Joint neuromonitoring project: Continuous intraoperative neuromonitoring as a microtechnological navigation instrument for surgical procedures with subproject of medical and scientific investigations in the minor pelvis

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
04/03/2010	No longer recruiting	Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
09/04/2010	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
09/04/2010	Surgery	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Study information

Scientific Title

Joint neuromonitoring project: Continuous intraoperative neuromonitoring as a microtechnological navigation instrument for surgical procedures with subproject of medical and scientific investigations in the minor pelvis: An open label, prospective, controlled trial

Acronym

IKONA

Study objectives

Intermittent and continuous intraoperative monitoring of pelvic autonomic nerves during nerve-sparing mesorectal excision minimisess postoperative complications such as urogenital and anorectal dysfunction.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Local ethics committee (Ethik-Kommission der Landesärztekammer Rheinland-Pfalz) approved on the 14th October 2009 (ref: 837.473.08 [6470])

Study design

Open controlled prospective clinical single centre study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Intraoperative nerve monitoring

Interventions

Experimental intervention:

Nerve-sparing mesorectal excision with both intermittent and continuous intraoperative monitoring of pelvic autonomic nerves in patients with rectal cancer. Prospective evaluation of urogenital and anorectal function postoperatively. The inferior hypogastric plexus and pelvic splanchnic nerves are identified and electrodes are placed to ensure the continuous subliminal application of electricity. The stimulation response is assessed based on electromyogram (EMG) signals from the internal anal sphincter and manometry of the urinary bladder.

Duration of intervention per patient:

Neuromonitoring is associated with an expected extension in operative time of approximately 20 to 40 minutes. The total duration of follow up will be approximately 3 weeks.

Intervention Type

Procedure/Surgery

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Examination of functionality of continuous intraoperative monitoring of pelvic autonomic nerves during nerve-sparing mesorectal excision in rectal cancer patients

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Examination of functionality of selective identification and intermittent intraoperative monitoring of pelvic autonomic nerves during nerve-sparing mesorectal excision in rectal cancer patients
- 2. Comparison of neurostimulation results with the observed clinical data
- 2.1. Preoperative data:
- 2.1.1. Anamnesis
- 2.1.2. Indication for operation
- 2.1.3. Clinical staging
- 2.1.4. Standardised questionnaires:
- 2.1.4.1. International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS)
- 2.1.4.2. Quality of Life (QoL)
- 2.1.4.3. Cleveland Clinic Incontinence Score (CCIS)
- 2.1.4.4. Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) assessment for anal continence
- 2.1.4.5. International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF)
- 2.1.4.6. Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI)
- 2.1.5. Sonographic assessment of the residual volume
- 2.2. Intraoperative data:
- 2.2.1. Macroscopic assessment of pelvic autonomic nerve preservation
- 2.2.2. Intraoperative complications
- 2.2.3. Assessment of stimulation probes
- 2.3. Postoperative data:
- 2.3.1. Pathological staging
- 2.3.2. Standardised questionnaires (IPSS, Qol, CCIS, MSKCC, IIEF, FSFI)
- 2.3.3. Date of removal of suprapubic or indwelling catheter
- 2.3.4. Need for recatheterisation
- 2.3.5. Sonographic assessment of the residual volume
- 2.3.6. Postoperative complications

Completion date

01/03/2011

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Histologically confirmed carcinoma of the rectum
- 2. Curative or palliative rectal resection, abdomino-perineal rectal extirpation, multivisceral resection
- 3. Male or female, aged greater than or equal to 18 years
- 4. Signed declaration of consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Emergency operation
- 2. Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEM)
- 3. Pacemaker
- 4. General contraindications for operation
- 5. Missing data on urogenital and anorectal function
- 6. Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Date of first enrolment

01/03/2010

Date of final enrolment

01/03/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Germany

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

University Medical Centre of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (Germany)

ROR

https://ror.org/00q1fsf04

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium Fur Bildung und Forschung [BMBF]) (Germany)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes