

# A multi-centre, randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled clinical trial examining the efficiency and safety of multi-vitamin therapy in secondary stroke prevention

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

NCT00097669

### Protocol serial number

G0200583

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Acronym

VITATOPS

## Study objectives

To determine whether the addition of vitamin supplement (folate 2 mg, B6 25 mg, B12 500 µg) to best medical/surgical management (including modification of risk factors) will reduce the combined incidence of recurrent vascular events (stroke, myocardial infraction) and vascular death in patients with recent stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA).

Secondary objectives:

1. To determine whether the addition of vitamin supplements (folate 2 mg, B6 25 mg, B12 500 µg) will reduce:

a) The incidence of revascularisation procedures of the coronary, cerebral and peripheral circulations

b) Incidence of dementia and depression in patient with recent stroke or TIA

c) Occurrence of TIA in patients with recent stroke or TIA

2. To determine whether the effect of adding vitamin supplements (folate 2 mg, B6 25 mg, B12 500 µg) on the incidence of the primary outcome event (stroke, MI or vascular death) is consistent in patient subgroups such as those of different ethnicity and genotype.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study design

Multicentre randomised double-blind placebo-controlled clinical

## Study type(s)

Not Specified

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

Cardiovascular

## Interventions

Multivitamins folate 2 mg, B6 25 mg, B12 500 µg or placebo

**Intervention Type**

Supplement

**Phase**

Not Specified

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

Multivitamins folate, B6, B12

**Primary outcome(s)**

The primary outcome event is the composite event 'stroke, myocardial infarction, or death from any vascular cause', whichever occurs first.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Secondary outcome measures include TIA, depression, dementia, unstable angina, revascularisation procedures of the coronary, cerebral and peripheral circulations.

**Completion date**

31/07/2010

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

All patients presenting to one of the participating neurologists or general physicians within 7 months of stroke (ischaemic or haemorrhagic) or transient ischemic attack (TIA) (eye or brain) are eligible for this trial.

In addition the patient must:

1. Agree to take study medications
2. Be geographically accessible for follow up
3. Provide written informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Taking folate or vitamin B6, on medical advice
2. Use of vitamin supplements containing B6, B12 or Folate (unless patient agrees to take study medication instead of the vitamin supplements which they usually take)

3. Taking Methotrexate for any reason
4. Pregnancy or women of child-bearing potential who are at risk of pregnancy
5. Limited life expectancy

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

31/07/2010

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

Scotland

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Brazil

Georgia

Hong Kong

India

Italy

Malaysia

Moldova

Netherlands

New Zealand

Pakistan

Philippines

Portugal

Serbia

Singapore

Sri Lanka

United States of America

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University of Glasgow and Greater Glasgow Health Board (UK)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/05kdz4d87>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Research council

**Funder Name**  
Medical Research Council (MRC) (UK)

**Alternative Name(s)**  
Medical Research Council (United Kingdom), UK Medical Research Council, Medical Research Committee and Advisory Council, MRC

**Funding Body Type**  
Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**  
National government

**Location**  
United Kingdom

## 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                                  | 01/09/2010   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               | cancer sub-study results                 | 01/06/2012   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               | results                                  | 01/06/2012   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               | MRI sub-study results                    | 01/12/2012   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               | osteoporotic fractures sub-study results | 03/09/2013   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Protocol article</a>              | protocol                                 | 01/04/2002   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Other publications</a>            | secondary analysis                       | 01/08/2013   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Participant information sheet</a> | Participant information sheet            | 11/11/2025   | 11/11/2025 | No             | Yes             |
| <a href="#">Study website</a>                 | Study website                            | 11/11/2025   | 11/11/2025 | No             | Yes             |