

# Addition of Tobramycin inhalation antibiotic treatment to standard IV antibiotic treatment for ventilator-associated pneumonia

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Does addition of inhalation tobramycin to standard IV treatment result in a higher clinical cure rate than standard IV antibiotic treatment alone in patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia. The initial response to treatment will be evaluated...

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Respiratory tract infections
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON40796

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Vaporise study

### Condition

- Respiratory tract infections

### Synonym

pneumonia caused by mechanical ventilation

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

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## Intervention

**Keyword:** antibiotic, Inhalation, tobramycin, VAP

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The initial response to treatment will be evaluated after 3 days of antimicrobial treatment (between 72 and 96 hours after start treatment).

Nonresponse is considered when at least one of the following criteria is present:

- (1) No improvement of the arterial O<sub>2</sub> tension to inspired O<sub>2</sub> fraction ratio
- (2) Persistence of fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or hypothermia ( $< 35.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) together with purulent respiratory secretions
- (3) increase in the pulmonary infiltrates on chest radiograph of greater than or equal to 50%
- (4) occurrence of septic shock or multiple organ dysfunction syndrome, defined as three or more organ system failures not present on Day 1

### Secondary outcome

- clinical response at end of treatment (after 8 or 14 days)
- 20-day and 90- day mortality rate
- length of stay
- ICU survival
- Number of days without mechanical ventilation
- duration of mechanical ventilation

- discharge from the ICU
- adverse events
- day of normalisation of CRP, procalcitonin (PCT) and chest X-ray
- eradication of pathogens (especially pseudomonas), defined as three negative cultures until day 90
- Clinical Pulmonary Infectious Score; APACHE II score; multiple organ dysfunction score (MODS); SOFA score; Lung injury score

## Study description

### Background summary

#### INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE

Approximately 9-27% of mechanically ventilated patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) develop ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP). Patients in whom VAP develops have a higher mortality rate up to 50%, stay longer in the intensive care unit (ICU), and require more resources than those without the disease. Despite the availability of modern ICU care and modern antibiotics, the overall clinical cure rate for VAP in randomized clinical trials is only 40%. The cure rate for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is even lower (9). It is unclear why VAP cure rates are so low.

There is a disappointing amount of data in the medical literature about the effect of inhalation antibiotics. Almost all of the studies were observational and did not have control groups

In one study, 38 patients were randomized to receive either endotracheally (ET) sisomicin (aminoglycoside) or placebo added to systemic  $\beta$ -lactam/aminoglycoside therapy. The cure rate was significantly better in the ET group (77 vs 45%). This study from 1979 remains the largest randomized, placebo-controlled trial of aerosolized antibiotics for treating VAP. Another prospective randomized trial has also examined the impact of the adjunctive use of locally instilled tobramycin with intravenous therapy in the treatment of VAP. Although the addition of endotracheal tobramycin did not improve clinical outcome compared with placebo, microbiologic eradication was significantly greater in the patients receiving aerosolized antibiotics. The small number of patients in this study suggests that more data are needed on this type of therapy before determining its value.

The relatively poor response rates seen with intravenous therapy of VAP and the emergence of MDR organisms makes new treatment options desirable. The ATS/IDSA VAP guidelines recommend that \*adjunctive therapy with an inhaled aminoglycoside or polymyxin (colistin) for MDR Gram-negative pneumonia should be considered, especially in patients who are not improving\*. The recommendations by the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists are similar.

## **Study objective**

Does addition of inhalation tobramycin to standard IV treatment result in a higher clinical cure rate than standard IV antibiotic treatment alone in patients with ventilator-associated pneumonia.

The initial response to treatment will be evaluated after 3 days of antimicrobial treatment at day 4.

## **Study design**

A prospective double-blind randomized controlled trial comparing Tobramycin inhalation antibiotic treatment and standard IV antibiotic treatment with standard IV antibiotic treatment alone for ventilator-associated pneumonia

## **Intervention**

Patients will receive Tobramycin inhalation (Bramitob) 300 mg 2 times daily or placebo inhalation (identically packaged sterile saline) 2 times daily besides IV antibiotic treatment

## **Study burden and risks**

A number of pulmonary adverse events such as coughing and bronchospasm can occur with outpatient use of aerosolized antibiotics. The only adverse events reported in the aminoglycoside VAP studies were coughing and dizziness in four patients. No other adverse events were reported. The vast majority of aminoglycoside VAP reports used the intravenous formulation. A preservative-free formulation of tobramycin for inhalation used in cystic fibrosis may theoretically provide a better safety profile, but this has not been studied widely in VAP patients.

Serum concentrations need to be controlled in patients with renal dysfunction. Tobramycin inhalation treatment needs to be stopped until trough level is  $< 2$  microgram/ml (2 mg/l). When a patient is known to have a renal dysfunction, is using nephrotoxic medication, has a serum creatinine level of  $> 180$  micromol/l, or in case of acute renal insufficiency or on dialysis than a trough level will be determined. When the trough level is  $> 1$  mg/l than tobramycin will not be

given until the trough level is  $< 1\text{mg/l}$ .

Benefit: possible reduction in mortality, length of treatment, improvement of other important clinical outcome parameters, like clinical cure rate and improved eradication of microorganisms.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)  
Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Patients older than 18 years  
admitted to these ICUs for 48 hours or more  
with clinical suspicion of VAP.

VAP is diagnosed in patients with previous invasive Mechanical ventilation for 48 hours or more .;The clinical suspicion of pneumonia is based on the ATS criteria:

- new or progressive radiologic pulmonary infiltrate
- Together with at least two of the following three criteria:
- temperature  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - leukocytosis  $>12,000/\text{mm}^3$  or leucopenia  $<4,000/\text{mm}^3$
  - purulent respiratory secretions

## Exclusion criteria

patients with allergy to tobramycin; pregnancy; expected to die within 72 hours after enrollment

## Study design

### Design

Study phase:	3
Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Single blinded (masking used)
Control:	Placebo
Primary purpose:	Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	26-03-2015
Enrollment:	42
Type:	Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	Tobramycin (Bramitob)
Generic name:	Tobramycin
Registration:	Yes - NL outside intended use

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 05-08-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 21-01-2015

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
EudraCT	EUCTR2014-001406-17-NL
CCMO	NL48009.078.14