

# Comparison of two exercise protocols for insertional Achilles tendinopathy rehabilitation

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON29544

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

IAT study

### Health condition

insertional achilles tendinopathy, exercise, load, rehabilitation

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG)

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** CNPq - National Council for Scientific and Technological Development

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Pain during calf-raise test

## **Secondary outcome**

- Tendon Structure determined by the ultrasound tissue characterization (UTC)
- VISA-A questionnaire
- SF- 36 questionnaire
- Impact on work [Quality - Quantity questionnaire (QQ-q) and Work ability index (WAI)]
- Pain score
- Patients impression of improvement

## **Study description**

### **Background summary**

Rationale:

Achilles tendinopathy (AT) is a common injury that normally affects physically active people and the incidence increases with age. Several studies have shown the efficacy of the eccentric exercises protocol as treatment in patients diagnosed with mid-portion AT. However, few studies assessed the effect of eccentric exercise in patients with insertional Achilles tendinopathy (IAT) and results are inconclusive.

Objectives:

The primary objective of this pilot study is to determine the effect of an isometric exercises plus eccentric-concentric exercise protocol compared to the usual care eccentric exercise protocol on Achilles tendon pain and structure in subjects diagnosed with IAT.

Study design:

Single blinded, pilot study using a 2 group design with a treatment period of 12 weeks.

Study population:

Patients diagnosed with insertional Achilles tendinopathy

Intervention:

One group will perform eccentric exercise during 12 weeks, the other group will perform isometric exercise during 4 weeks and after concentric-eccentric exercise during 8 weeks.

Main study parameters/endpoints:

Pain during calf-raise test

### **Study objective**

Exercise leads to pain and functional improvement in patients diagnosed with insertional Achilles tendinopathy

### **Study design**

- pretreatment (Baseline)
- 4 weeks after baseline
- 8 weeks after baseline
- 12 weeks after baseline

### **Intervention**

Eccentric exercise and Isometric exercise plus concentric exercise

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Individuals of both sexes, aged between 18 and 55 years
- Chronic pain in the Achilles tendon insertion for more than 3 months
- Pain during the palpation
- Abnormal ultrasound imaging (hypoechoic areas, irregular fiber orientation and thickening of the tendon).

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Imaging abnormalities as: superficial or retrocalcaneal fluid on the ultrasound examination as a sign of bursitis, or changes on mid-portion tendon structure;
- Systematic disease (eg, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis);
- Prior Achilles tendon rupture;
- Prior injections for Achilles tendinopathy treatment;
- Patient that performed eccentric calf-muscle training > 4 weeks under the supervision of a physical therapist before;

## **Study design**

## Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Single blinded (masking used)
Control:	Active

## Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	18-04-2017
Enrollment:	30
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	17-04-2017
Application type:	First submission

## 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

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NTR-new	NL6167

**Register**

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## Study results