# Stimulation of the sphenopalatine ganglion with the ATI Neurostimulation system for cluster headache treatment

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusCompletedHealth condition typeHeadachesStudy typeInterventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON44572

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

SPG stimulation for cluster headache treatment

#### **Condition**

Headaches

#### **Synonym**

cluster headache, suicide headache

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Innovatiefonds Zorgverzekeraars, Autonomic

Technologies Inc 3698 Haven Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** cluster headache, neurostimulation, sphenopalatine ganglion

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Therapeutic effect of the ATI neurostimulator in patients with refractory CH

headache

#### **Secondary outcome**

- -Quality of life
- -reduction in medication
- -cost-effectiveness analysis

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

The pain and autonomic symptoms of cluster headache (CH) result from activation of the trigeminal parasympathetic reflex, mediated through the sphenopalatine ganglion (SPG).

#### Study objective

We investigated the safety and efficacy of on-demand SPG stimulation for chronic CH (CCH).

#### Study design

A, multiple CH attack study of an implantable on-demand SPG neurostimulator was conducted in patients suffering from refractory CCH. The design is cross-over, each patient was randomly treated with full or placebo stimulation. Pain relief at 15 minutes following SPG stimulation and device- or procedure-related serious adverse events (SAEs) were evaluated

#### Intervention

Implantation of the ATI neurostimulator in the sphenopalatine ganglion

#### Study burden and risks

On-demand SPG stimulation using the ATI Neurostimulation System is an effective novel therapy for CCH sufferers, with dual beneficial effects, acute pain relief and observed attack prevention, and has an acceptable safety profile compared to similar surgical procedures (reference Schoenen et al)

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

#### Inclusion criteria

- -18-65 years old.
- -classified with chronic cluster headache ICHD-3 criteria 3.1.2
- -reported headache frequentie of 10 weekly
- -Patient reported dissatisfaction with current headache treatments.
- -Patient was able to distinguish cluster headaches from other headaches.
- -knowledge dutch language

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- -Patient had a change in type or dosage of preventive headache medications within one month of enrollment.
- -Women of childbearing age who were pregnant, nursing, or not using contraception.
- -Patient had undergone facial surgery in the area of the pterygopalatine fossa or zygomaticomaxillary buttress ipsilateral to the planned implant site within the last four months.
- -Patient had been treated with radiation to the facial region within the last six months.
- -Patient had been diagnosed with any major infectious processes including osteomyelitis or primary or secondary malignancies of the face that were active or required treatment in the past six months.

Patient had another significant pain problem that might confound the study assessments in the opinion of the investigator.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Other

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Completed

Start date (anticipated): 31-07-2015

Enrollment: 35

Type: Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Generic name: Implantable ATI Neurostimulator NS-100

Registration: Yes - CE intended use

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 21-01-2015

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 11-04-2016
Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **Study registrations**

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

No registrations found.

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

ID: 21021

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

## In other registers

Register ID

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