

Prospective randomized study of the effect of autologous concentrated thrombocytes versus corticosteroid injection in lateral epicondylitis.

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Musculoskeletal and connective tissue deformities (incl intervertebral disc disorders)
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

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NL-OMON30936

Source

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Brief title

Effect of autologous thrombocytes in lateral epicondylitis.

Condition

- Musculoskeletal and connective tissue deformities (incl intervertebral disc disorders)

Synonym

lateral epicondylitis, tennis elbow

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: BioMet

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Biomet NL

Intervention

Keyword: autologous, epicondylitis, tenniselbow, thrombocytes

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

Each patient randomly assigned to a treatment and with at least one non-missing pre- and postbaseline measurement, will be classified at each visit, as either success or failure. Patients with a pain score reduction $>25\%$ compared to the baseline, did not require pain medication beyond protocol defined allowable amount, and did not require escape therapy will be considered a treatment success.

The absolute change from baseline to endpoint means the baseline value is subtracted from the endpoint value. Percent change is defined as the absolute change multiplied by 100 divided by the baseline value.

For patients whose pain improves, these values will be less than zero.

Secondary outcome

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Study description

Background summary

Tenniselbow, also known as lateral epicondylitis, is the most common disorder

of the elbow and is present in approximately 1.5 % of the population at any given time.

Manual workers and racket sports athletes are at high risk.

The condition typically affects patients between 35 and 50 years old.

The exact cause of lateral epicondylitis is unknown. It is assumed that that micro- and macroscopic lesions in the common origin of wrist- and fingerextensors (CEO) occur as a result of mechanical overload.

Histological specimens from chronic cases confirm that it's not an acute inflammatory condition but rather a failure of the normal tendon repair mechanism associated with an angiofibroblastic degeneration with deposition of glycosaminoglycane, calcification and changes in cell morphology. Abnormal fibroblast differentiation has an important role in the pathogenesis of tendinosis.

Injections of corticosteroids have been proven to decrease the pain temporarily and is the gold standard in the therapy of lateral epicondylitis.

However, the condition can persist for a long period of time and/or with such intense pain that alternative treatment is indicated.

Numerous methods have been advocated for treating tennis elbow. These include rest, activity restriction, bracing, physical therapy, extracorporeal shockwave therapy, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication, corticosteroid injections, botulinum toxin injection, acupuncture etc. However, few of the therapies rest on scientific evidence and none have been proven more effective than others. An experimental treatment is the local injection of autologous platelet concentrate obtained from a small volume of autologous blood into the CEO.

This concept expands on the work by Edwards et al (2003) where blood was injected into the area, and directly addresses the underlying etiology.

In previous studies it has also been proven that injection of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) in patients with plantar fasciitis enhances repair.

The same has been proven in rats with Achilles tendon lesions.

The PRP has a 5-8 times higher concentration of platelets compared to normal blood. Platelets play an important role in the repair of tissue damage.

They contain several growth factors (GF) that are essential for the repair of tissue; Platelet Derived Growth Factor, Transforming GF's, Insulin like GF, Vascular Endothelial GF, Epidermal GF and Fibroblast GF. These GF can activate immature fibroblasts, as well as stimulate cell proliferation and vascular formation.

By activating the platelets several GF are released, which enhance the repair of the CEO, therefore decreasing pain.

Study objective

The objective of this study is to prove that a single injection of PRP in the

CEO decreases pain and duration of the condition in patients with chronic lateral epicondylitis compared to injection with lidocaine and corticosteroids. The specific objective is to give patients with chronic lateral epicondylitis an alternative before opting for surgical treatment.

Study design

The study is designed as a prospective reandomized study, where patients receive a single injection in the CEO. Patients will be randomly designed into one of the two treatment groups. The patient in the study group will receive an injection of buffered autologous platelet concentrate and the control group of lidocaine and corticosteroids in identical syringes.

The study will be conducted over a period of 1 year and contain a maximum 115 investigational with an equivalent number of control cases. All enrolled patients will meet the inclusion criteria.

The study will continue until all study participants reach their 52-week follow-up assessment.

Study burden and risks

As with any procedure involving injection, there are risks involved with buffered autologous platelet concentrate for treatment of lateral epicondylitis. Potential adverse events include, but are not limited to: bleeding, infection, nerve/nervous system damage, no relief of symptoms, and worsening of symptoms. Rarely, some adverse events may be fatal. These possible adverse events are not unique to the Recover™ kit and as stated above may occur with any procedure involving an injection.

Potential risk associated with device:

Patient participating in the study may be subject to increased risk and/or adverse events including, but not limited to:

- pain
- deep venous thrombosis
- scar tissue formation
- reaction to Lidocaine, which could involve allergic reaction, local toxicity and potentially intravascular injection.
- thrombotic complications

Minimization of risk:

To minimize risk, the investigational plan has defined a patient population that limits exposure of the device to patients conforming to the proposed indications and in/exclusions.

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Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- Men and women with lateral epicondylitis > 6 months
- Pain with palpation of the lateral epicondyl
- Pain not responding to wearing a brace or manual therapy

Exclusion criteria

- Deformities of the elbow, arthrosis, previous surgery or trauma of the elbow confirmed by X-ray(AP,lateral).
- Surgical treatment or corticosteroidinjections for lateral epicondylitis in last 6 months.
- Cervical radiculopathy or carpal tunnel syndrome in medical history.

Study design

Design

Study phase:	4
Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Double blinded (masking used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	14-01-2008
Enrollment:	100
Type:	Actual

Medical products/devices used

Registration:	No
Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	depo-medrol
Generic name:	methylprednisolonacetaat
Registration:	Yes - NL intended use

Ethics review

Approved WMO	
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Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
EudraCT	EUCTR2006-002198-32-NL
CCMO	NL19610.008.07