

# The effects of THIOPURINE therapy on SEMEN quality in IBD patients: a prospective cohort study

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies

**Status** Werving gestart

**Type aandoening** -

**Onderzoekstype** Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON23373

### Bron

NTR

### Verkorte titel

THIO-SEmen

### Aandoening

Inflammatory bowel diseases

Crohn's disease

Ulcerative colitis

Thiopurines

Fertility

Paternal exposure

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** TEVA Pharmaceuticals B.V.

**Overige ondersteuning:** TEVA Pharmaceuticals B.V.

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## **Uitkomstmaten**

### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

Differences in semen quality defined as sperm density, motility, morphology, ejaculation volume and total sperm count, prior to and during thiopurine exposure

## **Toelichting onderzoek**

### **Achtergrond van het onderzoek**

Thiopurines are widely used immunosuppressive agents. In high dosages, they inhibit the purine synthesis and are considered to be possibly harmful to spermatogenesis, and subsequently to men's fertility and their offspring. However, the clear association between thiopurine exposure and male fertility and reproduction safety, if any, is still poorly understood.

Appropriate counselling with regard to fertility, conception, and the possible effects of paternal thiopurine use, is essential in the management of IBD in potential fathers. Therefore the main objective of this study is to assess the effects of thiopurine exposure on the quality of semen in IBD-patients.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

The hypothesis is that patients with thiopurine therapy will not be at risk of impaired semen quality.

### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Sperm quality before and during at least 3 months thiopurine therapy will be assessed.

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

None

Patients will start thiopurines regarding treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases

## **Contactpersonen**

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## **Deelname eisen**

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

All male Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis patients, aged between 18 and 50 years who will be treated with thiopurines, without prior exposure to thiopurines or possible spermatotoxic drugs

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

Subject with prior treatment with thiopurines in three months before inclusion, prior treatment with possible spermatotoxic drugs (e.g. sulfasalazine, tacrolimus, busulfan, chlorambucil, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine) or male patients with a known history of subfertility or infertility.

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

## Opzet

Type:	Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen
Onderzoeksmodel:	Cross-over
Toewijzing:	N.v.t. / één studie arm
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	Geneesmiddel

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-01-2017
Aantal proefpersonen:	30
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	25-07-2018
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	NL7197

**Register**  
NTR-old  
Ander register

**ID**  
NTR7396  
METC VUmc : 2017.041

## Resultaten

### **Samenvatting resultaten**

The Association between Thiopurines and Male Fertility: a systematic review and meta-analysis