

# To boost amino acid oxidation in diabetes

No registrations found.

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

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON28825

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

NaPB as tool to boost BCAA oxidation

### Health condition

type 2 diabetes  
sodium phenyl butyrate  
insulin resistance  
branched-chain amino acids  
mitochondrial function  
energy metabolism

## Sponsors and support

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## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Primary objective is the delta change in whole body insulin sensitivity expressed as glucose disposal rate ( $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$ ) upon 2 weeks of Na-PB vs. placebo treatment.

## Secondary outcome

- muscle mitochondrial function upon 2 days and 2 weeks treatment periods expressed as  $\text{O}_2$ -flux in  $\text{pmol/mg/s}$
- whole-body energy metabolism upon 2 days and 2 weeks treatment periods expressed as respiratory exchange ratio (RER) and  $\text{kJ/kg/min}$
- fat accumulation in muscle and the liver expressed as % upon 2 days and 2 weeks treatment periods

## Study description

### Background summary

Rationale: Insulin resistance is the most important risk factor in Type 2 Diabetes (T2D). Several studies identified branched-chain amino acids (BCAA; leucine, isoleucine and valine) to be substantially elevated in people with T2D. Recently, I confirmed the finding of higher BCAA in people with T2D. Furthermore, I found strong associations between BCAA and key metabolic disarrangements seen in T2D at the level of mitochondrial function, liver fat, insulin resistance and metabolic flexibility. Importantly, data showed lower whole body leucine oxidation in patients with T2DM vs. control humans. Here, I want to administer the drug sodium phenylbutyrate (NaPB) -a drug known to lower plasma BCAA in humans via accelerated BCAA oxidation- in patients with T2DM as strategy to enhance BCAA metabolism. This project aims to investigate whether Na-PB-enhanced BCAA oxidation would be a potential strategy in people with T2D to improve metabolic health.

Objective: Primary objective is the delta change in whole body insulin sensitivity expressed as glucose disposal rate ( $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$ ) upon 2 weeks of Na-PB vs. placebo treatment.

Secondary objectives are muscle mitochondrial oxidative capacity ( $\text{pmol/mg/s}$ ), muscle and liver fat content (%) and energy metabolism (respiratory exchange ratio and  $\text{kJ/kg/min}$ ).

Study design: 2 week clinical randomized controlled trial (RCT) with a double blinded, placebo-controlled, cross-over design, including a wash-out period of 6 weeks.

Study population: 16 male and (post-menopausal) female participants (50% m/ 50% f) with T2D. Participants will be relatively well-controlled ( $\text{HbA1C} < 8.5\%$ ), are on oral glucose-lowering medication, are overweight/obese ( $\text{BMI } 25\text{-}38 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ) and between 40-75 years old.

Intervention: 2 weeks oral administration of  $4.8 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{day}$  Pheburane or placebo per day, depending on body surface area. Pheburane needs to be administered spread over the day in 3 times taken with a meal.

Main study parameters/endpoints: insulin sensitivity expressed as delta change in  $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$  upon Na-PB treatment versus placebo. The endpoint of study is the measurement of insulin sensitivity of the 15th participant after the second intervention period.

Nature and extent of the burden and risks associated with participation, benefit and group relatedness: No direct health benefits for the participants are expected. Burdens: time investment with study visits and administration of study drug. (Low) risks of measurements: hypoglycaemia during the clamp, hematomas and inflammation upon muscle biopsies. Risks with study drug: negative nitrogen balance, loss of appetite, changed body odour (described for 3-4% of all patients using Na-PB with long administration time).

## **Study objective**

Sodium phenylbutyrate administration in patients with T2D would improve whole body insulin sensitivity.

## **Study design**

2 times 2 week intervention period with a washout of 6-8 weeks between the treatment arms. Total duration of the study is 10-12 weeks for each participant

## **Intervention**

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## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

1. Patients are able to provide signed and dated written informed consent prior to any study specific procedures
2. Women are post-menopausal (defined as at least 1 year post cessation of menses) and aged  $\geq 45$  and  $\leq 75$  years. Males are aged  $\geq 40$  years and  $\leq 75$  years
3. Patients should have suitable veins for cannulation or repeated venipuncture
4. Caucasians
5. BMI: 25-38 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
6. Diagnosed with T2D at least 1.5 years before the start of the study
7. Relatively well-controlled T2D: HbA1c < 8.5%
8. Oral glucose lowering medication: metformin only or in combination with sulfonylurea agents and/or on stable dose of a DPPIV inhibitor treatment for at least the last 3 months
9. No signs of active diabetes-related co-morbidities like active cardiovascular diseases, active diabetic foot, polyneuropathy or retinopathy
10. No signs of active liver or kidney malfunction

### Exclusion criteria

1. Previous enrolment in a clinical study with an investigational product during the last 3 months or as judged by the Investigator
2. Participate in physical activity more than 3 times a week
3. Unstable body weight (weight gain or loss > 5 kg in the last three months)
4. Insulin dependent T2D
5. Patients with congestive heart failure and and/or severe renal and or liver insufficiency or known sodium retention with oedema
6. Patients using Probalan (probenecid), Haldol (haloperidol), Depakene (valproate) or medical products containing corticosteroids
7. Men: Hb < 8.4 mmol/L, Women: Hb < 7.8 mmol/l
8. Any contra-indication MRI scanning. These contra-indications include patients with e.g. the following:
  - Central nervous system aneurysm clip
  - Implanted neural stimulator
  - Implanted cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator
  - Cochlear implant

- Metal containing corpora aliena in the eye or brains

## Study design

### Design

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

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2019
Enrollment:	16
Type:	Actual

### IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** Undecided

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	10-08-2018
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	NL7227
NTR-old	NTR7426
Other	METC aZM/UM : ABR_67133

## Study results