

# Regulation of lipid metabolism by fructose versus glucose in obese humans with and without hepatic steatosis and its relation to insulin sensitivity

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Glucose metabolism disorders (incl diabetes mellitus)
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON40700

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Carbohydrate regulation of lipids

### Condition

- Glucose metabolism disorders (incl diabetes mellitus)
- Lipid metabolism disorders

### Synonym

metabolic syndrome, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Metabole Fonds

## Intervention

**Keyword:** fructose, insulin sensitivity, lipogenesis, metabolic syndrome

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Differences in regulation of lipogenic pathways in insulin-sensitive tissues by fructose versus glucose intake in obese humans with or without hepatic steatosis.

### Secondary outcome

-regulation of de novo lipogenesis (lipid flux) in response to oral fructose or glucose

-the role of important lipogenic enzymes (such as ChREBP-\*/\* and FGF21) in de novo lipogenesis, fat distribution and ectopic fat accumulation

-the role of these pathways in peripheral and hepatic insulin resistance and

endogenous glucose production-differences in lipid species composition in relation to gene expression

profiles and lipid and glucose fluxes

-differences in de novo lipogenesis, fat distribution and ectopic fat

accumulation in relation to systemic and hepatic insulin resistance

## Study description

### Background summary

Obesity and insulin resistance/type 2 diabetes are an increasing threat to public health worldwide. The mechanisms underlying insulin resistance are partly elucidated. In long-term obesity, de novo lipogenesis (DNL) in white adipose tissue (WAT) is eventually decreased, and lipids accumulate in ectopic sites such as liver and muscle. Altered lipid metabolism and storage is implicated in the development of insulin resistance and the metabolic syndrome. Excessive dietary carbohydrate intake is linked with altered DNL and hepatic steatosis. There appears to be a broad variety between overweight individuals with respect to metabolic handling of caloric/carbohydrate excess, resulting in metabolically healthy and metabolically unhealthy subtypes of obesity. By studying the interactions between intake of (fruit) sugar, lipid and sugar metabolism as well as accumulation of liver fat in different subtypes of obesity, we hope to gain more insight into the pathophysiologic mechanisms underlying metabolic disease and find novel therapeutic targets.

### **Study objective**

To study the mechanisms underlying ectopic fat accumulation (i.e. in liver or muscle) by excess intake of added sugars in long-term obesity in relation to insulin resistance and metabolic complications.

### **Study design**

Observational study with cross-sectional design

### **Study burden and risks**

Subjects will visit the metabolic unit on three occasions (screening, study day 1, study day 2). Lipid and glucose fluxes will be measured using stable isotope tracers that behave like their natural substrates and have been previously used without adverse effects when infused or ingested. Liver fat will be assessed during MRS, which is harmless. Fructose and glucose drinks will be used preoperatively to assess their effect on carbohydrate and lipid metabolism pathways. Risks associated with participation (hypoglycaemia during the hyperinsulinemic clamp, bleeding from the biopsy sites) will be kept to minimum by frequent bedside glucose monitoring and several measures to check for and promote haemostasis. We believe that the scientific value of our findings will outweigh the burden and risks associated with participation.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

- eligible and scheduled for bariatric surgery (gastric bypass)
- 18-65 years of age
- ability to provide informed consent
- stable weight 3 months prior to inclusion
- willingness to stop lipid lowering medication 4 weeks prior to start

### **Exclusion criteria**

- primary lipid disorder
- childhood onset obesity (i.e. <12 years of age)
- use of exogenous insulin, GLP1 agonists or DDP4 inhibitors
- all medical and psychiatric conditions except for obesity-related diseases
- coagulation disorders
- uncontrolled hypertension (blood pressure >150/95 mmHg)
- renal insufficiency (plasma creatinin >150 umol/l)
- excessive alcohol intake (>14 units/week)
- pregnancy, breastfeeding

-contraindication to MR scanning (e.g. pacemaker, metallic foreign body, claustrophobia)

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 17-08-2015

Enrollment: 36

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 29-09-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 23-12-2014

Application type: Amendment

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
CCMO	NL49576.018.14