# Overstappen op aflibercept bij patiënten die niet reageren op anti-VEGF therapie

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type -

Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON19994** 

Source

Nationaal Trial Register

**Brief title** 

N/A

#### **Health condition**

neovascular age-related macular degeneration, natte leeftijdsgebonden maculadegeneratie

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Prof. Dr. C.B. Hoyng

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Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Bayer B.V.

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Change in central retinal thickness as measured on OCT between inclusion and one month after 3 monthly aflibercept injections

## **Secondary outcome**

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- Change in visual acuity between inclusion and one month after 3 monthly aflibercept injections.
- Number of patients responding to aflibercept defined as a decrease in CRT of >50¦im from inclusion compared to visit 5.
- Number of patients gaining >5 letters of vision from inclusion compared to visit 5.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Currently, when patients with neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD) do not respond to bevacizumab, patients often switch to ranibizumab, which has a comparable working mechanism. Switching to ranibizumab has so far yielded limited additional effect. Recently, a new VEGF-inhibitor aflibercept (Eylea) has arrived, with a different mechanism of action. Patients that do not respond to other anti-VEGF agents, may show a good response to aflibercept.

This prospective interventional case series pilot study will inlcude 20 patients with neovascular AMD who did not respond to previous anti-VEGF therapy defined as: persistant central retinal thickness on optical coherence tomography (OCT) of ¡Ý300 ¡Ìm combined with a response of no greater than a reduction of 50 ¦Ìm after each previous intravitreal anti-VEGF treatment. Patients will be treated with 3 monthly intravitreal injections of 2mg (0,05mL) aflibercept. The primary outcome is change in central retinal thickness (¡Ìm) as measured on OCT between inclusion and one month after the 3 monthly aflibercept injections.

## Study objective

Since several years, anti-VEGF agents have become available for the treatment of neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and have substantially improved visual prognosis in patients suffering from this condition. The anti-VEGF agent used most frequently world-wide is bevacizumab (Avastin). The effectiveness and working mechanism of bevacizumab is comparable to ranibizumab (Lucentis). Even though many patients have benefitted from these anti-VEGF agents, still 10% of patients do not respond to treatment and experience a loss of vision comparable to the natural course of AMD. These patients are considered non-responders. Currently, when patients do not respond to bevacizumab, patients often switch to ranibizumab, which has a comparable working mechanism. Switching to ranibizumab has so far yielded limited additional effect. Recently, a new VEGF-inhibitor aflibercept (Eylea) has arrived, with a different mechanism of action. Patients that do not respond to other anti-VEGF agents, may show a good response to aflibercept.

## Study design

month 0: baseline + first injection

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month 1: second injection

month 2: third injection

month 3: evaluation

#### Intervention

3 intravitreal injections of 2mg (0,05mL) aflibercept with monthly intervals

## **Contacts**

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# **Eligibility criteria**

## Inclusion criteria

- Patients with inadequate response to prior anti-VEGF treatment defined as a persistent central retinal thickness (CRT) of ¡Ý300 ¦Ìm combined with a response of no greater than a reduction of 50 ¦Ìm in CRT on OCT after each previous intravitreal anti-VEGF treatment.
- Patients will have received at least 6 anti-VEGF injections within 1 year.
- Active neovascular AMD seen as leakage on FA and (sub-) retinal fluid on OCT.
- Maximally 1 year since onset of visual complaints and start of anti-VEGF treatment.
- Minimally 1 month and maximally 3 months between last anti-VEGF injection and first aflibercept injection.
- Age 50 years and older
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- Visual acuity at baseline between 20/25 and 20/320 (Snellen).
- OCT available prior to first injection and after every three anti-VEGF injections.
- Give written informed consent.

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Signs of subretinal fibrosis, scarring or geographic atrophy on OCT or FA, involving the center of the macula.
- Pigment epithelial detachment with a height of ¡Ý150¦Ìm.
- Any ocular diseases beside AMD in the study eye, including myopic fundus and vitreoretinal traction.
- Myopia of 8.00 D or more, irrespective of myopic fundus features.
- Ocular surgery of the study eye ¡Ü 2 months prior to or during the previous anti-VEGF treatment.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Factorial

Allocation: Non controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: N/A, unknown

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-10-2013

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 25-09-2013

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 38763

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

# In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL3974 NTR-old NTR4188

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# **Study results**

## **Summary results**

N/A