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proof-of-concept study of intravitreal LFG316 in patients  
with active non-infectious intermediate-, posterior-, or  
panuveitis requiring systemic immunosuppressive therapy**

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## List of abbreviations

AC	Anterior chamber cells
AE	Adverse event
ALT	Alanine transaminase
AMD	Age-related macular degeneration
AREDS	Age-Related Eye Disease Study
AST	Aspartate transaminase
AUC	Area under the concentration time curve
-hCG	Beta human chorionic gonadotropin
BMI	Body mass index
bpm	Beats per minute
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
CFR	(United States) Code of Federal Regulations
CK	Creatine kinase
CSR	Clinical study report
eCRF	Electronic case report / record form
EDC	Electronic data capture
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ETDRS	Early treatment in diabetic retinopathy study
FAF	Fundus autofluorescence
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone
GA	Geographic atrophy
GCP	Good clinical practice
GLP	Good laboratory practice
IB	Investigator's brochure
IMT	Immuno-Modulatory Therapy
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IV	Intravenous(ly)
IVT	Intravitreal(ly), intravitreal(ly)
LC/MS	Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry

LDH	Lactate dehydrogenase
LLOQ	Lower limit of quantification
MAC	Membrane attack complex
MFC	Multifocal choroiditis
mmHg	Millimeters of mercury
MRSD	Maximum recommended starting dose
NOAEL	No-observed adverse effect level
NIU	Non-infectious intermediate-, posterior- or panuveitis
PD	Pharmacodynamics
PG	Pharmacogenomics
pH	Negative log hydrogen ion concentration
PK	Pharmacokinetics
PRN	Pro re nata (as needed)
RBC	Red blood cell/c01puscle
RPE	Retinal pigment epithelium
SAE	Serious adverse event
sd-OCT	Spectral domain ocular coherence tomography
SUSAR	Suspected unexpected serious adverse reaction
TME	Translational Medicine expert
VEGF	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor
WBC	White blood cell
WHO	World Health Organization
WOCBP	Women of child bearing potential



## Glossary of terms

Screening	Point/time of subject/patient entry into the study; the point at which informed consent must be obtained (i.e., prior to starting any of the procedures described in the protocol)
Emolment	Point/time of subject/patient randomisation into the study / assignment of a randomization number.
Investigational drng	The study chug whose propert ies are being tested in the study; this definition is consistent with US CFR 21 Section 312.3 and is synonymous with "investigational new drug".
Phase	A major subdivision of the study tineline; begins and ends with major study milestones such as, Screening, or Study Completion.
Treatment Period	A minor subdivision of the study timeline that divides phases into smaller functional segments, i.e., the time starting from Baseline prior first study drug administration until the last day prior the next Baseline, or the Study Completion visit.
Premature subject/patient withdrawal	Point/time when the subject exits from the study prior to the planned completion of all study drug administration and assessments. At this time all study chug administration is discontinued. Study Completion assessments must be completed.
Study chug	Any chug administered to the subject as part of the required study procedures; includes investigationa l chl lg and any control and comparator chu gs.

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## Protocol synopsis

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### LFG316

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**Title of study:** A randomized, active-controlled, open-label, multicenter proof-of concept study of intravitreal LFG316 in patients with active non-infectious intermediate-, posterior-, or panuveitis requiring systemic immunosuppressive therapy

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#### Objectives:

##### Primary objective(s)

- To assess the effect of intravitreal LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information on the protocol defined, Day 85 response rate in the study eye of patients who meet the inclusion criteria.

##### Secondary objective(s)

- To assess the safety and tolerability of intravitreal LFG316 (5 mg q 4 weeks x 3 doses) in patients who meet the inclusion criteria. Corporate Confidential Information
- To assess the effect of intravitreal LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information on vitreous haze as measured on the Nussenblatt scale, ETDRS visual acuity, macular edema, presence or absence of chorioretinal lesions, and anterior chamber cells score in the study eye of patients who meet the inclusion criteria, and compare these between Baseline and Days 2, 8, 15, 29, 43, 57, and 85. Corporate Confidential Information
- To evaluate the serum concentrations of total LFG316 and total CS during the course of the study.

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### Study Design:

Approximately 24 patients with active NIU, in at least one eye, requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy will be enrolled and randomized in a 2:1 ratio to receive intravitreal LFG316 **Corporate Confidential Information**. Throughout the study, the fellow eye may be treated as needed; except that certain systemic medications are prohibited (see [Section 5.5.7](#) and [Section 5.5.8](#)). There will be 1 screening and 8 scheduled visits over 85 days for a total of 9 site visits for all patients.

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Assessments are listed in the [Assessment schedule](#). Efficacy assessments (ocular assessments and photos) will be conducted by personnel masked to the treatment assignment. Low molecular weight non-steroidal immunosuppressive medications are allowed up to the baseline day as long as the dose has not changed in the 3 weeks prior to baseline, except for corticosteroid doses which may change.

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## Patient Safety

Safety assessments will include ocular evaluations, adverse events, and serious adverse events. Cumulative safety listings will be reviewed by the Principal Investigator and the Novartis Medical Director periodically during the study, and *ad hoc* when necessary.

### Population:

Approximately 24 patients with active NIU requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy will be enrolled.

### Inclusion/Exclusion criteria:

Full inclusion / exclusion criteria are presented in [Section 4.1](#) and [Section 4.2](#), respectively.

#### Key inclusion criteria:

- Male or female patients 18 years or older.
- Active NIU, in at least one eye, as defined below, in patients requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy;
  - Vitreous haze at least 1+ on the scale of [Nussenblatt et al 1985](#), or
  - Chorioretinal lesions due to uveitis (*chorioretinal lesions due to infectious uveitis will exclude the patient*)
  - Patients who present with a flare and who are at the time of the enrollment on systemic corticosteroid or non-steroidal immunosuppressants will have their therapy tapered or stopped, respectively, at the time of intravitreal LFG316 administration.
- Visual acuity (ETDRS method) of 20 letters (20/400 Snellen equivalent) or better in the study eye.
- Female patients must not be pregnant or lactating and must, unless post-menopausal, use effective contraception as specified in [Section 4.1](#) of this protocol.
- Ability to provide informed consent and comply with the protocol.

#### Key exclusion criteria:

- Uveitis so severe that, in the investigator's judgment, it is too risky to test an experimental drug.
- Bilateral uveitis for which, in the opinion of the investigator, systemic immunosuppressive therapy is required to manage the inflammation in the fellow eye; use of local therapy in the fellow eye is acceptable and not an explicit exclusion (See [Section 5.5.7](#) for acceptable concomitant treatments)
- Uncontrolled glaucoma or ocular hypertension in either eye, defined as an intraocular pressure (IOP) >30 mmHg while on medication for the specific condition
- Forms of uveitis that may spontaneously resolve such as multiple evanescent white dot syndrome (MEWDS).
- In the opinion of the investigator clinically significant abnormality in screening laboratory results or electrocardiogram.
- In the study eye, cataract that is expected to interfere with study conduct or require surgery during the study.
- History of infectious uveitis or endophthalmitis in either eye.
- History of retinal detachment
- Patients taking corticosteroids or other systemic immunosuppressive medication for any other disease (e.g., asthma or other autoimmune disease) where the tapering of the immunosuppressant would not be safe because of the risk of exacerbation of the extraocular disease
- Any biologic immunosuppressive agent given via intravitreal, intravenous or subcutaneous route within 4-12 months of screening depending on the agent.

- Any intraocular surgery, intravitreal injection, periocular injection, or laser photocoagulation to the study eye within 90 days prior to dosing.

**Investigational and reference therapy:**

Approximately twenty-four (24) patients will be enrolled and will be randomized 2:1 to either LFG316 (n=16) Corporate Confidential Information

LFG316 will be administered to patients randomized to LFG316 on days 1, 29 and 57.

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- LFG316 solution for injection is a liquid solution provided in vials containing

**Rescue to Conventional Therapy throughout the study:**

Study drug will be discontinued and conventional therapy instituted for any patient that meets the following criteria in the study eye:

- Loss of >10 letters in best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) at any visit, as compared to baseline that, in the opinion of the investigator, is due to worsening of uveitis.
- Active vitritis, anterior chamber inflammation, or chorioretinitis at least 28 ±3 days after their last dose that, in the opinion of the investigator, is significantly worse as compared to the previous visit and requires alternate therapy
- Unilateral flare in fellow / non-study eye which does not respond to local treatment (including ozurdex® implant) or bilateral flare in both eyes which require the intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy.

**Concomitant medications/Significant non-drug therapies:**

Intravitreal administration involves certain protocol-specified anesthetics and antibiotics. See the full protocol for a complete list of concomitant, permitted, and prohibited medications.

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**Primary endpoint:** response rate at Day 85, LFG316 treatment arm.

A response will be defined by any one of the following criteria in the study eye:

- An improvement of 2 or more steps in vitreous haze, relative to baseline. For the purpose of "step" calculation, 0.5 shall count as one of the increments. Thus, improvement from a score of 2 to 0.5 or from 1 to 0 would constitute a 2-step improvement **or**,
- An improvement of 10 or more letters in visual acuity, relative to baseline **or**
- An improvement of 2 or more steps in anterior chamber cells, relative to baseline, **or**
- Resolution of chorioretinal lesions as determined by the investigator, **or**
- Change in central retinal thickness from baseline to Day 85 of 50 micrometer

Remission (complete response) will be defined as any patient who has a vitreous haze score of 0 or 0.5 in the study eye, who has an anterior chamber cell score of 0 and no choroidal lesions in the study eye and is off all immune modulatory therapy (systemic, corticosteroids and topical), without any worsening of uveitis during the trial.

**Secondary endpoints:**

- Mean changes in BCVA, vitreous haze score, AC cell score, and central retinal thickness on Days 2, 8, 15, 29, 57 and 85 for both eyes of all patients.
- Mean changes in BCVA, vitreous haze score, AC cell score, and central retinal thickness in LFG316 responders on Days 169, 253, and/or 281 (EOES)
- Percentage of eyes that respond (as per responder criteria) on days 2, 8, 15, 29, 57.
- AE and SAE rates on days 2, 8, 15, 29, 57 and 85 for all patients

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**Sample size determination**

The target sample size for this study is approximately 24 patients, randomized in a 2:1 ratio

Power calculations are not based upon a comparison between LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information but rather on the null hypothesis that the response rate in the LFG316 arm (PLFG) will not differ from the lower bound of the expected Corporate Confidential Information response rate which is assumed to be 60%. With 16 patients in the LFG316 arm, the null hypothesis  $H_0: PLFG \leq 0.60$  will be rejected in favor of  $H_1: PLFG > 0.60$ , if 11 / 16 patients in the sample are responders. Such a rejection rule has 17% false positive rate (incorrectly reject  $H_0$  when it is true) and 45% (80%, 92%) power to correctly reject  $H_0$  when the true PLFG is 70% (80%, 85%).

### **Analysis methods**

The 90% confidence intervals for the proportion of responders at Day 85 in the LFG316 as well as the 90% confidence interval for the difference in response rates will be reported. The response rates at other time points (e.g., at Days 15, 29, 57) will be analyzed similarly.

Summary statistics for the secondary endpoints and their changes from baseline will be provided by treatment group and visit/time. A longitudinal analysis of the secondary PD endpoints may be performed if deemed relevant. Graphical displays of mean time profiles may be constructed as appropriate.

Descriptive statistics of safety data will be provided by treatment group. Adverse events will also be analyzed by treatment group. Ocular adverse events will be separately listed and analyzed by study eye vs. fellow eye.

Study phase	J g> c u en	Treatment Period									Treatment extension for LFG316 Responders				c.....c.
	Day - 14 to -1	Day 1	Day 2 (+1 day)	Day 8 (±1 day)	Day 15 (+/-1 -bv)	Day 29 (+/-3 -bvsl	Day 43 (+/-3 days	Day 57 (+/-3days)	Day 71 (± 3 days )	PRN	Day 169 (+/-5 days)	PRN	Day 253 (+/-5 days)	Day 281 (+/-5 days)	
Visit numbers	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Visit 9 or 777		5		5	5	
Informed Consent	X														
Corporate Confidential Information	X														
Inclusion /Exclusion criteria	X														
Relevant medical history / Current medical conditions	X														
Dental history	X														
Ocular history	X														
ECG	X								X					X	
Infection and HIV history	X														
Alcohol abuse and dependence history	X														
Smoking history	X														
Physical examination	X								X					X	
Laboratory Safety Tests; incl hematology, blood chemistry and urinalysis	X								X					X	
Pre-treatment (obtained pre-dose)	X (serum)	X (urine)				X (urine)		X (urine)	X (urine)		X (urine)		X (urine)	X (urine)	
Roctv height	X														
Roctv V.elaht	X								X	X	X	X	X	X	
IL-XIV .....ture	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Blood pressure / Pulse rate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Study completion information														X	
Comments	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
ACM/IRSEW notes (captured following initial dose administration)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SAEs (captured upon signing ICF until 4 weeks following final 'Asit)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Concomitant medications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
LFG316 Intra-1 real Dose administration (sh.fv <Ne only>->A		X				X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
		OC 9. ....~													
PK sample collection (pre-dose)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PD /total C51 sample collection (pre-dose)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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## Ocular Assessment schedule

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Study phase	Screening Visit	Treatment Period								End of Study (EOS) <sup>3</sup>	Corporate Confidential Information			
	D-14 to -1	Day 1	Day 2 (+1)	Day 8 (+1)	Day 15 (+/-1)	Day 29 (+/3)	Day 43 (+/3)	Day 57 (+/-3)	Day 85 <sup>4</sup> (± 3 day)		PRN	Day 169 (+/-5 days)	PRN	Day 253 (+/-5 days)
Visit Numbers	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6	Visit 7	Visit 8	Visit 9 or 777			Visit 10		Visit 11
Best corrected visual acuity (ETDRS)	OU <sup>1</sup>	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Intraocular pressure(IOP)	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	OU	OU	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>3</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>
Slit lamp biomicroscopy	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Spectral domain ocular coherence tomography (sd-OCT)	OU	OU				OU		OU	OU			OU		OU
Dilated ophthalmoscopy	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	OU	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>	ou <sup>2</sup>
Color fundus photo	OU					OU		OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Standardized Vitreous Haze Score	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Anterior Chamber cells	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Chorioretinal lesions (absent/present per PI)	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Macular edema due to uveitis (absent/present per PI)	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU

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1. OU--both eyes and all assessments will be done pre-dose

PI: Principal Investigator

2. Patients receiving LFG316 will have dilated ophthalmoscopy to verify perfusion of the retinal vessels in the study eye immediately after each LFG316 injection. IOP should be checked approximately 30 minutes following each LFG316 intravitreal injection in the study eye (SE).

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Uveitis refers to approximately 25 different disorders characterized by the presence of intraocular inflammation. The major causes of uveitis are infections, systemic immune-mediated disease and autoimmune syndromes confined primarily to the eye (Pan et al 2014). These diseases are not confined to the uveal tract, comprised of the iris, ciliary body and choroid, but may also include the retina, retinal vessels and other structures (Jabs 2008). Uveitis is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of visual impairment and blindness in the United States (Pan et al 2014) and responsible for 10% of blindness worldwide (Jabs 2008). Epidemiological studies reported that the incidence of uveitis in the general population varies between 17 and 52 cases per 100,000 people per year with a prevalence of approximately 38 to 714 cases per 100,000 in the population (Miserocchi et al 2013).

In Western countries, anterior uveitis accounts for at least 50% of all cases of uveitis, posterior uveitis for 15-30% (Wakefield and Chang 2005), and intermediate and panuveitis for the balance. The current conventional treatment for non-infectious intermediate-posterior and panuveitis includes local and systemic corticosteroids with or without the addition of corticosteroid-sparing immunomodulatory therapy. Although these therapeutic options are effective in suppressing the inflammation, drug related co-morbidities and toxicities limit the use.

Noninfectious uveitis is thought to result from inappropriate activation of the immune system and is often associated with systemic autoimmune or autoinflammatory diseases, however when no such disease is present these cases are termed idiopathic. Considering the immune mediated nature of uveitis, corticosteroids are typically the first line of therapy for noninfectious uveitis. The route and dose of corticosteroids depend on the severity of the uveitis and whether the ocular inflammation is confined to the anterior segment (ie, anterior uveitis or iritis), the posterior segment (ie, intermediate-, posterior-uveitis) or both (ie, panuveitis). Local steroids, which often cause glaucoma and cataract, can be attempted, but systemic steroids are usually necessary to control the disease. Many cases of uveitis are not controlled with corticosteroids alone, or the dose of corticosteroids required to persistently suppress inflammation is higher than the Cushing threshold (about 8-10 mg prednisone equivalent/day). In such cases, one or more steroid-sparing immunosuppressive drugs are used, many of which are used off-label. Many of these steroid sparing therapies, including the commonly used methotrexate, take weeks to achieve full efficacy. Cyclosporine has a more rapid onset of activity, but at therapeutic levels is commonly associated with other co-morbidities such as nephrotoxicity and hypertension, requiring frequent monitoring. Thus, there is an unmet need for highly effective rescue therapy for patients with acute or relapsing disease, precluding the need for high dose corticosteroid therapy or prolonged systemic biologic therapy (Hazirolan and Pleyer 2013).

The complement system is part of the innate immune defense mechanism and is involved in modulating various immune and inflammatory responses (Yang et al 2012). Within the eye, complement plays an important role in the generation and maintenance of tolerogenic/suppressive antigen-presenting cells (APCs). By regulating the production/expression of immune mediators, the complement system is required to mount the antigen specific CD4+ T-cell-mediated immune responses that cause inflammation in the eye (Jha et al 2010). Recent studies have demonstrated that complement system activation is critical for the development of autoimmune uveoretinitis. Both local (intravitreal) and systemic suppression of the host's complement system with an anti-CS antibody was shown to completely inhibit the development and progression of an antigen specific T-cell mediated murine model (experimental autoimmune uveitis, EAU) of intraocular inflammation (Copland et al 2010).

Under normal conditions, the complement system is active at baseline level and tightly regulated by various complement regulatory proteins (CRegs) such as complement factor H (CFH). CFH is one of the most important regulators in the alternative complement pathway and is involved in the pathogenesis of immunological diseases. Recent studies suggested that variants in the CFH gene are associated with several immune-mediated diseases. Activated complement, due to loss of CRegs regulation by CFH, might cause self-tissue damage in sensitive organs like the eyes. *In vivo* studies have revealed that human RPE cells can synthesize and express CFH, and upregulated secretion of CFH by RPE can suppress the development of EAU (Yang et al 2012). In previous studies by Yang and Ng, it has been found that polymorphisms in the CFH gene are associated with the development of neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD) as well as anterior uveitis in females (Yang et al 2011; Ng et al 2008). In addition, CFH polymorphisms have also been found to be associated with other immune-mediated diseases such as multifocal choroiditis, hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS) and glomerulonephritis.

In patients with non-infectious intermediate and posterior uveitis, an association with the specific rs800292 (CFH 184 G/A) polymorphism was identified and showed a recessive effect (GG/AG versus AA genotype; odds ratio (95% CI) was 2.74 (1.13-6.62)). In addition, the frequency of carriers of the G allele was significantly higher in uveitis patients than in controls (Yang et al 2012). This information, combined with non-clinical EAU results and the considerable unmet need in noninfectious uveitis, has prompted the hypothesis that complement inhibition will be beneficial in this patient; the present study will test this hypothesis.

#### **1.1.1.1 Relevant data summary**

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**Table 1-1 LFG316 Completed Studies**

Study	Design	Route of Administration	Doses	N
Corporate Confidential Information				
CLFG316A2102	A single-ascending dose Safety and tolerance, PK/PD study in age-related macular <u>degeneration</u>	IVT	Corporate Confidential Information	24; 24 LFG316
CLFG316A2201	A multiple dose Safety and tolerance PK/PD study in neovascular age- related macular degeneration	IV		4; 4 LFG316
CLFG316A2202	Multiple dose Safety and tolerance PK/PD study in neovascular age- related macular degeneration	IVT		45; 30 LFG316 15 Sham

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### CLFG316A2102

This was a single ascending dose study conducted to assess the safety and tolerability, as well as PK and PD of **intravitreally** administered LFG316 in patients with advanced AMD.

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Overall, There were no drug related adverse events, deaths, serious adverse events, or discontinuations. [Table 1-3](#) below summarizes the top 5 most frequently reported adverse events observed in this study. Conjunctival hemorrhage was the most frequently reported ocular AE which can be attributed to the intravitreal injection procedure. None of the AEs were dose dependent or suspected to be related to the study drug. There was no increase in total CS or inhibition of alternative complement pathway activity. Anti-LFG316 antibodies were not detected in this study. The remaining safety assessments (e.g. vital signs, ECG, etc) and ocular assessments showed no clinically significant changes.

**Table 1-3 Adverse events by treatment condition from study CLFG316A2102 (n=24)**

	Corporate Confidential Information				
	LFG316	LFG316	LFG316	LFG316	Total
	N=6 n (%)	N=6 n (%)	N=6 n (%)	N=6 n (%)	N=24 n (%)
Patients with AE(s)	6 (100)	6 (100)	3 (50)	4 (67)	19 (79)
Conjunctival hemorrhage	2 (33)	5 (83)	2 (33)	2 (33)	11 (46)
Eye pain	2 (33)	0	1 (17)	2 (33)	5 (21)
Eye irritation	1 (17)	2 (33)	1 (17)	0	4 (17)
Lacrimation increased	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	0	3 (12)
Vitreous detachment	1 (17)	0	0	1 (17)	2 (8)

Source: CLFG316A2102 CSR, Table 14.3.1-1.1

## CLFG316A2201

This study was a multicenter, multiple dose, 2-cohmt trial to assess the safety, tolerability, phaimacokinetics, phaimacodynamics, and efficacy of intravenous (IV) LFG316 in patients with neovascular age-related macular degeneraiton. Novartis terminated this study and stopped recrntment after 4 subjects had been randomized to the c,.....Camda,ml..... treatment aim. The decision to terminate the study was not due to any safety signal with LFG316. It was based upon a consideration of the repmted number of patients with meningococcal infection and unclear risk of death due to meningitis noted after repeated dosing with Soliris® (Eculizumab), which is an approved antibody against complement factor 5 (C5) for the treatment of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria and atypical hemolytic syndrome. See Table 1-4 for a summary of adverse events.

**Table 1-4 Summary of Adverse Events from CLFG316A2201**

	10 mg/kg LFG316 N=4
Patients with at least 1 AE	4 (100)
Anaemia	1 (25)
Eye pain	1 (25)
Lacrimation increased	1 (25)
Photophobia	1 (25)
Visual acuity reduced	1 (25)
Vitreous detachment	1 (25)
Vitreous floaters	1 (25)
Otitis media	1 (25)
Diabetes mellitus	1 (25)
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	1 (25)
Dyspnea	1 (25)

Source: CLFG316A2201 CSR, Table 14.3.1-1.1

## CLFG316A2202

This study was a repeat-dose Proof-of-Concept study in patients with neovascular (wet) AMD. This study used a multicenter, randomized study design to assess the efficacy, safety, tolerability, and sernm phaimacokinetics of 3 successivedoses of intravitreally administered LFG316. Forty-five (45) subjects were randomized in a 2:1 ratio to either LFG316 "- "" .....intravitreal injection (30 subjects) or to sham injection. There were no differences between the 2 treatment aims in the rate or use of rescue therapy with anti-VEGF on Day 85: the number of subjects who required anti-VEGF rescue therapy was 18 (62.1%) and 10 (66.7%) in the LFG316 and sham-injection aims, respectively. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) anti-VEGF rescue therapy rate up to Day 85 was 0.10 ( $\pm$  0.097) and 0.08 ( $\pm$  0.078) retreatment per week in the LFG316 and sham-injectionaims, respectively(15 subjects)for total of 3 doses.

for patients with neovascular (wet) AMD, monthly treatment with LFG316 (0.05 mg/mL), IVT was well tolerated with similar safety profile in both treatment groups. None of the AEs resulted in discontinuation from the study. No deaths or drug-related SAEs were reported. See Table 1-5 and Table 1-6 for Systemic and Ocular Adverse Events respectively.

**Table 1-5 System Organ Class and Adverse Events Observed in CLFG316A2202**

	<b>LFG316 N=30 n(%)</b>	<b>Sham N=15 n(%)</b>	<b>Total N=45 n(%)</b>
Patients with at least 1 AE	16 (53.3)	9 (60)	25 (55.6)
Infections and infestations	6 (20)	4 (26.7)	10 (22.2)
Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications	5 (16.7)	1 (6.7)	6 (13.3)
Gastrointestinal disorders	3 (10)	3 (20)	6 (13.3)
Vascular disorders	2 (6.7)	3 (20)	5 (11.1)
Investigations	3 (10)	2 (13.3)	5 (11.1)
Nervous system disorders	3 (10)	1 (6.7)	4 (8.9)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	2 (6.7)	2 (13.3)	4 (8.9)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	2 (6.7)	1 (6.7)	3 (6.7)
Immune system disorders	2 (6.7)	1 (6.7)	3 (6.7)
General disorders and administration site conditions	2 (6.7)	1 (6.7)	3 (6.7)
Cardiac disorders	1 (3.3)	2 (13.3)	3 (6.7)

Source CLFG316A2202 CSR Table 14.3.1-1.1

**Table 1-6 Incidence of Ocular Adverse Events Observed in Subjects in CLFG316A2202**

	<b>LFG316 N=30 n(%)</b>	<b>Sham N=15 n(%)</b>	<b>Total N=45 n(%)</b>
Patients with at least 1 AE	10 (33.3)	4 (26.7)	14 (31.1)
Conjunctival hemorrhage	6 (20)	1 (6.7)	7 (15.6)

Source CLFG316A2202 CSR Table 14.3.1-1.3

### **CLFG316A2203:**

This is a two-part (A and B) study;

#### **CLFG316A2203-Part A**

Part A is an ongoing, multicenter, double masked, randomized, multiple dose study to assess the efficacy, safety, tolerability, and serum pharmacokinetics of intravitreally administered LFG316 (5 mg) in subjects with geographic atrophy. Part A of the study has recruited the planned number of patients (n = 150), all of whom were randomized to receive monthly intravitreal LFG316 or sham (2:1 respectively) for 18 months. The cut-off date for the following safety report is 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

**Serious adverse events:** During this study, 5 deaths (4 in the LFG316 treatment arm, 1 in the sham control group) have been reported and are tabulated below (See [Table 1-7](#)).

**Table 1-7 Incidence of Fatal Adverse Events Observed in Subjects in CLFG316A2203-Part A**

Cause of death	Study day	Causality assessment
Severe internal bleeding	87	Not related to study medication
Bladder Cancer	81	Not related to study medication
Acute exacerbation of congestive cardiac failure	200	Not related to study medication
Severe <i>clostridium difficile</i> infection	308	Not related to study medication
Deep Vein thrombosis	172	Not related to study medication

Fifty nine non-fatal, non-ocular SAEs were reported by 33 patients. None were deemed to be related to the study medication. For further details on these systemic SAEs please refer to LFG3161B Edition 9-Table5-10.

There were 4 ocular SAEs ([Table 1-8](#)). The reduction in visual acuity in the 2 subjects was thought to be related to headache or to worsening of the disease. Two subjects developed endophthalmitis, 1 on day 400 and the other on day 367. The endophthalmitis cases were considered to be procedure related, and were not considered to be related to the study medication. In both cases the identified organism was *Staph. Epidermidis*. The cases occurred in 2 separate geographical locations and based on the differences in antibiotic resistance, are likely to be due to 2 different strains of *staph epidermidis*. To date over 2000 injections of LFG316 had occurred, resulting in an incidence of 0.099%. Therefore, the current rate of endophthalmitis per injection of LFG316 is similar to that observed for IVT injections in general (0.03% -0.13%) ([Nentwich et al 2014](#), [Bhavsar et al 2012](#)). One of the subjects with endophthalmitis was discontinued due to the SAE.

**Table 1-8 Incidence of non-fatal ocular Serious Adverse Events Observed in Subjects in CLFG316A2203-Part A**

Study Day	Preferred term	Severity	Eye type
269	Visual acuity reduced	Moderate	Both
401	Endophthalmitis	Moderate	Study
368	Endophthalmitis	Moderate	Study
29	Visual acuity reduced	Severe	Both

#### Adverse Events:

The most common non-ocular AEs were upper respiratory tract infection which occurred in 17 subjects (11.3%) and hypertension which occurred in 13 subjects (8.7%), followed by nausea, pharyngitis and bronchitis in 12 subjects each (8%). None of the AEs were deemed to be related to the study medication.

The most common ocular AE was conjunctival hemorrhage which occurred in 99 subjects (66%), followed by vitreous floaters (25 subjects; 16.7%), eye pain (19 subjects; 12.7%), foreign body sensation (17 subjects; 11%), and eye irritation (16 subjects; 10.7%). Two subjects discontinued due to developing moderate choroidal neovascularization in the

study eye. None of the AEs were deemed to be related to the study medication. Instead they were deemed to be related to the study procedure.

#### CLFG316A2203-Pa1tB

Part B of the study is a single dose, masked, randomized trial to assess the safety, tolerability and serum pharmacokinetics of intravitreally administered LFG316 in patients with advanced AMD is completed.

Eight patients completed the study (7 receiving LFG316 and 1 receiving sham). One patient discontinued treatment on Day 15 after developing mild subretinal hemorrhage. This was deemed to be due to pre-existing condition (neovascular AMD) and not related to the study medication. One patient had 3 SAEs of mild severity on Day 87 of the study. These included atrial fibrillation, gastrointestinal reflux disease and muscle weakness. None of the SAEs were deemed to be related to the study drug. There were no ocular SAEs.

Three patients receiving LFG316 had AEs. These included one patient with moderate corneal dystrophy in both eyes, abnormal visual acuity test and Charles Bonnet syndrome. The patient, who had discontinued on Day 15, also developed conjunctival hemorrhage on Day 1. The third patient developed conjunctival hemorrhage and vitreous floaters on Day 1. None of the AEs were deemed to be related to the study medication. Conjunctival hemorrhage is a known side effect of IVT injections.

Single dose of LFG316<sup>CapamaC</sup><sup>la</sup> was safe and well tolerated without any drug related adverse events.

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### 1.2 Study purpose

The overall purpose of this study is to assess whether intravitreal LFG 316 reduces intraocular inflammation in patients with active non-infectious intermediate-, posterior-, or panuveitis (NIU) who require intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy. If positive, the results would enable development of a more effective and specific therapy for various forms of NIU.

## 2 Study objectives

### 2.1 Primary objectives

To assess the effect of intravitreal LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information on the protocol-defined, Day 85 response rate in eyes of patients who meet the inclusion criteria

The above objective applies to the study eye only. A response will be defined by any **one** of the following criteria in the study eye:

- An improvement of 2 or more steps in vitreous haze, relative to baseline. For the purpose of "step" calculation, 0.5 shall count as one of the increments. Thus, improvement from a score of 2 to 0.5 or from 1 to 0 would constitute a 2-step improvement, or
- An improvement of 10 or more letters in visual acuity, relative to baseline, or
- An improvement of 2 or more steps in anterior chamber cells score, relative to baseline or
- Absence of chorioretinal lesions as determined by the investigator
- Change in central retinal thickness from baseline to Day 85 of 50 micrometer

Remission (complete response) will be defined as any patient who has a vitreous haze score of 0 or 0.5 and who has an anterior chamber cell score of 0 and no chorioretinal lesions in the study eye and is off all immune modulatory therapy (systemic, corticosteroids and topical), without any worsening of uveitis during the trial.

### 2.2 Secondary objectives

- To assess the safety and tolerability of intravitreal LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information in patients who meet the inclusion criteria. Corporate Confidential Information
- To assess the effect of intravitreal LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information on vitreous haze as measured on the Nussenblatt scale, ETDRS visual acuity, macular edema, presence or absence of chorioretinal lesions, and anterior chamber cells score in eyes with active NIU, in at least one eye, requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy, and compared between Baseline and Days 2, 8, 15, 29, 43, 57, and 85. Corporate Confidential Information
- To evaluate the serum concentrations of total LFG316 and total CS during the course of the study.

The above objective applies to the study eye only.

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### 3 Investigational plan

#### 3.1 Study design

This is a multi-center, randomized, active-controlled, open-label, proof-of-concept study. The study will be carried out at ocular inflammation specialty clinics globally. Approximately 24 patients with active N illness, in at least one eye, requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy will be enrolled and randomized in a 2:1 ratio to receive intravitreal LFG316

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Only one eye (designated as the study eye) will be dosed per patient.

Throughout the study, the **fellow eye** (non-study eye) should be examined and treated at the investigator's discretion (with the exceptions listed in [Table 5-1](#)); this study places no restrictions on topical/periocular/intravitreal therapy of the fellow eye. If systemic immunosuppressive therapy is required to treat either eye, patient will be placed on conventional therapy.

Low-molecular-weight non-steroidal immunosuppressive medications are allowed up to the baseline day as long as the dose has not changed in the 3 weeks prior to baseline, except for corticosteroid doses for which may change. At baseline, the patient's non-steroidal systemic immunosuppression will be discontinued. If patients are also receiving systemic corticosteroids, a rapid tapering schedule will be initiated in conjunction with their first dose of LFG316 per the tables in [Section 5.5.9](#).

Efficacy assessments (visual acuity and eye exams) will be conducted by a clinician masked to treatment condition. The patient will be instructed not to divulge his or her treatment condition to this examiner.

Patients randomized to LFG316, will receive three successive intravitreal doses on Days 1, 29, and 57. First dose (Day 1) may occur within 14 days of Screening. After the first dose, safety, efficacy, and PK assessments will occur at 7 scheduled visits over a 12-week period.

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However, patients can attend for unscheduled visits as needed and as determined by the investigator. Patients will be monitored for safety and ocular assessments obtained throughout treatment and follow-up periods. Patient eligibility will be assessed as outlined in [Figure 3-1](#) below.



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A summary of the study visits is shown in [Table 3-1](#) below.

**Table 3-1 Overall study scheme**

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	Screening Period	Treatment Period						
Visit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Day	-14 to -1	1	2	8	15	29	43	57
LFG316 5 mg Intravitreal administration (n=16)		X				X		X

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During the screening period (Day -14 to Day -1), eligibility will be verified through applicable ophthalmic/medical history, ocular evaluations, vital signs, safety laboratory tests, electrocardiogram, and pregnancy test.

Ocular assessments include:

- Best corrected visual acuity (ETDRS)
- Intraocular pressure (IOP)
- Slit lamp biomicroscopy
- Dilated ophthalmoscopy
- Standardized vitreous haze score ([Nussenblatt et al 1985](#))
- Color fundus photos
- Spectral domain optical coherence tomography (sd-OCT): Study eye unless otherwise indicated.

- Anterior chamber cells
- Chorioretinal lesions (absent/present per investigator)
- Vasculitis (absent or present per Investigator)
- Presence of chorioretinal infiltrates due to uveitis
- Macular edema due to uveitis (absent or present per Investigator)

If either eye would qualify as the study eye, one eye will be selected as the study eye during the screening period based on the following criteria

- Higher vitreous haze score;
- If not determined by vitreous haze score, then by lower visual acuity;
- If not determined by visual acuity, investigator preference.

At Baseline, vital signs will be checked and compared to eligibility criteria.

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In preparation of the LFG316 IVT injection, personnel from the study clinic should follow the LFG316 preparation and instruction manuals. These are provided separately. Patients randomized to LFG316, will receive a single IVT dose of LFG316. Postdose safety assessments and ocular examination will occur after the IVT injection. PK/PD blood collection will occur prior to dosing.

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Patients will return for scheduled follow-up visits (see [Section 3.1](#)), where ocular exams and safety assessments will take place. Safety laboratory studies and ECG will be done at the specified times throughout the trial and at the end-of-study visit.

For assessment details, refer to the [Assessment schedule](#).

### 3.2 Rationale of study design

This is a randomized, prospective, proof-of-concept study of intravitreal LFG316 in patients with active NIU who require intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy to manage their disease.

This population has been selected as they may benefit from local anti-CS therapy such as LFG316 and reflect a future patient population for which this compound may be developed. Eligible patients who present with a flare and who are on systemic corticosteroids or non-steroid immunosuppressants will have their therapy tapered or stopped, respectively, at the time of intravitreal LFG316 administration. This discontinuation of systemic immunosuppressive therapy will allow for a true assessment of local LFG316 activity in

controlling the inflammation associated with NIU. Patients who do not respond to IVT therapy can be rescued by the investigator at any time and must be discontinued per protocol if their condition worsens or if they lose vision. Corporate Confidential Information

Patients will be monitored for safety and ocular assessments obtained throughout treatment and follow-up periods.

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Women of child-bearing potential (WOCBP) will be included because women are equally affected by NIU and the disease is most prevalent in patients aged 20 to 50 years, however they need to have effective contraception as explained on [Section 4.1](#).

### **3.3 Rationale of dose/regimen, duration of treatment**

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The treatment duration of 85 days was chosen as the period beyond which lack of response would be confidently interpreted as lack of efficacy; it is based on clinician estimates of the time course of NIU response to conventional therapies. Assessing the primary endpoint at Day 85 allows assessment of treatment effect after the patients have received the full benefit of a course of LFG316 (3 doses).

The treatment interval is based on comparison to the pharmacodynamics of other intravitreal monoclonal antibodies such as ranibizumab and bevacizumab. Similar to other intravitreal medications, the appropriate dose and interval will be determined empirically in Phase II/III.

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### 3.4 Rationale for choice of comparator

Not applicable.

### 3.5 Risk/ Benefit for this study

Should intravitreal LFG316 be effective in NIU, patients may experience reduced intraocular inflammation and improved vision.

To date, LFG316 has been administered to 153 patients via IVT injection, 90 of whom have received monthly LFG316 injections (See [Section 1.1.1.6](#)) for up to 18 months with good safety and tolerability. This includes the administration of over 2000 IVT injections. No drug related toxicity was observed in trials with LFG316 at single doses of up to 0.5 mg and with repeat dosing of intravitreal LFG316 at 0.5 mg.

IVT administration of LFG316 has been shown to result in relatively low levels of serum antibody concentration and no measurable suppression of serum complement activity (as measured by the Wieslab assay)

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Thus, no systemic complement suppression is suspected in the present study with IVT administration.

However, local immunosuppression could potentially increase the eye's susceptibility to infection, including endophthalmitis. Across all ongoing clinical trials with LFG316, the incidence of endophthalmitis (0.09%) has been similar to the background rate of 0.03% to 0.13% per injection in the general population. With respect to endophthalmitis, the protocol uses current best practices to reduce endophthalmitis rates.

The reported AEs and SAEs, including deaths, (See [Section 1.1.1.6](#)) are in agreement with those expected for the various patient populations and IVT procedures employed in the administration of LFG316. Per the Reference Safety Information (See investigator brochure) the expected adverse events considered 'Very Common' include conjunctival haemorrhage, vitreous floaters, vitreous detachment, and increased lacrimation. Events considered 'Common' include Endophthalmitis and Increased intraocular pressure. The assignment of 'common' for endophthalmitis is based on 2 cases of endophthalmitis observed in 153 patients. Both cases

were due to a common skin pathogen (*staph. Epidennidis*). Overall, these events are most likely associated with the injection procedure and not a specific drug-related toxicity. To monitor patients for these and other unexpected adverse events a comprehensive panel of ocular safety assessments based on the Phase I and Phase II studies with LFG316 as well as that for other of intravitreal medications will be conducted on all patients enrolled. The study also includes systemic safety assessments (serum chemistries, hematology, and electrocardiogram) at Screening and end-of-study to further profile any systemic changes that could be associated with the patient's disease or treatment with LFG316.

All IVT injections carry a risk of endophthalmitis, retinal detachment, vitreous or retinal hemorrhage, cataract, elevated intraocular pressure, and ocular inflammation. LFG316 itself could cause, in theory, adverse effects such as increased risk of endophthalmitis, cataract, elevated intraocular pressure, ocular inflammation, and retinal toxicity. Patients with NIU are at inherent risk for some of these complications. LFG316 could cause existing NIU to worsen. Each of the above outcomes would be apparent on eye exam, and most would cause symptoms that would prompt the patient to seek evaluation.

As with any antibody, LFG316 may carry the risk of hypersensitivity and patients should be monitored and managed per local center practice. LFG316 may elicit immunogenicity and the formation of anti-LFG316 antibodies; this has not been detected in any LFG316 trials to date.

Regarding women of childbearing potential (WOCBP): to participate in this study, these patients must use effective contraception. Treatment of NIU often requires systemic immunosuppressive therapy with medications in Pregnancy Categories D and X (e.g., mycophenolic acid). By comparison for C5 inhibition with LFG316: inborn deficiency of C5 target in mice, inborn deficiency in human offspring, and haploinsufficiency in human mothers and fathers have not been associated with reproductive or embryofetal toxicity (Rosenfeld et al 1976; Haeney et al 1980; Cesbron et al 1985; Sanal et al 1992; Delgado-Cervino et al 2005; Lopez-Lera et al 2009; Zerzi et al 2010). Case series on the use of another anti-C5 monoclonal antibody, eculizumab, during any or all trimesters of pregnancy have not identified any birth defects (Danilov et al 2010). For reasons mentioned above, no systemic effect on the complement cascade is expected.

Overall, patients with NIU are expected to derive a benefit from participating in this trial with LFG316. In the event activity of LFG316 is not sufficient to control the inflammatory disease in this patient population, rescue therapy will be implemented per protocol or at the discretion of the investigator to minimize the risk to patient's vision.

### **3.6 Purpose and timing of interim analyses/design adaptations**

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## 4 Population

The investigator must ensure that all subjects being considered for the study meet the following eligibility criteria. No additional exclusions should be applied by the investigator, in order that the study population will be representative of all eligible subjects.

Subject selection is to be established by checking through all inclusion/exclusion criteria at screening and study baseline. A relevant record (e.g., checklist) must be stored with the source documentation at the study site.

Replacement subjects will be enrolled to replace subjects who discontinue the study for reasons other than safety, e.g., use of systemic immunosuppressive therapy to rescue fellow eye.

Deviation from **any** entry criterion excludes a subject from enrollment into the study. It is expected that approximately 24 patients with NIU requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy will be enrolled in the study.

### 4.1 Inclusion criteria

Patients eligible for inclusion in this study must fulfill **all** of the following criteria:

1. Written informed consent must be obtained before any assessment is performed.
2. Male or female patients 18 years or older.
3. Active NIU, in at least one eye, as defined below, in patients requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy:
  - Vitreous haze of at least 1+ at screening on the scale of [Nussenblatt et al 1985](#), **or**
  - Chorioretinal lesions due to uveitis (chorioretinal lesions due to infectious uveitis are excluded)
  - Patients who present with a flare and who are at the time of the enrollment on systemic corticosteroid or non-steroidal immunosuppressants will have their therapy tapered or stopped, respectively, at the time of intravitreal LFG316 administration.
4. ETDRS visual acuity of 20 letters (20/400) or better in the study eye.
5. Women of child-bearing potential (WOCBP), defined as all women physiologically capable of becoming pregnant, unless they are using effective methods of contraception during dosing of study treatment and 7 weeks (5 times the terminal half-life) of LFG316.  
***Effective contraception methods include:***
  - Total abstinence (when this is in line with the preferred and usual lifestyle of the subject). Periodic abstinence (e.g., calendar, ovulation, symptothermal, post-ovulation methods) and withdrawal are not acceptable methods of contraception
  - Female sterilization (have had surgical bilateral oophorectomy with or without hysterectomy), total hysterectomy or tubal ligation at least six weeks before taking study treatment. In case of oophorectomy alone, only when the reproductive status of the woman has been confirmed by follow up hormone level assessment
  - Male sterilization (at least 6 months prior to screening). For female subjects on the study, the vasectomized male partner should be the sole partner for that subject



- Barrier methods of contraception: Condom or Occlusive cap (diaphragm or cervical/vault caps). For UK: with spermicidal foam/gel/film/cream/ vaginal suppository
  - Use of oral, injected or implanted hormonal methods of contraception or other forms of hormonal contraception that have comparable efficacy (failure rate <1%) for example hormone vaginal ring or transdermal hormone contraception
  - Placement of an intrauterine device (IUD) or intrauterine system (IDS)
  - In case of use of oral contraception women should have been stable on the same pill for a minimum of 3 months before taking study treatment.
6. Able to communicate well with the investigator, to understand and comply with the requirements of the study.

## 4.2 Exclusion criteria

Patients fulfilling **any** of the following criteria are not eligible for inclusion in this study:

Clinically significant abnormality in screening laboratory results or electrocardiogram (see below for definition on the term "clinically significant").

1. Uveitis that is so severe that, in the investigator's judgment, it is too risky to test an experimental drug.
2. Bilateral uveitis for which, in the opinion of the investigator, systemic immunosuppressive therapy is required to manage the inflammation in the fellow eye; **use of local therapy in the fellow eye is acceptable and not an explicit exclusion** (See [Section 5.5.7](#) for acceptable concomitant treatments).
3. History of retinal detachment
4. In the study eye, cataract expected to interfere with study conduct or require surgery during the study.
5. Pregnant or nursing (lactating) women, where pregnancy is defined as the state of a female after conception and until the termination of gestation, confirmed by a positive hCG laboratory test (>5 mIU/ml).
6. History of hypersensitivity to any monoclonal antibody (mAb).
7. History of infectious uveitis or endophthalmitis in either eye
8. Anticipated need for intraocular surgery during the study period
9. Participation in another interventional clinical study within 12 weeks prior to the start of study treatment.
10. Any medical, psychiatric, or substance-use condition likely to interfere with the patient's participation in the study, or likely to cause serious adverse events during the study.
11. Uveitis with an underlying diagnosis that is uncertain and which would reasonably include a disease for which immunosuppression would be contraindicated (e.g., when the diagnosis of ocular lymphoma, histoplasmosis, toxoplasmosis etc., are a reasonable possibility) or for which immunosuppression is not proven to be beneficial (e.g., acute zonal occult outer retinopathy, progressive outer retinal necrosis, acute retinal necrosis syndrome, etc.).
12. Forms of uveitis that may spontaneously resolve such as multiple evanescent white dot syndrome (MEWDS).

13. Current use of or likely need for systemic medications known to be toxic to the lens, retina, or optic nerve (e.g., deferoxamine, chloroquine, ethambutol, etc.).
14. Change in low-molecular-weight immunosuppressive medications during the 3 weeks prior to baseline; this does not apply to corticosteroid doses.
15. Patient is taking corticosteroids or another systemic immunosuppressive medication for any extraocular disease or concurrent medical condition **unrelated** to uveitis (e.g., multiple sclerosis, organ transplantation, moderate or severe asthma, autoimmune disease, etc.) and the tapering or discontinuation of the immunosuppression, including corticosteroids would not be safe because of the risk of exacerbation of the extraocular condition; the patient would be excluded.
16. Any systemic immunosuppressive biologic agent given via intravitreal, intravenous or subcutaneous route such as:
  - Infliximab, daclizumab, etanercept, adalimumab, etc. **within 4 months** prior to Day 1
  - Depleting antibodies, e.g., rituximab and alemtuzumab, are excluded for **12 months** prior to Day 1
17. Periocular or intra-vitreal drugs (e.g., corticosteroids) administered to the study eye within three months prior to Day 1.
18. Presence of ocular opacities that, in the opinion of the investigator, preclude imaging and/or reasonable vitreous haze scoring
19. Chronic hypotony (IOP < 6 mmHg) in either eye
20. Ozurdex® (dexamethasone intra vitreal implant) administered in the study eye during the 6 months prior to Day 1
21. Retisert® (fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant) administered to the study eye within the 3 years prior to Day 1.
22. Topical ocular steroid therapy greater than the equivalent of prednisolone acetate 1% every hour while awake within 1 week of Day 1.
23. Uncontrolled glaucoma or ocular hypertension in either eye, defined as an intraocular pressure (IOP) >30 mmHg while on relevant therapy
24. Ocular surgery in the study eye within the last 4 months except for a diagnostic vitreous or aqueous tap with a small-gauge needle.
25. Laser photocoagulation in the study eye within 3 months prior to Day 1.

No additional exclusions may be applied by the investigator, in order to ensure that the study population will be representative of all eligible patients.

#### 4.2.1 Interpretation of laboratory and electrocardiogram results

Any of the following results in isolation need not be considered clinically significant: low or moderately elevated serum cholesterol or triglycerides; moderately low serum creatinine; moderately elevated serum glucose in a patient known to have diabetes mellitus; or urine white cells or positive leukocyte esterase in a patient without genitourinary symptoms. In the setting of a normal white blood count, mild anomalies in the leukocyte differential will not be considered clinically significant. On electrocardiogram, stable sinus bradycardia will not be considered clinically significant.



will be assigned such as 1001, 1002, 1003, etc. in ascending order. If the center number is 2 (or 0002), the screening numbers will be 2001, 2002, 2003, etc. in an ascending order.

### **Treatment number**

If the patient is deemed eligible for enrollment into the study and will commence the dosing period, site study personnel will contact Novartis clinical trial leader or designee and a treatment number will be assigned for this patient.

Once assigned to a patient, a treatment number will not be reused.

There should be a source document maintained at the site which links the screening number to the treatment assignment number (once assigned).

Treatment numbers will be assigned in ascending, sequential order to eligible patients in accordance with entry into the study. The treatment number becomes the definitive patient number as soon as a patient receives the first dose of the respective study treatment.

The investigator will enter the treatment number on the eCRF.

Patients will be assigned a treatment number beginning with 5001 up to 5072. If a patient discontinues prior to completing the trial, they may be replaced. The replacement patient will be assigned a randomization number corresponding to the original patient number and treatment (e.g., we will replace patient 5003 with 6003).

### **5.5.2 Dispensing the study treatment**

Patients will receive active LFG316 or Corporate confidential information according to their assigned treatment. LFG316 will be administered in the clinic according to the injection manual. Dispensing of Corporate Confidential Information

### **5.5.3 Supply, storage and tracking of study treatment**

LFG316 must be received at the study site by a designated person, handled and stored safely and properly, and kept in a secured location to which only the Investigator and designated staff have access. Upon receipt, the study drugs should be stored according to the instructions specified on the drug labels.

Storage conditions must be adequately monitored and appropriate temperature/humidity logs maintained as source data. LFG316 solutions should be stored in a refrigerator at 2 to 8°C.

LFG316 Solution for Injections should be **administered immediately and should not be used after 4 hours of initial opening at room temperature.**

Any waste material (such as syringes and needles) should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements. The Investigator must maintain an accurate record of the shipment, expiration date, and dispensing of study drug in a drug accountability ledger. Drug accountability will be noted by the Monitor during site visits and/or at the completion of the trial.

The following investigation site-provided products should be stored according to the manufacturers' package inserts:

- ProparacaineHCl 0.5%ophthalmic solution
- Lidocaine2% solution
- Povidone-iodine5%solution
- Approved ophthalmic topical fluoroquinolone

To the extent possible, same batches/lots of the above mentioned investigation site-provided products should be used in the cmTent study. Batch numbers and/or lot numbers should also be recorded in a dtug accountability ledger. *Note: site standard of care may require use of other products than those listed above-in this case the same requirements for storage and accountability apply.*

All dmg supplies are to be used only for this protocol and not for any other purpose. Unless specifically instructed by Novartis, the Investigator must not destroy any dtug labels, or any partly used or unused dtug supply.

At the conclusion of the study, and during the course of the study, the Investigator will provide a copy of the dtug accountability ledger to the Monitor.

Only after receiving a written authorization by Novartis, the Investigator/designee will send all the unused and partly used dtug supplies as well as the empty containers to the address provided at the time of authorization for destruction.

#### **5.5.4 Instructions for prescribing and taking of study treatment**

Please refer to the manual provided separately, for detailed instruction on the use of LFG316. Procedures and required material related to IVT injection and preparation are detailed in a separate manual.

For the usage of each vial of LFG316 the study personnel should record in the source document the time when the solution is withdrawn in to the injection syringe.

For each patient the total dose injected (in mg), volume injected and the injection time need to be recorded in the source document and on the Dosage Administration Record eCRF page.

LFG316 may be prepared by qualified site personnel but the intra-avitreal injection must be administered by a qualified ophthalmologist

#### **5.5.5 Permitted dose adjustment**

No dose adjustment is permitted.

## **5.5.6 Rescue**

### **5.5.6.1 Rescue of study eye**

For any patients who meet the following criteria in the study eye, the study drug will be discontinued, and conventional therapy instituted:

- Loss of >10 letters in best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) at any visit, as compared to baseline that in the opinion of the investigator is due to worsening of uveitis.
- Active vitritis, anterior chamber inflammation, or chorioretinitis  $28 \pm 3$  days after their last dose that, in the opinion of the investigator, is significantly worse as compared to the previous visit and requires alternate therapy
- Unilateral flare in fellow / non-study eye which does not respond to local treatment (including ozurdex® implant) or bilateral flare in both eyes which require the intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy.

Patients who are rescued will be asked to attend the per protocol visit schedule for the remainder of the trial in order to be followed up for safety.

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### **5.5.6.2 Rescue of fellow eye**

The investigator will care for the fellow eye at his or her discretion. There are no restrictions on topical, periocular, or intravitreal therapy in the fellow eye other than those noted in [Section 5.5.7](#); [Table 5-1](#).

NOTE: If during the trial, a patient requires systemic immunosuppressive therapy for the fellow eye, investigational therapy for the study eye should be stopped and conventional therapy instituted. The patient should continue in the study for assessment purposes. Patients who require systemic immunosuppressive therapy may be replaced to maintain adequate study power if the treatment was implemented for the sole purpose of treating the fellow eye.



### **5.5.6.3 Recommended treatment of adverse events**

Ocular adverse events should be treated according to the type of adverse event. For clinically significant acute elevation of intraocular pressure (IOP) following LFG316 injection, anterior chamber paracentesis should be performed and normalization of IOP verified. For sub-acute or persistent elevation in IOP, aqueous suppressants may be indicated. Iritis or vitritis should be treated in accordance with permitted medications (see below). Endophthalmitis should be treated with vitreous paracentesis and culture and/or vitrectomy, as indicated, plus appropriate IVT antibiotics per local practice.

**NOTE:** In case of an adverse event attributed to IVT LFG316, the investigator may wish to remove the LFG316 by pars plana vitrectomy.

With any biologic treatment, systemic hypersensitivity reactions are theoretically possible. These can manifest with itching, flushing, headache, nausea/vomiting, hypotension, urticaria, bronchospasm, or angioedema. Assess and treat for anaphylaxis if indicated, and initiate supportive care. Fluids, vasopressors, corticosteroids, antihistamines, bronchodilators, and oxygen should be on hand.

Patients may remain in the study even after receiving treatment for adverse events.

Medication used to treat AEs must be recorded on the Concomitant medications/Significant non-drug therapies eCRF page after the start of study drug.

### **5.5.7 Concomitant, permitted, and prohibited treatments**

Permitted and concomitant therapies are listed in [Table 5-1](#). Concomitant therapies should be entered on the appropriate CRF.

**Table 5-1 Permitted and concomitant therapies**

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<b>Arm:</b>			<b>LFG316 treatment arm</b>
<b>Eye:</b>	<b>Study eye</b>	<b>Fellow eye</b>	
Complement inhibitor (other than LFG316)	<b>Prohibited</b>	<b>Prohibited</b>	
Antibody (other than LFG316)	<b>Prohibited</b>	<b>Prohibited</b>	
Intraocular surgery	<b>Prohibited</b>	<b>Prohibited</b>	
Ocular laser	<b>Prohibited</b>	<b>Prohibited</b>	
Systemic steroid or IMT <u>already in use at screening</u>	Permitted up to base line Will be titrated / stopped per protocol May <b>not</b> be increased in dose or frequency		
New systemic steroids or IMT	<b>Prohibited</b>		
Intravitreal medication (other than LFG316)	<b>Prohibited</b>	Permitted	
Periocular/intravitreal steroids	<b>Prohibited</b>	Permitted	
New topical steroid or anti-inflammatory	<b>Prohibited</b>	Permitted	
Cycloplegic or IOP-lowering eyedrops	Permitted	Permitted	
Topical/local anesthetics and antibiotics used for intravitreal administration	Permitted	Permitted	
Incidental medications not prohibited above	Permitted	Permitted	

IMT = Immuno-Modulatory Therapy

### 5.5.8 Prohibited treatment

Prohibited treatments are listed above in [Table 5-1](#). If a patient is deemed to require a prohibited treatment, he or she should be withdrawn from the study.

### 5.5.9 Tapering schedule for oral corticosteroids

If a patient is receiving oral corticosteroids, one of the following schedules will be used for tapering the dose. The selection of the reduction schedule will be based on the prednisone dose the patient was receiving during the week prior to baseline.

- For patients on up to 100 mg of prednisone-equivalent during the week prior to Day 1, the corticosteroid dose should be tapered according to the following scheme (with the exact doses determined by rounding to the nearest 5 mg): week 1, 85% of the baseline dose; week 2, 67%; week 3, 50%; week 4, 33%; week 5, 17%; week 6, 8%; weeks 7, 0%. Examples of tapering schemes in [Table 5-2](#) are provided for baseline prednisone doses in the range 10 to 100 mg/day. During this schedule, when the patient's prednisone equivalent is 20 mg/day or below, the dose should be taken in the morning after waking up to reduce suppression of the pituitary and adrenal glands.
- For patients who previously had uveitis that was controlled with a systemic immunosuppressive drug or regimen that was discontinued and whose uveitis has flared and in whom the resumption of prednisone is not considered the appropriate systemic immunosuppressive therapy by the investigator, no prednisone will be given.



**Table 5-2 Prednisone tapering schedule (100 to 10 mg/day prior to Day 1 of study)**

Dose (mg/day) prior to Day 1	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	
Week	Approx. % of baseline	Actual Daily Doses (mg)										
1	83%	85	75	65	60	50	40	35	25	15	15	10
2	67 %	65	60	50	45	40	35	25	20	15	10	5
3	50%	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	5
4	33	30	30	25	20	20	15	15	10	5	5	5
5	17%	20	15	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	0	0
6	8%	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0
7	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The oral prednisone dose may be tapered more rapidly than specified by the appropriate schedule above in the following situations:

- the patient's uveitis is subsiding rapidly and the investigator feels it is safe to accelerate the reduction in prednisone or prednisolone dose or
- the investigator feels the prednisone or prednisolone must be tapered more rapidly because of corticosteroid-related side effects.

If a patient's uveitis is not, in the investigator's opinion, improving rapidly enough to safely continue the steroid taper, the investigator may maintain the steroid dose for 1-2 additional weeks, after which the patient will resume tapering as per the weekly schedules above. This is not considered a rescue.

#### 5.5.10 Discontinuation of study treatment and premature subject withdrawal

##### Study stopping criteria

If any of the following criteria is met, study enrollment and drug administration will stop:

- Two or more incidents of Serious Adverse Events that are, in the opinion of the investigator, related to LFG316 treatment *and not to the injection procedure*.
- The aggregate frequency, severity, and/or drug relatedness of adverse events merit such.
- The Sponsor requests it.

If drug administration is stopped, subjects already enrolled may remain in the study for observation only.

## **Individual patient withdrawal**

Patients may voluntarily withdraw from the study for any reason at any time. They may be considered withdrawn if they state an intention to withdraw, fail to return for visits, or become lost to follow-up for any other reason.

If premature withdrawal occurs for any reason, the investigator must make every effort to determine the primary reason for a subject's premature withdrawal from the study and record this information on the Study Completion eCRF.

The subject should be withdrawn from the trial under the following circumstances (but not limited to):

- Withdrawal of informed consent
- New onset of health issues
- Pregnancy
- Any other protocol deviation that results in a significant risk to the subject's safety

For patients who are lost to follow-up (i.e., those patients whose status is unclear because they fail to appear for study visits without stating an intention to withdraw), the investigator should document the steps taken to contact the subject, e.g., dates of telephone calls, registered letters.

### **5.5.11 Emergency unblinding of treatment assignment**

Not applicable. Both patient and investigator are aware of treatment assignment.

### **5.5.12 Study completion and post-study treatment**

Each patient will be required to complete the study in its entirety, and thereafter no further study treatment will be made available to them. The study will complete when the last subject completes his/her Study Completion visit, and any repeat assessments associated with this visit have been documented and followed-up appropriately by the investigator.

#### **5.5.12.1 Early study termination**

The study can be terminated at any time for any reason by Novartis. Should this be necessary, study patients should be seen as soon as possible and treated as described in [Section 5.5.10](#) for a prematurely withdrawn subject. The investigator may be informed of additional procedures to be followed in order to ensure that adequate consideration is given to the protection of the subject's interests. The investigator will be responsible for informing IRBs and/or ECs of the early termination of the trial.

## 6 Visit schedule and assessments

The timing of assessments required during the study is delineated in the [Assessment schedule](#). All data obtained from these assessments must be supported in the subject's source documentation. Source documentation must be available for all data collected during the study and a source documentation verification list provided.

Should it become necessary to repeat an evaluation, the results of the repeat evaluation should be captured.

Patients should be seen for all visits on the designated day with an allowed "visit window" as indicated in the [Assessment schedule](#), or as close to it as possible.

Patients enrolled on the study who discontinue LFG316 treatment prior to Day 85 should attend all remaining study visits in accordance with the protocol

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All baseline assessments must be completed prior to LFG316 administration.

Minor deviations for the following post-dose assessment times (~10-15 minutes) during baseline/Day 1 visit are acceptable based on logistical and operational considerations:

- Vitals signs and body measurements during Baseline/Day 1 visit
- Ocular assessments during Baseline/Day 1 visit
- 4 hours Post-injection PK/PD blood collection (if applicable)

There is no strict requirement on the time of day when patients need to return for their outpatient follow up visits.

### 6.1 Dietary, fluid and other restrictions

None.

### 6.2 Patient demographics/other baseline characteristics

#### Demographics

Date of birth, sex, race, and predominant ethnicity will be collected.

#### Relevant medical history/ Current medical conditions

Relevant medical history and current medical conditions will be recorded on the eCRF until the start of the study drug.

History of surgical sterilization and postmenopausal status needs to be captured under relevant medical history page in the eCRF. Any event or change in the subject's condition or health status occurring **prior to** the initial study drug administration will be reported in the Relevant medical history/Current medical conditions section of the eCRF.

### **Ocular and uveitis history**

Past or current ocular history and history of uveitis diagnosis, progression, and treatments will be captured in the eCRF.

### **Smoking history**

Smoking history will be recorded in the eCRF.

## **6.3 Treatment exposure and compliance**

Patient compliance, based on the completion of the IVT injection, will be evaluated by the study investigator.

### **Drug administration record**

All doses prescribed and dispensed to the subject must be recorded on the Dosage Administration Record.

Date and time of dose administration, including the start time of the IVT injection, will be recorded in the Dosage administration record section of the eCRFs.

### **Study completion information**

Information on the date the subject last received the study drug, the subject completion or discontinuation of the study and the reason for discontinuation of the study will be recorded on the Study Completion eCRF page.

Study Completion evaluations must also be performed when a subject prematurely withdraws from the study for whatever reason.

### **Comments**

All comments related to study conduct will be added to the eCRF.

## 6.4 Efficacy / Pharmacodynamic assessment

### 6.4.1 Vitreous haze

Vitreous haze in the study eye will be measured by the Nussenblatt scale, as described below.

**Table 6-1 Vitreous haze scoring**

Grade 0	No haze
Trace	Slight blurring of optic disc margin
Grade 1+	Slightly blurred optic nerve and vessels
Grade 2+	Moderately blurred optic nerve and vessels
Grade 3+	Optic nerve head border blurry but visible
Grade 4+	Optic nerve head obscured

### 6.4.2 Anterior Chamber cells

Anterior chamber cells will be scored as per SUN criteria ([Jabs et al 2005](#)) described below:

**Table 6-2 Anterior chamber cell grading**

Grade	Description	Aqueous Cells
0		1 cell
0.5		1-5 cells
1		6-15 cells
2		16-25 cells
3		26-50 cells
4		> 50 cells

### 6.4.3 Chorioretinal lesions

Chorioretinal lesions will be assessed as present or absent by the investigator

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### 6.4.6 Visual acuity

Visual acuity in the study eye will be measured as described in [Section 6.5.9.2](#) of this protocol.

### 6.4.7 Optical coherence tomography(sd-OCT)

Spectral domain optical coherence tomography will be performed on both eyes for each patient according to the [Assessment schedule](#). sd-OCT images will be transferred according to the imaging manual or as directed by the sponsor.

## **6.4.8 Total CS**

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### **6.4.8.1 Total CS sample collection and processing**

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### **6.4.8.2 Total CS analytical method**

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## **6.5 Safety**

### **6.5.1 Physical examination**

Physical examination may be performed by the investigator or by the patient's primary care provider, if properly source-documented. A physical exam performed within 4 weeks of the appointment date will suffice, unless the patient's medical history has changed in the interim.

A complete physical examination will include the examination of general appearance, skin, neck (including thyroid), eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, heart, abdomen, back, lymph nodes, extremities, vascular system and neurological system. If indicated based on medical history and/or symptoms, rectal, external genitalia, breast, and/or pelvic exams may be performed.

Information for all physical examinations must be included in the source documentation at the study site and will not be recorded in the eCRF. Significant findings that are present prior

to the start of study drug must be included in the Relevant Medical History/Current Medical Conditions screen on the subject's eCRF. Significant findings made after the start of study drug which meet the definition of an Adverse Event must be recorded on the Adverse Event screen of the subject's eCRF.

### 6.5.2 Vital signs

For the purpose of this study, vital signs will include blood pressure and pulse measurements, and rectal or oral body temperature. Systolic and diastolic blood pressure and pulse rate will be assessed after the subject has rested quietly in the sitting position for at least 3 minutes.

### 6.5.3 Height and weight

Height in centimeters (cm) and body weight (to the nearest 0.1 kilogram [kg] in indoor clothing, but without shoes) will be measured.

### 6.5.4 Laboratory evaluations

In the case where a laboratory assessment that is listed in the inclusion/exclusion criteria is considered a clinically significant abnormality at screening, the assessment may be repeated once (for the purpose of inclusion), and in any case, prior to enrollment, to rule out laboratory error. If the repeat value is still a clinically significant abnormality, the subject should be excluded from the study.

In the case where a laboratory range is **not specified by the protocol**, but is outside the reference range for the center at screening, a decision regarding whether the result is of clinical significance or not shall be made by the Investigator and shall be based, in part, upon the nature and degree of the observed abnormality. The assessment may be repeated once (for the purpose of inclusion) and in any case, prior to enrollment/randomization, to rule out laboratory error.

In all cases, the Investigator must document in the source documents, the clinical considerations (i.e., result was/was not clinically significant and/or medically relevant) in allowing or disallowing the subject to continue in the study.

Clinically relevant deviations of laboratory test results occurring during or at completion of the study must be reported and discussed with Novartis personnel. The results should be evaluated for criteria defining an adverse event and reported as such if the criteria are met. Repeated evaluations are mandatory until normalization of the result(s) or until the change is no longer clinically relevant. In case of doubt, Novartis personnel should again be contacted.

#### 6.5.4.1 Hematology

Hemoglobin, hematocrit, RBC, WBC count with differential (monocytes, eosinophils, basophils, neutrophils, lymphocytes) as percentage or as absolute value (depending on the standard reporting procedure of the central or local lab), and platelet count.

#### **6.5.4.2 Clinical chemistry**

Albumin, alkaline phosphatase, total bilirubin, bicarbonate/CO<sub>2</sub>, calcium, cholesterol, chloride, creatinine, CK, γ-GT, glucose, LDH, inorganic phosphorus, lipase, amylase, magnesium, potassium, total protein, AST, ALT, sodium, triglycerides, BUN and uric acid.

If the total bilirubin concentration is increased above 1.5 times the upper limit of normal, direct and indirect reacting bilirubin should be differentiated.

#### **6.5.4.3 Urinalysis**

A midstream urine sample (approximately 30 mL) will be obtained, in order to avoid contamination with epithelial cells and sediments, and allow proper assessments.

A semi-quantitative "dipstick" evaluation for the following parameters will be performed: specific gravity, pH, glucose, protein, bilirubin, ketones, leukocytes and blood.

If the dipstick result is positive for protein leukocytes and/or blood, the sample will be sent for microscopic analysis of WBC, RBC and casts.

#### **6.5.5 Electrocardiogram (ECG)**

ECGs will be collected at the pre-specified times. Standard 12-lead ECGs will be performed. Data will include the following: time of ECG, heart rate, PR interval, RR interval, QT interval (unconnected) and QRS duration. Original ECG tracings, appropriately signed, will be archived at study site. This assessment will be evaluated by a central laboratory, but the investigator will be responsible for determining eligibility based on the ECG.

#### **6.5.6 Pregnancy**

Pregnancy tests are required of all female patients regardless of reported reproductive/menopausal status.

Serum pregnancy tests will be performed at screening; at all other times urine pregnancy tests may be used. A female patient in this study may not receive LFG316 until the screening pregnancy test is determined to be negative.

If a urine pregnancy test is performed and is found to be positive, serum -hCG will be performed. If serum -hCG is positive, the patient must be discontinued from the trial.

#### **6.5.7 Meal Record**

Not applicable.

#### **6.5.8 Chest X-ray**

Not applicable.



## **6.5.9 Ocular assessments**

### **6.5.9.1 Post-injection safety assessment**

Following IVT injection of LFG316, perfusion of the central retinal artery should be verified by indirect ophthalmoscopy; in case of non-perfusion, treat with anterior chamber paracentesis. Normalization of intraocular pressure should be verified within 30 minutes of the injection. Intraocular pressure should be re-measured again at 60 minutes post-injection if the pressure is elevated > 10 mmHg above baseline or above 30 mmHg when measured at 30 minutes post-injection.

### **6.5.9.2 Best corrected visual acuity**

ETDRS best-corrected visual acuity will be obtained in each eye separately under certified ETDRS conditions. This assessment is to be performed prior to pupil dilation. The number of letters read correctly (for each eye) will be recorded in the appropriate eCRF page.

### **6.5.9.3 Slit lamp biomicroscopy**

Slit lamp exam of the adnexae, conjunctiva/sclera, cornea, anterior chamber, iris, and lens will be obtained on both eye for each patient according to the [Assessment schedule](#). Attention should be directed to the presence of any anterior chamber cell or flare. Results from the slit lamp biomicroscopy exam (for each eye) will be recorded in the appropriate eCRF page.

### **6.5.9.4 Anterior Chamber cells assessment**

Anterior chamber cell score will be evaluated by slit lamp biomicroscopy. The anterior chamber cells score will be determined according to the SUN criteria ([Jabb et al 2005](#)) as described in [Table 6-1](#).

### **6.5.9.5 Dilated ophthalmoscopy**

Dilated exam of the vitreous, optic disc, retinal vessels, macula, and retinal periphery will be obtained on both eye for each patient according to the [Assessment schedule](#). Dilated ophthalmoscopy should be performed right after LFG316 IVT injection. Immediate anterior chamber paracentesis should be performed if central retinal artery is not perfused.

### **6.5.9.6 Vitreous haze assessment**

Vitreous haze will be evaluated with an indirect ophthalmoscope and a hand-held 20-diopter lens. Haze is defined as a reduction in the clarity of fundus details seen through the vitreous; the degree of haze will be quantified by the examiner comparing the view to standard NEI photographs ([Nussenblatt et al 1985](#)). The standard photographs provide a grading scale with photographs of fundi with vitreous haze grades "0" (zero), "trace" (which counts as 0.5+), 1+, 2+, 3+, and 4+. If the amount of vitreous haze appears to fall between two integer grades, the value would be recorded as halfway between the grades. For example, if the haze was intermediate between that in the photographs of grades 1+ and 2+, the value would be recorded as 1.5+. The "trace" photographs correspond to 0.5+, so there is no intermediate value allowed between the grade 0 and trace, nor between trace and grade 1+. In this protocol, the words "step" and "grade" are used synonymously. One step or grade means a change of

one full unit except for the "trace" grade. For example, a change from grade 2+ to grade 1+ would count as an improvement of one grade (one step), as would a change from grade 2.5+ to grade 1.5+. However, a change from grade 1+ to O would count as two grades or two steps, since it would include the "trace" grade. A change from 1.5+ to "trace" would count as a change of one grade.

### **Color fundus photography**

Color fundus photography will be performed on the designated eye(s) for each patient according to the [Assessment schedule](#) and the imaging manual. Color fundus photos will be evaluated according to AREDS scale. Color fundus photos will be transferred according to the imaging manual provided.

## **6.6 Pharmacokinetics**

### **6.6.1 PK Blood Collection and Processing**

All blood samples will be taken by either direct venipuncture or an indwelling cannula. For a detailed sampling schedule please refer to the [Assessment schedule](#) and [Section 13-Appendix 1](#).

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For all participating patients, the date and exact time of each blood draw must be recorded on the PK Blood Collection page in the eCRF. Sampling problems will be noted in the Comments section of the PK Blood Collection page eCRF page.

### **6.6.2 Urine Collection and processing**

Not applicable.

### **6.6.3 Pharmacokinetic analytical method(s)**

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## **6.7 Other assessments**

### **6.7.1 Health-related quality of Life**

Not applicable.

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## **7 Safety monitoring**

### **7.1 Adverse events**

An adverse event is the appearance or worsening of any undesirable sign, symptom, or medical condition occurring after starting the study drug even if the event is not considered to be related to study drug. Study drug includes the investigational drug under evaluation and the comparator drug or placebo that is given during any phase of the study. Medical conditions/diseases present before starting study drug are only considered adverse events if they worsen after starting study drug. Abnormal laboratory values or test results constitute adverse events only if they induce clinical signs or symptoms, or are considered clinically significant, or require therapy.

The occurrence of adverse events should be sought by non-directive questioning of the subject at each visit during the study. Adverse events also may be detected when they are volunteered by the subject during or between visits or through physical examination, laboratory test, or

other assessments. All adverse events must be recorded on the Adverse Events eCRF with the following information:

1. the severity grade (mild, moderate, or severe)
2. its relationship to the study drug(s) (suspected/not suspected)
3. its duration (start and end dates or if continuing at final exam)
4. whether it constitutes a serious adverse event (SAE)

An SAE is defined as an event which:

- is fatal or life-threatening
- results in persistent or significant disability/incapacity
- constitutes a congenital anomaly/birth defect
- requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, unless hospitalization is for:
  - routine treatment or monitoring of the studied indication, not associated with any deterioration in condition
  - elective or pre-planned treatment for a pre-existing condition that is unrelated to the indication under study and has not worsened since the start of study drug
  - treatment on an emergency outpatient basis for an event not fulfilling any of the definitions of a SAE given above and not resulting in hospital admission
  - social reasons and respite care in the absence of any deterioration in the patient's general condition
- is medically significant, i.e., defined as an event that jeopardizes the patient or may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above

**Unlike routine safety assessments, SAEs are monitored continuously and have special reporting requirements; see [Section 7.2](#).**

If an adverse event involves an eye, the affected eye(s) must be specified.

All adverse events should be treated appropriately. Treatment may include one or more of the following: no action taken (i.e., further observation only); study drug dosage adjusted/temporarily interrupted; study drug permanently discontinued due to this adverse event; concomitant medication given; non-drug therapy given; patient hospitalized/patient's hospitalization prolonged. The action taken to treat the adverse event should be recorded on the Adverse Event eCRF.

Once an adverse event is detected, it should be followed until its resolution or until it is judged to be permanent, and assessment should be made at each visit (or more frequently, if necessary) of any changes in severity, the suspected relationship to the study drug, the interventions required to treat it, and the outcome.

Information about common side effects already known about the investigational drug can be found in the Investigator Brochure (IB) or will be communicated between IB updates in the form of Investigator Notifications. This information will be included in the patient informed consent and should be discussed with the patient during the study as needed.

## 7.2 Serious adverse event reporting

To ensure subject safety, every SAE, regardless of suspected causality, occurring after the subject has provided informed consent and until 30 days after the subject has stopped study participation (defined as time of last dose of study drug taken or last visit whichever is later) must be reported to Novartis within 24 hours of learning of its occurrence.

Any SAEs experienced after this 30-day period should only be reported to Novartis if the investigator suspects a causal relationship to the study drug. Recurrent episodes, complications, or progression of the initial SAE must be reported as follow-up to the original episode, regardless of when the event occurs. This report must be submitted within 24 hours of the investigator receiving the follow-up information. An SAE that is considered completely unrelated to a previously reported one should be reported separately as a new event.

Information about all SAEs is collected and recorded on the Serious Adverse Event Report Form. The investigator must assess the relationship of any SAE to study drug, complete the SAE Report Form in English, and send the completed, signed form by fax within 24 hours to the local Novartis Drug Safety and Epidemiology Department. The telephone and telecopy number of the contact persons in the local department of Clinical Safety and Epidemiology, specific to the site, are listed in the investigator folder provided to each site. The original copy of the SAE Report Form and the fax confirmation sheet must be kept with the case report form documentation at the study site.

Follow-up information is sent to the same person to whom the original SAE Report Form was sent, using a new SAE Report Form stating that this is a follow-up to the previously reported SAE and giving the date of the original report. The follow-up information should describe whether the event has resolved or continues, if and how it was treated, whether the blind was broken or not, and whether the subject continued or withdrew from study participation.

If the SAE is not previously documented in the Investigator's Brochure or Package Insert (new occurrence) and is thought to be related to the Novartis study drug, a Drug Safety and Epidemiology Department associate may urgently require further information from the investigator for Health Authority reporting. Novartis may need to issue an Investigator Notification (IN) to inform all investigators involved in any study with the same drug that this SAE has been reported. Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reactions (SUSARs) will be collected and reported to the competent authorities and relevant ethics committees in accordance with Directive 2001/20/EC or as per national regulatory requirements in participating countries.

## 7.3 Pregnancies

To ensure subject safety, each pregnancy in a subject on study drug must be reported to Novartis within 24 hours of learning of its occurrence. The pregnancy should be followed up to determine outcome, including spontaneous or voluntary termination, details of the birth, and the presence or absence of any birth defects, congenital abnormalities, or maternal and/or newborn complications.

Pregnancy should be recorded on a Clinical Trial Pregnancy Form and reported by the investigator to the local Novartis Drug Safety and Epidemiology Department. Pregnancy follow-up should be recorded on the same form and should include an assessment of the possible

relationship to the Novartis study drug of any pregnancy outcome. Any SAE experienced during pregnancy must be reported on the SAE Report Form.

Pregnancy outcomes are not required for the female partners of the male patients who took study drug in this study.

## **7.4 Data Monitoring Committee**

Not applicable.

## **8 Data review and database management**

### **8.1 Site monitoring**

Before study initiation, at a site initiation visit or at an investigator's meeting, a Novartis representative will review the protocol and eCRFs with the investigators and their staff. During the study, the field monitor will visit the site regularly to check the completeness of patient records, the accuracy of entries on the eCRFs, the adherence to the protocol and to Good Clinical Practice, the progress of enrollment, and to ensure that study drug is being stored, dispensed, and accounted for according to specifications. Key study personnel must be available to assist the field monitor during these visits.

The investigator must maintain source documents for each subject in the study, consisting of case and visit notes (hospital or clinic medical records) containing demographic and medical information, laboratory data, electrocardiograms, and the results of any other tests or assessments. All information on eCRFs must be accessible to these source documents in the subject's file. The investigator must also keep the original informed consent form signed by the subject (a signed copy is given to the subject).

The investigator must give the monitor access to all relevant source documents to confirm their consistency with the eCRF entries. Novartis monitoring standards require full verification for the presence of informed consent, adherence to the inclusion/exclusion criteria, documentation of SAEs, and the recording of data that will be used for all primary and safety variables. Additional checks of the consistency of the source data with the eCRFs are performed according to the study-specific monitoring plan. No information in source documents about the identity of the patients will be disclosed.

### **8.2 Data collection**

Designated investigator staff will enter the data required by the protocol into the Electronic Case Report Forms using fully validated software that conforms to 21 CFR Part 11 requirements. Designated investigator site staff will not be given access to the EDC system until they have been trained. Automatic validation programs check for data discrepancies and, by generating appropriate messages, allow the data to be confirmed or corrected before transfer of the data to the CRO working on behalf of Novartis. The Investigator must certify that the data entered into the Electronic Case Report Forms are complete and accurate. After database lock, the investigator will receive a CD-ROM or paper copies of the subject data for archiving at the investigational site.



### **8.3 Database management and quality control**

The data management vendor and Novartis staff will review the data entered into the eCRFs by investigational staff for completeness and accuracy and instruct the site personnel to make any required corrections or additions. Obvious errors are corrected by the data manager. Queries are sent to the investigational site using an electronic data query. Designated investigator site staff is required to respond to the query and confirm or correct the data. If the electronic query system is not used, a paper Data Query Form will be faxed to the site. Site personnel will complete and sign the faxed copy and fax it back to Novartis staff who will make the correction to the database. The signed copy of the Data Query Form is kept at the investigator site.

Concomitant medications entered into the database will be coded using the WHO Drug Reference List, which employs the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification system.

Medical history/current medical conditions and adverse events will be coded using the Medical dictionary for regulatory activities (MedDRA) terminology.

Throughout the study, the occurrence of any protocol deviations will be determined. After these actions have been completed and the database has been declared to be complete and accurate, it will be locked and made available for data analysis. Any changes to the database after that time can only be made by joint written agreement between the Global Head of Clinical Information Sciences and the Clinical Franchise Head.

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## **9 Data analysis**

### **9.1 Analysis sets**

All patients who received study drug will be included in the safety analysis set.

All patients in the safety analysis set with evaluable PK data and with no major protocol deviations that have an impact on PK data will be included in the PK analysis set.

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## **9.2 Subject demographics and other baseline characteristics**

All data for background and demographic variables will be listed by treatment group and patients. For these parameters summary statistics will be provided by treatment group (i.e., each LFG316 treatment group). Corporate Confidential Information

Relevant medical history, current medical conditions, results of laboratory screens, drug tests and any other relevant information will be listed by treatment group and patients.

## **9.3 Treatments (study drug, rescue medication, other concomitant therapies, compliance)**

Study drug administration (including date, time of injection) will be listed by treatment and patients.

## **9.4 Analysis of the primary variable(s)**

The primary objective of the study is to assess the effect of IVT LFG316 on Day 85 response rate in patients with active NIU requiring intensification of systemic immunosuppressive therapy. The analysis of safety data is described in [Section 9.5.2](#). Additional analysis of ocular safety is described in [Section 9.5.8](#).

### **9.4.1 Response rate**

The primary endpoint is the response rate (proportion of patients that respond in the study eye) and the remission (complete response) rate at Day 85. The analysis of response rate at Day 85 will be carried out on the PD analysis set. Patients will be analyzed as treated. The 90% confidence intervals for the proportion of responders in the LFG316 Corporate Confidential Information

as well as the 90% confidence interval for the difference in response rates will be reported. The response rates at other time points (e.g., at Days 15, 29, 57) will be analyzed similarly.

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## **9.5 Analysis of secondary variables**

### **9.5.1 Efficacy / Pharmacodynamics**

Summary statistics for the secondary endpoints and their changes from baseline will be provided by treatment group and visit/time. Corporate Confidential Information

A longitudinal analysis of the secondary PD endpoints may be performed if deemed relevant. Graphical displays of mean time profiles may be constructed as appropriate.

## **9.5.2 Safety**

### **Adverse events**

All information obtained on adverse events will be listed by treatment group and subject. Time since start of IVT injection will be indicated in the listing.

The number and percentage of subjects with adverse events will be listed by treatment group, body system and preferred term. Ocular adverse events will be tabulated and summarized by study eye vs. fellow (non-study) eye. A subject with multiple adverse events within a body system or preferred term is only counted once towards the total of this body system or preferred term

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### **Concomitant medications / Significant non-drug therapies**

All concomitant therapies will be listed by treatment group and patients.

## **9.5.3 Health-related quality of Life**

Not applicable.

## **9.5.4 Pharmacokinetics**

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## **9.5.5 Pharmacogenetics /pharmacogenomics**

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#### **9.5.6 Other assessments**

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#### **9.5.7 PK/PD**

Not applicable.

#### **9.5.8 Ocular assessments**

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Ocular assessments will be listed by treatment group and patients.

Summary statistics of ocular assessments will be provided by treatment group and visit/time point.

#### **9.7 Power for analysis of key secondary variables**

Not applicable .

#### **9.8 Interim analyses**

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## **10 Ethical considerations**

### **10.1 Regulatory and ethical compliance**

This clinical study was designed and shall be implemented and reported in accordance with the ICH Harmonized Tripartite Guidelines for Good Clinical Practice, with applicable local regulations (including European Directive 2001/20/EC, US Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, and Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare), and with the ethical principles laid down in the Declaration of Helsinki.

### **10.2 Informed consent procedures**

Eligible patients may only be included in the study after providing written (witnessed, where required by law or regulation), IRB/IEC-approved informed consent, or, if incapable of doing so, after such consent has been provided by a legally acceptable representative of the patient. In cases where the patient's representative gives consent, the subject should be informed about the study to the extent possible given his/her understanding. If the patient is capable of doing so, he/she should indicate assent by personally signing and dating the written informed consent document or a separate assent form. Informed consent must be obtained before conducting any study-specific procedures (i.e., all of the procedures described in the protocol). The process of obtaining informed consent should be documented in the patient source documents.

Novartis will provide to investigators in a separate document a proposed informed consent form that complies with the ICH GCP guideline and regulatory requirements and is considered appropriate for this study. Any changes to the proposed consent form suggested by the investigator must be agreed to by Novartis before submission to the IRB/IEC, and a copy of the approved version must be provided to the Novartis monitor after IRB/IEC approval.

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In the event that Novartis wants to perform testing on the samples that are not described in this protocol, additional Institutional Review Board and/or ethics committee approval will be obtained.

### **10.3 Responsibilities of the investigator and IRB/IEC**

The protocol and the proposed informed consent form must be reviewed and approved by a properly constituted Institutional Review Board (IRB) before study start. A signed and dated statement that the protocol and informed consent have been approved by the IRB must be given to Novartis before study initiation. Prior to study start, the investigator is required to sign a protocol signature page confirming his/her agreement to conduct the study in accordance with these documents and all of the instructions and procedures found in this

protocol and to give access to all relevant data and records to Novartis monitors, auditors, Novartis Clinical Quality Assurance representatives, designated agents of Novartis, IRBs, and regulatory authorities as required. If an inspection of the clinical site is requested by a regulatory authority, the investigator must inform Novartis immediately that this request has been made.

#### **10.4 Publication of study protocol and results**

Upon study completion and finalization of the study report the results of this trial may be submitted for publication and/or posted in a publicly accessible database of clinical trial results.

### **11 Protocol adherence**

Investigators ascertain they will apply due diligence to avoid protocol deviations. Under no circumstances should the investigator contact Novartis or its agents, if any, monitoring the trial to request approval of a protocol deviation, as no authorized deviations are permitted. If the investigator feels a protocol deviation would improve the conduct of the study this must be considered a protocol amendment, and unless such an amendment is agreed upon by Novartis and approved by the IRB it cannot be implemented. All significant protocol deviations will be recorded and reported in the CSR.

#### **11.1 Protocol Amendments**

Any change or addition to the protocol can only be made in a written protocol amendment that must be approved by Novartis, Health Authorities where required, and the IRB. Only amendments that are required for subject safety may be implemented prior to IRB approval. Notwithstanding the need for approval of formal protocol amendments, the investigator is expected to take any immediate action required for the safety of any subject included in this study, even if this action represents a deviation from the protocol. In such cases, Novartis should be notified of this action and the IRB at the study site should be informed within 10 working days.

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**13 Appendix 1: Blood collection log: blood sampling schedule for safety, PG, PK, PD, and immunogenicity**

StudyPhase	Visit No	Visit Window (Days)	Time point	Safety; Biochem and hematology	PK Blood Sample ml	PK Col no.	PK Sample no.	Immuno genicity; Anti-I FG316	Immunogenicity Anti-I FG316 sample #	PD Blood Sample Total CS	PD Blood Total CS Sample #	Pharmacogenetic Sample #	Pharmacogenetic Sample
				ml	ml			ml		ml		ml	
Screening (Day-14 to -1)	1			15								10	9999
Day1	2		pre-dose		5	1	10	5	101	5	201		
Day2	3				5	1	11			5	202		
Day8	4												
Day15	5	+/- 1			5	1	12			5	203		
Day29	6	+/-3	pre-dose		5	2	13	5	102	5	204		
Day43	7	+/-3			5	2	14			5	205		
Day57	8	+/- 3	pre-dose		5	3	15			5	206		
Day85/EOS	9/777	+/- 3	pre-dose	15	5	4	16	5	103	5	207		
PRN		+/- 5	pre-dose		5	5	17	5	104	5	208		
Day169	10	+/- 5	pre-dose		5	6	18	5	105	5	209		
PRN		+/- 5	pre-dose		5	7	19	5	106	5	210		
Day253)	11	+/- 5	pre-dose		5	8	20	5	107	5	211		
Day281/ EOES	778	+/- 5		15	5	8	21	5	108	5	212		
Total ml				45	60			40		60		10	
Consolidated(approximate) total m l :	215												



## 14 Appendix 2: Sample labeling and shipping information

### 14.1 Sample labeling

The Sample Numbers are reported in [Section 13-Appendix 1](#).

The subject ID, exact clock time of dosing, as well as actual sample collection date and time will be recorded using a 24-hour clock on the appropriate blood collection summary page of the eCRFs. Sampling problems will be noted in the Notes field of the eCRFs.

Examples of sample labels for different sample types are presented below.

#### Sample labeling for serum PK sample

The sample label is to include the following information:

Study Code:	LFG316A2204
Subject Number:	5101
Sample Number:	Sample 1XX (serum) (ex. 110 (serum))
Vial indicator:	A or B (because resulted serum is to be split into 2 vials)
Required Timepoint:	ex. Pre-injection (or other predetermined timepoints)
And/ Or Study Day:	ex. Day 1
Time:	hh:mm (24 hours format)
Date:	dd-Mmm-YY (ex. 18-Aug-11)

#### Sample labeling for serum PD samples (total CS assay)

The sample label is to include the following information:

Study Code:	LFG316A2204
Subject Number:	5101
Sample Number:	Sample 2XX (serum) (ex. 201 (serum))
Vial indicator:	A or B (because resulted serum is to be split into 2 vials)
Required Timepoint:	ex. Pre-injection (or other predetermined timepoints)
And/ Or Study Day:	ex. Day 1
Time:	hh:mm (24 hours format)
Date:	dd-Mmm-YY (ex. 18-Aug-11)

## Sample labeling for serum immunogenicity samples

The sample label is to include the following information:

Study Code:	LFG316A2204
Subject Number:	5101
Sample Number:	Sample 1:XX (eg 101 serum)
Vial indicator:	A or B (because resulted setlllll is to be split into 2 vials)
Required Timepoint:	ex. Pre-injection (or other predetelmined timepoints)
And/ Or Study Day:	ex. Day 1
Time:	hh:mm (24 hours format)
Date:	dd-Mmm-YY (ex. 01-Oct-11)

## 14.2 Sample shipment instructions

For each shipment, an inventory of the samples should accompany the shipment. This inventory should include the study ID, subject ID, sample number, visit number, and scheduled time of collection.

Clearly indicate any missing specimens. The original inventory will be retained at the site in the Investigator's file.

All samples will be kept at the temperature specified up to and during the shipment. Unless instructed otherwise, the samples will be packed carefully with suitable packing material and dry ice to keep them frozen.

All shipments should be sent (Monday through Wednesday **only**) by a carrier guaranteeing overnight delivery. The following items should be considered:

- Advise the carrier of the type of service desired, need for personalized door-to-door pickup, and delivery guaranteed within 24 hours.
- Advise the carrier of the nature of the shipment's contents (human biological specimens) and label the package accordingly.
- Indicate Novartis drug code and Study No. on the face of the parcel to be shipped. The parcel also must carry a "dangerous goods" label because of the dry ice (labels supplied by the courier).
- The carrier must be asked to store the parcel(s) in a freezer if shipment is delayed and to replace exhausted dry ice before transportation continues.
- Shipping reservations should be made to allow delivery to Novartis before 16:00 (4 pm) local time Monday to Thursday and before 11:00 (11 am) local time on Friday. Shipments should not be sent between Thursday and Sunday, to prevent arrival over the weekend.

#### **14.2.1 Instructions for shipment of PK, PD, PG, and immunogenicity samples to the central lab**

All study samples (PK, PD, PG, and immunogenicity) will be first sent from the study clinics to the central lab for initial storage pending scheduled batch shipments to the appropriate analytical lab. Samples should be sent to the following address-unless otherwise directed by  
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For each shipment, an inventory of the samples should accompany the shipment. This inventory should include the study ID, subject ID, sample number, visit number, scheduled time of collection.

Additional information will be provided by the central lab manual.

Clearly indicate any missing specimens. The original inventory will be retained at the site in the Investigator's file.

All samples will be kept at the temperature specified up to and during the shipment. Samples have to be packed according to the ICAO/IATA-Packing-Instructions in an insulated box. To guarantee that the samples remain deep frozen during transport, use about **10 kg of dry ice** per box which will keep the samples frozen during the whole duration of the transport (air freight). One aliquot of samples will be shipped to the designated Laboratory. The remaining aliquots will be shipped to the same address after assurance that the first aliquots arrived in good condition.

**Please notify the addressee above *in advance* of the shipment and indicate:**

- The time and date of shipping and approximate time of arrival,
- To whom the shipment is addressed, the study number, the name of the center and the shipping form number (or equivalent airbill number),
- The sender's name, telephone number and alternative contact personnel,
- The total number of samples, number of matrices if applicable, and number of cartons and unit weight of each carton.

Also notify the Clinical Trial Leader at Novartis when a shipment has been scheduled.

#### **14.2.2 Instructions for shipment of PK, PD, and immunogenicity samples from central lab to the bioanalytical lab**

All PK, PD, and immunogenicity specimens will be kept at the temperature specified in the PK, PD, and immunogenicity sample collection and processing sections until shipment.

Samples have to be packed according to the ICAO/IATA-Packing-Instructions in an insulated box. To guarantee that the samples remain deep frozen during transport, use about **10 kg of dry ice** per box which will keep the samples frozen during the whole duration of the transport (air freight).

Please notify the analytical lab contact person *in advance* of the shipment.

A shipping log must be included with the shipment. Samples should be shipped with dry ice (use about 10 kg of dry ice per box).

Selection of the bioanalytical lab is ongoing and will be communicated to the central lab once it is finalized.

**Please notify the addressee *in advance* of the shipment and indicate:**

- Number of the airbill,
- The time and date of shipping and approximate time of arrival,
- Flight Number,
- To whom the shipment is addressed, the study number, carrier and the shipping form number (or equivalent airbill number),
- The sender's name, telephone number and alternative contact personnel,
- The total number of cartons and unit weight of each carton.

Also notify the Clinical Trial Leader at Novartis when a shipment has been scheduled.

The samples should be sent at the beginning of a week in order to arrive not later than Thursday.