

# Needle penetration versus placebo device: Double-Blind Acupuncture trial

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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**Secondary identifying numbers**  
N/A

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Acronym

DBAS

## Study objectives

Needle penetration of acupuncture has specific analgesic effect over placebo acupuncture.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Approval received from The Showa University Ethics Committee on the 24 December 1999 (ref: 65).

## Study design

A crossover design with real-acupuncture and placebo-acupuncture.

## 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

Healthy volunteers, no disease

## Interventions

A placebo needle, which cannot penetrate the skin, and a real needle, which can penetrate the skin.

## Intervention Type

Device

## Phase

Not Specified

## Primary outcome measure

Amount of pain eliciting painful electrical stimulation on a Visual Analogue Scale (VAS).

**Secondary outcome measures**

Intensity of needle sensations on a VAS.

**Overall study start date**

01/07/2000

**Completion date**

01/07/2005

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

Healthy volunteers familiar with acupuncture treatment.

**Participant type(s)**

Healthy volunteer

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

50

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Unhealthy volunteers
2. Healthy volunteers unfamiliar with acupuncture treatment

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2000

**Date of final enrolment**

01/07/2005

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

Japan

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# 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