# Short course interferon-gamma for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-associated cryptococcal meningitis

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Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
Completed	Results
Condition category	Individual participant data
Infections and Infestations	Record updated in last year
	Completed  Condition category

# Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

# Contact information

# Type(s)

Scientific

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# Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS** number

**IRAS** number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

CM-IFN.1

# Study information

#### Scientific Title

Randomised controlled trial of short course adjunctive interferon gamma for inital treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-associated cryptococcal meningitis: effect on rate of clearance of infection and immune response

## **Study objectives**

Short course adjunctive interferon gamma will increase rate of sterilisation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-associated cryptococcal meningitis.

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

- 1. UK: London Surrey Borders Research Ethics Committee (REC), 23/05/2007
- 2. South Africa: University Cape Town REC, 25/06/2007

#### Study design

Single-centre randomised controlled trial

#### Primary study design

Interventional

#### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled 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

Cryptococcal meningitis

#### **Interventions**

Group 1: Amphotericin B 1 mg/kg/d plus flucytosine 25 mg/kg four times a day (qds) for two weeks.

Group 2: Amphotericin B 1 mg/kg/d plus flucytosine 25 mg/kg qds for two weeks plus interferon (IFN)-gamma, 100 micrograms subcutaneous (s/c) three times a week for two weeks (six doses). Group 3: Amphotericin B 1 mg/kg/d plus flucytosine 25 mg/kg qds for two weeks plus IFN-gamma, 100 micrograms s/c three times a week on days 1 and 3 (two doses).

In all steps, after two weeks, all patients will receive fluconazole 400 mg/d for eight weeks, followed by fluconazole 200mg/d thereafter.

#### Intervention Type

Drug

#### Phase

Not Applicable

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

Interferon gamma

## Primary outcome measure

Early Fungicidal Activity (EFA, the rate of sterilisation of CSF), for each treatment arm.

#### Secondary outcome measures

- 1. The proportions of patients in each arm suffering clinical and laboratory-defined side effects
- 2. Mortality at 2 and 10 weeks by treatment group

## Overall study start date

10/07/2007

#### Completion date

30/09/2009

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

Patients greater than 18 years (either sex) with a first episode of cryptococcal meningitis on basis of CSF India ink or CSF cryptococcal antigen.

## Participant type(s)

**Patient** 

## Age group

Adult

#### Lower age limit

18 Years

#### Sex

Both

# Target number of participants

120 (40 per arm, three arms)

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) greater than five times upper limit of normal
- 2. Polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs) less than 500 x 10^6/L
- 3. Platelets (Plts) less than  $50,000 \times 10^6/L$
- 4. Pregnancy or lactation

- 5. Previous serious reaction to study drugs
- 6. Concomitant medication that is contraindicated with any study drugs
- 7. Already on Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART)

## Date of first enrolment

10/07/2007

#### Date of final enrolment

10/07/2009

# Locations

# Countries of recruitment

South Africa

**United Kingdom** 

Study participating centre
St George's University of London
London
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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

St George's University of London (UK)

## Sponsor details

Research Office Cranmer Terrace London United Kingdom SW17 ORE

#### Sponsor type

University/education

#### Website

http://www.sgul.ac.uk/

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/040f08y74

# Funder(s)

# Funder type

Charity

#### **Funder Name**

Wellcome Trust

Alternative Name(s)

## **Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

## Funding Body Subtype

International organizations

#### Location

**United Kingdom** 

# **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