# The effect of carbohydrate mouth-rinsing on time trial performance

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON31332

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

Carbohydrate mouth-rinsing and performance

## **Condition**

Other condition

#### **Synonym**

exercise physiology, performance

#### **Health condition**

geen aandoeningen, gezonde populatie

## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universiteit Maastricht

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

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#### Intervention

**Keyword:** Carbohydrate, Mouth-rinse, Performance

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Difference in time to complete a set amount of work (i.e time-trial), between

the intervention and the placebo trial.

## **Secondary outcome**

Difference in rate of perceived exertion between intervention and placebo

trials.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Muscle and liver glycogens stores can provide sufficient energy for high intensity exercise of approximately 45-60 minutes. Therefore it shouldn't be necessary to ingest extra carbohydrates during exercise.

However, some studies do show an increase in performance when carbohydrates are taken orally during this kind of exercise. But when carbohydrates were provided via intravenous infusion, this effect disappeared. Therefore, the question rose if this performance benefit has a metabolic cause or that a central mechanism via oral receptors plays a role. The latter could lead to an improved central drive or motivation.

One way to investigate the effect of carbohydrates in the mouth on performance is by use of mouth-rinsing.

## **Study objective**

The effect of carbohydrate mouth-rinsing on time trial performance and rates of perceived exertion, compared to a placebo.

#### Study design

This is a randomized controlled trial with a cross-over design.

Drinks are provided in a double blind order.

Subjects have to visit the university at four occasions, separated by one week.

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- 1. To measure subjects' Wmax and VO2max, a incremental exhaustive exercise test on a bicycle ergometer is performed.
- 2. Familiarization of the time-trial.
- 3. First time trial, in which either the intervention solution or the placebo is used for mouth rinsing.
- 4. Second time trial, in which the second solution is given.

#### Intervention

Subjects will perform three time-trials.

One to get familiar with the procedure and two for testing the difference between mout-rinsing with a carbohydrate or a placebo solution during exercise. Subjects will receive a standardized breakfast in the morning of the testday. And after a resting period of 2 hours they will start the time-trial. The only information that they receive during the test is the amount of workload that they completed (on a scale from 0-100%). Every 12.5 % completed they will receive 25 ml of the test solution to rinse their mouth for 5 seconds. And every 25% completed they are asked for their rate of perceived exertion on a 6-20 point scale.

The time-trial will take approximately 1 hour to complete, and time differences between trials are the primary outcome measure.

## Study burden and risks

not applicable

## **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

Age between 18-30
Cycling a minimum of 100 km a week
Maximal oxygen uptake-capacity > 55 ml/kg/min

## **Exclusion criteria**

Use of medication Changes in trainings intensity during the study period

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Other

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 25-07-2007

Enrollment: 15

Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Registration: No

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 16-05-2007

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

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