# Silent Period induced by Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation in healthy volunteers, reference values and interobserver variability for the triceps brachii and forearm extensor muscles.

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** Central nervous system vascular disorders

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## Summary

#### ID

NL-OMON32314

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

**TMS-SPRITE** 

## Condition

• Central nervous system vascular disorders

## **Synonym**

cerebrovascular accident, stroke

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Sint Radboud

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

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** interobserver variability, reference values, transcranial magnetic stimulation, upper extremity

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The main study parameters are the determinants of the S-R curves of MEP AUC and SP, which are slope, plateau value and X-intercept of the tangent.

## **Secondary outcome**

The secondary study parameters comprise the outcomes of a questionnaire (visual analog scale - VAS) concerning experienced pain and discomfort of the TMS procedures.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Rationale: This study is an extension of the study of A.A. van Kuijk on the predictive value after a cerebro-vascular accident (CVA) of motor evoked potentials (MEPs) and silent periods (SPs) as evoked in arm muscles with transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). The value of extension of the upper extremity as a predictive measure for long-term functional recovery after a CVA has been established, but corresponding TMS parameters of arm extensor muscles remain to be explored. Since studying these muscles with TMS represents a novel approach, first reference values in healthy controls and interobserver validity of the measurements need to be substantiated.

## Study objective

The main objective of the study is: what are normal values for TMS parameters of arm extensor muscles in healthy human subjects? Secondary objectives are:

(1) which forearm extensor muscle is most appropriate for a TMS study and (2) what is the interobserver variability of a TMS study of the arm extensors?

## Study design

Cross-sectional study

## Study burden and risks

Theoretically, people undergoing TMS could develop an epileptic insult. However, few incidents have been described. No other risks are known. It is expected that TMS of arm extensors can significantly contribute to knowledge and therapy aims in CVA patients, and the risks are considered minimal in comparison to the benefits of the study.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

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Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

age over 18 years capable of understanding written and verbal information capable of following verbal instructions

## **Exclusion criteria**

history of neurological damage or disease recent history of injury or disease involving an upper extremity history of psychiatric disease history of seizures or epilepsy pacemaker or other metal implants in the upper body pregnancy

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-09-2008

Enrollment: 30

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-10-2008

Application type: First submission

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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