# The effects of protein ingestion and exercise on plasma and dialysate amino acid concentrations during hemodialysis

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To assess the effects of intradialytic exercise and protein ingestion on amino acid loss into the dialysate and plasma total amino acid concentrations.

**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Appetite and general nutritional disorders

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

## ID

NL-OMON48888

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Intradialytic protein ingestion and exercise study (IPES)

## **Condition**

- Appetite and general nutritional disorders
- Renal disorders (excl nephropathies)

#### **Synonym**

Amino acid loss during hemodialysis, hemodialysis

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Universitair Ziekenhuis Maastricht

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

## Intervention

Keyword: Amino Acids, Exercise, Hemodialysis, Protein

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Primary study parameters are amino acid loss into the dialysate and plasma total amino acid concentrations.

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary study parameters are the loss of essential amino acids into the dialysate, plasma essential amino acid, glucose, and insulin concentrations, interstitial glucose concentrations, and changes in blood pressure.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Chronic hemodialysis patients suffer from poor physical functioning due to progressive loss of skeletal muscle mass and function. Preliminary data from our lab shows that 8 - 15 grams of amino acids are lost into the dialysate during a hemodialysis session, causing a significant decline in plasma amino acid concentrations. Few studies in chronic hemodialysis patients suggest that oral protein ingestion during hemodialysis is able to prevent this decline and associated muscle protein breakdown. However, the amount of protein required to achieve this effect (±60 g) is not feasible for clinical practice. Nonetheless, a feasible amount of protein combined with an additional anabolic stimulus, such as exercise, might be able to prevent the hemodialysis-induced decline in plasma amino acid concentrations. In healthy adults, exercise before protein ingestion enhances the net protein balance of skeletal muscle and improves postprandial glycemia. However, the effect of intradialytic exercise on plasma and dialysate amino acid concentrations throughout hemodialysis is unclear. In addition, it is not known if this effect differs between fed and fasted patients. Knowledge about the acute metabolic response after protein ingestion and exercise during hemodialysis is important for the development of intradialytic anabolic strategies in chronic hemodialysis patients.

## Study objective

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To assess the effects of intradialytic exercise and protein ingestion on amino acid loss into the dialysate and plasma total amino acid concentrations.

## Study design

Randomized cross-over (four groups) study design.

#### Intervention

During four HD sessions, patients will (A) ingest a placebo drink, (B) ingest a placebo drink and perform aerobic exercise, (C) ingest a protein supplement, and (D) ingest a protein supplement and perform aerobic exercise. Following initiation of the hemodialysis session, arterial plasma samples will be obtained with 30-min intervals during a 4 h period for analysis of plasma amino acid, glucose, and insulin concentrations. In addition, spent dialysate will be collected and glucose monitoring will be applied continuously throughout the hemodialysis session.

## Study burden and risks

The risks involved in participating in this experiment are minimal. Blood and spent dialysate samples will be collected from the arterial blood line and dialysate line, respectively, without extra burden or risk for the patients. Oral food intake during hemodialysis is routine for most patients and is well tolerated. The protein supplements are produced according to HACCP standards and are safe for human use. Intradialytic exercise is common practice in many hemodialysis departments, and (serious) adverse events are rarely reported.

## **Contacts**

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

## Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

- Aged >18 years
- Ability to provide written informed consent
- Hemodialysis treatment for >3 months
- Well-functioning arteriovenous shunt in upper or lower arm

## **Exclusion criteria**

- Unstable cardiac status (i.e. cardiac ischemia)
- Physical limitations affecting usage of the bike
- Poor blood sugar control
- Active infection or illness
- Poorly functioning shunt
- Previous episodes of intradialytic hypotension related to food intake
- Hospitalization <3 months prior to study period
- Missed hemodialysis session <1 month prior to study period
- Allergies to milk protein

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Crossover

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Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Prevention

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 30-01-2019

Enrollment: 23

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 14-08-2018

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

Approved WMO

Date: 10-10-2018

Application type: Amendment

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 NL65880.068.18