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Third Medical Research Council Trial in Chronic Lymphomatic Leukaemia

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19/08/2002	No longer recruiting	[ ] Protocol
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19/08/2002	Completed	[ ] Results
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Plain English summary of protocol
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G8223452

Study information

Scientific Title
Third Medical Research Council Trial in Chronic Lymphomatic Leukaemia

Acronym

MRC CLL3

Study objectives
To establish whether the addition of epirubicin to standard chlorambucil therapy prolongs the duration of remission and survival, to evaluate the therapeutic benefit of anthracyclines in CLL by comparing the objective response rate to chlorambucil alone with that to chlorambucil + epirubicin, to assess the relative toxicities of two regimens.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Leukaemia (chronic)

Interventions
Following randomisation stage C patients only receive pre-treatment with prednisolone. Patients are then treated on one of two treatment regimens depending upon the initial randomisation:
1. Regimen A: Chlorambucil orally daily for 6 days. Cycle repeated every 28 days.
2. Regimen B: Epirubicin on day 1 followed by chlorambucil orally for 6 days. Cycle to be repeated every 28 days.

Intervention Type
Drug

Phase
Not Specified

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

Primary outcome(s)
Death and death related to CLL, response to treatment, toxicity and compliance

Key secondary outcome(s))
Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

01/04/1995

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. All patients with B-cell chronic lymphoblastic leukaemia diagnosed by a persistent blood lymphocytosis (greater than 10 x 10^9/l) and bone marrow infiltration of at least 40% who require treatment
2. Previously untreated stage B and C disease
3. Stage A patients showing evidence of disease progression
4. Previously treated patients who:
4.1 Have not received an anthracycline or anthracenedione
4.2 Are not considered to be resistant to chlorambucil
4.3 Have relapsed off therapy and need further treatment because of disease progression
5. No concomitant treatment with any other cytotoxic or immunomodulatory therapy
6. No other life threatening disease
7. No medical contraindications to treatment protocols

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Not Specified

Sex
Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria
Patients who have another life threatening disease; they are not expected to complete the study treatment for other reasons; they are having concomitant treatment with any cytotoxic or immunomodulatory therapy; there is evidence of heart disease which would preclude treatment with anthracycline or they have not given informed consent.

Date of first enrolment
01/04/1990

Date of final enrolment
01/04/1995

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre
Royal Marsden Hospital
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Sponsor information

Organisation
Medical Research Council (MRC) (UK)

Funder(s)

Funder type
Research council

Funder Name
Medical Research Council (MRC) (UK)

Alternative Name(s)
Medical Research Council (United Kingdom), UK Medical Research Council, Medical Research Committee and Advisory Council, MRC

Funding Body Type
Government organisation

Funding Body Subtype
National government

Location
United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration