

Injection therapy to muscle injuries in professional football players

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Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)
Scientific

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Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers
1.0.5

Study information

Scientific Title

A pilot study on intramuscular injection therapy of Actovegin® in elite football players with muscular injuries

Acronym

ActoFC

Study objectives

Actovegin® injection therapy can reduce number of days from muscle injury for the player to return to training with the first team.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Cardiff University Ethics Board with independent review approved on the 02/07/2009. NHS Ethics and MHRA approval pending as of 17/07/2009.

Study design

Randomised double-blinded single-centre interventional trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Other

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

Grade 1 and Grade 2 muscle injury

Interventions

3 x intra-muscular injection of normal saline or Actovegin® with Traumeel® directly to the injury site, 1 ml injected 1 cm above the injury site and 1 ml injected to 1 cm below the injury site.

Duration of treatment will be 1 week, duration of follow up will be determined by recovery time and when they are back playing with the first team.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Actovegin®

Primary outcome measure

Number of days from injury for the player to return to training with the first team

Secondary outcome measures

1. Player's perception of pain and effectiveness of treatment
2. Player's isokinetic and isometric data

Overall study start date

01/03/2010

Completion date

31/07/2012

Reason abandoned (if study stopped)

Not started

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Informed consent
2. Aged greater than 18 years, male only
3. Clinical and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) diagnosis of muscle injuries
4. Grade 1 or 2 muscle tear
5. No previous allergic reaction to Actovegin®

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

Male

Target number of participants

All first team players in the club (25)

Key exclusion criteria

1. Grade 3 or more muscle injuries
2. Fractures
3. Other soft tissue injuries besides muscle tears

Date of first enrolment

01/03/2010

Date of final enrolment

31/07/2012

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

Wales

Study participating centre

Cardiff University

Cardiff

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Cardiff University (UK) - Medical Engineering

Sponsor details

Cardiff School of Engineering

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Sponsor type

University/education

Website

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/>

ROR

<https://ror.org/03kk7td41>

Funder(s)

Funder type

University/education

Funder Name

Cardiff University (UK) - Medical Engineering

Funder Name

Cardiff City Football Club (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