

**Table 1. Comparison of the observed frequency of specific oral contraceptive use in patients with VTE discharges from hospital versus expected frequency of use derived from national prescription data**

Type of oral contraceptive	Observed frequency N (%)	Expected frequency N (%)	Observed/ expected
Progestogen only pill*	4 (5%)	10.4 (13%)	0.39
Second-generation oral contraceptive†	25 (31%)	35.6 (44%)	0.70
Third-generation oral contraceptive‡	37 (46%)	27.2 (34%)	1.36
Anti-androgen§	15 (19%)	7.8 (10%)	1.93

\*Ethinodiol diacetate or levonorgestrel or norethisterone; †Ethinylestradiol + levonorgestrel or norethisterone Mestranol + norethisterone; ‡Ethinylestradiol + desogestrel or gestodene; §Ethinylestradiol + cyproterone acetate; VTE=venous thromboembolism.