



# Three-arm Study to Assess Efficacy and Safety of Ianalumab (VAY736) in Patients With Active Sjögren's Syndrome

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## Main Information

**Primary registry identifying number**

LBCTR2022065051

**Protocol number**

CVAY736A2302

**MOH registration number**

**Study registered at the country of origin**

Yes

**Study registered at the country of origin: Specify**

**Type of registration**

Prospective

**Type of registration: Justify**

N/A

**Date of registration in national regulatory agency**

**Primary sponsor**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

**Primary sponsor: Country of origin**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

**Date of registration in primary registry**

15/12/2023

**Date of registration in national regulatory agency**

**Public title**

Three-arm Study to Assess Efficacy and Safety of Ianalumab (VAY736) in Patients With Active Sjögren's Syndrome

**Acronym**

**Scientific title**

A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled, 3-arm Multicenter Phase 3 Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Ianalumab in Patients With Active Sjögren's Syndrome

**Acronym**

NEPTUNUS-2

**Brief summary of the study: English**

A randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, 3-arm multicenter phase 3 study to assess the efficacy and safety of Ianalumab in patients with active Sjögren's syndrome

**Brief summary of the study: Arabic**

لتقييم فعالية 3 مجموعات، متعددة المراكز في المرحلة 3 دراسة عشوائية التوزيع، مزدوجة التعمية، مركزة على المقارنة بدواء وهمي، من وسلامة دواء إيانالوماب لدى المرضى المصابين بمتلازمة شوغرن النشطة

**Health conditions/problem studied: Specify**

Sjogren Syndrome

**Interventions: Specify**

- Biological: VAY736  
ianalumab s.c.

- Other: Placebo  
placebo s.c.

**Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria**

- Signed informed consent must be obtained prior to participation in the study
- Women and men  $\geq 18$  years of age
- Classification of Sjögren's syndrome according to the ACR/EULAR 2016 criteria





- Time since diagnosis of Sjögren's of  $\leq 7.5$  years at screening
- Positive anti-Ro/SSA antibody at screening
- Patients negative for anti-Ro/SSA antibody are eligible, if they have a positive salivary gland biopsy confirmed by central expert review
- Enrollment of anti-Ro/SSA-negative patients will be limited up to  $\leq 10\%$  of the study population
- Screening ESSDAI score of  $\geq 5$  within the following 8 domains: constitutional, lymphadenopathy, glandular, articular, cutaneous, renal, hematological and biologic.
- Stimulated whole salivary flow (sSF) rate of  $\geq 0.05$  mL/min at screening
- Ability to communicate well with the Investigator, understand and agree to comply with the requirements of the study
- Patients taking hydroxychloroquine ( $\leq 400$  mg/day), methotrexate ( $\leq 25$  mg/week) or azathioprine ( $\leq 150$  mg/day) alone or in combination, are allowed to continue their medication, and must have been on a stable dose for at least 30 days prior to randomization.
- Patients taking systemic corticosteroids have to be on a stable dose of  $\leq 10$  mg/day prednisolone or equivalent for at least 30 days before randomization.
- Patients taking disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) other than specifically allowed in inclusion criterion #9 or the following Traditional Chinese Medicines: Total glucoside of peony (TGP) or Tripterium glycosides (TG)
- must discontinue these medications at least 30 days prior to randomization, except for leflunomide, which has to be discontinued for 8 weeks prior to randomization unless a cholestyramine wash-out has been performed.

**Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Gender**

Both

**Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Specify gender****Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Age minimum**

18

**Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Age maximum**

99

**Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Exclusion criteria**

- Presence of another autoimmune rheumatic disease that is active and constitutes the principal illness
- Use of other investigational drugs within 5 half-lives of enrollment, or within 30 days or until the expected pharmacodynamic effect has returned to baseline, whichever is longer.
- Prior treatment with ivalumab
- Prior use of a B-cell depleting therapy other than ivalumab within 36 weeks prior to randomization or as long as B-cell count is  $< 50$  cells/ $\mu$ L
- Prior treatment with any of the following within 6 months prior to randomization:
  - isatimab, belimumab, abatacept, anti-tumor necrosis factor alpha biologic agents, immunoglobulins plasmapheresis; i.v. or oral cyclophosphamide and mycophenolate mofetil, i.v. or oral cyclosporine A; any other immunosuppressants (e.g., JAK inhibitors or other kinase inhibitors) unless explicitly allowed by protocol
- Use of corticosteroids (prednisolone or equivalent corticosteroid) at dose  $> 10$  mg/day
- Any one of the following laboratory values at screening:
  - Hemoglobin levels  $< 8.0$  g/dL
  - White blood cells (WBC) count  $< 2.0 \times 10^3/\mu$ L
  - Platelet count  $< 80 \times 10^3/\mu$ L
  - Absolute neutrophil count (ANC)  $< 0.8 \times 10^3/\mu$ L
- Active viral, bacterial or other infections requiring systemic treatment at the time of screening or randomization, or history of recurrent clinically significant infection or of bacterial infections with encapsulated organisms
- History of hypersensitivity to any of the study drugs or its excipients or to drugs of similar chemical classes (e.g., mAb of IgG1 class) or to any of the constituents of the study drug formulation (sucrose, L-histidine hydrochloride/ L-histidine, polysorbate 20)
- History of major organ, hematopoietic stem cell or bone marrow transplant
- Required regular use of medications known to cause dry mouth/eyes as a regular and major side effect, and which have not been on a stable dose for at least 30 days prior to Screening, or any anticipated change in the treatment regimen during the course of the study.
- Use of topical ocular prescription medications (excluding artificial tears, gels, lubricants) that have not been on a stable dose for at least 90 days prior to randomization, or any anticipated change in the treatment regimen during the course of the study
- Receipt of live/attenuated vaccine within a 4-week period prior to randomization
- History of primary or secondary immunodeficiency, including a positive human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) test result
- History of malignancy of any organ system (other than localized basal cell carcinoma of the skin or in situ cervical cancer or Sjögren's related lymphoma), treated or untreated, within the past 5 years, regardless of whether there is evidence of local recurrence or metastases.
- History of sarcoidosis
- Any surgical, medical (e.g., uncontrolled hypertension, heart failure or diabetes mellitus), psychiatric or additional physical condition that the Investigator feels may jeopardize the patient in case of participation in this study
- Chronic infection with hepatitis B (HBV) or hepatitis C (HCV). Positive serology for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) excludes the subject.
- Evidence of active tuberculosis (TB) infection (after anti-TB treatment, patients with history of or latent TB may become eligible according to national guidelines)
- Pregnant or nursing (lactating) women,
- Women of child-bearing potential, defined as all women physiologically capable of becoming pregnant, unless they are using highly effective methods of contraception while on study treatment and for 6 months after stopping of investigational medication.
- Patients with a known history of non-compliance to medication, or who were unable or unwilling to complete PRO questionnaires, or who are unable or unwilling to use the device for collection of PROs.

**Type of study**

Interventional

**Type of intervention**

Pharmaceutical

**Type of intervention: Specify type**

N/A

<b>Trial scope</b>	<b>Trial scope: Specify scope</b>	
Therapy	N/A	
<b>Study design: Allocation</b>	<b>Study design: Masking</b>	
Randomized controlled trial	Blinded (masking used)	
<b>Study design: Control</b>	<b>Study phase</b>	
Placebo	3	
<b>Study design: Purpose</b>	<b>Study design: Specify purpose</b>	
Treatment	N/A	
<b>Study design: Assignment</b>	<b>Study design: Specify assignment</b>	
Parallel	N/A	
<b>IMP has market authorization</b>	<b>IMP has market authorization: Specify</b>	
No		
<b>Name of IMP</b>	<b>Year of authorization</b>	<b>Month of authorization</b>
Ianalumab		
<b>Type of IMP</b>		
Immunological		
<b>Pharmaceutical class</b>		
human IgG1 monoclonal antibody		
<b>Therapeutic indication</b>		
Active Sjogren's Syndrome		
<b>Therapeutic benefit</b>		
Treatment		
<b>Study model</b>	<b>Study model: Explain model</b>	
N/A	N/A	
<b>Study model: Specify model</b>		
N/A		
<b>Time perspective</b>	<b>Time perspective: Explain time perspective</b>	
N/A	N/A	
<b>Time perspective: Specify perspective</b>		
N/A		
<b>Target follow-up duration</b>	<b>Target follow-up duration: Unit</b>	
<b>Number of groups/cohorts</b>		
<b>Biospecimen retention</b>	<b>Biospecimen description</b>	

Samples with DNA\*\*

Samples will be shipped to Q2 solutions central lab

**Target sample size**

5

**Actual enrollment target size**

**Date of first enrollment: Type**

Anticipated

**Date of first enrollment: Date**

22/02/2023

**Date of study closure: Type**

Anticipated

**Date of study closure: Date**

08/03/2028

**Recruitment status**

Recruiting

**Recruitment status: Specify**

**Date of completion**

**IPD sharing statement plan**

Yes

**IPD sharing statement description**

Novartis is committed to sharing access to patient-level data and supporting clinical documents from eligible studies with qualified external researchers. Requests are reviewed and approved by an independent review panel on the basis of scientific merit. All data provided is anonymized to protect the privacy of patients who have participated in the trial in line with applicable laws and regulations.

This trial data availability is according to the criteria and process described on [www.clinicalstudydatarequest.com](http://www.clinicalstudydatarequest.com)

**Additional data URL**

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/record/NCT05349214?term=CVAY736A2302&draw=2&rank=1>

**Admin comments**

**Trial status**

Approved

## Secondary Identifying Numbers

Full name of issuing authority	Secondary identifying number
clinicaltrials.gov	NCT05349214

## Sources of Monetary or Material Support

Name
Novartis Pharmaceuticals



## Secondary Sponsors

Name

NA

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## Centers/Hospitals Involved in the Study

Center/Hospital name	Name of principles investigator	Principles investigator speciality	Ethical approval
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American University of Beirut Medical Center	Imad Uthman	Rheumatology	Approved

## Ethics Review

Ethics approval obtained	Approval date	Contact name	Contact email	Contact phone
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## Countries of Recruitment

Name

Lebanon

Canada

Hungary



## Health Conditions or Problems Studied

Condition	Code	Keyword
Active Sjögren's syndrome	Other systemic involvement of connective tissue (M35)	Sjögren's syndrome

## Interventions

Intervention	Description	Keyword
Consenting, IMP administration, Laboratory testing	Consenting, IMP administration, Laboratory testing	Consenting, IMP administration, Laboratory testing

## Primary Outcomes

Name	Time Points	Measure
Efficacy	48 weeks	Change from baseline in EULAR Sjögren Syndrome Disease Activity Index (ESSDAI) score at Week 48 as compared to placebo

## Key Secondary Outcomes

Name	Time Points	Measure
Efficacy	48 weeks	Proportion of patients achieving $\geq 3$ points reduction from baseline in ESSDAI score at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Proportion of patients achieving ESSDAI $\leq 5$ at Week 48
Efficacy	24 weeks	Proportion of patients achieving ESSDAI $\leq 5$ at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Change from baseline in stimulated whole salivary flow rate at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Change from baseline in Physician's Global Assessment (PhGA) of disease activity at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Change from baseline in Patient's Global Assessment (PaGA) of disease activity at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Change from baseline in Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy-Fatigue (FACIT-F) score at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Proportion of patients achieving meaningful improvement in the Sjögren's Syndrome Symptom Diary (SSSD) score at Week 48
Efficacy	48 weeks	Proportion of patients achieving $\geq 1$ point or 15% reduction from baseline in EULAR Sjögren Syndrome Patient Reported Index (ESSPRI) at Week 48



## 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