Effect of oral probiotic supplementation on the rate of hospital acquired infection and necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm very low birth weight infants

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
18/04/2011	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
28/04/2011	Completed	Results
Last Edited 28/04/2011	Condition category Infections and Infestations	Individual participant data
		Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

Contact information

Type(s)

Scientific

Contact name

Dr Santi Punnahitananda

Contact details

Department of Pediatrics
Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University
Rama IV Road
Pathumwan
Bangkok
Thailand
10330
santi.p@chula.ac.th

Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Nosocomial infections and necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm very low birth weight neonates treated with lactobacillus acidophilus and bifidobacterium infantis in an intensive care unit: a randomized controlled study

Study objectives

Daily enteral probiotics supplementation can reduce nosocomial infections and necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) among very low birth weight (VLBW) infants in a neonatal intensive care unit

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethical Committee of the Institutional Review Board of the Faculty of Medicine, Chilalongkorn University approved on 28th February 2003, Ref: 065/2003

Study design

Randomized controlled study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Prevention

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Hospital acquired infection and necrotizing enterocolitis in neonates

Interventions

Daily enteral probiotic supplementation of live Lactobacillus acidophilus and Bifidobacterium infantis at a dose of 2.5×108 CFU of each strain once a day for at least 28 days versus placebo

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Nosocomial Infections

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)
- 2. Feeding tolerance
- 3. Time to reach full enteral feeding

Completion date

31/03/2008

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. VLBW preterm infants (gestational age (GA) < 35 weeks, body weight (BW) < 1.5 kg)
- 2. Admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) who survived the first 3 days of life

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Neonate

Sex

Αll

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Infants with chromosome abnormality
- 2. Infants with severe congenital defects
- 3. Infants with gastrointestinal anomalies (e.g. omphalocele, gastroschisis, intestinal obstruction)
- 4. Infants with unstable hemodynamic status

Date of first enrolment

01/01/2005

Date of final enrolment

31/03/2008

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Thailand

Study participating centre Department of Pediatrics

Bangkok Thailand 10330

Sponsor information

Organisation

Faculty of Medicine Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)

ROR

Funder(s)

Funder type

University/education

Funder Name

Faculty of Medicine Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)

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?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes