

# Causes and treatments in mechanically induced foot pain

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Study website

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/FASTER/>

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## Secondary identifying numbers

6050

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Pathological processes and candidate interventions in mechanically induced foot pain: a single centre randomised interventional screening and treatment trial

## Acronym

PainFoot

## Study objectives

Foot pain in healthy individuals is often associated with poor movement and function of the lower limbs. Abnormal function in other joints such as the knees and hands has been shown to be associated with early magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) abnormalities, which in turn can be a precursor to osteoarthritis. The associations between foot pain, patterns of bone/joint swelling on MRI and joint movement analysis have not been previously explored. This study aims to investigate the effects of in-shoe orthotic devices; commonly used to treat foot pain, upon foot movement, symptoms and MRI findings.

### Objectives:

1. To identify using MRI, patterns of altered metabolism in the bones of the midfoot and to explore the relationship of these changes to movement characteristics associated with pain in the arch of the foot
2. Investigate the potential for orthoses to change systematically; foot mechanical function, pain and patterns of altered bone metabolism

### Design:

Proof of concept study and clinical investigation with a laboratory and imaging component.

### Treatment groups:

1. Functional foot orthoses intended to systematically alter foot function
2. Inert cushioning orthoses known to exert minimal effect on the intrinsic function of the foot

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

1. South Humber Research Ethics Committee, 17/03/2009
2. Amendments approved by Leeds West Research Ethics Committee, 02/06/2010, ref: 09/H1305/10

## Study design

Single-centre randomised interventional screening and treatment 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 the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Topic: Musculoskeletal; Subtopic: Musculoskeletal (all Subtopics); Disease: Musculoskeletal

**Interventions**

Random allocation to one of the following:

1. Functional foot orthoses intended to systematically alter foot function
2. Inert cushioning orthoses known to exert minimal effect on the intrinsic function of the foot

Follow-up length: 3 months

Study entry: registration and one or more randomisations

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

Pain scores (VAS) measured at baseline, 6 weeks and 12 weeks

**Secondary outcome measures**

Measured at baseline, 6 weeks and 12 weeks:

1. Modified Manchester Foot Pain and Disability Questionnaire
2. MRI semi-quantitative and quantitative scores
3. Multi-segment foot kinematics

**Overall study start date**

29/05/2009

**Completion date**

01/01/2011

**Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

Both groups:

1. Participants aged 18 years and over
2. Both male and female
3. Able to understand and provide informed consent

Foot pain group:

3. History of foot pain when weight bearing between 3 and 18 months duration
4. Pain located in the midfoot region
5. Type of pain considered consistent with pain of mechanical origin by an experienced musculoskeletal specialist podiatrist

Comparative healthy pain free group:

6. No history of foot pain in the last 24 months
7. Able to walk for 30 minutes without pain or discomfort in any other lower limb joints

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

Mixed

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Lower age limit**

18 Years

### **Sex**

Both

### **Target number of participants**

Planned sample size: 120, UK sample size: 120

### **Key exclusion criteria**

Foot pain group:

1. Established OA of the midfoot region
2. Foot surgery in the last 12 months
3. Localised plantar heel pain typical of plantar fasciitis
4. Foot pain typical of undiagnosed inflammatory arthritis inflamed ankle joint complex, bursitis, tenosynovitis, enthesitis
5. A medical history of unstable diabetes mellitus or diabetic complications
6. A medical history of peripheral arterial disease
7. A medical history of systemic inflammatory disease
8. Known pregnancy
9. A medical history of kidney disease
10. A medical history of organ transplantation
11. A patient fitted with a pacemaker or any other implant contra-indicated for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanning
12. Recent heart bypass surgery in the last 6 months
13. Currently wearing in-shoe orthoses device
14. A medical history of neurological disorders or positive clinical findings of pedal sensory neuropathy

Comparative healthy pain free group:

15. A medical history of unstable diabetes mellitus or diabetic complications

16. A medical history of peripheral arterial disease

17. A medical history of systemic inflammatory disease

18. Known pregnancy

19. A medical history of kidney disease

20. A medical history of organ transplantation

21. A patient fitted with a pacemaker or any other implant contra-indicated for MRI scanning

**Date of first enrolment**

29/05/2009

**Date of final enrolment**

01/01/2011

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

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## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Arthritis Research UK (UK)

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**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Other non-profit organizations

**Location**

United Kingdom

## **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