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Main Information	
Primary registry identifying number	Protocol number
LBCTR2019020192	CQGE031C2303
MOH registration number	
37979/2018	
Study registered at the country of origin	Study registered at the country of origin: Specify
Yes	
Type of registration	Type of registration: Justify
Retrospective	LCTR was recently initiated, original file was previously submitted by Paper
Date of registration in national regulatory agency 13/09/2018	
Primary sponsor	Primary sponsor: Country of origin
Novartis Pharma Services Inc.	Novartis Pharmaceuticals
Date of registration in primary registry	Date of registration in national regulatory agency
09/10/2020	13/09/2018
Public title	Acronym
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Brief summary of the study: English	

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The purpose of this study is to establish efficacy and safety of ligelizumab in adolescent and adult subjects with CSU who remain symptomatic despite standard of care treatment by demonstrating better efficacy over omalizumab.

The study population will consist of approximately 1050 male and female subjects aged \geq 12 years who have been diagnosed with Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria CSU and who remain symptomatic despite the use of H1-antihistamines. Of these, approximately 1000 adults and 50 adolescents are planned for inclusion in the study.

This is a multi-center, randomized, double-blind, active- and placebo-controlled, parallel-group study. There is a screening period of up to 28 days, a 52 week double-blind treatment period, and a 12 week post-treatment follow-up period.

Brief summary of the study: Arabic

دراسة متعددة المراكز وعشوائيّة التوزيع ومزدوجة التعمية ونشطة قائمة على مقارنة تأثير الدواء بدواء وهميّ لدراسة فعاليّة وسلامة دواء ليجيليزوماب لدى المراهقين والبالغينH1 في علاج الشرى التلقائي المزمن غير المسيطر عليه بشكل كافٍ بمضادات الهستامين (QGE031)

Health conditions/problem studied: Specify

Patients with chronic spontaneous urticaria

Interventions: Specify

IMP: Ligelizumab Comparators: Omalizumab and Placebo

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria

•Signed informed consent must be obtained prior to participation in the study. The subject's, parent's or legal guardian's signed written informed consent and child's assent, if appropriate, must be obtained before any assessment is performed. Of note, if the subject reaches age of consent (age as per local law) during the study, they will also need to sign the corresponding study Informed Consent Form (ICF) at the next study visit.

•Male and female subjects \geq 12 years of age at the time of screening.

•CSU diagnosis for \geq 6 months.

•Diagnosis of CSU refractory to H1-AH at approved doses at the time of randomization, as defined by all of the following:

•The presence of itch and hives for ≥ 6 consecutive weeks at any time prior to Visit 1 (Day - 28 to Day -14) despite current use of non-sedating H1-antihistamine

•UAS7 score (range 0-42) ≥ 16 and HSS7 (range 0-21) ≥ 8 during the 7 days prior to randomization (Visit 110, Day 1)

•Subjects must be on H1-antihistamine at only approved doses for treatment of CSU starting at Visit 1 (Day -28 to Day -14)

•Willing and able to complete a daily symptom eDiary for the duration of the study and adhere to the study visit schedules

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Gender

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Specify gender

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Age minimum	Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Age maximum
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Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Exclusion criteria

•History of hypersensitivity to any of the study drugs or their excipients or to drugs of similar chemical classes (i.e. to murine, chimeric or human antibodies).

Subjects having a clearly defined cause of their chronic urticaria, other than CSU. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: symptomatic dermographism (urticaria factitia), cold-, heat-, solar-, pressure-, delayed pressure-, aquagenic-, cholinergic- or contact-urticaria.
Diseases, other than chronic urticaria, with urticarial or angioedema symptoms such as urticarial vasculitis, erythema multiforme, cutaneous mastocytosis (urticaria pigmentosa) and hereditary or acquired angioedema (eg, due to C1 inhibitor deficiency).

•Subjects with evidence of helminthic parasitic infection as evidenced by stools being positive for a pathogenic organism according to local guidelines. All subjects will be screened at Visit 1. If stool testing is positive for pathogenic organism, the subject will not be randomized and will not be allowed to rescreen.

•Any other skin disease associated with chronic itching that might influence in the investigators opinion the study evaluations and results (e.g. atopic dermatitis, bullous pemphigoid, dermatitis herpetiformis, senile pruritus, etc.).

•Prior exposure to ligelizumab or omalizumab.

•Any H2 antihistamine, LTRA (montelukast or zafirlukast) or H1 antihistamines use at greater than approved doses after Visit 1.

Type of study

Both

Interventional

Type of intervention

Pharmaceutical

Type of intervention: Specify type

N/A

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Trial scope Other	Trial scope: Specify scope
Study design: Allocation Randomized controlled trial	Study design: Masking Blinded (masking used)
Study design: Control Active	Study phase 3
Study design: Purpose Treatment	Study design: Specify purpose N/A
Study design: Assignment Parallel	Study design: Specify assignment N/A
IMP has market authorization No	IMP has market authorization: Specify
Name of IMP Ligelizumab	Year of authorization Month of authorization
Type of IMP Immunological	
Pharmaceutical class Humanized monoclonal antibody of the subtype lgG1/ (anti-lgE)	
Therapeutic indication Patients with chronic spontaneous urticaria inadequately controlled with H1	-antihistamines
Therapeutic benefit	
Absolute change from baseline in UAS7 at Week 12 Study model N/A	Study model: Explain model N/A
Study model: Specify model N/A	
Time perspective N/A	Time perspective: Explain time perspective N/A
Time perspective: Specify perspective N/A	
Target follow-up duration	Target follow-up duration: Unit
Number of groups/cohorts	
Biospecimen retention	Biospecimen description

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Samples without DNA	Central lab name, address and contact details: Q ² Solutions The Alba Campus Rosebank Livingston EH54 7EG United Kingdom
	Lab tests to be preformed: Hematology, Clinical chemistry, Coagulation PK/PD:ligelizumab/total IgE Anti-Drug(ligelizumab) antibodies (ADA) Chronic urticaria (CU) index panel (CU index, thyroid peroxidase IgG,thyroglobulin IgG) IgE- autoantibodies,Total tryptase Urine dipstick, Urine Pregnancy Test.
Target sample size	Actual enrollment target size
22	13
Date of first enrollment: Type	Date of first enrollment: Date
Actual	19/02/2019
Date of study closure: Type	Date of study closure: Date
Actual	30/07/2021
Recruitment status	Recruitment status: Specify
Recruiting	
Date of completion	
28/02/2020	
IPD sharing statement plan	IPD sharing statement description
No	Novartis is committed to sharing with qualified external researchers, access to patient-level data and supporting clinical documents from eligible studies. These requests are reviewed and approved by an independent review panel on the basis of scientific merit. All data provided is anonymized to respect the privacy of patients who have participated in the trial in line with applicable laws and regulations.
Additional data URL	This trial data availability is according to the criteria and process described on www.clinicalstudydatarequest.com
https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/record/NCT03580356?term=CQGE031C2	2303&rank=1
Admin comments	
Trial status	

Approved

Secondary Identifying Numbers	
Full name of issuing authority	Secondary identifying number
National Institute of Health (clinicaltrials.gov)	NCT03580369

Sources of Monetary or Material Support

Name

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Center/Hospital name	Name of principles investigator	Principles investigator speciality	Ethical approval
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Hotel Dieu De France	Dr Carla Irani	Immunologist and Allergist	Approved
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Ethics approval obtained	Approval date	Contact name	Contact email	Contact phone
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Countries of Recruitment

Name
Australia
Belgium
Japan
Germany
Norway
Russian Federation
Spain
United States of America
Italy
France
Tunisia
Lebanon

Health Conditions or Problems Studied		
Condition Code Keyword		
chronic spontaneous urticaria	Urticaria, unspecified (L50.9)	chronic spontaneous urticaria

Interventions		
Intervention	Description	Keyword
Informed consent, questionnaires, Lab tests, drug administration	Informed consent, questionnaires, Lab tests, drug administration	ICF, Lab, ECG, IMP

Primary Outcomes

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Name	Time Points	Measure	
Absolute change from baseline in UAS7	Week 12	Week 12	
Complete itch response is defined as ISS7 :average daily ISS	ISS over the preceding 7 days = 0	ISS over the preceding 7 days = 0	





Key Secondary Outcomes		
Name	Time Points	Measure
Complete absence of hives and itch	week 12	Week 12
Improvement of severity of itch	week 12	week12
No impact on subjects quality of life	week 12	week 12

Trial Results	
Summary results	
Study results globally	
Date of posting of results summaries	Date of first journal publication of results
Results URL link	
Baseline characteristics	
Participant flow	
Adverse events	
Outcome measures	
URL to protocol files	

