# \*Kappa-deleting recombination excision circles\* (KRECs) and somatic hypermutation (SHM) in Down Syndrome B-lymphocytes.

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To determine the replication history of DS-B-lymphocytes by KRECs in relation to somatic hypermutation.

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

Health condition type Congenital and hereditary disorders NEC

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON34940

Source

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**Brief title** 

BKS-Down; blood

#### **Condition**

- Congenital and hereditary disorders NEC
- Immunodeficiency syndromes

#### **Synonym**

Down syndrome

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Jeroen Bosch Ziekenhuis

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Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Stichting Peribosch

#### Intervention

Keyword: B-lymphocyte, Down syndrome, KRECS, SHM

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Description of the replication history of DS-B-lymphocytes in relation to reference groups. This replication history will be presented in divisions per B-lymphocyte subpopulation.

Somatic hypermutation will be presented as the percentage of mutated V\*3-20-J\* allels.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Not applicable.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

The increased frequency of haematological malignancies, autoimmune diseases and infections in Down Syndrome (DS), and the observed high frequency of hepatitis B surface antigen carriers, had already led in the 1970s to the hypothesis that DS is associated with abnormalities of the immune system. Indeed, many differences between the immune system of DS and non-DS individuals have been found throughout the years. Most research has been focused on the T-lymphocytopenia although the decreased numbers of B-lymphocytes are more profound. Moreover, lower numbers of CD21+, CD23+ and CD27+ B-lymphocyte are described and the responses to several vaccine antigens are low. These findings lead to the question whether DS-B-lymphocytes suffer from an intrinsic B-lymphocyte defect, decreased T-lymphocyte help or both. The replication history of B-lymphocyte subpopulation can be determined by kappa-deleting recombination excision circles (KRECs). Per B-lymphocyte subpopulation (CD5+ B-lymphocytes, naive mature B-lymphocytes, natural effector B-lymphocytes and memory B-lymphocytes) the amount of divisions will be determined. These results provide information on the proliferation of

B-lymphocytes caused by either a T-lymphocyte dependent or T-lymphocyte independent antigen response.

Moreover, by assessing somatic hypermutation more knowledge will be obtained on the qualitative antibody response.

#### Study objective

To determine the replication history of DS-B-lymphocytes by KRECs in relation to somatic hypermutation.

#### Study design

An observational study will be performed. During a scheduled venipunction for medical purposes an extra 40 ml will be obtained. The medical history will be noted as well.

#### Study burden and risks

Patients will not experience any direct benifits from participation in this study. The blood will be obtained during a scheduled venipunction for medical purposes. Therefore the harm is limited as much as possible. The expected gain in knowledge on the DS immune system justifies this limited harm.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years) Adolescents (16-17 years) Adults (18-64 years) Children (2-11 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### **Inclusion criteria**

Down syndrome, age >7 years

## **Exclusion criteria**

Infectious disease or treated for malignancy

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-09-2010

Enrollment: 12

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 12-05-2010

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Brabant (Tilburg)

Approved WMO

Date: 08-06-2011

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Brabant (Tilburg)

# **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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