

Specification of pharmaceutical data in Nomesco per country.

1. Population data, register data etc.

1.1.	
Background population.	
Population data is 1st of Jan YYYY (or 31. dec YYYY-1) for YYYY medicines data.	
Denmark	Yes
Faroe Islands	Yes
Norway	Yes
Sweden	Yes
Finland/Åland	Yes
Iceland	Yes
Greenland	Yes

1.2.	
Age in the statistics?	
Age is age at 1st jan. YYYY (or 31. dec YYYY-1) for medicine data YYYY.	
Denmark	Yes
Faroe Islands	Yes
Norway	No, age at 31. dec YYYY for medicine data YYYY.
Sweden	No, age at 31. dec YYYY for medicine data YYYY.
Finland/Åland	Yes
Iceland	Yes
Greenland	Yes

2. Who/which medicines is (not)included for prevalence statistics (no of persons/1000 inhabitants) by sex and agegroups

2.1.	
Persons with a valid personID number is included in the prevalence statistics	
Denmark	Yes
Faroe Islands	Yes
Norway	Yes
Sweden	Yes
Finland/Åland	Yes
Iceland	Yes
Greenland	N/A (as Greenland cannot provide prevalence data currently)

2.2.	
Prescription medicine to people living in nursery homes included/not included	
Denmark	Included
Faroe Islands	Included

Norway	Not included. About 10 percent of the population > 80 years lives in institutions.
Sweden	In some counties included in others not. It is not possible to quantify the numbers but it is a small proportion overall (nationwide).
Finland/Åland	Not included
Iceland	Included
Greenland	N/A (as Greenland cannot provide prevalence data currently)

2.3.	
Any medicine used in primary health care that is not included in prevalence statistics	
Denmark	All medicines dispensed in pharmacies by prescription is included exceptions (see rows 14 and 15 (i.e., the answers to sections on extemporaneous and unauthorized products)).
Faroe Islands	Some patients in primary health care are provided medicines from hospitals which are not included in the statistics.
Norway	All medicines dispensed in pharmacies by prescription is included.
Sweden	All medicines dispensed in pharmacies by prescription is included.
Finland/Åland	
Iceland	Some patients in primary health care are provided medicines from hospitals, which are not included in the statistics.
Greenland	N/A (as Greenland cannot provide prevalence data currently)

2.4.	
Other institutions	
Denmark	Included. Other institutions are mainly institutions for treatment of alcohol- or drug addiction.
Faroe Islands	Included, except medicines for specific treatment at the institution.
Norway	Not included
Sweden	Not included
Finland/Åland	
Iceland	Included
Greenland	N/A (as Greenland cannot provide prevalence data currently)

2.5.	
Other sales to persons in the primary health care that is not included, e.g., over the counter (OTC) medicines.	
Denmark	OTC sales not registered as a prescription is not included.
Faroe Islands	All included in the prevalence data, except for OTC drugs not registered as a prescription.
Norway	All included in the prevalence data, except for OTC drugs not registered as a prescription.
Sweden	All included in the prevalence data, except for OTC drugs not registered as a prescription.
Finland/Åland	Non-reimbursed medicines
Iceland	All included in the prevalence data, except for OTC drugs not registered as a prescription.
Greenland	N/A (as Greenland cannot provide prevalence data currently)

3. What is not included in the total sales?

3.1.	
What is included in total sales and what are the data sources (e.g., are data reported by wholesalers and/or by retailers)?	
Denmark	Total medicine sales is the total sales of medicines in Denmark and is reported to the Register of Pharmaceutical sales. The sales is reported from different sources: private- and hospital pharmacies, retail shops (only OTC medicines) and Statens Serum Institut
Faroe Islands	Total sales includes all sales from all pharmacies. OTC medications are included in the total sales.
Norway	Total sales includes almost all sales, with a few exceptions with minor contribution to the total volume. OTC medications are included in the total sales. Total medicines sales data is reported by wholesalers.
Sweden	Total sales includes all sales. The data is reported by retailers. The reporting of OTC medications is less accurate.
Finland/Åland	
Iceland	Data is reported by wholesalers only
Greenland	Total sales do not include OTC medications, but everything else. Total medicines sales data is reported by wholesalers.

4. For both prevalence and total sales

4.1.	
Are extemporaneous ('magistrel') preparations included?	
Denmark	In the prevalence tables and total sales tables extemporaneous ('magistrel') preparations that are produced in higher volumes have a product identification number and are included.
Faroe Islands	In the prevalence tables extemporaneous ('magistrel') preparations that are produced in higher volumes have a product identification number are included.
Norway	In the prevalence tables extemporaneous ('magistrel') preparations that are produced in higher volumes have a product identification number are included.
Sweden	Yes
Finland/Åland	
Iceland	Yes
Greenland	Yes

4.2.	
Are unauthorized products included?	
Denmark	In the prevalence tables and in the total sales tables: not included. There are few exceptions.
Faroe Islands	All medicines are included, if we can assign a ATC-code.

Norway	<p>In the total sales tables: No</p> <p>In the prevalence tables, unauthorized medicines in Norway sold with a license from the Norwegian authorities are included (e.g., if the Norwegian packages are not available or if the authorities approve use of a product /substance not approved in Norway).</p> <p>All foreign packages of medicines are assigned an item number.</p>
Sweden	<p>Until 2012, all medicines are included, including unauthorized medicines licensed through an application to the Swedish Medical Products agency.</p> <p>Since November 2013, unauthorized medicines licensed through an application to the Swedish Medical Products agency are not included in the total statistics (DDD/1000 inhab) since they do not have DDD values.</p>
Finland/Åland	
Iceland	Unauthorized products (Compassionate use / exemption to use an unauthorised product) are not included.
Greenland	<p>In the prevalence tables: N/A (as Greenland cannot provide data currently).</p> <p>In the total sales tables: Unauthorized medicines in Greenland sold with a license from the Greenlandic authorities are included (e.g., if the Greenlandic packages are not available or if the authorities approve use of a product /substance not approved in Greenland).</p>

4.3.	
Some other information that is important	
Denmark	None mentioned
Faroe Islands	None mentioned
Norway	None mentioned
Sweden	None mentioned
Finland/Åland	None mentioned
Iceland	None mentioned
Greenland	None mentioned

5. Revision of data specification

Data specifications revised by countries at date:	
Denmark	271124
Faroe Islands	061224
Norway	131124
Sweden	121124
Finland/Åland	April 2021
Iceland	051224
Greenland	041224