# Defining long-term macrolide maintenance therapy in COPD: a single center randomized controlled trial:

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type Respiratory disorders NEC

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON49192** 

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

## **Brief title**

Vasco da Gama

## **Condition**

Respiratory disorders NEC

#### **Synonym**

chronic bronchitis, emphysema

### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Amphia Ziekenhuis

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: amphia

### Intervention

Keyword: COPD, Duration, Exacerbation, Macrolide

### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

time to first exacerbation of COPD, measured from the time of randomization

## **Secondary outcome**

improvement of quality of life by Saint George\*s Respiratory Questionnaire; pulmonary function (FEV1)

frequency of exacerbation requiring an intervention with systemic corticosteroids and antibiotics (oral/intravenous [i.v.]) in subjects with COPD.

microbiology of sputum production

safety and tolerability of long term azithromycin

inflammatory response measured by the following inflammatory markers:

high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, the erythrocyte sedimentation rate,

polymorphonuclear leukocytes, neutrophils; eosinophils; interleukin-6,

interleukin-8, and myeloperoxidase;

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is characterized by small airway disease and parenchymal destruction. Acute exacerbations of COPD (increased cough, dyspnoea and/or increased sputum) are associated with increase mortality and worsening of COPD and/or level of health. Inhalation therapy with long acting antimuscarinic agents (LAMA), long acting  $\beta$  agonists (LABA) and inhaled corticosteroid-LABA combination inhalers significantly reduces AECOPD.

Nonetheless a selection of patients still experience frequent exacerbation. In this group The Columbus study showed that macrolide maintenance therapy resulted in a decreased exacerbation frequency . However, macrolide resistance and adverse effects are of great concern.

The duration of macrolide maintenance therapy has not been studied yet. Studies were performed with a follow up period of a maximum period of one year. There is no information available about the value of azithromycin maintenance treatment for more than one year.

## Study objective

The primary objectives of this study are:

 $\cdot$  To assess the time to first exacerbation of COPD, measured from the time of randomization

The secondary objectives of this study are:

- · To evaluate the improvement of quality of life by Saint George\*s Respiratory Questionnaire;
- · To evaluate pulmonary function (FEV1)
- $\cdot$  To evaluate the frequency of exacerbation requiring an intervention with systemic corticosteroids and antibiotics (oral/intravenous [i.v.]) in subjects with COPD.
- · To assess the microbiology of sputum production
- · To assess the safety and tolerability of long term azithromycin

Further objectives include:

· To assess the inflammatory response measured by the following inflammatory markers: high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, the erythrocyte sedimentation rate, polymorphonuclear leukocytes, neutrophils; eosinophils; interleukin-6, interleukin-8, and myeloperoxidase;

## Study design

Double blind randomized placebo controlled single center trial

#### Intervention

Randomizing in either continuation of macrolide maintenance therapy or withdrawal of maintenance therapy

## Study burden and risks

Randomizing into the placebo group could hypothetically mean that exacerbation is increasing, but we consider this chance extremely low. The blood test can cause local pain and bruising. The lung function test and the 6-minute walk test

are without danger, there may be some fatigue. Sputum culture / throat culture, no known risks

## **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

COPP patients with azithromycin maintenance therapy for at least 12 months and who have a stable exacerbation rate (2 or less exacerbations a year). The initial indication for azithromycin maintenance therapy is frequent exacerbations (3 or more exacerbations a year)

## **Exclusion criteria**

**Bronchiectasis** 

**Asthma** 

Antibiotics and prednisolon treatment because of an exacerbation in the last

month

prednisolone maintenance more than 5mg a day

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 4

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

## **Recruitment**

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 28-05-2021

Enrollment: 64

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Azithromycin

Generic name: Azithromycin

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Placebo

Generic name: Placebo

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 09-06-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

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(Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

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Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

# **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 EUCTR2019-004178-24-NL

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