

# [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)2 PET/CT imaging of activated endothelium in lung parenchyma of COVID-19 patients.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Viral infectious disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON49142

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

RDG-PET/CT imaging in COVID-19 patients.

### Condition

- Viral infectious disorders
- Respiratory tract infections

### Synonym

COVID-19; coronavirus infection

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Radboud Universitair Medisch Centrum

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)2, COVID-19, PET/CT

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The main study parameter is the uptake of [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)2 in the lesions as quantified by PET/CT (SUVmean  $\pm$ SD, SUVmax  $\pm$ SD and SUVpeak  $\pm$ SD).

### Secondary outcome

- 1) spatial correlation (per lung segment) with ground-glass opacities, consolidation, vessel size and other components of CORADS system
  - 2) spatial correlation (per lung segment) with perfusion abnormalities as measured by subtraction CT
  - 3) quantitative correlation with blood counts and differentiation, ferritin, D-dimer, CRP, liver enzyme panel (ALAT, ASAT, direct and indirect bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, gamma-GT, LDH), cytokines, as obtained by approved study BioMarCo-19 (CMO 2020-6344)
  - 4) correlation with the following clinical parameters: ICU admission, mechanical ventilation parameters, oxygen demand, length of ICU stay (days), length of hospital stay (days).
- Additional study parameters are uptake in the myocardium and the lung-to-background ratio (LBR).

## Study description

### Background summary

Patients diagnosed with COVID-19 present with markedly elevated D-dimer, ACE2, leukopenia. When respiratory insufficiency develops, ventilation parameters typically include high positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP). These recent findings strongly indicate dysfunctional activated endothelium of the lung parenchyma.

Integrin  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  is over-expressed on activated endothelial cells. This expression allows the interaction with extracellular matrix proteins through their Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) amino acid sequence. Previous studies at our institute demonstrated the feasibility of molecular imaging to noninvasively quantitate  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  integrin expression using PET/CT. Imaging activated endothelium in the lung parenchyma might contribute to an improved understanding of the pathophysiology in COVID-19.

### **Study objective**

We aim to evaluate  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  integrin expression in proven COVID-19 infected patients with respiratory insufficiency and indicative findings on routine contrast-enhanced CT using [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub>. If dysfunctional activated endothelium in the lung parenchyma contributes to the progressive respiratory insufficiency as frequently observed during COVID-19 infection, imaging  $\alpha_v\beta_3$  integrin expression using PET/CT could have potential as a clinical tool to characterize patients at early stages during disease.

### **Study design**

This is a prospective, observational non-randomized pilot study. Maximum 10 patients will undergo a [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub> PET/CT scan and CT-subtraction scan in the same procedure. 10-minutes/bedposition static [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub> PET/CT scans of the thorax will be acquired starting at 60 minutes post injection.

### **Study burden and risks**

Toxicity tests have been performed in mice and no adverse events were seen. Previous and published clinical studies with [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub> injection showed no adverse events. The risks associated with the radiolabeled peptides injection are in general low.

The combination of [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub> injection, low-dose CT and CT-subtraction impose a radiation dose equivalent of 11.4 mSv to the patient.. The addition of the [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)<sub>2</sub> injection PET/CT scan will not cause a change in risk and will still be in the risk category as defined by the International Commission on Radiation Protection. Because diagnostics and treatment are not influenced by the outcome of this study, the patient will not directly benefit from participation in this study.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- \* A microbiologically proven SARS-CoV-19 infection
- \* Pulmonary involvement as demonstrated on recent (<1 week) chest CT
- \* Enrolled in the BioMarCo-19 study (CMO2020-6344)
- \* More than or equal to 18 years of age;
- \* Ability to provide written informed consent.

### Exclusion criteria

- \* Contra-indication for PET:
  - o Pregnancy;
  - o Breast-feeding;

- o Severe claustrophobia.
- \* Contra-indication for administration of iodine-containing contrast agents.
- \* Other serious illness, e.g. history of malignancies
- \* Estimated creatinine clearance \* 30 mL/min according to the Cockcroft-Gault formula (or local institutional standard method)

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 16-10-2020

Enrollment: 10

Type: Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: [68Ga]Ga-DOTA-(RGD)2

Generic name: Niet van toepassing

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 07-04-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

Approved WMO

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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
EudraCT	EUCTR2020-001325-31-NL
CCMO	NL73551.091.20