

## Press Statement of Chinese Clinical Trial Registry

Chinese Clinical Trial Registry (ChiCTR) is established by Chinese Evidence-Based Medicine Centre, Ministry of Health, West China Hospital, Sichuan University, piloted in October 2005. ChiCTR is assigned as a national clinical trial registry by Ministry of Health of China to join World Health Organization International Clinical Trial Registration Platform (WHO ICTRP Primary Registry), and approved to be the Primary Registry of WHO ICTRP on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

WHO takes the lead in establishing the global clinical trial registration system, which is agreed upon by governments from all over the world. There are both ethical and scientific reasons for clinical trial registration. Trial participants expect that their contributions to biomedical knowledge will be used to improve health care for everyone. Open access to information about ongoing and completed trials meets the ethical duty to trial participants, and promotes greater trust and public confidence in clinical research. Furthermore, trial registration ensures that the results of all trials can be tracked down and should help to reduce unnecessary duplication of research through greater awareness of existing trials and results.

The mission of ChiCTR is to “Unite clinicians, clinical epidemiologists, biostatisticians, epidemiologists and health care managers both at home and abroad, to manage clinical trials in a strict and scientific manner, and to promote their quality in China, so as to provide reliable evidences from clinical trials for health care workers, consumers and medical policy decision makers, and also to use medical resources more effectively to provide better service for Chinese people and all human beings.”

Any trial performed in human beings is considered as a clinical trial, and should be registered before its implementation. All the registered clinical trials will be granted a unique registration number by WHO ICTRP.

ChiCTR registers both Chinese and global clinical trials, receives data from Partner Registers certified by the WHO ICTRP, and submits data to the WHO ICTRP Central Repository for global search. Moreover, based upon the talent and technical platform, consisting of Chinese Evidence-based Medicine Centre of Ministry of Health of China, Virtual Research Centre of Evidence-Based Medicine of Ministry of Education of China, Chinese Cochrane Centre, UK Cochrane Centre and International Clinical Epidemiology Network Resource and Training Centre in West China Hospital, Sichuan University (INCLen CERTC), ChiCTR is responsible for providing consultations on trial design, central randomization service, guidance on the writing of clinical trial reports and relevant training.

The ChiCTR search portal ([www.chictr.org](http://www.chictr.org)) provides users with access to all the information on the registered clinical trials, and is linked to the WHO search portal which provides global search for all the registered clinical trials.

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