

Dear Professor

We are writing to request hazard ratio data from one of your lung cancer trials (see below) in order to include your trials in our systematic review entitled: Details of our project can be found at <http://www.hta.ac.uk/2238>.

Our research group, the Liverpool Reviews and Implementation Group (LRiG), is funded through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme in the UK. LRiG was originally established in 1999 to conduct systematic reviews of clinical and cost effectiveness evidence commissioned for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

In 2005 NICE conducted a technology appraisal that evaluated the clinical effectiveness of a number of drug therapies used to treat patients with NSCLC¹. Since then, NICE has individually appraised and recommended a number of new treatments; these treatments have not yet been examined as a group or compared to each other. Our systematic review brings together the published evidence related to the clinical effectiveness of both older and newer treatments, and, in addition, provides a re-examination of the cost-effectiveness evidence available.

To ensure completeness of our systematic review we would like to include your trial detailed below in our meta-analysis, however additional data are required from you on hazard ratios for overall survival (OS) and progression free survival (PFS).

Please could you complete the details in the table below and email back to me? We would be grateful for any information you can provide, and we will acknowledge these data in our report. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information. Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

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1 National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. CG24: Lung cancer: full guidelines. London: NICE; 2005 [cited 2009 Sept]; Available from: <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG/Wave17/23>.

Title	Hazard ratio for overall survival (OS)	95% confidence intervals for OS	Hazard ratio for progression free survival (PFS)	95% confidence intervals for PFS
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