

# Prospective monocenter study on clinical outcomes and safety of Instant MSC Product accompanying Autologous Chondron Transplantation (IMPACT) for focal articular cartilage lesions of the knee

Published: 08-06-2018

Last updated: 12-04-2024

The primary objective is to measure the level of clinical improvement and quality of life at 6, 12 and 18 months. The secondary objective is to measure functional repair using MRI at 6 and 18 months postoperative. Other important objectives are...

<b>Ethical review</b>	Not approved
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Tendon, ligament and cartilage disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON46367

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

IMPACT

### Condition

- Tendon, ligament and cartilage disorders

### Synonym

cartilage defect/ cartilage lesion

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMw

## Intervention

**Keyword:** cartilage defect, knee, MSCs and Chondrons, on-stage

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary objective is to measure the level of clinical improvement and quality of life at 6, 12 and 18 months. This is assessed by, subscales of, the KOOS and the EQ5D, respectively.

### Secondary outcome

The secondary objective is to measure functional repair using MRI at 6 and 18 months postoperative.

## Study description

### Background summary

Articular cartilage defects in the knee have poor intrinsic healing capacity and may lead to functional disability and osteoarthritis. Cartilage cell therapy using autologous chondrocyte implantation has been established as the first advanced treatment therapy medicinal product. Although this technique has achieved good mid-term results, it is a costly and extensive two-stage procedure which is limited by the number of chondrocytes obtained by biopsy and the dedifferentiation resulting from the expansion phase. Therefore, it was withdrawn from the European Market. There is a highly unmet need for treatment of articular cartilage defect. A new cartilage repair technique should aim at decreasing surgical trauma, lowering complexity, improving logistics and cost-effectiveness while retaining or improving clinical outcome. Direct contact between mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) and dedifferentiated articular chondrocytes in vitro showed improvement of the chondrogenic phenotype of

dedifferentiated articular chondrocytes. In addition, preserving the pericellular matrix of chondrocytes improves cartilage formation. These chondrons (chondrocytes with their pericellular matrix) have shown improved cartilage formation when combined with MSCs. These cells can be mixed with a widely used, commercially available, fibrin cell carrier and applied to the cartilage lesion within one surgical procedure, using a minimally invasive and eventually arthroscopic technique. In a phase I trial, we have shown that immediate transplantation of a potent cell-based cartilage product is safe, reduces patient morbidity and improves patient care. Therefore, we now propose the clinical evaluation in a phase II prospective monocenter study of IMPACT for treatment of articular cartilage defects of the knee to prove clinical safety and feasibility.

### **Study objective**

The primary objective is to measure the level of clinical improvement and quality of life at 6, 12 and 18 months. The secondary objective is to measure functional repair using MRI at 6 and 18 months postoperative.

Other important objectives are clinical safety and healthcare use and costs related to the procedure as well as the health-related work leave during the study period.

### **Study design**

This is a phase II prospective monocenter study, investigating efficacy and safety of a new ATMP-product for isolated articular cartilage lesions

### **Intervention**

One-stage surgery using the Instant MSC Product accompanying Autologous Chondron Transplantation (IMPACT)

### **Study burden and risks**

Potential risks: graft failure and/ or migration or foreign body response, tissue hypertrophy (excessive growth of new tissue), and general knee surgery related risks such as surgical site infection, arthralgia, joint crepitation, swelling, effusion, chondropathy, synovitis, deep-vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, haemarthrosis and arthrofibrosis. See section 7.2 for definitions of AEs.

At this moment, this is the only (therapeutic) treatment option. The only alternative is physical therapy, which does not lead to repair of the cartilage defect.

## Contacts

### Public

Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

Heidelberglaan 100  
Utrecht 3584CX  
NL

### Scientific

Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

Heidelberglaan 100  
Utrecht 3584CX  
NL

## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- Provides written informed consent, is able to understand the content of the study, understands the requirements for follow-up visits and is willing to provide the required information at follow-up visits and in the questionnaires.
- Symptomatic articular cartilage lesion of the knee (femoral condyles or trochlea).
- Age >18 and <45 years old;- Modified Outerbridge Grade III or IV isolated cartilage lesion of the knee.
- A post-debridement size of the cartilage lesion > 2cm<sup>2</sup> and \* 8 cm<sup>2</sup>
- At least 50% of functional meniscus remaining. Meniscal repair or resection is allowed during the IMPACT surgery provided that the surgeon is able to confirm that at least 50% of functional meniscus remains.
- Stable knee ligaments (i.e. anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments).

## Exclusion criteria

- Malalignment of >5 degrees
- (History of) osteoarthritis, defined as Kellgren-Lawrence grade >3 as determined from appropriate X-ray.
- Concomitant inflammatory disease that affects the joint (rheumatoid arthritis, metabolic bone disease, psoriasis, gout, symptomatic chondrocalcinosis)
- (History of) Septic arthritis.
- (History of) Total meniscectomy in the target knee joint.
- Any surgery in the knee joint 6 months prior to study inclusion.
- Risk groups for MRI scanning due to the magnetic field like patients with pacemakers, nerve stimulators, metal particles, stents, clips or implants, (possible) pregnancy or breast feeding.

## Study design

### Design

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

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Will not start
Enrollment:	50
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	08-06-2018
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

Not approved  
Date: 02-07-2018  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

## 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
EudraCT	EUCTR2018-000841-38-NL
CCMO	NL65203.000.18