

# A randomised trial of chlorambucil versus fludarabine as initial therapy of Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia and splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

A randomised trial of chlorambucil versus fludarabine as initial therapy of Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia and splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes

## Study objectives

Added as of 20/05/2008:

Rationale:

Drugs used in chemotherapy, such as chlorambucil and fludarabine, work in different ways to stop the growth of cancer cells, either by killing the cells or by stopping them from dividing. It is not yet known whether chlorambucil is more effective than fludarabine in treating Waldenström macroglobulinemia, splenic lymphoma, or lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma.

Purpose:

This randomised phase III trial is studying chlorambucil to see how well it works compared with fludarabine as first-line therapy in treating patients with previously untreated Waldenström macroglobulinemia, splenic lymphoma, or lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma.

Objectives:

Compare the efficacy of first-line therapy comprising chlorambucil versus fludarabine phosphate in patients with previously untreated Waldenström macroglobulinemia, splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes, or non-IgM lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma.

Please note that, as of 20/05/2008, Australia was added to the list of countries of recruitment (previously United Kingdom only).

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study type(s)

Not Specified

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia and related disorders

## Interventions

Current interventions as of 20/05/2008:

This is a multicentre study. Patients are stratified according to disease (Waldenström macroglobulinemia versus splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes vs non-IgM lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma). Patients are randomised to 1 of 2 treatment arms.

Arm I: Patients receive oral chlorambucil on days 1 - 10. Treatment repeats every 28 days for up to 12 courses in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.  
Arm II: Patients receive fludarabine phosphate orally or IV on days 1 - 5. Treatment repeats every 28 days for 3-6 courses in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.  
Patients undergo quality of life assessment at baseline.

Previous interventions:  
Chlorambucil versus fludarabine

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Primary outcome(s)**

Added as of 20/05/2008:

1. Response to therapy (complete and partial response rates)
2. Duration of response

### **Key secondary outcome(s)**

Added as of 20/05/2008:

1. Improvement in haematological parameters
2. Toxicity
3. Quality of life as assessed by the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life-30 questionnaire
4. Survival

### **Completion date**

30/06/2009

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

All patients with previously untreated disease who require therapy as judged by their primary physician and who satisfy the eligibility criteria.

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Sex**

All

### **Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2009

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

Australia

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02y5f7327>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Industry

**Funder Name**

Schering Healthcare Ltd (UK) - provided educational grant towards the website construction /administration costs and data management

# 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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	20/01/2013		Yes	No
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	01/03/2005		Yes	No
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>				No	Yes
<a href="#">Study website</a>	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes