

A study to assess the effects of enobosarm on early breast cancer

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

A window of opportunity study to assess the biological effects of enobosarm in oestrogen receptor positive, androgen receptor positive early breast cancer

Acronym

EMERALD

Study objectives

The aim of this study is to determine the effect of enobosarm, a selective androgen receptor modulator, using a "window of opportunity study" in women with early breast cancer.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

North West – Haydock Research Ethics Committee, 28/12/2016, ref: 16/NW/0807

Study design

Randomised; Interventional; Design type: Treatment, Drug

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Specialty: Cancer, Primary sub-specialty: Breast Cancer; UKCRC code/ Disease: Cancer/ Malignant neoplasm of breast

Interventions

Current interventions as of 24/09/2018:

Patients are screened, consented and then randomised onto the trial using the LCTUs TARDIS (Treatment Allocation Randomisation System) which for EMERALD uses randomly permuted blocks based on stratified lists to a ratio of 3:1 (treatment : standard of care).

Treatment arm: Patients will take 9 mg of enobosarm capsules orally every day for 14 (+4) days, before pre-scheduled surgery/research core biopsy (within 24 hours of last dose). Patients will be followed up for 14 days after surgery/research core biopsy for adverse events. Blood (20 ml or about 4 teaspoons) will be taken at the Baseline Visit (Day 1) and the Tissue Collection Visit (Day 14). The sample from the core biopsy (FFPE block) will be requested to measure Ki67 at baseline and a sample (FFPE block) will be taken from the surgical specimen/research core biopsy specimen.

Standard care arm: Patients will have their pre-scheduled surgery/research core biopsy as planned after 14 (+4) days. Blood (20 ml or about 4 teaspoons) will be taken at the Baseline Visit (Day 1) and the Tissue Collection Visit (Day 14). The sample from the core biopsy (FFPE block) will be requested to measure Ki67 at baseline and a sample (FFPE block) will be taken from the surgical specimen/research core biopsy specimen.

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Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Phase II

Primary outcome(s)

Current primary outcome measure as of 24/09/2018:

Change in the proliferation marker Ki67 (% positive tumour cells) determined by tissue immunohistochemistry at baseline and 2 weeks.

Previous primary outcome measure:

Reduction in the proliferation marker Ki67 (% positive tumour cells) determined by tissue immunohistochemistry at baseline and 2 weeks.

Key secondary outcome(s)

Current secondary outcome measures as of 24/09/2018:

1. Amount of cleaved caspase 3 determined by tissue immunohistochemistry at baseline and two weeks
2. Expression of PSA, Gross Cystic Disease Fluid Proteins (GCDFP)-24 &-15; PgR, GREB1 by tissue immunohistochemistry at baseline and two weeks
3. Amount in serum levels of circulating steroidogenic hormones oestradiol, oestrone, oestrone sulfate, androstenedione, follicle stimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone, DHT, progesterone, sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG) and total testosterone in blood determined by blood assay at baseline and two weeks; free testosterone to be derived from SHBG and total testosterone
4. Amount in serum levels of PSA and steroidogenic hormones determined by blood assay at baseline and two weeks

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4. Amount in plasma levels of PSA and steroidogenic hormones determined by blood assay at baseline and two weeks

Completion date

31/05/2019

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Current inclusion criteria as of 24/09/2018:

1. Females 16 years of age or older
2. Histologically confirmed ER positive breast cancer (Allred ≥ 3)
3. AnR positive breast cancer (defined as $\geq 10\%$ nuclear AnR staining by immunohistochemistry)
4. Any HER2 status
5. Tumour measuring ≥ 14 mm in longest diameter by ultrasound (US) examination, MRI or mammogram
6. Postmenopausal as defined by one of the following criteria:
 - 6.1. Women ≥ 55 years of age with an intact uterus and amenorrhoea ≥ 12 months at the time of diagnosis (or documented or current FSH and oestradiol levels within the postmenopausal range (as per local institutional/laboratory standard))
 - 6.2. Prior bilateral oophorectomy
 - 6.3. Documented or current FSH and oestradiol levels within the postmenopausal range (as per local institutional/laboratory standard) in women aged < 55 years or in women who have had a hysterectomy with intact ovaries

7. Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0, 1 or 2
8. Adequate renal function defined by a serum creatinine $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$. Adequate liver function defined by total bilirubin $\leq 1.5 \text{ ULN}$ (patients with Gilbert's Syndrome exempted), either ALT or AST $\leq 2.5 \text{ ULN}$ and ALP $\leq 2.5 \text{ ULN}$
9. Acceptable risk of bleeding (e.g. bleeding diathesis, warfarin) as assessed by the PI (if the PI is unsure the CI will make the final decision)
10. Written informed consent
11. Able to comply with treatment and follow up

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Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

Current exclusion criteria as of 24/09/2018:

1. Inoperable breast cancer
2. Males
3. Inflammatory tumours

4. Evidence of metastatic disease
5. Any history of invasive malignancy within 5 years of starting study treatment (other than adequately treated basal cell carcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma of the skin and cervical carcinoma in situ)
6. Prior endocrine therapy of chemotherapy for breast cancer
7. Concomitant use (defined as use within 12 weeks prior to entry) of HRT or any other oestrogen-containing medication or supplement (including vaginal oestrogens and phytoestrogens)
8. Previous use of oestrogen implants within the last 12 weeks
9. Uncontrolled abnormalities of serum potassium, sodium, calcium or magnesium levels
10. Evidence of uncontrolled active infection
11. Evidence of significant medical condition or laboratory finding which, in the opinion of the investigator, makes it undesirable for the patient to participate in the trial
12. Participation in a clinical trial of an IMP in the last 30 days

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Date of first enrolment

01/03/2017

Date of final enrolment

28/02/2019

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Funder Name
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Funding Body Type
Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype
Other non-profit organizations

Location
United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are/will be available upon request following the process laid out on the LCTU website here or LCTU.org.uk > About the LCTU > Data Sharing.

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
HRA research summary			28/06/2023	No	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
Protocol file	version 6.0	17/05/2021	09/01/2023	No	No