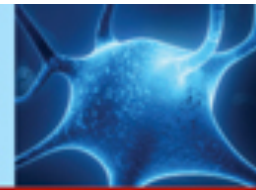
# Summary

- No evidence of increased angioedema risk with levetiracetam use compared with phenytoin use
  - Results were consistent across datasets including both claims and EHR data
  - Further analysis of phenytoin angioedema risk and risk across all anti-epileptic drugs is warranted
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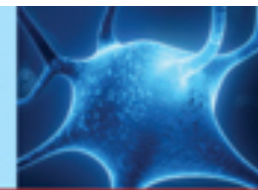
*“Using a large international health care data network, the authors have measured angioedema risk in patients exposed to levetiracetam and compared this to the risk patients exposed to phenytoin. **The study is focused, appears well designed, and provides new insight that should be of interest to clinicians and regulators.**”*

*“Well conducted study with an impressive data material that you were able to combine these databases. **This is an important contribution to improved pharmacovigilance.**”*



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# **Risk of angioedema associated with levetiracetam compared with phenytoin: Findings of the observational health data sciences and informatics research network**

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Duke JD, Ryan PB, Suchard MA, Hripcsak G, Jin P, Reich C, Schwalm MS, Khoma Y, Wu Y, Xu H, Shah NH. Risk of angioedema associated with levetiracetam compared with phenytoin: Findings of the observational health data sciences and informatics research network. *Epilepsia*. 2017 Aug 1;58(8).