

# Linking inflammation and hypoxia to disease subtype and course in systemic sclerosis by exploratory analysis of SMAD-linker domains study

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Autoimmune disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON43179

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

LISS

### Condition

- Autoimmune disorders
- Connective tissue disorders (excl congenital)

### Synonym

systemic sclerosis - scleroderma

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** reumatologie

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** linker, prognosis, SMAD, systemic sclerosis

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Amount of activated SMAD proteins in fibroblasts

### Secondary outcome

effect of SMAD inhibitors on fibroblast activation.

activation of other SMAD activating kinases.

## Study description

### Background summary

Systemic sclerosis is a rare, invalidating disease that manifests by inflammation and fibrosis of subcutaneous connective tissue, organs and blood vessels. Treatment options are very limited because of very limited understanding of pathogenesis. Therefore, it is important to gain more insight in the cause of the condition through scientific analyses to develop new treatments. Systemic sclerosis is considered to be an autoimmune disease in which immune cells attack self tissues in the connective tissue and blood vessels. It is unknown how this inflammatory response results in fibrosis and vessel damage. Likely, specific inflammatory mediators and low oxygen levels play a role that lead to abnormal activation of connective tissue cells.

### Study objective

This investigation aims to investigate connective tissue fibroblast activation in detail in the inflamed fibrotic connective tissue. By analyzing these cells in detail we hope to understand better how they are activated, so we can develop better and more precise treatments.

### Study design

one visit study with interview, physical examination, blood sampling to measure disease activity. Extra blood sampling of 100 ml. 1 skin biopsy of severely fibrotic area and 1 biopsy of mildly fibrotic area.

### **Study burden and risks**

A proportion of patients experiences a small hematoma after skin biopsy. the overall risk is assessed low because of a moderate chance of minor tissue damage.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### **Inclusion criteria**

-10 patients with limited systemic sclerosis (SSc), 10 with early diffuse SSc, 10 with established diffuse SSc without severe vasculopathy, 10 with established diffuse SSc with severe vasculopathy.  
-18 years or older

## Exclusion criteria

active inflammatory or infectious co-morbid disease

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 15-11-2016

Enrollment: 40

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 30-08-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

Date: 09-10-2017

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

## 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	NL57997.091.16