

# Chlorambucil versus chlorambucil plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in malt lymphoma

<b>Submission date</b> 18/06/2010	<b>Recruitment status</b> No longer recruiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospectively registered <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol
<b>Registration date</b> 18/06/2010	<b>Overall study status</b> Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical analysis plan <input type="checkbox"/> Results
<b>Last Edited</b> 19/10/2018	<b>Condition category</b> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual participant data <input type="checkbox"/> Record updated in last year

## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-trial-looking-at-chlorambucil-alone-rituximab-alone-or-chlorambucil-and-rituximab-together-for-malt-lymphoma>

## Contact information

### Type(s)

Scientific

### Contact name

Mrs Louisa Little

### Contact details

MP131, University of Southampton Clinical Trials Unit  
Tremona Road  
Southampton  
United Kingdom  
SO16 6YD  
+44 23 8120 5331  
lal@soton.ac.uk

## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

1294

## Study information

Scientific Title

Multi-centre randomised trial of chlorambucil versus chlorambucil plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in extranodal marginal zone b-cell lymphoma of mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (malt lymphoma)

## **Acronym**

IELSG19/MALT Trial

## **Study objectives**

The aim of the study is to assess the therapeutic activity and the safety of the combination of chlorambucil and rituximab in mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphomas and to determine whether the addition of rituximab to chlorambucil will improve the outcome of MALT lymphoma in comparison to treatment with chlorambucil alone. Also to compare the anti-tumor activity and safety of rituximab alone versus chlorambucil alone.

## **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

## **Ethics approval(s)**

South East Multi-Centre Research Ethics Committee, 30/04/2003 (ref: 03/1/031). Amendment approved on the 30/10/2006.

## **Study design**

Multicentre randomised interventional treatment trial

## **Primary study design**

Interventional

## **Study type(s)**

Treatment

## **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Topic: National Cancer Research Network; Subtopic: Lymphoma; Disease: Lymphoma (non-Hodgkin's)

## **Interventions**

ARM A: Chlorambucil 6 mg/m<sup>2</sup> daily orally (p.o.) for 42 consecutive days (weeks 1 - 6)

ARM B: Chlorambucil 6 mg/m<sup>2</sup> daily p.o. for 42 consecutive days (weeks 1 - 6) and rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenous (iv) on days 1, 8, 15, 22 during the first month (4 weekly doses)

ARM C: Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv on days 1, 8, 15, 22 during the first month (4 weekly doses)

Study entry: single randomisation only

## **Intervention Type**

Drug

## **Phase**

Phase III

## **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Chlorambucil, rituximab

## **Primary outcome(s)**

Event-free-survival (EFS) (failure or death from any cause) for all patients

## **Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Complete and partial remission rates for all patients
2. Response duration (time to relapse or progression) for responder patients
3. Progression-free-survival (PFS) (disease progression or death from lymphoma: for all patients
4. Overall survival for all patients
5. Acute and long-term toxicity

## **Completion date**

30/06/2010

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

To be eligible for inclusion in this trial, patients must fulfill all the following criteria:

1. Histologically proven diagnosis of CD20-positive marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT type arisen at any extranodal site
2. Any stage (Ann Arbor I - IV)
3. Either de novo, or relapsed disease following local therapy (including surgery, radiotherapy and antibiotics for H. pylori-positive gastric lymphoma)
4. No evidence of histologic transformation to a high grade lymphoma
5. Measurable or evaluable disease
6. Aged greater than 18 years
7. Life expectancy of at least 1 year
8. Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0 - 2
9. No prior diagnosis of neoplasm within 5 years, except cervical intraepithelial neoplasia type 1 (CIN1) or localised non-melanomatous skin cancer
10. No prior chemotherapy
11. No prior immunotherapy with any anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody
12. No prior radiotherapy in the last 6 weeks
13. No corticosteroids during the last 28 days, unless prednisone chronically administered at a dose less than 20 mg/day for indications other than lymphoma or lymphoma-related symptoms
14. No evidence of clinically significant cardiac disease, as defined by history of symptomatic ventricular arrhythmias, congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction within 12 months before study entry
15. No evidence of symptomatic central nervous system (CNS) disease
16. No impairment of bone marrow function (white blood cells [WBC] greater than  $3.0 \times 10^9/L$ , absolute neutrophil count [ANC] greater than  $1.5 \times 10^9/L$ , platelets [PLT] greater than  $100 \times 10^9/L$ ), unless due to lymphoma involvement
17. No major impairment of renal function (serum creatinine less than 1.5 x upper normal) or liver function (aspartate aminotransferase [ASAT]/alanine aminotransferase [ALAT] less than 2.5 upper normal, total bilirubin less than 2.5 x upper normal), unless due to lymphoma involvement
18. No evidence of active opportunistic infections
19. No known human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection
20. No active hepatitis B virus (HBV) and/or hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection
21. No pregnant or lactating status
22. Appropriate contraceptive method in women of childbearing potential or men
23. Absence of any psychological, familial, sociological or geographical condition potentially hampering compliance with the study protocol and follow-up schedule; those conditions should

be discussed with the patient before registration in the trial  
24. Informed consent must be given according to national/local regulations before randomisation

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Does not meet inclusion criteria

**Date of first enrolment**

01/08/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2010

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**

MP131, University of Southampton Clinical Trials Unit

Southampton

United Kingdom

SO16 6YD

**Sponsor information****Organisation**

Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/0485axj58>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Research organisation

### Funder Name

International Extranodal Lymphoma Study Group (UK)

## 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?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>				No	Yes