

# Intravenous iron treatment in patients with heart failure and iron deficiency: IRONMAN

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Current plain English summary as of 16/03/2022:

### Background and study aims

Chronic heart failure (CHF) is a long-term condition where the heart has become weakened and isn't able to pump blood around the body effectively. Chronic heart failure (CHF) is a very common problem. Despite improvements in treatment, many patients suffer limiting symptoms of shortness of breath and fatigue (extreme tiredness). Many patients with CHF have iron deficiency, meaning that the iron levels in their blood are too low or they are unable to utilise iron properly. This is associated with poor health outcomes, as iron is vital for the transport of oxygen around the body by red blood cells. The aim of this study is to find out whether treating iron-deficient CHF patients with intravenous (through a vein) iron is an effective way of reducing death due to circulatory system problems, and hospitalisation due to heart failure.

### Who can participate?

Adults with chronic heart failure and iron deficiency.

### What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to one of two groups. On the formal study visit, those in the first group receive iron through a drip at an individual dosage calculated from their height, weight and current iron levels. This takes around 15-30 minutes and participants need to stay in the clinic for around 30 minutes before going home. The whole visit takes between 1.5-2 hours. Those in the second group do not receive any iron and have blood tests at the formal study visit only. This takes between 1-1.5 hours. For those in both groups, subsequent study visits are arranged at 4 weeks and then three times a year for the rest of the study (between 3 months and 5.5 years). At these follow-up visits, participants undergo a clinical assessment (including checking weight, blood pressure and pulse) and are asked about their symptoms, medication and any medical problems since the last visit as well as completing a quality of life questionnaire.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

If the iron treatment is successful and iron deficiency improves or is completely resolved, participants may feel better. There is no guarantee that a benefit will be felt by participants, however. Nevertheless, results from this study may provide information which will help us to treat heart failure patients with iron deficiency more successfully in the future. Participants may

experience side effects related to the iron therapy but these are rare. Initial screening tests may reveal a medical problem which may mean the participant can't be entered into the study. Blood sampling is a part of this study and may cause minor discomfort and bruising.

Where is the study run from?

Queen Alexandra Hospital (lead site) and around 64 other NHS hospitals (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

July 2015 to August 2022

Who is funding the study?

1. British Heart Foundation (UK)
2. Pharmacosmos UK Ltd. (UK)

Who is the main contact?

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2015-004196-73

**ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)**

NCT02642562

**Protocol serial number**

31982

## Study information

## **Scientific Title**

Effectiveness of intravenous iron treatment vs standard care in patients with heart failure and iron deficiency: a randomised, open-label multicentre trial (IRONMAN)

## **Acronym**

IRONMAN

## **Study objectives**

The aim of this study is to establish in patients with chronic heart failure and iron deficiency whether treatment with intravenous iron is effective in reducing death due to cardiovascular problems, and hospitalisation due to heart failure.

## **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

## **Ethics approval(s)**

East Midlands - Leicester South Research Ethics Committee, 25/02/2016, ref: 15/EM/0551

## **Study design**

Randomized interventional

## **Primary study design**

Interventional

## **Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Heart failure and iron deficiency

## **Interventions**

Current intervention as of 16/03/2022:

Participants are randomised to one of two groups. All participants will be involved in the study for an average approximately 4 years (event driven trial, expected maximum around 5.5 years, minimum around 3 months – anticipated 5 years recruitment and a projected further minimum 3 months of treatments/assessments, giving a range of projected patient participation of around 3 months – 5.5 years). All participants will be seen at 4 weeks and then every 4 months for study duration.

Intervention arm: Participants will receive an injection at the first formal study visit. The iron (ferric derisomaltose) is given intravenously as an infusion over 15-30 minutes and the dosage that is required is calculated according to participant weight and blood tests (calculated by electronic case record form, eCRF). The participant will then need to stay in the clinic for another 30 minutes before going home. This whole visit will take around 1.5 to 2 hours. Subsequent study visits will be arranged at around 4 weeks and then every 4 months (that is three times a year) until the study finishes. Blood will be tested at, or before, each study visit. At each visit there will be a clinical assessment (including checking weight, blood pressure, pulse) and the research team will ask about symptoms, medication and any medical problems since the last visit. A quality of life questionnaire will be completed (a second questionnaire and a walking test for 6 minutes will be offered at two further time points during the study). Each visit will last around 1 hour.

An iron infusion will only be required if iron levels are found to be low; on average we expect this to be around once a year (this will vary between participants – some needing it more often and others less often). The iron injection (Monofer®) will normally be given at a separate appointment although it may sometimes be possible for this to be given on the same day as the study visit. It is anticipated that participants will be in the clinic for around 1.5 to 2 hours for each iron injection.

Standard arm: Participants will not receive the intervention (intravenous iron). Blood will be tested at the formal study visit. This visit will take approximately 1 – 1.5 hours. Subsequent study visits will be arranged at convenient times at around 4 weeks and then every 4 months (that is three times a year) until the study finishes. Blood will be tested at, or before, each study visit. At each visit there will be a clinical assessment (including checking weight, blood pressure, pulse) and the research team will ask about symptoms, medication and any medical problems since the last visit. A quality of life questionnaire will be completed (a second questionnaire and a walking test for 6 minutes will be offered at two further time points during the study). Each visit will last around 1 hour.

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## **Intervention Type**

Drug

## **Phase**

Phase IV

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

Monofer (ferric derisomaltose/iron isomaltoside 1000)

## **Primary outcome(s)**

Current primary outcome measure as of 07/09/2022:

CV mortality or hospitalisation for worsening heart failure is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow-up period (minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited)

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

Current secondary outcome measures as of 07/09/2022:

1. Hospitalisation for worsening heart failure (recurrent events) [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
2. CV hospitalisation (first event) [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
3. CV death or hospitalisation for heart failure analysed as time to first event [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
4. Overall Score from Minnesota Living with Heart Failure [ Time Frame: At 4 months ]
5. Cardiovascular mortality [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
6. Overall EQ-5D VAS [ Time Frame: At 4 months ]
7. Overall EQ-5D index [ Time Frame: At 4 months ]
8. CV mortality or hospitalisation for major CV event (stroke, MI, heart failure) (first event) [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
9. All-cause mortality [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
10. All-cause hospitalisation (first event) [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
11. Combined all-cause mortality or first all-cause unplanned hospitalisation [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]

12. Physical domain of QoL (Minnesota Living With Heart Failure) [ Time Frame: At 4 months ]
13. Physical domain of QoL (Minnesota Living With Heart Failure) [ Time Frame: At 20 months ]
14. Overall EQ-5D VAS [ Time Frame: At 20 months ]
15. Overall EQ-5D index [ Time Frame: At 20 months ]
16. Overall Score from Minnesota Living With Heart Failure [ Time Frame: At 20 months ]
17. Days dead or hospitalised [ Time Frame: At 36 months ]
18. Quality-adjusted days alive and out of hospital [ Time Frame: At 12 months ]
19. 6 minute walk test [ Time Frame: At 4 months ]
20. 6 minute walk test [ Time Frame: At 20 months ]
21. Death due to infection [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]
22. Hospitalisation primarily for infection (first event) [ Time Frame: Minimum of 3 months follow-up from last patient recruited ]

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1. CV mortality is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period (range 3 months - 5.5 years or 4 years on average)
2. Hospitalisation for worsening heart failure (analysis will include first and recurrent hospitalisations) and is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period (range 3 months - 5.5 years or 4 years on average)
3. All-cause mortality is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period (range 3 months - 5.5 years or 4 years on average)
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5. Physical domain of QoL (Minnesota Living With Heart Failure) – this will be the difference between groups at 4 months and also at 20 months. Minnesota Living with Heart Failure is used at these time points to measure QoL.
6. Overall QoL assessment (Minnesota Living With Heart Failure, EQ-5D index and EQ-5D VAS) – this will be the difference between groups at 4 months and also at 20 months. Minnesota Living with Heart Failure and EQ-5D are used at these time points to measure QoL.
7. Combined all-cause mortality or first all-cause unplanned hospitalization is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period (range 3 months - 5.5 years or 4 years on average)
8. Days dead or hospitalised at 3 years (minimum duration of follow-up) is assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period
9. Quality-adjusted days alive and out of hospital at 3 years assessed through review of case notes and reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period
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12. 6-minute walk test - this will be the difference between groups at 4 months and also at 20 months.
13. (Secondary safety) Death due to infection is assessed through review of case notes and

reporting of patient, relative, carer or clinician throughout the follow up period (range 3 months - 5.5 years or 4 years on average)

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Previous secondary outcome measures as of 31/12/2019:

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### **Completion date**

31/08/2022

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

Current inclusion criteria as of 31/05/2018:

1. Aged  $\geq 18$  years
2. LVEF  $< 45\%$  within the prior two years using any conventional imaging modality (this should be the most recent assessment of LVEF)
3. New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II – IV
4. Iron deficient - defined as TSAT  $< 20\%$  and/or ferritin  $< 100$  mcg/l
5. Evidence of being in a higher risk HF group:
  - 5.1. Current (with the expectation that patient will survive to discharge) or recent (within 6 months) hospitalisation for HF (as of 08/10/2018), or
  - 5.2. Out-patients with NT-proBNP  $> 250$  ng/l in sinus rhythm or  $> 1,000$  ng/l in atrial fibrillation (or BNP of  $> 75$  pg/ml or  $300$  pg/ml, respectively)
6. Able and willing to provide informed consent

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**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

1137

**Key exclusion criteria**

Current exclusion criteria as of 31/12/2019:

1. Haematological criteria: ferritin >400ug/l; haemoglobin <9.0, or >13 g/dl in women or >14 g/dl in men; (B12 or folate deficiency should be corrected but do not exclude the patient)
2. MDRD/CKD-EPI estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) <15ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
3. Already planned to receive IV iron
4. Likely to need or already receiving erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESA)
5. Any of the following apply:
  - 5.1. Planned cardiac surgery or revascularisation
  - 5.2. Within 3 months of any of the following: a primary diagnosis of type 1 myocardial infarction (excluding small troponin elevations in the context of heart failure admissions), cerebrovascular accident (CVA), major CV surgery or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), or blood transfusion
  - 5.3. On active cardiac transplant list
  - 5.4. Left ventricular assist device implanted
6. Any of the following comorbidities: active infection (if the patient is suffering from a significant ongoing infection as judged by the investigator recruitment should be postponed until the infection has passed or is controlled by antibiotics), other disease with life expectancy of <2 years, active clinically relevant bleeding in the investigator's opinion, known or suspected gastro-intestinal malignancy
7. Pregnancy, women of childbearing potential (i.e. continuing menstrual cycle) not using effective contraception or breast-feeding women
8. Contraindication to IV iron in the investigator's opinion according to current approved Summary of Product Characteristics:

- 8.1. Hypersensitivity to the active substance, to Monofer® or any of its excipients (water for injections, sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment), hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment))
- 8.2. Known serious hypersensitivity to other parenteral iron products
- 8.3. Non-iron deficiency anaemia (e.g. haemolytic anaemia)
- 8.4. Iron overload or disturbances in utilisation of iron (e.g. haemochromatosis, haemosiderosis)
- 8.5. Decompensated liver disease
9. Participation in another intervention study involving a drug or device within the past 90 days (co-enrolment in observational studies is permitted)

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8. Contraindication to IV iron in the investigator's opinion according to current approved Summary of Product Characteristics:
  - 8.1. Hypersensitivity to the active substance, to Monofer® or any of its excipients (water for injections, sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment), hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment))
  - 8.2. Known serious hypersensitivity to other parenteral iron products
  - 8.3. Non-iron deficiency anaemia (e.g. haemolytic anaemia)
  - 8.4. Iron overload or disturbances in utilisation of iron (e.g. haemochromatosis, haemosiderosis)
  - 8.5. Decompensated liver disease
9. Participation in another intervention study involving a drug or device within the past 90 days (co-enrolment in observational studies is permitted)

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2. MDRD estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) <15ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
3. Chronic defined need for IV iron therapy
4. Likely to need or already receiving erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESA)
5. Any of the following apply: (a) planned cardiac surgery or revascularisation or cardiac device implantation; (b) within 3 months of any of the following: a primary diagnosis of type 1 myocardial infarction (excluding small troponin elevations in the context of heart failure

admissions), cerebrovascular accident (CVA), major CV surgery or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), or blood transfusion; (c) on active cardiac transplant list; (d) left ventricular assist device implanted.

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**Date of first enrolment**

25/08/2016

**Date of final enrolment**

15/10/2021

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# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The data sharing plans for the current study are not fully formulated and will be made available at a later date. However they will be based on the following strategy:

The study database will be held at the Robertson Centre for Biostatistics University of Glasgow. After planned publications have been completed, the study Publications Committee will review applications for additional data analyses, data access, collaborative analyses (eg meta-analyses and pooling projects). In considering these requests, the Publications Committee will take into account the cost of meeting requests, the scientific validity of the requests, overlap with other requests, other legal and ethical issues, patient consent issues and information governance issues.

## 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="#">Results article</a>		17/12/2022	08/09/2023	Yes	No
<a href="#">HRA research summary</a>			28/06/2023	No	No
<a href="#">Study website</a>	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes