# A first-in-human single-dose escalation study of the safety, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of the test drug including brain Serotonin Receptor Transporter (SERT) occupancy by Positron Emission Tomography (PET).

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

# Summary

## ID

NL-OMON34991

**Source** 

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title** 

new drug SRD/PET study.

#### Condition

Other condition

#### **Synonym**

visceral pain

#### **Health condition**

pijn aan beschadigde organen

## **Research involving**

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Eli Lilly

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Farmaceutische Industrie

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Visceral pain syndromes

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Pharmacodynamics: plasma DHPG and NE concentrations, NE/5-HT uptake inhibition,

occupancy of transporter sites

Pharmacokinetics: plasma concentrations, pharmacokinetic parameters

Safety: adverse events, vital signs, ECG-parameters, laboratory parameters,

physical examination

#### **Secondary outcome**

n.a.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The drug to be given is a new, investigational compound that may eventually be used for the treatment of pain affecting \*soft\* organs and body tissue (visceral pain). Visceral pain is the pain we feel when our internal organs are damaged or injured and it is, by far, the most common form of pain. Few drugs have been approved for specific visceral pain conditions, and current therapies offer limited efficacy.

The drug is a serotonine/norepinephrine (5-HT/NE) dual receptor reuptake inhibitor (SNRI). SNRIs are utilized in the treatment of depression and chronic

pain. SNRIs increase the levels of both serotonin and norepinephrine by inhibiting their reabsorption (reuptake) into the cells in the brain. Serotonin and norepinephrine are both known to play an important part in mood. Elevation of norepinephrine is thought to be necessary to be effective against pain as well.

## Study objective

Part A: to investigate the safety and tolerability of the drug after a single oral dose in healthy male volunteers

Part B: to explore the relationship between dose/exposure of the drug and brain serotonin receptor transporter (SERT) occupancy after a single oral dose by direct measurement using 11C-DASB ligand and Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

## Study design

Part A

#### Design:

A randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, single dose escalating, three period, incomplete cross-over design with two cohorts of eight healthy male subjects each receiving a single oral dose of the drug or placebo (six verum and three placebo); in the first period of the first cohort, two subjects (one on active and one on placebo) will be dosed 24 h before the remaining six subjects of the cohort; treatments for each cohort will be separated by a washout of seven to ten days.

#### Procedures and assessments

Screening and follow-up:

Clinical laboratory, physical examination, ECG (in triplicate at screening), vital signs; at eligibility screening: medical history, height and weight, urine alcohol and drug screen, HBsAg, anti HCV, anti-HIV 1/2 and genotyping (CYP2D6); to be repeated upon each admission: urine alcohol and drug screen, ECG (in triplicate), vital signs, clinical laboratory and abbreviated physical examination.

#### Observation period:

3 periods, each period in clinic from -17 h up to 24 h after drug administration on Day 1 followed by ambulatory visits on Days 3 and 5.

#### Blood sampling:

- for pharmacokinetics of the drug in plasma: pre-dose and 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48 and 96 h post dose, and at follow-up visit
- for pharmacodynamics of DHPG and NE in plasma/posture test: pre-dose and 2, 6 and 24 h post dose

- for pharmacodynamics of DHPG and NE in serum: pre-dose and 2, 6 and 24 h post dose
- for pharmacodynamics of ex vivo NE/5-HT uptake inhibition: pre-dose (evening before dosing) and 2, 6 and 24 h post dose

#### Safety assessments:

Adverse events: throughout the study; ECG (in triplicate until 24 h post dose): pre-dose and 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48 and 96 h post dose; brief physical examination: once on Day 2; vital signs: once daily on Days -1 to 2 and on Day 3 and 5; clinical laboratory: 24 h post dose.

# Bioanalysis:

- analysis of plasma LY2878735 samples using a validated method by PRA International
- analysis of plasma and serum DHPG and NE samples using a validated method by Sponsor
- analysis of ex vivo NE/5-HT samples using a validated method by Sponsor

#### PART B

## Design:

An open label, single dose escalating design with three cohorts of four healthy male subjects each receiving a single oral dose of LY2878735.

#### Procedures and assessments

Screening and follow-up:

Clinical laboratory, physical examination (brief physical examination at follow-up), vital signs, ECG; at eligibility screening: medical history, urine alcohol and drug screen, height and weight, HBsAg, anti HCV, anti-HIV 1/2, genotyping (CYP2D6), MRI scan; to be repeated upon admission: urine alcohol and drug screen, clinical laboratory and abbreviated physical examination.

#### Observation period:

One period in clinic from -17 h up to 24 h after drug administration on Day 1 and a baseline visit at approximately 2 weeks prior to dosing for PET scan.

#### Blood sampling:

- for pharmacokinetics of LY2878735 in plasma: pre-dose and just before Tmax, just after Tmax, 6, 12 and 24 h post dose
- for pharmacodynamics of ex vivo NE/5-HT uptake inhibition: pre-dose and just before Tmax, just after Tmax, 6, 12 and 24 h post dose PET scan baseline scan, at Tmax and 26 h post dose

#### Safety assessments:

Adverse events: throughout the study; ECG: pre-dose, at Tmax and 24 h post dose; vital signs and clinical laboratory: pre-dose and 24 h post dose;

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abbreviated physical examination: pre-dose and 24 h post dose.

## Bioanalysis:

Analysis of plasma LY2878735 samples using a validated method by PRA International.

#### Intervention

Active substance: LY2878735

Activity: Combined serotonin and noradrenaline transporter inhibitor

Indication: Visceral pain syndromes Strength: 5 mg, 20 mg and 70 mg

Dosage form: capsules

#### **Treatments**

Part A:

Cohort 1:

Period 1: a single oral dose of 5 mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

Period 2: a single oral dose of 25 mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

Period 3: a single oral dose of 2.5 mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

Cohort 2:

Period 1: a single oral dose of 25 mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

Period 2: a single oral dose of 10 mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

Period 3: a single oral dose of tbd mg of drug or placebo on Day 1 in the fasted state

#### Part B:

Cohort 3: a single oral dose of X mg of drug on Day 1 in the fasted state Cohort 4: a single oral dose of Y mg of drug on Day 1 in the fasted state Cohort 5: a single oral dose of Z mg of drug on Day 1 in the fasted state

#### Study burden and risks

Procedures: pain, light bleeding, heamatoma, possibly an infection.

Medication: as LY2878735 will be administered to man for the first time in this study, to date adverse effects in man have not been reported. In previous studies with rats and dogs, in which LY2878735 was administered daily in very high doses convulsions were observed.

The currently available SNRIs have the following most common side effects: loss of apetite, weight, and sleep. There may also be drowsiness, dizziness,

fatigue, headache, sexual dysfunction, and urinary retention. Elevated norepinephrine levels van sometimes cause anxiety, mildly elevated pulse, and elevated blood pressure.

# **Contacts**

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

# Inclusion criteria

Healthy male, age between 18 and 65 years, BMI between 19 and 32.5 kg/m2, non-smoker or moderate smoker, at screening state of health must satisfy the entry requirements. ;Only part B:

Non-exposure to any radiation for diagnostic reasons during work or during participation in a medical trial in the past year, non claustrophobic.

# **Exclusion criteria**

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Suffering from: hepatitis B, cancer or HIV/AIDS. In case of participation in another drug study within 60 days before the start of this study or being a blood donor within 90 days from the start of the study. In case of donating more than 1.5 liters of blood in the 10 months prior the start of this study.

# Study design

# **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-02-2010

Enrollment: 38

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 28-12-2009

Application type: First submission

Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 12-01-2010

Application type: First submission

Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 15-02-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 16-02-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 01-03-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: BEBO: Stichting Beoordeling Ethiek Bio-Medisch Onderzoek

(Assen)

# **Study registrations**

# Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

# Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

# In other registers

Register ID

EudraCT EUCTR2009-017015-14-NL

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