

Persephone: duration of Herceptin with chemotherapy 6 versus 12 months

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Plain English summary of protocol

<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/trials/a-trial-comparing-6-months-and-12-months-of-trastuzumab-for-early-breast-cancer>

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Study information

Scientific Title

Persephone: duration of Herceptin with chemotherapy 6 versus 12 months

Acronym

Persephone

Study objectives

Does 6 months of trastuzumab (Herceptin®) treatment prevent breast cancer relapse (disease-free survival [DFS]) as well as 12 months of trastuzumab treatment? To test the hypothesis that reducing the duration of adjuvant trastuzumab to 6 months from 12 months, in 4,000 patients (updated 08/10/2014: originally women only) with HER-2 positive early breast cancer, produces equivalent (non-inferior) disease-free and overall survival outcomes.

More details can be found at: <http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/projects/hta/0630398>

Protocol can be found at: http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/51334/PRO-06-303-98.pdf

On 15/01/2008 the overall trial end date was changed from 01/04/2011 to 31/03/2013.

On 08/10/2014 the overall trial end date was changed from 30/09/2014 to 30/06/2015.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

North West Research Ethics Committee, 09/08/2007, ref: 07/MRE08/35

Study design

Phase III randomised multi-centre trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

HER2-positive early breast cancer

Interventions

Current interventions as of 08/10/2014:

Patients will receive during or after a standard regimen of chemotherapy either:

1. The standard treatment, i.e. a dose every 3 weeks for a year (18 doses) or
2. The research treatment, i.e. 9 doses over 6 months

The starting dose of IV trastuzumab is 8 mg/kg. The maintenance dose is 6 mg/kg. All doses of sub-cut trastuzumab are 6 mg/kg.

Previous interventions:

Patients will receive during or after a standard regimen of chemotherapy either:

1. The standard treatment, i.e. a dose every 3 weeks for a year (17 doses) or
2. The research treatment, i.e. 9 doses over 6 months

The starting dose of trastuzumab is 8 mg/kg. The maintenance dose is 6 mg/kg.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Phase III

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Herceptin (trastuzumab)

Primary outcome(s)

Disease-free survival non-inferiority (equivalence) of 6 months trastuzumab to 12 months in early breast cancer

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Does 6 months of trastuzumab treatment prevent breast cancer death as well as 12 months of trastuzumab treatment?
2. What is the health economic costs and the quality of life for patients receiving 6 months versus 12 months of trastuzumab treatment?

Research will also be conducted through the collection of tissue samples

Updated 08/10/2014: Research will also be conducted through the collection of blood and tissue samples

Completion date

30/06/2015

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Histological diagnosis of invasive breast cancer
2. No evidence of metastatic disease
3. Known hormone receptor status
4. Overexpression of HER-2 positive: 3+ overexpression by immunohistochemistry (IHC) or 2+ overexpression by IHC and fluorescence in situ hybridisation (FISH) test positive
5. Clear indication for chemotherapy based on clinical and histopathological features
6. Patient fit to receive any of the trial chemotherapy regimens
7. Patient must not have clinically significant cardiac abnormalities and must not have had a previous myocardial infarction during the 6 months prior to recruitment. Cardiac function should be assessed by physical examination and electrocardiogram (ECG)
8. Patient must have adequate bone marrow, hepatic, and renal function
9. No previous chemotherapy or radiotherapy

- 10. No previous diagnosis of malignancy unless:
 - 10.1. Managed by surgical treatment only, and disease-free for 10 years
 - 10.2. Previous basal cell carcinoma, cervical carcinoma in situ or ductal carcinoma in situ of the breast treated by surgery only
- 11. Non-pregnant and non-lactating
- 12. No concomitant medical or psychiatric problems that might prevent completion of treatment or follow-up
- 13. Patients 18 years or older (updated 08/10/2014; originally women only)
- 14. Written informed consent for the study

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Female

Total final enrolment

4089

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Non-controlled or malignant arterial high-pressure
- 2. Clinically significant cardiac disease. Cardiac left ventricular ejection fraction below normal range
- 3. History of atrio-ventricular arrhythmias and/or congestive heart failure, even where it is under medical control, or active second- or third-degree cardiac block. History of myocardial infarct during the 6 months prior to recruitment.
- 4. Any co-morbidity significantly adding to risks associated with cytotoxic chemotherapy, for instance: severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, poorly controlled diabetes, etc.
- 5. History of allergy to drugs containing polysorbate 20 and the excipient TWEEN 80® and history of allergy to mouse proteins
- 6. Inability to comply with protocol requirements

Date of first enrolment

04/10/2007

Date of final enrolment

30/06/2015

Locations

Countries of recruitment

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England

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Cambridge Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridge University (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/04v54gj93>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - HTA (UK)

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	20/05/2014		Yes	No
Results article	results	29/06/2019	11/06/2019	Yes	No
	results				

Results article		01/08/2020	07/09/2020	Yes	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes