

# A double-blind randomised controlled clinical trial of levosimendan vs dopexamine in septic shock

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Contact information

### Type(s)

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

### Secondary identifying numbers

N0025154509

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Study objectives

To assess the role of levosimendan in preserving blood flow to the splanchnic circulation in septic shock as compared with dopexamine, with a secondary objective of whether there is improvement in cardiac performance.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial (pilot study) with randomisation into two groups, double blinded

## 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

Signs and Symptoms: Sepsis

## Interventions

Randomised controlled trial (pilot study) with randomisation into two groups, double blinded to minimise researcher bias, patients randomised to levosimendan or dopexamine, the randomisation code to be held by a non-participating intensive care pharmacist who will track any adverse effects. Those recruited will be administered an infusion of trial or control drug based on their body weight and following a set standardised protocol. Following 24 hours infusion of the study/control drug, all patients will be converted to an infusion of dopexamine at 1 mg if use of drug is still considered necessary.

## Intervention Type

Drug

## Phase

Not Applicable

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

Levosimendan, dopexamine

**Primary outcome measure**

Not provided at time of registration

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

01/12/2004

**Completion date**

20/09/2007

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

20 patients, 10 in each group, following admission to Critical Care at Aintree Trust

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Date of first enrolment**

01/12/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

20/09/2007

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**  
**Critical Care Unit**  
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## **Sponsor information**

### **Organisation**

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### **Sponsor details**

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### **Sponsor type**

Government

### **Website**

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/Home/fs/en>

## **Funder(s)**

### **Funder type**

Government

### **Funder Name**

Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

### **Funder Name**

NHS R&D Support Funding (UK)

## **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