

# The effect of Iberogast on heartburn in patients with indigestion

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Niet van toepassing
<b>Status</b>	Anders
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON28589

### Bron

NTR

### Aandoening

Functional dyspepsia, heartburn  
Functionele dyspepsie, zuurbranden

### Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum Amsterdam

**Overige ondersteuning:** Academisch Medisch Centrum Amsterdam  
Bayer Vital GmbH

### Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

### Uitkomstmaten

#### Primaire uitkomstmaten

- Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease symptom score improvement based on RDQ  
Questionnaire score

# Toelichting onderzoek

## Achtergrond van het onderzoek

**Rationale:** Iberogast (STW5) is a multitarget herbal preparation which has been shown to effectively reduce symptoms in patients with functional dyspepsia. Many patients have, in addition to functional dyspepsia, heartburn complaints. Thus far, the mechanism of action of Iberogast in heartburn reduction is unknown. It has been demonstrated that the incidence of gastro-oesophageal reflux episodes is influenced by gastric motility and emptying. Since Iberogast affects proximal gastric motility, Iberogast could, in theory, result in a reduced incidence of reflux episodes in patients with dyspepsia. It is also possible that Iberogast could reduce the sensitivity of the oesophagus and stomach, and thus reduce perception of the refluxate. Given that the effect of proton pump inhibitors in dyspepsia with heartburn is small and the alternative treatment options are limited, a positive result could have a major effect on the treatment of heartburn in this patient population.

**Objective:** To assess the effect of Iberogast on heartburn, the incidence of reflux episodes and oesophageal sensitivity in patients with functional dyspepsia.

**Study design:** A prospective phase III study with a double blind placebo-controlled, randomized cross-over design.

**Study population:** Eighteen patients (> 18 years of age) with a history of dyspepsia and heartburn and a negative upper GI endoscopy will be invited to participate.

**Intervention (if applicable):** All patients will receive in one period either a placebo or Iberogast (20 drops three times daily) for at least 4 weeks, followed by a second period in which they will receive the other study medication (placebo if they received Iberogast during the first period and Iberogast if they received placebo during the first period).

**Main study parameters/endpoints:** The main study parameter is the GORD symptom score improvement based on the RDQ Questionnaire score. Secondary endpoints are a decrease in reflux (measured with 24-hour oesophageal pH-impedance monitoring) and a decrease in oesophageal acid perception (acid perfusion test).

**Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness:** The subjects will have a total of 5 visits and will have to fill out 2 questionnaires on three separate occasions. There are no risks involved with oesophageal acid perfusion or with the 24-hour pH-impedance measurement. Both tests are only associated with discomfort in nose and throat upon placement of the catheter and with mild discomfort if the acid is perceived. Participants will be compensated financially for participation in the study and the findings could help treat future patients with similar complaints.

## Doel van het onderzoek

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## **Onderzoeksopzet**

Day 1, 4 weeks, 4 week 1 day, 8 weeks, 8 week 1 day

## **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

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## **Deelname eisen**

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

- Age above 18

- A history of dyspepsia (according to the Rome IV criteria) with heartburn
- Upper gastro-intestinal causes of the complaints excluded via gastroscopy with in addition an abdominal echography if found to be necessary by the physician

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

- Surgery of the GI tract other than appendectomy or cholecystectomy
- Use of any medication with a potential effect on gastrointestinal motility, secretion or sensitivity that cannot be stopped for the duration of the study (e.g. proton pump inhibitors, H2-blockers, tricyclic antidepressants ...)
- Proton pump inhibitors cannot be stopped for 7 days before start of the study
- Known Barrett's oesophagus
- History of GI cancer
- Known allergy to one of the ingredients of Iberogast
- Known diabetes
- Severe and clinically unstable concomitant disease (e.g. liver, cardiovascular or lung disease, neurological or psychiatric disorders, cancer or AIDS and other endocrine disorders)
- Pregnancy (women will be asked if they are pregnant)

## **Onderzoeksopzet**

### **Opzet**

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Cross-over
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blindering:	Dubbelblind
Controle:	Placebo

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Anders
(Verwachte) startdatum:	10-04-2017
Aantal proefpersonen:	18
Type:	Onbekend

## 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	NL6113
NTR-old	NTR6252
Ander register	2016-003739-40 : 59153

## Resultaten

### Samenvatting resultaten

N/A