

# Dose reduction of the new generation biologicals (IL17 and IL23 inhibitors) in psoriasis: A pragmatic, multicentre, randomized, controlled, non-inferiority study - BeNeBio study

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving nog niet gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON22341

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Verkorte titel

BeNeBio

### Aandoening

Psoriasis

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Radboudumc

**Overige ondersteuning:** ZonMW, KCE

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## Uitkomstmaten

### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Non-inferiority of the incidence proportion of persistent flares (PASI > 5 for  $\geq 3$  months) in the intervention group.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Rationale: Biologics are very effective treatments for psoriasis. Research indicated that the dose of TNF $\alpha$ -blocking biologics can be reduced in a proportion of patients. Safety profiles can improve and costs can be reduced if the reduction of the dose is successful. Recently, the newest generation of biologics entered the market: interleukin (IL) 17 and IL23 inhibitors. These biologics are increasingly prescribed. It is not yet known whether dose reduction of these agents is possible, and to what extent they can be reduced. The new agents have different mechanisms of action and safety profiles compared to TNF $\alpha$ -blockers. The timely investigation of the possibilities for dose reduction of new biologics is therefore important.

Objectives: The primary goal is to investigate whether controlled dose reduction of IL17 or IL23 inhibiting biologics is not inferior compared to usual care. This is measured by comparing the proportion of long-term disease flares between the two groups (dose reduction group versus usual care group). Secondary goals are: determining the proportion of patients with successful dose reduction, clinical effectiveness measured with the Psoriasis Area and Severity score (PASI) score, Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) scores, predictors for successful dose reduction, safety, and cost-effectiveness of dose reduction. Pharmacokinetic (PK) analysis will be performed for modeling.

Study design: a multicenter, practice-oriented, pragmatic, randomized, controlled, non-inferiority study.

Study population: Patients treated with the newest generation of biologics (IL17 or IL23 inhibitors), with long-term stable low disease activity at a normal dose. A total of 244 patients are randomized (2:1) to dose reduction or continuation of usual care.

Intervention: Dose reduction by interval prolongation in 2 steps to a maximum decrease of 50% of the original dose when disease activity (PASI) and quality of life index (DLQI) remain low.

Disease outcomes: Primary outcome is the cumulative incidence of persistent flares (PASI > 5 for  $\geq 3$  months). Secondary outcomes are the percentage of successful dose reductions, the course of disease activity (PASI), incidence of short disease flares (PASI > 5 once), course of disease-related quality of life (DLQI), predictors for successful dose reduction, side effects, antibody formation and trough levels of biologics (PK), health-status (SF-36), quality-adjusted life-years (EQ-5D-5L), volumes of care (iMTA Medical Consumption Questionnaire), loss of productivity and presenteeism (Productivity Cost Questionnaire).

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness: There is a risk for disease exacerbation due to dose tapering. This risk will be

kept as low as possible by strictly monitoring the patients and change therapy in case of increasing PASI scores and/or DLQI index to an unacceptable level. The burden of this study regarding study measurements is expected to be minimal: (non-invasive) disease severity measurements will be performed, like PASI scores that are already standard of care in some of the centres (5 minutes extra time). Patients will be asked to fill in 4 questionnaires on quality of life and costs every 3 months during the study (approx. 20 minutes duration). Every 3 months, one extra vial of blood will be asked from the patients, most of the time this will be done at moments when blood is already drawn for usual care. There is direct individual benefit only in those patients that can be reduced in dose. On group level, the safety profile of these new drugs is expected to improve, and costs are expected to decrease by at least 30% with the proposed strategy in patients with stable disease.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

Controlled dose reduction of IL17 or IL23 inhibiting biologics is not inferior compared to usual care.

### **Onderzoeksopzet**

18 months

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

Intervention: dose reduction of IL17 and IL23 inhibitors (Secukinumab, Ixekizumab, Brodalumab, Guselkumab, Risankizumab, Tildrakizumab)

Control: normal (registered) dose

## **Contactpersonen**

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- Plaque psoriasis (primarily)
- Treatment for at least 6 months with IL23 or IL17 inhibitor in a normal dose (dose advised by the label)
- PASI  $\leq$  5 at inclusion and in previous 6 months (if no PASI scores are available, it should be clear from the patient record that psoriasis was clear/almost clear in previous 6 months).
- DLQI  $\leq$  5 at inclusion

### Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

- Another indication than plaque psoriasis as the main indication for biologic use (e.g. patient receives biologic for rheumatoid arthritis as the main indication).
- Concomitant use of systemic immunosuppressants other than methotrexate or acitretin (e.g. prednisone, cyclosporine etc).
- Severe comorbidities with short life-expectancy (e.g. metastasized tumor).
- Presumed inability to follow the study protocol.

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	Actieve controle groep

### Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving nog niet gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	20-08-2020

Aantal proefpersonen: 244  
Type: Verwachte startdatum

## Voornemen beschikbaar stellen Individuele Patiënten Data (IPD)

**Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld:** Nog niet bepaald

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies  
Datum: 20-03-2020  
Soort: Eerste indiening

## Registraties

### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

ID: 52624  
Bron: ToetsingOnline  
Titel:

### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

### In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL8470
CCMO	NL71920.091.19
OMON	NL-OMON52624

## Resultaten