

# Tapering off Inhaled Corticosteroids in Asthma patients after Reduction of Allergens

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
NTR370

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**

TICARA

**Study objectives**

Allergen avoidance allows tapering off inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) in house dust mite allergic asthma patients

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Received from local medical ethics committee

**Study design**

Multicentre randomised double blind placebo controlled parallel group trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Other

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Asthma, Allergy

**Interventions**

All patients have been trained to use a self-management plan to adjust the dose of inhaled corticosteroids to symptoms and peak expiratory flow value.

After a run-in period of 3 months the intervention period with placebo controlled allergen avoidance started.

The participants in the intervention group received house dust mite impermeable covers for mattress, pillow and bedding.

The control group received placebo, house dust mite permeable, covers.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Use of inhaled corticosteroids

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Asthma control
2. Symptoms (dyspnoea, wheezing, coughing)
3. Peak flow parameters (morning peak flow, peak flow variability)

**Completion date**

01/12/2004

# Eligibility

## Key inclusion criteria

1. Age 16-60 years
2. Treatment for asthma by the GP
3. Use of inhaled corticosteroids
4. Allergy for house dust mite allergens

## Participant type(s)

Patient

## Healthy volunteers allowed

No

## Age group

Adult

## Sex

All

## Key exclusion criteria

1. Serious diseases other than asthma with a low survival rate
2. Other diseases, which influence bronchial symptoms and/or lung function
3. Exacerbation within one month before the start of the study
4. The use of oral steroids or inhaled cromoglycates
5. Use of house dust mite impermeable mattress/bedding covers
6. Allergy to cats or dogs while keeping these pets

## Date of first enrolment

01/01/1999

## Date of final enrolment

01/12/2004

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

## Study participating centre

University Maastricht

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# Sponsor information

**Organisation**

Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI), University Maastricht (Netherlands)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02jz4aj89>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw) (Netherlands)

**Alternative Name(s)**

Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Other non-profit organizations

**Location**

Netherlands

**Funder Name**

Netherlands Asthma Foundation (Netherlands)

**Funder Name**

Boehringer Ingelheim BV (Netherlands)

**Funder Name**

AstraZeneca BV (Netherlands)

**Results and Publications**

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/04/2006		Yes	No