Tacrolimus monotherapy for uveitis

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

Dual steroid and tacrolimus therapy versus steroid withdrawal and tacrolimus therapy in the treatment of posterior segment intraocular inflammation (uveitis)

Study objectives

Tacrolimus monotherapy is not inferior to tacrolimus and prednisolone for the maintenance of uveitis remission.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from North Somerset and South Bristol Research Ethics Committee on the 8th March 2004 (ref: E5862).

Study design

Dual-centre, randomised, non-inferiority, open-label trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Uveitis

Interventions

- 1. Oral tacrolimus (target trough serum level 8 12 ng/ml) only
- 2. Oral tacrolimus (target trough serum level 8 12 ng/ml) and oral prednisolone (7.5 10 mg daily)

Frequency of oral tacrolimus administration is the same for both trial arms. It is administered twice daily, however the oral dose prescribed to achieve the target serum levels varies from patient to patient. Treatment duration and follow-up are until study completion (i.e., nine months post randomisation), or withdrawal.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Tacrolimus, prednisolone

Primary outcome(s)

Change in logarithm of the minimum angle of resolution (LogMAR) visual acuity (VA) between randomisation and study completion or withdrawal.

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Rate of study withdrawal post-randomisation due to either treatment inefficacy (disease reactivation) or intolerance
- 2. Change in the following measures of disease severity between randomisation and study completion or withdrawal:
- 2.1. Binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy score

- 2.2. Anterior chamber cell grade
- 2.3. Retinal vasculitis score
- 2.4. Grade of optic disc swelling
- 2.5. Chorioretinal infiltrate
- 3. Change in the following assessments of treatment tolerance between randomisation and study completion or withdrawal:
- 3.1. Rate of onset of hypocholesterolemia, hypoglycaemia, hypertension, hypomagnesaemia and greater than or equal to 30% increase in serum creatinine concentration
- 3.2. Rate of onset of adverse events overall by system (e.g. nervous system) and by description (e.g. tremor)
- 3.3. Rate of increase in intraocular pressure (IOP) to greater than 24 mmHg
- 4. Proportion of patients withdrawn post-enrolment and pre-randomisation for treatment inefficacy or intolerance
- 5. Change in quality of life in 3, 6 and 12 months after study enrolment, as assessed by the 36item short form health survey (SF-36) and vision core module 1 (VCM1) scores

Completion date

01/12/2008

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Patients with sight-threatening non-infectious posterior intraocular inflammation (PSII) who:

- 1. Are unable to reduce their prednisone dose to less than 10 mg daily without disease relapse
- 2. Require recurrent high dose steroid rescue for recurrent relapsing disease
- 3. Have severe sight-threatening disease warranting immediate institution of combination immunotherapy (high dose prednisone and a second line agent)
- 4. Are greater than or equal to 18 years old, either sex, and able to give informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Pregnancy or lactation
- 2. Female patients of child bearing age who are unwilling or unable to maintain effective birth control during the study
- 3. Diabetes mellitus (except steroid induced)
- 4. Significant and unstable renal disease (creatinine outside the local laboratories reference

range on two consecutive occasions)

- 5. Participating in another clinical trial or has been taking an investigational drug in the past 28 days
- 6. Unlikely to comply with the visits scheduled in the protocol
- 7. Live vaccinations within three months of study entry
- 8. Previous adverse event associated with, or contra-indication to, either prednisolone or tacrolimus
- 9. Concurrent use of other immunosuppressive or cytotoxic agents
- 10. Previous tuberculosis
- 11. Shingles within the past three months
- 12. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), including current or previous history of opportunistic infections such as cytomegalovirus (CMV), active Pneumocystis carinii, atypical mycobacterium
- 13. Recent history of substance abuse (drug or alcohol)
- 14. Use of cyclosporin A within the last three months
- 15. Serious infections, such as hepatitis, pneumonia, pyelonephritis in the previous three months

Date of first enrolment

01/05/2004

Date of final enrolment

01/12/2008

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

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Academic Unit of Ophthalmology
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Sponsor information

Organisation

United Bristol Healthcare Trust (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/04nm1cv11

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Fujisawa Pharma Co Ltd (UK)

Funder Name

NHS R&D support funding (UK)

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 a	dded Peer reviewe	d? Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/06/2012	Yes	No
Participant information shee	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025 11/11/	2025 No	Yes