

# NOURISH: Phase II Trial

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-trial-see-taking-supplement-powder-helps-improve-weight-muscle-loss-people-lung-cancer-nourish>

## Contact information

### Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

LU2005

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Improving the management of cachexia in patients with advanced lung cancer: does the introduction of beta-hydroxy beta-methylbutyrate / arginine / glutamine (HMB/ARG/GLN) supplementation maintain lean body mass and quality of life?

### Acronym

## NOURISH

### Study objectives

This is a phase II trial. The outcome will not, in itself, be interpreted to guide clinical management. The intention is to detect a signal that intervention using HMB/ARG/GLN supplementation alters the rate of change in LBM (used as a more meaningful measurement of cachexia than weight) sufficiently to justify further investigation in a Phase III trial. Other outcomes attributable to cachexia such as loss of muscle strength and deterioration in functional status and QoL will be measured as secondary endpoints. A Phase III trial will formally test the hypothesis that the intervention results in clinical benefit.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

The Black Country Research Ethics Committee Ref: 11/WM/0071 07 April 2011

### Study design

Prospective, multicentre, Phase II, two arm, double-blinded, placebo-controlled randomised clinical trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study type(s)

Treatment

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

Management of cachexia in advanced lung cancer

### Interventions

Patients will receive either beta-hydroxy beta-methylbutyrate/arginine/glutamine (HMB/ARG/GLN) or a matched placebo as 1 sachet twice daily for 12 weeks

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Phase II

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

Beta-hydroxy beta-methylbutyrate/arginine/glutamine (HMB/ARG/GLN)

### Primary outcome(s)

The number of patients who are alive without significant loss of lean body mass (LBM) (i.e. not more than 5%)

### Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Change in LBM measured by Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA) after 12 weeks of HMB/ARG/GLN or a matched placebo compared to baseline
2. Lean body mass (LBM) at 3 weekly intervals from start of HMB/ARG/GLN/placebo intervention

for 12 weeks

3. Functional status will be assessed by handgrip strength measured at each trial visit using the Jamer™ dynamometer
4. Change in QoL measured by the FAACT questionnaire from baseline to week 12

**Completion date**

01/05/2013

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Newly diagnosed small cell lung cancer (SCLC) or non small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
2. Able to take oral nutrition
3. WHO performance status 0-2
4. Life expectancy greater than 4 months

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients suitable for radical treatment with curative intent
2. Patients who have already commenced first line chemotherapy or radiotherapy
3. Patients for whom the diagnosis of lung cancer was made more than 8 weeks before trial entry
4. Known or suspected to be pregnant
5. Patients with pacemaker or internal defibrillator in situ

**Date of first enrolment**

01/05/2011

**Date of final enrolment**

01/05/2013

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
University of Birmingham (UK)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/03angcq70>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Research organisation

**Funder Name**  
National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI)

**Funder Name**  
Supportive and Palliative Care (SuPaC) Research Collaborative grant (LCSuPaC 30)

## 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="#">Abstract results</a>              | abstract e20684               | 01/07/2014   |            | No             | No              |
| <a href="#">Participant information sheet</a> | Participant information sheet | 11/11/2025   | 11/11/2025 | No             | Yes             |