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Study Identification

Unique Protocol ID: 28113

Brief Title: The Efficacy and Safety of Atacicept in Combination With Mycophenolate Mofetil Used to Treat Lupus Nephritis

Official Title: A Phase 2/3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Atacicept in Subjects With Lupus Nephritis in Combination With Mycophenolate Mofetil Therapy.

Secondary IDs: 493G01

Study Status

Record Verification: February 2016

Overall Status: Terminated

Study Start: December 2007

Primary Completion: April 2009 [Actual]

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Sponsor/Collaborators

Sponsor: EMD Serono

Responsible Party: Sponsor

Collaborators: ZymoGenetics

Oversight

FDA Regulated?: Yes

Applicable Trial?: Section 801 Clinical Trial? Yes

Delayed Posting? No

IND/IDE Protocol?: Yes

IND/IDE Information: Grantor: CDER
IND/IDE Number: BB-IND11584
Serial Number: 040
Has Expanded Access? No

Review Board: Approval Status: Approved
Approval Number: 20071261
Board Name: Western Institutional Review Board
Board Affiliation: Northwest Louisiana Nephrology Research
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Data Monitoring?: Yes

Plan to Share Data?:

Oversight Authorities: United States: Food and Drug Administration

Study Description

Brief Summary: The purpose of this study is to learn whether atacicept treatment leads to improvement in kidney function in subjects with active lupus nephritis in combination with mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) and corticosteroids. The study was sponsored by Merck Serono International; operational oversight was provided by ZymoGenetics.

Detailed Description:

Conditions

Conditions: Lupus Nephritis

Keywords: nephritis
atacicept

Study Design

Study Type: Interventional

Primary Purpose: Treatment

Study Phase: Phase 2/Phase 3

Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment

Number of Arms: 2

Masking: Double Blind (Subject, Investigator)

Allocation: Randomized

Endpoint Classification:

Enrollment: 6 [Actual]

Arms and Interventions

Arms	Assigned Interventions
Experimental: Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	<p>Drug: Atacicept Atacicept will be administered at a dose of 150 milligram (mg) subcutaneously (SC) twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks.</p> <p>Drug: Mycophenolate mofetil MMF will be administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, will be increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then it will be adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion.</p> <p>Drug: Corticosteroids High dose CS of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever is less will be administered for 4 Weeks and will be tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.</p>
Placebo Comparator: Placebo Plus Mycophenolate mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	<p>Drug: Mycophenolate mofetil MMF will be administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, will be increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then it will be adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion.</p> <p>Drug: Placebo Placebo will be administered at a dose of 150 mg SC twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks.</p> <p>Drug: Corticosteroids High dose CS of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever is less will be administered for 4 Weeks and will be tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.</p>

Outcome Measures

[See Results Section.]

Eligibility

Minimum Age: 16 Years

Maximum Age:

Gender: Both

Accepts Healthy Volunteers?: No

Criteria: Inclusion Criteria:

- Diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) satisfying at least 4 out of the 11 American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria (Appendix B)
- Renal biopsy performed consistent with active International Society of Nephrology/Renal Pathology Society (ISN/PRS) class III or IV lupus nephritis

Exclusion Criteria:

- Estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than or equal to (\leq) 30 milliliter per minute (mL/min) per 1.73 square meter (m^2)
- Active central nervous system SLE deemed to be severe or progressive and/or associated with significant cognitive impairment
- Any treatment with MMF, azathioprine, or cyclophosphamide within the last 6 months, or known hypersensitivity to MMF or atacicept.
- Any prior treatment with abatacept, rituximab, belimumab, or other B cell modulating agents.

Contacts/Locations

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References

Citations:

Links:

Study Data/Documents:

Study Results

Participant Flow

Reporting Groups

	Description
Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Atacicept was administered subcutaneously (SC) at a loading dose of 150 milligram (mg) twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks. MMF was administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion. High dose corticosteroids (CS) of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever was less was administered for 4 Weeks and tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.

	Description
Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo was administered SC at a loading dose of 150 mg twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks. MMF was administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion. High dose CS of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever was less was administered for 4 Weeks and tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.

Overall Study

	Atacept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
Started	4	2
Completed	0	0
Not Completed	4	2
Adverse Event	3	1
Unspecified	1	1

Baseline Characteristics

Analysis Population Description

Baseline analysis population included all the participants randomized in the trial.

Reporting Groups

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Baseline Measures

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Total
Number of Participants	4	2	6
Age, Continuous [units: years] Mean (Standard Deviation)	36.8 (11.3)	36.0 (25.5)	36.5 (14.4)
Gender, Male/Female [units: participants]			
Female	3	1	4
Male	1	1	2

Outcome Measures

1. Primary Outcome Measure:

Measure Title	Percentage of Participants With Confirmed Complete Renal Response (CRR), Partial Response, and Non-response
Measure Description	Complete renal response (CRR): from baseline, a return to within 10% of normal for renal function (assessed by calculated glomerular filtration rate [GFR]), improvement in proteinuria (urine protein/creatinine ratio <0.5) & resolution of hematuria. Partial response (PR): from baseline, a <= 10% worsening in renal function (by calculated GFR); 50% improvement in proteinuria (assessed by urine protein/creatinine ratio) & resolution of hematuria, Non-response (NR): Neither criteria for CR or PR was met. Subjects were also deemed NR if they had treatment failure, regardless of CR or PR status. Subjects cannot be treatment failures. A response of CRR was confirmed if the Week 52 value is CRR and if the Week 48 value is CRR and at least 4 weeks apart from Week 52 /if the Week 48 value was missing/ less than 4 weeks from Week 52, then the Week 56 response must be CRR - if the Week 52 value was missing, then Week 48 and Week 56 must be CRR.
Time Frame	At Week 52
Safety Issue?	No

Analysis Population Description

Due to early termination of the study caused by unanticipated safety issues, the outcome measure was not assessed.

Reporting Groups

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Measured Values

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
Number of Participants Analyzed	0	0

No data displayed because Outcome Measure has zero total participants analyzed.

2. Secondary Outcome Measure:

Measure Title	Percentage of Participants With Normalization of Renal Function
Measure Description	
Time Frame	At Week 52
Safety Issue?	No

Analysis Population Description

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Reporting Groups

	Description
Atacept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Atacept was administered SC at a loading dose of 150 mg twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks. MMF was administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion. High dose CS of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever was less was administered for 4 Weeks and tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.
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Measured Values

	Atacept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
Number of Participants Analyzed	0	0

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3. Secondary Outcome Measure:

Measure Title	Number of Participants With New Lupus Flares
Measure Description	
Time Frame	At Week 52
Safety Issue?	No

Analysis Population Description

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Reporting Groups

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Atacept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Atacept was administered SC at a loading dose of 150 mg twice weekly for 4 weeks followed by maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly for 48 weeks. MMF was administered orally with a starting dose of 500 mg twice daily for 1 week, increased to 1000 mg twice daily for 1 week, then adjusted to 1500 mg or lower twice daily as per investigator's discretion. High dose CS of 0.8 mg per kilogram per day or maximum of 60 mg per day prednisone or prednisone equivalent, whichever was less was administered for 4 Weeks and tapered to 7.5 to 10 mg/day up to Week 12.
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Measured Values

	Atacept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
Number of Participants Analyzed	0	0

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Reported Adverse Events

Time Frame	From the first dose of trial medication to 24-Week follow-up after last dose of trial medication.
Additional Description	A Serious adverse event (SAE) was an AE that resulted in any of the following outcomes: death; life threatening; persistent/significant disability/incapacity; initial or prolonged inpatient hospitalization; congenital anomaly/birth defect.

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Serious Adverse Events

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
	Affected/At Risk (%)	Affected/At Risk (%)
Total	3/4 (75%)	0/2 (0%)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders		
Anaemia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Infections and infestations		
Empyema ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Pneumonia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Pneumonia legionella ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Sepsis ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Nervous system disorders		
Syncope ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Renal and urinary disorders		
Renal failure acute ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		
Pneumothorax ^{B *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Pulmonary embolism ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Vascular disorders		
Hypertensive crisis ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)

* Indicates events were collected by non-systematic methods.

- A Term from vocabulary, MedDRA Version 12.0
 B Term from vocabulary, MedDRA Version 11.1

Other Adverse Events

Frequency Threshold Above Which Other Adverse Events are Reported: 5%

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
	Affected/At Risk (%)	Affected/At Risk (%)
Total	4/4 (100%)	1/2 (50%)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders		
Anaemia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Haemolytic anaemia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Thrombotic microangiopathy ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Cardiac disorders		
Atrial fibrillation ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Palpitations ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Tachycardia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	1/2 (50%)
Eye disorders		
Dry eye ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Gastrointestinal disorders		
Abdominal pain ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Diarrhoea ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Nausea ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	1/2 (50%)
Rectal haemorrhage ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Vomiting ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
General disorders		
Injection site erythema ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
	Affected/At Risk (%)	Affected/At Risk (%)
Injection site haematoma ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Injection site pain ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Oedema ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Oedema peripheral ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Pyrexia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Immune system disorders		
Hypogammaglobulinaemia ^{A *}	2/4 (50%)	0/2 (0%)
Infections and infestations		
Influenza ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications		
Contusion ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Renal haematoma ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Wrist fracture ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Investigations		
Blood immunoglobulin G decreased ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders		
Anorexia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Hypoalbuminaemia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Hypokalaemia ^{A *}	2/4 (50%)	0/2 (0%)
Hypophosphataemia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Type 2 diabetes mellitus ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders		

	Atacicept Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids	Placebo Plus Mycophenolate Mofetil Plus Corticosteroids
	Affected/At Risk (%)	Affected/At Risk (%)
Arthralgia ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Pain in extremity ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Nervous system disorders		
Dysgeusia ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Tremor ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Psychiatric disorders		
Insomnia ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Mood altered ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Renal and urinary disorders		
Dysuria ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Renal failure acute ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		
Cough ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Epistaxis ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Oropharyngeal pain ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		
Acne ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)
Leukocytoclastic vasculitis ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Rash ^{A *}	0/4 (0%)	1/2 (50%)
Vascular disorders		
Hypertension ^{A *}	1/4 (25%)	0/2 (0%)

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▶ Limitations and Caveats

The study was terminated due to unanticipated safety issues.

▶ More Information

Certain Agreements:

Principal Investigators are NOT employed by the organization sponsoring the study.

There IS an agreement between the Principal Investigator and the Sponsor (or its agents) that restricts the PI's rights to discuss or publish trial results after the trial is completed.

Prior to publishing results, Institution and Principal Investigator (PI) must first provide Sponsor with a copy of proposed publication for review at least 30 days prior to submission. If Institution and PI do not agree to modification, they shall so notify Sponsor and postpone submission for additional 60 days to allow Sponsor to seek legal remedies or file patent applications. There is a need for coordinated approach to any publication of results from sites for any multi-site study.

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