



Clinical trial results: A RANDOMIZED PROSPECTIVE CLINICAL TRIAL TO ASSESS THE ROLE OF PROCALCITONIN-GUIDED ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY TO REDUCE LONG-TERM INFECTIONS SEQUELAE

Summary

EudraCT number	2017-002011-33
Trial protocol	GR
Global end of trial date	20 July 2019

Results information

Result version number	v1 (current)
This version publication date	31 December 2022
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Trial information

Trial identification

Sponsor protocol code	PROGRESS
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Additional study identifiers

ISRCTN number	-
ClinicalTrials.gov id (NCT number)	NCT03333304
WHO universal trial number (UTN)	-

Notes:

Sponsors

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Notes:

Paediatric regulatory details

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

Analysis stage	Final
Date of interim/final analysis	20 September 2019
Is this the analysis of the primary completion data?	No
Global end of trial reached?	Yes
Global end of trial date	20 July 2019
Was the trial ended prematurely?	No

Notes:

General information about the trial

Main objective of the trial:

The aim of the study is to demonstrate if using one PCT-guided rule of stop of antimicrobials, the incidence of infections by C.difficile and by MDR bacteria during the next six months may be significantly decreased.

Protection of trial subjects:

Adverse events and serious adverse events were followed-up for 180 days after enrollment, which was the follow-up period for subjects in the trial. The incidence of adverse events was lower in the PCT-guided treatment group, especially diarrhea and acute kidney injury. The incidence of serious adverse events did not differ between the two groups and none was associated with the clinical trial intervention.

Background therapy:

Patients randomized in the standard-of-care treatment group receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians and PCT is not measured. Antimicrobials are stopped according to the local standard practice.

Evidence for comparator:

Patients randomized in the PCT-guided treatment group receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians and PCT is measured on day 1 (day of start of antimicrobials) and then daily starting from day 5 (96 hours from the start of antimicrobials). Antimicrobials are discontinued when PCT value is less than 80% of the initial value or it remains below 0.5 ng/ml.

Actual start date of recruitment	25 October 2017
Long term follow-up planned	No
Independent data monitoring committee (IDMC) involvement?	No

Notes:

Population of trial subjects

Subjects enrolled per country

Country: Number of subjects enrolled	Greece: 256
Worldwide total number of subjects	256
EEA total number of subjects	256

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)	26
From 65 to 84 years	133
85 years and over	97

Subject disposition

Recruitment

Recruitment details:

From November 2017 to January 2019, 266 patients were enrolled and randomized. Ten patients withdrew consent before the fifth day and the right to have their data processed, so the intention-to-treat population consisted of 256 patients. No one was lost during the follow-up

Pre-assignment

Screening details:

Inclusion criteria

All enrolled patients met all following inclusion criteria:

- Male or female
- In case of women, unwillingness to remain pregnant during the study period.
- Age more than or equal to 18 years
- SOFA score more than or equal to 2 points

Period 1

Period 1 title	Overall Trial (overall period)
Is this the baseline period?	Yes
Allocation method	Randomised - controlled
Blinding used	Not blinded

Arms

Are arms mutually exclusive?	Yes
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Arm title	PCT-guidance
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Arm description:

PCT group: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians and PCT is measured on day 1 (day of start of antimicrobials) and then daily starting from day 5 (96 hours from the start of antimicrobials). Antimicrobials are discontinued when PCT value is less than 80% of the initial value or it remains below 0.5 ng/ml.

Arm type	Experimental
Investigational medicinal product name	no IMP
Investigational medicinal product code	no IMP
Other name	
Pharmaceutical forms	Not assigned
Routes of administration	Unknown use

Dosage and administration details:

not applicable

Arm title	Standard of care
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Arm description:

Standard of care: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians but PCT is not measured and antimicrobials are stopped according to the local standard practice.

Arm type	No intervention
No investigational medicinal product assigned in this arm	

Number of subjects in period 1	PCT-guidance	Standard of care
Started	125	131
Completed	125	131

Baseline characteristics

Reporting groups

Reporting group title	PCT-guidance
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Reporting group description:

PCT group: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians and PCT is measured on day 1 (day of start of antimicrobials) and then daily starting from day 5 (96 hours from the start of antimicrobials). Antimicrobials are discontinued when PCT value is less than 80% of the initial value or it remains below 0.5 ng/ml.

Reporting group title	Standard of care
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Reporting group description:

Standard of care: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians but PCT is not measured and antimicrobials are stopped according to the local standard practice.

Reporting group values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care	Total
Number of subjects	125	131	256
Age categorical			
Units: Subjects			
Adults (18-64 years)	11	15	26
From 65-84 years	69	64	133
85 years and over	45	52	97
Age continuous			
Mean age (SD) was 78.0 (13.1) in SOC group and 79.6 (9.8) in PCT group (for the 256 patients included in ITT analysis)			
Units: years			
arithmetic mean	79.6	78	
standard deviation	± 9.8	± 13	-
Gender categorical			
Units: Subjects			
Female	73	69	142
Male	52	62	114

End points

End points reporting groups

Reporting group title	PCT-guidance
Reporting group description: PCT group: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians and PCT is measured on day 1 (day of start of antimicrobials) and then daily starting from day 5 (96 hours from the start of antimicrobials). Antimicrobials are discontinued when PCT value is less than 80% of the initial value or it remains below 0.5 ng/ml.	
Reporting group title	Standard of care
Reporting group description: Standard of care: these patients receive antimicrobials according to standard practice of the attending physicians but PCT is not measured and antimicrobials are stopped according to the local standard practice.	

Primary: Infection-associated adverse events rate for patients treated by the PCT-guided stopping rule compared to patients treated by standard of care

End point title	Infection-associated adverse events rate for patients treated by the PCT-guided stopping rule compared to patients treated by standard of care
End point description: The rate of infection-associated adverse events until day 180 is the primary outcome. This is an endpoint composed by any of the following: new case of Clostridioides difficile infection; new case of infection by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO); and death associated with either MDRO or Clostridioides difficile baseline infection	
End point type	Primary
End point timeframe: 180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: events	9	20		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	primary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	Standard of care v PCT-guidance
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.045
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	0.45

Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.2
upper limit	0.98

Secondary: 28-day mortality

End point title	28-day mortality
End point description: all-cause mortality	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe: 28 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: deaths	19	37		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.02
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	0.51
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.29
upper limit	0.89

Secondary: 180 day mortality

End point title	180 day mortality
End point description: all cause mortality	

End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: deaths	38	50		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.24
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	0.71
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.42
upper limit	1.19

Secondary: Rate of new infections by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO)

End point title	Rate of new infections by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO)
End point description:	
New infections by multidrug-resistant organisms	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: patients	5	8		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.57
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	0.64
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.2
upper limit	2.01

Secondary: Rate of new infection by Clostridioides difficile (CDI)

End point title	Rate of new infection by Clostridioides difficile (CDI)
End point description:	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: patients	6	12		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care

Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.22
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	0.5
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.18
upper limit	1.38

Secondary: Length of antimicrobial therapy

End point title	Length of antimicrobial therapy
End point description:	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: days	5	10		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	< 0.001
Method	Wilcoxon (Mann-Whitney)

Secondary: Gut colonization rate by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO)

End point title	Gut colonization rate by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO)
End point description:	

End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: patients	15	13		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.69
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	1.22
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.55
upper limit	2.7

Secondary: Gut colonization rate by Clostridioides difficile

End point title	Gut colonization rate by Clostridioides difficile
End point description:	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
180 days	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: patients	14	13		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	PCT-guidance v Standard of care
Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.84
Method	Regression, Cox
Parameter estimate	Hazard ratio (HR)
Point estimate	1.15
Confidence interval	
level	95 %
sides	2-sided
lower limit	0.52
upper limit	2.54

Secondary: Cost of hospitalization

End point title	Cost of hospitalization
End point description:	
End point type	Secondary
End point timeframe:	
Length of hospitalization	

End point values	PCT-guidance	Standard of care		
Subject group type	Reporting group	Reporting group		
Number of subjects analysed	125	131		
Units: euros	957	1183		

Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis title	Secondary endpoint analysis
Comparison groups	Standard of care v PCT-guidance

Number of subjects included in analysis	256
Analysis specification	Pre-specified
Analysis type	superiority
P-value	= 0.049
Method	Wilcoxon (Mann-Whitney)

Adverse events

Adverse events information

Timeframe for reporting adverse events:

180 days

Adverse event reporting additional description:

Adverse events (AEs) and Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) will be collected from baseline until the last patient's evaluation. While patients were hospitalized, these events were collected from medical records. WHa discharged, by phone calls to patients.

Assessment type	Systematic
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Dictionary used

Dictionary name	CTCAE
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Dictionary version	5
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Reporting groups

Reporting group title	PCT group
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Reporting group description: -

Reporting group title	SOC group
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Reporting group description: -

Serious adverse events	PCT group	SOC group	
Total subjects affected by serious adverse events			
subjects affected / exposed	68 / 125 (54.40%)	71 / 131 (54.20%)	
number of deaths (all causes)	38	50	
number of deaths resulting from adverse events	38	50	
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)			
Cerebral metastases			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
Vascular disorders			
Hematoma			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (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	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Surgical and medical procedures			

Cholecystectomy			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Immune system disorders			
Fever			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (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			
Orchepididymitis			
subjects affected / exposed	2 / 125 (1.60%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 2	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders			
Aspiration pneumonia			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 1	
Low respiratory tract infection			
subjects affected / exposed	4 / 125 (3.20%)	3 / 131 (2.29%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 4	0 / 3	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
Pleural effusion			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Pneumonectomy			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
Psychiatric disorders			
Depression			

subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications			
Hip fracture			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Cardiac disorders			
Aortic aneurysm			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Cardiac arrest			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Cardiac decompensation			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Heart failure			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
Pericardial effusion			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
Nervous system disorders			
Stroke			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	

Transient ischaemic attack			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders			
Anaemia			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	2 / 131 (1.53%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 2	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Ileus			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Renal and urinary disorders			
Acute kidney injury			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Hematuria			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Renal abscess			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders			
Spasms			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
Infections and infestations			
Clostridium difficile infection			

subjects affected / exposed	2 / 125 (1.60%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 2	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Central venous catheter infection			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Leishmaniasis			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Relapse infection			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Salmonella gastroenteritis			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 1	0 / 0	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Sepsis			
subjects affected / exposed	36 / 125 (28.80%)	48 / 131 (36.64%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 36	0 / 48	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 31	0 / 43	
Urinary tract infection			
subjects affected / exposed	6 / 125 (4.80%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 6	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders			
Hypoglycemia			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 1	
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0	0 / 0	
Hyponatremia			

subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)
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: 0.05 %

Non-serious adverse events	PCT group	SOC group	
Total subjects affected by non-serious adverse events			
subjects affected / exposed	64 / 125 (51.20%)	83 / 131 (63.36%)	
Vascular disorders			
Deep vein thrombosis			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences (all)	0	1	
Pulmonary embolism			
subjects affected / exposed	2 / 125 (1.60%)	0 / 131 (0.00%)	
occurrences (all)	2	0	
Thrombophlebitis			
subjects affected / exposed	3 / 125 (2.40%)	2 / 131 (1.53%)	
occurrences (all)	3	2	
General disorders and administration site conditions			
Chest pain			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences (all)	0	1	
Hypersalivation			
subjects affected / exposed	0 / 125 (0.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences (all)	0	1	
Immune system disorders			
Allergy			
subjects affected / exposed	5 / 125 (4.00%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences (all)	5	1	
Autoimmune disease			
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 125 (0.80%)	1 / 131 (0.76%)	
occurrences (all)	1	1	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders			

Pleural effusion subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Rhinorrhagia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Singultus subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Psychiatric disorders Delirium subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	2 / 125 (1.60%) 2	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Investigations Troponin increased subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications Fall subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	2 / 131 (1.53%) 2	
Cardiac disorders Atrial fibrillation subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
NSTEMI subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	Additional description: Non-ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction
Pericardial effusion subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Nervous system disorders Cerebral edema subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Headache			

subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Spasticity subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders			
Anaemia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	8 / 131 (6.11%) 8	
Bleeding subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Pancytopenia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Thrombocytopenia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	3 / 131 (2.29%) 3	
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Constipation subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	15 / 125 (12.00%) 15	16 / 131 (12.21%) 16	
Gastrointestinal hemorrhage subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Nausea subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	2 / 131 (1.53%) 2	
Diarrhea subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	24 / 125 (19.20%) 24	48 / 131 (36.64%) 48	
Hepatobiliary disorders			
Elevated aminotransferases subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	2 / 125 (1.60%) 2	4 / 131 (3.05%) 4	
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders			

Additional description: gastrointestinal bleeding

Decubitus subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	2 / 131 (1.53%) 2	
Renal and urinary disorders Hematuria subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Microhematuria subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Acute kidney injury subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	9 / 125 (7.20%) 9	23 / 131 (17.56%) 23	
Endocrine disorders Hyperthyroidism subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Arthralgia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Arthritis subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	2 / 125 (1.60%) 2	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Myositis subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	1 / 125 (0.80%) 1	0 / 131 (0.00%) 0	
Infections and infestations Oral candidiasis subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	4 / 125 (3.20%) 4	3 / 131 (2.29%) 3	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders Hypoalbuminemia subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all)	0 / 125 (0.00%) 0	1 / 131 (0.76%) 1	
Electrolyte disorder			

subjects affected / exposed	16 / 125 (12.80%)	31 / 131 (23.66%)	
occurrences (all)	16	31	

More information

Substantial protocol amendments (globally)

Were there any global substantial amendments to the protocol? Yes

Date	Amendment
22 August 2018	add of a new site

Notes:

Interruptions (globally)

Were there any global interruptions to the trial? No

Limitations and caveats

Limitations of the trial such as small numbers of subjects analysed or technical problems leading to unreliable data.

none

Notes:

Online references

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