

Safety of twenty-eight-day consumption of ΔG° in healthy adults and type 2 diabetes patients

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Plain English summary of protocol

Current plain English summary as of 26/10/2018:

Background and study aims

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Who can participate?

Healthy volunteers aged 18 - 70 or people with type 2 diabetes aged 18-70. The study is currently only recruiting people with type 2 diabetes and is no longer recruiting healthy volunteers.

What does the study involve?

For healthy volunteers:

Participants drink a 65 ml ketone ester drink three times daily for one month. Participants are asked to keep a dietary log, to take daily glucose and blood ketone pinprick measurements, and to undergo weekly blood tests to assess the safety and tolerability of the ketone ester.

For people with type 2 diabetes:

The study will involve 7 weekly visits either to the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics (DPAG) or to the Warwickshire Institute for the Study of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (WISDEM) over approximately six weeks. Participants will drinking three times daily for 28 days a 65 ml drink containing 25 mg of ΔG° and 120 calories. It has a bitter taste and participants will get to taste it before enrolling. Participants will also be asked to wear a continuous glucose monitor for 6 weeks. There will be a weekly collection of blood samples and a urine dipstick test.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

In previous safety and tolerance studies, the most reported side effects were mild nausea, abdominal distension and headache. Participants might experience moderate weight loss (less than 5% of total body weight).

Where is the study run from?

University of Oxford and the Warwickshire Institute for the Study of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

October 2017 to June 2018

Who is funding the study?

TdeltaS Ltd (UK)

Who is the main contact?

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ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

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Study information

Scientific Title

Safety of twenty-eight-day consumption of ΔG° in healthy adults and type 2 diabetes patients: a non-randomised study

Study objectives

Consuming 25 mg of a ketone ester three times a day during 28 days will be safe and well tolerated by healthy adults.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

South Central - Oxford B Research Ethics Committee, 07/03/2018, REC ref: 18/SC/0064

Study design

Prospective non-randomised open-label single-group study

Primary study design

Interventional

Secondary study design

Non randomised study

Study setting(s)

Other

Study type(s)

Other

Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use contact details to request a participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Consumption of a ketone ester

Interventions

Consumption of a drink containing 25 mg of a ketone ester three times a day for 28 days. Participants will be asked to keep a dietary log, to take daily glucose and blood ketone pinprick measurements and to undergo weekly blood tests.

Intervention Type

Supplement

Primary outcome measure

Measured at baseline and weekly after the start of the intervention until the end of participation:

1. Tolerability, measured with the reported frequency and severity of adverse effects using open questions: "Have you experienced any unpleasant symptoms in the last week?", "How frequently?" and all symptoms graded as "mild", "moderate" or "severe"
2. Safety, assessed with blood samples, particularly levels of beta-hydroxybutyrate and pH

Secondary outcome measures

Measured at baseline and weekly after the start of the intervention until the end of participation:

1. Weight and body composition measured with electric bioimpedance
2. Insulin sensitivity assessed with the HOMA-IR score

Overall study start date

01/10/2017

Completion date

30/06/2020

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Current participant inclusion criteria as of 26/10/2018:

This study is currently only recruiting people with type 2 diabetes.

People with type 2 diabetes:

1. Type2 diabetes patients who don't use or need insulin and who have had the same treatment for the last 6 months. Confirmation of eligibility from your GP will be requested.
2. Fluent in English
3. Males, or females using hormonal birth control if sexually active
4. Aged 18-70

Healthy volunteers (not currently open to recruitment):

1. Participants must be fluent in English, have no communication impairments and should be willing and able to give informed consent for participation in the trial
2. Aged 18 – 70 (inclusive)
3. With no known medical diagnosis
4. Have had no course of medication, whether prescribed or over-the-counter, in the four weeks before the first trial dose and no individual doses in the final two weeks other than over the counter analgesics, vitamins and mineral supplements or, for females, oral contraceptives
5. Female participants of childbearing potential and male participants whose partner is of childbearing potential must be willing to ensure that they or their partner mechanical or pharmacological contraception during the trial and for 3 months thereafter
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Participant type(s)

Healthy volunteer

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Upper age limit

70 Years

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

30

Total final enrolment

21

Key exclusion criteria

1. Female participant who is pregnant, lactating or planning pregnancy during the trial
2. Significant renal or hepatic impairment
3. Scheduled elective procedures requiring general anaesthesia during the trial
4. Any other significant disease or disorder which, in the opinion of the investigator, may either put the participants at risk because of participation in the trial, or may influence the result of the trial, or the participant's ability to participate in the trial
5. Participants who have participated in another research trial involving an investigational product in the past 12 weeks

Date of first enrolment

01/02/2018

Date of final enrolment

30/04/2020

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

England

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Study participating centre**University of Oxford**

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Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan

Planned publication of the study results in a high-impact peer-reviewed journal in August 2019. The study protocol and statistical analysis plan will be available on request from Dr Adrian Soto Mota (adrian.soto@dpag.ox.ac.uk).

Intention to publish date

01/08/2020

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Access will be granted to authorised representatives from the Sponsor, host institution and the regulatory authorities to permit trial-related monitoring, audits and inspections. To request it, contact Professor Kieran Clarke (info@tdeltas.com).

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article		20/05/2021	27/02/2023	Yes	No
HRA research summary			28/06/2023	No	No