

# In vivo assessment of pigmented skin lesions by Raman spectroscopy

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Skin neoplasms malignant and unspecified
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON43252

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

RASKIN in vivo study

### Condition

- Skin neoplasms malignant and unspecified
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### Synonym

Melanoma, mole., skin cancer of pigment-containing cells. Nevus

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W, Agentschap NL (IOP Photonic Devices)

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Diagnostic, Melanoma, Pigmented skin lesion, Raman spectroscopy

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Clinical and when available the pathological diagnosis of the pigmented skin lesion (melanoma or benign skin lesion) will be correlated with the measured Raman spectra of the lesions.

### Secondary outcome

Age of the patient, location and aspect of the lesion, clinical differential diagnosis.

## Study description

### Background summary

Melanoma is the most lethal form of skin cancer. Worldwide 200.000 patients are diagnosed with melanoma each year and the incidence is increasing. Clinical diagnosis of melanoma at an early stage is difficult even for the experienced dermatologist. Assessments are generally based on visual inspection, with or without tools such as dermoscopy. An objective, low-cost, easy-to-use tool is needed to assist dermatologists and primary care physicians in making assessments of pigmented skin lesions. The RASKIN project has started 2012 with the ultimate goal to develop a low-cost, easy-to-use Raman-spectroscopic device for use by dermatologists and primary care physicians, for objective, rapid identification of pigmented skin lesions suspicious of melanoma. In this project we have developed a pre-clinical device and used it to record an extensive data set of over 300 pigmented skin lesions suspected of melanoma and surgically excised for histopathological examination (ex vivo) at LUMC. This ex vivo work has demonstrated that Raman spectroscopy has the potential to provide an objective clinical tool to improve the clinical diagnostic accuracy of pigmented skin lesions suspected of melanoma. The next necessary step is to investigate the feasibility to perform the Raman measurements in vivo, directly on the pigmented skin lesion, using a fiber-optic probe connected to the Raman device.

## Study objective

Primary Objective: to explore the feasibility and to identify potential hurdles of in vivo assessment of pigmented skin lesions by Raman spectroscopy.

Secondary Objective(s):

- to compare in vivo measurements with the results obtained by ex vivo measurements on excised skin lesions suspicious of melanoma.
- to compare Raman spectra of suspicious lesions with benign lesions from the same patient for reference.
- to validate the measurement protocol for in vivo assessment of suspicious lesions within a clinical workflow.

## Study design

Observational study. The study aims at exploring the feasibility of in vivo application of the method, including identification of practical hurdles and collection of a preliminary set of in vivo data.

## Study burden and risks

To only risk associated with this study, harm to the eyes from the laser light used for Raman measurements, is eliminated by wearing safety goggles. The measurements are painless and will take at most 25 minutes. The results of the Raman measurements do not impact on the diagnosis or treatment. In the context of the study pigmented skin lesions that are surgically removed will be examined by a second pathologist; if in rare cases the conclusion of pathological examination would differ with respect to the diagnosis of melanoma, pathological examination will be repeated at LUMC; if the conclusion would be adapted by the clinical pathologist at LUMC after revision the patient would be informed by the treating dermatologist.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Adult, mentally competent persons with pigmented skin lesions

### Exclusion criteria

A potential subject who meets any of the following criteria will be excluded from participation in this study:

- the lesion(s) are on body locations inaccessible to the Raman measurement
- patient is physically capable of undergoing the Raman measurement (which requires the patient to not move during the measurement)
- patient is mentally not capable of participation, e.g. because of anxiety

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Pending  
Start date (anticipated): 01-01-2017  
Enrollment: 100  
Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 13-03-2017  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)  
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## 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	NL60124.058.16