

# Prevention of knee Osteoarthritis in Overweight Females

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Osteoarthritis is a condition that causes the joints to become painful and stiff. In the past few decades, research has identified the major risk factors for developing osteoarthritis of the knee. The next important step is to test preventive strategies in groups that are at high risk. Being overweight is the major modifiable risk factor for knee osteoarthritis. It is most often caused by unbalanced food intake in relation to physical activity, a way of life which is hard to change. To accomplish any change in such behaviour, a 'tailor made' diet and physical activity intervention is the most successful. However, an intervention with oral crystalline glucosamine sulphate, a chemical with growing scientific evidence for its joint-protective actions, is probably much easier and more feasible. In this study we will test the preventive effect of both interventions.

### Who can participate?

Overweight women aged 50-60 (a high-risk group for knee osteoarthritis)

### What does the study involve?

Participants are randomly allocated to either receive the tailor made weight loss intervention or to not receive this intervention. Secondly, in both groups half of the participants are randomly allocated to receive oral crystalline glucosamine sulphate while the other half receive a placebo (dummy drug). Both groups are followed for two and a half years. After two and a half years the occurrence of knee osteoarthritis is measured in both groups. After an additional 4-year observational period (i.e., 6.5 years after the start of the study), all available participants are re-evaluated.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Not provided at time of registration

### Where is the study run from?

Afdeling Huisartsgeneeskunde (Netherlands)

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

December 2005 to April 2012

Who is funding the study?  
Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development

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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
NTR679

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Prevention of knee Osteoarthritis in Overweight Females

**Acronym**  
PROOF

**Study objectives**  
Amended as of 03/12/2008:  
In the present study we will test the preventive effect of a tailor made intervention for reducing weight as well as of an intervention with oral crystalline glucosamine sulphate in a factorial design in a high-risk group of overweight middle aged women who have not yet consulted for

knee osteoarthritis. The positive outcomes with respect to feasibility of recruitment, compliance to the interventions, and low percentage of drop-out in the preceding feasibility trial led to the continuation of the study in this full-scale trial.

This trial was preceded by a feasibility trial with recruitment dates December 2005 – April 2007.

Initial information at time of registration:

The present study is a feasibility study. In this study, we will test the feasibility of the procedures used, the compliance to the interventions, and the usefulness of intermediate outcome measures in a specific high-risk group. If the results of this feasibility study are satisfactory, the project will be upgraded into a full scale preventive trial.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

Erasmus MC Medical Ethical Approval Commission, ref: 2005-231

### **Study design**

Placebo-controlled 2 x 2 randomised factorial trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

### **Study setting(s)**

GP practice

### **Study type(s)**

Prevention

### **Participant information sheet**

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

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

Osteoarthritis in overweight females

### **Interventions**

Patients are randomised for one of the following two interventions:

Intervention group A: a tailor-made intervention to reduce weight under the direction of dieticians of homecare, Rotterdam for one year

Control group A: the control group will not receive this active intervention to reduce weight

Intervention group B: daily supplementation with glucosamine sulphate (1500 mg per day) for one year

Control group B: the control group will receive a placebo

### **Intervention Type**

Mixed

### **Primary outcome measure**

Amended as of 03/12/2008:

Difference between intervention and control group in:

1. Occurrence of radiological knee OA (Kellgren and Lawrence index two or more), or
2. Joint space narrowing of 1 mm or more in one of the knees during follow-up time, or
3. Occurrence of knee OA according to the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Percentage of participants per group showing a reduction of 5 kg and/or 5% decrease at one year follow-up compared to baseline weight
2. Percentage of women compliant to the interventions in the study
3. Percentage lost to follow-up after one year
4. Percentage of eligible persons

### **Secondary outcome measures**

Amended as of 03/12/2008:

Difference between intervention and control group in:

1. Quality of life (Euroqol)
2. Knee pain and knee function (WOMAC)
3. Actual weight loss
4. Occurrence of knee osteoarthritis seen on MRI (scoring according to the KOSS protocol for the presence of cartilaginous lesions, osteophytes, subchondral cysts, bone marrow oedema, for meniscal abnormalities, presence and size of effusion, synovitis and Baker's cysts)
5. Increase of bone and cartilage degradation markers

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Differences in intermediate outcomes between the intervention group A and control group A at one year follow-up
2. Differences in intermediate outcomes between intervention group B and control group B at one year follow-up
3. Change and variation in change in intermediate outcomes between baseline and one year follow-up.

### **Overall study start date**

01/12/2005

### **Completion date**

01/04/2012

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

Women aged 50 - 60 years who are overweight (body mass index [BMI] of 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or more)

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

400

**Total final enrolment**

407

**Key exclusion criteria**

Amended as of 03/12/2008: point six of the exclusion criteria has been amended as follows:

6. Contraindication for magnetic resonance (MR) imaging

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Knee osteoarthritis (OA)
2. Knee pain indicating knee OA
3. Radiological signs indicating knee OA (Kellgren-Lawrence index of 2 or more)
4. Positive for knee OA according to the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria for knee OA
5. Presence of severe co-morbidity
6. Pacemaker
7. Current use of glucosamine sulphate
8. Not being able to communicate in the Dutch language

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

01/05/2009

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

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Hospital/treatment centre

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**ROR**

<https://ror.org/018906e22>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development

**Alternative Name(s)**

Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Other non-profit organizations

**Location**

Netherlands

**Results and Publications****Publication and dissemination plan**

Results of the first 2.5 years of the PROOF Study will be published from 2012 – 2015

Results of MRI data will be published from 2015 – 2017

Results of the complete follow-up time will be published from 2016 – 2017

## Intention to publish date

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not expected to be made available

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2014		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2014		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/09/2014		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/10/2014		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2015		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2015		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/04/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/06/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/07/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/10/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2017		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/07/2019	15/07/2019	Yes	No