

# A study proposal to investigate the sequels of mucosal inflammation caused by ETEC infection- the effects of probiotics

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON34387

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

intestinal barrier function and probiotics

### Condition

- Other condition
- Gastrointestinal infections
- Immune disorders NEC

### Synonym

traveler's diarrhoea

### Health condition

Populatie van bacterien in de darm en algemene gezondheid en "innate immunity"

## Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** TNO

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W, VSL Pharmaceuticals Inc., Roma

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Intestinal inflammation, Probiotics

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The main study parameter is the percent change in faecal dry weight and total faecal output between the probiotics group and the placebo group

### Secondary outcome

In addition, intestinal permeability, inflammation and other clinical symptoms will be evaluated.

## Study description

### Background summary

Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC) bacteria adhere to the mucosa of the proximal intestines and an infection is therefore a local and relevant challenge for the intestines, giving an indication of general resistance and/or the local resistance of the intestines. We will evaluate the effects of probiotics by comparing the infection symptoms and by measuring faecal weight and mucus in faeces. The sequel of events of mucosal inflammation will be characterized in this study and biomarkers for these sequels will be evaluated

### Study objective

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excretion in faeces. In addition biomarkers for intestinal health and onflammation will be evaluated.

## **Study design**

The study is designed as a randomized, parallel, placebo-controlled, double-blind study. Study substance (probiotics) and placebo will be given during 4 weeks.

## **Intervention**

One group receives twice daily two sachets containing 450 billion live freeze-dried lactic acid bacteria per sachet and the other group receives twice daily a two placebo sachets. On day 21 all volunteers will be infected with an attenuated ETEC strain to induce mild traveler's diarrhoea.

## **Study burden and risks**

In this study healthy male volunteers will be challenged with an attenuated ETEC strain after three week of either probiotics or placebo. This infection will lead to a mild traveller\*s diarrhoea in the subjects during approximately three days maximally. Sequels of this infection and the effects of commercially available probiotics compared to placebo will be followed up. The subjects will therefore collect their faeces on several days, record their defecation pattern and gastro-intestinal complaints during four weeks, undergo a physical examination and five venapunctions, and visit our facilities in total on 8 days (excluding two pre-study visits). The oral administration of probiotics in a healthy population is not associated with risk

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### **Inclusion criteria**

1. Healthy as assessed by the
  - health and lifestyle questionnaire, (P9067 F02; in Dutch)
  - physical examination
  - results of the pre-study laboratory tests
2. Males, Age 21 - 40 years at Day 01 of the study
- 3 Body Mass Index (BMI) >20 and < 33 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Preferably in high and low body fat mass ranges as to be determined by waist circumference
- 4 Normal Dutch eating habits as assessed by P9067 F02
- 5 Voluntary participation
- 6 Having given written informed consent
- 7 Willing to comply with the study procedures, including the ETEC challenge
- 8 Willing to accept use of all nameless data, including publication, and the confidential use and storage of all data for at least 15 years
- 9 Willing to accept the disclosure of the financial benefit of participation in the study to the authorities concerned.

### **Exclusion criteria**

Subjects with one or more of the following characteristics will be excluded from participation:

1. Participation in any clinical trial including blood sampling and/or administration of substances up to 90 days before Day 01 of this study
2. Participation in any non-invasive clinical trial up to 30 days before Day 01 of this study, including no blood sampling and/or oral, intravenous, inhalatory administration of substances
3. Having a history of medical or surgical events that may significantly affect the study outcome, including gastrointestinal illness or surgical operations,
4. Use of antibiotics, immunosuppressive drugs, antacids, laxatives or antidiarrheal drugs in the last 3 months before the study

5. Alcohol consumption > 28 units/week for males .
6. Reported unexplained weight loss or gain of > 2 kg in the month prior to the pre-study screening
7. Reported slimming or medically prescribed diet
8. Reported vegan, vegetarian or macrobiotic
9. Working as a food handler, in child care or as a healthcare worker with direct patient contact
10. Not willing to give up blood donation during the study.
11. Personnel of TNO Quality of Life, their partner and their first and second degree relatives
12. Not having a general practitioner
13. Not willing to accept information-transfer concerning participation in the study, or information regarding his/her health, like laboratory results, findings at anamnesis or physical examination and eventual adverse events to and from his general practitioner.

## Study design

### Design

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

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	23-11-2010
Enrollment:	36
Type:	Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	20-10-2010
Application type:	First submission

Review commission:	METC Brabant (Tilburg)
Approved WMO	
Date:	12-01-2011
Application type:	Amendment
Review commission:	METC Brabant (Tilburg)

## 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
CCMO	NL33744.028.10