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A registry study to observe clinical practices, safety and effectiveness of routine use of Cerebrolysin in the treatment of patients with moderate to severe neurological deficits after acute ischaemic stroke

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Recruitment status
No longer recruiting

Registration date
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Overall study status
Completed

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Condition category
Circulatory System

[_] Prospectively registered
[X] Protocol
[X] Statistical analysis plan
[X] Results
[_] Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims
Stroke is a devastating disease and one of the primary causes for death and long-term morbidity imposing a heavy burden on patients, relatives and the health care system. Except for fibrinolytic therapy, which is only possible in a minor fraction of patients, there is no widely approved medication for the treatment of acute stroke.
Cerebrolysin has been approved for the treatment of stroke in over 45 countries worldwide. Since the approval of Cerebrolysin, stroke therapy has evolved, namely, with improved overall care, stroke units, more targeted rehabilitation, and the increasing availability of fibrinolytic therapy (rtPA, Actilyse) in specialized centers throughout the world. More recently, interventional therapies with various thrombus retrievers have emerged.
In addition, the Cerebrolysin treatment in stroke has evolved with different time windows, dosages and lengths of therapy being given in a pragmatic way by physicians within the specification of Product Characteristics for Cerebrolysin (SPC).

The main aim of this study is to systematically record Cerebrolysin treatment modalities and concomitant medication, according to local standards, in patients with moderate to severe neurological deficits after acute ischemic stroke and to assess the impact of these parameters on therapy outcome during early rehabilitation (day 21) and on day 90.
Besides this, the effectiveness and safety of Cerebrolysin therapy are monitored against the background of the now established and evolving stroke therapies (rtPA, thrombectomy). Furthermore, the effectiveness and safety of Cerebrolysin will be evaluated according to pre-existing diseases, concomitant medication and to applied rehabilitative actions. In the concomitant control group, these therapies alone or in combination will be compared to the addition of Cerebrolysin in these patients. Of interest is also the treatment in stroke units, with rtPA and systematic rehabilitation until day 21 and day 90.

An open observational treatment design has been chosen to collect data to capture the therapies as applied in real clinical practice. The pre-specified strategy follows the recommendations of the Principles for Good Research on Comparative Effectiveness (GRACE). A two-stage procedure is planned (Stage I: about 670 patients, Stage II: about 1400 patients).

Who can participate?
Patients aged 18 years or older, with clinical diagnosis of acute ischemic stroke, confirmed by imaging, no prior stroke, no prior disability.

What does the study involve?
All patients receive acute stroke care according to local treatment standards, which will not be amended or influenced by the study in any way. To evaluate the safety and effectiveness of Cerebrolysin in routine practice the outcome of Cerebrolysin-treated patients are compared with control group patients, who do not receive Cerebrolysin.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?
As this is a non-interventional study there are no additional treatments or evaluations. All patients receive acute stroke care according to local treatment standards, which will not be amended or influenced by the study. Patients are invited for two follow-up visits (day 21 and day 90) to evaluate and discuss the current status or their well-being. It is possible that a patient will receive Cerebrolysin according to treating physician’s choice. Cerebrolysin might help to limit neurological deficits after stroke and enhance recovery.
The information obtained from this study will be helpful for the optimization and further research in the treatment of patients suffering from stroke.
There is no potential risk by participation in the study, the routine treatment will not be changed in any way.

Where is the study run from?
EVER Neuro Pharma (Austria)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?
February 2017 to May 2024

Who is funding the study?
EVER Neuro Pharma (Austria)

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ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)
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EVER-AT-0717

Study information

Scientific Title
Cerebrolysin REGistry Study in Stroke- a High-quality Observational Study of Comparative Effectiveness

Acronym
C-REGS2

Study objectives
This study investigates the clinical practices, safety and effectiveness of Cerebrolysin in routine treatment of patients with moderate to severe neurological deficits after acute ischemic stroke. The study takes place because real-world data for the use of Cerebrolysin is needed.

Ethics approval required
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Ethics approval(s)
approved 23/01/2018, Ethikkommission des Landes Oberösterreich (Ethics Committee of Upper Austria, Wagner Jauregg Weg15, Linz, 4021, Austria; +42 (0)5 768087 Ext: 28631; ethikkommission.ooe@kepleruniklinikum.at), ref: 1026/2017

Study design
Prospective non-interventional registry study

Primary study design
Observational

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Acute stroke

Interventions

Standard stroke care is compared to standard stroke care and Cerebrolysin as add-on.

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Intervention Type
Drug

Phase
Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)
Cerebrolysin

Primary outcome(s)
Neurologic disability measured using the modified Rankin Scale (mRS) at 3 months after stroke onset

Key secondary outcome(s))
1. Stroke severity measured using NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS) at 21 days and 3 months after stroke onset
2. Neurologic disability measured using modified Rankin Scale (mRS) at 21 days after stroke onset
3. Cognitive impairment measured using Montreal - Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) at 3 months after stroke

Completion date
15/05/2024

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Signed informed consent
2. Clinical diagnosis of acute ischemic stroke confirmed by imaging
3. Moderate to severe neurological deficits with NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS) 8 to 15, both inclusive
4. No prior stroke
5. No prior disability
6. Patient's independence prior to stroke onset (pre-morbid mRS of 0 or 1)
7. Reasonable expectation of successful follow-up (max. 100 days)

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Sex
All

Total final enrolment
1851

Key exclusion criteria
Does not meet inclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment
25/04/2018

Date of final enrolment
31/12/2023

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Austria

Korea, South

Mexico

Philippines

Poland

Romania

Russian Federation

Ukraine

Viet Nam

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Funder Name
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EVER Pharma, EVER Neuro Pharma GmbH

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Private sector organisation

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For-profit companies (industry)

Location
Austria

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan
The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
Name and email: Marion Jech marion.jech@everpharma.com
Type of data: hardlocked patient level analysis data
When and how long available: at time of publication, for 5 years
Access: password protected link
Shared with whom: academic or governmental institutions
For what type of analyses: re-analysis based on preplanned SAP methodology
Consent of participants obtained: Any patient identifiers as well as country- and site-specific information will be removed for full data anonymisation

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article		24/08/2025	04/12/2025	Yes	No
Protocol file	version v3.3	01/03/2021	04/05/2021	No	No
Statistical Analysis Plan	version v1	24/10/2017	04/05/2021	No	No
Statistical Analysis Plan	version 1.1	22/07/2024	12/09/2024	No	No