# The effect of concentrated beetroot juice with or without vitamin C on the levels of N-nitroso compounds in urine

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

# **Summary**

## ID

NL-OMON43980

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

### **Brief title**

NOC's after consumption of beetroot juice with or without vitamin C

## **Condition**

• Other condition

## **Synonym**

not applicable

## **Health condition**

gericht op preventie van vorming van mogelijk kankerverwekkende stoffen

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universiteit Maastricht

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** beetroot juice, N-nitroso compounds, prevention, vitamin C

### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

The primary study parameter is the total NOC concentration in the urine of the participants.

## **Secondary outcome**

The secondary study parameters are urine nitrate and nitrite concentration.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The interest in consumption of nitrate-rich red beetroot juice has increased greatly over the last couple of years. Beetroot juice contributes to the formation of endogenous nitric oxide, causing a number of beneficial effects. However, since beetroot juice is very rich in nitrate, consuming this product may also cause endogenous formation of N-nitroso compounds, which are considered to be carcinogenic. Furthermore, we will examine what the effect is of supplementation with vitamin C on the endogenous formation of N-nitroso compounds. Studies show that vitamin C can decrease the formation of these compounds, which could potentially mean that consuming beetroot juice in combination with vitamin C would diminish potential negative side effects of this consumption.

## Study objective

The main aim of the study will be to compare the urinary N-nitroso compounds levels after intake of 70 ml of concentrated red beetroot juice containing 400 mg nitrate either with or without supplementation with 1 g vitamin C.

## Study design

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The participants will be randomized equally to the groups. Half of the study population will orally consume red beetroot juice without vitamin C for a single week. The other half of the study population will orally consume red beetroot juice in combination with vitamin C for a single week.

#### Intervention

Beetroot-juice will be consumed by both groups. However, the intervention group will also consume vitamin C in addition.

## Study burden and risks

The consumption of beetroot-juice can cause gastro-intestinal distress on the short-term. Thereby, it can cause beeturia (red colouring of urine) and a headache. Exposure to beetroot-juice during a longer period of time, can increase the risk on cancer due to the formation of N-nitroso compounds. However, in this study participants will only consume beetroot-juice during a relatively short period of time.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

Healthy 18-45 years of age 18,5 < BMI < 30 kg/m2

Regular physical activity (minimum of 1 hour and maximum of 8 hours a week)

## **Exclusion criteria**

Use of medication Smoking Currently supplementing diet with vitamin C

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

**Primary purpose:** Prevention

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 20-03-2017

Enrollment: 30

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 04-04-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

# **Study registrations**

# Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

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# In other registers

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