

# Effect of graded running on gastroesophageal reflux

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**Ethical review**

Approved WMO

**Status**

Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type**

Gastrointestinal motility and defaecation conditions

**Study type**

Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON42100

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Exercise and reflux

### Condition

- Gastrointestinal motility and defaecation conditions

### Synonym

Pyrosis, reflux

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Europese Unie (Marie Curie)

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Exercise, Gastroesophageal reflux, Reflux

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Total reflux time (% of time with esophageal pH<4)

### Secondary outcome

- Total number of reflux episodes (acid and non-acid)
- LES function
- Intra-abdominal pressure
- Esophageal motility
- Frequency of TLESRs
- Frequency of TLESRs with reflux
- Frequency of non-TLESR reflux events
- Reflux symptoms (heartburn, regurgitation)

## Study description

### Background summary

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is caused by the reflux of gastric contents into the esophagus. GERD symptoms tend to be common among athletes, with epidemiological data indicating that upper gastrointestinal symptoms occur in up to 58% of surveyed athletes. Previous studies have shown that strenuous exercise can induce excessive reflux, both in patients with GERD and in asymptomatic healthy subjects, and that this mainly occurs during vigorous exercise, suggesting that strenuous physical activity can be a risk factor for GERD.

Currently, the mechanisms underlying excess reflux during exercise are unclear. Some studies suggest that reflux can influence athletic performance due to symptoms such as heartburn or regurgitation, but also due to an increased

airway resistance due to acid reflux, which could compromise maximal competitive performance.

## **Study objective**

Primary Objective: To evaluate whether exercise leads to an increase total reflux time.

Secondary Objective(s):

- To evaluate whether the increase in reflux correlates with: exercise intensity, failure of the LES to act as an effective barrier, increased intra-abdominal pressure and reflux symptoms.
- To evaluate the effect of high-intensity exercise on esophageal motility, and more specifically the effect on peristaltic contractions.
- To evaluate the frequency of TLESRs during exercise.

## **Study design**

A prospective observational design. Patients will run on a treadmill at predetermined rates and for different durations after placement of both an HRM catheter and a pH-impedance catheter.

## **Study burden and risks**

There are no risks involved in the placement of the catheters for esophageal pH-impedance and pressure monitoring. The investigative procedure may induce some discomfort in the nose and throat. Participants will be compensated financially for participation in the study.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Age 18 \* 50 years

Frequent physical activity: at least 10 km of running a week

### Exclusion criteria

History of peptic ulcer disease

Known Barrett's oesophagus

History of GI cancer

GI tract surgery (except appendectomy)

Use of drugs that affect GI function

Other organic gastro-intestinal diseases or functional disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome or functional dyspepsia

Pregnancy

## 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): 04-05-2015  
Enrollment: 9  
Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 16-02-2015  
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
CCMO	NL51220.018.14