# Induction and waning of specific immune mechanisms against Bordetella Pertussis after infection.

Published: 26-06-2007 Last updated: 11-05-2024

I. Evaluation of the nature and maintenance of specific cellular immune mechanisms after infection with Bordetella pertussis in different age groups, to identify critical parameters for pertussis re-emergencell. To relate individual patient\*s...

**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Bacterial infectious disorders

**Study type** Observational invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON36878

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

pertussis specific immunity

#### **Condition**

• Bacterial infectious disorders

#### **Synonym**

pertussis, whooping cough

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** RIVM

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: min. VWS

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Bordetella pertussis, Correlates of Protection, Immunity, Whooping cough

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Main immunological study parameters: trends per age group or time interval after infection in: i) frequencies, functionality and (fine)specificity of pertussis-reactive T cells; ii) titers and functionality of pertussis specific antibody titers; and iii) frequencies, functionality and specificity of pertussis-reactive memory B cells and plasma cells

## **Secondary outcome**

Secundary microbiological study parameters:

strain variation of patients\* pertussis isolates in relation to global trends and in relation to patients\* immune responses.

(per age group): estimation of pertussis incidence and underreporting in the general population, especially the elderly (by comparing the frequency of cases in source populations with national notification data); strain prevalence

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Bordetella pertussis, the causative agent of whooping cough, has remained endemic despite intensive vaccination. The clinical course of pertussis infection varies widely, from most typical and severe with complications, often in unprotected infants, to mild or asymptomatic in older age groups. In 13-20%

of adults with prolonged cough, pertussis is the cause. Waning immunity on the one hand, and strain adaptation and changing transmission patterns on the other hand, have been proposed to underlie insufficient protection and the current re-emergence of the disease. Since serum antibody titers alone do not fully correlate with protection, and Bordetella pertussis evades humoral effector mechanisms, cell mediated immune mechanisms involving specific T and B lymphocyte populations play a role as well. Waning pertussis immunity postulates that in previously immune (exposed) individuals these correlates of protection dysfunction or disappear with time. How this translates into magnitude, function and fine-specificity of lymphocytes has not been studied. In this study we want to compare the induction, nature and maintenance of specific cellular immune mechanisms after pertussis infection in different age groups, in relation to currently circulating strains. This evaluation is important to define cellular correlates of protection, needed to develop improved pertussis vaccines and vaccination schedules

## Study objective

- I. Evaluation of the nature and maintenance of specific cellular immune mechanisms after infection with Bordetella pertussis in different age groups, to identify critical parameters for pertussis re-emergence
- II. To relate individual patient\*s specific cellular immune parameters to genetic characteristics of the patient\*s isolate (if available), such as lineage and strain adaptation.

## Study design

The study is an observational study in three parts:

- I. prospective, with venous blood sample and a questionnaire
- II. prospective, with venous blood sample, a questionnaire and a nasopharyngeal and mouth swab.
- III. retrospective, with venous blood sample and a questionnaire

#### Study burden and risks

Burden is minimal, the study consists only of one venous blood sample and for participants in part II also a nasopharyngeal and mouth swab

## **Contacts**

#### **Public**

**RIVM** 

Postbus 1 3720 BA Bilthoven NL **Scientific** RIVM

Postbus 1 3720 BA Bilthoven NL

## **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

I: Patients being within a 4 weeks period after a laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of pertussis II: Household contact of I

III: Subjects being recovered or recovering from a laboratory-confirmed pertussis infection which was diagnosed > 4 weeks earlier

## **Exclusion criteria**

A: Immunosuppressive medical treatment, like cytostatics and prednisolons that might interfere with the results of the study, within the previous 3 months.

B: Any known primary or secondary immunodeficiency

C: Bleeding disorder

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled Primary purpose: Prevention

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 03-01-2008

Enrollment: 480

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 26-06-2007

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

Approved WMO

Date: 13-10-2008

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

Approved WMO

Date: 20-05-2011
Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)

# **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 NL16334.040.07