# Towards Response guided ADAptive Radiotherapy for organ preserving treatment of intermediate risk rectal cancer: a phase I dose finding trial

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Completed

Health condition type Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON51912** 

#### **Source**

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title** preRADAR

## **Condition**

- Malignant and unspecified neoplasms gastrointestinal NEC
- Gastrointestinal neoplasms malignant and unspecified
- Gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures

## **Synonym**

rectal cancer, rectal carcinoma

## Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht

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

Intervention

**Keyword:** Organ preservation, Phase I, Radiotherapy dose-escalation, Rectal carcinoma

**Outcome measures** 

**Primary outcome** 

Primary endpoint is the incidence of dose limiting toxicity, a composite endpoint of (1) radiation toxicity grade >=4 according to Common Toxicity

Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) version 5.0 occurring within 20 weeks after start of radiotherapy and before surgery, (2) radiation toxicity grade 3

persisting > 12 weeks after start of radiotherapy, (3) postponing of surgery > 20 weeks after start of radiotherapy due to any grade of radiation toxicity and (4) post-operative complications Clavien-Dindo IIIb-IV in residual disease requiring surgery.

**Secondary outcome** 

Secondary endpoints are technical feasibility of boost delivery, GTV coverage of the boost fractions, non-dose limiting radiation toxicity and postoperative complications, organ preservation rate, locoregional control, disease free survival, overall survival, late radiation toxicity, quality of life (EORTC QLQ-C30 and CR-29) and functional outcome (LARS, MFSQ, UDI-6 en IIQ, IIEF)

**Study description** 

**Background summary** 

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Since recently, non-operative management is considered a possible treatment option for patients with rectal cancer who reach a clinical complete response (cCR) after neoadjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy. The chance of reaching cCR is, among others, dependent on the neoadjuvant treatment schedule. For patients with intermediate risk rectal cancer this schedule is short course radiotherapy (SCRT). This scheme consists of 5 fractions of 5 Gy on the rectal tumor, pathological lymph nodes and elective lymph node regions. Unfortunately, cCR rates after SCRT seem to be only around 10%. As response after radiotherapy is thought to be dose dependent, increasing the radiotherapy dose with SCRT potentially will lead to more cCR and thereby more organ preservation opportunities for these patients. However, there is only very limited experience with dose escalation after 5x5 Gy and the safety of clinically significant dose escalation is unclear.

## Study objective

The main objective is to determine the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) that will be the recommended radiation dose for the phase 2 study, in which we intend on using a MR-guided boost after SCRT in patients with intermediate risk rectal cancer to increase the chance for cCR. Secondary objectives are to determine the feasibility, non-dose limiting toxicity, organ preservation rate, oncological outcome and functional outcome, and to explore variables for early response evaluation.

## Study design

6+3 dose-escalation design with 4 radiotherapy dose levels.

## Intervention

2, 3, 4, or 5 sequential, homogenous boost fractions of 5 Gy on the gross tumor volume (GTV) in the week following SCRT using MR-guided online adaptive radiotherapy on the MR-linac.

## Study burden and risks

Benefits for patients may include higher probability of complete tumor response that creates the opportunity for a watchful waiting strategy instead of resection. Watchful waiting is expected to result in a higher quality of life. Compared to standard treatment, the SCRT regimen including the sequential boost will take 2 to 5 days extra in the week following SCRT. Possible risks include higher radiation toxicity and surgical complication rates.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

## Inclusion criteria

primary intermediate risk rectal adenocarcinoma, fit for multimodal treatment

## **Exclusion criteria**

contra-indication for magnetic resonance-guided treatment or for pelvic radiotherapy (such as inflammatory bowel disease, prior pelvic radiotherapy, pregnancy, hip implants)

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Completed
Start date (anticipated): 08-11-2021

Enrollment: 45

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-03-2021

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC NedMec

Approved WMO

Date: 04-10-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC NedMec

Approved WMO

Date: 30-03-2022

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC NedMec

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

ID: 22916

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

# In other registers

Register ID

CCMO NL75671.041.21

Other NL8997

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# **Study results**

Date completed: 23-09-2024

## **Summary results**

Trial ended prematurely