

# Oral vitamin B12 supplementation and cognitive performance in elderly people

**Submission date**  
20/12/2005

**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

Prospectively registered

Protocol

**Registration date**  
20/12/2005

**Overall study status**  
Completed

Statistical analysis plan

Results

**Last Edited**  
09/11/2007

**Condition category**  
Nutritional, Metabolic, Endocrine

Individual participant data

**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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**Type(s)**  
Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**  
Brain12 study

**Study objectives**

Counteract the process of cognitive impairment in elderly people with mild vitamin B12 deficiency through oral supplementation with vitamin B12 or a combination of vitamin B12 with folic acid

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics approval received from the local medical ethics committee

**Study design**

Randomised, double blinded, placebo controlled, parallel group trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Vitamin B12 deficiency

**Interventions**

1. 1,000 microgram vitamin B12/day
2. 1,000 microgram vitamin B12 and 400 microgram folic acid/day
3. Placebo

**Intervention Type**

Supplement

**Phase**

Not Specified

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

Vitamin B12, folic acid

**Primary outcome(s)**

Cognitive performance.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Blood biochemistry.

**Completion date**

31/10/2004

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. Men and women aged 70 years or older
2. Mild vitamin B12 deficiency defined as vitamin B12 concentration between 100 and 300 picomol/L and MMA concentration greater than 0.32 micromol/L and creatinine concentration less than 120 micromol/L

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Senior

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Severe cognitive impairment
2. Anemia
3. Gastrointestinal surgery
4. Use of vitamin B12 injections or supplements containing > 50 micrograms vitamin B12 and/or 25 micrograms folic acid
5. Less than 90% compliance during a 2 week placebo run in period
6. No written informed consent
7. Participation in other studies

**Date of first enrolment**

01/05/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

31/10/2004

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

Netherlands

**Study participating centre**

**Wageningen University,**

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**Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw) (Netherlands)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/01yaj9a77>

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

Charity

**Funder Name**

Nutricia Research Foundation (The Netherlands)

**Alternative Name(s)****Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

**Location**

Netherlands

**Funder Name**

European Union BIOMED (Europe)

**Funder Name**

Kelloggs' Benelux (Belgium)

**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	01/08/2006		Yes	No