# Disrupting the rhythm of depression.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** 

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON20158

Source

NTR

**Brief title** 

N/A

#### **Health condition**

Major depressive disorder, relapse, recurrence, cognitive therapy, prevention, costeffectiveness

Depressie, terugval, cognitive therapie, preventie, kosteneffectiviteit

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** N/A

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZON MW, OOG, Doelmatigheid, K&E

#### **Intervention**

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Time related proportion of depression relapse/recurrence during 15-24 months using DSM-IV-R criteria as assessed by the Structural Clinical Interview for Depression.

#### **Secondary outcome**

- 1. Cost-effectiveness:
- 2. Number, duration and severity of relapses/recurrences;
- 3. Potential mediators of the effect.

## **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

#### Objective:

Maintenance treatment with antidepressants is the leading strategy to prevent relapse and recurrence in patients with recurrent major depressive disorder (MDD) who have responded to acute treatment with AD (Dutch Multidisciplinary Guideline for Depression, 2005).

However, previous studies, including ours, indicated that most patients (up to 70-80%) in clinical practice are not willing to take this medication after remission or take too low dosages. Moreover, as patients need to take medication for several years (if not for the rest of their lives), it may not be the most cost-effective strategy.

The best established effective and available alternative is brief cognitive therapy (CT). However, it is unclear whether the combination of AD to brief CT is beneficial. In addition, it is unclear whether brief CT while tapering antidepressants (AD) is an effective alternative for long term use of AD in recurrent depression. Therefore, we will compare the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of brief CT added to maintenance AD versus maintenance AD alone versus guided tapering of AD with brief CT.

In addition, we examine whether the prophylactic effect of CT was due to CT tackling illness related risk factors for recurrence such as residual symptoms or to its efficacy to modify presumed (psychological) vulnerability factors of recurrence, e.g. rigid dysfunctional attitudes, using self report and indirect measures (i.e., implicit measures).

#### Study design:

A multicenter RCT comparing brief CT with guided tapering of AD versus continuation of maintenance treatment with AD versus brief CT combined with continuation of AD.

#### Study population:

Remitted patients on AD with at least two previous depressive episodes in the past five years.

#### Interventions:

Brief CT (while tapering AD) versus continuation of AD use versus brief CT combined continuation of AD.

#### Outcome measures:

Primary outcome; time related proportion of depression relapse/recurrence during 15-24 months using DSM-IV-R criteria as assessed by the Structural Clinical Interview for Depression.

#### Secondary outcome:

Number, duration and severity of relapses/recurrences.

#### Study objective

#### Research questions:

- 1. What are the effects of the addition of preventive CT to AD compared to AD alone in remitted patients with recurrent MDD with a follow-up of 15 months-24 months on:
- A. Time related proportion of depression recurrence;
- B. The number, duration and severity of recurrences;
- C. Costs of subsequent medical consumption associated with relapses and work absenteeism as assessed by TIC-P.

Other aspects like the impact of depression (including severity of depression) on health related quality of life will be assessed by various self-report measures, including preference based outcomes (EQ-5D) to be applied in the economic analysis.

- 2. What are the effects of either of preventive CT with tapering of AD compared to continuation on AD with a follow-up of 15 months-24 months on:
- A. Time related proportion of depression recurrence;
- B. The number, duration and severity of recurrences;
- C. Costs of subsequent medical consumption associated with relapses and work absenteeism as assessed by TIC-P.

Ultimately, the balance between costs and effects of CT alone will be compared against AD alone.

3. Identifying differential illness-, stress-, and cognitive related predictors of response to CT

versus AD to examine what works for whom and thereby accomplish better future treatmentpatient matching.

- 4. Does preventive CT reduce:
- A. Implicit and/or explicit dysfunctional attitudes;
- B. Difficulty to disengage from negative material;
- C. Residual symptoms;
- D. Daily hassles;
- E. Non-adherence to AD.
- 5. Is the reduction of these factors (4A t/m 4E) related to the reduction of relapse/recurrence?

#### Study design

Primary outcome: Relapse/recurrence over a follow-up period of minimal 15 months using DSM-IV-TR criteria as assessed by the Structural Interview for DSM-IV (SCID, telephonic version) at three months, 9 months and at least 15 months-24 months (current depressive symptomatology and previous 3 and 6 months).

#### Intervention

Brief CT (while tapering AD) versus continuation of AD use versus brief CT combined continuation of AD.

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## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

Remitted patients on AD with at least two previous depressive episodes in the past five years.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Current mania or hypomania or a history of bipolar illness;
- 2. Any psychotic disorder (current and previous);
- 3. Organic brain damage;
- 4. Alcohol or drug misuse;
- 5. Predominant anxiety disorder.

## Study design

### **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

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Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-08-2009

Enrollment: 276

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 14-07-2009

Application type: First submission

## **Study registrations**

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL1797 NTR-old NTR1907

Other MEtIGG: 8220

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# **Study results**

### **Summary results**

N/A