Protocol to investigate the effect of cyclooxygenase (COX)-2 inhibition on reducing central sensitisation of pain in osteoarthritis

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

This study aims to assess whether cyclo-oxygenase (COX)-2 selective inhibition by etoricoxib reduces central sensitisation of pain in patients with chronic osteoarthritis (OA) using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) scan.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

St Thomas' Hospital Research Ethics Committee. Date of approval: 23/03/2006

Study design

Non-randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Non randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Treatment

Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Osteoarthritis

Interventions

16 patients will be recruited from the Rheumatology Outpatient Clinic of King's College Hospital. 16 healthy controls will be recruited from the staff and student population at King's College London (32 participants in total).

Interventions: Etoricoxib (oral) 60 mg daily for 2 weeks vs no treatment

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome measure

1. Pressure pain thresholds (PPTs) will be determined using a pressure algometer. Patients will be asked to indicate the site of ongoing pain on a mannequin. This site and the homologous contralateral site will be marked with a pen and noted in the patient record. The pressure pain level will be assessed twice at each site (rate of stimulus increase 50 kPa; probe area 1 cm2) and the average of two perception levels will be calculated as the individual PPT for that site.

2. Functional MRI (fMRI) will be used to assess brain responses to a standardised pain provocation produced by pressure delivered to a non fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) pressure point of the knee. The fMRI evaluation will involve multiple 8 min scans using an event-related design. Pressure stimuli of 2.5 seconds duration will be delivered to the right knee at random intervals varying between 10 and 20 seconds. This will then be repeated for the left knee. The control group will have only one scan.

Assessments will be carried out at baseline and after 2 weeks of treatment with etoricoxib for OA patients. Healthy controls will only complete baseline assessments.

Secondary outcome measures

- 1. Mechanoreceptive function
- 2. Sensitivity to stimulus invoked pain

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Overall study start date

01/09/2008

Completion date

01/03/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

For all participants:

- 1. Both males and females, age >18 years old
- 2. Those who are right handed
- 3. Signed informed consent

For participants with OA:

- 1. Patients with ACR criteria defined OA of the knee
- 2. Radiological OA
- 3. Patients who have been suffering from pain for more than 1 year

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

32

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. History of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients
- 2. Active peptic ulceration or active gastro-intestinal (GI) bleeding
- 3. Patients who have experienced bronchospasm, acute rhinitis, nasal polyps, angioneurotic oedema, urticaria, or allergic-type reactions after taking acetylsalicylic acid or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) including COX-2 inhibitors
- 4. Pregnancy and lactation
- 5. Severe hepatic dysfunction (serum albumin <25 g/l or Child-Pugh score >=10)
- 6. Estimated renal creatinine clearance <30 ml/min
- 7. Inflammatory bowel disease
- 8. Congestive heart failure (New York Heart Association [NYHA] II-IV)
- 9. Patients with hypertension whose blood pressure has not been adequately controlled

Date of first enrolment

01/09/2008

Date of final enrolment

01/03/2009

Locations

Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

Study participating centre Weston Education Centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Kings College London (UK)

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Sponsor type

University/education

Website

http://www.kcl.ac.uk

ROR

https://ror.org/0220mzb33

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Merck Sharp & Dohme Ltd (MSD) (UK)

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Basic results No No