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Sponsor / Company: Sanofi	Study Identifiers: NCT01127269, UTN U1111-1116-9268
Drug substance(s): Insulin glargine	Study code: LANTU_L_04980
Title of the study: Practical Implementation of ADA/EASD Consensus Algorithm in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: Timely Insulin Initiation and Titration	
Study center(s): 17 centers located in Argentina	
Study period: Date first subject enrolled: 26/May/2010 Date last subject completed: 19/Jun/2013	
Phase of development: Phase 4	
Objectives: Primary objective: Percentage of patients achieving glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA _{1c}) <7% with no severe or nocturnal hypoglycemic episodes at 6 months. Secondary objectives: 1. HbA _{1c} change from baseline to 6 months 2. Insulin glargine dose at 3 and 6 months 3. Hypoglycemic episodes (all types)	
Methodology: Non-controlled open label phase 4 study.	
Number of subjects:	Planned: 171 Randomized: 178 Treated: 178
Evaluated:	Efficacy: 169 Safety: 169

Diagnosis and criteria for inclusion:

Inclusion criteria

1. Male and female patients between 21 and 80 years old.
2. Patients with a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) for more than 6 months.
3. Patients treated with oral anti-diabetics (OADs) (monotherapy or combination) with an HbA_{1c} >7% and <10% and/or treated with neutral protamine Hagedorn (NPH) insulin with HbA_{1c} >7% and <10%. or treated with NPH insulin who have experienced severe and/or nocturnal hypoglycemia in the last 6 months.
4. Ability to perform self monitoring blood sugar (SMBS) and insulin self-titration under the physician's guidance.
5. Body Mass Index (BMI) >21 kg/m².
6. Signed informed consent.

Exclusion criteria

1. Hospitalized patients.
2. Pregnant women or with the intention of becoming pregnant.
3. Unexplained weight loss of more than 10% in the last 6 months.
4. Women with child bearing potential not using effective contraceptive methods.
5. Women in breast feeding period.
6. Patients on chronic treatment with systemic corticosteroids or protease inhibitors.
7. History of drug or alcohol abuse.
8. Diabetic retinopathy with surgical treatment in 3 months previous to study entry or patients that could require surgical treatment in the following 6 months to study entry.
9. Major systemic disease clinically important that would interfere with the implementation or interpretation of the study, at the discretion of the investigator.
10. Renal failure known as creatinine >1.4 mg/dL in women and >1.5 mg/dL in men.
11. Known hypersensitivity to glargine.
12. Patients with history of hospitalization due to cardiovascular event, cardiovascular procedure in the past 6 months.

Study treatments

Investigational medicinal product(s):

INN: Insulin glargine

Product Name®: Lantus

Formulation: solution for injection

Route(s) of administration: intravenous (IV)

Dose regimen: Patients will receive insulin glargine titrated based on standard of care as recommended by the American Diabetes Association/European Association for Study of Diabetes (EASD) Consensus Algorithm. Step1: Insulin glargine initiation regimen for insulin naïve patients/Switch to insulin glargine for patient already treated with basal insulin. Step 2: the insulin dosage of patients will be titrated according to the ADA/EASD Consensus Algorithm.

Duration of treatment: 6 months

Duration of observation: 12 months

Criteria for evaluation:

Efficacy:

Primary endpoint: Percentage of patients achieving HbA_{1c} <7% with no severe or nocturnal hypoglycemic episodes at 6 months.

Secondary efficacy endpoint measurements:

- HbA_{1c} at 6 months compared to baseline HbA_{1c}
- Insulin glargine dosages
- Number of all types of hypoglycemic episodes

Safety: Adverse events monitoring

Statistical methods:

Statistical analysis had a descriptive and analytical orientation. A description of the study population was included. Continuous variables were described as means or medians estimating their adjustment to the normal distribution; while proportions for discrete variables were used with their respective 95% confidence interval (CI).

To estimate the effectiveness of insulinization with insulin glargine, the percentage of patients who achieved HbA_{1c} levels below 7% without episodes of severe and/or nocturnal hypoglycemia at 6 months was calculated. Means or medians of HbA_{1c} levels at 3 and 6 months, glycemia by SMBS, and the number of episodes of severe and/or nocturnal hypoglycemia along the study were described.

For all these variables and parameters, confidence intervals were obtained considering a level of 95% (95% CI).

For comparison of HbA_{1c} levels and at baseline and at the end of the study, a paired t test or the signed rank test (Wilcoxon test for paired samples) based on the distribution of observations were used.

Summary:

Population characteristics: Patients with type 2 diabetes with a duration of more than 6 months, BMI >21 kg/m², treated with OADs as monotherapy or combined and / or NPH insulin therapy (HbA_{1c} ≥ 7% and <10%) or treated only with insulin NPH with severe or nocturnal hypoglycemia during the last 6 months.

Between 26 May 2010 (First Subject enrolled) and 19 Jun 2013 (Last Subject Completed), 243 patients were enrolled in the study, of which 53.09% were male and 46.91% female. Of the 178 patients who fulfilled the eligible criteria, 169 were evaluated for analysis and 103 patients completed the study.

Table 1: Demographic characteristics, vital signs and anthropometric data

	N: 243	Mean (SD)	Median (IR)
Age		58.5 (10)	59 (52-66)
SAP		132 (14.7)	130 (121-140)
DAP		73.15 (21.42)	80 (70-82)
Heart Rate		76 (7.9)	76 (72-80)
Weight		83 (21.7)	81 (72-94)
Height			1.65 (1.58-1.72)
BMI			30.64 (27-34)

SD: Standard deviation, IR: Interquartile range

Table 2: Comorbidities at enrollment

	N
Arterial Hypertension	175
Dyslipidemia	48
COPD	10
Neoplasia	4
Smoking habit	32

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Table 3: Diabetes complications. (N: 243)

Complication	Total (%)
MIA	12 (5)
Angina	4 (1.6)
CAD	12 (5)
Heart failure	2 (0.8)
Stroke	6 (2.5)
TIA	3 (1.2)
Peripheral vascular disease	10 (4)
Amputation	6 (2.5)
Diabetic Neuropathy	29 (12)
Diabetic Nephropathy	18 (7.4)
Diabetic retinopathy	37 (15.2)

CAD Coronary artery disease; TIA Transient ischemic attack

Diabetic retinopathy (15.2%) and Neuropathy (12%) were the most frequent complications associated with diabetes.

Table 4: Antidiabetic medication

Medication	N (%)
Metformin	200(83)
Sulfonylurea	124(51)
Ascarbose	1(0.4)
DPP IV inhibitors	12(5)
Thiazolidiones	15(6)
Meglitinides	3(1)
NPH Insulin	117(48.7)

Primary endpoint:

Proportion of patients achieving the goal of metabolic control defined as HbA_{1c} <7% with no severe and/or nocturnal hypoglycemia at 24 weeks was 30% in a total of 103 patients who completed the study.

Secondary endpoints:

1- HbA_{1c} levels between baseline and 6 months.

There was a statistically significant difference between the values of glycosylated hemoglobin between baseline and final, as well as between fasting plasma glucose between the two visits. (Table 5).

Table 5: Paired analysis of HbA_{1c} between V1 and V3

	V1 Median (IR)	V3 Median (IR)	p Value(*)
Fasting plasma glucose	170 (131-208)	125 (97-146)	0.000
HbA _{1c}	8.7 (8.0-9.2)	7.3 (6.6-8.2)	0.000

(*) Wilcoxon Ranksum paired test

2-Dose of insulin glargine at 3 and 6 months is described in Table 6.

Table 6: Dose of insulin glargine at 3 and 6 months

	V2 (3 months)	V3 (6 months)
Mean (SD)	38.9 (27.35)	43.5 (29.8)
Median (IR)	33 (17.5-55.5)	32 (22-62)

3- Episodes of Hypoglycemia.

In total 314 episodes of hypoglycemia, corresponding to 70 patients, were recorded, of which 58.39% were classified as "minor asymptomatic" episodes; 35.16% were classified as "minor symptomatic" episodes; 4.52% were severe and 1.94 % was due to nocturnal episodes.

Table 7: Glycemia value and type of hypoglycemia

Glycemia value (mg/dl)	Nocturnal	Severe	Minor asymptomatic	Minor symptomatic
Mean (SD)	47.6(9.7)	38(12)	51.7 (9)	53(8)
Median (IR)	49 (40-54)	38 (32-39)	54(45-58)	53.5(48-57)

Safety results: A total of 145 adverse events (AEs) were recorded, of which 142 were analyzed. Of the 142 AEs analyzed, 84.5% were of mild intensity, 13.38% were moderate, and 2.11% were severe. Four of them were serious adverse events.

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