

# Randomised controlled open outcome study of treatment of menopausal symptoms by medical herbalists (pilot study)

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**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

**Registration date**  
03/08/2005

**Overall study status**  
Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

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**Condition category**  
Urological and Genital Diseases

☐ Individual participant data

## 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

NUX018

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Randomised controlled open outcome study of treatment of menopausal symptoms by medical herbalists (pilot study)

## Study objectives

To demonstrate whether the well-being of a sample of menopausal women is improved by treatment from practicing medical herbalists.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration.

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Not specified

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

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

Menopausal symptoms or problems

## Interventions

Intervention group of 15 women: 6 consultations and treatment with individual prescriptions of a mixture of herbal medicines over a 5 month period by one of 3 local qualified herbal practitioners who are Members of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists.

Control group of 30 women: offered equivalent series of consultations and treatment after acting as controls for 5 months.

## Intervention Type

Other

## Phase

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

Greene Climacteric Scale

**Secondary outcome measures**

Measure Yourself Medical Outcome Profile (MYMOP2), Hot flush Visual Analogue Scale (VAS)

**Overall study start date**

01/01/2002

**Completion date**

30/12/2004

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Women aged 46 - 59 registered on database of one general practice in Bristol
2. Over three months since last menstrual period
3. Experiencing self-defined menopausal problems of over three months duration

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

45

**Total final enrolment**

45

**Key exclusion criteria**

In the previous three months:

1. Taken hormone replacement therapy
2. Taken any other hormone treatment including 'natural progesterone cream'
3. Taken tamoxifen
4. Surgery requiring a general anaesthetic

Current:

Complementary treatment for menopausal problems; psychiatric treatment or medication; advised by a doctor to take hormone replacement therapy because of osteoporosis or high risk of developing osteoporosis.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2002

**Date of final enrolment**

30/12/2004

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

## Study participating centre

286 Ashley Down Road

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

University of Central Lancashire (UK)

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## Sponsor type

University/education

## ROR

<https://ror.org/010jbqd54>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Research organisation

## Funder Name

National Institute of Medical Herbalists (UK) - Education Fund

# Results and Publications

## Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

## Intention to publish date

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Not provided at time of registration

## 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>		01/10/2007		Yes	No