# Sulodexide for chronic heart failure: a proof of concept, randomized, open-label, placebo-controlled study

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Ethical review Approved WMO

Status Pending
Health condition type Heart failures
Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

## ID

NL-OMON49874

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

Sulodexide for chronic heart failure

## **Condition**

Heart failures

## **Synonym**

heart failure

## Research involving

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Nederlandse Hartstichting

## Intervention

**Keyword:** glycosaminoglycans, heart failure, non-osmotic sodium storage, sulodexide

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Percent change of NT-proBNP from baseline to week 8.

## **Secondary outcome**

- Blood pressure
- Hemodynamic parameters
- Fluid status
- Monocyte subsets
- Monocyte surface proteins
- Dyspnea symptoms, physical limitations and quality of life
- Distance covered during six minute walking test
- WHO grade II-IV bleeding events
- Incidence of (serious) adverse events

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Heart failure is characterized by sodium and water overload despite lifestyle advices and drug therapy. The endothelial surface layer (ESL) is able to neutralize the negative effects of sodium excess such as water retention and high blood pressure. The ESL is damaged in subjects with heart failure. Restoration of the ESL with sulodexide, an oral drug consisting of ESL constituent, may therefore lower sodium and water excess in heart failure patients.

# Study objective

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To assess the efficacy of treatment with sulodexide for chronic heart failure.

## Study design

Proof-of-principle randomized, placebo-controlled trial.

## Intervention

Sulodexide 100 mg once daily for 8 weeks or placebo.

## Study burden and risks

Subjects need to take study medication every day for 8 weeks. A 24-hour blood pressure measurement will be performed 3 times and 24-hour urine will be collected 3 times. For safety reasons , blood will be sampled 4 times with a total volume of 36 mL. All subjects will be asked to fill in questionnaires 3 times. We will perform several non-invasive measurements such as office blood pressure measurements, microcirculation and hemodynamic Nexfin measurements. 10 patients will be approached for two optional skin biopsies at baseline and after 8 weeks.

Treatment with sulodexide 100 mg has proven to be a safe treatment in >7,000 subjects with a follow-up duration up to 1 year. The incidence of adverse events was comparable to placebo. More than half of these patients had important cardiovascular co-morbidities and were within 2 weeks after acute myocardial infarction.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

# Inclusion criteria

- Chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)
- Elevated NT-proBNP and signs of congestion (e.g. use of diuretics, peripheral edema)
- Stable diuretic and antihypertensive treatment

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) <15 ml/min/1.73m2
- Hypotension (systolic < 105 mmHg or diastolic < 60 mmHg)
- Anticoagulant therapy or double antiplatelet therapy
- Recent cardiovascular event or hospital admission for heart failure

# Study design

# **Design**

Study phase: 2

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-08-2020

Enrollment: 64

Type: Anticipated

# Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Vessel Due F

Generic name: sulodexide

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 23-06-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 29-07-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **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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