# The effect of acute ketone monoester supplementation on glucose oxidation during exercise performed with high rates of carbohydrate ingestion in trained cyclists

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitingHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON53385

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Ketone study

#### **Condition**

Other condition

#### **Synonym**

energy metabolism; fuel selection during exercise

#### **Health condition**

This study will evaluate the effect of exogenous ketone mono-ester supplementation on endogenous and exogenous carbohydrate metabolism during exercise

#### Research involving

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universiteit Maastricht

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

#### Intervention

Keyword: Carbohydrate, Cycling, Ketone, Oxidation

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Comparing exogenous glucose oxidation during exercise between the ketone monoester and placebo conditions

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Endogenous glucose disappearance rate
- Exogenous glucose disappearance rate
- Total glucose disappearance rate
- Exogenous glucose appearance rate
- Endogenous glucose appearance rate
- Total glucose appearance rate
- Plasma glucose enrichments

#### Tertiary

- Total carbohydrate oxidation indirectly by using traditional stoichiometric calculations of carbohydrate oxidation
- Plasma glucose, insulin, lactate, glycerol, and ketone body concentrations (including area under the curve) following drink ingestion
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- Exercise economy
- Mean exercise heart rate
- Data for subject characteristics (i.e. age, weight, height, peak oxygen

uptake)

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Recently, there has been a re-emerging interest in the role of ketone bodies in exercise metabolism. Ketone bodies can serve as an important energy substrate under certain conditions, such as starvation, and can modulate carbohydrate and lipid metabolism. However, the extent to which acute ketone body supplementation regulate skeletal muscle bioenergetics and substrate metabolism during prolonged endurance-type exercise remains to be determined. Therefore, it is of importance to perform direct measures of substrate utilization after supplementation with ketone bodies. With respect to carbohydrate use, neither endogenous nor exogenous carbohydrate oxidation have been determined. Thus, direct measures of endogenous and exogenous carbohydrate oxidation will help clarify the effects of acute ketone body supplementation on substrate oxidation.

#### Study objective

The purpose of this study is to examine the effect of exogenous ketone body supplementation on carbohydrate metabolism during exercise.

#### Study design

Randomized, crossover, and double-blind

#### Intervention

The acute interventions will involve ingestion of carbohydrates with either a ketone monoester supplement before (0.35 g/kg body mass) and throughout (0.20 g/kg body mass per hour) the 3-hour exercise session or flavour-matched ketone-free placebo.

#### Study burden and risks

Participants will be required to report to the laboratory for a total of 3 visits, comprised of 1 screening visit (~2 h), and 2 experimental visits (each ~6 h). Participants will have to record their diet and activity patterns for 72 h prior to the 2 experimental visits and duplicate these patterns before the 2 experimental visits. The potential risks and discomforts inherent to the exercise testing procedure during each visit are minimal and are similar to those associated with any form of strenuous physical activity including fatigue, fainting, abnormal blood pressure, etc. Subjects will provide 10 blood samples during each experimental visits (20 total for the study). Insertion of the catheters in a vein is comparable to a normal blood draw and the only risk is a small local hematoma.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

#### Inclusion criteria

- 18-50 years of age
- Trained cyclist/triathlete ((VO2peak > 55 ml/kg/min for males and >48 ml/mg/min for females)
- Healthy as per medical history and investigator\*s/physician\*s judgement
- Having given written informed consent

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Use of medication that could impact study outcomes and/or interfere with the expected mechanism of action of ketone supplements (e.g. Chronic use of gastric acid suppressing medication, statins, corticosteriods)
- Smoking
- Diagnosed acute or chronic medical conditions that, in the opinion of the investigator, could impact study outcomes (e.g. Diabetes mellitus)
- Diagnosed musculoskeletal disorders
- Adhering to a carbohydrate restrictive diet
- Participation in another study at the same time
- Blood donation in the 2 months before the first experimental trial
- Plasma donation in the 2 weeks before the first experimental trial
- Males: VO2peak <55 ml/min/kg body mass
- Females: VO2peak <48 ml/min/kg body mass
- Females: pregnancy

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Crossover

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Active Primary purpose: Other

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 04-03-2024

Enrollment: 27

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 03-05-2023

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 NL83622.068.23

Other will be done after METC approval