

The placebo needle: is it a valid and convincing placebo for the use of acupuncture trials?

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number
N0231111875

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

To test the credibility of the placebo needle.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

Crossover trial

Study type(s)

Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Not Applicable: Acupuncture

Interventions

Real acupuncture versus placebo

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Key secondary outcome(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

30/04/2002

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Not Specified

Sex

Not Specified

Key exclusion criteria

Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2001

Date of final enrolment

30/04/2002

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information**Organisation**

Department of Health (UK)

Funder(s)**Funder type**

Government

Funder Name

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?
Results article	results	01/12/2003		Yes	No