# Establishing an etiological role of the gut microbiome in the antiphospholipid syndrome phenotype

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Coagulopathies and bleeding diatheses (excl thrombocytopenic)

**Study type** Observational invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON55745

Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

Brief title

ROMAS study

#### **Condition**

- Coagulopathies and bleeding diatheses (excl thrombocytopenic)
- Autoimmune disorders
- Abortions and stillbirth

#### Synonym

antiphospholipid syndrome

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

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

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** antiphospholipid syndrome, gut microbiome

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The main study outcome is the composite of a broad panel of APS pathophysiology-related blood biomarkers. These biomarkers are regarded to collectively reflect the APS phenotype.

#### **Secondary outcome**

The secondary outcome is gut permeability as measured by lactulose/mannitol test.

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) is a common autoimmune disease. Thrombosis, recurrent miscarriage, pre-eclampsia, placental insufficiency, fetal death and the often fatal catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome, are all manifestations of APS. The origin of the autoantibodies that characterize the syndrome is unknown. The gut microbiome, the ecosystem of microbes residing in the intestinal tract, is contributes to autoimmunity, and recent animal studies suggest an etiological role of the microbiome in APS. We aim to establish proof-of-concept for an etiological role of the gut microbiome in human APS.

#### Study objective

**Primary Objective:** 

- to establish if a gut microbiome perturbation affects APS disease phenotype. Secondary Objective(s):
- to identify biomarkers that are responsive gut microbiome perturbation.
- to establish if gut microbiome perturbation affects intestinal permeability in APS patients.

#### Study design

The study will have a pretest posttest design in which all subjects undergo a short course of antibiotic treatment between measurement time points. During the study all patients will undergo a 7 day treatment course of oral vancomycin, 500mg 4 times daily, a standard antibiotic.

#### Study burden and risks

There are four site visits. The first visit will last 1 hour, the other visits will last 4 hours each. No serious side effects are suspected of vancomycin as it is administered orally and is very poorly absorbed from the gut. Side effects of oral administration include temporary abdominal discomfort, bloating, flatulence and nausea. Subject will drink a single dose of mannitol and lactulose at each visit which might cause mild temporary bloating and flatulence. Subjects will have to be sober for approximately 10 hours overnight for these tests. 60 ml of blood will be drawn on three occasions.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

#### Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet the revised Sapporo classification criteria for antiphospholipid syndrome:

At least one of the clinical and at least one of the laboratory criteria below

#### Clinical criteria

#### 1. Thrombosis

One or more clinical episodes of arterial, venous, or small vessel thrombosis, in any tissue or organ. Thrombosis must be confirmed by objective validated criteria (i.e., unequivocal findings of appropriate imaging studies or histopathology).

#### 2. Pregnancy morbidity

- (a) One or more unexplained deaths of a morphologically normal fetus at or beyond the 10th week of gestation, with normal fetal morphology documented by ultrasound or by direct examination of the fetus, or
- (b) One or more premature births of a morphologically normal neonate before the 34th week of gestation because of: (i) eclampsia or severe pre-eclampsia de\*ned according to standard de\*nitions, or (ii) recognized features of placental insu\*ciency\*,or
- (c) Three or more unexplained consecutive spontaneous abortions before the 10th week of gestation, with maternal anatomic or hormonal abnormalities and paternal and maternal chromosomal causes excluded.

#### Laboratory criteria

a Lupus anticoagulant (LA) present in plasma, on two or more occasions at least 12 weeks apart, detected according to the guidelines of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (Scienti\*c Subcommittee on LAs/phospholipid-dependent antibodies).

b. Anticardiolipin (aCL) antibody of IgG and/or IgM isotype in serum or plasma, present in medium or high titer (i.e. >40 GPL or MPL, or >the 99th percentile), on two or more occasions, at least 12 weeks apart, measured by a standardized ELISA.

c. Anti-b2glycoprotein-I antibody of IgG and/or IgM isotype in serum or plasma (in titer >the 99th percentile), present on two or more occasions, at least 12 weeks apart, measured by a standardized ELISA, according to recommended procedures.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Age below 18 years
- Current use of antibiotics
- History of gastro-enteritis in the past month
- History of inflammatory bowel disease
- Current use of a vitamine K antagonist
- Planned change in the following medication during the study period (either start, stop or dose change): platelet aggregation inhibitors, oral anticoagulants, heparins, hormonal therapy.
- Current pregnancy or pregnancy in the past 6 weeks
- Arterial or venous thrombosis in the past month
- Allergy to vancomycin

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 25-11-2019

Enrollment: 40

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 22-03-2019

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 06-09-2019

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 03-11-2020

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 19-02-2021

Application type: Amendment

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 NL67782.018.18