Correlation of cardiac function indices and peripheral muscle mitochondrial changes in patients with severe adult growth hormone deficiency following growth hormone therapy

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

Correlation of cardiac function indices and peripheral muscle mitochondrial changes in patients with severe adult growth hormone deficiency following growth hormone therapy: a single centre, randomised, double-blind placebo-controlled cross-over study over a six-month period followed by an open-label six-month phase

Acronym

CAMPING study

Study objectives

Patients with severe adult growth hormone deficiency have a twofold increase in cardiovascular death. Tentative evidence suggests that growth hormone therapy has cardiovascular benefits and there are reports of apparent cardiomyopathy being reversible with growth hormone administration. Attempts have been made at using growth hormone as specific therapy in heart failure with variable effects on left ventricular mass, left ventricular size and wall stress. However, there seems to be a consistent improvement in quality of life and increased exercise capacity. Others have assessed growth hormone replacement in adults and suggested there is an improvement in echocardiographic variables.

Studies reporting the effect of physical training on patients with chronic heart failure have shown a significant change in mitochondrial function in those patients in the exercise group. In those studies, the mitochondrial changes were significantly related to changes in oxygen uptake and at the ventilatory threshold. It is proposed that growth hormone treatment may significantly improve mitochondrial function which correlate to cardiac indices, giving a mechanism by which growth hormone may exert a cardioprotective effect.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Hull and East Yorkshire LREC, 17/06/2002, ref: LREC/02/01/027

Study design

Single-centre randomised double-blind placebo-controlled cross-over study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Adult growth hormone deficiency

Interventions

Cross-over phase:

- 1. Active phase: recombinant growth hormone (rGH, dose = 0.4 mg/day) for 3 months
- 2. Placebo: sterile diluent containing glycerol and m-cresol or vice versa for 3 months

Patients are then crossed over to receive the alternative treatment. Thereafter, patients continued GH therapy for a further 6 months at same dose.

Intervention Type

Biological/Vaccine

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Modification of mitochondrial function in vitro: needle muscle biopsy for measurement of mitochondrial function
- 2. Modification of cardiovascular function:
- 2.1. Echocardiogram for wall thickness ejection fraction, fraction with shortening of stroke distance
- 2.2. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for wall thickness, muscle mass, ventricular volumes and ejection fraction
- 2.3. Exercise testing, six minute walk, metabolic gas exchange to derive peak VO2 and the ventilatory response to exercise
- 2.4. Muscle strength

Measured at baseline, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months.

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Blood will be withdrawn for cardiovascular risk indices including:
- 1.1. Fasting sample for homocysteine, urate, low level C-reactive protein, triglycerides, low density lipoprotein (LDL), high density lipoprotein (HDL)
- 1.2. Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI 1), fibrinogen, factor 7 and 12
- 1.3. Fasting insulin glucose to determine insulin resistance by the homeostasis model assessment (HOMA) method
- 1.4. Lipid peroxides
- 2. Insulin-like Growth Factor-1 (IGF1) levels
- 3. Percentage of body fat (using bioimpedance technique), waist-hip ratio, blood pressure, weight

Measured at baseline, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months.

Completion date

01/01/2005

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Male or female patients aged between 18 and 75 years of age
- 2. Proven severe adult growth hormone deficiency by standard criteria
- 3. Ability to self-administer growth hormone
- 4. Ability to give informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Total final enrolment

17

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Inability to self-administer growth hormone
- 2. Patients not wishing for their GP to be informed

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2003

Date of final enrolment

01/01/2005

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre Hull York Medical School

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/01b11x021

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Eli Lilly (UK) - unrestricted grant

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	23/02/2018	27/06/2019 Yes	No
Participant information shee	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025 No	Yes