

**TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER  
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Jean Mayer Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging  
INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SCREENING PART 2  
The Effect of SLC19A3 Inhibition on the Pharmacokinetics of Thiamine**

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**Key Information:** The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this screen. More detailed information is listed later on in this form.

**Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?**

We invite you to screen for a research study because you are a healthy individual between the ages of 18 and 65.

**What should I know about a research study?**

- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Please also read all of the following information carefully.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can decide to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide. Do not sign unless you understand the information in it and have had your questions answered to your satisfaction.
- If you sign this form and decide to take part in this research study, keep a copy of the signed form for your records. It has information, including important names and telephone numbers that you may wish to refer to.

**Why is this research being done?**

You are being invited to screen for a research study at the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (HNRCA) at Tufts University evaluating the effect of drugs on vitamin B1 (thiamine)

levels because you are a healthy individual between the ages of 18 and 65. Thiamine is an essential vitamin meaning you must consume thiamine in your diet in order stay healthy. Low thiamine levels can lead to side effects including but not limited to shortness of breath, fast heart rate, confusion, and pain, and numbness in the hands and feet.

### **How long will the research last and what will I need to do?**

If you choose to participate in the screening visit, you will sign this informed consent form and then will be asked to complete the following procedures to determine your eligibility to the main study. This screening visit should take approximately two hours.

If you continue with this screening, to determine your eligibility, you will be asked to complete a health questionnaire, meet with a nurse to discuss your medical history and any medications that you take and provide blood and urine samples. Your blood and urine samples will be used to evaluate your health status. Multiple tests will be performed including, but not limited to, a complete metabolic panel (which measures your glucose, electrolytes, fluid balance, kidney function, and liver function), pregnancy test for female volunteers, and a complete blood count.

More detailed information about the study procedures can be found under the “**Procedures to be Followed**” section.

### **Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?**

Participation in the screening visit could cause a risk of bruising, discomfort and/or pain at blood draw or IV catheter sites. You may ask to withdraw your consent and stop participation at any point in time. To protect you from loss of privacy, only the research staff will have access to the samples and records obtained. Information from this screen used for scientific publication will not contain any identifying information.

More detailed information about the risks of this study can be found under the “**Risks**” section.

### **Will being in this study help me in any way?**

There are no benefits to you from your taking part in this screen. We cannot promise any benefits to others from your taking part in this screen. However, possible benefits to others include development of new therapies and/or revision dosing guidelines to improve survival or quality of life for you or other people like you in the future.

### **What happens if I do not want to be in this research?**

Participation in the screen is completely voluntary. You can decide to participate or not to participate. Your alternative to participating in this screen is to not participate.

**Detailed Information:** The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

## **PURPOSE OF STUDY**

You are being invited to screen for a research study at the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (HNRCA) at Tufts University evaluating the effect of drugs on vitamin B1 (thiamine) levels because you are a healthy individual between the ages of 18 and 65. Thiamine is an essential vitamin meaning you must consume thiamine in your diet in order stay healthy. Low thiamine levels can lead to adverse events.

This screen is being conducted to determine your eligibility for a study which is designed to determine whether commonly used therapeutics effect the body's ability to absorb and eliminate vitamin B1. We are performing this screen to evaluate your health status to ensure we enroll the right population and minimize risks to our participants.

We will screen up to 60 volunteers with the aim of enrolling 14 subjects in this study at Tufts Medical Center/Tufts University in order to have 12 complete the study.

## **PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED**

If you choose to participate in the screening visit, you will sign this informed consent form and then will be asked to complete the following procedures to determine your eligibility to the main study. This screening visit should take approximately two hours. For this visit, you have been asked to come in fasted for 12 hours (nothing to eat or drink except water) prior to your visit. The screening visit will proceed as follows:

1. You will be asked to complete the health questionnaire that was mailed to you if you do not bring the completed form to the visit. This will include the review of any prescription or over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements that you currently take in order for us to understand your health history and any potential risks that may be associated with your participation in the study.
2. Your temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, height and weight will be measured.
3. A member of the MRU nursing team will obtain a detailed medical history and review the study inclusion and exclusion criteria to determine your eligibility to participate in the research study.
4. You will be asked to provide a 20mL blood sample (approximately 4 teaspoons) which will be drawn from a vein in your arm. This will be for standard laboratory testing including Complete Blood Count with differential (CBC) and a comprehensive chemistry profile, metabolic panel, and a pregnancy test on pre-menopausal women only. Women of childbearing potential must agree to use a reliable method of birth control (hormone/barrier) to avoid becoming pregnant during participation in the study. Men will also be asked to use birth control (barrier) and avoid fathering a child while participating in this study.
5. A urine sample will be collected from all participants.
6. Once these tests have been completed, you will have a standard breakfast (muffin or bagel, coffee or tea, and orange juice) at the HNRCA.
7. You will meet with the study dietitian (Dr. Helen Rasmussen) to review your diet habits, diet history, food allergies, diet intolerances, and supplements you take.

Your screening blood test results will be mailed to you within approximately 1-2 weeks. If the results of these tests are outside the accepted ranges for this study, you cannot be in this study.

If the results of these tests are inside of accepted ranges for this study and you decide to participate in the main study, you will be asked to return for six more study visits.

Your blood and urine samples will be identified by subject number (not name) and will be used for the purposes of the study. Any remaining blood and urine will be thrown away at the end of the screening visit.

If any abnormalities are discovered as a result of the screening blood test, you will be notified, provided with copies of the reports, and referred to your doctor.

## **WITHDRAWAL**

If you are eligible to participate and decide to be in the study, the Principal Investigator may still choose to stop your participation in this study if he thinks it is in your best medical interest., you are unable to comply with the schedule of study visits, study diets, or study procedures, or if you do not adhere to any and all HNRCA volunteer rules and regulations You can also leave the research at any time it will not be held against you. If you refuse to participate in the study or stop being in this study, it will not affect your care or treatment outside this study, payment for your health care, or your health care benefits.

We will tell you about any new information that may affect your health, welfare, or choice to stay in the research.

If you decide to leave the research, contact the investigator, Dr. Andrew Greenberg.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from the study, any data collected from you before your withdrawal will still be used for the study.

## **RISKS**

Risk to you should be minimal. Potential discomforts may include bruising, irritation, discomfort and/or pain at the site of the blood draw. You may ask to withdraw your consent and stop participation at any point in time. To protect you from loss of privacy, only the research staff will have access to the samples and records obtained. Information from this screen used for scientific publication will not contain any identifying information.

## **RESEARCH RELATED INJURY**

Emergency medical treatment will be given to you if you are hurt or get sick as a direct result of being in this research study. You or your insurance carrier will be required to pay for any such medical care. Any needed medical care is available at the usual cost. All needed facilities,

emergency treatment, and professional services are available to you, just as they are to the general public. The institution will not pay for your treatment if you become ill or injured as part of this study.

## **COSTS**

There are no costs to you or your insurance carrier associated with participation.

## **PAYMENT**

For participation in and completion of the screening process you will receive \$25 to compensate for your travel and parking cost. The payment will be mailed in the form of a check approximately 2-3 weeks after the visit.

However, in the event of a government shutdown or other emergency situation, payments will be delayed until the shutdown/emergency ends and all systems are restored at the HNRCA.

Due to federal tax law, you are required to provide us your social security number in order to process your payments. If you receive over \$600 from Tufts University Health Sciences in a single calendar year (either in a single study or multiple studies), you will be issued an IRS 1099 form. This may affect your taxes. Only payments for being in research studies will be used to decide if you should receive the IRS form. Money for study-related parking, food and other expenses are not included in this IRS disclosure.

If you are an employee in this institution and qualify to participate in the study, you cannot participate as a volunteer during hours in which you are being compensated by Tufts University for your regular work. You cannot use vacation, personal days and sick time to participate in the study.

## **PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

The records identifying your name will be kept confidential and, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws and/or regulations, will not be made publicly available. The results from the screen will only be published or presented as group data. No individual participants will be identified. Data forms will be identified with a unique study number and kept locked in the study office.

The blood and urine samples you provide will be labeled with unique identifiers and transferred to the Nutritional Evaluation Laboratory at the HNRCA, as well as laboratories at University of California, San Francisco, University of California Davis, and other collaborators deemed fit by the principal investigator. Samples will be coded and de-identified and only the Principal Investigator would be authorized and able to perform re-identification.

If you decide to take part in this screen, your personal information will not be given to anyone unless we receive your permission in writing. It will only be given if the law requires it. It will also only be given for regular hospital treatment, payment, and hospital management activities.

We will make every effort to keep your information private, but it cannot be completely guaranteed. Certain government agencies (Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, National Institute of Health) and the Institutional Review Board of Tufts Medical Center and Tufts University Health Sciences, may check records that identify you. This might include your medical or research records and the informed consent form you signed. The records of this study might also be reviewed to make sure all rules and guidelines were followed.

We may publish the results of this research. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential.

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. The researchers with this Certificate may not disclose or use information, documents, or biospecimens that may identify you in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other action, suit, or proceeding, or be used as evidence, for example, if there is a court subpoena, unless you have consented for this use. Information, documents, or biospecimens protected by this Certificate cannot be disclosed to anyone else who is not connected with the research except, if there is a federal, state, or local law that requires disclosure (such as to report child abuse or communicable diseases but not for federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings, see below); if you have consented to the disclosure, including for your medical treatment; or if it is used for other scientific research, as allowed by federal regulations protecting research subjects.

The Certificate cannot be used to refuse a request for information from personnel of the United States federal or state government agency sponsoring the project that is needed for auditing or program evaluation by National Institutes of Health which is funding this project or for information that must be disclosed in order to meet the requirements of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). You should understand that a Certificate of Confidentiality does not prevent you from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. If you want your research information released to an insurer, medical care provider, or any other person not connected with the research, you must provide consent to allow the researchers to release it.

A description of this clinical trial will be available on <http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov>, as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will not include information that can identify you. At most, the Web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this web site at any time.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO USE OR DISCLOSE YOUR IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION**

If you sign this document, you give permission to the Principal Investigator named above and research staff at Tufts University Health Sciences as well as other individuals at Tufts University Health Sciences who may need to access your information to do their jobs (such as for treatment, payment (billing) or health care operations) to use or disclose (release) your health information that identifies you for the research study described above.

The parties listed in the preceding paragraph may disclose the health information described below to the following persons and organizations for their use in connection with the research study:

- Individuals or organizations working under the direction of the Principal Investigator(s) for the study,
- Outside individuals or entities that have a need to access this information to perform activities relating to the conduct of this research, such as analysis by outside laboratories on behalf of Tufts University Health Sciences
- Other researchers and institutions that are conducting or participating in this study,
- The study sponsor, the National Institutes of Health, and any companies that they use to oversee, manage, or conduct the research,
- The Office for Human Research Protections in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other federal and state agencies that have the right to use the information as required by law, and
- The members and staff of any Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Data and Safety Monitoring Board that oversee this study.

The health information that we may use or disclose (release) for this research study includes all information in your medical record including the record of your care, as well as any information collected or created during the course of this study.

Tufts University Health Sciences is required by law to protect your health information. By signing this document, you authorize Tufts University Health Sciences to use and/or disclose (release) your health information for this research. Those persons who receive your health information may not be required by Federal privacy laws (such as the Privacy Rule) to protect it and may share your information with others without your permission, if permitted by laws governing them. You may not be allowed to see or copy the information described on this form as long as the research is in progress, but you have a right to see and copy the information upon completion of the research in accordance with hospital policies.

You can decide to sign or not to sign this form. However, if you choose not to sign this form, you will not be able to take part in the research study and you may not receive any research-related clinical care.

This authorization does not have an expiration date. You may change your mind and revoke (take back) this authorization at any time. Even if you revoke this authorization, this site's clinical, administrative and research staff may still use or disclose health information they



already have obtained about you as necessary to maintain the integrity or reliability of the current research. To revoke this authorization, you must write to: HIPAA Privacy Officer for Research, 800 Washington Street, Box 5100, Boston, MA 02111. If you revoke this authorization, you may no longer be allowed to participate in the research described in this form.

## **WHOM TO CONTACT**

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the screening or research has hurt you, you may contact Dr. Andrew Greenberg, the study Principal Investigator, at:

Dr. Andrew Greenberg  
HNRCA  
711 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02111

You could also call Dr. Greenberg at his office (617) 556-3144 during daytime (9am to 5pm) or email him at [andrew.greenberg@tufts.edu](mailto:andrew.greenberg@tufts.edu)

For emergencies at any time, including days, evenings, weekends and holidays, please call (617) 230-7545 to reach Dr. Ceglia, the study physician.

If you have question about your rights as a research study subject, call the Tufts Medical Center and Tufts University Health Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB) at (617) 636-7512. The IRB is a group of doctors, nurses, and non-medical people who review human research studies for safety and protection of people who take part in the studies. Federal law requires the IRB to review and approve any research study involving humans. This must be done before the study can begin. The study is also reviewed on a regular basis while it is in progress. This research study has been reviewed and approved by the IRB of Tufts Medical Center and Tufts University Health Sciences.



### Documentation of Consent

I have been given a copy of this form. I have read it or it has been read to me. I understand the information and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction. I agree to take part in this study.

I understand that I will be informed of any new findings developed during the course of this research study that may affect my willingness to stay in this research study.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Time

I have fully explained to \_\_\_\_\_ the nature and purpose of the above-described study and the risks that are involved in its performance. I have answered all questions to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Investigator or Representative's Signature