

# Performance of a new needle system for lumbar punctures in children with blood cancer (leukemia)

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Acute lymphoblastic leukemia is the most common type of blood cancer diagnosed in children. At present, the mean long-term survival from this disease is well over 90%. However, the patient's prognosis weakens if the lumbar puncture causes blood leakage into the spinal canal and blast cells enter the cerebrospinal fluid. There is considerable blood leakage in one out of five lumbar punctures in pediatric patients with leukemia on average. In other words, the procedure is considered traumatic.

A new bioimpedance needle system was recently found feasible in lumbar punctures of pediatric patients with leukemia. The device measures electrical resistance at the needle tip and detects when the needle tip reaches the spinal canal. With this device, lumbar punctures were successful at the first attempt in 80% of performed procedures and only one out of ten lumbar punctures was traumatic. The present study compares the performance of the new device with the conventional spinal needle in clinical practice.

### Who can participate?

All children with leukemia, whose diagnosis or therapy requires lumbar punctures and who are willing to participate in the study

### What does the study involve?

The method used in the patient's first study lumbar puncture is randomly allocated. Thereafter, either a bioimpedance needle system or a conventional spinal needle are alternately used. The maximum number of study procedures per patient is limited to four.

### What are the possible benefits and risk of participating?

In the long term, a lower incidence of traumatic lumbar puncture may translate into patients' improved prognosis and event-free survival. The study is conducted within the usual clinical workflow of pediatric hemato-oncology clinics. Thus, taking part in the study does not require any extra effort from the participant and there are no additional risks of harm or injury.

Where is the study run from?  
Tampere University Hospital (Finland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
January 2022 to August 2024

Who is funding the study?  
Investigator-initiated and funded

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### Protocol serial number

IQ-LP-04

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Success and complications in lumbar punctures of pediatric patients with leukemia: A randomized clinical crossover trial of a bioimpedance needle system versus conventional procedure

### Study objectives

The performance of the bioimpedance needle system (IQ-Tip system) is at least comparable to the conventional spinal needle regarding the incidence of traumatic lumbar punctures in pediatric hemato-oncology patients

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Approved 10/05/2022, Regional Ethics Committee of the Expert Responsibility Area of Tampere University Hospital (TAYS Research Services, PO Box 2000, 33521, Tampere, Finland; +358 50 3295 667; eettinen@pshp.fi), ref: R22039L

### Study design

Multicenter randomized crossover noninferiority trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study type(s)

Treatment

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

Diagnostics and intrathecal treatment of pediatric patients with leukemia

### Interventions

Patients' lumbar puncture procedures are alternately performed either with the IQ-Tip system (study arm A) or the conventional spinal needle (study arm B). The maximum number of procedures per patient is four and the method of the first procedure is randomly assigned yielding two possible sequences (either ABAB or BABA)

### Intervention Type

Device

**Phase**

Not Applicable

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

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**Primary outcome(s)**

Incidence of traumatic lumbar puncture measured as the proportion of traumatic lumbar punctures (threshold  $\geq 10$  erythrocytes/ $\mu\text{l}$  in a cerebrospinal fluid sample) out of all lumbar puncture procedures performed in the given arm after the data collection of the study is completed

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. First puncture success rate measured as the proportion of successful lumbar puncture procedures at the first attempt (one skin penetration) out of all lumbar puncture procedures performed in the given arm after the data collection of the study is completed
2. Incidence of post-dural puncture headache (PDPH) measured as the proportion of lumbar puncture procedures with subsequent PDPH out of all lumbar puncture procedures performed in the given arm after the data collection of the study is completed

**Completion date**

31/08/2024

**Reason abandoned (if study stopped)**

Lack of funding/sponsorship

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Aged between 1 and 18 years old at the beginning of the study
2. Diagnosis or treatment plan requires multiple lumbar puncture procedures for collecting cerebrospinal fluid samples and injecting intrathecal therapy
3. Planned lumbar puncture procedures will be performed with 22G Quincke-type spinal needles
4. At least two lumbar puncture procedures left in the patient's treatment protocol
5. Both the parent(s) and the patient, depending on the patient's age, give a signed informed consent before the first study lumbar puncture procedure

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Child

**Lower age limit**

1 years

**Upper age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Parent(s) and/or the patient refuse to participate in the trial
2. Parent(s) and/or the patient are considered unable to give informed consent
3. Temporary contraindication to performing a lumbar puncture procedure

**Date of first enrolment**

11/05/2023

**Date of final enrolment**

31/07/2024

**Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Finland

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## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Other

**Funder Name**

Investigator initiated and funded

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are not expected to be made available due to reasons pertaining to ethics and data protection of health data of a relatively rare disease

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not expected to be made available

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>		21/07/2023	21/07/2023	Yes	No