



## Clinical trial results: Ursodeoxycholic acid for the prevention of symptomatic gallstone disease after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy Summary

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| EudraCT number           | 2016-003245-29   |
| Trial protocol           | NL               |
| Global end of trial date | 06 November 2020 |

### Results information

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| Result version number          | v1 (current) |
| This version publication date  | 21 May 2022  |
| First version publication date | 21 May 2022  |

### Trial information

#### Trial identification

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| Sponsor protocol code | SA652013 |
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#### Additional study identifiers

|                                    |   |
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| ISRCTN number                      | - |
| ClinicalTrials.gov id (NCT number) | - |
| WHO universal trial number (UTN)   | - |

Notes:

### Sponsors

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Sponsor organisation name    | AMC   |
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Notes:

### Paediatric regulatory details

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| Is trial part of an agreed paediatric investigation plan (PIP)       | No |
| Does article 45 of REGULATION (EC) No 1901/2006 apply to this trial? | No |
| Does article 46 of REGULATION (EC) No 1901/2006 apply to this trial? | No |

Notes:

## Results analysis stage

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| Analysis stage                                       | Final            |
| Date of interim/final analysis                       | 06 July 2021     |
| Is this the analysis of the primary completion data? | Yes              |
| Primary completion date                              | 06 November 2020 |
| Global end of trial reached?                         | Yes              |
| Global end of trial date                             | 06 November 2020 |
| Was the trial ended prematurely?                     | No               |

Notes:

## General information about the trial

Main objective of the trial:

This study is designed to provide evidence regarding the prophylactic use of UDCA in preventing symptomatic gallstone disease after bariatric surgery.

Protection of trial subjects:

No specific protective measures were necessary.

Background therapy: -

Evidence for comparator: -

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| Actual start date of recruitment                          | 02 January 2017 |
| Long term follow-up planned                               | No              |
| Independent data monitoring committee (IDMC) involvement? | Yes             |

Notes:

## Population of trial subjects

### Subjects enrolled per country

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| Country: Number of subjects enrolled | Netherlands: 985 |
| Worldwide total number of subjects   | 985              |
| EEA total number of subjects         | 985              |

Notes:

### Subjects enrolled per age group

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| In utero                                  | 0   |
| Preterm newborn - gestational age < 37 wk | 0   |
| Newborns (0-27 days)                      | 0   |
| Infants and toddlers (28 days-23 months)  | 0   |
| Children (2-11 years)                     | 0   |
| Adolescents (12-17 years)                 | 0   |
| Adults (18-64 years)                      | 985 |
| From 65 to 84 years                       | 0   |
| 85 years and over                         | 0   |

## Subject disposition

### Recruitment

Recruitment details:

- Between Jan 11, 2017, and Oct 22, 2018, participants were recruited.
- Participants were recruited in three hospitals.
- Study staff informed patients about the trial during the screening for bariatric surgery. If eligible for surgery, patients were asked to participate, and informed consent was obtained.

### Pre-assignment

Screening details:

3272 patients were assessed for eligibility, of whom 985 were enrolled and randomised, 2287 were excluded (813 patients did not meet inclusion criteria, 1228 patients declined to participate, 246 patients were included in another trial)

### Period 1

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Period 1 title               | Overall trial (overall period)                      |
| Is this the baseline period? | Yes   |
| Allocation method            | Randomised - controlled                             |
| Blinding used                | Double blind  |
| Roles blinded                | Subject, Investigator, Monitor, Data analyst, Carer |

Blinding implementation details:

Placebo tablets were identical in appearance to ursodeoxycholic acid tablets and each package was given a randomisation number to ensure masking.

### Arms

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| Are arms mutually exclusive? | Yes |
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| <b>Arm title</b> | UDCA |
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Arm description: -

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| Arm type                               | Experimental         |
| Investigational medicinal product name | Ursodeoxycholic acid |
| Investigational medicinal product code |                      |
| Other name                             |                      |
| Pharmaceutical forms                   | Tablet               |
| Routes of administration               | Oral use             |

Dosage and administration details:

Patients were given tablets of 450mg and were instructed to take 900mg daily.

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| <b>Arm title</b> | Placebo |
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Arm description: -

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| Arm type                               | Placebo  |
| Investigational medicinal product name | Placebo  |
| Investigational medicinal product code |          |
| Other name                             |          |
| Pharmaceutical forms                   | Tablet   |
| Routes of administration               | Oral use |

Dosage and administration details:

Patients were instructed to take 2 tablets per day

| <b>Number of subjects in period 1<sup>[1]</sup></b> | UDCA | Placebo |
|---|------|---------|
| Started   | 477  | 490     |
| Completed   | 475  | 484     |
| Not completed                                       | 2    | 6       |
| Lost to follow-up                                   | 2    | 6       |

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Notes:

[1] - The number of subjects reported to be in the baseline period are not the same as the worldwide number enrolled in the trial. It is expected that these numbers will be the same.

Justification: 13 randomly assigned patients did not receive the allocated treatment because they violated eligibility criteria and were thus excluded.

## Baseline characteristics

### Reporting groups

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Reporting group title          | UDCA    |
| Reporting group description: - |         |
| Reporting group title          | Placebo |
| Reporting group description: - |         |

| Reporting group values                                | UDCA   | Placebo | Total |
|---|--------|---------|-------|
| Number of subjects                                    | 477    | 490     | 967   |
| Age categorical<br>Units: Subjects                    |        |         |       |
| In utero  |        |         | 0     |
| Preterm newborn infants<br>(gestational age < 37 wks) |        |         | 0     |
| Newborns (0-27 days)                                  |        |         | 0     |
| Infants and toddlers (28 days-23<br>months)           |        |         | 0     |
| Children (2-11 years)                                 |        |         | 0     |
| Adolescents (12-17 years)                             |        |         | 0     |
| Adults (18-64 years)                                  |        |         | 0     |
| From 65-84 years                                      |        |         | 0     |
| 85 years and over                                     |        |         | 0     |
| Age continuous<br>Units: years                        |        |         |       |
| least squares mean                                    | 45.5   | 44.7    |       |
| standard deviation                                    | ± 11.2 | ± 11.0  | -     |
| Gender categorical<br>Units: Subjects                 |        |         |       |
| Female  | 381    | 391     | 772   |
| Male  | 96     | 99      | 195   |

## End points

### End points reporting groups

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Reporting group title        | UDCA    |
| Reporting group description: | -       |
| Reporting group title        | Placebo |
| Reporting group description: | -       |

### Primary: Symptomatic gallstone disease

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| End point title        | Symptomatic gallstone disease  |
| End point description: | The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with symptomatic gallstone disease within 24 months of follow-up. Symptomatic gallstone disease was defined as biliary disease (biliary pancreatitis, acute cholecystitis, choledocholithiasis, cholangitis, or biliary colic), for which a hospital visit or admission was required (see trial protocol for detailed definitions of biliary disease). |
| End point type         | Primary  |
| End point timeframe:   | Within 24 months   |

| End point values            | UDCA            | Placebo         |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Subject group type          | Reporting group | Reporting group |  |  |
| Number of subjects analysed | 475             | 484             |  |  |
| Units: number               | 31              | 47              |  |  |

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| <b>Attachments (see zip file)</b> | Primary endpoint.PNG |
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### Statistical analyses

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| <b>Statistical analysis title</b>       | Primary endpoint   |
| Statistical analysis description:       | Proportions and relative risk (RR) with corresponding 95% CIs are presented for the primary endpoint with testing for significance based on the $\chi^2$ test. |
| Comparison groups                       | UDCA v Placebo   |
| Number of subjects included in analysis | 959  |
| Analysis specification                  | Pre-specified  |
| Analysis type                           | superiority  |
| P-value                                 | < 0.071  |
| Method                                  | Chi-squared  |
| Parameter estimate                      | Risk ratio (RR)  |
| Point estimate                          | 0.67   |

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|---------------------|---------|
| Confidence interval |         |
| level               | 95 %    |
| sides               | 2-sided |
| lower limit         | 0.43    |
| upper limit         | 1.04    |

### Secondary: Cholecystectomy

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| End point title        | Cholecystectomy |
| End point description: |                 |
| End point type         | Secondary       |
| End point timeframe:   |                 |
| Within 24 months       |                 |

| End point values            | UDCA            | Placebo         |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Subject group type          | Reporting group | Reporting group |  |  |
| Number of subjects analysed | 475             | 484             |  |  |
| Units: number               | 25              | 44              |  |  |

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| <b>Attachments (see zip file)</b> | Cholecystectomy.PNG |
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### Statistical analyses

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| <b>Statistical analysis title</b>       | Cholecystectomy |
| Comparison groups                       | UDCA v Placebo  |
| Number of subjects included in analysis | 959             |
| Analysis specification                  | Pre-specified   |
| Analysis type                           | superiority     |
| P-value                                 | < 0.022         |
| Method                                  | Chi-squared     |
| Parameter estimate                      | Risk ratio (RR) |
| Point estimate                          | 0.58            |
| Confidence interval                     |                 |
| level                                   | 95 %            |
| sides                                   | 2-sided         |
| lower limit                             | 0.36            |
| upper limit                             | 0.93            |

### Secondary: Presence of gallstones or sludge on postoperative ultrasonography

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| End point title | Presence of gallstones or sludge on postoperative ultrasonography |
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End point description:

|                      |           |
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| End point type       | Secondary |
| End point timeframe: |           |
| Within 24 months     |           |

| <b>End point values</b>     | UDCA            | Placebo         |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Subject group type          | Reporting group | Reporting group |  |  |
| Number of subjects analysed | 419             | 415             |  |  |
| Units: Number               | 112             | 138             |  |  |

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| <b>Attachments (see zip file)</b> | Presence of gallstones on ultrasonography.PNG |
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### Statistical analyses

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| <b>Statistical analysis title</b>       | Presence of gallstones |
| Comparison groups                       | UDCA v Placebo         |
| Number of subjects included in analysis | 834                    |
| Analysis specification                  | Pre-specified          |
| Analysis type                           | superiority            |
| P-value                                 | < 0.04                 |
| Method                                  | Chi-squared            |
| Parameter estimate                      | Risk ratio (RR)        |
| Point estimate                          | 0.8                    |
| Confidence interval                     |                        |
| level                                   | 95 %                   |
| sides                                   | 2-sided                |
| lower limit                             | 0.65                   |
| upper limit                             | 0.99                   |

## Adverse events

### Adverse events information

Timeframe for reporting adverse events:

- AEs until 30 days after the trial medication was discontinued.
- SAEs until the end of follow-up.

Adverse event reporting additional description:

We only recorded the AE if there was a reasonable suspicion of the AE being an effect of the trial medication and in case the AE was graded at least as moderately severe or mildly severe lasting longer than 1 week. We only recorded SAEs that occurred after the start of the trial medication.

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| Assessment type | Systematic |
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### Dictionary used

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| Dictionary name | CTCAE |
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| Dictionary version | 4 |
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### Reporting groups

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| Reporting group title | Safety - UDCA |
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Reporting group description: -

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| Reporting group title | Safety - placebo |
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Reporting group description: -

| <b>Serious adverse events</b>                                       | Safety - UDCA     | Safety - placebo  |  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Total subjects affected by serious adverse events                   |                   |                   |  |
| subjects affected / exposed   | 62 / 444 (13.96%) | 76 / 453 (16.78%) |  |
| number of deaths (all causes)                                       | 2                 | 1                 |  |
| number of deaths resulting from adverse events                      |                   |                   |  |
| Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps) |                   |                   |  |
| Neoplasm malignant  |                   |                   |  |
| subjects affected / exposed   | 4 / 444 (0.90%)   | 7 / 453 (1.55%)   |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all                     | 0 / 4             | 0 / 7             |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all                          | 0 / 1             | 0 / 0             |  |
| Vascular disorders  |                   |                   |  |
| Peripheral ischaemia  |                   |                   |  |
| subjects affected / exposed   | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 0 / 453 (0.00%)   |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all                     | 0 / 1             | 0 / 0             |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all                          | 0 / 0             | 0 / 0             |  |
| Pulmonary embolism  |                   |                   |  |
| subjects affected / exposed   | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 0 / 453 (0.00%)   |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all                     | 0 / 1             | 0 / 0             |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all                          | 0 / 0             | 0 / 0             |  |
| Pregnancy, puerperium and perinatal                                 |                   |                   |  |

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| conditions                                      |                 |                 |  |
| Unintended pregnancy                            |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Immune system disorders                         |                 |                 |  |
| Allergic reaction to excipient                  |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Reproductive system and breast disorders        |                 |                 |  |
| Pelvic pain                                     |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders |                 |                 |  |
| Dyspnoea  |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Psychiatric disorders                           |                 |                 |  |
| Depression                                      |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Suicide attempt                                 |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| Injury, poisoning and procedural complications  |                 |                 |  |
| Biliary anastomosis complication                |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |

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| Contusion                                       |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)                                 | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Fall  |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)                                 | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Fracture  |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)                                 | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Anastomotic leak                                |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)                                 | 2 / 453 (0.44%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 2           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Haemorrhage                                     |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)                                 | 4 / 453 (0.88%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 4           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Feeding tube user                               | Additional description: Dislocated feeding tube |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)                                 | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Abdominal pain                                  |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)                                 | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Cardiac disorders                               |   |                 |  |
| Myocardial infarction                           |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)                                 | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| Supraventricular tachycardia                    |   |                 |  |

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|---|---|-----------------|--|
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)   | 2 / 453 (0.44%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 2           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Nervous system disorders</b>                 |   |                 |  |
| <b>Neuralgia</b>                                |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)   | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Seizure</b>                                  |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Stroke in evolution</b>                      |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 3 / 453 (0.66%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 3           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Drain of cerebral subdural space</b>         |   |                 |  |
|   | Additional description: Dysfunctional external ventriculair drain |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)   | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Nervous system disorder</b>                  |   |                 |  |
|   | Additional description: Functional                                |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>     |   |                 |  |
| <b>Anemia</b>                                   |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)   | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0   | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Hypokalaemia</b>                             |   |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)   | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1   | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0   | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Hypophosphataemia</b>                        |   |                 |  |

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|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)  | 1 / 453 (0.22%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0            | 0 / 1            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>               |                  |                  |  |
| <b>Abdominal pain</b>                           |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 13 / 444 (2.93%) | 15 / 453 (3.31%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 13           | 0 / 15           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Anastomotic complication</b>                 |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)  | 0 / 453 (0.00%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1            | 0 / 0            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Anastomotic stenosis</b>                     |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 2 / 444 (0.45%)  | 4 / 453 (0.88%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 2            | 0 / 4            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Anastomotic ulcer perforation</b>            |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%)  | 1 / 453 (0.22%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0            | 0 / 1            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Constipation</b>                             |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)  | 5 / 453 (1.10%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1            | 0 / 5            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Diarrhoea</b>                                |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%)  | 5 / 453 (1.10%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1            | 0 / 5            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Dysphagia</b>                                |                  |                  |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 3 / 444 (0.68%)  | 6 / 453 (1.32%)  |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 3            | 0 / 6            |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0            | 0 / 0            |  |
| <b>Ulcer</b>                                    |                  |                  |  |

|   |                 |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 3 / 444 (0.68%) | 4 / 453 (0.88%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 3           | 0 / 4           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Gastritis</b>                                |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Ileal stenosis</b>                           |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Ileus</b>                                    |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Internal hernia</b>                          |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 9 / 444 (2.03%) | 5 / 453 (1.10%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 9           | 0 / 5           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Hepatobiliary disorders</b>                  |                 |                 |  |
| <b>Pancreatitis</b>                             |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 2 / 453 (0.44%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 2           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Cholecystitis</b>                            |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 2 / 444 (0.45%) | 4 / 453 (0.88%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 2           | 0 / 4           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Gallbladder disorder</b>                     |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 4 / 444 (0.90%) | 4 / 453 (0.88%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 4           | 0 / 4           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Hepatic failure</b>                          |                 |                 |  |

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| subjects affected / exposed                            | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| <b>Bile duct stenosis</b>                              |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 2 / 453 (0.44%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 0           | 0 / 2           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Renal and urinary disorders</b>                     |                 |                 |  |
| <b>Renal colic</b>                                     |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 3 / 444 (0.68%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 3           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Endocrine disorders</b>                             |                 |                 |  |
| <b>Adrenal insufficiency</b>                           |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b> |                 |                 |  |
| <b>Back pain</b>                                       |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Infections and infestations</b>                     |                 |                 |  |
| <b>Appendicitis</b>                                    |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 3 / 444 (0.68%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 3           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Appendicitis perforated</b>                         |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                            | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all        | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all             | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Abdominal infection</b>                             |                 |                 |  |

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Enterocolitis</b>                            |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 2 / 444 (0.45%) | 3 / 453 (0.66%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 2           | 0 / 3           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Kidney infection</b>                         |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 4 / 444 (0.90%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 4           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Lung infiltration</b>                        |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Skin infection</b>                           |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Tonsillitis</b>                              |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Urinary tract infection</b>                  |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 1 / 444 (0.23%) | 0 / 453 (0.00%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 1           | 0 / 0           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |
| <b>Wound infection</b>                          |                 |                 |  |
| subjects affected / exposed                     | 0 / 444 (0.00%) | 1 / 453 (0.22%) |  |
| occurrences causally related to treatment / all | 0 / 0           | 0 / 1           |  |
| deaths causally related to treatment / all      | 0 / 0           | 0 / 0           |  |

Frequency threshold for reporting non-serious adverse events: 5 %

| <b>Non-serious adverse events</b>   | Safety - UDCA        | Safety - placebo     |  |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Total subjects affected by non-serious adverse events<br>subjects affected / exposed                    | 6 / 444 (1.35%)      | 4 / 453 (0.88%)      |  |
| Gastrointestinal disorders<br>Diarrhoea<br>subjects affected / exposed<br>occurrences (all)             | 4 / 444 (0.90%)<br>4 | 2 / 453 (0.44%)<br>2 |  |
| Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders<br>Skin rash<br>subjects affected / exposed<br>occurrences (all) | 2 / 444 (0.45%)<br>2 | 2 / 453 (0.44%)<br>2 |  |

## More information

### Substantial protocol amendments (globally)

Were there any global substantial amendments to the protocol? Yes

| Date             | Amendment  |
|------------------|--|
| 13 February 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Addition of the definitions "choledocholithiasis" and "cholangitis"</li><li>- Clarification of the instructions reporting (serious) adverse events</li><li>- Clarification of monitoring drug safety by an independent reviewer</li></ul>  |
| 23 March 2017    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Change of principal investigator participating hospital (OLVG West)</li><li>- Clarification of the definition "choledocholithiasis"</li><li>- Clarification of the management of postoperative diarrhea</li></ul>  |
| 19 April 2017    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Appointment of a blinded endpoint adjudication committee</li><li>- Clarification of study procedures: timing of obtaining informed consent and performance of study follow-up</li><li>- Change in the timing of the administration of study questionnaires</li></ul>   |
| 03 May 2017      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Addition of time windows for study follow-up visits</li><li>- Clarification of the performance of study follow-up visits</li></ul>   |
| 04 July 2017     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Change in inclusion criteria; sleeve gastrectomy was added</li><li>- Change in stratification strategy; type of surgery was added</li></ul>  |
| 10 November 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Addition of a questionnaire regarding trial medication adherence</li></ul>   |
| 21 December 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Change of sponsor; Amsterdam UMC, location AMC became the sponsor after the bankruptcy of the MC Slotervaart</li><li>- Replacement of MC Slotervaart as participating hospital by Spaarne Gasthuis</li><li>- Clarification that after the bankruptcy, the study follow-up was guaranteed by telephone until the ethics committee and board of directors at each (new) participating hospital approved local conduct of the trial</li></ul> |
| 13 March 2019    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Replacement of MC Zuiderzee as participating hospital by Flevoziekenhuis</li></ul>   |
| 31 December 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clarification of study procedures and secondary study endpoints</li></ul>  |

Notes:

### Interruptions (globally)

Were there any global interruptions to the trial? No

### Limitations and caveats

None reported

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## Online references

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/34715031>