# A randomized study on probiotics and their effect on vitamin K2 status

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Other condition
Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON55095

Source

ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** 

**PROVITAK** 

#### Condition

- Other condition
- Vitamin related disorders

#### **Synonym**

nutritional status, vitamin K status

#### **Health condition**

vitamine K status

#### **Research involving**

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Health Holland, Winclove B.V.

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#### Intervention

**Keyword:** matrix gla protein, probiotics, vitamin K, vitamin K dependent proteins

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

vitamin K status - measured as dephosphorylated uncarboxylated matrix gla protein.

#### Secondary outcome

vitamin K metabolites in urine and stool

## **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Healthy gut bacteria are also known as probiotics and stimulate gut health and help the immune system. Vitamin K status is the average of vitamin K for a longer period. Certain probiotics can produce vitamin K. Vitamin K is essential for the activation of certain proteins. These proteins are involved in vascular health to halt vascular calcification. Vascular calcification is a strong risk factor for cardiovascular disease. At this moment, there is no effective intervention to halt vascular calcification. Vitamin K can be a novel solution.

#### Study objective

To investigate the effect of probiotics for 12 weeks on vitamin K status vs placebo.

#### Study design

Randomized-controlled double blind study

#### Intervention

To eat the content of 1 sachet of probiotics mixed with a cup of yoghurt or custard for 12 weeks. Everyday 1 sachet will be used.

#### Study burden and risks

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Participation to this study is completely voluntary. Study participants will be requested to use 1 sachet of probiotics daily for 12 weeks. The probiotics should be mixed with a cup of yoghurt or custard and the mixture should be eaten. The participants will be asked to go to the research center for 4 times. The first visit is the screening to check if participants are eligible. For the other 3 visits participants will be asked to bring 24-hour urine and a stool sample. During these visits a blood sample will be drawn by means of venapuncture, during the screening visit blood will be drawn by means of a fingerprick.

The use of probiotics can cause a temporarily change in bowel movements, which will normally stabilize within 2 weeks. The blood drawn can cause a small bruise. All probiotic species are already on the market and available over the counter. To conclude, the risks for this study are minimal.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

#### Inclusion criteria

Higher cardiovascular risk without type 2 diabetes - at least 1 of the following risk factors:

- o systolic blood pressure > 140mm Hg, diastolic blood pressure > 90 mmHg or use of blood pressure lowering medication and/or
- o Non-fasting glucose >=7.8 and <11.1mmol/l.
- o Family history of cardiovascular disease < 65 years
- o Total cholesterol > 6.5 mmol/l or use of statins
- o Smokers >= 50 years
- o Estimated glomerular filtration rate > 30 and < 60 ml/min

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Pregnancy, lactation or a female planning to conceive within the study period
- Any significant medical reason for exclusion as determined by the investigator
- Unable to give written informed consent
- Unable to speak, read and/or write Dutch
- Diabetes of any type.
- Age <50 or >75 years
- Body mass index < 20 or > 39 kg/m²
- Using vitamin supplements that contain vitamin K, or unwilling to stop
- Using probiotic supplements
- Natto or goose liver consumers
- Use of vitamin K antogonists such as warfarin, acenocoumarol or coumarin derivates
- Use of antibiotics
- Colectomy
- Crohn's disease/ colitis Ulcerosa
- Use of more than 3 alcoholic beverages per day

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 2

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

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Control: Placebo

Primary purpose: Basic science

#### Recruitment

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Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 22-11-2021

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 26-06-2020

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

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Date: 26-01-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 30-09-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Approved WMO

Date: 25-11-2021

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

# **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 NL71758.029.19 Other NTR (TC = 7505)