

# Children's Health Assessment and Molecular Pathogen Identification for Optimized Novel Sepsis therapy

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Bacterial infectious disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON56522

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

CHAMPIONS

### Condition

- Bacterial infectious disorders

### Synonym

blood poisoning, Sepsis

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W, Inbiome, Amsterdam

## Intervention

**Keyword:** IS-pro, Molecular Culture, Neonatal sepsis

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The diagnostic accuracy of the Molecular Culture technique for predicting the outcome of the current conventional blood culture

### Secondary outcome

The diagnostic accuracy of the Molecular Culture and of the current conventional blood culture for clinical sepsis, which will be defined in various ways.

Diagnostic accuracy of the molecular culture on blood sampled <72 hours post initiation of antibiotics to assess detectability of bacteria in presence of antibiotics

## Study description

### Background summary

Babies and children have an increased risk of getting an infection with a bacteria in the bloodstream (sepsis). It is often difficult for the doctor to determine whether a child has an infection of the bloodstream, because the symptoms are often unclear and can also occur in children who are not sick. To determine whether there is an infection, a little blood is currently taken for a blood test (the blood culture) to investigate whether there is a bacteria in the blood. However, it often takes at least 36 hours before the results of this blood culture are available. That is why antibiotics are usually started immediately to treat the possible infection.

However, it often turns out that the blood culture is negative after 36 hours, which means that no bacteria have been found in the blood. Usually the antibiotics are then stopped because it turns out that there was no infection at all. There is currently no good test that can predict whether (newborn)

children have an infection or not. That is why too many children are currently wrongly receiving antibiotics. These antibiotics can damage the healthy bacteria in the intestines. There are many billions of 'beneficial bacteria' in the intestine. These play an important role in the digestion of food and protect against external infections. Antibiotics aim to kill bacteria that cause inflammation or infection. Unfortunately, antibiotics also kill some of these beneficial bacteria. In addition, unnecessary use of antibiotics contributes to antibiotic resistance. The aim of this research is to investigate whether Molecular Culture, a PCR based test that can identify bacterial pathogens in bodily fluids within 4 hours, has greater accuracy than traditional culturing techniques for bacteria in blood. If proven, this could lead to faster identification or exclusion of sepsis in children.

### **Study objective**

The aim of this study is to establish the accuracy of Molecular Culture for predicting the outcome of the traditional blood culture.

### **Study design**

Multicenter, prospective, observational cohort study

### **Study burden and risks**

There is no/minimal extra burden for participants. One or several extra tubes of blood will be sampled during a regular blood sampling for this study. There will be no direct benefits for participants, but future patients might benefit from this technique.

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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)

Babies and toddlers (28 days-23 months)

Newborns

Premature newborns (<37 weeks pregnancy)

### Inclusion criteria

- Undergoing collection of blood for a conventional blood culture for standard care

OR

Having undergone collection of blood for conventional blood culture for standard care in the past 72 hours

AND

Informed consent

### Exclusion criteria

None

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Diagnostic

## Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	08-03-2024
Enrollment:	1200
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	16-02-2024
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC
Approved WMO	
Date:	21-11-2024
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	NL84592.018.23