

# Effect of the consumption of a fermented dairy product on constipation in childhood: a multi-centre randomized controlled trial.

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Suspended
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON24332

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

Nu233

### Health condition

Childhood constipation

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Danone Research

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Danone Research

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

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The primary endpoint is the stool frequency change from baseline to 3 weeks of product consumption.

## **Secondary outcome**

Stool frequency over 3 weeks and at week 1 and 2 of product consumption.

- Stool consistency over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Frequency of episodes of faecal incontinence over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Pain during defecation over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Digestive symptoms: abdominal pain and flatulence over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Adverse effects: nausea, diarrhoea and bad taste over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Intake of Bisacodyl over 3 weeks and per week of product consumption.
- Rate of success defined as 3 or more bowel movements per week and less than 1 faecal incontinence episode in 2 weeks over the last 2 weeks of product consumption
- Rate of responders defined as a subject who reports a stool frequency  $\geq 3$  on the last week of product consumption

## **Study description**

### **Background summary**

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### **Study objective**

The study objective is to show that *Bifidobacterium animalis* is effective in increasing defecation frequency after 3 weeks of product consumption in children with functional constipation.

### **Study design**

The total duration of the study is approximately 5 weeks for each subject. Each patient will attend 3 clinic appointments: Inclusion visit V1 (baseline),

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randomisation visit (V2) and clinical evaluation at weeks 3 (V3).

## **Intervention**

Fermented dairy product Activia® (125-g pot) containing *Bifidobacterium animalis* DN-173 010, 1.2 10<sup>10</sup> colony forming units (cfu) per pot and a yoghurt symbiosis *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus* (1,2.10<sup>9</sup> cfu/pot).

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

1. Children (boys and girls) aged from 3 to 16 years
2. Children with a diagnosis of functional constipation according to Rome III criteria (Rasquin et al.):
  - subjects must present defecation frequency < 3 / week
  - subjects must present 1 or more of the following criteria:

- faecal incontinence > 1 / week
- large amount of stools which clog the toilet
- painful defecation
- withholding behaviour
- abdominal or rectal faecal impaction upon physical examination

3. Children with a diagnosis of functional constipation according to Rome III criteria fulfilled for the last 2 months

4. Children with usual consumption of dairy products and ready to consume 2 pots per day

5. Children having given written consent to take part in the study (in The Netherlands: children and parents for children above 12 years and only parents for children under 12 years; in Poland: children and parents for children above 16 years and only parents for children under 16 years)

## **Exclusion criteria**

1. Children with a diagnosis of IBS according to Rome III criteria
2. Children treated for constipation less than 2 weeks before intake in the study
3. Children with mental retardation or metabolic disease (hypothyroidism)
4. Children with Hirschsprung's disease or spinal anomalies or anorectal pathology
5. Children who underwent gastro-intestinal surgery
6. Children with functional non-retentive faecal incontinence
7. Children with lactose intolerance or known allergy to product component (milk protein for example)
8. Children who started a medication with antibiotics in the prior month
9. Children receiving medication influencing gastrointestinal motility (for

examples Cisapride, Motilium, Erythromycin, laxatives, Loperamide)

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Double blinded (masking used)
Control:	Placebo

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Suspended
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2008
Enrollment:	160
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	02-12-2008
Application type:	First submission

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL1501
NTR-old	NTR1571
Other	: NU233
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## Study results

### Summary results

N/A