# The impact of ingesting milk versus free amino acids on muscle protein synthesis in healthy young adults

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To assess the anabolic properties of free amino acids and milk protein.

Ethical review Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Other condition **Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

## ID

**NL-OMON44413** 

### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

### **Brief title**

MILK-AA

## Condition

Other condition

## **Synonym**

muscle growth, muscle protein synthesis

### **Health condition**

To assess the anabolic response following protein ingestion

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universiteit Maastricht

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

## Intervention

**Keyword:** amino acids, milk protein, muscle protein synthesis

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

muscle bound L-[ring-2H5]-phenylalanine, L-[1-13C]-phenylalanine, and

L-[1-13C]-leucine enrichments (in MPE)

plasma L-[ring-2H5]-phenylalanine and L-[1-13C]-leucine enrichments (in MPE)

## **Secondary outcome**

Plasma amino acid, glucose en insulin concentrations, "whole-body" metabolism

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Muscle tissue consists of proteins. These proteins are built up of small building blocks: amino acids. By consuming enough protein in our diet, we make sure that the body is provided with enough amino acids to facilitate muscle growth (also called muscle protein synthesis). Currently, it is known that different protein sources can have different effects on muscle growth. Although, it is unknown whether free amino acids can stimulate muscle growth more than regular milk protein.

## Study objective

To assess the anabolic properties of free amino acids and milk protein.

## Study design

Parallel group, randomized, double blind.

### Intervention

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Assess the muscle protein synthetic response after ingestion of a protein beverage.

## Study burden and risks

The burden and risks involved in participating in this experiment are small. Insertion of the catheters in a vein is comparable to a normal blood draw and the only risk is a small local hematoma. Muscle biopsies will be obtained under local anaesthesia by an experienced physician, but may cause some minor discomfort. The discomfort is comparable to muscle soreness or the pain one has after bumping into the corner of a table. During the experimental trial 20 blood samples (210mL total) will be obtained. The total amount of blood collected is less than half the amount of a blood donation and will be completely restored in approximately 1 month. The stable isotope amino acids tracers that will be infused intravenously during the experimental trial are produced according to GMP standards and are safe for human use.

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

- 1) Aged 18-35 y
- 2) BMI 18.5-27.5 kg/m2
- 3) Healthy, recreationally active, young adults

## **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) Allergies to milk protein
- 2) Lactose intolerance
- 3) PKU disease
- 4) Smoking
- 5) Diagnosed diabetes
- 6) Diagnosed metabolic or intestinal disorders
- 7) A history of neuromuscular problems
- 8) Any medications known to (or may) affect protein metabolism (i.e. corticosteroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, or prescription strength acne medications)
- 9) Participation in structured resistance exercise program
- 10) Pregnant
- 11) Hormone replacement therapy
- 12) Third generation oral contraceptives
- 13) Strict vegetarian

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 09-04-2018

Enrollment: 24

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 27-12-2017

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

CCMO NL63767.068.17

Other Protocol will be registered at NTR after approval by METC