To determine if cardiovascular risk indices including postprandial hypertriglyceridaemia are modified favourably by nicotinic acid (niacin) in patients with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

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Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title

To determine if cardiovascular risk indices including postprandial hypertriglyceridaemia are modified favourably by nicotinic acid (niacin) in patients with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS): a randomised double-blind placebo-controlled parallel study

Study objectives

Niacin will improve postprandial hyperlipidaemia and cardiovascular risks indices via its lipid lowering as well as via pleiotrophic effects in patients with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Leeds (East) Research Ethics Committee, 21/01/2010, ref: 09/H1306/103

Study design

Single-centre randomised double-blind placebo-controlled parallel trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Polycystic ovary syndrome

Interventions

Patients will be allocated as 1:1 ratio to the intervention group and the placebo group. For the first 4 weeks, participants will take orally either one tablet of nicotinic acid 1000 mg/laropiprant 20 mg (Tredaptive®) or one tablet of placebo per day. If patient tolerates it, the dose will be increased to either two tablets of nicotinic acid 1000 mg/laropiprant 20 mg (Tredaptive®) or two tablets of placebo per day from week 5 to week 12.

Total duration of treatment is 12 weeks and total duration of follow-up is up to 2 weeks after the end of intervention.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Phase IV

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Niacin, laropiprant (Tredaptive®)

Primary outcome(s)

To determine if the dyslipidaemic cardiovascular risk indices including postprandial hypertriglyceridaemia are reversed favourably by nicotinic acid (niacin) therapy. Blood tests will be done at baseline, at week 5 and at week 9 and at the completion of the intervention for both groups.

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. To determine the effect of nicotinic acid on insulin resistance and other markers of cardiovascular risk such as high sensitivity c-reactive protein (hsCRP)
- 2. To determine the effect of nicotinic acid on endothelial function

Blood tests will be done at baseline, at week 5 and at week 9 and at the completion of the intervention for both groups. Endothelial function test will be done at baseline and at the end of the study.

Completion date

01/10/2011

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Females aged between 18 50 years
- 2. Has polycystic ovary syndrome diagnosed according to Rotterdam consensus statement (to meet two out of three criteria after exclusion of other endocrine disorders):
- 2.1. Patient has oligomenorrhoea (less than nine cycles per year)/anovulation
- 2.2. Patient has evidence of clinical/biochemical hyperandrogenism
- 2.3. Patient has polycystic ovaries on trans-vaginal ultrasound

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Pregnancy/trying to conceive/breastfeeding
- 2. History of cardiovascular, renal, hepatic and active thyroid disease
- 3. History of gout
- 4. History of alcohol abuse

- 5. History of diabetes
- 6. History of allergy to nicotinic acid/laropiprant or food
- 7. History of bleeding disorders/active peptic ulcers
- 8. Patient on antihypertensive medications
- 9. Patient on anticoagulants
- 10. Patient on any hormonal replacement or oral contraceptive pills or cholesterol-lowering agents
- 11. History of smoking more than 15 pack year
- 12. Unwilling for GP to be informed

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2010

Date of final enrolment

01/10/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Hull and East Yorkshire Hospital NHS Trust (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/01b11x021

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Hull and East Yorkshire Hospital NHS Trust (UK) - Research and Development Department

Funder Name

Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp. (UK) - supplies study medicine (Tredaptive® and placebo)

Results and Publications

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?
Results article	results	01/06/2014		Yes	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023		No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes