# Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency

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

Health condition type Inborn errors of metabolism Study type Observational invasive

## **Summary**

## ID

**NL-OMON53399** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title**MONACO

#### **Condition**

Inborn errors of metabolism

## **Synonym**

acid sphingomyelinase deficiency, Niemann-Pick disease

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: werkbudget onderzoeksgorep

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** acid sphingomyelinase deficiency, magnetic resonance elastography, magnetic resonance spectroscopy

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Fat fraction in volume percentage (%) measured with MRS of ASMD patients compared to values of healthy subjects.

## **Secondary outcome**

- to assess whether MRS is able to specifically distinguish SM accumulation from lipid accumulation in liver tissue.
- to assess the effect of therapy on the fat fraction and liver stiffness in the patients that are eligible to start treatment.
- to identify patients with liver involvement of ASMD by assessing the correlation between the fat fraction and liver stiffness and markers of liver involvement of ASMD.
- to assess the correlation of the fat fraction and liver stiffness with other biomarkers for ASMD.

## **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) is a rare lysosomal storage disorder caused by a deficiency of sphingomyelinase resulting in accumulation of the sphingolipid sphingomyelin in the liver, spleen and lungs. Enzyme replacement therapy (ERT, olipudase alfa, Sanofi Genzyme) is currently investigated in a phase 2/3 trial and is expected to get market approval in the second half of 2022. Accumulation of sphingomyelin in the liver leads to liver fibrosis in a subset of ASMD patients. As ASMD is a slowly progressive disease, detection of

early stages of sphingomyelin storage in the liver might aid in identifying patients at risk for major manifestations who would benefit from therapy. Two magnetic resonance (MR) based techniques might be of interest: MR Spectroscopy (MRS) to measure lipid accumulation (steatosis) and MR Elastography (MRE) to measure liver stiffness (fibrosis).

## Study objective

To assess the ability of MRI techniques to detect early stages of lipid accumulation in the liver of ASMD patients with the chronic visceral subtype compared to values of age-, sex- and BMI-matched healthy subjects.

## Study design

Cross-sectional pilot study in which MRS and MRE measurements of ASMD patients will be compared to values of age-, sex- and BMI-matched healthy subjects. All ASMD patients who participate will undergo an MRI during their yearly assessments. Patients eligible for therapy will also undergo an MRI after one year of treatment. Healthy subjects will undergo one MRI.

## Study burden and risks

The MRI procedure yields no risk: at most patients might feel uncomfortable lying in tight space. Patients will not directly benefit from participation in the study. The results of the study may improve clinical care in the future.

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

## Inclusion criteria

#### Patients:

- The patient has biochemically proven ASMD (preferably genetically confirmed)
- The patient is >= 18 years of age
- The patient is willing and able to provide written informed consent prior to the study-related procedure.

#### Healthy controls:

- The individual is willing and able to provide written informed consent prior to the study-related procedure
- The individual is >= 18 years of age
- General good health as determined by medical history

## **Exclusion criteria**

ASMD patientes and healthy controls:

- Inability to adhere to the study protocol
- Inability to undergo an MRI procedure

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

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Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Basic science

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Completed
Start date (anticipated): 05-05-2023

Enrollment: 34

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Generic name: software patch MRE

Registration: No

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 19-01-2023

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

CCMO NL80644.018.23