

# Does thiamin treatment reduce the incidence of adverse effects during treatment of falciparum malaria?

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**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

☒ Prospectively registered

☐ Protocol

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**Overall study status**  
Completed

☐ Statistical analysis plan

☒ Results

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☐ Individual participant data

## Plain English summary of protocol

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LMC-18

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Thiamin treatment and Plasmodium falciparum malaria in Laos

## Acronym

TIP

## Study objectives

The frequency of adverse events after antimalarial therapy will be significantly lower in those who receive thiamin supplementation in comparison to those who do not.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from:

1. Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee (UK) on the 21st August 2007 (ref: OXTREC 026-07)
2. Lao PDR National Ethics Committee for Health Research (NECHR) on the 18th July 2007

## Study design

An exploratory, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled trial, randomised (variable blocks), superiority 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 below to request a patient information sheet

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

Malaria, beriberi

## Interventions

Treatment arm:

Oral thiamin (5 mg tablet) two tablets immediately after antimalarial drugs, followed by two tablets daily for 7 days followed by one tablet daily until day 42.

Placebo arm:  
Physically identical placebo containing no thiamin.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Applicable

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

Thiamin

### **Primary outcome measure**

To determine whether the frequency of adverse events, after antimalarial therapy, are significantly lower in those who receive thiamin supplementation in comparison to those who do not.

For the primary endpoint the outcome measure will be assessed clinically before treatment and on each day until discharge and then on days 7, 14, 21, 28, 38 and 42 after start of treatment.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

To determine the frequency of biochemical thiamin deficiency and whether this is related to the clinical severity of disease and the extent of resolution of deficiency between those who do and do not receive thiamin supplementation.

The secondary outcome measures will be assessed by red cell transketolase assays of washed red cell samples on day 0 and 42.

### **Overall study start date**

01/06/2008

### **Completion date**

01/12/2011

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Written fully informed consent given by patients and in the case of children, by parents or guardians
2. Males and females of any age
3. Microscopically confirmed *Plasmodium falciparum* infection with history of fever. Multiple *Plasmodium* species infections will be included.
4. Willingness and ability to comply with the study protocol for the duration of the 42 days follow up
5. Did not take a full course of any antimalarial drugs in previous three days

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

Patient

**Age group**

Other

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

814

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Known hypersensitivity to thiamin
2. Presence of intercurrent non-malarial illness or any condition which in the judgement of the investigator would place the subject at undue risk or interfere with the results of the study
3. Clinically apparent suspected thiamin deficiency (beriberi), which will be defined (World Health Organization [WHO] 1999) as:
  - 3.1. Children less than 5 years: peripheral oedema or clinical evidence for pulmonary oedema, or cyanosis or classical hoarse cry
  - 3.2. Adults and children greater than 5 years: peripheral oedema or clinical evidence for pulmonary oedema or lower limb paraesthesia or, before malarial illness, difficulty in rising from squatting position (it will be difficult to distinguish features of wet beriberi, such as peripheral and pulmonary oedema, from consequences of malaria, such as severe anaemia, acute respiratory distress syndrome [ARDS] and pneumonia. Clinicians will be cautious and classify the patient as having beriberi if there is doubt).

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

01/12/2011

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

Lao People's Democratic Republic

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor type**

University/education

**Website**

[http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/ndm/Tropical\\_Medicine](http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/ndm/Tropical_Medicine)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/052gg0110>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

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**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	08/06/2012		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	15/07/2014		Yes	No

