



Ebola drug trial in Liberia halted

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A trial of the experimental Ebola drug brincidofovir in Liberia has been halted due to a significant drop in the number of new Ebola cases, coupled with the 30 January announcement by the drug’s manufacturer that it would no longer participate in the trial.

Led by Oxford University, the trial into a potential treatment for the disease was launched in early January in an Ebola management centre run by international medical organisation Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in the Liberian capital Monrovia.

For the results to be scientifically robust, the experimental drug needs to be tested on large numbers of patients. With patient numbers decreasing at MSF’s centre in Monrovia



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Ebola is finally declining in Liberia, although gaps remain in infection control and