

Treatment of CHI with long acting Octreotide

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Diffuse CHI

- Autosomal recessive (or dominant) - mutations in genes encoding K_{ATP} channels (*ABCC8*, *KCNJ11*)
- May be amenable to medical therapy
- Severe cases require near-total pancreatectomy
- Post op complications – diabetes mellitus, exocrine pancreatic insufficiency

Management

- Medical management:
 - Diazoxide
 - Glucagon/Octreotide
- Surgery
- New medical treatment
Long acting Octreotide

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- Octreotide, an octapeptide, is a long-acting analog of somatostatin, has inhibitory effects on the release of insulin from pancreatic β -cells.
- Lanreotide has high binding affinity for human somatostatin receptors (SSTR) 2 and 5, and a reduced binding affinity for human SSTR 1, 3 and 4.
- The half-life of long acting octreotide is much higher and is usually given every 4 weekly

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- Objective: This study aims at replacing three daily s.c. octreotide injections by a single and monthly i.m. injection of long-acting release (LAR) octreotide in HI patients.
- Subjects and method: LAR octreotide was injected every 4 weeks during 6 months and s.c. octreotide injections were stopped after 3rd injection. Average follow-up of 17 months. Ten HI pediatric patients (age 1.3 -8.5 yrs) unresponsive to diazoxide and currently treated with s.c. octreotide were included in the trial.

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- Results: For all ten patients, glycemias were maintained in the usual range, HbA1c and IGF1 were unchanged. Patients gained height significantly (mean 2.7 cm; 95% CI: 1.9–3.4) and no side effect was noted during the study and the later follow-up. Parents' questionnaires of general satisfaction were highly positive whereas children's QoL evaluation remained unchanged.
- Conclusion: In these diazoxide-unresponsive HI patients, LAR octreotide was efficient, well tolerated and contributed to a clear simplification of the medical care.

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- **Objective:** two children treated with a once-monthly injection of a long-acting somatostatin analog.
- **Patients and Methods:** Both patients presented immediately after birth and were diagnosed with CHI. Patients were initially treated with diazoxide, hydrochlorothiazide, frequent feedings, and octreotide. With this therapy, they were normoglycemic with a good growth rate, normal weight gain, and excellent neurodevelopment. Treatment with the long-acting somatostatin analog lanreotide acetate (Somatuline Autogel), administered by deep sc injection of 30 mg once a month, was started at the ages of 4½ and 4 yr, respectively.

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- Octreotide infusion was gradually weaned over 1 month. The first patient has now been treated with the lanreotide acetate for over 5 yr, and the second for 3 yr. Treatment is well-tolerated, and both the patients and their parents are satisfied with the transition from pump therapy to once-a-month injection and prefer it to pump therapy.
- **Conclusion:** Lanreotide acetate may be a safe and effective alternative to octreotide pump therapy in patients with CH, offering an improved quality of life. Longer follow-up of a larger patient group is needed.

Licensed indications

- Lanreotide and Octreotide are both analogues of the hypothalamic release-inhibiting hormone somatostatin. They are indicated for the relief of symptoms associated with neuroendocrine (particularly carcinoid) tumours and acromegaly. Lanreotide is licensed for the treatment of thyroid tumours.

Adverse effects

- Rarely allergic type reactions - local reactions
- Gastrointestinal side effects include anorexia, nausea, abdominal pain, bloating, flatulence, loose stools and diarrhoea.
- Octreotide causes suppression of growth and thyroid hormones.
- Octreotide can decrease gallbladder contractility and bile secretion leading to steatorrhoea, cholestasis, hepatic dysfunction and cholelithiasis.

Treatment at GOSH

- Insertion of CGMS pre Lanreotide



- Baseline bloods
- USS gall bladder

Treatment at GOSH

- 1st dose of Lanreotide –
ametop/paracetamol/Ibuprofen
- Monitoring BM
- Insertion of CGMS
- Gradual wean of daily Octreotide/Diazoxide

Treatment at GOSH

- Monitor BM at home
- Gradual reduction of daily Octreotide/
Diazoxide
- Lanreotide injection every 28 days – to give
injections on Kingfisher ward for first 6
months
- F/up in clinic

Treatment at GOSH

- Patients treated so far: 8
- Children on Octreotide: 6
- Children on Diazoxide: 2
- Age range: 3.5 yrs to 16 yrs

Child 1

- 14 yr old on Diazoxide
- Issues: Excessive hair growth, coarse features, psychological and compliance issues
- Started on Lanreotide 30mg every 4 weekly
- Had diarrhoea on day 2 after giving 1st injection – improved after 24 hours
- Gradually weaned Diazoxide and stopped before 3rd dose of Lanreotide

Child 1

- Currently – “Child’s self esteem and confidence vastly improved”, more sociable
- Improvement in appetite and well being
- Reduced hair growth
- No hypoglycaemia