# Identification of the mechanisms of 5fluorouracil (5-FU)-induced Gastrointestinal (GI) toxicity in human colon

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Not applicable

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** -

**Study type** Observational non invasive

### **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON26903

#### Source

NTR

#### **Brief title**

5-FU-induced toxicity in GI system

#### **Health condition**

EN: Gastrointestinal, 5-fluorouracil, Adverse effects, Toxicity

NL: Gastrointestínaal, 5-fluorouracil, Schadelijke bijwerkingen, Toxiciteit

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Maastricht University

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: European Committee,

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#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Difference in the whole genome transcriptomic response after exposure to 5-FU in colon epithelium.

#### Secondary outcome

Molecular markers associated to 5-FU induced toxicity in the colon such as citrulline and calprotectin.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

One of the major complications during pharmacological treatment of patients is the occurrence of adverse drug reactions (ADRs), for which the most affected organs are the liver, kidney, heart and the gastrointestinal-immune system. In comparison to the other organs, less progress has been made on human-relevant prediction of drug-induced intestinal toxicity, and it is clear that large data gaps are currently present. Therefore, new experimentation is required to assess GI toxicity by analyzing gene profile responses induced by exposure of GI system to different medicines. From a series of selected compounds, this study will specifically focus on 5-fluorouracil (5-FU)-induced intestinal toxicity. 5-FU was chosen as the first pharmaceutical to be studied in view of its wide use in cancer-therapy. The study will start by inclusion of metastatic breast cancer patients that will be receiving 5-FU as part of their medical treatment. These patients will receive an oral monotherapy consisting of cycles of two weeks treatment with capecitabine followed by one week without treatment. Capecitabine is a pro-drug that, after intake is converted into 5-FU, which is the actual cytostatic agent. After the first cycle, alterations in the physiology and morphology of colon biopsies will be evaluated, and 5-FU-induced transcriptomics signatures will be established through quantitative RNA sequencing. By doing so, we intend to obtain a better insight in the changes in the gene profile of biopsies caused by 5-FU as well as on its mechanism of action and toxicity. Eventually, we intend to compare this data with in vitro organoids and animal models and determine whether there is any relation or translatability between the models. The study can therefore be regarded as a validation study of potential in vitro and in vivo alternative models for studying drug induced GI-toxicity.

#### Study objective

One of the major complications during pharmacological treatment of patients is the occurrence of adverse drug reactions (ADRs), for which the most affected organs are the liver, kidney, heart and the gastrointestinal-immune system. In comparison to the other organs, less progress has been made on human-relevant prediction of drug-induced intestinal toxicity, and it is clear that large data gaps are currently present. Therefore, new experimentation is required to assess GI toxicity by analyzing gene profile responses induced by exposure of GI system to different medicines. From a series of selected compounds, this study will specifically focus on 5-fluorouracil (5-FU)-induced intestinal toxicity. 5-FU was

chosen as the first pharmaceutical to be studied in view of its wide use in cancer-therapy. Alterations in the physiology and morphology of colon biopsies are expected and will be evaluated, and 5-FU-induced transcriptomics signatures will be established through quantitative RNA sequencing. By doing so, we intend to obtain a better insight in the changes in the gene profile of biopsies caused by 5-FU as well as on its mechanism of action and toxicity.

#### Study design

One time before the start of the therapy and one time after 2 weeks of treatment.

#### Intervention

Colonic biopsy tissues will be collected before and after the treatment, after the first cycle of chemotherapy is completed. Blood and faecal samples will also be collected at that time points.

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

- Metastatic breast cancer patients receiving capecitabine monotherapy as their regular
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#### treatment;

- Age above 18 years old;
- Present with healthy colon tissue

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Alcohol abuse up to 6 months before participation in this research, i.e. more than 4 drinks on any single day and more than 14 drinks per week for men and more than 3 drinks on any single day and more than 7 drinks per week for women
- Current presence of any diseases related to the gastrointestinal tract
- Current presence of symptoms related to diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, i.e. vomiting, diarrhoea or constipation, and altered stool, such as presence of blood
- HIV infection or hepatitis
- Use of antibiotics and other prescribed medication and painkillers over the last 3 months (exception: paracetamol and contraceptive) and during the chemotherapy.
- Current smokers
- Pregnant women
- Participants of other clinical or dietary intervention studies.

## Study design

### Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Control: N/A, unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-09-2018

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Enrollment: 20

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Not applicable

Application type: Not applicable

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 55582

Bron: ToetsingOnline

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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL7144 NTR-old NTR7342

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# **Study results**