

Intra-articular hyaluronic acid and chondroitin sulfate in osteoarthritis of the knee

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Osteoarthritis is a condition that causes joints to become painful and stiff. In the treatment of osteoarthritis, it is now agreed that surgical procedures should be at least delayed, and even avoided as far as possible. Hyaluronic acid is found in the synovial fluid in joints and acts as both a lubricant and shock absorber. Hyaluronic acid can be injected into the joint (intra-articular injections) to improve joint lubrication. Structovial CS is the only one of the currently available solutions to treat knee osteoarthritis that combines chondroitin sulphate and hyaluronic acid (HA/CS). Chondroitin sulfate is a chemical that is normally found in cartilage around joints in the body. The aim of this study is to assess the effectiveness of three weekly intra-articular injections of HA/CS in knees affected by osteoarthritis.

Who can participate?

Patients aged between 45 and 80 with osteoarthritis of the knee

What does the study involve?

All participants receive three intra-articular injections of HA/CS over a 3-week period. Pain and knee function are assessed over a period of 12 weeks.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

HA/CS may improve participants' health and physical function. There are no known risks to participants.

Where is the study run from?

The study takes place at various rheumatological clinics at hospitals and at private centres in France and Belgium

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

March to October 2008

Who is funding the study?

Pierre Fabre Research Institute (France)

Who is the main contact?
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Type(s)
Scientific

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Protocol serial number
V00220 IA 402

Study information

Scientific Title
Evaluation of a medical device comprising hyaluronic acid and chondroitin sulfate for intra-articular use in patients suffering from femorotibial osteoarthritis of the knee

Study objectives
Evaluate the efficacy of three weekly intra-articular injections of hyaluronic acid/chondroitin sulfate in knees affected by femoro-tibial osteoarthritis over a period of 12 weeks

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Erasme Hospital Ethics Committee, University Libre of Bruxelles, Belgium [Le Comite dEthique Hopital Erasme], 20/12/2007

Study design
Single-center open-label phase IV study

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Osteoarthritis of the knee

Interventions

Three weekly intra-articular injections of HA/CS in knees affected by femoro-tibial osteoarthritis over a 3 week period

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Phase IV

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid

Primary outcome(s)

Pain (VAS) and function (Lequesnes Algo-Functional Knee Index) over a period of 12 weeks

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Ultrasound parameters (joint effusion, synovial and popliteal cysts)
2. OA biomarkers of inflammation [IL-6], degradation [Coll2-1] and synthesis [CPII] of collagen type II, degradation of aggrecan [CS846], and markers of oxidative stress [Coll2-1NO2]

Completion date

13/10/2008

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Male or female patients aged between 45 and and 80 years
2. Suffering from internal and/or external femoro tibial OA:
 - 2.1. Meeting the criteria of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR)
 - 2.2. Lasting for at least 6 months
 - 2.3. Pain > = 40mm as measured on a visual analogue scale (VAS)
 - 2.4. Stage Kellgren and Lawrence II or III
3. OA deemed to justify a treatment with intra articular HA according to the investigator
4. Patients written informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Symptomatic femoro-patellar arthrosis or hip arthrosis on the same side, concomitant skeletal disease (Paget disease, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis)
2. Former or concomitant treatment (intra-articular corticosteroids, topical or oral NSAIDs, anti-arthritis slow acting treatment, recent surgery)
3. Individual characteristics incompatible with a drug trial (pregnancy or lack of contraception, serious concomitant disease, participation in a clinical trial within the preceding 30 days)

Date of first enrolment

10/03/2008

Date of final enrolment

13/10/2008

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

Belgium

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information**Organisation**

Pierre Fabre Research Institute [Institut de Recherche Pierre Fabre] (France)

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<https://ror.org/04hdhz511>

Funder(s)**Funder type**

Industry

Funder Name

Results and Publications

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	04/08/2012		Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes