

# Research into the effect of impact force on the healing of bruises using reflection spectroscopy.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Injuries NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON42599

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Influence of impact force on the development of a bruise

### Condition

- Injuries NEC

### Synonym

bruise, contusion, haemorrhage, hematoma

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Agentschap NL - IOP Photonic Devices

## Intervention

**Keyword:** bruise, hematoma, impact force, spectroscopy

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The measurements consist of spectral images of the bruise. Based on these images the size of the hemoglobin and bilirubin areas can be determined. Using the change of the size of these areas over time the healing of the bruise can be monitored and used to see the possible differences between the bruises caused by different forces of impact.

### Secondary outcome

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## Study description

### Background summary

Child abuse is a major problem that is more and more acknowledged by our society. Research of the incidence of child abuse in the Netherlands in 2010 estimates more than 118.000 cases of child abuse among children in the age of 0 to 18 years old (3% of the total population).

Diagnosis of child abuse by a for example a pediatrician is based on certain factors. One of these factors is the determining the presence of (multiple) bruises. Knowledge on the age of the bruise can play a very important role in the determination whether it is a case of abuse. At this moment in time it is not possible to objectively and accurately determine the age of a bruise. To make this possible in the future the department of Biomedical Engineering and Physics is developing a reliable, patient friendly method for the age determination of bruises.

Using a spectral camera they perform (non invasive) measurements on a bruise. This camera measures the absorption of different colors of light and makes it possible to determine the chemical information of the measured surface per pixel. This makes it possible to detect the different components in a bruise

(hemoglobin, bilirubin) and determine the area where these components are present in higher concentrations. For the age determination the change in size of these areas is essential. Using the specially developed 3D model for the age determination of bruises the age of the bruise can be determined based on the size of the areas of hemoglobin and bilirubin.

Previous research: The basis of a similar technique lies in Norway, at Trondheim University. There tests are performed on volunteers showing that it is possible to determine the age of a bruise with an accuracy of 1 day. Researchers in the department of Biomedical Engineering & Physics developed and improved this method with which they are able to determine the age of a bruise with an accuracy of 3 hours.

Research question: Is there a relation between the healing process of the bruise and the impact force that is used to create the bruise?

### **Study objective**

To determine the accuracy and robustness of this method it is necessary to validate it. In the past some successful studies have been performed in adult volunteers. However we would like to validate the model based on bruises that were induced with different forces of impact. Based on previous results we expect that skin type, thickness of the skin, location on the body, age of the volunteer and the size of the bruise are able to influence the healing. The size of the bruise can be influenced by the impact forces. Also thickness of the skin can have an influence when force is applied on the skin.

### **Study design**

In this study research will be performed on healthy volunteers. For every participant we will make 2 bruises, 1 on each forearm, in a controlled manner. One of these bruises will be made using the standard impact force, the other bruise be applied using a higher or lower impact force. The bruises will be measured over time using a spectral camera to get a good insight of the healing of the bruise.

### **Study burden and risks**

2 bruises will be inflicted. 1 on each forearm.  
These bruises will be measured 10 times. Every measurement will take 5-10 minutes and will be spread over 2 weeks.  
The total burden will be approximately 2 hours.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

18 years and older  
participation is on voluntary basis  
available during research period

### Exclusion criteria

hematologic disorders  
osteoporoses  
connective tissue disorders that influence the formation on hematoma

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 60

Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 21-04-2016

Application type: First submission

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

CCMO

### ID

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