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# Intermittent malaria treatment and iron supplementation for the control of malaria and anaemia in infants in the Forest Belt of rural Ghana: a double-blind randomised controlled trial

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# Plain English summary of protocol

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## Study information

Scientific Title

### Study objectives

To establish whether preventive treatment or iron supplementation given at EPI prevented either severe anaemia or malaria.

**Ethics approval required** Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)** Ethics approval received on the 17th June 1999.

**Study design** Randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design** Interventional

**Secondary study design** Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)** Hospital

**Study type(s)** Treatment

Participant information sheet

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

### Interventions

Double blind placebo controlled trial. One of the following treatments given to children at the time of DPT2, DPT3 and measles vaccination:

1. Iron supplementation and placebo

- 2. Placebo and sulphadoxine pyrimethamine
- 3. Iron supplementation and sulphadoxine pyrimethamine

Intervention Type

Supplement

**Phase** Not Specified

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

Iron supplementation, sulphadoxine pyrimethamine

### Primary outcome measure

1. To assess the effectiveness of intermittent malaria treatment (1.25 mg pyrimethamine plus 25 mg sulfadoxine/kg) given at 10 weeks, 14 weeks and 9 months through the EPI programme in the control of malaria and severe anaemia in infancy

2. To determine the effect of intermittent malaria treatment in infancy on the risk of malaria and anaemia in childhood after completion of trial

3. To evaluate the effect of daily iron supplementation (2 mg/kg) given from 10 weeks to 12 months through the EPI programme on the control of malaria and severe anaemia

4. To assess the socio-cultural factors influencing acceptability of treatment modalities

5. To evaluate the cost effectiveness of interventions

### Secondary outcome measures

No secondary outcome measures

## Overall study start date

17/06/1999

### **Completion date**

17/06/2001

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

All infants aged at least 10 weeks attending a Mother and Child Health (MCH) Clinic or Child Welfare Clinic (CWC) in the Afigya-Sekyere District, Ashanti Region and are permanent residents in the district. Their mothers or main carers should have given informed consent to participate in the trial.

## Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group Not Specified

**Sex** Not Specified

### Target number of participants

450 infants/arm - 1800 infants in total randomised

### Key exclusion criteria

Infants who are not permanent residents of Afigya-Sekyere District, Ashanti Region.

## Date of first enrolment

17/06/1999

Date of final enrolment 17/06/2001

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment** Ghana

Switzerland

**Study participating centre 20, Avenue Appia** Geneva-27 Switzerland CH 1211

## Sponsor information

**Organisation** UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)

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**Sponsor type** Research organisation

Website http://www.who.int/

ROR https://ror.org/01f80g185

## Funder(s)

**Funder type** Research organisation

### Funder Name

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) /World Bank/World Health Organization (WHO) - Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)

## **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