

# Clinical value of LightCycler® SeptiFast Test compared to conventional blood cultures for antimicrobial detection in post-surgical septic patients

<b>Submission date</b> 17/07/2009	<b>Recruitment status</b> No longer recruiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prospectively registered <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol
<b>Registration date</b> 18/09/2009	<b>Overall study status</b> Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical analysis plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results
<b>Last Edited</b> 19/02/2016	<b>Condition category</b> Injury, Occupational Diseases, Poisoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual participant data

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

## Contact information

**Type(s)**  
Scientific

**Contact name**  
Prof Claudia Spies

**Contact details**  
Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine  
Augustenburger Platz 1  
Berlin  
Germany  
13353  
+49 (0)30 450 55 10 01  
claudia.spies@charite.de

## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

## Secondary identifying numbers

EA1/043/09

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Clinical value of LightCycler® SeptiFast Test compared to conventional blood cultures for antimicrobial detection in post-operative septic patients: a prospective, randomised single-centre trial

## Acronym

SeptiFast

## Study objectives

Antimicrobial detection in septic patients with the LightCycler® SeptiFast Test leads to accelerated administration of appropriate antibiotic therapy.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics Committee of Charité - University Medicine Berlin, 12/03/2009, ref: EA1/043/09

## Study design

Prospective randomised controlled single-centre trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Diagnostic

## 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

Sepsis due to abdominal infection or hospital acquired pneumonia

## Interventions

Patients will be randomised in two groups. Samples for the LightCycler® SeptiFast Test will be taken in both groups parallel to conventional blood cultures. In group 1, the results of the LightCycler® SeptiFast Test will be made available for the treating physician, in group 2, results of the LightCycler® SeptiFast Test will be analysed retrospectively. Both groups will be assessed

for changes in the initial empirical therapy (end of intervention), both groups will be followed up until resolution of all clinical signs of sepsis or discharge from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or for a maximum period of 30 days.

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Applicable

### **Primary outcome measure**

Frequency of changes of the initial antibiotic treatment related to diagnostic procedures and time until appropriate antibiotic treatment, assessed at the end of data collection.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Rate of patients with organisms detected by the LightCycler® SeptiFast Test compared to all patients with clinically confirmed sepsis
2. Rate of empirical treatment that was retrospectively confirmed to be appropriate
3. Number of days with antibiotic treatment
4. Decreasing severity of illness (Simplified Acute Physiology Score [SAPS], Sequential Organ Failure Assessment [SOFA], 28-item Therapeutic Intervention Score [TISS-28]) during treatment
5. Length of mechanical ventilation
6. Length of intensive care unit (ICU) stay
7. Length of hospital stay
8. Therapy costs

All assessed at the end of data collection.

### **Overall study start date**

01/01/2007

### **Completion date**

30/04/2012

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Post-surgical patients with suspected intra-abdominal infection or hospital acquired pneumonia
2. Suspected or known infection that clinically indicates investigation by blood cultures
3. Inclusion within 72 hours of diagnosis
4. Presence of at least two criteria for systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS):
  - 4.1. Temperature greater than 38°C or less than 36°C
  - 4.2. Heart rate greater than 90 beats/minute
  - 4.3. Respiratory rate greater than 20 breaths/minute or partial pressure of carbon dioxide in arterial blood (PaCO<sub>2</sub>) less than 32 mmHg/4.3 kPa
  - 4.4. White blood cell count (WBC) greater than 12.000/mm<sup>3</sup> or less than 4.000/mm<sup>3</sup> or 10% immature
5. Age greater than 17 years, either sex

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

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

100

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Moribund patients with expected survival less than 24 hours
2. Less than 18 years of age
3. Pregnancy
4. Known and confirmed organism responsible for infection
5. Participation in an other prospective clinical study during the passed 30 days
6. Consent of the patient or legal guardian cannot be obtained

**Date of first enrolment**

11/08/2010

**Date of final enrolment**

29/03/2012

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine

Berlin

Germany

13353

## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

Charité - University Medicine Berlin (Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin) (Germany)

**Sponsor details**

Chariteplatz 1  
Berlin  
Germany  
10117

**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Website**

<http://www.charite.de/>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/001w7jn25>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Funder Name**

Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin

**Alternative Name(s)**

Medical School - Charité - University Medicine Berlin

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

For-profit companies (industry)

**Location**

Germany

## **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	01/06/2015		Yes	No