# [18F]Fluoride PET-CT imaging for detection and monitoring of bone fomration in spondyloarthritis

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies **Status** Werving gestart

Type aandoening -

**Onderzoekstype** Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON23538

**Bron** 

Nationaal Trial Register

**Verkorte titel** 

Fluoride PET studie

#### **Aandoening**

Ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis

### **Ondersteuning**

Primaire sponsor: Novartis, Foreum, Pfizer

Overige ondersteuning: Novartis, Foreum, Pfizer

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Our main endpoint is [18F]Fluoride uptake changes on whole body PET-CT scans during treatment of 40 SpA patients in relation to clinical follow-up of treatment.

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

One of the hallmarks of disease activity in spondyloarthritis (SpA), a spectrum of rheumatological diseases including ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and psoriatic arthritis (PsA), is new bone formation. Enthesitis and bone formation are related to functional disability on the long term. SpA is a complex disease, as evidenced by the involvement of axial and peripheral articular structures, extra-articular manifestations, presence of co-morbidities such as osteoporosis and vascular inflammation and the histopathological combination of inflammation, tissue destruction, and new tissue formation. Mechanistic understanding of which 'targetable' pathways steer these different disease manifestations is required to optimize and tailor treatment to all these different facets of the disease.

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In order to investigate therapeutic effects of Secukinumab on enthesitis and related bone formation, sensitive imaging techniques are required for monitoring early in the course of treatment. Conventional X-rays and CT-scans still play an important role for determination and monitoring of structural damage, but these techniques have limitations. CT-scans do not allow assessment of the whole skeleton in one imaging session, and X-rays are more suited to provide information on long-term changes in bone formation. Both MRI and ultrasound (US) can be applied for evaluation of inflammatory activity, however US is limited to more superficial, peripheral sites that are accessible by this technique, and MRI is less sensitive for bone formation imaging in SpA.

Positron emission tomography (PET) is a promising alternative for bone formation imaging. The technique allows sensitive and quantitative imaging of functional tissue changes in the whole body by targeting specific binding sites. The visualisation of pathophysiology using specific tracers makes PET potentially suitable for early detection of disease activity, even before anatomic changes appear. In addition, it allows quantification of disease activity in order to accurately monitor therapeutic effects. Recently, our group found that disease activity of AS on PET-CT was clearly depicted with the tracer [18F]Fluoride with obvious superior targeting as compared to the reference tracers. [18F]Fluoride uptake in bone reflects local blood flow and regional osteoblastic activity because uptake takes place in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals, which form the mineral fluorapatite within the bone, especially at sites of bone remodelling. A study currently in progress of publication by our group has shown the ability of [18F]Fluoride PET-CT imaging of bone formation in AS to predict response to anti-TNF treatment.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

[18F]Fluoride PET-CT scans visualize bone formation in spondyloarthritis patients

#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

T0, T6, T12 and T24 weeks.

# Contactpersonen

#### **Publiek**

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### Wetenschappelijk

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## **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

Patients must be at least 18 years of age.

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis according to the 2006 Classification Criteria for Psoriatic Arthritis (CASPAR) or ankylosing spondylitis according to the modified New York criteria
- Patients with clinically active disease as assessed by a physician;
- In PsA defined as clinically active disease with at least one clinically active enthesitis site and a clinical indication to start with Secukinumab.
- In AS defined as a Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) of 4 or higher and a clinical indication to start with Secukinumab.
- Treatment with disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDS) and non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAID) is permitted, provided that there is a stable dose for at least 4 weeks prior to inclusion and during the study up to 12 weeks of follow up.
- Treatment with oral corticosteroids up to 10mg daily is permitted, provided that there is a stable dose for at least 4 weeks prior to inclusion and during the study up to 12 weeks of follow up. The anti-TNF control PsA group: prior treatment with one anti-TNF is permitted, given that the patient was intolerant for this anti-TNF (no primary failure)

- The AS biopsy group: start or treatment with either biological, NSAID and/or DMARD therapy is permitted. Patients must be able to adhere to the study appointments and other protocol requirements.
- Patients must be capable of giving informed consent and the consent must have been obtained prior to the study related procedures.

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

- Prior Treatment with anti-IL-17 (for Secukinumab starters)
- Treatment with any investigational drug within the previous 3 months.
- Pregnancy or breast-feeding

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen

Onderzoeksmodel: Anders

Toewijzing: N.v.t. / één studie arm

Blindering: Open / niet geblindeerd

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 15-10-2018

Aantal proefpersonen: 48

Type: Verwachte startdatum

## Voornemen beschikbaar stellen Individuele Patiënten Data (IPD)

Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld: Nog niet bepaald

# **Ethische beoordeling**

#### Positief advies

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# Registraties

# Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

Geen registraties gevonden.

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

Geen registraties gevonden.

#### In overige registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL9661

Ander register METC VUmc : 2018.001

# Resultaten