

# Mechanism of action study of anti-IL17 therapy in spondyloarthritis: impact on cellular and molecular pathways of synovial inflammation and tissue remodelling.

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Approved WMO         |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruitment stopped  |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Autoimmune disorders |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Interventional       |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON41538

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

MoA IL-17 in Spondyloarthritis

### Condition

- Autoimmune disorders
- Joint disorders

### Synonym

ankylosing spondylitis, Spondylarthropathy

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** collectebussen, Novartis

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Anti IL-17 therapy, Mechanism of action, Spondyloarthritis, Synovial biopsies

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- Changes in the synovial cellular and molecular pathways as indicated in the objectives between baseline and week 12

### Secondary outcome

- Stratification of these cellular and molecular changes according to the genetic biomarkers of relevance for anti-IL17 treatment response
- Correlation between the synovial features at baseline and the clinical response at week 12
- Comparison of the synovial molecular changes induced by anti-IL17 with the changes induced by anti-TNF (historical samples in a similar patient population and study setting)
- Comparison of the changes in Target to Background Ratio (TBR) as an indicator of vessel wall inflammation assessed by FDG PET/CT of the aorta and carotid arteries

## Study description

### Background summary

Spondyloarthritis is the second most frequent form of chronic inflammatory

arthritis with a prevalence of 0.5%. It affects mainly young adults and leads to major functional handicap due to inflammation of axial and peripheral joints as well as progressive ankylosis and structural damage.

In the late nineties we introduced TNF blockade as a successful treatment, but: only 50% responds well and tolerates, anti-TNF does not halt the structural damage and TNF blockade does not induce long lasting remission as almost all patients relapse within a few weeks after interruption of the treatment. There is thus a high unmet need for alternatives.

The rationale for anti-IL17 therapy is based on various auto-inflammatory and auto immune models, preliminary efficacy data in psoriasis and RA and an association of SpA with IL23R SNPs.

Preliminary efficacy data on anti-IL17 shows that it is a highly effective treatment for signs and symptoms in SpA, moreover sub-analysis of the anti-TNF naïve patients shows the same trend.

## **Study objective**

To assess the effect of IL-17 blockade on:

- the global synovial histology and inflammatory infiltration
- the number and type of IL-17 producing cells in SpA synovitis
- the production of inflammatory mediators (including other IL-17 related cytokines and TNF) and total tissue biopsies (ex vivo culture system)
- The synovial stromal cell signature
- The pan-genomic synovial gene expression profile

Secondary:

To compare which molecular disease pathways are affected by IL-17 blockade and not by TNF blockade and thereby identify molecular biomarkers which may help to determine which patients may benefit from this treatment in comparison with anti-TNF treatment.

To assess whether AIN457 silences vessel wall inflammation (by means of 18F-FDG PET/CT of the carotid arteries and aorta).

## **Study design**

Single centre, 12-week open label study in subjects with clinically active peripheral spondylarthritis, with open label extension up to 2 years. Synovial biopsies and FDG PET/CT of the aorta and carotid arteries will be obtained from patients before and after 12 weeks of treatment with secukinumab.

## **Intervention**

Secukinumab (AIN457) by monthly subcutaneous injections.

## **Study burden and risks**

Medium risk

## 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

- Male or non-pregnant/non-lactating females age 18-70
- Diagnosis of SpA according to ESSG criteria and/or ASAS criteria
- Active disease defined by \*1 swollend and \* 1 tender joint, and at least 1 swollen knee or ankle joint at baseline

### Exclusion criteria

- Evidence for infectious or malignant process (on chest X ray/MRI etc)
- Pts taking opioid analgetics
- Previous IL-17 therapy exposure
- Previous use of celldepleting therapies, biological immunomodulants (except for a.TNF)
- no more than 50% of included patients are allowed to be previously exposed to (1) TNF blocking agent
- Significant medical problems or diseases

## Study design

### Design

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| Study phase:     | 2                       |
| Study type:      | Interventional          |
| Masking:         | Open (masking not used) |
| Control:         | Uncontrolled            |
| Primary purpose: | Treatment               |

### Recruitment

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| NL                        |                     |
| Recruitment status:       | Recruitment stopped |
| Start date (anticipated): | 18-02-2014          |
| Enrollment:               | 20                  |
| Type:                     | Actual              |

### Medical products/devices used

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Product type: | Medicine    |
| Brand name:   | secukinumab |
| Generic name: | secukinumab |

## Ethics review

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| Approved WMO      |                  |
| Date:             | 07-01-2014       |
| Application type: | First submission |

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| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
| Date:              | 04-02-2014         |
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| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |
| Approved WMO       |                    |
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| Application type:  | Amendment          |
| Review commission: | METC Amsterdam UMC |

## 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**

EudraCT

CCMO

**ID**

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