

# TREATMENT WITH BISMUTE SUBCITRATE IN FRAGILE PATIENTS WITH SARS-CoV-2 INFECTION AND DIARRHEA NOT FITTING FOR TRANSFER TO ACUTE HOSPITAL (COVID-19) (COVID-19 BISMUTE)

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Study

Planned

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS34925

### Study ID

34990

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

☐ Spain

## Study description

In the course of the current pandemic caused by the spread and replication of SARS-Cov-2, respiratory symptoms dominate the clinical picture of the disease. However, a significant percentage of patients with COVID-19 infection present with gastrointestinal symptoms, such as anorexia, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, which are not always associated with respiratory symptoms or clinics. This percentage, according to current medical literature, ranges from 34% to 60%. Our study wants to focus basically on patients whose main symptom is diarrhea and because of their characteristics of fragility and associated comorbidities are not candidates for referral to acute hospital or aggressive therapies. Bismuth colloidal compounds such as bismuth subsalicylate are antidiarrheal drugs whose mechanism of action is combined: on the one hand, it stimulates the absorption of fluids and electrolytes through the intestinal wall by inhibiting the secretion of chloride, and on the other hand, when hydrolyzed to salicylic acid, it inhibits the synthesis of prostaglandins responsible for intestinal inflammation and hypermotility. Its action is anti-secretory and antimicrobial. In the context of the SARS-CoV-2 infection pandemic, a prioritization of the use of health resources is established. This implies that frail, elderly patients with chronic diseases who, in addition, are often admitted to centres with a high incidence of COVID-19, do not have access to mechanical ventilation, and therefore have even higher mortality. Diarrhea is a major problem in these patients so we have designed a prospective study in which the main objective is to determine the efficacy of bismuth subcitrate treatment in COVID-19 patients with acute diarrhea. Main objective: To determine the efficacy of bismuth subcitrate in the treatment of diarrhea as the main symptom of COVID 19 disease, in the group of fragile patients with associated comorbidities and not candidates for invasive therapy

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## Study status

Planned

## Research institutions and networks

# Institutions

## Hospital Sociosanitario Francolí

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Institution

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## Study timelines

### Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 15/04/2020

Actual: 15/04/2020

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### Study start date

Planned: 04/05/2020

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 05/10/2020

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**Date of interim report, if expected**

Planned: 17/12/2020

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 15/01/2021

## Sources of funding

- Other

## More details on funding

Internal Funding

## Study protocol

[Bismuth. English.pdf](#)(132.1 KB)

## Regulatory

**Was the study required by a regulatory body?**

No

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**Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)?**

Not applicable

## Methodological aspects

## Study type

**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Effectiveness study (incl. comparative)

**Main study objective:**

To determine the efficacy of bismuth subcitrate in the treatment of diarrhea as the main symptom of COVID 19 disease, in the group of fragile patients with associated comorbidities and not candidates for invasive therapy or acute hospital referral.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Other

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**Non-interventional study design, other**

Self-controlled case series

## Study drug and medical condition

**Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) code**

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**Medical condition to be studied**

COVID-19 treatment

## Population studied

## Age groups

Adults (65 to < 75 years)

Adults (75 to < 85 years)

Adults (85 years and over)

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## Estimated number of subjects

32

# Study design details

## Data analysis plan

Main endpoint: To determine the efficacy of bismuth colloidal compounds in fragile and pluripathological patients, with diagnosis of VIDOC19 and presence of diarrhea. The number of diarrheal stools per day and the number of days with stools will be analyzed. Secondary endpoint: To analyze if the concomitant pathology influences the evolution of the patient, through the calculation of the Charlson Index. Analysis of the results: Quantitative variables will be described by means and standard deviation (if they follow a normal distribution) or by median and range. Qualitative variables will be described by percentages and 95% confidence intervals.

# Documents

## Study publications

[Holshue ML, DeBolt C, Lindquist S, Lofy KH, Wiesman J, Bruce H, Spitters C, Eri...](#)  
[Song Y, Liu P, Shi XL, Chu YL, Zhang J, Xia J, Gao XZ, Qu T, Wang MY. SARS-CoV-](#)  
[...](#)

[Daghaghzadeh H, Memar A, Mohamadi Y, Rezakhani N, Safazadeh P, Aghaha S, Adibi ...](#)

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## Data management

**This study has been awarded the ENCePP seal**



### **Conflicts of interest of investigators**

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### **Composition of steering group and observers**

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### **Signed code of conduct**

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### **Signed code of conduct checklist**

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### **Signed checklist for study protocols**

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## **Data sources**

### **Data sources (types)**

[Drug dispensing/prescription data](#)

[Other](#)

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### **Data sources (types), other**

Prospective patient-based data collection

## **Use of a Common Data Model (CDM)**

**CDM mapping**

No

Data quality specifications

**Check conformance**

Unknown

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**Check completeness**

Unknown

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**Check stability**

Unknown

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**Check logical consistency**

Unknown

Data characterisation

**Data characterisation conducted**

No