

# Liver toxicity of azathioprine and 6-mercaptopurine in IBD patients.

Published: 29-05-2008

Last updated: 09-11-2024

The primary goal of the study is the prevalence of NRH in patients with IBD, who have been treated for at least five years with azathioprin or 6-mercaptopurin. A MRI of the liver, using the Seiderer protocol, and a percutaneous liver biopsy will be...

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Completed
<b>Health condition type</b>	Gastrointestinal inflammatory conditions
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON31453

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Liver toxicity of azathioprine and 6-mercaptopurine

### Condition

- Gastrointestinal inflammatory conditions

### Synonym

Nodular regenerative hyperplasia; non cirrhotic portal hypertension

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine, IBD, Livertoxicity

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

prevalence of NRH (histologically) with percutaneous liver biopsy

prevalence of NRH with MRI, using the Seiderer protocol, sensitivity and specificity compared to histology.

### Secondary outcome

Secondary goals are the correlation between NRH and the cumulative dose of azathioprine and 6-mercaptopurine and the correlation between NRH and the 6-TGN levels.

Other secondary goals are the correlation between radiological and histological findings and correlation between radiological or histological findings and blood constituents (liver tests and thrombocytes).

## Study description

### Background summary

Azathioprine and 6-mercaptopurine are widely used in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease. 6-Thioguanine (Lanvis) was introduced in 2001, because this thiopurine is closely related to the active 6TGN metabolites. With 6-thioguanine a high frequency of Nodular regenerative hyperplasia has been reported.

Liver biopsy is most sensitive for detecting NRH and MRI has been suggested as an alternative diagnostic test.

### Study objective

The primary goal of the study is the prevalence of NRH in patients with IBD,

who have been treated for at least five years with azathioprin or 6-mercaptopurin. A MRI of the liver, using the Seiderer protocol, and a percutaneous liver biopsy will be performed.

Secondary goals are the correlation between NRH and the cumulative dose of azathioprin and 6-mercaptopurin and the correlation between NRH and the 6-TGN levels.

Other secondary goals are the correlation between radiological and histological findings and correlation between radiological or histological findings and blood constituents (liver tests and thrombocytes).

## **Study design**

Observational

## **Study burden and risks**

Burden:

1. MRI-liver:

- one hour
- no radiation is used, specific contra-indications.

2. ultrasonography monitored percutaneous liver biopsy

- 3,5 hour
- before the biopsy venapuncture
- afterwards observation

Risks:

2. Liver biopsy:

- 25% mild pain in upper quadrant or right shoulder; mild hypotension
- Risks; bleeding: 0.3%, infection and hemobilia 0.1%. Mortality: 1 in 10.000 to 1 in 12.000

## **Contacts**

### **Public**

Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht

Postbus 5800

6202 AZ Maastricht

Nederland

### **Scientific**

Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht

Postbus 5800  
6202 AZ Maastricht  
Nederland

## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

IBD patients

18 years or older

who have been treated at least 5 years with azathioprine and/or 6-mercaptopurine

who give permission for ultrasound guided liverbiopsy and MRI

### Exclusion criteria

anaemia (Hb < 6.5 mmol/L), thrombocytopenia (Thr < 50 \* 10<sup>9</sup>/L), prolonged INR (INR > 1.5), ascites.

exclusioncriteria for MRI: pacemaker, ICD, metal intracerebral clips, known allergy for contrast agents that are used, claustrophobia.

## Study design

### Design

Study phase: 4

Study type: Observational invasive

Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic

## Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Completed
Start date (anticipated):	10-06-2008
Enrollment:	120
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	29-05-2008
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Z: Zuyderland-Zuyd (Heerlen)

## 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	NL20965.096.08