

# A randomised, open label controlled trial of trans-arterial chemoembolisation vs embolisation alone in non-resectable hepatocellular carcinoma

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-trial-comparing-treatment-for-primary-liver-cancer-that-cannot-be-removed-with-surgery>

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Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**

N0256130934

## **Study information**

### **Scientific Title**

A randomised, open label controlled trial of trans-arterial chemoembolisation vs embolisation alone in non-resectable hepatocellular carcinoma

### **Acronym**

TACE

### **Study objectives**

To investigate whether there is a difference in terms of overall survival, time to progression, response rate, quality of life and toxicity between the two treatment arms.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

### **Study design**

Randomised open-label active-controlled parallel-group trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Secondary study design**

Randomised parallel trial

### **Study setting(s)**

Hospital

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

### **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Liver cancer

### **Interventions**

Current information as of 11/08/2009:

Single centre phase III randomised controlled trial comparing trans-arterial chemoembolisation

vs embolisation alone

1. Treatment arm - trans-arterially administered cisplatin followed by embolisation
2. Control arm - Embolisation only

Initial information at time of registration:

Single centre phase III randomised controlled trial comparing trans-arterial chemoembolisation vs embolisation alone

## **Intervention Type**

Drug

## **Phase**

Phase III

## **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Cisplatin

## **Primary outcome measure**

1. Overall survival
2. Quality of life
3. Toxicity
4. Objective response rates

## **Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

## **Overall study start date**

14/10/2003

## **Completion date**

30/04/2008

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

Added 11/08/2009:

1. Evidence of HCC as diagnosed by either histological means; or as evidenced by a focal lesion >2 cm with arterial hypervascularisation detected on two radiological studies (any two of ultrasound, CT, MRI or angiography) in a patient with a background of cirrhosis; or by a single radiological study with an a-fetoprotein greater than 400 ng/ml (1)
2. The patient must not be a candidate for surgical resection of the tumour but may be suitable for transplantation
3. The patient must have either a solitary hepatic tumour >3 cm in diameter or multifocal disease as evidenced by CT or MRI scanning.
4. Aged  $\geq 16$  years and estimated life expectancy >3 months
5. ECOG performance status  $\leq 2$
6. Adequate haematological function
7. Adequate clotting function: INR  $\leq 1.5$
8. GFR  $\geq 50$ ml/min
9. Adequate liver function

10. Capable of giving written informed consent

11. Women of child-bearing potential should have a negative pregnancy test prior to study entry AND be using an adequate contraception method, which must be continued for 3 months after completion of treatment

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

196

**Key exclusion criteria**

Added 11/08/2009:

1. Extra-hepatic metastases
2. Prior treatment for HCC
3. Active sepsis or bleeding
4. Hepatic encephalopathy
5. Ascites refractory to diuretic therapy
6. Documented occlusion of the hepatic artery or portal vein
7. Hypersensitivity to intravenous contrast agents
8. Pregnant or lactating women
9. History of prior malignancy
10. Any evidence of severe or uncontrolled systemic diseases or laboratory finding
11. Any psychiatric or other disorder (eg brain metastases) likely to impact on informed consent

**Date of first enrolment**

14/10/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

30/04/2008

**Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

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**Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust**

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

Department of Health

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## Sponsor type

Government

## Website

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/Home/fs/en>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

## Funder Name

The Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust (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?
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results

02/04/2013

No

Yes

Yes

No