

# Efficacy of zinc or iron supplementation during first three years of life in preventing mortality in Zanzibar (Tanzania)

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
WHO/CAH ID 00003

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Study objectives

To assess the effect of iron and folic acid supplementation on severe morbidity and mortality.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the World Health Organization (WHO) ethical committee (Sub Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects [SCRIHS]) in the year 2000.

## 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

Severe morbidity and mortality

## Interventions

5 mg zinc or placebo/day for infants less than 6 months and 10 mg/day for infants older than 6 months. All children will receive daily vitamin A supplement (one tablet for infants greater than 6 months and half tablet for infants less than 6 months).

## Intervention Type

Supplement

## Phase

Not Specified

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

Zinc, vitamin A supplementation

## Primary outcome measure

Serious adverse events (a composite of hospital admissions and all-cause deaths)

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Death during follow-up or within 30 days of stopping supplementation
2. Hospital admission to any of the five public hospitals in Pemba

### **Overall study start date**

01/01/2003

### **Completion date**

19/08/2003

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Children aged 1 to 35 months
2. Resident of the Pemba Island and likely to remain in the area during the study period
3. Parents consenting to participate in the trial

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Child

### **Lower age limit**

1 Months

### **Upper age limit**

35 Months

### **Sex**

Both

### **Target number of participants**

24076 children (at time of final enrolment)

### **Key exclusion criteria**

1. Children unable to swallow
2. Children hospitalised or receiving therapeutic multivitamins supplements are only recruited once discharged from hospital or supplement therapy is stopped
3. Children with clinically severe malnutrition will be re-evaluated after completion of the rehabilitation

### **Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2003

### **Date of final enrolment**

19/08/2003

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

Switzerland

Tanzania

## Study participating centre

**World Health Organization**

Geneva-27

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

The Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development (CAH)/World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

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## Sponsor type

Research organisation

## Website

<http://www.who.int>

## ROR

<https://ror.org/01f80g185>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Research organisation

## Funder Name

The Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development (CAH)/World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

# 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

## Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	14/01/2006		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	17/03/2007		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/09/2013		Yes	No