# Quantitative MR Imaging of skeletal muscle in Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeMuscle disordersStudy typeObservational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON47455

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Quantitative MRI in DMD and BMD

#### **Condition**

Muscle disorders

#### **Synonym**

Duchenne muscular dystrophy

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Radiologie

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMW

Intervention

**Keyword:** MRI, Muscular dystrophy, Natural history, Skeletal muscle

**Outcome measures** 

**Primary outcome** 

The key aspect of our project is that we will apply the same MRI measurement

techniques in both DMD and BMD patients, in order to develop an MRI outcome

parameter that can be used to assess therapy efficacy in clinical trials.

We have the following objectives:

1. to assess the reproducibility of quantitative MRI measurements representing

muscle volume, fatty infiltration, edema, fiber architecture and metabolism in

diseased muscle

2. to compare the result of these quantitative MRI measurements

cross-sectionally between DMD and BMD patients and healthy controls

3. to relate the MRI parameters of the three groups to muscle strength and

function

4. to study the usefulness of quantitative MRI in monitoring disease

progression by repeating the measurements after 12 months

**Secondary outcome** 

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Study description

**Background summary** 

Rationale: Duchenne (DMD) and Becker (BMD) muscular dystrophy are characterized

by progressive muscle weakness. Potential therapies aim to turn the DMD

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phenotype into a BMD phenotype. Outcome parameters used in current clinical trials are muscle strength, functional tests and muscle biopsies. They carry important disadvantages. Muscle biopsies are invasive and unattractive to apply repeatedly, especially in children. They provide only limited information, because only a small part of one muscle is sampled, while in DMD and BMD various muscles are affected to different degrees. Functional tests like the 6 minute walking test have a relatively large variability and do not provide information on muscle quality. Finally, too few patients are available for large clinical trials testing new drugs for a subset of DMD patients with rare mutations in the near future. Therefore, non-invasive, objective, and sensitive methods to assess therapy efficacy are imperative.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is safe, non-invasive, provides good soft tissue contrast over a large volume and can easily be applied repeatedly. The technique can quantitatively assess important aspects that influence muscle quality in DMD and BMD, namely hypertrophy or atrophy, fatty infiltration, edema, fiber architecture and energy metabolism. Previous MRI studies have assessed DMD patients cross-sectionally, and compared them to healthy controls. However, as developing therapies aim to turn the severe DMD phenotype into the less severe BMD phenotype, it is essential compare MRI readouts of DMD patients to both BMD patients and healthy controls.

#### Study objective

To compare quantitative muscle MRI measurements between DMD and BMD patients and healthy controls. Comparisons will be made cross-sectionally and longitudinally. In addition, dystrophin expression in two different leg muscles will be studied in BMD patients.

#### Study design

Observational and case control study

#### Study burden and risks

There are no known risks associated with participating in an MRI study. Subjects with intracranial or intraocular metal, a pacemaker, and claustrophobia will be excluded because of potential contraindications of MRI in such subjects. The Nederlandse Vereniging voor Kindergeneeskunde (NVK) code of conduct \*Gedragscode verzet bij minderjarigen die deelnemen aan medisch-wetenschappelijk onderzoek\* will be applied in this study.

## **Contacts**

#### **Public**

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years) Adolescents (16-17 years) Adults (18-64 years) Children (2-11 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

DMD and BMD patients of 5 years and older with typical muscle weakness and a known genetic mutation in the dystrophin gene.

Healthy age-matched males of 5 years or older form the control group.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

General exclusion criteria are:

- Claustrophobia
- Pacemakers and defibrillators
- Nerve stimulators
- Intracranial clips
- Intraorbital or intraocular metallic fragments
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- Cochlear implants
- Ferromagnetic implants (e.g. thoracic implant for scoliosis)
- Inability to lie supine during less than 60 minutes; Exclusion criteria for healthy controls
- any muscle disease
- recent muscle trauma

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Basic science

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 30-07-2013

Enrollment: 74

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 04-02-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

Approved WMO

Date: 02-12-2013

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

Approved WMO

Date: 14-10-2015

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

Approved WMO

Date: 10-06-2016

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

Approved WMO

Date: 23-05-2018

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

Approved WMO

Date: 10-10-2019

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

# **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

CCMO NL42012.058.12

# **Study results**

Date completed: 08-07-2020

Results posted: 21-02-2018

Actual enrolment: 74

## **Summary results**

Trial is onging in other countries

First publication

21-02-2018