

# Investigating the possible therapeutic effects of the homoeopathic remedy Apis Mellifica on Weaver Fish stings using a double blind randomised controlled trial

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

2005-005934-11

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

Investigating the possible Therapeutic Effects of the Homoeopathic Remedy Apis Mellifica on Weaver Fish Stings using a Double Blind Randomised Controlled Trial

**Acronym**

Weaver-fish & Homoeopathy

**Study objectives**

That homoeopathic apis mellifica will be more effective in treating the sting from a weaver fish than a placebo

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Informed consent: understanding spoken and written english, over the age of eighteen, or with parental guidance and consent if under 18. There will be written informed consent from all participants or parents where needed. Informed of data protection, and possible adverse reactions to the homoeopathic remedy. Openness and honesty: Double blind test, thus the participant might be given a placebo although they will still receive the standard treatment. Right to withdraw. Protection from possible harm. Debriefing. Confidentiality and to follow all ethical principals of relevent professional bodies.

**Study design**

Double Blind Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT)

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Sting from weaver fish

**Interventions**

Standard treatment of feet submerged in hot water, plus homoeopathic remedy or placebo remedy

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Specified

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

Apis Mellifica

**Primary outcome(s)**

Pain relief

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

Removal of concomitant symptoms

**Completion date**

31/10/2006

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Type 1, healthy clients, affected by weaver-fish sting, within one hour.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Over 65 years of age
2. Unable to read english
3. Taking any prescribed medication
4. Not NHS registered
5. Have taken any previous form of treatment for the sting
6. Have been stung already this year
7. Any heart condition
8. Any other contraindications to treatment

**Date of first enrolment**

01/03/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

31/10/2006

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**

**Opie Building**  
Pool, Redruth  
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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Cornwall College Camborne (UK)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/006pak935>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
University/education

**Funder Name**  
Cornwall College Camborne (UK)

**Funder Name**  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (UK)

## 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?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
<a href="#">Study website</a>	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes