# The half-lives of neutrophils in the blood and lungs of patients with cystic fibrosis

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Respiratory disorders congenital

**Study type** Observational invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON37320

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

**HANCO** 

#### **Condition**

Respiratory disorders congenital

#### **Synonym**

cysteuze fibrose (CF) chronische ontsteking van de longen

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Nederlandse CF stichting en Else-Kröner-

Fresenius Stiftung

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Cystic fibrosis, Innate immunity, lifespan, neutrophil

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Primary study parameters/outcome of the study:

Granulocyte post-mitotic pool transit times and lifespans in blood and sputum

in normal healthy volunteers and CF patients

#### **Secondary outcome**

Secundary study parameters/outcome of the study (if applicable):

None

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Remarkably little is known about the lifecycle of neutrophils while this cell type is important in the pathogenesis in CF. Knowledge about this lifecycle is important for both for fundamental insights in the immune system under homeostatic conditions, but also under conditions of systemic inflammation. This will lead to an important increase in the understanding of the pathogenesis of CF but also for other chronic inflammatory diseases of the lung such as COPD. An important difficulty is the development of new medications is is the lack of knowledge on the basal characteristics of neutrophils under conditions of health and chronic inflammation: how fast they are produced, how long they remain in the blood and tissues and where they are cleared. Little is described in literature regarding these topics. In the 60's and 70's studies were performed on the lifespans of neutrophils, but with inadequate techniques. These data probably underestimate the lifespans of these cells, but they are still mentioned in modern tekst books.

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more insight in chronic inflammatory diseases particularly CF. For example, it will improve our ability to interpret the results from previous and future intervention studies that block survival and production of leukocytes.

#### Study design

Study design:

On day one the volunteers or patients will come to the clinic with an empty stomach.

First we will withdraw 20ml of blood for baseline measurements of glucose levels and DNA deuterium enrichment.

After that, the volunteers/patients will be orally administered 1g of deuterated glucose per kilogram bodyweight in 12 doses over a period of 6 hours. Also, after 1, 3 and 6 hours after the first administration we will withdraw two drops of blood by skinprick to determine the amount of deuterated glucose in the blood of the volunteer. During this day, the volunteer will receive low-carb breakfast and lunch.

At 5 more timepoints, the volunteer will come to the clinic to donate 20ml of blood. The exact days after intake of glucose differ for each volunteer but will not be in weekends or more than two days in a row. (A clear scheme of the withdrawals can be found in the "onderzoeksprotocol", paragraph 3.2.). On 2 days (7 days apart see table 2 page 13/25 of protocol) sputum will be collected. From the collected blood and sputum white blood cell populations will be separated using high performance FACS sorting. DNA from these cells will be isolated and analysed for deuterium enrichment using a combination of gas chromatography and mass-spectometry.

These data will be fed to a mathematical model, which can calculate the half-lives of the cells.

#### Study burden and risks

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness (if applicable):

Risks:

The deuteriated glucose used and sputum induction procedure are considered safe, so risks are negligible

Burden:

Subject will pay five visits to the clinic for blood withdrawl. Each visit, 20ml of blood will be withdrawn, which can be easily missed by adults. Besides, subjects will spend one day in hospital for one blood withdrawal and the intake of 1g/kg bodyweight of glucose

## **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

#### Controls:

Age > 18 years and younger than 50 years

Healthy without indications of any inflammatory disease

Written informed consent; CF patients without treatment with corticosteroids

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Diagnosis of CF by clinical symptoms and positive sweat tests (sweat CI- concentration > 60 mmol/l) and/or disease causing mutation(s) in the CFTR gene

Being clinically stable and on steady concomitant therapy at least four weeks prior to the study

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inhalation of fluticasone proprionate (or equivalent) >400 microg total daily for at least 2 weeks prior to the study.

written informed consent

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Any infection

**Smoking** 

Auto-immune disease

Use of medication, excluding: anticonceptives and pain killers (used less than once a week) exuberant alcohol consumption (for males > 36 glasses per week, for females > 24 glasses per week)

drugs abuse

History of cancer

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Basic science

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 06-05-2014

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 04-12-2012

Application type: First submission

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 NL40962.041.12