

# The ACCEPT study

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/find-a-clinical-trial/a-trial-of-acalabrutinib-with-r-chop-for-people-with-diffuse-large-b-cell-lymphoma-accept>

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Nil known

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CPMS 33203

## **Study information**

### **Scientific Title**

A Phase Ib/II combination trial of acalabrutinib with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisolone (R-CHOP) for patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)

### **Acronym**

ACCEPT

### **Study objectives**

The aim of this study is to determine a suitable tolerated dose and efficacy of acalabrutinib in combination with standard R-CHOP immunochemotherapy to treat patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLCL).

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

South Central - Berkshire Research Ethics Committee, 26/01/2017, ref :16/SC/0657

### **Study design**

Non-randomized; Interventional; Design type: Treatment, Screening, Diagnosis, Drug

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

### **Interventions**

A multicentre open-label non-randomised phase Ib/II clinical trial conducted in two stages recruiting approximately 40 patients.

### Phase I Dose Escalation Cohort 1

The first 6 patients registered (cohort 1) will receive a first cycle of R-CHOP. Acalabrutinib, at a starting dose of 100 mg od, will be added from cycle 2 to 6. This will be followed by cycles 7 and 8 of acalabrutinib only 100mg od for 28 days for each cycle. Dose escalation to 200 mg daily (100 mg bd) of acalabrutinib will be decided by the Safety Review Committee based on safety data and patients' compliance assessment

### Phase I Dose Escalation Cohort 2

The first 6 patients of cohort 2 will start acalabrutinib + R-CHOP at the daily dose of 200mg administered as 100mg bd from cycle 2 after the Safety Review Committee has approved dose escalation based on all the safety data from cohort 1. the Safety Review Committee will assess the safety of 200mg. If one or two instances of DLT is observed among the initial six patients of cohort 2, the cohort will be expanded to a further six patients. Depending on tolerability as set out, cohort 2 patients should receive cycle 1 of R-CHOP, cycles 2-6 R-CHOP plus acalabrutinib and then cycles 7 and 8 of acalabrutinib only at 200mg administered as 100mg bd.

If a DLT attributable to acalabrutinib occurs, acalabrutinib will be withheld for that patient and reintroduced at 100 mg od when toxicity has resolved to < grade 1, all other patients will continue at acalabrutinib dosage of 200mg. If  $\geq 3$ DLTs are attributable to acalabrutinib in the initial six patients acalabrutinib will be withheld from the patient(s) who have suffered the DLT and reintroduced at 100 mg od after toxicity has resolved to < grade 1 and all other patients dosage will be decreased to 100 mg od.

When all patients have completed all 6 cycles of therapy, the Safety Review Committee will review patients' compliance assessment, PK/PD measurements if available and safety data, including the identified MTD and MAD, to determine the recommended dose for Phase II (RP2D) which will be a dose where  $\leq 33\%$  of patients had a DLT.

### Phase II

Fifteen patients will be recruited for stage 2 of the study. Following informed consent, they will receive 6 cycles of conventionally dosed R-CHOP with the addition of acalabrutinib at the RP2D on cycle 2 onwards.

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Phase I/II

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

Acalabrutinib

### Primary outcome(s)

Phase I

1. Dose limiting toxicity of acalabrutinib combined to R-CHOP is measured using a physical examination, vital signs, laboratory tests FBC, renal and liver function, ECOG, at baseline and for all cycles and repeated for specific cycles day 8 and day 15 for cycle 2 and day 8 at cycle 4.\*

Phase II

1. Overall response rate of the combination acalabrutinib and R-CHOP is measured using PET/CT at baseline, cycle 7, month 12, month 24 End of treatment using the Lugano classification for NHL

2. Safety of the combination acalabrutinib and R-CHOP is measured using a physical examination, vital signs, laboratory tests FBC, renal and liver function, ECOG at baseline and for all cycles and repeated for specific cycles day 8 and day 15 for cycle 2 and day 8 at cycle 4.\*

\*There will be 8 cycles if chemotherapy administered. Cycle 1-6 will be 21 days and Cycle 7 and 8 will be 28 days Acalabrutinib will be administered from cycle 2 and will be taken from cycle 2 to cycle 7.

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

1. Pharmacokinetic of acalabrutinib, AUC, Cmax, Tmax, half-life T1/2 and other PK parameter is measured using serum concentration taken at cycle 2, Day 1, day 8 and day 15 half hour before the administration of acalabrutinib. Once acalabrutinib is administered serum concentration will be taken 45 mins, 1 hour, 2 hours and 8 hours and once again before acalabrutinib is administered at cycle 3
2. Overall response rate of the combination acalabrutinib and R-CHOP according to cell of origin is measured using of BCR DNA extracted from tumour material will be used to perform mutation detection on BCR pathway (eg Btk, PI3K, CD79b). Genetic abnormalities of BCR pathway will be correlated with clinical outcomes and the expression pathway target genes at baseline
3. Two years progression-free survival rate is measured using CT at 24 months
4. Two years overall survival rate is measured using CT at 24 months

### **Completion date**

30/06/2022

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Histologically confirmed DLBCL, expressing CD20. Sufficient diagnostic material should be available to forward to a central laboratory for gene expression profiling and pathology review
2. Measurable disease of at least 15mm
3. Not previously treated for lymphoma and fit enough to receive combination chemoimmunotherapy with curative intent
4. Stage IAX (bulk defined as lymph node diameter >10cm) to stage IV disease and deemed to require a full course of chemotherapy. Patients with non-bulky IE disease are not eligible
5. ECOG performance status 0-2 or 3 if this is directly attributable to lymphoma
6. Adequate bone marrow function with platelets > 100x10<sup>9</sup>/L; neutrophils > 1.0x10<sup>9</sup>/L at study entry, unless lower figures are attributable to lymphoma
7. Measured or calculated creatinine clearance > 30mls/min, (calculated using the formula of Cockcroft and Gault [(140-Age) x Mass (kg)x(1.04 (for women) or 1.23 (for men))/Serum Creatinine (umol/L)]
8. Serum bilirubin < 35µmol/L and transaminases < 2.5x upper limit of normal at time of study entry
9. Cardiac function sufficient to tolerate 300mg/m<sup>2</sup> of doxorubicin. A pre-treatment echocardiogram or MUGA is required to establish baseline LVEF equal to or greater than 55%
10. No concurrent uncontrolled medical condition
11. Life expectancy > 3 months
12. Aged 16 years or above
13. Willing and able to participate in all required evaluations and procedures in this study protocol including swallowing capsules without difficulty
14. Ability to understand the purpose and risks of the study and provide signed and dated informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

16 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

38

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Previous history of treated or untreated indolent lymphoma. However newly diagnosed patients with DLBCL who are found to also have small cell infiltration of the bone marrow or other diagnostic material (discordant lymphoma) will be eligible
2. Diagnosis of primary mediastinal lymphoma
3. Diagnosis of primary Central Nervous System lymphoma.
4. History of stroke or intracranial haemorrhage in preceding 6 months
5. History of bleeding diathesis (eg. haemophilia, von Willebrand disease)
6. Requires or receiving anticoagulation with warfarin or equivalent antagonists (eg. phenprocoumon) within 7 days of first dose of acalabrutinib. However patients using therapeutic low molecule weight heparin or low dose aspirin will be eligible
7. Prior exposure to a BCR inhibitor(eg. Btk inhibitors, phosphoinositide-3 kinase (PI3K), or Syk inhibitors) or BCL-2 inhibitor (eg. ABT-199)
8. Requires treatment with a strong cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4) inhibitor/inducer
9. Requires treatment with proton pump inhibitors (eg, omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, dexlansoprazole, rabeprazole, or pantoprazole). Patients receiving proton pump inhibitors who switch to short-acting H2-receptor antagonists or antacids are eligible for enrolment into this study.
10. Uncontrolled systemic infection
11. Major surgery in the preceding 4 weeks of first dose of study drug. If a subject had major surgery, they must have recovered adequately from any toxicity and/or complications from the intervention before the first dose of study drug
12. Significant cardiovascular disease such as uncontrolled or symptomatic arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, or myocardial infarction within 6 months of screening, or any Class 3 or 4 cardiac disease as defined by the New York Heart Association Functional Classification, or corrected QT interval (QTc) > 480 msec at screening.
13. Serological positivity for Hepatitis B, C, or known HIV infection. As per standard of care, prior to initiation of immunochemotherapy, the results of hepatitis serology should be known prior to commencement of therapy. - Positive test results for chronic HBV infection (defined as positive HBsAg serology) will not be eligible. Patients with occult or prior HBV infection (defined as negative HBsAg and positive total HBcAb) will not be eligible. Patients who have protective titres of hepatitis B surface antibody (HBsAb) after vaccination will be eligible. - Positive test

results for hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody serology will not be eligible.

14. Women who are sexually active and can bear children must agree to use highly effective forms of contraception during the study and for 90 days after the last dose of acalabrutinib. Highly effective forms of contraception are defined in Section 4.7 14. Breastfeeding or pregnant

15. Men who are sexually active and can potentially father children must agree to use highly effective forms of contraception during the study and for 90 days after the last dose of acalabrutinib. Highly effective forms of contraception are defined in Section 4.7

16. Men must agree to refrain from sperm donation during the study and for 90 days after the last dose of study drug.

17. Serious medical or psychiatric illness likely to affect participation or that may compromise the ability to give informed consent

18. Prior malignancy (other than DLBCL), except for adequately treated basal cell or squamous cell skin cancer, in situ cervical cancer, or other cancer from which the subject has been disease free for  $\geq 2$  years or which will not limit survival to  $< 2$  years. Note: these cases must be discussed with SCTU

19. Malabsorption syndrome, disease significantly affecting gastrointestinal function, resection of the stomach or small bowel, gastric bypass, symptomatic inflammatory bowel disease, or partial or complete bowel obstruction or gastric restrictions and bariatric surgery, such as gastric bypass

20. Any immunotherapy within 4 weeks of 1st dose of the study

21. Concurrent participation in another therapeutic clinical trial

**Date of first enrolment**

01/04/2017

**Date of final enrolment**

02/01/2020

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# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The data sharing plans for the current study are unknown and will be made available at a later date.

## IPD sharing plan summary

Data sharing statement to be made available at a later date

## Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	07/08/2020	26/10/2020	Yes	No
<a href="#">HRA research summary</a>			28/06/2023	No	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes