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**Novartis** 

### **Generic drug name**

**QAX576** 

### **Trial indication(s)**

Pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis

### **Protocol number**

CQAX576A2201

### **Protocol title**

A randomized, double-blinded, placebo controlled, multiple-dose, multi-center pilot study, to assess safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of intravenous doses of QAX576 in patients with pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis (SSc)

### **Clinical trial phase**

Phase IIa

### **Study Start/End Dates**

21 Dec 2007 to 08 Apr 2009



### **Reason for Termination**

The study was terminated given concerns raised about the risk of the bronchoscopy procedure in the selected patient population and the frequency of SAEs observed to date.

### **Study Design/Methodology**

This was a randomized, double-blinded, placebo controlled trial with 3 mg/kg QAX576 or placebo given intravenously once every 3 weeks for a total of 3 doses (over 6 weeks) to patients with pulmonary fibrosis secondary to SSc. The study comprised of a screening period of up to 4 weeks (Day -29 to -5), a baseline (Day -4 to Day -1, which was one to four days before the first dose) and a treatment period consisting of one dose every 3 weeks for a total duration of 6 weeks. Patients had a follow-up visit 4 weeks following completion of the last dose (week 11) and an end-of-study evaluation conducted 24 weeks following completion of the last dose (week 31). In the treatment period, three doses of study drug were given: once each on the first day of week 1, week 4 and week 7 respectively (Days 1, 22 and 43). The study drug was administered as an intravenous infusion over 2 hours. Patients were domiciled at the investigational site for 24 hours after each dose. Patients were to return to the investigational site for the 24 hours post-dose evaluations.

#### **Centers**

The study was conducted at 6 centres in the United States of America.

### **Objectives:**

#### Primary objective(s)

- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of multiple intravenous doses of QAX576 in patients with pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis.
- To evaluate the pharmacokinetics of multiple intravenous doses of QAX576 in patients with pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis.
- To test the hypothesis that QAX576 (3 mg/kg x 3 doses) will neutralize IL-13 in patients with pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis.



### Secondary objective(s)

#### Key secondary objectives:

• To evaluate the effect of multiple intravenous doses of QAX576 on disease modification including pulmonary function tests (PFT), 6 minute walk test (6MWT), oxygen saturation (SpO2).

### Test Product (s), Dose(s), and Mode(s) of Administration

QAX576 (3 mg/kg) as an intravenous infusion was administered over two hours.

### Reference therapy, Dose and Mode of Administration

Placebo was administered as an intravenous infusion over two hours.

### **Statistical Methods**

All patients with evaluable PK concentration data were included in the PK data analysis. All patients who received at least one dose of the study medication with at least one post-baseline safety assessment were included in the safety analysis set.

All safety and clinical laboratory data were listed by treatment and subject. The number of patients with AEs was counted by body system and preferred term. A subject with multiple AEs within a body system is only counted once towards the total of this body system.

Total QAX576 concentrations in plasma were summarized by descriptive statistics including minimum and maximum values, mean (arithmetic and geometric), standard deviation (SD) and coefficient of variation (CV). Concentrations below the limit of quantification were treated as zero in summary statistics.

The secondary pharmacodynamic variables like pulmonary function test, systemic scleroderma assessments, 6 minute walking test (6MWT), oxygen saturation (SpO2) were summarized by descriptive statistics.

### Study Population: Key Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion criteria:

 Men and women between the ages of 18 and 65 years with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary fibrosis secondary to systemic sclerosis



• Both men and women must be willing to use two forms of contraception. Additional information regarding this requirement is available at screening

#### Exclusion criteria:

- Certain medical conditions may exclude patients from participation.
- Should not have participated in another clinical study within 4 weeks of study start
- Smokers are not eligible for participation
- Blood loss of donation of 400 mL or more within 2 months of study start
- Pregnant women or women who are breast feeding
- Past medical history of clinically significant ECG abnormalities
- · Connective tissue disorders other than systemic sclerosis.
- Active infection or history of systemic parasitic infection
- History of immunodeficiency diseases, including a positive HIV test result
- History of drug or alcohol abuse within 12 months of study start
- · Any condition that may compromise patient safety

Other protocol-defined inclusion/exclusion criteria may apply.

### Patient Flow Table (safety analysis set)

	QAX576	Placebo	Total
Patients			
Completed	5 (83.3%)	2 (100.0%)	7 (87.5%)
Discontinued	1 (16.7%)	0	1 (12.5%)
Main cause of discontinuat	ion		
Death	0	0	0
Adverse events(s)	0	0	0
Lack of efficacy	0	0	0
Protocol violation(s)	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lost to follow-up	0	0	0
Administrative problems	1 (100.0%)	0	1 (100.0%)



### **Baseline Characteristics**

**Demographic** summary by treatment group (safety analysis set)

		QAX576 N=6	Placebo N=2	Total N=8
Age (years)	Mean (SD)	48.2 (11.92)	51.0 (5.66)	48.9 (10.38)
	Median	51.0	51.0	51.0
	Range	32, 65	47, 55	32, 65
Gender - n(%)	Female	5 (83.3%)	2 (100.0%)	7 (87.5%)
	Male	1 (16.7%)	0	1 (12.5%)
Race - n(%)	Asian	0	1 (50.0%)	1 (12.5%)
	Caucasian	5 (83.3%)	1 (50.0%)	6 (75.0%)
	Pacific islander	1 (16.7%)	0	1 (12.5%)
Ethnicity - n(%)	Hispanic/Latino	2 (33.3%)	0	2 (25.0%)
	Other	4 (66.7%)	2 (100.0%)	6 (75.0%)
Neight (kg)	Mean (SD)	62.55 (6.984)	76.30 (18.809)	65.99 (11.220)
	Median	66.00	76.30	66.00
	Range	50.0, 68.0	63.0, 89.6	50.0, 89.6
Height (cm)	Mean (SD)	159.7 (3.83)	155.0 (4.24)	158.5 (4.21)
	Median	162.0	155.0	160.0
	Range	153, 162	152, 158	152, 162

# **Summary of Efficacy**

# **Primary Outcome Result(s):**

Refer to Safety Result section for primary outcome results.



Summary statistics for total QAX576 PK parameters directly taken from analytical data after repeat administration (3  $\times$  3 mg/kg, 21-day dosing interval, 2-hour intravenous infusion) (PK set)

		Cmax (µg/mL)	Ctrough (first and second dose), or Cday28* (after third dose) (µg/mL)
	N	5	5
Door 1 (Dov 1 Wook 1)	Mean	50.7	9.0
Dose 1 (Day 1, Week 1)	SD	16.2	2.9
	CV% mean	31.9	32.4
	N	5	5
Daga 2 (Day 22 ) Wask 4)	Mean	66.7	13.1
Dose 2 (Day 22, Week 4)	SD	12.6	3.8
	CV% mean	18.9	29.2
	N	5	4
Daga 2 (Day 42 ) Wask 7)	Mean	66.6	15.3
Dose 3 (Day 43, Week 7)	SD	16.0	7.2
	CV% mean	24.1	47

<sup>(\*):</sup> closest time point relative to the dosing interval (21-day)



# **Secondary Outcome Result(s)**

# Summary of pulmonary function tests – spirometry assessments

FEV1/FVC		predicted	FVC (L)	FEV1 (L)		Predicted FEV1 (L)		Visit	Treat ment
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	n	SCR	QAX576
0.934	66.263	68.073	2.193	1.932	3.325	2.860	mean		
0.0702	16.7041	14.2935	0.5797	0.4968	0.4365	0.5708	SD		
0.83	47.88	48.07	1.47	1.35	2.71	2.13	minimum		
0.945	67.635	70.670	2.165	1.985	3.340	2.890	median		
1.01	92.26	85.45	2.96	2.47	3.93	3.77	maximum		
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	n	BAS	
0.918	67.188	72.032	2.293	1.985	3.402	2.755	mean		
0.0660	17.1762	18.0280	0.7115	0.6073	0.4579	0.4119	SD		
0.80	46.36	45.11	1.43	1.33	2.71	2.13	minimum		
0.932	71.070	77.865	2.265	2.015	3.515	2.870	median		
0.98	87.95	90.05	3.27	2.75	3.93	3.18	maximum		
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	n	DAY8	
0.922	66.383	71.608	2.265	1.975	3.402	2.755	mean		
0.0641	17.1045	18.4671	0.7074	0.6245	0.4579	0.4119	SD		
0.81	44.83	44.12	1.42	1.29	2.71	2.13	minimum		
0.934	70.540	78.685	2.175	2.020	3.515		median		
0.98	86.34	88.19	3.21	2.76	3.93	3.18	maximum		
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n	DAY29	
0.938	72.558	78.598	2.416	2.134	3.286	2.692	mean		
0.0270	15.1161	14.0507	0.7253	0.5890	0.4102	0.4250	SD		
0.90	48.39	54.37	1.46	1.32	2.71	2.13	minimum		
0.938	76.780	81.270	2.730	2.410	3.420	2.700	median		
0.97	88.33	89.30	3.24	2.75	3.67	3.15	maximum		
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	n	DAY50	
	70.636	76.286	2.352	2.070		2.692	mean		
0.0401	14.4933	12.6977	0.6998	0.5485	0.4102	0.4250	SD		
	47.40			1.32	2.71	2.13	minimum		



Treat ment	Visit			FVC	FEV1 (L)		predicted	Percent predicted FVC	FEV1/FVC
OAX576	DAVEO		2.700	2 400	2 250	2 690	90 270	75 110	0.054
QAX5/6	DAISU			3.420 3.67					
		IIIdXIIIIUIII	3.13	3.07	2.37	3.12	07.00	05.00	0.97
	WK15	n	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
		mean	2.658		2.058	2.354	76.406		
		SD	0.3860	0.3618	0.6167	0.8005	14.7885	18.3325	0.0441
		minimum	2.13	2.71	1.25	1.33	51.49	44.08	0.89
		median	2.700	3.420	2.220	2.560	82.270	74.900	0.917
		maximum		3.57	2.65	3.17	87.50	88.84	0.99
	WK23	n	5	5	5	5	.5	5	5
		mean	2.810	3.434	2.106	2.366	74.584	68.042	0.948
		SD	0.6033	0.6309	0.6710	0.8073	15.8226	16.3926	0.0397
		minimum		2.69	1.29	1.38		45.74	
		median	2.700	3.420	2.210	2.550	77.300	64.860	0.943
		maximum	3.63	4.32	3.01	3.37	94.70	90.64	0.99
	EOS	n	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
		mean	2.748	3.395	1.928	2.250	70.015	66.032	0.909
		SD	0.4152	0.4622	0.5883	0.6907	16.5653	16.4891	0.0611
		minimum	2.11	2.69	1.32	1.42	44.45	45.85	0.80
		median	2.865	3.505	1.890	2.160	77.840	69.415	0.915
		maximum	3.18	3.93	2.66	3.13	83.69	84.18	0.98
Placebo	SCR	n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
		mean	2.695	2.735	1.395	1.730	51.810	65.765	0.856
		SD	0.0071	0.7283	0.1202	0.0283	4.5962	18.5333	0.0559
		minimum	2.69	2.22	1.31	1.71	48.56	52.66	0.82
		median			1.395	1.730	51.810	65.765	0.856
		maximum	2.70	3.25	1.48	1.75	55.06	78.87	0.90
	BAS	n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2



FEV1/FVC		predicted	FVC (L)	FEV1 (L)	Predicted FVC (L)	Predicted FEV1 (L)		Visit	Treat ment
0.812	58.735	53.970	1.720	1.310	2.970	2.460	mean	BAS	Placebo
0.0170	11.6319	9.7439	0.1131	0.0566	0.3960	0.3394	SD		
0.80	50.51	47.08	1.64	1.27	2.69	2.22	minimum		
0.812	58.735	53.970	1.720	1.310	2.970	2.460	median		
0.82	66.96	60.86	1.80	1.35	3.25	2.70	maximum		
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	n	DAY8	
0.874	57.510	57.305	1.700	1.400	2.970	2.460	mean		
0.0198	3.3800	5.0275	0.1273	0.0707	0.3960	0.3394	SD		
0.86	55.12	53.75	1.61	1.35	2.69	2.22	minimum		
0.874	57.510	57.305	1.700	1.400	2.970	2.460	median		
0.89	59.90	60.86	1.79	1.45	3.25	2.70	maximum		
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	n	DAY29	
0.850	98.300	59.635	1.815	1.450	2.060	2.460	mean		
0.0566	46.9519	9.3692	0.0919	0.0283	0.8910	0.3394	SD		
0.81	65.10	53.01	1.75	1.43	1.43	2.22	minimum		
0.850	98.300	59.635	1.815	1.450	2.060	2.460	median		
0.89	131.50	66.26	1.88	1.47	2.69	2.70	maximum		
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	n	DAY50	
0.859	60.590	59.595	1.780	1.440	2.960	2.445	mean		
0.0509	6.3781	10.0621	0.0424	0.0566	0.3818	0.3182	SD		
0.82	56.08	52.48	1.75	1.40	2.69	2.22	minimum		
0.859	60.590	59.595	1.780	1.440	2.960	2.445	median		
0.90	65.10	66.71	1.81	1.48	3.23	2.67	maximum		
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	n	WK15	
0.878	61.055	61.470	1.795	1.485	2.960	2.445	mean		
0.0651	5.7205	10.5925	0.0636	0.0636	0.3818	0.3182	SD		
	57.01				2.69	2.22	minimum		
0.878	61.055	61.470	1.795	1.485	2.960	2.445	median		



Treat ment	Visit		Predicted FEV1 (L)	Predicted FVC (L)	FEV1 (L)	FVC (L)	Percent predicted FEV1		FEV1/FVC
Placebo	WK15	maximum	2.67	3.23	1.53	1.84	68.96	65.10	0.92
	WK23	n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	11120	mean	2.445	2.960	1.500	1.870	62.030	63.565	0.853
		SD	0.3182	0.3818	0.0424	0.0849	9.8005	5.3245	0.0594
		minimum	2.22	2.69	1.47	1.81		59.80	0.81
		median	2.445	2.960	1.500	1.870	62.030	63.565	0.853
		maximum	2.67	3.23	1.53	1.93		67.33	0.90
	EOS	n	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
		mean	2.430	2.945	1.415	1.765	59.115	60.490	0.852
		SD	0.3394	0.4031	0.0919	0.0212	12.0279	7.5519	0.0615
		minimum	2.19	2.66	1.35	1.75	50.61	55.15	0.81
		median	2.430	2.945	1.415	1.765	59.115	60.490	0.852
		maximum	2.67	3.23	1.48	1.78		65.83	0.90



# Summary of 6 minute walking test (6MWT) and oxygen saturation (SpO2)

Treat ment	Visit		Pre-test heart rate (bpm)	Pre-test SpO2 (%)	rate	Post-test Inspired oxygen	Post-test SpO2 (%)	Number of laps	Total distance walked (meters)
QAX576	SCR	n mean SD minimum median maximum		98.33 1.506 97.0 98.00 100.0	101.3 11.86 84 101.0	0.000 0.0000 0.00	2.345 93.0 96.00	1.38 3 6.0	351.8 84.29 198
	DAY50	n mean SD minimum median maximum	5 91.2 7.26 80 92.0 98	97.80 1.483 96.0 98.00	100.2 26.32 63 105.0	0.000 0.0000 0.00	89.20 13.664 68.0 96.00	6.2 1.30 5 6.0	407.0 58.81 347 400.0
	WK23	n mean SD minimum median maximum	5 86.4 21.24 62 96.0 106	95.40 1.342 94.0	103.4 35.89 48 125.0	0.000 0.0000 0.00	91.00 6.442 83.0 89.00	6.2 1.30 5 6.0	391.8 77.64 309
	EOS	n mean SD minimum median maximum	88.8 22.34 54 89.0	95.17 6.242 83.0	104.3 29.85 49 111.0	0.000 0.0000 0.00	85.50 17.421 53.0 90.50	5.7 1.51 3 6.0	367.7 101.93 192 384.5
Placebo	SCR	n mean SD	76.5 2.12		98.0	0.000 0.0000			373.5



Treat ment	Visit		heart		heart rate	Inspired	Post-test SpO2 (%)	of	
Placebo	SCR	median	76.5	98.00		0.000	90.0 95.00 100.0		373.5
	DAY50	mean SD minimum median	85	6.364 91.0 95.50	82.5 23.33	0.0000 0.00 0.000		1.41	77.78 317
	WK23	SD minimum median	93.0	97.50	12.02 111 119.5	0.00	96.00	0.00 5 5.0	2 322.5 7.78 317 322.5 328
	EOS	SD minimum median	103.0 5.66 99 103.0	4.950 93.0 96.50	125.0 15.56	0.0000 0.00 0.000		1.41	2 388.5 75.66 335 388.5 442



# **Summary of Safety**

### **Safety Results**

Adverse events overall and frequently affected system organ classes - n (%) of patients (all patients)

	QAX576 N=6 n (%)	Placebo N=2 n (%)	Total N=8 n (%)
Patients with AE(s)	6 (100.0)	2 (100.0)	8 (100.0)
System organ class			
Infections and infestations	5 (83.3)	1 (50.0)	6 (75.0)
Gastrointestinal disorders	5 (83.3)	0	5 (62.5)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	3 (50.0)	2 (100.0)	5 (62.5)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	4 (66.7)	0	4 (50.0)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	2 (33.3)	2 (100.0)	4 (50.0)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	3 (50.0)	1 (50.0)	4 (50.0)
General disorders and administration site conditions	1 (16.7)	2 (100.0)	3 (37.5)
Eye disorders	1 (16.7)	1 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
Investigations	1 (16.7)	1 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
Nervous system disorders	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Vascular disorders	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Cardiac disorders	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Psychiatric disorders	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)



# Adverse events overall and most frequent events - n (%) of patients (safety set)

	QAX576 N=6 n (%)	Placebo N=2 n (%)	Total N=8 n (%)
Patients with AE(s)	6 (100.0)	2 (100.0)	8 (100.0)
Preferred term			
Abdominal distension	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Abdominal pain	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Anxiety	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Arthralgia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Arthropod bite	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Blood triglycerides increased	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Bronchitis	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Chills	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Constipation	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Cough	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Device breakage	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Diarrhea	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Dyspnea	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Eye pruritus	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Fatigue	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Flatulence	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Food poisoning	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Hemoglobin decreased	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)



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Headache	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Helicobacter infection	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Hyperesthesia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Hypotension	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Influenza	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Intestinal obstruction	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Lung infection	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Mouth ulceration	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Muscle spasms	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Muscular weakness	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Musculoskeletal pain	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Myalgia	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Nasopharyngitis	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Non-cardiac chest pain	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Oropharyngeal pain	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Pain	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Photophobia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Pneumonia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Procedural pain	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Productive cough	1 (16.7)	1 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
Pruritus	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Pyrexia	1 (16.7)	1 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
Rash pruritic	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)



Raynaud's phenomenon	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Red blood cell count decreased	0	1 (50.0)	1 (12.5)
Sinus tachycardia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Skin irritation	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Skin laceration	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Skin ulcer	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Staphylococcal infection	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Tachycardia	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Tooth injury	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)
Upper respiratory tract infection	1 (16.7)	1 (50.0)	2 (25.0)
Urinary tract infection	2 (33.3)	0	2 (25.0)
Vitamin D deficiency	1 (16.7)	0	1 (12.5)

Number of patients with serious adverse events and deaths (safety set)

No deaths were reported in this study. Seven SAEs were reported in two patients.

# **Other Relevant Findings**

None

### **Date of Clinical Trial Report**