

# Dose-Responses to EXercise TRaining: a randomised controlled four year trial on the effects of regular physical exercise and diet on endothelial function, atherosclerosis and cognitive function

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

## Secondary identifying numbers

N/A

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Dose-Responses to EXercise TRaining: a randomised controlled four year trial on the effects of regular physical exercise and diet on endothelial function, atherosclerosis and cognitive function

## Acronym

DR's EXTRA

## Study objectives

1. Regular aerobic or resistance exercise causing an energy expenditure of 1000 - 1500 kcal/wk (4.2 - 6.3 MJ/wk) reduces the risk of developing metabolic syndrome and type two diabetes, attenuates inflammation, improves endothelial function, diminishes the progression of atherosclerosis, and decreases the risk of cognitive impairment, without additional benefit from higher exercise energy expenditures.
2. Regular aerobic or resistance exercise enhances Nitric Oxide (NO) bioavailability as a consequence of the down-regulation of the modified RiboNucleic Acid (mRNA) of inducible NO Synthase (iNOS), and this effect can be seen as an improved Flow-Mediated Dilatation (FMD) of the brachial artery.
3. Regular aerobic exercise generates muscle specific InterLeukin-6 (IL-6), which induces an anti-inflammatory response by elevating the levels of anti-inflammatory cytokines, reflected by lowering of high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP), and seen as improved FMD of the brachial artery.
4. Regular aerobic or resistance exercise enhance the levels of mitochondrial proteins and further enhance the expression of metabolic genes during acute exercise and thereby improves insulin sensitivity and glucose tolerance.
5. Low saturated fat, high unsaturated fat, high fiber diet, enriched with omega-3 fatty acids, attenuates inflammatory reaction by down-regulating the mRNA of iNOS and Heat Shock Protein HSP72 thereby improving endothelial function, diminishing the progression of atherosclerosis, and decreasing the risk of cognitive impairment.
6. Combined exercise and diet intervention is more powerful for attenuation of inflammatory reaction, improving endothelial function, diminishing the progression of atherosclerosis, and decreasing the risk of cognitive impairment than exercise or diet alone.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Joint ethics committee of Kuopio University and Kuopio University Hospital

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)**

Hospital

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**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**

Endothelial function, atherosclerosis

**Interventions**

Participants are randomly allocated into:

1. Control group
2. Aerobic exercise
3. Resistance exercise
4. Diet
5. Combined aerobic exercise and diet
6. Combined resistance exercise and diet

**Intervention Type**

Behavioural

**Primary outcome measure**

Changes in:

1. Atherosclerosis
2. Endothelial function
3. Cognitive function

**Secondary outcome measures**

Changes in:

1. Inflammatory status
2. Metabolic risk factors
3. Cardiovascular risk factors

**Overall study start date**

15/01/2003

**Completion date**

15/09/2010

**Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

A random population sample of the citizens in Kuopio, aged 55 to 74 years at the time of recruitment

**Participant type(s)**

Healthy volunteer

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

1500

**Key exclusion criteria**

Conditions that inhibit safe engagement in prescribed exercise training, malignant diseases and other conditions preventing co-operation, as judged by the research physicians.

**Date of first enrolment**

15/01/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

15/09/2010

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

Finland

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

Ministry of Education (Finland)

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**Sponsor type**

Government

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<http://www.minedu.fi>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02w52zt87>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

Ministry of Education in Finland (Finland) (refs: 125/722/2003; 116/722/2004; 134/627/2005)

**Funder Name**

Academy of Finland (Finland) (refs: 102318;104943)

**Alternative Name(s)**

Suomen Akatemia, Finlands Akademi, Academy of Finland, AKA

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Universities (academic only)

**Location**

Finland

**Funder Name**

Kuopio University Hospital (Finland) (refs: 13/2002; 24/2004)

**Alternative Name(s)**

Kuopio University Hospital, KYS

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Universities (academic only)

**Location**

Finland

**Funder Name**

Diabetes Research Foundation (Finland)

**Funder Name**

European Union (Belgium) - partner in EXGENESIS consortium (ref: EU 005272)

**Funder Name**

Sydäntutkimussäätiö

**Alternative Name(s)**

Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

**Location**

Finland

**Funder Name**

Paivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation (Finland)

## 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	01/07/2010		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	prediabetic states results	01/07/2012		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/07/2012		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	14/11/2014		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/04/2015		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/11/2015		Yes	No