

ASCEND 4:LDK378 Versus Chemotherapy in ALK Rearranged (ALK Positive) Patients Previously Treated With Chemotherapy (Platinum Doublet) and Crizotinib

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Main Information

Primary registry identifying number

LBCTR2019121370

MOH registration number

ص/10117

Study registered at the country of origin

Type of registration

Retrospective

Date of registration in national regulatory agency

17/11/2014

Primary sponsor

Novartis Pharma Services Inc

Date of registration in primary registry

16/05/2023

Public title

ASCEND 4:LDK378 Versus Chemotherapy in ALK Rearranged (ALK Positive) Patients Previously Treated With Chemotherapy (Platinum Doublet) and Crizotinib

Scientific title

A Phase III, Multicenter, Randomized, Open-label Study of Oral LDK378 Versus Standard Chemotherapy in Adult Patients With ALK -rearranged (ALK-positive) Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Who Have Been Treated Previously With Chemotherapy (Platinum Doublet) and Crizotinib

Brief summary of the study: English

The primary purpose of the study was to compare the antitumor activity of LDK378 vs. chemotherapy in patients previously treated with chemotherapy (platinum doublet) and crizotinib.

Brief summary of the study: Arabic

عن طريق الفم مقابل المعالجة الكيميانيّة العاديّة لدى مرضى بالغين غير LDK378 دراسة مرحلة ثالثة متعددة المراكز وعشوانيّة التوزيع لدواء معالجَين سابقًا ومُصابين بسرطان الرئة غيرُ الحرشفي غير ذيّ الخلاّيا الصغيرة، كيناز الورم اللمفي الكشمي المعاد ترتبيه (كيناز الورم اللمفي V أو III الكشمي الإيجابي)، المرحلة

Health conditions/problem studied: Specify

stage IIIB (not candidates for definitive multimodality therapy) or stage IV non-squamous NSCLC

Interventions: Specify

Drug: Ceritinib

Ceritinib is the investigational treatment and is referred to as the investigational study drug and was provided as 150 mg hard gelatin capsules for oral use. The dose was 750 mg once daily.

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Study registered at the country of origin: Specify

Type of registration: Justify

This study was already submitted prior to LBCTR initiation. This

study is still ongoing.

Primary sponsor: Country of origin

Novartis Pharma Services Inc

Date of registration in national regulatory agency

17/11/2014

Acronym

Acronvm



Drug: pemetrexed

Pemetrexed was one of the chemotherapy treatments. Pemetrexed, a reconstituted solution, was intravenously administered over 10 minutes at 500 mg/m2 every 21 days.

Drug: docetaxel

Docetaxel was one of the chemotherapy treatments. Docetaxel, a reconstituted solution, was intravenously administered over 1 hour, at 75 mg/m2 every 21 days.

·Experimental: Ceritinib

Patients in this arm received 750 mg of ceritinib.

Intervention: Drug: Ceritinib

Active Comparator: Chemotherapy

Patients in this arm received chemotherapy of either pemetrexed or docetaxel as determined by BIRC.

Interventions: Drug: pemetrexed

•Drug: docetaxel

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria:

- 1.Patient has a histologically or cytologically confirmed diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) that is anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) positive as assessed by the FDA approved Abbott FISH Test.
- 2.Patient has stage IIIB or IV diagnosis and must have received one or two prior regimens (including platinum- doublet) of cytotoxic chemotherapy for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.
- 3.Patient has at least one measurable lesion as defined by RECIST 1.1. A previously irradiated site lesion may only be counted as a target lesion if there is clear sign of progression since the irradiation
- 4.Patients must have received previous treatment with crizotinib for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Gender

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria: Specify gender

Both

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

Exclusion Criteria

- 1.Patient with known hypersensitivity to any of the excipients of LDK378 (microcrystalline cellulose, mannitol, crospovidone, colloidal silicon dioxide and magnesium stearate)
- 2.Patient with a history of severe hypersensitivity reaction to pemetrexed or docetaxel or any known excipients of these drugs.
- 3.Patient with symptomatic central nervous system (CNS) metastases who is neurologically unstable or has required increasing doses of steroids within the 2 weeks prior to screening to manage CNS symptoms.

Type of study

Interventional

Type of intervention Type of intervention: Specify type

Pharmaceutical N/A

Trial scope Trial scope: Specify scope

Safety

Study design: AllocationStudy design: MaskingRandomized controlled trialOpen (masking not used)

Study design: Control Study phase

Active 3

Study design: Purpose Study design: Specify purpose

Treatment N/A

Study design: Assignment Study design: Specify assignment



Parallel

IMP has market authorization

Yes, Worldwide

IMP has market authorization: Specify

Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curacao, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, France,

Germany...

N/A

Name of IMP Year of authorization Month of authorization

LDK378 (ceritinib)

Type of IMP

Cell therapy

Pharmaceutical class

 $\label{lem:condition} 5-Chloro-2-N-\{5-methyl-4-(piperidin-4-yl)-2-[(propan-2-yl)oxy]phenyl]-4-N-[2-(propane-2-sulfonyl)phenyl]-yrimidine-2,4-diamine$

Therapeutic indication

This study will be conducted in previously untreated adult patients, with ALK-rearranged (ALK-positive; as determined by the Ventana IHC-based diagnostic test) stage IIIB (not candidates for definitive multimodality therapy) or stage IV non-squamous NSCLC.

Therapeutic benefit

Progression Free Survival (PFS) and Overall Survival (OS)

Study model Study model: Explain model

N/A N/A

Study model: Specify model

N/A

Time perspective Time perspective: Explain time perspective

N/A 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

None retained NA

Target sample size Actual enrollment target size

3

Date of first enrollment: Type Date of first enrollment: Date





Actual

Date of study closure: Type

Actual

Recruitment status

Complete

Date of completion

30/06/2015

IPD sharing statement plan

No

11/07/2014

Date of study closure: Date

31/12/2023

Recruitment status: Specify

IPD sharing statement description

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.

This trial data availability is according to the criteria and process described on www.clinicalstudydatarequest.com

Additional data URL

https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/record/NCT01828112?term=ldk378&cond=Lung+Cancer&cntry=LB&draw=1&rank=2

Admin comments

Trial status

Approved

Secondary Identifying Numbers		
Full name of issuing authority	Secondary identifying number	
clinicaltrials.gov	NCT01828099	

Sources of Monetary or Material Support

Name

Novartis Pharma services inc

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NA





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Center/Hospital name	Name of principles investigator	Principles investigator speciality	Ethical approval
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Countries of Recruitment
Name
Lebanon
Belgium
Canada
France
Germany
Ireland
Japan
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America

Health Conditions or Problems Studied		
Condition	Code	Keyword
Lung Cancer	Bronchus or lung, unspecified (C34.9)	NSCLC

Interventions		
Intervention	Description	Keyword
Lab tests , ICF, ECOG, Vital signs, CT scan, Bone scan	Lab tests , ICF, ECOG, Vital signs, CT scan, Bone scan	Lab tests , ICF, ECOG, Vital signs, CT scan, Bone scan

Primary Outcomes		
Name	Time Points	Measure
Progression Free Survival (PFS)	24 months	24 months



Key Secondary Outcomes		
Name	Time Points	Measure
Overall Survival (OS)	18 months	18 months
Overall Response Rate (ORR)	18 months	18 months
Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO)	every 6 weeks	every 6 weeks

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	