

# Efficacy and safety of artemether-lumefantrine for the treatment of uncomplicated *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in Eritrea

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

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
RPC239; Eritrea2

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Study objectives**

The general objective of this study is to assess the therapeutic efficacy and safety of artemether-lumefantrine for the treatment of uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria in three sentinel sites in Eritrea.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics approval gained from:

1. Ministry of Health Eritrea on the 18th July 2007 (ref: 15124/6716/07)
2. Research Ethics Review Committee of the World Health Organization (ERC WHO) on the 28th August 2007 (ref: RPC239)

**Study design**

Clinical trial, surveillance, single arm study

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Malaria

**Interventions**

Artemether and lumefantrine six doses over three days orally (per os) according to manufacturer recommendations. As this is a surveillance study there is no control group.

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**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Specified

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

Artemether-lumefantrine

**Primary outcome(s)**

To measure the clinical and parasitological efficacy (Adequate Clinical and Parasitological Response [ACPR]).

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. To differentiate recrudescence from new infections by the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) analysis
2. To measure the clinical and parasitological efficacy PCR corrected

**Completion date**

03/03/2008

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. All ages, 6 months and above
2. Single infection with *P. falciparum*
3. Parasitaemia of 1,000 - 100,000 asexual forms per  $\mu$ l
4. Axillary temperature of 37.5°C or oral/rectal temperature of 38°C, or history of fever in the previous 24 hours
5. Ability to swallow oral medication
6. Ability and willingness to comply with the study protocol for the duration of the study and to comply with the study visit schedule
7. Informed consent from the patient or from a parent or guardian in case of children

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Other

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Presence of general danger signs among children less than 5 years old or other signs of severe and complicated *falciparum* malaria according to current WHO definitions
2. Mixed or mono-infection with another *Plasmodium* species
3. Presence of severe malnutrition defined as a child whose weight-for-height is below 3 Standard Deviation (SD)
4. Presence of febrile conditions due to diseases other than malaria (measles, acute lower tract respiratory infection, severe diarrhoea with dehydration, etc.), or other known underlying chronic or severe diseases (e.g. cardiac, renal, hepatic diseases, Human Immunodeficiency Virus [HIV]/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome [AIDS])
5. History of hypersensitivity reactions to any of the drug(s) being tested or used as alternative treatment
6. Pregnancy or positive pregnancy test or lactating

**Date of first enrolment**

03/09/2007

**Date of final enrolment**

03/03/2008

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Eritrea

Switzerland

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/01f80g185>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

**Alternative Name(s)**

, , Всемирная организация здравоохранения, Organisation mondiale de la Santé, Organización Mundial de la Salud, WHO, , ВОЗ, OMS

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

International organizations

**Location**

Switzerland

**Results and Publications**

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary