

## Cold sore virus 'treats skin cancer' 疱疹病毒可用来治疗皮肤癌

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研究人员称，一种引起感冒疱疹的病毒在经过转变后很有可能对治愈皮肤癌有所帮助。这种变体病毒对正常细胞是无害的，但当其被注射进肿瘤后，它会释放出一种抗癌物质。以下是 Michelle Roberts 的报道。

Although it's not yet being **licenced**, doctor are excited about the very real **prospect** of a brand new type of treatment for advanced **melanoma**. T-Vec is **unique**, using a virus to enter and kill **cancerous cells**.

This latest study in the Journal of Clinical Oncology is the largest ever **randomised** trial of an anti-cancer virus. It involved 436 patients with **inoperable** tumours and showed that T-Vec injections could lengthen survival by years, but only for some.

Researchers now want to do more studies to help better identify which patients might benefit from the treatment and whether it should be used **alongside** other melanoma drugs that are already approved.

## Questions

1. What makes this cancer treatment different from others?
2. What did the patients who took part in this trial have in common?
3. True or false? *The research suggests that every patient treated with T-Vec will live longer.*
4. True or false? *Researchers want more studies to find out if this new treatment could be offered at the same time as other licenced drugs.*

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>licenced</b>	得到许可的，被批准的
<b>prospect</b>	可能性，希望，前景
<b>melanoma</b>	(恶性) 黑素瘤
<b>unique</b>	仅有的，唯一的
<b>cancerous cells</b>	癌细胞
<b>randomised</b>	随机的
<b>inoperable</b>	不能动手术的
<b>alongside</b>	与...一起

### Answers to the questions:

1. What makes this cancer treatment different from others?

**Answer: It uses a virus to kill cancerous cells.**

2. What did the patients who took part in this trial have in common?

**Answer: They all had inoperable tumours.**

3. True or false? *The research suggests that every patient treated with T-Vec will live longer.*

**Answer: False. Only some of the patients in the trial survived for longer.**

4. True or false? *Researchers want more studies to find out if this new treatment could be offered at the same time as other licenced drugs.*

**Answer: True. They want more studies to find out whether this treatment should be used with other drugs that are already approved.**