# A Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, efficacy and safety study comparing SAR442168 to placebo in participants with primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PERSEUS)

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruiting

Health condition type Demyelinating disorders

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON54188** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title** 

**PERSEUS** 

#### Condition

Demyelinating disorders

#### **Synonym**

demyelinating disease, Multiple sclerosis

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Sanofi B.V.

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Genzyme Europe B.V.

### Intervention

Keyword: autoimmune disease, Bruton's tyrosin kinase inhibitor, Multiple sclerosis, PPMS

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The primary efficacy endpoint is the time to onset of CDP (confirmed for at least 3 months) assessed by the EDSS score.

## **Secondary outcome**

The secondary endpoints from time to event will be analyzed in a similar manner to the primary efficacy endpoint.

- Time to start of composite CDP
- Time to start of 3 months CDP
- Time to CDI
- Total number of new and / or growing hyperintense T2 lesions using MRI
- Percentage change in brain volume loss using MRI
- Change in cognitive function using the SDMT
- Change in the score on the "quality of life" questionnaire
- Adverse reactions (AEs), serious adverse events (SAEs), safety results on

MRI, and possible clinically significant abnormalities in laboratory results,

on electrocardiogram (ECG) or in vital signs during the study period.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Chronic disability accumulation remains a significant, unfulfilled problem for people with MS. Individuals with progressive disease, including primary progressive MS (PPMS), need treatment to reduce disability accumulation. The only approved treatment against disability accumulation in PPMS, ocrelizumab, showed a moderate efficacy and is in many regions only limited available.

The Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) pathway is critical for signaling in B lymphocytes and myeloid cells including the central nervous system (CNS) microglia. Each of these cell types is involved in the pathophysiology of multiple sclerosis (MS).

While ocrelizumab works via B-cell depletion, the inhibition of B-cell receptor signaling, via blocking Bruton's tyrosinekinase (BTK), could offer comparable advantages in PPMS, with an additional possible favourable safety profile, as BTK inhibitors do not lead to chronic B-cell depletion.

SAR442168, a CNS penetrant BTK inhibitor, has the potential for a dual mechanism of action by modulation and subsequently inhibition of antigen-induced B cell activation responsible for inflammation and by modulating macrophages and poorly adapted microglial cells linked to neuro -inflammation in the brain and spinal cord.

Even the most recent high-efficiency disease modifying therapies primarily work on adaptive immunity in the periphery with only a modest or temporary ability to stop neuro-inflammatory and neurodegenerative processes and stop disease progression.

In a phase 2 dose-finding study involving participants with relapsing MS (RMS) (DRI15928), SAR442168 was shown to reach pharmacologically relevant concentrations in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) with the potential to inhibit microgliocytes and infiltrating macrophages from the bone marrow, which are believed to be responsible for stimulating neuro-inflammation linked to disease progression.

## Study objective

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## Secondary:

- 1. To evaluate safety, tolerability, and efficacy of SAR442168 compared to placebo on clinical endpoints, MRI lesions, cognitive performance, physical function, and quality of life
- 2. To evaluate the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of SAR442168.

## Study design

A Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, 2-arm, placebo-controlled, parallel group, multicenter, event-driven (6-month CDP) trial with a variable treatment duration ranging from approximately 24 to 48 months in participants with PPMS.

#### Intervention

Enrolled participants will be randomly assigned in a 2: 1 ratio to 60 mg oral SAR442168 (obtained from dose determination study DRI15928) or placebo corresponding daily. Randomisation will be stratified for age at screening (age <=40 versus >40), geographic origin (US versus non-US) and PPMS McDonald diagnosis criteria (2005 and 2017 version versus 2017 version).

## Study burden and risks

Risks related to blood sampling / MRI and side effects of the study drug and contrast medium.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

## **Inclusion criteria**

- \* 18 to 55 year old male or female with PPMS
- \* EDSS score at screening from 2.0 to 6.5 points, inclusive
- \* Positive cerebrospinal fluid (oligoclonal bands/elevated IgG index) at screening or prior history
- \* If female of childbearing potential:
- not pregnant or breastfeeding, and agrees to use acceptable contraceptive method during the intervention period (at a minimum until after the last IMP dose)

## **Exclusion criteria**

- -History of infection or at risk for infection
- -Presence of psychiatric disturbance or substance abuse
- -Confirmed laboratory or ECG abnormalities, during the screening visit, deemed by the investigator to be clinically significant.
- -Conditions that may predispose the participant to excessive bleeding
- -Conditions that would adversely affect participation in study or make primary efficacy endpoint non-evaluable
- -A requirement for concomitant treatment that could bias the primary evaluation, such as any of the medications/treatments stated in the protocol
- within the specified time frame before any baseline assessment
- -Receiving strong inducers or inhibitors of cytochrome P450 3A (CYP3A) or CYP2C8 hepatic enzymes
- -Receiving anticoagulant/antiplatelet therapies
- -Sensitivity to study interventions, or drug or other allergy that, per Investigator, contraindicates participation in the study.
- -Previously exposed to any BTK inhibitor, including SAR442168.
- -Taken other investigational drugs within 3 months or 5 half-lives, whichever

is longer, before SCR.

- -Contraindication for MRI (People with contraindication to gadolinium (Gd) can be enrolled but cannot receive Gd during MRI scan.)
- -Institutionalized because of regulatory or legal order; prisoners or participants who are legally institutionalized.
- -Any country-related regulation that would prevent entering the study, if applicable.
- -Not suitable for participation, whatever the reason, as judged by Investigator, including medical or clinical conditions, or participants potentially at risk of noncompliance to study procedures or not able to follow protocol assessments
- -Dependent on Sponsor or Investigator
- -Employees of study site or directly involved in conduct of study, or immediate family members of such individuals.
- -Any other situation during study course that may raise ethics considerations.

# Study design

# Design

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 11-05-2022

Enrollment: 10

Type: Actual

# Medical products/devices used

Registration: No

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 16-11-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 12-02-2021

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 02-03-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 24-03-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 09-04-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 17-05-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 09-07-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 12-08-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 06-09-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 31-10-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 02-11-2021

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Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **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
EU-CTR	CTIS2024-514495-41-00

EudraCT EUCTR2020-000645-14-NL

CCMO NL73812.029.20 Other U1111-1238-1318