

# Connection Interrupted: Genetic causes and clinical characteristics of hereditary optic neuropathies

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Approved WMO           |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruiting             |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Other condition        |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Observational invasive |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON56244

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Connection Interrupted

### Condition

- Other condition
- Eye disorders congenital
- Congenital eye disorders (excl glaucoma)

### Synonym

Hereditary optic atrophies

### Health condition

oogzenuw aandoeningen

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Stichting Bartimeus

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Electrophysiology, Genetics, Hereditary, Optic Atrophy, Visual impairment

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Identification of pathologic genetic variants in known disease associated genes or new disease associated genes in hereditary optic neuropathies. Clinical characterizations of hereditary optic neuropathies.

### Secondary outcome

Not applicable.

## Study description

### Background summary

Hereditary optic neuropathies are a group of rare genetic diseases characterized by vision loss at the early years of life. Little is known about the underlying genetic mechanisms and the clinical characteristics of these diseases. Although new mutations are being reported regularly, in a large group of patients the underlying genetic changes cannot yet be detected with standard diagnostic panels due to unclear genetic variations in known disease-associated genes or mutations in thus far unknown disease-associated genes. More extensive genetic analyses are needed for detection of these mutations in known disease genes and identification of potential novel disease-associated genes. As relatively little is also known on genotype-phenotype correlations in hereditary optic neuropathies, better understanding of these correlations is also needed.

### Study objective

The goal of this study is to identify the genetic causes underlying hereditary optic neuropathies and establish genotype-phenotype correlations. This will lead to more reliable prognosis predictions, better genetic counselling and hopefully form a base for therapeutic approaches in the future.

### **Study design**

Molecular genetic and retrospective clinical studies.

### **Study burden and risks**

Some of the subjects of this study will be children. There are negligible risks for the subjects. Retrospective data collection poses no risk for the participants and only in selected cases one-time blood sampling, which is considered as a low risk procedure, will be performed.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)  
Adolescents (16-17 years)  
Adults (18-64 years)  
Children (2-11 years)  
Elderly (65 years and older)  
Babies and toddlers (28 days-23 months)

## **Inclusion criteria**

- Clinical diagnosis or suspicion of hereditary optic neuropathy based on fundus examination supported with additional clinical examinations, such as optical coherence tomography, perimetry or visual evoked potentials
- No underlying mutation detected with standard diagnostic panels which sequence most common disease-associated genes for hereditary optic neuropathies (In the second part of the study where we focus on secondary objectives, we will also include subjects with HON with a known mutation)

## **Exclusion criteria**

Patients with optic atrophy with a known etiology other than hereditary optic neuropathies, such as:

- Vascular (e.g. arteritic and non-arteritic ischemic optic neuropathy)
- Compressive ( e.g. secondary to papilledema, tumour, bony growth, thyroid eye disease, chiasmal compression, disc druses, increased intraocular pressure)
- Inflammatory (e.g. systemic lupus erythematosus, Behcet\*s disease, sarcoidosis, demyelination (MS))
- Infectious
- Traumatic optic neuropathy
- Metabolic (e.g. diabetes mellitus)
- Neoplastic,
- Radiation optic neuropathy
- Toxic & nutritional (e.g. Medications such as ethambutol, amiodarone, antiretroviral drugs; alcohol, vitamin deficiencies). In some toxic optic neuropathies, toxic agents can precipitate neuropathy in an susceptible optic nerve with underlying genetic disorder. Selective cases where initial diagnosis is toxic optic neuropathy but clinical features suggest an underlying hereditary optic neuropathy will be also included in the study.

## **Study design**

## Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 07-10-2022

Enrollment: 70

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 31-03-2022

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 22-08-2023

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: MEC Academisch Medisch Centrum (Amsterdam)

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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             |
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| CCMO     | NL77704.018.21 |