



NIHR HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials Board

Minutes of the 14th Meeting

Date	Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th October 2010
Venue	Danubius Hotel, Regents Park, London, NW8 7JT
Members Present	Professor Tom Walley (HTA Programme Director) Professor Sallie Lamb (Chair) Professor Jenny Hewison (Deputy Chair) Professor Keith Abrams (27 th October only) Professor Martin Bland Professor Julia Brown Professor Alistair Burns (28 th October only) Dr Jennifer Burr Professor Linda Davies Professor Simon Gilbody (27 th October only) Professor Steven Goodacre Professor Paul Jones Professor Khalid Khan Professor Helen Rodgers Professor Ken Stein Professor Jonathan Sterne Mr Andy Vail Professor Clare Wilkinson
NETSCC, HTA Secretariat	Dr Peter Davidson (Director of NETSCC, HTA) Mrs Stephanie Russell (Senior Programme Manager) Mrs Emma Catlin (Programme Manager) Mrs Andrea Ingram (Assistant Programme Manager)
Observers	Mr Mark Townsend (Programme Manager, NETSCC) (27 th October only)
Apologies	Professor Jane Blazeby Ms Kate Law, CRUK (Observer) Dr Morven Roberts, MRC (Observer) Dr Vaughan Thomas (Consultant Advisor, NETSCC) Dr Ian Wilkinson

Day One: Wednesday 27th October 2010
Discussion of full proposals
09/104/35 Catheter-directed thrombolysis to reduce the morbidity of post-thrombotic syndrome after proximal deep vein thrombosis.
<i>Professor Lamb chaired. Professors Abrams, Davies, Gilbody and Jones left the room.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.
09/104/44 Stroke and TIA Early and Aggressive Risk factor Intervention Trial (STEARIT). TIA = Transient Ischaemic Attack.
<i>Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Jones, Rodgers and Lamb left the room.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.
09/144/39 Pregnancy Intervention Trials for CHolestasis (PITCH).
<i>Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Abrams and Lamb, and Mr Vail left the room.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.
09/104/21 The Stroke Oxygen Study (SO2S): A multi-centre, prospective, randomised, open, blinded-endpoint study to assess whether routine oxygen supplementation (ROS) in the first 72 hours after a stroke improves long-term outcome.
<i>Professor Hewison chaired.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding, subject to certain conditions.
09/104/25 The early use of antibiotics in young children with influenza in primary care: a randomised placebo controlled trial.
<i>Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Lamb and Walley and Mr Vail left the room.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.
Discussion of outline proposals
10/50/45 Extended Thromboprophylaxis of the Hip in Orthopaedic Surgery (ETHOS).
<i>Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Walley absent from meeting.</i>
The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/65 The ROLO trial. Randomised oesophagectomy: minimally invasive or Open surgery.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Sterne left the room. Professor Walley absent from meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/14 COBRA (Cost and Outcome of Behavioural Activation): a Randomised Controlled Trial of Behavioural Activation versus Cognitive Therapy for Depression.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professors Bland, Gilbody and Stein left the room. Professor Walley absent from meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/41 Randomised controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of indwelling pleural catheters versus standard pleural management in refractory symptomatic pleural effusions of a benign aetiology.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb left the room. Professor Walley absent from meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/70 High grade Bladder cancer: A randomised controlled trial of Radical Cystectomy against intra-vesical immunotherapy – A feasibility study. Acronym: BRAVO.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Goodacre and Lamb, and Dr Burr left the room. Professor Walley returned to meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/17 The accuracy of CT coronary angiography in the investigation of stable chest pain; a systematic review and meta-analysis.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Stein left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/06 Treatments for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: a systematic review and economic evaluation.

Professor Lamb chaired.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/23 OPTIMISE MS (Optimising Palliative Care In Multiple Sclerosis) Study: A randomised trial of the cost-effectiveness of short-term palliative care for people severely affected by Multiple Sclerosis in reducing symptoms and caregiver burden.

Professor Lamb chaired.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/24 A randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions designed to reduce aggressive behaviour amongst prisoners with antisocial personality disorder.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Abrams left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/43 Treatment of Advanced Glaucoma Study (TAGS).

Professor Lamb chaired. Dr Burr left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/02 Can Assistive Technologies Extend Independent Living for People with Dementia?

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Davies, Rodgers and Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/35 Response to Oral Agents in Diabetes: Individualising response to second line therapy.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb left the room. Professor Gilbody left the meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/18 Enhancing end of life care in chronic obstructive airway disease (COPD): feasibility assessment of a randomised controlled trial of a nurse-led multidisciplinary pathway.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/42 Prospective randomised trial evaluating the efficacy of local anaesthetic thoracoscopy and talc poudrage versus talc slurry pleurodesis (TAPPS).

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Day Two: Thursday 28th October 2010

Discussion of full proposals

09/104/40 Health-Related Quality of Life in two treatment pathways for primary open angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension: a randomised controlled trial of initial selective laser trabeculoplasty versus conventional medical therapy.

Professor Lamb chaired. Dr Burr left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/104/19 A controlled study of the effectiveness of breathing training exercises taught by a physiotherapist by either instructional videos/DVDs/internet download or by face-to-face sessions in the management of asthma in adults.

Professor Lamb chaired. Dr Burr left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding, subject to certain conditions.

09/104/38 The efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of corticosteroid therapy in patients with severe community acquired pneumonia.

Professor Lamb chaired.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/104/23 APEx - Abdominal versus vaginal surgery for uterovaginal Prolapse - a randomised study Examining functional, economic and anatomical outcomes.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb and Dr Davidson left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/55/63 The United Kingdom Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (UK TAVI) Trial.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Bland, Jones and Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/104/16 UK multicentre pragmatic randomised double blind placebo-controlled trial of percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation in patients with faecal incontinence.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professors Bland, Davies, Khan and Mr Vail left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/55/33 A Randomised Controlled Trial In Patients With Respiratory Muscle Weakness Due to Motor Neurone Disease of the NeuRx RA/4 Diaphragm Pacing System (DiPALS).

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Goodacre, Rodgers and Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding, subject to certain conditions.

09/104/31 3C Study: Campath, Calcineurin inhibitor reduction and Chronic allograft nephropathy.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professor Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

09/144/51 The Age of Blood Evaluation Study (ABLE).

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Khan and Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and recommended it for funding, subject to certain conditions.

Discussion of outline proposals

10/50/61 Aspirin Chemoprevention for Everyone – ACE.

Professor Hewison chaired. Professors Bland and Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/27 A multi-centre randomised controlled trial evaluating the feasibility and safety of restrictive versus liberal early blood transfusion strategies in patients presenting with Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding.

Professor Walley chaired. Professor Lamb left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/71 A systematic review of the clinical and cost-effectiveness of 3 potentially useful biomarkers in the care of the patient with sepsis.

Professor Lamb chaired. Mr Vail and Professor Walley left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.

10/50/20 The impact of cognitive behavioral therapy-enhanced nationally recommended care packages on outcome for those with borderline personality disorder.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professors Burns, Davies and Walley, and Mr Vail left the room. Professor Wilkinson left the meeting.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/04 Opioids for the relief of breathlessness in stable chronic heart failure.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Bland left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/49 Palliative radiotherapy in addition to self-expanding metal stent for improving outcomes of dysphagia and survival in advanced oesophageal cancer: ROCS (Radiotherapy after Oesophageal Cancer Stenting) Study.

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Sterne left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and shortlisted it. The applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

10/50/47 What is the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of telecare in comparison with normal care on the psychological and physical health of carers of people with dementia?

Professor Lamb chaired. Professor Burns left the room.

The board discussed the proposal and rejected it.