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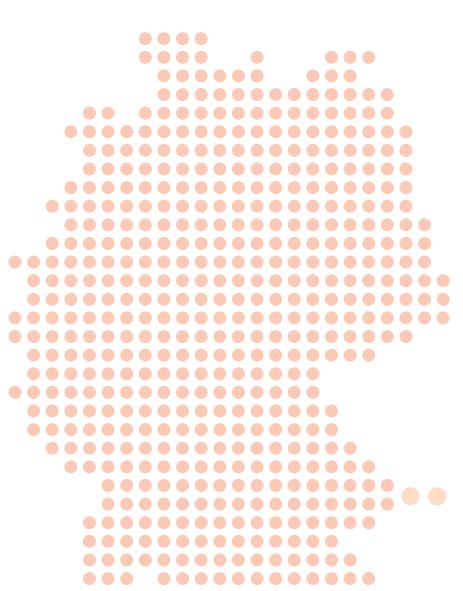
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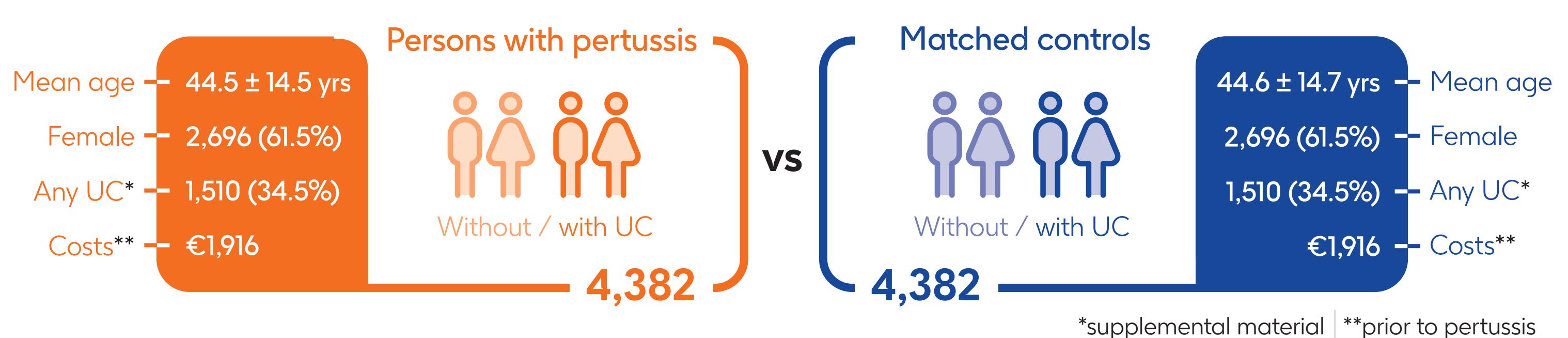
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Aims



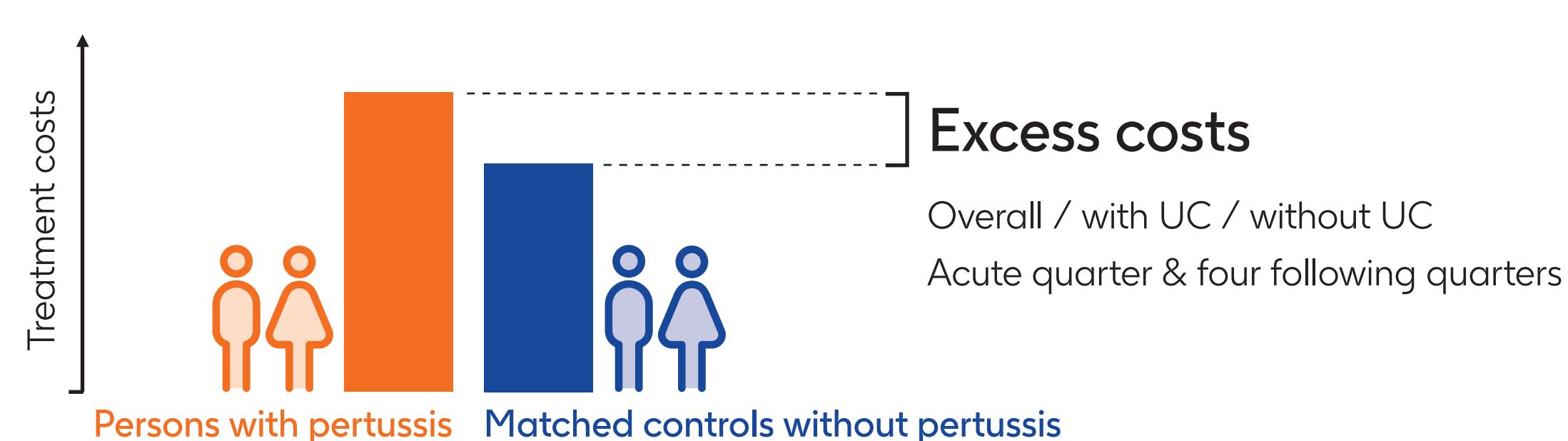
- In the German adult population with and without underlying condition (UC):
 - Calculate health care resource utilization (HCRU) and costs in patients with pertussis.
 - Compare observed HCRU and costs with persons without pertussis infection.

Demographics



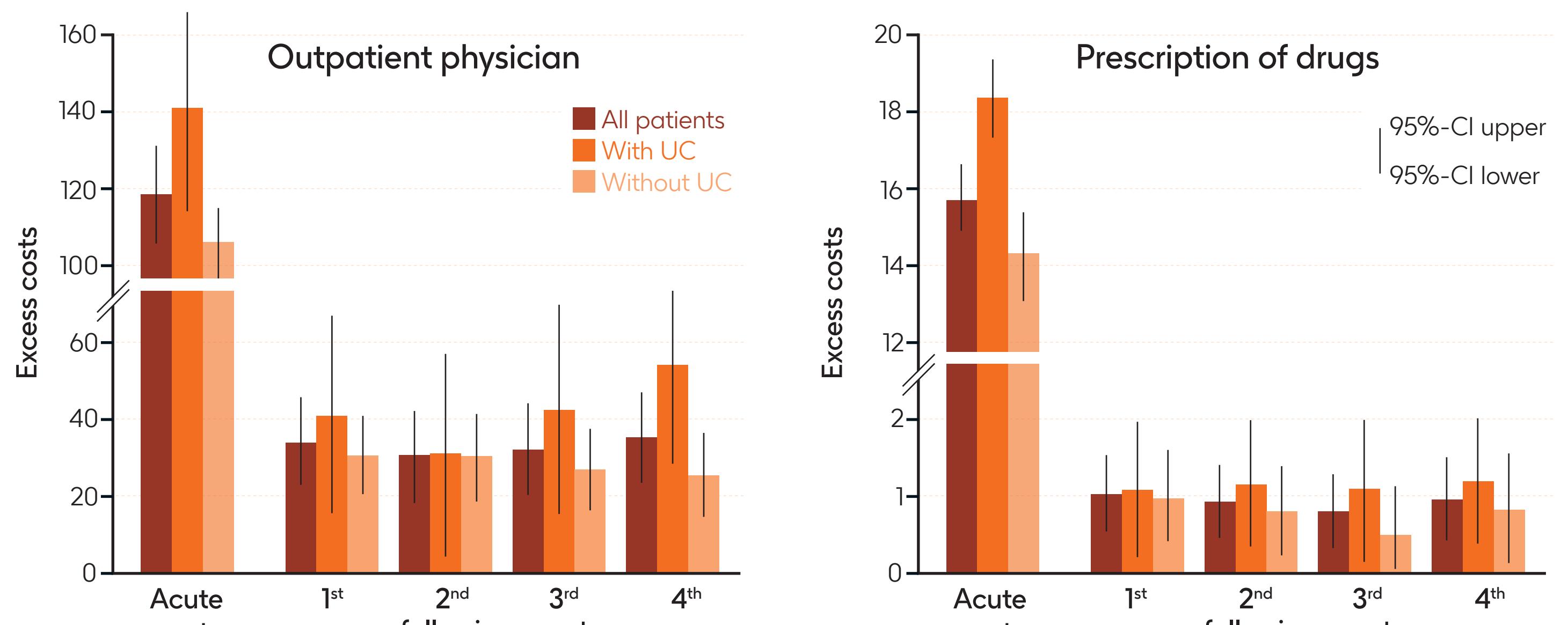
Study Design

- Retrospective cohort study using German statutory health insurance claims data.
- Years under study:** 2016-2019. Data from 2015 is used as a washout period to ensure that pertussis cases in 2016 are incident cases.
- Outcomes:** Excess HCRU and costs related to medication, inpatient hospital visits and outpatient physician contacts. Given the matching approach, any excess was attributed to pertussis infection or a deterioration of the UC due to pertussis.
- Observational period:** Acute quarter of pertussis and four follow-up quarters.



Results

Excess costs during the acute quarter and the subsequent four quarters following a pertussis infection (in €)*



Note: Shown values of excess costs for outpatient physician and prescription of drugs are significant with p-values ranging from <0.03 to <0.0001.

Hospitalization costs of pertussis infection, primary diagnoses (in €)

Sector	Population	Cases	Mean	SD	Median	Min.	Max.
Inpatient	Overall	49	2,761.42	1,055.09	2,716.80	1,319.94	9,205.35
	With UC	30	2,954.97	1,261.61	2,843.18	1,438.38	9,205.35
	Without UC	19	2,466.00	527.56	2,545.05	1,319.94	3,266.69

Length of hospitalization (LOS) in patients with pertussis, primary diagnosis (in days)

Sector	Population	Cases	Mean	SD	Median	Min.	Max.
Inpatient	Overall	49	5.6	3.7	4	1	15
	With UC	30	6.3	3.4	6	2	14
	Without UC	19	4.5	4.0	3	1	15

*supplemental material

Background

- Pertussis is a contagious bacterial respiratory infection impacting individuals of all ages, particularly adults and those with UC.
- Current evidence suggests that 50+ patients and those with certain UCs, i.e., chronic illnesses, are at higher risk of hospitalization and complications from pertussis^{1,2}.
- Yet, little is known about the economic effects of pertussis.

Conclusions



Pertussis leads to increased healthcare service utilization not only during the infection but also in subsequent months.



These costs remain high over a prolonged period with an increase in patients with UC.



Direct hospital costs related to pertussis and LOS were also higher in patients with UC.

Abbreviations

CI: Confidential interval; HCRU: Health care resource utilization
ICD-10: International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision; LOS: Length of stay; Max.: Maximum; Min.: Minimum; SD: Standard deviation; SHI: Statutory health insurer; UC: Underlying condition

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Supplemental material

Matched cohort with pertussis diagnosis

	Population "with UC"			Population "without UC"			Population "total"		
	Pertussis infection	No pertussis infection	SMD	Pertussis infection	No pertussis infection	SMD	Pertussis infection	No pertussis infection	SMD
Number of patients	1,510	1,510	-	2,872	2,872	-	4,382	4,382	-
Age (years)									
Mean (SD)	51.25 (14.67)	51.23 (14.96)	0.0011	40.95 (13.08)	41.10 (13.22)	0.0080	44.50 (14.50)	44.59 (14.66)	0.0043
Age (groups)									
18-29	138 (9.1%)	138 (9.1%)	-	643 (22.4 %)	643 (22.4 %)	-	781 (17.8 %)	781 (17.8 %)	-
30-39	229 (15.2%)	229 (15.2%)	-	724 (25.2 %)	724 (25.2 %)	-	953 (21.7 %)	953 (21.7 %)	-
40-49	298 (19.7%)	298 (19.7%)	-	787 (27.4 %)	787 (27.4 %)	-	1,085 (24.8 %)	1,085 (24.8 %)	-
50-59	409 (27.1%)	409 (27.1%)	-	503 (17.5 %)	503 (17.5 %)	-	912 (20.8 %)	912 (20.8 %)	-
60-69	272 (18.0%)	272 (18.0%)	-	159 (5.5 %)	159 (5.5 %)	-	431 (9.8 %)	431 (9.8 %)	-
70-79	145 (9.6%)	145 (9.6%)	-	51 (1.8 %)	51 (1.8 %)	-	196 (4.5 %)	196 (4.5 %)	-
80-89	19 (1.3%)	19 (1.3%)	-	5 (0.2 %)	5 (0.2 %)	-	24 (0.6 %)	24 (0.6 %)	-
≥90	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
Sex									
Female	1,005 (66.6%)	1,005 (66.6%)	-	1,691 (58.9%)	1,691 (58.9%)	-	2,696 (61.5 %)	2,696 (61.5 %)	-
Male	505 (33.4%)	505 (33.4%)	-	1,181 (41.4%)	1,181 (41.4%)	-	1,686 (38.5 %)	1,686 (38.5 %)	-
Comorbidities									
No comorbidities	0	0	-	2,872 (100%)	2,872 (100%)	-	2,872 (65.5 %)	2,872 (65.5 %)	-
Any	1,510 (100%)	1,510 (100%)	-	0	0	-	1,510 (34.5 %)	1,510 (34.5 %)	-
Asthma	378 (25.0 %)	328 (21.7 %)	0.0554	0	0	-	378 (8.6 %)	328 (7.5 %)	0.0554
COPD	167 (11.1 %)	143 (9.5 %)	0.0370	0	0	-	167 (3.8 %)	143 (3.3 %)	0.0370
Osteoporosis	105 (7.0 %)	93 (6.2 %)	0.0227	0	0	-	105 (2.4 %)	93 (2.1 %)	0.0227
Rheumatoid arthritis	74 (4.9 %)	53 (3.5 %)	0.0490	0	0	-	74 (1.7 %)	54 (1.2 %)	0.0490
Depression	611 (40.5 %)	605 (40.1 %)	0.0057	0	0	-	611 (13.9 %)	605 (13.8 %)	0.0057
Immunodeficiency	392 (26.0 %)	351 (23.2 %)	0.0446	0	0	-	392 (8.9 %)	353 (8.1 %)	0.0446
Heart failure	55 (3.6 %)	58 (3.8 %)	0.0074	0	0	-	55 (1.3 %)	58 (1.3 %)	0.0074
Chromic heart disease	156 (10.3 %)	173 (11.5 %)	0.0256	0	0	-	156 (3.6 %)	173 (3.9 %)	0.0256
Chronic kidney disease	73 (4.8 %)	59 (3.9 %)	0.0321	0	0	-	73 (1.7 %)	59 (1.3 %)	0.0321
Type-2-diabetes	246 (16.3 %)	294 (19.5 %)	0.0587	0	0	-	246 (5.6 %)	294 (6.7 %)	0.0587
Type-1-diabetes	22 (1.5 %)	46 (3.0 %)	0.0759	0	0	-	22 (0.5 %)	46 (1.0 %)	0.0759
Overall costs in the four quarters prior to the index quarter (in €)									
Mean	3,704.35	3,708.88	0.0000	975.84	976.70	0.0002	1,916.07	1,916.47	0.0001
SD	8,084.16	8,078.67	-	3,014.04	3,031.20	-	5,490.50	5,493.76	-
Median	1,480.30	1,480.27	-	358.72	358.71	-	585.94	585.94	-
Outpatient costs									
Mean	984.66	903.06	0.0436	301.39	279.75	0.0240	301.39	279.75	0.031
SD	1,435.07	1,203.88	-	654.68	618.86	-	654.68	618.86	-
Median	767.14	652.26	-	277.27	259.81	-	277.27	259.81	-
Inpatient costs									
Mean	1,420.49	1,456.78	0.0042	467.16	476.70	0.0026	467.16	476.70	0.0032
SD	6,047.92	6,149.44	-	2,564.96	2,583.46	-	2,564.96	2,583.46	-
Median	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
Rx costs (pharmaceuticals)									
Mean	1,299.20	1,344.04	0.0073	207.29	220.25	0.0055	207.29	220.25	0.0058
SD	4,217.12	4,434.61	-	1,558.83	1,768.57	-	1,558.83	1,768.57	-
Median	300.02	342.18	-	57.35	54.83	-	57.35	54.83	-

Abbreviations

CI: Confidence interval; COPD: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; HCRU: Health care resource utilization; SD: Standard Deviation; SMD: Standardized mean difference; UC: Underlying condition

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Supplemental material

Inpatient HCRU and costs in the index quarter: excess costs in the overall population, all patients

Sample size			Costs pertussis case (in €)					Length of stay in days				
Groups	Cases	Median	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	Median	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	
Overall	49	2,716.80	1,319.94	9,205.35	2,761.42	1,055.09	4.00	1.00	15.00	5.57	3.72	
18-29	<8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30-39	10	2,671.00	1,474.47	3,013.40	2,603.95	446.34	2.50	1.00	11.00	4.00	3.53	
40-49	9	2,458.16	1,438.38	2,933.83	2,422.42	429.40	5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	2.40	
50-59	9	2,805.42	2,354.24	2,936.70	2,759.41	198.45	4.00	2.00	15.00	5.22	4.02	
60-69	11	2,713.72	1,319.94	3,716.30	2,704.30	610.05	6.00	1.00	13.00	6.27	4.15	
70-79	<8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
80-89	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
≥90	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Inpatient HCRU and costs in the index quarter: excess costs in the overall population, patients with any UC

Sample size			Costs pertussis case (in €)					Length of stay in days				
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80-89	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
≥90	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Inpatient HCRU and costs in the index quarter: excess costs in the overall population, patients without UC

Sample size			Costs pertussis case (in €)					Length of stay in days				
Groups	Cases	Median	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	Median	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	
Overall	19	2,545.05	1,319.94	3,266.69	2,466.00	527.56	3.00	1.00	15.00	4.47	3.98	
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70-79	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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