

# Effects of folic acid on the human microcirculation: a randomized, doubleblind, placebo-controlled study.

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Folate supplementation improves microcirculatory function in subjects susceptible to microcirculatory dysfunction.

<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving gestopt
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON23261

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Verkorte titel

N/A

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## Uitkomstmaten

### Primaire uitkomstmaten

1. Endothelium-dependent and endothelium-independent skin blood flow using laser-doppler fluxmetry combined with iontophoresis;
2. nailfold video capillaroscopy.

## Toelichting onderzoek

### Achtergrond van het onderzoek

Background:

Folates may have beneficial effects on cardiovascular risk.

Firstly, folate status is an important determinant of plasma homocysteine concentration, which is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD). Moreover, epidemiologic studies have identified an association between folate status and CVD that is statistically independent of homocysteine. Folate has also been linked to hypertension and insulin resistance.

Thus, the association between folate and CVD may be explained both by direct effects of folate on the vessel wall, as well as by indirect effects, including detrimental effects on blood pressure and insulin sensitivity. Intervention trials using folates, mostly in secondary prevention settings, are yet inconclusive with regard to cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

As an alternative to clinical endpoint studies, the effects of folates on the vascular system may be studied using surrogate endpoints. One of these surrogate endpoints is microcirculatory function. The prognostic value of microcirculatory dysfunction for clinical cardiovascular endpoints remains to be established. However, several risk factors for CVD are correlated to microcirculatory function, such as hypertension, insulin resistance and obesity.

No previous studies have addressed the question of whether folate supplementation influences the human microcirculation.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

Folate supplementation improves microcirculatory function in subjects susceptible to microcirculatory dysfunction.

### **Onderzoeksopzet**

N/A

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

1. Folic acid 0,5 mg daily during 8 weeks;
2. 5-methyltetrahydrofolate 5 mg once.

## **Contactpersonen**

### **Publiek**

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## **Deelname eisen**

### **Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)**

1. Age: 25-55;
2. BMI > 25 and BMI < 30;
3. caucasian.

### **Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)**

1. Medication affecting cardiovascular function;
2. systolic bloodpressure > 160;
3. diastolic bloodpressure > 95;
4. diabetes mellitus;
5. anemia;
6. renal insufficiency.

## **Onderzoeksofzet**

## Opzet

Type:	Interventie onderzoek
Onderzoeksmodel:	Parallel
Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Dubbelblind
Controle:	Placebo

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving gestopt
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-11-2006
Aantal proefpersonen:	58
Type:	Werkelijke startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	19-10-2006
Soort:	Eerste indiening

## Registraties

### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

Geen registraties gevonden.

### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

### In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL795

**Register**

NTR-old

Ander register

ISRCTN

**ID**

NTR808

: N/A

ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd

## Resultaten

**Samenvatting resultaten**

N/A