# A multinational, multicenter, open-label, controlled, randomised, parallel group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of EMD 121974 and gemcitabine or gemcitabine alone in patients with advanced, unresectable pancreatic cancer

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

#### **IRAS number**

ClinicalTrials.gov number

**Secondary identifying numbers** EMD 121974-004

## Study information

#### Scientific Title

#### Study objectives

Primary:

1. To investigate the effects of treatment with EMD 121974 and gemcitabine compared to gemcitabine alone on the overall survival in patients with advanced, unresectable pancreatic cancer

Secondary:

- 1. To investigate the response rates including stable disease
- 2. To determine the best of all response rates
- 3. To determine the time to disease progression
- 4. To assess the safety and tolerability
- 5. To assess the quality of life
- 6. To determine the performance status

7. To investigate the biological response (tumor marker levels, and angiogenic growth factor levels)

8. To evaluate the population pharmacokinetic parameters for EMD 121974 as well as gemcitabine and to determine plasma concentration-effect relationships for EMD 121974 with adverse events, primary efficacy parameters, and demographic data

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

Approved by the Institutional boards of the participating centers

**Study design** Open label, controlled, randomized

**Primary study design** Interventional

**Secondary study design** Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)** Not specified

Study type(s)

Treatment

#### Participant information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Unresectable pancreatic cancer

### Interventions

EMD 121974 and gemcitabine versus gemcitabine alone

### Intervention Type

Drug

**Phase** Not Specified

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)** Gemcitabine, EMD 121974

**Primary outcome measure** Overall survival

#### Secondary outcome measures

- 1. Response
- 2. Progression
- 3. Safety
- 4. Quality of Life
- 5. Biomarkers

Overall study start date 15/10/1999

Completion date

07/08/2001

# Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. The patient must have provided written informed consent prior to any study-related procedure

2. The patient must be at least 18 years of age

3. The patient must be male or female without childbearing potential (i.e. post-menopausal or sterile)

4. The patient must suffer from histologically confirmed advanced unresectable pancreatic cancer with or without metastases

- 5. The patient must have at least one bidimensionally measurable or evaluable lesion
- 6. The life expectancy of the patient must be at least 12 weeks
- 7. The patient must have a Karnofsky performance score of = 70%
- 8. Outpatients as well as inpatients can be selected for this study

### Participant type(s)

Patient

## Age group

Adult

**Lower age limit** 18 Years

**Sex** Both

Target number of participants

60

### Key exclusion criteria

1. In the investigators opinion, if the patient is not able to comply with the protocol regulations 2. The patient is a pregnant or lactating female. Females with childbearing potential are generally excluded from the study.

3. The patient has received chemotherapy, and/or major surgery related to the pancreatic cancer prior to study entry. Palliative surgeries (e.g. for the placement of stents) or explorative laparotomies do not fall into this category.

4. The patient has received prior antiangiogenic therapy

5. The patients laboratory parameters lie within the following ranges: pre-treatment granulocytes <1500 /ml, haemoglobin <9 g/dl, platelet count <100,000 /ml, pre-treatment bilirubin >3 times the upper limit of normal, pre-treatment creatinine >2 times the upper limit of normal

6. The patients liver transaminases lie within the following ranges: serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT) (aspartate aminotransferase [AST]) or serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase (SGPT) (alanine aminotransferase [ALT]) >5 times the upper limit of normal

7. The patient has had a second primary malignancy within the past five years except carcinoma in situ of the cervix or adequately treated basal cell carcinoma of the skin

8. The patient has a history of brain metastases. In case of suspected brain metastases, a computer tomography (CT) scan of the skull will be performed. This is not mandatory in asymptomatic patients.

9. The patient has had a major surgery within four weeks of study entry

10. The patient has a history of cerebrovascular accident (CVA) or transient ischemic attack (TIA) 11. The patient has had bypass surgery within six months of study entry, or has clinically significant cardiac or cardiovascular abnormalities (New York Heart Association [NYHA] III/IV) or unstable angina or arrhythmias (Lown class IV) requiring treatment

12. The patient has abnormal clotting disorders as defined by international normalized ratio (INR) >1.5, prothrombin time >18 seconds or activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT) >60 seconds, or patients on anticoagulant therapies. Migratory thrombophlebitis does not fall into this category.

13. The patient is suffering from severe diabetic angiopathy due to a long history of diabetes mellitus

14. The patient has had gastric or duodenal ulcers within six months of study entry, or is at risk of gastrointestinal ulceration due to a high consumption of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)

15. The patient has a known active infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) or Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)

- 16. The patient is suffering from serious uncontrolled infections
- 17. The patient has a history of allergies against penicillin
- 18. The patient has a legal incapacity or a limited legal capacity
- 19. The patient is known for drug abuse or extensive chronic use of alcohol
- 20. The patient takes or is likely to need prohibited concomitant medication
- 21. The patient has participated in another clinical study within 30 days of study entry
- 22. Fertile men not willing to use contraception

Date of first enrolment 15/10/1999

Date of final enrolment 07/08/2001

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment** Germany

**Study participating centre Abteilung fur Allgemeine** Heidelberg Germany 69120

## Sponsor information

**Organisation** Merck KGaA (Germany)

**Sponsor details** Frankfurter Strasse 250 Darmstadt Germany 64293

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## Funder(s)

Funder type Industry

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## **Results and Publications**

**Publication and dissemination plan** Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

#### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

#### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	11/12/2006		Yes	No