Influences of short-term normobaric hypoxic training on metabolic syndrome-related markers

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
18/08/2017	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
25/08/2017	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
24/08/2017	Nutritional, Metabolic, Endocrine	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Hypoxic training involves training while breathing hypoxic (low oxygen) air. Although not commonly used, hypoxic training may be beneficial for people with clinical conditions such as coronary artery (heart) disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary (lung) disease. However, the effects of hypoxic training vary greatly according to the oxygen level, exercise intensity, time and duration, and also vary considerably among individuals. The aim of this study is to examine the effects of hypoxic training on factors related to metabolic syndrome (a combination of diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity).

Who can participate? Men aged 18 or over

What does the study involve?

Participants are divided into two groups based on their body mass index. Participants in the overweight and normal-weight groups are then randomly allocated into either the hypoxic exercise group (hypoxic overweight and hypoxic normal-weight) or the normoxic exercise group (normoxic overweight and normoxic normal-weight). Participants perform treadmill exercise three days per week for four weeks under either hypoxic (low oxygen) or normoxic (normal oxygen) conditions, for 50 minutes (including 5 minutes warm-up and cool-down periods) after a 30-minute rest period. Markers of metabolic syndrome are measured using blood sampling at the start and the end of the study.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

These results may show that hypoxic training could be useful for improving arterial (blood vessel) stiffness, circulatory system function, body composition and metabolism in adult men.

Where is the study run from? Gifu University (Japan)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? March 2014 to May 2015

Who is funding the study? University of Ulsan (South Korea)

Who is the main contact? Dr Sohee Shin

Contact information

Type(s)

Public

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Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

Influences of short-term normobaric hypoxic training on metabolic syndrome-related markers in overweight and normal-weight men: a randomised controlled trial

Study objectives

Short-term normobaric hypoxic training influences metabolic syndrome-related markers in overweight and normal-weight men positively.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Institutional review board of the Gifu University School of Medicine, 06/03/2013, ref: 24-392

Study design

Interventional randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Metabolic syndrome

Interventions

Forty-one Japanese men were included and were divided into two groups based on their body mass indexes (BMIs): BMI ≥25 or BMI <25. Participants in the overweight and normal-weight groups were randomised into the hypoxic exercise group (hypoxic overweight, HO; hypoxic normal-weight, HN) or the normoxic exercise group (normoxic overweight, NO; normoxic normal-weight, NN). Subjects performed treadmill exercise three days per week for four weeks at an exercise intensity of 60% maximum heart rate (HR), under either normobaric hypoxic or normobaric normoxic conditions, for 50 min (including 5 min warm-up and cool-down periods) after a 30-min rest period. Duration of follow-up: 4 weeks.

Intervention Type

Other

Primary outcome(s)

Metabolic syndrome-related markers, measured using blood sampling at baseline and 1 month

Key secondary outcome(s))

Body composition, measured using body composition analyzer (TANITA Co., Tokyo, Japan) at baseline and 1 month

Completion date

30/05/2015

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. All patients admitted to one of the participating wards
- 2. Aged 18 years or over
- 3. Able to provide informed consent to participate

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

Male

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Coronary heart disease
- 2. Cardiac insufficiency
- 3. Pulmonary disease
- 4. Uncontrolled hypertension

Date of first enrolment 30/03/2014

Date of final enrolment 30/08/2014

Locations

Countries of recruitment Japan

Study participating centre Gifu University 501-1194

Sponsor information

Organisation

University of Ulsan

ROR

https://ror.org/02c2f8975

Funder(s)

Funder type

University/education

Funder Name

University of Ulsan

Alternative Name(s)

UOU

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Universities (academic only)

Location

Korea, South

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are/will be available upon request from Dr Sohee Shin.

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes