

# Lengthening Adalimumab Dosing Interval in quiescent Crohn's disease patients

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<b>Status</b>	Werving gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON21837

### Bron

NTR

### Verkorte titel

The LADI study

### Aandoening

In The Netherlands, ~35.000 patients carry a diagnosis of Crohn's disease (CD). CD is an often incurable, chronic inflammatory disorder of the gastrointestinal tract, characterized by a relapsing/remitting course. Due to the high risk of relapse, the majority of patients require maintenance therapy. Anti-tumor necrosis factor (TNF) therapy, for example with infliximab or adalimumab, is effective for both induction and maintenance of remission. Though effective, adalimumab therapy is expensive. Most frequent adverse events include dose-dependent serious infections and local injection site reactions.

## Ondersteuning

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**Overige ondersteuning:** ZonMW

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Cumulative incidence of persistent disease flares in 48 weeks of follow-up. A persistent flare is defined as two of three of the following criteria persisting for > 8 weeks, despite dose escalation of adalimumab; FC >250 µg/g, CRP ≥10 mg/L, HBI ≥5. Non-inferiority is reached if the difference in cumulative incidence of persistent flares not exceeds the non-inferiority margin of 15%.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

#### Rationale

Adalimumab is both an effective induction and maintenance therapy for Crohn's disease (CD). Due to the risk of side effects (infections, injection reaction) and high costs, an extension of the injection interval is an attractive option. However, this strategy has not been evaluated yet in a randomized controlled trial in CD patients.

#### Objective

To assess non-inferiority and cost-effectiveness of disease activity guided adalimumab interval lengthening in CD patients in sustained (>9 months) clinical remission, compared to standard dosing of every other week.

#### Study design

Multicenter, randomized controlled, open label non-inferiority trial, with two treatment arms.

#### Study population

Crohn's disease patients, in sustained clinical remission on adalimumab maintenance therapy.

#### Intervention

Intervention arm: The adalimumab injection interval during maintenance therapy (40 mg per 2 weeks) will be extended through a stepwise disease activity guided manner to 3 weeks and subsequently - after 24 weeks - to 4 weeks. If a step-down leads to recurrence of disease activity patients will return to the preceding effective dosing interval.

Control arm: Patients will continue adalimumab maintenance therapy of 40mg per 2 weeks. Treatment decisions are made at the discretion of the treating physician.

## Main study parameters/endpoints

### Primary outcome

Cumulative incidence of persistent disease flares in 48 weeks of follow-up. A persistent flare is defined as two of three of the following criteria persisting for > 8 weeks, despite dose escalation of adalimumab; FC >250 µg/g, CRP ≥10 mg/L, HBI ≥5. Non-inferiority is reached if the difference in cumulative incidence of persistent flares not exceeds the non-inferiority margin of 15%.

Secondary outcomes include cumulative incidence of transient flares, adverse events, predictors for successful dose reduction and cost-effectiveness.

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness:

In this study patients will have to visit the site every 12 weeks which is slightly more than the usual 2-3 times per year. This will allow strict monitoring of disease control and timely intervention in case of flares. In terms of diagnostics, blood tests/ faecal tests and questionnaires will be performed 4 times per year. Additionally, patients in both arms will be interviewed via telephone every 6 weeks in between clinical visits to assess for symptoms and potential disease activity. The consequence of a confirmed disease relapse includes switching back to the prior injection interval. Risk of interval extension includes a higher risk of disease flare. It is anticipated that most patients will enter remission upon subsequent adjusting of injection interval. Study patients may benefit from reduced exposure to adalimumab, the benefits include reduced risk of injection reactions, and potentially less side effects including risk of infectious complications.

## Doel van het onderzoek

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Our objective is to assess non-inferiority of extending the adalimumab dosing interval, under strict disease monitoring in CD patients in sustained (>9 months) clinical remission, compared to adalimumab every other week.

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

At week 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48, following endpoints are measured:

- Disease activity (fecal calprotectin, CRP, Harvey Bradshaw Index, PRO-2)
- Pharmacokinetics/ immunogenicity (antidrug antibodies to adalimumab, trough levels) at week 0, 24, 48
- Adverse events
- Quality of life (SIBDQ, EQ-5D)
- Cost-effectiveness (iMTA MCQ, iMTA PCQ)

At week 6, 18, 30 and 42, following endpoints are measured:

- Harvey Bradshaw Index, PRO-2
- SIBDQ, EQ-5D
- Adverse events

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## **Contactpersonen**

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- Age 18 or older
- Diagnosis of colonic and/or distal ileal CD
- Sustained steroid-free clinical remission for >9 months whilst being treated with adalimumab at a stable dose
- Adalimumab dosed at 40 mg sc every 2 weeks
- Full clinical response and disease control, all three criteria below need to be fulfilled prior to enrollment:
  - Absence of active inflammatory intestinal or extra-intestinal symptoms, as judged by both patient and physician
  - Fecal calprotectin (FC) < 150 mg/kg and CRP <10 mg/L
  - Harvey Bradshaw Index (HBI) <5

Explanation: In order to prevent incorrect exclusion of patients in clinical remission, we decided to change the maximum CRP levels to 10 mg/l as part of the clinical remission

definition, according to the most recent ECCO guideline (Gomollón F et al, JCC 2017;11:3-25).

## **Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)**

- ☐ Absence of written informed consent
- ☐ Concomitant corticosteroid usage
- ☐ Need for IBD-related surgery
- ☐ Actively draining peri-anal fistula
- ☐ Pregnancy or lactation
- ☐ Other significant medical conditions that might interfere with this study (such as current/recent malignancy, immunodeficiency syndromes and psychiatric illness)
- ☐ Impossibility to measure outcomes, e.g. planned relocation, language issues, short life expectancy

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

### **Opzet**

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	Geneesmiddel

### **Deelname**

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	03-05-2017
Aantal proefpersonen:	174
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Voornemen beschikbaar stellen Individuele Patiënten Data (IPD)

**Wordt de data na het onderzoek gedeeld:** Nog niet bepaald

### Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies

Datum: 29-05-2017

Soort: Eerste indiening

### Registraties

#### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

ID: 47881

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

#### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

#### In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL6237
NTR-old	NTR6417
CCMO	NL58948.091.16
OMON	NL-OMON47881

### Resultaten