

# **CHAMP: Children with Arthritis: Monotherapy or Polytherapy. A multicentre, single-blinded, randomized treat to target, one-year follow-up clinical trial in patients with recent onset Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA).**

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Completed
<b>Health condition type</b>	Autoimmune disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## **Summary**

### **ID**

NL-OMON53043

### **Source**

ToetsingOnline

### **Brief title**

CHAMP

### **Condition**

- Autoimmune disorders
- Joint disorders

### **Synonym**

arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis

## Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Kindergeneeskunde

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ZonMW

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Antirheumatic agents, Arthritis, Children, combination, Drug therapy, juvenile

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The primary endpoint of the study is the number of patients in both treatment strategies who have active disease after 6 months of treatment.

### Secondary outcome

- To compare side effects and tolerability of treatment in both treatment arms
- To compare the number of patients that are treated with a TNF inhibitor after 12 months of treatment in both arms
- To compare the number of patients that need to switch to subcutaneous MTX after 3 months of treatment in both treatment arms
- To compare ACR Pedi scores (30, 50, 70, 90) in both treatment groups at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months and the number of patients with inactive disease at 3, 9 and 12 months of treatment
- To compare functional ability and quality of life in both treatment arms
- To provide cost-effectiveness data concerning the first year of DMARD therapy in both groups
- To identify possible predictors of response such as serologic markers,

## Study description

### Background summary

Initial disease modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) therapy with methotrexate in children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) has low efficacy ( $\pm 20\%$  inactive disease after 6 months) and is often poorly tolerated. For this reason, it has been proposed that TNF-inhibitors may be used as a first-line treatment. The response to TNF inhibitors is often more rapid, but the treatment has the downside of parenteral use and high costs. In adults with rheumatoid arthritis, polytherapy with a combination of DMARDs has been proven to be very effective. We therefore propose that polytherapy with methotrexate plus sulfasalazine plus hydroxychloroquine could be beneficial for children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis who require DMARD therapy.

### Study objective

To study whether polytherapy (methotrexate plus sulfasalazine plus hydroxychloroquine) results in more patients with inactive disease and therefore less patients who need treatment with a TNF inhibitor after 6 months of treatment compared to primary MTX monotherapy in children with newly diagnosed JIA.

### Study design

A multicentre, single-blinded, randomized treat to target, one-year follow-up clinical trial

### Intervention

Patients are randomly assigned to one of two treatment strategies: monotherapy with methotrexate (in combination with prednisolone bridging) or polytherapy with methotrexate plus sulfasalazine plus hydroxychloroquine (in combination with prednisolone bridging). When ACR Pedi 50 is not met after 3 months of treatment, methotrexate will be given subcutaneously. When at 6 months inactive disease is not reached a TNF-inhibitor will be started.

### Study burden and risks

This study focuses on the treatment of JIA and can therefore only be performed in children (2-16 years old). During the study, blood sampling and visits to

the outpatient clinic are part of regular care. The side effects of polytherapy are expected to be similar or slightly increased compared to methotrexate monotherapy. Participation in this study may lead to earlier achievement of inactive disease and therefore no need to administer methotrexate subcutaneously or to switch to (subcutaneous) biologic treatment.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Children (2-11 years)

## Inclusion criteria

- Patients with persistent or extended oligoarticular JIA, RF-negative polyarticular JIA, RF-positive polyarticular JIA, psoriatic JIA, enthesitis-related JIA or undifferentiated JIA according to ILAR
- Classification criteria
- Active synovitis;
  - Requiring DMARD therapy according to the treating pediatric rheumatologist.
- In case of persistent oligoarticular JIA this means patients with poor clinical prognostic factors, for example according to Beukelman;
- Age between 2-16 years;
  - Treated in one of the Dutch paediatric rheumatology centers;
  - A maximum of 18 months of symptoms;

## Exclusion criteria

- Systemic onset Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- Previous treatment with DMARDs (including study medication) or biological
- Any concurrent illness that would constitute an increased risk for side effects of medication, is associated with an increased risk for severe infections or in the opinion of the treating physician is a contraindication for treatment with any of the initial therapies or participation in the trial as such.
- Current or prior history of blood dyscrasias. Abnormal safety baseline blood test e.g. haemoglobin  $\leq 5$  mmol/l; haematocrit  $\leq 27\%$ ; platelet count  $\leq 125 \times 10^9$  /L; white blood cell count  $\leq 3.5 \times 10^9$  /L; serum creatinine  $\geq 2$  times the laboratory's upper limit of normal; aspartate aminotransferase (AST [SGOT]) and alanine aminotransferase (ALT [SGPT])  $\geq 2$  times the laboratory's upper limit of normal.
- Pregnancy or in meerd

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Single blinded (masking used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Completed  
Start date (anticipated): 06-09-2016  
Enrollment: 130  
Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine  
Brand name: enbrel  
Generic name: etanercept  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use  
Product type: Medicine  
Brand name: methotrexate  
Generic name: methotrexate  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use  
Product type: Medicine  
Brand name: plaquenil  
Generic name: hydroxychloroquine  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use  
Product type: Medicine  
Brand name: prednisolone  
Generic name: prednisolone  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use  
Product type: Medicine  
Brand name: salazopyrine  
Generic name: sulfasalazine  
Registration: Yes - NL intended use

## Ethics review

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## 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	EUCTR2014-003260-20-NL
CCMO	NL53170.058.15