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## Use of ibuprofen to assess inflammatory biomarkers in induced sputum: Implications for clinical trials in cystic fibrosis.

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### Study design (if review, criteria of inclusion for studies)

Secondary analysis of a placebo-controlled, clinical trial

### Participants

Children with CF. 221 study participants with a median of 18 months follow-up

### Interventions

Chronic Azithromycin (AZM) taken thrice-weekly for a planned 18 months.

### Outcome measures

Safety assessments using electrocardiogram (ECG) occurred at study enrollment, and then after 3 weeks and 18 months of participation.

### Main results

Increased corrected QT interval (QTc) of  $\geq 30$  msec was rare, at 3.4 occurrences per 100 person-years; and incidence of QTc prolongation was no higher in the AZM arm than the placebo arm (1.8 versus 5.4 per 100 person-years). No persons experienced QTc intervals above 500 msec. Long-term chronic AZM use was not associated with increased QT prolongation.

### Authors' conclusions

Long-term azithromycin use is not associated with QT prolongation in children with cystic fibrosis.

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### See also

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### Keywords

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