

# An electronic nose in infants with respiratory wheeze.

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON21823

### Source

NTR

### Brief title

Wheezy Infants study

### Health condition

electronic nose, wheezing in infants

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academic Medical Center (AMC), Department of Pulmonology, Emma Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatric Respiratory Medicine

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Netherlands Asthma Foundation

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Discriminating between various clinically defined subgroups of patients in a so-called trainingset.

Identification of newly recruited subjects from the same subgroups in a so-called validation

set.

## **Secondary outcome**

none

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Rationale:

Population studies have shown that 1 in 3 children have more than one episode of parent-reported wheezing before the age of 3 years. Especially the confirmation of this wheeze by a physician appears to be associated with the development of asthma and persistence of asthmatic symptoms beyond childhood. Pre-school children with confirmed wheeze appear to already exhibit the major histological features of asthma in the bronchial mucosa. Recent studies have shown that non-invasive molecular pattern recognition of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in exhaled air is capable of discriminating between asthmatic children and controls. An electronic nose is an innovative method of analysing these VOCs real-time. Therefore, our current aim is to assess the potential of non-invasive exhaled breath profiling by electronic nose in sub-phenotyping infants with respiratory wheeze.

Hypothesis:

We hypothesize that expiratory VOC-analysis by electronic nose is capable of:

1. Discriminating between asymptomatic infants and infants with respiratory wheeze.
2. Discriminating between parent-reported and doctors-confirmed wheezy infants.

Methods and Analysis:

One hundred five children (< 3 years) will be included: 35 children with confirmed wheeze, 35 children with parent-reported wheeze (not confirmed by a physician) and 35 healthy controls. Two exhaled breath samples of each child will be analysed by means of discriminant analysis on principal component reduction.

## Relevance:

- This study evaluates the potential of a non-invasive electronic nose in objectively identifying a subgroup of infants with respiratory wheeze who are at risk of developing asthma.
- The true incidence of asthma in these high-risk children will need to be established by a separate prospective follow-up study.

## Sampling:

Children will breathe normally through a face-mask into a modified Babyhaler®, with reversed valve systems (see figure 1). This allows tidal inspiration of room air and tidal expiration into the Babyhaler®. During tidal breathing the eNose will continuously sample air through a tube connected to the modified Babyhaler®

## Study objective

We hypothesize that expiratory Volatile Organic Compounds analysis by an electronic nose is capable of discriminating between asymptomatic infants and infants with respiratory wheeze.

## Study design

- measurements take place in a single visit.

## Intervention

None; diagnostic study:

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## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

1. <3 years
2. Parent-reported/ physician-reported wheeze

### Exclusion criteria

1. >3 years
2. Metabolic, genetic or syndromal disorders
3. Inflammatory diseased  
underlying respiratory tract disease

## Study design

## Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active

## Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	03-12-2008
Enrollment:	105
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	28-11-2008
Application type:	First submission

## Study registrations

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

No registrations found.

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

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## In other registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL1496

**Register**

NTR-old

Other

ISRCTN

**ID**

NTR1566

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## Study results

**Summary results**

N/A