High or Low Dose Syntocinon (Oxytocin) for delay in labour

Submission date	Recruitment status	[X] Prospectively registered		
29/10/2010	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol		
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan		
29/10/2010	Completed	[X] Results		
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title

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Acronym

HOLDS

Study objectives

Use of high dose oxytocin will achieve more effective uterine contractions resulting not only in shorter labours but in a higher chance of vaginal birth in women who are diagnosed as having delay in the first stage of labour.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

23/06/2010 (ref: 10/H0406/30)

Study design

Multicentre randomised interventional treatment trial with an observational qualitative element

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Topic: Reproductive Health and Childb; Subtopic: Reproductive Health and Childb (all Subtopics); Disease: Reproductive Health & Childbirth

Interventions

Syntocinon, 10 IU versus 20 IU

Study entry: single randomisation only

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Syntocinon (Oxytocin)

Primary outcome(s)

Birth and early postnatal period

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Consenting nulliparous women with a singleton pregnancy at term (37 42 weeks) gestation
- 2. Confirmed delay in labour as defined by NICE Intrapartum Care Guideline and with ruptured membranes
- 3. Labour is established when there are regular painful contractions and progressive cervical dilation from 4 cm. Delay is suspected when cervical dilatation of less than 2 cm in 4 hours occurs once labour is established. Delay is confirmed when progress of less than 1 cm in 2 hours is found on repeat vaginal examination.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Female

Total final enrolment

94

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Under 16 years old
- 2. Induction
- 3. Body mass index (BMI) greater than 40
- 4. Multiple pregnancy
- 5. Existing maternal or fetal disease or concern
- 6. Gestational diabetes
- 7. Previous uterine surgery
- 8. Vaginal bleeding in this pregnancy of clinical significance
- 9. Contra-indication to oxytocin therapy

Date of first enrolment

01/11/2010

Date of final enrolment

30/09/2011

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

University of Birmingham (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/03angcq70

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) (UK) - Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme

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?
Basic results			28/05/2020	No	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023	No	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes