EXPAND (Erbitux in combination with Xeloda and cisplatine in advanced esophago-gastric cancer); Open-label, randomized, controlled, multicenter phase III study investigating cetuximab in combination with capecitabine (Xeloda, X) and cisplatin (P) versus XP alone as first-line treatment for subjects with advanced gastric adenocarcinoma including adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction.

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC

**Study type** Interventional

### Summary

#### ID

**NL-OMON31982** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title** EXPAND

#### **Condition**

Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC

#### **Synonym**

cancer, carcinoma

#### **Research involving**

Human

#### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Merck

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Merck

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** carcinoma, gastric cancer

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Progression Free Survival time.

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Overall Survival time
- Best overall response
- Quality of Life questionnaires: EORTC QLQ-C30 and EQ-5D

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Please see for background information the protocol section 3, page 18.

Cetuximab in combination with chemotherapy as a 1st-line treatment of advanced gastric

cancer showed promising response rates and encouraging survival data in 3 phase II

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studies (see section 3.3) [13, 14, 15]. In the present study, cetuximab will be added to the

XP chemotherapy regimen (oral 5-FU prodrug capecitabine = Xeloda + cisplatin) to demonstrate that addition of cetuximab provides a clinically relevant benefit in this disease

setting.

XP is one of the current standard regimens for 1st-line treatment of advanced gastric cancer [1]. The European Commission has recently approved the XP regimen for

1st-line treatment of advanced gastric cancer. The XP combination regimen has also gained

approval in other countries.

#### **Study objective**

To demonstrate superiority of XP chemotherapy regimen plus cetuximab versus XP alone as

first-line treatment for advanced gastric cancer in terms of PFS.

To assess cetuximab + XP versus XP alone with respect to: OS; overall response; QoL; safety.

#### Study design

Multicenter open-label, randomized, controlled, phase III study. Subjects will be randomized on a 1:1 basis to the following treatment: Group A: Cetuximab q week + XP q 3 weeks, Group B: XP q 3 weeks.

#### Intervention

Subjects will be randomized on a 1:1 basis to the following treatment: Group A: Cetuximab q week + XP q 3 weeks, Group B: XP q 3 weeks.

Cetuximab: 400 mg/m2 at the first infusion, 250 mg/m2 every week as subsequent infusions, i.v.

XP regimen as 3-week cycles: Capecitabine (Xeloda) 1000 mg/m2 twice daily from evening of D1 until morning of D15, p.o. + cisplatin 80 mg/m2 on D1, i.v.

#### Study burden and risks

At the start of each cycle, the subject will be admitted to the hospital with an overnight stay and will receive intravenous treatment of 4 hours. The schedule of all assessments is described in the protocol section7, table 7.7. Clinically relevant Adverse Events related to cetuximab are described in the

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

### **Inclusion criteria**

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### **Exclusion criteria**

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# Study design

### **Design**

Study phase: 3

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-09-2008

Enrollment: 20

Type: Anticipated

# Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Erbitux

Generic name: Cetuximab

### **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 10-06-2008

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 12-11-2008

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 07-04-2009

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 20-07-2009

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

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Date: 25-01-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 08-07-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

# **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

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