

# Research with the drug tofacitinib for patients with refractory celiac disease type II

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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-OMON25125

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Verkorte titel

TOF-RCDII

### Aandoening

Refractory Celiac Disease type II; RCDII; Refractaire Coeliakie type II

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Amsterdam UMC, location VU University Medical Center

**Overige ondersteuning:** Amsterdam UMC, location VU University Medical Center

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Primary efficacy endpoint: <br>

- Immunological response, as defined by: <br>

reduction of  $\geq 20\%$  from baseline of aberrant IELs (%) with respect to total IELs in duodenal biopsies at week 12, as assessed by flow cytometry.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Treatment for patients with refractory celiac disease type II (RCDII) is not optimal, resulting in 5-year survival rates falling below 60%. What's more, there is a lack of efficacy for most evaluated therapies in RCDII and 50% of patients develop enteropathy-associated T cell lymphoma (EATL) with even lower 5-year survival rates of  $\leq 20\%$ . This high risk of malignant transformation makes it necessary to develop new treatment strategies for RCDII. Tofacitinib (Pfizer) is a small-molecule drug, inhibiting a broad spectrum of pro-inflammatory cytokines including interleukin (IL)-15, -2 and -21 which are assumed to play a role in RCDII. Aberrant intraepithelial lymphocytes (IELs) are the source of this malignancy; our recent data show that proliferation of these cells is induced by IL-15, -2 and -21. Tofacitinib inhibits signalling pathways of these cytokines, hereby blocking proliferation of malignant IELs. Therefore, tofacitinib is considered as an attractive drug candidate for treatment of RCDII patients and prevention of EATL development.

### Doel van het onderzoek

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To evaluate the efficacy of tofacitinib treatment in patients with RCDII with persistent or recurrent villous atrophy (Marsh III ABC) and aberrant IEL T-cells ( $\geq 20\%$  as assessed by flow cytometry).

### Onderzoeksopzet

12 weeks

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Tofacitinib 10mg BID

## Contactpersonen

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## Deelname eisen

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

1. Adult patients  $\geq 18$  years old
2. Given informed consent
3. Diagnosis of RCDII
4. Total adherence to a glutenfree diet for at least 6 consecutive months prior to screening. Subjects must also agree to make no changes to their current GFD for the duration of study participation.
5. Anti-tissue transglutaminase (IgA and IgG) at screening  $< 2x$  the diagnostic level for celiac disease (weak positive or negative)
6. In case of female subjects of child-bearing potential: negative serum pregnancy test prior to study enrollment; adequate contraception, up to 4 weeks after final dose.
7. Laboratory values:
  - a) Total WBC  $> 0.75 \times 10^9/L$  (i.e.  $> 750/mm^3$ )
  - b) Hemoglobin  $> 5.5 \text{ mmol/L}$  (i.e.  $8.86 \text{ g/dL}$ )
  - c) Absolute neutrophil count  $> 1 \times 10^9 / L$  (i.e.  $> 1000 \text{ cells/mm}^3$ .)
  - d) Estimated eGFR  $> 30 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$  using the Cockcroft-Gault equation.

- e) Platelets > 75 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L (i.e. 75000/mm<sup>3</sup>)
- 8. PET/CT-scan without signs of abnormalities suggestive for EATL within 3 months.
- 9. Willingness and ability to comply with study procedures.
- 10. Willingness to return for all scheduled follow-up visits.

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

1. Diagnosis of RCDI, EATL
2. Presence of any of the following diagnosis:
  - a) Severe infection prior to screening (e.g. those requiring hospitalization of parenteral antimicrobial therapy or opportunistic infections. Specific attention for treatment with ketoconazol or fluconazol (as well as other CYP3A4 metabolizers).
  - b) Active tuberculosis (TBC) (as confirmed in PET-CT-scan; chest radiography)
  - c) Untreated or inadequately treated latent TB (as confirmed with a positive IGRA test)
    - i. NB. subjects are permitted to enroll in study after ≥ 4 months treatment with rifampicine.
  - d) History within 3 years of opportunistic infections typical of those seen in immunocompromised patients, such as systemic candida infection, disseminated herpes zoster.
  - e) Severe liver insufficiency (Child Pugh Score 10-15)
3. Current diagnosis or history of cancer in the past 5 years, except RCDII, adequately treated squamous cell cancer or basal cell skin cancer.
4. Positive Hep B or Hep C results at the time of screening.
5. Vaccination with live, attenuated vaccines (such as varicella zoster vaccine) within 2 weeks before start of tofacitinib.
6. History of significant immune suppression:
  - a) BMT therapy less than 6 months prior to baseline
  - b) Potent systemic immune suppressants (e.g., azathioprine) within the 3 months prior to baseline.
7. Subjects receiving moderate/potent CYP3A inducers or inhibitors in the specified time periods prior to the first dose of study drug:

- Moderate/potent CYP3A inducers, within 28 days of 5 half-lives, whichever is longer, prior to first dose of study drug;
  - Moderate/potent CYP3A inhibitors, within 7 days or 5 half-lives, whichever is longer, prior to first dose of study drug.
  - i. NB. Topical (including skin or mucous membranes) application of antimicrobial and antifungal medications is permitted.
8. Screening 12-lead ECG that demonstrates clinically relevant abnormalities which may affect subject safety or interpretation of study results.
  9. History or presence of clinically significant disease that in the opinion of the investigator would confound the subject's participation and follow-up in the clinical trial or put the subject at unnecessary risk (e.g. uncontrolled cardiac diseases, uncontrolled/chronic pulmonary, renal, endocrine, hematological, gastrointestinal, immunologic, dermatological, neurological or psychiatric dysfunction).
  10. History of drug or alcohol abuse that would interfere with the ability to comply with the study protocol.
  11. History of clinically significant hypersensitivity to the study drug or to any of the excipients
  12. Females who are pregnant, becoming pregnant or are currently breastfeeding.
  13. Participation in any other investigational drug study in the past 30 days/5 half-lives.
  14. Any additional reason which would endanger safety of the subject for participation in this study, in the opinion of the investigator.

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Anders
Toewijzing:	N.v.t. / één studie arm
Blinding:	Open / niet geblindeerd
Controle:	N.v.t. / onbekend

## Deelname

Nederland  
Status: Werving gestart  
(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-01-2019  
Aantal proefpersonen: 5  
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: 13-09-2018  
Soort: Eerste indiening

## Registraties

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

ID: 52502  
Bron: ToetsingOnline  
Titel:

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

Geen registraties gevonden.

### In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL7313
NTR-old	NTR7529
CCMO	NL65853.029.18
OMON	NL-OMON52502

# Resultaten

## Samenvatting resultaten

NA