A randomised controlled trial investigating the efficacy of foot orthoses in rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

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Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

A common rearfoot problem in rheumatoid arthritis is the progressive development of valgus heel deformity. This condition is underdiagnosed and management strategies generally employed at a late stage when secondary features have developed and the deformity is uncorrectable. The mechanical cause of valgus heel deformity is excessive subtalar pronation during the contact phase of gait. Foot orthoses used by podiatrists have been shown to correct pronation but their use has not been formally evaluated in rheumatoid arthritis. The aim of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of foot orthoses in preventing valgus heel deformity and preventing secondary features.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Other

Study type(s)

Prevention

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Rheumatoid arthritis

Interventions

Patients with RA were randomised to receive custom manufactured rigid foot orthoses under podiatry supervision or enter a control group.

The control group received foot orthoses only when prescribed under normal medical care.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome measure

- 1. Video gait analysis
- 2. Dynamic load measurements
- 3. Pain and disability assessment

Evaluation of disease status will be mapped for patients over a 60 month period. Appropriate comparative analyses will be made.

Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date

11/01/1996

Completion date

10/01/2000

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Current history of bilateral subtalar \pm ankle \pm talonavicular pain, and valgus heel deformity
- 2. Normal range of motions was required at the ankle, subtalar and midtarsal joints
- 3. Passive range of motion testing was used to ensure the valgus heel deformity was correctable with 10 degrees of subtalar joint inversion past neutral

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Target number of participants

98

Key exclusion criteria

Does not meet inclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment

11/01/1996

Date of final enrolment

10/01/2000

Locations

Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

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Sponsor information

Organisation

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Sponsor type

Charity

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Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC) (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?
Results article	results	01/07/2002		Yes	No