Histological remission in ulcerative colitis: comparing histological activity indexes

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22/09/2015	No longer recruiting	Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
24/09/2015	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	[] Individual participant data
10/04/2017	Digestive System	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Ulcerative colitis (UC) is a long-term relapsing disease affecting the large intestine (colon). Its main symptoms are diarrhoea, abdominal pain and tiredness. Previously the target of treatment for these patients was clinical remission (i.e., reduced symptoms). Recently the aim of treatment changed and doctors now try to achieve normal intestinal tissue (mucosa) at endoscopy, called mucosal healing. A new treatment target has been developed called microscopic mucosal healing, where tissue samples taken from the colon (colonic biopsies) are assessed under a microscope using a scoring system and found to be normal, but it is not yet clear which scoring system to use for this. The aim of the study is to compare three commonly used scoring systems for microscopic mucosal healing in ulcerative colitis.

Who can participate?

Patients with ulcerative colitis who have already undergone a colonoscopy.

What does the study involve?

Colonic biopsies taken from the participants at a previous colonoscopy are studied. These biopsies are re-assessed by three specialist doctors using three different scoring systems. The participants do not need to have a colonoscopy again.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

A single scoring system will result in a better disease outcome for ulcerative colitis patients in the future. There are no possible risks because the biopsies were taken at a previous colonoscopy.

Where is the study run from?

Radboud University Medical Center (Netherlands).

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? October 2015 to April 2016.

Who is funding the study?

Investigator initiated and funded (Netherlands).

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

Histological remission in ulcerative colitis: comparing histological activity indexes - an observational study

Study objectives

To compare and validate three commonly used histological scoring systems in order to define histological mucosal healing (MH).

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics Committee of Radboud University Medical Center, 27/08/2015, ref: 2015-1993

Study design

Single-center observational study

Primary study design

Observational

Study type(s)

Diagnostic

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Ulcerative colitis

Interventions

Biopsies were taken during colonoscopy from patients with quiescent UC with endoscopical MH (Mayo score ≤ 1). All biopsies were reassessed by three blinded pathologists using the Gupta, Riley and Geboes histology scoring systems, and a global visual evaluation (GVE).

Intervention Type

Other

Primary outcome(s)

Intra- and inter-observer variability all histological indices

Key secondary outcome(s))

The relationship with endoscopic mucosal healing, and the relationship between the initial judgment of the primary pathologist in all scoring systems

Completion date

01/04/2016

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. A colonoscopic examination between January 2014 and July 2015
- 2. A well-established diagnosis of UC according to clinical and histological criteria
- 3. Endoscopic mucosal healing throughout the entire colon according to Mayo (≤1)
- 4. Randomly taken colonic biopsy specimens in both left and right colon with a clear description of the microscopic features by the pathologist

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Mayo endoscopic score > 1
- 2. Diagnosed with either Crohn's disease or indeterminate colitis

Date of first enrolment

01/10/2015

Date of final enrolment

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

Study participating centre
Radboud University Medical Center
Nijmegen
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6500 HB

Sponsor information

Organisation

Radboud University Medical Center (Netherlands)

ROR

https://ror.org/05wg1m734

Funder(s)

Funder type

Other

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Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type