# A randomized double blind placebo controlled study on the effects of fenretinide Lym-X-Sorb on insulin sensitivity in obese insulin resistant subjects

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusWill not startHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

# Summary

#### ID

NL-OMON37344

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

#### **Brief title**

The effects of fenretinide on insulin sensitivity

#### Condition

- Other condition
- Glucose metabolism disorders (incl diabetes mellitus)
- Hepatic and hepatobiliary disorders

#### **Synonym**

Insulin resistance; impaired glucose tolerance

#### **Health condition**

obesitas

# Research involving

Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Metabole fonds

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Fatty liver, Insulin resistance, Metabolic syndrome X, Obesity

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Changes in hepatic and peripheral insulin sensitivity

# **Secondary outcome**

Liver steatosis

Plasma retinol and RBP4 levels

Subcutaneous adipose tissue: concentrations of RBP4 and key proteins involved

in insulin signaling levels

Plasma HPR and its metabolites (MPR, 4-oxo-HPR) levels

Resting energy expenditure (REE) and body fat composition

Glucoregulatory hormones, adipokines and markers of inflammation

Safety and tolerability of HPR/LXS

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and obesity is increasing. Recent studies have provided evidence that retinol binding protein 4 (RBP4) is

involved in the induction of insulin resistance (IR). Fenretinide is a synthetic retinoid found to lower RBP4 levels. Preliminary data show that it might improve insulin sensitivity, making it a promising new therapy for IR and T2DM.

## Study objective

Primary objective:

To assess the effects of fenretinide on hepatic and peripheral insulin sensitivity in obese, insulin resistant subjects

Secondary objective:

To assess the effects of fenretinide on hepatic steatosis, body weight and body fat composition

To assess changes in RBP4 mRNA and protein levels as well as key proteins in the insulin signaling cascade in subcutaneous adipose tissue

# Study design

Randomized double blind placebo controlled study

#### Intervention

Treatment arm: HPR/LXS 154 mg QD for 90 days; placebo arm: blank Lym-X-Sorb matrix (LXS) QD for 90 days

## Study burden and risks

Biometric data such as waist circumference, BMI and blood pressure will be measured. Subjects will visit the research unit several times during the study; total visit time will be about 26 hours. An MRS of the liver will be performed to quantify liver fat content. The MRS-scan requires lying still as possible for 45 minutes. Subjects will undergo a 2-step hyperinsulemic-euglycemic clamp using stable isotopes before and after the intervention period to study glucose metabolism. For the administration of the stable isotope, glucose and insulin and for blood sampling, intravenous canules will be inserted in the left and right antecubital vein. Stable isotopes are not harmful and hypoglycaemia will not occur because glucose is monitored every 5 minutes. Total clamping time on one day will be 7 hours. Fat biopsies, performed before and after the intervention period, will be used to investigate changes in insulin signalling pathways as a consequence of changes in insulin resistance. Subcutaneous fat biopsies will be taken from the periumbilical region and will take approximately 30 minutes. Biopsies will be preceded by local anesthesia with lidocain and will only cause minor discomfort.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

# Inclusion criteria

Post menopausal female Age 40-65 years BMI \* 30 kg \* m-2 HOMA-IR \* 2.7 Signed informed consent

# **Exclusion criteria**

T2DM treated with medication other than metformin or sulfonylurea derivates Any medical condition except for glucose intolerance, T2DM, hypertension and secondary dyslipidemia

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# Study design

# **Design**

Study phase: 2

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Prevention

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 20

Type: Anticipated

# Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: fenretinide/Lym-X-Sorb

Generic name: fenretinide

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 22-02-2012

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 20-06-2012

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **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

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