# The effect of plant and animal protein supplements on muscle damage: An explorative study

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeMuscle disordersStudy typeInterventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON51231

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Protein supplements and muscle damage

#### **Condition**

Muscle disorders

#### **Synonym**

decrease in musscle mass, Sarcopenia

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Radboud Universitair Medisch Centrum **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** NewCare

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Muscle damage, Physical exercise bout, Protein supplementation

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary outcome is CK-level in blood after a prolonged exercise bout.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Secondary study parameter are muscle strength, muscle mass and muscle pain.

# Study description

## **Background summary**

Rationale: Loss of skeletal muscle mass and strength is a consequence of aging. Especially essential amino acids are key nutrients for muscle health in elderly adults. A protein intake of 1.2-1.5 g/kg/day is recommended for elderly, but more than half of the elderly do not reach this daily protein intake recommendation. Until today, humans consume more proteins from animal sources compared to plant-based sources. Though, the consumption of animal-based proteins in the aging population brings disadvantages such as an increased risk for cardiovascular disease and various cancers. Because of that, it seems more advisable to increase protein intake of elderly with plant-based proteins. In this study, we want to investigate the effect of various types of a plant-based protein on aging muscles.

## Study objective

To investigate the impact of different types of proteins on muscle damage upon an endurance exercise bout in elderly.

## Study design

This explorative study is a double-blind randomized controlled trial. For 2 subsequent weeks, the effects of a daily 1) plant-based protein, 2) whey protein, or 3) a placebo supplementation, on muscle damage, muscle mass and muscle strength will be investigated.

#### Intervention

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The subjects will be randomly assigned to a protein or placebo supplement group. It will be consumed as a drink or smoothie. Upon completion of the 2-week supplement consumption, subjects will be asked to perform once an endurance exercise bout of walking 30 kilometres.

#### Study burden and risks

The risks involved in participating in this experiment are minimal. The protein supplements provided are generally available existing products with no adverse effects. Protein and placebo supplements will be produced under Good Manufacturing Practices in certified facilities and using approved and commercially available ingredients.

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# **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

## Inclusion criteria

- Aged 60 and higher
- Able to walk 20-30km in 1 day
- able to understand and follow the study procedures

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Diabetes
- Lactose intolerance or milk allergy
- BMI > 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Diagnosed with COPD
- Diagnosed with kidney failure
- Diagnosed with a bowel disease that influences protein uptake, such as inflammatory bowel disease or Crohn's disease.
- Consumption of other freely available protein supplements on their own during the inclusion period and the study period of about 1 month.
- If the subject intends to perform additional prolonged exercise bouts in the 4 days before and the 4 days after the studied exercise bout of walking 20-30 kilometres.

# Study design

## Design

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Prevention

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 02-07-2021

Enrollment: 60

Type:	Actua

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 29-06-2021

Application type: First submission

Review commission: CMO regio Arnhem-Nijmegen (Nijmegen)

# **Study registrations**

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

No registrations found.

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

ID: 24234

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

# In other registers

Register ID

 CCMO
 NL77522.091.21

 OMON
 NL-OMON24234

# **Study results**

Date completed: 24-09-2021

Actual enrolment: 47

**Summary results** 

Trial is onging in other countries