# DE-escalating ocRelizumAb In cLinical and radiological stable MS

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To describe the efficacy and safety of a maintenance versus induction anti-CD20 treatment strategy in pwMS.

| Ethical review        | Not approved                              |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Status                | Will not start<br>Demyelinating disorders |  |
| Health condition type |   |  |
| Study type            | Observational non invasive                |  |

# **Summary**

### ID

NL-OMON51850

**Source** ToetsingOnline

Brief title DERAIL-MS

### Condition

• Demyelinating disorders

**Synonym** MS, multiple sclerosis

**Research involving** Human

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

### Intervention

Keyword: anti-CD20, de-escalation, multiple sclerosis

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### **Outcome measures**

### **Primary outcome**

The primary endpoint is the proportion of pwMS with new and/or enhancing T2 lesions on brain MRI.

### Secondary outcome

The secondary endpoints are the proportion of pwMS with symptomatic infections requiring hospital admission, relapses, confirmed disability progression, NEDA-3, timed 25-foot walk test, nine hole peg test, single digit modality test, serum neurofilament level evolution, SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, lymphocyte repopulation and immunoglobulin level evolution. We will also record the reasons to prioritize induction vs. continuation of maintenance therapy with anti-CD20.

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies (mAb) target B cells and are an established second-line therapy in multiple sclerosis (MS). This drug is currently used as a maintenance therapy, and repeated every 6 months which might result into an unreasonable disadvantage for certain people with MS (pwMS). First, there is emerging evidence that anti-CD20 can be used as an induction therapy (i.e. stopping anti-CD20 infusions after a limited number of infusion cycli) with preserved long-term efficacy. Second, chronic B cell depletion leads to low IgG levels which increases susceptibility to infections. Third, anti-CD20-treated pwMS do not develop an adequate IgG antibody response to vaccines. Fourth, maintenance therapy with anti-CD20 comes at a considerable cost for the Dutch health care system. Based on these evolving insights, the physicians at ErasMS will discuss risks versus benefits of a maintenance and induction strategy in all pwMS on anti-CD20 who received at least 4 treatment cycles.

### **Study objective**

To describe the efficacy and safety of a maintenance versus induction anti-CD20 treatment strategy in pwMS.

### Study design

Prospective, observational study. All pwMS who have received at least 4 cycli of anti-CD20 treatment and do not show clinical/radiological evidence of disease activity will be informed about the altered balance between risks versus benefits when continuing their treatment. Subsequently, we will discuss the following three treatment strategies: 1) continuing anti-CD20 infusions, 2) de-escalating anti-CD20 to a first-line treatment or 3) stopping anti-CD20.

### Study burden and risks

For all treated pwMS (anti-CD20 or first line treatment), lab tests, physical/technical examinations and site visits will be requested based on clinical grounds. For untreated pwMS who participate in this study, there will be six-monthly blood monitoring and clinic visit whereas outside of the study context a once yearly frequency for these measurements might be more common.

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

### Age

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

- 1. Age \* 18 years
- 2. Diagnosis of MS according to any version of the McDonald criteria
- 3. Being treated with anti-CD20 mAb in the context of MS
- 4. Having received at least 4 cycles with anti-CD20 mAb

5. No signs of clinical or radiological disease activity in the preceding 1 year

## **Exclusion criteria**

1. Inability to comply with yearly MRI and 6-monthly clinical monitoring

2. Inability to make an informed treatment decision because of language barriers

# Study design

# Design

| Observational non invasive      |
|---------------------------------|
| Other                           |
| Non-randomized controlled trial |
| Open (masking not used)         |
| Active                          |
| Treatment                       |
|                                 |

### Recruitment

| NL                  |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Recruitment status: | Will not start |
| Enrollment:         | 66             |

Type:

Anticipated

# Ethics review Not approved Date: 04-05-2022 Application type: First submission

Review commission:

First submission 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 CCMO ID NL80481.078.22