# A Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Venetoclax in Combination with Azacitidine in Patients Newly Diagnosed with HigherRisk Myelodysplastic Syndrome (Higher-Risk MDS)

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

StatusPendingHealth condition typeLeukaemiasStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON54378

**Source** 

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**Brief title** VERONA

#### **Condition**

Leukaemias

#### **Synonym**

Myelodisplastic Syndrome (MDS), myelodysplasia

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#### Research involving

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** AbbVie

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Higher risk, Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), Venetoclax

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Overall Survival (OS)

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Complete remission (CR)
- Overall hematological improvement (HI) (HI-platelet, HI-neutrophil, or HI-erythroid)
- Red blood cell (RBC) and platelet transfusion independence for subjects who are transfusion dependent on RBC and/or platelet at baseline
- Change from baseline in fatigue, as measured by the Patient-Reported Outcomes

  Measurement Information System (PROMIS)-Fatigue SF 7a
- Time to deterioration in physical functioning, as measured by the physical functioning domain of EORTC QLQ-C30
- Overall response (OR) defined as CR + partial response (PR)
- Modified overall response (mOR) defined as CR + PR + marrow CR (mCR).

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) is a group of disorders that gradually affect the ability of a person's bone marrow (semi-liquid tissue present in many bones like backbones) to produce normal blood cells. Some people with MDS have a risk of the disease progressing to acute myeloid leukemia (AML), and a risk of death from the disease itself.

Symptoms of MDS include fatigue, shortness of breath, unusual paleness due to anemia (low red blood cell count), easy or unusual bruising, and red spots just beneath the skin caused by bleeding. The purpose of this study is to see how safe and effective venetoclax and azacitidine (AZA) combination are when compared to AZA and a placebo (contains no medicine), in participants with newly diagnosed higher-risk MDS.

#### **Study objective**

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To assess the efficacy of venetoclax in combination with AZA compared to placebo with AZA in treatment-naive higher-risk MDS.

#### Study design

This is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study.

#### Intervention

Participants in one arm will receive oral doses of venetoclax tablet and intravenous (infusion in the vein) or subcutaneous (given under the skin) AZA solution.

Participants in another arm will receive oral doses of placebo tablet and intravenous or subcutaneous AZA solution.

#### Study burden and risks

There may be higher treatment burden for participants in this trial compared to their standard of care. Participants will attend regular visits during the course of the study at a hospital or clinic. The effect of the treatment will be checked by medical assessments, blood and bone marrow tests, checking for side effects, and completing questionnaires.

## **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

Adult male or female, at least 18 years old. Diagnosis of MDS according to the 2016 WHO classification with presence of < 20% bone marrow blasts per bone marrow biopsy/aspirate at screening. Subject meets the following disease activity criteria:

- \* Overall IPSS-R score > 3 (intermediate, high, or very high; Appendix E);
- \* Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status <= 2;
- \* HSCT eligible with no pre-arranged HSCT at the time of Study Day 1, or HSCT ineligible without plan for HSCT at the time of Study Day 1. No prior therapy for MDS with any hypomethylating agent (for example, azacitidine, decitabine), chemotherapy or allogeneic stem cell transplantation.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

No previous diagnosis of:

- \* Therapy-related MDS (t-MDS)
- \* MDS evolving from a pre-existing myeloproliferative neoplasm (MPN)
- \* MDS/MPN including chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML), atypical chronic myeloid leukemia (aCML), juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML) and unclassifiable MDS/MPN
- \* No prior therapy for MDS with any hypomethylating agent (for example, azacitidine, decitabine), chemotherapy or allogeneic stem cell transplantation. Lenalidomide, anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG), and cyclosporin are also excluded as these are considered disease-modifying agents.
- \* No known active SARS-CoV-2 infection. If a subject has signs/symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection, they should undergo molecular (e.g., PCR) testing to rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection.

# 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: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 16-11-2020

Enrollment: 13

Type: Anticipated

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Azacitidine Accord

Generic name: Azacitidine

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine
Brand name: Venclyxto

Generic name: Venetoclax

Registration: Yes - NL outside intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Vidaza

Generic name: Azacitidine

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-09-2020

Application type: First submission

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

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 03-12-2020 Application type: Amendment

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

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 21-12-2020

Application type: First submission

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

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 10-03-2021

Application type: Amendment

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

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 17-05-2021

Application type: Amendment

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

(Assen)

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(Assen)

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Date: 27-07-2021

Application type: Amendment

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

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(Assen)

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(Assen)

Approved WMO

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(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

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