# Pharmacological study of chronomodulated capecitabine therapy

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**Ethische beoordeling** Positief advies **Status** Werving gestart

Type aandoening -

**Onderzoekstype** Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

#### ID

NL-OMON24089

#### **Bron**

Nationaal Trial Register

#### **Aandoening**

cancer, capecitabine, phase I, chronotherapy, biomarker, pharmacology, kanker, chronotherapie, fase I

#### **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital **Overige ondersteuning:** Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

To determine the maximum tolerated dose (MTD), dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) and recommended dose (RD) of continuous and intermittent chronomodulated capecitabine.

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Capecitabine is a widely used oral prodrug of 5-fluorouracil (5-FU). Enzymatical conversion of capecitabine subsequently by carboxyl esterase (CES), cytidine deaminase (CDA) and thymidine phophorylase (TP) is warranted for the formation of 5-FU. However, the clinical application of capecitabine is limited by treatment failure and poorly predictable severe toxicity (especially diarrhea and palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia (PPE)). Treatment safety and efficacy may be improved by synchronization of capecitabine therapy to the circadian rhythm of the 5-FU degrading enzyme dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (DPD) and its drug target thymidylate synthase (TS). Approximately 80% of 5-FU is metabolized by DPD. Earlier studies, including an observational study performed by our research group, showed that DPD activity fluctuates over the twenty-four hours of the day. This so called circadian rhythm of DPD is characterized by low metabolic capacity during day-time and peak metabolic capacity during the night. Nocturnal DPD activity is approximately 60% higher compared to DPD activity in the afternoon.

Consequently, metabolism of 5-FU is most likely increased during the night because of high DPD activity. Besides circadian activity of DPD the enzyme thymidylate synthase (TS) also shows circadian activity. The enzyme TS displays trough activity during the night. Exposure to 5-FU when TS activity is low has been associated with improved 5-FU tolerability. Circadian rhythms of DPD and TS presumably affect capecitabine treatment pharmacokinetics, safety and tolerability. Safety and the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) for Xeloda® have been determined in earlier phase I trials for continuous and intermittent (day 1-14 of a 21-day course) BID treatment schedules with Xeloda®. Major limitations of these studies were that circadian rhythms in 5-FU metabolism were not taken into account. Chronomodulated capecitabine therapy, indicating that capecitabine therapy is synchronized to circadian rhythms of DPD and TS, might be advantageous for Xeloda® BID treatment. Therefore, we aim to determine the feasibility of chronomodulated capecitabine in a pharmacological phase I clinical study. A new capecitabine dosing schedule is developed by population modeling of capecitabine pharmacokinetics and DPD activity. Capecitabine will be administered continuously on day 1-21 (arm A) and intermittently on day 1-14 (arm B) of 21-day BID dosing schedules. For both study arms, the morning dose will be administered at 9:00 hours (h) and the late evening dose at 24:00 h. Chronomodulation will be obtained by using a relatively high evening dose of capecitabine.

Country of recruitment: The Netherlands

#### Doel van het onderzoek

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#### **Onderzoeksopzet**

Screening: PD sampling for DPD, TS and TP activity;

Day 7 and 8: PK sampling capecitabine (metabolites), PD sampling for DPD, TS and TP activity;

End of treatment: PD sampling for DPD, TS and TP activity.

Safety measurements will be performed every week of the first treatment course, and every first day of subsequent treatment courses.

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Capecitabine will be administered exactly at 9:00 h and 24:00 h on day 1-21 (arm A) and 1-14 (arm B) of a 21-day treatment schedule. To obtain chronomodulation the ratio of the morning to the evening dose will be maintained at 3(morning dose):5(evening dose).

# Contactpersonen

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## Wetenschappelijk

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- 1. Histological or cytological proof of cancer
- 2. Patient who might benefit from treatment with capecitabine, e.g. colon, breast, pancreatic and gastric cancer, ACUP;
- 3. Age > 18 years
- 4. WHO performance status of 0, 1 or 2;
- 5. Able and willing to give written informed consent
- 6. Able and willing to undergo blood sample collection during day-time and during the night for pharmacokinetic (PK) measurements and pharmacodynamic (PD) analysis;
- 7. Life expectancy >3 months allowing adequate follow up;
- 8. Minimal acceptable safety laboratory values
- a. ANC of  $> 1.5 \times 109 / L$ ;
- b. Platelet count of  $> 100 \times 109 / L$ ;
- c. Hemoglobin > 6.5 mmol/L;
- d. Hepatic function as defined by serum bilirubin 1.5 x ULN, ALAT and ASAT < 3.0 x ULN (< 5 x ULN in case of liver metastases);
- e. Renal function as defined by serum creatinine  $; U1.5 \times ULN$  or creatinine clearance > 60 ml/min (by Cockcroft-Gault formula).
- 9. No radio- or chemotherapy within 3 weeks of receiving first dose of study medication (palliative limited radiation for pain reduction is allowed);
- 10. Able and willing to swallow oral medication;
- 11. Negative pregnancy test (urine/serum) for female patients with childbearing potential.

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

- 1. Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (DPD) deficiency as assessed on the basis of DPYD
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#### IVS14+1G>A (DPYD\*2A) and 2846A>T mutation analysis;

- 2. Women who are pregnant or breast feeding;
- 3. Both men and women enrolled in this trial must agree to use a reliable contraceptive method throughout the study (adequate contraceptive methods are: condom, sterilization, other barrier contraceptive measures preferably in combination with condoms);
- 4. Bowel obstructions or motility disorders that may influence the absorption of drugs;
- 5. Pre-existing neuropathy > grade 1;
- 6. Unresolved (> grade 1) toxicities (except alopecia) of previous chemotherapy;
- 7. Patients with known alcoholism, drug addiction and/or psychotic disorders in the history that are not suitable for adequate follow up;
- 8. The use of any drug or complementary alternative medicine that might interfere with the biotransformation of capecitabine and/or 5FU, like CYP2C9 substrates with narrow therapeutic windows (e.g., vitamin K antagonizing anticoagulants (acenocoumarol, phenprocoumon, warfarin), phenytoin), allopurinol, folic acid, folinic acid, interferon alpha, metronidazol, sorivudine (and analogues). Aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide can not be administered in the morning and evening/night: the use of aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide is not an exclusion criterion when administered in the afternoon between 12:00 18:00 h;
- 9. Current participation or previous participation in a study with an investigational compound, or chemo- and/or radiotherapy within 21 days of receiving first dose of study medication. (Palliative limited radiation for pain reduction is allowed);
- 10. Prior stem cell or bone marrow transplant;
- 11. Known hypersensitivity to the components of the study drug or its analogs;
- 12. Uncontrolled infectious disease or known Human Immunodeficiency Virus HIV-1 or HIV-2 type patients;
- 13. Patients with a known history of hepatitis B or C;
- 14. Symptomatic cerebral or leptomeningeal metastases;
- 15. Evidence of any other disease, neurological or metabolic dysfunction, physical examination finding or laboratory finding giving reasonable suspicion of a disease or condition that contraindicates the use of capecitabine according to this protocol or puts the patient at high risk for treatment-related complications.

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

#### **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Anders

Toewijzing: Niet-gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Open / niet geblindeerd

Controle: N.v.t. / onbekend

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 23-06-2014

Aantal proefpersonen: 42

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Positief advies

Datum: 30-06-2014

Soort: Eerste indiening

# **Registraties**

## Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

ID: 40756

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

# Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

# In overige registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL4135 NTR-old NTR4639

CCMO NL48425.031.14 OMON NL-OMON40756

# Resultaten