

# Effect of probiotic cheese on blood indices and intestinal microflora of healthy volunteers

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Study information

## Scientific Title

## Acronym

TAK

## Study objectives

The consumption of probiotic *Lactobacillus plantarum*-containing cheese has positive impact on intestinal microflora of healthy volunteers.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Approved by the Ethics Review Committee on Human Research of the University of Tartu on 26th March 2007 (ref: 158/10).

## Study design

Randomised, double-blind, dietary cross-over intervention study

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Other

## Study type(s)

Quality of life

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Intestinal microflora of healthy volunteers

## Interventions

Probiotic cheese consumption versus regular cheese consumption. Volunteers were randomly allocated to receive either:

1. 50 g probiotic cheese (group 1, n = 12) or control cheese (group 2, n = 12) once a day for three weeks. Probiotic cheese containing *Lactobacillus plantarum* strain 3 x 10<sup>9</sup> Colony Forming Units [CFU] per gram of cheese
2. After a two-week washout period, volunteers were crossed over to another three weeks of probiotic cheese or control cheese administration

## Intervention Type

Drug

## Phase

Not Specified

## **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Probiotic Lactobacillus plantarum-containing cheese

## **Primary outcome measure**

To assess the safety of the novel probiotic Lactobacillus plantarum with antimicrobial properties and the strain containing cheese on healthy subjects. The survival of the probiotic strain in Gastrointestinal Tract (GIT) and its effect on faecal lactoflora, measured on 25/04/07, 16/05/07, 30/05/07 and 20/06/07.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. To assess the health indices of healthy adults (body mass index, blood pressure), measured on 25/04/07, 16/05/07, 30/05/07 and 20/06/07
2. The self-reported questionnaire was applied containing questions on welfare, nutritional habits, and habitual gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, flatulence, bloating, and stool frequency), measured once a week during the trial
3. To determine haematological indices (haemoglobin, white blood cell count, red blood cells, platelets), plasma glucose, albumin, ferritin, Total Cholesterol (TC), Low-Density Lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL), High-Density Lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL), triglyceride and high-sensitive C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP), Interleukin 6 (IL-6), Immunoglobulins (IgA, IgM, IgG) levels, measured on 25/04/07, 16/05/07, 30/05/07 and 20/06/07
4. To determine in urine the content of biogenic amines
5. Faecal samples were analysed for the changes in the counts of clostridia (including C. difficile), total anaerobes, enterococci, E. coli and lactic acid bacteria, collected also at 25/04/07, 16/05/07, 30/05/07 and 20/06/07 and stored at -20°C. Faecal samples are analysed step-by-step during one year
6. Denaturated Gradient Gel Electrophoresis (DGGE) was used to monitor changes in total faecal microflora after cheese consumption, analysis from faecal samples is performed in September 2007

## **Overall study start date**

25/04/2007

## **Completion date**

20/06/2007

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Wish to participate in the study
2. Aged 20 to 50 years
3. Healthy (i.e. no known health problems and no medical conditions that require drug therapy)
4. Signed informed consent

## **Participant type(s)**

Patient

## **Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

25 adult volunteers (9 men and 16 women)

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. History of any gastrointestinal disease
2. Use of any antimicrobial drug within last month
3. Use of any regular concomitant medication, including medical preparations
4. Pregnancy or breastfeeding
5. Food allergy

**Date of first enrolment**

25/04/2007

**Date of final enrolment**

20/06/2007

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Estonia

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Industry

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## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/10/2012		Yes	No