

VIPVIZA VisualiZation of asymptomatic Atherosclerotic disease for optimum cardiovascular prevention – a randomized controlled trial nested in the Västerbotten Intervention Program - Ultrasound baseline

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Alternative title

VIPVIZA

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Description

The aim of the project is to develop better methods for prevention of cardiovascular diseases (CVD). It is based on the hypothesis that image-based information on subclinical atherosclerosis (i) increases the precision in the assessment of risk of CVD, (ii) improves communication and understanding of the risk, and as a consequence (iii) the motivation for and adherence to evidence-based pharmacological treatment and lifestyle modification will increase. In addition to conventional risk factor assessment and CVD prevention within the framework of Västerbotten Intervention Program.

3500 healthy participants with low/moderate risk of CVD underwent ultrasound examination of the carotid arteries and were randomized to two groups. In the intervention group, the participants and their doctors received pictorial and graphic information in color about the participant's subclinical atherosclerosis. No information about the ultrasound results was given to the control group. Follow-up after 1, 3 and 6.5 years includes sampling regarding clinical risk factors, blood for biomarker analyses, extensive questionnaires and interviews.

At 3 and 6.5 years the ultrasound examination was repeated and all participants and their doctors were informed about the results. The database also includes register data regarding prescriptions of preventive medication, exposure data for air pollutants, data from health examinations within the VIP 10 and 20 years before VIPVIZA, and for men conscription data.

After 10 years, registry data on endpoints, CVD morbidity and mortality will be collected.

Access to VIPVIZA's data portal and research data from VIPVIZA is possible in collaboration with researchers within the VIPVIZA project. For further information, contact PI Ulf Näslund

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Carotid ultrasound examination with Intima Media Thickness (IMT) measured in several insonation

angles according to a standardized protocol and detection of plaques, as well as information to the intervention group regarding vascular age and presence of plaques

Data contains personal data

Yes

Sensitive personal data

Yes

Type of personal data

Medical data at individual level

Code key exists

Yes

Language

[English](#)

Unit of analysis

[Individual/Patient](#)

Population

Healthy subjects aged 40-60 years at low/moderate risk of cardiovascular disease

Study design

Randomised controlled trial (RCT)

Description of study design

Pagmatic open-label, randomised controlled trial with masked evaluators (PROBE)

Sampling procedure

[Other](#)

Subjects having at least one cardiovascular risk factor at the occasion of participation in the Västerbotten INtervention Programme: 1) age 40 years and a first-degree relative with a history of cardiovascular disease at an age younger than 60 years, abdominal obesity, hypertension, diabetes, LDL-cholesterol ≥ 4.5 mmol/l, smoking. 3) Age 60 years.

Exclusion criterion: More than 50% narrowing of the lumen of carotid arteries

Time period(s) investigated

2013-04-29 - Ongoing

Biobank is connected to the study

Yes

Variables

Number of individuals/objects

3532

Data format / data structure

[Numeric](#)

Data collection 1

- Mode of collection: Physical measurements and tests
- Time period(s) for data collection: 2013-04-27 – 2016-06-07
- Instrument: CardioHealth Station, Panasonic Healthcare Corporation of North America, Newark, NJ, USA - A portable ultrasound system with a linear 7MHz transducer, Ultrasound 2D, B-mode settings including depth, gain and focus point were optimized for each participant manually by the sonographer. CardioHealth Station, Panasonic Healthcare Corporation of North America, Newark, NJ, USA
- Source of the data: Research data

Geographic spread

Geographic location: [Västerbotten County](#)

Geographic description: Region Västerbotten

Highest geographic unit

Region

Responsible department/unit

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Research area

[Cardiac and cardiovascular systems](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Radiology, nuclear medicine and medical imaging](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

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[Medical biotechnology \(focus on cell biology \(incl. stem cell biology\), molecular biology, microbiology, biochemistry or biopharmacy\)](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Psychology](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

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[Biomedical research](#), [Cardiovascular diseases](#), [Primary prevention](#), [Ultrasonography](#), [Randomized controlled trial](#), [Risk assessment](#), [Consumer health information](#), [Plaque](#), [Arteriosclerosis](#)

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