

# Intrauterine insemination for unexplained or mild male subfertility

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON29303

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

exIUI

### Health condition

Unexplained subfertility, onverklaarde subfertiliteit, intrauterine insemination, intra uteriene inseminatie, IUI, expectant management, expectatief

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** AMC

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMW

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary outcome is ongoing pregnancy leading to a live birth occurring within 6 months after randomization. Live birth is defined as the birth of a live baby at 24 or more weeks of gestation.

## Secondary outcome

Secondary outcomes are number of incomplete/cancelled cycles, clinical pregnancy (defined as the presence of a gestational sac at 5-7 weeks after IUI) ongoing pregnancy, (defined as the presence of a positive heartbeat at 10 weeks after IUI), multiple pregnancy (defined as two or more gestational sacs at 5-7 weeks after IUI), ongoing multiple pregnancy (defined as the presence of two or more heart beats at 10 weeks after IUI), miscarriage (defined as the loss of a pregnancy prior to 16 weeks gestation), ectopic pregnancy (defined as the ectopic nidation of a pregnancy), time to ongoing pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes (such as birth weight and premature birth or pre-eclampsia), couples preference, quality of life and financial costs.

## Study description

### Background summary

**BACKGROUND:** Of the 20,000 couples who yearly seek fertility treatment, more than 50% are diagnosed with unexplained or mild male factor subfertility. In The Netherlands, the first line treatment for these women is intrauterine insemination with ovarian hyperstimulation (IUI-OH) if the probability of a natural conception within the following year is lower than 30% according

to the validated model of Hunault. An estimated 28,500 cycles are conducted every year in the Netherlands, costing approximately 20 million euros, without any evidence that IUI-OH increases live birth rate compared to expectant management. Besides the costs, IUI-OH bears a risk of multiple pregnancies. Women with a multiple pregnancy have an increased risk of premature birth, with associated neonatal mortality and morbidity.

**THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate whether expectant management for 6 months does not lead to a decrease in ongoing pregnancy rate leading to a live birth compared to 6 months IUI-OH.

**HYPOTHESIS:** We hypothesize that 6 months of expectant management does not result in decreased ongoing pregnancy rates compared to 6 months of treatment with IUI-OH.

**STUDY DESIGN:** randomized multicentre, non-inferiority trial with cost-effectiveness analysis.

**STUDY POPULATION** Couples diagnosed with unexplained or mild male subfertility according to the Dutch guideline and an unfavourable prognosis for natural onception.

**INTERVENTION:** 6 months expectant management.

**STANDARD INTERVENTION TO BE COMPARED:** 6 months IUI-OH .

**OUTCOME MEASURES:** Ongoing pregnancies leading to a live birth conceived within 6 months after randomisation

**SAMPLE SIZE:** We expect a 30% live birth rate after 6 months IUI-COH. To evaluate whether 6 months expectant management does not result in a decrease of an ongoing pregnancy rate of 7%, we need 982 patients. (power 80%, alpha error 0.05). Anticipating 10% lost to follow up, we need to randomise 1,091 women.

## **Study objective**

We hypothesize that 6 months of expectant management does not result in decreased ongoing pregnancy rates as 6 months of treatment with IUI-OH.

## **Study design**

6 months

## **Intervention**

Expectant management (experimental arm) vs intra uterine insemination with ovarian hyperstimulation (control arm)

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

12 months unprotected intercourse without conception, female age between 18 and 42 years, a regular ovulatory cycle and at least one patent fallopian tube. The male partner has no or a mild impairment of semen quality with a total motile sperm count (TMSC or VCM)

above 3 million. Obtained written informed consent. A 12-month prognosis for natural conception (calculated according to the model of Hunault) of 30% or less, or a 12-month prognosis of more than 30% and returning after 6 months of expectant management without conception.

## Exclusion criteria

IUI-OH with sperm donation, couples with a medical contra indication for pregnancy, couples with previous ART in the current treatment episode

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-10-2016
Enrollment:	1091
Type:	Actual

### IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** Yes

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	18-12-2015
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	NL5455
NTR-old	NTR5599
Other	AMC : 80-83700-98-16505

## Study results