

# Fatigue in patients with primary Sjogren's syndrome

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<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-OMON24290

### Source

NTR

### Health condition

Primary Sjögren's syndrome (pSS)

Fatigue

fMRI

Cytokines

Primaire syndroom van Sjögren

Vermoeidheid

fMRI

Cytokines

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** University Medical Center Groningen

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** University Medical Center Groningen (sponsor)

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

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- Maximal force of the first dorsal interosseous (FDI) muscle
- Force decline during the fatiguing task
- Muscle activation during the fatiguing task
- Questionnaire scores
- Changes in cortical activation during the fatiguing task (functional MRI data).

### **Secondary outcome**

- Electromyographic activity of the FDI muscle during the motor tasks

## **Study description**

### **Study objective**

Fatigue in patients with primary Sjögren's syndrome can be explained by force decline during a fatiguing task, muscle activation, mood, and the serum levels of proinflammatory cytokines.

Patients with primary Sjögren's syndrome will show attenuated task-related cortical activation compared to control subjects and/or an attenuated increase in activation of effort-related areas.

### **Study design**

The study comprises two sessions lasting approximately two hours. The first session takes place at the department of neuroscience. Subjects perform 3 motor tasks during which they have to produce force with their index fingers (FDI muscle). The ulnar nerve is activated using electrical stimulation to determine the muscle activation.

The second session takes place at the neuroimaging center to repeat the motor tasks in the MR-scanner. Changes in cortical activation during the tasks are measured using a 3T MR-scanner. Muscle force is measured using MR-compatible force transducers, and muscle activation is measured by stimulating the ulnar nerve with MR-compatible surface electrodes.

During the study, subjects are asked to fill out six questionnaires\*. For the serum levels of proinflammatory cytokines, data from a cohort study will be used and no additional material

needs to be collected from pSS patients.

\* Fatigue: Fatigue Severity Scale, Modified Fatigue Impact Scale, Multidimensional Fatigue Inventory. Mood: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale. Disease activity: EULAR Sjögren's Syndrome Patient Reported Index, patient acceptable symptom state.

## **Intervention**

Fatigue protocol

## **Contacts**

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

Both patients and control subjects:

- Age: 18-65 years
- Adequate hand function that allows subjects to utilize the force transducer

Patients:

- Diagnosed with pSS according to AECG and/or ACR-EULAR classification criteria

## Exclusion criteria

Both patients and control subjects:

- Drug or alcohol addiction
- Neurologic condition unrelated to pSS
- Psychiatric disorder
- Other condition influencing fatigue
- Medication influencing fatigue or the immune system
- fMRI related exclusion criteria

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	N/A , unknown

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	15-09-2016
Enrollment:	50

Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion

Date: 08-09-2016

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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL5896
NTR-old	NTR6084
Other	METc UMCG : 2016/173

## Study results