Treatment of acute hepatitis C infection: immediate therapy of all patients with peginterferon alpha-2b alone versus delayed therapy of patients not eliminating hepatitis C virus (HCV) spontaneously with peg-interferon alpha-2b plus ribavirin

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered		
03/08/2005	No longer recruiting	Protocol		
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan		
09/09/2005	Completed	[X] Results		
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data		
08/11/2013	Infections and Infestations			

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

3272

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

HCV III study

Study objectives

Efficacy of immediate therapy of acute hepatitis C infection is comparable to the efficacy of delayed therapy of patients that do not eliminate HCV spontaneously.

Please note that, as of 07/11/2008, the anticipated end date of this trial has been updated from 31/12/2007 to 31/12/2010.

Please note that, as of 24/01/2012, the anticipated end date of this trial has been updated from 31/12/2010 to 31/12/2011.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Hannover Medical School (Ethik-Kommission der Medizinische Hochschule Hannover) on 22/08/2003 (ref: 3272)

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

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

Acute hepatitis C

Interventions

Please note that as of 08/11/10 the end date of this trial has been extended from 31/12/10 to 31/12/11. Recruitment finished in 09/09/10

Administration of peg-interferon alpha-2b subcutaneously (sc)versus administration of peg-interferon alpha-2b plus ribavirin orally (po) for 24 weeks

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

peg-interferon alpha-2b and ribavirin

Primary outcome measure

HCV virological response (HCV RNA negative) 84 weeks after randomisation or 24 weeks after the end of treatment

Secondary outcome measures

- 1. Biochemical response (alanine aminotransferase [ALT] and aspartate aminotransferase [AST] levels)
- 2. Severity and frequency of adverse events
- 3. Rate of spontaneous clearance of HCV
- 4. Quality of life during acute HCV infection and during treatment
- 5. Evaluation of HCV-specific CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses and humoral immune responses

Overall study start date

01/04/2004

Completion date

31/12/2011

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Patients with acute HCV infection and detectable HCV RNA
- 2. More than 18 years
- 3. Compensated liver disease
- 4. Negative urine or blood pregnancy test
- 5. Willingness to give written informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

135 (as of 08/11/10, previously: 150) (Recruitment completed, last patient visit on 27/09/2011).

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Other possible reasons for acute HCV infection
- 2. Liver cirrhosis
- 3. Pregnancy or breast feeding
- 4. Previous antiviral therapy with interferon or ribavirin
- 5. Positive test results for anti hepatitis A virus (HAV) IgM antib., HBsAg, anti-HBc IgM antib., HBeAg, anti human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- 6. History or evidence for chronic liver disease
- 7. History of severe psychiatric disease, thyroid dysfunction poorly controlled
- 8. History or evidence for severe illness
- 9. Drug use within 6 mionths prior to first dose of study drug

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2004

Date of final enrolment

31/12/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Germany

Study participating centre Medizinische Hochschule Hannover

Hannover Germany 30625

Sponsor information

Organisation

Hannover Medical School (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover) (Germany)

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Sponsor type

University/education

Website

http://www.mh-hannover.de/index.php?id=2&L=1

ROR

https://ror.org/00f2yqf98

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Federal Ministry of Education and Research, network of competence for hepatitis (Kompetenznetz Hepatitis; http://www.kompetenznetz-hepatitis.de/about-hep-net/about-hep-net?set_language=en), c/o Hannover Medical School (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover) (Germany).

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	01/06/2013		Yes	No