

# Influence of Ribavirin and Interferon on Semen quality

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To study the effect of peginterferon alpha and ribavirin on spermatozoa

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Hepatic and hepatobiliary disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON34266

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

IRIS-study

### Condition

- Hepatic and hepatobiliary disorders
- Sexual function and fertility disorders

### Synonym

fertility, semen quality

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Stichting Leveronderzoek

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Stichting Leveronderzoek Rotterdam

### Intervention

**Keyword:** Interferon, Ribavirin, Semen

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- Assess changes in sperm chromatin structure integrity, sperm concentration, motility and morphology during ribavirin and peginterferon alpha treatment

### Secondary outcome

- Assess if the changes in sperm due to treatment with ribavirin and peginterferon alpha are reversible
- To assess changes in hormonal status in serum due to treatment with ribavirin and peginterferon alpha .

## Study description

### Background summary

During and six months after treatment with peginterferon alpha and ribavirin strict anticonception-use is recommended (the producers advice two reliable forms) for both men and women because ribavirin has teratogenic and/or embryo-lethal effects in animal studies.

In cases of pregnancies during paternal exposure to peginterferon alpha and ribavirin elective termination of the pregnancy is usually recommended. However three cases of births after paternal exposure are reported with no birth defects. Cases of abnormalities after paternal exposure to ribavirin are lacking.

Also studies on the influence of ribavirin on sperm in human are lacking

### Study objective

To study the effect of peginterferon alpha and ribavirin on spermatozoa

### Study design

Single centre, observational pilot study

### Study burden and risks

Burden: time investment (2-2,5 hours) and sampling semen en serum.

Risk: vena puncture can cause slight pain, swelling and/or an infection, or a bruise.

Benefit: more information on quality of sperm during and after treatment with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

written informed consent

## Exclusion criteria

History of known shape and/or motility abnormalities of sperm.

- Concurrent use of drugs influencing sperm shape and motility
- Less than one million spermatozoa/ml in semen at screening

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 01-11-2006

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 20-07-2006

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 22-06-2009

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

## 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	NL11719.078.06