

# Pycnogenol® to reduce use of commercial anti-hypertensive medications: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, prospective, 15-week study

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

N/A

## Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Pycnogenol®, a natural product, a "complementary or alternative medicine", will reduce the use of antihypertensive medicines (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme [ACE] inhibitors) and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) risk factors in subjects with both hypertension and type 2 diabetes.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the Human Subjects Protection Program at University of Arizona on the 16th August 2003 (ref: 03-129).

### Study design

Single-centre, interventional, randomised double-blind placebo-controlled study

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study type(s)

Treatment

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

Cardiovascular risk factors in diabetes

### Interventions

Oral administration of Pycnogenol® pills (25 mg, 5 times a day) or matched inactive placebo for 12 weeks. Total duration of follow-up is 15 weeks.

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Not Specified

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

Pycnogenol®

### Primary outcome(s)

Measured at 12th week of treatment:

1. Blood pressure, measured on the left arm after 10 minutes rest (Korotkoff sounds I and V were taken as the systolic and diastolic blood pressures)
2. Serum endothelin-1
3. Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL)-cholesterol
4. Glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c)
5. Fasting plasma glucose
6. Urinary albumin concentration

### Key secondary outcome(s))

Measured at 4th and 8th week of treatment:

1. Blood pressure, measured on the left arm after 10 minutes rest (Korotkoff sounds I and V were taken as the systolic and diastolic blood pressures)
2. Serum endothelin-1
3. Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL)-cholesterol
4. Glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c)
5. Fasting plasma glucose
6. Urinary albumin concentration

**Completion date**

01/08/2007

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Men and women, 40 - 75 years of age
2. Non-insulin dependent type 2 diabetes
3. Receiving pharmaceutical treatment (ACE-inhibitors) for hypertension
4. Pre-trial systolic blood pressure of 130 - 150 mmHg

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Type 1 diabetes
2. Use of insulin
3. Any supplements other than single daily multivitamin
4. Having any major illness such as cancer, asthma, or heart failure
5. Any previous cardiac events
6. Pregnancy, or being nursing mother

**Date of first enrolment**

01/08/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

01/08/2007

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United States of America

**Study participating centre**  
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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**  
Horphag Research Ltd (Switzerland)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/003n34405>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**  
Industry

**Funder Name**  
Horphag Research Ltd (Switzerland)

## **Results and Publications**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**  
Not provided at time of registration