

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

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

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**Type(s)**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
NIH AT001901

## 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

**Study type(s)****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(s)**

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)

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

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

**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

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Neonate

**Sex**

All

**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)

**ROR**

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

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

National Institutes of Health (ref: NCCAM AT001901)

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

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

National government

**Location**

United States of America

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary****Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/12/2008	17/05/2019	Yes	No