

**multi-Arm Therapeutic study in pre-ICu patients admitted with Covid-19 –  
Experimental drugs  
and mechanisms (TACTIC-E)**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET & INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

You are being invited to take part in a COVID-19 research trial. Please take the time to read the following information carefully and ask us if you have any questions.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT [www.tactictrial.net](http://www.tactictrial.net)

**1. What is the purpose of the trial?**

COVID-19 is a disease affecting the lungs and is caused by a new coronavirus known as SARS-CoV2. The purpose of this trial is to identify the best way to treat patients infected with COVID-19 by comparing different treatments which act on the immune system. The reason for this is because in severe COVID-19 infection, there is an “over-reaction” of the immune system which involves the whole body. This has led to interest in drugs that control or “modulate” the immune system as potential treatments.

**2. What treatments are investigated?**

Patients who sign up for this trial will receive one of three different treatment options whilst in hospital, in addition to the usual clinical care for COVID patients:

- 1) EDP1815 (an unlicensed drug which is being developed for the treatment of inflammatory diseases)
- 2) Ambrisentan and Dapagliflozin. Ambrisentan is a licensed drug which targets the walls of blood vessels in the lungs and blunts inflammatory activity in the lungs. It is commonly used to treat a condition known as pulmonary arterial hypertension. Dapagliflozin is a licensed drug which helps the kidneys excrete glucose and it is commonly used in type 2 diabetes mellitus.

All trial drugs work to “calm down” the immune system.

**3. Which treatment will I receive?**

The treatment you will receive will be allocated to you at random (like rolling a dice). This means you will receive either

1. EDP1815 daily (as a capsule taken twice a day) until discharge from hospital and for a maximum of 14 days;

2. Ambrisentan and Dapagliflozin, two different drugs, each taken as a single capsule once a day, or
3. The standard of care you would normally receive.

As the study progresses, additional drug treatments may be added or removed, depending on the latest scientific evidence. We may also take samples of your blood for routine clinical tests, and the option of additional samples to look at your response to the infection

#### **4. What are the side effects of the drugs?**

##### **Ambrisentan:**

Very common (more than 10 in 100 of patients):\_headache, peripheral oedema, fluid retention,

Common (less than 10 in 100 of patients): anaemia, dizziness, cardiac failure, palpitations, low blood pressure, flushing, nosebleeds, difficulty breathing, upper respiratory congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, constipation, increased liver enzymes (transaminases), chest discomfort or pain, lack of energy, fatigue.

##### **Dapagliflozin:**

Very common (more than 10 in 100 of patients): hypoglycaemia ( low blood sugar when used with insulin or sulphonylurea drugs).

Common (less than 10 in 100 of patients): genital infections, urinary tract infections, dizziness, rash, back pain, painful or difficult urination, increased urine output, blood test results which show an increase in haematocrit (increase in the volume of red blood cells in your whole blood), decrease in creatinine renal clearance, which indicates kidney function, or dyslipidaemia (changes in the fat concentrations).

##### **EDP 1815:**

No specific side effects have been described with EDP 1815.

#### **5. Why have I been invited?**

You have been invited to participate in this trial because you are or suspected to be COVID-19 positive and are considered to be at risk of developing severe symptoms.

#### **6. Do I have to take part?**

Joining the study is voluntary. Your care will not be affected by your decision whether you take part.

#### **7. What are the possible benefits?**

We are not yet sure if the treatments will have any benefit, but this study will help to identify treatments for future patients. There may be side effects of these treatments.

#### **8. What are the possible risks of being in the study?**

The treatments may cause side effects. However, Ambrisentan and Dapagliflozin are used in other health conditions and their side effects are known. Your doctors will

monitor you closely for any side effects from the treatments you receive as part of this trial.

No specific side effects have been described for EDP1815.

Blood tests may cause some pain/bruising at the site from which the blood sample is taken. You will need to use adequate contraception for the duration of the 90-day trial.

### **9. What happens when the trial stops?**

Once the trial has ended you will be referred back to regular treatments. Pending the results of the trial, treatment guidelines may change. If you or your doctor wants to stop the study treatment, you can stop it at any time.

### **10. Can I stop the study treatment or my participation early?**

If you want to stop the study treatment before the course has been completed, then you are free to do so. If you decide that you do not wish any more information to be collected about you, feel free to say so (but de-identified information that has been collected up to that point will continue to be analysed by the research team).

### **11. Expenses & Payment?**

You will be reimbursed travel expenses for any research visits which require you to attend a hospital visit after you have been discharged.

### **12. Optional Endothelial cell collection**

In some centres, we are also conducting a smaller study for patients participating in the main study. We will provide you with an additional information sheet and consent form describing an optional procedure called Endothelial Cell Collection. You can still take part in the TACTIC-E trial if you choose not to take part in the endothelial cell collection.

### **13. What if there is a problem?**

If you have any concerns about any aspect of this trial, you should speak to your trial doctor who will do their best to answer your questions. If you wish to complain or have any concerns about any aspect trial, you can do this through the NHS complaints procedure. In the first instance it may be helpful to contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service ([PALS email and phone number](#)) at your hospital.

### **14. Will my personal information be kept confidential?**

All information about you and your health will be kept private. The only people allowed to look at the information will be the doctors who are running the study, the staff at the study coordinating centre, and the regulatory authorities who check that the study is being carried out correctly. A privacy notice and a more detailed patient information sheet are on the study website.

### **15. What will happen to the results of the trial?**

The results of the trial will be anonymous and you will not be able to be identified from any of the data produced. Coded datasets from the trial may also be made available to other researchers in line with national and international data transparency initiatives. These researchers may be outside the European Union and EEA zone where privacy laws may not be as stringent – however, none of your personal details will be sent outside the EU. When the results of this trial are available, they may be published in peer reviewed medical journals and used for medical presentations and conferences. If you would like to obtain a copy of the published results, please contact your trial doctor directly who will be able to arrange this for you.

**16. Who is funding and sponsoring the trial?**

The trial is being funded by Evelo Biosciences and Astrazeneca, and is sponsored by Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

**17. Who has reviewed this trial?**

This trial has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by an independent Research Ethics Committee (**name of REC here**), to protect your interests. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) who are responsible for regulating medicines in the UK have also reviewed this trial.

**Further information and contact details**

If you have any questions or require any further information about the trial, please feel free to contact:

*Study Doctor name: telephone: \*\*\*\*\*email: \*\*\*\*\**  
*Study nurse/coordinator name: telephone: \*\*\*\*\* email: \*\*\*\*\**

**In the event of an emergency please contact:**

*List 24 hour emergency contact detail here – this must match the information provided on the patient ID card and will be used to test the out of hours procedure for the trial.*

## INFORMED CONSENT FORM

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**Principal Investigator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

1	I have read and understood the Short Participant Information Sheet version 1.1 dated 03 June 2020 for the above trial and I confirm that the trial procedures and information have been explained to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers and explanations provided.
2	I understand that my participation in this trial is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason and without my medical care or legal rights being affected.
3	I understand that my personal data might be transferred between the trial team at different trial sites in relation to my participation in this trial. I understand that any personal data will be sent using (secure/encrypted mail servers).
4	I understand that my GP will be informed of my participation in this trial and be sent details of the TACTIC-E trial.
5	I understand that I may not receive the results from COVID-19 test/s I take as part of this trial.
6	I understand that the doctors in charge of this trial may close the trial, or stop my participation in it at any time without my consent.
7	I agree to provide blood samples for research related to this trial, which may be stored for up to 5 years. I understand that my samples may be transferred to a central location for future analysis.
8	I agree that DNA (genetic material) will be isolated from my donated blood sample and analysed through the use of advanced laboratory techniques.
9	I understand that coded trial datasets may be shared with researchers who may be based within or outside the European Union and European Economic Area.

### OPTIONAL

		YES	NO
10	I am happy to be contacted in the future about further trials or extensions to this trial.		
11	I am happy for my information to be exchanged with other study teams where I have also been involved in a COVID19 biomarker study		

### FOR WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING POTENTIAL ONLY

		YES	NO
12	If I become pregnant during, or in the 90 days after receiving the		



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**If participant is not able to read the text and/or sign for themselves but has capacity to give consent**

I witnessed accurate reading of the consent form to the potential participant, who could ask any questions and got satisfactory replies. I confirm that they gave their consent freely.

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PRINTED name of witness

Signature

Signature    Date

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PRINTED name of person taking consent Signature

Signature

Date