

# The effect of acetylcysteine on thiopurine use related liver injury.

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON21974

### Bron

NTR

### Verkorte titel

NACTOX

### Aandoening

Inflammatory bowel disease; IBD; Crohn's disease; de ziekte van Crohn; ulcerative colitis; colitis ulcerosa; thiopurines; oxidative stress; hepatotoxicity; leverstafwijken

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** VU University Medical Center

**Overige ondersteuning:** Fund=initiator=sponsor

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Change in liver tests.

# Toelichting onderzoek

## Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Thiopurines are pivotal in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. However, toxicity is a frequent cause of therapy cessation. Hepatotoxicity due to thiopurine therapy may be initiated by an increased state of oxidative stress due to the metabolism of thiopurines on one hand and due to low availability reduced glutathion and its amino acid precursors. By supplementation of N-acetylcysteine we try to reduce oxidative stress and thereby ameliorate hepatotoxicity.

## Doele van het onderzoek

Thiopurine induced hepatotoxicity is related with an enhanced state of oxidative stress and may ameliorate after N-acetylcysteine supplementation.

## Onderzoeksopzet

Eligible patients will be screened prior to definite inclusion. After inclusion they will be randomly assigned to one of the two groups and will visit the outpatient clinics five times with an interval of four weeks. During the first eight weeks thiopurine therapy will be continued and depending on the group patients will concomitantly receive N-acetylcysteine 2400mg daily during weeks 1 to 4 or weeks 5 to 8. Weeks 9 to 12 both thiopurine therapy and N-acetylcysteine will be withdrawn. Rechallenge of solely thiopurine therapy takes place during weeks 13 to 16.

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Continuation of thiopurine treatment during eight weeks. During four weeks 600mg N-acetylcysteine effervescent tablets four times daily.

# Contactpersonen

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## **Deelname eisen**

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

1. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis;
2. Patients between 18 and 70 years old;
3. Thiopurine use (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine or 6-thioguanine) for at least eight consecutive weeks;
4. Grade 1 or 2 toxicity on the CTCAEv3.0 of at least one of the following liver tests: ALAT, ASAT, gamma-GT, alkaline phosphatase and bilirubine.

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

1. Serological findings consistent with auto-immune or viral hepatitis (Hep A,B,C; EBV; CMV);
2. Currently known liver disease;
3. History of chemotherapy;
4. Ultrasonographic findings consistent with cholestasis;
5. Lactation or pregnancy;
6. 6-TGN concentrations above  $1200 \text{ pmol}/8 \times 10^8$ ;
7. Use of antioxidants during thiopurine therapy.

# Onderzoeksopzet

## Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Cross-over
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	N.v.t. / onbekend

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-06-2009
Aantal proefpersonen:	30
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	25-05-2009
Soort:	Eerste indiening

## Registraties

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

Geen registraties gevonden.

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

Geen registraties gevonden.

## In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL1723
NTR-old	NTR1833
Ander register	MEC VUMC : 2009/56
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd

## Resultaten

### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A