

Breath test for patients with acute liver disease for early detection of the need for transplant or recovery

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Study information

Scientific Title

Breath test for patients with acute liver disease for early detection of the need for transplant or recovery: a multicentre non-randomised study

Acronym

BTALD (Breath Test in Acute Liver Disease)

Study objectives

This study is designed to develop a model to predict deterioration of liver disease, which incorporates measurements from the 13C-Methacetin Breath Test (MBT) along with other potential variables. The data collected will be used to develop a prediction model using data-mining methodology (linear and non-linear regression models, binary trees, neural networks, etc.). The predictive models may include measurements from the MBT and blood test results as single measurements or as a trend over time. The model that will be developed will attempt to predict the disease deterioration versus recovery accurately, at an earlier time point than the standard procedure. A threshold will then be determined based on adequate sensitivity and specificity levels.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

South East Research Ethics Committee approved on the 21/10/2009, ref: 09/H1102/62

Study design

Multicentre non-randomised study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Diagnostic

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Acute liver failure

Interventions

This is a study of the MBT to assess liver function in patients with acute and/or chronic liver injury. All patients with acute liver disease meeting the inclusion/exclusion criteria will be accepted to this study. Patients will perform up to 7 tests; these may be performed in the course of a 21-day period, including days 0, 2, 4, 6, 10, 14, and 21.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

To develop a model to predict deterioration of liver disease, which incorporates measurements from the MBT along with other potential variables. Tests will be performed in the course of a 21-day period or discontinued when the patient is discharged from hospital or if transplantation is

undertaken or the patients' ongoing care is deemed futile and palliative care is being undertaken.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Safety evaluation through assessment of BreathID system (device and drug) related adverse events. Tests will be performed in the course of a 21-day period or discontinued when the patient is discharged from hospital or if transplantation is undertaken or the patients' ongoing care is deemed futile and palliative care is being undertaken.

Completion date

30/10/2011

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adult men or women (greater than 18 years of age)
2. Acute liver insult
3. No evidence of cirrhosis (unless clinical acute Wilsons)
4. International Normalised Ratio (INR) greater than 1.8
5. Duration of illness less than 12 or 24 weeks (to be determined [TBD])

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Any chronic liver disease
2. Severe congestive heart failure
3. Severe pulmonary hypertension
4. Chronic renal insufficiency with severe cardiac disease
5. Previous surgical bypass surgery for morbid obesity
6. Extensive small bowel resection
7. Any autoimmune disorder, which is currently being treated with prednisone or any other immune suppressive medication
8. Recipient of any organ transplant
9. Proven or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma
10. Pregnant
11. Allergic to paracetamol (such as Tylenol® or any other related medications)
12. History of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or symptomatic bronchial asthma

- 13. Septic cholestasis
- 14. Currently receiving total parenteral nutrition if they have contraindications to oral drugs
- 15. Taking hepatotoxin drugs
- 16. Hypersensitivity to paracetamol
- 17. Based on the opinion of the investigator, patient should not be enrolled into this study
- 18. Unable or unwilling to sign informed consent
- 19. Participating in other clinical trials evaluating experimental treatments or procedures

Date of first enrolment

02/11/2009

Date of final enrolment

30/10/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Israel

United States of America

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Organisation

Exalenz Bioscience Ltd (Israel)

ROR

<https://ror.org/04e29rd57>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Exalenz Bioscience Ltd (Israel)

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?
Abstract results	conference abstract	01/10/2012	08/03/2019	No	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023	No	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes