

Harp music: Effects on heart rate variability, cortisol and activity

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Type(s)
Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title

Harp music: Effects on heart rate variability, cortisol and activity

Study objectives

The null hypothesis is that harp music has no effect compared with usual care or a quiet room on any parameter of heart rate variability, salivary cortisol or activity of premature infants.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Approved by Wake Forest University School of Medicine (WFUSM) Institutional Review Board on 03/31/2005 (Protocol no. BG05-162)

Study design

Randomized controlled trial.

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Prematurity

Interventions

Harp music vs quiet room. The infants allocated to the intervention group had harp music for 45 minutes each day for 3 days.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome measure

1. Salivary cortisol was measured just prior to harp music/quiet/usual care observation period and just after each day
2. HRV was measured during the intervention each day
3. Activity was measured during and after the intervention each day
4. Weight, measured at baseline (Monday) and 5 days (Friday)

Secondary outcome measures

Growth, measured as weight gain at 5 days (this trial is 5 days long).

Overall study start date

01/04/2005

Completion date

30/12/2006

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

Infants hospitalized at Brenner Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care or Intermediate Care Units. Infants were eligible if they satisfied the following criteria:

1. Born between 25 and 36 weeks gestational age
2. At least 34 weeks gestational age by the time of enrollment
3. Had been medically stable in the intermediate care nursery for at least three days
4. Had passed the neonatal hearing screen
5. Slept in a crib rather than an isolette
6. Took full oral feedings
7. Free of apnea and bradycardia spells
8. Expected to remain in the intermediate nursery for at least seven more days to achieve stable body temperature

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Neonate

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

90

Total final enrolment

8

Key exclusion criteria

1. Any medical condition known to adversely affect either:
 - 1.1. Central nervous system (e.g. intraventricular hemorrhage of Grade II or higher)
 - 1.2. Cardiac or adrenal function (e.g. major cardiac anomaly)
 - 1.3. Movement (e.g. spasticity, hypotonia, or fractured clavicle)
2. Any ongoing need for stressful or invasive medical procedures or steroid medications

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2005

Date of final enrolment

30/12/2006

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United States of America

Study participating centre

Wake Forest University School of Medicine

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Sponsor information

Organisation

National Institutes of Health, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (USA)

Sponsor details

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Sponsor type

Government

ROR

<https://ror.org/00190t495>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

National Institutes of Health (ref: NCCAM AT001901)

Alternative Name(s)

Institutos Nacionales de la Salud, US National Institutes of Health, NIH

Funding Body Type

Government organisation

Funding Body Subtype

National government

Location

United States of America

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?
Results article	results	01/12/2008	17/05/2019	Yes	No