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### **3.0 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

APC	antigen-presenting cells
AE	adverse event
AUC	area under the curve
BMI	body mass index
CDSD	celiac disease symptom diary
CeD	celiac disease
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CRO	contract research organization
CV	coefficient of variation
DGP	anti-deamidated gliadin peptide
ECG	electrocardiogram
eCRF	electronic case report form
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFPE	formalin-fixed paraffin block
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GFD	gluten-free diet
GLMM	generalized linear mixed model
IA	interim analysis
ICF	informed consent form
ICH	International Conference on Harmonisation
IEC	institutional ethics committee
IEL	intraepithelial lymphocyte
INF- $\gamma$	interferon- $\gamma$
IRB	institutional review board
LoQ	limit of quantification
mRNA	messenger RNA
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
MHC	major histocompatibility complex
MVCS	minutes of video with celiac symptoms
PT	preferred term
SAE	serious adverse event
SD	standard deviation
SOC	system organ class
SUSAR	suspected unexpected serious adverse reactions
TCR	T cell receptor
TEAE	treatment-emergent adverse event

tTG	anti-tissue transglutaminase
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Vh:Cd	villus height to crypt depth ratio

## **4.0 OBJECTIVES**

### **4.1 Primary Objectives**

The primary objective of the trial is to characterize changes in gluten-specific T cells and pathology in the small intestine with specific focus on biomarkers likely to change with therapeutic celiac disease (CeD) treatment.

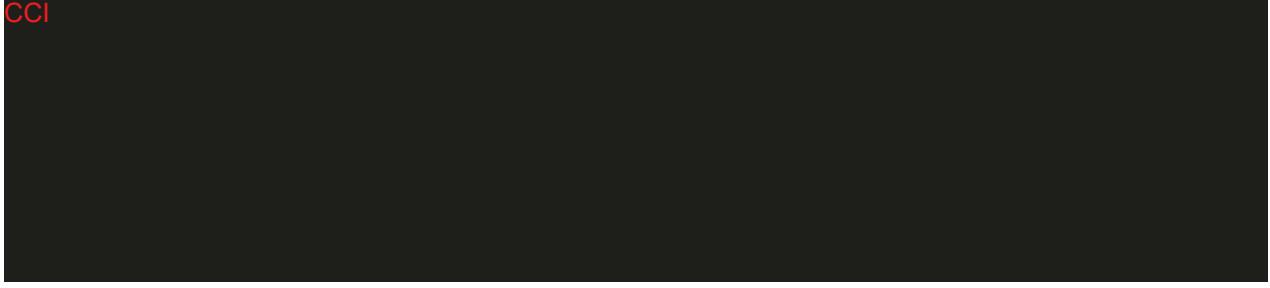
### **4.2 Secondary Objectives**

The secondary objectives of this trial are as follows:

- To assess correlation between gluten-specific blood T cells and standard CeD histological assessments.
- To assess changes from Baseline in gluten-specific T cells in blood.

### **4.3 Exploratory Objectives**

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### **4.4 Study Design**

This is a randomized, double-blind, 2-part gluten challenge trial in subjects with CeD who are HLA-DQ2.5 and/or HLA-DQ8 positive and have been on a gluten-free diet (GFD) for at least 6 months. Subjects will be enrolled until a maximum of approximately 20 subjects complete the gluten challenge and follow-up endoscopy.

The trial will consist of 4 periods: Screening (Days -28 to -7), Run-in (Days -6 to 0), Gluten Challenge (Days 1-14, inclusive), and Follow-up (Days 15-42).

After signing the informed consent form (ICF), subjects will be enrolled and randomly assigned to 1 of 2 treatment groups: 3 g gluten/day or 10 g gluten/day. Subjects will be group randomized by site and will be enrolled into the two treatment groups in a 1:1 ratio. Both groups will be treated concurrently. Subjects receiving 10 g gluten/day will be able to reduce their dose to 3 g gluten/day after Day 3 if needed because of severity of symptoms. Dose reduction will be managed by an unblinded qualified staff member not directly involved in the treatment or clinical evaluation of the subjects. A complete gluten challenge requires that at least 12 of the 14 doses of gluten are taken before the follow-up endoscopy.

Subjects will be genotyped at Screening. If a subject has already been genotyped, results from previous testing may be used in lieu of genotyping at Screening. Symptoms will be measured

daily by subjects using the celiac disease symptom diary (CDSD). During Run-in, each subject will undergo a single, traditional endoscopy, and blood sampling to establish Baseline values.

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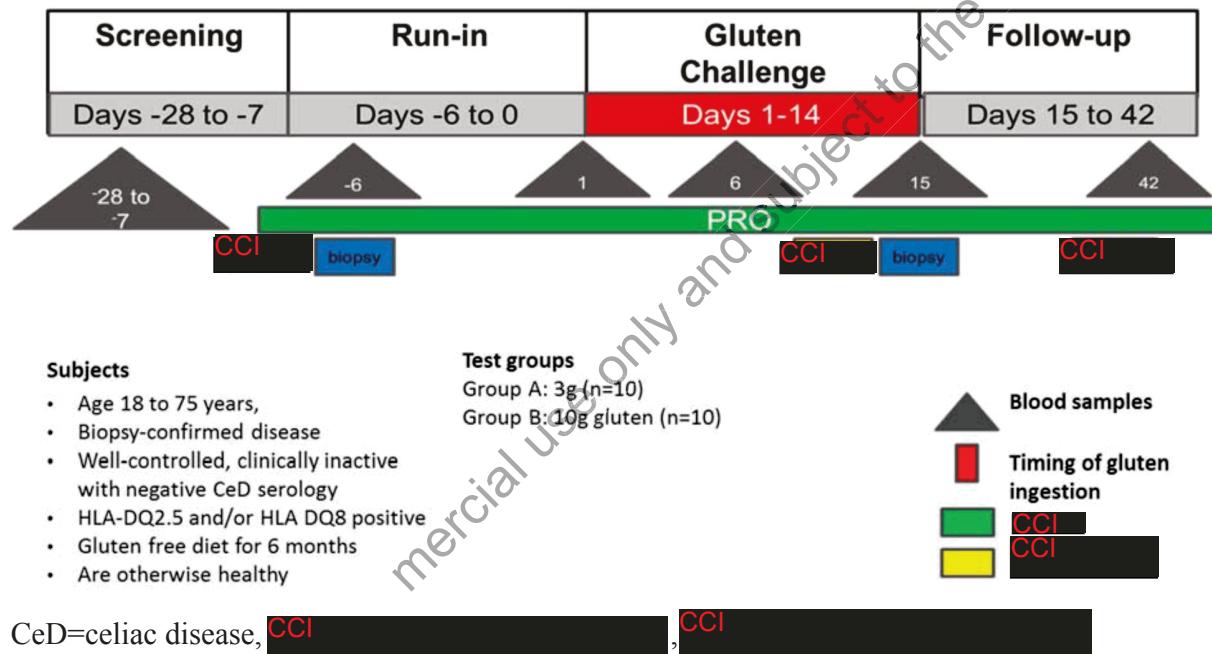
Challenge, all subjects will undergo periodic blood sampling. The day after completion of the gluten challenge, a second traditional endoscopy and biopsy will occur and subjects will undergo

CCI [REDACTED] Endoscopy will include video when feasible. During Follow-up,

subjects will complete the CDSD, provide an additional blood sample, and undergo periodic

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**Figure 4.1 Study Schematic**



## **5.0 ANALYSIS ENDPOINTS**

### **5.1 Primary Endpoint**

The primary endpoint of the trial is change from Baseline in small intestine histology based on standard CeD histological assessments of intraepithelial lymphocyte (IEL) counts and Vh:Cd measures.

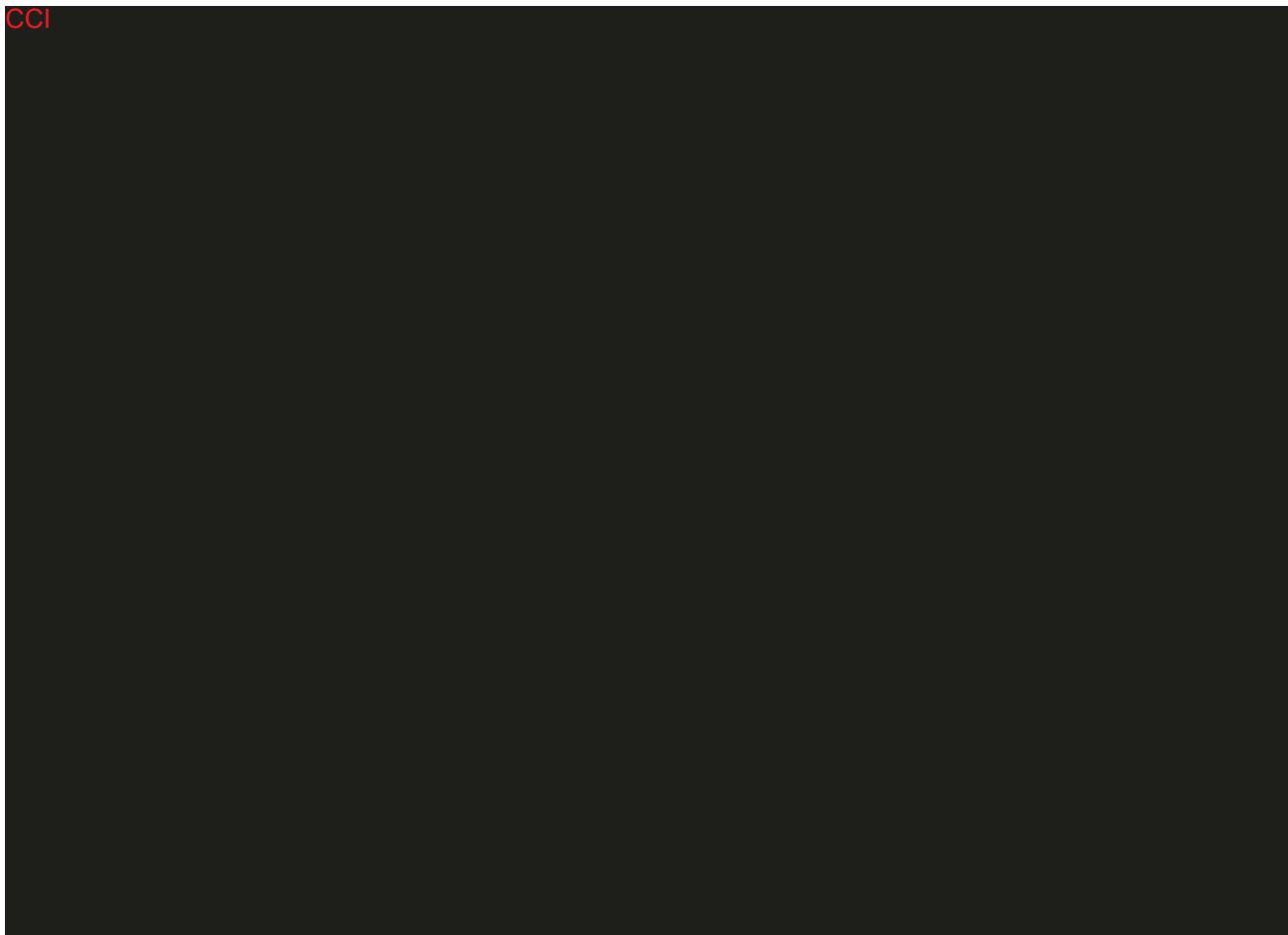
### **5.2 Secondary Endpoints**

Secondary endpoints are as follows:

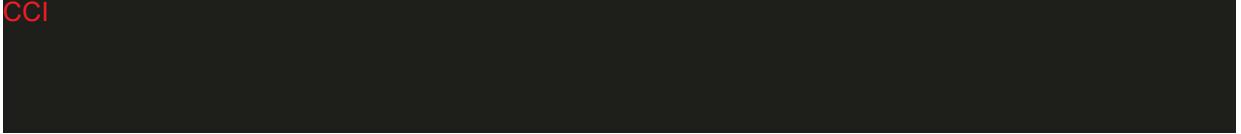
- Correlation between gluten-specific blood T cells and standard CeD histological assessments.
- Changes from Baseline in gluten-specific blood T cells, based on functional assays and/or gluten-specific TCR staining.

### **5.3 Exploratory Endpoints**

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## **6.0 DETERMINATION OF SAMPLE SIZE**

The sample size determination for this trial reflects several constraints. Despite having the primary analysis pooled across the 2 treatment arms, having the arms balanced is preferable so there must be an even number of subjects overall. The number of subjects was selected to detect a change in Vh:Cd in the interim analysis with 90% probability and at the final analysis with >99% probability. Additionally, it was selected to allow accurate estimation of the coefficient of variation for the secondary and exploratory endpoints, as well as to allow for comparing the 2 dosage groups.

Previous work estimates  $\Delta Vh:Cd_{14} = -1.03$  (0.96) (Vh:Cd change from Baseline after a 14-day gluten challenge) [1] and  $\Delta \log_{10}(\text{Tetramer})_6 = 1.87$  (1.39) (the log-10 fold change in tetramer binding 6 days into gluten challenge) [2]. Using these estimates, a single analysis with 12 subjects has 97% power to detect a change in Vh:Cd before and after gluten challenge, and >99% power to detect a change in T-cell marker tetramer binding. With the current group sequential design, then the interim analysis has 92% power of detecting a change in histology and an independent 98% power of detecting a change in T cell markers, for an overall power of 90% to detect both. There is >99% power to detect changes in both by the final analysis.

Uncertainty in the estimates of these 2 markers may lead to questioning the accuracy of these measurements. If it is assumed that the SD of  $\Delta Vh:Cd_{14}$  and  $\Delta \log(\text{Tetramer})_6$  is 50% greater than is reported in the literature, the power of this trial would be decreased. In this scenario, the trial has a 61% power to detect a histological change in the interim analysis and 91% power to detect a histological change overall. In addition, the probability of detecting a change in T cell markers is 75% at the interim analysis and 99% by the final analysis.

## **7.0 METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION**

### **7.1 General Principles**

Baseline values are defined as the last observed value before the first dose of gluten.

All statistical analyses will be conducted using SAS® Version 9.1, or higher.

All statistical tests, and resulting P-values will be reported as 1-sided and will be assessed at  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level unless otherwise stated. Confidence intervals will be reported as both 1-sided and 2-sided at  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level unless otherwise stated. P-values will be rounded to 3 decimal places for outputs.

Means and medians will be presented to 1 more decimal place than the recorded data. The standard deviations (SDs) will be presented to 2 more decimal places than the recorded data. Confidence intervals about a parameter estimate will be presented using the same number of decimal places as the parameter estimate.

Where appropriate, variables will be summarized descriptively by study visit based on observed value and by change from Baseline.

For the categorical variables, the count and proportions of each possible value will be tabulated by treatment group and overall. The denominator for the proportion will be based on the number of subjects who provide non-missing responses to the categorical variable.

For continuous variables, the number of subjects with non-missing values, mean, standard deviation (SD), minimum, first quartile, median, third quartile, and maximum values will be tabulated. In some instances, the  $\log_{10}$ -transformed values will be reported as well. For differences from Baseline, the coefficient of variation (CV), defined as the standard deviation divided by the mean, will be reported as well. Boxplots of measurements at different timepoints will also be generated.

Screen failure subjects will be presented separately via listings.

#### **7.1.1 Study Definitions**

#### **7.1.2 Definition of Study Days**

Study Day 1 is defined as the date on which a subject is administered their first dose of the study product. Other study days are defined relative to the Study Day 1, with Day 0 being the day prior to Study Day 1, Day -1 being two days prior to Study Day 1, and so forth.

**Table 7.1 Definition of Study Windows**

Window	Start	End
	Day	Day
Screening	-28	-7
Run-in	-6	0
Gluten Challenge	1	14
Follow-up	15	42

## **7.2 Analysis Sets**

### *7.2.1.1 Safety Set*

The safety set will consist of all subjects who are enrolled and receive at least 1 dose of gluten. Subjects in this analysis set will be used for demographic, Baseline characteristics, and safety summaries.

### *7.2.1.2 Biomarker Analysis Set*

The biomarker analysis set will consist of all subjects who complete the gluten challenge and have all the Vh:Cd measures scheduled in the protocol taken and be non-missing.

## **7.3 Disposition of Subjects**

Subject disposition at the end of the study will be summarized by treatment group and overall. A table will display the number of subjects that:

- Enrolled
- Are in each analysis set (Safety and Biomarker Analysis)
- Completed the study per protocol
- Had a Dose Reduction, along with the reason for dose reduction
- Discontinued the study, along with the reason for discontinuation

## **7.4 Demographic and Other Baseline Characteristics**

Baseline demographics will be summarized for all patients in the safety set and biomarker analysis set. Demographic data will be summarized by treatment arm and overall. Baseline demographic data to be evaluated will include age at date of informed consent, sex, ethnicity, race, height, and weight. Patient enrollment by site will also be summarized by treatment arms and overall. No inferential statistics will be generated. Demographic data will also be presented in a by-patient listing.

## **7.5 Medical History and Concurrent Medical Conditions**

General medical history and concurrent medical conditions will be listed for all patients.

## **7.6 Medication History and Concomitant Medications**

General medication history and concomitant medications will be listed for all patients.

## **7.7 Gluten Exposure and Compliance**

Subjects who do not comply with their gluten dosage will be listed with the daily gluten amount taken. Subjects who do not complete the gluten challenge will be excluded from further analysis. Subjects who started at the 10g gluten dose and had their dosage reduced to 3g will be included in the overall analysis, but excluded from analyses by treatment arm.

## **7.8 Efficacy Analysis**

{Not applicable}

## **7.9 Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Analysis**

{Not applicable}

## **7.10 Pharmacokinetic Analysis**

{Not applicable}

### **7.10.1 Pharmacodynamic Analysis**

{Not applicable}

## **7.11 Other Outcomes**

### **7.11.1 Primary Biomarker Endpoint**

The primary endpoint of the trial is the change from Baseline in small intestinal histology. This is based on the following measures that are typically used for diagnosing CeD:

- The ratio of villous height to crypt depth (Vh:Cd).
- Intraepithelial lymphocytes (IEL) counts

Smaller values of Vh:Cd and greater IEL counts indicate more extreme celiac disease symptoms. The purpose of the primary analysis is to confirm a response to gluten by measuring the change in these measures. Only the change in Vh:Cd will be used to confirm a gluten response, and the change in IEL counts is assessed as an alternative measure for future work. Any statistically significant change in Vh:Cd will be considered confirmation of gluten response.

#### **7.11.1.1 Vh:Cd**

Vh:Cd will be measured during Run-in (Vh:Cd<sub>R</sub>) and Day 15 (Vh:Cd<sub>15</sub>). The Vh:Cd change from Baseline ( $\Delta$ Vh:Cd = Vh:Cd<sub>15</sub> – Vh:Cd<sub>R</sub>) will be computed for all subjects in the Biomarker Analysis Set. These values are continuous variables and tabulated as laid out in [General Principles \[7.1\]](#).

$\Delta$ Vh:Cd is assumed to follow a normal distribution, and a 1-sided paired t-test will be used to compare Baseline and follow-up Vh:Cd measures. The normality assumption will be checked using the Shapiro-Wilk test. If the data is found to not be normal at  $\alpha=0.05$ , a 1-sided Wilcoxon signed-rank test will be used instead to compare Vh:Cd<sub>R</sub> and Vh:Cd<sub>15</sub>. The null and alternate hypotheses for Vh:Cd test are below:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \text{Baseline Vh:Cd (Vh:Cd}_R\text{)} &\leq \text{Follow-up Vh:Cd (Vh:Cd}_{15}\text{)}; \Delta\text{Vh:Cd} \geq 0 \\ H_A: \text{Baseline Vh:Cd (Vh:Cd}_R\text{)} &> \text{Follow-up Vh:Cd (Vh:Cd}_{15}\text{)}; \Delta\text{Vh:Cd} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

#### **7.11.1.2 IEL Counts**

Statistics on IEL counts are not being used for decision making purposes and no alpha is being spent on their analysis. IEL counts will be measured on Run-in (IEL<sub>R</sub>) and Day 15 (IEL<sub>15</sub>). The IEL change from Baseline ( $\Delta$ IEL = IEL<sub>15</sub> – IEL<sub>R</sub>) will be computed for all subjects in the Biomarker Analysis Set. These values are continuous variables and tabulated as laid out in [General Principles \[7.1\]](#).

IEL counts are assumed to follow a Poisson distribution. The Poisson distribution assumption will be checked using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. If the data is found to not be Poisson at  $\alpha=0.05$ , a 1-sided Wilcoxon signed-rank test will be used instead to compare IEL<sub>R</sub> and IEL<sub>15</sub>. Otherwise a Poisson GLMM will be fitted to the data, where IEL measurements are grouped by subject (the random effect) and the change in IEL counts is the fixed effect. The formula for this model is below:

$$\log[E(\text{IEL}|\text{Day, Subject})] = \beta_0 + \text{Day} \times \beta + \text{Subject} \times u$$

Here, IEL is the measured IEL count,  $\beta_0$  is the intercept, Day is an indicator for day 15,  $\beta$  is the measured fixed effect of how much IEL counts change, Subject is a grouping factor for measurements by subject, and  $u$  is the subject-specific random effect. A Wald test will be performed on the change in IEL counts.

The null and alternate hypotheses for IEL are below:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \text{Baseline IEL counts (IEL}_R\text{)} &\geq \text{Follow-up IEL counts (IEL}_{15}\text{)}; \Delta\text{IEL} \leq 0 \\ H_A: \text{Baseline IEL counts (IEL}_R\text{)} &< \text{Follow-up IEL counts (IEL}_{15}\text{)}; \Delta\text{IEL} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

#### **7.11.2 Secondary Biomarker Endpoints**

The secondary endpoints involve measuring gluten-specific blood T cells via the ELISpot assay or tetramer/dextramer antigen staining. These are the biomarkers being evaluated to augment or replace histological markers in future CeD studies. Each T cell marker assay will be tested by itself but using the same procedure as laid out below.

The T cells will be measured at Run-In ( $T_R$ ), Day 1 ( $T_1$ ), Day 6 ( $T_6$ ) and Day 15 ( $T_{15}$ ). For each T cell assay, values below the limit of quantification (LoQ) will be replaced with LoQ/2. The T cell log fold change from Baseline at Day 6 ( $\Delta T = \log_{10}(T_6/T_B)$ ) will be computed for all subjects in the Biomarker Analysis Set.  $T_B$  is the last observed T cell value before gluten exposure.

The T cell assays measure staining intensity and are assumed to follow a log-normal distribution (and by extension, that  $\Delta T$  follows a normal distribution). In addition to having the T cells tabulated as laid out in [General Principles \[7.1\]](#), the  $\log_{10}$ -transformed values will be tabulated as well. The distributional assumptions will be tested by log-transforming the data and using the Shapiro-Wilk test. If the data is found to be not log-normal at  $\alpha=0.05$ , nonparametric tests will be used instead.

#### *7.11.2.1 Correlation*

T cell measurements taken before the first dose of gluten will be correlated with Baseline Vh:Cd and IEL counts, and T cell measurements taken after the first dose of gluten will be correlated with day 15 Vh:Cd and IEL counts using the Spearman correlation.

Additionally,  $\Delta T$  will be correlated with  $\Delta Vh:Cd$  and  $\Delta IEL$ . If the assumptions that  $\Delta Vh:Cd$  and  $\Delta T$  follow a normal distribution are not rejected, then they are correlated with a Pearson correlation. Otherwise, a Spearman correlation will be used.  $\Delta T$  will be correlated with  $\Delta IEL$  with a Spearman correlation as well.

#### *7.11.2.2 Change from Baseline*

Depending upon availability, one of these T cell markers will be the main secondary endpoint, with preference going to ELISpot, then tetramer, then dextramer antigen staining. If the assumption that T cell markers follow a log-normal distribution is not rejected, a pairwise 1-sided t test will be used to compare Baseline and Day 6  $\log_{10}$ -transformed T cell measurements. If the assumption is rejected, then a Wilcoxon signed-rank will be used instead. The null and alternate hypotheses of this test are below:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \text{Baseline T cells } (T_{\text{Baseline}}) &\geq \text{Day 6 T cells } (T_6); \Delta T \leq 0 \\ H_A: \text{Baseline T cells } (T_{\text{Baseline}}) &< \text{Day 6 T cells } (T_6); \Delta T > 0 \end{aligned}$$

#### *7.11.2.3 Linear mixed model*

A linear mixed model will also be used to compare pre-dose to post-dose  $\log_{10}$  T cell marker measures; this test will use all available T cell marker measures for a given assay. This mixed effect model will follow the following formula:

$$T = \beta_0 + Dose \times \beta + Subject \times u + \varepsilon$$

Here,  $T$  is  $\log_{10}$  T cell measurement,  $\beta_0$  is the intercept,  $Dose$  is the indicator of post-gluten-exposure,  $Subject$  is a grouping factor for measurements by subject,  $u$  is the subject-specific random effect, and  $\varepsilon$  is noise. The value of  $\beta$  will be reported along with standard error and p-value.

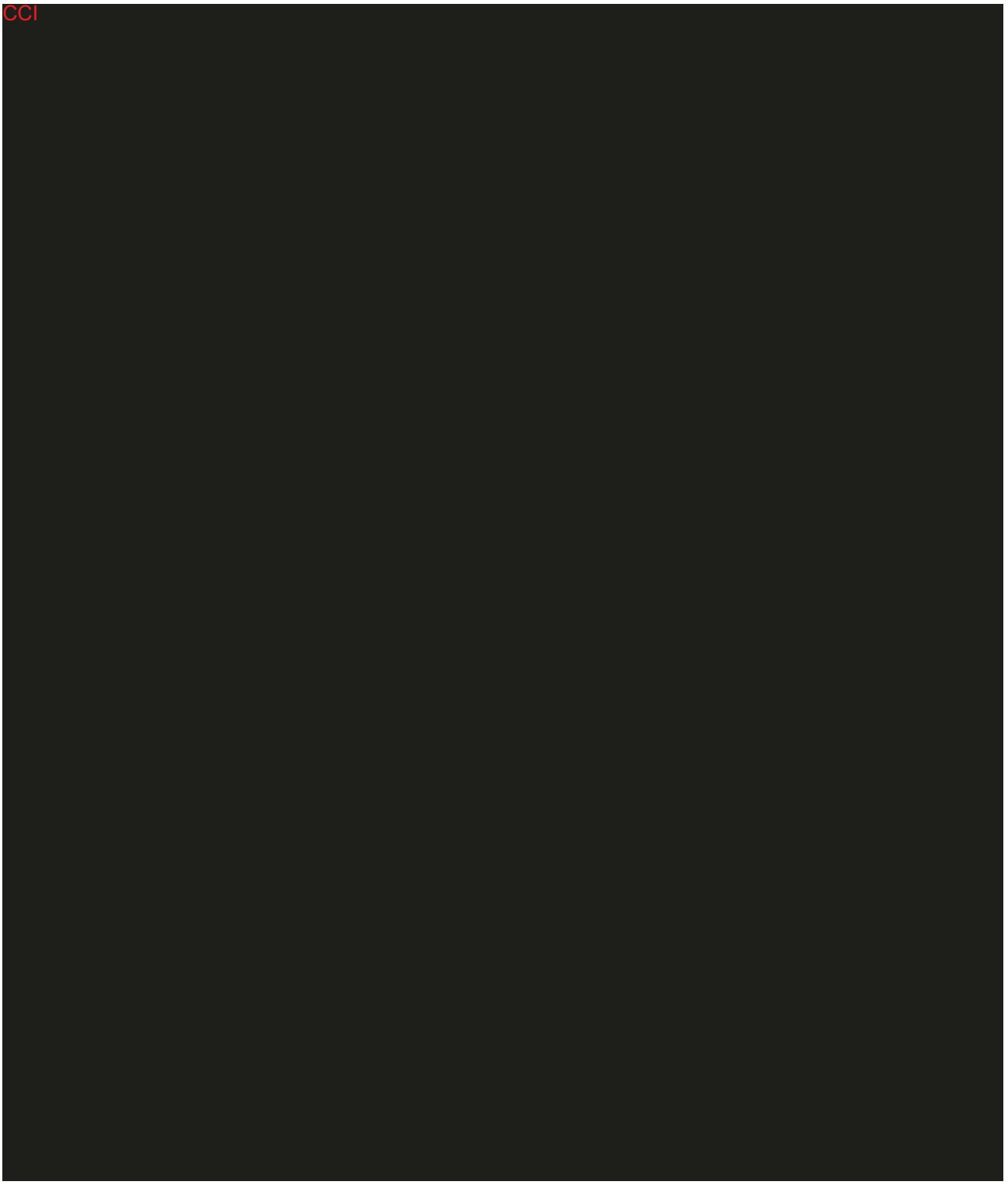
### **7.11.3 Exploratory Biomarker Endpoints**

Due to the exploratory nature of the following endpoints, their distributions are not known. Each biomarker and its change from Baseline should be tabulated and plotted as in [General Principles \[7.1\]](#). Some biomarker endpoints may also need to be transformed prior to analysis.

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## **7.12 Safety Analysis**

Safety evaluations will be based on the incidence, severity, type of AEs, clinically significant changes or abnormalities in the patient's physical examination, vital signs, and clinical laboratory results.

These analyses will be performed using the Safety Set.

### **7.12.1 Adverse Events**

AEs will be coded according to the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA). Treatment emergent is defined as any AE that occurs after administration of the first dose of gluten and up through the end of the follow-up period, any event that is considered gluten-related up through 30 days post-last-dose, or any event that is present at Baseline but worsens in severity after Baseline up through 30 days post-last-dose.

### **7.12.2 Clinical Laboratory Evaluations**

Not applicable; routine laboratory evaluations will be conducted only for the purpose of screening and enrolling subjects.

### **7.12.3 Vital Signs**

Baseline, post-dose, and changes from Baseline in vital sign measurements will be summarized. All vital sign data will be provided in data listings.

### **7.12.4 12-Lead ECGs**

{Not applicable}

### **7.12.5 Other Observations Related to Safety**

{Not applicable}

## **7.13 Interim Analysis**

There is one interim analysis (IA) planned for this study which occurs after 12 out of a possible 20 subjects have completed the study. The purpose of the interim analysis is to determine if an additional 8 patients will be enrolled in the study. The IA consists of the three stages (see flowchart):

1. The first stage confirms a gluten response with a standard histological measure (Vh:Cd) [7.11.1.1]. If a gluten response is detected, proceed to the second stage. If a gluten response is not detected, proceed to stage 3a. The table below contains the critical values for Vh:Cd.

**Table 7.2 Vh:Cd critical values**

Analysis	Subjects	Critical Value	$\alpha$	Cumulative $\alpha$
Interim	12	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240
Final	20	0.0373	0.0260	0.0500

2. If a histological change is observed, the second stage tests whether the gluten response is observed via one of the T cell markers [7.11.2.2], with preference going to ELISpot (if available), then tetramers and then dextramers. If the gluten response is detected with the T cells, stop the study. If the gluten response is not detected with the T cells, proceed to stage 3b. The table below contains the critical values for the T cells.

**Table 7.3 T cell critical values**

Analysis	Subjects	Critical Value	$\alpha$	Cumulative $\alpha$
Interim	12	0.0179	0.0179	0.0179
Final	20	0.0417	0.0321	0.0500

3. If a histological change is not observed or is not detected with the T cell marker, then more subjects will be needed. The third stage compares the two treatment arms.
  - a. If a histological change was not observed, then the third stage compares the two arms using a standard histological measure (Vh:Cd).
  - b. If a T cell marker change was not observed, then the third stage compares the two arms using a T cell marker.

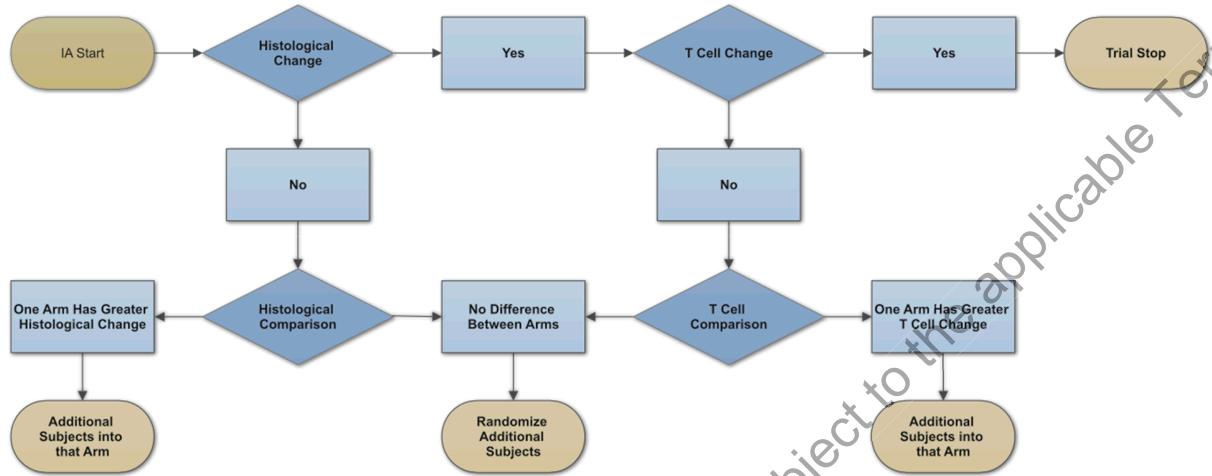
The purpose of the third stage is to test whether a larger gluten response is observed in either of the two treatment arms. This will be performed using a two-sided two-sample t test comparing  $\Delta Vh:Cd^{(3)}$  and  $\Delta Vh:Cd^{(10)}$  (the change in Vh:Cd in the 3g and 10g dosage arms, respectively) or  $\Delta \log T^{(3)}$  and  $\Delta \log T^{(10)}$  (the log fold change of the T cells in the 3g and 10g dosage arms, respectively). If  $\Delta Vh:Cd$  or  $\Delta \log T$  were found to not follow normal distributions previously, then a Mann-Whitney U test will be used instead. The null and alternate hypotheses of this test are below:

$$H_0: \text{The change from Baseline of the marker is the same in both groups } (\Delta X^{(3)} = \Delta X^{(10)})$$

$$H_A: \text{the change from Baseline of the marker is unequal } (\Delta X^{(3)} \neq \Delta X^{(10)})$$

If this test is significant at  $\alpha=0.05$ , then subjects will be enrolled into the treatment arm with greater gluten response (more negative  $\Delta Vh:Cd$  or more positive  $\Delta \log T$ ). If this test is not significant, then patients will be enrolled equally into the two dosage groups after the interim analysis.

**Figure 7.1 Interim Analysis Flowchart**



#### **7.14 Changes in the Statistical Analysis Plan**

**CCI** analysis endpoints have been clarified to used CDSD.

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