# **Early Detection of Immunotherapymediated Toxicity**

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Not applicable

**Status** Pending

Health condition type -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

### ID

NL-OMON23691

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

**EDIT** 

**Health condition** 

melanoma, renal cell carcinoma, autoinflammatory diseases

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: none

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

### **Primary outcome**

The primary study endpoint is the detection of organspecific methylation patterns in cell-free DNA during an irAE.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Secondary endpoints are the levels of other biomarkers of inflammation during immunotherapy-mediated toxicity and the comparison organ-specific methylation profiles in blood with other biomarkers of inflammation.

## **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Rationale: The number of tumor types and settings in which immune checkpoint inhibitors (immunotherapy) is standard treatment is rapidly expanding. However, toxicity is a frequent adverse event (irAE) often necessitating high-dose of immunosuppressant treatments such as corticosteroids and sometimes even requiring permanent discontinuation of checkpoint inhibitors. Early detection of immunotherapy-mediated toxicity and early initiation of immunosuppressant treatment might reduce the disease burden from immunotherapy, in addition to reducing the total dose of glucocorticoids and other immunosuppressants needed for

clinical management. More importantly, it might result in a lower discontinuation rate of treatment due to severe toxicity.

Objective: We hypothesize that during an irAE (immune-related adverse event), as a result of inflammation and damage to the specific organ, organ-derived DNA will be detectable in blood

of patients. The aim of this project is to investigate whether the presence of cell-free DNA originating from the organ towards which immunotherapy-induced toxicity is directed, can be detected using epigenetic profiling of cell-free DNA.

Study design: Organ specific methylation patterns in cell-free DNA will be derived from 1) paired blood samples collected from patients during an episode of immunotherapy-mediated toxicity and in absence of immunotherapy-mediated toxicity and 2) samples from patients without checkpoint inhibitor treatment but with organ confined auto-inflammatory diseases. Optionally, feces will be collected at the same time points to investigate inflammation biomarkers during an episode of immunotherapy-mediated colitis. In addition, blood will be drawn for investigation of other biomarkers of inflammation.

Study population: Adult patients planned to receive or receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors

as anti-cancer treatment and adult patients with auto-inflammatory diseases directed to a specific organ

Main study parameters/endpoints: The primary study endpoint is the detection of organspecific

methylation patterns in cell-free DNA during an irAE. Secondary endpoints are the levels of other biomarkers of inflammation during immunotherapy-mediated toxicity and the comparison organ-specific methylation profiles in blood with other biomarkers of inflammation.

### **Study objective**

We hypothesize that during an irAE, as a result of inflammation and damage to the specific organ,

organ-derived DNA will be detectable in blood of patients. The aim of this project is to investigate

whether the presence of cell-free DNA originating from the organ towards which immunotherapyinduced

toxicity is directed, can be detected using epigenetic profiling of cell-free DNA. If this hypothesis is confirmed, epigenomic profiling of cell-free DNA should further be explored to test

Figure 2. Overview of MeD-seq technology. Active genes display gene body methylation (1), whereas inactive

genes show promoter and enhancer methylation. LpnPI digests methylated templates in 32 bp fragments (3)

surrounding the LpnPI containing reads and alignment to genome (7). Shown are gene tracks of MeD-seq readcounts

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whether it can serve as an early detection marker for ieAEs, i.e. before the patient experiences

symptoms or when the patient only experiences mild symptoms.

### Study design

start immunotherapy, during immunotherapy, during irAE, after irAE

### **Contacts**

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

1. Population with immunotherapy-related organ specific toxicity
☐ Planned treatment with (intravenous) checkpoint inhibitors for any type of cancer
according to standard of care.
□ Age ≥18 years
☐ Able to understand the written information and able to give informed consent
2. Population with immune-mediated organ specific disease
$\hfill \square$ Patients with immune-mediated organ specific disease including, but not limited to
immune-mediated colitis such as ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease or auto-immune
hepatitis
□ Age ≥18 years
☐ Able to understand the written information and able to give informed consent

#### **Exclusion criteria**

4.2 Exclusion criteria

☐ Unable to draw blood for study purposes

## Study design

### **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: N/A, unknown

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-07-2021

Enrollment: 50

Type: Anticipated

### **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: No

## **Ethics review**

Not applicable

Application type: Not applicable

## **Study registrations**

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

ID: 57250

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL9486

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## **Study results**