

# Preventing asthma exacerbations by avoiding mite allergen

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

Preventing asthma exacerbations in children by avoiding mite allergen

## Study objectives

Asthma is a common disease in children and for most symptoms are well controlled with regular inhaler medications. However, many will still experience exacerbations (times when their symptoms become out of control) and these will result in school absenteeism, visits to the GP or A&E and even hospital admission. Previous studies have identified risk factors for exacerbations and these include viral infections and exposure to allergens that the child is sensitised to. In fact these two factors together are the biggest risk factor of all. The commonest allergen asthmatic children are sensitised and exposed to in the UK is house dust mite (HDM) allergen. These mites live in beds and bedding, carpets, curtains, soft toys and clothes. Close contact is most frequent at night from our bedding. Exposure to these allergens can be reduced by installing miteproof bedding covers (mattress, pillow and duvet). The purpose of the study is to find out whether reducing exposure to HDM allergen by using miteimpermeable bedding covers will reduce the number of exacerbations an asthmatic child has over the following 12 months.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

ref: 11/ NW/0262

## Study design

Randomised interventional trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

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

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

Asthma in paediatrics

## Interventions

The bedding covers will be tested by comparing them to placebo (dummy) covers. To do this fairly children will be randomly allocated so that everybody has an equal chance of either

receiving the mite impermeable bedding covers or receiving the placebo covers. Asthmatic children (3 - 17 years old) will be recruited following an exacerbation of asthma from hospitals across the North West Region. Research staff will visit them in their homes following recovery, consent them to the study and install the bedding covers. Children will be followed 3 monthly for a further 12 months by telephone contact. Questionnaires will collect information on exacerbations, symptoms and quality of life.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

Exacerbation rate measured over 12 months from randomisation

**Secondary outcome measures**

No secondary outcome measures

**Overall study start date**

01/11/2011

**Completion date**

01/05/2013

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

1. Children age 3-17 years with a physician diagnosis of asthma, following a recent exacerbation
2. Skin prick test positive to house dust mite (weal diameter 3mm or greater than the control)
3. Male or female participants

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Child

**Lower age limit**

3 Years

**Upper age limit**

17 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

Planned Sample Size: 450; UK Sample Size: 450

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Using mite proof bedding prior to enrolling in the study
2. Significant other medical condition

**Date of first enrolment**

01/11/2011

**Date of final enrolment**

01/05/2013

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

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Website**

<http://www.south.manchester.ac.uk/>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/00he80998>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Charity

## Funder Name

J P Moulton Charitable Foundation (UK)

# 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	15/07/2017		Yes	No