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DANTE: Duration of Anti-PD1 therapy for melanoma

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Study information

Scientific Title
DANTE: A randomised phase III trial to evaluate the Duration of ANti-PD1 monoclonal antibody Treatment in patients with metastatic mElanoma

Acronym
DANTE

Study objectives
This trial aims to determine whether anti-PD1 monotherapy to treat advanced melanoma can be stopped after 1 year, rather than the current standard practice (i.e. continuing to treat until disease progression/unacceptable toxicity, or for at least 2 years), and achieve and maintain as good an outcome (in terms of the cancer coming back).

The hypothesis is that continuing treatment beyond 1 year is unnecessary, as there is no biological evidence that justifies continuous therapy; many responses occur in the first year and can continue even after treatment is stopped. Also, continuing treatment exposes patients to an increased risk of developing immune-related toxicities and is a considerable burden to patients and the National Health Service.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
East Midlands – Leicester South Research Ethics Committee, 18/01/2018, ref: 17/EM/0440

Study design
Randomised; Interventional; Design type: Treatment, Drug, Immunotherapy, Active Monitoring

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Metastatic melanoma

Interventions
Population: Patients with advanced (unresectable stage III or IV) melanoma who are due to start (or are within 12 months of starting) anti-PD1 monotherapy as their 1st line treatment

Consenting patients will be registered with the CTRU within the first 12 months of starting anti-PD1 monotherapy. The registration phase is not considered part of this clinical trial. Patients will receive anti-PD1 monotherapy and undergo monitoring and scans as per standard of care. When they are approaching 12 months of treatment, patients who have not progressed and remain on treatment will be approached for formal eligibility assessment and be consented for randomisation into the trial.

Baseline (pre-randomisation) assessments:
1. CT scan at 12 months post start of treatment (standard practice)
2. Quality of life and health economics questionnaire completion

Intervention: Stop anti-PD1 therapy at randomisation (12 months after starting therapy)
Comparator (control): Continue anti-PD1 therapy until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity (or a minimum of 2 years in the absence of progression/unacceptable toxicity)

Follow-up assessments
1. Every 3 months for the first 12 months post randomisation, then every 6 months in years 2 to 4 post-randomisation. A CT and/or MRI scan will be performed at each timepoint (standard practice)
2. Patients will complete quality of life and health economic questionnaires every 3 months until 18 months post-randomisation

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Phase IV

Primary outcome(s)
Progression-free survival is measured according to RECIST v1.1 at 12 months post-randomisation, using the pre-randomisation (12 month post-start of treatment) scan as the baseline

Key secondary outcome(s))
1. Quality of life is measured using the participant self-reported EORTC QLQ-C30, QLQ-MEL38 and the EQ-5D-5L questionnaires at baseline (pre-randomisation), 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18 months post-randomisation (key secondary outcome)
2. Overall survival is calculated from the date of randomisation to the date of death from any cause, or the date last known to be alive for patients who are not known to have died
3. Objective response rate is measured according to RECIST v1.1 at 12 months post-randomisation of the final participant, using the pre-randomisation (12 month post-start of treatment) scan as the baseline
4. Best tumour response rate is measured according to RECIST v1.1 at 12 months post-randomisation of the final participant, using the pre-randomisation (12 month post-start of treatment) scan as the baseline
5. Duration of response is measured according to RECIST v1.1 at 12 months post-randomisation of the final participant, using the pre-randomisation (12 month post-start of treatment) scan as the baseline
6. Safety and toxicity is measured according to CTCAE v5.0 at 12 months and 4 years post-randomisation of the final participant
7. Cost-effectiveness is measured using the incremental cost effectiveness ratio (ICER) and compared against the NICE threshold of £20,000 per QALY. This will be done both within trial (using data collected to 18 months post-randomisation) and across patient lifetime using a Markov model (at 4 years post-randomisation of the final participant

Completion date
15/10/2024

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Eligibility for REGISTRATION
1. Histologically or cytologically confirmed unresectable AJCC stage III or stage IV (metastatic) melanoma, including cutaneous and non-cutaneous melanoma
2. Aged ≥ 18 years
3. Planned or currently receiving (<12 months) treatment with first-line pembrolizumab or nivolumab
4. Written informed consent for registration

Inclusion criteria for RANDOMISATION
1. Registered in DANTE
2. Progression-free by RECIST v1.1 criteria at 12 months (+/- 4 weeks) from the start of pembrolizumab or nivolumab
3. 12 months (+/- 4 weeks) from start of pembrolizumab or nivolumab
4. ECOG performance status 0-2
5. Considered fit by the treating clinician to continue to receive ongoing treatment with pembrolizumab or nivolumab
6. Written informed consent for randomisation

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 years

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
Exclusion criteria for RANDOMISATION
1. Severe comorbidities, including severe autoimmune disease or pneumonitis
2. Active infection requiring systemic therapy
3. Known history of HIV, hepatitis B or C
4. Other malignancy within past 5 years, excluding adequately treated Stage 1 or Stage 2 basal /squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, carcinoma in situ of the cervix or breast, or other in situ cancers
5. Pregnant, breast-feeding or patients with reproductive potential (female and male) unwilling to use adequate contraception while receiving anti-PD1 therapy and for 6 months after the last dose. Women of reproductive potential are defined as: following menarche and until becoming post-menopausal, unless permanently sterile. Men of reproductive potential are defined as: post-pubescent and not sterile by vasectomy or bilateral orchidectomy.
6. Prior systemic treatment for advanced melanoma, including ipilimumab and combination ipilimumab and nivolumab, other than BRAF and MEK inhibitors and the current treatment for advanced melanoma. Prior adjuvant or neo-adjuvant therapy is allowed as long as it was completed at least 12 months prior to starting anti-PD1 therapy
7. Treated brain metastases with MRI evidence of progression and/or requirement for high

doses of systemic corticosteroids that could result in immunosuppression (> 10 mg/day prednisolone equivalents)
8. Untreated brain metastases that are symptomatic and/or require local intervention (surgery, radiosurgery, corticosteroid therapy) or other systemic therapy

Date of first enrolment
13/08/2018

Date of final enrolment
15/09/2023

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

Northern Ireland

Scotland

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United Kingdom

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?
Protocol article		01/07/2021	05/07/2021	Yes	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023	No	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes