# Early identification of patients who benefit from palbociclib in addition to letrozole

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Metastases **Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON46198** 

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Palbociclib and FES PET

### **Condition**

Metastases

#### **Synonym**

Metastatic breast cancer

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Pfizer, Pfizer Oncology

Intervention

Keyword: FES PET, Palbociclib

**Outcome measures** 

**Primary outcome** 

The relation between low uptake on FES-PET to response per lesion, as measured

by RECIST 1.1 criteria in case of measurable disease (1). In case of

non-measurable bone lesions, progression is defined as an increase in SUV on

FDG-PET per lesion compared to baseline.

It is hypothesized that lesions with a low uptake on FES-PET will not respond

to letrozole plus palbociclib. When in at least 85% of the lesions with no

response on treatment, also a low uptake (tumor SUV of <1.5) on baseline

FES-PET is observed, we consider that FES-PET can be evaluated in further,

larger studies as a potential predictive biomarker.

**Secondary outcome** 

Descriptive analysis of quantitative FES-uptake and correlation with

progression free survival.

Descriptive analysis of circulating tumor DNA and correlation with FES-PET

results and progression free survival.

Predictive value of change in FDG uptake per lesion (baseline compared to 2

week scan) for response after 8 weeks (measured by CT or FDG PET in case of

bone lesions).

Per patient analysis of response on CT related to change on FDG PET (baseline-2

weeks) and FES uptake at baseline

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

As ER expression predicts response to palbociclib in metastatic breast cancer patients we hypothesize that lesions with low uptake on FES-PET will not respond to the combination of letrozole plus palbociclib. Furthermore as toxicity to treatment is seen within 2 weeks after initiating treatment we also hypothesize that an early metabolic response, measured as change in FDG uptake after 2 weeks treatment compared to baseline, can predict 8 week CT response to palbociclib in combination with letrozole.

The purpose is to evaluate whether non invasive in vivo imaging of ER presence in metastatic breast cancer patient by means of FES-PET, as well an early metabolic response on FDG PET, can be related to treatment response to palbociclib plus letrozole.

We hypothesize that this study will lead to a prospective independent biomarker for patient selection in future studies. Optimal selection of patients is of great relevance in view of avoiding unnecessary toxicities and financial burden.

## Study objective

To evaluate in a feasibility study whether low uptake on FES-PET at baseline is related to non-response to letrozole plus palbociclib treatment.

## Study design

We will perform this single center, feasibility study in 30 patients with ER positive metastatic breast cancer, eligible for letrozole and palbociclib therapy. This study will be executed in the University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands. All patients will be treated with letrozole 2.5mg daily continuously throughout a 28-day cycle. This is combined with palbociclib 125 mg daily for 21 consecutive days followed by 7 days off treatment. The primary objective of the study is to evaluate whether low uptake on FES-PET at baseline can predict non-response to letrozole plus palbociclib treatment per metastatic lesion. A FES-PET will be performed at baseline, and a FDG-PET will be performed to evaluate response at 2 weeks. AFter 8 weeks response evaluations will be performed with an CT scan and in case of bone metastases an FDG PET will be added. Patients will be treated with combination therapy until progression or unacceptable toxicity is encountered.

#### Intervention

1 FES PET 1 FDG PET palbociclib

## Study burden and risks

Currently the combination with palbociclib and letrozole has been approved by the FDA and EMA as initial endocrine-based therapy for postmenopausal women with ER positive HER2 negative advanced breast cancer. This is based on improved progression free survival with 10 months compared to endocrine therapy alone in both first and second line hormonal treatment for ER-positive metastatic breast cancer. Therefore, in this study, all patients will receive a effective treatment combination, that they do not have standard access to in the Netherlands yet. In addition to the standard control visits to the clinic, three extra visits will be performed as part of the study: for screening and for the FES-PET scan and early FDG PET scan after 2 weeks. The PET scan will induce an extra radiation burden of 11.1 mSv. In the future, this study may potentially contribute to improved selection of patients for this combination treatment. This is of relevance in view of optimal treatment for individual patients, avoiding unnecessary toxicity and financial burden.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

### Inclusion criteria

- 1. Patients with ER positive (i.e. >1% staining), HER2 negative metastatic breast cancer
- 2. Post-menopausal status
- 3. Adequate bone marrow and organ function
- 4. ECOG performance 0-2
- 5. Signed written informed consent
- 6. Able to comply with the protocol
- 7. Age >=18 years

## **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Life expectancy < 3 months
- 2. Evidence of central nervous system metastases
- 3. Presence of life-threatening visceral metastases
- 4. Prior use of CDK4/6 inhibitor
- 5. Use of estrogen receptor ligands including estrogens, fulvestrant or tamoxifen <6 weeks before study entry.
- 6. Use of other anticancer therapy < 2 weeks prior to start with palbociclib
- 7. Concurrent malignancy
- 8. Active cardiac disease or a history of cardiac dysfunction

# Study design

# Design

Study phase: 2

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 16-09-2016

Enrollment: 30

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: 18F-FDG

Generic name: 18F-FDG

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: 18F-FES

Generic name: 18F-FES

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: palbociclib

Generic name: palbociclib

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-03-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

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Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

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Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

Date: 24-08-2017

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

Date: 03-10-2017

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

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Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

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Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

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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

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