A single-center, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo- and active-controlled, 4-way cross-over study to assess next-day driving performance following single and multiple evening administrations of ACT-541468 in middle-aged and elderly subjects.

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Sleep disorders and disturbances

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON48154

#### **Source**

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#### **Brief title**

Driving performance of ACT-541468

#### Condition

• Sleep disorders and disturbances

#### **Synonym**

Insomnia; sleeplessness

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### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Idorsia Pharaceuticals Ltd.

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Pharmaceutical industry

### Intervention

Keyword: Driving performance, Insomnia, Orexin antagonist, Sleep disorder

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Driving performance as measured by the SDLP (difference from placebo, cm) on Day 2 and 5 at 9 h post dose following administration of ACT-541468.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Effects of ACT-541468 on Days 2 and 5 on other driving performance parameters 9 h post dose:

- Mean lateral position (MLP).
- Mean speed (MS).
- SD of the mean speed (SDMS).
- Number of lapses (lapses are short periods of inattention and reduced alertness which may be a risk factor for car crashes. A lapse is defined as change from the steady lateral position of \* 100 cm for \* 4 s.)
- Drive safety score (DSS), a 24-item composite safety score.
- Subjective driving performance and effort scale.

#### Safety endpoints:

- Treatment-emergent AEs from study treatment administration up to EOT in each
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treatment period.

- Treatment-emergent SAEs from study treatment administration up to EOT in each treatment period.

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

The WHO has identified motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) as one of the major causes of injury and death around the world [who.int]. An important factor contributing to traffic accidents is inattention of the driver due to reduced alertness or increased sleepiness. It has been estimated that fatigue/sleepiness plays a role in 10\*30 % of traffic accidents [Horne 1995, Maycock 1996, Verster 2003]. In the US, the FDA considers the reduction of the incidence of MVAs that occur because of drug-impaired driving a public health priority [FDA 2017]. Assessing the ability to operate a motor vehicle following drug intake is a critical component of the FDA-guided assessment of drug risks and related strategies to reduce these risks.

Drugs that have pronounced CNS impairing effects and are intended to be administered primarily at night are of concern because residual daytime effects can impair driving ability [FDA 2017]. Driving studies that included the dual orexin receptor antagonist suvorexant have been performed in non-elderly [Vermeeren 2015] and elderly subjects [Vermeeren 2016], with no clinically meaningful residual effects as assessed by overall mean changes of the SDLP. However, some individuals in the non-elderly study who were treated with suvorexant had to stop the next-day driving test due to drowsiness [Vermeeren 2015].

Following oral administration, ACT-541468 has been shown to cause distinct adverse effects on the CNS due to the drug\*s expected pharmacological effects [Section 1.2.2]. Therefore, the next level of evaluation in this tiered approach [FDA 2017] is the application of various driving tasks to assess the potential effects of ACT-541468 on the ability to drive a car in the morning after evening administration.

## Study objective

Primary objective

- To evaluate the effects of ACT-541468 on objective simulated driving performance, i.e., the standard deviation of the lateral position (SDLP), after single- and multiple dose administrations (i.e., on Day 1 and Day 4) in the
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evening.

Secondary and exploratory objectives

- To evaluate the effects of ACT-541468 on other objective simulated driving performance parameters.
- To evaluate the effects of ACT-541468 on subjective simulated driving performance.
- To evaluate the potential relationship between driving performance parameters and plasma concentrations of ACT-541468.
- To evaluate tolerability and safety of multiple oral doses of ACT-541468 (multiple oral doses) and zopiclone (two separate doses).

### Study design

This is a single-center, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo- and active-controlled, 4-way cross-over study.

#### Intervention

Subject will be randomized into any of the four treatment sequences (A, B, C, D) in a cross-over fashion.

A: ACT-541468 50 mg, zopiclone 7.5 mg, Placebo, ACT-541468 100 mg B: ACT-541468 100 mg, Placebo, zopiclone 7.5 mg, ACT-541468 50 mg C: zopiclone 7.5 mg, ACT-541468 100 mg, ACT-541468 50 mg, Placebo D: Placebo, ACT-541468 50 mg, ACT-541468 100 mg, zopiclone 7.5 mg

#### Study burden and risks

Administration of ACT-541468 has been evaluated in several preclinical toxicology and pharmacology studies and in phase I and phase 2 studies. ACT-541468 was found to be generally safe and well tolerated. It is however, unsure what the effect on next-day driving ability is. This study will provide valuable human data on driving ability, both objectively as well as subjectively. This data will be of critical importance for further development of this compound for treatment of insomnia. Thus, it is felt that the potential benefits of the study as part of the development plan for insomnia exceed the risks. Subjects will be carefully screened and monitored.

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

#### Inclusion criteria

- 1. Be male or female (of nonchildbearing potential) aged 50 to 80 years, inclusive, at the Screening Visit.
- 2. Have a body mass index \*18.5 and \*30.0 kg/m2 at the Screening Visit.
- 3. Be judged to be in good health by the investigator, based on clinical evaluations including laboratory safety

tests, medical history, physical examination and vital sign measurements performed at the screening visit and before the first dose of study drug.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Pregnant or lactating women.
- 2. Known hypersensitivity to ACT-541468, zopiclone, or treatments of the same class, or any of their excipients.
- 3. Unstable medical condition, significant medical disorder, or acute illness within 2 months prior to Screening.
- 4. Current heavy tobacco user (\* 15 cigarettes per day) or smoker with an urge to wake up during the night to smoke.
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- 5. No history of narcolepsy, cataplexy or fainting.
- 6. Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) score < 25 at Screening.
- 7. Current or previous diagnosis of insomnia-related disorder according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders version 5 (DSM-5) criteria.
- 8. Modified Swiss Narcolepsy Scale total score < 0 at Screening.
- 9. Activities that disturb the circadian rhythm (e.g., working night shift, travelling across 3 time zones) within 2 weeks before (each) study treatment.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Crossover

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 16-03-2019

Enrollment: 56

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: ACT-541468

Generic name: NA

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: zopiclone

Generic name: zopiclone

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 27-02-2019

Application type: First submission

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

(Assen)

Approved WMO

Date: 06-03-2019

Application type: First submission

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 EUCTR2018-003773-97-NL

CCMO NL68520.056.19

# **Study results**

### First publication

02-07-2020