

# The effect of discontinuing estrogen containing oral contraceptives on corticosteroid-binding globulin and total cortisol concentrations

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Adrenal gland disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON57226

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

CBG normalization after cessation of COC's.

### Condition

- Adrenal gland disorders

### Synonym

Syndromes/disease with high or low serum cortisol levels

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Amsterdam UMC

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** reserves van de afdeling

## Intervention

**Keyword:** CBG, combined oral contraceptives, normalization

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

CBG en total cortisol concentrations

### Secondary outcome

Secondary: VDBP -vitamin D; TBG - T4, T3; SHBG - testosterone; IGFBP3- IGF1.

Tertiary: albumin, prolactin, fT3, fT4, TSH, estradiol, progesterone, LH, FSH.

HCG at first blood sampling

## Study description

### Background summary

Due to the increase in corticosteroid-binding globulin (CBG) and therefore total cortisol when using oral estrogens, oral estrogen-containing contraceptives (COC's) are discontinued during endocrine function tests that measure total cortisol. It's unclear how long after discontinuation of oral estrogens CBG and total cortisol concentrations normalize.

### Study objective

In this study we look at how long it takes for the levels of certain hormones and hormone-binding proteins to normalize discontinuation of COC use, in particular corticosteroid-binding globulin.

### Study design

Weekly blood samples in the morning for a total of eight weeks: 2 weeks while taking the contraceptive pill and 6 weeks after discontinuation of the contraceptive pill. Additionally, participants will be asked about relevant history / medication use and height and weight will be measured.

## Study burden and risks

Burden consists mainly in the form of 8 visits to the Amsterdam UMC, AMC location, with 8 additional venipunctures. Venipunctures have very minor risks other than hematomas and discomfort.

## Contacts

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

### Inclusion criteria

=/> 18 years old, female, stopping combined oral contraceptive use for at least 6 weeks

## Exclusion criteria

Switching to other hormonal contraceptives after taking COC's; contra-indications to quit COCs; biological factors that affect CBG concentrations (severe kidney/liver disease, active malignancy, hyperthyroidism); use of insulin, systemic glucocorticoids, mitotane, SERMs. If patient gets pregnant during study period: exclusions of measurements after pregnancy.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-12-2024

Enrollment: 25

Type: Anticipated

### Medical products/devices used

Registration: No

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 11-12-2024

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	NL87932.018.24