

# Randomised double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of selenium supplementation in adult asthma

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
N0534164211

## Study information

## **Scientific Title**

### **Acronym**

SELINA (SELEnium IN Asthma)

### **Study objectives**

That a low intake of selenium, by increasing oxidative stress, promotes airway inflammation and worsens asthma symptoms, and that this effect can be ameliorated by supplementation with selenium, leading to a reduction in severity and even remission of asthma symptoms.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

Approved by Greenwich Local Research Ethics Committee (LREC), main approval 21/11/01; amendments to protocol approved on 4/4/03, reference number: 82/NOV/01 and Guy's LREC main approval: 26/09/02; amendments to protocol approved on 19/11/02; 19/02/03; 15/05/03; reference number: 02/09/16

### **Study design**

Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (parallel design)

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Adult asthma

### **Interventions**

Selenium supplement 100 microgram (one tablet per day) versus placebo supplied by Pharma Nord, Denmark. The product (SelenoPrecise™) is a yeast preparation grown in a selenium-rich medium. Placebo contains yeast only.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Specified

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

SelenoPrecise

### **Primary outcome(s)**

Asthma-related quality of life

### **Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Lung function
2. Asthma symptom scores
3. Peak flow
4. Bronchodilator usage

**Completion date**

01/05/2005

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Asthma symptoms in last month
2. Prescribed inhaled steroids in last six months
3. Not taking selenium supplements

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Inability to give informed consent
2. Inability to swallow tablets
3. Pregnancy or lactation or intention to become pregnant during the trial period
3. Renal or liver disease
4. Known yeast intolerance

**Date of first enrolment**

01/05/2002

**Date of final enrolment**

01/05/2005

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Department of Health (UK)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/03sbpja79>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

Department of Health Unit Grant, which core funds our Public Health Aspects of Asthma Research Programme (Social Medicine and Health Services Research Unit (ref: 121/7418, Unit Director and grant holder Prof P Burney).

## 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="#">Results article</a>		01/06/2007		Yes	No