

# A prospective, randomised study to compare the effectiveness of the 24 hour versus 12 hour double doses regimen of levonorgestrel for emergency post-coital contraception

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**Protocol serial number**  
WHO/HRP ID 97137

## Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

To compare the effectiveness of two double dose regimens of levonorgestrel (given at either 12 or 24 hour intervals) for emergency contraception. In addition, we studied the efficacy of both regimens when the coitus-treatment period was extended to 120 hours.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved the study at each participating centre

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study design

Multicentre controlled randomised two-arm clinical trial

### Study type(s)

Treatment

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

Contraception

### Interventions

1. Levonorgestrel two doses of 0.75 mg 12 hours apart
2. Levonorgestrel two doses of 0.75 mg 24 hours apart

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Not Specified

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

Levonorgestrel

### Primary outcome(s)

Pregnancy rate

### Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Delay in onset of next menses
2. Incidence of side-effects

### Completion date

01/06/2003

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Requesting emergency contraception within 120 hours of unprotected intercourse
2. Only one act of unprotected intercourse during current cycle
3. Willing to abstain from further acts during current cycle
4. Regular menstrual cycles (24 to 42 days)
5. Having at least one spontaneous cycle before current cycle
6. Available for follow-up in the next six weeks
7. Negative pregnancy test
8. Willing to participate
9. Not breastfeeding
10. No use of hormonal contraceptives or of rhythm or natural family planning method of contraception during current cycle
11. Not unsure about the date of last menstrual period

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Female

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Post-abortion or post-partum patients whose period had not yet returned
2. Regular use of prescription drugs before admission to the study
3. Intercourse during the treatment cycle greater than 120 hours before admission into the study

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/1998

**Date of final enrolment**

01/06/2003

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

China

Hong Kong

**Study participating centre**

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Hong Kong

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

World Health Organisation (WHO) (Switzerland)

### ROR

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

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Research council

### Funder Name

Hong Kong Research Grant Council (Hong Kong) (ref: HKU7286/98M)

## Results and Publications

### 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	01/01/2005		Yes	No