

# Expanded safety and acceptability study of 6% cellulose sulphate

**Submission date**  
19/03/2004

**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

**Registration date**  
01/04/2004

**Overall study status**  
Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

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**Condition category**  
Urological and Genital Diseases

☐ Individual participant data

**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
WHO/HRP ID: A15006

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Expanded safety and acceptability study of 6% cellulose sulphate

## Study objectives

Local tolerance and acceptability of cellulose sulphate (CS) gel applied vaginally twice daily for seven days.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

The study protocol was approved by scientific and ethics review committees at each implementing centre and the World Health Organization.

## Study design

A phase I randomised, closed label, comparative study

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Not specified

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

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

Sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention

## Interventions

1. Test groups using Cellulose Sulphate (CS) gel with or without concurrent intercourse
2. Control groups using K-Y jelly with or without concurrent intercourse

Total duration of involvement in the study, including screening, admission, completion and follow up, is approximately one month per subject.

## Intervention Type

Drug

## Phase

Phase I

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

Cellulose sulphate (CS) gel

**Primary outcome measure**

The number of women who experienced any signs and/or symptoms of genital irritation as reported by volunteers at any time during follow-up or as determined by naked eye examination of the genitalia, on colposcopy or microbiologic tests.

**Secondary outcome measures**

Adverse events

**Overall study start date**

01/12/2001

**Completion date**

01/07/2003

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Healthy, sexually abstinent and sexually active women
2. Considered to be at low risk for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
3. Recruited from family planning clinics and local communities in Kampala (Uganda), Mumbai (India), and Sagamu (Nigeria)
4. Aged between 18 and 50 years
5. Had regular menstrual cycles, or were on injectable contraceptives and amenorrhoeic for at least 6 months
6. Were not at risk for pregnancy (because of tubal ligation, steroidal contraceptives, or abstinence)
7. Willing to adhere to the study protocol

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

180

**Total final enrolment**

180

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Known to have an allergy to any component of CS gel or K-Y Jelly or condoms (cohort II only)
2. Currently pregnant or within 2 months from last pregnancy outcome
3. Known to abuse drug or alcohol
4. Had evidence of an infection with *Trichomonas vaginalis*, Candidiasis or bacterial vaginosis which did not resolve with treatment or if they had gonorrhoea or a chlamydial infection
5. Had a history of herpes or condylomata within the past 6 months
6. Had non-iatrogenic abnormal colposcopy findings involving deep disruption of the genital epithelium at enrolment

**Date of first enrolment**

01/12/2001

**Date of final enrolment**

01/07/2003

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

India

Nigeria

Switzerland

Uganda

**Study participating centre****World Health Organization**

Geneva-27

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank - Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction

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**Sponsor type**

Research organisation

**Website**

<http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/hrp/>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/01f80g185>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
/World Health Organization (WHO)/World Bank - Special Programme of Research, Development  
and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**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="#">Results article</a>		02/12/2005		Yes	No