

# Double blind placebo controlled trial of steroids in Bacterial Meningitis

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

**Protocol serial number**  
061330

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Double blind placebo controlled trial of steroids in Bacterial Meningitis

**Acronym**

BM Study

**Study objectives**

To investigate the effects of dexamethazone on the course and outcome of Bacterial Meningitis (BM) in adults in Viet Nam.

**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

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Bacterial meningitis

**Interventions**

Double blind randomised controlled trial. The intervention will be dexamethasone.

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Specified

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

Dexamethazone

**Primary outcome(s)**

Mortality

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

No secondary outcome measures

**Completion date**

01/01/2000

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. The treating physician believes the diagnosis to be BM
2. History less than ten days (unless still Cerebrospinal Fluid [CSF] evidence of bacteria)
3. CSF white cell count more than 50 with more than 50% neutrophils
4. CSF glucose less than 50% of blood glucose

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Chest X-Ray (CXR) shows evidence of possible Tuberculosis (TB)
2. History is longer than ten days
3. History of hypersensitivity to beta-lactam antibiotics
4. Known severe liver or renal impairment
5. Patients in whom the physician believes corticosteroids are contraindicated e.g. uncontrolled diabetes, gastro-intestinal bleeding etc.
6. Pre-existing severe neurological disability
7. Pregnancy within the first trimester

**Date of first enrolment**

01/11/1996

**Date of final enrolment**

01/01/2000

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Viet Nam

**Study participating centre**

Hospital for Tropical Diseases

Ho Chi Minh City

Viet Nam

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**Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

University of Oxford (UK)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/052gg0110>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

The Wellcome Trust (UK) (grant ref: 061330)

**Results and Publications****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>		21/10/2004		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>		13/12/2007		Yes	No