

# Correlation of White Matter Fractional Anisotropy Measurements at 3T MRI with Neurocognitive Function in Childhood Cancer Survivors: a Pilot Study

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Miscellaneous and site unspecified neoplasms malignant and unspecified
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON30064

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

White matter MRI and cognitive outcome childhood cancer survivors

### Condition

- Miscellaneous and site unspecified neoplasms malignant and unspecified
- Mental impairment disorders

### Synonym

brain damage after childhood cancer;

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Childhood cancer survivor, Magnetic resonance imaging, Neurocognitive consequences, White brain matter

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

White matter fraction anisotropy as measured by MR.

Neurocognitive functioning of children including IQ as measured with intelligence testing and questionnaires.

### Secondary outcome

The reason for refusal to participate will be registered in order to improve the design of future ongoing studies concerning brain imaging and neurocognitive outcome after childhood cancer.

## Study description

### Background summary

Background

Treatment-induced neurotoxicity by chemotherapy and radiotherapy is a major cause of neurocognitive decline in childhood cancer survivors. Research to investigate potential causes and neuroprotective treatment and intervention methods is mandatory to try improve the neurocognitive outcome of these children. New imaging techniques should be implemented to evaluate the benefit of these strategies in terms of brain development or more specific decrease in white matter damage.

### Study objective

Aim

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## **Study design**

WFMA will be studied with the newly developed 3T MRI technique of 20 minutes duration. The neurocognitive functioning of the both patients and control persons will be judged by intelligence testing and specific questionnaires for parents and teacher.

## **Study burden and risks**

The participation requires an MRI session of 20 minutes and an intelligence test and questionnaires taking about 3 hours. Cautious preparation and coaching of the children will be performed surrounding the MRI and children will be allowed to have their own MRI-picture of their brain. Both investigations should be performed on two separate days in order to be fulfilled properly by the children. The outcome of neurocognitive tests will be available to give advice concerning strong and weak sides of the child in learning aspects. The proposed control persons are most often concerning about class mates with severe illness so we expect that potential candidates will be willing to participate to be of help for their classmate as well as other children with cancer. No risk are to be expected for the participants. Participation is completely free and can be ended any moment the child wishes to do so.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

- Age and sex matched control between 8-16 years selected from the classmates of the patient with an average cognitive performance

### Exclusion criteria

1. Psychological contraindications for MR Imaging are claustrophobia and / or need for sedation to perform MRI successfully..
2. Physical contraindication for MR Imaging metallic implants or metallic orthodontic material.

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Observational invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Pending  
Start date (anticipated): 15-09-2006  
Enrollment: 36  
Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

## 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
CCMO	NL13926.018.06