Impact of zinc supplementation in low birth weight infants on severe morbidity and zinc status: a randomised controlled trial (India)

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered	
08/02/2005 Registration date	No longer recruiting Overall study status	☐ Protocol	
		Statistical analysis plan	
10/02/2005	Completed	[X] Results	
Last Edited	Condition category	[] Individual participant data	

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

Contact information

Type(s)

Scientific

Contact name

Dr Olivier Fontaine

Contact details

World Health Organization 20, Avenue Appia Geneva-27 Switzerland CH 1211 +41 22 791 2894 fontaineo@who.int

Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT00272142

Secondary identifying numbers

Study information

Scientific Title

Impact of zinc supplementation in low birth weight infants on severe morbidity and zinc status: a randomised controlled trial (India)

Study objectives

To determine the impact of daily oral supplementation of 1 Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of zinc in low birth weight infants on:

- 1. All causes hospitalisations, and
- 2. Illnesses requiring visit to health care providers

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the World Health Organization (WHO) Ethical Review Committee on the 26th October 2005.

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)

Not specified

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Low Birth Weight (LBW)

Interventions

2000 infants in total: Infants in the intervention group will receive one Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of elemental zinc (5 mg elemental zinc per day in infants aged 14 days to 6 months and 10 mg per day for infants older than six months) daily for a period of one year compared to placebo (plain glucose) in the control group for a period of 12 months.

Intervention Type

Supplement

Phase

Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Zinc supplementation

Primary outcome measure

- 1. Hospitalisations, measured at three monthly intervals
- 2. Healthcare provider visits, measured at three monthly intervals
- 3. Diarrhoea and Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) morbidity, measured at three monthly intervals
- 4. Mortality, death identified at regular home visits
- 5. Proportion of stunted and under weight children, measured at three monthly visits
- 6. Plasma zinc, copper and iron, measured at baseline and end of study

Secondary outcome measures

Not provided at time of registration

Overall study start date

10/09/2004

Completion date

10/09/2005

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Infants aged 14 to 28 days born after 37 weeks of gestation and weighing less than or equal to
- 2.5 kg at birth (less than 10th percentile of the National Center for Health Statistics [NCHS] median birth weight)
- 2. Either sex
- 3. Resides within 7 km of the hospital

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Neonate

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

2000

Total final enrolment

2052

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Likely to leave the area of residence within six months of enrolment, i.e. visitors to the area, those that have already planned to visit their village, those definite that they are moving to another locality
- 2. Congenital malformations, congenital heart disease, metabolic disorders, renal diseases etc.
- 3. Non-consent for participation
- 4. Temporary exclusion criteria: illness requiring hospitalisation
- 5. Twins

Date of first enrolment

10/09/2004

Date of final enrolment

10/09/2005

Locations

Countries of recruitment

India

Switzerland

Study participating centre World Health Organization

Geneva-27 Switzerland CH 1211

Sponsor information

Organisation

The Department of Child and Adolescent Health (CAH)/World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

Sponsor details

20, Avenue Appia Geneva-27 Switzerland CH 1211

Sponsor type

Research organisation

Website

http://www.who.int

ROR

https://ror.org/01f80g185

Funder(s)

Funder type

Research organisation

Funder Name

The Department of Child and Adolescent Health (CAH)/World Health Organization (WHO) (Switzerland)

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		01/08/2009	15/07/2021	Yes	No