

# Effects of paracetamol use on the immune response after hepatitis B vaccination

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Study the association between timing of the use of paracetamol during hepatitis B vaccination and the development of an antibody response in health care students who are routinely vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON36173

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Paracetamol and hepatitis B vaccination

### Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

er wordt geen aandoening bestudeerd, nvt

### Health condition

vaccinatierespons

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** RIVM

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** strategisch onderzoek RIVM

## Intervention

**Keyword:** antibody titers, hepatitis B, immune response, paracetamol

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Antibody concentrations prior to and 1 month after the third vaccination (booster vaccination) will be measured. Antibody concentrations expected to be lower in participants that used paracetamol prophylactically. The titers in the groups treated therapeutically with paracetamol cannot be predicted and are subject of this study.

### Secondary outcome

Alterations in the functionality of specific lymphocyte subpopulations in blood of participants that used paracetamol prophylactically.

## Study description

### Background summary

Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) is an over the counter medicine and considered safe when used according to the instruction leaflet. The 'consultatiebureau' advises to use paracetamol as a remedy for pain and fever after vaccination in small children. Children or adults who have experienced fever or pain after vaccination are advised to use paracetamol prior to further vaccinations. Recently published results indicates a negative influence on vaccination response (lower antibody titers) in infants that were prophylactically administered paracetamol prior to vaccination to prevent fever. It is not known if there is an important role for timing of paracetamol in this effect on vaccination response and if paracetamol also has this effect when used therapeutically. It is important to gain insight into the effects of

paracetamol use during vaccination. Health organisations should have enough information to offer a good advice about the use of paracetamol during vaccination procedures.

## **Study objective**

Study the association between timing of the use of paracetamol during hepatitis B vaccination and the development of an antibody response in health care students who are routinely vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine.

## **Study design**

The first month of the study is interventional, after that it will turn into an observational study.

## **Intervention**

There are three intervention groups that have to take paracetamol for 24 hours (1000 mg / 8h). Timing of the paracetamol use is different: group 1 will take paracetamol at the time of vaccination (prophylactic use), group 2 starts taking paracetamol 6 hours after vaccination (therapeutic use 1), and group 3 starts taking paracetamol 24 hours after vaccination (therapeutic use 2). There is a control group that takes no paracetamol. Every participant will take paracetamol according to one of the four groups during the first and second hepatitis B vaccinations.

## **Study burden and risks**

Participants who take paracetamol prophylactically or therapeutically will probably suffer less from side effects of vaccination, such as fever and pain. Participation to this study will significantly contribute to the scientific knowledge, resulting in a better advice of health organizations about the use of paracetamol during vaccination procedures.

There is a possibility that some participants could have a reduced antibody titer at the end of the study. The antibody concentration of every participant will be determined and evaluated, like is routinely done after hepatitis B vaccination. An extra booster vaccination will be offered if the antibody concentration is too low for protection against hepatitis B. This is the normal policy and is not different for students that participate in this study and those that do not.

The study population exists of young health care students that are routinely vaccinated against hepatitis B. In the vaccination protocol a blood sample is routinely taken 1 month after the third vaccination and for this study we will draw 14 mL. of extra blood. An extra blood sample (14 mL.) will be taken specifically for this study prior to the third vaccination. Antibody titers

and functionality of lymphocyte subpopulations will be determined in the blood.

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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)  
Elderly (65 years and older)

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Good health.
- Able to perform the study according to the procedures.
- Informed consent present.

## Exclusion criteria

- History of acute or chronic hepatitis B
- Earlier hepatitis B vaccination
- Evidence of a serious disease, that needs immunosuppressive treatment.
- A known primary or secondary immunodeficiency

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Will not start
Enrollment:	276
Type:	Anticipated

### Medical products/devices used

Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	Engerix-B
Product type:	Medicine
Brand name:	Paracetamol
Generic name:	Paracetamol
Registration:	Yes - NL intended use

## Ethics review

Not approved  
Date: 22-03-2011

Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)
Approved WMO	
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Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

## 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
EudraCT	EUCTR2011-000923-33-NL
CCMO	NL35901.000.11