

Patients ≥65 years of age assigned to the participating health centres and with no exclusion criteria  
N= 3556

Informed consent given?

No

**EXCLUSION**  
No consent given

Yes

Vitamin B12<179pg/mL

No

**EXCLUSION**  
Inclusion criteria not met

Yes

Exclusion criteria detected in analytical results

Yes

**EXCLUSION**  
Exclusion criteria detected

No

Randomisation (n=320)

Oral group  
n=160

IM group  
n=160

**Follow-up**  
8, 26 and 52 weeks