

# Impact of prolonged exercise on cardiovascular function in healthy older humans: a pilot study

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To examine the impact of prolonged (walking) exercise on cardiac and vascular function in older humans

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| <b>Ethical review</b>        | Approved WMO                              |
| <b>Status</b>                | Recruitment stopped                       |
| <b>Health condition type</b> | Cardiac disorders, signs and symptoms NEC |
| <b>Study type</b>            | Observational non invasive                |

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON38041

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Exercise in older humans

### Condition

- Cardiac disorders, signs and symptoms NEC

### Synonym

cardiovascular disease

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Sint Radboud

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** cardiovascular disease, exercise, older humans

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Diastolic/systolic cardiac function (measured using echocardiography) and vascular function (measured as brachial artery flow-mediated dilation and pulse wave velocity) are primary outcome parameters.

### Secondary outcome

Pulmonary function (spirometry), muscle function and cardiac troponin will be included as secondary outcome parameters.

## Study description

### Background summary

Rationale: Walking represents a moderate-intensity exercise, which can be performed for several hours. This makes (prolonged) walking exercise suitable for various (clinical) populations and is frequently performed by older individuals. Prolonged, strenuous exercise in healthy young subjects represents a strong physiological strain. For example, strenuous exercise leads to acute impairments in cardiac and vascular function in healthy young populations. To date, relatively little is known about the acute impact of prolonged, moderate-intensity exercise on cardiovascular, pulmonary and muscular responses in older humans.

### Study objective

To examine the impact of prolonged (walking) exercise on cardiac and vascular function in older humans

### Study design

Observational study

## Study burden and risks

Walking is not associated with serious health risks. Actually, regular physical activity such as walking exercise protects against cardiovascular disease/risk. Furthermore, our primary outcome measures relate to non-invasive measurement of cardiac, and vascular function. Our secondary outcome measures will be determined from a venous blood sample (i.e. cardiac troponin), which is associated with a minor risk for haemorrhage (5%) or the non-invasive spirometry (pulmonary function), respectively.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- In preparation for the Nijmegen 4-Day Marches 2014
- Older than 60 years

## Exclusion criteria

- History of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular complication (e.g. myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular accident)
- History of (preventive) cardiac surgery (e.g. coronary artery bypass surgery, percutaneous coronary intervention)
- Younger than 60 years

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Prevention

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 06-05-2014

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 28-02-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

## 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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| CCMO     | NL47480.091.13 |

## Study results

Date completed: 09-05-2014

Actual enrolment: 14

### Summary results

Trial is ongoing in other countries