# TAME Cardiac Arrest Trial. Targeted Therapeutic Mild Hypercapnia After Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest: A Phase III Multi-Centre Randomised Controlled Trial

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Ethical review	Approved WMO	
Status	Recruitment stopped	
Health condition type	Cardiac arrhythmias	
Study type	Interventional	

# Summary

# ID

NL-OMON46761

**Source** ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** TAME

# Condition

- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Encephalopathies

**Synonym** Postanoxic encephalopathy; brain injury after cardiac arest

#### **Research involving**

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

#### Primary sponsor: Academisch Medisch Centrum

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#### Intervention

Keyword: Cardiac Arrest, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hypercapnia

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary outcome measure for this study is the proportion of patients with a

favourable neurological outcome at 6 months as assessed using the GOSE.

#### Secondary outcome

(I) Mortality at ICU and hospital discharge and at 6 months after

randomisation.

(II) Functional recovery as measured by the proportion of patients with a

favourable functional outcome at 6 months after randomisation as assessed using

the modified Rankin scale and the Cerebral Performance Category

(III) Cognitive functional recovery assessed at 6 months after randomisation

using the Montreal Cognitive Assessment; Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive

Decline; Symbol Digit Modalities Test and 30-second chair test.

(IV) Quality of life at 6 months after randomisation assessed by the five

domains of Mobility, Self-care, Usual Activity, Pain/discomfort, and

Anxiety/Depression of the EQ-5D-5L scale.

(V) Safety as determined as the proportion of adverse events occurring between

groups as reported by treating clinicians.

(VI) A health economic assessment will be performed to evaluate differences in

costs for hospital length of stay and destination at discharge for patients

allocated to TTMH and standard care (TN).

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Cardiac arrest is a common and catastrophic event. Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest has an estimated incidence of approximately 1 per 1,000 persons per year with mortality rates varying between 87 to 94%. Once admitted to an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), survival is still unacceptably low at approximately 40% and has remained unchanged over the last decade. These ICU mortality is mainly due to severe cerebral injury sustained during CPR and after return of circulation (reperfusion injury). Accordingly, while the initial problem is cardiac in nature, after ICU admission, the dominant reason for such dismal outcomes is neurological injury. Thus, a better neurological outcome is the logical and dominant therapeutic goal in a population where more than half are of working age. The brain is particularly susceptible to damage following return of spontaneous circulation with reperfusion injury and inflammation both of which may contribute to subsequently increased vascular resistance and sustained hypoperfusion. PaCO2 is the major determinant of cerebral blood flow in man. The in this study proposed therapeutic CO2 target was simple, easy to aim for, with no signs of harm and cost free. Together with the large epidemiological study, double crossover physiological study and phase II trial already conducted, there is now epidemiological, biological, physiological, and supportive clinical data suggesting that TTMH can deliver significant outcome improvements in resuscitated cardiac arrest patients admitted to ICU. These findings strengthen the need to perform a larger phase III trial to address the question of whether targeting mild therapeutic hypercapnia improves patient-centred outcomes in resuscitated cardiac arrest patients admitted to the ICU. Thus, a larger definitive phase III trial is needed now.

#### Study objective

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#### Study design

This a phase III multi-centre, randomised, parallel-group, controlled trial in

resuscitated cardiac arrest patients who are admitted to the intensive care unit.

#### Intervention

targeted therapeutic mild hypercapnia (TTHM) aiming at a PaCO2 of 50-55 mmHg during 24 hours versus standard care

#### Study burden and risks

Burden and risks associated with participation in this study are very small. Patients randomized to the intervention arm might have a benefit of the treatment.

# Contacts

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

- 1. Adult (age \*18 years or older)
- 2. Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest of a presumed cardiac or unknown cause

3. Sustained ROSC \* defined as 20 minutes with signs of circulation without the need for chest compressions

4. Unconscious (FOUR-score motor response of <4, not able to obey verbal commands after sustained ROSC)

- 5. Eligible for intensive care without restrictions or limitations
- 6. Within <180 minutes of ROSC

### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Unwitnessed cardiac arrest with an initial rhythm of asystole
- 2. Temperature on admission <30 C
- 3. On ECMO prior to ROSC
- 4. Obvious or suspected pregnancy
- 5. Intracranial bleeding

6. Severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD) with long-term home oxygen therapy

# Study design

### Design

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

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	13-09-2019

Enrollment:	150
Туре:	Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMODate:28-02-2018Application type:First submissionReview 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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

**Register** ClinicalTrials.gov CCMO ID NCT03114033 NL62674.018.17