

# The effectiveness of sustained acupuncture in addition to group counselling and nicotine replacement therapy in a smoking cessation clinic: a pilot study

**Submission date**

19/09/2006

**Recruitment status**

No longer recruiting

**Registration date**

30/10/2006

**Overall study status**

Completed

**Last Edited**

16/05/2007

**Condition category**

Mental and Behavioural Disorders

☐ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

☐ Individual participant data

**Plain English summary of protocol**

Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**

N0184158213

## Study information

## **Scientific Title**

### **Study objectives**

Pilot study: to test accrual, compliance, adverse events, outcome measures.

Underlying hypotheses: that acupuncture reduces either nicotine withdrawal symptoms and/or use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT).

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

Approval granted 8 March 2005 (reference: 04/Q2103/154).

### **Study design**

Randomised controlled trial with three arms.

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

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

Treatment

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

Smoking cessation

### **Interventions**

1. Acupressure with two beads
2. Acupressure with one bead
3. No additional intervention

All participants receive standard intervention with group therapy and NRT.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Specified

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

Nicotine replacement therapy

### **Primary outcome(s)**

1. Counts (accrual, use of beads, adverse events)
2. Mood and Physical Symptoms Scale
3. NRT consumption

### **Key secondary outcome(s))**

Not provided at time of registration

**Completion date**

20/07/2005

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Smoke more than ten cigarettes/day
2. Were aged 18 years or over
3. Intended to stop smoking on the quit date
4. Chose NRT rather than bupropion
5. Gave informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. History of current otitis externa or other pathological condition of the ear
2. History of a poorly controlled relevant medical condition
3. Currently taking anti-depressant or anti-psychotic medication
4. History of allergy to adhesive dressing
5. Belief of pregnancy
6. Already participating in a research project

**Date of first enrolment**

04/04/2005

**Date of final enrolment**

20/07/2005

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Peninsula Medical School (UK)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/04dtfyh05>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

Supported by the DH-National Co-ordinating Centre for Research Capacity Development (NCC RCD); and by the Smoking Advice Service, Plymouth PCT (UK)

## Results and Publications

### 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:	14/03/2007		Yes	No