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Efficacy of methotrexate on chronic calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate deposition disease (chondrocalcinosis)

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Plain English summary of protocol
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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Efficacy of methotrexate on chronic calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate deposition disease (chondrocalcinosis) - a randomised controlled trial

Study objectives
Methotrexate is efficient in controlling symptoms and signs of chronic chondrocalcinosis.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Ethics approval received from Swissmedic, the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products on the 2nd July 2007 (ref: 2007DR3150; protocol: 06-167)

Study design
Double-blind crossover randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Chronic calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate (CPPD) arthropathy

Interventions
Patients will be randomised to receive either methotrexate (10 - 15 mg/week intramuscular [im] injections) or placebo during an initial treatment period of three months, followed by a wash-out period of one month, and a subsequent treatment period of three months with the alternative regimen. The total duration of follow-up will be eight months (three months in one arm and two months wash-out and three months in the other arm).

Intervention Type
Drug

Phase
Not Specified

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

Primary outcome(s)
The primary outcome will be arthritic disease activity, measured by the DAS44 (disease activity score on 44 joints), and pain levels, measured by a patient visual analogue scale.

Key secondary outcome(s))
Secondary outcomes will be:
1. Number of acute arthritis flares
2. Patients global assessment
3. Function of the target joints

4. Erythrocyte sedimentation rates
5. Number of tender and swollen joints
6. Number of analgesic pills
7. Safety and tolerability of methotrexate

Completion date
31/12/2010

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Definite chronic calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate (CPPD) deposition disease using the McCarty diagnostic criteria
2. Recurrent mono- or oligo-arthrits ('pseudogout') (at least three flares/six months) or persistent poly-arthritis
3. Unsatisfactory response on at least one non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) or low dose glucocorticoids (defined by the patient), OR contraindication to NSAIDs and glucocorticoids (defined by the physician)
4. Informed consent
5. Patients 18 years and over, either sex

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 years

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
1. Contraindication to methotrexate (MTX):
1.1. Hepatic failure
1.2. Important alcohol consumption
1.3. Severe renal failure
1.4. Haematological disease
1.5. Acute infection
2. Diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, connective tissue disease, psoriatic arthritis, gout or any other chronic or recurrent disease associated with oligo- or poly-arthritis
3. Inability to fill out a questionnaire in the local language
4. Pregnancy (negative pregnancy test), lactation, or refusal to use an effective form of contraception for all participants in child-baring age

Date of first enrolment

01/10/2007

Date of final enrolment
31/12/2010

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Ireland

Switzerland

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Av. Beau Séjour 26
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Sponsor information

Organisation
Geneva University Hospitals (Switzerland)

ROR
https://ror.org/01m1pv723

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
Geneva University Hospitals (Switzerland) - clinical research 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	15/10/2014		Yes	No
Other publications	exploratory analysis	01/02/2007		Yes	No