

# Acupuncture for irritable bowel syndrome: a pilot for a randomised controlled trial

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**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**  
N/A

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Study objectives

That a randomised controlled trial is feasible and the design can be optimised on the basis of the pilot.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Solihull Local Research Ethics Committee approved on the 28th June 2006 (ref: 06/Q2706/3)

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial pilot study

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

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

Irritable bowel syndrome

## Interventions

Group one: acupuncture plus usual General Practitioner (GP) care

Group two: usual GP care alone

## Intervention Type

Other

## Phase

Not Applicable

## Primary outcome measure

IBS Symptom Severity and Global Impact Score

## Secondary outcome measures

1. Quality of life
2. Anxiety and depression
3. Euro-QOL (EQ-5D) instrument
4. Medication and service use

**Overall study start date**

22/06/2006

**Completion date**

30/06/2008

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Consulted in primary care in the previous two years
2. Diagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) which meets the Rome II criteria
3. Aged over 18 years

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

30

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Not currently having acupuncture
2. No haemophilia
3. Not diagnosed with cancer
4. No major abdominal surgery in the previous six months
5. Sufficient English to complete documentation

**Date of first enrolment**

22/06/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2008

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

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**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/04m01e293>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**  
University/education

**Funder Name**  
University of York (UK) - Innovation and Research Priming Fund Award

# 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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/03/2008		Yes	No