A prospective, single-centre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to assess the analgesic effects of one-week treatment with anti-tumour necrotising factor (TNF) in patients with lower back and leg pain

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
29/09/2006	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
29/09/2006	Completed	☐ Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
07/10/2014	Musculoskeletal Diseases	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number N0205172997

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

To establish if there is any acute analgesic effect of anti-tumour necrotising factor (TNF) treatment in patients with lower back and leg pain.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Prospective single-centre randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Lower back and leg pain

Interventions

Patients are randomised to:

- 1. One week treatment with anti-tumour necrotising factor (TNF)
- 2. One week treatment with placebo

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Anti-TNF

Primary outcome(s)

Severity of pain as identified by Visual Analogue Scale (VAS).

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

10/05/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Patients must be willing and able to give written informed consent prior to admission to the study
- 2. Patients must be American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) grade I III
- 3. Patients must be aged 18 65 years
- 4. Patients must be scheduled to undergo epidural steroid injection (ESI) for lower back pain of more than one month's duration and up to nine months
- 5. Patients must have had a chest X-ray prior to admission to the study, within the last six months
- 6. Females of the childbearing age must have a negative urine pregnancy test on the day of the study, and be using an acceptable method of contraception

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Αll

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. A history of diabetes mellitus
- 2. A history of uncontrolled chronic disease
- 3. Evidence of immunosupression (including current steroid treatment), immunodeficiency or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) positive status
- 4. History of tuberculosis (TB)
- 5. Pain for less than one month or more than nine months duration
- 6. Previous back surgery
- 7. Previous chronic pain interventions
- 8. Presence of any of the following:
- 8.1. Recent bowel or bladder disturbance
- 8.2. Motor deficit
- 8.3. Saddle anaesthesia
- 8.4. Suspected malignancy (primary or secondary)
- 9. Any other back pain 'red flag' symptoms and signs, identified by the patient's clinicians or the study investigators
- 10. A history of spinal or neurological disease
- 11. A history of congestive cardiac failure
- 12. Known hypersensitivity to anti-TNF
- 13. A history of previous administration of anti-TNF

- 14. Any contraindications to anti-TNF in the Summary of Product Characteristics
- 15. Pregnancy or lactation
- 16. Patients who are unwilling or unable to conform to the protocol

Date of first enrolment

11/11/2005

Date of final enrolment

10/05/2007

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre
Pain Research Group
London
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Sponsor information

Organisation

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Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Barts and The London NHS Trust (UK)

Funder Name

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) (UK)

Alternative Name(s)

QMUL

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Universities (academic only)

Location

United Kingdom

Funder Name

NHS R&D Support Funding (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration