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Main Information	
Primary registry identifying number	Protocol number
LBCTR2019121370	CLDK378A2301
MOH registration number	
ص/10117	
Study registered at the country of origin	Study registered at the country of origin: Specify
Yes	
Type of registration	Type of registration: Justify
Retrospective	This study was already submitted prior to LBCTR initiation. This study is still ongoing.
Date of registration in national regulatory agency 17/11/2014	
Primary sponsor	Primary sponsor: Country of origin
Novartis Pharma Services Inc	Novartis Pharma Services Inc
Date of registration in primary registry	Date of registration in national regulatory agency
02/11/2023	17/11/2014
Public title	Acronym
ASCEND 4:LDK378 Versus Chemotherapy in ALK Rearranged (ALK Positive) Patients Previously Treated With Chemotherapy (Platinum Doublet) and Crizotinib	
Scientific title	Acronym
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	
العاديّة لدى مرضى بالغين غير LDK378 دراسة مرحلة ثالثة متعددة المراكز و عشوائيّة التوزيع لدواء نة غير الحرشفي غير ذي الخلايا الصغيرة، كيناز الورم اللمفي الكشمي المعاد ترتيبه (كيناز الورم اللمفي IV أو IIII 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.



Type of intervention Type of intervention: Specify type Pharmaceutical N/A Trial scope: Specify scope N/A Study design: Masking Open (masking not used) Study phase 3 Study design: Specify purpose

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.

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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

Trial scope

Safety

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Drug: pemetrexed 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:

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Study design: Control

Active

Study design: Purpose Treatment

Study design: Assignment

N/A

Study design: Specify assignment



Pemetrexed was one of the chemotherapy treatments. Pemetrexed, a reconstituted solution, was intravenously administered over 10 minutes

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Parallel		N/A	
IMP has n	narket authorization	IMP has market authorizati	on: Specify
Yes, World		Argentina, Aruba, Australia, / Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cro	Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, patia, Curacao, Czech Republic, ic, El Salvador, Finland, France,
Name of I	IMP	Year of authorization	Month of authorization
LDK378 (d	ceritinib)		
Type of IN	MP		
Cell therap			
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	rimidine-2,4-diamine		
•	tic indication	to with ALK rearranged (ALK positive:	
as determ	vill be conducted in previously untreated adult patient ined by the Ventana IHC-based diagnostic test) stage ality therapy) or stage IV non-squamous NSCLC.		
Therapeu	itic benefit		
Progressio	on Free Survival (PFS) and Overall Survival (OS)		
Study mo	del	Study model: Explain model	el
N/A		N/A	
Study mo	odel: Specify model		
N/A			
Time pers	spective	Time perspective: Explain	time perspective
N/A		N/A	
Time per	spective: Specify perspective		
N/A	spective. Specify perspective		
Target fol	llow-up duration	Target follow-up duration:	Unit
Number o	of groups/cohorts		
Biospecir	men retention	Biospecimen description	
None retai	ined	NA	
Target sa	mple size	Actual enrollment target size	ze
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Date of fir	rst enrollment: Type	Date of first enrollment: Da	te

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Actual	11/04/2014
Date of study closure: Type Actual	Date of study closure: Date 31/12/2023
Recruitment status Complete	Recruitment status: Specify
Date of completion 30/06/2015	
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/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

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
Hotel Dieu De France	Marwan Ghosn	Hematology oncology	Approved
Hammoud Hospital	Fadi Farhat	Hematology Oncology	Approved

Ethics Review				
Ethics approval obtained	Approval date	Contact name	Contact email	Contact phone
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Lebanon
Belgium
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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		

Date of first journal publication of results

Trial Results

Summary results

Study results globally

Date of posting of results summaries

Results URL link

Baseline characteristics

Participant flow

Adverse events

Outcome measures

URL to protocol files

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