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**RCT Comparing the Analgesic Efficacy of 4 Therapeutic Strategies Based on 4 Different Major Opioids (Fentanyl, Oxycodone, Buprenorphine vs Morphine) in Cancer Patients With Moderate/Severe Pain, at the Moment of Starting 3rd Step of WHO Analgesic Ladder. (CERP)**

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<b>Study Type</b>	Interventional
<b>Study Design</b>	Allocation: Randomized; Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment; Masking: None (Open Label); Primary Purpose: Treatment
<b>Conditions</b>	Cancer Cancer <b>Pain</b>
<b>Interventions</b>	Drug: Morphine Drug: Fentanyl Drug: Buprenorphine Drug: Oxycodone
<b>Enrollment</b>	518

**Participant Flow** ⓘ

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Recruitment Details	Date of First Enrollment: May 2014 Date of last enrollment: July 2014			
Pre-assignment Details				
Arm/Group Title	Morphine	Oxycodone	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl
▼ Arm/Group Description	Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore	Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore	Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h	Fentanyl: 25 microg/h
Period Title: <b>Overall Study</b>				
Started	130	130	130	128
Completed	122	125	127	124
Not Completed	8	5	3	4

Baseline Characteristics ⓘ

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Arm/Group Title		Morphine	Oxycodone	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl	Total
▼ Arm/Group Description		Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore	Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore	Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h	Fentanyl: 25 microg/h	Total of all reporting groups
Overall Number of Baseline Participants		122	125	127	124	498
▼ Baseline Analysis Population Description		[Not Specified]				
Age, Continuous Mean (Standard Deviation) Unit of measure: Years						
	Number Analyzed	122 participants	125 participants	127 participants	124 participants	498 participants
		67.5 (11.7)	66.9 (11.1)	65.2 (13.5)	68 (10.6)	66.9 (11.8)
Sex: Female, Male Measure Type: Count of Participants Unit of measure: Participants						
	Number Analyzed	122 participants	125 participants	127 participants	124 participants	498 participants
	Female	55 45.1%	53 42.4%	59 46.5%	54 43.5%	221 44.4%
	Male	67 54.9%	72 57.6%	68 53.5%	70 56.5%	277 55.6%

Outcome Measures ⓘ

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## 1. Primary Outcome

Title	Proportion of Non-Responder (NR) Participants
▼ Description	Evaluation of the proportion of Non-Responder (NR) participants. NR correspond to the subjects who do not report any analgesic effects, with a P.I.D. (pain intensity difference) from visit 6 and visit 1 $\neq$ < 0%, (using a 0-10 NRS ). It includes the situations of average pain intensity "stable" or "worsened" at day 28 compared with baseline values.
Time Frame	28 days

## ▼ Outcome Measure Data

▼ Analysis Population Description
Intention-to-treat

Arm/Group Title	Morphine	Oxycodone	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl
▼ Arm/Group Description:	Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore	Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore	Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h	Fentanyl: 25 microg/h
Overall Number of Participants Analyzed	122	125	127	124
Measure Type: Number Unit of Measure: participants				
	14	18	14	11

## 2. Secondary Outcome

Title	Proportion of Full-responder
▼ Description	Evaluation of the proportion of subjects who report full analgesia (full responders: FR). FR is operationally defined as a patient with a P.I.D. $\neq$ > 30% from visit 6 and visit 1 (NRS 0 to 10).
Time Frame	28 days

## ▼ Outcome Measure Data

▼ Analysis Population Description
[Not Specified]

Arm/Group Title	Morphine	Oxycodone	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl
▼ Arm/Group Description:	Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore	Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore	Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h	Fentanyl: 25 microg/h
Overall Number of Participants Analyzed	122	125	127	124
Measure Type: Number Unit of Measure: participants				
	89	90	95	88

## 3. Other Pre-specified Outcome

Title	The Opioid Escalation Index
▼ Description	The proportion of subjects with an increase of opioid daily dose > 5% compared with the basal dosage (OEI%).
Time Frame	28 days

## ▼ Outcome Measure Data

▼ Analysis Population Description
[Not Specified]

Arm/Group Title	Morphine	Oxycodone	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl
▼ Arm/Group Description:	Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore	Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore	Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h	Fentanyl: 25 microg/h
Overall Number of Participants Analyzed	122	125	127	124
Measure Type: Number Unit of Measure: participants				
	13	24	18	45

## Adverse Events

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Time Frame	[Not Specified]							
Adverse Event Reporting Description	[Not Specified]							
Arm/Group Title	Morphine		Oxycodone		Buprenorphine		Fentanyl	
▼ Arm/Group Description	Morphine: 60 mg /24 ore		Oxycodone: 40 mg /24 ore		Buprenorphine: 35 microg/h		Fentanyl: 25 microg/h	
All-Cause Mortality ⓘ								
	Morphine		Oxycodone		Buprenorphine		Fentanyl	
	Affected / at Risk (%)		Affected / at Risk (%)		Affected / at Risk (%)		Affected / at Risk (%)	
Total	--/--		--/--		--/--		--/--	
▼ Serious Adverse Events ⓘ								
	Morphine		Oxycodone		Buprenorphine		Fentanyl	
	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events
Total	5/122 (4.10%)		1/125 (0.80%)		1/127 (0.79%)		5/124 (4.03%)	
Gastrointestinal disorders								
bowel occlusion	1/122 (0.82%)	1	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1
asthenia	0/122 (0.00%)	0	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1
oral cavity bleeding	0/122 (0.00%)	0	0/125 (0.00%)	0	1/127 (0.79%)	2	0/124 (0.00%)	0
General disorders								
exitus	0/122 (0.00%)	0	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1

decline general condition	0/122 (0.00%)	0	1/125 (0.80%)	1	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1
hyperpyrexia	2/122 (1.64%)	2	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	0/124 (0.00%)	0
Hepatobiliary disorders								
hepatic disorder	0/122 (0.00%)	0	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1
Nervous system disorders								
hyperalgesia	1/122 (0.82%)	1	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	0/124 (0.00%)	0
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders								
dyspnea	1/122 (0.82%)	1	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	1/124 (0.81%)	1
atelectasis	1/122 (0.82%)	1	0/125 (0.00%)	0	0/127 (0.00%)	0	0/124 (0.00%)	0

#### ▼ Other (Not Including Serious) Adverse Events ⓘ

Frequency Threshold for Reporting Other Adverse Events	0%							
	Morphine		Oxycodone		Buprenorphine		Fentanyl	
	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events	Affected / at Risk (%)	# Events
Total	103/122 (84.43%)		98/125 (78.40%)		108/127 (85.04%)		95/124 (76.61%)	
General disorders								
drowsiness	79/122 (64.75%)	79	74/125 (59.20%)	74	81/127 (63.78%)	81	70/124 (56.45%)	70
Confusion	59/122 (48.36%)	59	55/125 (44.00%)	55	61/127 (48.03%)	61	46/124 (37.10%)	46

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#### Certain Agreements ⓘ

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