# A double-blind, placebo-controlled parallelgroup pilot study of the effectiveness of Dcycloserine in reducing craving during cueexposure therapy in abstinent alcoholdependant subjects

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	☐ Protocol		
Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan		
Completed	[X] Results		
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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Contact information

## Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

### ClinicalTrials.gov number

### Secondary identifying numbers

N0038174882

## Study information

#### Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Can D-cycloserine improve extinction of cue-induced craving in alcohol dependence?

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Double-blind placebo-controlled parallel-group pilot study

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Not specified

### Study type(s)

**Not Specified** 

### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Mental and Behavioural Disorders: Alcohol dependence

### **Interventions**

RCT: [A] D-cycloserine; [B] placebo.

Screening visit: medical and psychiatric history, physical exam, biochemistry and haematology, liver function, drugs of abuse screen and ECG. Personality Questionnaire - TPQ and EPQ, Severity of Alcohol Dependence questionnaire and a semi-structured consumption of alcohol questionnaire. Instruction given for a standardised breakfast on the testing days. Modified Stroop test given.

Test day 1: Baseline blood pressure and heart rate recordings, urine screen for drugs of abuse, breath alcohol determination and subjective ratings obtained from breakfasted participants. Participants complete outcome measures. After medication, graded cue exposure when peak plasma level reached.

Test Day 2: as Test Day 1

Test Day 3: as test day 1 but no medication given to either group.

### Intervention Type

Drug

#### Phase

**Not Specified** 

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

D-cycloserine

### Primary outcome measure

Spielberger State and Trait Anxiety Inventory, Beck Depression Inventory, OCDS. Alcohol Urge Questionnaire, and visual analogue scores to rate craving and mood.

### Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

### Overall study start date

19/12/2005

### Completion date

24/04/2009

## **Eligibility**

### Key inclusion criteria

24 abstinent alcohol dependant males who attend the Bristol Area Specialist Alcohol Service. 12 in each group, D-cycloserine and placebo

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Age group

**Not Specified** 

#### Sex

Male

## Target number of participants

24

### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Substance misuse or dependence (other than alcohol)
- 2. Major psychiatric morbidity such as psychosis
- 3. Clinically significant abnormality on physical examination or investigation
- 4. Pregnancy or breast feeding
- 5. Taking acamprosate, disulfiram or naltrexone

### Date of first enrolment

19/12/2005

### Date of final enrolment

24/04/2009

## Locations

### Countries of recruitment

England

**United Kingdom** 

## Study participating centre Psychopharmacology Unit

Bristol United Kingdom BS1 3NY

## Sponsor information

### Organisation

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### Sponsor details

The Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall London United Kingdom SW1A 2NL +44 (0)20 7307 2622 dhmail@doh.gsi.org.uk

## Sponsor type

Government

### Website

http://www.dh.gov.uk/Home/fs/en

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### **Funder Name**

Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (UK), NHS R&D Support Funding

## **Results and Publications**

## Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

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	01/07/2011		Yes	No