





Study Introduction Information Slides

<u>RE</u>lated haplo-<u>D</u>ono<u>R</u> haematopoietic st<u>E</u>m cell transplantation for adults with <u>Severe Sickle cell disease</u> (REDRESS)

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Background & Rationale

- Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)
 - $\,\circ\,$ Inherited condition caused by abnormality of haemoglobin.
 - $\circ\,$ Shorter Life expectancy, sickle crisis, health issues, impaired quality of life
 - Require lifelong healthcare and access to the NHS services, especially for those with severe sickle
- Available licensed therapies in UK

 Blood transfusions, hydroxycarbamide
 Not curative.



- Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT)
 - Chemotherapy, immunosuppression, stem cell transplanted from **FULLY** matched sibling donors.
 - $\,\circ\,$ Established globally to treat and cure those with severe disease
 - Cure rates are HIGH (85-87%)



Background & Rationale continued

- Haploidentical stem cell transplant (*half-matched*)
 - **70%** of 'in need' SCD population do not have a suitable sibling donor
 - Haploidentical (half-matched) family donors almost universally available
 - $\,\circ\,$ Haplo transplant routinely delivered for U18s in UK
 - $\circ\,$ New protocols now allow haplo transplant to be used in over 18s
 - **O BUT... We need more evidence!**
- Cost-effectiveness of haplo transplant v standard care

 Haplo transplant is expensive but current cost to NHS is potentially more expensive
 Potential huge cost savings







However most people will have a haplo donor



Donor matching

human leukocyte antigen-HLA system (important immune cell proteins)



- HALF MATCHED DONOR
- CAN BE PARENT, CHILD OR SIBLING
- CAN HAVE SICKLE CELL TRAIT





Aiming for a cure - Transplant is only known curative therapy. Still not sure about haplo transplant

To show that transplant from haplo (half-matched) donors is **SAFE** and **EFFECTIVE**

To show that haplo transplant is **WORTH** the **COST** to NHS

If haplo transplant shown to effective, safe and cost-worthy, it would give those most in need with a donor option, having a major impact on the quality and length of life for those with sickle cell.

- a) Adult patients age \geq 18 years
- b) Confirmed haploidentical donor
- c) Severe SCD who are at high risk for other complications and death. Severe SCD includes:
 - i. Strokes
 - ii. Chest pains
 - iii. Regular sickle crisis
 - iv. Regular transfusions
 - v. Patients needing treatment of SCD complications who cannot tolerate either hydroxycarbamide or transfusions.
 - vi. Organ damage.
- d) Patients must be fit enough to have haplo transplant
- e) Written informed consent.





- a) Fully matched sibling donor.
- b) Previous bone marrow transplant.
- c) Pregnancy or breast feeding.
- d) Participants able to conceive a child that are unprepared to use effective contraception.
- e) Clinically significant donor specific HLA antibodies.
- f) HIV infection or active Hepatitis B or C.
- g) Uncontrolled infection including bacterial, fungal and viral.
- h) Participation in another interventional trial in the last three months.
- i) Pre-existing condition deemed to significantly increase the risk of haplo transplant by the local Principal Investigator.





Study Design







- HAPLOIDENTICAL matched family donor
- Donor must be identified **PRIOR** to enrolment of transplant candidate
- Donor must be assessed as **<u>FIT</u>** to donate stem cells



Study Status

- Regulatory Approvals
 - Ethics Committee & Regulatory approval: November 2022
- Study is **Open**
 - First site = King's College Hospital, London
 - Plan to open approx. 10 sites
 - Coming to a centre near **YOU!**
- Public Launch Event 20 May 2023
 - Attended by patients, doctors, researchers, supporters, public
 - High interest and appetite for new treatments amongst community.





















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Any questions?

