## Safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetic characterisation of DACRA KBP-042 in healthy male subjects

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## Abstract

There is a need for anti-diabetic agents successfully targeting insulin sensitivity and treating obesity control at the same time. The aim of this first-in-human study was 1) to evaluate safety and tolerability; 2) to evaluate pharmacokinetics and 3) to assess indications of receptor engagement of single ascending doses of KBP-042, a Dual Amylin and Calcitonin Receptor Agonists (DACRA) that has shown promising preclinical data, with superior activity in terms of typical amylin-induced responses including reduction of food intake, weight loss and gluco-regulatory capacities. A randomised double-blind placebo-controlled single ascending dose study was performed with six dose levels of KBP-042 (5, 7.5, 10, 20, 20 evening and  $40\mu$ g) in healthy male adults. KBP-042 or placebo was administered as a single dose after an overnight fast, followed by a standardized lunch after four hours. KBP-042 was associated with dose-dependent complaints of nausea and vomiting, with a lack of tolerability at doses of 20µg and above. Doses of 5 to 40 µg KBP-042 were behaved according to a linear pharmacokinetic profile. Indications of target receptor engagement were observed at the level of glucose control and lowering of bone resorption, compared to placebo. The results of this study showed that doses up to 40 µg were safe, although tolerability was not present at the highest doses.

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