# Pregnancy Exposure to TNF alpha inhibitors and Immunological effecT in infants

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON22495

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

**PETIT** 

**Health condition** 

immunodeficiency, inflammatory bowel disease

## **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: haga ziekenhuis, den Haag

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Dr CJ Vaillant fonds

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

In order to assess the effects of anti-TNF $\alpha$  on the development of adaptive and innate immunity, children exposed to anti-TNF $\alpha$  (with or without other immunosuppressive drugs) will be compared to children exposed to immunosuppressive drugs (but no anti-TNF $\alpha$ ) to

evaluate for differences in:

- 1) immunological markers in relation to anti TNF $\alpha$  level (immunophenotyping of T and B cell subsets (in particular memory B cells at 12 months), presence of hypogammaglobulinaemia at 12 months)
- 2) the frequency of infections

#### **Secondary outcome**

- 1) Differences in other immunological markers (response to routine vaccinations (Tetanus, H Influenzae type B, Pertussis, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine), immunoglobulin levels, presence of hypogammaglobulinemia at birth, 3 and 5 months, proteomics) between children exposed to anti-TNF $\alpha$  (with or without other immunosuppressive drugs) and children exposed to immunosuppressive drugs (but no anti-TNF $\alpha$ )
- In order to further assess the effects of anti TNF $\alpha$  on the development of adaptive and innate immunity, children exposed to anti TNF $\alpha$  (with or without other immunosuppressive drugs) will be compared to children exposed to immunosuppressive drugs (but no anti-TNF $\alpha$ ) and to healthy children for differences in:
- 2) innate and adaptive immunity by measuring immunological markers in relation to anti TNFα level (immunophenotyping of T and B cell subsets, immunoglobulin levels, presence of hypogammaglobulinemia, response to routine vaccinations (Tetanus, H Influenzae type B, Pertussis, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine), proteomics)
- 3) the frequency of infections
- 4) persistent /long term effects on the immune system by detecting epigenetic changes in mononuclear cells

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Relapse of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) activity during conception and pregnancy is associated with a negative pregnancy outcome; prematurity and low birth weight. Therefore, disease remission during this period is of utmost importance and it is advised to maintain drugs such as Anti- Tumor Necrosis Factor alpha (anti TNF $\alpha$ ), thiopurines and 5-aminosalicylic acid. Most IBD drugs are considered of low risk during pregnancy, since no increase of congenital malformations has been reported so far. However the effects on the developing immune system, after intra-uterine exposure, remain unknown. Anti TNF $\alpha$  drugs are effectively transferred through the placenta resulting in high levels in the new-borns. It is known that live vaccines must be avoided until the levels of anti TNF $\alpha$  are undetectable, as there has been one report of an infant, who died after a BCG vaccination associated with exposure to anti-TNF $\alpha$  in utero. Since studies are scarce and most of the data were collected retrospectively, there is an urgent need for prospective studies focussing on the impact of exposure to biologicals, especially anti-TNF $\alpha$ , in utero on the development of the immune system and the potential risk of clinical complications.

Main aim of this prospective longitudinal observational study is to answer the following questions: Does intra uterine exposure to anti TNF $\alpha$  1) change the developing adaptive and innate immune system 2) have persistent/long term effects on the immune system 3) lead to more frequent and/or more severe infections?

Infants with intrauterine exposure to anti-TNF $\alpha$  used for maternal IBD will be compared to children exposed to other immunosuppressive drugs and to healthy children. Infants will be clinically monitored and repeated immunological studies will be performed in order to assess their immune status and susceptibility to infections.

Results will be used to guide immunosuppressive strategies during pregnancy in women with IBD. If intra uterine exposure to anti TNF $\alpha$  does indeed lead to abnormalities in the development of the immune system, new follow-up strategies will be developed for the detection and treatment of potential long-term complications

#### **Study objective**

Intra uterine exposure to anti-TNF $\alpha$  inhibitors influences the normal development of the immune system, leading to immunodeficiency and immune dysregulation, with the potential to cause short term and long-term morbidity. TNF $\alpha$  plays an important role in both innate as adaptive immune system. We hypothesize that intra uterine exposure to anti-TNF $\alpha$  inhibitors will affect the immune system in multiple ways having both an effect when (high) concentrations are present during pregnancy as well as beyond the neonatal period- because of the long half-life of this biological-, which may further affect the developing immune system. A prolonged effect may even be present after anti-TNF $\alpha$  inhibitors are no longer detectable, due to epigenetic changes in immune cells.

#### Study design

birth, age 3 months, age 5 months, age 12 months

#### Intervention

non applicable

# **Contacts**

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### **Inclusion criteria**

Infants with intra uterine exposure to anti-TNF $\alpha$  (with or without other immunosuppressive drugs) for maternal IBD and infants with intrauterine exposed to other immunosuppressive drugs (but no anti-TNF $\alpha$ ) for maternal IBD Parents must have sufficient understanding of the Dutch language and be able to give informed consent. Parents must own a smartphone in order to be able to use the InfectionApp.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Infants in which informed consent is not obtained.

Infants with a (possible) HIV infection, infants with an immunodeficiency as part of a known genetic or inherited disease.

Infants of mothers using certolizumab, golimumab or eternacept are excluded, because they are hardly present in the cohort of pregnant women with IBD. In addition, certolizumab hardly passes the placenta

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: N/A, unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 01-11-2018

Enrollment: 160

Type: Anticipated

## **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: Undecided

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 31-05-2019

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 54516

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL7773

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# **Study results**