The placebo needle: is it a valid and convincing placebo for the use of acupuncture trials?

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12/09/2003		☐ Protocol		
Registration date 12/09/2003	Overall study status Completed	Statistical analysis plan		
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

N0231111875

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

To test the credibility of the placebo needle.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Crossover trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Not Applicable: Acupuncture

Interventions

Real acupuncture versus placebo

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome measure

Not provided at time of registration

Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date

01/04/2001

Completion date

30/04/2002

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Target number of participants

Added 23 July 2008: 37 participants

Key exclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2001

Date of final enrolment

30/04/2002

Locations

Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Department of Health (UK)

Sponsor details

Richmond House 79 Whitehall London United Kingdom SW1A 2NL

Sponsor type

Government

Website

http://www.doh.gov.uk

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust (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?
Results article	results	01/12/2003		Yes	No