

# A 48-week, 6-arm, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicenter trial to assess the safety and efficacy of multiple CFZ533 doses administered subcutaneously in two distinct populations of patients with Sjögren\*s Syndrome (TWINSS)

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Autoimmune disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON52778

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

CCFZ533B2201 (TWINSS)

### Condition

- Autoimmune disorders

### Synonym

Sjogren syndrome

## Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Novartis

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Novartis Pharma B.V. (sponsor/verrichter van dit onderzoek)

## Intervention

**Keyword:** CFZ, Phase 2, Placebo, Sjogren

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary objectives of the study are defined separately for each cohort.

Cohort 1:

To demonstrate a dose-response of CFZ533 (iscalimab) based on change in ESSDAI from baseline at Week 24.

Cohort 2:

To estimate the effect of CFZ533 (iscalimab) 600 mg s.c. on the change in ESSPRI at Week 24.

### Secondary outcome

Cohort 1

To demonstrate a dose response of iscalimab based on change in ESSPRI from baseline at Week 24

To estimate the effects of iscalimab based on

-change in FACIT-F from baseline at Week 24

- change in physician's global assessment (PhGA) from baseline at Week 24

To assess

the effect of iscalimab in the serum Free Light Chains (FLC) levels over time

the changes in IgG and IgM levels over time after iscalimab treatment

the effect of iscalimab on plasma CXCL-13 over time.

## Cohort 2

To estimate the effects of iscalimab based on changes in

- FACIT-F from baseline at Week 24
- Physician's global assessments from baseline at Week 24
- ESSDAI from baseline at Week 24

To evaluate the efficacy of iscalimab in improving the dry eye

symptoms measured by IDEEL at Week 24

To assess

- the effect of iscalimab in the serum Free Light Chains (FLC) levels over time
- the changes in IgG and IgM levels over time after iscalimab treatment
- the effect of iscalimab on plasma CXCL-13 over time.

## Cohort 1 & 2

To assess

- safety and tolerability of iscalimab
- immunogenicity of iscalimab
- the pharmacokinetics and dose-exposure relationship of iscalimab

To measure soluble CD40 in plasma

## Study description

### Background summary

Sjögren's Syndrome (SjS) is a chronic autoimmune disease of unknown etiology, characterized by lymphoid infiltration and progressive destruction of exocrine glands. Current standard-of-care (SoC) treatment for SjS patients is limited to symptomatic care for the mucosal signs and symptoms (dryness). Steroids and conventional disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), although used in selected patients, have not been proven efficacious, and no pharmacologic intervention is effective against the severe, disabling fatigue. Hence, there are no approved treatments available for active, systemic disease.

The therapeutic hypothesis was successfully tested in a first proof-of-concept (PoC) study of iscalimab in patients with primary Sjögren's Syndrome. Briefly, in this randomized controlled trial, the primary endpoint of European Sjögren's Syndrome Disease Activity Index (ESSDAI) improvement was met, along with improvements in patient reported outcomes (PRO) including fatigue. The overall risk/benefit profile was favorable, warranting continued development in this indication.

### Study objective

The purpose of this trial is to

- determine the dose-response of iscalimab in a population of patients with moderate-to-severe Sjögren's Syndrome (SjS), defined by ESSDAI  $\geq 5$  and ESSPRI  $\geq 5$  (Cohort 1)
- evaluate the preliminary efficacy and safety of iscalimab administered in a population of patients with low ESSDAI ( $< 5$ ) but high symptom burden (Cohort 2) defined by: ESSPRI fatigue  $\geq 5$  or ESSPRI dryness  $\geq 5$  and moderate ocular disease burden as measured by the Impact of Dry Eye on Everyday Life (IDEEL) questionnaire.

### Study design

Study CFZ533B2201 (TWINSS) is a double-blind, randomized, placebocontrolled,

multicenter study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, PK and PD of multiple doses of CFZ533 in 2 distinct populations of patients with 1) moderate-to-severe SJS (systemic and symptomatic involvement) and 2) low systemic involvement but high symptom burden.

## **Intervention**

CFZ533 or placebo

## **Study burden and risks**

Minimum of 31 visits, duration vary from 1-4 hours per visit, total study time minimal 66 weeks.

Physical examination: Cohort 1: 15 times Cohort 2: 16 times

ECG: Cohort 1: one time, Cohort 2: One time

Schirmer test: Cohort 1: 6 times, Cohort 2: 6 times

Salivary flow rate (unstimulated ) cohort 1: 5 times and cohort 2: 5 times

Stimulated Cohort 1: 9 times Cohort 2: 9 times

Salivary gland biopsy (optional): Cohort 1 and Cohort 2: 2 times

Questionnaires: Cohort 1: 25 times Cohort 2: 25 times

Patient diary: cohort 1: 27 times, cohort 2: 27 times

Arm- worn wearable device: To measure physical activity (optional): cohort 1 and 2: 8 times

Cognitive assessments: cohort 1: 4 times cohort 2: 4 times

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- Signed informed consent;
- Male or female patient  $\geq 18$  years of age;
- Classification of Sjögren's Syndrome according to ACR/EULAR 2016 criteria (Shiboski et al 2017);
- Seropositive for anti-Ro/SSA antibodies;
- Stimulated whole salivary flow rate of  $\geq 0.1$  mL/min;

Inclusion criteria specific for Cohort 1;

- ESSDAI  $\geq 5$  within the 8 predefined organ domains;
- ESSPRI score of  $\geq 5$ ;

Inclusion criteria specific for Cohort 2;

- ESSDAI  $< 5$  within 8 domains scored for inclusion criterion #7 Cohort 1;
- ESSPRI fatigue subscore  $\geq 5$  or ESSPRI dryness subscore  $\geq 5$ ;

Other protocol-defined inclusion criteria may apply.

### Exclusion criteria

- Sjögren's Syndrome overlap syndromes where another autoimmune rheumatic disease constitutes the principle illness;
- Use of other investigational drugs;
- Use of B cell depleting therapies within 6 months prior to randomization, abatacept or any other immunosuppressants unless specifically allowed in the protocol;
- Use of steroids at dose  $> 10$  mg/day;
- Uncontrolled ocular rosacea (affecting the eye adnexa), posterior blepharitis

or Meibomian gland disease (this criterion applies only to patients considered for Cohort 2);

- Active viral, bacterial or other infections requiring systemic treatment;
- Receipt of live/attenuated vaccine within a 2-month period prior to randomization, during treatment and for at least 14 weeks thereafter;
- Chronic infection with hepatitis B (HBV) or hepatitis C (HCV);
- Evidence of active CMV infection in the form of a positive serology for CMV IgM (in the absence or presence of positive CMV IgG) and/or quantifiable CMV DNA by PCR at screening.
- Evidence of active tuberculosis (TB) infection.

Other protocol-defined exclusion criteria may apply.

## Study design

### Design

Study phase:	2
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):	01-07-2020
Enrollment:	9
Type:	Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	n.v.t.

Generic name: Iscalimab

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 13-06-2019

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

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Application type: First submission

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## 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	EUCTR2018-004476-35-NL
ClinicalTrials.gov	NCT03905525
CCMO	NL69847.078.19