

# Erectile dysfunction and statins: a randomised controlled trial (RCT)

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/researchsummaries/?entryid29=20579&q=0%c2%ac08%2fH0301%2f74%c2%ac>

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Secondary identifying numbers

RHF0001

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Erectile dysfunction: a randomised controlled trial of lipid lowering with simvastatin (EDS trial)

## Acronym

EDS trial

## Study objectives

Primary hypothesis:

In men with untreated erectile dysfunction (ED) but no other cardiovascular risk factors, not currently receiving lipid lowering treatment, treatment with simvastatin improves erectile function.

Secondary hypotheses:

1. The improvement in erectile function leads to an improvement in sexual health related quality of life
2. The improvement in erectile function is related to a reduction in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and improvement in endothelial function
3. Treatment of ED with simvastatin is cost effective

On 05/07/2011 the overall trial end date was changed from 30/11/2009 to 30/09/2011.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Essex 1 Research Ethics Committee, 06/08/2008, ref: 08/H0301/74

## Study design

Randomised double-blind placebo-controlled parallel-group multicentre trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Not specified

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Erectile dysfunction caused by vascular impairment

**Interventions**

Simvastatin one 40 mg tablet orally daily at bedtime for 6 months or matched placebo one tablet orally daily at bedtime.

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Applicable

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

Simvastatin

**Primary outcome measure**

Erectile dysfunction measured by the 5 item version of the International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF-5)

All primary and secondary outcomes will be assessed at baseline and 6 months.

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Erectile function as measured by the Sexual Encounter Profile diaries
2. Quality of life (QOL), assessed by the Male Erectile Dysfunction specific questionnaire (MED-QOL) and euroqol EQ-5D
3. Total LDL, HDL cholesterol in fasting blood samples
4. Use of health services and cost of statins
5. Endothelial function measured by pulse wave analysis in a 10% sub-sample

All primary and secondary outcomes will be assessed at baseline and 6 months.

**Overall study start date**

01/10/2008

**Completion date**

30/09/2011

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

1. Men aged 40 years and over
2. In a stable heterosexual relationship for at least 6 months
3. No clinically overt cardiovascular risk factors other than raised cholesterol
4. Not currently on lipid or erectile dysfunction therapy
5. Untreated erectile dysfunction defined as score <22 on the International Index of Erectile Function 5 item questionnaire

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Male

**Target number of participants**

170

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Diabetes, past history of myocardial infarction, hospitalised angina or stroke
2. Hypertension - systolic blood pressure  $\geq 170$  mmHg, diastolic  $\geq 100$  mmHg
3. Ratio total:high-density lipoproteins (HDL) cholesterol  $\geq 6$
4. Total cardiovascular risk  $\geq 20\%$  over next 10 years
5. Current lipid lowering therapy
6. Erectile dysfunction therapy in the last 3 months
7. Hypogonadism
8. Chronic liver disease or abnormal liver function
9. Severe renal disease or evidence of impaired renal function
10. Inflammatory muscle disease or evidence of muscle problems
11. Concomitant administration of contra-indicated drugs: itraconazole, ketoconazole, HIV protease inhibitors, erythromycin, telithromycin and nefazodone
12. Concomitant administration of other drugs associated with increased risk of myopathy /rhabdomyolysis: ciclosporin, danazol and fusidic acid
13. Galactose intolerance, Lapp lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

28/07/2011

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

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**Sponsor type**

University/education

**Website**

<http://www.herts.ac.uk>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/0267vjk41>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) (UK) (ref: PB-PG-0107-11391)

**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="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	01/12/2011		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2013		Yes	No
	results				

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05/03/2014

Yes

No