# Autologous Transplantation of Adult Salivary Gland Stem Cells to Restore Submandibular Gland Function after Radiotherapy

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruiting
Health condition type	Other condition
Study type	Interventional

# Summary

### ID

NL-OMON49128

**Source** ToetsingOnline

Brief title RESTART

# Condition

Other condition

Synonym Irradiated salivary gland

#### **Health condition**

Head and neck cancer

#### **Research involving**

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Human

#### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMW

#### Intervention

Keyword: - Radiotherapy, - Stem Cell Transplantation, - Submandibular Gland, - Xerostomia

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary objective of the study is to test the safety and the feasibility of autologous salivary gland stem cell transplantation of the submandibular gland. For safety, the number of adverse events (AE), serious adverse events (SAE) or suspected unexpected adverse reactions (SUSAR) after autologous salivary stem cell transplantation, will be recorded between days 1 to 365. All possible adverse events will be scored according to the definitions of the Common Toxicity Criteria for Adverse Events version 4.0 (CTCAEv4.0). For feasibility, salivary flow rate of the remaining submandibular gland will be recorded 6 months and 12 months after autologous stem cell transplantation.

#### Secondary outcome

- Unstimulated whole saliva, paraffin stimulated whole saliva and 5% citric acid stimulated parotid and submandibular/sublingual saliva at 6 and 12 months and then on a yearly basis until 5 years after postoperative (chemo)radiation
- Patient-rated outcome measures including various side effects related to the postoperative (chemo)radiation and Quality of Life (QoL) at 6 and 12 months and then on a yearly basis until 5 years after (chemo)radiation using

internationally validated questionnaires (GRIX, EORTC QLQ-H&N35, EORTC QLQ-C30)

- Locoregional control
- Overall survival and disease free survival
- The rate of water diffusion in remaining submandibular gland derived from

DWI-MRI at 6 and 12 months after postoperative (chemo)radiation.

- The amount of prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) in the remaining

submandibular gland derived from PET-CT

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

The majority of patients with head and neck cancer are treated with radiotherapy, either as single modality or in combination with surgery and/or systemic agents. Despite the beneficial effects of radiotherapy regarding loco-regional tumor control, damage inflicted to surrounding salivary glands cause permanent xerostomia (hyposalivation), which severely hamper the quality of life (QoL) as reported by patients.

In salivary glands, radiation damage is due to sterilization of the tissues\* endogenous gland stem cells rendering them incapable to replenish dysfunctional or dead saliva producing cells. Increasing the regenerative potential of salivary glands by stem cell therapy after irradiation should be able to restore salivary gland function.

#### Study objective

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#### Study design

The study design is a phase I safety and feasibility study to treat head and neck cancer patients with autologous salivary gland stem cell transplantation after postoperative radiotherapy.

#### Intervention

Autologous transplantation of salivary stem cells (salisphere derived cells) cultured in vitro as obtained from submandibular glands after postoperative radiotherapy.

#### Study burden and risks

Patients participating in the study follow the normal procedure of primary tumour resection, ipsilateral neck dissection and postoperative radiotherapy (with or without chemotherapy) as indicated by current national standards. Extra burden of these patients, will be two additional salivary flow measurements, four MRI scans, four PSMA-PET scans and the ultrasound guided injection of submandibular salivary gland stem cells in the remaining submandibular gland.

The additional risk for participating patients might be a mild local infection (<10%) at the site of injection of the salivary stem cells into the remaining submandibular gland after transplantation. Another highly unlikely risk (<0.1%) is a transplanted tumour from the original removed head and neck cancer in the remaining submandibular gland.

# Contacts

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

 Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) originating from the mucosa of the oral cavity
 Primary resection of tumour including an electively or therapeutic ipsilateral neck dissection (at least levels lb to III, including the submandibular gland)

- Postoperative radiotherapy or chemoradiation, including prophylactic or therapeutic irradiation of the contralateral side of the neck (where the remaining submandibular gland is), including at least levels Ib to IV), next to irradiation of the tumour bed and ipsilateral neck (current standard)

- Age >= 18 years
- WHO performance 0-2
- Written informed consent

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Primary (definitive) radiotherapy, with or without systemic treatment
- Previous radiotherapy of the head and neck region (re-irradiation)
- Positive microbiological screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1
- and 2, hepatitis B and C virus and Treponema pallidum
- Presence of systemic disease known to affect salivary gland functioning (e.g., Sjögren\*s syndrome)
- History within the past five years of malignancies other than:
- o basal or squamous cell carcinoma of the skin
- o in situ carcinoma of the cervix
- Females who are pregnant or lactating at entry

# Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Interventional Masking:

Open (masking not used)

Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Treatment

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	23-06-2022
Enrollment:	18
Туре:	Actual

# Medical products/devices used

Registration:	No
Product type:	Medicine
Generic name:	Somatic cells autologous

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	28-10-2020
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Review commission:	CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)
Approved WMO	
Date:	19-02-2021
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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 EU-CTR EudraCT ClinicalTrials.gov CCMO ID CTIS2024-512968-57-00 EUCTR2020-000966-41-NL NCT04593589 NL75095.000.20