# A clinical trial to investigate immunotherapy (IMO-2125) in the skin of patients with a melanoma which is at least 2 millimeters thick

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Intradermal IMO-2125 treatment can result in a loco-regional anti-tumor immune response and SLN tumor clearance and a longer recurrence-free and overall survival in patients with cT3-4N0M0 melanoma.

**Ethische beoordeling** Niet van toepassing

**Status** Werving nog niet gestart

Type aandoening -

**Onderzoekstype** Interventie onderzoek

# **Samenvatting**

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**Bron** 

NTR

**Verkorte titel** 

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#### **Aandoening**

Melanoma Melanoom Early-stage melanoma Vroeg stadium melanoom

## **Ondersteuning**

**Primaire sponsor:** VU University medical center **Overige ondersteuning:** Pillar Partners Foundation

Idera Pharmaceuticals

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

#### **Uitkomstmaten**

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

The rate of tumor positive sentinel lymph nodes (SLN)

# **Toelichting onderzoek**

#### **Achtergrond van het onderzoek**

Rationale: Currently, there is no widely used adjuvant treatment available to improve survival after surgical excision of a primary melanoma. We previously described loco-regional and systemic immune stimulation as well as favourable clinical outcomes in terms of sentinel lymph node (SLN) tumor status and recurrence-free survival (RFS) in patients with clinical stage I-II melanoma who received a low dose of the TLR-9 agonist CPG7909 (CpG-B ODN) intradermally at the excision site of the primary tumor prior to the SLN biopsy (SNB). We now investigate the clinical activity of a next-generation CpG ODN, IMO-2125, and its ability to induce loco-regional and systemic immune stimulation in clinical T3-4N0M0 (cT3-4N0M0) melanoma patients.

Objective: The primary objective is to investigate whether local administration of a single dose of IMO-2125 at the primary melanoma excision site results in decreased tumor positive SLN rates. The secondary objectives are to investigate 1) whether a single dose of IMO-2125 induces a loco-regional and systemic immune response and 2) RFS and overall survival (OS) at 5 and 10 years after SNB.

Study design: A randomized single-center double-blind and placebo-controlled Phase II clinical trial.

Study population: Adult patients with cT3-4N0M0 melanoma who are scheduled to undergo a combined re-excision and sentinel node biopsy (SNB) procedure.

Intervention: Seven days before SNB, patients will receive an intradermal injection, directly adjacent to the excision site of the primary tumor, of 8mg IMO-2125 dissolved in 1 mL saline (0.9% sodium chloride) (n=107) or 1mL plain saline alone (placebo control n=107). 10 patients from each treatment arm will be enrolled in an immune monitoring sub-study.

Main study parameters/endpoints: SLN tumor status (positive or negative) 7 days after injection; SLN and systemic immune profile with emphasis on recruitment and/or activation in the SLN of dendritic cell (DC), effector-T cell and Treg subsets, and melanoma antigenspecific T cell responses in peripheral blood; RFS and OS at 5 and 10 years after treatment

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation and benefit: The burden associated with participation comprises one intradermal injection at the VU University medical center; and a follow-up contact at 5 and 10 years after SNB. For the 20 patients in the immune monitoring sub-study, 50 ml heparinized blood will be drawn at 4 time-points that will be planned together with standard treatment visits if possible but can result in 2 additional visits. The most common adverse events (AEs) seen with IMO-2125 are injection site reactions (ISR) and flu-like symptoms. In general, these reactions occur early and resolve within 48 hrs with non-specific measures. We do not expect to see any serious adverse events with IMO-2125 at this dose level. Potential benefits of IMO-2125 treatment in this trial may include SLN tumor clearance and a longer recurrence-free and overall survival.

#### Doel van het onderzoek

Intradermal IMO-2125 treatment can result in a loco-regional anti-tumor immune response and SLN tumor clearance and a longer recurrence-free and overall survival in patients with cT3-4N0M0 melanoma.

#### Onderzoeksopzet

The rate of tumor positive SLN seven days after the experimental treatment.

Frequency and activation state of lymph node resident (LNR) conventional dendritic cells (DC) and melanoma antigen-specific T cell responses in the SLN at 7 days after the experimental treatment and peripheral blood before and 7, 21 and 13 weeks after the experimental treatment.

RFS at 5 and 10 years after SNB.

OS at 5 and 10 years after SNB.

#### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

In the treatment arm, patients will be intradermally injected with 8 mg IMO-2125, in 1 mL saline (0.9% sodium chloride) one week prior to sentinel node biopsy (SNB). In the placebo control arm, patients will be intradermally injected with 1 mL plain saline (0.9% sodium chloride) only one week prior to SNB.

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# **Deelname** eisen

# Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

- 1. Patients must be willing and able to sign the informed consent and comply with the study protocol.
- 2. Must be ≥18 years of age.
- 3. Histologically confirmed primary malignant melanoma cutis with a Breslow tumor depth >2.0 mm
- 4. WHO Performance Status ≤1.
- 5. Women of childbearing potential and fertile men must agree to use effective contraceptive methods from screening until at least 90 days after the IMO-2125 administration.

# Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen

#### (Exclusiecriteria)

- 1. Known hypersensitivity to any oligodeoxynucleotide.
- 2. Active autoimmune disease requiring disease-modifying therapy at the time of screening.
- 3. Pathologically confirmed loco-regional or distant metastasis.
- 4. Non-skin melanoma
- 5. Patients with another primary malignancy that has not been in remission for at least 3 years with the exception of non-melanoma skin cancer, curatively treated localized prostate cancer with non-detectable prostate-specific antigen, cervical carcinoma in situ on biopsy or a squamous intraepithelial lesion on Papanicolaou (Pap) smear, and thyroid cancer (except anaplastic).
- 6. Active systemic infections requiring antibiotics.
- 7. Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding.

# **Onderzoeksopzet**

## **Opzet**

Type: Interventie onderzoek

Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing: Gerandomiseerd

Blindering: Dubbelblind

Controle: Placebo

#### **Deelname**

Nederland

Status: Werving nog niet gestart

(Verwachte) startdatum: 01-10-2018

Aantal proefpersonen: 214

Type: Verwachte startdatum

# **Ethische beoordeling**

Niet van toepassing

Soort: Niet van toepassing

# **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 NL7156 NTR-old NTR7355

Ander register : VUMC-MEL-2125-001

# Resultaten